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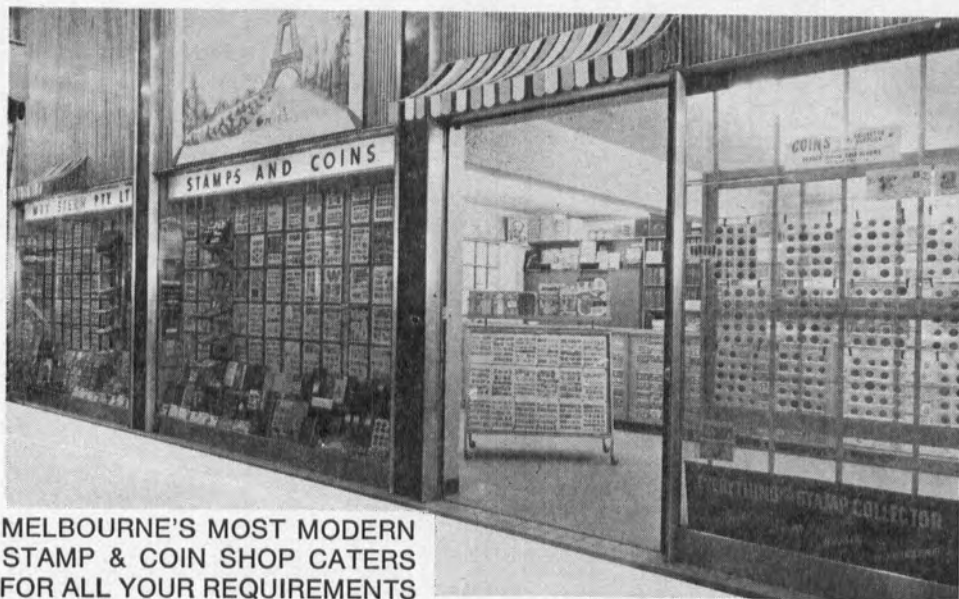
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## FRIENDSHIP AND PHILATELY

The fading year has been memorable for the good fellowship and reunions of ANPEX 1970 and for the stress on the links of friendship and philately in the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria.

The society has been fortunate in that friendship between members has always been one of its characteristics. Possession of its own home has enabled closer association between the members, bringing deeper knowledge and understanding and an increasing respect and appreciation of their qualities.

ANPEX demonstrated again that philatelic friendships know neither national nor State boundaries.

Society friendships develop far beyond philatelic circles.

In this season of remembrance, in the coming days of good wishes, let us remember gratefully that adding friendship to philately is a true enrichment of life.

# The Trail



# of Commonwealth

*Conducted by O. W. (BILL) EUSTACE*

### *3 Cent Queen's Head*

The appearance of this stamp on coated paper marks the completion of the original decimal definitive series from 1 Cent to \$4 on this type of paper, with the exception of the 4 Cent red. The 4c red did, however, appear on a variety of papers during the experimental period in 1966-67. As usual there is a wide variation in the reaction to ultra-violet light from "pink lamp" to "bluish-white" depending on the density of the coating.

### *5 Cent Queen's Head*

A few of these stamps were purchased recently from a Melbourne City post office and found to have a fairly well defined offset on the back. Unfortunately the bulk of the sheet had already been disposed of across the counter.

### *6 Cent Queen's Head*

An interesting variety, which could bear further investigation, is to be found on certain panes. On stamps 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 of Row 8 there is a small white break in the orange shading dashes on the Queen's left shoulder. Unlike the white patches on the 5 Cent blue (Trail, June 1969), these do not recur on the corresponding stamps of Row 10. To further complicate the situation, there is a similar break on Row 8 of another pane, but this time only on stamps 7 and 9.

There is a slight rounding of the bottom left corner on Row 8, No. 1 of the latter pane.

Marked differences of shade from a quite bright orange to almost brownish orange have been noted, although some of this is undoubtedly due to the weight of coating, as ultra-violet illumination discloses the differences to which we have become accustomed.

### *6 Cent Floral Coil*

Presumably through a breakdown in communication someone has laboriously inscribed the word "Floral" in "biro" on each coil leader (as was done for the

provisional wrappers for the 4 Cent and 5 Cent Floral coils). There being no other form of 6 Cent coil, this is, of course, superfluous.

A coil has been seen on which the "R" of Rose appears to have been worked on and is heavier than usual, and on the stamp above, the upright stroke of the "R" is incomplete. As one would expect, the defects recur every fourteenth stamp in that particular coil.

#### *7 Cent Snowy Mountains*

There are two flaws in the dark blue area under the pylon on this stamp. One is more-or-less midway between the base of the two central legs of the pylon and the bottom frame on Row 8, No. 7 and the other is on Row 8, No. 8 just below the point where the wire joins the blue ground.

On some sheets these flaws appear as almost indiscernible white spots but on others they are very prominent biro-like blue-black marks against the lighter background.

On Row 7, No. 4 the central leg of the pylon is almost severed where it passes through the white cloud. This is constant.

#### *9 Cent National Development*

There is a minor weakness on the left frame of Row 3, No. 8.

#### *50 Cent Booklets — 5 Cent Blue Queen's Head*

Remade booklets (stapled covers with no stitch marks but inside panes showing marks of previous stitching) have been seen. These were from the second release with back cover plain.

#### *1970 Famous Australians Booklets*

Initial supplies of the \$1.20 booklets were without interleaving between the panes, lacked the usual Edition No. Imprint on the back cover and carried only one slogan on the inside of the back cover. Presumably this was a result of security measures pending the change in Postal Rates since booklets have now been seen with interleaves and carrying the usual imprint on the back cover. The Victorian Edition is V70/3.

The 60 cent booklets have an interleaf page but the inside back cover is blank and there is no Edition Number.

#### *6 Cent Parliamentary Association Conference Commemorative*

The production of this stamp was a technical disaster which it would perhaps have been better to scrap before issue. The shade varies from blue-green (Row 2, No. 1) to almost yellow-green (Row 7, No. 10) within each sheet. Since it would fill the whole of this column to list all the blemishes which could be noted, I have selected, on a quite arbitrary basis, a block of eight stamps from Rows 4 and 5, stamps 7 to 10.

Row 4, No. 7: Mark below "en" of "Conference".

- Row 4, No. 8: Scratch above "Hamori".
- Row 5, No. 7: Retouch in green above 6c.
- Row 5, No. 10: Retouch left of "Sixteenth".

*6 Cent United Nations Commemorative*

Although an improvement on the Parliamentary stamp, this too shows some evidence of rushed preparation. I have selected as the most interesting item the retouch near the first "A" of "Australia" on Row 7, No. 2, but among the other flaws noted were:

- Row 1, No. 3: White mark under "9" of "1979" and blue mark in left frame.
- Row 5, No. 5: Minor white mark before 1970.
- Row 9, No. 8: Large area of weakness on right side of stamp.

*6 Cent Qantas Commemorative*

A very minor spot of deeper blue appears on Row 8, No. 10.

*30 Cent Qantas Commemorative*

On a significant proportion of the printing the "3" and "0" of "30" are joined by a white flaw on Row 1, Stamps 3 and 4, but by no means all sheets show these faults. On most of those without these flaws the aircraft seems to be more grey than the jet-black of the sheets containing the 30-joined flaws. On Row 10, No. 6 there is a small white blemish between the figures standing on the ground opposite "Q" of "Qantas".

*A Merry Christmas to all my readers and "More power to your magnifying glasses in 1971!"*



# VICTORIA: THE 1886 4d. DULL LILAC

By *DEREK N. BAKER*

*With a Note by J. R. W. Purves*

In the Victorian section of Stanley Gibbons British Commonwealth Postage Stamp Catalogue for 1970, under entry No. 248, is listed: "4d. dull lilac (error) Dec. '86 . . . £180 . . . £35".

The story behind this rather scarce error is to be found in official correspondence that has somehow managed to survive the intervening years.

A memorandum dated 11 January 1887, and initialled by J. H. Gibbs, Comptroller of Stamps, states:

Docket herewith is annexed to direct attention to the very great similarity between the 4d and 2d Postage stamps, which is only likely to result in serious error, especially in forwarding late fee correspondence.

Directly beneath this memorandum the following words are written in a different hand:

The colour of the 2d stamp certainly requires changing, as there is little or no difference between that and the 4d.

