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EDITORIAL

This issue sees a wider range of articles which I hope will be of interest to all members. John Attwood has sent me a large article on the Ascension Picture Postcards which will be continued in Supplement No 13. Now that Ascension is included in the Supplement I look forward with anticipation to receiving articles, or snippets of information from all the other Ascension collectors in the Society.

March saw a very important St. Helena auction, with two superb collections coming on the market at the same time. These two collections were auctioned by Harmers on 8th March, The Jamestown collection and the John Ayre collection. I have devoted several pages to this auction in this Supplement for those who were unable to attend. John Ayre had been a personal friend, with whom I had corresponded for a number of years. We met only once face to face, and that was at London 1980. John was a well known collector and over the years had built up and sold many fine collections, including Canada, Bahamas and Falkland Islands, and it was with great sadness that I learned of his death just prior to the auction.

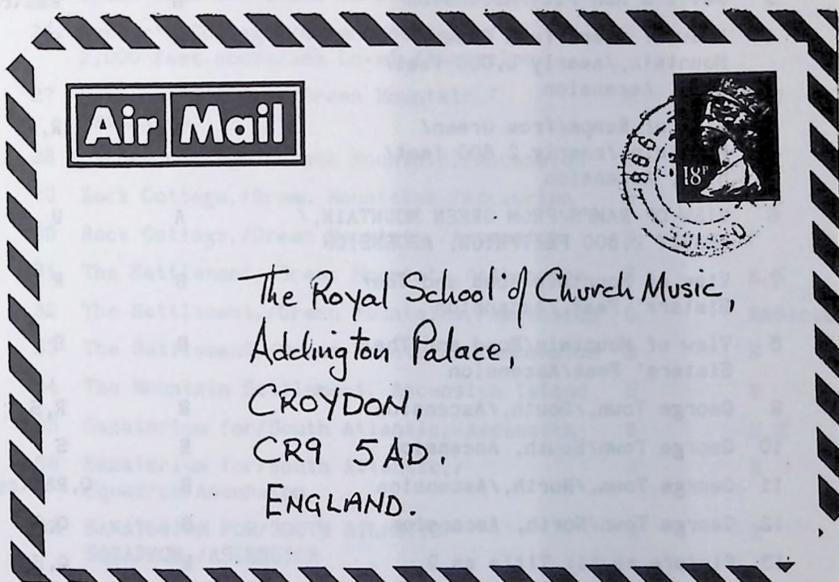
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R.A.F. POST OFFICE ASCENSION

John Attwood has sent me some additional information on the Ascension R.A.F. Post Office.

Illustrated below is a cover dated 29th July 1988 from the Rev R.F. Cottingham, a R.A.F. Chaplain and Vicar of St. Mary's Church Ascension. In 1982 with the onset of the Falklands Conflict, Ascension again became a British Military Base and on the departure of the Vicar, I. Davison, at the end of his tour of duty in July 1982, R.A.F. Chaplains were detached to Ascension on a temporary basis to care for all on the island.



The Rev Cottingham gives his address as BFPO 677; from at least December 1982 to 8th April 1986, the canceller was "FIELD POST OFFICE 777", so it would appear that sometime after April 1986 there was a change from "777" to "998", possibly at the conclusion of hostilities. the cover has a G.B. 18p stamp cancelled with "FIELD POST OFFICE 998".

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ASCENSION ISLAND PICTORIAL POSTCARDS

1. c.1902 Series

The picture side is in black and white unless otherwise stated.

Key to Lettering and Colour of Type

	Picture Side	Address Side
1	The Devil's/Ash Pit, Ascension	B R, S
2	The Devils' Ash/Pit, Ascension	B S
3	Devil's Ash Pitt/Ascension	B R&S(comb)
4	View of Ramps/from Green/ Mountain,/nearly 2,000 feet/ high, Ascension	B S
5	View of Ramps/from Green/ Mountain,/nearly 2,800 feet/ high, Ascension	B R, S
6	VIEW OF RAMPS/FROM GREEN MOUNTAIN,/ NEARLY 2,800 FEET/HIGH, ASCENSION	A U
7	View of Mountain/Road and The/ Sisters' Peak,/Ascension	B R
8	View of Mountain/Road and The/ Sisters' Peak/Ascension	B S
9	George Town,/South,/Ascension	B R, S
10	George Town/South, Ascension	B S
11	George Town,/North,/Ascension	B Q, R&U(comb)
12	George Town/North, Ascension	B Q, S
13	Picture as 11: Title as 9	B Q, S
14	The Gardens,/Green Mountain,/Ascension	B Q, R
15	THE GARDENS,/GREEN MOUNTAIN,/ 2,000 FEET ABOVE/SEA LEVEL,/ASCENSION	A U
16	The Gardens,/Green Mountain,/ 2,000 feet above/Sea Level,/Ascension	B R, S
17	The Eastern/Telegraph/Company's/ Station and/Quarters,/Ascension	B Z

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18	As for 17 but "THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN HERE" is 81mm not 71mm in length.	B	Z (variant)
19	The Eastern/Telegraph/Companies/ Station and/Quarters,/Ascension	B	X
20	WIDE AWAKE FAIR,/BIRDS FACING WIND,/ AND SHADOWS OF/BIRDS FLYING,/ASCENSION	A	T, U
21	Wide Awake Fair/Birds facing wind,/ and Shadows of/Birds flying,/Ascension	B	S
22	Wide Awake Fair/Birds facing Wind,/ and Shadows of/Birds flying,/Ascension	B	Q, R
23	Wideawake Fair, Ascension Island	D, F	V
24	Turtle Turners/and Turtle,/Ascension	B	R, S
25	Barter's Cottage,/Green Mountain,/ 2,000 feet above/sea level,/Ascension	B	R
26	Barter's Cottage,/Green Mountain,/ 2,000 feet above/Sea Level,/Ascension	B	R
27	Barter's Cottage,/Green Mountain,/ Ascension	B	Q, S
28	Garden Cottage,/Green Mountain,/Ascension	B	S, Z
29	Rock Cottage,/Green Mountains,/Ascension	B	Q, S
30	Rock Cottage,/Green Mountain,/Ascension	B	P
31	The Settlement,/Green Mountain,/Ascension	B	R, X
32	The Settlement,/Green Mountains,/Ascension	B	R&S(comb)
33	The Settlement,/Green Mountains./Ascension	B	S
34	The Mountain Settlement, Ascension Island	E	V
35	Sanatorium for/South Atlantic,/Ascension	B	S, Z
36	Sanatorium for/South Atlantic,/ Squadron/Ascension	B	R
37	SANATORIUM FOR/SOUTH ATLANTIC/ SQUADRON,/ASCENSION	A	R
38	Mountain Sanatorium, Ascension Island	E	V
39	View from foot of/Green Mountain/ Ascension, 3,000/ft. above sea level	B	R, S
40	View from foot of/Green Mountain,/ Ascension, 3,000/ft. above Sea Level	B	R
41	Cable Hut,/Comfortless/Cove, Ascension	B	S, Z

