



NEWSLETTER

FOR COLLECTORS OF NEW ZEALAND STAMPS

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give the unit to which the purchaser belongs, together with the nearest railway station.

(ii) The correct method of obtaining delivery of such purchases is to have the parcel addressed to the unit only, and for the parcel to be taken or sent to the M.F.O. Should there be no M.F.O. at the place of purchase, the parcel may be given to the nearest R.T.O., who will arrange delivery. Parcels so consigned will not weigh less than 10 lbs. or more than 112 lbs. Parcels weighing less than 10 lbs. will be sent by the Army Postal Service in the usual manner, addressed as in para 4.

33. Attached Naval, Army, and Air Force Personnel.

The correspondence of attached Naval, Army and Air Force personnel is subject to the same censorship as that of the Service to which they are attached.

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MIDDLE EAST FORCES FIELD CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS 1942.

PART II.

Instructions for Officers Only.

1. These instructions will be read after careful perusal of Part I.
2. Extent of Field Censorship.

Field Censorship will consist of:

- (i) A unit censorship, known as "franking" of private correspondence in every unit, staff and service.
- (ii) A selective censorship performed by Field Force Censor Sections.

3. Franking of Correspondence.

The attention of officers franking correspondence is drawn to the following points:-

- (i) Every communication must be franked by a King's Commissioned Officer before the unit censor stamp can be impressed.

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NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

by Rob Talbot

Group One Winners (7 February 2002) – Year of the Horse

Continuing the Chinese Lunar Calendar series started in 1997 this issue celebrates the year of the horse. Despite the success of the New Zealand horse breeding and training industry this set has little to distinguish it.

With effectively the same background pattern and colours and the use of very pastel “in-between” colours for the values there is a sameness about each design. The main distinction seems to be between trotters and gallopers and they’ve been shown running in different directions – which I don’t think is strictly true!

People born in the year of the horse (go back in cycles of 12 to find out if you are but note the Chinese New Year day is February 12th) are said to be spirited and independent, cheerful, skilful and perceptive.

Stamp, M/S and FDC’s all designed by Kevin Dunkely, Wellington and the lunar logos by Lindy Fisher. Printed by Southern Colour Print by offset litho in four process colours (one special for the miniature sheet) on 103gsm red phosphor coated litho stamp paper. Perforation is 14 gauge with mesh vertical for sheet stamps and horizontal for the miniature sheet.

Designs are:	40c	Christian Cullen
		(Though physique, speed and footwork are similar this is the trotter and not the All Black player).
	80c	Lyell Creek
	90c	Yulestar
	\$1.30	Sunline
	\$1.50	Ethereal
	\$2.00	Zabeel

Native Fungi (6 March 2002)

Unlike the previous issue (above) this set is anything but dreary. It seems incredible that such dramatic colours and shapes could exist in the plant kingdom.

The designer has wisely not competed with the dramatic and colourful photographic subjects. The presentation is simple, clean and uses appropriately differing bands of colour from each subject to distinguish each value.

Designed by DNA Design, Wellington and printed by Southern Colour Print by offset litho in four process colours on De la Rue 103gsm red phosphor stamp paper. Perforation gauges 14 and mesh is horizontal for sheet and miniature sheet.

Designs are:	40c	Hygrocybe rubrocarnosa
	80c	Entoloma hochstetteri
	90c	Aseroe rubra
	\$1.30	Hericium coralloides
	\$1.50	Thaxterogaster porphyreus
	\$2.00	Ramaria aureorhiza

A final technical note concerning the background strip at the base of each design. The artist has used what looks like handmade paper with lots of fibrous material still identifiable in its fabric. This "paper background" is incorporated into the full width of the sheet of 25 stamps (5 x 5) and into the selvages. Each horizontal row is the same and the same pattern is used for all values but in a different colour.

As a result the five stamps in a row are all unique – not startlingly different but unique all the same – and all in each vertical row the same. We cannot recall this technique having been used before. The artist has effectively designed a row of stamps rather than a single stamp step repeated over the entire sheet. The first stamp in the row of each value is the one used for all values se-tenant in the miniature sheet.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO COLLECTORS OF NEW ZEALAND NEW ISSUES

It has come to our attention that some of our clients who receive their new issues from a range of sources may not have received full coverage of necessary Cataloguable varieties to complete the "**The Lord of The Rings**" set. Write to us immediately before it is too late to complete these gaps, and consider seriously the **CP Ltd New Issue Service** for your future supplies in order to make sure of completion.

Remember the CP New Issue Service is carefully formulated by experienced specialist dealers to make sure that you receive the full range of Cataloguable varieties in New Issues as they come out – as economically as possible. All material is on approval so if any is not acceptable to you it can be returned to us for full credit with a brief note for clarification.

"After all you do have an occupation that I would give my left arm for – trouble is I would then be utterly handicapped wouldn't I!" – (C.D.T. – Norfolk)

NEW ZEALAND NOTES AND COMMENT

by Warwick Paterson

Field Censorship Regulations**Middle East Forces****1942**

What I believe is a very rare copy of the above has recently come into our hands providing a veritable mother-lode of information for the military postal historian. My enquiries of military historians in New Zealand and of the Military Museum in Waiouru in the central North Island of New Zealand have established that copies must be few and far between, particularly in the pristine condition that ours is. 30,000 of this issue were printed but it is clear that censorship regulation in any theatre of war would be a sought after commodity in the hands of the enemy, particularly enemy intelligence and this may account for the dearth of surviving copies. New Zealand forces, together with the Australians, Canadians, South Africans and other Empire units, came under the Middle East Forces regulations of the British Army and Royal Air Force.

This month and next we have pleasure in reproducing for record purposes and for the assistance of philatelists and postal historians, the complete Field Censorship Regulations issued in 1942 at General Headquarters, Middle East Forces.

