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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 25TH JULY, 1992,
AT THE Y.W.C.A. CENTRAL CLUB, 16 - 22, GREAT RUSSELL STREET,
LONDON, WC1B 3LR, STARTING AT 2.30 P.M.

THE SOCIETY WILL BE ENTERTAINED BY OUR MEMBER ROYCE BOWEN.
THE DISPLAY WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE FULL FACE QUEEN VICTORIA
OR CHALON HEAD STAMPS OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAVEAT LECTOR - INSTALMENT SIX



Figure 2

Pilot Captain Euan Dickson at right with passengers
Mr. C.H. Hewlett and his daughter, just before departure for
Ashburton, 17th February, 1920.

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EDITORIAL

Everyone will be aware that this issue of 'The Kiwi' is larger than the normal. It is being used to catch up with the publication of articles on the modern services offered by New Zealand Post Limited, and its manifestations through the mail handling and marking. It is indeed difficult to keep up to date with all these services, and I am grateful to those correspondents in New Zealand who take the time and trouble to write for our journal. In addition, of course, there are the usual features, and other articles to try and maintain a balanced publication, so that all readers may find something of interest. Comments are always welcome, as is copy, but a journal can never be better than the articles written for it.

ALLAN P. BERRY

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MEETING HELD SATURDAY, 30TH MAY, 1992 - ROSS VALENTINE

ESSAYS, PROOFS, SAMPLES AND PRESENTATION SETS

CANCELLATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAORI WARS

The Meeting was opened at 2.30 p.m. by our Chairman, Alan Gardiner, with 21 Members present. Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of John Buchanan, Margaret Frankcom, Brian Maynard and Graham Vaughan. A special welcome was given to Tony Stevens, one of our Founder Members. Alan Gardiner then introduced the speaker, Ross Valentine, who is shortly to return to New Zealand.

Ross Valentine opened his display with the Perkins Bacon proof of the original Humphrey's engraving of the Courbould drawing of A.E.Chalon's portrait of the 18 year old Queen Victoria, and followed it with the die proof of the centre of the 3d. value of the first issue. Plate Proofs of all values followed, including the more scarce 4d. value. A set overprinted 'Specimen' and a reprint of the 1d. value in orange on ungummed, star watermarked paper closed the Chalon section of the display.

The next section was of the 1898 Pictorial Issue. Proofs of the competition entries from A.E.Cousins were shown, as well as two entries from unidentified artists, showing the Huia, the Moa and Mitre Peak, among other features, many of which have been used on later issues. The set was finally recess printed from plates prepared by Waterlow & Sons Ltd. A plate proof of the 2½d. value with corrected spelling was shown, with die proofs of the whole set imperforate, another set perf. 14½ x 15, other values in a variety of colours, a specimen set in the issued colours and blocks of four plate proofs from the plates sent to the Colony. Die proofs of the altered 1d. and 4d. values, the redrawn ½d. value, and plate proofs of the 1907 3d. and 6d. values printed by Perkins Bacon & Co. Ltd. followed. The many coloured proofs of the Boer War 1½d. value were shown. The 1898 Pictorial Set concluded with a magnificent array of the sample sheets of nine stamps in a variety of unissued colours, overprinted and punched.

The King Edward VII section followed, with rare examples of the die and plate proofs available. The King George V series had been covered well by Dr. Dove in a previous display, to which Ross paid tribute. Nevertheless, Ross showed some interesting examples of the die proof of the 3d. value in its various states, plate proofs and colour trials, and finally, a Presentation Set.

The cancellations associated with the Maori War followed, with Ross giving a brief resume of the sad affair that had a confused beginning and an end from weariness or boredom. Its effects are felt to this day. The incompetence of some of the Officers was shown from a letter commenting on the First Taranaki War, and the sense of humour of the Maoris demonstrated, as well as their prowess on the battle field. Of the cancellations associated with the affair were 4/ONEHUNGA/A, 5/OTAHUHU/A, DRURY, QUEEN'S REDOUBT, HEADQUARTERS (later excised from the obliterator which remained in use), PORT WAIKATO, COROMANDEL, TAURANGA and the various PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND datestamps, many of which have yet to be assigned to their place of use. Ross was able to give us much of the background to all this material, setting it all in the context of

the times, and showing how the Treaty of Waitangi had been interpreted incorrectly by the Settlers, either deliberately or in error or ignorance.

Alan Gardiner expressed the deep appreciation of all present to Ross for a most interesting display, and gave him all our good wishes for his happiness on his return to New Zealand. The Meeting was closed at 4.45 p.m.

M.G.B.

SPECIAL DATESTAMPS

LIONS INTERNATIONAL 75TH ANNIVERSARY



A special pictorial date stamp was used at the Nelson Post Shop on Friday, 24th April, 1992, to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Lions International.

NEW ZEALAND POST OLYMPIC POSTIE RIDE



Two special pictorial date stamps were used on 24th April, 1992, and 22nd May, 1992, to mark the start and finish, respectively, of the New Zealand Post Olympic Postie Ride, which started on 24th April, 1992.

