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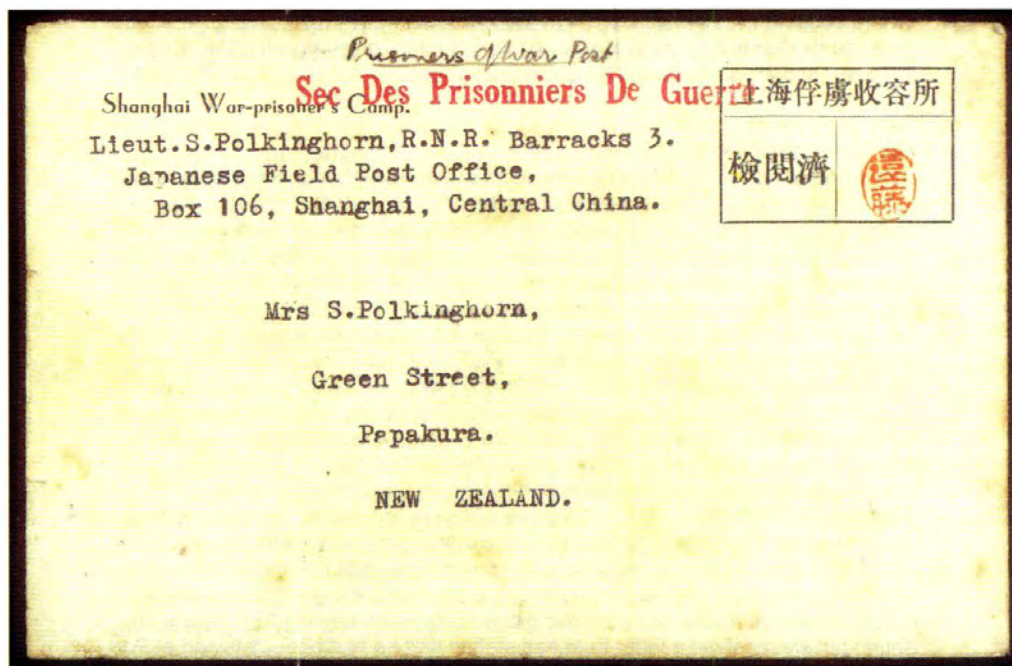


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"THE DOCUMENT" AND THE POSTAL HISTORY. AN UNBEATABLE COMBINATION!

by Warwick Paterson

Seldom do we handle good postal history – at least as good as has been listed in the Newsletter over the last two months.

Last month we listed the Pre-Stamp and Stampless Covers dating from 1843. Where documents are included within the letter sheets or envelopes, quite often they add the "humanity" as previous philatelists intended completing the story of the cover and the very reason for which it was sent.

Case in Point #1

The Courage of the Missionary

Dated Paihia April 22nd 1843 this cover carries the rare "Paid at Kororarika" boxed marking in red. The contents of the letter by Rev. W.C. Dudley however, flesh out the situation and tell much of the conditions and the challenges early missionaries in New Zealand faced. Addressed to the Rev. Henry Penn, Secretary of the Church Missionary House, Salisbury Square in London, it reads: "My Dear Sir, I trust you have ere received the letters which I have written to you. On our arrival at New Zealand, after having staid (sic) some time at the Bishop's house at the Waimate, Mrs Dudley and myself on August the 17th accompanied Archdeacon Williams and his family to Turanga where we were to stay till our station and house at Wairoa were ready to receive us. On the 5th October I went with the Archdeacon down to the South. We baptized a great number at the following places. *Now follows a list of Maori names most of which are spelt completely differently from modern spellings but include Waitaki, Wairoa, Aropaoanui, Ahuriri (etc).* When at Wairoa we gave orders for a small quantity of bricks for chimneys to be made and to the carpenter to lay down floors and put up the partitions for the Capon house which had been built there some time. We expected that the Bishop, according to previous arrangement would arrive from Port Nicholson at Ahuriri the day after examinations and baptisms of natives at Ahuriri but we received a letter from him stating that he had been detained at Port Nicholson by the death of Mr William Evans, leader SPG his companion in his journey. We therefore went on some distance to Patangata to meet him. Here we waited for his arrival. He came to this place accompanied by Chief Justice Martin, towards the latter end of November. A few days after the Bishop had joined us, I received a "coup de soleil" and was extremely ill for the remainder of the journey. On the second day of our arrival at Turanga, I was bled by the Bishop and Archdeacon but did not appear much better and I continued in a state of delirium during the whole of December and January at the end of which month I arrived at the Waimate, the Bishop wishing me to have surgical assistance. The Columbine, having taken us up to the Bay after it had landed Mr Baker at Tolagoa Bay (Tolaga). After the 20th February there was a great improvement of my health, and in three weeks I was comparatively speaking well (in which time I have not had the slightest relapse) suffering merely from weakness, etc. we'd been staying here some time with our kind friends, the Williams and Burrows for a change of air and returned to the Waimate on April the 26th. We have received

the greatest kindness from the Bishop and all our dear friends during this severe visitation of God. Oh, I would call upon my soul and all that is within me with bless God's Holy Name for all his benefits; he has indeed raised me up from the very gates of death. I'm appointed missionary at the Waimate for some time here. I've had some serious understanding with the natives at places in the North. Noble Pankaouo and John Heke have been the prominent characters, several of whose followers have been slain. The Bishop went to make peace. After he had left Mrs Williams, went up to them. When he came away peace was made by parties agreeing to leave the land which was the cause of dispute. I trust with returning health to be found, a more faithful and diligent labourer in my Lord's vineyard than I have ever yet been, I remain my dear Sir, yours very sincerely William Chas Dudley."

