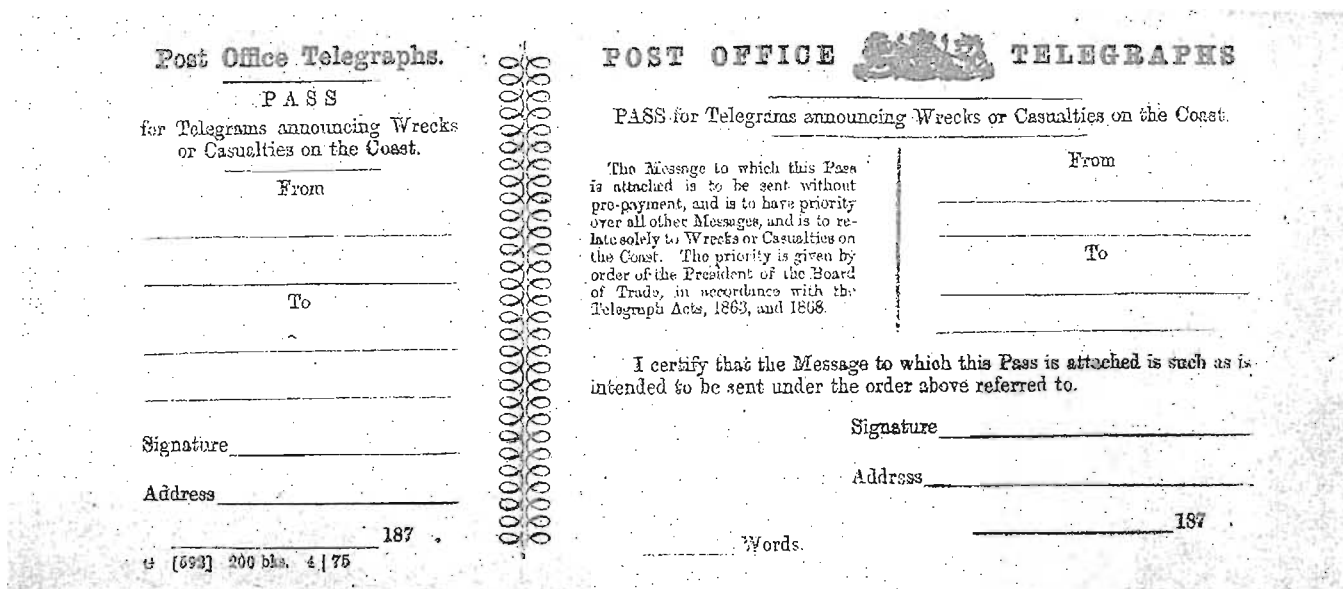




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Courtesy - J. Lea

“Pass for Telegrams Announcing Wrecks or Casualties on the Coast” See page 3

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SOCIETY CALENDAR 2007

Saturday 9th June 2007

At **Swinpex**, St Joseph's Lower School, Queen's Drive, Swindon, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Members are invited to display up to 30 sheets from their collection and to give a short explanation of about 10 minutes maximum. There will be plenty of dealers at this event, so there will be ample opportunity to add to your collection, and there is an excellent catering facility run by Swindon Society. Swinpex will be held in the new school building and will be open from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

Saturday 30th June 2007

Midpex at the Midlands Sports Centre for the Disabled, Tile Hill, Coventry. CV4 8AS Open 10.00am to 4.00pm

The Society will have a display and table, mainly to encourage new members, but also to sell its publications. For further details see p4 or visit: www.midpex.co.uk

Saturday 27th October 2007

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE TO 27th OCTOBER, NOT 20th AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED.

At the meeting room in the Royal Philateli Society, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY Members who would like details of how to get to this location should contact the Secretary.

11.00 am Society's AGM
12.00 Tony Chilton competition judging, followed by the presentation of the Tony Chilton salver
12.30 pm Lunch in a nearby restaurant.
2.00 pm ROOM AUCTION followed by a display relating to postal stationery will be given, details to be announced in the next issue of the Journal.

The meeting is expected to close by about 4.00 pm

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT - MAY 2007

Welcome to the latest 'Chairman's Chat'.

This issue's interesting item comes from my collection of the Orange Free State Postal Stationery. This is an item that I was very pleased to acquire recently after 20 years of searching!

Although postal cards were introduced in the OFS in early 1884, it was not until 1892 that there was an

overseas postcard rate introduced. In the intervening period, the only way that a postcard could be sent overseas was at the letter rate. Clearly, this was rarely done, because if a writer was to be charged the letter rate, they would take the advantage of writing a full letter, rather than a short note on the reverse of a postal card.



The card that I have acquired was sent in 1887 to Germany at the then letter rate of 7½d. The postage being made up using 6d and ½d adhesive stamps in addition to the 1d Orange postal card. The card was used from Bloemfontein where it received three beautiful strikes in red of the 11-bar number 1 numeral cancel. The card also has the large 2½d accountancy mark, also in red (as usual), applied at Cape Town indicating the payment due to the British Post Office.

During 1892, the postcard rates were introduced at 1d to the UK and 1½d to other destinations.

I plan to attend both **Swinpex** on the 9th of June and **Midpex** on the 30th of June and hope to meet as many members as possible at these events. I would strongly encourage all members to attend these excellent events. Full details can be found in the 'Society Calendar' section of this journal (on p2. opposite).

Michael Smith

Pass for Telegrams Announcing Wrecks or Casualties on the Coast

The item illustrated on the front cover is from the collection of John Lea. The text is printed in red and reads:-

"The message to which this Pass is attached is to be sent without pre-payment, and is to have priority over all other Messages and is to relate solely to Wrecks or Casualties on the Coast. The priority is given by order of the President of the Board of Trade, in accordance with the Telegraph Acts, 1863, and 1868"

The warrant identification, lower left, reads:- G [592] 200 bks. 4 / 75

If any member can provide further information on these forms and for how long they were in use, please let the Editor know. If sufficient information is forthcoming I will publish a note in a future issue of the Journal.

SECRETARY'S NOTES - MAY 2007

OCTOBER AUCTION

Over the past few months there has been a great deal of concern that the Society would not be able to hold a "live" auction in October this year, following the Society's AGM and the Tony Chilton competition. However, I am very pleased to report that following meetings between our society and the committee of the "Royal" we will, after all, be able to hold an auction in the Royal Philatelic Society's premises. This is really good news and our thanks go to those who have worked very hard to make this possible.

AEROGRAMME WEB SITE

One of our members, **Jerome Kasper**, is working on a web site dealing with aerogrammes, and is currently scanning the Thomas A. Matthews collection of aerogrammes. It's a big job which he has only just started, but there are already over 135 pages to view. These include images of British Military Forces airletters. You can view the material at:-
www.aerogramme.com/exhibits/Matthews/overview.html

MEMBERS COLLECTING INTERESTS

The following details should be added to the list of Members' Collecting Interests.

If any member would like their details amended or included in this list, they should write to the secretary, giving him the relevant details.

SWINPEX 2007

Don't forget the Society's next meeting to be held at **Swinpex** on Saturday 9th June 2007. The venue is St Joseph's Lower School, Octal Way, Swindon, and our meeting is to be held between 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Members are invited to display up to 30 sheets from their collection and to give a short explanation of about 10 minutes maximum.

Swinpex will be held in the new school building, behind the old building which was used last year (and which I am told has since been demolished) and will be open from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm. There will be plenty of dealers at this event, so there will be ample opportunity to add to your collection, and there will be the usual excellent catering facility run by Swindon Society. So you can really make a day of it here.

MIDPEX 2007 - 30th June

If you are going to Midpex this year then try to get along to the Society's stand and cheer us all up. It's a chance to meet lots of old and new faces and make new acquaintances. You will also have the opportunity of looking through plenty of dealers' stock. Another chance to add more material to your collection.

Copies of Monographs and other Society publications will be available together with back issues of the Journal.

COUNTRY OR AREA COLLECTED	MEMBER	LOCATION
Worldwide, pre 1925 mint or used (M)	Mr Jorge Nieto	Spain
Great Britain, Victorian and Edwardian issues (M)	Mr Martin Davies	Cheshire
Palestine Mandate, Gilbert & Ellis Islands, British Solomon Islands (S)	Mr Martin Davies	Cheshire

REPORT OF THE SOCIETY'S MARCH MEETING

The Society's first meeting this year was held at the BPT (British Philatelic Trust) Headquarters in London on Saturday 17th March, with our new chairman, Mike Smith, keeping everyone in order. This was the last time that it was possible to hold a meeting at this location as the BPT have now sold the building to make more money available for philately. Thirteen members were present, with John Jennison travelling all the way from Switzerland to be with us.

Apologies were given by Arturo Martin de Nicolas and Keith Hanman. Minutes of the previous meeting in October, including the report of the AGM, were accepted.

Members were reminded that meetings would take place at Swinpex on 9th June, in the new school building behind the old building, where Swinpex has been held in the past, and at Midpex where the society will have a

table to promote the benefits of becoming a member of our society.

A short discussion took place concerning the agenda for the meeting and auction to be held in October. The Royal Philatelic Society are considering whether it would be possible to allow private auctions to be conducted in their building, but until that decision is made it will only be possible to have those auction lots on display that are requested members, and we would have to conduct a postal only auction after the meeting. The auctioneer, Neil Sargent, will consider including illustrations of some lots within future auction catalogues, and possibly putting some images on the society's web site, providing the web site manager, Lars Engelbrecht, agrees.

