

THE MAORI WARS 1863-1864

There is a lively interest in Postal History at present. The New Zealand Society of G.B. have been engaged for some time in a study of the Province of Auckland postmarks, and correspondence from anyone who has information regarding these would be appreciated. The new Postal History section of the C.P. catalogue has stimulated activity in this field, and as a direct result of this supplement, the following original notes have been contributed by Robin Startup of Masterton, New Zealand.

Mr. Startup is well known as a Postal Historian and his work on "The Postal Stationery of New Zealand" served recently as a reminder of his devotion to the subject. An earlier book of his, "Maori Wars Postal Services" is now, alas, out of print. Research on contemporary documents and newspaper references provided the basis for the following information. References are to illustrations in the Campbell Paterson Catalogue.

The Headquarters office is rather interesting, in relation to New Zealand Postal History, for it is the only Army Post Office that has moved with the forces in the field. As far as I could find it was never at Otahuhu — which was the base camp — but was attached to the Headquarters, Field Force, and originally opened in 1863 with the FF at Queen's Redoubt, near Pokeno (q.v. Fig. 8 caption, page P-H2). As the FF advanced south through Rangiriri and Meremere to Ngaruawahia and thence to Te Awamutu where it arrived in April 1864, the office moved with the FF Headquarters. I have seen a cover with the stamp cancelled with the obliterator and backstamped at Queen's Redoubt post office (which used Fig. 15, and also one of the two NEW ZEALAND datestamps, Fig. 6) en route to Auckland. The Headquarters redoubt is reported on covers dated after 1864 but I was unable to ascertain whether this was from action at Tauranga or in the field north at Wanganui — I favour the latter for a military mail service functioned there.

KING GEORGE V

It is some time since we offered the opportunity to fill those gaps — or perhaps to make a start on the colourful King's Head issues, fully represented here.

P. 14 x 13½

C.P.	S.G.	Value	M	U
K1a	479a	1½d grey	1/3	8d.
K1d	492	1½d "Pictorial Paper"	1/3	1/3
K2a	480a	2d Violet	2/6	4/6
K2d	489a	2d yellow	3/3	5/-
K3a	481a	2½d blue	2/3	1/-
K4a	482a	3d chocolate	5/-	6d.
Variety: from worn plate		6/-	1/-	
K5a	483a	4d yellow	2/6	—
K5d	490a	4d violet	4/-	8d.
K5d	—	4d purple	25/-	—
K6a	484a	4½d green	3/6	4/-
K7a	513b	5d blue	7/6	1/6
K7a	514a	5d ultramarine	10/-	3/6
K7a	—	5d steel blue	10/-	2/6
K8a	485a	6d carmine	3/6	6d.
K8a	485d	6d carmine-lake	—	80/-
K9a	486a	7½d red-brown	2/6	5/-
K10a	515a	8d indigo	3/6	—
K10d	516	8d red-brown	5/-	9d.
K11a	487a	9d sage-yellow	7/6	1/-
K11a	487e	9d yellow-olive	12/6	4/-
K12a	488a	1/- vermilion	17/6	2/-
K12a	—	1/- orange-verm.	13/-	1/6

P. 14 x 14½

C.P.	S.G.	Value	M	U
K1b	479	1½d grey	1/3	8d.
K1c	491	1½d "Pictorial Paper"	1/-	—
K2b	480	2d violet	2/6	—
K2c	489	2d yellow	2/6	—
K3b	481	2½d blue	3/6	1/6
K4b	482	3d chocolate	5/-	6d.
Variety: from worn plate		6/-	1/-	
K5b	483	4d yellow	2/6	—
K5c	490	4d violet	3/6	4d.
K5c	—	4d purple	3/-	4d.
K6b	484	4½d green	8/6	—
K7b	513a	5d blue	20/-	—
K7b	514	5d ultramarine	14/-	—
K7b	—	5d steel blue	14/-	—
K8b	485	6d carmine	6/6	1/-
K9b	486	7½d red-brown	3/6	—
K10b	515	8d indigo	3/6	—
K11b	487	9d sage-green	10/-	5/-
K12b	488	1/- vermilion	15/-	1/-
K12b	—	1/- orange-verm.	8/-	5d.
K12b	—	1/- salmon	17/6	10/-

