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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 2ND 2005  
AT THE UNION JACK CLUB, SANDELL STREET, LONDON STARTING AT 11.00  
THE MEETING WILL START WITH RAILWAY TRAVELLING POST OFFICES. THE  
BIENNIAL TWELVE SHEET COMPETITION WILL BEGIN AT 14.00  
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**NEXT MEETING OF THE MIDLAND REGIONAL GROUP**

The next meeting of the Midland Group will host the Northern Group at the Carr's Lane Meeting Centre in Birmingham on Saturday, April 16th, 2005 starting at 14.00.

This is a members meeting: please bring up to 18 sheets from your collection.

For further information or help in finding the venue, contact Bernard Symonds ☎01926 813985

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**NEXT MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH REGIONAL GROUP**

The next meeting of the Scottish Group will be at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies which will be held at Dewars Centre, Perth on April 16th, 2005.

This is an informal get together and, as usual, we will meet in the bar at 12.30.

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**NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY**

The next meeting of the Society will be held on April 2nd (**Not the last Saturday of the month as usual**). The main business will be our twelve sheet Competition for which the rules are published elsewhere in this issue. The members present on the day will act as judges.

The Meeting will start at 11a.m. and the morning will be taken up with a display of Railway Travelling Post Offices (RTPOs). This is a subject that we have not seen for some time and should be interesting. If you have any items to show, please bring them along.

### EARLY NOTICE OF AN ADDITIONAL MEETING

An extra meeting has been arranged on Saturday July 16th, 2005. It will be held at the British Philatelic Centre, 106 Charterhouse Street and will be a joint meeting with the Cinderellas Society. Cinderellas are defined as anything not in Stanley Gibbons so includes Railway stamps, Revenues, Fiscals etc.

Further details will be published nearer the time.

### NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> 2005

➤ The programme for 2006 was discussed and the following suggested:

January 29th	2nd Sidefaces
March 25th	16 Sheet Competition
May 27th	Advertising Covers/Stamps
July 29th	1898 Pictorials
*September 29th – Oct 1st	Society Weekend at Warwick
November 25th	AGM and Auction

\* This is a provisional date and venue for the Philatelic Weekend next year. Further information will be published as it becomes available. Volunteers to help run the weekend will be needed. Anybody interested, please contact Bernard Symonds.

➤ Midpex was discussed and disappointment was expressed at the attendance of Society members at the event in 2003. Please come along if you can. Assistance is also needed to look after our stand: contact Keith Collins if you can help.

➤ The question of the value of the Society's membership of the Association of British Philatelic Societies was raised. There seems to be little benefit to the Society in proportion to the annual fee. This will be taken to the Annual General Meeting for further discussion.

➤ The suggestions made at the 2004 AGM with regard to meeting days, times and content were discussed and the results will be reported back to the 2005 AGM.

### NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD IN LONDON ON JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> 2005

In the absence of the Chairman, Keith Collins opened the meeting by welcoming a new member, Peter Lay, to his first meeting. He then explained the format of the next meeting which would include the 12 sheet competition.

The subject of the afternoon was New Zealand Military History excluding the two World Wars. This broke into three main sections, the New Zealand Maori Land Wars, the South African War and military activities after the Second World War.

**Ernie Leppard** showed items from the Maori Land Wars. Spanning a period from 1843 to 1872, the Wars were a series of clashes between various North Island Maori tribes and the Imperial and British forces over the ownership of land. Their history is complex and difficult to chart because of the absence of historical record. Similarly, few official records of the postal services have survived. Items on show included 3 envelopes from the Laver correspondence. This is the largest group of letters from the period to have survived and comprises about 110 covers from Robert Laver to his wife. The question was raised as to how a staff sergeant in the commissariat section could afford the postage on this number of letters. Was he, perhaps, fiddling the supplies budget? Most of the correspondence is in the collection of Gerald Elliott and has now been transferred to Te Papa. Also included a strip of three of the 2d Pale Blue roulette 7 cancelled PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND (No. 1). This is the largest known multiple of the stamp.

Next was the Boer (South African )War. This was illustrated by **John Woolfe, Ernie Leppard, Bernard Atkinson and Andrew Dove.**

New Zealand was already preparing to send troops when the war started in October 1899. The First and Second contingents only included members of the small regular army or the volunteer detachments which had been maintained since the end of the Maori Land Wars in the mid 1870's. By the end of the War, in 1902, ten contingents had been sent comprising 6,495 soldiers. The last 2 contingents arrived after fighting had ceased.

Much of the surviving postal material from the War is in poor condition. Letters from New Zealand to South Africa seem to have suffered more than those home.

For concessionary postal rates to apply, the envelope had to be signed by the sender and his unit and identification number included. This means that letters are identifiable using the web site described in this issue of *The Kiwi* (page 34). It appears that many of those who served are not on this database for a number of reasons. It does not, for example, include medical officers, railway personnel or prison guards.

The main difficulty for students of the period is that the New Zealand troops were allocated to other divisions or groups and mail was therefore processed through other countries postal systems. During the war, a number of soldiers also moved to other organisations as they were better paid.

There was much confusion about the postage rates to be charged. There were no special arrangements made for the First Contingent and this led to letters being charged at double deficiency (5d) although no postage stamps were available in South Africa for pre-payment. This changed and from December 1900, the surcharge was reduced to 1d if the envelope was marked correctly.

Prior to embarkation, the contingents were gathered at special camps in New Zealand. From March 1900, mail from these camps was accepted free and from January 1901, special envelopes with a printed pre-free circular frank stamp were provided.

Examples of mail from all the Contingents were shown as well as letters from prison officers guarding Prisoners of War on St. Helena and some of the Nurses who ministered to the wounded.

