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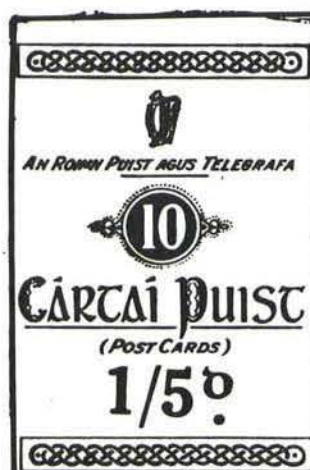
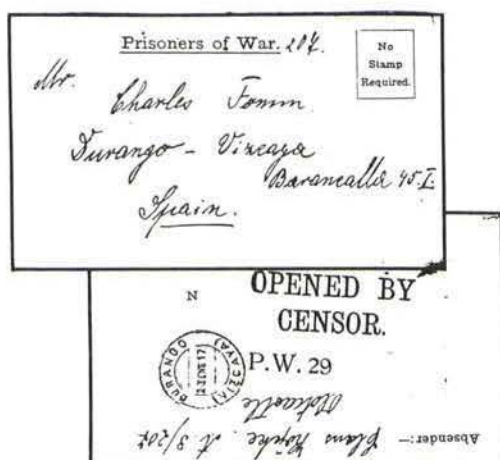
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by David J. Brennan



The past three months your president has not been very productive. I had been diagnosed with cancer, first the prostate, then the lung. After two operations, they feel that I am cancer-free. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members who have kept me in their prayers; I'm sure they helped me through this period.

I asked Joe Foley, Vice President, U.S., to represent me at STAMPA where a joint meeting of the ÉPA was held with the IPC and FAI. Ian Whyte, Vice President, Europe, and General Chairman of

STAMPA provided us with a meeting room schedule.

Peter Bugg, past president and Board of Directors member, represented me at Chicagopex where our AGM was held this year. John Madigan, Meeting Chairman, and Peter Foote, Board Director, assisted him.

I have asked both Joe and Peter to send their reports directly to Pat Ryan, our editor, to be published in this issue of *The Revealer*.

Pat McNally, our back issue manager, has not received many requests as a result of our "Fire Sale" which was announced in the last issue of *The Revealer*. There is still time to take advantage of this one-time offer; send in your request to Pat now.

Dick O'Brien of Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, mailed out invita-

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tions to ÉPA members in the Philadelphia surrounding area to join him and Joe Foley at the Philadelphia National Stamp Show. A meeting was held to explain the benefits of forming a chapter in this area. There are approximately thirty members living within driving distance of Philadelphia. About eight people attended, and hopefully an organizational meeting will be held next year during our AGM at this same show. If you are interested in obtaining more information, please contact Richard J. O'Brien, 26 Nine Gates Road, Chadds Ford, PA 19317.

Last but not least, Mike Conway, our Secretary for many years, has advised me that he would like to be replaced. He is in the process of moving and has other commitments which are demanding of his time. He will be missed as he has done a yeoman's job for a good number of years. ♣

EPA Has New Secretary

by Patrick J. Ryan, Sr.

Dave Brennan, President of the Eire Philatelic Association, has announced the appointment of a new Secretary for the EPA. Effective 1 January 1999, Myron G. Hill, III of College Park, Maryland, has accepted and has been appointed Secretary of the EPA, replacing Michael J. Conway who held the position since the winter of 1989.

Michael cites personal reasons for stepping down at this time.

Myron is a life member of the EPA and has been collecting Irish stamps and postal history for about 14 years. His main area of interest is Irish WWII Censorship, post-1922 postal rates - especially AirMail, and the postal history of Co Monaghan. He is president of the James Hoban Chapter of the EPA and is a member of several local stamp clubs. In real life, Myron works for the National Institutes of Health in a laboratory that is studying respiratory viruses with a goal of developing vaccines to counteract or irradiate them.

The officers and Directors of the EPA welcome Myron to the "salt mines of service" in the EPA. All correspondence which needs the Secretary's attention should be directed to Myron G. Hill, III, P O Box 1210, College Park MD 20741-1210 immediately. ♣

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- #1083 Gotz Weihmann, Germany
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Corrections from Last Issue

John Broderick and Joe Sullivan both live in MA, not NM.
Ann Carmody lives in MD, not NM.

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RB1F	1922	5d - F	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB1G		G	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB1H		H	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB1K		K	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB2F	1924	5d - F	12	5/9	¾d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB2G		G	12	6/-	1d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB2H		H	12	6/6	1½d each	12 - 6/6	40mm	I/E	green	white	L. 82c.
RB2K		K	6	3/9	1½d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB3F	1942	5½d - F	12	6/6	1d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB3G		G	12	6/9	1½d each	12 - 6/9	35mm	I/E	green	white	Form L 82B
RB3H		H	12	7/-	2d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB3K		K	6	4/1 ½d	6-1s. 4½d	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB4F	1944	5½d - F	12	6/8	12-1s. 2d.	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB4G		G	12	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB4H		H	12	7/3	1½d each	12 - 7/3	43mm	I/E	green	white	L. 82 c.
RB4K		K	6	4/9	4d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB5F	1949	6½d - F	12	8/-	1½d each	12 - 8/-	38mm	English	green	white	Form L 82a
RB5G		G	12	8/6	2d each	12 - 8/6	35mm	I/E	green	white	ms 8/6 on RB4G
RB5H		H	12	9/-	2½d each	12 - 9/-	43mm	I/E	green	white	ms 9/- on RB4H
RB5K		K	6	5/3	4d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB6F	1953	9d - F	12	10/6	1½d each	12 - 10/6	38mm	English	green	white	ms 10/6 on RB5F
RB6G		G	12	11/-	2d each	12 - 11/-	38mm	English	green	white	L. 82b
RB6H		H (1)	12	11/6	2½d each	12 - 11/6	45mm	English	green	white	L. 82c - 7449G. 5,000. 11/55. Fleet 25B.
RB6Ha		H (2)	12	12/6	3½d each	12 - 12/6	45mm	English	green	white	purple handstamp "=12/6" on RB9H
RB6K		K	6	6/6	4d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB7F	1957	1' - F	12	13/6	1½d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB7G		G (1)	12	14/-	2d each	12 - 14/-	38mm	English	green	white	L. 82B - 12974C. /13092F. 8/56. 50,000. R. & S. G. 25A.
RB7Ga		G (2)	12	14/-	2d each	12 - 14/-	38mm	English	green	white	L. 82B. - C24984F. 20,000. 12/59. - W.W.&S. LTD. G. 25.
RB7H		H	12	15/6	3½d each	12 - 15/6	44mm	English	green	white	L. 82c - 13092G. 10,000. 8/56. Fleet 25B.
RB7K		K	6	8/9	5½d each	6 - 8/9	36mm	English	green	white	L. 82D - B21442A. 11/58. 7,500. R. & S. G. 25A.
RB8F	1962	1/1 - F	12	14/6	1½d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB8G		G	12	15/-	2d each	12 - 15/-	36mm	English	green	white	L. 82B. - G40204B. 60,000. 12/63. W.W.&S. LTD. G. 25 (92)
RB8H		H	12	16/6	3½d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB8K		K	6	9/3	5½d each	6 - 9-3	37mm	English	green	white	ms 9-3 on RB7K
RB9F	1964	1/5 - F	12	19/-	2d each	12 - 19/-	38mm	English	green	white	L82A - (8268). P3288H. 3.50000. 7/65. W.P.W. Ltd. 25.
RB9G		G (1)	12	19/6	2½d each	12 - 19/6	36mm	English	green	white	ms 19/6 on RB8G
RB9Ga		G (2)	12	19/6	2½d each	12 - 19/6d.	38mm	I/E	green	white	L. 82B. - P6789/E. 30m. 8/69. K432 B & N Ltd. G. 25
RB9H		H	12	£1-1-0	4d each	12 - £1-1-0	46mm	English	green	white	L. 82c - (9181). P3698F. 8000. 6/66. W.P.W. Ltd. 25
RB9K		K	6	11/9	6½d each	6 - 11/9	38mm	English	green	white	L. 82D - (7516). P2940B. 3.10000. 10/64. /W.P.W. Ltd. 25
RB10F	1969	1/9 - F	?	?	2d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB10G		G	12	£1-4-0	3d each	12 - 24/=	38mm	I/E	green	white	ms 24/= on RB9Ga
RB10H		H	?	?	4d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB10K		K	?	?	7d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB11G	1970	2/9 - G	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB11H		H	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB12K		K	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

