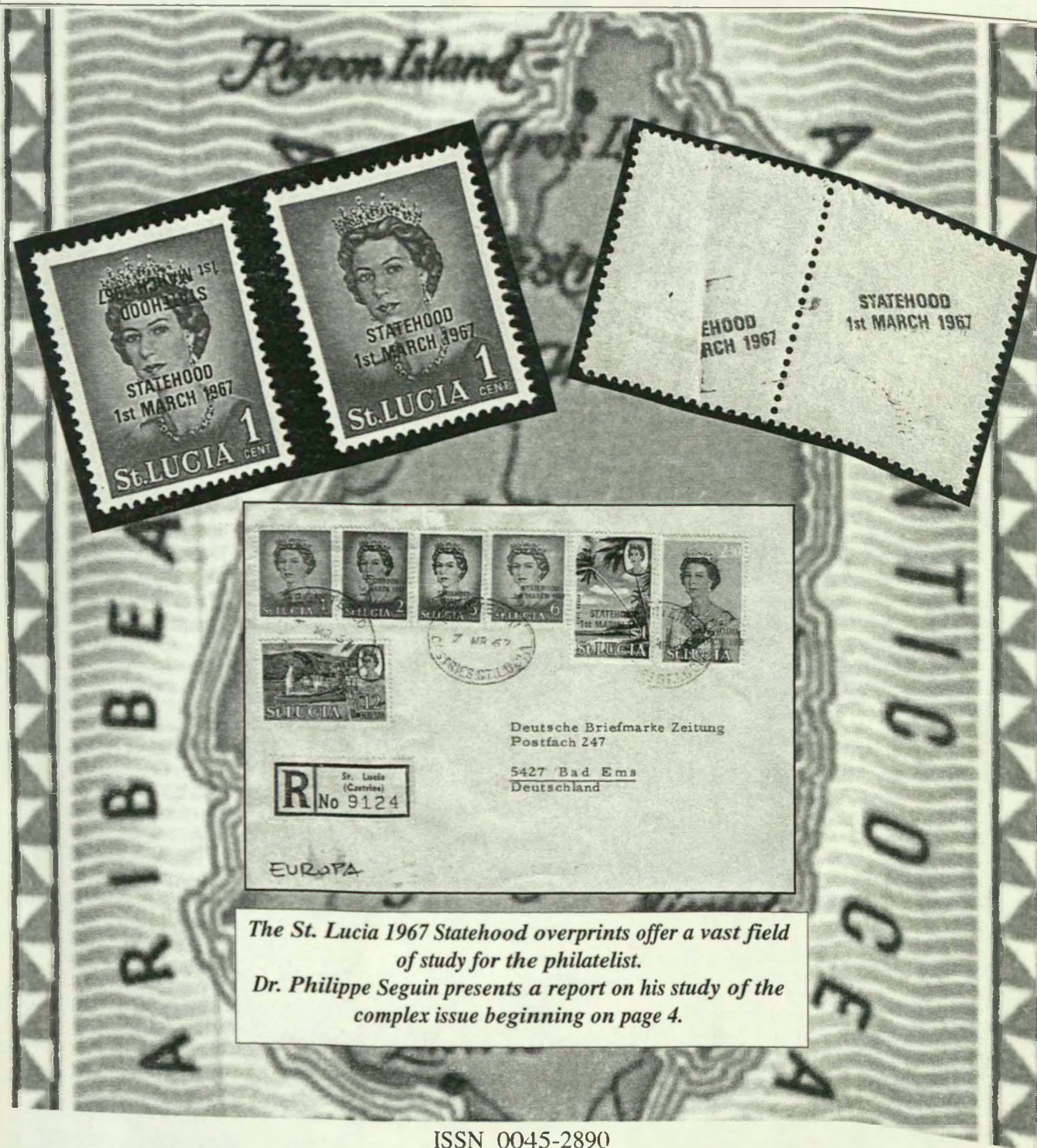


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# St. Lucia 1967 Statehood Stamp Issues

By Dr. Philippe Seguin  
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St. Lucia became self-governing on March 1, 1967, with an issue of special commemorative stamps marking the historic event. These issues are, apart from the "Leaders of the World" episode in the 1980s, the most controversial philatelic event in this nation's history.

Production of the commemorative stamps was contracted to a New York stamp dealer, E. Mosden, rather than to The Crown Agents, who handled all stamp issues from St. Lucia at that time. The controversy stems from the fact that Mr. Mosden apparently produced more items than initially agreed on with the St. Lucian authorities. It has been reported by Ritchie (1978) that the two parties agreed on the production of a 15¢ air stamp and overprints on the 1964 Queen Elizabeth II definitive issue. Stamps were produced using material provided by Harrison, and the first day of issue was March 7, 1967. However, several other items were produced, including a souvenir sheetlet and an imperforate version of the 15¢ air-mail stamp, as well as overprints on the 1966 25¢ UNESCO issue, 6¢ and 15¢ aerogrammes, and 2¢, 4¢, 8¢, and 16¢ postage due stamps.

Also, two special cancellations were used to cancel items on what Ritchie refers to as "unauthorized" first day covers (Ritchie, 1978). It is not clear if St. Lucian authorities ever authorized their production; Ritchie does not believe they did (Ritchie, 1978). To add to the controversy, the 1¢ and \$2.50 overprinted stamps from the 1964 Queen Elizabeth II set were initially unavailable in local post offices. According to the Scott catalogue, the validity of these two items was acknowledged belatedly on May 10, 1967. These two items have, however, been seen on covers prior to May 1967 including several on the first day of issue.

A statement issued by The Crown Agents on May 5, 1967 clearly suggests that St. Lucian authorities also recognized the overprinted UNESCO stamp. This statement acknowledges problems with the 1¢ and \$2.50 overprinted stamps as well as the UNESCO stamp, but makes no mention of other issues. It reads in full: "The Government of St. Lucia regrets that the circumstances in which the current definitive series of stamps was overprinted to commemorate the achievement of 'Statehood' were such that there was a shortage of certain values which led to sup-

plies of complete sets being available to collectors through trade only at large premium. The overprinting of the UNESCO issue and the printing of the 'Statehood' stamp similarly were insufficient to meet postal and philatelic requirements and these issues have also been available only at a heavy premium. The Government of St. Lucia made special arrangements for these three issues to be produced at very short notice and did not intend that collectors should be penalized in any way. It should be made clear



that the government does not benefit from the high prices being charged. All future issues of St. Lucian stamps will be handled by Crown Agents."

There is currently no information available on the official position of the authorities regarding the validity of the numerous other items prepared by Mr. Mosden. However, some of these contentious items have been seen on covers over the years (mainly addressed to Mr. Mosden himself in New York, or to other stamp dealers or collectors, including A.D. Kroo in Switzerland) demonstrating that they were accepted (unknowingly?) locally for postage. Based on the registration label numbers seen on some of these covers (see pictures), hundreds of such covers must exist. Between March 7 and 11, 1967, there were more than 500 registered letters mailed at the GPO in Castries, which is most unusual for such a short time period. It is suspected that many of these were philatelic items mailed by Mr. Mosden.

I am presenting here an annotated checklist of the various items observed over the years, including previously unreported errors and varieties, and pictures of items of interest when available. This list is probably not complete, and thus I would appreciate to hear from those having additional information or pictures of unique items. I can be reached by email at [philippe.seguin@mcgill.ca](mailto:philippe.seguin@mcgill.ca).

## Overprints and cancellations used on Statehood issues

**STATEHOOD**  
**1st MARCH 1967**

*Overprint T1. Used in red or black on the 1964 QEII definitive stamps. The overprint is larger on the higher values of the set.*

**STATEHOOD**  
**1st MAR. 67**

*Overprint T2. Always in black, used on the 1¢ QEII, on both the 6¢ and 15¢ aerogrammes, and also as a cancellation along with special cancellation S2 on first day covers. Stated by some to be an essay. I personally believe that this overprint was made in the 1970s by a collector. It was seen on a 6¢ aerogramme cancelled in the 1970s.*

~~STATEHOOD~~ **1st MARCH 1967**

*Overprint T3. Used only on UNESCO stamps in black or blue over a gold bar.*

**Statehood**  
**1st Mar: '67**

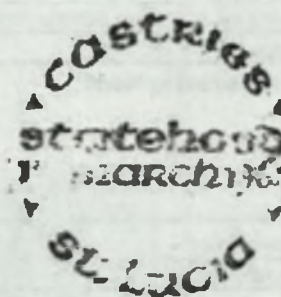
*Overprint T4. Used in red or black on postage due stamps. Variations are found in the overprint.*

**Statehood**  
**1st Mar. '67**

*Overprint T5. Used in black or red on the 6¢ and 15¢ aerogrammes.*



*Special cancellation S1. Used to cancel the special air mail 15¢ stamp on first day covers.*



*Special cancellation S2. Used to cancel the special air mail 15¢ stamp on first day covers. Also used to cancel items in the memorial folder and 6¢ and 15¢ aerogrammes.*

Queen Elizabeth II 1964 Definitive Issue (overprinted in red with T1 unless otherwise specified)		
No.	Item	Notes
1	1¢ carmine.	300,000 issued (Ritchie, 1978). Sheet numbers seen: 06668, 06762.
1a	1¢ overprinted in black.	Assuming consecutively numbered sheets were overprinted, at least 218,000 issued. Sheet numbers seen: 03786, 03990, 05043, 05099, 05102, 05103, 05105, 05117, 05515, 05588, 05723, 05654, 05755, 05756, 05758, 05966, 05967, 05840. Seen on covers.
1ai	1¢ overprinted in black. Inverted overprint.	Sheet number seen: 04200. Seen on cover to New York. At least 200 issued.
1aii	1¢ overprinted in black. Double overprint, one normal, the other inverted.	
1aiii	1¢ overprinted in black, normal overprint on front, and "mirror image" overprint on gum side.	
1b	1¢ overprinted in black with overprint T2.	
1bi	1¢ overprinted in black with overprint T2. Inverted overprint.	
1bii	1¢ overprinted in black with overprint T2. Pair, one stamp with inverted overprint and the other normal.	
2	2¢ violet.	
2i	2¢ pair, one stamp with overprint, the other without.	
3	5¢ blue.	
3i	5¢ inverted overprint.	
3ii	5¢ overprinted on gum side in diagonal.	From sheet number 04615.
3iii	5¢ pair, one stamp with overprint, the other without.	From sheet number 04615.
3iv	5¢ pair, one stamp without overprint, the other with "67" only.	From sheet number 04615.
3v	5¢ with ink blotches across stamp.	
4	6¢ brown.	
4a	6¢ overprinted in black.	Assuming consecutively numbered sheets were overprinted, at least 2,300 issued. Sheet numbers seen: 03939, 03941, 03942, 03955, 03956, 03957, 03962.
5	8¢ multicolor.	
5i	8¢ double overprint.	
6	10¢ multicolor.	
7	12¢ multicolor.	
8	15¢ multicolor.	
9	25¢ multicolor.	
10	35¢ multicolor.	
11	50¢ multicolor.	
12	\$1 multicolor.	
13	\$2.50 multicolor.	8,000 issued (Ritchie, 1978).
13a	\$2.50 overprint in black.	300 issued (Ritchie, 1978). Seen on cover to Switzerland.

