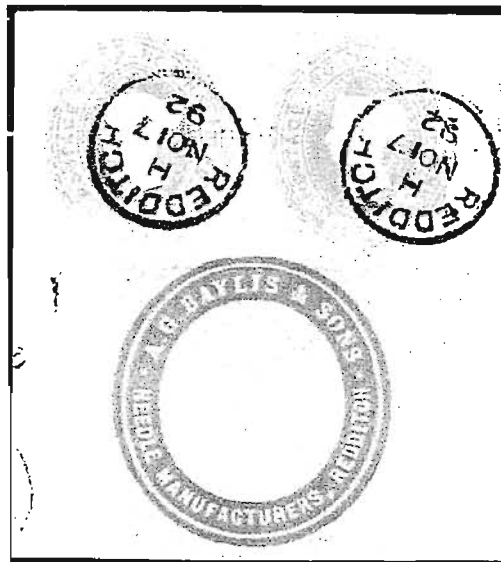




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SOCIETY CALANDAR 2009

Saturday March 21st 2009

At the meeting room in the Royal Philatelic Society, 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, starting at 10.30 am and finishing at approx. 4.00 pm. Members who would like details of how to get to this location should contact the secretary.

Our auctioneer, Neil Sargent will give a display on the postal stationery of Barbados. Neil always has much unusual material in his collections and this promises to be no different.

The society's One Sheet Competition will be held during the morning, with all members present being asked to vote before lunch for their choice of winner.

The session after lunch will be for members' displays. Members are asked to bring along a maximum of 32 sheets each on a postal stationery theme, and to give a display of not more than 10 minutes with a further 10 minutes for viewing.

We will arrange to eat in one of the restaurants close by, and all members are invited to join in. The cost is not likely to be more than £10-15 each, including wine.

Saturday 9th May 2009

At **Worpex**, Oldbury Park Primary School, Oldbury Road, St John's, Worcester WR2 6AA
Details will be given in the February Issue of the Journal.

Saturday 13th June 2009

At **Swinpex**, St Joseph's Lower School, Octal Way, Swindon SN3 2LR, 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 open from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

Saturday October 23rd 2009

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

10.30am. Viewing of the society's auction lots for the auction to be held in the afternoon..

11.00am Society's AGM

12.00 Tony Chilton competition judging, followed by the presentation of the Tony Chilton salver

12.30pm Lunch in a nearby restaurant.

2.00pm The society's "live" auction to be conducted by Neil Sargent.

The meeting is expected to close by about 4.00pm

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

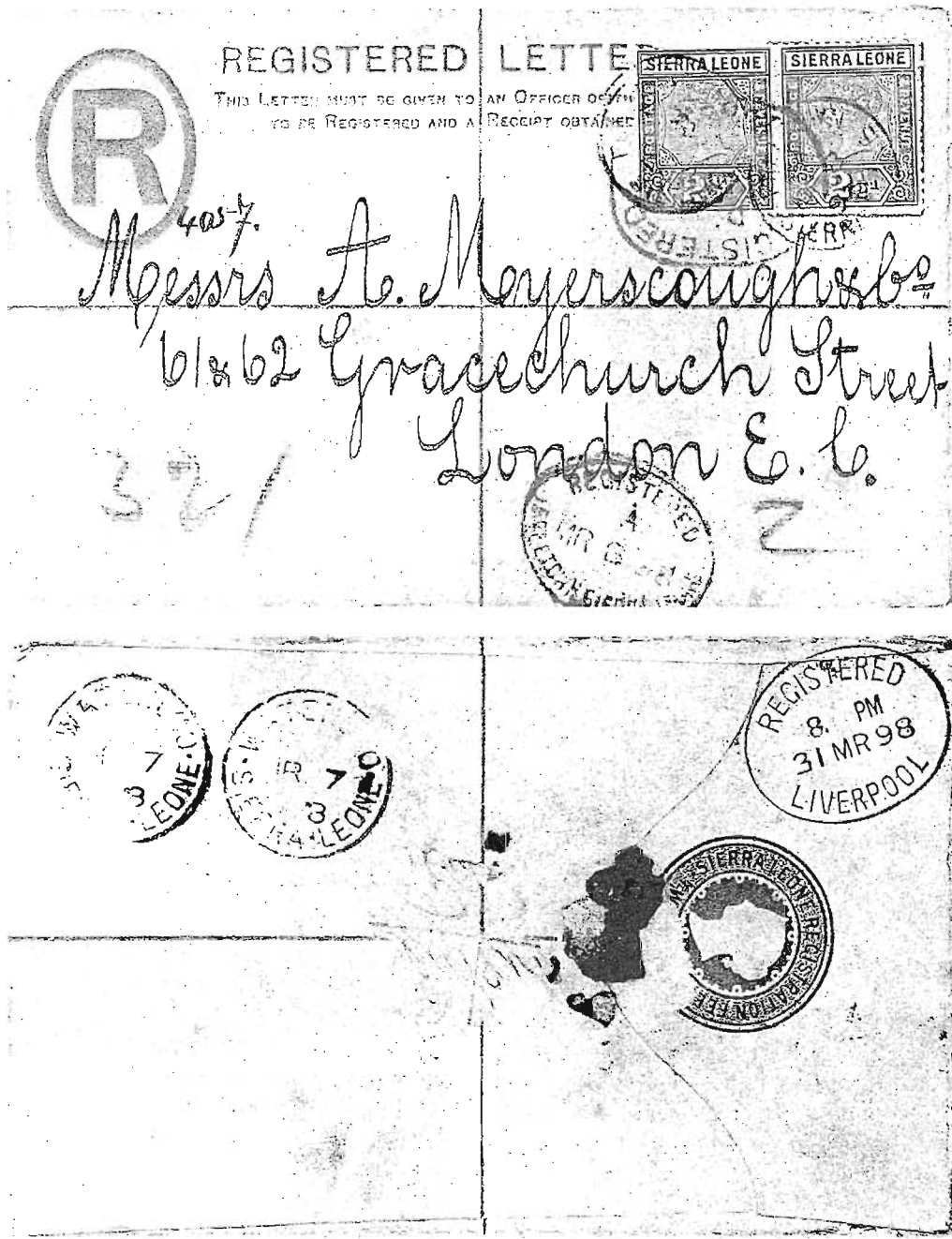
It was a surprise and honour to be asked to become Chairman at the recent A.G.M of the Society. I would like to thank Michael for all his hard work during his time in office. Perhaps I should take this opportunity to give you some background as to who I am. I retired from agriculture some five years ago having been a dairy and beef farmer for nearly forty years. My main collecting interest is GB Post Office Issue Registered envelopes and mail to and from UK stamp dealers. My contact details are on the inside of the Journal's front cover.

Now for the interesting part, some years ago I purchased the cover illustrated, in a German auction. To find out how the Registered Letter travelled from Waterloo,

Sierra Leone I went to the Maritime Museum, Greenwich to consult Lloyd's List without much success. Having heard that The Guildhall Museum in the City also held copies of Lloyds List I went there and found out details of the letter's journey. It travelled from Waterloo to Freetown by rail and then by the steamer 'Laguna' to Liverpool and on to London by rail. Unfortunately no back stamp was applied in London.

In closing I would like to wish all members an enjoyable Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Edward Caesley



SECRETARY'S NOTES – NOVEMBER 2008

NEW MEMBERS

The society welcomes the following new members whose interests are listed below. If you would like to get in touch with anyone, please send your stamped letter to the secretary who will forward it to the relevant member. Please add these details to the list of Members' Collecting Interests.

COUNTRY OR AREA COLLECTED	MEMBER	LOCATION
Great Britain (QEII), Malaya, Australia, New Zealand	Martin Reid	Berkshire
Great Britain	Michael Shaw	Shropshire
Great Britain used in Birmingham	Ian Baker	Ayrshire
Great Britain	Robert Rowe	Somerset
Great Britain, Switzerland	John Brindley	West Sussex
Great Britain	Robert Petts	Buckinghamshire
Great Britain, Channel Islands, Isle of Man	Cyril Saunders	Gloucestershire

We also welcome back Mr Jan Kosniowski who has decided to rejoin the society. He collects newspaper wrappers worldwide.

If any member would like their details of collecting interests amended or added to the list, they should write to the secretary, giving him the relevant details.

LONDON 2010 - FESTIVAL OF STAMPS

We will be having a meeting in the morning of Sunday 9th May 2010 at this International Exhibition which is to be held at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London N1 0QH. More details will be given as soon as they are available. But make a note in your diaries now.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2009 ARE NOW DUE

The subscriptions for 2009 remain the same as last year and are now due. If you have not paid in advance you will find a notice included in this copy of the Journal with details of how much to pay, how to pay and where to send the money. Please don't put the notice to one side and forget about it. Get out your pens and cheque books and write to the treasurer today. Why not make it a 3 or 5 year payment and then you can forget about paying again for the next few years.

The cost of the subscription for one year is £12 providing you make your payment before 31st December (or for those living outside the UK it is \$US 25 or € 20)

However, if payments are made after 1 January 2009 the cost of the subscription is £14 (or for those living outside the UK it is \$US 30 or € 25)

Why not save money and pay your subscription in advance. Three years in advance costs £32 (or \$US 60 or € 50) and will take you to the end of 2011. Five years in advance costs £55 (or \$US 100 or € 85) and will take you to the end of 2013.

Please send your payment by cheque drawn in Sterling on a UK bank, or in cash, by registered post for your own protection, using Sterling, US Dollars or Euros only. Post your payment to the treasurer, John Fowler, 6 George Street, BRIDLINGTON, East Yorkshire YO15 3PG, United Kingdom. Unfortunately due to extremely high bank charges the Society cannot accept foreign cheques or drafts. Neither can it accept cash in any other currency than US dollars, Euros or Sterling.

**PLEASE DO NOT WAIT TO BE
REMINDED AGAIN. SEND OFF YOUR
SUBSCRIPTION TODAY AND CONTINUE
TO ENJOY ALL THE BENEFITS OF BEING
A MEMBER OF THE POSTAL
STATIONERY SOCIETY.**

MINUTES OF THE SOCIETY'S AGM HELD AT THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S PREMISES, 41 DEVONSHIRE PLACE, LONDON, ON SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER 2008.

The meeting was attended by a total of 19 members. Apologies for absence were received from Graham Barker, John Fowler, Chris Howe, Lars Engelbrecht and Tony Goldstone.

