

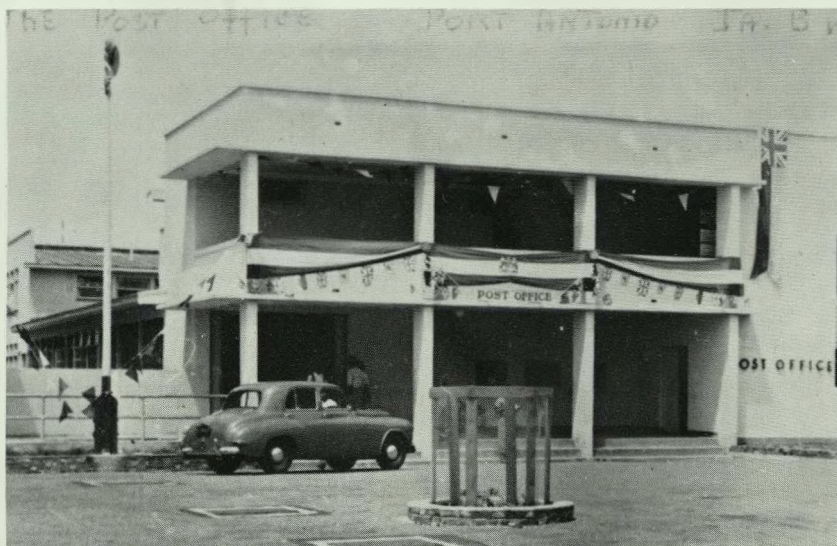
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The Port Antonio Post Office in Jamaica  
decorated for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II  
(photo courtesy of Frank Nelson)

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Writing this last editorial brings sadness and exhilaration - sadness because I will no longer be serving the Group and exhilaration because I will escape the deadlines that have ruled my activities for the past five years. Before becoming editor, I wondered whether I would have the self-discipline needed to organize the work and hold to a regular schedule. I did but it was always a challenge.

Leaving this position will not provide spare time. This January I was elected President of the Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society for a two-year term. I am also a candidate for a three-year term on the Moss Creek Owners Association Board of Directors. Ample opportunities to serve still exist. Life will be busy and I would not have it otherwise.

The British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group comprises the most wonderful group of people in the world. I will miss the many contacts with you. You all have my thanks, those who have so ably supported the editor with your articles and those who have so well supported the Group with your membership and contributions. As editor, you feel that you are at the center of the Group and your work is magnified by this support.

Michel Forand will take the new equipment, computer and printer, to Canada in April. This gives me a problem. I have fallen in love with its capabilities and going back to my original computer seems unbearable. Can I afford to buy my own new equipment?

As a reminder, send future articles to Michel Forand, P. O. Box 0145, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1N 9P4. Please give him the same support. And thanks for the opportunity to be your editor!

## 1991 DUES

Your membership status as this mailing is shown by the date following your name on the label. For example, (R90) after your name says that neither Tom Cusick nor Bob Swarbrick has advised me that your 1991 dues have been paid. (R91) or higher says that I have you paid through the end of this year. Life members have (R99) on their labels. Our editor in the last part of this decade will need to adjust this date but it will serve Michel for the first few years of his work.

All those whose labels read (R90) should find a yellow sticker on the outside of their envelope reading "MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED / LAST ISSUE". If you have paid your dues recently, this information will reach me and you will continue to receive future journals without further effort on your part. If you think you paid some time ago, please check with Tom or Bob because they have not yet passed this data to me. Finally, if you have not yet sent in your 1991 dues, now is the best time to do so. This will assure that your journals keep on coming without interruption.

## MONOGRAPHS

Sales of Monograph no. 10 *The Town Cancels of British Honduras, 1880-1973*, by Edward F. Addiss have been going well. 115 copies of this monograph have been sold. 50 copies (out of the 300 ordered) of *The Furness Line to Bermuda*, by Morris Ludington and Michael Rego, are promised by the printer for 14th February. 37 advance orders are on hand. Review copies will be sent out shortly.

Current prices for both monographs follow:

	No. 10	No. 11
USA orders via printed matter rate	US \$15.50	US \$15.00
Canadian orders via printed matter rate	US \$15.50	US \$15.50
All overseas destinations as surface printed matter	US \$16.90 £8.50	US \$16.00 £8.00
Central America and West Indies as air printed matter	US \$18.00 £9.00	US \$17.00 £8.50
Europe as air printed matter	US \$19.00 £9.50	US \$18.00 £9.00
South Africa and the Far East as air printed matter	US \$19.00 £9.50	US \$19.00 £9.50



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jay Fredrick

As we enter the second year of my term as President, I thank all of you who have written or phoned me regarding the administration of the Group. Your ideas, suggestions, cooperation and support can only benefit us all!

I also thank the dealers who advertise in our Journal for their financial support. With any group, "finances" are a key element in the smooth operation of the group. If you can recruit or suggest additional advertisers, get in touch with Bob Danzer, our Advertising Manager. He will appreciate your help! And, in turn, support our advertisers with your business!

On the subject of dealers, I need help in solving a problem that arises at our annual meetings. Few of our dealer-members attend these meetings since they are held during the show hours. The obvious solution - hold the meetings before or after the period when the show is open - creates problems of meeting location, duration, inclusion of meals, etc. Let's hear your ideas and views on this subject! A workable solution will give us the benefits of the dealers' presence, their expertise, their participation in our programs, and, most importantly, the opportunity to socialize with each other in a non-business environment - all worthwhile objectives.

Let me remind you of our 30th anniversary meeting to be held at INDYPEX in Indianapolis, September 6 - 8, 1991. The event will be celebrated by a 64-page June issue of our Journal, the first to be published by our incoming editor Michel Forand. Our goal is to publish an article on all the countries that our Group represents. Let's get busy and give Michel a warm welcome to his new position.

For the program, we will build upon the format of our most successful 1990 meeting in London. A major difference at our 1991 meeting is that we will be able to hold our auction on-site. This will affect the time period of the meeting. Again, let's hear from you! (Ten heads are better than one - especially mine!) Contact Dr. Peter McCann, who is coordinating the meeting planning, or me. Thanks!!!

### IN MEMORIAM

Member **Charles I. Ball** passed away in his sleep last December 16th according to a report in Linn's for January 7, 1991. I first met Charles as a collector of Ohio postal history in which we had a common interest. Later he appeared in my office in New Jersey one afternoon just before returning to Cleveland. I then learned he was a corrosion engineer with Sohio. We made arrangements to get together on his next trip, but unfortunately, the project was shelved and his next trip never materialized. I did see him at several stamp shows afterwards and we always had lots of information to exchange. He will be missed by his many friends.

Former member **Henry D. Hicks** of Nova Scotia and his wife were killed in an auto accident last December according to word just received from Michel Forand. Henry served in the Canadian Senate from his appointment in 1972 to his resignation in 1990 and was also President and Vice Chancellor of Dalhousie University while he was a member of the BCPSG.

He resigned some time ago after selling his collection of Bermuda at Robson Lowe in September 1975. With 256 lots this sale was the largest single-country offering of Bermuda material up to this time. His collection was especially strong in covers of the pre-adhesive and Queen Victoria periods, as well as in proofs of the Queen Victoria, Docks and Tercentenary issues. While the total realization was far below the stupendous sums realized by the Tucker and Ulrich sale, the quality of the Hicks material was such that many items found their way into those splendid collections. Christie's Robson Lowe also sold Senator Hicks's collection of "crowned circles" in May 1984. This collection included over 45 examples from the West Indies. A profile of Senator Hicks appeared in *The Canadian Philatelist* for November 1990 (shortly before his death).



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### NEW MEMBERS

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

### APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

BABB, Graham, 2438 Okeson Circle, Holladay, UT 84117, collects Bermuda, Jamaica, most other West

Indies - pre-1960, French West Indies.

CALLIN, Raymond E., 151 Serrano Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132, Collects Isle of Man, Great Britain, US, Canada, Salvation Army FDC, Penguins, Owls, Pandas, by Mark W. Swetland.

O'SHEA, Timothy, 46 Coolidge Road, Chicopee, MA 01013-3232, by M. F. Roett.

PARKER, Dennis T., 5008 Buffalo South Court, Ft. Worth, TX 76119-7809, Collects worldwide, fish on stamps, by Gale Raymond.

ROBBINS, Colin, Keasts, Draynes, Liskeard, Cornwall PL14 6RY, United Kingdom, Collects Bahamas, by Bob Swarbrick.

WATEROUS, Edward W., P. O. Box 1105, Homewood, IL 60430, Collects Bahamas, Bermuda, early ship mail to/from West Indies, by Paul Larsen.

### RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

CHIN, Bernard A., DEWES, Peter W., THOMPSON, Derek.

### DECEASED

BALL, Charles I.

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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1990

Membership at end of 1989 437

#### Less

Members resigned

7

Dropped for non-payment of dues

13

Deceased

4

#### Plus

New members

22

Reinstated

1

Totals

24

23

Membership at end of 1990

436



## BOOK REVIEW - The Airmails of Bermuda 1925-1989

A Specialized Catalogue and Illustrated Price List by William J. Clark. Published by the Havemeyer Press, Greenwich, Connecticut, 1990, 64 pages, softcover, about A5 size. US \$19.95 postpaid within the USA. Add \$3.00 for postage to other countries.

This is a catalogue and price list of material the author has for sale. It grew out of a project originally conceived for the Bermuda Collectors' Society, the production of a highly specialized catalogue on all phases of Bermuda philately. The first flight section, which Mr. Clark was asked to prepare, seemed increasingly to warrant its own separate publication.

The Catalogue lists nearly every known first flight or special flight connected with Bermuda. Each page lists a different flight, with all known covers or dispatches listed and priced. One cover from each flight is shown, and where the author did not have a cover or had not seen one, there is a blank space, hopefully to be filled in for the next edition.

The Catalogue was done on a Macintosh computer with the covers scanned in by computer scanner. This shows the cachets and markings quite well but the stamps on the covers do not show up so well. Since the catalogue is not really concerned with the stamps, the scanning of the covers may be considered adequate.

The listings are in chronological order, so it is easy to find a particular flight. There are a few errors in airline names and the takeover of Northeast Airlines was by Delta, not Eastern. Some abbreviations are used which are not explained. The bibliography also left out some major references, such as the Francis J. Field publications. In spite of a few errors or omissions, the catalogue is well done, easy to use, and provides a useful listing of all Bermuda aerophilately.

The author plans to provide updates or revised editions to the Catalogue, as he acknowledges the fact that additional information and covers will be forthcoming. Thus, future editions will pick up the missing information and correct the few errors. While the price seems a bit high, the author advises that people who contribute significant information or editorial assistance will receive free copies of the next edition.

Copies may be ordered from Kendall C. Sanford, 4 Avenue General Guiguer, CH-1197 Prangins, Switzerland.

## UPDATE ON THE SNAKE

Member Basil Benwell has written the following notes regarding Ian Potter's comment on the Snake in his Jamaica Jottings article in W/N 157:

"In answer to Mr. Potter's query in the December issue of the Journal the SNAKE was the 1st packet of the month in June 1814 arriving in Barbados July 5-9 1814. This may have been the SNAKE which carried his letter although it was probably the sailing Packet SNAKE. He may be interested in reading "SOUTH AMERICAN PACKETS by Rev. J. N. T. Howat from which the following has been extracted.

