

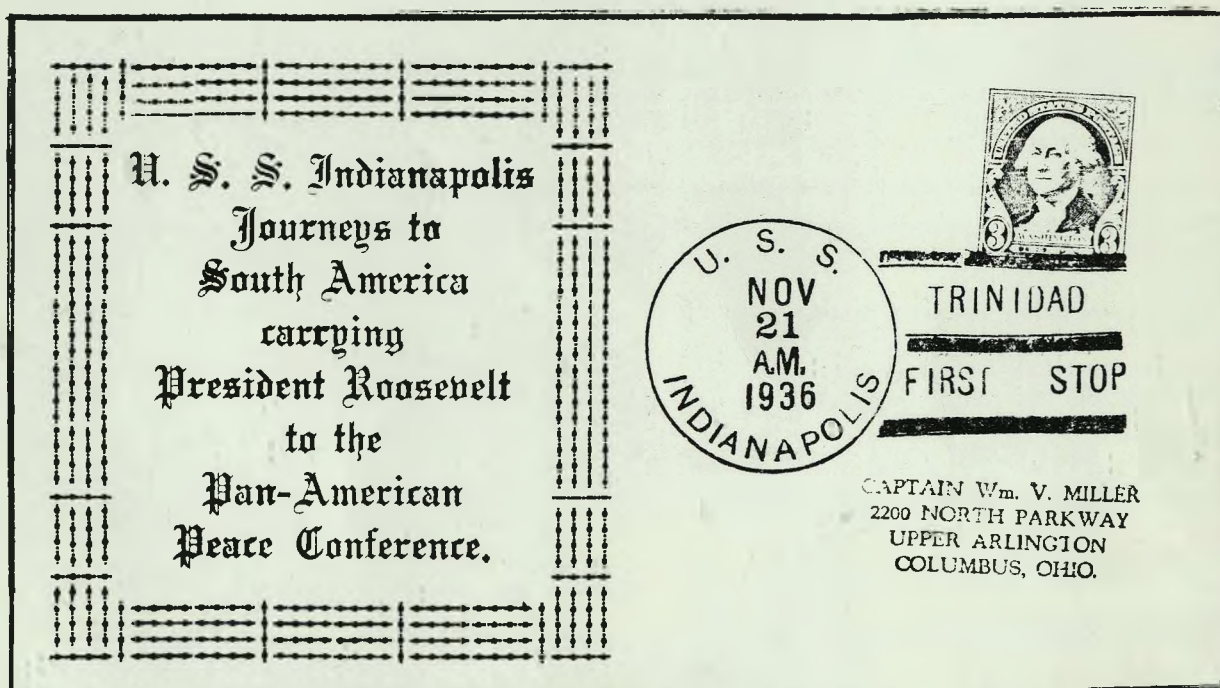
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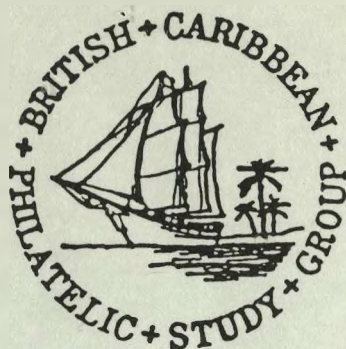
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jay Fredrick

When you are reading this, Stamp World London 90 will have faded into history. However, the glow of the memories of our pleasant experiences will live on forever! Among these (that can be foreseen in late March) are the service awards presented at our annual meeting on May 9th, as follows:

AWARD OF MERIT	Dr. R. A. "Ben" Ramkissoon, Immediate Past President R. V. "Bob" Swarbrick, International Director
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP	G. W. "George" Bowman, former Journal Editor
PLAQUE	R. P. "Bob" Lovett, former Librarian, now Librarian Emeritus

These "honors", the meetings with old friends, and the making of new ones all contribute to the inter-personal aspects of our group, which I stressed in my first message. Our heartfelt thanks to "Mike" Rego, London Meeting Coordinator, and "Bob" Swarbrick, Facilities Coordinator, etc., who made it all happen successfully!

Looking forward to September 1991 and our annual meeting at **INDYPEX** in Indianapolis, we already have a few things planned for you. These include a 60-page journal in honor of the BCPSG's 30th anniversary, Awards of Merit to be presented to at least two long-time and well known members, whose names are _____, a secret, and agreement from the sponsors of INDYPEX to "strengthen" the bourse by **adding** dealers who specialize in **our** fields of interest. (My thanks to Bob Wynstra for pointing out this need, and to the sponsors of INDYPEX for their responsive cooperation.)

Since 1992 is not too far away, start planning on attending our annual meeting at **WESTPEX** in April in San Francisco. Odds are pretty good that I can promise you that we will not experience a major earthquake during our meeting. Before and after that, you are on your own and will have to take your chances with the rest of us. Seriously, I have lived in California since 1949 and have survived all of Mother Nature's "tantrums" -- and so can you.

Your suggestions are solicited for potential meeting sites in both 1993 and 1994, which are currently "open".

For 1995, we also need your help! With the wonderful experiences of our 1976 meeting in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) still fresh in our minds, several members have suggested that we return to the Caribbean. This time, the proposed site is Barbados at a time of the year yet to be determined. Can you help us select a good time for weather and sun and a suitable location for our meeting?

So -- let's hear from you on these future events so that we may all derive the greatest pleasures and benefits from them! Write me or call me with your thoughts and ideas. (The wrong phone number for me in the March journal can best be described as due to "parallax". Use the one on page 38.)

On personnel matters, I am most grateful that those who served as "appointees" in the previous administration have agreed to continue to do so in the present one. Many thanks! Notwithstanding this, there are two future personnel changes under consideration. The first is the planned matter of a new Journal Editor in 1991. I am happy to report that we have a successor to Mark already on board, subject to approval by the trustees. Other than that, I will leave the rest of the "news" up to him. The second is the need for a new Auction Manager starting in 1992. Jack Harwood has served us in this position for a number of years, in a most satisfactory and successful way, but wants a well deserved "rest". Any volunteers or suggestions?

As with any organization, DEATH is always a "Dishonorary Member". And he has reaped his toll from among us as reported elsewhere in the journal. I want to offer my own brief comments about one of our deceased members. Dr. Irwin Yarry of New York attended our BVI meeting in 1976. He described the experience as one of the most pleasant and memorable events of his adult life. And, at the

same time, we had a very good time and a few laughs with "Doc" over the fact that he was a non-swimmer vacationing in a Caribbean Sea Island paradise. But swim he did -- well, sort of, since it was the only way to get ashore from the boat at Jost Van Dyke on one of our excursions. Doc, we will never forget you, and you will be missed!

Regardless of the organization, there are usually four major problem areas:

1. Recruitment of new members.
2. Involvement of members in the activities of the organization.
3. Retention of current members.
4. Cash flow derived primarily from the collection of dues.

For the moment, there has been improvement in the last area, when compared to former years. But we still need to find additional ways to improve dues collection. And, of course, an increased number of members recruited and retained also enhances the cash flow. Since you are the ultimate "PAYERS" in this process, it behooves each of you to contribute (not money) to the further improvement thereof. I would like to hear all your constructive ideas or comments that you may care to make on any of the above points; and ask you to become a part of the "Committee-of-the-Whole" to help build our membership ranks to even higher levels. It is a good way to get "involved" and it will certainly be appreciated.

Let me close expressing appreciation for the splendid cooperation and friendship that many of you have displayed since I took office in January. To those of you who do not know me, let me hear from YOU too! Together we can benefit both as individuals and as an organization of kindred souls.

Have a safe and happy summer!

PAQUEBOT

Ed Addiss has two covers bearing a PAQUEBOT handstamp, one postmarked January 21, 1938 (Fig. 1), posted on board the U.S.M.S. American Legion and the second posted March 11, 1939 on board the SS Argentina. The PAQUEBOT marking is struck in violet on the 1938 cover below and in blue on the 1939 cover. The "POSTED ON THE HIGH SEAS/U.S.M.S./AMERICAN/LEGION" mark on Fig. 1 is struck in red. If anyone knows where the PAQUEBOT mark was applied, please write to Ed at 3800 Parkview Lane, Naples, FL 33940.

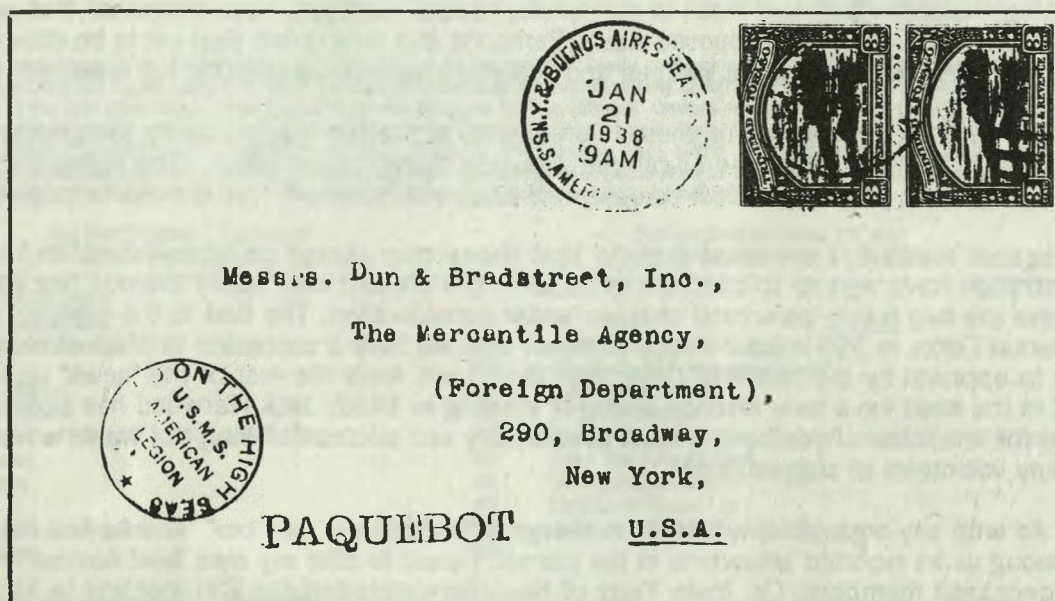


Fig. 1 (reduced to 85%)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

NEW MEMBERS

All members listed in the March 1990 BCPJ have been admitted to membership.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

GILBERG, Frank, Valhallstg. 20, N-1600, Fredrikstad, Norway, Collects Postal history of Antigua, BVI, Dominica, Montserrat, St. Kitts-Nevis, by Bob Swarbrick

GUYER, Jack, P. O. Box 75410, Fairbanks, AK 99707, Collects Bahamas, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Canada, others, all used, by M. F. Roett.

LUCK, Dr. Geoffrey M., 211 Simcoe St. S., Oshawa, Ontario, Canada L1H 4H2, Collects BWI, British Guiana, Guyana, by M. F. Roett.

AUSSPRUNG, Jr., H. Leon, 324 Brockton Road. Wilmington, DE 19803, Collects BWI, Swiss, GB, Australia, by M. F. Roett.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial results for 1989 are misleading when compared to 1988 because we are now collecting dues three months earlier. This tends to inflate our revenue figures, as do the Life Memberships which were sold. I have adjusted the totals to show the true relationships below:

1989 Closing Balance	\$17,701.09
Less 1990 Dues Paid	2,738.00
Less Life Memberships Sold	<u>1,050.00</u>
1989 Adjusted Closing Balance	\$13,913.09
1988 Closing Balance	\$13,164.64
1989 Net Worth Increase	\$748.45

As you can see we are continuing to have our income exceed our expenses. We have improved the Cash Flow by collecting dues earlier, and by charging late payers a \$3.00 premium over the prompt-paying members to cover our extra costs for the late payers. Hopefully, these improvements will help us overcome the continuing cost increases associated with printing and shipping the journal.

