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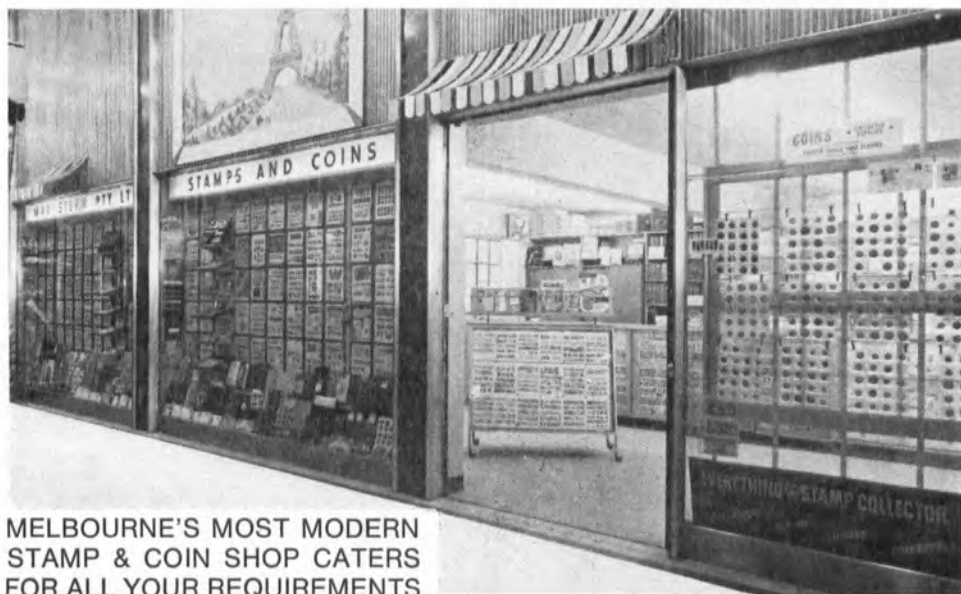
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DINNER TO Mr H. M. CAMPBELL, R.D.P.

The Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria tendered a dinner to Mr Hugh M. Campbell on 20 June, in honour of his election to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.

Thirty-seven members, wives and friends attended the dinner, which was held at The Dorchester, including three members with more than 50 years in the society, Messrs C. G. C. Hodgkinson, A. E. Layton and J. H. Dunn.

The president (Mr G. T. White) presided and the evening proved thoroughly enjoyable.

Regret was expressed that ill-health prevented Mrs Campbell from being present.

Mr J. R. W. Purves proposed the toast to Mr Campbell and spoke of the work which had led to his receiving philately's highest award.

Mr Campbell made a happily apt response.

Eleven Australians R.D.P.

Mr Campbell is the eleventh Australian to be selected for the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.

The Australian signatories are: *A. F. Basset Hull, 1921; *D. H. Hill, 1921; H. L. White, 1922; W. R. Rundell, 1924; E. D. E. Van Weenen, 1925; A. J. Derrick, 1928; F. C. Krichauff, 1932; J. R. W. Purves, 1937; Rev. J. Mursell, 1946; W. H. C. Blomfield, 1950; H. M. Campbell, 1969.

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STAMP VENDING MACHINES FOR PAPUA

The first stamp vending machines installed in the Territory will be put into service on Wednesday, 24 September, when the new coil stamp will also go on issue.

The stamp, designed by George Hamori, depicts a stylised Bird of Paradise. It was printed in three-colour photogravure by the Note Issue Department, Reserve Bank of Australia, Melbourne.

The coils will contain 1000 stamps and like the machines, will be similar to those used in Australia.

“The vending machines will be installed at the Boroko Post Office, which is the largest Post Office in the Port Moresby area”, says the Director of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Mr W. F. Carter). “After satisfactory performance has been established, these machines will be installed at other major centres. Our main problem here is the continuous functioning of these machines under extremely humid conditions.”

Mr O. W. Eustace notes that the leaders for the new coil stamp are those used for the standard Australian 5 cents coil stamp with the letters “T.P.N.G.” written on manually in red ink. “Possibly this is for reasons of economy, or did someone forget to order wrappers to hold the coils together?” he speculates.

The Trail



of Commonwealth

CONDUCTED BY O. W. EUSTACE

With the second issue of this column in my name it will be very apparent that my interest is dominated by current items. Unfortunately my other collecting activities, together with family interests, prevent me from going back to the earlier issues and in order to lend more balance to the column I would be delighted to receive contributions from other specialists who cover the field.

5 Cents Blue Q.E. II Definitive

In the June issue I noted that I had found several used copies of this stamp lacking all traces of Helecon: subsequently I was able to confirm this by retrieving from the senders a number of mint examples. It would now seem that the sheets were issued from widely scattered Post Offices as it is known that supplies originated from Albury, Auburn (Vic.), Grafton, Sydney, Brunswick East, Latrobe St. (Melb.), West Footscray, Lavington, Yarrowonga and other Offices.

Elsewhere a report has been written of the various papers in use for recent printings; I was fortunate enough to be able to obtain samples of selvedge from several unbroken lifts of twenty-five sheets marked in the order in which they were packed and my innocent expectation that any bundle of twenty-five consecutive sheets would be likely to contain stamps printed from only one roll of paper was rudely exploded. Distribution of papers within the bundle was wildly random but, with one exception, every lift of twenty-five sheets bore evidence of having come from at least three different rolls of paper.

One variant which I have not seen reported elsewhere is a paper on which the Helecon appears to have been applied with a comb-like device and I refer to the resulting paper as "sriated". I have seen it used on the 1 cent and 5 cents definitive, the 5 cents Macquarie Lighthouse, most portraits of the 5 cents Pioneer booklet and the 50 cents Navigator, but probably it is to be found on other stamps too. Best seen in the selvedge, it can nevertheless be detected fairly easily even on used singles.

8 Cents Fish

When this stamp was first released in sheets of 100 there were distinct white flaws on Row 8 Nos. 1 and 2; whether as the result of a repair or wear of the plate, these marks are no longer noticeable on current supplies; the green of the coral now appears to be of a slightly different shade.

25 Cents Flower

This item can now be added to the list in the June Notes of Flower stamps which have been reprinted. There is a slight difference in the blue colour. As was the case with the 15 cents flower the change to black sheet numbers under Row 8 has resulted in the disappearance of the red bar in the selvedge alongside the sheet number.

A constant minor variety is to be found on both printings on Row 2 No. 10 in the form of some deeper blue scratches in the top left corner.

I have come across the two righthand rows of a sheet of the first print on which the guillotine has been out of alignment and there is a blue guide-line running the full height of the sheet just touching the ends of the red bars. It would be interesting to know whether this is just a trimming guide or the division between panes of a larger printed sheet.

30 Cents Flower

A minor constant variety is to be found on Row 9 No. 6 of both printings and takes the form of a brown vein running across the green leaf pointing toward 10 o'clock.

Remade Booklets

Remade Pioneer Booklets Edition V 68/3 have already been reported (June 1969) and now we have Edition V 69/1 treated in the same manner. All those seen had the slogan "a stamp will show you the way to perfect French" with the curious result that some booklets have this slogan both on one of the interleaves and on the inside of the back cover.

50 Cents Booklets (Q.E. II 5 cents blue stamps)

The latest edition has no printing at all on the outside of the back cover.

Australian Antarctic Territory, 4 cents

This stamp has been reprinted and sheet numbers are now in red under Row 8, instead of in red under Row 9. Evidence of the new printing is provided by a slight change in the shade, a slight change of ultra-violet lamp reaction in the paper and the fact that a very minor plate blemish now appears on odd numbered sheets whereas formerly it was on the even-numbered sheets.

Norfolk Island, 5 cents coil

There has been slight damage to the third pearl from the left in the Queen's tiara on this stamp. It appears as a white flaw to the top frame from the pearl. A slight disturbance is visible to the naked eye but it really requires a glass to see the detail. It is on the second stamp before the extra wide perforation space and recurs every 14th stamp when the "right" coil has been found.

There is no connection with "missing pearl" on the 5 cents Australian coil, of course, as this is from the plate which would have to be made specially for each denomination of the Norfolk Island series.

75 cents Navigator

The flaws and recutting on R.P. Row 2 Nos. 1 and 2 of this stamp are listed as Q 69 d and until recently it has been possible to pick out this pair without the aid of a magnifying glass because of the presence of a white spot in the bottom left corner of R2 No. 2. Mr J. P. Meara, of Brisbane, kindly confirms my impression that, of late, there has been a neat little piece of repair work on R2 No. 2 to eliminate the white spot and touch in some of the break in the frame. Row 2 No. 1 does not appear to have been altered.

