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EDITORIAL

As reported elsewhere in this edition the postal services of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs have been taken over by An Post, a semi-State company. We welcome this move as we hope that it will produce a more efficient, profitable and less expensive service than heretofore. We base our optimism on the British experience where the results of running the postal service as a business have produced healthy profits, practically unchanged postal rates for a number of years, and an ever-increasing range of useful services for the postal consumer.

What the effects of change will be for the philatelic customers of the Post Office remain to be seen. A more business-like attitude to philatelic sales will most certainly emerge. However it is to be hoped that there will be some restraint with regard to number and cost price of new issues. In an effort to increase revenue there is always the temptation to increase the number of special stamps issued. As we have pointed out before this can, in the long run, have the opposite effect.

A suggestion we would make to the philatelic section of An Post is to increase the variety of the philatelic products they sell rather than the numbers of special stamps. This has been done very successfully by other administrations, particularly the British Post Office and Australia Post.

By variety of products we mean booklets, coils, commemorative stationery, presentation packs, special postcards (similar to 'PHQ' cards). Many subjects commemorated in recent years by the issue of special stamps did not merit such an important honour, but could instead have been marked by a special stamp booklet or a commemorative air-letter or envelope. Equally there are many subjects that were not commemorated by special stamps that would have merited the issue of some other philatelic souvenir.

We have increasingly found in the past two years that Irish collectors have become jaded with the offerings of the Irish Post Office. First day covers have become the first victim of the Post Office's spate of new issues, as their sales figures will reveal. Even the 'hot shots' of the past few years — plate blocks and gutter pairs — are on the wane due to the ever-increasing face values of the sets released.

The stamp booklet produced last year — the first in six years — provoked a good response. A series of six pictorial cover booklets a year would not be excessive, and would be useful for the non-philatelic consumer as well.

Our postal stationery is virtually unchanged in design since the first issues of 1924. Commemorative envelopes, postcards, and aerogrammes could stimulate a new collecting interest as they have done in the U.S.A. and Australia. These items would also be good sellers to tourists and could be used to promote Ireland abroad.

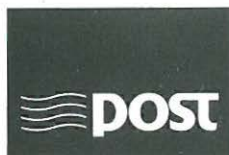
Presentation Packs for special issues — in addition to those currently issued for definitives and the popular Year Packs — could also bring in extra revenue and create a new collecting interest.

By diversification, An Post should be able to offer the collector a more attractive range of products without increasing the number or face value of the basic stamps and thus preserve its reputation as a conservative administration in the eyes of philatelists.

IAN W. WHYTE/Editor

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An Post
The Post Office

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS OF IRISH RAILWAYS

In 1834 Ireland's First Railway the Dublin and Kingstown opened for business. In celebration of this event the Irish Post Office will, on the 30th January, issue four stamps as shown here, and a miniature sheet. The miniature sheet will feature the block of four stamps flanked on the right by two other locomotives in oval-shaped forms. The number of sheets produced will not exceed 300,000. A pictorial first day cover will also be issued which must be ordered before the day of issue. The stamps will be issued in four denominations; 23p, 26p, 29p, 44p.



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NEWSBEAT

NEW POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOARDS TAKE OVER

On January 1 two new State-sponsored companies took over from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs the operation of the postal and telecommunications services.

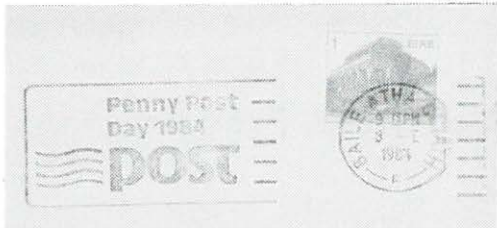
The company operating the postal services is called "An Post" (translates as "The Post") or "The Post Office". The insignia of the company is derived from a combination of the 'wavy lines' part of a machine cancellation and classic Gaelic uncial lettering for the word 'Post'.

The symbol and namestyle of An Post was originally the work of National College of Art and Design student Della Varrelly and has been developed and co-ordinated with the new colour scheme by O'Connor O'Sullivan Limited, the Dublin advertising agency appointed by the Board to carry out this work.

The insignia will eventually appear on all post offices, postal vehicles, stationery, and on postboxes. No doubt it will also appear on P.O. first day covers, and perhaps on a stamp to mark the inauguration of An Post. Although no issue has been announced to commemorate the inauguration it is not unlikely that one of the stamps scheduled for the 250th anniversary of the Irish Post Office may be devoted to the new organisation.

It is not known as yet what An Post's arrangements will be regarding philately. Presumably an even more aggressive marketing of Irish stamps with a view to increasing revenue will be the main aim. Hopefully this will be allied to the development of the hobby by investing in exhibitions, societies, and a museum.

Already there is talk in Dublin philatelic circles of an improvement in the services offered by the Philatelic Section. It is believed that An Post will follow the example of the British P.O., who recently inaugurated a specialist new issue service. This entails the supply of whatever the customer requests, be it plate blocks, gutter pairs, positional blocks with varieties, etc.



Penny Post slogan cancel used on January 3.

AN POST – PENNY POST DAY 1984

At a ceremony held in the G.P.O., Dublin on Saturday, December 31st, the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, Jim Mitchell T.D. handed over the key to the main public door of the building to Mr Fergal Quinn, Chairman of An Post, to mark the occasion of the transfer of the Post Office to the new Semi-State body. The Minister was presented with a Dublin made silver spoon 200 years old and he also posted a letter to the Director-General of the Universal Postal Union in Berne. To the amusement of the general public, the Post Office Workers' Union band played "Auld Lang Syne" from the balcony of the G.P.O. and led by Fergal Quinn the assembled dignitaries linked arms and danced near the statue of Cuchulainn to celebrate the change.

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Mr Jim Mitchell T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs presents the key of the G.P.O. to Mr Fergal Quinn, Chairman of An Post.

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112b	1946	1d coil p15	£6.00
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Mr Mitchell posts a letter in the GPO after handing the building over to An Post.

