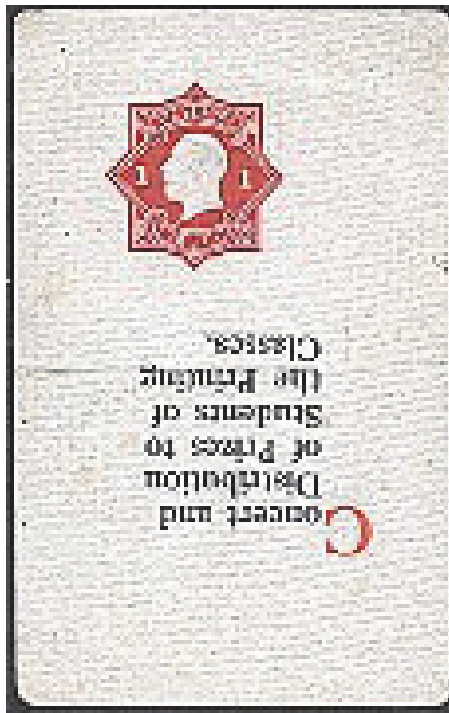


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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the first issue of the Postal Stationery Collector for 2017. This issue includes the second part of Mark Diserio’s article marking the centenary of the ‘Wilby’ stamped envelopes of Australia as well as articles on the engraver Rudolf Philipp Laubenheimer, Marshall Island advertising postal stationery, flaws on Australian National Park envelopes and Dominican Republic wrappers as well as the usual columns. Please note that pdf versions of recent issues of the PSC are available to members by emailing the Editor.

Hobart National One-frame exhibition 18-20 November 2016

Hobart 2016 was held at the Hobart Town Hall on 18–20 November 2016 and was a National One-Frame Exhibition. There were four postal stationery exhibits:

| | | |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| Murray Collins | K.U.T. Postal Stationery - The First Issue | 81 Large Vermeil |
| Joan Orr | Australia 33c Aerogrammes - 1981 Issues | 82 Large Vermeil |
| Mark Diserio | Australia: KGV 1d Oval embossed die: 1928-37 | 85 Gold |
| Alex Nuijten | Fur collar lettercards of the Netherlands 1906-18 | 85 Gold |

Adelaide Stampex and Australasian Challenge 7-9 October 2016

Five postal stationery exhibits, including one youth exhibit, were shown at *Adelaide Stampex 2016* held in Adelaide on 7-9 October 2016. The Exhibition hosted the Australasian Challenge which was a team competition between the six states of Australia, the Australian Capital Territory and the North Island of New Zealand (the winner of the Championship).

| | | |
|-----------------|---|---------------|
| Ian McMahon | Postal Stationery of Canada Issued during the Reign of King George VI | 87 Gold |
| Nancy Gray | The King George V Envelopes of Australia | 93 Large Gold |
| Philip Levine | Gold Coast Postal Stationery | 89 Gold |
| Alexandra Parry | Australian Animals on Pre-stamped Envelopes, 1st Issue (Youth) | 79 Vermeil |
| Glen Stafford | Nicaraguan Postal Stationery - The Seebeck Era | 92 Large Gold |

Philataipei World Stamp Championship 2016

There were two Australian postal stationery exhibits at Philataipei World Stamp Championship 2016:

| | | |
|------------|--|------------------|
| Gary Brown | Postal stationery of Natal | 88 Large Vermeil |
| Nancy Gray | The King George V Envelopes of Australia | 88 Large Vermeil |



The Postal Stationery jury team at Taipei 2016

China 2016 33rd Asian International Stamp Exhibition 2-6 December 2016 Nanning,



There were five Australian postal stationery exhibits at *China 2016, 33rd Asian International Stamp Exhibition* with Darryl Fuller received the Grand Prix D'Honneur for his exhibit Leeward Islands Postal stationery (*left: receiving his prize*). Other Australian exhibits were:

- Ian McMahon New Zealand Postal Stationery
Queen Victoria – King George V 90 Gold
- Raymond Todd Sweden Postal Stationery 1872-1897 90 Gold
- Elsa Todd Australian Registered Envelopes – From
the Kangaroo to George VI 81 Vermeil
- Glen Stafford Nicaragua Postal Stationery - The Seebeck Era 90 Gold



Melbourne 2017 Asian International Stamp Exhibition

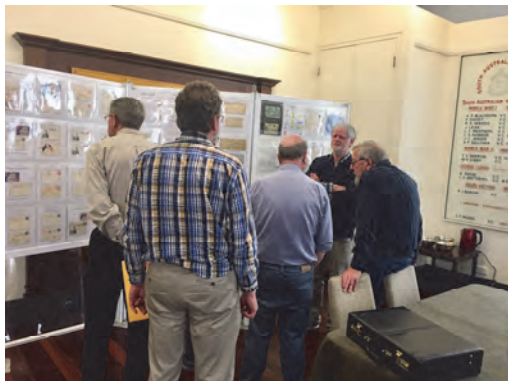
The next major exhibition in Australia to include a postal stationery class will be Melbourne 2017 to be held 30 Mar - 2 Apr 2017. This exhibition is an Asian International stamp exhibition and should include a strong postal stationery class with many exhibits from Australian exhibitors and of postal stationery from the Asian area representing a great opportunity to see some exciting postal stationery exhibits. Further information can be found at <http://melbourne2017.com.au>.

Royalpex 2017 24-26 November Hamilton, New Zealand.

As Australia will be hosting an Asian Exhibition next year there will be no National postal stationery competition but, due to the accord between the Australian and New Zealand Philatelic Federations, Australian postal stationery exhibitors will be able to enter the New Zealand national exhibition, *Royalpex 2017*, to be held 24-26 November in Hamilton, New Zealand.

Postal Stationery Society of Australia Meetings

The Postal Stationery Society of Australia (PSSA) held meetings at Adelaide Stampex 2016, Mandurah 2016 and Hobart One-Frame National 2016 each of which was focused on the postal stationery of the Australian states including reports on research being undertaken on Tasmania and New South Wales.



Viewing Fleet Cards and New South Wales stationery at the PSSA Meeting Adelaide Stampex 2016

The meeting at Adelaide Stampex 2016 was held on Sunday 9 October 2016 with Michael Blinman presenting a display on American Fleet Postcards and Dingle Smith showing New South Wales 'Specimen' overprints. Nineteen people attended the meeting which included a brief report on progress with the NSW Catalogue.

There were displays of Western Australian postal stationery and early Fiji from John Dibiase and Ross Duberal respectively at the PSSA meeting at Mandurah 2016 on Friday 4 November. Nineteen people attended the meeting which included brief reports on progress with the NSW Catalogue and the website.

The meeting at Hobart 2016 on 20 November included a report on the research being undertaken by Allen Shatten on Tasmanian postal stationery and a display on Tasmanian PTPO envelopes by Malcolm Groom. Fifteen people attended the meeting including visiting UK judges, Christine Earle and Patrick Reid.



PSSA Meetings Mandurah 2016 (left) and Hobart 2016 (right).

FROM THE SECRETARY

Judy Kennett

Email address for Secretary

Just to say it again – the email address for the Secretary is now jkennett5@tpg.com.au

Resignations

We have resignations from Linda Lee and Ken Moore, both long-standing members.

Membership

New members are always welcome, as are those who re-join after a spell. Enquiries about membership from collectors of postal stationery from different countries and periods are always dealt with promptly, with application forms being sent by email wherever possible.

Recent meetings of PSSA

There were three informal gatherings of Society members in October and November 2016, in widely scattered parts of the country. They were at Adelaide Stampex 2016 on 9 October, at Mandurah 2016 on 4 November, and at Hobart One-Frame National 2016 on 20 November. Ian McMahan was able to attend all these exhibitions and chaired the meetings. Such gatherings are important for the Society, and PSSA is grateful to the various organisers for these opportunities to meet with our scattered membership, and with visitors with similar interests.

Melbourne 2017 International

Preparations continue for this important regional exhibition. It will be held at Caulfield Racecourse Function Centre on 30 March – 2 April 2017. Entries have now closed, but information is available at the website www.melbourne2017.com.au. Contact is Gary Brown at garyjohn951@optusnet.com.au or at PO Box 106, Briar Hill Vic 3088. There is a write-up with illustrations in *APF News December 2016*, and in *Stamp Bulletin January – February 2017*.

PSSA is planning to hold a meeting at Melbourne 2017 on Sunday morning 2 April 2017, following a postal stationery seminar. Further information about these events will be sent to members by email once the details have been confirmed.

Wayne Menuz will be visiting from USA, and we expect other overseas people will be coming. This will be an opportunity to see some great postal stationery!

Development of PSSA website

This remains a work in progress for the present. The developer hopes to resume work soon.

Christmas greetings from Switzerland

See below an image of a ' lettersheet ' with Christmas greetings from our Swiss member Peter Fink.

Finally, a happy New Year to all our members!

Judy Kennett
Secretary



FEEDBACK

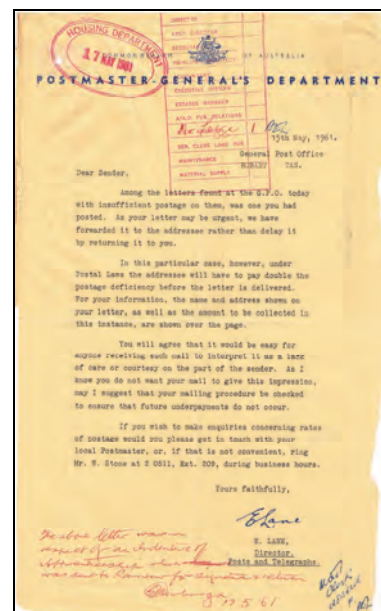
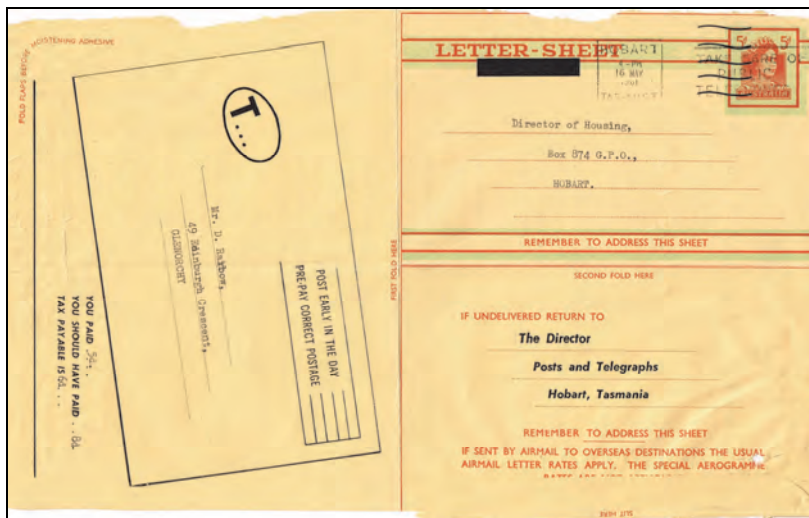
The 1961 QEII Lettersheet of Australia – Official use.