The large cash reserve is actually our Life Membership Fund. Currently, there are 38 life members who have prepaid for an ongoing membership. This fund generates interest which offsets these membership costs.

The Advertising, Auction, International and Journal Sales continue to help offset our rising expenses. Thanks for the hard work that makes this possible. Thanks also to Mark Swetland for his efforts in keeping our costs down. They could be much higher without his watchfulness.

COMPUTER FUND STATUS (AS OF MARCH 17, 19889)

Total Contributions	\$5,013.10
Total Expenditures	<u>4,653.80</u>
Computer Fund Balance	\$359.30

1989 BCPSG ANNUAL REPORT

1989 Beginning Checking Account Balance (Lisle, IL)	\$5,495.28
Advertising Expense Account (Great Neck, NY)	2.73
BCPSG Auction Account (Sarasota, FL)	700.00
Cameron Trophy Account (Brookfield, IL)	2,181.87
Savings Account (Los Angeles, CA)	4,784.76
Total Opening Balance	<u>\$13,164.64</u>

1989 Revenue:

1988 Dues	\$101.50
1989 Dues	6,566.50
1990 Dues	2,738.00
Contributions	326.00
Computer Fund	4,180.60
First Class Surcharge	296.00
Advertising	782.50
Journal Sales	535.25
Life Memberships	1,050.00
Miscellaneous Sales	6.00
Auction Proceeds (1988 and 1989)	566.03
Interest	875.74
Total Revenue	<u>\$18,024.12</u>

TOTAL OPENING BALANCE PLUS REVENUE \$31,188.76

1989 Expenses:

BCPSG Journal	8,700.47
Officer's Expenses (Postage and Supplies)	284.75
Cameron Trophy	100.00
APS Insurance	38.00
Computer Purchase	4,284.45
Uncollectible Check Loss	80.00
Total Expense	<u>\$13,487.67</u>

1988 Closing Checking Account Balance (Lisle, IL)	\$9,078.58
Advertising Expense Account (Great Neck, NY)	2.73
BCPSG Auction Account (Sarasota, FL)	1,266.03
Cameron Trophy Account (Brookfield, IL)	2,323.69
Savings Account (Pos Angeles, CA)	5,030.06
Total Closing Balance	<u>17,701.09</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES PLUS CLOSING BALANCE \$31,188.76

ST VINCENT - THE GEORGE V 1d. RED, 1912-18

John R. Hilsdon

The Design

The obligation to include the words 'Postage & Revenue' had always been a problem for the designers. De La Rue must have thought that they had come up with a satisfactory solution in the design of the Falkland Islands 1912 issue, as the St. Vincent stamps of 1912 have an almost identical approach, with the beaded medallion and crescent shaped panels for the words. The design is then completed by a wreath of laurel at left and oak leaves at right, the two ends crossing and being tied with a ribbon at center bottom between the two 'shields'. The colony tablet is balanced by the support of decorative scrolls. Figure 1 shows the similarities between the Falkland Islands 1912 One Penny and the St. Vincent 1913 1d.

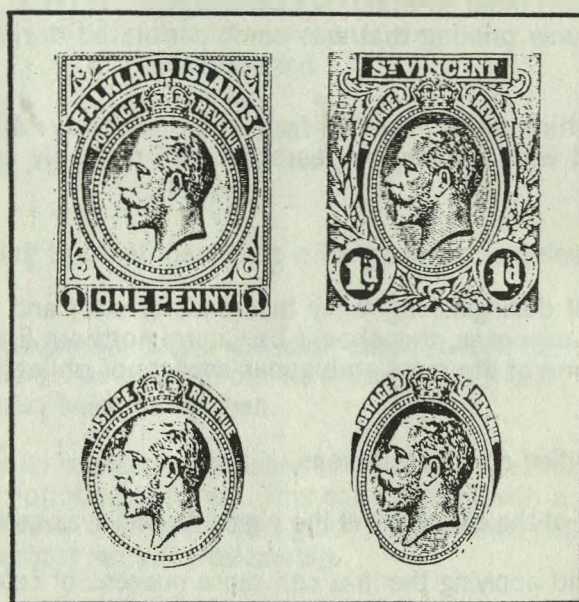


Fig. 1

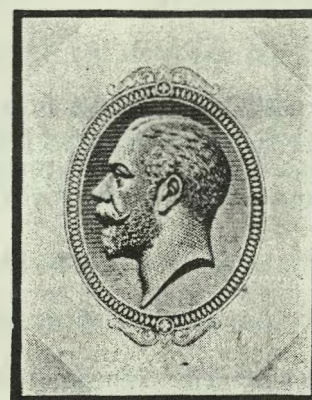


Fig. 2

Although not one of De La Rue's staff artists's more outstanding designs, the overall effect is quite agreeable with the colony and value tablets forming a pleasing balance.

The portrait is taken from a drawing by Bertram Mackennal for the British Coinage Head (Fig. 2).

The Plate

For the St. Vincent stamps of George V De La Rue used the 'Master Plate' system. An undenominated die was used to make the master plate, from which plates were manufactured by taking a lead impression by hydraulic pressure, and electrotype copper plates were grown from the leads. The values were then entered by pantograph.

With St. Vincent requiring only relatively small printing quantities it is unlikely that more than one plate for each value was needed.

When not in use, the working plates were coated with petroleum jelly as a protection against corrosion. (Not, it would seem, entirely effective as there is evidence of corrosion damage to the 1d. plate later in its life, when used on the Script C. A. watermarked paper during 1921-32.)



Fig. 3 The undenominated die



Fig. 4 SPECIMEN overprint

The First Printing

The first printing from the 1d plate, invoiced on 6th November 1912, was of 2,045 sheets (245,400 stamps), of which 404 were overprinted SPECIMEN (Samuel type D11/12). There is no problem with identification, as this is the only printing that was comb perforated during the period under review.

The paper used was the Turner 'thick paper - white' from the Roughway Mill. The color throughout this printing was a uniform red with a washy appearance, with probably an occasional sheet in a lighter shade.

Color

The healthy human eye is capable of distinguishing many thousands of color and shade differences in a good light. Ideally, for philatelic purposes, this should be natural northern light on a clear day. The description of color is, perhaps, one of the most ambiguous aspects of philately. There are several reasons for this, some of which are:

- a) The majority of catalogs use simplified color descriptions.
- b) The possible lack of consideration of the chemistry of the pigments and dyes used.
- c) The printers methods of mixing and applying the inks can cause nuances of color within one printing run or even within the same sheet.

One solution to the problem of correct color description would be for philatelists to adopt an internationally recognized scientific color nomenclature system. The "Methuen Handbook of Colour"¹, which illustrates over 1200 colors and tints, uses a system of groups of letters and/or numbers for identification. The use of this system could mean that we would all be talking about the same color.

Taking into consideration the remarks on pigments and inks and their application in the following paragraphs, it should be possible to find the listed colors on the 1d stamps of the period 1912 - 1918. It is a strange fact that color, which is of great interest to philatelists, was of little concern to the printers. As long as the inks adequately served the purpose of identifying the various duties, then nuances of shade were of no consequence to the printers.

The Printing Techniques

The plate was manufactured for flat bed printing. For smaller colonies De La Rue used a hand-operated press. The small printings required made it uneconomic for the steam-operated presses to be used. These hand presses had no ink reservoirs or rollers. The ink was applied by hand, sometimes requiring two or more applications. The plate was then wiped with a rag pad and finally polished with chalk, using the palm of the hand, a highly skilled operation. If the chalk polishing was not carried out correctly, the printed stamps appeared to be on pale pink tinted paper. Only a small amount of ink was mixed at a time, again for economic reasons, which could lead to the possibility of two entirely different tints appearing on the same sheet, as well as variations of shade across the sheet.

The color list shows the range of tints and shades possible for the period under review.

A Range of Red Tints and Colors

SG Color Key	Methuen Code
Pale red	
Red	10A8
Bright red	
Deep red	
Carmine red	11A8
Bright carmine red	
Pale scarlet	
Scarlet	9A8
Bright scarlet	
Deep scarlet	
Scarlet vermilion	9B8/7
Pale rose red	
Rose red	12B8
Bright Rose red*	
Deep rose red	
Rosine	10A7

Using the Methuen chart with the color samples, any color, tint or shade can be shown as a code.

For example: Bright rose red* falls between the samples 12A7 and 12B7, as both are on the page 12 chart. The example can be shown as 12A7/B7, or better still 12A7-/+B7, minus being lighter than, and plus being darker than.

It is an interesting challenge to try to find specimens of each and to attempt to attribute them to a particular printing or period. This can be done with a certain amount of assurance for a few examples, using other information as a guide - postmarks, paper thickness, perforations, etc. However, most attributions must remain questionable.

The Inks

The inks used during this period were oleaginous (oil based), with ground down pigments and by their very nature could also affect the shading within a single sheet. To a lesser degree the appearance of colors may also be affected by the thickness and quality of papers.

It should be remembered that, when viewing an engraved stamp that has thin closely-spaced lines of color within its design areas, the eye will mix the lines of color and the background. Thus the overall tint will appear a shade lighter than when viewing a solid block of the same color.

When making a comparison to try to identify the color or shade of a stamp, it is preferable to choose a part of the design with relatively solid color and mask off the remaining areas. A piece of neutral gray card, with an aperture cut out, is ideal for this test. The author's method is to always use the same part of the design, the area of color below the word 'Revenue' in the right hand crescent.

The 1915 Provisional

By the end of 1914, stocks of the first printing of the 1d were running low. The problem was overcome by producing a provisional issue.

The Kingstown Post Office still had stocks of the 1/- black on green of the 1913 issue (replaced by the 1/- bistre of 1914). The 1/- stamps were surcharged in red 'One/Penny'. The overprinting was

carried out locally by the Government Printers.

The surcharge was handstamped on two stamps at a time horizontally, in two operations. The first stage was to apply the 'PENNY' throughout the sheet, and then the 'ONE' was applied in a similar fashion. This method of printing accounts for the variation in spacing between the two lines, which can be anything between 6½mm and 10mm, and also the various double and omission varieties that are recorded. C. P. Rang proposed this method of printing in 1953.⁴

Between January 28th and 30th, 4,440 stamps were surcharged. They were sold out on the 30th, the first day of issue. A further 11,150 were surcharged between the 1st and 6th of February, and placed on sale on the 8th. Total numbers issued were 15,590 stamps or 129 sheets and a part sheet of 110 stamps.

The War Stamp Act

A document exists in the Record Office entitled, "The War Stamp Ordinance, 1916". It consists of four pages, in thirteen sections, or orders. It is classified as number 13 of 1916 and dated 27th May 1916, and officially handstamped, "Government Record Office Received, 2nd June 1916" and "Registered No. 32379. 10th July 1916". (It is not practical to include the contents of the Act in full but extracts which are of interest are shown in Figs. 5a and 5b.)

One curious fact emerges. The first stamps, the local 1st and 2nd settings, were placed on sale the day before the document was received by the Governor's office and almost a month before the Act was registered.

