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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

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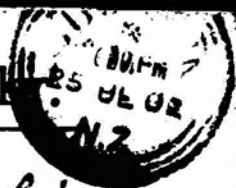
For the second month in succession, "a man called Robin" crops up in these columns. Last month we illustrated a Boer War postcard featuring Major Robin, commander of the First N.Z. Contingent, which sailed in October 1899 to assist the British forces in the South African war. By 1902 we find this same officer, now a Colonel, as military commander of the Otago District, based at Dunedin. Subsequently he went on to become Major General Sir Alfred William Robin, K.C.M.G., C.B., Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, and among his later posts were (in chronological order) General Officer Commanding the New Zealand Forces, N.Z. Representative on the Imperial General Staff in London, Officer Commanding N.Z. Forces at Home during World War I, and Acting Administrator of Samoa. After his retirement from public service in 1922, he turned his attention to the recently formed Boy Scout Movement, which he enthusiastically supported until his death at the age of 75 in 1935.

All of this is just by way of background to an astonishing and rare — quite possibly unique — little lot of material I acquired recently at a London auction, all connected with the defence forces in the Otago district during the period 1900 - 03 — the so-called "Rough Riders". It consisted of four covers (one with original enclosure, of which more later), two fronts, and an "Otago & Southland Rough Riders" pictorial badge emblazoned on a small silk square, presumably a shoulder or breast flash from a uniform.

The fronts and covers (two of which we illustrate overleaf) are stampless, all but one being franked by signatures, either actual manuscript or rubber-stamped — two by Col. Robin himself, two by the Chairman of the Otago and Southland Contingent, whose name I can't quite decipher (see lower illustration), and one by another officer, Lt John Campbell, on a printed envelope of the Taieri Mounted Rifles (Taieri, incidentally, is the hinterland to the west and north of Dunedin, drained by the river of that name). The sixth item, a similar envelope, bears the printed name of Capt. T.A. White, officer commanding the T.M.R.

The 'Campbell' item is particularly fascinating, for this is the cover accompanied by the enclosure — an order, written in Campbell's own hand over his own signature, on a leaf torn from a cheap notebook, addressed to one Trooper Meier. The order is well worth repeating here in full. It reads:

On Public Service Only



Aur Robin col
Commanding Otago District.

Capt W White

Commanding Taini In 2 Rifles

Gulfarm

OTAGO AND SOUTHERN CONTINENT.

McKenzie

Mr Logan

Michie St

Bellknowrie



"The Troops will parade at Henley Hall on Sat. 17th Oct. at 2.30 to proceed to annual encampment to be held at Mr Jns Blairs from 17 to 24 Oct. at which every Member must be present to qualify for Capitation. Strict proceedings will be enforced on absentees.
Horse-Covers, horse-bags, Halters to be provided by Trooper
Mr Tracey provides all table requirements
Full dress Uniform arms and accoutrements water Bottle vb(?)

(Signed) John Campbell Lieut
Commding T.M.R."

(Apparently Campbell was acting commander in the temporary absence of Capt White)

The cover is addressed simply to Trooper D.E. Meier, Henley, and was posted at Momona (this was a telegraph office in Dunedin) on 12th October 1903, thenceforth receiving backstamps at Dunedin, Allanton and Henley — all dated 12th October, the same day! Evidently the trooper wasn't where he was thought to be, for the cover was then re-addressed to him "c/o Mrs Mackay, Macandrew Road, South Dunedin", and arrived back at Dunedin on 20th October. Meier wasn't there, either, and the cover was marked "Not" (at the Macandrew Road address), re-addressed yet again to Henley, and despatched again from Dunedin on 24th October, arriving Henley the same day. Still Meier couldn't be traced, and the letter lay at Henley until 23rd December, when it was once more re-addressed to him "c/o T.A. White, Outram" (his commanding officer), where it arrived, now with a rubber-stamped NOT FOUND marking, on the 24th.

One is left wondering whether the "strict proceedings" ever were implemented against poor Trooper Meier, or whether he had done a runner, never to be seen again!

B.P.F. Recommends Banning Group Bids. Under this heading, the British Philatelic Federation issued the following press release dated 21.2.89:

"The question of "Group Bids" at auction was the subject of correspondence in the pages of the trade journal "The Philatelic Exporter" last year.

The practice of "Group Bids" has been carefully considered by the Business (Trade) Committee of the British Philatelic Federation who recommend that such bids be refused by auctioneers as they generally operate to the disadvantage of the vendor and to other would-be buyers.