This month Part 1, General Instructions For All Ranks, next month Part 2, Instructions For Officers Only.

NORTHEX 2002 National New Zealand Stamp Exhibition

To be staged at the North Shore Events Centre, Silverfield, off Porana Road,

Glenfield, Auckland: Friday 5 April, 10am-6pm

Saturday 6 April, 10am-6pm

Sunday 7 April, 10am-4pm

This exhibition, which all indications point to being an excellent show, is being held as part of the celebrations for the Auckland North Shore Philatelic Society's 25th Anniversary, with a connection to the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain.

During the course of the show there will be numerous Philatelic Society meetings as follows:

<i>3pm Friday</i>	Perfin Society of New Zealand & Australia meeting
<i>10.30am Saturday</i>	Association of NZ Philatelic Judges meeting
<i>3pm Saturday</i>	National Association of Philatelic Exhibitors meeting
<i>11am Sunday</i>	Airmail Society of New Zealand meeting
<i>1pm Sunday</i>	Thematic Association of New Zealand meeting

In addition there are 24 dealers and postal administrations in attendance.

Make a note in your diary –

An Exhibition Not to be Missed, 5-7 April 2002

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

GST will be added to all prices listed in this Newsletter for local orders (12.5%). Overseas orders are "zero-rated" and do not pay GST.

**MIDDLE EAST FORCES
FIELD CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS 1942**

PART 1.

General Instructions for all ranks

1. General headquarters, Middle East, Field Censorship Regulations 1940 (pink cover) ARE HEREBY CANCELLED.
2. **Object of censorship**
To prevent leakage of information which is likely to be of use to the enemy. In order to ensure this, strict adherence to these regulations is incumbent on all ranks, and severe disciplinary action will follow any infringement.
3. **Scope of censorship**
 - (i) Correspondence FROM all ranks anywhere in the Command TO any destination, and correspondence FROM any destination TO all ranks in the Command.
 - (ii) Correspondence TO and FROM the undermentioned is exempt from censorship:
H.B.M.'s Ambassador,
British officers of the rank of Vice-Admiral, Lieut.-General, Air Vice-Marshal, and upwards, who are in active employment.
Officers and officials of allied nations holding corresponding rank or status to the above.
4. **Definitions**
 - (i) The term "correspondence" includes letters, air mail letter cards, airgraphs, postcards, parcels and telegrams, but does NOT include Green Envelopes (A.F. W3078).
 - (ii) The term "all ranks" includes:-
Wives and adult relatives and dependents of officers and other ranks.
Attached allied personnel.
Civilians employed by H.M. Forces.
Civilians visiting H.M. Forces.
Interpreters.
Accredited war correspondents.
5. **Official address**
 - (i) All outgoing letters, airgraphs and air mail letter cards of ALL ranks MUST bear at the head the FULL official address of the writer.
 - (ii) The official address for Army personnel is:-
 - (a) Serving with their own unit.
Army number (in the case of Other Ranks),
Rank, name,
Squadron, Battery, Company or other component part of the Unit,
Unit,
MIDDLE EAST FORCES.
 - (b) Serving with a unit other than their own.
Army number (in the case of Other Ranks),
Rank, name,
Own unit,
Attached
Sqdn., Bty., Coy., Etc. of the unit to which attached,
Unit to which attached,
MIDDLE EAST FORCES.

- (c) Serving with a formation.
Army number (in the case of Other Ranks),
Rank, name,
Branch in which serving (if any),
Formation,
MIDDLE EAST FORCES.
- (d) Serving with G.H.Q., M.E.F., H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., or a Force H.Q. within the Middle East.
Army number, (in the case of Other Ranks).
Directorate, Branch, or Service,
H.Q. designation.
- (iii) THE NAME OF A UNIT AND THE FORMATION TO WHICH IT BELONGS WILL NOT BE LINKED.
Note. To illustrate the above addresses the examples of 1234567 Pte. Thomas Atkins, "C" Coy., 2nd Bn. Blankshire Regt., and Capt. A. Officer, 1st Catchem Hussars, are given below.
Their official addresses are:
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| <p>Under (a)
1234567 Pte. Thos. Atkins
"C" Coy.,
2nd Bn. Blankshire Regt.,
Middle East Forces.</p> <p>Capt. A. Officer,
"B" Squadron,
1st Catchem Hussars,
Middle East Forces.</p> <p>Under (b)
1234567 Pte. Thos. Atkins,
2nd Bn. Blankshire Regt.,
att'd "A" Coy.,
1st Bn. Heaven Regt.,
Middle East Forces.</p> <p>Capt. A. Officer,
1st Catchem Hussars,
att'd "C" Squadron,
2nd Eatem Dragoons.,
Middle East Forces.</p> | <p>Under (c)
1234567 Pte. Thos. Atkins
Cipher Office,
Headquarters,
42nd Division
Middle East Forces.</p> <p>Capt. A. Officer,
Staff Capt.,
Headquarters,
3rd Armoured Brigade,
Middle East Forces.</p> <p>Under (d)
1234567 Pte. Thos. Atkins,
G.S.I. (c),
General Headquarters,
Middle East Forces.</p> <p>Capt. A. Officer,
"A" Branch,
Headquarters,
9th Army.</p> |
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- (iv) The correct address for Royal Air Force personnel is:-
Air Force number (in the case of Other Ranks),
Rank, name,
Unit,
Royal Air Force,
MIDDLE EAST.
Or:
Air Force number (in the case of Other Ranks),
Rank, name,
Royal Air Force,
Name of Station (if authorised for used by H.Q. R.A.F. M.E.).