Case in Point # 2

The First POW's Letters

Another example is included in the remarkable series of letters sent by Lieutenant Stephen Polkinghorn who was imprisoned in Shanghai-War Prisoner's (sic) Camp in the period after the attack on Pearl Harbour. These letters and covers include Polkinghorn's account of the engagement and are of particular interest in that Lieutenant Polkinghorn's story is well known and was written up by the late Peter Oldham in 1984. At that time Polkinghorn was 97 years old and was a source of information for this monograph.

It appears that Polkinghorn who was enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve was in command of HMS *Peterel* which was the last commissioned Royal Navy vessel on the Yangtze River, on December 7th 1941 – the date of the Pearl Harbour attack. *Peterel* had been stripped of most weapons and was acting as a communication station manned by a skeleton crew and the three inch guns had been immobilized. It was not expected to offer any competition to the Japanese Naval Forces in the immediate area. HMS *Peterel* was fully rigged with explosives should relations with the Japanese deteriorate any further than they had already. Quoting an account of the incident: "News of the Pearl Harbour attack was slow to reach Shanghai. At 4.20am (two hours after the Pearl Harbour attack) news began to trickle into the city. *Peterel* was immediately notified by Commander Kennedy RN, at the British Consulate and the *Peterel* was called to battle stations. Moments thereafter a Japanese launch filled with Japanese marines captured her. Lieutenant Stephen Polkinghorn was in command of *Peterel* and permitted the Japanese officers to come on board. He was informed that their nations were at war and *Peterel* must surrender. Polkinghorn attempted to stay on board so that the demolition fuses could be lit and the code books could be passed down a special chute to be burned in the boiler room. He therefore invited the Japanese officers to come below deck to discuss the matter. The Japanese refused and Polkinghorn immediately told them to, "Get off of my bloody ship!" Moments after the Japanese officers had retreated to their vessel, the Japanese armored cruiser *Idzumo*, together with a Japanese gunboat and the French *bund* onshore, opened fire at point blank range. HMS *Peterel* was hopelessly outgunned, but returned machine gun fire on the opposing force killing several Japanese.

Lieutenant S. Polkinghorn, R.N.R.

上海俘虜收容所

俘虜郵便

BARRACK No. 0.

Shanghai War-prisoner's Camp.

檢閱濟



Mrs. S. Polkinghorn,

~~Queen Street,~~

~~Papalona, N.I.~~

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PRISONER OF WAR POST.

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Pilot Officer W.P. Wellington,



c/o Officers' Mess,

Royal Air Force Volunteer Base,

BATAVIA.

Java.



British Prisoner of War, c/o Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Tokio.



Opened by Censor in New Zeala

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On fire and having received immense damage from enemy guns, HMS *Peterel* rolled over and sank as she drifted at her mooring. The Japanese proceeded to machine gun the Royal Navy sailors in the water and it was only due to rescuers in rowboats, who also came under fire, that the majority of the crew survived. Of the crew of 21, 18 were killed and 12 survived the attack, taking refuge on a Panamanian merchant vessel, SS *Marizion*, which was officered by Norwegians. In violation of international law, the Japanese boarded the ship and took the survivors prisoner. (Note records show that the crew of HMS *Peterel* consisted of 22, not 21).

Of the three *Peterel* crew members onshore during the attack, two were captured, but the third, P.O. Telegraphist Cuming, remained at large in Shanghai for the duration of the war. "The Lonely Battle", an account of Cuming's tale was written by Desmond Wettern in 1960.

Survivors captured after the sinking were moved amongst the Hongkew, Kiang Wang and Woosung internment camps in China. Ongoing supplies received from the British Residents Association (Shanghai) and the International Red Cross were critical to the survival of those interned. On May 9, 1945, however, prisoners at Kiang Wang began a long journey through China, being moved to the deplorable POW camps in Japan itself. Survivors remained there until the conclusion.

In 1945 Polkinghorn was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross."

Case in Point #3

Boer War – Mafeking After the Siege

History relates that the final attack by the Boers took place on the 12th of May 1900 and was beaten back by the British under Robert Baden-Powell thus setting the stage for the famous Relief of Mafeking. Some of the flavour of the 19th century (i.e. pre-World War I) attitude to military action can be drawn from the almost "Boy's Own Paper" atmosphere in the following letter written by a New Zealander to his sister. Even the siege itself, while deadly serious was characterised by an agreement between the belligerents to take Sunday off for cricket matches and stage productions.