The offering of lots individually and then as a group is not considered legal. The grouping of lots offered individually in the sale catalogue seriously inconveniences those travelling specially to view/bid on the individual lots, reduces the number of likely buyers and can upset the fiscal advantage of separate lotting ("Grouping" can result in a Capital Gains Tax liability for the vendor if UK resident)."

We thoroughly endorse the B.P.F. recommendations, particularly that of the last paragraph of the press release. In our view, the setting of an auction price by "selling" items individually, then subsequently cancelling the "sales" and re-offering the same items as a composite lot (at a higher overall price), whether legal or not, is certainly unethical.

N.Z. DEPT. OF EDUCATION POSTAL STATIONERY

Between 1927 and 1976 Postal Stationery Postcards and Envelopes were issued to the N.Z. Department of Education for use when a child transferred from one school to another (the postcards were sent requesting the child's school record cards, and the envelopes used to send the records). These items had on the front an impressed stamp (which on postcards was, until 1965, overprinted Official) and a printed partial address: "The Head Teacher, Public School,"

These postcards are seldom seen, especially in any quantity, while the envelopes are **extremely scarce**. Dates of issue are in most cases uncertain. Catalogue numbers are those of Robert Samuel's Postal Stationery Catalogue, and unless otherwise stated all items are in superb condition.

A) Postcards

401	K.G.V ½d Green. Unused card with printing no. 20,000/3/33—13889 (AX1a type g)	£25.00
402(a)	K.G.VI 1d Green. "Official" 12mm long, C of CARD with two serifs (AX5a) used on 29/5/46 — the earliest dated noted by the previous owner out of 15 examples seen	£20.00
(b)	As above. "Official" 11mm long, C of CARD with one serif (AX6b) used on 4/3/46	£12.50
(c)	As above. Similar card, but altered details on the reverse (AX7b), used on 6/9/49	£12.50
(d)	As above. Two serifs to C of CARD, altered "Form no." details (AX8a). Unused	£15.00
(e)	As above. Another AX8a card, used	£12.50
(f)	As above. Printing order number now added to the reverse (AX9a), used ..	£12.50
403(a)	K.G.VI 2d Surcharge. Basic card AX7a (two serifs to C of CARD) but with 2d provisional surcharge in black (AX11a), used	£17.50
(b)	As above. Basic card AX8a, surcharged (AX12a), used	£15.00
(c)	As above. Basic card AX9b (one serif to C of CARD), surcharged (AX13b), used on 2/2/1955 (the earliest dated noted out of 10 cards seen)	£20.00
404(a)	K.G.VI 2d Orange. One serif to C of CARD (AX14b), unused	£17.50
(b)	As above. A similar AX14b card, used	£15.00
405(a)	O.E. 2d Green. First type O.E. card, without hyphen between POST and CARD (AX15a). Used on 29/4/57, the earliest date noted by the previous owner ..	£10.00
(b)	As above. Similar card but now with hyphen (AX15b), used	£7.50
(c)	As above. Changes to the N.Z. Coat of Arms, no hyphen (AX16a), used ...	£7.50

	(d) As above. Similar card but with hyphen (AX16b), used	£7.50
	(e) As above. Completely redrawn Coat of Arms, buff card (AX17a), used on 12/8/58 (again earliest date noted by previous owner)	£10.00
406	Q.E. 3d Rose-red , (the first card to be issued without "Official" overprint). Cream card with printing order number (AX22b), unused	£7.50
407	Q.E. 3c Green. The final Dept. of Education postcard. The address on the front is altered from "The Head Teacher", to "The Principal", and card is without printing order number (AX28b). Used	£7.50

B) Envelopes

408(a)	K.G.VI 1d Green. "On His Majesty's Service" in thin 'neat' letters (CX8d). Samuel records the earliest known date as 26/2/51 — this used example is dated 1/2/50 (12 months earlier!) Envelope torn, and somewhat grubby, but still attractive	£12.50
	(b) As above. Similar envelope, but SCHOOL PROGRESS CARDS added to the front (CX8f), used on 20/10/52	£22.50
	(c) As above. Another CX8f buff envelope, provisionally used on 7/2/55 with additional 1d Meter Mark (in May 1953 the postage rates for such envelopes was increased to 2d)	£22.50
	(d) As above. White envelope (CX8g), used on 22/7/52	£22.50
	(e) As above. Similar to CX8g but buff envelope (CX8h). Samuel records the earliest date as 9/2/51 — this example was used two days earlier on the 7th! ..	£25.00
409(a)	K.G.VI 1d Green + ½d Chestnut. (Postage rates were increased to 1½d in Feb. 1952). This used example (buff envelope, 'On His Majesty's Service' 91mm — CX9a), is dated 7/5/1953 (the 1½d rate was valid only for some 15 months)	£25.00
	(b) As above. Similar CX9a envelope, with the addition of a ½d Meter Mark, used (year unreadable but we presume used after May 1953, when the postage rate was increased to 2d)	£25.00
	(c) As above. White envelope (CX9b), also provisionally used (in 1955) with the addition of a ½d Meter Mark	£30.00
	(d) As above. Buff envelope, still with K.G.VI stamp impression, but now inscribed On Her Majesty's Service! (CX9d). Used 13/7/54. Curiously, no additional postage paid in this case	£25.00
	(e) As above. Another CX9d envelope, provisionally used (in 1955) with the addition of a ½d Meter Mark	£25.00
410(a)	K.G.VI 1d + ½d Surcharged TWOPENCE. As previously mentioned, the rate increased to 2d in May 1953, and these "1d + ½d twin impressions" envelopes were officially revalued with a heavy black 'TWOPENCE' surcharge. Basic buff CX9c envelope, On His Majesty's Service, Surcharged (CX10a), unused	£27.50