Over the past 10-11 years I have been trying to form a listing of the numbers from each State for the two forms used during the years 1961 and 1962 for the purposes of retrieving the amount due on underpaid items sent through the Australian Post Office. Ref. PSC Vol.15 No. 1 Issue 57 May 2009.

Mark Diserio in his article (PSC Vol.22 No.2 Issue No.86 May 2016) has added another two used to the listing for the second campaign: 5.4.1962 Melbourne (Geelong, V), and 18.5.1962 Sydney (Port Kembla NSW). This makes Melbourne used 5, and Sydney used 4. These do not include the (NPC) items.

In the Tasmania Online Auction late last year I was lucky enough to win another lettersheet from the first campaign. It was posted at Hobart/4 – PM/16 May 1961 TAS-AUST slogan postmark TAKE CARE OF/PUBLIC/TELEPHONES. The price is blacked out with a rectangular cachet and the stamp five line cancellation is present as normal for this first campaign. First recorded used for Hobart – making a total of 2.

Joan Orr

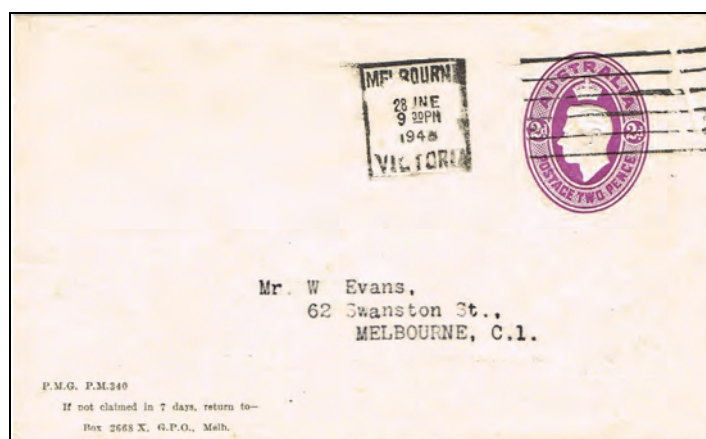


PTPO Permit Rate George VI Mauve Envelope

I have been sorting out my Bulletins and Magazines and find that I have many items which can update collectors' records on PTPO stationery. For instance:

PSC May 2013 No.74 Vol.19 No.2 page 54 and an update in *PSC* Vol.20 No.4 issue No.80 November 2014 page 100 by Mark Diserio contained information on a permit rate George VI mauve oval embossed envelope printed to private order for the sealed printed matter rate up to 4ozs in use from 1942 – 1950. The update showed a betting card for the turf agent H. L. Smith, Box 2668 X, G.P.O., Melb. This then recorded the user of P.M.G. P.M.340 as H. L. Smith. I have had one of these envelopes in my PTPO collection for many years written up as P.M.G. P.M. 340 H. L. Smith, Turf Agent. It is dated Melbourne/28 June 9.30PM/1948/VICTORIA. My copy has the printing at lower left in small, very fine lettering so it is an earlier printing.

Joan Orr



Queensland 1901 Presentation Stationery

Malcolm Groom drew to my attention the Spink Auction No 16044 of The John Clemente Collection of Tasmania Postal History which included as Lot 531 a set of 1901 Queensland Federal Presentation Stamps and Postal Stationery that were presented to Federal Parliamentarians on the eve of the amalgamation of the states' postal departments into a federal department. The set included four postcards, a lettercard and two wrappers cancelled with the "Brisbane/T.C." (Telegraph Counter) datestamp MR 9 01.

Ian McMahon

UPU SPECIMENS WITH RECEIVING MARKS

John Vassallo has provided two examples of Maltese postal stationery overprinted SPECIMEN for UPU distribution which have an additional receiving handstamp *POSTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HMB* thought to be of the Home Mail Branch of the GPO London.



**RUDOLF PHILIPP LAUBENHEIMER, ENGRAVER, DIE SINKER AND MEDAL MAKER
(1833 – 1905)**

Glen Stafford



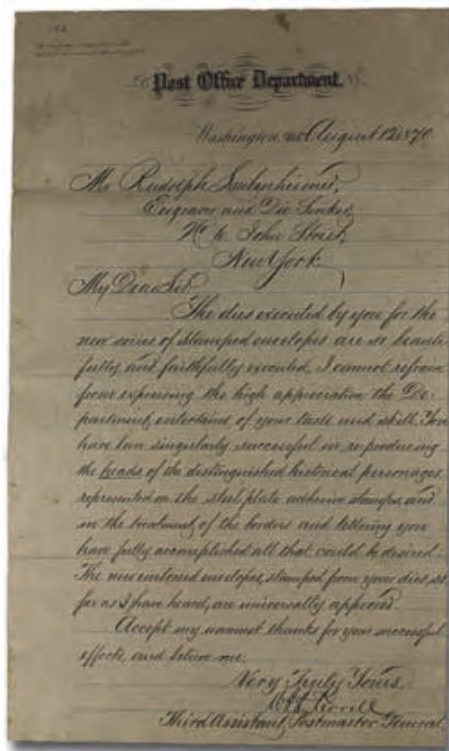
Rudolf Laubenheimer was born on the 11th of July 1833 in the small town of Meisenheim am Glan in Hesse Homburg, Germany. While growing up in Germany he showed such talent at drawing and painting that he was sent to Holland and apprenticed there to an engraver. Over time, Rudolf also became an excellent allegorical designer, pencil artist and caricaturist.

On the 18th of May 1851, at the age of 17, Rudolf sailed to America aboard the sailing ship *William Tell*, departing from Le Havre, France. After a voyage of 26 days he arrived at the Battery in New York. He had \$3.50 worth of silver foreign coins in his pocket from sketches he had made and sold to passengers and crew on board during his journey.

After learning some English, he obtained employment with the engraving firm of John Hoole Senior, where he remained for several years, while not living far from the Battery. During 1855, Rudolf made caricature sketches of some of the men in the engraving shop of John Hoole Senior. The subjects of his sketches included John Hoole, Sutloff the foreman, E Kessler and E. Edler. Those sketches are still in the family's possession.

In 1858 he started his own office as a cameo die sinker and medal maker at 6 John Street. After 1870 he moved his office to 54 Barclay Street and finally to 241 Broadway opposite City Hall Park, where it remained for the last 25 years of his life.

On the 4th of January 1863 he married Henrietta Zimmer with whom he had five sons, but only Ernest lived beyond the age of 12. Ernest followed in his father's footsteps and became a vignette litho-engraver; he worked for American Bank Note Company (1913-1918) and was still active in his eighties. On the 27th of August, 1866 Rudolf obtained his American Citizenship. Rudolf's wife died in 1878 and he never remarried. [Note 1]



Cameo Engraving for Postal Stationery Envelopes

Rudolf Laubenheimer engraved all of the dies for the United States 1870-71 Postal Stationery Envelopes: the 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 7c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c, and 90c values. He also created essays for the 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c and 12c values. All of the envelopes were printed by George H Reay.

The US 1870 Laubenheimer dies for George H Reay's envelopes were far superior to the previous Nesbit envelope dies. The Third Assistant Postmaster General was so impressed that in an 1870 letter to Rudolf he wrote:

*My Dear Sir,
The dies executed by you for the new series of stamped envelopes are so beautifully and faithfully executed. I cannot refrain from expressing the high appreciation ... [Note 2]*

Rudolf also engraved the stationery envelope dies for Argentina Republic 1878 5c, 8c, 16c, and 24c; El Salvador 1885 5c light blue, 1890 blank value master die essay for the envelopes and wrappers, and the 5c blue Half Real Liberty head and the engraving for the lithographed 1891 10c and oval.

In his time, he also engraved the following:

- the Canada 1898 3c Queen Victoria envelope for the American Bank Note Company;
- Ecuador 1887 5c and 10c envelopes;
- Chile 1872 5c Columbus;
- Honduras 1891, 1892 and 1894 master die essays with blank values;
- Brazil 1882 20r Dom Pedro;
- Peru 1870 50c envelope;
- Nicaragua 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1895 master die essays with blank values engraved on steel for lithographing;
- Ecuador 1887 5c, 1891 10c and 1892 1c and 2c wrappers, of which black die proofs were printed side by side on the same paper.



Note 1: Summary biography information came from data and documents supplied by Ernest Laubenheimer, a litho-engraver of vignettes.

Note 2: As described in a letter dated 12th August 1870 to Rudolf Laubenheimer from W.H.H. Terrell, the Third Assistant Postmaster General.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 'WILBY' EMBOSSED ENVELOPES (PART 2)

Mark Diserio

Continued from PSC November 2016

The envelope 'knife' for the UPU issues is the same as for the Cooke DPMG 'proof' envelopes provided for each of the DPMGs (Figures 1-4) and different to that of the envelopes stamped to order for P T Berry (see Figures 5 and 10). However, the 1d envelope was taken from Cooke's envelope stock as it is the same as Cooke's first issue of 1d envelopes to the Post Office. The ½d and 2d values are on different paper stock to the 1d, although the knife of the envelopes is the same for each. The different dates of the cancel (see Figures 11, 12 and 13) with the dates of the ½d and 2d being later than the 1d, is probably explained because the ½d and 2d values were not sold by the Post Office and envelopes had to be acquired by Cooke for stamping of these values, as requested by the Post Office.

Brusden-White indicates that 390 of each of the ½d and 2d values were forwarded by the Printer to the Post Office on 30 June 1916. The 1d values must have been forwarded earlier, since they received an earlier CDS.