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42	Commandant's/Offices, Barracks/ and Salt Water/Tower,/Ascension	B	S
43	Commandant's/Offices, Barracks/ and Salt Water/Tower/Ascension	B	S&U(comb)
44	The Captain-in-Charge's Offices,Ascension	F	V
45	CAPTAIN'S OFFICES,/BARRACKS AND/ SALT WATER/TOWER,/ASCENSION	A	T,U
46	Captain's Offices,/Barracks and/Salt Water/Tower,/Ascension	B	R
47	Elliotts' Pass,/Green Mountain,/Ascension	AA	Y
48	Dew Pond,/2,800 ft. above/Sea Level,/Ascension	B	S,Z
49	As for 48 but "THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN HERE" is 81mm not 54mm in length	B	Y(variant)
50	"Sea Turtle" in Pond, Ascension Island	F	V
51	Double Rollers, Ascension Island	C	V
52	Double Rollers, Ascension Island (no message on picture side)	B(var)	V
53	As for 52 but %" message space at the bottom and the words, "Muller & Co.'s Series" included	-	V
54	The Garrison, Ascension Island	D,E	V
55	As for 54 but %" message space at the bottom and the words, "Muller & Co.'s Series" included	-	V
56	THE CEMETERY,/GREEN MOUNTAIN,/ASCENSION	A	R
57	The Cemetery,/Green Mountain,/Ascension	B	R
58	View of Island/of Ascension,/from 2,800 feet/above Sea Level	B	R,S
59	Top of Green/Mountain,/showing rain/ water catchments,/Ascension	B	P
60	View of S.W of/Island, from/ Green Mountain,/Ascension	B	R
61	St. Mary's/Church,/Ascension	B	S,Z
62	Admiralty/Cottage,/Ascension	B	Z
63	Pier Head,/Ascension	B	S
64	Turned Turtle on Long Beach Ascension (multicoloured)	-	W

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|----|--|---|---|
| 65 | Turtle Pond with/Turtle and Kiroomen/
Ascension (multicoloured) | - | W |
| 66 | Wideawakes (Sooty Terns) & Eggs,
Ascension (multicoloured) | - | W |

The "/" indicates separate lines in the title.

The key to the lettering on the picture side is as follows:

- A 1" message space on the right side, title in block lettering of equal height.
- AA As for A but block lettering with initial capitals.
- B 1" message space on the right side, title in fancy lettering with initial capitals.
- C ¾" message space on the right side, title in small fancy lettering with initial capitals and the words "Muller & Co.'s Series" included.
- D As for C but larger print.
- E ½" message space at the bottom, title in print similar to a typewriter with initial capitals.
- F ¾" message space on the right side, title in print similar to a typewriter with initial capitals and the words "Muller & Co.'s Series" included.

The Key to the lettering on the address side is as follows:

"R" Green

PICTORIAL POST CARD.

The Address to be written on this side.

"Q" Green

PICTORIAL POST CARD.

The Address to be written on this side.

"S" Green

PICTORIAL POST CARD.

The address to be written on this side.

"T" Green

PICTORIAL POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

"U" Green

PICTORIAL POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

"V" Black

POST CARD.

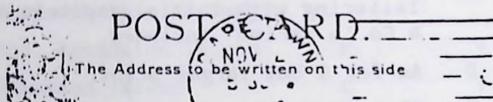
THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

"W" Black

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

"P" Green



"Z" Green

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN HERE.

"Y" Green

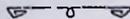
POST CARD.



THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN HERE.

"X" Green

POST CARD.



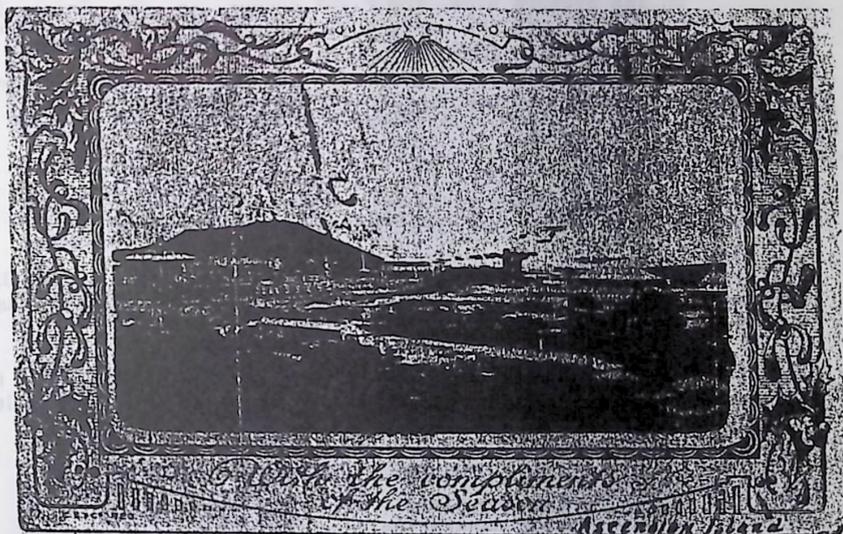
The address only to be written on this side.

It should be noted that various shades of green exist ranging from a clear green to almost black. With eleven distinct types of wording on the address side, here recorded, the author decided not to further complicate matters by trying to sub-divide the green lettering into gradations of colour.

2. c. 1910 Christmas Series

Christmas cards of the 1911 date are known to the author, namely:-

1. A view of Georgetown surrounded by a frame of mistletoe and inscribed "With the compliments of the Season". This postcard was sent to Tasmania via the Cape.
2. As above, but "Wideawake Fairs" instead of "Georgetown".
3. A head-on view of a turtle inscribed "A Merry Christmas" and at the bottom, in manuscript, "Turtle weight 700 lbs Ascension".



3. 3.1 c. 1908 Series

Three cards with the picture in glossy sepia, namely:-

- a) "PIER HEAD, ASCENSION"
- b) "GEORGE TOWN, ASCENSION, FROM MAIL BOAT"
- c) "ROLLERS, LONG BEACH, ASCENSION"

Each of the above three cards exist: with the title, top left and the words, "POST CARD", on the reverse printed in red and in brown ink.

Also cards (a) and (c) can be found with the words, "Printed in Saxony" vertically on the left of the message space.