Freaks

Recently I have seen:

- 1 An "Albino" embossed stamped envelope.
- 2 A tête-bêche pair of the 5 cents coil caused by faulty assembly of the extra stamps added to a coil which had been chopped off prematurely during printing. These official joins seem to take place quite frequently—I have seen several of them—and on all the join has been made with a piece of Helecon coated paper, usually on one of the first half dozen stamps in the coil.
- 3 A block of the \$1 Navigator which has been "dog-eared" before perforation with the result that the top one-third of the left frame of Row 1 No. 1 is imperforate.

ENTRIES FOR ANPEX 1970

Closing date for ANPEX 1970 Exhibition in Sydney is 1 December 1969. Prospectus and entry forms are available from the secretary, Mr R. H. Markham, Box E. 166, P.O. Box St James, NSW, Australia 2000.

It will help if stamped and self-addressed envelope (9 x 4 in.) is sent with requests.

The exhibition will be held at the Grand Ballroom of the Wentworth Hotel from Monday, 27 April to Friday, 1 May.

As the Royal visit coincides with the Exhibition, hotel accommodation is already filling, and those going to the exhibition are urged to make their arrangements immediately. Mrs P. M. C. Rock will be happy to look after interstate and overseas requests. The urgency of the matter is stressed.

TASMANIAN PROVINCIAL POST OFFICES 1861-1900

By Dr JOHN CLEMENTE

More information regarding some of the Tasmanian Provincial Post Offices of the 1861-1900 period has come to light. The c.d.s. types referred to hereunder are those described by Campbell, Purves and Viney in *Tasmania: The Postal History and Postal Markings*:

- 16 The Campbell Town post office had at least three date stamps during this period, a C-TOWN c.d.s. appearing as late as 6.3.64, Campbell Town in full appearing first as type 1 on 1.6.69, and as type 3 on 1.10.84.
- 73 Originally known to be tied to Buckland. Now found tied to Prossers Plains c.d.s. (type 1) the earliest date being 13.2.73, and the latest date, 13.3.78. However, the manuscript entry Buckland, tied to this number, appears on two covers dated 17.2.64 and 19.4.71. This finding puts further forward the opening date of this post office by at least five years.
- 84 Spring Bay. The opening of this post office was gazetted as 1.1.82. However, three covers bearing Spring Bay c.d.s. (type 2) have been found dated 11.2.78, 1879 and 1881, suggesting a much earlier opening date than indicated.
- 94 Swansea appeared to have firstly a manuscript cancellation, followed by a c.d.s. type 1 (found first on a cover dated 13.12.67) and finally a c.d.s. type 3. Type 1 appears last on a cover dated 19.7.84, and type 3 appears first on a cover dated 12.12.84.
- 104 Little Swanport was likely to have used a manuscript cancellation up to 1.7.78, the manuscript entry being L. S. Port, and seen last on a cover dated 15.5.78. The c.d.s. type 3 appears first on a cover dated 7.7.78.
- 115 Known to be tied to Ellesmere later Scottsdale. Examination of over 100 covers addressed to Scottsdale from 1891 to 1900 makes the likely change-over date from Ellesmere to Scottsdale 1.10.93, the last Ellesmere c.d.s. type 3 appearing on 7.9.93, and the first Scottsdale type 3 on 7.10.93.
- 221 Tied to Brothers Home later Derby. Examination of a large number of covers from Derby from 1890 to 1900 suggests the changeover date from Brothers Home to Derby as being 1.1.94. The last cover bearing Brothers Home c.d.s. type 3 is 25.11.93, and the first cover bearing Derby c.d.s. type 3 9.1.94.
- 313 New Allocation. Has been found tied to Comstock c.d.s. type 3, dated 17.8.91 on a cover addressed to Swansea.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES POSTMARKERS USED IN THE AUSTRALIAN STATES IN WORLD WAR II

By Mrs PATRICIA M. C. ROCK, F.R.P.S.L.

This article deals with postmarkers used by Australian Military Forces during World War II in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, West Australia, Tasmania. Those of the Northern Territory will be listed separately.

Some of the postmarkers used in Thursday Island, Dutch New Guinea and Morotai are also included in this listing, as they were usually listed with the files of the Australian States.

The postmarkers for the Australian States seemed to appear in the early months of 1942. My earliest finding is that of 23 February 1942.

On the list dated 6 May 1942 there appears a re-organised list, on which the following statement appears: "Following on the re-organisation of the Australian Military Forces it has been necessary to vary the allotment of distinguishing numbers for the Army and Field Post Offices. Commencing forthwith the following will be adopted." This followed Japan's entry into the war, and also was about the time of the return of our troops from the Middle East.

23 Feb. 42

To O.C. Base P.O.

6 M.D.

Hobart

Two postmarkers . . . Nos. 0125 and 0126, have been today forwarded to you by Air Mail for use in 6 M.D. Army Post Offices.

To O.C. Base P.O.

4 M.D.

Adelaide

Two postmarkers . . . 0118 and 0119 have been today forwarded to you for use in 4 M.D. P.O's.

To O.C. Base P.O.

5 M.D.

Perth

Five postmarkers, 0120, 0121, 0122, 0123 and 0124 have been forwarded to you this day.

To O.C. Base P.O.

1 M.D.

Brisbane

Four postmarkers, 061, 062, 063 and 064 have been forwarded to you this day.

3 M.D.

To O.C. Base P.O.

Melbourne

Five postmarkers 0113, 0114, 0115, 0116 and 0117 have been forwarded to you this day for use in 3 M.D. P.O's.

To O.C. Base P.O.
7 M.D.
Darwin

Two postmarkers 0127 and 0128 for use in 7 M.D. today have been forwarded to you by Air Mail.

A file that appears to be the original order for the following Postal Unit Station Rubber Hand Stamps, is dated 24/2/42:
D2; 149; S79; S194; S195; SD7; 92; and S17.

Quoting from the file is the following request:
"It is asked if delivery can be made into the Army Postal Directorate Room 'G' Block for Air despatch to Darwin."

24 Feb. 42

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES . . . 4 M.D.
O.C. Base 4 M.D. acknowledged receipt of postmarkers 0118 and 0119.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

No. 2 Aust. Army Base P.U. 1942

Distribution of postmarkers to Military Forces as follows:

A.I.F. Army Post Offices:

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50.

A.I.F. Field Post Offices:

25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 40.

No. 2 Adv. Base P.O. Nos.:

6, 4, 5.

No. 1 Adv. Base P.O. Nos.:

3, 1, 2.

Also 4 adjusting postmarkers.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 May 1942

F.P.O. Postmarkers Nos. 043, 044, 045, 046 and 083 listed for 2 Motor Division are shown as already in possession of that Postal Unit for that formation:

043 at Dandenong

044 at D. Head Quarters

045 at Roseville

046 at Lysterfield

083 at Geelong

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

6 May 1942

"Following on the re-organisation of the Australian Military Forces it has been necessary to vary the allotment of distinguishing numbers for the Army and Field Post Offices, commencing forthwith the following will be adopted."

*Allocation of distinguishing numbers for Army and Field Post Offices:**Army Post Offices established by:*

G.H.Q. Postal Unit

No. 1 L of C Postal Unit

No. 2 L of C Postal Unit

Field Post Offices established by:

First Army Postal Unit

Second Army Postal Unit

I Corps Postal Unit

II Corps Postal Unit

III Corps Postal Unit

1 Armd Div Postal Unit

Distinguishing number:

0130, 0131

061, 062, 063, 064, 0103, 0104, 0105, 0106, 0107,
0108, 0109, 01100113, 0114, 0115, 0116, 0118, 0119, 0120, 0121,
0122, 0123, 0124, 0125, 0127, 0128, 0129*Distinguishing numbers:*

099, 0100, 0101

039, 040, 041

12, 13, 14, 15, 16

023, 024, 025, 026, 073

0142, 0143, 0144, 0145

29, 30, 31, 32, 51

1 Motor Div Postal Unit	027, 028, 029, 030, 074
2 Motor Div Postal Unit	043, 044, 045, 046, 083
1 Div Postal Unit	031, 032, 033, 034, 075
2 Div Postal Unit	035, 036, 037, 038, 076
3 Div Postal Unit	047, 048, 049, 050, 084
4 Div Postal Unit	051, 052, 053, 054, 085
5 Div Postal Unit	021, 022, 068, 069, 094
7 Div Postal Unit	27, 28, 52, 53, 54
10 Div Postal Unit	077, 078, 079, 080
N.T. Force Postal Unit	065, 066, 072, 0136, 0137
New Guinea Force Postal Unit	019, 020, 0138, 0139
W.A. Field Postal Unit	055, 056, 057, 092
1 Field Postal Unit	086, 087, 088
2 Field Postal Unit	089, 090, 091

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES (A.I.F.)