- (v) These addresses apply equally to telegrams, parcels and packages.
 - (vi) The use of any other address is forbidden.
 - (vii) A civil address will NOT be used.
 - (viii) No sender's address at all will be put on postcards. They will only be signed.
 - (ix) The name and address of the sender will NOT be shown on the back of envelopes.
 - (x) Official letters intended for Units will not be addressed to code names. Whether such official letters are sent through Signals or Army Post Office channels the address will be shown in clear.
6. **Stationery**
- (i) The use of headed or embossed stationery, such as regimental note-paper, is only permitted provided that it does not disclose the location of the writer or his unit.
 - (ii) The use of Hotel stationery is forbidden.
 - (iii) The use of official stationery and envelopes for private correspondence is strictly forbidden.
7. **Codes, Ciphers, Shorthand**
- (i) Private correspondence in the field must be in plain language. Codes, ciphers, and shorthand are not permitted.
 - (ii) All the contents of an envelope will be written in one language only. If the language used is other than English this will be indicated by writing on the top centre of the outer cover the language in which the contents are written.
8. **Posting of Correspondence**
- (i) All letters from all ranks, to any destination and with any stamps, **MUST BE POSTED IN ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE POST BOXES.**
 - (ii) It is forbidden to despatch or carry correspondence by the hand of any officer, soldier, airman, or civilian, **FROM** any place **TO** any place either within or outside the Command. A personal search may be conducted at any point in transit, and correspondence being carried by hand will be confiscated and destroyed. Disciplinary action will follow against the carrier and writer.
 - (iii) The Army Postal Service is authorised to refuse to accept correspondence which does not comply with the regulations in regard to franking and stamping. When correspondence is not accepted for this reason the postal service will return it to the sender's unit.
9. **Forbidden Subjects**
- All ranks should avoid making any mention in their correspondence of the following, whether referring to their own unit or any other formation, either naval, military, or air force:-
- (i) Strength or organisation of our forces, including any comment on the absence of, or presence in, the theatre of operations of a unit or formation, or disclosure regarding the formation to which any unit is attached or belongs.
 - (ii) Locations or movements of any naval, military or air force unit, including their own; arrival, or lack, of reinforcements.
 - (iii) Armament or equipment of any kind.
 - (iv) Distinguishing signs used for the identification of formations and units, and their transport.
 - (v) Plans and forecasts or orders for future operations, whether known or merely rumoured or surmised.
 - (vi) Communications – such as the use, condition or probable extension of roads, railways, or other transportation facilities, bridging operations, etc.
 - (vii) State of the maintenance services, including any reference to reserves.
 - (viii) Casualties before official publication.

- (ix) Effect of any action by the enemy. Any remark that might tend, if published, to encourage the enemy, to cause despondence in our own forces or people, or to incite a feeling of hostility among the people in the theatre or war or in allied or neutral countries.
 - (x) Criticisms and statements calculated to bring into disrepute our forces or those of our allies.
 - (xi) Remarks or statements tending to hinder the development of the fighting forces in Empire or Allied countries.
10. **Documents which must not be included in correspondence**
- (i) Official documents, including Intelligence summaries, orders, reports, maps, etc.
 - (ii) Any document captured from the enemy or found in places occupied by the enemy, and any document containing information about the enemy. (These must be passed immediately to the nearest Intelligence Officer or H.Q.)
 - (iii) Official documents belonging to the civil authorities in allied or enemy territory.
 - (iv) Newspapers, books, magazines. (If export is permitted, newspapers, books and magazines maybe despatched as such. The ends of the package will be left open, and NO OTHER MATTER INCLUDED).
11. **Private Diaries and Memoranda**
- (i) Despatch of private diaries through the post is forbidden.
 - (ii) They will be collected by the Unit Security Officer –
 - (a) before the unit goes into action, or into any situation or for any duty that may entail action with the enemy.
 - (b) If an attack by the enemy is threatening,
And sent to the nearest Censor Officer for transmission to the Unit Base depots where they will be stored.
 - (iii) Private diaries, before being sent away by units, will be enclosed in sealed covers marked:

“Private diary of

(Rank, name, unit)

Date
 - (iv) Individuals wishing to recover their diaries will make application through the normal channels to Unit Base depots for their release. In no case will diaries be released except under instructions from G.H.Q.
 - (v) A similar procedure will be followed for disposing of official notebooks, which contain technical notes and details connected with official duties, kept by officers of staff and departmental services, or those who have attended Courses of Instruction, etc.
 - (vi) Separate instructions will be issued to R.A.F. regarding sub. Sections (ii) (iii) (iv) & (v).
12. **Photography**
- (i) Photography of the following is prohibited:-

Military vehicles of all sorts	Aerial views,
Tanks, Signal equipment,	Harbours, canals, bridges and dams,
Artillery weapons, Defences,	Aerodromes, Fortifications,
Aircraft, Ships of any kind,	Camps,
Arsenals, munitions or supply depots; buildings, establishments or yards performing work of national defence.	
Telegraph, telephone and wireless stations; water, gas, and electricity works; gasometers; petrol and oil installations.	
Military operations.	
Diagrams of weapons.	

