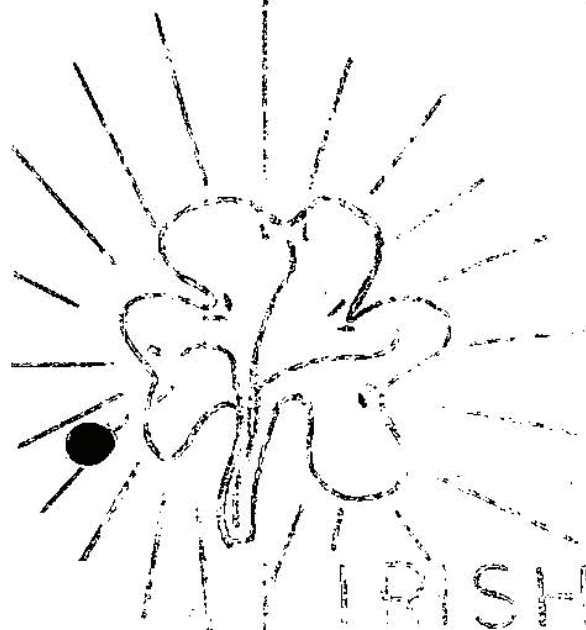


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President: Thos. E. Field

Hon. Secretary: David Warren, 109 Dollis Hill Lane, London, N.W.2.

EDITORIAL In the absence of the usual Editor, P. Harradine, this issue of the Journal is being produced by the efforts of a team of members who are willing and able to produce 'copy' for printing.

Apology has to be made for the typographical errors and the poor quality of production of the last issue of the Journal. With this issue an attempt is being made to recover and to set a standard of production and presentation of the articles and contributions from members which is more worthy of them and of the Irish Philatelic Circle. Various methods of duplication has, of necessity, been resorted to and it would be of interest to hear from members as to which pages they consider are the better or best produced.

IPC NEWS

New Members: A welcome is extended to the undernoted:

Mr. E.H.G.Hollingsworth, 53 Chancer Road, Sidcup, Kent. (FOO.3956)
Dr. J.P.Mackey, "Leoville", Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, Co.Dublin.
Mr. A.L.Stokes, c/o 25 Pembroke Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin,4.
Mr. B.McGinn, 1 Adrian Avenue, New York 63, N.Y., USA.

Circulars on Mr.F.Hopson advises that he is not receiving acknowledgement
Definitives: of Nos. 1 and 4 Circulars in the London and the N.American circuits. Will members in these areas please give this matter their attention and advise Mr. Hopson immediately if they are in possession of these Circulars. Nos. 2 and 3 Circulars have been round 'England' and 'Ireland' and are at the moment being examined by our President with his collection beside him for comparison.

Members' Interests: Will those members who did not make a return of the 1964 Membership Form please indicate to the Hon.Sec. the group in which they wish their name to be stated. For this function of IPC to be successful it is desirable that EVERYONE is included, otherwise important gaps may occur when the list is published.

Bianconi: It can now be revealed that the member who was assisting Miss Bianconi with a proposed Lecture Tour of USA was Mr. T.E.Field. He is now informed, however, that the plan for the tour "fell through", owing to unforeseen circumstances... a pity, for our American friends would have found the story of Chas.Bianconi a fascinating one.

IPC Bibliography has published a page covering the subject of Bianconi to which reference can be made by members seeking further information about this remarkable 'Irishman'.

Exchange Packet: Will all members please advise the Hon.Sec. whether or not this function of IPC should be continued ? in its present form - or is there a better ?

"HISTORICLES" - An Appeal by T.S.T. and R.P.W.

Fr. Brennan's suggestion that historical articles be written for each of Ireland's Commemorative Issues is one with which we heartily agree, as it is an idea we had in mind some time ago, entitled - "The Story Behind The Stamp".

With over forty subjects to cover, however, the task of composing articles is beyond the ability of any one Editor and we feel it is necessary that small groups of members be formed to give the matter attention. How best to organise these groups is beyond us, as we lack an indication of the extent of IPC Members' knowledge on the many different subjects.

A "historicle" has already been written on the 1916 Easter Rising and is currently being revised to meet approval of certain members. Are there other 'historians' who wish to vet this 'copy'?