NORTH OF ENGLAND REGIONAL MEETING - SATURDAY, 9TH MAY, 1992

The first official Regional Meeting was held successfully on Saturday, 9th May, 1992, in St. Luke's Church Hall, Orrell, Lancashire, with ten members present. Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of J.Hepworth, B.Jackson, N.Lloyd, B.Peace and M.Wood. Opening the Meeting the Chairman, Tom Latto, confirmed that the venture had the blessing of the Parent Society, provided that it was supported by the Members in the Region.

The first half of the meeting was devoted to Health Covers and Health Camp Postal History, with Tom Latto demonstrating his knowledge of the subjects. A selection of appropriate material was then passed round for study, showing various handstamps and cachets including the rare double ring Roxburgh cachet of 1943. The opening dates for the camps and the variations in first day cancellations were discussed. Stuart Copeland, Laurence Kimpton, Jack Lindley, Stuart Potter and Geoff Wragg also provided relevant material.

After light refreshments, there was an opportunity to browse through members surplus material offered for sale.

The second half of the meeting consisted of a presentation of Cinderella material by Jack Lindley, showing his enthusiasm for a

branch of philately rapidly becoming popular, with a wealth of material available to the collector. Jack commenced with examples of labels from the Christchurch Exhibition, followed by a wide range of advertising labels from the 1930's to the present day. A selection of material on cover was then provided, followed by labels from Dominion Airlines by Stuart Potter. Geoff Wragg and Tom Latto provided supporting material.

The Meeting concluded with a discussion of topics for future meetings. These will be:-

- 5th September, 1992 (a) Revenues - Geoff Wragg
(b) Second Pictorials - Jeff Hook
- 21st November, 1992 (a) External Airmails - Laurence Kimpton
(b) Six sheets on any subject.

It was agreed that Meetings would continue to be held at the present venue as this was convenient to Members travelling by road or rail. It is hoped that future Meetings will be fully supported by Members in the Region.

JEFF HOOK

REVIEW

Turbulent Years - A Commercial Pilot's Story, by Brian Waugh. Published by The Hazard Press, P.O.Box 8427, 75, Hinau Street, Christchurch, New Zealand, price NZ\$22-18, which excludes G.S.T., plus postage and packing, NZ\$10-00 surface mail; NZ\$12-50 surface air lifted; or NZ\$15-50 air mail. 232 pages; 106 photographs; A5 size; softback. ISBN 0-908790-31-7.

When he died in 1984, Brian Waugh left a manuscript of his life in the Royal Air Force, in commercial flying in the United Kingdom and the circumstances that drove him to emigrate to New Zealand to fly with South Island Airways, Trans Island Airways and West Coast Airways. This has now been edited by his son, Richard, and published as above. Brian Waugh spells out the trials and tribulations - and joys - of trying to keep a small airline going in the face of bureaucracy and under constant threat of Big Brother's ability to dominate any route.

For anyone with an interest in South Island aviation from the mid-1950's to the late 1960's, this is the book that fills some of the gaps left by so many others. Also included is an Appendix listing all DH89 aircraft which flew in New Zealand. I found it easy to read and absorbing, and have no doubt it will join the reference books on many a library shelf.

New Zealand First Day and Early Use Covers, by T.C.Thackery, published by Stirling & Co. Ltd., P.O.Box 949, Christchurch, New Zealand, price NZ\$27-00, plus postage - air mail NZ\$24-50; surface-air-lifted NZ\$20-00; surface mail NZ\$13-00. 175 pages, A4 size, illustrated, spiral bound. ISBN 0-473-01538-2.

At long last, I thought, someone has produced a publication that will help me to sort out my cover collection and show me what to look for to fill the gaps. A good, firm plastic coated cover and comb bound so that it will open flat. But what a disappointment when I opened it! All the information is there, I have no doubt,

but it is so poorly presented. For the price I would expect properly presented information, not what appears to be a 'patch and stick' production made up of photocopied pages and parts of pages from various sources. Some of the text runs off the edge of the pages, articles are not lined up accurately and in some cases the whole page is crooked. The quality of much of the reproduction leaves much to be desired to the extent that some of the illustrations are quite useless.

A good idea that, in my mind, has not lived up to first expectations.

LITERATURE FOR THE BLIND

ALAN TUNNICLIFFE

ARTICLES for the BLIND

To—

FENDALTON
CHRISTCHURCH

In case of non-delivery return to—

14 Juniper Street
Burnside
Christchurch

This label is printed for the special use of blind people. Its use for any other purpose than for transmission through the post of articles adapted for the use of the blind is prohibited. Printed and supplied by the Royal N.Z. Foundation for the Blind.

The label illustrated has led me to seek further information concerning the concessions made by New Zealand Post Limited for the postage of items for the blind. Below I show copies of the relevant sections from the Postal Users Guide. It is interesting to note that concessions are made not only for postage within New Zealand, but also for postage overseas.

LITERATURE FOR THE BLIND

- 2.39 Reading matter in raised characters for the use of the blind, or plates for embossing literature for the blind, may be sent free of postage up to 7 kg by Post.
The cover must bear an indication of the contents.
- 2.40 Sound recordings on disc, tape or wire for the blind, and the special paper intended solely for the use of the blind, not exceeding 7 kg are accepted for Post transmission free of postage. The cover must bear an indication of the contents and also, on the address side, the sticker provided by the New Zealand Foundation for the Blind. "Talking Book" records must be enclosed in the receptacles provided for this purpose by the Foundation.
- 2.41 Items sent by Fast Post should be charged normal rates.

