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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1979,
AT THE SHAFTESBURY HOTEL, MONMOUTH STREET, LONDON, WC2H 9HD,
STARTING AT 2.30 P.M.

A TEAM LED BY DOUGLAS HAGUE WILL PRESENT A FAR-RANGING DISPLAY OF
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IS BELIEVED, WILL PLEASANTLY SURPRISE THOSE OF OUR MEMBERS NOT
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PHILATELY AND POSTAL HISTORY. SO PLEASE ATTEND AND SEE FOR
YOURSELVES THAT

"OFFICIAL" CAN OFTEN BE AMAZINGLY "OFF-BEAT"

1979 HEALTH STAMP ISSUE.

This issue of three postage stamps, with denominations of
10c + 2c, 10c + 2c and 12c + 2c, which was to have been placed on
sale throughout New Zealand on 1st August, had the First Day of
Issue advanced to Wednesday, 25th July. As announced in June, the
Postage Rates were increased from 1st August and it was thought
that the revenue for the Health Camps, from the sale of these
stamps, may be adversely affected if placed on sale from 1st August
as the stamps do not meet any of the new basic postage rates.

This week earlier new release date has given the issue a very
short counter life. This very short use period makes it quite
clear that Health Stamps are only released for the purpose of
raising funds for Health Camps. Perhaps now a new look will be
taken of the continued issue of such stamps as an appropriate
method of fund raising.

Acknowledgements to "The Mail Coach", Volume 15, No. 11.
to "Stamp Monthly", Volume 12, No. 4.

See page 107, where the date originally given should be amended
to 25th July.

Members comments on the opinions expressed in the second part of
the above note would be greatly appreciated.

ALLAN P. BERRY

EDITORIAL.

Further on in the pages of this issue of 'The Kiwi', you will find an appeal for assistance for ZEAPEX '80, and the usual appeal for items to be sold on behalf of the Society's funds, in the Annual Auction which follows the Annual General Meeting. I do hope that you will feel able to respond generously to both these appeals, both of which, in the broadest sense, will help to advance the interests of New Zealand Philately and Postal History.

ALLAN P. BERRY

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North Melbourne 3051, Victoria, Australia.

(previously of Folkestone, England.)

MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY, 1979.

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HEADS.

John Smith introduced us to the Queen Elizabeth Heads by showing the definitive stamps with small figures on the left and stars on the right. The main issue was on 1st March, 1954, but due to the Christmas demand, the 1½d. stamp was issued on 15th December, 1953. The small figures and the similar colours of the 3d. and 8d. stamps gave rise to some problems, and the stamps were redesigned with the figures enlarged and the stars omitted. The first stamp to appear in the new format was the 1½d. on 1st December, 1955, and the 8d. stamp was issued in chestnut colour.

The differences in various plates were shown, but unfortunately the light at the Shaftesbury Hotel did not allow all present to see clearly all the retouches.

John Smith was able to show all present the variations in the markings of the coil pairs, and he ended his display with the provisional overprints, including the overprinting of the 1½d. star issue, and the Officials.

F.J.Mohr, visiting us from New Zealand, and an acknowledged expert on this issue, gave the vote of thanks for this fine display which had been highly appreciated by those members present. Noel Turner set his normal questions to give the theorists something to think about.

TERRY BROCK

KIWI DAY, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AUCTION

Due to circumstances beyond our control, Kiwi Day will now be on December 1st, 1979, and not on November 24th, 1979, as previously advised. The venue will be the Shaftesbury Hotel, as usual.

ANNUAL SOCIETY AUCTION

The afternoon of the Annual General Meeting (which this year will be held on December 1st) will be devoted to the Annual Auction, one of the main events of the year not to be missed by vendor or purchaser.

Members wishing to sell via the Auction should note the following instructions :-

A list of lots for sale to be sent to the Auctioneer or the Auctioneer's deputy, such lists to be typewritten or in block letters only please. Each lot to be described briefly but sufficiently for a prospective buyer, who may not be present at the meeting, to have a good idea of the items; Reign, Value, Date, Type, Colour, Unhinged or Hinged Mint, Unused, and Condition, etc. Catalogue numbers may be used, but in a Society where so many different catalogues are used this may be of little help. All lists to be set out clearly, using one side of the paper only with double spacing between each lot. After each lot the following figures must appear : 1st, your valuation (estimated market value); 2nd, the reserve (the lowest figure at which you are willing to sell. If there is no reserve, please say so). Example : 1938 Pictorial Mint Blk. 4 2/- perf. 14. Value £3. Reserve £1.75.

All members wishing to sell items must submit their list of auction lots to W. Hasler Young, "Parkwood", Bletchinglye Lane, Rotherfield, Sussex, TN6 3NN, to arrive not later than October 10th, to enable publication in the November issue of 'The Kiwi'.

At this stage, please send the list of lots only. In the November issue of 'The Kiwi', an address will be given to which the lots themselves may be sent, should you be unable to bring them to the meeting yourselves.

All lots to be mounted, carded or packaged ready for display and sale, a space of about one inch square should be left at the right hand corner for the lot number to be placed by the Auctioneer. Lots to have a value of not less than 75p. Commission charged is 10% on sales. All postage, poundage, insurance, etc. is payable by the vendor, (i.e. return of unsold lots and like correspondence).

It is with regret that lots which comprise of periodicals, collections of books or pamphlets, boxes of stamps or other bulky and heavy items can no longer be accepted for auction UNLESS the Vendor undertakes to deliver and collect from the Auction Room, or to send to the purchaser direct.

