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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 1991,
AT THE Y.W.C.A. CENTRAL CLUB, 16 - 22, GREAT RUSSELL STREET,
LONDON, WC1B 3LR, STARTING AT 11.00 A.M.

THE SUBJECT WILL BE THE DEFINITIVE STAMPS OF
KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH II

THE LEADER WILL BE OUR PRESIDENT, JOHN SMITH.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

THE AIRGRAPH LETTER

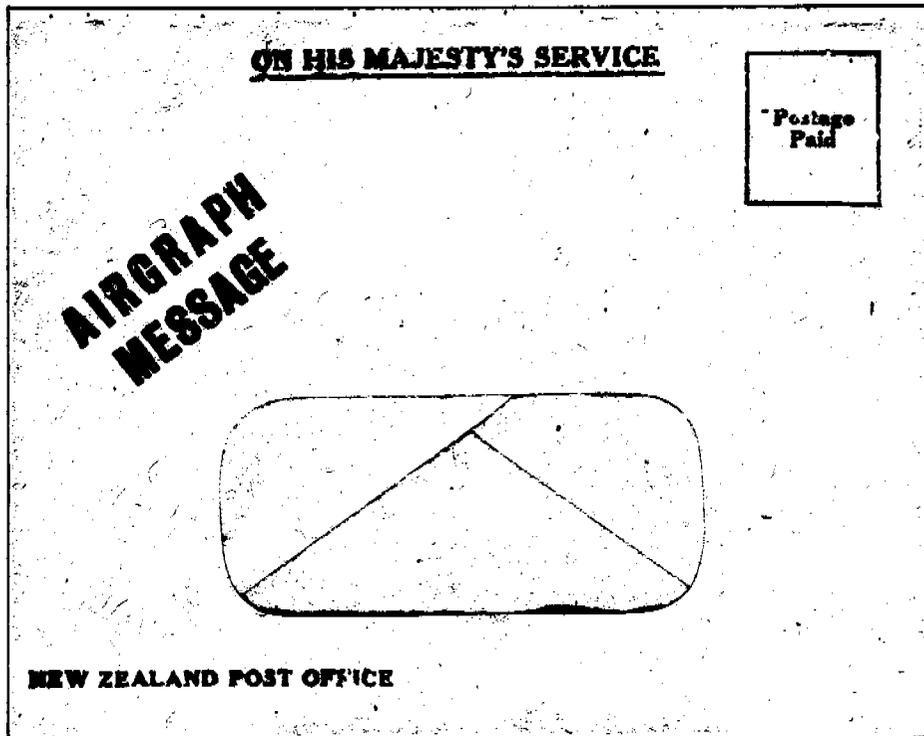


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EDITORIAL

With this issue, a new Volume and a New Year for the New Zealand Society of Great Britain starts. 1990 was a momentous year for all of us, but particularly for New Zealand, with the events commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. We played our own small part in the celebrations, as may be seen from our President's Report in the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

Let us build on the further foundations laid during the year. More support for the Annual Society Competition, and a larger number attending meetings are just two ways that all can help. See what you can do. A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

ALLAN P. BERRY

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS. We welcome

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KIWI DAY - SATURDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1990

The 39th Annual General Meeting commenced at 11.05 a.m., with Alan Baker in the chair. 29 members were present, including Reg. Hopkinson, from Doncaster, attending for the first time, and Bert File, who had left the Society but had now rejoined. Apologies for absence had been received from five members, Mesdames Audrey Mallin and Stella Terry, and Gwynn Evans, Peter Marks and George Riley.

THE 39TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

1) The Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting, having been circulated in 'The Kiwi', were taken as read with a show of hands.
2) John Smith, our President, then welcomed all present and gave his annual address, reviewing, in the traditional manner, the activities of the Society during the past year:-

"The January Competitions attracted far too few entries, perhaps because of the necessity to bring forward the competitions to enable an overseas visiting member to display in March. However, there is a great need for more members to take part.

"In March, Robin Gwynn presented his 'First Sidefaces'. From the write-up in 'The Kiwi', a remarkable display which I regret having missed.

"The May meeting again took place in June, and we were treated to Ross Valentine's splendid show of 'First Pictorials'.

"July brought us Gwynn Evans' 'Second Sidefaces' - another display showing much knowledge and study. As with so many of the

classic items we see, the condition was superb.

