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BULLETIN OF THE PAPUAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY, PORT MORESBY

PATRON: HH THE ADMINISTRATOR BRIGADIER D M CLELAND

NEW MEMBERS

This month we extend a cordial welcome to three new members of our Society:

No 32 Mr R W Richardson (3 years subscription)
1750 Grand Avenue
NYC 53 New York
USA

(Mr Richardson is interested in our postmarks etc and would be pleased to hear from any of our members with a view to exchange).

No 33 Mr L C Bennetts
29 Rose Street
Bendigo
VICTORIA

(Mr Bennetts is also interested in our postmarks etc).

No 34 Mr A W Webb
5 George Street
Kingslake
Auckland NZ

Applications for membership have been received from the following people:

Mr G Beals	Steamships Trading Co Port Moresby
Mr I Nicol	c/o Commonwealth Dept FIJI
Mr J H Powell	29 Waterlooe Street, Narrabeen NSW
Master Rosser	c/o PO Port Moresby - Box 65
Mr G Gelberg	Strand, London, ENGLAND

It can be said, I think, that our last meeting was one of the best, if not THE best evening we have ever had. The response to contribute to the display was surprisingly positive, and some of the sheets shown had a high standard of originality and interest. Some exhibitors emphasised the art of display rather than the subject matter dealt with, others exploited the descriptive possibilities of their choice. We certainly had a good variety of display, some of it most attractively presented.

Here is a list of the headings of various sheets pinned up on the walls - and very colourful they appeared:

Red Cross, Antarctic, Fishing, "Wogs", Overprints, "Triangles", Postal Union", Ancient Objects and Legends, Island Scenes, Famous Paintings, Occupations, Transport, Hair Stypes, Doves of Peace, Stamps on Stamps, Sports & Pastimes, Winter Sports, Athletics, Swimming, The Royal Family, Wild Life, Australian History, Economic Botany, Flora in the Design, Agriculture, Maps, Air Mails, Ships.

A formidable selection for our modest membership! Our members are to be congratulated on their industry and effort.

Initially it had not been intended to make it a competitive display, but the large number of contributions practically demanded recognition of the best entry. And since the Society still held a prize donated some time ago by Chick Ferguson for just such a purpose, it was decided on the spot that the display should be judged and the prize be awarded.

Mr Vidgen whom we welcomed for the first time at our stamp evenings was unaniously chosen to act as judge, as he did not know the other members sufficiently well to be able to identify the origin of the entries which would facilitate an entirely unbiased decision. The prize went to Roland deCean for his entries of Economic Botany and Flora in the Design; his third entry of Agriculture was found to be slightly inferior to his other two sheets, on display grounds. Our contratulations to you Roland.

Mr Toogood has recently been in touch with a friend in the Highlands who owns a large selection of pre-war Papuan stamps, mostly in used condition, which he wishes to dispose of. In view of the desirability of retaining these stamps in the Territory instead of letting some Southern dealer make an offer, Mr Toogood has asked his friend to give the Society an opportunity to make an offer, first. The matter was presented to the meeting and there was unanimous approval to make a bid to secure this lot of stamps for the Society as there appeared to be ample interest in buying these stamps, amongst the members. Mr Toogood has assessed the catalogue value of the collection at £106.

In view of the fact that there are hardly any complete sets and a large number of the low denominations (a few hundred copies of some) it is probable that not all stamps could be advantageously placed. An offer will be made which is within our means and which would cover the contingency of some undisposed stamps and still leave the remainder at an attractive purchase price level. We sincerely hope to secure this collection which would also greatly increase our competency in dealing with the numerous overseas requests for this kind of material.

There was considerable dismay at the decision of the Posts & Telegraphs Department not to issue commemorative stamps for the Papuan 50th Anniversary in September this year. We still feel convinced that such an issue would be in the interest of everyone concerned, including a substantial source of revenue for the Administration. It was pointed out that the mistakes made in the first issue, which caused many subsequent complications could be easily avoided and it was suggested that the members of this Society offer their fullest services to enable the Administration to make a complete (including financial!) success of a further issue. We feel sufficiently strongly about the matter to approach our Patron, H H the Administrator to ask him not to let the idea be discarded without further investigation.

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More accurate details on this subject will appear in the next issue of Stamps News.

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L Bennetts
Bendigo, Victoria.

Covers from old Army Post Offices used during World War 2 in Papua and New Guinea.

R Courtier
APC Port Moresby

W A N T E D

Covers from Papua & or New Guinea or good material I offer mint blocks, overprints etc. Pre-war Papuan mint. Specialist items.

R W Richardson
1750 Grand Avenue
NY C53 New York USA

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No 35 Mr G Beale c/o Steamships Trading Co
Port Moresby

Mr Beale is a medium/advanced collector of all world used except the following: USA, Armenia, Egypt, Hawaii, Mongolia & Rumania.

No 36 Mrs I Babbage Russley, Aberdeen, New South Wales

Mrs Babbage is particularly interested in the pre-war stamps of Papua and New Guinea. Will exchange or buy. Would welcome correspondence in this direction.

No 37 Mrs E Raebel c/o Dept Post & Telegraphs, Port Moresby.

Mrs Raebel is interested in colourful stamps depicting animals, birds, flowers etc.

No 38 Mrs A Boyle c/o Dept Posts & Telegraphs, Port Moresby.

Mrs Boyle is also interested in animals, birds, flowers etc.

No 39 Mr B Challis 8 Brook Avenue, Glen Osmond, South Australia.

Mr Challis is a P&NG Postmark specialist and is well remembered for his articles in Sept-Oct-Nov 1954 Australian Stamp Monthly on our postmarks.

No 40 Rev G G Carter Kekesu, Sohano, Bougainville TNG.

Details of Rev Carter's philatelic interests will be published next issue.

No 41 Mr I M Micol c/o Dept Public Works, Government Buildings,
FIJI

No details of Mr Micol's philatelic interests available for this issue.

A BRIEF REVIEW OF LECTURE ON NEW GUINEA POSTAGE STAMPS
BY MR E HOLDCROFT

A short but informative lecture on New Guinea postage stamps was presented to members at our last meeting by Mr E Holdcroft who for many years has been a specialist in Papua, New Guinea and Australian issues.

To the surprise and pleasure of all, Eric illustrated his lecture with a superb collection of New Guinea stamps from the NW Pacific Islands overprints issue and may nice specimens of the GRI overprints.

The Territory of New Guinea originally comprised German New Guinea and the Marshall Islands.

Shortly after the outbreak of war in August 1914, an Australian Expeditionary Force captured firstly Rabaul and then other German possessions on the mainland and established a Military Administration.

1914 Original German Colonial Issue, and Marshall Islands stamps overprinted G.R.I. and new value. These stamps were in relatively short supply and Registration Labels were overprinted for use as postage stamps.

During this period Australian stamps were available through Army channels and current issues from 1914 onwards may be found with N.G. postmarks.

1915 (March 15th) Current Australian stamps were surcharged N.W.Pacific Islands and replaced German overprints. These remained on issue from 1915 to 1925.

1925 After the conclusion of 1914-1918 war, the Territory of New Guinea became an Australian Mandated Territory under the League of Nations and in 1925 the first definite issue for the Territory appeared. These depicted a native village and became known as the HUT type.

1931 (August 2nd) The well known "Bird of Paradise" series appeared to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Australian Administration, with dates 1921-1931 on each side of the value tablet.

1932 (June 30th) The redrawn types without dates but similar in all other respects were issued. These remained on issue until the outbreak of the Second World War.

1935 (May 1st) The £2 and £5 "Bulolo Goldfields" appeared which were intended for use on heavy parcels posted from Bulolo.

1935 (June 27th) The then current 1d and 2d Bird of Paradise were overprinted for the Jubilee of HM George V.

1937 (May 12th) The Coronation series appeared featuring the head of HM King George VI.

1939 (May 12th) The "Bulolo" type, this time inscribed Airmail Postage instead of Postage, were issued for Airmail use but owing to the outbreak of war had a comparatively short life.

With the Japanese invasion, all stocks were reported to have been destroyed.

After the war current Australian stamps were valid both Papua & New Guinea and remained in use until the combined issue of 30th October 1952.

For the purpose of clearing stocks held by many Post Offices, Australian stamps were allowed to continue in use until February-March 1953.

AIRMAIL AND O.S OVERPRINTS

The 1925, 1931 and 1932 issues were overprinted Airmail and O S.

The former, it is understood, was intended to simplify Departmental Accounting in respect of payment of subsidies to Airway Companies then operating while the O S was, of course, to distinguish official mail.

Thank you very much Eric for a very interesting talk, these details are no doubt old to many members but they will be NEW to others.

The details listed are only intended to be brief, if any member would care for a more comprehensive article on this subject, please contact the Secretary who will be only too pleased to make available further details where possible.

Our President, Mr E Douglas departed last week on the Bulolo for a two months holiday in New Zealand.

Have a good holiday Eric, but don't be too long away from the tropical paradise, our Exchange Club has many interested members.

We believe Eric may bring back some "pieces" for our inspection?

LAND OF LAKATOI AND CANNIBALS

(Extract from Philatelic Magazine 11th May 1951)

The Territory which, during the last few years has gone under the double-barrelled title of Papua & New Guinea is something of an oddity in the widely scattered lands of the British Commonwealth.

Although it is one of the largest islands in the world, and has been known to the Westerners since it was discovered by the Portuguese early in the 16th Century, it was not until comparatively recently that extensive exploration and charting took place.

Papua and New Guinea lies entirely within the tropics, a formidable and dangerous land where great mountains perpetually covered with cloud soar nearly sixteen thousand feet into the sky, where dense forests make travel slow and arduous, terrible earthquakes and where the natives have but recently emerged from cannibalism and fierce tribal warfare.

Hardly a promising territory from the philatelic point of view seems a fair comment but, in fact, the reverse is true.

It is however, necessary to briefly summarise the struggle of various colonial powers before we can indicate philatelic possibilities.

Although Captain Cook visited the Territory and, as already stated the Portuguese discovered it, it was the Dutch who were the first settlers (permanent). To this day the whole of the Western half is known as Dutch sovereignty, the Eastern half has been the scene of bitter rivalry between Germany and Australia.

It was in the latter part of the 19th Century that the First Australian attempts were made to bring the whole of the Western half under their sway but such efforts met with little support from the Government in London. It was not until the growing Colonial ambitions of Imperial Germany cast covetous glances hereabouts

that in 1814 a British Protectorate was proclaimed over the South East section of the Island.

Soon afterwards Germany tookover the north Eastern part and in 1897 German Empire stamps were overprinted Deutsch New Guinea.

Now although Australian influence was considerable in her own SE section neither she nor the home Government in London deemed it necessary to issue stamps. Such postal needs as there were, were met by the use of Queensland stamps.

Indeed the Territory was considered to be part of Queensland.

(To be continued)

OLYMPEX STAMP EXHIBITION

We recently received details of the Exhibition to be held in Melbourne during the time of the Olympic Games.

Our Society has been allocated one frame consisting of 24 standard album sheets.

As a result of recent Thematic display, members have proved they are capable of big things and we intend to use these talents in a combined effort to make the PPS section something for the internationals to "write home about".

A special meeting of all local members will be held in the near future to discuss this project in more detail - any literature or ideas at all, will be appreciated.

This exhibition is an excellent opportunity for the display of our Territory, we would welcome our overseas members to assist.

When details are finalised, all arrangements will appear in "Stamp News". Initially it is our intention to present a comprehensive display of Papua and New Guinea postage stamps, First Flight Covers, Postmarks and any other suitable Papua & New Guinea material available.

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS EARNESTLY DESIRED - FURTHER DETAILS LATER

STANLEY GIBBONS CATALOGUE ALL WORLD SIMPLIFIED

We have recently purchased the 1956 Edition of this Catalogue for the use of all members, anybody requiring same may do so by contacting the Secretary (Phone 5151 or 5343 res).

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the usual place, there is nothing special on, but bring along all your ideas on the Olympex project, exchange material, anything of philatelic interest that we have not seen yet.

Perhaps one of our members may give us an impromptu talk or display.

What about those covers of yours Mrs Beitsch?

Thought for today:

Many a good postmark is torn from the cover.

CORRECTION TO FEBRUARY-MARCH "STAMP NEWS" POSTMARK SUPPLEMENT

We incorrectly stated that the Special Occasions Postmark was "almost identical General Counter Postmark" - it should have read "almost identical to Money Order Office Postmark".

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PHILATELIC SOCIETIES

Our Secretary recently endeavoured to contact the Societies at Rabaul and Lae but has found that PPS is the ONLY Philatelic Society operating in Papua and New Guinea.

The others have apparently collapsed owing to lack of interest and members.

OUR PATRON INTERESTED IN PHILATELY

Members will be pleased to know that our Patron, His Honour the Administrator, Brigadier D M Cleland, is interested in philately. His Honour stated his keen interest in the activities of PPS, our monthly magazine "Stamp News" and has agreed to favour us with small lots of stamps and envelopes from time to time. These stamps will be held in a central pool and distributed to members in an endeavour to build up exchange material for the less advanced collectors.

We were also favoured with a generous cheque to assist Club funds, for which we have expressed our most sincere thanks.

NEWSPAPER POSTAGE PAID AT KONE DOBU P & NG



We illustrate the latest Newspaper Postage Paid postmark, which was delivered to Konedobu PO approximately 18th April. At the time of publication of this magazine, it is believed the postmark was still in "Mint" condition.

No doubt when the Govt Printer at Konedobu realises this postmark exists, the Govt Gazette will be posted at Konedobu and the Newspaper Postmark from Port Moresby will become comparatively scarce.

RELIEF POSTMARK INFORMATION

Relief No 1 Continues in use at MINJ.

Relief No 2 Is to replace damaged postmark at KANDRIAN (no dates available).

WANTED

Cover from Kavieng bearing P&NG stamps, cancelled with original Kavieng (Type 1) postmark (preferably registered).

Registered cover from SOHANO bearing P&NG stamps cancelled with original SOHANA postmark and bearing SOHANO registration label.

M T Bulley, 4 Tower Street, Upper Hawthorn E3 VIC.

WANTED

Konedobu registration label with Postal Dept C.3 postmark on cover.

Port Moresby Red T (Treasury) registration label with C.3 postmark on cover.

Milne Bay, Gainings, Nigaturu postmarks on cover.

R J Kelly c/o APC Port Moresby.

WANTED

Postal Dept C.3 with stamps on cover.

" " " " Reg label P.H. Red T.
" " " " " Konedobu.

FOR EXCHANGE

On cover numerous Pacific Islands postmarks and stamps. Contact Hon Secretary or write to R W Richardson, 1750 Grand Avenue NYC.53 New York.

GIFT TO ANY MEMBER

Quantity of Loose Leaf Album pages with names of countries attractively embossed.

Who wants them? No strings attached.

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LAND OF LAKATOI AND CANNIBALS (continued - April Stamps News)

Today stamps which can be identified as "used in Papua" are much sought after and command useful prices. The cancellor in use was, first, the letters "N.G." in an eight barred oval but was replaced by the letters "B.N.G." (British New Guinea) in a similar eight barred oval.

It was not until 1901 that Papua got its own stamps but the title appearing on them was "British New Guinea". These stamps, recess printed by De la Rue & Co brought forth a mild storm of criticism in the philatelic press but it was not until 1906 (when, by the passing of the Papua Act the Australians assumed full control) that comment became virulent. One result of the passing of the Act was that the Territory became known officially as "Papua" and it was necessary to overprint the current stamps with the fact!

On 30th March 1907, Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal stated "the fact of this colony having been incorporated in the Commonwealth of Australia has served as an excuse for altering its designation and, of course, surcharging its stamps. Two values have been seen overprinted "Papua" in heavy type.

Doubtless the complete overprint should have been "GUMPAPUA".

With the outbreak of war G.R.I. overprints were used in NG then N.W. Pacific Island plus general issues from NG.

All this time, however, the original territory of Papua maintained its own issues, thus the two adjoining territories of Papua & New Guinea pursued their stamp issuing policies separately until 1941 when the Japanese invasion took place.