Minutes of the AGM 2007. These were published in the November 2007 Journal and were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Matters Arising. Alan Huggins referred to the agreement in 2007 that the society should sponsor 5 frames at London 2010 at £10 each. He suggested that we should now sponsor a further five frames, saying that many other societies were taking similar action and a total of 10 frames would be more appropriate for us. This was agreed.

Chairman's Report. Mike Smith said this would be the last meeting he chaired. He thanked all the officers for their help during his period in office and said the society had not only sustained satisfactory growth, but had also gained in stature in that time. He felt sure the society would continue to grow.

Secretary's Report. Colin Baker said last year's membership was 236, but at the beginning of this year 33 members failed to renew their subscriptions. However, this was more than made up by new applications and the Society's total membership now stood at 244, with a further member deciding to join from January next year. It is difficult to be very accurate about our marketing strategies, but well over a dozen applications were received as a direct result of sales of the new catalogue (and probably many others were influenced by it), half a dozen from flyers distributed at meetings etc, and the rest through the society's website.

The Society held three meetings during the year, two in London and one in Swindon. Reports on all meetings have been published in the Society's Journal.

Colin Baker went on to say that he has held the secretary's post since October 1999. He felt that very soon someone else should take over the position, as new ideas and a fresh approach would be good for the society. He asked that if anyone wanted to find out more about the role they should speak with him.

Treasurer's Report

John Fowler was not present, but the balance sheet for 2007/8 was distributed to those present (a copy is enclosed with this Journal) and his report was read out on his behalf.

The accounts for the year ending 31st August show that the society has ended the year with a surplus. Again I have identified that part of the subscription income which is attributable to this financial year, thus enabling us to see clearly the true income and expenditure. This reveals a surplus of £389, which coincides with our share of the 2007 profit on the new catalogue and increased interest on our savings account. It is anticipated that there will be a further profit share (with the Great Britain Philatelic Society) in 2009.

Although our expenses this year show an increase of £618, this includes an outlay on postage stamps (at the old rate) of which a balance of £481 remains in our Editor's hands. Thanks to the new catalogue and the sterling efforts of our Secretary and the other officers, we have received substantially more subscription income attributable to 2008 (in fact £600).

The auction results show that this service to members made a small loss. I would suggest that this could be corrected if we reduced the catalogue size, by slight compression or a change to A5, to lower the printing bill.

May I take this opportunity to thank Colin Baker and John Barker for their help through the year, and John Barker and Neil Sargent for their efforts in obtaining advertising revenue and auction commission.

Peter O'Keeffe asked why there was no insurance cost identified for this year. The secretary confirmed that we are insured and the cost would be included in the next year's accounts. Members also asked if the accounts had

been independently inspected. The secretary said he would find out and report back.

Post meeting note. John Fowler has since said "the accounts have not been independently examined, but now I have retired from book-keeping I hope to find a suitable qualified auditor locally who is willing to take on the task at a more reasonable rate than they have charged my clients over the years. However, the safeguards incorporated (whereby I cannot remove money from our accounts without a second signature) means that what we have in the bank is always correct. John Fowler has sent me (the secretary) the closing statements for last year which I confirm agree with the balance sheet."

Auctioneer's Report. Neil Sargent said he was pleased to report that two auctions were again held during the year - the first in October being a postal and live auction held at the Society's winter meeting at the RPS in London. The second was a postal auction with a closing date of the 1st May 2008.

The statistics for each sale are shown below. A lot of the earlier teething problems have been resolved and hopefully members are generally satisfied with the manner in which auctions are run. There have been the odd couple of complaints which have been resolved. There are still issues over some of the descriptions, particularly 'mint' items actually having the odd tone spot or mark, and the items being returned. Neil said he was not able to individually check and verify the description and catalogue number of each lot - if he were to do so then the quantity of lots would be much reduced due to lack of time. Neil works full-time and has other commitments as well as being the society's auctioneer, and it is sometimes difficult to sort through everything.

	October 2007 Room Auction	May 2008 Postal Auction
No of lots entered	501	600
No of Lots Sold	256 (51%)	247 (42%)
Highest price	£160 Lot 390 GB	£100 KE VII Reg envelopes
No. of vendors	7	13
No. of buyers	42 (32 postal bidders)	41
Total Sales	£2,283	£2,324.50
Society Commission	£232.80	£234.75
No. of GB lots	266	306
No. of GB lots sold	175 (67%)	157 (53%)
No of non-GB Lots	235	294
No of non-GB Lots Sold	81 (34%)	89 (30%)

So long as members are happy Neil said he would continue as Society Auctioneer. Hopefully, the society can continue to improve the quality and scarcity of lots and value on offer. Neil said he hoped to include more illustrations of lots in the catalogue but was happy to send photocopies or scans to members of lots on request.

The October 2008 auction is around 550 lots with good QEII GB items. The next postal auction will again be the 1st May next year and quality lots can still be entered, preferably by Christmas.

Mike Smith said it was disappointing that the auction was making a loss. After some discussion the members present agreed that the minimum vendors'

commission per lot should be raised to 50 pence, to encourage vendors to group low value items together so that minimum lot values would be £5. This might also encourage more bidding on bulk lots.

Journal Editor's Report. John Barker said that Volume 16 of the Journal contained a mix of articles covering aspects of postal stationery worldwide whilst maintaining a comprehensive coverage of GB Postal Stationery. The regular feature "GB Postal Stationery News" by Alan Huggins is seen as a major service by many of our members. As in previous years, longer articles have been published in a number of parts to ensure that each issue contains a range of topics and does not have too narrow a focus.

He continued, for those collectors whose interests lie elsewhere please don't be put off; I welcome contributions relating to any area of the world. I would be particularly interested to have something to publish about postal stationery from anywhere in the world, which has not been covered so far. Please let me know what you can contribute or what areas you would like to see covered and I will do my best.

Contributions may be articles, short comments, queries, news items or interesting snippets relating to items in collections. They may be research on any aspect of postal stationery or related matter which may be relevant or simply notes on an interesting item in your collection. Please contact me if you feel that you have something which may interest other members. All comments and contributions will be gratefully received.

Once again we have been supported by our regular advertisers and a number of others who have bought advertising space in the Journal. I would like to thank these sponsors and hope that members will take the opportunity to sample their services. I am always pleased to receive more advertising support as this will enable me to make improvements to the quality of the Journal and compensate for the increasing costs of printing and postage.

Website Manager's Report. Lars Englebrecht could not be at the meeting, but his report was read on his behalf. He said the society website www.postalstationery.org.uk has had 4103 visits in the past year – 50% more than the previous year! It has been updated 11 times during the last year with the content of the new issues of the PS Journal, the society auctions, the library list, amendments to the new British postal stationery catalogue, links to postal stationery exhibits on the internet and results from postal stationery exhibits at international exhibitions. It is the intention to continue to develop the website so it will attract even more visitors - and new members. Suggestions to new activities on the website are most welcome. He added that he was happy to continue this long distance support of the Society.

Alan Huggins informed the meeting that Lars Englebrecht has been elected as the secretary of the FIP committee.

Retiring Officers. Mike Smith thanked all the society's officers for their hard work throughout the year. Members probably did not realise how much work goes on behind the scenes. The accounts are far from simple since all the auction money goes through them. The Journal is very well

edited and provides members with a great deal of interesting news and articles. The auction provides a service to members and that takes an enormous amount of hard work both before and afterwards. He doubted if many other society websites were maintained to such a high standard and kept as up to date as ours. He concluded that members should be very grateful to these people for their efforts in running the society and maintaining its high standards.

Alan Huggins expressed thanks to Mike Smith for steering the society along a successful path over the last two years, repeated by the members present.

Election of officers for 2008/9. All the officers and committee members who had put themselves forward for election or re-election stood unopposed and were elected to their posts *en bloc*.

Future Meetings. The secretary listed out the meetings planned for 2009 and 2010, including meetings at Worpex, Swinpex and London 2010. (See elsewhere in this Journal for dates and details). Peter O'Keeffe asked if postcodes could be included with meeting place details so that maps could be accessed on the internet or for use in satnavs. This will be done in future.

London 2010 Award. A society member has offered to pay half the cost of an award for a postal stationery exhibit at London 2010, if the society pays the other half. Alan Huggins said the awards were being considered by the Exhibition Committee at the moment and when more information was known it would be communicated to members. The meeting agreed that it was a good idea to donate an award up to a total cost of £250.

Collect British Postal Stationery. The new catalogue jointly published by the PSS and GBPS has sold over 1000 copies to date, and the remaining stock is likely to be exhausted by early next year. The authors are considering a revised issue with new information and additional sections, but this will not be ready for quite a while. Meanwhile much new information has been received by the authors, which is published as updates in the society's Journal.

The gold medal received in Tel Aviv this year for the book was on show to the meeting.

Any Other Business.

Colin Baker said that the British Postal Museum and Archive were to hold a meeting to find out about philatelists' requirements regarding archives and records access. This would be held at City University on 6th November.

Mike Smith said that seminars arranged by the ABPS were to be held as follows and they were open to all members:

- 22nd November 2008 - Judging (Yorkshire)
- 4th December 2008 - Forgeries (NPS London)
- 7th February 2009 - Judging (Warwick)
- 24th February 2009 - Hands-on computing (NPS London)
- 28th March 2009 - Judging (Scotland)
- 20th August 2009 - Using the NPS library (NPS London)

Anyone interested in attending any of these seminars should contact the ABPS or the secretary.