LEGEND:

Code # EB – Envelope Band
 LCB – Letter Card Band
 PCB – Postal Card Band
 RB – Registered Envelope Band
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Issue Year – The year of issue of the Postal Stationery item.

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Ink – The color used on pre-printed bands or the ink color used for manuscript changes.

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Printer Imprints – The logo and/or printed name of the band producer.

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Envelopes - Pre-Decimal											
EB1	1924	2d - A size	11	2/-	11 - 2d	?	?	?	?	?	?
EB1a	(1927)	2d - A size	11	2/-	11 - 2d	2d - 2/-	58mm	I/E	green	crème	none
EB1b	(1930)	2d - A size	11	2/-	11 - 2d	2d - 2/-	57mm	I/E	green	crème	Dublin Made Envelopes Logo
EB1c	(1936)	2d - A size	11	1/10	Free	?	?	?	?	?	?
EB2	1925	2d - C size	14	2/6	14 - 2d	?	?	?	?	?	?
EB3	1925	½d - C size	18	1/-	18 - 3d	?	?	?	?	?	?
EB4	1940	2d - A size	11	2/-	11 - 2d	2d - 2/-	57mm	I/E	green	crème	Dublin Made Envelopes Logo
EB5	1942	2½d	10	2/3½d	½d each	2½d - 2/3½	61mm	I/E	green	crème	Dublin Made Envelopes Logo
EB5a	1942	2½d	10	2/3½d	½d each	2½d - 2/3½	35mm	I/E	green	buff	Dublin Made Envelopes Logo
EB5b	(1946)	2½d	12	3/-	½d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
EB6	1953	2½d + ½d	12	3/6	½d each	3½d - 3/6	33mm	I/E	green	buff	Dublin Made Envelopes Logo
EB7	1954	3d	12	3/6	½d each	3½d - 3/6	36mm	I/E	green	buff	A Strongarm Production Logo
EB8	1962	4d	12	4/6	½d each	4½d - 4/6	33mm	I/E	green	buff	An Armstrong Product
EB9	1966	5d	12	6/-	1d each	6d - 6/-	43mm	I/E	green	buff	An Armstrong Product
EB9a	1966	5d	120	£3/0/0	1d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
EB10	1969	"6d"	12	7/-	1d each	6d - 7/-	40mm	I/E	green	buff	ms 7/- on EB9 but 6d not changed to 7d
EB10a	1969	6d	12	7/-	1d each	7d - 7/-	44mm	I/E	green	buff	A Wiggins Teape product
Postal Cards - Pre-Decimal											
PCB1	1924	1½d	10	1/5	10 - 2d	?	?	?	?	?	?
PCB2	1925	1d	10	11d	10 - 1d	?	?	?	?	?	?
PCB3	1942	1½d	10	1/5	10 - 2d	1/5d	56mm	I/E	maroon	crème	none - '1/5d' uses an Irish 'd'
PCB4	1949	1½ + ½	10	1/10d	10 - 2d	1/10d	56mm	Irish	green	crème	none - '1/10d' uses an Irish 'd'
PCB5	1951	2d-grey wh	10	2/1d	½d each	2/1d	61mm	Irish	green	crème	none
PCB5a	1951	2d-crème	10	2/1d	½d each	2/1d	56mm	Irish	green	green	none
PCB5b	1956	2d-white	10	2/1d	½d each	2/1d	56mm	Irish	green	gry-grn	none
PCB6	1966	3d	10	2/11d	½d each	2/11d	57mm	Irish	green	green	none
PCB6a	1966	3d	240	£3/10	½d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
PCB7	1969	4d	10	4/2d	1d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
Letter Cards - Pre-Decimal											
LCB1	1924	2d	10	2/-	10 - 4d	?	?	?	?	?	?
LCB2	1940	2d	10	2/-	10 - 4d	10 - 2/-	50mm	I/E	green	crème	Eason & Son, Ltd., Printers, Dublin
LCB3	1942	2½d	12	3/3	½d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
LCB4	1950	2½d	12	3/3	½d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
LCB5	1953	3d	12	3/9	½d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
LCB6	1958	3d	12	4/-	1d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
LCB7	1983	4d	12	5/-	1d each	12 - 5/-	50mm	I/E	green	buff	A. Armstrong & Co Ltd Dublin
LCB8	1985	5d	12	6/-	1d each	12 - 6/-	50mm	I/E	green	buff	6/- overprint on LCB7
LCB8a	1985	5d	120	£3/0/0	1d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
LCB9	1989	6d	?	?	1d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
Wrappers - Pre-Decimal											
WB1	1924	½d	21	1/-	21 - 1½d	21 - 1/-	62mm	I/E	green	crème	none
WB1a	1946	½d	21	1/-	21 - 1½d	21 - 1/-	51mm	I/E	green	buff	none
WB2	1924	1d	22	2/-	22 - 2d	22 - 2/-	62mm	I/E	red	crème	none
WB2a	1946	1d	22	2/-	22 - 5½d	22 - 2/3½	62mm	I/E	black	crème	ms 2/3½ on WB2
?	?	?	?	3/-	?	?	?	?	?	?	see WB3 (per Dixon)
WB3	1950	1½d	22	3/2½d	22 - 5½d	?	?	?	?	?	3/2½d surcharged on 3' (per Dixon)
WB3a	1954	1½d	24	3/6	½d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
WB4	1957	2d	24	5/-	½d each	24@2d - 5/-	62mm	English	green	gry-brn	none
WB5	1967	3d	?	?	½d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
WB6	1969	4d	24	10/-	1d each	?	?	?	?	?	?