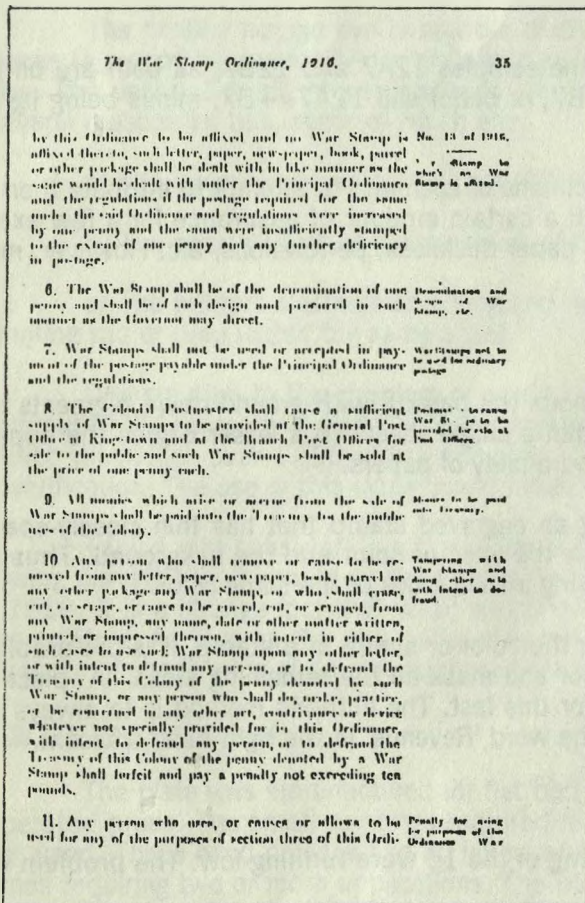


Fig. 5a
The 1916 St. Vincent War Stamp Ordinance
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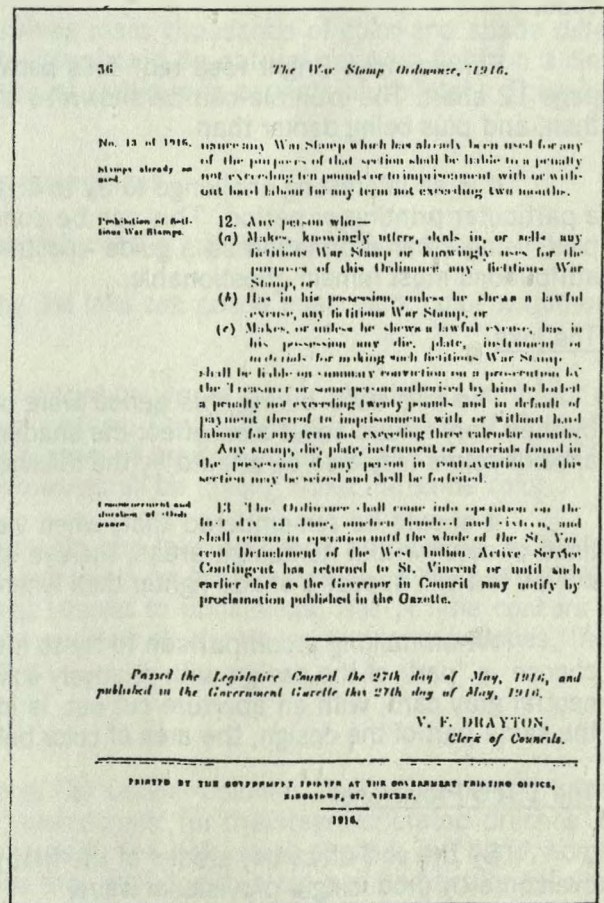


Fig. 5b
The 1916 St. Vincent War Stamp Ordinance
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BOOK REVIEWS

As a matter of practice the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal has not carried book reviews in the past. However, two recently published books by BCPSG members warrant mention and review of those books here.

The Stamps of Barbados by Edmund A. Bayley FRPSL, published by and available from the author, P. O. Box 61, G.P.O., Bridgetown, Barbados, \$85.00.

Edmund Bayley is known to many members of the BCPSG and has served with his brother Keith as the Group Leader for Barbados for the past several years. This book shows that it would be nearly impossible to find someone better qualified for the role. In this magnificent volume Edmund has set a standard for other definitive studies of the stamps of a single country.

The Stamps of Barbados is the complete book covering all phases of the postage stamps, revenue stamps and postal stationery of Barbados. It opens with a detailed Table of Contents showing the chapters in the book and giving page numbers for the details on every issue of every postage stamp, booklet, coil stamp, postage due stamp, specimen stamp, forgery, charity stamp, revenue stamp, proof, color trial and the postal stationery from 1858 to 1952.

Just before Chapter 1 are eight pages of marvelous color plates. Having seen these, one wishes it were possible to show all the issues and stamps in color but the costs of doing this are prohibitive.

The book gives extensive information on the paper used for each issue and the perforating machines employed. Edmund explains the reasons for the overprints and gives the date range of usage. Drawing on the works of earlier authors and quoting them extensively, he has made his book the complete story on Barbados stamps.

One hopes that he will find the time to write the same kind of book on the postal history of Barbados. The complete story of the posts in Barbados would then be contained in two volumes.

The Postal History of the Cayman Islands by Thomas E. Girdi and Peter P. McCann, Ph.D., Published by Triad Publications, 30 Drabbinton Way, Weston, MA 02193 and available from them. Standard Edition, \$50.00, Limited Library edition, boxed and numbered, \$125.00.

Although attempts to establish a regular mail service to and from and in the Cayman Islands occurred earlier, 1889 marks the official establishment of the posts at Georgetown, Grand Cayman. Consequently the book deals primarily with events from 1889 onwards. In addition to postal history, the use of stamps for revenue purposes and the use of revenue stamps are the subject of one chapter of this book.

Through the research of the authors **The Postal History of the Cayman Islands** contains much information not previously available in the published literature on these islands. Earliest and latest known dates of use of Jamaican stamps in the Caymans plus a previously unreported sub type of a manuscript provisional form a prominent part of Chapter 2. Chapter 3 includes scarcity ratings for the cancellations from the G.P.O. and the suboffices. This chapter also deals with the unissued cancellers shown in the Impressions Office in London and spurious cancellations on the stamps of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

Other chapters cover postage meters, official markings, registration marks and labels and instructional markings. Both the First Air Mails and Postal Censorship during World War II have separate chapters. Appendix A lists the postal rates from 1889-1958. The book concludes with a bibliography listing previous books, articles and auction catalogs and an index.

The only criticism is that the text is too brief. In certain cases more information or text would make the book easier to use by those not as informed as the authors. Notwithstanding this, this book is essential to all who do collect or want to collect the postal history of the Cayman Islands. The sec-

tion on spurious cancellations alone might save the cost of the book several times over.

Both authors are long time members of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group. Tom Giraldi has served as Membership Chairman since 1977 and Peter McCann is now the Vice President of the BCPSG.

IN MEMORIAM

Jay Fredrick has already mentioned **Irwin "Doc" Yarry** in his President' Message. Those of us who were privileged to meet Doc knew that we had found a friend as well as a knowledgeable philatelist. Doc's special interest was in the postal history of islands, including all the islands of the British Caribbean. While I met Doc at several BCPSG meetings, I never truly knew him well. Perhaps one of our members who did can fill out this brief memorial to him for the September issue of the Journal.

Hugh Rowan, Q.C. and student of Bermuda stamps, history and postcards, died in a tragic boating accident on Lake Ontario on 23 September 1989, just four days after he wrote to tell me about his work on the post cards of Bermuda. Hugh was working on a study of the post cards and had published 14 of 21 sections at the time of his passing. One hopes intensely that his accumulated files and information can be preserved and used by others to complete this work. As Hugh wrote, "I have since 1986 been publishing 'Old Bermuda Postcards' which provides a great deal of information about the pre-1921 postcards of Bermuda. Many members, not only of the BCPSG, but also of the BWISC and the Bermuda Collectors Society as well as persons whose interest is Bermudiana, have contributed to the publication." While at first it seemed he had drowned, the autopsy revealed that he suffered a heart attack after falling into the lake. He was racing his 7.5 meter Shark at the time. As John Tyacke wrote, "58 years was not a long enough life for such a fine guy."

Hugh was a partner in the Toronto law firm of Rowan and Temple. He graduated from Upper Canada College, Toronto, the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall law school. While at Upper Canada College he edited the college magazine, College Times. He was called to the Bar of the Province of Ontario in 1956 and appointed Queen's Counsel in 1967. In 1988 he was recognized by the Law Society of Upper Canada as a specialist in Civil Litigation. He was also author of the "Law" column in the monthly magazine of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Hugh's passion for postcards was the headline of an article in the Bermuda Sun on April 2, 1987. The Sun noted that he was an avid collector of Bermuda stamps, Bermuda books and Bermuda postcards. He started seriously collecting the stamps of Bermuda about 1977. Collections which contained early Bermuda postcards sparked his interest in them, particularly those from 1900 to 1920. One estimate puts his collection at 6,000 to 7,000 postcards.

At the time of his death he was a member of the Royal Yacht Club, the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada, the Ontario Historical Society, York Pioneer and Historical Society, the Royal Commonwealth Society and the Empire, Albany and University clubs. In addition to his philatelic and yachting interests, he was an avid tennis player and pilot.

Thanks go to both John Tyacke and Hugh's secretary Kathy Williams who were kind enough to send material for this memorial.

PERSONAL MENTION

Jaroslav Nerad, P. O. Box 45, 435 01 Litvinov, Czechoslovakia, has written to Fitz Roett saying that he is a collector of postcards from all islands around the world. His collection has about 15,000 postcards, of which 8,500 cards are from islands. He asks a favor. He writes that he has big trouble to get postcards from the Caribbean, especially from small islands. He says he can exchange these postcards for Czech stamps, sheets and FDC's, LP records, and CD's with classical music or postcards. Any members who have spare postcards of the smaller islands might find it interesting to exchange with Nerad. The recent changes in the political climate in that country offer a chance for fascinating correspondence.

AWARDS

by Paul A. Larsen and others

Prior reports failed to include the following awards won by members.

Exhibitor/Show	Title	Award
Trevor Davis Philexfrance 89 Paris, France, July 7-17	Bahamas Postal History	Gold
Bob Swarbrick Stampex 89 London, England	Telegraph Stamps of Jamaica	BCPSG Award

Ben Ramkissoo has submitted the following additional report:

Dr. Ben Ramkissoo MILCOPEX '90	Tobago 1772-1913	Gold
Peter Bylen MILCOPEX '90	Belize Marine Life Definitives 1984/1989	Silver & Collector's Club of Chicago Award for ex- ceptional research of mat- erial issued after WW II

Paul Larsen brings us up to date with his latest report including the presentation to Charles Sawyer below.

As usual the exhibit scene was quiet during December and January. It's now beginning to accelerate and we can expect to see a lengthy list after London 1990. Following is a list of Group members who exhibited earlier this year.

John Griffiths Filatelic Fiesta San Jose, CA Feb 10-11 1990	British Leeward Islands	Rreserve Grand & Gold
Randy Neil Filatelic Fiesta	Great Britain, The Half Penny Value of the 1897 Queen victoria Jubilee Issue	Gold
Walter Evans SARAPEX 90 Sarasota, FL March 2-4 1990	Imperium Type BWI Issues Victoria and Edward VII	Reserve Grand & Gold

BCPSG RECOGNITION OF LOGO DESIGNER CHARLES SAWYER

Several months after TEXPEX 89 we arranged to have Charles Sawyer receive long overdue recognition for using his considerable graphics talent on behalf of the Group. As many of you will recall, Charles was the designer of the Group's wonderful Sailing Vessel-and-Palm Tree logo which graces the journal, our medals and our stationery.

We prepared and presented Charles with a BCPSG medal mounted on a walnut plaque with a metal plate inscribed with the Group's recognition of his using his design craftsmanship to our benefit. According to the account of our on-scene reporter/presenter, Gale Raymond, the remembrance was heartily appreciated by Charles.

GROUP LEADERS

As a reminder to BCPSG members, here is the list of group leaders, updated with address changes reported to date. Our group leaders have volunteered to answer questions and provide information on their respective countries. From experience I can report they are most helpful.