Iain Stevenson gave the morning's display. He started with Belgian postcards from their introduction in January 1870 up to the 1930s, explaining how Belgium has had to cope with three languages, French, Flemish and German. He went on to tell us about the "not to be delivered on Sunday" cachets and how this was optional depending on your religious viewpoint. Iain also explained what effects the German occupation had on Belgian postcards and showed examples of overprinted cards.

Iain also displayed many examples of Publibel advertising postcards, and lettercards, Belgium having invented lettercards in 1882. Finally, Iain showed cross channel ferry cards where the ships faced in either direction depending whether you bought your card on the way to Belgium or to England.

In the second half of his display, Iain concentrated on French postcards from the Second World War period. During the "phoney war", up to June 1940, the postal system in France remained much the same as before. But from then on, France was split into five regions, with communications between each being either impossible or extremely difficult. Special cards were produced by the German authorities allowing very limited correspondence between some regions, with separate types for private or business use. Some cards were returned if the regulations were not followed exactly. Despite the difficulties of communicating, Iain showed one card sent by a French family in 1942 to a couple in England, inviting them to the wedding of their daughter. And it got through!

Iain showed how the quality of materials used to make postcards in this period deteriorated. He also explained how flongs (paper mashie copies) were used to transfer printing plates between the various regions.

In the vote of thanks, Mike Smith said that we had been lucky to see two exceptional displays accompanied by expert commentary that enhanced rather than duplicated the material on show.

SINGLE SHEET COMPETITION

The single sheet competition was again judged by all the members present. There were 10 entries. The winners were:

- Neil Sargent – GB Introduction of the lettercard (First)
- Iain Stevenson – GB 1d pink advertising envelope (Second)
- John Barker – GB registration envelope with perfin (Third)

Other entries in descending order were:

- Peter O'Keeffe – POW mail to Japan
- John Jennison – German propaganda parody
- Peter O'Keeffe – Christmas envelope 2001
- George King – GB 2½d King George VI lettercards
- George King – GB sample
- Colin Baker – GB Queen Victoria penny pink envelope

George King – Reverse of 2nd class NVI envelope

Neil Sargent was presented with the Society's cup which he keeps for one year. Neil's entry is illustrated over the page. (p6)

AFTERNOON DISPLAY

Everyone at the meeting went for lunch at a nearby restaurant, where conversations ranged from philatelic matters to current affairs. On their return, members showed what they had brought along with them, starting with a display by George King on Post Office uprated stationery, including registered envelopes of 1920 and later, and 1940 lettercards, all having embossed or letterpress additional stamps. In other instances stationery was uprated with adhesive stamps before it was sold by local post offices.

Neil Sargent showed Queen Victoria STO envelopes, including sheets of specimen stamps.

Peter O'Keeffe showed newspaper wrappers from the start in 1870, finishing with a reply paid lettersheet in the QEII period.

Tony Lane put up an interesting display of modern German commemorative cards and envelopes covering the period 1948 to 1995.

Colin Baker also showed Queen Victoria newspaper wrappers, with both PO and STO issues.

Alan Huggins showed examples of all the known postal stationery when it was reduced in value in 1922. This included postcards and envelopes.

Mike Smith finished the afternoon with more newspaper wrappers from the Cape of Good Hope and Natal, many having added adhesives for foreign rate postage.

Mike Smith thanked everyone for coming along to the meeting and in particular to those who had shown material.

LIBRARY

The Society's Library list has recently been updated and is available on the Society's web site:- www.postalstationery.org.uk

For those members who are unable to access the web site or who would like a printed copy, please contact Chris Howe, the Librarian, whose address is given on p2 of the Journal. He will supply a copy at cost plus postage.

The list has 8 pages covering books and catalogues and a further 14 pages with detailed listings of articles in the French language Journal 'L'Entier Postal' 1936 - 1975 and 'Postal Stationery' the Journal of the United Postal Stationery Society (USA) from issue 295 - 345.

A Contribution to the Classification of the Queensland Post Office Newspaper Wrappers Issued in the Period 1891-1912 Part 2.

The "Big Three" of Newspaper Wrappers of Victoria. NSW Postal Stationery Archival Records.

Listing of Australian Non-Denominated Postal Stationery.

Postal Stationery Collector February 2007 (Australia)

A Contribution to the Classification of the Queensland Post Office Newspaper Wrappers issued in the Period 1891-1912

International Reply Coupons: An Emerging Field for Postal Stationery Collectors?

The Literature of Postal Stationery

Historical Note on an Early Listing of Australian Commonwealth Postal Stationery

Listing of Australian Non-denominated Postal Stationery

The "Big Three" of Newspaper Wrappers of Victoria

Australia's Small Domestic Registered Post Envelopes

Postal Stationery November/December 2006 (USA)

Carpatho-Ukrainian postal stationery, 1939 and 1945.

The Beginnings of the Envelope industry in Springfield, Mass.

Many Faces of the Die 9 Forgeries.

U.S.A. 20th/21st Century Column.

U.S.A. 19th Century Column.

Postal Stationery January/February 2007 (USA)

Southern Florida Wetland Postal Cards

2006 USA Postal Card Issue

The 1889 Swedish Reply Card

Zanzibar Overprint Variety

Essays for 1888 British Bechuanaland Newspaper Wrappers

USA 20th/21st Century Column

USA Stationery 2007 New Issues

UPSS 20th Century Envelopes, etc - New Issue Catalogue Numbers

Official Use of non-Official Postal Cards

Postal Stationery March/April 2007 (USA)

Never Issued USA Special Delivery

Switzerland's Postal Wrapper Bands

U.S.A. 20th/21st Century Column - Value vs. Scarcity

New Chile Surcharge Discovery

The Serial Numbers on Bechuanaland Air letter Sheets

Pseudo Stationery

L'Intero Postale Autumn 2006 (Italy)

Esemplari Di Campionatura Nelle Cartoline Postali Pubblicitarie.

Buoni Risposta Internazionali: Il Modello "Pechino" Tipo II.

Ganzsachensammler November 2006 (Switzerland)

Wasserzeichensuche in der Praxis.

Betrügereische Handl. von Postbeamten.

Karten mit "Bütten"-Rand.

Di Empfangsscheine der kant. Posten. Teil 4 Schluss. 8. Kt. Zug, 9. Kt. Züriich.

Die Privatganzsachen des Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club (C.C.C.).

Die Ganzsache 2 2006 (Germany)

Behandlung unbrauchbar oder ungültig gewordener amtlicher bayer, Ganzsachen.

Die wiederaufnahme des zivilen postverkehrs im Bereich der Reichspostdirection Hamburg und Kiel am 14.6.1945.

Die Privat-Stadtpost Stuttgart.

Neuheitenberichte 8/2006 - 12/2006

Articles Noted Recently in the Philatelic Press

"Commonwealth Postal Stationery 2005-2006" - Geir Sør-Reime. (Gibbons Stamp Monthly April 2007)

"Foreign Postal Stationery 2005-2006 A-E" - Geir Sør-Reime. (Gibbons Stamp Monthly May 2007)

THE BRITISH POSTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVE

In their Spring Newsletter, the BPMA has an article on "Airgraph Material at the BPMA". This gives a short introduction to airgraphs followed by notes on some of the materials in the collection. These include: POST 102/5 The Origin and Life of the Airgraph Service, POST 33/6038 Airgraph Services, POST 33/6045 A History of the Airgraph Service and POST 117/194 L'Union Postale, Volume 71, 6 June 1946. The article contains a couple of illustrations including this one below "Send Airgraphs" poster POST 110/194.



'Send Airgraphs' poster,
POST 110/3194

Amongst some of the information in the archives are a series of files from 1932 with correspondence illuminating the lead-up to the instigation of the service. Other correspondence in the collection provides facts and figures for the whole of the history of the service including details of discussions between the US and British Post Office over allocation of the equipment to operate the service and how on some occasions this was diverted without authority to other countries or put to use by other administrations. This collection provides a fascinating resource for anyone interested in this area.

For those members who are interested in Airgraphs, **Laurie Farrell** wrote an article "The

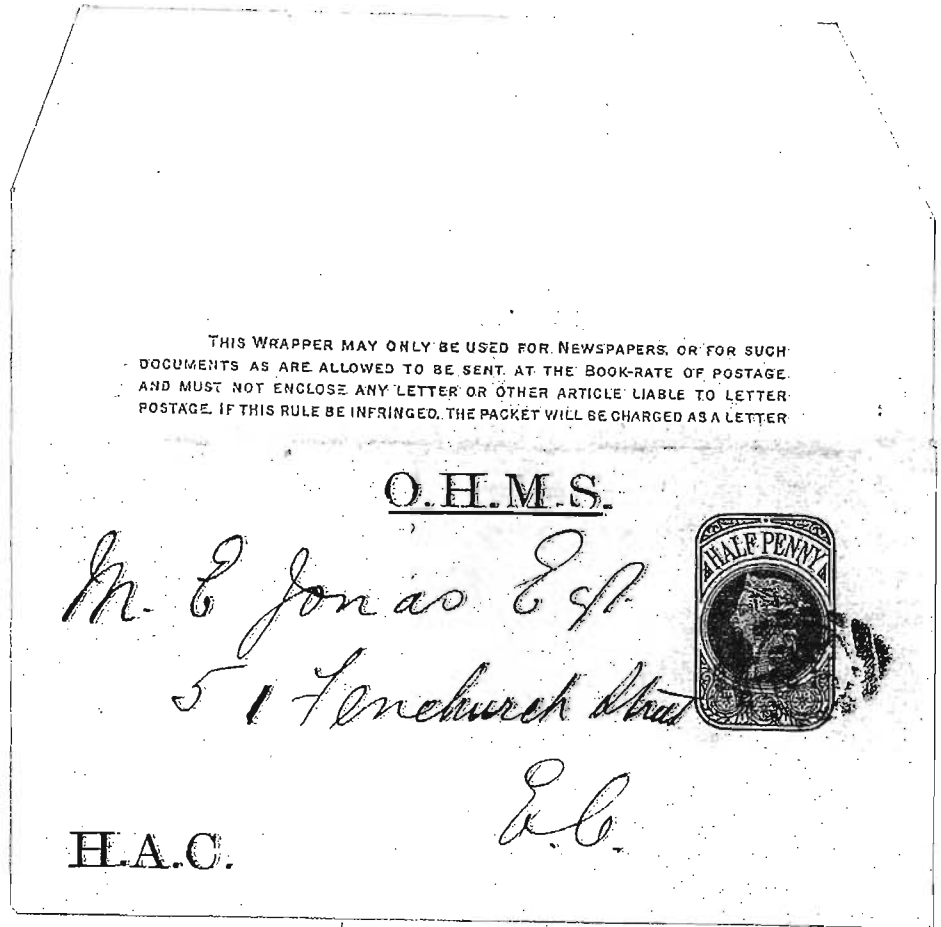
GB POSTAL STATIONERY NEWS

Alan Huggins

Since the last issue of the PSS Journal a number of new items have been drawn to my attention, none were produced recently indeed one could be 120 years old.

