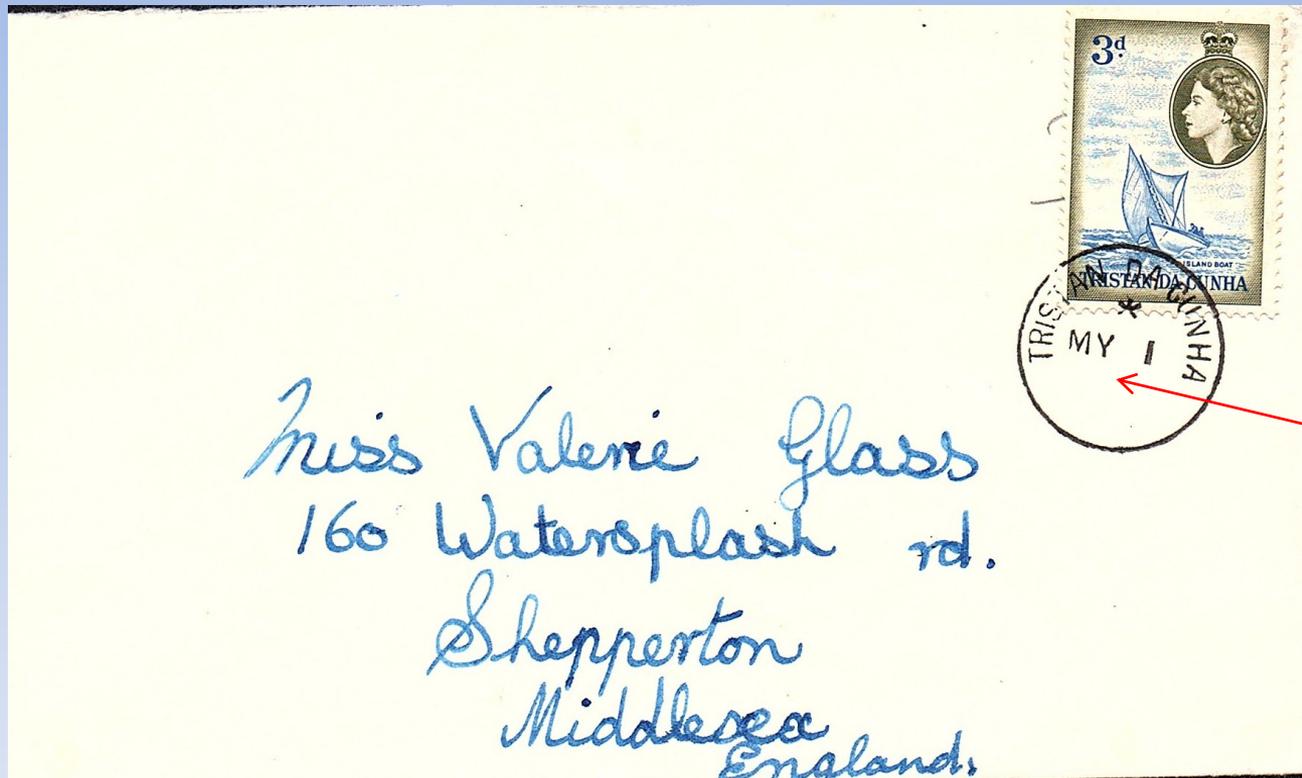


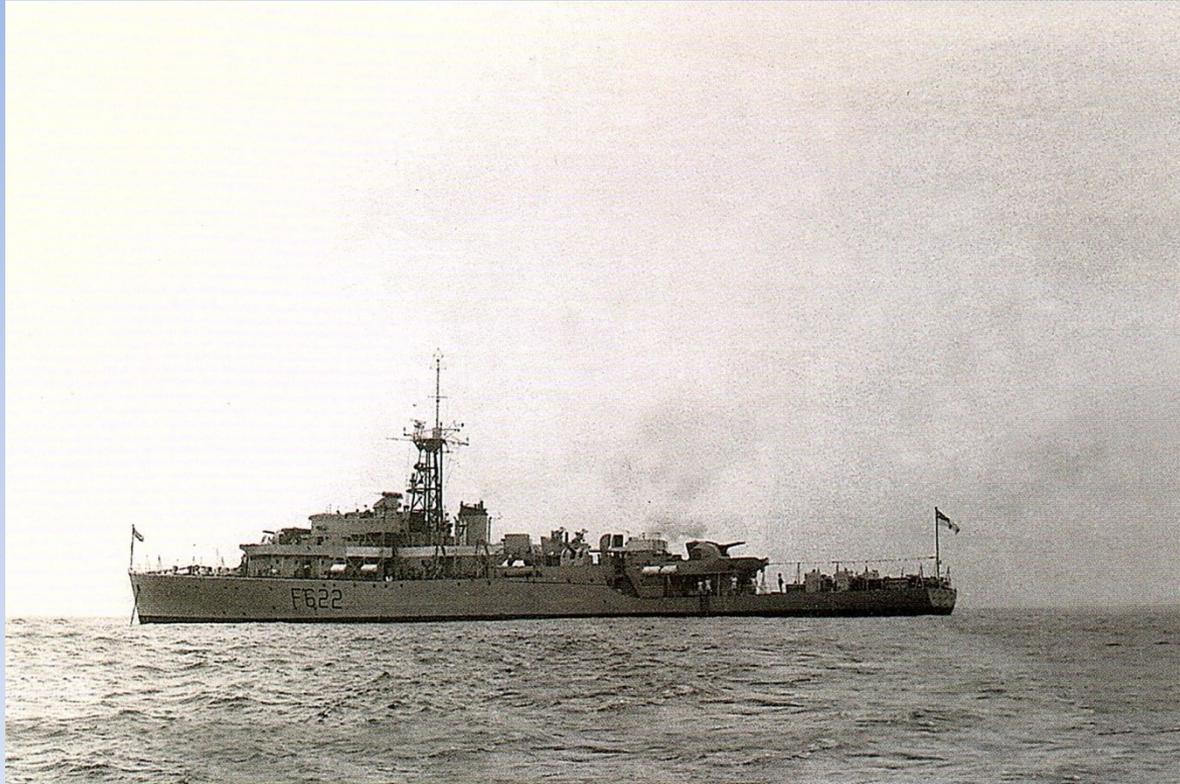
# Tristan Postmark 1958

## Missing Year Slug



24<sup>th</sup> Jan to 1<sup>st</sup> May 1958

# H.M.S. Burghead Bay arrived at Tristan on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 1958



The Administrator boarded it for a visit to Gough & Nightingale taking the (N)arrow Postmark & Post Office supplies to produce souvenirs for the crew.

The postmark was set to 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 58, the due departure date from Tristan waters.



The ship returned to Tristan on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. Mr Harris went ashore. Due to bad weather overnight he didn't return for his supplies. The ship left, with the postmark on board.

