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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL START AT 11.00

VIEWING OF THE ANNUAL AUCTION WILL START AT 12.30 AND THE AUCTION
WILL START PROMPTLY AT 14.00.

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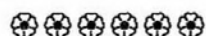
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SOCIETY NEWS:

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome:

M. Pavey, Kent

AMENDMENTS TO AUCTION LISTING:

There are a few modifications to the 2009 Society Auction List that was circulated with the last issue of *The Kiwi*:

LOTS FOR AUCTION FUNDS:

There are two lots described as Lot T: the second (with a catalogue value of \$120) will be Lot Ta.

Lot. No.	Description	Reserve (£)
Ta	Department of Education envelopes. Samuel numbers: CX18a, CX18b, CX19a, CX20a, CX22a. All used. Samuel cat. (1993) NZ\$120.	6
U	Department of Education envelopes. Samuel numbers: CX18a, CX18b, CX19a, CX20a. All used. Samuel cat. (1993) NZ\$110.	5
V	Department of Education envelopes. Samuel numbers 2 x CX13c, 3 x VX15a, 2 x CX20a. All used. Samuel cat. (1993) NZ\$230	7
259	1893 QV 1d Second Sideface, perf. 10 with 'Sunlight Soap' (smiling sun) advert in blue. FU (short corner). CP D2j(6). Cat. \$75	10

267	1893 QV 1/- Second Sideface, perf. 10 with 'Bonnington's Irish Moss' advert in mauve. GU (short corner). CP DA10e(4). Cat. \$75	9
273	1906 1d Universal, Royle plate, perf. 11x14. rare perf. variety. FU. CP G10d. Cat. \$500	100

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Society will be held at the Union Jack Club on November 28th, 2009. The meeting will start at 11.00 with the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The Annual Auction will be held in the afternoon. Viewing of the Auction will start at 12.30 and the auction will start promptly at 14.00. Please remember to bring your auction catalogue with you to the meeting. Some catalogues will be available on the day at a cost of £1.

58TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF

THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Notice is hereby given that the 58th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain will be held at the Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, London on Saturday 28th November, 2009, starting at 11:00.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 57th Annual General meeting (published in *The Kiwi* Vol. 58 No. 1. P. 4
2. Report and Review of 2009
3. Financial Report from the Hon. Treasurer
4. Report from the Hon. Packet Secretary
5. Report from the Hon. Library Liaison Officer
6. To elect:
 - i) A President
 - ii) Vice Presidents
 - iii) A Chairman
 - iv) An Honorary General Secretary
 - v) An Honorary Editor of '*The Kiwi*'
 - vi) An Honorary Packet Secretary
 - vii) An Honorary Treasurer
 - viii) An Honorary Auctioneer
 - ix) An Honorary Library Liaison Officer
 - x) Other Officers of the Society
7. To elect a Committee
8. Any other business proper to the Annual General Meeting of which due notice has been given in writing to the Honorary General Secretary

Nominations are invited from the members for all Officers of the Society, having obtained the agreement (in writing) of the member so nominated.

Keith C. Collins, Honorary General Secretary

NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Northern Regional Group will be held on November 14th, 2009 at St. Lukes Church, Orrell, starting at 12.00.

This will be a members meeting and those attending should bring along items to display, problem items to discuss or items for sale. Please bring along as much as you want.

A Reminder that we now start at 12.00 and finish at 15.00.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Society publications are now available:

SP 1: *Aspects of Collecting New Zealand Stamps*. (Out of Stock)

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

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NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN GROUP HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2009

Twelve members were for the meeting. This was the best attendance for some time – thank you those who came. The meeting was our annual competition with the Don Scregg, last years winner, being the judge.

There were seven entries which included: Censored Military Mail in WWII, Pan American Airways Survey Flights, New Zealand Military Post Offices (K.W.s) in World War II, King George V Recess stamps, Civilian Censored Mail in WWII, NZ Railway Flag Stations and Provisional Stamp Issues of New Zealand.

During the judging, those present discussed the Society weekend to be held next year which will be hosted by the Northern Group. Details will appear as they become available in *The Kiwi*.

The results were then announced by Don:

First	Censored Military Mail in WWII	John Hepworth
Second	NZ Railway Flag Stations	Paul Wreglesworth

Don then discussed the entries and observed that First and Second were only separated by 1 point.

Following the competition, a selection of items were shown:

Don Scregg showed a selection of Otto Zeiher postcards, **Alan Durant** a Universal Postal Union presentation folder from the 1935 Congress in Cairo, **Stuart Potter** showed the recently issued Tiki Tour sheet accompanied by a postcard that had gone around the world. **Jack Lindley**

displayed some civilian censored items, the illustrated letter sheets that were illustrated in the last issue of *The Kiwi* and those from Egypt that will be the subject of a future article.

Again a most enjoyable meeting which closed at 14.35.

**NOTES OF THE JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND THE NATIONAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY HELD IN LONDON
ON AUGUST 8TH 2009**

The meeting room at Freeling House was full for the joint meeting which was to be on the subject of 'Overprints and Surcharges'. The philatelic part was preceded by an auction which saw lively bidding from the room and many lots also going to the book.