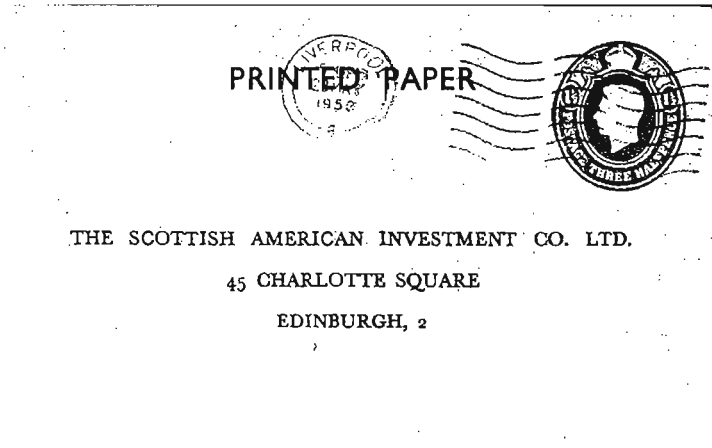
The first of these, courtesy of Bill Pipe, is an O.H.M.S. newspaper wrapper for use by the Honourable Artillery Company which has been created by overprinting the Post Office ½d brown wrapper with four lines of instructions (WP16). This is only the second Official Newspaper Wrapper recorded and will be listed as W02.

John Jennison has again come up with unrecorded KGV1 items and these are firstly a W.H. Smith compound wrapper with 1d carmine + ½d orange, the latter being placed underneath the 1d stamp because of there being insufficient space to the left-hand side.



The overprinted cancellation of the text 'PRINTED PAPER/ REDUCED RATE' is slightly surprising since wrappers with this text are known with 1951 1d blue stamp. This will be listed as WS43 in revised listing.

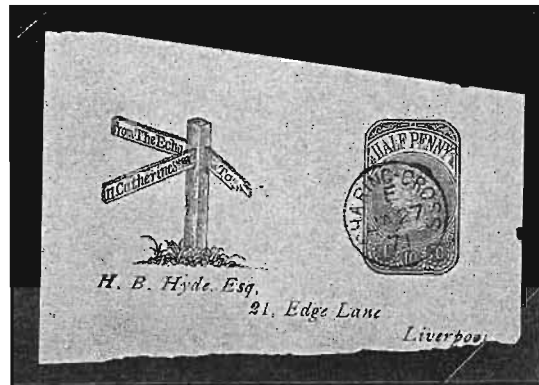
A few months ago Michael Goodman found a size d KGV1 1½d green embossed STO postcard but John surprised us at the last meeting by producing the equivalent size f card. These cards will be CS118 & CS119 in revised listing.



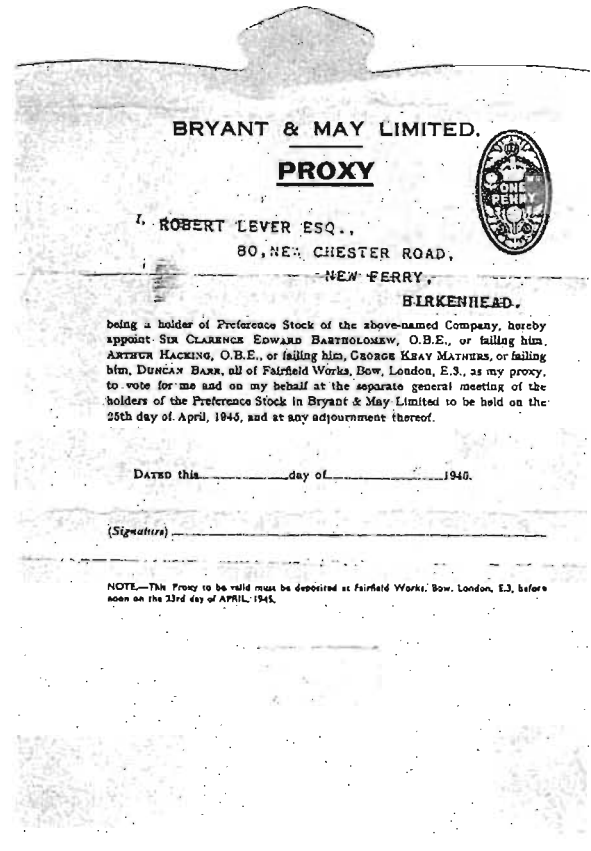
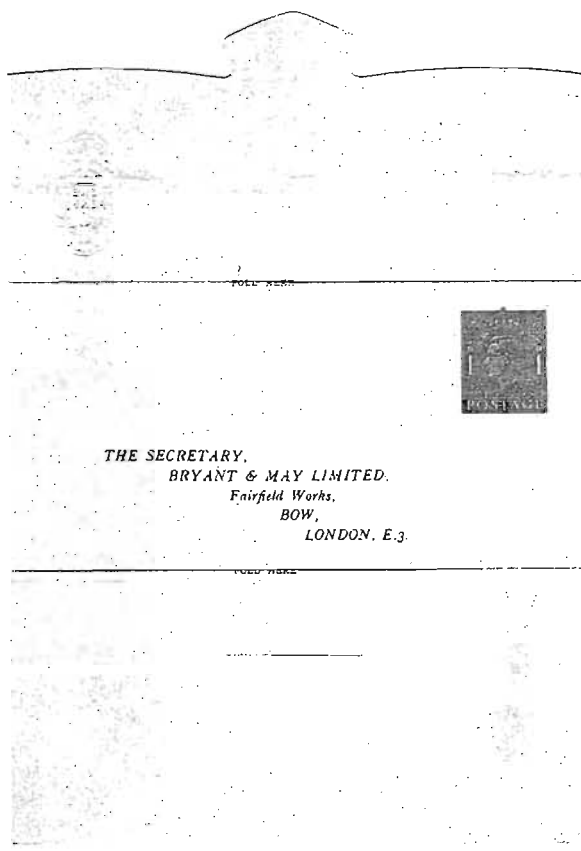
RECEIVED of THE SCOTTISH AMERICAN
INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED "A" Ordinary
Share Certificate No. **34554**

Signature _____ per pro Westminster Bank Limited
Date **23rd** May 1956: *H. Conants*
Manager, Trustee Department
LIVERPOOL Branch

John also sends an illustration of a used piece of the QV STO ½d green wrapper with 1.10.70 and tells us that 'The Echo' was a halfpenny daily London evening newspaper which reported extensively on the 'Ripper' murders.



Graham Barker reports a proxy letter sheet with a KGVI 1d carmine stamp to be used for the 1945 meeting AGM of Bryant & May limited.





Jerry Kasper has sent in an illustration of a KGVI 2½d POW Air Mail Letter Sheet (AP5) without the printing on the front side. In spite of this the sender added 'Postage/Paid/2½d' in manuscript as well as 'PRISONER OF WAR POST' etc. and it was accepted and sent to Germany. A truly amazing usage.

REVALUED POSTAL STATIONERY – ADDITIONS TO LISTINGS IN PSS JOURNAL Vol. 15 pp. 11 – 19

Alan Huggins

As was to be expected a number of additional items have been reported by members and I am sure there are others yet to be recorded. My thanks to Graham Barker, Michael Goodman, Adrian Parker and Phil Purchas for responding. The following items can now be added to those listed previously.

2d STAMPED TO ORDER ISSUE ENVELOPES (ES57)

LONDON M/E.C. Black Barrow, Hepburn & Gale Ltd. London S.E. 1

Two members mentioned the E and E 9 Lincoln's Inn item with two strikes of the WC triangle in black – this appears to be peculiar to this re-valued envelope.

1d STAMPED TO ORDER ISSUE ENVELOPES (ES55)

LONDON	K/E.C.	Black	Alliance Assurance Company Limited, E.C. 2
LIVERPOOL	466	Black	The Ellerman Lines Ltd, Liverpool
NORWICH	575	Black	J. & J. Colman Limited Norwich – correction to '475' in list

3d STAMPED TO ORDER ISSUE ENVELOPES (ES58)

LONDON M/EC Black National Bank of India, recorded in 1970 but now reconfirmed

1d STAMPED TO ORDER ISSUE POSTCARDS WITH 'PRINTED PAPER RATE' (CS78)^s

MANCHESTER MR Black London County Westminster and Parr's Bank, Limited, 1, York Street, Manchester.