"September, I also missed. A great shame as I always enjoy Tom Hetherington's 'Musings', and may just have understood some of Ernie Leppard's items from 'The Last Ten Years'.

"All in all, another year in which we have been privileged to see some quite remarkable material. As usual, it would have been much better if more members had been able to attend - please see what you can do about that. Membership is up - what about attendance?

"Most of you will remember the display the Society arranged at Spring Stampex. If it was not the finest show of New Zealand ever put together in this country, it gave a very good imitation! Many thanks to Ernie Leppard for organising it and to all those who helped during the week. As you will know, the High Commissioner for New Zealand opened Spring Stampex and spent a long time with us - to the consternation of his programme organisers!

"Now to a sad note. New Zealand suffered a grievous loss with the death of Marcel Stanley. There has been a tribute in 'The Kiwi', but it is sad once again to record the death of so great a philatelist.

"On a more cheerful note - there cannot be many of you who have not heard of the book 'New Zealand - A Philatelic Miscellany'. Very great thanks go to Allan P. Berry for producing a magnificent volume. If, by chance, one or two of you have not yet purchased it, well, you do not know what you are missing!

"Now, as with any Society, a great deal of work goes on behind the scenes. We have been fortunate over the years in having dedicated people to work for the Society, in many different ways.

"Dealing with membership and all that that entails.

"Arranging meetings, speakers and rooms.

"Work in connection with the Auctions.

"Organising the Packet.

"Dealing with correspondence.

"Collecting subscriptions and looking after the finances.

"And, of course, editing 'The Kiwi', arranging its production and dispatch.

"I expect I have left someone out, but many thanks to all who have done something to help over the past twelve months, and especially the Committee.

"We have been very fortunate in our Chairman over the last three years - no confidence-breaking if I tell you that Alan Baker is stepping down. He can do so in the knowledge of a job well done, sometimes in somewhat difficult circumstances."

3) Ernie Leppard, the Hon. Treasurer, presented his Report and Accounts for the year. A good year, and no reason could be seen for an increase in subscription. After some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Allan McKellar that the Accounts, as audited by John Smith, be adopted. This was carried on a show of hands. A copy of the Report and Accounts is enclosed with this issue of 'The Kiwi'.

4) The Hon. Packet Secretary, Bernard Atkinson, then gave his

report. The Packet had produced a good profit for the Society. He also said that the problem of insurance, as detailed on page 101 of the November, 1990, issue of 'The Kiwi', must be resolved speedily. In discussion, it was pointed out that, although the need to register all transmission of the packet might do away with the need for overall insurance, there was still a requirement for packet material to be insured whilst the Secretary's possession. It was proposed by Allan P. Berry and seconded by Allan McKellar that the new rules should be formalised and brought into effect as soon as possible by the Committee. To this effect, Bernard Atkinson was requested to draft his interpretation of the new rules and forward them to the Editor of 'The Kiwi' as soon as possible. This was carried on a show of hands. It was proposed by Ernie Leppard and seconded by Alan Gardiner that the Report and Accounts of the Hon. Packet Secretary, a copy of which is enclosed with this issue of 'The Kiwi', be adopted. This was also carried on a show of hands.

5) The Hon. Postal Auctioneer, Bernard Babister, in his report, pointed out that the Postal Auctions were producing a very small profit for the Society, and that he could no longer continue to run this facility. After thanking Bernard for his efforts in trying to introduce a successful Postal Auction, Alan Baker proposed and Allan P. Berry seconded the motion that the Postal Auction should be discontinued. This was carried.

6) The following Officers of the Society were then elected for the year 1991:-

- President.....John Smith
- Vice-Presidents.....Ian Fogg, Frank Scrivener, Tom Hetherington
- Chairman.....Alan Gardiner
- Vice-Chairman.....vacant
- General Secretary.....Margaret Frankcom
- Assistant General Secretary.....Ernie Leppard
- Meetings Secretary.....John Buchanan
- Treasurer.....Ernie Leppard
- Packet Secretary.....Bernard Atkinson
- Librarian.....Bernard Atkinson
- Editor of 'The Kiwi'.....Allan P. Berry
- Meetings Reporter.....Bernard Babister
- Public Relations Officer.....Allan McKellar
- Membership Recorder.....Ernie Leppard
- Auctioneer and Auction Officer.....Ian Fogg
- Auction Officers.....Eric and Elizabeth Lewis
- Auditor.....John Smith
- Representative in New Zealand.....John Watts

7) Mrs. Ann Carter, Alan Baker and Michael Baxter were elected on to the Committee.

