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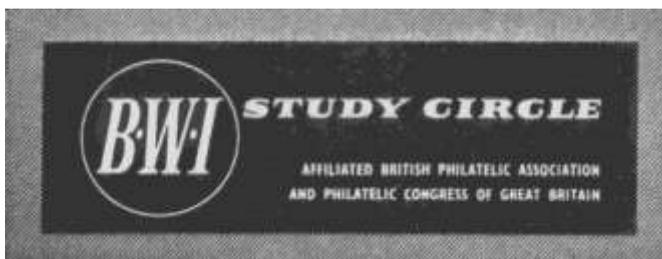
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An up-to-date LIST OF MEMBERS will be included in the April Bulletin each year.

## AUTUMN MEETING

The Autumn Meeting was held at 41, Devonshire Place, London, W.1., on Saturday, 21st October, 1961, at 2.30 p.m. The Chair was taken by Commander G. Bridgemore Brown and fourteen members attended. Apologies for absence were received from the President, Miss Rose Titford, Col. Murray, and Messrs. Marriott and Kimber.

A number of points came up for discussion and decisions were reached as follows:

Scottish Exhibition: Members in Scotland to be invited to contribute sheets to a combined display on behalf of the Circle.

Philatelic Congress at Worthing, June, 1962: Circle to contribute 32 sheets to the Congress Exhibition. The usual Study Circle to be held.

Philatelic Journal of Gt. Britain: The Editor's offer, which had certain conditions, to print reports of meetings and to reprint articles appearing in the Circle's Bulletin without seeking permission, to be declined.

Anniversary Meeting: To be held on 24th March, 1962. Dinner: to be held on Monday, 2nd April. In order to keep down the cost of the dinner, both to the Circle and to members, it was agreed to dispense with printed menus, to cut the number of complimentary invitations and to make any small economies that are possible. The Chairman appealed to members to give greater support to the Anniversary Dinner Sales Circuit: The Sales Superintendent reported that the last packet was still circulating. When broken up, the Sales Circuit would close down. Publications: The Chairman, as Chairman of the Publications Sub-Committee, reported that sales of the last publication, "The Postal Markings of Barbados," had already covered the cost of printing. The next publication would probably be on the stamps of Trinidad.

After a break for tea, displays were provided by the following members:

**E. V. Toeg:** A further selection of the village postmarks of DOMINICA (including a Wesley in manuscript) and those of the Montserrat villages.

**Miss Rose Tittford:** (Shown by the Hon. Secretary). A number of pre-adhesive covers from ST. KITTS and a comprehensive display of ST. CHRISTOPHER adhesives, including the malformed "E" in "ONE" on the penny value (No. 6 on sheet), controls of the 1882-90 issue, the provisionals of 1885-87 and Revenues and Postal Cards. A number of nice covers were also a feature, A. E. Beach: Artist's proof for the first TOBAGO one shilling, being the Dominica one shilling value with "Dominica" and "Postage" painted out and "Tobago" and a leaf design painted in. Also an artist's proof for the one penny value of 1880, using the Tobago fiscal stamp of the same value. Other sheets were of the 1889-92 provisionals, including a half sheet and blocks and what is possibly a first day cover of the penny on 2yd. (8 of them) dated 5th July 1889.

Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown: Early Packet letters and a number of other pre-adhesive items bearing the early handstamps of BERMUDA. The wide range of adhesives included the rare imperforate penny of the 1865 issue used at St. George's, the provisional "Threepence" of 1874 with forgeries, and a complete pane of the 1865 6d. value.

G. W.G.

## ANNIVERSARY MEETING

### EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

This will be held at the usual venue, 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.1., on Saturday, March 24th at 2.30 p.m. Please do your best to attend and do not forget to bring along a few of your pages for display and a note of any problems you would like discussed. As usual visitors are most welcome.