LITERATURE FOR THE BLIND

For all Overseas Countries

- 13.45 Literature for the blind, including letters in writing used by the blind may be sent by surface post free of postage to any place abroad up to a maximum weight of 7 kg. If sent by air, such articles posted unsealed may be accepted at the postage rate of 50c each 50 g up to 7 kg. If sealed, airmail rates apply. Literature for the blind include:
- (1) Plates for embossing literature for the blind.
 - (2) Sound recordings on disc, tape, or wire for the use of the blind, and the special paper intended solely for the use of the blind may be sent by a blind person or addressed to a blind person. The cover must bear an indication of the contents and also, on the address side, the sticker provided by the New Zealand Foundation for the Blind.
- 13.46 Literature for the blind may not bear any inscription or contain:
- (1) Any document having the character of current and personal correspondence.
 - (2) Any postage stamp or form of prepayment, whether cancelled or not, or any paper representing a monetary value.
 - (3) Any card or reply envelope with postage denoted by postage stamps of franking impressions of the country of origin.
- 13.47 Literature for the blind must be made up in such a way that the contents are sufficiently protected but so as not to hinder a quick and easy verification. They should be placed either in a wrapper, on a roller, or between cardboard; in open envelopes, or containers, or in closed unsealed envelopes, or containers, which can easily be opened and reclosed without being dangerous; or shall be done up with string which is easy to untie; cellulose tape or gummed paper may be used to fasten articles in package form (but not on envelopes) on the understanding that the articles may be opened for examination. The cover must be marked "Literature for the Blind" in the top right-hand corner of the address side.

COURIER POST

COLIN CAPILL

In 'The Kiwi', Volume 40, page 103, November, 1991, an article by ALAN TUNNICLIFFE on the Courier Post service used by New Zealand Post Limited was published. This information adds to, and updates that written by Alan and should give readers a better understanding of this service.

In February, 1988, New Zealand Post Limited entered into an agreement with the courier company of 'Post Haste' whereby New Zealand Post Limited acted as an agent by selling their courier packs and providing delivery points. It is understood that this association was short-lived, probably ceasing before the end of 1988.

As Alan said, this service, when introduced on 9th October, 1989, was for commercial customers only. Five different sized plastic envelopes and five different parcel tickets were available to commercial customers from Sales Account Executives at the following prices:-

Envelopes

A5.....	\$2-25
A4.....	\$3-90
Foolscap.....	\$5-60
Legal Long.....	\$3-35
Lineflow.....	\$7-85

Parcel Tickets

Local (across town).....	\$3-70 for 25 Kg.
Local Towns (up to 75 Km within an island)....	\$4-15 for 25 Kg.
One Sector (up to 150 Km within an island)....	\$5-05 per 5 Kg.
Two + Sectors (over 150 Km within an island)..<	\$7-30 per 5 Kg.
Island to Island.....	\$14-05 per 5 Kg.

A5

DELIVER TO:
COMPANY NAME:
BUILDING/STREET/NO:
SUBURB/TOWN/CITY:
TELEPHONE:
ATTENTION:
TITLE:

COURIERPOST
 N° 72510
 A5
 CUSTOMER COPY

COURIERPOST N° 72510 A5 PICK UP	COURIERPOST N° 72510 A5 DELIVERY
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COURIERPOST

Figure 1

COURIERPOST **LOCAL**

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N° 61621

LOCAL

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PICK UP **DELIVERY**

COURIERPOST

N° 61621

LOCAL

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Figure 3

SATURDAY DELIVERY

COURIERPOST

CPL3

Figure 4 (a)

ACROSS TOWN

COURIERPOST

CPL2

SAME DAY

Figure 4 (b)

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Figure 2

The maximum weights permitted were 3 Kg. for envelopes and 25 Kg. for parcels. The envelopes were sold in packs of 25 and parcel tickets in books of 20, although the Island to Island book contained only 10 tickets. An example of the A5 size envelope is illustrated at Figure 1, and a set of the five parcel tickets at Figure 2 above. Each ticket has its own distinctly coloured bands running across the ticket. These colours are:-

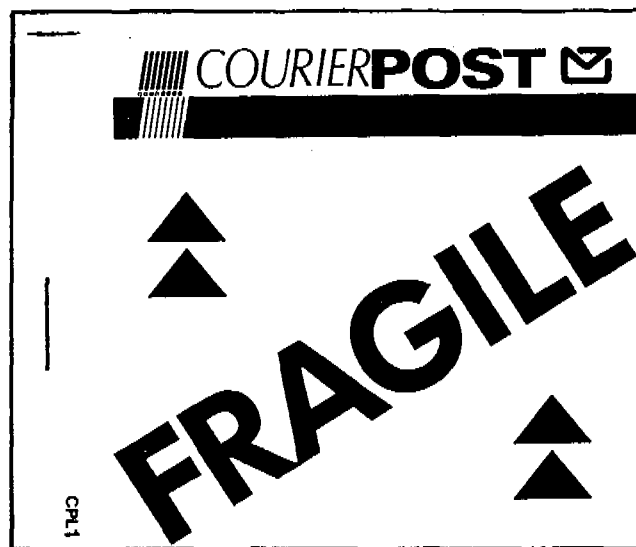


Figure 4 (c)

Local = Pink; Local Towns = brown; One Sector = orange;
Two + Sectors = green; Island to Island = blue.