Figure 1 – DPMG proof of ½d envelope (see Document No. 14)



Figure 2 – DPMG proof of 1d envelope (see Document No. 14)

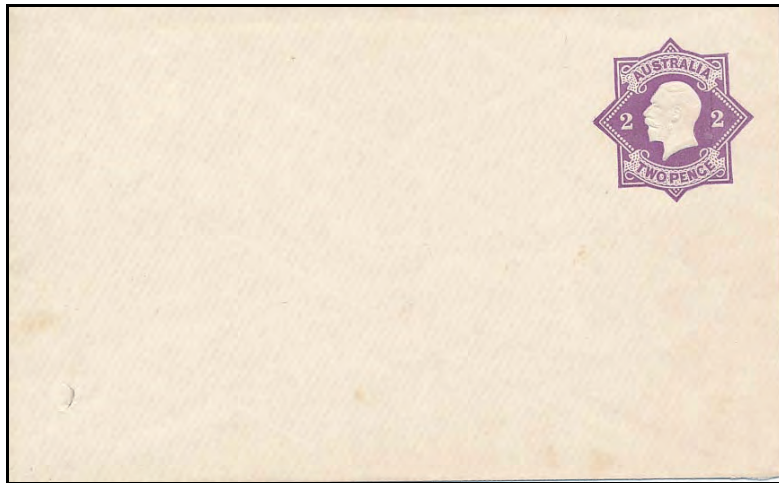


Figure 3 – DPMG proof of 2d envelope (see Document No. 14)



Figure 4 - showing envelope 'knife' of DPMG proof envelopes



Figure 5 – each value was stamped-to-order for PT Berry and addressed to him in his hand and cancelled on the day they were received by him

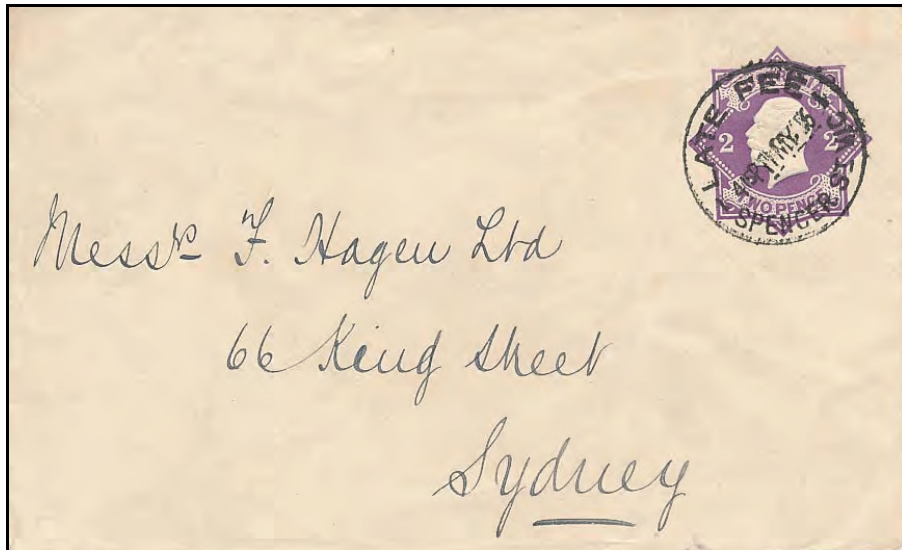


Figure 6 - sent by PT Berry to Hagen on the day he received his order of envelopes back from the printer

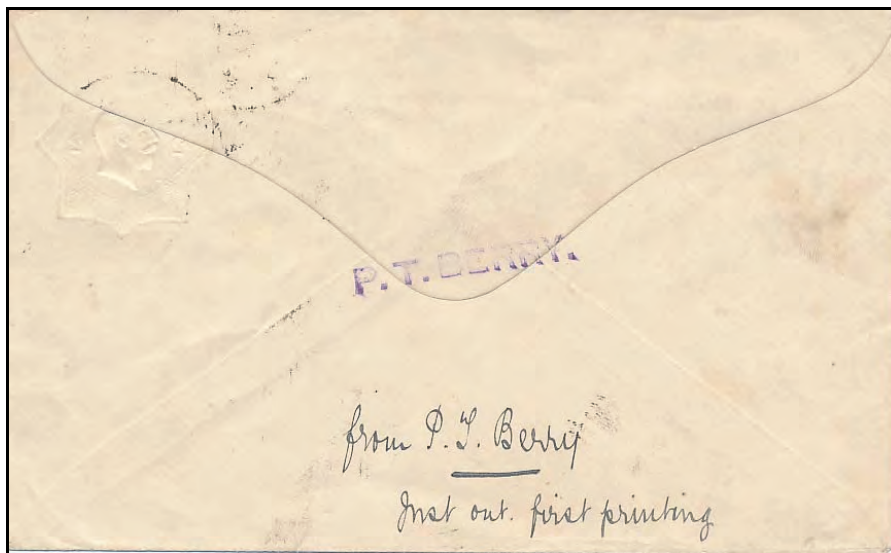


Figure 7 - back of Hagen envelope

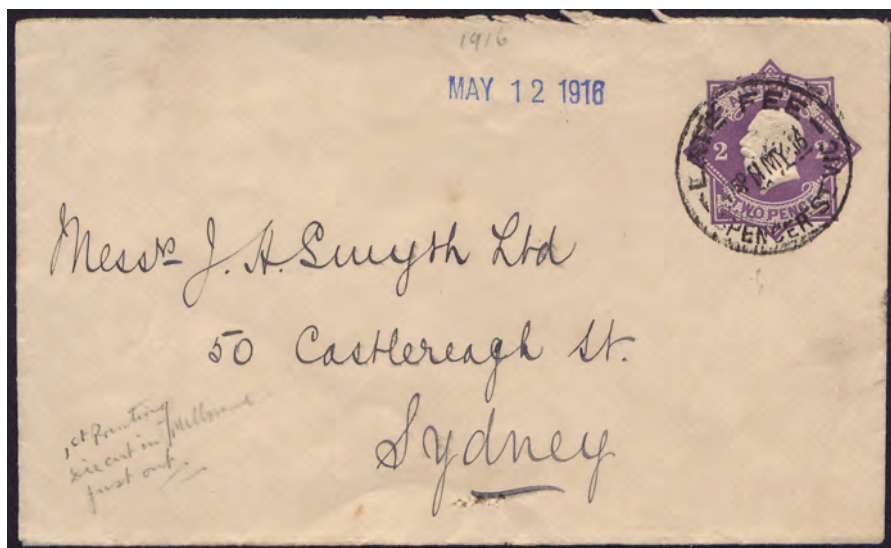


Figure 8 - Berry also sent a 2d value to Smyth



Figure 9 - back of the Symth envelope



Figure 10 - showing knife of the Berry STO envelopes (note the difference from the knife of the DPMG proof envelopes)



Figure 11 - 1/2d (on Post Office procured stock) for UPU distribution and cancelled 3 July 1916



Figure 12 - 1d (on Post Office procured stock) for UPU distribution and cancelled 26 June 1916



Figure 13 - 2d (on Post Office procured stock) for UPU distribution and cancelled 3 July 1916

There is no archival documentation about the basis of the Wilby design. However, it bears a striking similarity to the designs used on the 1d post cards of Great Britain in the period 1879 to 1911 (see Figure 14).¹¹



Figure 14 - the possible inspiration for Wilby's design?

¹¹ See also H Dagnall, *The Evolution of British Stamped Postcards & Letter Cards* (1985).

The colour of the 2d envelope is not explained in any of the discovered archival records. In Document No. 1 Cooke states that the embossed values will be printed in the same colours as the adhesive stamps. The fact that the 2d value was violet (and not grey as for the 2d kangaroo adhesive stamp and for envelopes stamped-to-order before May 1916) might be explained by Cooke following the same colour that was used for the 2d embossed value for Victoria, Tasmania (on wrappers from at least 1912) and the surface printed 2d envelope he produced for South Australia. It is noted that the existence of the Wilby design on envelopes dated 11 May 1916 (see Figures 5, 6 and 8) remains a mystery as the date of entry of the relevant printings in the printing records (RBA NP-S-9 Folio 46) indicates the date as 12 May 1916, with the following quantities:

| Victoria | New South Wales |
|------------|-----------------|
| ½d – 3,970 | ½d – 2,000 |
| 1d – 7,532 | 1d – 2,980 |
| 2d – 1,000 | Nil |

The first issue of the 1d value to Tasmania was on 18 May 1916 and to Queensland and South Australia on 22 May 1916. These were all stamped-to-order envelopes. The first issue of 1d Post Office envelopes was to Victoria on 22 June 1916.



Figure 15 was part of Samuel Reading's personal effects and was sold to Max Stern & Co by an elderly man who walked in and introduced himself as Samuel Reading junior, and who took out a handful of old Australian, Victorian and Papuan postage stamps, stationery and scraps of paper.¹² The proof was subsequently acquired by Eric Norden and then by the Rev JCW Brown. It was subsequently acquired by John Sinfield and was sold by *Prestige Philately*, Sale No 112, 20 November 2004, lot 478. The provenance of the Wilby Essay (see Figure 16) is the same and was lot 473 in the sale. The present whereabouts of both items is not known to me.

Figure 15 (left) – 1d die proof by Samuel Reading



Figure 16 Essay of the approved design (Document 9).

¹² "The Max Factor" by Julie Szego in *The Melbourne Magazine* 27 April 2007 p52 (part of the Age).

Document No. 9

PP 15/1458



P.M.G. 3-
15/13529

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
NO. G.7811/15.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY.



POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Melbourne, 14th July, 1915.

MEMORANDUM to

The Secretary,
Commonwealth Treasury,
Melbourne.

G.7811/15. Proposed purchase of steel dies
for embossing envelopes.

With reference to my memorandum of the 26th
ultimo, number and subject as above, and to the interview
the Commonwealth Stamp Printer (Mr Cook) had with me
recently, I am directed to inform you that the Postmaster
General has approved of the adoption for all the issues
of the ^{2d} stamp design submitted.

Papers

2. Your papers are returned herewith.

Justinian Osunkan

Secretary.

The Secy. ? Return Mr Harrison's specimen of a
Costa Rica stamp (embossed).

? Advise Stamp Printer of decision
of P.M.G. General

J.M. 28/7/15

*from balance
15/17019
PP 15/15*

Yes JLB 24/8/15

AUG 25 Recd

S.P. 24/8/15

February 2017

Document No. 10

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.



STAMP PRINTING BRANCH,
(DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY),
FLINDERS-STREET EXTENSION,

Melbourne, 15th September 1915

S i r,

According to instructions conveyed in your minute of the 8th instant, regarding engraving of three steel dies for embossing, I have had an interview with Mr. S. Reading, have shown him the approved design also the workmanship required, and he has signed an undertaking to execute the work in four months at £80, that is to say, each die according to his original price will cost £20, and I recommend that his offer to do the work be accepted, and the order issued to him for the same.

The specification signed by Mr. S. Reading is attached to this file.

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. W. Cooke".

Commonwealth Stamp Printer.

The Secretary,

Commonwealth Treasury.

Document No. 11

COMMONWEALTH
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SPECIFICATION FOR ENGRAVING THREE STEEL EMBOSSING DIES

Required for the purpose of embossing envelopes three steel dies to be cut according to design to be supplied.