Anguilla ---	Dr. Gale J. Raymond, P. O. Box 35695, Houston, TX 77235, Dr. Ben Ramkissoon, 3011 White Oak Drive, Oak Brook, IL 60521
Antigua ---	William G. Cornell, 233 Centerbury Court, Cincinnati, OH 45246
Bahamas ---	Dr. Gale J. Raymond, P. O. Box 35695, Houston, TX 77235,
Barbados ---	Edmund A. Bayley, P. O. Box 61, Bridgetown, Barbados, W. I. Keith P. Bayley, P. O. Box 61, Bridgetown, Barbados, W. I.
Belize ---	Eric W. King, P. O. Box 3, Belmopan, Belize, C. A.
British Guiana ---	Col. Fred F. Seifert, 3106 Florida Street, N. E., Albuquerque, NM 87110
British Honduras ---	Edward F. Addiss, 3800 Parkview Lane, Naples, FL 33940, Eric W. King, P. O. Box 3, Belmopan, Belize, C. A.
British Virgin Islands - BWI Maritime Mail, 1840 to date ---	J. L. Fredrick, 2775 Mesa Verde East, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 Michael R. Rego, 24 Wentworth Drive, Crofton, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, W4F 1LH, England
Cayman Islands ---	Thomas E. Giraldi, 10755 Mt. Gleason, Sunland, CA 91040
Dominica ---	William B. Ashley, P. O. Box 4367, Tulsa, OK 74159
Grenada ---	W. Danforth Walker, c/o General Delivery, Lisbon, MD 21765
Jamaica ---	Hugh A. H. James, 26 Maplehurst Road, Summersdale, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 4QL, England
Leeward Islands ---	Paul A. Larsen, 14 Wilson Court, Park Forest, IL 60466
Montserrat ---	Charles A. Freeland, P. O. Box 2258, 4002 Basel, Switzerland
Nevis ---	John N. Tyacke, 1 Ottawa Street, Toronto, Ontario M4T 2B5, Canada
St. Christopher ---	Mariano (Mike) B. DeLise, P. O. Box 64, Riverside, IL 60546
St. Kitts-Nevis ---	Mariano (Mike) B. DeLise, P. O. Box 64, Riverside, IL 60546
St. Lucia ---	Graham C. Bartlett, 43 Gledhow Wood Grove, Gledhow, Leeds LS8 1NZ, England
St. Vincent ---	Joe Chin Aleong, P. O. Box 128, San Fernando, Trinidad, W. I.
Tobago, Trinidad ---	Dr. Ben Ramkissoon, 3011 White Oak Drive, Oak Brook, IL 60521
Trinidad & Tobago ---	Dr. Ben Ramkissoon, 3011 White Oak Drive, Oak Brook, IL 60521
Turks & Caicos Islands -	Dr. Peter P. McCann, Merrell Dow Research Institute, 2110 East Galbraith Road, Cincinnati, OH 45215

PERSONAL MENTION

Member **Malcolm Watts** has announced the sale of Caribbean Philatelic Auctions as a going business to fellow member **Derek Lilley**. Derek will trade from P. O. Box 17, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 1TT, England. Derek is well known to Caribbean collectors as he was the last President of the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society prior to its merger with the BCPSG. Note that the CPA ad is still running in this issue of the journal.

Malcolm reports that he has also resigned as Trade Liaison Officer for the Yorkshire Philatelic Association as from the April management meeting. These moves will give him time to work on his collections and displays of Jamaica Postal History and Turks/Turks and Caicos Islands. Since September 1, 1989 he has displayed at Bristol, Grange-over-Sands, Gateshead, Stockton, Midland Bank (Sheffield) and Lincoln.

Janet and Malcolm thank all members of the BCPSG for their custom and friendship over the years. They ask that all members extend the same full support to Derek and Marian Lilley as they re-establish Caribbean Philatelic Auctions as the Number 1 Caribbean/BWI Postal Auction in the world. Malcolm looks forward to seeing all members at the meetings in London in May.

A ROYAL LETTER FROM BERMUDA

by **Morris Ludington**

The future King George V, as Prince George, was for several years in the Royal Navy, and as a 25 year old Lieutenant was appointed Commanding Officer of a small 805 ton gunboat, H.M.S. THRUSH, of the "Redbreast" Class. His ship was assigned for some months in 1891 to the North American and West Indies Station, based on Halifax, Nova Scotia, Hamilton, Bermuda and Kingston, Jamaica.

The illustrated letter was written by Prince George on 27 April 1891 from Bermuda to the Governor of Jamaica, Sir Henry Blake. It is three pages long, with "H.M.S. THRUSH" printed in dark blue at the top of the first page and also on the flap of the envelope. Among other things, the Prince thanks the governor for sending him some Turks Islands stamps, showing that even at this time he was building up his famous collection. The letter is signed "George", and in the bottom left corner of the front (Fig. 1) is a small underlined "G", a "trademark" used by the Prince on his personal correspondence.

The letter was franked by the current Bermuda 4d orange, watermark Crown and CC, which was cancelled by the Hamilton duplex, Type K4, on AP 28 91.

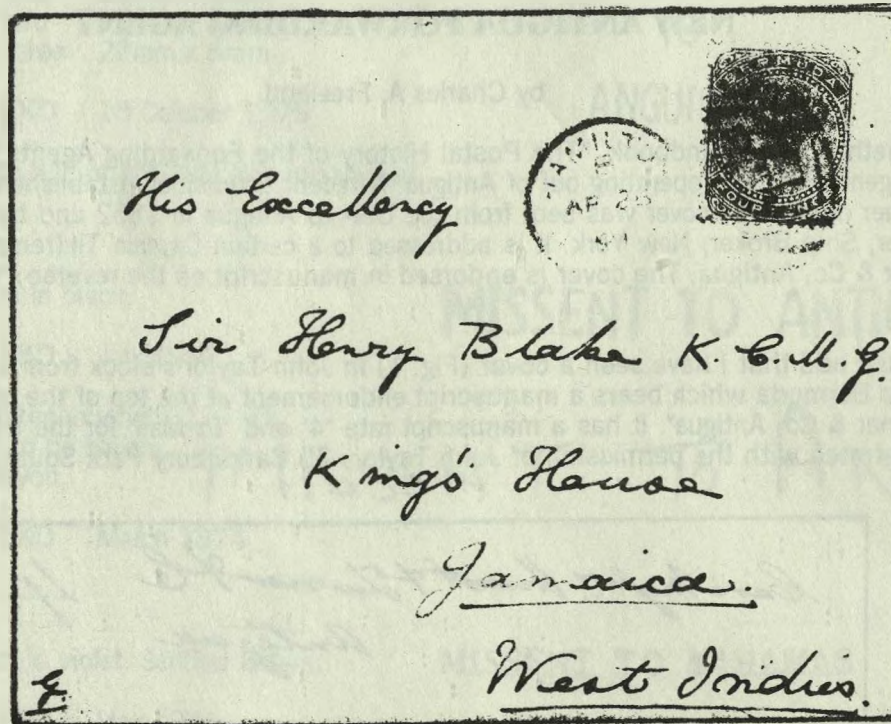


Fig. 1

The direct steamer to Turks Islands and Jamaica, the ALPHA, formerly owned by Cunard, but since 1888 owned by Pickford and Black of Halifax, who continued her on the same route, had sailed, southward bound, on 20 April and would not sail south again for another four weeks.

However, Pickford and Black had recently purchased two steamers from the Castle Line, the TAYMOUTH CASTLE and the DUART CASTLE, both c. 1,827 Gross tons, to operate a new service from Halifax and Bermuda to the Lesser Antilles and British Guiana. The TAYMOUTH CASTLE inaugurated this service, leaving Halifax on 23 April 1891 and Bermuda on the 29th.

There being no more direct southward bound steamer, Prince George's letter was sent by this ship and transferred at Barbados, where it received the oval Barbados Ship Letter datestamp of 9 MY 91 and was forwarded to Jamaica where it arrived on MY 16 91 (Fig. 2)

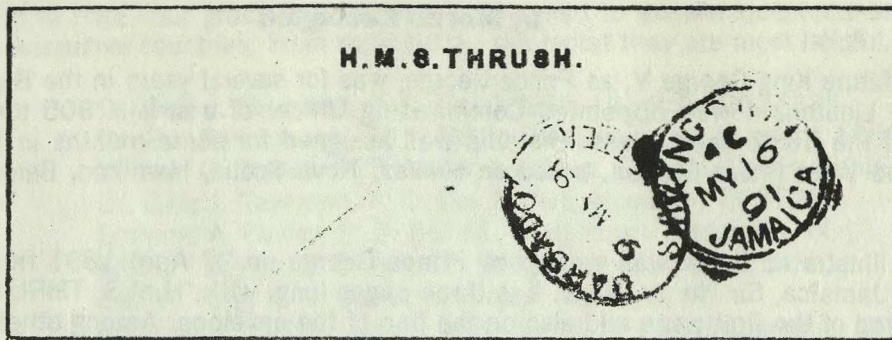


Fig. 2

Thus this letter is of interest in two ways, as a letter from the future King George V, and as a letter carried by the TAYMOUTH CASTLE on her maiden voyage to the West Indies under her new owners. Private letters from Royalty are truly rare, so it is nice to see one mailed in Bermuda, particularly from a fellow stamp collector.

NEW ANTIGUA FORWARDING AGENT

by Charles A. Freeland

Kenneth Rowe's handbook, "The Postal History of the Forwarding Agents," refers to a single forwarding agent (Eldridge) operating out of Antigua. A recent acquisition establishes the presence of at least one other agent. The cover was sent from the USA to Antigua in 1852 and bears the handstamp of I. R. Gager, Ship Broker, New York. It is addressed to a certain Captain Tik (remainder illegible), c/o Hurst Turner & Co, Antigua. The cover is endorsed in manuscript on the reverse, "forwarded by T. B. Turner".

I would add that I have seen a cover (Fig. 1) in John Taylor's stock from an Antigua resident addressed to Bermuda which bears a manuscript endorsement at the top of the cover "Care Messrs. Hurst & Turner & Co, Antigua". It has a manuscript rate "4" and "Pr Mail" for the inter-island rate. The cover is illustrated with the permission of John Taylor, 35 Canonbury Park South, London N1 2JW, England.

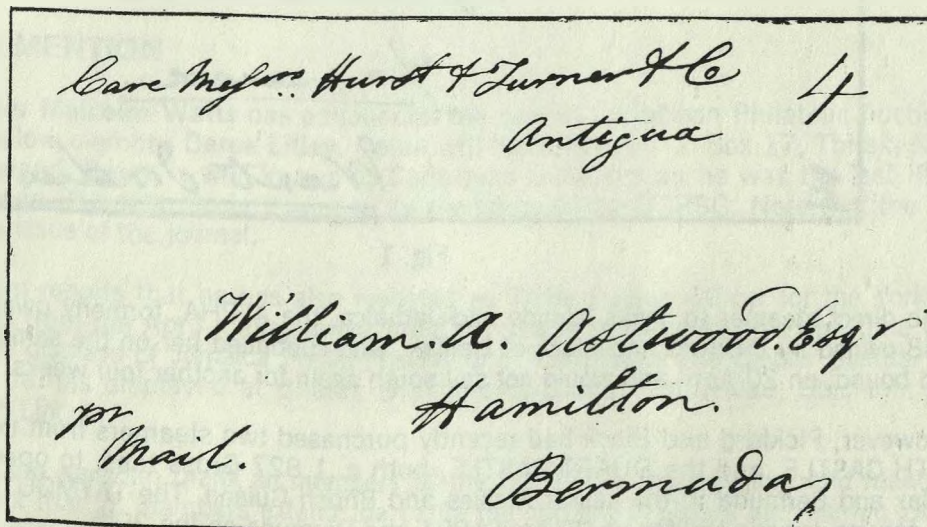


Fig. 1

BWI MISSENT MARKS

by Edward F. Addiss

Missent Marks are fun to collect. They tell a story, a story of the human side of the postal services. If the postal services were perfect, no Missent Marks would be needed. They are non-philatelic. No one has yet devised a sure way to have his covers missent unless with the connivance of a postal clerk. Also, they are affordable to most collectors (at least for now).