An interesting sidelight to the war was the way in which the Maori were treated. When the volunteers were being gathered, many Maoris came forward. Their inclusion was refused by the Colonial Office in London as it was felt to be unsuitable that natives should fight in a white mans war. Nevertheless, some volunteered and were included in the contingents. An example of a pre franked cover from the Xth Contingent to a Maori at Moawhango, a settlement in the North Island, illustrated this involvement.

Between the Boer War and the First World War, there was little military activity although the Great White Fleet visited from America in 1908. Universal military training was introduced in 1911 and, as part of this training, each man aged between 14 and 25 was required to serve 60 days a year including a seven day camp. These camps had their own post facilities although examples are now rare. An example from the Camp held at Kowai Bush in 1914 was shown.

Military activity after the Second World War was shown by **Bernard Atkinson, Ernie Leppard and Andrew Dove.**

When Japan surrendered in August 1945, an occupation force was put together. It included personnel from the 2nd New Zealand Division based in Italy. Jayforce arrived in Japan at the end of March, 1946. Mail was processed through A.P.O. 222 which opened in Florence and went with the force to Japan. Initially, 4 cancellers, lettered A to D, were located around Japan. These were replaced by F.P.O. cancellers numbered 2 – 6 in mid 1946. F.P.O.s 2 and 3 are commoner than the others.



In 1950, New Zealand sent a force, Kayforce, in response to the request from the United Nations for assistance following the invasion of South Korea by the North. They remained in the country until 1957. Infantry, artillery, medical support and two frigates were provided. Postal services were provided through A.P.O. 444 which acted as a base Post office with F.P.O.s in outlying units. The initial steel datestamp was produced by recutting the A.P.O. 222 stamps as there was a difficulty with obtaining steel cancellers at the time. The F.P.O. stamps were numbered 1 – 4 although 1 is rarely seen.

In 1955, New Zealand supplied troops to take part in Operation 'Firedog' which was aimed at suppressing the communist insurgency in Malaya. Although the Operation was successful, the soldiers remained until 1969. No special postal arrangements were made and letters were processed through the local postal agencies. With the end of the Malayan operation, the troops moved to Singapore and became part of the South East Asian Forces in conjunction with Australian and United Kingdom troops. A special Post Office, ANZUK Forces PO 5 was opened in 1972 and remained open until the Australian troops left in 1974.

With some reluctance, New Zealand also contributed to the American forces in Vietnam. In all about 4,000 New Zealanders served there. Mail was handled through special post offices and cancelled with specific cancellations.

This involvement led to a re-examination of New Zealand's military activities and subsequent involvement has been under the auspices of the United Nations. The postal arrangements have, for the most part, been through common arrangements for the contingents of all nationalities involved although for some, such as East Timor, specific Unit cancellers have been used.

**Bernard Atkinson** gave a wide ranging and comprehensive display of material from this period. It included an impressive range of scarce examples of covers with distinctive cancellations from the varied campaigns around the world.

**Keith Collins** thanked those who had shown and commented that he had been surprised by the extent of the information given at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 16.00.

## **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, £30 in UK and £35 overseas airmail inc. P. & P. (Society members will receive a 40% discount)

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

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9, Ashley Drive,  
Walton-on Thames,  
Surrey KT12 1JL

## 12 SHEET COMPETITION - 2005

### RULES

- [a] All classes are open to all members, no material is restricted - but see [e] below.
- [b] Members may submit one or more entries in each class. Each entry must consist of 12 sheets.
- [c] Sheets shall not exceed 295mm high x 245mm wide. Each sheet shall be in protective sleeve numbered on the back in the order in which they are to be displayed. A Descriptive sheet containing not more than 80 words should be placed behind the first sheet.
- [d] Each entry must be the sole property of the member and all writing and mounting must be the work of the member except in the case of disability preventing this.
- [e] Any entry which has been awarded a prize (winner or runner-up) in the previous competition may not be entered again in substantially the same form.

### CLASSES:

		<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner up</u>
<b>Classic</b>	Issues of QV and First Pictorial	Noel Turner Trophy	John Evans Trophy
<b>Modern 1</b>	KEVII, KGV, 1d Universals, 1d Dominion and 2nd Pictorials	Kiwi Shield	Paua Musical Box
<b>Modern 2</b>	KGVI to Present day	Stacey Hooker Cup	Paua Bookends
<b>Postal History</b>	Inc. Aerophilately and Postal Stationery	John J Bishop Trophy	Barton Bowl
<b>Open Class</b>	To Include: Thematics, Ephemera, Cinderellas and any other display with at last 50% philatelic content	David Forty Salver	Campbell Paterson Trophy

### MARKS

#### CLASSES: Classic, Moderns 1, Moderns 2, Postal History

Philatelic Knowledge and Personal Study	30pts
Treatment, Originality and Importance	25pts
Relative rarity and condition	25pts
Presentation	20pts
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100pts</b>

#### Open Class

Presentation	25pts
Originality	20pts
Development and Treatment	20pts
Philatelic Knowledge	20pts
Relative Condition	15pts
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100pts</b>

## **JUDGING**

The members present at the competition meeting shall carry out the judging. The judging will be based on the apportionment of marks for each entry shown on the previous page.

## **TROPHIES**

There shall be five classes with a trophy awarded to the winner and runner-up in each class.

**Please note that all entries must be handed to the Secretary before 14.00 on the day of the Competition. There are NO postal entries.**

## **INFORMATION RECEIVED:**

### **MEDIA RELEASES**

#### **EMPERORS OF THE STAMPS**

**21 October 2004**

The 'emperors' of Antarctica, the majestic Emperor penguins, are the stars of New Zealand Post's annual Ross Dependency stamp issue celebrating New Zealand's long involvement with Antarctica.