POSTAL STATIONERY SOCIETY

Income & Expenditure Account for year ended 31st August 2008

INCOME	2007/8	2006/7	EXPENDITURE	2007/8	2006/7
Balance b/f from 2006/07	£ 3,607.90	£ 2,870.99	Journal printing	£1,239.58	£1,224.44
Subscriptions	£ 3,510.00	£ 2,861.00	Journal postage	£996.96	£647.07
October Auction (nett)	-£ 54.32	-£ 49.67	Journal envelopes	£93.95	£61.96
June Auction (nett)	£ 0.95	£ 54.59	Room Hire	£627.91	£410.00
Advertising	£ 442.50	£ 418.50	ABPS subscription	£164.00	£107.40
Sale of monographs etc.	£ 38.95	£ 40.50	Insurance		£35.50
Profit share on catalogue	£ 313.50		Website	£10.56	
Donations	£ 8.75	£ 0.30	Trophy engraving	£19.00	£11.03
Bank Interest	£ 137.19	£ 68.08	General stationery	£2.50	£37.47
			General postage	£83.60	£105.50
			General printing	£37.09	£16.02
			Balance	£4,730.27	£3,607.90
	£8,005.42	£6,264.29		£8,005.42	£6,264.29
Total income	£ 4,397.52	Surplus £ 1,122.37	Total expenses	£3,275.15	
Subscriptions for 2008	£ 2,777.00		The surplus is based on the subscriptions		
Other income above	£ 887.52	Surplus £ 389.37	attributable to 2008, whenever paid.		
			Balance represented by:-		
			Cash at Bank - Investment A/C	£5,000.00	
			Cash at Bank - Cheque A/C	£11.53	
			Cash in Hand (\$570)	£308.00	
			Editorial float	£100.00	
			Members' balances held	-£400.10	
			Payments outstanding	-£289.16	
				£4,730.27	£0.00

Notes from Treasurer: (1) Should the Society ever have to disband, those members who had paid for future years would have a right to a refund of the unused portion of their subscriptions. Currently we have 222 future payments for 2009 to 2012. Valuing these at an average of £11 gives a liability of £2,442, leaving nett assets of £2,288.27 (2) In view of the steep rise in postal rates in April 2008, the Society purchased a large stock of stamps at the old rate. Thus, additional to the cash assets, a balance of postage on hand of £481.37 is held.

I have examined the records, receipts and bank statements of the Postal Stationery Society, and find the above Account to be a true and accurate reflection of the Society's financial position at 31 August 2008.

John Fowler
Hon Treasurer

AUCTION ACCOUNTS	Costs	Receipts	AUCTION A/C'S	Costs	Receipts
October 2007	Printing		June 2008	Printing	
Auction list	214.82		Auction list	185.55	
	Postage	Income		Postage	Income
Auction list	55.30	2,283.00	Auction list	51.25	2,327.50
Auction lots	72.28	72.28	Auction lots	88.45	88.45
	Vendors			Vendors	
£2,300 - commission	2,067.20		£2,324.50 - commission	2,089.75	
Nett loss to main a/c	54.32		Nett profit to main a/c	0.95	

THE SAGA OF THE COAT OF ARMS

Tony Goldstone

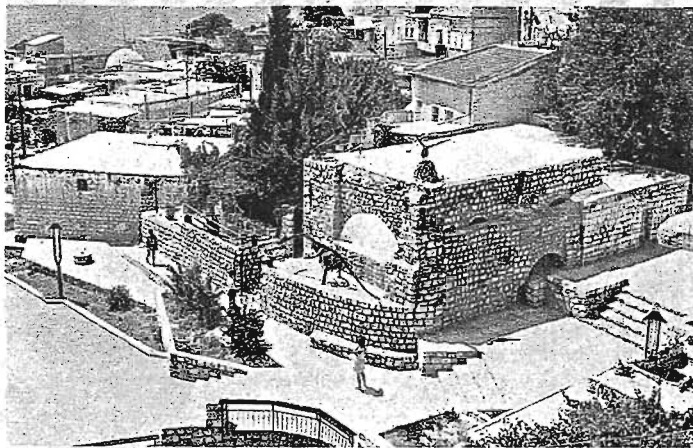
In 1976 Israel's entrepreneurial branch of the tourist industry issued a series of pictorial A4 letter sheets (aerogrammes) depicting colourful scenes from major Israeli cities. Although they were unofficial issues and required the addition of an adhesive stamp, the postal authorities authorised the post offices to sell them to the public. Each city was only permitted to sell the pictorial issues pertinent to that city. According to the official Bulletin No. 72/76 dated 20 Sept. 1976 issued by the Ministry of Communications, 12 such pictorial landscape

air letter sheets were produced the majority having a Coat of Arms or Emblem prominently displayed. The date of release to the general public was 5th October 1976.

The northern city of Safed (pronounced as Zefat in Hebrew) was one of the designated cities. Their letter sheet appeared with a coat of arms depicting a hillside with an olive tree and a few buildings and topped by an enclosed quotation (7) in Hebrew (Fig. 1). Very quickly it was discovered that this emblem was incorrect and adhesive stickers were provided depicting the correct coat of arms to

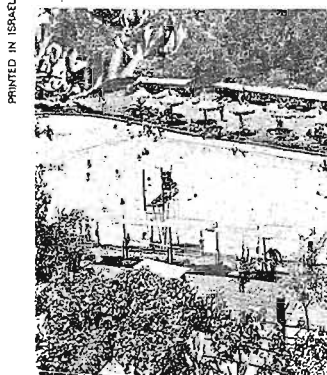
Fig. 1

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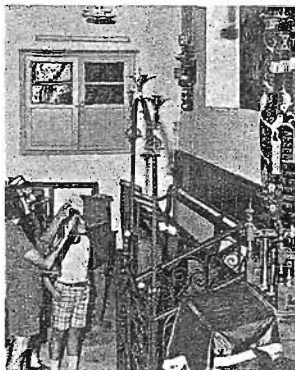


איורת אמוץ - AEROGRAMME

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Zefat — A tourist's haven.



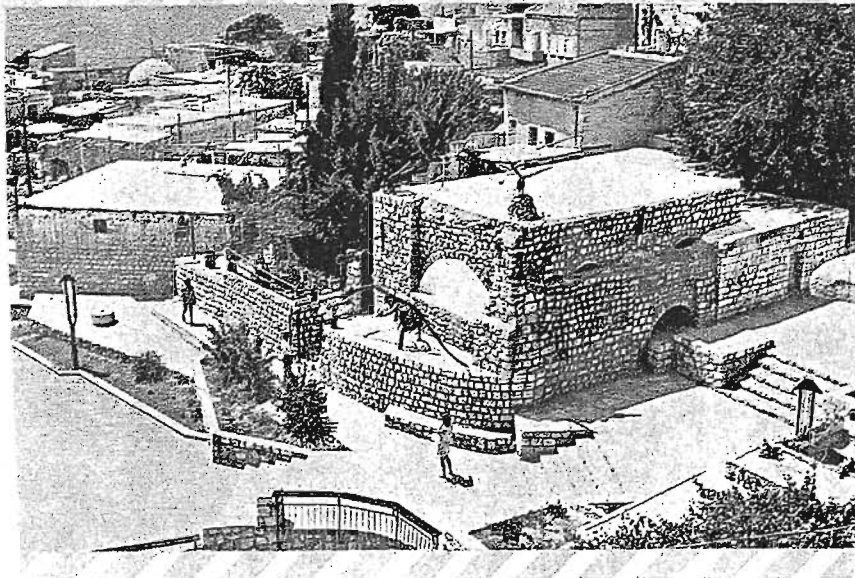
Steeped in Jewish history and tradition.

ZEFAT (SAFED), 2,790 feet above sea level, Zefat looks down on a magnificent Galilee panorama. The town's quality of light and captivating vistas have made it an artists' haven, while historic Synagogues and the graves of the great Cabbalists make Zefat an important religious centre.

be attached over the incorrectly printed one. This new emblem had the design of a Sephardic Torah scroll (topped with two pomegranates) symbolising Safed as a centre of excellence for Rabbinic and Cabbalistic studies. Contained within the scroll was an olive branch (abundant in the area),

an artist's palette (renowned Artist Quarter), a mountain and water (reflecting the topography and closeness to the lake of Galilee (Kinneret in Hebrew) (Fig 2). This coat of arms had been officially adopted on 30th October 1958

איגרת שהושג בה דבר תשלח לפי תעריף של מכתב בדואר אוויר.
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ZEFAT (SAFED) • צפת

“קומו ובעלה ציון”
ימיהו לאיג
“ARISE YE, AND LET US GO UP TO ZION”
“LEVEZ VOUS, MONTONS A SION”
“LEVANTADS, Y SUBAMOS A SION”

Zefat — An ancient, mountain top Galilee town with history in every stone.

Fig 2 Adhesive sticker with new design placed over the incorrect printed emblem

ציג. 2

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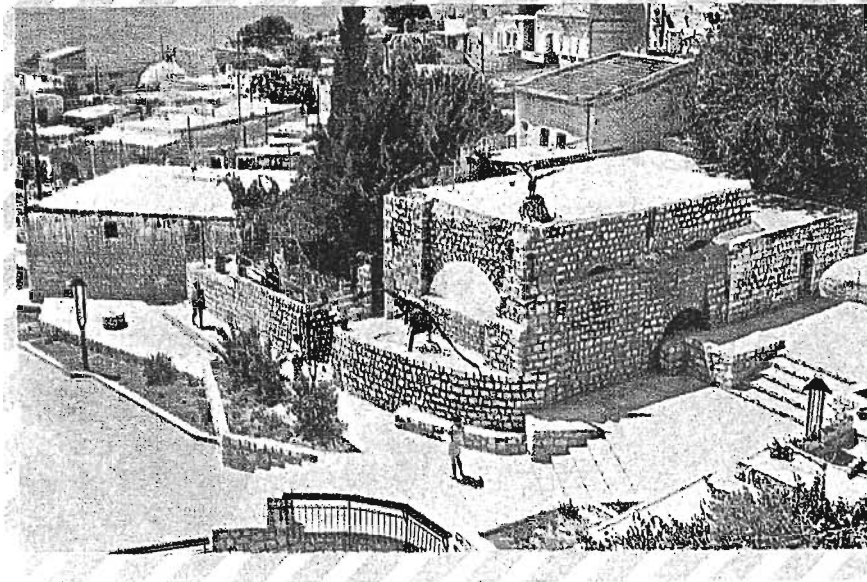
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Fig 3 Letter sheet with blank space (No printed emblem)

It would appear that these stickers were not too successful and the letter sheets then appeared with a blank space where the coat of arms should have been printed (Fig. 3), presumably as a "holding operation" until corrected version could be printed.

Finally the correct air letter sheet was produced (Fig. 4) and the honour of Safed was restored! The first 3 examples (figs.1-3) had Ministry of Communications license number 60-75 and final issue (fig.4) had the number 62-76.

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Fig. 4 The final version of the Safed Air letter Sheet

NEW INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPON

The new international reply coupon (IRC) to be released on 1 July 2009 was unveiled in Geneva during a plenary meeting of the 24th Universal Postal Congress



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 UNIVERSELLE



Nom du pays

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Le timbre-poste, vecteur d'échange

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 INTERNATIONALE

Ce coupon est échangeable dans tous les pays de l'Union postale universelle contre l'affranchissement minimal d'un envoi prioritaire ordinaire ou d'une lettre-avion ordinaire expédié à l'étranger.