To my knowledge the most complete listing of these marks was published by J. Chin Aleong in WISPHR No. 9, January 1982. Other items have appeared from time to time in our Journal. I have not seen previous reports of the use of the marks listed below. Note that the illustrations have been reinforced and may not match the measurements given exactly.

ANGUILLA

1. 56mm x 5mm in violet.

EKD 17 March 1971

MISSENT TO ANGUILLA

2. Three lines in black.

line	one	21mm x 5mm
line	two	5mm x 5mm
line	three	22mm x 5mm

EKD 15 October 1979

MISSENT
TO
ANGUILLA

Note: the "LL" of ANGUILLA is misaligned.

ANTIGUA

3. 73mm x 6mm in black.

EKD July 1967

MISSENT TO ANTIGUA

4. Handwritten in what appears to be bluish-violet crayon.

EKD March 1974

MISSENT TO ANTIGUA

BAHAMAS

5. 55mm x 3mm in violet. Seriffed letters.

EKD May 1973

MISSENT TO BAHAMAS

BRITISH HONDURAS

6. 79mm x 5mm in black.

Seen on a newspaper wrapper from Cape of Good Hope to "Amsterdam/Belgie". Unfortunately, not dated but should be around 1882-83.

7. 66mm x 5.5mm in violet.

EKD 22 May 1950

MISSENT TO BELIZE

MISSENT TO BELIZE, B.H.

8. 75mm x 6mm in violet.

EKD December 1964

MISSENT TO BRITISH HONDURAS

9. 85mm x 5mm in violet.

EKD September 1971

MISSENT TO BRITISH HONDURAS

DOMINICA

10. 43mm x 2.5mm in violet.

EKD October 1970
LKD April 1979

MISSENT TO DOMINICA

MONTSEERRAT

11. 56.5mm x 3.5mm in black.

EKD June 1970
LKD April 1971

MISSENT TO MONTSEERRAT

Oddly, both of these covers are addressed to Montserrat.

ST. KITTS

12. 62.5mm x 5mm in black.

EKD August 1960

MISSENT TO ST. KITTS

13. 50mm x 5mm in black.

EKD 2 June 1978
LKD 29 January 1979

Missent to St. Kitts

14. 51.5mm x 4mm in violet.

EKD 3 December 1979
LKD 30 January 1980

Missent to St. Kitts

TRINIDAD15. 45mm x 3mm in violet "Trinidad" added in pencil. MISSENT to Trinidad

EKD 16 March 1942

This is on a cover from APO 805, St. Lucia addressed to "Marine Detachment / Portland Bight / Jamaica". The Missent Mark may be a generic type sent out to various U.S. bases.

PERSONAL MENTION

Bob Topaz has announced that he has closed his business and is moving to Florida. Bob and Muriel went to Florida in January -- out of the blue she got excited about living there -- and in three days they made a down payment on a house. Back home they discovered there was no room for the covers, library, etc. -- and the cases get heavier every year. By the time they got to the ASDA show in New York, the decision was made. From Bob's standpoint he will settle down in Florida this fall and then decide whether to go back into business or to start collecting again. You know that after all this time he won't forsake philately and postal history forever!!!

JAMAICA JOTTINGS

by Ian A. Potter

Again this column is grateful to Bob Swarbrick for bringing important new information to our attention. This time it is a most unusual early datestamp from Spanish Town. Dated "13 DECR 1819" (Fig. 1) under the T3a handstamp, the whole appears to be struck in one piece, the only known example of a dated town handstamp before the introduction of circular dated handstamps in 1835. The T3a is of exactly the same format as the one I own on a letter dated 1823 (Fig. 2). Foster listed this handstamp as used from November 1804 to July 1820. Bob Swarbrick's example is on an internal letter from Spanish Town to Port Royal, mine on a packet letter from Spanish Town to Hawick in Scotland.

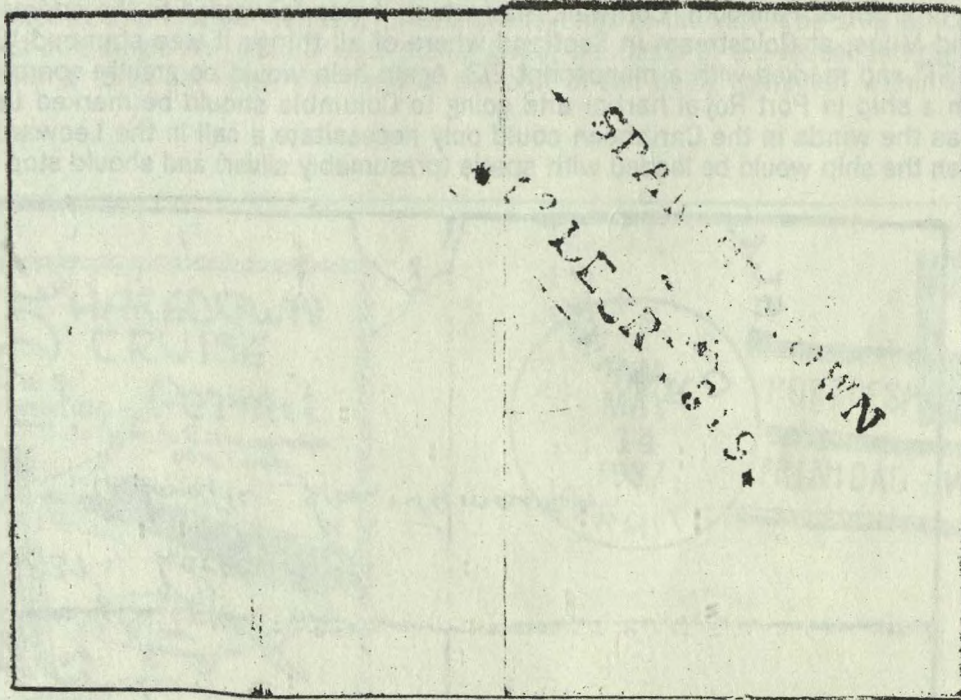


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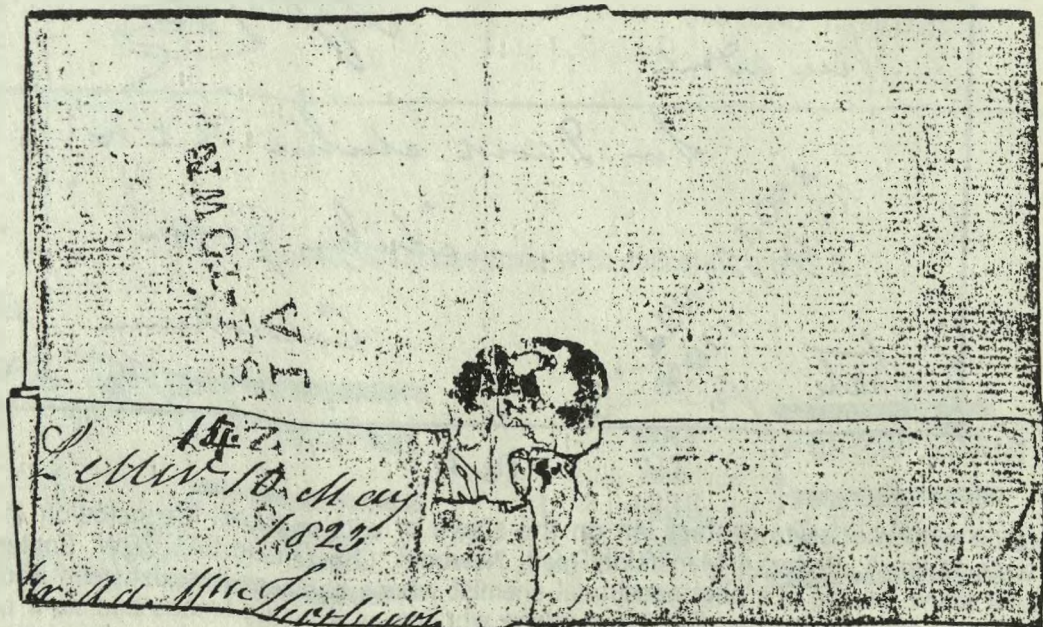


Fig. 2

A peculiarity of my letter is the absence of any other Jamaica marks or British receiving marks, other than a 2/5 rate marking. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who can throw further light on either of these letters or who has any similar unusual marks.

I am currently researching into H.M.S. SNAKE which carried mail in the Caribbean. Tom Foster listed SNAKE as a packet vessel but I have a letter from the commander, Lieutenant Milne, dated September 1837 which is headed "H.M.S. Snake Port Royal Jamaica" and a further letter dated 14 June 1814 which has on the front "per HMS/Snake". The letter of 1837 (Fig. 3) is most interesting, containing information about the attempts by the Royal Navy to stop slave trading and the phrase "tomorrow I am off for Santa Martha and Cartagena with the Mails and return but laying at each of these places from 24 to 72 hours and I bring back Specie and Pasfengers of the last". The letter, however, arrived in England without any West Indian markings and was given the "Leeward Islands F" handstamp in green at Falmouth, Cornwall, after which it was forwarded to the addressee, Vice Admiral Sir David Milne, at Coldstream in Scotland where of all things it was stamped "COLDSTREAM / PENNY POST" and marked with a manuscript 2/3. Again help would be greatly appreciated as to why a letter from a ship in Port Royal harbor and going to Columbia should be marked Leeward Islands, especially as the winds in the Caribbean could only necessitate a call in the Leewards on the return journey when the ship would be loaded with specie (presumably silver) and should stop for nothing.

