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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1992,
AT THE Y.W.C.A. CENTRAL CLUB, 16 - 22, GREAT RUSSELL STREET,
LONDON, WC1B 3LR, STARTING AT 2.30 P.M.

THE SUBJECT WILL BE THE KING GEORGE V
RECESS PRINTED DEFINITIVES

AND WILL BE GIVEN BY OUR MEMBER Dr. A.F.DOVE.

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EDITORIAL

The recession that has hit us all affects hobby activities first, as it is a saving that many can make with ease. In New Zealand, news to hand suggests that membership of Philatelic Societies has declined, as members fail to renew their subscriptions, citing stringent financial burdens as a cause. It is gratifying to know that our Society is holding its own, and that our subscription for 1992 remains then same as for last year. To assist our Treasurer in maintaining this happy state of affairs, please renew promptly. Let us hope that 1992 will see the financial fortunes of all improve. Happy collecting in 1992 to you all.

ALLAN P. BERRY

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS. We welcome

A.C.Austin, 29, Oaks Park, Rough Common, Canterbury, CT2 9DP

L.M.C.Briscoe, 10, Liverside Road, Birkenhead,

Wirral, Cheshire, L42 0LS

R.Freeman, 1, The Forresters, Winslow Close,

Eastcote, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 2QX

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G.W.J.Studholme, Glenallan, Kings Road, Longniddry,

East Lothian, EH32 0NN

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I.R.Swanson, 26, The Fairways, Cold Norton,

Nr. Chelmsford, Essex.

RESIGNED

S.Trevette, 2, Ellington Court, High Street,

Southgate, London, N14 6LB

R.W.Stoddart, 163, Flatts Lane, Normanby

Middlesborough, Cleveland, TS6 0PP

EXPELLED FROM MEMBERSHIP

G.Sanders, P.O.Box 13-608, Christchurch, New Zealand.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The British Library, Philatelic Collections,

Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3DG

(previously of 14, Store Street, London, WC1 7DG)

KIWI DAY - SATURDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1991

The 40th Annual General Meeting commenced at 11.10 a.m., with Alan Gardiner in the Chair. 24 Members were present, including Bill Kennard, a Member attending for the first time. No apologies for absence were received.

THE 40TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

1) The Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting, having been circulated in 'The Kiwi', were taken as read and passed with a show of hands.

2) John Smith, our President, welcomed those present and delivered his annual address, reviewing, in the traditional manner, the activities of the Society during the past year.

"I was responsible for the January display of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II definitives, so I must leave it to others to comment. (It was excellent! - Editor). The rest of the displays through the year were well up to the remarkably high standard we have come to expect, and, I fear, to take for granted.

"In May, David Churchill showed a magnificent display of the Government Railway stamps. July saw Margaret Frankcom and Gwynn Evans turn us green with envy with Early Postal Markings. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the September Meeting, but I am told that Wally Jackson entertained with his usual high standard of material. He showed mainly Department of Education Postal Stationery, ending with a variety of unusual items.

"March was, of course, the Annual Competition. Although there were a fair number of entries, it would be nice to have a lot more. Some of you must have suitable material so why not take the plunge? The Committee have decided that there should be a Novice Award which will go to the best entry submitted by a Member who has not previously won one of the Society's Trophies. It will be one of the Medallions, suitably inscribed.

"Inevitably, some Members have died during the year. I would like to mention three with whom I had some contact.

"Laurie Franks - known to many through his auctions and other philatelic activities.

"Ted Hossell, who used to win Moderns 2 with monotonous regularity.

"Peter Collins - although he had resigned from membership due to ill health, I am sure many of you will remember him, as I do, for his days with Campbell Paterson in Woking, and latterly with Robson Lowe in Bournemouth.

"I must offer my thanks to all those who have worked for the Society in one way or another over the past year. Whether as Officers, Members of the Committee or in some other capacity, many people have overseen the Society's affairs, and I am sure that I speak for all when I say that we are extremely grateful."

3) Ernie Leppard, the Hon. Treasurer, presented his Report and Accounts for the year. A good year was reported, and no reason could be seen for an increase in the subscription. After some discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the Accounts, audited by John Smith, be adopted. This was carried by a show of hands. A copy of the Report and Accounts is enclosed with this issue of 'The Kiwi'.

4) The Hon. Packet Secretary, Bernard Atkinson, then gave his report. The new rule on packet registration has resulted in a loss of 50% of Members taking it, leaving just over 80. Income has therefore dropped, and will drop further next year as some of the former packets are still in circulation. The Report and Accounts, a copy of which is enclosed with this issue of 'The Kiwi', was adopted by a show of hands after being proposed and seconded.