Details of the Penny Post to be operated the following Tuesday 3rd January were also announced. Over two hundred years ago, letters were being delivered within Dublin for one penny. The penny post was extended throughout the country in the last century. In 1784 an Act of Grattan's Parliament, which confirmed the penny post, established an independent Post Office in Ireland. The penny post, therefore, also celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Irish Post Office. For the one day all hand-addressed letters and cards were delivered within the Republic of Ireland for 1p. Bulk postings were not accepted. This was to eliminate as far as possible commercial mail. During December all post offices had been instructed to order five times their average combined daily sale of 22p and 26p stamps to meet the expected demand. Most offices did brisk business with queues in the G.P.O. in Dublin from 8 a.m. While no special hand cancelling facilities were available a special machine slogan die "Penny Post Day 1984" was used on the 3rd January in Dublin, Cork, Cavan, Donegal, Dundalk, Galway, Limerick and Waterford. A further slogan highlighting the new logo of An Post will be used during the remainder of the month of January at the same offices.

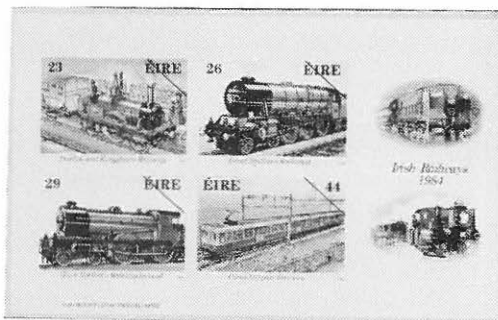
RAILWAY MINIATURE SHEET

A most attractive set of 4 stamps marking 150 years of Irish Railways is to be issued on January 30 next. It comprises a 23p showing the Dublin Kingstown Railway's locomotive "Princess", built in 1841, a 26p with Great Southern Railways' engine "Macha", built in

1939, a 29p showing Great Northern Railway (Ireland)'s "Kestrel" locomotive, built in 1932, and a 44p showing Coras Iompair Eireann's "Link-Hoffman Railcar" built in 1983.

A miniature sheet, incorporating all four stamps, will also be issued. The sheet will include oval vignettes showing Coras Iompair Eireann's 071 Class diesel locomotive and the famous Lartigue Monorail (Listowel - Ballybunion) of the early 1900's.

Three hundred thousand miniature sheets will be printed and the printing quantities of the single stamps are: 23p, 29p, and 44p (500,000 each) 26p (2 million). The stamps will be printed in full colour by Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.



Printers proof of the Railways miniature sheet.

The designer of the stamps and miniature sheet is Charles Rycraft, who used technical drawings and photographs supplied by the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland, the Irish Railway Record Society, and C.I.E. The Post Office first day cover shows a full colour reproduction of a print "The first train comes to Mallow, Co. Cork 31st March 1849". The first day of issue cancel shows railway signals.

STAMPEX 1984

STAMPEX, Britain's National Stamp Exhibition, takes place on March 6 to 11 next at the Royal Horticultural Society's Halls in Greycoat Street and Vincent Square, London S.W.1.

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'O'DONOVAN & O'CURRY' PLATE NUMBERS

In *IRISH STAMP NEWS* No. 14 we reported the existence of plate numbers on this issue, which had not previously been recorded. Now Fr. John Brennan of Co. Kilkenny has shown us marginal blocks which indicate that there were at least 3 plates of the 3d.

Only part of the number is visible in each case but enough is discernible to distinguish them as '1', '2' and '3'. Fr. Brennan also has plate '1' of the 1/3 as previously recorded. We illustrate here marginal pairs showing plates '2' and '3' of the 3d.



1984 NEW ISSUE SCHEDULE

Provisional dates have been announced for the special stamps to be issued by An Post during 1984. The "Ireland" series which, as reported elsewhere in this edition, features Irish Railways, will be released on January 30.

On March 1 this year's Fauna and Flora set, featuring trees, will be issued. The 200th Anniversary of the founding of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, the 200th Anniversary of the establishment of the Irish Post Office, and the 150th Anniversary of the founding of St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, will be marked by special stamps on April 12. Europe/CEPT and the Second General Elections to the European Parliament are the subjects of stamp issues on May 10.

On June 21 the World Olympic Games will be commemorated by four stamps depicting Ireland's gold medal achievements. Another set for the sports thematicist is that for the centenary of the Gaelic Athletic Association which will be released on August 23.

Three anniversaries are marked by special stamps on September 24: The Centenary of the birth of John McCormack, the 1500th anniversary of the birth of St. Brendan, and the 500th anniversary of the establishment of Galway as a Mayoral City. The Christmas stamps will be released on October 25.

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FAXPOST – PUBLIC FACSIMILE SERVICE

People in Dublin and Cork can now use the Post Office to send documents over telephone lines between the two cities and to over a hundred centres in the United Kingdom. The service was inaugurated on 28 November 1983. The new service is known as Faxpost. The Dublin Faxpost office is in St Andrew Street Post Office and the Cork one is in the General Post Office in Oliver Plunkett Street. Customers may hand in documents, line drawings, diagrams, etc. at a Faxpost centre. A copy is then instantly transmitted electronically to the destination office. There the message may be collected by the addressee or it can be delivered by special messenger or first class post, as the sender requires. Links with other countries are planned later in 1984.

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E.P.A. NAMES FIELD AWARD RECIPIENTS

John J. Blessington of California, is the 1983 recipient of the Eire Philatelic Association's Thomas Edwin Field Award. The late Thomas E. Field of Yorkshire, England, for whom the award is named, was one of the foremost Irish philatelists. He did extensive

research in the field, which contributed greatly to its advancement. The award has been presented annually to others who have also made outstanding contributions to Irish philately, in the tradition of Thomas E. Field.

This honour has been bestowed on Blessington for his outstanding contributions to the advancement of knowledge of Irish Philately, with particular reference to his research and detailed articles in *The Revealer*, the quarterly journal of the E.P.A., as well as his significant and successful editorship of this publication. His willingness to assist other collectors with information and guidance and his leadership in fostering the growth of the Association, has won John Blessington the 1983 Thomas Edwin Field Award.

The award, and the E.P.A. Life Membership given as part of the award, were presented to Blessington at a meeting of the SO-CAL Chapter E.P.A., at the recently concluded SESCAL '83 Exhibition in Los Angeles.

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Harmers were the first to join this elite group when they sold the renowned Agnew collection in 1930; this was followed by the Marquess of Bute collection in 1959. Robson Lowe made the grade in 1966 with their sale of the famous Field collection. It was then thought that this was the end of an era as no other collections of this calibre existed, hence no spectacular sales of combined Irish rarities would be likely to occur ever again.

But now, with several important collections of Ireland having come onto the market within the last year, and **ALL** these collections having been acquired outright by Hibernian Stamp Co. Ltd., this well-known firm will be offering for sale on March 31st, 1984, at **PUBLIC AUCTION**, the selected highlights from these collection, plus many other fine, rare and interesting items including complete sheets of high-value overprints; all of these factors combined guarantee that this auction will be a classic for both the general collector of Ireland and the Specialist. Almost two decades have passed since so many breath-taking Irish rarities were offered at a single public auction.