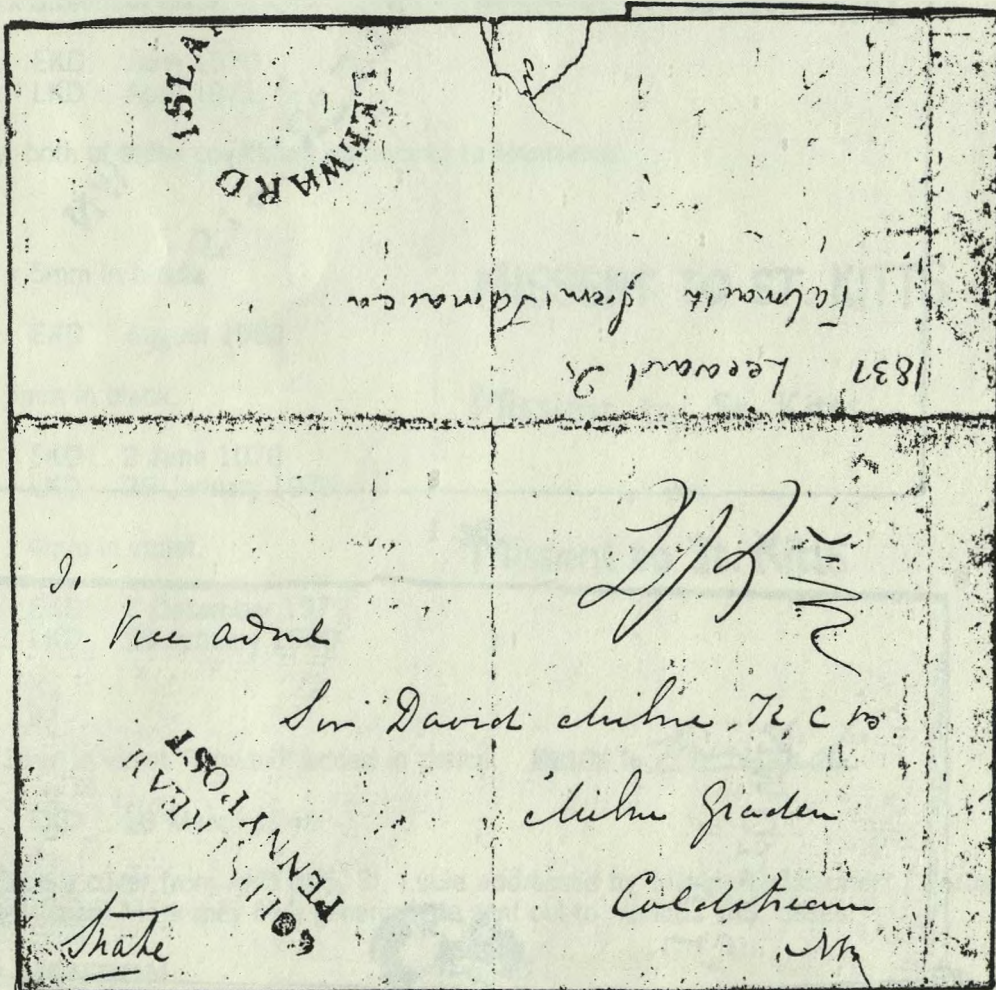


Fig. 3

(Ed: Anyone who wishes to contact Ian on the above or with material for inclusion in this column should write to Ian A. Potter, 4 Mansfeldt Road, Newbold, Chesterfield S41 7BW, England. For those who do not know Ian, he is a pharmaceutical chemist whose business has just been bought out as of 30th April by a bigger company. He will continue working as a locum tenens and as a consultant but hopes to have considerably more time for his hobbies including philately and Jamaica Jottings.)

POSTAL HISTORY OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

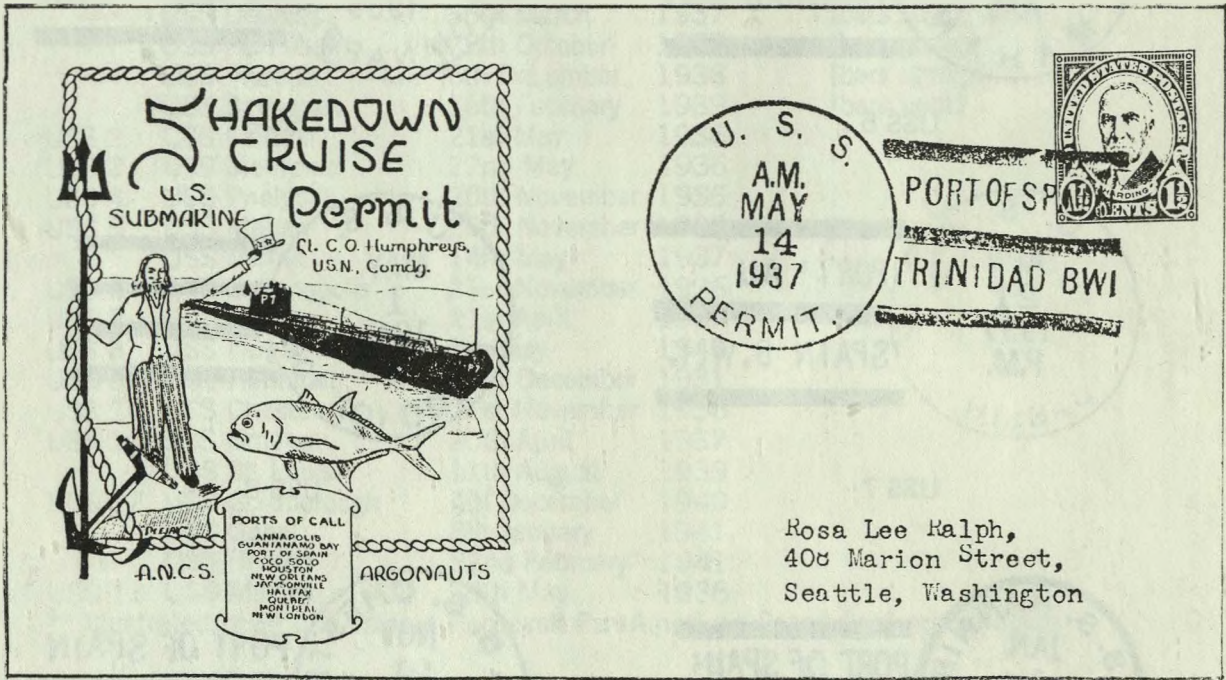
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This monograph covers the Postal Markings used by U.S. Forces in Trinidad and Tobago. It covers the period 1931 to 1950.

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U.S. SHIPS COURTESY CALLS

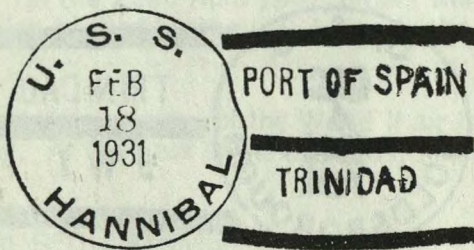
The earliest Postal Markings are the courtesy call or "Shakedown" cruise cancellations. These were applied aboard ship and are normally philatelic souvenirs of the visit. The ship cancels, type USS 1 to 13, consist of a single ring circular date stamp giving the name of the vessel and date of cancellation together with a three bar killer, the name of the port of call being contained within the bars. types



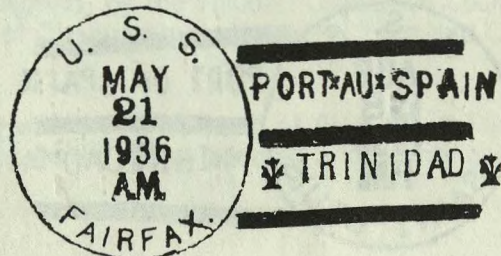
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Fig. 1 Shakedown cruise cover with cancel type USS 5

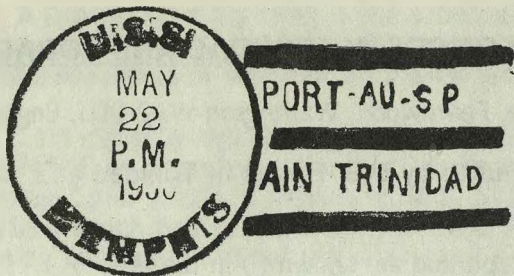
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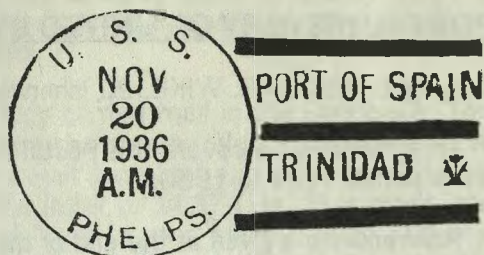
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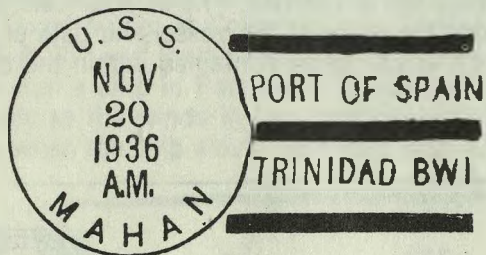
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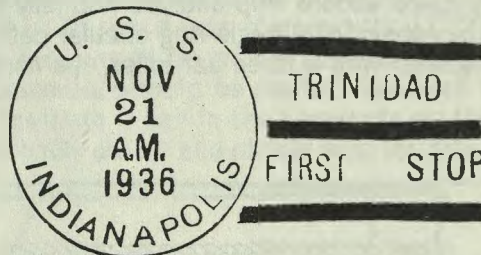
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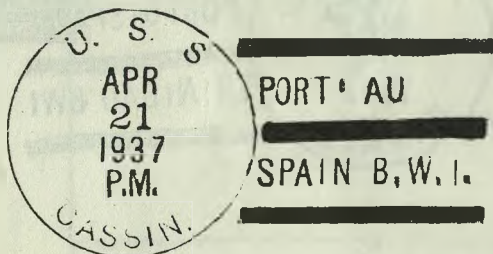
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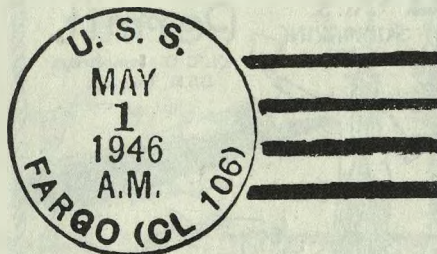
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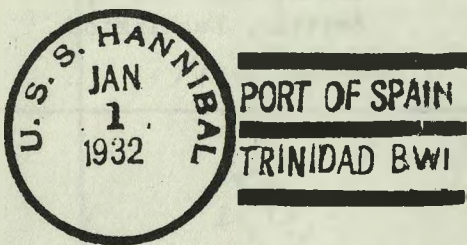
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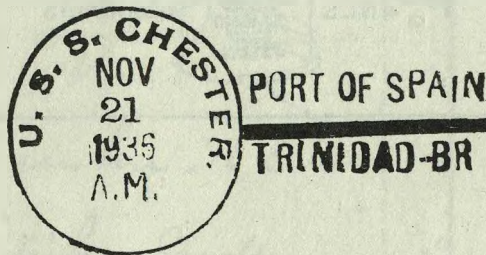
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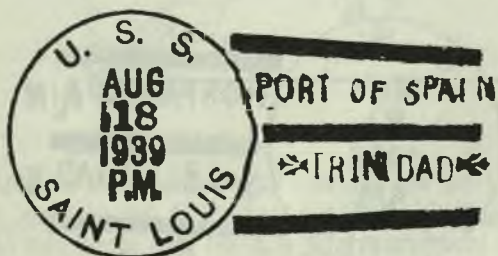
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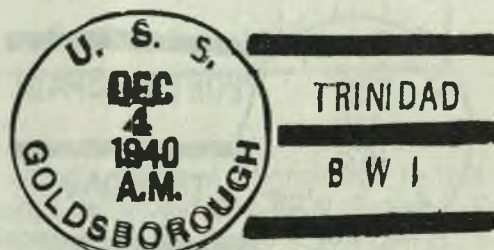
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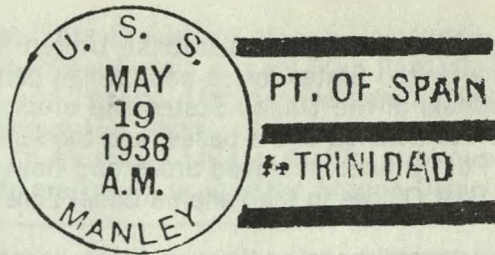
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USS 11



USS 12



USS 13

Known Usage

USS 1	USS Hannibal	18th February	1931	[bars bent]
	USS Wright	29th January	1935	[bars bent]
	Aircraft Base Force/ U.S. Fleet	29th January	1935	[bars straight]
	USS Tarpon	1st June	1936	[bars bent]
	USS Downes	30th March	1937	[bars straight]
	USS Hannibal	28th October	1937	[bars straight]
	USS Phoenix	5th December	1938	[bars straight]
	USS Savannah	16th February	1939	[bars bent]
USS 2	USS Fairfax	21st May	1936	
USS 3	USS Memphis	22nd May	1936	
USS 4	USS Phelps	20th November	1936	
USS 5	USS Mahan	20th November	1936	
	USS Permit	14th May	1937	
USS 6	USS Indianapolis	21st November	1936 **	
USS 7	USS Cassin	21st April	1937	
USS 8	USS Fargo	1st May	1946	
USS 9	USS Hannibal	13th December	1931	
USS 10	USS Chester	21st November	1936	
USS 11	USS Omaha	25th April	1937	
	USS St. Louis	11th August	1939	
USS 12	USS Goldborough	4th December	1940	
	USS Ganet	8th January	1941	
	USS Briston	22nd February	1941	
USS 13	USS Manley	19th May	1936	

** Illustrated cover of President Roosevelt Pan-American Peace Conference Cruise

ESTABLISHMENT OF BASES

In September 1940, the British and American Governments agreed to lease military bases in British territories along the Eastern Atlantic seaboard to the U.S.A. for 99 years in exchange for 50 destroyers. Trinidad and Tobago was one of these territories. The agreement was formally signed on the 27th March 1941. In the meantime the U.S. had already begun their preparations and the first detachment to land on Trinidad, on the 31st March 1941, was, not unnaturally, the Marines. A U.S. mail service commenced on the 1st April 1941, the day after their arrival (1)

On the 22nd April 1941, orders were promulgated by the Trinidad Legislative Council for the acquisition of land for the U.S. bases in the Wards of Chaguaramus, Valencia, Toco and Chaguanas (2).