APPEAL

Each year it is the practice of many generous members to offer items both philatelic or general, to be auctioned on behalf of the Society funds, a gesture that in these days of ever rising costs is greatly appreciated. Will you have a quick search around and see if you have anything surplus. No matter what it might be, we shall be delighted to receive it. Please send it to our Auctioneer at the address to be given in the next issue of 'The Kiwi', or hand it to him on the day, and he will do the rest. The response to this appeal has always been very generous and is greatly appreciated by your President and his Committee.

W.HASLER YOUNG

LOOK!

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SG No.		Price £
<u>QV CHALONS</u>		
34	1862 1d Vermilion, FU with No.1 pmk. and with 3½ margins one enormous, Cat £70	30
86	1862 1/- deep Green on Pelure paper, 4 good to large margins, slight thinning on reverse otherwise GU. Cat £350	75
100	1864 1/- Green on NZ wmk paper, 4 good to large margins close in places & GU with clear CH.CH bars pmk but thinned on reverse, Cat £175	ONLY 25
125	1864 1/- Yellow-Green, P12½, well centred but few blunt perfs otherwise FU with neat 0 bars pmk. Cat £38	15
<u>QV 1st SIDEFACE ISSUES</u>		
157	1874 1/- Green, P12½, well centred & with light Christchurch duplex pmk. but couple of short perfs, otherwise fine, Cat £18	8
159	- 1d Lilac compound perf 10x12½, top perfs cut into design but otherwise fine unused without gum, Cat £65 ONLY	10
185	1878 2/- deep Rose, centred a little to right but fresh colour & FU with very neat Wellington CDS. Cat £275	150
<u>QV 2nd SIDEFACE ISSUES</u>		
218	1891 1d Rose P10, a horizontal pair with one stamp showing the prominent chisel flaw on Queen's head, MM	5
243b	1898 6d Brown on thin coarse toned paper, centred a little to left & couple of blunt perfs otherwise FMM. Cat £18	7
	1874-1900 QV 2nd sideface simplified set to 1/- (10) G-FU	18
<u>1898-1907 PICTORIALS</u>		
258/60	1898 4d White Terrace - the 4 shades as listed by CP, FU	20
263	- 6d Green Kiwi well centred but slight thin spot on reverse, otherwise fine. Cat £24	8
	- 2/- Grey-Green Milford Sound, well centred, FMM. Cat £50	45
270	- Ditto well centred & fresh appearance but hinge remainder & tiny thin	15
271	1898 5/- Mount Cook London printing, well centred & superb UM	250
288	1899 2/- Blue-Green Milford Sound first local printing, well centred but slight hinge remainder otherwise FMM. Cat £40	25
289	Ditto. Centred to right but otherwise FU with indistinct squared circle pmk. Cat £25	10

SG No.	1898-1907 PICTORIALS - contd	Price £
337	1902 1d Universal on Cowan no wmk paper, the difficult P11x14, FMM. Cat £90	50
377	1903 2/- Green Milford Sound - the difficult issue on Laid paper centred to left otherwise GU with CDS. Cat £55	25
378/402	1903-9 Pictorial set to 5/- (12) FU. Cat £158.75	125
379/81	1903-9 2d Pink Pembroke Peak, 4 most attractive shades, FMM. Cat £10.50	8
400	- 2/- Blue-Green Milford Sound P14, centred slightly to right otherwise FMM. Cat £40	25
401a	- 5/- Mount Cook with upright wmk. P14, well centred but unused without gum, few minor imperfections, otherwise fine, Cat £120	ONLY 30
401a	1903-9 5/- Mount Cook with upright wmk. P14, FU with Dunedin CDS's. Cat £120	100
431	1907-8 6d Kiwi reduced size in the deep Analine Pink shade little off centre & a couple of tone spots otherwise FMM	10
439	1/- Kea & Kaka reduced size, P14x13-13½, FU with portion of Fielding CDS. Cat £15	12
446	1/- Kea & Kaka reduced size P14x15, well centred & FMM. Cat £48	45
324	1907-8 Simplified set to 1/- (6) FU. Cat £28	15
349	1901 ½d Mount Cook in deep Green shade on Basted Mills paper, P11, hinge remainder otherwise FMM. Cat £28	10
349	1902 ½d Green Mount Cook on Cowan paper, the mixed perfs issue with official repair strip & double vertical perforations. An attractive horizontal pair, GU. Cat £24	15
424/7	1906 Christchurch Exhibition set (4) Superb light MM. Cat £305	275

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CONGRATULATIONS.

- to our member CAMPBELL PATERSON, on the award of the M.B.E. in this year's Birthday Honours List.

- to our member ALBERT B. JOHNSTONE, who was invited to sign the Book of Scottish Philatelists at the Annual Congress of the Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies, held in Stirling on 21st April, 1979.

ZEAPEX '80 - AN APPEAL BY OUR PRESIDENT.

Members will be aware that the New Zealand Society of Great Britain is giving strong support to the Organisers of ZEAPEX '80 and in return for that support we are to be allocated an area within the Exhibition. This area will be for the use of our Members from all over the World and, of course, those in New Zealand and Australia who will doubtless be there in considerable numbers.

"Our Man in New Zealand", John Watts, is organising our "Stand" and has already sent me outline details of the many things that he plans to do. Believe me, the New Zealand Society of Great Britain area will be one of the most popular spots in the Exhibition.

