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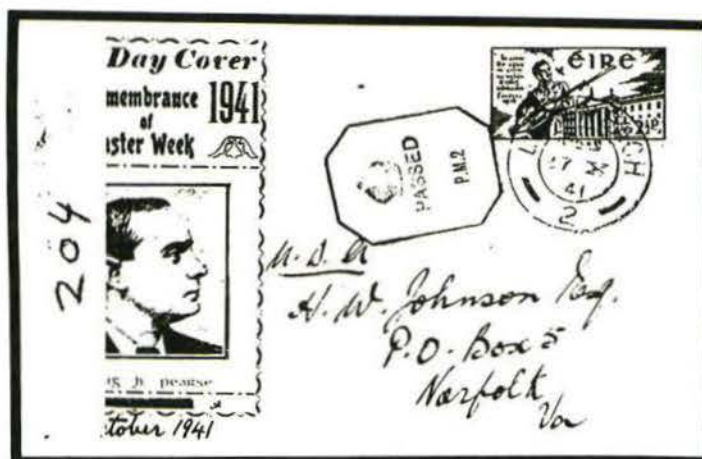


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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By the time you read this, the holiday season will have passed and we will be in, what is for me, the gloomiest part of the winter: The weather will have been too cold for too long; nothing will be green except the map of Ireland over my desk; and Potholes will be leading City 9 to 0.

All, however, is not gloom and despair. The weather may curtail travel to club meetings and shows, but, being somewhat homebound, has its advantages. It's a good time to mount all recent acquisitions. It's a good time to mount all recent acquisitions, to up-date want lists, to develop that new idea for a theme, to bid in an auction in lieu of attending a show, to do some more work on your specialty, to buy a half-pound mixture to sort and soak, or to write that terrific article for THE REVEALER.

And spring is never far behind. Mid-March brings my chapter, James Hoban, together for an unofficial meeting (a "gathering") at which we hold our annual auction. Our philatelic year begins officially in April. For the first time, we

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

September 1, 1992

Dear Members,

Please express my gratitude to all those who sent stamps for my St. Leo's Benjamin Franklin Stamp Club.

You all are really great. God bless one and all.

We meet monthly after school hours. The students are most enthusiastic and I am happy to be part of the encouragement of your youth to learn by collecting stamps.

Sincerely,

Theresa C. Fitzgerald  
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Editor's Note: Great job folks but I imagine she could use some more if some are so inclined. ♣

## CHAPTER REPORTS

### Socal Chapter

by Bill Zellers



The SOCAL Chapter of the EPA in an effort to raise funds to support interest in Irish Philately in Southern California has produced and Souvenir Card which was available for sale at the World Columbian Stamp Expo '92 in Chicago. There are still a limited amount available at the cost of \$1.50 each post paid. You may send your check to EPA SOCAL Chapter, Box 1381, Riverside, CA 92502.

## SoCal Chapter

by Peg Zellers

The Chapter was provided a society table by SESCAL at the Hyatt Los Angeles Airport Hotel, for the 9, 10, and 11 October 1992. The table was manned through out the show.

A relatively small but loyal group of Southern California (SoCal) Chapter members met on Sunday, 11 October 1992, at 1:00 pm. There was a Show and Tell session, Bill Zellers gave a talk on and passed around the sheets of his one-frame exhibit "Great Britain Petty Sessions Fiscals In Ireland", which had been on display in Chicago at World Columbian Stamp Exposition '92, May 22-31, 1992. Following the formal meeting, a social session was held with conversations centering on Irish philately.

Each member at the meeting received one of the Chapter's souvenir cards which had been prepared for WCSE '92 and had been sold at the EPA table at the Exposition. These cards were also available for sale at the EPA table at SESCAL and can be ordered by mail from P. O. Box 1381, Riverside, CA 92502 at \$1.50 each, post paid.

## Commodore John Barry Chapter

by David J. Brennan



The fall meeting was held at the Collectors Club on Oct. 31st. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Mega Stamp Event Show at the Javits Convention Center. Michael Conway of the Connecticut Chapter arranged for the New England delegation to join us for

this meeting. What a great turnout! Over 24 members attended; Pdraig O'Shea of Cork, Ireland came the farthest, and Charles Verge of Ottawa, Canada was second, and we had a good representation from the James Hoban Chapter.

Peter Bugg, our esteemed past president, gave a presentation on his collection of Daniel O'Connell, the first commemorative issued on June 22, 1929. He did such a good job we might have him come back next year.

The 50/50 was won by one of our own, Mike Connelly. This gave him spending money for the auction which followed. Joe Foley conducted the auction and extracted every last shilling from us.

There was considerable discussion on the starting a circuit book program, Henry Bright will give details in the President's message.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 27th at the home of our past president Lin Higgins. More information on this meeting will be sent to our members in January. ♣

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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will hold a joint meeting with the Commodore John Barry Chapter. For this meeting we are planning an auction and two presentations. There will also be the enjoyment of turning names into faces. Preparing for chapter activities is another way to brighten dull winter days and nights.

Which brings me to a commercial: Now is a good time to join or begin a chapter. There is a list of chapters in each issue of THE REVEALER. If there is a chapter near you, consider joining it - you do not have to be "an expert" to join. But joining a chapter certainly is a good step to take to become a knowledgeable collector and to add enjoyment to collecting. If, however, there is no chapter near you, you may do one of two things.

The first is to join any chapter. To the best of my knowledge, there are no geographic restrictions to membership in an EPA chapter. My chapter has one member, Douglas Allen, in Nova Scotia, over five hundred miles from the venue of most of our meetings. Doug participates through letters and is kept abreast of chapter activities through our newsletter. All EPA chapters (I hope) publish some form of a newsletter (a good job for someone who cannot attend chapter meetings). My chapter has, in fact, several members who live so far away to attend meetings. I am sure other chapters have such members. Distance is no reason not to join a chapter.

The second thing you can do, if there is no chapter near you, is to begin a chapter. It is not as difficult as you think. Look at the last EPA Directory. Find the names of EPA

members near you. Write some letters. Hold a meeting. You're a chapter. We have a very able Chapter Coordinator, Michael Conway. He will be happy to help, as will I, or any member of any chapter.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Annual General Meeting which will be held at the ASDA Postage Stamp Mega Event to be held at the Javits Center in New York on Saturday, May 8, 1993. ♣

## 1992 Vincent Linnell Award

by Bill Zellers

Dr. Cyril Dulin has been presented the Vincent Linnell Award for his Revealer article, "Irish Numeral Cancellations". It received the most nominations from the membership. Articles in Vol. 41, Whole Numbers 183 - 186 were eligible for nominations. The first runner-up was Hans Bergdolt for his article, "British Registered Envelopes Used in Ireland". The second runner-up was a tie between Brian Warren and George E. R. Ithell. Brian's article was "That Was The Year That Was 1990" and George's article "Irish Exhibition of 1888 at Olympia".



Dr. Cyril Dulin (right) winner of this year's Linnell Award, accepts the award, presented by Col Bill Zellers. Dr. Dulin was vacationing in California. While passing through Los Angeles Bill was able to meet with him and make the presentation.

Congratulations to Dr. Dulin are certainly in order. They are also deserved by all the articles nominated. The members, in fact all philatelists, appreciate the authors sharing their knowledge and research.

The Award is named after our first Canadian EPA President. He was responsible for the combining of the EPA and the IPC for the production of a Journal. This was tried for one year, but was not found to be feasible for both organizations. However, it did establish and cement an excellent relationship for the two philatelic groups. The memento to be presented to Dr. Dulin is a desk pen set with the EPA medal attached to the marble base. ♣

(See picture on page 59)

## PHILATELIC LITERATURE

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## That Was the Year that Was 1991

(Continued from Last Issue)

by Brian Warren

### 18 October - Oireachtas Postcard

This annual event was held in Clondalkin, Dublin, this year (18-27 October). The cards were pre-released and were noted in the G.P.O., Dublin, some two weeks earlier. The design incorporates three stamps including the 32p Dublin, European City of Culture stamp. No stamp imprint. No charge.



### 14-18 November - Christmas Cards & Postage Paid Envelopes

New shrinkwrapped pre-packed sets of six Christmas cards were placed on sale during the period 14-18 November. There were six different designs and packs of individual designs or one of each were available. An Post made contributions to eight charities as listed on the back of the cards. One of the cards features a child kneeling beside a bed and is similar to the 26p Christmas 1990 sheetlet stamp design. Special envelopes for use with the cards were sold separately but were not available in GPO, Dublin, until Saturday, 16 November, and elsewhere from Monday, 18 November. Some post offices sold the cards on the previous Thursday, 14 November, despite the absence of envelopes. Two envelopes were available - a white envelope for inland and E.C. use which cost 28p (and not 20p as per the bureau bulletin) and a blue envelope with pre-printed airmail label which cost 52p for all other countries.

### 1991 - Reprints of Ordinary Postage Paid Envelopes

Several identifiable reprints of the regular postage paid envelope were noted during the last year. A full listing and explanation of all printings to date follows.

The original envelope was issued on 14 March 1990 and was printed on a heavy coarse cream paper. The postage paid

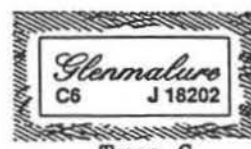
imprint measures 30.5mm x 18mm (Type 1). The inside of the envelope was printed in brown with a diagonal pattern containing the word "Glenmalure". In addition to this repeating pattern, there is a small central rectangular box also containing the word "Glenmalure" (Type A). "Glenmalure" is a trade name of the printers Wiggons Teape, a Dublin based firm.



Type A



Type B



Type C



Type 1



Type 2



Type 2V

All reprints are on a lighter white paper and the inner pattern is printed in varying shades of blue.

