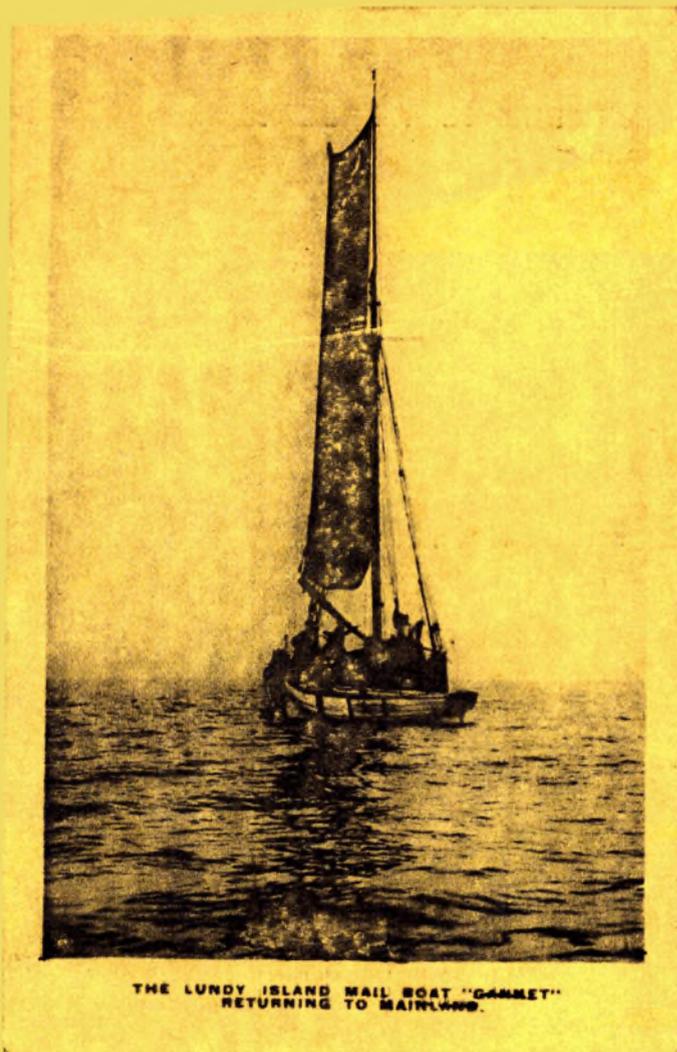


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New issue (11th August) see page 20.

LUNDY DIARY

Between the years 1870 and 1905 a Lundy Diary was kept by Amelia A. Heaven, Marian E. Heaven and Cecilia H. Heaven. This recorded daily events very fully.

I have read the entries very carefully up to March 1878, glanced at the 1886-7 period, but was unable to examine the papers for the 1890's, which would have provided information about the first Post Office, as they were not available.

TELEGRAPH

These entries relate to the setting up of a telegraph station. In 1871 rockets could be used for signalling, but the apparatus was removed in October. In 1876. A pilot skiff was signalled using Lighthouse flags at the Castle when someone was ill.

"Saturday 23rd. April 1870: Captain Chapman arrived from Bideford to negotiate with the Squire the establishment of a marine telegraph station between here and the Mainland."

"Monday 14th January 1878: Ray reports telegraphic stations ordained at N and S ends.

The later diaries would obviously complete the story.

POST

Until 1886 it seems, letters were brought and collected by skiff under contract to the Squire - William H. Heaven. Although the skiff was mainly important for bringing supplies, the letters were eagerly awaited, and the skiff usually remained long enough to take replies to any letters away with it. At difficult times letters were sent by handing them to men from any ship or Pilot boat that called on its way to the mainland. Likewise outward bound ships would leave letters for posting.

The entries relating to the vessels used are confusing as they sometimes use the owner's name, sometimes the boat's name and sometimes just "skiff".

Bragge held the contract until 3rd October 1871, though he continued to call until at least December 1877 when he hurt his leg. His skiff may have been the "Ranger". Weather permitting skiff-day was Thursday, but the trip could vary from 1½ hours at best to about 1½ days, if the tide and wind were contrary.

In October 1871 a small boat the "Fore & After" was used by Mr Fishwick, who in March 1872 appears to have obtained a new schooner the "Muffey". In June 1872 a skiff called the "Chase" (could be "Chance" or "Chace" depending on the handwriting) came into service, possibly with Mr Dark as Captain.