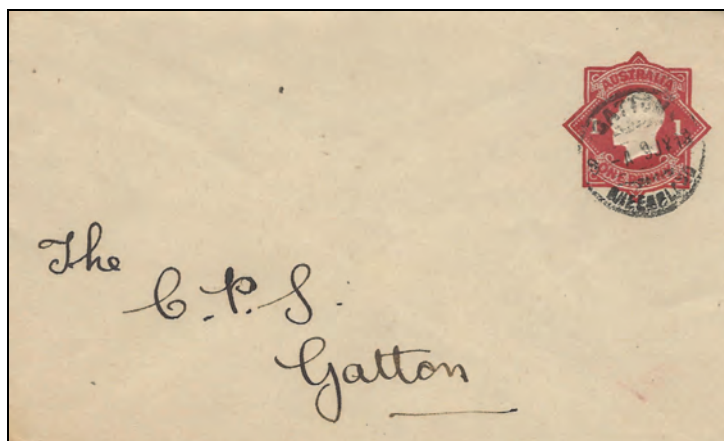
The workmanship throughout to be of the highest order possible, and to be subject to the entire approval of the Commonwealth Stamp Printer.

The dies to be cut in steel and after cutting to be hardened.

Time allowed for cutting the three dies referred to, four months from the date of the issuing of the official order.

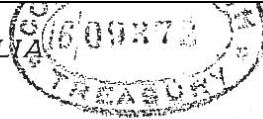
I beg to state that I am prepared to execute the whole of the work of cutting the three dies referred to in accordance with the above specification for the sum of £60.

Samuel Reading



Document No. 12

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA



STAMP PRINTING BRANCH,
(DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY),
FLINDERS-STREET EXTENSION,

Melbourne 11th April 1916



S i r,

I beg to report that Mr. Samuel Reading, of this city, has completed the three steel dies to be used, in future, for embossing the ½d., 1d. and 2d. stamps on envelopes of which we issue about 100,000 a week, and herewith beg to submit proofs for the final approval of the Postmaster-General.

It will be remembered that there was a difference of opinion as to whether we should send to London to have the dies engraved or entrust the work to a local engraver. The statement was made, that the work could not be satisfactorily performed in Australia. I am of opinion that the engraver has been ~~fortunate~~ fortunate in his effort to turn out a first class die, the engraving of the head being equal to anything we could have obtained in London, and we have given the Australian an opportunity of showing his skill.

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

your obedient servant,

Commonwealth Stamp Printer.

ENCLOSURES

The Secretary,

M 16/9372

PHONE: CENTRAL 5551.



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TREASURY

P.M.G. 3.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

RETAIN

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G.16/4648.
ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Melbourne, 3rd May 1916.



Memorandum to the Secretary,
Commonwealth Treasury,
Melbourne.

16/9372. Embossing of ½d, 1d, and 2d, stamps on envelopes.

With reference to your memorandum of the 26th ultimo, number and subject as above, I am to inform you the Postmaster General has approved of the adoption of dies, as per proofs submitted with that memorandum, for the embossing of ½d, 1d and 2d stamps on envelopes.

2. I shall be glad if you will kindly furnish me with six additional proofs of each die so that the Deputy Postmasters General may be suitably advised.

chc

Justina Benham
Secretary

Referred to the Stamp Printer with request that the additional proofs asked for be forwarded to this office.

*Returned to Commonwealth Treasury.
Proofs for transmission to the
P.M.G. as requested herewith
J. Woodner*

By Benham



MARSHALL ISLANDS POSTAL STATIONERY WITH ADVERTISING

Steven Zirinsky

The Marshall Islands Postal Service uses its postal stationery postcards and lettercards for official business with advertising printed on the front of the stationery mostly to US addresses. A list of known postcards and lettercards and the advertisements is given below and can also be found at http://www.zirinskystamps.com/Publications/web_publications/Marshall_Islands_Stationery.pdf. Any further information on this practice would be appreciated.

| No | Description | Date Issued | Size | Comments |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------|--|
| Postal Cards | | | | |
| PC01 | 20c Elvis Presley | 35254 | #6 | |
| PC01a | 20c Elvis Presley | 35254 | #6 | ELVIS! - 1996 Coin |
| PC01b | 20c Elvis Presley | 35438 | #6 | ELVIS! - Remember the King (Sheetlet & FDC) |
| PC01c | 20c Elvis Presley | 35438 | #6 | ELVIS! - Remember the King 1967 (Coin & FDC) |
| PC02 | 20c Heavenly Angels | 35312 | #6 | |
| PC02a | 20c Heavenly Angels | 35312 | #6 | Angels! - Christmas Coin |
| PC02b | 20c Heavenly Angels | 35312 | #6 | Angels! - Timeless Beauty |
| PC03.1 | 20c Walop of Enewetak | 35304 | #6 | |
| PC03.1a | 20c Walop of Enewetak | 35352 | #6 | Ford - Stamps |
| PC03.1b | 20c Walop of Enewetak | 35353 | #6 | Majestic Cats |
| PC03.1c | 20c Walop of Enewetak | 35353 | #6 | All Aboard! |
| PC03.1d | 20c Walop of Enewetak | 35353 | #6 | Red Baron |
| PC03.1e | 20c Walop of Enewetak | 35425 | #6 | Ford - Coins |
| PC03.1f | 20c Walop of Enewetak | 35425 | #6 | New Year 1997! |
| PC03.1g | 20c Walop of Enewetak | 35475 | #6 | All Aboard! |
| PC03.1h | 20c Walop of Enewetak | 35482 | #6 | Space Shuttles! |
| PC03.1i | 20c Walop of Enewetak | 35489 | #6 | Heroes of WWII |
| PC03.1j | 20c Walop of Enewetak | 35501 | #6 | Last Supper |
| PC03.1k | 20c Walop of Enewetak | 35508 | #6 | Heroes of the Korean War! |
| PC03.1l | 20c Walop of Enewetak | 35536 | #6 | Wolf! |
| PC03.1m | 20c Walop of Enewetak | 35642 | #6 | John F Kennedy |
| PC03.2 | 20c Walop of Jaluit | 35304 | #6 | |
| PC03.2a | 20c Walop of Jaluit | 35352 | #6 | Ford Stamps |
| PC03.2b | 20c Walop of Jaluit | 35352 | #6 | Ford Celebrates 100 years |
| PC03.2c | 20c Walop of Jaluit | 35353 | #6 | Majestic Cats |
| PC03.2d | 20c Walop of Jaluit | 35353 | #6 | All Aboard! |
| PC03.2e | 20c Walop of Jaluit | 35425 | #6 | New Year 1997! |
| PC03.2f | 20c Walop of Jaluit | 35425 | #6 | Ford Coins |
| PC03.2g | 20c Walop of Jaluit | 35501 | #6 | The Last Supper |
| PC03.2h | 20c Walop of Jaluit | 35621 | #6 | "Old Ironsides!" |
| PC03.2i | 20c Walop of Jaluit | 35353 | #6 | Red Baron |
| PC03.3 | 20c Tipnol of Ailuk | 35304 | #6 | |
| PC03.3a | 20c Tipnol of Ailuk | 35353 | #6 | All Aboard! |
| PC03.3b | 20c Tipnol of Ailuk | 35425 | #6 | Ford - Coins |
| PC03.3c | 20c Tipnol of Ailuk | 35482 | #6 | Space Shuttles! |
| PC03.3d | 20c Tipnol of Ailuk | 35489 | #6 | Heroes of World War II |
| PC03.3e | 20c Tipnol of Ailuk | 35501 | #6 | Last Supper |
| PC03.3f | 20c Tipnol of Ailuk | 35508 | #6 | Heroes of the Korean War! |

Postal Stationery Collector

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|--------------|--------------------------|-------|----|------------------------------------|
| PC03.3g | 20c Tipnol of Ailuk | 35536 | #6 | Wolf! |
| PC03.3h | 20c Tipnol of Ailuk | 35621 | #6 | "Old Ironsides!" |
| PC03.4 | 20c Racing Canoe Kor Kor | 35304 | #6 | |
| PC03.4a | 20c Racing Canoe Kor Kor | 35352 | #6 | Ford Celebrates 100 years |
| PC03.4b | 20c Racing Canoe Kor Kor | 35353 | #6 | Majestic Cats |
| PC03.4c | 20c Racing Canoe Kor Kor | 35425 | #6 | New Year 1997! |
| PC03.4d | 20c Racing Canoe Kor Kor | 35352 | #6 | Ford - Coins |
| PC03.4e | 20c Racing Canoe Kor Kor | 35482 | #6 | Space Shuttles! |
| PC03.4f | 20c Racing Canoe Kor Kor | 35501 | #6 | The Last Supper |
| PC03.4g | 20c Racing Canoe Kor Kor | 35508 | #6 | Heroes of the Korean War! |
| PC03.4h | 20c Racing Canoe Kor Kor | 35557 | #6 | Heroes of the Korean War! (postal) |
| PC03.4i | 20c Racing Canoe Kor Kor | 35621 | #6 | "Old Ironsides" |
| PC03.4j | 20c Racing Canoe Kor Kor | 35642 | #6 | John F Kennedy |
| PC04 | 32c Pacific Turtle | 35496 | G | 6x9 |
| PC04a | 32c Pacific Turtle | 35522 | G | 20th Century |
| Letter Cards | | | | |
| LC01 | 32c US Navy Dauntless | 35600 | G | 9x12 |
| LC01a | 32c US Navy Dauntless | 35600 | G | 50th Ann of USAF |

Republic of the Marshall Islands
Postal Service - Majuro
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

ELVIS! This stunning Commemorative Coin and First Day Cover honor the King of Rockabilly the night of 1956 - **August 16th!**

On May 5, 1956 - the exact 40th Anniversary of the day Elvis Presley* headbroke through the Memphis (Tennessee) on Billboards top 100 for 1956 - a new commemorative coin and stamp were issued by the Republic of the Marshall Islands honoring this remarkable event. Now you can acquire the 1996 Elvis Presley 20 Commemorative Coin at Face Value... as well as the stunning First Edition of the stamp!

1996 Elvis Presley Commemorative Coin, \$5 (\$4), Total \$9 each...
Official First Day Cover \$1.75 (Total \$10.75)
Total Order: \$

Use your credit card and order now!
Call Toll Free 1-800-443-3232

2am-10pm Monday-Friday • 9am-5pm Saturday
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MR. GEORGE H. BAKA
3521 SAINT FRANCIS DRIVE
WILMINGTON, NC 28409-6944

PC01a

Republic of the Marshall Islands
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ANGELS! This stunning 1996 Heavenly Angels Christmas Coin, issued by the Republic of the Marshall Islands in 1994 and 1995, were so popular they sold out. The 1996 Heavenly Angels Christmas coin, inspired by Hesse Forster's 1916 masterpiece, is just as beautiful. And now you can acquire this extraordinary commemorative coin at Face Value! Since the 1996 Heavenly Angels Christmas coin makes a beautiful Christmas tree display ornament, an all-tracker ornament capsule is available for only \$1.50.