Alan Gardiner drew the attention of Members to the note published in 'The Kiwi', Volume 40, page 93, November, 1991, and emphasized the necessity to register the Packet properly for its full value. The Rules of the Packet have been amended to cover this.

5) The following Officers of the Society were then elected for the year 1992:-

President.....John Smith
Vice-Presidents.....Ian Fogg, Frank Scrivener, Tom Hetherington
Chairman.....Alan Gardiner
Vice-Chairman.....Mike Baker
General Secretary.....Margaret Frankcom
Assistant General Secretary.....Ernie Leppard
Meetings Secretary.....John Buchanan
Treasurer.....Ernie Leppard
Packet Secretary.....Bernard Atkinson
Librarian.....Bernard Atkinson
Editor of 'The Kiwi'.....Allan P. Berry
Meetings Reporters.....Bernard Babister, Mike Baker
Public Relations Officer.....Allan McKellar
Membership Recorder.....Ernie Leppard
Auctioneer and Auction Officer.....Ian Fogg
Auction Officers.....Eric and Elizabeth Lewis
Auditor.....John Smith
Representative in New Zealand.....John Watts

6) Alan Baker, Ann Carter, Lewis Giles and Brian Maynard were elected to the Committee.

7) Alan Gardiner announced that the Rules of the Society had been revised, the first revision since 1978. The revisions will be passed by the Committee and will be sent to Members for scrutiny before adoption at the next Annual General Meeting.

8) It was proposed by the Committee that one of our founder members, Mrs. E.C.M. Moore, should be accorded the status of Honorary Life Member. This was passed by acclamation.

9) Graham J. Sanders had been jailed for stealing material from Archives in New Zealand. Therefore, it was announced that the Committee had decided that he could no longer remain a member of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain, and therefore he had been expelled.

10) Any Other Business:-

a) Ernie Leppard enquired whether a list of Members names and addresses useful to the Organiser of Regional Meetings in Lancashire might be sent. It was pointed out that such names and addresses were already published in 'The Kiwi' where consent had been given. Direct invitations to such Meetings were more effective than advertisements in 'The Kiwi'. It was part of the Society's responsibility to support such Meetings and it was decided that the Treasurer should decide on suitable financial support.

b) Allan P. Berry reported that the cost of taking a room for our Society at the Horticultural Halls during Spring Stampex was likely to be prohibitive. It was proposed by Ted Amos and seconded by Ann Carter that the Committee should look into the question of how our 40th Anniversary should be celebrated. Ann Carter proposed and John Buchanan seconded that we should meet early at our May Meeting for a meal to be paid for by Members attending. Allan P. Berry reported that the May issue of 'The Kiwi' would be a special issue with an increased print run with more complimentary copies being distributed, to help advertise our Society during its 40th Anniversary Year.

11) The Programme for 1992 was then announced:-

- 29th January - King George V Recess Definitives, by Dr. A.F.Dove
28th March - The Annual Competition. During the judging,
Officers and Members of the Committee will give
short displays of material from their
collections.
30th May - to be advised.
25th July - Full Face Queens, by Royce Bowen.
26th September - Railway Travelling Post Offices, by
A.B.Johnstone.
28th November - Kiwi Day, Annual General Meeting and Annual
Society Auction.

12) The presentation of our Society Awards for 1991 was made by
Elizabeth Berry.

- Classic Section : Stacey Hooker Cup - Gwynn Evans
Halfpenny Mount Cook Definitives.
Runner-up : Paua Bookends - E.W.Leppard
Queen Victoria Postal Stationery.
Modern Section 1 : Noel Turner Trophy - R.T.E.Standing
Penny Dominion.
Runner-up : John D. Evans Trophy - E.W.Leppard
Penny Universals.
Modern Section 2 : Kiwi Shield - E.W.Leppard
Four Penny Mitre Peak.
Runner-up : Paua Musical Box - John Smith
1967 Three Cent Definitive.
Postal History : John J. Bishop Trophy - Mrs. Sheila Terry
Registered Mail Markings.
Runner-up : The Barton Bowl - E.W.Leppard
The Royal New Zealand Navy.

The F.G.East Silver Jubilee Goblet for the best contribution to
'The Kiwi' during the past year was awarded to Tony Dodd for his
various articles on New Zealand Postal History, Past and Present.