All this costs money. We have already told John to go ahead and have promised that a certain minimum sum will be available for his use. Now we want to raise that sum (and more if we can) amongst our home-based Members. The more we can raise the better the results will be down under.

I am personally inviting you to send direct to me whatever you feel you can spare in support of this worthy effort. I suggest a maximum of £5.00, but even 50p will be thankfully received and faithfully acknowledged by your President -

NOEL TURNER, GLADSTONE HOUSE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N22 6JT

To ALL our members - at home and overseas. If you are likely to be attending ZEAPEX '80, will you please write to John Watts and tell him so. I believe that he has some red carpet available! His address is -

45, Teal Crescent, Birkdale, Beachhaven, Auckland 10, New Zealand.

REVIEW

ZEAPEX '80 - Magazine Three, Edited by Peter Oldham. Published by ZEAPEX '80, P.O.Box 27339, Auckland 4, New Zealand. Available only to Supporting Members of ZEAPEX '80.

This again is the mixture as before, only if anything better and of greater interest. The same format of size and printing has been followed. There is the same mixture of News Items relating to ZEAPEX '80 and articles on Philately and Postal History.

Contributors include 'Our Man in New Zealand', John Watts, who has written an article on the 1932 Health Stamp; Peter Oldham has written on the New Zealand Government Life Insurance Stamps; K.J.McNaught has contributed a definitive article on the die states of the 1d., 2d. and 6d. values of the Second Side-Face

Queen Victoria Definitive stamps; John J. Bishop on the early Postal History of Russell. All these contributors are members of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain.

This is not all. There is a discussion on Thematic Entries and their failure to win higher awards in Exhibitions; Notes on Early English Handstamps; and some historical details on Philately and the New Zealand Post Office.

In its own right, this is a worthy addition to the Literature relating to the Philately and Postal History of New Zealand. Once again, it should be stated that these Magazines alone should repay the subscription to the Supporting Society for ZEAPEX '80.

A.P.B.

CORRESPONDENCE, AND MATTERS ARISING.

The various notes and articles published in the last issue of 'The Kiwi' have been the subject of letters sent to the Editor.

Our member, R.M.STARTUP, writes as follows :-

AN UNOFFICIAL PRE-CANCEL - pages 67 and 86.

This building was in fact built in 1903 and replaced the former store that had been in use as the Post Office since the 1880's. In 1912, Kaikoura was a sizable town and though I do not have his name a Postmaster would have been in charge of the Post Office. In the 1913 Directory a William Arthur Hopkins is listed as store-keeper. To the distress of Women's Lib, married women were not listed those days!

MUSINGS FROM MIDLOTHIAN - pages 82 to 84.

Coutts Island was originally an island in the Waimakariri River formed by the wandering of the river bed from side to side over a space of a couple of miles or so. Island Block in Otago was similarly named as being an island in the bed of a river, as was also Rangitata Island.

MANUSCRIPT CANCELLATIONS - page 88.

Type 1 - Jackson's Bay Post Office.

Although I show this in my book 'New Zealand Post Offices' as being located within the present boundaries of the Greymouth district, in fact at one stage it was controlled within the Invercargill district. At that time, it had quarterly (once each three months) steamer mail services from Bluff. The use of the Bluff cancellation is thus in order.

Type 2 - Auckland Postal District.

I cannot comment on this other than to say that the cover must have been posted in an office quite close to Auckland to have been backstamped the same day as it was posted.

A.M.MADIGAN, Principal, Stamps Branch,

Post Office Headquarters, Wellington, New Zealand,
writes as follows :-

AN UNOFFICIAL PRE-CANCEL - pages 67 and 86.

We have also been unsuccessful in confirming that Marjorie Hopkins was the Postmistress at Kaikoura in 1912.

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We have no additional comments to make on this subject other than the New Zealand stand at 'Expo 70' may have had a supply of the folder which could have been used as a "handout" item to larger purchasers at the Exhibition. Unfortunately, our records do not confirm or deny the existence of these folders at 'Expo 70'.

On a matter discussed in earlier issues of 'The Kiwi', our member STANLEY CROSS-RUDKIN writes as follows :-

CHALON HEADS - 4d. ROSE.

In view of the information given in 'The Kiwi' on the dates of useage of the 4d. Rose Chalon Head (Volume XXV, pages 20 and 99; Volume XXVI, page 44), I was intrigued to see a copy in a recent New Zealand Society of Great Britain Packet clearly postmarked LSON / Y 13 / 71. This seems to be an unusually late useage for a City the size of Nelson.

VISITS TO PHILATELIC SOCIETIES

The New Zealand Society of Great Britain has been asked to give displays to other Societies during the forthcoming year.

On 17th January, 1980, we have been invited to Hitchin, and on 25th February, 1980, to Wanstead.

Would any member living in the vicinity of these two Societies, please inform me if they are able to give a display on the dates mentioned.

T.H.BROCK, GENERAL SECRETARY

SPECIAL DATESTAMPS

STAMP WEEK 1979



A special date stamp was used at the Wellington Chief Post Office on Monday, 20th August, 1979, to mark the first day of Stamp Week, 1979.

Stamp Week, which was held in 1979 from Monday, 20th August, to Sunday, 26th August, is a joint promotion by the New Zealand Stamp Dealers Association and the Federation of New Zealand Philatelic Societies, with the co-operation of the Post Office, to promote and encourage stamp collecting.

SILVER JUBILEE OF NATIONAL DOG SHOW



A special pictorial date stamp was used at Petone Post Office, on Thursday, 23rd August, 1979, to mark the Silver Jubilee of the National Dog Show. A special posting box was provided at the venue of the National Dog Show at Seaview, for the receipt of covers to be cancelled with the special date stamp.