3.2 c.1910

The following exist:-

- a) "View from Georgetown looking east towards Sisters Peak". No title or message space on the picture side.
- b) "View of Georgetown from the sea".
"ASCENSION" at centre bottom on the picture side and no message space.
- c) "View of Wideawake Plain" now the site of the airfield. No title or message space on the picture side.
- d) "View of the Ramps from Green Mountain".
On the picture side, top right corner, is the Union Castle Line flag with the words "UNION CASTLE LINE" above and "SOUTH & EAST AFRICA, ROYAL MAIL", below the flag.
Also on the picture side, at the bottom, is printed "ASCENSION" in the centre and "Copyright" on the left.

4. c.1920 Series

All the pictorial postcards in this series are on a non-gloss card and the views depicted are in an all-over brown colour.

This series is easily identified as on the picture side in the lower corner is sometimes the printer's initial "K" and always the number of the card related to a particular view.

The total number of separate views in this particular series is not known to the author but only the first 12 which are detailed below:

Card No	Title
K1	The Mountain from Cross Hill
2	The Sanatorium from the Ramps
3	Rock and Garden Cottage
4	The Club
5	Georgetown from Governor's Lodge
6	The Church
7	The Peak, Highest Point Mountain
8	Looking Southwest from Top Cross Hill
9	"Sisters" Group from The Ramps
10	Panorama from The Ramps
11	View 1, taken from Rock Cottage
12	View 2, taken from Rock Cottage

A sepia postcard, postmarked 1926, exists with the picture side as No.12 of the c.1902 series but with only a few dots for the address on the reverse.

5. "Arthur Dixon" Series

5.1 Printed and Published by J. Arthur Dixon Ltd, Newport, I.W., England.

Dimensions:- 149 mm x 105 mm.

Titles and serial no. printed in grey ink on the address side.

ASCENSION ISLAND

N.A.S.A. G71

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National Aeronautics Space Administration
PA1/80017

The Devil's Ashpit and an
Ascension Island donkey

PA1/80018

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National Aeronautics Space Administration

ASCENSION ISLAND

Devil's Riding School

Colour Photograph by Douglas S. Rogers
PA1/80019

ASCENSION ISLAND

An Ascension Lily and a Yellow Bird

Colour Photograph by F. Byford
PA1/80020

ASCENSION ISLAND

Two Boats-Sister's Peak

Colour Photograph by Douglas S. Rogers
PA1/80021

The Red Lion - Green Mountain,

Ascension Island

Colour Photograph by F. Byford, Ascension Island
80022

St. Mary's Church - Georgetown

Ascension Island

Colour Photograph by F. Byford, Ascension Island
80023

The Exile Club - Georgetown

Ascension Island

Colour Photograph by F. Byford, Ascension Island
80024

TO BE CONTINUED...

R.M.S. "ST. HELENA"
HAVE POST OFFICE, WILL TRAVEL

R. J. MADDOCKS

The R.M.S. "St. Helena" (Fig 1.) is, I understand, the sole remaining oceangoing ship still flying the Royal Mail pennant at her masthead. It is a sub post office to Jamestown. Built in Vancouver, Canada in 1962 as the "Northland Prince" to trade along the coast of British Columbia, this 3,150 gross ton vessel was in late 1977 taken over by the Curnow Shipping Company Ltd, of Porthleven, Cornwall which had recently won the Government's long term contract to provide the island with a scheduled shipping link to the world. After conversion by Vosper's, Southampton to a long haul deep sea passenger/cargo ship fully certified to the latest British official requirements, she was renamed 'St. Helena' in August 1978 and became the first vessel to sail under the flag of the St. Helena Shipping Company Ltd, formed jointly by Curnow and the Colony's Government. The Company's House Flag, showing a Merlin with a crown, is based on that of the old East India Company, owners of the island until it became a British Colony in 1834. (Fig 2).



FIG 1.

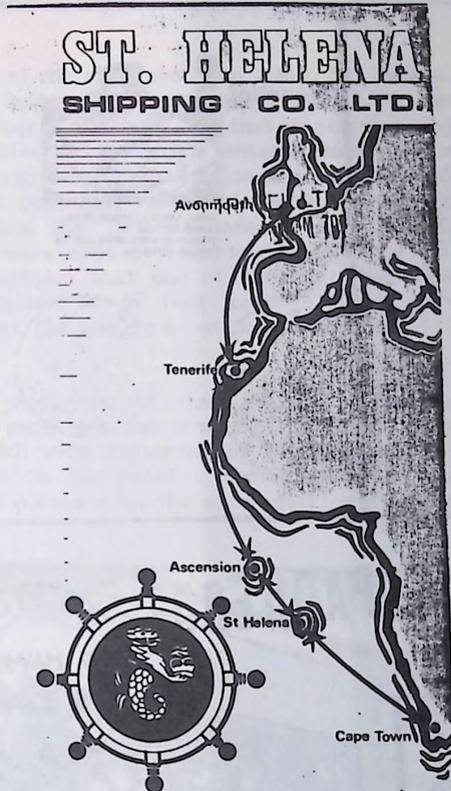


FIG 2.

The R.M.S. "St. Helena" plies from Avonmouth every two months, sailing to Tenerife, Georgetown (Ascension), Jamestown (St. Helena) and Cape Town, and then returns by the same route. Once a year she also calls on Tristan da Cunha. She has a compliment of 46 officers and crew (all the latter are St. Helenans) and carries 76 passengers - priority being given to the islanders; in addition a further 36 deck passengers can be carried between St. Helena and her dependency, Ascension island.

I posted letters on board for mailing to England at each of the four ports of call, together with Avonmouth on her return where they received the 'PAQUEBOT' or special cancels. These are illustrated on the next page.



Paquebot



William Starbuck, a reproduction of a portrait
Commander general 1884.
* Translation of the first complete episode into
the Catalan language 1984.



PAQUEBOT



120184
1333-73
J150



7P5.

It is to be noted that on one cover the R.M.S. St. Helena circular date stamp shows the normal month/day position reversed viz AP 10 instead of 10 AP - this was not done by favour. Probably on that particular day the very versatile purser, who also doubles as the ship's entertainments officer, was experiencing a morning after the night before. Mention was made in Supplement No 5. (p 29) of a similar reversed month/day cancel alongside which is shown a normal cancel of the same date; since that date is understood to have been the first usage, perhaps both strikes were made at Jamestown before one c.d.s. went on board the ship! I am of the opinion that one of these strikes was most certainly made ashore, as one canceller is in fact kept in Jamestown Post Office. Most certainly there is just the one c.d.s. on board the ship.

In Fig 4. I show a photograph of the mail box at the purser's office; on the neighbouring display panel are the crests of H.M.S. Bracon and H.M.S. Ledbury, the two minesweepers which were supported by R.M.S. St. Helena during the Falklands Campaign. Note also on the panel a photograph of a Wasp Helicopter on its specially constructed platform on the after decking of the St. Helena.



