

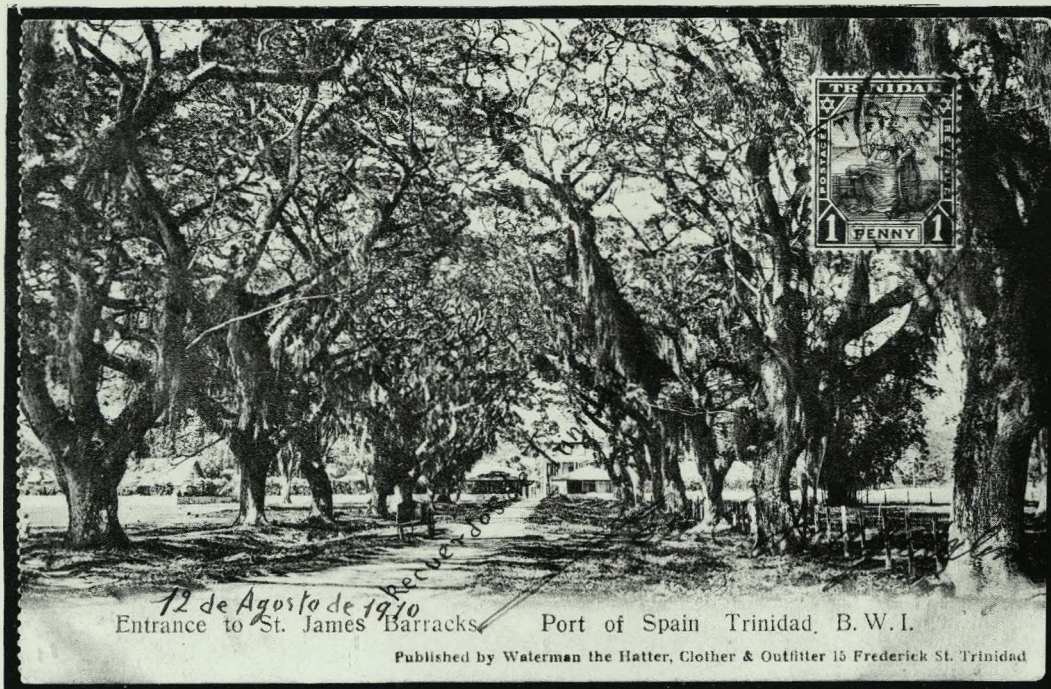
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jay Fredrick

The message this quarter will be brief in order to accommodate the London annual meeting reports.

In my first President's Message (March 1990) I encouraged informal regional meetings at the "local" level to reach out to even more of our members than do our annual meetings. As of today (July 4) I am happy to report that there are three scheduled:

1. BCPSG(UK) '90 in York, England, on August 4th in conjunction with the York Stamp Fair. This regional meeting is being coordinated by Mike Rego -- another "winner", Mike? (Thanks are due to BCPSG members Chris Rainey and Trevor Davis of Stamp Fair for providing the meeting facilities, etc.)

2. SESCAL '90 in Los Angeles, California, October 12 - 14, with Bruce Watts as the coordinator. (Bruce successfully did the same thing in 1988.) (cf. p. 101.)

3. SARAPEX '91 in Sarasota, Florida, under the guidance of Jack Harwood. (This will be the second regional meeting in Sarasota.) (cf. p. 84.)

These and other responses that I have received in a number of areas are greatly appreciated, and can only lead to a stronger and better organization. Thanks for your contributions to this goal! And keep them coming!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Mark W. Swetland

Several corrections to the last Journal and prior information need to be made. Please note that the telephone exchange for Jay Fredrick has been corrected to 549 as shown on the inside front cover of this issue. Also, telephone numbers for Dan Walker and Mike De Lise are now added.

Please change the address for Graham C. Bartlett given on page 50 in the last Journal. His correct address is 6 Montrose Park, Brislington, Bristol BS4 4TF, England.

An apology is due to Dr. Luis A. Escalante Cabezas for listing L. A. E. Cabezas as dropped for non-payment of dues in the December 1989 Journal. This was your editor's error.

FLASH!!! It gives me great pleasure to announce a major work by Edward F. Addis, *The "Town" Cancels of British Honduras, 1880-1973*. This is a 64-page monograph with a GBC plastic binding. The monograph which will be available in late September is priced at \$15.50, US printed matter postage paid. Overseas printed matter postage will be \$1.50 extra as surface mail and \$4.20 extra as air mail. Michel Forand did the final typing and layout of the monograph.

Starting with a history and story of the early posts, the monograph discusses the transport of the mails and provides examples of almost all the known postmarks of the "towns". Included are obliterations, single- and double-circle cancellations and temporary marks, duplex, circular and oval, as well as a section on mailbag seals. The final section lists all the post offices known or believed to have been in operation between 1880 and 1973. Appendices cover Internal Postal Rates to 1931, Town Populations and Postal Routes in 1921 and The Postal Service in the Early 1920s.

For the present send your orders with payment in US dollars to the editor. Orders with payment in sterling may be sent to Bob Swarbrick for later dispatch from the USA.

BCPSG ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION

LONDON, ENGLAND

By all measures, this gathering could only be judged as an outstanding philatelic and social event of major proportions. And it can all be attributed to the efforts of the many individuals who contributed to its success. Leading the parade of these is Mike Rego, who was involved in almost all aspects of the planning and execution of the meeting. Following close behind was Bob Swarbrick, International Director, who made the arrangements for the use of The Lansdowne Club, of which he is a member; who purchased (via his wife) the Byron Cameron trophy in England; who kindly donated to the Group a small "travelling" gavel for use at its annual meetings; etc., etc. Now for the details of the fruits of their labors and many others.

Promptly at 10:30 AM, Wednesday morning, May 9th, Bob called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and introduced Jay Fredrick, our President, who chaired the meeting. Total meeting attendance reached over 75, including 9 guests. Approximately 30 members attended London 1990 at various times but could not get to the meeting, including almost all of the dealer-members. Total attendance in London came to just under 100 members! Al Branston, Jack Harwood, Gale Raymond and Vice President Dr. Peter McCann sent regrets; otherwise we might have exceeded 100. Nine countries were represented, including the U.S., G.B. and three of "our" islands.

Taking the "chair", Jay welcomed everyone; thanked Mike and Bob for their efforts; and thanked Ben Ramkissoon, Immediate Past President, for making the changeover in administration orderly and easy. He then reviewed the morning's detailed agenda and informed those assembled that all were welcome to stay during the "business" portion of the meeting. In addition, Bill Ashley was called upon to give a brief rundown on a proposed picture postcard cataloging project. (See details on page --.)

After coffee, Jay made several announcements -

1. Tom Giraldi would act as Secretary Pro Tem for the meeting and record the minutes.
2. Because of VAT problems, no Group auction would be held in London. Instead, our auction manager, Jack Harwood, would hold a mail auction in June.
3. Future personnel changes, involving our Editor (1991) and Auction Manager (1992), were noted, as previously reported in the June Journal.
4. Future annual meetings were announced. (See p. 39 of the June 1990 journal for details.)

At this point our "business" meeting began and everyone stayed! Several of the 24 members of the Group who make up the administrative "team" gave reports. These include Ben Ramkissoon, Chairman of the Publications Committee, who encouraged group publications (we have the funds); Tom Cusick, Treasurer, whose annual report is on pp. 41-42 of the June Journal; Mark Swetland, Editor (cf. p. 84); Dan Walker, Librarian, who presented (via Jay) a progress report and the need for an updated catalog of library holdings and reminded us that donations to the library are tax-deductible in the USA; and Tom Giraldi, Membership Chairman, who reported on sales of back issues of the Journal and various article reprints and that several new members had signed up in London.

Under "old business", Jay thanked Victor Toeg, President of the British West Indies Study Circle and a member of our Group, for inviting us to share in their Wine and Cheese Party the night before.

Under "new business", Jay announced the decision to judge the BCPSG members' Caribbean exhibits independently of the London show. One of our members, Dan Walker, served on the show jury.

The actual judging took place on Monday, May 7th, by a jury consisting of John Griffiths, Chairman, Eddie Addiss, John Jackson and David Parsons (a non-member) of Christie's Robson Lowe staff who was "drafted" at the last moment when it appeared that John Griffiths might not be present for the judging. This was due to his wife having been hospitalized because of an auto accident that occurred

earlier in London. However, John did, indeed, make it and the four-man jury's awards of the BCPSG medals and Cameron trophy were announced as follows:

Gold Medals	Victor Toeg Simon Greenwood Robert Swarbrick (Lit.)Edmund Bayley (Lit.)Thomas Giraldi and Dr. Peter McCann	Antigua British Guiana 1850 - 1899 Jamaica: Formative period in the history of the Post Office "The Stamps of Barbados" "Cayman Islands Postmarks and Postal History"
Silver Medals	Robert Dickgeisser Robert Towers Michael Oliver J. A. C. Farmer Reuben Ramkissoon C. Kilbourne Bump	Bermuda 12/6 Keyplates Grenada 1784 - 1900 Leeward Islands: The General Issues Leeward Islands Tobago 1772 - 1913 Bermuda: Charges on 19th Century Letters
Byron Cameron Trophy	Robert Swarbrick (Bob was also acknowledged by the Group for his birthday, 9th May.)	Jamaica!

Jay thanked the jury for a job well done and, in particular, David Parsons for agreeing to serve under "emergency" conditions.

Also under "new business", the BCPSG service awards detailed on p. 39 of the June Journal were announced.

Eddie Addiss then offered a vote of thanks to Bob Topaz, Ben Ramkissoon, Mark Swetland and Michel Forand for their help in the publication by the BCPSG of his 60-page monograph, "Town Cancels of British Honduras". Jack Arnell discussed his and Morris Ludington's book, "The Bermuda Packet Mails and the Halifax-Bermuda Mail Service 1806-1886", published by the Postal History Society. Michael Vokins announced the publication by the BCPSG of the 3-volume reprints of Volumes 1 - 9 of the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal including the supplements that were published with these volumes. Members can order these reprints as shown on p. --.

Charles Freeland announced that he is updating Britnor's 1965 Montserrat handbook and is seeking "new" information or data on the subject.

Before breaking for lunch three informal spontaneous displays were presented.

Following lunch, we were enthralled at Dr. Joan Harper's presentation on British Honduras -- 180 pages of beautifully written up "great" material. She was a most articulate speaker with a great sense of humor, as well as an obvious "expert" in her philatelic field. Following the presentation, Eddie Addiss proposed a vote of thanks to her; this was seconded by Tony Shepherd; and then agreed to by all those present by acclamation. Jay then offered the Group's thanks to Mr. Harper for his able "logistic support" at the easels throughout his wife's presentation.