A brief history of the World II air bases is given in "The History of Aviation in Trinidad and Tobago". At the peak of the operation, American troops were at two hundred and twenty one locations (10).

POSTAL REGULATIONS

Postal facilities were established in accordance with the regulations outlined and agreed upon, dated 27th March 1941, as follows:-

Article XVI Postal Facilities

"The United States shall have the right to establish United States Post Offices in the leased areas for the exclusive use of the United States forces and civilian personnel [including contractors and their employees], who are nationals of the United States and employed in connection with the construction, maintenance, operation or defense of the bases, and the families of such persons, for domestic use between United States Post Offices in leased areas and between such Post Offices and other United States Post Offices and Post Offices in the Panama Canal Zone and the Philippine Islands"

Censoring of United States mail passing through these bases was carried out along the lines outlined in the following letter:-

Note from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Ambassador of the United States of America in London, 27th March 1941.

"I have the honour to inform your Excellency that my Government has agreed to the following understanding in respect of Article XVI of the Agreement signed this day between our respective Governments concerning the lease of the bases:

1] Mails passing between United States Post Offices shall not be subject to censorship except by the United States.

2] In connection with the establishment of any United States Post Offices in a leased area, the United States will arrange administratively for such time as Great Britain may be at war, for the examination of all non-official incoming or outgoing mail destined for or originating in a leased area.

3] The use of these Post Offices will be strictly limited to persons entitled under Article XIV to use them and any mail deposited in such a Post Office which may be found by the United States examiners to be from a person not entitled to use it, will if required, be made available to the authorities of the territory for examination.

4] Should the United States be at war and Great Britain be neutral, the British Government will insure a similar procedure is adopted with respect to incoming and outgoing mail destined, for or originating in the territory in which a leased area is located, to safeguard the interests of the United States in the leased area.

5] The United States and British authorities will collaborate to prevent their respective mails, in the leased areas or in the territories in which they are located, being used prejudicially to the security of the other.

6] There will be no examination of official mail of either Government by the other under any conditions.

If your Excellency's Government agrees to this understanding I would suggest that the present note and your reply to that effect be regarded as placing it on record (3).

POSTAL RATES

Surface mail for members of the U.S. Forces was free, surface rate for civilians was 3¢, and the airmail rate for the armed forces was 6¢ and 15¢ for civilians.

All mail using the American Postal system was supposed to be paid for by American stamps. However the use of Trinidad stamps on such mail is known.

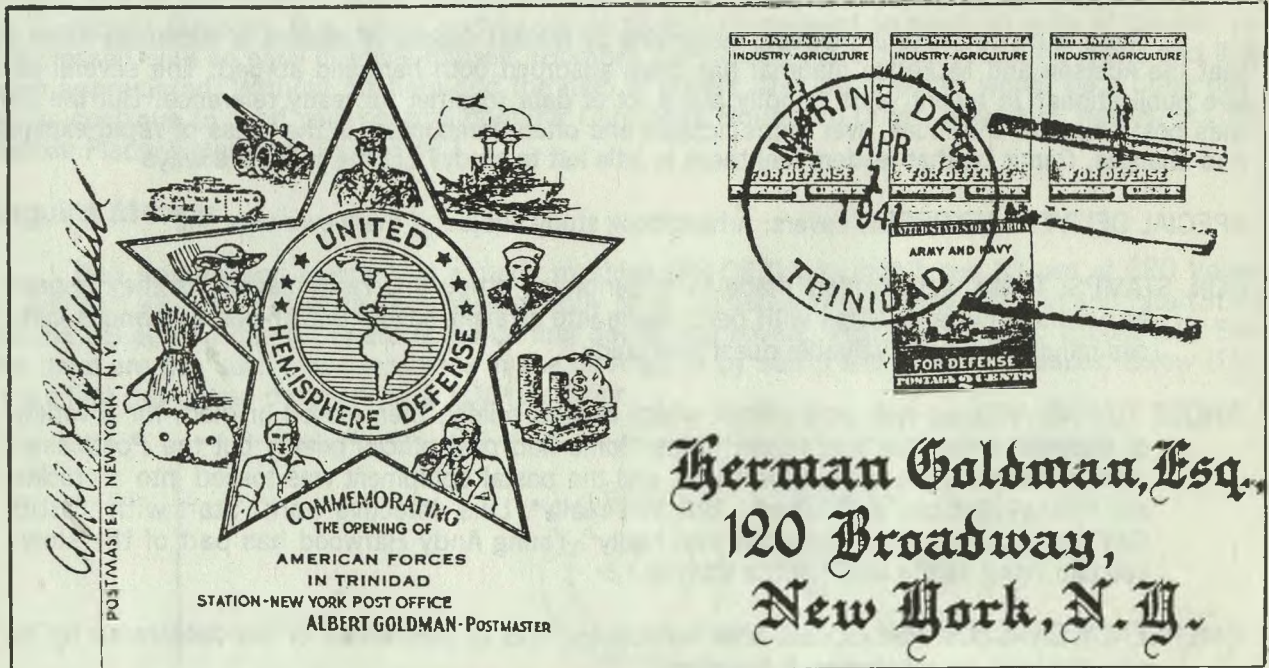
CENSORSHIP

All mail to and from the Bases was censored by the U.S. authorities. Mail posted in the Trinidad and Tobago civilian postal service with an American Base return address or from a member of the U.S. Forces was handed over to the U.S. authorities for censorship under Article XVI, paragraph 5 above.

NAVAL POST OFFICES

Marine Detachment

The first Marine Detachment [Fifth Provisional Marine Company], commanded by Major D. A. Stafford, arrived in Trinidad from Quantico, Virginia and set up a "tent city" in the dock area of Port of Spain, the principal town of Trinidad and Tobago. Mail service commenced on the 1st April 1941, the day after the arrival of the Detachment (1). Shortly afterwards on partial construction of the Naval Base, they moved to Chaguaramus. An American Military facility continued in the dock area until after the Second World War. Two cancels are known used at the Marine Detachment Post Office



Patriotic cover cancelled USM 1

(to be continued)

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

At our annual meeting in London we announced the breathtaking news that Michel Forand has agreed to take on the position of editor of the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal in mid-1991. Michel has prior experience, having edited a philatelic journal for eight years, and is the chief report editor for the Economic Council of Canada, a research organization.

I am deeply grateful to Michel for accepting the position of editor, though I shall miss the contacts with the wonderful people who make up our Group. You have provided a backlog of articles with never a complaint about how long it took for your contributions to appear in print. There will be a backlog of articles left for me to turn over to Michel. I am sure you will give Michel your continued whole-hearted support. The Journal will be in good hands and I can resume work on activities put on hold for five years. Would the Group Leaders please note Jay's announcement of the 60-page issue for June 1991 and begin thinking about providing a 2-page, more or less, article on their specialty. You will hear more from us on this enlarged issue of the Journal.

Lack of space on page 40 let's me announce here that the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal received a vermeil medal at the COLOPEX '90 philatelic literature exhibition. As a note to authors, the jury critique noted that areas needing strengthening are references and bibliography. While an editor may help if he is familiar with the area covered by an article, the author's broader knowledge makes him the one best able to cite full references and provide a bibliography of sources where such exists. They also noted that it is an excellent production, particularly the last issue of 1989. Thanks go to Ben Ramkissoon and all who made it possible to purchase the new computer and printer and who had faith that the funds could be obtained and the money would be well spent. As I become more familiar with this equipment, I make more use of its potential.

BAHAMAS CHALLENGE

Dr. Gale J. Raymond

Recently I had the privilege of seeing the results of mailings to the Bahamas post offices by Buzz Jehle, now a Houston resident and neighbor. An old time Bahamas buff, I was amazed at the variety of new cancels and datestamps, a few offices closed, opened or dormant. Recalling the years of frequent reports of Bahamas postal matters in the BCPJ, fewer now, I'm wondering at the reason.

There is no decrease in interest, measuring by market reports of dealers in Bahamas items now that the Adelson and McFarlan material has been absorbed both here and abroad. The several definitive publications* in recent years handily put a lot of data together for ready reference. But the Bahamas postal system continues, ever unpredictable and often unrecorded, in the press of rapid expansion and changes. Can it be that readers feel there is little left to study? Let me count the ways---

SPECIAL DELIVERY (EXPRESS) covers: A handbook study subject if there ever was one.

COIL STAMPS: These were crudely made from perforated strips and rarely saved, as they appear as normal singles or strips with perfs made into straight edges. But a keen eye and a curious mind will have a valuable quest and study.

GHOST TOWNS: Villages with post offices which existed briefly, then moved or died, for a variety of reasons, even unto very recent times. Some had post offices briefly, but the Postmaster died or moved, no one replaced them, and the postal equipment was tossed into a cracker tin, falling dormant, still "alive" - but "not really". Like detective work? Start with "CHUB CAY", still on the 1987 list - but "not really". Young Andy Harwood has part of the story; you can bring us the REST of the story.

EMERGENCY CANCELS: Pen cancels after hurricanes, fires or destruction of the datestamp by its use, too long, as a hammer; it happens.

TEMPORARY DATESTAMPS: Formerly made of rubber but now a soft plastic, ordered and placed into use until the steel datestamp is made, shipped from the UK and distributed, often a year or so. Daterollers expire and rust up as well. These are still appearing unexpectedly, on commercial mail and sometimes come and go, unrecorded.

This is just a teaser for inquisitive minds which like a challenge! I dare you! And YOU! Best of all, it adds to the appeal and knowledge of the Bahamas themselves, just a few moments from Florida by air. Few places in the world can match their natural beauty, the islands and the cays promising adventures, the seas turquoise, clear as glass, the beaches still clean with seldom a footprint. Do I sound like someone in love with the Bahamas? For true, Mon!

*Definitive Publications:

Ludington & Raymond, "The Bahama Islands; A History and Catalog of the Handstamps and Cancellations 1802-1967, (1968).

Ludington, "Bahamas Early Mail Services and Postal Markings", (1982).



CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

by Robert H. Ingalls, Jr.

The middle of April not being a happy time for U.S. lawyers and accountants, I can take credit for only part of this month's work. Mark Swetland, who probably had hoped to have seen the last of the Caribbean Roundup files, kindly said he would fill in with material on hand, in spite of the fact he was pressed with an early deadline himself. (Bob has contributed more than he said he would and it is much appreciated. Without his help and the help of others, the job of editor would be a tiring one. Please continue to send your contributions for Caribbean Round-up to Mr. Robert H. Ingalls, Jr., 20 Melrose Place, Greenwich, CT 06820.)