"Wednesday 24th March 1886. 'Crusher' tug in. Captain said his owner had been having letters from the P.O. to ask about his taking mails to Lundy. Ugh! "

"Friday 25th June 1886. 'Crusher' came with P.O. official. P.C. to be at store. No time for answering letters but weekly exchange of bags, Wednesdays."

"Wednesday 30th June 1886. Recorded this once. "Q. of Bay" is to bring the mails."

"Thursday 14th April 1887. Dark came. Fuss about letters being ordered to go to Cardiff even addressed via Instow."

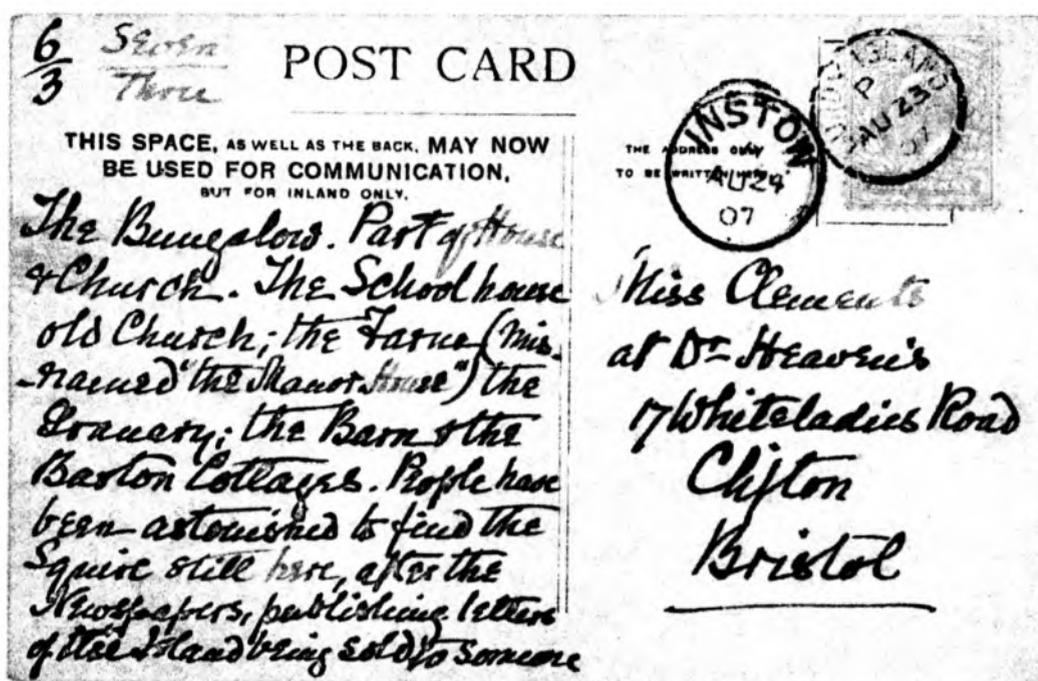
"Thursdays 21st April & 12th May: Cardiff Mail came."

If a Lundy canceller was used as early as this as G.P.O. records are supposed to indicate, then Cardiff would be the Head Post Office responsible for it.

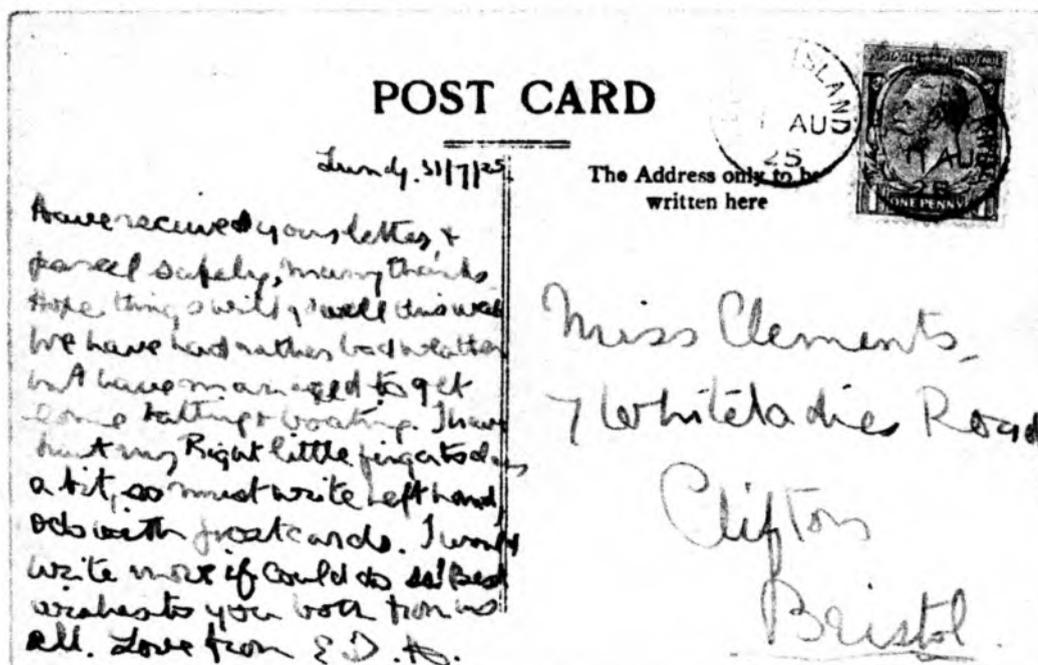
Incoming letters would not have been cancelled, but these will be very scarce because there is an entry in the Diary that the Squire was burning letters, presumably because of the lack of combustible material on the island at the time.