New Zealand Post's Stamps General Manager Ivor Masters said the Emperor penguins are a fitting tribute to the tenth anniversary of the production of Ross Dependency stamps.

'Popular with collectors around the world the Ross Dependency stamps, which are valid postage only for letters posted from New Zealand's territory in Antarctica, were produced specifically for use in Antarctica in 1908 and have been issued annually since 1994.

'This year we've chosen the Emperor penguins to illustrate that connection New Zealand has with the continent.

'And as the tallest of the 17 penguin species and the only animal to spend winter breeding on Antarctica's harsh open ice, the Emperor penguins are certainly worthy to represent Antarctica and celebrate our historic relationship with that region,' Mr Masters said.

The five stamps feature the life cycle of the penguins, from newly hatched chick to parent feeding its gangly chick to a group of fully grown adults.

A British Order-in-Council claimed the Ross Dependency as a New Zealand territory in 1923. Today, it's protected by the Antarctic Treaty, signed by New Zealand and 11 other nations in 1959.

*Emperors of the Ross Dependency* stamp issue and first day covers were designed by Ocean Design in Wellington and printed by Joh Enschede Security Print by offset litho. They are available from the usual outlets from 29 October 2004.

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#### **STAMPS EXPLORE LIFE ON THE EDGE**

**22 November 2004**

New Zealand Post's latest stamp issue will particularly appeal to thrill-seekers as it features five spine-tingling extreme sports.

Ivor Masters, New Zealand Post's General Manager, Stamps Business says the stamps celebrate New Zealand as an action packed tourist destination.

'New Zealand's geography offers everything an extreme sports fanatic could hope for from expansive blue sky to raging rivers to some of the world's best snow and ski fields.

'Extreme and adventure sports are part of New Zealand's appeal to tourists and the stamps capture both the excitement of the activities and the beauty of the country.'

With its multitude of short, fast-flowing rivers New Zealand offers whitewater rafting opportunities for beginners on grade one to hardcore professionals on grade five, as evidenced on the 45-cent stamp. Rivers are also a popular site for jet boating, the daredevil sport featured on the \$1.50 stamp.

From the water to the snow, the 90-cent stamp features two of New Zealand's most loved winter pastimes, skiing and snowboarding, which take place from June until October.

Skydiving, featured on the \$1.35 stamp, takes people well outside their comfort zone as they step out of a moving plane thousands of feet above sea level - a perfect sport for this issue.

The final stamp in the Extreme Sports issue, the \$2.00, features bungy jumping, which has become a must-do activity from bridges, viaducts, stadiums and even helicopters for Kiwis and tourist alike.

The stamps were designed by CommArts, Wellington and printed by Southern Colour Print in Dunedin. They will be available from the usual outlets from 1 December, 2004.

## **REVIEW OF PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED**

### **AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND UK MAILS TO 1880. RATES ROUTES AND SHIPS OUT AND HOME.**

Author: Colin Tabeart. Pub. By the Author. ISBN 0-9548407-0-4. 406 pages with indexes. Price £40.

This recent book published by the author attempts to bring together all the known information on the Rates and Routes of Contract mail ships from Australia and New Zealand. The author includes some information on the period between the end of the Toulmin Packets through the 1850's before the P & O second contract but does not include mail sent by Private Ship.

A look at the Chapter headings gives an idea of the scope of the book:

- Chap. 1. Postage Rates and outline History of the Australian Colonies
- Chap. 2. Ship Letter Mails
- Chap. 3. Packet Letter Mails - An Overview
- Chap. 4. Toulmin Packets
- Chap. 5. First Steam Packets (ARM Co., P&O, GSSS)
- Chap. 6. Clipper Sailings 1854-7
- Chap. 7. European and Australian RMC
- Chap. 8. Second P&O Contract
- Chap. 9. Pacific Routes
- Chap. 10. Torres Strait
- Chap. 11. Orient Line

Chapter 1 includes New Zealand despite the heading.

This book is a massive achievement and has taken Mr. Tabeart many many days, weeks, months etc. in the libraries following up ships, mails etc. He quotes extensively from the sources that he has found. The sources are fully documented and recorded.

As may be surmised, this is a weighty book and it contains much information, particularly on the early San Francisco mails which has not be available before. All those interested in early New Zealand overseas mail should really have their own copy as I am sure that they will want to refer to it very frequently.



I do have few reservations particularly where the author has more or less lifted work from previous authors, e.g. the sections on Toulmin Packets and P&O, as I believe that previous errors have been perpetuated. For example, the *Agricola*, one of the Toulmin Packets, almost certainly let the mail off at Falmouth not Gravesend. I had read Captain Ward's original articles to state that the ports he listed were the destinations not the mail unloading ports. Similarly, unless the Sydney Morning Herald is totally wrong, the *Royal Saxon* would leave the mails at Gallé and not Calcutta (I have a cover to prove it). The red herring about mails in 1862 for Marseilles carried by the Sultan is repeated although it is clear that mail taken from Malta by *HMS Icarus* and arrived in London on April 15th. Finally, the 1864 September mail from NZ missed the *Northam* due to the fact that although the NZ Contract Ship *City of Hobart* saw the *Northam*, she would not stop to pick up the mails. Although there may have been some NZ mail on the *Northam* ex Sydney, most would have been delayed by 1 month.

So, this is not the last word but it does bring together a significant volume of new and existing information and I believe that it is probable that over 99% of the information is correct. Overall, this is an extremely well researched book containing a wealth of information for collectors of this period of Postal History.