8) Any Other Business:-

- a) Alan Baker proposed, on behalf of the Committee, that two minor changes were made to the Competition Rules:-
 - i) That 10% of marks should be available to be awarded at the Judge's discretion, these marks to be deducted from the present allocation.
 - ii) That, where three or less entries are submitted for any Class, the Judge should have the discretion to amalgamate these with another Class.

This was seconded by Graham Vaughan and passed with a show of hands.

b) Many members had received an auction catalogue through the post and some had enquired how the sender had obtained their details. It was explained that this catalogue was the equivalent of the fliers sometimes sent out with 'The Kiwi'. In this case, the catalogue had been sent wrapped to the Editor and the labels were applied by him and another member of the Committee. Therefore, no breach of confidentiality regarding members details had taken place and, in fact, Society Funds had benefited. It was pointed out, however, that, if a member chose to respond to such material, his or her details would then be on the books of that firm. No vote was necessary, there being no objection to the procedure.

9) The Programme for 1991 was then announced:-

- 26th January - King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II definitives, led by John Smith.
- 6th April - The Annual Competition, with members showing queries, items of interest and recent acquisitions.
- 1st June - Stamps of the New Zealand Government Railways, 1890 - 1959, by David Churchill.
- 27th July - Early Postal Markings, by Margaret Frankcom and Gwynn Evans.
- 28th September - Department of Education Postal Stationery, by Wally and Martyn Jackson.
- 30th November - Kiwi Day, Annual General Meeting and Annual Society Auction.

10) The presentation of our Society Awards for 1990 was made by Mrs. Ann Carter.

- Classic Section : Noel Turner Trophy - Ernie Leppard
Penny Lake Taupo.
- Runner-up : John D. Evans Trophy - Allan McKellar
Railway Newspaper Stamps.
- Modern Section 1 : Kiwi Shield - Ernie Leppard
Waterlow Trial Plates of 1906.
- Runner-up : Paua Musical Box - Douglas Hague
King George V Penny Field Marshal.
- Modern Section 2 : No awards made.
- Modern Section 3 : David Forty Salver - Ernie Leppard
Booklets of the 1980's.
- Runner-up : Teko-Teko Maori Carving - John Buchanan
Health Covers.
- Postal History : John J. Bishop Trophy - Alan Gardiner
Development of External Air Mails.
- Runner-up : The Barton Bowl - Ernie Leppard
Railway Travelling Post Offices.

The F.G. East Silver Jubilee Goblet for the best contribution to 'The Kiwi' during the past year was awarded to George Branam, of New Orleans, United States of America, for his article on Somes Island and Pahiatua Internment Camps.

11) After a few words from the Chairman, the Annual General Meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

The Annual Society Auction commenced after lunch, at about 2.15 p.m., with approximately 26 members present. Ian Fogg acted

as Auctioneer, with John Woolfe assisting, Eric and Elizabeth Lewis acting as Clerks and Allan McKellar and Alan Gardiner acting as runners. The realisations are given elsewhere in this issue of 'The Kiwi'. We are grateful to those who presented Lots for sale on behalf of Society Funds, and to those who presented prizes for the raffle.

A.G.

WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION - NEW ZEALAND 1990

In the report listing the awards gained by members of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain, published in 'The Kiwi', Volume 39, page 97, November, 1990, it is regretted that certain important awards were not mentioned. Our apologies to all concerned.

The Postage Stamps of New Zealand, Volume VII, published by the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand, Inc., and edited by our member Dr. K.J.McNaught, was awarded a Gold Medal with Felicitations of the Jury.

New Zealand Postal Routes and Rates pre-1874, by our member Gerald J. Elliott, and published by the Postal History Society of New Zealand, was awarded a Gold Medal.

Volume 25 of 'The Mail Coach', the journal of the Postal History Society of New Zealand, edited by John Campbell, was awarded a Silver-Bronze Medal.

'Captain Cook', the journal of the Christchurch and District Philatelic Society, edited by John Wilson, was awarded a Silver-Bronze Medal.