SNAKE built in 1802 in Spain, 210 tons. In service 1809-1818.

Captains:	William Thompson	appointed 11.11.1808
	Robert Masterman	appointed 11.12.1813
	? Bowden	appointed 1815

This packet departed Falmouth on 13.05.1808 for Rio and Bahia returning to Falmouth on 10.10.1808 and again departed Falmouth on 20.4.1816 for Rio and Bahia returning to Falmouth on 29.8.1816."



## NEW ISSUES

by Bruce Watts

**BARBADOS:** Set of four yellow warbler / Worldwide Fund for Nature. To be issued March 19, 1991. Designed by Gordon Drummond and printed by BDT International Security Printers. Denominations are: 10¢, male yellow warbler (*Dendroica petechia*); 20¢, male and female; 45¢, female with hatchlings; \$1, male with fledgling. All show WWF emblem.

**BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS:** 1992 Barcelona Olympic set of four stamps and SS. Issue date November 1990. Designed by Derek Miller and printed by The House of Questa. Denominations are: 12¢, judo; 40¢, yachting; 60¢, hurdles; \$1, horse show jumping; and \$2 SS, windsurfing.

**CAYMAN ISLANDS:** Set of four butterflies / Expo 90, Osaka, Japan. Issue date October 24, 1990. Designed by Gordon Drummond and printed by The House of Questa. Denominations are: 5¢, soldier (*Danaus eresimus*); 25¢, pygmy blue (*Brephidium exilis*); 35¢, Cayman crescent spot (*Phyciodes phaon*); \$1, gulf fritillary (*Dione vanillae*).

**DOMINICA:** Set of eight and two SS Disney characters and carousels. Designed by Walt Disney Co. and printed by The House of Questa. Denominations are: 10¢, Mickey Mouse riding frog; 15¢, Huey, Dewie and Louie on an elephant; 25¢, Donald Duck on a bear; 45¢, Goofy riding a goat; \$1, Donald on a giraffe; \$2, Daisy Duck on a stork; \$4, Goofy on a lion; \$5, Daisy on a palomino; and two SS, \$6, various characters on a swan carousel, and \$6, various on a winged chariot carousel.

**GUYANA:** "90th Birthday / The Queen Mother" overprinted on the butterfly issue. Overprints are on the 80¢, \$2.25, \$5, \$6.40, \$7.65 \$8.90, \$25, \$100, \$130 SS and \$190 SS.

**ST. KITTS:** Set of four Christmas stamps showing traditional games. Designed by G. L. Vasarhelyi and printed by The House of Questa. Issue date November 14, 1990. Denominations and games are: 10¢, single fork; 15¢, boulder breaking; 40¢, double fork; \$3, the run up.

**ST. LUCIA:** Christmas set of four paintings. To be issued in December 1990. Designed by Derek Miller and printed by The House of Questa. Denominations are: 10¢, "Adoration of the Magi" by Rubens; 30¢, "Adoration of the Shepherds" by Murillo; 80¢, "Adoration of the Magi" by Rubens; \$5, "Adoration of the Shepherds" by Champaigne.

**TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS:** Christmas set of eight and two SS showing Peter Paul Rubens paintings. Issue date and designer not reported. Printed by The House of Questa. Denominations are: 10¢, 50¢, 75¢ show details from "Triumph of Christ over Sin and Death"; 15¢, 25¢, 45¢, 65¢, \$1.25 show details from "St. Theresa Praying for the Souls in Purgatory"; the two \$2 SS show the entire paintings.

## PERSONAL MENTION

**Michael Rego** and **Tony Shepherd** were invited to the Wakefield Philatelic Society to give displays last year. Tony showed early Barbados and Grenada with various postal markings from Guadeloupe. Mike gave displays on all the British Caribbean islands plus British Guiana and British Honduras with steamship connections. At the end of the evening they were awarded a Certificate of appreciation which was presented to them on behalf of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group.

We have received a letter from Poland asking for help in contacting keen and advanced collectors of the British West Indies. Teodor Dubicki, ul. 1 Maja 39 - 4., 17-200 Hajnówka, Polska-Poland, wants to exchange mint and used stamps in complete sets for mint and used stamps in complete sets of British West Indies. He uses the 1989 Yvert-Tellier catalogue and supplements. You should first reach agreement with him on an exchange rate. He prefers to correspond in Spanish.



## AIRMAIL NEWS

by Ron Wike

LIAT (1974) Ltd. inaugurated a service from Tobago to Barbados and return on 1st November 1990. The inaugural flight left Trinidad on the morning of the 1st, called at Tobago and then flew on to Barbados. The return flight left Barbados at 16:37 and arrived at Tobago at 17:25. The latter flight carried all the VIPs. The aircraft used was a BAe Super 748.

I was fortunate to be in Tobago at the time and arranged to have 20 covers carried from Tobago to Barbados. The covers have the status of unofficial airmail having been carried as a small packet service. All the covers were cancelled at Canaan Bon Accord on the morning of the flight and have a copy of an authenticating letter from Piarco Air Services, Cravin Point, Tobago, the LIAT (1974) Ltd. handling agents.

I have a limited supply (15) of these covers (Fig. 1) for sale if anyone is interested. Write to me at 20 Isherwood Close, Fearnhead, Warrington WA2 0DJ.

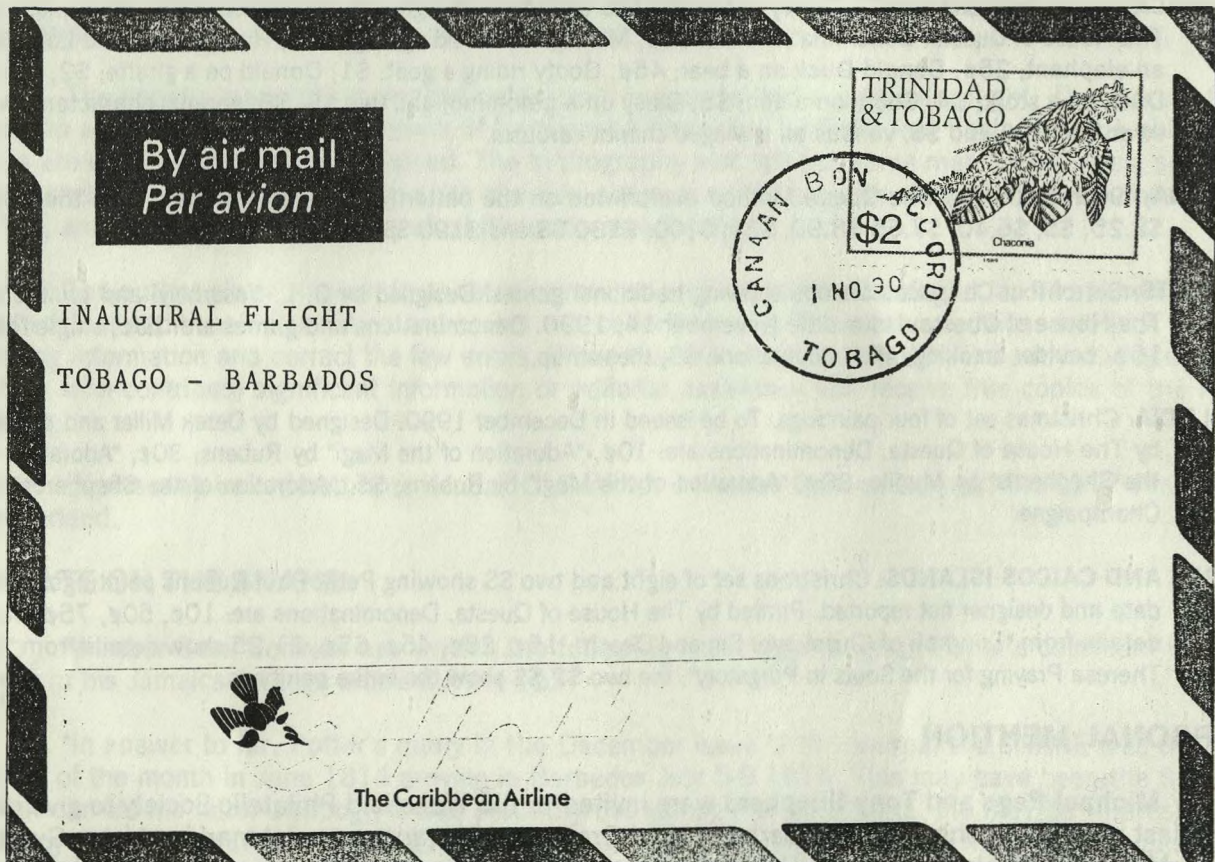


Fig. 1

### CENSORSHIP IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO UPDATE

A small group is hoping to update the "Roses" Study on "Censorship in Trinidad and Tobago". We hope to extend the information to cover World War I as well as World War II. The team will consist of Konrad Morenweiser in Germany who published the book on Censorship in India, John Chay in Trinidad and myself, Ron Wike. Anyone who has Trinidad items not listed under the Roses classification is asked to contact myself. (See address above.)



# AWARDS

by Paul A. Larsen

This year (1990) has produced a bumper crop of exhibitors! I can't recall when I have seen so many entries around the country and on the international scene. For next year we need Caribbean entries for the next AGM at INDYPEX '91 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The show takes place in a nice exhibition facility in a downtown area which has been undergoing renovation for years. The organizers are a friendly group who run a good show. Early 1991 results are also reported.

Exhibitor/Show	Title	Award
Edgar Marston / ROPEX '90 March 23-25, Rochester NY	Cayman Islands, 1889-1936	Grand Award + Gold
John Griffiths / ROPEX '90	British Leeward Islands 1757-1902	Gold
Peter McCann / Westpex '90 April 27-29, San Francisco CA	British Virgin Islands Postal History	Gold + SESCAL Award + Friends of WESTPEX Award
Randy Neil / PIPEX '90 May 25-27, Portland OR	England: ½d. Queen Victoria	Grand Award + Gold + APS Pre-1900 Medal
John Griffiths / NAPEX 90 June 1-3, Arlington VA	British Leeward Islands 1757-1902	Grand Award + Gold
John Griffiths / NOJEX 90	British Leeward Islands 1757-1902	Gold + APS Pre-1900 Medal
Robert Danzer / NOJEX 90	Ship's Letters of the World	Silver
Scott Gallagher / Kentucky in the Civil War STAMPSHOW 90 Aug. 23-26, Cincinnati OH		Gold
Edgar Marston / STAMPSHOW 90	Cayman Islands, 1889-1936	Prix D'Honneur
Robert Cooley / STAMPSHOW 90	Great Britain, 1838-1872 Line Engraved 1d and 2d	Prix D'Honneur
Randy Neil / STAMPSHOW 90	Great Britain: The ½d Queen Victoria Jubilee Issue	Prix 'D'Honneur
Edgar Marston / SARAPEX 91 Feb. 1-3, Sarasota FL	Cayman Islands, 1889-1936	Grand Award + Gold + APS 1900-1940 Medal
Mark Swetland / SARAPEX 91	Antigua Stamps 1862-1918	Reserve Grand Award + Gold + APS Pre-1900 Medal
James Langabeer / SARAPEX 91	Postal Stationery of Bermuda	Silver
James Stern / SARAPEX 91	Early Cayman Islands Registration	Silver-bronze



## BAHAMAS RETURNED TO SENDER MARKINGS

Paul Raynor

Shown here are three fairly recent "Returned to Sender" markings from Bahamas, all in red.