The President of the N.P.S, Chris Oliver, introduced the Chairman of the NZ Society, Derek Diamond. Derek thanked the NPS for the invitation and said that it was a great pleasure to be offered the opportunity to say a few words of appreciation for the wonderfully constructive fashion in which the officers of the NPS responded to a suggestion from the New Zealand Society of Great Britain concerning the future of their library. The outcome of the discussions in April 2007 conducted between myself as Chairman of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain and Glen Morgan, then Librarian of the N.P.S., and involving our respective committees is, I firmly believe, an example of that rare animal - a truly mutually beneficial arrangement. The discussions concluded with a written agreement which enshrines the principles which give rise to real benefits for both Societies. In essence there are just two - the N.Z. Soc. of G.B. has placed its entire library of c. 300 volumes and journals on permanent loan with the N.P.S. together with a firm commitment to keep it up to date and in good repair and the N.P.S. has pledged to give members of the N.Z. Society of Great Britain full library rights.

To ensure effective implementation the N.P.S. has placed all the New Zealand items it selected in their on-line catalogue and the N.Z. Society of Great Britain has established a library fund and created a committee post entitled Library Liaison Officer. So far the arrangements are working well which has much to do with the effort applied by Mike Bramwell and Michael Wilkinson. I am absolutely sure that future generations of members in both societies will look back in gratitude to all who helped to achieve such a satisfactory long term outcome.

Derek Diamond then started the displays with First Pictorial overprints. Rare examples of the OFFICIALS used on cover were included and he also rehearsed the debate about the authenticity of the Reefton Provisionals. He informed all present that the debate will be advanced in the forthcoming book on the issue that is in preparation.

Further displays from members of the New Zealand Society were given by:

Brian Stonestreet: the provisional overprints made on the KG VI ½d and 1½d definitives which were overprinted 1d and 2d in 1941 because of the greatly increased requirement for these values when the airmail service was suspended. He also showed overprints on QEII definitives.

Keith Collins: overprints on the Second Pictorials including some overprinted for fiscal purposes such as payment of the Mortgagee Indemnity Fee. He also showed a Department of Education Postcard overprinted OFFICIAL surcharged to 1d in 1940 and a 4d registered letter envelope surcharged to 6d also in 1940.

John Buchanan: overprints on the 1939 and 1941 Health stamps. In 1939, two stamps with the values ½d + ½d and 1d + 1d were printed but an increase in the postage rate resulted in the government Printer overprinting with the revised postage of 1d and 2d. In 1940, the same design was used as in 1940 but with 1941 applied to the two values as an overprint.

Michael Wilkinson: Overprints on KEVII definitives including for the Auckland Exhibition and 'OFFICIALS': he also gave some information about the KEVII ½d Official with the overprint inverted. He also included NZ issues overprinted in 1908 and 1911 for use in the Antarctic.

Unfortunately there was only time for two members of the NPS to show material: **Rodney Knight** displayed items from Spanish Guinea with overprints and surcharges including airmails. **Keith Tranmer** showed some of his well known military material recording the mail from the convoy carrying the first troops from New Zealand to Egypt.

Overall this was an excellent afternoon which was unfortunately too short to fully enjoy all the rare material on show.

It was agreed that we should ensure that the two Societies arrange another joint meeting at a future date.

AD

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MEDIA RELEASES

80 YEARS OF SUPPORTING CHILDRENS HEALTH CAMPS

The 80th issue of children's health stamps will be released by New Zealand Post on 7 September 2009. These annual stamps recognise the contribution of Children's Health Camps to New Zealand Society.

'We are honoured to help support the invaluable services offered by the seven health camps to young New Zealander's and their families,' says Ivor Masters, General Stamps manager.

A 10 cent surcharge is added to stamps to help fund the health camps, which are managed by the New Zealand Foundation for Child and Family Health and Development (Te Puna Whaiora).

Dr Fiona Inkpen, Chief Executive of Te Puna Whaiora, says the money raised from the stamp sales will go towards working with New Zealand families experiencing difficulty with the wellbeing, health and education of family members. Many have also suffered from years of trauma associated with family violence.

‘We work with children and families to help them build new skills, their confidence as individuals and the stability of the family unit. The basic premise is that the health and wellbeing of the family is the starting point for restoring the spirit of hope to the children’.

Over \$46,000 was raised through health stamp sales in 2008 (up from \$30,000 in 2007) and New Zealand Post is appealing to New Zealanders to strengthen their support this year.

‘Supporting health camps has been a longstanding tradition for us, and we look forward to continuing this in the future,’ says Mr Masters.

To mark the 80th issue, images of past health stamps are making a comeback on this year’s three-stamp range that consists of two 50 cent stamps, a \$1.00 stamp, a miniature sheet and two first day covers. Each of the stamps has a story.

One of the 50 cent stamps features the 1943 ‘triangular’ stamp, the first triangular stamp issued in New Zealand. The other 50 cent stamp features the redesigned image from 1996 of an infant in a car seat. A challenge to the original design over the direction the infant was facing, led to the design being withdrawn, redesigned and reprinted.