13) After a few words from the Chairman, Alan Gardiner, the Annual
General Meeting was closed at 12.20 p.m.

The Annual Society Auction commenced at 2.00 p.m., after lunch,
with approximately 30 Members present. Ian Fogg acted as
Auctioneer with Allan P. Berry assisting. Eric and Elizabeth Lewis
acted as Clerks, and Allan McKellar and Brian Maynard as Runners.
The realisations are given elsewhere in this issue of 'The Kiwi'.
We are grateful to those who presented Lots for sale on behalf of
Society funds, and to those who presented prizes for the raffle.

M.G.B.

GRAHAM J. SANDERS

On 10th October, 1991, GRAHAM JOHN SANDERS pleaded guilty in the
District Court, Christchurch, to four charges of stealing
documents from the Alexander Turnbull Library, and to five charges
of stealing documents from the National Archives in Wellington. A
sentence of eight months imprisonment was imposed, and the
sentence was upheld in the High Court on 15th October, 1991.

Following this conviction and sentence, GRAHAM JOHN SANDERS has
been expelled from The New Zealand Society of Great Britain.

AUCTION REALISATIONS

LOT		LOT		LOT		LOT	
A - £	1-00	29 - £	4-00	89 - £	5-00	151 - £	2-50
B - £	5-50	30 - £	5-00	90 - £	23-00	152 - £	3-00
C - £	12-00	31 - £	5-00	91 - £	4-00	153 - £	3-00
D - £	7-50	32 - £	5-00	92 - £	16-00	154 - £	3-00
E - £	0-50	33 - £	10-00	93 - £	8-00	155 - £	3-00
F - £	0-50	34 - £	7-00	94 - £	6-50	156 - £	12-00
G - £	0-50	35 - £	5-00	96 - £	13-00	157 - £	2-00
H - £	7-00	36 - £	11-00	97 - £	7-00	158 - £	1-00
J - £	2-25	37 - £	10-00	99 - £	10-00	159 - £	1-00
K - £	3-00	38 - £	2-50	100 - £	2-00	160 - £	1-00
L - £	5-00	40 - £	6-00	101 - £	12-00	161 - £	13-00
M - £	1-00	42 - £	2-00	102 - £	10-00	162 - £	1-00
N - £	0-50	43 - £	14-00	103 - £	3-00	163 - £	3-50
O - £	0-50	45 - £	5-00	104 - £	10-00	164 - £	3-00
P - £	1-00	46 - £	5-00	105 - £	5-00	165 - £	4-00
Q - £	1-00	48 - £	3-00	107 - £	9-00	167 - £	3-00
R - £	1-75	50 - £	26-00	109 - £	9-00	168 - £	2-50
S - £	3-50	51 - £	21-00	110 - £	10-00	169 - £	0-50
T - £	3-50	52 - £	23-00	111 - £	17-00	173 - £	3-00
U - £	9-00	53 - £	28-00	114 - £	12-00	174 - £	1-00
V - £	0-50	54 - £	38-00	115 - £	8-00	175 - £	1-00
W - £	0-50	55 - £	9-00	116 - £	17-00	176 - £	1-00
X - £	1-00	56 - £	5-00	119 - £	20-00	179 - £	0-50
3 - £	9-00	57 - £	6-00	120 - £	6-50	180 - £	2-00
4 - £	10-00	58 - £	150-00	121 - £	9-00	183 - £	2-00
5 - £	7-00	59 - £	4-50	122 - £	10-00	184 - £	6-50
6 - £	11-00	60 - £	3-00	123 - £	24-00	185 - £	7-50
7 - £	10-00	61 - £	10-00	124 - £	5-00	186 - £	7-00
8 - £	11-00	62 - £	3-00	125 - £	4-00	187 - £	7-00
9 - £	10-00	63 - £	3-00	126 - £	4-00	188 - £	8-00
11 - £	6-50	64 - £	9-00	127 - £	4-00	189 - £	8-50
12 - £	4-00	65 - £	7-00	128 - £	27-00	190 - £	7-00
13 - £	4-50	66 - £	13-00	130 - £	26-00	191 - £	9-00
14 - £	5-50	67 - £	8-00	133 - £	9-00	192 - £	7-50
15 - £	10-00	68 - £	7-00	136 - £	11-00	193 - £	5-50
16 - £	9-00	70 - £	7-00	138 - £	9-00	194 - £	3-00
17 - £	6-50	71 - £	3-00	139 - £	6-50	195 - £	5-50
18 - £	26-00	73 - £	7-00	140 - £	3-00	196 - £	13-00
19 - £	21-00	74 - £	12-00	141 - £	4-00	197 - £	5-00
20 - £	4-00	75 - £	7-00	142 - £	2-50	198 - £	23-00
21 - £	2-50	76 - £	12-00	143 - £	1-75	205 - £	18-00
22 - £	7-00	77 - £	13-00	144 - £	1-75	206 - £	6-00
23 - £	13-00	78 - £	16-00	146 - £	1-75	207 - £	9-00
24 - £	15-00	79 - £	1-00	147 - £	5-00	208 - £	21-00
25 - £	25-00	80 - £	3-00	148 - £	7-50	210 - £	11-00
26 - £	9-00	81 - £	5-00	149 - £	1-00	211 - £	16-00
27 - £	3-00	84 - £	40-00	150 - £	1-00	212 - £	13-00
28 - £	9-00	86 - £	6-00				