'The New Zealand Stamp Collector', the journal of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand, edited by our member Brian Vincent, was awarded a Silver-Bronze Medal.

DISPLAYS TO LOCAL SOCIETIES

Ernie Leppard, will be giving a display of New Zealand material to the Twickenham and District Philatelic Society on Wednesday, 16th January, 1991. The Society meets at Craig Hall, Clarence Road, Teddington, and the meeting starts at 7.30 p.m.

Ernie Leppard will be giving a display of New Zealand material to the Dulwich Philatelic Society on Monday, 21st January, 1991. The Society meets at Camberwell Baths, Artichoke Place, London, S.E.5., and the meeting starts at 7.30 p.m.

Ernie Leppard and Allan Berry will be giving a display to the Bromley and Beckenham Philatelic Society on behalf of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain on Wednesday, 6th March, 1991. The Society meets at Public Hall, Beckenham, Kent, and the meeting starts at 8.00 p.m.

George Gibson will be giving a display entitled 'New Zealand' to the New Forest Philatelic Society on Thursday, 28th March, 1991. The Society meets at the R.C. Church Hall, Cowper Avenue, New Milton, and the meeting starts at 7.30 p.m.

SPECIAL DATESTAMPS

BIRDPEX '90 PHILATELIC EXHIBITION



Four special pictorial date stamps were used at the New Zealand Post stand at the Birdpex '90 Philatelic Exhibition being held at the University of Canterbury from 6th December, 1990, to 9th December, 1990.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE WELLINGTON MAIL SERVICE CENTRE



A special pictorial date stamp was used on 25th October, 1990, at the Te Puni Post Shop at the Wellington Mail Service Centre to commemorate the official opening of the Mail Service Centre.

THE NEW ZEALAND POST CYCLE CLASSIC 27 OCTOBER - 3 NOVEMBER 1990



A special pictorial date stamp was used at Post Shops at those locations where each of the seven stages of the New Zealand Post Cycle Classic commenced. These were Wellington, Palmerston North, Napier, Taupo, Rotorua, Hamilton and Auckland.

AUCTION REALISATIONS

LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT
A - £ 1.50	8 - £ 12.00	54 - £ 6.00	78 - £ 9.00
B - £ 1.00	9 - £ 13.00	63 - £ 11.50	79 - £ 4.00
C - £ 2.00	11 - £ 21.00	64 - £ 7.00	80 - £ 10.00
D - £ 2.00	18 - £ 4.00	65 - £ 7.00	81 - £ 13.00
E - £ 2.50	30 - £ 31.00	66 - £ 7.00	82 - £ 9.00
F - £ 3.00	33 - £ 15.00	67 - £ 10.00	83 - £ 4.50
G - £ 9.00	34 - £ 17.00	69 - £ 7.50	84 - £ 11.00
H - £ 2.50	35 - £ 27.00	70 - £ 5.00	85 - £ 10.00
J - £ 2.00	36 - £ 41.00	71 - £ 10.00	86 - £ 10.00
K - £ 20.00	39 - £ 16.00	72 - £ 52.00	87 - £ 5.50
L - £ 1.50	40 - £ 12.00	73 - £ 4.00	88 - £ 6.00
M - £ 4.00	44 - £ 7.00	74 - £ 18.00	91 - £ 6.00
N - £ 2.00	45 - £ 16.00	75 - £ 1.50	96 - £ 6.00
3 - £ 26.00	47 - £ 15.00	76 - £ 8.00	97 - £ 5.50
5 - £ 7.00	53 - £ 14.00	77 - £ 4.00	98 - £ 6.00