**UNCLAIMED  
RETURN TO SENDER**

Fig. 1  
Jan 1986

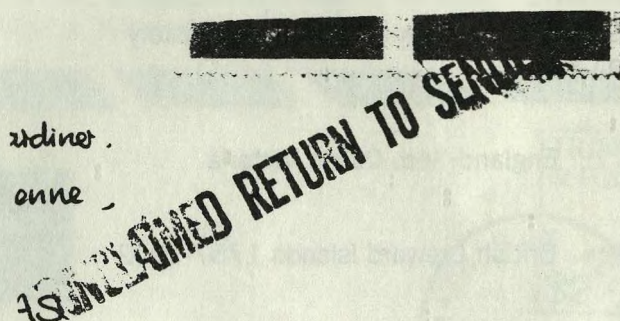


Fig. 2  
Nov 1986

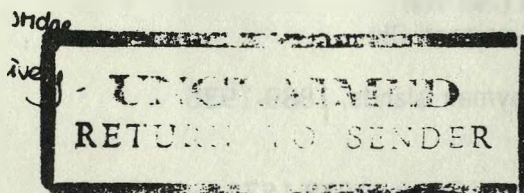


Fig. 3  
Feb 1987

### PERSONAL MENTION

In May, member **John O. Griffiths** received the Alfred Liechtenstein Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to Philately from The Collectors Club, New York. His collection of Leeward Islands as well as other collections have been awarded Large Gold and Gold medals at many national and international shows.

**Ron Wike** has written that he was to show the BWIA section of his collection to the British Aerophilatelic Society in February this year. Perhaps he will give us a report for a later Journal. Ron says that he has sent color photos of key parts of his collection for display in the main BWIA offices in Port-of-Spain.



**UPDATE TO BARBADOS POST OFFICE MARKINGS TO 1981**

by Cliff J. Abram

The following changes are for updating your copy of the BWISC "Barbados Post Office Markings to 1981" by Clarke, Radford and Cave. All examples listed are from my own collection, except for the EDK of A.2. I would be pleased to hear from others with similar interests, particularly if you can report further changes.

A.2.

This mark is now extended to 1798. EDK is now 27 Dec 1760. Photo on BCPJ Vol. 29 No. 2, W/N 151 (Courtesy of Cavendish Philatelic Auctions)

**BARBA  
DOES**

C.4.

Ref comment "only known with letter 'A' above date". Copy shows letter 'B' on ONE PENNY stamp Sc72/SG109 dated Nov 26 year ?. Note: gap between cds and bootheel is 4 mm which is consistent with this type of mark.



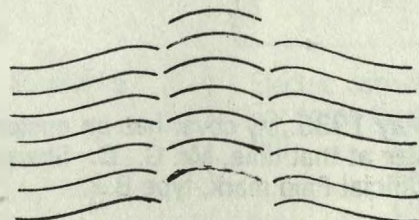
E.20.

Type (a) Amend LDK to 17 April 1971.



F.2a.

There are variants to add to this mark as follows:  
 (a) Placement of individual blocks have been inserted in reverse order, the complete set inverted. There are several instances of this occurring.  
 (b) Center block only inverted. I have two copies dated 2/14 Feb 1989. Both copies are also on one wavy line.



F.5.

Add, Type 'A' was used in 1975 with Type IV cds. Type 'B' was used in 1982 also with Type IV cds.

**POST EARLY  
FOR CHRISTMAS**



- G.17. Similar to G.17. Rectangle is 29mm x 8mm with letters 5½mm high. The cover is dated JY 28 1898 with type E.4. c.d.s. Suggest this be designated G.17a.

**LATE FEE**

- G.18. Similar to G.18. but letters are 27mm x 5½mm, datemarked with type I.1. datestamp 9 JU 51. Suggest this be G.18a.

**LATE FEE**

- I.1. Was still in use on 24 Jul 1990.



- I.2. EDK should know read 18 May 1965.



- K.11. There appears to be a new mark used by the philatelic bureau, the outer oval being a single line as is the inner. Measurements of the outer are 53 x 33mm, inner, 40 x 20mm, with letters 3mm high. My copy is dated 24 Jul 90. Suggest this be K.11a.



- L.1. The EDK for this mark is now 5 May 1936. My cover has an enclosure signed by the Colonial Postmaster at that time, Mr. G. D. Sharp, also dated 5 May. This cover has an Official Paid mark, type B.3.

COLONIAL POSTMASTER,  
Barbados, B.W.I.

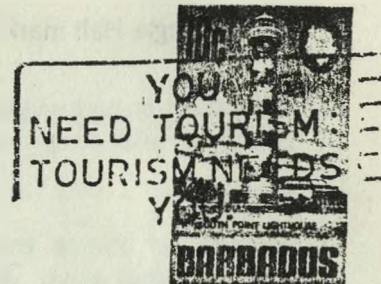
- M.7. Was still in use on 20 Jan 1988.



M.16. Add, Also found with large numerals for year. Copy attached dated 8 JU/JA ? 1972.



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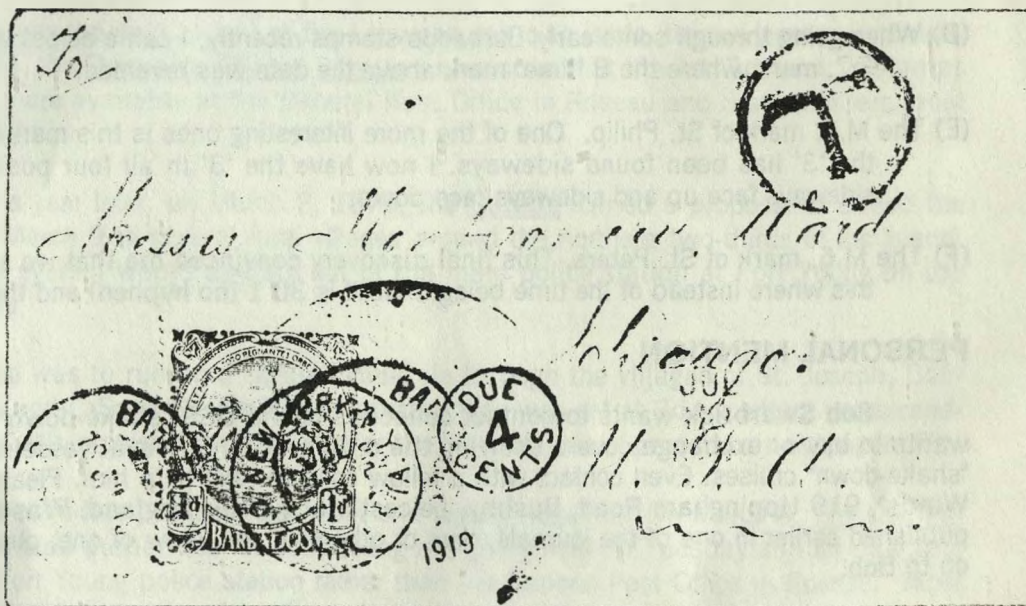


M.20. Brittons Hill P. O. still in use 1989.

N.2. I have a cover with this type mark, 24½mm overall, and the 'T' 13 x 13mm indicating the St. Lawrence mark. The cds is, however, the type (i) used with the type F.1. wavy lines by the electric cancelling machine and is dated 29 Oct 1930. Therefore, this mark was obviously the property of and applied by the G.P.O. at that time. The St. Lawrence post office was not opened until 1 April 1933. I suggest this mark be designated either G.20a or N.2. depending on the date of usage.



N.3. Amend EDK to 18 Jul 1919. This cover was cancelled with a St. Peters mark, Type M.4.



Section 6

Electric cancelling machine marks.  
For some time a sixth type of cds has been in use.  
(VI) Diameter 21 mm  
Letters 2.5 mm  
L/H spacing bar 11 mm  
R/H spacing bar 10 mm

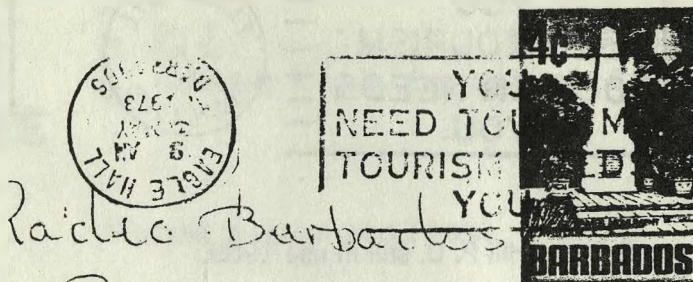
I have copies back to 25 Feb 1986, but suspect it originated in 1982.  
Can anyone confirm this?

The following are items from recent purchases which are, I feel, worth recording if only to show that we all make mistakes. How many times have we tried to tighten a nut from underneath only to realize we were going the wrong way? It is not difficult to accept that an error creeps in when putting a



handstamp together day after day. Here then are some of these "oops" that make collecting postmarks interesting.

(A) The Eagle Hall mark M.16. Two covers both have the cds inverted, both dated 3 May 1973.



(B) The Brittons Hill mark M.20. On 13 February 1989 the wavy lines are inverted. "Or could it be that this is the only one in step"?

(C) The M.4. mark of St. James. My cover has two stamps each with a separate cancel. The upper one's dateline is shown as 14 JUL 7 and the lower dateline is 14 JUL 7. Is it possible that these numbers not being locked into position is responsible for the odd issue recorded as a year early or later than listed?

(D) When going through some early Barbados stamps recently, I came across an interesting copy of the E.7. mark, where the B "time" mark above the date was reversed.

(E) The M.3. mark of St. Philip. One of the more interesting ones is this mark where it is recorded that the '3' has been found sideways. I now have the '3' in all four positions, normal, reversed, sideways face up and sideways face down.

(F) The M.6. mark of St. Peters. This final discovery convinced me that we all have bad days. I have this where instead of the time being 1-30 it is 30 1 (no hyphen) and the 8 of OCT 8 is inverted.

## PERSONAL MENTION

**Bob Swarbrick** wants to contact collectors of the USS "shake-down" cruises to Jamaica. He wants to buy or exchange covers showing the c.d.s's of U. S. Naval vessels on visits to Jamaica on "shake-down" cruises. Even contact with a fellow collector will help him. Please write him at "The Four Winds", 919 Uppingham Road, Bushby, Leicester LE7 9RR, England. Was there an article on these published earlier in one of the journals, ours or others? If you know of one, please pass this information on to Bob.

**Dr. Ben Ramkissoon** reports that he conducted a small regional meeting November 7, 1990 in conjunction with the visit of **Dr. Quintus Fernando** to the Chicago Philatelic Society (exhibitor) and the Chicago Collector's Club (speaker). Attending were Dr. and Mrs. Fernando, Mike DeLise and Ben. After a delightful meal they settled into a long evening of browsing through Mike's Ceylon, Jamaica and some BWI material, Ben's Tobago collection and some aspects of stamp and postmark illustrations using the IBM PC. Quintus has developed suitable software that greatly simplifies the process.

Quintus won a Gold award for his Mexico display. Ben participated in a non-competitive CPS Members' Showcase with a one-frame entry, "Blood Donors - Giving the Gift of Life". Meeting informally during the show were Peter Bylen, Col. Mark Cassidy, Chuck Cwiakala, Mel Feiner, Larry Martin, Tom Mills, and Sergio Sismondo.