After bitter fighting, the Japanese were finally defeated but when the Australians once more took possession they did not issue stamps. Instead, the Territory reverted to its earliest philatelic state, using the stamps of the Commonwealth of Australia, and continued to do so for another 7 years.

Their use in this GREAT and SAVAGE land can only be detected by the postmarks which give the names of towns and the words "Papua and New Guinea".

The reference "GUMPAP" by Stanley Gibbons is possibly quite unknown to many of our readers, the following is one explanation.

A "Gumpap" is a special printing of an obsolete postage stamp, authorised generally by the Government concerned, for sale to philatelists. Actually philatelists consider them useless or only a piece of GUMMED PAPER (Thus GUMPAPUA).

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IDENTIFICATION OF PORT MORESBY POSTMARKS

Further to our article in February-March "Stamp News", we list details of the method of determining difference between Type 2 and 2a postmarks.

We acknowledge the work of our keen postmark collector Mr Max Bulley, who is responsible for this method.

TYPE 2

Date line figures and inscription, 4mm approximately.

Registered Letter Counter

"X" = $7\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

Philatelic/Accounts Dept

"X" = $8\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

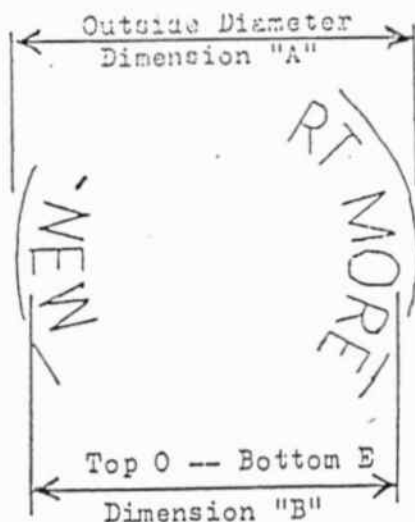


TYPE 2a

Date line figures and Inscription, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm approximately.

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Parcels Office | "X" = $6\frac{1}{2}$ mm. |
| General Counter | "X" = $7\frac{1}{2}$ mm. |
| Money Order Counter | "X" = $7\frac{1}{2}$ mm. |
| Special Occasions Postmark | "X" = $7\frac{1}{2}$ mm. |

The difference between the latter three cannot be noticed at a glance. Mr Ray Kelly has produced all the Port Moresby postmarks in transparent overlays, from which we have determined the following means of identifying these three postma:



General Counter Postmark:
Dimension "A" is slightly larger than other two.

The difference between Special Occasions Postmark and Money Order Postmark can be determined by measuring from the top of O in Moresby to bottom of E in New. The Money Order Postmark is slightly smaller than Special Occasions Postmark.

WE MAY BE LUCKY ENOUGH TO SEE SPEC. OCC. PMK. ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 1956.

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA - NEW POSTAGE STAMPS

At last something is being done about our suggestion for a commemorative issue of postage stamps, not exactly what we wanted but nevertheless, anything will be appreciated by the P & NG philatelists.

Providing "The Minister" approves, providing the Note Printing Branch can do the job in time AND providing PPS give their full co-operation, we will have an issue of overprints on 1st September this year, comprising 3½d, 6½d, 7½d and 2/- values.

Several interesting items developed from our recent interviews with the Director of Posts & Telegraphs, Mr W Carter, which are listed for your information.

a PPS CO-OPERATION

Until such time as Dept P & T are geared for such an event, it is of extreme importance that all Port Moresby members shall assist in any way possible to make this venture a success.

Further details of how you can assist will be given later.

b PAPUA & NEW GUINEA STAMP ADVISORY COUNCIL

The future formation of SAC is a great step forward in P & NG philately, members of PPS will be pleased to know that we have been invited to appoint the philatelic members to this Council, which will also consist of executive members of Dept P & T and if possible, a leading artist.

It will be the responsibility of this council to recommend all future issues, a continuous review of historical events and where possible, arrange suggested designs for such events.

c COMMEMORATIVES

It would appear that we are now approaching a new philatelic era in P & NG, for with the formation of SAC, regular commemoratives will appear, careful consideration of course will be given to the events in question, to see that we don't let the idea get out of hand. Another possibility is the change in the Standard Design.

At our last meeting considerable discussion took place on the subject of overprints and two days later our recommendations for text of overprint etc were presented to Mr Carter.

The matter is now out of our hands, we can only await the decisions of Minister Hasluck and the Note Printing Branch.

We were inclined to be somewhat critical of the point blank refusal of Mr Carter recently, we have since found that there is probably nobody keener to see a new issue than himself.

OLYMPLEX EXHIBITION

For the information of all members we quote extracts of a letter received from the Chairman of Olympex Display Committee.

"We thank you for your offer of co-operation to assist in making Olympex a successful and interesting exhibition.

The Display Committee would be pleased if your Society could supply TWO frames, each of 24 standard size sheets (approximately 9 3/4" x 11 1/4") as follows:

- 1 Frame of a comprehensive display of Papua
- 1 Frame of a comprehensive display of New Guinea.

The sheets may be either white or black, but we would prefer that they be the same if possible, neatly mounted and annotated.

We think it best if your exhibit be confined to Postage Stamps only as Postmarks and Covers will be supplied by one of the Melbourne Societies. However, if you have any covers of outstanding interest, let us have particulars. Your exhibit will not be required until about the end of October".

This is actually much more space than we had anticipated, also we were considering using P & NG covers, postmarks etc, it now becomes a matter of whether our combined efforts would fill 48 pages of Postage Stamps only.

Would ALL members list what Papua and/or New Guinea stamps they have, that they would be prepared to loan for this exhibition, so that we can assess our holdings and advise Olympex Committee whether we can accept their full offer.

Initially their offer was 24 sheets only (12 for Papua and 12 for New Guinea).

This request is also directed to our overseas members, who from their correspondence would appear to have more P & NG material than the locals.

If this information can be sent to our Secretary we will have some basis for discussion at a special meeting, which cannot be called until this information is available.

Please consider the matter as URGENT.

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No 44 Mr F W Perks Derry, Kingsway, Gerrards Cross, Bucks, England.

Mr Perks is a general collector of P & NG stamps and Postmarks.

No 45 Mr D H Vernon 1 Abercorn Gardens, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex, England.

Mr Vernon collects Pacific Islands postmarks, particularly pre-war New Guinea and post-war P & NG.

No 46 Mr W S Sondhelm 140 Dowson Road, Hyde, Cheshire, England.

Mr Sondhelm is interested in the postmarks of Pacific Islands and Antarctica, particularly P & NG, Fiji, Gilbert & Ellis, Falkland Is Deps.

A NOTE FROM OUR SECRETARY

Owing to high pressure of work and increased correspondence our Secretary wishes to advise that he has been unable to attend to all the correspondence from many members.

He states that all outstanding queries, letters etc will be attended to at the first opportunity and wishes to apologise to the many members who have been neglected due to these unforeseen circumstances.

KANDRIAN RELIEF POSTMARK

For the benefit of members who may have received FDCs of the Relief No 6 now in use at Kandrian, the Postmaster advised that, even with care he was unable to get clear impressions.

The actual date was 23rd APRIL 1956.

NEW ZEALAND NOTES

The third value of the amended definitives has been recently issued. It is the 2d value, following the 6d and 1½d respectively. The new set is very similar to the old set, bearing large numerals and excluding the Southern Cross from the design. It is easy to overlook these varieties because they are so common, but of course they are quite definitely different stamps.

A stamp worthwhile keeping will be the 1/3 amended typed Arms stamp in yellow and

black. This stamp is in the nature of a provisional and is not often seen on correspondence, being mostly used for telephone toll call slips. The stamp exists with watermark upright and inverted and there are varieties in the black inscription. Furthermore, the perforation of this stamp shows many imperfections and we have seen sheets where the perforation approached the state commonly known as rouletted, there being hardly any holes apparent when held up against the light.

With a few exceptions, nearly all the old high value Arms stamps are being withdrawn. These stamps have never been popular with collectors, being predominantly used for revenue purposes, yet valid for postage.

AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC STAMPS

We are very much looking forward to the forthcoming Olympic Games issue, which will be an innovation in Australian Postage stamps. The inclusion of two Photogravure designs is in keeping with modern trends, as indeed only classic examples of recess printed stamps can give such a finished appearance. For the specialist engraved stamps are of more interest as they leave more scope for detailed study, however the "prettier" Photogravure stamps are infinitely more popular with the general collector and the thematic collector. Admittedly this can go too far, in which case we get "poster" stamps, but we need not be afraid of that in this coming issue. Harrison & Sons are the printers who have produced all the recent low value Great Britain stamps, and the standard of these stamps has been very high indeed. Courvoisier, who will produce the fourth value, are a firm of very high international repute who have turned out excellent stamps for many countries. They are best known for the multicoloured photogravure stamps of Switzerland, but other samples of their work are recent emissions of Ceylon, Belgian Congo and many other countries. Their stamps are easily identified by the peculiar paper they are printed on, which instead of a watermark has very fine multicoloured threads inserted which are plainly visible on the back of each stamp. It will be interesting to see whether this will also apply to the new Australian stamps produced by this firm.

If the Government approves of the new photogravure stamps, we may have a better chance to have future Papua and New Guinea stamps printed by that process, which lends itself ideally to all pictorial subjects. In recent years, several British Crown Colonies have converted their stamps to pictorial photogravure stamps, viz North Borneo, Mauritius and Seychelles.

CATALOGUES OFFERED FOR EXCHANGE

For those who like to have detailed catalogues to work with, the following two offers may be of interest:

- a Complete set of YVERT 1955 comprising three volumes - France & Colonies, Europe, Overseas.
- b STANLEY GIBBONS 1951 Blue Catalogue Part III - Overseas.

The Yvert catalogue especially is a work which covers all major varieties of the stamps of the world, without entering the field of the specialist, and is an excellent reference book; the pricing is in many cases more realistic than in Gibbons.

Yvert is offered for 4 used copies of the current PNG 10/- stamp or the equivalent; the Gibbons 1951 for four used copies of the 2/6 value resp its equivalent. Anyone interested should contact Mr Beale of STC.

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

The following movements of postmarks in the Territory have been announced:

RELIEF NO 6 which is at present used in Kandrian is about to be replaced by the KANDRIAN postmark which has been repaired.

RELIEF NO 1 will be withdrawn after the arrival of the new MINJ postmark which is now on its way to Minj.

A new general purpose canceller is destined for MADANG. No detailed information is available.

We still have no news from Mr Toogood's friend in the Highlands, who had a quantity of pre-war Papuan stamps to dispose of. Unfortunately, Mr Toogood is still on leave in Australia and is not due back in Port Moresby until early July; however we shall endeavour to get in touch with him so as to be able to follow up this matter.

STAMP IDENTIFICATION QUIZ

We hope to have another session at identifying a selection of stamps originating from stamp issuing territories who were not too lavish in giving away clues to the less advanced collector as to the heading these stamps are to be classed under. The "quiz" will not be on a competitive basis as there are a few amongst us who have too great an advantage over others. However it is hoped that most members will participate in the "examination paper" to help improve their knowledge of the more obscure stamps of the world.

MARKET PRICES

This month we are quoting you the bulk market prices in Sydney for used current Papua-New Guinea stamps. Prices given are for average copies.

Denomination	Cash Purchase Price	% Face
½d	2/6 per 100	60%
1d	3/- " "	36%
2d	4/- " "	24%
2½d	8/- " "	38%
3d	4/- " "	16%
3½d	4/- " "	14%
6½d	8/- " "	15%
7½d	4/- per 12	53%
9d	4/- " "	44%
1/-d	2/- " "	16%
1/6d	8/- " "	44%
2/-d	6/- " "	25%
2/6d	9/- " "	30%
10/-d	3/6 each	35%
£1	6/6 each	33%

This appears to give a mean of about 30% for lots that are not predominantly composed of common values. The prices would apply for bulk sales, but slightly better rates might be paid in specific cases. The above are as a guide only. It shows that it is a much better proposition to EXCHANGE our current stamps rather than sell them for cash. Remember that before you reject all these many offers of exchange from our overseas correspondents simply because you are hoping to dispose of them more favourably.

The Postmaster in SAMARAI has informed us that at present no POSTAGE PAID AT SAMARAI circular postmark is in use. The NEWSPAPER POSTAGE PAID oval marker is being used and the specimens recently seen have been applied in purple ink.

A BRIEF NOTE ON PPS

It is pleasing to the few members who formed PPS just over 18 months ago, to see its rapid growth and popularity.

Having now reached the status of an International Society, it is hoped that our overseas members will be arranging direct correspondence. On the surface it would appear that there are very few P & NG postal Historians who are not members of PPS and thanks to the diligent work of members such as Max Bulley, Rev Voyce, Len Bennetts, Basil Challis, Ian Nicol etc more and more articles are being published regularly, which will bring the complete study of our postal history to a stage, where only minor gaps will prevent us from saying - FINIS.

It has been suggested that all this information be "run" in Stamps News.

This will be a big task but if all interested members are prepared to help by forwarding "their little bit" then the Editors are prepared to have a go.

(We might add, that the Editors are not authorities on P & NG postal history, but we may be able to delegate a specialist, to the rough or smooth writing of the copy, thus making it easy for us to put into print).

OLYMPEX EXHIBITION

We are pleased to say that the response to our request for co-operation has been overwhelming.

It is extremely gratifying to know we have the full support of our members here and overseas, to the extent that we can fill all the frames allocated by the Display Committee.

A special committee is now being formed to handle this project and all members will be advised of full details immediately.

KULUMADAU POST OFFICE

An interesting note received from our USA member, Mr Richardson, states that at FIPEX recently he purchased a registered cover bearing 1d, 2d, 2½d and 3d. Lakatois and postmarked KULUMADAU.

Unfortunately, no dates were given but we will check this carefully as it would appear this is a very rare specimen.

CORRECTION

Member No 42 Mr W G Colbran, 64 Sussex Road and not 54 as shown in May "Stamp News".

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED

Cancellation "Aust Unit Postal Station 313, on Australian 6?or NAURU stamps 1945 - 46. Piece or Cover. Also Nauru items of interest".

Mr L C Bennetts,
29 Rose Street,
BENDIGO VIC,
AUSTRALIA

WANTED

Classified Ads to fill this page. Any quantity.

Editor,
Stamps News.

SAMARAI POSTMARK

An item of interest for the Specialist collector is found in the postmark released at Samarai on 19th January this year.

When the postmark arrived from the manufacturer, the second digit drum was numbered 1 2 3 4 5 8 7 8 9 0.

The local PO changed the first 8 to a 6 by removing a small section of the top right hand circle.

Providing the PO has not used this postmark on Sundays there are only 11 days on which this 6 could be used.

A replacement drum is now available and will be installed immediately.

OLYMPEX EXHIBITION

Once again we ask all members with exhibition or competition experience to list any details which will assist us in displaying our material at Olympex next November.

Any small suggestion will be appreciated.

SOCIAL NOTE

We are pleased to say "welcome home" to our President, Mr E Douglas, who has been on leave in New Zealand for the past 2 months.

Glad to have you back Eric, we will be pleased to hear your ideas on the Exchange Club and those items for the improvement of PPS operations.

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BULLETIN OF THE PAPUAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY, PORT MORESBY

PATRON: HH THE ADMINISTRATOR BRIGADIER D M CLELAND

NEW MEMBERS

We almost reported no increase in membership this month but, at the very last minute, thanks to the efforts of Rev Voyce, we are pleased to welcome as Member No 47:

No 47 Mr A C Laing PO Box 807, Dunedin, NEW ZEALAND

Unfortunately we cannot list Mr Laing's interests in this issue, but hope to do so next month.

OUR COVER

"Stamp News" has been given its annual face lift.

This time we have been ambitious and endeavoured to depict one sample of every different major name change that has been used in PAPUA since postage began:

- 1 Queensland
- 2 British New Guinea
- 3 Papua
- 4 Australia
- 5 Papua and New Guinea

(NOTE: The B.N.G. overprint Papua has been omitted from the cover design).