The customary Dinner (dress informal) will take place at Lord's Tavern, St. John's Wood Road, London, N.W.8., on Monday, April 2nd (7 for 7.30 p.m.). It is thought that the change to a separate evening will be more convenient particularly for those who are already in London on that day. The charge will be 21/- per head (excluding wine but inclusive of gratuities). In order that the necessary arrangements can be made in good time it will be most helpful if those wishing to attend will inform the Hon. Secretary the number of seats to be reserved and include the appropriate remittance not later than **March 10th, 1962.**

## **DISPLAY**

### **TO THE WOKING AND DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

On 19th September last, the Study Circle gave a display to the Woking & District Philatelic Society. Commander G. Bridgmore Brown showed Bermuda, including a range of pre-adhesive covers with or without local markings, a selection of the early issues and a study of the King George VI high values. Mr. G. W. Groves showed Saint Vincent, with examples of the pre-adhesive handstamps, the Perkins, Bacon and De La Rue Queen Victoria issues, a selection of the village postmarks and paquebot marks of St. Vincent on many different West Indian adhesives. The meeting was well attended and the displays much appreciated.

### **DISPLAY GIVEN BY DR. R. H. BLACKBURN TO NORTHERN MEMBERS AT ROCHDALE**

On Saturday, 16th September, 1961, some of the Northern members of the Study Circle assembled at Rochdale to see a display of Jamaican philately given by Dr. R. H. Blackburn of Preston. This was the first time that a meeting had been held at Rochdale, and in view of the excellent arrangements made on our behalf by Mr. J. D. Chorlton, most of us came away with the hope that in future at least one meeting a year could be held in Lancashire. Dr. Blackburn's reputation as one of our leading Jamaican collectors had preceded him. We expected to see a first class display and we were not disappointed.

The display opened with a comprehensive selection of pre-stamp covers. The first three sheets showed both types of straight line "Jamaica" and a superb strike of "Jamaica" dated 1798. Postal markings of the Post Towns included Lusea/JA, St. Anns/JA, Bath (in albino) Spanish/Town (two lines) dated 1791, Spanish Town/JA (both types) and one of the two recorded copies of the two line Montego/Bay dated 1794. Many of these pre-stamp letters were accompanied by extracts of the correspondence and there were numerous references to the state of the Island around the year 1800, to clandestine meetings of slaves, to acts of slave rebellions and to the prices ruling in the slave markets at that time.

G.B. used in Jamaica received good coverage with pairs and strips on cover and some first class cancellations. A very nice item in this section was a pair of G.B. 6d. with the ½ cancellation of Spanish Town.

Dr. Blackburn displayed the Pine issue mainly mint, with die proofs and specimen stamps. These early stamps were very noticeable for the well centred copies and fresh colouring. The 1d. bisect was well covered and included examples postmarked A32 and A73. The Dollar errors were all covered including an example set in a superb block of 16 of the 1860 issue. Many pairs and blocks of the 2½/4d. surcharge were shown and the complete 2nd setting (horizontal) appeared on a block of 12 stamps. The Ser.et errors were shown complete, with both examples of the 5d. stamp, the 1907 error being set in a block of nine.

It would take too long to describe in detail the rest of this display but brief mention must be made to a mint block of 9 of the King Edward VII 2d. grey, the ½d. Bow variety in both states, 2 examples of the 6d. Slave stamp overprinted specimen and an example of the 6d. tail pipe variety (George V-1 938). The display ended with a great number of sheets of postal history and it was in this section that some of Dr. Blackburn's most cherished items were to be found.

Thus ended a display of Jamaican philately which had included something for everyone, and had indeed made our visit to Rochdale well worth while.

The Northern members of the B.W.I. Study Circle hope to meet in Leeds on the following dates:

1962 January 20th. March 24th.

May 5th (Y.P.A. Convention at Hull).

June 2nd.

Further details can be supplied to any members from other parts of the country who may be visiting in the vicinity of Leeds on any of those dates, and would like to attend the meetings, on application to Mr. F. Myers, 20 Armley Grange View Leeds 12.

### **INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS**

The Circle's heartiest congratulations are extended to the following members on their success at Budapest, and Christchurch N.Z.

#### **BUDAPEST 1961 EXHIBITION**

L. E. Britnor                      Bronze                      Barbados

Basil B. Benwell                Bronze                      Barbados

#### **NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION**

L. E. Britnor

Certificate of Participation (2) B.W.I.

