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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON MAY 28TH 2005
 AT THE UNION JACK CLUB, SANDELL STREET, LONDON STARTING AT 11.00
 THE MORNING WILL BE GIVEN TO INTERESTING ITEMS SHOWN BY MEMBERS AND
 IN THE AFTERNOON (AT 14.00), JOHN WATTS WILL GIVE A DISPLAY ENTITLED
'A NEW ZEALAND POT - POURRI'

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SOCIETY NEWS:

NEW MEMBERS:

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R. J. Street, New Zealand
G. Watson, Australia

DECEASED:

G. D. Ashworth
Mrs. E. A. Carter

NEXT LONDON MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Society will be held on May 28th, 2005 starting at 11.00. The morning part of the meeting will be open for all members to bring along items of interest to display.

The afternoon display will start at 14.00 when we are delighted to welcome a visitor from New Zealand. John Watts is well known to us as our Man in New Zealand and served as Chairman of the Society 1975 – 1976. He now lives in NZ but is visiting home! He will give a display entitled 'New Zealand Pot-Pourri'. An earlier version of this display was shown at a Midland Meeting some years ago and that experience suggests that it will prove to be a wide ranging and fascinating afternoon.

Please make every effort to get along: you will not be disappointed.

NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHERN GROUP

The next meeting of the Northern Regional Group will be held at the usual meeting place in Orrell on May 14th, 2005 starting at 13.30.

The theme of the meeting will be the 80's, either the 1880's or the 1980's. Members are invited to bring along any material on that theme.

COMING EVENT

A reminder that the Annual Society Auction will take place after the Annual General Meeting on November 26th, 2005. Full details will be in a future issue of *The Kiwi* but please start looking out items to include in the Auction.

ADVANCE NOTICE

INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE WEST COUNTRY REGIONAL GROUP

Members will know that the September, 2005 meeting is to be held in Taunton on Saturday, 24th September. This location has been chosen to make it easy for all Society members in the West Country to attend and participate in the first meeting of our new Regional Group which will take the form of a short business meeting to elect a Chair and Secretary and to fix the time and place of the next meeting(s) of the Group. I am delighted to inform all West Country members that this initial business meeting will be chaired by John Smith (an ex President and past Chairman of the Society) and that Paul North has agreed to take a record of the decisions reached. Every member in the West Country will receive an individual letter of invitation giving the exact time and location of the meeting during August. Please make every effort to attend and support this initiative.

The Society currently has three Regional Groups outside London – Scotland, Northwest and Midlands. Each arranges meetings in a pattern that suits the members of the Groups. The Hon. Treasurer makes available modest financial support which each Regional Group supplements in its own way. These Regional Groups are now a vital part of the Society providing members who live at a distance from London an opportunity to share their enthusiasm for New Zealand philately. I would estimate that over half of the members of the Society who live outside SE England attend one or more meetings of a Regional Group each year.

As a means of maintaining strong links between the Regional Groups and the London Regional members, a tradition has evolved that every other year a Regional Group will host a philatelic weekend on behalf of the Society. The Northwest Group hosted a weekend in Chester in 2000; the London Group hosted the Anniversary weekend in 2002 and, in 2004, the weekend was held in Edinburgh and hosted by the Scots. Planning for 2006 has begun for a weekend near Warwick hosted by the Midland Group. With everything from exciting overseas speakers, fascinating members displays and fabulous raffle prizes, these events have become the highlight of my philatelic calendar and have been well supported by members and their guests.

Derek Diamond

Footnote: If any member living in the North East or Yorkshire would be willing to help form a final Regional Group, would they please contact the Hon. Secretary.

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD IN LONDON ON APRIL 2ND, 2005

The meeting was opened by Derek Diamond at 11.00. He reported the recent death of Ann Carter. Ann was a frequent attender at the London meetings. The meeting sent its sympathy to Ann's husband, Ian. A fuller obituary will follow in due course.

The first part of the meeting was given over to showings of Railway Postal History. Displays were given by **Ernie Leppard, Paul Wreglesworth, Maurice Allen** and **Andrew Dove**.

The first section of railway in New Zealand was opened in 1863 and ran between Christchurch and Ferrymead. In 1864, 8 miles of track had been laid from Invercargill to the Goldfields. The first Invercargill railway line was made of wood and a number of notables made the first journey. Unfortunately, the train broke down and they had to walk home! By 1865, mail was regularly being carried by train although the first Travelling Post Offices were not put into commission until 1878.

The North Island Main Trunk line followed, opening for mail in February 1909.

The first cancellation was issued to the Christchurch South line. It read 'R.T.P.O. C' in a diamond-shaped space. This is rare and was used to cancel uncanceled stamps. It is only known between 10/1878 and 2/1886.

Thereafter, each line had its own cancellations. Some are especially difficult to find, for example, those from Taranaki.

A number of Instructional Markings are associated with Railway mail. For example, there were a number of Flag Stations which were railway stations at which the train would stop on request. Mail could be put on board the train and if it was marked, it would not be subject to an extra fee.

Ernie Leppard showed some covers from the Second World War when the New Zealand Second Division built and ran a railway in Egypt through Alamein to Mersa Metruh. The 17th and 19th Railway Companies brought FPO 3 with them and this was used to cancel letters carried on the railway.

One of the many points of interest in the subject lies in the numbers found in the cancellation. This was used to designate the journey being undertaken. The cancellation used on the journey between Napier and Pahiatua used 6 to indicate the south bound trip and then inverted the slug to 9 for the northbound. This meant that they only had to carry one stamp. Letters were also sometimes used. Maurice Allen showed an unusual cover with two RTPO cancellations which arose because the letter had arrived at its destination and then been re-directed.

As well as the cancellations, a variety of Postal Stationery, Postcards showing Railway Stations, stamps and other ephemera were on show.

Overall, this was a most comprehensive and fascinating exposition of the subject.

After a break for lunch, the Biennial 12 sheet Competition was held. Proceedings were, as usual, expertly orchestrated by the Hon. Secretary.

