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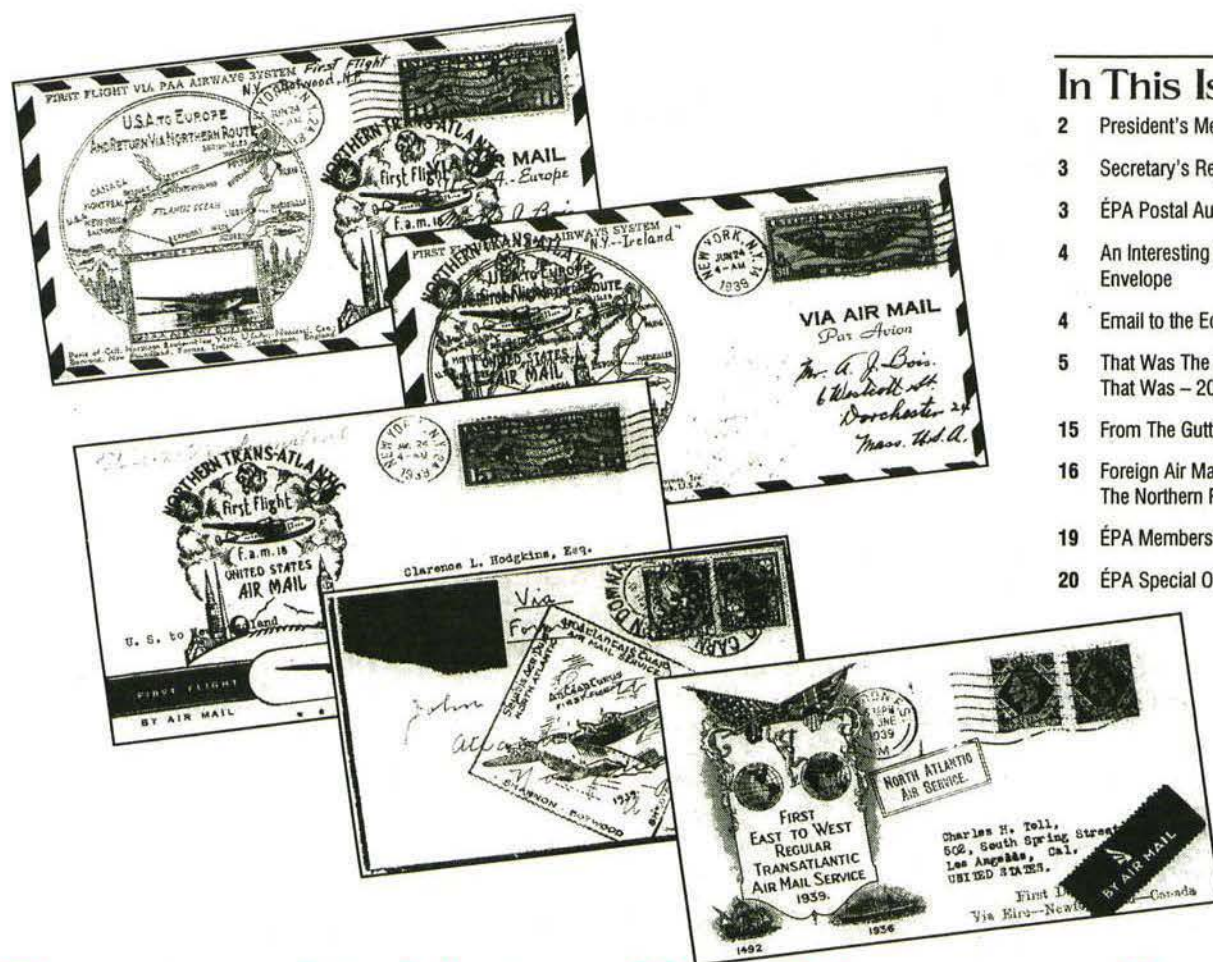
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## President's Message

by William O'Connor

Our annual meeting at SESCOAL, October 7-9 in Los Angeles is fast approaching. The Radisson Hotel, at the Los Angeles Airport, 6225 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles CA, 90045, will be the host hotel. The SESCOAL website, <http://www.sescal.org> will provide information concerning the 2005 prospectus, room rates, and other valuable information. If any member is not able to download information from the site, please contact me and I will gladly send the prospectus and any other information required. My address is located on the inside front cover of this journal. We have some great activities planned, so I hope to see many of you this fall.

I had the distinct pleasure to attend a presentation by Mary Robinson, a former President of Ireland, which was held at the University of California, Riverside, recently. She was a most eloquent speaker for the poor and disposed. I was able to have a few words with her, and gave her a few mementos of our organization, which she graciously accepted. A few graduates of Trinity College, Dublin, hosted a gathering just before the lecture, and it was pleasant to be offered an Irish coffee as one entered the room.

I have been a volunteer for the San Diego Philatelic Library these past few months, and it was most rewarding to find some material in the back

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- Members as of June 1, 2005.....468 ♣

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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room concerning Irish stamp collecting. The first program for STAMPA72, the Irish National Stamp Exhibition, was hidden away, and it was gratifying to see that Eire Philatelic Association was a major donor to this now yearly event. Some old Price Co., Stamp Industries News, from 1948 were also found. The used postage due stamps, J6 and J7 could be had for the princely some of two cents for the pair.

One other interesting folder entombed in a box well hidden concerned early correspondence from our organization from 1951. Letters or notes from Neil Stack, John J. Clark, Thomas Bannigan, Jr., and Rudolph Mitchell, were all sent to George T. Turner, a charter member of 1951. I hope to be able to donate all this material to our Librarian, Peter Foote, for inclusion into the archives. If any member has old correspondence etc., I am sure Peter would love to hear from you.

One issue that has been of a concern to your leadership is the issuance of an updated directory and the privacy of all our members. As you may be aware, any member may request not to have his or her name in the directory. Please contact the Secretary if you would prefer not to include your name in any revised directory. Thank you for your continued patronage of our organization, and I hope you all have a wonderful summer. ♣

## ÉPA POSTAL AUCTION

by Joe Foley

Our postal auction has had a long run. Auction #1 closed on September 20, 1965. It had all of thirty-three lots. There were some real bargains in that sale, at least by today's price levels. Dollard essays went for \$3.25 and a mint set of the Dollard high-values, Scott 12-14 brought \$6.50. It's been a very quick forty years! There have been some changes, but since that first sale, the auction regulations have stipulated a minimum lot reserve of \$1.00. Our current auction regulations (#4) state "... It is expected that all lots will have a minimum realization of \$1.00."

This worked well when all or most lots had a reserve. However, in recent years most lots have not had a reserve, and all too frequently we find lots selling for less than \$1.00. In Sale 141 twenty-three lots sold for less than \$1.00. Dealing with small value lots is just not worth the time and trouble. Therefore, beginning with Sale 142 bids of less than \$1.00 will be respectfully declined. Sellers are asked to bear this in mind when making up lots and to group small value items.

I would also like to remind our members that when a lot has a reserve, a bid less than that amount will not be considered. Usually, bids less than 25% of catalog value will also not be considered.

Postage costs, particularly for heavier items, can add up. In the last sale a member in Europe paid more for shipping a book than for the book itself. Shipping costs can be estimated from the Postal Service Website: <http://www.usps.com/>

Members outside the United States are reminded that the "A.O." rate for small packets, etc., was discontinued a few years ago. Only the letter rate is available for individual mailings. Also, the surface rate has a minimum fee established for 16 ounces, regardless of actual weight. Media mail and bound printed matter are only available for domestic use. Heavy items such as albums and small collections with modest value might be better suited for the "Trading Post."

