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IT IS A JOINT MEETING WITH THE PACIFIC ISLANDS STUDY CIRCLE
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ENCLOSURES:

With this issue of *The Kiwi* you should receive:

Subscription Renewal Form
Annual Society Accounts - Society and Packet
Membership Card for 2004.

If any are missing, please contact the Hon. Editor.

SOCIETY NEWS:

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome:

L. McCarthy, New South Wales, Australia
M.J. Donaldson, Edinburgh,
I. Perry, Shropshire

NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Society will be a joint meeting with the Pacific Islands Study Circle. From previous joint meetings, there is no doubt that this will be a fascinating meeting with much rare material on show. We will rely on members displays of philatelic material from the Pacific Islands with a connection to New Zealand. If you are planning to bring material along to display, can you please inform the Chairman, Derek Diamond, ☎01932 223280.

NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Northern Regional Group will be held on February 21, 2004 starting at 13.30 at St. Luke's Church, Orrell. This is a members meeting so please bring along items of interest.

MEETINGS OF THE NORTHERN GROUP IN 2004

The Northern Regional Group will meet on the following dates in 2004: February 21, May 15, September 18 and November 20. All meetings will be held at Orrell.

MEETINGS OF THE SCOTTISH GROUP IN 2004

The Scottish Regional Group will meet on the following dates in 2004: April 17 (at the ASPS Congress), June 26 and for the main society meeting on October 9 and 10.

MEETINGS OF THE MIDLAND GROUP IN 2004

The Midland Group will meet on the following dates in 2004: April 24 and September 18. Both meetings will be held at the Carr's Lane Meeting Centre in Birmingham.

MINUTES OF THE 52ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN HELD ON NOVEMBER 29TH, 2003

The Chairman opened the meeting at 11.15 with 18 members present.

1. Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting:

The minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting as published in the March, 2003 issue of *The Kiwi* were unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Anne Carter and seconded by Geoffrey Franckom.

2. Report and Review of 2003 from the President:

Ernie Leppard presented his review of the Society for the last year:

"Our 50th anniversary weekend came within the remit of our first meeting of the 2002/3 season and was fully reported in the January 2003 issue of *The Kiwi*. I will say no more than that it was a first class meeting with much excellent material on show. 2003 opened with our Annual General Meeting and a display of the 1970s' by Bernard Conway with many contributions from members present. March brought our 12 sheet competition with fresh entries and new cup winners together with several interesting items to discuss during the judging. Michael Wilkinson provided the May meeting with a rare glimpse of King Edward VII material from the collection formed by his father in law, Peter B.D. de la Mare. Again, he was well supported by members with additional material. In July, John Woolfe led with Instructional Markings of the earlier period with Andrew Dove showing his later period material and Margaret Franckom illustrating the subject with some early covers including one from 1833! Unfortunately, I missed the September meeting which was held in Warwick and was well organised by Bernard Symonds. About 20 members were present with several new names displaying. We were also pleased to welcome an old name from New Zealand, Allan Berry. This meeting must be classed as a great success.

The society has maintained a full regional programme with well supported and reported meetings from our Midland, Northern and Scottish groups and one additional combined meeting in Carlisle.

The publishing programme of Special Publications 1, 2 and 3 and the innovation of the CD containing text accompanying the Index of the first 50 years of *The Kiwi* seems to have gone down well. For this, we have to thank the industry of our Editor, Andrew Dove, who has also kept up the high standard in *The Kiwi*. He also managed to visit Welpex in Wellington recently where his King George V just missed a gold medal.

We look forward to a similarly successful year in 2004. At our March meeting, Robin Gwynn will conduct a Philatelic Workshop and our May meeting will be occupied by our bi-annual 16 sheet competition which will be judged by Chris Harmon, Vice President of the Royal Philatelic Society of London. A full programme of Regional meetings has been arranged and our usual out of London main society meeting will be held in Edinburgh on the weekend of October 4th.

3. Financial Report from the Hon. Treasurer:

Copies of the Annual Accounts were circulated. The Treasurer reported:

"The accounts as presented represent some of the extra expenditure for our 50th anniversary weekend and dinner and the publication of SP1. This represents a total payment of about £4,000. Of this, we recovered just over £2,300 through the raffle and payments for the dinner. SP1 cost the Society about £2,500 with a copy being sent free to each paid up member. This was generously supported by the philatelic trade. To pay for this, we encashed our holding of Option Bonds which realised £3,240.06. Our further publications, SP2 and SP3 have so far cost £2,146.56. Sales have recovered approx. £1,600. A very significant cost to the society has been the increasing postage costs for mailing *The Kiwi* and an almost universal increase in costs on almost everything, for example, the cost of the meeting room at the Union Jack Club has doubled over the past three years. These increases, combined with a greatly reduced interest received on our deposit accounts account for the relatively unfavourable financial position this year.

I have recommended to the committee that, **for the coming year, 2004, the subscription remains at £12 (with £14 for late payers) but that for the following year, 2005, the subscription rises to £15 to cover the running costs of the society.**

The Report and Accounts were accepted unanimously, Proposed: L. Giles, Seconded: D. Goodgame.

4. Report from the Hon. Packet Secretary:

Copies of the Annual Packet Accounts were circulated. The Packet Secretary reported:

"The lack of suitable material continues to be a serious problem and is causing difficulties in the running of the packet. This has been an increasing problem for some years and may be measured by the decreasing gross income over the past few years: in 2000, the gross income was £21,000 whilst in 2003, it had fallen to £11,500. If those members who enjoy receiving the packet wish to continue doing so, more material must be forthcoming.

There are still instances of members retaining the packet longer than the prescribed time allowed. This causes much additional work and lengthens the time that material is in circulation. There have again been instances of substitution of material. Please make sure that you check all books for unsigned spaces as soon as you receive them even if the contents are of no interest. **Please be vigilant.**

Due to the increasing numbers of claims, the insurance company have imposed mandatory rules, for example, that only first class post is used, members must phone ahead and this warning must be confirmed on the remittance slip. The company has also imposed a £25 excess for the first claim and £50 for subsequent claims. Please ensure that you are familiar with the new rules and comply with them.

The Report and Accounts were accepted unanimously, Proposed: I. Carter, Seconded K. Collins.

Derek Diamond thanked the Treasurer, Packet Secretary and Honorary Auditor for all their hard work over the past twelve months.

5. Election of Officers of the Society:

The outgoing committee made the following nominations:

President	Ernie Leppard
Vice Presidents	Allan Berry, John Smith
Chairman (E)	Derek Diamond
Vice Chairman	David Piggott
General Secretary(E)	Keith Collins
Editor of <i>The Kiwi</i> (E)	Andrew Dove
Packet Secretary	Bernard Atkinson
Treasurer (E)	Ernie Leppard
Auctioneer	John Woolfe
Librarian	John Woolfe
Membership Secretary	Derek Diamond
Publicity Officer	Paul Wreglesworth
Meeting Reporters	Andrew Dove & Derek Diamond
Representative in New Zealand	John Watts
Auditor	John Smith

(E) denotes membership of the Executive Committee.

The officers were elected unanimously: Proposed by M. Allan, seconded by Mrs. A. Carter
Additional members of the Committee were proposed as follows:

Northern Group Secretary (Jack Lindley), Midland Group Organiser (Bernard Symonds),
Scottish Group Organiser (Pat Riddell) and Michael Wilkinson.

