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The next meeting of the New Zealand Society will be held on Saturday 30th January at 2.30 p.m. at the Shaftesbury Hotel, Monmouth Street, London. The subject will be varieties of printing etc including re-entries, retouches and "Chambon" perforations to be found on the issues of Queen Elizabeth 11. Will all members attending the meeting please endeavour to bring some interesting item whether already recorded or not. Mr. Royton Heath will be leader for the evening but would prefer only to exhibit his material if insufficient material is forthcoming from members.

# OUR PROGRAMME FOR 1965.

Your Committee have drawn up the following Programme for 1965 but would be willing to amend or include any other interesting items suggested.

MARCH 27th, SATURDAY, 2.30 p.m.

Annual Competition and Philatelic Quiz. Conducted by the President.

The "KIWI SHIELD" for earlier issues up to King Edward V11 and "STACEY HOOKER CUP" for King George V and modern issues.

# MAY 26th WEDNESDAY 6.15 p.m.

World Wars I and II markings and Cancellations applied to mail from New Zealand troops overseas for example Expeditionary Force Troopships; Base & Field P.O'S; Censor markings; Hospitals etc. Leaders Hon. Secretary and Hon. Editor.

#### JULY 28th WEDNESDAY 6.15 pm.

Unusual Philatelic Material. Leader Mr. Noel Turner.

# SEPTEMBER 29th WEDNESDAY 6.15 p.m.

The First and Second Side Face issues including the advertisements on backs of stamps. Leader Mr. Campbell Paterson.

#### NOVEMBER 27th SATURDAY 11.0. a.m.

Annual General Meeting. Presentation of awards to Competition Winners. Auction of New Zealand material.

The Thirteenth Annual General Meeting held at Shaftesbury Hotel on 28th November 1964 was presided over by the President Mr. Harry Bartrop with a very good attendance.

Prior to the actual business of the A.G.M. a Committee was held to draw up a provisional Programme for 1965 for approval by members at the A.G.M.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mrs. Moore and Mr. & Mrs. Erskine, and I believe another member whose name I failed to catch, and as I had to leave to catch a train before the auction finished I could not check up and so my apologies.

- (1)The Minutes of the last - 12th A.G.M. were read and approved of.
- (2) The President presented his annual report for 1964 a copy of which will be found in this KIWI.
- (3) The Treasurers Report.
- (五) The Packet Superintendents report. A combined report and balance sheet is included in this KIWI.
- (5) The election of Honorary Officers for 1965 resulted as follows: -Mr. Harry Bartrop
  Mr. Michael Burberry
  Mr. Gerald Pratt
  Mr. Gerald Erskine
  Mr. Warrenne Young President: Vice-President:

Hon. Secretary: Hon Auditor:

Hon. Packet Supt:

Hon. Treasurer. Mr. Noel Turner Hon.Bulletin Editor: Mr. Albert Hard (5) Election of Officers (contd)

Hon. Publicity Officer: Mr. Michael Burberry

Committee

Mrs. Willis Messrs. J.D. Evans

J.D. Riddell

R. Heath

R.D. Williamson.

Mr. Noel Turner proposed a motion that was put forward at the September meeting that, for meritorious services rendered in the past to the Society by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald B. Erskine they should be elected as Honorary Life Members. The proposal was seconded by Mr. R.D. Williamson with unanimous approval and acclamation from the members.

The contents of the 1965 Programme were discussed and accepted as described elsewhere.

Presentation of awards for the Annual Competition were awarded as follows: - STACEY HOOKER CUP to Mr. Michael Burberry and KIWI SHIELD to Mr. Royton Heath.

Mr. J. Bradford of Leamington Spa runner up to the SHIELD was also congratulated for his fine entry.

The only item under "any other business" was when Dr. L.G. Jacob rose to ask if we could not have some windows and a door opened as the room was blue with smoke and unbearable with the heat. A well merited suggestion to wind up the first part of the business session.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Noel Turner to the Postal History Society for the generous use of the display frames, the members showed their appreciation in the usual manner.

A welcome break for tea was followed by the auction which contained over 200 lots. It is hoped to publish a list of prices realised for the lots sold in another part of this KIWI as your Editior had to leave to catch a train before the auction finished.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1964.

This, I am told is our thirteenth Annual General Meeting. To some people thirteen is an unlucky number. To others, including myself, thirteen has always been a lucky number. I sincerely hope this thirteenth A.G.M. will be an enjoyable day for all members present, and that all your purchases at the Auction presently will bring you good fortune.