Following a brief break, the meeting resumed with "cameo" displays (10 pages/10 minutes) by 14 members as follows:

•Mike Oliver	RMSP Co. in Leeward Islands
•Tony Shepherd	Barbados Military Mail
•Bob Swarbrick	United Fruit Co. in Jamaica
•Stella Pearse	Antigua
•Denis Charlesworth	17th Century Jamaica
•Ken Watson	Jamaica 1702 on

- Dave Druett
- Derek Sutcliffe
- Frank Deakin
- Graham Hoey

Trinidad Postal History 1804 on
Jamaica Military Mail
Barbados Proofs and Stamps
Bahamas Postal Stationery

- Derek Lilley
- Alan Pearse
- Tom Giraldi
- Brian Rogers

Jamaica Picture Postcards
Turks Islands - to and from the Postmaster
Early Cayman Islands Picture Postcards
British Honduras No. 622 Censor Labels

After well received presentations and lively discussions, the meeting began to draw to a close. Edmund Bayley was asked to say a few words about his Barbados book, since Tom Giraldi had mentioned his Cayman Islands book earlier. Jay then thanked all who had contributed to a most successful meeting and emphasized that it had again demonstrated what makes our Group strong, the camaraderie and free exchange of data that all had experienced. The meeting closed on time with words of farewell and wishes for a safe journey home.

[As reported by Tom Giraldi, Mike Rego and Jay Fredrick]



Tony Shepherd, Ed Adiss, Joe Chin Aleong & Fred Seifert (at BWISC Wine & Cheese Party)



Edmund Bayley & Tom Giraldi (at BCPSG Annual Meeting, Landsowne Club)

ANNUAL MEETING FINANCIAL REPORT

by Michael Rego

I am pleased to report that the 1990 annual meeting yielded a small profit to the BCPSG(UK) funds after all expenses were paid. The figures, all in sterling, are as follows:

INCOME		OUTGOING	
US members pre-meeting	£83.44	Room hire for 9 May 90	£150.00
UK members pre-meeting	175.00	Frames repaired	17.50
US/UK members on day	95.00	Morning coffee	67.00
Food money rec'd on day	320.00	Afternoon tea	100.50
Advert. in program	25.00	50 meals @ £5.00	250.00
US members after meeting	4.68	Extra food on day	48.00
		Postage to USA/UK	19.66
		Subtotal	652.66
		Profit	50.46
BALANCE	£703.12		£703.12

ST. VINCENT - THE GEORGE V 1d. RED, 1912-18 - Part 2

John R. Hilsdon

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War Stamps - The Local Overprints - First Issue

First and Second Settings

With the legislation of the War Stamp Ordinance, there was a need for an immediate supply of War Stamps. An order was sent to De La Rue's for overprinted stamps.

In the meanwhile the shortcoming was solved by locally overprinting stocks of the 1d (second printing, line perforated 14), at the Government Printers, Kingstown. The stamps were overprinted by hand in pairs, 'WAR/STAMP.', in two lines with the words 2-2½mm apart.

The printing was carried out in two settings. The first is identified by alternate stamps having a comma for stop after the word 'STAMP'. (Some catalogs list in error "Every second stamp".)

When the printer set up the type, the comma was inserted in the right hand position as he looked at it. As printed, therefore, it appears on the first, third, fifth, etc. impressions. This can be checked on the illustrated block (Fig. 6a). This block is from the first setting of 1st June 1916, showing plate positions 69/72 - 105/108. The scratch flaws on the two left hand vertical columns do not reproduce in the illustration. The stamp in position 71 displays the variety, overprint doubled. Also apparent are the commas for stops on every odd-numbered stamp. If a straight edge is placed in line with the overprints, the alignment shows the method of printing, by hand, in pairs.

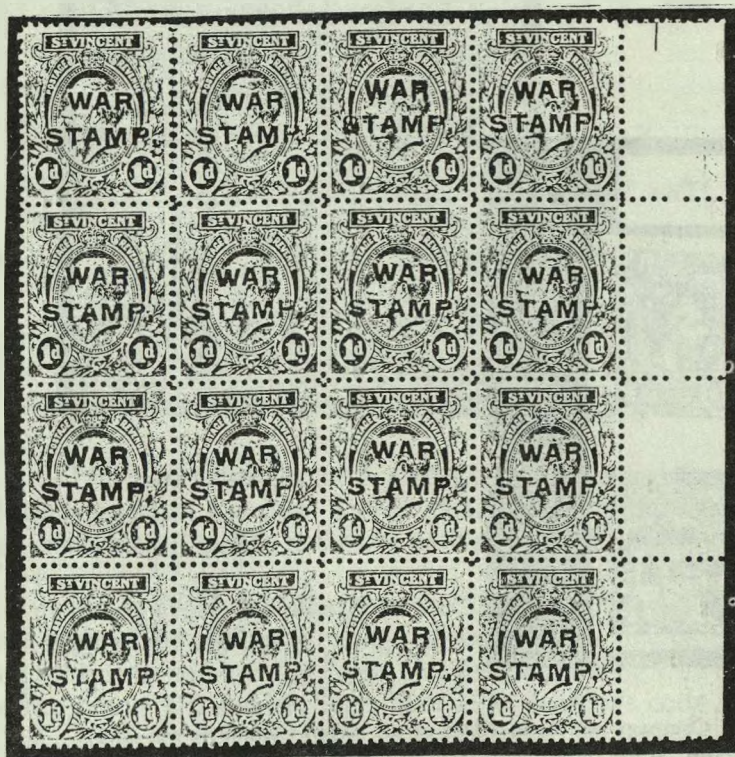


Fig. 6a



Fig. 6b



Fig. 7

At some stage (it is impossible to say when) the comma error was noticed and replaced by a stop. It follows that the two settings should ideally be collected in multiples. Single stamps with the stop after 'STAMP' would be impossible to attribute.

The registration of the overprinting is remarkably accurate, considering what must have been an extremely tedious task, and the printer is to be commended (Fig. 6b). Note that the words in the second setting are 2 to 2½ mm apart, with stops after every stamp.

Double overprints exist of both settings. By the nature of the printing they are not constant, and it is impossible to calculate their numbers. It is probable that they do not merit their relatively high catalog values.

Both settings have been forged on genuine unused 1d stamps and more usually on cleaned fiscally used stamps. Some have forged cancellations. Those forged cancellations that I have seen are in the main rather crude and bear no relation to any known, genuine postmarks of the period. The forgery shown (Fig. 7) was fiscally used, cleaned and a forged overprint applied and then 'cancelled' with an impossible postmark.

It would seem that commercially used examples of this issue are quite scarce.