FIG 4.

By way of additional interest I also show the Post Office at Georgetown (Ascension) with Cross Hill, a cinder cone, in the background, in which two 6 inch naval guns from H.M.S. Hood were set up in World War 2. (Fig 5).



FIG 5.



THE POST OFFICE JAMESTOWN, ST. HELENA



TRUCK DELIVERING MAIL BAGS LANDED FROM R.M.S. ST. HELENA

Finally whilst at St. Helena I was shown a cover with an impression of a special cachet used on board the R.M.S. St. Helena when she was on Falklands duty as part of the Task Force. As I cannot trace any mention having been made of it in either the 'Supplement' or 'Cameo' I enquire whether it has in fact been previously recorded. (Fig 6).

R.M.S. "ST. HELENA"
FALKLAND ISLANDS
TASK FORCE - 1982

FIG 6.

ST. HELENA

ESSAYS FOR THE 1863 SURCHARGES

JEREMY MARTIN

As a result of a talk and display in December 1988 by Mr. R.F. Schoolley-West to the R.P.S., London, I arranged a visit to the British Library Philatelic Collections. At the Royal, Mr. Schoolley-West showed a page of essays on the 1856 6d. blue imperforate from the Supplementary Collection. There were twelve singles and a vertical pair. Where printed this was in sans-serif capitals.

- (i) Vertical pair (a) upper stamp 'FOUR PENCE' in black 16mm in length. No bar.
(b) lower stamp 'FOUR PENCE' in red 16½mm long. No bar.
- (ii) 'FOUR PENCE' 16½mm long in red over surcharged 'ONE PENNY' 19mm and thick bar (over 'FOUR PENCE') both in black and also 19mm.
- (iii) As (ii) but on stamp without red 'FOUR PENCE'.
- (iv) 'ONE' in black 6mm and thick black bar 13mm exactly over 'SIX PENCE'.
- (v) Black 'FOUR PENCE' 18½mm long. No bar.
- (vi) Red 'FOUR PENCE' 18½mm long. No bar.
- (vii) Black 'FOUR PENCE' and thin bar, both 19mm.
- (viii) As (vii) but in red.
- (ix) 'ONE PENNY' in red 17mm. No bar.
- (x) Manuscript 'ONE PENNY' and ruled line, originally in red ink which has now faded.
- (xi) Black 'FOUR PENCE' 17mm deleted by thick black pen-stroke.
- (xii) Black 'FOUR PENCE' 17mm boxed in black ink with manuscript 'FOUR PENCE' above.
- (xiii) Black 'FOUR PENCE' 17mm manuscript red ink 'FOUR * *' difficult to read and red line deleting basic 'SIX PENCE'.

Edward Hibbert in 'St. Helena Postal History and Stamps on page 161 has also listed several essays. Some correspond:-

Museum	(iii)	Hibbert	4a
	(iv)		3
	(v)		5a
	(ix)		1

Note: Six similar essays were sold by Harmers in their St. Helena sale on March 8th 1989. Seven examples are recorded in the collection of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

ST. HELENA

THE BRITISH LIBRARY PHILATELIC COLLECTION

JEREMY MARTIN

As well as the 1863 Essays, the collections also include other items of interest. In the Supplementary Collection there is a Plate Proof of the 1856 6d. in blue on white with a note that it was printed by Messrs De La Rue & Co. It also shows a clear re-entry, a line through 'SIX PENCE'. This would have been from the Perkins, Bacon Plate.

The Tapling Collection includes a set of well engraved forgeries, unused on thick white wove unwatermarked paper.

1d. pinkish red	6d. pale dull blue
2d. yellow ochre	1/- green
3d. brown purple	5/- orange-brown (oxydised)
4d. pale crimson	

In addition there was a 6d. blue used on piece. Not engraved. The postmark was difficult to read but included 'Calais'.

AUCTION REPORT - THE JAMESTOWN & AYRE COLLECTIONS

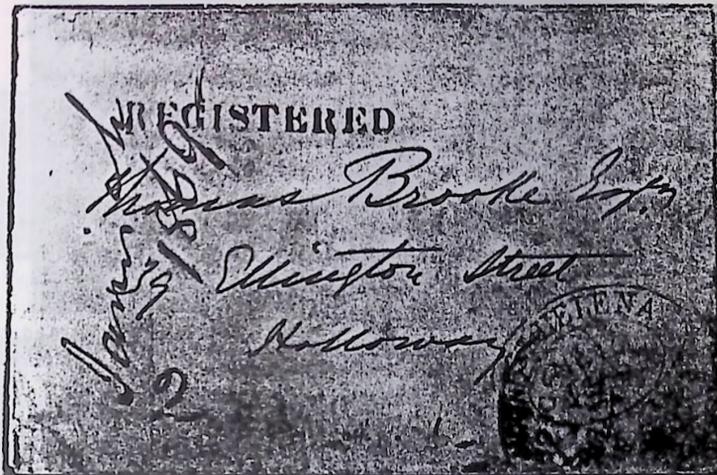
For those of us who were lucky enough to be able to attend the sale at Harmers on 8th March last, it turned out to be an exciting day. The sale room, although not packed, had a steady stream of buyers coming and going right through the sale. Prices on the whole were above the estimates, with only 3% of the 416 lots being unsold. The total realisation for the sale was £174,835 including the 10% buyer's premium.

There was a magnificent variety of early stamps, Proofs, Essays, Postal History and cover material, with something for every collector of St. Helena. It would be impossible to list all the quality items from this sale, so I have listed those items that I feel would be appreciated by those who were not able to be in attendance. It is interesting to note that at least 3 items that were in the Hibbert sale back in 1984 were sold in this auction for less than they did back in 1984.