To publicise the service in late 1990, sample tickets offering a free trial were given to commercial users. These tickets were printed 'FREE TRIAL' in black on red - see Figure 3. Special self-adhesive labels printed in red and black were affixed to articles that required Saturday Delivery - Figure 4 (a) - or Same Day Delivery - Figure 4 (a), where these services were available, or the contents of which were of a fragile nature - Figure 4 (c).

The Courier Post service was made available to the general public in Hamilton for a trial period commencing mid-May, 1991. It was then introduced nationally from 1st July, 1991. The following prices then applied, depending whether they were bought retail by the public from a Post Shop or by a commercial user from a Sales Account Executive. These prices were still current in November, 1991, the time of writing.

<u>Envelopes</u>	Commercial Price	Retail Price
A5	\$2-25	\$2-85
A4	\$3-90	\$4-95
Foolscap	\$5-60	\$7-05
Legal long	\$3-35	\$4-25
Lineflow	\$9-60	\$11-95
Parcel Ticket	Commercial Price	Retail Price
Local	\$3-70	\$4-65 for 25 Kg.
Local Towns	\$4-15	\$5-20 for 25 Kg.
One Sector	\$5-05	\$6-35 for 15 Kg.
Two + Sectors	\$7-85	\$9-90 per 5 Kg.
Island to Island	\$15-75	\$19-70 per 5 Kg.

The previous maximum weights still apply. However, very bulky parcels now require extra tickets. For commercial users the number of envelopes per pack and tickets per book remain as before.

A5

COURIER POST
PREPAID ENVELOPE
EA 000 693 029 NZ

OVERNIGHT DELIVERY
FOR SAME DAY OR SATURDAY DELIVERY ATTACH STICKER HERE AND TICK BOX BELOW

DELIVER TO:
COMPANY NAME:
BUILDING/STREET/NO:
SUBURB/TOWN/CITY:
TELEPHONE:
ATTENTION:
TITLE:





EA 000 693 029 NZ SAME DAY ☐ SATURDAY ☐

EA 000 693 029 NZ

EA 000 693 029 NZ SIGNATURE REQUIRED ☐

NAME (please print clearly) SIGNATURE

COURIER POST
PREPAID ENVELOPE
EA 000 693 029 NZ

PEEL OFF HERE
CUSTOMER COPY



Figure 5

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 CPL3A
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SATURDAY DELIVERY
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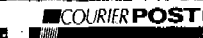
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Figure 7

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On 1st July, 1991, a 'Track and Trace' system was introduced which meant that all Courier Post articles now have special barcoded labels affixed to them. The front of an A5 envelope bearing a barcoded label and inscribed 'Prepaid Envelope' is illustrated at Figure 5. Similar labels, but inscribed 'Prepaid Parcel' are affixed to parcels, together with the relevant parcel ticket, at the time the parcel is handed to New Zealand Post - see Figure 6.

Figure 6

Figure 8

Figure 9

It should be mentioned that while this service is termed 'Courier Post', articles sent by the public are to be taken to Post Shops so the barcoding details can be entered into the computerised Track and Trace system and the receipt portion given back to the sender. For commercial customers the Courier Post driver gives the receipt back when the articles are collected. The articles are then generally conveyed by New Zealand Post and delivered to the addresses in much the same way as an article of mail.

Distinctive self-adhesive labels are attached to the top right portion of the barcoded label if delivery of the article is

COURIER POST

OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

CONTRACT PARCEL

FOR SAME DAY OR SATURDAY DELIVERY ATTACH STICKER HERE AND TICK BOX BELOW

SAME DAY ☐ SATURDAY ☐

A/D

D

SIGNATURE REQUIRED ☐

NAME (please print clearly) SIGNATURE

COURIER POST

CONTRACT PARCEL

YOUR REFERENCE

CUSTOMER COPY

Figure 10

COURIER POST

OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

CUSTOMISED ENVELOPE

FOR SAME DAY OR SATURDAY DELIVERY ATTACH STICKER HERE AND TICK BOX BELOW

SAME DAY ☐ SATURDAY ☐

A/D

D

SIGNATURE REQUIRED ☐

NAME (please print clearly) SIGNATURE

COURIER POST

CUSTOMISED ENVELOPE

YOUR REFERENCE

CUSTOMER COPY

Figure 11

required the Same Day or on a Saturday, where these services operate. A complete sheet of the Saturday Delivery labels, which are in green, is illustrated in reduced size at Figure 7, together with a single of the Same Day Delivery label in pink at Figure 8. Fragile labels are also available. If the signature of the addressee is required when the article is delivered, then a Signature Required label, in orange, is affixed to the article - see Figure 9.