Dated the 23rd September 1900, just over four months over the relief, Charlie Cribb writes to his sister Effie (note that I have edited the letter for inconsequential commentaries on social affairs back in New Zealand and have highlighted some of the historical references to conditions at Mafeking after the siege.

"Your letter the 17/7/00 reached me here at Mafeking on 16 INST. I need not say that this kid was glad to hear from you, because I was.

"I am actually sitting in a chair but just listen a moment, in my own wee office. For I must explain that I am now a Military Postal Worker. I was put on this work three days after our troop arrived in Mafeking and here I am. No possible chance at getting a shot at old Kruger. Young Jack Watt who was in the Lands & Survey Department, Dunedin is also with me. There are four of us and I am in charge. I

was wild not to be allowed to go out to the front and I like any New Zealander-like, worried all the majors and colonels, but the only answer I got was someone had to do the work and unfortunately I was that one. There was no Military P/O previous to us coming up here and consequently all mails were more or less mixed. Just when we arrived orders came out that a military office was to be established so that the head staff sent to Fourth NZ Contingent for a Sergeant and a Private to be told off for postal work, and I was sent down. I am reconciled now to my position and intend to take things as they come. This is no safe billet. We are going from 6am to 9pm and put through on an average of 50 bags of mail a week.

"You will know long ago that the 4th and 5th NZS have burned powder about poor Captain Harvey's death. The fight was only some 18 miles out from Mafeking. My own troops were under fire but previous to Captain Harvey's death a corporal was wounded in the foot. He has since rejoined his Company. Captain Fulton had a very narrow escape being shot in the small of the back, the bullet passed from side to side; lucky for him he was struck sideways, otherwise he would have been killed. Our lads all earned great praise for their pluck and dash when storming the hill. Mafeking is a great place. You ought to pay a visit here and then you can say you have visited one of the most dreary places in the world. It is like a deserted village stuck up in the middle of a plain, no hills to protect it from wind. We get the full benefit of the sun, and when a slight breeze is blowing clouds of dust which find an entry everywhere. It is springtime here now, all the fruit trees are in blossom and heaps of flowers in the gardens. The English girls are dressed very stylish and you should just see the ostrich feathers that deck their heads and tops. I'm sure they could not walk against a head wind, but they would have to tack like a yacht (sic). I have not seen any of my regiment for the past month for I have not had the opportunity to deliver your messages, but rest assured that they will not lose by not having to wait; if you don't get back a few "nice" letters just ask me the reason why."

Also included in the letters was a small relic of Pine Tree Fort which was held by the Boers and seen as one of the severest fights in the siege of Mafeking. "It was here that Captain Vernon and some 18 soldiers were killed during a sortie to take the fort. I got the piece of sacking myself from the sandbags used for ramparts". In the accompanying letter is a ragged piece of sacking – a genuine relic of the siege of Mafeking. The letter and the souvenir are offered elsewhere in the Newsletter this month.

New Zealand Stamp Exhibition Dates

Timpex 2009 16-18 October 2009

A New Zealand National exhibition, SBS Events Centre, Aorangi Park, Timaru

Palpex 2010 12-14 November 2010

A New Zealand National exhibition, Arena3 Stadium, Pascal Street, Palmerston North

CPS100 2011 August 2011

A New Zealand National exhibition for Christchurch Philatelic Society's Centenary, in Christchurch 2011.

NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

by Rob Talbot

ANZAC II – Comrades in Arms (1 April 2009) S1137-42

More interesting historical photographs to continue this new series. The same pseudo-monochrome treatment of the image and value font retention has maintained a cohesive design for the first two issues. At the same time a repositioning of the red poppy motif, new inscriptions and other more subtle design features have distinguished this set from the first. The series is proving popular with both standing order clients and topical collectors.

Designed by Communication Arts, Wellington. Printed by Southern Colour Print, Dunedin in offset litho (four special colours).

- Gummed sheets of 25, Tullis Russell 104 gsm Red Phosphor stamp paper. Perforation 13.6 x 13.3, mesh vertical.

- Prestige booklet sold at over face value and therefore not fully listed. Stamps now perforated 14 and mesh horizontal, will be listed as varieties.

Designs are:-	50c	Funeral Procession of the Unknown Warrior, 2004
	50c	New Zealand (Maori) Pioneer Battalion, WWI
	\$1.00	No. 75 (NZ) Squadron RAF, WWII
	\$1.50	HMS Achilles, WWII
	\$2.00	Kayforce, Korea
	\$2.50	ANZAC Battalion, Vietnam

Auckland Harbour Bridge 50th Anniversary (1 May 2009) S1143-46

A competent design with well-chosen images. Aucklanders remain fond of their Harbour Bridge in spite of the steadily decreasing speed of traffic using it during peak traffic hours. A second harbour crossing is planned but the wheels of bureaucracy turn even slower than those of the traffic.