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RB1G		G	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB1H		H	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB1K		K	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB2F	1924	5d - F	12	5/9	3/4d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB2G		G	12	6/-	1d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB2H		H	12	6/6	1 1/4d each	12 - 6/6	40mm	I/E	green	white	L 82c.
RB2K		K	6	3/9	1 1/4d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB3F	1942	5 1/4d - F	12	6/6	1d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB3G		G	12	6/9	1 1/4d each	12 - 6/9	35mm	I/E	green	white	Form L 82B.
RB3H		H	12	7/-	2d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB3K		K	6	4/1 1/4d	6-1s 4 1/4d	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB4F	1944	5 1/4d - F	12	6/8	12-1s 2d	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB4G		G	12	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB4H		H	12	7/3	1 1/4d each	12 - 7/3	43mm	I/E	green	white	L 82 c.
RB4K		K	6	4/9	4d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB5F	1949	6 1/4d - F	12	8/-	1 1/4d each	12 - 8/-	38mm	English	green	white	Form L 82a
RB5G		G	12	8/6	2d each	12 - 8/6	35mm	I/E	green	white	ms 8/6 on RB4G
RB5H		H	12	9/-	2 1/4d each	12 - 9/-	43mm	I/E	green	white	ms 9/- on RB4H
RB5K		K	6	5/3	4d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB6F	1953	9d - F	12	10/6	1 1/4d each	12 - 10/6	38mm	English	green	white	ms 10/6 on RB5F
RB6G		G	12	11/-	2d each	12 - 11/-	38mm	English	green	white	L 82b
RB6H		H (1)	12	11/6	2 1/4d each	12 - 11/6	45mm	English	green	white	L 82c - 7449G.5,000.11/55.Fleet.25B.
RB6Ha		H (2)	12	12/6	3 1/4d each	12 - 12/6	45mm	English	green	white	purple handstamp "12/6" on RB9H
RB6K		K	6	6/6	4d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB7F	1957	1' - F	12	13/6	1 1/4d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB7G		G (1)	12	14/-	2d each	12 - 14/-	38mm	English	green	white	L 82B - 12974C./13092F. 8/56. 50,000 R. & S. G.25A.
RB7Ga		G (2)	12	14/-	2d each	12 - 14/-	38mm	English	green	white	L 82B. - C24984F. 20,000. 12/59. - W.W.&S. LTD. G.25.
RB7H		H	12	15/6	3 1/4d each	12 - 15/6	44mm	English	green	white	L 82c - 13092G.10,000.8/56.Fleet.25B.
RB7K		K	6	8/9	5 1/4d each	6 - 8/9	36mm	English	green	white	L 82D - B21442A. 11/58. 7,500. R. & S. G.25A.
RB8F	1962	1/1 - F	12	14/6	1 1/4d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB8G		G	12	15/-	2d each	12 - 15/-	36mm	English	green	white	L 82B. - G40204B. 80,000 12/63 W.W.&S. LTD G.25 (92)
RB8H		H	12	16/6	3 1/4d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB8K		K	6	9/3	5 1/4d each	6 - 9-3	37mm	English	green	white	ms 9-3 on RB7K
RB9F	1964	1/5 - F	12	19/-	2d each	12 - 19/-	38mm	English	green	white	L82A - (8268).P3288H.3.50000.7/65.W.P.W.Ltd.25.
RB9G		G (1)	12	19/6	2 1/4d each	12 - 19/6	36mm	English	green	white	ms 19/6 on RB8G
RB9Ga		G (2)	12	19/6	2 1/4d each	12 - 19/6d.	38mm	I/E	green	white	L 82B. - P6789/E 30m. 8/69 K432 B & N Ltd. G.25
RB9H		H	12	£1-1-0	4d each	12 - £1-1-0	46mm	English	green	white	L 82c - (9181).P3698F.8000.6/66.W.P.W.Ltd.25
RB9K		K	6	11/9	6 1/4d each	6 - 11/9	38mm	English	green	white	L 82D - (7516).P2940B.3.10000.10/64.W.P.W.Ltd.25
RB10F	1969	1/9 - F	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB10G		G	12	£1-4-0	3d each	12 - 24/=	38mm	I/E	green	white	ms 24/= on RB9Ga
RB10H		H	?	?	4d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB10K		K	?	?	7d each	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB11G	1970	2/9 - G	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB11H		H	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
RB12K		K	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

ATTENTION E-MAILERS

As most of you know, the EPA has been collecting members' E-mail addresses at BCLANZ@aol.com with the Office of Primary Responsibility being the Treasurer, Barney Clancy. We have accumulated

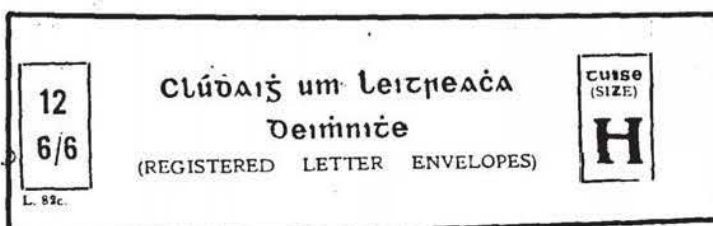
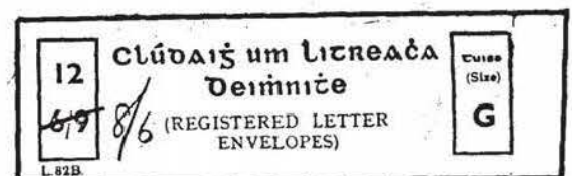
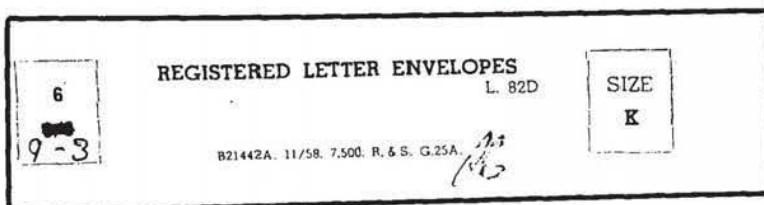
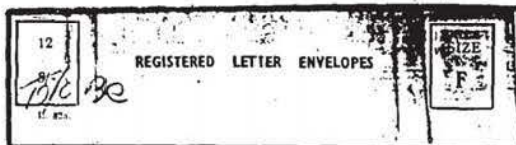
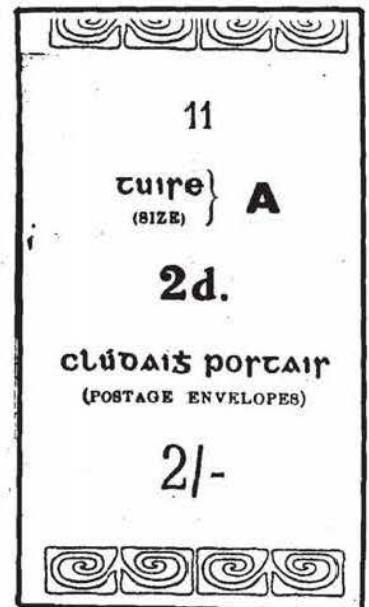
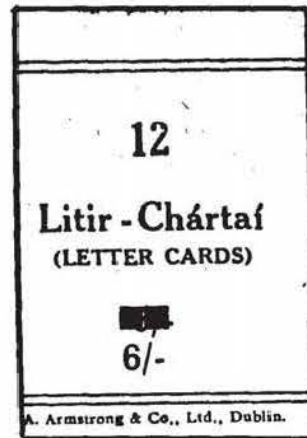
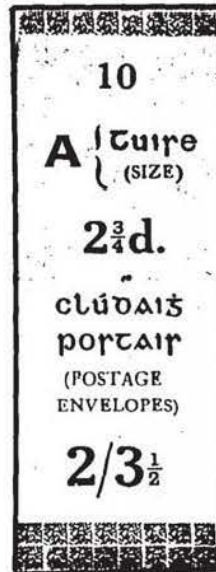
quite a few, but in testing them, we found some that were longer valid. Would the following members please E-mail the Treasurer in order that we might continue to maintain our records accurately.

