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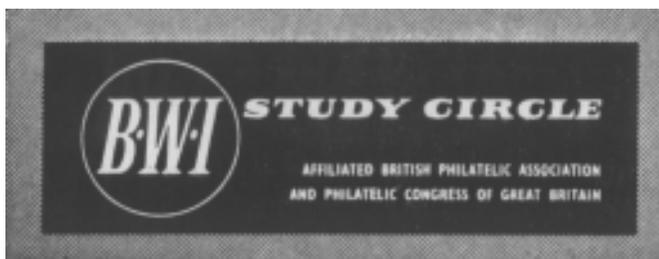
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AUTUMN MEETING

This will be held in the meeting room of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, at 41 Devonshire Place, W.1. on **Saturday, 2nd November at 3 p.m.**

Members are reminded that visitors are very welcome.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The 9th Anniversary meeting was held at 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.1., on Saturday, March 9th, 1963, at 2.30 p.m. Seventeen members attended with Commander G. Bridgmore Brown in the chair.

The chairman extended a warm welcome to all present. The Hon. Secretary read a letter from Mr. G. W. Collett, President, sending his good wishes for a successful meeting.

The report of the 8th Anniversary meeting, held on March 24th, 1962, as published in the Circle's Bulletin for July 1962 was confirmed without being read and Mr. G. W. Groves moved its acceptance.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. P. T. Saunders, then gave his report on the work of the Circle for the past year and intimated that the geographical distribution, hitherto published in each issue of the Bulletin would in future appear once each year in the July issue, as it could then be said to be up-to-date and authoritative for the year in which it was published.

The Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet were handed round for inspection: these showed a healthy state of the Circle's finances. The adoption of the Hon. Secretary's reports and the Accounts was moved by Mr. L. E. Britnor, seconded by Mr. G. W. Groves and carried unanimously.

Congress Exhibition Fund: After some discussion as to what the Circle was prepared to do in this connection it was unanimously agreed on the proposition from the chair, and seconded by Mr. Groves, that the Circle should subscribe the sum of five guineas annually to this fund and that a banker's order form for this amount should be completed and sent to the Congress Hon. Secretary. In addition it was suggested that in order to boost publicity to this fund mention should be made annually in the bulletin for the benefit of overseas members who might like to contribute something to this fund and send their donations direct to the Hon. Secretary of Congress. Agreed.

The following were elected Delegates to the 45th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain to be held at Scarborough from the 11th to the 14th June, 1963: G. W. Groves, P. T. Saunders and E. V. Toeg.

The Hon. Secretary said he had received many comments of appreciation of the Bulletin and the work of its Editor Mr. B. B. Benwell, but oddly enough not one from members in this country.

Publications Account: It was unanimously agreed that an allocation of £50 from current income should be made to this account: proposed by Mr. L. E. Britnor and seconded by Mr. E. V. Toeg.

The Library Report was presented by the Hon. Librarian, Miss Rose Titford in which she stated her regret that members did not make more use of the Library.

The Editor of the Bulletin, Mr. B. B. Benwell, spoke of his need for more articles and notes and stated that the List of Members would be published in the July issue.

Report of the chairman of the Publications Subcommittee: Commander Bridgmore Brown spoke of the Circle's latest publication. Paper No. 3 "The Philatelic History of Trinidad to 1862" by Mr. John B. Marriott. This had been a real labour of love and a great deal of work had been put into it not only by the author but particularly by the Bulletin Editor Mr. Benwell who attended to the printing. The next Paper the Committee have under consideration will most likely deal with Bahamas and any notes and suggestions appertaining to this colony would be welcome. Mr. L. E. Britnor was working on Montserrat and his notes had reached an advanced stage. Antigua was receiving the attention of Mr. G. W. Groves, and there was a possibility that a Paper would be published sometime in 1964.

