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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 26TH, 2002
STARTING AT 14.00 AT THE UNION JACK CLUB, SANDELL STREET
IT WILL BE A PREVIEW OF THE DISPLAY TO THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF
LONDON TO BE GIVEN ON MARCH 21ST.

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AN APOLOGY

Members in the U.K. will be aware that the last issue of *The Kiwi* was posted with deficient postage. This is the sole responsibility of the Hon. Editor and I wish to convey my apologies. Steps have been taken to ensure that it will not happen again.

Many thanks to those who contacted me to let me know.

Hon. Editor.

INSERTS

Within this issue of *The Kiwi*, you should receive:

- A copy of the Society and Packet Accounts
- Renewal of Membership form with a direct debit form on the reverse.
- Membership Card/Programme for 2002.
- A sheet to be returned to Ernie Leppard if you intend to attend the Royal Display on March 21st 2002 and are not a member of the Royal.
- A sheet to be returned to Derek Diamond to indicate interest in attending the celebration weekend in November 2002.

If any of these are missing, please contact the Editor.

SOCIETY NEWS:

MEMBERSHIP

RESIGNED:

Mr. A. Kennard, Chalfont St. Giles
Mr. T. Latto, Southport
Mrs. E.M. Wells, Blenheim, New Zealand.

DECEASED:

Mr. A.A. Hunter, Southend-on Sea
Mr. R.D. Samuel, Christchurch, New Zealand

NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHERN GROUP

The next meeting of the Northern Group will be held in Orrell on February 16th 2002 starting at 13.30.

This is a members meeting. Please bring along items of interest.

PREVIEW OF THE NEXT LONDON MEETING

The next meeting of the Society will be held at the Union Jack Club on January 26th, 2002. It will be a preview of the display to be given to the Royal Philatelic Society of London in March, 2002. All exhibits will be on show, either in reality or by colour photocopy, and, therefore, will give a private viewing of the most comprehensive display of New Zealand Philately to be held in the United Kingdom for many years.

Would those contributing to the display please note that a 100 word description of their display should be forwarded to Ernie Leppard prior to January 26th as a descriptive booklet needs to be prepared for the display to the RPSL.

EDITORIAL

Readers may have noted that I have rarely felt the compulsion to express my views publicly through an Editorial. I prefer to try and act as a conduit between author and reader.

I feel compelled to pen a note on the latest issue from New Zealand Post celebrating the release of the first Lord of the Rings film. Obviously, I am sympathetic to the pride of the country that a major film has been produced using the country's scenery and facilities. I am afraid that I feel sorry that New Zealand Post have seen fit to commemorate this with what would be appear to be an attempt to produce as much income as possible from collectors. No doubt, the event is worthy of special commemoration but the issue of collectibles with a total cost of NZ\$265.95 - I think not.

Andrew Dove

KIWI DAY: SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

The 50th Annual General Meeting of the Society commenced at 11.00 a.m. with our Chairman, Lewis Giles, presiding. Twenty two members were present.

MINUTES OF THE 50TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

1. Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting:

The minutes of the 49th AGM as circulated in the January, 2001 issue of *The Kiwi* were accepted as a true record. Proposer Mr. D. Piggot, seconded by Mr. A. Baker.

2. Report and Review of 2001 from the President:

Ernie Leppard presented his review of the Society for the last year:

"Mr. Chairman and fellow members, it is my pleasant duty to present a report to the Society on the events during the past year and perhaps a word or two on next year, our 50th Anniversary year.

In January, the anniversary of the Penny Universal, my memory being as it is, I discovered that I gave the display. I thought it had been some time earlier. The March meeting was our competition and there were some nice entries and fresh material. The May meeting was an innovation as it looked at Social Philately: Margaret Frankcom led with a display on Early Life in New Zealand and was complemented by a display from Lew Giles on Goldfields. Unfortunately, I missed the meeting but have several favourable comments on the displays. John Woolfe provided the July display with a superb exhibition of Maritime Mail showing some very scarce early covers. Our September meeting was held in October at the Lakes Court Hotel, Carlisle. This provided an opportunity for the Northern and Scottish groups to get together and provide an excellent meeting led by Dr. David Stalker. With a good attendance this is a must for a bi-annual meeting venue, the weather was also good for driving through the Lake District.

Regional groups of Birmingham, Northern and Scottish members have all settled to regular meetings and each, according to meeting reports, appear to be interesting and fruitful. Do attend these if within striking distance, any input would be welcomed.

For the coming year, much work has been put in by our Chairman and Editor to produce an attractive booklet to publicise the 50th anniversary of the Society. We shall be complementing this with a display by members of some outstanding material of New Zealand philately at the Royal Philatelic Society on 21 March 2002. This is only the second time that the Society has been invited to display to the Royal. Do please come and support the Society. Ably led by Derek Diamond, planning is well advanced for our weekend convention and dinner to celebrate our 50th anniversary at the Union Jack Club in November 2002.

It remains for me to thank members for attending meetings and to the officers of the society who make things work. Just twist a few more arms for next year."

3. Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the Annual Accounts were circulated to those present.

"The Treasurer reported that the Society had substantial reserves for the 50th anniversary year. The years trading had made a small profit of just under £200 but that our reserves had increased due to the transfer of £2,000 from the Packet Account. **This means that we have adequate funds to keep our subscription level at £12 per annum.** Next year we will have to allow for an increase in meeting room costs with VAT being charged for the first time at the UJC and a rapidly declining interest rate on our deposits."

The Report and Accounts were accepted unanimously, Proposer: Prof. D. Diamond, Seconded by Mrs. A. Carter.

Post Meeting Note: Membership details for the year: New members: 18, Lapsed: 15, Resigned: 7, Deceased: 3. Nett: decline of 7 in total membership.

4. Packet Secretary's Report:

Copies of the Packet accounts were distributed to those present. The Secretary reported another successful year. As always, more material would be welcomed.

Replying to a query, Bernard confirmed that the charge of £1.50 per packet covers the cost of insurance.

The Report and Accounts were unanimously accepted. Proposer Mr. D. Bradbury, Seconded by Mr. T. Stephens.

5. Election of Officers and a Committee:

The outgoing Committee recommended the following nominations:

President:	Ernie Leppard
Vice Presidents	Allan Berry, Tom Hetherington and John Smith
Chairman (E)	Derek Diamond
Vice Chairman	Lewis Giles
General Secretary (E)	Keith Collins
Treasurer (E)	Ernie Leppard
Packet Secretary	Bernard Atkinson
Editor of <i>The Kiwi</i> (E)	Andrew Dove
Librarian	John Woolfe
Auctioneer	John Woolfe
Membership Secretary	Derek Diamond
Meeting Reporters	Andrew Dove and Derek Diamond
Publicity Officer	Paul Wreglesworth

Auditor	John Smith
Representative in New Zealand	John Watts

Committee members: Northern Group Chairman (Geoff Wragg) and Secretary (Jack Lindley), Midland Group Organiser (Bernard Symonds), Scottish Group Organiser (David Stalker) and Dave Piggott.

There being no other nominations, the above were elected unanimously on the proposal of Mr. M. Allen, seconded by Mr. B. Roberts.

(E) denotes membership of the Executive Committee.

7. To consider proposals to alter the format of the Society Competitions:

It was explained that the proposals contained in the last issue of *The Kiwi* recognised that there were two types of members: those who would want to use the Society competition as a route to compete Nationally and, eventually, Internationally and those who would not. For the latter group, the present format of competition would be maintained every other year with the Competition being judged by those members attending.

For the first group, a sixteen page competition would be held every other year and judged by a qualified judge. The entries will be judged according to the National allocation of marks.

The current trophies will continue to be awarded for the 12 sheet Society competition. Entries in the sixteen sheet competition would be awarded medals according to their marks and there would be one trophy for the entry awarded the highest mark.

A typographical error in the paper being discussed was noted. The correct wording is: "Postal History Class: This class includes items on rates and routes, and studies of markings and marcophilately. It is not normally advisable to include unused adhesives or postal stationery."