**Additional Notes:**

1. Significant variation can be found in overprint T1 between stamps of the same sheet, with the overprint on some stamps appearing bolder (usually from the right side of sheets) than others.
2. Several of these items were seen on covers. Most are on philatelic covers and first day covers.
3. Lower values of the set seen on first day covers cancelled with the special cancellations S2.
4. Although the original 1964 set included a 4¢, this value has not been seen overprinted.



Item 1aii. Overprinted in black. Double overprint, one normal, the other inverted. Also item 1a, 1¢ overprinted in black, normal.



Item 3ii. 5¢ overprinted in red on gum side, in diagonal. As shown from this pair, the overprint on the gum side of some stamps of sheet 04615 is the result of the sheet going through the overprinting process while being folded.



Item 1aiii. 1¢ overprinted in black, normal overprint on front, and "mirror image" overprint on gum side.



Item 3i. 5¢ inverted overprint in red.



An example of one of the numerous first day covers with part of the QEII set, including the 1¢ and \$2.50 overprinted in red. Most of these FDCs are addressed to stamp collectors in various countries including the U.S.A., Germany, Switzerland, and Italy.



Lower values of the QEII set exist on first day covers cancelled with the special cancellation S2. Here the 1¢ is overprinted in black.



A registered cover sent on March 7, 1967 by A.D. Kroo to Switzerland, with a London transit cancel (March 13, 1967) and Cassarate, Switzerland receiving mark (March 15, 1967). An excellent example of an unauthorized item (\$2.50 overprint in black) that was accepted by the post office.

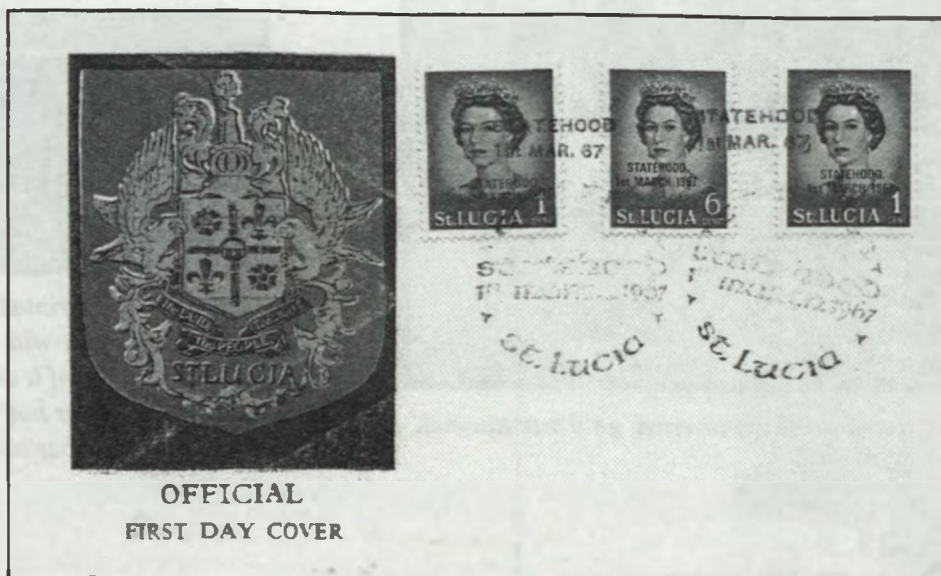
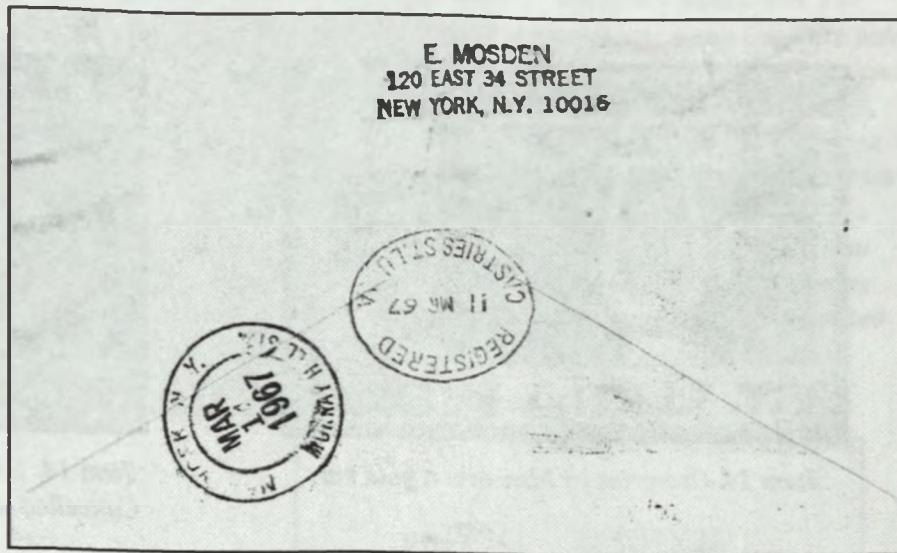






*One of the many covers sent by E. Mosden to himself in New York. Most of these covers are registered and include various stamps of the QEII set with or without the 15¢ special air mail stamp.*

*Reverse side of Mosden cover shown above. Note the handstamps.*



*An obvious philatelic item. A first day cover with the 1¢ with red and black overprints and the 6¢ with black overprint. In addition, stamps are cancelled with overprint T2 as well as with special cancellation S2. (Photo by David Druett)*

**UNESCO Anniversary Issue (Overprinted with T3)**

No.	Item	Notes
14	25¢ overprinted in blue over a gold bar.	9,850 issued (Ritchie, 1978).
14i	25¢ overprinted in blue over a gold bar with offset printing, half of it on top of the stamp, the other half on the bottom.	
15	25¢ overprinted in black over a gold bar.	2,395 issued (Ritchie, 1978).
15i	25¢ overprinted in black inverted, gold bar normal.	

Note: Although both items 14 and 15 exist cancelled with a circular Castries GPO cancel, none of them were seen on covers or FDCs.



*Item 14. Overprint in blue over a gold bar.*



*Item 14. Overprint in blue over a gold bar. Cancelled with a GPO Castries handstamp.*

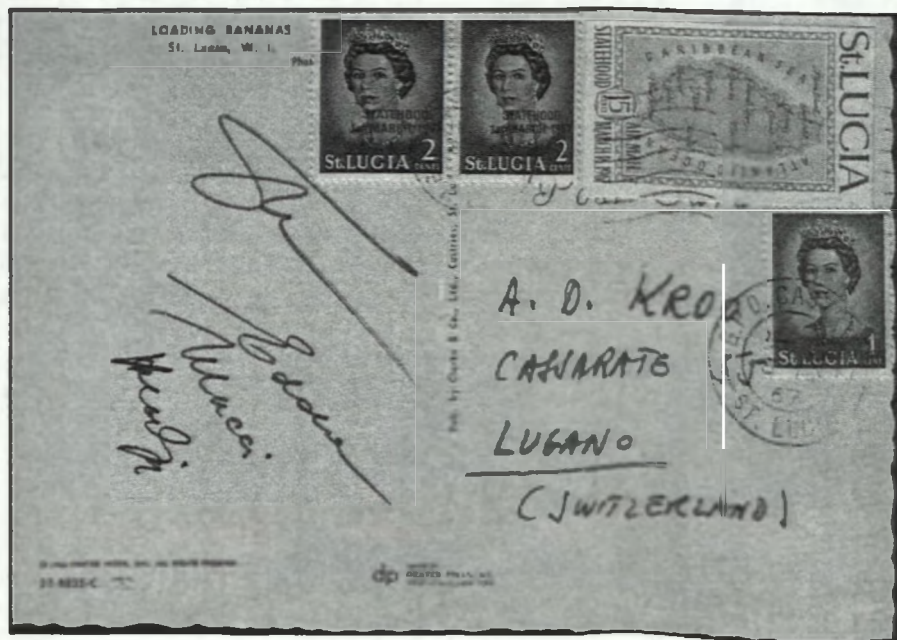


*Item 15i. Overprinted in black inverted, gold bar normal.*



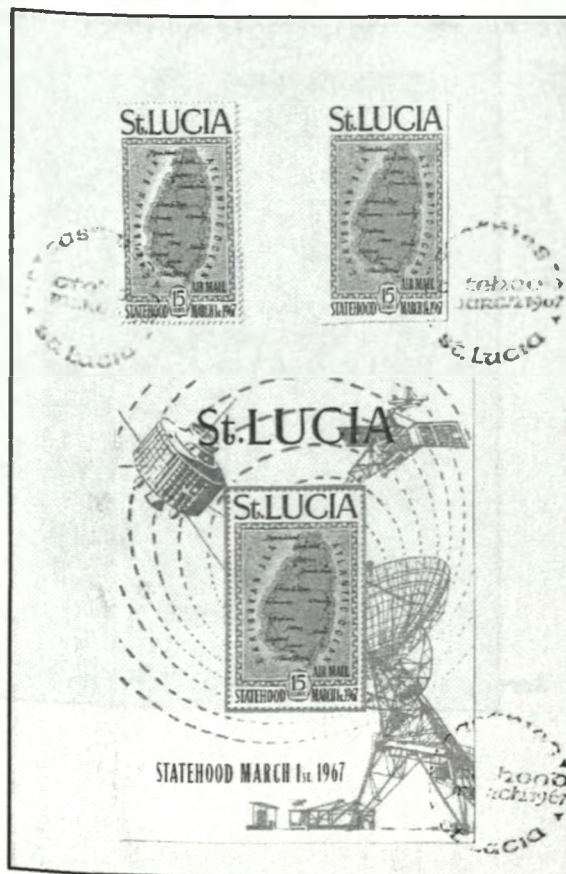
*Item 14i. Overprinted in blue over a gold bar with offset overprint, half of it on top of stamp, the other half on the bottom, gold bar normal.*