Hygeia, the Greek Goddess of health, appeared on the 1932 stamp, the first to display the word ‘Health’ instead of ‘Charity’. This however, wasn’t the main focus in philatelic journals of the day – rather it was Hygeia’s partly clad figure reclining on a pedestal. The stamp is reproduced on this year’s \$1.00 stamp.

The stamps and first day cover have been designed by Hamish Thompson of Wellington. They have been printed in offset lithography by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin. They will be available from the usual outlets from 7 September 2009.

NEW ZEALAND POST LAUNCHES INNOVATIVE KIWISTAMP™

New Zealand Post is today launching the KiwiStamp™, which for the first time does not carry a face value.

The innovative stamp series features imagery reflecting the Kiwi lifestyling, Postal Services chief executive Peter Fenton said.

‘The KiwiStamp™ holds its value even if postage increases. It works in exactly the same way as a postage included envelope. Even if postage increases, customers can use the KiwiStamp™ without having to buy additional stamps,’ Mr Fenton said.

Because non-denominated stamps, like KiwiStamp™, simplify postage and provide people with certainty, they are increasingly common in a number of countries, including the United States, Great Britain, and Canada.

The new KiwiStamp™ series features ten images including a State Highway 1 sign, a kiwifruit, summer holidays in a caravan, beach cricket and a number 8 wire fence.

Existing stamps will remain at their face value and New Zealand Post will continue to issue commemorative stamps celebrating New Zealand, its people and culture, Mr Fenton said.

There would be no increase in domestic postage in 2009, however an increase could not be ruled out in the future, Mr Fenton said.



The KiwiStamp™ is designed for easy use on domestic Standard Post and FastPost letters but can be applied to make up postage on international items and domestic parcels.

The new stamp will become the standard unit of postage for domestic mail. For instance, one KiwiStamp™ will cover the postage of a standard Post medium letter domestically. Two will be needed to send the same letter FastPost.

The table below details how many of the new stamps customers need to apply for the different domestic letter sizes:

Required Postage	Medium Letter	Large Letter	Extra Large Letter	Oversize Letter
Maximum Height x length	130x235mm	165x235mm	230x325mm	260x385mm
Maximum Thickness	6mm	10mm	20mm	20mm
Maximum weight (includes envelope)	500g	500g	750g	1kg
Standard Post	1x KiwiStamp	2x KiwiStamps	3x KiwiStamps	4x KiwiStamps
FastPost	2x KiwiStamps	3x KiwiStamps	4x KiwiStamps	5x KiwiStamps

The KiwiStamp™ series will be available as a booklet of 10 stamps (recommended retail price \$5), a sheet of 50 (recommended retail price \$25) or a dispenser box of 100 (recommended retail price \$50). Single denominated stamps will continue to be available.

The stamps and first day cover have been designed by Robertson Communications of Wellington. The sheets and coils have been printed in offset lithography by Southern Colour Print, New Zealand and the booklets by Australia Post, Sprintpak, Australia.

New Zealand Post are also issuing two special commemorative items to celebrate the availability of this new issue: a numbered and silver foiled self-adhesive booklet of 10 stamps (edition limited to 11,000) and numbered and silver foiled sheets of 50 self-adhesive stamps (limited to 3,000 sheets).

STAMPS CAPTURE THE MAGIC AND BEAUTY OF NIUE



Themed 'Undiscovered. Unspoiled. Unbelievable' the first Niuean definitive stamp issue by New Zealand Post showcases Niue as a tourism destination that can't be missed. Nestled in the heart of the South Pacific, and home to just 1,500 people, Niue is an undiscovered and unspoiled tropical island.

The just-released Niue Definitive 2009 stamp collection carries the Niue Tourism logo and displays some of the island's stunning scenic vistas, including its panoramic coastlines, rock formations, caves, beaches and rainforests. The stamps also incorporate an element of Niuean tradition with a pandanus leaf weave forming the backdrop of the denomination.

This stamp issue follows the announcement earlier this year that New Zealand Post has been granted exclusive rights by the Niuean government to design all Niue's stamp issues and distribute them worldwide. This first collection under the agreement has been designed in collaboration with the Niue Philatelic and Numismatic Company (NPNC) and Niue Tourism.

The Niue Definitive 2009 stamp collection comprises 11 definitive stamps that will be used by Niue's postal service.

'The new stamps are brilliant and are a great way to promote our island,' says Carmen Fuhiniu, General Manager of NPNC. 'What more could we ask for? This collection marks a very positive start to our new partnership with New Zealand Post and I look forward to working with the team there on future Niue stamp issues.'

The stamp set includes the set of 11 stamps, two miniature sheets, two first day covers and two miniature sheet first day covers. Buyers of the set with the first day covers will also receive a complimentary product from the issue. Future special issue stamps for Niue will consist of five or six stamps.