The proposed Additional committee members were elected unanimously. Proposed: G. Franckom, Seconded: J. Smith.

7. Any other business:

7.1 Publications: Derek Diamond made a few comments about progress with publications. Special Publications 2 & 3 had done as well as might be expected and there is a possibility that those remaining might be sold as a single lot to a philatelic literature dealer in the near future.

For the future, topics for further publications were actively being sought and it had been suggested that future publications should include scanned versions of reference collections on specific topics. There was some discussion about practicalities and it was agreed that members would be kept updated on developments through *The Kiwi*. Any comments on the concept would be gratefully received.

7.2 The Programme for 2004 was confirmed as:

January 31st:	Joint meeting with the Pacific Islands Study Circle.
March 20th:	Masterclass and Philatelic Workshop with Dr. Robin Gwynn.
May 29th:	Biennial 16 sheet Competition.
July 31st:	Early Machine Cancells and Meter Marks (led by Allan McKellar).
October 9/10	A Weekend in Edinburgh (members displays).
November 27th	AGM and Auction

7.3 Any suggestions for the 2005 programme were requested: please forward to Keith Collins.

7.4 Paul Wreglesworth had sent his apologies but informed the meeting that he had a full set of the articles published in Gibbons Stamp Monthly and would be forwarding them to the Society library. He also asked for anybody with ideas to promote the Society to contact him.

7.5 Lewis Giles commented that although the Society belongs to the Association of British Philatelic Societies, there never seemed to be any mention of the Society in the Bulletin. It was agreed that reports of meetings would be sent for publication.

7.6 Ian Carter thanked all the officers of the Society for their work over the past year.

7.7 The AGM closed at 12.05.

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN GROUP HELD 1ST NOVEMBER 2003

Seven members were present for the meeting and four more had sent their apologies. Our Annual Competition was held.

Although there was a low turnout, there were nine entries for the competition. The subjects covered were: KGVI 2d Orange, Instructional Markings on the Second Sidefaces, Postmarks on Chalons, the Canterbury Centennial, the 1938 Health stamp, Inward Mails to New Zealand, Mount Egmont, Don't Waste Anything (saving paper in WWII) and Early Mails to Hawera.

The judging was undertaken by Richard Simmons who placed the entries as follows:

Winner: Paul Wreglesworth with Instructional markings on Second Sidefaces

Runner-up: John Hepworth with Early Mails to Hawera

Third: John Hepworth with Mount Egmont.

After the results had been announced, there was a short series of displays with Jack Lindley showing postcards from the Auckland and Dunedin Exhibitions, Stuart Potter showing Concorde covers and air mail etiquettes from 1930's to date, Don Scregg showing Trans Tasman covers and Harold Howard showing Our Heritage postcards and other covers with a medical theme.

The meeting closed at 16.30.

NOTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE NORTHERN AND SCOTTISH REGIONAL GROUPS HELD IN CARLISLE ON NOVEMBER 15TH 2003.

Fourteen members attended the meeting and eleven gave displays.

Don Scregg opened the meeting with his Marcel Stanley Rosebowl entry from Northpex last year on the 1906 Christchurch Exhibition. As well as the special award, he gained a ruby award at the exhibition.

John Studholme started by giving everybody news about the plans for next Octobers' Society philatelic weekend in Edinburgh to be hosted by the Scottish Group. He then gave a display including early postcards illustrating Maori Pastimes, History and Culture.

Bob Clark showed a specialised collection of the 1935 Second Pictorial 4d plate 4 with the question 'was there a double plate?' The question was the basis of an article in the November 2003 issue of *The Kiwi*. He also included some covers from Trans-Tasman airmail flights, including a rare example from Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith's Jubilee flight, in his display.

Ken Andison brought along a general selection of New Zealand stamps including wacky letterboxes, landscapes and farmyard animals. He was followed by **David Stalker** showing the issues of 2003 including miniature sheets.

Stuart Potter had an unusual display entitled "Don't Waste Anything Useful" which illustrated the way in which the shortage of paper during the Second World War led to envelopes being created by folding a variety of forms, leaflets and re-usable labels.

Bob Bell showed Health stamps from 1962 to 1985 and **David Macgill** put up Niue overprints and illustrated stamp production.

Jack Lindley had two displays, one covered the 1946 Canterbury Centennial commemorative issue and included plate blocks and the stamps used on cover. His other showing was of Chalon reprints, presentation stamps, forgeries and later printings used as trade samples.

Alex McCulloch showed a part of his extensive collection of the 1967 Definitive issue with many missing colours and other flaws.

Finally, **Paul Wreglesworth** showed a range of second sideface Adsons and gave an interesting account of the background and history of many of the companies whose advertisements were displayed. The last display was by **John Atkinson** of the 1991, 1992 and 1993 Scenic stamps.

The meeting was most interesting and filled wide a good range of displays on differing topics. Thanks were given to all those who had taken the trouble to prepare material for the afternoon and the meeting closed at about 17.00.

THE SCOTTISH WEEKEND

Planning is well under way for the Society meeting to be held in Edinburgh on the weekend of 9 and 10 October, 2004. It is to be held in the 4 star Carlton Hotel which is conveniently located between Princes Street (shopping) and the Royal Mile (Sightseeing) and is very near Waverley Railway Station. The meeting will start with a get together on Friday evening and continue with members displays on Saturday and Sunday morning. There will be a celebratory dinner on Saturday evening.

Stan Kundin has agreed to come and show some more of his excellent collection. There are, of course, close ties between Scotland and New Zealand, especially with Dunedin and one session will be devoted to the connection between Edinburgh and Dunedin so start thinking about it now!

Further details and a booking form will be circulated with the March issue of *The Kiwi*.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Society publications are now available:

SP 1: *Aspects of Collecting New Zealand Stamps*.

SP 2: *Index to The Kiwi Volumes 1 to 50*. Printed and CD Version.

SP 3: *The Kiwi Volumes 1 - 50*. Full text on CD

Price: SP 1: £10 inc. P. & P.

SP 2 & SP 3, £14 in UK and £18.50 overseas airmail inc. P. & P.

Payment accepted in NZ\$, US\$ or £St. All orders to:

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NEW CO-ORDINATOR OF THE SCOTTISH REGIONAL GROUP

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AUCTION REALISATIONS

The realisations for the 2003 auction are shown below. Any lot not shown did not sell. Postal History sold well but stamps poorly.