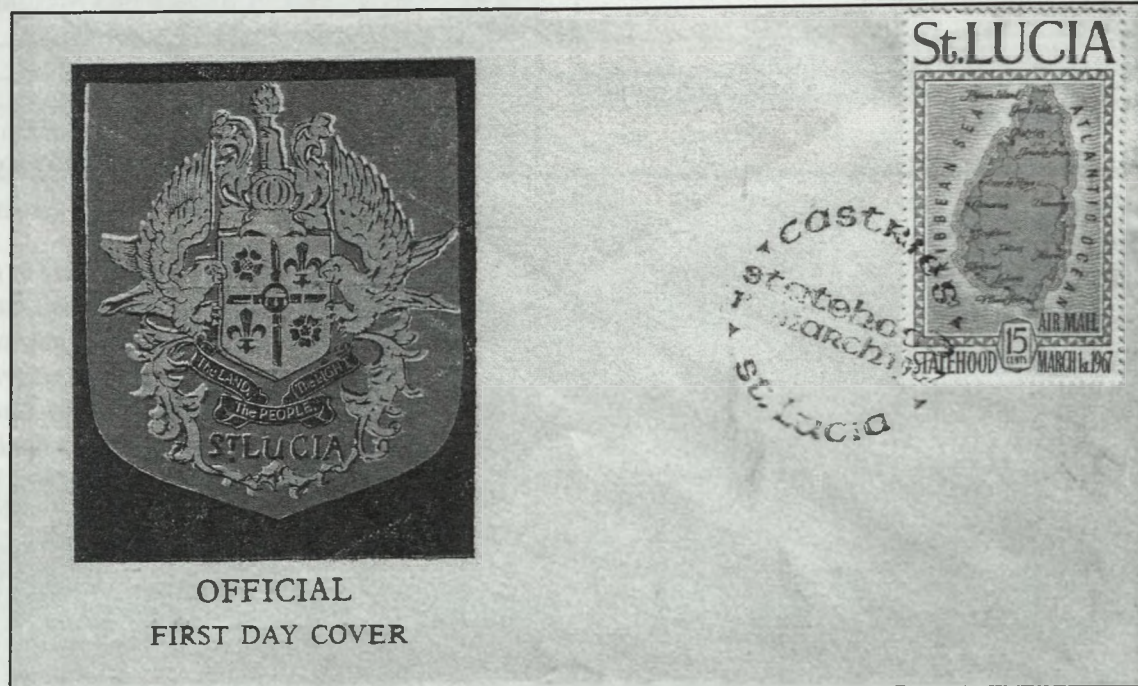
Airmail stamp		
No.	Item	Notes
16	15¢ perforated stamp.	500,000 issued (Ritchie, 1978).
16i	15¢ imperforate stamp.	10,000 issued (Ritchie, 1978). Seen on a post card to Switzerland.
17	15¢ imperforate souvenir sheetlet.	10,000 issued (Ritchie, 1978).
18	Philatelic memorial folder containing items #16, 16i and 17.	Exists either as is or with all three items cancelled with special cancellation S2. This folder has been seen signed by the-then Governor General: a sign of official recognition?



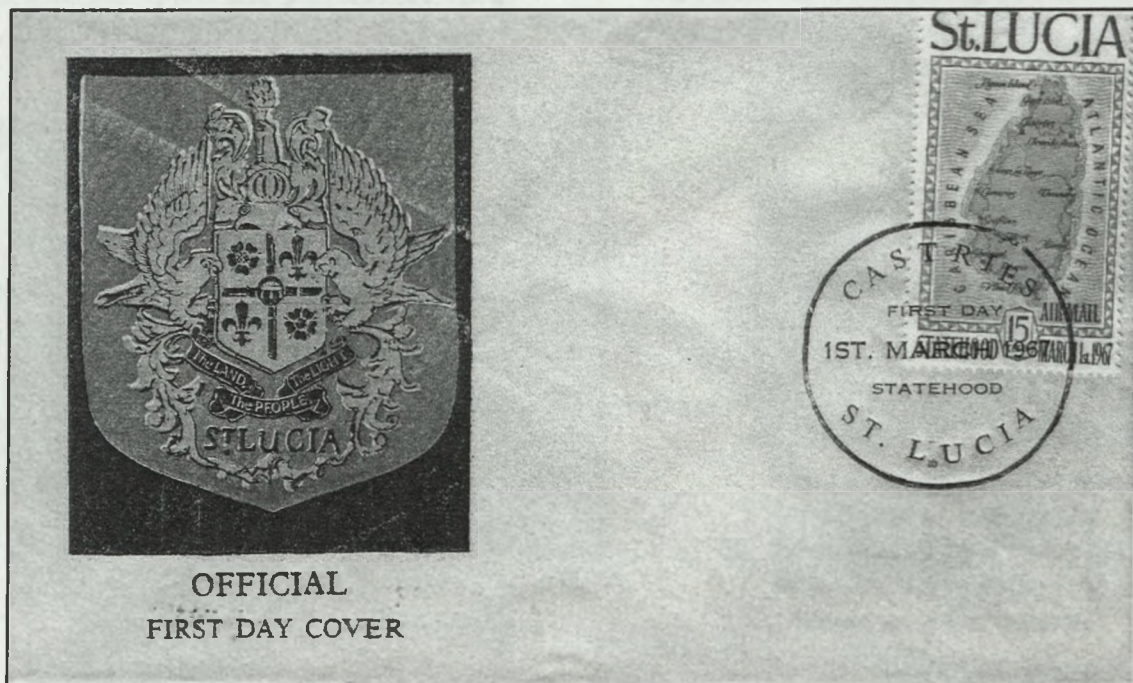
*The 1¢ overprinted in red and the 15¢ airmail stamp imperforate on a post card sent to A.D. Kroo in Switzerland (no receiving mark). The 15¢ imperforate stamp (and the pair of 2¢) is cancelled by a machine cancel (11-AM on March 8, 1967), while the 1¢ has been hand cancelled with a Castries circular cancel (9-AM on March 8, 1967). This is an interesting item combining authorized and unauthorized items.*

*Philatelic memorial folder containing items 16, 16i, and 17, cancelled with the special cancellation S2.*





*First day covers for the special 15c airmail stamp cancelled with either S1 or S2. Stated by Ritchie to be "unofficial."*



## Postage due stamps (1950 and 1965 issues overprinted in red with T4 unless otherwise specified)

No.	Item	Notes
19	2¢	1,100 issued (Ritchie, 1978).
19i	2¢ with inverted overprint.	
19ii	2¢ with double overprint, one normal, the other inverted.	
19a	2¢ overprinted in black.	
20	4¢	9,000 issued (Ritchie, 1978).
20i	4¢ with inverted overprint.	At least 120 issued.
21	8¢	
22	16¢	
22i	16¢ with inverted overprint.	At least 120 issued.
22ii	16¢ with double overprint.	At least 120 issued.
22iii	16¢ with double overprint, one normal, the other inverted.	
22a	16¢ overprinted in black.	

## Additional notes:

1. Significant variation can be found in overprints of stamps from the same sheet. Most common are variations in the distance between "1st" and "Mar." and orientation of apostrophe (See photo 19).
2. None of these items have been seen on covers or first day covers.



*Examples of variation in T3 overprint. Note the location of the apostrophe on stamps. On stamps of each value on the left, it is located directly below the second "o" of "Statehood."*

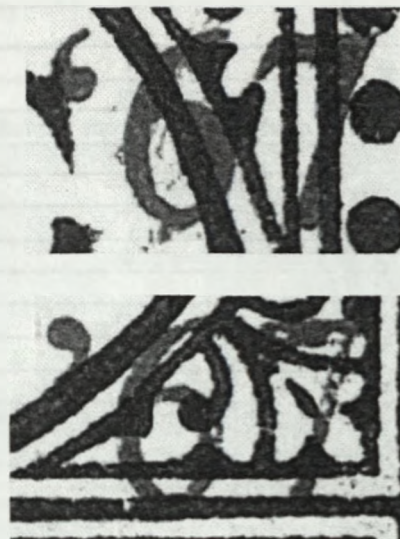
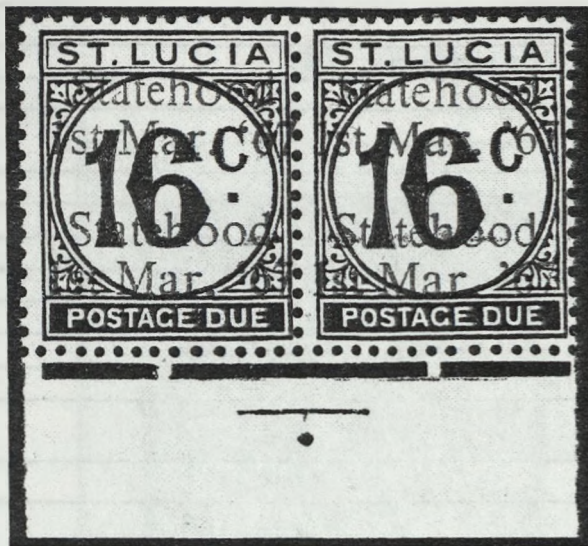
*On the stamps at the right (4¢ values), it is located between the "o" and the "d." Note also variation on the position of the "M" of "March."*



*Item 19i. Block of four of the 2¢ with inverted overprint. In addition, this block presents a shift of the overprint. Another interesting element of this block is the width and perforation at the left of the margin, which is unusual.*



*Item 20i. 4¢ with inverted overprint in red.*



*Item 22ii. Another example of variation in the T3 overprint. Note in this pair (left image) the apostrophes on the overprint of the left stamp are directed downward (top enlargement at right), while those on the stamp on the right are normal (i.e., oriented upward) [bottom enlargement at right].*