The initials "T.S." are evidently those of T. E. Slack, who was Superintendent of Mails at that time. On the reverse side of the document is the following note from the Comptroller of Stamps:

Some time ago I received a small supply of these pale red 4d stamps, and on the 28th December 1886, I drew Mr Ferres' attention to the matter [Mr Ferres was the Government Printer]. Since then, several complaints have been made and it is suggested Mr Ferres be requested to deliver future supplies in darker ink, as heretofore. The colour has been changed apparently without this Department being consulted. It is suggested the newspaper docket with the stamps affixed be forwarded to Mr Ferres for his inspection. J. H. Gibbs. 19/1/87.

The matter was referred to the Government Printer on 21 January 1887, by James Smibert, the Deputy Postmaster-General, Victoria (a title that has now been changed to Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Victoria). In reply, a memo from the Government Printer, dated 7 February 1887, states:

I submit two sheets of 4d Duty Stamps, value £4, being proofs from the altered dies, for selection of colour. *Please try for obliteration.*—J. Ferres.

The next reference to the subject is dated 9 February 1887, and is a memorandum headed — Subject — Similarity in Colour of 2d and 4d Stamps. It reads:

Fourpenny stamps have *always* been printed in red ink and no complaints were made against them until the Government Printer changed their colour and made it similar to that of the twopenny stamps, and under these circumstances it is suggested specimens be obtained in dark red ink, or, a specimen printed in *two* colours would be preferable.

As Fourpenny stamps were used principally in payment of postage and telegraph

fees their *obliteration* will easily be seen. The principal object in this instance is to produce a stamp that cannot be sold or used in mistake for a stamp of some other value. Last week, a gentleman used a green 10/- stamp on a cheque in mistake for a green penny stamp! J. H. Gibbs.

On the reverse side of this document are a number of notes in a variety of handwriting, all initialled and dated. At the top of the page is a comment by James Smibert, Deputy Postmaster-General:

I think the dark red colour should be reverted to. In my opinion, two colours should only be used for high priced stamps.—J.S. 9/2/87.

Below this note is the comment:

Let the colour be the same as the old 4d—viz: scarlet.

This is also dated 9/2/87, but the initials are not decipherable.

At the bottom of the page is the following note from the Comptroller of Stamps:

For the information of the Government Printer the stamps referred to by the Postmaster-General may be seen in accompanying album (which please return to me), marked "*Overprinted 1885*". 10/2/87. J.H.G.

Next follows a memo bearing the address "Stamp Branch", and dated 18 February 1887. It is from William Bond, Overseer of the Stamp Branch. It states:

With reference to the complaint re change of colour of the 4d Duty Stamps, I find about 50 sheets were printed by mistake with violet ink instead of magenta, and were inadvertently delivered to the Comptroller of Stamps. The printing of 4d Duty in magenta was approved by the Deputy Postmaster-General in 1885, fully six months before the Stamp Branch was transferred to this Department. Two proof sheets, value £4, one in carmine and the other in vermilion, are submitted herewith. William Bond.

On the reverse side of this document is a further set of initialled comments. Heading these is one from John Ferres, the Government Printer, who says:

The report of the Overseer of the Stamp Branch is forwarded for the information of the Deputy Postmaster-General. J. Ferres. 21/2/87.

Beneath this is a footnote stating: "Book returned herewith.—J.F."

A second footnote states: "Submitted for approval of colour—P.F."

The next entry is by the Comptroller of Stamps: "Sheet A is the same colour as the old 4d, and I think it will answer very well.—J.H.G. 28/2/87." Beneath this is the single word "Approved", followed by the initials of James Smibert, the Deputy Postmaster-General, and then the footnote: "Advise Government Printer and return stamps".

This completes the official correspondence on the subject. Gibbons, in reference to the 4d "error", states: "This comprises a printing of 6,000 stamps, in 1886, in a dull lilac shade. It is true that only some seven unused specimens are known, but it is not true (as previously stated) that it is unknown used, since a leading authority has himself seen upwards of 30 undoubted used copies, all of which

have certain characteristics which distinguish them from certain colour change-lings, accidental or deliberate. The records show that the whole printing of 6,000 was issued, which confirms the finding of so many used copies."

*Comment by Mr Purves*

Mr Baker—who has asked for my comments on the above extracts—has done a service in recalling some of the facts on this most interesting error.

However, he was not aware that the contents of the file quoted were dealt with by W. R. Rundell in an article in the *Australian Philatelist* for April 1914 (pp. 107-8). In that article Mr Rundell also stated that he knew of seven mint copies of the "error" (two *other* mint copies having been burnt in the fire which destroyed our Society's offices in 1897). However he added the words, "No used copies have apparently come to light"—a statement which later created much misunderstanding. In fact, in the May 1914 number of the same journal (p. 127) the Rev. James Mursell wrote that he possessed an undoubted used copy dated 4.3.87, and the next month—in the June number (p. 148)—Mr Rundell stated that a Melbourne collector possessed an undoubted used copy which he had himself seen.

In the *Australian Stamp Journal* for May 1915 (p. 112) C. L. Pack stated that he had a mint pair of this stamp which had originally come from the David Hill collection, and he added that it was this pair which originally caused the item to be included in the Gibbons Catalogue. I have seen copies of the error dated 30.12.86 and 15.1.87 respectively. The Gibbons' note quoted by Mr Baker was originally compiled by me and I take full responsibility for its accuracy.

However, Mr Rundell and later writers have, I think, incorrectly understood the entries quoted. Actually the *only* official reference to the "error" as it is known today is the statement made by William Bond and quoted above.

The last normal 4d shade of the 1885 issue was the 4d "bright mauve-rose" of January 1887 (S.G. 247a) and the similarity alluded to in the memo of 11.1.87 almost certainly concerned *this* stamp and the 2d rosy-mauve (S.G. 245b) which was replaced by the 2d S.G. 286 in the second half of December 1886. It did not, in my belief, concern the "error" at all!

How anyone could call the error—which is a *dull mauve (or violet)*—Gibbons' nomenclature notwithstanding, a "pale red" I do not know though, in a yellow light, S.G. 247a could possibly have been so described. Prior to the 4d magenta of 1885, all 4d's from 1857 on had been printed in one or another shade of *red*, hence the desire to get back into the established groove.

At no other stage is there any suggestion of "a mistake" of the nature referred to by William Bond. The 2d violet (S.G. says "lilac")—which was the *2d shade* most like the error—disappeared in March 1885, further support for my view. In other words the enquiry did not originate over the "error" at all but was responsible for William Bond's discovering it.

# QUEENSLAND NUMERAL CANCELLATIONS: THE LATEST DISCOVERIES

By H. M. CAMPBELL, F.R.P.S.L.

Since the report in "The Other Side of the Picture" in the December 1969 issue, another comparatively large batch of "ties" has come to light. Most of these were shown me by Rev. A. H. Voyce, but I have been lucky enough to discover one or two myself. Further, some of the new material has caused me to look again at some of the old material, resulting in amendment to some previously reported "ties".

In numerical order, the new "ties", and the amendments, are:

- 90 TANNYMOREL. A re-allocation. (Captain H. S. Porter: *Queensland Numeral Cancellations.*) Porter, p. 32.
- ?122 GURRUMBAH. A re-allocation. Porter, p. 31.
- 167 BYRNESTOWN. A re-allocation. Porter, p. 31.
- 231 MURPHY'S CREEK. A re-allocation and replacement (originally used No. 112). Porter, p. 16.
- 237 KOOJAREWON (*not* 231). A re-allocation and replacement. Porter, p. 20, note opposite GEHAM.
- 287 ROCKLEA. A re-allocation and replacement (originally used No. 68). Porter, p. 14.
- 303 TALLEBUDGERA. Porter, p. 21.
- 418 SYLVANIA. Porter, p. 25.
- ?418 SAPPHIRE. A re-allocation. Porter, p. 31.
- 503 TERRORS CREEK (*not* 303). Porter, p. 21, note opposite HAMILTON. My feeling is that when the site was changed from Hamilton, a new number was allocated, as 503 would fit an 1892 opening.
- 536 POMONA (*not* 586). A confirmation. Porter, p. 30 (change of name from PIN-BARREN, Porter, p. 29).
- 542 WYREEMA. Porter, p. 29.
- 579 FRIEZLAND (*not* 571). Porter, p. 30.
- 592 BENOWA. Porter, p. 29. This is the normal bar-type canceller, but 592 was also used at Longreach in the duplex type. This is the first instance I have found of this type of duplication.
- 603 REDBANK. Porter, p. 30. Mr Purves earlier reported 603 as BOONMOO, but from this latest find it is clear that it is definitely REDBANK, the '3' having a flat top. I believe that Boonmoo is probably 608, but I have not yet had the opportunity to check with Mr Purves.