In all, there were a total 19 entries: this was the greatest number since before 1995. Those present undertook the judging: the results were:

CLASSIC SECTION

Winner

Paul Wreglesworth	Study of the Plate 5 flaws of the 2 ND Sidefaces	Noel Turner Trophy
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Runner – Up

Ernie Leppard	Cook Islands 1890's	John Evans Trophy
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MODERN 1

Winner

Philip Hoare	Second Pictorial 2d Whare	Kiwi Shield
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Runner – Up

Don Scregg	1923 Map Stamp	Paua Musical Box
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MODERN 2

Winner

Brian Stonestreet	KGVI low values: ½d – 2d	Stacey Hooker Cup
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Runner – Up:

No Award

OPEN CLASS

Winner

Don Scregg	Christchurch Exhibition labels. Their postal usage before and during the Exhibition	David Forty Salver
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Runner – Up

Derek Diamond	First Pictorials used as Fiscals	Campbell Paterson Trophy
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POSTAL HISTORY

Winner

Rob Davie	Queen Victoria ½d Newspaper Wrappers	John J Bishop Trophy
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Runner – Up

Don Scregg	Christchurch Exhibition postage stamps used on letters	Barton Bowl
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----- MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN GROUP HELD ON 26TH FEBRUARY, 2005

Ten members were present with apologies from two more. First, we congratulated Don Scregg and Paul Wreglesworth on their success in the Marcel Stanley Trophy Competition of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand.

The theme of the meeting was 'Your Own Choice'. The members showed as follows:

Don Scregg: A block of four of the 1932 Hygeia Health stamp on a First Day Cover signed by the designer, an O.A.S. letter from World War II addressed to Dr. Elizabeth Gunn and a selection of Christchurch Exhibition material including a cover with the complete set of the stamps dated 17 DE 06, postcards with exhibition Cinderellas, an advertisement booklet from Singer and a selection of medals and souvenirs.

Brian Stonehouse: A half sheet of the Express Car stamp. Pictures of Post offices and examples of their cancels, Flag Stations, a cover with the Royal Train postmark, the Auckland Exhibition set mint and on piece with Exhibition cancels dated 15 JA 14 and Health Covers.

John Atkinson: The Miniature sheet issue of the Royal New Zealand with a history of each of the ships shown on the stamps.

Paul Wreglesworth: Second Sideface advertisements with the history of the firms on the adverts including W. Strange & Co, E.H.Crease & Son, Beecham's Pills, Cadburys, Flag Brand, sauce and pickles. His display was enlivened by an empty bottle of Flag Brand Pickles and a full bottle of Bonningtons Irish Moss, both bottles had been obtained during Paul's recent sojourn in New Zealand – yes, they still sell Bonnington's Irish Moss!

Brian Cartmill: Recently released holographic stamps, Best of Miniature Sheets for 2004, a 1d Field Marshall First Day Cover, 1930's Airmail covers, a block of 18 of the King George V 4d Yellow showing the Plate Number and the 2/- and 3/- Admirals in blocks of 4 showing the sheet numbers.

Jack Lindley: Selection of pictures of mostly closed Post Offices and examples of the cancellations.

Harold Howard: The Postal History of Ashburton and the district around it, including Hinds, Longbeach, Methven, Rahaia. For each settlement, pictures of Post Offices and numerous examples of cancellations were included.

Mike Hanson: Stamps, Postal Stationary and commercial printed envelopes from the 1980's and, from the 1880's, an OHMS cover with the 2½d Sideface overprinted with O.P.S.O.

The members congratulated themselves on an excellent meeting which closed at 16.25.

DISPLAYS BY MEMBERS

John Watts will be giving his display entitled 'A New Zealand Pot Pourri' at Marley Philatelic Society on May 10th, 2005. If you cannot make it to the next Society London Meeting, this will be a good opportunity to see what promises to be a fascinating display.

Lewis Giles will be giving a display on 'The Social History of New Zealand Goldfields' to Ashford Philatelic Society on May 9th, 2005.

Members of the Society would be most welcome at either or both: for further information about either meeting, contact Lewis Giles, ☎ 01634 846696.

A MOST UNUSUAL COLLECTION

Probably the largest collection of stamps and covers all overprinted O.P.S.O. or On Public Service Only ever assembled has recently appeared on the market. Spread over some 80 album leaves are examples of all known types, some in large multiples as well as others unrecorded at present. Many items possess certificates from the RPSL and the RPSNZ. Amongst those of particular note are the 2½d First Pictorial covers to destinations other than the U.S.A. and the many examples of the overprint reading downwards from left to right across the stamp.

Anyone interested in acquiring this collection should contact D. Morrison, 21 Pond Street, Great Gonerby, Lincs. NG31 8LJ (☎01476 591791)

INFORMATION RECEIVED:

MEDIA RELEASES

LATEST STAMP ISSUE IS SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT

12 January 2005

New Zealand Post's latest stamp issue is using the Year of the Rooster as an opportunity to celebrate New Zealand's farmyard animals.

Stamps General Manager Ivor Masters says the stamp issue recognises New Zealand as home to a range of farmyard animals. 'Our economy is founded on rural industries and farm animals make a huge contribution to that.

'These stamps are a tribute to these animals – from sheep and cattle, which form the backbone of our agricultural industry, to dogs and horses, whose work helps in the daily operation of our farms. Combined, they enable New Zealand to be a world-class performer and a dominant player in the international marketplace.'

The five stamps include distinctive illustrations of farmyard animals by Samuel Sakaria of Wellington.

With 43 million sheep in New Zealand, the sheep takes its rightful place on New Zealand's most commonly used stamp – the 45-cent stamp.

The New Zealand sheepdog and pigs are on the 90-cent stamp and \$1.35 stamp respectively; and the showy rooster takes pride of place on the \$1.50 and \$2.00 stamps.

The New Zealand Farmyard Animals stamp issue is the ninth in New Zealand Post's Lunar Stamp series, which marks the Chinese Lunar calendar. People born in the Year of the Rooster are said to be hard-working, confident and unwavering.

The stamps and first day covers were printed by Southern Colour Print in Dunedin and will be available from the usual outlets from 12 January 2005.