1. The inner pattern (Type A) is the same as the original printing apart from the change in colour to blue. Postage paid imprint remains as Type 1.
2. A white frame has been added to the central rectangular "Glenmalure" box. (Type B). Postage paid imprint Type 1.
3. The postage paid imprint has been re-set (Type 2). The overall size has increased to 31.5mm x 18mm. The repositioned but smaller Éire is the other significant distinguishing feature. Inner pattern as Type B.
4. The central "Glenmalure" box is now all in white with a blue frame line and the reference C6 J18202 has been added (Type C). Postage paid imprint Type 2, I have also noted a variety on the imprint on this envelope. The P in the second An Post is broken (Type 2V). This may not be constant but is worth looking out for.

It is difficult to state the order of issue. Reprints 1, 2 and 3 can

be found in wrappers with either the old pre 2 April 1991 price of 34p or the new price of 36p. Reprint 4 was first noted in November 1991. At the time of writing all four reprints were available and in some offices more than one type was on sale. The original 1990 issue appears to be sold out. Similar blank envelopes are available from stationers.

**Undenominated Items etc:** The undenominated items referred to above are not postal stationery items within the FIP definition of the term because they do not bear any stamp imprint. All such items are included above given that they were distributed/sold by An Post.

#### EXHIBITION SOUVENIRS AND CACHETS - OVERSEAS

##### 26 February to 3 March - Spring Stampex, London

A cachet was available at the stand of An Post's UK agent.

##### 16 to 24 November - Philanipp, Tokyo

An Post's agent was present at the show which was held at the Harumi International Trade Fair Centre. Pane 1 ex. the Maritime Fishing Fleet booklet was available with a suitable added overprint. The pane cost IR£1.56 and was also available from the bureau. I presume a cachet was available but have not seen a copy.

I am not aware of any other items, particularly cachets in use at overseas shows during 1991. If any members are aware of such items, I should be grateful if they would forward a letter to the editor for publication in a future issue.

#### EXHIBITION SOUVENIRS AND POSTMARKS - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

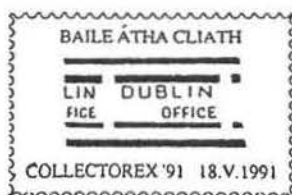
Philatelic facilities were available at all of the Irish shows referred to below.

##### 23 March - Mid Western Philatelic Society Exhibition & Fair, Limerick (Fig. 1)

The 12th annual exhibition and fair was held at a new venue, Halla Ide, Thomas Street, Limerick. The former venue, Cruises Hotel, has closed. There was a numbered edition of 300 booklets containing a pair of the 1990 Williamite Wars stamps. Cost IR£1.25. Special Treaty 300 cover and postmark featuring the Treaty Stone of Limerick design available.



(Fig. 1)



(Fig. 2, 2a)



##### 18/19 May - Collectorex '91 (Fig. 2, 2a)

The show was held in the Mont Clare Hotel, Dublin 2 on 18 & 19 May. The Cycles miniature sheet was overprinted for the show - Total numbered printing of 500 sheets. Cost IR£2.00. A set of eight postcards commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Easter Rising were also sold at the show, but is not a specific exhibition souvenir. Cost IR£2.00. Each reproduced a postcard connected with the 1916 Rising. Two postmarks were available incorporating the emergency cancels used after the Rising - Rotary "Dublin Office" (18 May) and the undated rubber type "Dublin" with vertical bars (19 May).

##### 1 June - Donegal Philatelic Society Exhibition (Fig. 3)

The annual Donegal show returned to Kees Hotel, Stranorlar this year. A numbered booklet containing 3 x 5p Architecture stamps was available. Total printing of 300 booklets. Cost IR£1.00. The one day postmark features Mount Errigal as before and incorporates the post town name of the adjoining Balleybofey (Bealach Féich).

##### 15/16 June - Irish International Collectors Fair and Exhibition (Fig. 4, 4a)

This new event took place in the Mansion House, Dublin. No souvenir was available other than a commemorative envelope for "Bloomsday Weekend". Cost 25p. Two postmarks were available - Dublin European City of Culture (15 June) and James Joyce/Bloomsday (16 June).



(Fig. 3)



(Fig. 4, 4a)



(Fig. 5)



##### 18 August - IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Birr

The cycle miniature sheet was overprinted for the Collectors' Road Show held in the County Arms Hotel. Total printing of 200 sheets. Cost IR£2.00. A special postmark featuring the local St. Brendan's Roman Catholic church was available for the one day show. (Fig. 5)

##### 8 September - IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Wexford

The show was held in the Talbot Hotel, Wexford. The organisers reproduced an old Wexford town postcard street scene of the Main Street on the reverse of the postage paid postcard as issued by An Post. Total printing of 300 cards. Cost IR£1.00. The special cancel features the statue of

Commodore John Barry which is situated in the town.



#### 21 September - Sligo Philatelic Society Exhibition

The 10th Sligo show was held in the Silver Swan Hotel. 300 numbered booklets containing 3 x 7p Architecture stamps were sold for IR£1.00 per booklet. A special cover (25p) and postmark in similar design as prior years were available. The postmark bears a portrait of W.B. Yeats.

#### 5 October - Cork Philatelic Society Exhibition

Held at the Imperial Hotel, Cork. Numbered edition of 350 booklets containing 2 x 32p Golf stamps. Cost IR£1.30. Special cover (20p) and postmark available. Both feature a golfer.



#### 17 to 20 October - Stampa '91, Irish National Stamp Exhibition

The annual show was once again held at the Riverside Exhibition Centre, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2. The cycles miniature sheet was overprinted for the show. Total printing of 320 copies with red overprint for members (subscription: IR£12.50) and a further 500 copies with blue overprint for general sale. (cost: IR£3.00). All sheets were sold. Both souvenirs were distributed to members prior to the show on 2 October. All sheets numbered.

As stated above, four cards on the theme, Dublin, European City of Culture were issued by An Post at the show. Four matching cancels were also available, one for each day of the show.

The card featuring the Art stamps was printed on the reverse by Stampa with the menu for the awards dinner. The address side was printed with the venue Clarence Hotel, Wellington Quay, Dublin 2. Total printing unknown but less than 50 people attended the dinner. The cards bear the exhibition cancel of the same date.

Registration service available. DN100 philatelic bureau label applied. Bale Atha Cliath single ring bureau CDS was also in use at the show.

#### 16 November - IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Waterford

The show was held at the Tower Hotel, Waterford. The souvenir reproduced an old Waterford postcard of the

quayside on the reverse of the postage paid postcard as issued by An Post. Total printing of 300 cards. Cost IR£1.00. The special cancel featured the local Reginald's Tower.



#### 30 November - IPTA Collectors' Road Show, Galway

The show was held at the Galway Ryan. The souvenir reproduced an old Galway postcard of Lynch's Mansion and William Street (1905) on the reverse of the postage paid postcard as issued by An Post. Total printing of 300 cards. Cost IR£1.00. The special cancel featured the Galway Coat of Arms as used at previous Galway shows.

#### OTHER SPECIAL POSTMARKS

I set out below details of special postmarks noted other than the exhibition items referred to above. None of the Irish postmarks listed below were given advance notice by the philatelic bureau.

#### 20 to 23 June - Carrolls Irish Open Golf Championship, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

The annual Carrolls Irish Open Golf Championship was held in Killarney. The usual post office facilities were available at



the Kileen course and the normal rectangular postmark design was in use. Covers postmarked at the course had the cancel applied in black. Covers serviced in the philatelic bureau had the cancel applied either in blue or violet.

#### 5/6 September - Walker Cup, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin

Portmarnock Golf Club hosted the two day event. This was the first time this amateur event was held in Ireland. Post office facilities were provided and a special circular postmark in black illustrating the trophy was available on both days. The U.S.A. team regained the trophy defeating the British and Irish team by 14 points to 10.



**October - Rugby World Cup**

Four of the games were played at Lansdowne Road, Dublin as set out below. A special oval cancel was available in connection with the matches. The same design was used on each of the four dates.

- 6 October: Ireland 55, Zimbabwe 11  
 9 October: Ireland 32, Japan 16  
 20 October: Ireland 18, Australia 19 (Quarter-Final)  
 27 October: Australia 16, New Zealand 6 (Semi-Final)



Ireland played Scotland at Murrayfield, Edinburgh on 12 October and lost 24-15. A similar oval postmark was available at Murrayfield and other major British venues. No postmark was available at Ravenhill, Belfast for the Japan v. Zimbabwe game. Australia beat England in the final at Twickenham.

**SLOGAN POSTMARKS**

1991 was another quiet year on the slogan front, with just three more to add to the list, each used on a single machine.

- 301 "Éigse Carlow Arts Festival": (Fig. 6)



Used in April and early May in Carlow in connection with the local Arts Festival.

- 302 "WESTPORT for holidays": (Fig. 7)

Used in Westport, May to August.



(Fig. 7)



(Fig. 8)

- 303 "HEINEKIN PUNCHESTOWN European Championships 6-9 September A MUST FOR ALL THE FAMILY": (Fig. 8) Used in Naas, Co. Kildare, mid-May to early September. No post office facilities were available at Punchestown (near Naas) for the event. Great Britain won both the team event with Ireland taking silver and France the bronze. Britain won all three individual medals.