A copy is in the Society Library. It is a large volume so may be expensive to post but I can easily bring it to the London Meetings.

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## **NEW ZEALAND CHIEF POST OFFICES**

### **A Chronological Postal History Study**

Author: Gerald Lawson. Pub. The Postal History Society of New Zealand, P.O.Box 99673, Newmarket, Auckland, New Zealand. Handbook No. 60. ISBN 0-908 588-70-4. Spiral bound: Pp. 212. Price: \$NZ 34. +P&P.

This ring backed volume gives the histories of 25 designated 'Chief Post Offices' in New Zealand. In this country, I believe that we would call them Main District Offices.

The book contains histories ranging from 18 pages on Auckland to 4 pages on Blenheim. These are essentially the histories of the buildings/people/names etc. There is no attempt to list all the various datestamps or handstamps associated with each Office.

For anyone interested in a specific New Zealand area, for example, Hawkes Bay or Otago these summaries give one reference point to explore the history of the main Post Offices from the earliest times until 2003. Mr. Lawson has assembled previously disparate information into one volume which will now be a starting point for further individual research.

The book is extensively illustrated although, unfortunately, the quality leaves something to be desired. The maps of the North and South Island, for example, are unreadable

Overall, a valuable addition to New Zealand philatelic literature. A copy is in the Society library.

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## **JAYRICH BULLETIN NOVEMBER 1952 TO JULY 1957 NUMBER 1-39**

Pub. Postal History Society of New Zealand, PO Box 99 674, Newmarket, Auckland, New Zealand. Handbook No. 59. ISBN 0-908 588-690. Spiral bound. Pp. 220. Price \$25 + P&P.

This is a useful officially approved reprint with Index of all the Jayrich Bulletins. There were 39 issues of the bulletins which were a medium '*wherein postal history will be able to be recorded and circulated to collectors in this field*'. Four pages of the 40th issue were later discovered and are included in this reprint. Original copies of the bulletin are now rare and sought after by collectors of philatelic literature.

Jack Richard Richards was one of the early pioneers of New Zealand Postal History and his idiosyncratic Bulletins have a considerable amount of useful information and discussion on early NZ Postal History. The first issue was in 1952, four years before the publication of Volume III of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand's Handbook. One can only admire his diligence as virtually all of the illustrations are hand copied by the author.

The use of the Bulletins is limited for specific queries as much of the information has been collated in Volume VII of the Handbook but the easy availability of this seminal publication on the subject is to be welcomed. A copy has been purchased for the Library.

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## **ALTERNATIVE POSTAL OPERATORS IN NEW ZEALAND**

### **Part Two - DXMail and Pete's Post**

Author: John Hill. Pub. By the Author: e-mail address: john-hill@clear.net.nz. ISBN 0-476-00662-7. Wirebound. Pp. 209. Price NZ\$40 + P&P.

This is the second volume of John Hill's laudable effort to chart the life of those companies who have taken advantage of the de-regulation of the Postal Service in New Zealand. Part 1 was reviewed in the January, 2004 issue of *The Kiwi* and covered Fastway Post, KiwiMail and National Mail.

New Zealand Document Exchange (NZDX) was already delivering mail at the time of de-regulation. In 1997, it was offered for sale by Freightways Ltd. and was nearly sold to New Zealand Post. The sale was vetoed by the Government and it was sold to AUSDOC. Since de-regulation, DX has probably been the most successful of the alternative operators and has issued a wide range of stamps with tourist scenes and others personalised to people or companies.

Pete's Post was started by Peter Bell when he saw the TV news item about de-regulation. The service was limited to the New Plymouth area with any letters for national delivery being lodged with New Zealand Post. Collectors may be familiar with the special stamp issue featuring Len Jury when he stood as National Party candidate for Taranaki. Again, the company has issued a wide range of stamps including scenic series and personalised stamps.

This volume continues the good work of Part 1 and records a transient phenomenon very well. As expected, the stamps are fully illustrated and documented but the text also covers the business and regulatory up and downs of the operators.

For anybody interested in this period of philatelic history, this is an essential publication.

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## **LEN JURY CATALOGUE OF NEW ZEALAND STAMPS - 35TH EDITION 2005**

**Pub. Len Jury, PO Box 4400, Auckland, New Zealand. Price NZ\$10**

This is a welcome annual arrival. The simplified listing is fully illustrated in high quality colour and includes New Zealand Year Packs, Collectors Folders and Limited Edition Albums.

Cheap and cheerful - well worth having.

### **A GIFT TO THE LIBRARY**

Greg Francis from New Zealand has kindly donated to the Society a copy of his book '*Postal Cancellations, Province of Otago, New Zealand*' which he published privately.

This is basically a summary from Mr. Francis's notes of all the Datestamps and Obliterators used in Otago Post Offices. In particular, this includes the O with number in bars obliterators and A class datestamps. The date range seems to be from the 1840's until about 1910 although no

specific end date is mentioned and some other cancellations such as the squared circle datestamps are not listed. The other omission is of Instructional Markings such as handstamped numerals or deficiency type instructions.

The information is partly been drawn from Greg's Gold Medal winning collection which was displayed to the Society in Edinburgh last year by Len Jury

The book contains a wealth of information for anyone interested in Otago or the Goldfields and is now available to borrow from the Society Library.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **NEW ZEALAND 2005 NATIONAL STAMP SHOW**

**17 - 20 NOVEMBER 2005**

Bulletin number 1 has now been issued for this years National Stamp show to be held at the North Shore Events Centre in Auckland in November. This promises to be a major event using the experience gained from the very successful Northpex 2002. New Zealand Post and the New Zealand Stamp Dealers Association are committed to ensuring the success of the event.