Contract Customers, who pay a negotiated price based on their estimated total annual sendings, have their own distinctive coloured barcoded labels. The labels for parcels are blue in colour and inscribed 'Contract Parcel' - see Figure 10 - while those for envelopes are yellow and are inscribed 'Customised Envelope' - see Figure 11.

Addendum, March, 1992

On 28th February, 1992, the Legal Long size envelopes were withdrawn from sale at Post Shops. However, they still remain available to commercial customers through Sales Account Executives

On 2nd March, 1992, the price of the A5 envelopes was increased to \$3-95, and of the A4 to \$5-50.

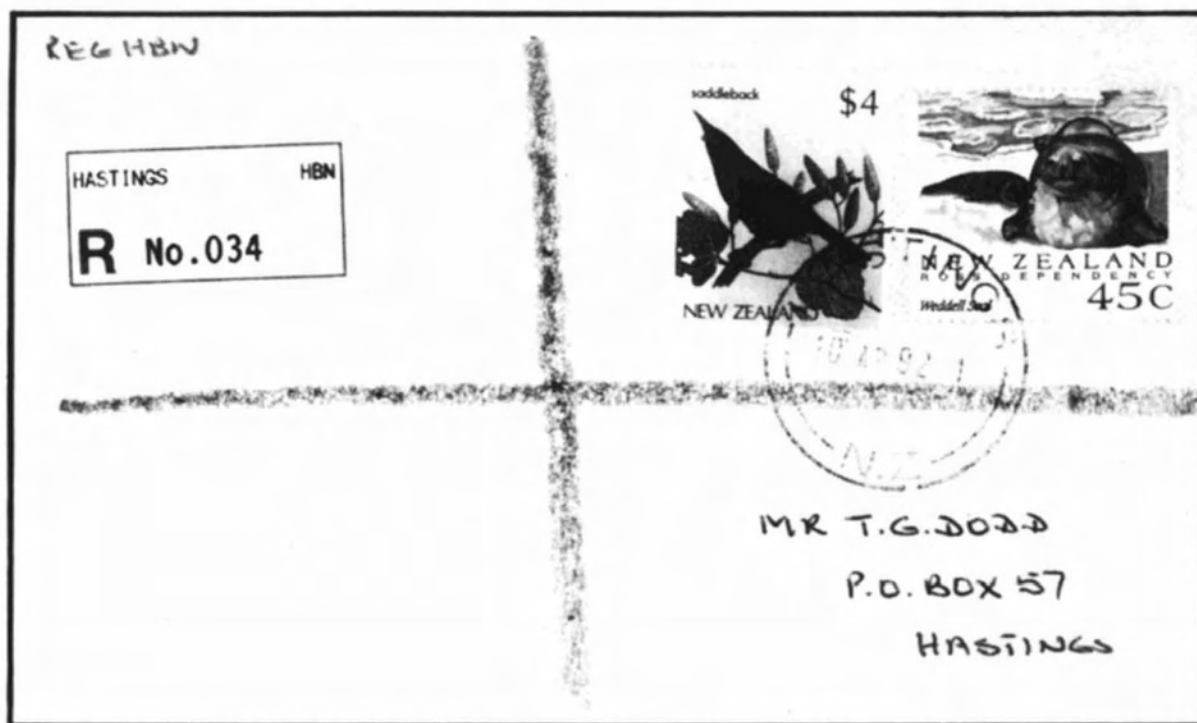


Figure 1

HASTINGS HBN

R No.034

RECEIPT FOR REGISTERED MAIL
 MAXIMUM COMPENSATION
 \$60.00 OR VALUE OF THE CONTENTS
 WHICHEVER IS THE LESSER
 This receipt must accompany
 any inquiry

 Initials
 of Accepting Officer

Date Stamp
 New Zealand Post Ltd
10 APR 1992
 HASTINGS 3

Figure 2

REGISTERED POST

CUSTOMER
 RECORD

FOR ENQUIRIES ON THIS ITEM
 TELEPHONE:

0800-654-456 (TOLL FREE)

New Zealand Post Ltd

13 APR 1992

HASTINGS 3

REGISTERED POST
 New Zealand Post Limited

YOUR REFERENCE PEEL OFF HERE

RD 001 311 503 NZ
 REG 1. CUSTOMER COPY

PLEASE REFER TO CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE FOR REGISTERED ARTICLES
 CONTAINED IN THE POSTAL USERS GUIDE AVAILABLE AT POST SHOPS.
 REG 8 (4/92)

Figure 5

ALLAN P. BERRY

On 13th April, 1992, New Zealand Post changed the way Registered and Insured Mail is handled in New Zealand. The changes have quite considerable implications for philatelists and postal historians. Within New Zealand, Registered Mail, previously used for documents and small parcels, has been replaced by RegisteredPost. The Insured Mail service has been replaced by CourierPost, which now also handles large parcels that previously were sent by Registered Mail. The details of the compensation available in the case of loss need not concern us.

PULL ZIP TO OPEN

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TO SEAL: REMOVE CLEAR BACKING STRIP AND AFFIX FLAP HERE.