Good 'copy' is to hand on "Sir Wm. Rowan Hamilton" but who are the 'mathematicians' amongst us who could advise in simple a.b. = b.a. language, what is a Quaternion?

From the touchline we have watched hurling with interest bordering on alarm, but who are the 'sportsmen' who have ever played this game? Or, any other Gaelic game? And, can still write a living (hi-)story about the "Gaelic Athletic Association"?

Could the 'engineers' give us a technical write-up on the "Shannon Scheme"? .. the 'lawyers' tell us about the "Constitutionals"? ... the 'politicians' of "O'Connell, Redmond, etc."? ... our 'farmer(s)' more about the "R.D.S." ... and so on ... each triad of 'Tom, Dick & Harry' getting together on favourite subjects to support IPC Journal with production of authoritative articles ... maybe not this week .. but next?

We hope the IPC Membership will give Fr. Brennan's suggestion the attention it so rightly deserves and not leave the writing of articles of a historical or technical nature to the Editors of the Journal - past, present or future - whose main function is to edit and to publish. We realise that Stamp Collectors in general are not gifted journalists but at least it would be helpful to form 'editorial committees' and to tackle what would be a worthwhile job.

LATE NEWS: A welcome is also extended to New Members :-

Mr. W.P.Hickey, 96 Georgia Ave., Providence, Rhode Island 02905, USA.

Mr. J.Ross, 56 Colwyn Road, Bramhall, Stockport, Cheshire. (Bramhall 3277).

COMING EVENTS

- Sept. 4 UK: "Forth Bridge" New Issue.
- 7. Week commencing, Mr. Fletcher visits Harrogate and Bradford Societies and would welcome IPC members at their venue.
- 14 Ireland: 1964 "Europa" New Issue.
- 30 Lots for next IPC Auction to be in Mr. Kane's hands.
- Oct. 10 Proposed IPC meeting in London; main topic ... "Four Masters".
- 12 IPC meeting in Dublin ... Mr. Langton will confirm.
- Nov. 14 Proposed date of publication of next IPC Journal.

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CHARLES BIANCONI, 1786 - 1875

The following is a list of references to the Life and Work of Charles Bianconi who, from 1815 onwards, transformed the road transport system and organisation of the posts in Ireland.

1. Small Maps showing the routes followed by 'Bians' were issued to passengers by Bianconi: Pub: 1815.
2. Minutes of (Bianconi's) Evidence, 2nd Report to Select Committee on Postage: 1838, p.184.
3. Paper read to the British Association at a Meeting in Cork on August 19th, 1843.
4. Paper read to the British Association at a Meeting in Dublin, 1857.
5. Charles Bianconi, a biography by his daughter Mrs. Morgan John O'Connell who, it is said, wrote the Work at her Father's bidding for he was ... "proud of his hard-won success in life". Pub: 1878.
6. 3rd Report P.M.G. appendix, History of the P.O. in Ireland by Anthony Trollope.
7. Charles Bianconi - What a Foreigner did for Ireland, - part 1, Morlen Papers, Good Words, 1874.
8. Articles on the 'Bians' appear in Ivor Herring's Ulster Archaeology: pub: vols. ii, iii, iv, 1939, 1940, 1941.
9. The Life & Times of Charles Bianconi - Irish Postal Reformer by Samuel Anderson: pub: PHSB no. 17, 1941, March.
10. Bianconi & the Bians by A.M. Strange: pub: PT. Nov. 1946.
11. References are made in The History of the British P.O. by Howard Robinson: pub: 1948, pp. 225-227.
12. Sketch Map showing routes of 'Bians' in T.W. Freeman's Ireland, Its physical, historical, social and economic geography: pub: 1950.
13. The Stranger in Ireland by Constantia Maxwell, pub: 1954 has a chapter giving a relevant life history.
14. Charles Bianconi - Benefactor, article by Wm. Piggott: pub: SC. Jan.16, 1959.
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17. Dictionary National Biography, vol. iv, p.461, contains data.
18. The following is a list of some of the aquatinted prints of Bianconi's cars
 - a. "Car travelling in the South of Ireland", drawn by Michael Hayes, pub: Ackerman, 1836.
 - b. "Getting Ready" from Hearn's Hotel, Clonmel.
 - c. "The Arrival at Waterford" at Cummins' Hotel.
 - d. "Taking up a Passenger".
 - e. "On the Road at Full Pace".
 - f. "Dropping a Passenger".
 - g. "Arriving at the End of a Stage".

