

1930-34 Health Covers

The first illustrated Health FDC was in 1933. (First time illustrated NZ cover for 1st day of stamp issue, rather than commemorating an event.)

First official illustrated Health FDC in 1935, but 1936 before privately produced illustrated FDCs became widespread. Number of stamps sold in 1935 greater than the total for 1930-34.

Plain FDCs 1929-1934 are scarce.

1930 Health Stamp cover to UK postmarked in Christchurch on 6th November 1930, a week after first day of issue.



Example on piece of the 1930 Health Stamp postmarked in Wellington on first day of issue: 29th October 1930.



1931 Health Covers

1931 Health stamps issued 31st Oct.

Cover postmarked Invercargill on 10th Nov, the first day of issue of the airmail stamps.

Flown on Invercargill – Wellington leg of special flight Invercargill – Auckland on 12 November. Franked 5d: 2d surface, 3d air mail.



Cover postmarked Wellington on 11th Nov.

Flown on Wellington – Auckland leg of special flight Invercargill – Auckland on 12 November. Franked 5d: 2d surface, 3d air mail.



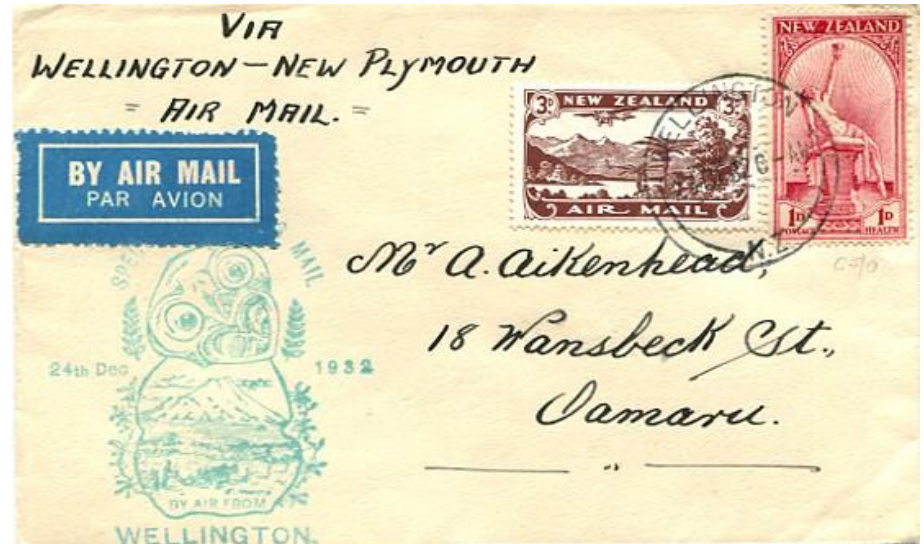
1932 Health Covers

1932 Health stamps issued 18th Nov.

Example (Plate 2) on 1932 Christmas flight postmarked 23rd December 1932 in Wellington.



1932 post office publicity label



Example pair (Plate 2) on registered cover to Perth postmarked 11th January 1933 in Wellington.

Sea to Sydney, rail to Adelaide and flown Adelaide – Perth on 21-22 January. Franked 1d surface, 3d registration, 3d Adelaide – Perth airmail.



1933 Health Covers

1933 Health stamps issued 8th Nov.

Registered cover flown by Ulm on special flight to Invercargill on 12th Dec 1933. Sent Wellington – San Francisco 27th Dec – 13th Jan, backstamped Washington on 15th Jan.



1933 post office publicity label



Cover flown by Ulm on first official Trans Tasman flight 17 Feb 1934.

Franked 7d Trans Tasman flight plus 1d for surface to UK.

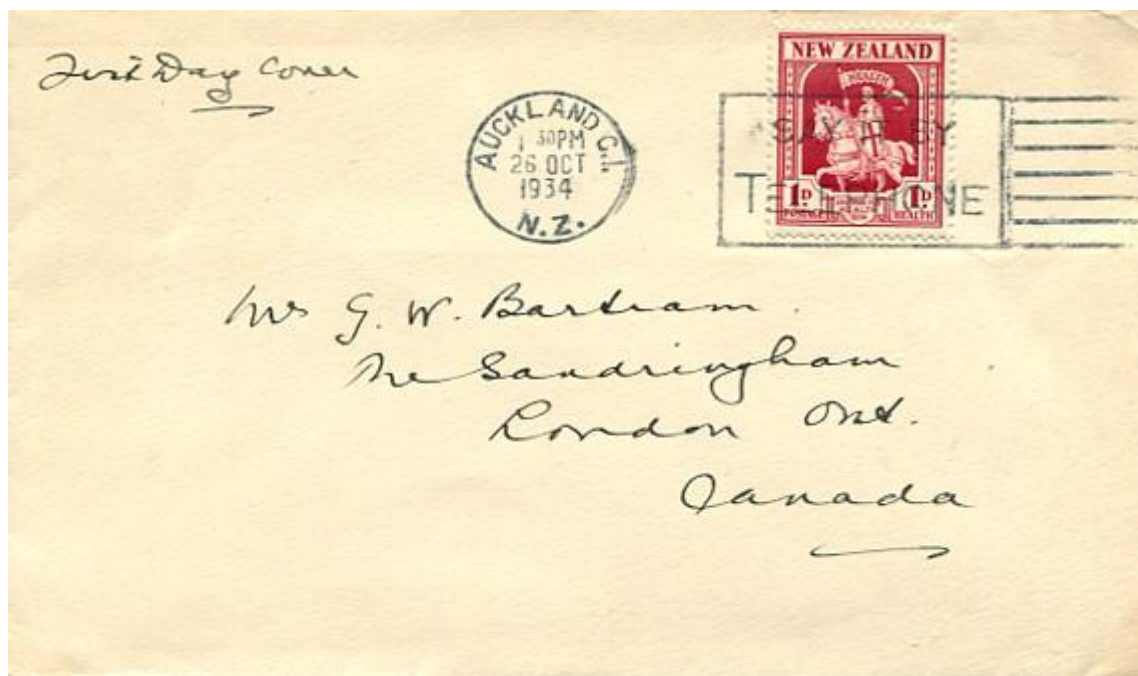
1934 Auckland 1st Day Health Cover

The 1934 Health stamps were printed in UK and arrived in Auckland on the *Rangitiki* on 24th October.

They were then sent to the GPO in Wellington for distribution to post offices throughout New Zealand.

There was ***no announced first day of issue for the 1934 Health stamps***, but they were put on sale in Wellington on 25th Oct.

As there was no prior notice of the issue, copies postmarked in Wellington on the 25th are rare.



Stamps sent to Auckland by overnight train and issued there on 26th Oct.

Cover postmarked at 1.30pm in Auckland on 26th Oct which was the first day of issue there.

1934 Thames 1st Day Health Cover

Many smaller towns did not receive the stamps until late on the 26th or on the 27th and so for many parts of the North Island the first day of issue was 27th Oct.

Cover postmarked in Thames on 27th Oct which was the first day of issue there.

CP Catalogue lists fake Tauranga (Bay of Plenty) covers postmarked on 25th Oct.



South Island

The stamps were sent to Christchurch by overnight ferry arriving on Friday 26th Oct and distributed from there with the plan for a coordinated issue date of Monday 29th Oct.

Some South Island post offices jumped the gun: covers known postmarked in Highfield on 26th (up to their old tricks) and Dunedin on 27th.

1934 Health Cover

Cover postmarked in Christchurch on 28th Nov 1934 and sent on first flight of new regular service from Australia to UK. Over-franked by 1d.



1934 was the first time that Health stamps had a plate number.