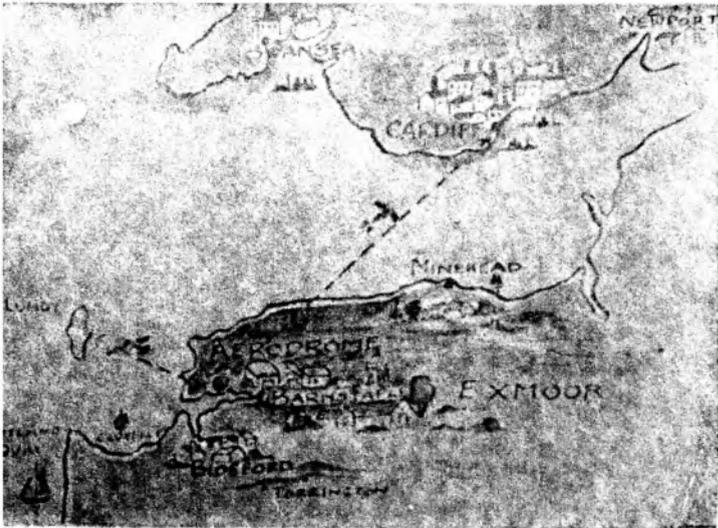
Entries from the diary, the Cover illustration and the two cards with G.P.O. cancellations are reproduced by kind permission of Miss Eileen Heaven.

G.P.O. cancellations.



This is the same canceller as previously illustrated in the "Puffin" with a break in the five o'clock position. This example has a P codeletter. (below) A different canceller.





LUNDY & ATLANTIC COASTS AIR LINES LTD.

BARNSTAPLE AERODROME, N. DEVON.

Director: R. T. Boyd.

Secretary: W. J. Bond.

F. W. Gade.

Telephone: **Braunton 121.**

Registered Office: Bridge Buildings, Barnstaple, N. Devon.

Telephone: 191.

Airline Notepaper Heading (Blue) - sent in by Mr F.D.Allington.

TRAMTICKET REGISTER

Halfpenny

00057	17/ 6/35	00817		02386		03091	U
00086		00827		02387	holed	03099	14/ 9/35
00095				02389	28/ 9/35	03101	U
00099		01456		02391	28/ 9/35	03126	14/ 9/35
00196		01478		02395	U	03202	26/10/35
00225	U	01480		02397	28/ 9/35	03233	27/10/35
00234	12/10/35	01486		02400	28/ 9/35		
00235	12/10/35			02491		04007	16/ 1/36
00242	12/10/35	01720	12/ 8/35			04020	18/ 1/36
00260	26/10/35	01925	7/ 9/35	02543		04035	10/ 1/36
00268	26/10/35	01939	7/ 9/35	02578		04061	10/ 1/36
00282	26/10/35	01944		02588		04073	13/ 1/36
00305	26/10/35			02634		04155	
00329	25/10/35	02032	12/ 9/35	02662-81		04156	
00351	26/10/35	02048	22/ 9/35	02684		04200	12/ 2/36
00355	U	02053		02686-89		04336	
00363	26/10/35	02055		02703		04337	
00366	25/10/35	02060		02713		04348-68	
00373	25/10/35	02061		02768		04370	
00390	26/10/35	02062	02088	02772		04423	
00403	26/10/35	02125	26/10/35	02780		04426	1938ish
00405	25/10/35	02142		02791		04485-501	
00407	U	02149		02819		04513	
00448	9/ 5/36	02170	31/ 3/36	02820		04514	
00457		02171	31/ 3/36	02862	30/ 1/36	04530	
00459	U	02179	31/ 3/36	02924	22/ 2/36	04532	
		02181	31/ 3/36	02927	22/ 2/36	04563	
00544	19/ 8/35	02184	31/ 3/36			04565	
00609		02195		03026	13/ 9/35	04568	
00610		02240		03029	21/11/35	04635	
00619		02254	16/11/35	03030	21/11/35	04657	
00633		02271	U	03042		04650	
00650-1		02287	U	03044	21/11/35	04665	
00653 torn		02288	13/ 9/35	03049	21/11/35	04748	
00655		02302	U	03051	14/ 9/35	04752	
00776		02312	U	03062	U	04780	
00777		02338	28/ 9/35	03076	21/11/35	04782	
00778		02365	U	03077	U	04849	
00794		02374-8		03083	U	04852-3	
00809	1939ish	02385		03087	14/ 9/35	04852	1937