FOOTNOTE: The "Story of Bianconi" is one about which all 'Irish' Philatelists should know a little. Some time ago, it was mooted that the "story" should be composed and published in the Journal of the Irish Philatelic Circle but advice has been taken against doing so as, apparently, very little could be added to what has already been published.

Here, then, is what has been published. The List is similar to, but slightly more comprehensive than, the one published in Jan.1964 Postal History Society Bulletin by T.V.Jackson, with whom the opportunity has been taken to co-operate.

May 1964 T.S.Telfer.

GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

1934 Commemorative issue No. 6.

Preliminary notice issued by the Dept. P & T Dublin.

Irish Postal History (Cooke), 1935, contains brief data.

Plate Varieties, listed by the Mail Stamp Co. Dublin, and pub:
in "Irish Times", reprinted in SC., 1935 Feb.

"Games" Varieties, further data by letter (T.S.Thomson, Glasgow)
pub: in SC., 1936 Sept. 12.

Another similar letter (V.J.Parker, Dublin), SC., 1936 Sept. 26.

Gaelic Games Issue (Ward), MSN., 1936 Nov.

Sport in the Stamp Album (Green), PA., 1939 July, mentions
the inking varieties.

Informative article on subject (Hilliard), MSD., 1947-48

Irish Stamp Designs (Gould), PA., 1948, makes brief mention.

Jubilee of the GAA (Penn, Jr.), Rev., Sept.

GAA Varieties (Linnell), Rev., vol. 9, p.398.

You can see the Choke (Sutton), GIP, 1955 May, is an (incomplete)
account of the inking varieties.

A reply and comment to above (Dixon), GIP, June 1955.

Haverbeck's Work, 1955, mentions the subject.

GAELIC LEAGUE (50TH ANNIVERSARY)

1943 Commemorative Issue No. 11.

Preliminary Announcement: Minister for P. & T. Dublin giving
details of Gaelic League and Dr. Hyde.

Dr. Douglas Hyde, Rev., 1952 Sept.

50th Anniversary of the Founding of the Gaelic League
(Hilliard), MSD., 1947-8, informative article.

Irish Stamp Designs (Gould), PA., 1948, mention only.

Haverbecks Work 1955, refers to Subject.

GARDNER, F.C.S.

Postage Stamps of the Irish Railways

Pub: 1937, March 19, PM.

A short article but giving a useful Check List.

GIBBONS STAMP MONTHLY (GSM)

NOTE: a general revision and review of all the articles
which have appeared in this magazine since date
of issue until 1964 would be welcomed.

The previous List under this title on Dec. 1960
was tentative only and is considerably outdated.

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GODDEN'S GAZETTE

Publishers: Frank Godden Ltd., Strand, London, W.C.2.
 First issued: 1933.

Vol. I No entries to report

Vol. II A RELIC OF POSTAL HISTORY; information supplied by
 April 1935 Dr. J. Stafford Johnson concerning a design of an
 p. 169 envelope submitted in the 1839 Competition for
 Stamped Envelopes by Augustus Godby who was
 Secretary to the Post Office in Ireland from
 Feb. 1831 and up to 1840.

June 1935 A RARE ESSAY; illustration of a strip of three
 p. 231 ld Pictorial Printing Machine Co. Essay, submitted
 for inspection by Mr. Thomas E. Field.

After this date there are no further entries to report.

GRAY. R.

Sinn Fein Labels
 Pub: Rev., vol.10, p.441

1948-54 AIRS; varieties
 Pub: Rev., vol.10, p.441

GREAT BRITAIN PHILATELIST (GBP) cond. from p.G2.A4.

1962 vol.2

Feb. p. 14 Correspondence: F.E.Dixon and M.Williams on the
 subject of "UK" for "GB".

May p. 34 THE FIRST WATERMARK ? by F.E.Dixon, concerning
 the earliest use of watermarked paper in Ireland.

p. 34 PRINCIPALITY OF BLARNEY: editorial comment on the
 subject of the stamps of "Thomond".

p. 42 "UK" for "GB" - correspondence concluded.