All this new information shows that there is still material to be discovered, and I hope others will be prompted to examine their material and report any discoveries.

It is hoped to publish a revision of Captain Porter's work (possibly including other studies) in the not too far distant future, so any help would be appreciated.

# DAVID H. HILL MEDAL IS PREMIER AWARD

The Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria's David H. Hill Medal was established in January 1957 to reward "distinguished service, whether of a cultural or administrative nature, done in the cause of adult philately" in the year preceding the award.

It is open to Australian residents, who need not be members of the society.

The medal honours, and is named after, the first president of the society and one of the earliest students of Victorian stamps, particularly the Half-Lengths. His was one of the original names on the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.

It was founded with the desire that it should be recognised as Australia's premier philatelic award.

The medal, in silver, is two inches in diameter. The obverse bears a portrait of David Hill with his name "David Haworth Hill" around the circumference. The reverse is inscribed "Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria. Founded 1892" on a patterned background.

The first award of the medal was made to Mr J. R. W. Purves in 1957.

In 1963 the medal was awarded to Mr H. M. Campbell.

The Council's resolution creating the award is:

- 1 That it is desirable for this Society to create an award more befitting to its status than any present award given by it.
- 2 That an award to be known as the "David H. Hill Medal" be created by this Society.
- 3 That the award shall take the form of a silver medal and shall be presented to individuals, at the sole discretion of the Council of the Society, for distinguished service, whether of a cultural or administrative nature, done in the cause of adult philately during or around the twelve months preceding the award.
- 4 That where the Council considers such an action is warranted it may award up to two such medals in any one year but that likewise it may decide, in any one year, that no such award shall be given.
- 5 That whenever such an award is made it shall be announced at the July meeting of the Society.
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- 7 That the same person shall be eligible to receive the award more than once provided that four years or more have elapsed since the award was last made to him or her.
- 8 That the award shall not be one susceptible of formal nomination but shall be decided solely as the result of discussions within the Council.
- 9 That for this purpose the gaining by persons of medals for collections shown at Exhibitions shall not be taken into consideration, the medals themselves being deemed a sufficient reward to the persons concerned.



# PACIFIC PARAGRAPHS

Contributed by the Pacific Island Circle of the Royal Sydney Philatelic Club

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## GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS

### *The ½d King George V*

Curiosity is the prerequisite of the philatelic specialist. He is never satisfied that things are what they appear to be. This is certainly so of the members of this Circle, who have discovered an item of interest in the prosaic key plate issue of the Gilbert & Ellice Islands, affecting the duty plate and particularly the words "Gilbert & Ellice Islands". It has been assumed the words in the name of the King George V series were the same in all values, but the curiosity referred to above threw up the fact that the name in the ½d value is very different to all other values from 1d to One Pound.

Comparison of the ½d values with the other values in this series will show that the overall length of the words vary by half a millimetre, that in the ½d stamp being the shorter. In this value the letters are shorter and broader than those in other values. The ends of the letter "S" turn outwards in the ½d, but are vertical in others and the top of the letter "R" is almost square in the ½d and oblong in others.

It was first thought that the explanation lay in the monocolour printing from a plate in which the head plate is integral with the duty plate, but this was found not to be the case, as the lettering varies in location in the name panel from stamp to stamp.

### *Multiple Obliterations*

A 2d. Pandanus Pine has recently turned up with no less than three obliterations.

What is presumed to be the first applied is "Abemama" in manuscript in grey-black ink. The second is a straight line "S.S. MUNIARA" in red, while the third is an unmistakable portion of a Sydney arrival circular date stamp. Unfortunately the date cannot be read.

## SAMOA

### *The Bisected 1/- stamp of 1895*

Mr R. P. Odenweller states in his article "Postal History of Samoa" in the bulletin of the Postal History Society, August-October 1970 (p. 64) that the Perf. 12 bisected 1/- was used as 6d on five covers after the 1 April 1895 fire.

The issue referred to was Perf. 12½ and not Perf. 12 and the 1/- stamp bisected was used as the ordinary rate of postage which at that particular time was 2½d.

One of the members of the Circle has a cover Registered to New Zealand with the bisect as well as the 3d on 2d "R" S.G. 70 Type 10 illustrated in S.G. Catalogue, which was the correct rate of a registered letter, i.e., 2½d ordinary postage and 3d registration charge.

Mr R. Gibbons in his Handbook, *Samoa Postal History 1882 to 1900*, says (page 14), "But the single rate for letters from Samoa to New Zealand and the islands had been reduced from 6d a considerable time before, and, as we have already seen, in 1892 was 2½d. I have seen covers addressed to New Zealand and Fiji franked with halves of the 1/- and there does not seem any explanation why a 6d rate should have been charged to these places."

### PACIFIC ISLANDS—WHITHER?

In articles which appeared in *Philately from Australia* in March 1967, June 1967, June 1969 and September 1969, the Circle expressed its concern at the proliferation of new issues by certain Pacific countries. Unfortunately this exploitation of the collector is gaining momentum and this Circle considers all concerned with the future of philately should take immediate action in an effort to prevent the loss of goodwill of collectors of the stamp issues of the Pacific Islands.

Mr John Bishop, of Auckland, quotes in the November 1970 issue of his house journal, *Pacific Stamp Journal*, a leader from *The New Zealand Herald* of 20 October:

#### Stamps Lose Significance.

An issue of new postage stamps was once an event of note. Now it has become almost a monthly occurrence. Indeed, one of the greatest difficulties of the stamp industry seems to be finding occasions to justify the launching of fresh motifs.

The Chatham Islands stamps which will appear in December may well bear attractive designs. But, with stamps as with banknotes, the skill of the artist adds nothing to the value of currency if it has been debased by extravagant printing.

Too many new stamps are appearing. The line-up for the first six months of next year is almost ludicrously long. As well as seven new definitive stamps, nine commemorative stamps are planned for that period. They will honour such things as One Ton Cup yachting and the 10th anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty.

Commemorative stamps are a useful form of national advertising and a significant source of revenue. But the circumstances they commemorate should at least justify the issue of a stamp; otherwise we merely advertise an odd sense of history and expose a mercenary intent.

Too many different types of stamps also confuse the public. Since stamps are for postage first and philately second, the requirements of the user merit precedence over those of the collector.

As Mr Bishop invited readers to state whether they are for or against the increasing number of new issues this Circle has sent a letter to the editor of *Pacific Stamp Journal*:

Dear Sir,

"Stamps Lose Significance", an item of interest in the November 1970 number of your journal, has been brought to the attention of members of the Pacific Island Circle within the Royal Sydney Philatelic Club.

It aroused much interest, and as their spokesman, I have been requested to assure you of our wholehearted support, in the warnings expressed from time to time in the columns of

your journal relating to the widespread exploitation which must, if not checked, bring about the utter ruination of modern Pacific philately.

We have read what you have had to say about the proliferation of stamp issues by the Administrations of Tonga and Cook Islands, which is gradually infecting other stamp issuing groups in the Pacific, to their ultimate detriment. This blatant exploitation of a world-wide growing interest in the Pacific has caused us dismay and profound misgivings as to what the future holds for the Pacific, indeed for philately in general. It has filled us with alarm and grave concern. So much so that we too have referred to the dangerous situation into which philately has drifted, in *Philately from Australia*, the official organ of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria, and of the Royal Sydney Philatelic Club, in the issues of June 1967, March 1967, June 1969 and September 1969.

In recent years collectors throughout the world began to turn their attention to the Pacific, and great hopes were entertained as to what the future held in extending the scope of philately to this hitherto neglected field, which offered so much in study relating not only to the stamp issues, but to the fascination of its postal history. However certain Administrations were not idle in devising means by which this coming popularity might be exploited, giving no thought to the loss of goodwill that must result in the long term. Warnings of endangering the health of Philately brought about by the pursuance of this exploitation, regardless of the ultimate consequences, went unheeded. New issues continued to appear with seemingly endless proliferation, on the slightest pretext or none at all, some well salted with "errors" and varieties intended to whet the appetite of the collector, who supposedly was eagerly awaiting an opportunity to buy them.