2507 John Perry 1537 Randolph Case
1669 Michael Harnett 1232 T David McCullough

2346 George Grant 0710 W J O'Donnell
2218 John Lorenzen 1296 Norman Riggs

Examples of Irish Postal Stationery Bands

Editor's Note: These illustrations have been reduced in size to fit on this page.



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German and Austrian Internees in Oldcastle, Co. Meath, Ireland, 1914 - 1918

by Hans G. Moxter

A survey of British POW camps, Hospitals, Detention Camps and other installations for enemy POWs (and civilian internees) published by the German Red Cross in December 1915, mentions worldwide 145 locations (*Fig. 1*). For Ireland, the list gives five POW camps, plus King George V Hospital in Dublin. The five camps are reported to be at Cork, Dublin, Oldcastle, Queenstown-Cove and Templemore. All these places had garrisons of the Royal Army or Royal Navy and had probably prepared to receive contingents of POWs in parts of the barracks. F.J. Carter (*Fig. 1*) mentions a POW camp at Kilworth, Co. Cork, north of Fermoy, but so far no POW mail from there has shown up during the last 80 years. Some of these localities may have seen use as transit stations only. From the point of a postal historian, we only can prove that mail exists from Templemore, Co. Tipperary, where on 10 September 1914, a first contingent of 300 German and Austrian POWs arrived. The number of POWs at Richmond Barracks in Templemore reached over 2,000 by the end of 1914. Many interesting details about the camp at Templemore can be found in a bilingual article about "German POW Mail between Templemore and Germany 1914 and 1915" by Pádraig O'Mathúna in Volume 20 of FAI publications¹. All POWs at Templemore were combatants from the western theatre of operations in Belgium and Northern France, and on their correspondence, they used to give their military rank. When writing letters or postcards, these usually had the printed inscription "Prisoners of War" and "Post Free / Prisoner of War" in the postal censor's handstamp.

Early in February 1915, a transfer of all POWs in Richmond Barracks to a camp in Leigh, Lancs. (at Wilford Weaving Co. Ltd., Etherstone Street, Pennington, Leigh) was initiated, probably because British intelligence had learned of plans of the Irish Republicans to set free all enemy POWs at Templemore once a rising broke out. When this action took place in Dublin during Easter 1916, the Templemore POWs had already been transferred to a safe camp in Lancashire.

No such action was taken for a second camp at Oldcastle, Co. Meath, and this made me curious. An investigation has brought some new facts to light. Together with Harald Frank of FAI, who specializes in such mail, I found 17 pieces of mail to or from ten men interned at Oldcastle. Fourteen letters/cards can be dated between October 1915 and March 1918. Camp inmates always give a POW number together with their name and address. These numbers seem to have been allotted to the inter-

nees at the camp to avoid possible difficulties with foreign names and their spelling, a practice common in most camps. The lowest number known so far is 28 and the highest is 631. The men seem to have been housed in two buildings: "A", with at least 18 rooms, and "B", with at least 11 rooms. For two of the inmates, we have correspondences of five letters/cards each:

Arnold PARTH, POW No. 117, a citizen of Austria from the Sudeten region of Bohemia, was at Oldcastle at least from October 1915 till March 1918. He also received correspondence from friends in Dublin and Ferbane.

Joseph SCHIESS, POW No. 631, had his origin in Tuttlingen/Württemberg, Germany, but also received Christmas greetings from an Irish friend in Dublin from which a suspicious censor regularly removed the postage stamp. During 1916, SCHIESS moved from room 1 to room 5 in the same building, and it seems that by the end of 1917, the food situation had deteriorated when his sister in Germany advised that she had mailed a small package containing 450 grs. sugar and milk powder. On 24 December 1915, SCHIESS sent a Christmas card, printed at the camp, to Mrs. Elizabeth SCHIESS, 53 Bay View Ave., North Strand Road, Dublin. This is where the cat jumps out of the bag. Oldcastle served as a collecting point for aliens from enemy countries and not as a camp for military prisoners. Mr. SCHIESS was a German national married to a woman of Anglo-Irish origin as we can deduct from her name Elizabeth. Had she been German, it would have been written Elisabeth.

After this discovery, we have a second look at the 17 pieces of mail which so often mentioned "Prisoner of War". It now comes to light that *all* inmates of Oldcastle camp *never* mentioned a military rank when writing their address. They must have been civilian internees enjoying the same privileges of free postage during the war. Looking at the list of mail known² we find that, out of ten internees, four of them had correspondence with neutral countries (i.e. Spain, Sweden and Switzerland). This is more likely the case with civilians living in a foreign country than with simple military servicemen. In fact, from Templemore we know of only one (registered) letter from Belfast addressed to a person in the camp, who may have been a member of the guards or an interpreter. As far as the letters contain messages, most of them are not in German but in English. This indicates that the interned writers had a good knowledge of the language of the land in which they lived. POW mail from Templemore is usually written in German.

In a letter from Oldcastle to Durango, Viscaya, Spain, Klaus KOEPKE, POW No. 207, presumably a seaman from a captured German merchant vessel, writes to a Spaniard living near the port of Bilbao and inquires in English about the fate of some of his comrades of the crew. He includes greetings from another crewmember, also at Oldcastle.

As far as censorship markings from Oldcastle are concerned, we so far know of four handstamps (three with OLDCASTLE mentioned) and of two types of sealing labels with OPENED BY / CENSOR / P.W..... When an open envelope was sealed by the censor with these labels, no additional handstamps were ap-

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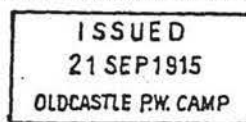


Figure 1



England

Internier Wochenbericht Nr. 54

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- + Seaforth, Lancs., near Liverpool, Military Hospital
- + St. Albans, Herts., Napsbury War Hospital
- + Stobs, Hawick, Scotland
- + Tidworth, Hants., Military Hospital
- + Wakefield, Yorks., Lofthouse
- + Woolwich, London SE., Royal Herbert Hospital
- + York, Yorks.

IRLAND

- + Cork, Co. Cork
- + Dublin
- + " , King George V. Hospital
- + Oldcastle, Co. Meath
- + Queenstown, Cove, Co. Cork
- + Templemore, Co. Tipperary

AFRIKA

- + Accra, Gold Coast
- + Aus. S.W.A.
- + Blantyre, Nyasaland
- + Durban, Natal, S.A.
- + Kimberley, Cape Province, S.A.
- + Lagos, Nigeria
- + Mombasa, Kenya
- + Nairobi, Kenya
- + Olanjunde, S.W.A.
- + Pietermaritzburg, Natal, Fort Napier
- + Ras el Tim, Alexandria, Egypt
- + Seychelles Islands
- + Swakopmund, S.W.A.
- + (Für Sierra Leone, Uganda und Zanzibar werden Lager ohne Ortsangabe gemeldet.)