And, the gems of this sale are not confined to the Overprint series; Hibernian will be offering one of the finest "Window Man" receipts in existence: of five known examples, only one other is dated 1830. To the modern extreme, there will be included in this sale an u/m example of the New York World's Fair 5d with missing brown in pair with normal, this being the most interesting of the six pairs in existence since this pair shows the brown printer's guide mark. These guide marks were so far out in the margins of this issue that they were normally guillotined off by the printers.

Also well represented in this auction are extensive selections of British Commonwealth and A to Z with many desirable single items, collections and mixed lots.

Catalogues of this prestigious auction are available free on request from Hibernian Stamp Co. Ltd., 11 Harrington Street, Dublin 8, Republic of Ireland; alternatively, a catalogue may be requested by telephone at Dublin 755086 or 782609, but if you are 'phoning from abroad, don't forget the time differences!



SG 53aa, Sc 45a, Mi 261/IV: the upper right stamp has the accent omitted.



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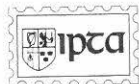
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1950 Holy Year to 1959 Guinness	£210.00	£105.00	—
1960 Refugee Year to 1970 Kevin Barry	£87.50	£85.00	—
1971 Europa to 1981 Christmas	£90.00	£87.50	£125.00

POSTAGE DUES

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1940-69 E wmk set ½d to 1s. SG D5-14	£45.00	£27.50	—
1971-81 Complete Decimal Dues. SG 22-31	£5.25	£5.00	£30.00

CYLINDER BLOCKS

1977 complete commemorative blocks	£60.00
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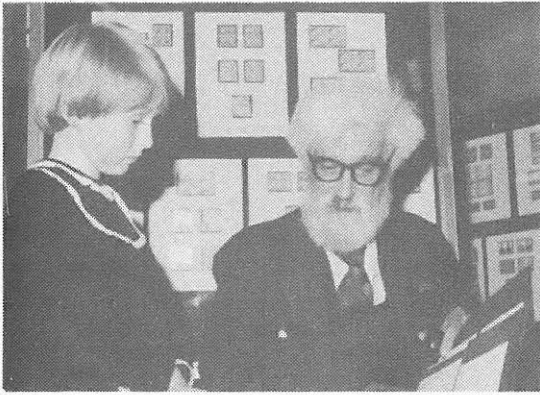
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Fred Dixon recruits a junior collector, Sinead Lennon.



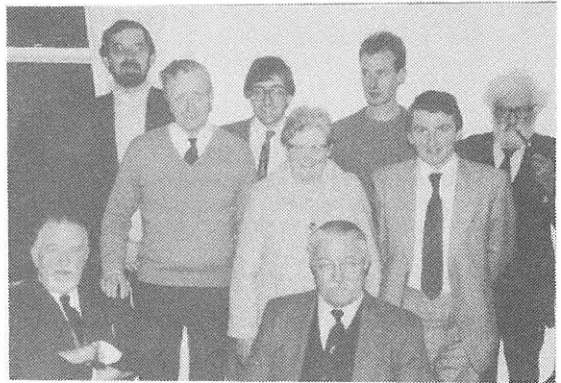
Mike Giffney with the stray kitten that was found wandering around the exhibition. A home was found for it and a name – "Stampa" of course!



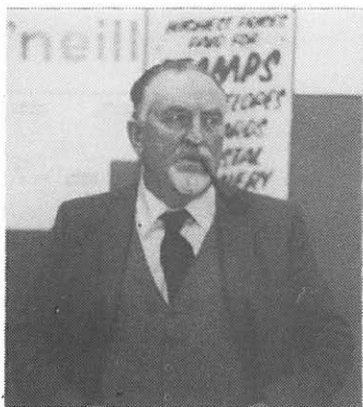
Col. Bill Zellers signs the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists at the Stampa Awards dinner.



Andy Ballard, Royale Stamp Company, looks pleased about one of his purchases.



E.P.A. meeting held during "STAMPA" week: left to right (back row) Tony Finn, Brian Warren, Barra O Cuiv, Fred Dixon, (2nd row): Mike Giffney, Norah Wright, Declan O'Connor (front): Charles O'Neill, Col. Bill Zellers.



Charlie O'Neill looking rather apprehensive about something (possibly the imminent approach of McBride?)



George Ithell proudly displays his award, the David Feldman Trophy for the best overall exhibit.



Mr. Fergus O'Brien T.D., Minister of State at the Dept. of Health & Social Welfare, standing in for the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs, at the opening of STAMPA '84, accompanied by Dr. Joseph Quigley, Hon. Chairman of the Organising Committee.



Taking a break in the STAMPA cafe (or bar, depending on your tastes): left to right, Con Buckley of the P.O., Vincent Kelly and Padraig O Mathuna.



Ian Whyte, Hon. Secretary, and Dr. Joseph Quigley look on as John Lennon explains his winning the Novice Trophy.

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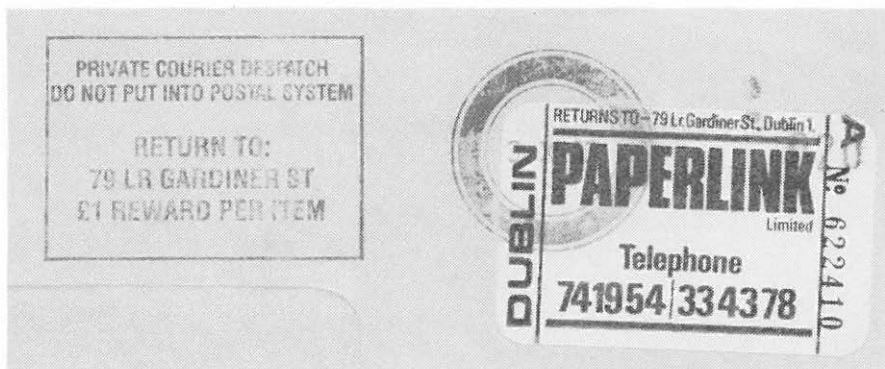
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and to the courier companies and their staff who – once they were satisfied that I was neither a Post Office investigator nor a tax collector – were invariably helpful, and in the case of Paperlink, went to some considerable trouble to provide information. I shall be glad to hear from any collector who can provide further information, correct errors in what I have written, or supply other labels of 1980's vintage, not so far noted, for illustration and description.