Basil B. Benwell

Certificate of Participation (3) Barbados

## NOTES AND QUERIES

Supply of material for future issues of the Bulletin I am pleased to say, is now improving, but I am still in need of more articles. I should also like to remind members again that I would appreciate receipt of copy not later than six weeks prior to publication. Members who require urgent replies to their queries should address their letters to the Hon. Secretary, who will endeavour to answer by return post.

*Editor.*

## BAHAMAS

In answer to Mr. Griswold's comments on Bahamas cancellations in the October Bulletin of the B.W.I. Study Circle.

I quite agree that "Bahamas" is not exactly in the centre of the circle but my interest is in the origin and meaning of the letters A, B, C.

To date I have not seen a cancellation with "Bahamas" exactly in the centre and with no date. I should, however, doubt whether it was of postal use without a date.

As regards "27" there are certainly two types. I believe the cancellation was first used in "Inagua" and afterwards for several other islands.

*N. Garrard.*

I quote Gisburn in his handbook "Postage Stamps and Postal History of the Bahamas."

"For a considerable span of years such offices as were established in the Out-islands possessed no distinctive cancellation (i.e. showing the name of the locality) but were supplied with one of general type bearing the figures "27" in an oval of bars. This continued in use until approximately 1890, after which the larger Out-islands began to acquire their own named postmarks, followed eventually by distinctive cancellations for each and every office in the group."

*Rose Titford.*

**Nassau Datestamps** - may I make some further additions to Mr. Coasby's list.:

3. Gisburn Type 2, with "Paid" removed.

I have another variant of this which has what appears to be a small ornament or perhaps the letter "c," above the date. The two letters of the

date, "82," are rather better centred than in Gisburn's illustration. Has any other member a clearer copy of this?

### **Machine Cancellations**

I have the following strikes on covers in my collection.

1. As Mr. Coasby's Type 14a (a) with slogan  
(b) with wavy lines.

2. As above, but with the addition of a small semicircular ornament between the time and the year. This is in the wrong position to have been caused by the edge of the plug, and seems to be a definite variation. My earliest cover is dated 1934 and my latest 1952, and I have quite a range of covers between these two. Here again I have this, (a) with slogan (b) with wavy lines.

3. As Mr. Coasby's Type 14b (a) with slogan  
(b) with straight lines.

4. As above, again with the same ornament added. My dates here are between 1947 and 1952, and again I have them (a) with slogan (b) with wavy lines.

5. As Mr. Coasby's Type 15. I have a clear strike of this on cover, the date reading "1 SEP/11-AM/1954." The wavy lines measure 21 mm. vertically, instead of the normal 16½ mm. of the other types.

6. I have a copy of a completely different type from the type 15 above.

Nassau, Bahamas, 21 mm. in diameter, letters 2½ mm. high. Has Nassau at top, followed by a comma, Bahamas at foot, time, date (month preceding day) and year in three lines, with normal wavy lines. My copy is dated 1960.

*S. Graham Hoey.*

## **BRITISH HONDURAS**

Re : Mr. Raymond's recent query in the BWISC Bulletin, October, 1961, p. 70, concerning Wellsport, British Honduras: according to "The Handbook of British Honduras" by Metzgen and Cain, 1925, "Wellsport, on the Sennis River, in Toledo District was one of the chief shipping centres for the export of coconuts, bananas, plantains, and timber." Mr. Waight, Director of Surveys, adds this ". . . Wellsport is the name of a tract of some 10,000 acres of land situate on the sea coast approximately 75 miles south of the capital of Belize."

## **BRITISH HONDURAS (contd.)**

The Chief Secretary throws further light on the subject by adding ". . . Wellsport, a small bush settlement situated north of the present town of Monkey River in the Toledo District, existed for a period between 1913 and 1915. Apparently it was founded by a Mr. D. S. Wells, an American Contractor who was employed by the firm of George D. Emery & Company. It is understood that Mr. Wells lived in the settlement together with his family and field workers and that he subsequently returned to the United States and died there."

