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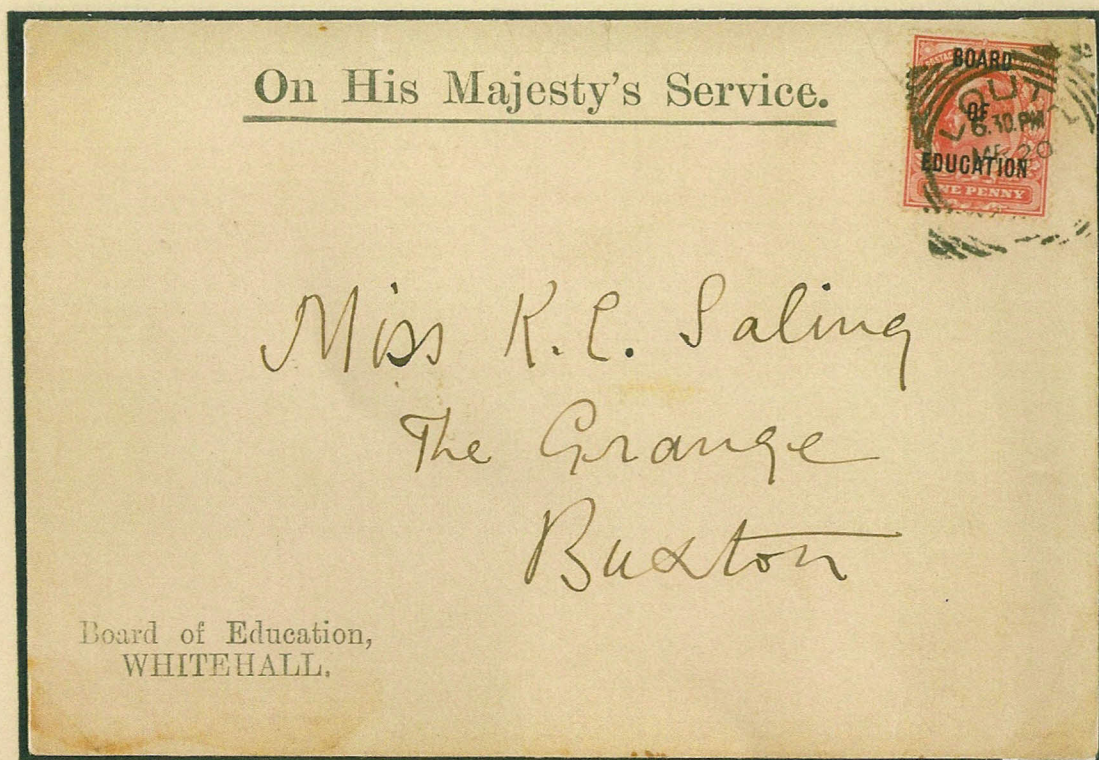
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1904 Board of Education, Whitehall cover with overprinted 1d Edward VII value used from Louth to Buxton (see article inside).

Dear Member

Herewith the June issue, the second of the year. It has been a quiet quarter for the Society. No new members have been elected but there was one notified resignation.

In May we learned of the death of our Vice-President, Des Norton. An appreciation of Des appears elsewhere in this issue. We are now looking forward to Ireland's participation at the exhibition in Prague from 15 to 18 August.

This year in the Dobbs Competition we begin an experiment of splitting the classes over a two year period (see NEWS). The medal sub-committee have been working on the production of a new competition medal and the Committee have been shown designs for it. It is hoped that this will be available for presentation in 2019.

It now remains for me on behalf of the President and Committee to wish you a good summer and I hope to see you at the first meeting of the new season on 13 September in Ely House.

## NEWS

### Membership Changes

Since the last issue no new members have been elected. In the same period there was one notified resignation and one bereavement, our Vice-President Des Norton. An appreciation of Des appears elsewhere in this issue.

### DOBBS AND SOCIETY CUP COMPETITIONS

The above competitions will be held on 25 October. For 2018 and 2019 the Committee have decided on a 2 year experimental basis to split the classes in the Dobbs Competition. This is to give intending entrants up to 2 years to prepare an entry.

For 2018 the classes involved are TRADITIONAL PHILATELY, OPEN PHILATELY and AEROPHILATELY. In respect of the Society Cup (Novice) no split is involved and therefore all classes are in for both 2018 and 2019.