## INLAND POST OFFICES OF DOMINICA

By Robert Wynstra and Charles E. Cwiakala

A pen cancellation almost always denotes fiscal rather than postal usage when found on the early stamps of the British Empire. Such stamps are routinely relegated to the space-filler category. They normally are bought and sold at a fraction of their catalog value.

Nevertheless, certain pen-cancelled stamps of Dominica and the Leeward Islands realize large sums in specialized philatelic auctions and private treaty sales. More importantly, these Queen Victoria stamps with a village name written in manuscript form across their face provide essential clues for unraveling the postal history of Dominica's early inland post offices.

The story of these scarce markings has been largely ignored in the available literature, except for three recorded articles--one published in the 1950s and two more in the 1970s.(1) Much new information has been unearthed by several dedicated postal historians since their publication.

By adding these new facts to the earlier information, a tentative first step can be taken toward developing a comprehensive treatment of this elusive and fascinating era in Dominica's postal history.

### Beginnings of the Inland Posts

Dominica was the next-to-last of the Leeward group to issue its own postage stamps. On June 22, 1874, the Dominica Official Gazette announced that the 1d, 6d, and 1s stamps issued on May 4 were available at the General Post Office in Roseau and that all letters must now be prepaid.(2)

Less than a year later, on March 2, 1875, the Gazette carried a proposal to extend the postal service on March 9 to several rural villages around the northern two-thirds of the island. The inland postal system would operate out of the main police station at Fort Young on the outskirts of Roseau.

The service was to run on a regular schedule through the villages of St. Joseph, Colihaut, Portsmouth, and LaSoye (Wesley). The postage rate was set at 3d for letters not exceeding one-half ounce. No provisions were made for the transmission of parcels or newspapers.(3)

The response to this proposal was swift and largely negative. On March 4, The Dominican newspaper blasted authorities for scheduling out-going mail on Tuesday and for directing mail through the Fort Young police station rather than the General Post Office in Roseau. Most importantly, it loudly protested the 3d rate as totally unworkable.

"To charge 3d on a letter from Roseau to St. Joseph, or indeed to any other part of the island, is simply to say, 'No letters must be posted for inland stations.' The charge is, in fact, prohibitory, and unless reduced, will at once nip the fair promise of this scheme in the bud. One uniform rate of a penny per letter is all that can be fairly charged."(4)

Government officials responded with a revised schedule and rate structure. On April 5, new inland postage rates were set with: letters at 1d per 1/2 oz., newspapers at 1d, and parcels under 1/2 lb. at 2d. or up to one lb. at 3d.(5) Overseas mail could be sent at the standard rates for the Leeward Islands, with no surcharge added for the inland service.



On April 6, the Gazette confirmed that the village police stations would serve as the postal receiving houses. Postmen were instructed to deliver letters to houses along the roadway and to accept stamped letters handed to them along the route. The notice proclaimed that "it will be the duty of the police at every station to forward or deliver letters as soon as practicable."<sup>(6)</sup> Another notice on August 15, 1876 confirmed that "postage stamps are sold at all police stations en route."<sup>(7)</sup>

The April 6, 1875 notice for the first time announced the village of Rosalie as a turn-around point for the inland service. In addition, the village of Castle Bruce probably was operating as a postal station sometime prior to August 12, 1875.<sup>(8)</sup> It definitely was open by Aug. 15, 1876.<sup>(9)</sup>[Fig.1]

According to the island's president, the new inland postal system represented a major step in establishing a "regular and certain medium of communication between country districts and the capital (Roseau), as well as a means of union of common interest to strengthen bonds of sympathy."<sup>(10)</sup> Such a system of improved communications was especially important because of the extreme isolation of the rural villages.

In 1875, Dominica had a population of approximately 25,000. Almost 8,000 of the residents were concentrated in the capital of Roseau. Portsmouth, which had a population of about 2,500, was the only other town of any consequence. The remaining villages were scattered mostly along the island's long and jagged coastline.

Most of the villages consisted of little more than a cluster of buildings at a crossroads or inlet. Because Dominica is dominated by a rugged ridge of mountains crossing its center, road communication between Roseau and the villages was extremely difficult. Illiteracy ran as high as 90% for the entire island and was even higher in the rural parishes. In several of the parishes, there were no more than one or two educated European residents.

According to a report to the Legislative Assembly, some 400 letters were carried between outstations from April 1875 to January 1876. Also, 1,729 letters, 591 newspapers, and 289 packages were conveyed from Roseau to the country stations during the same period.<sup>(11)</sup> By 1880, the yearly volume of mail coming into Roseau from the rural offices increased to 2216 letters, 4 newspapers, and 223 parcels.<sup>(12)</sup>

### **The Police Period**

Control of the system rested in the hands of the inspector of police at Fort Young. Policemen sold stamps and traveled the route between the stations delivering mail. Most of these police postmen were semi-literate at best. The island government continually rotated policemen from station to station to prevent them from accumulating too much personal authority in any one district.<sup>(13)</sup>

All the village offices operated without a cancelling device. By necessity, stamps on outgoing mail were cancelled with an ink pen in manuscript form. The markings most often included the name of the town in full or abbreviated form and the date in the British style: the day, followed by the month, and then the year.

A few examples are known with only the name of the town in manuscript form. According to one source, examples with only the date also should be considered as village manuscript marks if dated after postage stamps were withdrawn from revenue use on May 19, 1877.<sup>(14)</sup>



For the police period, surviving examples of the village manuscript marks are recorded with a wide variety of handwriting and are often crudely rendered. All six of the offices open during the first part of the police period have been recorded as manuscript cancels. The earliest known example is from Wesley, dated July 30, 1875.(15) [Fig. 2] A cover from St. Joseph is recorded with the date May 31, 1879.(16) [Fig. 3]



Fig. 2

An office at the village of Vieille Case may have operated as a postal station as early as 1878. Records indicate that a building was rented for a police station there from December 1877. At first, it operated only on weekends. On March 31, 1878, the office was ordered open on a full time basis.(17)

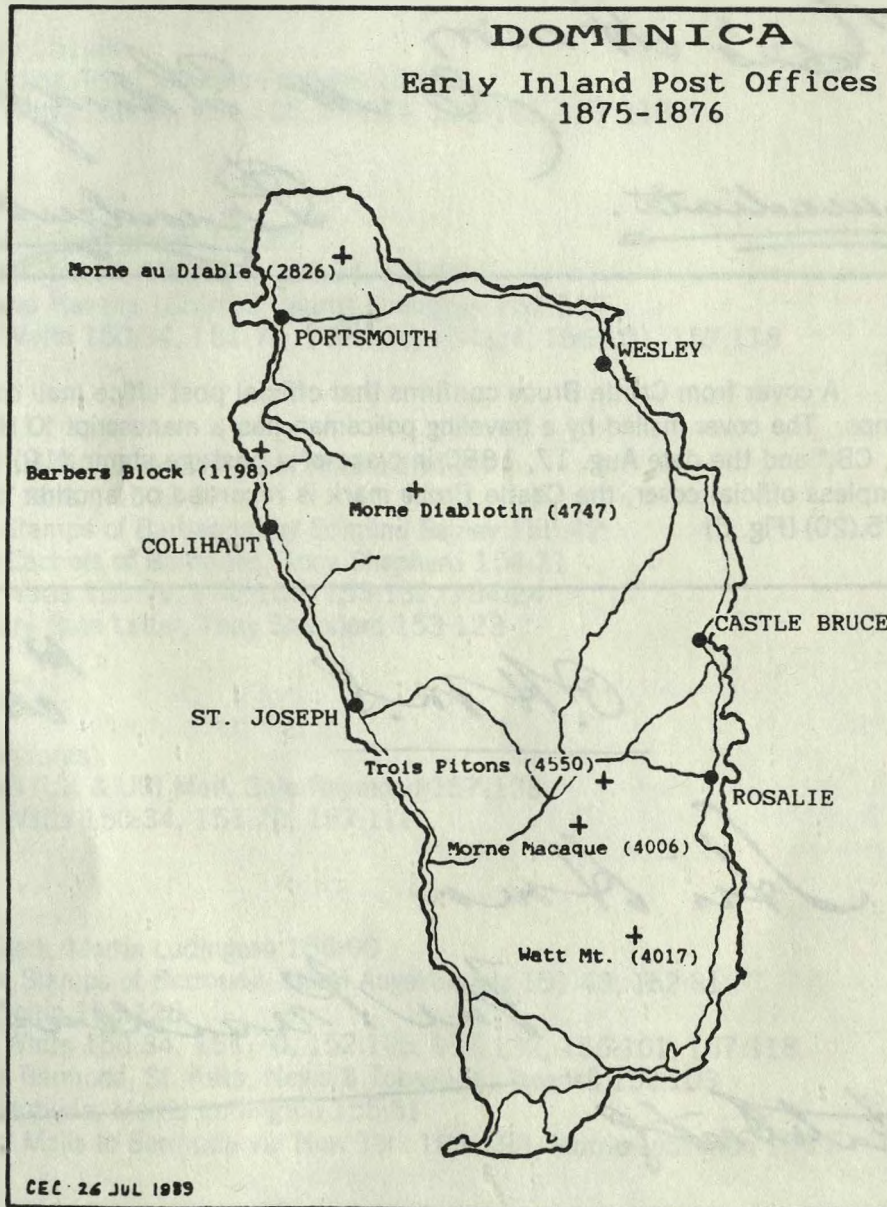


Fig. 1



At about the same time, Castle Bruce apparently was discontinued as an inland post office. The police station building at Castle Bruce was reported in very bad condition as early as 1879. The office definitely was closed by June 30, 1883.(18)

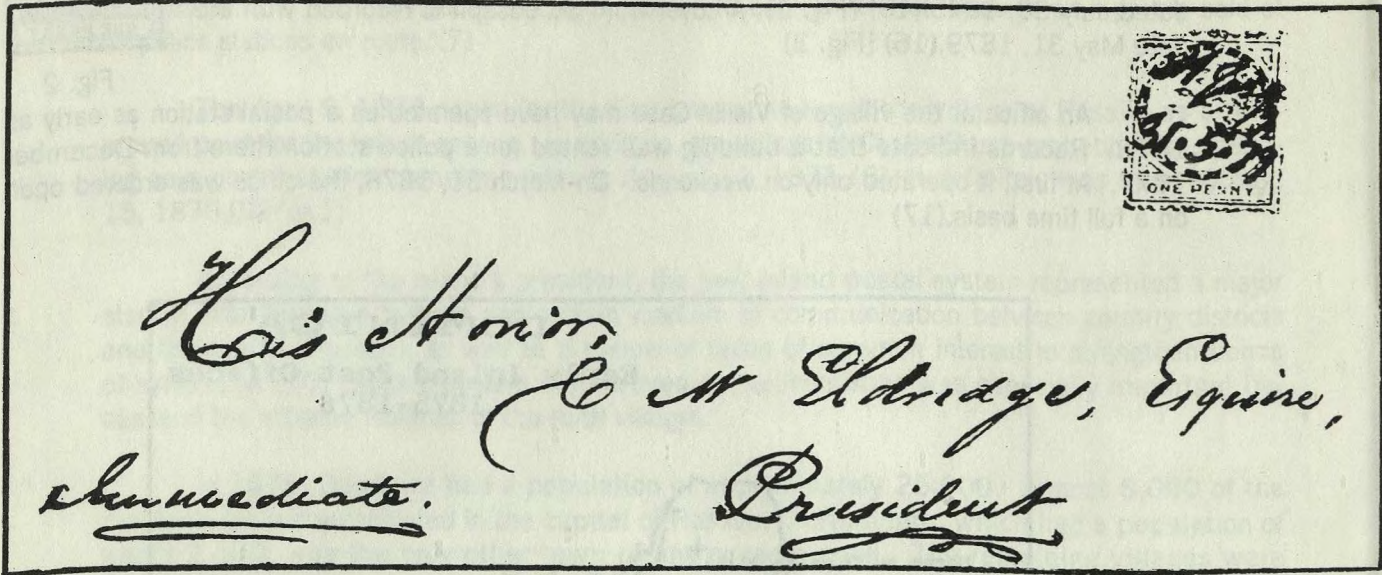


Fig. 3

A cover from Castle Bruce confirms that official post office mail could be sent without stamps. The cover mailed by a traveling policeman has a manuscript "O.H.M.S.," the notation "Pd, CB," and the date Aug. 17, 1880 in place of a postage stamp.(19) [Fig. 4] Besides the stampless official cover, the Castle Bruce mark is recorded on another cover dated Sept. 2, 1875.(20) [Fig. 5]