(Estimate price/price realised excluding buyer's 10%)

- Lot 1004 1816 E.L. from George Dunlop to Ayr showing fine impression of the oval PACKET/LETTER handstamp for 24 AU 1816. (€1,000/€1,900)
- Lot 1005 1817 E.L. from the same correspondence to Edinburgh rated 1/3. (€350/€750)
- Lot 1015 1849 17 AU E.L. to France with fine strike of the F.A.C.1. of Solomon Moss. (€1,000/€1,300)
- Lot 1018 1857 27 JUL E.L. to Amsterdam oval date stamp in red and manuscript endorsement "Forwarded from St. Helena by yours respectfully W. Carrol Swedish and Norwegian Consul". (€250/€750)

- Lot 1022 1859 12 NOV cover to London with oval date stamp in red and straight line registered handstamp also in red. A fine and very early registered item, one of my favourite items from the sale.
(£150/£480)



- Lot 1023 1861 cover to London with oval date stamp in red. This is EX Lot 510 from the Hibbert sale of 1984 where it realised £220.
(£75/£190)
- Lot 1026 6d blue obliterated "CANCELLED" in bars. (£250/£1,000)
- Lots 1047 to 1052 were the De La Rue Essays. These very rare Essays realised the following: 1047 (£500/£1,500) 1048 (£300/£1,100) 1049 (£500/£1,400) 1050 (£350/£1,300) 1051 (£50/£110) and 1052 (£300/£500).
- Lot 1069 1863 1d imperf, variety surcharge omitted. (£3,000/£3,400)
- Lot 1076 1863 1d imperf block of four, upper pair showing the bar 18½-19mm and the lower pair 16-17mm (£1,200/£1,800)
- Lot 1077 Another block of four showing the different bar lengths se-tenant (£800/£1,100)

DE LA RUE ESSAYS OF THE ONE PENNY AND FOUR PENCE
SURCHARGES ON THE IMPERFORATE 6d, BLUE



- Lot 1080 1863 4d imperf handstamped "SPECIMEN" Type D3 unlisted by Marcus Samuel. (£750/£1,000)
- Lot 1101 1864-80 2d yellow thin bar variety imperf. (£1,500/£3,200)
- Lot 1104 1864-80 3d deep purple thick bar variety imperf handstamped "SPECIMEN". (£750/£1,500)
- Lot 1119 1864-80 4d carmine thick bar variety imperf handstamped "CANCELLED" Type D6, unlisted by Marcus Samuel. (£1,000/£1,300)
- Lot 1129 1864-80 1/- deep green vertical pair upper stamp surcharge double. (£4,000/£3,500)
- Lot 1130 1864-80 1/- deep green thick bar variety imperf. (£4,000/£4,800)
- Lot 1131 1864-80 1/- yellow green shade variety imperf. (£4,000/£5,000)
- Lot 1132 1864-80 1/- deep yellow green thick bar variety surcharge omitted from lower stamp. (£3,500/£4,200)
- Lot 1153 Appendix sheet entitled "Existing and proposed schemes of colours". (£2,000/£4,000)
- Lot 1167 1884-97 2½d ultramarine vertical strip of 3 with centre stamp surcharge double. (£3,000/£3,200)
- Lot 1169 1884-97 3d deep mauve variety double surcharge. (£1,000/£1,700)

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Lot 1175 Two portions of appendix sheets, one entitled "Scheme appd 2 Mar 87", bearing 1863 1d. (bar 16-17mm), 4d ms "Specimen" (DMS); 1861 6d., 1864-80 2d., 3d., 1/- handstamped "CANCELLED" (D4); 1884-94 2½d. to 6d., 1890-97 ½d. to 10d. ovpt "SPECIMEN" (D12); several ms notes incl. "Temy type ovpts & 6d. Postage (Cplate) to be destroyed, also 1½d. ovpt plate for use with Universal postage plate C.A. letter 2nd Apr 1897". (£600/£2,500)



1069



1080



1101



1104



1119



1129



1130



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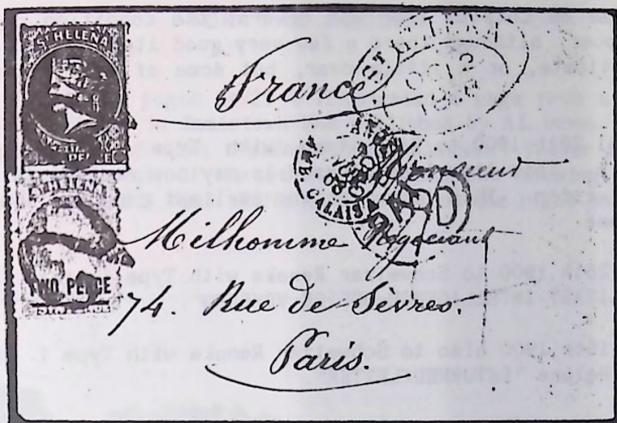
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- Lot 1180 1856 OHMS cover to Ireland dated 4th Sept, 6d. imperf fixed close to edge. Cover a little soiled and damaged. (£2,000/£1,400)
- Lot 1181 1868 cover to Paris (NOT 1858 AS CATALOGUE) franked rough perf 6d. and thick bar 2d., stamps cancelled with the Type CNA 14. Possibly the most attractive and rarest cover in the sale. (£1,000/£2,300)
- Lot 1184 1865 E.L. to Marseilles bearing 1863 4d. and 1864 1d. pair, cover underfranked by 2d. This was Lot 532 in the Hibbert sale of 1984 where it realised £1,300. (£750/£550)
- Lot 1186 1866 cover to England franked 1864 4d. This was Lot 537 from the Hibbert sale of 1984 when it realised £800. (£600/£700)
- Lot 1187 1867 cover to India franked 1/- with fine strike of the double oval "POST OFFICE/ST HELENA" dated JUN 26 67. (£750/£950)
- Lot 1188 1869 Very early soldier's cover franked 1d. from Sgt Wall of 9th Regiment. (£1,200/£1,700)
- Lot 1194 1873 cover to the U.S.A. bearing 1861 6d. rough perf, pair 1d. and pair thick bar 3d. (£1,200/£2,200)
- Lot 1196 1876 cover to England bearing 1/- and fine strike of the oval SOLOMON MOSS & GIDEON handstamp in blue. (£250/£420)
- Lot 1198 1879 cover to England bearing 6d. ultramarine pair and long bar 2d. pair with straight line registered handstamp. (£600/£1,400)
- Lot 1216 1894 soldier's cover to London franked 1d. (£600/£800)
- Lot 1222 1895 soldier's cover to Birmingham franked 1d. (£500/£650)



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- Lot 1411 1892 cover to London with violet oval "THE CASTLE ST HELENA".
(£150/£500)
- Lot 1412 1897 cover to Canada with violet "POST OFFICE/Crown/ST HELENA".
(£100/£480)
- Lot 1415 Postcard: 1896 1d. brown-red, artist's drawing of frame (vignette cut down), drawn on tracing paper and dated 27 May 96.
(£200/£460)

There were some 89 Lots of Boer War covers; the condition of these items was a little poor, although there a few very good items. Most of them sold for around estimate, or a little over, but some of the better items went well.

