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ON NOVEMBER 29th 1997

IT IS KIWI DAY

AND STARTS WITH THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 11 A .M.

THE ANNUAL SOCIETY AUCTION WILL COMMENCE AT 2.00 P.M.

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46TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Notice is hereby given that the 46th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain will be held at The Central Club Hotel, 16 - 22 Great Russell, London on Saturday 29th November, 1997, commencing at 11.00 a.m.

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting
2. President's Report and Review of 1997.
3. Financial Report from the Hon. Treasurer.
4. Report from the Hon. Packet Secretary.
5. To elect:
 - i) A President
 - ii) Vice Presidents
 - iii) A Chairman
 - iv) A Vice Chairman
 - v) An Honorary General Secretary
 - vi) An Honorary Editor of "*The Kiwi*"
 - vii) An Honorary Packet Secretary
 - viii) An Honorary Treasurer
 - ix) An Honorary Auctioneer
 - x) Other Officers of the Society

6. To elect a Committee.

7. Any Other Business proper to the Annual General Meeting of which due notice has been given in writing to the Honorary General Secretary.

Nominations are invited from Members for all the Officers of the Society, having obtained the agreement (in writing) of the member so nominated.

KEITH C. COLLINS, HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY

SOCIETY NEWS:

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS.

We welcome:

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REJOINED.

Derek Redshaw, 76, Hermitage Road, St. Johns, Woking GU21 1TQ. (Campbell Paterson's UK Representative; Telephone number: 01483 833147).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Dr. Robin D. Gwynn, 23 Clyde Road, Napier, New Zealand (previously Palmerston North)

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DECEASED.

Robson Lowe, Bournemouth

G. Rawle, Peterlee, Durham

OBITUARIES
ROBSON LOWE

JOHN SMITH

I first met Robbie Lowe at a meeting in Devizes some 35 or more years ago when he was showing the local society some of his Victorian Valentines. Although I had been collecting stamps for at least 25 years, and, indeed, had a couple of New Zealand varieties, I was very conscious of my limitations when faced with this most eminent philatelist and postal historian. I had no need to worry for he was courtesy and charm itself.

We have met on a number of occasions in the last few years, mainly at Royal meetings, both in London and locally in Bournemouth, and our friendly chats amply confirmed my first impressions from so long ago. It was a source of some comfort to me that he was still smoking his pipe at 90 plus!

There are many, many stories told about this remarkable man and, no doubt, we all have our own special favourites and shall remember him for different things. It will surely not be forgotten that he removed the Sperati forgeries from the market and, of course, he handled the sale of the great Burrus collection. A lasting memorial to Robbie, in addition to his many other works, will be "The Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps"; at least, I have a pristine copy of "The British Postage Stamp" which came out in 1968.

It was only fitting that, in 1991, he became the first professional philatelist to be elected an Honorary Member of The Royal Philatelic Society of London.

Philately has suffered a sad loss. May he rest in peace.

WALLY JACKSON

ERNIE LEPPARD

I have heard of the death of Wally Jackson of Leamington Spa on September 6th, 1997. Wally was a member of the Society for many years but had resigned and sold his collection about two years ago when he learned that he was terminally ill. He was a leading collector of Postal Stationery: when displayed, his collection was awarded a Gold Medal. He also collected the 1935 Pictorial issue. With his son, Martyn, he gave many displays to the Society.

PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Concern has been expressed by overseas members about the future arrangements for payment of their subscriptions to the Society in their own currency. This has been made possible through Allan Berrys good offices. He has agreed to continue with the present arrangement when he moves

to New Zealand although there may a slight delay in the presentation of cheques due to necessary communications.

AWARDS TO MEMBERS

Congratulations to our members who won awards at Pacific 97: Paul Tyler, Colin Capill, Campbell Paterson Ltd., Robert D. Samuel and Allan P. Berry.

And to Ernie Leppard for his Large Vermeil medal at Stampex.

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT ORRELL ON SEPTEMBER 27TH 1997

The meeting was opened by Jeff Wragg who welcomed 18 members and 2 guests to the first full meeting of the Society to be held in Orrell. He then introduced the speaker, John Watts who represents the Society in New Zealand.

The display was about the development of the Health Camp Movement and its stamps. John explained that he would describe the collection as Social Philately rather than Thematic. The distinction is that the former includes any material related to the topic rather than stamps alone. Thus, ephemera and, even, gramophone records have a legitimate place in the collection.

The Health Camp movement was started by Dr. Elizabeth Gunn after her return from serving in Europe in the Great War. She was concerned at the amount of malnutrition she saw in her post as Medical officer in Wanganui. She persuaded a friend, Dick Lethbridge to lend some land on his farm at Terakina and the first camp was held there. It was run along military lines with rewards for children who gained weight. It was so successful that committees were set up in other areas to run more camps.

The first stamps were issued in 1929 although the Movement had originally wanted to issue Christmas Seals. The issue needed to be authorised by a special Act of Parliament; this specified that the value of the stamp should 1d and there should be a surcharge of 1d for charity. This caused problems when the values varied in later issues as a new Act was needed. First day covers of both the 1929 and 1930 issues were shown and it was explained that the 1929 stamp was re-issued in 1930 because Perkins Bacon were unable to produce the "Smiling Boys" on time.

An example of the first recorded illustrated cover was shown. It was produced by the Kiwi Exchange Club in 1933. This was also the first year that James Berry designed the stamp. Many examples of his artwork on this and later designs were displayed. John drew attention to a variety of changes made between design and issued stamp.

The first Post Office envelope was issued in 1935 although by this time many people were producing envelopes privately and keeping the money raised rather than donating it to the Health Camps.

The artwork for the 1938 issue was shown and proved that only one child was used as the model for the two children on the stamp. The original photograph also showed the child to be right handed although, on the stamp, he is left handed.

The 1940 issue is, probably, the biggest error in design as the boys are shown with their hands positioned to catch a tennis ball although a large beach ball is on the stamp. Photographs and drawings explained how this arose.

A 78 rpm record was part of the display: it recorded the opening of Pakuranga Health Camp by Hilda Ross: the example shown is one of two known to have survived.

The second half of the display started with materials aimed at raising corporate sponsorship. Problems arose because when meters were widely used, companies did not purchase stamps. To

raise money a range of items such as illustrated envelopes, seals and cancellors with removable slugs were sold.

The original artists pencil drawings for the 1994 issue were shown together with the issued stamps.

Tom Latto has undertaken detailed research into the siting of the early camps and illustrations of the results were displayed.

A display of the withdrawn "child with teddy bear" 1996 issue including the unissued stamp used on cover and one of the two known boxes of self adhesives containing the withdrawn stamp ended an enthralling afternoon.

Tom Latto gave a vote of thanks and paid tribute to the amount of information arising from original research which had been imparted during the afternoon.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

A.F.D.

REPORT FROM THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH SECTION

ALEXANDER M^CCULLOCH

The first meeting of The Scottish Section of the Society was held at Longniddry on July 5th, 1997. A barbeque was provided by John and Marilyn Studholme. The weather was fine, the food good and the wine flowed. There were 5 members present. The members brought along 10 to 15 sheets from their own collections.