The proposed changes were accepted unanimously. Proposer Prof. D. Diamond, Seconded by Mr. A. Baker.

8. Any Other Business:

Ernie Leppard gave some details of the display to the Royal: these are reflected on the accompanying insert.

Further details were given of events at Northpex: these are reported later in this issue of *The Kiwi*.

The programme for 2002 was announced:

January 26	Preview of the Royal display
March 21	Royal display
April 6th	Second Pictorials led by Keith Collins
June 1st	Members displays: My Favourite 10 Sheets
July 27th	Plating Workshop led by David Piggott
October 5th	All day meeting in Bristol hosted by Jos Gregson
November 22-24	Society Weekend at Union Jack Club, London

*****Next year **only**, there will be no Auction.*****

The new Chairman, Derek Diamond thanked Lewis Giles for the work he had put in during his time as Chairman. He commented that the Society had prospered under his Chairmanship and was well placed for the future.

Medallions were awarded to those present who had been successful in the Annual Competition.

The A.G.M. finished at 11.45.

The afternoon was taken up by the Annual Auction, the results of which are published elsewhere in the magazine.

NOTES OF SOCIETY MEETING HELD IN CARLISLE ON OCTOBER 27TH, 2001

David Stalker, Co-ordinator of the Scottish Group, opened the meeting by welcoming the sixteen members present to Carlisle. He explained that the meeting would take the form of members displays.

Andrew Dove opened the proceedings with a showing of covers illustrating the provision of medical care to New Zealand troops in the First World War. As well as Hospital and Convalescent Home strikes, he showed the range of Hospital ship markings including the very rare "J" Class marks from both the Maheno and the Marama. He finished by showing scarce correspondence from Prisoners of War held on Somes and Motuihi Islands.

David Stalker followed and showed well illustrated sheets of the Scenic Issues. Included were some spectacular colour and perforation shifts.

Paul Wreglesworth next gave an update on his research into the marginal punch markings found on sheets of stamps printed by Jo Enschedé. He explained that they had, in fact, been inserted by the Dutch Post Office who held a contract to store the paper. The large sheets were sent to Enschedé who cut them down to prepare them for use. They were then returned to the Security Store and the marginal marking applied on their return. Paul went into a considerable amount of detail about the methods and punches used and this will be the subject of a future article in *The Kiwi*.

Bernard Symonds showed part of the display of booklets which will be seen in the Society display to the RPSL in March, 2002. He started by observing that New Zealand was only the third country in the world to issue booklets, after Luxembourg and Canada. The original booklets carried an additional charge of ½d and were, therefore, priced at 1/-½d. Soon after, the cost was reduced to 1/- and one stamp in one pane in each booklet carried a star rather than a stamp. There followed an extraordinary display of material including examples of the first KGV booklets with different coloured covers and a number of errors including a manuscript correction to an incorrect newspaper postage rate in a 1931 booklet and a KGV advertisement pane with the red printing omitted. The display came up to date with proofs of the 1960 booklet advert panes from the Bradbury Wilkinson archives and a 1967 booklet with the black printing omitted from the advertisement.

Stuart Potter started his display of Airmails with two examples of the 1911 KGV Coronation Commemorative cards flown from London to Windsor and, from there, transported by sea to their addressees in New Zealand. He followed with covers carried on unofficial flights before 1934. Included was a letter from a flight sponsored by VoCo Oil Company containing the original letter to the distributor. He also showed a cover from the ill fated 1935 Jubilee flight which suffered an accident half way across the Tasman Sea. To lighten the load, 27,000 items of mail were jettisoned but 1,100 survived. The plane made it safely back to Australia and the surviving mail was forwarded by seamail to New Zealand. They are identifiable by the dated Wellington backstamp.

David MacGill closed the morning session with a tour around some of the islands and Dependencies. Starting with a comprehensive display of Ross Dependency issues, he ended up in the Tokelau Islands (a little warmer!). He explained that the 1,500 inhabitants of Tokelau were offered the opportunity to become a part of New Zealand but chose to retain their independence and be ruled by an Island Council which included a representative of New Zealand. The stamps well reflected the beauty of these islands.

Ernie Leppard opened the afternoon with two displays. First, 16 sheets of Proofs and Essays of the First Pictorial Issue. He made the distinction between the proofs for the stamps printed in London and those produced for the locally produced stamps. The range of colours of the proofs suggests that they were used as Colour Trials as well as Die/Plate Proofs. A number of Die Proofs of the two colour 4d. Lake Taupo with different colour combinations for the frame and centre were shown and demonstrated the range of options considered.

Secondly, Ernie showed issues planned for Royal Visits that never were. The display opened with an example of a stamp showing HMS Vanguard designed for the cancelled 1949 visit. The visit was re-planned for 1952 but by this time, HMS Vanguard had been de-commissioned. Arrangements were made to hire HMS Gothic and a stamp designed to feature the vessel. A die proof and plate proof of the first 30 impressions to be laid on the plate by Waterlows was shown.

Jack Lindley showed two subjects: first, postal items illustrating life in World War I military camps. Compulsory military training started in 1911 and Territorial Camps were constructed and postal arrangements made for residents. Some were small and examples of mail are scarce. A card posted from Papawai illustrated the smaller camps. The larger camps such as Featherston and Trentham produced stationery and a series of humorous cards from each was displayed.

Secondly, a collection relating to the 1955 Centennial issue was shown. This started with the Philatelic Bulletin announcing the issue and photographic reproductions of unsuccessful essays. Some present opined that they were more attractive than the designs selected. There followed blocks of stamps signed by the designer, covers and souvenirs related to the International Stamp Exhibition and finished with a menu for a memorial banquet signed by contemporary eminent philatelists.

David Edwards presented an interesting vignette of the issuing of the 1991 5c Spotless Crake definitive. The value was necessary because the postage rate was increased from 40 c to 45c. Although the 45c Rock Wren was issued at the same time, the 5c meant that the large stocks of the 40c could be still be readily used. Each aspect of the issue was covered in detail.

Don Scregg entertained with items related to the Christchurch Exhibition. He showed only recently acquired items. Included was the 1d Claret and there was some discussion about the release of the shade. The current conclusion is that they were not officially issued by the Post Office at the time but have been subsequently officially released and, therefore, arguably may probably be classified as officially issued. A number of items of ephemera were included, including a series of labels produced by Ardath Tobacco to celebrate the award of medals for their product. The last item was a very attractive complete sheet of Label No. 7.

Alex McCullough displayed the 1960 Pictorial Definitive issue. Accompanying a Plate Block of the 4d Chalky paper were a plethora of missing colours, colour shifts and perforation varieties. The whole range of varieties arising from the photogravure printing process were illustrated in this issue.

Ken Anderson showed sheets with used singles and pairs of recent definitive and commemorative issues commenting that this is a work still in progress.

Beverley King had travelled from Southampton and talked of her especial interest, postmarks. Her 20 folder collection contains examples of a significant percentage of the varieties available from the 3,600 post offices in New Zealand. Of especial interest was the only known example of a manuscript cancel from Hautapu dated 10/2/02 and a strike from Bald Hill Flats with a manuscript month inserted after, presumably, the type had been lost.