# The consequences for uncanceled letters in the Post Office

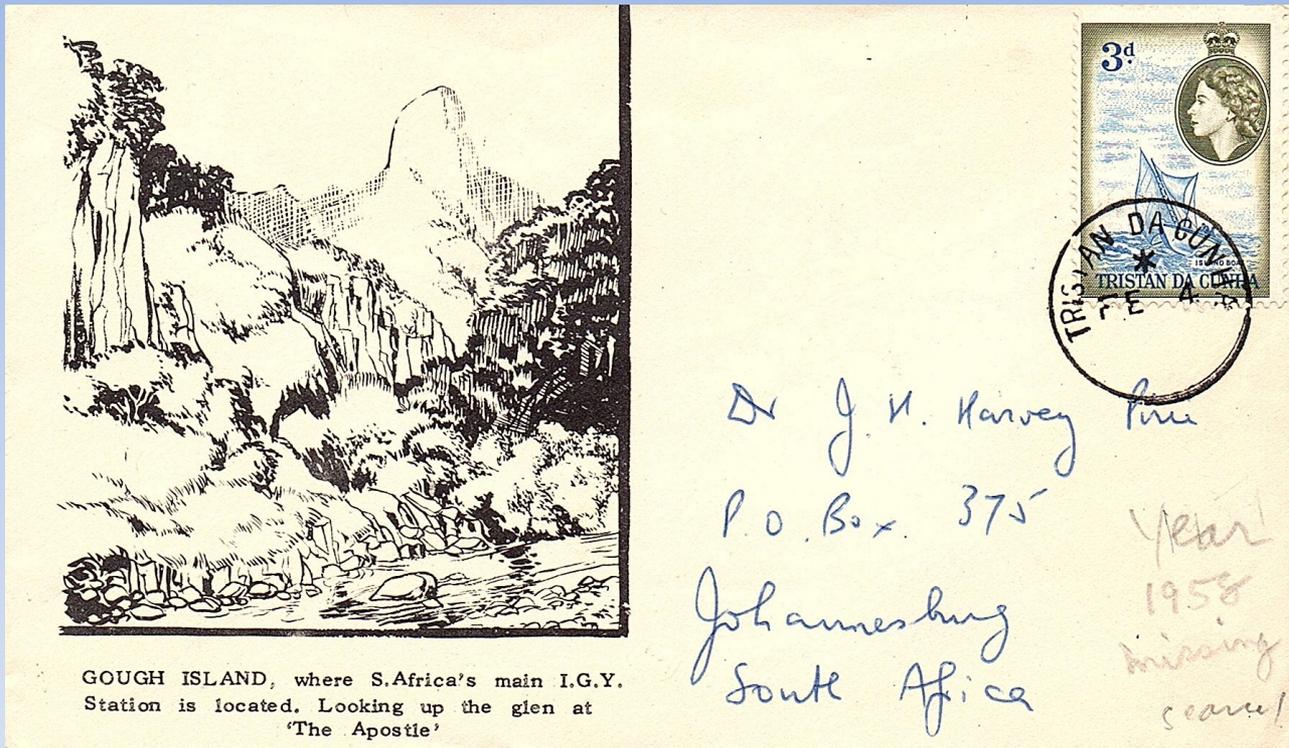


Best wishes  
yours truly  
Gilbert Lavarello

A letter from Gilbert Lavarello was enclosed and is preserved. 4d was the correct rate to Argentina.

The (W)ide Postmark was in the office but there was no other '58' year slug. All mail was cancelled with no year until the other postmark was returned in May.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan the ship picked up a batch of covers at Gough island