Tramticket Register

(continued)

Halfpenny

05014
 05022 19/12/35
 05038 31/ 3/36
 05047 31/ 3/36
 05062 19/12/35
 05067
 05077
 05092-3
 05096
 05097
 05116
 05123
 05152
 05151
 05153
 05198
 05240
 05246
 05471-5
 05496-505
 05524
 05547 11/10/49
 05576
 05582
 05591
 05736
 05737
 05807
 05869
 05928
 05951
 05962
 05966
 05967
 05968

Penny

00003 26/ 1/36
 00040
 00060-4
 00065
 00068
 00069
 00096
 00099

Penny (continued)

00106
 00130
 00133
 00137-8
 00141-6
 00156
 00170-2
 00173
 00432
 00447
 00490
 00493
 00496-505
 00542
 00595
 00607
 00701-5
 00711
 00761
 00776 '38or9
 00779
 00786
 00788
 00797
 00799
 01010
 01011
 01117 20/12/35
 01140
 01177
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Threepence

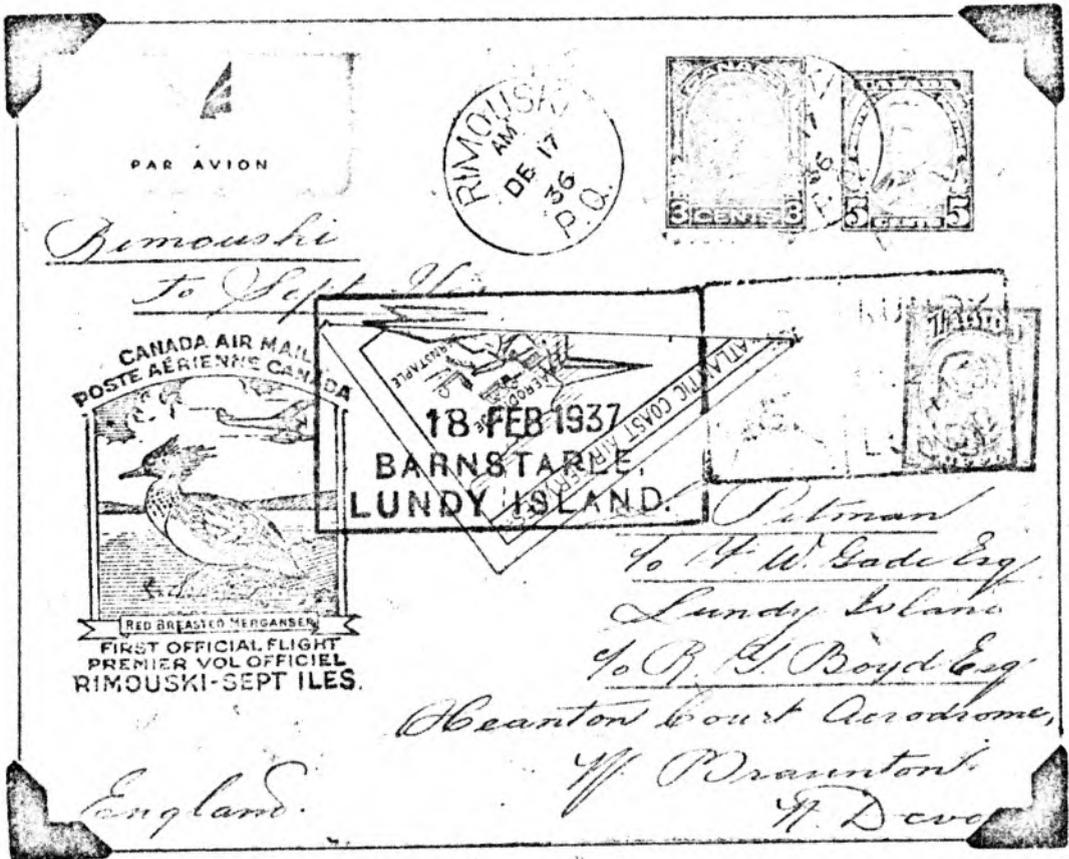
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 00555-7
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 00656-8
 00667
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 00753
 00755-9
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 00815-22
 00823-25
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 01666

