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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A very Happy New Year to all of you. 1990, Happy 40th birthday to the EPA. What a wealth of information has flowed through the pages of The Revealer during those years. On these long cold winter nights it is a treat to relive those early years of the EPA by browsing through the pages of all those issues. Not

only did the early issues educate you on Irish philately but they also took you on a trip through the highways and byways of Ireland itself. In the May-June issue of 1951 we wandered through Historic Dublin, July-August found us in Cork City on the Lee and on and on through Waterford, Killarney, Limerick, Clare, Galway and much more all through the north and south of Ireland. All these issues are available for you to borrow through the John Blessington Library. At this time all inquiries about material from the library should be directed to me. I hope to have a new home for the library before the next issue goes to print. A lot of work went into compiling an index to The Revealer and one can be purchased through the special offers department. With this valuable tool you can select issues you would like to read or indeed purchase a copy of, from our back issues department. Please avail yourself of the library and remember donations are always welcome.

Our annual meetings for 1989 were held on November 18th at World Stamp Expo in Washington DC. Eight officers were present for a four hour business meeting over breakfast and reports from all departments were read and budgets set for 1990. A large group of close to 30 people were in attendance for the open meeting that afternoon and they were informed of the state of the association. One major issue that raised a lot of concern was the number of people who have not paid dues for the last two years. Before we drop these people from the mailing list it was decided to send them one final notice. Please, respond to this mailing if you have not already done so. Until next time, Good Collecting.



R.I.P.

by Peter Bugg

It is with deep sympathy that I inform you of the death of Edward Ryan of Connecticut. I had the great pleasure of meeting Ed and his wife Shirley in 1985 when I presented him with the 1984 John Carke award for his long time service to the EPA. Ed served the association in many capacities up to and including president, which he held during the early '70s. During his time as president, The Revealer took on the form we see to this day. Ed, along with George Ryan, (no relation) ran the Auction for almost three years in the early eighties and then set up the Special offers department that we are all familiar with to this day. Ed will be missed by all of us and we extend our deepest sympathy to Shirley and his family. Good-bye Ed from your grateful friends in the EPA.

Chapter Reports SOCAL Chapter Meeting at SESCAL

by Peg Zellers



At the So Cal EPA Meeting Front Row L to R - John Fluck, Linda West, Peg Zellers, Mike Ryan. Back Row L to R - Bill O'Connor, Bill Zellers, Wallace Craig, Bob Gleason, a guest. Taking the photo was Linda West's husband, also a guest.

A nice friendly crowd of ten (10) members and guests got together at 1:00 PM on Sunday, October 15, 1989 at SESCAL, at the Hyatt Hotel at Los Angeles Airport. The program consisted of a Bring and Brag or Show and Tell session and later a showing of the slide show on Irish Philately, produced by the James Hoban EPA Chapter and donated to the APS. Those in attendance were able to meet with other collectors of Ireland and share ideas and ask questions regarding the various areas of collecting Irish philatelic material.

Twenty members had signed in at the EPA table, kindly donated by SESCAL, during the three days of the show. Items from EPA Special Offers were available for sale there, as were Souvenir Cards produced by the SOCAL Chapter for previous SESCAL shows.

Four exhibits of Irish philatelics were entered at SESCAL as well as two literature items, a handbook by Charles J. G. Verge, "The Irish S.P. 1 Censor Labels 1939-45" and "The Revealer" in the Periodical Section. The Revealer received a Vermeil Award and Verge's handbook a Silver.

The Irish philatelic exhibits were, "Irish Coils, 1922-1977", Robert Benninghoff: A Gold Award, the APS Best 20th Century to 1940 Award, the EPA medal and the John Blessington Memorial Award, a Waterford Crystal Vase sponsored by Belinda and Bob Kemper (BBK) as the Best Irish Exhibit.

"Ireland for the Postal Stationery Collector-Great Britain Used in Ireland", Bill Zellers: A Gold Award, EPA Certificate and the United Postal Stationery Society Blue Certificate.

"Eire's Airs, 1922-1940", Charles J. G. Verge. A Vermeil Award and EPA Certificate.

"Revenue Stamps of Ireland", Peter Bugg. A Silver Award.

Three of the six SESCAL JURY Were EPA members: Wallace Craig, Robert Corless and John Fluck.



Mid Atlantic Chapter Meets

by Robert M. Benninghoff



L to R Top: Lindley R. Higgins, Chapter President, Joe Foley, APS President, Henry Bright, Paul Wittreich. Bottom: Mike Connolly, Anne Crowe, Patrick Lynch, Dave Brennan, Myron Hill, visiting from Hoban Chapter. Padraig O'Shea of Raven Stamps (holding the tea kettle) is visiting from Cork, Ireland.

The Semiannual meeting of the Mid Atlantic Chapter of the EPA was held on 16 September 1989. One of the first orders of business was for the chapter to adopt the name 'Commodore Barry' for our chapter name - after the illustrious founder of the United States Navy. Henceforth, we shall be known as the Commodore Barry Chapter of the EPA.

The accompanying photo chronicles the attendee. Lindley Higgins was elected president. Myron Hill was a visitor from the Hoban Chapter and Padraig O'Shea (holding the tea kettle) was visiting from Ireland. The author was engaged in taking the picture and, accordingly, is not represented.

The meeting lasted from 11:00AM to 4:00PM and culminated with a member auction conducted by Joe Foley, newly elected APS President. Joe did a great job because at the end our newly formed treasury had a balance of \$190.00 added to it. We discussed such wide ranging topics as development of a Philatelic Exchange program between Irish Schools and EPA members. Padraig O'Shea has volunteered to investigate the feasibility of such an arrangement upon his return to Ireland.

Padraig also brought some material from Ireland which was passed around and exchanged. All are looking forward to the next meeting.



≡ POST NOTES

by Patrick J. Ryan, Sr.

Fauna & Flora 1989: Totally unannounced and unpredicted, this issue appeared on the scene as having gutter pairs. In the past when an issue had gutter pairs An Post generally announced that fact in the bulletin of issue. This time this 'minor detail' was omitted. So you gutter pair collectors take heed and order yours as quickly as you can.

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THE CURRAGH CAMP CO. KILDARE

by Bill Kane

In 1950 I became interested in thematic collecting. At that time my interests were, Music, Ships, and Religion on stamps. After a while, I realised that I was one of thousands, who had the same interests, and I arrived at a decision that if I was to enter philatelic competitions, then I would have to concentrate on a subject that was different, and more or less original.

After a lot of thought, I arrived at the conclusion that I had never seen a display of "War and Philately". From that day until the present I am still interested in this study.

It was in 1969, that I achieved my great ambition, when I won the Link House Cup, a cheque for £50., and a Vermeil medal, in London, with my exhibit. This was surely recognition of my efforts. In the intervening years, all types of Military Mail, have passed through my hands, and as I pondered on some pages in my collection, I realised that each page could be developed into a small study. One such page was that of the "CURRAGH CAMP".

HISTORICAL NOTE.

The Curragh Camp is located on an expanse of grassland, known as the Curragh, in Co. Kildare, which extends to almost 5,000 acres, and can be traced back to remote antiquity. It is recorded, that in the year 777, the Battle of the Curragh, was fought between Ruadhri, son of Faelan, and Bran, son of Muireadhach. There are records that in 1599, the Earl of Essex, camped on the Curragh. In 1688, records tell us, that there was a Camp on the Curragh, consisting of three regiments of horse, one regiment of dragoons, and seven regiments of foot. The reorganisation of the Irish Militia, in the years prior to the 1798 Rebellion, saw the force assembled on the Curragh. It is known that six regiments of cavalry were in camp on the Curragh in 1797. It was the Crimean War, (1853-1856), which led to the construction of the first permanent camp on the Curragh, of Kildare. In August of 1860, a total of 11,000 men were located in the camp, under canvas. By 1901, seven barracks made up the camp. There was a famous 'Mutiny' in the Curragh Camp during the month of March 1914. The British handed over the Curragh Camp to the Irish Army on the 16th. May 1922. It was then that the Irish Volunteers, who were held as prisoners, and numbered 1,500, were released. It must be the largest Military Barracks in Ireland, and is still in use.

POSTAL HISTORY.

While it is generally believed that Post Offices for the use of army personnel were established in the major army camps in the British Isles, around the time of the Crimean War, and that datestamps were accordingly issued to these offices. I have seen an entire with the Scrool type 'CURRAGH CAMP.' on the front, and on the reverse there was a Dublin 'Mermaid' dated 1808. For some years this mark has been known, but without a date, so now we can date this marking. The letter is headed Curragh Camp, and tells about drill. This puts the Curragh Camp into a very important position in relation to Military Philately. While it is not the earliest Military marking, it ties up with the Napoleonic and the Peninsular Wars, (1805-1815). The following letter, will show that while there was no Post Office in the Curragh Camp in the year 1804, the matter relative the conveyance of mail to and from the Camp, was at that time being considered.

*The letter was headed: Re the Curragh Camp
G.P.O. Dublin,
18th. July 1804.
Sir,*

I am commanded by the P.M.G's to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. communicating the L.L's desire that the P.M.G's should cause an arrangement to be forthwith made for conveying daily the letters to and from the Camp on the Curragh, to and from the Post Office in the town of Kildare. Their Lordships desire me in reply to acquaint you for the information of his Excellency the L.L. that the P.M. have not only directed the

necessary instructions to be forwarded to the deputy at Kildare on the subject, but in order to carry his Excellency's wish more immediately into effect, have ordered an officer to proceed from hence this night to make arrangements with the adjutant general on the spot as may tend to give expedition to the conveyance of the correspondence.