Nov. pp. 82-4 IRISH REPUBLIC: notes compiled by H.G.Leslie Fletcher,
 being a study of the American sponsored Fenian Essays
 of the 1865 period.

(This is the first of a series of articles on the
 subject of ESSAYS, to be continued in subsequent
 issues of the GBP.)

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continued from page G2. A5, and, for the sake of continuity the last entry is again recorded.

1962 vol.2

Nov. pp. 82-84

IRISH REPUBLIC - American sponsored Fenian Essays by H. G. Leslie Fletcher.

1963. vol.3

Feb. pp. 10-12

A series of historical and philatelic notes compiled by the Author giving the results of study of the Fenian Stamps and Labels issued in America during the 1860's, illustrated and with extracts from source material.

Feb. p. 5

Rowland Hill's Journal (P.O. Diary) has reference to LIVERPOOL and the IRISH MAIL, for date Monday, April 16, 1849.

p. 7

Brief comment that Irish Philatelic Circle has been formed.

May p. 23

A. E. Trout's article "Early Provincial PO's and PM's" has a reference to Port Patrick (-Donaghadee) being provided with two or more packet boats; from Report dated July 12, 1712 of the Postmasters General.

Aug. pp. 45-47

Nov. pp. 64-66

IRISH SINN FEIN PROPAGANDA LABELS 1908 & 1916, Notes compiled by H. G. Leslie Fletcher.

A well illustrated philatelic study of the 'Hibernia & Wolfhound' design, and the 'Celtic Cross' design Propaganda Labels (or stamps) of the subject period.

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TAYLOR. A.E.M.

Rarities in IFS Stamps
Pub: 1927 May 28 SC.

TEACH YOURSELF IRISH by Myles Dillon & Donncha O Croinin. 1961 EUP.

TELEGRAM - TELEGRAPH

Fate of Telegraph Stamps (Ward); SC. 1931 Nov.17.
Greetings Telegram - The Romance (Green); PC. 1950
concerns the UK Service with mention of Northern Ireland.

TEMPERANCE CRUSADE Commemorative

Refer to index under Father Mathew

TOMKINS. T.C.L.

Slogan Cancellations
Pub: 1947 PT.
Useful article to date, but obsolete by F.E.Dixon's Work of 1959.

Irish Obliterations of the 1870's
Pub: 1947 PT.

Up the Rebels
Pub: 1956 Apl.20 SC.
Supplementary data on Easter 1916.

THEOBALD WOLFE TONE

Index to INSURRECTION 1798, 1948 Commemorative no.16, and
1964 Commemorative no.43 ... to be prepared.

AN TOSTAL - Ireland at Home
1953 Commemorative Issue No.21

Preliminary notice; Dept. P & T 1953 Jan.
Illustration of stamp, brief data; SCF.1953 April.
An Tostal, Ireland; Rev 1953 March.
Article; Dublin Historical Record, 1953 vol.13.
Variety on 2nd (O'Reilly); Rev 1955 July vol.5.

TRANSATLANTIC MAIL by F.W.Staff, 1956.

TRAVELLING POST OFFICES

This title refers to all Post Offices which "travel" or are
"mobile" though in general it refers to the Railway T.P.O's
on which the undernoted Works give data.

Irish T.P.O's by C.W.Ward, 1938, is the standard Work to date.
T.P.O's current in 1954 (Morton); TPO Mag. vol.8
T.P.O's in Eire; SC 1954 Jan.1, gives data present services.
List of T.P.O's & Sorting Carriages; Rev 1955
T.P.O's current in 1959 (Kane); Rev 1959-60.

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T. P. O. MAGAZINE

Published by the T.P.O. and Sea Post Society.

A specialist society journal, the index of which has not been examined but the following noted

1954 vol.8 T.P.O's Current in 1954 by ... Morton.
1960 March Christmas Sorting Carriages Eire, illustrates four
postmarks in current use with data.

TRIANGULAR CANCELLATIONS

General information in the Works of Alcock & Holland
Check List (Leonard); SC. 1953 April 17.
Article (Leonard); Rev 1954 pp.152, 181.

ANTHONY TROLLOPE AND THE IRISH POST by P.J.Meghen. "Administration"
vol.11, no.2.