The products will be available from REAL Aotearoa stores in Christchurch and Auckland, the Wanganui Collectables and Solutions Centre and online at www.nzpost.co.nz/niue. The date of issue is 14 September 2009. The stamps, miniature sheets and first day covers were designed by Stamps and Collectables Business, New Zealand Post, Wellington and printed in offset lithography by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin.

PUBLICATION RECEIVED

New Zealand Chalon Issue 1855 – 1873

Authors Tom Lee and John Watts. Pub. by the authors. Available in New Zealand from P.O. Box 40376, Glenfield, North Shore City 0747, New Zealand and in the United Kingdom from New Zealand Society of Great Britain c/- 9, Ashley Drive, Walton on Thames, Surrey KT12 1JL, United Kingdom. Price NZ\$30, AU\$25, St£15, €20, US\$20 – all inc. postage).

Contents c. 400 pages contained on a single CD.

First, to declare an interest: the NZ Society of Great Britain is listed as a distributor of this new publication: this is being undertaken on a non-profit basis.

Readers will have followed the saga of the Chalon book for some time. It was originally scheduled to be launched at the New Zealand National Stamp Exhibition in 2005 but has been delayed by a number of events which has resulted in 2 publications now in the pipeline. This book published on CD is the first to see the light of day and we understand that a further volume on the Chalons by Bob Odenweller will be available soon.

This volume has been 6 years in the preparation and aims to provide a comprehensive review of the information already published on the issue as well as recording the results of original research. It is very much a reference book as well as a good read and, consequently, some information appears in more than one place. The scale of the task undertaken is indicated by the list of New Zealand Postal Records which have been lost in the Introduction. The causes of the loss rang from fires in Wellington and Auckland, a ship wreck and, even as recently as the 1980's, destruction of official records when the Chief Post Offices in Auckland and Wellington closed.

Each aspect of the issue and its use is covered in detail and the 15 chapter headings include the Genesis of the Design, Postal Rates, Paper, Separations etc. The main body of the text is followed by 6 Appendices which include copies of the original documents, a 33 page bibliography, a discussion of the 'Dwarf' prints and catalogue number cross reference table.

This reviewer makes no pretence of expertise in this area but, having printed a copy of the book, he found many fascinating areas covered in detail and with an exemplary explanation. For example, the chapter on separations is more than 40 pages long and begins with a detailed discussion of the possible mechanisms for producing the roulettes with illustrations of the possible instruments used. Towards the end of the book are Chapters on Reprints, Specimens, trade samples etc. and a useful section on forgeries and fakes. Although I do not collect the Chalons,

many of the aspects of producing the stamps and their use have resonance with events later in the history of the Post Office and it can be revealing to understand why events unfolded as they did.

I suppose that the big question is about the publication of a volume of this nature as a CD. I must confess that I like paper versions: it is difficult to read from my desktop in bed! However, in two regards, there can be no argument about the value of this method of publication: first, the ability to search the text using the Word search facility makes it infinitely easier to locate information about particular topics than an index can. Secondly, of course, is the question of cost: it is hard to think of any other source which provides this amount of information for this sort of price. The contrary argument revolves on old fashioned people, like me, who like a solid book to read. I think that there is also a difficulty with colour as, even if the scanned images are a faithful reproduction, it will be very difficult to achieve an accurate reproduction on a home printer. The temporary nature of a CD is also an important consideration and, no doubt, the authors would recommend all who purchase the CD to transfer it to their hard drive at an early opportunity.

As a bonus, each CD is accompanied by a copy of the reproduction of the 1d Chalon which was issued as part of the special volume '*New Zealand Post Collection: 150 Years*'.

Overall, the only reason that I can see for not purchasing this CD, whatever your collecting interest, is that you do not have a PC. Highly recommended.

AD

TIMPEX 2009

Canpex Newsletter number 6 is to hand for Timpex, this years annual stamp exhibition, which is due to open on October 16th, 2009. This is the last letter publicising the exhibition. It contains details of the event and lists the dealers who will be present.

The New Zealand Post commemorative miniature sheet features stamps from the set commemorating Sir Edmund Hillary and also has a copy of the \$20 Mount Cook definitive overprinted SPECIMEN. There will be a different cancellation used each day on mail posted at the exhibition and a set of four covers with the miniature sheet cancelled on each day will be available. The last date to order the set of covers is October 15th.

The newsletter also contains a list of the auction lots that will be sold during the Palmares. Many of the lots are proof material from the special souvenir items produced for the exhibition. Of particular interest is an uncut imperforate proof sheet of the Timpex 2009 miniature sheet donated by New Zealand Post (Est. \$1500).

The newsletter also lists the special commemorative items that are still available. Some are in short supply and an early order is advised to those interested collectors.

Further information is available from canpex@paradise.net.nz. Mail orders from Canpex Incorporated. P.O. Box 18 914, Christchurch 8641, New Zealand.

CHANGES TO NEW ZEALAND POST

With effect from July 7, 2009, New Zealand Post has changed to way that it handles overseas mail.

Information is available from the NZ Post website: www.nzpost.co.nz/internationalchanges.

A summary of some of the main changes are:

- Changes to the required postage for four international mail service
- Changes to larger letter sizes and the introduction of a new size
- The International Air with Track and Trace service is being withdrawn
- Change to volumetric calculation for International Express Courier parcels.