REPLY PAID POST CARDS

A very interesting aspect on Stamp Collecting has been mentioned by our American member, Mr Richardson.

These cards give the theme for a very good thematic collection.

You can either have Papua and New Guinea stamps cancelled from any country in the world (maybe a few exceptions) or have a collection of foreign stamps all bearing Papua and New Guinea postmarks.

Mr Richardson's collection so far includes a copy of every P & N.G. postmark on American stamps, plus stamps from many British Colonies cancelled in America.

This form of Thematics can very soon get out of hand but handled carefully, could develop into a very interesting hobby.

STAMP MOUNTING AND ALBUM ARRANGEMENT BY G BEALE

Quite advanced philatelists often show a badly arranged collection with obvious pride, making impossible any well meant suggestion, however tactfully phrased, and therefore a few hints on the arrangement and mounting of a collection may not come amiss.

Generally it is thought preferable to house your collection in a loose leaf album with squared black or white paper. A printed album with squares for the standard issues of a country is very limiting both as regards space and self expression. There is nearly always some desirable and interesting variety or postmark which has to be left out, thereby reducing the collection to a mere row of catalogue numbers.

The pages of a loose leaf album have little barely noticeable marks in the centre and centre sides, as well as at top and bottom of the page making the spacing of the stamps quite easy. Do not overcrowd the page, leave about three to four quadrille lines between the stamps and also along the edges. Many philatelists prefer to disregard the catalogue order of a set or sets of stamps, as also the chronological order so that proper balance of the page can be achieved. For example take a set of stamps with both large and small format and with a catalogue order of H.H.x.x.H.x.x - they would look better spaced thus:

H.x.x.H
x.H.x

Advanced collectors often draw a red or black square around each stamp one quadrille line away from the stamp edges on the page in order to improve the appearance of the stamps.

Mounting should only be done with good quality peelable hinges, so often a cheap hinge will stick like adhesive tape and ruin the stamp; but cheapness or name is not always a guide to quality. The stamp mount should be far enough away from the top of the stamp to avoid sticking to the perforations but as close as possible to the top so that the stamp can be lifted and the underside examined. Only about one tenth of an inch should be bent and stuck to the stamp.

Varieties and other interesting features of a stamp should always be described, preferably in longhand where reasonably legible and do not accept the catalogue as being the last word, always test the perforation and watermark. Some of the world's rarities have been discovered quite casually! A good perforation gauge and magnifying glass will quickly repay their cost in increased interest.

If you are a thematic collector, try to make your theme as interesting as possible, mounting all the stamps in some preselected order. For instance flowers could be arranged by Botanical order, Bridges by locality or date of construction.

Actual photographs or drawings of the subject depicted on the stamp will add interest to your collection and remember, interest enhances value. In any saleroom one can gaze upon a truckload of albums, few of which will arrest one's attention except to assess the value of the stamps therein. On the other hand a carefully arranged and interesting collection will often fetch a far higher price than its neighbour brimming over with stamps.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting of the Society will be on the 10th July and will be our Annual General Meeting. It is therefore requested that every member make an effort to attend this meeting, at which office bearers for the new financial year will be elected and the policy of the Society discussed. This is the time when suggestions for improvements should be put forward and the opinion of a representative group of members consulted. So please remember the date - Tuesday 10th July at 8.00 am at Mrs Beadel's residence at Four Mile.

Also on the agenda for this meeting is the drafting of a Constitution for the Society, for we feel that we have become a large enough body to warrant such a document.

POSTAL RELEASES

The following information regarding postmarks is to hand:

RELIEF No 1 has been withdrawn from MINJ on 30 May 1956 and has been replaced by that Post Office's own new marker on 31 May 1956.

RELIEF No 6 has been withdrawn from KANDRIAN on 31 May 1956 and the repaired canceller put back into use on 1 June 1956.

The MADANG postmark issued on 19 January 1956 was found to be faulty, the second digit drum being too small. This canceller has now been withdrawn and sent back to Australia for repair. The relatively few specimens of this partmark used in January should be fairly rare.

An entirely new MADANG postmark has come into use on 30 May 1956. It is similar to the one issued on 19 January 1956.

The faulty SAMARAI postmark with 8 instead of 6 in the second digit drum has been sent to Australia for repair. It was withdrawn from Samarai on 9 June 1956 and replaced temporarily by RELIEF No 5.

The KAIRUKU postmark has been sent in for repair. As from 5 June 1956, RELIEF No 4 has been used at that Post Office.

The sheets of the current 3d and 3½d values have recently appeared perforated in the bottom margin instead of the top margin. This gives the sheets the appearance of upper plates, but no separate plates have hitherto been observed. The other four low values continue to be issued in the usual form only, nor does the perforation on the 3d and 3½d alternate as would be expected if coming from two plates. In consequence, we have, with the old ones, specimen of imprint blocks with and without perforations across the imprint - a variety well worth having for the imprint collector.

OLYMPEX

A Sub-Committee of three consisting of Messers Vidgen, Holdcroft and Douglas are handling the preparation and arrangements for the display to be contributed by the PPS at the Olymplex Exhibition in Melbourne. It is intended to make the display both novel and attractive and to draw attention to our Territory's place in the Commonwealth. Any member who wishes to contribute items of specific interest to the display, please contact the Olymplex Sub-Committee.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Committee has decided that membership fee will remain at 10/- per member per year, payable on the 1st July each year. In the case of a new member, 10/- to be paid if joining the Society before 31st December, and 5/- if becoming a member between 1st January and 30th June.

The ordinary membership fee entitles each member within the British Commonwealth to a monthly copy of the Society magazine, post free by ordinary surface mail. Members residing outside the British Commonwealth or desiring air mail delivery have to pay additional to their membership fee the difference in the postage rate over the 2nd ordinary rate for each month. A separate list setting out the various rates is being prepared and when completed will be sent to intending members and anyone interested, on application. We are having our magazine registered at the Port Moresby Post Office as a newspaper to enable us to send it at reduced rates. Unfortunately, these do not affect the air mail rates, as the magazine will have to be sent as second class air mail which is rather expensive unless we send more than one magazine together. Perhaps some of our overseas members can come to some agreement between them with the object of cutting postage expenses.

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

An invitation has been extended to PPS to appoint two non-official members for this Committee.

In extending this invitation, the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Mr W Carter, requests that he be advised of these members names before the end of July.

The first meeting of the Stamp Advisory Committee will probably be some time in August.

Mr Carter also expressed his thanks to PPS Committee and members for their recent offer of assistance and co-operation.

POLICE RUNNER SERVICE - BOUGAINVILLE

We sighted a very interesting cover from Bougainville recently, it had travelled down the East coast of the Island by Police runner from SOHANO to KIETA (a distance of well over 100 miles).

With the co-operation of Revs Carter and Voyce, it is hoped we will be able to list full details of this interesting service, for members who may care to obtain covers.

There is also a Native canoe postal service, operating from Sohano to the North, travelling up the West coast.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED

Covers from Dutch New Guinea cancelled during post-war period.

Information on Postal History of Dutch New Guinea.

SPAIN 1936 Gibbons T 147 and T 150 - 1 copy each mint or used.

Rev G G Carter
Kekesu
Sohano
Bougainville, TNG

Fine used New Guinea 1932 Officials set, also high values without overprint.

New Hebrides 1938 odd values used and Postage dues of same date.

Tonga. S.G. Nos 44-53, 55a-69, 73, 75, 77, 78, 81-87, 92-94 all used.

G Beals
c/o S.T.C
Port Moresby
Papua

WANTED TO EXCHANGE

Buin (Buka) Baskets for Papua & New Guinea covers.

WANTED

Correspondent interested in Conchology (Shell Collecting).

Rev A H Voyce
Kihili
Buin
Bougainville T.N.G.

MEMBERS PHILATELIC INTERESTS

As mentioned in back issue of Stamp News, we herewith list philatelic interests of Rev Carter.

Australian Commonwealth, USA, P & NG stamps and postmarks.

PAPUAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

C O N S T I T U T I O N

- 1 The Society shall be known as the Papuan Philatelic Society and shall be governed by a Committee.
- 2 The Committee shall consist of the President, one or more Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Exchange Superintendent and one member, all to be elected at the Annual General Meeting and to hold office for twelve months. The Committee may co-opt any further member(s) if deemed necessary.
- 3 Membership fees shall be fixed by the Committee and reviewed each year.
- 4 The Society shall meet each month at a place and date to be determined by the Committee.
- 5 No unfinancial member shall have the power of voting at any meeting of the Society.
- 6 At any meeting of the Committee, three shall form a quorum.
- 7 These rules shall not be alterable except at a special meeting called for that purpose and of which meeting 14 days' notice shall be given and a ballot taken of all members present.
- 8 The object of the Society shall embrace all subjects appertaining to the study and practice of the Science of Philately.
- 9 Members shall inform the Society of any change of address.
- 10 Any person whose connection with the Society has ceased shall not be entitled to or have any claim upon any portion of the property of the Society.
- 11 An Auditor shall be appointed by the Committee to examine the books and report thereon to the Annual General Meeting. The books shall be closed on 30th June each year.
- 12 Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the Committee, such appointees to remain in office until the end of the Society's year.
- 13 Any member of the Committee failing to attend at three consecutive Committee meetings, unless reasonable excuse be given, may be removed from office by the Committee.
- 14 Members of the Committee may hold more than one office if elected. If a member of the Committee holds two offices, an additional member is to be elected to the Committee.
- 15 The Committee shall have the power to frame by-laws from time to time, provided that they are not in contravention to the Society's rules.
- 16 The Committee by a two-thirds majority may temporarily suspend any member violating the rules of the Society, or acting in any way contrary to the objects of the Society, until the cause of such suspension can be investigated at a

Committee meeting of the Society. Such member shall receive seven (7) days' notice from the Honorary Secretary to appear at such meeting and answer the charge against him. In case any charge or matter affecting the character of conduct of any member shall be brought before the Committee it shall be at the discretion of the Committee to require the said member to resign and, failing such resignation, to expel such member from the Society; but full opportunity shall first be given to such member to refute or explain such charge or matter.

17 All subscriptions are to be payable as from 1st July; any member who has not resigned membership previously be deemed to be a member for the year and his or her subscription to be liable.

18 All resignations are to be in writing.

19 Notice of the falling due of subscriptions shall be published in the Annual Report and the Treasurer shall send out reminders after one month. At the expiration of a further two months the member shall be considered unfinancial. At the expiration of twelve months membership shall cease.

20 The Annual General Meeting shall be the regular July meeting.

21 On requisition signed by six (6) financial members of the Society, the Honorary Secretary shall at any time call a special General Meeting, specifying the business to be brought forward and seven days' notice of such meeting is to be given to all members.

22 The President shall preside over each meeting and present an Annual Report each year. The Chairman shall have a casting vote. The Honorary Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, keep a minutes book and read the minutes to every meeting. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Society and pay all accounts due by the Society which have been passed by the Committee. The Treasurer shall also prepare a balance sheet of the Society's funds duly audited at the Annual General Meeting.

23 A cheque account is to be opened with the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia and all banking withdrawals to be signed by two members of the Committee.

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PATRON: HH THE ADMINISTRATOR BRIGADIER D M CLELAND

MEMBERSHIP

There are no new members to report this month, though there are to hand enquiries for application to membership of PPS.

Over the past year there has been a steady increase in overseas, Australia and Territory membership and to those who may wish to correspond individually with members in other countries, we will gladly provide name and address in the countries listed below:

Australia	9 members	Papua	28 members
Fiji	1 "	United Kingdom	4 "
New Guinea	2 "	United States of	2 "
New Zealand	2 "	America	

FROM THE EDITOR

Among our members must be a wealth of anecdotes, stories, items and news of philatelic interest. That stamp which was finally run to earth in some obscure corner of the globe, that lolly you gave to the child in whose album you discovered the only other copy of the British Guiana, perhaps the almost perfect forgery for which you fell and have kept silent about until now. You may also have ideas on the best methods for album layout or cleaning grubby but worthwhile specimens. Share your experiences with us and submit all items to:

The Editor
Mr J Lubran
c/o APC
Port Moresby
Papua

This applies to overseas as well as home members and at this point, would draw your attention to the article in this issue by our member Mr M T Bulley who reminds us that he would appreciate any assistance in obtaining information on cancellations of the Territory.

THE POSTAL CANCELLATION OF NEW GUINEA 1914-1942

By M T BULLEY

In recent years the interest taken in the study of postal cancellations has increased considerably. Last year, in "Stamp Collecting", a series of articles were published entitled "Desert Island Discs - A Record of Pacific Island Cancellations" compiled by Major T L C Tomkins. This was a general study of the postmarks used by the group of islands administered by the Governments of the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, located in the Pacific area. Disc No 7 covered the cancellations of New Guinea in four separate sections:

- a German New Guinea (1888-1914)
- b Territory of New Guinea (1914-1942)
- c Papua - including British New Guinea (1885-1942)
- d Papua-New Guinea (1945 onwards)

The post-war cancellations of the joint territory of Papua and New Guinea have been well covered by my articles in "Philately from Australia" of September 1954 and March 1956. To these must be added the information compiled by our enthusiastic Secretary, (Ray Kelly) and published in the various issues of the Society's Bulletin from November onwards.

Several articles have been published in the philatelic Press as a result of studies into the postmarks used in German New Guinea. These include the following:

- a "Australian Stamp Journal" of Feb '51, compiled by Romney Gibbons.
- b "Der Sammler Dienst" of 1954 compiled by Hoffman-Giesecke (in German).
- c "Australian Stamp Monthly" of Dec '55 by our member John H Powell.

The main references for studies of the cancellations of British New Guinea and Papua include the following:

- a By Capt C L Bagnall in "Stamp Collectors Fortnightly" of 1914.
(Reprinted in the "Australian Philatelist" 1914)
- b by Gerald T Muir in "Philately from Australia" of Dec 1952.
- c by Walter Finigan in the "Australian Stamp Journal" of Feb '38.
- d by Rev W G Iremonger in the "Gibbons Stamp Monthly" of Mar '

However, when we come to look for reference to the study of cancellations of the Territory of New Guinea, we find they are few and far between. The few seem to be comprised of the following articles:

- a "North West Pacific Islands" by Donald McDonald in "Stamp Collectors Fortnightly" of 1925 (reprinted in the "Australian Stamp Journal" of 1926).
- b "The Middle Issues of New Guinea" by Rev W G Iremonger in "Gibbons Stamp Monthly" of Sept 1948.
- c "The Provisional Postmarks used at Rabaul, New Guinea 1914-1915" by the Pacific Islands Circle of the (Royal) Sydney Philatelic Club in the "Australian Stamp Journal" of June 1951.
- d "New Guinea" by Hoffman-Giesecke, in "Der Sammler Dienst" in 1955-1956 (in German).

In the article "Stamps and Post Offices of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea" by Basil Challis, in the "Australian Stamp Monthly" of October and November 1954, a

EXCHANGE CLUB

It was decided that the Committee arrange By-laws etc etc and that the Exchange Club be put into operation at the first opportunity.

Meeting closed at 10.45 pm.

Copies of the Constitution and By-laws of Exchange Club will be distributed to all members when available.

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

Relief No 4 withdrawn from Kairuku on 17 July.

Kairuku postmark repaired and put into use on 18th July.

Relief No 5 continues in use at Samarai.

Relief No 1 brought into use at Wewak on 10th July; has now been withdrawn.

New Wewak postmark brought into use (no dates available).

Old Wewak postmark put into stock, GPO Port Moresby.

STAMP ADVISORY COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Committee members held on 24th July for the purpose of discussing representation of the PPS on the Stamp Advisory Council, Messrs E Douglas and R Kelly were elected to attend on our behalf. The function of the Council will be to advise on the issue of new stamps as and when they appear to be necessary. The first meeting will be Tuesday, 7th August.

TO REMIND YOU

PPS Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Mr Gordon Beale our Programme Organiser asks members to come prepared for a stamp auction which is to be the theme of the evening.