What do we now find? The time has come when the sheer number of these constant new issues has blunted the pleasure of collecting, causing attention to be turned elsewhere, and loss of interest especially among the younger collectors, many of whom we find are giving up altogether. This has been reflected in the membership of the Pacific Island Circle, which after thirty years of existence, now experiences a decline in membership. Interest in Pacific philately has been blunted instead of sharpened by this modern trend in endless proliferation, which shows no signs of abating.

So far as revenue from philatelic sources is concerned, administrations depend upon the assistance and co-operation of the stamp trade, and unless pressures are devised by the stamp trade upon the offending administrations with a view to control of such a nature as to safeguard the health of philately, and, what is all important, retain the goodwill of collectors, the decline will continue unchecked. This merits attention at top level, and if it could be achieved, would be advantageous both to the stamp trade and the administrations. It is a matter for immediate action if the damage already done to the collecting of modern stamp issues is to be halted and goodwill restored.

Our attention has been drawn to a contribution to *Stamp Collecting* of 10 September 1970, relating to this matter, entitled "Whither Philately?" which no doubt has not escaped your notice.

Yours faithfully,

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Island Circle, Royal Sydney Philatelic  
Club.



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# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES POSTMARKERS USED IN THE AUSTRALIAN STATES IN WORLD WAR II, 1939-46

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

(Continued from September 1970, page 87)

8 May 42:

ALLOCATION of the following to No. 2 Base Postal Unit:  
Nos. FPO 099, 0100, 0101.

8 May 42:

Further ALLOCATIONS to NT Land of Communications Area:  
Nos. APO 127, 128, 129. (Formerly allotted to 7 M.D. Base P.O.)

May 42:

Investigations are now in progress in connection with the establishment of an APO at Mataranka, which is to be HQ for the Advance Ordnance Depot. Also an APO at Banka Banka as a centre. In order to open these Offices it will be necessary to have additional equipment made available as early as practical. The following equipment to cover the establishment.

- (1) Army P.O. at Mataranka
- (1) Army P.O. at Banka Banka
- (1) Field Post Office (Not yet decided . . . spare)

### Postmarkers

FPO 073, 026, 168, 170, 176.

A.M.F.

26 Oct '45

*Under HQ 3 Aust L of C Postal Unit:*

Delete Aust Aust APO Petrie (Camp Staff Strathpine)      APO 061

A.M.F.

29 Oct '45

### Location of Postmarkers

*Under HQ 4 Aust L of C Postal Unit:*

Delete Aust Army Post Office, Kairi      APO 218

## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

3 Base Postal Unit  
Brisbane  
30 Oct '45

Please make the following amendments to my P/12/2 of 1 Oct '45:

*Under HQ 3 Aust Army Post Office, Cairns, APO 0103 (Delete):*

Delete Aust Army Post Office, Atherton      APO 196

APO 221

Spares held by HQ 3 Aust L of C Postal Unit:

Insert APO's 0103, 196, 221

## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Oct '45

*Location of Postmarkers*

Please make the following amendments to my P/12/2 of 1 Oct '45:

1 Armd Bde G.P. postal Unit FPO 29  
 FPO HQ 1 Aust Armd Bde, on hand FPO 51  
 4 Aust Base Postal Unit, Perth—Army Base Post Office, Perth:  
 Air Mail section  
 Mailroom 4 Base P.O. "A"  
 Parcels  
 Reg Section 4 Base P.O. "C"  
 124 Aust Gen Tpt Coy  
 HQ Coast Arty F.D.D. Fremantle UPS W1

## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

*Location of Postmarkers*

3 Base Postal Unit  
 Brisbane  
 5 Nov '45

Delete UPS Greenslopes 112 Brisbane Military Hosp UPS ELC 12  
 " UPS Brisbane Section L HQ UPS 413  
 Under HQ Aust L of C Postal Unit, spares held:  
 Insert UPS ELC 12, UPS 413

Delete UPS Toorbul Point Aust Water Tpt Centre (now held as spare) 8 Nov '45  
 UPS415

## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Aust Base Post Office  
 Morotai  
 28 Feb '45

Reported theft of Postal Advance Postmarker 515.

## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Aust Base Post Office  
 G5/1 2 Mar '46  
 (Morotai)

Postmarkers returned to D.A.P.S. HQ A.M.F., as no longer required for use in this area:  
 Base PO "C", Base PO "D",  
 FPO 037, FPO 53, UPS 392, UPS 398, UPS P13, P37, P34, P38.

## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ Western Command  
 Perth  
 25 Feb '46

Director  
 Army Postal Sect  
 Aust Mil Forces HQ  
 Victoria Barracks  
 Melbourne

*Postmarkers*

The following postmarkers have been returned under separate cover by surface mail:

4 Base PO "A" APO 203  
 4 Base PO "B" APO 204  
 4 Base PO "C" APO 205  
 4 Base PO "D" FPO 0144  
 4 Base PO "F" FPO 0145  
 UPS 343  
 UPS 344

## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

3 Base Postal Unit  
Brisbane  
24 May '46

HQ A.M.F.

Previously in Townsville, returned today under separate cover:  
3 Adv BPO "A" and 3 Adv BPO "B".

## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Base Postal Unit  
Brisbane  
2 May '46

D (Posts)

A.H.Q.

Melbourne

*Postmarkers, Quarterly return*

Your letter of 14 Sept '45 refers:

*In use at*

- |                            |  |                    |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------|
| 3 A.B.P.O. "C"             | 3 Base Postal Unit Davies Park, West End, Brisbane | Returned 3 Jun '46 |
| 3 A.B.P.O. "B"             | 3 Base Postal Unit Davies Park, West End, Brisbane | Returned 3 Jun '46 |
| 3 A.B.P.O. "E"             | 3 Base Postal Unit Davies Park, West End, Brisbane | Returned 3 Jun '46 |
| 2. <i>Postmarkers</i>      |  |                    |
| 3 Adv B.P.O. "A"           | A.P.O. Townsville                                  | Returned 28.5.46   |
| 3 Adv B.P.O. "B"           | A.P.O. "   | " "                |
| F.P.O. 094 Thursday Island |  | Returned 14.5.46   |

14 May 43:

The following is an up-to-date list of UNIT POSTAL STATIONS established in the Northern Territory:

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Postmarker (UPS)</i>
103 Aust TK A Regt	"D2"
N.T. Detention Barracks	"D5"
111 Aust Con Depot	"D9"
107 Aust Gen Hosp	"D13"
121 Aust Gen Hosp	"D14"
19 Aust M.G. Bn	"E17"
8 Aust Inf Bde	"S79"
2/8 Aust Inf Bn	"S84"
24 Aust Coy AASC	"S99"
11 Aust Inf Bn	"W14"
16 Aust Inf Bn	"W15"
28 Aust Inf Bn	"W16"
10/48 Aust Inf Bn	106
2/6 Aust Cav Regt	140
2/1 Aust Lt. AA. Regt.	345
2/1 Aust Inf Bn	346
2/3 Aust Coy AASC	347
11 Aust Fd Regt	348
23/21 Aust Inf Bn	349
2/8 Aust Inf Bn	350
Adv HQ NT FORCE	351
7 Aust Inf Bn	352

SPARES: D "10" X1, X2, X3, also 353 to 359 inclusive. These are steel Postmarkers which are being held to replace unserviceable rubber Postmarkers and for use in any UPS required to be opened in the future.

UPS Postmarkers X1, X2, X3 were originally supplied for use on L of C between Alice Springs and Larrimah. X2 is now held as spare. UPS X1 and X3 are temporarily in use at APO's Katherine and Larrimah respectively, pending the arrival

of additional APO Postmarkers requested 30 Mar 43, when they will be withdrawn and held as spares.