Lots not listed were withdrawn, failed to attract a bid. or failed to reach their reserve. The total realised for Lots sold on behalf of Society Funds was £68-50. Our thanks to all Members who donated this material.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Will the Officers of the Society and Members of the Committee please note that there will be Meeting of the Committee following the close of the General Meeting to be held on Saturday, 25th January, 1992. An Agenda will be circulated prior to the meeting.

ALAN GARDINER, CHAIRMAN

THE SOCIETY LIBRARY

An updated Library List will be published shortly. Any Member who does not have a copy is asked to write to the Librarian. The Lending Fee Codes have been adjusted, and are now as follows:-

A = £2-65; B = £2-75; C = £3-10; D = £3-30;
E = £3-80; F = £4-15; G = £5-00; HC = £2-00.

Items marked HC (Hand Carried) cannot be sent by post, but will be brought to the London Meetings if at least seven days notice is given, subject to availability and provided the Librarian is attending the Meeting.

Please ask for a Library Application Form if you are making your first request. Please note that all library requests must include the lending fee either as Postal Orders or Cheques, made out to the Society. Items can only be extended if there is no waiting list and this extension is obtained from the Hon. Librarian in writing. Items are available in strict rotation where there is more than one request for the same item. All items from the Library are sent by Registered Post, and must be returned by the same method. We regret that items from the Library are not available for loan to overseas members.

If any member has any book on any topic of New Zealand that he would like to donate to the Society Library, it would be most welcome.

Any item in codes A through to G which is hand carried will be charged at the HC rate.

Hon. Librarian, New Zealand Society of Great Britain
B.T. Atkinson, Esq., 77, Wood Lane, Osterley, Middlesex, TW7 5EG
Telephone 081-560-6119. Callers welcome.

DISPLAYS TO LOCAL SOCIETIES

Margaret Frankcom will be giving a display of New Zealand Routes and Rates with some Pigeongram material to the Bognor Regis and District Philatelic Society on Tuesday, 25th February, 1992. Her husband, Geoffrey Frankcom will also be showing his display entitled 'The Last Zeppelin'. The Society meets at the United Reformed Church Hall, Linden Road, Bognor Regis, and the meetings start at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

A.C.S. Colour Catalogue of New Zealand Stamps, 15th Edition, 1992. Published by Auckland City Stamps, P.O. Box 3496, Auckland, New Zealand, price NZ\$5-00.

This pocket Catalogue is illustrated largely in colour, with the

stamps shown in reduced size. It also lists the stamps of Tokelau Islands, Pitcairn Islands, Cinderellas, Frama Labels, Semi-Officials and Ross Dependency.

Patriotic & Propaganda of the British Commonwealth, by Clive Edwards. Published by Label Lads, Main Street, Bishop Wilton, York, in Association with Glass Slipper, Document Consultancy, P.O.Box 62, York, YO1 1YL. Price £10-00.

This A4 book lists all the Propaganda and Patriotic Labels known to the Author from the British Commonwealth. It does not pretend to be comprehensive, and the Author asks that any new reports should be sent to him. The New Zealand section is quite small, and makes use of lists published elsewhere.

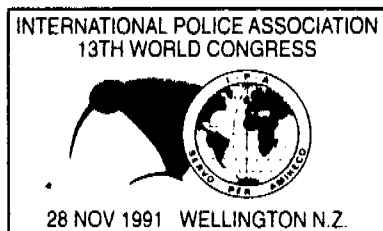
SPECIAL DATESTAMPS

11TH WORLD FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS



A special pictorial date stamp was used at the Rotorua Post Shop on Friday, 22nd November, 1991, to mark the 11th World Fly Fishing Championships.

INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION 13TH WORLD CONGRESS



A special pictorial date stamp was used at the Manners Street Post Shop on Thursday, 28th November, 1991, to mark the International Police Association's 13th World Congress.

NEW ZEALAND POST CYCLE CLASSIC 1991 31ST OCTOBER - 9TH NOVEMBER



Nine special pictorial date stamps were used at Post Shops along the course of the race, at Wellington, Palmerston North Central, New Plymouth, Taumarunui, Rotorua, Tauranga, Matamata, Hamilton Central and Auckland. Examples are illustrated above.

PRIORITY MAIL CALL

ALAN TUNNICLIFFE

I was very interested to read TONY DODD's article on the above subject in 'The Kiwi', Volume 40, pages 105 - 107, November, 1991, and I can add the following information to it.

As readers will note from JAMES A. STAPLETON's later handbook, 'Handbook of New Zealand Aviation Cinderellas and Airmail Labels', pages 14 - 15, these labels have been in use for many years, but only for Air Mail Parcels. This was a free service provided on request of the sender. It gave the addressee two options - go and get the parcel from the post office at once, or wait until it was delivered in the normal course of events.

Some time in 1985 or early 1986, the \$1-50 charge was instituted for this telephone addressee service, and paid for by affixing stamps to the parcel. Nowadays, of course, the service has a new name and applies to any article, that is, letters and parcels, sent by Fastpost. I am not sure when the Priority Mail Call label Mail 26 came into use, possibly early in 1990. It would appear that the item illustrated by TONY DODD is incorrectly used - that is, not Fastpost. The travel agency should have made use of the free Rapid Box service when handing in the article and telephoned him themselves, thus saving themselves the \$1-50 fee!

ANNUAL COMPETITION

This will be held on Saturday, 28th March, 1992, at the Y.W.C.A. Central Club, 16 - 22, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LR. Details of the classes and awards are as follows:-

CLASSIC SECTION

AWARDS

The issues of Queen Victoria and the First Pictorials.

Condition.....	30 pts.	Kiwi Shield and
Completeness.....	20 pts.	Silver-Gilt Medallion.
Presentation.....	20 pts.	
Philatelic Knowledge...	20 pts.	Runner-up :-
Judge's Discretion.....	10 pts.	Paua Musical Box.
	<u>100 pts.</u>	

MODERN SECTION 1.

AWARDS

Stamps issued during the reign of King Edward VII and King George V, and the Penny Universals and the Penny Dominions.

Condition.....	20 pts.	Stacey Hooker Cup and
Completeness & Rarity..	30 pts.	Silver-Gilt Medallion.
Presentation.....	20 pts.	
Philatelic Knowledge...	20 pts.	Runner-up :-
Judge's Discretion.....	10 pts.	Paua Book Ends.
	<u>100 pts.</u>	

MODERN SECTION 2.

AWARDS

Stamps issued during the reign of King George VI and the pre-decimal issues of Queen Elizabeth II.

As Modern Section 1.	Noel Turner Trophy and
	Silver-Gilt Medallion.
	Runner-up :-
	John D. Evans Trophy.

MODERN SECTION 3.

AWARDS

Stamps issued since decimalisation.

As Modern Section 1.

David Forty Salver and
Silver-Gilt Medallion.
Runner-up :-
Teko-teko Maori Carving.

POSTAL HISTORY SECTION.

Knowledge and personal study displayed.....	40 pts.
Originality and importance of the Exhibit.....	20 pts.
Relative Condition.....	10 pts.
Presentation, including write-up.....	20 pts.
Judge's Discretion.....	10 pts.
	<u>100 pts.</u>

AWARD :- John J. Bishop Trophy and Silver-Gilt Medallion.
RUNNER-UP :- The Barton Bowl.

Each entry shall consist of twelve normal sheets, each sheet to be contained within a protective cover and numbered in order of sequence. It is desirable that a short note, of not more than eighty words, should be placed at the back of the first sheet, between the sheet and the plastic cover, giving for the aid of the Judge, the theme of the entry, and calling attention to any items of interest and rarity.

Postal Entries should be sent to :-

E.W.Leppard, 68, Chestnut Grove, Balham, London, SW12 8JJ.

Such postal entries should arrive with Ernie Leppard not later than TUESDAY, 24TH MARCH, 1992. It is regretted that entries from overseas members cannot be accepted, due to problems that have been encountered with the Customs and Excise Authorities.