No. 2 Base Postal Unit
Melbourne
8 May 1942

Allocation of distinguishing numbers for Army and Field Post Offices:

- Nos. 0113, 0114, 0115, 0116 . . . Vic. L. of C Area (Formerly allotted 3 M.D. Base)
- Nos. 0118, 0119 . . . South Aust. L of C (Formerly allotted 4 M.D. Base P.O.)
- Nos. 0120, 0121, 0122, 0123, 0124 . . . West Aust. L of C (Formerly allotted 5 M.D. Base P.O.)
- Nos. 0125 Tasmania L of C (Formerly allotted 6 M.D. Base P.O.)
- Nos. 127, 128, 129 . . . Northern Terr. L of C (Formerly 7 M.D. Base P.O.)
- Postmarkers 0117 returned to No. 2 Base Postal Unit (HQ Vic. L of C Area)
- Postmarker 0126 returned to No. 2 Base Postal Unit (Posts HQ Tas. L of C Area)

29 May 1942

Reallotment of postmarkers:

- Postmarkers 01, 02 . . . No. 1 Adv Base P.O. (Taken over from Northern Command Base P.O.)
- Postmarkers 07, 08, 09, 010, . . . No. 2 Base P.O. Palais de Danse, St Kilda. (Taken over from Southern Command Base P.O.)
- Postmarkers 015, 016 . . . 6 M.D. Hobart.

Extract from File:

30 May 1942
L HQ

"Postmarker 0125 which you indicated as being used at F.P.O. HQ Tas. Force should be utilised at Army Post Office and replaced by one bearing the symbol F.P.O."

Second Army (Aust.)
4 Jun 42

Unit Postal Station Postmarkers

<i>Stamp</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Location</i>
S10	1 Army Workshop (Ord)	Cranbourne
S24	2 Med Regt	Forrest Hill
S36	22 Fd Regt	Langwarrin

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES (A.I.F.)

5 June 1942

Extract from File:

S25 in use 2 Survey Regt . . . Springdale.

Tasmanian Force,
Anglesea Barracks
Hobart
9 June 1942

Postmarkers in use at the following:

Base P.O. 6 M.D.	015	Army P.O. Glenorchy
Base P.O. 6 M.D.	016	Army P.O. Glenorchy
Army P.O.	0125	Temp. at F.P.O. Anglesea Base
Army P.O.	0126	Returned to 2 L of C Postal Unit 16.5.42
Field P.O.	089	Field P.O. Brighton
Field P.O.	090	Field P.O. Campania
Field P.O.	091	Field P.O. Mona Vale

HQ First Army (Aust)
July 1942

The A.M. FPO commenced to function at Armidale on 2 July 42 and will vouch on 1 Base as well as 1 Adv Base P.O. as from that date.

Postmarker A.P.1

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

South Aust L. of C Area
22 Jun 42

Location of Field Post Office 086:

F.P.O. 086 was established at HQ Re-inf Dept, Mt Barker S.A. on 12 June 42 and the following units will be served from this point:

16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 25 Aust Inf Training Bn's

6 Div Special Group

7 Div Special Group

Engrs Training Gn.

Pnr Training Bn.

Ord Training Regt.

Arty Training Regt.

A.A.M.C. Training Wing.

L HQ
5 Aug 1942

1 Aust Armd Division

Army Tank Bde Field Post Office:

"Forwarded under separate cover Postmarker F.P.O. 095, please acknowledge receipt."

No Date, probably
Aug-Sept 1942

Postmarkers for A.I.F.

058 . . . L HQ Postal Unit

0117, 0126, 49, 50

096, 097, 098

095

25

Adv L HQ

No. 2 L of C Postal Unit

First Aust Army Postal Unit

1 Aust Armd Div Postal Unit

Northern Terr. Force Postal Unit

9 Aug 42
HQ First Aust Army

Subject . . . 1 Aust Corps Postal Unit

"This Unit has ceased as from and including today, to operate its F.P.O's 12, 113, 14, 15 at Ipswich, Esk, Ferndale and Goodna respectively.

2. As Temporary measures First A.A. Postal Unit in opening U.P.S' as follows:

UPS Z1 . . . Goodna

UPS Z2 . . . Ipswich

UPS Z3 . . . Ferndale

3. Austr Corps Postal Unit has opened FPO 025 at Esk.

4. Mail formerly circulated to FPO's named in (1) above should now be circulated to FPO's detailed in (2) and (3).

L HQ

3/9/42

ALLOCATION OF DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS FOR ARMY AND FIELD P.O.'s

"Further referring to S.M.8088 of 6th May 1942 the allotment of distinguishing numbers for Army and Field Post Offices has been varied by allocation of the following further numbers to Units as shown:

<i>Army Post Offices established by:</i>	<i>Distinguishing numbers:</i>
L.G.H. Postal Unit (Adv I. HQ)	058
No. 2 L of C Postal Unit	0117, 0126, 49, 50
<i>Field Post Offices established by:</i>	<i>Distinguishing numbers:</i>
First Aust Army Postal Unit	096, 097, 098
1 Aust Armd Div Postal Unit	093
N.T. Force Postal Unit	25

"Please regard this advice as serial amendment No. 2 to S.M.8088 and that of 1st July 1942."

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ First Aust Army
10 Sep 42

*Subject—Establishment of FPO 097—Redbank**O.C. 1 Adv Base PO, Brisbane:*

It is advised FPO 026 ceased to function at Redbank Plains as from the close of business on 7 Sep 42 and that FPO 097 commenced to postally cater for Units previously serviced by FPO 026 as from commencement of business 8 Sep 42.

Postmarker . . . 097

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — SOUTHERN COMMAND

2 L of C Postal Unit
Albert Park SC5
23/9/42

Army Post Offices:

In reply to your 109075 of Sept 19 the following information is supplied:

APO 0113	Watsonia, Victoria
APO 0114	Mt Isa, Queensland
APO 0115	Camp Pell, Royal Park
APO 0116	HQ AIF Base Area, Seymour

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1 L of C Postal Unit
Brisbane
23/9/42

Postmarkers for A.P.O.'s

To service troops recently concentrated at Glen Innes and Tenterfield it had been necessary to establish Army Post Offices at Camps in each of these centres.

Personnel to staff A.P.O.'s are departing Brisbane 24.9.42 and will open for business as from 0800 hrs on 26.9.42.

This Unit has no reserve Postmarkers on hand for issue to additional A.P.O.'s raised to service Units in areas where Civil Postal facilities are not provided.

Can A.P.O. numbers be allotted and postmarkers forwarded as early as possible for use at A.P.O.'s Glen Innes and Tenterfield.

2 Base P.U. St Kilda

25.11.42

A receipt of Army postmarker No. 0118 is acknowledged from Park Orchard, Ringwood.

HQ No. 1 L of C P.U.
346 Adelaide St.
Brisbane
22 Sep '42

Army Post Offices

In reference to your memo 19 Sep '42, the following undermentioned A.P.O.'s are controlled by this Unit:

A.P.O.	0104	Mussellbrook	N.S.W.
A.P.O.	0105	Tamworth	N.S.W.
A.P.O.	0106	Newcastle	N.S.W.
A.P.O.	0107	Victoria Barracks, Sydney	N.S.W.
A.P.O.	0108	Liverpool	N.S.W.
A.P.O.	0109	Bathurst	N.S.W.
A.P.O.	061	Goondiwindi	Qld.
A.P.O.	062	Townsville	Qld.
A.P.O.	063	Rockhampton	Qld.
A.P.O.	064	Maryborough	Qld.
A.P.O.	0103	Cairns	Qld.
A.P.O.	0110	Victoria Barracks, Brisbane	Qld.

In addition the following A.G.H.'s operate as F.P.O.'s:

F.P.O.	100	2/11 A.G.H.	Warwick	Qld
F.P.O.	46	5 A.G.H.	Armidale	N.S.W.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES – SOUTHERN COMMAND

HQ 1 Aust Armd Div P.U.