13 Jul. 43:

Further allocation of APO Postmarkers to NT FORCE:

APO's 189, 190, 227 to 232 inclusive

16 Jul. 43:

LIST OF ALLOCATION OF ARMY AND FIELD POST OFFICES IN NT AREA:

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Postmarkers Allotted</i>
<i>12 Aust Div Postal Unit:</i>	
Hq 12 Aust Div Postal Unit	FPO 0137
FPO HQ NT Force	FPO 072
FPO 12 Aust Inf Bde	FPO 089
FPO 13 Aust Inf Bde	FPO 0136
FPO 23 Aust Inf Bde	FPO 0102
N.T. REST CAMP	FPO 189
<i>2 Aust L of C Postal Unit:</i>	
APO Darwin	APO 065
APO Noonamah	APO 0117
APO Batchelor	APO 231
APO Adelaide River	APO 0127
APO Pine Creek	APO 066
APO Katherine	APO 0128
APO Larrimah	APO 0129
" "	APO 227
APO Elliott	APO 0134
APO Banka Banka	APO 50
APO Barrow Creek	APO 0135
APO Alice Springs	APO 49
APO Mt Isa	APO 0114

SPARES: APO's 229, 230, 232

16 Jul. 43:

List of Allocation of Unit Postal Stations in Northern Territory Area:

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Postmarkers</i>
103 Aust Tk A Regt	D2
13 Aust Detention Barracks	D5
111 Con Depot	D9
5 Aust Fd Regt	D10
107 Aust Gen Hosp	D13
121 Aust Gen Hosp	D14 (Established 8 Jan 43)
19 Aust M.G. Bn	E.17
8 Aust Inf Bn	S.79
2/8 Aust Ind Coy	S.84
24 Aust Coy AASC	S.99
11 Aust Inf Bn	W.14
16 Aust Inf Bn	W.15
28 Aust Inf Bn	W.16
10/48 Aust Inf Bn	106
2/6 Aust Cav Regt	140
112 Aust Lt AA Regt	345
38 Aust Inf Bn	346
40 Aust Inf Bn	347
1 Aust Fd Regt	348
133 Aust Hy AA Bty	349
12/50 Aust Inf Bn	350
Adv HQ NT Force	351
7 Aust Inf Bn	352

SPARES: 353 to 359 inclusive, also X1, X2, X3.



19 Aug. 43:

## ALLOCATION OF ARMY AND FIELD POST OFFICES IN NT AREA:

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Postmarkers</i>
<i>12 Aust Div Postal Unit:</i>	
Adelaide River	F.P.O. 072
" "	F.P.O. 0137
FPO 12 Aust Inf Bde	F.P.O. 089
FPO 13 " " "	F.P.O. 0136
FPO 23 " " "	F.P.O. 0102
Adv HQ NT Force	F.P.O. 189
Spare	FPO 190
<i>2 Aust L of C Postal Unit:</i>	
APO Darwin	A.P.O. 065
" Noonamah	A.P.O. 0117
" Berry Springs	A.P.O. 229
" Batchelor	A.P.O. 231
" Rear HQ NT FORCE	A.P.O. 0127
" Pine Creek	A.P.O. 066
" Katherine	A.P.O. 0128
" Mataranka	A.P.O. 0126
" Larrimah	A.P.O. 0129
" "	A.P.O. 227
" Elliott	A.P.O. 0134
" Banka Banka	A.P.O. 50
" Barrow Creek	A.P.O. 0136
" Alice Springs	A.P.O. 49
" " "	A.P.O. 228
" Mt ISA	A.P.O. 0114
Spare	APO 230

19 Aug. 43:

## Establishment of Postal Unit Stations in Northern Territory Area:

<i>Unit Postal Station (Div)</i>	<i>Postmarkers</i>
10/48 Aust Inf Bn	UPS 106
8 Aust Cav Regt	" 140 (Amended to UPS S.75 on 22 Aug. 43)
112 Aust Lt AA Regt	" 345
38 Aust Inf Bn	" 346
40 Aust Inf Bn	" 347
1 Aust Inf Bn	" 348
135 Aust Hy AA Bty	" 349
12/50 Aust Inf Bn	" 350
7 Aust Inf Bn	" 352
24 Aust Coy AASC	" 353
103 Aust Tank A Regt	" D.2
5 Aust Fd Regt	" D.10
19 Aust M.G. Bn	" N.8
8 Aust Inf Bn	" S.79
2/8 Aust Ind Coy	" S.84
11 Aust Inf Bn	" W.14
16 Aust Inf Bn	" W.15
28 Aust Inf Bn	" W.16
Adv HQ NT Force	" 351 (Delete, amended to UPS 354 on 17 Sep. 43)
<i>Postal Unit Stations (L of C)</i>	
13 Aust Detention Barracks	UPS D.5
111 Aust Con Depot	UPS D.9
107 Aust Gen Hosp	UPS D.13
121 " " "	UPS D.14

7 Aust Army Tps Coy UPS W.32  
Spares 354-359 inclusive

## 22 Aug. 43:

The following appears in a File of that date:

Please make the following alterations to File of 19 Aug. 43:

1 Unit Postal Station at 8 Aust Cav Regt to read UPS S.75.

2 Adv HQ NT Force UPS 351 now FPO 189 (Delete UPS 351).

## 7 Sep. 43:

Further amendment to File of 19 Aug. 43:

Under Unit Postal Stations (Div) add:

2/11 Aust Fd Regt. Postmarker UPS 351 (previously from Adv HQ NT Force).

## 20 Sep. 43:

UNSERVICEABLE RUBBER UPS POSTMARKERS ARE FORWARDED TO HQ UNDER SEPARATE COVER:

UPS S.87, UPS S.195, and X2.

It has been found that, in the wet season the gum securing the rubber melts, allowing the rubber portion to become detached.

## 20 Sep. 43:

Please make the following amendments:

Delete 7 Aust Inf Bn postmarker UPS 352.

" 8 " " " " " " UPS S.79.

The above Postmarkers are at present held by O.C. 12 Aust Div P.U. pending the establishment of new Unit Post Stations.

## 29 Sep. 43, also 29 Oct. 43:

ALLOCATION OF ARMY AND FIELD POST OFFICES IN NORTHERN TERRITORY AREA:

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Postmarkers</i>
<i>12 Aust Div Postal Unit:</i>	
FPO Adelaide River	F.P.O. 072
FPO 12 Aust Inf Bde	F.P.O. 089
FPO 13 Aust Inf Bde	F.P.O. 0136
FPO 2 Aust Inf Bde	F.P.O. 163
Adv HQ NT Force	F.P.O. 189
Spare	FPO 0137
<i>2 Aust L of C Postal Unit:</i>	
APO Darwin	APO 065
" "	APO 230
" Noonamah	APO 0117
" Berry Springs	APO 229
" Batchelor	APO 231
" "	APO 232
" Rear HQ NT FORCE	APO 0127
" Pine Creek	APO 066
" Katherine	APO 0128
" "	L of C X1
" Mataranka	APO 0126
" Larrimah	APO 0129
" "	APO 227
" Elliott	APO 0134
" Banka Banka	APO 50
" Barrow Creek	APO 0135
" Alice Springs	APO 49
" " "	APO 228
" Mt Isa	APO 0114
Spare	L of C X3

(To be continued)

## REVIEWS

*The Australian Commonwealth Specialists' Catalogue 1971.* Edited by J. P. Meara. 32nd Edition. 176 pp. 5½ x 8½ in. Published by The Hawthorn Press, 601 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000. Price \$1.50.

There is a dying breed of specialists to whom the last Australian stamp issued with a collectable variety was in the K.G.V. Head design; a second, and regrettably larger group, appears to believe that no variety is worthy of record unless it appears on a recess-printed stamp.

In his preface Mr Meara writes, "The many spots, dots and dashes, and rather minor flaws which appear on the recess and photogravure printings of recent years are not within the scope of any catalogue". I am not a specialist but I cannot agree with this statement.

The time must come when the opportunity for study of the early issues is exhausted and new collectors will look to the modern stamps. If their "fly-specks" are not listed in one catalogue, they will turn to another.

There is an understandable reluctance in dealer-published catalogues to down-grade the value of their stock by correcting prices which have moved out of line with the market in a period of rapid general increases.

Mr Meara is in a position where he can make these adjustments and has done so on several items. There is scope for some more of these corrections next year. Price increases generally have been on a selective basis except for some sharp rises in the "Specimen" overprints and the special coil perforations to bring them more into line with the market.

Next year the booklets section of the K.G. VI and Q.E. II era might well be overhauled; I cannot see the justification for a price of \$2.00 on a Prime Minister booklet which will almost certainly still be on sale at Philatelic Bureaux when the next catalogue appears. On the other hand there are others which are underpriced in relation to available supplies.