LOT 102 - £ 5.50	LOT 151 - £ 6.50	LOT 175 - £ 10.00	LOT 213 - £ 7.00
111 - £ 8.00	152 - £ 4.50	176 - £ 9.00	214 - £ 9.00
118 - £ 9.00	153 - £ 2.00	178 - £ 7.00	215 - £ 5.50
119 - £ 4.50	154 - £ 4.50	180 - £ 7.00	216 - £ 4.50
121 - £ 26.00	155 - £ 6.50	181 - £ 6.00	217 - £ 5.00
122 - £ 7.00	156 - £ 11.00	187 - £ 20.00	218 - £ 5.00
123 - £ 7.00	157 - £ 12.00	190 - £ 4.00	219 - £ 8.00
124 - £ 7.00	158 - £ 12.00	191 - £ 13.00	220 - £ 6.00
126 - £ 11.00	161 - £ 9.00	192 - £ 6.00	221 - £ 14.00
130 - £ 5.50	162 - £ 8.00	193 - £ 8.00	222 - £ 9.00
131 - £ 8.00	163 - £ 6.00	194 - £ 10.50	223 - £ 21.00
132 - £ 6.00	164 - £ 4.00	195 - £ 10.50	224 - £ 13.00
137 - £ 10.00	165 - £ 17.00	196 - £ 10.50	225 - £ 1.00
138 - £ 7.50	166 - £ 8.00	197 - £ 13.50	226 - £ 2.00
141 - £ 35.00	167 - £ 22.00	198 - £ 11.50	228 - £ 5.00
144 - £ 9.00	168 - £ 22.00	201 - £ 11.00	229 - £ 7.00
145 - £ 6.00	169 - £ 2.00	202 - £ 11.00	230 - £ 5.00
146 - £ 7.00	170 - £ 1.00	205 - £ 13.00	235 - £ 4.00
147 - £ 4.00	171 - £ 1.00	207 - £ 30.00	237 - £ 2.00
148 - £ 4.00	172 - £ 5.00	211 - £ 16.00	238 - £ 24.00
149 - £ 12.00	173 - £ 15.00	212 - £ 14.00	239 - £ 31.00
150 - £ 5.50			

Lots not listed were withdrawn, failed to attract a bid, or failed to reach their reserve. The total realised for Lots sold on behalf of Society Funds was £53.00. Our thanks to all Members who donated this material.

ANNUAL COMPETITION

This will be held on Saturday, 6th April, 1991, at the Y.W.C.A. Central Club, 16 - 22, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LR. Details of the classes and awards are as follows:-

CLASSIC SECTION

AWARDS

The issues of Queen Victoria and the First Pictorials.

Condition.....	30 pts.	Stacey Hooker Cup and
Completeness.....	20 pts.	Silver-Gilt Medallion.
Presentation.....	20 pts.	
Philatelic Knowledge...	20 pts.	Runner-up :-
Judge's Discretion.....	10 pts.	Paua Book Ends.
	<u>100 pts.</u>	

MODERN SECTION 1.

AWARDS

Stamps issued during the reigns of King Edward VII and King George V, and the Penny Universals and the Penny Dominions.

Condition.....	20 pts.	Noel Turner Trophy and
Completeness & Rarity..	30 pts.	Silver-Gilt Medallion.
Presentation.....	20 pts.	
Philatelic Knowledge...	20 pts.	Runner-up :-
Judge's Discretion.....	10 pts.	John D. Evans Trophy.

they were indeed 'v. good'. However, a look through the books revealed that, in fact, it was in another Avro 504K (D 6243) that Euan Dickson made the first crossing of the Cook Strait.

A further bit of reading really confused the issue, but nevertheless showed that F 9745 was an equally interesting aircraft. As part of the 'Imperial Gift' it was allotted to the New Zealand Flying School in 1920, and performed some useful flights for the school, including the carriage of 22 letters from Wanganui to Hastings on 19th October, 1920. So far so good!

Ooh - no! Both Volume 1 of 'Air Mails of New Zealand' and 'The New Zealand Air Mail Catalogue' credit this flight to a De Havilland 6 of the New Zealand Flying School. Yet, 'The History of New Zealand Aviation' and 'George Bolt - Pioneer Aviator' both assert that the New Zealand Flying School's only De Havilland 6 was damaged in a gale at Hutt Park, Wellington, on the night of 25/26th August, 1920, before the Wanganui to Hastings flight took place. The De Havilland 6 never flew again.

So, I am convinced that it was F 9745 that flew the mail from Wanganui to Hastings on 19th October, 1920. Are you?

Regrettably, F9745 crashed on 11th November, 1920, killing the pilot, Captain Richard Russell and his two passengers. This was New Zealand's worst aviation disaster up to that date.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRST DECIMAL DEFINITIVES OF NEW ZEALAND

R.G.DARGE

Continued from Volume 39, page 108.

HALF CENT MANUKA

The stamp depicts the Manuka, a bush shrub commonly called the Ti or Tea Tree. It is similar to the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. designed by Harrison & Sons Ltd.