*Item 21i. 16c with inverted overprint in red.*

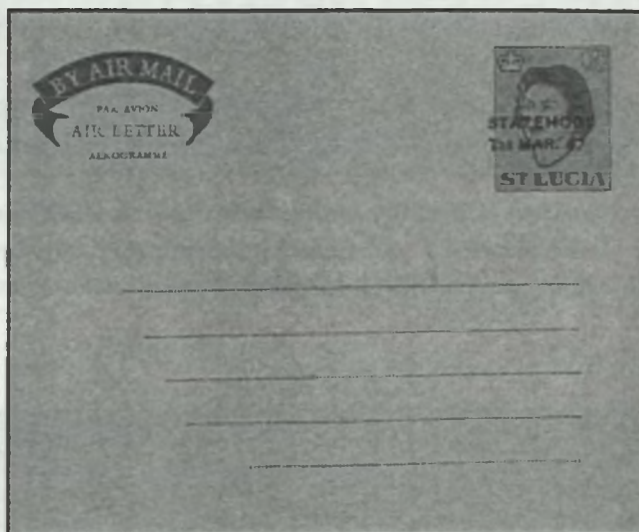
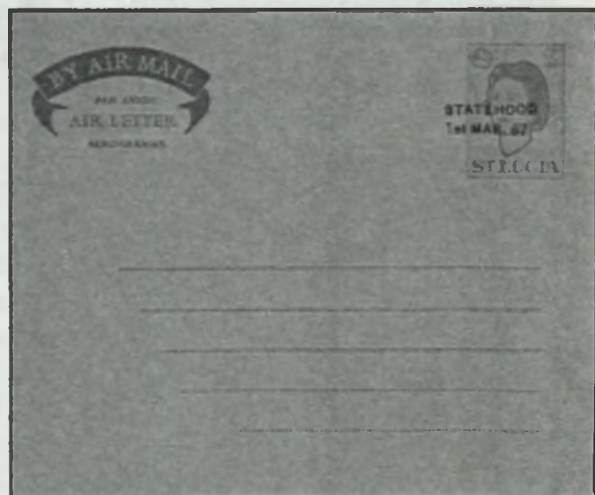


*Item 22iii. 16c with double overprint; one normal, the other inverted.*

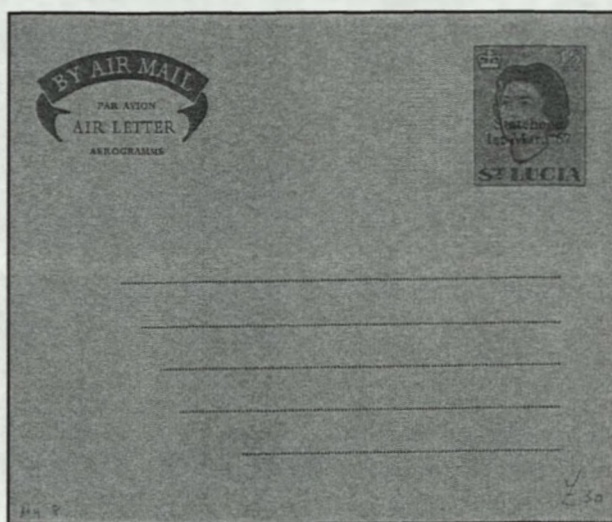
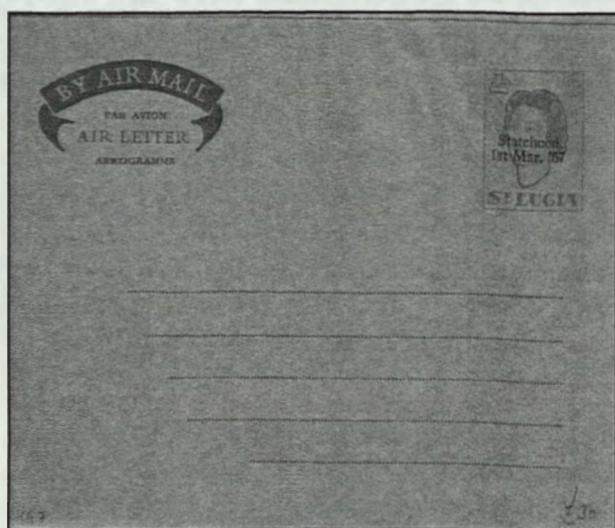
**Queen Elizabeth II Aerogrammes (overprinted with T5 unless otherwise specified)**

No.	Item	Notes
23	6¢ overprinted in red	1,000 issued. Seen used on a philatelic invoice to New York.
23a	6¢ overprinted in black	
23b	6¢ overprinted in black with T2	
24	15¢ overprinted in black	1,000 issued
24a	15¢ overprinted in black with T2	Seen cancelled with Castries datesamp (24 April 197[3?]) but unaddressed.

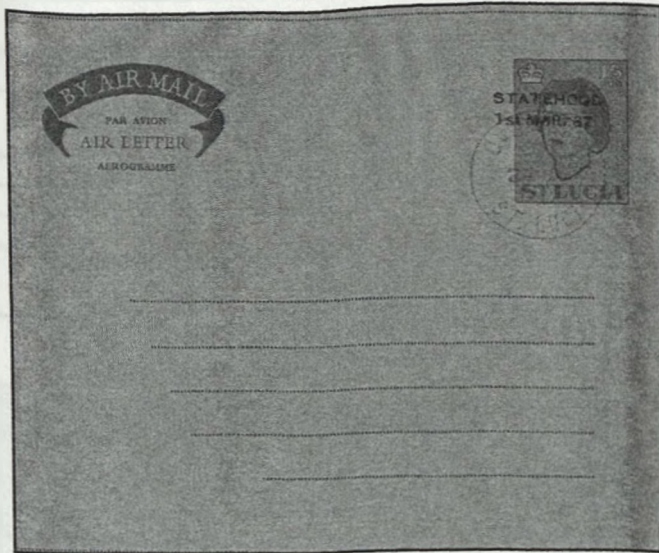
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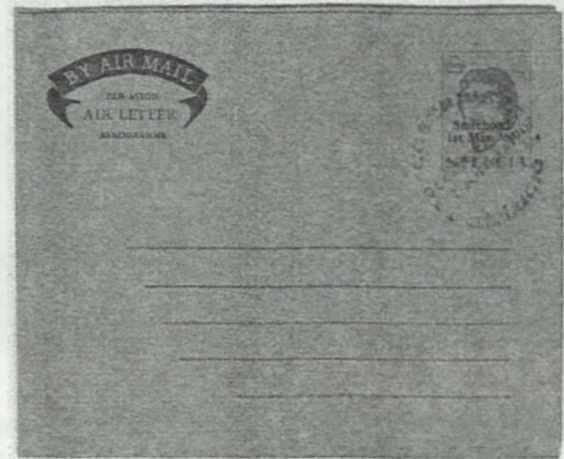
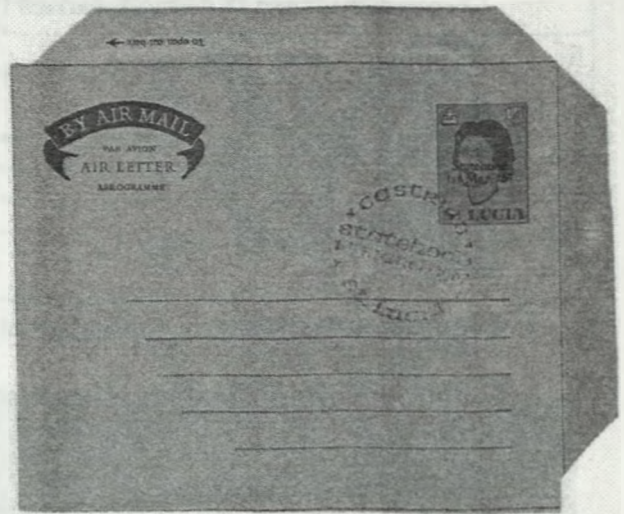
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*Items 23b (6¢ aerogramme overprinted in black with T5) and 24a (15¢ aerogramme overprinted in black with T5).*



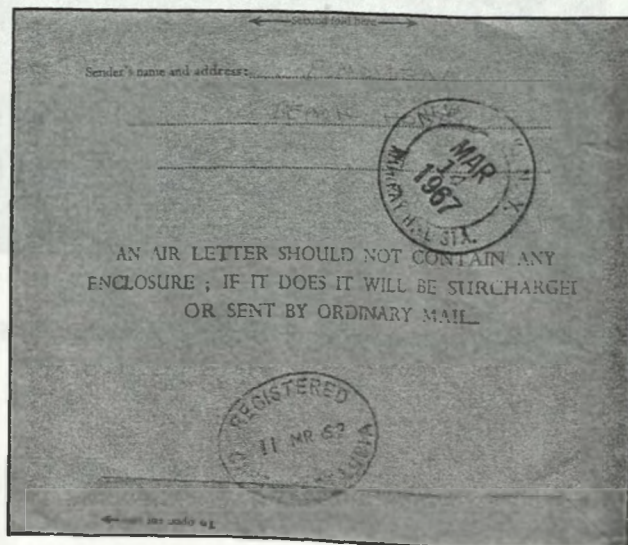
**Item 24a. 15¢ aerogramme overprinted in black with T2. Cancelled with Castries datestamp (24 April 197[3?]), but unaddressed.**



**Items 23 and 24. 6¢ aerogramme overprinted with T5 in red, and 15¢ aerogramme overprinted with T4 in black, both cancelled with special cancellation S2.**



**Item 23 (left). Along with other authorized and unauthorized statehood items, sent on March 11, 1967 by E. Mosden to himself in New York. Receiving mark from New York is dated March 14, 1967.**





# A Survey of Postally Used Caribbean Newspaper Wrappers

By Professor John K. Courtis  
Of the United Kingdom

The purpose of this paper is to analyze a sample of 221 Caribbean newspaper wrappers. Postal entities covered are Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Leeward Islands, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad, and Trinidad & Tobago.

Frequency of appearance can be used as a crude proxy for relative scarcity. The sample comprises scans of all post office issues of used wrappers that were listed on the Internet site eBay between February 2003 and May 2005. Caribbean wrappers account for 6.4% of a larger database of 3,431 scans of used worldwide wrappers (Courtis 2005). This database is arranged by country and sorted by Higgins & Gage catalogue number. Only postally used wrappers appear in the database. The analysis first considers the frequency of appearance per country and type and then calculates approximations of relative scarcity. A demographic analysis of destination addresses follows. Finally, two notable examples of Caribbean wrappers are illustrated.

## Frequency of Appearance

The number of philatelic Internet sites is increasing and eBay is only one part of the Internet. Newspaper wrappers are sold also on other sites and through traditional bourses and auctions. While the pros and cons of eBay can be debated, it has become a dominant public international marketplace bringing together diverse sellers and buyers. The extent to which the eBay database of used worldwide wrappers can be considered statistically accurate or representative of extant wrappers is unclear. However, until a more authoritative database is presented, the 221 wrappers analyzed here were utilized as a guide to relative scarcity. Table 1 summarizes the frequency of appearance of wrappers per entity.