PHILATELIC F-L-A-S-H-E-S

Sighted our first copy of the "Postage Paid" at Lae recently. The postmark was registering 3d and was fully embossed on two current 3d Papua and New Guinea stamps.

WHAT DO YOU THINK??

Extract from "Stamp Collecting" 23rd September 1955.

"You must realise that a dealer confers a favour upon you when he sells you a stamp. Many of them don't want to sell".

At the time of writing (17th July) we have noticed a Port Moresby cancellation clearly showing 21st July 1956.

Also noticed in "Stamp Collecting" 20th January 1956, that our first overseas member John Gartner has been elected to fellowship of the "Royal Philatelic Society, London". Congrats John!

THE FEMININE TOUCH

A member reports having seen a news item concerning a philatelic Society in Cairo. Excluded from its membership were women who wore tight skirts and who used lipstick.

IDEAS
FOR
CARTOONS
WELCOMED
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CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: Set of British Solomon Islands current issues to value of 10/- cash.
R O Griffiths c/o APC Port Moresby.

WANTED: Good used £2 Australian. 10/- cash offered.
Enquiries to "Stamp News".

WANTED: Classified ads to fill this space.

If you have any philatelic requests or material for sale or exchange, send your ads to "Stamp News".

LECTURE - PAPUA & NEW GUINEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At a recent meeting of the P & NG Historical Society a recommendation was made that PPS be invited to present an illustrated lecture on the postage stamps of Papua and New Guinea.

All details have now been finalised and the lecture will be presented by Mr Ray Kelly at the Public Library, Ela Beach, on Wednesday 5th September at 8.00 pm.

All PPS members are invited to attend and where possible, it is hoped that our P & NG specialists will be available to answer any 'special' questions that the public may ask.

It is anticipated that the lecture will be illustrated by Kodachrome slides of stamps and rare covers, plus the use of an epidiascope for projecting actual pages of members stamp albums.

Further news and discussion on this lecture will be presented at our August meeting.

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NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome this month two members:

No 49 Mr D Moss c/o Dept of Works, Port Moresby.

No 50 Mr J C Weeks c/o Burns Philp, Port Moresby.

Mr Weeks is interested in British Empire stamps.

FROM THE EDITOR

I could give you a lot of Blah about how important a magazine is as an effective means of maintaining contact amongst members of any club or society but I will dispense with formalities and take it for granted that you understand these things. That will leave me space to mention more earthy matters.

To begin with I find myself (please note the absence of the royal "we") somewhat in the same position as the reluctant dragon. The poor gentle beastie was expected to put up a violent show just because he was a dragon when all he wanted to do, was to love everybody.

Well, I started off wanting to love everyone but now I am not so sure about that; and particularly at the end of the month when the magazine is almost due to go to press and there is a shortage of contributions I am rather definite about how I feel to the world in general.

Just try this little experiment. Think up a question upon which your future happiness depends then find a brick wall and put your question to it. You will begin to understand that it means to an Editor when he asks for contributions and almost none are forthcoming.

If you bend a little closer I will tell you something. We have three or four regular contributors who keep this magazine going. It is anybody's guess how long they can keep this up, there is also the question of leave and somehow I don't think I should ask them to defer their leave for the sake of the magazine. There is no magic in stringing words together but if you have even less time at your disposal than I have, then just scribble (legibly of course) the plain facts and I will do my best (yes I really will) to put them together for you.

The following article is the second in the series by Mr M T Bulley, and must not be reproduced in whole or part without the express permission of the author.

THE POSTAL CANCELLATIONS OF NEW GUINEA 1914-1942

By M T BULLEY

Shortly after war broke out between Britain and Germany on 4th August 1914, Australia received instructions from Britain to seize the German Radio Stations in New Guinea and other Pacific Islands. The result was that on 19th August an Australian Expeditionary Force left Sydney on board the converted troopship SS 'BERRIMA' (ex P & O line). This force made a landing at Blanche Bay on 11th September 1914 and the German Radio Station at Bita Paka was captured on the following day. Rabaul was occupied by the AEF with practically no resistance from the Germans, the majority of them having withdrawn to the hills West of Rabaul. However they surrendered on the following day - 14 September 1914.

According to Hoffman-Giesecke in "Der Sammler-Dienst", the former German colony was formally handed over to the Commanding Officer of the AEF (Colonel W Holmes, DCO) by the Rabaul Postmaster (Carl Weller) on 25th September 1914.

Apparently the Expeditionary Force did not take with them any Australian postage stamps or metal collectors, and until the G.R.I. overprints on the captured German New Guinea stamps were issued on 17th October 1914, letters were merely inscribed by hand 'On Active Service - No stamps available'.

The earliest cancellation known to exist is as shown in Fig 2 bearing the date Oct 17 1914 in violet ink on a G.R.I. overprinted stamp. The earliest known cancellation on an Australian stamp (1d Kangaroo - Perf O.S) is as shown in Fig 2a dated NOV 2 1914. This differs from Fig 2 in that the letters of the month are all in capitals and the asterisk preceding the date is missing.

However, recently I obtained a 'front' bearing a strip of three Australian K.G.V reds cancelled with Fig 1 in violet ink. The envelope is addressed to 'The General Manager, The British New Guinea Development Co Ltd, Samarai, Papua' - and bears the port of arrival postmark of SAMARAI/PAPUA dated '23 OC 1914'. S.S 'MATUNGA was sunk in 1917.

Canon J C Mathor in a paper read before the Newcastle Philatelic Society (which was reprinted in 'The Australian Philatelic Record' on 2nd July 1930) mentions that the Burns Philp liner S.S MATUNGA made three trips from Rabaul following the occupation. The first of these was on 23rd October 1914, the second on 14th November 1914 and the third on 3rd January 1915. On this third trip the captured Germans were transported to Sydney and interned as POWs at a camp at Liverpool (NSW) for the duration of the war.

The next temporary rubber cancellation to be used at Rabaul consisted simply of a straight line stamp inscribed 'Rabaul' (Fig 3). This can be found in violet and grey-black inks on Australian stamps, with and without the O.S perforations and was in use for a short time late in December 1914.

An old German New Guinea rubber stamp inscribed 'Simpsonhafen/Deutsch Neu Guinea' was also pressed into service at this time to help cancel the rush Christmas mail - see illustration Fig 4. This is found struck in grey-black ink only. I have it on a 1d 'Roo (perf O.S) and a K.G.V 1d red, but I understand it can also be found cancelling the G.R.I. overprinted stamps.

Another former German New Guinea canceller was then used. This was the circular metal stamp of 'STEPHANSORT' with a small star at the base and the figures '13' in the centre of the circle (Fig 5). The original P.O was closed on 30th June 1914, and apparently its postmarker was returned to the chief PO at Rabaul before the outbreak of World War I. It can be found struck in greenish-black ink and black ink. I have a pair of the 1d 'Roo (perf O.S) on piece showing this cancellation in the greenish-black ink, and a single 3d 'Roo (perf O.S) cancelled in black ink. Copies of this cancellation have been seen on covers backstamped in Australia as late as 19th February 1915, however I believe its period of use was from late December 1914 to early January 1915 only.

The oval date stamp inscribed 'Rabaul/New Britain' with the date in one line across the centre (Fig 6) was the result of a request made by the Postmaster at Rabaul (Lieut Moore) to the military authorities in Australia, for a permanent metal postmarker. It was first used on 4th January 1915 and continued in use until August 1915 (my latest Aug.1, 1915). It is always struck in violet ink and can be found cancelling the G.R.I. overprints, Australian stamps (with and without the O.S perforation) and the N.W.PACIFIC ISLANDS overprints. It is by far the most common of the temporary postmarks as illustrated in Figs 1-7.

The type shown as Fig 7 is a bit of a mystery. With the arrival of the oval postmarker (Fig 6) one would think that the need for an additional temporary canceller was unnecessary. However, copies have been seen of this oblong cancellation with dates ranging from APR 1915 to JUN 1915.

The first permanent steel postmarker for Rabul was as shown in Fig 8. The earliest date I have recorded is 8th August 1915. During August 1915 it is struck in greenish-black ink, but from September 1915 to mid-1921 it is found in black ink. However, I have a copy of this postmarker struck in violet ink on a 1½d 'Hut' issue dated 6th January 1929. Can any other collector extend this date?

Shortly after the proclamation of the taking over of the control of the 'Territory of New Guinea' by a civil administration from the Military Authorities on 9th May 1921 a metal postmarker inscribed 'RABAU/NEW BRITAIN' (which was ordered previous to the change in name of the former German Colony) was delivered to the Rabaul PO. This postmarker exists with a reversed 'N' (Fig 9) and a normal 'N' (Fig 9a). The former seems to be the more common of the two. Whether Fig 9a is merely Fig 9 with the reversed 'N' corrected, or is an entirely new canceller is a point yet to be clarified. I am rather of the opinion they are two separate postmarkers used in conjunction.

The table on Page 68 states the earliest and latest dates recorded of the various postmark types used at Rabaul between the wars. Please check with your collection and send in any extension of dates.

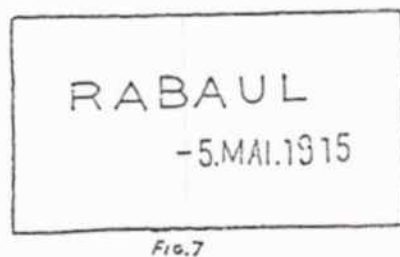
S.S. "MATUNGA."
FIG. 1

✪ RABAUL ✪
* Oct 17 1914 *
FIG. 2

✪ RABAUL ✪
NOV 2 1914 *
FIG. 2a

Rabaul
FIG. 3

Simpsonhafen
(Deutsch Neu-Guinea)
FIG. 4



POST OFFICE INFORMATION

RELIEF No 5 Still in use at SAMARAI.

RELIEF No 3 Has gone to LOSUIA. No dates are available.

Fig	Inscription	Earliest	Latest	Remarks
6	RABAU/NEW BRITAIN	JAN 4 1951	AUG 1 1915	Rubber-Oval
8	RABAU	8 AU 15	5 JA 29	Green-black Black, violet
9	RABAU/NEW BRITAIN	13 AU 21	18 JL 23	Reversed 'N'
9a	RABAU/NEW BRITAIN	22 MR 22	11 NO 22	Normal 'N'
10	RABAU/NEW BRITAIN	3 MR 24	7 JA 33	Also 18 MY 37 (Coronation F.D.C.)
11	" " "	26 JE 28	13 JE 41	Time precedes date
12	" " "	18 MAY 37	2 MAR 39	Time follows date
12a	" " "	1 JUN 38	22 AUG 38	NEW GUINEA in larger lettering
13	" " "	22 MAY 41	12 DEC 41	Month in 3 letters
14	POSTAGE PAID-RABAU	12 NO 28	24 FE 37	

POSTAGE STAMP DESIGNS

With the formation of the Papua and New Guinea Stamp Advisory Committee and the possibility of future postage stamp issues, PPS would like if possible to get a collection of designs or suggestions for future recommendations to this Committee.

The designs are not necessarily to show historical events but preferably fauna etc peculiar to Papua and New Guinea.

This is not a competition but undoubtedly if any designs are accepted and used by this Committee, the artist responsible will receive some remuneration.

Anything at all will be accepted for consideration - ideas, rough sketches or finished designs, and all persons submitting items will receive acknowledgement,

Please send all your ideas on this matter to the Hon Sec of PPS, Mr R J Kelly, c/o APC Port Moresby to reach him not later than 30th September to be in time for the next meeting of the Stamp Advisory Committee.

REPORT ON LECTURE HELD AT LIBRARY ON 22ND AUGUST

Mr Ivan Champion, President of the Papuan Historical Society, introducing the Speaker Mr R J Kelly and his subject 'The History of Papua and New Guinea through its Stamps and Post Offices' said that on the 1st September we would be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Papua.

The Historical Society in conjunction with the Town Advisory Council anticipated organising celebrations in recognition of this event and to this end they had purchased a commemorative plaque which features the discovery of Port Moresby by Capt John Moresby of the Royal Navy in 1873, and the naming of the town after his father Sir Fairfax Moresby - Admiral of the Fleet. The plaque will be erected at the corner of Douglas street, and Musgrave Street.

Mr Kelly opened his lecture with a few remarks on the value of P & NG stamps and then proceeded to trace briefly the history of both territories since the inception of postal services (Papua - 1885 and New Guinea - 1888).

The name 'PAPUA' was traced back to the year 1526 when Jorge de Menezes

(Portuguese) discovered the western part of New Guinea and named it or the people 'Os PAPUAS' this being the term used by the people of the Molucas (Malay) meaning 'frizzle-haired'; while New Guinea was traced to 1545 when a Spaniard Ynigo Ortiz de Retez took possession of Western New Guinea (now Dutch NG) in the name of the King of Spain and called the country New Guinea because he thought the natives resembled the people he had seen on the Guinea coast of Africa.

Papuan Stamps were then reviewed starting with the Queensland State stamps (1885-1901) followed by British New Guinea (1901-1906), BNG overprinted Papua (1906-1907), Papua (1907-1942), Australian stamps (1942-1952) and finally the current combined set of P & NG.

The many Post Offices and their opening dates were interwoven into the presentation and it was noted that 38 POs had opened in Papua, of which 17 were currently operating.

It was mentioned that between 1886-1888 Port Moresby was known as Granville which originated from George, the 2nd Earl of Granville who was Secretary of State for the Colonies for several terms between 1868-1886.

Then followed the history of New Guinea from the early German days giving details of provisional, occupation and overprint issues.

It can be noticed that the first PO opened in New Guinea was Finschhafen on 15th February 1988 and that a total of 51 POs have been opened of which 26 are still operating.

The lecture was well illustrated by colour slides and epidiascope showing P & NG stamps and postmarks, while Mr E Holdcroft displayed a superb collection of pre-war P & NG stamps.

It was gratifying to see such a good attendance (approximately 60 people) which included many native stamp collectors also.

In proposing thanks to the Speaker, Mr Jackman of the Historical Society said that in view of the interest shown he wished the lecture had been longer and suggested that at a future date perhaps PPS could arrange a similar lecture giving more details of Post Offices.

Mr McPherson of the Dept of P & T seconded the remarks of Mr Jackman and suggested that a lecture on the post-war history of P & NG would perhaps be an interesting subject for a future date.

EDITOR'S NOTE

On Page of this issue a 'Postal Tree' is published showing diagrammatically the history of postage stamps of the territories of Papua and New Guinea and which should be used in conjunction with the above article.