1. Lower costs have allowed international mail postage rates to remain unchanged since 2002. From July 2009, the rates will increase on:

- International Air
- International Air Satchel (New Zealand Post Account customers only)
- International Economy
- International Air Registered

2. A new letter size has been introduced: the sizes are the same as those detailed in the New Zealand Post news release concerning the new Kiwi stamp.

	Aerogrammes and Postcards	Medium	Large (new)	Extra Large	Oversize
Max. height and length	130mm x 235mm	130mm x 235mm	165mm x 235mm	230mm x 325mm	260mm x 385mm
Max. thickness	N/A	10mm	10mm	10mm	10mm
Max. weight (inc. envelope)	10g	200g	200g	200g	200g

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY RATES

Australia & South Pacific	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rest of World	N/A	\$1.80	\$2.30	\$2.80	\$4.50

INTERNATIONAL AIR RATES

Australia & South Pacific	\$1.80	\$1.80	\$2.30	\$2.80	\$3.50
Rest of World	\$1.80	\$2.30	\$2.80	\$3.30	\$5.00

3. The International Air with Track and Trace service is being withdrawn. If tracking is required, the International Economy Courier service is an alternative.

4. The required postage for International Express Courier parcels is calculated on whichever is greater – the actual weight or volumetric weight of your parcel (this does not apply to parcels sent in International Courier bags, which are charged at actual rate). From 7 July 2009, the volumetric weight calculation will be revised to be in line with the domestic volumetric calculation.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS ARTICLES:

A CORRECTION

The article in the last issue of *The Kiwi* entitled 'A Tale of a Tail' (1) contained an error which readers may wish to amend in their copy of the journal.

The left hand illustration in Figure 2 refers to the stamp as 'self-adhesive issue'. However, the use of the different font only occurred on the Australian produced self-adhesives, i.e. the coils. Those self-adhesives contained in booklets were printed by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin and used the same font as the gummed sheet.

Reference:

1. Watts J. 'The Tale of a Tail'. *The Kiwi* (2009). Vol. 58 No. 5. Pp. 106-112.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

NEW ZEALAND AIR MAIL TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADA VIA THE UNITED STATES IN 1940-41: WAS IT FLOWN WITHIN THE UNITED STATES?

ROBERT CLARK

Introduction

The first flight in the regular trans-Pacific *Pan American* service from New Zealand to the USA left Auckland on 20th July, 1940, and arrived in San Francisco on July 24th. Mail was accepted for the UK but was expensive with the rate being 6/3. Walker (1) and Startup and La Blonde (2) state that after being flown trans-Pacific, mail to the UK was flown from San Francisco to New York and then flown trans-Atlantic to the UK via Lisbon.

My article on 'Alternatives to the HorseShoe Route in *The Kiwi* (3) showed a cover from New Zealand to the UK flown on that flight. The franking was 6/7 which included a 4d registration fee. Figure 1a shows its San Francisco and New York registered backstamps, dated 24th and 26th July respectively. In a response to the article, Allan Berry commented (4):

'It is my understanding that the service was provided by Pan Americas Airways to San Francisco, America, then by surface mail to New York, then by air across the Atlantic. I believe the transit dates given in the article for San Francisco and New York would support the surface mail statement.'

I had not previously come across the suggestion that the San Francisco – New York leg was by surface and felt that it was worth further investigation.

According to the timetable given in Proud (5), the flight from New Zealand was scheduled to arrive in San Francisco at 2 p.m. on 24th July and most ordinary airmail has the 4 p.m. backstamp as shown in Figure 1b. It can therefore be safely assumed that the mail would not be available for onward transmission until late afternoon or the evening of 24th July.



Figure 1a: Registered backstamps in San Francisco and New York



1b: Ordinary backstamps in San Francisco and Canada

The distance from San Francisco to New York by rail is more than 3000 miles. The record time, which has never been broken, for a train journey from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast of the USA (actually Los Angeles to New York) was in October 1934 when the Union Pacific 'City of Portland' took 56 hours 55 minutes (6). It is also the case that Pacific Standard Time is three hours

behind Eastern Standard Time. Mail that left San Francisco in late afternoon on 24th July could not, therefore, have been conveyed by train to arrive in New York by midnight on 26th July and so must have been flown.

Other Services

The 6/3 rate to the UK was reduced to 5/9 in September 1940. Figure 2 shows a cover postmarked on 9th September 1940, the first day of acceptance at the new rate although the first flight was not until either 14th September (7) or 18th September (1, 8, 9). This was the first flight that carried paying customers from New Zealand to the USA (8).