- Lot 1248 April 28th 1900 to Simonstown with Type 1. censor mark init F.W.A. This item I am pleased to say now resides in the editor's collection. This is so far the earliest censored item out of St. Helena. (£30/£32)
- Lot 1250 May 26th 1900 to Schweizer Reneke with Type 1. init JHMB and oval "MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICE VRYBURG". (£50/£200)
- Lot 1251 May 16th 1900 also to Schweizer Reneke with Type 1. init JHMB and St. Helena "RETURNED/LETTER". (£150/£290)
- Lot 1288 Intercamp cover to Ceylon dated 6th June 1901 with Type 2. censor mark init GADB in red. (£100/£270)
- Lot 1291 Intercamp cover to Ceylon dated 22nd June 1901 with Type 2. censor mark init GADB in red. (£200/£280)
- Lot 1292 Intercamp cover to Bermuda with Type 1 censor mark init CDNS. Cover dated 25th June 1901. (£150/£190)
- Lot 1299 21st Jan 1902 cover to Barkly West with Type 5. censor mark init EW and "RETURNED/LETTER" handstamp. (£250/£320)
- Lot 1303 24th April 1902 cover to Holland with Type 7. censor mark (not Type 5. as catalogue) init PR. (£100/£700)
- Lot 1305 14th May 1902 cover to Germany with Type 6. censor mark in violet. (£100/£200)
- Lot 1336 1901 artist's composite proof for the Key Plate design in black on sunk card, photographic head with handpainted background, endorsed "approved/WHM" and dated "May 20-1901". (£500/£2,200)
- Lot 1364 1911 Postage and Revenue Key Plate design without duties, Die Proof in black, marked "Before Striking". (£100/£800)
- Lot 1365 Postage-Postage Key Plate design without duties Die Proof, marked "After Striking". (£100/£850)
- Lot 1402 15/- mint horizontal pair, right-hand stamp shows the Torn Flag variety. (£1,200/£1,700)

FOR THE RECORD

In Supplement No 11., on pages 24/25 I illustrated a page from a Boer Prisoner of War newspaper printed in Jamestown and published by A.L.Innes. I illustrated page 1. In High Dutch and also the English translation. Trevor Hearl has sent me a copy of a photograph of Market Street, Jamestown showing 'THE HOME FOR PRISONERS OF WAR', (TE HUIS VOOR KRIJGSGEVANGENEN) on the right hand side.



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Trevor Hearl has sent me a St. Helena shipping list giving the dates of all the sailings up to December 1989.

R.M.S. "ST. HELENA" SCHEDULE									
1988 — 1989									
Voyage	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	
			1989						
AVONMOUTH d	Thu 15 Sep	Mon 14 Nov	Thu 12 Jan	Mon 20 Mar	Thu 18 May	Mon 17 Jul	Thu 21 Sep	Mon 20 Nov	
TENERIFE c	Tue 28 Sep	Sat 19 Nov	Tue 17 Jan	Sat 25 Mar	Tue 23 May	Sat 22 Jul	Tue 26 Sep	Sat 25 Nov	
ASCENSION c	Tue 27 Sep	Sat 26 Nov	Tue 24 Jan	Sat 1 Apr	Tue 30 May	Sat 29 Jul	Tue 3 Oct	Sat 2 Dec	
ST. HELENA a	Thu 29 Sep	Mon 28 Nov	Thu 26 Jan	Mon 3 Apr	Thu 1 Jun	Mon 31 Jul	Thu 5 Oct	Mon 4 Dec	
d	Sat 1 Oct	Wed 30 Nov	Sat 28 Jan	Wed 5 Apr	Sat 3 Jun	Wed 2 Aug	Sat 7 Oct	Wed 6 Dec	
ASCENSION a	Mon 3 Oct	—	Mon 30 Jan	Fri 7 Apr	Mon 5 Jun	Fri 4 Aug	Mon 9 Oct	—	
d	Tue 4 Oct	—	Tue 31 Jan	Sat 8 Apr	Tue 6 Jun	Sat 5 Aug	Tue 10 Oct	—	
ST. HELENA a	Thu 6 Oct	—	Thu 2 Feb	Mon 10 Apr	Thu 8 Jun	Mon 7 Aug	Thu 12 Oct	—	
d	Fri 7 Oct	—	Fri 3 Feb	Wed 12 Apr	Fri 9 Jun	Wed 9 Aug	Fri 13 Oct	—	
CAPE TOWN a	Thu 13 Oct	Tue 6 Dec	Note B	Tue 18 Apr	Thu 15 Jun	Tue 15 Aug	Thu 19 Oct	Tue 12 Dec	
d	Sun 16 Oct	Fri 9 Dec	Wed 15 Feb	Fri 21 Apr	Sun 18 Jun	Fri 18 Aug	Sun 22 Oct	Thu 14 Dec	
ST. HELENA a	Fri 21 Oct	Wed 14 Dec	Fri 24 Feb	Wed 26 Apr	Fri 23 Jun	Wed 23 Aug	Fri 27 Oct	Tue 19 Dec	
d	Mon 24 Oct	Thu 22 Dec	Mon 27 Feb	Fri 28 Apr	Mon 26 Jun	Fri 25 Aug	Mon 30 Oct	Wed 20 Dec	Note D
ASCENSION c	Thu 27 Oct	Sat 24 Dec	Thu 2 Mar	Mon 1 May	Thu 29 Jun	Mon 28 Aug	Thu 2 Nov		
TENERIFE c	Thu 3 Nov	Sat 31 Dec	Thu 9 Mar	Mon 8 May	Thu 6 Jul	Mon 4 Sep	Thu 9 Nov		
AVONMOUTH a	Tue 8 Nov	Thu 5 Jan	Tue 14 Mar	Sat 13 May	Tue 11 Jul	Sat 9 Sep	Tue 14 Nov		
						Note C.			

Note A:

STH c Fri 18 Dec
 ASI c Mon 19 Dec
 STH a Wed 21 Dec

Note B:

TDC a Tue 7 Feb
 d DEPENDENT ON WEATHER

Note D:

ASI c Fri 22 Dec
 STH a Sun 24 Dec

Note C:

Dry Docks UK Port on Arrival

ST HELENA & ASCENSION SUPPLEMENT NO 12

Harry Hayes has sent me his current list of Maps, Prints and Books on the South Atlantic. If you are interested in any items from his list please write direct to him at 11 Chatsworth Drive, Towthorpe Road, Haxby, York, YO3 8QS. Tel (0904) 764 660.