The bridge saved a 40km drive around the Waitemata Harbour effectively connecting North Shore's seaside villages to the city and quickly converting those communities into a city of its own. North Shore City in turn seems likely to become part of an Auckland super-city under the awesome power of one super-mayor. Can you imagine the political and bureaucratic ramifications of that? We will delay commentary until the postage stamp(s) are issued.

The 50c self-adhesive was produced for a Datamail (NZ Post Subsidiary) client namely NZ Transport Association who wanted to celebrate the Harbour Bridge 50th by having the 50c design stamp on all their postings during the month of May e.g. vehicle registrations. In addition to the ready stamped envelopes supplied to NZTA the self-adhesive was only available as singles from Philatelic Bureaux or, also as singles, as part of the set sold in Hangsell packs at every Post Shop. Since the same machinery used for FDC production would have been used for the NZTA envelopes, these self-adhesives are effectively from a jumbo-roll printing only with no substantive format as the source e.g. a booklet or roll.

Designed by Mata Limited, Auckland. Printed by Southern Colour Print, Dunedin in offset litho (four process colours, self-adhesive tagged with phosphor).

- Gummed sheets of 25, Tullis Russell 104 gsm Red Phosphor stamp paper. Perforation 13.5 x 13.4, vertical mesh.

- Self-adhesive 50c ex-Jumbo Roll printing, Avery Dennison B90 KraftBack Adhesive 210gsm. Perforation 9.5 x 10.1, horizontal mesh.

Designs are:-	50c	Opening Day 1959
	50c	" " " (Self-adhesive)
	\$1.00	Our Bridge 2009
	\$1.50	Our Icon 1961
	\$2.00	Our Link 2009

REPRINTS

China 2009 World Stamp Exhibition Miniature Sheet (10-16 April)

Designed by Alan Hollows, Stamp Business, NZ Post, Wellington. Printed by Southern Colour Print, Dunedin in offset litho (four process colours).

• Miniature sheet with die-cut radius at left and bottom. Two stamps (\$1.00 and \$2.00) from 2007 personalised issue and one (\$1.00) from 2009 Year of the Ox. Perforation 13.4 x 13.7, mesh horizontal ("Personalised") were perf 14, HM; "Year of the Ox" was perf 13.3 x 13, VM)

Designs are:-	\$1.00	Kia Ora (PD170b)
	\$2.00	Good Luck (PD172b)
	\$1.00	Ox (S1122b)

Note: This was issued 1 April i.e. well before the Exhibition opened.

Definitive Reprints (April? 2009)

No change to technical details of stamps but see booklet note below.

W92c	5 x PE27d \$1.50 Arrowtown booklet (New design)
PE46a	10c Central Otago 1-Kiwi
PE47a	20c Rainbow Falls 2-Kiwi

Note: The main differences in design are:-

- Two large Airmail stickers inside third fold (was 5 x Airmail and 5 x Economy small stickers).
- Two stamps inside first fold (was one) and three stamps inside second fold (was four).
- Barcode significant digits now "42804" (was "42460").
- Shallower profile for die-cut perforations.

Various additions and changes to copy exist. We believe the change to the barcode i.e. product code for NZ Post computer stock system, obviated a need for reprint identifiers.

Jan? 2007: Kaikoura (Whale's Tail) 45c Roll 6-Kiwi Reprint

Other than for a very few NZ Post's standing order customers, as far as we are aware, this was not distributed or advertised by Wanganui Stamp Bureau to their satellite bureaux or other dealers. More to the point it was not supplied or notified to CP Ltd! Two Catalogue Supplements later, and thanks to a persistent customer (Mr B. Beutel, Australia) and an article by John Watts we were able to belatedly seek our normal stock. By the greatest of good fortune (and some extra expense) we were able to find a strictly limited supply. Because of the rate increase to 50c which occurred within months we anticipate a significant scarcity of this reprint, particularly the join strip PE30b(W,) as mint stamps – used, i.e. off backing paper, are not differentiated from earlier reprints.

PE30b(V) 45c Kaikoura 6-Kiwi

NEW GENRE OF 'SELF-ADHESIVE' ERROR

Recently seen by us and listed as SC50h(Z) is an interesting error type found in a booklet pane. Full information on the likely cause is dealt with in the extract below from communication between Gary Bramstedt (Springpak Logistics Manager) and Ivor Masters (General Manager, NZ Post Stamps and Collectables, Wanganui). What distinguishes the error from a proof is the complete conversion of the error sheet through full colour printing of stamps and booklet cover, then phosphor tagging, then die-cut perforating (tell-tale marks remain on the paper) and booklet hang-sell slot die-cutting to the final folding and guillotining. A quite remarkable error.

Mr Bramstedt says:-

"Based on the information received from NZ Post and our investigation, we can only conclude that the booklet has come from either an art paper setter or non-laminate sheet contained within a pallet of base laminate material.