The printing by De La Rue was by sheet fed press on double sheets comprising two panes each of 200 stamps in 20 rows of 10. The 'B' pane was on the left and the 'A' pane on the right.

Three cylinders were required for the printing - green, red and blue and numbered 1A1A1A and 1B1B1B. The sheet value is \$1 and the watermark upright on the stamps.

The sheets were perforated by a double comb head measuring 13.7 x 14.1, the 'A' pane being fed first into the comb head.

The double sheets were guillotined between the panes before delivery to the Post Office.

A second printing from the same cylinders occurred during 1968 and arrived in New Zealand during September of that year. The colours of the stamps are similar.

Flaws are few but one of the most spectacular varieties seen is a sheet with the green colour out of register and appearing in the bottom margins of the stamp. The sheet is also perforated through the centre of the stamps. A double strike that is angled affects the last stamp of Rows 15 to 20.

The stamp is also available in a pane of six from booklets XA, XB and without letters. Different thickness of paper can be found among the panes. A second printing was noted in the middle of 1970 with the stamps appearing similar to the earlier printing. Two flaws, both at Row 1, stamp 2 of the XA pane top and in one of the

no code panes (perforated through the selvedge) distinguishes the second printing. The flaw in the No Code panes may difficult to locate as there are twenty panes of this type on the cylinder.

Volume VI of the Postage Stamps of New Zealand records that nine million stamps were ordered from the printers. The sheet stamps were withdrawn from post offices on the 2nd September, 1970, with the issue of the ½ cent butterfly.

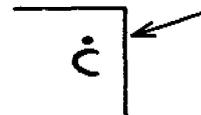
½ cent varieties.

1A1A1A Row 6, stamp 6 Small touching up to leaves at top left.
 Extra strike down right selvedge with 5 mms plum colour shift.
 Green colour shift with perforation through centre of stamps.

1B1B1B Row 15, stamp 2 Small retouch above 'c' (Second printing).



Row 6, stamp 6



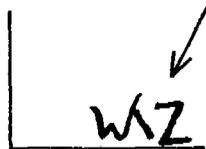
Row 15, stamp 2

Booklets

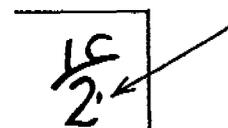
XA top and bottom)	Panels of 6 stamps. Thick and thin paper. Coded panes have no perforations through selvedge. Uncoded panes either with or without perforations through selvedge. Two printings, but similar in colour.
)	
XB top and bottom)	
)	
No Code)	

XA top Row 1, stamp 2 - Stroke by 2 of ½. Second printing.

No Code Row 1, stamp 2 - Stroke between 'W' and 'Z' in panes with perforations through selvedge. Second Printing.



Row 1, stamp 2
No Code



Row 1, stamp 2
XA top

THE AIRGRAPH LETTER

E.W. LEPPARD

The Christmas and New Year Greeting from New Zealand for 1943, illustrated at Figure 1, shows the unusual method of corresponding introduced during the Second World War. In order to save weight the system of photographing letters and forwarding the microfilm by air was adopted on 18th January, 1943, for Forces Mail to the United Kingdom and Canada, and extended to the Middle East on

Write address
as large as
possible in BLOCK
letters wholly
within this panel

To: C.H. SPRAGUE AB.
P. 55X31008
~~H.M.S. AIR CAPTION 485~~
C/O G.P.O.
H.M.S. GALIANT LONDON.



Figure 1

10th February, 1943. The service lasted until 31st July, 1945, and during that time, over 3.5 million messages had been despatched from New Zealand and over 4.25 million received. The weight saving was such that 3,500 Airgraphs would be approximately equal to the weight of 30 Air Mail Letters. At certain designated points, Cairo and London, the 35 mms film would be processed to the size shown, placed in a Postal Stationery Envelope similar to that shown in Figure 3, illustrated on page 1, and despatched to the addressee.

The Airgraph from Ahiruhe, near Carterton, New Zealand, dated 10th November, 1944, and addressed to a well known collector of Air Mails showed, as can be seen from Figure 2, a cutting from a newspaper. This was of particular interest to me, as I took part in the incident described, while serving with a Tank Unit. Of greater interest to members is the pencil note written on the back of the original. This reads 'Original by first R.A.F. Liberator Flight across Pacific 14 Nov 1944'. Are we looking at an unrecorded First Flight with postal usage and perhaps a special postal rate? It cannot be regarded as a First Flight Cover, since the message would have been carried in the form of a film. Has any member further information on Airgraph routes, processing points, rates and so on. If so, I would be glad to hear from them.