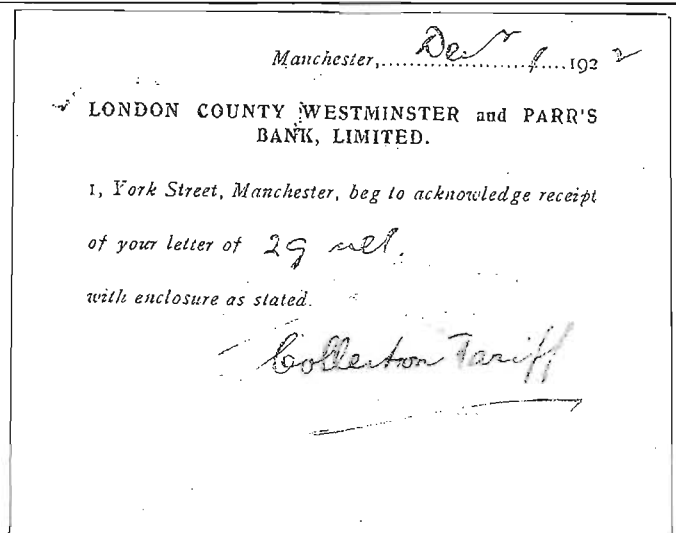
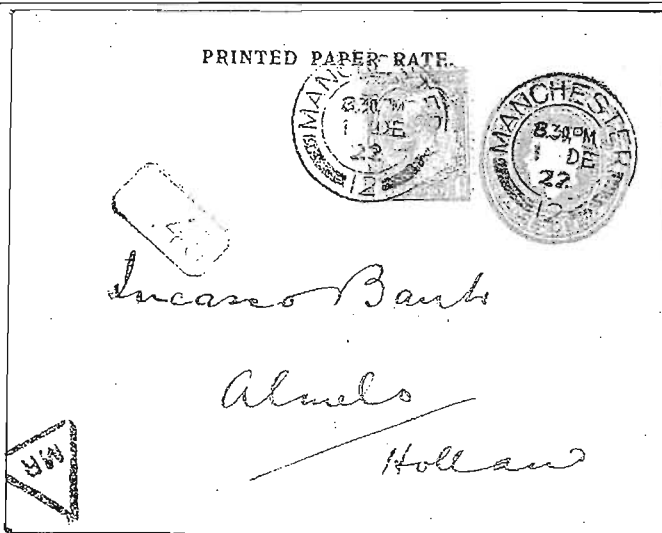
This item which has a KGV 1d adhesive added is addressed to Holland and thus pays the 1½d foreign postcard rate. The triangle is at the bottom left which seems to be the norm for Manchester items cf. 2d STO envelopes for the Carborundum Co. and Robert Noblett.

Finally I illustrate an item that I have had for some time and which I am also of the opinion can be considered a re-valued envelope even though it has a diamond rather than a triangular Inspector's mark. The two ½d embossed dies differ in colour and wear marks so presumably this envelope was up-rated to the 1d printed matter rate (it has an ungummed tuck-in flap) before being folded.

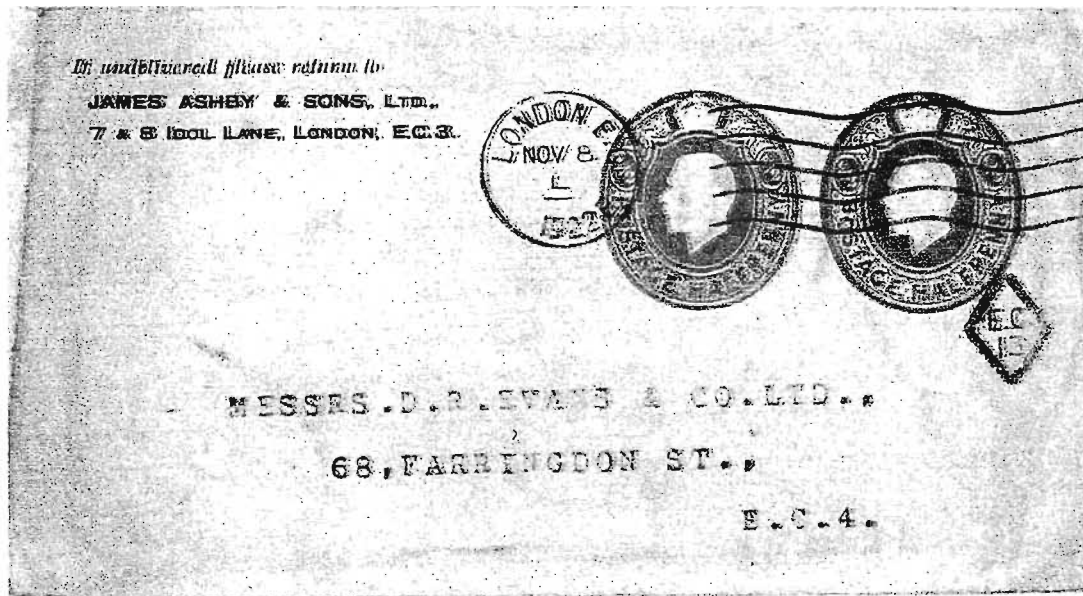
½d + ½d STAMPED TO ORDER ISSUE ENVELOPE (ESC741)^s

LONDON E.C./13 in diamond James Ashby & Sons, Ltd., E.C. 3

N.B. The analogous ½d + ½d STO letter sheet listed previously will be now given number ESC741S and not ESC740A.



CS 78



ESC 741

SOCIETY AUCTIONS

Please could all members note that the deadline for bids for the **June postal auction is the 1st June.**

Our Auctioneer, Neil Sargent is seeking new quality material for inclusion in the October auction. The October meeting is being held in the premises of the Royal Philatelic Society and we have now been granted permission to hold a room Auction as usual.

Many society auctions pride themselves on the quality and rarity of material that is offered in their sales, befitting a specialist society. We are seeking to similarly improve of the quality of items that are entered for the auctions and more common lower value items could be grouped together as a larger lot than as individual items. I hope to produce more detailed information in the future on the countries and material that actually sells to help vendors and endeavour to be a little more discerning on the material that is accepted. Lots for the next auction should be sent to the Society's Auctioneer, Neil Sargent, preferably by the middle of June at the latest. My address appears on p2 of this Journal.

Neil Sargent

PEFINS THROUGH POSTAL STATIONERY ITEMS: Newspaper Wrappers – Part 1

Compiled by John Barker

Newspaper Wrappers form the largest group of postal stationery items which bear perfin (perforated initials) through their stamp impressions. As with the previous articles in this series, the information has been provided by **Rosemary Smith** who has conducted research with the aid of members of the Perfin Society and published her findings in the Perfin Society Bulletins.

Through these articles I not only wish to inform members of the use of perfin on (G.B.) postal stationery, but to seek help in identifying more precisely which items of stationery have had perfin through their stamp impressions. If any member can add to the information given in these articles I would be most obliged to hear from them. All such information will be acknowledged and will be shared with Rosemary Smith and the Perfin Society. For any newspaper wrapper which has a perfin listed in the table please let me know:

- 1) if you can identify the Huggins number of the postal stationery item
- 2) if you can identify the user where no identification is given
- 3) if the item is postmarked earlier or later than the range given

This information will help to fill in the gaps in these tables.

For items which have a perfin which is **not** given in the list please identify the postal stationery item as far as possible with its Huggins number, identification of the user if this is printed or embossed on the item, the date and place of use (if used) and, if possible, a photocopy or scan showing the holes of the perfin. This would help cataloguers identify the perfin.

Identities in brackets are from the Tomkins Catalogue as the actual postal stationery item described does not have the identification on it. Identities marked Ø are 'possible' identities and have not been confirmed. Sources of information 'PSB' are from the Perfin Society Bulletins.

NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS						
Description of the item	Huggins No.	Perfin Cat No.	Perfin	Identified User	Date of Use earliest - latest	Sources of Information and Notes
QV						
½ d green with date	WP 1	G4350.01?	GR/W	Great Western Railway		PSB 285
½ d green without date		B3020.01	BG/C°	(Browne, Geveke & Co)		PSB 285
		B5060.01	BN	Bridgewater Navigation	05.08.01	PSB 345
		B6710.01a	B&S/L	Bartle & Steuss Ltd, Holborn Viaduct		PSB 347 E.C/N postmark
		C6800.10	C&S	(Churchill & Sim)		PSB 285
		D2920.06	DLR	Thomas De La Rue & Co Ltd, 110 Bunhill Row London EC1	14.08.01 - 04.12.01	PSB 345
		F1460.01	FF&C°			PSB 347 EC/58 postmark
		G4350.02?	GR/W	(Great Western Railway)	12.04.77	PSB 285 cut-out
		H0010.14	H		16.10.00	PSB 347 cut out, Newcastle postmark - could be 'HC' with the 'C' off the stamp awaiting confirmation.
		H5780.04?	HP/C°L ^d			PSB 347 awaiting confirmation of the die
		J6840.01?	J's	(Jeyes Limited London)		PSB 285
		J8600.03	JW/&S		16.05.01	PSB 285 Stoke-on-Trent postmark
		R1810.02a	R/F&C°	Robinson & Fleming & Co, Merchants, 9 Billiter Square, London EC		PSB 346 FB postmark
		R2990.02	R&J/H		09.07.01	PSB 285 cut-out London postmark
		T5180.01	T.W.S./&C°	(Thomas Wilson, Son & Co, Hull)		PSB 285 cut-out
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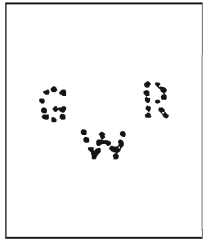
NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS						
Description of the item	Huggins No.	Perfin Cat No.	Perfin	Identified User	Date of Use earliest - latest	Sources of Information and Notes
QV						
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		A3570.01	AL/&C°	Arbuthnot, Latham & Co		PSB 285
		A3570.04a	AL/&C°			PSB 346 PB postmark
		A3920.01	A.M.C°		06/06/90 - /07/92	PSB 285 & 345
		A4210.01a	A&N./C.S.L	Army & Navy Co-operative Society Limited	29/05/90 - 25/07/93	PSB 285 & 345 There appear to be many variations of the dies used on these common wrappers
		A5100.01	A&S/H		12/03/05	PSB 285 Hull postmark
		B0570.02	BB/CF	Burgoyne, Burbridges & Co. Ltd., Manufacturing Chemists 12 & 16 Coleman Street, London EC		PSB 346 cut-out
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		B0575.01	B.B/CF			PSB 346 cut-out
		B1610.02	B&Co./M	Baxandale & Co, Manchester	30/11/87	PSB 346
		B0140.01	BACL	Raybestos-Belaco Ltd, London SE / Asbestos Bo Ltd, Southwalk, London. SE	10/03/96	PSB 347
		B1935.01?	B&D(?)		28/02/05	PSB 347 seen on Ebay Feb 2007
		B3020.01	BG/&C°	(Browne Geveke & Co)		PSB 285
		B3330.02	B.H/&C°			PSB 346
		B5060.01	BN	Bridgewater Navigation	18/12/15	PSB 345
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		B6430.14v	B&S			PSB 346 postmark ..GPORT
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		D0350.01	DB/&C°			PSB 285 cut-out
		D1970.01	D.F.T/&C°	Ø D F Taylor & Co Lt, Metal Goods Mfrs, New Hall Works, Birmingham	06/11/88	PSB 346 There are two dots below the 'o' of 'Co' in the perfin
		D2920.06	DLR	Thomas De La Rue & Co Ltd, 110, Bunhill Row, London EC 1	27/02/95 - 03/08/99	PSB 285 345
		E3660.02	EP/&/WB		21/03/83	PSB 346 postmarked Stockport

NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS						
Description of the item	Huggins No.	Perfin Cat No.	Perfin	Identified User	Date of Use earliest - latest	Sources of Information and Notes
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		G0010.44	G			PSB 285
		G3400.01	GM/&G	(Ginner, Morton & Goddard)		PSB 285
		G4350.02	GR/W	(Great Western Railway)		PSB 285
		G5610.10	GWR	Great Western Railway		PSB 346
		H0220.02	HAL		08/02/99	PSB 285 cut-out
		H0230.01	H.A.L.	(Henry A Lane & Co Ltd)		PSB 285
		H0810.01	HB/S	H.Barber & Son, London		PSB 346 NPB/Y' postmark
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		H4880.03	H&M		08/05/95	PSB 347 London Hooded Circle Inland Office
		H4970.01	HM/&C°	Hoare, Marr & Co, London EC	12/05/91 - 10/07/95	PSB 285 & 345
		H7710.02	HW/&C°	Hitchcock, Williams & Co Ltd, Mfrs of Mantles, Costumes, Millinery, 72 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4	14/05/84	PSB 346
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		J8600.03	JW/&S		23/01/01	PSB 285 Stoke on Trent postmark
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		L5130.02	LSS/&Co.	Limerick Steamship Co. Ltd.	09/11/93 - 30/05/99	PSB 346 cut-out
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		M1190.01	MC/C°			PSB 347 postmarked Duplex 583 (Ilkeston)
		M4475.01	MPC	(Martin Perls?)		PSB 285
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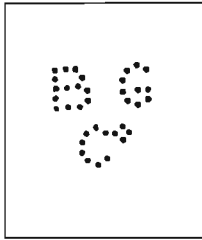
Apart from Huggins WP1 it has not been possible to identify the actual pieces of postal stationery through which these perfins are found. If anyone comes across any of the perfins through newspaper wrappers listed here I would be interested to have details of the Huggins number and date of use.

Perfins through QV ½d brown newspaper wrappers from letter 'N' onwards will feature in the next issue of the Journal.

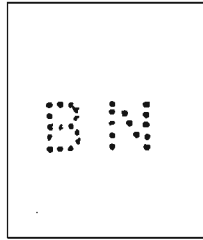
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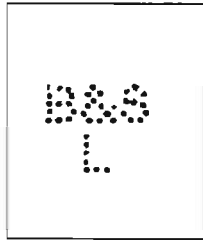
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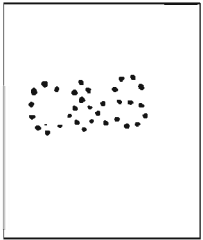
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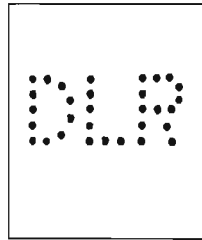
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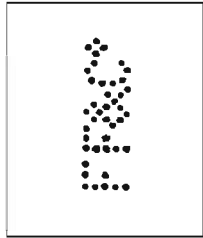
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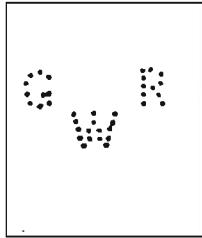
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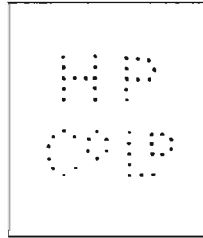
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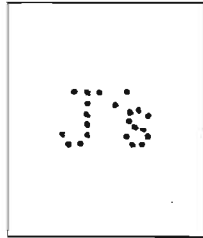
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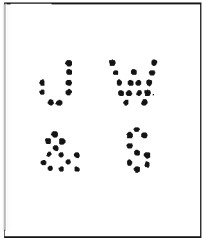
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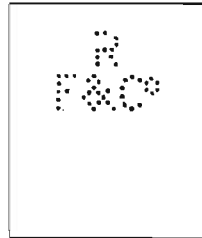
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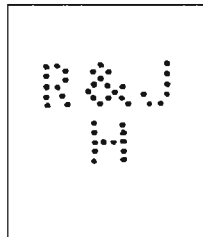
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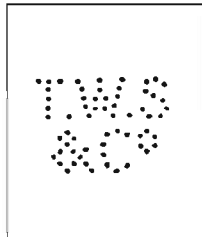
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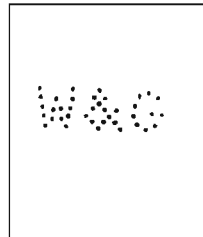
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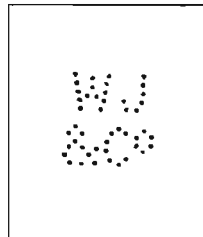
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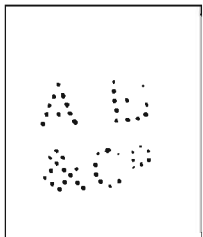
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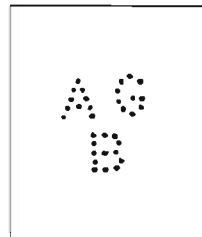
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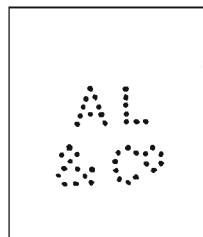
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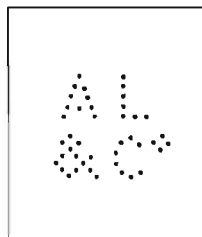
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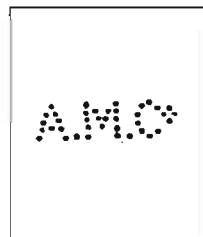
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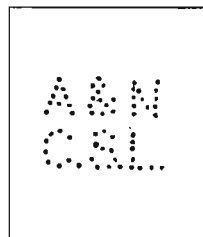
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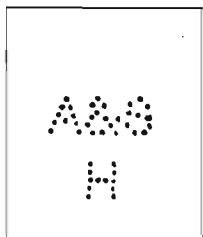
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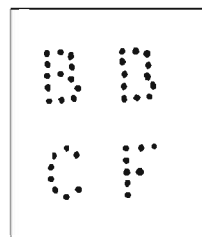
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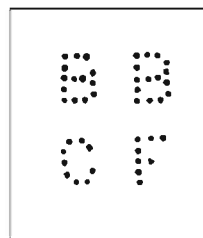
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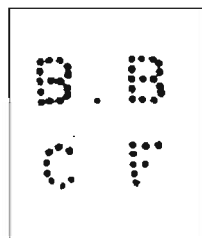
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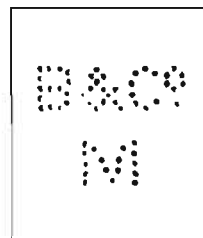
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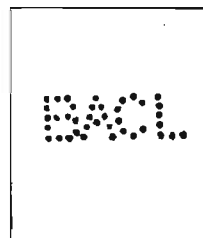
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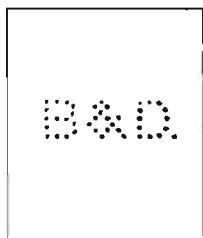
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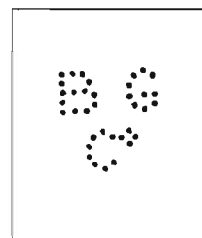
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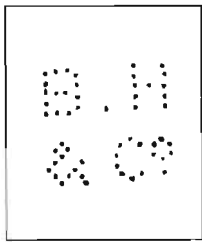
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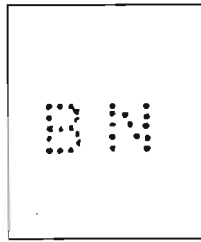
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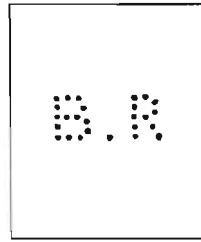
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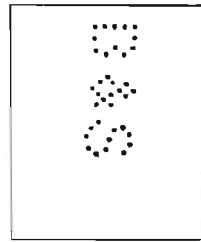
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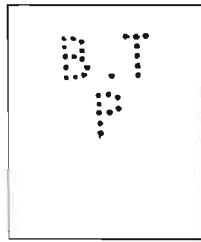
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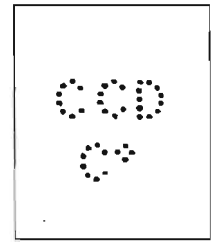
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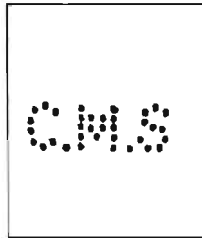
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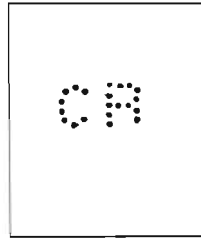
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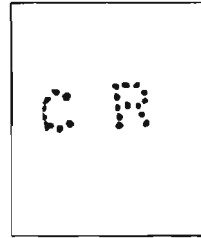
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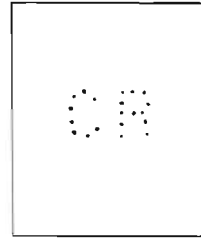
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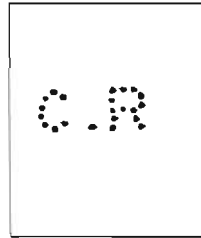
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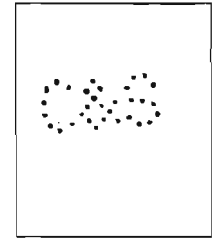
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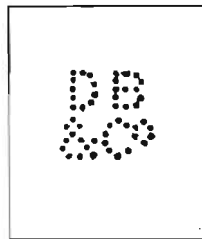
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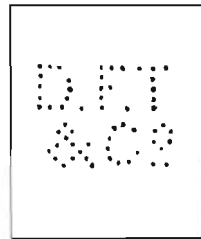
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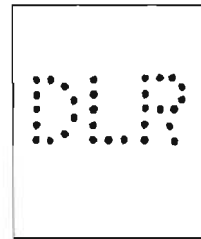
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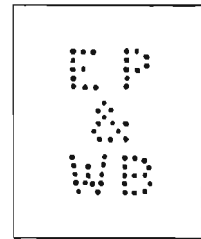
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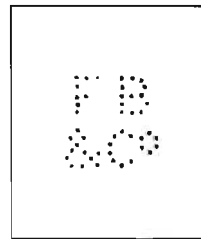
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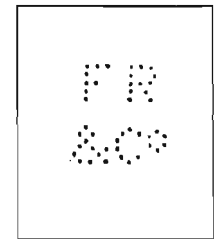
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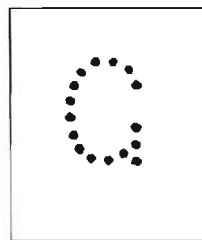
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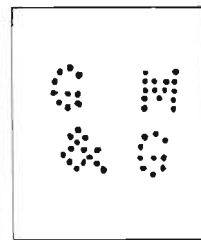
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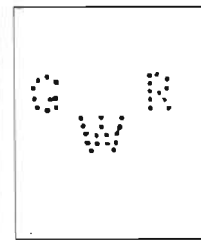
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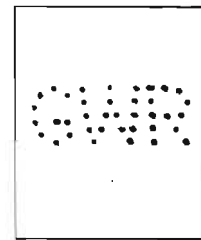
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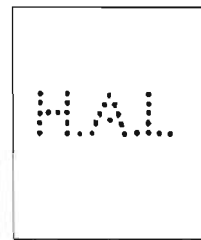
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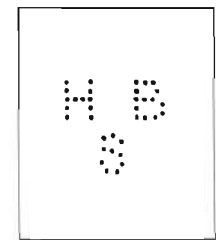
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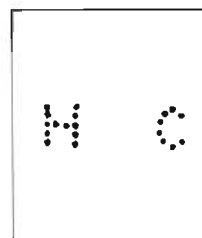
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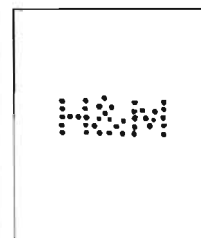
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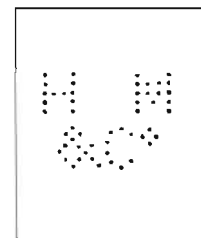
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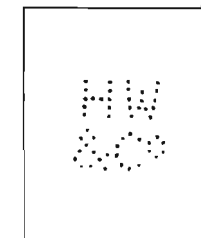
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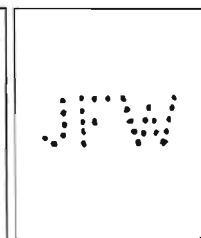
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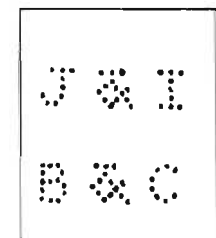
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BOOK REVIEW