**FLIGHT COVERS**

29 March: First Aer Lingus B767 Delivery Flight - Seattle to Dublin.

6 April: KLM first flight Amsterdam to Cork. Special postmark used in Amsterdam.

6 April: KLM Cork to Amsterdam return flight. No special postmark.

8 April: First Aer Lingus B767 Flight - Dublin to London.

25 April: First flight by Alitalia - Dublin to Milan.

2 May: First flight of Delta Airlines B767 on Dublin-Shannon-Atlanta route.

10 June: First flight by Air Littoral - Dublin to Paris.

25 October: First flight by Aer Lingus - Dublin via Bristol to Dusseldorf.

**FOREIGN STAMPS, POSTMARKS AND CACHETS WITH IRISH ASSOCIATIONS**

Chile: A four stamp set was issued on 28 May (SG 1372/5) to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Capt. L. Pardo's rescue of the Irish-born explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. All four values of 50p are issued in a se-tenant block of four. One value shows Capt. Pardo with Shackleton and a further value shows H.M.S. Endurance. A miniature sheet containing the same stamps was also issued on the same date (SG MS1376).



(Fig. 9)



(Fig. 10)

**Great Britain:** (Figs. 9 and 10) A set of four stamps were issued on 16 July featuring Roses (SG 1568/72). The 9th World Congress of Roses was held in Belfast during 1991. The 33p value (SG 1571) features the "Harvest Fayre" rose, a new breed by Colin Dickson who is a Northern Irish rose grower. It was introduced in 1990 and won the Rose Growers' Association "Rose of the Year" award. Two pictorial cancels were available in Belfast.

**Great Britain:** A set of four stamps featuring maps of Hamstreet, Kent, were issued on 17 September to commemorate the bicentenary of the Ordnance Survey. The National Postal Museum issued five cards also featuring maps on the same day to coincide with the stamp issue and the opening of the Museum's "Maps and the Post Office" exhibition. One of the cards shows the location of Hamstreet. Although the stamps and the cards have no Irish connection, the Postal Museum offered a special handstamp which featured an outline map of Britain and Ireland. A cachet of similar design was also in use at their stand at Autumn Stampex/BPE (15-20 October).

**Tristan da Cunha:** A four value set (SG 509/12) was issued on 4 February featuring Ships of the Royal Navy (2nd series) which visited the island between the two world wars. The 25p value (SG 510) features H.M.S. Dublin which visited the island in 1923.

#### RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Two sheetlets were released for use in the Republic of Ireland on 7 September. Each sheetlet of six contains three se-tenant pairs of 55p stamps featuring two locomotive designs. The stamps are inscribed in Irish "Cumann Caomhnaithe Iarmóid na hÉireann". The railway letter fee charged by the RPSI is IR£1.10 i.e. a pair of stamps are required on covers. The correct rate as set by CIE was increased on 2 January 1991 from IR£1.25 to IR£3.00 (plus VAT, currently 21%).

Four similar sheetlets were issued for use in Northern Ireland on 13 August. The sheetlets also contain two se-tenant designs, three with pairs of 25p stamps and one with 50p stamps. One of the 25p sheets is for the Downpatrick & Ardglass Railway Company and the 50p stamps are a joint issue with this newly formed preservation society. The extra 25p is to cover the cost to the Railway of attaching first class U.K. postage to covers posted on trains on either system thus overcoming the problem whereby passengers/collectors may not have ordinary postage stamps to hand.

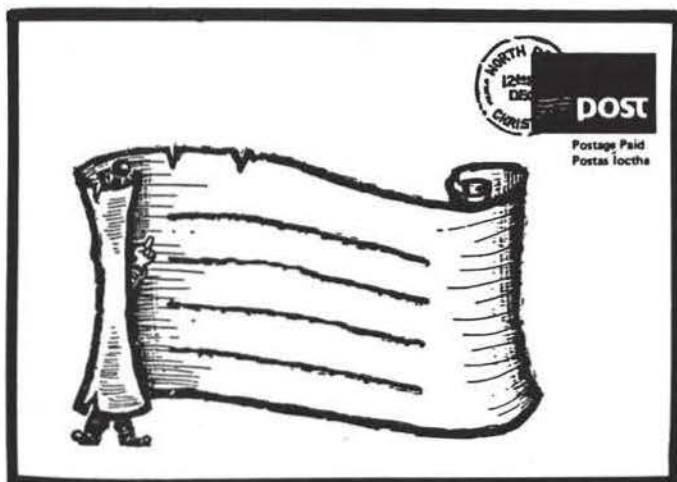
#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

**3 April - History of the GPO:** In connection with the 1916 Rising stamp issue, An Post issued an illustrated booklet entitled "A Brief History of the GPO". Cost IR£1.95. The booklet does not contain any stamps.

**10 September - Postart Exhibition Catalogue:** As part of An Post's contribution to Dublin in its year as the European City of Culture, an exhibition of original artwork of a selection of stamps issued since 1922 to date was on display at the RHA Gallagher Gallery from 10 September to 5 October. An exhibition catalogue featuring artwork was available. Cost

IR£5. The catalogue does not contain any stamps.

**November/December - An Post Christmas Cards:** The general card design is based on the 52p Christmas stamp design of the Adoration of the Magi. In addition, deposit account holders with the philatelic bureau received a postcard which reproduced the 28p sheetlet stamp design in maximum card format. A Christmas greeting from the bureau was printed on the reverse side. Each card has the usual postage paid imprint and was cancelled by a normal machine slogan die.



**December - Santa Christmas Envelope:** Youngsters (and those not so young!) who wrote to Santa, received a reply in a special postage paid envelope (above) complete with pre-printed "North Pole Christmas" postmark in red. Similar envelopes and postmarks have been in use for several years. This annual exercise which generates little revenue must be an enormous task for An Post. They are to be congratulated given the excitement it generates for the little ones.

**Voyager Stamp Club:** An Post launched a new stamp club for the younger collector at Stamp '91. The club is known as the Voyager Stamp Club. The special application form incorporated a pre-printed postage paid card with "Postas Iochta" spelt incorrectly as "Postas Iochta".



**Best Stamps of 1990 and 1991:** The 50p European Year of Tourism stamp was voted "Best Stamp of 1990" and the 52p Custom House stamp the "Best Stamp of 1991" in the annual postal polls conducted by An Post.

**Corrigendum:** In my 1992 article I stated that the special event postmarks used at Dublin Castle for the E.C. Meetings were applied in purple. This is incorrect. The postmarks were applied with black ink.

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## The Beginner's Point of View

by James Magill

If I see an evergreen and can't identify it, the first question I should ask is, "Are the needles single, or in clusters of two or five?"

Let's assume that there are two in a cluster. Then I ask, "How long are the needles?" If they are 1 1/2 to 3 inches, stout, twisted, and blue-green, it's a Scotch pine; if 3 to 6 inches, stout and sharp, then it's an Austrian pine; 4 to 6 inches and flexible, then it's a red pine.

A similar progression of questions can be used to identify an overprint. Assume that I have a one penny (1d) overprint. First question: is it a low value with five lines of overprint? Let's assume it is. Next question: does the "9" in the date have a "tail" (a "serif")? Let's assume it does. Next question: "Is it overprinted in black, or in red/carmine ink?" Let's assume black. Then the stamp is a Scott #2, from the Dollard series.

How come I'm so smart? Because I have Richard J. O'Brian's, "Key to the Identification of the Irish Overprint Issues" in front of me. It appeared in the Spring 1991 issue of THE REVEALER. The author stated: "In use, the Key presupposes little or no knowledge of the Irish Overprints and, as such, should be useful to the novice collector."

Try using it with one of the overprints and see down what path it leads you. ♣



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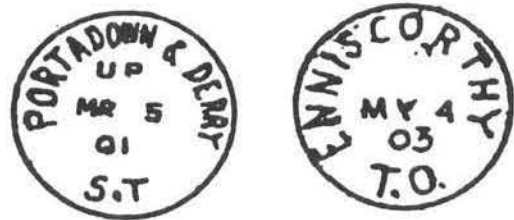
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16. DUNKETTLE STN. R. \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_  
O \_\_\_\_\_

17. PORTADOWN & DERRY S \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_

18. STAFFAN STN S \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_ Co KILDARE



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19. PORTADOWN & DERRY S \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_

20. ENNISCORTHY T \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_



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21. FAHAN T \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_ & EX \_\_\_\_\_

22. ULSTER DOWN T \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_

23. HIGHFIELD RD. T \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_  
O \_\_\_\_\_

EDITOR NOTE: Due to space limitations this quiz had to be broken into two parts.

This quiz is to help you identify abbreviations on handstamps and cancellations used on Irish postal documents. The object of this quiz is to identify the meaning of each of the abbreviations found on the handstamps illustrated below. So just go ahead, enjoy and learn at the same time by filling up the blanks.

The illustrations used below are excerpt from *The Revealer* with the kind permission of its editor.



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13. LIMERICK P \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_

14. LOWER MOUNT ST. R \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_

15. PORTADOWN & DERRY R \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_  
O \_\_\_\_\_

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#### CONCLUSION

Once again, I wish to thank my many philatelic friends for their help in producing this article and, in particular, Barra O'Keefe who identified a number of the postage paid envelope reprints. I would also like to record my thanks to Tony Finn, Heinz Grunz, Otto Jung, John Lennon, Eugene Labiuk, Frank McDonald, Jim O'Byrne, Finbar O'Mahony, Tony Quigley, David Turner, Ronny Vogt, Ian Whyte and Bill Zellers for their never ending patience in answering my queries. ♣

## The Dendy Marshall Collection Part 2

by C.J. Dulin

In an earlier article a report was made of "missing" diamond duplex numbers found in the Dendy Marshall collection in the National Postal Museum in London. A further visit has now been made and a summary of some more "missing" numbers found is given below.

An up-date of Tom Current's "missing" list - those numbers which have yet to be reported for the specific periods corresponding to the Official lists of various dates - will be reported in the near future. An opportunity has arisen to examine another collection which may yield more data and a comprehensive list will be submitted after that.