22 Oct '42

Field Post Office Allotment (201202)

Hereunder details set out in accordance with above mentioned memo:

F.P.O. 29	HQ 1 Aust Armd Bde
F.P.O. 30	HQ 2 Aust Armd Bde
F.P.O. 31	Rear HQ 1 Aust Armd Div.
F.P.O. 51	HQ Sp Grp 1 Aust Armd Div.
F.P.O. 32	HQ Comd AASC Area

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

22 Oct 1942

Quarterly return, distribution of postmarkers:

F.P.O. 0142	HQ 3 Aust Corps
F.P.O. 035	HQ 2 Aust Div
F.P.O. 036	5 Bde Gp (2 Div)
F.P.O. 037	8 Bde Gp (2 Div)
F.P.O. 051	HQ 4 Aus Div
F.P.O. 052	2 Bde Gp (4 Div)
F.P.O. 053	6 Bde Gp (4 Div)
F.P.O. 054	13 Bde Gp (4 Div)
F.P.O. 045	3 Aust Mobile Bde
F.P.O. 055	West Aust L of C Area
F.P.O. 056	West Aust L of C Area
F.P.O. 057	West Aust L of C Area

22 Oct 1942

Aust Corps	Postal Unit	F.P.O. 023	Ipswich	
"	"	F.P.O. 024	Toogoolawah	
"	"	F.P.O. 025	Esk	
"	"	F.P.O. 026	Woodford	
"	"	F.P.O. 073	Villeneuve	
"	"	U.P.S. Z3	Ferndale	
"	"	U.P.S. Z2	Casino, 8 Fd Regt	
3 Aust Div	Postal Unit	F.P.O. 047	Landborough	HQ 3 Aust Div
"	"	F.P.O. 048	Nambour	HQ 4 Inf Bde
"	"	F.P.O. 050	Caboolture	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde
"	"	F.P.O. 084	Not functioning	

First Aust Army Postal Unit	097	Goodna	
" " " " "	099	Toowoomba	
" " " " "	0100	Warwick	
" " " " "	0101	Thursday Island	
5 Aust Div Postal Unit	021	Townsville	HQ 5 Aust Div
" " " " "	022	Cairns	HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde
" " " " "	069	Townsville	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde
" " " " "	096	Charters Towers	
1 Aust Motor Div Postal Unit	028	Gympie	1 Aust Motor Bde Gp.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES – TASMANIAN FORCE

Anglesea Barracks
Hobart
23 Oct 1942

Field Post Office Allotment

<i>FPO</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Brigade</i>
089	Brighton	12 Aust Inf Bde Gp
090	Campania	" " " " "
091	Hobart	" " " " "

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

24 Oct 42

U.P.S. Z2 . . . 8 Aust Field Regt.

Consequent upon the transfer of the above Unit from 3 Aust Div to 2 Aust Corps the following alteration will be made, commencing on the 26 Oct 42.

The designation of the U.P.S. will be changed from S32 to Z2 and all mail despatched from this Unit will be as follows:

U.P.S. Z2
Via Casino

POSTMARKERS FOR BASE, FIELD AND ARMY POST OFFICES

2/11/42

Developments have necessitated provision of further steel (revolving date) Postmarkers for:

- (a) Base Post Offices
- (b) Advanced Base Post Offices
- (c) Army Post Offices
- (d) Field Post Offices

for immediate and reserve purposes and it would be appreciated accordingly if an order could be placed urgently for the following:

No. 1	Aust Base P.O. and individual indicators	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
No. 2	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	"
No. 3	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	"
No. 4	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	"
No. 5	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	"
No. 6	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	"
No. 3	Aust Adv Base P.O. and individual identity indicators	(A)	(B)	(C)			
No. 4	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	"	"	"	"	"	"

Aust Army P.O. and individual identity numbers of series 196 to 235

Aust Field P.O. and individual identity numbers of series 236 to 265.

UNIT POSTAL STATION Z3 . . . WITHDRAWAL OF

HQ 2 Aust Corps
6 Nov 42

At the close of business on 6 Nov 42 the above U.P.S. will cease to operate.

2. Those Units still in the Ferndale will now be serviced as follows:

- (a) HQ Comd 1 Aust Corps Troops AASC

- 1 Aust Corps Troops Amn Coy
 1 Aust Corps Troops Sup Coln
 1 Aust Corps Troops Pet Coy
 by *F.P.O. 023* . . . telegrams will be routed via Civil P.O. Ipswich
 (b) 2/1 Aust Corps M.L. & D Units . . . by *F.P.O. 025*: telegrams will still continue to be routed via Civil P.O. Ferndale.

Extract from file:

STEEL POSTMARKERS

9/11/42

"On 17th September, 1942, a request was placed with 'O' Branch for the supply of 200 Steel Hand Rotary Date Stamps for use at Unit Postal Stations in replacement of rubber hand stamps found to be unsatisfactory in service. It was expected on the basis of previous similar supplies that the items would be available within approximately 6 weeks. The manufacturer has indicated that he would not be in a position to commence manufacture for 2 months, approximately 1st Jan."

APPENDIX "C"
 Local File 166
 (No date)

U.P.S. POSTMARKERS

<i>No.</i>	<i>On charge to</i>
U.P.S. 360	5 Aust L of C Postal Unit
361	ditto
362	"
363	"
364	"
365	7 Aust Base Postal Unit
366	4 Aust L of C Postal Unit
367	11 Aust Div Postal Unit
368	ditto
371	5 Aust L of C Postal Unit
372	11 Aust Div Postal Unit
373	4 Aust L of C Postal Unit
374	ditto
375	5 Aust L of C Postal Unit
376	4 Aust L of C Postal Unit
377	2/1 Aust L of C Postal Unit
379	11 Aust Div Postal Unit
389	7 Aust Div Postal Unit (UPS 2/2 Aust Cav Commando Sqn) (now U/c 11 Aust Div Postal Unit)
390	4 Aust L of C Postal Unit
391	Held in reserve . . . DADAPS
393	11 Aust Div Postal Unit
394	LOB 15 Bde—Det 3 Aust Div Postal Unit—U/c 11 Aust Div Postal Unit
395	7 Aust Base Postal Unit
402	5 Aust Div Postal Unit
403	5 Aust Div Postal Unit
404	Held in Reserve . . . DADAPS
405	ditto
406	"
407	"
408	"
409	"
410	"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

7 Nov 1942

Allotment of Army Post Offices

Attached hereto is a list marked "A" setting out the identity numbers of postmarkers which have been made available to the D.A.D.P.S. at various HQ L of C Areas, for use at Army Post Offices established in their territory. The additional postmarkers, etc., will be forwarded as early as practicable.

The postmarkers in use at the Army P.O. L of C Melbourne are: 0130, 0131.

<i>Area</i>	<i>Postmarkers</i>
Queensland L of C	A.P.O. 061, 062, 063, 064, 0103, 0110, 0133, 47, 196, 197, 198.
N.S.W. L of C	A.P.O. 0104, 0105, 0106, 0107, 199, 200.
Victoria L of C	A.P.O. 0113, 0115, 0116, 201, 202.
South Aust L of C	A.P.O. 0118, 0119.
West Aust L of C	A.P.O. 0120, 0121, 0122, 0123, 0124, 203, 204, 205.
Tasmania Force	0125, 206.
Northern Territory and New Guinea	on separate lists.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

BASE P.O. SYDNEY:

No date

Sydney

Base P.O. 2 M.D.	03
Base P.O. 2 M.D.	06 Air Mail
Base P.O. 2 M.D.	04 Registration
Base P.O. 2 M.D.	05 Parcels

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES (A.I.F.)

2 Dec 1942

U.P.S. Postmarkers—changes

5 Aust Div Postal Unit:
N 24 becomes U.P.S. 81
N 29 " U.P.S. 698

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES (A.I.F.)

21 Dec 1942

Mail circulation change

Advise that UPS 698 is no longer in operation and mail previously circulated thereon should be routed to 3 Adv Base Post Office . . . Townsville.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES (A.I.F.)

28 Dec 1942

Subject—Unit Postal Stations

The undermentioned Unit Corps Stations are now in operation:

UPS Z3 2 Aust Corps Tps Sup Coy
UPS Z9 5 Aust Air Co-operation Sqn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

30 Dec 1942

L HQ

*Aust Base P.O.**Allotment of Army Post Office postmarkers:*

Advice received from D.A.D.A.P.S. Northern Territory L of C Area indicates that post-markers Nos. 0120/0124 inclusive were forwarded to you 9 Dec 42.

Postmarkers No. 203/205 and steel Date Stamps for Unit Postal Stations have not been received from contractors. As soon as delivery has been effected postmarkers will be made available.

(To be continued)



PACIFIC PARAGRAPHS

Contributed by the Pacific Island Circle of the Royal Sydney Philatelic Club
Convenor's address: 30 Warrane Road, East Roseville, N.S.W. 2069

Tongan "Bananas"

With Tonga's issue of the coin stamps, hearts and maps with various overprints, it was thought the limit had been reached, but with the issue of the banana-shaped stamps, cancelled with a banana-shaped marking, it is evident this is only a beginning.

Time was when the stamps of Tonga were regarded as reaching back into the classic era, and enhanced by the beautiful pictorial issues of 1897. Indeed, up to recent years, Tonga was accepted as a clean territory, philatelically speaking, and recommended for specialisation both in respect of its stamps and its postal history.