A échanger jusqu'au 31.12.2013



A Luxembourg artist won the competition, organized by the UPU's International Bureau in order to find a design for the next generation of IRCs. The work by Rob Van Goor, a graphic artist from the Luxembourg Post, was selected from amongst 10 designs presented by UPU member countries. The artist interpreted the theme of the contest, “The postage stamp: a vehicle for exchange”, by depicting the world being cradled by a hand, and the perforated outline of a postage stamp. All 169 countries present at the UPU Congress had the opportunity to cast a vote for the winning design.

The new IRC, known as the Nairobi model*, will go on sale on 1 July 2009. Postal customers, collectors and philatelists will probably be able to exchange it until the end of 2013. It will replace the current coupon, known as Beijing 2, which first went on sale on 1 July 2006 and will remain valid until 31 December 2009.

* IRCs have traditionally taken their names from the Cities hosting the Universal Postal Union Conferences where the new designs were announced. As the 24th U.P.U. Congress was originally planned to take place in Nairobi, the new IRC will be known under that name even though the Congress was switched to Geneva.

GB POSTAL STATIONERY NEWS

Alan Huggins

As usual there are a number of new items to record a number of which were produced over a 100 years ago. Many thanks to those members and others who have been kind enough to provide information and illustrations.

ADVERTISING RINGS

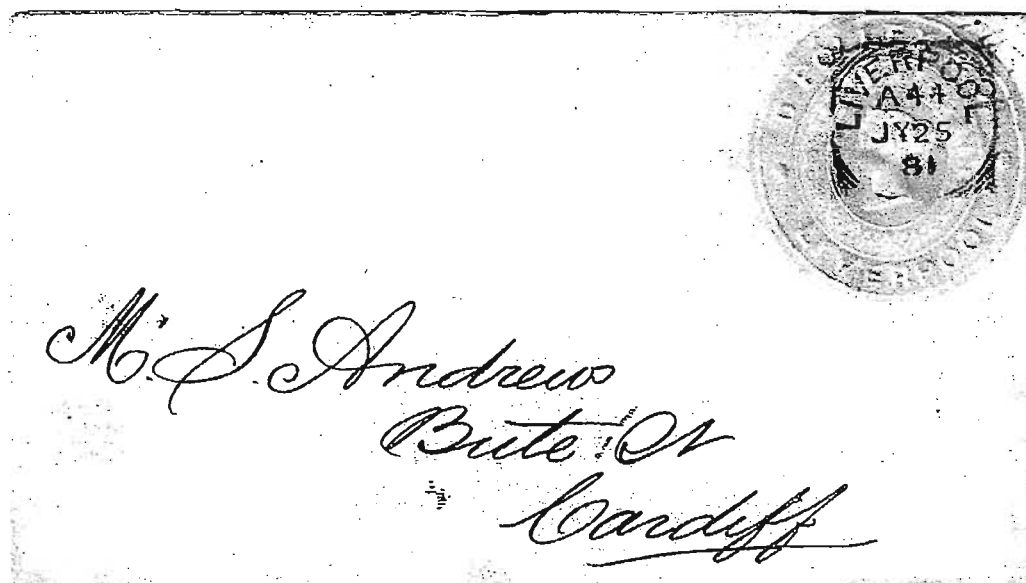
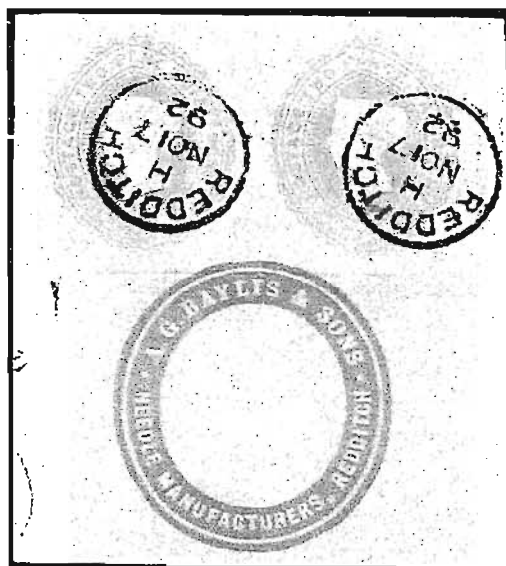
Once again John Baker has sent in some really amazing items. Firstly an A.G. BAYLISS 4d value dated 19.4.86 with a green collar and then a quite unexpected and remarkable piece with two impressions of the 2½d grey blue dated 6.8.92 with the collar in red embossed below the stamps presumably because there was insufficient space between the two stamps to allow a collar to be added without overlapping the stamps. Not clear as to whether these items were from envelopes or wrappers.

John has also come up with a completely new

company 'HENRY SQUIRE & COMPY LONDON' The penny pink stamp is dated 23.4.70? and has what appears to be a chocolate brown collar and has a Lombard Street cancellation.

In the PSS Journal Vol.16 No. page 11 the existence of a used 1d SAUNDERS OTLEY cut-out was reported dated 7.10.60. John now has a second example dated 30.7.60 and a further example has been notified by H.E. Hardy but no more details are to hand.

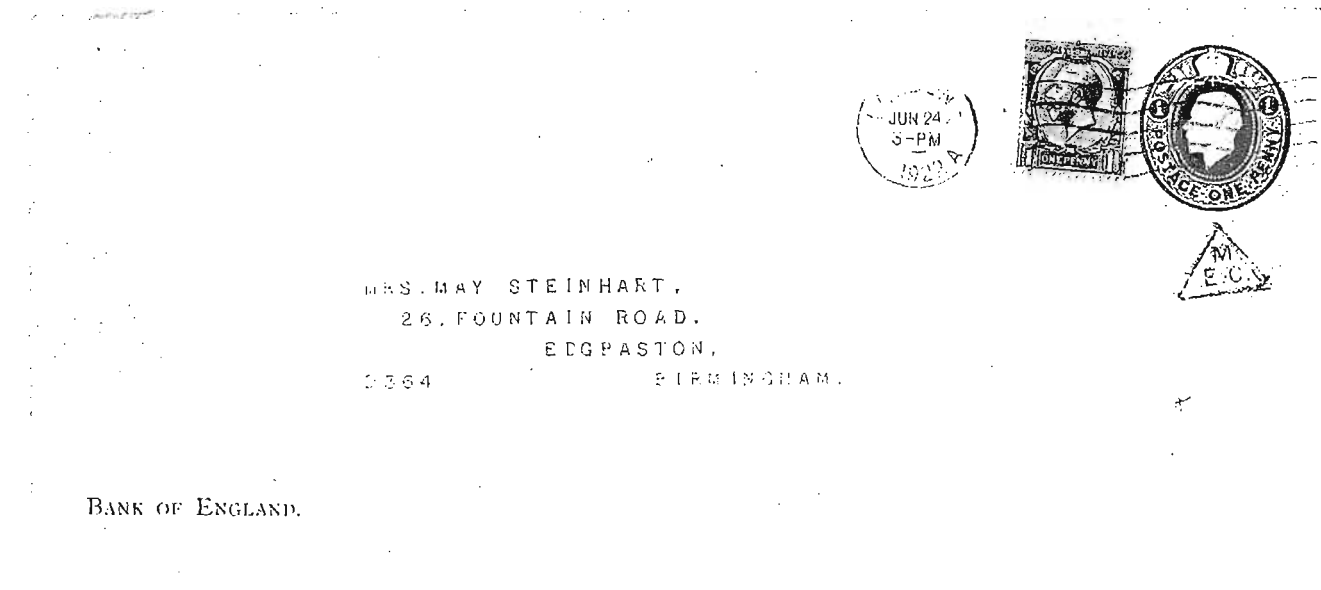
Lastly Peter Griffin has submitted an example of a 1d pink without date plugs with a pink collar of D. POLLEX & CO LIVERPOOL used on 25.7.1881. This will be numbered AR125B.



KING GEORGE V REVALUED STATIONERY

1d STAMPED TO ORDER ISSUE ENVELOPE (ES55) WITH ADDITIONAL 1d ADHESIVE

LONDON M/E.C. Black Bank of England



Whilst the primary focus of members relates to postal stationery Edward Klempka has brought an item to my attention which has also been revalued but the procedure used appears to have been different. In this case customised envelopes with a return address for Price's Patent Candle Company were originally franked with adhesive stamps with a PCL perfin.

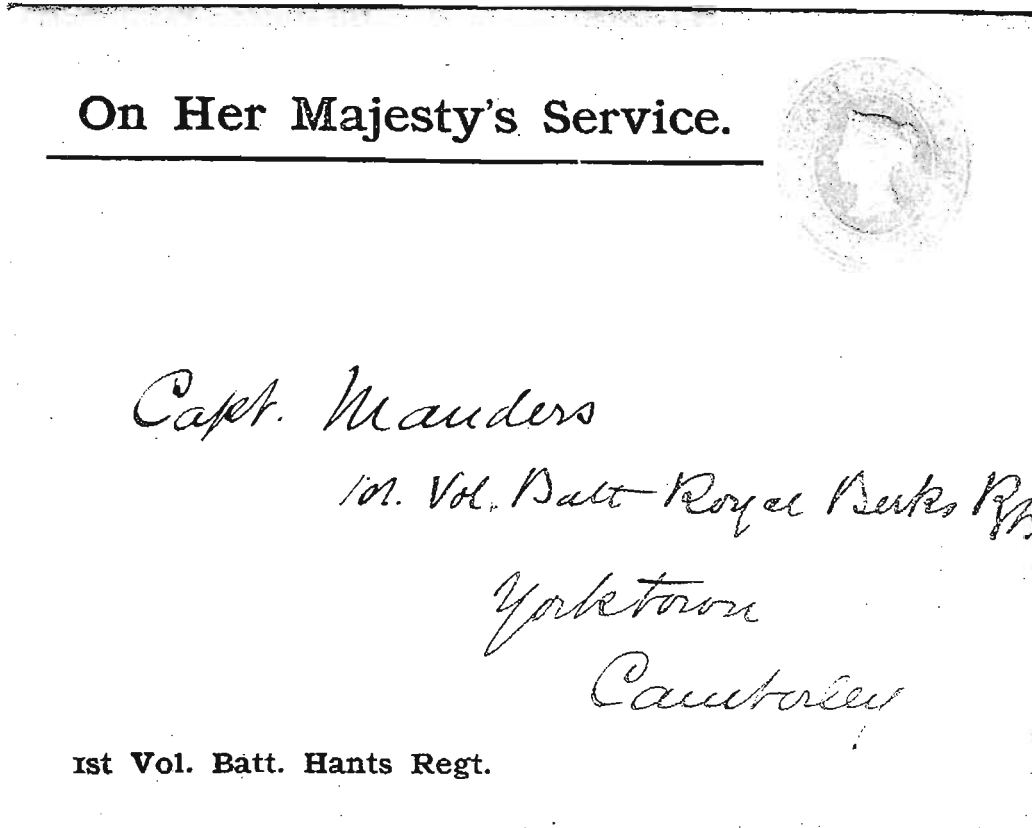
In the case of customised postal stationery the application of the triangular handstamp indicated that the postage had been refunded and that the face value of the stamps had been reduced by the same amount, whereas in the item illustrated although the triangular handstamp of Battersea (BFH) was applied the stamp has been additionally cancelled with a Battersea CDS which notably does not have any date or year.