Table 1  
Frequency of Appearance of Wrappers

Postal Entity	Overall frequency of Appearance	Percentage
Trinidad	69	31.3
Jamaica	63	28.6
Barbados	29	13.2
Leeward Islands	15	6.9
Trinidad & Tobago	12	5.6
St Vincent	10	4.6
St Lucia	7	3.3
Dominican Republic	6	2.9
Dominica	4	1.8
Grenada	4	1.8
Total	221	100.0

Almost one-third of wrappers were issued by Trinidad, followed by 28.6% issued by Jamaica. These two postal entities accounted for 60% of Caribbean wrappers in the study. By contrast, Dominica and Grenada accounted for only 3.6% with four wrappers each. This appearance represents about one per thousand of the total world database. The relative scarcity of material available from these two entities is self-evident. Barbados accounts for 13%, Leeward Islands 7%, Trinidad & Tobago 5.6%, St. Vincent 4.6%, St. Lucia 3.3% and Dominican Republic 2.9%.

The five most common wrappers are Trinidad E1 Queen Victoria 1/2d green (32) and E4 King Edward VII 1/2d green (28), Barbados E1 Queen Victoria 1/2d brown (17), Jamaica E1 Queen Victoria 1/2d green (15) and E4 King George VI 1/2d green (15). These five wrapper types account for nearly half of the 221 studied. By contrast, there were 15 issues each with only a single appearance and 10 with two appearances. The remaining 17 types appeared between three and 14 times. A full profile of the 47 issues is shown in Table 2 on the next page.

Table 2  
Distribution of Types per Postal Entity

Country	H&G Cat #	Number appearing	Proportions of 221/3431	Country	H&G Cat #	Number appearing	Proportions of 221/3431
Antigua	E1	1	.005 .000		E12	6	.027 .002
	E2	1	.005 .000		E15	1	.005 .000
Barbados	E1	17	.077 .005	Leeward Islands	E1	6	.027 .002
	E3	2	.009 .001		E2	6	.027 .002
	E4	4	.018 .001		E3	1	.005 .000
	E5	2	.009 .001		E7	2	.009 .001
	E6	1	.005 .000	St Lucia	E1	5	.023 .002
	E9	1	.005 .000		E2	2	.009 .001
	STO	2	.009 .001	St Vincent	E1	6	.027 .002
Dominica	E1	3	.005 .000		E2	1	.005 .000
	E2	1	.005 .000		E3	1	.027 .002
Dominican Republic	E3	5	.023 .002		E5	2	.009 .001
	E4	1	.005 .000	Trinidad	E1	32	.145 .009
Grenada	E1	1	.005 .000		E2	6	.027 .002
	E5	1	.005 .000		E3	1	.005 .000
	E7	2	.009 .001		E4	28	.127 .008
Jamaica	E1	15	.068 .004		E5	2	.009 .001
	E2	4	.018 .001	Trinidad Tobago	E1	4	.018 .001
	E3	11	.050 .003		E3	3	.0134 .001
	E4	15	.068 .004		E4	2	.009 .001
	E6	2	.009 .001		E6	1	.005 .000
	E8	3	.014 .001		E7	2	.009 .001
	E9	5	.023 .002	Overall total	47 types	221	
	E11	1	.005 .000				

Estimating the survival rates of most areas of philately is difficult and fraught with assumption and opinion. Estimating postal stationery survival rates is even more complex because there is little published information about quantities issued. Table 2 shows a column headed "Proportions" with two numbers each calculated to three decimal places. These proportions represent a first approximation at survival rates against known quantities that have appeared during the period studied. The intended meaning of the two numbers is illustrated with Barbados E1. The first number is the proportion of that issue relative to the sub-population of 221 Caribbean wrappers. In other words, the 17 postally used copies of E1 represent .076 of 221, or almost eight per 100 Caribbean wrappers. The second number is more stringent because it represents the proportion of Barbados E1 that have appeared relative to the worldwide population of 3,431 wrappers, namely .005 or approximately five per 1,000. A comparison of these two proportions across each of the 47 wrappers can be used to gauge the relative scarcity of each issue based on what has appeared on eBay over the 28 month window. If the word "common" was an apt descriptor, only the five types listed above would be eligible. If the word "scarce" was appropriate, then 25 types would probably qualify.

### Demographic Analysis

This section surveys the addressee characteristics of Caribbean wrappers. Two basic divisions are considered: a local (domestic) address or an overseas (non-domestic) one, and the nature of the addressee, *i.e.*, a person or a non-person (*e.g.*, institution or company). Finally, any uprating with additional adhesive is noted. The overall summary is shown in Table 3.

**Table 3**  
**Demographic Profile of Address Information**

Country	Domestic Address	Non-Domestic	Person named	Non-Person	Uprated
Antigua	2	0	2	0	0
Barbados	12	17	19	10	3
Dominica	1	3	2	2	0
Dominican Republic	0	6	3	3	0
Grenada	1	3	4	0	2
Jamaica	15	48	51	12	17
Leeward Islands	4	11	7	8	1
St Lucia	1	6	6	1	2
St Vincent	1	9	8	2	0
Trinidad	20	49	40	29	10
Trinidad & Tobago	2	10	6	6	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Percentages</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>17.6</b>

Almost one-quarter of Caribbean wrappers were addressed to a domestic location, while three-quarters were addressed to an overseas location. Three overseas destinations account for around 80%: Germany, Great Britain (London) and U.S.A. About two-thirds were sent to a named individual, usually identifiable by the use of "Esq." or "Miss." The remaining one-third was sent to a variety of companies, institutions, museums and archives, with the highest frequency having been sent to company addresses. While related more to postal history than demographics, only 17.6% of wrappers were uprated.

### Notable Wrappers

Of those wrappers offered on eBay, two distinguish themselves: one each from Trinidad and Jamaica. Trinidad E3 was issued 1885 and is the Queen Victoria 1d red overprinted HALFPENNY with four black obliterator bars. This is a very elusive wrapper and Billig's (1944) notes there are two varieties of the surcharge. No details are provided

about the differences. The eBay scan of this scarce wrapper is shown as Figure 1.

A second significant wrapper is Jamaica E3 King George V issued 1916 with postage due markings and a tied GB postage due adhesive. Posted from BOG WALK JAMAICA JY 35 it shows a pair of Ts in 19mm circle postage due hand cancels together with a blue crayon 3/20. (3/20 = three rates and 20 = 20 centimes where 1d = 10 centimes and double deficiency 20 centimes.) This wrapper to Chilmark, Salisbury, Wilts, England was underpaid 1d. It was taxed double deficiency 2d as indicated by the incoming handstamp 2d TO PAY & identifier 75, and paid by 2d postage due adhesive (Scott J12) cancelled with a double-ring CHILMARK SALISBURY identifier A 4 JY 35 and thick side arcs.

### Conclusion

The survey analyzed 221 Caribbean used wrappers that were sold on eBay between February 2003 and May 2005. The two postal entities Trinidad and Jamaica account for 60% of postally used wrappers. St. Vincent, St. Lucia and Dominican Republic each account for less than 5% of available wrappers. Five wrapper types can be considered "common": Trinidad E1 (32) and E4 (28), Barbados E1 (17), Jamaica E1 (15) and E4 (15), representing about half of the sample. By contrast 25 types have appeared only once or twice.

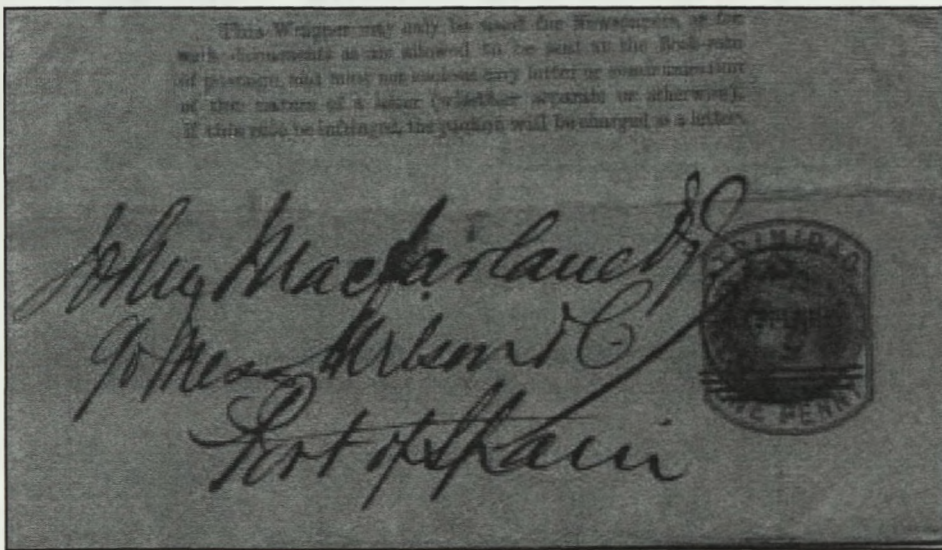


Figure 1: four line obliterator and PENNY overprint.

About 75% of wrappers were addressed to an overseas destination, and of these, 80% bore addresses to Germany, London, or U.S.A. About two-thirds were addressed to a named individual, with the remainder to companies, institutions, museums, etc. ☒

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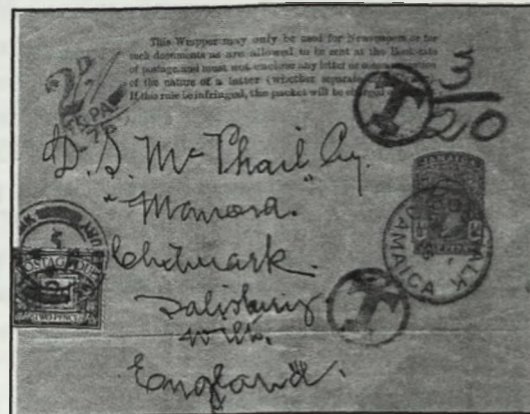


Figure 2: postage due markings and adhesive.

Estimates of scarcity relative to the Caribbean and overall databases were shown. The first estimate shows the proportion of appearance of a particular issue against all Caribbean wrappers. The second estimate shows the proportion of appearance of a particular issue against the worldwide database. After the five common types have been removed, the remainder shows that the scarcity estimate on the Caribbean sample has 11 types with less than two per 100 and 26 types with less than one per 100. In the overall population, 10 types have one per 1,000 and 28 types have less than one per 1,000.

