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NEW ZEALAND NOTES by Colin Hamilton

Sir Charles Edward Kingsford Smith, 1897 – 1935. Almost exactly fifteen years ago, we published a "potted biography" of this, surely the most famous pilot of the southern hemisphere, and certainly the best-known to collectors of New Zealand and Australian stamps. As this year (November 8th) sees the 50th Anniversary of his presumed death, we think it is a fitting moment to reprint these notes in their entirety over the next couple of months – more especially as they will be new to a large proportion of Bulletin readers.

Smithy was born at Hamilton, Brisbane on February 9th, 1897, the youngest of five boys, and the earliest factor affecting his life occurred when like many other patriotic young adventure seekers of his generation, he tried to join the forces when war broke out in 1914.

With the Signal Corps of the A.I.F., Smithy served in Egypt and Gallipoli, and when the battalion went to France he became a motor cycle despatch rider. After a short time he was selected for special training with the Royal Flying Corps. As a result of a skirmish with German planes Smithy lost all the toes of his left foot. He was awarded the Military Cross and appointed a flying instructor with the rank of Captain.

Returning to Australia, he joined West Australia Airways who flew the mail across the outback, and it was while employed by this company that Kingsford Smith first started breaking records, receiving mention in a Perth newspaper in May 1922 for flying the 310 miles from Broome to Port Hedland in 2½ hours. Another pilot with West Australia Airways was Keith Anderson, and together these two young men discussed the possibilities of flying the Indian Ocean to South Africa or crossing the Pacific to the U.S.A. Eventually in a position to buy planes themselves, Anderson and Smith flew from Perth to Sydney in 28 hours, a feat which achieved some fame for them, and it was now their intention to try the Pacific flight. However, another keen young aviator named Charles Ulm joined them and suggested that a better plan at this stage would be to attempt to break the record for the round Australia flight. The distance for this journey was just about the same as crossing the Pacific, and the publicity which would attach to such a venture if successful, would be good for their proposed Pacific crossing and perhaps attract a sponsor for the flight. The trip from Sydney—Brisbane—Darwin—Broome—Perth—Adelaide—Melbourne—Sydney took ten days, and the flight from Darwin to Broome of 850 miles was a record at the time for a non-stop flight.

The hoped-for publicity from this flight produced a cheque for £3000 from the New South Wales Government with which the three men sailed for America to make preparation for their Pacific

flight. For £1,500 they bought from Hubert Wilkins, the polar explorer, a Fokker monoplane which they fitted with three Wright Whirlwind motors, and named "Southern Cross". Two Americans, Lyons and Warner were engaged as navigator and wireless operator, and on May 31st 1928 "Southern Cross" took off from Oakland, California en route for Honolulu, where they touched down at 12.19p.m. on June 1st. Next followed the longest leg of the flight, 3138 miles to Fiji. After flying through some terrifying electric storms, the aviators landed at Albert Park, Suva on June 4th. Here they stayed for a couple of days resting while the plane was overhauled and refuelled. Heavily loaded with petrol, the park did not provide a long enough runway for take-off, so Smithy chose Naselai Beach from whence they left for Brisbane, 1521 miles away, on June 8th. Some mails were carried on this flight from U.S.A., from Honolulu and from Suva, the latter including official letters from the Mayor of Suva and the Governor of Fiji. Covers were pilot signed and are of extreme rarity. A set of four commemorative stamps was issued by Fiji on 5th June 1968 to mark the 40th anniversary of this flight.

After this great feat, Kingsford Smith flew from Melbourne to Perth on the first non-stop flight between the two State capitals, and on Sept. 10th 1928, he and Ulm made the first crossing of the Tasman Sea in the Southern Cross. This stretch of water is notorious for its sudden changes of weather with squalls and storms suddenly appearing out of the blue skies. Their flight was no exception and Smithy is reported as saying that ½ a ton of ice formed on the wings during the flight. Ten covers were carried on this flight, signed by both the pilots and duly handed over to the postmaster at Christchurch on arrival, when New Zealand 1d stamps were affixed and postmarked Christchurch 12 September 1928.