THE WORK OF ROTARY, LIONS AND YMCA CELEBRATED IN NEW ZEALAND POST STAMPS

1 February 2005

New Zealand Post is commemorating the selfless works of three major community-based organisations, New Zealand Lions, Rotary International and the YMCA in its latest stamp issue.

The Groups who celebrate their 50th, 100th, 150th respective birthdays this year have their very own illustrated stamps marking their celebrated history.

Through the 2005 Commemoratives issue, New Zealand Post pays tribute to the thousands of New Zealanders who, as members and supporters of these three vital community groups, care for those around them.

New Zealand Post's Stamp Business General Manager, Ivor Masters said the organisations celebrating this momentous time in their history have contributed significantly to the very fabric of New Zealand communities.

'These organisations have helped hundred of thousands of people throughout New Zealand and New Zealand Post is delighted to be able to pay tribute to them with a stamp issue that celebrates a special milestone for each of them. It's a wonderful opportunity to sit back and consider the impact they have had on our past, and will undoubtedly have on our future,' said Mr Masters.

The organisations themselves are pleased the stamps will be a part of their birthday celebrations, and will lead to greater focus on their role in our society. 'Having a dedicated stamp marking the 150 year anniversary is an honour for the YMCA and a wonderful recognition of our history in New Zealand and internationally,' said YMCA National Executive Officer Ric Odom.

Ron Lawrence, CEO New Zealand Lions added, 'The New Zealand Lions are proud and excited to be featured on the stamps. It is certainly a fantastic way to commemorate our 50th year.

'The stamp issue is an integral part of our centennial celebrations. Stamps represent a little picture of New Zealand and Rotary New Zealand are delighted to recognise our centennial in this way,' said Pakuranga Rotarian Bill Boyd who will be World President of Rotary International, 2006-07.

The stamps and first day covers were designed by Watermark of Auckland and printed by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin. They will be available from the usual outlets from 2 February 2005.

150 YEARS OF STAMPING OUR MARK

9 February 2005

This year New Zealand Post celebrates 150 years of one of the most useful and enduring payment methods – the stamp.

In 1855, for the first time, New Zealanders were able to pay for postage in advance and send letters and parcels throughout New Zealand and the world.

To celebrate the occasion New Zealand Post has issued a superb 'Collectors Collection'. Featuring 15 stamps representing landmark issues, as judged by nominees of the New Zealand Philatelic Federation, the collection will be released over three issues in March, April and June 2005.

New Zealand Stamps General Manager Ivor Masters said the collection recognised the important role the stamp has played in New Zealand communities for the past 150 years.

'The images that have featured on our stamps since 1855 tell a wonderful story about how we as New Zealanders have developed. They depict the events, people and aspects of kiwi culture that have captured us as a nation over the course of our short but eventful history.'

The first issue covers the years 1855 to 1905. It features five landmark issues: 1855 Full Face Queen (45c), 1873 Newspaper (90c), 1891 Government Life (\$1.35), 1898 Pictorial – Mount Cook (\$1.50) and the 1901 Universal Postage (\$2.00).

The stamps and first day covers were designed by Totem Design of Wellington and printed by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin. They will be available from the usual outlets from 2 March 2005.

(For a limited time, New Zealand Post are offering collectors the opportunity to obtain the set of three presentation packs and a free slipcase to store the set. Each presentation pack includes five stamps, the miniature sheet and two first day covers).

NEW ZEALAND STAMP ISSUE MARKS HISTORICAL MILESTONES

15 March 2005

New Zealand Post's latest stamp issue, the second in a three-part series to celebrate 150 years of stamps, features five landmark stamps from the period 1905 – 1955.

The collection depicts a dramatic time in New Zealand's history, which began in splendour, descended into tragedy, but ultimately ended in hope and prosperity as the country's exports thrived.

Stamps General Manager Ivor Masters said New Zealand Post was delighted to present this exciting second series of specially chosen stamps, which follows the successful issue last month of a collection covering the first 50 – year period 1855 – 1905.

'During the period 1905 – 1955 New Zealand progressed from a small colony, reliant on Britain for its identity, to a nation that had survived depression and received international recognition for its contribution in two World Wars. By the 1950s a sense of what it was to be Kiwi had truly started to emerge, and the stamps covered in this series reflect that development.'

The 1906 One-Penny Claret is depicted on the 45-cent stamp. A sheet of these was accidentally made available at the New Zealand International Exhibition of Arts and Industry, and due to their scarcity at the time, these original stamps were highly sought after by collectors.

The image that came to symbolise our country's stamps worldwide – the 1931 Health-Red Boy – graces the 90-cent stamp, and the \$1.35 stamp pictures the first trans-Tasman airmail flight, recognising the significant development in communication channels between New Zealand and the rest of the world.

The final two stamps in the series reflect the sense of optimism in New Zealand in the late 1940s and throughout the 1950s. The stamp released in 1946 to celebrate peace, which displays a beautiful image of the Southern Alps through a chapel window, is pictured on the \$1.50 stamp in the collection, and the \$2.00 stamp features one of four stamps issued in 1955 to celebrate the accession of Queen Elizabeth II.

The stamps were designed by Totem Design in Wellington and printed by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin. They are available from the usual outlets from 6 April 2005.

REVIEW OF PUBLICATION RECEIVED

RAILS THROUGH WHARERATA

Railway Construction Camp Post Offices Gisborne to Waikakopu

Author Dr. R. Bruce Morrison. Ed. By Robin Startup. Pub. The Postal History Society of New Zealand, P.O. Box 99673, Newmarket, Auckland, New Zealand. Handbook No. 61. ISBN 0-908 588-71-2. Spiral bound: Pp. 37 with 27 illustrations and 4 colour pages. Price \$15. P&P extra.

Another book from the PHSNZ stable. It is always a pleasure to receive the latest publication as, no matter how abstruse the subject, there is always a good read to be had. This slim volume describes the special Post Offices set up to service the construction camps along the Waikakopu – Gisborne Section of the Napier-Gisborne.