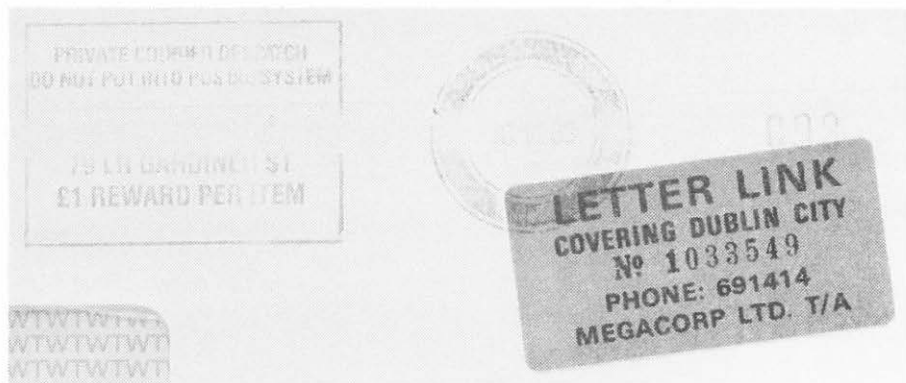
Cancel 'E' on Paperlink label Type III



Cancel 'B' on Express type B label.



Dataline label with cancel.



Paperlink cancel 'E' on Letterlink label I.

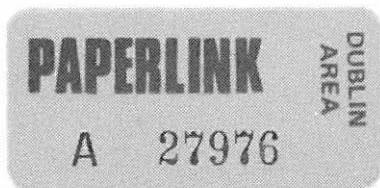
LABELS

1. Paperlink

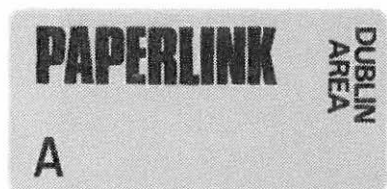
This company went into business on 4th November 1981 and first issued prepayment labels on 27th Nov. 1981. Before they (temporarily?) closed down at the end of May 1983, they had issued four different types of label.

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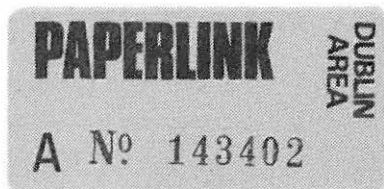
Paperlink



Type I



Proof



Numbered

Type II



Type III



'A'



'B'

Type IV

- Type I Black on Yellow-orange paper, 49 x 24 mm.
Serial No: Prefix A, five digits
Number printed: 100,000 (00001 – 99999)
Printed by: Presswell, Baldoyle, Co. Dublin.
Numbered by: Irish Self Adhesive Labels, Monkstown.
- Type II Black on Yellow-orange paper, 49 x 24 mm (brighter colour, denser black)
Serial No: Prefix A, No. + six digits.
Number issued: 200,000 (100000 – 299999)
- Type III Black on Primrose-yellow 50 x 32 mm.
Serial No: Prefix A, No. + six digits.
Number issued: 500,000 (300,000 – 799,999)
- Type IV Black on Primrose-yellow, 50 x 32 mm, "Reward" added.
Serial No. Prefix A, No. + six digits.
Prefix B, No. + six digits
Numbers issued: A Prefix 200,000 (800,000 – 999,999)
B Prefix 000,001 – ?
- Type II, III and IV printed and numbered by: Avery Label, Walkinstown.

2. Hand to Hand

This company operated from very early in 1982 but seems to have been very localised. One label only has been seen (on cover) black on blue paper, 51 x 25 mm. No other details are available. More information on this company is requested from any reader who can help.

3. Express

One type of label 50 x 32 mm. was issued, printed black, blue and red on white paper. Each label was serially numbered with a prefix which changed every 100,000 labels – 1 to 99,999 = A, 100,000 – 199,999 = B etc. The last issue has prefix F. Labels were printed by Avery Label.

This label carried the telephone number, and so impressed Paperlink that they adopted this format, included their telephone number, and added an address for returns. (Paperlink Type III).

4. Letterlink

Commenced to operate in the Autumn of 1982 from a private address. The label, 49 x 24 mm, black on pink paper, was printed by Irish Label and Packaging Co., Sandyford, and carried a telephone number. In March 1983 Letterlink entered into an arrangement with Paperlink to use that company's "central sorting office" and thereafter the label was reprinted to include the Paperlink telephone number as well as the original number.

5. Dataline

This company was an associate (possibly a wholly-owned subsidiary) of Deadline

Couriers (see advertising stickers). It operated from the same address as Deadline, from late in 1982 until the Spring of 1983. Labels 50 x 32 mm, printed in black, red and brown on white paper, were printed by Avery Label. The "B" prefix labels were printed but never issued, as the company suspended its letter delivery service, possibly pending the outcome of the High Court action.

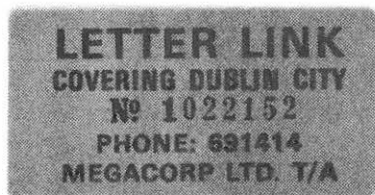
6. Galway

The two Galway couriers were Galway Delivery Service and Priority Document Delivery. The former issued labels in vertical format (the only label seen thus) 27 x 39 mm printed maroon on white paper. The printer is not known, and these labels were not serially numbered. The other company, Priority Document Delivery, issued numbered labels 51 x 25 mm, all with prefix A, black and magenta on white paper, printed by Irish Self-Adhesive Labels, Monkstown, Dun Laoghaire. Both companies operated from the early part of October 1982. Priority ceased to function on 11th February 1983; information about the other company is not available.