C.P.T. Ulm was sworn in under N.Z. postal regulations for carrying this mail; it is a point of interest that although he was a fine flier, Ulm held no pilot's licence, so he took advantage of the stay in New Zealand while "Southern Cross" was being made ready for the return journey to take his exams to qualify for his licence.

On the return Trans Tasman flight made on October 13th a small mail was carried. Covers are generally pilot signed and bear the postmark Blenheim N.Z. 4.30 A 13 OC 28 and Australian arrival backstamp Richmond N.S.W. 2.30 A 14 OC 28.

One of Smithy's ambitions to the day of his death was to inaugurate a regular Trans Tasman airmail service. He sought the backing of both Australian and New Zealand Governments for this venture. On March 31st 1929, the "Southern Cross" took off from Richmond for Wyndham. The plan was to fly to England and then cross the Atlantic for the U.S.A. and on to California, thus completing a circumnavigation of the globe by air, which he hoped would bring him added prestige and enhance his claim to introduce and organise the Trans Tasman service, but it was June 25th before the Southern Cross could be made ready for the flight to England, and early on that morning the team of Kingsford Smith, Ulm, T.McWilliams as wireless operator and T.H.Litchfield as navigator took off from Richmond. A small quantity of mail was carried and stops were made at Singapore, Singora (Thailand), Rangoon, Calcutta, Allahabad, Karachi, Athens and Rome, delivering the mail in London on July 10th.

(to be concluded).

SECOND SIDEFACE LOW VALUES – LARGE BLOCKS

Some extraordinary pieces, seldom if ever seen nowadays.

901(a) ½d Black, Perf. 11, Wmk Upright (D1e). Block of 40 (yes, 40!) consisting of the first four vertical rows from the top left pane, complete with full

- selves, and stamp-size inter-pane gutter at bottom. In quite remarkably fine condition — no vestige of staining, hinged only in top selvedge, and all stamps fresh unhinged mint! Centring variable throughout, from good to mediocre, demonstrating graphically how difficult it is to find these issues well-centred. A marvellous big block £60.00
- (b) **As above.** Block of 18, being the top three rows from the top right pane of a sheet, with full corner selvedge, and narrow inter-pane gutter at left (at the top of this gutter can be seen one of the watermark crosses which marked the centre of the gutters on all four edges of the sheet). Some stain spots affecting about half a dozen of the stamps, otherwise condition is as in the previous block £20.00
- (c) **As above.** Complete lower left pane of 60. Bottom selvedge missing, all other selvedge/gutters intact. No gum, considerable reinforcing of parting perfs on the reverse, and small surface scuff affecting two stamps, otherwise facially superb, and wonderful specialist material £25.00
- (d) **As above.** Unplated block of 24 (6x4) — obviously four complete rows from one of the four panes, but without selvedge. Minor perf. reinforcement. Slight gummed-side adhesions and one stamp with rust mark from contact with a metal staple, but an extremely attractive block £32.50
- 902** **½d Black, Perf. 11, Wmk Sideways (D1h).** Superb mint block of 12 (6x2), with selvedge at left and inter-pane gutter at right £30.00
- 903** **1d Adson.** Rare mint block of 6, inter-pane gutter attached, with advertisements in the Third Setting (proved by the presence of a 'Poneke' ad.). Originally perf. 10 throughout, the block has been reperfed 12½ horizontally, thus **all stamps have mixed perfs, with official patching.** Condition is as fine as it's possible to find with mixed perf varieties. Cat. \$ 300 per stamp (S.G. £200). An exhibition piece £425.00
- 904(a)** **1d Perf. 11.** Block of 10 (2x5), with stamp-size inter-pane gutter between the upper block of 6 and the lower block of 4 — thus two 'gutter pairs' are included, and in addition the block shows complete Double Perforations vertically (D2pY).. Stamps are in a deep rich carmine-rose shade, and although every stamp has been hinged, facial appearance is spectacularly fine . £57.50
- (b) **As above.** Unused (no gum) block of 42 — the bottom seven rows of the top right pane from a Plate 7 sheet (proved by the presence of the R4/ 1 flaw, bite out of lower left corner). The characteristic Die 3 flaw in the form of a clear nick in the right frame alongside the first E of REVENUE is present on all stamps except, curiously, those in the right-hand vertical row. Extensive age-staining (not too obtrusive on the face side), but a block of considerable specialist interest £22.50
- 905** **2d Perf. 10 (D3g).** Stupendous block of 36 (bottom six rows of bottom right pane) with all selvedges/gutters, and sheet serial number in bottom right corner. Crease affects one vertical row, and some crumpling of the inter-pane gutter. Otherwise, in a word, lovely! £85.00