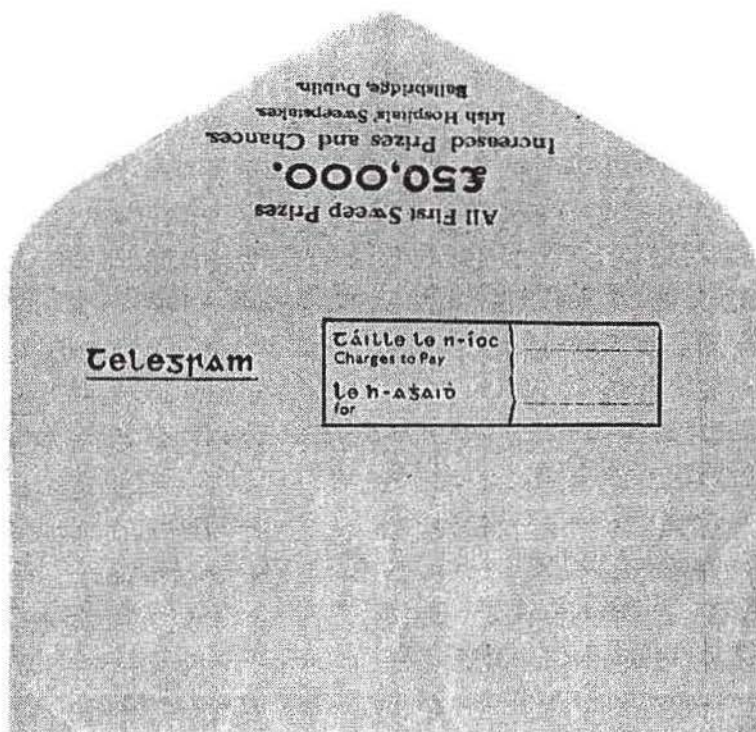
Any questions, please get in touch. (Contact information on the auction.) ♣

## An Interesting Pre-printed Envelope, 5" x 3<sup>5</sup>/<sub>16</sub>"

by Bill O'Connor

I came across this little envelope some time ago, and promptly placed it in the "to look at later box". After looking through Clancy's and Jung's *Postal Stationary of Ireland*, and some past issues of *The Revealer*, I could not find any information on this item. It may be simply a receipt envelope for telegram orders, or one in which the telegram may be placed for posting. On the back of the envelope is an advertisement for the Irish Hospital's Sweepstakes.

Could one of our members shed some light on this item? ♣



## Email to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Perhaps the attached pictures are old news, but I will try anyway.

*Catalogue of the Postal Markings of Dublin 1840-1922* by William Kane mentions on page 9 two types of receiving marks (46 and 47).

It is stated that the code sideways H (1861!) is generally believed to be associated with the H&K Packet.

As you can see, I have a letter from Belfast to Dublin, dated 19-8-1859, with a receiving mark Dublin sideways H, two years before Kane's note (H&K Belfast/Dublin?).

Could it be explained?

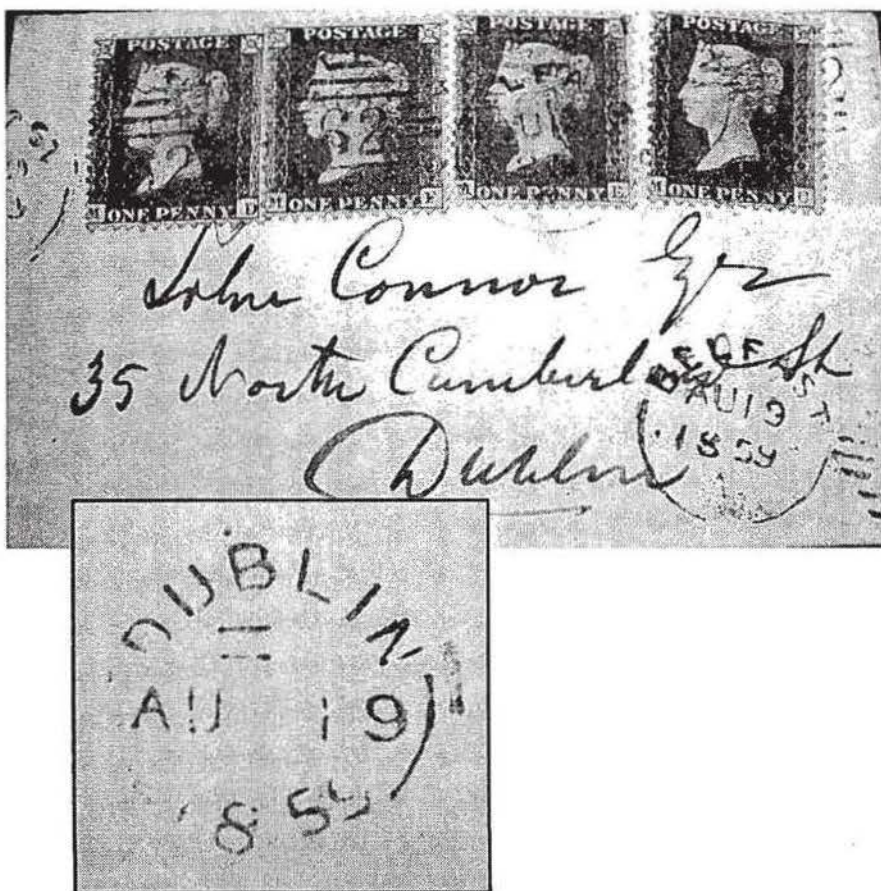
I know it is nearly 25 years since the book was published, so some corrections perhaps already have been done.

If some of our specialists are able to give the explanation, I would be glad.

Regards,

Iben Olsen (member 2441)

Denmark ♣



## THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS - 2004

by Brian Warren

(continued from last issue)