I wish to thank Messrs Williamson and Heath for leading the January meeting, Campbell Paterson for judging our Annual Competition, Mr. Hard for leading the May meeting, and Mr. Pratt for leading the July Meeting. These meetings have been fully reported in KTWI and your Officers hope that the members who attended were content with the experiment to set aside meetings for study of one subject. The only constructive criticism I have heard is that more members should be encouraged to take an active part. May I, therefore, appeal to old and new members to endeavour to attend some of our meetings, to bring material, and to show it, and ask questions. I was well content with the kind help and co-operation I received from so many members at the September meeting. As more and more Colonies become independent, and sometimes seek to exploit stamp collectors, I think we are very fortunate who collect the postage stamps of New Zealand. I hope you will all try to obtain new members as more and more collectors turn away from exploitation to collect the stamps of New Zealand.

Our KIWI Editor - Mr. Hard - does a grand job, quietly and unobtrusively. I have been exhorted to follow the Romans to Colchester so many times by Kiwi envelope postmarks that I must go there one day and hope I do not meet Boadicea and her wild warriors on the way. Thank you, Mr. Hard, for all you do for this Society. Noel Turner also, every year at our A.G.M., works like a Trojan to make the Auction successful, and all through each year he has helped me tremendously with friendly letters of encouragement. Mr. Pratt has done a fine job as Secretary, and Michael Burberry is a very great asset to our Society.

I would like to thank the members of our Committee for their wise counsel; and all those members who attend our meetings regularly, and are always so friendly to me and one to another. I was pleased to read the report of the display given to the Epsom & Ewell Society by Messrs. Burberry, Evans & Pratt, which brought high repute to our Society.

Mr. Alloock of Cheltenham judged the Wiltshire Federation Annual Competition and awarded the Renton Cup to the New Zealand display of re-entries. Last, but not least, I wish to thank our Packet Secretary for his work for our Society. He will send out more packets if you will provide the material.

H.L. Bartrop.

#### NOTES FROM NOEL TURNER.

OPEN INVITATION TO OUR MEMBERS ON WEINESDAY 17th MARCH. Our Member, Mr. J.D. Riddell is to give a talk on 'The History of New Zealand Marine Cancellations' to the Postal History Society. As a member of the Council of the Postal History Society I have been requested to issue an invitation to all members of our Society to attend on that occasion and I am sure that Mr. Riddell would like our support. I am also sure that the display will be of great interest to us. The meeting will be held at the Shaftesbury Hotel, Monmouth Street, London. W.C.2 at 7.30 p.m.

BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION. As a Member of the Organising Committee of the Exhibition which is to be held on January 21st, 22nd and 23rd, I arranged that a special pamphlet shall be included with this distribution of 'KIWI'. This exhibition is quite different to others that you may have seen and has a special purpose. I do hope that you will be able to attend on one or another of the three days.

AUCTION AT THE A.G.M. Our Auction at the end of November was a real success and the Society has benefitted to a substantial extent from the gifts to the Society and the commission on the lots that were sold. In the general congratulations I do feel that the part played by Warrenne Young may not be fully understood. He is responsible for receiving the lots, numbering them, describing them and acting as the auctioneer's right—hand man both during and after the actual sale. His labour far exceeds my own and I am sure the Members will join me in expressing thanks. I must also repeat thanks to the Members who made such generous gifts, which on this occasion included a Christmas Cake, pots of honey, packets of seeds, a decorated cloth from New Zealand and several lots of stamps, to mention only a few of the items. The first purchaser of the cake generously put it back for resale, and the total proceeds far exceed any previous year.

VOIJIME IV. Any Member who ordered his copy through the Society and has not yet received it should notify me at once.

NOEL TURNER.

# PHILATELIO CONCRESS OF CREAT BRITAIN.

Already preparations are afoot for a New Zealand Study Circle at Congress during 18th to 21st May, 1965. As an experiment, it has been suggested members should bring at least 6 sheets of interesting or problematical material for study by members of the Society and members of Congress. To ease arrangements, those members attending are asked to inform Miss R.N. Solly, Strathlea, 4, Bilton Iane, Harrogate, Yorks., what material they will bring.

Leeds' Philatelic Society will be host to Congress in this, its 75th Anniversary Year.

Headquarters will be the Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate, Yorkshire.

Mrs. H.C. Versey.