Edw. S. Lees.

Alexander Marsden.

At this point, I should explain who Alexander Marsden was. His position was that of Under Secretary at Dublin Castle, and you can find out all about him, and his part in the negotiations over the Act of Union, and his consequent unpopularity, in Michael Mac Donagh's book, "The Viceroy's Post - Bag" (London 1904). The Viceroy concerned was Marsden's boss, the 3rd. Earl of Hardwicke.

POSTAL MARKINGS.



SCROOL type 1808.
approximate size 62mm. x 7mm.



DOUBLE ARC. 1856. - 1859.

Note the word 'THE' before Curragh Camp, this is the only handstamp of the Curragh that has this word. I know of three codes, the earliest one being code E, above the upper arc, for different dates in 1856, code M for 1857, also above the upper arc. The third code D for 1859, has the code letter breaking the upper arc. I think the codes stand for the following, M - Morning, D - Day, and E - Evening.

DOUBLE ARC. 1857 - 1858.

Without the word 'THE', and no code.

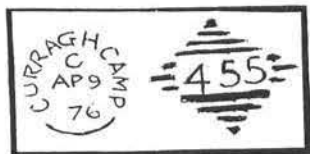
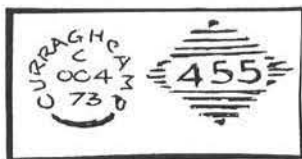
NUMERAL DIAMOND, circa 1856.



I much regret that I am not able to give a definite date of issue, due to the fact all this type of marking that I have seen have been on pieces. George Brumel in his book, states that the numeral '455' was vacant in the 1844-57 list, but appears in the list of 1874. I feel that the numeral diamond was issued much earlier than that, sometime around 1857. James A. Mackay in his book states that numeral diamonds '451' to '458' were allocated up to 1856, I would agree with this.

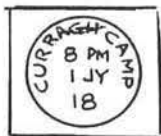
DUPLEX CANCELLATIONS. - Various sizes, first issued in 1860. -1892.





The 1860 type had a full circle datestamp. The diamond had 19 bars; - 7 above and below the numeral, and 5 bars on each side of the '455'. The later duplex stamps had a single arc at the foot of the datestamp. All carried a code letter above the date. The year was abbreviated.

SINGLE CIRCLE. First issued in 1862.



Various sizes, ranging from the 'Thimble', the first type, diameter 20mm. to the 1890 stamp with a diameter of 24mm. The 1911 illustration has a diameter of 25mm. while the 1876 illustration is 22mm. This type was first issued in 1872. The early stamps carried a code letter, the later ones had no code letter.

SINGLE CIRCLE - SPECIAL DUTY.



1905. Money Order and Savings Bank.

1911. Telegraph Office.

PARCEL POST STAMPS. First issued in 1885.

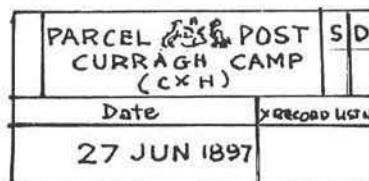
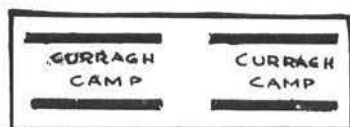


First type.



Second type.

Rotary obliterator, early 1900's.



The first rubber Parcel Post datestamps were introduced during the late 1880's.

DOUBLE RING. - Combined date and obliterating stamps.

The first type were known as the 'TIME CODE' system, introduced in Ireland, early in 1894, in which the time was in code. This stamp usually carried a pair of twin arcs, separated by a stampers number. The code E C P, stands for 5. 15, P.M. This type was used for several years, I have seen some dated from 1896 to 1898. The second type with the time in figures, was introduced in 1897. Stampers numbers 1 and 2, have been seen. A new type appeared sometime around 1920, which had two thick arcs, broken by a cross at the foot, this handstamp was also used by the Irish Administration until 1927.

DOUBLE CIRCLE TYPES. 1897 - 1927.

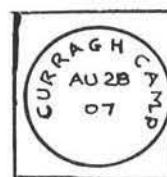
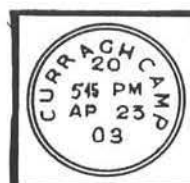


TRIANGULAR HANDSTAMPS. circa 1900.

Used to cancel adhesive stamps on circulars and printed matter, in the early days these stamps carried the Telegraphic Code of the office, ie. CXH was that of the Curragh Camp, but sometime around the late 1960's, as new stamps were required, the Telegraphic Code, was no longer used, in its place the code of the Telephone Exchange was used, hence the Curragh Camp used CU.

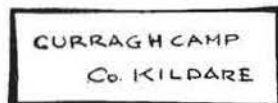


SKELETON TYPE. - 1903 - 1908.



Skeletons, with double and single rim, were used at the Camp, from 1903, diameter of 32 mm. and 33 mm. I find it difficult providing an explanation for the numbers 20, and 14 above the time in the double rim stamps of 1903 - 1904. The latest double rim stamp without the number above the time appeared around 1905. I have only seen the single rim stamps with 1907 and 1908 dates. The latter stamp is unusual, in that the text is in two lines across the centre of the stamp.

UNDATED NAMESTAMP. 1911.



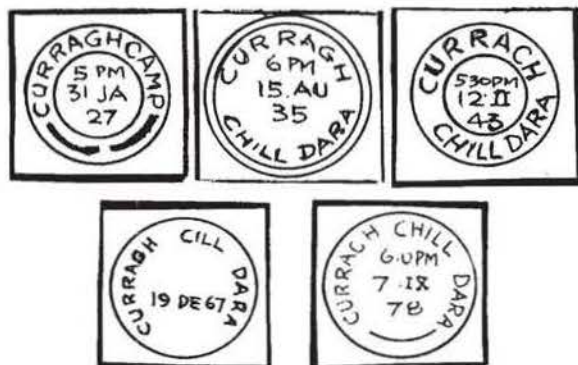
I owned a cover with the 27th September 1911 cancel, which carried a two line marking, CURRAGH CAMP / Co. KILDARE. The top line measured 40 mm. X 4 mm. and the bottom line was 30 mm. X 4 mm. This was the only cover I saw with this type of marking.

FIELD POST OFFICE. DOUBLE RING. - 1921 - 1922.



F.P.O. 3 K. - A Kennedy and G. Grabb, in their book "The Postal History of the British Army in W.W. I, state that the F.P.O. 3K, was used at the Curragh Camp from September, 1921, to May 1922, but it is recorded that the late Dr. de Burca, had a cover with this F.P.O. from Tallaght Camp, Co. Dublin, which at one time was the headquarters of the Royal Artillery in Ireland, sometime in 1921, hence it is quite possible that it was transferred to the Curragh in September 1921.

IRISH ADMINISTRATION. 1922 to the present day.



Of interest to note the different Gaelic spelling of CHILL DARA, and CILL DARA. I do not claim to have covered the complete range of datestamps used at the CURRAGH CAMP, there must be many that I have never seen, accordingly I would be most grateful for data relative any that I have overlooked.

BUSINESS HOURS. - CURRAGH CAMP POST OFFICE, 1921.

I was very much surprised to see that the Camp P.O. was open for business every day of the year. Herewith are details copied from a Curragh Camp Post Office notice dated March 1921. **WEEK DAYS.** - 8am. to 7pm. **BANK HOLIDAYS.** 8am. to 12noon.

SUNDAYS, CHRISTMAS DAY, and GOOD FRIDAY. 8.30. am. to 10.am.

BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS AT THIS OFFICE,

Sale of Postage Stamps, etc., Registration of Letters and other Packets.

Parcel Post Business; Issue and Payment. - Money Order and Savings Bank Business.

Telegraph Money Order Business. - Payment of Old Age Pensions. Government Stock, Annuity and Insurance Business. - Telegraph Business.

Sale of Licences, and sale of Inland Revenue Stamps.

Express Delivery Business, Outward Service, and Local Messenger Service.

On Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Bank Holidays, there is only one delivery of Letters and Parcels.

Before concluding this article, I would like to make an observation, while it may not have a direct reference to the Curragh Camp, it could have some bearing on the 'SCROOL' type marking of 1808. It was in that year that Irish Post Towns were allocated 'Mileage Marks', which were two line undated marks, giving the name of the town on the top line, and the distance of that town from Dublin, on the lower line. At that time postage was based on the mileage. Thirty-eight towns used these marks in 1808, and the number increased to Fifty-nine by the year 1809. Perhaps it is just mere coincidence that the Curragh Camp received an undated name stamp, but of a different type to the regular Mileage Marks of the Post Towns, but I do feel there is some connection, alas I do not have any proof, but I will keep trying to find same. I would like to thank Revd. W.E. Davey, Dr. C.I. Dulin, Dr. A. Malcomson, and M. Willcox for their assistance in preparing this article.