# Update on Official Paid and Postage Paid postmarks of the BVI

By Dr. Giorgio Migliavacca

*Of the British Virgin Islands*

This is an update on an article of mine on the same subject published in the March 1998 issue of the *Journal*. I was amazed that no one added new information to my random notes, but I was even more amazed that during the past few years I was able to add new information on my own, and here is a short but interesting update.

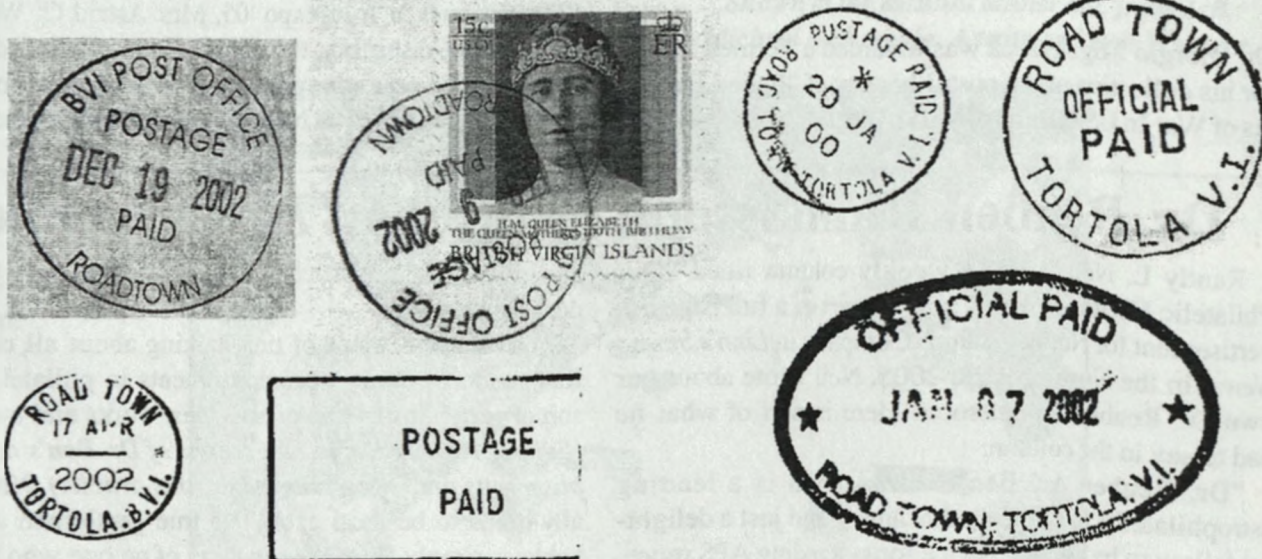
I will start with the older "OFFICIAL PAID" postmark (33mm in diameter) mentioned in the 1998 article. I now have evidence that it was in use in 1981 when (see illustration) the circle had already suffered a dent under the "L" of Tortola. Later examples show the same dent and additional ones under the second "T" and between "V." and "I." Although I have examples dating from 1985 to 2000, the "POSTAGE PAID" cds (23mm in diameter) has never been mentioned before.

More intriguing is the use of the "slogan" postmark (cds plus "POSTAGE PAID" inside the slogan tablet). It first was noticed on a piece of mail from a candidate in the 1999 general election who later on became Chief Minister. I suspect that some of the inland bulk mail is occa-

sionally stamped with this slogan postmark, and I also have examples dated 2000 and 2002 on mail from the local telecom.

Another welcome addition is the oval "OFFICIAL PAID" used on official mail from the Chief Minister's Office to an address in the U.S. Its use seems to be limited to mail to overseas destinations because this 2002 example is the only one seen so far.

In another recent article, I have spoken about the RCDS (Rubber Circle Date Stamps) introduced in late 2001 and early 2002 at the General Post Office (GPO) and its nine Sub-Post Offices. At around the same time, in November 2001, the GPO (Road Town) began to use an RCDS inscribed "BVI POST OFFICE/ ROADTOWN" in semi-circle at 12 noon and 6 a.m. positions respectively, and "POSTAGE/ date stamp/ PAID" in the field. First of all, I would like to bring to the reader's attention the obsolete and old fashioned wording "ROADTOWN" for Road Town. Like its predecessors, the P.P. postmark is used on stampless mail unless it falls into the wrong hands and is used to cancel postage stamps, as is seen in one of the illustrations below. It is normally struck in black ink, but I have seen a couple instances where blue ink was used. □



## BVI shines at international philatelic expo

The *Specialised Stamp Catalogue of British Virgin Islands Stamps 1787-2001* earned new international laurels at the Inter-American Stamp Exhibition "INTEREXPO '05" held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic October 15-22.

The catalogue won a Large Vermeil Medal with 88 points (two shy of Gold). The Ecuador Posts Ministry Award was presented as a special prize to extend felicitations for the literary achievement. The presentation was made at the conclusion of the splendid Palmares awards dinner, held at the Gran Caribe Restaurant.

The volume published by the BVI Government in 2001 under the aegis of the Millennium Committee had won gold medals at the prestigious American Philatelic Society StampShow (Atlantic City) in 2002, and in Buenos Aires International "Temex" Show in 2003. The book had also received similar accolades at Bangkok 2003, Napex 2004 (Washington), and in New Zealand in 2005.

The Inter-American International Exhibition was very impressive and featured over 160 collections displayed in as many as 784 frames (over 1,500 sides). Featured were also 121 entries in Literature Class. The show focused on Central and South American philately as well as the Caribbean and North America with the breathtaking collection of Brazil's legendary Bull's Eyes formed by Luis Alemany earning the well deserved International Grand Award.

Dr. Giorgio Migliavacca was awarded a Vermeil Medal for his collection of the postal history of "Italian Prisoners of War In USA During World War II," which had won



Shown, from left: Dr. Peter McCann (Vice President of the Federation of International Philately); and Dr. Giorgio Migliavacca (President of the BVI Philatelic Society and editor of the *Specialised Stamp Catalogue of the British Virgin Islands 1787-2001*) receiving the special prize of the Ecuador Posts Ministry from Ecuador Philatelic Federation delegate Dr. Rodrigo Paez Teran. Photo by Astrid Wenzke.

Gold and the Grand Award Display Class at Americas '99 (Orlando, Florida). Additionally, in Santo Domingo he received a Large Silver for his Maximum Cards collection, The World of Opera.

Dr. Migliavacca represented the BVI at the Inter-American Federation of Philately (FIAF) General Assembly held in conjunction with Interexpo '05 in Santo Domingo. BVI Commissioner at Interexpo '05, Mrs. Astrid C. Wenzke said that the Assembly, the exhibition, the awards dinner and the social calendar provided a splendid opportunity for BVI philately to be better known and promoted. ☐

## Dr. Reuben Ramkisson featured in *Linn's* profile

Randy L. Neil writes a weekly column titled "Our Philatelic Heritage" which runs as part of a full page advertisement for Nutmeg Stamp Company in *Linn's Stamp News*. In the November 28, 2005, Neil wrote about our own Dr. Reuben Ramkisson. Here is part of what he had to say in the column:

"Dr. Reuben A. 'Ben' Ramkisson is a leading astrophilatelist of the United States -- and just a delightful fellow to be around. He's a long-standing APS representative to the FIP Section of Astrophilately, having served as Vice Chairman and he's the President Emeritus of the Space Topics Study Group (Space Unit) of the

American Topical Association, having served as its President for 16 years.

"We've spent a lot of time talking about all of Ben Ramkisson's many accomplishments in philately -- a sort of curriculum vitae of activities, works and awards. (Editor's Note: several paragraphs of Dr. Ben's accomplishments are regrettably cut for this article.) What really needs to be said about this true gentleman of our hobby is simply this: We can think of no one who better exemplifies the spirit of Chicago philately -- continuing today as the nation's most active philatelic city (and by a country mile, by the way!). ☐

# A look back at 2005 AGM

We have more photographs of the 2005 Annual General Meeting held in Indianapolis! Unfortunately, not all of the photographs received were of high enough quality to reproduce (see editor's note on page 26 for amplification). It was, by all accounts, a wonderful stamp show and a great BCPSG meeting.



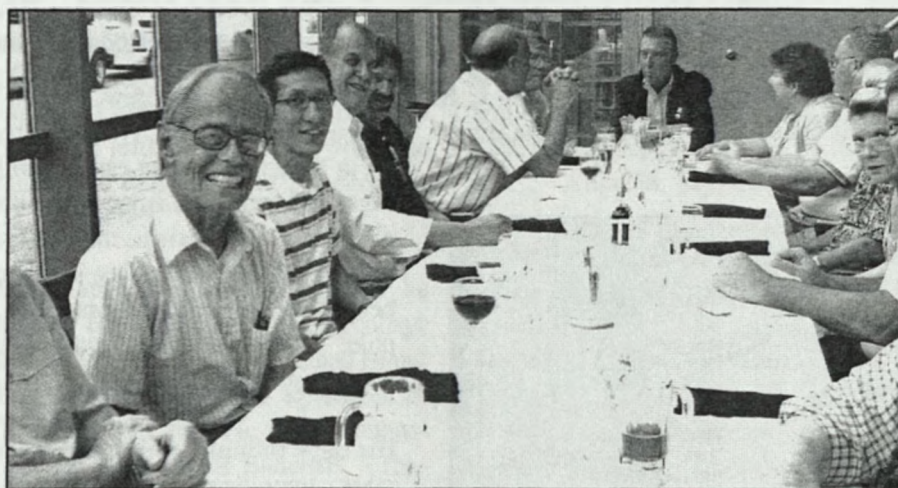
*Shown at the annual dinner are, from left, Dr. Peter P. McCann, Ed Waterous, and Charles Freeland.*



*The BCPSG Annual Dinner was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Union Station. President Jack Harwood sits at the head of the table. About 20 members attended the dinner.*



*Shown at the annual dinner are, from left, Michael Nethersole, Annita and Rob Wynstra.*



*Attendees at the BCPSG Annual Dinner held at the Crown Plaza at Union Station pause to have a picture taken. President Jack Harwood is at head of the table.*

# Rev. Dr. Gale J. Raymond

## 1924-2005

### *Explorer - Private Island Broker - International Courier - Postal Historian*

By **Dr. Reuben A. Ramkissoon**  
*Past President*

**D**r. Gale J. Raymond was born on September 4, 1924 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and died in Houston, Texas on September 8, 2005, after suffering a stroke. He was, in every sense of the word, a truly remarkable man, known and loved by his family and wide circle of friends. His endless stories gave snapshots of insights of a man whose life was full of mystery and adventure, and made it most challenging to understand we were truly dealing with reality.