- (ii) Photographs, films, and pictorial matter of any kind will not be despatched to enemy territory, enemy occupied territory, or neutral countries.
- (iii) Photographs of a purely personal nature may be included in correspondence, but attention must be paid to the background, which must not include any of the forbidden subjects mentioned in (i).
- (iv) Owners of cameras and cine cameras will register them with the Officer i/c Photography in their respective units.
- (v) Photographs and films will only be developed by approved firms in each command. Lists of selected firms appear in Command Orders.
- (vi) Films found being processed, carried, or stored in any manner, in contravention to the above, are liable to confiscation and destruction.
- (vii) It is prohibited to take exposed undeveloped films across the Egyptian Frontier either in a roll or in a camera. Such films, if found on service personnel, will be confiscated and destroyed.
- (viii) All ranks are forbidden to join camera clubs or similar institutions, or to exhibit or submit for exhibition photographs taken by them.
- (ix) When a unit proceeds to a theatre of active operations all cameras will be withdrawn by the Officer i/c Photography, who will forward them for safe custody to the Officer i/c Base depots, with the exception of one camera (or more if authorised by the Command to which they are proceeding) per unit, which he may retain for record purposes. The Officer i/c Photography may accept a certification from the owner of a camera that he has deposited it at a Bank as an alternative to the above. In the case of R.A.F. separate instructions will be issued.
- (x) All security films, i.e. all films submitted for processing by Headquarters, experimental establishments, etc., will be forwarded to the Military Photographic Censor, Kodak (Egypt) S.A., 20 Sh. Adly Pasha, Cairo. They will be accompanied by an official letter signed by an officer of field rank, confirming that they are of a security nature and stating the purpose to which they are to be put.
- (xi) Unit films for record purposes are not classed in the same category as those referred to in para (x) above but represent the official photographic records of a unit. They will be sent to the a/m firm unless otherwise specified and accompanied by an official letter signed by an officer of field rank, stating their nature. Any such record films which the censor considers should not be returned to forward areas for security reasons will be sent to 2nd Echelon to be held there until the cessation of hostilities.
- (xii) G.H.Q. M.E.F. and H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. retain the right to take copies of any photograph and use such copies for any purpose without payment. Expenses incurred in reproducing such copies will be defrayed by G.H.Q. M.E.F. or H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. as the case may be.

13. **Advertisements, Circulars, Pen-Pals, etc.**

- (i) All ranks are forbidden to insert advertisements or letters inviting correspondence with strangers in any newspaper or magazine. Nor must they enter into correspondence with any stranger in response to such advertisement or invitations.
- (ii) Correspondence with "pen-pals" is prohibited.
- (iii) All ranks are forbidden to reply to circulars.
- (iv) All ranks are warned to exercise the greatest care in acknowledging presents from unknown "friends".

14. **Correspondence courses**

- (i) All ranks wishing to take courses with Correspondence Schools other than those stated in (iv) below will submit applications for permission to do so through the

normal channels to G.S.I. (c), G.H.Q., M.E.F. R.A.F. personnel will apply to the R.A.F. Field Censorship liaison Officer G.S.I. (c) G.H.Q. M.E.F.

- (ii) The full name and address of the School, and the course it is desired to take, will be stated in the application.
- (iii) Courses may be taken only with Correspondence Schools located in the confines of the Middle East Force Area.
- (iv) Applications for courses under the Wartime Education Scheme for British other ranks at the Cairo and Jerusalem Branches of the British Institute of Engineering Technology and British Institute of Commerce and Accountancy, will be submitted after counter-signature by O.C.'s Units as follows:-
 - (a) Units servicing in Cyprus, Palestine, Trans-jordan, and Syria, to the Education Officer, H.Q. Palestine Area, Jerusalem.
 - (b) Units servicing elsewhere in the Middle East to the Chief Education Officer, G.H.Q. M.E.F.

Full details will be found in G.H.Q. M.E.F. G.O. 1324 of 1941 and G.H.Q. M.E.F. G.O. 9 of 1942 and H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. R.O. 768/41, dated 31 December 1941.

15. **Forbidden Correspondence**

It is forbidden to write on Service matters to the Press, Members of Parliament, civic authorities, or any public body.

Articles and photographs or a non-Service nature it is desired to despatch for publication in the Press will be forwarded, properly enveloped, addressed and stamped, in an outer cover to G.S.I. (c), G.H.Q. M.E.F.

16. **Regimental Publications**

- (i) Articles and photograph for corps and regimental magazines or similar publications will be submitted to P.R. 3 G.H.Q. M.E.F. for censorship prior to being placed in the hands of the printers. The name and address of the printers will be notified when submitting the material intended for publication.
- (ii) Material for insertion in Royal Air Force publications will be submitted to the S.I.O. H.Q. R.A.F. M.E.

17. **Personal Messages by Gramophone Record**

Gramophone records containing spoken messages must be sent properly packed, addressed, and stamped, in an outer cover addressed to the deputy Chief Field Censor.

18. **Christmas Cards**

- (i) Christmas Cards will not disclose a unit's location, its exploits, or give any other similar information.
- (ii) A specimen design of all Christmas Cards will be submitted by Army formations to the Deputy Chief Field Censor, and by R.A.F. formations to the S.I.O. H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., for approval before the order for printing is placed.

19. **Green Enveloped. (A.F. W3078)**

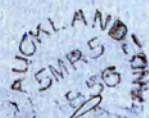
- (i) Green envelopes are issued to uninformed members only of H.M. Forces for the transmission of letters relating to *private and family affairs*.
- (ii) The certificate as to contents, printed on the face of the envelope, must be signed by the writer.
- (iii) The scale of issue is one green envelope per week. A soldier or airman who does not use his envelope cannot give it to someone else. In no case may a soldier or airman use more than one in the course of a week.
- (iv) The Censorship Regulations apply to correspondence in green envelopes in just the same manner as to all other correspondence, except that they are handed in sealed and are not franked in units.
- (v) Writers may enclose up to three of their own letters, each in a separate ordinary envelope, in one green envelope. These letters will be properly addressed and

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The Colonial Secretary

Auckland

Post office Lyttelton

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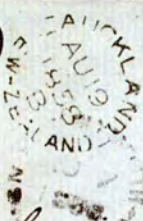
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The Honorable
The Post Master General
Wellington



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Christ Church



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H. M. Corbett Esq.
Post Master
Auckland



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Solicitor.
Lyttelton.



stamped, and MUST be unsealed. Green envelopes containing more than one letter will be addressed to the Base Censor.

- (vi) Green envelopes cannot be registered and will not be used to transmit money, valuables, or photographs.
- (vii) Green envelopes may be sent by air mail.
- (viii) The existing rates of surcharge postage are payable on green envelopes to all destinations.
- (ix) The issue of green envelopes is a privilege which can be withdrawn at any time.
- (x) Misuse of green envelopes will be regarded as a most serious offence.