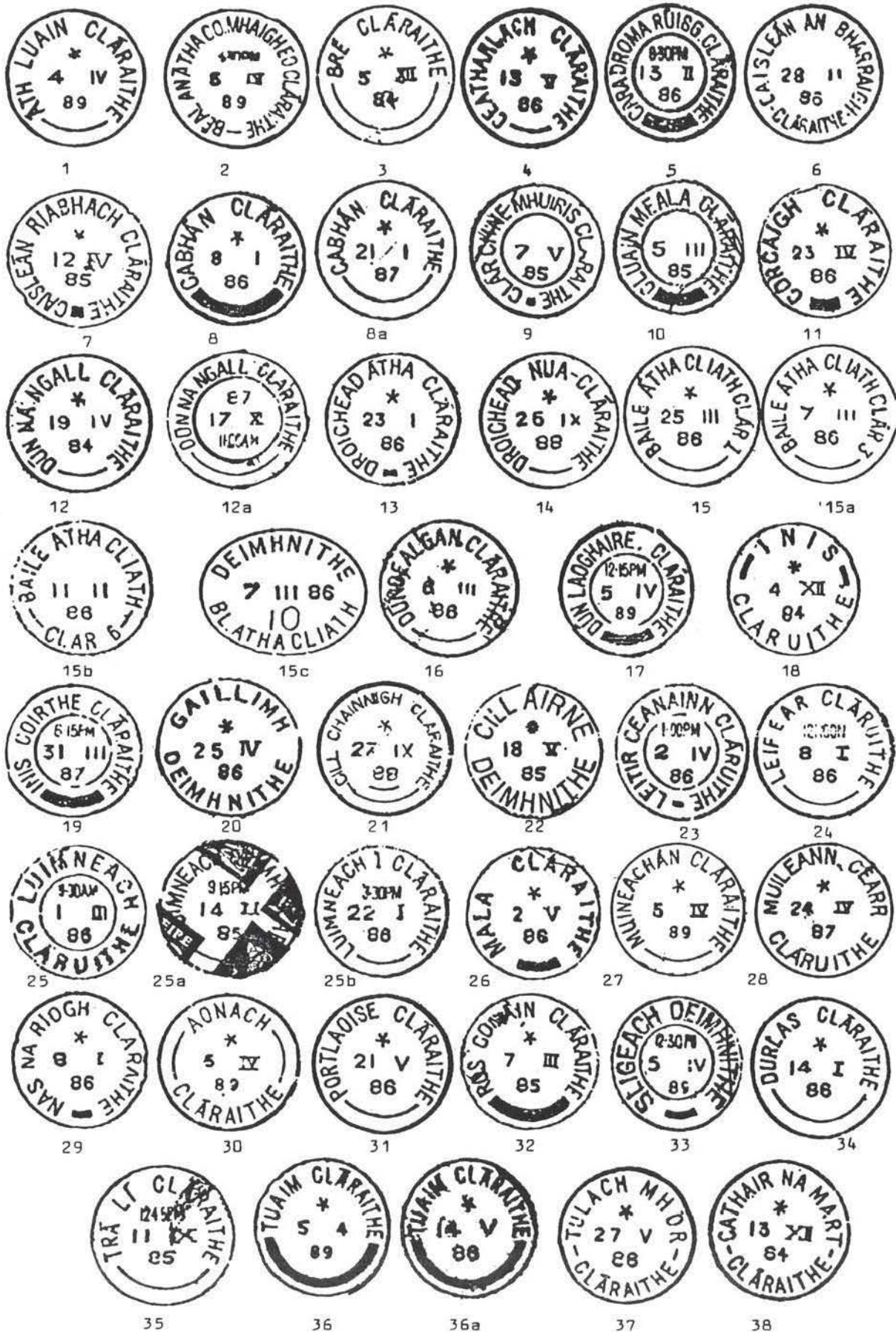
THE CURRENTLY "REGISTERED" DATESTAMPS IN IRELAND

by Michael Rupp

- 1 Athlone
- 2 Ballina
- 3 Bray
- 4 Carlow
- 5 Carrick on Shannon
- 6 Castlebar
- 7 Castlerea
- 8 Cavan
- 8a Cavan -in use since 16 Sep. 86
- 9 Claremorris
- 10 Clonmel
- 11 Cork
- 12 Donegal
- 12a Donegal -in use since 85- time code at the bottom
- 13 Drogheda
- 14 Droichead Nua -in use since 87- The only District Office using such a datestamp, all others are Head Post Offices.
- 15 - 15c some impressions of Dublin
- 16 Dundalk
- 17 Dun Laoghaire
- 18 Ennis
- 19 Enniscorthy
- 20 Galway
- 21 Kilkenny -in use since 88- a very modern style
- 22 Killarney
- 23 Letterkenny
- 24 Lifford
- 25 Limerick -Claruithe-
- 25a Limerick -Deimhniithe-
- 25b Limerick -Claraithe-
- 26 Mallow
- 27 Monaghan
- 28 Mullingar
- 29 Naas
- 30 Nenagh

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The Currently "Registered" datestamps in Ireland



THE DUBLIN POSTAL DISTRICT - CHANGES TO THE POST OFFICE GUIDE 82 -

by Michael Rupp

Since the issue of the POST OFFICE GUIDE 82 there are some interesting changes for the datestamp collector. Enclosed an actual list of the Dublin Postal-District. I got this list when I made a visit of the Central Sorting Office in autumn 87. The TSO I have marked with a cross and District offices, (Delivery Offices), left behind the cross is the district number.

Following TSO's are closed:

Aston Place	closed June 86
Harcourt Road	closed 1 Feb. 82
North King Street	closed 11 Apr. 86
Kimmage Road	closed 11 Apr. 88
Parkgate Street	closed 15 Aug. 82
Dunville Ave.	closed 11 Apr. 86
Talbot Place	closed 30 Apr. 80

New Town Sub Offices:

- 1 Amienstreet.
- 2 Aston Quay.
- 3 Aylesbury.

This Office is following for the closed office Talbot St. In June 86 the Office Aston Place moved to P.O. Aston Quay. Till today it was not possible to get the Gaelic name of the Office. In the meantime this office is closed. In use was a Skeleton datestamp. Curious is the letter-y, there is only one pattern, in 3 there is a manuscript-y- on the end, in 3a the-y- behind the letter A is missing.

The opening and closing dates also were unavailable from An Post.

- 4 Bawnogue.
- 5 Dodsboro.
- 6 Glenview.
- 7 Jobstown.
- 8 Kilnamanagh.
- 9 Neilstown.
- 10 Priorswood.
- 11 Springfield.
- 12 Sundrive Road.
- 13 Walkinstown
South Richmond
Street.

Banog-opening 27 Nov. 84
Baile an Dodaigh- opening May 82
Radharc an Ghleanna- no dates able to get. Curious date!
Rath Miontain-opening 29 Sep. 83
Cill na Manach-opening 19 Sep. 83
Baile Neill-opening 4 June 81
Coill an Phriora- opening March 80
Achad an Tobair- no dates
-Bothar Grianreime- since the beginning of 88, this Office is following for the closed Office -Kimmage Road- Till the beginning of 89, there was a Skeleton in use. 12b is the new impression.
Baile Bhailcin- no dates

To this Office is moved the closed office Harcourt Road. The datestamp of the closed Office is in use currently. Bothar Fhearchair. Moving date 1 Feb. 82.

In the list before there are not listed the Branch Offices, (An Post staff, TSO; private contract). The 80's are: GPO, St. Andrew St., Ballsbridge, James's St., Phibsboro, Rathmines, South Anne St., An DAIL. There are also Districts Offices (delivery Offices) in the Dublin area without any other public business. They are:

- 14 Clonsaugh.

Cluainseach-Serves Postal District 17, opening in 85. In the first time of business a Skeleton was in use. Now there is a double ring stamp in action with the letters O.S. behind the placename. -Oifig Sortala- Sorting Office. In the Skeleton impression there is a wrong spelling in the placename. The letter -C- behind the letter -N- belongs to B.A.C where this letter is missing.

- 15 Edmondstown.

Baile Eamoinn-Serves District 16, opening ca.85.

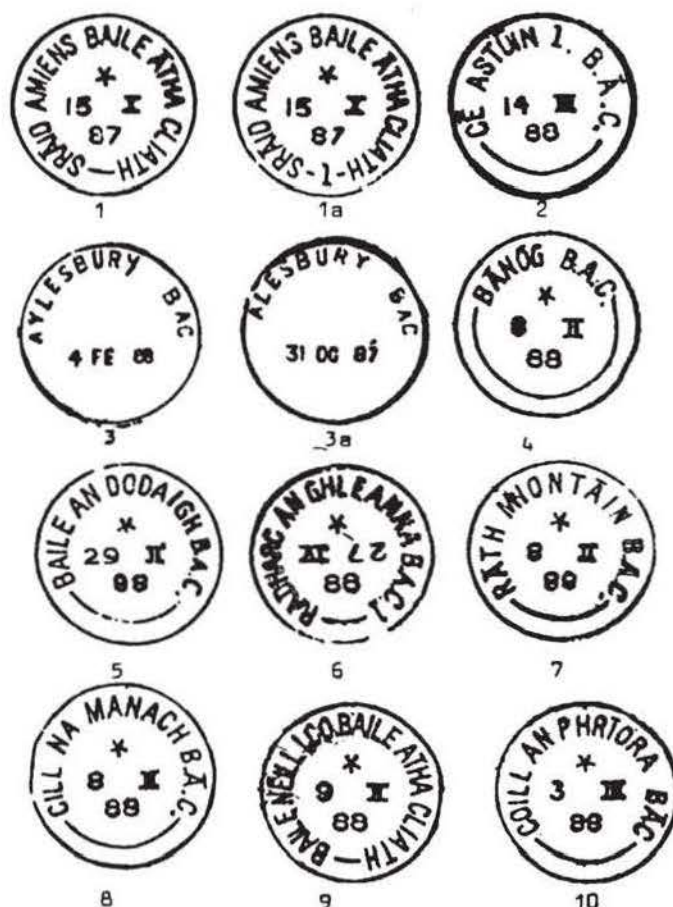
- 16 Fortfield Road.