Additionally, a compilation of coloured diamonds is in the course of preparation and this, too, will be issued shortly.

Second Installment Dendy Marshall Collection:

| Diamond | Office        | Date         |
|---------|---------------|--------------|
| 308     | Lixnaw        | Apr 9, 1890  |
| 313     | Lispole       | Oct 1, 1898  |
| 314     | Lucan         | Apr 29, 1897 |
| 341     | Multyfarnham  | Feb 4, 1889  |
| 356     | Newport Tip   | Jan 22, 1845 |
| 359     | Newtownforbes | Nov 16, 1892 |
| 372     | Philipstown   | May 1, 1899  |
| 381     | Portstewart   | Jun 29, 1891 |
| 421     | Stranocum     | Mar 5, 1901  |
| 452     | Tubbermore    | Jan 1, 1892  |
| 461     | Ballinhassig  | Apr 1, 1859  |
| 473     | Innishannon   | Nov 13, 1865 |
|         |               | Feb 24, 1893 |
| 499     | Welchtown     | Jun 26, 1891 |
| 558     | Bawnboy       | May 17, 1896 |



## QUIZ 9A: ANSWERS

You will recall from the last issue that credit for all information in this quiz is to be given to the late F. E. Dixon. Mr. Dixon had basically written up this information in his article entitled Abbreviations Found in Irish Postmarks. This article may be found on page 912 of the April 1974 issue of THE REVEALER.

13. **P.P.O. - PARCEL POST OFFICE.**
14. **R.O. - RECEIVING OFFICE.** Again at the time Mr. Dixon wrote, Lower Mount Street, Dublin was the only place for which this datestamp was seen.
15. **R.P.O. - RAILWAY POST OFFICE.** Superseded by T.P.O.
16. **R.S.O. - RAILWAY SUB-OFFICE.** These offices received their mail by rail from head offices.
17. **S.C. - SORTING CARRIAGE.**

18. **S.O. - SUB-OFFICE.**
19. **S.T. - SORTING TENDER.**
20. **T.O. - TELEGRAPH OFFICE.**
21. **T.O. & EX. - TELEGRAPH OFFICE AND EXCHANGE.** Only Fahan's handstamp was known at the time of writing.
22. **T.P.O. - TRAVELLING POST OFFICE.**
23. **T.S.O. - TOWN SUB-OFFICE.** Mr. Dixon points out that "It is remarkable that the Highfield Road T.S.O. was in the same building as the Rathgar D.O."



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### New Members

New members are accepted subject to no objections received within 45 days of publication.

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- #2316 Jacob Feldman, 608 N. Armistead St., Alexandria, VA 22312
- #2317 Paul L. Harrington, PO Box 44683, Washington, DC 20026-4683
- #2318 Daniel M. Tourtelot, 465 Moe Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065
- #2319 Lois Lunsford Corbin, 501 East Seminole, Apt 7, Lake Wales, FL 33853
- #2320 Thomas M. Stuhr, 111 P.O. Box 116, Kennedyville, MD 21645
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- #0584 Richard S. Gittis, 1804 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19103
- #2322 Joseph C. Godfrey, 285 Buckingham, #701, San Francisco, CA 94132
- #2323 Stan Challis, Roskelly Block Road, St. Peter Port, Guernsey

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- #1895 Alan A. Mac Gregor, 3321 N. Camino Los Brazos, Tucson, AZ 85715
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- #2207 James M. Gorham, 2 Wildwood Drive, Canton, MA 02020

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- #0760 Werner O. Schmid, D7000 Stuttgart 80, Holzhauser Str 18, Germany

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Membership as of August 15, 1992

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| Reinstatements | 4  |
| Deceased       | 1  |
| Resignations   | 11 |

Membership as of November 15, 1992

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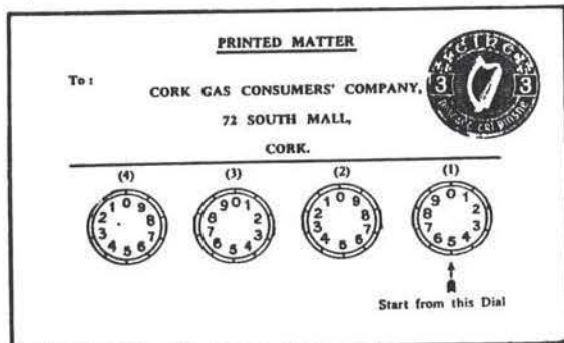


## Irish Postal Stationery Stamped to Order (Part III)

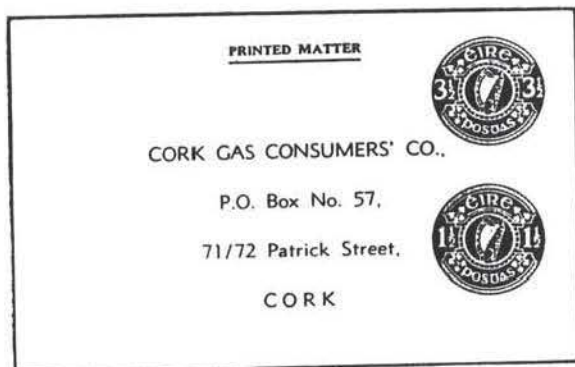
by Otto Jung

### A5) C.G.C. (Cork Gas Company) Issues

CGC Introduced meter reading cards only in the sixties, and cards for other purposes are not known to exist. The issues before decimalisation in 1971 are rare. It was only once - with the 3 1/2p - that a card was uprated by adding another stamp; later, often red franks were added to meet new postal rates.



The first CGC card 3d of 1965?



Card with 3 1/2p + additional 1 1/2p (1975)

CORK GAS COMPANY NAME: .....

Date: ..... Ref: ..... Address: .....

We are sorry the Meter Reader missed you today. Please enter the meter reading in the appropriate section below and post this card. Postage has been prepaid.

IF YOUR METER HAS CIRCULAR DIALS:—

PLACE A STROKE ON EACH DIAL (BELOW) CORRESPONDING WITH THE POSITIONS OF THE HANDS ON YOUR METER DIALS.

IF YOUR METER IS DIRECT READING:—

Enter Reading in space below

CUBIC FEET

This image shows the reverse side of the meter reading card. It contains a form for recording the meter reading. There are four circular dials for recording the reading, and a space for a direct reading. A 'CUBIC FEET' label is visible.

Reverse of all cards after decimalisation

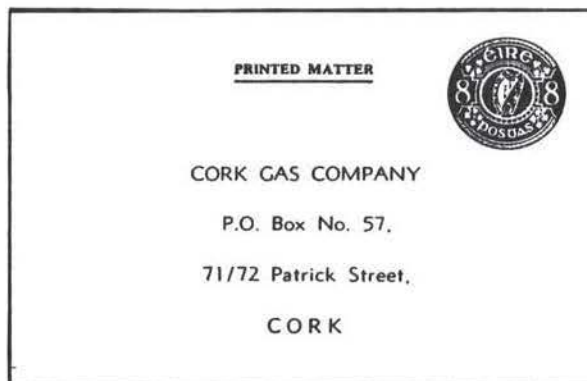
There was only one major change in design - from the 3d to the 6d; later very slight variations on front and reverse are found.

In 1980 the last item with imprinted stamp was issued, after that time came a period of franks, and finally CGC took over the cards of the Irish "Business Reply Service" as did ESB.

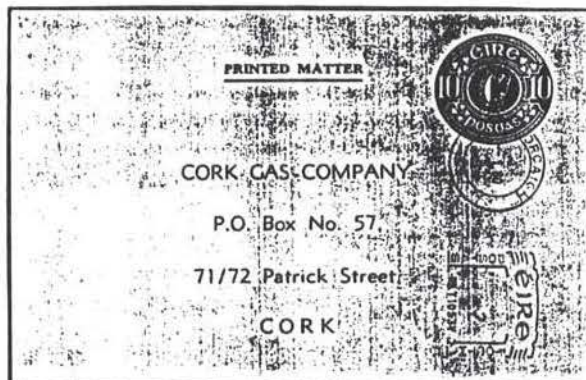
CGC cards are much rarer than those of ESB (Electricity Supply Board), and they are not so often found in used condition. Only the first card of 3d blue had an embossed stamp, all later ones stamp, all later ones were typographed.

This is a list of the cards which were issued:

- 3d blue embossed, 1965?
- 6d brown typographed, 1970
- 2 1/2p brown, 1971
- 3 1/2p brown orange, 1974
- 3 1/2p brown orange + 1 1/2p lilac, 1975
- 5p light/yellow green, 1975?
- 5p light/yellow green + 2p red frank, 1976
- 7p olive green, 1976?
- 7p olive green + 1p red frank, 1977
- 8p chestnut, 1977?
- (8p red frank, but no printed stamp, 1978)
- 8p chestnut + 2p red frank, 1979
- 10p violet, 1979
- 10p violet + 2p red frank, 1980
- (15p red frank, but no printed stamp, 1981)



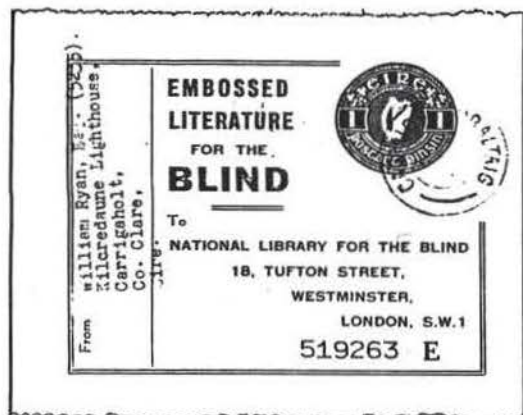
Card with 8p stamp chestnut



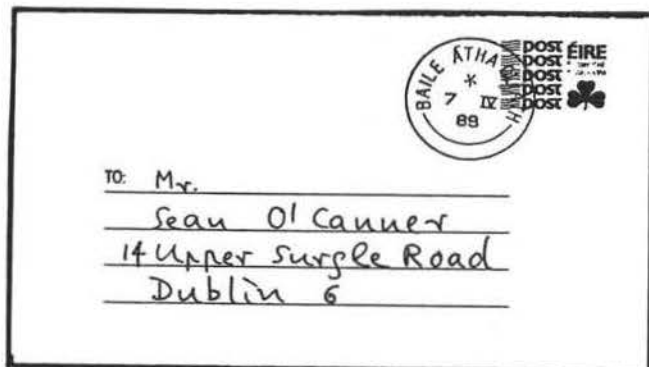
Card with 10p stamp violet + 2p red frank

### A6) Special Issues

As in Great Britain, in Ireland too, literature for the blind could be dispatched by post at the extremely low rate of 1p.