It has also been decided in order to arrest the dwindling number of entries in the Dobbs Competition to allow the submission of entries that have won a medal up to large silver at a National Exhibition. Entries which have achieved vermeil or higher at a National Exhibition or any medal at International level are excluded.

DOBBS MEMORIAL COMPETITION. If you intend to submit an entry in any or all of the 3 classes above in 2018 please note that the MINIMUM NUMBER of sheets is 18 and the MAXIMUM is 24. Entries of less than 18 sheets to include a title /introductory page will not under any circumstances be accepted.

SOCIETY CUP COMPETITION. Intending entrants who have not won a medal or trophy at National or International Exhibitions may submit ONLY one entry in this competition. The minimum number of sheets is 12 and the maximum is 18 to include a title/introductory page.

In all cases entrants are requested to submit to the Secretary by 11 October a copy of their title page. This is for issue to the jury in advance of the judging of the competition.

## Society Library

The disposal of the library is ongoing. An auction of some of the books in February produced 451 euros for funds. A small section at the start of the Extra Super Bourse in March of a further 10 book lots raised a further 104 euros. In addition other sales since the beginning of the year to date as part of the after meeting bourses have also seen books and pamphlets sold.

A number of books still remain and it is expected that these will be offered later in the year or early next year by way of auction.

## New Vice-President

As a result of the death of Des Norton a vacancy existed for a Vice<sup>3</sup> President. This has now been filled by the appointment of Dermot Hughes, who has agreed to perform this role until the next Annual General Meeting. We welcome him to the Committee and wish him well in the role.

## GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

With this issue a Data Handling Agreement form is enclosed. Under new E.U. General Data Protection Regulations we are required to have your personal consent to retain and use your name, postal address, E Mail address (if applicable) and other personal details.

Please complete the form and return it to me at the address at the end of the form by 31 July to allow us to continue sending you publications ie IPS News, Auction Catalogues etc.

## President's Page\*

By the time you receive [and hopefully, read] this our annual summer hiatus will be underway. May the weather be warm and sunny, but with enough cool, damp evenings that we may in good conscience spend time stamping without feeling guilty for not gardening...

The recent Dublin meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society of London was well attended by both local stampers and visitors from the North. It was a most enjoyable day with excellent displays and many learning points. Thanks to the Federation for sponsorship and to Federation president Brian Warren for his organisational work.

Included with this issue of the Newsletter is a Data Handling Agreement form. The purpose is explained in the text and is required under new E.U. data protection regulations. Please complete the form and return to the Hon. Secretary. Although contact details are not mandatory, we would appreciate receiving these from members who have not previously made them available. The 'weather event' earlier in the year which necessitated the rescheduling of a meeting highlighted the need to be able to contact all members reliably on short notice. Those who are coy about divulging phone numbers or e-mail addresses could be overlooked in similar situations. Please note that the Society as a matter of policy will not divulge contact details to third parties.

We were saddened by the recent unexpected loss of Des Norton, long-time IPS member and stalwart on the Dublin philatelic scene for decades. Des's knowledge, enthusiasm and generosity will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him and enjoyed his company.

The vacancy in the office of IPS vice-president resulting from Des's death has been filled by the appointment of Dermot Hughes. Thanks, Dermot, your willingness to help out is very much appreciated.

I am informed by the Hon. Bourse Secretary that the supply of material for forthcoming [i.e. autumn meetings] bourses is at a critical low. This is another area where Des will be missed; he had been for many years a generous and reliable supplier of quality material for the bourse. To ensure that the bourse remains a going concern in the future additional consignors will need to come forward. Please contact the bourse secretary if you are in a position to oblige. Contact details are at the end of this article.

At a recent committee meeting it was decided to make changes, on an experimental basis, to the way the annual competitions are organised. For the upcoming season [November 2018] entries will be restricted to the Open, Traditional and Aerophilately classes. In November 2019 entries will be restricted to Postal History and Thematic. The idea is to encourage actual competition within the various classes and to provide longer lead times for prospective competitors to prepare new entries. After 2019 the outcomes will be evaluated and a decision will be made regarding the continuation of this system. In the meantime I would hope to see more entries from more members. Remember, 24 is the maximum but not mandatory number of pages per entry. The Dobbs trophy for the best entry overall will continue to be awarded each year.

Finally I would like to wish one and all an enjoyable summer break and hope to see you all back in Ely House on September 13.