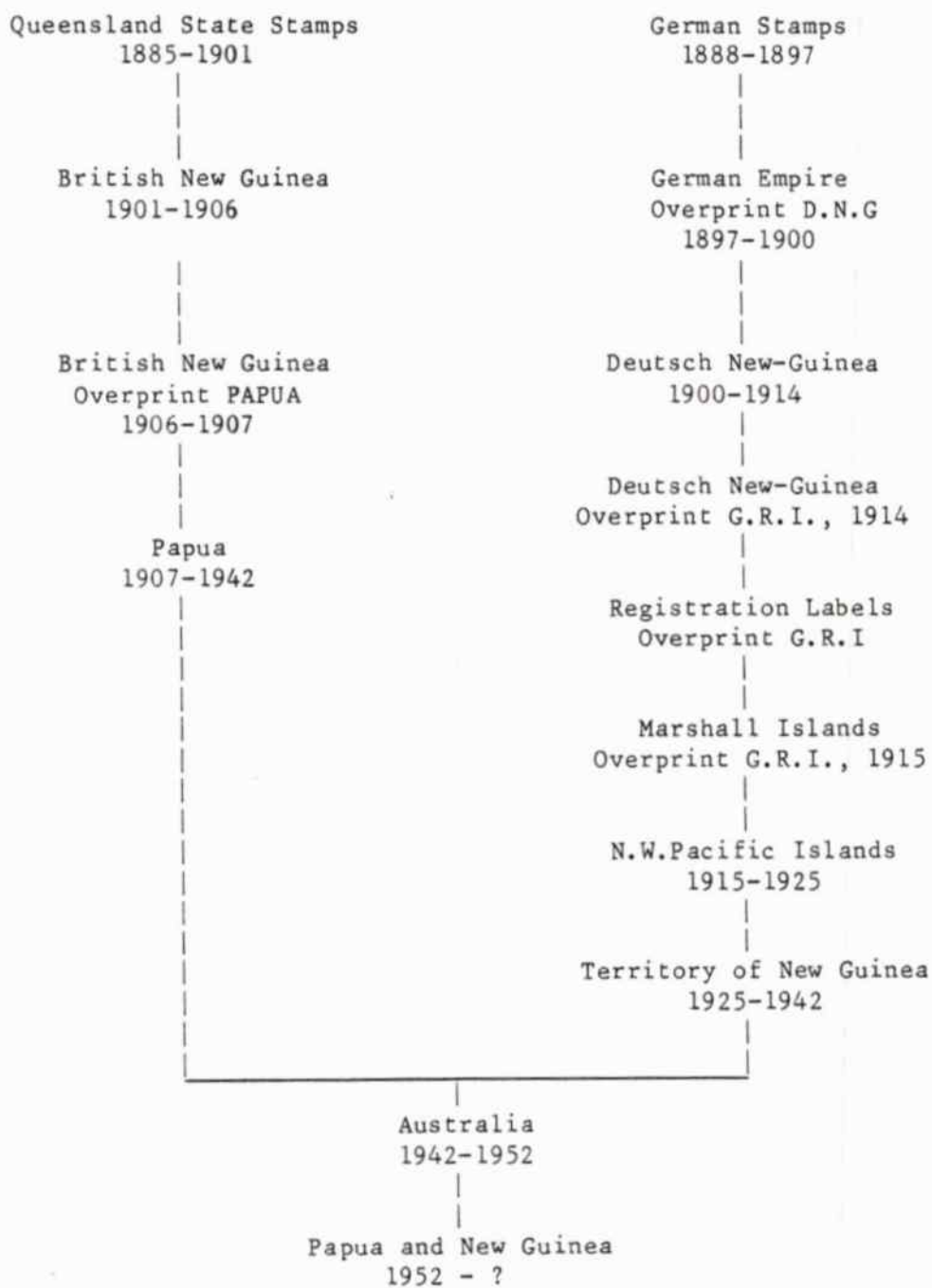
THE GUMMED SIDE

We are told that the comparatively new science of Semantics is concerned with the meaning of meaning, or the necessity of expressing oneself clearly; a lesson that a certain haughty lady must have learned when purchasing a stamp at a Post Office.

"Must I stick it on myself?" she asked.

"Positively not, madam", replied the clerk, "it will accomplish more if you stick it on the letter".

THE PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA POSTAL TREE



NEWSPAPER REGISTRATION

Some time ago reference was made in this magazine to the registration of 'Stamp News' as a newspaper at the local Post Office. You may have noticed that the July issue actually carried that inscription. Unfortunately we were compelled to delete this and abandon the idea as further enquiry from the Postal Authorities revealed that this concession can only be extended to fully printed and set-up publications; and this does not include roneod manuscripts. The restriction does not affect us greatly since our main problem was to reduce the cost of Air Mail postages and the newspaper concession does not affect Air Mail rates.

ANY QUESTIONS? From our Programme Organiser Mr G Deale

For our next meeting bring all your questions along, varieties, postmarks, general stamp information, prices, markets anything; we will try to answer all problems (if not at the time, information will be obtained later if possible). Just compile a list of those questions you must have wondered about from time to time.

For instance do you know how to measure perforations or to ascertain chalk surfaced paper. Do you know what tete-beche means, recess printing, deckle edge, coin date, aniline printing, the first stamp to be printed, the most valuable stamp, the value of that rare stamp you have in your collection, where to obtain a copy of that missing stamp, what catalogues are used in America, Belgium, Germany etc etc.

The next part of the meeting will be devoted to stamp exchange between members so come prepared with your specimens.

An advance word for our October meeting. You are asked to exhibit one set of stamps and there will be a prize of stamps to the member whose exhibit is judged to be the best mounted and described.

C L A S S I F I E D A D S

WANTED: Set of British Solomon Islands current issue to value of 15/- cash.
R O Griffiths, c/o APC Port Moresby.

WANTED: Good used £2 Australian. 10/- cash offered. Replies to 'Stamp News'
J Lubran c/o APC.

WANTED: Classified Ads to fill this space. Remember advertisements on the page are FREE.

WANTED: An article for publication in this magazine on "Collection of P & NG stamps and cancellations for beginners.

If you have any philatelic requests or material for sale or exchange, send your ads to 'Stamp News'.

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING OF PPS (August)

The rules of the proposed new Exchange Club were discussed and finally adopted. When printed these will be distributed to members.

It is hoped that overseas members will also wish to participate in the Exchange Club and the problems involved concerning delay in completing the circuit of booklets is occupying the Committee who hope to find some system to solve the problem.

At the auction which took place during the evening 44 lots came under the 'hammer' (our auctioneer did a good job without the aid of the traditional weapon) and only nine lots remained unsold. The total value of the sales was £11 15s 0d.

Since there is a levy of 1d in every shilling the Club was provided with the welcome additional funds of 19/7d.

Both 'Buyers' and 'Sellers' we trust were satisfied with the evenings transactions.

STAMP NEWS

BULLETIN OF THE PAPUAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY, PORT MORESBY
PATRON: HH THE ADMINISTRATOR, BRIGADIER D M CLELAND

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome this month Member No 51, Mr Arthur S Everett, PO Box 142, Lancaster, California, USA, whose interests are: Stamps of Australian Commonwealth (Specialist), Papua and New Guinea and Postmarks of Australia, Papua and New Guinea.

FROM THE EDITOR

Last month's issue of the magazine appeared almost a week late and we did not escape the criticism of the more interested members. Until this month we have had no regular typist to undertake the preparation of the stencils and we have had to rely on the good offices of various people and our President in particular to do this work for us.

Added to this difficulty was the insert for the illustration of the main article, the dyeline paper for which was in short supply. Normally, the inserts would have been prepared first and inserted in the magazine as soon as they had come from the press.

At this point there would normally have been an appeal for volunteers among members to type the stencils and indeed this editorial is a rewrite because through the efforts of our Secretary we are very pleased to be able to say that at last we have a very efficient typist to do the work for us.

This also means that we no longer have to pare the magazine down to the barest essentials within the confines of eight pages and we can introduce a greater variety of reading matter connected with philately.

This being so it is now up to members to do their part and submit items or ideas. Such interest on your part will be an encouragement to those who are actively concerned in the production of 'Stamp News' and help to make it one of the best papers in its class.

We know it is the usual thing for everyone to sit around expecting that the next fellow is probably doing something about it, but this attitude usually means that nothing gets done at all.

Having pointed this out we confidently expect a rush of mail during the forthcoming month which will supply us with sufficient copy for several issues in advance.

The following article is the third in the series by Mr M T Bulley, and must not be reproduced in whole or in part without the express permission of the author.

THE POSTAL CANCELLATIONS OF NEW GUINEA 1914-1942 (Contd)
by M T Bulley

AITAPE. Location - Sepik District on coastline approximately one hundred miles from Dutch New Guinea border. Originally opened on 22nd May 1898, under the name of BERLINHAFEN. PO name changed to EITAPE on 30th September 1912.

Hoffman-Giesecke reports the use of a German rubber stamp, with 'EITAPE' in the lower sector as being the first cancellation to be used on mail from here under Australian military control. However, I have not seen an example of this. My earliest example is dated 27 SEPT. 1916 and is as Fig 8 of Rabaul inscribed EITAPE. Perhaps some other member has an earlier copy, as I believe the PO re-opened sometime in 1915? My next type is not clear enough to illustrate. It is definitely a rubber stamp as my copy is egg-shaped, but whether it was originally a circle or an oval is difficult to determine. It is inscribed 'DISTRICT OFFICE' over 'EITAPE' and is dated OCT. 1922 in one line across the centre. The only other copy I have seen is dated 5 SEPT. 1922. The next cancellation I have is also inscribed 'DISTRICT OFFICE' over 'EITAPE' but the date is in three lines down the centre and is very similar to Fig 15. A postmark inscribed 'EITAPE/NEW GUINEA' as Fig 10 of Rabaul, is believed to exist dated in 1924 but I have neither seen nor heard of an example.

Early in 1925 the name of the PO was changed to AITAPE. The first cancellation with the new spelling is as illustrated in Fig 15. An example of this postmark illustrated in Rev Iremonger's article in September 1948 GSM shows the date of JAN.21 1925. This was followed by the standard 'AITAPE-NEW GUINEA' postmark (as Fig 10 of Rabaul). My next two types are both inscribed 'DISTRICT OFFICE-AITAPE', one being similar to Fig 15, but with the date reading day, month, year, instead of month, day, year; the other being similar to Fig 16 but with short dashes replacing the stars. In 1930 Fig 17 came into use and lasted until after the Coronation issues. This was followed by a cancellation which includes the time of posting - similar to Fig 12a of Rabaul, but without the brackets enclosing the date line.

AMBUNTI. Location - Sepik District on the Sepik River, approximately 75 miles Southwest of Wewak (as the crow flies).

The only cancellation I have seen from this office is the large double-circle date-stamp inscribed 'DISTRICT OFFICE-AMBUNTI', (as Fig 16). My earliest copy is dated 9 SEPT. 1925, but I am not sure when this office first opened. I think it was closed down in 1934 and replaced by Angoram; however, I have seen examples dated in 1937, but think these may be 'cancelled to order'.

ANGORAM. Location - Sepik District on the Sepik River, approximately 45 miles (as the crow flies) Southeast of Wewak. Post Office opened on 15th April 1934, replacing Marienberg (and Ambunti ?) PO. I have seen only two types from this PO the first inscribed 'ANGORAM/NEW GUINEA' (Fig 18) which was in use from the opening day until 1939-40? The other type I believe to have been similar to Fig 16 but I have not seen a complete example of this. I have a part (SE quarter) example on a 2d Goldfields dated MAR. 1940.

BITA PAKA. Location - New Britain District. I presume this is the same place at which the Germans had a wireless transmitting station in 1914, and which was the chief objective of the Australian Expeditionary Force which landed at Herbertshohe on 11th September 1914. It was included as an 'unofficial' PO in an official list of POs issued in 1922. Postmark used see Fig 19.

BUKA PASSAGE. Location - Bougainville District. PO believed to have been operated from Soraken Plantation on Buka Island. Rev Voyce has made many

enquiries in order to discover the date of re-opening of the PO (formerly the German New Guinea PO of BUKA), but so far without a definite result. My earliest example (as Fig 10 of Rabaul) is dated 28th Sept. 1926 and as it is on a registered cover showing No. 11 registration marking, we may assume the PO opened shortly before this - perhaps July or August 1926. Only one postmark type used.

BULOLO. Location - Morobe District. On Bulolo River, approximately 40 miles (as the crow flies) Southwest of Lae. PO opened on 15th March 1932. Only two types of postmarks used here. The original (Fig 20) used from opening day until late 1938 or early 1939, when it was replaced with type showing time of posting in date-line, similar to Fig 12a of Rabaul, but without the brackets enclosing the date-line.

BULWA. Location - Morobe District. On Lea-Wau Road, approximately 6 miles Northwest of Bulolo. Is this name short for Bulowat? PO opened on 22nd May 1941. Postmark used as Fig 12a of Rabaul, but without the brackets enclosing the date-line.

EDIE CREEK. Location - Morobe District. Goldfield approximately 6 miles West of Wau. PO opened on 1st September 1927, I think, but am not sure. Only one postmark used, similar to Fig 19 of Bita Paka, but with date-line in smaller lettering.

FINSCHHAFEN. Location - Morobe District. On coast approximately 75 miles East of Lae. Originally opened on 15 February 1888, being the first PO opened in German New Guinea. Listed as an 'unofficial' PO in 1922. Postmark wrongly spelt 'FINCHHAFEN' - no 'S' - as Fig 18 of Angoram. The earliest copy I have seen is dated 13th February 1928, and I have seen only one copy dated after June 1934, viz 15th May 19 so I am hoping that some other collectors can extend these dates both ways.

(To be continued).



FIG 15.



FIG 16.



FIG 17



FIG 18



FIG 19.



FIG 20

Fig	Inscription	Earliest	Latest	Remarks
				V - Violet Ink B - Black Ink
8	EITAPE	27 SE 16	13 OC 20	B & V inks
-	DISTRICT OFFICE EITAPE	5 SEP 1922	- OCT 1922	egg-shaped. Date in one line
15	DISTRICT OFFICE EITAPE	DEC 31.1923		Serif letters. Date in 3 lines
15	POST OFFICE AITAPE	JAN 21 1925	MAY 26.1925	Date in 3 lines
10	AITAPE-NEW GUINEA	13 JE 27	28 OC 28	
15	DISTRICT OFFICE AITAPE	-JUN 1929	24 SEP 1929	3 line date. Day- month-year. V & B.
16	DISTRICT OFFICE AITAPE	30 OCT 1929	17 JAN 1930	Dashes instead of stars. V
17	POST OFFICE AITAPE	8 MR.30	20 MY 37	B & V
12a	AITAPE-NEW GUINEA	13 MAY 39		Time follows date
16	DISTRICT OFFICE AMBUNTI	9 SEP 1925	19 MAY 1933	Also 21 JUN 1937 (CTO ?) V
18	ANGORAM-NEW GUINEA	15 AP 34	20 MY 37	V
16	DISTRICT OFFICE ANGORAM	-MAR 1940		V
19	BITA PAKA NEW GUINEA	4 JL 21	7 AU 22	'Unofficial' PO
20	BULOLO-NEW GUINEA	15 MR 32	15 JU 38	
12a	BULOLO-NEW GUINEA	-APR 39	19 SEP 41	Time follows date
10	BUKA PASSAGE NEW GUINEA	28 SE 26	9 JL 41	B & V
12a	BULWA-NEW GUINEA	22 MAY 41	1 NOV 41	Time follows date
19	EDIE CREEK NEW GUINEA	11 SE 28	8 JN 40	Also manuscript between lines
18	FINCHHAFEN	13 FE 28	15 MY 37	Wrongly spelt no 's'

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

Date for first day of issue RELIEF No 3 LOSUIA was 5th Sept. 1956 and withdrawn from use on 14th Sept to be replaced by original LOSUIA postmark 15/9. RELIEF No 6 has been forwarded to BUIN (no dates available). RELIEF No 5 still in use at SAMARI.

SOCIAL NOTES

Roland de Caen has been transferred to Australia and has indicated his intention not to remain a member of PPS. Sorry to lose you, Roland. All in PPS wish you the best of luck in your new job.

Hayden Courtier is now on leave in Australia and will not return to Papua until approximately Christmas. Hayden intends to see the Olympic Games, collect a few stamps and possibly discuss postal items with his old friend and PPS member Len Bennetts.

Katrine and Ray Kelly are proceeding on leave per next 'Shansi'. 'The Kellys' also intend to see the Olympics and have Christmas at home. Ray hopes to visit a few of our Victorian members and will be at the Opening of the Olympex Exhibition. (May get some firsthand information for us on the success of PPS display). He also intends to visit clubs down South and get some ideas for future meetings,

discuss stamps etc with Len Bennetts and Max Bulley and he hopes to rope in Hayden Courtier for a PPS reunion in Melbourne.

NOTE FROM OUR SECRETARY

Will all members please note that our Secretary (Ray Kelly) will be on leave in Australia from 2nd October 1956 to approximately end of February 1957, and while he is on leave, arrangements are as follows:

a Mr H Osborne c/o DV CA Port Moresby will be Acting Secretary and all correspondence relative to Club matters should be addressed to him.

b At the Annual General Meeting Mr J Lubran was appointed Editor; we have read his many requests for assistance, therefore all articles for future publication should be addressed to him care of APC Port Moresby.

c All personal items on correspondence or exchange with Mr Kelly should be addressed to his home 53 Black Street, Middle Brighton, S5 Melbourne, Victoria.