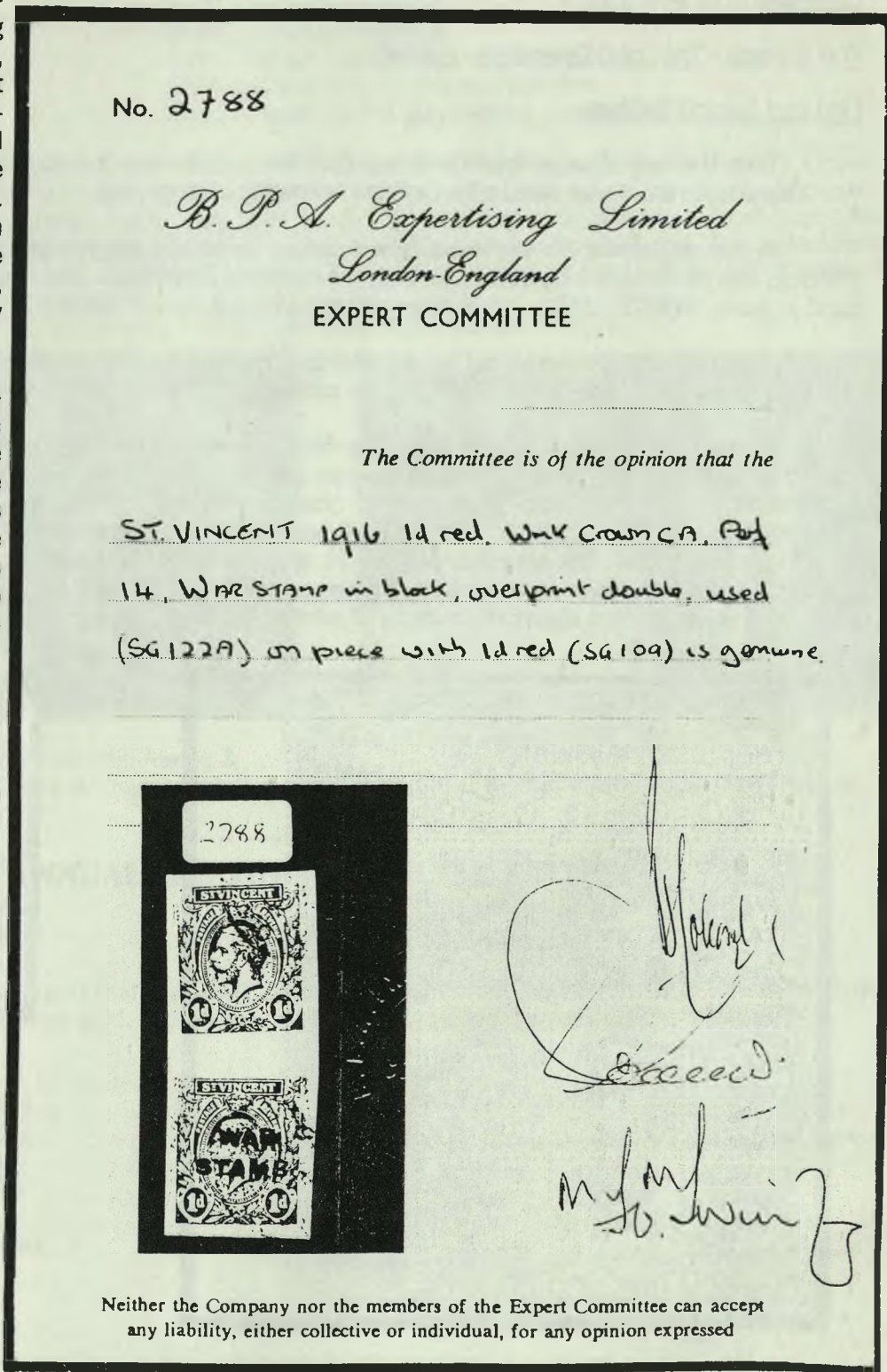


Fig. 8

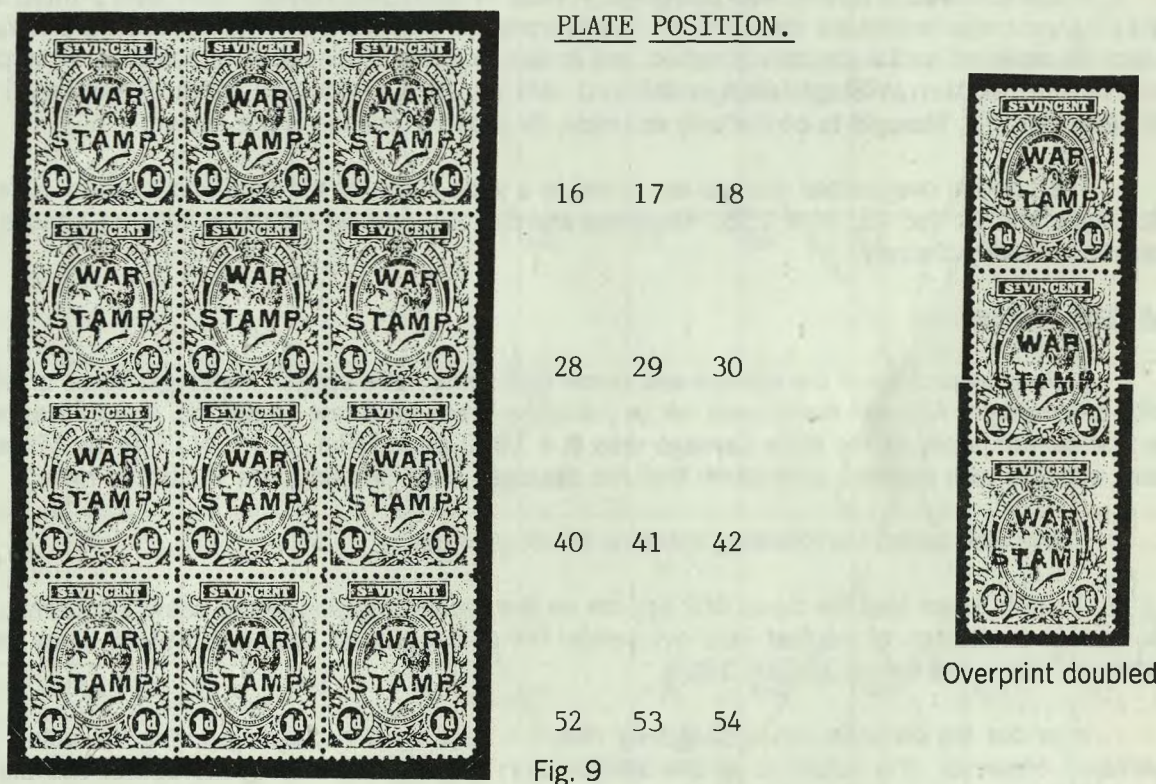
know of only one first day cover. Double overprints, used (Fig. 8), are undoubtedly rare, and caution is advised before purchasing, as again, forgeries do exist.

For dates and printing quantities see the main chart.

Third and Fourth Settings

In May 1916 stocks of the London overprints were running low. A high proportion had been acquired for the philatelic trade. So again it was decided to resort to locally overprinting sheets of the current 1d stamps.

The work was carried out in a way similar to the first locals, only this time the setting started life with the words only 1½mm apart. At some stage the type was adjusted, and the words set at 3½mm apart. It may be that at this stage the overprinting instrument was altered from a pair of impressions to a larger multiple of possibly three lines of three. There is some evidence of this on the illustrated block (Fig. 9). To be certain of this larger pieces than those existing in my collection need to be examined.



The third setting is the scarcest of all the locals. It is estimated that very few sheets were printed. One specialist has been quoted as saying there was only one sheet! Multiples must be regarded as rare. Illustrated (Fig. 10) is a block with overprint doubled, thought to be unique.

In any event, the change to the fourth setting must have happened early in the overprinting. The color is generally of a fairly strong red, but some examples of the fourth setting are on stamps of a distinct light carmine-red, suggesting that the overprinting was carried out on stock from the January 1915 (Author's code 1b) and the September 1916 (Author's code 5) printings of the basic 1d issues.

The London Overprints

De La Rue's overprints, with the words in one line, are an example of their usual faultless quality and workmanship. The first printing was invoiced on 23rd June 1916, with 404 specimens (Fig. 11).



Fig. 10



Fig. 11



Fig. 12

There followed a further five printings. A total of 397,080 stamps were overprinted and, remarkably, no major errors are reported. All the overprinted stamps were line perforated 14. Varieties, watermark reversed and watermark inverted, are known to exist. The most spectacular is an imperforate block of four (ex Murray-Stephenson collection) sold on 22.1.1965, and again in January 1968 by Harmers (Fig. 12). Thought to be the only example, its present location is not known.

The London overprinted stamps are found in a wide range of red tints and shades. Refer to the color notes and list (p. 45, W/N 155). Multiples are plentiful and an attractive array of shades can be acquired relatively cheaply.

The Plate Damage

A close inspection of the stamps will reveal that some have scratch markings, some of which are quite pronounced. Although mentioned in the philatelic press on a few occasions, it would appear that the first serious study of the plate damage was in a 1982 paper (Ref. 2) for W.I.P.R. by Vincent Duggleby, and it is with his kind permission that the damaged plate markings are illustrated here.

I have also based the following notes on his observations:

It would seem that the flaws first appear on the second printing of the basic 1d stamp. As they also appear on stamps of the first local overprints, the damage must have taken place some time after November 1912 and before January 1915.

How did the damage occur? Duggleby makes a case for it happening during the actual printing operation. However, the author is of the opinion that it happened during storage of the plate. It is impossible to be sure in either case.

Interestingly, John Bunt, in his Falkland Islands book (Ref. 3), illustrates damage to the 1/- overprinted plate on page 63, and the pattern of the scratches closely resembles that on the St. Vincent plate. The flaws can be found on stamps of both issues of the local overprints and also on copies of the London overprinted war stamps. Copies of the ordinary 1d value also show the marks, but unaccountably, they appear to be scarcer.

The Plate Repair

Duggleby reports that he showed examples with and without the flaws to an experienced printer who, after some examination, pronounced that the plate had been 'stoned' to remove the scratches. At the same time, the quarter sheet marginal crosses were removed. On marginal multiples from the repaired plate, the areas of these removed crosses show up as pale pink patches.

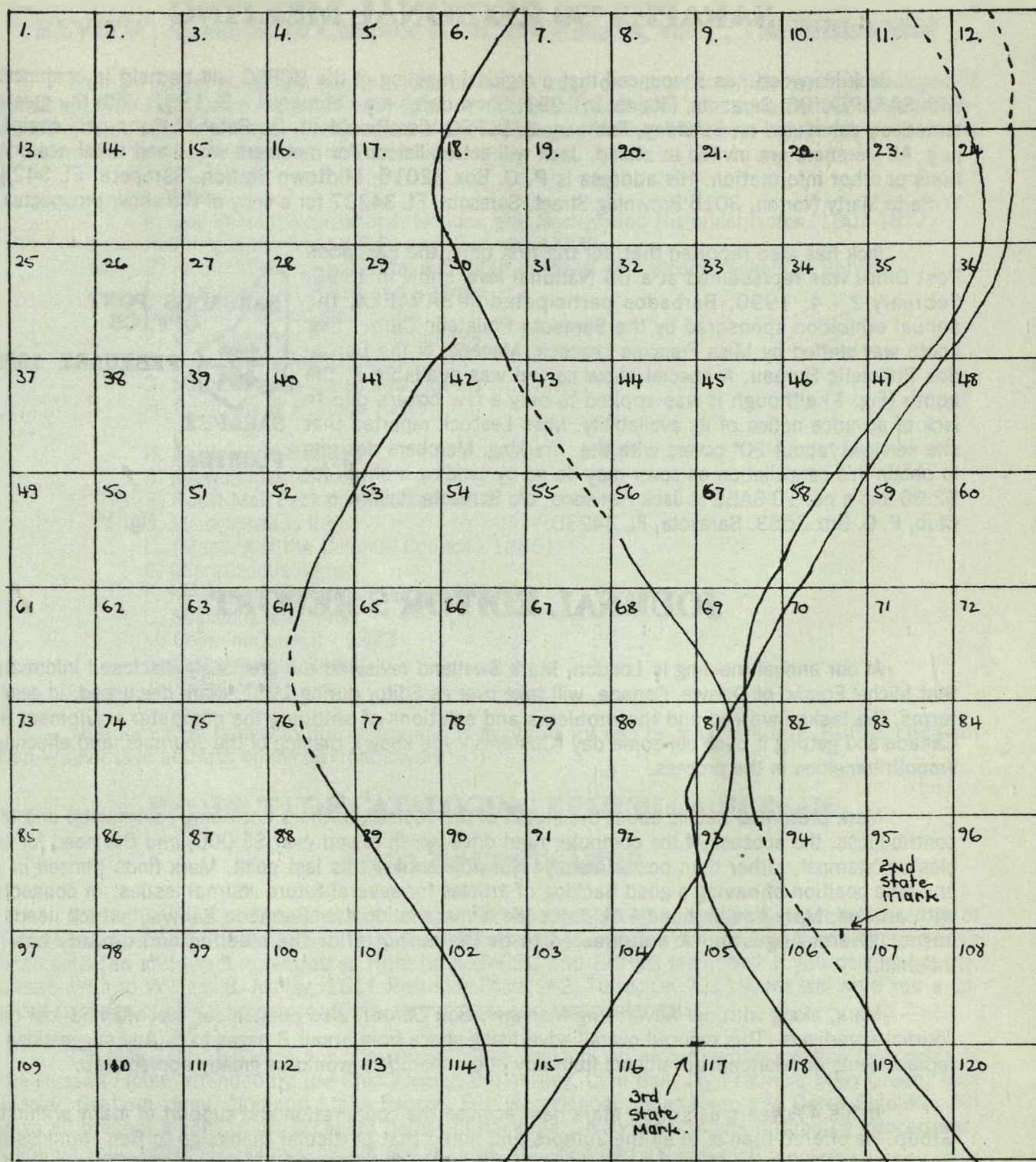


Fig. 13

The repair took place sometime during the first six months of 1917. The reasoning which leads to this conclusion would take several pages of explanation. I, therefore, recommend that readers obtain a copy of Duggleby's fine piece of detective work in which he explains his reasons for arriving at the date.

(To be continued.)

SARAPEX '90 REGIONAL MEETING

Jack Harwood has announced that a regional meeting of the BCPSG will be held in conjunction with SARAPEX '90, Sarasota, Florida, in 1991. Show dates are February 1 - 3, 1991, with the meeting tentatively scheduled on Saturday, February 2. BCPSG Vice President, Dr. Peter McCann, will chair the jury. All members are invited to attend. Jack will act as liaison for members who need hotel accommodations or other information. His address is P. O. Box 32015, Midtown Station, Sarasota, FL 34239. Write to Marty Norton, 3015 Browning Street, Sarasota, FL 34237 for a copy of the show prospectus.