A	£8	23	£20	114	£22	305	£6	409	£58	516	£7
B	£15	24	£6	115	£20	306	£10	410	£15	517	£5
C	£11	25	£5	116	£5	307	£6	412	£42	518	£4
D	£4	26	£6	117	£14	308	£12	415	£14	519	£20
E	£14	28	£32	119	£9	312	£34	417	£5	520	£12
F	£2.50	29	£3.50	120	£16	315	£18	419	£20	522	£5
G	£7	30	£23	124	£39	318	£7	420	£15	523	£5
H	£1.50	33	£5	140	£6	319	£7	421	£7	524	£11
I	£2.50	36	£23	144	£22	322	£16	427	£25	526	£8
K	£4	38	£13	150	£10	328	£24	432	£7	527	£4
L	£8.50	42	£16	151	£15	332	£14	436a	£7	528	£5
M	£0.25	44	£15	156	£10	333	£7	436b	£9	529	£22
N	£4	45	£21	157	£5	334	£17	438	£9	530	£4
O	£8	46	£5	158	£15	337	£11	439	£7	531	£7
P	£3	47	£13	160	£20	343	£25	445	£17	537	£5
Q	£2	52	£9	163	£35	346	£40	446	£4	540	£10
R	£2	53	£9	167	£20	356	£15	447	£5	542	£10
S	£0.50	56	£10	170	£16	358	£15	448	£5	545	£19
T	£1	61	£7	171	£14	359	£15	449	£14	549	£16
U	£1	63	£6	172	£16	360	£15	451	£10	550	£25
V	£1	64	£12	173	£18	362	£24	453	£25	556	£46
W	£1	65	£22	180	£10	363	£10	454	£10	557	£10
X	£3	71	£8	183	£15	364	£5	455	£10	558	£10
Z	£0.50	74	£10	192	£14	365	£4	456	£6	559	£10
AA	£0.50	76	£8	193	£11	366	£4	461	£3	560	£9
JJ	£7	89	£12	194	£9	367	£4	463	£8	561	£7
KK	£4	90	£12	195	£13	368	£5	474	£6	562	£9
LL	£10	92	£13	201	£7	369	£5	484	£6	563	£8
MM	£4	94	£9	205	£11	372	£10	486	£6	564	£24
NN	£1	95	£7	211	£52	373	£27	487	£22	565	£13
OO	£5	97	£10	212	£16	374	£12	494	£10	566	£160
QQ	£6	98	£3	215	£17	375	£45	495	£10	573	£12
RR	£4	101	£27	235	£9	378	£12	497	£10	576	£16
1	£13	102	£27	239	£14	380	£22	499	£6	577	£42
2	£5	103	£35	240	£6	381	£14	500	£7	578	£42
5	£5	104	£25	241	£12	390	£20	501	£6	579	£34
9	£25	105	£25	253	£12	394	£4	503	£16	580	£12
10	£26	106	£22	254	£9	395	£10	504	£52		
11	£63	107	£22	255	£38	396	£4.50	505	£55		
13	£44	108	£20	261	£6	398	£10	506	£5		
15	£20	109	£22	266	£15	399	£22	507	£4		
18	£8	110	£12	271	£12	405	£6	510	£10		
20	£8	111	£11	272	£13	406	£22.50	513	£5		
21	£8	112	£9	288	£8	407	£30	514	£5		
22	£11	113	£2	298	£8	408	£15	515	£8.50		

16 SHEET COMPETITION RULES

The biennial 16 sheet competition will be held on Saturday May 29th, 2003. To allow members to plan their entries, the regulations are published in this issue of *The Kiwi*. **The entry forms will be enclosed in the next issue.**

REGULATIONS FOR 16 SHEET COMPETITION TO BE HELD BIENNIALY

Introduction:

The competition will consist of 16 Sheets including a descriptive sheet, which may contain Exhibits. Each should be mounted on display sheets, numbered consecutively on the reverse and contained in transparent protectors not more than 296mm deep by 245mm wide. Larger sheets will be accepted but they must be in multiples of the standard size. Judged and marked to the National Level.

Judges Note The use of photographic essays and proofs are acceptable for inclusion in competition entries.

Certificates will be awarded to entry's obtaining 50 points or more. Any receiving less will receive a Certificate of Participation. A trophy will be awarded to the entry receiving the highest number of points.

Marking Scheme:

Philatelic Knowledge & Personal Study	35pts.
Treatment, Originality & Importance	30pts.
Relative Condition & Rarity	25pts.
Presentation, Write-up & Arrangement	10pts.
Total	100pts.

The competition is split in to the following classes and sections:

Classic Class: Issues of Queen Victoria and First Pictorials:

All aspect of philately; based on the collecting of all postal items, including items related to the production of postage stamps from these issues.

Modern Class: Issue from KE VII to Present Day:

All aspect of philately; based on the collecting of all postal items, including items related to the production of postage stamps from these issues.

Postal History:

This class includes items on routes and rates, and studies of markings and marcophily. It is not normally advisable to include unused adhesives or postal stationery.

Aerophilatelic Class:

Based on the study of postal material prepared for, and or conveyed by airmail, whether official or unofficial. It can also include exhibits of airmail stamps and their usage.

Revenue Class:

The revenue exhibit comprises embossed, imprinted or adhesive tax, fee or credit stamps issued by or under the aegis of a Government Authority.

Experimental Class:

This is for material not recognised for international transmission of mail but accepted as being issued locally or generally for the transmission of messages or packages (e.g. Local, Railway or Telegraph).

Postal Stationery Class:

Exhibits can include proofs, essays and formula items where appropriate.

Thematic Class:

This class is for entries based on a New Zealand theme or a subject, which is developed to a logical plan by the use of the widest range of appropriate stamps and other philatelic material. Revenue stamps may be included where no other philatelic material will convey the intended message; such material should be used sparingly. Please note that a copy of the PLAN SHEET should accompany the entry.

Special Studies Class:

This is a new National Class, which has been introduced for those who wish to enter exhibits which would not readily conform to the requirements for evaluation in the other National Classes. The normal constraints relating to exhibits entered in the Traditional, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Aerophilatelic, Thematic and Revenue Classes will be relaxed. A proportion (say up to 10%) of relevant supporting non-postal material may also be included.

Social Philately Class:

This is very similar to the Special Studies Class but relies upon the exhibit being based on a theme and up to 50% of non-philatelic material is allowed to be included.

AWARDS TO MEMBERS

Our congratulations to the following members who won awards at **Welpex**, the National Stampshow held in Wellington, New Zealand in November, 2003:

Gerald Elliott: Large Gold and Grand Award: "Royal Navy Seaman Concession Postal Rates 1795-1911".

Andrew Dove: Large Silver Gold and Special Award from the RPSNZ: "New Zealand King George V".

R. Gordon Darge: Large Silver Gold: "Postal History of N.Z. Forces 1912-1919".

Len Jury: Large Silver Gold: "Taranaki".

Paul Wales: Silver Gold: "Postal History of Campbell Island".

Richard Wooders: Large Silver: "New Zealand 2^d Chalon 1855-1873".

THE MARCEL STANLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY 2003

The Marcel Stanley Memorial Trophy Competition for 2003 was recently held by the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand. There were a total of eight entries, six from overseas. The winner was R. Armstrong with a ruby award for his display of GB Redirected Mail 1798-1894. Runner-up was J. Kersel with a ruby award for her display entitled 'S.S. Tahiti'.

Congratulations to our members: Paul Wreglesworth who was awarded a ruby for his display of NZ QV ½d Sideface Definitive; R. Odenweller who was awarded 4 emerald awards for his displays entitled: 'NZ First Government Perforate Issues of 1864', 'NZ Penny Universal & ½d Mt Cook', 'NZ Reduced size Pictorials 1907' and 'NZ 1935 Pictorials - Printings on Single watermark paper and D. Scregg who was awarded an emerald for 'NZ 1906 International Exhibition.

HONOUR FOR THE EDITOR OF *THE KIW*

At the request of the Committee, the President and Chairman of the Society wrote to the Royal Philatelic Society of London to request that Andrew Dove, Hon. editor of *The Kiwi*, be elected to the Fellowship of the RPSL in recognition of his substantial contribution to the philately of New Zealand. We are delighted to learn that the Council has agreed to this request. Our congratulations to Andrew.