Mr Kelly has offered to send FDCs from Melbourne (providing members do not want too many) or do other items of 'philatelic shopping' while he is down South. He hopes to attend auctions etc and perhaps pick up some P & NG bargains (if any?). He will therefore be pleased to hear from members and endeavour to assist where possible.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir

There is some speculation among the philatelic world as to the outcome of increased postal rates in Australia.

If P & NG follow suit we will need a few new issues or overprint existing values where necessary.

If postal rates do go up and no new issues are made, the ½d stamp will become far more common - pity it's not the £1 value instead of ½d.

No doubt we will have more news on this subject later.

Yours etc F J K

Sir

With new postage rates in Australia imminent, speculation is rife as to how it will affect the Territory postage. It is generally believed that P & NG will follow suit, as indeed has been the case in previous instances; however, the date new postage rates come into effect need not coincide with the Australian date. In 1951, Territory postage rates went up only months after they were increased down South.

In Australia, the new 4d rate will complicate arrangements for the Olympic cover issues, as these of course were based on the 3½d rate, and it is likely that the lowest denomination stamp now issued will be 4d. The organisers for the cover service won't be particularly happy.

In the Territory too, an increased rate will present problems as there is no current 4d. stamp in our set. We may have to get provisional overprints to tide us over until a 4d stamp can be issued, and possibly a 7d one for airmail use. In

any case some interesting developments are in the offing.

Yours etc E.D.

SOCIAL NOTES

Congratulations on the birth of the Douglas heir. The young fellow will certainly have a good stamp collection to play with in a year or so. Don't give him too many of the early British Guianas until he can read a catalogue.

OLYMPLEX

Preparations for our Olympex display next month are now well advanced and we hope to send down our exhibits in a few weeks' time. We shall occupy two frames of 8' x 3' which takes 24 standard sheets each.

In view of the not exclusively philatelic nature of the exhibition we have kept the choice of our exhibits along a simplified line. Watermarks and perforation varieties do not show up well at any exhibition unless the stamps can be scrutinised closely. In fact, if we were to show a greater number of varieties, we should need more than two frames. We hope to make a good impression with our exhibits and that you will hear them favourably mentioned from other sources besides our own magazine.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA POSTAL HISTORY

We ran an article a couple of months ago requesting information on Dutch New Guinea postal history, etc.

Our Secretary was browsing through some stamp mags in the local newsagent's and came across an article by our Bendigo member Mr Len Bennetts.

Congratulations, Len, on your research into this field; the article was excellent, and for those members who are interested it can be found in 'Stamp Magazine' - May 1956.

REMINDER

At our next meeting (October) Gordon wishes us to bring along one set or group of stamps each for competitive exhibition. The sheets will be judged on the merits of mounting and description, but the main emphasis should be on the suitable choice of stamps, which should be original and if possible, not merely a number of consecutive stamps in the catalogue. What Gordon has in mind is to show varieties occurring within an issue of stamps - odd cancellations and different uses of identical stamps etc. See what you can do. Gordon says that the small prize of stamps to be offered will be suitable to the needs of the winner.

EXHIBITING STAMPS
BY G Beale

Although the writer has never exhibited any stamps in the big exhibitions, he has seen several world famous collections and several exhibitions in many capitals.

Therefore, while not an expert on the subject, there may be a few hints in the following notes of interest to those setting out along this road.

Stamps mounted for exhibition purposes are generally more widely spaced than the normal album layout, sometimes only one item being displayed in the frame. Frames are not always used either, items have been seen laid out in sheets on trestle tables and covered with sheets of glass.

Considerable margins all round are usually allowed. In the case of a stamp with many variations the sheet is usually more crowded to enable comparison to be made more easily. Varieties are indicated by red ink or paper arrows and sometimes assisted by an enlarged drawing or even a magnifying glass mounted over the stamp.

Mounting of stamps, if used, by means of hinges are very lightly attached so that only a small area of the mount actually touches the stamp. Stamps have been seen which have been mounted first on a small stiff paper surround which in turn was mounted on the sheet. Stamps are always mounted at the top but not so far up as to touch the perforations.

RIBBED ornamental hinges are the best possible hinges to use for display. Mint stamps are sometimes enclosed in cellophane pockets or mounted with special hinges which do not damage mint stamps. Very small photo corners are also used. The best method would seem to be cellophane pockets as they can be remounted any number of times, without harming the stamps, while at the same time preventing damage by damp to a certain extent.

A single or double red or orange line is used to surround the stamp by one exhibitors, or in the case of a black page being used, white lines. Black or blue ink is normal for annotation, except on black. It would be practically impossible to use any colours other than white or yellow on black paper.

Finally, it is always advisable to insure valuable stamps against fire and theft at exhibitions.

Curiously the display which attracted the greatest crowd was not the Blue Mauritius or British Guiana rarity, but an original study of a common stamp, in one of Europe's capital cities.

ADVANCE NOTICE

As several members have asked Gordon Beale to lecture on stamp collecting he will do so at the November meeting and direct it from the beginner's point of view.

He asks advanced collectors not to sniff and feels that even they may pick up something they did not know before.

This talk will be illustrated practically.

ANONYMOUS SUGGESTION

The chief entertainment in stamp collecting is adding stamps to one's own collection, so it is suggested that one or two members who have large numbers of duplicates circulate them on album or exercise leaves until such time as the

Exchange Club gets on its feet, such sheets to be circulated at owner's risk. Alternatively, better sets and stamps could be announced in the columns for exchange and sale.

The following story was received a few days ago headed 'You don't have to believe this'.

TRUE STORY

A man always used to ask a certain business colleague for stamps from his office mail until one day he was asked:

"Do you collect them for yourself?"

"Yes", was the reply.

"Have you many stamps in your collection?"

"None", was the answer.

"Then what do you do with them - sell them?"

"No, I don't sell them. I burn all those with a postmark, and use the rest again".

EDITOR'S NOTE

Reference letter from E.D on Page , a photographic specimen of the Olympic value has been sighted and it bears the value of 4½d.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: For exchange on catalogue basis: Australian commemoratives, Centenary of Victoria 1934, (Both perforations), Silver Jubilee 1935 set, A.I.F 1940 set, Gloucester 1945, 2½d & 5½d Mitchel 1946 2½d only. Se-tenant pair of Stamp Centenary 1950, 2 x 3½d. M Ilcheff, c/o CDW Port Moresby.

WANTED: Set of British Solomon Islands current issue to value 15/- cash. R O Griffiths, c/o APC Port Moresby.

WANTED: Articles, etc for publication in this magazine. Contact J Lubran, c/o APC Port Moresby.

If you have any philatelic requests or material for sale or exchange, send your ads to 'Stamp News'. Remember adverts on this page are free.

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING OF PPS (September)

At our September meeting, Gordon Beale was in the chair expecting to be bombarded with difficult questions. The evening had been set aside as an 'Any Questions' night, but for once it appeared that the questioners came less prepared than the experts. However, quite a few technical points were raised on watermarks and perforations and on types of paper and printing.

The question of fugitive inks came in for quite some discussion. Current market prices of the higher value British Commonwealth stamps was briefly touched upon and side-tracked to discuss as to whether or not certain colonies were justified in issuing fl denomination stamps, or whether these were merely an added source of revenue for the Crown Colony Agents. In connection with this it was thought that Great Britain had now enough high-rate mail traffic to consider issuing a £2 or even a £5 stamp. Thank you Gordon for keeping us entertained for what was quite a lively session.

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BULLETIN OF THE PAPUAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY, PORT MORESBY
PATRON: HH THE ADMINISTRATOR, BRIGADIER D M CLELAND

FROM THE EDITOR

One or two points which I wish to bring to notice are the interesting letters which arrive from time to time from our overseas members (and potential members) which help to make the editorial job a pleasant one, and the interest displayed in the life we live out here. Anyone who would care to write a brief article on Port Moresby and/or Papua and New Guinea designed to be of interest to overseas members should send it to me for inclusion if possible in next month's issue. A potential member in the United States who specialises in stamps of the Territory and all things appertaining to the Post here is also interested in obtaining photos of the Post Offices of the Territory. Any member who can help in this direction please contact the Acting Secretary Mr Osborne c/o DCA.

This article is the fourth in the series by Mr M T Bulley and must not be reproduced in whole or in part without the express permission of the author.

THE POSTAL CANCELLATIONS OF NEW GUINEA 1914-1942 (contd)
by M T Bulley

GASMATA. Location - a small island off the middle coast of New Britain. I am not sure when a Post Office was officially opened here but believe it to be about 1921 or 1922. The earliest cancellation I have seen is an oval rubber type (49mm x 30 mm) inscribed 'DISTRICT OFFICE/GASMATA' which cancels a pair 1d red N.W.PACIFIC ISLANDS stamps on cover addressed to Coffs Harbour NSW. Unfortunately the cancellation is very faint and no date is readable, however the stamps are additionally cancelled with the Rabaul postmark (Fig g) of April 1921. The first type cancellation is also inscribed GASMATA-AWOTS - and the only copy in my collection is dated 5th May 1927. Late in 1928 or early in 1929 the spelling of the PO was changed to GASMATA - only one 'T'. Two normal size postmarks exist with this spelling, the first shows the month in two letters, the second one indicates the month in three letters and in addition shows the time of posting. I have also seen copies of a large double circle cancellation inscribed 'DISTRICT OFFICE/GASMATA' (Fig 16) dated in 1931 but believe these to have been cancelled to order.

KAVIENG. Location - Northern tip of NEW IRELAND. Old German PO originally opened 1st January 1904. First cancellation used under Australian administration was spelt KAWIENG (Fig 8) the earliest copy I have seen being 9th Jan. 1915 on 1d GRI official stamp. This was replaced in 1921 or 1922 by a larger type cancellation (Fig 21) with the date in two lines. I also have copies showing the day and month inverted and no year, also a copy showing year only. The next cancellation to be used was a large double circle inscribed POST OFFICE/KAVIENG (Fig 22) and can be found struck in violet and red inks. A similar large cancellation, but this time inscribed 'DISTRICT OFFICE/KAVIENG' (Fig 23) can also be found struck in red ink about this period. Two copies of this cancellation exist, in the type not illustrated the word "KAVIENG" measures 23mm long (as against 30mm) and is normally used as an arrival marking only - not cancelling the stamps. The next postmark found is unusually inscribed 'CANCELLATION/KAVIENG' (Fig 24). This was in use from 1927 to the end of 1932.

Another unusual cancellation found on stamps of this period is a double type ring (Fig 25) which shows no date whatsoever. I think this is merely an office stamp and the examples which can be found on the NW PACIFIC ISLANDS overprints, 'Hut' issues and 'Bird of Paradise' stamps exist cancelled to order only. The last postmark type used here pre-war shows the time of posting in the date-line. It was first used late in 1932.

KIETA. Location - on East coast of Bougainville Island. Old German PO originally opened 25th April 1907. The first cancellation used under Australian administration consisted of a single line marking inscribed "STATION KIETA" (Fig 26). I am not sure when this cancellation was first used, but it was in use in May 1916. The first normal postmark was inscribed 'DIETA' (Fig 8), the earliest I have seen being 15th June 1916. However I have seen an example of this postmark dated 11th Jan. 1916 on cover, but by reference to the back-stamps, I can safely say the postmark should read 11 JA 17 - just one of the traps one comes across. The next postmark was a larger type with two half-circle lines in the lower sector (Fig 27). Then followed the normal type (as Fig 10 of Rabaul). In the period 1928-1931 two of the larger type postmarks were in use here. One was similar to Fig 16 of Ambunti but inscribed "DISTRICT OFFICER" instead of the normal "DISTRICT OFFICE". The other is illustrated Fig 28 and can be found cancelling the 'Hut' issue stamps. The last pre-war postmark is similar to Fig 20 of Bulolo, but the lettering is smaller.

KOKOPO. Old German PO originally opened in June 1890. First postmark was inscribed "HERBERTSHOH" (without an 'E' on the end) and was used from 1891 to 1900. From 1900 until the town was captured by our troops in September 1914 the postmark was inscribed "HERBERTSHOHE/DEUTSH NEU-GUINEA". The PO was reopened on 15th October 1914 under Australian Military control. The first letters from the garrison force bear the inscription in manuscript "On active service - no stamps procurable" across the top of the envelope. Two temporary cancellations were used before the normal circular metal postmark inscribed "HERBERTSHOHE" (Fig 8) was put into use in February 1915. The first is inscribed "HERBERTSHOHE" (Fig 29) and measures 32mm.

The other (Fig 29a) is inscribed "HERBERTSHOH" and measures 24mm in length. The copies in my collections are on overprinted Australian kangaroo stamps, perforated OS but as they are on piece only and not on entire, it is impossible to be certain of their period of use. However I believe this to be late December 1914 to January 1915. Late in 1916 it was decided to change the name of the PO from Herbertshohe to Kokopo, nevertheless the first postmark inscribed "KOKOPO" did not come into use until January 1917. The request for the postmarker must have been sent to the postal officials in Queensland as two postmarkers were received with the word "Queensland" at the base filled in with lead. The other being forwarded on for use at NAMATANAI. After a period the lead filling gradually fell out of place and the word "QUEENSLAND" became readable, so much so that early in 1919 the word was cut off the postmarker leaving a small solid block before and after the date-line (Figs 30.30a). The next cancellation used (Fig 31) is unusual in that it is inscribed "POST OFFICE" at the top and "P.O.KOKOPPO" at the base, with the date in three lines down the centre. This was followed by another type exclusive to KOKOPO in which the date-line extends across the full width of the postmark (Fig 32). These two types (Figs 31 and 32) are usually found struck in violet ink, but can be found in the normal black ink also. The last cancellation type to be used at KOKOPO before World War II was similar to Fig 18 of ANGORAM. The earliest copy I have seen is dated 22nd Jan. 1929, so it had a life of over 13 years.

(to be continued).

Fig	Inscription	Earliest	Latest	Remarks
10	GASMATTA-NEW GUINEA	?	5 MY 27	Two 'T's
18	GASMATTA-NEW GUINEA	18 AP 29	15 DE 32	Violet ink
20	" "	9 AU 33	29 JE 35	"
8	KAWIENG	9 JA 15	22 FE 2*	26mm Dia
21	KAEWIENG	3 JL 22	11 SE 25	30mm Dia
22	POST OFFICE/KAVIENG	28 JL 25	10 JA 29	Violet & Red ink
23	District Office/KAVIENG	5 JL 27	23 NO 27	Red ink
24	CANCELLATION/KAVIENG	24 JE 27	29 NO 32	27mm Dia
25	POST OFFICE/KAVIENG	?	JULY 32	No date
12a	KAVIENG/NEW GUINEA	20 JA 33	20 SEP.41	No bracket before date
8	KIETA	15 JE 16	3 JA 20	26mm Dia
27	KIETA	19 JA 22	13 NO 22	29mm Dia
10	KIETA/NEW GUINEA	11 AP 24	31 JA 36	
16	DISTRICT OFFICER/Kieta	25 JU 28	3 NO 31	Officer instead of Office
28	POST OFFICE/KIETA	20 JU 29	18 JU 31	32½mm Dia
8	HERBERTSHOHE	15 FE 15	3 JA 17	Old German name
30	KOKOPO	9 FE 17	31 DE 18	Queensland blocked out
30a	KOKOPO	- MR 19	10 AU 21	Queensland removed
31	POST OFFICE/PO KOKOPO	12 JA 23	15 JU 26	Date in 3 lines
32	KOKOPO/NEW GUINEA	4 FE 27	25 OC 28	30mm Dia
18	" " "	22 JA 29	28 JA 40	27mm Dia



FIG 21



FIG 22



FIG 23



FIG 24



FIG 25

Station Kieta.

FIG 26



FIG.27



FIG. 28

Herbertshöhe

FIG 29

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FIG 29a



FIG 30



FIG. 30a



FIG 31



FIG 32

EDITOR'S NOTE

Owing to the late arrival of Mr Bulley's article it is regretted that the magazine appears late this month, and that the illustrations appear as a separate insert because the layout of the pages had to be assessed while awaiting the main article. Also the time taken to prepare postmarks for reproduction has to be taken into account.