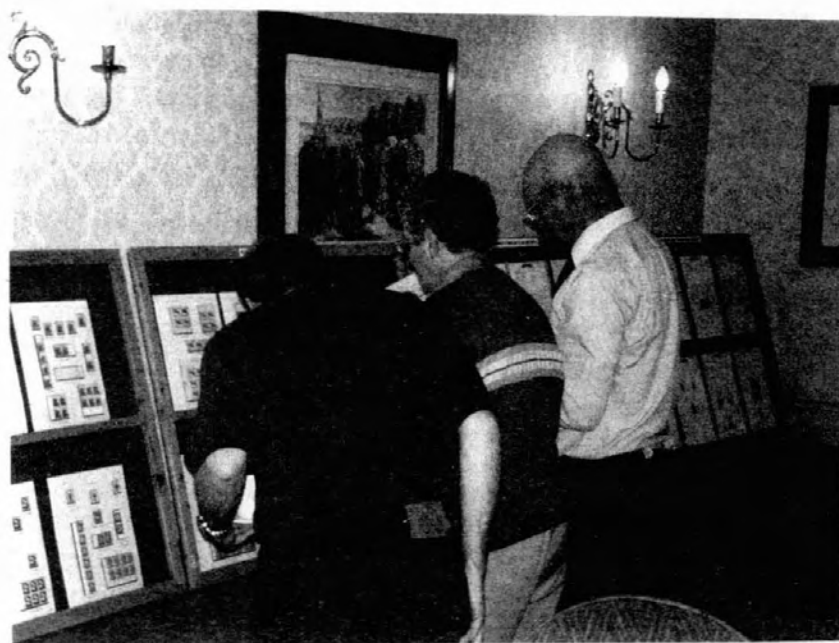
Andrew Dove showed KGV used on cover including the Greymouth Provisional and 5d shades.

David Stalker concluded the proceedings by bringing the displays up to date with recent Christmas stamps. Starting with straightforward commemorative stamps, he illustrated the expanding range which now includes single stamps, booklets, coils and, latterly, self-adhesives.

David Stalker closed the meeting by thanking those present and commenting on the range of material on show. Especially pleasing was the fact that there was no duplication. He also raffled three £10 vouchers won by the Society in a recent ABPS raffle.

Appreciation was expressed to David for organising a most successful meeting and the hope expressed that it would be repeated in due course.

The meeting closed at 16.15.



Viewing some of the exhibits in Carlisle

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN GROUP HELD NOVEMBER 3 2001

Nine members were present at the meeting and apologies were received from seven more.

This was Competition Day and the entries were judged by Derek Diamond in his first judging experience. There were twelve entries in the competition and the results were:

Captain Cook trophy: Paul Wreglesworth - Paper control markings of the 1970 Pictorials

Kiwi Medal: Stuart Potter - Air mail routes and rates of the 1940's.

Derek commented that the standard was high but that there was a clear winner and several entries vying for second place.

After the presentation of the prizes, the rest of the meeting was given to a display of the 1898 Pictorials by Derek. This was a superb display and it would be difficult to describe everything that was on show. Briefly, Derek explained the genesis of the issue with a competition with a first prize of £250. Examples of entries were shown. Then we saw the London Prints, the first and second Local prints and examples of overprinted Pictorials for use in the Dependencies used on cover. There followed Derek's competition entry showing the 3rd Local Prints.

The display was especially notable for the numerous covers showing the use of the stamps including Officials.

This was a display that was a privilege to view.

Derek was thanked for his display and the meeting closed at 16.45.

In 2002, the group will meet on February 16, June 22 and September 21. Only three meetings as there is the November weekend. We may arrange a meeting at Chester 2002 - details in *The Kiwi*.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great regret that the deaths of two well known New Zealand philatelists are recorded: John J. Bishop died on October 22nd, 2001 and Robert Samuel on October 25th, 2001.

An obituary of John Bishop is published in this issue of *The Kiwi* and a full appreciation of Robert will be published in a future edition.

AUCTION REALISATIONS: 24TH NOVEMBER 2001

Lot	Realised	Lot	Realised	Lot	Realised	Lot	Realised	Lot	Realised
A	£8.00	61	£12.00	151	£11.00	244	£25.00	331	£6.50
B	£5.00	63	£13.00	152	£20.00	247	£15.00	332	£9.00
C	£0.50	67	£4.00	155	£8.00	248	£25.00	334	£30.00
D	£4.50	70	£16.00	157	£25.00	250	£20.00	338	£8.50
E	£4.00	71	£13.00	159	£35.00	253	£28.00	339	£5.00
F	£2.00	72	£15.00	160	£34.00	254	£6.00	340	£27.00
G	£2.50	73	£8.00	175	£58.00	264	£27.00	341	£48.00
H	£1.00	74	£19.00	177	£19.00	265	£12.00	342	£16.00
I	£0.50	77	£28.00	182	£18.00	266	£9.00	345	£40.00
J	£15.00	78	£9.00	184	£9.00	267	£21.00	346	£6.50
L	£1.25	79	£8.00	192	£16.00	268	£21.00	347	£7.25
M	£0.75	80	£4.00	194	£42.00	269	£21.00	348	£2.00
N-V	£10.00	81	£7.00	196	£28.00	270	£16.00	349	£2.00
W	£8.00	82	£6.00	197	£100.00	271	£21.00	350	£2.50
X	£6.50	83	£3.00	199	£20.00	272	£28.00	351	£2.50
3	£2.00	84	£3.00	200	£46.00	273	£6.00	352	£16.00
8	£7.00	85	£5.50	201	£16.00	274	£42.00	353	£30.00
9	£8.00	86	£5.50	203	£17.00	275	£42.00	354	£28.00
13	£12.00	87	£8.00	204	£40.00	277	£5.00	356	£78.00
14	£8.00	88	£5.00	205	£6.00	279	£20.00	357	£9.00
20	£12.00	89	£5.50	207	£7.00	280	£22.00	358	£7.00
22	£8.00	91	£16.00	208	£7.00	281	£4.00	359	£12.50
23	£8.50	91a	£15.00	209	£6.00	282	£10.00	369	£40.00
29	£15.00	93	£7.50	211	£7.00	285	£8.00	371	£80.00
30	£18.00	94	£10.50	212	£22.00	290	£6.00	373	£20.00
31	£11.00	95	£8.00	214	£6.00	294	£6.00	375	£30.00
32	£49.00	96	£9.00	215	£5.00	297	£10.00	377	£27.00
33	£10.00	98	£5.50	215a	£0.50	312	£16.00	379	£40.00
36	£2.00	99	£4.50	220	£3.00	314	£6.00	382	£0.50
38	£20.00	100	£4.00	221	£5.00	316	£35.00	383	£2.00
39	£17.00	102	£10.00	222	£30.00	320	£22.00	384	£10.00
41	£10.00	107	£35.00	224	£6.00	321	£20.00	385	£9.00
42	£13.00	110	£10.00	228	£7.00	322	£63.00	390	£16.00
44	£12.00	118	£26.00	231	£20.00	323	£18.00	397	£15.00
46	£7.00	119	£60.00	232	£6.00	324	£21.50	400	£4.00
48	£10.00	126	£95.00	233	£70.00	325	£15.00	401	£34.00
50	£8.00	129	£50.00	238	£11.00	326	£2.50	403	£20.00
51a	£12.00	131	£40.00	239	£11.00	327	£6.00		
52	£4.00	144	£13.00	240	£8.00	328	£10.00		
56	£6.00	150	£2.00	241	£11.00	329	£5.00		

Lots not listed were withdrawn or failed to attract any bids.

Auctioneers comments: Very patchy results: air mail covers were competed for as was Lot J, the 2nd. Edition of Ken Lynch's book for which there were seven postal bidders. Postal stationary did not sell this year and it appears that some estimates were too high. Unusual items attracted bids but standard items sold poorly unless the estimate was 1/2-2/3 of CP Catalogue value.

OBITUARY

JOHN J. BISHOP FRPSNZ
Life Member Postal History Society of NZ
August 9 1922 - 22 October 2001

GERALD ELLOTT RDP, FRPSNZ

John J Bishop will always be remembered, not only as one of the leading NZ Stamp Dealers, but also as an eminent Postal Historian.

John was 17 when World War II broke out in 1939. He was working at the Auckland NZ Herald as a Cadet Reporter. He volunteered for the Army but Army Service was very short lived, as he was soon transferred to the Air Force, gained his wings at Wigram and went to England where he served with distinction.

Back in NZ after hostilities ceased, he returned to his old job at the NZ Herald. However, like his Army Service, this was short lived and he pursued his "love of stamps" and in 1947 joined the old established firm of Pim and Co in Auckland.