An innovation is the listing and pricing, with a marked tendency to over-pricing, of the souvenir packs. I foresee problems with

the listing of souvenir packs of "selected issues" and the "decimal definitive" pack.

Apart from the mint price of 0 55 C, few errors appear to have escaped the proof readers.

The publishers are to be congratulated upon holding the price at \$1.50 once again in the face of the many increases in paper and labour costs which have taken place.

O.W.E.

*Australian Postage Stamps: The 1913-14 Recess-Printed Series and the King George V Sideface and Pictorial Definitive Stamps,* 32 pp. Anonymous. 5½ x 8½ in. Published by the Australian Post Office. Price 50 cents.

This, the second of the series of booklets on Australia's stamps, is as welcome as the first—on the early Commonwealth period and the Kangaroos.

It makes it clear that the philatelist collecting Commonwealth must start from these productions if he is to get his background right.

Here is set out the development of the issues from Commonwealth Post Office records, with so much material previously withheld from philatelists.

It says the first printing of the 1d engraved was 1,180,320 and the second, 1,115,130, a total of 2,295,450, when 8,000,000 1d stamps were being used a week—not two days supply. The number of 6d Kookaburras issued was 975,000.

Details of the projected issue up to £2 of which they were a part are given, which only reinforces our regret at the non-completion of what would undoubtedly have been a very distinguished issue.

The accepted philatelic nomenclature for the surface-printed King George V issue is retained but the work stops short of mentioning the various printers and their imprints, which seems a pity. Nor is the plate make up of the engraved issue given.

The illustrations of stamps, proofs and essays are ample, interesting, and well-chosen. Mr F. D. Manley's striking design for the 1/6 airmail of 1934 was modified and ruined. Engraved and printed in a fine blue, it would have been superb.

Although the series is published without

author's name it is clear that the booklets are the work of Mr P. Collas. Australian collectors are certainly indebted to him for the amount of searching and studying records that has gone into their production.

The successors are awaited eagerly.

*Royal Philatelic Society, London, Australian States Study Group Newsletter, Nos. 1-3.* Edited by Mr John High. Duplicated. 8 x 10 in.

This new group (*P from A*, September 1970, p. 75) lacks neither enthusiasm nor drive and has already produced three Newsletters at two-monthly intervals.

Much of the introductory numbers are concerned with preparations but a start has been made with publishing the *Cumulated Index to Philatelic Periodicals*, as published in the *Stamp Lover*, covering the States.

Queries and answers and proposals for group research are prominent. The publication promises to be a very worthwhile endeavour.

*Cinderella Stamps*, by L. N. and M. Williams. 160 pp. 8½ x 7¼ in. Published by William Heinemann Ltd, 15-16 Queen Street, London, W1. Price 50/-.

The two world-famous philatelic authors and an equally famous publishing firm have produced this volume, which is the second philatelic work Heinemanns have published recently.

Their enormous background of philatelic knowledge and their vast correspondence have enabled the Williams Brothers to produce this handbook on locals, stamps produced by other than Government postal authorities, philatelic exhibition labels from stamps, phantoms, bogus stamps and the various items which rarely achieve catalogue status but which an increasing range of collectors find interesting.

The book, besides making it evident why these items should be of interest, gives the basic facts about a wide range of "Cinderellas". There is also a notable chapter on the literature of Cinderella stamps.

The main text gives basic and reliable data on a wide range of productions, from the Buffalo Balloon stamp of 1877 to the Monte Bello fake, on a world-wide basis. At least one local has been reprinted and then forged, and bogus stamps have been forged, and mysterious items are still appearing.

Of special Australian interest is the Queensland Railways Golden Casket issue,

of six values. The stamps are used for franking letters and parcels of lottery tickets carried in bulk by the Queensland Railways.

We had not previously seen mention of the Timaru bicycle post, established in December 1968 by Moulins Services, and the six stamps, inscribed Postal Service Timaru or Local Postal Service issued by the organisers. On 12 April 1969 it was suppressed by the NZ Postmaster-General.

The typography of the book is most attractive.

*A History of Wreck Covers Originating at Sea, on Land, and in the Air*, by A. E. Hopkins. Third Edition. Limited Edition. 180 pp. 7½ x 10 in. Published by Robson Lowe, Ltd, 50 Pall Mall, London, SW. 1. Price 75/-.

This is a new, enlarged edition of the work which has gone through issues in 1940 and 1948, and is a memorial edition for the author, who was completing it when he died in 1967.

Nearly every wreck mentioned is represented by cachet or cover illustration, and there are many pictures of the wrecks.

The sea section covers wrecks and misfortunes of ships of all nations in all parts of the world, and it is interesting to note that there was no mail salvages from either the *Titanic* or the *Lusitania*.

Not all the covers related to disasters. The Liberty Ship *John Bidwill* made its last voyage in 1945. When it was broken up at Philadelphia in 1960 the shipbreakers opened a sealed compartment and found 500 bags of mail mainly from Britain, for Chile. The mail was despatched and Chile applied an appropriate cachet.

The accidents on land section includes covers from railway accidents, floods, and robberies.

Air crash covers are limited to those of British aircraft. Perhaps, had Captain Hopkins lived longer, he would have been able to make it world-wide in its scope, also.

At present the major listing of these is in the American Air Mail Catalogue. Possibly this may provide a subject for a volume by some other author.

The book contains a foreword by Sir John Wilson, and a tribute to Captain Hopkins, from the Postal History Society which supplements the valedictory on the dust-cover.

*Numerals in Early Indian Cancellations, 1855-1884*, by Col. D. R. Martin. 140 pp. 7½ x 10 in. Published by Robson Lowe Ltd, 50 Pall Mall, London, SW. 1. Price £6.

The vast field of Indian cancellations has interested many students and already produced a sizeable literature. Now Col. Martin, widely known as one of the world's leading authorities on Indian philately and postal history, has uncovered records believed to have been destroyed in the fire in Bombay G.P.O. in 1884, providing a vast new reservoir of data.

Besides providing identifications for large numbers of cancellations for which there has been no ties, Col. Martin has been able to correct many errors caused by the faulty interpretation of poor strikes on covers and deduced numbers.

The scope of the book covers the Circles, Bombay and Calcutta Urban Offices and District Posts, and the All India System. Code names, Indian Post Offices Abroad and External Campaigns are included. Appendices includes the pre-stamp Presidency Posts and the change to Circles, and a conversion scale for the cancellation type tables of Renouf and Cooper.

The clear illustrations of more than 30 types of cancellations in their appropriate places and seven full-page maps ensure maximum value for the user.

Literally thousands of cancellations are listed.

Unfortunately, this valuable and impressive book probably ends Col. Martin's long career as a philatelic author. Last year he lost his eyesight.

*The Australasian Stamp Catalogue, 1971 Edition*. 46 pp. 8½ x 11 in. Published by Review Publications Pty Ltd, Sterling Street, Dubbo, N.S.W. Price \$1.

This volume covers the Commonwealth, Australian States and Australian Dependencies.

The Kangaroo and George V issues of Australia have been re-written, with imprints, plate numbers, booklets, and coils listed separately.

Prices have been revised throughout with a hardening for earlier issues.

As in previous editions, the amount of

background information on the designs is noteworthy.

*Army and Field Post Offices of Egypt and the EEF*, by Michael M. Sacher. 32 pp. 7½ x 10½ in. Published as a supplement to *The London Philatelist*, August-September 1970. Price (including issue) £1.

Australian and New Zealand philatelists will have a special interest in this publication as both had postal services in Egypt.

It is a survey, comparison, and correction of the vast material written about the subject, with two pages of illustrations of postmarks and markings.

One section deals with the subject from the point of view of the chief military formations, another the post offices, and the final division deals with the military travelling post offices. These include the Sinai-Palestine group.

There is a bibliography and a railway map of the EEF with the dates of opening of the railheads, 1916-19.

*Zumstein Europa, 1971*. 54th Edition. 1244 pp. 7 x 9½ in. Published by Zumstein et Cie, Zeughausgasse 24, Berne, Switzerland. Price \$9.50.

*Zumstein Schweiz, Liechtenstein, 1971*. 268 pp. 5 x 8 in. Published by Zumstein et Cie, Zeughausgasse 24, Berne, Switzerland. Price \$1.10.

The compilers of *Zumstein Europa* report rising demand and therefore prices, for classic and the better middle-class issues but further price-cuts in countries which a few years ago were the subject of speculation. The philatelic market is described as "healthy".