Only one type of this postal stationery form has been discovered by now. It is a gummed (?) label, cut horizontally, but roughly rouletted at top and bottom and seemingly printed as a coil. Its paper is white, the size 121 x 111 mm. Its period of use was in the early sixties.



One item should be mentioned here that does not at all fit into the other issues enumerated in this article. It is the only copy not bearing a stamp in the harp design, but, as it appeared only in 1988, showing the AN POST logo (wavy lines and post x 5, a shamrock and postage paid without a face value). This postcard was twice within a large folded leaflet (308 x 450 mm), issued by "Board Fáilte", the Irish Tourist Board. It is a long and amusing story around this issue, which deserves an article of its own. 2,500,000 cards were found in the leaflets distributed to Irish households free of cost. This was a promotion to attract British tourists to Ireland; a prepaid reply card was to be returned to the Tourist Office; a car could be won or holiday vouchers; 85,000 reply cards were returned.

## B. Philatelically Influenced Issues

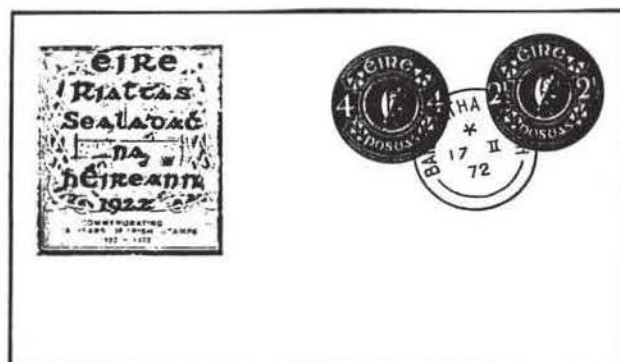
The items dealt with in this chapter were ordered by philatelic societies or individuals. For the most part they were issued on an occasion; in this case, it is known who ordered them and which quantity was printed. With some issues, it is only known from hearsay by whom they were ordered - so I can or will not name them - and numbers printed are - where given - questionable and not confirmed. They all have extremely low prints, some around 100. These issues were never really used, but exist in "used" condition, mainly FD cancelled or by favour.

### B1) Ordered by Philatelic Societies

The first society to order a private card was the "Postal History Society" on the occasion of its 19th AGM in Dun Laoghaire in 1963; it is a large-sized card (171 x 112 mm)



with an embossed stamp 4d blue; on reverse old Dun Laoghaire cancellations are shown, arranged by Fred Dixon. 150 cards were ordered; they were cancelled with an old Dublin spoon or paqueboat cancellation. Two more cards of some size and print on front exist, showing postal routes and an advertisement of a newly opened route, but without a printed stamp.

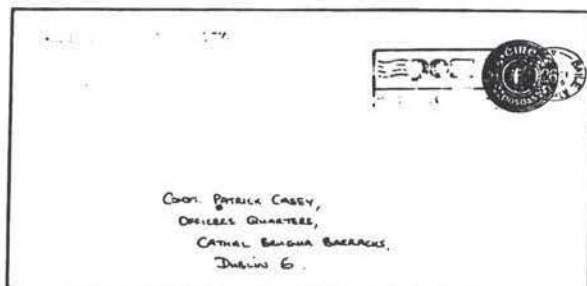


The next private item was an envelope ordered by Michael Giffney; the envelopes (152 x 89 mm) were manufactured by Artane Envelope Co., Dublin, the print was carried out by Dollard Printing House. About 375 envelopes were ordered,

330 were sent to EPA members, 12 remained unused, 10 more, all unused, did not get the green cachet. The strange postage of 2 1/2p + 4p resulted from the lack of a 6p stamp, what was actually needed.

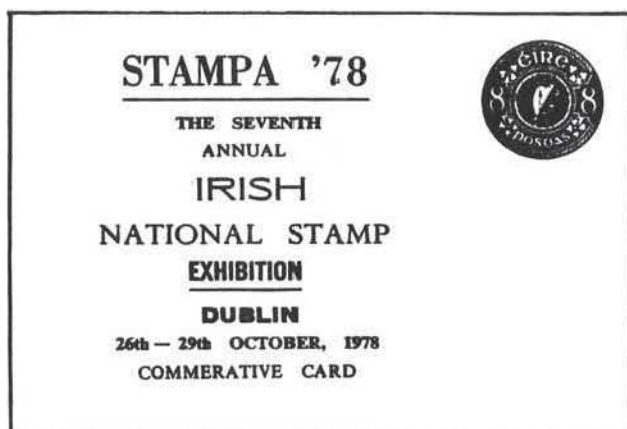


1983 the IPC (Irish Philatelic Circle) issued a special card as a souvenir on the occasion of the 13th AGM in Liverpool on May 12/13 1983; an additional 4p violet was printed along with the 2 1/2p brown on the postcard No. 9 of 1971. Black text is found on reverse referring to place, date, and occasion. 500 cards were printed, 250 were sold unused, 150 were cancelled "paqueboat" aboard the "Leinster", 100 with airmail label sent to Liverpool in New York. Both prints of the original card - light cream cardboard or white cardboard - were used. IPC sold these cards in pairs unused + used at £1.-.



In 1983 a 26p (black) envelope, sized 220 x 111 mm, was ordered by the "Irish Philatelic Society"; 500 were printed, 400 commercially used, 100 remained unused. Used envelopes bear a violet rubber stamp with the society's name.

## B2) Ordered by Individuals

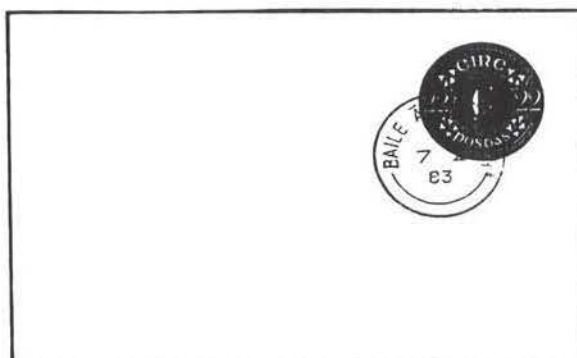


Commemorative card with 8p chestnut, ordered by the stamp dealer Peter Hynes; white cardboard, size 149 x 115 mm, 500 printed, sold at £.65, some found with STAMPA special cancellation, but mainly seen unused.

As I said there is somewhat mysterious around these 4 items because prints, occasions etc. can only be estimated. These issues, except that of 1978, were not available for collectors; according to their very low prints they only appeared at auctions from time to time. I have never seen a commercially used copy, only FD or by favour cancelled ones. Probably they seemed too precious to be sent by post because the danger of loss or damage was too great.



Postcard P11 at 12p deep green, applied with an additional 10p violet beneath, both typographed on white cardboard. There must have been a tiny print (perhaps less than 100). I have never seen a used copy of this card. It is unknown (at least to me) who ordered this card.

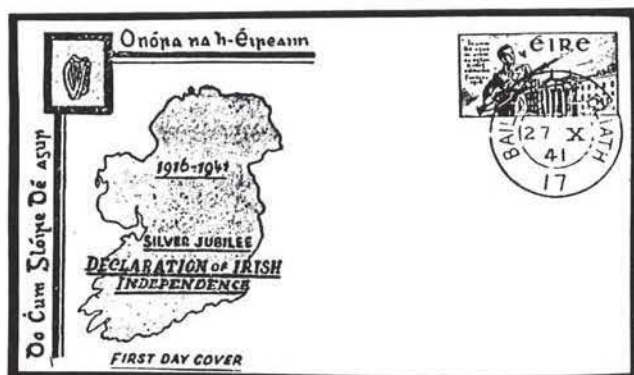


The last two copies - a pair of a 22p lilac grey and 26p black - are as rare as the 12p + 10p card. The print of both seems to be at a quantity of 125 copies. No commercially used items, only those with FD cancellation of August 7, 1983 are known. The 22p is unique in so far as no stamp 22p in this colour exists on any other postal stationery item (that on the envelope of 1982 is blue green). The cards' size is 138 x 87 mm; they are on white cardboard. No text is found on the cards. Surely you wonder at the 26p on a postcard: It is the airmail rate.