Entries will be accepted on the day if produced to one of the Society's Officers immediately on arrival, and before judging commences.

This year an award will be made to the best entry submitted by a Member who has not previously won an Award in the Society's Annual Competition. Once again, the Officers and Committee are hoping for a better turn out than last year. As can be seen, it is quite possible for a Member who has not entered before to walk away with one of the magnificent Trophies listed above.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRST DECIMAL DEFINITIVES OF NEW ZEALAND

R.G.DARGE

Continued from Volume 40, page 98

SIX CENT KOROMIKO

The stamp depicts the flower of the Koromiko, a native shrub of which there are seven main species ranging in height from six to twenty feet. The issue is similar to the 7d. designed by the Post Office Publicity Section.

The printing by Harrison & Sons Ltd. required four cylinders, being brown, yellow, red and green and numbered 1A1A1A1A - 1B1B1B1B. Other details are similar to the 4 cent.

Some variation in the paper used was noticed and also in the shade of the stamps from different sheets. No second printing was made of this value.

A number of sheets were used for the manufacture of counter coils and are similar to the layout of the 4 cent.

6 cent varieties.

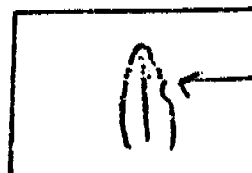
1A1A1A1A Row 1, stamp 14 Caterpillar on left leaf.

1B1B1B1B Row 1, stamp 2 Chunk out of top leaf.



Row 1, stamp 14

1A1A1A1A



Row 1, stamp 2

1B1B1B1B

SEVEN CENT RATA

The stamp depicts the flowers of the Rata. It is a vine of the forest affixing itself to tree trunks and rocks by short roots from the stems. It makes a gay splash of colour during the winter. The design is that by A.G. Mitchell, adapted from the 8d.

Four cylinders, being dark green, red, yellow and grey, were used for the printing. Cylinder numbers were 1A1A1A1A - 1B1B1B1B and the sheet value was \$14.

The sheets have large registration crosses similar to the sheet fed 2½ cent and 3 cent.

During September, 1968, a second printing from the same cylinders arrived in New Zealand. Evidence of retouching is apparent.

A complete imperforate sheet was discovered at Whangarei. Half the sheet was purchased by a local dealer and the balance went to England.

A flaw at Row 10, stamp 3 of the 1B pane poses something of an enigma. A flaw has been retouched above the 'E' of 'ZEALAND', but evidence of the flaw has not been found to exist on sheets of the first printing.

A small flaw which appeared above the left hand flower and between the leaves at Row 9, stamp 1 pane 1B1B1B1B and a scratch below the leaves must have developed at a later stage of the original printing. The flaws appear to be scarce and both have been retouched in the second printing.

7 cent varieties.

1A1A1A1A Row 1, stamp 7 Aphid on leaf - second printing only

Row 15, stamp 9 Green flaw between '7' and 'c' - second printing only.

1B1B1B1B Row 5, stamp 7 Ragged side to leaf - second only.

Row 9, stamp 1 Flaw above left hand flower.

Row 9, stamp 1 Retouch to flaw - second printing only.

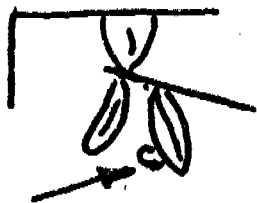
Row 10, stamp 3 Possible flaw above 'E' of 'ZEALAND'

Row 10, stamp 3 Retouch (?) to flaw - second printing.

Miscellaneous.

Imperforate.

Red wiper blade flaw.



Row 1, stamp 7
1A1A1A1A



Row 15, stamp 9
1A1A1A1A



Row 9, stamp 1
1B1B1B1B

POSTMARKS USED BY BASE POST OFFICES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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Following the note by Gwynn Evans on 'New Zealand Military Postmarks of World War Two', published in 'The Kiwi', Volume 39, pages 57 and 74, on the location of K.W.17, it may be time to list the numerous postmarks that can be seen on mail from the New Zealand Forces in the Middle East during World War Two, from 1940 to 1945.

When the New Zealand Forces arrived in the Middle East on 6th January, 1940, they only had the transit mark, Figure 1, and the Base Post Office mark, Figure 2, illustrated on page 1. The transit mark was used throughout the world in transit to England and the Far East and the mark used in the Middle East can only be identified when accompanied with the rectangular censor mark. The Base Post Office mark was made in New Zealand and used up to March, 1941. It was brought into use again in 1944.