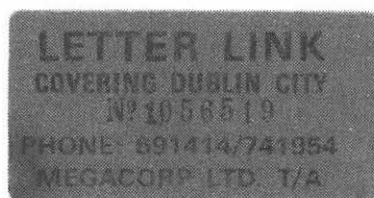
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Express



Type I



Type II

Letterlink



'A'

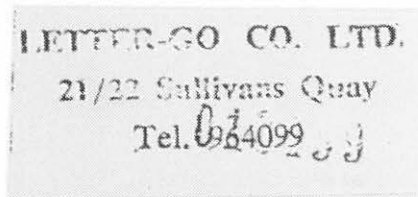


'B'

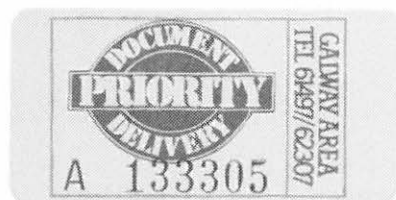
Dataline

CORK

Letter-Go



GALWAY

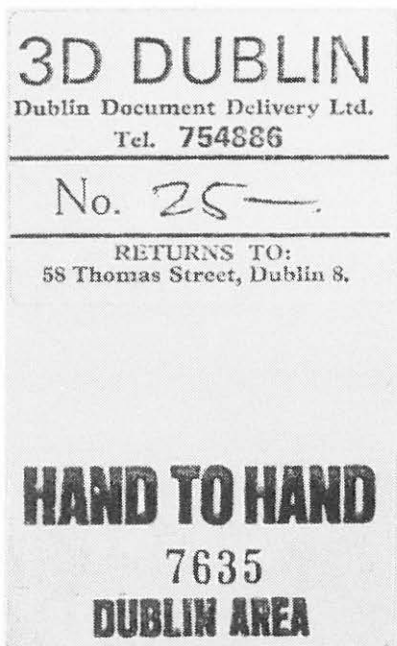


Priority



Galway Delivery Service

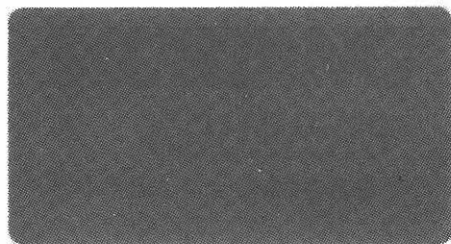
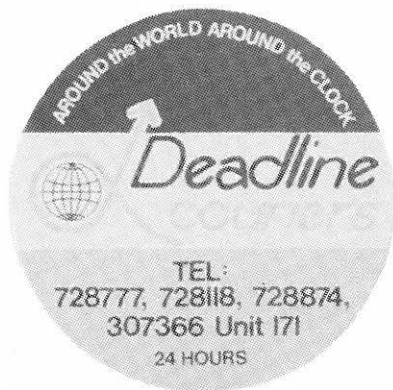
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Hand to Hand

7. Cork

Letter-Go commenced to operate shortly before Christmas 1982. Their first label was a plain white self-adhesive 49 x 24 mm, on which was handstamped in bright green "Letter-Go Co. Ltd.", with address and telephone number. From the outset, each cover also had a slogan hand-stamped in red. This first label was quickly replaced by a smaller label, 43 x 29 mm, black on green paper. Printer unknown. Neither type was serially numbered, but all that I have seen were cancelled. (Presumably charges were calculated by the number of covers cancelled rather than labels sold). Letter-Go ceased to operate mid-April 1983.



CANCELLATIONS

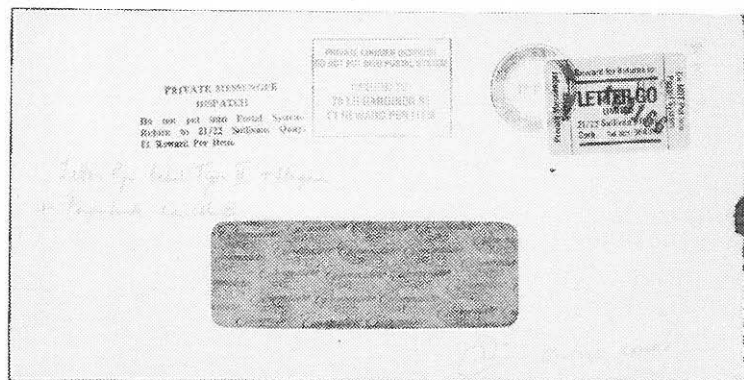
Generally all labels (except Letter-Go, as noted) can be found without any cancellation, and many covers bearing labels have been seen with the cancellation completely misplaced. If the purpose of cancelling a label was to prevent re-use, it was not achieved in many cases; but in fact these self-adhesive labels adhere very strongly to paper and are not easily removed intact by the usual floating or soaking techniques, so that removal for re-use would hardly have been worth the trouble. Some labels were not cancelled at all e.g. Express until about October 1982; Letterlink until they joined the Paperlink operation; and both Galway labels.

Paperlink and Letter-Go cancelled all or most of their labels, but Express handled many thousands of covers before they introduced cancellation. Dataline used a franking meter (without a c.d.s.) on some covers.

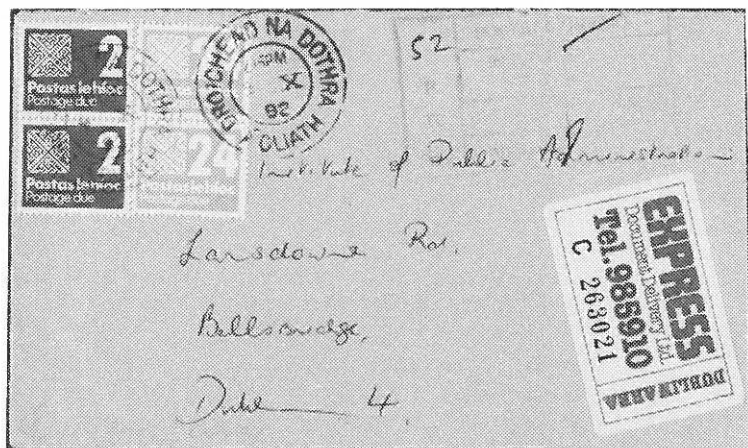
It will be appreciated that a user who purchased a roll of say, 1,000 labels, might have used these over a period of several months during which the cancellations changed. Numerous combinations of label types with cancellations may therefore be found, and some are more common than others.