The Postal Stationery of the Bechuanalands and Botswana

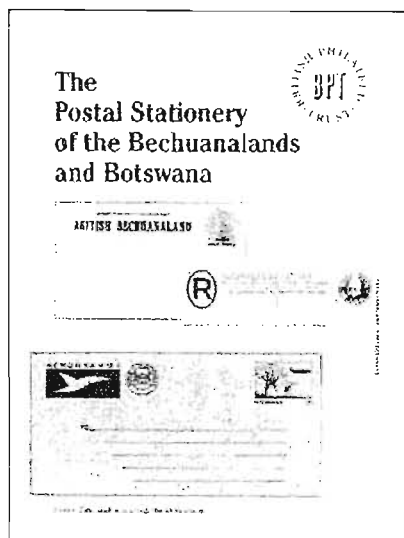
by Peter Thy and John Inglefield-Watson

It is not often that we have a new book on any aspect of the philately of the Bechuanalands and Botswana, so this is indeed a special event for our Society members. This outstanding book on the postal stationery of these territories has been a long time in coming. These two foremost experts in the field of postal stationery of the Bechuanalands and Botswana have collected, researched and written about the subject for many years, and fortunately for the current and future collectors of such material, have written a wonderfully comprehensive book on the subject.

The book certainly has general appeal to all collectors of the philately of the Bechuanalands and Botswana, as well as collectors of general postal stationery. It shall also appeal to collectors of overprints, as many interesting overprints occurred during the territories evolutionary years in the colonial times. Southern Africa and other British Commonwealth collectors will also find much of interest in the book.

This hard-bound 192-page book is the result of these many years of research in existing collections, archives and other sources, and it has long been awaited by specialist collectors to fill a gap in existing literature. It is likely to become the standard Bechuanalands and Botswana stationery handbook for decades to come.

Following an overall introduction and a useful users' guide, the book is divided into seven chapters that describe in great detail the stamped and unstamped stationery of British Bechuanaland, Bechuanaland Protectorate and Botswana. The individual chapters that cover the postcards, newspaper wrappers, registration envelopes, aerogrammes and express envelopes each contain an extensively annotated catalogue of all stationery positively known to exist.



Other chapters cover "specimen" marked stationery and known essays and proofs.

The book is comprehensively illustrated and lists a remarkably large amount of issued stationery in excess of 200 different items, including major varieties, about 45 different "specimens" and 50 essays and proofs. Each listed item is given a "BBS number" and this new numbering system is cross-referenced to previously published listings. The BBS number is, of course, a Bechuanalands and Botswana Society number! There is also a pair of small boxes alongside each listing for collectors to tick and record their holdings or wants.

Brian Trotter FRPSL

The Postal Stationery of the Bechuanalands and Botswana was published in 2004 by the British Philatelic Trust in conjunction with the **Bechuanalands & Botswana Society**. The Society has now assumed responsibility for distribution of the book, and wishes to make it available for a limited period at a special promotional price, coupled with an optional offer of free Society membership.

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News of some items in auctions and on eBay

Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

A few scarce items of Straits Settlement stationery sold recently on eBay, being overprinted during the Japanese Occupation. There were 3 postcards and 2 rare registered envelopes, all in first class mint condition.