E. Leppard and D. Diamond.

INFORMATION RECEIVED:

MEDIA RELEASES

STAMPS DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS

30 SEPTEMBER 30 2003

New Zealand Post's 2003 Christmas stamp issue features one of the age old customs of the Christmas season - tree decorations.

This year's six stamps celebrate some of the simple delights of Christmas - trees laden with decorations, which are the centrepieces of many homes throughout New Zealand at Christmas time.

Tree decorations have been part of the Christmas season for centuries, from the very early candles of the 7th century to the sparkling lights and tinsel that are common today.

Stamps General Manager Ivor Masters said New Zealand Post is pleased to be continuing its long tradition of creating Christmas stamps.

"New Zealand Post released its first Christmas stamp in 1960 which featured a reproduction of one of Rembrandt's collection, The Adoration of the Shepherds, and has produced one every year since then."

The stamp issue also includes a special \$1 self adhesive as part of a special New Zealand Post offer for Christmas cards posted around the world between 15 October and 14 November 2003.

The stamps were designed by Lindy Fisher of Auckland and printed by Southern Colour Print, Dunedin and will be available from 1 October 2003.

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STAMPS UNCOVER AMAZING MARINE LIFE BENEATH ANTARCTICA

30 SEPTEMBER 2003

Feather duster worms and a sea gooseberry are among the colourful and fascinating marine life adorning New Zealand Post's latest stamp issue which will be released on 1 October 2003.

Ross Dependency 2003 Marine Life features a selection of the vast array of incredible creatures that are found under the thick ice covering the continent of Antarctica.

Stamps General Manager Ivor Masters said the annual Ross Dependency stamp issue celebrates New Zealand's involvement with this part of Antarctica.

"We have released Ross Dependency stamp issues for the past 9 years. This year we decided to feature some of the abundant and beautiful marine life found in the area hundreds of metres below sea level," Mr Masters said.

"The five stamps capture some of the brilliant colours and shapes that have intrigued scientists and researchers throughout the world."

The marine life featured on the stamps includes the most abundant of the seastar species - a red seastar (*Odontaster validus*) on the 40-cent and a sea gooseberry or comb jelly (*Beroe cucumis*), which is often mistaken for a jellyfish on the 90c.

Growing up to 26 centimetres from centre to arm tip, the giant seastar (*Macroptychaster accrescens*) features on the \$1.30 stamp and a spiky Antarctic sea urchin (*Sterechinus neumayeri*) is the star of the \$1.50 stamp.

Finally, the \$2.00 stamp features fan worms (*Perkinsiana littoralis*), which are sometimes called feather duster worms.

New Zealand Post has supported research in Antarctica for the past eight years by sponsoring postgraduate scientific research with the annual Science Scholarship.

The Ross Dependency 2003 Marine Life stamps and first day covers were designed by Chrome Toaster in Wellington and printed by Southern Colour Print, Dunedin. Stamps and associated products will be available from New Zealand Post retail outlets - PostShops and Books & More stores, Regional Stamps Centres, the Wanganui Stamps Centre and the stamps website, www.stamps.co.nz, from 1 October 2003.

NEW ZEALAND POST'S "PRECIOUS" COINS

20 November 2003

The tormented creature Gollum is one of the characters from the Lord of the Rings trilogy that features on New Zealand Post's 'precious' commemorative legal tender coin series, being released on behalf of the Reserves Bank of New Zealand and New Line Cinema.

With Queen Elizabeth II on the obverse side, the six 50-cent uncirculated coins will depict key characters from the trilogy including Gollum, Gandalf, Aragorn, Saruman, Sauron and Frodo.

There are also three \$1.00 coins featuring Frodo, Sauron and the ring of power, which together symbolise the struggle between good and evil - the key theme of the trilogy.

New Zealand Post Stamps Business Manager Ivor Masters said that New Zealand Post is extremely pleased to be offering The Lord of the Rings legal tender coins, which celebrate such an amazing cinematic achievement.

"This trilogy is a truly awesome example of the huge capability of the New Zealand film industry and New Zealand Post is proud to be celebrating this success by releasing these coins.

The coin issue complements New Zealand Post's The Lord of the Rings stamp issues, including the latest stamp issue *The Lord of the Rings - The Return of the King*® which was released on 5 November. Previous stamps have been very popular with stamp collectors and Lord of the Rings enthusiasts alike."

The first coins to be unveiled in the Lord of the Rings series were 'The One True Ring' in denominations of \$1.00 in silver and gold and \$10 in 22 carat gold. Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Helen Clarke struck the first \$10 gold coin on a visit to the British Royal Mint in Wales earlier in the year.

Mr Masters said the coins will be available from New Zealand Post Stamp Centres from early December.

REVIEWS OF PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

REGISTER OF DATESTAMPS USED BY NEW ZEALAND TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE OFFICES WHICH OPERATED INDEPENDENTLY OF A POST OFFICE

Author: L.G. Dale. Published by Postal History Society of New Zealand Inc., PO Box 99-673, Newmarket, Auckland, New Zealand. Price \$25.00 inc. P&P in NZ, \$7 Aust, \$10.50 S. Pacific, \$12.40 N. America, \$13.20 UK & Europe, \$15.00 Rest of World. Pp. 125, Soft Bound. Postal History Society Handbook No. 54. ISBN No. 0-908 588-63-1

In times past, the New Zealand Post Office provided communications facilities other than mail. You could contact others either by telegram or telephone courtesy of the PO. For each of these services, a fee was payable and was paid by the use of postage stamps affixed to the telegram form of telephone call card. These stamps were cancelled by the office making the transaction. Most such offices were also post offices but a significant number were not and it is the cancellations of this group that are fully explored in this publication.

The book starts with an explanatory note by Robin Startup covering the rationale for the use of these marks: as always, Robin writes informatively and lucidly. The second section illustrates the different types of cancellers used and this is followed by a register of the datestamps known to have been used. This listing includes the dates when the office was open, the canceller type and the earliest and latest known dates of use and helpful comments. The fourth section contains colour illustrations of some of the telegram and telegraph forms on which the datestamps are to be found. The final page is taken up with a list of references consulted which also forms suggestions for further reading: this confirms the amount of disparate information that has been collated for this work.

Although this subject may not be of immediate relevance to many, this work will be of much assistance to postal history collectors trying to identify an odd postmark. As such, it is to be recommended as an addition to the philatelic library.

ALTERNATIVE POSTAL OPERATORS IN NEW ZEALAND PART ONE

Author: John Hill, 13, Leeds Place, Napier, New Zealand. E-mail john-hill@clear.net.nz. Pub. the author. Price \$25 + P&P \$14.70 to UK. Pp. 102. Soft cover, wire bound Fully illustrated B&W. ISBN 0-473-09746-X

Readers may recall that this publication was mentioned in the last issue of *The Kiwi*. I have now received a full copy of the publication and this review is, therefore, based on the full text.

The first Post Office was established at Russell in 1840, thereafter, the service grew and played an honourable part in the development of the country. The biggest innovation occurred in 1998 when the state monopoly on the carriage of mails was removed. This opened the way for companies to offer mail services either independently or through agreements with New Zealand Post. To date, more than 45 firms have registered to carry mail. Some have already withdrawn from the fray but others are flourishing. Not surprisingly, these companies occupy a niche and the market is still dominated by New Zealand Post.