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\*[with Special Guest: Hon. Bourse Secretary]

## DISPLAYS

### Deutsches Reich ( 12 April)

This display was given by Pat Carey. Included in the display were Inflation Period issues and overprints, 1933-36 Hindenburg definitive values, 1934 175th Birth Anniversary of Schiller, Welfare Funds (Workers) set, Air issue including Count Zeppelin, German Colonizers' Jubilee, Saar Plebiscite.

It also included the 1935 International Philatelic Exhibition, Königsberg as well as the miniature sheet, 1935 Welfare Fund - Provincial Costumes set, 12th Anniversary of 1st Hitler Putsch and the German Railway Centenary. Issues for 1936 featured the Summer Olympic Games as well as the miniature sheets, 10th Anniversary of Lufthansa Airways North American flights, 3rd "Brown Ribbon of Germany" miniature sheet.

The second half of the display covered issues between 1937 and 1944 and featured 1937 48th Birthday of Hitler, 4th Running of "Brown Ribbon of Germany" miniature sheet, Winter Relief Fund set. The 1938 issues shown included 16th German Sports Tournament, Breslau, Winter Aid Ostmark scenes, while 1939 included the International Motor Show Berlin and Hitler's Culture Fund issue, Winter Relief Fund, Foreign Newspaper stamps.

Other issues shown included 1940 Leipzig Fair, Winter Relief Fund, 1941 Leipzig Spring Fair, Vienna Fair, Adolf Hitler definitive values, Postal Employees and Hitler's Culture Funds, 1943 Armed Forces and Heroes Day, Hitler's 54th Birthday and Culture Fund, 1944 25th Anniversary of Air Mail Services, Armed Forces and Heroes Day. The display also included Military Feldpost stamps.

### Something Else (26 April)

This display was given by John Fitzsimons and covered a wide range of subjects. Included in the display was Monaco 1978 issue for 150th Birth Anniversary of Jules Verne, issues from Czechoslovakia, Denmark and Poland relating to Hans Christian Anderson's Fairy Tales, 2014 Great Britain issue including miniature sheet for Buckingham Palace. It also included Austria miniature sheet for "WIPA 1981" International Stamp Exhibition.

The display also included issues from Ireland, Czechoslovakia and Russia depicting George Bernard Shaw including 1994 stationery card. Irish and San Marino issues for Oscar Wilde also featured as well as the recent Irish issue for Che Guevara. Killarney postcards 1911-13 were shown as were Irish postage due issues including the Stamp 1985 card.

The display continued with France 1968 Stamp Day (Rural Postman of 1830) issue on maxi card, 1950 Stamp Day (Postman) on maxi card. Brian Boru and the Battle of Clontarf featured on issues of Ireland and Isle of Man. Issues from Russia in connection with Ballet including 1958 Tchaikovsky International Music Competition, Moscow featured as did ones from New Zealand. Other musical items included featured George Bizet and Carmen from France, John McCormack issues from Ireland and USA and covers from USA for George Cohen and Al Jolson.

Transport of various kinds featured and included France 1972 Stamp Day issue and maxi card (Rural Postman of 1894 on bicycle) as well as fdc for the Centenary of Tour de France, Trains 1984 Stamp min sheet and Great Britain 1980 150th Anniv Liverpool and Manchester Railway set. The sea also featured and the display included Maritime Links Australia, Canada and Ireland, American Sailing Stationery cards and RNLI issues of Ireland, Isle of Man and Guernsey.

Christmas charity seals and airmails included France 1984 Air set and Suriname 1960 Opening of Zanddij Airport Building ended what was a most entertaining display.

#### France (10 May)

This display was given by Bob Cruickshank. Included in the display was Europa 1990 issue, Philip La Bon fdc, Gustave Eiffel card, Maurice Genevoix maximum card, Raoul Follerlaus historical information sheet. Also included was a stamp showing Chateau de Sully, Languedoc 1938 Carcassonne issue and 1940 surcharge, Nimes La Maison Carree issue on fdc.

Other items shown were Montpellier Cathedral Sainte-Pierre, Roussillon picture postcard, Champagne-Ardenne, Reims Cathedral picture postcard and 1929 stamp, La Moulin de Valmy maximum card, Dole Jura maximum card as well as a Louis Pasteur cover. Also featuring were 1993 Red Cross Fund "St Nicholas" maximum card, Church of Conreze picture postcard, various cards depicting Lourdes, 2008 La Rochelle Harbour stamp and 1973 French Sailing Ships "France II" issue. An fdc for the Birth Bicent of Napoleon Bonapart was shown.