John Studholme started the session by tracing his family fortunes in New Zealand. His great grandfather had settled in the South Island between Christchurch and Dunedin in the 1850's. There was a village named after their family, Studholme Junction: in the past, there had been a Post Office in the village and examples of the postmark were shown. David McGill showed us some interesting Airmail covers from the 1931 - 35 era; included was a Kingsford Smith cover. Next, Ken Addison illustrated a number of used examples of the 1935 Pictorial Issue: all denominations with their varieties of perforations and watermarks were included. The last two displays were from Edith Thorp with the examples of Health Stamps between 1931 and 1940; included were examples of the Smiling Boys on cover and the 1932 issue used on a cover signed by the Designer. The last display was from Alexander M^CCulloch who showed some of his collection of the 1954 Definitive Issue; this included rarities such as the 2d on 1½d overprint error as a Plate Block 13 and the 2½d on 3d overprint wide setting 5½mm in the rare Plate Blocks 19 and 20.

The next meeting will be held in Glasgow on October 18th, 1997. Everybody wishing to attend, please telephone Alexander M^CCulloch on 01557814553.

MIDLAND GROUP

Last month, it was announced that Bernard Symonds is trying to start a group in the Midlands. He has now sent a letter to 26 members and is awaiting response. It is suggested that meetings be held on a Saturday afternoon, twice a year - March and October - in the Rugby/Coventry area. If anyone is interested who has not received a circular, can they please contact Bernard at "Snowford Hill Farm, Long Itchington, Rugby, Warwicks CV23 8QF" before November 1st.

COMING EVENTS:

DISPLAYS TO LOCAL SOCIETIES

Allan Berry will be giving a display of "Government Life Insurance Stamps and Postal History" to the Newcastle upon Tyne Philatelic Society on October 21st 1997. The Society meets at the Literary and Philosophical Society, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. The meeting starts at 18.45.

Bernard Symonds will be giving a display to the Rugby Philatelic Society on Monday, November 24th. 1997. Society meets at "The Percival Guildhouse, St Matthew Street, Rugby". Meetings start at 19.30. Any members wishing to attend will be welcome.

AUPEX '97

We have received Bulletin No. 2 from the organising committee of Aupex '97. Details of the exhibition have already been publicised in the March, 1997 issue of *The Kiwi* (Page 26).

The latest Bulletin reports that the major Exhibition sponsor is New Zealand Post who will donate the Grand Award for AUPEX '97. A special philatelic item will be released during the Exhibition. Apparently, it will be a spectacular item that will accord with the principal theme of the Exhibition. New Zealand Post will offer a full range of philatelic products as well as a set of five exhibition postmarks.

Details are also given of the philatelic souvenirs to be issued: an overprinted 1996 New Zealand Moa Miniature sheet, a miniature sheet depicting Auckland Harbour Bridge to be issued by the Niue post office and souvenirs of the Pigeon Post.

Full details may be obtained from Aupex '97, P.O.Box 60-027, Titirangi, AUCKLAND, New Zealand.

INFORMATION AND PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:

REVIEWS

Pan American's Pacific Pioneers - A Pictorial History of Pan Am's Pacific First Flights 1935-1946, by Jon E. Krupnick. Published by Pictorial Histories Publishing Co., Inc., 713, South Third St. W., Missoula, Montana 59801, USA. 315 pages, illustrated, ISBN 1-57510-027-4. Price US\$39-95, plus US\$4-00 shipping and handling. Credit cards accepted.

This is a profusely illustrated, well researched book on the opening of what is now known as the Pacific Rim by Pan American Airways. The author was fortunate in being able to interview the survivors of the teams that flew the aircraft and those who helped to set up the island bases on the flight routes.

The whole history of setting up the bases, the types of aircraft used, their manning and the survey flights are given. Later flights are described in full detail in the same way and the cachets used on the mail flown are illustrated. One disappointment was that although flights were made to New Zealand and back, very few of the covers carried on the return are illustrated.

There is a wealth of background detail of the period, with details of other items that can be collected, such as baggage labels, tickets, uniform badges and buttons. Art paper has been used which, while giving good illustrations, renders the book very vulnerable to water damage. It is, however, an extremely valuable contribution to the literature on air mails into and out of New Zealand. It is very highly commended.

Wartime Airmails - Great Britain Transatlantic & Beyond, by Charles Entwistle. Published by Chavril Press, Bloomfield, Perth Road, Abernethy, Perth, Scotland, PH2 9LW. ISBN 1 872744 12 5. 24 A5 pages. Price £5-50 postage paid within the United Kingdom.

Wartime Airmails - The Trans-Pacific Route 1942-1945 by R.M.Startup. Published by Chavril Press, Bloomfield, Perth Road, Abernethy, Perth, Scotland, PH2 9LW. ISBN 1 872744 13 3. 28 A5 pages. Price £6-00 postage paid within the United Kingdom.

These two booklets from the same publishing house compliment the earlier work entitled *Wartime Airmails - The Horseshoe Route*, reviewed in *The Kiwi*, Volume 44, at page 7. Both are in the same format and contain a similar wealth of detail on the routes and the rates. Mails to and from New Zealand were carried on all the services described in both books. There are good maps and tables with illustrations of covers and cachets. While these books cannot supplant the more detailed works on New Zealand Airmails published by the Air Mail Society of New Zealand, they are extremely useful in presenting the information in a condensed and concise manner. Both should be acquired as a first reference that can be carried easily, leaving later reference to the more detailed works to a later time. They are excellent value for money.

Australasian Wreck Mail, by Brian R. Peace. Published by the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria, Inc., Box 2071S, G.P.O. Melbourne 3001, Australia. ISBN 0 947345 14 0. 292 pages, case bound, illustrated. Price A\$150-00 including postage and packing. Credit cards accepted.

This book gives details of all the wrecks and breakdowns of vessels which were carrying Australasian mails from 1622 - yes, 1622, to 1993. Of course, not all these resulted in salvage of the mail - indeed in the early days it appears that Masters of vessels were instructed to burn the mail if it could not be carried onwards after a shipwreck. Where mail was salvaged, full details of the cachets applied, or the means of identifying the salvaged mail, are detailed. Brief histories of the incidents are given, there is an excellent index of ships, tables of breakdowns and incidents. There are full details of sources and abbreviations used. The book is profusely illustrated, although the quality of some is not as good as it might be.

The book has been printed on an acid-free, archival paper, pointing the way for future publications where preservation is desired. It is an excellent work from a student well known for his researches into the subject over many years. It will remain a standard work for the foreseeable future and is a must for all who have an interest in mails salvaged from shipwrecks.

Extracts from the Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives Relating to Postal Affairs. As Compiled by R.J.G.Collins. Edited by Robert Samuel, published by Philatelic Foundation Christchurch (Inc), P.O.Box 1129, Christchurch, New Zealand. Price NZ\$16-50, plus postage - NZ\$15-00 Airpost International, NZ\$10-50 Economy Post International, or NZ\$8-00 Seapost International.