As well as the full range of competitions, there will be an invited display from all Philatelic Societies who belong to the New Zealand Philatelic Federation. This will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the issuing of the first postage stamps in New Zealand and will to show every stamp issued between 1855 and 2005 - should be well worth seeing.

A range of functions and a full Social Programme are being organised. Further details will be contained in further Bulletins.

The exhibition organisers are publishing a series of Cinderellas aimed at illustrating the Chalons production and varieties. An order form and further bulletins are available from the organisers at:

The Exhibition Secretary, NZ 2005 National Stamp Show, PO Box 34-253, Birkenhead, North Shore, New Zealand.

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### **STAMPED - CELEBRATING NEW ZEALAND'S POSTAL HISTORY**

Further details are now available about this exhibition which will be held at Te Papa National Museum, Wellington between 15 July 2005 and 15 January 2005.

Two main themes will run through the exhibition: first, the opening up of communication both within New Zealand and between New Zealand and the rest of the world and, secondly, the use of stamps as a means to represent New Zealand to the rest of the world, both as an art form and as a medium for helping to define national identity.

The exhibition will be approached through four segments covering:

1. *The Nineteenth Century* - early development of postage stamps and the postal system.
2. *The Mail must get through* - internal and external communications - road, rail, sea and air (including keeping in touch during wartime).
3. *Identity: New Zealand's Face to the World.*
4. *Design and Production.*

As well as material from The New Zealand Post Archive, a significant display from the Royal Philatelic Collection will be on show.

If you are planning to visit New Zealand this year make sure that you include it in your itinerary.

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### **MIDPEX 2005**

The Society will have a stand at Midpex on Saturday June 25th 2005 between 10.00 and 16.00 at the Midlands Sports Centre for the Disabled, Tile Hill, Coventry. Previous events have had a wide range of Specialist Societies and Dealers present. Please come along and support the Society.

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### **RECENT AUCTION REALISATIONS**

#### **DAVID HOLMES: JULY 6 2004**

1909 Life Assurance printed envelope with ½d Mount Cook Official tied with OAMARU machine cancellation	\$460
1916 Stampless postcard with oval No 2 NEW ZEALAND / GENERAL HOSPITAL / WALTON-ON-THAMES	\$400
1918 Stampless envelope with RETURNED TO NZ and 'NOT AT No 2 / NZ GENL HOSPITAL / WALTON-ON-THAMES	\$660
1930 (5 Nov) Printed NZ Airmail envelope CHRISTCHURCH - DUNEDIN (Stapleton 37a)	\$270
2003 40c Self adhesive missing black fern. FU	\$770

#### **NZ STAMP AUCTIONS: SEPTEMBER 27 2004**

1900 OPSO cover (P&T Dept. No. 37) with violet frank stamp STOREKEEPER Post and Telegraph Department	\$220
1906 Muir and Moodie postcard of Devonport (slight stain)	\$58
1975 10c Queen with Blue colour omitted CPPA10b(Z)	\$825
1975 25c Te Hau Blue Offset FU	\$605

#### **DAVID HOLMES: SEPTEMBER 21 2004**

1946 Health illustrated FDC (Jones H46.10)	\$150
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#### **CLASSIC STAMPS: NOVEMBER 5 2004:**

Beer Duty 1885 18 Gallons (4/6) used 1918. Perf. 11	\$400
Beer Duty 1885 36 Gallons (9/-) used 1913. No watermark	\$400
1932 Cover with 6d Express Delivery and 6 x 1d 1902 Postage Due stamps added (rate was 6d for 1st mile and 3d for each additional mile, i.e. 1/- for 3 miles)	\$460
1969 28c Cook UHM block of 6 with embossing 20mm to the right, so 2 stamps no embossing, 4 with misplaced embossing	\$475
1975 Rose 8c UHM block of 10 with 1 stamp (10/5) having red almost completely missing, plus Red Plate number missing	\$625



## **CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?**

**Len Jury requires items to expand collections of New Zealand:**

### **1. Postal handstamps used on cover pre 1914 for 'in depth' research and reference collection.**

For example: NUMERAL HANDSTAMPS (1(d), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1/-) in black or red, LATE FEE, TOO LATE, LATE LETTER, DEFICIENT POSTAGE, FINE, DETAINED FOR POSTAGE, INSUFFICIENTLY STAMPED, UNCLAIMED, ADVERTISED UNCLAIMED, NOT KNOWN, LOOSELETTER, FREE, PAID, PAID AT, PAID ALL, MISSENT TO, Registered Handstamps and any other hand/directional cancels not listed. If you have items like these that are NOT for sale, I would be delighted to receive a photocopy or scan please so that a full record can be made. Thanks for your help.

### **2. AUCKLAND EXHIBITION 1913 - 1914.**

Covers to overseas countries, within New Zealand, used on parcel or package labels, Exhibition Labels (also on cover), Advertising labels, Advertising covers with or without Advertising labels, Covers with Postage Due or Refused markings, Stamp Proofs, flaws, Postal Stationery postcards either used or unused, any related memorabilia.

### **3. NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITIONS 1865 - 1924.**

A number of these exhibitions were celebrated philatelically but NOT with a stamp issue. A number had a postmark/slogan or were notable for the first use of a new stamp producing mechanism. Any memorabilia.

### **4. New Plymouth.**

Pre-stamp and Full Face/Side Face Queen/1898 Pictorial covers from and to New Plymouth and from/to other centres such as Maori/Land War Military Camps, Waitara, Inglewood, Stratford, Hawera, Eltham, Patea, Omata, Bellblock and other localities.