ENQUIRIES
 TRACK & TRACE FREEPHONE
 (0800) **654-456**

REMEMBER:
 * MAXIMUM WEIGHT: 1.5kg
 * DO NOT POST THIS ENVELOPE IN A STREET MAILBOX
 * KEEP CUSTOMER COPY OF THE TRACKING TICKET FOR YOUR RECORDS

SENDER DETAILS: PLEASE COMPLETE FULLY

COMPANY / NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: **Box 57**
HASTINGS

 SENDER: **JOHN** PHONE: _____

Figure 4

Internationally, Registered Mail, which used to handle documents and small parcels, is replaced by RegisteredPost International. Insured Mail, which was used for both documents and parcels, is replaced for both by CourierPost International. For parcels, International Insured Parcels is also available.

DELIVER TO:

COMPANY / NAME:

ADDRESS: T.G. DODD

Box 57

HASTINGS

ATTENTION:

PHONE:

PLEASE COMPLETE ADDRESS PANEL WITH FULL DETAILS



OFFICIAL OLYMPIC SPONSOR

A5

REGISTERED POST 3 APR 1992
New Zealand Post Limited

WITHIN
NEW ZEALAND

RD 001 311 503 NZ



REGISTERED POST

ADVICE OF
RECEIPT

Attach to article and tick
AR box on Registration ticket

Nº 026303 AR

REG 7

A/D RD 001 311 503 NZ



REGISTERED POST



Illustrated at Figure 1 on page 78 is a cover sent on the last day of the old system, together with the receipt issued, Figure 2. Figure 3 on page 80 illustrates the front of the A5 size of the new plastic bag, used on the first day of the new system. It is A4 in size, so the illustration is reduced. Figure 4 on page 79 shows the printed part of the reverse of the item, below which there is a clear plastic pocket, into which one presumably places an 'Advice of Receipt' card if one requires this service. Figure 5 on page 78 is the Customer Record, the new form of receipt, and Figures 6 and 7 on page 82 show the front and reverse of the 'Advice of Receipt' card used for the latter item.

It appears that the new system has been introduced to enable the 'Track & Trace' system to be used for such mail, which is a means whereby items can be tracked through a central computer system by reading from bar coded labels attached to them. The leaflet, ADV 36 (4/92), which has been published by New Zealand Post Limited to explain the system, states that Registered Mail can only now be posted at Post Shops within the new envelopes of the RegisteredPost range, whose cost includes both the Registration Fee and Postage. It is stated that these are constructed of tough plastic with a black lining and a zip seal for real security. Two sizes are available for use within New Zealand or Internationally. There are certain weight limits. The 'Advice of Receipt' service is still available.

From the point of view of the philatelist or postal historian, the important point is that you can no longer pack up your own packet, affix stamps to the appropriate amount to it to pay the cost of postage and registration, and take it along to the Post Shop for mailing using the RegisteredPost system. The reason for this, according ADV 36 (4/92), is that the 'Track & Trace' system needs a bar coded label to be attached to it. Thus one of the methods by which collectors could obtain genuinely postally used high value stamps is now removed.

It seems odd that the requirement of a bar coded label affixed to the packet should be given for refusing to accept into the system packets with postage and registration fees properly paid by postage stamps. After all, it is my information that Registered Mail received into the New Zealand Post Limited system from overseas has bar coded labels attached so that they can be subject to the 'Track & Trace' system through New Zealand to their ultimate destination. So why not 'home-grown' items as well?

In the past, Registered Envelopes as items of Postal Stationery, have been available from the New Zealand Postal Services in its various forms. These are themselves items that are collected and studied. Presumably the new plastic bags will be similarly collected and studied. Without the facility to use one's own packaging and postage stamps, however, the use of high value stamps will decline. I do not imagine that we will see fewer being produced by New Zealand Post and sold to collectors, only the 'used' copies will be produced by cancellation to order, using a Philatelic Bureau instrument. Such 'used' copies will never have seen any postal service, thus further increasing the Company's profits from the collector, which are not inconsiderable anyway.

My information is that the new service was introduced by New Zealand Post Limited without consulting either the New Zealand

POST PAID
|||

This card is to be returned to –
(address of sender)

T. G. DODD

Box 57

HASTINGS

New Zealand Post  Mail 2A

Figure 6

A.R. **ADVICE OF DELIVERY**
(INLAND ARTICLES ONLY)

Registered/Insured Article No.

Posted at HASTINGS

on 13. 4. 1992

addressed to T. G. DODD

Box 57

HASTINGS

Sender: DODD

Box 57

HASTINGS

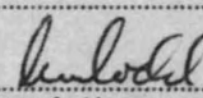
New Zealand Post Ltd.

14 APR 1992

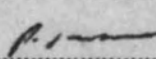
HASTINGS 3 

The undersigned acknowledges that the article mentioned hereon was duly received

on 14. 4. 1992



Signature of addressee or agent.



Signature of delivery officer.

Receipt No. R12 001 311 503 NZ

Figure 7

Philatelic Federation, the New Zealand Stamp Dealers' Association, or even those responsible for Philatelic Services within their own company. It does seem strange to impose a system domestically, which still has to be modified to handle overseas items. It will also be interesting to see how the Philatelic Bureau will post out its products in the future both to the domestic and to the overseas market under the new system.