Ray Collins was one of the most prolific writers on New Zealand and Dependencies philately and postal history. The catalogues, handbooks and periodicals that he edited are legion. Ray Collins died in 1965 and some of the books in his library were passed on to our member Robert Samuel. Among the books was a typescript with the title given above. Robert has now prepared the text into a highly presentable book that gives the extracts that Ray prepared.

The book is 71 A4 pages long, plastic ring bound. There is much of interest to the student of postal affairs in New Zealand, but when one is told from another reliable source that the extracts are taken from some 2,000 pages, one wonders what has been left out. No doubt Ray Collins was a discerning Editor in selecting the passages of interest and Robert Samuel has done us a very

great service in making this available to a wider audience. Many of the Postmaster General's Reports are presented in précis form, often only a few lines. It does not stop there - the last entry is a note of the Government Printer, detailing the number of stamps and so on printed in 1926. Buy it and read it - you will not be disappointed.

Postal History Society of New Zealand Library List, compiled by C.F.Foote. Published by The Postal History Society of New Zealand Inc., P.O.Box 99-673, Newmarket, Auckland, New Zealand. ISBN 0-908588-48-8. Price NZ\$17-50 posted within New Zealand, NZ\$23-00 Economy Post to Australia and South Pacific, NZ\$26-50 Economy Post to North America, NZ\$28-50 Economy Post to United Kingdom and Europe.

This is more than a library listing - an attempt has been made to assist the researcher to books and articles held by the Postal History Society of New Zealand that cover their topic of interest. Whilst admirable, one found oneself a bit confused with the method adopted. Each country has been given a number, and naturally New Zealand is designated 1. Following that there are numbers for cities or districts within the country and for the postal topic. Of course, I looked for the first reference to *The Kiwi* and found that apparently the run of our journal held is much truncated, although copies have been sent over many years in exchange for *The Mail Coach*. The compiler has chosen to give the year and the month when citing a reference, rather than the Volume and page number. Whilst this led to the reference, it entailed looking through a number of bound volumes before the correct year volume was found.

Nevertheless, this is a useful tool, once one has learnt how to use it. Hopefully the data base has been maintained so that the indexing and finding tools can be kept up to date. One has doubts about members being charged for a library catalogue - surely the subscription should be set at a level that would allow the Society to distribute it free of charge. After all, the library is an asset to the society and should provide its members with a service which, in the opinion of your reviewer, should not be charged for, other than any costs incurred in the borrowing or use of its books and so on.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Postal Stationery of Western Samoa 1895 - 1920, by Robert Samuel. Published by the Christchurch (N.Z.) Philatelic Society, P.O.Box 29, Christchurch, New Zealand. Price NZ\$8-00, plus postage - NZ\$15-00 Airpost International, NZ\$10-50 Economy Post International, or NZ\$8-00 Seapost International.

Robert Samuel's work on the Postal Stationery of Western Samoa was originally serialised in *Captain Cook* over a number of issues. The late Laurie Franks saw to it that extra pages were printed and then had them bound with a front page, which states that this was done in November, 1990. Unfortunately, Laurie died before the monograph could be marketed and copies have only just surfaced. A few remain for those interested in the area.

Airmail Stationery used by and for POW and Internees during World War II, by G.Pohlig and N.M.Russell, FRPSL. Published by Postal History 2000, 13, Hillcroome Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM2 5EL. ISBN 0 9515815 9 7. Details of price and postage from the Publisher.

This 24 page, A4 monograph describes and illustrates all the airmail postal stationery used by and for POW and Internees from both sides of the conflict during World War II. As New Zealand was one of the very few countries to issue such stationery, it features in this short monograph which is a useful record, drawing all such items together in one publication.

NEWS RELEASE

"ALL ABOARD FOR LATEST STAMP ISSUE"

New Zealand Post's latest stamp issue will take you on a journey of discovery through New Zealand's top scenery when the Scenic Trains stamp issue was released on 6th August, 1997.

Every day hundreds of passengers take in the view from this country's trains, witnessing New Zealand's unique and breathtaking sights. This stunning scenery is captured on the Scenic Trains issue.

"Scenic trains are an important part of New Zealand's history with the railway network being established more than 135 years ago," says Vivienne Merito of New Zealand Post's Stamp Business Unit.

"In the past few years train travel has experienced a resurgence in popularity, with both New Zealand and international tourists keen to see New Zealand's magnificent country-side in a relaxed and comfortable manner."

The six train journeys depicted on the stamp issue are *The Overlander* (40 cents), *The TranzAlpine* (80 cents), *The Southerner* (\$1.00), *The Coastal Pacific* (\$1.20), *The Bay Express* (\$1.50) and *The Kaimai Express* (\$1.80).

A close look at each stamp reveals some interesting characteristics that distinguish the scenic train journeys from each other. This includes the shortest train journey of only 231 Km. on *The Kaimai Express*, the world's southernmost train journey and the oldest train line in New Zealand on *The Southerner* and the most internationally famous of the country's scenic train journeys, *The TranzAlpine*.

The Scenic Trains stamps and first day cover were designed by Ross Jones of Watermark, Wellington, and the stamps were printed by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin by Lithography.

Another new stamp which was launched in August is the circular \$1.00 Kiwi stamp printed in purple, it has become one of the most popular New Zealand stamps both with New Zealand and overseas collectors. The distinctive round stamp was designed by Allan Mitchell of Wellington and printed by Southern Colour Print, Dunedin by lithography.

SPECIAL DATESTAMPS



A pictorial date stamp was available to postmark mail at the China-NZ Stamp Expo which was held at the Wellington Overseas Terminal between 9th and 12th October, 1997.

RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS ARTICLES:

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT POSTAL STATIONERY

ROBERT SAMUEL

Allan Berry, writing in the September issue of *The Kiwi* (1) raises a question about the listings of the ½d King George V and ½d Fantail Department of Education Postcards. The listing is correct as it stands because the stamp die was changed part way through the printing.

The only Department of Education postcard which may be wrongly listed is the 1d on ½d Fantail Provisional with the printing order number, [50,000/12/36 - 16125. This card was reported to me and I accepted the report. However, the reporter's collection was subsequently sold at Auction. I was ready, willing and able to bid for this particular card but it did not appear. Ron Ingram advises me that he obtained from the same Auction a ½d card with this printing order number, with the value changed from ½d to 1d in manuscript (an item with which I am familiar, but do not list in my catalogue). It is possible that this card was reported in error for the card with type-set overprint.

I will be deleting the 1d on ½d Fantail Official postcard with the printing order number [50,000/12/36 - 16125 from future editions of the catalogue - unless, of course, someone can show me an example of the card.

Reference:

1. Berry A. "Education Department Postal Stationery". *The Kiwi* (1997), Vol.46, No. 5. Pp. 92 - 93.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT POSTAL STATIONERY

RON INGRAM

Further to the article on Education Department Postal Stationery in recent issues of *The Kiwi* (1,2), I have the following information which may be of help.