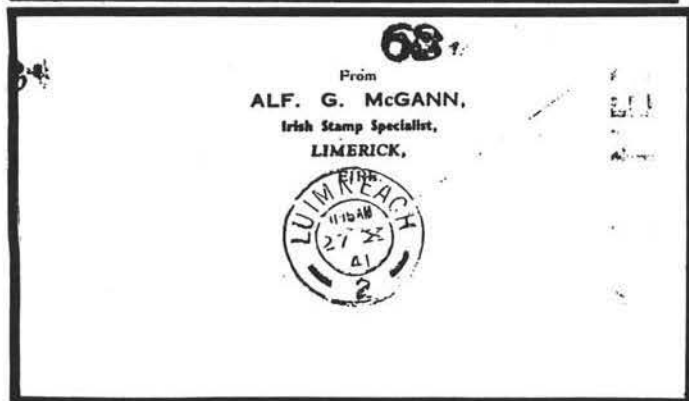
## Reflections On Some Irish First Day Covers

by Hans G. Moxter

The first real (not overprinted British) Irish postage stamp went on sale on December 6th 1922 and it featured a map of the entire (!) Emerald Isle with Irish Inscriptions around it and clover leaves of course. For 46 years this design appeared on Irish postage stamps.



A "normal" FDC with postmark BAILE ATHA CLIATH 17 4.15 PM with a poorly designed impression on the left, no address in front and no sender in the back. This is an average item in the market.



FDC with a portrait of Patrick Pearse and a printed date blotted out and changed to 27 October 1941 by hand. Cancelled at Limerick LUIMNEAGH 11.15 AM 27 X 41 - 2 -. Sender: Alf. G. McGANN, Irish Stamp Specialist, LIMERICK. Addressee: H.W. Johnson, P.O. Box 5, Norfolk, VA. USA. The sender had put into the envelope a piece of newspaper as stuffing and therefore the cover went to the British Press & Censorship Branch where it received a special (orange on white paper) label and handstamp from examiner "P.M.2" (PM = Printed Matter).



A letter to a member of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in England with machine cancellation BAILE ATHA CLIATH - D - 5 PM 27 OCT 1941 and slogan GROW MORE WHEAT. Passed through British Censorship by examiner 4962. Dublin sender's address on back.

When the stamp went on sale for the first time Irishmen were proud of this event and mailed covers with the new stamp to their friends. A few years later the First Day Cover (FDC) was commercialized i.e. it was prepared for sale to collectors by adding a handstamped or printed cachet or inscription on an envelope to which the new stamp(s) were stuck and afterwards devalued with a postal cancellation showing the date of issue.

Often such FDCs have never seen any real postal use, which is only too obvious when the cover does not even show an address and the flap still has its original gum. Many of these FDCs are not only unattractive because they never saw real use, they display mostly ugly samples of design and poor craftsmanship.

Nevertheless some FDCs of the thirties are much sought after items and demand considerable prices when they appear on the market. From 1950 on, led to an intensified production of FDCs, most of which, are, even after 30 or 40 years, quite unsaleable. Collectors are not very happy with these covers, often plastered with entire sets of stamps. A dealer once compared them to the sweets paper of Charlie Chaplin: Once you got stuck to it, you can not get rid of it. But this was not to be the rule. A first day of sale can also result in a cover that has seen real use on the first day of issue of a certain stamp. Let me give you some examples.

For this, I take the 2 1/2d stamp commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Easter Rising. I have never understood why this stamp did not appear on the 24th of April, the day the

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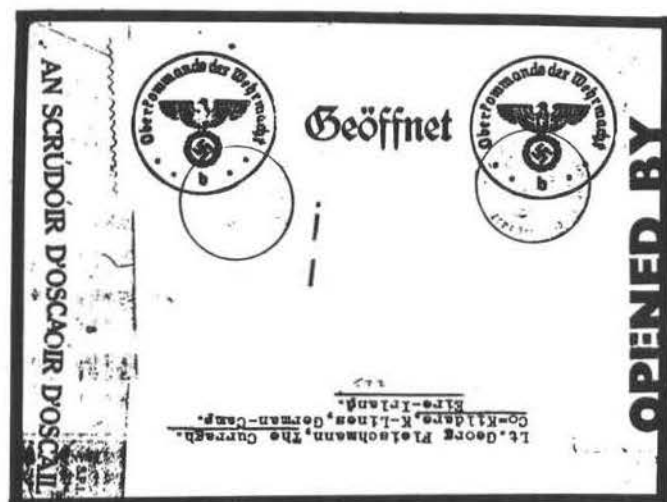
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Letter from a German Luftwaffe officer, interned at the Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare, to a friend in Berlin. This letter has three strikes of the handstamp BAILE ATHA CLIATH 2, 2.15 PM 26 X 41 and was passed through four censorships:

1. At the Internment camp. Handstamp PASSED BY / MILITARY CENSOR / ÉIRE
  2. Irish Civil Mail Censorship at Exchequer Street, Dublin. S.P.I. label E4-L-200(2).
  3. British Mail Censorship. P.C.90 Examiner 7276.
  4. German Foreign Mail Censorship, ABP "b" at Berlin.
- The cover is correctly franked with 8d for airmail via Lisbon. It has a pair of the new stamp on its front, one stamp with the broken Statue variety.



insurrection started, but was delayed till 27th October 1941, when it was all over long ago. The quantity printed was 32 394 840 stamps and it seems they were all sold. The first day of the sale was a Monday (27th) and I can show here a "minus one FDC" with a clear BAILE ATHA CLIATH 2 postmark showing 26.X.41, i.e. a cover mailed on Sunday or cancelled early Monday morning before the date.

In 1941 there was a war going on and mail was often subject to inspection by censorship offices in the different countries. Such additional treatment makes the FDC a desirable item and a document of history

## Irish Numeral Cancellations

by Dr. C. I. Dulin

Since Tom Current's "twilight installments" of *Doing The Numbers* (Revealer Spring 1991: Spring 1992), quite a few "missing" numbers have unearthed (e.g. from the Dendy Marshall Collection in the G.P.O. archives in London) and it may be opportune to give a summary of those numerals which remain to be recorded. These are shown in the accompanying table.

The periods are defined as:

- a 1844-57 P.O. lists
- b 1874 lists
- c 1887 lists
- d 1892-1902 lists
- 1906 1906 list

As many readers know, a study group has been started to classify all the numerals in terms of killers, duplexes, periods of use, construction and so on. With the basis for classification nearly complete, it is hoped that data accumulation will begin, in earnest, this winter. The co-ordinator for this project is Stan Challis, with Tom Current, myself, and one or two others as committee members.

One relatively neglected aspect in the study of the numerals has been their colour. Normally, of course, they were struck in black, but during the 1840s and 1850s many offices were using different coloured inks - sometimes for quite short periods, sometimes for years. In fact, around this period it almost became the norm for the town stamp cancellation to be struck in a colour other than black.

The alternative colour was usually blue or green and this was certainly by design. Much scarcer are the numerals struck in red. These were probably done in error or in emergency.

Given below is a listing of all those coloured numeral cancellations that have been gleaned by the author. The source has been my own collection and, the majority, from published sources (usually auction catalogues, occasionally from articles). It is, of course, no more than a first listing and many more are likely to exist.

A basic problem with colours is in trying to define them, especially in trying to differentiate between blue and green. It is immediately obvious from the listing that there are many offices which apparently used both. However, much more likely is that most of the strikes are in blue-green and whether they were actually blue or green is likely to have been in the eye of the beholder. There are some strikes which are in a definite blue or in a brilliant emerald green, but in any future listing it seems much safer to have a single category, blue-green and many other nuances. As with the Maltese Cross cancellations, many are due to fading of an oily black strike.

However, a start must be made somewhere and once the coloured cancellations begin to be classified by date, many of the different shades or colour variations will probably be seen as what they are. Since this is only a preliminary listing, I have not appended dates, but, again, as data is accumulated this will form an integral part of the presentation.

It virtually goes without saying that all readers are invited to give as much information as they can from their own collections, especially with dates. All the coloured cancellations seen by the author are from killers. It may well be that coloured duplexes also exist.

| Town               | Diamond Number | Colour |
|--------------------|----------------|--------|
| Adair              | 2              | Blue   |
| Ardee              | 5              | Red    |
| Arklow             | 10             | Blue   |
| Athlone            | 18             | Blue   |
| Athy               | 20             | Blue   |
| Ballina            | 29             | Blue   |
| Ballingarry        | 35             | Blue   |
| Ballinrobe         | 36             | Blue   |
| Ballycastle        | 37             | Green  |
| Ballyglass         | 42             | Blue   |
| Ballyshannon       | 55             | Blue   |
| Banagher           | 57             | Blue   |
| Belfast            | 62             | Blue   |
| Belmullet          | 64             | Blue   |
| Belturbet          | 65             | Blue   |
| Borrisokane        | 80             | Green  |
| Cabineteely        | 86             | Blue   |
| Cappoquin          | 95             | Green  |
| Carrick-on-Shannon | 104            | Blue   |
| Carrick-on-Suir    | 105            | Blue   |
| Cashel             | 106            | Blue   |
| Castlebar          | 107            | Blue   |
| Castlepollard      | 120            | Green  |
| Castlerea          | 121            | Blue   |
| Church Hill        | 129            | Blue   |
| Clara              | 131            | Blue   |
| Clifden            | 134            | Blue   |
| Clonard            | 139            | Green  |
| Clonmel            | 142            | Green  |
| Cloyne             | 145            | Blue   |
| Cork               | 156            | Blue   |
| Corofin            | 167            | Blue   |
| Cove               | 157            | Blue   |
| Derry              | 172            | Blue   |
| Drogheda           | 179            | Blue   |
| Dublin             | 186            | Blue   |
| Emo                | 208            | Blue   |
| Enfield            | 210            | Blue   |
| Enniscorthy        | 212            | Blue   |
| Enniskerry         | 213            | Blue   |
| Foynes             | 228            | Blue   |
| Freshford          | 231            | Blue   |
| Galway             | 232            | Blue   |
| Howth              | 253            | Blue   |
| Kells              | 259            | Blue   |
| Kemnare            | 260            | Green  |
| Kilbeggan          | 261            | Blue   |
| Killcullen         | 264            | Blue   |
| Kildare            | 265            | Blue   |
| Kildysart          | 265            | Blue   |
| Killarney          | 272            | Blue   |
| Kilmallock         | 283            | Blue   |
| Kingscourt         | 288            | Blue   |
| Kingstown          | 289            | Blue   |
| Kinsale            | 290            | Blue   |
| Kinnegad           | 291            | Blue   |
| Leighlinbridge     | 300            | Blue   |
| Limerick           | 303            | Blue   |
| Listowel           | 307            | Blue   |