Also Taranaki Province. Pre 1930 Datestamps/manuscript/postal markings on cover or postcards of small localities, villages and townships.

### **5. New Zealand 1920 Victory.**

Artist drawings, essays, engravings, die proofs, printers proofs, specimen overprints, specimen markings, printers samples in singles, pairs and blocks with and without specimen overprint (various colours). Victory stamps on cover/postcard in singles, in combination with other victory stamps, in combination with other stamps (including other countries) sent to addresses in New Zealand or to overseas countries. Covers with Postage Due or Refused markings. Also required: Samoa Victory overprints used on commercial mail and New Zealand/Samoa Victory used in NZ Territories e.g. Fanning Island, Washington Island and Tokelau Islands.

Initially, please send photocopy or scan of any of the above together with price required

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### **AWARDS TO MEMBERS**

Congratulations to the following members who entered the recent Annual Marcel Stanley Trophy Competition of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand:

Paul Wreglesworth     Diamond

Brian Stonestreet     Ruby

Donald Scregg     Ruby

The overall winner was Tony Thakery with a Ruby award.

### **DISPLAY BY A MEMBER**

Derek Diamond will be giving a display of First Pictorials to the National Philatelic Society on March 12th, 2005. The meeting will be held at the British Philatelic Centre, 106 Charterhouse Street, London EC1M 6PT starting at 14.00. Any member of the New Zealand Society would be welcome.

## **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS ARTICLES:**

### **THE BOER WAR REVISITED**

**JOHN WOOLFE**

Thanks to an e-mail from Robin Startup, I am able to add something further to the cover illustrated in *The Kiwi* in November, 2004 (1).

There is a website with the address: [www.NZHistory.net.nz](http://www.NZHistory.net.nz). If one enters this and then puts 'Boer War' into the search box, the second hit is the South African War Database. Double click on that and one reaches a Website which identifies by surname all New Zealand combatants.

If one enters 'Tuckey', you find that there was only man of that surname and if double clicked, the information available identifies him as a Lieutenant in the 5th Contingent, part of the 12th Company (Wellington Section).

This site is very useful in helping to identify the various New Zealand Contingents to which soldiers belonged. Sometimes it also gives their civilian occupation and next of kin.

Reference:

1. Woolfe J 'A Boer War Cover'. *The Kiwi* (2004). Vol. 53. No. 6. P. 130.

### **A CORRECTION TO THE 'MASTERCLASS' MEETING REPORT**

**ROBIN GWYNN**

My attention has been drawn to a sentence in the May report of my 'Masterclass' presentation (1) which needs correction as it could seriously mislead the unwary!

The sentence is in the section referring to the First Sidefaces: the passage in question reads: '*Occasionally, the Expert Committee of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand receives single stamps which are supposedly imperforate for examination. These are unlikely to be authentic as the width of the stamps can vary considerably*'. So far so good. Incidentally, one could add that the height of the stamps can also vary considerably.

But the passage continues '*The exception is marginal copies with the marginal watermark visible*'. The implication is that one can validate imperforate singles of, say, perforated Full Faces or Sidefaces if they show a marginal line watermark. This is the very opposite of the truth. Indeed my experience is that a marginal line watermark on a supposedly imperforate single copy of a

perforated stamp is often tell-tale evidence that it is not genuine. Indeed, it is most likely to be marginal copies that provide scope for the faker.

Reference:

1. Anon. 'Notes of the Meeting of the Society held in London on March 20th, 2004'. *The Kiwi* (2004). Vol. 53. No. 3. P. 48.

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## NEW ZEALAND SOLDIER'S CLUB REVISITED

JOHN WATTS

Further to the article that appeared in *The Kiwi* (1), I have recently become aware of the close relationship between the people who lived in the buildings and early European New Zealand History.

I recently purchased a copy of *The Long White Cloud*, a book by William Pember Reeves. The book was originally published in 1898 and the information would obviously not have been as relevant then. I have the 4th edition which was published in 1950 although the information may have been included in the 3rd edition which was published in 1924. The pertinent statement is:

*'In 1916 New Zealand soldiers inhabited as a portion of their Soldiers Club in Russell Square in which Governor Hobson's daughter had lived for many years.*

*She had died a few months before and her husband Sir Alexander Rendell, gladly gave his house to the New Zealanders free of rent.'*

Reference:

1. Watts J 'New Zealand Forces in Central London in the First World War'. *The Kiwi* (2004). Vol. 53. No. 1. Pp. 18-22.

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLES AND READERS QUERIES:

### A NEW 'PAID ALL' MARKING

JOHN WOOLFE

The cover shown in figure 1 is in the collection of Dale Foster of the USA. I apologise for the poor quality of the copy but the handstamp is in red and the envelope is brown.