AUSTRALIEN

- + Berrima, N.S.W.
- + Bourke, N.S.W.
- + Brisbane, Queensland
- + Bruny Island, Tasmania
- + Claremont
- + Davenport, New Zealand
- + Enoggera, Queensland
- + Fiji Islands
- + Langwarrin, Victoria
- + Liverpool, N.S.W.
- + Melbourne, Victoria
- + Motuihi, New Zealand
- + Port Cook, Victoria
- + Somes Island, New Zealand
- + Torrens Islands
- + Trial Bay, N.S.W.

Verzeichnis der Gefangenenlager und Lezarette in Grossbritannien und den britischen Kolonien, wie sie Ende 1919 bestanden und in einer Liste vom Prisoner of War Information Bureau London an die Deutsche Rote Kreuz übermittelt wurde.

GROSSBRITANNIEN

- + Aldershot, Hants. Isolation Hospital
- + " " Connaught
- + Chatham, Kent
- + Colchester, Essex Military Hospital
- + Croydon, Surrey Addington Park Hospital
- + Dartford, Kent Isolation Hospital
- + " " Lower Southern Hospital
- + Donnington Hall, Castle Donnington, Derby
- + Dorchester, Dorset
- + Douglas, Isle of Man
- + Devonport, Devon Military Hospital
- + " " Bull Point, Detention Barracks
- + Dyffryn Aled, Llanannan, Abergale, North Wales
- + Eggbaston, Birmingham, 1st Southern General Hospital
- + Edinburgh, Castle
- + " " Military Hospital
- + Eastcote, Northants.
- + Frith Hill, Frimley, Surrey
- + Frongoch, Bala, North Wales
- + Greenwich, London SE., The Priory
- + Guernsey, Channel Islands
- + Handforth, Cheshire
- + Holyport, Bray, Berks.
- + Jersey, Channel Islands
- + Knockaloe, Peel, Isle of Man
- + Lancaster, Lancs.
- + Leicester, Leics. No. 5 Base Hospital
- + Leigh, Lancs.
- + Leeds, Yorks. Harehills Road, East Leeds War Hospital
- + Libby Hall, Ware, Herts.
- + Liverpool, Lancs., Fazakerley, 1st Western General Hospital
- + London N., Alexandra Palace
- + " SE., 2nd London General Hospital, St. Marks College, Chelsea
- + " SE., 4th " " Denmark Hill
- + " NE., German Hospital, Dalston
- + " N., Islington
- + " SW., Queen Alexandra Hospital, Grosvenor Road
- + " W., Olympia, Kensington
- + " SW., The King George Hospital, Stamford Street
- + " E., Stratford
- + " SW., 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth
- + Manchester, Lancs. 2nd Western General Hospital
- + Newbury, Berks.
- + Netley, Hants., Royal Victoria Hospital
- + Oxford, Oxon., 3rd Southern General Hospital
- + Plymouth, Devon, 4th
- + Portsmouth, Hants.
- + " " Southsea, 5th Southern General Hospital
- + Queens Ferry, Chesh.
- + Redford Barracks, Colinton, Scotland
- + Ryde, Isle of Wight
- + Southend, Essex
- + Southampton, Hants., Bevois Mount House and Skating Rink

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CANADA

- + Amherst, Nova Scotia
- + Brandon, Manitoba
- + Halifax, Nova Scotia
- + Kapuskasing, Ontario
- + Kingston
- + Lethbridge, Alberta
- + Montreal, Quebec
- + Nanaimo, Vancouver, B.C.
- + Niagara Falls, Ontario
- + Petawawa, Ontario
- + Quebec, Beaufort Armoury, P.Q.
- + Sault Saint Marie, Ontario
- + Spirit Lake, Quebec
- + Toronto, Ontario
- + Valcartier, Quebec
- + Fernie, B.C.
- + Vernon, B.C.

INDIEN

- + Ahmednagar
- + Belgaum
- + (Ceylon)
- + Colombo Hospital
- + Delhi
- + Diyatalawa, Ceylon
- + Penang, Malaysia
- + Poona
- + Rangoon, Burma
- + Singapore
- + Sumerpur, Erinpura, Rajputana
- + Thayetmyo, Burma

SONSTIGE KOLONIEN

- + Bridgetown, Barbados
- + Britisch Honduras
- + Falkland Islands
- + Gibraltar
- + Hongkong
- + Malta
- + Britisch Guiana, Massaruni
- + St. John's, New Foundland
- + Porto Islands, Bermuda
- + Port Royal, Jamaica
- + St. Lucia
- + Trinidad
- + Up Park, Jamaica

Figure 2 – German/Austrian Civilian Internees in Oldcastle, Co. Meath 1914-1918

POW No.	Name(s) of Internee	Barracks Location	Mail Dated	Correspondence Remarks from - to
28	MOSER, Petrus	A 18	--	Oldcastle - Germany
99	WINTER, Hermann	A 11	9 DEC 17	Oldcastle - London
117	PARTH, Arnold	A 10	8 OCT 15	Dublin - Oldcastle
117	PARTH, Arnold	A 10	28 AUG 16	Oldcastle - Dublin
117	PARTH, Arnold	A 10	18 SEP 16	Ferbane - Oldcastle
117	PARTH, Arnold	A 10	24 DEC 17	Kreibitz(A) - Oldcastle
117	PARTH, Arnold	A 10	12 MAR 18	Rumburg(A) - Oldcastle
207	KOEPKE, Claus	A 3	22 DEC 16	Oldcastle - Durango(E)
240	PERC, Franz	A 8	9 DEC 16	Oldcastle - Zurich(CH)
576	LECKE, F.	B 11	--	Oldcastle - Germany
580	BITTER, Franz	A 6	28 JAN 18	Oldcastle - Tranas(S)
631	SCHIESS, Joseph	B 1	15 DEC 15	Oldcastle - Dublin Xmas card
631	SCHIESS, Joseph	B 1	26 DEC 15	Dublin - Oldcastle
631	SCHIESS, Joseph	B 5	25 DEC 16	Dublin - Oldcastle
631	SCHIESS, Joseph	B 5	9 OCT 17	Germany - Oldcastle
631	SCHIESS, Joseph	B 5	18 OCT 17	Germany - Oldcastle
?	KRUEGER, Otto	?	? DEC 16	Oldcastle - Durango(E)
571	HUSTER, E.A.W.	A 9	? DEC 16	Oldcastle - Germany Xmas card

plied. On Oldcastle mail, we know of censors P.W. 29 and P.W. 459. We cannot deduce from this fact that these P.W. censors worked at Oldcastle, but there is a certain likelihood. For Christmas 1915 and 1916, special postcards were printed as illustrated here. The inscription on the back, in green and red, conveyed "Many Hearty Wishes for a Happy Xmas and a Brighter New Year" in English and German.

Incoming mail often received a boxed handstamp "ISSUED

/(Date)/ OLDCASTLE P.W. CAMP", probably used to protect the censor from accusations of delaying mail.

These facts lead me to the conclusion that Templemore camp housed military prisoners and that for a limited period of time only, Oldcastle camp served as a camp for civilian enemy internees during the entire WWI.

Reports and copies on further items from Oldcastle and other Irish POW camps are cordially invited by Hans G. Moxter.