| Town                | Diamond Number | Colour | Number | Town             | County         | Period |        |
|---------------------|----------------|--------|--------|------------------|----------------|--------|--------|
| Macroom             | 317            | Blue   | 162    | Crossakiel       | mea            | a      |        |
| Millstreet          | 327            | Blue   | 164    | Crossmolina      | may            | a      |        |
| Moate               | 331            | Blue   | 167    | Cullybackey      | ant            | --c    |        |
| Monaghan            | 334            | Blue   | 175    | Donaghmore       | tyr            | --cd   |        |
| Mountmellick        | 338            | Blue   | 190    | Dunkineely       | don            | 1906   |        |
| Mullingar           | 345            | Blue   | 192    | Dromara          | dow            | a      |        |
| Naas                | 346            | Blue   | 192    | Dungloe          | don            | --c    |        |
| Nenagh              | 349            | Blue   | 195    | Dungiven         | der            | a      |        |
| Newport (Mayo)      | 355            | Blue   | 201    | Dunrymond        | mon            | -bcd   |        |
| Newtownhamilton     | 361            | Blue   | 221    | Fethard, Wexford | wex            | a      |        |
| Newtownmountkennedy | 363            | Blue   | 224    | Florence Court   | fer            | a      |        |
| Omagh               | 367            | Blue   | 224    | Fintown          | don            | --cd   |        |
| Oranmore            | 368            | Blue   | 226    | Forkhill         | arm            | a      |        |
| Portadown           | 375            | Blue   | 228    | Foynes           | lim            | --c    |        |
| Portarlinton        | 377            | Blue   | 234    | Glasslough       | mon            | --bc   |        |
| Portglenone         | 378            | Blue   | 235    | Glasnevin        | dub            | --c    |        |
| Portlaoise          | 379            | Blue   | 235    | Glencolumbkille  | don            | 1906   |        |
| Rathangan           | 384            | Blue   | 240    | Golden           | tip            | a      |        |
| Rathdrum            | 388            | Blue   | 240    | Glenhull         | tyr            | --cd   |        |
| Rathfriland         | 390            | Blue   | 247    | Grey Abbey       | dow            | a      |        |
| Rathkeale           | 391            | Blue   | 254    | Inniskeen        | mon            | --cd   |        |
| Shinrone            | 406            | Blue   | 255    | Island Bridge    | dub            | --bc   |        |
| Sligo               | 410            | Blue   | 255    | Inver            | don            | 1906   |        |
| Swinford            | 420            | Blue   | 256    | Inch             | wex            | ---d   |        |
| Thurles             | 429            | Blue   | 263    | Kilbride         | wic            | --cd   |        |
| Tipperary           | 431            | Blue   | 267    | Kilcar           | don            | 1906   |        |
| Trim                | 434            | Blue   | 274    | Kilfenora        | cla            | 1906   |        |
| Tuam                | 435            | Blue   | 278    | Killynaule       | tip            | a      |        |
| Tullamore           | 438            | Blue   | 281    | Killlough        | dow            | a      |        |
| Tyrrellspass        | 441            | Blue   | 286    | Kilworth         | cor            | a      |        |
| Waterford           | 445            | Blue   | 291    | Knockcloghrim    | der            | --cd   |        |
| Wexford             | 448            | Blue   | 293    | Kircubbin        | dow            | a      |        |
|                     |                |        | 296    | Knocktopher      | kilk           | a      |        |
|                     |                |        | 297    | Kinvara          | gal            | a      |        |
|                     |                |        | 298    | Lanesborough     | car            | a      |        |
|                     |                |        | 301    | Leixlip          | kild           | a      |        |
|                     |                |        | 308    | Littleton        | tip            | a      |        |
|                     |                |        | 308    | Lixnaw           | ker            | --c    |        |
|                     |                |        | 311    | Loughgall        | arm            | a      |        |
|                     |                |        | 314    | Lucan            | dub            | a      |        |
|                     |                |        | 315    | Lahinch          | cla            | 1906   |        |
|                     |                |        | 317    | Lusk             | dub            | -bcd   |        |
|                     |                |        | 323    | Magheramena      | fer            | -bcd   |        |
|                     |                |        | 327    | Millstreet       | cor            | a      |        |
|                     |                |        | 332    | Moir             | dow            | -bc    |        |
|                     |                |        | 341    | Multyfarnham     | wes            | --c    |        |
|                     |                |        | 344    | Mulhuddart       | dub            | -bcd   |        |
|                     |                |        | 350    | New Birmingham   | tip            | a      |        |
|                     |                |        | 356    | Newport (Tip)    | tip            | c      |        |
|                     |                |        | 359    | Newtownforbes    | lon            | b      |        |
|                     |                |        | 372    | Passage West     | cor            | a      |        |
|                     |                |        | 372    | Philipstown      | kin            | --c    |        |
|                     |                |        | 381    | Portstewart      | ker            | -bc    |        |
|                     |                |        | 386    | Rathcoole        | dub            | -bcd   |        |
|                     |                |        | 395    | Roundstone       | gal            | --cd   |        |
|                     |                |        | 401    | Ruskey           | ros            | a      |        |
|                     |                |        | 404    | Scrubby          | cav            | a      |        |
|                     |                |        | 404    | Scarva           | dow            | -cd    |        |
|                     |                |        | 405    | Saggart          | dub            | -bc    |        |
| Number              | Town           | County | Period | Number           | Town           | County | Period |
| 3                   | Bunratty       | cla    | -bcd   | 301              | Leixlip        | kild   | a      |
| 11                  | Arthurstown    | wex    | a      | 308              | Littleton      | tip    | a      |
| 17                  | Athleague      | ros    | a      | 308              | Lixnaw         | ker    | --c    |
| 39                  | Ballylongford  | ker    | --c    | 311              | Loughgall      | arm    | a      |
| 42                  | Balla          | may    | --cd   | 314              | Lucan          | dub    | a      |
| 51                  | Ballymurphy    | ros    | -bcd   | 315              | Lahinch        | cla    | 1906   |
| 67                  | Blackwatertown | arm    | a      | 317              | Lusk           | dub    | -bcd   |
| 77                  | Belmont        | kin    | ---d   | 323              | Magheramena    | fer    | -bcd   |
| 81                  | Borrisoleigh   | tip    | a      | 327              | Millstreet     | cor    | a      |
| 85                  | Burton Port    | don    | --c    | 332              | Moir           | dow    | -bc    |
| 86                  | Cabineteely    | dub    | -bcd   | 341              | Multyfarnham   | wes    | --c    |
| 96                  | Carbury        | kild   | --cd   | 344              | Mulhuddart     | dub    | -bcd   |
| 100                 | Carrickmore    | tyr    | --cd   | 350              | New Birmingham | tip    | a      |
| 109                 | Castlegregory  | ker    | ---d   | 356              | Newport (Tip)  | tip    | c      |
| 129                 | Church Hill    | don    | a---   | 359              | Newtownforbes  | lon    | b      |
| 129                 | Clifden        | gal    | --cd   | 372              | Passage West   | cor    | a      |
| 131                 | Clanabogan     | tyr    | -bcd   | 372              | Philipstown    | kin    | --c    |
| 137                 | Clonee         | mea    | --cd   | 381              | Portstewart    | ker    | -bc    |
| 139                 | Cleggan        | gal    | --cd   | 386              | Rathcoole      | dub    | -bcd   |
| 140                 | Clonelly       | fer    | -bc    | 395              | Roundstone     | gal    | --cd   |
| 146                 | Clonbur        | gal    | --cd   | 401              | Ruskey         | ros    | a      |
| 160                 | Creeshlough    | don    | a      | 404              | Scrubby        | cav    | a      |
| 160                 | Craughwell     | gal    | -bcd   | 404              | Scarva         | dow    | -cd    |
|                     |                |        |        | 405              | Saggart        | dub    | -bc    |

| Number | Town         | County | Period |
|--------|--------------|--------|--------|
| 411    | Scarriff     | cla    | --c    |
| 415    | Strangford   | dow    | a      |
| 417    | Shangolden   | lim    | --c    |
| 421    | Swords       | dub    | a      |
| 421    | Stranocum    | ant    | --c    |
| 422    | Taghmon      | wes    | a      |
| 430    | Tinode       | wic    | -bcd   |
| 434    | Trim         | mea    | a      |
| 434    | Trillick     | tyr    | -bcd   |
| 436    | Tubbermore   | der    | a      |
| 451    | Ward         | dub    | --cd   |
| 452    | Dunamanagh   | tyr    | a      |
| 452    | Tubbermore   | der    | --c    |
| 456    | Templeogue   | dub    | a      |
| 458    | Stillorgan   | dub    | a      |
| 466    | Clashmore    | wat    | -b     |
| 469    | Drumree      | mea    | --cd   |
| 492    | Templeogue   | dub    | -bcd   |
| 499    | Welchtown    | don    | --c    |
| 502    | Ballinamore  | lei    | --cd   |
| 503    | Doochary     | don    | --cd   |
| 505    | Upperlands   | der    | --c    |
| 508    | Timoleague   | cor    | --c    |
| 511    | Macroom      | cor    | --cd   |
| 513    | Glenanne     | arm    | --c    |
| 516    | Moycullen    | gal    | --c    |
| 518    | Oughterard   | gal    | --c    |
| 522    | Rusmuck      | gal    | --cd   |
| 526    | Ballycroy    | may    | --cd   |
| 551    | Glenbeigh    | ker    | ---d   |
| 556    | Blennerville | ker    | ---d   |
| 559    | Ballyconnell | cav    | ---d   |
| 560    | Bushmills    | ant    | ---d   |
| 561    | Ardara       | don    | 1906   |
| 562    | Bruckless    | don    | 1906   |
| 563    | Carrick      | don    | 1906   |