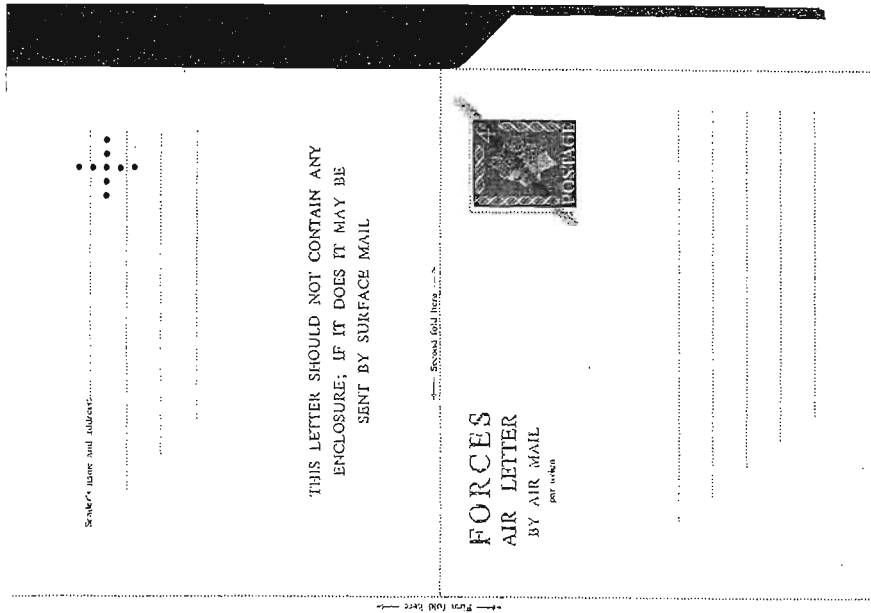
2c orange p/card with Kanji o/print and same 3c green both with extra black printed space for extra postage sold for US\$79 and \$61. 2c green card with circular red Postage Paid 2cts cancel with 2 additional red framed chops (Fig 1) sold for US\$231

15c registered envelope with Kanji 27c o/print in red (Fig 2) sold for \$56 and again 15c registered envelope with vertical kanji overprint but printed in black instead of red (Fig 3) sold for US\$173.50. All ex-Rowell collection.

Many interesting items came up for sale in the **Christoph Gärtner Auction** 27-29th March.. Lot 325 **CHINA** 1907 double card 1c + 1c. green, mint variety folded to the right. Starting price €500, realisation € 34,000.

Forces Airletter with Perforated Cross

George King



Illustrated is a an STO red on grey Forces Airletter imprinted with a 4d blue Wilding stamp (Huggins ASP 10).

Regulations prohibited the STO impression being printed over anything, so the stamp being over the printed box for the adhesive, is in the wrong place. Hence, I believe, the reason for the blue crayon mark through the stamp impression. I have several examples of the stamp in the wrong place on airletters, and have seen others with crayon.

The perforated cross through the address panel is made up of nine dots and measures 8mm. x 8mm. Can anyone provide any information on this item or explain the reason for the perforated cross?

Israeli "Call-up" Papers

Tony Goldstone

I recently acquired three Israeli "Call-up" papers posted to the recipients in the form of folded letter sheets. The one illustrated was mailed in 1958. It is addressed to a man living in Petach Tikva, near to Tel Aviv and Postmarked 14.8.1958. I trust that members who enjoyed the Holy Land series will find this item an interesting addition.

Registered Mail



Name and Rank

Address and Military handstamp

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

G.B. AIRLETTERS

Further white paper printings of the standard airletter are reports by **Arthur Roberts** as -

MSE 283/06 and

MSE 284/06 both Type I print with a gap of 56mm.

The 'Star' airletter Type I print has been seen with print reference -

MSE 142/06

Estimating Survival Rates - Your Views.

In Vol 14 No.4 **John Courtis** examined 'survival rates' of used GB newspaper wrappers. Following on from the comments in Vol 15 No.1, **Gary Watson**, of Prestige Philately, Australia writes:-

"I have just read George King's comments with regard to John Courtis's "research" into various Wrappers. I have to say that I agree with virtually every comment he makes. However, I cannot let one statement pass without a response.

George states "Statements like "rare" or "very scarce" in auction catalogues should be seen as just sales spin." This I think is too cynical. It's certainly true that most auction firms are clue-less about postal stationery. However, most of them offer so little in the way of postal stationery lots that it hardly matters.

Some firms however have significant experience over a long period of time in offering a wide array of stationery. As a collector and dealer in the field for the past 27 years, I have a very good "feel" for the rarity of most items in my bailiwick. Particularly during the 1980s, I offered more postal stationery at auction than any other firm in the English-speaking world.

At my company, Prestige Philately, at least where Australian and Pacific material is concerned, I am confident that our assessment of the rarity or otherwise of virtually every issue is quite accurate. If we state an item is "rare" or "underrated" or whatever, it is almost always an accurate statement.

Naturally everyone makes mistakes and on occasion we have fallen into the "trap" of hyping up an item that doesn't warrant such attention. But, based on collector feedback we have received, such instances are themselves quite rare.

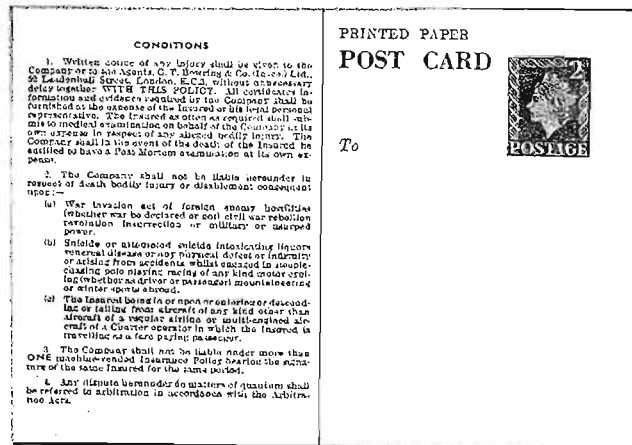
My suggestion to your readers, therefore, is that auction statements regarding rarity etc should be assessed by reference to a firm's track record and experience. If the firm is not noted for offerings of postal stationery, their comments about rarity may lack credibility. However, where the auction house has been a significant player in the market, such statements should be considered seriously."

Along similar lines to those expressed by **George King** in his letter published in the previous issue of the Journal, there are a couple of items in the March/April issue of "Postal Stationery", the Journal of the United

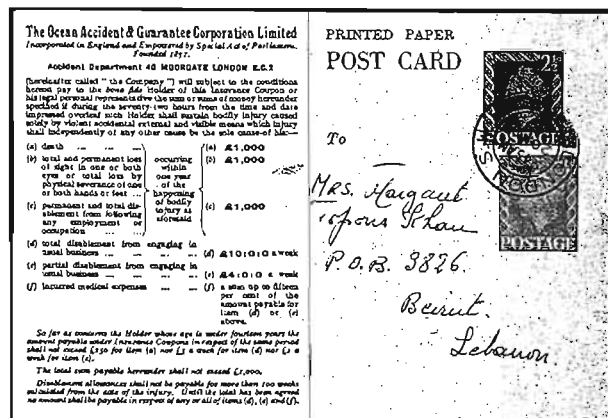
Postal Stationery Society (USA). In this, **Bill Geijsbeek** writes on "Value vs. Scarcity", and **Henry Fisher** writes on the difficulty of finding a used copy of a 1956 4c Statue of Liberty surface rate international post card and his success in urging Scotts to amend their catalogue valuation of it one hundred fold!

Postal Stationery Insurance Cards - George King

Following the illustration of several cards in Journal No.22 page 14, and Journal No.38 page 19, I have found another two. The first is from The Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Ltd. Machine stamped for 24 May 1958. This one has not been through the post. The instruction "Insert This End" seems to imply the purchaser had to insert the card back into the machine to validate.



The second, is from The Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Limited and has a 1/2d orange imprinted below the 2 1/2d value. The card is pinkish orange.



Articles in the Journals of other Postal Stationery Societies from across the World

Postal Stationery Collector November 2006 (Australia)
Leeward Islands King George VI Postal Stationery.

A Contribution to the Classification of the Queensland Post Office Newspaper Wrappers Issued in the Period 1891-1912 Part 2.

The "Big Three" of Newspaper Wrappers of Victoria. NSW Postal Stationery Archival Records.

Listing of Australian Non-Denominated Postal Stationery.

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The Literature of Postal Stationery

Historical Note on an Early Listing of Australian Commonwealth Postal Stationery

Listing of Australian Non-denominated Postal Stationery

The "Big Three" of Newspaper Wrappers of Victoria

Australia's Small Domestic Registered Post Envelopes

Postal Stationery November/December 2006 (USA)

Carpatho-Ukrainian postal stationery, 1939 and 1945.

The Beginnings of the Envelope industry in Springfield, Mass.

Many Faces of the Die 9 Forgeries.

U.S.A. 20th/21st Century Column.

U.S.A. 19th Century Column.

Postal Stationery January/February 2007 (USA)

Southern Florida Wetland Postal Cards

2006 USA Postal Card Issue

The 1889 Swedish Reply Card

Zanzibar Overprint Variety

Essays for 1888 British Bechuanaland Newspaper Wrappers

USA 20th/21st Century Column

USA Stationery 2007 New Issues

UPSS 20th Century Envelopes, etc - New Issue Catalogue Numbers

Official Use of non-Official Postal Cards

Postal Stationery March/April 2007 (USA)

Never Issued USA Special Delivery

Switzerland's Postal Wrapper Bands

U.S.A. 20th/21st Century Column - Value vs. Scarcity

New Chile Surcharge Discovery

The Serial Numbers on Bechuanaland Air letter Sheets

Pseudo Stationery

L'Intero Postale Autumn 2006 (Italy)

Esemplari Di Campionatura Nelle Cartoline Postali Pubblicitarie.

Buoni Risposta Internazionali: Il Modello "Pechino" Tipo II.

Ganzsachensammler November 2006 (Switzerland)

Wasserzeichensuche in der Praxis.

Betrügereische Handl. von Postbeamten.

Karten mit "Bütten"-Rand.

Di Empfangsscheine der kant. Posten. Teil 4 Schluss. 8. Kt. Zug, 9. Kt. Züriich.

Die Privatganzsachen des Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club (C.C.C.).

Die Ganzsache 2 2006 (Germany)

Behandlung unbrauchbar oder ungültig gewordener amtlicher bayer, Ganzsachen.

Die wiederaufnahme des zivilen postverkehrs im Bereich der Reichspostdirection Hamburg und Kiel am 14.6.1945.

Die Privat-Stadtpost Stuttgart.