The number of prices has crossed the 150,000 mark, a rise of 6000 for the year and the number of illustrations, 30,000, 2000 more than last year.

The Switzerland/Liechtenstein specialised catalogue includes Swiss telegraph and railway stations and Campione d'Italia and the United Nations issues for Geneva.

Printed in French and German, instead of German only, as the parent work, it prices unused stamps hinged and unhinged, and used, as well as mint and used blocks and FDC. The great amount of background material makes it extremely good value.

# TASMANIA: RETURN TO SENDER

By DR JOHN CLEMENTE

The RETURN TO SENDER enclosed in a hand, is today, a common endorsement in all Australian States.

Some time ago I came across a fragment of an envelope bearing a DEAD LETTER OFFICE TASMANIA c.d.s. 7 Feb. 1907, the endorsement boxed UNCLAIMED, a MISS endorsement LEFT THE STATE, G.M., and an impression from a rubber stamp in red ink, of a clenched hand with index finger extended, with RETURN TO SENDER in block letters on the back of the hand.

Later, I found three envelopes from the municipality of Tasman, bearing the same endorsement. All bear 1d pictorial stamps cancelled Koonya, and the hand endorsements are over stamped with Hobart c.d.s. two dated 6.5.08 and one 7.5.08. All are addressed to Tasmanian townships.

It is likely that this endorsement was used during 1907/8 and not regularly, because all the mail with Dead Letter Office markings before 1907 and after 1908, seen so far, does not bear this endorsement.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

*Mr A. W. Bunn, F.R.P.S.L.*

Mr A. W. Bunn, of Melbourne, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

Mr Bunn, who was secretary of ANPEX 1950 and is a former president and secretary of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria, has formed internationally-known collections of Aden and Finland.

*Papua-New Guinea Bibliography*

Col. Leonard H. Smith, Jr., of 1660 Harmony Drive, Clearwater, Fla., 33516, U.S.A., writes to say that the Papua-New Guinea Bibliography in the *Philatelic Literature Review* mentioned in the June *P from A* first appeared as Supplement 3 and 5 of *Australian Commonwealth Chit Chat*, published by the American Society of Australian Specialists.

Col. Smith says the Bibliography includes all of Supplement 3 but does not have all the listings in Supplement 5.

*660 1913 Christmas Cards  
printed*

One of the disclosures in the latest publication of the Australian Post Office, *The 1913-14 Recess-Printed Series and the King*

*George V Sideface and Pictorial Definitive Stamps* is that 660 of the famous 1913 Christmas Cards of the PMG, bearing the print from the die of the forthcoming 1d King George V engraved stamp were printed.

*Philympia Successes*

Australia had a very successful representation at The International Stamp Exhibition, London, in September. Her awards were:

Mr J. Gartner (Melbourne), gold medal (Western Australia), vermeil gold-silver, with special award for Pacific Islands research (Fiji); Mr J. S. White (Sydney), vermeil (New Zealand), and Mr John Powell (Sydney), vermeil (Samoa).

Mr P. Jaffe (Melbourne) gained a silver medal for St Vincent and a bronze for Grenada. Silver medals were also won by Mr W. M. Holbeach (Melbourne), for France, Mr D. H. M. Clarke (Colac) for New Guinea, Mr G. T. White (Melbourne) for Victoria; and Mrs Phyllis Turnbull (Melbourne) for Malta.

Bronze medals were awarded to Mr R. P. Hyeronimus (Canberra) for Commonwealth of Australia and Mr W. E. Jones (Adelaide) for China.

# ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

## *Members' Diary*

1970:

December

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17 Highlights of London Exhibition, Messrs J. R. W. Purves, J. Gartner, and P. Jaffe

31 No meeting

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January

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February

6 Auction

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8 Library and Conversation

18 Victorian Postal History, Mr J. R. W. Purves

April

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15 British New Guinea and Papua, Mr D. H. M. Clarke

29 Commonwealth, Mr R. P. Hyeronimus

## *New Members*

New members elected are:

September: Mr I. J. Karnups (Vic.), Mr T. W. Kuzma (Vic.), Mr W. F. Roemer (Vic.), Mr H. A. Rooksby (Vic.), Mr C. W. Rowe (Vic.), and Mr J. B. Trowbridge (Vic.).

October: Mr E. Lyon (Vic.).

November: Mr H. C. Stark (Vic.), Mrs Sylvia R. Roylance (Vic.).

## *Malaysia*

The attractions of the stamps of the Malaya area were delightfully presented by Dr W. G. Wells at the September meeting.

The exhibit opened with pre-stamp entires from Penang, 1852, and a range of B172 (Singapore) cancellations on contemporary issues.

Varieties, overprints, and surcharges formed a major part of the display and included the 1884 Large 8 on 8c blue, of which probably only one pane exists. There was a range of Malaya-Borneo Exhibition overprints on Straits Settlements and Trengganu, including a complete pane, and various errors. This section included three copies of the \$5 Trengganu, of which only 776 were issued.

With stamps generally being printed and overprinted overseas, local shortages often occurred, and Dr Wells showed a selection of covers used during these periods. They included Straits stamps used in Kedah, 1919, and Trengganu in 1921, and postage marked by hand, Perak, 1900.

There were BMA "Free postage period" covers and 1897 Pahang bisects on piece.

A Postage Paid cachet with the amount of postage marked by hand was used in Perak for

five days in 1900 and also in the early days of the Japanese Occupation, and copies of these were shown.

Other items included Kedah and Kelantan postmarks on Siam covers handled by Netherlands Indies Post Agents at Penang and Singapore.

Finally, there were Christmas Island cancellations on Straits Settlements, to 1905, and a 1932 cover with Australian stamp cancelled at Christmas Island.

## *Great Britain*

Selections from the late F. H. Feibes collection of early Great Britain formed the exhibit at the first October meeting.

The stamps were shown through the courtesy of Mrs Feibes and Mr A. W. Bunn, one of the executors. Mr Bunn, outlining Mr Feibes' life, in introducing the display, said Mr Feibes' first wife had died in Buchenwald concentration camp and he had escaped from it, reached France, and then went on to England, America, and finally Australia.

All plates of the Penny Black were shown on cover, and there was a full range of shades, most being four-margined copies. Many varieties were included.

The range of 2d Blues included the different alphabets in the check letters.

Cancellations included a selection of the local varieties of the Maltese Cross and the Maltese Cross with numbered centres and the Edinburgh "Brunswick Stars".

## *Post Office Films*

The society had its first philatelic film night for the second October meeting when the Postmaster-General's Department provided films from the postal administrations of Britain, Australia, and Papua-New Guinea.

From Britain came "The Story of the Letter Post" tracing the history of posts in Britain from the Fifteenth Century.

The Australian offering was "Philatelic Portrait" illustrating the creation of postage stamps from the selection of the design to the printed sheet. The film featured an interesting section of the Stamp Advisory Committee and its members at the time the film was made. They included Mr J. R. W. Purves and the late W. L. Russell.

The final film showed scenes of Papuan life, the country from which the stamps came, and scenes which the designs of Papua-New Guinea represented. Particularly fine were the bird-life shots.

All the films were of a very high standard and involved a great deal of work. They made a very interesting and most enjoyable night.

## *St Vincent*

Mr P. Jaffe showed part of his Philymphia silver-medal collection as the display in November.

The collection, strong in varieties and rarities, showed clearly the succession of printers for the local classic issues and the beautiful range of shades and colours. These were specially remarkable

for having been produced on the island.

The opening item was a St Vincent ship letter of 1815. This marking was used in that year only, on outward correspondence.

Specially worthy of mention, too, were the die proofs of the 6d and 5/-. The 5/- especially emphasised the delicate beauty of William Ridgway's famous engraving.

Other pre-issue material were the colour trials of the 1d 1861 and the 1/- 1872, almost the same colour.

The block of six of the 6d imperforate was the second largest known piece. The 1/- rose, 1872 was shown imperforate at right and there was

one stamp, the remains of an imperforate between pair, of the 1877 shilling. The Royal Collection lacks this imperf. between.

Outstanding was the collection of the 1880-81 surcharged. The missing fractions of ½d overprint, in pair, is one of three known; the "one penny" was shown used on each of the four days it was on issue and the 4d shown used on the first and last days, 28 November and 3 December. Three unused and seven used copies were shown.