1996 Heavenly Angels Commemorative Coin, \$5 (\$4), Total \$9 each...
Oversize Capsule and seal, \$1.50 (includes shipping & handling... Total \$

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PC02a

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Ford Celebrate 100 Years on the Road with Ford!

On June 4, 1936, Henry Ford led down his first automobile. On June 4, 1996 - 100 years later - the 1996 Quadricycle was honored with postage stamps issued by the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Now you can acquire these beautiful stamps in mint condition or certified as First Editions on Official First Day Covers... at Face Value!

1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$4.00 (Total \$4.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$5.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$6.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$7.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$8.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$9.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$10.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$11.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$12.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$13.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$14.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$15.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$16.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$17.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$18.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$19.00)
1996 Quadricycle stamp, \$1.00 (Total \$20.00)

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The coming turn of the century has inspired...
THE ULTIMATE STAMP COLLECTION OF THE 20TH CENTURY!
Bring it home now.

No other stamp collection can tell the story of the 20th Century like this one. The opportunity to history collection starts April 10, 1997, with the Decade of New Frontiers. Inspired by the years 1960-1969, a complete Decade of 15 stamps highlights the events and people that shaped our history - from John F. Kennedy's historic moon landing to the Wright Brothers' first powered flight. Then, on October 15, 1997, the second Decade of 15 stamps - the Decade of Revolution and Great Ideas - will bring to life the years 1950-1959, from the large voyage of the Titanic to the real shots of the "War to End All Wars".

The unique collection continues in 1998 with three Decades depicting the fascinating 1930s, '40s and '50s. In 1999, three more Decades will capture the unforgettable 1980s, '90s and '00s. And in the year 2000, the 20th Century will reach its grand finale with ten Decades highlighting the dramatic 1900s and '10s. Over the Decade of New Frontiers today and will receive the complete series in your name. Each Decade will be sent on approval of Face Value - just as soon as you want. If you've had to the 20th Century, you own yourself the ultimate stamp collection of the 20th Century.

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PC04a

Republic of the Marshall Islands
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Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the United States Air Force!

Fifty years ago it was known as the U.S. Army Air Corps. But in 1947 the Air Force became a separate branch of America's armed forces. Since then, the men and women of the United States Air Force have stood ready to answer freedom's call around the world.

You can join all America in saluting these brave men and women - as well as many of the fascinating planes they've flown - by acquiring the World's Legendary Aircraft as extraordinary Official Mint Sheets and First Day Cover sets. Purchase the sheets and sets individually - or buy the entire squadron and you can even include America's Classic American Aircraft mint sheet or First Day Cover set. Quantities are limited, so call Toll Free 1-800-443-3232 today. Your satisfaction is guaranteed!

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LC01a

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"OLD IRONSIDES!"

Honoring the U.S.S. Constitution 200 years after launching - with this stunning Commemorative Coin, Complete Mint Sheet and Official First Day Cover in 1997. America launched the U.S.S. Constitution on Sept. 21 - nearly 200 years later - "Old Ironsides" will once again set sail on the Republic of the Marshall Islands, honoring this remarkable event. Now you can acquire the 1997 Old Ironsides Commemorative Coin at Face Value... as well as the stunning First Edition of the stamp!

1997 Old Ironsides Commemorative Coin, \$5 (\$4), Total \$9 each...
Official First Day Cover \$1.75 (Total \$10.75)
Total Order: \$

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APOFFA, FL 32709-2112

PC03.2h

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Heroes of the Korean War!

A piece of history you can hold in your hand - a stunning commemorative coin honoring all those who fought in the Korean War - yours at Face Value!

1997 Heroes of the Korean War Commemorative Coin, \$5 (\$4), Total \$9 each...
Total Order: \$

Use your credit card and order now!
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PC03.3f

Republic of the Marshall Islands
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New Year 1997!

This stunning Commemorative Coin and First Day Cover celebrate the Year of the Ox!

On January 2, 1997, the second year of the Chinese lunar calendar - the Year of the Ox - a new commemorative coin and stamp will be issued by the Republic of the Marshall Islands honoring the Year of the Ox. Now you can acquire the 1997 New Year 1997 Commemorative Coin at Face Value... as well as the Official First Day Cover at the Official Selling Price!

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Official First Day Cover \$1.75 (Total \$10.75)
Total Order: \$

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PC03.4c

NATIONAL PARK SERIES POSTAGE PREPAID ENVELOPES (PPES)

David Collyer

Since the introduction of photolithographic printing by Australia Post in 1977 there have been very few flaw studies principally because it was cost effective to replace a defective plate with a new one. Framas and some Pictorial Stamped Envelopes (PSEs) are areas where it has been possible to record constant flaws.

PSEs were introduced in 1977 with the Birds Definitive followed by commemorative issues. Until the mid-1980s considerable research was carried out in South Australia and published in *Stamp Talk*. Until October 1989 both definitive and commemorative issued were imprinted with the current letter rate denomination. From October 1989 the Definitive series were issued with the admonition "Postage Prepaid" and were called 'Postage Prepaid Envelopes (PPEs). This work looks at the first series of PPEs, the National Parks series, which were first issued in October 1989 and replaced by the Historic Building series in 1992.

The designs for the National Parks series come from the August 1989 series of definitive PSEs depicting national parks which were denominated 41c and announced in the August-September 1989 Philatelic Bulletin. Designed by Janet Boschen of the Australia Post Graphic Design Studio and printed by CPO (Leigh-Mardon), Melbourne. The October-December 1989 issue of the Philatelic Bulletin reported that the 'Kosciusko envelope had been reprinted in a paler shade and the background was in a deeper shade'.

The January-March 1990 issue of the Philatelic Bulletin announced that the Business Letters Group of Australia of Australia Post was marketing a new range of envelopes at the business sector. The new envelopes used the stamp area from the denominated series with the value replaced by the wording "Postage Prepaid". The designs used in the 1989 PSEs and the 1990 PPEs are given below:

| | 1989 (PSEs) | 1990 (PPEs) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Wilsons Promontory, Victoria | C6 | C5 (229 mm x 162 mm) |
| Uluru, NT | C6 | C4 (324 mm x 229 mm) |
| Fitzgerald River, WA | C6 | B4 (352 mm x 250 mm) |
| Kosciusko, NSW | C6 | |
| Flinders Ranges, SA | C6 1991 | C6 (114mm x 164 mm) |
| Cradle Mountain- Lake St Clair, Tas | DL | DL (220 mm x 110mm) |
| Millstream Falls | DL | DL (220 mm x 110 mm) |

A year later the January-February 1991 issue of the Philatelic Bulletin announced that the Postage Prepaid Envelopes were being revised. The images of National Parks were repositioned and changes were made to the text on the rear. This issue was being printed on re-cycled paper. The August-September 1991 issue of the Philatelic Bulletin reported that both plain face and window face DL size envelopes were now printed on re-cycled paper.





A summary of the issues is given below:



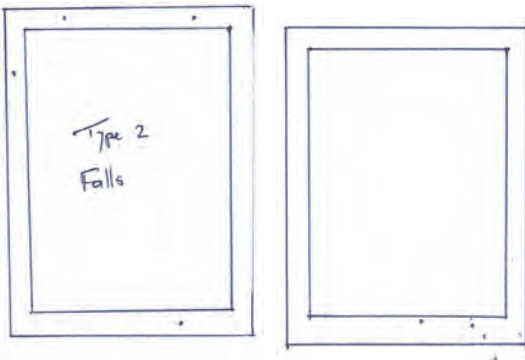
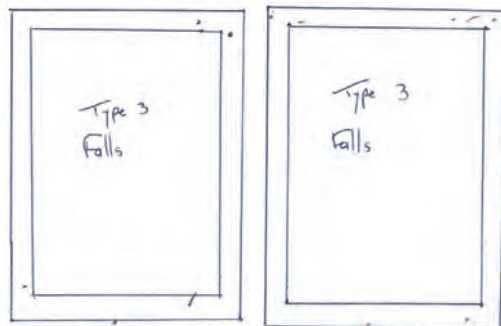
- 41c letter rate series – 1 August 1989 – blue background
- PPE 1 – 30 October 1989 – Olive green background, narrow white border
- PPE 2 – 16 May 1990 – Olive green background – wide white border
- PPE 3 – February 1991 – Olive green background- wide white border, Postcode squares.

The October-November 1991 issue of the Philatelic Bulletin announced the introduction of a C6 size envelope depicting the Flinders Rangers as either plain face or window face which was being trialled in NSW.

From 2 January 1992 the National Parks prepaid envelopes were replaced by a new series featuring Historic Houses.

The following study is a listing of flaws that have been noted mainly in the white boarded surrounding the view of the national park. The study is restricted to the DL and C 6 size envelopes as they were the most plentiful at the time

| | |
|--|--|
| <p><u>Cradle Mountain Type 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red dot in upper right corner • Red dot in top centre margin • Red dot in bottom of right margin • Green scratch in top left corner • Green dot top centre left outside Frame • Green dot top left |  |
| <p><u>Cradle Mountain Type 2</u></p> <p>Green Plate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green dot in bottom right corner • Green diagonal scratch in top left corner • Green vertical scratch in top left corner • Green dot in left margin above fallen tree • Green dot in frame above tree trunk <p>Red Plate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red dot in bottom frame above 'T': of Paid • Red dot at top of right vertical frames • Reversed "S" at top of right vertical frame Jan 91-May 92 • Red dot in top right corner Dec 90 – Jul 91 • Small red diagonal at right of top margin • Red dot in left frame above fallen tree • Group of red dots in left frame beside moss Jan-May 91 |  |
| <p><u>Cradle Mountain Type 3</u></p> <p>Green Plate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green dot in bottom frame between 'TA' of postage <p>Red Plate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red dot in bottom frame above 'S' of postage Aug 91 – Mar 93 • Red dot in bottom frame between 'ID' of paid Jul 91 – Feb 92 • Red dot outside bottom frame above 'D' of paid Sep 91 • Red dot in bottom right corner • Red dot outside frame in bottom right corner • Red dot next to ferns at bottom of right frame • Red dot in top right corner • Red scratch in top left corner • Red dot in bottom left corner • Red smudge in centre of bottom frame |  |
| <p><u>Kosciusko Type 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red dot outside frame in top right corner • Red dot at left of bottom frame above 'S' of postage |  |