There was no P.O. on Gough. Soon after he returned the administrator cancelled these and a few more letters on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb.

# R.M.S. Andes arrived on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 58



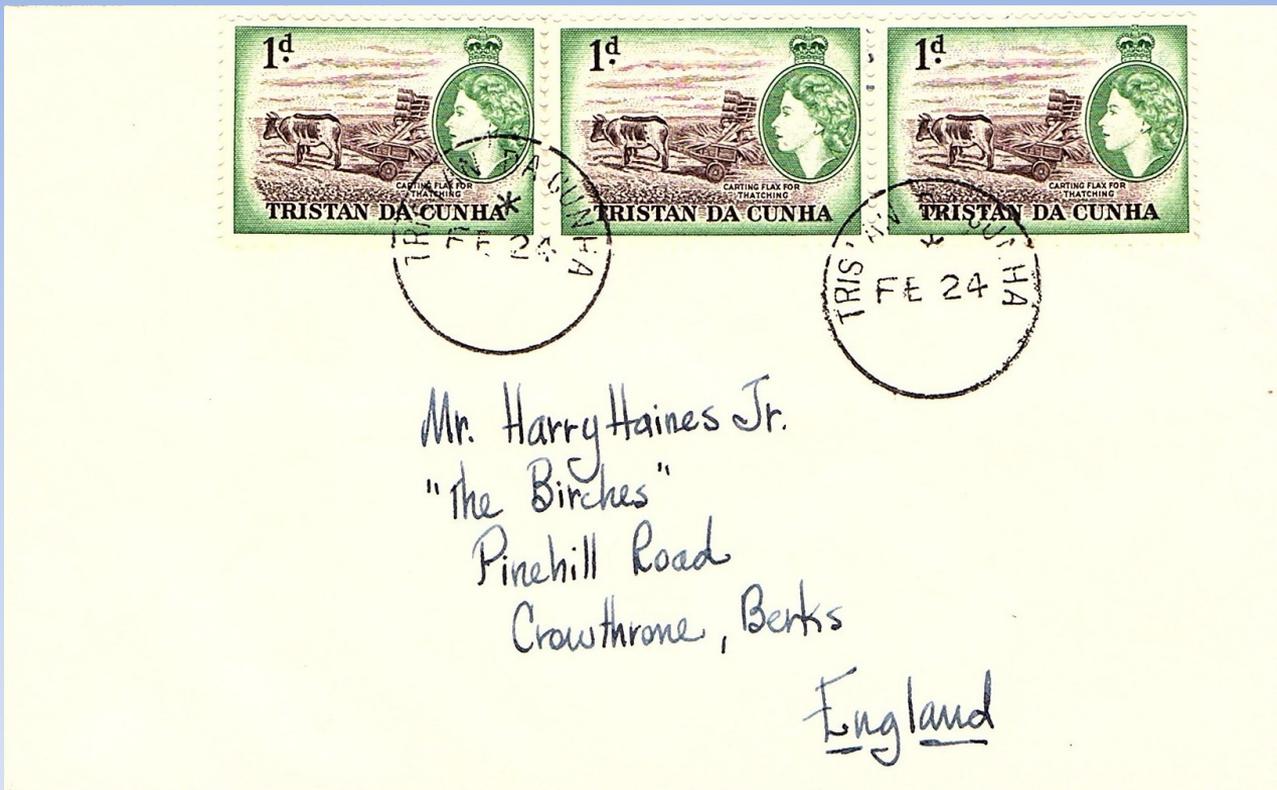
Mail was cancelled for carriage on this ship. Bad weather prevented a landing. Covers with this date are scarce.