Election of Officers and Committee for 1963/64: There being no other nominations the several Officers and Members of the Committee who, being eligible, offered themselves for re-election. Their election en bloc was moved by Mr. E. Shields Forshaw, seconded by Mr. A. E. Beach and carried unanimously.

Autumn Meeting: After discussion it was agreed that this should be held on Saturday, November 2nd at **3.00 p.m.** The date for the 10th Anniversary meeting was fixed provisionally for April 18th, 1964. The Hon. Secretary stated that the reason why the date was tentative was because he had received notice from the Chief Assistant of the Royal Philatelic Society that the fee for the hire of the meeting room at 41 Devonshire Place was being increased from £1 to £4 4s. 0d. for the afternoon. It would be appreciated that it was very difficult to find alternative accommodation for just two meetings each year. It was subsequently agreed that in view of the circumstances outlined by Mr. Saunders that the date of April 18th should be reserved with the "Royal" and the increased charge accepted. Mr. Forshaw stated that in his opinion with the large membership of the Society the representation of only 25 members in the London area was far from satisfactory.

Under other business Miss Titford asked the indulgence of the chair to speak about the Annual Dinner of the Circle. Members, she said, had always expressed eagerness that this should be held, yet when the time came near to making reservations few replied to the notice included in the January Bulletin each year which was accompanied by an application form and this always meant that the Hon. Secretary had to make personal application to those who he anticipated would wish to attend. She hoped that in future members would do their best to support this annual event and also support the Hon. Secretary in his endeavours on behalf of the Circle.

After an interval for tea the following displays were given:

A. E. Beach: TOBAGO, a pre-adhesive dated 17 Jan., 1797, bearing the handstruck "TOBAGO" in seriffed letters 30mm. x 5mm. without date. An example of TOBAGO with date in two straight lines R.L. type PF, believed to be the earliest recorded date - Oct. 4. 1800; others seen by Mr. Beach are dated in 1804 and 1805.

Commander G. Bridgmore Brown followed with recent acquisitions of BERMUDA with emphasis on the oval bars cancellations including those of St. George and that of B which he believed was assigned to Somerset Bridge.

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Mr. E. Shields Forshaw showed a selection of early BRITISH GUIANA pre-adhesives with the BERBICE cancellations including dates in 1817, an early date of 18th November, RL Type P4, and others of 1825, 1828, 1830 and 1832 showing various rates. Also an example of a rare combination cover showing the small DEMERARA fleuron plus the BERBICE sloping serif type.

Mr. H. E. Kimber showed a full selection of ST. CHRISTOPHER including the "A12" cancellation of G.B. with the issues of St. Christopher proper including blocks of four 1870 1d. and 6d. with a wide range of subsequent issues, mint and used and complete mint sheets. The surcharged provisionals of 1885, 1886, 1887 and the surcharged bisects of 1885 were all shown.

Mr. John B. Mairiott showed an envelope of TRINIDAD with "6" in manuscript (circa) Jan. 1856 and gave a warning about unpaid letters such as this with adhesives added. Examples had been seen with the 4d. imperf., and the pin-perf. 6d. etc. added: addressee John Richards, Sun Fire Assurance, London.

Mr. G. A. Osborn showed BERMUDA with interesting selection of meter marks valid only for local mail in Bermuda. The current Bermudan wrappers ½d., 1d. 1½d., and 2d. unused and used. Four types of Bermuda censor marks

during the Boer War period are known of which Mr. Osborn showed some examples,

Mr. Kenneth J. Robertson showed the 5/- fiscal stamp of JAMAICA used on part of registered cover to St. Louis, Missouri and the 1/- on a cover with MYRTLE BANK cancel.

Mr. P. T. Saunders then followed with recent acquisitions of CAYMAN ISLANDS including a cover bearing a temporary rubber date-stamp cancel of "HELL" post office (Grand Cayman). This post office is in a private house about 300 yards east of West Bay Town Hall. (Note: it has now been superceded by a steel hand-stamp.)