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|---|--|
| <p><u>Kosciusko Type 3</u> Blue Plate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue dot in top frame at right between two peaks • Blue dot in right frame near top corner <p>Red Plate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red dot in bottom frame above 'I' of paid • Red dot in top frame near right corner • Red dot in bottom right corner • Red dot in top frame above right peak • Red smudge in bottom left corner and red dot to right • Pair of dots over 'P' of postage • Red dot over 'O' of postage • Red smudge outside bottom frame between 'GE' of postage. |  |
| <p><u>Millstream Falls Type 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red dot in centre of top margin • Pair of red dots at bottom right corner • One dot outside margin over "I" of paid |  |
| <p><u>Millstream Falls Type 2</u> Green Plate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green dot in bottom frame over "G" of postage • Green dot in top frame at right • Green dot in top frame at left • Green dot in left frame near top • Green dot outside frame before "P": of postage Dec 90 – Sep 91 <p>Red Plate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red dot in bottom frame between 'E' and 'P' • Red dot in bottom frame over 'A' of paid • Two red dots one in bottom frame and one in outside frame over 'I' of paid Oct 90 – May 91 • Red dot in bottom right corner |  |
| <p><u>Millstream Falls Type 3</u> Green Plate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green dot in top right corner Oct 91 – Apr 92 • Green dot to right of top margin • Green dot in bottom left corner • Green smudge outside frame above 'A' of postage • Green scratch at right of bottom margin <p>Red Plate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red dot in top right corner • Red scratch in top margin at right • Red dot in top margin at right • Two red dots on inside of frame at top left • Red dot in top left corner • Red dot in bottom left corner • Red dot in bottom right corner |  |

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC POST OFFICE POSTAL STATIONERY WRAPPERS

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But for a tied vote by the American Senate, the Dominican Republic could have been annexed to the United States in 1870. The Dominican Republic is a sovereign state occupying the Eastern two thirds of the island of Hispaniola, in the Greater Antilles archipelago in the Caribbean region. The western third of the island is occupied by the nation of Haiti, making Hispaniola one of two Caribbean islands, along with Saint Martin, that are shared by two countries. Both by area and population the Dominican Republic is the second-largest Caribbean nation (after Cuba), with 18,705 sq. miles and nearly 10 million people, one million of whom live in the capital city Santo Domingo (Wikipedia).



There is a surprising lack of postal history information about the Dominican Republic and none was detected by the author with regard to postal stationery. Hennan (1945) talks about the first four issues of stamps between 1866 and 1877, and Poole (1922) discusses the 1880 stamp issue. He notes that the printer was the Manhattan Bank Note Company of New York which may have been also the printer of the first issue of post office postal stationery wrappers in 1881. There is scope for research into the reasons behind the production of the postal stationery issues of this country.

Post Office Issues

There were two issues of post office postal stationery wrappers each of two values: 2c and 3c making four post office types. The first issue appeared in July 1881: a 2c orange and 3c black coat of arms in the size 186x315mm with chamfered top corners. Within an unfurled ribbon above the Arms reads the national motto DIOS, PATRIA, LIBERTAD which in English means God, Fatherland, Liberty. The national coat of arms features a shield with the flag design and supported by a bay laurel branch at left and a palm frond at right and a cross above the pages of an open bible at center. At the lower point of the circle beneath the arms the date 1880 is inscribed; the whole design is identical to the postage stamp issue of 1880 and 1881.



Indicia Appearing on Wrappers of Dominican Republic

A little over eight years later a redesigned second issue appeared on 1 January 1890, with a 2c pink and 3c orange of which a double print variety has been recorded. The size was reduced slightly to 158x240mm for the 2c and 142x307mm for the 3c; both have a curved flap. The design is similar but

the top and bottom of the frames differ to the stamp issue of 1895 and 1897. The Arms has been redrawn, most noticeably the ends of the pair of crossed spears are now shown and the motto has been repositioned below. There is no date included in the inscription.

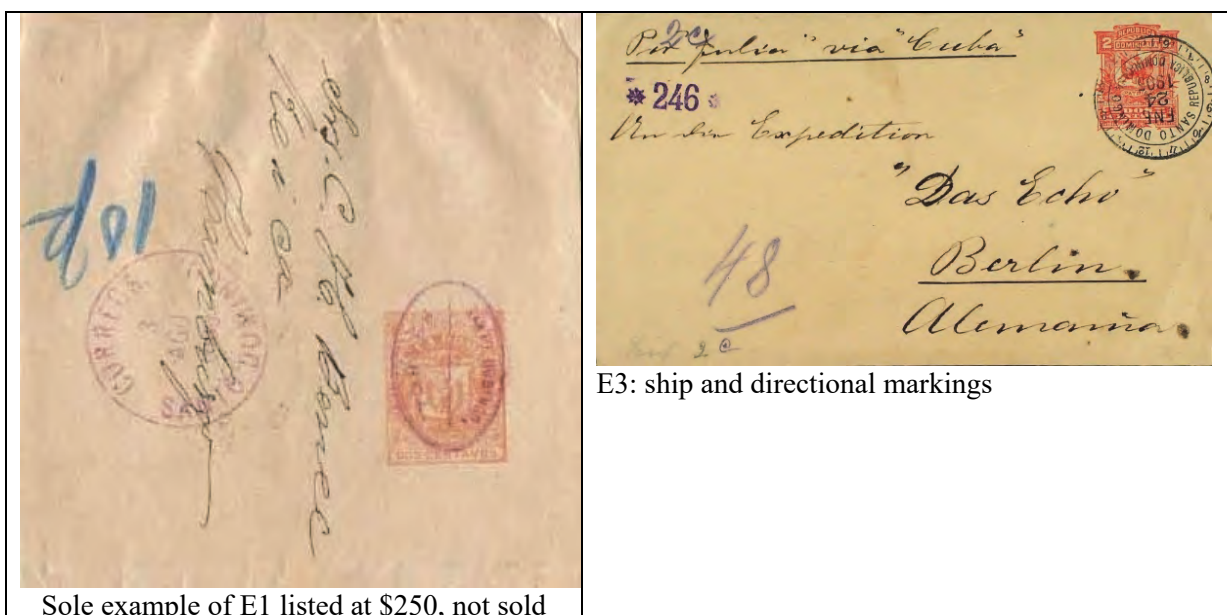
Supply on eBay

As mentioned in previous articles on post office postal stationery wrappers of the Caribbean, the author has developed a large database of images of used wrappers listed on eBay. The data collection commenced in September 2003 and images have been captured by hand daily since; the database is now around 43,000 different images worldwide. There a few wrappers captured from the internet site Delcampe and from time-to-time other collectors will send me scans from their collections. There are 28 examples of wrappers from Dominican Republic. There has been only one example of the first E1 issue, none of the E2, but 24 of the later E3 and three of E4. Relative to the 43,000 population of used wrappers, the sample of 28 is a small proportion. Except for E3 the wrappers of Dominican Republic are some of the most elusive post office wrappers, at least from the eBay site.

Postal History Interest

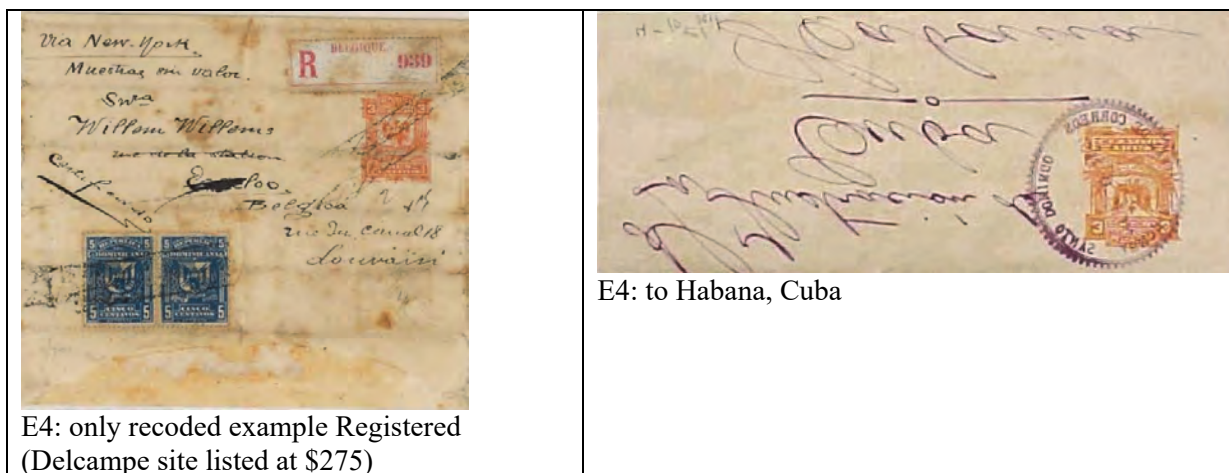
None of the wrappers were uprated. The E1 wrapper is addressed to Germany. All copies of the E3 wrapper were addressed to other countries: Germany and USA (5 each), Germany (4), Switzerland (3), Argentina (2) and Great Britain, France, Curacao, Spain and Holland (1 each). The E4 wrapper was addressed to Cuba and Belgium. One copy appears to have been canceled per favour with no address. There are no Specimen overprinted wrappers of Dominican Republic known. The Dominican Republic become a member of the UPU in October 1880, ten months before the first issue of its post office postal stationery wrappers.

Four wrappers have been selected for discussion. The first wrapper is the sole example of a used copy of E1 and is addressed to Hamburg, Germany. The indicium is cancelled with a purple oval and there is a purple circular CORREOS 3 AGO 1883 SANTO DOMINGO. The blue crayon 10p is unexplained but may be a postage due charge calculated upon arrival in Germany. There is no evidence that any extra postage was paid. The second wrapper is addressed to "Das Echo", Berlin, Germany and shows a manuscript directional marking: Per *Julian* via Cuba. The purple handstamp 246 between stars is unexplained but may be a sorting mark. The pencil underlined 48 is unexplained. The indicium is cancelled with a double ring SANTO DOMINGO FNE 24 1905 REPUBLICA DOMINICA. The outer ring contains the numbers of a clock 1 through 12. The image of wrapper three was captured from the Delcampe site because it is the only known recorded example of a registered wrapper. The address is to Belgium. The indicium and the registration fee adhesives have been franked with what appears to be a black roller canceller. *Certificado* appears in manuscript and the 10c registration fee has been paid with a horizontal pair of 1895 blue Coat of Arms (Sc98). The registration etiquette was applied in Belgium R BELGIQUE 939.