Jack has also reported that, for the first time, the Barbados Post Office was represented at a US National level show in 1990. February 2 - 4, 1990, Barbados participated in SARAPEX, the annual exhibition sponsored by the Sarasota Philatelic Club. Their booth was staffed by Miss Francine Leacock, Manager of the Barbados Philatelic Bureau. A special show cancel was available at the booth (Fig. 1) although it was applied to only a few covers due to lack of advance notice of its availability. Miss Leacock reported that she serviced "about 20" covers with the marking. Members desiring to obtain this cancellation on cover may do so by sending a check for \$2.00 and a no. 10 SASE to Jack Harwood, c/o Sarasota Philatelic Club, P. O. Box 3553, Sarasota, FL 34230.

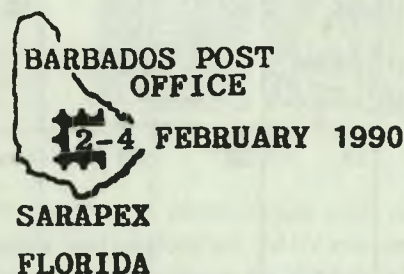


Fig. 1

JOURNAL EDITOR'S REPORT

At our annual meeting in London, Mark Swetland reviewed the previously disclosed information that Michel Forand of Ottawa, Canada, will take over as Editor during 1991. Mark discussed, in general terms, the tasks involved and the problems and solutions of shipping the computer equipment into Canada and getting it back out some day (Customs - you know), mailing of the Journals, and effecting a smooth transition in the process.

Mark presented details about the status of the Journal, authors (including columnists) and their contributions, the success of the computer fund drive which raised over \$5,000, and the need for articles on "stamps", rather than postal history. Notwithstanding this last point, Mark finds himself in the enviable position of having a good backlog of articles for several future Journal issues. In connection with articles, Mark has on hand a ¼" thick file of material on the "Bermuda Railway" which needs an author. (Horst Augustinovic volunteered to be the author after the meeting and already has the material.)

Mark, along with our Advertising Manager, Bob Danzer, also pointed out that we had lost three Journal advertisers. This reduced overall advertising space from about 8 pages to 6. Any suggestions for replacements or additional advertisers from any of our members would be greatly appreciated.

In his 4½ years as Editor, Mark has received the cooperation and support of many within the Group. He offered thanks to all the authors and noted that particular thanks go to Ben Ramkissoon, President 1986-89, Jay Fredrick, President 1990-1991, Bob Swarbrick, International Director, and to one man that none of us but Mark knows, Charles Perry, our capable and cooperative Journal printer.

All in all, our Journal is in great shape (thanks, in part, to our new computer equipment), is in good hands now and in the future, and will continue to serve as our principal successful communication media.

[Reported by Tom Giraldi, Bob Danzer and Jay Fredrick]

REVIEW: Appendix to Chapter III of "DWI Mails, Vol 1", The British Mail

Member **Roger G. Scnell** has provided us with a copy of this work which contains background information and reference sources for Chapter III on the British Mails. This document of 52 pages includes much useful information for students of the Caribbean. Perhaps the best way to show the scope of the work is to cite the headings of the sections.

I. Rates

- A. Documents, Regulations, Notices, and Background Historical Notes (1807-1877) Relating to the British P.O. and Packets at DWI.
- B. Packet Rates coincidental with Start of Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. Service
- C. Miscellaneous Rates and Charges
- D. Postal Regulations - 1863
- E. Miscellaneous Rates and Notices
- F. U.S. British Postal Convention
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The document is now in our library and is available for use by members from BCPSG Librarian Dan Walker (see address on inside front cover).

PROJECT FOR CATALOGING BRITISH CARIBBEAN

PICTURE POSTCARDS

Bill Ashley has undertaken the "management" of a project to assemble and publish catalogs of the picture postcards of the British Caribbean Territories. "Compilers" for each of the Territories have been selected and input is requested from both BWISC and BCPSG members. If you can contribute, please write to William B. Ashley, 1611 Riverside Drive, #2, Tulsa, OK 73119. He will send you a detailed package of guidelines, instructions, terminology and sample formats.

On May 10th, following our annual meeting in London, an indoctrination meeting took place at the Russell Hotel, attended by Joe Chin Aleong, Bill Ashley, Cyril Bell, Jay Fredrick, Mary Green, Tom Giraldi, Graham Hoey, Alan and Stella Pearse, Ben Ramkissoon, Mike Rego and Derek Sutcliffe. Bill gave all present a copy of his excellent hand-out package. Lively discussions of funding, procedures, communication channels, catalog format and printing, etc., followed the hand-out.

If you have any British Caribbean picture postcards, or records of same, we urge you to write Bill with a brief description of your holdings broken down by country. He will then send you the above mentioned package and instructions on getting into the information-exchange "loop".

This project has the full "blessing" of the Publications Committee Chairman, Dr. Ben Ramkissoon, who will provide support from the Group's Publications Fund.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY**FIRST ANNUAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION**

Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the world's first adhesive postage stamp, the Great Britain Penny Black, the British Virgin Islands Philatelic Society staged its first annual philatelic exhibition on May 26 and May 27, 1990, at Barclays Bank, Road Town, Tortola. At least 1000 people visited the bank over the weekend to view the philatelic treasures on display. Visitors from Puerto Rico, the USA, St. Martin and St. Thomas came to see the exhibits. Knowledgeable philatelists and laymen alike expressed their surprise at the magnitude of the event. His Excellency the Governor, Mark Herdman, and his daughter, Bridget, exhibited selections from their BVI and Penny Black collections.

The Exhibit Chairman was Mr. Giorgiio Migliavacca. Vernon Pickering has been kind enough to forward three extra covers bearing the pictorial cancellation of the Penny Black used during the exhibition. I will send these free to the first three members sending the editor an envelope large enough to take a size 10 envelope without folding together with a promise to send a donation to the British Virgin Islands Philatelic Society, P. O. Box 704, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

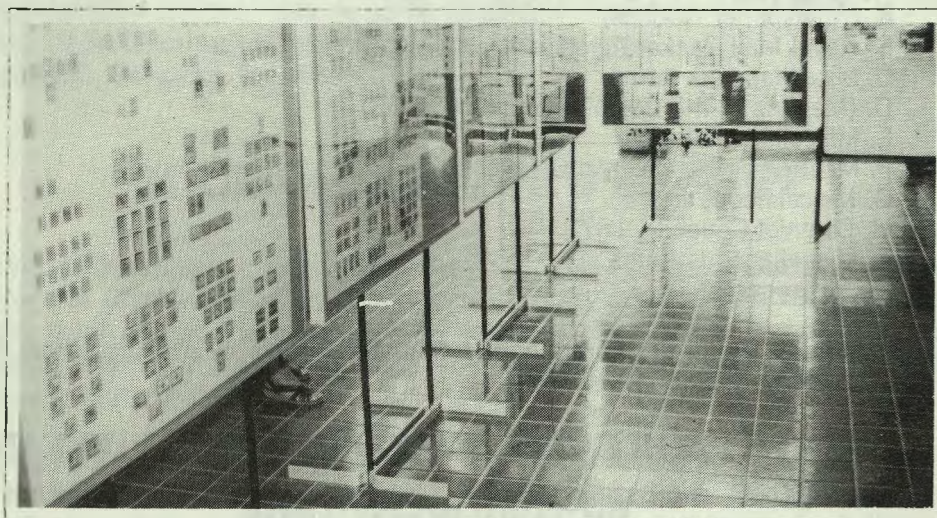


Fig. 1 - A view of the first annual BVI Philatelic Exhibition



Fig 2 - His Excellency the Governor, Mark Herdman, visits the exhibition

JAMAICA JOTTINGS

Ian A. Potter

Further to my previous article I have now reached some conclusions with regard to "H.M.S. Snake". According to the National Maritime Museum in London, the "Snake" in service in 1814 was an 18-gun ship rigged sloop of the "Cruiser Class" which was sold for breaking up in 1816. The ship in service in 1837 "was a brig rigged sloop of 16 guns built in 1832". It appears there were several other ships in the Royal Navy called "Snake" at various dates.

As to the "Leeward Island F" mark applied at Falmouth, England, to a Jamaica letter, this was shown by Bob Swarbrick in his multiple award winning entry at "LONDON 1990" to be the cancel used for unmarked Jamaica mail after the loss of the "Jamaica F" mark in early 1837. However, I have now had a chance to see and photocopy another letter (Fig. 1) from the "Snake" correspondence dated 15 April 1838 and this has a green "Jamaica F" which appears to be badly worn and has no date plugs which explains it being lost to regular use at this time. I can also confirm from my research at the National Maritime Museum that the "Snake" did not go near the Leeward Islands in 1837 and, therefore, the "Leeward Islands F" mark was applied to the letter which was known to originate in Jamaica.