Mr. E. V. Toeg showed a further interesting selection from his collection of LEEWARD ISLANDS illustrating the code letters "AN" (Anguilla); Anguilla Road on cover with a smaller "R" in oval (Regd.) which appears to have been used in Anguilla Road; the cancel of Anguilla Forest and examples of Anguilla Valley also with "R" in oval small.

R.T.

NOTES AND QUERIES

The response to my request for articles has been encouraging, but a steady flow is essential to provide an interesting Bulletin. As far as possible I endeavour to publish notes on as many of the colonies as copy permits, but naturally I receive far more notes on the most popular colonies. More articles would be welcome on Antigua, British Honduras, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands.

Shortly before the Autumn Meeting I received from one of our members, a letter regarding Montserrat Post Offices. I regret that in showing this to some Montserrat specialists it has been mislaid. Would the writer please accept my apologies and repeat his query so that I may publish it in the October Bulletin.

Editor.

BAHAMAS

"Registered Nassau" 22mm. circle

24 Au 93, red, no code letter, on OHMS entire to Chicago stamps cancelled "A05".

26 Jy 98 (the "8" is probable, partial strike), black, code letter C, on strip three QV 2½d. typographed.

BAHAMAS (contd.)

Sea Floor

TRD titled "A" variety (in this type all letters "Sea Floor" are closer together and "ea floo" higher) used on cover Dec. 18, 1941 with new hand stamp "Posted in Williamson Photosphere/at Bottom of Sea, near Paradise/Beach, Nassau, Bahamas", plus handstamp of photosphere pictured from side with opening to show man and woman looking out.

Double Arc handstamp (Robson Lowe type PL) on stamp, 4d. rose 1872 - late use?

Gisburn type 6

Code letter A - have two copies both on shilling, both "81".

Code letter B - on reverse cover AP 25 86, Stamp cancelled B in bars.

Code letter B - another cover as above MR 2 91. Code letter B - arrival backstamp AP 27 91.

Code letter B - as cancel on postcard NO 18 94.

Code letter B - as cancel 4 copies QV typographed 97 and 98.

Code letter C - none seen.

Gisburn type 7

I find two easily distinguished types. The earlier, judging by the stamps on which it is found, has a wedge-shaped drop from front of horizontal bar of 7; the other, found mostly on typographed stamps has plain, straight horizontal bar. A late use on registered cover of 1902, cancelling stamps; type 10 Inagua JA 14 on cover which arrived at New York Jan. 22, 1902.

Gisburn type 8

Several copies on stamps, 1893 and 1894, code letter C.

Gisburn type 9 - early dates

Arthur's Town 22 NO 05.

Bimini 8 FE 92,

Cherokee Sound OC 12 19 (obviously 91 reversed; on pair QV typo.)

Clarence Town JY 20 88.

Governor's Harbour MR 25 98.

Gregory Town NO - 00

Hope Town 21 JU 89.

Ragged Island 11 SP 10.

Late dates:

Hope Town 19 AU 24.

Rum Cay 24 JU 27.

Mrs. P. K. Taylor.

Registered Handstamps

With reference to Mr. R. H. Austin's remarks in Bulletin No. 36, pages 8-11, regarding Registered Handstamps, the c.d.s. with code letter "C" was sent out to the colony on 20 May, 1893, and is registered in the proof books at the G.P.O.

On looking through my notes I find that a similar canceller to the above with code letter "A" was sent out on 21 April, 1864. I presume that Mr. Austin's first two examples were from this cancellor.

My list in Bulletin No. 26, pages 45-46, should, therefore, be amended accordingly.

Like Mr. Austin I have never seen Gisburn's type 30. Has any member an example or ever seen one?

I think that all the registered handstamps, even the current one, are uncommon. They do not appear to be used on out-going registered mail, or at least not this century, and appear to be used for backstamping incoming registered packets only? Can anybody confirm this last statement ?