My own correspondent, who was a clerk in the Post Office between 1908 and 1913, writes that he well remembers Wellsport being a small Post Office. He calls it a "small village settlement" and adds to Mr. Well's biography the fact that he was "a Southerner, who among other occupations, was a mahogany contractor." The postmaster was probably the local Police Constable if one was stationed there, or it might have been an unpaid employee of Mr. Wells. My correspondent does not think that other cancelling devices were used. The date stamp was no doubt supplied by the GPO in Belize.

If the cover were dated after 1922 I would suggest that it in all probability was either picked up by the Mailboat "Neptune" on Friday or sent on the "Maggie B" which left Punta Gorda once a week, mails being made up by her for the points at which she called. I do not know the 1913 schedules or ships, and my correspondent suggests that it was the "Maggie B" (a motor sloop, 21 tons, named for Maggie Bell, only child of John Micks Bell, another U.S. Citizen and another Southerner), or her predecessor.

Mails from ALL PINES area are now posted at SITTEE.

*Ralph E. Group.*

The following District Listing of the recorded post offices in British Honduras was compiled by Messrs. G. J. Raymond from the lists of E. F. Aguilar, R. S. Gordon, Dr. H. K. Thompson and his son.

(N.B. This list was compiled before the hurricane hit British Honduras. Some of the post offices listed may now be destroyed or temporarily closed.)

*Editor.*

## **BRITISH HONDURAS (contd.)**

### **LIST OF POST OFFICES IN BRITISH HONDURAS BY DISTRICT**

#### **1. BELIZE DISTRICT**

Agricultural Station (Ag. Stat.) (?)  
Airport (Belize)  
Bakers  
Barracks (Belize)  
\*†Belize (G.P.O.)  
Bermudian Landing  
Bomba  
†Boom  
Botanic Station  
Burrell Boom  
Butcher Burns  
†Caye Caulker  
†Double Head Cabbage  
†Gales Point  
†Gracie Rock  
Manatee  
†Maskell, Northern River  
New River Service  
Northern River  
P.A.A. Office (Belize)  
Radio Station (Belize)  
†Rockstone Pond  
†Sandhill  
†San Pedro, Ambergris Caye,  
†Stanley Field Airport

#### **2. CAYO DISTRICT**

†Baking Pot (Central Farm)  
Banana Bank  
x†Benque Viejo  
\*†Cayo (or El Cayo)  
Castile  
Duck Run  
Mount Hope  
†Roaring Creek  
Spanish Lockout

#### **3. COROZAL DISTRICT**

†Caledonia  
Consejo  
\*†Corozal  
†Louisville  
Progreso  
†Sarteueja

## **BRITISH HONDURAS (contd.)**

### **4. ORANGE WALK DISTRICT**

Coquericot  
†Crooked Tree  
†Guinea Grass  
\*†Orange Walk  
x†San Estevan

### **5. STANN CREEK DISTRICT**

All Pines  
Commerce Bight  
†Hopkins  
x†Mango Creek  
†Mullins River  
†Placencia  
Pmona  
Riversdale  
x†Seine Bight  
†Sittee River or Sittee  
tStann Creek  
Stann Creek Rail(way?)  
†Stann Creek Valley - 22 miles

### **6. TOLEDO DISTRICT**

•tBarranco  
x†Monkey River  
\*†Punta Gorgia Toledo  
Wellsport

† *Now Open.* \* *Principal Offices.* All classes of postal work, including the issue and payment of Money and Postal Orders handled. x *These Offices issue Inland Postal Orders.*

*Ralph E. Group.*

## **BRITISH WEST INDIES**

**Blockade Runner Letters of the American Civil War** - Bulletin No. 30, pages 53-55 and Bulletin No. 31, pages 65-66.

Further to the problem of the postage rates on letters which passed through the Federal blockade to Nassau or Bermuda, I have been in communication with Mr. Lawrence L. Shenfield, an expert on Civil War postal history, whose book on the Special Postal Routes of the Confederate States was recently published by the Collectors Club of New York. I believe that he has come up with the correct solution to my problem.

## BRITISH WEST INDIES (contd.)

The first thing to remember is that there was no postal treaty between the Confederacy and Great Britain, which, among other things, prevented the use of Confederate adhesives to prepay overseas letters, and, in particular, inter-country postal accounting. Secondly, there must have been agreements between the forwarding agents in Nassau and Bermuda and the local post offices for the payment by the latter to the agents of the amounts thus far due on unpaid letters, and the addition of this amount to the total due by the addressee. The GPO in London must have approved such an arrangement which would keep all the accounting within the British postal services.