20. Franking of Correspondence

- (i) The franking of all outgoing correspondence – with the exception of Green Envelopes, vide para.19 (iv), E.F. Messages, vide para, 26 (i), correspondence with enemy territory, enemy occupied territory, and neutral countries bordering thereon, vide paras 28 and 29, and correspondence with Prisoners of War in Germany and Italy, vide para, 31, - is carried out by officers of the unit or formation to which the writer belongs or is attached.
- (ii) Correspondence, with the exceptions detailed in (i) above, must be left open by the writer, and will be closed by the franking officer.
- (iii) The officer will, if necessary, destroy any communication that contravenes these regulations, or suppress any statement, without informing the writer.
- (iv) Officers franking correspondence will respect the secrecy of information which comes into their possession whilst franking letters. They will on no account divulge any such information either in public or in private, except when a report to senior authority is called for.
- (v) Registered correspondence will be franked in the presence of the sender or his representative. The correspondence will then be closed, also in the presence of the sender or his representative, who will be responsible that the contents are complete, except for any censored matter.
- (vi) Parcels will be examined and franked in the same manner. They must bear on the outside a declaration of their contents.

21. Unit Censor Stamp

- (i) After being franked, correspondence will be passed for impressing with the unit censor stamp to the officer appointed unit censor stamp holder by the Commander of the unit, area, garrison, or post.
- (ii) Before impressing the stamp the Officer in charge of it will see that the letter is properly franked by a person authorised to do so.
- (iii) Correspondence from a unit not holding a censor stamp will be franked, and then passed for impressing and posting to the nearest unit holding a stamp.

22. Censoring of Correspondence

- (i) After posting, correspondence is despatched to various centres where there are Field Censor Sections.
- (ii) These Sections re-examine a percentage of the correspondence passing through their hands.
- (iii) Letters opened by them will be closed with a label bearing the words "Examined by Base Censor".

23. Airgraphs

- (i) Airgraphs will be censored in the manner described for ordinary postal correspondence in paras. 20 and 21.
- (ii) Airgraphs may not be used for official correspondence.
- (iii) Airgraphs are available to uniformed Service personnel and personnel of the Merchant Navy only.

- (iv) There is no restriction on the number that may be sent.
 - (v) Full details regarding the Airgraph Scheme will be found in G.H.Q. M.E.F. G.O. 418 of 1941, and H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. letter to all units, S. 46843/O.R.G. 20 April 1941.
24. **Air Mail Letter Card Service**
- (i) Air mail letter cards will be censored in the manner described for ordinary postal correspondence in paras. 20 and 21.
 - (ii) The scale of issue is one air mail letter card per week to uniformed personnel of H.M. Services only.
 - (iii) Full details regarding the Air Mail Letter Card service will be found in G.H.Q. M.E.F. G.O. 136 of 1941 and H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. R.O. 227/41 of 30 April 1941.
 - (iv) Air mail letter cards will not be used for intra-M.E.F. communications.
25. **Ordinary Telegrams**
- (i) All ordinary categories of telegrams (Full Rate, Deferred or NLT) from all ranks will be censored in the manner described for postal correspondence in paras. 20 and 21.
 - (ii) All ranks must assume when writing telegrams that they will be intercepted by the enemy. The greatest care will therefore be exercised to prevent the deduction of valuable information through careful study of large numbers of apparently innocent messages.
 - (iii) The use of telegraphic or code addressed in private telegrams is forbidden.
 - (iv) Only the official postal address given in para. 4 will be used for telegrams. Civilian or accommodation addresses are strictly forbidden.
 - (v) The text of all messages will be in plain language in strict accordance with the certificate signed by the sender at the bottom of the telegraph form. Any form of code or abbreviation which is not understandable will **not be accepted**.
 - (vi) Telegrams will be signed with the sender's surname. Christian names may be added if desired.
 - (vii) Outgoing telegrams to Army or Air Force personnel will be addressed to their official postal address, if known. If unknown they will be addressed, rank, name, unit, c/o G.P.O., London.
 - (viii) Outgoing telegrams to Naval personnel, personnel of Hospital ships, or members of the Merchant Navy will be addressed, rank, name, ship, c/o G.P.O., London.
 - (ix) All addresses in telegrams from or to Army and R.A.F. personnel in the Middle East are coded. When telegraphing his address a sender of a telegram will give his official address as laid down in para 4.

To be continued.....

OFFERED THIS MONTH: Unseen for several generations one of the more important new pre-stamp and 'stampless' covers properties to come on the market for many years. Included here are examples of rare hand-stamps, Crown circle hand-stamps, official wrappers, newspaper wrappers, Full Face Queens on cover, postage due label, Postmaster's manuscript endorsements on cover, rare meter marks. We **emphasise** that this month's listing contains items which are either unknown in private hands or of which there are one or two only known. Condition throughout is, in many cases, perfect, in some cases, slightly aged or with filing pinholes, but almost entirely above normal condition encountered for items of such age, significance and rarity. We are quite confident in saying that much of it **will never be offered anywhere again**.

DEREGULATION UPDATE

With Consignia's monopoly over the British postal service coming to an end attention is being focussed on other countries (no doubt including New Zealand) who have gone down the same road and encouraged competition. The Weekend Financial Times (London) of 2/3 February 2002 points out that Sweden, which deregulated its mail system in 1993, blazed this particular trail and offers useful pointers on what might be expected in the UK and elsewhere.

Postcomm, the regulator of postal services in the UK, has within the last couple of weeks unveiled plans to deregulate in the UK. Within eight weeks, bulk business mail is now to be handled by rival operators as well as Consignia.

In doing so Britain puts itself ahead of most other European countries except Sweden. But what, asks the FT has happened in Sweden?