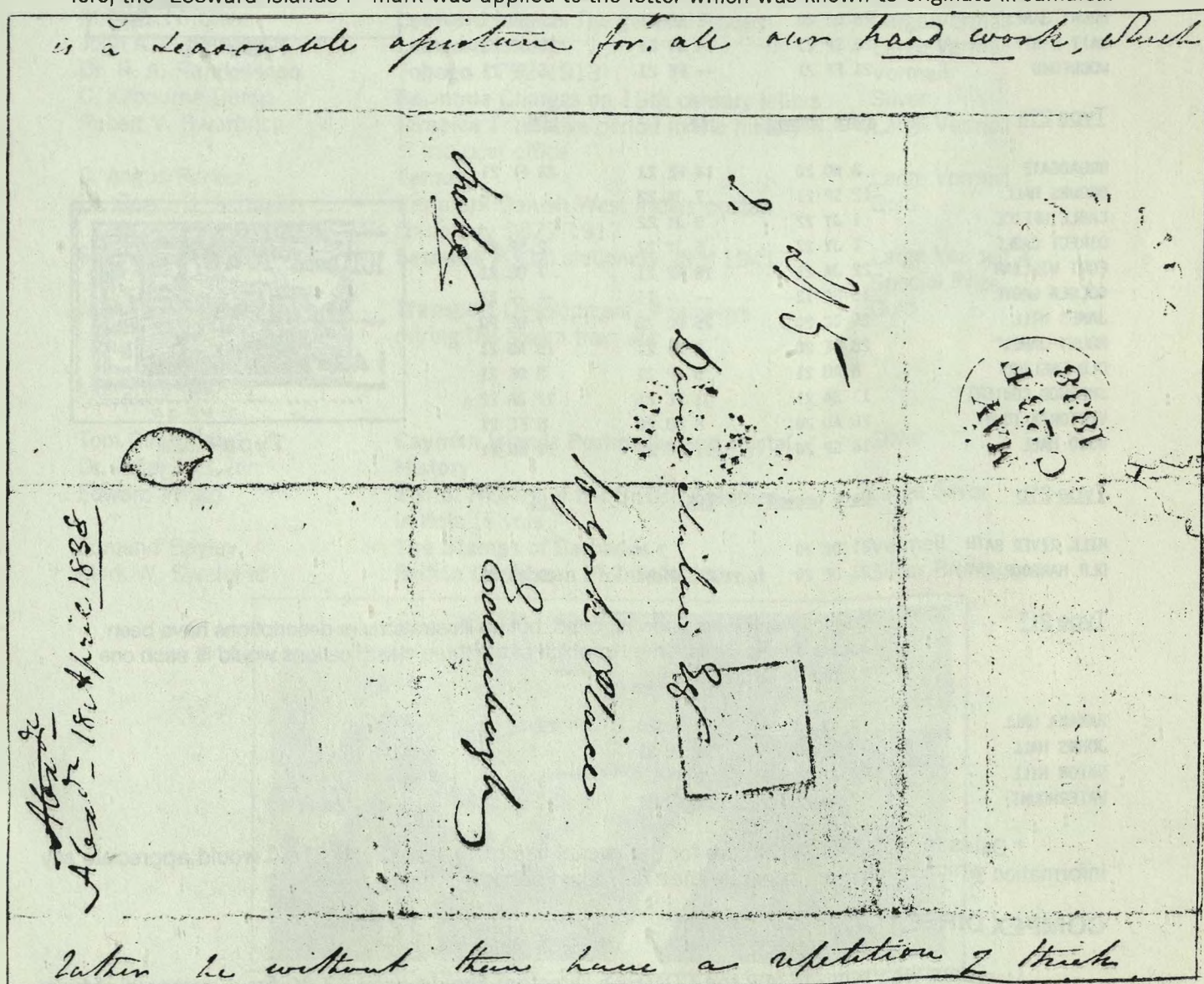
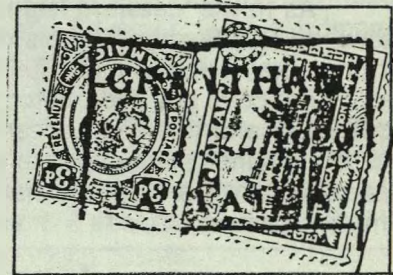


Fig. 1

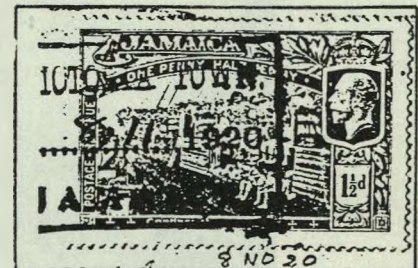
Hugh James has sent me some data on the Type 21 TRDs. "Nicholson's Type 21 mixes three different styles of type in the town names. I have separated them into three divisions, designated type 21, 21a and 21b. In all three the date line with figures in rounded, upright type, and Jamaica, in antique (Devinne) caps, are the same. The town names vary, however. Type 21 has the town name in type similar to JAMAICA. Type 21 has the town name in type similar to typewriter caps, like TRD 18. In Type 21b the town name is in slanting (italic) caps, like TRD Type 15.

<u>Type 21</u>	<u>Date opened</u>	<u>EDK</u>	<u>LDK</u>
ASHKENITH	4 SP 20	30 OC 10	8 SP 21
CHALK HILL	4 OC 21	14 OC 21	27 OC 21
GRANTHAM	25 AU 20	20 SE 20	3 NO 26
HILL TOP	17 DE 20	26 FE 21	9 DE 21
INVERNESS	22 SP 21	27 SP 21	-- SP 22
JONES PEN	1 JY 20	19 JY 20	-- -- 20
KEITH	11 JA 21	11 JA 21	26 OC 21
LASCELLES	12 DE 21	16 DE 21	19 JU 22
LUCKY HILL	6 DE 20	31 NO 20	19 JA 22
MOUNT JAMES*	28 DE 20	2 AP 21	19 AU 21
WAIT-A-BIT	22 SP 21	4 NO 21	29 SP 23
WOODFORD	21 FE 21	-- FE 21	5 SP 21



Type 21

<u>Type 21a</u>	<u>Date opened</u>	<u>EDK</u>	<u>LDK</u>
BROADGATE	3 NO 20	14 FE 21	23 FE 21
BROWNS HALL	12 SP 21	7 JA 22	
CABLE OFFICE	1 JY 22	3 JY 22	
DIRECT CABLE	1 JY 22	5 JY 22	2 SP 22
FORT WILLIAM	22 JA 21	18 AP 21	7 OC 21
GOLDEN GROVE	15 OC 13	-- -- 21	-- -- 21
JAMES HILL	25 OC 20	25 OC 20	7 DE 20
MOUNT JAMES*	28 DE 20	2 AP 21	19 AU 21
OLD ENGLAND	8 AU 21	5 SP 21	9 DE 21
SHERWOOD CONTENT	13 JA 21	1 FE 21	17 JA 22
VICTORIA TOWN	26 AU 20	8 NO 20	8 FE 21
WOOD HALL	18 SP 20	11 OC 20	10 NO 21



Type 21a

<u>Type 21b</u>	<u>Date opened</u>	<u>EDK</u>	<u>LDK</u>
MILK RIVER BATH	21 DE 20	?	?
OLD HARBOUR BAY	23 DE 20	27 AP 21	19 JU 22

Type 21?

The following have been reported, but no illustrations or descriptions have been found. Any information as to which of the three classifications would fit each one would be appreciated.

BANANA HALL	5 AU 23	3 SP 23	29 DE 23
JOHNS HALL	10 DE 20	11 FE 21	
UNION HILL	27 JY 22	8 MY 23	5 AU 23
WATERMOUNT	23 AU 21	31 OC 21	16 NO 21

* Dates for MOUNT JAMES are for the overall use of Types 21 and 21a. I would appreciate any information which would help separate their individual periods of use.

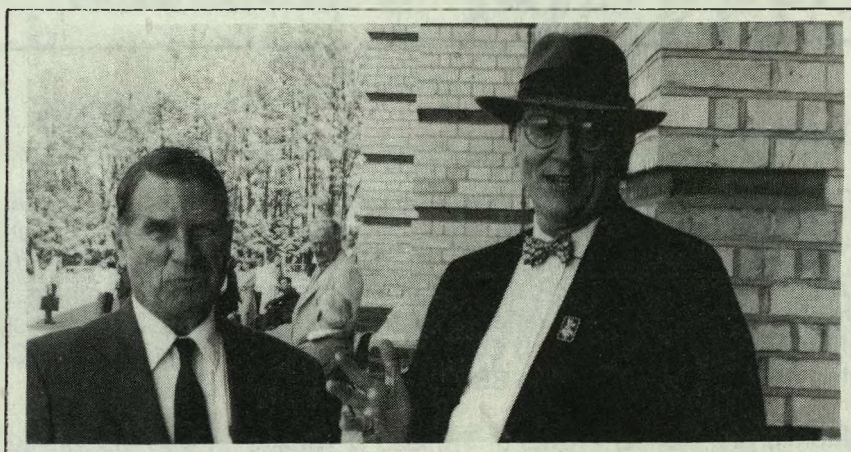
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AWARDS

20 BCPSG members had exhibits entered at Stamp World London 1990. All awards are noted below to recognize their accomplishments even though some are not in our area of study.

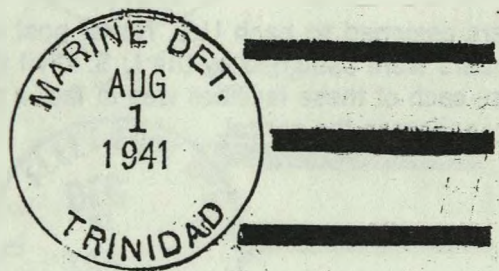
Exhibitor	Title	Award
<u>Stamp Exhibits</u>		
Robert J. Cooley	Queen Victoria Line engraved one penny and two pence 1838-1872	Vermeil
E. Victor Toeg	Antigua	Large Vermeil
Robert W. Dickgiesser	Bermuda 12/6 Keyplates	Vermeil
Simon Greenwood	British Guiana 1850-1899	Gold
Dempsey J. Prappas	Falkland Islands 1871-1935	Silver
Dr. Robert P. Towers	Grenada 1874-1900	Gold
Michael N. Oliver	Leeward Islands The general Issues	Large Vermeil
John A. C. Farmer	Leeward Islands	Large Vermeil
Dr. R. A. Ramkissoon	Tobago 1772-1913	Vermeil
C. Kilbourne Bump	Bermuda Charges on 19th century letters	Silver
Robert V. Swarbrick	Jamaica Formative period in the history of the post office	Large Vermeil
C. Angus Parker	Yemen	Large Vermeil
Dr. Roger G. Schnell	Denmark Danish West Indies postal stationery 1877-1917	Gold
Stephen Schumann	Sarawak Postal stationery until 1941	Large Vermeil + Special Prize
John O. Griffiths	Transport Development of railways during the steam train era	Gold
<u>Literature Entries</u>		
Tom Giraldi and Dr. Peter McCann Edward Proud	Cayman Islands Postmarks and Postal History Postal History of the British Colonies in Asia (6 vols.)	Silver Large Silver
Edmund Bayley Mark W. Swetland	The Stamps of Barbados British Caribbean Philatelic Journal	Vermeil Silver Bronze



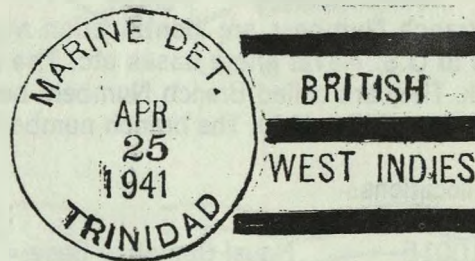
The Cayman Cavaliers, Bob Cooley and Edgar Marston, London 1990

POSTAL HISTORY OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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U.S. Marine Cancels

USM 1



USM 2

Known Usage

	Earliest Known Date	Last Known Date
USM 1	1st April 1941	16th August 1941
USM 2	14th April 1941	4th June 1941

Cachet

A cachet is known applied on mail from the Marine Post Office on 1st August 1941. It is not known whether this was an official cachet.

For National Security
American Base Forces
USMC in the BWI

USMCT 1

Naval Operating Base and Air Station [Navy Number 117]

The formal opening of the United States seaplane base took place on 1st August 1941, under the command of Capt. A.W. Radford (4). The air station was located at Carenage Bay but gradually the operating base was extended to cover most of the Chaguaramus area in the north west peninsula of Trinidad, with aircraft repair facilities, hospital and escort ship repair dock (1). The base was decommissioned on 1st July 1950, when it was reduced to a Naval Station and was finally closed in 1975.