The railway is 35 miles and took 14 years to build as the terrain was so inhospitable. A total of eight camps were set up for the workers and many of them only existed for 2 or 3 years. Each camp is described, mostly with postcards and the postal history and cancellations are also illustrated.

An interesting read about a rugged period of activity. Recommended.

ADDITION TO THE LIBRARY

Ken Lynch has kindly donated to the Library the latest edition of his Chalon Handbook, *The Chalon Issues of New Zealand*. This is the 5th Edition and now comes as two volumes in an edition of 120. This is almost twice the number of copies produced for the previous edition, the Fourth, in 2003. Unfortunately, some of the bibliography is duplicated in Volume 2 of the copy received.

In general, Mr. Lynch has added many new background items particularly on Perkins Bacon, Watermarks, Blued Paper, White Paper and summaries of Major 'Chalon' collectors of the past. The bibliography has been added to with further up dates from various Stamp Magazines etc. This could be a valuable resource including much information not available in Berry and Beech's recent Bibliography, but as few sources have been a 100% checked it is not as useful as it could be.

It may be unfair, but this reviewer feels that the present volumes over emphasise some areas such as comments about Political Correctness, certainly to non-NZ Collectors who have little interest New Zealand squabbles.

The valuation guides have all been updated. Mr. Lynch is entitled to his estimates, he includes many more colour varieties than in current catalogues and this is a valuable service. The actual valuations could be argued over for hours, in reality, of course, each collector makes their own decision as to how much to pay for each item needed.

Copies can be ordered directly from Mr. Lynch although, unfortunately, he has given me no indication of the cost of the latest edition.

Mr. Lynch has also updated the Library with copies of his quarterly 'Chalon' publication. Anyone wanting to see these should contact the Honorary Librarian.

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

Len Jury requires items to expand collections of New Zealand:

1. Postal handstamps used on cover pre 1914 for 'in depth' research and reference collection.

For example: NUMERAL HANDSTAMPS (1(d), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1/-) in black or red, LATE FEE, TOO LATE, LATE LETTER, DEFICIENT POSTAGE, FINE, DETAINED FOR POSTAGE, INSUFFICIENTLY STAMPED, UNCLAIMED, ADVERTISED UNCLAIMED, NOT KNOWN, LOOSELETTER, FREE, PAID, PAID AT, PAID ALL, MISSENT TO, Registered Handstamps and any other hand/directional cancels not listed. If you have items like these that are NOT for sale, I would be delighted to receive a photocopy or scan please so that a full record can be made. Thanks for your help.

2. AUCKLAND EXHIBITION 1913 - 1914.

Covers to overseas countries, within New Zealand, used on parcel or package labels, Exhibition Labels (also on cover), Advertising labels, Advertising covers with or without Advertising labels, Covers with Postage Due or Refused markings, Stamp Proofs, flaws, Postal Stationery postcards either used or unused, any related memorabilia.

3. NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITIONS 1865 - 1924.

A number of these exhibitions were celebrated philatelically but NOT with a stamp issue. A number had a postmark/slogan or were notable for the first use of a new stamp producing mechanism. Any memorabilia.

4. New Plymouth.

Pre-stamp and Full Face/Side Face Queen/1898 Pictorial covers from and to New Plymouth and from/to other centres such as Maori/Land War Military Camps, Waitara, Inglewood, Stratford, Hawera, Eltham, Patea, Omata, Bellblock and other localities.

Also Taranaki Province. Pre 1930 Datestamps/manuscript/postal markings on cover or postcards of small localities, villages and townships.

5. New Zealand 1920 Victory.

Artist drawings, essays, engravings, die proofs, printers proofs, specimen overprints, specimen markings, printers samples in singles, pairs and blocks with and without specimen overprint (various colours). Victory stamps on cover/postcard in singles, in combination with other victory stamps, in combination with other stamps (including other countries) sent to addresses in New Zealand or to overseas countries. Covers with Postage Due or Refused markings. Also required: Samoa Victory overprints used on commercial mail and New Zealand/Samoa Victory used in NZ Territories e.g. Fanning Island, Washington Island and Tokelau Islands.

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AWARD TO A MEMBER

The last issue of *The Kiwi* listed members of The New Zealand Society of Great Britain who won awards in The Marcel Stanley Trophy Competition of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand. Many congratulations to Paul Wreglesworth who joined Tony Thackeray as joint winner of the Marcel Stanley Trophy.

COMING EVENT

NEW ZEALAND 2005 NATIONAL STAMP SHOW

17-20 NOVEMBER, 2005

NORTH SHORE EVENTS CENTRE, GLENFIELD, AUCKLAND

Bulletin Number 2 has just arrived and it reinforces the impression that this looks to be a well organised and exciting event. The new bulletin trails the launch of THE Book on the Chalons and brings readers up to date with the invited displays by Societies programme. Sightseeing tours and accommodation are also described.

For further information, contact the Exhibition at P.O. Box 34-253, Birkenhead, North Shore, New Zealand. E-mail: nsps@xtra.co.nz.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Society publications are now available:

SP 1: *Aspects of Collecting New Zealand Stamps*.

SP 2: *Index to The Kiwi Volumes 1 to 50*. Printed and CD Version.

SP 3: *The Kiwi Volumes 1 - 50*. Full text on CD

Price: SP 1: £10 inc. P. & P.

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RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS ARTICLES:

SOME INFORMATION ABOUT A BOER WAR COVER

ALLAN BERRY

I can provide a little information about the cover illustrated in the November issue of *The Kiwi* (1).

Harry P. Tuckey was the eldest son of the Reverend Henry Edward Tuckey. He was a Lieutenant in Number 12 Company, Wellington Section, of the Fifth Contingent. He was clearly unmarried at the time as his father, Rev. Henry Edward Tuckey, is named as next of kin. The envelope is addressed to this mother and the same address is given as his residence. His

occupation is shown as Civil Servant, and he is listed as a Clerk in the Colonial Treasurer's Department in *New Zealand Official Year-Book 1900*.