Collectors interested in the provision of mail services have followed events with much interest and a little confusion. This has been reflected through the correspondence and thoughts published in this journal. There is a feeling that the scene has been so complex and so rapidly changing that it will prove difficult, if not impossible, to chart all the changes adequately.

This publication is an admirable attempt to begin this process. It covers three carriers: Fastway Post (based in Hawkes Bay), KiwiMail (based in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty) and National Mail (a nationwide carrier). The progress of each carrier is described in great and very interesting detail, both in terms of business progress and the identifying carrier labels (aka stamps) issued. I found the section on KiwiMail especially interesting as it describes the problems created by its genesis as a branch of the New Zealand Post Office.

The book is fully illustrated throughout and I would expect that it will be regarded as the definitive account of these independent operators to date. I would wholeheartedly recommend it to all with an interest in New Zealand Postal Services even if they are not collectors of these issues.

SPECIAL DATESTAMP



A special datestamp to commemorate The Return of the King World Premiere was available in Wellington on 1 December, 2003.

RESPONSE TO A PREVIOUS ARTICLE:

DON'T BELIEVE ALL THAT YOU READ

ALAN TUNNICLIFFE



Figure 1

Attentive readers will have noted the comment in the Media Release section of the last issue of *The Kiwi* (1) stating that the Veteran Cars stamps issued to commemorate the Centenary of the AA in New Zealand were printed by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin. Reference to the plate blocks of the issue (Figure 1) reveals, however, that the stamps were printed by Cartor Security Printing in France. I believe that this is the first contract to be given for printing New Zealand stamps overseas since the debacle with the Health “Teddy Bears” and Enschedé in 1996.

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CURRENT EVENTS:

THE NEW ZEALAND POSTAL ENVIRONMENT - UPDATE JUNE 2003

FROM THE MARKET INTELLIGENCE TEAM

(This article is reprinted from PostNews, Issue 148, June 2003 with the kind permission of New Zealand Post and refers to the position in the de-regulated world in June 2003).

Competition is well and truly alive in the New Zealand postal environment. Our competitors are diverse -they operate in the local, national and global markets. Some have specialised interests while others target niche markets.

Since deregulation in 1998, over 30 companies have registered as postal operators in New Zealand. Not all continue to operate, and not all are registered for the purpose of delivering mail.

Market Share

New Zealand Post continues to maintain a high market share.

There are two types of market share.

Acceptance market share refers to mail lodged with an operator, regardless of who delivers it. New Zealand Post's acceptance market share has declined since deregulation, as more postal operators compete for customers in this space.

Then there is **delivery market share** which refers to mail in the delivery space. New Zealand Post has retained a high delivery market share as many other operators (who compete with us in the acceptance market) choose to use our network for delivery.

These operators access our network either through Access Agreements or by applying New Zealand Post postage on the mail.

Access Agreements

Five postal operators have negotiated Access Agreements with New Zealand Post - there are two types of these and one postal operator has two Access Agreements.

Lodgement Access Agreement - operators access the New Zealand Post network by presenting trayed, faced mail at mail centres at agreed times.

Prepaid Access Agreement - an operators mail is prepaid for the New Zealand Post network and lodged via Post street receivers, rural delivery boxes and posting panels.

Who is who and what do they do

Not all of the 31 postal operators are covered here - but this gives a taste of the variety of operators in our postal environment. The graphics are either each operator's logo or their postal identifier.

Nationwide operators

New Zealand Post

Registered: 1 April 1998

New Zealand Post 

Operations: Nationwide and international

The largest postal operator in the country. While it continues the tradition of carrying and delivering letters and parcels, New Zealand Post has responded to customers growing communication needs through innovation in the residential, business and international markets. Today our company provides communications solutions for a wide range of people and businesses.

New Zealand Document Exchange (DX Mail)

Registered: 29 April 1998

Operations: Nationwide and international

Access Agreement: Lodgement Agreement

DXMAIL
Dedicated to Business Communication

DX Mail are part of the Freightways Group of Companies, which includes New Zealand Couriers, Post Haste, Castle Parcels and Sub 60. DX specialise in the business mail market and operate a private box network (called Exchanges) nationwide. They also deliver postal mail, parcels, international mail and courier products and have recently included an electronic document service in their product mix. DX sell their own range of stamps for domestic and international postage, and produce personalised stamps for business customers.

Pete's Post

Registered: 31 March 1999

*Operations: Lodgement - Palmerston North, Wanganui, Taranaki, Gisborne,
Hamilton, Napier and Tauranga;*

Prepaid - Whangarei, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Invercargill

Access Agreements: Lodgement and Prepaid Agreements



This is a franchising company that targets the small to medium business market. In Lodgement regions, independently-owned franchises have their own street receiver network and delivery network and delivery equipment for cross-town mail or mail is lodged with another operator. Personalised stamps can be produced for business customers. In Prepaid regions, the operations are owned by Pete's Post, and they sell gold envelopes prepaid for the New Zealand Post network. Pete's Post are expanding their expanding their prepaid operations into new regions.

Fastway Post New Zealand Limited

Registered: 30 June 1998

Operations: Nationwide

Access Agreement: Prepaid Agreement



Fastway Post operates a network of franchised postal outlets, located in retail stores. They sell stamps for 40 cents, and postage-included envelopes for 45 cents, letters can be posted within the store, or into New Zealand Post Street receivers, and are delivered by New Zealand Post. Fastway also offer a parcel service of prepaid or non-prepaid boxes, bags, satchels and tubes that are sold through Fastway Post outlets, or through Fastway Couriers.

Companies with specialised interests

Mailboxes Limited (Universal Mail)

Registered: 31 August 2001

Operations: Nationwide

Access Agreement: None

Universal Mail New Zealand

Universal Mail specialises in international mail generated by tourists visiting New Zealand. They market a range of stamps and postcards, sold through a network of resellers and posted into blue street receivers which are owned by Mailboxes Limited and sub-leased to Universal Mail. A personalised stamp service is also available, and a number of tourist operators have their images on the stamps with a postcard to match.

PMP Distribution (formerly Circular Distributors and CD Marketing Communications)

Registered: 13 November 2000

Operations: Nationwide unaddressed and addressed letterbox delivery

Access Agreement: None



As part of the PMP Limited Group of companies that includes PMP Print, PMP Distribution offers an integrated media service that includes identifying target markets, developing media solutions for marketing campaigns, production and print, and letterbox delivery. With a delivery team of 7,500-plus, PMP Distribution can deliver items to households nationally, and local businesses within the main CBD areas. Items destined for rural addresses and P.O. Boxes are not delivered directly by PMP Distribution.

Rural Couriers Society Limited (Coural)

Registered: 9 October 1998

Operations: National - rural delivery

Access Agreement: None



Coural is owned by independent rural delivery contractors throughout New Zealand and was established primarily to deliver unaddressed mail, parcels and courier product to rural addresses.

Coural has partnership agreements to deliver and pick up parcels and documents from rural residents on behalf of a number of courier companies. Coural also delivers postal items for Pete's Post and DX Mail and has produced its own stamp for letter mail.

Stamps At Work (formerly Posties Choice)

Registered: 17 July 1998.