Navy Numbers were disguised mail addresses established in 1942 for security purposes. They were assigned to a specific location which remained fixed for the duration of WW II. Trinidad was allocated No. 117, c/o Postmaster, New York. The Navy Number should not be confused as being an official

P.O. number (11).

Certain Naval Construction Battalions were assigned Naval Numbers but these were discontinued in the spring of 1943. 8160 was assigned to the 30th N.C.B. during its early period in Trinidad.

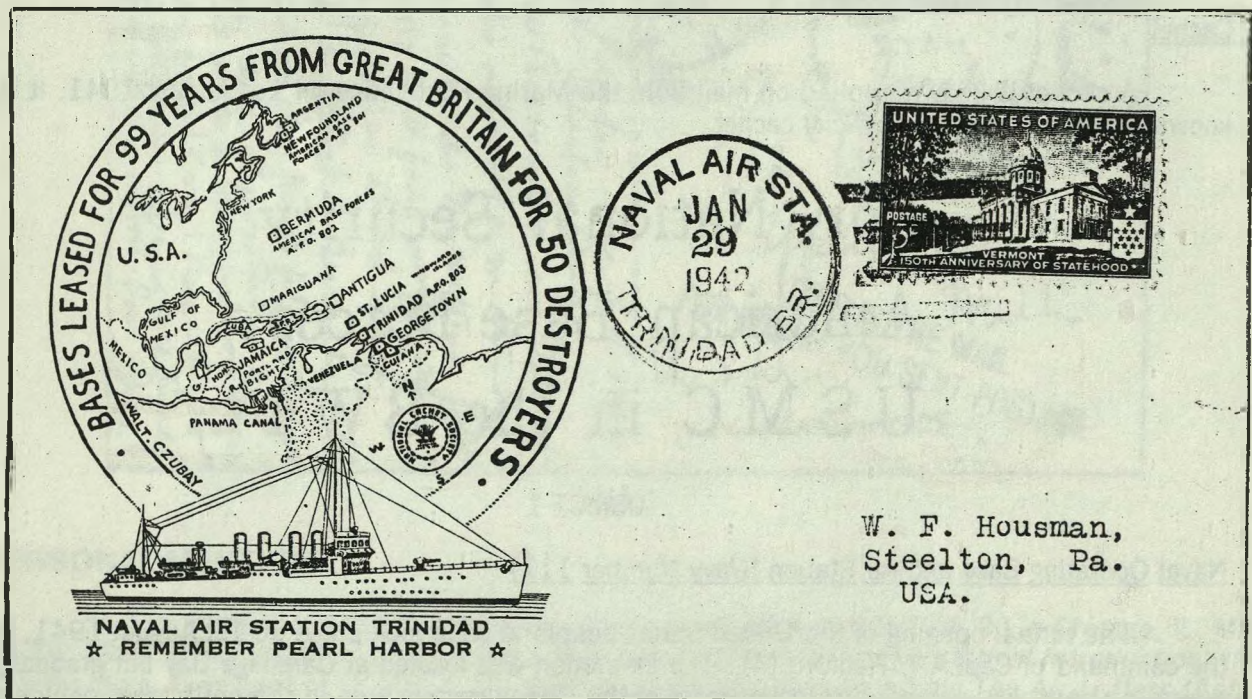
F.P.O. Military "Zip" codes officially went into effect on 1st January 1965. They replaced any Navy Number address. Trinidad was allocated 0955 between 1965 and 1969.

Branch Numbers are identification numbers assigned to each U.S. Naval post office facility attached to U.S. Naval shore bases etc. The numbers were assigned by the U.S. Civil Post Office in New York. They are called Branch Numbers because each of these facilities was in fact a branch of the New York Post Office (11). The branch number may appear in the cancel.

Known allocations:-

10015	Naval Operating Base
10590	559th N.C.B.M.U.
10746	Naval Hospital
10773	Repair Facility
10943	Escort Repair Base
10982	83rd N.C.B. authorised 25th Feb 1943 deactivated ?
10999	80th N.C.B.
13606	Naval Air Station authorised 15th Nov 1948 deactivated ?

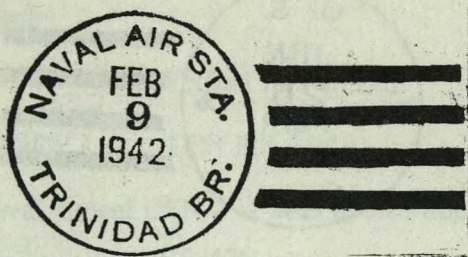
Only 10015 and 13606 are known appearing in cancels.



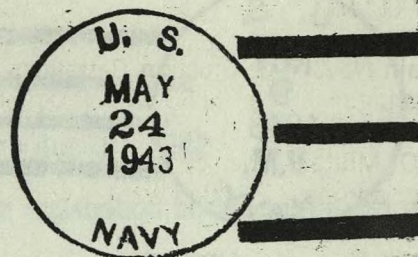
Illustrated cover with cancel USN 1

U.S. Naval Cancels

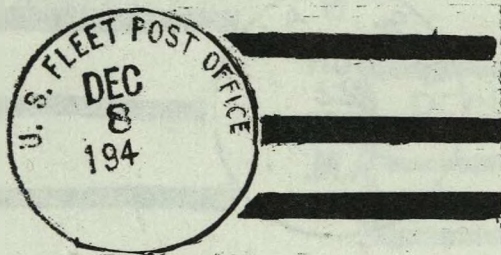
A variety of cancels are known on mail originating in Trinidad. Whether all were applied in Trinidad must be open to speculation but they have been shown here for completeness.



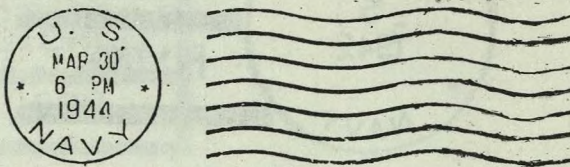
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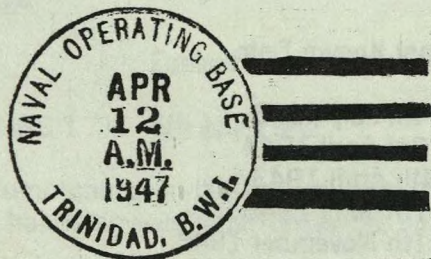
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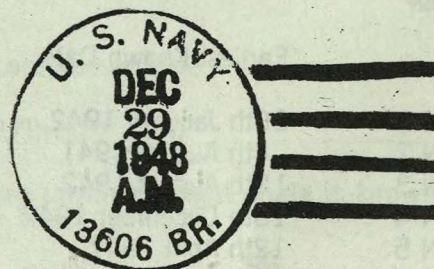
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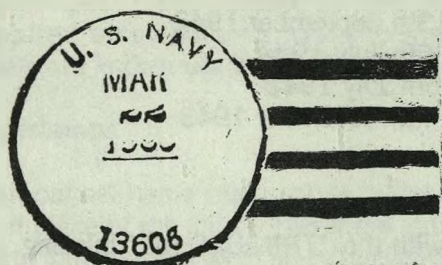
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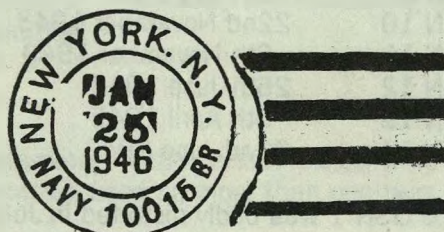
USN 5



USN 6



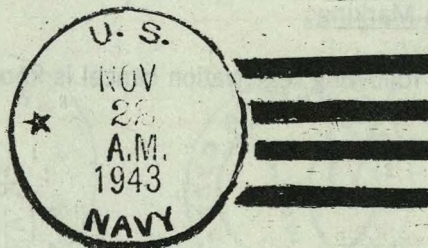
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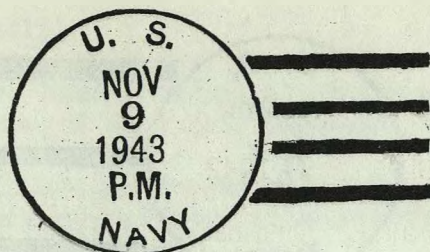
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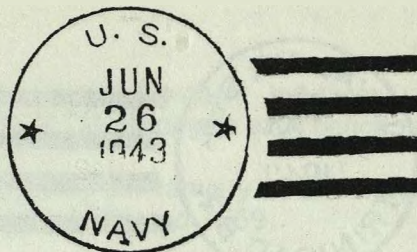
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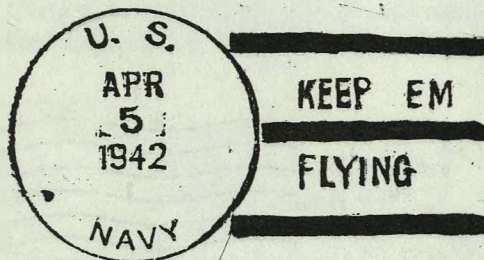
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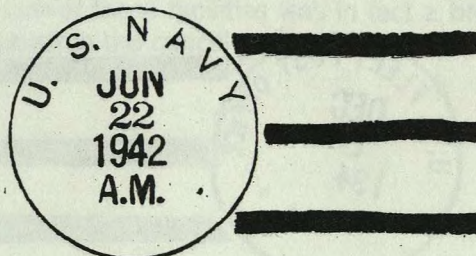
USN 11



USN 12



USN 13



USN 14

Known Usage

	Earliest Known Date	Last Known Date
USN 1	29th January 1942	24th July 1943
USN 2	4th August 1941	3rd April 1944
USN 3	13th August 1942	4th April 1943
USN 4	13th December 1942	11th June 1945
USN 5	12th April 1947	11th November 1948
USN 6	29th December 1948	15th August 1949
USN 7	22nd March 1950	28th October 1953
USN 8	25th January 1946	
USN 9	5th July 1942	13th September 1942
USN 10	22nd November 1943	26th July 1944
USN 11	8th November 1943	5th July 1946
USN 12	26th June 1943	7th December 1943
USN 13	5th April 1942	
USN 14	22nd June 1942	

Type USN 1 was badly distorted in July 1943 with the "TRINIDAD BR" missing.

Type USN 4 was used throughout the Caribbean (3).

Registration Markings

The following registration cancel is known applied as a backstamp.



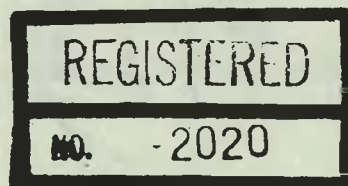
USNRH 1

Known usage

	Earliest Known Date	Last Known Date
USNRH 1	16th July 1942	9th August 1942

Naval cancel USN 2 is also known applied as a registration backstamp in red dated 16th July 1942.