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Letter to the Editor

30 April 1998

Re: *The Revealer*, Spring Issue 1998, page 61,
An Interesting Cover.

Dear Editor,

I am delighted to see that you are giving some prominence to modern postal history; this is my favorite collecting interest and is, I feel, much neglected.

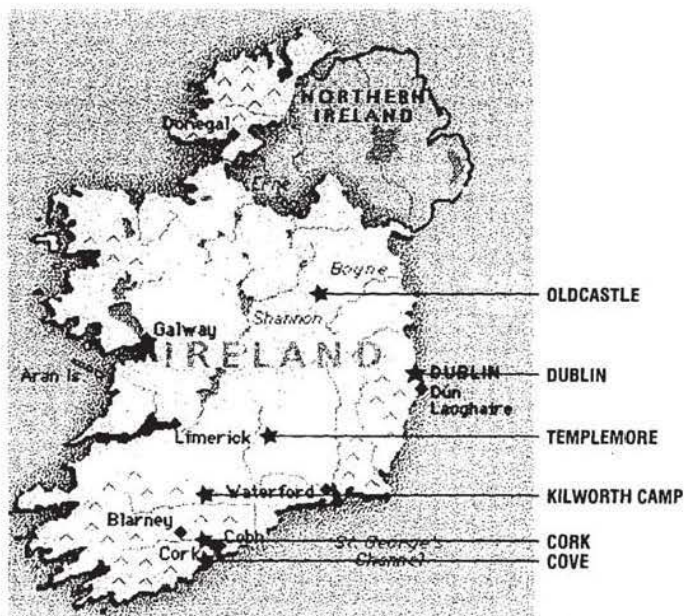
In relation to the DUBLIN/RETURNED LETTER SECTION datestamp, it would appear that most of these RLS datestamps are now inscribed solely in English with no Irish. The explanation given to me by AnPost for this is that so many postal items

are returned from overseas where people may not understand Irish. AnPost believes there is a need to provide explanations for non-delivery in English. This particular DUBLIN datestamp was, I think, first used in the Dublin Mail Centre in about April 1997 and all examples that I have seen have been in Blue [ink]. As regards the delay between posting (15 DEC 1997) and return (27 JAN 98), this is by no means unusual, even for national mail. It may be partly explained by the Christmas Holidays and by the absence of a district number in the Dublin address. It is noted that there are no backstamps - more usually the datestamps would have been applied on the back rather than the front of the cover.

Regards,

Maurice Barrett
EPA# 2459





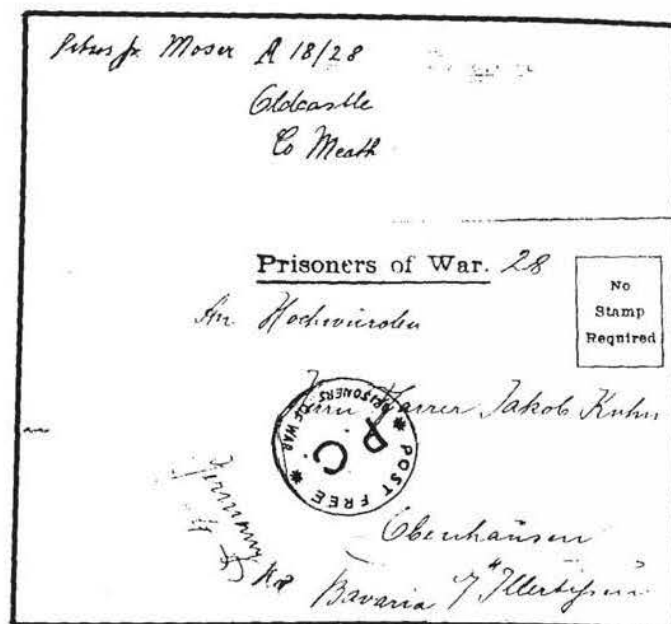
Localities mentioned in connection with German Prisoners of War in Ireland during World War I.



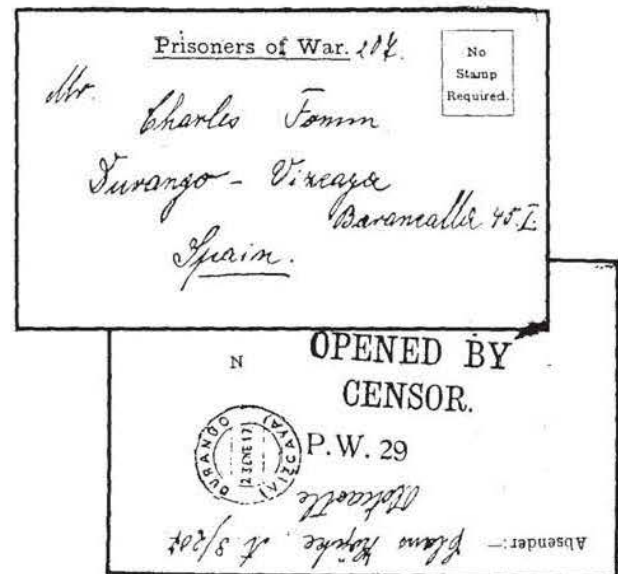
Post cards to Joseph SCHIESS, POW No. 631, mailed by his sister in Germany on 9th and 18th October 1917 showing censorship markings from Germany (faint), London and Oldcastle. Both cards reached the addressee on the same day, despite having been mailed nine days apart.



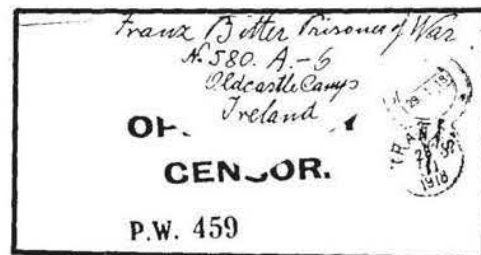
Christmas greetings cards from a friend in Dublin to Joseph SCHIESS, POW No. 631, in Oldcastle. The camp censor removed the postage stamps in 1915 and again in 1916.



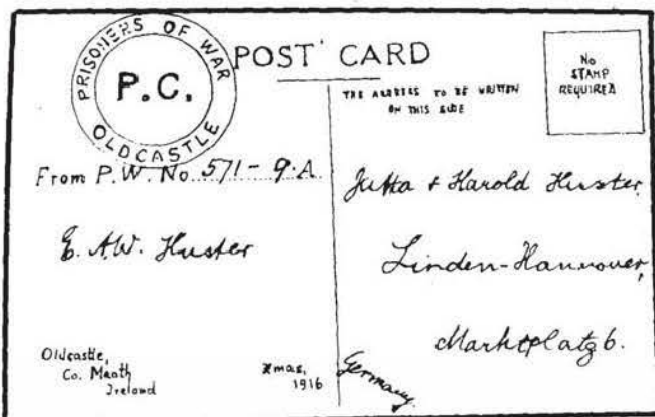
Early cover from POW No. 28, Petrus Fr. MOSER to a village parson in Bavaria. This undated letter shows only one censorship handstamp, not mentioning Oldcastle, with rare large eightpointed stars.