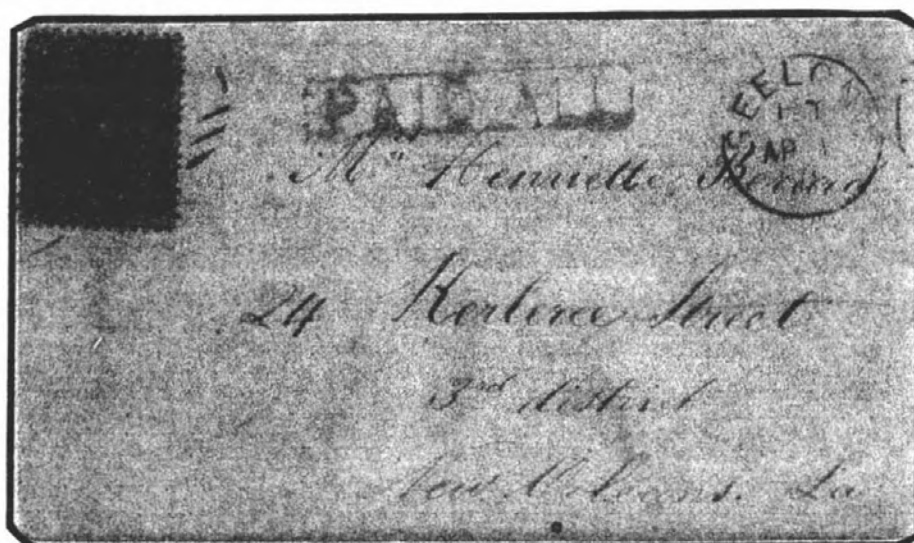


Figure 1

The envelope was sent from Geelong to New Orleans and was posted on 1st April, 1879. It arrived in San Francisco on 22 May 1879 having been carried on board the 'City of New York'.

The 'PAID ALL' handstamp appears to be single boxed and measures 44mm x 8mm.

Neither Dale or I believe that it is an Australian or US marking and we believe that it is of New Zealand origin. It is unclear whether this is one of the presumed types used in the New Zealand Marine Post Office on board the 'City of New York' or if it was applied in the Dunedin or Auckland Post Offices.

Has anybody seen a similar example or have any thoughts as to where it may have been used?

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### A TATTERSALLS COVER

LEW GILES



Figure 1

I acquired the cover shown in Fig. 1 for the AIR SERVICE INTERRUPTED cachet. The Greymouth cancellation is dated 28 JE 38. 9.45a.m. The envelope carries a pair of Second Pictorial 1d Kiwi stamps (a very late usage of the stamps). The cachets are a rectangular 'AIR MAIL' and an 'AIR SERVICE INTERRUPTED' in mauve. There is also a large 3 line cachet in red reading 'GEO. ADAMS / 128202 11 JUL 1938 / 9'. There are no backstamps. Some questions arise:

1. I can find no record of this interrupted flight on that day.
2. George Adams founded and owned Tattersall's from its inception in the 1880's when he ran a sweepstake on the Sydney Cup. He moved to Tasmania in 1895 when he was granted a licence to run a lottery. This was the cornerstone on which Tattersall's business grew.
3. I understand that betting as such was illegal in New Zealand hence the quantity of covers addressed to Hobart accommodation addresses.
4. George Adams died in 1904 so it is interesting to see his name still being used in 1938.

My information is sketchy and I would be most grateful if somebody could enlighten me both as to the Interrupted Air Service cachet and the use of the red Geo. Adams cachet.

Any assistance to the Hon. Editor, please.



# THE 1935 PICTORIAL ISSUES AND ASSOCIATED POSTAL RATES WITH DATES OF PRINTING OF VARIETIES (Part 4): 9 September 1940 – 12 December 1941

ROBERT P. ODENWELLER

## 9 September 1940:

Reduction in **Trans-Pacific Rate to Great Britain**. First despatch on September 14. The route: Auckland to Noumea to Canton Island to Honolulu to Los Angeles to New York to Bermuda to Horta (Azores) to Lisbon to London. Transit time about 10 days.

	Letters	Postcards
Great Britain	5/9	2/11

## 22 November 1940:

**N.Z. - Mail to Forces in Egypt**. Concessionary rate applied only to letters sent westward by the Empire Air Service, applicable to forces in the Middle East, and in G.B. if routed via Capetown.

	Letters	Postcards	Notes
N.Z. to N.Z. and Australian armed service personnel serving overseas	9d	5d	Not over ½ ounce
	1/6	9d	For all letters exceeding ½ ounce per ½ ounce

# 1941

## 6 March 1941:

**N.Z. to Overseas: Schedule of Air Mail Changes No. 7**. Due to the impossibility of making suitable connections at Honolulu, mails for the 'surface to Honolulu air to New York,' and 'air to England' services were no longer accepted. Since the Bangkok to Hong Kong air service had been suspended, airmail for China Japan etc. were given surface despatch northward from Singapore.

## 15 March 1941:

**N.Z. stamps officially placed on sale in the Middle East**. N.Z. forces arrived in Greece on 7 March 1941, but left for Crete and Egypt in late April and remaining stocks of stamps were deliberately destroyed. Crete was abandoned after further attack from 22 May. Airmail was sent by sea from Athens to Cairo then by air to New Zealand. This was the first New Zealand Military Post Office (F.P.O./K.W.) and constituted part of the British 'W' or 'Lustre' Force.

	Letters	Notes
To New Zealand and Australia	9d	per 10 grammes = 20 drachmae
To other Empire Destinations	10d	per 10 grammes = 22.5 drachmae
Surface letters	Free	up to 2 ounces
Newspapers	Free	first 2 ounces
	1d	each additional ounce

**May 1941:** 9d small design printed on single watermark paper issued.

## 1 May 1941:

**N.Z. Forces in Egypt. F.P.O.: 1 Maadi Camp**. Stamps on sale

	Letters	Notes
Surface letters	Free	up to 2 ounce

	3½d	from 2 to 3 ounces maximum
N.Z. and Australia	9d	per first ½ ounce
	1/6	for each succeeding ½ ounce
Other destinations	10d	per 10 grammes

### 30 May 1941:

Surface mail to the U.S.A. with air carriage to Great Britain. Minimum transit time between New Zealand and Great Britain was estimated at three weeks and depended on steamer connections with Vancouver or San Francisco.