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PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND DATESTAMPS.

I had the advantage of a preview of the notes written by KEN McNAUGHT and published in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXVIII, No. 4, page 85, in which he enlarged on my researches on these datestamps, last reported in Volume XXVIII of 'The Kiwi', on page 55.

I would like to make one general comment on the statement that "there must be hundreds more of these stamps scattered world-wide throughout collections." I very much doubt this. The Province of Auckland Datestamps have been regularly reported in 'The Kiwi' for nearly 20 years and whilst one may assume that the 33 recorded examples by R.M.Startup in 1961 were mostly from New Zealand, the present total of about 120 has been attained over nearly 20 years chiefly from England. I do think that collectors are more Postal History concious now than they were some twenty years ago. 'The Kiwi' is of course circulated in New Zealand as well as England and from the 'slow-down' since 1975 I still think it is unlikely that many further examples will come to light. Still, to prove me wrong let our members everywhere examine their collections and notify the Editor of any Province of Auckland Datestamps not already reported. From the England 'end' I shall be happy to keep the record up to date and from the New Zealand end I am sure that Ken McNaught will do the same.

Turning now to specific items I would like to say:-

1864 - 1866 Era.

Serial No. 1.

The notes say this was used probably at Ngaruawahia (Newcastle). According to "Maori Wars Postal Services", by R.M.Startup, page 69, a Field Post Office was opened here late in December, 1863. The Military decided to call this place Queenstown but this was not used, the place being called Newcastle after the Duke of Newcastle, Secretary of State in England. There is a 'Laver' cover (formerly belonging to the late J.D.Riddell who was well known to me) from Ngaruawahia to Auckland bearing a 2d. blue perf. 12½ cancelled on the reverse with Province of Auckland Datestamp No. 1 dated 1st April, 1865, and with Auckland c.d.s. of 11th April, 1865. The cover is addressed to Mrs. Laver, 12th Regiment, No. 1, Scott's Terrace, Pitt Street, Auckland. It has always been considered that Datestamp No. 1 was used at Ngaruawahia both from the number of examples and a knowledge of Laver's whereabouts (Ibid, page 75).

Serial No. 2.

I think that it is now accepted that this datestamp was allocated to Te Awamutu. The 46th Regiment garrisoned this redoubt on 22nd February, 1864, and remained there after the Field Force moved eastwards. Headquarters A.P.O. operated here until 22nd March, 1864, when it moved to Pukerimu and after the unit left Sergeant Maunsell of the 40th Regiment was appointed Postmaster of the Field Post Office which was then opened. He was later granted an allowance of £18.50 per annum by the Post Office (Ibid, page 69).

Serial No. 3 and Serial No. 5.

Ken McNaught's notes state that Serial No. 8 which was dated FE. 26. 1865 is an example of No. 3, so that from the table on page 55 of Volume XXVIII of 'The Kiwi' the number of examples of

No. 3 known is increased to 5, and Serial No. 8 reduced to nil. Ken McNaught's notes say that Serial No. 3 and Serial No. 5 were used either at Alexandra, which is 8 miles from Te Awamutu, or at Cambridge, which is some miles North East of Te Awamutu. The office at Alexandra was opened on 24th August, 1864, and at Cambridge on 8th September, 1864, and both were military Post Offices. According to "Maori Wars Postal Services", as British Troops withdrew from the Waikato their places were taken by Waikato Militia Regiments and the 3rd Waikato was settled at Cambridge and the 2nd Waikato at Alexandra.

Serial No. 4.

Ken McNaught's notes mention proved use at Hamilton and it is perhaps of interest that the 4th Waikato was settled there and the Post Office opened on 26th August, 1864.

Serial No. 6 and Serial No. 7.

I am unable to give any indication where these Serial Numbers were used in the 1864 - 1866 Era.

1867 - 1875 Era.

Serial No. 4.

It is noted that the latest known date of use is AU. 27. 1869. This means a slight alteration on page 57 of Volume XXVIII of 'The Kiwi'.

I do agree with 1866 as a cut-off point. Whilst logical from the point of view of the end of the Maori War and return to reasonably safe civilian conditions, it is also a date of convenience. The change in datestamps from temporary use of the Province of Auckland to A-class datestamps may have coincided with the provision of Money Order facilities at the Office.

I had always understood that after the Maori Wars the Province of Auckland Datestamps, speaking generally, reverted to their original use as Relief Datestamps. When one compares the latest use in the 1864 - 1866 Era with the earliest use in the 1867 - 1875 Era it will be found in most cases that the 'use-gap' is two to three years. As R.M.Startup says on page 75 of "Maori Wars Postal Services" it is necessary to have a cover showing the sender's address or a cover with original letter to prove a place of useage of the Province of Auckland Datestamps. I should perhaps refer to page 74 as to the useage of these datestamps which says "through the scarcity of material, despite world wide enquiries, it has not been possible to arrive at a definite conclusion of the complete history of their place of use." That was in 1961, so perhaps through Postal History Channels further extensive enquiries are necessary, after the lapse of some 18 years.

JOHN D. EVANS

PROBLEMS IN PACKET OBLITERATORS.

Since the publication of the article on New Zealand Packet Obliterators in 'The Kiwi', Volume XXVIII, pages 14 - 18, there has been a large amount of correspondence and some justified criticism.