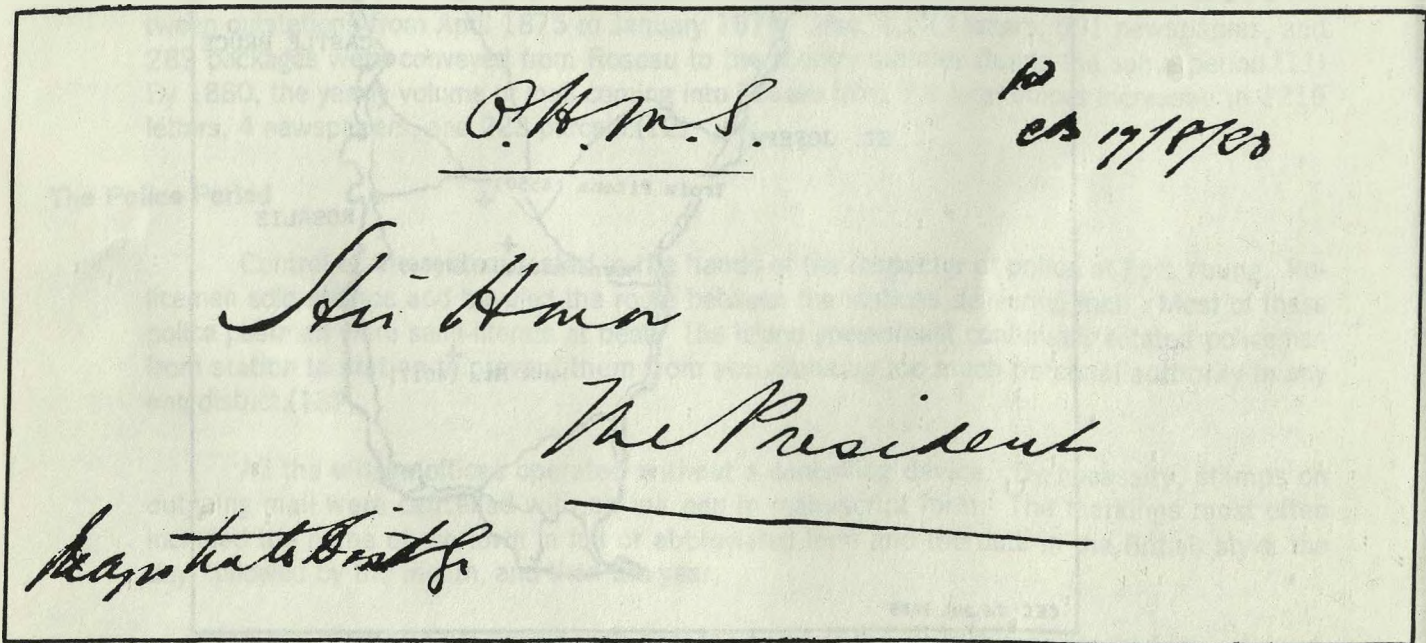


Fig. 4



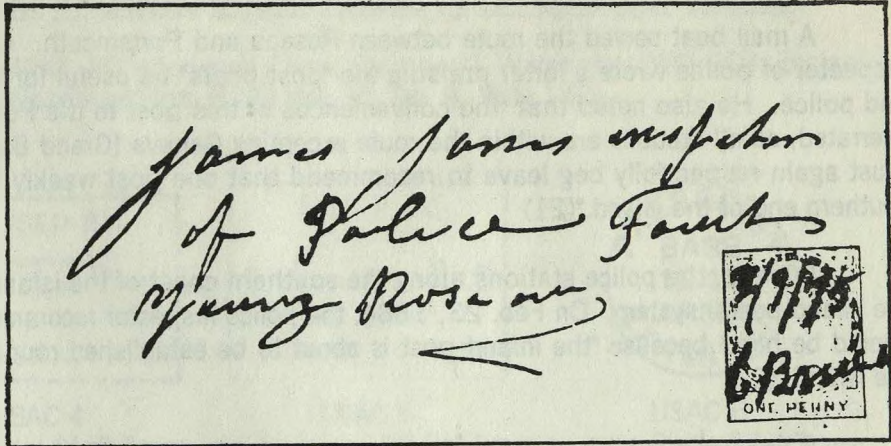


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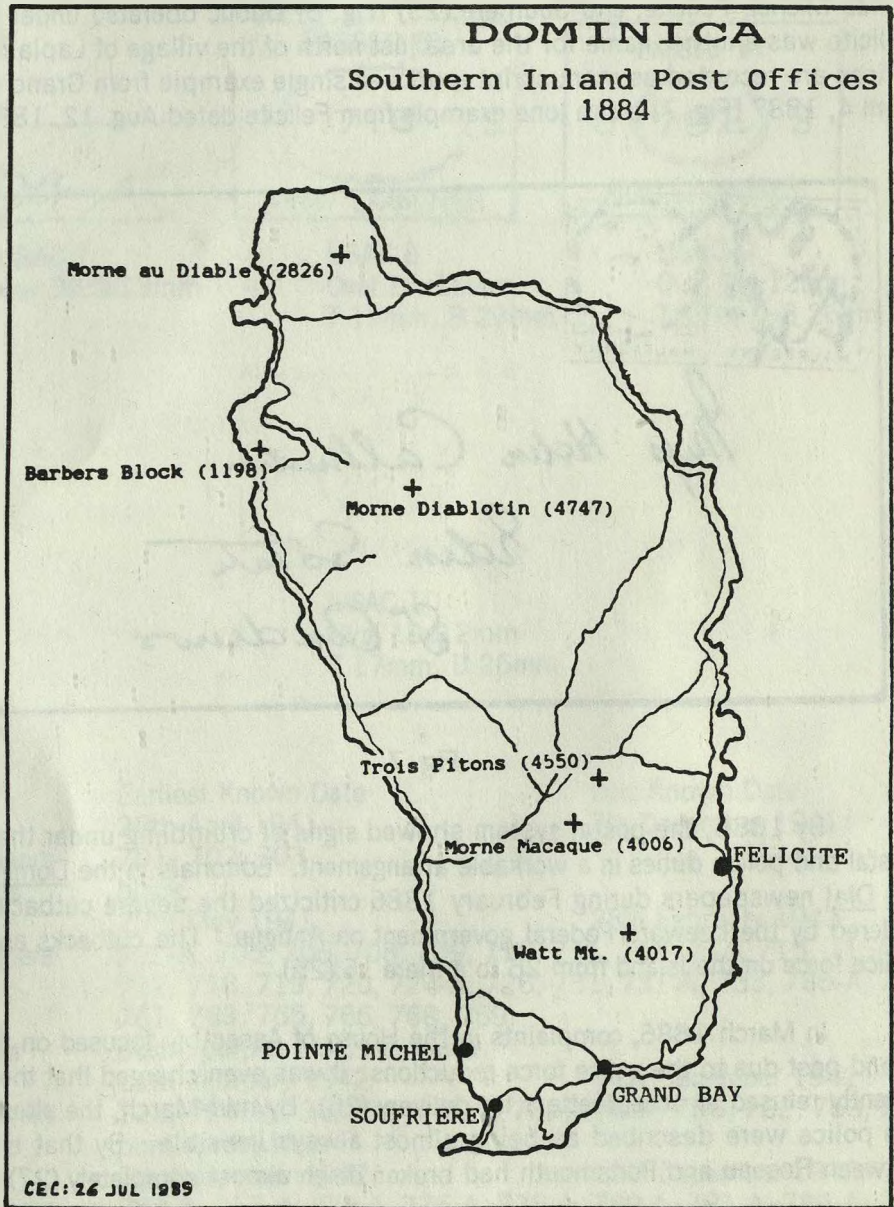


Fig. 6



A mail boat served the route between Roseau and Portsmouth. On April 15, 1878, the inspector of police wrote a letter praising the "post boats" as useful for transporting prisoners and police. He also noted that "the conveniences of this post to the Police Service cannot be overrated, as all stations are within the route excepting Geneva [Grand Bay] and Soufriere and I must again respectfully beg leave to recommend that one post weekly may pass around the southern end of the island."(21)

Initially, the police stations along the southern coast of the island were excluded from the inland postal system. On Feb. 23, 1884, the police inspector recommended that a postman should be hired because "the inland post is about to be established round the southern part of the island."(22)

A timetable published in the Gazette on Sept. 11, 1884 cited changes for "on and after the 30th September" in which new post offices were open in the southern region at Dubuc, Pointe Michel, Felicite, and Soufriere.(23) [Fig. 6] Dubuc operated under the name Grand Bay. Felicite was another name for the area just north of the village of Laplaine. Only two of these offices are recorded as manuscript marks--a single example from Grand Bay on a cover dated April 4, 1887 [Fig. 7] and a lone example from Felicite dated Aug. 12, 1885.(24) [Fig. 8]

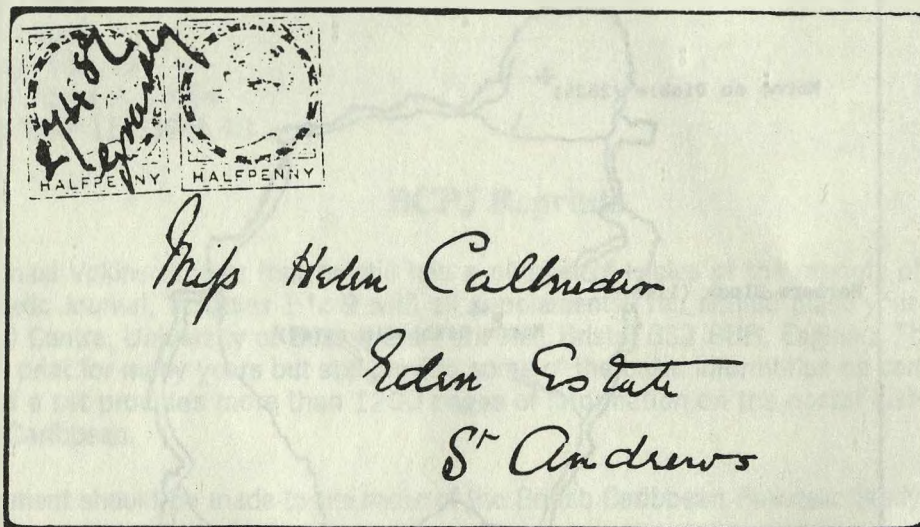


Fig. 7



Fig. 8

By 1886, the postal system showed signs of crumbling under the strain of combining postal and police duties in a workable arrangement. Editorials in the Dominican and the Dominica Dial newspapers during February 1886 criticized the severe cutbacks in the police force ordered by the Leeward Federal government on Antigua. The cutbacks apparently reduced the police force on the island from 26 to a mere 16.(25)