# R.M.S Caronia came 2 days later, on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1958



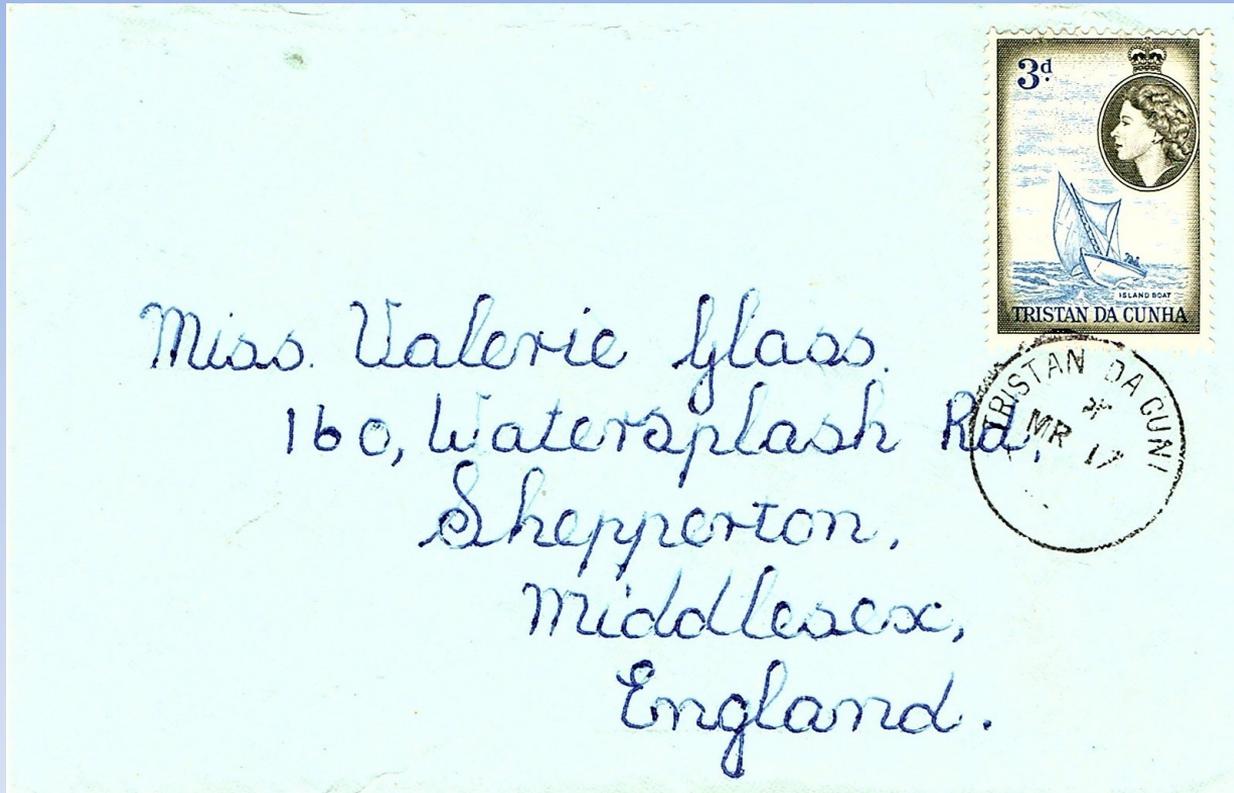
Philatelic souvenirs were produced and the ship took away mail postmarked 24<sup>th</sup> Jan, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb and 6<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## Later postmark, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1958