This is no longer the case and the tendency is to cease collecting the stamps of Tonga. This can only rebound on to the territory itself and kill stamp issues as a source of revenue. There is unfortunately a tendency for other Pacific territories to follow the same trend. It is feared that it is now too late for Tonga to retrieve the ever-growing loss of goodwill of collectors. The damage has been done. It is to be hoped that other Administrations will heed the warning and avoid this blatant exploitation that can only end in the abandonment of collecting and ultimate collapse of Pacific philately.

Under the heading "The Answer's a Lemon" in the *Pacific Islands Monthly*, May 1969, appears the following comment:

The earnest type of philatelist who peers lovingly through a glass at the pages of his albums and who regularly refers to Stanley Gibbon's Stamp Catalogue, will cough politely, or smile uneasily, when he sees Tonga's latest stamps.

Tonga, ever a land of stamp extroverts, has, over the years, offered the world a variety of way-out styles, including circular ones of metal (the size of cartwheels), embossed stamps to represent coins, and stamps in the shape of Tongatapu.

Her latest, which appeared on 21 April, are described officially as the first definitive issue in sixteen years. They are about an inch wide by a quarter of an inch deep—and they're in the shape of bananas.

Each value (from 1 to 5 seniti) is packed in a special dispensing box containing 200 copies—the stamps are sold on a self-adhesive paper. The bananas are the first of a fruit series.

According to a notice in the *Tongan Chronicle*, technical and shipping delays in the delivery of the new issue caused a postal emergency in Tonga during November and December last year.

This meant that a quantity of withdrawn 1 seniti commemoratives had to be surcharged and these were supplemented by an airlifted supply from England of the 1953 definitives.

In all, a total of nine different provisionals were placed on sale in Tongan post offices.

The new stamps are yellow, which is reasonable, with red lettering, which is not, and postmarks too, are in the shape of bananas. The stamps carry the inscription, "The Best in the Pacific", but whether this refers to Tonga's bananas or her stamps is not too clear.

One Sydney stamp dealer said: "We gave away Tongan stamps a long while ago". There is a feeling that Tongan stamps are too gimmicky.

Tonga's new banana definitives will no doubt receive the raspberry for aesthetic appeal, but you have to give Tongans an apple for gameness.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Western Australia, 1/- Lithographed

Mr F. Chadwick, of 6 Calder Drive, Liverpool 18, one of the world's leading specialists in Western Australia, is making a study of the 1/- lithographed.

He would appreciate photographs of any

blocks of this stamp and would pay any costs involved.

Fifty Years Membership

Archdeacon J. A. Schofield achieved fifty years as a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria at the annual meeting in July.

AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIC PERIODICAL LITERATURE

A SUMMARY 1879-1966

By R. LLOYD-SMITH

(Continued from June 1969, page 48)

- (32) *The Victorian Philatelist*. (Mid-1930.)
Known only from reviews in *Australian Stamp Journal*, vol. 20, p. 154, October 1930, and *The Month*, No. 35, 18 September 1930. From the latter we know that Mr R. McCalman was the editor. It was certainly short lived.
- (33) *The Stamp Dealer's Journal*. (March 1931-?) Published by Mr W. M. Thompson, stamp dealer, Box 3595S, Sydney. Planned as a quarterly. 1/- per annum.

The first number, which I have not seen, appeared in March 1931, and a second issue may have followed. *The Stamp News*, No. 8, October 1931 (see under 29) states that "publication has been discontinued due to lack of advertising".

- (34) *The Aero Philatelist*. (February? 1932-?) Published by Mr William L. Allan, 6 Curtis Street, North Williamstown, Vic. 4 pages. 8" x 5". 1/- per annum.

The only number seen is Volume 1, No. 2, May 1932, duplicated, sub-titled "A Newsy Magazine for Air Mail Collectors", with one page of news with three pages of Mr Allan's advertising. We learn that bi-monthly issue was intended, and the issue was late.

- (35) *Kookaburra*. (Late 1931-September 1938.) The official organ of Kookaburra Universal Correspondence Club. Published three times per year by Mr E. T. Franks, stamp dealer, Jugiong, NSW. 6-16 pages. 8" x 5" to 8½" x 5½" (variable).

Publication probably commenced in August 1931 when the club was formed but copies earlier than No. 7, August 1933, have not been seen.

This was six pages, letterpress, one page of scrappy stamp notes, one page of advertising with club news in the remainder. By No. 19, May 1938, 16 pages included six pages of stamp news, and circulation of 1000 copies was claimed. No. 20, September 1938, was probably the final issue, as *The Australian Stamp Collector*, February 1939 (see under 32) states that KUCC was amalgamated with the South Seas Stamp Club, on 1 January 1939. A part file has been assembled but contains nothing of value.

- (36) *The Philatelic Tattler*. (July 1933-April 1935?) Published bi-monthly by Mr Evan T. Jones, Box 660 GPO, Sydney, as official organ of the Friendly Exchange Club. 8 pages. 8½" x 5½". 3d per copy, 1/6 per year.

This was the third journal of "The Friendly Exchange Club", see 21, *The Friendly Collector*, July 1925-July 1926, and *The Month*, see 23, October 1927-December 1932.

Mr Jones, late Fred Hagen Ltd, formerly published *Hagen's Bulletin* (see under 22).

Seven numbers, letterpress, with 56 serially numbered pages are probably the complete file, July, October, December 1933, February, May 1934, January and April 1935. Despite its small size the quality was good, and in more prosperous days it may have continued.

Complete file is in the Society library.

- (37) *The Australian Air Mail Monthly Circular*. (January 1935-November 1937.) Later *The Australian Air Mail & Philatelic Monthly* and *The Australasian Philatelic Monthly*. Published monthly by The Northern Stamp Co., 24 Hunter Street, Newcastle. 16-24 pages. 8" x 5½". 3d per copy or 3/- per annum.

The first volume, of twelve sixteen-page monthly issues, January to December 1935, was mimeographed and devoted chiefly to air mail issues, the title with the second issue, February 1935, becoming *The Australian Air Mail & Philatelic Monthly*.

Volume two had twelve monthly issues with 268 serially numbered pages, the first six numbers mimeographed with printed coloured wrappers, but from number 7, July 1936, the whole journal was letterpress with coloured wrappers, and illustrated. Air mail news was less prominent, Mr F. T. Bolton contributing a serial on "Cook Islands", Mr F. V. Thompson provided "Commonwealth Specialist Notes" and various Samoa Express forgeries were illustrated.

Volume three commenced in January 1937 as *The Australasian Philatelic Monthly*, 20 pages per issue with coloured wrappers, at 6d per copy, 5/- per annum, and had ten numbers. After February 1937, issues became March-April, April-May, May-June to October-November 1937, Volume three, number ten, while number 34, believed to be the final number. This volume had 3-4 pages of house advertising per issue, with a serial by Mr F. T. Bolton on "British Solomon Islands" and articles of general interest.

A complete file is in the Society Library.

- (38) *Universal Stamp News*. (January 1935-?) The official organ of The Universal Stamp and Exchange Club. Published and edited by Mr Alex S. Green, 31 Collins Street, Hamilton, Vic. 8 pages and coloured wrappers. 8½" x 5½".

Two numbers only are known, January and July 1935, with four pages each of stamp notes at a junior level in poor quality letterpress. These are in the Society library.

- (39) *Geelong Philatelic Chronicle*. (January 1935-January 1937.) Published and edited monthly by Mr D. H. M. Clarke, 32 Buckland Avenue, Geelong, Vic. 14-32 pages and manila cover. 9¼" x 7¼" manuscript.

Production as a printed journal was proposed, but abandoned for a manuscript circulating paper, due to poor response to preliminary advertising. Twenty-five regular issues were made and circulated to applicants who were expected to contribute an article or advertisement every two months. Articles on meters, registration labels, and general subjects were provided by about six writers of a list of twenty readers each month, mostly in the Geelong district, but including some as far afield as Hobart and Newcastle.

- (40) *The Australian Airpost Collector*. (January-March 1936?) The official organ of Queensland Airmail Society, and Australian Rocket Society, edited monthly by Mr R. M. Younger, Box 2273, Melbourne. 20 pages including coloured wrappers, with 12-16 page supplement. 9½" x 7¼". 6d per copy, 6/- per annum.

Three letterpress issues, January to March 1936 are in the Society library, and no later issues are known. Most of the space is devoted to details of airmail and rocket flights, Australian and overseas. Advertising dropped from 1½ pages in the first two numbers to almost nothing in the March 1936 issue, which appears to be the final number. Numbers 1 to 3 are in the Society Library.

- (41) *Philately in Australia*. (April 1936-April 1937.) Edited and published monthly by Mr R. M. Younger, Box 2273, Melbourne. 20 pages including coloured wrappers, with 12-16 page supplement. 9½" x 7¼". 6d per copy, 6/- per annum.