### DEFINITIVES

| Date of Issue | Description                                                                       | Cost                                                                              | Plate Numbers/Notes                                                                | Paper                                                                               | Perf.     | Printer    |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
|               |  |  |  |  |           |            |
| 5 Jan         | Birds – Sheet issues – new design/value                                           | - Puffin 60c                                                                      | 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B                                                                  | CCP3                                                                                | 14 x 14%  | ISSP       |
|               |                                                                                   | - Song Thrush 65c                                                                 | 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B                                                                  | CCP3                                                                                | 14 x 14%  | ISSP       |
|               | Birds – Self-Adhesive booklets                                                    | - Puffin €6.00                                                                    | 10 x 60c (new G.B. rate)                                                           |                                                                                     | 11½ x 11½ | SNP Sprint |
|               |                                                                                   | - Song Thrush €6.50                                                               | 10 x 65c (new overseas rate)                                                       |                                                                                     | 11½ x 11½ | SNP Sprint |
| Feb           | Birds – Self-Adhesive Roll                                                        |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |                                                                                     |           |            |
|               | - Peregrine Falcon and Pied Wagtail (New printing)                                | 2 x 48c                                                                           | €48 per box of 100 (50 x 2)                                                        | 11 x 11½                                                                            | Enschedé  |            |
| April         | Birds – Self Adhesive Booklet                                                     |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |                                                                                     |           |            |
|               | - Peregrine Falcon and Pied Wagtail (New printing)                                | €4.80                                                                             | 10 x 48c – 2 designs                                                               |                                                                                     | 11½ x 11½ | SNP Sprint |
| 9 Sept        | New Wild Flowers Definitives - Part 1                                             |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |                                                                                     |           |            |
|               | Sheet Issues                                                                      |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |                                                                                     |           |            |
|               | - Dog-violet                                                                      | 4c                                                                                | 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B                                                                  | CCP3                                                                                | 14 x 14%  | ISSP       |
|               | - Dandelion                                                                       | 5c                                                                                | 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B                                                                  | CCP3                                                                                | 14 x 14%  | ISSP       |
|               | - Primrose                                                                        | 48c                                                                               | 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B                                                                  | CCP3                                                                                | 14 x 14%  | ISSP       |
|               | - Hawthorn                                                                        | 60c                                                                               | 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B                                                                  | CCP3                                                                                | 14 x 14%  | ISSP       |
|               | - Bluebell                                                                        | 65c                                                                               | 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B                                                                  | CCP3                                                                                | 14 x 14%  | ISSP       |
|               | Lords and Ladies                                                                  | €2.00                                                                             | 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B                                                                  | CCP3                                                                                | 14% x 14  | ISSP       |
|               | - Dog-rose                                                                        | €5.00                                                                             | 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B                                                                  | CCP3                                                                                | 14 x 14%  | ISSP       |
|               | Self-Adhesives                                                                    |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |                                                                                     |           |            |
|               | - Booklet (Daisy on cover)                                                        | €4.80                                                                             | 10 x 48c - 2 designs                                                               |                                                                                     | 11 x 11½  | SNP Sprint |
|               | (Primrose and Daisy)                                                              | - Boxed Roll 2 x 48c                                                              | €48 per box of 100 (50 x 2 designs)                                                |                                                                                     | 11 x 11½  | SNP Sprint |
|               | Vending Machine Booklet (Primrose on cover)                                       | €4.80                                                                             | 10 x 48c (2 designs)                                                               | CCP3                                                                                | 14 x 14%  | ISSP       |
| Dec           | Birds – Self-Adhesive booklet (Reprint)- Song Thrush                              | €6.50                                                                             | 10 x 65c (see note below)                                                          |                                                                                     | 11½ x 11½ | SNP Sprint |

*Note: Sheet Reprints not included in above listing – see notes below*

### Birds of Ireland

**Sheet Issues:** International (including G.B.) postal rates increased on 5 January 2004. As a result, a basic letter to overseas destinations (including Europe) now costs 65c and to G.B., 60c. These rates are for Priority 1st class treatment. Economy service rates for the initial weight step are 55c (Europe/Rest of World) and 50c (G.B.). As a result, two new sheet stamps were issued – 60c (C5 envelope, up to 50grms G.B. priority rate) and

65c (C4 envelope, up to 50grms, Europe/Rest of World priority rate). Both stamps have a phosphor frame.

**Change in CCP3 Paper and Sheet Reprints:** CCP1 paper was produced by Harrison & Sons, which was taken over by De La Rue in 1997. Following the acquisition, De La Rue Security Print upgraded the former Harrisons plant at High Wycombe. They then purchased the House of Questa, which is based in

Byfleet in Surrey, in September 2002. Following this acquisition, they closed the High Wycombe plant, transferring some machinery to the Byfleet premises. This closure of High Wycombe may explain the non-appearance of CCP1 paper in recent years.

I have been able to ascertain that CCP 3 paper continues to be supplied to ISSP by Tullis Russell. However, commencing with the ordinary gummed vending machine booklets issued on 6 August 2002 (€2 with 41c and €4.10 with 10 x 41c), there was a change in CCP3 paper. Although the paper still gives a dark reaction under U.V. light (on the front), the gum is less creamy and more off-white in colour, and has less of a shine when held up to artificial light. The 1c and 2c values, which were the only original Bird sheet issues in the euro set to appear on CCP1 paper, were reprinted on this CCP3 paper. This occurred in early 2003.

All subsequent new sheet values issued in 2003 and 2004 (7c, 48c, 60c Puffin, 65c, 75c & 95c) and ordinary gummed booklets (€2 with 48c Peregrine Falcon and €4.80 with 10 x 48c Birds) were only noted on this CCP3 paper as were late printings of the 41c sheet issue.

Later printings of the 5c (August 2003), 10c (early 2004), 50c (late 2004) and 60c Jay (2003) have also been noted on this CCP3 paper variation. These four values, and the 41c as referred to above, are the only values I have noted on both types of CCP3 paper. All the booklets mentioned were only seen on the later CCP3 paper. In the case of the sheet issues, the paper appears whiter on the front akin to CCP1 but this is not evident on the booklet issues.

I have also been able to ascertain that this CCP3 paper has been supplied by De La Rue, although I'm unsure as to the place of manufacture. The De La Rue Group own Portals Batchford, a paper maker near Bath; however, the De La Rue website makes no reference to the manufacture of stamp paper by this subsidiary.

It is very difficult to distinguish the two CCP3 papers when looking at single stamps, and for this reason I'm inclined to treat this as a variation rather than a new type of paper.

The new Wild Flowers gummed issues and all recent commemorative and special issues appear to have been printed on the original Tullis Russell CCP3 paper.

**Self-Adhesive Booklets:** New self-adhesive booklets for both the 60c G.B. and 65c Overseas priority rates were also issued. They are in the usual format and contain 10 stamps. The phosphor frame is complete on both booklets (but see later reprint of 10 x 65c below). The 60c Puffin sheet stamp was a change in design, as a 60c featuring the Jay was issued on 17 June 2002. Presumably, An Post decided that sheet and booklet issues should feature the same design. This was not the case when the G.B. rate was 50c; the 50c sheet

issue features the Grey Heron, whereas the 50c booklet stamp introduced the Puffin design to the euro set.

One lucky collector found one of the €6.00 booklets with the stamps completely imperforate with no die-cut perforations. The priority labels on the reverse were die-cut.



**Self-Adhesive Reprint - Roll:** A new photogravure printing by Enschedé of the €48 box of 100 x 48c stamps was released in February with the spelling corrected on the Pied Wagtail stamp. The Irish inscription is now correctly shown as "Glasóg shráide". The phosphor frame is complete (as per previous roll printing). The surplus paper was removed and a small white peelable label seals the roll.

The roll format is the same as the 41c Enschedé printing issued in 2002 and differs from Irish and Australian produced issues in that there are neither coil joins nor reminder labels. Complete rolls are reeled vertically, commencing with the 48c Pied Wagtail (top feed i.e. top of stamp design appears first from the box).

A series of numbers is printed on the reverse of the thin backing paper every 5th stamp, commencing with 100 on the first stamp and ending with 5 on stamp 96. The numbers appear back to front when viewed from the reverse of the backing paper. In addition, a roughly printed red line appears on the reverse of the backing paper of the last ten stamps in the roll. Elements of red also appear on earlier stamps. This can vary from roll to roll.

Although the perforation style and size are the same as the Australian printing, individual stamps are identifiable from the previous SNP Sprint printing as follows:-

- the phosphor frame (which is complete) is a darker yellow under U.V. light (similar to ISSP phosphor printings) as compared to the lighter yellow on Australian self-adhesives.
- the Pied Wagtail stamp has the correct spelling of "Glasóg shráide".
- photogravure rather than litho printing.

The box is similar to the SNP Ausprint box except that it refers to Enschedé and there is a wording change to refer to the maximum C5 envelope size for 48c postage. No first day facilities were available for this issue.

**Self-Adhesive Reprints - Booklets:** The 10 x 48c booklet was first noted by me on 30 April 2004 with the corrected Irish spelling on the Pied Wagtail/ Glasóg Shráide stamp. This reprint was never announced by the philatelic bureau, but the lighter yellow phosphor identifies it as another Australian printing. The phosphor frame is complete on all stamps – the initial Australian printing of this booklet (with incorrect "GlasÜg shr-de" spelling) had either a small or large indent in the phosphor at bottom right.