01674
 01704 28/9/35
 01711 12/9/35
 01720
 01736
 01738-51
 01753-55
 02018
 02036
 02097
 02350
 02385
 02389
 02399
 02405
 02409
 02413
 02430
 02508
 02540
 02683
 02794-5
 02835
 02872-5
 02926
 02927
 02938 11/10/49
 02970 11/10/49
 02971 11/10/49

I am seeking back numbers of the "Puffin" as the only numbers I have are numbers 14, 15, 16 and the Shakespeare Issue. If any of the missing numbers can be located I shall be happy to pay well for them.

A. F. LANGHAM,
 1 FURZEFIELD ROAD,
 REIGATE,
 SURREY.

More Pitman Covers with First Flight Cachets.

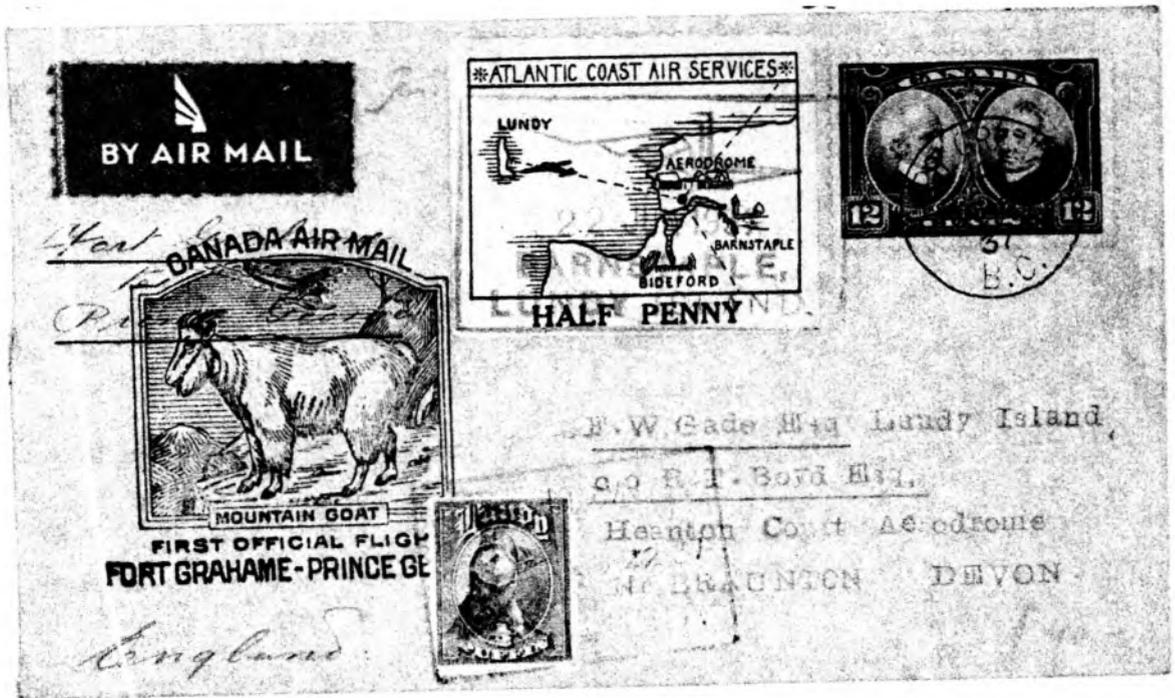


A cover from Dr. J.A.G Watson's collection



A similar cover from John H. Rathbone's collection.

Another Pitman cover from the collection of John Rathbone.



Mr Rathbone writes: " I wonder why it took approx. one month from Canada to Barnstaple." (referring to the cover on the previous page.) The cover above was a case of "quick service".