"Setters (Art Paper) are used to run-up colour on each pallet of paper change or after a press stop during the print run – these are placed on top of the self-adhesive stamp paper prior to printing and are removed from the delivery after each start up. Art paper setters or a non-laminate sheet within the laminate material cannot easily be discriminated from the self-adhesive stamp paper once printed. It would appear that such a sheet has been fully processed and supplied as live product.

"During production, we have no record of any art booklets being found which means there would be at least 20 examples supplied as good product. If only one has been found to date, we have to assume that the other 19 are about, possibly not sold, not yet used by the purchaser or cut up and glued to envelopes so it is feasible that only one has surfaced at this stage.

"As a result of our investigation into this issue, we have modified our quality procedures to further assist in more easily visible detection of setters in the print stack and have instructed the supplier of base laminate material to take similar steps to ensure the removal of non-laminate material.

"Please accept our sincere apologies and be assured that we have taken steps to minimize the possibility of this happening again."



123(c)



123(g)



123(d)

CALs CORNER – Part 12

by Andrew Dolphin

2009 PYC National Youth Stamp Camp, 2nd Issue

Two years ago in July 2007 a 50c CAL was released for the 2007 Stamp Camp featuring a V90 Balloon flight over Kaiapoi. Now a second CAL has been issued for the 2009 Youth Stamp Camp being held at Blue Skies Scout Centre, Kaiapoi 12-18 July 2009. The CAL, released by the Christchurch Youth Stamp Club, was designed by one of the young NZ stamp collectors attending the Stamp Camp and features a magnifying glass over a red Kiwi silhouette. The issue date for this 50c self-adhesive CAL is not given, but is presumed to be May 2009.

2009 Timpex 2009 New Zealand National Stamp Exhibition, 2nd Issue

A set of two 50c CALs has been released as the second issue for the Timpex 2009 National Stamp Exhibition being held at the SBS Events Centre, Aorangi Park, Timaru 16-18 October 2009. The first CAL features a particularly old looking tram which ran on railway lines. And the second CAL features a bronze statue of the New Zealand racehorse 'Phar Lap' by the sculptor Joanne Sullivan-Gessler. The date of issue is given as May 2009 and presumably First Day Covers were produced, although as yet we do not know the exact first day of issue.

2009 Sri Lankaramaya

In May 2008 a 50c CAL was issued for the Meditation & Community Hall and library, or MC Centre, operated by the Sri Lankaramaya community in Otahuhu, Auckland. Now in May 2009, a second Sri Lankaramaya CAL has been produced, this time commemorating the 10th Anniversary of Sri Lankaramaya in Auckland 1999-2009. The CAL depicts a view of the Sri Lankaramaya building and flag.

2009... Coachouse...

A 50c CAL has been released 22 May 2009 featuring the Life Coaching and Mentoring, Career-Guidance and Team-Building operation known as Coachouse. This is a companion CAL to the Leading Edge Foundation Charitable Trust Koru design CAL, released February 2009. We understand there will be a third CAL on a similar theme issued later in 2009.

2009 \$1.00 Medrecruit Ltd, Queenstown, "I Want You", 2nd Issue

In July 2008, Medrecruit Ltd, a Queenstown recruitment agency placing doctors and nurses into employment issued a 50c CAL. This has now been joined by an identical design \$1.00 denomination CAL released 29 May 2009.

(Thanks are due for research contributing to this article to Margaret Ingley)

*"Thank you for the wonderful service we receive from you, and we look forward to continued service in the future."
V.C., Texas, USA*

EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From The New Zealand Stamp Collector – July 1924

NEW ZEALAND

The 1/- George value of the current set has appeared in a new shade.

1/- Pale orange-vermilion.

We notice in an English contemporary mention of a sheet of 1/- KG New Zealand stamps with the three top rows imperf, and the fourth row perforated at the bottom only. We should like to correct this erroneous statement, as the sheet was one which had missed the 14 x 13¼ comb machine used at that time to perforate the **four** top rows of the sheet. The consequence of this was, that the **four top** rows were imperf and the **fifth** row was imperf at the top only. It may also be of interest to state that these stamps were issued in the ordinary way at a country Post Office and our publishers were fortunate in obtaining a supply. This variety was included, as No. 714a, in the first edition of Verne, Collins & Co.'s Catalogue which was published in June of last year.

NEW ZEALAND 1d

The current New Zealand 1d Dominion type, has appeared on a very thick white paper. Whether this is a permanent paper or not, we have not yet been able to ascertain.

NEW ZEALAND POST & TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT Surplus Shown

Speaking at a banquet recently, the Hon. J.G. Coates, Postmaster-General said that after allowing £450,000 for wireless and other improvements, the year's surplus of revenue over expenditure in the Post & Telegraph Department would be the second highest they had had, totaling £580,000.

This period includes six months of the reduced postal rates and the result is an eloquent answer to those administrations that have opposed the adoption of Universal Penny Postage.