The Louvre was represented by a maximum card and stamps. The Centenary of the Tour de France was shown as was the maximum card for the Centenary of the Rehabilitation of Captain Richard Dreyfus. The display came to an end with picture postcards of the Eiffel Tower, The Arc de Triomphe and some stamps of the Arc.

#### Australia Odds and Ends (24 May)

This display was given by Tom Mc Carthy. Included in the display was New South Wales 1865 Stamp Duty values, 1868-1901 issues with values to £1, 1902 Edward VII stamp duty values to £1. The 1932 Opening of Sydney Harbour Bridge issue was shown with a die proof, set of 3 values, a cover registered from Perth to England with 3x2d and 3d values and a photo of the Bridge. The display also included Australian Defence Forces Air letter cards as well as Australian Air letters. 1947 and 1952 George VI 7d Air letters to Ireland featured.

The display continued with 1985 Australia Day cards, 1984 Cocos (Keeling) Islands 75 Anniv of Cocos Barrel Mail. Further New South Wales items included an 1838 entire Sydney to Scotland with boxed India Letter/Liverpool mark as well as 1853 wrapper to London with India Letter/Plymouth mark. Items from Victoria State shown included 1901 Melbourne postcards ; postcard by the Long Sea Route for the United Kingdom, Revenues overprinted SWINE with values to £2. Also shown were a 1917 registered censored cover to Egypt, Sydney and Geelong censored cover to the United States as well as World War II censored cover from Broome to the United States. Australian Christmas Seals and Cinderellas were also shown.

#### President's Night (7 June)

This display was given by the President Mike Burrington on the subject of the Queen Victoria 1897 Jubilee issue of Canada. Included in the display was the set of 16 ( $\frac{1}{2}$ c - \$5) in plate proofs and also fine used. Various re-entries to the  $\frac{1}{2}$ c value, 3c flaws to the left of the crown. There was also a block of 4 of the 3c value showing the crown flaw and vertical stroke in the 'V'. Also shown was the 10c value showing re-entry and doubling of all letters of 'CANADA', 'POSTAGE' and 'TEN CENTS'.

The display continued with cover usage and included 1c printed matter rate with Montreal Flag cancel 1837-1897, 2c carrier drop letter rate of Canadian Paint Company, Montreal 3c cover cancelled CANADIAN PACIFIC R.P.O from British Columbia Hull to Quebec. Also included was a 2c Canadian postal stationery cover uprated with 1c value from Coaticook, Quebec, a London, Ontario barrel handstamp on cover to New York, 1898 1c stationery cover uprated with 2c value cancelled with Montreal Bickerdike flag .

A 1901 cover with 4x3c value paying the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 oz rate from Toronto to Winnipeg, an advertising cover of Sept 1897 from Nova Scotia to Toronto for Invalid Chairs featured as well as 1 Dec 1898 registered cover from St John to Lachine, Quebec at 8c rate. The display also featured "Rule Britannia" patriotic postcards, 1c postal stationery cards and a 1c postal stationery card with 1d postage due mark of the London Foreign Branch. The card was sent from Manitoba to Kent, England.

## Des Norton - An Appreciation

Des Norton was born in 1942 and was educated in Blackrock College, Dublin. During his time there he was in the same class as the Late Des Scannell, who was briefly our Vice-President before his untimely death in 2012.

Des Norton, later in life after Blackrock College, and University education became Emeritus Professor at Cornell University in the United States and latterly at UCD. His teaching area was in economics.

He was introduced to the Irish Philatelic Society via the Junior section by the Late William (Bill) Kane, who arranged for him to remain on for the seniors meeting after the junior one had concluded. He often bid in the bourse at the senior meeting and because of his age obtained bargains as no one would bid against him.

His main philatelic collecting interest was Irish Postal History which he often showed in displays to the Society. In particular he was interested in the postal history of Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) and District as well as Irish Railways. He also collected postal artifacts.

He was awarded the Charles Griffith Memorial Trophy and Medal in 2004 for his display "Something Irish" and again in 2009 for his display "Kingstown and District" Pre 1922. In 2013 he was awarded the Open Class Trophy and Medal for his 9 sheet entry "Postal Reforms 1840".