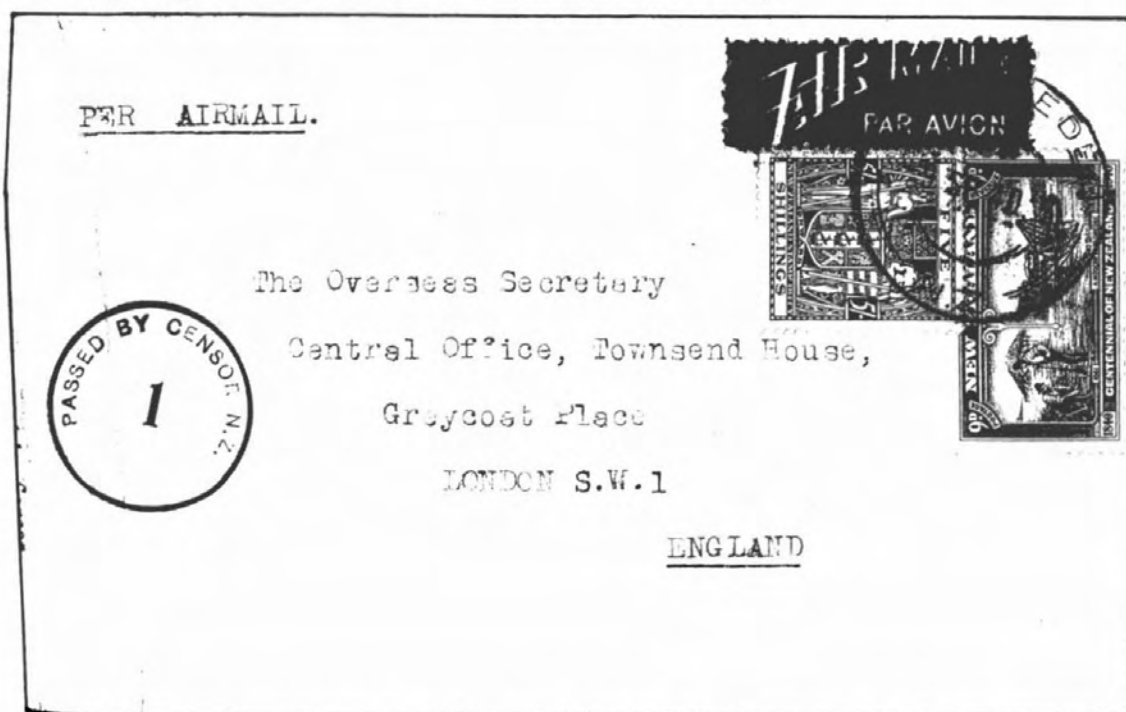


Figure 2: First acceptance at reduced rate, Auckland to UK by air: 5/9 rate

Three partial airmail services from New Zealand to the UK via the USA existed in 1940, all flown on the San Francisco to New York leg. This was a version of the trans-Pacific airmail service at a rate of 4/- where the mail was flown from Auckland to New York while the New York – UK leg was by sea (2). An example postmarked on 2nd April 1941 is shown in Figure 3.

A second service, costing 1/9, was from New Zealand to Honolulu by sea, from Honolulu to New York by air and from New York to UK by sea. An example postmarked 24th August, 1940, is shown in Figure 4 with routing instructions: '*per Honolulu New York*'. The third service was also from New Zealand to Honolulu by sea with the rest of the journey by air. That service cost 4/-, rather confusingly, the same as the service flown from Auckland to New York. The services by sea to Honolulu and then by air were ended in March 1941 due to the lack of shipping between New Zealand and Hawaii (2, 7) while the *Pan American* services from Auckland ended in December 1941 after the attack on Pearl Harbour.

A partial airmail service where mail did go by surface in the USA was started on 30th May 1941. Mail for the UK could be sent from New Zealand to New York by surface via either Vancouver or San Francisco with the New York to UK leg being by air. The cost was 2/6 and an example postmarked on 22nd July 1941 is shown in Figure 5. From 2nd September 1941, that service was modified and San Francisco to New York was also by air (2, 7).