Anguilla Meters

Ben Ramkissoon reports that a meter machine (PB 063) was introduced for use at GPO Valley on July 5, 1989. It is used on envelopes directly or on adhesive meter tapes. The inland rate (35¢) and the US airmail rate (80¢) are noted on first day of use covers. Post Master E. R. Brooks tells Ben that there are five such meter machines in use on Anguilla by banks and other businesses. Below (Fig. 1) is a first day of use postmark on a 10¢ rate cover.

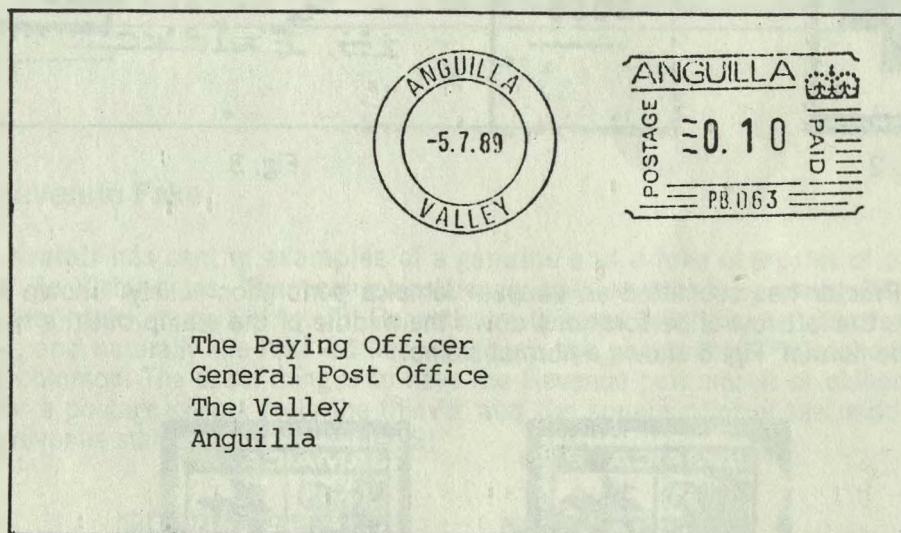


Fig. 1

British Virgin Islands

Marge Doran sent a fascinating BVI newspaper article in January. Road Town has finally been provided with street signs, and, as part of the new National Addressing System, residents and businesses have been assigned street addresses. Also included is a brand new postal code beginning with a letter and containing four digits. The letter will indicate one of fourteen zones into which the territory has been divided, reflecting political district boundaries on Tortola, two areas on Virgin Gorda, the Northern and Southern Cays, Anegada, and Jost Van Dyke. The first two digits will identify one of nine post offices or sub-post offices, and the last two a major area, village or town. This effort will be supported by the establishment of two new mail sorting stations, one at the Beef Island Airport and one at the West End Customs Facility. Lest anyone become overly excited by these developments, it was also reported that home delivery of the mail "may be some time off".

Marge mentioned that their Philatelic Club is planning a show for the last week of May. Featured will be an impressive collection of Penny Blacks, marking the 150th anniversary of the stamps. The club is fortunate to have support from Governor Mark Herdman, who is himself a collector.

Bahamas Post Card Bar Cancel

John Bethell has written to say that the seven bar cancel on the King George V post card shown on page 104 of the September 1989 issue is new to him. So the mystery is not yet solved. Can anyone provide further information?

British Honduras - No!

In a past issue of the BCPJ a Red Cross stamp with the letters B and H in the upper corners of the stamp (Fig. 2) was shown. The note with it in the journal stated that this was probably not British Honduras. **Dietrich Werner** has submitted evidence which would make it certain that this is not a British Honduras item. This is a photocopy of lot #1055 of The Clearing House postal history auction of February 6, 1982. The stamp appears on an Austrian PPC of 1915 (Fig. 3). This clearly shows that the label was used in Europe during World War I.

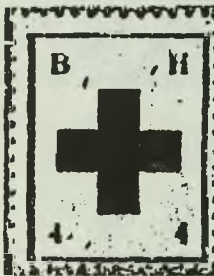


Fig. 2

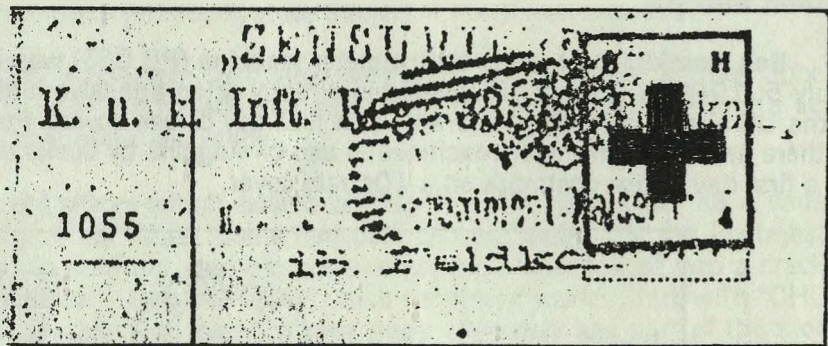


Fig. 3

Jamaica

David Proctor has submitted an unusual Jamaica perforation variety. Shown below as Fig. 4, this variety has the left row of perforations down the middle of the stamp but the right side perforations seem to be normal. Fig. 5 shows a normal stamp.



Fig. 4



Fig. 5

Nevis

Gale Raymond has sent an example of a new TRD of a previously unreported sub-p.o. on Nevis. The NEWCASTLE POST OFFICE, NEVIS, W.I. was in 1982 using a temporary type plasticized material datestamp, shown on a commercial cover to Los Angeles, CA. Are we overdue now to revise our stock type TRD (Temporary Rubber Datestamp) terminology to the new material, TPD? How should we deal with this without adding confusion? How about "TD"? And when was this new sub-p.o. established?

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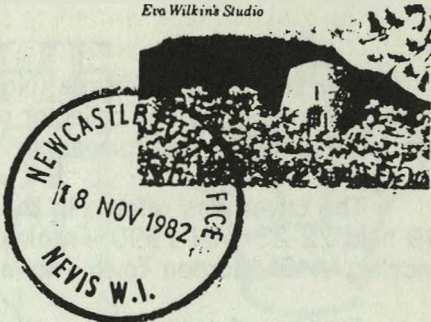
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Fig. 6

St. Vincent Revenue Fake

Victor Kreloff has sent in examples of a genuine and a fake overprint of a St. Vincent 3d Revenue stamp. As Victor notes, "Someone painstakingly painted over the existing 3d surcharge so as to create a "variety", thick numeral (Fig. 7). Beneath the thin red paint can be discerned the outline of the genuine 3d, and naturally the fake 3d lies on top on the pen cancel. Philatelic fakes of revenue stamps are not common. The usual thing is to have the Revenue part erased or obliterated so that the result passes for a postage stamp. Note the thin "d" and the square point of the middle bar of the "3" on the genuine revenue stamp on the right (Fig. 8)."



fake
Fig. 7



genuine
Fig. 8

Another Anguilla SPO TRD Turns Up

The August 1973 BCPJ, Vol. 13, No. 4, W/N 74 reported that the late Eddie Adelson had unearthed a FOREST TRD dated NOV 25 1930 and wondered when the next one would turn up. Some time ago former member Bruce Walker reported a further example dated FRB 8 1930, not such a clear example as the one previously illustrated but the 'price' paid was not exorbitant. This predates the late Stan Durnin's example by seven months. How many years will it be for the next one to turn up?

JAMAICAN EXOTIC DESTINATION COVER

by Charles E. Cwiakala

The 16 FEB 1990 issue (No. 4/90) of Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung shows a cover (Fig. 1) which is of interest to any collector of Jamaica. This cover is surely the ultimate in exotic destinations from Jamaica for the first "pineapple" watermark issue.

The cover was offered in the Willi Fehr Briefmarken Auktionshaus (West Germany) Sale No. 149 held 22-23 JAN 1990. Franked with the Jamaican first issue 2d, 3d and 6d (pair), and neatly cancelled "A42" (Gordon Town - not a common number), the cover was posted to Kabul, Afghanistan!

Possibly of military origin, the cover is addressed to a Major Bent(?) / 77th Regiment / Peshawur / Cabul / East Indies, with posting and "24 July 1867" docketing designations in the lower left corner; the cover face includes a 16 AUG 1867 "London" transit cds and an undated "Peshawur" receiving cds. Some lack of knowledge of geography seems indicated by the address "East Indies".

The auctioneer estimated the cover at 6000DM (US \$3500, £2175) and saw it knocked down at 8100DM (US \$4700, £2925) plus the auction house commission rate. The combination of a rare destination coupled with an attractive three-color franking, crisp clean postal markings and a clean overall appearance resulted in the high realization paid by a postal history connoisseur.



Fig. 1

PERSONAL MENTION

Member **Tony Shepherd** writes that his two year term as President of the Huddersfield Philatelic Society is nearly over. He has managed to attend every meeting, despite the horrible weather of this past winter - gales, blizzards, frosts, the lot! This year's vacation will be spent in Cyprus with a side trip to Egypt and Palestine, countries they have always wanted to visit.

Tony also reported that **Derek Sutcliffe** was scheduled to have an operation on his back by now. No further word is available when this was typed but a new report will be given as soon as available. We trust the operation was successful and his problem has been cured.

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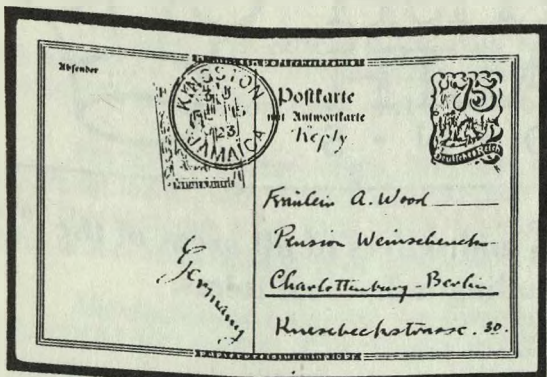
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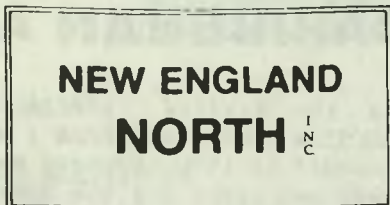
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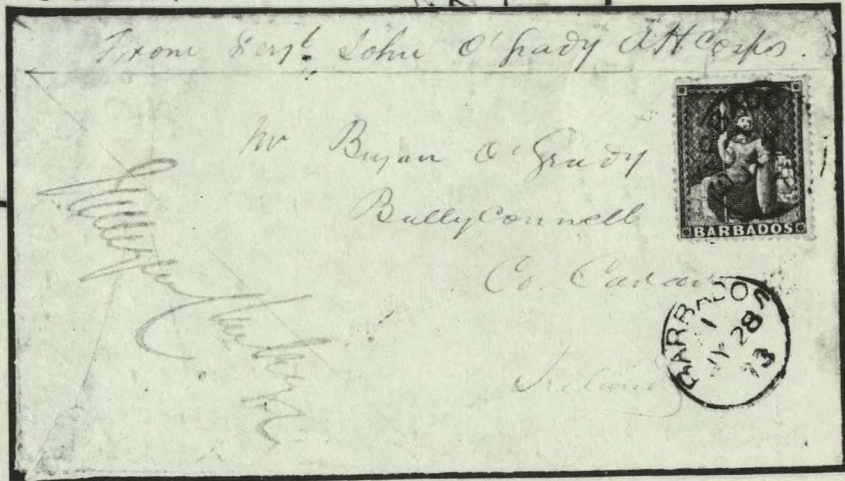


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