Dr. KEN McNAUGHT was kind enough to go through his collection of

obliterators and has pointed out the error in separating Types 2a and 2b. Type 2 was the solid ring surrounded by a variable number of dots. The division was an arbitrary one and on the basis of Dr. McNAUGHT's information should be reclassified. He suggests the separation of earlier and later Type 2 impressions by the size and shape of the code letters.

Re-examination of the obliterators in my collection demonstrates serif and non-serif letters varying in size from 5 mm to 7.5 mm. Until it is possible to obtain more information to allow a better classification I suggest that all Type 2 be lumped together.

On this basis, Dr. McNAUGHT would add:-

AUCKLAND WEST	A.K.W.	MOUNT EDEN	M.O.D.
COURTENAY PLACE	C.P.C.	NEWMARKET	N.M.T.
(Second Type)		ONEHUNGA	O.N.
HASTINGS	H.B.N.	TE KUITI	T.K.T.

The following Type 2 have been reported by Dr. A.R.MARSHALL:-

MOUNT EDEN	M.O.D.	NEWMARKET	N.M.T.
Office Unknown	D.A.		

The following Type 2 have been reported by G.I.ROBERTSON:-

TE AWAMUTU	T.A.W.
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The following are errata pointed out by Dr. McNAUGHT:-

1. Page 15, Type 1 should read PALMERSTON NORTH, not PALMERSTON. Also adjust the summary.
2. Under Type 2, delete WAITOTARA with abbreviation W.A. and add WAIROA, W.A.
3. Correct NEWTON's code to N.W.O.
4. Correct PAHIATUA, P.H.A. to P.H.

Dr. McNAUGHT was kind enough to add the following information:-

Type 1	- BLENHEIM	B.M.	THAMES	T.H.
	GISBORNE	G.S.	TIMARU	T.U.
	HOKITIKA	H.K.	WAIPAWA	W.I.

Type 3 - LOWER HUTT L.H.T.

Type 5? - TE ATATU T.A.T.

Type 8 - AUCKLAND A.K.

Type 10 - TE AWAMUTU T.A.W.

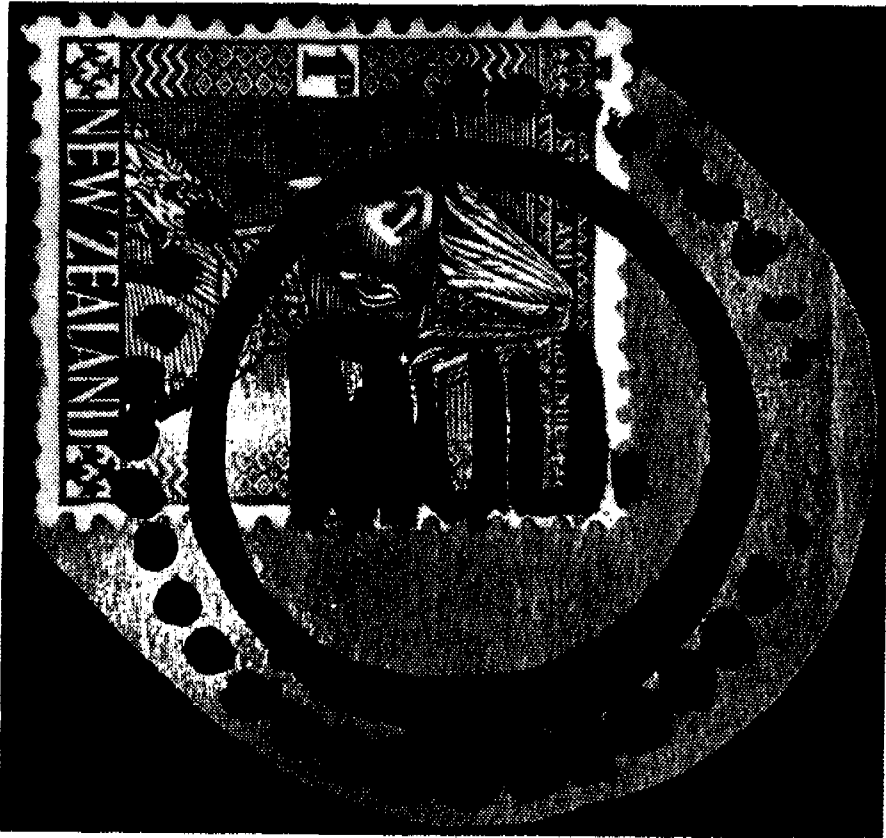
Mr. G.I.ROBERTSON was kind enough to add the following information:-

Type 1	- THAMES	T.H.	HOKITIKA	H.K.
Type 7	- AUCKLAND	A.K.	(inner circle 14mms, with 37 dots.)	
Type 10	- AUCKLAND	A.K.		

Mr. STANLEY CROSS-RUDKIN was kind enough to add the following information:-

Type 1	- ONEHUNGA	O.N.
Type 2	- OTAHUHU	O.H.
Type 3b	- OTAHUHU	O.H.
Type 9	- NEWMARKET	N.M.T.

He also requests information on the abbreviations -.M.R. and M.O.D., both Type 9.



Although initially I used Frank Watters book on Telegraph Offices to try to suggest a solution for the problems, it has since very kindly been pointed out to me by Mr. ROBIN STARTUP that the book listed only those facilities that did not have postal facilities at particular times or through their life. The more complete listing would be in the Postal Guides. Mr. STARTUP was kind enough to help with Mr. CROSS-RUDKIN's problem by contributing information from his 1944 edition of the Postal Guide, the nearest that he has to the 1930's. The likely codes are MOUNT EDEN, M.O.D., MOTUNAU, M.O.U., MATAU, M.U.U. and MAUTOROA, M.U.O.