With many troops arriving in the Middle East camps, the number

of postmarks was enlarged to include Field Post Offices, shown as F.P.O. with numbers from 1 to 6, Figures 3 and 4. Two types were in use - the three segment type, Figure 3, made by the Egyptian Post Office; and a second type, Figure 4, a single circle. These were allocated to Base Camps and Leave and Hospital Centres, with F.P.O.6 allocated to New Zealand Forces Club in Cairo. A further Base Post Office mark was used, initially on parcels, but frequently seen on letters, illustrated at Figure 5.



Figure 1

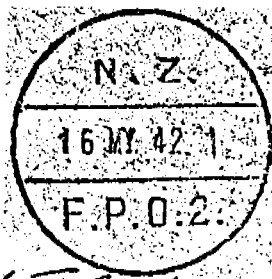


Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5

From April, 1941, an arrangement with the Egyptian Postal Authorities led to the use of the Egypt Postage Prepaid marks, as illustrated at Figure 7. All units, base camps, hospitals and so on were issued with post marks of this type, individually numbered. Some degree of study is required to identify the various offices to which these numbers were allocated. During March, 1941, the Greek campaign started, and New Zealand forces left Egypt, taking with them the F.P.O. datestamps numbered 1 to 3, and the B.P.O.K.W. datestamps. All these postmarks were lost in the evacuation from Greece and are of some rarity used in Greece during March and April. Following Greece, the New Zealanders were transferred to Crete, but mail was handled by the Base Post Offices in Egypt, mainly that using Egypt Postage Prepaid 50 in Ismailia.



Figure 6



Figure 7

After Crete, the New Zealand Division was reorganised in Egypt. A new set of datestamps was issued, using K.W. with numbers from 1 to 5. Whilst in camps and centres in Egypt, the Egypt Postage Prepaid datestamps continued in use until August, 1943, when they were replaced with the higher K.W. numbers, those from 6 to 20. Numbers 13 and 19 were never used, and K.W.20 was called the Chief Post Office, but never issued with a datestamp using the number. Figure 6 shows the datestamp used at the Chief Post Office from September, 1943, to June, 1944, probably made of rubber, as it

wore rapidly and good impressions are hard to find.

With the Italian Campaign starting in October, 1943, the offices were expanded to include base post offices and Hospital and Convalescent Depots in Italy, Figures 8 to 14. The chart shows the allocation of the various Field Post Office numbers and their re-allocation with Egypt Postage Prepaid numbers and K.W. numbers. I shall be pleased to hear from anyone with covers that can pinpoint the locations particularly of the Egypt Postage Prepaid numbers more accurately.

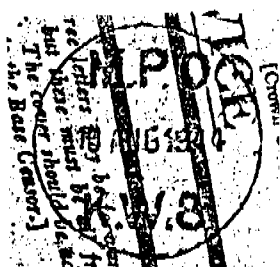


Figure 8



Figure 9



Figure 10

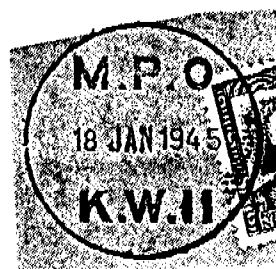


Figure 11

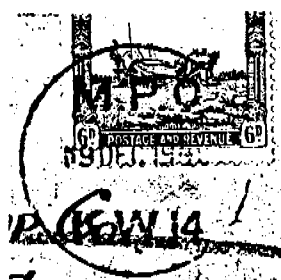


Figure 12



Figure 13

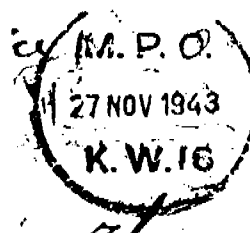


Figure 14

The whole subject of the Base Post Offices is an interesting study which is enlivened by the apparent constant movement of locations and postmarks. The 2nd New Zealand Division and its three Brigades with the use of K.W. numbers 1 to 5 is perhaps the subject of a further article as the movement and locations of these is even more extensive.

References.

The Mails Went Through, by R.M.Startup.

The Egypt Postage Prepaid Datestamps, by F.W.Benians.

Unit	Egypt Postage Prepaid	Became K.W. Number
N.Z. Base Post Office	50, 62, 87, 25 50	K.W.20 with sub offices K.W.12, 14, 15, 16 in Italy K.W.17, 18 in Alexandria.
B.P.O.		B.P.O.K.W. Egypt and also used in Greece.
F.P.O.1	21, 42, 30, 38, 87	K.W.7 Cairo Leave Centre and Maadi Camp.