(b) **As above.** Used example of CX10a (Feb. 1956) £22.50

(c) **As above. An unrecorded Envelope.** The only listed 2d "On His Majesty's Service" provisional envelope is the basic CX9c, surcharged "TWO PENCE". This example, however, is the basic CX9a envelope (FORM B-19 on the front), with the same surcharge. . Addressed to Casa Nova, Oamaru, but not posted .. £42.50

(d) **As above.** Basic envelope CX9d (On Her Majesty's Service), provisionally surcharged, used on 28/11/58 £25.00

411(a) **O.E. 2d Green, Envelope.** Buff envelope, On Her Majesty's Service 111.5mm long (CX 13b), used on 29/9/59 £15.00

(b) **As above.** Buff envelope, On Her Majesty's Service 107mm long (CX 13c). Samuel records the earliest date as Dec. 1960 — this example was used in Sept. 1959! £17.50

1967 PICTORIALS

From an entirely fresh stock of the first N.Z. decimal issue. Unless otherwise stated **all blocks are unmounted mint**, and where necessary a full description of varieties will be included.

412(a) **½c Manuka (OD1a).** Complete set of two imprint blocks and two plate (1A and 1B) blocks. The four blocks (24 stamps), one block hinged £3.25

(b) **As above.** Two blocks of 10 including the pl. 1A, R6/6 (ODV1a) and 15/2 varieties respectively £5.00

413(a) **1c Karaka (OD2a).** Another complete set of imprint and plate blocks of 6. The four blocks, all unhinged £2.00

(b) **As above.** The three Catalogued background shades (in blocks of 4), plus a marginal block of 4 with the R11/10 retouch (ODV2a). Four blocks £3.50

414(a) **2c Kaka Beak (OD3a).** Plate blocks (1A, 1B, 1A2A, 1B2B) complete and two different imprint blocks. Six blocks (36 stamps) £5.50

(b) **As above.** A ready made variety collection, including the two listed red shades (each in block of 4); blocks with R11/10 and 15/7 varieties, (pl. 1A); R18/3 flaw (pl. 1B) with R17/6, 18/7, 20/7-8, 20/9 varieties (pl. 1A2A); and R17/4 and 20/1 varieties (pl. 1B2B). Seven blocks (62 stamps) £17.50

415(a) **2½c Kowhai (OD4a).** Ten imprint and plate blocks, with all six listed plates (varieties ODV4c and ODV4j second state are included) and four different imprint blocks. One block hinged in selvedge only £8.50

(b) **As above.** Variety collection of no less than 16 blocks (104 stamps) including two of the listed shades (blocks of 4); plate 1A R2/9, 10/7, 15/9; plate 2A1A R2/3, 2/4, 8/5, 10/6, 16/2; plate 2B1B R12/7, 14/9, 16/8, 18/7, 20/4; plate 2A3A R3/3. Superb £42.50

- 416(a) 3c Puarangi (OD5a).** Ten imprint and plate blocks (exactly the same content as the 2½c offered above, (lot 415a). One block only hinged £7.50
- (b) As above.** A massive variety collection in 20 blocks (120 stamps), including all three Catalogued shades (blocks of 4); plate 1B R13/1, 14/10, 15/8; plate 2A1A R5/4, 11/5, 13/9; plate 2B1B R1/8 flaw and retouch, R2/3 flaw and retouch, R3/7 flaw and retouch, R5/10, R7/1, R7/3 flaw and retouch, R12/9 flaw and retouch, R14/10, R20/4, R20/5; plate 2B3B R9/4 £70.00
- (c) As above.** Marginal blocks of 6 (from plate 2A1A), showing three distinctly different states of the R13/9 flaw (ODV5e). A lovely set £17.50
- 417(a) 4c Mountain Daisy (OD6a).** Complete set of imprint/plate blocks of 12 – plates 1A and 1B (Gum Arabic), 1A2A and 1B2B (PVA gum) £15.00
- (b) As above.** Two marginal blocks of 6, both with R8/8 retouch (ODV6a), Gum Arabic and PVA Gum respectively £7.50
- 418(a) 5c Clematis (OD7a).** Set of three blocks of 6 – plates 1A and 1B, and imprint block £5.75
- (b) As above.** The two Catalogued shades (blocks of 4), plus plate 1B varieties R6/1 and 4/9 (ODV7b,c). Four blocks (28 stamps) £11.50