IN ANSWER TO YOURS
by W G Colbran

In the December 1955 issue of "Stamp News" there is a query as to why the monocoloured Lakatoi issue was surcharged "ONE PENNY". According to Alec Rosenblum in his excellent work "The Stamps of Papua", serialised in ASM, between 1st November 1945 and 1st December 1951 - what a pity this has not been published in book form - the unattractive monocoloured stamps had proved so unpopular with collectors which contributed to a heavy loss of revenue, that in late 1915 it was decided to revert to bi-coloured stamps. The 1d being the value most used, was therefore prepared and issued first along with two new values - 3d and 5/-, all bi-coloured.

However, by 1918 there still remained a large stock of the monocoloured stamps, except the shilling value, so in order to reduce these stocks in the shortest time it was decided to surcharge them all as 1d stamps. The surcharging was done at Melbourne and included stock remaining on hand at the printing office there, amongst which were the 2d, 2½d and 6d on thin paper and in new shades which had never been issued unsurcharged.

I am able to add two new dates to Mr Bulley's interesting article on NG cancellations. I have only two specimens of the Rabaul (Fig 9) cancellation (with reversed N) but their dates are "27 JL 21" and "- NO 23", both outside Mr Bulley's

dates. I notice that the circles on both are notched on the inside edge at two points - to the left of "T" and between "TA" of "BRITAIN". Perhaps Mr Bulley or someone can confirm if this is characteristic of the Fig 9a cancellation too (I haven't a copy) so cannot determine if they are two separate postmarkers or not.

I have a used right marginal copy of Papua 2½d SG.68 perf. OS which has no vertical perforation in the right margin. In other words "inperf at right". I would like to know if this is a very unusual item, as Rosenblum states of the 1907-10 issues:- "Double perforations also exist, but there are no recorded cases of part perforation". So perhaps this is something to be recorded. The cancellation is "Port Moresby, 24 AUG 1".

BRITISH COLONIALS VERSUS FOREIGN COUNTRIES
by G Beale

This is rather a controversial subject but a glance at any of the dealer's price lists, auction catalogues, realisations or the specialised catalogues issued by many countries should convince the reader that foreign stamps hold their catalogue value better than British Colonials, particularly if they are early issues in fine condition or commemorative issued between the wars.

Frequently the modern issues surprise everybody by jumping to quite phenomenal heights too. From an interest point of view there is still a lot of scope for original research in the older classics or the latest issue. If historical or artistic or technical interest is sought there is plenty to be found in a wide range of countries. Also for those who love a bargain it is far more likely that they will discover a foreign rarity than a 2c British Guiana issued in 1851. The writer for example bought a sack of common stamps for £5, about its value - (except for one which was catalogued £110). More recently a miniature sheet of Germany was rather unwillingly taken in exchange for British Colonials at a catalogue value of 800 francs or £1 Australian. While reading through a market commentary it was surprising to learn that this little item had jumped to 55/- in Germany. (Hope our President does not read this). If you are more or less a beginner there are two main approaches to stamp collecting:

- 1 Interest, educational, artistic, aesthetic etc
- 2 Interest, 10% and upwards, or downwards l.s.d.

Under the first grouping British Colonials are relatively well printed that there are few varieties, which may be an added incentive to collecting them for some or a deterrent to others. On average most philatelists tend to avoid countries with long and difficult check lists of stamps, watermarks, perforations, shades, overprints and die varieties; eg the not too popular Australian States, Roumania. To the advanced philatelist however these may provide added interest.

Catalogues may be misleading in this respect. For instance S G Poland Nos 218-229, the catalogue merely states "Perforation 10½ to 13½ and compound". Many of these perforations are hard to find particularly the compound. Were Poland a British Colony it is quite conceivable that some varieties might run into fs. It is a matter for some conjecture whether many of the perforation and other varieties of British Commonwealth will maintain their present high value in the future.

From an educational point of view foreign stamps have far more to offer than British Colonials; one may learn the whole history in picture of the country. Take the commemorative stamps of USA or France. All their great men, historical

events, scenery, costumes etc are displayed and sometimes with more than one issue. If you find a stamp of Andorra you are tempted to find out where it is and should you be fortunate enough to get a correspondent in this little State you are further tempted to find out what countries that correspondent can supply other than Andorra. To the more advanced philatelist what could be more interesting

than a study of the early stamps of Sweden or for something really complicated (yet reasonably cheaply obtained) the middle issues of Brazil or France.

For those with an artistic eye a wide field exists. Austria with its pre and post war commemoratives, Japan with its delightful design pictures accomplished with a mere flourish of the brush yet indicating so much, Switzerland and Liechtenstein with their multi-coloured photogravure stamps: some very beautiful products of the art design and printing here: or one of the less popular countries, Liberia. In spite of the catalogue values there are some real toughies here, but are often worth the trouble of ferriting out. So too for those with a leaning towards thematic collecting especially in the field of zoology. A combination of North Borneo and Liberia covers all the more important mammals. For those interested in anthropology a collection of the French Colonies provides ample material, though some of these issues are difficult to find in used condition they can be obtained in mint condition but at a price.

Heraldry, Science, Botany, Architecture, Navigation, Aeronautics, Mythology, to name but a few of the many human pursuits are to be found in profusion among the foreign issues. Compare these with the limitations of a purely British Colonial collection.

Finally, but just as important the classics are well represented. Swiss, Italian and German States, France, Brazil, Colombia, USA, Uruguay, Romania, Spain, Afghanistan, Portugal, many of them far out of reach of the ordinary collector, rare beyond catalogue value and harder to obtain than some of the Colonial classics. Under the second heading the writer quite frequently has really scarce foreign stamps thrown at him as being just another country outside the British Commonwealth, sometimes at considerable discount off catalogue in exchange or cash.

When the new catalogues come out it is a good plan to tick off stamps already in the album, it is then that the price alterations are noticed, even of those which still remain as gaps in your collection.

Many of the writers British Colonials have stayed in value much as they were 5 or more years ago. They have jumped in items still missing from the collection, but these even at source were practically unobtainable in perforation varieties or the little used high values.

Compare this for example with France No 1135 catalogued 1/- now, but easily obtainable then, or 1145, 1150, 1188 or many more of this country. Luxemburg also Nos 525-528 now catalogued at 9/11d set. Several sets of Kenya UPU were exchanged at this time for these sets. Alas, had the lot been exchanged the result would have been far more satisfactory. To think of that Israeli 500m stamp gladly exchanged for some paltry Colonial or on the credit side Jordan SG 290 for Kenya 3/-. Another awful thought is that schoolboy collection of USA sold for perhaps £3. It contained several carrier stamps, many of the early issues from 1847 and very complete from 1869 onwards, except for Columbus issue, in many cases in both mint and used sets for 1933. The Graf Zeppelin set alone is now catalogued £41. The neglected countries of today are the valuable collections of tomorrow.

A good collection of used only or S American States might show a better return than a British Colonial collection costing the same money. Don't omit those tedious officials or postage dues either they will be good holdings some day.

To sum up, the older European stamps are already being bought to such an extent by buyers from this continent that they have become very scarce in Great Britain and the effect will soon be felt in Australia. The same applies to a lesser extent to all other countries with some few exceptions. Remember that in France or Belgium

it is difficult to buy European scarce early and middle issues at under full catalogue. Gibbons is sometimes not the best guide in this respect. Yvert, Michael and other catalogues are much nearer the bone, again with certain exceptions.

If you are a keen British Colonial collector collect a foreign country as well it will pay dividends in the future.

FOOTNOTE

A compound perforation is created by using two or more perforation machines, perhaps in order to perforate rows missed by one machine and may measure say $10\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2} \times 15$ or some other combination.

REPORT ON LAST MEETING

Only very few entries were received at our last meeting for the competitive exhibits requested by Gordon Beale. The emphasis of the competition was to be unusual features of any one issue or stamp. Whether due to insufficient publicity or lack of energy on the part of our members, the response has been disappointing. Of the three entries, the "prize" donated by Gordon Beale went to George Bottrill's page of Singapore stamps. Other entries were "variations on the US National Park issue", showing such items as the imperforate specimens of that issue, and a selection of the K.G VI 1d Great Britain stamp giving 33 varieties of this stamp showing various overprints and colour changes.

The main part of the evening was devoted to a rather lively discussion on the subject of obtaining used Papua and New Guinea stamps in quantities for exchange purposes. Mrs Thompson who introduced the subject offered her services in approaching various Territory firms with the object of obtaining from them, for cash if necessary, local stamp accumulations. The desirability of obtaining these stamps is obvious as they are still very useful exchange material overseas and even our less advanced members would have little difficulty in entering into overseas exchange provided they had sufficient of this material.

The local difficulty mainly is that most of the sources are already tapped. Though no doubt the odd firm or so would give us an occasional lot, our main object is to get regular supplies. For this reason we are quite willing to pay for such accumulations. We have now written to a number of firms putting out feelers in this direction and we sincerely hope that something will come of it. As soon as we hear definite news of this score we can settle matters such as price and the best method of distribution to those of our members interested. In the meantime those members who would like to participate in buying up stamps under these conditions should send their names to the Acting Secretary and indicate the approximate amount per month they would be prepared to spend. Naturally much will depend on how high (or low) the price paid will be. It should be remembered that generally such lots will mainly comprise the common and low values only. However now with the impending change in postal rates and stamp denominations this should prove no handicap.

At the meeting the President also presented a short report on our OLYMPEX contribution. The latter has now gone to Australia in the safe keeping of our

Secretary Mr Kelly. It comprises 39 sheets of stamps with a total catalogue value of over £300, and a map of Papua and New Guinea showing all existing Post Offices of the Territory. Around the margin of the map and connected to the Post Office locations by coloured threads are mounted specimens of the postmark and

Registration Labels of each Office. The cancellations all bear the same date 31 JY 56, and represent a rather unique collection. The map which is mounted on a piece of local Klinkii plywood should be a most attractive exhibit; and together with our most presentable selection of Territory stamps we are sure that we will get some favourable comment at OLYMPEX.

We are indebted to Messrs Kelly, Holdcroft, Lubran and Douglas who contributed both their time and efforts as well as materials to make this work possible and, we hope, successful; and of course to all those who contributed their stamps for exhibit.

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

RELIEF No 6 came into use in BUIN on 4th October 1956.

RELIEF No 5 will be withdrawn from SAMARAI, the renovated original postmark having been sent down to the Island.

New postal rates are in force in the Territory as from 1st November 1956. To meet the most common new rates, 4d and 7d, the 2½d and 1/- stamps of the current set will be provisionally overprinted with the respective values until new stamps of these denominations are produced. Stocks of the provisional stamps should reach the Territory presently.

OMISSION

Owing to lack of space in our last issue we were not able to insert that in the absence of Mr R Kelly on leave, Mr G Toogood will be acting as philatelic representative on the Papua and New Guinea Stamp Advisory Committee.

CLASSIFIED ADS

OFFERED: P & NG most Brit Cols and large collection foreign for WANTED Germany Berlin viz fine used only SG Nos BA16, 19, 20, 41, 42a, 43a, 59, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 89, 93, 98, 99, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 107. Also all pre-war Austrian charity long sets and SG Nos 509, A58, 59, C234, 235, 236, 237. Good stamps given in exchange.

Contact G Beale STC Port Moresby.

WANTED: Used Foreign Commemoratives of pre-war vintage, better type of material. P & NG given or African Colonies.

Contact G Beale STC Port Moresby.

WANTED: New Guinea SG 70a mint or used; 73 used, 119 used - singles or multiples. Papua SG 116a used. Also covers bearing inter-island ship markings (N.Z Methodist Mission, Burns Philp vessels etc). Also illustrations or photographs or advice on obtaining same of the following vessels: MV POLLURIAN+ MV MARY ROSE; MV MALAITA, AV CICELY II, MV MALEKULA; AK ROVIANA.

Contact W G Bolbran - 64 Sussex Road, Haywards Health, Sussex, England.

WANTED: Articles, letters for publication in this magazine.

Contact J Lubran c/o APC Port Moresby.

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PROGRAMME NOTICE

Gordon Beale our Programme Organiser announces that the December meeting will have something with a Christmas flavour, an Auction and later a Lucky Dip. So parcel up your 'unwants' ready for popping into the 'Barrel'.

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FROM THE EDITOR

This issue brings us once again to the close of the year and to thoughts of the traditional festivities of Christmas and perhaps to resolutions for the New Year. There were the occasions since I took over the job of Editor when I wondered whether I would be able to bring out an issue for a particular month, but had I been Mr Micawber himself I could not have hoped for better; something always turned up.

International events are hardly what one could describe as developing in happy circumstances and though many cynics think it trite that it is at this time of the year when men and women everywhere talk about goodwill etc it is just as well that humanity at large is sufficiently civilised to have set aside at least one day in the year when they permit themselves to consider their responsibilities and obligations to each other.

So too let us pause to think of our families and friends and the world at large to wish them and our members everywhere a Very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year.

CANCELLATION

Recently discovered amongst routine mail was a new cancellation from GOROKA. This has never before been mentioned in our magazine and it would be interesting to know when it was first put into use. It is clearly used concurrently with the old postmark which still predominates on current envelopes. The earliest impression seen so far is 30 Oct. 56. The new postmark is similar to the other recent releases, viz Samarai; it has smaller lettering in the circle and longer circular arcs at the sides.

The following interesting notes were received from our Secretary Mr Ray Kelly.

As the guest of Melbourne PPS member Mr Max Bulley, I had the pleasure of being invited to the rooms of the Royal Victorian Philatelic Society to hear a report presented by Mr J R W Purves on his visit to FIPEX.

Mr Purves is well known amongst Philatelists all over the world and is quite an authority on the NW Pacific Islands overprint issues of New Guinea 1915-25.

I was surprised to hear that 'foreign' countries were holding a wealth of philatelic interest for so many of the 'big-monied' collectors and in fact a South American country had won the FIPEX championship.

Mr Purves mentioned philately in general as undertaken by the Americans mostly going for USA and indicated that there was no limit to the dollars that would be offered when chasing a certain item.

Cocktail parties, luncheons and fabulous dinners were well into the fore and from general observations the Australasian Philatelic would have an excellent ambassador in Mr Purves.

Other personalities I met at 'The Royal' were Mr F Collas (Assistant Controller Philatelic Sect PMG), Mr John H Hawker (Editor of ASM) and many of Melbourne's leading stamp dealers.

Mr Hawker gave me a few words of praise on 'Stamp News' and requested that if possible a complete set be forwarded to ASM for their library.

Finally I would like to say through the pages of 'Stamp News' a very hearty thanks for the hospitality and friendliness shown to me by members of the Royal Victorian PS as a representative of Papuan PS.

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

There is no reported activity on this front this month.

REPORT OF LAST MEETING

At our last meeting Gordon Beale delivered his talk on stamp collecting for beginners. He dealt with the initial choice of field and scope and gave a great many hints on the preparation of a collection. There were many controversial points and Gordon had quite a few discussions to deal with. The talk was well received and has certainly been useful to our less advanced members.

LOCAL USED STAMPS

Our drive to acquire local stamps from Port Moresby firms for exchange purposes is beginning to bear fruit and by next meeting we hope to have enough to make a general share-out to members present. To date we have received stamps from Mr Carter of Papuan Prints and from Mr Stevens of APC whose contributions are most appreciated. We further have promises from Steamships Trading Company and from South Pacific Post. We are also negotiating with the Apex Club to relieve them of their stamps collected for the raising of funds for worthy causes.

SOCIAL NOTE

A letter has been received from George Bottriell on leave in Australia telling us about his impression of Olympex which he visited. He was pleased with the PPS exhibit, says it is as good as any in the exhibition which on the whole was well worth seeing.