*[adv] **No.1 PACKET** This packet contains one hundred different unused German stamps, including various obsolete and recent. The face value of the packet amounts to over nine hundred million marks. The pre-war face value is over £40,000,000.*

We offer the 100 Different Stamps for 5/- post free.

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"Congratulations on another interesting edition of the Catalogue, which is the absolutely essential reference for any New Zealand collector. The prices are quite a revelation."

A.B., UK

FIFTY YEARS AGO

From the Newsletter July 1959

by Campbell Paterson

Red Cross Sensation What is certainly the most spectacular NZ variety for many years has been reported from Putaruru – a sheet of the Red Cross stamp without crosses on the top six stamps **S84a(Z)**. The second row of stamps has all the red crosses rather poorly printed, lacking the clear definition of the normal crosses on the third and all the lower rows. This information can be taken as authentic.

New Booklets W7d A new issue of Booklets has appeared. For quick recognition I can say the back advert is for "Grey's Filter". Other ads are changed but the biggest change is in the stamps. Both 1d and 3d are now for the first time on the new thick white paper seen in the 1/9d and 2d official. This gives us two new numbers in the Catalogue. 1d, N31b and 3d, N34b. Both can be found with inverted watermarks, as is usual in Booklets.

Marlborough Variety A rarity of the first order has been seen in the form of a "double paper" in the 8d Marlborough **S83a(Z)**. This variety results from the necessary joining up of rolls of paper for the printing machine. The end of one roll is gummed to the beginning of the next and so printing does not cease just because one roll is exhausted. Of course the printer would intend to remove the joined portion – but these things slip through occasionally. The piece seen was of three horizontal rows right across the sheet. The top row was half on double paper, the two lower rows wholly thus. The last double paper I can recall in NZ was the 3d Coronation.

Red Cross Varieties There has been the usual crop of minor blemishes and retouches. R1/1: extension of Greenland to the right. R7/5: retouch, south coast of Greenland **S84a(V)**. R11/6: retouch at the South Pole and one of the two Falkland Islands is missing. R12/2: there is an extra island off Graham Island (south of South America). R13/6: big retouch to the blue shading, bottom right corner of flag **S84a(W)**.

Next Healths – A New Chapter. Grand news is given in the latest Govt. Bulletin to the effect that we are to see this year the start of a series of Health stamps depicting native birds. This year's will be the usual two values followed each year (so I understand) by another two different birds – for how long is not stated. This following of one theme for a number of years (and getting away from the ad nauseam "children at play") is one of the suggestions I made in these columns long ago. Not that it was new, for the Swiss have done it for many years past. It will give continuity and added interest which cannot fail to help the sales of stamps.

"I have found your website very informative and my father raved about your services. In fact in a letter to me amongst his Will, he has suggested I talk to no one else – a great compliment to you."

L.H., Australia

POW MAIL TO AND FROM JAPANESE CAMPS IN WORLD WAR II

As any student of this aspect of the War knows only too well, little mail was either sent or received by prisoners of the Japanese. This fact, including the documents and their nature, therefore speaks volumes. Furthermore, there were not a large number of New Zealand prisoners in the camps compared with Americans, British and Australians.

- 700(a) Date unclear (1942?)** Shanghai War-Prisoner's Camp (sic) to Papakura. Cover in superb condition as well as complete letter. Hand-stamp "Sec Des Prisonniers De Guerre" printed postal stationery envelope, Chinese postmark in red. Headed letter sheet with similar postal markings. Censor tape on back (3) and accompanying 'Censor' hand-stamp No. 277.

The letter is fascinating in that it was written by Lieutenant S. Polkinghorn RNR who was in command of HMS Peterel in the Yangtze River on the date of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, on the 7th of December 1941. (See notes this month).

This is important in that it contains an uncensored first hand account of the attack on the "Peterel".

Important and extremely historical. Very early for Japanese POW item, possibly as early as is possible to obtain.

\$2250

- (b) 1942 (August 10th)** Another letter from Lieutenant Polkinghorn to his wife. Contents short and to the point and the news contained is predictably sparse. From Shanghai War-Prisoner's Camp (sic), including cover as in (a) with similar markings and full document. Apparently uncensored.

\$1500

- (c) Undated** From Shanghai Camp to Papakura endorsed "Dad's second letter received Feb 18th 1942". The letter has certain details of origin excised and has been sent via Geneva where it was postmarked 28th September 1942. (Date of arrival in Papakura probably 1943). International Red Cross Committee, Shanghai oval hand-stamp in lilac and circular hand-stamp of the same organization in Geneva.

If our interpretation of the dates is correct, the letter took three and a half months in transit between Geneva and New Zealand. Important route.

\$1775

- (d) 1943 (October 31st)** Shanghai Camp to Mt Albert. Postal stationery postcard containing personal details from Lieutenant Polkinghorn. Additional Japanese postal inscription added in red. Note the card took 11 months to reach its destination in New Zealand. Censored in New Zealand.