Operations : Nationwide - stamp production

Access Agreement: Prepaid Agreement



Stamps At Work was established for the production of personalised stamps which are marketed to businesses, schools, charities, and organisations wanting to promote their products and services.

Local Operators

There are a number of these established in small to medium-sized towns around New Zealand.

They all follow a similar model - targeting small to medium businesses who send mail locally, providing a pick up service for the mail, and charging the customer 20 or 30 cents per item.

These operators don't have Access Agreements with New Zealand Post. Some of these operators are:

Dunstan Mail

Registered: 9 December 1998

Operations: Alexandra

Dunstan Mail is a part time operator and cover the Alexandra and Clyde regions. Customers are charged 20 cents for standard mail. Dunstan Mail will also take nationwide mail, affixing a 40 cent New Zealand Post stamp to the mail and lodging into New Zealand Post street receivers.

Gisborne Mail

Registered: 21 January 2000

Operations: Gisborne

Gisborne Mail provide a pick-up service for business customers, and have a network of 20-plus street receivers. Customers are charged 30 cents for local mail with next day delivery.

Go Postal

Registered: 12 August 1999

Operations: Kapiti Coast

Go Postal is based in Paraparaumu and focuses its operation on the Kapiti Coast, and to a more limited extent in Levin and Otaki. Business customers are charged 30 cents for local mail. Go Postal have a network of postal deliverers working on a part time basis. The company also offers a service for residential customers who use drop-off points to lodge their mail and pay for the delivery.

Masterpost Limited

Registered: 9 November 1998

Operations: Auckland

This is a small postal operator on the North Shore of Auckland that targets small to medium local businesses and deliver mail through their own network.

Parmfleet Post

Registered: 2 August 2001

Operations: Wanaka

Parmfleet Post's owner was delivering pamphlets and newspapers throughout Wanaka pre-deregulation and moved to delivery of addressed mail as an extension of this business. Customers are charged 30 cents for local delivery. Most of Parmfleet Post's work is in the unaddressed market, and mail is delivered three days a week, based on circular runs.

Quick Post

Registered: 12 August 1998

Operations: Taupo

Quick Post is now the longest operating of the local postal operators. Customers are charged 30 cents per delivery, and Quick Post provides a pick-up service to local businesses, with next day delivery.

Tui Deliveries

Registered: 25 August 1999

Operations: Levin

Tui deliveries is a small one-person operation delivering to the local Levin market.

Zero Post

Registered: 21 December 1998

Operations: Kapiti Coast

This offers a business mail service. Mail is picked up for a fee and sorted. Items are put through an ASM by Zero Post before being lodged into the New Zealand Post network for delivery.

Other registered postal operators

Admail Limited	EKO	Palmy Post
Airwaves Corporation Limited	G Post	Pitney Bowes NZ Limited
CBD Mail Management Limited	Hometown Post	Quantum Post
Chatham Islands Postal Service	Kiwimail Group Limited	Selectpost New Zealand Limited
Destination Post Services	Local Post Kaikoura	Standard Post Canterbury

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

NEW ZEALAND FORCES IN CENTRAL LONDON IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR

JOHN WATTS

In May 1916, Headquarters of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force arrived in England following the sea voyage from Egypt. The administrative headquarters was set up in London at 8, Southampton Row, W.C. 1. Eighteen months later, in November, 1917, the Headquarters moved to 29 - 31 Bloomsbury Square W.C. 1 and remained there until the New Zealand Expeditionary Force was disbanded in late 1919. All mail addressed to staff attached to Headquarters was either handled through the New Zealand Army Base Post Office or through the nearby Royal Mail Post Office in Southampton Row.

Separate accommodation was found for the New Zealand Ordnance Officer who established his workshop at 30 - 32 Farringdon Road, London, E.C. 1. The mail related to this office was handled by the Royal Mail Post Office in Hatton Garden in the area housing the centre of London's precious metal and jewellery trade. The Ordnance Workshop later became the home of the New Zealand War Museum.

The New Zealand Expeditionary Force kit store was located at 76-78 Gray's Inn Road, Holborn, London W.C. 1 and the mail was handled through the Royal Mail Post Office at High Holborn.

At the same time, the New Zealand Soldiers Club (Figure 1) was established in 17, 18 and 23 Russell Square, London W.C. 1 by the War Contingent Association which was funded by the Patriotic Societies back in New Zealand. The Association was managed by Mr. R.H. Nolan of Hawera from the time of its inception on 1st August, 1916.



Figure 1: Postcard showing the outside of the NZ Soldiers Club

The club proved extremely popular with New Zealand soldiers a long way from home. The records for 1918 show that on average, 185 out of a total of 200 beds were filled every day. On average, 862 canteen sales were made every day. Over the whole year, 67,483 beds were hired, 41,131 breakfasts, 25,545 teas and 29,926 dinners were sold. Canteen sales (mostly meals) were 314,515.

It would appear that there was a facility to handle mail for the residents and visitors as a posting box was provided in the writing room which was cleared daily and the contents taken to the New Zealand Army Base Post Office.

The able supervision and efficient management in providing this haven of a home from home in London was a source of much comfort to all the folks back home in New Zealand.



Figure 2: Postcard showing a View of the Music Room and Lounge

There are a set of postcards existing featuring the club. The total number of cards has not been established but five different views have been reported. Three of the pictures are shown here (Figures 1, 2 and 3), the other two show The Billiard Room and Part of the Canteen.

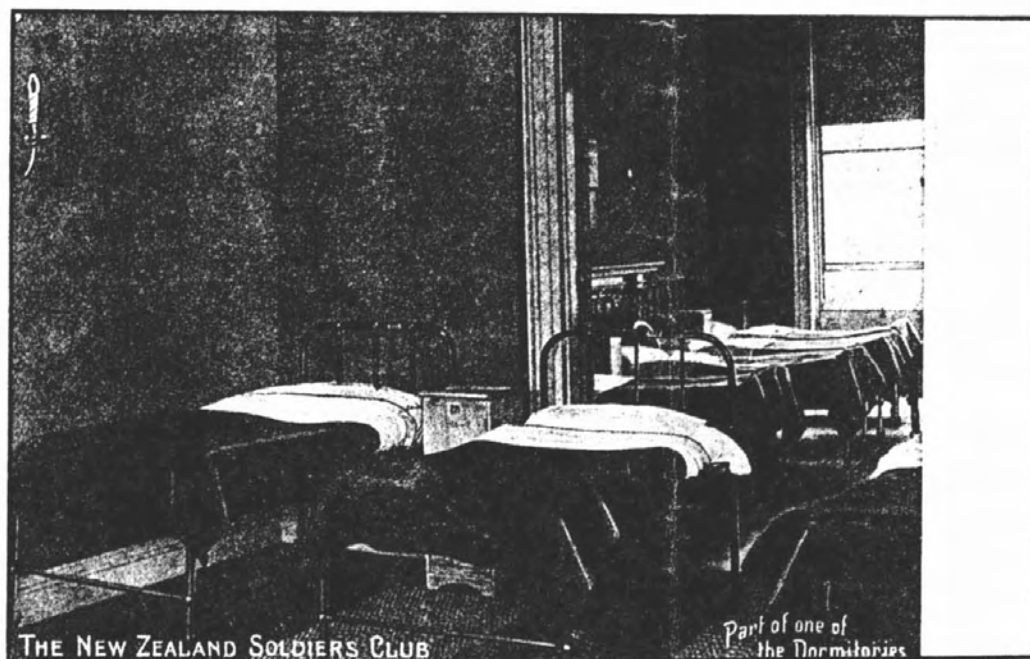


Figure 3: Postcard showing Part of one of the Dormitories

The reverse of one of the cards shows the comments of one of the soldiers who had visited the club (Figure 4).