For Christmas 1915 and 1916, the inmates of Oldcastle Camp had their own bi-colored greetings cards printed. POW No. 631, Joseph SCHIESS, mailed a card to his wife in Dublin on 15 December 1915, which arrived on the 24th. A year later, E.A.W. HUSTER, POW No. 571, sent greetings to relatives in Germany. Note in the address the name Harold in English spelling; the German version would have been Harald.



A cover to Spain was sealed by postal censor (P.W. 29) in January 1917 by a label with serified type, while a year later another censor (P.W. 459) used another sans-serifed block type label on a cover to Sweden.



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² 75 YEARS OF IRISH STAMPS 1922-1997, pages 40-54, Pádraig Ó Mathúna, German POW Mail between Templemore and Germany 1914 and 1915, FAI Schriftenreihe Band 20, FAI c/o Klaus Stange, D-49191 Belm-Vehrte, Wittekindsweg 59A, GERMANY

STAMPA '98

by Joe Foley

If this is Thursday, it must be Dublin! Once again, it was a great pleasure to visit Ireland and the Irish National Stamp Exhibition (STAMPA). This year's show was again at the Royal Dublin Society (RDS) Concert Hall in the Ballsbridge section of Dublin. (The rumor that an annex operated across the street in Paddy Cullin's establishment is grossly exaggerated.) The show was set up during the day on Thursday and that evening a reception hosted by AnPost was held.

As always, STAMPA and AnPost did an outstanding job in working with young collectors. The Voyager program continues to be a successful undertaking for them and exhibits from youngsters were prominently featured. Although Saturday was the children's special day, they were recognized both at the Thursday reception and on Friday for presentation of special awards. Organized by EPA president, Dave Brennan, large quantities of stamps, contributed by EPA members, were presented by Joe Foley to Liam O'Neachtain, who developed an outstanding project using stamps in various educational projects in the school where he teaches, and Philip Quigley working with the Voyager program and coaching a youth group in the Wexford area.

The show was open each day from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There were two spectacular items in the Court of Honor, arranged through the offices of David Feldman. One was a penny black on cover dated May 1, 1840 and charged postage due as the stamp was not valid until May 6th. The other was a mint strip of four of the rare coil (Scott 68b). There were 21 stamp dealers in the bourse, plus postal agencies and supply dealers. It would be an unusual collector not to have found some gem to add to his Irish collection. David Feldman had a preview of their February 14-19, 1999 sale which includes an outstanding array of Irish material. The STAMPA program included an article by Brian Warren on "Irish Postboxes," a reminiscence by Seamus Kearns titled "Irish Philately - The Early Years," "The First Among Classics - Penny Black and Twopenny Blue" by David Rose, and some basic advice for new collectors. A well-done program!

The EPA was represented by Vice President Ian Whyte who is also chairman of STAMPA, Vice President Joe Foley, Treasurer Barney Clancy, Immediate Past President Charles Verge, Directors Anthony Hughes and Joachim Schaaf, and Youth Program Manager Phil Quigley. Additionally, there were many members present from Ireland and the rest of Europe.

There was a joint meeting of the FAI, IPC and EPA on Saturday. Brian Warren made the arrangements and provided projectors. Joachim Schaaf, representing FAI, gave a display on Irish Postal Forms that was fascinating. Brian Warren, representing IPC, spoke on Irish Postboxes and showed a number of interesting slides, made all the more appropriate with the recent Irish commemoratives. Joe Foley gave a presentation on the Fenian Labels and included a bogus artists drawing that was "offered" to him some years ago. The announcement of the EPA annual awards at the AGM and detailed elsewhere in this issue were made during this meeting. There was some discussion regarding conflicting schedules of various Irish Philatelic organization activities, but no real progress was made. It was the consensus that these joint meetings at STAMPA should continue.

Awards were presented at the dinner at Snipes on Saturday evening. Kevin Drury did such an outstanding job selling tickets that there was standing room only! After a slight delay, most were seated and an enjoyable time was had by all. The judges were Peter McCann from the U.S., and John Lennon and Heloise Mitchell from Ireland. McCann and Verge presented seminars at the show. Awards were made as follows:

Gwyn Bennett Trophy for the Novice Class

John Proctor - GB - *King George VI Controls*

Bronze

Catherine Murphy - *Ireland and the World Game* (Thematic)

Colm T. Murphy - *Of Whales and Dolphins* (Thematic)

Florian Thoma - *Mycological Diversity* (Thematic), also received the Charles O'Neill Memorial Trophy for the best thematic display

Silver Bronze

John Pedneault - *The Penny Red with letters in all four corners used in Ireland 1864-1880* (Traditional)

Silver

Brian Warren - *The Gerl Definitives - 18d Issues* (Traditional)

Lady Mairi Bury - GB - *The Stamps of George V, Watermark Royal Cypher* (Traditional)

Kevin Drury - *Forgeries* (Traditional)

H. J. Kumpf - *The Mail of Irish Military Camps* (Postal History)

Mike Burrington - *British Postal History to 1840* (Postal History)

John Matthews - *Newry Posts 1733-1895* (Postal History)

N. P. J. Morrin - *Keeping in Touch* (Literature)

Vermeil

Ian Whyte - *The Recess-printed Stamps of Ireland* (Traditional), also received the Irish Security Stamp Printing Trophy for the best exhibit of Irish postage stamps issued since 1922 and EPA Certificate

Joseph E. Foley - *Postal Stationery of the Dutch East Indies - The Early Years* (Traditional), also received Whyte's Trophy for the best traditional exhibit - excluding Ireland

C. I. Dulin - *Irish Booklets (A Handbook of Irish Stamp Booklets 1931-1991)* (Literature)

Gold

Kenneth Magee - *Ireland 1840-1901* (Traditional), also received the EPA medal for the best display of Irish stamps and/or postal history

Charles J. G. Verge - *Postal Markings of Dublin 1818-1916* (Postal History), also received EPA Certificate

C. Y. Reid - *Victorian Registered Mail* (Postal History), also received the F. E. Dixon Shield for the best postal history entry and the David Feldman Trophy for the best overall exhibit [Grand Award]

The Open Class is judged by those attending the show. Results were not available when we left, however, the exhibits in that class were:

Brian Warren - *The Letterbox*

Colm T. Murphy - *Following in Ellis' Footsteps*

Florian Thoma - *Similarity and Diversity - Ireland and Switzerland*

John Lennon - *Fire!*

Tony Finn - *Brigs, Barques and Brigantines*

STAMPA had their own calligrapher filling in the award certificates - Brother David (Mac), allegedly a defrocked monk from the contemplative order of St. Guinness. In any event, some poetic license was taken (I guess that's what it might be called) with the EPA certificate made out for Ian Whyte. Charles Verge's exhibit might be considered auction lot viewing. Charles has decided to part with this portion of his collection and it will be offered in the near future by Ian Whyte.

A highlight of a visit to STAMPA is always the renewing of old friendships and the making of new ones. Mike Giffney, invariably with a smile, was there to greet visitors from near and far. A very special treat was a visit to the dean of Irish Philately, Bill Kane. Bill has contributed a great deal to our hobby, both directly through his own study and writings, and through the kindly help and encouragement he has given so many of us over the years.