Bothar Ghort an Duna- Serves District 6W. Opening 12 Sep 88. Also using in the first time a Skeleton. The new datestamp is brand new.

- 17 Whitehall.

Fionnbhruigh. Serves Dublin district 9. This Office is an older one and is using an interesting double ring stamp with the letters O.C. behind the placename. -Oifig Ceantrach-District Office.

Every datestamp collector knows the difficulties to get new or current dates from An Post. There is no bulletin where we can read closing- and opening dates, as example to get last day or first day items. It is all "good luck", also to get a quality answer from the staff. I think the Skeletons I have shown in this article will be becoming very scarce. I hope this article is for an interest, the same was published in the "Harfe" (But not in such a terrible English!!)





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CURRENTLY REGISTERED DATE STAMPS

(Continued from page 46)

- 31 Portlaoise
- 32 Roscommon
- 33 Sligo
- 34 Thurles
- 35 Tralee
- 36 Tuam. In this year we can see, that all datestamps have small letters for the year date. See No. 1, 2, 17, 27, 30, 33 in this article.
- 36a Tuam Datestamp as example with the old larger letters
- 37 Tullamore
- 38 Westport



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

October 22, 1989

I wonder if some of your readers could help by providing more information concerning the handstamp found on the attached post card.

The post cards, written by a father to his daughter, and all postmarked from ENNIS bear a handstamp which reads: "County Clare Special Military Area" and, in two cases is dated "1 SEP. 1918". The third is dated "8 APR. 1918." This mark is recorded 8 times: The three illustrated and 5 others seen by Dr. Dulin of Switzerland.

It is believed that this mark was only used on one correspondence and all those recorded are addressed to Miss Jackson, Ashdeen, Morfanevin (Morfa Nevin?) North Wales. Further inquiries suggest that the correspondent was a British officer working with the British Army Intelligence Office in Ireland. Unfortunately none of this as yet been proven.

Any assistance in elucidating the wherefore of this handstamp would be appreciated.

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POST NOTES

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Any Ideas? According to PostNews, The journal of An Post, Issue 20, October 1989, the following request is quoted verbatim: "If you have any suggestions for a stamp, then why not send your ideas to the Secretary of the Philatelic Advisory Committee, Room 2-232, GPO, Dublin, Ireland. You'll have to get your skates on though. Decisions for the 1992 stamps series will be taken shortly." I am certain if any foreign members have worthy suggestions, they would be evaluated on an objective basis.



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THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS - 1988

by Brian Warren

1988 will be remembered as the year of the Dublin Millenium. An Post and their overseas agents ensured that there were lots of philatelic items connected with the Millenium. The basic booklet was overprinted for four overseas exhibitions. In addition the individual panes were overprinted for Stampa and Sydrex, Australia. It was also a year for some notable firsts - the first commemorative stamp on an item of postal stationery, the first definitive design on an item of postal stationery, the first commemorative stamp booklet and the first postage due set to include the name of the country. On the minus side this has increased the cost to the collector especially if you want to collect all such variations. The sheetlet idea was extended beyond the Christmas discount stamp. The Christmas sheetlet is a valid item purchased by the collector and non-collector alike but the Olympic Games and Security Forces sheetlets are unfortunately only a gimmick in order to increase revenue from philatelists, yet maintain the total number of individual stamps in any year to below thirty. Postal rates have remained the same since 3 March 1986 but even the basic cost of purchasing one of each single stamp, miniature sheet and booklet keeps increasing each year.

SPECIAL AND COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES

The 1988 programme comprising 28 stamps and 1 booklet was issued over 8 release dates at a total cost of IR£11.02. Seven of the twenty eight stamps were issued in sheetlet form - the three sheetlets have a total face value of IR£11.30 the 1987 totals were 27 stamps and 1 miniature sheet at a cost of IR£9.19; one stamp was issued in sheetlet form in 1987 (Christmas 21p) at a cost of IR£2.90. In both years, the 21p discount Christmas stamp was the only item in sheetlet form which required the purchase of full sheetlets.

Date of Issue	Description	Value	Plate Numbers
27 Jan	Love Stamps (4th Issue)	24p 28p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
1 Mar	Impact of the Irish Abroad (1st Issue) Australian Bicentennial	24p 46p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
1 Mar	Dublin Millenium	28p IR£2.24	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B Booklet
7 Apr	Statesmen of Ireland (3rd Issue) William T. Cosgrave	24p	1A1A/1B1B
7 Apr	Order of Malta Ambulance Corps	30p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
7 Apr	Barry Fitzgerald (actor)	50p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
7 Apr	Olympic Games (Seoul)	IR£2.80	Sheetlet - 5 pairs of 28p stamps plus two labels
12 May	Europa (28th Issue) Transport and Communications	28p 39p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
12 May	First Scheduled Steamship Crossing of Atlantic by Sirius	24p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B

12 May	First East/West Crossing of Atlantic by Flying Boat	46p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
21 June	Fauna and Flora (11th Issue) Endangered Vegetation	24p 28p 46p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B1B
23 Aug	Ireland Series (10th Issue) Security Forces	IR£5.60	Sheetlet - Se-tenant strips of four 28p stamps - total of twenty stamps (see further notes below)
6 Oct	Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland Centenary	24p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
6 Oct	Spanish Armada - 400th Anniversary	46p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B1B
24 Nov	25th Anniversary of the Death of President J.F. Kennedy	28p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B1B
24 Nov	Christmas (18th Issue)	24p 28p 46p IR£2.90	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B Sheetlet (14 x 21p + label)



All stamps were printed by Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited on cream CCP3 paper. Perforation 14 x 14 3/4 (vertical format) and 14 3/4 x 14 (horizontal format). All full sized sheets of fifty stamps were in the formats as described in my 1987 article. The Security Forces sheetlets had one of four plate numbers and were printed in master sheets of four sheetlets as set out below: -

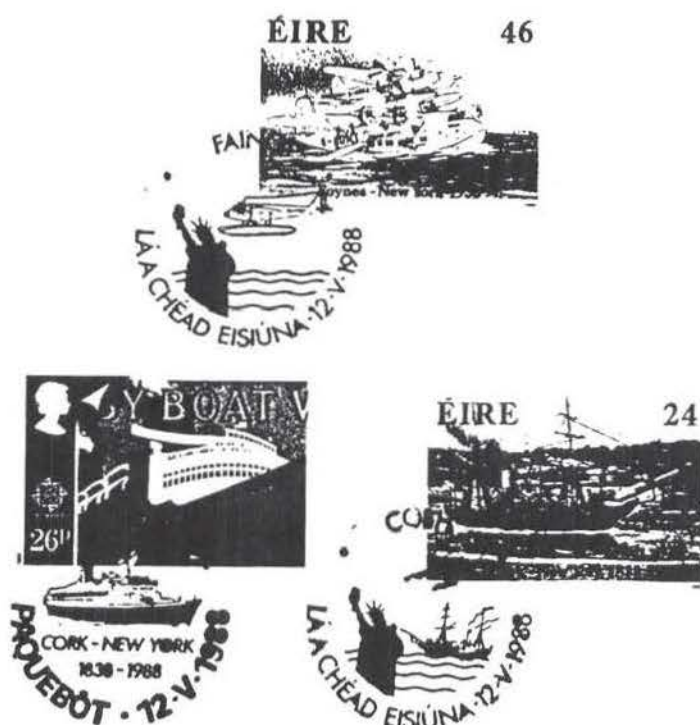
1B1B1B1B	1D1D1D1D
1A1A1A1A	1C1C1C1C

No plate numbers exist on either the Olympic Games or Christmas sheetlets and the master sheet layouts are not known. The Christmas sheetlets exist with two perforation types. Type I has both left and right margins perforated whereas type II has only a perforated left margin. The Dublin Millenium booklet was Ireland's first commemorative booklet. The booklet contains 8 x 28p stamps in two panes of four. The individual stamps do not differ from the sheet issue. The first pane has an explanatory text in Irish and the second pane has the same text in English. Both panes were printed in master sheets of twelve - four rows of three panes. No plate numbers exist on the master sheets.

The Dublin Millenium stamp was voted the best stamp of 1988 in a poll conducted by An Post. The 1987 winner was the 28p Love stamp with the Trams issue the most popular

set. The 28p Olympic Games stamp of 1988 featuring Equestrian Sport was chosen by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Federation Internationale de Philatelie Olympique (FIPO) as the best designed stamp issued for the 1988 Olympiad. The stamp was designed by Ann Flynn from Blackrock, Co. Dublin who was praised for her "unique detail and colour scheme".