THE TROUBLE WITH THE IRISH by L.Wibberley. 1958
A non-philatelic book on political history, of use only in study
of certain commemoratives.

TROUT. A.E.

Slogan Cancellations of Ireland
Pub: 1947 PT.
Supplements data in article by Tomkins.

TURNER. S.R.

In the Beginning
Pub: Nov.1951, PHSB.
Lists the 'printed cyphers' applied to deeds with special
reference to Ireland.

TRIPP. A.J.

Locations & Assignments, US Army P.O's, World War II
Pub: for the War Cover Club, USA.
Gives dates and location of all USA F.P.O's used in Northern
Ireland during the period.

Postal History - 1808

Copy of old Post Office Notice submitted by Dr. B. de Burca

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GENERAL POST OFFICE

Dublin June 17 1808

The POST-MASTERS GENERAL, anxious to render every accommodation in their power to the Citizens of Dublin, have been pleased to order that from and after the 5th of July next, Receiving Houses shall be established for the receipt of Letters to be forwarded by the Post, and to be kept open till Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the following Places, viz.

No. 3, Clare-street..

Kavanagh's Hotel, Stephen's-green, North.

No. 35, Aungier-street, opposite Peter's Church.

No. 88 Bride-street.

No. 26, Meath-street.

No. 53, New Market on the Coombe.

No. 104, James's-street.

No. 6, Corn-market.

No. 74, Queen-street, corner of Barrack-street.

No. 10, Arran-quay, near the Four Courts.

No. 21, Capel-street, corner of Abbey-street.

No. 18, King-street, corner of Linen Hall-street.

No. 81, Dorset-street, near Bethesda Chapel.

No. 66, Britain-street, between Marlborough-street and Sackville-street.

No. 7, North Earl-street.

Their Lordships have been further pleased to authorise the Letter-Carriers to demand and receive One Penny with every Letter, which they may collect, when ringing their Bells, to be dispatched by the Post.

By Command of the Postmasters-General,

EDW. S. LEES, Sec.

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1922 Overprints

SG. 38 3d. bluish violet In response to Fr. Noonan's query about the 3d.
Watermark variety Thom blue black five line overprint with watermark
Reversed and Inverted reversed and inverted, Mr. T.E. Field confirms
that he has a mint marginal block of twelve, 4 x 3,
with this variety, the margin at the right hand side being perforated
horizontally. (Jly 8, '64)

Mr. Kane also writes ... "I have a copy of this stamp in used condition, postmark only partial and very faint. I got this stamp amongst a lot of remnants I purchased which belonged to the late F.R.A. McCormack who was one of the leading collectors of Irish overprints in 1922. The stamp was in a separate bag and endorsed .. WATERMARK REVERSED AND INVERTED .. so I do not claim the good fortune of finding this copy but this proves that its existence was known from an early date following its issuance. I have examined many hundreds of SG.38 in the hope that I could duplicate it, but did not have the good luck to do so. It is rarely offered for sale, the first time I saw it on offer was in Shanahan's March 29, 1957 Auction where it was lot No. 460, offered as follows:-

1922 (July-Nov) Thom Ovpt. 3d. bluish violet with watermark
reversed and inverted, mint, only 120 copies known unused.
One of the great Irish rarities. Est £10."

Mr. Kane states that the price realised was £11 and concludes by asking ... "it would be of interest if other collectors who have copies could state as to how they located them." (Jly 24, '64)

Mr. Field answers ... "this block came to me with portions of the Agnew Collection which I bought from Robson Lowe rather more than 30 years ago. As I recall it, R.L. had bought substantial quantities of material from the Agnew Sale at H.R. Harmer's, in the very early 30's, and made up his purchases into (I think) a 6-volume Collection ... and sold to me in its entirety. The whole was on Godden De Luxe pages, already written up by Godden, and ... I can still identify the original "hand" (in writing up) I have no record of the individual cost of the piece ... for ... records .. R.L. didn't include this piece as worth £5 or more ... when he carried out a valuation in 1949; and it has not occurred to me ... to be worth anything like the value put on it by Shanahan ... and I should certainly require stronger evidence than a Shanahan valuation or alleged realisation, ... I am afraid I have no information as to the source of Agnew's supplies, during the 1920's." (Aug 20, '64)