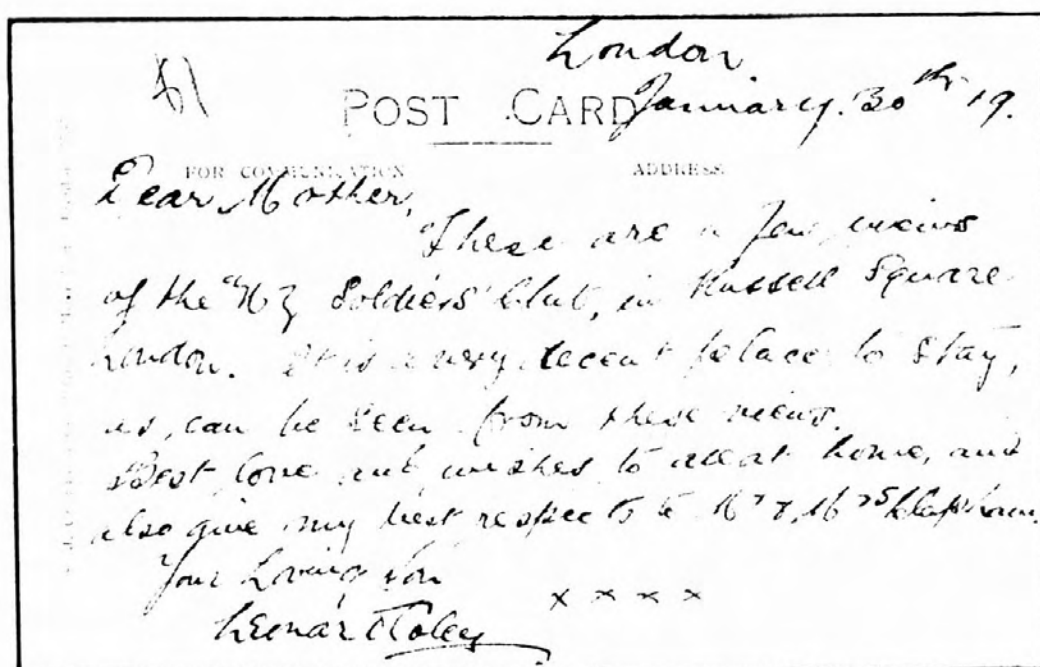


Figure 4: Reverse of Postcard with comments on the Club to the Folks back home

The card shown in Figures 5 was for the booking of Bed No. 110 for the night of 27 May 1917 at the princely cost of 8d. The message on the reverse could leave the putative occupant of the bed in no doubt about the rules pertaining to his visit.

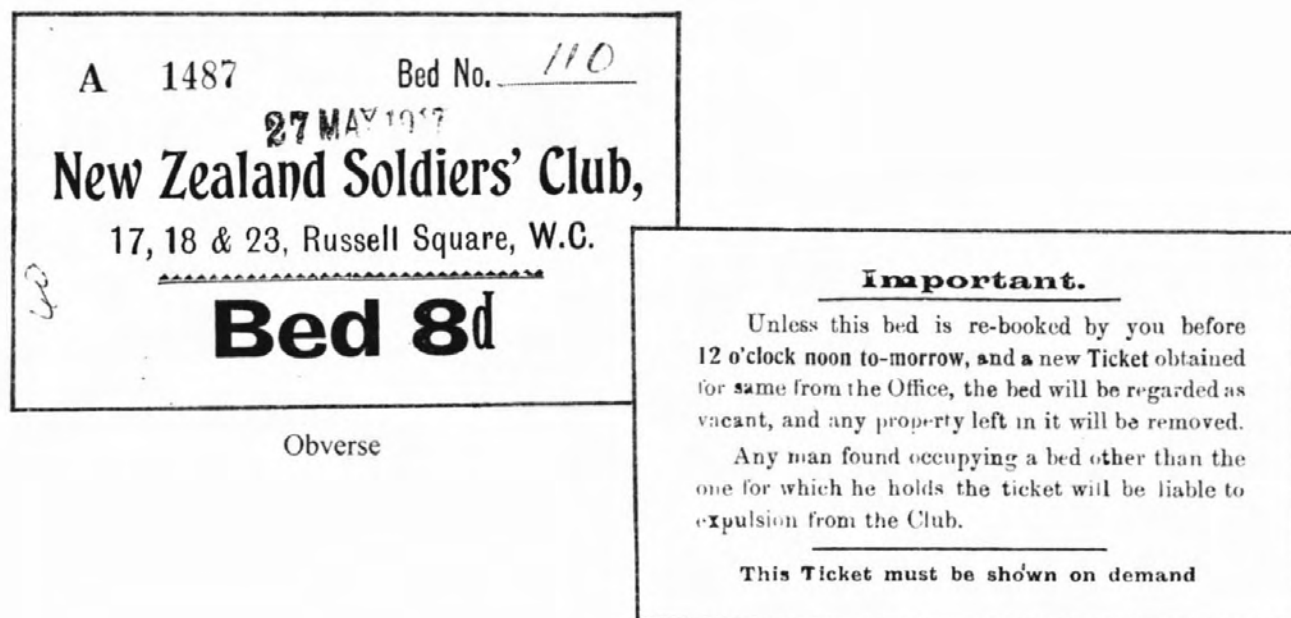


Figure 5: Card booking bed (reduced to 75%)

This story has a personal touch: first, my mother lived in Holborn not far from Gray's Inn Road during the First World War. She had a friend who met and agreed to marry a New Zealand soldier. Soon after the War finished, the friend left for New Zealand and the marriage took place in Devonport before the couple went to farm at Matakana just north of Warkworth.

Secondly, for the first fifteen years of my life, except for evacuation during the Second World War, I lived in Russell Square and must have walked past the buildings that had housed the New Zealand Soldiers Club many times. Also, I caught the bus for school in Southampton Row, spent many happy hours searching the secondhand bookstalls in Farringdon Road and used Bloomsbury Square as a short cut for my visits to the British Museum.

Little did I know when, in my youth, I passed the same way as so many New Zealand servicemen when they were on leave, I would eventually become a New Zealand citizen and then the 'Man in New Zealand' for the New Zealand Society of Great Britain for 25 years.



Figure 6: the Site of the Club as it now appears

Unfortunately, the houses that provided an oasis of comfort and peace for the New Zealand soldiers in the First World War are no longer standing. As is shown in the recently taken photograph (Figure 6), the corner of Bedford Way which leads from Russell Square to Woburn Square is just an empty site. Perhaps when a new building fills the space, one of the blue plaques that marks notable sites could be arranged to mark this piece of New Zealand history.

My thanks to Robin Startup for supplying the illustrations of the Postcards shown herein.

Further information may be found in Volume III of the *The Postage Stamps of New Zealand* and in the *Official History of New Zealand's Effort in the Great War, Volume IV*.