Bouyed up by these successes he decided to try his hand in the Postal History section of the Dobbs Memorial Competition. He entered in 2014 and won both the F.E.Dixon Cup and Medal and Dobbs Memorial Trophy and Medal for "Irish Postal History 1631 - 1799". He entered the competition again in 2017 and was again successful in winning both trophies with his entry "Kingstown and Environs".

In 2015 and 2016 he entered Stampa and was awarded a silver medal on both occasions for Irish Postal History. He judged the Dobbs Competition in 1992, 2012 and 2015. He was bourse secretary of the Dublin Stamp Society in recent years.

He, for many years attended fair and shows in various locations in Dublin - Newman House, Tara Towers Hotel offering a range of philatelic material. He also on occasions provided material to members before the start of Society meetings. He also appreciated a good Society display and was complimentary to the displayer.

Apart from the Irish Philatelic Society and Dublin Stamp Society he was also a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, London and the Irish Philatelic Circle. He often attended Mealy's Book Auctions in the hope of finding books relating to Irish postal affairs and almanacks.

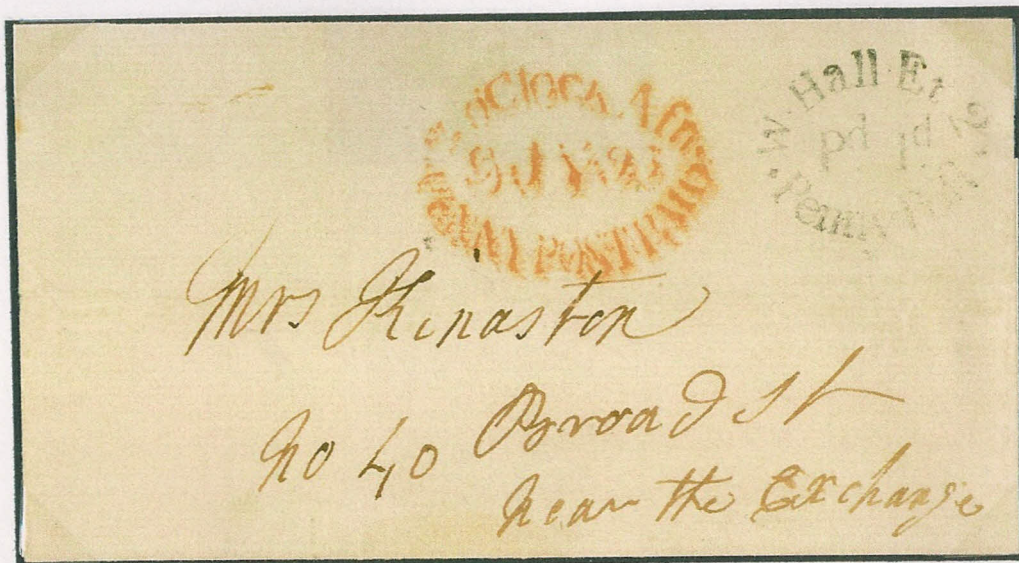
With his passing on 1 May the Irish philatelic world has lost yet another great student and researcher and is the poorer for it. May he rest in peace.