FIRST DAY COVERS, CANCELLATIONS AND MAXIMUM CARDS



FDC's cost 17p (as in 1987). Pictorial cancels were available at the usual offices. A pictorial cancel was also available in Callan in connection with the Love Stamps (same design as other locations). Clodagh Holohan who designed the first day cover teaches in the local national school. Separate covers and cancels were available for the Australian Bicentennial and Dublin Millenium issues released on 1 March. A special first day cover and postmark was available for the Olympic Games stamps issued on 7 April. The general purpose first day cover featuring the statue of Hibernia from the pediment of the GPO in Dublin was used for the remaining three stamps issued on 7 April. A combined cancellation was used for these three stamps. A Maltese Cross cancel was available for the Order of Malta stamp; this cancel was only available in Dublin. Two covers were available for the four stamps issued on 12 May - one cover for the Europa stamps and one for the two Transatlantic anniversary stamps. Apart from the general pictorial cancel for these issues, a separate cancel was available at Passage West, Monkstown (Co. Cork) and Cobh in recognition of the Sirius anniversary (illustrated). A further Cobh Paquebot cancel featuring the QEII was used in connection with the special visit by the liner to Cobh en route to New York. A separate cancel was also available at Foynes

in connection with the Flying Boat anniversary. A set of three maximum cards were available for the Fauna and Flora set (16p each). In connection with the Security Forces issue, as well as the general purpose first day cancel, featuring a harp, there were two further cancels featuring (a) the badge of the Defense Forces and (b) the badge of the Garda Síochána. The latter two cancels were probably only available in Dublin - can anybody confirm? The general purpose FDC was used for the three stamps issued on 6 October. However three cancels were available, one depicted the crest of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, one a Spanish Galleon and the third a combination of the two.

The Order of Malta, the Garda Síochána and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland all produced their own first day covers for their respective issues.

PRESENTATION PACKS

19 July: Irish Fauna and Flora (IR£2.35). The pack contains both the 1987 and 1988 Fauna and Flora sets (face value: IR£2.19).

19 July: Images of Ireland (IR£2.90). The pack contains the 28p Dublin Millenium stamp of 1988 plus the following 1987 issues - Festivals of Ireland set, 39p Europa, 24p Company of Goldsmiths of Ireland, 28p Irish Constitution and 24p Waterford Chamber of Commerce (face value: IR£2.71).

December: Year Pack (IR£8.75). The pack contains all the special and commemorative stamps issued during the year including the 21p Christmas stamp but excluding the Dublin Millenium booklet (face value: IR£8.74).

DEFINITIVES



A new £2 value featuring the Casino, Marino design was issued on 26 July. Plate numbers 1A1A/1B1B (Perf. type G4) and printed on CCP3 paper. There were a large number of new printings as follows:-

Value	Plate Nos.	Perf. Type	Release Month	Notes
CCP1 (white paper) printings:				
4p	2A/2B	G4	February	Previously G3
5p	1A1B	G4	January	Previously G3
5p	2A/2B	G4	April	
20p	2A/2B	G4	April	
£1	2A1A/2B1B	G4	January	
£5	2A1A/2B1B	G4	January	

CCP3 (cream paper) printings:

3p	1A/1B	G4	February
4p	3A/3B	G4	April
5p	2A/2B	G4	April
6p	3A/3B	G4	November
7p	1A/1B	G4	March
20p	3A/3B	G4	June
24p	4A/4B	G4	March
24p	5A/5B	G4	June
£1	2A1A/2B1B	G4	December

There were three new single stamps as a result of the above printings - CCP1 : £1; CCP3 : 3p and 7p.

£2 Booklet: A new £2 counter and vending machine booklet was issued on 24 November. The booklet is similar to the previous 1986 issue. The cover features the Courthouse, Washington Street, Cork and the drawing was by Stephen Conlin. The contents and pane layout are as follows:

4	28	28	28	28	28
2	2	2	2	24	24

The outer edges are imperforate, otherwise the pane is perforated 14 x 14 3/4. Paper CCP3. The small left binding margin is imperforate and the right margin is perforated through the centre. There is one new stamp in the booklet - 4p CCP3 with top margin imperforate. This stamp already exists on CCP1 paper (ex 1983 £1 booklet) and on CCP3 paper with the words "Booklet Stamp" printed over the gum (ex 1984 £2.26 Discount Booklet).

All definitive issues were printed by Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited. The usual FDC was available for the new £2 sheet value.

POSTAGE DUE LABELS



A new set of eleven postage due labels (1p, 2p, 3p, 4p, 5p, 17p, 20p, 24p, 30p, 50p and £1) was issued on the opening day of Stamp '89 (6 October). The labels are printed in sheetlets of 20 (5 rows of 4) by Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited on cream CCP3 paper. All sheetlets bear the plate numbers 1A1A1A. There were five master sheets for ten of the eleven values each containing eight sheetlets - four sheetlets of one value plus four sheetlets of a second value. However all four sheetlets of each value were numbered 1A1A1A and to date I am not aware of any way of differentiating between sheetlets. The remaining value within the set (probably the 17p surcharge value) was printed in master sheets of eight sheetlets - again all with plate numbers

1A1A1A. One other interesting aspect of this new set - it is the first time that "Eire" has been included on a postage due set. The modern graphic design (by Q Design) is very similar to the designs used for modern G.B To Pay labels.

POSTAL STATIONERY

20 FEBRUARY - ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARDS

The fifth set of cards in this series contained six designs - The Paschal Fire by Theo Payne of Market Graphics Design, Peace by Charlie O'Neill, an Irish Landscape by Richard Ward, Sadv the Celtic Goddess by Jim Fitzpatrick, a Shamrock Cartoon by Kestrel Design and a reproduction of an early 1900's card featuring a girl selling shamrock. The cartoon design was used in 1987, but as well as the copyright notice, the inscription differs, thus identifying it as a new card. Each card cost 30p including airmail postage worldwide. The shamrock postage paid imprint is the same as the previous year. Usual green first day cancel available in Dublin.

16 MARCH - DUBLIN MILLENIUM POST CARDS

The five card set was sold as a unit for IR£1.95. The cards are larger than the St. Patrick's Day cards measuring 184mm x 121mm. The five designs were by Stephen Conlin who was also responsible for the Millenium stamp and booklet. The five cards feature Dublin Through the Ages - the medieval walled city, the 15th century St. Mary's Abbey, Parliament House (now the Bank of Ireland) in 1776, the Rotunda Hospital in the 18th century and O'Connell Street in the 1940's (including the G.P.O.). The Dublin Millenium stamp design is used on the reverse of the cards - another first in 1988 - the use of a commemorative stamp design on a stationery item. There is a postage paid imprint within the design. Special cancel available in Dublin.

9 MARCH - 25p RE-DIRECTION CARD (Reprint)

Dear On and from 19.....
my/our new address will be

Tel. _____
From _____

AN POST Redirection Service

Dear On and from 19.....
my/our new address will be

Tel. _____
From _____

AN POST Redirection Service

Redirection Card — initial printing (top) and new version (bottom).

A reprinted version of the 25p re-direction card was released in March. The lettering on the re-printed version is much thinner and the spacing of the dotted lines on the reverse is much wider.

29 MARCH - 28p 'A' ENVELOPE (Reprint)

The reprint differs from the previous printing in that the inside features the An Post logo rather than that of the envelope manufacturer 'Glenmalure'. The envelope cost remains at 32p.

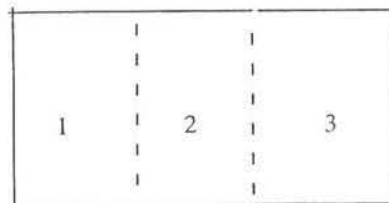
6 APRIL - SLOGADH NAISIUNTA '88 POSTCARD

The card was issued in connection with the annual Slogadh Naisiunta competition held in Ennis. The card repeats the 1987 Fleadh Nua 24p maximum card design (featuring Ennis) together with appropriate inscriptions on both the obverse and reverse of the card. The usual postage paid imprint also appears on the reverse. Cost 30p.

ALL IRELAND FINALS - POSTCARDS



An Post, innovative as ever, and in order to encourage more use of the postal service issued four cards in connection with the All Ireland Finals. The Hurling Final was played on 4 September between Galway and Tipperary (Galway won). Special 'Good Luck' cards were made available at no charge at all post offices in each of the playing counties (and major Dublin offices) the previous 29 August. There were two cards, one for each county featuring a hurler in action in the appropriate team colours. The cards were pre-addressed to each team. The cards were unstamped and people had to buy a 24p stamp in order to send the card.

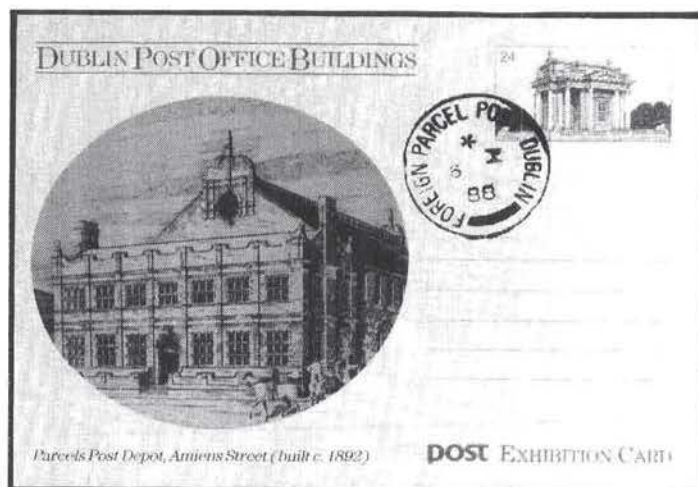


Tipperary Cards

A similar set of cards were released on 9 September prior to the Football Final between Cork and Meath on 18 September. In the case of this second set of cards, and as an added incentive for people to use the cards, An Post incorporated a competition on the message side with Hi-Fi sets as prizes. In both cases the cards were withdrawn the Friday prior to the final (2 September and 16 September respectively). The Football Final was a draw with Meath winning the replay on 9 October. The cards were made available again for the replay.