The individual stamps differ from the corrected roll printing by Enschedé due to the lighter yellow phosphor. However, in the case of the Peregrine Falcon design, the individual stamp will match the initial roll printing by SNP Sprint issued in September 2003 as both had complete phosphor frames; however, in the case of mint stamps the backing paper/card identifies the source of the stamp.



Complete phosphor frame (left) and with indent (right)

The 10 x 65c Song Thrush, first issued in January with complete phosphor frame (see above), was also reprinted; new stocks with a darker phosphor frame with a small indent at bottom right were first noted in December 2004.

### Wild Flowers of Ireland

**Sheet Issues:** The first part of a new definitive series featuring wild flowers native to Ireland was released on 9 September (48c noted used on 7 September). All stamps in this first release feature flowers native to Irish Woodlands and Hedgerows.

All values are double pane printings with both "A" and "B" sheets in similar manner as the Birds series. The five low values issued to date are all in vertical format and measure 24mm x 27mm and are issued in sheets of 100 (10 x 10); the €2 (vertical format - 27mm x 48mm) and €5 (horizontal format - 48mm x 27mm) values are issued in sheets of 50 (€2 - 5 rows of 10; €5 - 10 rows of 5). There are no gutters. The positioning of the marginal markings is the same for both low and high values irrespective of format and for both "A" and "B" sheets - plate numbers in left margin at top left, colour controls in top margin at top right and imprint in bottom margin at bottom left. The 48c,

60c and 65c have the usual phosphor frame; other values are non-phosphor.

**Self-Adhesive – Booklet:** The 10 x 48c booklet features 5 x 48c Primrose design (as per sheet issue) plus 5 x 48c Daisy design in the usual two-column format. The phosphor frame is complete on each stamp.

**Self-Adhesive – Boxed Roll:** The roll of 100 stamps is split into 4 strips of 25 plus 2 reminder labels in black on the last two strips. The labels read "Only 25/stamps left..." and "Only 10/stamps left.../ORDER NOW". This is the same roll format as the previous Australian definitive roll of 10 x 48c Birds. Surplus paper removed. The reverse of the backing paper has a repeated "Sprintpak – SNP SPrint" reference under a small rectangular square. The roll is reeled vertically (top feed) with two designs (Primrose and Daisy designs as per booklet) commencing with the Primrose design. The individual self-adhesive stamps have the usual complete phosphor frame. There are no markings on the bottom flaps of the box, which features the Daisy design.

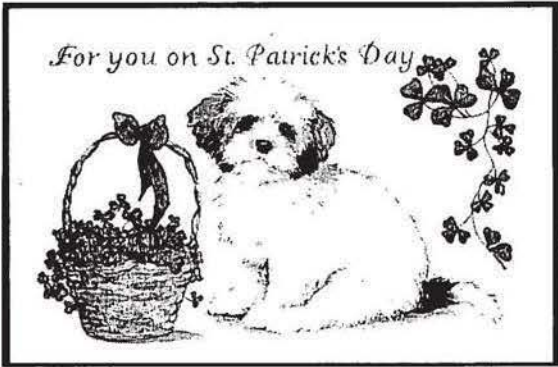
The philatelic bureau also sell the usual pair of stamps but, unusually, the surplus paper has not been removed. This appears to indicate that loose pairs are printed in a separate operation from complete rolls.



**Vending Machine Booklet:** The €4.80 booklet contains 5 x 48c Primrose and 5 x 48c Daisy in the normal alternate layout. The outer margins are imperforate with an imperforate binding margin on the left and a perforated margin at right. This gives four new identifiable stamps – 48c Primrose either imperforate top or bottom and 48c Daisy either imperforate top or bottom - all with complete phosphor frames.

The cover includes an illustration of the Daisy stamp and incorporates the wording "10 GUMMED 48c". Note that no €2 booklet has been released to replace the Birds of Ireland issue.

## POSTAL STATIONERY

| Date of Issue | Description                                                                                                       | Cost                                   | Notes                                                                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|               | <br>Rounded flap (2003)          |                                        |                                                                                     |
|               | <br>Sharp and tipped flap (2004) |                                        |                                                                                     |
|               |                                 |                                        |                                                                                     |
|               |                                                                                                                   |                                        |  |
| 20 Feb        | St. Patrick's Day                                                                                                 | - set of three prepaid postcards €1.20 | per card - sold separately                                                          |
|               |                                                                                                                   | - set of three greetings cards €2.00   | per card including prepaid envelope - sold separately                               |

I did not note any new variations on existing standard items i.e. postcard, registered envelope or aerogramme, and no special or commemorative items were issued during 2004 other than the standard St. Patrick's Day set.

**St. Patrick's Day Cards:** Three postcards were available featuring (1) Dog and Basket of Shamrock (illustrated above); (2) St. Patrick and (3) Shamrock superimposed on Earth from Space. The Postage Paid imprint has the usual R.J. King design. It would have been an opportunity to use the St. Patrick design featured on the 48c stamp issued later in the month. The St. Patrick's Festival logo also appears on each card.

Three greetings cards, complete with prepaid envelope bearing the same R.J. King stamp design, were also available featuring (1) Photos of various cities and sites (incl. Statue of Liberty, Tower Bridge and Eiffel Tower); (2) Map of Ireland with stained glass image of St. Patrick; and (3) Montage of traditional Irish items.

The envelope is similar to the type used since 2001 but differs from printings of previous years as follows:-

- the overall size is slightly larger – 191mm x 127mm (previously 184mm x 128mm).
- the paper is thinner and cream in colour (previously white).
- the back flap is sharp and tipped (previously rounded) – see illustrations above.
- the pre-printed "Priority/Aerpost" label is positioned 70mm to the right of the left-hand side of the envelope, as compared to 68mm on the envelopes used in 2001 and 2002 and 74mm in 2003.
- the wording "In the event....." is positioned 2mm to the left of the three sender's address lines as per previous years but there is a larger 9mm gap between this wording and the first address line (previously 5mm).

A green "first day of issue" cancel was available from the bureau for use on both postcards and envelope. The price of both types of cards increased by 20c over the previous year.