SHOP !

ROBIN STARTUP

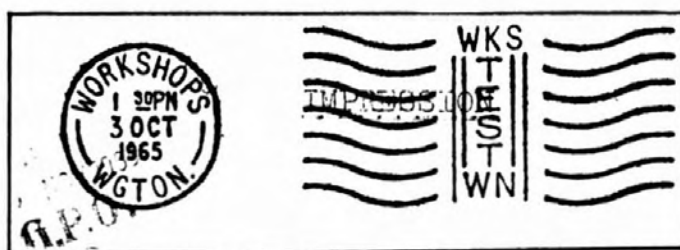


Figure 1: Universal Machine

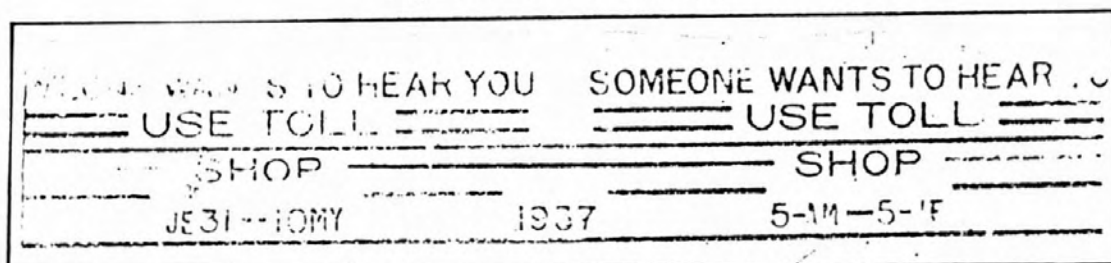


Figure 2: Burns Machine

These New Zealand postmarking machine cancellations (Figure 1 & 2) will not have appeared on your mail, or at least they ought not to have! The 'shop' refers to the Post Office Workshops of the former New Zealand Post and Telegraph Department where a wide range of mechanical, carpentry, motor trade, electrical and metal-work services were provided. The Workshops were probably established in the General Post Office building in Featherston Street in the 1910s to repair 'in house' the wide range of equipment the Department was already using. At some time in the 1950s, purpose built accommodation was erected at Taita in the Hutt Valley. They were taken over by Telecom New Zealand Ltd when the New Zealand Post Office was broken up in 1987 and it was not long before the various parts were sold off.

The Postmarking Machine people repaired and tested the growing stock of Burns manual or automatic continuous cancellation type machines, manufactured Saville manual machines and, also, looked after the Universal Postal Frankers /Pitney Bowes models D and G electric-drive machines. By the 1980s, fully decentralised mail processing in New Zealand meant that there were over 350 of the Universal type machines in use.

On completion of repair, the machines would be test run to ensure that they functioned properly. For the Universal machine, a complete head of town-die and slogan, as illustrated in Figure 1, was in use in 1965. For the Burns machine, a disc engraved SHOP was fitted in place of the usual office-name disc. In addition to the example illustrated in Figure 2, an undated but 1948 vintage BLOOD DONORS ARE STILL URGENTLY NEEDED example is known.

1938 CRASH OF THE IMPERIAL AIRWAYS FLYING-BOAT "CALPURNIA"

ROBIN STARTUP

On 27 November, 1938, the Imperial Airways Short S.23 'C' Class - G-AETW "Calpurnia", captained by E.H. Attwood, on a routine flight between Alexandria and Tiberias, ran into a sandstorm whilst trying to land at Lake Ramadi, Iraq. The flying-boat hit the lake with sufficient force to shatter the plane and sank. Sixty nine bags of mail for New Zealand were on board and 60 were recovered. Letters were roughly dried and forwarded to their ultimate destination. After further drying and disinfection in New Zealand, the mail was delivered. A cachet was applied to explain the delay and the poor condition of the letter. The commonest cachet applied to mail in Australia reads: "DAMAGED BY WATER / THROUGH ACCIDENT / TO FLYING BOAT". In New Zealand, the main cachet read "RECEIVED IN DAMAGED CONDITION / EX FLYING BOAT CALPURNIA". Variations of the cachet are detailed in Vol. 2 of *The Airmails of New Zealand* (1).

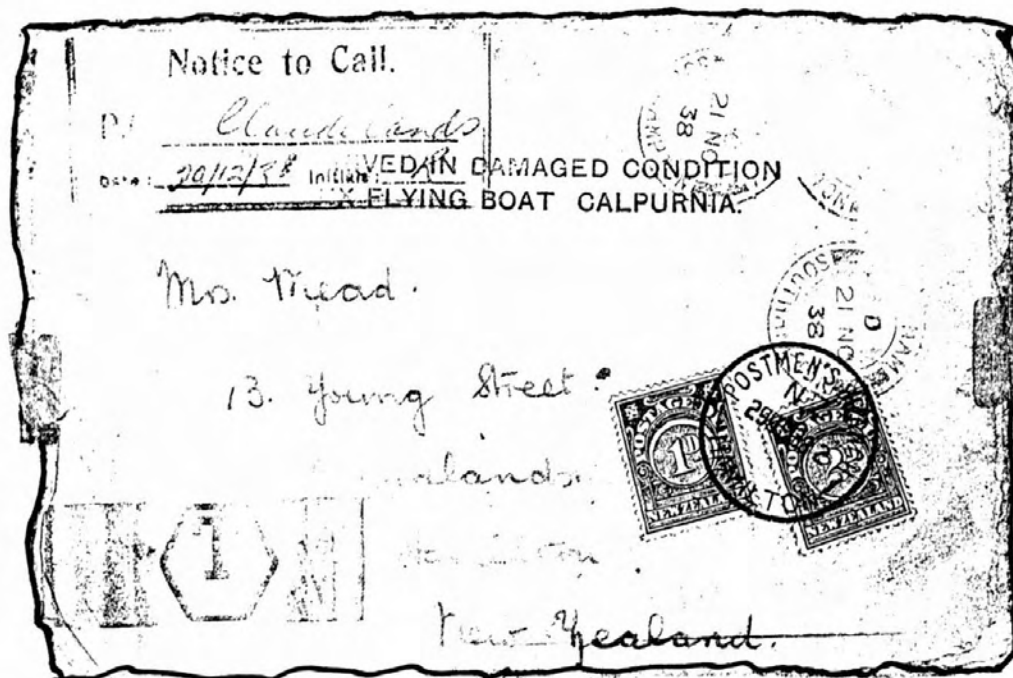


Figure 1: Calpurnia cover with 'T' marking

Figure 1 shows a cover addressed to Hamilton on which a surcharge of 3d has been raised. The postage has been pre-paid in the United Kingdom and the stamps been soaked off after the crash. In the bottom left corner is a "T" marking indicating that excess postage was due. Ken Sanford reported another cover with the "T" marking in a recent issue of *New Zealand Air Mail News* (2). Two other covers with a similar mark are also recorded.

Why was postage due charged? There are two theories: first, that the 'T' marking was applied in New Zealand in an attempt to collect postage and, secondly, that the 'T' marking was applied in London on those items exceeding the ½ ounce weight limit if only the basic 1½d rate had been paid.

I would welcome reports of further 'T' marked Calpurnia covers particularly any addressed to Australia. Photocopies, please, to Robin Startup, PO Box 275, Masterton, New Zealand.

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