Thus the rates would be broken down as follows:

	s.	d.
1. Internal Confederate rate (10 cents) ..	5	
2. "Captain's Pence" paid to the blockade runner at the British Colonial Rate	2	
3. Standard British rate from the American mainland to the Colony	4	
4. Colonial internal rate (exactd on all inter-American letters at this period)	1	
5. Packet rate to the United Kingdom	1	-
Total	2	-

The first two amounts were those paid out by the agent and reimbursed to him by the post office. The remaining three amounts, totalling 1/5, were those directly due to the post office. Thus the division of the 2/- total into 1/5 and 7d. is a logical one.

On some occasions, of course, letters from the Confederacy were prepaid, the writer, or his agent in the Confederate States, paying the charges as far as the British Colony. Such letters were usually enclosed, together with payment beyond the Colony or authorization to charge the account of the writer, in envelopes addressed to the forwarding agent in the Colony, who was therefore able to treat them as letters of local origin, paying only the 1/- packet rate. The GPO did not permit Colonial internal postage to be collected on any letter to or from the United Kingdom, and the 4d. rate from the mainland to the Colony was not, of course, charged, so that prepayment saved 5d. in the total cost. But such prepaid letters can only be proved to have originated in the Confederate States if the original letter survived.

It would be interesting to know if letters exist dated prior to April 1st, 1863, when the packet rate was increased from 6d. to 1/-. Such letters should have been charged 7d. plus 11d. for a total of 1/6d.

*M. H. Ludington.*

# MONTSERRAT

Regarding Mr. Toeg's notes on Montserrat in Bulletin 29, pages 33-34, I would like to express a few comments:

5. I make the diameter to be 28 mm.
6. I make the diameter to be 251 mm.
7. I can extend this one back to MY 22 1944.
8. I make the diameter to be 25 mm. Still in use June 21,1958.
10. I have Leeward Islands S.G. 96 St. John's 25½ mm. with star, dated MY 6 35.

I have FDCs of the Federation set from Bethel (24 mm.), Cudjoe Head (25 mm.), Harris (25 mm.), St. Johns (25½ mm.), Salem (25 mm.), St. Patricks (23½ mm.) and St. Peters (26½ mm.). All contain the star above date and the "t" in St. of St. Peter measures 2mm. high while all other letters measure 2i mm. high in all cancels mentioned.

I also find that G.P.O. Plymouth employs an electrical cancelling machine similar to E.lb. of the Circle's Paper 2. on Barbados. I believe that it is in two blocks but can't be sure as my examples run off of the pieces.

Can anyone give me information on the following: (a) S.G, 12 appears with c.d.s. Montserrat 21 mm. with the letter "P" over the date of MY 24 89. Did Montserrat employ village codes, and if so, does P signify Plymouth?

(b) When did Montserrat start using four digit year designators? 1900?

(c) I find a block of four of S.G. 30 28 mm. c.d.s. Montserrat with what appears to be the letter " C " above the date of SP 10 1913. What does this signify?

*Stanley C. Durnin.*

Continuing my notes in Bulletin No. 29 pages 33-34, I have since acquired two copies of a further cancellation as follows:

14. The c.d.s. "MONTSERRAT" with "C" and date measuring 21 mm. in diameter in use in November, 1892, and April, 1893. I have classified this cancellation as a separate cancellation from my 2. mentioned in Bulletin No. 29 despite Rose Titford's remarks referred to under (c) below. My 2. mentioned in Bulletin No. 29 is more frequently to be found than this cancellation.