Both Motunau and Mautoroa were small country settlements, so a packet obliterator was most unlikely. Mount Eden is a residential suburb near Auckland, so is most likely to be the M.O.D. of Mr. CROSS-RUDKIN's query. My thanks to ROBIN STARTUP.

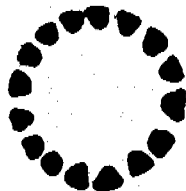
Dr. A.R.MARSHALL has examined the illustration of M.U.U. shown above and feels that the pressure was more on the side below the letters than above and so must be M.O.O., M.U.O., or M.O.D., and most likely the latter. My thanks to Dr. A.R.MARSHALL.

The following is a summary of all the changes noted:-

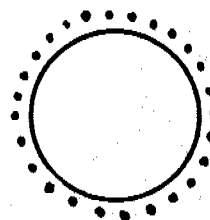
Type 1.

AUCKLAND	A.K.	INVERCARGILL	I.N.	THAMES	T.H.
BLenheim	B.M.	MORAY PLACE	M.Y.P.	TIMARU	T.U.
CHRISTCHURCH	C.H.	NAPIER	N.A.	WAIPAWA	W.I.

DUNEDIN	D.N.	NELSON	N.N.	WELLINGTON	W.N.
GREYMOUTH	G.M.	OAMARU	O.U.	WESTPORT	W.P.
HOKITIKA	H.K.	PALMERSTON			
		NORTH	P.M.		



Type 1.



Type 2.

incorporating Types 2a and 2b.

Type 2.

ASHBURTON	A.R.	HAMILTON	H.N.	PETONE	P.T.N.
AUCKLAND	A.K.	(two types)		PONSONBY	P.O.Y.
(two types)		HAWERA	H.W.	ROTORUA	R.O.
AUCKLAND WEST	A.K.W.	HIGH STREET	H.S.	TAIHAPE	T.P.E.
BALCLUTHA	B.L.	(two types)		TAURANGA	T.G.
BLLENHEIM	B.M.	HOKITIKA	H.K.	TE ARO	T.E.O.
CAMBRIDGE	C.B.	LEVIN	L.V.N.	TE AROHA	T.H.R.
CARTERTON	C.I.	MARTON	M.L.	TE KUITI	T.K.T.
CHRISTCHURCH	C.H.	MASTERTON	M.S.	TEMUKA	T.K.
(two types)		(two types)		TIMARU	T.U.
COURTENAY		MORAY PLACE	M.T.P.	(two types)	
PLACE	C.P.C.	MORRINSVILLE	M.O.V.	WAIMATE	W.E.
(two types)		MOTUEKA	M.U.	WAIPIKURAU	W.
DANNEVIRKE	D.V.	MOUNT EDEN	M.O.D.	WAIROA	W.A.
(two types)		NAPIER	N.A.	WANGANUI	W.G.
DARGAVILLE	D.R.L.	NEWMARKET	N.W.T.	WANGAREI	W.R.
DUNEDIN	D.N.	NEW PLYMOUTH	N.U.	WELLINGTON	W.N.
(two types)		NEWTON	N.W.O.	WELLINGTON	
FIELDING	F.G.	ONEHUNGA	O.N.	EAST	W.N.T.
(two types)		PAHIATUA	P.H.	WELLINGTON	
GISBORNE	G.S.	PALMERSTON	P.L.	SOUTH	W.T.H.
GORE	G.G.	PALMERSTON		WESTPORT	W.P.
GREYMOUTH	G.M.	NORTH	P.M.		

The other types are not summarized as the changes are few in number.

Type 3	-	LOWER HUTT	L.H.T.	OTAHUHU	O.H.
Type 5	-	TE ATATU	T.A.T.		
Type 8	-	AUCKLAND	A.K.		
Type 9	-	NEWMARKET	N.M.T.		
Type 10	-	TE AWAMUTU	T.A.W.		

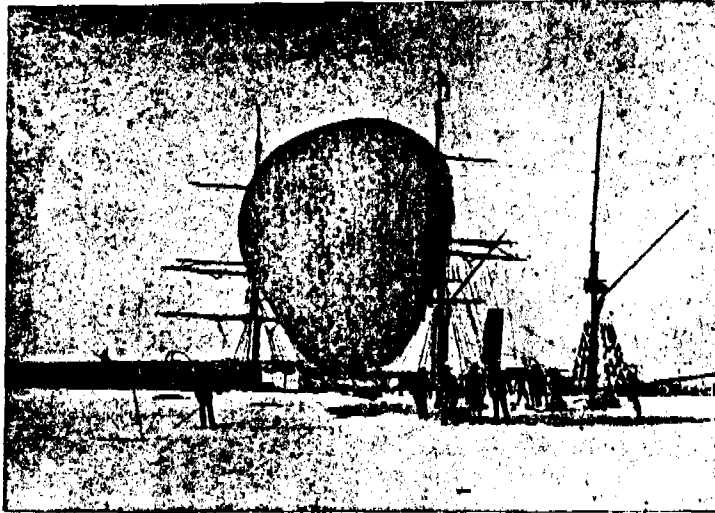
Dr. McNAUGHT has also added the following general information:-

"Between 1931 and 1935 Wellington occasionally used Types 1, 2, 3 and 4 to cancel Australian and British stamps on loose ship letter mail. Wellington Loose Letter or Packet Boat impressions were applied alongside. They were occasionally used as killers on incoming mail when it accidentally escaped cancellation."