F.P.O.2	22, 62	No. 1 General Hospital and became K.W.8 in Italy from 24th March, 1944.
F.P.O.3	50, 62, 92	No. 4 Convalescent Depot, became K.W.9 in Italy as No. 2 General Hospital.
F.P.O.4	50	No. 3 General Hospital, Beirut, Syria and Tripoli, became K.W.10 in Bari, Italy.
F.P.O.5	50	No. 1 Convalescent Depot at Moascar, Egypt, became K.W.11 in Tripoli in August, 1943. Moved to Italy in January, 1944.
F.P.O.6	28, 94, 46	New Zealand Forces Club in Cairo. Became K.W.6 in August, 1943.

K.W.12 was used at the Convalescent Depot in Italy attached to New Zealand Headquarters. It moved to Florence on 9th October, 1945, and was used to form the occupational J-Force for Japan and became A.P.O.222.

K.W.17 and K.W.18 were used at the New Zealand Y.M.C.A., Rue Fouad, and ex-Rumanian Legation Building, Alexandria.

K.W.20 named but datestamp used 'CHIEF / POST OFFICE / (date) / 2.N.Z.E.F.'.

Postmarks used by 2nd New Zealand Division:-

K.W. and K.W.1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 - these marks were used in the Western Desert, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Tunisia, Egypt and Italy by the three Brigades, the 4th, 5th and 6th. Also by the 9th Brigade formed in Northern Italy towards the end of the war, and by Divisional Headquarters.

NEW ZEALAND POST LIMITED

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In 'The Kiwi', Volume 40, pages 79 - 81, I published a piece on the future on New Zealand Post Limited, using information and opinions gathered from a variety of sources. The main thrust of the piece was the implications of a privatised New Zealand Post Limited. This is of concern to the New Zealand Philatelic Federation, and through the courtesy of the current President, ROBIN GWYNN, the letter sent by the Federation to the Minister of State Owned Enterprises and to the Minister of Communications is printed below. The letter is dated 8th August, 1991, and it reads:-

Dear Sir,

The last quarterly meeting of the New Zealand Philatelic Federation, which represents the interests of stamp collectors

in the country in general and 45 Philatelic Societies in particular, noted with some concern recent press reports suggesting that New Zealand Post may be privatised.

If this is indeed under contemplation, we request the opportunity to make some comments before legislation is prepared, and to meet with you and the relevant authorities drawing up such legislation. Our particular concern centres on

- (i) who would then be the official stamp issuing authority for New Zealand.
- (ii) the necessity of price equalisation so that a national mail delivery service is maintained.
- (iii) what would happen to the present stamp archives.
- (iv) the Universal Postal Union connection.

There is not, to our knowledge, a single example in the world of a wholly privatised national postal service. If New Zealand is to move in that direction, it is therefore most important that the consequences be examined very carefully first.

We believe that it has to be in the national interest to ensure that there is only one official stamp-issuing authority. Postage stamps provide a pictorial statement in miniature of a country's interests, flora, fauna, historical concerns and so on at any particular point of time. They are an important part of the way in which a country is perceived elsewhere in the world. New Zealand cannot afford to let the process of stamp design and issue slip into hands which are not directly accountable to the nation's representatives.

It is also essential that the present philatelic archives, a significant part of the nation's heritage, be preserved from despoliation for private interests and from neglect, and be maintained as a national treasure. Similarly, it needs to be ensured that future stamp design work finds its way, eventually, into a continuing archive held in public hands. It is essential that whatever organisation is in charge of these archives should be unable to dispose of them, break them up or mortgage them.

We look forward to a chance to discuss such issues with you if in truth there is any intention of privatising New Zealand Post.

ROBIN GWYNN tells me that both Ministers have acknowledged the letter, stating that no definite decisions have been taken and that the concerns listed would be addressed if a decision to privatise was taken.

Perhaps the matter of most concern is the fate of the archives. In a letter dated 9th October, 1991, DAVID BIGNELL states:-

I had hoped to be in a position to let you know what will happen to them in the future. Sadly, I cannot say at this time, as a decision has yet to be promulgated by the New Zealand Post Board. Suffice to say I have spent several weeks in recent months working to ensure that the Archive is preserved for all time. The wish of New Zealand Post Limited, its Managing Director, its Chairman and Deputy Chairman along with myself and the Archivist is that the Archive will be placed in a form of ownership whereby it can never be broken up, dismantled, sold, mortgaged or whatever.