A history of the service of the Fifth Contingent is given in *Kiwi versus Boer* by R. Stowers (2):

Clasps: 'Cape Colony', 'Orange Free State' (few); 'Transvaal'; 'Rhodesia' and 'South Africa 1901'. As the New Zealand Rhodesian Field Force Artillery was drawn from the 4th and 5th New Zealand Mounted Rifles being split into separate companies, bar allocations vary slightly – especially 'Orange Free State' and 'Transvaal'.

Raised from reserves and known as the New Zealand Imperial Bushmen. Their formation was at the request of the Imperial Government who also funded all payments concerning the unit. The unit was divided into:

- No. 11 Company (Auckland Company)
- No. 12 Company (Wellington Company)
- No. 13 Company (Wellington, Nelson and West Coast Section)
- No. 14 Company (Canterbury Company)
- No. 15 Company (Otago Company)

The 5th Contingent and seventy reserves sailed aboard three ships on the 31 March 1900. No. 15 Company sailed with the 4th contingent aboard S.S. *Gymeric* from Lyttleton, disembarking at Beira in Portuguese East Africa on 11 May 1900. Nos. 11 and 14 Companies sailed aboard S.S. *Maori* from Wellington, disembarking at Beira 27 April 1900. No. 12 and 13 Companies sailed from Wellington aboard S.S. *Waimate* disembarking at Beira shortly after the S.S. *Maori*. The 5th Contingent's service in South Africa was similar to that of the 4th Contingent.

Volunteers were drawn from No. 11 Company (with about twenty men from the 4th Contingent) to man a battery of six 15 pounder field guns. This unit, known as the 1st New Zealand Battery, Rhodesian Field Force Artillery, operated as a separate unit. The rest of the 5th Contingent reorganised into A, B, C and D Squadrons.

C Squadron split from the rest and served as a separate unit. It performed garrison duties before going south to join the Kimberley Flying Column, rejoining the rest of the Contingent prior returning to New Zealand.

A, B and D Squadrons, like the 4th Contingent, joined the 2nd Brigade, Rhodesian Field Force on 14 August 1900. Was in action at Malmani on 17 August 1900. The New Zealanders trekked throughout the Western Transvaal having numerous skirmishes with the Boers. D Squadron for about 3 months performed garrison duties at Coal Mine Drift on the Vaal River. A Squadron also performed garrison duties at Klerksdorp from 27 November 1900 until the end of Mar 1901. B Squadron joined with three Australian squadrons to form the Composite Bushmen's Regiment performing duties in the western Transvaal and around Mafeking.

The whole of the 5th Contingent saw a lot of action, mainly in small clashes and pursuits of the Boers, but no major engagements.

Returned to New Zealand from Cape Town with the 4th Contingent aboard S.S. *Tagus* leaving 12 June 1901, arriving at Port Chalmers 11 July 1901. They were disbanded 21 July 1901.

Lieutenant Tuckey is named as one of those receiving the King's South South Africa medal in *Kiwi versus Boers* (2).

I can find no record of a Colonel Wood. No officer of that rank and name is listed in either the New Zealand or the Australian Forces who served in the Boer War, and in spite of the information given

that the Contingent would be kept together, it would appear that Lieutenant Tuckey was seconded to a British Unit as a Staff officer, possibly to the Kimberley Flying Column mentioned above.

A brief biography of Lieutenant Tuckey's father is given in the *Cyclopaedia of New Zealand, Volume 1, Wellington Provincial District*, published in 1897. The entry reads:

Rev. Henry Edward Tuckey, of the Church of England, who resides in Park Terrace (off Molesworth Street) was born in Rodburn Cheney, Wiltshire, England, in 1829. His father was a small squire, living on property that had been in the family for centuries. The reverend gentleman was educated at Marlborough Grammar School, and at St. John's College, Cambridge. He took his B.A. degree in 1852. In that year he was one of the Cambridge crew against Oxford, the Cambridge bow oar for that year being the present Lord McNaughten, and the Oxford stroke Mr. (now Justice) Chitty. The subject of this notice gained a Lady Margaret Scholarship at Cambridge. He was president of the Lady Margaret Boat Club, a distinction previously held by the late Bishop Selwyn. He was ordained in 1854, and was appointed Curate at Shifnal, Shropshire, where he remained only two years. He was then appointed Vicar of Rodburn Cheney by his uncle who was the patron. In 1859 the reverend gentleman married Miss Fanny Isabel, daughter of Mr. James Bryant of Bath, and came to New Zealand in the ship 'Ashburton' and, landing at Nelson, took to pastoral and farming pursuits. He had a farm at Waimea South, and leased a run in Wairau Valley jointly with the late Mr. F. Blundell. Mr. Tuckey left for Wellington in 1867 and undertook the conduct of a school with Mr. W. S. Hamilton. This school was afterwards taken over by the trustees of the Wellington College and Grammar School. After several years teaching in Wellington, the last position held being that of Classical Master in the Wellington College, Mr. Tuckey became headmaster of the Featherston State School. Subsequently he served three years as headmaster of Rangiora High School, and became curate to Archdeacon Dudley, Rangiora. About 1887 he returned to Wellington and took Archdeacon Stock's duties at St. Peter's for some eighteen months. He then became supernumerary master for the Wellington Education Board until 1893, when that office was abolished. Mr. Tuckey has lately been engaged as a supply for clergymen as required. He has seven children the youngest of whom is sixteen. The eldest son is engaged in the Treasury, the second is married and lives at Woodville, the third is an engineer on the S.S. Wainui, the fourth is with Messrs. Stafford, Treadwell and Field, solicitors, and the fifth is on the barque Weathersfield. The elder daughter is unmarried, the second being Mrs. Henry Hadfield, of Otaihangā, Wellington.

Most of the information about Lieutenant Tuckey was found on the website:

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THOUGHTS ON THE TATTERSALL'S COVER

HARRY FOX

In answer to Lew Giles query regarding his Tattersalls cover (1), I can add the following information. I have a letter from James Stapleton, the Editor of the New Zealand Airmail Catalogue, in which he states that the 'AIR SERVICE INTERRUPTED' cachet was applied at post offices in both Nelson and Wellington to mail that was due to flown across the Cook Straits during inclement weather between 1936 and 1938. He considered examples difficult to find as only small amounts of mail were being flown at the time. The aircraft used were D.H. Dragon Rapides.