The following handstamp is known used as a cachet on the front of covers to permit the recording of the Registration number.



USNRC 1

Known Usage

	Earliest Known Date	Last Known Date
USNRC 1	5th July 1942	27th July 1942

A dumb cancel in the form of two straight lines forming a right angle is known applied as a registration handstamp in purple dated 5th July 1942.

U.S. Naval Censor Cancels/Labels

It is not possible to allocate definite Censor cancels/labels to Trinidad and Tobago as they could also be applied elsewhere en route to their destination. However the following Naval Censor cancels/labels are known used on mail originating in Trinidad.

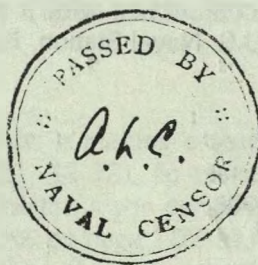
Censor Handstamps

Each cancel has a manuscript initial of the examiner in the centre. USNC 1 is known with a numeral 2 in place of the initial. The same initials are known used on more than one type of handstamp indicating the handstamps were interchangeable.

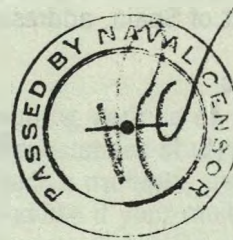
Note:- Type USNC 2, used by the Naval Operating Base in Trinidad, is known used on a cover from the Dutch ship H.M.N.S. Queen Wilhelmina, dated 1st May 1943, with a return address c/o Fleet Post Office, New York.



USNC 1



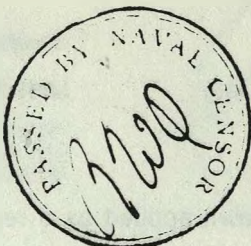
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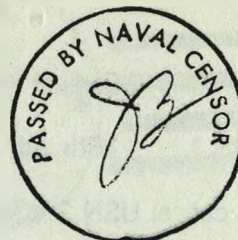
USNC 3



USNC 4



USNC 5



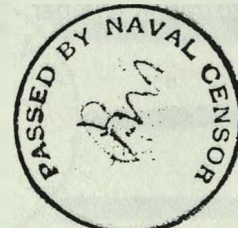
USNC 6



USNC 7



USNC 8



USNC 9



USNC 10

Known Usage

	Earliest Known Date	Last Known Date	
USNC 1	1st August 1941	26th March 1943	in blue and black
USNC 2	25th March 1942	26th September 1944	in black and blue
USNC 3	30th August 1942	11th June 1945	in blue, red, black
USNC 4	25th March 1942	16th March 1945	in black
USNC 5	25th April 1944	8th October 1944	in blue
USNC 6	29th June 1943	9th May 1944	in black
USNC 7	24th May 1943	22nd May 1944	in blue and black
USNC 8	28th June 1943	25th May 1944	in black
USNC 9	9th March 1943	16th May 1944	in black
USNC 10	3rd June 1941		in purple

Type USNC 10 was used in conjunction with a plain cellophane tape on an internal cover, posted in Port of Spain, addressed to U.S. Naval Station, Naval Land Office, Port of Spain.

Censor Labels

Plain
Cellophane
Type

USNL 1

Plain
Brown
Paper

USNL 2

Known Usage

	Earliest Known Date	Last Known Date
USNL 1	3rd June 1941	
USNL 2	26th March 1942	21st September 1943

Unit Allocation

It is difficult to compile a complete listing of units operating from Trinidad due to the transitory nature of many units, eg. ships.

Fixed establishments included :-

Naval Operating Base, Naval Air Station, Naval Hospital,
Repair Facility, Escort Repair Base.

Transitory units included :-

11th Naval Construction Regiment	11th September 1943	-	1st June 1944
30th Naval Construction Battalion	30th December 1942	-	31st January 1944
(with detachments in Br. Guiana, Dutch Guiana & Curacao)			
80th N.C.B.	3rd August 1943	-	6th May 1944
83rd N.C.B.	21st May 1943	-	1st June 1944
559th N.C.B.M.U.	16th December 1943	-	? 1945
(with detachments in Br. Guiana & Curacao)			
560th N.C.B.M.U.	16th December 1943	-	17th February 1944
(deactivated and merged with 559)			
1033rd N.C.B. Detach	18th February 1944	-	March 1944

Office of Naval Intelligence O.N.I.

A handstamp of the O.N.I. has been noted on several detained philatelic items. Why these particular covers were detained is difficult to understand. All were from the Naval Air Station, dated 9th/10th February 1942, with cancel USN 1 and censor mark USNC 1, without censor's initials. All have release date of 5th September 1945.

**RELEASED
BY O.N.I.**

USONI 1

Note: All references will be given in the concluding installment, probably March 1991.
(To be continued)

PERSONAL MENTION

New member **Raymond M. Voll, Jr.** is making a study of printing varieties on the Jamaica red and black Llandoverly Falls stamp (Scott 32, SG 32). To assist in this specialized study, he needs to see this stamp in mint blocks, the larger, the better. If you can lend him such a multiple, please write to him at his address given under NEW MEMBERS on page 102 so he can advise if your multiple will help his study. Ray is in correspondence with several of our members who as yet have been unable to provide the help he needs.

CARIBBEAN ROUNDUP

by Robert H. Ingalls, Jr.

I opened my June copy of the Journal to discover that we are faced with a "Bahamas Challenge" by Gale Raymond. In the case of Caribbean Roundup, I mean that quite literally, our articles appearing on pages 62 and 63 respectively. Confidently turning to the vast, and occasionally yellowing, files of Caribbean Roundup, I prepared to deliver a resounding answer. To my dismay I discovered the entire inventory comprised one item. I think Gale has a point. We need more Bahamas material!

Please take note that the address appearing in the previous issue is not quite correct, and its use might see your mail delivered to a nearby office building. I know, I often get their mail. Send your news items to: Robert H. Ingalls, Jr., 20 Melrose Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830-6213.



Bahamas

Herewith our sole Bahamas item, provided a while back by member... yes, you guessed it, Gale Raymond. Figure 1 is a first day of operations cover from the newest (or perhaps by now one of the newest) Bahamian post office - Cable Beach on New Providence Island. Louis Hanchell of Nassau was in Houston to attend a convention and paid Gale a visit, enjoying his Bahamas albums. Louis thoughtfully brought this cover for Gale to add to his collection.

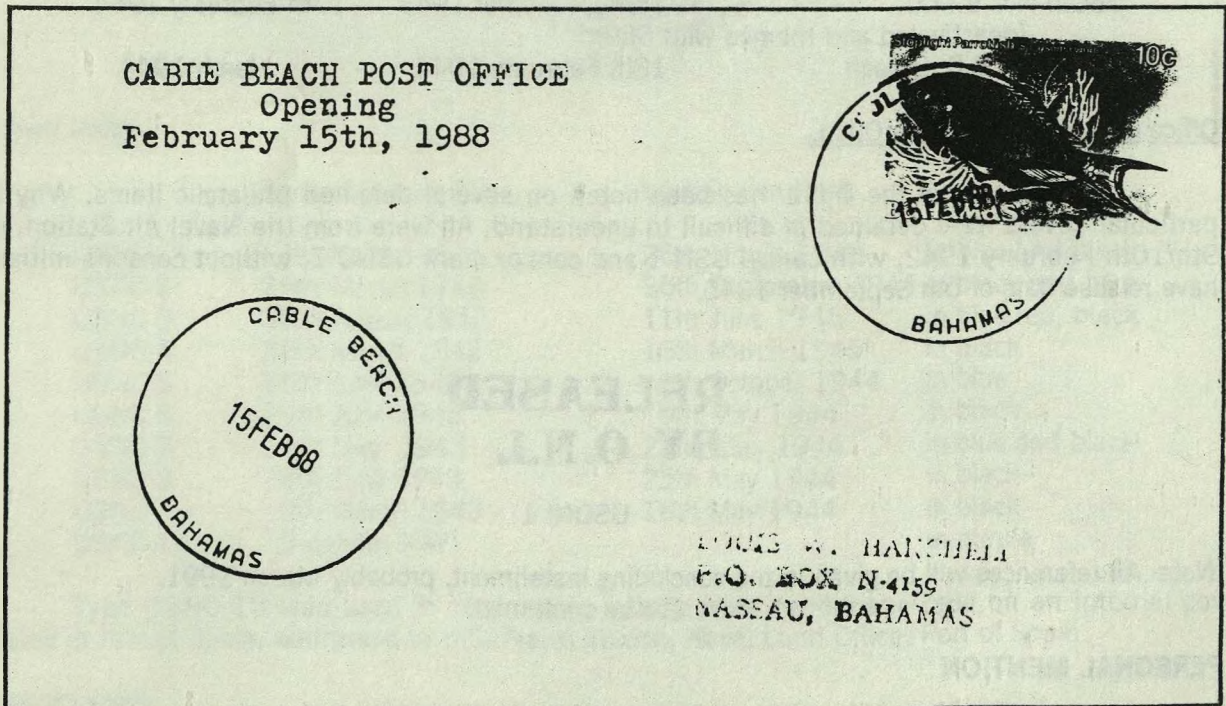


Fig. 1 (100%)

The cover uses a large new-type TRD of the self-inking type (also now in use at Grants Town as reported by Tom Giraldi).

Belize - British Honduras

Dr. Luis Escalante has sent two different variations on the Shell definitives of Belize. Figure 2 is SG 632a, the 1981 Independence Overprint of the 4 shell with the overprint inverted. When Dr. Escalante sent in the illustration, he intended it to complement Carl Troy's 1984 BCPJ article reporting similar inversions on the 10¢ and 85¢ stamps. Ironically, the most recent Stanley Gibbons I have (1988) mentions only the 4¢ and a \$5, both unpriced.



Fig. 2 (100%)



Fig. 3 (100%)

Figure 3 is SG 745, a 1983 10¢ surcharge of the 35¢ shell. As can be seen, the surcharge is shifted upwards and to the right so badly that it is almost unrecognizable. A trace of the "10c" can be made out in the top border of the stamp just above the royal cypher. The rectangle to the left is part of the obliterator from the adjacent stamp. Belize seems to have had some problems with this issue, as Gibbons catalogs surcharge omitted, vertical pair lower stamp without surcharge, and surcharge double.

Figure 4 is a registered cover from Dr. Luis Escalante to Ben Ramkissoon. Although the registration label is not of a style with which most of us are familiar, Ben notes that the addition of the blue rubber-stamped "Belize City" is apparently new, or rather was new in 1986.