L. R. Coasby.

GRENADA

Fiscal Stamps

I have a number of Grenada REVENUE stamps similar in design to the Badge of the Colony type of 1906/11, but size 28mm. x33mm.

The value I have is ONE POUND in green with Red centre. Perf. 14.

What other values are known? Are these still in use, the copies I have are dated 1920,

Further information on Fiscal stamps from 1900 to date would be appreciated.

Bryan E. Johnson

JAMAICA

HAUGHTON RIVER WRECK COVERS

In answer to Mr. Crowe's request re the above I have such a cover particulars of which are as follows: Size 8" x 4" addressed Park, Macfadgen c/o of Lune St., London, endorsed per S/S Bergeusoren via America. It is stamped with a pair of 4d. orange in top right hand corner. There was another value but it is now missing (washed away?). The three stamps being cancelled by two squared circle Kingston

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Jamaica FE.18. There is also a Jamaica Paid

90

22 FE 1890 in red.

JAMAICA (contd.)

The back bears the label mentioned and is tied to the cover by a black squared Circle Kingston

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Jamaica FE. 24

90

Receipt Stamp is red London B.C.

M

MR.15.90

AA

An oval rubber stamp has been applied to the flap of the envelope in blue-mauve ink which reads:

BETWEEN JAMAICA,
"CLYDE" LINE,
OF STEAMERS,
LONDON AND THE CLYDE.

The Cover is worn at the edges and has several tears but shows no sign of water or other stains.

C. E. Patrick.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS

A Brief Postal History

The first Post Office was established at Grand Turk on December 11th, 1854, but according to Robson Lowe's Handstruck Postage Stamps of the Empire (1941), a Ship Letter stamp was registered at the G.P.O. in London in 1840, and a datestamp in 1842, the resident Bahamian commissioner, perhaps, acting as postmaster. Examples in black are known on cover of the Ship letter

TURKS - ISLANDS
SHIP-LETTER

stamp, which is inscribed "TURKS ISLANDS/SHIP LETTER" in two lines of sans-serif capitals. I know of no examples of the datestamp, which is described by Robson Lowe as being the usual unframed circular type, diameter 27mm., with serified letters and a double arc at the bottom to complete the circle.

In 1856 a similar datestamp, but with sans-serif letters and a diameter of 25.25mm., was sent to Grand Turk, and was in use by JU 18 1856, in black. It remained in regular service until at least December, 1872, though impressions on paper, apparently samples made for a collector, are known dated OC 11, 1879.



A Crowned Circle paid stamp may have also been sent out in 1856, though my earliest example is on a letter dated with the datestamp OC 22 1857. All such prepaid letters, as usual, have the Crowned Circle in red or brownish red on the front and the datestamp in black or brownish-black on the back. The Crowned Circle is of a type not listed by Robson Lowe, for it has a single circle and its overall height is 24mm., its width 20mm., and the width of "PAID" is 8mm. The crown is wider than Robson Lowe's Type Q, which otherwise has nearly the same measurements, but was only registered at the G.P.O. in 1859. It probably remained in use until the first adhesives were issued on April 4th, 1867, though my latest example is of April 20th, 1862.

A small circular datestamp, Type 1, with a diameter of slightly under 20mm., and inscribed "TURK'S ISLAND" with an apostrophe and with "ISLAND" in the singular, was, according to Robson Lowe, registered at the G.P.O. in 1866, probably for use with the first adhesives. Its earliest date of use that I know of is JY 5 73, with "A" above the date. From at least 1880 on the "A" no longer appears, and my latest example of this datestamp is of DE 30 98.



Type 1

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS (contd)

The horizontal oval cancellation with "T 1" between the bars was most probably sent out at the same time as Type I for the actual cancellation of the adhesives. Contrary to statements that this was originally inscribed "T I", all clear examples that I have seen on the 1867 issue have had the figure "1" and not the letter "I". The story that the young son of the postmaster cut off the upper right serif of the "I", making a "1", refers, I believe, to the similar Falkland Islands cancellation. My latest examples are on the 1905 issue of Turks and Caicos Islands.