## EXHIBITION SOUVENIRS AND POSTMARKS – REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

| Date of Issue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Description                                                                            | Cost   | Plate Numbers/Notes                           | Paper | Perforation | Printer |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-------------|---------|
|    |                                                                                        |        |                                               |       |             |         |
| 18 Apr                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Stampania 2004 - Shackleton M/S with red o/p                                           | €4.00  | 600 printed                                   | CCP3  | 13¼ x 13¼   | Mahons  |
| 11 July                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | IPTA Roadshow /Kilkenny Antiques & Collectables Fair<br>- Shackleton M/S with red o/p  | €9.50  | 600 printed                                   | CCP3  | 13¼ x 13¼   | Mahons  |
| 18 July                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | IPTA Roadshow /Killarney Antiques & Collectables Fair<br>- Shackleton M/S with red o/p | €9.50  | 600 printed                                   | CCP3  | 13¼ x 13¼   | Mahons  |
| 18 Sept                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | IPTA Roadshow /Galway Antiques & Collectables Fair<br>- Shackleton M/S with red o/p    | €9.50  | 600 printed                                   | CCP3  | 13¼ x 13¼   | Mahons  |
| 20 Sept                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Stampa 2004 (Members' Souvenirs)                                                       |        |                                               |       |             |         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - Irish Mariners M/S with o/p                                                          | €25.00 | 1,000 overprinted in black                    | CCP3  | 14¼ x 14    | Mahons  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - Shackleton M/S with o/p                                                              |        | 1,000 overprinted in black                    | CCP3  | 13¼ x 13¼   | Mahons  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - Flora and Fauna (Ducks) M/S with o/p                                                 |        | 1,000 overprinted in black                    | CCP3  | 13 x 13¼    | Mahons  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - Birds S/A Booklet (10 x N) with o/p                                                  |        | 1,000 overprinted in black                    |       | 11 x 11¼    | Mahons  |
| 20 Sept                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Stampa 2004 (Public Souvenir)                                                          |        |                                               |       |             |         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - Van Morrison miniature sheet with o/p                                                | €5.00  | 1,100 overprinted in black                    | CCP3  | 12¾ x 13¼   | Mahons  |
| 1 Oct                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Stampa 2004 - Official cover                                                           | €1.00  | 500 printed                                   |       |             | Mahons  |
| 2 Oct                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Stampa 2004 (Awards Dinner – see note below)                                           |        |                                               |       |             |         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - Rory Gallagher miniature sheet with o/p                                              | -      | 100 overprinted in black                      | CCP3  | 12¾ x 13¼   | Mahons  |
| 16 Oct                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Cork Philatelic Society Exhibition                                                     |        |                                               |       |             |         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - Booklet                                                                              | €3.00  | 250 printed (contains 2 x 48c Camogie stamps) |       |             |         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - Illustrated cover (Camogie Sticks)                                                   | €1.00  | 200 printed                                   |       |             |         |
| 24 Oct                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | IPTA Roadshow/Tralee Antiques & Collectables Fair                                      |        |                                               |       |             |         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - Irish Nobel Literary Laureates sheetlet with o/p                                     | €9.50  | 600 printed                                   | CCP3  | 12½ x 13½   | Mahons  |
| 14 Nov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | IPTA Roadshow /Limerick Antiques & Collectables Fair                                   |        |                                               |       |             |         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - Irish Nobel Literary Laureates sheetlet with o/p                                     | €9.50  | 600 printed                                   | CCP3  | 12½ x 13½   | Mahons  |

The production and overprinting (if applicable) of all sheetlets/minature sheets/booklets/covers as listed above was arranged by the organisers of each show. Overprinting was with the permission of An Post.

**Stampania 2004:** This annual show was once again held at the R.D.S. in Dublin on Sunday 18 April. The Shackleton miniature sheet was overprinted by the organisers for the show. An official special postmark was provided by An Post this year although they did not attend the show. Note that the "4" within the date was distorted on all examples seen. This appears to have been a problem with the actual cancellation.

**IPTA Collectors' Roadshows/Antiques & Collectables Fairs:** The Irish Philatelic Traders Association have incorporated their Roadshows as part of local Antiques & Collectables Fairs. The first two of these shows were held in Kilkenny and Killarney on successive weekends in July, followed by shows in Galway, Tralee and Limerick later in the year.

The Shackleton 48c sheetlet was overprinted by the IPTA for the initial two fairs. The maroon overprint on the Kilkenny sheets reads "N° /Kilkenny, 11th July 2004/Supported By an Post/IPTA Collectors Roadshow". A similar overprint exists on the Killarney sheet with the date of 18th July 2004. All sheetlets were numbered and both "A" and "B" sheetlets were used for both overprints. All overprinted sheetlets seen have an upward phosphor shift.

The Nobel sheet was overprinted for the shows held in Tralee and Limerick. The overprint reads "IPTA COLLECTORS ROADSHOW - TRALEE, 24th OCTOBER, 2004 (or LIMERICK, NOVEMBER 14th, 2004) SPONSORED BY AN POST". All sheetlets were numbered. No postmark or cachet was available for any of the shows, none of which was attended by An Post.



**Stampa 2004 (1 to 3 October):**

The various souvenirs were posted in advance to members, with certain members receiving them as early as 20 September.

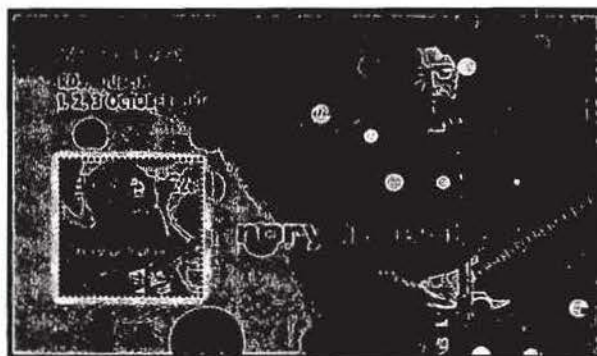
The three-line overprint in black reads "STAMPA/RDS, DUBLIN/1, 2, 3 OCTOBER 2004".

The three special cancels available and the related stamp issues were as follows:-

- |            |                                                        |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 October: | Quill and ink bottle (Irish Nobel Literary Laureates). |
| 2 October: | Sextant (Ernest Shackleton Expedition).                |
| 3 October: | Tram (Luas).                                           |



The postmark designs are based on the equivalent first day cancels for stamps on the same theme issued during the year. Note once again the inclusion of "Dublin" instead of "Baile Átha Cliath" (as also in 2003) and the inclusion of the days (Friday/Saturday/Sunday). As far as I can recall, this is the first time that the day of the week has been included in a special or first day postmark.



*Awards Dinner Stamp Souvenir with overprint (as reset) on Rory Gallagher miniature sheet*

In error, 100 of the miniature sheets supplied to Mahons for overprinting were of the Rory Gallagher design (to be used next year). A small number of the sheets with the overprint in the same position as on the Van Morrison sheet were printed before the error was noted. The remainder of the Rory Gallagher sheets with the overprint position corrected were distributed as an additional Awards Dinner souvenir (see below).

There was a large official cover for use with the souvenir miniature sheets. The pale yellow/buff cover measures 229mm x 162mm and has the words "STAMPA @ RDS" together with an illustration of the 2d RDS stamp of 1931 printed in blue-green at top left.

The Awards Dinner was held in the Mespil Hotel, Mespil Road, Dublin 4 on 2 October. The Awards Dinner Menu was printed on the reverse of remaining supplies of the overprinted Irish Philatelic Society postcard issued at Stampania 2001. Each card was cancelled with the Shackleton postmark of the same date. Total of 70 cards produced. In addition, each diner received the Rory Gallagher miniature sheet with revised and corrected overprint position referred to above.

**Cork Philatelic Exhibition (16 October):** The annual show was held in Jurys Hotel, Cork. A booklet containing 2 x 48c Camogie stamps plus a special postmark and illustrated cover was available. One of the Camogie stamps features a player in the Cork colours.

## OVERSEAS EXHIBITIONS



*Lufthansa flight (Hong Kong – Frankfurt)  
postcard with Irish first day cachet on wrong stamp*



Special first day cachets with the same central design as the bureau cancel were available as shown for each issue. In addition, a third cachet illustrating the Eiffel Tower was also available. I suspect this was the general cachet for use throughout the show but it is also inscribed "26 June 2004 First Day of Issue". All three cachets were available from the bureau in Dublin.

## OTHER SPECIAL POSTMARK



**IPTU Meeting (14 to 17 October):** A special cancel was available at the Regency Hotel, Dublin for the annual meeting of the International Postal and Telecoms Union. The organisation was founded in 1961 and has members in 15 countries. Members are either active in, or retired from, organisations involved in the postal and telecommunications sector. The Irish branch is known as "Meitheal Jumelage Eireann". "Meitheal" is an Irish word for "Gathering". "Jumelage" refers to "Twinning".

A special cover was produced by the organisers. The postmark was not referred to in Collectors' News but was available from the bureau.

**Irish Philatelic Circle Annual Convention:** The Annual Convention was held in The Commercial Hotel, Chester on 15 & 16 May. There was no souvenir or cachet available for this year's convention.