1893 — 94 ADVERTISEMENT STAMPS

The following four lots represent a complete reconstruction of a sheet in the Third Setting — i.e. as illustrated on Permanent Page D5 — 8 in our Catalogue, but with 'Poneke' advertisements (of three different types) replacing 'Cadbury' ads wherever they occur. All stamps are 1d perf. 10, advertisement colours are all in the red/mauve/ red-brown range, and overall condition is **exceptionally** fine.

906(a)	Top Left Pane (60 stamps). Includes one pair	£90.00
(b)	Top Right Pane (60 stamps)	£90.00
(c)	Bottom Left Pane (60 stamps). Includes two pairs	£90.00
(d)	Bottom Right Pane (60 stamps)	£90.00

KING GEORGE V PLATE NUMBERS

A series of offers to add that touch of specialist interest to any collection.

907(a)	1½d Cowan Paper (K1a). Corner block of 4, pl. no. 14. Mint unhinged	£67.50
(b)	As above , but in marginal single	£15.00
908	1½d 'Pictorial' Paper (K1d). Corner single, plate number about 60% complete	£16.50
909(a)	2d Violet (K2a). Corner block of 4, pl. no. 16. Mint unhinged	£72.50
(b)	As above , same plate number but in corner single	£17.50
910	2d Yellow (K2d). Corner single with pl. no 15	£16.50
911(a)	2½d Deep Blue (K3a). Corner block of 4, pl. no. 17. Hinged in selvedge only	£70.00
(b)	As above , but in corner pair. Small faults, hence only	£10.00
(c)	As above , but in marginal single. Again small fault	£7.50
912(a)	4d Violet (K5d). Pl. no 20 in block of 4 (no side selvedge). Selvedge hinge — stamps unmounted	£40.00
(b)	As above . Pl. no. 20 in marginal single	£15.00
913	4d Deep Purple, Perf. 14x14½ (K5g). Marginal single with pl. no. 44	£10.00
914	4½d Deep Green (K6a). Marginal single with pl. no. 21	£20.00
915(a)	5d Perf. 14x13½ (K7a). Marginal copy in blue, plate no. 43	£15.00

(b)	As above. Similar item, but in steel blue	£22.50
916	6d Carmine, Perf. 14x13½ (K8a). Corner pair with plate no. 38. Mint unhinged	£30.00
917(a)	7½d Deep Red-Brown (K9a). Corner pair, pl. no. 24. Mint unhinged	£35.00
(b)	As above, but marginal single with pl. no.	£20.00
918	8d Indigo-Blue (K10a). Corner copy, pl. no 39	£25.00
919	8d Red-Brown (K10d). Marginal pair (no side selvage), with pl. no. 39. Insignificant crease one stamp	£30.00
920(a)	9d Sage-Green (K11a). Pl. no. 25 in marginal block of 4 (no side selvage). Mint unhinged, stamps centred left	£85.00
(b)	As above, but marginal pair in deep shade, with pl. no. 25. Stamps perfectly centred, mint unhinged	£57.50
(c)	As above. Marginal single with pl. no.	£27.50
921	1/- Perf. 14x13½ K12a). Marginal single in vermilion, with pl. no. 27	£37.50
922	1/- Perf. 14x14½ (K12b). Corner block of 4 (side selvage trimmed very narrow), with pl. no. 41. Orange-vermilion shade	£90.00

