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Papua New Guinea – January 2017

Bruce Davies has recently acquired a set of New Guinea with Specimen handstamps. Apparently they were from the Tunisian archives.

Bruce has also sent a scan of this Papua essay. Accompanying notes say: *“The original artwork in black grey and white with a photographic cut-out of the Kings profile. With a stamp signed by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia the printing branch signed Fitzroy Feb. 7 1935”.*



Sheet serial numbers – December 2016

Recently noted was this example of part sheet numbering of the Sierra Leone 1d.

Also noted was a 3-digit box number for the 20c Seychelles and the table at Between the Sheets has been amended accordingly.



Henry III tower flag - November 2016

Following the “Anyone seen one on the Nigeria 1½d?” asked at the last update, John Platt reminded me that he had sent scans of his block, (which contains the variety at Wv10.10/1), a good while ago. Apologies to John for not including it earlier.



K.U.T. set rate to Bahamas – November 2016

Gary Loew spotted this registered airmail cover on eBay. With 30c for registration, the rest of the set (1-85) pays the ½ oz airmail (to London & from USA). At \$165, Gary felt it was a bit overpriced.



Mauritius 1 rupee covers – November 2016

Following the Absentee Rupee article, Ed Hughes sent this example. He notes: *“It appears to have been sent by the sender (another example from the same sender appears in the article) to himself to an address in France and then returned when it was not claimed. I suspect it is philatelic as it was sent to himself and I cannot determine a rate equal to one rupee for a registered air letter to France. Nonetheless, it’s something I thought may be of interest”.*



Christmas Island covers – November 2016

Reassuringly, John Cooper shows us we don't have to spend a fortune to acquire one of these. This one to a turf club in Penang cost him \$19.99.



Pricing of varieties – November 2016

Following the item in the Red Book report about the addition of values of used varieties, Bruce Davies wanted to acknowledge the assistance of Neil Donen and Nick Levinge. Bruce has amassed a further 19 examples and hopes to see these reflected in the 2018 edition of the catalogue.

Seal usage – November 2016

A recent auction offering was a B.F.E. concession withdrawal notice which also clarifies conditions of its usage.

POSTAL CONCESSION BRITISH FORCES IN EGYPT

The use of the present letter stamp which is sold at all N.A.A.F.I. Institutes in connection with the postal concession for the British Forces in Egypt will be discontinued with effect from 1st March, 1936.

On that date a special postage stamp issued by the Egyptian Postal Administration, with the effigy of H.M. King Fuad, and marked "Army Post" will be placed on sale at all N.A.A.F.I. Institutes.

These special stamps will cost 1 piastre, the same as the letter stamps now used, and the only difference will be that they will be placed on the top right hand corner of an envelope on the front, the same as an ordinary postage stamp.

Letters bearing these stamps must continue to be posted in military or Royal Air Force post boxes, and should not be placed in Egyptian Post Boxes.

Any member of the Forces in possession of an excessive number of the letter stamps now in use (red), may forward them to the Camp Commandant, Headquarters, B.T.E., provided they are not mutilated and are in good condition, up to the 29th February, 1936, when he will be refunded the face value thereof should he so desire.

In order to cover those who have only a few of the present letter stamps, i.e. not worth commutation, they will be accepted in Military Post Offices as stamps on letters up to and including the 15th March, 1936. After that date they will cease to be of postal value and any letter bearing the present letter stamp will be taxed on arrival in the United Kingdom or Ireland.

The use of the new stamp is covered by the same conditions as apply at present to the letter stamp, i.e. they can only be used for the postage of letters to the United Kingdom and Ireland, including the Irish Free State, and must not be used on letters to any colony, possession, or foreign country, or for air mail, registered letters or parcels.