Sole example of E1 listed at \$250, not sold

E3: ship and directional markings



E4: only recoded example Registered (Delcampe site listed at \$275)

E4: to Habana, Cuba

The fourth wrapper was included in this group because it is the only addressed used example of E4 collected from eBay listings. The cog-wheel cancellation is in dark blue De CORREOS SANTO DOMINGO; the date is unreadable but the year could be 1908.

Sales on eBay

The author’s database of eBay sales of used wrappers has been hand-collected daily since March 2006 and there are now 17,600 transactions recorded. Of these, there are 14 of Dominican Republic; no sales recorded for E1 and E2, 12 for E3 and two of E4. These results together with the number of bidders are shown in the table.

Given that so few examples have been listed on eBay in more than 12 years it might be expected that collectors would have been more active in bidding during the listing periods. The evidence of relatively low bidder interest with an overall score of 2.07 suggests this country has a low collector base for wrappers or that collector’s needs are being met elsewhere. For the astute market-watching collector there are bargains to be found with five sales below \$10. The highest sale was \$59.55 for a copy of E4 with a sole bidder.

Table: eBay Sales of Wrappers of Dominica Republic: March 2006 – May 2016

| H&G catalogue Numbers | Sales Details (Ranked Low to High in USD) & Number of Bidders per Sale | # of Sales | Mean Sale Price | Mean # of Bidders |
|-----------------------|--|------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 | No sales recorded | | | |
| 2 | No sales recorded | | | |
| 3 | 1.00 (1), 1.57 (1), 5.50 (2), 9.99 (1), 12.99 (1), 16.49 (2), 21.50 (2), 25.00 (1), 38.99 (3), 43.00 (3), 51.00 (3), 52.51 (5) | 12 | 23.30 | 2.08 |
| 4 | 5.59 (3), 59.99 (1) | 2 | 32.79 | 2.00 |
| | | 14 | 24.65 | 2.07 |

Conclusion

The post office postal stationery of Dominican Republic is unremarkable in appearance and follows closely the stamp designs of the period. However, the number of extant copies listed on eBay over the past 12½ years reveals them to be elusive if not scarce. Of the 28 examples, one is E1, there are no copies of E2, three copies of E4 and 24 copies of E3. Postal history interest with auxiliary markings is wanting, and there is only one example of registered usage. Sales recorded showed a lackluster bidder interest with on average of two bidders for each of the 14 sales. Prices realized showed three sales above \$50, five sales below \$10 and an overall realized price of \$24.65.

References

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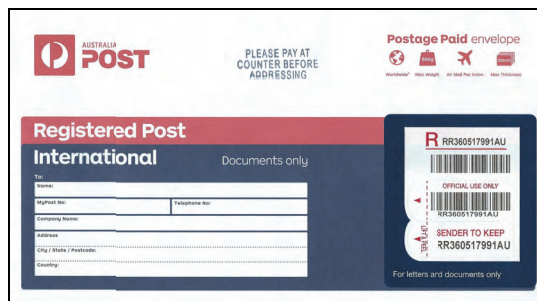
Acknowledgement Once again I thank my reviewer Allan Gory for reading and commenting on an earlier draft.

PSSA FORUM

Ian McMahon (with assistance from other PSSA members)

New Format International Registered Envelopes

Australia Post has issued international registered envelopes in a new design consistent with its other postal stationery. The registered envelopes have been produced in two sizes, DL and B4 costing (at the time of writing) \$15.90 and \$23.37 respectively with discounts for bulk purchases.



Centenaries of the Australian Flying Corps Squadron Stamped Envelopes

Australia Post issued a set of four stamped envelopes on 1 November 2016 to mark the Centenaries of the Australian Flying Corps (AFC) Squadrons 1, 2, 3 and 4. The four DL envelopes are inscribed 'Postage Paid' and sell for \$1.20 each. The stamp depicts the arms of the RAAF Association. The envelopes were designed by Sharon Rodziewicz of the Australia Post Design Studio and printed by A&G Envelopes. The cachets on the envelopes show paintings by Norman Clifford showing a ground party from No 1 Squadron inspecting a downed German Albatross near the Squadron's aerodrome at Weli Sheikh Nuran (Palestine) in 1918, a flight of DH-5 fighters returning from close offensive patrol over the front line on the Western Front, Captain Reg Francis beside his RE-8, and three Sopwith Camels of No 4 Squadron led by Captain Harry Cobby.



Centenary of the Justices of the Peace Western Australia

On 1 November 2016 Australia Post issued a stamped envelope sold at \$1.20 to mark the Centenary of the Royal Association of Justices of Western Australia Inc. The history of Justices of the Peace can be traced back to 1195, when Richard I of England entrusted certain knights with the task of preserving the peace in unruly areas. A 1327 statute referred to "good and lawful men" to be appointed in every county to "guard the peace". In 1829, Captain James Stirling, Lieutenant Governor of the Swan River Colony (renamed Western Australia in 1832), appointed eight Justices of the Peace. Like their English counterparts, these honorary, unpaid roles were responsible for determining charges of felonies and trespasses against the king's peace.

Pictorial and Ice Age Postcards

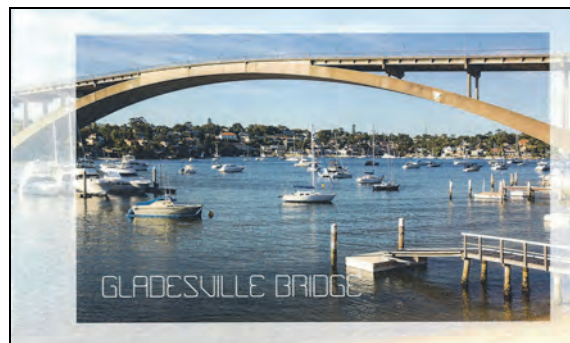
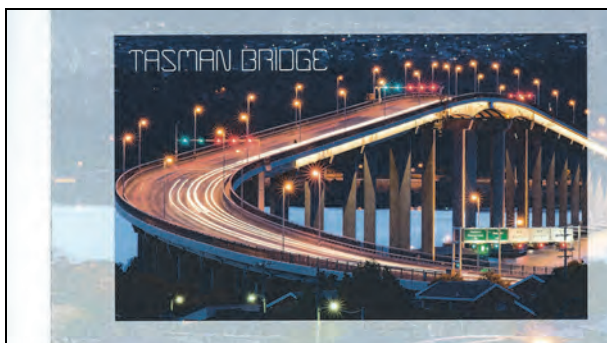


Illustrated above and below are the six pictorial postcards issued in June 2016, the three Ice Age postcards not previously illustrated and the Hahndorf postcard reprint without an illustration of an adhesive stamp on the reverse. All were listed in the November 2016 issue of *PSC*. In addition, although not a new card, the Sheffield card is illustrated.



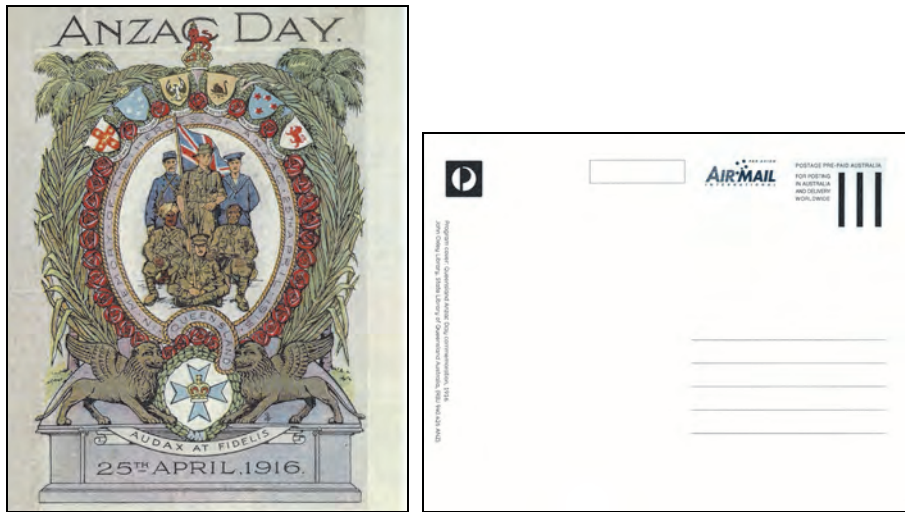
The Bridges Prestige Booklet

On 7 November 2016 Australia Post issued a 'prestige booklet' titled *Span, a Tour of World Bridges*, which included three postcards; Story Bridge, Tasman Bridge and Gladesville Bridge. The booklet also included a number of adhesive stamps and sold for \$34.95.



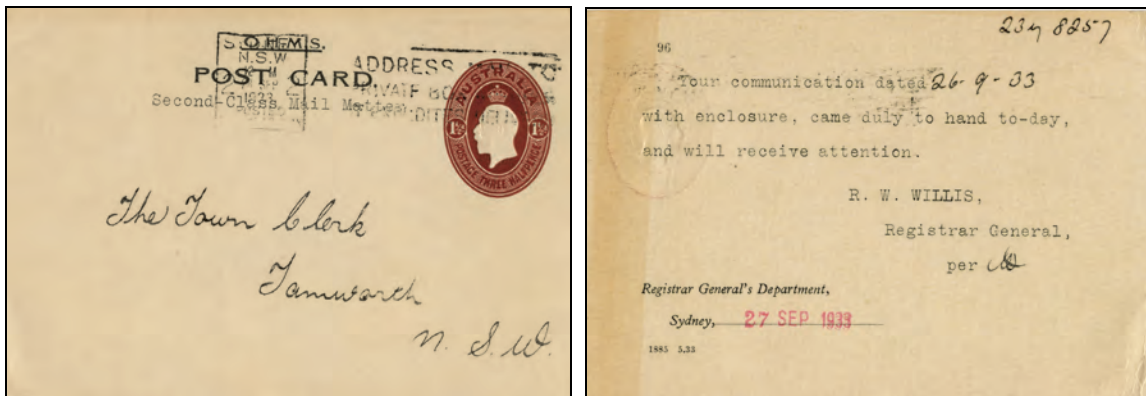
Anzac Day Program Postcard

On 7 November 2016, Australia Post issued a postcard showing a Program Cover from the Queensland ANZAC Day Commemoration in 1916. The postcard was sold for \$249.95 as part of a WWI 1916 Album.