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Articles Noted Recently in the Philatelic Press

"Commonwealth Postal Stationery 2005-2006" - Geir Sør-Reime. (Gibbons Stamp Monthly April 2007)

"Foreign Postal Stationery 2005-2006 A-E" - Geir Sør-Reime. (Gibbons Stamp Monthly May 2007)

THE BRITISH POSTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVE

In their Spring Newsletter, the BPMA has an article on "Airgraph Material at the BPMA". This gives a short introduction to airgraphs followed by notes on some of the materials in the collection. These include: POST 102/5 The Origin and Life of the Airgraph Service, POST 33/6038 Airgraph Services, POST 33/6045 A History of the Airgraph Service and POST 117/194 L'Union Postale, Volume 71, 6 June 1946. The article contains a couple of illustrations including this one below "Send Airgraphs" poster POST 110/194.



**'Send Airgraphs' poster,
POST 110/3194**

Amongst some of the information in the archives are a series of files from 1932 with correspondence illuminating the lead-up to the instigation of the service. Other correspondence in the collection provides facts and figures for the whole of the history of the service including details of discussions between the US and British Post Office over allocation of the equipment to operate the service and how on some occasions this was diverted without authority to other countries or put to use by other administrations. This collection provides a fascinating resource for anyone interested in this area.

For those members who are interested in Airgraphs, **Laurie Farrell** wrote an article "The

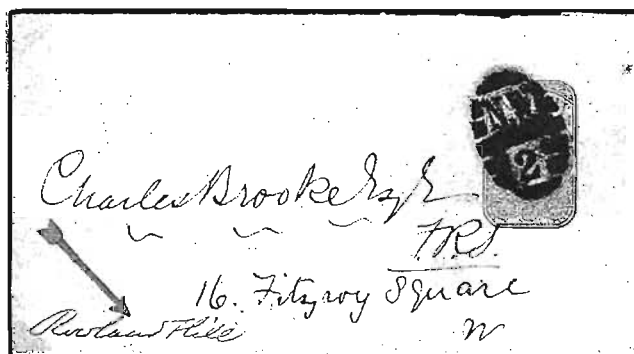
Airgraph Story” in The Postal Stationery Society Journal No. 23. Copies of this issue are available from the Editor (address on p2) at £1.20 plus p&p.

Details of the Airgraph Material at the MPMA may be found on the website: www.postalheritage.org.uk

QUERIES AND REPLIES

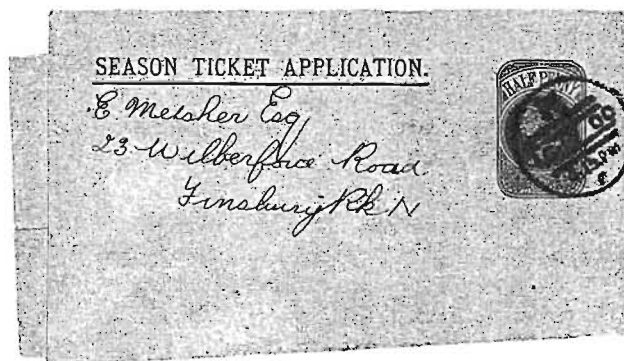
QUERY -

John Forbes-Nixon writes - “Rowland Hill’s (1795 - 1879) signature appears on the bottom left hand corner of this halfpenny green wrapper which has been addressed, in another hand, to Charles Brooke, Esq., FRS., locally used in the London district. This gentleman was president of the Royal Meteorological Society from 1865-66. The London cancel is of the London N. W. /2 and bears no date.



My query is what is the purpose of Rowland Hill’s signature on this wrapper? Was it a proving use for the postmark or wrapper or just a habit that died hard from persons with previous postage privilege? It is a pity the date of use cannot be established!”

Peter O’Keeffe writes - “I recently came across what looks like a ‘Stamped to Order’ Newspaper Wrapper, with an imprinted Queen Victoria ½d brown ‘stamp’ postmarked with a London ‘N’ (Newspaper ?) handcancel dated 16 July 1900. This appears to be Huggins type WS4, issued in 1897 (?) presumably intended as size (b) but actually 297mm x 125mm, and having the top two corners cut off. Printed by De La Rue & Co. Ltd. on buff (or is it straw ?)coloured paper.



However, this might be Huggins type WP17, Size (b) (300 x 127mm) a straw coloured, Post Office issue of 1898, as it has no instructions. How can I tell?

I am puzzled by the wording SEASON TICKET APPLICATION; were such application forms in the 1900’s so large that they needed ‘Newspaper’ wrappers rather than envelopes? and what sort of ticket might these be used for?

In those days, did they have Railway Season Tickets? or maybe it might have been for a series of concerts or sporting events?”

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If there is a particular area or aspect of postal stationery collecting which you would like to see featured in the Journal which has not been covered before, please let me know. I would like to cater for as many members’ interests as possible.

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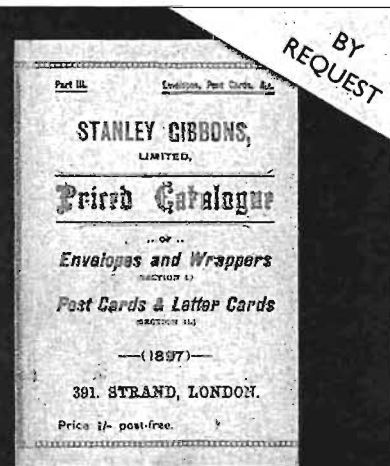


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The Envelopes & Wrappers and Post Cards and Letter Cards Reference Book

This is a facsimile reprint, the original Stanley Gibbons 12th edition was published in 1899. This volume lists worldwide local stamps issued for specific uses, e.g. Railway letter stamps, shipping labels for mail carried by sea on specific routes. An extensive listing of Russian government locals is also featured. With over 120 pages of listings of these interesting issues which are often found on old time world collections, this catalogue will be of great help in identifying these 'back of the book' issues.

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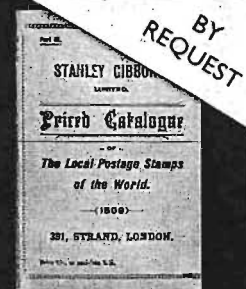
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The Local Postage Stamps of the World Reference Book

This is a facsimile reprint, the original Stanley Gibbons 11th edition was published in 1897. The catalogue was intended to fill a niche in listings of items not covered in the 'adhesives' catalogue. The listings are split into two sections, the first half of the book covering issues of printed envelopes and wrappers. The second half of the book lists postcards and letter cards. Issues from the whole world are featured and the original prices have been retained.

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Stanley Gibbons Publications

UPDATED G.B. STATIONERY**George King**

I have been looking through the bound copies of Post Office Circulars and Gazettes (replaced circulars from creation of Post Office from GPO in 1969) held in the British Library, and the British Postal Museum and Archive, actually looking for information about Reply Coupons, when I spotted the following.

"2 December 1981

Stamped Stationery

Tariff Change 1st February 1982

There is to be an increase in the minimum inland first and second class letter rates - to 15½p and 12½p respectively. There will also be an increase in the price of the stationery element and registration fees and the following changes to the present range of stamped stationery items.

* Air Letter forms will be referred to as 'Aerogrammes' following the tariff changes.

* Lettercards are to be withdrawn and a new stamped lettersheet will be introduced in February/March 1982. In the intervening period between this postal tariff increase and the introduction of the new lettersheet any remaining stocks of lettercards may be sold at pre-tariff prices plus the additional postal charges. Postmasters should uprate the postage at the time of sale i.e. by sticking a 1p and a ½p stamp on the first class lettercard and a 1p stamp on the second class lettercard.

If any item uprated from earlier tariff changes are still on hand they should be withdrawn, at close of business on 30th January, 1982 either for local destruction, or return to Postal Supplies Division, Security Stores Division, as surplus stock. Other stocks held at close of business on 30th January, 1982 will be dealt with as follows:

(i) 11½p items (Envelopes Size 1 and 2) should be uprated by sticking a 1p stamp to the left of the existing stamp and 14p items by sticking a 1p and a ½p stamp to the left of the existing stamp.

(ii) Registered envelopes (registration fee increased by 10p and postage by 1½p) should be uprated by sticking an 11½p stamp below the existing stamp.

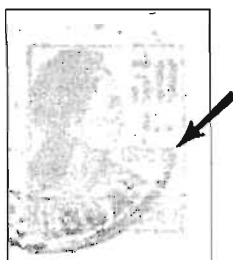
(iii) Aerogrammes (Ordinary) should be uprated by sticking a 4p stamp to the left of the existing stamp. Aerogrammes (Pictorial) should be uprated by sticking a 4p stamp to the left of the existing stamp.

Copyright Post Office"

There are many similar notices to affix postage stamps to stationery when prices were increased.

I have noticed many items of G.B. stationery uprated with stamps, both postcards, reply cards, letter cards, airletters, registered envelopes and envelopes. Since they were on sale like that, should we list them? Is there a full listing of what was uprated in Post Offices, rather than just reflects late use by customers. Yes I know mint can be faked. But some items, presumably RP50 which I've only ever seen with the added postage stamp were only actually issued uprated.

At the request of a client we are looking for a 1937 30c Matrona Postal Stationery Card of Spain with the variety showing the word "CORREOS" under the numerical value on the "stamp" as shown in the cut-out below



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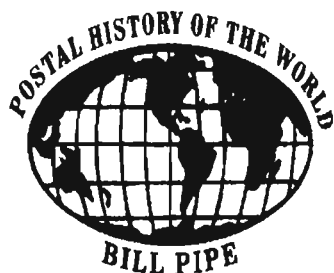
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