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OFFICIAL STAMPS – USED MULTIPLES

A selection of rarely offered (and rarely available) material from all periods.

- 433 2d Pembroke Peak (EO6b).** Block of 4, and two pairs, in three lovely shades.. £9.50
- 434 3d Huia (EO9d).** Strip of 3 in bistre-brown. Superfine condition £7.50
- 435 6d Kiwi (EO14g).** Pair, finest used £29.50
- 436(a) ½d Mt. Cook.** Set of two pairs, perf. 14, from the original plates (FO4b) in brilliant shades of pale green (the norm for this issue) and a distinctive bright yellow green which we don't recall having seen previously £7.50
- (b) As above.** Another set of two pairs, one being from the original plates, in pale green (FO4b), the other from the later Perkins Bacon plates, perf. 14 x 15, in deep yellow green (FO5c). Finest condition £4.50
- 437(a) 1d Universal.** Fine used pair, complete with selvages left and right, from the Booklet issue (GO7a) £15.00
- (b) As above.** Set of two strips of 3, one each from plates W1 and W2 (GO9a) .. £4.50
- (c) As above.** Block of 6 and strip of 5, both from the Royle plates (GO10a) in superb bright and deep shades of carmine £5.00

438	Edward VII 8d. Very fine used block of 4, perf. 14 x 14½, with variety Watermark Inverted (HO7bZ). Cat. \$ 260 as mint, must be very much scarcer in used block	£125.00
439(a)	1d Dominion. Superb used block of 4 on Jones paper (JO2a), beautifully dated 16 AP 25	£10.00
(b)	As above. A magnificent block of 4, with central Queenstown c.d.s. of 13 MR 28, on Cowan paper, upper left stamp being the R3/1 'Feather' flaw (JO6aY). A lovely used variety block, and very scarce thus	£12.50
(c)	As above. Fine used pair on Cowan paper with clearly visible reversed watermark (JO7a)	£17.50
440	K.G.V 3d Recess Print. Superb used block of 6 on 'Pictorial' paper (KO4d). Despite its lowly catalogue rating, this is an elusive stamp — even as single copies — in fine condition	£25.00
441(a)	K.G.V 4d. Set of two fine used pairs from plate 20, perf. 14 x 13½ (KO5d), in superb shades of violet	£7.50
(b)	As above. Another set of two used pairs, one each from pl. 20, perf. 14 x 13½ (KO5d) and pl. 44, perf. 14 x 14½ (KO5g)	£6.00
442	K.G.V 6d. Block of 4 (deep carmine), pair (carmine) and another pair (carmine pink). Three superb contrasts	£15.00
443	K.G.V 9d (KO11a). A scarce one, in beautiful used pair — one stamp has one or two unobtrusively nibbled perfs, hence	£40.00
444	K.G.V 1/-. One of the gems of this entire listing — a glorious dated (25 MR 26) block of 4 in salmon (KO12b(3))	£87.50
445	K.G.V. ½d 'De La Rue' (KO13a). Block of 4 in deep green, strip of 3 in green, and pair in yellow-green. Nice!	£2.50
446	K.G.V ½d 'Jones' (KO13c). Very fine used block of 4	£12.50
447	K.G.V ½d 'Cowan Reversed' (KO13g). Fine used strip of 3	£15.00
448	K.G.V 1½d Orange Brown. Superb used pair on Cowan paper, perf. 14 (KO17c) .	£20.00
449	Second Pictorial ½d (LO1b). Finest used block of 4	£5.00
450	Second Pictorial 1½d (LO3d). Block of 4, superfine commercially used ...	£19.50
451(a)	Second Pictorial 2½d. Superb used block of 4, perf. 14 line (LO5d)	£33.50
(b)	As above. Another similarly fine used block of 4, but perf. 14 comb (LO5e) .	£42.50
452	Second Pictorial 3d (LO6b). Finest used block of 4	£8.50
453	Second Pictorial 6d. Last issue, on coarse paper (LO9e) in fine used block of 4	£5.00

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