POLITICAL WESTMINSTER - PART 3

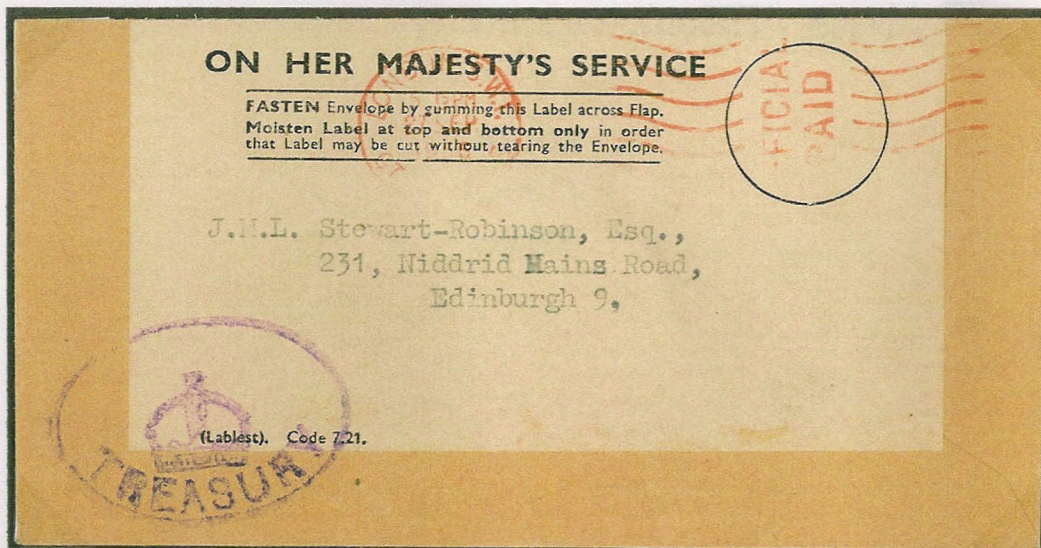
Whitehall

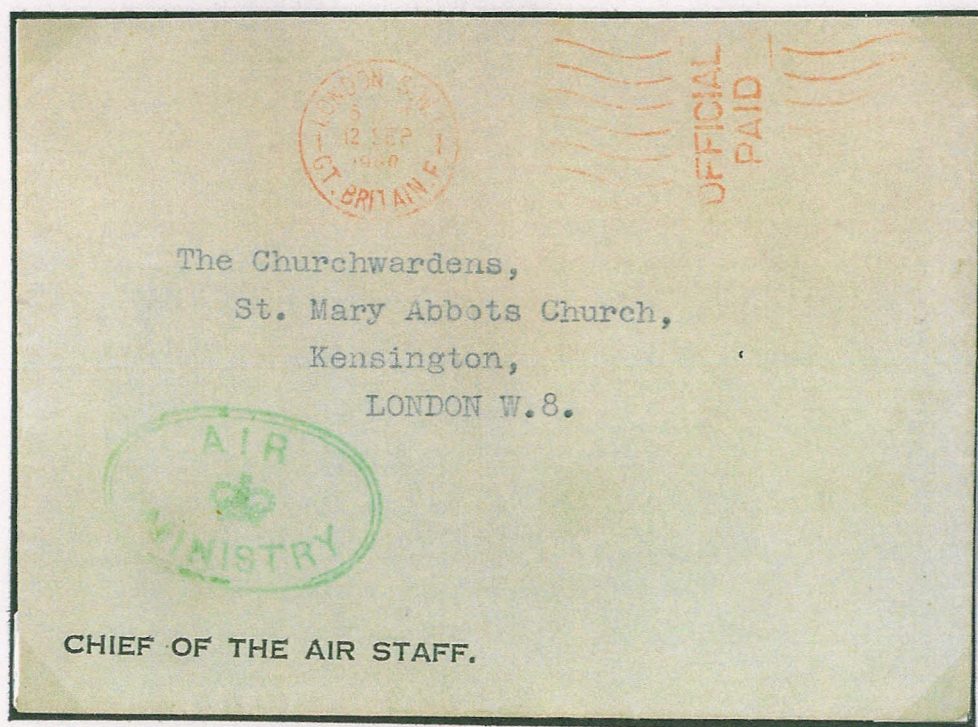
The brief half-mile known as Whitehall, which separates Westminster from Charing Cross has been a thoroughfare since at least the 15th century. The association of the area with government began as early as the 17th century, and today it is the political centre of Great Britain, lined on the west side of the street with public offices, which range in date from 1725 at the north end, to 1919 at the south end.

The present Treasury building in Great George Street dates to the late 19th century. During the Second World War the Air Ministry took offices in the building.