I have examples of the following:

AX1a:

Printing Number	Used in	Date Used
22,000 2/27 14997	Southland District with unclear postmark	June 1st, 1937
30,000 10/27 10441	Marokopa (40 Kms. West of Te Kuiti	July 24th, 1933
60,000 5/28 1997	Te Kuiti	March 27th, 1930
60,000 5/29 2158	Otorohanga	February 3rd, 1933
40,000 10/30 11575	Pakaraka (17 Kms. North East of Kaikohe	March 10th, 1932
20,000 3/33 13889	Te Karaka (29 Kms. North West of Gisborne)	April 10th, 1934
50,000 10/35 10588	Belfast (10 Kms. North of Christchurch)	May 2nd, 1950
None	Te Kuiti	December 15th, 1936
None	Invercargill	March 15th, 1937

AX2a:

20,000 2/32 13016	Whitianga	May 30th, 1933
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I can also confirm that both the ½d King George V card AX1a and the ½d 1935 Pictorial Type card did appear with the same imprint of 50,000 10/35 10588.

Examples of both cards are illustrated below. Figure 1 shows the front and Figure 2 the reverse of the King George V card used in Belfast on May 2nd, 1950. Figure 3 shows the front and Figure 4 the reverse of the ½d Fantail card used in Milton on February 4th, 1936.

Although the type for the actual imprint looks similar in both cards, it is quite apparent that the type matter has been re-set. In the King George V card, the top left serif of the "H" of "Head" is broken but it is complete on the 1935 ½d card. Similarly damage to the "W" of Wellington and the dash between the year and number have been repaired. On the reverse, there are further differences: the brackets after "Form B. - 17" are different, the type on the King George V card is slightly smaller and the "Full Postal Address of School" is lower on the King George V card.

A further difference is that on the line below "Full Postal Address of School", there is a line with "Date" printed beneath it on the 1935 Pictorial card: this is not present on the King George V card. It is interesting to note that all AX1a cards listed above include the word "Date" except for the card with the imprint 50,000 10/35 10588 (i.e. the card illustrated and used in Belfast). It is even more interesting to note that of all the 1935 ½d Pictorial Department of Education cards, the only card with the imprint is the card with the imprint 50,000 10/35 10588.

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1. Dove A, "Education Department Postal Stationery" *The Kiwi* (1997), Vol.46, No.4. Pp. 79 - 80
2. Berry A, "Education Department Postal Stationery" *The Kiwi* (1997), Vol.46, No.5. Pp. 92 - 93

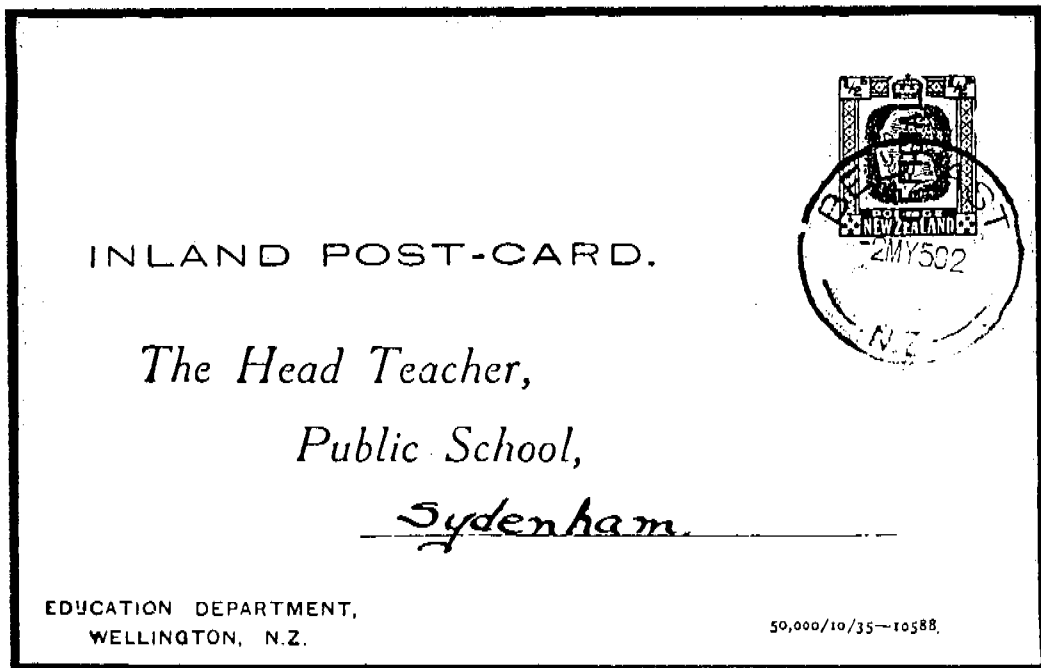


Figure 1



THE HEAD TEACHER, [Form B.—18.]
 PUBLIC SCHOOL, Sydenham
PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRESS CARD (Form B.—17).

Please forward at your earliest convenience the Progress Cards of the
 following ~~children~~ child who ~~were~~ was recently in attendance at your school.

4/1
5/
50

SW Lower, Head Teacher,
Belfast Public School,
Chch. N. 2
 (Full postal address of school.)

Figure 2

INLAND  POST-CARD. 

The Head Teacher,
 Public School,
Orawa
Southland
 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WELLINGTON, N.Z. 50,000/10/35-10588

Public School,
Mickson
 (Full postal address of school.)
4 2 36
 (Date.)

(Full name of child.) (Full name of child.)
Saphne Ramsey

Figure 4

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT POSTAL STATIONERY

JAN - STEFAN LANDA

I read with interest the correspondence about Postal Stationery issued by the Education Department. I note, especially, the comment by Robert Samuel (1) that "(I) cannot recall ever seeing a Department of Education envelope or postcard assessed for deficient postage". I have in my collection a cover (Catalogue Number CX. 13c) of which the top right corner is illustrated (Figure 1). It is charged "DOUBLE DEFICIENT POSTAGE". The strike of the mark is in green and has a manuscript 1d. within the strike. The cover is postmarked "OPOTIKI, 9 FE 66.9" (J Class - 34mm.) on the front and "OPOTIKI, 10 FE 66.1" (J Class 29.5 mm.).

The front bears a weak ½d meter impression. If this meter impression was overlooked, it would account for the charging of Deficient Postage as the correct rate at the time was 2½d.



Figure 1

Reference:

1. Samuel R. "Education Department Postal Stationery". *The Kiwi* (1997) Vol.46. No.5. Pp. 91 -92

FOUND OPEN/OFFICIALLY SEALED

ERIC LEWIS

I am able to update the correspondence on these interesting labels. Further to the illustration of the fifth design in Ron Ingram's article (1), I can report that I have a similar label from the bottom of the sheet (Figure 1). The lower edge is imperforate and bears, in addition to the label number Mail 76, a printers imprint reading "15,000 shts. /3/38 - 209050". This suggests that 15,00 sheets of the labels were printed in 1938. Does anybody know the layout of the sheets? For example, how

many labels were in each sheet? Assuming there were 5 or 10, the actual number of labels printed would have been in the region of 75 to 150 thousand. It would also be interesting to clarify the life of these labels. My example was used on 22nd September 1942 when the cover was officially opened for return to the sender at Kaipara Flats (its place of origin on 10th September) having proved undeliverable to the original addressee in Warkworth.

