



From the collection of...

The World War II combatants, Eisenhower and Rommel, were both reported to be philatelists, as also were Washington and several other presidents, royal figures such as King Farouk, Prince Rainier and many others.

How many of these included the Jubilees amongst their interests? We can presumably exclude Washington but, for more modern distinguished collectors, there are some clues about.

George V



British Guiana set, but for the high value which appears to have come adrift, on a first day cover addressed to the King at Buckingham Palace, each cancelled by British Guiana Foreign Section cds for 6am 6 My 35, with further strike.

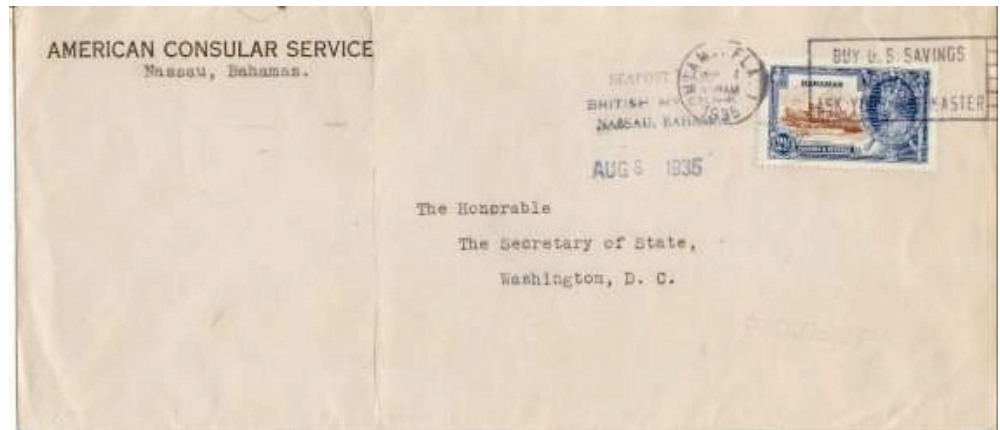
This British Guiana cover was thought to be the product of someone's idea of a lark but George V had requested of all the colonies that he be sent a plain first day cover of the Jubilee issues. Further, he had given the form of address to be used and it was identical to that used on this cover.

Later, something odd was noted about a list of Jubilee items in the Royal Collection. The list includes FDC's from all colonies and the description: "set used on day of issue on cover addressed to the King" applies to all but one.

Under British Guiana, the description reads: “set used on first day of issue on specially designed envelope”.

There was no explanation for this but one might suppose that His Majesty gave this cover to a member of his staff, perhaps, when he realised that the top value stamp had come adrift and requested another one to replace it.

Roosevelt



Bahamas 2½ d on an American Consular Service envelope addressed to The Honorable The Secretary of State, Washington, D.C. and tied by a “Buy U.S. Savings Bonds...” slogan cancel of Miami for Aug 7 1935, with blue cachet: “Seapost Mail MV Ena K, Nassau, Bahamas, Aug 6 1935” alongside and a pale purple Paquebot hand stamp below. The reverse shows a Harmers authentication hand stamp.

In a similar way to George V, Franklin Roosevelt had an enormous collection as a result of instructions to send him covers from around the world. This one shows a Bahamas Jubilee tied by a Miami slogan cancel. A hand stamp on the reverse reads: “From the Franklin D. Roosevelt collection authenticated by H.R. Harmer Inc. N.Y.”

Nawab of Bahawalpur



Four G.B. 1½ d on an air mail first day cover addressed to the Nawab in the Punjab, tied by London WC machine cancel or London Air Mail cds for 7 May 1935, endorsed: “By air to India”, and a delivery back stamp of Sadiqgarh Palace, Bahawalpur for 18

May 35.

Like George V, the Nawab seems to have requested first day covers but, despite it being sent air mail, he appears to have had to wait eleven days for this one's arrival, judging by his own receiving hand stamp.

Earl Spencer



Two of each of the Falklands Islands set, (the higher values in pairs), on separate matching covers with embossed crests on the flaps, to Glastonbury, each tied by South Georgia cds for 16 My 36.

Four Falkland Islands covers sold by Harmsers as being from the collection of the Earl Spencer, (Princess Diana's father, not the present earl).

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