MISCELLANY

923	½d Newspaper Stamp. Bottom right corner block of 4 of the scarce printing on paper wmk'd Small Star and perf. nearly 12 (B2b, S.G. 150), with the patchy and crudely applied original gum typical of this issue. The rare block, unhinged mint, and beautifully centred. Cat. \$ 660 (S.G. £240) as four singles	£125.00
924	First Sideface 2d. An absolutely stunning mint copy of the provisional issue with wmk Large Star (C2c). Fine used examples of this stamp occasionally come along, but we have never seen a mint copy approaching the looks of this one — perfectly centred, neat perfs, and brilliant colour. Previously hinged (of course!), but one for the connoisseur	£185.00
925(a)	Second Sidefaces. Simplified mint set of 10 (½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 1/-), without regard to wmk or perf. Condition fine for these very difficult issues. Minimum Cat. \$ 588	£125.00
(b)	As above. Very attractive used block of 4 of the original issue of the 1d (D2a). Clearly dated 1885, thus a nice Die 1 proving piece (no later dies were issued prior to 1886)	£27.50
(c)	As above. An equally delightful block of the 6d original issue (D8a). The horizontal mesh paper is conclusive identification of the issue — all later 6d's have vertical mesh — but again a clear 1885 date proves they are die 1 stamps..	£27.50

(d)	As above. Fine mint copy of the 1/-, perf. 10, with the very prominent "Bulbous Nose" variety (D10eY). Offered at less than the price of a normal stamp	£50.00
926	1898 6d Kiwi. Mint copy with major variety Full Offset Impression on Back (E14aZ). One of those delightful varieties which are found on several of the London Print Pictorial values. Superb condition	£137.50
927(a)	1907-08 6d Kiwi. Block of 8 plate proofs of the reduced design, printed in black on NZ and Star wmk'd paper, imperf	£45.00
(b)	As above, but in block of 4	£25.00
928	1907-08 'Reduced' 1/-. Marginal block of 4 plate proofs as above, but with the wmk inverted	£30.00
929	½d Mt Cook. Mint block of 4 from the new plates, perf. 14x15, overprinted with two vertical black lines. From a sheet supplied to Mr Dickie (but apparently never used) for his slot machine experiments	£7.50
930	1d Universal. A magnificent top left corner block of 25 from the Reserve Plate (G6a), including the clear but rather minor re-entries on R3/5 and 5/4. 'Reserve' blocks of this size are of great rarity — even the smallest of multiples are hard to come by. The block, in immaculate condition	£750.00
931	King Edward VII 1/- Plate Proofs. Marginal pair printed in black on green unwmk'd paper, imperf.	£22.50

OFFER OF THE MONTH (1)

932	King George V 2/- and 3/- Admirals. Complete set of 4 (Jones and Cowan papers). Cat. \$ 780, S.G. £355. Very fine lightly hinged mint	£135.00
	OR Simplified set of 2 (one each value)	£70.00
933	Second Pictorial 1/- Plate block of 4 of the original 1935 single wmk printing (L12a). Superb mint	£42.50
934	Second Pictorial 2/- COOK Variety. We have a number of surplus copies of this well-known flaw (which occurred on R1/4 of Plate 1). Our choice of issue, to clear at (min. Cat. \$ 20), each	£5.00
935	Second Pictorial 2d Official (L04b). All the evidence suggests that plate blocks numbered 1A are extremely scarce, although the reasons for this are not clear. We can offer a superfine example (one of about a dozen known to us), in a corner block of 4	£150.00
936(a)	1970 Pictorial 75c Booklet Plates — Reconstruction. Complete set of 25x1c panes of 6 — one from each position in the printed sheet	£35.00
(b)	As above. Similar set of 25x1c panes of 3 stamps and 3 printed labels	£35.00
(c)	As above. Similar set of 25x3c panes of 6	£35.00

(d) **As above.** Similar set of 25x4c panes of 6 £35.00

N.B. Each of the four reconstructions above will be supplied with full plating details.