Attendance appeared good throughout the show and many times, all the places at some dealer's stand were occupied. It was a friendly group and everyone seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves. All too soon it was Sunday evening. Time to take down the exhibits and pack up. A few days to drive through some of the beautiful Irish countryside and then to the Dublin airport and off to home. Next year, God willing, we'll be back. ♣

My Irish Collection

by Micheal O'Conghaile

My childhood stamp collecting included Irish stamps, rather naturally, since both of my parents came from Ireland and we received the occasional mail from there. My collecting remained rather casual and sporadic until I reached my 20s.

I then began a more organized collection, making grand plans to someday have a mint collection of all Irish stamps listed in the SCOTT catalog. In 1969, when I came across the FELDMAN catalog, I suddenly realized that my goals utilizing SCOTT were rather limited. David Feldman opened my eyes to the wider range of collecting that was available to me. Varieties, control numbers, propaganda labels, essays - the fever was upon me. I haunted the New York dealers and auction houses searching for missing items that fit my budget (and a few that were beyond what I could really afford, but couldn't resist).

Alas, at the end of the '70s, reasons of the heart caused me to dispose of my Irish collection (and that's another story entirely). I sold the collection in a Harmer's auction and unexpectedly realized how traumatic it was to part with these little pieces of paper that I had lovingly accumulated over so many years. Gone were the elegant-looking high-value seahorses, the gutter pairs, the G.B. used in Ireland: gone too were the common issues I had so carefully soaked off incoming mail for a quarter-century and more.

The experience kept me away from stamp collecting for a long time. It wasn't until the mid-1980s when I returned to the fold and resumed my philatelic interests. By this time, however, my attitude toward collecting had altered and I decided to concentrate my efforts, not in collecting the mint or used issues of Ireland, but in the area of postal history.

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Treasurer's Report

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

September 1, 1997 - August 31, 1998

INCOME:

Dues/Donations	\$7,484.72
Interest/Dividends	2,582.85
Auction	894.98
Special Offers	1,198.60
Advertising	140.00
Misc.	95.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$12,396.15

EXPENSES:

Typesetting/Printing	
(4-Revealer/Auction	
1-Directory 2-Booklets)	\$7,501.25
Postage	1,598.26
Awards	89.71
ID cards	132.50
Special Offers	423.57
Supplies	595.00
Dues Envelopes	312.44
Misc.	206.19

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$10,858.92

INCOME OVER EXPENSES

\$1,537.23

BALANCE SHEET

September 1, 1997 - August 31, 1998

ASSETS:

Merrill Lynch	\$32,056.17
Crestar	8,893.15
Bank of Ireland (Dublin)	
(IR£520. @ \$1.50)	780.00
Auction Account	705.06
Special Offers Account	1,490.70
Special Offers Inventory*	9,107.50
Revealer back issues	1.00

TOTAL ASSETS

\$53,033.58

LIABILITIES:

Reserve Accounts:	
Life Member Trust	\$16,100.00
Revealer Trust	8,000.00
Book Publishing Trust	2,500.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$26,600.00

*NOTE: Inventory carried at full retail. ♣

The Envelopes of the Walpamur Company

by Otto Jung

I have always been fascinated by the uniform appearance of the envelopes stamped to order which this company issued over a period of more than three decades: all have the same size (152 x 89 mm), the same buff paper, the same format of the window (except for the 1/2d value), the same fold, the same text (with very little variations) and the same arrangement of the text (again with slight variations). As usual, with envelopes showing the sender printed, the Walpamur envelopes are rarely found in unused condition; only two items are known, i.e., one 1d and one 4d envelope. All envelopes have as for printed matter an ungummed flap, and their window is uncovered, but some are also found with a cellophane cover. We do not know any addressees because the contents were removed from the envelopes. Six face values were used mirroring the development of the printed matter rate: 1/2d, 1d, 1-1/2d, 2d, 3d and 4d; a 6d envelope, conceivable for late 1970, has not yet been seen and very probably does not exist. As typical for all envelopes stamped to order, the embossed stamp type was applied, but typographed stamps were used for the 3d as well as embossed. Different settings of the print are found only of the 2d and 3d values; the fold results in overlapping from the left or right hand side, clearly to

be seen in the window. Overlapping from both sides on the same print seems to happen only to the 3d; on the 2d, it depends on the different prints.

The main differences are found in the setting of the text. The **first line** starts from left over the "H" of "THE" to right after "THE". The horizontal dash at the end of the **first line** looks like a full stop, or it is short and thick or long and thin. The **second line** is either 57 mm or 63 mm long. The first issues show a comma after "Co.", on the later envelopes it is missing. The "9" in the **third line** is under "P" or under "PL" of "WALPAMUR". The "C" of "Cardiff" is found over "D", "DU" or "U" of "DUBLIN". "DUBLIN." (with full stop) is to be read in the **fourth line** on the values 1/2d to 2d, the 3d and 4d show "DUBLIN, 2."

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My Irish Collection

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Then I discovered the Eire Philatelic Association and *THE REVEALER* and, like the light that dawned when I discovered the Feldman catalog, new doors opened to me, showing me a yet-wider field of endeavor. The passion had returned!

Many of the articles in *THE REVEALER* covered areas that were virgin territory for me. As a result, I became interested in the area of philatelic literature and began building a library of Irish material.

The formation of the Commodore John Barry chapter of the E.P.A. finally got me out of the closet of solitary collecting. My fellow enthusiasts in the chapter have added greatly to the pleasures I enjoy in collecting. Through the chapter, I have had the pleasure of meeting other E.P.A. members, many of whom I had only known through the pages of *THE REVEALER*.

Eventually, I started writing for the chapter newsletter, *THE EMERALD POSTMARK*. Although I don't have the expertise to break new ground in philatelic research, I was able to contribute some articles that hopefully would pique the interest of or amuse the reader.

My main postal history interest is in the pre-adhesive, stampless cover era. But I also began a specialized study and collection of the 1941 Rising overprints, what I like to refer to as the "Overlooked Overprints."

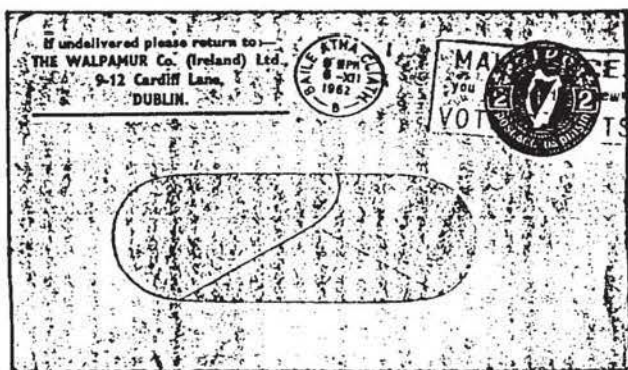
Then, like so many collectors before me, my intention to limit my collecting areas didn't quite work out. At the Harmer auction of Malcolm O'Reilly's estate in 1991, I successfully bid on his Irish revenue collection and have been adding to it, with particular emphasis on revenues on full documents.

My earlier collecting interest in airmail meant that I naturally gravitated to collecting first flight Irish covers and air postal usages.

Another early interest in Christmas and charity seals got me into collecting the Irish seals.

Town cancels caught my fancy as did slogan cancels. Again I have resolved to stop expanding my range of collecting. Perhaps this time I will succeed.

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Envelope 2d with stamp embossed



Envelope 3d with stamp typographed

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