Thirteen regular monthly issues were made of this journal, the most ambitious since 1930, publication ceasing without warning. Subject matter was general in treatment with a feature, "The Latest Australian Stamp News" by Mr A. A. Rosenblum. Serial paging was not adopted excepting in the supplement "Outline of World History for Philatelists" by V. J. Vincent, destined for completion in twenty parts, suggesting thematic treatment.

A complete file of thirteen numbers in the Society Library contains nothing of reference value.

- (42) *The Australian Stamp Collector*. (December 1936-August 1939.) Published bi-monthly by Mr W. Hornadge, stamp dealer, Catherine Hill Bay, NSW, as the organ of the South Seas Stamp Club. 20-28 pages. 8½" x 5½", later issues 8" x 5½". 3d per copy, 2/- per annum.

Volume one had six numbers from December 1936 to October 1937, commencing with 500 copies. Volume two also produced six regular numbers, January to November 1938.

Kookaburra (see under 35) was incorporated with volume three, number one, February 1939, claiming a circulation of 2500. Issues appeared regularly to number four, August 1939, publication ceasing with the outbreak of war.

Australian and overseas advertising amounted to 7-10 pages per issue, the balance being aimed at the general collector, with cartoons, humorous articles and the news of "The South Seas Exchange Club" and "The Australasian Exchange Service".

A complete file is in the Society Library.

- (43) *Philatelic Stationery Journal of Australia*. (March 1938-March 1939.) Edited by Mr C. Fawcett for the Philatelic Stationery Society of Australia, Melbourne. 16 pages. 8" x 5". 6d per copy.

Two annual numbers were published in March of 1938 and 1939 being annual syllabus and society information, and membership list with 6-7 pages of short stationery articles by members.

Both numbers are in the Society Library.

(To be continued)

TASMANIA: THE 1854 TO 1861 POST OFFICES

By P. B. EDWARDS

(Continued from March 1969, page 20)

"DUNCAN HOYLE"

References to this unusual P.O. appear only in the 1857 Almanac as follow:

"A Post Office has been established on board the *Duncan Hoyle* steamer, Capt McLachlan, Postmaster.

"The Eastern Coast Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Duncan Hoyle* leaves for the Eastern Coast about every ten days. Manager, Fred Haller Esq."

This P.O., which still "rather intrigues" (41) must have operated from late 1856 to not later than mid-1858.

SANDSPIT

The only reference to this P.O. is in "alterations and additions during printing" in the 1857 Almanac. It reads "New Post Office at Sandspit, Mr S. H. Grueber P.M." This indicates an opening very late in 1856. SANDSPIT is listed again in 1863 with the same P.M.

SNAKE BANKS

RECHERCHE BAY

SOUTH PORT

CHUDLEIGH

STRATHBLANE

SWANTON

OYSTER COVE

are all first listed in 1858 indicating openings between late 1856 and mid-1858.

STRATHBLANE appears as STRATHALBANE in 1859, 60. The lack of earlier listings for SOUTH PORT suggests that the P.O. gazetted in 1853 was not proceeded with (31). SWANTON is listed in 1858 as SWANSTON.

RIVER LEVEN

1859 Post Town, Daniel Lynes P.M., indicates an opening late in 1858.

TAMAR HOTEL and TAMAR EAST

There are no listings under these names but EAST BANK, TAMAR is first listed in 1859 as a Post Town, James Long P.M., suggesting an opening during the last half of 1858.

MOUNT ESK

is not listed nor is any mention made of Patterson's Plains.

QUEENBOROUGH

1860 QUEENBOROUGH (SANDY BAY) Post Town, George Cooper P.M., indicates an 1859 opening.

EPPING

1860 Post Town, Charles Viney P.M., 95 miles from HOBART indicates an 1859 opening. It was definitely *not* "the same as FENTON FOREST" (41) which in 1860 is given as a Post Town, D. Conlan P.M. 40 miles from HOBART, and which in the 1857 list was a R.H. attached to MACQUARIE PLAINS.

MELTON MOWBRAY (CROSS MARSH)**ELIZABETH TOWN****LA TROBE BLACK BRUSH**

are first listed in the brief 1862 Almanac, indicating openings between the end of 1859 and the end of March 1861.

BREAM CREEK

1855, R.H. attached to CARLTON, Mr John Goodman, Mail Receiver, is the first mention, pointing to an 1854 opening.

BROAD MARSH**BROADMARSH UPPER****BROADMARSH LOWER**

The only listing is for BROAD MARSH as a R.H. attached to BRIGHTON, in 1857. BROADMARSH operated from 1856 and was probably not split into the upper and lower Offices before 1860.

CAMBRIDGE

1853-56 R.H. attached to KANGAROO POINT, J. Reid P.M. It operated as early as 1852. It does not appear in lists of Post Towns or R.H.'s in 1857 or 1858 but re-appears as a Post Town in 1859 and 1860. It possibly closed in 1856 and re-opened during the last half of 1858.

CLARENCE PLAINS

1853 R.H. attached to KANGAROO POINT, J. Farrer P.M., is the earliest listing. It figures in all other lists except 1858 as either ROKEBY or ROKEBY (CLARENCE PLAINS) and must have been operating as early as 1852.

DON

1857 Post Town, E. Cummings P.M., being the first listing, suggests an opening during 1856.

EASTERN MARSHES

1853, 54 R.H. attached to OATLANDS, H. Sparkes Messenger, are the earliest entries. It is listed each year except 1858, and in 1860 is shown as 60 miles from HOBART. As OATLANDS is shown as 51 miles from HOBART, EASTERN MARSHES was, therefore, 9 miles from OATLANDS. It was at the headwaters of the Little Swanport River and almost certainly *not* "the same as LITTLE SWANPORT" (42) which would have been some 20 miles to the east at the mouth of the river. EASTERN MARSHES was operating in 1852. It is not listed in 1863 and 1864 but appears from 1865 on.

FENTON FOREST

The earliest listing, 1857 R.H. attached to MACQUARIE PLAINS, suggests an 1856 opening.

FORTH

1857 Post Town, H. Mainwaring P.M., also suggests an 1856 opening.

HUON TRACK

does not receive a mention and its opening can only be suggested as being between the end of 1859 and the end of March 1861.

Amusingly enough, GROVE is listed in 1857 as GROVE (HUON TUECH) the latter word doubtless being a phonetic rendering of TRACK.

JERUSALEM LOWER

is listed in 1857 as Post Town, J. Foster P.M., but is not in the list of R.H's. It appears to have been a P.O. from 1856.

MOUNT DIRECTION

1859, 60 MOUNT DIRECTION (NASH COURT), Post Town, Henry Stephens P.M., is the first reference to this office. NASH COURT appears in the 1857 list as a R.H. attached to CIRCULAR HEAD, but this is an obvious error. In 1862 it is shown as a Post Town.

Apparently MOUNT DIRECTION opened as a R.H. in 1856 and was first called NASH COURT which was probably the name of the property belonging to Postmaster Stephens.

MUDDY PLAINS

1853 R.H. attached to KANGAROO POINT, H. Morrisby P.M., confirms the Handbook statement that it was operating as a R.H. in 1852 (42).

TABLE CAPE

Official sources give the opening date as 1.1.57 with M. Ridge P.M. It is first listed in 1857 as a R.H. attached to CIRCULAR HEAD and appears as a Post Town in 1858. This indicates that either the 1857 Almanac was published early in 1857 (not late in 1856) or that TABLE CAPE was an unofficial R.H. in 1856.

TINDER BOX BAY

1853 R.H. attached to BROWN'S RIVER, J. Ferguson P.M., is its first mention. This confirms the Handbook statement that it was a R.H. in 1852 (42).

VICTORIA (HUON)

The name GROVE (HUON or HUON ROAD) R.H. attached to HOBART, alters in 1859 to VICTORIA, Post Town, Theophilus Cane P.M. It appears that VICTORIA came into use as a name during the last half of 1858.

The writer had hoped to find information about LITTLE SPRING HILL (29) during the investigation, but nothing turned up. The only R.H's listed in 1853 and 1854 are: BARNE'S BAY, CAMBRIDGE, EASTERN MARSHES, GROVE, LEIPSIG, MUDDY PLAINS, PORT SORELL, ROKEBY, TINDER BOX BAY and TRUMPETER BAY.

Including the first and last names in the above list, the Almanacs give ten other names that are either not mentioned in the Handbook or are of special interest. In alphabetical order they are:

BARNE'S BAY

1853 and 1854 R.H. attached to HOBART, J. Gresley P.M. It was therefore operating before BIRCH'S BAY—in 1852 and 1853 and probably into 1854.