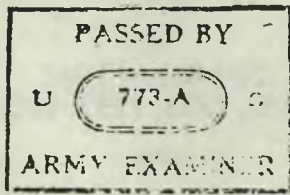
In March 1886, complaints in the House of Assembly focused on the interruption of the inland post due to the police force reductions. It was even charged that the police inspector had recently refused to accept letters for delivery.(26) By mid-March, the situation was so bad that the police were described as being almost always invisible. By that time, the mail service between Roseau and Portsmouth had broken down almost completely.(27)

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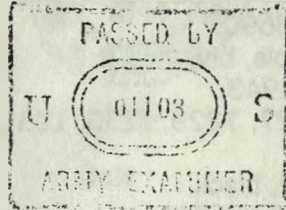


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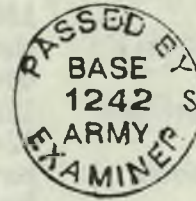
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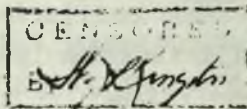
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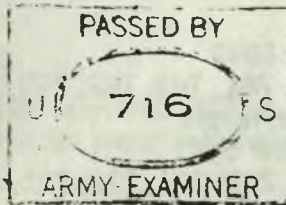
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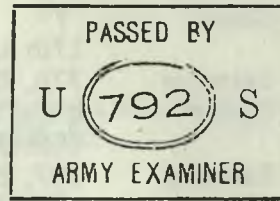
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T 19mm, B 29mm



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T 17mm, B 26mm



USAC 10  
Oval 18x12mm  
T 17mm, B 26mm

**Known Usage**

		Earliest Known Date	Last Known Date
USAC 1		28th April 1941	7th December 1941
	Examiners	701, 702, 703	
	Colours	black.	
USAC 2		29th May 1941	28th February 1943
	Examiners	700-A, 705, 706, 708, 709, 710, 711, 713, 714, 715, 715A, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 724-A, 726, 731, 731-A, 733, 735-A, 747-A, 761, 763, 765, 766, 768, 769.	
	Colours	black, purple, blue, red, violet.	
USAC 3		11th February 1942	14th December 1942
	Examiners	728, 734-A, 736, 736-A, 738, 739, 743-A, 750, 752, 753, 755, 757.	
	Colours	purple, red, blue.	
USAC 4		7th November 1942	19th December 1942
	Examiners	752-A, 757-A, 773-A, 775-A, 778-A, 780-A, 781-A, 786-A.	
	Colours	black, purple, red.	

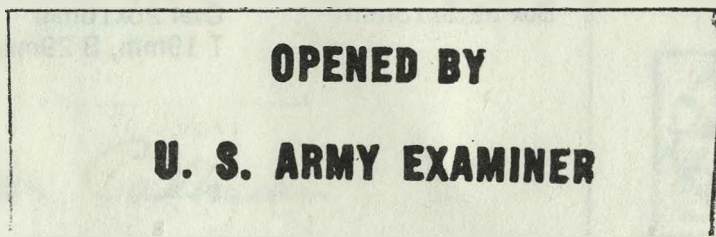


USAC 5		2nd March 1943	14th December 1944
	Examiners	00185, 01103, 01104, 01106, 01109, 01110, 01115, 01121, 01123, 01125, 01126, 01128, 01129, 01130, 01133, 01135, 01139, 01156, 01167, 08512, 08513, 08517, 08518, 08520, 08527, 08544, 08545, 08548, 08550, 08561, 00562, 08593, 18521, 18590.	
	Colours	black, purple, blue, red.	
USAC 6		6th April 1943	29th August 1945
	Examiners	1226, 1227, 1229, 1230, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1237, 1239, 1240, 1242.	
	Colours	purple, red, black.	
USAC 7		5th December 1941	
	Examiner	?	
	Colour	violet.	
USAC 8		22nd June 1942	
	Examiner	716	
	Colour	?	
USAC 9		17th April 1942	16th March 1944
	Examiner	778, 780, 781, 786, 792, 793, 795, 825.	
	Colour	black, blue, purple.	
USAC 10		15th October 1941	19th December 1944
	Examiner	207, 209, 219, 221, 222, 225, 226, 227, 229, 249, 401, 426, 429.	
	Colour	black, blue, purple, red.	

Censor Labels

Plain  
Sellotape  
Type

Plain  
Brown  
Paper



USAL 1

USAL 2

USAL 3

## Known Usage

		Earliest Known Date	Last Known Date
USAL 1		2nd August 1941	31st October 1942
	Examiners	705, 706, 715, 735-A, 739, 750, 752, 753, 757.	
USAL 2		7th November 1942	23rd March 1943
	Examiners	227, 735-A, 752-A, 753, 773-A, 775-A, 781-A, 825.	
USAL 3		27th November 1943	28th August 1945
	Examiners	1227, 1230, 1232, 1233, 1237, 08562.	

A temporary sealing label of plain, gummed, white paper is known applied over the flap on the reverse of a cover dated 6th July 1941. It is tied by censor handstamp USAC 2, examiner 708. The same mark is applied to the front of the cover

Official Handstamps

Two double ring handstamps are known on Official cards apparently used to notify receipt of a mail pouch. All three cards seen have a pre-printed return address of Miami Embarkation Army Post Office, P.O. Box 589, Miami 31, Florida. A further cover is known with the adhesive cancelled with dumb cancel type USAH 14, with a third type official handstamp USAO 3 adjacent to the adhesive.





USAO 1



USAO 2



USAO 3

Known usage	APO	Date
USAO 1	695	13th May 1943
USAO 2	868	20th March 1944
	869	20th March 1944
USAO 3	869	16th August 1948

### Cachet

A cachet is known applied on mail from APO 803 on 15th May 1941. It is similar to the one applied at the U.S. Marine P.O.. Again it is not known whether it is official.

## For National Security American Base Forces A.P.O. – No. 803

USACT 1

### Unit Allocation

The following units are known on mail either despatched from Trinidad or with a Trinidad APO return address

Unit	APO Location	Date From	Date To
807 M.P.Co.	803	18th Feb.42	
H.Q. & H.Q. Sq. 92nd Air Base Grp	803B	23rd Mar.42	4th Apr.42
H.Q. & H.Q. Sq. 36 Com.	695	13th Jan.43	
22 Signal Co.	868	23rd Jun.42	
Air Transport Command	695	18th Jul.44	
161st Q.M. Depot Co.	868	7th Apr.45	
Air Depot Supply Squadron	869	9th Jul.42	15th Aug.42
806th Eng. Avn. Bn.	869	1st Jun.47	4th Apr.49
Med Det 41st General Hospital	869	7th Mar.43	
39th Obsn/Recon. Sq.	695	16th Sep.42	24th Dec.42
10th Bomb. Sq., 25th Bomb. Gp.	803	5th Dec.41	
	868	10th Dec.42	
	687	15th Jul.43	
H.Q. Sq. 9th Bomb. Gp.	869	3rd Jul.42	
Btry. A, 51st C.A.	688	29th Jun.44	
Btry. C, 252nd C.A.-P.	880	27th Nov.43	



Btry. D, 2nd Bat. 252nd C.A.-P.	880	3rd Jul.43	2nd Aug.44
Btry. D, (Det.) 51st C.A.-P.	880	25th Dec.43	
H.Q. Btry., 52nd C.A. Bn.	880	19th Dec.44	
H.Q.& Serv. Co. 207th Inf Bn (Sep)	869	21st May.45	
Eng. Hosp/Construction Hosp. 255	868	15th Nov.42	20th Jan.43
Med. Det. Air Base	695	30th Sep.?	
U.S. Engineering Dept. Guard Force	803	3rd Mar.42	
	868	8th Jan.44	
1st S T A C	695	18th Oct.42	
151st Ordnance H.A.M. Co.	869	9th Aug.46	
252nd C.A. 3rd Bn. Hq. Btry.	869	1st Feb.44	
684 Sig A.W. 60	695	43	
9th Airways Com Eg.	695	22nd Mar.44	
553rd Service Sqdn.	695	10th Mar.44	
H.Q. General Depot	868	6th May.47	
Depot Ord. Detach.	868	25th Jul.42	
Co. 'G', 33rd Inf.	869	29th Jun.42	Nov.42
Co. 'K', 33rd Inf.	868	21st Oct.42	
	803B	1st Apl.42	

#### Civilian Units

Walsh Driscoll	803	3rd Aug.41	8th May.42
	803B	7th Apr.42	23rd Apr.42
	868	7th May.42	10th Jun.42
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American Red Cross	869	27th Aug.45	-
	?	12th Nov.42	

