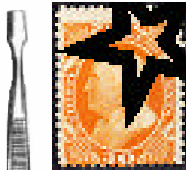




and



The Postal History of British New Guinea and Papua

This cover is generally thought to be the first day of issue of the two cancellers used on the face of the cover. There is more than one cover, of which it is believed all were addressed to the same PO Box in Brisbane. 28 August 1891.

Stamps of British New Guinea were first issued on June 1st 1901. Before that, stamps of Queensland were used in the Territory. These stamps were distinguishable from the ordinary Queensland issues only by the Postmark on the stamp. Prior to 1891, the handstamp "N.G." was used, and after that "B.N.G." was used. A variety of circular date stamps and other cancellers were used throughout this period, but the eight bar and nine bar cancellers of BNG and the NG canceller are the more common. The circular date stamps of Port Moresby and Granville of the NG period are some of the rarest items of BNG philately, especially if found genuinely used for postage.



The "N.G." cancel is very scarce, and stamps put up for sale in Australia have been estimated to sell for around \$A200.-. Two or three covers only have been reported; prices realizing over ten thousand dollars on the few occasions when they have appeared on the market.

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"Philately is a Science not an Art?"

Rick Houghland (Jack Urish), 7:30pm, 12 May 2004, Northway Christian Church

Lewis and Clark Cities Set

The United States Postal Service revealed March 12 the 11 cities scheduled to hold first-day ceremonies for the three 37¢ Lewis and Clark stamps that will be issued May 14. The cities are: **Orofino, Idaho; Hartford, Ill.; Sioux City, Iowa; Atchison, Kan.; St. Charles, Mo.; Great Falls, Mont.; Omaha, Neb.; Washburn, N.D.; Astoria, Ore.; Pierre, S.D.; and Ilwaco, Wash.** According to the Postal Service, each ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. in each city's respective time zone.



Lewis and Clark booklet to sell for \$1.55 above face

The Lewis and Clark stamp booklet will sell for \$8.95, \$1.55 more than the face value of the 20 stamps contained inside, the United States Postal Service announced in late March. The booklet also will have limited distribution and be limited to a quantity of 1 million. The Lewis and Clark souvenir booklet will be issued May 14 at 11 different locations. It will contain 10 each of two face-different 37¢ stamps, for a total face value of \$7.40 per booklet.

Lewis and Clark Prestige Booklet

To commemorate the bicentennial of the official launch of the Lewis and Clark expedition on May 14, 1804, a special 32-page prestige booklet will be issued. The booklet contains two semi-jumbo stamp designs in self-adhesive panes of ten. Featured are individual portraits of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

Lewis and Clark Bicentennial

This self-adhesive stamp, issued separately from the prestige booklet in panes of 20 stamps, depicts Lewis and Clark standing on a promontory surveying the countryside

Membership Status

Membership as of January 31, 2003	83
<u>New members in 2004</u>	<u>1</u>
Total membership year 2002	84

ATTENDANCE LAST MONTH

1 st MTG	2 nd MTG
25	21

D-PCPS UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 12** **DPCPS Regular Meeting 7:30PM** **NORTHWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH** The program will be "*Philately is a Science not an Art?*" by Rick Houghland. A stamp swap & trade will follow. Club Circuit Books will also be available.
- May 17** **DPCPS BOARD MEETING 7:30PM** **HALF-PRICE BOOKS** to discuss future club actions.
- May 26** **DPCPS Regular Meeting** The short program will be presented by **Manny Marx** "*the Italian Social Republic 1943-1945*" and the club will host the monthly "mini auction". A stamp swap & trade will precede the meeting & Club Circuit Books will also be available.
- Jun 9** **DPCPS Regular Meeting 7:30PM** **NORTHWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH** The program to be announced.

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The relative scarcity of the "N.G." cancellation on particular postage stamp values is given by Roger Lee on page 5 of his book the Postal History of British New Guinea and Papua 1885-1942 . He lists in order of ascending scarcity 2d, 4d, 1d and 6d. The picture at right of the one shilling value with "N.G." may be an oversight. His overall rarity rating of the cancellation as a whole is 'D', which means approx. 251 to 500 examples exist.

A registered hand stamp (h/s) was also in use during the period 1885- 1903. It was inscribed: 'REGISTERED/ PORT MORESBY N.G.' A strike on cover of this example realized \$A10,500.- in 1997.

The stamps of Queensland used in BNG were struck with a variety of both obliterations and circular date stamps (cds's). These included the following(source Hamilton Croaker):

- 1889- 1890** 'GRANVILLE/BNG' cds
- 1889- 1905** 'REGISTERED/GRANVILLE BNG' h/s
- 1890- 1906** 'PORT MORESBY/BRITISH NEW GUINEA' cds
- 1890- 1906** 8 bars 'BNG' Obliterator
- 1888- 1901** 'SAMARAI/BNG' cds
- 1888- 1907** 9 bars 'BNG' Obliterator
- 1895** 'HM CUSTOMS,/DARU, BNG' Crowned Oval Date stamp (only three copies recorded)



1899- 1905 'TAMATA/BNG' cds



1899- 1905 10 bars 'BNG' Obliterator (two types were in use- Tamata and Kulumadau (Woodlarks)).



1899- 1902 'NIVANI/BNG' cds (No covers have been recorded. Lee states " A few philatelic examples ..only seen".)

1899- 1902 'REGISTERED/NIVANI BNG' h/s



The above pictured pair features an anomaly of BNG postal history, which is in keeping with the relatively unknown numbers of philatelic usages (or 'cto/per favour'), of the rarer cancellations. This particular 9-bar obliterator of Samarai shows damage on the 'B', which occurred sometime after the BNG stamps were issued, and Queensland stamps were no longer in valid circulation. Cancels with the damaged 'B' are hence not true postal examples. However, the 9 bar cancel is relatively common on Queensland issues, although this is not the case with the majority of the Postmarks, which are, in some cases, extremely rare, and only exist as 'per favour'.



Post Offices were opened on the following dates (Source: Stanley Gibbons):

Daru (1894);
Kulumadau (Woodlarks) (1899);

Nivani (1899);
Port Moresby (1885)
Samarai (1888)
Sudest (1899);
Tamata (1899).

Automated Postal Centers

The more than 2000 new APC machines only take credit or debit cards and can print 1-5 stamps per transaction with values of 1¢ through \$99.99. I have verified that the Royal Oak Michigan machine does print 1¢ stamps but not the \$99.99 :) One swipe of a credit card allows up to ten transactions with the receipt printing when the transactions are finished.

The machines are quite user friendly; one reads the printed screen and chooses options. Some of the programmed choices are First Class, Priority, Express, and International. After choosing one of those, for example International, another screen appears to give choices of 1) Canada 2) Mexico 3) all other countries.



Following are examples of the stamps from the APC installed on April 19, 2004 in Merrifield Virginia. While a date of sale is imprinted, these are stamps, not meters, as they can be used at any time from any location..

A used example ...



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