These covers are philatelic but rare. The receipt date on the rear suggests this was taken away by the yacht 'Speedwell' which called at Tristan on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 1958.

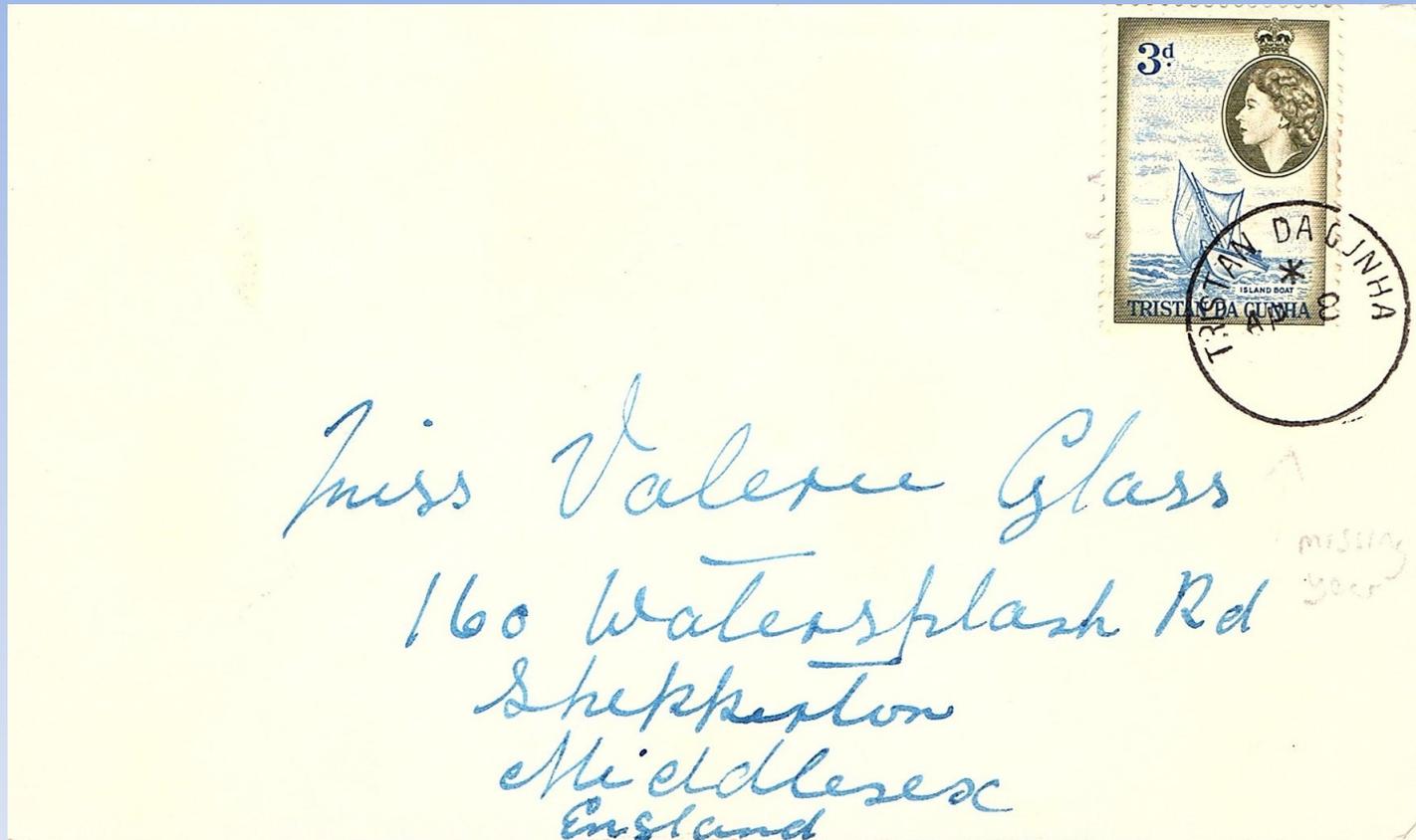
The next ship was due to leave on 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 1958