St. Helena. Chart by Moll 14x20cm. Outline colour.....	£40
Plan de La Fortresse Et Bourge, DE L Isle Ste Helene. A detailed plan of Jamestown by Bellin. c1760. Coloured. 22x18cm.....	£40
A View of the Town and Island of St. Helena, in the Atlantic Ocean belonging to the English East India Company. 20x30cm. Coloured. 1788....	£20
Plantation House, The Country Residence of The Governor. Fine coloured aquatint from a drawing by George Hutchings Bellasis. 23x34cm. Some short tears to top margin slightly affecting engraved area but attractive copy of scarce engraving.....	£28
Distant View of Longwood, St. Helena across the Devils Punchbowl. Fine coloured aquatint from a drawing by C. Latrobe. 12x20cm. 1818.....	£25
Vue De La Rade De St. Helene. Fine large copper engraving depicting ships at anchor in Jamestown Bay, looking down the valley. 13x19cm. 1820.....	£45
View of St. Helena and Jamestown, from the anchorage. Fine uncoloured aquatint. 11x18cm 1824.....	£15
View of St. Helena Roads, From the heights behind Jamestown. Attractive uncoloured aquatint. 11x18cm. 1824.....	£15
View of Longwood from Balcomes Cottage. Uncoloured aquatint. 11x18cm. 1824.....	£8
View of Cascade at Briars. Uncoloured aquatint. 11x18cm. 1824.....	£8
Longwood. Untitled. Fine coloured lithograph. 6x39cm. c1830.....	£50
St. Helena. Nice German engraving showing Jamestown from the sea. 10x15cm. Coloured. 1830.....	£12
St. Helena. Very fine coloured engraving showing Jamestown Harbour. Published Thomas Kelly. 11x17cm. 1835.....	£12
STE Helene. A very nice engraving of Jamestown from the sea. 15x22cm. c1830.....	£30

Harry Hayes List continued...

- SOMMET DE RUPERT HILL. Lithograph on tinted background. Flagstaff Hill is shown in the distance with two riders on a mountain road in the foreground. 33x50cm. c1840.....£45
- VUE DE JAMESTOWN. A superb lithograph on tinted background. Depicts Jamestown valley looking out to sea. A troop of soldiers are shown marching down the road to Longwood. 33x45cm. c1840.....£90
- LOOG HOOD 20 Mai 1855. Longwood with sailing ships on horizon. 17x26cm. c1860.....£35
- ST JAMES 20 Mai 1855. Detailed lithograph of Jamestown harbour. 17x26cm. c1860.....£45
- JAMESTOWN & LADDER, FROM MUNDENS BATTERY. 15x22cm. Coloured. 1873.....£9
- LOT & LOT'S WIFE. 15x21cm. Coloured. 1878.....£6
- JAMESTOWN & THE LADDER FROM MUNDENS BATTERY. 15x22cm. Coloured. 1878..£8
- ST HELENA WITH TROOP SHIPS AT ANCHOR. 17x24cm. Coloured. 1878.....£9
- ISLE D'ASCENSION. Early view of the island from the sea by Mallet. Published 1683. 15x10.5cm.....£35
- SOURCES DE DAMPIER. Superb tinted lithograph by De Sainson, artist on D'Urville expedition which visited Ascension during 1929. 24x35cm. 1833.£55
- Sandy Bay. View of Georgetown from the sea. 10x15cm. Coloured. c1835.£15
- PICTURESQUE VIEWS IN THE ISLAND OF ASCENSION. Lieut William Allen. 10 fine lithographic views, two folding, printed on India paper. Titled wrappers. 12pp descriptive text. 27x38cm. Folding views (Georgetown and Panorama of island from the sea) are 68cm wide & very detailed. Published 1835....£400
- PENGUINS AT INACCESSABLE ISLAND, Tristan D'Cuhna. Engraving from a photograph by member of Challenger expedition. 16x23cm. 1876.....£4
- NAPOLEON'S ST HELENA. Martineau. 241pp. Illus.....£8
- NOTES BY A NATURALIST. An account of observations made during the voyage of HMS Challenger round the world in the years 1872-1876. 1944 edition of 1879 work. 540pp. Fairly extensive sections on Tristan, St. Helena and Ascension.....£25

Harry Hayes List continued....

TRISTAN DA CUNHA 1506-1902. Brander. 1940. 337pp. Illus folding map. Excellent history of Tristan. Superb condition.....	£35
Rock of Exile. Booy. 1957. 196pp. Illus Tristan during the war years....	£15
CRISIS IN UTOPIA. The story of Tristan Da Cunha. Munch. 1971. 324pp...	£13
CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE ISLAND OF TRISTAN DA CUNHA. 1876. 15pp. bound reprint. Report of visits in 1875.....	£3
CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE ISLAND OF TRISTAN DA CUNHA. 1887. 70pp. bound reprint.....	£8
FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE ISLAND OF TRISTAN DA CUNHA. 1897. 34pp. bound reprint.....	£5
FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE ISLAND OF TRISTAN DA CUNHA. 1903. 23pp. Map bound reprint.....	£4
FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE ISLAND OF TRISTAN DA CUNHA. 1906. 67pp. Map & illustration. Bound reprint.....	£8

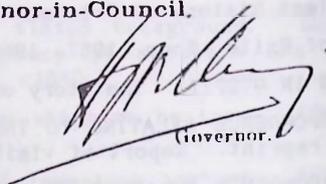
ROBERT POOLEY - U.S. CONSUL, JAMESTOWN

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY T. HEARL

On page 36., Supplement No 10 Bob Deakin illustrated a cover from St. Helena to the U.S.A. Bob's query was on the large registered letter R that had been applied to the cover. Unfortunately no new information has come to light regarding that, but Trevor Hearl noted that the cover was addressed to 'Cecil Pooley', a relative of the then St. Helena U.S. Consul Robert Pooley.

RULES.

Order of His Excellency the Governor-in-Council.
No. 3 of 1940.



Governor.

In exercise of the powers vested in him by Section 2 of the Post Office Ordinance, No. 1 of 1898, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to make and hereby makes the following amendment to the Post Office (Rates) Rules, 1939, (Order-in-Council No. 6 of 1939), fixing the rates of postage to be charged on postal packets sent from the Post Office of the Colony:—

1. These Rules may be cited for all purposes as the Post Office (Rates) Second Amendment Rules, 1940.

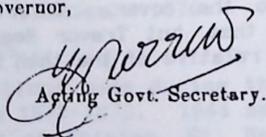
2. The following rate shall be substituted for the rate contained in the Post Office (Rates) Rules, 1939:—

2. For despatch to Foreign Countries—

(d) Samples:—	s. d.
For the first 4 ozs. or part thereof	- 3

Given under the hand and Official Seal of the Governor at the Castle, St. Helena, this 30th day of July, 1940.

By command of His Excellency the Governor,



Acting Govt. Secretary.

W. E. Henry, Govt. Printer.

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STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS

1959, No. 4.

POST OFFICE (RATES) ORDER IN COUNCIL, 1959

1959, No. 4. In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance and all other powers thereto him enabling, the Governor in Council hereby makes the following order.