The Society is entitled to send 3 representatives to this year's Congress at Harrogate on 18th/21st May. Will anyone interested, please let me know by 1st FEBRUARY.

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G.E.C. Pratt

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#### NEW MEMBERS.

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The Rev.F. Cartwright.

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A.M. Davidson

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Twy House Farm,

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Lieut. C. Moorereft R.N. " "

R.N.A.S. Culdrose, Helston, Cornwall.

#### RESIGNATION.

D. Givan of Redhill, Surrey.

PIEASE KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP LIST UP TO DATE

# "FIAG STATIONS"

Further to my article on this subject in the January, 1964 issue of the 'KIWI.' It appears that the only New Zealand Railways flag Stations which are still combined railway stations and Post Offices controlled by the Railways Department are those listed below:-

North Auckland Line (Timetables 1,2.) Paparoa and Taipuha, near Maungaturoto. Wharepapa, near Helensville.

Napier Line (Timetables 32,33): Kopua, near Ormondville (between Waipukurau and Dunnevirke.)

New Plymouth Line (Timetables 30,31): Tariki, near Stratford; Kai Iwi, near Arancho.

North Island Main Truck railway (Timetables 7,8): Tangiwai (Between Chakune and Taihape): Hukapapa post office at Oio railway station (Between Chakune and Taumarumui.)

In the South Island there are, on the Christohurch - Dunedin Idne (Timetables 22,23): Rangitata (Between Ashburton and Timaru), and Makikihi (Between Timaru and Oamaru.) On the Otago Central Line (Dunedin-Cromwell, (Timetables 24,25) are Hindon (the Post Office is named Hindon Railway), and Pukerangi.

# "FLAG STATIONS" (contd)

The Post Office cancelling stamps used at these stations with the exception of Hindon, will show the name of the post office only. In all cases, except Hukapapa, these will of course be the same as the station names, but there will be no indication of the fact that the Post Office is a railway flag station. Letters collected at these stations, although handled by the Railway Authorities are not charged an extra fee, and do not have to be endorsed with "Posted at... name of flag station" as before. The latest date I have of the execution of this practice is Feb. 1949.

It is no longer the practice in New Zealand for reilway guards to accept letters at unattended flag stations and endorse them with the name of the stations at which they are received. Posting boxes are still provided on a very few trains, but not on the railcars which have largely replaced passenger trains in many country areas. These boxes are cleared by Post Office staff at main centres or terminal stations, and the letters bear no indication of their station of origin.

The present day Post Office services, which cover almost all parts of the Dominion, have made former systems of handing mail to guards of passing trains no longer necessary.

The term "Flag Stations", as used in New Zealand, refers generally to the numerous stations where no staff is located, where certain trains are scheduled to stop only if required to pick up or set down passengers, and where goods and parcels traffic is handled by the train crews. There are not necessarily any post offices in those sparsely populated localities, where mail is now handled normally by what is known as the "Rural Mail" service operated by the New Zealand Post Office. In this service, collection and delivery of mail is undertaken by contractors (often local carriers). Its growth can be seen from the fact that the number of rural box-holders rose from 40,689 in 1947 to 73,743 in 1963.

So letters endorsed in manuscript or print and postally cancelled IOOSE IETTER either in single line or c.d.s. form, are items to be on the look-out for.

My earliest cover endorsed in manuscript is dated 8th. July 1897, "Posted at Windemere Flag Station" which is the example shown on page 286 of Vol 111 N.Z. Handbook No.42. However it does not have a IOOSE IETTER cancellation. My first cover with the IOOSE IETTER cancellation in frame is dated 26th November, 1903, and endorsed in manuscript "Posted at Raupo", and the Penny Universal adhesive cancelled at Greymouth, addressed to Ireland. My latest cover bears the Christohurch IOOSE IETTER c.d.s. and is dated 10th. February 1949. But I have no official statement on when or why these various cancellations were started or stopped.

In the N.Z. Railways Time Tables there are many stations classified correctly as "Flag Stations", which have Post Offices near them that have the same name, but the mail put on trains flagged to stop at these stations is now handled by the N.Z. Postal Authorities and is thus no longer classified as IOOSE IEVIER mail. The following are examples.