1. Paperlink cancellations

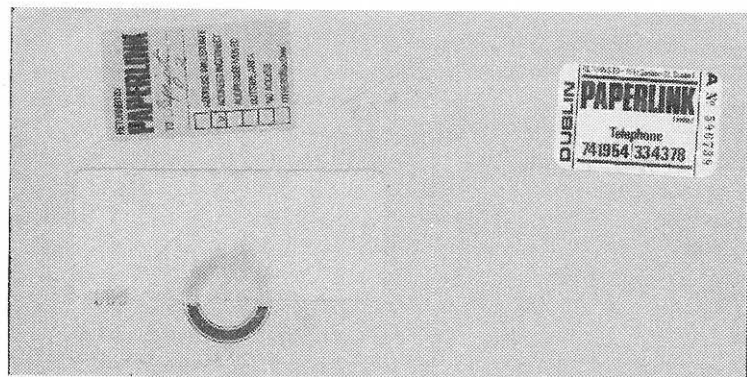
- A. Six rubber pieces inserted in a hand-held stamp, comprising two pairs of cyphers enclosing two letters: 00AA00. This was first used on 1st March 1982 as 00AZ00, and the second letter was changed daily, in reverse alphabetical order, reaching 00AB00 on 5th April 1982. AA was not used. This cancel appears to have been used mainly, or solely, on Type I labels. I have three examples on cover, AN(18/3), A0(16/3) and AX(3/3). John Lennon has shown me AL(22/3) and AX. A cover bearing AU(8/3) was illustrated in ISN No. 11. All known examples are in black.
- B. Type A was followed by two self-inking hand-operated numbering machines with automatic advance. The first (B.1.) was introduced on 6th April 1982 and had sans-serif digits. B.2 (seriffed digits) was brought into operation on 8th July. The numbering sequence was re-started on 15th July. This machine was taken out of use on 17th September, but B.I. continued in use until May 1983 mainly for large packets for which the franking machine (Type C) was inappropriate.
- C. A specially adapted Pitney Bowes franking machine was used from 17th September. The indicium outline was removed, leaving only 000, with a c.d.s. (solid red ring) on the left. This red cancel was in use until Friday 5th November.
- D. From Monday 8th November the "value" symbols began to be used for recording purposes e.g. 8.xi.82 = 001, advancing daily. The idea was that if the c.d.s. could not be read, this number would identify the date of cancellation/delivery. (There is little doubt that quite a large number of covers, handled by all the courier companies, were delivered to wrong addresses. Some of these were dropped into P.O. letter boxes and increasingly the Post Office treated them as "posted unpaid" and surcharged them. I was told that early in 1983 one sorting office was surcharging as many as 50 a week). The sequence ran from 001 to 099, then re-started after Easter with 001 in 5.IV.83, but seems to have gone astray and was restarted around the beginning of May. By this time however customers were scarce, and the volume of mail was greatly reduced, because of the legal proceedings.



Letter-go type II label with Cork and Dublin cancels and instructional marks.



October 1982 Express cover put into postal system and treated as unpaid.



Paperlink undelivered cover with return label, October 1982.

- E. From about the beginning of December 1982, a slogan die 41 x 29 mm, offering a reward for the return of undelivered covers, was added to Type D.

2. Hand-to-Hand

No information is available.

3. Express cancellations

- A. Identical to Paperlink Type C, was used from some date in October 1982.
B. The solid red ring c.d.s. became a double ring within which the word "Express Couriers" appeared. This was used until this company ceased operating at the end of the first week of December.

4. Letterlink

This company did not cancel any of its labels until it joined forces with Paperlink (Spring 1983?), after which its labels carry the Paperlink cancel, usually Type D or E.

5. Dataline

Used a modified franking machine without the red ring c.d.s., leaving only the date and 000. The earliest date noted was 32.X.82! Some odd numbers appeared e.g. 004½.

6. Galway

Labels were not cancelled at any time, as far as I know.

7. Cork

Letter-Go appear to have cancelled all the covers they handled, using a black six digit number (possibly, a self-inking automatic hand machine). They also applied to each cover, in red, a slogan offering a reward of £1 per item returned. From 18th Jan. 1983, Letter-Go and Paperlink formed a "back-to-back" arrangement under which each undertook to deliver the other's covers, in Cork and Dublin. Thus covers are known bearing the cancels and slogans of both companies.

Courier Chronology 1981 – 1983

DATE	COMPANY	NOTES
4 Nov. 81	Paperlink	Commenced operations
27 Nov. 81	Paperlink	Issued first labels (Type I)
16 Dec. 81	Paperlink	Company incorporated
Jan-Feb. 82	Hand-to-Hand	Commenced operations
	Express	Commenced operations
1 March 82	Paperlink	Introduced cancel (Type A)
5 April 82	Paperlink	Last day of cancel Type A
6 April 82	Paperlink	Introduced cancel Type B(1) cont'd to May 83
8 July 82	Paperlink	Introduced cancel Type B(2)
15 July 82	Paperlink	B(2) cancel series re-commenced
17 Sept. 82	Paperlink	B(2) ceased. Cancel type C introduced

(Autumn) 82	Letterlink	Commenced operations
(late) 82	Dataline	Commenced operations
early Oct. 82	Priority Doc. (Galway)	Commenced operations
	Delivery Service (Galway)	Commenced operations
5 Nov. 82	Paperlink	Last day of Type C cancel
8 Nov. 82	Paperlink	Introduced Type D cancellation, first series (001-099)
c.1 Dec. 82	Paperlink	Introduced Type E cancel (slogan added)
c.6 Dec. 82	Express	Company collapsed
14 Dec. 82	Paperlink	Attorney General & Minister sought injunction
Pre-Christmas 82	Letter-Go (Cork)	Commenced operations
18 Jan 83	Paperlink/Letter-Go	Established "back-to-back" operation
31 Jan. 83	Paperlink	Injunction granted by High Court
11 Feb. 83	Priority (Galway)	Ceased to operate
14 Feb. 83	Paperlink	Supreme Court lifted injunction
c.1 March 83	Paperlink/Letterlink	Established joint operation
5 April 83	Paperlink	Type D/E cancel, 2nd sequence began (001)
Mid-April 83	Letter-Go	Ceased to operate
10 May 83	Paperlink	High Court action opened
13 May 83	Paperlink	Cancelled 27 covers only this day
15 July 83	Paperlink	Held to be in breach of P.O. monopoly.

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THE RAREST IRISH POSTAGE STAMP — AN ENQUIRY

By Gerard Brady

It is now five years since a census study of the known examples of four Irish Over-printed varieties, all of the Dec./Jan. 1922/1923 three line Saorstat issue (Thom) was published in this journal (see Irish Stamp News No. 2).

The varieties chosen for examination were,

The One Penny Missing Accent	SG53aa
The One Penny Missing Accent & Final T	SG53a
The One Shilling Missing Accent	SG63a
The Ten Shilling Reversed Accent Inserted	SG66b

Now in the light of nine new discoveries it is necessary to revise the earlier listings and give details of these additions. It is interesting to note that the ratio of unused to used examples (1-3.5) from the overall total of the now known 36 examples is exactly the same as for the 27 copies reported five years ago. Again the writer would like to hear of any unrecorded examples that philatelists might have in their collections for completeness of this census.