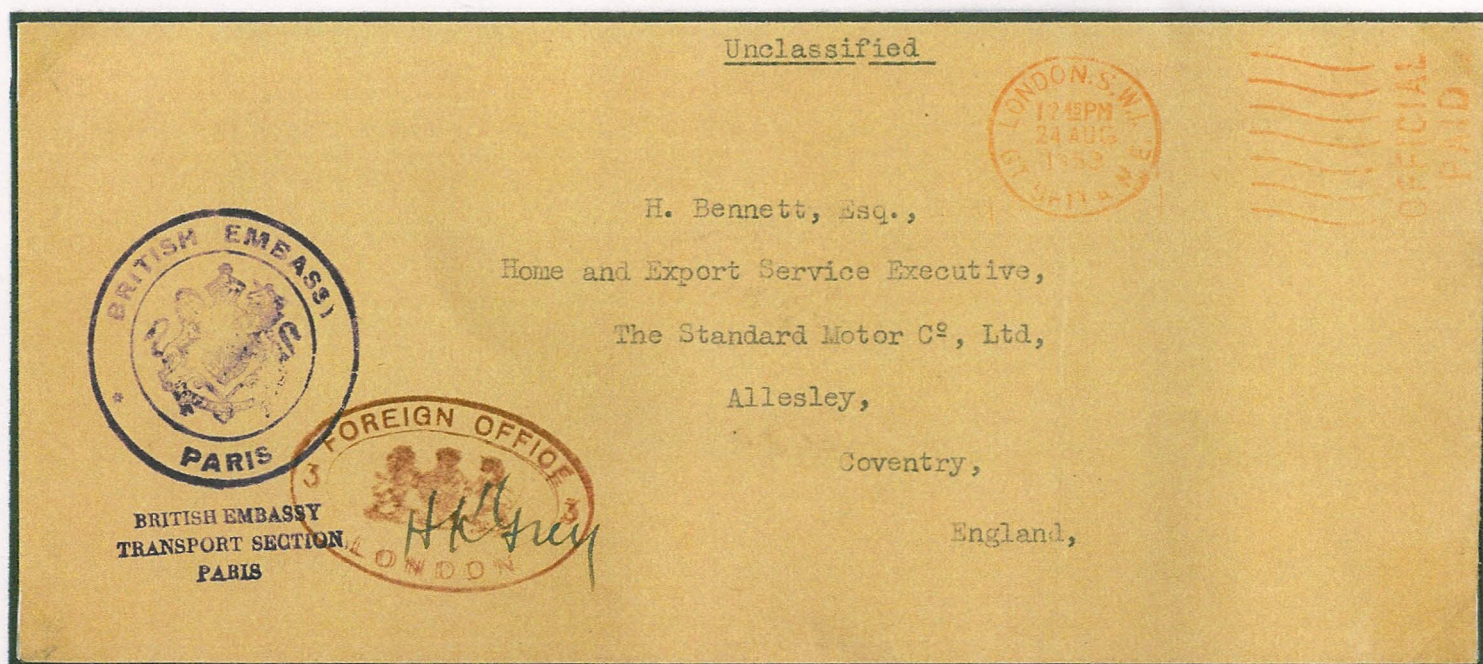


Sir Arthur Harris of Bomber Command had his office on the first floor. The entrance to the Treasury building today is at No.1 Horseguards Road.





In 1902 the Board of Education (now the Ministry of Education), was located in part of the Government Office on Great George Street. The Foreign Office building, constructed between 1868 and 1873 is now known as the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

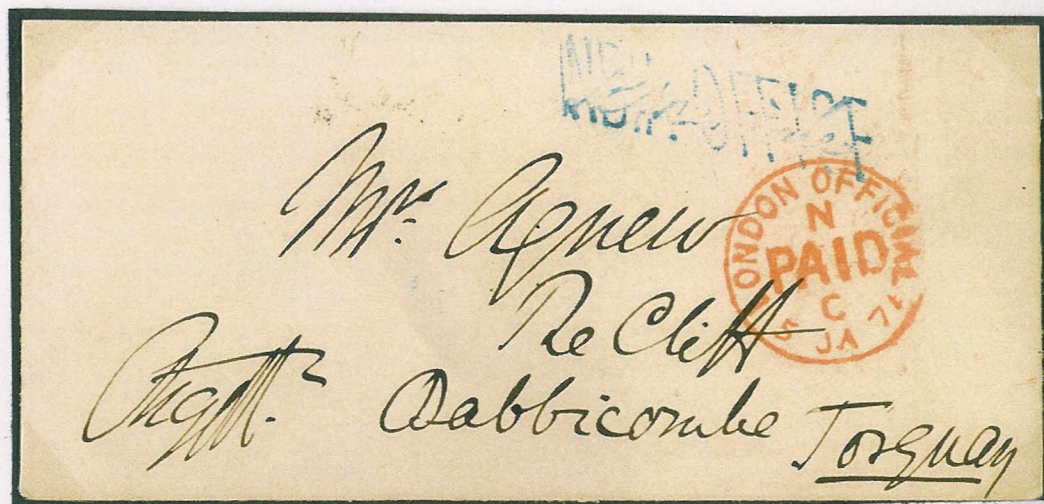


The Home Office was located in the Foreign Office complex from 1975 to 1977, when it was moved to No.50 Queen Anne's Gate. Winston Churchill was the Home Secretary in 1911 during the Siege of Sidney Street.