Thus it seems clear that the intention was to invalidate the stamp completely and presumably its entire face value was refunded, so that the reduced postage rate of 1½d could then be prepaid by affixing a second stamp, which also has a PCL perfin. Altogether a truly fascinating piece of postal history.



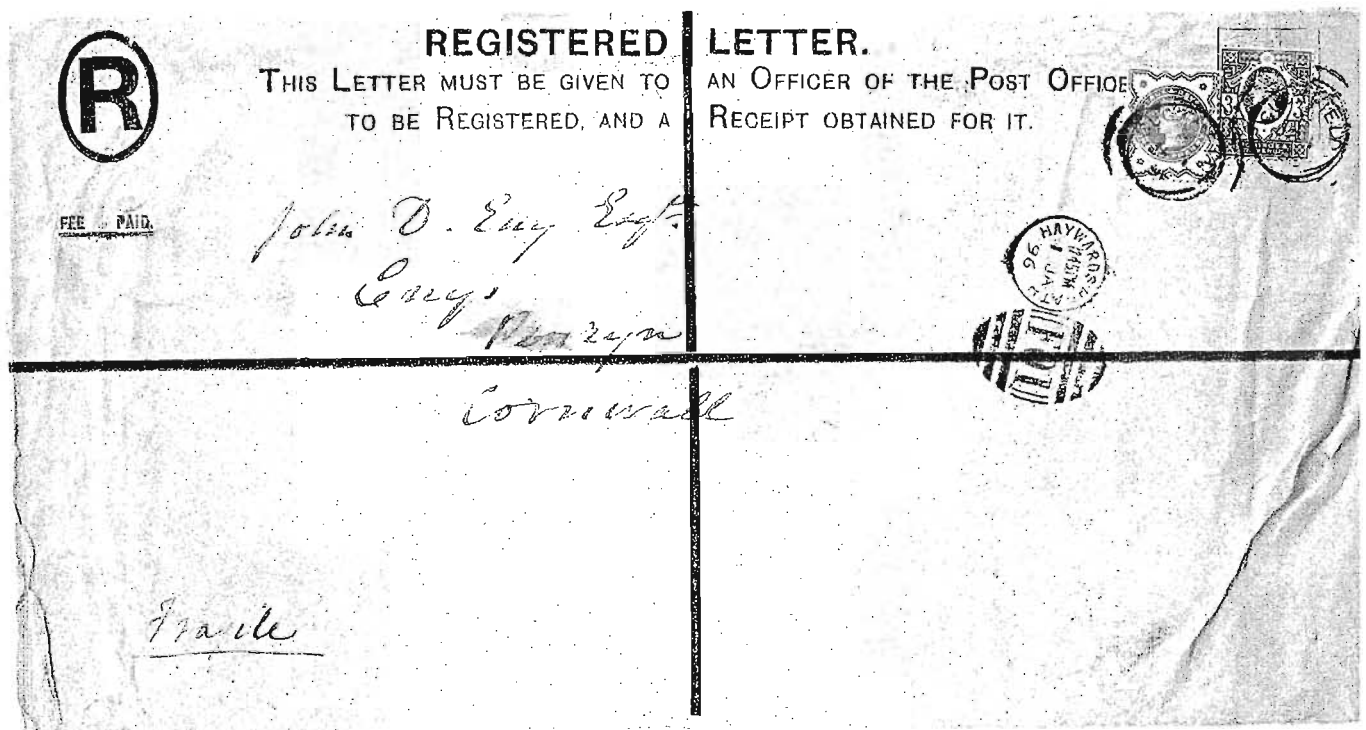
OFFICIAL ENVELOPES

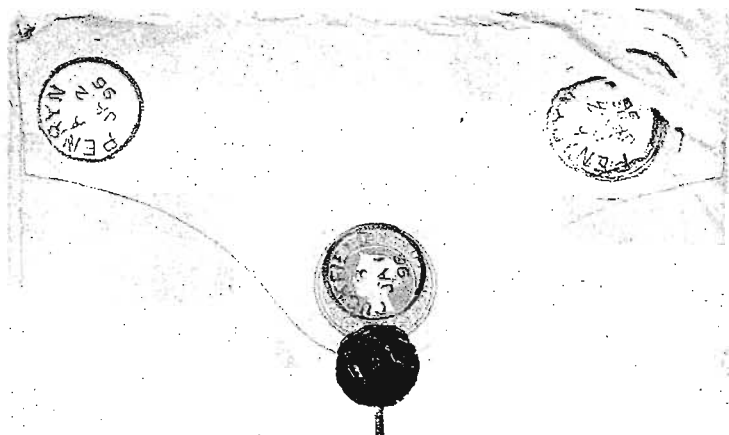
George King has recently found a completely new 1d pink Official envelope size 110 x 130mm, with 'On Her Majesty's Service' and '1st Vol. Batt. Hants Regt.' used for correspondence by the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment.



REGISTRATION ENVELOPES

1892 2d blue stamp R3 with nine dot florets and £5-£25 compensation schedule on reverse but with 'FEE PAID' added at top left corner under 'R'. This K size which also has a £5-£50 compensation label added, and was used from Haywards Heath on 1 January 1896 is the first I have seen.





Inland Registration.

Compensation for loss or damage is given in respect of Inland Registered Packets of all kinds, according to the following table—the fees set forth in which include the ordinary registration fee of 2d.:

Fee.	Limit of Compensation.	Fee.	Limit of Compensation.
2d. ...	£5.	7d. ...	£30.
3d. ...	£10.	8d. ...	£35.
4d. ...	£15.	9d. ...	£40.
5d. ...	£20.	10d. ...	£45.
6d. ...	£25.	11d. ...	£50.

Subject to the Conditions in the published Regulations as to Registration of Inland Letters, &c.

NVI STAMPED TO ORDER ENVELOPES

George King has shown me an example of a 2nd class NVI stamp E8 printed in black with a 20.5mm diameter impression. This will be allocated number ES173a and existing ES173a and ES 173b renumbered ES173b and ES173c.

IF UNDELIVERED PLEASE RETURN
TO THE NEAREST DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE



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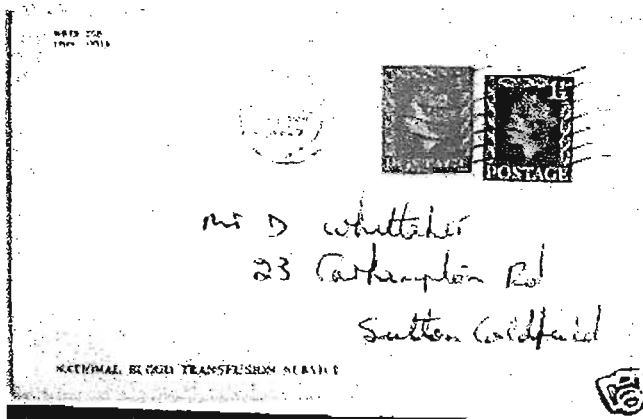
POSTCARDS STAMPED TO ORDER

1956 QE(1½d green + ½d orange) + (1½d green + ½d orange) stamps (L31 + L29) + (L31 + L29) printed matter National Blood Transfusion Service reply card.

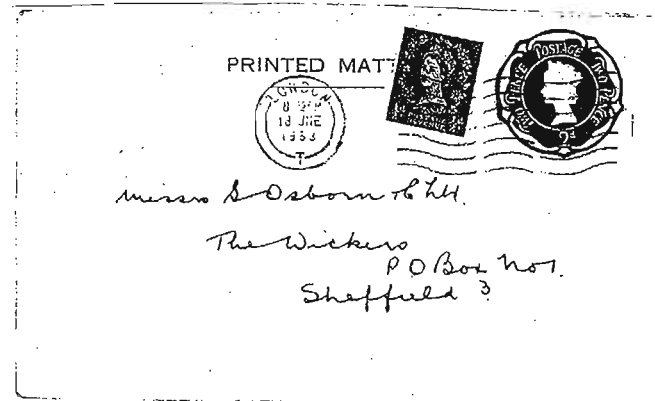
Cyril Saunders reports the existence of the first commercial QEII STO postcard with an embossed stamp. 2d brown stamp 55 inland card size f without arms. He also reports a further copy of the KGV 2d orange size f STO postcard without arms (CS93B) illustrated on page 2 of PSS Journal Vol.16 No.1.

NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS STAMPED TO ORDER

QEII ½d orange + 3d violet (WS62) has now been seen both mint (AKH) and used (Cyril Saunders)



National Blood Transfusion Service reply card
QE II (1½d green + ½d orange)
+ (1½d green + ½d orange)



2d brown embossed stamp STO
inland card size f without arms

EFIRO – International Philatelic Exhibition – Bucharest 2008

The following postal stationery exhibits gained top awards.