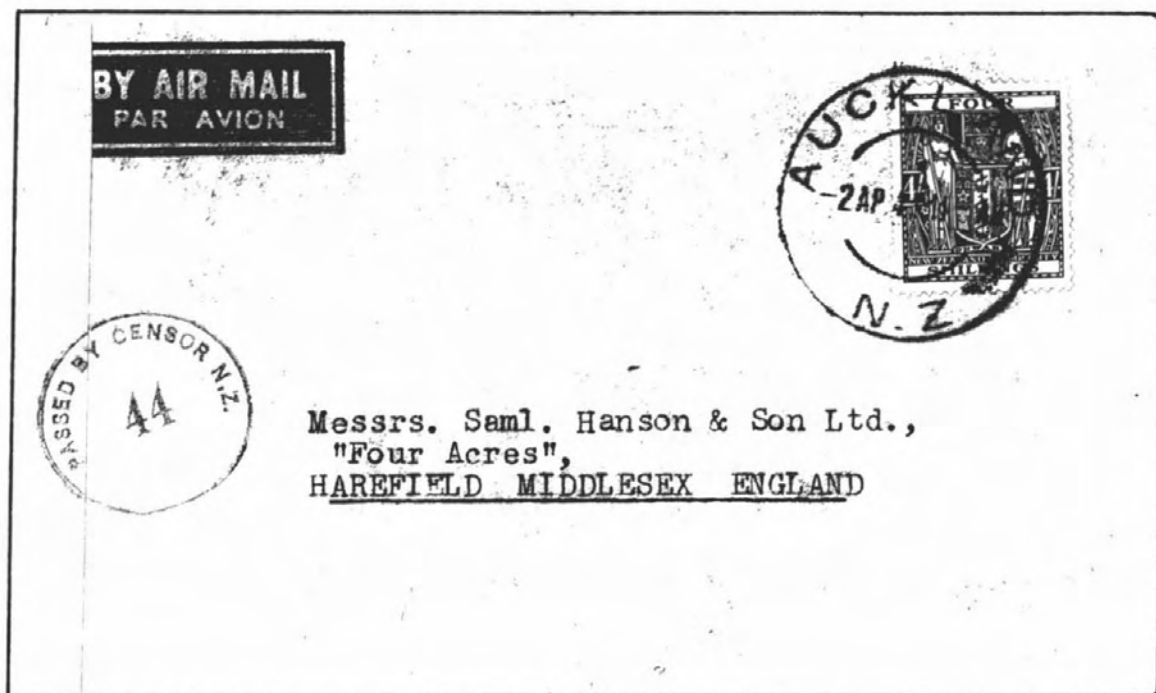


Figure 3: Auckland – New York by air then to UK by sea: 4/- rate



Figure 4: New Zealand to Honolulu by sea, Honolulu to New York by air, New York to UK by sea: 1/9 rate

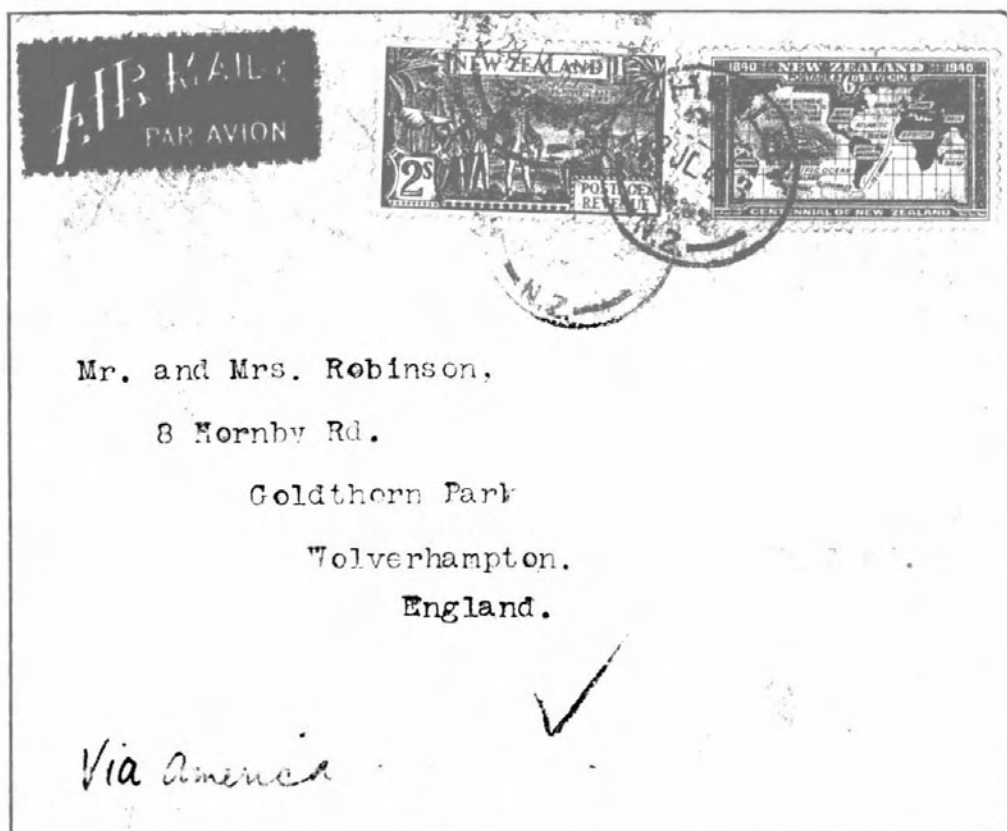


Figure 5: New Zealand – New York by surface and then to UK by air: 2/6 rate

Was air mail from New Zealand to Canada flown within the USA?

There is also a question about airmail from New Zealand to Canada. Walker (1) states that air mail flown on the July 1940 flight from Auckland to San Francisco and addressed to Canada at the 4/- rate was flown from San Francisco. Figure 1b shows the back of a cover with backstamps at San Francisco on 24th July and Ste Anne de Bellevue in Quebec on 26th July. That combination is only possible if it had been flown.