Miss. Valerie Glass.  
160, Watersplash Rd.  
Shepperton,  
Middlesex,  
England.

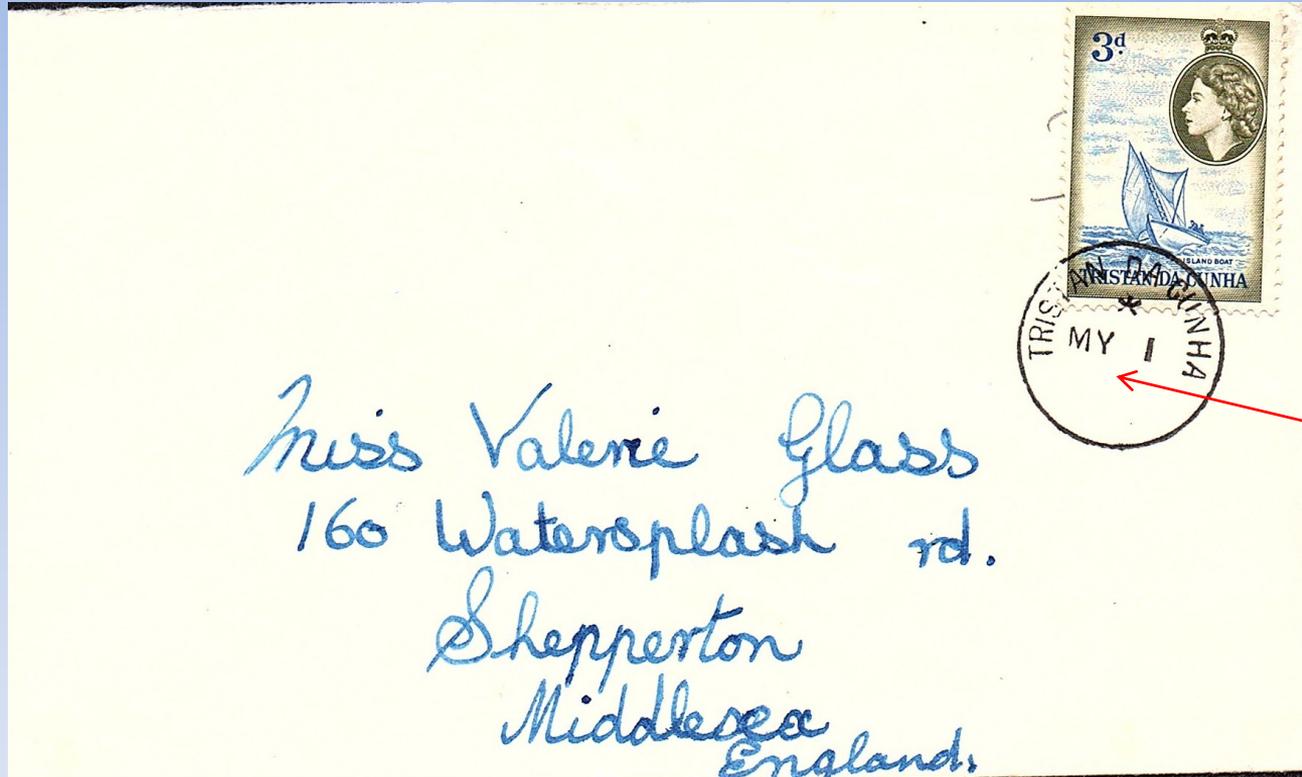
Accumulated mail was cancelled for that day and is said to have been taken on that day by the Swedish tanker 'Camilla'.