	Country	Exhibit	Award
Alan Huggins	Great Britain	Great Britain Postal Stationery Stamped to Order Issues 1855-1901	LG
Mayflower	Great Britain	The Development and Usage of the Mulready Envelope and Letter Sheet Stationery	LG
Arturo Martin De Nicolas	USA	Official Postal Cards of Spain (1872-1938)	LG
Ross Towle	USA	Chile: Postal Cards and Envelopes 1872-1929	LG
Bjorn Sohrne	Sweden	Persia Postal Stationery	LG
Brian Trotter	Great Britain	The King's Head Postal Stationery of South Africa to 1920	LG
Emil John Minnaar	South Africa	Gibraltar Postal Stationery 1896-1938	G
Willy Lauth	Denmark	Postal Stationery of Denmark 1865-1896	G
John Sinfield	Australia	Republic of Panama Postal Stationery	G
Peter Suess	Germany	The Postal Stationeries of Mexican Express-Companies	G
Angel Laiz Castro	Spain	Specialised Catalogue of Postal Stationeries of Spain and Colonies (Ed2006)	G
Gregory Todd	Great Britain	Postal Stationery of North Korea 1947-1958	G
Germán Baschwitz Gómpex	Spain	Postal Stationery of Peru	G

ITALIAN CATALOGUER NEWEST LEWANDOWSKI AWARD RECIPIENT

Franco Filanci is the 2008 recipient of the United Postal Stationery Society's Lewandowski Award Medal for "**Interitalia il nuovo nuovo Pertile**," or Italian Postal Stationery Specialized Catalogue. Catalogue coverage includes states, occupations, colonies as well as Italy proper. In addition, Filanci was awarded an honorarium of \$1,000 and a sterling silver medal by the UPSS.

The UPSS has encouraged publication of original books or articles on postal stationery of the world and related fields since 1996, when the society was recipient of a substantial bequest from the estate of Artur Lewandowski. Operating as "LAVA," Lewandowski was a long-time airpost stationery specialist and dealer. He published "The Airmail Entire Truth" and, in the late 1960s, the supplement (Volume III) to Kessler's Catalogue of Aerogrammes.

NEW U.S. POSTAL CARD ESSAYS & PROOFS CATALOGUE

A Historical Catalog of U.S. Postal Card Essays and Proofs by the United Postal Stationery Society is a culmination of a major study began with a series of articles by Dr. Clarence W. Brazer over the first ten years of *The Essay Proof Journal*, 1944 to 1953. Although George Slawson resumed the series for a short period following Dr. Brazer's death in 1956, attempts at updating after that were made but met with little success. The UPSS is proud to again bring this study to the collecting community.

The historical background authorizing U.S. postal cards is included, along with forerunners to the first postal card, issued in 1873. Of special interest may be the section on paid reply postal card essays with the many patents submitted for that new concept in postal card communication. Money order cards and postal tag essays are included. The editors, Bill Falberg and Dan Undersander, were furnished more color images than could be included in the book. The CD supplied with the catalog

contains a library of all the images so interested collectors may see the wide range of available material

This new publication is available in hardcover from the UPSS Publications Office, P.O. Box 3982, Chester, VA 23831 (e-mail upsspubs@aol.com) for \$59.00 (\$47.00 if UPSS member) plus \$5.00 shipping for up to two books to U.S. addresses (Virginia residents add 5.0% sales tax). For non-USA destinations, please contact the publications office for rates. Many additional references on United States and foreign postal stationery are also available from UPSS. Society information may be viewed on the Web site www.upss.org.

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EBAY EXCESSES

Colin Baker

I'm sure we have all heard of the internet auction site 'Ebay' and many of us will have used it to buy items of postal stationery (or perhaps other goods) in the past. I was browsing through the site the other week looking for any British postal stationery that might be on offer when I noticed a mint 1901 Queen Victoria reply paid postcard for sale. It was the smaller stout postcard with the two green ½d stamps L3, listed by Alan Huggins and myself as CP39. The new catalogue value is put at £25.00. The reserve put on it by the vendor was \$199.99 (about £110 at the time) plus \$12.00 for shipping by registered post.

I carried on down the list and came across exactly the same reply paid postcard from a different vendor with a reserve of £0.99. This example had a few foxing spots but as far as I could see was otherwise in much the same condition.

A few days later I saw that there had been a few bids on the second postcard and it had eventually sold at £5.49. However, I was amazed to see that there had also been one

bid on the first postcard and that too had been sold at its reserve price of approximately £110.

Now I know that the condition of postal stationery is important and that there are different dies used on this issue, but even so, I concluded that £100+ was a considerable difference between two similar items.

Just a few days later I noticed a similar discrepancy in the price of a Queen Victoria registration envelope overprinted for use in the Gold Coast Colony. One of these with a small amount of damage on the flap started off at £4.99 and finally sold for £7.29. Postage was £1.35. Another envelope, very like the first but with a complete flap, had a reserve of \$75 (about £44) remained unsold. Similar envelopes were also on sale at fixed prices of \$155 and \$235, but so far have failed to find a buyer.

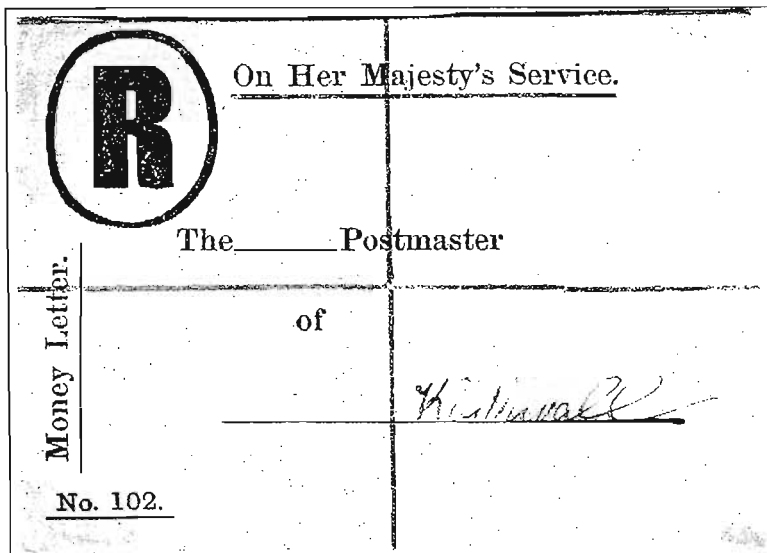
I suppose the moral of this story is that it pays to shop around.

PERFINS THROUGH POSTAL STATIONERY

John Barker

Following the publication of the series of articles and listings of perfins through postal stationery items (GB) commencing in February 2006 (Postal Stationery Society Journal Vol. 14 No.1), I have received some very useful feedback of previously unreported dies, use of known dies on other items of stationery and earlier/later dates of use. All of this information together with the feedback received from members of the Perfin Society to the publication of Rosemary Smith's articles in the Perfin Society Bulletins will be collated and published in the near future. If you have an item of postal stationery with a perfin (perforated initials) through it and it is not in the lists published so far, please let me know the details so that I can add them in to the revised lists. Details of how to contact me are to be found on page 2 of this Journal.

MONEY LETTERS



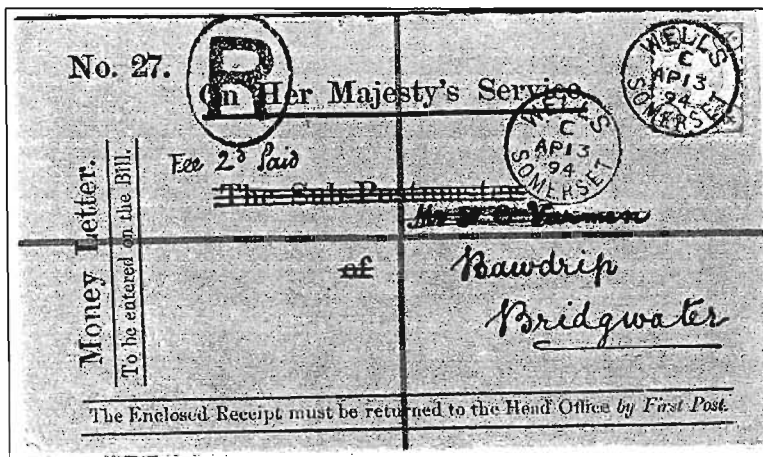
In response to reading through some back issues of the Journal (Vol. 10 No2 – June 2002), Austin Davis has sent in copies of three 'Money Letter' items from his collection.

The first one, illustrated on the left with **R** in an oval printed on the envelope, is similar to the one referred to by Anthony Bowers.

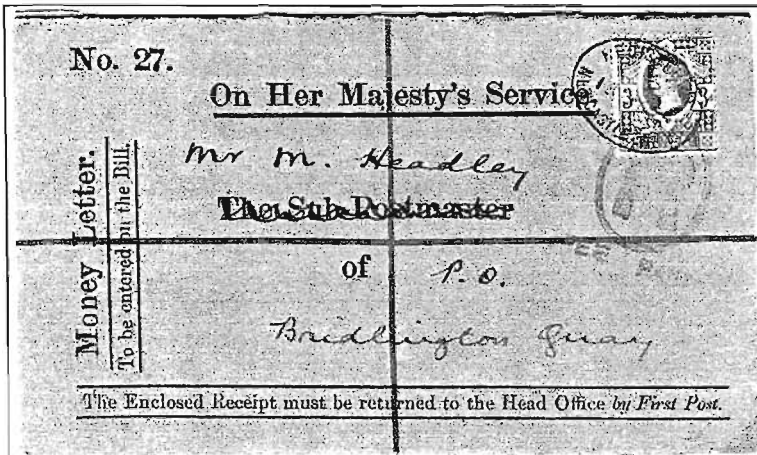
The other two examples are made of blue paper with scrim linings.

On these examples the **R** is applied by a handstamp. Both were used in 1894.

WELLS SOMERSET C / AP 13 / 94
to Bridgwater



REGISTERED NEWCASTLE ON TYNE
13 JY 94
To Bridlington Quay



TONY CHILTON COMPETITION 2008

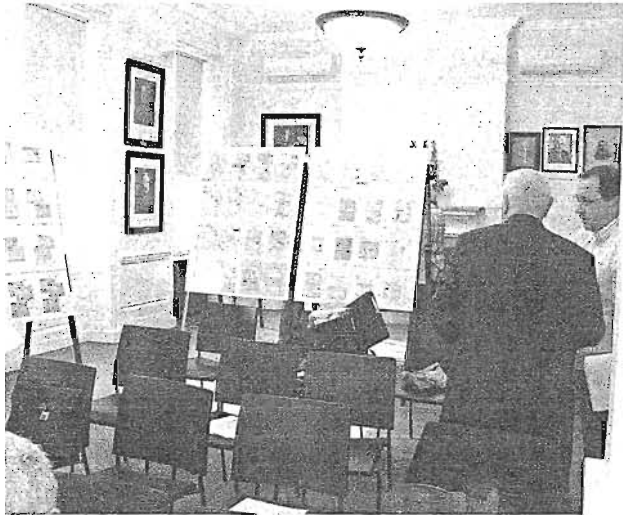
There were 14 entries for the Tony Chilton Competition this year and standards were very high.