Ingram has noted that where previous designs bore the words "this cover was found", the word "found" was omitted on this type. The reason may well have been that the labels were often used to reseal envelopes which had been deliberately opened by Post Office officials seeking a return address for undeliverable mail.

Items of this nature are most intriguing and, as Startup states, it would be useful to compile a comprehensive list of Officially Sealed and similar labels used by the New Zealand post Office, together with their dates of use etc.

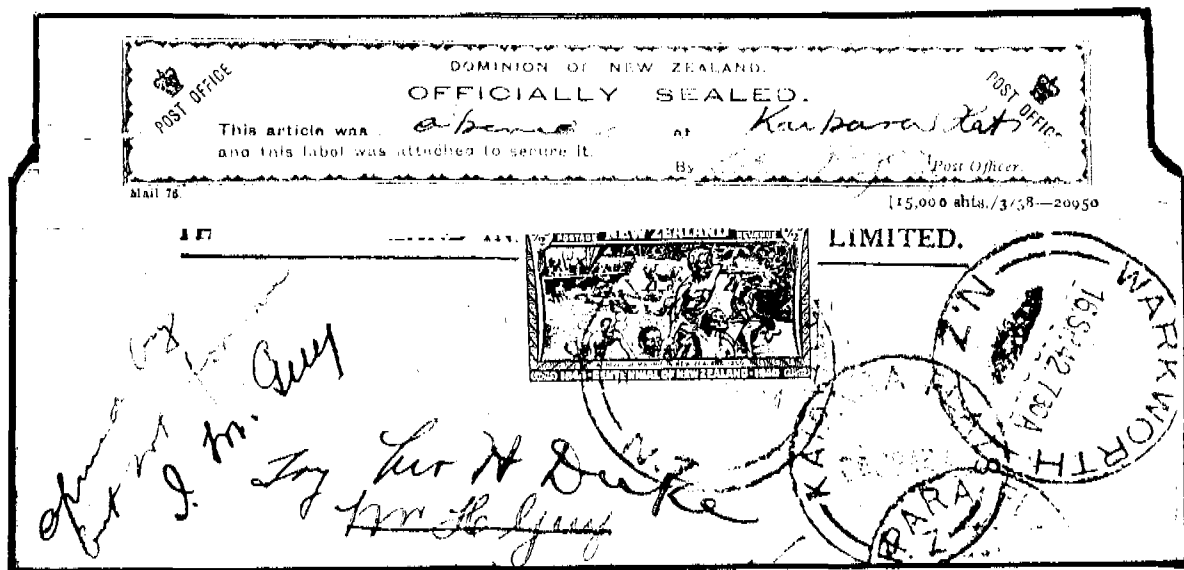


Figure 1

Reference:

(1) Ingram R. "Found Open/Officially Sealed" *The Kiwi* (1997) 4 Pp. 70 - 73

FOUND OPEN/OFFICIALLY SEALED

ROBIN M. STARTUP

Geoff Goodens excellent addition to the discussion on this postal label (1) is, perhaps, the penultimate design. My example of Geoff's label is dated May, 1955. Figure 1 shows a 1959 printing of the label Mail 76 with a double-lined frame, without crowns and with "New Zealand Post Office" in place of "Dominion of New Zealand".

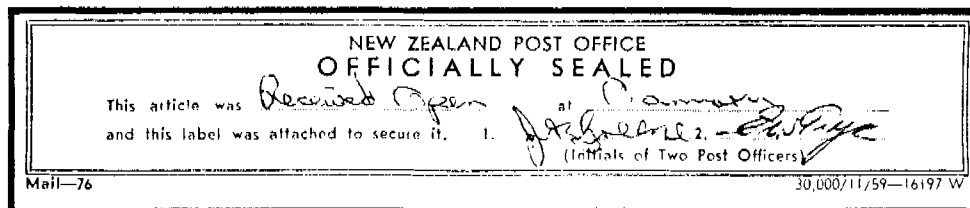


Figure 1

The gummed-paper label Mail 76 was replaced in May 1965 by a 1 inch wide self-adhesive seal printed in red on white on cellulose tape. The text read "OFFICIALLY SEALED - NEW ZEALAND POST OFFICE" in two overlapping lines on the 36 yard long rolls. The example shown in Figure 2 was used in May, 1968 and shows adhesive migrating through the paper.

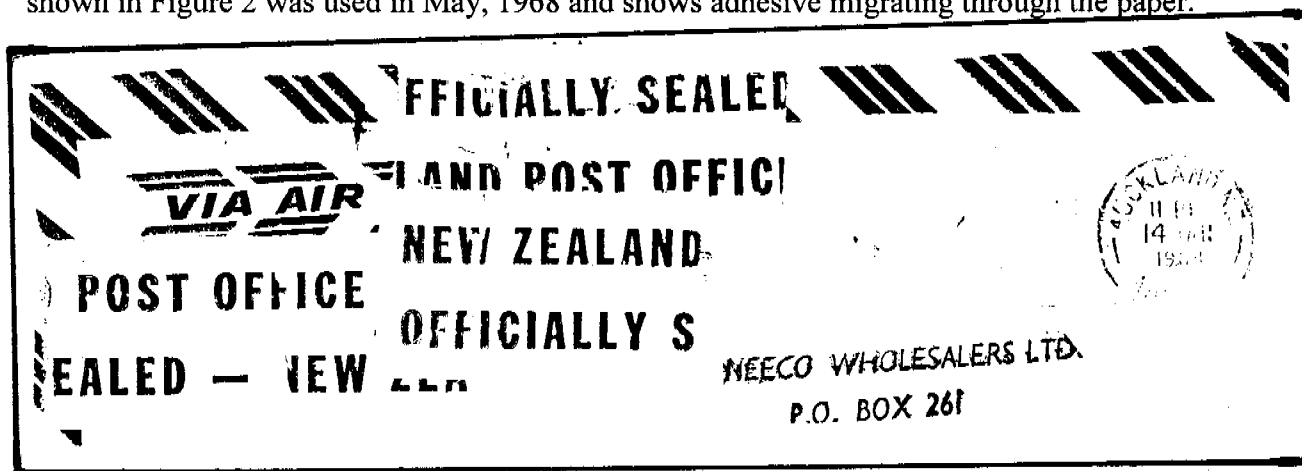


Figure 2

Figure 3 shows an earlier date of usage of the first unnumbered blue-paper labels than has previously been recorded. They were used in Wellington on August 28th, 1884. This example also shows a part of the label-sheet selvedge text.