**Éire Philatelic Association:** I'm not aware of any E.P.A. produced souvenirs.



**Hong Kong 2004 Stamp Expo (30 January to 3 February):** A first day cachet was available for the Love Stamps. It was not available from the bureau in Dublin. I do not know if a general cachet was also available.



**Essen (3 to 5 June):** An Post were represented at this annual German show and a special cachet was available as illustrated.



**Le Salon du Timbre – Paris (26 June to 4 July):** Two stamp issues were released during this show, the Irish College in Paris stamp (on 26 June) and the Luas set (on 30 June).

## SLOGANS USED ON INTEGRATED MAIL PROCESSORS (IMPs)

(All illustrations of IMP postmarks reduced)

All new slogans used for the first time in 2004 are listed below. Repeat uses of earlier years' slogans are referred to at the end of this section. Slogans were in use at the Athlone Mails Centre ("AMC"), Cork Mails Centre ("CMC"), the Dublin Mails Centre ("DMC"), and the Portlaoise Mails Centre ("PMC").

Earliest known dates are recorded, although slogans were not necessarily introduced at all Mail Centres on the same date. Each slogan is usually replaced by the following listed cancel.

DMC continued to exclude the time within the postmark whereas PMC always has the time printed. AMC and CMC have never normally included the time.



IMP 62, used on 15 January 2004 at AMC

### IMP 62 – International / Year of the / Family / 10th Anniversary

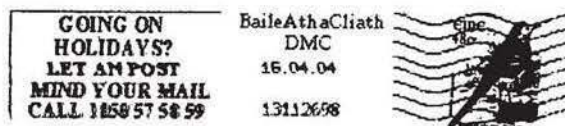
In use from 5 January to 28 January. In use at AMC, DMC, and PMC but not at CMC. Note that a 65c stamp was issued to mark this anniversary on 15 May.



IMP 63, used on 19 February 2004 at CMC

### IMP 63 – SMOKING KILLS / NATIONAL QUITLINE / 1850 201 203

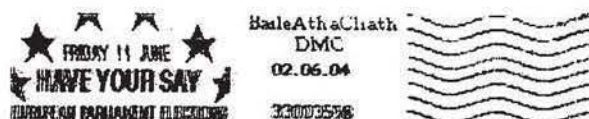
First noted in use on 16 February. Noted in use at all four Mail Centres. The slogan was used as part of an anti-smoking campaign run by the Health Promotion Unit of the Department of Health and Children, in advance of the Irish ban on smoking in all workplaces, which came into effect on Monday, 29 March 2004.



IMP 64, used on 15 April 2004 at DMC 1

### IMP 64 – GOING ON / HOLIDAYS? / LET AN POST / MIND YOUR MAIL / CALL 1850 57 58 59

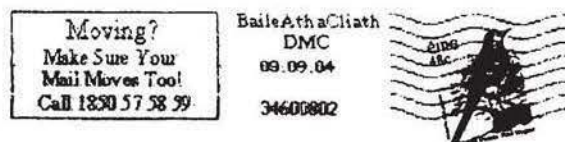
First seen on 16 March and re-used after IMP 65. Used at all Mail Centres.



IMP 65, used on 2 June 2004 at DMC 3

### IMP 65 – FRIDAY 11 JUNE / HAVE YOUR SAY / EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS

First used on 17 May and continued in use until 14 June 2004 - three days after the elections in Ireland. IMP 65 was replaced by a re-use of IMP 64. Used at all Mail Centres.

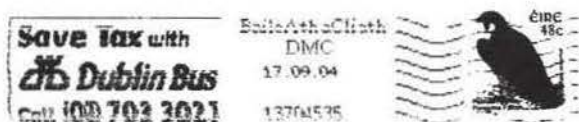


IMP 66, used on 9 September 2004 at DMC 3

### IMP 66 – Moving? / Make Sure Your / Mail Moves Too! / Call 1850 57 58 59

First used on 19 August on DMC machine 4. It was gradually introduced on other DMC machines in subsequent days. It was first used at AMC on 20 August.

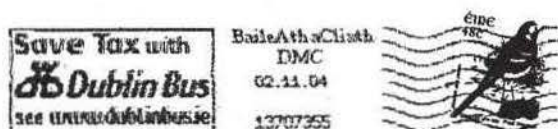
It was not used at CMC or PMC until sometime between 22 and 24 August. It continued in use at AMC, PMC and CMC until at least early November 2004. In Dublin, it was replaced by IMP 67 below but reappeared again on 15 October.



IMP 67, used on 17 September 2004 at DMC 1

**IMP 67 - Save Tax with / DUBLIN BUS / call (01) 703 3021**

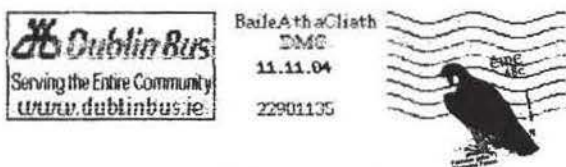
This was used only at DMC and not at the other three Mail Centres. It was first used on 13 September 2004 and continued in use until 15 October when it was replaced by IMP 66. The "Save Tax" refers to a national scheme whereby employees can save tax on the cost of annual and monthly travel tickets when purchased on their behalf by their employers.



IMP 68, used on 2 November 2004 at DMC1

**IMP 68 - Save tax with / DUBLIN BUS / see [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie)**

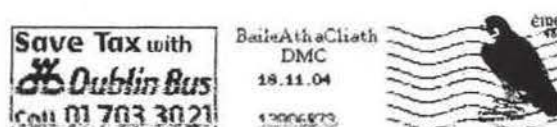
The wording on IMP 67 was revised to refer to the website. Again, it was used only at DMC and not at the other three Mail Centres. First noted on 28 October 2004 replacing IMP 66. It was shortlived as it was replaced by IMP 69 on 8 November.



IMP 69, used on 11 November 2004 at DMC 2

**IMP 69 - DUBLIN BUS / Serving the Entire Community / [www.Dublinbus.ie](http://www.Dublinbus.ie)**

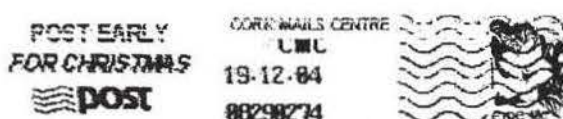
Replacing IMP 68 on 8 November, this also was used only in Dublin. Again it was shortlived and was only in use until 14 November when it was replaced by IMP 70.



IMP 70, used on 18 November 2004 at DMC 1

**IMP 70 - Save Tax with / DUBLIN BUS / call 01 703 3021**

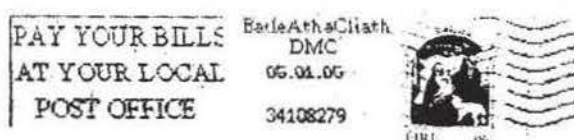
Used only at DMC. First noted on 15 November and in use until 25 November. Similar to IMP 67 but without brackets in the "01" part of the telephone number. The font size of the telephone number is also larger than that used in IMP 67. Replaced by IMP 11.



IMP 71, used on 19 December 2004 at CMC

**IMP 71 - POST EARLY / FOR CHRISTMAS / =POST [Unboxed]**

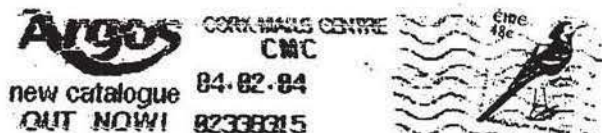
This is similar to IMP 11 but is unboxed and was only in use in Cork. First noted on 26 November.