SG. 7 5d. yellow-brown The Dollard overprint, as well as the Thom,
Variety in colour of was normally applied to the 5d. yellow-brown
original G.B. stamp. colour G.B. stamp. For a number of years now,
Mr. T.S. Telfer has had in his possession a
Dollard Overprint applied to a 5d BISTRE-BROWN - GB. SG.383 - and has often wondered how this came about. The copy is mint and quite fresh and not a 'changeling' or 'faded'. Are there other copies around? Information would be welcomed. (Aug 24, '64)

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IRELAND'S PHILATELIC LINKS ABROAD by Thos. E. Field

As a sideline to my main collection of 'Ireland', I have for many years been collecting the stamps of other countries, the designs of which portray Irishmen and those of Irish descent or which have some association or link with Ireland. It is hoped that readers will share with me the pleasure I have had in forming such a collection and in preparing the check-list now to be published in the Journal of the Irish Philatelic Circle.

ARGENTINE

- 1891: Admiral William Brown emigrated from Ireland in 1777, and was commemorated on the 20 pesos Blue of 1891. He died in 1857.
- 1957: A set of five values from 40c. to 2p.40c. was issued to mark the Centenary of Death of Admiral Brown. Two of these included his portrait, apparently at different ages.
- (Note: Brown's portrait also appeared on the 1957 Commemorative No.28 of Ireland)

AUSTRALIA

- 1949: 3½d. Mounted Postman and Aeroplane, includes a signpost pointing to Bourke, a name having Irish association.
- 1957: 7d. Flying Doctor Service (internal air mail rate) is associated with Doctor John Flynn (Flynn of the Inland) who is regarded as the originator of this famous service. He was of Irish descent.
- 1962: 5d. multi-coloured issue marking the 50th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Australian Inland Mission in 1912, shows a Nursing Sister at Flynn's grave near Alice Springs.

BERMUDA

- 1953: 4½d. green was designed by Mr. Druskine Haigh of Bangor, Co. Down. My collection also includes a pre-stamp cover of 1824 with manuscript date-line "Ireland Island" and more recent covers of 1943 and 1951, with adhesives, cancelled "Ireland Island. Bermuda."

BRITISH GUIANA

- 1934
& 1938: Sir Walter Raleigh and his son are the subject of the 96c. in black (1934) and brown (1938).

In 1580 Sir Walter was Captain of a Company of Foot at Munster and took a leading part in suppressing a Rebellion; as a reward he was given 40,000 acres of forfeited land in Ireland. Raleigh afterwards (1602) sold this property to Mr. Richard Boyle (later Earl of Cork) who subsequently entertained Raleigh in what had one time been his home, when he set out in 1617 on his last but unsuccessful Voyage to Guiana, from which he returned to be arrested and executed.

BULGARIA

- 1921: A set of five values commemorates the "Times" correspondent J.D. Bouchier, a native of Co. Cork. This set includes a portrait of Bouchier and a view of Rila Monastery where he is interred.

CANADA

- 1927: Thomas D'Arcy McGee, born in Louth, became a Canadian M.P. and President of the Executive Council. He was portrayed on the 5c. of 1927.
- July 30th 1958: The "Nurse" portrayed on the 5c. Health Stamp was named Florence Sullivan. Attempts to verify the Irish descent which this name suggests have been unsuccessful. She was in fact not a Nurse, but a Civil Service Stenographer, in Nurse's uniform.

CHILE

- 1910-1929: During this period various portraits of Bernardo O'Higgins appeared, as well as in 1910 (the Centenary of the Independence of Chile) philatelic pictures of his abdication, and an equestrian statue.
- 1927: A set of Air Mail stamps was issued, originally intended to commemorate the Centenary of the Battle of Maipu, but overprinted in five values for Air Mail use. These had the portrait of O'Higgins.
- 1945: A set was issued to commemorate the Centenary of the birth of O'Higgins in 1842. This set included further portraits and scenic representations of the Battles of Maipu and Rancagua, and of the abdication.
- 1949: I have several covers with cancellation O'Higgins, or Base O'Higgins Antarctica Chile, a Base named to support Chile's claim to Naval Bases in Antarctica.

(To be continued)