During the Second World War bombproof rooms were built for the War Cabinet underneath the Foreign Office.



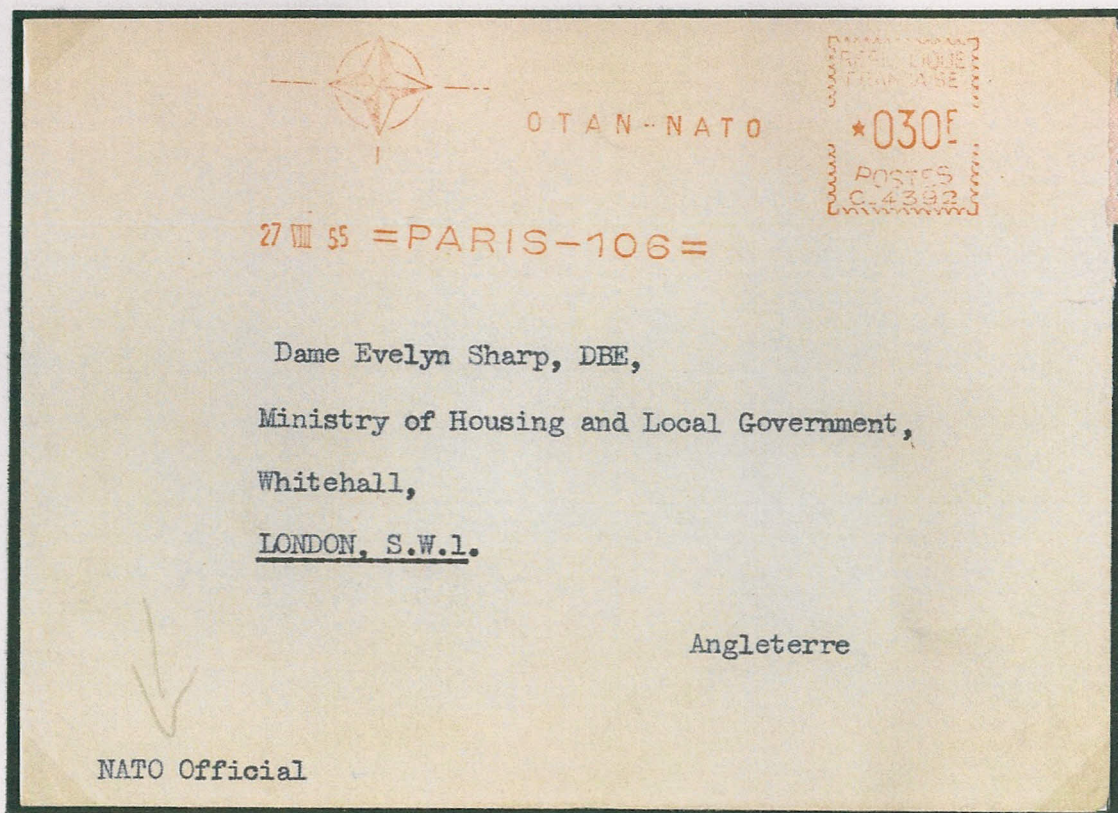
The India Office, which dealt with the affairs of that sub-continent was also part of the Foreign Office, until India secured Independence on 15 August 1947. The inner courtyard was renamed Durbar Court in 1902 when it was used for some of the Coronation celebrations for King Edward VII, the first emperor of India.



The Cenotaph, in front of the Foreign Office, unveiled in 1920 by George V, is the venue for the annual Commemoration of the Glorious Dead of two world and subsequent wars by the sovereign and the government.



Dover House, on the west side of Whitehall houses the Scotland Office. The House was used in 1949 by Montgomery when NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation was being planned.



The Admiralty is at the top of Whitehall. In 1806 Lord Nelson's coffin lay overnight in the Captain's Waiting Room before his funeral in St. Paul's Cathedral. Winston Churchill was First Lord of the Admiralty from October 1911 until he resigned in 1915. He was First Lord again in 1939 an office he held until he was appointed Prime Minister in 1940.