#### "FLAG STATIONS" (contd)

Te Wera, on the Stratford-Taumarumui Line Drury on the North Island Mail Truck Line Auckland-Wellington, similarly Pinedale and Hukerenui. Te Papapa on the Onehunga-Rotorua Line. Eskdale on the Napier-Gisborne Line. Tangowahine on the Dargaville Branch. Orowia on the Invergargill-Bluff Line. Cave on the Fairlie Branch. Chatto Creek on the Dunedin-Cromwell Line. Rual Bush on the Invercargill-Kingston Line. Takakopa on the Catlins River Branch.

John D. Riddell.

# PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND CANCELLATIONS.

More than a passing interest has been taken in the last few years in the Early Cancellations of New Zealand and late in 1959 the Society received a pamphlet entitled as above from Mr. R.M. Startup of P.O. Box 275 Masterton New Zealand. I was fortunate in being included in the limited circulation and the purpose of these notes, using much of Mr. Startup's information gleaned from him and those aiding him in his research is to bring more to the notice of our members the very interesting Province of Auckland circular datestamps which were in use on present knowledge from 25th March 1864 to 20th October 1875. Part of this period is overlapped by the Second Macri War and by 1862 Auckland, then the capital of the Colony, was the centre of an armed district supported by British Army Regiments and most of the male settlers were enrolled in Militia or Volunteer Corps.

Most members will be familiar with or will at least have heard of the "Headquarters" and "Queen's Redoubt" cancellations, the latter being used at the advanced camp base near Pokeno and from this camp the advance south following the line of the Waikato River commenced in October 1863 and at Pukerimu near that river the campaign ended in April 1864.

A peace Agreement was signed on 27th May 1865 but this did not put an end to the Maori War as a whole and disturbances lingered on for years afterwards.

For those who are interested in the history of the Waikato Campaign a pamphlet by Mr. Startup may be obtained from Major A.E. Hopkins, Ormonde House, Sion Hill, Bath, for 5/7d post paid. Copies were still available last August.

From August 1864 soldiers and their wives and families of the Waikato Militia Regiments commenced to arrive in the Waikato to garrison permanently armed settlements and as they arrived the British Regiments were withdrawn. Military postal services were then taken over by troopers of the Militia and in 1866 the Post Office at the armed posts came under full Civil Post Office control. From 1870 postal services between the former armed settlements were taken over by civilian contractors and mail carriers.

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Cancellations

The Province of Auckland datestamps were hand engraved and a sketch appears as under:-



There appear to have been eight of those, and the number (which was moveable) above the month day indicates the consecutive scrial number of the datestamp. The month, day and year were also in separate moveable slugs which were changed day by day according to the date. From 1866 it is probable that the datestamps were used as "reliefs" at Post Offices where the normal obliteration or datestamp was temporarily out of use.

As at September 1959 Mr. Startup had been able to discover 33 examples of the datestamps but of these only 23 could be shown with full details of the datestamp and the earliest and latest recorded dates in his list at that time were as follows:-

Datestamp No.	Datestamp No. Earliest Date.	
1	MR 25 64	DE 5 72
2	SP 26 64	oc 6 65
3	NO 19 64	MR 14 73
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6	MY 20 65	OC 20 75
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8	FE 26 65	JU 6 71

With regard to the 23 examples where full details of the datestamp can be shown I have and can now add the following:-

- (a) SG 43 6d unperf. Datestamp No. 2 FE 24 65
- (b) SG 113 2d in pair "No. 7 DE 30 64 (the 31 is inverted.

SG 43(a) above is interesting because I also Maye SG 122 perf 122 Datestamp No.2 dated FE 4 65 (already notified to Mr.Startup) thus showing that the imperf and perf 6d value were both being used at the same time whilst (no doubt) the stocks of the 6d imperf value SG 43 Red-brown were being exhausted.

SG 113 2d Plate 1 (b) above is interesting because it appeared from Mr. Startup's researches to be the only copy, so far, of Datestamp No.7.

Mr. Startup may have found No.7 datestamp since September 1959.

In the September 1963 issue of the KTWI there was published a note of my finding datestamp No. 7 and I was pleased to read the letter of Mr. J.G. Stonehouse in the November issue setting out his collection of seven of these datestamp cancellations though he says one or two of these are not recorded by Mr. Startup, so that with this and a cover later mentioned which I have recently bought, the earliest and latest recorded dates would be revised as under.