The number of copies of several small-printing rarities formed a significant proportion of the total.

Several other stamps were shown in full sheets.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

### *Armidale Circle*

The Royal Sydney Philatelic Club announces the recent formation of what is thought to be the first country branch of a major city club.

'The Armidale Circle', which was formed under the chairmanship of Mr D. Roberts in Armidale, New South Wales, in April, now has 32 full members and two juniors.

This 'Circle' has gone ahead with an enthusiastic membership of both sexes. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at which there are varied displays including visits from prominent Sydney collectors. Recently part of the Dovey collection was displayed. Further visits have been arranged for the coming year.

The Royal Sydney Philatelic Club is proud to have this Circle as part of its increasing membership and invites any interested collectors in the area to contact the secretary, Mr A. M. Wynter, 52 Mossman Street, Armidale 2350.

### *The Library*

The librarian (Mr R. Lloyd-Smith) acknowledges the following gifts to the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria Library:

From the Estate of the late A. G. Brown: *Catalogue Detaille des Premieres Emissions de Timbres du Mexique, 1856-74*, Marquis de Fayelle, Amiens 1926; *The '68 Hidalgo Issue of Mexico, 1868-1872*, R. G. Larranago, Illinois (no date); *Mexico, Postal Issues of 1874-83 (Hidalgo Heads)*, R. R. Billings 1960; *The Stamps of the Postal Districts of Mexico*, Abraham Odfjell, Illinois 1960; *Catalogo de Timbres de Mexico 1967*, S. Vackimes, Hamburg, Mexico 1966; *The Pre-Stamp Markings of Mexico*, Otto Yag

and John K. Bash, Illinois, 1965; *The Revenue Stamps of Mexico*, Richard B. Stevens, Illinois, 1968; *The Paper Money of Mexico, 1822-1964*, Carlos Gayton and Neil S. Utberg, Edinburg, Texas 1963; *Mexico Postal Stationery Catalog, 1865-1968*, Elmhurst Philatelic Society, Illinois 1968; *Mexicana*, bound volumes 1-16, 1952-1966; bound Sale Catalogues 1960-64 including John M. Taylor, Col. C. S. Hamilton, C. E. Walcott, J. D. Woodward, D. Golden and M. Burrus; Sale Catalogues, 5 parts, Robert Garcia Larranago 1957-9, Billig and Rich, New York.

Gift of Mr Romney Gibbons: *Stamp Collecting*, Volumes 1-8, 10-23 bound.

Gift of Mr Eric Creed: *The West Indies, A Research Document*, W. G. Stitt-Dibden, London 1966.

Gift of Mr P. Collas: *Postage Stamps of The Red Cross*, Derek Ingram, London 1919; *The Red Cross and Philately, 1863-1963*, Geneva 1963; *The Basic Type Meter Stamp Catalog*, Walter Swan, Corinth N.Y. 1959; *A History of the Postmarking of Mail in Great Britain, 1661-1939*, H. N. Soper, London (no date); *Postage Stamp Catalogue of Republic of China, 1878-1957*, Director General of Posts, Taiwan 1957; Sale Catalogue, 'Frederick H. Gloeckner' Greece, Vlastos Auctions, Athens, 10 Dec. 1986; *Postage Stamp Catalogue of Japan*, 1st Ed. 1960, K. Hatate, Tokyo 1960; *Japanese Postage Stamp Catalogue 1966*, All Japan Stamp Dealers' Union, Tokyo 1966; *Japanese Stamp Catalogue, Illustrated in Colours*, Philatelic Society, Tokyo, 1968; *Histoire de la Principauté De Monaco Par Ses Timbres Poste*, H. Chiavassa, Monaco 1955; *Spain, La Marca De Porteo A*, Signo de Abono O De Franquicia, Pedro Monge, Madrid 1950.



# THE ROYAL SYDNEY PHILATELIC CLUB

## *Invitation*

Visitors are always welcome at meetings of the Royal Sydney Philatelic Club.

As stated in the club's advertisement which appears on the inside back cover of every issue of *Philately from Australia*, it meets on the second Tuesday of each month, on the seventh floor, G.U.I.O.O.F. Buliding, 149 Castlereagh Street. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m.

Anybody wishing to contact the secretary, Mr Frederick Daniell, can ring him at 28-3874, or at home, at 90-8517, or write him at the society's address, Box 1751, Sydney 2001.

Needless to say, it is not necessary to contact him before visiting the society.

The newly-elected president of the Royal Sydney Philatelic Club, Mr John Powell, compered the display of the Pacific Islands Circle as Col. F. V. Thompson, the convener, was unable to attend because of his wife's illness.

Six members of the Circle gave the display at the August meeting.

Mr Pentacost, who showed Papua from 1907-39, which was well written up and annotated.

Mr R. A. Baldwin showed New Zealand Dependencies - Niue, Aitutaki and Penrhyn Islands, early issues, mint and used.

Mr R. Evans selected German New Guinea Postal Stationery and North-West Pacific Islands.

Mr Pike showed British Solomon Islands. A rare registered cover with large canoes in combination with 2½d. and 3d. N.S.W. stamps and a cover of N.S.W. stamps used from British Solomon Islands before the issue of the large canoes were included. The large canoes in strips of six showing the six varieties of most values and several sheets of stamps overprinted 'Specimen'.

Mr Riddle displayed covers used during the Second World War 1942-44 period at Port Moresby and Finschhafen. These were well received as they covered the military, naval and air force activities of the time.

Mr J. H. Powell showed the German Yacht type, mint and used and outlying village postmarks on cover and piece, and forgeries of the Yacht type of German Samoa.

## *Display by Eastwood-Epping*

The September meeting was a particularly happy occasion when the members of Eastwood-Epping Philatelic Society were our guests and provided the display. The exhibits were of a high standard and reflected the enthusiasm of this flourishing suburban society.

The following is a brief list: Illustrated story of the Falkland Islands, Mrs Cockburn; Antarctica, Mrs Helen McKie; France, Mr Paul Storm; Tonga, Mr Hammond; Papua, Mr Trigg; Israel, Mr Kele-

men; Vatican, Mr McDougall; 'Various', Mr Alan Watkins.

## *Popular Choice Competition*

Entries in the Popular Choice Competition at the October meeting were: Nauru, Colonel F. V. Thompson; Greece, Mr G. A. George; New Guinea, Mr J. Powell; Apollo 11, Mr V. Brown; Sweden, Miss Mary Salier; Music, Mrs V. Brown; Philatelic Exhibitions, Mrs Powell.

First place went to Mr J. Powell with second place to Mr G. A. George and third to Mrs V. Brown.

## *States Study Circle*

The vice-president, Mr Victor Frankenstein, F.R.P.S.L., convener of The States Study Circle, must have felt heartened at the good rollup of members to view the display of Australian States' stamps in November.

Mr Frankenstein showed twelve sheets of New South Wales with early post office cancellations. These were Sydney Views, cancelled with obliterated 1 to 25. There was a representation of most of the early issues, including Diadem 2d. Plate 1, stamp No. 24 retouch, all three stages and perf 12.

Mr Slade-Slade followed with ten sheets of South Australia and ten sheets of Western Australia. There was a little postal history in addition to some of the later surcharged issues; also some postal fiscals.

Some entires, covering postal rates, were included for South Australia, as well as a few of the "Long" stamps, indicating the diversity found in the various printings.

Mr Mark Dankin provided a selection of early Tasmania, with a page of 1853 1d. "Courier", some 4d. octagonals and the three values of the Chalon heads on wmk Star, unwatermarked, and pelure papers. Also a page with 1d. compound perf. in a block of four and 1d wmk "2".

From Mr Theo Stone came the Victorian issues, with plating of some of the early Ham Half Lengths, the obliterated value 2d. (Ham's sixth printing) and plating of Ham's printing of the 2d. Queen on Throne. Notable items were the 1854 blue octagonal 1/- imperf, also the imperf Calvert 6d. orange woodblock and the later black issue, the Boer War charity stamps, a sheet of the high value "Long" stamps, and the 1885 4d. error of colour.

Of the Queensland section, we saw the rare registered double print, sheets of early flaws, and one page showing the effect of mercury in the ink on the copper plates. Two copies of the green 6d. issued 1902 with value in only two corners, and a study of the Boer War Charity stamps including the artist's drawing of the one penny issue.

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