IMP 72, used on 4 January 2005 at DMC 3

**IMP 72 - PAY YOUR BILLS / AT YOUR LOCAL / POST OFFICE**

First noted in use at AMC on 22 December, followed by Dublin and Cork on 23 December and PMC on 29 December.

**Repeated Slogans**

*IMP 56, used on 4 February 2004 at CMC*

**IMP 56 - Argos / new catalogue / OUT NOW!**

This was re-used at DMC and PMC in January 2004 and up to 13 February 2004. In addition, it was used at AMC and CMC for the first time. The slogan was the first to be used at the CMC. Up to and including 28 January 2004, CMC used no slogan in its cancellation.

Note also from the illustration above (and that of IMP 63 on the previous page) that the alignment was once again altered from that in use in 2003, with left alignment of the date and number and CMC now in a central position.

**IMP 11 - POST EARLY / FOR CHRISTMAS / =POST**  
[Boxed]

This was in use from late November to at least 22 December and was used at AMC, DMC and PMC.

**IMP 7 - ALWAYS INCLUDE A / RETURN ADDRESS / ON YOUR ENVELOPE/=POST**

This is the usual default slogan used on all machines in the absence of a sponsored or An Post slogan. This was in use during the period 20 to 23 December at DMC and PMC.

**Other IMP Matters**

Industrial action resulted in the suspension of most staff at the DMC on 19 March and there was little use of the automatic machinery including the IMP slogans until full working resumed on 1 April.

Note there was no Budget Travel Sale IMP slogan this year.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND CORRIGENDUM**

**December – An Post Christmas Card:** The 2004 An Post Christmas card features the same snow scene as shown on the front of the Christmas booklet.

The 2003 An Post Christmas card featured a picture of the G.P.O. Dublin in the snow.

**December – Santa Christmas Envelope:** The 2004 envelope repeated the design used since 1997, with the larger format (240mm x 163mm) first noted in 2003.

**Corrigendum:** The book entitled "A Polish Pilgrim – Celebrating XXV years of Pope John Paul II's Papacy" was issued on 16 October 2003. It incorporates a first day cover and a set of the stamps (not a pair, as stated in my 2003 article and by An Post in *Collectors News*).

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As usual, I once again ask members who might be attending any of the international exhibitions attended by An Post or their agents to let me know of the availability of any Irish souvenirs or cachets. In particular, shows attended by agents often result in the use of a cachet organised by the agent without the knowledge of the philatelic bureau in Dublin. I can be contacted by e-mail at [brian.warren@ie.pwc.com](mailto:brian.warren@ie.pwc.com) or by post at 2 Dargle Valley, Marley Grange, Dublin 16, Ireland.



## From The Gutter

by Patrick J Ryan, Sr.

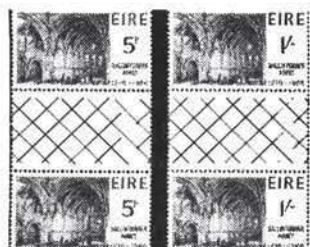


ILLUSTRATION 1



ILLUSTRATION 2



ILLUSTRATION 3



ILLUSTRATION 4

Here are some varieties of the usual gutter pairs for the issues at hand that make them unusual. First, let us start with the Ballintubber Abbey issue of November 1966 (Illustration 1). There are many issues with cross-hatching in the gutter. This issue, however, has defective cross-hatching. The flaw appears on the sheet with perfect gutter margin, row 10 position 4 of the bottom pane.

The reader will recall the 1966-67 Photogravure printings of the 3p & 5p Sword of Light values (Illustration 2). The 3p & 5p values with the bar and lines from left to right were printed in 1967. The 3p value with the lines from lower left to upper right however, was printed a year earlier in 1966,

In our collecting journeys we purchase different stamps at different times. Here is a short story which is told in four illustrations.

Illustration 3: a regular set of gutter pairs that were two stamps issued se-tenet. It shows MacCurtain/MacSwiney on the 9p and MacSwiney/MacCurtain on the 2/9.

Illustration 4: the pairing is reversed on the next set which is a lower margin set.

Illustrations 5 & 6: a set of blocks; upper margin set shows both men in both positions.

Illustration 7: shows a re-touch of the 9d stamp in row 3 position 10.

The lesson learned here in when dealing with a se-tenet pair, buy them in blocks of four gutter pairs.

In October 1975, Blessed Oliver Plunkett was remembered (Illustration 8). In this example we see the use of Autotron marks. These marks appear as a vertical bar in the horizontal sixth row of the gutter.

In 1994, An Post issued a set remembering The Irish Abroad 32p Edmund Burke & 52p Eamonn Andrews (Illustrations 9 & 10). It had a very interesting gutter.



ILLUSTRATION 5



ILLUSTRATION 6



ILLUSTRATION 7



ILLUSTRATION 8

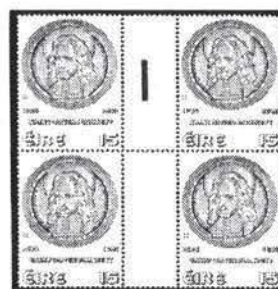


ILLUSTRATION 9



ILLUSTRATION 10

## Foreign Air Mail, F.A.M. 18, the Northern Route, June 24-July 1, 1939

Perhaps one of the most important events in air travel began with the flight of the "Yankee Clipper" under the command of Captain Howard E. Gray. Incidentally, Captain Grey went on to become President of Pan American Airways in 1964. This flight which commenced in New York on June 24, 1939, and headed for Shediac, Canada, Botwood, Newfoundland, Foynes, Ireland, and finally to Southampton, England. The return flight followed the same route back to New York



Figure 1

Most Irish collectors are quite familiar with the large purple cachet (Figure 1) applied to the mails to and from Ireland during the round trip of this flight. The number of envelopes to commemorate this flight was enormous, which attests to the ease in which most collectors can add an example or two of these envelopes to their collection of this historic flight.

The first leg of the trip from New York, which began June



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 3a

24th, landed in Shediac in Canada the same day (Figure 2). A very attractive red cachet was applied to all mail from New York for this event. The cost of the airmail for this part of the trip was six cents, ten or fifteen cents to Botwood (Figures 3 and 3a), and thirty cents to Ireland and England (Figure 4). Due to heavy fog



Figure 4

in Newfoundland, the flight was delayed in Canada until June 27. The first three cover examples show these basic rates from America. The fourth example, this one to Ireland is a rather nice Crosby cover (Figure 5) with the special Trans-Atlantic thirty-cent stamp that had been issued earlier in the year in anticipation of the many new flights being scheduled to Europe.



Figure 5

The mail cost from Shediac to Botwood (Figure 6) was fifteen Canadian cents, and thirty cents to Ireland (Figure 7) and England (Figure 8). A black cachet was applied to all mail going east, there being two distinctly different designs depending upon the destination. The next three examples of covers show mail to



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8

Newfoundland, Ireland, and England. No specific cachet seemed to have been applied specifically for the English leg of the trip. The example shown sent via Francis J. Field has a Sutton Coldfield back stamp, which was special to his covers, but did not adhere



Figure 9



Figure 9a

to postal regulations. The British postal authorities did not apply any special cachets, or for that matter, no receiving marks were generally applied.

Newfoundland was a separate British colony at this time and had its own stamps and postal regulations. The covers from Botwood (Figures 9 and 9a) have their own special private cachet, but do not state a specific destination. Authorities seem to indicate light blue to be the color of these special cachets, but they do appear to be more of a green to me. Most covers to Ireland or England have a thirty-cent charge, although it appears the authorities in Newfoundland attempted to add a surcharge of five cents for the service provided in this endeavor. I have some covers with a total of thirty-five cents postage. Two examples are shown to Ireland with the different rates.