The first thing that happened in Sweden was that prices went up and jobs were lost. Even so, open marketeers claim that deregulation improved the efficiency of Posten, Sweden's equivalent of New Zealand Post. Posten, which originally had a monopoly on delivering letters, still holds 95% of the total market and would-be competitors have found it an uphill struggle to compete. Sweden also has an independent regulator, the National Post and Telecom Agency and they claim that Posten's services improved even with very limited competition. Posten now delivers 96% of first-class letters overnight. As in New Zealand, rival operators already existed in direct mail and courier services and parcel delivery. Posten still has a universal service obligation which the regulator says, rather than a burden, is a real advantage in that they have the ability to offer a guarantee in Sweden.

The regulation of prices for letters is managed by a price cap system. There was a sharp rise in prices following deregulation with the first-class stamp increasing SKr2.90 in 1993 to SKr5 by 1997. However, this increase also included the addition of 25% VAT on postage. Prices have been stable since 1997.

However, this was the source of horror stories at the time of Swedish businesses sending bulk mail to the UK to be posted there at lower rates.

As in New Zealand, the competition in Sweden – although numbering forty independent postal companies – have remained small, tending to serve niche markets in very local areas. CityMail offers real competition offering bulk business to customer deliveries in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmö. The likeness to the New Zealand experience doesn't end there however. CityMail has struggled in the deregulated environment with a continuing failure to be clear about access to infrastructure such as address changes, mail redirection and post office boxes. New operators also found it difficult to battle against exclusive contracts and alleged predatory pricing. Posten itself is struggling to be profitable with its extensive branch network and postal services will now be conducted through small counters established in outlets such as petrol stations and convenience stores (sounds familiar?). In Sweden 2000 of the 5000 jobs in counter services will disappear. Postal workers in Britain are not expected to like the look of that.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

by Campbell Paterson

From the Newsletter – April 1952

New Health Invert

The recent 1951 "Yacht" Health stamp, green, 2d + 1d, has been found with inverted watermark. Our correspondent, who is an old friend and thoroughly reliable, states that he knows of only one sheet. We were fortunate in obtaining over half of this sheet and these have been distributed to as many as possible of our "new variety" customers. Of course, there were not enough to go round and we had once again to draw the names "out of a hat".

New George VI Variety

I am indebted to Mr R.A. Radford, of Palmerston North, for sight of the 5d George VI on the "coarse" paper (Wiggins Teape Royal Cypher grade, vertical mesh). This is new, as all earlier supplies were on "fine" paper (St. Cuthberts Royal Cypher grade). Inquiry of the Stamps Branch, Wellington, brought the reply that the change is known there and that the same plates as before (91 and 96) have been used. This will constitute a new major listing in the Catalogue.

Tekoteko Re-entry (2d Whare)

The well-known re-entry to R2/3 of Plate 1B has always appeared to be restricted to the printings on Multiple watermark paper, but Mr E.H. Moore, of Sydney, has shown me a quarter sheet, with Single watermark, including R2/3 and the Plate number on which the re-entry is quite clear and unmistakable. It would appear that the variety, like the ½d Clematis flaw, appeared very late in the Single watermark printings.

1d Kiwi Flaws

Specialists in the 1935's will probably be interested to know that we have a sheet of the 1d Kiwi from Plate A3 and this does **not** show the varieties on R4/10, R5/17 and R9/2 as listed in the Handbook (Volume 2).

In the Handbook it is stated that these flaws "persisted throughout the printings from the plate".

6d Harvesting, Plate 2 Variations

Mr F.J. Mohr has discovered evidence of retouching in R10/1 and R10/2, both of which stamps are in all Plate 2 plate blocks. In the perf 12½, R10/1 is clear except for the already known re-entry in the left panel, but R10/2 shows a small flaw in the sky at right centre. In the p.14¼ x 14 **on Esparto**, R10/1 has a small flaw in the centre of the sky, but the flaw on R10/2 has been retouched out (signs of the retouching are small but evident). In the final issue, p.14¼ x 14 on Coarse paper, the flaw on R10/1 has also been retouched out, but another small flaw has developed on the horizon to the right.

8d Tuatara Plate 3

Mr Mohr has studied this plate in the p.14 x 13½ (wmk upright) and p.12½ printings. He finds that small flaws developed between these printings on R9/2, R9/9 and R12/2; on R9/1 there was a constant flaw on the second A of ZEALAND in both printings; on R10/10 there was a constant re-entry to the bottom left frame-lines in both printings. Most interesting perhaps is his finding that on R12/1 there was a small flaw above the reeds in the p.14 x 13½, but this was superseded by a re-entry to the centre of the right side in the perf 12½.

8d Tuatara Plate 4

In his study of this plate Mr Mohr discovered a very minor re-entry to the right frame of R9/7.

EARLY NEW ZEALAND COVERS

Pre-stamp, Stampless, and Stamped Items from the 19th Century

Largely in superb condition, this is one of the more important listings of the past several years to come on the market from an early deceased estate now acquired. All completely new material – much of it very rare indeed.

Explanation of Abbreviations

cds - circular date stamp; *l/s* – letter sheet; *h/s* - handstamp; *m/s* - manuscript;
PSNZ - the Postage Stamps of New Zealand volumes 1-7; *addr.* - Addressee;
discol. - discolouration