This information leads to an interesting conclusion about first allocation obliterator No. 67 which has been attributed to BIRCH'S BAY, whereas the Basset Hull list gives it to BARNE'S BAY (31).

Mr Hull may not have been "again misled by poor calligraphy in his reference list". No. 67 may have been allocated to BARNE'S BAY and "its omission from the original distribution may have been inadvertent" also, as in the case of THREE HUT POINT and No. 65.

BIRCH'S BAY

1855-57. "mails from BIRCH'S BAY . . . close on Monday and Thursday evenings". 1859, Mails twice weekly. 1860, Post Town.

These are the only entries. BIRCH'S BAY, apart from its brief existence in 1853/54 (30) *may* have had another brief existence in 1859/60, but it seems doubtful if it was anything but a receiving and distributing centre after 1854.

BRUNE ISLAND

1857 R.H. attached to BROWN'S RIVER. KELLY'S POINT on Bruny Island is also listed as a R.H. attached to BROWN'S RIVER, so BRUNE Island probably had a short existence in the 1856-58 period. It could have been the same as the earlier TRUMPETER BAY. (q.v.)

KENSINGTON

1859, daily mail service, 4 miles from HOBART. 1860 Post Town.

MARIA ISLAND

1857 R.H. attached to HOBART. 1859 R.H. and 1860 Post Town, both J. Fletcher P.M. This R.H. operated from 1856 until at least 1860.

NORFOLK ISLAND

1853-56. "Mails for NORFOLK ISLAND are made up at HOBART TOWN as opportunities offer".

SWANSEA

1859, 60 Post Town, James Amos P.M., 100 miles from HOBART. In these years WATERLOO POINT, C. Wills P.M., 100 miles from HOBART, is also listed. Mail for SWANSEA left Hobart Town on Tuesdays and for WATERLOO POINT on Tuesdays and Fridays.

There must, therefore have been *two* offices in the Swansea area, with WATERLOO POINT possibly being the southernmost one at the Point where presumably there was a jetty. SWANSEA was probably two or three miles to the north, at the Amos property.

The name SWANSEA was therefore used first for the "Amos" P.O. in 1858/60 and later for the WATERLOO POINT P.O. An 1863 district list describes the WATERLOO POINT Office as SWANSEA, H. Miller P.M.

TENBY

1859 Post Town, 48 miles from HOBART in Pembroke County, which covered the south east corner of the State.

TRUMPETER BAY

1853, 54 R.H. attached to HOBART, W. Davies P.M. This would almost certainly have been at Trumpeter Bay on the east coast of North Bruny Island. It could later have been called BRUNE ISLAND. (q.v.)

WEST BANK, TAMAR

1859, 60 Post Town, James Garrett P.M. This office operated from the last half of 1858 to at least 1860, but was probably not the office appearing as TAMAR WEST in the "1864 List" (69). My guess is that TAMAR WEST became WINKLEIGH and that WEST BANK, TAMAR was more likely to have been on the river bank, say at SIDMOUTH, just as EAST BANK, TAMAR was on the river bank at DILSTON. TAMAR WEST first appears in the 1865 Almanac.

REVIEWS

The Australian Commonwealth Specialists' Catalogue 1970. Edited by J. P. Meara. 31st Edition. 171 pp, 5½ x 8½ in. Published by The Hawthorn Press, 601 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne, 3000. Price \$1.50.

Despite the inclusion of several extra pages and the provision of a useful new feature in the form of some blank pages at the end for Users' Notes, the publishers have maintained last year's price. To achieve this in the face of rising paper costs, it has been necessary to use a lower grade of paper. The result, nevertheless, remains acceptable.

Revision has continued to the last possible moment and the Cocos Decimal Series, issued early in July, is included. For the "Go-Go" specialists useful extra information is included on the aberrations of Helecon content; of necessity it takes some time to verify such items and establish their true scarcity.

As the Editor states in the Introduction, revision has taken place in "odd spots" as the market, although still buoyant, has stabilised to a certain degree. Among the early issues one or two new varieties have been added. Another welcome feature is the illustration of the "Rat", "Fox" and "Ewe Face" varieties of the high value Kangaroos. At the same time, opportunity has been taken to make some adjustments in their prices.

Unfortunately, little has been done in the direction of listing any of the newer decimal varieties which have already taken their places in the semi-specialist catalogues overseas and are so keenly sought whenever advertised whether it be in the UK, the USA or Australia. If this catalogue is to remain the Australian Specialists' chief reference then recognition must soon be given to the fact that a new generation of philatelists is coming forward who cannot afford to concentrate on the early issues and are turning their attention to what must, at present, be regarded as super-specialization in the issues of the current reign.

Perhaps, for a start, we could see listing of the 5 cents coil "Missing Pearl" also the "White Lips" variety because it is to be found on the 3, 4 and 5 cents coil stamps.

Another popular item which might well be considered is the green dot on the 5 cents Bird (Row 1 No. 2).

A curious feature is the listing of Q 73 d but not, so far as I could see, the same variety on the basic stamp, both with Helecon ink and on Experimental papers.

In the Plate numbers of the 5 cents blue after Q 74 f we could add Plate No. 1 at base.

This year the changes are not great, but then neither is the cost of a new and up-to-date catalogue.

O.W.E.

A Review of 1967-68, 8 pp. 6¼ x 9¼ in. Published by Robson Lowe Ltd, 50 Pall Mall, London, SW1.

Robson Lowe Ltd pushed up its turnover to £1,120,053 for this season, a rise of £114,268 on the previous figure and the fifth successive year in which the £1 million has been exceeded.

The largest number of bidders at a sale was 590, a jump of 105. The biggest bidders were again Britain, Italy, USA, France, but Australia dropped from ninth to eleventh place, purchases of £9489 compared with £11,314. Australasia's buying was: Great Britain, £40 (£323); British Empire, £5917 (£5647); other countries, £1425 (£2083); Postal History, £953 (£222); General, £6114 (£6788).

Cancellation Study of the U.S. Territories in the Pacific, by Howard Lee, and *Cancellations of American Samoa*, by D. H. Vernon. 14 pp. 8 x 10 in. Duplicated. Published by the Pacific Islands Study Circle of Great Britain, 58 Livesay Crescent, Worthing, England. Price, \$1.

Mr Lee, an American, has distinguished and illustrated 26 types of American cancellations used in the Pacific. The study covers the Carolines, Marianas, Marshalls, Wake, Guam, Canton Island, and Christmas Island, and military marine, and naval cancellations assigned to their locations.

Mr Vernon's work is complementary and is an expansion of a study published in *Pacifica*. Both authors give dates of use of the cancellations, as known to them.

Techniques of Philately, by L. N. and M. Williams. 134 pp. 5½ x 8¼ in. Published by William Heinemann Ltd, 15-16 Queen Street, London. Australian price, \$3.90.

This latest production from the typewriters of the Williams Brothers is a mingling of the new and the old. It is a new book by these established authors and a first venture into philately by the old-established publishing house of Heinemann.

Its principal appeal is to those evolving from collectors into philatelists.

From the choice of albums and accessories and the importance of condition, the work passes to ways of building a collection, explanations of major printing methods, and details of physical characteristics of stamps.

The importance of buying and reading literature is stressed and chapters on romantic finds and other philatelic lore head the closing section which is devoted to increasing the interest and pleasure that philatelists may gain.

Well-chosen illustrations contribute the final touch to a work that can be readily recommended.

New Zealand Stamps With Perforated Initials, by R. D. Samuel. 52 pp. 8 x 9¼ in. Mimeographed. Published by the Postal History Society of New Zealand, Inc., Box 1605, Auckland, New Zealand. Price \$1.50 (NZ).

In four years, the Postal History Society of New Zealand has published five titles, and its latest deals with "perfins".

Mr Samuel records a New Zealand perfin postmarked 21 March 1882, and official approval of the system in the Postmaster-General's report for the following year.

The various types found are illustrated and listed, with identification of the firm concerned in most cases, and the book also includes New Zealand companies' initials found on British and Australian stamps.

Chief interest naturally centres in the British stamps with the perforated initials, NZ, used at the office of the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London. These are given as an appendix.

Four types have been found, dating from 1930 to 1967 at least, and there is a four-page list of the stamps so treated, known to date, with the types of NZ they bear.

It is remarkable that these have not received greater attention earlier.

Indian Travelling Post Offices, 1864-1891, by Col. D. R. Martin. 40 pp. 7¼ x 9¼ in. Published by Robson Lowe Ltd., 50 Pall Mall, London, S.W.1. Price £1.

Col. Martin has long established himself as an Indian authority, and in this postal history work has been assisted by the India Study Circle.