Regarding the GEO ADAMS cachet, I have examples in my collection of these cachets on mail from Field Post Offices in Papua from August 1943 to September 1952. The marks are in three different sizes in red and two in black. I also have several numbers in my collection, the lowest being 8 and the highest 138. All the covers are addressed to either 'Tattersalls' Geo adams or Geo Adams 'Tattersalls'. I assume that they all contained betting slips but am unsure of the significance of the numbers.

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ORIGINAL ARTICLES AND CONTRIBUTIONS:

AIRMAIL TO NEW ZEALAND VIA KARACHI, MARCH 1929

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Imperial Airways started a regular London-Karachi airmail service in 1929. The first flight left Croydon Airport on 30 March and arrive in Karachi on 6 April. Although it was August 1929 before the British Post office announced that mail would be accepted for Australia and New Zealand, letters for Australia were carried on the inaugural flight (1). Walker (2) states that letters for New Zealand do not appear to have been previously recorded, but that:

' it is reasonable to assume that a few covers addressed to New Zealand were possibly carries on the inaugural flight.'

I recently purchased the cover illustrated in Figure 1. It is inscribed '1st Airmail to Karachi' and is addressed to F.M. Paterson in Timaru. The postmark is 28 March 1929 in Liverpool and there is an indistinct Karachi REG backstamp. It is therefore a cover addressed to New Zealand and carried on the inaugural flight.

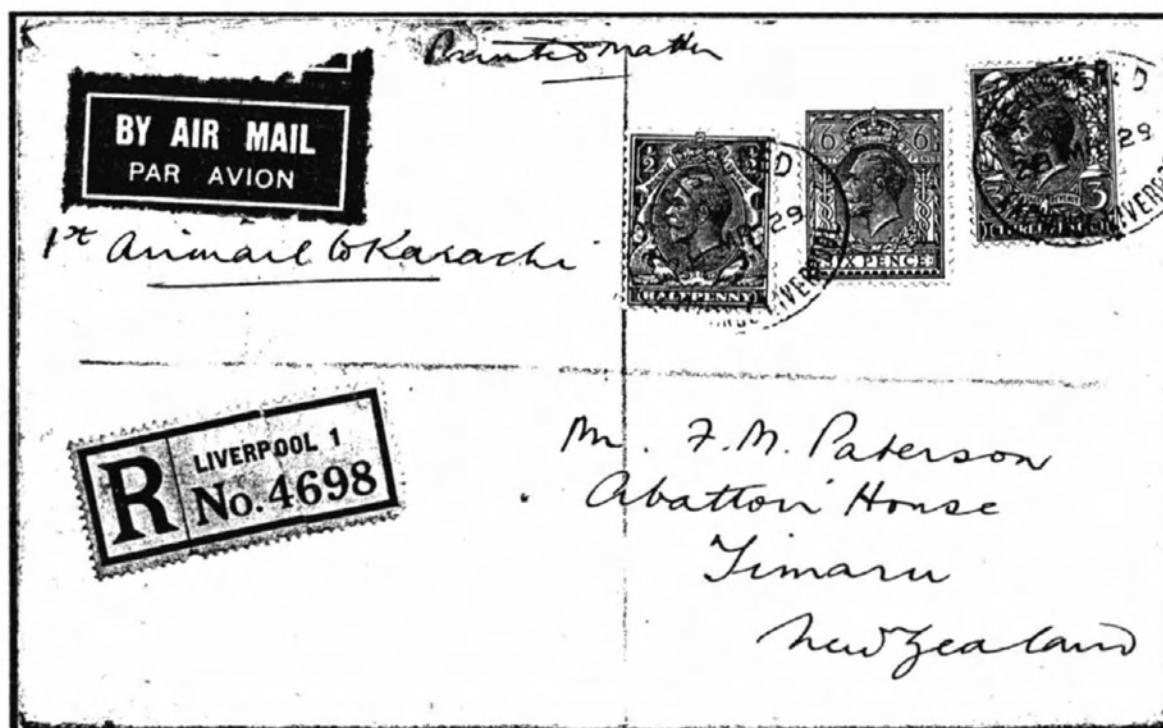


Figure 1: Cover flown from London to Karachi and addressed to New Zealand

The postage rate is 9½d which is made up of 6d airmail, 3d registration fee and ½d reduced surface rate due to the inscription *Printed matter* in manuscript. The first president of the Air Mail Society of New Zealand was A.F.M. Paterson from Timaru and he is the likely recipient.

This cover is especially important because it is the first time that mail from the UK to New Zealand was carried on a significant part of its journey by an official regular airmail service.

The first announced airmail for New Zealand left London on 31 August 1929, but crashed at Jask in Persia on 6 September. Three people including the pilot, Albert Woodbridge, were killed and the mail destroyed (3). Albert Woodbridge is famous as an airman who wounded von Richtofen (the *Red Baron*) in 1917. Although von Richtofen managed to land, he was out of action for six weeks.

The first successful carriage of announced airmail for New Zealand left London on 7 September. The first acceptance of mail *from* New Zealand to the UK via the Karachi – London service was not until July 1930.

The London-Karachi airmail service played an important role in the communication between New Zealand and Europe and was extended to Australia in December 1934. The final leg to New Zealand remained by sea as a regular trans-Tasman airmail did not start until April 1940.

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A NEW LABEL FROM NEW ZEALAND POST

ALLAN P. BERRY



Figure 1: A new label

The label illustrated in Figure 1 was on a letter from Morrinsville Medical Centre addressed to Waikato Hospital, Plastic op. (presumably the Plastic Surgery Department). It has the Waikato Mail Centre slogan cancellation of 5-PM / 2 NOV / 2004, the slogan being HANDIBAGS / PROTECT / WITH / BUBBLES OF AIR. No stamp is affixed, but the label in red has been added. This reads: 'Item may have been / delayed due to / **insufficient postage** / New Zealand Post.