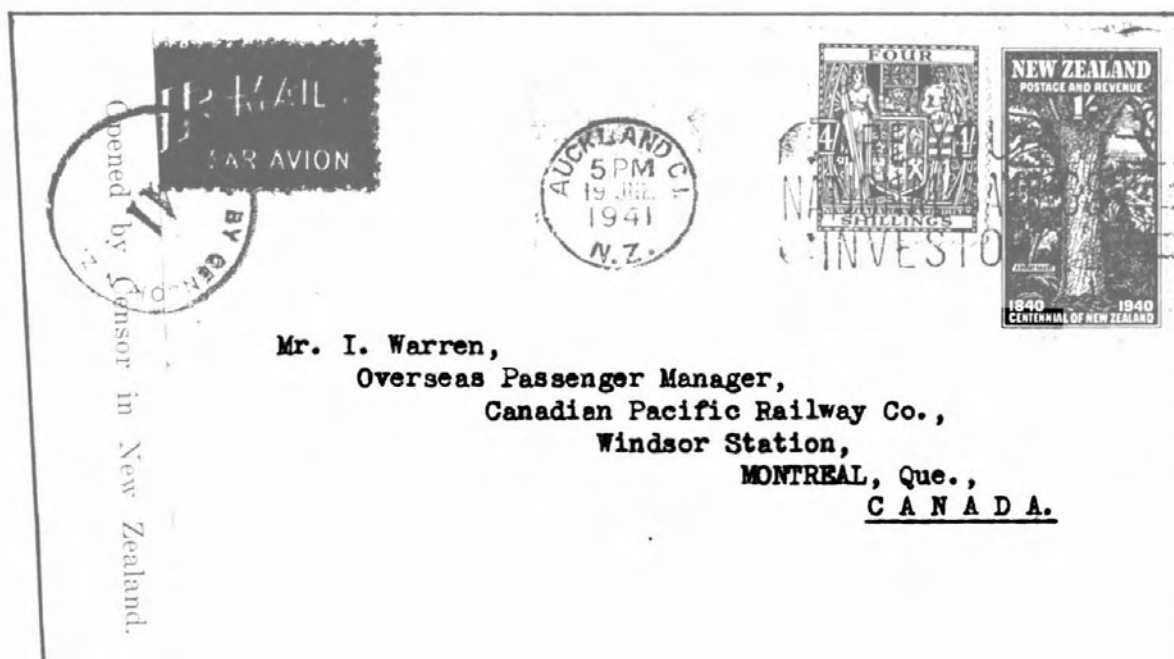


Figure 6: Auckland to Canada: 5/- rate

However, Startup (7) states that the 4/- rate only paid for air to San Francisco and mail then went to Canada by surface with the all-air rate from New Zealand being 5/- until it was reduced to 4/- in September 1941. That is supported by the airmail cover in Figure 6 from Auckland to Montreal, postmarked on 19th June 1941 and franked at the 5/- rate.

However, there is contradictory information from the Australian postal authorities. The airmail rate from Australia to Canada was 3/11 and that also paid for a partial airmail service from Australia to UK via New Zealand, USA and Canada. Mail was flown from Sydney to Auckland on the trans-Tasman service, from Auckland to San Francisco by *Pan American Airways* and then to the eastern coast of Canada by US and Canadian domestic air services. The final Canada – UK leg was by sea. W. Legg has collected information from Post Office archives and photocopies have been placed in the library of the British Air Mail Society. One of these items is an Australian Air Mail Notice dated 16 July 1940 which, under the heading '*Australia – England via New Zealand and U.S.A.*' describes the service (10):

'Air fees, including ordinary postage:- (a) by air service to eastern coast of America and onward transmission by sea, postcards 2/-. other articles 3/11 per half ounce Articles must be endorsed, for (a) *By Air-Australia-N.Z.-Canada.*'

As the phrase 'eastern coast of America' includes both Canada and the USA, the Australian authorities clearly believe that mail at the 3/11 rate that had been flown from Auckland to San Francisco would continue its journey to Canada by air. It seems unlikely that, on arrival in San Francisco, air mail to Canada that had been flown from Australia to New Zealand was treated differently from air mail that had originated in New Zealand.

The service from Australia to the UK was via Canada because of the US Neutrality Act which prohibited air or sea communications with the belligerent countries, e.g. the U.K. (11). It is strange that the New Zealand postal authorities did not similarly take the Act into consideration for they routed mail to the UK via New York as shown in Figures 4 and 5.

Conclusion

The details of airmail services in the early war years make a fascinating study. There were continual changes to routes and services and there is conflicting information in the literature about rates and dates. Also, mail did not always go by the advertised route due to the exigencies of wartime.

Information to the public was often misleading. For example, the 2/6 partial airmail service to the UK by sea to San Francisco or Vancouver described above was no longer viable by early 1942 due to a lack of shipping across the Pacific from New Zealand to these ports. In February 1942 a new partial airmail service between New Zealand and the UK via Panama was set up at a rate of 3/6. The mail went by sea to the Canal Zone, was flown from Panama to New York via Miami and then flown trans-Atlantic. However, with respect to this service, New Zealand Postmasters were told (7):

'No reference to the service was to be made in official mail notices, and Postmasters were not to suggest what sections might be given air service. If asked, Postmasters were to advise the public that the sea to North America, air via trans-Atlantic service at 2/6 per half-ounce was still available.'

With official advice like that, it is no wonder that there are still open questions.

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