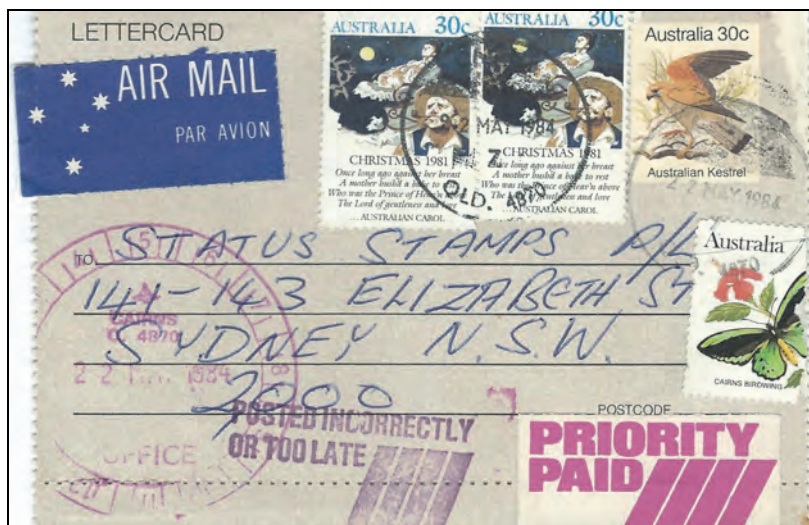
King George V PTPO Postcard for the NSW Government

From Steve Schumann is a King George V stamped-to-private-order postcard 1½d oval embossed die in red brown. The user is the Registrar General's Department of NSW in Sydney. Cancel is dated 27 SEP 1933. In addition there is 'O.H.M.S.' centred above the heading.



Priority Paid Lettercard

Illustrated below is a 30c Kestrel lettercard sent by Priority Post – clearly the message to the stamp dealer concerned was very urgent.



LISTING OF AUSTRALIAN NON-DENOMINATED POSTAL STATIONERY

Ian McMahon

Postcards

11 October 2016 A Century of Service: Vietnam War
Maximum cards
(-) Sandy The Horse
(-) Pigeon
(-) Tobruk
(-) Vietnam

(Set price: \$8.75)

31 October 2016 Christmas

Maximum cards
(-) Wise Men
(-) Madonna and Child
(-) Trumpeting Angel
(-) Star
(-) Present

(Set price: \$9.95)

7 November 2016 ANZAC Day

(-) ANZAC Day poster
Note: Sold in the 'WWI: 1916 Album for \$249.95'

7 November 2016 Bridges

(-) Story Bridge
(-) Tasman Bridge
(-) Gladesville
Note: Sold in a Prestige Booklet, *SPAN A Tour of World Bridges*, with adhesive stamps for \$34.95

Envelopes

1 November 2016 Centenary of the Australian Flying Corp

(\$1.20) Squadron 1
(\$1.20) Squadron 2
(\$1.20) Squadron 3
(\$1.20) Squadron 4

1 November 2016 Centenary of the Justices of the Justices of the Peace Western Australia

(\$1.20)

LITERATURE

Judy Kennett and Ian McMahon

From our contemporaries

The Postal Stationery Society Journal [UK] Vol 24 No 4 November 2016

- Chairman's Chat – US examples of dealer advertising on postal stationery
- Bulgaria: the 1896 cards commemorating the confirmation of Crown Prince Boris Great Britain registration envelopes – new design, 1907
- Unrecorded Somerset House colour standard
- GB postal stationery news [new items reported]
- Postmen's marks in Great Britain [includes confusion over postal rates, Strictly applied postcard regulations, Use of British stationery from a foreign country, Mail forwarded or returned to sender] material from a display at a PSS meeting

L'Entier Postal [France] No 102 Juillet 2016

- Austria – WIPA 1933 International Philatelic Exhibition, Vienna [four stationery envelopes and four stationery cards]
- Dates of issue of French postal stationery of World War 2 (follow-up to an article in L'Entier Postal No 99)
- The lead up to the issue of the first official lettercards for the French standard postal service in June 1886
- Austria – some 'striking' private postal stationery (1905 – 1949)
- Problems of the postal service to Madagascar during World War 2

The Informer [US] Whole No 693 October 2016

- Review of the catalogue for the 'John Clemente collection of Tasmania postal history' Auction 30 September 2016 includes illustrations of three Official registered stationery envelopes – two are not previously known (by David McNamee)

Postal Stationery Notes November 2016

- Star Trek Postcard varieties
- ERP Project
- Haunted Canada Postcards
- New PCF Views
- New Brunswick Telephone Private Order Envelopes

BNA Topics Fourth Quarter 2016

- No 2c Postcard Rate to Australia in 1879

Philately From Australia December 2016

- Australian Postal Stationery Listings from 1928 and German Philatelic Sources

The New Zealand Stamp Collector September 2016

- An 1899 ½d Pre-Stamped Envelope used in 1968 [This article usefully lists the dates of demonetisations of New Zealand postal stationery: 31 December 1913 all Queen Victoria postal stationery except for the small size 3d registered envelope; 31 December 1934 the ½d, 1d and 2d pictorial postal stationery, King Edward VII postal stationery and the 1d Zealandia and Map postal stationery; 1 January 1942 Queen Victoria and King George V postal stationery; and 31 December 1949 the 1935 pictorial postal stationery. This practice was quite different to Australia where pre-decimal postal stationery was not demonetised until after the introduction of decimal currency.]

Gibbons Stamp Monthly November 2016

- Great Britain Postal Stationery: The Impact of Changes in Postal Tariffs

India Post Vol 50 2016

- Modern Indian Armed Forces Postal Stationery

Postal Stationery Vol. 58 No.5, Whole No. 410 September-October 2016

- Updates to "Fakes & Forgeries of the 1876 Centennial Envelopes"
- First Issue Stamped Envelopes of Peru
- Overprints and Surcharges on Post Office Postal Stationery Wrappers
- 19th Century Envelopes, Envelope Knives
- Postal Cards, GE Cards, MRI6, MR8
- Ben Adams, USA UXC7 signed program
- Just How Many Full Face McKinley Cards Are There?
- South Australia Wrapper Proof
- USA White Fleet Visit Cards
- British Central Africa Registration Envelope
- Brazil Viewcard H&G 43
- Cost of USA 3¢ Envelope
- Nigeria Specimens from the UPU Archive
- UPSS Envelope Catalogs Updates
- "RF" Overprints on U.S. Postal Stationery, WWII,
- Market Report & Counterfeit and Bogus Report
- Rare Showcase, Venezuela

Postal Stationery Vol. 58 No.6, Whole No. 411 November-December 2016

- The Lipman Postal Card - New Information and Latest Census
- Just How Many Full Face McKinley Cards Are There?
- 19th Century Envelopes, Special Delivery Essay
- 20th Century Envelopes, Minor Variations
- Census of S21 mint, the Full Face McKinley
- New "Historical Catalog" Europe between the WWI and the Turn of the Century
- USA Markings on Yugoslavia
- Canadian Double Print Post Card
- South Africa Reply Card with Dividing Line
- USA Official Envelope U088 Varieties
- Nigeria Unlisted Surcharged Aerogram
- Pakistan Stationery with Deleted Paper Charges
- USA Official Free Frank Card
- GB King Edward 3d STO Wrapper
- Overprinted Japanese Reply Card
- Perforation Measurements in Higgins & Gage
- Australia Envelope Article
- British India with Specimen Overprints
- Waterlow Specimen Card of Indore
- Israel Postal Money Orders
- UPSS Envelope Catalogs Updates OM41
- British Area Postal Orders
- Privatganzsachen Individuell Deutschland, 2006-2015
- The Mongolian Illustrated Postal Covers
- Aerogrammes of Nigeria 1948 to 2000
- Rare Showcase, Republic of China Card

Ganzsachensammler December 2016

- The borders of the Swiss 1928-29 postcards
- Approved values on private postal stationery
- Private postal stationery of Zurcher Obergericht
- Pre-stamped A-postcard

BOOK REVIEW

Re: article in the London Philatelist cited above on the 1896 cards featuring Crown Prince Boris

The author uses a catalogue of Bulgarian postal stationery *Bulgarian postal stationeries [sic] catalogue Part 1: Postcards 1879 – 2007*, edited by Dimeter Moneyev and published in Sofia in 2007 by Bulphila Ltd, PO Box 960, Sofia BG1000 and price 17.95 Euros. He states ‘This is a detailed handbook on the subject, fully illustrated in colour and highly recommended as a guide to the postal stationery of this physically neglected country’.

This is the first mention I have seen of this catalogue. Literature on the postal stationery of Bulgaria seems to be very scarce, so it’s encouraging to see this review. There’s no mention of the language in which the catalogue is written.

NEW ISSUES

Sao Tome and Principe (St Thomas and Prince) Stamped Postcards

Perhaps not a common collecting country for collectors of postal stationery, but Sao Tome and Principe (St Thomas and Prince) has a current issue of stamped postcards showing birds and sea life. The reverse of the postcards show illustrations similar to those depicted on adhesive stamp issues depicting birds and fish issued in 1979 and 1983. The postcards are imprinted with a Db 16 stamp depicting the coat of arms of Sao Tome and Principe which displays a shield supported by a falcon on the left and a grey parrot on the right. Sao Tome and Principe is a Portuguese-speaking [island nation](#) in the [Gulf of Guinea](#), off coast of [Gabon](#). With both the reverse of the cards and the stamp depicting birds or marine life the postcards would be attractive to thematic or topical collectors.



Canada

Canada has issued four postcards for Haunted Canada, two of which are illustrated below. Also illustrated are the 2015 and 2016 envelopes used to reply to letters to Santa. The envelopes come in two forms, one in French and one in English. They are postmarked 'North Pole/Pole Nord' with the postcode HOH OHO.



Taiwan

Three Taiwanese postcards are illustrated below, a postcard in horizontal format, a postcard in vertical format and a lettersheet.



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INDEX TO POSTAL STATIONERY COLLECTOR

The Index to Postal Stationery collector has been updated to the end of Volume 20, 2014 and is now almost ready for publication. It runs to about 120 A4 pages. It will be published in two formats:

1. Paper copies. These will not be bound, but will be issued as loose sheets in plastic wrapping. Members will then have to choose how to house their copy.
2. Electronic copies on CD.

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PSSA WEB CONTENT MANAGER

The Society would benefit greatly from a web content manager. Potentially our website could be a great mechanism for promoting the Society and postal stationery collecting as well as a means for greater value to our members.

Please contact me if you are interested

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Description: Issues 1- 9 were produced as photocopies in A4 format, with corner staples, and are available only in that form at \$4.00. Issues 10 onwards are available as original copies, in A4 format and saddle stapled, at \$5 each (10-45) or \$6 each (46 onwards). All prices include postage in Australia, but overseas airmail postage is extra. Reductions on orders of five (5) copies or more.

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