KING GEORGE V

(continued)

Two Perf Pairs

C.P.	S.G.	Value	M	U
K1c	479b	1½d grey	12/6	—
K1f	492b	1½d "Pictorial Paper"	10/—	—
K1f	492c	1½d no wmk.	20/—	—
K2e	480b	2d violet	10/—	—
K2f	489b	2d yellow	6/—	—
K3c	481b	2½d blue	15/—	—
K4c	482b	3d chocolate	17/6	—
K4c	482b	worn plate variety	30/—	—
K5c	483b	4d yellow	10/—	—
K6c	484b	4½d green	30/—	—
K7c	514b	5d ultramarine	35/—	—
K8c	485b	6d carmine	65/—	—

Two Perf Pairs (Cont.)

C.P.	S.G.	Value	M	U
K9c	486b	7½d red-brown	25/—	—
K10c	515b	8d indigo	15/—	—
K11c	487b	9d sage-green	55/—	—
K12c	488c	1/- orange-verm.	80/—	—

PICTORIAL PAPER PERF LINE 14

K2g	493	2d yellow	1/6	—
K2g	493a	No. Wmk.	20/—	—
K4d	494	3d chocolate	1/3	2/6
K4d	494a	No Wmk	17/6	—
K8d	495	6d carmine	2/-	12/6
K8d	495a	No Wmk	40/—	—

- 350 **K.G.V. Jones 2/-** C.P.K20a, S.G.540. Always very elusive Mint 27/6
Used 12/6
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- 354 **Bell Block Aerodrome** A magnificent collection in blocks of four. Five grand shades of the 1d including a plate block. Five fine contrasting shades (one a plate block) of the 3d and a block of four of the 6d. 44 stamps all in brilliant mint blocks of four..... 130/-

MOBILE P.O. COVERS

- 355 **Mobile P.O.1.** Two covers of 1961 (one registered with label of type 72 Vol. III) with full descriptive explanatory write-up. Two fine scarce items both postmarked Mobile P.O.1..... 30/-
- 356 **Mobile P.O.2.** Two covers (one postmark erroneously dated 1969) one registered and both with the scarce Mobile P.O.No.2 cancellation. The two 30/-

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- 357 **Victory 2d and Map 1d** A selection including the scarce pale green shade of the 2d Victory and R15/4 broken letters variety. The 1923 Map stamps clearly demonstrating the difference between the three papers and including a selection of selvage blocks showing the various arrangements of buffer bars. 43 stamps mint and used. A specialist lot and fine value at..... 110/-
- 358 **As above covers.** Commercially used covers bearing 1920 Victory ½d., 1d. (both shades), 1½d. and 2d. also a 1923 Map stamp on cover. Items which are now scarce and will make a grand addition to your collection. A fine lot all on cover..... 12/6

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Q.E. PLATE BLOCKS

C.P.	S.G.	Small Pence values in blocks of six.			
N1a	723	½d grey	pl.1.....	1/6	pl.2..... 3/6
N2a	724	1d orange	pl.5.....	3/6	pl.31..... 2/6
N3a	725	1½d lake	pl. 11, 12, 13, 14.....		each 4/6
N4a	726	2d green	pl. 15, 16, 17, 18.....		each 4/6
N5a	727	3d vermilion	pl. 3, 4, 7, 8, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, each		4/6
			pl. 25, 26.....		each 6/-
			pl.30.....		10/6
N5b	727		pl.32, 33.....		each 6/-
N6a	728	4d ultra	pl.9, 19.....		each 7/6
N7a	729	6d purple	pl.6.....		14/-
N8a	730	8d rose	pl.10, 20.....		each 10/-