- 1250 (a) **1844 (Sept 20th) Sydney to Bay of Islands.** Beautifully clean letter-sheet (torn around seal) Addr. William Colenso. Manuscript 3 (paid) in red and Paid Ship-Letter, Sydney, oval d/s. 8 in black (to pay). “New Zealand” receiving mark OC8 1844 (long hyphen). “Per Tryphena”. Beautiful condition \$750
- (b) **1850 (July 11th) Otago to Wellington.** Slightly torn at the top, l/s to the Col. Secretary. Post Office m/s on flap “PO Otago 11th July 1850” and the date repeated on the front. Receiving cds Wellington July 20th 1850, m/s 4 in black. OHMS faded and flap torn and damaged. Scarce \$375
- (c) **1851 (Oct 24th) Lawton (Staffs.) to Lyttelton.** Newcastle, Staff. cds, London Ship-Letter and paid cds 25th OC and m/s 8 in red. Wellington receiving cds and h/s “2” in black. Addressed to the Reverend B.W. Dudley, the document is interesting as an approach asking Mr Dudley to publish the details of the writer in “your colonial paper”. Presumably the writer is seeking to emigrate and describes himself as “a refiner and smelter of metals and manufacturing chemist”. Extremely good condition (*illus*) \$825
- (d) **1852 (Nov. 8th) Wellington local letter.** The letter-sheet in magnificent condition. Addr. The Civil Secretary. H/s 2 in black and Wellington cds faint discol. right side front \$500
- (e) **1856 (Jan. 21st) Lyttelton (Port Victoria) to Auckland.** OHMS item to the Col. Secretary m/s inscription “Post Office Lyttelton” on front. M/s “8” in black. Port Victoria backstamp and Auckland receiving cds 5th March 1856. Perfect condition (*illus*) \$950

- or 1856 (24th Jan.) OHMS item** by the same mail to the Col. Secretary. M/s 4 in black and this time m/s "Returns:- Post Office Lyttleton, 1st January 1856". Handwriting as previous item. Superb condition \$1500
- (f) **1856 (June 19th) Wanganui to Auckland.** OHMS item back-stamped Petre June 19th and New Plymouth cds June 20th (front) and Auckland receiving cds June 29th 1856. Endorsed "immediate" with h/s 2 in black – perfect condition \$600
- or OHMS item** (flap torn) by the same mail, identical details \$425
- (g) **1858 (June 10th) Waiuku to Auckland.** The l/s in perfect condition bearing the probably unique manuscript cancellation on the front top "2d paid at Waiuku". This is a very major item and will inevitably receive recognition. Condition absolutely original (*illus*) \$7,750
- (h) **1855 (August 30th) Port Victoria (local).** Lovely item of the early "stampless" period with m/s 2 in red and a good strike of the Port Victoria Crowned Circle. Cover cut down slightly but condition otherwise fine. Complete in all essentials. (*illus*) \$2,250
- (i) **1856 (August) Kawhia to Auckland.** Item of huge rarity addressed in Maori (envelope). Auckland receiving cds on front (fair strike) and h/s 2 in black. "Kawhia" small hand-stamp in black on the back (good strike). Cover in fine condition allowing for filing pinholes. This is one of only a very few examples of the Kawhia hand-stamp in private hands and the cover addressed as it is in Maori carries enormous significance and uniqueness. *A very important item indeed. (illus)* \$9,950
- (j) **1858 (August 2nd) Wanganui to Auckland,** l/s in perfect condition, OHMS. New Plymouth cds on front August 7th, Auckland receiving cds August 19th. H/s 2 in black and significantly seal is the perfect impression of the Petre New Zealand Crown. —Inscription on front "Postmaster Wanganui". The handwriting of the endorsement on this official item matches the address. (*illus*) \$1500
- (k) **1898 (8th September) Mosgiel to Dunedin.** Newspaper wrapper of the Taieri Advocate in good, if spiked, condition. Bears Newspaper Stamp B3a. Some crayon outlining on front. Scarce and desirable. (*illus*) \$200

- (l) **1896 (12th March) Mercer to Te Awamutu.** The quite remarkable and near-unique item of postal stationery. The card is the printed appointment advice of James Wiseman & Sons, Saddlery Importers and Manufacturers. Franked with 1d Second Sideface and cancelled at Mercer. At Mercer it has been classified as short-paid and has received a copy of the yellow "unpaid" docket shown on page 492 of PSNZ Volume 1. It was supplied in two parts, the docket proper and the advice. Particulars were entered including the office of despatch, the office at which the charge was to be collected, the amount of the charge which was entered on both parts. The advice was sent to GPO Wellington. The docket was affixed to the letter and the Postmaster of the receiving office after collecting the charge removed it, applied postage stamps to the amount of the charge to the back of the docket, cancelled the stamps by writing his name across them and then forwarded the docket to Wellington. *In this case the yellow docket has been attached at Mercer requiring the Postmaster at Te Awamutu to collect the charge. The card has received a loose letter cancellation of distinctive type which has left ½d to pay. On arrival with the addressee the card has been refused and bears red m/s "refused" as well as boxed h/s in purple and this is repeated on the unpaid postage docket. The card has eventually returned to Auckland on 16th March 1896 and has a receiving cds. The docket has been removed from the front of the card and pinned on the back.* Clearly the combination of postage-due and "refused" has resulted in the card being returned to Auckland and filed. In order to satisfy the accountant in Wellington, perhaps the cancelled docket should have been removed and returned for matching up with the counterfoil.

This item and its yellow docket attached is believed to be one of only two in private hands and as such is one of the rarest offered this month. (illus)

\$3,250

- (m) **1892 (24th November) Wellington to London.** Official Bank of New Zealand stationery carrying 8d postage (Second SF 6d and 1d x 2) which has been endorsed "Ruapehu". The cover has left New Zealand uncanceled, has received London cancellation January 9th 1893 (cds x 3) plus squared circle LONDON EC - A12 -. Also double circular cancellation (inner with cross). Interesting usage (*illus*)