It would appear that it is no longer economic for New Zealand Post to collect Postage Due, but one suspects that the delay imposed is deliberate and represents the penalty imposed.

The address is very brief, yet it arrived at its destination, where it was rescued for me by a cousin who works in the Plastic Surgery Department. Possibly, the letter was never meant to be posted, but to be collected and taken to the Hospital by the patient being referred.

DIFFICULTIES OF THE NELSON POST OFFICE IN 1845

MARGARET FRANKCOM

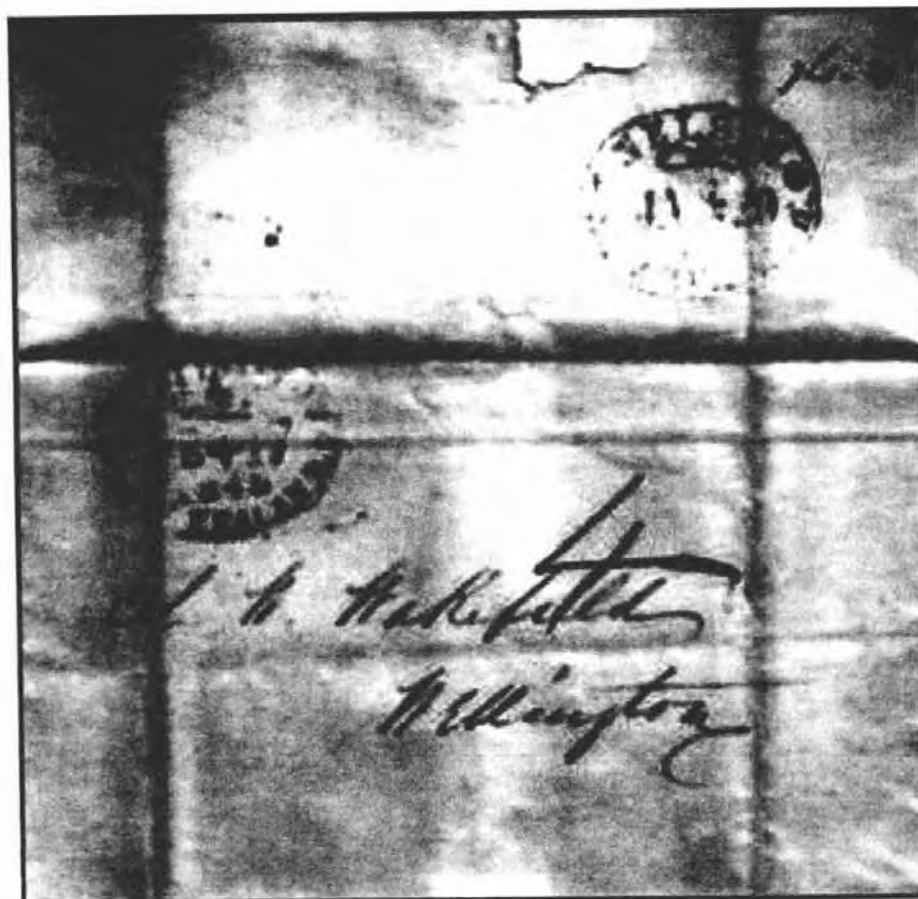


Figure 1: Letter to Colonel Wakefield

On Sunday, 26th January, 1845, the long looked for English mail arrived in Nelson on the barque 'Slains Castle', captained by Captain W. Dawson. Amongst the thousands of letters was one in respect of a draft of £60-17-4 in favour of William Fox, Agent of the New Zealand Company in Nelson. The mail was delivered on Monday 27 January and the following day the letter below was written to Colonel Wakefield, Principal Agent of the New Zealand Company:

Auckland Point

Nelson 28th Jan(uar)y 1845

Col W Wakefield

Wellington

Sir

We hereby give you notice that your Dft. No 176 for £60-17-4 on the Secretary of the new Zealand Co London in favour of Mr W Fox at 30 days sight dated Wellington 30 1843 has been this day returned from London listed for non acceptance and non payment & now lies in our hands here.

We have to request your immediate attending to the payment of same with charges as under

<i>Bill of Exchange Returned</i>	<i>£60 – 17 – 4</i>
<i>Rt. Exchange 25%</i>	<i>15 – 4 – 4</i>
<i>Posting etc</i>	<i>1 – 4 –</i>

Interest will be charged from this date until paid at the usual rate of 10 pr. Cent pr. Annum

We are Sir

*Your ob(edien)t Ser(van)ts,
Morrison and Flanders (?)*

The letter was postmarked with the Crown-within-Oval handstamp, NELSON NEW ZEALAND 29 JA(NUARY) 1845, in black, which was in use between October 1844 and November 1847.

The receiving cancellation was the Crown-within-Oval handstamp WELLINGTON NEW ZEALAND FE(BRUARY) 17 1845, in black. It has the recut star and was used in this form between early 1843 and January 1848.

Pre-payment was not compulsory at this time and the postage of fourpence would have had to be paid by the recipient, the penurious and, no doubt, embarrassed Colonel.

In good weather it takes less than a days sailing from Nelson to Wellington. Why had it taken so long? The postmarks show that it was 19 days before it arrived in Wellington.

Part of the mystery was solved when the indefatigable Gerald Elliott sent me the following extract from the book *'The Early History of New Zealand'* (1) concerning the mail from the *'Slains Castle'*.

Stephen Carkeek, the Deputy Postmaster of Nelson, was defending himself to an angry Postmaster in Wellington for not sending the Wellington mails via *'HMS Hazard'* which had sailed from Nelson for Wellington and ports to the North on Tuesday 28th January.