Datestamp No.	Earliest Date	Latest Date
5	JU 465	SP 2 70
7	DE 3064	OC 65

The cover I have just acquired is addressed to The Reverend A.G. Purchas, Onehunga, Auckland but there is nothing to indicate who sent it. The 2d Blue full face Ferf. 12½ on this cover appears to be from Plate 11 S.G. 115 and is cancelled with the 'l' of Auckland. The datestamps are on the reverse of the cover being a C.D.S. Auckland New Zealand dated "SP 2 70 H", Province of Auckland No. 5 of the same date and the C D S Onehunga New Zealand dated "SEP 3.70". I have always understood that Onehunga is about 5 miles or so from Auckland so that if the Province of Auckland C.D.S. was used as a relief it would presumably have been used somewhere between those two places. The question is, where: I am quite unable to say but to members in New Zealand this may be quite an easy question to answer.

But what is the point of all this? Research and interest of course, Competition - No. To my mind these Province of Auckland datestamps are very scarce (though this has been doubted in England) but, stamps in used condition with full details of the datestamps have to my knowledge been offered for sale by auction as "possible Maori War Cancellation". They may and probably are sufficiently scarce to attract a special value without reference to the Maori War. They were originally intended for use as "Reliefs". Undoubtedly covers which I have seen exist with the datestamp applied to a cover bearing a "Headquarters" or I think a "Queens Redoubt" Cancellation. I have seen these or at least one of them in "Layer" covers from Lt.(Q.M) Layer of the 12th Regiment to Mrs. Layer, but these covers are offered at £35 to £40. I do not pretend to possess one, and unfortunately did not record the dates of the datestamps when I saw them about two years ago. However, as the Waikato campaign opened in October 1863 and ended in April 1864 it is to my mind highly . questionable whether any Province of Auckland datestamp dated after April 1864 can properly be regarded as a Maori War Cancellation and almost certainly not if it is dated after 1869.

Mr. Startup makes it quite clear that the serial number of the datestamp is moveable and would be re-issued to another Post Office and as he cannot with certainty say how the Post Office can be identified in the absence of covers with their original letters, I do not see how these datestamps can be properly described as "Macri War Cancellations"unless

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possibly the date of the datestamp is between the acknowledged dates of the Waikato campaign namely October 1863 and April 1864, and the datestamp is shown on the cover with an "Headquarters" or a "Queens Redoubt" Cancellation. Is it not a more likely explanation that as the datestamps were intended for use as "Reliefs" they were in fact used as such during the exigencies of the Waikato Campaign?

I suppose time will tell whether the scarcity of the datestamp will make it something of value and whether it is capable of being properly described as a Macri War Campellation or not, but these notes will reach Mr. R.M. Startup to tell him first, that I have copied much of his material for these notes and secondly that without doubt I have found datestamp No. 7 and Mr. Stonehouse has two others.

Our member, Mrs. Gordon Kaye, widow of the distinguished Philatelist and former member of the Society has shown me some of the datestamps which I understand Mr. Gordon Kaye had acquired from time to time and as a result I found that the Province of Auckland datestamps in Mr. Gordon Kaye's collection of Macri War Cancellations are numbered 12' and have already been notified to Mr. Startup.

John D. Evans.

# AUCTION REALISATIONS - HEID NOVEMBER 1964.

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A further 30 lots (which arrived too late to be published in the KTWT) were also sold.

Very sincere thanks to all those who gave items to be sold on behalf of the Society Funds. A professionally iced Christmas Cake, given by Mrs. Willis, auctioned for £6 - the member who bought same then placed it up for sale, on second bid it raised £5 for the Society Funds. Mr. Garnet gave the proceeds of Lot 29 to the Society. Having sold Cake, Honey, Seeds etc., the Society Funds benefitted by £26-17-6d.

# N.Z. FORCES ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN MALAYA IN 1964. D. EDSALL.

From envelopes I have obtained from our forces in Malaya, they do not appear to be using a military Post Office for censoring letters. Apparantly the civilian Post Offices are being used for letters from our troops to N.Z. and only bear the caption "Forces Rates" concession for air mail letters. 10 cent stamp of Malaya used on them. The offices I have so far, are

Forces Rate

UTAMAKAN

BAHASA KEBAGSAY

Malacca cancel in circle

10 cent Malaya stamp

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10 cent Malaya stamp

Forces Concession Rate

JAFTAR TADI PENGUNDI REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR

Malacca cancel in circle

10 cent Malaya stamp

Forces Concession Rate MALACCA 13 JAN 64 3 p.m 10 cent stamp

Forces Rate MALAGGA 3 p.m. 27 JAN. 1964 10 cent stamp

No "back stamp" on these letters only senders name, number, rank, and regiment.

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