In 1953, John decided to start his own business, first from home and then from an office in the Lewis Eady Building in Queen Street. Thereafter, he moved to Stewart Dawson Building, on the corner of Queen and Wyndam Streets, Auckland.

Among the first of the modern Postal Sales in New Zealand was John's "*New Zealand Stamp Auctions*" which were held quarterly. These continue and are now run by Auckland City Stamps under the proprietorship of Warwick Delamore.

The first meeting of the NZ Stamp Dealers Association took place in Wellington on 22 November 1969. John was elected to the Committee and in 1973 became President. In 1980, he was elected a Life Member (with voting rights).

John's legacy as one of the leading NZ stamp dealers continues as he was mentor to two of our younger dealers, David Holmes and Brian Ramsey, who have both developed thriving philatelic businesses in their own rights. Interestingly, David's first encounter with John was when he was eight years old.

In 1972, at "*Welpex 72*", the Stamp Exhibition held in Wellington, John not only entered the competitive classes, but was the only dealer on the Jury. John also competed and judged at "*Panpex 77*" and at "*Zeapex '80*", the International Exhibition held in Auckland. He was also invited to judge at Exhibitions in Australia and exhibited at "*Capex 78*" in Canada, the first F.I.P. Exhibition where Postal History was included as a separate class. I well remember the care and time spent by John and his wife, Josette, in mounting the Exhibit on the frames. The "Gold" medal he was awarded was just reward for his contribution to New Zealand Postal History.

John was instrumental in the formation of the Postal History Society of NZ and became member No. 3. He was elected the first President in 1964, a position that he held many times during the next 20 years. He became an Honorary Life Member of the Society in 1979 in recognition of the many services he had rendered.

John published the "*Pacific Stamp Journal*" for 26 years from 1953 until his retirement from philatelic business in 1979. This newsletter always contained a significant amount of comment on new issues, postal history, reviews and even Cinderella items. It was a publishing avenue for the

early work of Robin Startup and contained important articles on the early Postal History of New Zealand - a personal interest of John's and a field in which he was a considerable authority. It also occasionally covered postal history of the Islands and military markings.

John formed one of the most outstanding collections of New Zealand prestamp postal history 1824-1862. The condition and presentation were immaculate and when it was sold in September 1990 through Christie's Robson Lowe, some of the realisations were beyond belief. John told me afterwards that as the results of the sale came through on his fax machine at 2.30 a.m. in the morning he just had to sit down and watch with amazement at the bids received, until well after 4.00 a.m., his eye, instead of getting sleepy, were getting wider and wider!!

John's research work, which was meticulous has been published not only in his own publication "*Pacific Stamp Journal*" but also in the major New Zealand publications of the Royal Philatelic Society of NZ, the Postal History Society of NZ and Zeapex 1980. His legacy to our hobby will remain for current and future collectors.

John was elected to the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand on September 9th 1949 and played a full part in all aspects of the Society's affairs, He was particularly in contributing to and checking publications on NZ Postal History and Stamps. At the 86th Annual General Meeting held on October 24th 1974, John, together with Arthur Dexter (also of Auckland) were made Fellows of the Society. They received their certificates and afterwards gave an address and display to the members present.

In 1980, John received the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand Literature Award "*The Collins Award*" for a series of articles written for the Zeapex 80 pre-exhibition publications.

I, personally, am very grateful to John, not only for his and Josette's friendship to my family and myself, but for the information which he always readily made available, and also for those special items which he found for my collection.

Some stamp collectors tend to shy clear of dealers, but I, like the majority, appreciate the time and trouble which the trade put into their vocation. Surely, without them, our hobby would not be what it still is today, "*the King of all hobbies and the hobby of Kings*",

All of us who knew him personally and through his published research will remember the name of John J Bishop. His contribution will benefit those who follow in our footsteps.

John Bishop is survived by his wife Josette who enjoyed 56 years of marriage, supporting John both in his business and in his hobby. Members will share her grief at this great loss.

INFORMATION RECEIVED:

NEWS RELEASES

SMALLEST AND RAREST PENGUINS ADORN NEW ZEALAND STAMPS

3 October 2001

Penguins ranging from the smallest to the rarest will adorn the latest New Zealand Post stamp issue to be released on 7 November 2001.

New Zealand is often referred to as the "Penguin Capital of the World" - a title justly deserved as almost half of the world's penguin species breed in the New Zealand biographical region.

The complete Penguin set showcases six species found only in New Zealand waters including the Rockhopper Penguin (40c), the Little Blue Penguin (80c), the Snares Crested Penguin (\$1.20), the Erect Crested Penguin (\$1.30), the Fiordland Penguin (\$1.50) and the Yellow Eyed Penguin (\$1.80).

New Zealand Post's Stamp Design and Marketing Manager Linda Morgan said the Penguin stamps issue pays tribute to one of New Zealand's favourite birds.

"The stamps have been designed to highlight the variety of species found in New Zealand by showing the bird's characters in their natural environment".

"The penguins pictured on the stamps breed only around New Zealand and include the smallest penguin in the world, the white-flipped Little Blue penguin, and two of the world's rarest species - the Fiordland Crested and the Yellow-eyed penguins. The Rockhopper penguin, otherwise known as "punk rocker" due to its spiky plumage, also features on the stamps."

The stamps and First Day Cover were designed by Communication Arts Ltd, Wellington and printed by Southern Colour Print, Dunedin and will be issued on 7 November 2001.

NEW ZEALAND POST'S WORLD EXCLUSIVE STAMP ISSUE

26 November, 2001

New Zealand Post will release its world exclusive stamp issue *The Fellowship of The Ring* on 4 December, celebrating the first movie in the Lord of The Rings trilogy.

According to New Zealand Post Design and Marketing Manager Linda Morgan, the six stamps and associated products depict characters and scenes from the movie. The stamps are particularly special as this is the only stamp issue approved by Peter Jackson.

"The stamps and other products capture beautifully presented moments from the film, which will appeal to stamp collectors and film enthusiasts alike," Linda Morgan said.

Wizards Gandalf the Grey and Saruman the White appear on the 40c stamp and the 80c stamp shows the elf Galadriel, the Lady of the Wood.

Hobbits Frodo Baggins and Sam Gangee feature on the 90c stamp and the Guardian of Rivendell is depicted on the \$1.30 stamp.

Mysterious stranger Strider adorns the \$1.50 stamp and Boromir of Gondor is calling for help to defend the hobbits on the \$2.00 stamp.

"New Zealand is counting down the days until the movie is released on 19 December. We're sure that our stamp issue will add to the excitement and anticipation leading up to the premiere," Linda Morgan said.

The stamps and collectable products were designed by Sacha Lees, Weta Workshop, Wellington and printed by Southern Colour Print, Dunedin. All items go on sale on 4 December.

Editors Note: New Zealand Post have produced a full range of collectibles for this issue. A **Full Set Pack** is available containing everything. Included are: the gummed and self-adhesive stamp sets, the six stamp sheets of 25, the self-adhesive stamp booklet, the two First Day Covers, the set of six miniature sheets, the six Maximum Cards, sheetlet and the Presentation Pack. Cost NZ\$265.95.

SPECIAL DATESTAMP

CENTENARY - FIRST BRITISH ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION - 21 DECEMBER 2001

A special pictorial datestamp will be issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Robert Falcon Scott's First British Antarctic Expedition departing Lyttelton on 21 December 2001.



NEW ZEALAND STAMP VOTED MOST BEAUTIFUL

One of New Zealand Post's stamps was recently voted the World's Most Beautiful Stamp of 2000 in a competition run by the French philatelic publication, Timbres Magazine.

The \$1.80 stamp featured Lake Alexandrina in the South Island and was part of the 2000 Scenic Reflections stamp issue, which was released in July 2000.



The stamps for the competition were selected by the staff of Timbres Magazine and voted on by 47 Postal Administrations from throughout the world. Our stamp was 30 votes ahead of its nearest rival, Australia.