H.M.S. Protector called on 8<sup>th</sup> Apr 1958



Mail cancelled for this departure is rare. This is the only one I have ever seen.

H.M.S Burghead Bay was due to return in early May  
so mail was stamped in advance , 1<sup>st</sup> May 1958



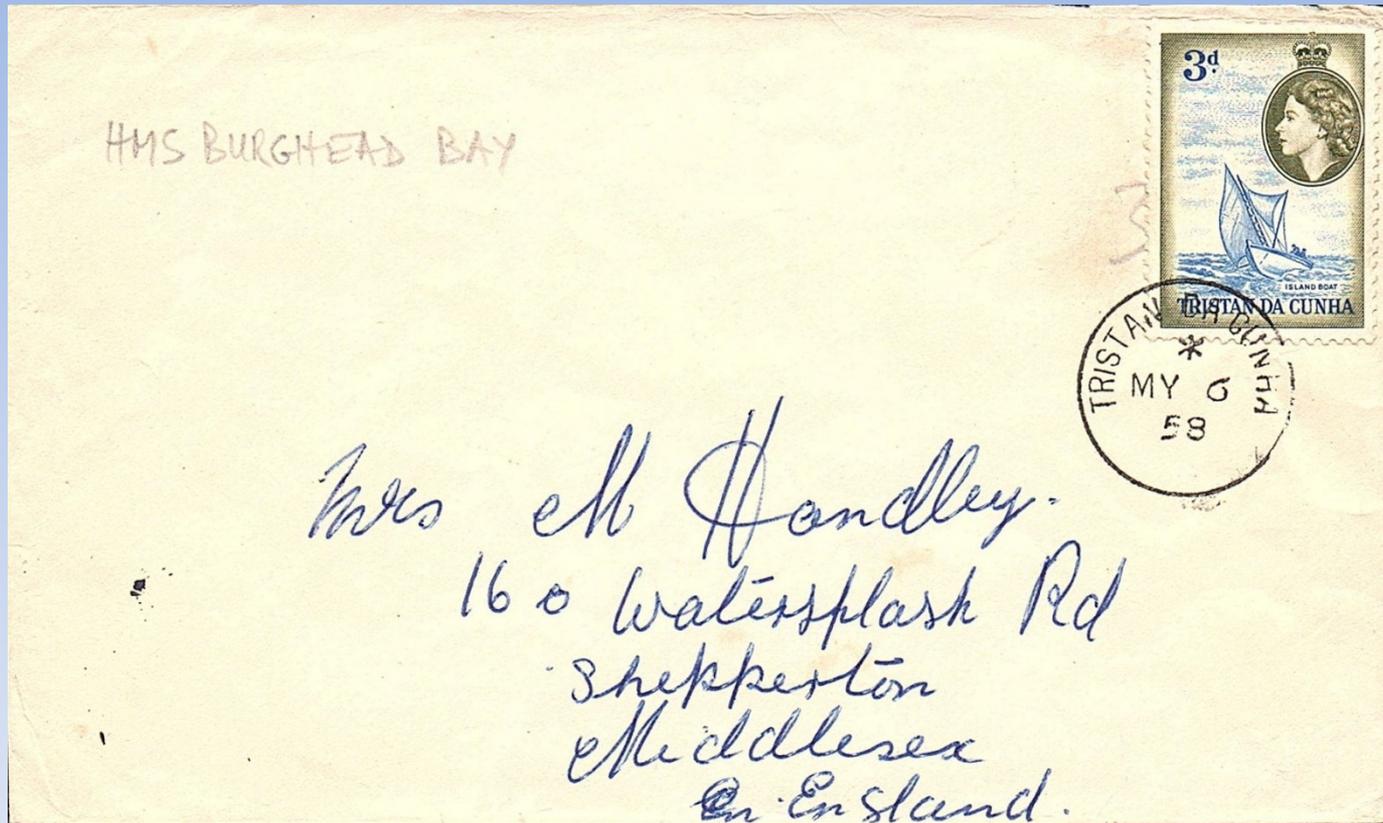
Last use of the yearless (W)ide cancellation