I am grateful to COLIN CAPILL, TONY DODD, ROBIN GWYNN and ALAN TUNNICLIFFE for information from which this article was prepared. The comments from collectors in this country would be appreciated.

PRIORITY MAIL CALL

COLIN CAPILL

The original article on this subject was written by TONY DODD and published in 'The Kiwi', Volume 40, pages 105 - 107, November, 1991. ALAN TUNNICLIFFE added to the information in an article published in 'The Kiwi', Volume 41, pages 8 - 9, January, 1992. The following additional information will be of interest to readers.

Under the 'FLY PHONE' service, a charge of \$1-00 in addition to the postage was introduced on 1st July, 1985. The charge was increased to \$1-50 on 1st May, 1986.

The name of the service was changed to 'PRIORITY MAIL CALL' in December, 1987. The charge of \$1-50 remains as before.



FLY-PHONE
FOR A FAST ECONOMY
PARCEL SERVICE



New Zealand Post Limited advertises the service by means of postal slogans, an example from Palmerston North dated 29th July, 1987, being illustrated above

CONTRACT MAIL

ALAN TUNNICLIFFE

Around May, 1990, New Zealand Post Limited introduced a new service, known as Contract Mail, for business customers. This service is similar to the already existing BOXLINK service, where business customers pay an annual sum based on their outward mailings. However, Contract Mail is not limited to Private Box/Bag addresses.

Under the Contract Mail system, businesses use envelopes bearing a POST PAID insignia, either pre-printed directly on the envelope or applied by rubber stamp. The insignia is similar to that used by New Zealand Post Limited itself - see Figure 1 - and on Business Reply mail. However, the insignia carries the Contract Number assigned to each customer - see Figure 2. The insignia has also been printed or stamped onto self-adhesive labels which are then attached to the postal items - see Figure 3.



Figure 1



Figure 2

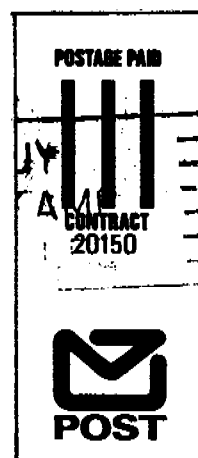


Figure 3

The first customer to use the Contract Mail system was Air New Zealand, whose number is 10001. The Contract Numbers are all five digit numbers and from the less than three dozen examples noted by myself and other postal historians during the past 14 months, it appears that the numbers assigned at Auckland begin at 10001, at Hamilton from 20001, at Rotorua and Tauranga from 20100, at Wellington from 30001, elsewhere in the North Island from 20500, and so far in the South Island only customers in Nelson, Marlborough and Westland using numbers from 40401.

Air New Zealand, which has offices throughout New Zealand, has used envelopes with pre-printed or rubber-stamped insignia all of which bear the inscription 'Priority Processing' and also are inscribed 'fastPOST'. Each insignia is also numbered from 1 to 25, being the numbers assigned by Air New Zealand to their various offices. See Figure 4.



Figure 4



Figure 5

The A.N.Z. Bank in Wellington has used two unusual methods of indicating their Contract Number. Figure 5 illustrates the Contract Number applied by means of a meter, and Figure 6 shows it in combination with a BOXLINK handstamp.

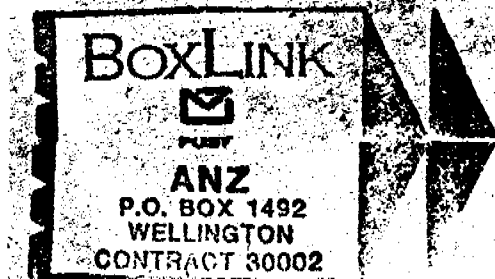


Figure 6

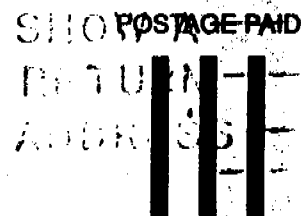


Figure 7

In April, 1991, another new service commenced, known as Partnership Plan. Under this system a similar Post Paid inscription is used on pre-printed envelopes as used on Contract Mail, but this incorporates a special Partnership Plan logo and a seven digit number beginning with the digits 429 - see Figure 7. So far, only ten users have been noted.



Figure 8

A further development is the provision of special 'fastPOST' labels which are serially numbered - see Figure 8.

CAVEAT LECTOR - INSTALMENT SIX

ALAN GARDINER

In the Christchurch 'Press' of June, 1991, there appeared an article under the heading 'Museum Pieces' referring to the first aerial delivery of newspapers to Ashburton on 17th February, 1920. The flight itself was to be flown by Captain Euan Dickson in an aircraft of the Canterbury Aviation Company, and Dickson was to be accompanied by two passengers, Mr. C.H.Hewlett and his thirteen year old daughter. The article goes on to describe the flight and the arrival at Bell's paddock, Ashburton, where the pilot and passengers were met by the Mayor of Ashburton. The author of the article had discovered, in the Canterbury Museum, two copies of the 'Lyttelton Times' for that date, one of them bearing the same markings as those carried on the flight. These are shown on page 86 at Figure 1, and consist of an affixed label inscribed 'SPECIAL

AEROPLANE EDITION' and another with '6d', both tied to the newspaper by a rubber stamped impression reading 'POSTAGE / L.T.COY.LTD. / PAID'.