Stamps Design and Marketing Manager, Linda Morgan said New Zealand Post was thrilled to win the award. "We were delighted when advised of the win; it was particularly special being voted No. 1 by other postal administrations," she said. "It also shows how the rest of the world views our stunning natural environment".

Lake Alexandrina is a satellite lake located west of Lake Tekapo. It's the natural habitat for the Southern Crested Grebe and the threatened Scaup, a small black duck with yellow eyes.

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION CHRISTCHURCH (Inc) ROBERT SAMUEL MEMORIAL LECTURE

To commemorate the late Robert Samuel's involvement with the Philatelic Foundation Inc from 1973-2001 and his contribution to philately in Christchurch and throughout New Zealand, the Philatelic Foundation (Christchurch) Inc has established a fund to finance a series of philatelic lectures. Such lectures may be held annually and will be recorded for publication.

At national level Robert had previously suggested that a visiting speaker(s) be financed to travel to New Zealand and provide a series of philatelic lectures. That suggestion never came to fruition. The Robert Samuel Memorial Lecture is a development from that concept. The publication of such lectures will reflect Robert's interest in philatelic literature.

The fund will be administered by the Committee of Philatelic Foundation (Christchurch) Inc and will be established with an initial sum of \$5000.

Additions to the fund will be welcome and should be sent to the Philatelic Foundation Christchurch (Inc), P.O.Box 1129, Christchurch. Contributions may be sent in Sterling cheques which may be encashed without additional charge.

Robert Duns
President
10 November 2001

COMING EVENTS:

NORTHPEX: APRIL 4 - APRIL 7 2002

Don Scregg has now been confirmed as U.K. Commissioner for Northpex 2002. He would very much like to hear from members who are intending to travel to North Shore. His address is:

Mr. D.C.Scragg, 5, School Lane, Meols, Wirral, Merseyside L47 6AE.

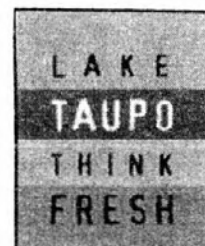
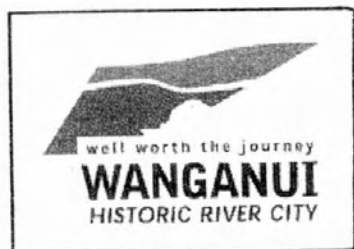
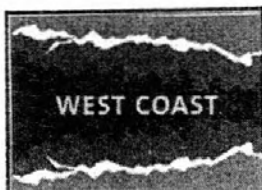
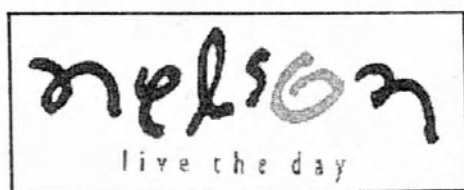
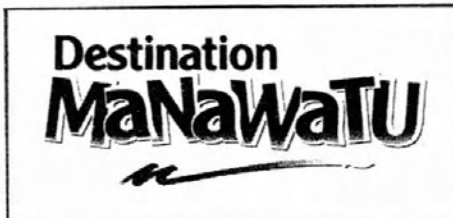
Warwick Paterson has offered to host a dinner for Society members attending and also offered a trip to his fishing Lodge on Lake Taupo.

The closing date for entries has been extended to January 30th, 2002.

RECENT NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND POSTAL SERVICES:

REGIONAL ENVELOPES

New Zealand Post has recently issued a series of Regional envelopes. Each is a pre-paid envelope with a symbol for the area concerned. The slogans are shown below. Only Hamilton and Marlborough are in black and white. Overall, they make an eye-catching set.



2001 CHRISTMAS PARCEL EARLY BIRD STICKER

ALAN TUNNICLIFFE

In the January 2000 (1) and January 2001 (2) issues of *The Kiwi*, I described the two self-adhesive labels that NZ Post used to identify the parcels that qualified for the discounted Christmas postage rates. This year's label, like the two earlier ones, is multicoloured and has NZ Post's logo on it (Figure 1). It measures 105mm by 50mm. The text "Under the Tree Yippee!!" and the tree are green; the bottom panel is in red as are the red buttons of the NZ Post logo. The main background is yellow and the "New Zealand Post" are white.



Figure 1. 2002 Christmas Early Bird Sticker

The labels (or stickers) were printed in sheets of 12, six rows of two. Unlike the previous year, the publicity leaflet for the Early Bird Service this year states the discount offered. The text "Send/it now/save 15%" is in red on a green background with red text and includes ten multicoloured small Santa Clauses.

For the 2001 Christmas season, the discount for posting early has dropped from 20% to 15% and, as in previous years, applies only to parcels posted to countries in Zone C and D. However, this time, the discount is only available for parcels weighting over 500g.

The discount of 15% is off the current International Economy rates (which were increased on January 1st, 2001) and was offered to Zone D (UK and Europe) for parcels posted during the period 10-29 September and to Zone C (East Asia/North America) during the period 1 - 20 October.

The delivery target was stated to be 6-8 weeks from the close off date, whereas the normal close off date for Economy parcels to the same Zones was 12 November for delivery prior to Christmas.

References:

1. Tunnicliffe A. "Recent Changes to Overseas and Internal Postal Services". *The Kiwi* (2000). Vol. 49. No. 1. P. 12.
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RECENT CHANGES IN NEW ZEALAND POSTAL SERVICES

ROBIN M. STARTUP

Universal Mail New Zealand:

Paul Meiers, the major shareholder in the now closed National Mail Postal business, is involved in a new service, Universal Mail.

The new company is aiming at overseas mail, especially from tourists. The company has taken over National Mail's blue coloured post boxes. The majority of the new company's boxes will be located near major tourist attractions and near a stamp retailer. Stamps with a value of \$1.50 are on

sale and carry picture of the tourist attractions. There also seems to a considerable scope to market philatelic collectibles.

The company will use service providers to deliver international mail, probably DX Mail and Freightways Group for Australia and TNT for other destinations. The operation will also use another contractor to clear the post-boxes and deliver them to Universal Mail depots for sorting and onward despatch.

No announcement has yet been made as to what cancellations will be used on Universal Mail collected mail but it should be noted that they will have the inkjet canceller formerly used by National Mail.

Post shop changes:

New Zealand Post's planning to introduce the People's Bank (or whatever it may be called) into post shops in early 2003 is well advanced. Tenders have been called for the alteration of post shop premises and associated signage.

The Hawera company post shop in the former Post Office building 70-74 Princess Street will close 21 December 2001 and be replaced by a Books & More store - post shop created from the existing Loveridge's Lotto at 92 High Street, Hawera. My understanding is that the separately managed mail centre in the Post Office building will continue to operate - there has been no word of the removal of the processing side though with mail cleared to Manawatu for processing that could be possible.

Massey University company post shop closed 5 October and was replaced with a post centre in Bennett's Bookshop in the University commercial complex.

The Onehunga company post shop at 145 Onehunga Mall closed 28 September and was replaced from 1 October by Books & More in Arthur Street.

RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS ARTICLES:

ADDENDUM TO "AN UNUSUAL FIRST DAY COVER"

IAN McQUEEN

Some important information was omitted from the article on the Olympic Games First Day Cover in the last issue of *The Kiwi* (1).

The 3d value on the cover is an example of the "Crown" flaw. This variety seems to be extremely rare on commercial cover, I have only ever seen one. However, it seems to occur a little more frequently on First Day Covers which were posted before the flaw had been widely recognised and, presumably, saved by collectors.

Reference:

I. McQueen I "An Unusual First Day Cover". *The Kiwi* (2001). Vol. 50. No. 6 P. 130

THE 1938 RUSSIAN ESPERANTO POSTCARD

ALAN TUNNICLIFFE

I was intrigued to read Paul North's article in the July, 2000, issue of *The Kiwi* (1) because the card is addressed to the Christchurch Esperanto Society at an address only about 300 metres from, and within sight of, my workplace.