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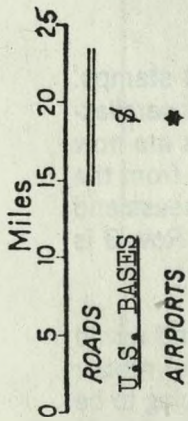
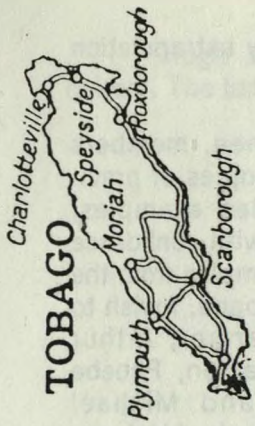
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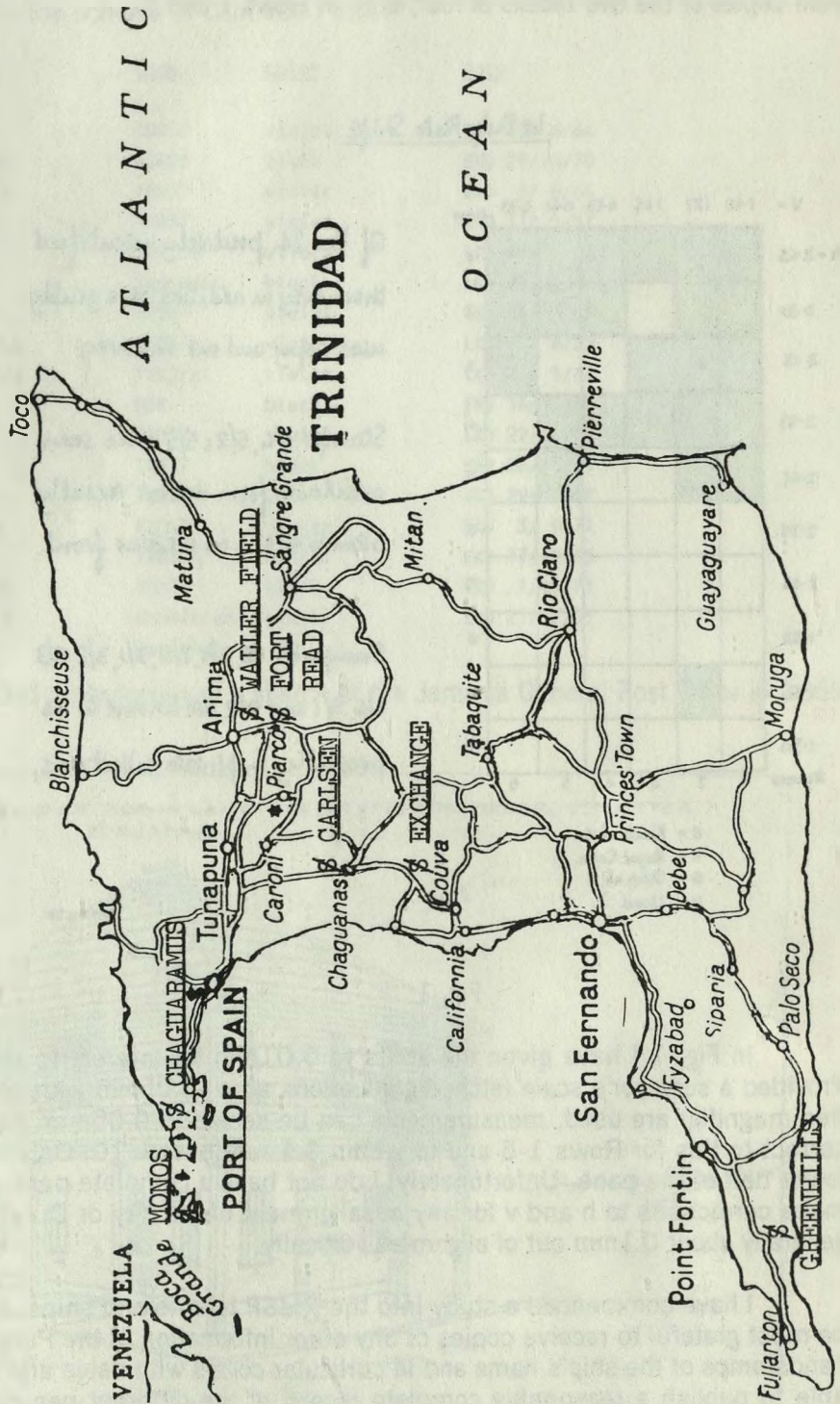
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CARIBBEAN SEA



LOCATION OF U. S. BASES



## LEEWARD ISLANDS - 1901, 1d DUTY SHIFT

by Michael N. Oliver

In my chart published in BCPJ No. 147 (June 1988), h & v were calculated by extrapolation from copies of the two blocks of four, both in Rows 1 and 2.

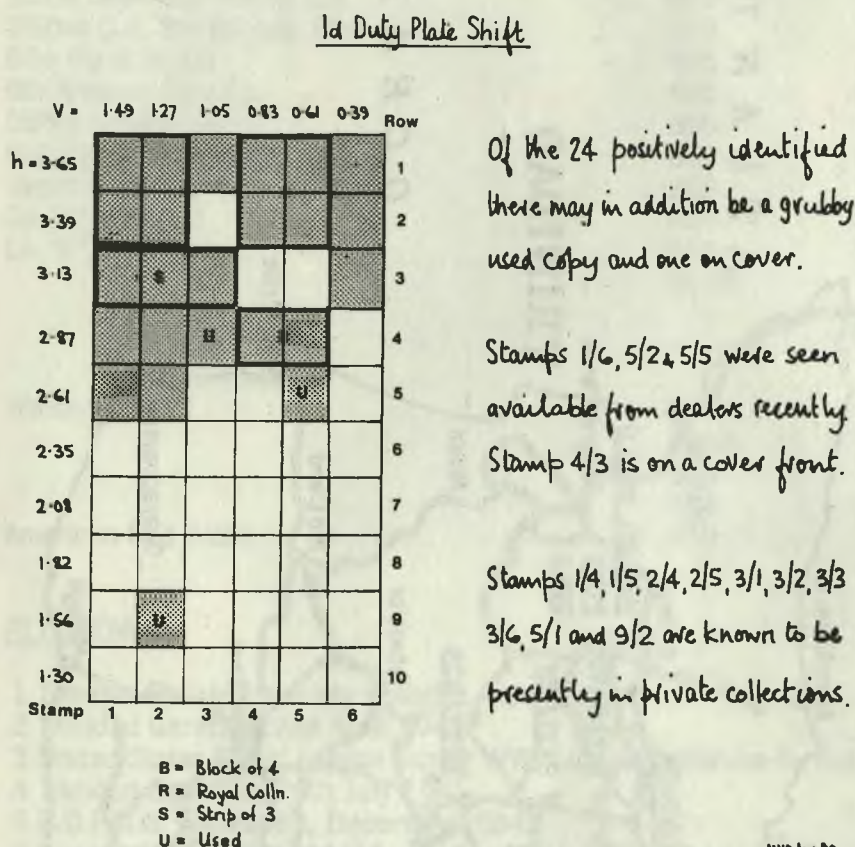


Fig. 1

In Fig. 1 I have given the shifts to 0.01mm for interest to those who have original stamps. Provided a surveyor's scale (etched graduations about 0.05mm wide at 0.5mm intervals) and parallax-free magnifier are used, measurements can be scaled to 0.05mm. I am confident the shifts are now correct to this for Rows 1-5 and to within 0.1mm for row 10. Only one stamp is recorded from the lower half of the pane. Unfortunately, I do not have a complete pane of the 1d Plate 3 to assess and make corrections to h and v for any misalignment of the Key or Duty Plate leads. I suspect Row 3 is generally about 0.1mm out of alignment vertically.

I have commenced a study into the RMSF Inter-island ships, Eden, Esk and Solent and would be most grateful to receive copies or any other information of the Purser's pen cancellations or rubber handstamps of the ship's name and in particular covers with dates and transit marks. I am hoping to be able to publish a reasonably complete record of the different pen cancellations and the number of covers in existence - which I think are not very many. My address is Back Lane Cottage, Great Salkeld, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 9NA, England.

Since then, members have sent me copies of previously unrecorded examples, and I can now with confidence position 18 examples from the top half of the pane. I wish to thank Tony Farmer, Arthur Hamm, Paul Larsen, Phoebe MacGillivray and Michael Spaven for their kind responses and assistance. Some are poor copies and some have had to be adjusted to bring the copies to the correct stamp size. The measurements of h and v to produce mean values have been weighted accordingly from 4 from an original stamp to 1 for a poor copy.

The mean  $\Delta v$  from Stamps 1 and 6 and mean  $\Delta h$  from Rows 1 and 5 were adjusted to give the correct stamp size ratio and  $\Delta h$  increased to produce a  $\Delta h$  Row 1-10. These were applied to the accepted h and v for Stamp 1/1.

*Of the 24 positively identified there may in addition be a grubby used copy and one on cover.*

*Stamps 1/6, 5/2, 5/5 were seen available from dealers recently. Stamp 4/3 is on a cover front.*

*Stamps 1/4, 1/5, 2/4, 2/5, 3/1, 3/2, 3/3 3/6, 5/1 and 9/2 are known to be presently in private collections.*



## JAMAICA JOTTINGS

by Ian Potter

Hugh James has passed on to me details of Temporary Rubber Daters he has recently "acquired". The listing numbers are to the scheme of Clint von Pohle.

<u>Town</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Date</u>
EFFORTVILLE	TRD37	violet	EKD 10/ 6/64
FREEMAN'S HALL	MSR68	black	EKD 29/10/70
GOLDEN VALLEY	TRD37	violet	EKD 1/ 8/64
HAMPSHIRE	TRD37	violet	LKD 11/ 5/57
LATIUM	TRD37e	violet	LKD 31/ 5/62
LEEDS	Reg Oval	black	LKD 21/ 1/69
MAYDAY	TRD37	violet	LKD 20/ 5/68
MITCHELLS HILL	TRD37e	violet	LKD 10/ 6/68
MONTEGO BAY No 2	TRD37e	violet	LKD 24/ 5/62
MOORES	MSR	black	EKD 16/10/68
O'MEALLY	TRD37	violet	LKD 29/ 4/68
PARRY TOWN	TRD37	black	EKD 26/ 3/69
RED HILLS	TRD37	black	EKD 29/ 6/68
RICHARDS PEN	TRD41	violet	EKD 3/ 9/71
ROCKY POINT	TRD37a	black	EKD 17/ 1/63
SHELLEY PIECE	TRD37	black	EKD 1/10/71
WILLIAMSFIELD	Unfaced Reg Oval	black	EKD 21/ 2/55

Bob Swarbrick has provided a photocopy of a sketch of the Jamaica General Post Office in 1860 (Fig. 1).

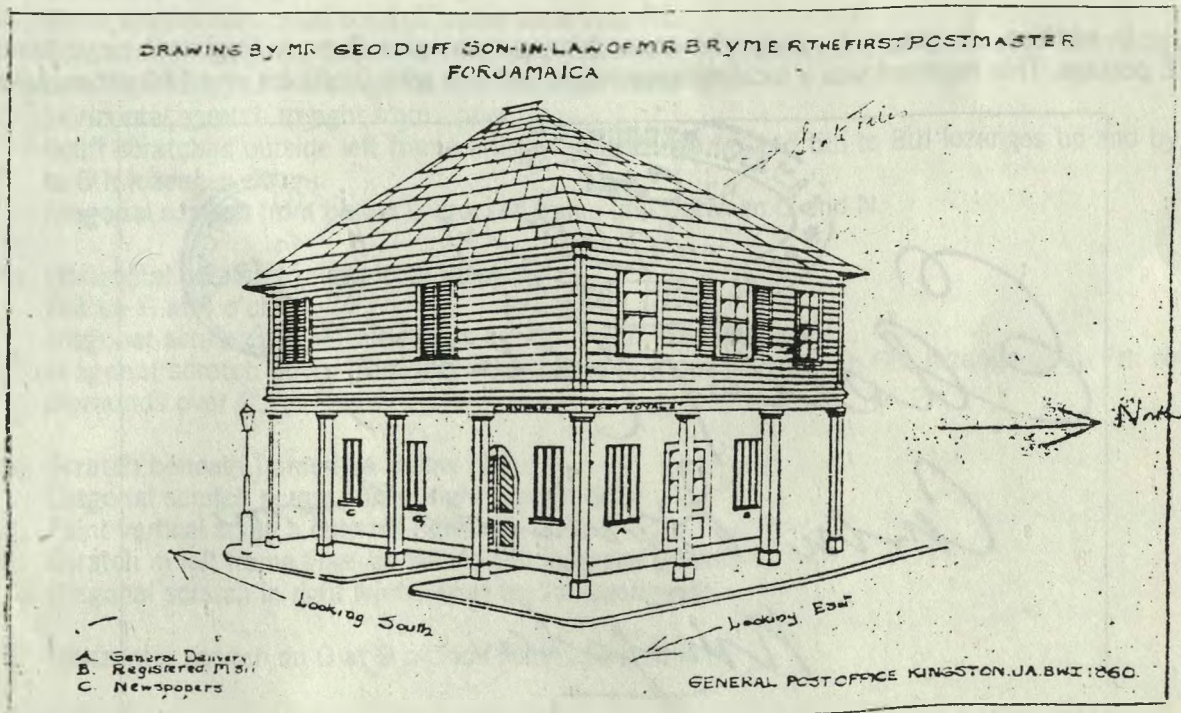


Fig. 1



Bob has also produced some interesting military mail covers which I have not seen before. The first (Fig. 2) is a "formula" P.O.W. postal stationery card which he says is the first recorded from Jamaica although they were common from other camps.