The Galway and Meath cards have straight edges on all four sides. The Tipperary cards were distributed in strips of three with rouletting between cards 1 and 2 and between cards 2 and 3 - as a result three types exist. The Cork cards were distributed in pairs, again with vertical rouletting between the cards thus giving two types. The cards do not bear a stamp imprint and therefore strictly speaking are not a postal stationery item.

6 OCTOBER - POSTAL HISTORY EXHIBITION CARDS (2nd set)



The Post Office released the second set in this series at Stamp '89. The set of four postcards feature Dublin Post Office Buildings in line with the Dublin Millennium theme of 1988. The four buildings are - General Post Office, Dublin (built 1818); Ballsbridge District Office (built c. 1890); Parcels Post Depot, Amiens Street (built c. 1892); and Rathmines District Office (built 1934). All offices are still in use. The design work was by Brendan Donegan based on archive prints of the relevant period with the exception of the modern Rathmines office which was based on a recent drawing by Stephen Conlin. The cards were printed by Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited and bear a 24p printed stamp in green.

of the Casino, Marino definitive design. This was the first time that a definitive design was used as a stationery stamp - a welcome change from the An Post insignia design. However there was one omission - the name of the country! The cards were sold for 30p each.

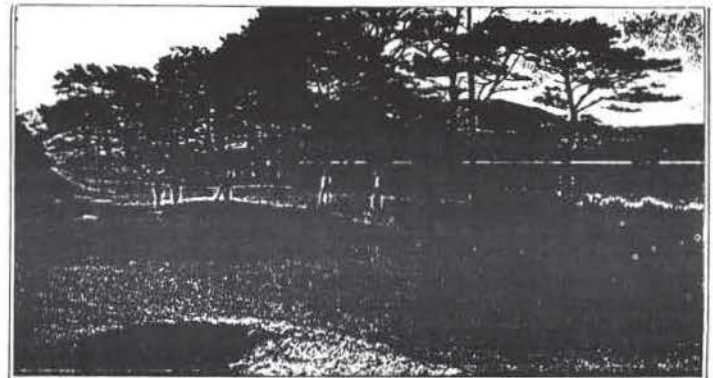
21 OCTOBER - OIREACHTAS '88 POSTCARD

Oireachtas '88 was held in Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin (21-30 October). A postcard bearing the usual postpaid imprint was issued on the opening day. The card honours Aindrias O'Muimhneachain, who was a household name on Irish radio in the 1940's and 1950's for his "Listen and Learn" Irish series. The obverse of the card features two portraits of the broadcaster. Cost 30p. This was the second year for which there was a card for the Oireachtas. Printed by Task Print & Packaging Limited, Naas, Co. Kildare. Designed by Barry Hurley of An Post.

BORD FAILTE - WRITE AND INVITE CAMPAIGN

In early April every Irish household in the Republic of Ireland received a pair of special prepaid postcards as part of Bord Failte's campaign to attract British tourists to the country. The fold-over cards carry brief details of fares and package deals available to British visitors. Each household was asked to send them to relatives and friends in Britain encouraging them to holiday in Ireland. The cards were delivered to each household by An Post and include the normal An Post postage paid imprint. The cards were not available at post offices only through Bord Failte (Irish Tourist Board). The folders also incorporate an International Reply Card which prospective visitors could complete and send to Bord Failte for further information. Vertical rouletting separates each pair of folders including cards thus giving two types i.e. cards with either left or right vertical side rouletted. However the folders are best collected as a complete pair given that the top section has the tear off instructions spread across the two folders. There are several different printings as set out below:-

1. The initial print run had an incorrect spelling. To encourage replies, several prizes were on offer including an Alfa Romeo car. However the name of the car was incorrectly included as "Alpha Romeo". All such folders were overprinted by obliterating the incorrect sections in silver and reprinting in black over the silver. No cards are known to have survived without the overprinting.
2. The second print run had the correct spelling without the need for overprinting.
3. A special single folder type was distributed to travel agents in Britain; Text layout differed but the folder included both the postage paid card and the international reply card. The postage paid card had straight edges on all four sides and a preprinted message included on the reverse side. As the cards were not posted from Ireland, the postage paid imprint was unnecessary. The folders were held in place by a re-usable white tab and the legend "Use This Re-Sealable Tab" was printed twice beneath the reply card.
4. A variation of the above type 3 has also been noted. Type 4 is the same as type 3 but does not bear the re-sealable tab or the legend referred to above.

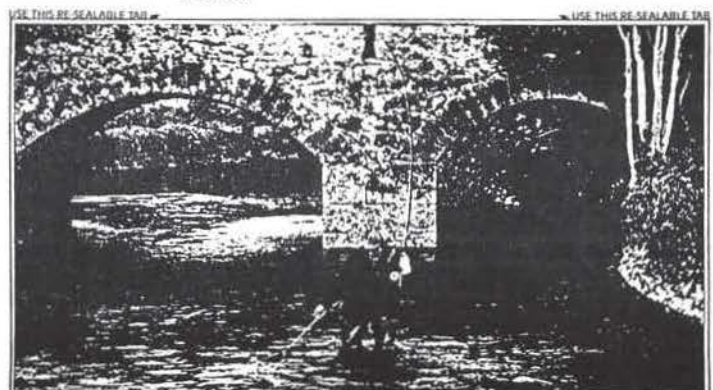


By air mail
Par avion



RESPONSE PAYEE
IRLANDE

Bord Failte/Irish Tourist Board
I.B.R.S. No. 50 002
P.O. Box 2275
Dublin 8
Ireland



TO: _____

Type 3 - Travel Agents folder - note words "Use This Re-Sealable Tab" (Centre) and the half-moon tab (bottom).

The Bord Failte cards are best described as Private Stamped To Order Items but have semi-official status given their widespread availability and use of the An Post postage paid imprint.

EXHIBITION SOUVENIRS AND CACHETS - OVERSEAS

1-6 March - Spring Stampex, London

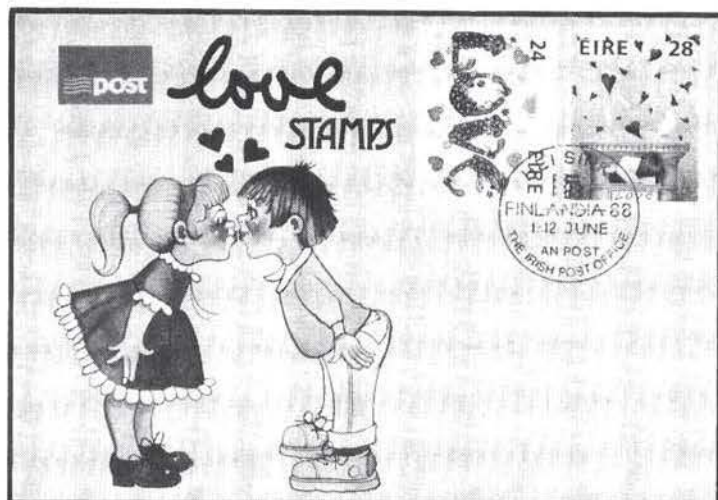


Both the Dublin Millenium booklet (Stg£2.04) and the first set of Postal History Exhibition cards (Stg£1.00 per set) were overprinted in black "Spring Stampex 1988" together with an illustration of a penny black. Two cachets were also available - a first day cachet in connection with the three stamps issued on the opening day and the usual general cachet similar to previous years.

14-17 April - Briefmarken, Essen

The Dublin Millenium booklet (1,000) was overprinted in black with the Essen Stamp Fair logo together with the wording "7. Internationale Briefmarken-Messe". A cachet was also available which read "Irish Post Office/88/7.Internationale Briefmarken Messe/14-17 April 1988". Two printings of the booklet overprint are known -

1-12 June - Finlandia, Helsinki



The Dublin Millenium booklet was overprinted in blue with the exhibition logo and the wording "Finlandia 88 World Philatelic Exhibition Helsinki 1-12 June 1988". In addition Nordfrim, the Scandinavian agents for An Post produced a card with the 1985 Love Stamps FDC design (Boy Kissing Girl) with the two 1988 Love stamps affixed and cancelled by the exhibition cachet. They produced similar cards for Hafnia '87 and Stockholmia '86. The cachet reads "Helsinki/Finlandia 88/1-12 June/An Post/The Irish Post Office."

10-12 June - Texpex '88, Corpus Christi, Texas, U.S.A.



The Lone Star Chapter of the Eire Philatelic Association produced a number of souvenir items for this exhibition. The exhibition postmark (in green) included a shamrock. The two accompanying covers (cost \$1.25 each) honoured the Irish Settlers of South Texas. Each of the covers commemorates by name an Irishman who fell in defense of the Alamo in 1836. Cover No: 1 honours Samuel E. Burns (239 printed) and cover no: 2 honours James McGee (245 printed). Artwork was by Cian Connery Gallagher, a young Irish born artist-dramatist residing in South Texas. The Lone Star Chapter also produced a booklet containing two gutter pairs of the 1p, 2p and 3p definitives - cost \$1.50 - 493 printed (not numbered). The exhibition organisers also produced a further cover which illustrated the home of Irish empresario, James McGloin at Round Lake near San Patricio.