	Letters	Superscription required
Surface to New York, air to G.B.	2/6	Air New York-United Kingdom
Added some time shortly after, supplement for air transit	1/3	Additional supplement

**June 1941:** 2d printed on multiple watermark paper, perforated 14 line, 12½ line and 14x15 issued. 2d perforated 14 line and 12½ line overprinted Official issued

**July 1941:** 5d, 8d, 2/-, 3/- printed on multiple watermark paper, perforated 12½ line issued.

### 5 July 1941:

**N.Z. Forces in Egypt.** Introduction of air letter service.

	Airletters
Air letter cards to New Zealand	3d

**August 1941:** 4d printed on multiple watermark paper, perforated 12½ line issued

### 9 September 1941:

Rate change lowered for New Zealand to Canada via PAA trans-Pacific air service. Previously air to U.S.A., surface to Canada was 4/- per ½ ounce and 5/- air throughout.

	Letters	Notes
Canada	4/-	by air throughout

### 22 September 1941:

#### Schedule of Airmail Charges No. 7, amended

	Letters	Postcards	Superscription required
Canada	4/-	2/-	New Zealand-Canada
	8d	4d	In Canada Only
	8d	4d	U.S.A.-Canada Only
Fiji	1/3	8d	New Zealand-Fiji
Great Britain	5/9	2/11	New Zealand-England
	4/-	2/-	New Zealand-New York
	2/6	1/3	U.S.A.-England
	1/6	9d	New Zealand-Capetown
France (Unoccupied), Gibraltar, Spain, Portugal	5/9	2/11	NZ-USA-Lisbon
	2/6	1/3	US-Lisbon

Correspondence for New Zealand and British **Prisoners of War** interned abroad to be sent by surface mail was accepted free of charge. If sent by air, postage had to be prepaid.

	Letters	Notes
Surface throughout	Free	
Air from New Zealand to Lisbon	3/-	
Air from New Zealand to New York, surface to Lisbon	2/-	
Surface to U.S.A., air to Lisbon	1/-	
P.O.W. letters sent by the Empire air service	9d	Normal Soldiers rate applied

**September 1941:** 9d small design printed on multiple watermark paper issued  
4d of August 1941 overprinted Official issued

**26 September 1941:** 3d replaced by KG VI issue

**October 1941:** 6d printed multiple watermark paper, perforated 12½ line issued.

**November 1941:** 4d printed on multiple watermark paper, perforated 14, 1/- perforated 12½ line issued.  
Same 4d overprinted Official issued.

#### **5-13 November 1941:**

FAM 19 routing changed to include Fiji. The new route was San Francisco, Honolulu, Suva, Noumea and Auckland. Palmyra Island also became an interim landing point. Fiji cachets were mostly in purple but a few were in black.

	Letters	Postcards	Notes
Fiji	1/3	8d	
Soldier's mail to 'B' Force in Fiji	9d		under ½ ounce

#### **17 November 1941:**

**Special folded non-sealed air letter forms provided for N.Z. Prisoners of War.** The unsealed nature made censorship faster at both ends. Routing was variable, often by Pan American to Great Britain via the U.S. and forwarded by the G.P.O. in London by 'best available services' to Lisbon (BOAC Poole to Lisbon). Alternatively, from New York to Lisbon by Pan American. Transit time was about 14 days. From Lisbon, the mail was flown by Lufthansa to Stuttgart. These mails were not forwarded by the Horseshoe Route.

	Letters
To New Zealand Prisoners of War	1/6

#### **7 December 1941:**

Pan Am **service suspended on FAM 19** due to attack on Pearl Harbour. Official suspension of airmail was on 18 December 1941.

#### **12 December 1941:**

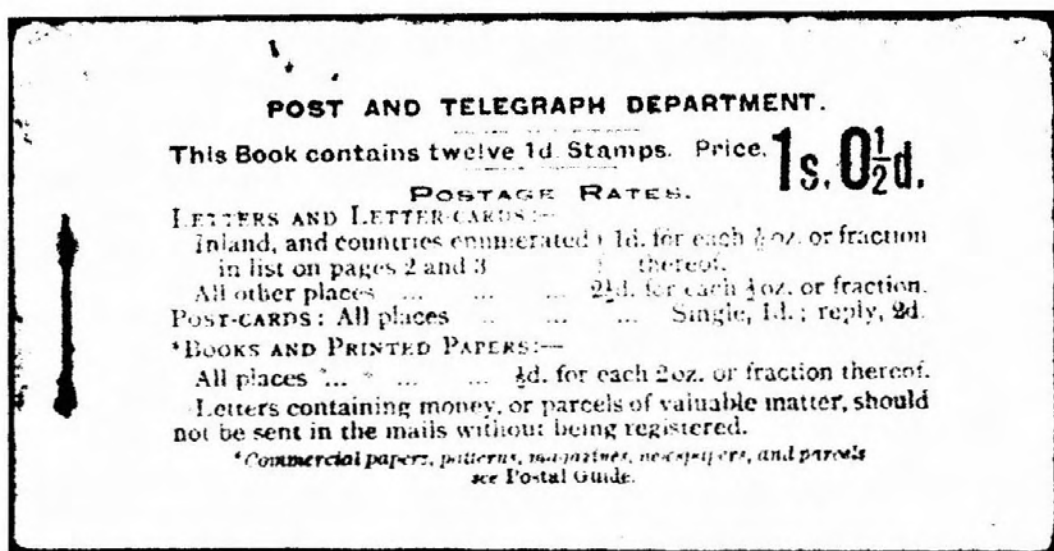
**N.Z. Forces in Middle East to New Zealand.** Amended postage rates.

	Letters	Notes
From N.Z. Forces to New Zealand	9d	For first ½ ounce
	3/-	From ½ ounce to 1 ounce
	1/6	Each subsequent ½ ounce

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