He writes:

' I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 30th ultimo by the 'Flying Fish' which arrived this morning, stating that I had omitted to forward the English mail for your settlement by H.M.S. 'Hazard' and informing me that you are directed by his Honour to request me immediately to despatch the mail by the 'Flying Fish' now sent express, accompanied by an explanation of this neglect of duty. I beg leave to state for the information of his Honour that every exertion was used by me for the purpose of expediting the completion of the whole mails ex 'Hains Castle', but the vast quantities of letters and newspapers rendered it utterly impossible to forward the whole of the bags by H.M.S. 'Hazard'. The mails from England consisted of fifteen packages, besides seven loose letter-bags, and the letters therein contained were addressed to every part of New Zealand, without any one being made for a particular town or port. Three thousand two hundred and forty letters and news had to be stamped, and nearly the whole to be marked with a pen out of which 608 letters had to be weighed, stamped and double marked for inland and sea postage. On the arrival of mails on the Sunday, I lost no time in preparing for the delivery of the Nelson letters, and the sorting, marking, weighing and delivering of both letters and news on Monday took up nearly the whole day.

On Tuesday, finding that his Honour was anxious to get away in the 'Hazard', I obtained a third assistant, but owing to the vast extent of the mails to be made up I was unable to get

the whole completed. When his Honour came down to the Port to go off to the 'Hazard', the Auckland and Russell mails only were ready, and it took me eight hours and a half of the following day before the Wellington and New Plymouth mails could be closed. The 'Flying Fish' is at present unseaworthy, and it cannot be fitted in less than three days. I have therefore forwarded the Wellington mails per 'Cardon'. Trusting the above explanation will prove in every way satisfactory.

I have etc etc

Stephen Carkeek, Deputy Postmaster

The 'Hains Castle' was, of course, the 'Slains Castle' and the 'Cardon' was the 'Carbon'. The 'His honour' who was so anxious to leave Nelson was Bishop Selwyn, the first Anglican Bishop of New Zealand.

The 'Carbon' sailed on 9th January, and I suspect that in his panic to get the English mails away, Mr. Carkeek omitted sending the local mail to Wellington. The next direct sailing for Wellington was the 'Slains Castle' which left Nelson on 15th February, arriving on the 16th and it is my best guess that Colonel Wakefield's letter was on board.

The story is a vivid snapshot of the delays and frustrations suffered by the early settlers in sending and receiving mail. It is also a small illustration of the financial difficulties of the New Zealand Company whose land claims and settlements were by then heavily criticised. Colonel Wakefield was their principal agent in New Zealand from the time of his arrival in 1839 until his death in 1848.

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FINDINGS FROM FILES

(Editors Note: This part of Findings from Files is the last. The series started publication in the March 1981 issue of The Kiwi and, I would imagine, is the longest running series in philatelic literature. Allan Berry took the information was taken from four files that were returned to the National Postal Museum from the Post Office Supplies Department. Since its first appearance, 63 further parts have been published giving an unparalleled insight into the period between 1925 and 1951. To the onlooker, it may appear that stamps appear quite simply but these records, like no other, have demonstrated the complexity of events and the meticulous work undertaken by the suppliers to ensure that the finished result is as good as possible and as close to the requirements as could be achieved).

URGENT PAPER REQUIREMENT FOR ROYAL VISIT STAMPS

ALLAN P. BERRY

This particular story starts with a letter dated 3rd May, 1951, from the New Zealand High Commission, addressed to the Controller of the Post Office Stores Department. It reads:

'I am very sorry to worry you again about paper, but we are in a real jam.

'As you probably know, we are issuing a special set of stamps to commemorate the Royal Visit next year, and a most alarming reply has been received from Samuel Jones regarding paper.

'We require 500 reams in size 13½" x 17¼" (stretch in the 13½" direction and watermark reading the 17¼" direction). Samuel Jones say that the paper mills are very full and that their own production of stamp paper is outsold for roughly a year. The very best they can do is to

deliver somewhere towards the end of the present year. That is, of course, out of the question since the Royal Visit would have commenced before the stamps could possibly be issued in New Zealand. It would be something like your Festival of Britain stamps being issued next month instead of to-day.

'I am wondering, therefore, whether it is possible for you to help us again, since there is not a great tonnage involved. Would you be good enough to look into the matter and let me know.'

On this letter, there is a hand written note, placed by an Officer of the Post Office Stores Department. Although it is dated 8/5, out of sequence with the rest of the papers, it is given here. It reads:

Wt per ream = 10,65 lb.

Therefore 500 reams = 5325 lb.

Sam'l Jones will probably require 2½ tons.

The next document is a hand written memo between two Officers of the Post Office Stores Department, dated 4/5/51. It reads:

'This is becoming a habit but we must see what we can arrange.

'We should tell ... (of the New Zealand High Commission) later that these special and urgent orders upset Portals programme and that he must impress on his N.Z. people the necessity to give early notification of their reqts.'

There follows a letter from the Controller of the Post Office Stores Department to Messrs. Portals (John Allen & Sons) Ltd., dated 9th May, 1951. This reads:

'The New Zealand offices are in urgent need of about 2½ tons of Watermarked paper to the Post Office Specification for Royal Cipher Ordinary for stamps to be on sale in New Zealand early next year. Messrs. Samuel Jones can only promise delivery towards the end of the present year which would be too late for the purpose.

'We are anxious to assist the New Zealand Government and would be grateful if you would arrange for the supply (with the New Zealand Watermark) to be made at Ivybridge Mill when they next make Royal Cipher Ordinary as was done in similar circumstances last December. The 2½ tons could be set off against our requirements, if necessary.

'Perhaps you will say whether this can be arranged and, if so, when delivery to Messrs. Samuel Jones could be promised. It is confirmed that the paper is again required in reel form and that the order would be placed by Messrs. Samuel Jones who would furnish full details of the requirement.'

The next document is another internal memorandum between two Officers of the Post Office Stores Department, dated 10/5/51. This reads:

'... (of Wiggins, Teape) 'phoned me this morning to say that there has been no difficulty about supplying the paper they have already promised Sam'l Jones delivery in June. (of Wiggins, Teape) said that the delay was in Jones's gumming department.

'I told ... (of the New Zealand High Commission) who wondered whether Harrison's would gum for him. I said they could only gum in the reel.

'... (of the New Zealand High Commission) said he would try to get Sam'l Jones to improve on their date and that we needn't bother any more.'

I am very grateful to the National Postal Museum for allowing access to these files, and for permission to publish extracts from them.

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