The winner was

Michael Lockton - Penny Pink Cut-Out

A very close second

Neil Sargent - GB QV 2½d Embossed Envelopes



(above)
Alan Huggins and Michael Smith by the winning entries



(right)
The winning entry – Michael Lockton – Penny pink Cut-Out

Other entries were:

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| Keith Hanman | - Sierra Leone QV Postal Cards |
| John Norton | - Development of Postal Stationery Envelopes Queen Victoria |
| John Norton | - History of Postal Stationery Cut-outs (non Marsh) |
| Edward Caesley | - Magazine Wrappers & Envelopes Used By and Sent To Stamp Dealers & Publishers |
| Edward Caesley | - Varieties of Registration Envelopes - Post Office Issues King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II |
| Colin Baker | - GB - QV Registration Envelopes |
| John Davies | - The Furniss Jubilee Envelope |
| Iain Stevenson | - Russian Imperial Envelopes |
| Iain Stevenson | - The Origins of GB Embossed Stamps |
| George King | - The Penny Red Dot Card |
| George King | - Swiftpost ILSI |
| Peter O'Keefe | - Airletters Used or For the Use of Southern Rhodesia |

The judging was undertaken by Mike Smith, with help from Alan Huggins. Mike said he was very pleased with the number and the standard of entries. He suggested members should look at the subjects they want to display and choose one that can be covered in just 16 sheets. He cited the two top entries as examples of ideal subjects. A number of the entries submitted this year covered too wide an area, and would have been better saved for a 4 or 8 frame exhibit.

THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN

Tony Goldstone

Every collector cherishes the wonderful moment, when that elusive stamp or cover that has been on a Wants List for many a year, suddenly appears within grasp.

Such recently happened to me and I wish to share my joy with fellow Stationery Collectors.

Members may recall from my articles on Aerogrammes from the Holy Land that I mentioned that British Mandated Palestine issued their first aerogramme in the latter stages of World War 2. Most catalogues list 1st November 1944 as the first day of issue.

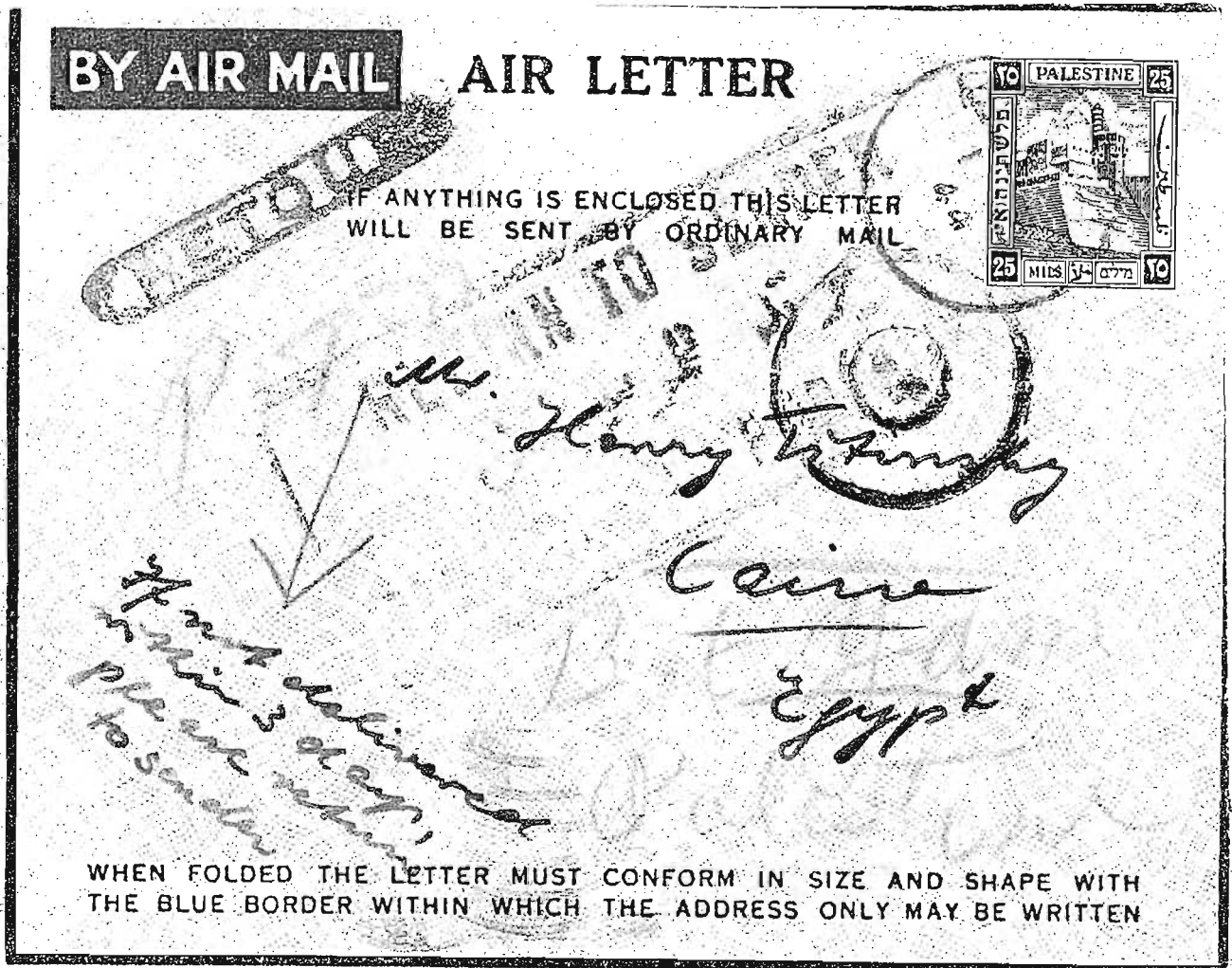
I have been collecting Holy Land aerogrammes for nearly 40 years and throughout all of that period of time, not only have I never seen a Palestine first day aerogramme, I have never even heard of its existence or seen it mentioned in any article relating to Palestine philately.

Imagine my almost disbelief on seeing such a 'gem' being offered in an American mail auction catalogue, and at a realistic price for me to bid. With the \$ in my favour I placed a bid, and sat biting my nails and waiting. The joy on receiving an email that I had succeeded is beyond description!

The cover was sent philatelically (no message inside and is still sealed) from Bat Yam, near Tel Aviv, to Cairo in Egypt on 1st November 1944 and arrived (backstamped) 6th November 1944. The Sender had written on the front, that in the event of non-delivery return to Sender. As the address in Egypt was too vague the Egyptian Post Office duly returned it to Palestine, where it arrived on 30th November (pencil notation)

What amazes me is that in the midst of a World War a collector has the mindset to consider the pursuit of his hobby with such terrible events happening around him. Perhaps so late in 1944 with the German defeat in North Africa and relief for the Middle East, as well as on going progress after D Day in Europe our collector friend allowed himself a moment of light relief!

I enclose a copy of the front of the Jewel in my Mandated Palestine collection and trust members will share my happiness!



British Mandated Palestine – first aerogramme – first day of issue

UPU SPECIMEN POSTAL STATIONERY

James Bendon

Introduction

In the 1980s, when I was compiling my book *UPU Specimen Stamps* (published 1988) I decided not to extend the subject to include postal stationery. The principal reason for this decision was that I wanted every item listed to be confirmed by two criteria as having been distributed by the UPU.

Firstly, examples of the stamp should be found in several collections known to have been formed solely from UPU distributions. In the case of stamps this presented little difficulty as there were several suitable collections available for examination. However, none of these included any postal stationery.

Secondly, in nearly all cases, I was able to find the stamps recorded and adequately described in the International Bureau Circular that covered their distribution. In the case of postal stationery the items were frequently described in insufficient detail for the individual items to be identified with certainty. An extreme example is the 11 May 1886 distribution of United States of America envelopes which are described as "46 stamped envelopes which differ in their value and format."

Over the past twenty years I have received numerous requests to compile a listing of postal stationery of the world that was distributed by the UPU with some form of protection (overprinting, handstamping, perforating, etc.) with the word Specimen (or the equivalent such as Muestra, Muster, etc.).

Whilst I am certain that this present effort will contain many omissions, errors and items which should have been excluded, there is no sign that this work will be undertaken by another in the foreseeable future.

Much of what is contained in the initial sections of *UPU Specimen Stamps* regarding the Universal Postal Union, specimen stamps in general, the distribution of specimens and the receipt thereof by members of the UPU, applies equally well to postal stationery.

A Cooperative Effort

There are an estimated 140 to 150 countries and postal territories that distributed some form of specimen postal stationery. Most of these are the former colonies of the European powers and include in rough order of importance those of Great Britain, Germany, The Netherlands, Spain and Belgium.

Since my knowledge of postal stationery is far from world-wide I am seeking the help of collectors to compile the listings for their specialities. The List of Countries shows where help is still principally needed. However, every collector of the postal stationery of any country should be able to contribute by reading what has so far been recorded and by advising details of corrections and additions, and asking general and specific questions.

Progress Reports

This is an ongoing project. Additions to the information on this site are made frequently. If you would like to be kept informed regarding progress please contact me.

Or add www.jamesbendon.com to your list of favourites.

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USE THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY

VIEW THE UP TO DATE LIBRARY LIST ON THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE:

www.postalstationery.org.uk

With over 150 items listed there is a wealth of information waiting for you to discover.

If you would like a paper copy of this list (four double sided pages), please write to the **Secretary** with a stamped self addressed envelope. Overseas members should send an international reply coupon.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

G.B. AIRLETTERS

Arthur Roberts reports that the new Standard white paper Airletters have recently been issued which were printed on 10th and 11th December 2007 with reference numbers MSE 344/07 and MSE 345/07. These follow on from the Star Airletters MSE 337/07 to 342/07 printed in the previous week ended 8th December 2007

Articles Noted Recently in the Philatelic Press

"Foreign Postal Stationery 2006-2007 S-Z" - Geir Sør-Reime. (Gibbons Stamp Monthly September 2008)
 "Instructional Marks on Postal Stationery" - Colin Baker. (Gibbons Stamp Monthly October 2008)

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

Postal Stationery September/October 2008 (U.S.A.)
 British Central Africa - Rhodesia Mix-up.
 Selected British Forces Aerogrammes from the Thomas A. Matthews Collection. Part 2.