\$375

- (n) **Wellington to Dunedin (189-)**. Superb OPSO item "New Zealand Parliamentary Papers". Although the wrapper is printed "exempt from postage" ½d Newspaper Stamp has been added. The addressee is D.W. Lane Saddler, Dunedin. An apparent case of transmission of Parliamentary Papers to a private individual with postage affixed. *This item is one of less than six in private hands and represents an unusual usage* \$2,950
- (o) **Dunedin to Wellington (10th October 1904)**. Magnificent example of the "Wales" meter machine (PSNZ Volume 3, page 432). The cover is addressed to the Postmaster General, Wellington and bears two strikes of the vertical oval 1d Wales impression as well as the Dunedin squared circle in red. The impressions of the meter die are different from that illustrated in PSNZ Vol.3, page 431 (no. 3). In this case "New Zealand" appears in full "One Penny" in full at the bottom and "paid" in the centre reading upwards. It is possible that this is an experimental die. Used for postage in October 1904, the correct period for the Wales machine in Dunedin. **IMPORTANT (*illus*)** \$5,475
- (p) **(March 21st 1902) Perth (WA) to Wanganui**. Nice inwards item Perth (WA) GPO duplex with Invercargill 8th April 02 backstamp, Wellington Barr Fyke machine cancellation April 11th 02 and Wanganui receiving mark 12th April 02. Endorsed "urgent", unusual route \$175

Full Faces on Cover

- (q) **1860 (FE10) Nelson local letter**. Good example of Richardson white paper 2d on stained letter-sheet (document intact). PB obliterator 15 \$95
- (r) **Christchurch local (1863 February 14th)**. Cover franked with 2d plate 2, perf 12½ Chalon with unidentified manuscript cancellation, flap torn, etc., fair condition (*illus*) \$475

Field Censorship Regulations

- (s) As detailed in the Newsletter this month and next we offer a pristine copy of the Field Censorship Regulations issued by British Middle East Forces in 1942 in Cairo. Reference Number is 3031/PMEJ-30,000-4/42. This item is believed to be of great rarity and inevitably will add to our understanding of WW2 military postal history. \$2,250

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					BUY
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L1b(X)	1936	"	"	FU	\$3
L2a(Z)	1935	1d Kiwi	"	UHM	\$6
L2a(Z)	"	"	"	LHM	\$3
L2a(Z)	"	"	"	FU	\$3.50
L2b	1936	"	p.13½ x 14	UHM	\$144
L4a(Z)	1935	2d Whare	inverted watermark	UHM	\$170
L4a(Z)	"	"	"	LHM	\$90
L4a(Z)	"	"	"	FU	\$35
L4b(Z)	1936	"	"	UHM	\$140
L4b(Z)	"	"	"	LHM	\$70
L4b(Z)	"	"	"	FU	\$58
L4f(Z)	1941	"	"	UHM	\$225
L4f(Z)	"	"	"	LHM	\$115
L4f(Z)	"	"	"	FU	\$100
L5a	1935	2½d Mt Cook & lilies	p.14-13x13½	UHM	\$14.50
L5c(Z)	1936	"	"	UHM	\$34
L5c(Z)	"	"	"	FU	\$43
L6a(Z)	1935	3d Maori Girl	"	UHM	\$565
L6a(Z)	"	"	"	LHM	\$285
L6a(Z)	"	"	"	FU	\$225
L7a	1935	4d Mitre Peak	p.14 comb	UHM	\$11.50
L7a(Z)	"	"	"	UHM	\$425
L7a(Z)	"	"	"	LHM	\$215
L7a(Z)	"	"	"	FU	\$145
L7b(Z)	1936	"	"	FU	\$14.50
L7c	1941	"	"	UHM	\$130
L7c	"	"	"	LHM	\$85
L7e(Y)	1942	"	"	UHM	\$145
L7e(Y)	"	"	"	LHM	\$75
L8a	1935	5d Swordfish	p.13-14x13½	UHM	\$45
L8a(Y)	"	"	"	FU	\$170
L8b	"	"	"	UHM	\$72
L8f(3)	1942	"	"	UHM	\$28
L8f(Y)	"	"	"	UHM	\$140
L8f(Y)	"	"	"	LHM	\$75

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L9e(Z)	1943	6d Harvesting	inverted watermark	UHM	\$280
L9e(Z)	"	"	"	LHM	\$145
L9e(Z)	"	"	"	FU	\$225
L10a(Z)	1935	8d Tuatara	"	UHM	\$225
L10a(Z)	"	"	"	LHM	\$115
L10a(Z)	"	"	"	FU	\$115
L10b	1936	"	p.14x13½	UHM	\$11.50
L10b(Z)	"	"	inverted watermark	FU	\$20
L10e(Z)	1942	"	"	FU	\$58
L11c(Z)	1938	9d Maori Panel	"	UHM	\$100
L11c(Z)	"	"	"	LHM	\$60
L11c(Z)	"	"	"	FU	\$55
L11e(Z)	1941	"	"	UHM	\$225
L11e(Z)	"	"	"	LHM	\$115
L11e(Z)	"	"	"	FU	\$170
L12a(Z)	1935	1/- Tui	"	FU	\$145
L12b(Z)	1936	"	"	FU	\$25
L13a	1935	2/- Captain Cook	p.13-14x13½	UHM	\$85
L13a(Z)	"	"	inverted watermark	UHM	\$100
L13a(Z)	"	"	"	LHM	\$60
L13a: LV13a(Z)	"	"	COQK flaw	UHM	\$145
L13a: LV13a(Z)	"	"	"	FU	\$45
L13b	"	"	p.13½x14	UHM	\$115
L13c(Z)	1936	"	inverted watermark	UHM	\$225
L13c(Z)	"	"	"	LHM	\$115
L13c(Z)	"	"	"	FU	\$115
L13d	1939	"	p.13½x14	UHM	\$375
L13d: LV13a(W)	"	"	COQK flaw	FU	\$30
L13e	1941	"	p.12½	UHM	\$72
L13g: LV13a(T)	1942	"	COQK flaw	UHM	\$85
L13g: LV13a(T)	"	"	"	FU	\$30
L13g(X)	"	"	inverted watermark	FU	\$145
L14d	1936	3/- Mt Egmont	p.14-13x13½	UHM	\$45
L14d(Z)	"	"	inverted watermark	UHM	\$82
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