By coincidence, within a month of my reading the article, a feature article on Esperanto in New Zealand appeared in the local Christchurch newspaper, "The Press". This gave the interesting information that the use of Esperanto in New Zealand began early in the 20th century and that a Society was founded in Christchurch in 1906 and was still functioning in the year 2000.

There are another three Esperanto clubs in New Zealand and worldwide, they can be found in 88 countries. It is estimated that there are well over two million Esperantists in the world.

I was able, through the services of a member of the Christchurch Esperanto Society, to obtain a translation of the Esperanto text of the Paul's 1938 postcard from Russia, alongside a typewritten copy of the handwriting from the original postcard (Figure 1 & 2).

ORIGINAL		
USSR	12 / II 38	Vozonejo
Karaj gekamaradoj!		
Unu el miaj asperantklubaj amikoj donis al mi vian adreson kaj diris ke		
vi volus aŭ povas transdoni mian adreson al esperantisto kaj mi tre volas korespondi kun vi. Mi kolektas bildkartojn kaj gazetoj, gvidlibroj, gazetoj, ĵurnaloj bildkartojn ktp.		
Mi petas vin bonvolu transdoni mian adreson.		
Mia adreso skribu ruslingve jene:		
Mi esperas baldaŭ ricevi vian rerspondon		
Kun samideanaj salutoj		
Atendante via		

Figure 1. Transcription of Text

The writer of the card, whose name was V.N.Lisinovich, lived in Voronezh, a large city about 300 miles south of Moscow in Russia, near the junction of the Don and Voronezh rivers. I wonder if anyone in Christchurch in 1938 responded to the young Russian's request for a correspondent and exchange partner.

Paul has kindly donated the actual card to the Christchurch Esperanto Society who were delighted to receive it and add it to their archives.

Reference:

1.North PF "An Esperanto Card". *The Kiwi* (2000). Vol. 49 No. 4. P. 95

TRANSLATION		
USSR	12 / II 38	Vozonejo
Dear comrades!		
One of my Esperanto club friends gave to me your address and said that you would or could pass on my address to Esperantists of your country. I am a young Esperantist and I would very much like to correspond with you. I collect picture postcards and magazines, guidebooks. I would like to exchange guidebooks, magazines, newspapers etc. I ask you to be so good as to pass on my address. Write my address in Russian like this:		
I hope to soon receive your reply.		
With fellow-thinker greetings		
In anticipation, yours		

Figure 2. Translation of Text

ORIGINAL ARTICLES AND READERS QUERIES:

WORLD WAR I FIELD AMBULANCE.

BERNARD ATKINSON

I recently acquired the postcard illustrated as Figure 1. It was sent by a serviceman, Len Williams, to Mrs. Williams at Gross Street, Oriental Bay, Wellington, N.Z.

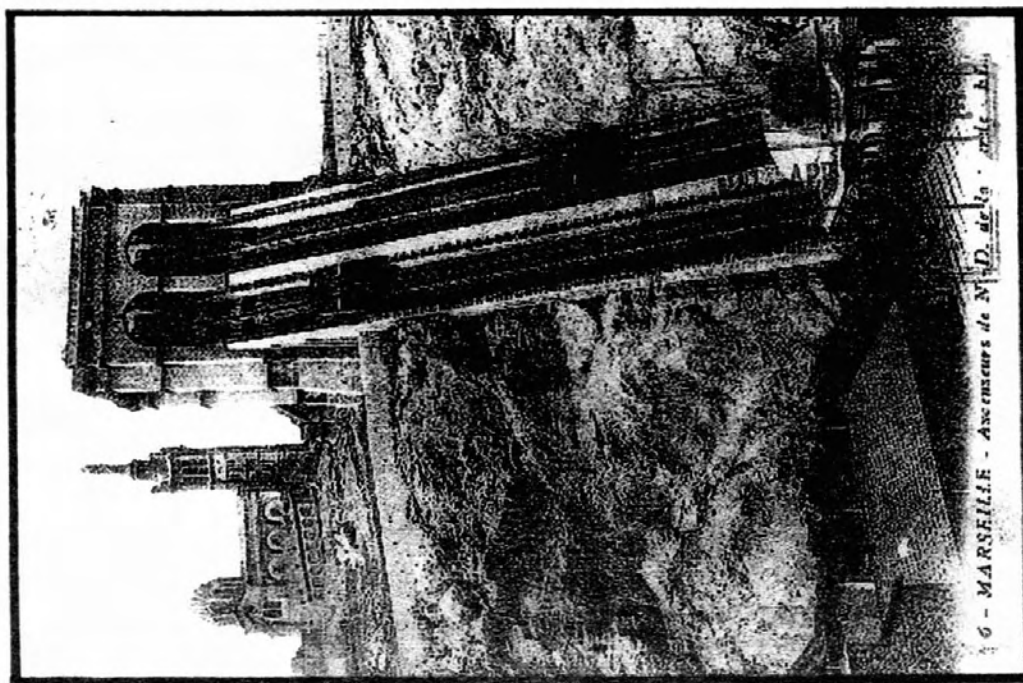


Figure 1. Card showing strike in top right corner

The message on the card reads:

"My Dear Mother and Father, Well here we are in France at last, we had a lovely trip up right through France as we left the boat at Marseilles, and it was just lovely after Egypt.

We are at present in very pleasant quarters as we are all billeted about ———
——— we do not yet know when we shall be ———, am in the best of health
and shall be writing tonight love to all." (Other words deleted by Censor).

On the picture side of the card is a boxed "N.Z. Expeditionary Force" postmark dated 21 APR 1916. The wording on the bottom line is extremely difficult to read as it is obscured by the printed picture on the postcard. However, I believe the wording to be "FIELD AMBULANCE".

In 1996, an envelope was offered by New Zealand Philatelic Brokers Ltd. in their auction of November 8th, 1996 (Figure 2) described as:

"1916 Envelope addressed to Wellington, New Zealand, bearing New Zealand Expeditionary Force Field Ambulance 3 APL 1916 datestamp, plus NZ Rifles CDS, Triangular Red Censor cachet. Ambulance datestamp is rare and seen less than the Hospital ship markings, unlisted in many books, ageing and odd faults but rare."

In this example, the strike of the bottom left corner is weak but there appears to be a space before the "Field Ambulance". Could a number have been omitted when the frank was applied?

The Official History of New Zealand's Effort in the Great War (1) notes four NZ Field Ambulances, No.s 1, 2, 3 & 4. I wonder whether there may have been a number in the bottom row of my card. Alternatively, it occurs to me that it might be "MTD" for Mounted.

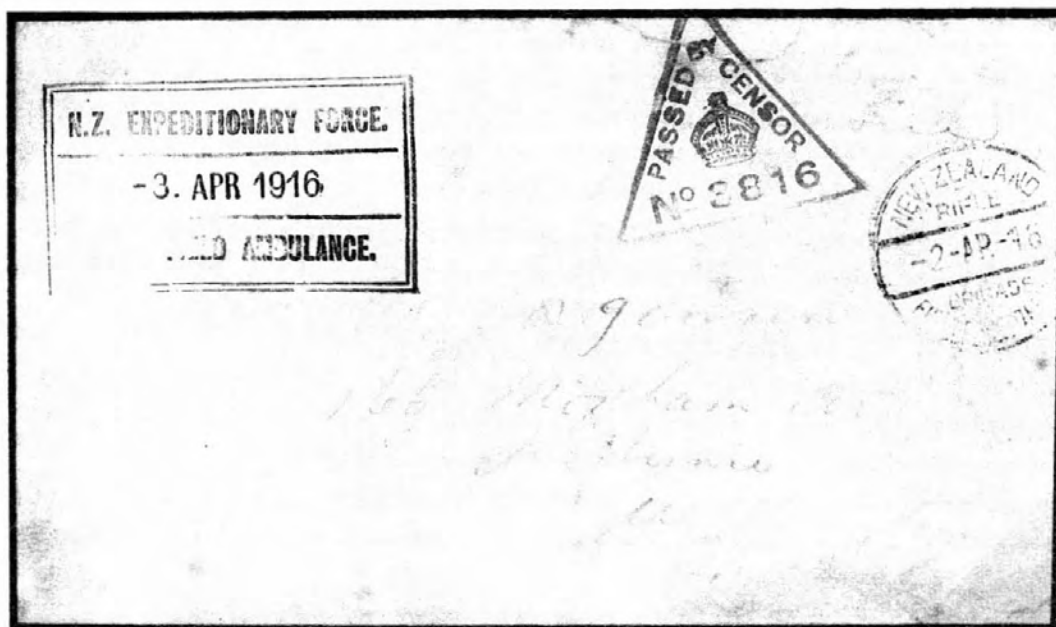


Figure 2. Cover with Field Ambulance strike

If anybody has further examples of this scarce marking, can they let me know via the Editor.