\$775

- (e) 1944 (July 13th)** Shanghai War Prisoners Camp Barrack No 0 to Mt Albert, Lieutenant Polkinghorn writes again to his wife. Postal stationery postcard similar markings to (d). With Australian Censor mark "3" in purple. Creased and worn.

\$750

- 701(a) 1942 (21st November)** Dunedin to Java. Letter to New Zealand Pilot with RAFVR in Batavia. NZ Censor tape and Censor/65 cachet in violet. Boxed Camp Kanjii marking containing oval Censor chop of "Suzuki". Also included a photocopy of printed Japanese postcard

Shanghai War-prisoner's Camp.
Lieut S. Polkinghorn, R.N.R.
Barracks No. 3.

Sec Des Prisonniers DE Guerre

Mrs S. Polkinghorn,

Green Street,

Papakura,

New Zealand.



700(c)

PRISONER OF WAR POST
SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE



ROBERT BURNS ESQ,

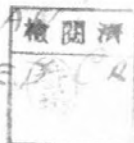
MALAYAN POLICE, 102

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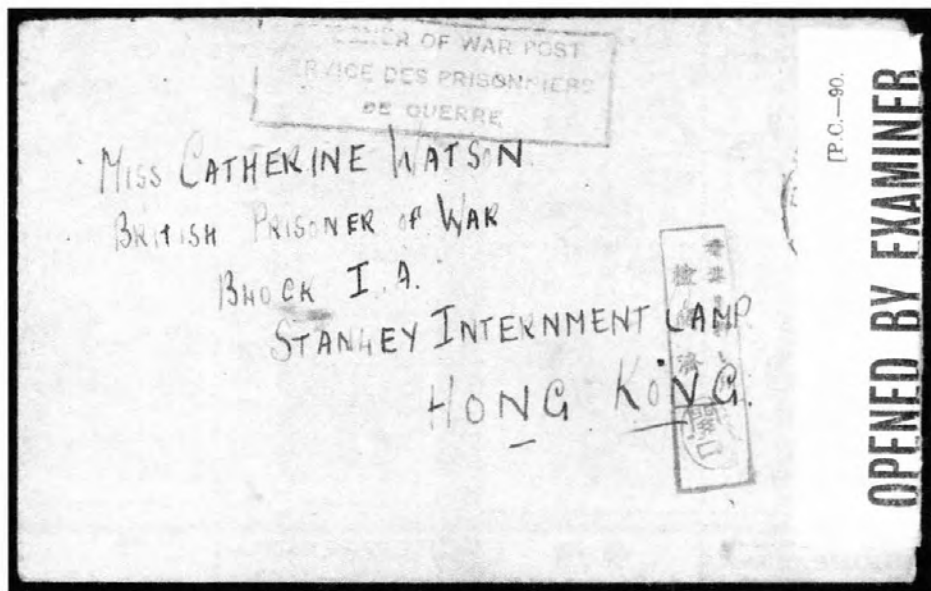
BRITISH CIVILIAN

C/O JAPANESE RED CROSS,

TOKIO.



- sent to New Zealand from the same officer in DJAWA W-N Camp as proof of nationality. Superb and rare, condition worn as expected but very fine. \$1975
- (b) **1942 (December)** 26 Kilo Camp, Burma to Hamilton, NZ. Pre-printed Imperial Japanese Army card with message adjusted by deletion. All Japanese markings \$1250
- (c) **1942 (August 17)** Palmerston North to Kandang, Kirbau Hospital, Singapore. Route via Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Tokyo. Circular Censor 58 in purple and red Japanese manuscript in crayon. New Zealand Censor tape. \$750
- (d) **1942 (21st September)** Palmerston North to New Zealand LAC Araria Station, Singapore. Route via POW Information Bureau, Tokyo, endorsed in pencil 'Changi AIR' together with New Zealand Censor No.28 and Censor tape. Very fine rare. \$1200
- (e) **1943 (29th June)** Dunedin to Singapore. Addressee is C/- Malayan Police at Klang "Care of Japanese Red Cross, Tokyo". Japanese Censor mark in purple with red Censor chop oval inside. DDA/165 Censor tape \$825
- (f) **1943 (17th June)** Penrose to Stanley Internment Camp, Hong Kong. Boxed Prisoner of War post cachet in violet, New Zealand Censor tape DDA/96 and Japanese Censor mark in violet with chop in red. Fine. \$850
- (g) **1944 (June)** Zentsuzi War Prison Camp, Japan to Auckland. Printed postal stationery card, in good condition if creased. Boxed Japanese Censor chop in violet and square Censor chop in red. M/S inscription Added. Brief message. Note the original Japanese postmark appears to have been obliterated by the addition of an adhesive strip and then over-postmarked. Rare item. \$1250