# H.M.S. Burghead Bay returned on 6<sup>th</sup> May



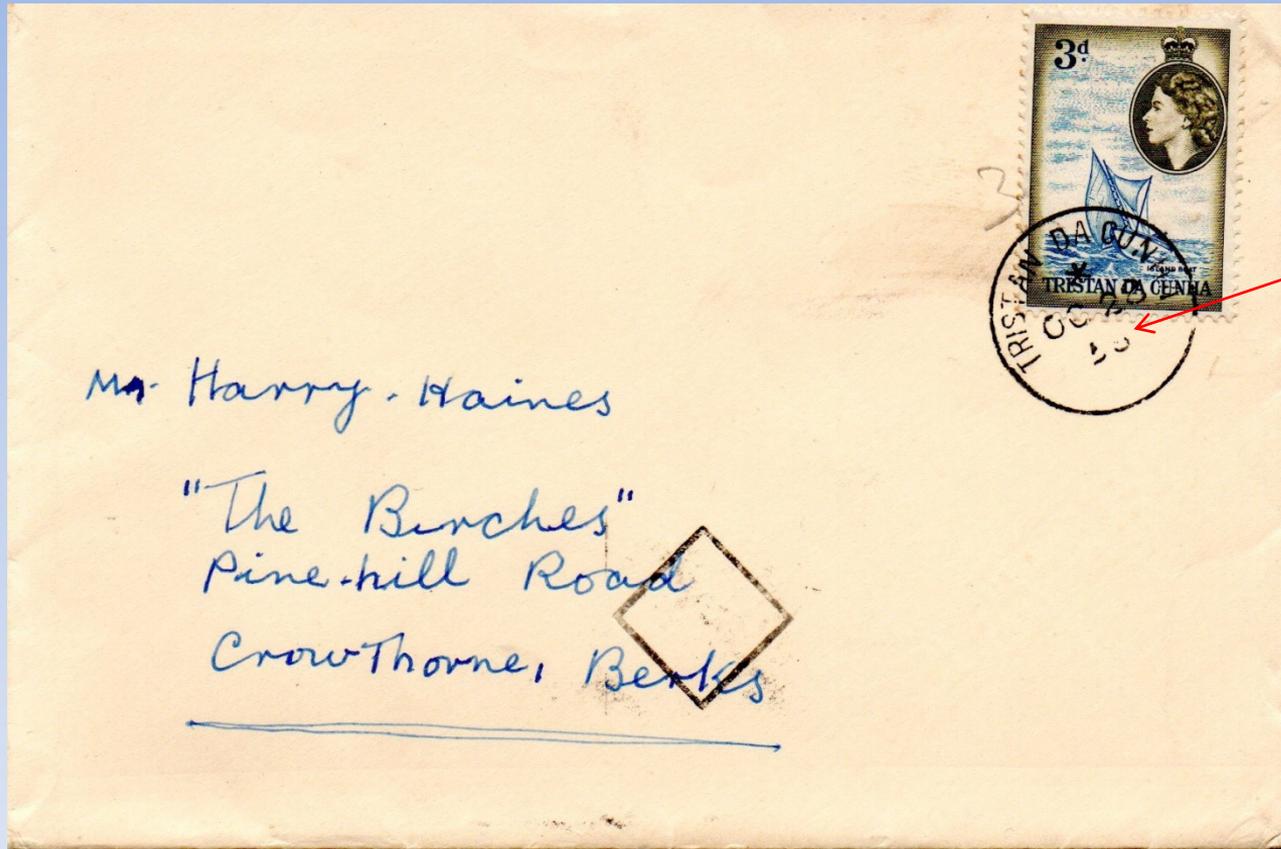
It took away mail dated 1<sup>st</sup> May and returned the (N)arrow postmark. The '58 slug' was put in the (W)ide postmark but the date was not changed from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May before use!

This error was belatedly corrected



Some of the late cancelled mail then showed the correct date, 6<sup>th</sup> May 58

# Normal 1958 postmarks then resumed, almost!



Due to engine trouble  
M.V. Tristania, due out  
on **29<sup>th</sup> Oct**, was  
towed to Cape Town  
in early **Sept 58**

Tristan da Cunha  
September 6, 1958

Date Written

Received Oct 7, 58

Rec'd 21 Days Before  
the Postmark

The enclosed letter survived and includes an account of the incident

**Thank You for Watching.**