Reference:

1. Stewart Col. H., CMG, DSO, MC. *"The New Zealand Division 1916 - 1919 A Popular History"*. (1921) Pub. under the Authority of the New Zealand Government by Whitcomb & Tombs Ltd.

AN OVERPRINT ON THE 1951 HEALTH STAMP

MARTIN TAYLOR

I wonder if any reader has seen further examples of the overprint shown on the stamps illustrated in Figure 1 & 2. It appears to be written with a typewriter and reads "H.M.S.Eire" and on the reverse, "V".



Figure 1

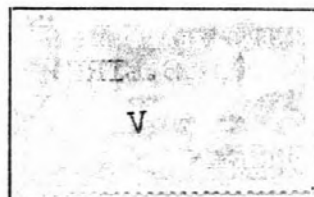


Figure 2

In seeking further information, I posted a question on the Royal Navy post war service board and received confirmation that the Royal Navy has never possessed a ship of this name and nobody is aware of any ship with this nickname.

It may be, of course, that this is unrelated to the Royal Navy or philately but if anyone can help, through the Editor, I would be most grateful.

PRESENTATION SETS OF STAMPS

ANDREW DOVE

The custom of giving visiting dignitaries sets of current New Zealand stamps is well described. Campbell Paterson Newsletter discussed the linear cancellations applied to the stamps in some detail in 1998 (1,2,3).

The latest issue that was used in this manner is the King George Definitive issue (4). Consideration of the values and perforations of KGV stamps known with this cancellation suggests that the presentation stamps were made at or shortly after issue in July 1915. The values known are those in the original issue and the result of the first change, the 2d Yellow issued on January 15th 1915 is not known with the cancellation.

This supposition is also supported by consideration by the perforation of the sets: most values which were initially perforated 14x13¼ throughout (1½d, 2½d, 4½d, 6d, 7½d and 1/-) are only known in this perforation in the presentation sets. Values in which the initial issue was in the two-perforation format (2d Yellow, 3d and 9d) are known in both perforations. The exception is the 4d Yellow which despite having an initial printing perforated 14x13¼ throughout, is found in both perforations. However, the 4d was the only value with such an initial printing in which the two perforation sheets were placed on sale at the same time as the first printing (5).

With this in mind, I was interested to read Stuart Potter's article in *The Kiwi* (6) suggesting that the pleasant tradition of giving distinguished visitors current stamps may have continued until at least 1940.



Figure. 1 Front Cover of Booklet (Reduced in size by 10%)

A recent acquisition suggests that the custom continued in the 1930's. It is a booklet measuring 205mm x 128mm. The front cover is shown in Figure 1. It contains six pages and is tied in the spine by blue binding. Page one carries the crest of New Zealand and Title. Pages two and three

(Figure 2) show King George V stamps: ½d, 1d Admiral, 1½d Surface Print, 2d Surface Print, 2½d, 3d Surface Print, 4d Deep Purple (Plate 44), 5d, 6d, 8d red-brown, 9d, 1/- and 2/- & 3/- Admirals. Pages four and five carry sets (½d to 1/- KGV) of definitives issued for the Cook Islands and Niue on 2 May 1932. The last page carries the imprint of W.A.G.Skinner Government Printer (Figure 3).



Figure 2. Page Three of the Booklet (Reduced in size by 10%)

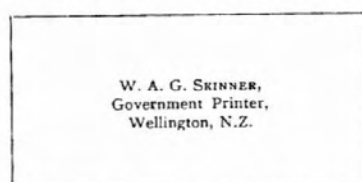


Figure 3. Printers Imprint on last page of Booklet

I believe that this represents the format of the presentation set given after the cancelled stamps had run out. This example must have been compiled after 2 May, 1932 but I wonder whether readers have other examples with different contents.

References:

1. Anon. "Early New Zealand Presentation Stamps". Campbell Paterson Newsletter (1998). Vol. 49. No. 9. P. 5
2. Anon. "Early New Zealand Presentation Stamps". Campbell Paterson Newsletter (1998). Vol. 49. No. 11. P. 5
3. Anon. "Presentation Stamps". Campbell Paterson Newsletter (1998). Vol. 50. No. 2. P. 7
4. Ed. Collins RJG & Watts CW. "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand. Vol IV". Pub. Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand (1964). P. 407 - 408.
5. Ed. Collins RJG & Fathers HTM. "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand [Vol. I]". Pub. The Philatelic Society of New Zealand. (1938). P. 308.
6. Potter S. "A Signed Set of Stamps". *The Kiwi* (2001). Vol. 50. No. 3. P. 65-66.

THE TEMPORARY POST OFFICE AT WAITANGI, BAY OF ISLANDS, FEBRUARY 1940

ALLAN P. BERRY

New Zealand Post Offices (1) records that a temporary post office was located at Waitangi in the Whangarei District, situated in the Treaty House grounds. The office was only open on two days, February 6 and 7, 1940. The cancellor was used on mail posted to commemorate the Centennial of the Signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