A new datestamp, Type 2, with a diameter of 22mm and inscribed correctly "TURKS ISLANDS" with no apostrophe and "ISLANDS" in the plural, was in use by late August, 1890, and may have been issued earlier. Only one example in my collection, dated MY 26 91, has the letter "A" above the date, all the others both earlier and later being without. My latest copy is dated JA 16 07.



Type 2

A third datestamp, Type 3, is very similar to Type 2, except that the diameter is 24mm. My earliest copy is dated AP 8 09, and appears quite new, and all my early examples until SP 14 10 are without the letter "A". After at least NO 22 10 the letter "A" always appears.

In 1923 Type 3 was transferred to East or Cockburn Harbour in the Caicos group and the letter "A" changed to "B", and it remained in use there until the 1930s, my latest date being AU 23 32. By at least 1939 Cockburn Harbour was using its own double circle datestamp, inscribed "COCKBURN HARBOUR TURKS ISLANDS" with short heavy curved bars separating the names with "C" above the date. This was still in use in 1953, my latest example being dated 17 NO 53.

Also in 1923, Salt Cay received its first datestamp, similar in type to the second Cockburn Harbour datestamp, but inscribed "SALT CAY" at the top. The letter "A" appears above the date until at least 1937, but since November



Type 3

1942 the letter has always been "B". I have one example dated AP 5 49 with the "B" sideways, reading up. In 1950, and until at least the end of June 1951, a double circle T.R.D. was in use, probably while the P.O. was waiting for new year date plugs. It is inscribed "SALT CAY TURKS ISLANDS" with curved lines separating the names, and I have seen it in violet with "B" or an inverted "C" above the date. The original datestamp was again in use by November 1953.

Grand Turk was issued with a double circle datestamp in 1923, (Type 4). This is inscribed "TURKS ISLAND" around the top, with two heavy bars, separated by a small Maltese cross, completing the space below between the circles. All examples seen have "A" above the date, and those of 1924 are in greyish-black. My latest copy is dated OC 2 37.



Type 4



Type 5

By January 6th, 1938, a new datestamp, Type 5, was in use. It is also a double circle, but inscribed "GRAND TURK" at the top and "TURKS ISLANDS" at the bottom, the names being separated by short heavy bars. As before, only the letter "A" has been seen above the date. The latest date I have is OC 21 44.

Before the end of November 1944 an almost identical datestamp was in service, (Type 6), with the names very slightly more spread out and without the heavy bars. The space on each side between the names is now about 4mm. instead of 5mm., and again only "A" has been seen above the date. The latest date I have is JU 2 53.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS (contd)



Type 6



Type 7

By March 1957 the current datestamp, Type 7, was in use. This also is a double circle, inscribed in slightly smaller lettering than before "GRAND TURK" at the top and "TURKS ISLANDS" at the bottom, separated on each side by a curved line.

REGISTERED



The standard type of straight line "REGISTERED" handstamp in sans-serif capitals was very probably supplied at the same time as the Type I datestamp and the "T I" bar cancellation. I have it on a letter dated JY 5 73, as well as on a cover from Salt Cay dated AU 132.

The standard large "R" in an oval frame was in frequent use from the 1890s until about 1932 at Grand Turk. A sample impression of it on a piece of paper with the postage due "T" in a circle and the oval registration datestamp (see above) dated SP 3 84, suggests that it was available at this date. It is also found on covers from Salt Cay during the 1920s and early 1930s, but appears to have been applied at Grand Turk where registered letters for overseas were re-numbered. It is possible that the straight line "REGISTERED" was no longer acceptable to other countries. By the 1920s, and probably before, the oval frame had developed a number of breaks at the top right.