Figure 2

WAIPAWA - 1ST JULY, 1859, TO 25TH MAY, 1990

TONY DODD

This is the story in brief of Waipawa Post Office on Main Highway 2 between Napier and Woodville, 43 Km. south of Hastings. The town is on the railway line, on the banks of the river of the same name. It is the centre of an extensive farming district. One source indicates Waipawa is the Maori for 'Meeting Place of the Waters', because it is at the junction of the Waipawa and Tukituki Rivers. In fact stores for the early settlers were drawn up the Tukituki River in flat bottom boats and there was a wharf not far from where the bridge is today.

Following on the formation of Hawke's Bay Province in 1858 with Napier as its capital, the authorities decided to open up communications. On 1st July, 1859, several post offices were established: Petane, Mohaka and Wairoa in the north; Clive, Te Aute, Waipawa, Waipukurau and Porangahau as a chain in the south; and Patangata which was also serviced from Te Aute. Until this date, the only post office in the Province was Ahuriri/Napier. From July, 1859, a weekly mail delivery by horse

was in operation - a coach to Waipawa and beyond was not set up until nine years later.

Waipawa came into existence when F.S. Abbot decided to form a township from his Abbotsford run of 9,000 acres purchased in 1854. Sections of ¼ and ½ acre each were auctioned on 20th February, 1860. Prior to this the first store opened in December, 1857. William Rathbone was its owner in what is now the main street and he later incorporated post office facilities in July, 1859.

A telegraph station was opened on 1st July, 1869; Money Order service on 1st June, 1870; and the railway reached the town in 1879, really opening up the district. The Telegraph/Post Office was burnt down in 1886 but a new replacement building was completed by the end of that year. However, after subsequent additions it was replaced in 1955 by the modern building used as the Waipawa Post Office until closure on Friday, 25th May, 1990.

Services including private boxes and the posties were transferred to Pearson's Bookshop in the town operating from the following Monday. The new location is termed a Postal Delivery Centre. This type of operation has no datestamp cancellation arrangements and in fact, all the cancellers previously used at Waipawa Post Office have been sent to the Archives. Any mail posted from the bookshop will be sent to Napier for cancellation and routing onwards. Part of the change was that all central Hawke's Bay rural delivery mail articles will now be sorted and carried on from a back room in Postbank's Waipukurau office.

Thus one of the early post offices in the Napier Postal District has passed out of existence in the interests of streamlining and the downturn of the economy especially in our rural areas.

The following cancellations are found from this office. Their earliest and latest dates of usage as recorded at this time are shown.

Waipawa

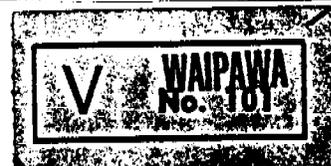
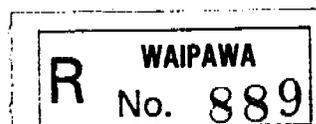
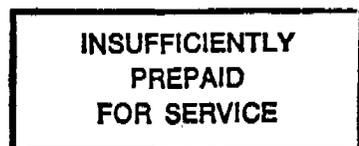
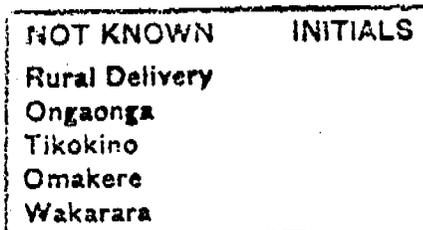
		
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19.3.87 - 20.12.23	c1897 - 10.1.18	11.1.10 - c1920's

The C25 in use from 1910 was followed by several different J-class cancellers. Reliefs are known used 19.5.39 - 22.5.39; again 2.12.40 and 9.3.59. I illustrate below a Telegraph Office cancellation found used 2.12.14 - 9.9.21 on commercial mail, possibly of a relief nature. This is also found used in 1942 and later, but I have not been able to establish whether on commercial mail.