Figure 3

Reference:

1. Goodens G, "FOUND OPEN/OFFICIALLY SEALED" *The Kiwi* (1997) Vol. 46, No.5. P. 96.

FOUND OPEN / OFFICIALLY SEALED

ALLAN P. BERRY

Further to the notes on these labels published in *The Kiwi*, readers may be interested in the item illustrated at Figure 1, found when sorting out some bits and pieces acquired many years ago.

The printing is blue on white, gummed, unwatermarked paper. The designation Mail—76 and the print number 30,000/11/59—16197 W appear on each of the four labels that go to make up what appears be the printed pane. The edges all round the pane are straight, but each label is separated from the other by coarse perforations gauging 10¼. There is no evidence that the pane was at one time part of a pad. One wonders if the number printed refers to the labels or to the panes.

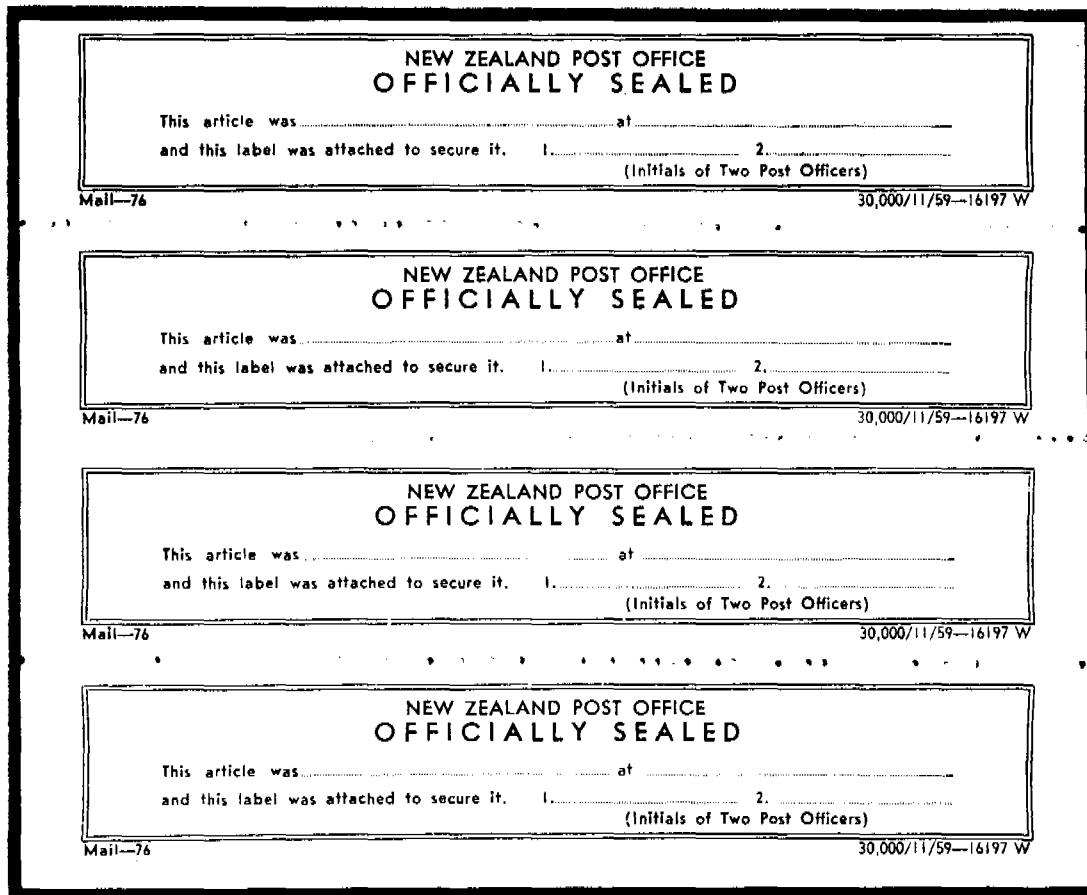


Figure 1

BISECTED STAMPS: A FOLLOW UP

SAFARI

Referring to the feature in the September issue of *The Kiwi* (1) by Paul Wregelsworth debating the status of bisected stamps on piece postmarked June 1897 and April 1899.

For some time I have held a copy of the 1d 1867 Stamp Duty franked by an "A" class 23½ mm "Greenmeadows 22 JE 97.1" (illustrated enlarged in Figure 1). I had always believed that this was a "manufactured" item in spite of what is clearly a genuine postmark.

My reason was that the postmark was superimposed on a pen cancellation but now I am quite certain of my original misgivings because the date and application of my example is identical to that of Figure 2 in the original article.

I wonder if other fabrications will come to light.

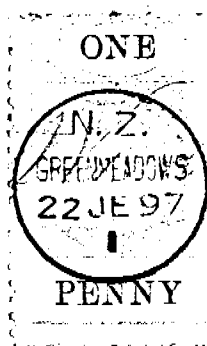


Figure 1

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1. Wregelsworth P., "Bisected Stamps - Pernicious Weeds or Philatelic Curios?". *The Kiwi*, (1997) Vol. 46. No.5. Pp. 96 - 99.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES AND READERS QUESTIONS:

WATERLOW & SONS LTD. AND NEW ZEALAND STAMP ISSUES 1920 AND 1926

A. GREEN

The concept normally accepted is that Waterlow and Sons Ltd. did not undertake any work for the New Zealand Post Office following their fall from grace during the first decade of the 20th century until the 1935 Pictorial Issue 9d.

However, when the booklet by L.N. & M. Williams on the history of Waterlow and Sons Ltd.(1) appeared, an entry for 1920 reads "New Zealand Commemoratives of Victory and Peace (Engraved and supplied printing plates only)". The work listed for 1926 (2) includes the statement: "New Zealand Three Values (Engraved and supplied printing plates only)".

Fraser and Lowe's book about the Die Proofs of Waterlow & Sons (3) makes no mention of the 1920 issue but does have some information concerning the 1926 King George Vth "Military Uniform" portrait dies produced to the designs drawn by H.L.Richardson.

"The Postage Stamps of New Zealand Volume 4" (4) Pp. 386 - 7 lists the Victory Issue essays, die and plate proofs without attributing the die proofs whilst stating that the plate proofs were by De la Rue & Co. for the London issues. Stamps issued in 1926 are dealt with on Pp. 379 - 80 in the same volume and state clearly that Waterlow and Sons produced die and plate proofs of the 2/- and 3/- and die proofs for the 1d Field Marshal stamp.

Would members with further details of the work undertaken by Waterlow for New Zealand between the two World Wars please send any information to the Editor of *The Kiwi* to allow a complete record of events to be compiled.

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THE 1d ON 1½d PROVISIONAL LETTERCARD OF 1901

ALLAN P. BERRY

An Australian Collector has drawn my attention to the Lettercard illustrated as Figure 1. Postage rates were reduced on 1st January, 1901, and supplies of the 1½d Queen Victoria lettercard were revalued by overprinting the stamp with the words ONE PENNY in red.