CORRECTIONS

The following corrections should be made to Mr Max Bulley's article in last month's issue:

- a In the last line of script under 'KIETA' '(Fig 20) of Bulolo' should read 'Fig 12 of RABAU'.
- b In the list of cancellations - alter 'Fig 20' to 'Fig 12' for GASMATA and KIETA.

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THE POSTAL CANCELLATIONS OF NEW GUINEA 1914-1942 (contd) by M T Bulley.

LAE. Post Office opened on 1 March 1932. Used only the one postmark - as Fig 20 of Bulolo. Violet ink used on opening day.

MADANG. Former German New-Guinea Post Office known as Friedrich-Wilhelmshafen. I am not sure what was the first postmark type used at this Post Office, after capture from the Germans. I have a piece showing two 5 pfenning Deutsch-New Guinea stamps cancelled with a double-ring circle (34mm) marking in which the name 'Friedrich-Wilhelmshafen' appears in the top sector, whilst the centre is merely a black blob. I have an idea this cancellation was used by the Australian military authorities as a relief postmark in the early month of occupation (Sept-Oct 1914). Another ex-German-New Guinea cancellation used in the same way is as illustrated Fig 34. The wording in the top sector, 'KAISERLICHES BEZIRKSGERICHT' translated means - Imperial District Court. No date appears across the centre of this cancellation. However I have a very interesting postcard in my collection on which this cancellation appears cancelling a 5 pf Deutsch-New Guinea stamp as well as a 1d Australian kangaroo stamp. The postcard is addressed to Sydney and is written on Sunday 29 November 1914. As a postscript this interesting sentence appears - "This is posted in the hopes of catching a mail but no boat has been in for over a month".

Two straight-line cancellations have also been reported as being used from here. Len Bennetts has a pair of 1d 'roos cancelled with Fig 33, and Hoffmann Giesecke illustrate a similar cancellation (but measuring 45mm in length, as against 51mm) which has in addition a second line (in smaller lettering) in which the words 'NEW GUINEA' appear below 'WILHELMSHAFEN'. The earliest reported date of the first regular type MADANG postmark - as Fig 8 of Rabaul is 12th June 1915. This was followed by two different postmarks inscribed 'MADANG-NEW GUINEA'. The first of these shows the date-line in normal size lettering - as Fig 10 of Rabaul, whilst in the second the date-line lettering is much smaller as Fig 36.

Marienberg. The only other marking I have seen from Madang is a 'DISTRICT OFFICE' stamp similar to (but rather smaller than) Fig 23 of KAVIENG. This mark is not used to cancel stamps but sometimes appears on covers as a 'date of arrival' marking.

MANUS. Ex German New Guinea Post Office. Originally opened on 6th December 1912. I am not sure of the exact date of re-opening under Australian military control, but the earliest reported date of the first postmark type (Fig 8) inscribed 'MANUS' is 3 July 1915. The next cancellation - similar to Fig 18 ANGORAM was in use from 1925 to 1933. This was followed by a new postmark (Fig 35) in which the month appears in three letters and the year in full. I have seen this type struck in violet ink only. The last pre-war postmark was similar to Fig 12 of Rabaul, but without the brackets enclosing the date-line MAPRIK. I do not know the official opening date of this Post Office. It is generally noted as 'late in 1939', however the earliest recorded date of the MAPRIK postmark (as Fig 2a of Rabaul, but without the brackets enclosing the date-line) is 19th Sept. 1940? Can someone clarify this discrepancy.

MARON. Location Hermit Islands, west of Manus Island. Post Office originally opened 1 January 1911 but closed in November 1914. Appears in list of 'unofficial' Post Offices of 1922, but have seen only one example of the MARON-NEW GUINEA' postmark (Fig 19) and this was on a copy of the 6d NW PACIFIC IS (SG III)

stamp. Unfortunately the date was indecipherable, however as this stamp was not issued until 1923 (according to Gibbons) we may presume the postmark is 1923 or 1924.

MARIENBERG. Location on Sepik River, approximately 40 miles from its mouth. The Post Office opened on 24 September 1927. Used postmark as illustrated Fig 36 from opening date until the Post Office was closed down and transferred to ANGORAM in 1934.

MOKARENG. This Post Office was located in the Admiralty Islands I believe. I am not sure of its opening or closing dates but believe it was open for a short period only from late 1922 to early 1923. It was listed as an 'unofficial' PO in an official list of Post Offices issued in 1922.

MOROBE. Ex German New Guinea PO. Originally opened on 15 January 1913. Closed down in December 1914. I am not sure on what date the Post Office re-opened under Australian military control. The earliest cancellation I have seen is 19 July 1915. This is a rubber two-line cancellation 'Morobe/19th July 1915' on a stampless censored cover in my collection. The cancellation appears just below the words 'postage paid' written in blue pencil in the top right hand corner of the cover. On the back of the cover is a four-lined rubber stamp (struck in violet ink) reading 'CENSORED/by/District Office Morobe, New Guinea'. The earliest recorded date of the normal MOROBE postmark - as Fig 8 of Rabaul - is 22nd April 1916. Hoffman-Giesecke reports the use of a rubber stamp inscribed 'STATION MOROBE' sighted on Papuan stamps with Ioma postmark, but I have never seen this mark. The Post Office at MOROBE was closed down in November 1926 and replaced by a new PO located at Salamaua further up the coast. I understand the Morobe postmark continued in use at this new PO until a SALAMAUA postmarker became available.

NAMATANAI. Ex German New Guinea Post Office originally opened 8 September 1911, and closed down in November 1914. I am not sure of the opening date of the PO under Australian military control, but the first cancellation I have seen from here consists of a two-line rubber stamp (in violet ink) as illustrated Fig 37. This I have on piece cancelling two 1d red KG V NW PACIFIC ISLANDS stamps and a 2d 'roo NWPI. The next postmark appears to be similar to Fig 30 of KOKOPO but with NAMATANAI at the top. The earliest recorded date I have of this cancellation is in November 1917, so we have a gap of almost three years to fill in here. There is also a gap of two years between the latest recorded copy of the NAMATANAI-QUEENSLAND' postmark (6th Oct.1922) and the earliest recorded copy of the next postmark type 'NAMATANAI-NEW GUINEA' (as Fig 10 of Rabaul) so I am hoping someone can fill in these blank years by reporting earlier (or later) dates of postmarks in their collections.



Fig 35



Fig 34



Fig 36

Friedrich Wilhelmshafen

Fig 33

Post Office,
NAMATANAI

Fig 37

<u>Fig</u>	<u>Inscription</u>	<u>Earliest</u>	<u>Latest</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
20	LAE-NEW GUINEA	1 MR 32	18 DE 40	
8	MADANG	12 JE 15	9 DE 20	
10	MADANG NEW GUINEA	20 DE 24	7 OC 33	
36	" " "	1 OC 34	5 JN 41	Date in small letters
8	MANUS	3 JL 15	1 MR 15	
18	MANUS-NEW GUINEA	10 DE 25	28 MR 33	Violet & Black
35	" " "	1 DE 33	5 MAY 38	Year in full
12	" " "	20 MA 39	12 DEC 40	Time follows date
12a	MAPRIK-NEW GUINEA	19 SE 40	18 SEP 41	" " "
19	MARON-NEW GUINEA			Issued 1923
36	MARIENBERG-NEW GUINEA	24 SE 27	18 JA 34	Violet ink
19	MOKARENG-NEW GUINEA	18 DE 22	20 FE 23	Open short period only
8	MOROBE	22 AP 16	4 NO 26	Used at Salamaua on 17 Nov 1926
37	POST OFFICE NAMATANAI	1916?		On NWPI Violet ink
30	NAMATANAI (QUEENSLAND)	NO 17		Violet & Black
10	NAMATANAI-NEW GUINEA	13 OC 24	9 AU 41	

As requested we give here a list of Territory Post Offices, their locations and pronunciations, compiled by our President Mr E Douglas.

<u>Name of Post Office</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>	<u>Region</u>
ABAU	A'bow	Papuan Coast
AITAPE	Eye'tapee	New Guinea Coast
ANGORAM	An-go'ram	New Guinea
BOGIA	Bogee'ah	New Guinea Coast
BUIN	Boo'in	Bougainville Is
BULOLO	Boo-Loh-lo	New Guinea Interior
BWAGAOIA	Bwaga-oy'ah	Misima Island
CHIMBU	Chim'boo	New Guinea Highlands
DARU	Da-roo	Papuan Coast
ESA'ALA	Essa-ah'Lah	Normandy Island
FINSCHHAFEN	Finch-hah'fen	New Guinea Coast
GOILALA	Goy-lah'lah	Papua Interior
GOROKA	Go-roh'ka	New Guinea Highlands
IHU	Ee'hoo	Papuan Coast
KAINANTU	Kai-nan'too	New Guinea Highlands
KAIRUKU	Kai-roo'koo	Papuan Coast
KANDRIAN	Kan'drian	New Britain
KAVIENG	Kay'vieng	New Ireland
KEREMA	Ke'rema	Papuan Coast
KIETA	Kee-eh'tah	Bougainville Is
KIKORI	Kee-Koh'ree	Papuan Coast
KOKODA	Ko-koh'dah	Papuan Interior
KOKOPO	Ko'ko-poh	New Britain
KONEDOBU	Konnee-doh'boo	Papuan Coast
KUKIPI	Koo-kee'pee	Papuan Coast
LAE	Lay	New Guinea Coast
LORENGAU	Lo'ren-gow	Manus Island
LOSUIA	Lo-suey'ah	Trobriand Islands
MADANG	M'dang	New Guinea Coast
MAPRIK	Mah-prik	New Guinea
MINJ	Min-j	New Guinea Highlands
MOMOTE	Mo-moh'tee	Los Negros Island Manus

<u>Name of Post Office</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>	<u>Region</u>
MOUNT HAGEN	Hah'gen	New Guinea Highlands
NAMATANAI	Nah-ma'ten eye	New Ireland
POPONDETTA	Poppen-det'ta	Papua
PORT MORESBY	Port Mores'by	Papuan Coast
RABAU	Ra-bowl	New Britain
RIGO	Ree'go	Papuan Coast
SAMARAI	Sa'mar eye	Papuan Coast
SOHANO	So-hah'no	Bougainville
TALASEA	Tala-see'ah	New Britain
WAU	Wow	New Guinea Interior
WEWAK	Wee'wack	New Guinea Coast

The new overprinted stamps are still not available and the indications are that it will be well into mid January or thereabouts before we see them.

For the benefit of members we have had a number of envelopes printed with the simple inscription 'Territory of Papua and New Guinea - FIRST DAY COVER'.

All those who have not already done so and who wish to obtain such covers should contact Mr Douglas at the Commonwealth Department of Works. The cost of the envelopes is approximately 3d but may be less if sufficient are sold. The price will be announced when all orders are received.

Covers should be addressed and handed back to Mr Douglas marked on each cover with 4d, 7d or 1ld according to which stamps should be affixed and accompanied by the money for purchase of the stamps.

REMINDER

As mentioned in the last issue the programme for our December meeting is an auction and later on a lucky dip.

We hope that members will continue to take an interest in the classified ads section and to answer any advertisement the requirements of which they can satisfy. Only when an advertiser gets results is the service of the classified ads page fulfilling its function.

STOP PRESS

Relief No 3 sent to Goroka 10 or 11 December 1956.

NOTE

Any members desirous of obtaining loose copies of the postmark illustrations that have accompanied Mr M T Bulley's articles on the Cancellations of Papua and New Guinea may request them through the Editor 'Stamp News'. Copies are sixpence a sheet, cash to be sent to the Treasurer Mrs Y Beadel, The Bookshop, Port Moresby.

SPARE COPIES

As mentioned on page 92 in the notes from Mr Ray Kelly concerning Mr Hawker the Editor of 'Australian Stamp Monthly', would any member who has any early copies of 'Stamp News' and who would not mind donating them to the library of Australian Stamp Monthly please contact Mr J Lubran c/o APC Port Moresby so that he can make up a set of Stamp News for despatch to Mr Hawker.

POSTAGE RATES

From 1st November 1956 there has been an increase in postage rates in Papua and New Guinea. There has been no change in postage rates on letters posted in a country other than British Empire. However the normal domestic rate of postage within Papua and New Guinea and Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand and other places within the British Empire has been increased from 3½d to 4d for the first ounce. The change in domestic rate of postage has changed the postage on ½ ounce air mail letter to Australia from 6½d to 7d.

This change in postage rates follows exactly the change made in postage rates in Australia which came into effect 1 October this year.

CLASSIFIED ADS

- WANTED: Will give good exchange (or buy) for the following:
Relief No 1 of Wewak, registered preferred.
Relief No 3 of Losuia, registered preferred.
Relief no 4 of Kairuku, registered preferred.
Or would exchange registered Relief No 6 of Buin for any of above.
A H Voyce, Buin, Bougainville, New Guinea.
- OFFERED: P & NG most British Cols and large collection foreign for WANTED
Germany Berlin, viz fine used only SG Nos BA16, 19, 20, 41, 42a, 43a, 59, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 88, 89, 93, 98, 99, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 107. Also all pre-war Austria charity long sets and SG Nos 509, A58, 59, C234, 235, 236, 237. Good stamps given in exchange.
Contact G Beale, STC, Port Moresby.
- WANTED: Used Foreign Commemoratives of pre-war vintage, better type of material.
P & NG given or African Colonies.
Contact G Beale, STC, Port Moresby.
- WANTED: New Guinea SG70a mint or used; 73 used, 119 used - singles or multiples. Papua SG 116a used. Also covers bearing Inter-island ship markings (NZ Methodist Mission, Burns Philp vessels etc). Also illustrations or photographs or advice on obtaining some of the following vessels: MV POLLURIAN; MV MARY ROSE; MV MALAITA, AV CICELY II; MV MALEKULA; AK ROVIANA.
Contact W G Colbran, 64 Sussex Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex, England.
- WANTED: For exchange on catalogue basis: Australian commens. Centenary of Victoria 1934 (both perfs). Silver Jubilee 1935 set; AIF 1940 set; Gloucester 1945 2½d & 5½d; Mitchell 1946 2½d only; se-tenant pair of Stamp Centenary 1950 2 x 2½d.
Contact M Ilcheff c/o CDW, Port Moresby.

If you have any philatelic requests or material for sale or exchange, send your ads to 'Stamp News'. Remember, adverts on this page are free.

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BULLETIN OF THE PAPUAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY, PORT MORESBY
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FROM THE EDITOR

This issue augers well for the new year with more copy to hand at one time than ever before. From my point of view the bigger the magazine and the more varied the content the better, but fortunately for the finances of the Society I sometimes feel the restraining influence of our President (resulting in the average twelve pages).

This month however I must make my excuses for having broken the traces as the articles are timely and therefore cannot be held over to other issues. My fervent hope is that articles will come rolling in if only to spare me attacks of migraine. I was disappointed to learn that during the past few months I almost received an article on the Postal Runner Service which would have been more than welcome in these pages, particularly as I too would like to know more about it, but our President is still trying to trace its whereabouts. Should it transpire that the article itself was sent by this service and that it is shortly due for delivery it will lend to it a flavour of authenticity as unique as the Runner Service itself.

In conclusion may I on behalf of PPS extend to our members and friends the world over wishes for a Happy New Year and that our respective societies go from strength to strength forming new bonds of friendship everywhere.

Letters

Elsewhere in this issue are letters from friends overseas containing varied requests. Please remember that these letters to us indicate an interest in our part of the world and the letters themselves are the efforts which demonstrate it. The PPS can do no more than bring them to your attention through your magazine in the hope that the efforts mentioned will be duly reciprocated.

Acknowledgement

The Committee of PPS wish to express their thanks to Mrs H Ilcheff who typed our last month's stencils for the December issue at such short notice.

OLYMPLEX EXHIBITION
Melbourne 1956
By Ray Kelly

The panic of 'Olympex' is over in which was witnessed a feast of philatelic interest for collectors from all corners of the globe.

Olympex, which ran from Monday 12 November to Saturday 24 November was officially opened by Sir Edmund Herring at 4.30 pm Monday 12, and the showrooms were packed with enthusiastic collectors.