My thanks to the many helpful people who wrote in.

J.HILL

The "Canterbury Times," New Zealand
SERIES OF ANTARCTIC PICTURES.



Ballooning in the Antarctic.

NEW ZEALAND
POST CARD
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Miss E. J. Ford
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Bristol
England

BALLOONING IN THE ANTARCTIC ?!

The Post Card illustrated on the previous page was acquired recently, and presents some problems which I hope will be solved with the help of fellow members.

When acquired, the Post Card had a Penny Universal stamp stuck in the appropriate place, cancelled some time in 1906 or 1908. This became detached on the way home, and close examination would suggest that it does not belong to the card anyway.

The ship in the background bears some resemblance to the Nimrod, Shackleton's vessel, but close examination shows that it is not. The figures on the ice are wearing hats that look like those worn by Canadian Mounties. I feel that these people are South American, but I can find no record of an Expedition at that period with a balloon on board, from South America or anywhere else.

Ballooning in the Antarctic must have been a dangerous pastime. After all, where would a balloon go, where would it land, and how would information be recovered if the balloon was not manned.

I assume that the "Canterbury Times" was a newspaper in New Zealand. Is this correct? How many more cards were there in the 'Series of Antarctic Pictures'?

I would be very glad to hear from any member who can help with the answers to these questions. Please send any information to the Editor, who will pass it on to me.

D.J.E.R.FORTY

MANUSCRIPT CANCELLATION.

G B 18-11-85

The marking illustrated above cancels a horizontal strip of three 2d. Second Sideface Queen Victoria definitive stamps, die 1, perf. 12 x 11½, on a cover in the collection of C.J.WHITEHEAD. The stamps bear no further cancellation, but the cover, which is addressed to Scotland, is backstamped LYTTTELTON, 18th November, 1885.

This places the Post Office where the manuscript mark was applied in the Christchurch Postal District. Lyttelton was a port of exit for mail going overseas. Therefore, to identify this Post Office, one must look for one situated where mail would go direct to Lyttelton rather than through Christchurch.

Two Post Offices, Governor's Bay and German Bay, both situated on the Banks Peninsula, qualify as being in the right position, and open on the date given on the cover.

In Volume 111 of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand, page 105, types 210 and 210a are identified as being from Governor's Bay, although the evidence that suggests this is not given. The mark illustrated bears some resemblance to type 210a.

If any member has any further information, or would care to comment, your Editor will be glad to hear from them. Similarly, any unidentified postal manuscript markings would be of interest for publication in 'The Kiwi'.

MARINE ENVIRONMENT ON HEALTH STAMPS.

The Marine environment depicted on this year's Health stamps released on August 1st, shows a return to the nature theme which proved popular when it was first used in the 1960's.

Since the first issue in 1929 each year has seen a new design in New Zealand Health stamps, connected in some way with children, health or nature.

Excluding 1963, when Prince Andrew appeared on the stamps, from 1959 to 1966 Health stamps featured a series of native birds. Children and their pets were shown between 1974 and 1977, and now it is time for sea creatures.

The idea of conservation of the natural environment is also brought in, with one of the stamps featuring a semi-stylised scuba diver blending sympathetically into the background, while capturing on film a red mullet depicted close up.

The design for this 12c + 2c stamp, by Peter Blackie of Hobsonville, is based on research activities carried on at Auckland University's Marine Laboratory at Leigh.

The two 10c + 2c stamps are printed se-tenant. One shows a steel-blue demoiselle fish, the other a recently discovered species of sea urchin, in shades of crimson. These stamps were designed by Geoff Fuller of Havelock North.

The demoiselle, *Chromis dispilus*, is one of the New Zealand species of damselfishes, a family of small reef fish found in warm waters around the world. A common sight to skin divers in inshore waters from North Cape to East Cape, the demoiselle with its blue body and two distinctive white spots grows to about 20cm in length.

During the day it feeds on small planktonic crustaceans. At night, its white spots faded, it retires into crevices or close to the reef for rest and shelter.

Eggs from several females are laid on a rock surface, and there fertilised and hopefully guarded by a territorial male, until hatched.

Demoiselle are sometimes caught accidentally by anglers using small hooks.

The striking sea creature shown on the other 10c + 2c stamp is a sea urchin of the genus *Diadema*, which is common throughout the Pacific region. It was however unknown to New Zealand until 1965.

Skin diver Bill Palmer was 35 metres down at Poor Knights Islands (20 km from New Zealand's Northeast coast) when he noticed a strange dark sea urchin with fluorescent lilac bands between its long needle-sharp spines. As he brought it to the surface its true colour became apparent. The skeleton glowed a brilliant ruby red with bluish spots and bands. It proved to be a new species, and was later named *Diadema palmeri* after its discoverer.

Sea urchins have a magnificently adapted jaw mechanism consisting of five wedge-shaped teeth which act like a grinding mill.

Living usually at the foot of steep faces at depths between 25 and 45 metres, these creatures graze on reef algae and seaweed drifting down the sea cliff.

The pale ball-like object on the creature's upper side represents a special adaptation for jetting faecal matter clear of this slow moving animal, living below the helpful influence of

ocean surges.

The red mullet on the 12c + 2c stamp is also known as the goat fish, and is not related to the fish normally known as mullet. *Upeneichthys porosus* is the only New Zealand representative of a large family of brightly coloured and tasty fish widely found in warm waters.