A duplicate "R" in an oval frame, without the damage, was issued to Cockburn Harbour, probably in 1923. The right leg is slightly curved at the bottom, whereas it is straight on the Grand Turk handstamp.

An oval datestamp with "REGISTERED" at the top and "TURKS ISLAND" (in the singular) at the bottom, and with the date in one line across the centre, was in regular use at Grand Turk from at least 1889 to the end of 1924, though a sample on a piece of paper is dated SP 3 84. It was used after about 1905 to cancel the stamps. Early 1924 impressions are found in greyish-black, but it also exists in red dated DE 2 24, applied on the envelope alongside the stamps which are cancelled in the normal way by Type 4 datestamp in greyish-black.

The Official Paid mark is a single circle datestamp, 31½mm. in diameter with "TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS" around the top and "OFFICIAL PAID" around the bottom, with the date in two lines in the centre over which is an asterisk. I have it in red dated AP 19 28 and in black dated OC 13 44.



No machine cancellations exist, but four slogans, one of them a duplex type, are known.

The earliest slogan is a British Empire Exhibition 1924 circular stamp with the Exhibition lion in the centre. My example, in greyish-black, is applied to the cover itself, with the stamps regularly cancelled by Type 4 on FE 6 24, also in greyish-black.

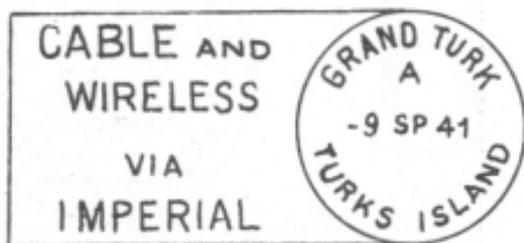
BUY
TURKS ISLANDS
SALT
NONE BETTER



TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS (contd)

Two slogans advertising Turks Islands salt were used in the early 1930s. One, apparently a rubber stamp, is inscribed "BUY/TURKS ISLANDS/SALT/NONE BETTER" in four lines, unframed, and has been seen used in black in 1932 and 1933 to cancel stamps. The other is inscribed "BUY/TURKS ISLANDS SALT/NONE BETTER" in three lines in a double rectangular frame 46 x 23mm., and is apparently a metal stamp. It has been seen in black cancelling stamps in 1932 and 1933, and in violet alongside the stamps on a cover of 1948.

The fourth slogan may not be a regular postal cancellation, though it is known on piece cancelling stamps. It is a duplex cancellation in the form of part of a rectangular frame, the right side of which is a single circle datestamp inscribed "GRAND TURK" at the top, "TURKS ISLAND" (in the singular) at the bottom, with the date in one line across the centre and "A" above. Within the frame to the left of the datestamp is "CABLE AND/WIRELESS/VIA/IMPERIAL" in four lines of sans-serif capitals, with "AND" and "VIA" in a smaller size. It has been seen in greyish-black dated 9 SP 40 alongside a 2d. regularly cancelled in black, and also in violet (date illegible) cancelling a 1938 ½d. It may well be that it was simply a datestamp of the cable office.



Among the many different paquebot and ship marks to be found on Turks and Caicos Islands stamps may be mentioned the framed "PAQUEBOT," Studd Type A 446, and the various Paquebot datestamps of Kingston, Jamaica. The former, found on the Salt Raking stamps, are quite scarce. New York, Bermuda, West Indian and British paquebot datestamps or marks are occasionally seen. The Dutch K.N.S. ships frequently called at Grand Turk during the 1930s, and their familiar rectangular datestamps are the most commonly found datestamps.

Among early ship marks, stamps of the 1867 issue are known with the French anchor cancellation, and this and other issues are known with the regular datestamps of various West Indian ports. In addition, the 1881 issue of

Haiti and various early Bahamas are known with the Turks Islands bar cancellation or datestamp, as is the 1889 1d. of Jamaica. All of these are rare.