Writing a summary of his life poses a challenge because Gale was remarkably eclectic. Having spent a major portion of his life working for the U.S. intelligence and security agencies, much of what he did was classified. As the passage of time brought declassification of events, it became possible for Gale to reveal bits and pieces of his life of adventure that took a global scope. These were frequently documented by "impossible covers," housed in a ready "conversation" album. Many of these covers were franked with a "Gale J. Raymond and Associates / International Couriers" handstamp with the image of a mermaid (which was one of his philatelic thematic subjects), together with the postal policy reference and proper postage that permitted these letters to enter a country's mailstream for onward dispatch.

But let us start at the beginning ... Gale was born 81 years ago in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The family moved to Memphis, Tennessee when he was five. World War II introduced him to the world of demolition, when he joined the U.S. Air Force as an Aerial Gunner, having gained the inspi-

ration from his hometown newspaper. His valor at 23,000 feet, when he kicked out a bomb that was hung up in its bay, earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross.

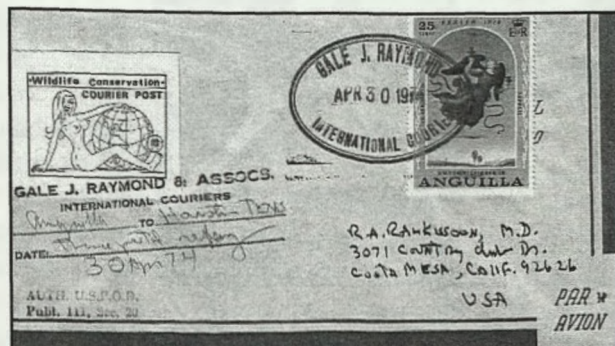
After WWII, Gale attended the University of Missouri at Columbia, then "re-entered the real world as a geographer and USAF Intelligence Officer, ultimately achieving his doctorate in geography and geosciences, and seven



*Dr. Gale J. Raymond during "Operation Urgent Fury" in Grenada, October 23, 1983. He is posing with a military police driver.*

different USAF air crew "wings." He would go on to earn a Doctorate in Divinity degree. War wounds to his leg in Korea lead to an early disability retirement. Never eager to discuss his injuries, Gale went on to outlive his physicians' predictions that he would never walk again. Using a variety of "poles, sticks, collapsible fishing fiberglass rods, and most recently, a hollow aluminum pole," Gale was able to walk, using a wheelchair only when absolutely necessary.

His early military retirement provided time to start another career, this one directed into real estate. Some insights can be gained in *Millionaire Mansions, Miserable Shacks* (1997), which tells the story of Gale's adventures in real estate appraisal. The book is full of insights, laughs,



*An international courier cover from Anguilla.*



and strange encounters. He tells of becoming involved in the shady world of covert operations, "being recruited by a so-called private firm...of experienced professionals from a military background...On overseas assignments, we consultants became 'tourists' or retirees, officially 'unknown' on any U.S. Government roster or payroll, certainly never to appear on any casualty list." Later, he would contract with various agencies. "I became a field investigator (classified) consultant, traveling as a geographer, geologist, archaeologist, anthropologist, sports diver, wreck diver, missionary, private islands and castle broker, palm tree scout, Arabic coffee broker, relief worker, postal historian, etc, all of which I legitimately AM, without necessity of faking it. I usually traveled under my own name and credentials... ."

His work took him to dangerous places, hazardous to his safety and well-being. Close calls occurred in Khadafi's Libya; he suffered further war wounds in Laos. He was an "Observer" in Portuguese Timor in the early 1970s; traveled to Sri Lanka during the Tamil Uprising in 1985; and made a number of trips to French Guiana as a courier. He almost had his throat cut in Dahomey, and was nearly appointed Honorary U.S. Consul in the Maldives, but the appointment was called off when it was reported that he was a Christian missionary.

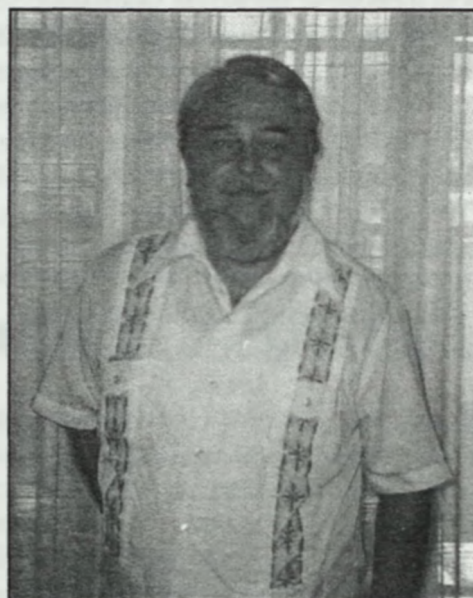
Not all Gale's international adventures were covert and threatening. He flew on UN supported humanitarian missions during the Biafran War out of Fernando Po. Delivering food and medicine, their missions took them just 10 feet off the ground, when the supplies were safely dropped. Later he served as a member of the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia.

Summing up in his own writings: "I worked all over the world—Southeast Asia, Caribbean Islands, Africa, Indian Ocean, Pacific, Central and South America—141 nations (so far), more than fulfilling my high school ambition to be paid for traveling. But I never expected to be in 12 wars! In retrospect, the net return was never worth the risks, the high adrenaline or dangers. But I wanted adventures, and I GOT adventures."

Exploration, adventure, and deep sea diving--how he loved and pursued them! His interest in cryptozoology took him to primitive places such as New Ireland Island in Papua New Guinea, on which he was authorized to carry the flag of The Explorers Club. He was an authority on Liberia, yet quite at home in the Bahamas. A special discount for clergy traveling to the outer islands allowed him to "ramble around the Bahamas in a mail boat...the Bahamians would line up, and we'd take turns marrying them...I did that once in the Canadian Arctic

Northwest Territories, one time receiving \$50 worth of meat." An avid diver, one of his favorite sites was a Cayman Islands submarine mountain which is named after him—"Gale's Mountain"—in a *Guide to Cayman Dive Sites* (1988). Adventure took him with a group of scientists to the North Pole. "We flew into Ellesmere Island, and then sweet-talked the pilot of a supply plane from Resolute to take us to the North Pole for a sit-down. I ended up with the first two covers from Ice Island."

Gale's life of exploration and adventure was intertwined with his love for islands, which served as a focus of his philatelic cover collection and contribution to the litera-



*Rev. Dr. Gale J. Raymond in a recent photograph.*

ture. Of special interest to us are his U.S. Satellite Tracking Station covers from Antigua and the Bahamas, sites he was able to visit. His gold-level exhibit included "Lee-ward Islands, Used Complete"; his collection of Anguilla covers documented its struggle for its independence from St. Kitts and Nevis (1967), and Grenada during "Operation Urgent Fury" (1983). His writings can be found in a wide variety of publications, including "Sombrero Island, W.I."; "Anguilla: Mystery Stamp" (*British Caribbean Philatelic Journal*, 1972; 1996); "Pitcairn Island Tracking Station, 1967" (*The American Philatelist*, 1993); "Bermuda--A Mystery Postmark-1918" (*Universal Ship Cancellation Society Log*, 2003); and in his home state, "Rattlesnake Bomber Base, Pyote, Texas" (*The Texas Philatelist*, 1999). In 1967, with M.H. Luddington, he co-authored *The Bahamas Islands: A History and Catalogue of the Handstamps and Cancellations, 1802-1967*, published by Robson Lowe.

Gale was a founding member of the British Caribbean  
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Philatelic Study Group, served as president, and received the Robert J. Cooley Award in 2000 for outstanding and meritorious service to the society. He was one of three founding members of the American Society of Polar Philatelists, a Life Member of the American Philatelic Society, Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society (London); member of the Collectors Club of New York, and the Liberian Philatelic Society. The St. Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha Philatelic Society, of which he was Immediate Past President, honored him with the 2005 Skavaril Award for his service to the society. In 1996, The Texas Philatelic Association bestowed on him the honor of Distinguished Philatelic Texan.

Gale was a Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society and the American Geographical Society, a member of MENSA, the Asia Society, Corps Diplomatique, Masonic Lodge and the Explorers Society. In 1958, he was knighted by Prince Sinhanouk of Cambodia. A member of China Post No. 1 formed in Shanghai in the 1930s and re-established in Houston, it is the preferred post for those who served their country in unconventional ways.

Gale leaves his wife of 58 years, Naoma Gibson Raymond, two daughters, Janet and Susan, two sons-in-law and four grandchildren, two sisters-in-law, a brother and three nieces and nephews, as well as a wide circle of friends. Graveside services with military honors were held on September 12, 2005 at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery, presided by Rev. Savann Koch. Memorial gifts should be directed to a hurricane victims fund.

#### Endnote

*We have lost a great friend and a truly outstanding philatelist of Bali-Hai, Sugar Land, Texas -- a gentle man of all seasons -- whose many contributions to philately will be remembered for years to come. To write this synopsis of his life is an honor and privilege.*

*My special thanks to Mrs. Naoma Raymond and son-in-law Rick Rodgers; to Michael D. Mueller and Dr. Everett L. Parker, for allowing me to utilize photos and story from the South Atlantic Chronicle 29:12-16, (October 2005).*

## *A note from ye editor..*

**Y**our editor has received a couple of comments about the poor quality of the photographs in the October issue of the *Journal*. So it's time to bring you up to date on how we produce what you're reading. Some publications have strict editorial guidelines relating to how a manuscript and illustrations are to be sent. I have stayed away from imposing these rules because we continually need material and I don't want to curtail anyone's interest in providing articles.

But I must require a change in the way we receive photographs. I, too, was unhappy with the quality of photographic reproduction, but the problem does NOT lie on the production and printing end. Let me explain why.

For longer than I care to remember (I'm dating myself), real photographs, taken with a camera and processed in a darkroom, were used in printing. Early on, it was with what we called in the 1960s "hot type," a metal process. That continued on into more recent days, not with hot type but with scanning.

Then came the current fad of "digital images," produced through a special camera and printed out on a computer. And the quality of those images are fine for the casual viewing or perhaps putting in a photo album. But they are NOT acceptable for printing! Here's the reason: in printing, an image taken with a traditional camera is scanned and entered into the computer. To make that image acceptable to the press (meaning to make it so the image will pick up ink), a "dot pattern" is placed as a

screen on the image. That allows it to print. If the "dot pattern" is not just right, the image appears muddy or out of focus. This is all done through software for managing images.