I have had the opportunity to consider Mr. Stanley C. Durnin's comments on my notes in Bulletin No. 29 on pages 33-34, and my replies are as follows:

5. I have measured numerous examples of this c.d.s. (about 60 in all) and the fair average is in my view 29 mm. Several factors affect measurement First keenness of eyesight; this varies quite a lot even

## MONTSEBRAT (contd.)

between people with good sight. Secondly, the light in which the measurements are made; there may be a difference between the measurement made in daylight as distinct from artificial light, or if it is made in full light or partial shadow. Thirdly, a canceller may be worn down or heavily inked or both, with the result that the c.d.s. consists of a circular line of varying thickness; the question then arises whether the measurement is to be taken from the outside of the circular line, or from the centre or from the inside. In such circumstances I take the measurement from the centre of the line on one side of the circle to the centre of the line on the other side of the circle; this in my view gives the fairest result. Fourthly, circular date stamps are not always perfectly circular; as the circle stands out in relief it is prone to being dented or damaged fairly easily through careless handling by post office staff. Mr. Durnin will no doubt appreciate that a difference of up to 1 mm. in a distance of, say, 25 mm. is not excessive after taking into account some or all of the various possibilities mentioned above.

6. My comments on 5. above apply.

8. My comments on 5. above apply.

10. Leeward Islands S.G. 96 was not issued until 1938 according to Gibbons, and it may be that the S.G. catalogue number is incorrectly quoted or the postmark date MY 6 35 in the canceller was incorrect.

I have looked up type E.lb. of the Circle's Paper No. 2 on Barbados, but I have never seen a similar cancellation used for G.P.O. Plymouth. It might be of help if Mr. Durnin will give the date or dates of the G.P.O. Plymouth machine cancellation, as if it is similar to the Barbados cancellation type E.lb. it is likely to be a modern cancellation.

With regard to the information requested :-

(a) I suggest that possibly, this may be a seldom used official Paid c.d.s. (See my No. 13). I do not think that Montserrat employed village code marks; at any rate I have found none so far,

(b) I think 1900 is the first year.

(c) No one seems to know for certain, and the use of the letters "A," "B" or "C" is not confined to the Leeward group. I have for instance seen these letters used in cancellations on Gold Coast stamps, and there must be several other countries in which they were used, I refer Mr. Durnin to Rose Titford's remarks on page 23 of Bulletin No. 29 dealing with this point.

*E. V. Toeg*

## HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

Another year has passed and it is my pleasure once again to express the wish that you spent an enjoyable time at Christmas and to wish you a very happy New Year. However painstaking an Hon. Secretary is (and this I imagine applies to all who take on this job) in arranging the programme for the new season each year there are invariably one or more dates that clash. This fact, I know, had some bearing on the poor attendance at our meeting last October. As will have been observed elsewhere in this issue there was, once again, a wealth of interesting material on display and each one of us who was present felt that our journey to "41" had been well worthwhile. During a short discussion on a few domestic matters it was suggested that it might be more convenient for members if the meeting were held on a week-day other than a Saturday, Whilst the Anniversary Meeting is fixed for Saturday, March 24th, 1962, it has been decided to hold the customary Dinner on Monday, April 2nd, 1962. It is hoped that many who probably dislike breaking into their week-ends will take advantage of the change and come along and enjoy themselves. Obviously time does not permit having both the meeting and the dinner in one evening and the desirability of holding each on a day other than a Saturday in future years will be considered next March.

I would like to take this opportunity of responding to a few enquiries I have had in regard to the forthcoming philatelic handbook on the CAYMAN ISLANDS. There are some who wonder why it is not being made available to members at a reduced price and others who cannot understand why it is not being published as another "Paper" by our Circle. The answer is very simple. Preliminary work was started on the text some three years ago by Mr. E. F. Aguilar who is solely responsible for financing the project.

On this occasion I have to record the name of one new member, Mr. J. B. Bampton, to whom we extend a warm welcome.

*P. T. S.*

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## OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we learn of the death on October 9th, 1961, of Mr. Edgar Broad. Mr. Broad was a founder member of our Circle - his main interest being in the stamps of St. Vincent of which he had a fine collection. He was a collector of the "old school" and liked all stamps. Apart from St. Vincent he confined his collecting interests to G.B. and other Colonial issues.

He was a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, and a member of the Kings Lynn Philatelic Society since its inauguration. He was their President at the time of his passing, an office he had held for the past 12 years. Mr. Broad was a widower and to his son and daughter we offer our sincere sympathies in their sad loss.

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