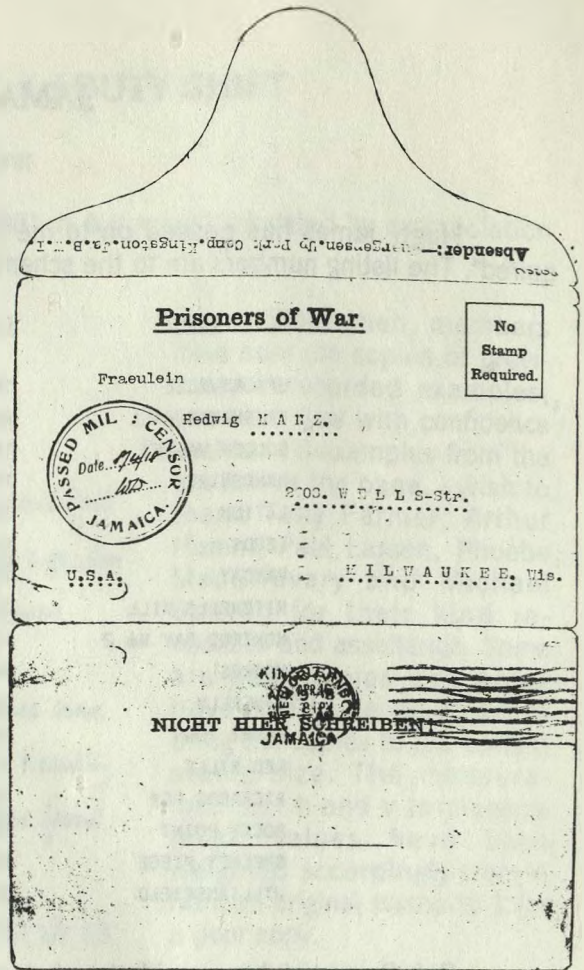


Fig. 2 (reduced to 50%)

In addition, he has sent a copy of a cover bearing a Jamaica Reserve Regiment handstamp for FREE postage. This regiment was a local defense volunteer force with 2 officers and 150 other ranks.

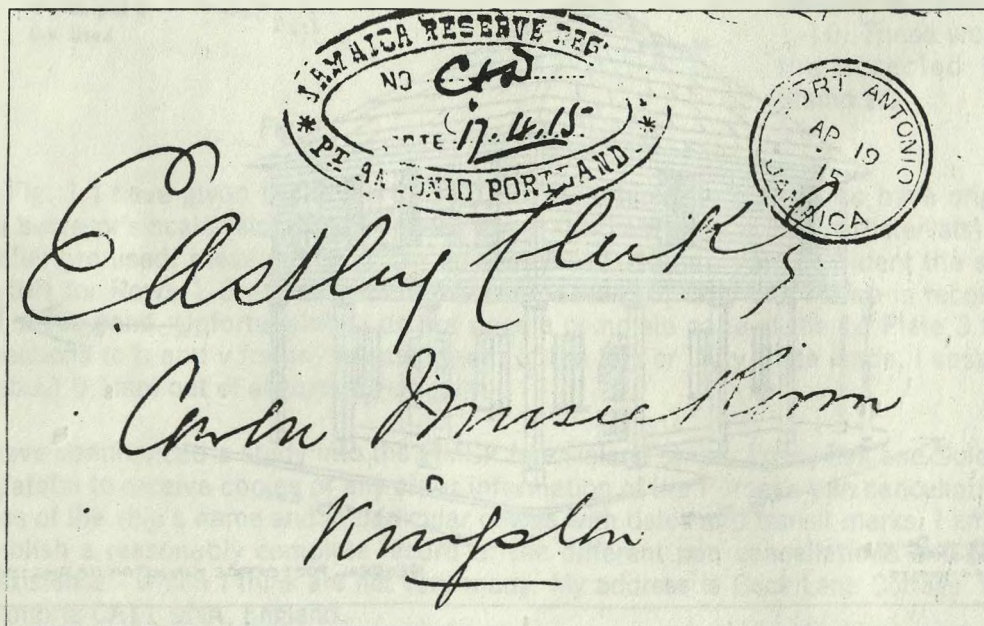


Fig. 3 (reduced to 90%)



## ANTIGUA

### The Plating of the Queen Victoria 1d.

by Peter Brooks

It is probable that by the time the original plate was used for the final issue on Crown CA Watermark paper, perforated 14, each stamp was unique. Damage, particularly by scratches, is evident all over the plate. When these scratches first occurred is yet to be determined. It is possible, on the evidence of the 6d plate, that much of this damage was incurred at the time the plate was manufactured. The proofs and earlier printings of the 6d show plate scratches. The scratches cannot be so easily distinguished on the Perkins Bacon printings of the 1d and they are not always evident on the De La Rue printings, chiefly because of differences in inking. However some damage did occur during the time De La Rue used the 1d plate. For example, stamp 100 of the 1872 issue shows no sign of the prominent irregular scratch across the top right corner cutting the 2nd A of ANTIGUA, although other features distinguishing this stamp are evident. A block of the 1876 issue of Montserrat confirms the absence of this scratch on earlier issues. The re-entries and minor plate flaws are, of course, found on all issues.

As a start to plating each stamp the following list has been compiled using 30X magnification with a Hagner Phila-scope. The characteristics of each stamp may well be further detailed by greater magnification or closer examination. Certainly this list is not comprehensive.

1. -
2. Double scratch either side of outer left frame line by 1st lozenge up and by 6th to 8th lozenges up  
Flaw on Y.  
Horizontal scratch to right from upper lip.
3. Short almost horizontal scratch under neck over PE.  
Scratch commencing between 10th and 11th row of diamonds over O through chin and bun passing through 7th lozenge up and into right frame line.  
Horizontal scratch to right from upper lip.  
Scuff scratches outside left frame line by 3rd lozenge up and 6th to 8th lozenges up and by 4th to 6th lozenges down.  
Diagonal scratch from below O crosses frame line between O and N.
4. Horizontal scratch to right from upper lip.  
Dot on G at 4 o'clock.  
Diagonal scratch in left frame lines by 7th to 8th lozenges down.  
Diagonal scratch down from left inner frame line passes through 6th lozenge up to 7th row of diamonds over O.
5. Scratch beneath frame line below NN.  
Diagonal scratch across top of right upright of U.  
Faint vertical scratch cuts off right arm of T.  
Scratch in left frame lines by 4th to 5th lozenges down.  
Diagonal scratch in right frame lines by 1st lozenge up.
6. Horizontal scratch on O at 9 o'clock continues across N.
7. -



## 8. (RE-ENTRY)

Doubling of outer frame line at bottom.

Doubling of inner frame line at bottom which extends to right.

All letters of ONE PENNY show marks of previous entry to right.

Strong malburin mark at rear of bun level with 8th lozenge up.

Many other marks from previous entry.

Vertical double scratch on left leg of second N crosses frame lines down to frame lines over U of 20.

## 9. Scratch joins NN.

Diagonal scratch (double in places) from frame lines below P extends into bottom bar and upright of E of ONE.

## 10. Blob of colour at center of upright of E of PENNY.

Crescent mark of colour in center of Y.

Scratch in left frame lines by 6th to 7th lozenges down.

Scratch in right frame lines by 7th lozenge down.

## 11. Horizontal scratch through base of letters ONE PENNY.

Scratch in left frame lines by 8th lozenge down.

## 12. Horizontal scratch, starting in O at 8 o'clock, across base of N and into E of ONE.

## 13. Flaw on Y.

Diagonal scratch in left frame lines by 7th to 8th lozenges up.

Slight mark of colour outside right frame line by 8th lozenge up.

Horizontal scratch crosses engine turning between 7th and 8th lozenges down to right frame line.

## 14. Flaw on Y.

Diagonal stroke of colour inside left frame lines between 5th and 6th lozenges up.

Scratch in left frame lines between 2nd and 3rd lozenges up.

Doubling of left outer frame line by 3rd lozenge down.

Dot of colour in frame lines at bottom right corner.

## 15. Vertical inside frame line slightly duplicated across engine turning at bottom left.

Horizontal stroke of colour at top of left leg of 1st N of PENNY.

Vertical scratch up right leg of 2nd N of PENNY continues to rear of neck.

## 16. Blob of colour in left frame lines between 5th and 6th lozenges up.

Strong dash of colour outside right frame line just above 8th lozenge down.

Scratch outside left frame line by 5th to 6th lozenges up.

Dot in G at 4 o'clock.

Scratches of colour across top of both legs of N of ANTIGUA.

Scratch in left frame lines by 5th to 6th lozenges down and mark of colour outside frame line.

## 17. Diagonal line at base of right hand leg of first N of PENNY.

Scratch in left frame lines by 3rd to 6th lozenges up.

First A of ANTIGUA has scratch at base of crossbar into left leg.

2nd A has identical scratch but extending higher to edge of letter.

## 18. Scratch outside left frame line by 4th to 5th lozenges down.

(To be continued)



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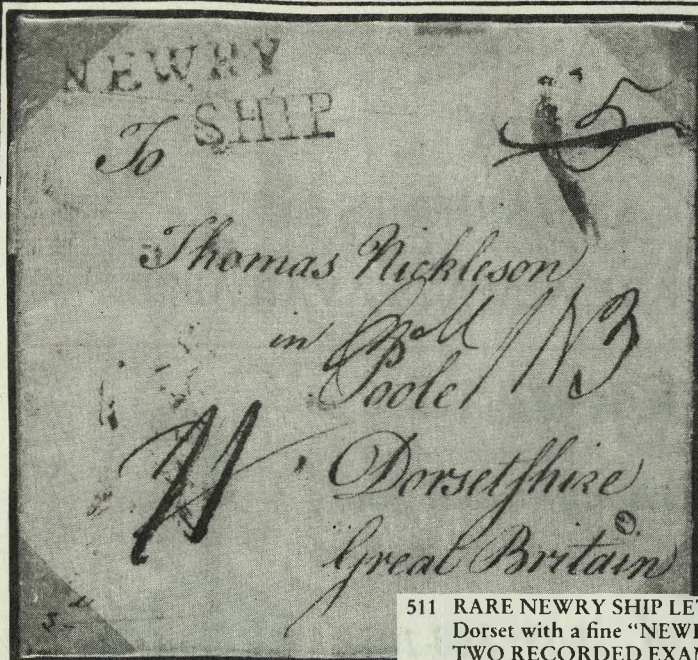
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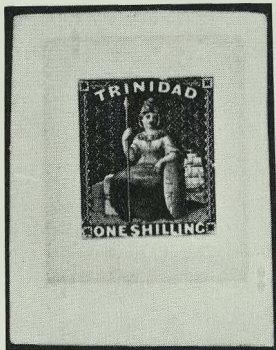


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