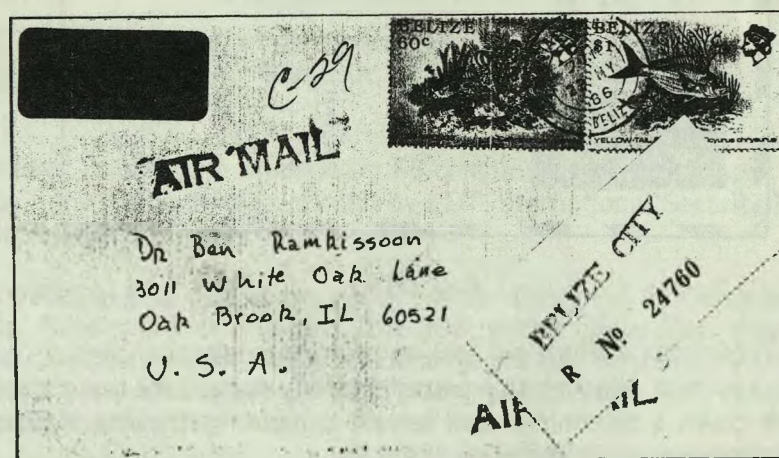


Fig. 4 (64%)

In contrast to the spartan simplicity of the registration label is the official cover from 1987 in Figure 5. I seem to be establishing a pattern for being unsure of initials, (and thank those members telling me what OT&TGS stood for), but guess that "OSGB" stands for On the Service of the Government of Belize. In the upper right corner appears a rather attractive double oval Official Paid handstamp in purple with manuscript initials and the date. The large receipt stamp from the Ministry of Finance and Development is also in purple. The intimidating size and the large space for a dollar amount would indicate this stamp may be a general-purpose receipt stamp and not an exclusively postal marking.

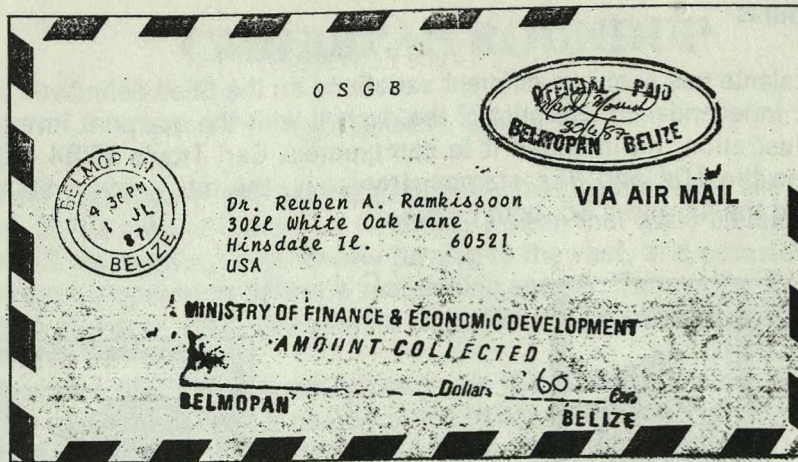


Fig. 5 (64%)

Figure 6 shows another official cover, this one from two months after independence. The OSGB can be seen faintly at the top and a large double circle departmental stamp in red, signed and dated, appears at bottom right. The name of the department is illegible [A???, too short to be Agriculture], but the addressee is at the Ministry of Natural Resources in Belmopan.



Fig. 6 (64%)

Finally, Figure 7 provides a nostalgic look at the pre-independence days of the last British colony on the American mainland. Although this peccary cleverly dodged the meter cancel by running for the top left corner of the cover, a determined civil servant hamstrung it with a handstamp exhibiting a flair equal to any pig-sticking prowess in the army of the Raj.

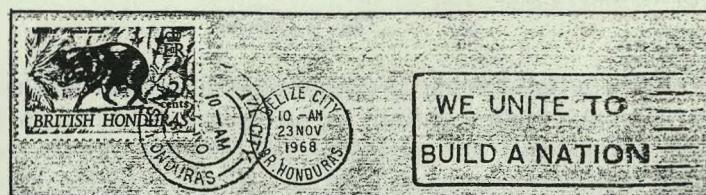


Fig. 7, partial (64%)

NEW ISSUES

by Bruce E. Watts

ANGUILLA: Eaaster set of four and SS. Release date not reported. Designed by J. Vigurs and printed by The House of Questa. Denominations are: 35¢, the Last Supper; 45¢, trail of Jesus; \$1.35, Calvary; \$2.50, discovering the empty tomb; and \$6 SS, the Resurrection.

ANTIGUA and BARBUDA: Coral reef fish set of eight and two SS. To be issued May 21. Designed by Gordon Drummond and printed by The House of Questa. Denominations are: 10¢, flame fish; 15¢, coney; 50¢, squirrel fish; 60¢, sergeant major; \$1, yellowtail snapper; \$2, rock beauty; \$3, Spanish hogfish; \$4, striped parrot fish; and two \$5 SS, blackbar squirrel fish and four-eyed butterfly fish.

BAHAMAS: International Literacy Year 1990 set of three. To be issued June 27. Designed by G. Vasarhelyi and printed by The House of Questa. Denominations are: 10¢, 40¢ and 50¢. All show children studying.

BELIZE: Turtles set of six. July release. Designed by Gordon Drummond. Denominations are: 10¢, green turtle; 25¢, hawksbill turtle; 60¢, loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*); 75¢, loggerhead (*Staurotypus triporcatus*); \$1, bocatroa; and \$2, hicattee.

BERMUDA: Stamp World London 90 logo overprinted on the Commonwealth Postal Conference issues of 1989.

CAYMAN ISLANDS: Angelfish set of four. To be released on April 25. Designed by Derek Miller and printed by The House of Questa. Denominations are: 10¢, French angelfish; 25¢, queen angelfish; 50¢, grey angelfish; and \$1, rock beauty.

JAMAICA: Girl Guiding 75th anniversary set of three. No release date reported. Designed by John Sayer and printed by BDT International Security Printing. Denominations are: 45¢, 55¢ and \$5. All show Girl Guides.

MONTSERRAT: London 1980 stamps overprinted with new values and the Stamp World London 90 logo. The new values are: 70¢ on 40¢; 90¢ on 55¢; \$1 on \$1.20; \$1.15 on \$1.20; and \$1.50 on \$1.20.

ST. KITTS: Battle of Britain 50th anniversary SS containing two \$3 stamps. Release date September 15. Designed by Tony Theobald and printed by BDT International Security Printing. The two stamps show Spitfire airplanes.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: Bird definitives set of twelve. Designed by Derek Miller and printed by The House of Questa. Denominations and birds are: 20¢, yellow oriole; 25¢, green-rumped parrotlet; 40¢, fork-tailed flycatcher; 50¢, copper-rumped hummingbird; \$1, bananaquit; \$2, semp; \$2.25, channel-billed toucan; \$2.50, bay-headed tanager; \$5, green honeycreeper; \$10, cattle egret; \$20, golden olive woodpecker; and \$50, peregrine falcon.

SESCAL 1990 REGIONAL MEETING

Bruce Watts has notified us that the regional meeting, scheduled for SESCAL 1990, will take place on Saturday, October 13th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please contact Bruce at P. O. Box 619, Idyllwild, CA 92349 or by phone at (714) 659-4132 to let him know that you are coming, to pass on your ideas or comments or to let him know that you are bringing an informal display. Both Bruce and Prsident Jay Fredrick hope for a large turnout of members. Regional meetings give members in the area a chance to get together and find out what the other members look like. Being able to put a face with a name you may have known for some time, perhaps even corresponded with, is always a thrill. This is a wonderful opportunity for West Coast members to meet, share their knowledge and enjoy the friendship side of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group.

SECRETARY'S REPORT**NEW MEMBERS**

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

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

ALMAN, Willard S., 828 Arrow Lane, Ridgewood, NJ 07450, Collects British Commonwealth Postal History, by Thomas E. Giraldi

BIHAULT, Captain M., 20 Rue D'Hastings, 14000 Caen, France, Collects Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica Numerals, St. Vincent, British Honduras, by Thomas E. Giraldi.

FIELDS, Anthony, Anthony Fields Trading Company, Bank Hall, St. Michael, Barbados, Collects Barbados First Day Covers, by Thomas E. Giraldi.

HOLLENBECK, Martin F., 11341 Earlywood Drive, Dallas, TX 75218, Collects West Indies British Naval History, Haiti (US Marine Occupation), Denmark, Iceland, Faroes, France, by Mark W. Swetland.

COOLEY, Robert J., Box 2330, Avalon, CA 90704, Collects , Great Britain Line-Engraved First Issues, Cayman Islands, by Thomas E. Giraldi.

VOLL, Raymond M., Jr., P. O. Box 640235, Kenner, LA 70064, Collects printing varieties on Empire George VI and Elizabeth to 1965 with some interest in earlier issues, by Mark W. Swetland.

DECEASED

LECKIE, Peter D., LEWARN, Anthony W.

ADDRESS CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

BARTLETT, Graham C., change postal code to BS4 4JF.

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WADE, Dale D., 209 Colebrook Drive, Macon, GA 31210-9454.

PERSONAL MENTION

Member **Tony Farmer** writes that he has been invited to give a display of Leeward Islands on Monday 29 October 1990 to Merseyside Philatelic Society who meet at The Audio Visual Room, Central Library, William Brown Street, Liverpool from 7:00-9:00 PM. This is a marvelous chance to hear Tony speak on the subject he knows so thoroughly. See his award on page 89.

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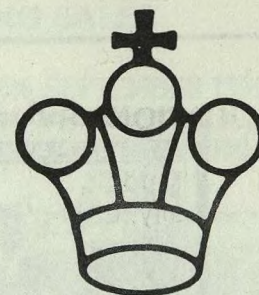
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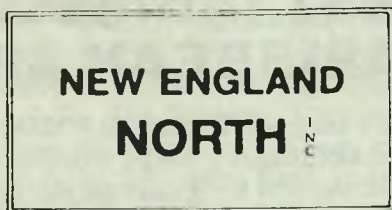
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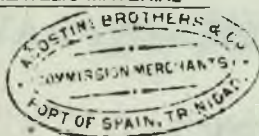


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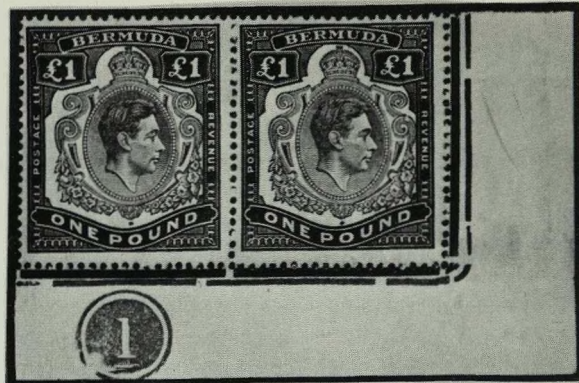
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