30 July-7 August - Sydplex, Sydney, Australia

An Post's Australian agents also overprinted the Dublin Millenium booklet. The overprinted booklet cost A\$5. The overprint in green read "Sydplex 88" in large bold lettering. In addition they also extracted the individual panes from booklets and added a gold and green overprint over the centre text which reads "Sydplex 88 Bicentennial National Stamp Exhibition (plus logo)". Both Irish and English panes received the overprint. The initial gold overprint obliterated the previous text except for the Dublin Millenium logo. The pair of panes also sold for A\$5.

As far as I am aware no cachet was available.

Please note that no souvenir was available at Interpex 88 in New York (March '88) contrary to what I stated in the Spring 88 issue of Irish Stamp News (No: 28). The North American agent sold the same souvenir as printed for the ASDA show of 1987 i.e. the Postal History cards (1st series) with ASDA overprint. No new souvenir was printed. No cachet was available.

EXHIBITION SOUVENIRS AND POSTMARKS - IRELAND

12 March - Mid Western Philatelic Society, Limerick

The 9th annual exhibition and fair was held at Cruises Hotel, Limerick. Philatelic facilities, special cover and postmark featuring the usual Treaty Stone design available. Numbered edition of 350 booklets containing 2 x 24p Ennis

Fleadh Nua stamp of 1987. Cost IR£1.00.

1 October - Sligo Philatelic Society Exhibition

Held at the Silver Swan hotel. Philatelic facilities, special cover and postmark available ("Yeats International Stampex"). A booklet containing 3 x 12p architecture definitives was sold for IR£1. Total printing not stated on booklet.

6-9 October - Stampa '88, Royal Dublin Society, Dublin

Members of the Stampa Society (subscription IR£10) received the Dublin Millennium English booklet pane with a red overprint which reads "Stampa '88". Total of 345 numbered panes. The pane was distributed to members by post on 24 September. The Irish version of the pane with similar blue overprint was sold at the exhibition for IR£3. Total printing of 1,000. Total sold 557 with the remaining copies broken up and used for postage. The individual panes were supplied loose by An Post and therefore have a full binding margin complete with gum.



Four postmarks featuring Dublin postmarks were available as follows:-

6 October: The first handstruck marks took the form of a letter enclosed in a circle. The 'D' probably stands for Mr. Dowling who managed the Dublin Post Office at the time (circa 1669);

7 October: Circular Dublin Penny Post postmark introduced in 1837;

8 October: Double circle Free Frank which first appeared in 1832 and remained in use until 1834. As far as is known Dublin is the only place where the name of the city or town was incorporated into a Free Frank; and

9 October: Unframed Register'D/Dublin mark introduced in connection with a new registered post system in 1841. The registration number was inserted in manuscript in the centre of the mark.

Full philatelic facilities available plus registration service. It was thus possible to obtain the special handstamp of 9 October on a registered cover, a most attractive combination. A skeleton RDS Ballsbridge cancel was also available. The German based FAI study group once again visited the show

and obtained a supply of official An Post envelopes with the GPO Dublin address and official An Post Postage Paid imprint. The envelopes were postmarked with the 6 October special cancel and distributed without charge to members. However the covers do not bear any reference to their origin (i.e. FAI). This was in deference to the wishes of An Post who expressed a preference that no FAI cachet be included given the official status of the envelope (see Die Harpe, June 1989, page 18 - letter from An Post). The Ballsbridge card in the Dublin Post Office buildings set was overprinted by Stampa with the menu for the awards dinner at the Shelbourne Hotel on 8 October. The cards bear the exhibition cancel of the same date. Total printing 97. A small number of proofs of the menu overprint etc. on plain white card exist. The word "Proof" was added by rubber stamp. Each card initialled in pen BW (Brian Warren - Treasurer). A small number of the Eire Philatelic Association's green promotional cards had the 24p Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland stamp affixed and cancelled with the exhibition cancel of 6 October. Each card was numbered and initialled by the Vice-President (Europe), Anthony Finn (AF).

22 October - Cork Philatelic Society Exhibition

Held at the Imperial Hotel, Cork. Numbered edition of 600 booklets containing 2 x 24p Sirius stamps. Cost IR£1.00. Special cover and cancel (also featuring the Sirius) also available. Philatelic facilities available.

26-27 November - Limerick Coin, Stamp and Postcard Fair

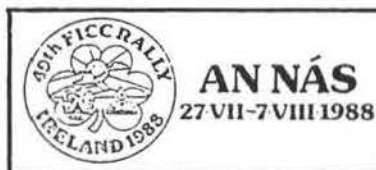
Numbered edition of 200 booklets containing 1 x 46p Flying Boat stamp. Cost not known. Probably IR£1.00 to IR£1.50. No postmark or philatelic facilities.

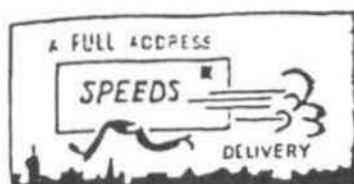
The popular Collectors' Festival shows were discontinued in 1988. There were no exhibitions held either in Galway or Dundalk as per previous years.

OTHER SPECIAL POSTMARKS

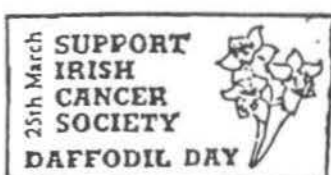
I set out below details of special postmarks other than the exhibition items referred to above.

26-30 April: An Post provided post office facilities for the Eurovision Song Contest which was held at the R.D.S. Simmonscourt complex in Dublin in April 1988. The post office facilities were provided not only on the day of the contest (30 April) but during several days preceding the show. The general public did not have access to the complex and the

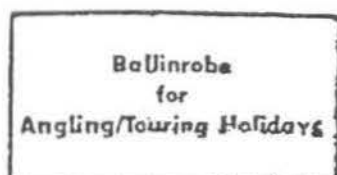




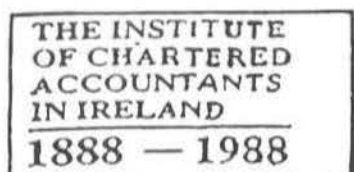
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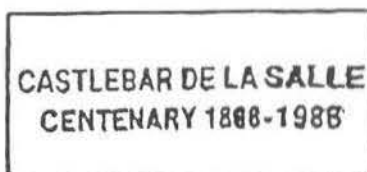
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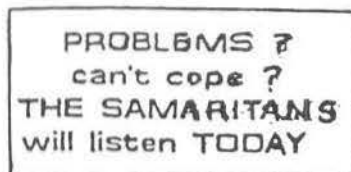
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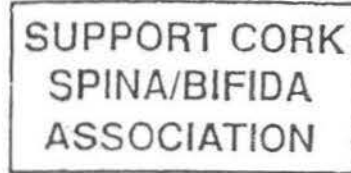
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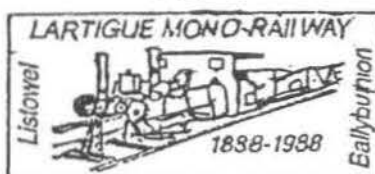
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special postmark was not advertised by An Post. I have yet to see an example of the postmark; however the Survey Branch of An Post who provide post office facilities for such events have confirmed that a special cancel was used.

20 April: Dublin Stamp Society. Special cancel to commemorate the 40th anniversary display of the Dublin Stamp Society held in Buswells Hotel, Dublin 2 on 20 April. Special cover available.

27 July-7 August: 49th International FICC Rally Ireland 1988. The cancel was used on mail posted at the Rally venue at Punchestown, Co. Kildare. FICC refers to the International Federation for Caravanning and Camping. No post office facilities. The nearest post town was Naas. The postmark read "49th FICC Rally Ireland 1988/An Nas/27.VII-7.VIII.1988". The postmark was incorrect in that only one cancel was used i.e. no individual posting dates.

18-21 August: Carrolls Irish Open Golf Championship Baile Atha Cliath. The annual postmark altered again in design in 1988 and also reverted to the inclusion of Baile Atha Cliath rather than Port Mearnog within the postmark. Post office

facilities were provided at Portmarnock.

MACHINE SLOGAN POSTMARKS

This section was kindly written by John Lennon of the Irish Philatelic Circle.

1988 was a good year for slogan collectors with 15 new ones. However obtaining good examples is another matter, particularly of the Lartigue railway and Ryanair slogans. My illustrations are the result of adding portions together, retouching, artistic licence and in the case of the Ryanair slogan the help of the Postmaster in Waterford to whom I express my thanks: The numbering continues from the 1987 list, (which followed on from the Mackay numbers). (?) means that I haven't seen a slogan used at that location but that it was probably used there.

279 "A FULL address SPEEDS delivery". This is a new die which has a new skyline, more muscular legs and slight differences in the lettering and dust cloud. It was used in Limerick in February and September.