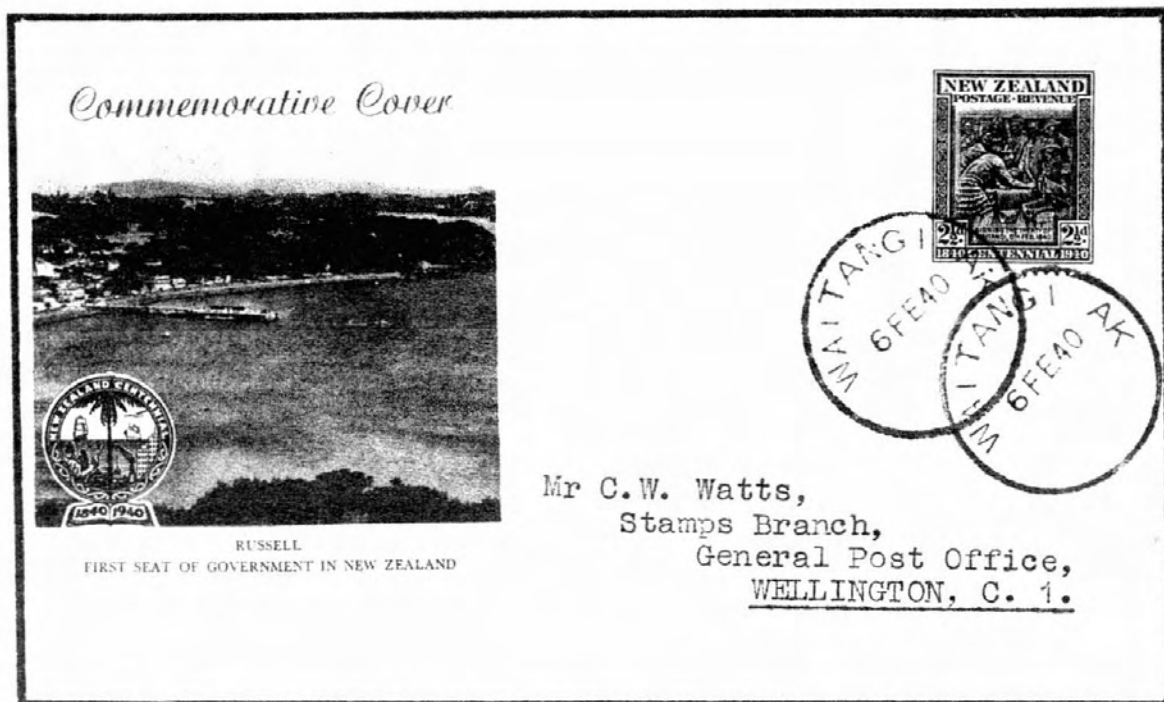


Figure 1. Cover used on 6 FE 40

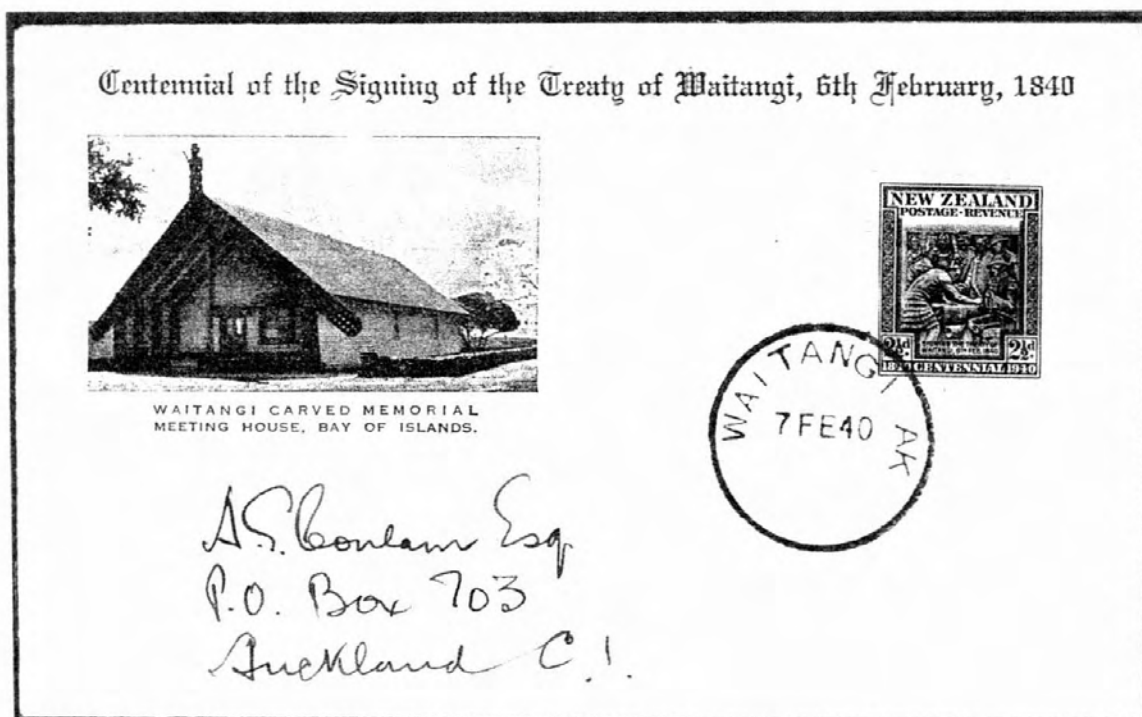


Figure 2. Cover used on 7 FE 40

Figure 1 shows a cover with two strikes of the datestamp applied on 6 February 1840. Figure 2, shows a strike of the datestamp applied on 7 February 1940, confirms the fact that it was also open on that day. In both of these, the first 'I' of 'WAITANGI' is intact.

Volume II of *The Postage Stamps of New Zealand* (2) records:

"A special datestamp which was used at Waitangi on February 6 was adapted from one of the relief obliterations and was inscribed 'WAITANGI AK'. During the course of cancelling the mail the first 'I' of 'WAITANGI' became defective, with the result that some of the cancellations show a partial 'I' and others show the 'I' completely missing. The place name in these cases reads 'WA TANGI'.

A recent acquisition is shown in Figure 3. The stamp on the cover is cancelled with the special datestamp used at Russell on 6 February 1840 and there is an impression of the Waitangi Relief datestamp of the same date on the cover. In this, the first 'I' of 'WAITANGI' is missing.

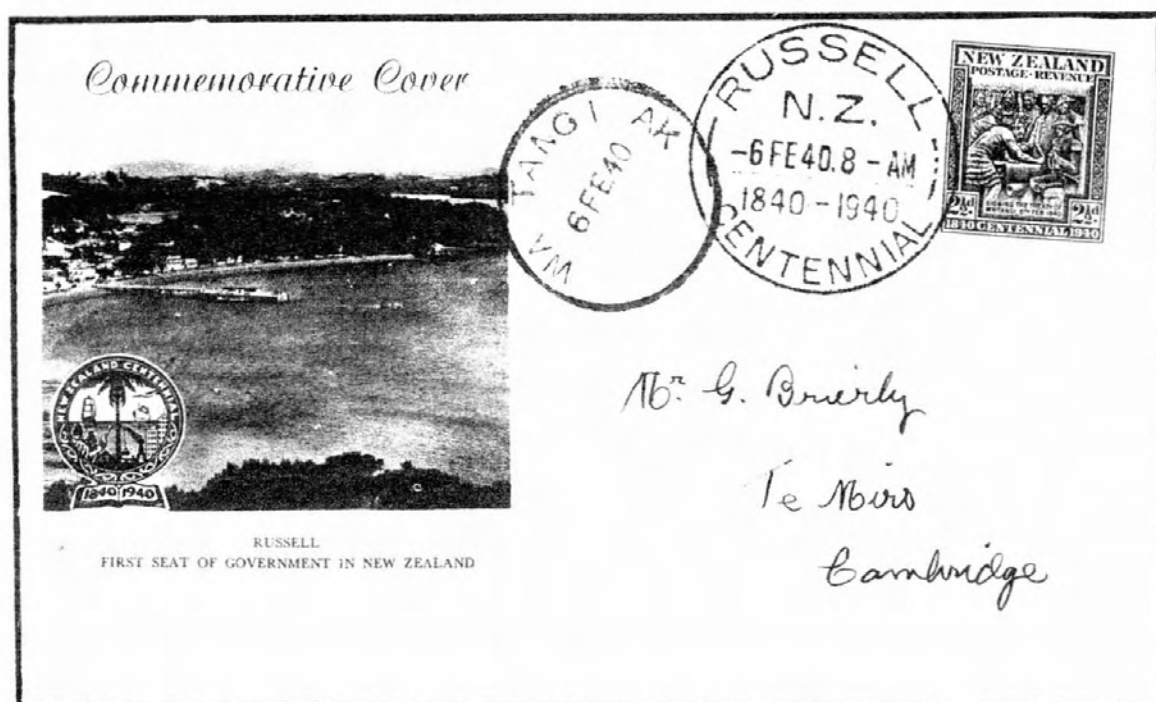


Figure 3. Cover used on 6 FE 40 with missing 'I' in 'WAITANGI'

Thus, the report of the missing first 'I' of 'WAITANGI' can be confirmed, but clearly it was replaced at some time, there being no missing 'I' on the strike applied the following day.

In spite of much searching, I have been unable to find evidence that the first 'I' of 'WAITANGI' was defective, as reported in Volume II (1). If this was the case, then strikes of the datestamp must surely exist with varying degrees of deficiency in the 'I'. If any student can confirm the presence of strikes with a partial 'I', please let me know through the Editor.

Whether or not the 'I' became defective, or whether or not it just dropped out, the evidence of these covers show that matters had been remedied by the next day. I would be most interested to hear of any strikes from 7 Fe 1940 with a partial or missing 'I'. Strikes from the second day appear to be quite rare.

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1. Startup RM "New Zealand Post Offices". Pub. Postal History Society of New Zealand (1993). Handbook No. 33. P. 265.
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