Though it does not occur in commercial quantities, it is most common around the North Island coast and the North coast of the South Island, where it is sometimes caught by anglers, but more often taken by set nets or shot by skin divers. It grows to about 40 cm.

Aided by sensitive fleshy barbels under its chin, it searches out and eats small soft bodied animals near the sea floor, where it is usually seen at depths between 2 and 60 metres.

The three stamps were printed by lithography by Harrison and Sons Ltd., England, and will remain on sale at the Post Office Philatelic Bureau, Private Bag, Wanganui, and at Philatelic sales positions until June 30th, 1980.

STEPHANIE KING

A New Zealand Post Office Feature Article.

AIRMAILS ACROSS THE TASMAN

(11) THE LAST TASMAN SEA FLIGHT OF VH-UXX "FAITH IN AUSTRALIA"

C.T.P.Ulm's hopes of a possible quick turn around in May after the Australia-New Zealand Goodwill Flight were dashed when one of the magneto's and a bearing gave out in the Avro Ten's port engine. Spares were not available in either New Zealand or Australia and a cable was sent to America for replacements. Ulm had already made arrangements in Australia for the carriage of a first airmail between Australia and Papua and New Guinea so he returned home by ship to discuss changes in the schedule. It was obvious that the "Faith" could not be made fully airworthy for several weeks and that the Papua and New Guinea flight would have to be postponed.

In the meantime, the "Faith" was left in the hands of G.U.Allan and R.N.Boulton who used it for limited joyriding trips in the North Island. It was thought that the spares would arrive during June and a firm commitment was made with the New Zealand Post and Telegraphs Department regarding mail to be carried on the return Tasman Sea flight. As with the previous crossing the flight was to commence from the Ninety Mile Beach and it was agreed that Kaitaia would again be the mail collection point. The same trans-Tasman Sea cachet would be used on the mail except that "JUN, 1934" would replace "APR, 1934".

Ulm's agents produced a special cover for the forthcoming flight - this time printed in red on a normal sized buff envelope. The design incorporated the usual endorsements as to the plane and its Commander and the ornamentation at the foot was of an Aborigine at the left hand side and a Maori at the right with an Avro Ten flying over waves above the words "OFFICIAL AIR MAIL". These were put on sale at selected main post offices.

The replacement parts reached Sydney in mid-June and Ulm immediately returned to New Zealand with them aboard the Union Steamship Company vessel S.S. "Aorangi". Also on board was Miss

Jean Batten, a young New Zealand girl who had recently completed a solo flight from England to Australia in a DH 60M Moth. They talked much of the future of aviation but Ulm was destined never to know that two years later Jean Batten would set a new Tasman Sea record while making the first England-Australia flight by a woman.

The "Faith in Australia" was at the Royal New Zealand Permanent Air Force base at Hobsonville, near Auckland, undergoing an overhaul, when Ulm arrived with the spares. These were soon fitted but very severe storms over the Tasman Sea plus high winds further delayed any attempt at a return flight. It was not until July 1st that there were any signs of an abatement and though still very windy the "Faith" was flown to Ninety Mile Beach.

A.J.Harrop in his book "Touring in New Zealand" (Allen & Unwin, London, 1935) comments upon this as he saw the silver painted Avro Ten approaching Hukatere as he was driving by car up the beach. At Hukatere, Harrop found Ulm and his associates pegging down the aircraft for the night. Ulm said that the weather was still very windy but that his party hoped to get away the following morning.

So it proved. Four sacks of mail (comprising 8,867 ordinary and 1,024 registered letters) were received at 3.00 a.m. and put aboard the Avro Ten. The engines were started up an hour later and just after 5.00 a.m. the "Faith in Australia" took off for its last Tasman Sea crossing. The onlookers were not to know this and in fact looked forward to the plane's return later in the year. Ulm had promised that the "Faith" would make flights to and from New Zealand at Christmas. (*)

The weather for this crossing proved to be as forecast, windy, wet and cold. Most of the time the aircraft was in cloud and the "Faith" not surprisingly crossed the Australian coast nearly 50 miles South of Sydney at Wollongong. Mascot Aerodrome, Sydney, was reached at 6.35 p.m. and a landing made with the aid of flares after a flight which was officially timed at 15 hours and 35 minutes. Only a few spectators were there to see their arrival and the safe delivery of the mails. This was the seventh successful Tasman Sea flight that year and as such no longer aroused much public interest.

Most of the mail had been correctly cancelled with the KAITAIA relief cancellation of 2 JL 34 but in all cases the trans-Tasman cachet was dated JUN, 1934, there having been no time to prepare a new cachet. The relief cancellation was not used in every case as some covers are known bearing the normal datestamp - mostly these covers had already been cancelled elsewhere and the Kaitaia datestamp was used as a transit mark. In Australia all items were backstamped 2 AIR MAIL 2 - SYDNEY N.S.W. 8-P-2JY34. Only a very small proportion of the mail was signed by the crew, Ulm, Allen and Boulton.

It is interesting to note that the Sydney G.P.O. held much of this mail, regardless of whether it was destined for Papua and New Guinea or not, until the "Faith in Australia" commenced that flight from Melbourne on July 24th.

A.G.MATHIESON

(*) The Christmas flight to New Zealand was subsequently arranged for December 21st, with the return to be on 23rd from Invercargill to Hobart, Tasmania. The flight never took place as Ulm with two

companions disappeared in the Airspeed AS6 Envoy VH-UXY "Stella Australis" when on the first stage of a proving flight from America to Australia on December 5th, 1934.