ONE PENNY MISSING ACCENT SG 53aa

Two additions are recorded both in unused condition: the variety occurring in a marginal block of four¹, (Photograph No. 1) and also as a single. In the former case the stamp showing the error has markings on the reverse where some gum has been removed and there are also hinge tracings. The single copy was exhibited at Stampa in 1976². These findings now bring the total to six known copies of which four are unused and two used.

ONE SHILLING MISSING ACCENT SG63a

Only one further copy has come to notice in the past five years. It occurs as the centre stamp in a marginal strip of three³, (Photograph No. 2). There are some pencil markings on the margin and also hinge marks. Of the nine known examples, 8 are unused and one used. It comes next in scarcity to the penny value with the same variety.

ONE PENNY MISSING ACCENT & FINAL T SG53a

Following the previous listings, three new copies, two unused and one used have been reported. The unused occur, one in a pane of sixty showing gutter margins and control U22⁴, and the other in a marginal block of six⁵. The pane of sixty is not to be confused with a similar size pane that was auctioned last year⁶. The Single was sold at a David Feldman auction in 1981⁷. This brings the new total to ten known examples of this variety.

TEN SHILLING REVERSED ACCENT INSERTED SG66c

In this case three further copies have come to light; Two unused and one used. The unused examples show the variety in a non marginal block of four⁸ and as a single⁹. The used example is in a vertical pair which were sold as normals in an I.P.S. club booklet in the early 1970's and is now in a private collection. There are now a total of 11 copies known, 10 unused and one used.

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Fig. 1. 1d missing accent in marginal block 4.
(Photo. courtesy Hibernian Stamp Co. Ltd.)



Fig. 2. 1/- missing accent (Photo. courtesy
Hibernian Stamp Co. Ltd.)

There is little mention of postal markings, it being felt that the Feldman-Kane handbook exists to cover this field, but every other aspect is brought in: the successive reforms, the leading reformers, the franking system, mail routes, mail coaches, mail boats, pillar boxes, postmen's uniforms, etc. Only one short chapter deals with developments since 1922. This could be considerably expanded in the next edition by which time there can be mention of the major reorganisation of 1984!

An outstanding feature is the wealth of illustrations, many being reproduced for the first time, such as the Dublin-Holyhead Packet of 1567, the portrait of Dublin Postmaster Isaac Manley and the modern seal of the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs. Another remarkable discovery, used on the back cover, depicts the delivery of a letter in 1581.

There are a few slips. The 1765 Penny Post was not confined to Dublin but applied throughout Great Britain and Ireland, a letter not travelling more than one post stage being charged only 1d. The abolition of the Irish mile was in 1826, not 1831, but by a mysterious manoeuvre the Irish Post Office was still charging by Irish miles until 1839. It is explained that some gaps in the records are due to the disposals of files and registers as waste paper. Such disposal was not a routine occurrence: it was only when investigations were pending in 1831 that the incriminating evidence was disposed of. (See House of Commons Report dated 2 Feb. 1837). The page of illustrations of postmarks includes as 1782-95 what can only be a fanciful reconstruction from a very poor impression of the 1795-1807 type of Dublin Free. The National Library can probably be blamed for one mistake: the mail car from Achill operated to Newport, not Nevin, although the artist responsible for the lithograph (A. Fussell) printed what looks like Nevin on the car.

Selwyn Deacon

LETTERS

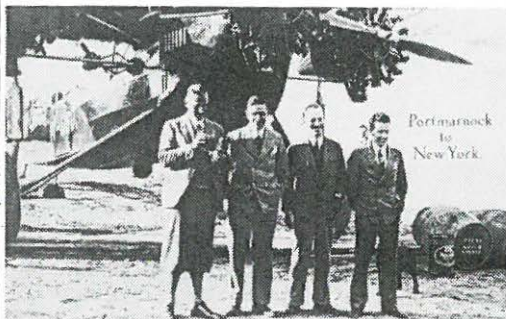
Dear Sir,

Hugh Carey of Winchester has kindly shown us a single, rather tatty example of the rare Thom 4-line 10/- used. It is significant because of its postmark: single ring steel cds JAMES'S Road/24.OC.22. This is one day previous to

the earliest date recorded in the Feldman handbook. It would still appear that the 2/6 value with this overprint was put on sale at least a week before the two higher values.

Yours etc.

D. MacDonnell,
MacDonnell Whyte Ltd.



Postcard of 'Southern Cross' - see letter from Patrick Waldron.

Dear Sir,

Mr. F. C. Godfrey, at the end of his article on "The Mollison Stamp and Flight Covers" in your June/July, 1983, issue, refers to the flight of the "Southern Cross" from Portmarnock to *Newfoundland* on June 24th, 1930, on which Captain J. P. Saul was navigator.

Perhaps some of your readers might be interested in the enclosed photocopy of a postcard which shows the crew (including Captain Saul) of a plane which appears to be the "Southern Cross". The card bears the inscription "Portmarnock to New York" and is postmarked "Rann na Feirsde, Co. Dun na nGall, 15 Aug. 1935" and addressed to a Dublin address.

The lettering on the side of the plane, in so far as visible, appears to be "... Cross" and "VI-USU". The barrels are labelled "Plume Motor Spirit" and the can "Mobiloil". Mr. Vandyk appears to be adjusting a "telescopic" camera.

I cannot identify the dog!!

Yours etc.,

Patrick Waldron, Dublin.

(Continued p. 34)

PASSED BY CENSOR (130)

Geadultha ag an Scrúdaí.

SAORÉADAN
SCRÚDÓIR
RELEASED BY
CENSOR

SAORÉADAN
AN SCRÚDÓIR

SAOR O SCRÚDÓIR
(Exempt from Censorship)

SAORÉADAN AN SCRÚDÓIR
RELEASED BY CENSOR

*Irish World War II censor marks – see letter
from Karl Winkelmann.*

Dear Sir,

Since the publication of Ike O'Lecht's article on the post-1922 Dublin Datestamps it prompts me to try to confirm my suspicion of the existence of two Dublin No. 6 handstamps in use during WWII, in addition to the Dublin No. 4. I have two examples of a Dublin No. 6, one used on an incoming and one on an outgoing registered letter during May '42, to tie the censor label to the envelope. Neither has a star above the date.

I have seen three examples of the Dublin No. 6 with star used on 23.4.42, 23.10.42, and 4.1.45, on incoming registered mail and another, without star used to cancel a stamp on a letter of 16.9.43, which was handed in at the Censorship Office.