937 Christchurch Exhibition 1d. An exquisite corner block of 4 with full selvedge, and sheet serial number. Stamps as fresh and glowing as they must have been on 31st October 1906 (the day before they were issued!) £72.50

938(a) Dunedin Exhibition 4d. The major listed variety POSTAGF at right (R10/1) in corner pair with normal. Latter stamp very light hinge, variety unhinged. Cat. \$ 350 (S.G. £238) £110.00

(b) **As above.** The other POSTAGF variety, with full stop (listed by C.P., but not by S.G. — we can't imagine why, because it's just as good). This occurred on R1/2, and is also offered in corner selvedge pair with normal, unhinged mint £85.00

939 1935 Silver Jubilee. Matching bottom selvedge blocks of 4 of all three values. Facially immaculate, and never hinged, but a little light gum toning, hence only £19.50

940 1951 Health 2d+1d. Marginal mint copy with variety Watermark Inverted (T23bZ). Very scarce £35.00

941 1899 Pigeon Post Stamp. A few months ago, the Auckland 'Newsletter' offered copies of the 1/- 'Special Post' issue (VP2) to subscribers at a privilege price. We now make the same offer, perfect unhinged mint, to Bulletin readers at the same very special price. Even if you don't specialise in the Pigeon Posts, a wonderful opportunity to acquire an example of these historic and interesting issues. Cat. \$ 300, only £47.50

942(a) Official Used on Cover. 'De La Rue' 1d Dominion overprinted Official (JO1a) correctly and commercially used on O.H.M.S. cover. Very scarce £17.50

(b) **As above.** K.G.VI 3d Official similarly used on O.H.M.S. cover. Also very scarce, and with this cover, the purchaser gets a bonus — the year slug (1943) in the Wellington c.d.s. is inverted! £15.00

OFFER OF THE MONTH (2)

943 1967 \$ 4 — \$ 10 Arms Types. Complete set (4) of the original line perf Decimal Arms. Cat. \$ 150 (S.G. £64). Mint unhinged £29.50

KING GEORGE VI CONTINUED

944(a) 4d Coarse Paper (M8b). Two shades of purple, mint blocks of 4 £10.00

(b) **As above.** Two different coarse papers, each in mint block of 4. Most unusual. £12.50

(c) **As above.** Two imprint/plate blocks of 6 (nos 90 and 94). Scarce mint £17.50

(d)	As above. Corner block of 12, plate 90, with R1/6 and 2/4 varieties — MV8b(a)	£15.00
(e)	As above. Mint block of 4 from plate 90, with R4/13 variety	£8.00
(f)	As above. Corner block of 20, with plate no. 90, and R6—10/4 varieties	£22.50
(g)	As above. Mint marginal block of 6, with R4/3 variety (plate 94)	£10.00
(h)	As above. Two coil pairs, one MC2f (coil no. 16), the other MC3c, with the scarcer smaller-type number (coil no. 8), mint	£15.00
945(a)	5d Fine Paper (M9a). Two fine shades, each in mint block of 4	£9.00
(b)	As above. Both imprint/plate blocks of 6 (nos 91 and 96), mint	£15.00
(c)	As above. Mint block of 10 with defective watermark	£17.50
(d)	As above. Mint marginal block of 8, including R10/8 variety from plate 96 ...	£15.00
(e)	As above. Counter coil pair (MC1h), the two stamps in contrasting shades of grey	£10.00
(f)	As above. Superb used block of 4 (c.d.s. cancel dated 19 JA 50)	£4.00
946(a)	5d Coarse Paper (M9b). Two lovely grey shades, mint	£12.50
(b)	As above. Imprint/plate block of 6, plate no 91, mint	£35.00
(c)	As above. The other plate no. (96), also mint block of 6	£35.00
947(a)	6d Fine Paper (M10a). Three fine shades, mint	£2.50
(b)	As above. The two 'basic' imprint/plate blocks of 6 (nos 92 and 98), mint	£7.50
(c)	As above. Two mint plate blocks (both no. 92) in superb carmine shades —glowing contrasts !	£12.50
(d)	As above. The scarcest of the fine paper plates no. 146, in mint block of 4 ...	£12.50
(e)	As above. Mint block of 10 with defective watermark	£12.50
(f)	As above. Counter coil pair, rubber-stamped coil no. (MC1j)	£6.00
(g)	As above. Two coil pairs, machine-printed nos (MC2h), one showing 'normal' (thin) coil number, the other with 'abnormal' (thick) coil number —recorded in Scott's book on K.G.VI counter coils	£10.00
(h)	As above. Complete set of coil pairs (MC2h), numbered 1—19. Cat. \$ 190, mint	£52.50
(i)	As above. Mint block of 4 of the Official stamp (MO10a)	£12.50