A special lettercard perforation gauging 10 was used on lettercards at the time. ROBERT SAMUEL in *New Zealand Postal Stationery Catalogue, Part 2 - Lettercards*, published in 1989, lists a used version of this item with mixed perforations 10 and 11, illustrating it on page B.14 of the catalogue, designating it BA.18c.

The lettercard is unused. The special lettercard perforation gauging 10 has been used in an attempt to perforate the card, but it appears that the teeth did not cut in properly at the base and at the right hand side. There are blind perforations down part of the right hand side, but the bottom has been reperfected using a machine gauging 11. Apparently, no attempt has been made to reperficate either side, as appears to have happened with the example illustrated in the catalogue. This is the first record of a mint example of BA.18c that I am aware of.

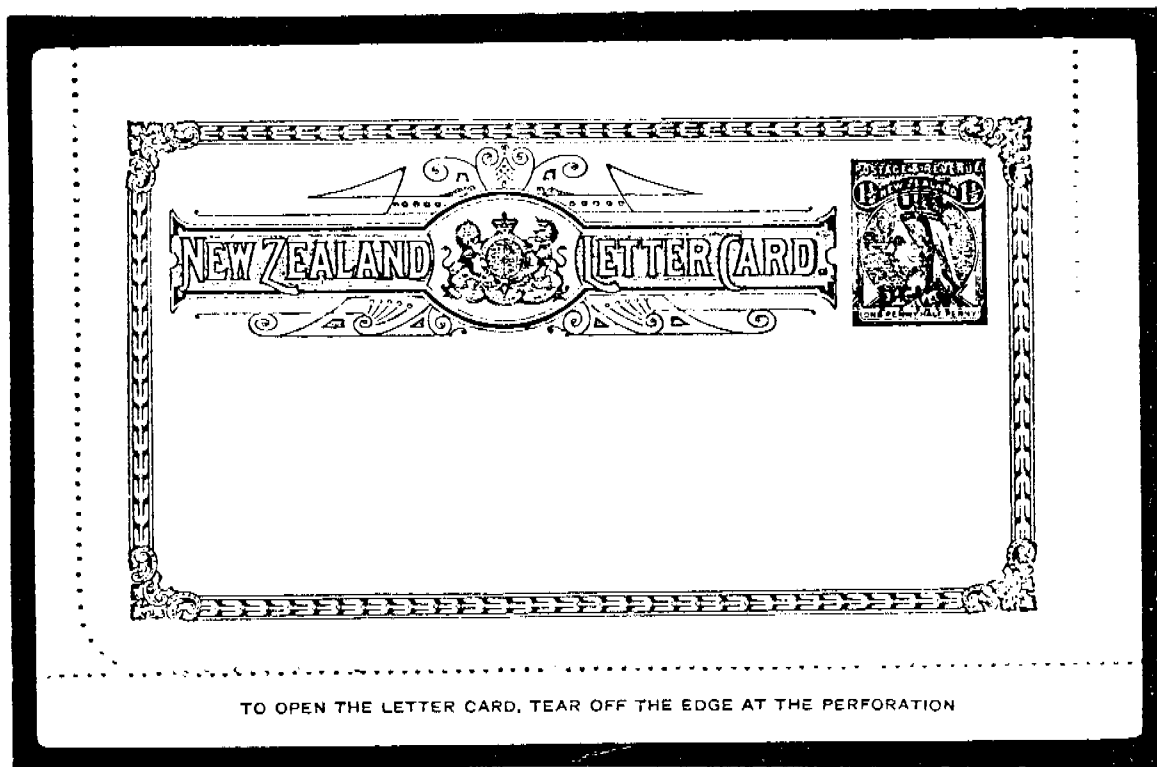


Figure 1

THE HALL LINE 1870 - 1871

L. D. McCONNELL

Trans-Pacific mail connections with New Zealand ceased when the Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal mail ship "RAKAIA" left Panama at the turn of the year 1868/9 and arrived at Wellington on 24th February, 1869.

New Zealand reverted to her unenviable position of receiving European mails through the P & O branch line from Galle to Melbourne and then by the inter-colonial steamers to Wellington. This was a slow route with no opportunity to reply by return.

However, the completion of the trans-continental rail link across the United States to San Francisco later in 1869 changed the scene yet again.

Haydn Hezekiah Hall, the U.S. Consul in Sydney, saw the possibilities in using San Francisco as a route for this mail and set about organising a shipping line to take advantage of the opportunity. He chartered two ships from the Australian Steam Navigation Company and negotiated a temporary Mail subsidy of about £250 per voyage at one departure per month. The two vessels were the "WONGA WONGA" (650 tons) and the "CITY OF MELBOURNE" (840 Tons). The Wonga Wonga had carried the first steamer mails from Melbourne to Wellington in 1854.

It was the Wonga Wonga which sailed from Sydney on 26th March, 1870, picking up mails and passengers at Auckland on 1st April; subsequently, the ship reached Honolulu at the end of April. Because of the monthly schedule she had to deposit her mails and passengers at Honolulu and return for the next Sydney sailing. From Honolulu, these first mails were forwarded to San Francisco by the NorthWestern Transportation Company paddle steamer "IDAHO" which was operated by Holliday and Brenham. The mails reached London on 24th May, 1870.

The second sailing was by the "CITY OF MELBOURNE" which left Sydney on 27th April, 1870. The ship called at Auckland on 3rd May and then transferred the mails to "AJAX" at Honolulu for onward transmission to San Francisco. This second mail was carried on the TransAtlantic leg by the "CITY OF ANTWERP", a ship owned by the Inman Line, it arrived at Queenstown, Ireland, on 26th June. Subsequently, the mail went via Dublin and Holyhead and reached London on 28th June, 1870. A total of four ship and three rail journeys from Auckland!

Figure 1 shows a cover carried on the second voyage of the Hall Line and the first voyage of the CITY OF MELBOURNE.

I do not have the mail closing dates for Auckland for subsequent sailings but the service only lasted until 1st April, 1871. Molnar (2) lists the Sydney despatches and mail transit times to London. New Zealand covers rated 6d and endorsed "via San Francisco" can easily be related to the dates listed below.

SHIP	DEP. SYDNEY	Transit Time (days)	ARR. LONDON
WONGA WONGA	26/ 3/1870	59	24/ 5/1870
CITY OF MELBOURNE	27/ 4/1870	61	28/ 6/1870
WONGA WONGA	28/ 5/1870	58	25/ 7/1870
CITY OF MELBOURNE	30/ 6/1870	55	24/ 8/1870
WONGA WONGA	30/ 7/1870	59	27/ 9/1870
CITY OF MELBOURNE	1/ 9/1870	54	25/10/1870
WONGA WONGA	30/ 9/1870	59	28/11/1870

CITY OF MELBOURNE	31/10/1870	57	27/12/1870
WONGA WONGA	30/11/1870	??	??
CITY OF MELBOURNE	31/12/1870	58	27/ 2/1871
WONGA WONGA	31/ 1/1871	61	2/ 4/1871
CITY OF MELBOURNE	28/ 2/1871	62	1/ 5/1871
WONGA WONGA	1/ 4/1871	59	30/ 5/1871

From this point, Hall attempted to reorganise his undertaking and two more sailings were made from Sydney but both of these omitted the Auckland call.