I would like to know if any of your readers can throw some light on this matter. It would seem unlikely that the star was removed and replaced, more likely there were two Dublin No.6 handstamps at this time and that the only one to survive was the star type as used on the Aer Lingus crash covers of 1952.

This is only one aspect of my current study of the censor handstamps used during WWII, and I would appreciate any information on early and late usage dates of the five known censor handstamps as illustrated.

Yours etc.,
Karl Winkelmann,
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3/12/83	Galway Philatelic Society	— Exhibition Booklet	£1.00	

Special Issues: Both issues were printed by Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited in the normal 10 x 10 format. No perforation variations or significant varieties noted.

Exhibition Souvenirs. The Cork booklet contains blocks of six of the 1p, 2p and 6p definitives. The exhibition postmark is featured on the back cover. Total numbered edition of 650 booklets. After several years experimenting with other types of souvenirs, the Irish National Stamp Exhibition committee issued a booklet for Stampa '83. The booklet contains blocks of four of the 1p, 2p, 3p and 6p definitives in a numbered edition of 1,500 booklets. The front features the G.P.O. Dublin designed by Valerie Pickerill and is based on a 19th century print. Members of the Stampa Society received the 1983 Dogs miniature sheet with an inscription added in the margin which read "Irish National Stamp Exhibition Stampa '83 Dublin October 28-31 1983 Taispeantas

Naisiunta Stampai". Limited to the total number of members (448). The Limerick booklet was produced by PJW Promotions (Dublin) and contains 3 x 22p Sean Mac Diarmada stamps. Total of 300 numbered booklets. It should be noted that there was no exhibition associated with this fair and that no philatelic facilities or special postmark were provided. The Galway booklet contains blocks of four of the 2p, 4p and 5p definitives. Total numbered edition of 300 booklets.

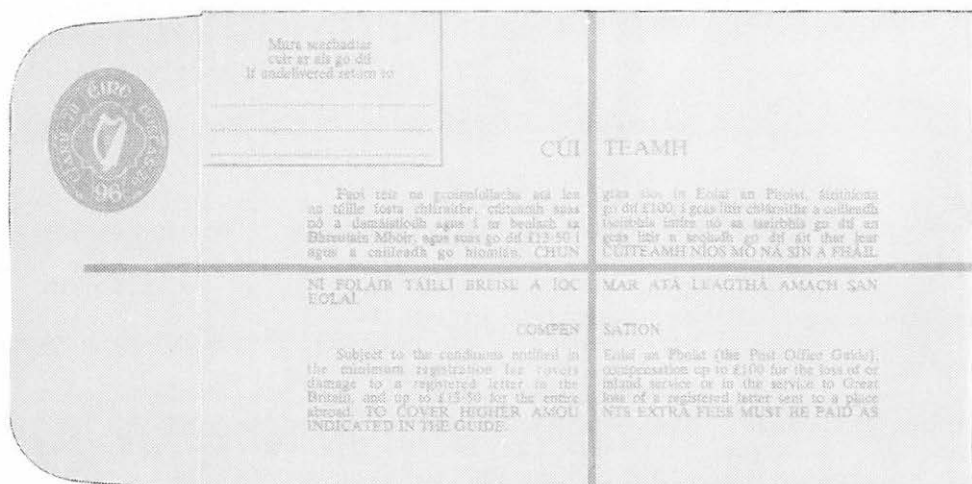


26p 1B plate block perforated through two margins.



STAMPA '83 members' souvenir

Postal Stationery. The 96p size G registered envelope has been reprinted with a new typeface for certain elements of the English instructions on the face of the cover. The 96p embossed stamp is of a deeper green colour than the first printing issued in January 1983. The compensation amounts have been corrected to £100 and £13.50. This is the first time in several years that both compensation amounts have been correct. The new size H envelope issued on 29 November also refers to the correct compensation amounts. The 26p ordinary envelope is similar to the previous 22p design.



The new 96p registered envelope.

Definitives. The new definitive presentation packs were launched at Stampa '83. The much improved design features the Rock of Cashel on the face of the low value pack and Ballybunion Castle on the high value pack. It would have been preferable if at the same time the Post Office had adopted a square format opening at the top edge. Such a format would enable a pack to be displayed on a normal album page. In the last issue we referred to a reprint of the 44p definitive with a change in perforation format. As expected further values have been reprinted with similar changes as set out below:-

26p: Perforated through two margins (1A bottom and right; 1B bottom and left) – June 83.

30p: Perforated through three margins (1A top, bottom and right; 1B top, bottom and left i.e. similar to all phase three values) – October '83.

£1: Perforated through three sides in similar manner to the 44p reprint (October '83). This value has been printed on residual stocks of CCP2 type paper with white gum. We expect that the next printing of this value will revert to CCP1 paper with blue-green/off white gum as used on all other Architecture definitives to date.



Special postmarks for Cork and Galway shows.

Postmarks. Several special event postmarks were available as follows since our last report:-

19-22 September: Sixth World Congress of Food Science and Technology. In use at University College, Dublin in conjunction with post office facilities.

8 October: Cork Stamp Exhibition. Features the famous Cork landmark, Shandon Steeple.

28-31 October: Stampa – Annual Irish National Stamp Exhibition, R.D.S., Dublin 4. The events commemorated were 50th anniversary of the Balbo Mass Formation Transatlantic Flight (28th); Centenary of the Parcel Post (29th); 200 years of Manned Flight (30th); and 150 years of Morse Telegraphy (31st).

3 December: Galway Stamp Exhibition, Imperial Hotel, Galway. Similar postmark to previous years with Galway Philatelic Society logo (GPS).

Souvenir envelopes were provided by the organisers for each of the above exhibitions.

Several new slogan postmarks have been in use during recent months. A second slogan advertising the Mosney holiday camp was in use in Drogheda – “Mosney Trade Shows – Conferences – Exhibitions”. Galway introduced a slogan promoting their 1984 anniversary year – “Join Galway’s 500 Celebrations in 1984”. Both the aforementioned slogans were unannounced. The Universal Postal Union Day slogan was used again this year in Dublin and Cork – “U.P.U. Day 9th October”.

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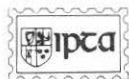
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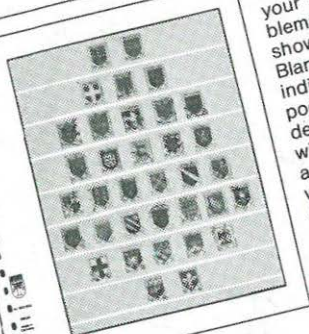


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