Slogan Machine Cancellations are recorded from 1939 and a roller cancellation was first proofed 19.6.74. The office ended up on

25th May, 1990, with a J33 and a Reiner Roller, which was issued in 1984. At the end there were several miscellaneous type cachets, including three of special interest shown below. These are rarely found on commercial covers but do exist. The 'T' calls for postage due to be collected at the counter.

Registration and Insurance labels used on the last day are illustrated below.



For those who would like to follow the subject in depth, I have drawn on the following books:-

From the Bay to the Bush - the Postal History of Hawke's Bay, by Bruce Marshal and Robin Startup.

New Zealand Postal Manuscripts, by A.R.Marshall.

Abbotsford, by Margaret Grey.

I am grateful to Robin Startup who provided a number of the illustrations, and to Dr. K.J.McNaught, with whom I have corresponded for many years.

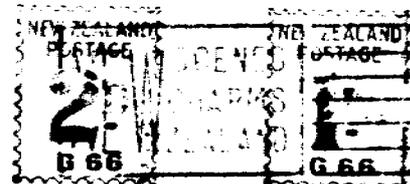
FRENCH INTERNMENT CAMP

E.W.LEPPARD

The cover illustrated on page 16 was posted in Wellington on 13th October, 1939, soon after the outbreak of World War II. It bears the 3d. surface rate, with franking from a Rotex machine, Model G, serial G66. The address is La Tranche sur Mer, which is ten kilometres north of La Rochelle on the Atlantic coast line of France. The cover is redirected to La Rochelle and further to Camp du Vernet, Ariège, where a Censure cachet was applied over a brown paper tape, after the cover was opened and resealed. Camp du Vernet was formed in the late 1930's for Spanish Refugees from the Spanish Civil War. From Prisoner of War records it is found listed as a concentration camp for French Jews, after Vichy France was taken over by the Germans in 1942. One can surmise that the German sounding name of Flursheim in the address indicates that it was used as an internment camp for German Nationals or people of German extraction immediately after the outbreak of war.

What may be of interest to New Zealand collectors is the cachet on the reverse of the Customs Head Office, struck in green and dated 13 OCT 1939. It is very unlikely that a cover of this nature would have left New Zealand after the outbreak of war without censor clearance. The earliest date recorded for the official New Zealand censor tape is 26th October, 1939, by Rodney Stone in his

On His Majesty's Service.



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Mr. M. E. Flurschein,
Villa L'Englantine,
~~La Tranche s/mor~~
FRANCE.

~~Le Petit Dancy~~
Camp de la

Vermet

(Ariege)

~~du Petit Dancy s/le Roche~~
par le Roche s/ly

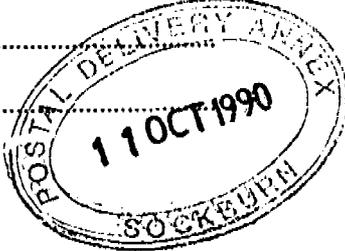
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article in 'The Mail Coach', Volume 25, number 1, October, 1988. It raises the question as to whether or not the Customs Head Office cachet has been applied in lieu of censorship labels, as perhaps these were not organised by this time. Can members check their dating of censor labels for early use and confirm further usage of the Customs Head Office cachet and whether or not customs clearance is also a form of censorship clearance.

POSTAL DELIVERY ANNEX SOCKBURN

ALAN TUNNICLIFFE

New Zealand Post Office	 OFFICIAL PAID
NEW ZEALAND POST LTD SOCKBURN ANNEX	
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MAIL 48	(Affix stamps to value of amount due here)

Sockburn Post Office, which is where my home delivery posties are still based, was closed in August, 1990. The 'Mail 48' card illustrated above is used to notify a customer that an underpaid article is held, and can be collected on presentation of the card at the Annex between 6.30 a.m and 1.00 p.m. Note the rubber stamped marking 'POSTAL DELIVERY ANNEX / SOCKBURN / 11OCT1990', and the marking 'NEW ZEALAND POST LTD SOCKBURN ANNEX'.

MINISTERIAL FRANK WITH PERSONAL NAME

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In the past it was the practice for the 'Official Paid' franks used by Government Ministers to carry the name of the Office or Ministry only.

Illustrated on page 18 is the frank of the Minister of Consumer Affairs, and for the first time the name of the Minister, Hon. Margaret Shields, is shown as part of the frank. The envelope was used from Parliament Buildings on 19th March, 1990.

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