When one takes a picture with a digital camera, the process is somewhat similar in that a dot pattern is applied to create the image. Take a look at a digital photograph under a 10 power lens and you'll see the tiny dots. Many earlier digital cameras produce a very low resolution image at about 72 dots per inch (d.p.i.).

When we download a digital image into the publishing software we use, ANOTHER screened dot pattern is placed on it to allow for printing. So the image, already at low resolution, has another screen applied and you get an awful reproduction.

The answer is simple: provide only traditional photographs, and send them by mail (not electronically) and we will scan them here. If you must send an image by email, please scan it at a higher resolution (at least 300 d.p.i.) and reduce it to thumbnail size. We can enlarge it appropriately on this end. Send images as TIFF and not JPEG.

Making this small effort should help to improve the quality of images in our journal. And again, we NEED researched articles! Please provide material as I cannot publish something I don't have! We must all work together to make the *Journal* the best it can be. ☒

# BCPSG Exhibits and Awards

By Paul Larsen  
Awards Chairman

Following is a listing of recent British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group (BCPSG) member exhibit participants and awards.

**Dursapex 2004, October 13-17**  
**Durban, South Africa**

Ian Matheson  
*St. Lucia Handstamps and Labels*  
Gold, IIsapex 98 Trophy  
Kelantan  
Gold, Royal Medallion (Best Commonwealth)

**Stampshow 2005, August 4-7**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Reuben Ramkissoo  
*An Astrophilatelic Rendition of the  
Conquest of Space*  
(Part 2) [Literature]  
C. Corwith Wagner Award  
(This article was published in the 2005 edition of the  
*Congress Book* of the American Philatelic Congress.)

**Taipeh 2005, August 15-21**  
**Taipeh, Taiwan**

Ian Matheson  
Kelantan  
Vermeil

**MILCOPEX 2005, September 16-18**  
**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Rob Wynstra  
*Leeward Islands Village Mail 1734-1932*  
Grand Award, Gold, Postal History Society Medal,  
American Philatelic Congress Award,  
BCPSG Medal

Reuben Ramkissoo  
*Tobago 1772-1900*  
Reserve Grand Award, Gold  
*The W.W.I Trinidad One Fraction Red Cross Label  
that became a Postage Stamp (SF)*  
Best Single Frame Exhibit, Gold

Paul Larsen  
*Caroline Islands to 1914:  
The Spanish and German Periods*  
Gold, APS 1900-1940 Medal

**Filatelico Fiesta, September 30 - October 2**  
**San Jose, California**

Reuben Ramkissoo  
*Air Letter Sheets (Aerogrammes)  
of Trinidad & Tobago 1943-1988*  
Vermeil, American Air Mail Society Award

**SESCAL 2005, October 7-9**  
**Los Angeles, California**

Reuben Ramkissoo  
*Tobago, 1772-1906*  
Gold, APS Pre 1900 Medal, BCPSG Award  
*Air Letter Sheets (Aerogrammes)  
of Trinidad & Tobago 1943-1988*  
Gold  
*Trinidad Connections of the 1931 Dornier DO-X  
South American Flight (SF)*  
Gold

Jerome Kasper  
*SCADTA Postal Stationery (SF)*  
Gold

**Capex 2005, October 20-23,**  
**Cape Town, South Africa**

Ian Matheson  
*Union of South Africa Official Overprints (1926-1936)*  
Large Gold, Grand Prix  
*Trengganu*  
Gold, Royal Medallion

## Cayman exhibit

Literally as this issue was going to press, a letter was received from Ivan Burges of Grand Cayman announcing an exhibit titled "The Art of Stamps," which will begin January 12 in The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands, at Harbour Place in George Town.

The exhibition, "a unique opportunity to view original artwork used to design stamps of the Cayman Islands," will run through April 14.

## Forest D. "Del" Harris: 1923 - 2005

Longtime member Forest D. "Del" Harris, M.D., of Lawton, Oklahoma passed away on September 26, 2005. Del was an inveterate Barbados collector. He was born in Bridgetown, Barbados in 1923, entering the world as one of eight siblings. In the 1930s, to keep him safe from tuberculosis, his family sent him to live in Panama Canal Zone where he attended high school and graduated as valedictorian of his class. He later moved to the U.S. At age 20, he was accepted into the Medical School of Washington University in St. Louis. He entered the U.S. Army prior to medical school and was assigned to immersion training in the Japanese language and culture at Yale University for nearly two years.

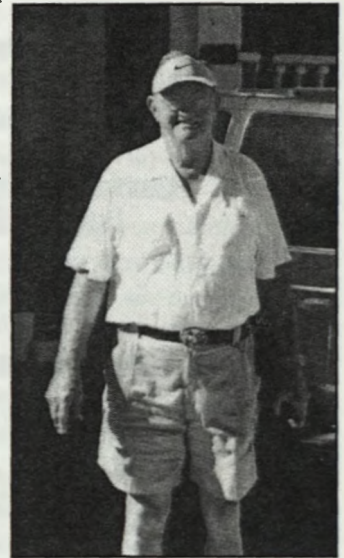
Immediately following the end of World War II, Del was assigned to Japan as part of the initial occupation force. After his occupation duties, Del returned to St. Louis to finish medical school. Del established a pediatrics practice in Oklahoma, eventually settling in Lawton. He was board certified in pediatric medicine in 1962. After 25 years of pediatrics, Del switched to the practice of addiction medicine where he saw a need. He again was board certified as an addictionist and practiced this type of medicine for the second 25 years of his medical career.

He is survived by his loving wife June who was also best friend and traveling companion. Sons Ray and Paul, six grandchildren and one great grandchild were a source

of great pride. From his childhood days Del collected and studied the stamps of Barbados. Del and June attended the 1995 BCPSG meeting in Barbados where members in attendance learned of their great sense of humor and Del's passion for Bajan stamps. Del attended our annual meetings regularly and participated to the benefit of all. Many will remember the "genuine" Bajan rum punch Del served in the hospitality suite at our meetings. Del had a doctor's manner in that he could make a conversation become a one-way flow of information if you let him.

He loved his involvement in the BCPSG and belonged to many other organizations including the APS, RPSL, BWISC, Barbados Philatelic Society and his local Lawton Stamp Club. He gave generously of his time and knowledge of Barbados philately. So long friend, we'll miss you.

-- Prepared by Ed Waterous



Forest "Del" Harris

## Membership Director's Report — By Tom Giraldi

### New Members

*All new applicants listed in the last issue of the Journal have been accepted as members of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group. Congratulations and welcome to the Group.*

### New Applicants

**Edwin J. Andrews**, 803 Hessian Cr., West Chester, PA 19382-8040 USA. Philatelic interests: Barbados, World War II censored mail, U.S. revenues and U.S. 19th century postal history. Sponsored by Mike Mead.

**John Cress**, 508 Crowfields, Ashville, NC 28803 USA. Philatelic interests: BWI airmails. Sponsored by Jack Harwood.

**Raymond J. Paley**, Le Cleuziou, Priziac 56320, Morbihan, FRANCE. Philatelic interests: BVI. Sponsored by David Druett.

### Change of Address

Reid Hill, P.O. Box 6305, Diamondhead, MS 39525-6006 USA

Annemarie Rodger, 1070 Ash St., Campbell River, BC V9W 1G5 CANADA

Joy Sieminski, 5095 Fairways Cr., Apt. 209, Vero Beach, FL 32967 USA

### E-mail changes

Edwin Andrews: afacinc@yahoo.com

John Cress: cressj@bellsouth.net

*If any member has information, such as a change of address, to be included in the Membership Director's Report, please contact me, either by mail (see inside front cover of the Journal) or by email, at TEG43@aol.com Thank you.*

# President's Message

By Jack Harwood

**A**s you read this, final planning is under way for our Annual Meeting at Washington 2006. Meeting time is 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 27, 2006, which is opening day of the show. The meeting room has yet to be assigned, but that information will be available at the information desk, in the show program, or in pre-show publicity. There will also be an Executive Committee meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, the 27th. Any member is welcome to attend that meeting, as well.

Ed Waterous is coordinating the schedule for our group table at the show. We will be sharing table coverage with one or more other societies, but will need to staff our location during many of the show hours. Especially needed are members willing to greet show visitors at our table on the weekdays from May 29 through June 2. Please contact Ed at [ewwaterous@hotmail.com](mailto:ewwaterous@hotmail.com) if you are able to spend one or two hours tending the table during the show. Your participation will be sincerely appreciated.

Howie and Bernice Austin will be hosting our hospitality suite at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel a few blocks from the Convention Center. The suite will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings, May 26 and May 27, from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Auction lots will be available for viewing on Friday evening. Ask at the hotel desk to be connected to the suite, and plan to join your fellow members for a pleasant evening.

Two other future meeting dates can now be confirmed. May 19-26, 2007, we will convene on the island of St. Vincent. Further details of this meeting will appear in upcoming journals, but you should put the dates on your calendar now. Our 2008 meeting will take place at WESTPEX in San Francisco, April 25-27. This will be our first visit to the West Coast in quite a few years. Steve Schumann will be coordinating our meeting plans.

We are seeking a volunteer to compile an up-to-date index of BCPJ issues from 1997 to date. If this is a task you would consider undertaking, please contact me at [jharwood2@comcast.net](mailto:jharwood2@comcast.net). Ultimately, we would like to consolidate a new index with previous efforts to produce a complete listing from Volume 1 to date.

With the assistance of our group, the Civil Censorship Study Group has recently added information on censorship in St. Lucia to its web pages. You may locate the St. Lucia information at [www.postalcensorship.com/examples/ww2stlucia/c\\_ww2stlucia.html](http://www.postalcensorship.com/examples/ww2stlucia/c_ww2stlucia.html) <<http://>

[www.postalcensorship.com/examples/ww2stlucia/c\\_ww2stlucia.html](http://www.postalcensorship.com/examples/ww2stlucia/c_ww2stlucia.html) > .

Congratulations to our Editor, Everett Parker. Our journal was awarded a Vermeil medal at the seventh National Philatelic Literature Exhibition in Toronto. I suspect that few of us realize how much work goes into production of the BCPJ. I convey my personal thanks to Everett for a job well done. And while on this subject, I know Everett is anxious to receive your article on any British Caribbean subject. You can help your society by taking time to write on your favorite subject. You may be surprised to find that your article will bring you into contact with other members who share your interests. And finally, if you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so at this time. ☐



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By Jerone Hart  
*Treasurer*

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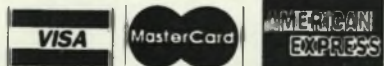
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