Upon landing in Foynes, June 28, the guests on this first flight were greeted by Eamon de Valera, the President of Ireland who hosted a luncheon for the group. All the covers that I have show a Dublin, Baile Atha Cliath, receiving stamp either June 28 or June 29.

As there was no direct mail from Ireland to England for this flight, no covers exist directly between the two countries. Most sources indicate some conflicting regulations that prevented the mails to go via this flight between the two countries. In 1937, Ireland had formally renounced its allegiance to the British crown, and perhaps some lingering hostilities remained as well.

Although no special postal cachet was applied in England for the return trip to New York, a very attractive privately issued envelope is shown commemorating this flight from Southampton to America (Figure 10). The next example shows the Pan American Airways cachet on an envelope to Newfoundland (Figure 11). The cost of the service to North America was one shilling and three pence irrespective of the destination. A number of the covers



Figure 10



Figure 11

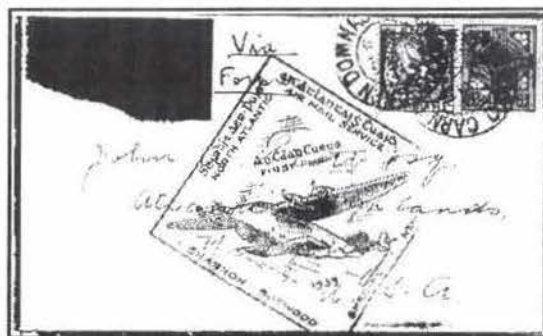


Figure 14



Figure 12

that I have seen show the use of the current George VI definitive British stamps in the denominations shown to make up the cost. I do have an example of a post card (Figure 12) sent via this flight with a seven pence stamp affixed. No receiving mark is on this card, so no exact proof of its status is possible. (Remember the old English and Irish system of twelve pennies to the shilling, and twenty shillings to the pound.)

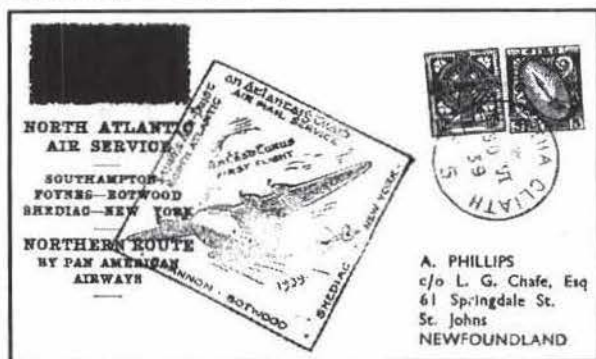


Figure 13

The main attraction for Irish collectors for this flight are the many wonderful covers sent from Ireland to the New World with the special cachet on the front of the envelope. The first one shown (Figure 13) is one to Newfoundland on a privately printed envelope. The next is a nice little mourning cover (Figure 14) sent from Cardonagh to New Jersey. An additional example (Figure 15) includes Ireland's stamps honoring America's sesquicentennial, and the current ten pence definitive on cover to New Jersey as well. The last example in this group (Figures 16 and 16a) is a registered cover both from New York to Ireland, and return postage. The forty-eight cents fee includes the airmail postage and registra-



Figure 15

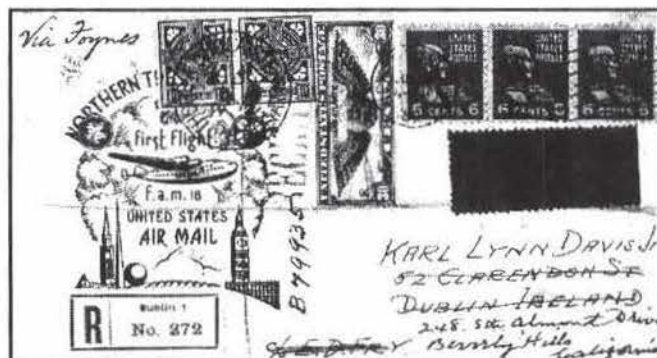


Figure 16

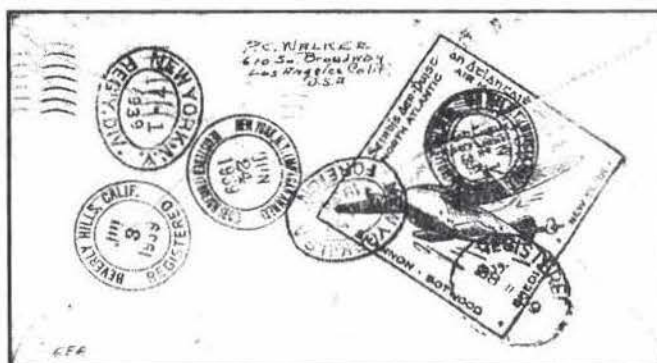


Figure 16a

tion from America. As it was only fifteen cents for registration at this time and the thirty-cent rate for the new airmail rate, the other three cents could have paid the fee for an increase in indemnity of \$5.00. The two ten-pence stamps from Ireland pay for the airmail



Figure 17



Figure 18

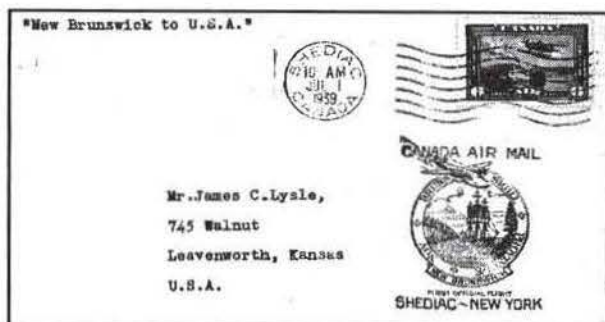


Figure 19

cost and includes the five pence for registration. Both sides of this cover are shown to give you a look at the many different postal marks on this wonderful cover.

The final legs of this inaugural flight were uneventful. The cover from Newfoundland to Shediac (Figure 17) shows a ten-cent cost, and the one to America (Figure 18) has fifteen cents in postage. The final cover (Figure 19) is for the last part of the trip from Shediac to New York, which cost six Canadian cents to mail. A special cachet just for this part of the route was applied only to covers from these two points. The receiving date for all these locations is July 1, 1939.

With the advent of World War II, regular service was either suspended or changed. The feasibility, however, of flying the North Atlantic route even during bad weather was more than justified in the few months of civilian operation of this most important endeavor. The thousands of planes flying over the North Atlantic during the war were instrumental in the defeat of Nazism. With peace came trade, travel, and innovation. The early pioneer flights of 1939 set the stage for connecting Europe and America via safe and inexpensive air travel.

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#### Notes:

1. The "Yankee Clipper" was one of six flying boats built by the Boeing Aircraft Company. It was the largest plane of its day. It could carry over seventy passengers. It unfortunately crashed in Lisbon, February 22, 1943, with the loss of 24 passengers.

2. FAM 18, the Southern Route, commenced May 20, 1939, leaving New York and arriving in Marseilles, May 22. After a short trip to Southampton, England, the plane returned to France and arrived safely back in New York, May 27, with an unscheduled stop in Bermuda. This southern route had no direct connection with Ireland. ♣

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ÉPA Vice President Paul Bento reported on the last AGM in Chicago and discussed plans for the upcoming meeting at SES-CAL in San Diego in October. Members exchanged information on their meeting interests and discussed declining membership in many groups such as the ÉPA. Needless to say, no magic remedies were found.

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