Postal Stationery Collector August 2008 (Australia)
 An Australian War Memorial Shown on French Postal Stationery in 1938.
 Aerogramme: Crash Mail.
 Auction Study of Buyers of Australian Newspaper Wrappers.
 Papua New Guinea Pre-Stamped Envelopes.
 Listing of Australian Non-Denominated Postal Stationery.

Die Ganzsache 1/2008 (Germany)
 Deutsches Reich P 1 als Paketbegleitkarte.
 Zwei Oberpostdirectionen streiten um einen Privat-Anzeigen-Umschlag. Das Streitobjekt: PAU 5 B5.
 Neuheitenbericht 13/2007.

Ganzsachensammler September 2008 (Switzerland)
 Eine neue ArGe Empfangsscheine?? Wer macht mit??
 Der Privat-Umschlag PrU 39, 13Rp. Tellbrustbild grünoliv.

L'Intero Postale Summer 2008 (Italy)
 Gli Interi Multietnica dell'Impero Austro-Ungarico.
 "Profitto di un Camion che Parte in Questo Momento per Napoli.." Ovvero .. Forwarder fai-da-te.
 Internet e il Buono Riposta Internazionale.

National One Frame Exhibition - Spring Stampex 2009

Chris King writes:

I write from the ABPS Exhibitions Committee in respect of the ABPS Spring Stampex 2009 National One Frame Exhibition taking place at the Business Design Centre from 25th to 28th February 2009.

This is a new enterprise which aims to find and support new exhibitors, and to provide established exhibitors with the opportunity to prepare exhibits on a limited subject or a very narrow theme. We hope to be able to run a seminar for judges and exhibitors during the exhibition, but plans are not quite finalised on this. Further information will follow.

[Editor's Note: Both myself and the Secretary, Colin Baker have copies of the rules, entry form and supporting

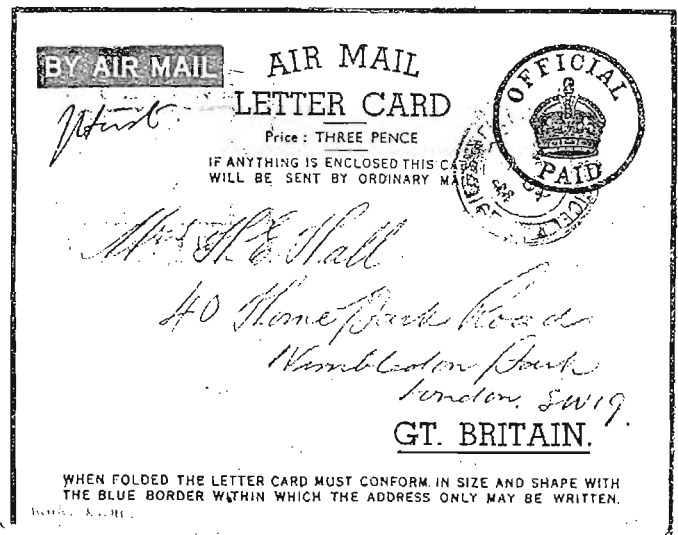
documentation. If you are interested in exhibiting for the first time, or if you are a previous exhibitor who would be interested in this, please contact either of us and we will send copies of the above to you, preferably as an attachment to an email.]

THE FIRST BRITISH AIR MAIL LETTER CARD

Tony Goldstone writes:

The late John Daynes most interesting article "The First British Air Mail Letter Card of May 1941" that appeared in the PS Journal August 2008, records May 1st as the commencing date of this new air letter card. It should be noted, for fellow researchers, that Kessler (British Middle East Forces no. 111) mentions April 1941 as the starting date. Other sources quote 2nd May 1941, but I would expect that John Daynes 1st May is the most accurate due to his vast knowledge in this field of military postal history. Kessler notes that although 3d. was the postage rate, these forms were often distributed gratis to military personnel.

As described in the article these forms were primarily intended for Egypt to circumvent the political problems of using British stamps, however they were valid in all regions under British control and I enclose a rare use of the air letter card mailed by a serviceman in Palestine (perhaps on leave from Egypt) to London dated 8th July



1941 and cancelled by the FPO 165 based in Latrun.

250,000 forms were printed and were available for slightly over two months before being withdrawn.

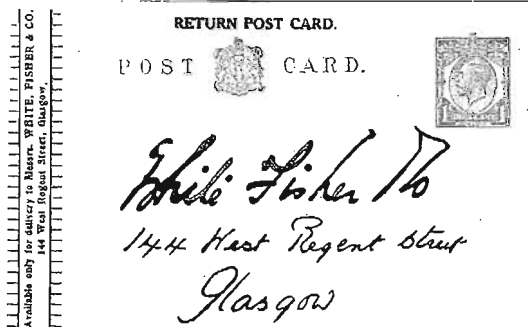
Trust this will interest members.

ADVERTISING SQUARES

Phil Purchas writes:

Further to the article by Peter O'Keefe (P.S.S. Journal August 2008) please find enclosed a copy of an almost identical postcard I have in my collection.

The format on the reverse is identical in all respects whilst the front, although very similar, is slightly different. The stamp does not have the 'Advertising Square' and the card is addressed to 'White, Fisher & Co.' but with the same address of 144 West Regent Street, Glasgow. Interesting to note the writing appears in the same format.

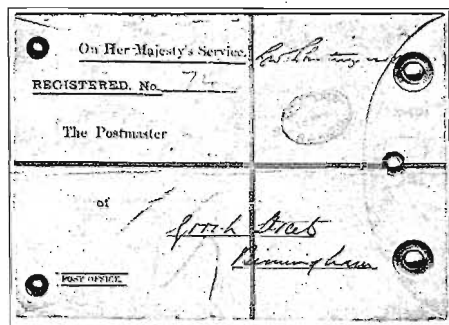


(Illustration reduced to 50%)

TESCO PRE-PAID ENVELOPES

George King reports seeing at a branch of TESCO prepaid envelopes with the Deutrich imprint similar to those sold by W H Smith but having deeper phosphor.

POST OFFICE INTERNAL REGISTERED FIVE 'BRASS RING' SECURITY PACKETS



Anthony Bowers made a mention of these envelopes in 2002 in PSS Journals 10.1 & 10.2. Austin Davis has submitted a note listing five recorded examples including the one illustrated above. If any member would like a copy of this note please send me an S.A.E. (DL size), an I.R.C. or email address and I will send you a copy.

CUT-OUTS

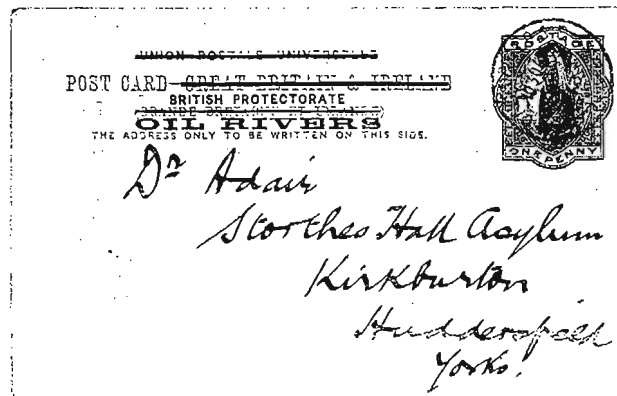
Further to the article by George King (P.S.S. Journal August 2008), Roy Maltson writes: *The piece on page 20 of the August Journal prompted me to look out my Oil Rivers Card reported in Vol14 No.1 illustrated below. This card is postmarked "Catford S.O. S.E. 10.30AM / SP26 / 13" and carries the following text on the back:*

95 Hurstbourne Rd
Forest Hill. S.E.

Dear Dr Adair,

I am posting this card to you as a curiosity. It was one of a large number bought at the Post Office on the African Coast by an officer in the Merchant Service, who thought they would acquire a high value from a philatelic point of view. They did not do so and he kept them by him until his death when his Ex'or tried to get their face value refunded. They were out of date for this but the Post office admits that they can be used as postage stamps. Probably you have not got one.

With kind regards to Mrs Adair and yourself,
Yours sincerely



I wondered if the Statutory Rules & Orders 1904 No. 1746 was what influenced the Post Office to permit the use in this Country of British overseas postal stationery as in the 'Oil Rivers' use.

FIELD AWARD

Alan Huggins and Colin Baker have been awarded the 'Field Award for Literature' by the Great Britain Philatelic Society. The award will be presented at their meeting on 1st November. The book has also won a Gold Medal at the World Stamp Championship Israel 2008, held at Tel Aviv on 14th – 21st May.

QUERIES AND REPLIES

QUERY – Leeward Islands Envelope.

Dr R Stickland writes: *"I have recently come across a postal stationery cut-out from the Leeward Islands which does not appear to be listed in Higgins & Gage."*



The item (illustrated to the left) is likely to have come from an envelope as printed on the back are the characteristic pattern of wavy lines used to obscure the contents. It would appear to have been posted in Antigua in 1949.

LISBON 2010 – FIP WORLD PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

Dear Postal Stationery Society

I would be grateful if you could find time to publicise the FIP World Philatelic Exhibition which takes place in Lisbon, Portugal, from 1st to 10th October 2010.

This is a full FIP show which includes all of the traditional classes, youth, literature, open class and one frame entries with approximately 3000 competitive frames.

I am the British Commissioner, exhibition application forms and the second bulletin are now available from me for stamps to the value of £1.00.

The closing date for receipt of entries is 30th May 2009, and I will need to have these by 30th April 2009.

My address and contact details are below,

With thanks **Chris King**
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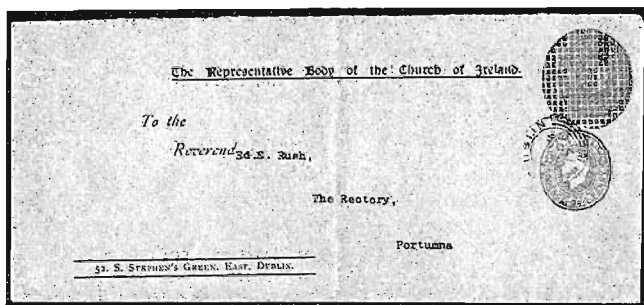
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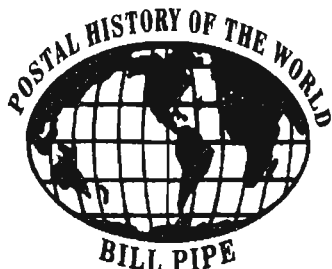
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