One Forwarding Agent's cachet has been recorded. It is a single line oval, 38 x 26mm., inscribed "FORWARDED BY/GEORGE J. GIBBS/ COMMISSION &/Salt Merchant/Grand Turk./TURKS ISLAND" in six lines, each of which is in a different size and style of type. It has been seen in black on a cover dated JY 5 73.

Note.- If any other member can add more information or can extend the dates of use of the various markings, I would be glad to hear from him.

M. H. Ludington.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

16. The double c.d.s. "TORTOLA V.I." with two groups of four dots each set out in the form of a square below the first and last letters of "TORTOLA" and with 'A' and date measuring 23 mm. and 14 mm. respectively in diameter, in use between February 1919 and December 1928.

It took me some time to realise that cancellation 16 consisted of a double circle. Some of my thirty four examples show only a small part or parts of the inner circle and always with a very light strike but frequently the inner circle is entirely non-existent. I assume that the inner circle line on the handstamp must have become worn with use and was never replaced and that probably an early strike of this cancellation would show clearly both the inner and outer circles.

17. The c.d.s. "VIRGIN-GORDA V.I." with star and date measuring 25 mm. in diameter, in use between approximately 1902 and August 1928. I have also seen a Leeward Islands 1d. stamp from the 1890 set with this cancellation, but I did not note its date.



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VIRGIN ISLANDS (contd)

18. The c.d.s. "WEST END TORTOLA" with two very short curved bars and with date measuring 25½ mm. in diameter, in use between February 1921 (?) and June 1926. All my examples of this type of West End cancellation are in violet ink.

19. The c.d.s. "WEST END TORTOLA" with two very short curved bars and with star and date measuring 25 mm. in diameter, in use between March 1927 and May 1937.



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Earlier in this Article (Bulletin No. 36) I referred to the "A91" killer and stated that it was used since 1859 on Atlantic mail boats before being allotted to the Virgin Islands some time before 1872. I must acknowledge my indebtedness for this information to a most interesting Article on the subject of mail boat cancellations by the late O. G. Bowlby in the London Philatelist, Vol. LXII, May 1953, Number 726, pages 78 to 81.

E. V. Toeg

CORRIGENDA. The descriptions of tracings (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) in Bulletin No. 37 are not quite correct. There should be no full stop after "V.I" in the description of tracings (4), (6) and (7), and no full stop after "W.I" in respect of tracings (5) and (8). In addition the description of tracing (7) should have mentioned that there was a full stop before "ROAD" and another full stop after "TOWN."

HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

Dear Member,

As in July 1961 and 1962 again extend, on behalf of our Circle, congratulations to Andrew Gibson on his third success in being awarded the First prize in Class C (under 12 years) in the Melville Memorial Competition. It is also my pleasure to record the following awards in the recent International Exhibition held in Luxemburg: R. Ward - Silver Medal and Diploma, L. E. Britnor - Silver Medal and B. B. Benwell - Bronze Silver Medal. It was most encouraging to read in the May issue of The London Philatelist a note describing our Annual Dinner as 'undoubtedly one of the most enjoyable social occasions of the philatelic season.' Elsewhere it will be noted that our 10th Anniversary Dinner has been fixed for a little later in the year - April 18th, 1964 - and it is my earnest hope that the numbers attending will surpass all previous years. An up-to-date list of members noting their respective interests is included with this issue which has been compiled from the latest information in my possession. In the event of any member wishing any amendment to be made in regard to the reference to his interests it is essential that full details reach me not later than 31st March, 1964. Since this Bulletin has to go to press before the 45th Philatelic Congress takes place a report of our meeting there will be included in the October issue. The following have been enrolled as members since our last issue and a warm welcome is extended to them on your behalf: F. W. Collins, A. J. Hillman, P. J. Slingsby and J. F. Mata (Venezuela - our first member in South America.)

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