Middle values in blocks of four

N9a	731	9d brown & green	1A.1A, 1A.2A, 1B.1B, 1B.2B.....	each	5/-
N10a	732	1/- black & Carm.	1A.1A, 1B.1B, 1B.2B.....	each	8/-
			1A.2A. (plain side selvage).....		11/6
			1A.2A. (design in selvage).....		7/6
N10b	732a	1/- Die II	1A.3A, 1B.3B.....	each	£50
N11a	733	1/6 black & blue	1A.1A, 1B.1B, 1A.2A, 1B.2B.....	each	12/6
N12a	733a	1/9 black & orange	1A.2A, 1B.2B.....	each	30/-
N12b	733ab	1/9 white paper.	1A.2A, 1B.2B.....	each	30/-

Queen on horseback in blocks of four

N13a	733b	2/6 brown	plate 4.....		80/-
N14a	734	3/- green	plate 2.....		60/-
N15a	735	5/- carmine	plate 1.....		50/-
N16a	736	10/- blue	plate 3.....		£9

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N31a	749	1d orange	pl. 11.....	30/-	pl. 12, 13, 14.....	each 2/6
N31b	749a	1d white paper	pl. 13, 14.....		each	3/6
N32a	750	1½d lake-brown	pl. 7, 8.....	each 8/6.	pl. 9.....	12/6. pl. 10 8/6
N33a	751	2d green	pl. 3, 5. (no stops)	each 15/-.	3, 5, (full stop	
			after number) each 6/-.	pl. 4, 6.....	each	6/-
N33b	751a	white paper	pl. 3, 4, 5, 6.....		each	7/6
N34b	752a	3d vermilion	pl. 17, 18, 19, 20.....		each	6/-
N35a	753	4d ultramarine	pl. 15, 16.....		each	15/-
N35b	753a	4d white paper	pl. 15, 16.....		each	20/-
N36a	754	6d mauve	pl.1, 2.....		each	7/6
N37a	754a	8d brown	pl.21.....		each	30/-

Provisional issues in blocks of six

N40a	763	2d on 2½d large dot.	pl. 7, 8, 10.....	each 7/6	pl.9...	4/-
	763a	small dot.	pl. 7, 7, 10.....	each 4/-.	pl.9...	6/-
N41a	763b		pl.13.....			£25
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N42b	804	ditto	pl. 17, 18.....		each	4/6

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C.P.	S.G.	Horizontal Pairs. 1st Type numbers	Pair	Set
NC1a	726Ea	2d green	2/6	40/-
NC1b	727Ea	3d verm: number reading upwards	3/6	50/-
NC1C	727Ea	3d verm: number reading downwards	5/-	80/-
NC1h	728Ea	4d ultramarine	5/-	80/-
NC1j	729Ea	6d purple	6/-	100/-
NC1k	730Ea	8d rose-carmine	6/-	105/-
NC2a	754Ea	6d mauve	6/6	110/-
NC5a	731Ea	9d brown & green	30/-	—
NC5b	732Eb	1/ black and carmine	40/-	—
NC5c	733Eb	1/6 black and ultramarine	27/6	—

Horizontal Pairs. 2nd Type numbers

NC3a	727Ea	3d vermilion	3/-	45/-
NC3d	728Ea	4d ultramarine	5/-	80/-
NC3e	730Ea	8d rose-carmine	5/-	—
NC4a	751Ea	2d green	3/6	50/-
NC4c	753Ea	4d ultramarine	4/6	75/-
NC4d	754Ea	6d mauve	6/-	100/-

Vertical Pairs. 1st Type numbers. (upright)

NC6a	731Eb	9d brown & green	10/-	170/-
NC6b	732Ec	1/- black & red	15/-	240/-
NC6c	732Ec	ditto number sideways	25/-	£20
NC6d	733Ec	1/6 black & ultramarine	15/-	—

Vertical Pairs. 2nd Type numbers (inverted)

NC7a	731Eb	9d brown & green	7/6	—
NC7b	732Ec	1/- black & carmine	10/-	170/-
NC7c	733Ec	1/6 black & ultramarine	12/6	£10
NC7d	733Eab	1/9 black & orange	25/-	£20

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