The size of Hall's two vessels weighed against him. A rival organisation, Webb and Holliday, negotiated an alternative mail contract in June 1871 using larger steamers which were capable of operating through to San Francisco. This was the death knell for the Hall Line.

The story of the WONGA WONGA, the CITY OF MELBOURNE and other Trans Pacific steamers is well told by Will Carson in his book, Pacific Steamers (3), a copy of which is available from the New Zealand Society of Great Britain's Library, and by E. Mowbray Tate in Transpacific Steam(4).

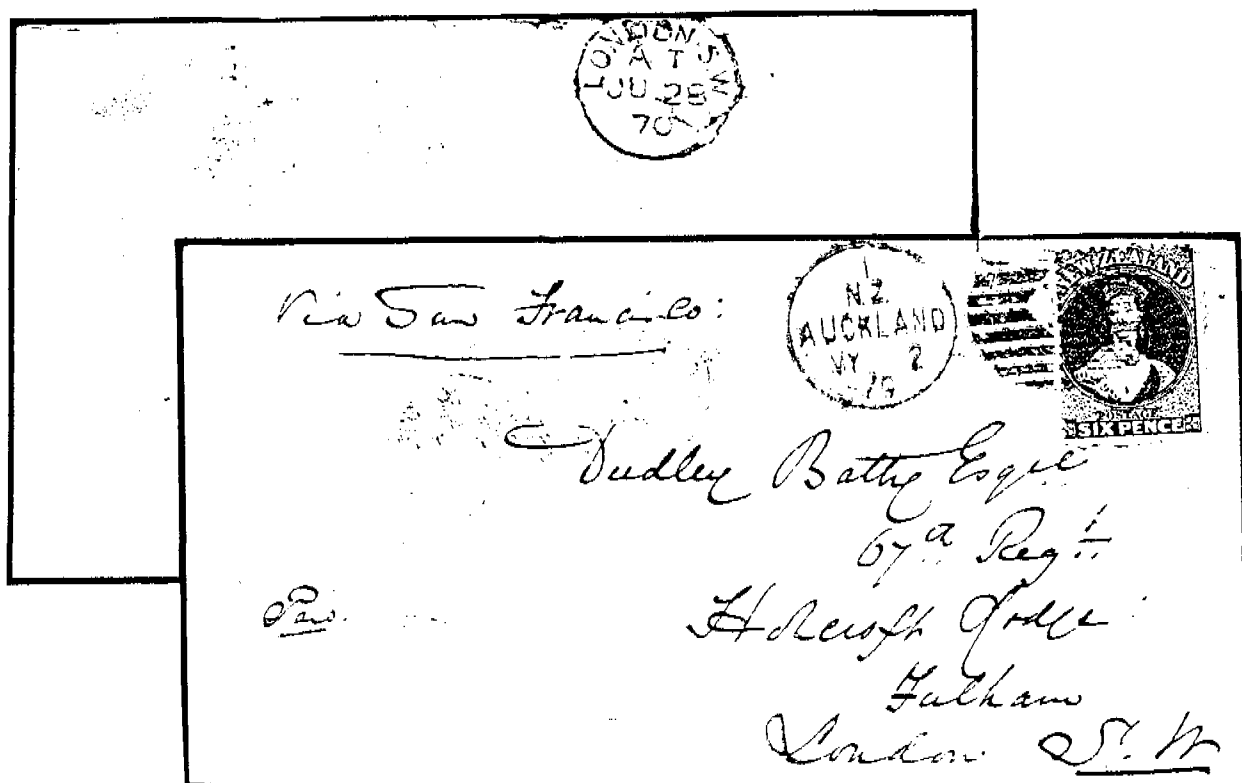


Figure 1

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MR. R. J. DICKIE

ALAN GARDINER

Little biographical detail seems to exist about Mr. R.J.Dickie who was the inventor of the coin in the slot machine for the sale of postage stamps. A full review of the stamps used and their production was given by Duncan in an earlier issue of *The Kiwi* (1). His biography does not, however, feature in encyclopaedias, the cyclopaedias or in the three volumes of New Zealand biographies so far published.

Newspaper items and correspondence in the New Zealand Post archives (2) show the Mr. Dickie travelled to the United States of America during 1905 as Mail Agent on the S.S."Sierra" taking a stamp vending machine with him to complete the United States patent. This letter shows that he made at least one journey before that with his new machine. It throws an interesting of the status of the Mail Agents and his Assistant/s and although on the high standard of performance and behaviour. expected. Indeed, in places, it is reminiscent of Polonius' advice to his son, Laertes in Hamlet.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, WELLINGTON

23rd October, 1902

Sir,

I have to inform you that you have been appointed Assistant Mail Agent to proceed to San Francisco by the outgoing steamer leaving Auckland on the 31st inst.

You are required to provide, at your own expense, the regulation uniform, buttons and regalia for which you will receive under separate cover. The uniform you will wear on board, and on shore when on duty, but it is not to be worn while staying in San Francisco.

You will receive an allowance at the rate of 2s.6d. per diem while at sea and 15s. per diem while in San Francisco. This will be advanced to you from time to time by the Mail Agent, but you will have no claim to draw anything in excess of what may be due to you. You are especially warned against getting into debt, borrowing money, or compromising you position as an officer of the Department in any way.

During the time that you are absent from your own office you will be directly responsible to the Mail Agent. While in San Francisco you must not absent yourself from the city without his knowledge; and you must also consult him in regard to your accommodation there. When required you must resume duty on board ship, probably some days before leaving.

At intermediate ports you will be free to go ashore during the stay of the steamer, as long as this does interfere with your duties. During your absence you must regard yourself as continuously on duty; and, should the occasion arise, be prepared to take up work at any time.

You will receive a copy of the foreign mail regulations and your attention is particularly directed to pages 7 to 15, and 32 to 42. You should at once make yourself familiar with the sorting lists for the outward journey, and afterwards with those for the inward, so that you may be ready to assist with the work of sorting when called upon. The book should afterwards be handed to the Mail Agent for return to this office.

You will be good enough to report yourself at this office for further instructions when passing through Wellington.

Yours obediently

Indecipherable signature

Secretary

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A MYSTERY COVER

ERNIE LEPPARD

The cover illustrated (Fig.1) carries the inscription "On Active Service The NZEF". It is addressed to Edinburgh, Scotland. It is in two colours, Red and Blue with the flag of New Zealand and a Kiwi in the centre. It carries a postmark of Capetown Pacquebot and is dated June, 25th, 1912.

But, is it right? Was there a New Zealand Expeditionary Force to South Africa in 1912? The only military event I can find in South Africa in 1912 was the British 1st Royal Dragoons putting down riots in Johannesburg following their move from India in 1911

I would be most grateful if anyone has any information about the validity of this card.



Figure 1

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