- 280 "SUPPORT IRISH CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL DAY 25th March" Used third week of March in Cavan, Cork, Donegal(?), Dublin (dies ACDFG), Dundalk, Galway, Limerick, Waterford.
- 281 "Ballinrobe for Angling/Touring Holidays". Used in Ballinrobe April to July.
- 282 "THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN IRELAND 1888-1988". Used in Cavan(?), Cork, Donegal, Dublin(ACDFG), Dundalk, Galway, Limerick, Waterford in May and June. There was a large variation in the times of usage from only a few days in Waterford to two months in Limerick. A similar slogan was used by the British Post Office in Belfast.
- 283 "CASTLEBAR DE LA SALLE CENTENARY 1888-1988". Castlebar used this from June until the end of the year (and well into 1989).
- 284 "PROBLEMS? can't cope? THE SAMARITANS will listen TODAY". Used in Limerick in July and Waterford in September and October.
- 285 "AMEV GENERAL FOR HOME INSURANCE". Alternated between Blackrock and Dun Laoghaire from July to September.
- 286 "Kilkenny Arts Week 20-28th August". Used in Kilkenny at the very end of July and for August.
- 287 "SUPPORT CORK SPINA/BIFIDA ASSOCIATION". Used on Cork 'B' machine during August.
- 288 "celebrating 21 years COMMUNITY GAMES Ryanair". Used in August and September in Cavan, Cork, Donegal(?), Dublin(ACDFG), Dundalk, Limerick. Not used in Galway or Waterford.
- 289 "C.A.E.C. EDUCATION EXHIBITION conference centre city hall cork september". Used on the Cork 'B' machine during September.
- 290 "LARTIGUE MONO-RAILWAY 1888-1988 Listowel Ballybunion". Started in Listowel in September, then transferred to Tralee and finally ended the year back in Listowel.
- 291 "POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS POST". Used during first half of December in Cavan, Cork, Donegal, Dublin(ACDFG), Dundalk, Galway, Limerick, Waterford.
- 292 "INAUGURAL ROUTE WATERFORD-LONDON ATR42 RYANAIR". Used from 12th December (until 26th February 1989) in Waterford.
- 293 "HAPPY CHRISTMAS POST". Used during second half of December in Cavan, Donegal, Dublin(ACDFG), Dundalk, Galway, Limerick.

FLIGHT COVERS

1987:

In last year's article, I referred to the inaugural scheduled service by British Airways Concorde from London to Barbados via Shannon. Tony Finn has now established that the flight did take place on 12 December with the return trip commencing on the same day. There is no explanation why the Barbados datestamp is 22 December. Several other flight covers for 1987 have also been provided by Tony Finn as follows:-

21 May: Dublin-Leningrad-Moscow first flight by Aeroflot. Covers bear a 39p definitive cancelled with the Baile Atha Cliath (Bureau) datestamp of 21 May with a rectangular arrival backstamp/cachet on the reverse of the covers.

1 July: Eire-Isle of Man-Eire 50th Anniversary Commemoration flight (Castletown-Dublin-Castletown).

28 October: Seattle-Las Vegas-Dublin delivery flight of first Boeing 737 - 300 series to Aer Lingus.

3 November: First scheduled flight of the above aircraft Dublin-London.

1988:

4 January: Dublin-Sligo by Aer Lingus & return - Commuter service

11 January: Dublin-Galway by Aer Lingus & return - Commuter service

28 March: Dublin-Manchester-Hamburg by Aer Lingus

28 March: Dublin-Birmingham-Brussels by Aer Lingus

28 March: Dublin-Newcastle by Aer Lingus

2 June: Dublin-Manchester-Lisbon by T.A.P. (Air Portugal)

3 June: Dublin-Shannon by Delta Airlines

Dublin-Shannon-Atlanta by Delta Airlines

27 June: Dublin-Glasgow-Copenhagen by SAS

28 March also saw the opening of routes by Aer Lingus via Manchester to Zurich, Milan and Copenhagen but covers have not been seen (as yet) for these routes. The Aer Lingus services via Manchester and Birmingham arise from the granting of pick-up rights at intermediate airports under recent European Community legislation.

FOREIGN STAMPS WITH IRISH ASSOCIATIONS



Canada The third set in Canada's current Explorer series was issued on 17 March 1988. The block of four 37c stamps includes one value dedicated to John Palliser. Born in Co. Waterford, John Palliser was an explorer and hunter and headed the "Palliser Expedition" which, from 1857 to 1861, explored the plains north of the 49th parallel and the passes through the Rockies. The expedition delineated a stretch of semi-arid land

named "Palliser's Triangle" and the surrounding "fertile belt" which was found suitable for stock raising and agriculture. He was born in Comeragh House, Kilrossanty, Co. Waterford. He died on 18 August 1887 and is buried in Kilrossanty.

A further stamp of Irish interest was issued by Canada on 1 November 1988. The 37c stamp (SG 1312) commemorated the bicentenary of the Consecration of Charles Inglis, the first Canadian anglican bishop. Charles Inglis was born in Ireland.

Romania The Republic of Ireland football team reached the 1988 finals of the European Football Championships held in West Germany. This was the first time that the National team from the Republic reached the finals of a major Championship. Several countries issued stamps to mark the holding of the Championship. Romania issued two miniature sheets on 9 June, each containing 4 x 3 Lei stamps. The second sheet featured Netherlands v England and USSR v Ireland. I have not seen the sheets so cannot give any further details. Other stamps/sheets from other countries may exist featuring the Irish team and/or flag.

Great Britain A new set of high value recess printed definitives was issued on 18 October. The £1 value (SG 1410) of the four stamp set features Carrickfergus Castle in Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Great Britain 1988 was declared the "Year of the Bible" by the National Bible Society of Scotland. A Scottish aerogramme was issued on 29 March to mark this celebration. Designed by Keith Bowen (who also designed the Welsh Bible stamps issued on 1 March), the main illustration is that of the Kildalton Cross, Islay superimposed on a page from the Cathach (similar to a psalter) of the Irish St. Columba, now in the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin. Columba landed in Iona in AD 563 and converted much of what is now highland Scotland to Christianity. The aerogramme was printed by McCorquodale Envelopes Limited with the imprinted stamp in black rather

than the normal blue (Machin design). Cost 30p including 26p postage.

New Zealand A cinderella souvenir sheet was issued by the organisers of New Zealand 1990 World Stamp Exhibition and released at Sydrex '88. The sheet contains four "stamps" marking the 80th Anniversary of Shackleton's British Antarctic Expedition. One of the stamps depicts Sir Ernest Shackleton, who was born in Kilkea, Co Kildare in 1874. The sheet had no postal validity. Sold for NZ \$5.

St Lucia A large number of foreign stamps are printed by the export company of Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited, B.D.T. International Security Printing Limited. It is not my intention to try and list the large number of such stamps - however one set is of particular interest - St Lucia issued a four value set on 29 April 1988 (SG 977-980) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of St Lucia Co-Operative Bank. The two top values 60c and 80c were designed by Irishman, Stephen Conlin, who was responsible for the many Dublin Millennium items issued by An Post during 1988.

A number of 1987 items have come to my attention since writing last year's article as follows: -

Chile A set of two stamps featuring Chilean Naval Vessels was issued as a se-tenant pair of 60p values on 29 May 1987. One of the stamps features the Cruiser "O'Higgins".

Israel A three value set plus a miniature sheet on the theme 19th Century Exploration of The Holy Land was

released on 24 November 1987. The 30ag single stamp commemorates the exploration activities of an Irishman, Christopher Costigan. The 40ag stamp in the three stamp miniature sheet also refers to Christopher Costigan. I have no biographical details relating to this Irish explorer.

Pakistan A single 5RS stamp issued on 29 January 1987 marked the 125th anniversary of St. Patrick's School, Karachi. The stamp features the main building plus school badge.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS



9 April - The FAI held their 1988 annual general meeting in Mutterstadt on 9/10 April. Members received one of the Dublin Millennium postcards with an additional overprint on the message side - FAI Forschungs-Und Arbeitsgemeinschaft/Irland E.V./Jahreshauptversammlung 1988/Mutterstadt/9. April 1988". The overprint was in black. The FAI cachet was also applied in green (see illustration). The cards had the Dublin first day cancel applied. I presume all 5 cards received the overprint although I have only seen the Rotunda Hospital card with the overprint.

December - Once again, children who sent letters to Santa Claus received a special message in an envelope bearing an illustration of Santa in his sleigh together with the usual postage paid imprint cancelled by a pre-printed imitation North Pole postmark. The cover was exactly the same as 1987, only the insert was altered.

CONCLUSION

I again must pay tribute to my many philatelic friends who I annoy on an annual basis for information to enable me to complete this yearly article. In particular I would like to thank Tony Finn (Flight Covers), O. Jung, E. Labiuk, J. Lennon (Machine Slogans), Jim O'Byrne, Tony Quigley, I. Whyte and Bill Zellers.



Vincent Linnell Award 1988-1989

The members of the EPA have voted and the results can now be announced. The Vincent Linnell Award, 1988-1989, for the Best Article in the Revealer, is awarded to George E. R. Itzell for his "Postmarks of Cavan County." It appeared in Volume 38, Number 3, Whole Number 173, Winter 1988. Itzell has been presented a marble desk pen set with engraved brass plate and the EPA medal attached.

The award is named for Vincent Linnell, an early president of the EPA who is now deceased, but who made many contributions of articles and research to the Revealer and to Irish Philately. He was the first EPA president from Canada.