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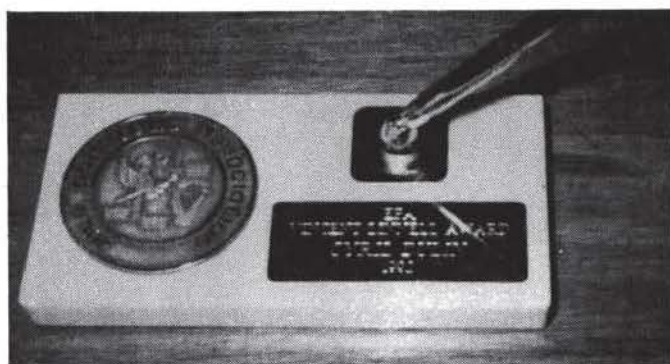
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The Treasurer would like also to thank those members who have taken great pains to make their dues remittance envelopes collectible and interesting

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Rev. Coman V. Brady  
Melvin Friedman  
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For those who win, The Linnell Award is in the form of a desk pen set as pictured here. Every writer who appears in The Revealer automatically competes for the annual award.

## POST NOTES

by Patrick J. Ryan, Sr.

(Editor's Note: This article is compiled from various news sources emanating from An Post.)

### 1993 Provisional Stamp Program

Details of the 1993 (Provisional) Stamp Programme are outlined below.

| Subject                                             | Denominations                                 | Date of Issue                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Love Stamps                                         | 28p, 32p                                      | 26th January                  |
| Ireland Series (Impressionist Painters)             | 28p, 32p, 44p, 52p                            | 4th March                     |
| Fauna and Flora (Irish Orchids)                     | 28p, 32p, 44p, 52p                            | 20th April                    |
| Europa (Contemporary Art)                           | 32p, 44p                                      | 18th May                      |
| Centenary of the Irish Amateur Swimming Association | 32p se-tenant                                 |                               |
| Centenary of Conradh na Gaeilge                     | 32p, 52p                                      | 8th July                      |
| 200th Anniversary of St. Patrick's College, Carlow  | 32p                                           |                               |
| 150th Anniversary of the death of Edward Bunting    | 52p                                           |                               |
| 250th Anniversary of the Royal Hospital Donnybrook  | 28p                                           | 2nd September                 |
| Ceide Fields (Mayo)                                 | 44p                                           |                               |
| Transport in Ireland (Buses)                        | 28p, 32p, 52p                                 |                               |
| Christmas                                           | se-tenant<br>28p, 32p, 52p<br>(28p promotion) | 12th October<br>16th November |

### Oireachtas Cards

An Post issued a free postcard on 15th October to mark the 1992 Oireachtas Festival, which takes place this year in Dingle, Co. Kerry, from 23rd October – 1st November. The theme of this year's festival is "Gaelachas ina Eorpachas" (Irish Culture as European Culture). The card features the three main writers from the Blaskets and four European scholars depicted against a backdrop of the Great Blasket Island. The cards are available through the Philatelic Bureau.

### An Post Christmas Cards

An Post are again this year producing a very attractive set of Christmas cards. Six cards including prepaid envelopes covering postage to anywhere in the world will be available from 16th November at all Post Offices. Price £3.75 per set. The covers will carry the logo of the Third World Charity – Concern, who will receive a portion of the selling price.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

September 26, 1992

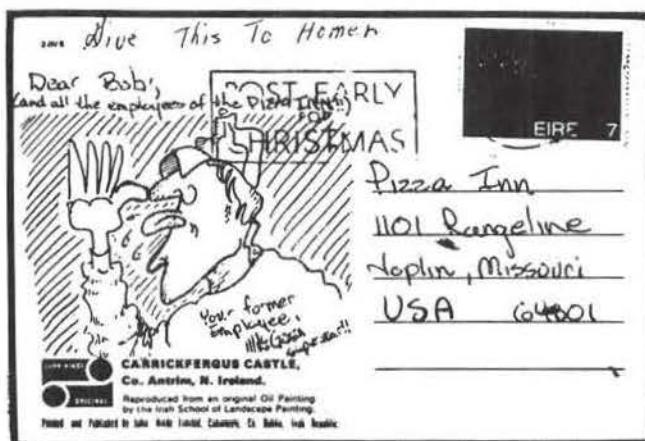
Dear Editor:

The enclosed photocopy of a postcard might be of interest to the readers of *The Revealer*?

A Mail Art exhibition is currently being held at the Canadian Museum of Civilisation. The purpose of this exhibition is to show how mail can carry art or be art in itself. Artists have, over time, used their talents to express their postal messages through their drawings, paintings, etc.

The enclosed photocopy could be printed in *The Revealer* if you do not consider it to be too vulgar.

Sincerely yours,  
Charles J. G. Verge



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**Die Meilenstempel Der Irischen Post** — (The Mileage Marks of Ireland) 1808-1839 by Hans G. Moxter. 1985 Edition. 64pp. Text in German and English. Published by FAI, the Irish Philatelic Group in Germany. Most informative and well illustrated. A complete listing of all known Irish mileage marks. Price \$3.50

**Ireland - Catalogue of Perfins** — compiled and edited by Richard L. Mewhinney. Published by The Perfins Club - 1984. 34 pp. punched for 3 ring binder. The catalogue is designed for use as an album as well as catalogue. Only observed Perfins are catalogued. Also, 2 pages of suspected or previously reported designs. Price \$6.50

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**Uniform Fourpenny Post in Ireland** — by William Kane. Produced by the Irish Philatelic Circle, 28 pages, softcover, illustrated, a fine postal history item. Price \$9.00.

**The Maltese Cross in Ireland** — by Hans G. Moxter 1988 Edition. Published by FAI, text of the 80 page book is in both German and English. This is probably the most comprehensive review of this postmark to date. Price \$7.50.

**Undated Namestamps of Ireland 1823-1860** — by William Kane. This booklet has been produced by FAI of West Germany. In English and German and records the colours, periods of usage on the various types of undated namestamps. Price \$3.75

**"Die Ganzsachen Irlands"** — (The Postal Stationery of Ireland) by Otto Jung. 1990 Edition, Text in German & English. Published by FAI, the Irish Philatelic Group in Germany. This new edition is by far the most specialized and authoritative and gives a very complete listing of Irish postal stationery available. Well illustrated. Prices for mint and used in DM, IR£ & US\$. Price \$10.00

**The Post Offices and Datestamps of the County of Leitrim** — Original study of Dr. Brian de Burca, updated by James T. Howley. A very informative book showing 72 illustrations of handstamps, a map and descriptions of post office locations. A very useful item for postmark and postal history buffs. Published by EPA, 23 pages.. Price \$6.00

**Irish Postal Rates Before 1840** — by F.E. Dixon. Produced by FAI it is in German and English. This publication lists the Irish Postal Rates from 1657 to 1840. A superb guide for Postal Historians. Price \$4.00

**STAMPS OF IRELAND 1991 Specialized Catalogue** — by Mac-Donnell Whyte. Comprehensive listing of Irish Philately, a must for all collectors. Price \$13.00 bookrate or \$15.00 first class.

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**A Listing of Irish Postmarks in Gaelic from 1922** — by James T. Howley. Produced by the E.P.A., Irish Postmarks are listed alphabetically in Gaelic with their English translations. It is a most comprehensive Guide to postmarks available. 82pps \$6.00.

**THE REVEALER INDEX** — by Patrick J. Ryan, Sr. A comprehensive index of all philatelic articles appearing in THE REVEALER from the first issue through the end of 1985. Articles are listed by subject matter. Cost: US & Canada \$8.75 others: \$10.00.

**Addendum 1 to THE REVEALER Index** — Same as above except it covers the years 1986 thru 1990. Price \$4.00. A complete index - Basic and addendum 1 - \$12.00.

**An Introduction of Irish Mileage Marks** — by W. E. Davey. Published by the EPA, 1989 Edition, 22 pages. An excellent book for the beginning collector of Irish Mileage Marks. Price \$5.00.

**Introduction to Irish Post Offices of County Clare, Ireland** — John Mackey & Tony Cassidy. Text in German & English. Published by FAI. A study developed from the postal archives of Dublin & London. A must for the student of Postal History. 94 pp Price \$8.00.

**The Dublin Spoon** — 1855-57, by Dr. C. I. Dulin, a comprehensive study that should be in every Philatelic Library. A must for postal history students. Softbound 48 pages \$6.00 prepaid.

**The Domestic Packets Between Great Britain & Ireland** — 1635-1840 by Denis Salt. Produced by The Postal History Society in England. This study includes rates, routes, maps, postal covers, lists of Post towns and currency rates. It contains 50 pages and is illustrated. \$25.00 postpaid.

**John M. Synge Souvenir Card** — issued by the James Hoban Chapter for World Stamp Expo '89. This very fine card honors J. M. Synge, Irish Playwright and Poet. It is black on cream with the J. M. Synge issue of 1971 printed on the card with a history of the subject and examples of his work on both sides. Only 300 were produced. Price \$1.25.