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blue duck 40c



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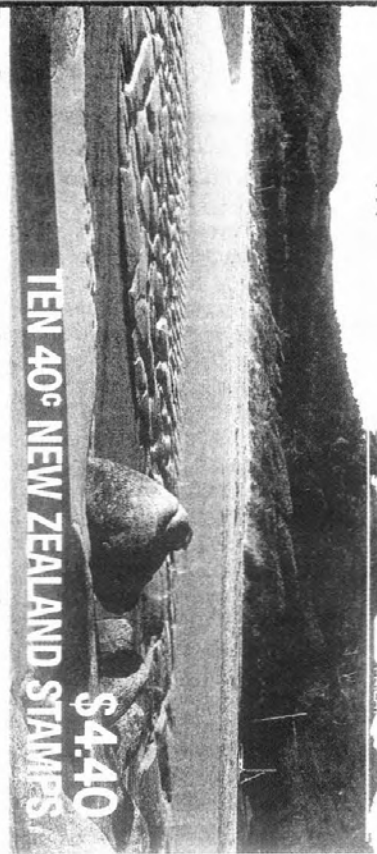
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701(c)



701(d)



MODERN ERRORS & VARIETIES 1969-2004

840(a)	1969 Centenary of New Zealand Law Society S117a, SG896 Set of two plate blocks of six, Plates 1221 and 1a2a2a1a. Scarce imprints from which only a small part of the whole print run was made. Fine UHM	\$400
(b)	1971 50c Abel Tasman National Park P19a(Y), SG932b. Lower selvedge single with buff shore omitted, (Cat \$120, £55) UHM	\$100
(c)	1972 4c Overprint London Letterpress P30b(S), SG957ac. Surcharge double, one albino (Cat \$200) UHM	\$150
(d)	1973 4c Moth P6c(X), SG1011b. Major error purple-brown omitted (Cat £250) UHM	\$550
(e)	1973 10c Queen Elizabeth II P12b(Z), SG1017d. Red hair ribbon omitted (Cat \$150) UHM	\$125
(f)	1974 10 th British Commonwealth Games, Christchurch S178a(Z), SG1042 5c paper error printed on unsurfaced paper UHM	\$200
(g)	1974 8c John Dory P11b(W), SG1015 ochre colour omitted. A subtle missing colour error, supporting photocopies enclosed (Cat \$175) UHM	\$125
(h)	1975 Anniversaries & Events 18c S197a(Z), SG1068 Traffic light block of six with plate variety plate scratch through 'E' of ZEA 5UH/1LHM (Cat \$25)	\$10
(i)	1975 Historic Sailing Ships 18c S202a(Z), SG1073 selvedge block of four with plate variety R8/1, extra seagull in sky over word 'Tory' (Cat \$15) LHM	\$8
(j)	1975 Forest Park Scenes 18c S519a(Z), SG1077 Fine single with dark blue colour omitted (Cat \$500) UHM	\$450
(k)	1978 Seashells 40c 'Old Woman Shell' or coarse dosina PA17a(Y), SG1101 pair with lower unit showing 85% of bright yellow offset (Cat for the full yellow offset on back \$400) UHM	\$200
(l)	1979 Queen Elizabeth II PA10b(S), SG1094ab. Single with magenta colour shifted 4mm down. Visually spectacular (Cat \$325) UHM	\$250
(m)	1979 Seashells \$1.00 New Zealand Scallop PA19a(Z), SG1103 yellow colour offset UHM	\$400
(n)	1980 20c Overprint PA33a(Y), SG1203a. Plate 2B(5) block of 15, two listed plate varieties R8/1 pale patch left frame, R8/5 retouch top left petal UHM	\$25
(o)	1980 20c Overprint PA33a(Z), SG1203a Lower selvedge block of 20 with extra deep selvedge revealing the usually guillotined off "Gear Overprint, Border, Grey, Orange, Pink, Green" (Cat \$400) UHM	Special Price \$275
(p)	1983 Beautiful New Zealand 45c S547a(Z), SG1318 selvedge block of six with R9/9 leaning flagpole flaw (Cat \$25) UHM	\$20
(q)	1987 Capex International Philatelic Exhibition, Toronto, Canada SM357-60 o/p, SSM64 o/p (Note under SGMS1427, note under SGMS1432) set of two miniature sheets with the Capex'87 overprints UHM set of two	\$50
(r)	2004 Olympic Games Athens Gold Medal Winners \$2 Peter Snell S918a(Z) SG2730a. with lenticular image inverted. A spectacular rare modern error (Cat \$6,000) (unpriced SG) UHM	\$3650

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(e)	W8b	1962 Pictorials 4/6d Booklet	\$90
(f)	W8c(a)	1964 Pictorials 4/3d unnumbered panes	\$40

121(g)	W8c(b)	Ditto all panes numbered	each	\$60
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(w)	W28a(U)	Ditto 5-Kiwi		\$50
(x)	W28a(T)	Ditto 6-Kiwi		\$40
(y)	W30a(Z)	1990 Foodtown Booklet reprint no Foodtown logo		\$65
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(d)	W57a	1996 \$5 Pohutukawa		\$20
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(j)	Ditto " " No.4 Maori Female LHM			\$12
(k)	Ditto " " No.5 Tui LHM			\$15
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