Figure 1

This is a flight in which I have a particular interest, as I have a copy of a photograph of Captain Dickson with his two passengers, taken before the start of the flight. Hewlett was the Deputy Chairman of the Canterbury Aviation Company, and obviously took to flying with enthusiasm, as he was later to accompany Dickson on the first crossing of the Cook Strait. I have also enquired of a friend in New Zealand for information regarding Hewlett's daughter. What was her name? What did the future hold for her? The photograph is also shown on page 65 as Figure 2.

The flight was the first stage of the 'Southern Exhibition Tour' which lasted for about one month and was eminently successful, despite an engine change at Dunedin. The same aircraft, Avro 504K, 4237, was used throughout the tour. Passengers were carried at Ashburton, Waimate, Oamaru, Dunedin, Invercargill, Gore, Balclutha, Milton and Timaru, and Dickson gave demonstrations of his flying ability at most of the stops.

Back to the first stage. Just to show the variations in reporting such an event, we have a choice of three landing places

at Ashburton - 'The Air Mails of New Zealand - Volume One - The Internal Flights' has the aircraft landing in Brett's paddock; Ted Harvie in Bett's paddock, and this one in Bell's paddock. Ted Harvie, in 'Venture the Far Horizons', also reports that Hewlett lost his best felt hat overboard during the flight.

What is interesting is that the newspapers carried the 'POST PAID' marking. I can find no reference to Dickson having been authorised to carry mail, so did the L.T. actually pay any money to the Postal Department? If the mark came from a metered machine, no doubt it did. I wonder if any copy of the newspaper survived? One letter - unofficial - from the Mayor of Christchurch to the Mayor of Ashburton, was carried and handed over at the welcoming ceremony.

This aerial carriage of newspapers may have been the first in the South Island, but it was not the first in New Zealand. This honour must remain with George Bolt, who, after having been sworn in as an official mail-carrier, carried, in addition to 825 letters, 28lbs - some say 22lbs - newspapers on his historic flight from Auckland to Dargaville on 16th December, 1919.

I am indebted to Jean Crow, who sent a copy of her 'Press' article to our Editor, Allan P. Berry, and to Errol Martyn of Invercargill, who supplied the information on the Southern Exhibition Tour.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRST DECIMAL DEFINITIVES OF NEW ZEALAND

R.G.DARGE

Continued from page 26

EIGHT CENT NEW ZEALAND FLAG

The stamp is similar to the old 9d. designed by the Post Office Publicity Section.

The printing by Harrison n& Sons Ltd. required two cylinders, being blue and red, and numbered 1A1A. The watermark is sideways.

The single sheets of 150 stamp - 15 rows of 10 - were perforated from the left selvedge by a single comb head measuring 14.7 x 14.

A number of sheets were used for the manufacture of counter coils. The stamps are horizontally coiled with the numbers 1 - 29 sideways and appearing every tenth stamp.

One curious variety is a stamp from the eighth vertical row with a large red mark shaped like a pair of feet above the word 'ZEALAND'. The fault is caused by ink drips or as a result of foreign matter on the cylinder. To add confusion, a similar drop of blue ink appears between the feet.

A vertical white line doctor blade flaw through the 'A' and 'N' of 'ZEALAND' has been seen in one vertical row of a sheet.

Campbell Paterson's Catalogue of New Zealand stamps records a missing red, but no other information has been sighted on this find.

A break in the counter coil between number 23 and 24 has been seen between the first and second stamp from number 23. The break has been repaired with a brown transparent paper, similar to the 10 cent.

Campbell Paterson's Newsletter, Volume 21, number 1, August, 1969, reports an apparent offset from the top row. The print on

the front was rough. A not quite horizontal line runs across the middle of the flag where it appears 'grainy' and smudged. The top margin was rough and irregular. On the back, an area above the line gave a distinct 'offset' effect in that the blue of the design showed through.

Warwick Paterson reports 'close examination showed that the "offset" was in fact more of an aniline effect in that the blue ink above the line had soaked through the paper to the back. What I think happened is that the machine was halted for cleaning. Fluid or cleaner was applied and the machine later re-started. The horizontal line would show where the doctor blade rested on the cylinder and the "aniline" effect could be caused by residual cleaning fluid mixing with the ink and impregnating the paper'.

A top selvedge block of four has been seen with a partially omitted area of the top stamps with a thinning of the ink below. The second row has blue smudging on the top of the flag and 8c.

8 cent varieties.

1A1A Row 12, stamp 1 Touching up to 'Z' of 'ZEALAND'.

Missing red.

Ink drips.

Doctor blade white line flaw.

Offset.

Coil break.

Partial area omitted.

Green doctor blade flaw across selvedge and stamps.

Coil pair Number 16 with doubled number.



Row 12, stamp 1

1A1A

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The KIWIHOST cachet on a cover from this Motel was illustrated on page 17 of Volume 41 of 'The Kiwi'. The Proprietors, Nola and Rex McLean, have written offering a 10% discount for members of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain. Anyone taking up this offer should take a copy of 'The Kiwi' to show they qualify.