1. This order may be cited as the Post Office (Rates) Order in Council, 1959 and shall come into effect on the 1st day of April, 1959.
2. In this order "British Commonwealth Countries" means—
 - (a) The United Kingdom;
 - (b) The self-governing countries of the British Commonwealth;
 - (c) Any Colony under the dominion of Her Majesty;
 - (d) Any territory administered by the Government of any part of Her Majesty's dominions under the Trusteeship System of the United Nations;
 - (e) South-West Africa;
 - (f) Any British Protectorate or British protected State;
 - (g) The Irish Republic.
3. The rates of postage and other charges to be charged on postal packets sent from the Post Offices of St. Helena and Ascension other than postal packets sent for onward transmission by air mail shall be those set out in the First Schedule.
4. The rates of postage and other charges to be charged on postal packets sent from the Post Offices of St. Helena and Ascension for onward transmission by air mail shall be those set out in the Second Schedule.
5. Postal Packets for onward transmission by air mail shall on the same side as the address bear the indication "By Air Mail" and the indication "via United Kingdom" or "via South Africa" as the case may be.
6. The Post Office (Rates) Rules, 1950, and the Post Office (Air Mail Rates) Rules, 1957, are hereby revoked.

Made by the Governor in Council this 12th day of March, 1959.

H. G. RICHARDS,
Clerk of Councils.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

SURFACE MAIL

A. To British Commonwealth Countries—

	s	d
(i) Letters—		
For the first ounce or part thereof	3	
For each additional ounce or part thereof (Maximum weight 4 lb)	1	½
(ii) Postcards		1 ½
(iii) Printed Matter—		
For each 2 oz or part thereof (Maximum weight 11 lb)	1	
(iv) Samples—		
For the first 4 oz or part thereof	1 ½	
For each additional 2 oz or part thereof (Maximum weight 5 lb)	1	
(v) Commercial Papers—		
For the first 2 oz or part thereof	1	
For each additional 2 oz or part thereof (Minimum charge 3d)	1	
(vi) Insured boxes—		
For each 2 oz or part thereof (Minimum charge 1/6d excluding registration fee and insurance premium. Maximum insurable amount £120. Maximum weight 2 lb)	4	
(vii) Registration fee—For each packet	4	
(viii) Insurance premium (in addition to registration fee and postage)— Letters and Boxes—For each £24 or part thereof	1	2
(ix) Parcels—		

S.R.O. 1964/10.

(a) To the United Kingdom—

Weight not exceeding 3 lb	5	2
Weight exceeding 3 lb but not exceeding 7 lb	7	2
Weight exceeding 7 lb but not exceeding 11 lb	9	3
Weight exceeding 11 lb but not exceeding 22 lb	12	6
Insurance premium. For each £5 or part thereof (Maximum insurable amount £50)	6	

S.R.O. 1964/2.

(b) To Ascension or St. Helena—

Weight not exceeding 3 lb	2	11
Weight exceeding 3 lb but not exceeding 7 lb	4	5
Weight exceeding 7 lb but not exceeding 11 lb	6	3
Weight exceeding 11 lb but not exceeding 22 lb	9	0
Insurance premium. For each £12 or part thereof (Maximum insurable amount £50)	10	

(c) To the Union of South Africa—

For each pound weight or part thereof (Maximum weight 11 lb)	1	0
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		s	d
(d)	To other British Commonwealth Countries— The rate for parcels to the United Kingdom or the Union of South Africa (as the case may be) together with the onward postage therefrom to the country of destination.		
(c)	Insurance premium (via London only)— For each £12 or part thereof (together with the local premium of the country of destination)	10	
	(Maximum insurable amount £50)		
B. To countries other than British Commonwealth Countries—			
(i)	Letters—		
	For the first ounce or part thereof	6	
	For each additional ounce or part thereof	3	
(ii)	Postcards	5	
(iii)	Printed matter—		
	For the first 2 oz or part thereof	2	
	For each additional 2 oz or part thereof (Maximum weight 11 lb)	1	
(iv)	Samples—		
	For the first 2 oz or part thereof	2	
	For each additional 2 oz or part thereof	1	
(v)	Commercial papers—		
	For the first 2 oz or part thereof	2	
	For each additional 2 oz or part thereof (Minimum charge 6d)	1	
(vi)	Insured boxes—		
	For each 2 oz or part thereof (Minimum charge 1/8d excluding registration fee and insurance premium)	4	<i>S.R.O. 1962/10.</i>
(vii)	Registration fee—For each packet	4	
(viii)	Parcels—		
	The rate for parcels to the United Kingdom or the Union of South Africa (as the case may be) together with the onward postage therefrom to the country of destination.		
	Insurance premium (via London only)—		
	For each £24 or part thereof (together with the local premium of the country of destination)	1	2

C. Parcels to S. Africa - added by S.R.O. 1962/10.

SECOND SCHEDULE

AIR MAIL

		s	d	s	d
A. For transmission via the United Kingdom—					
(i)	Air Letters to any country having an Air Letter Service			6	
(ii)	Postal Packets other than Air Letters, for each ounce or part thereof, to—	Postcards	Other Packets		
	Europe, Russia, Turkey, Malta, Madeira, Canary Islands, Cape Verde Islands	3	6		

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	Postcards		Other Packets	
	s	d	s	d
(iii) Postal Packets of all classes, for each half-ounce or part thereof, and Postcards, to—				
(a) Cyprus, Near and Middle East; North, East, and West Africa (including adjacent islands); Canada; United States of America	9	1	3
(b) Australia; New Zealand; North and South Pacific Islands; Japan; Korea	1 3	2	6
(c) All other parts of the world	1 0	1	9
B. For transmission via the Union of South Africa—				
(i) Air Letters to any country having an Air Letter Service			6
(ii) Postal Packets other than Air Letters, for each half-ounce or part thereof, to—				
(a) Union of South Africa, Basutoland, Bechuanaland Protectorate, Swaziland, South West Africa	3		3
(b) Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Mozambique, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika	3		6
(c) Europe; Africa (except countries included in (a) and (b) above), islands adjacent to Africa; Middle East; Near East	9	1	6
(d) United States of America, Canada, Central America; India, Pakistan, Ceylon; Malaya, Hong Kong, China, Japan	1 3	2	9
(e) All other parts of the world	1 6	3	6

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In consequence of the Universal Postal Convention and the Universal Postal Union Agreement concerning Postal Parcels signed at Ottawa in 1957, it has become necessary to make certain changes in postal rates for surface mail not later than the 1st of April, 1959. This Order in Council makes the necessary changes, and incorporates the air-mail rates, which are unchanged. The principal changes are the increases in the rates for letters (from 4d to 6d for the first ounce and from 2½d to 3d for each additional ounce) and for postcards (from 2¼d to 3d) for transmission by surface mail to countries other than British Commonwealth countries, and the introduction of special rates for commercial papers. Other changes relate to printed matter, insurance premiums, samples and insured boxes.

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