The developing mail services are listed with adequate historical background and maps. The postal markings are identified and illustrated, and the code letters of the Railway Mail Service are explained.

It is an admirable treatment of a complex subject and a fine foundation for future studies.

The Kings of Egypt and Their Stamps, 1860-1960. 40 pp. 6¼ x 9¼ in. Published by Robson Lowe Ltd. 50 Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.

This is an elegant presentation of a remarkable collection of Egyptian proofs and essays, of which four pages are in full and appealing colour. The items have come from the collections of A. S. Mackenzie-Low, Dr William Byam, King Fouad, King Farouk, and Sir Miles Locker-Lampson, once British High Commissioner in Egypt. Suffice to say that the Essays account for 26 pages and everything is beautifully illustrated. It is something to enjoy, whatever you collect.

Collecting and Care of First Day Covers, by Leslie Anderson, Second Edition. 16 pp. 5½ x 8½ in. Published by Leslie Anderson, Box 4316 Hollywood, Florida, 33023, U.S.A. Price, 25 cents.

Mr Anderson says he has been dealing in first day covers for 35 years, covers most facets of first day cover collecting and notes that there are 50 first day "cachet" manufacturers in the United States.

He also mentions that forged first day covers of the Australian "Boy Scout issue" exist, but does not say whether it was the 1948 or 1952 issue.

Philatales, Second Series, Vol. 2, No. 1. 14 pp. 8 x 10 in. Duplicated. Published by the St George Philatelic Society, 17 Beaufort Street, Croydon Park, NSW.

The St George Philatelic Society is a lively one and it has begun a new series of its journal. Items in the issue in hand include articles on the invention of the postal card, colour, the Elmhurst Philatelic Society, and the definition of postal stationery.

PASSING OF THREE VETERANS

The Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria has suffered the loss of two of its oldest members, Mr A. E. ("Bas") Layton, and Mr H. T. Howden, of Southern Cross. Both of them had been members for more than fifty years, and one of its most devoted members, Mr E. W. Hill.

Mr Layton, who was in his 90th year, joined the society in May 1916 and early in 1967 was elected a life member. He was actively associated with the Prahran Philatelic Society and specialised in stamps of the British Commonwealth.

Mr Howden became a member in October 1918 and although always a country member, retained a very real interest in the society.

Eric Hill, who was 78, manifested his deep interest in the society throughout his membership, and was a knowledgeable collector.

He enlisted in the A.I.F. in World War I while doing an engineering course at Melbourne University and saw extended service. Subsequently he qualified as a pilot and on his discharge took his engineering degree in London. His last position before retirement was with the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation.

He suffered severe disabilities from being gassed and from wounds in the war, which he bore with remarkable cheerfulness and courage. These prevented him from attending society meetings for many years, but he did much work in preparing material for the society sales. It is a measure of his attachment to the society and his friends in it, that on meeting nights he never went to bed until another member had called and told him about the evening.

Although many members were unable to know him, he is especially missed.

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Members' Diary

1969:

September

- 8 Library and Conversation
- 21 Fiji, Mr J. Gartner

October

- 13 Library and Conversation
- 16 Samoa, Mr J. H. Powell (Sydney)

November

- 10 Library and Conversation
- Victoria, 2d Half-Lengths, The Ham Printings of 1850, Mr J. R. W. Purves

November

- 10 Library and Conversation
- 20 Chile, Cancellations; Italy, Maritime Markings, Mr H. Croaker (Sydney)
- 22 Sale
- 27 Non-Stamp Evening for members, wives, and friends, Viennese Operetta, Mr J. R. W. Purves

December

- 8 Library and Conversation
- 18 Australia, King George V 1½d Reds, Miss J. Resch

Annual Report

The president (Mr G. T. White) said it had been a memorable year, especially as nine international awards or honours had been given to members. Among these had been the invitation to Mr H. M. Campbell to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, and Honorary Life Memberships of the Royal Philatelic Society, London to Messrs J. R. W. Purves and W. E. Gerrish, an English member.

The membership showed a gain of two.

Miss Helen Serjeant-White had taken over the secretarial duties when Mr George Evans left for an overseas tour.

The treasurer (Mr P. Jaffe) reported that donations of \$140 more than accounted for the \$1321 improvement in the society's cash position. There were 13 entrance fees and the society must expect costs to rise, including maintenance, to \$1500 a year.

The Librarian (Mr R. L. Lloyd-Smith) said the society now had 1876 books and 1024 volumes of bound journals. Additions for the year included 73 books and pamphlets, and 150 volumes had been bound. Borrowings, 196, were down on recent figures.

The Superintendent of the Sale Branch, Mr T. C. Lester, reported another most successful year, with 90 per cent of the lots sold, and the Exchange Superintendent (Mr E. B. Doery) that sales were \$1514 as against \$897 in the previous year.

Both Mr Lester and Mr Doery appealed for more material for sale or exchange.

Officers: President, Mr J. R. W. Purves; Vice-president, Mr L. W. Buchanan; Immediate Past President, Mr G. T. White; Secretary, Miss H. Serjeant-White; Treasurer, Mr P. Jaffe; Council, Messrs D. N. Baker, H. L. Chisholm, E. G. Creed, J. Gartner, T. C. Lester, and C. G. Skewes; Librarian, Mr R. L. Lloyd-Smith; Superintendent, Exchange Branch, Mr E. B. Doery; Superintendent, Sale Branch, Mr Lester.

Presidential Display

Mr White presented Mauritius for his presidential display—the first time this country had been shown as a complete display.

His exhibit started with a pre-stamp cover privately sent to Bordeaux in 1848. This was followed by two very good reproductions of the "Post Office Mauritius".

The Post Paid series was covered by several copies of the intermediate and worn impressions of the Barnard printings, including a vertical pair of the 1d red-brown.

There were copies of all impressions of the roughly-engraved Lapirot printings.

Taking pride of place in the display was an unused 2d Post Paid print from the plate as re-engraved by Sherwin.

Several copies of the lithographed Dardenne printings, illustrating shades, were followed by copies of all the Perkins, Bacon and Co. stamps printed for the Colony.

Many of the classics shown were fine.

Examples of all the De La Rue and Co. printings were included, with a few examples of the latest issues.

Annual Competition

Mr P. Jaffé was awarded the society's bronze medal in the annual competition. His entry was a study of St Vincent village postmarks.

The other entrants were Miss J. Resch, stamps and markings of the Woldenburg Polish Prisoner of War Camp, Germany; Mr W. Rocke, Japan; Mrs P. Turnbull, Forwarding Agents cachets, 1823-80; and Mrs M. Gates, the Naphthadag, Phosper-Graphite and Phosper-line issues of Great Britain.

Attractive covers were a feature of each display.

Canada

Mr E. G. Creed's display at the second July meeting was Canada, Large and Small Heads, with almost all the rarities present in superb mint condition.

The 3 cents Indian red and the perf 12½ S.G. 83a were on covers. The ½ cent was present imperforate and imperf between pair, and with offset. There was also a plate number-imprint strip of 4.

All the imperfs of the Ottawa printings were shown, and there were marginal markings for two values of the normal issue.

Blocks of nine showed wide and narrow perfs of the 5 cents and of the 8 cents, and mint block of six 10 cents carmine-pink was matched with a block of the brownish red.

Notable was the 3c 1868-72 issue on laid paper (S.G. 58a).

Another highlight was a Canadian stamp on Wells Fargo Victoria B.C. cover with Canadian stamp and cancelled by the Wells Fargo Victoria datestamp.

A fine range of numeral cancellations completed the exhibit.

Christmas Island and Nauru

Mr R. H. Taylor, of Sydney, provided a distinctive and much appreciated display at the August meeting. He chose to exhibit Christmas Island and Nauru.

The Christmas Island locals included the second issue on cover with both first and second local postmarks, a cover with the third local postmark in purple and in black, and a mint sheet of eight of the fourth issue.

The official cancellations and registration markings were complete and were followed by studies of the American wartime post office on the island and the British and American Service post offices for the atomic bomb test.

Nauru opened with a cover sent from the Island under German rule, to Sydney three weeks after the outbreak of World War I, with Ocean Island transit mark and German post office seal.

There was an intensive study of the North-West Pacific Islands, and the Great Britain overprints, with the various cancellations.

A spectacular part of the display was the study of British control blocks.

The varieties in the settings of the North-West Pacific Islands were notable for the ½d in the rare second setting.

The Great Britain overprints were also shown with the first canceller, prior to the official issue of the stamps, and the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- were exhibited with specimen overprints.

Overprints, with one albino were shown on the ½d and 4d.

Another notable item was a World War II cover endorsed "Raider Mail" in red pencil. This letter was removed by a German raider from the *Triona*, before sinking the ship, and then put ashore, with the prisoners in Emirau.



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