"There is marked on the back of the first cover a '21' in the top left corner - red pencil. Possibly this may be an indication of '21' or more covers sent." On the second cover (above) "There is a '23' in red pencil on top left corner of the back. Three other Air Mail covers from Mr Pitman, one from Kenya and the others Eire and G.B. do not have any number in red pencil on the backs."

Additions to the Membership Register

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Rudheath,
Northwich,
Cheshire.

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R.I. 02907
United States of America.

Bryan Tagas,
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Seattle,
Washington 98115
United States of America

Mrs Jean Wade,
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Hutton,
Preston PR4 5EL
Lancs.

Changes of address will be found elsewhere in the "Puffin".

I regret to announce that Stanley Mason of London S.W.12 passed away last December.

Misplaced overprints on the 1929-1939 issue.



This cover shows the nine-puffin with overprint misplaced upwards.



Six puffin - overprint misplaced sideways.

Mr Allington has lent me a folder containing Lundy Philatelic Correspondence which belonged to Mr J.T.Goldup. This covers a period 1937 -42, 1947-8, and 1954, and consists of letters from Mr Gade, Mr Boyd, Mr Stanard, Mr Thornley and Mr Waghorne. With one from the G.P.O. and two from Mr M.C.Harman. Also Mr Hall a lightkeeper, Mr Blackwell, and Mr B.Rigby Hall.

Considerable correspondence was caused by the existence of the airview without inscription. They were used in stamping parcels sent to Mr Gade, but they were withdrawn before they were issued because "Mr Harman did not wish there to be any possibility of the public gaining the impression that the air stamp was in any way an official Lundy stamp to replace the Puffin stamp." In 1939 (February) C.B.Way pp.Lundy & Atlantic Coast Airlines offered to sell sheets of the inscriptionless stamps, defaced with a cross at 10/- per sheet. Some of the stamps were sent as specimens to people who might order First Day Covers. Mr Thornley was sent a pair. Later, a few days after the issue with inscription he called at the Aerodrome and was shown four or five sheets of so-called trials, which with one exception had been slashed across the face with a safety-razor blade.

RED CROSS ISSUE

From Mr Gade. Sept.5th 1940. "the only thing of interest about the Lundy postal system which has happened since last November is the overprinting of the eight Lundy stamps with - "Red Cross Surcharge" This has the effect of doubling the price of each stamp, the Red Cross Society benefitting to the extent of 50%. The scheme was formulated by Mr Brian R.Hall, late of Clacton-on-Sea, but now domiciled at 136 Mount Wise, Newquay, Cornwall. He arranged for the overprinting of approximately 40,000 stamps, and the organisation for the sale of the stamps is in the hands of the Committee for Philatelic Assistance for the Red Cross, at the same address as Mr Hall. I don't know whether the Committee has arranged for the stocking of these stamps by stamp dealers, but I have a small number here if you should happen to require any."

Sept.21st 1940: The Red Cross surcharged stamps were issued on July 24th and there were 5000 of each printed."(Mr Gade could not supply a complete pane of the^v stamps, and one had to be sent direct from Mr Hall) $\frac{1}{2}$ puffin.

October 15th.1940: "The Philatelic Committee are responsible for the sale of the Red Cross Stamps, but I have bought 50 sets to take care of the requirements of those collectors who have been accustomed to deal with me."

November 25th 1940:"You understand of course that the Red Cross Surtax stamps are not officially a new issue, and therefore I was not concerned to advise those collectors who are particularly interested in Lundy issues."

Mr Hall quotes the quantities printed (18th November 1940) as 10,000 $\frac{1}{2}$ p, 1p, 2p. and 5000 of the other five values.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY

Philatelic Assistance for the Red Cross

TELEPHONE: CLACTON 1211

ACCOUNTANTS:
C. ST. JOHN FROST & Co.,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

PROGRESSIVE BUILDINGS,

CARNARVON ROAD,

CLACTON-ON-SEA,

ENGLAND.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY
AND ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM

Last year Mr Gade said that the Red Cross Issue was official in that Mr Harman had sanctioned it.

Returning to the Correspondence: Two more items are of interest. The G.P.O. gave the information that "The Sub-office on Lundy Island was opened on the 3rd March 1887, and closed on the 31st December 1927."

An anonymous fragment of a letter compares Lundy Issues with a Christmas Island Local. (presumably written after the war) "That there was some speculation is undoubted but it is nothing compared with that in the case of Lundy Island with all its commissions and sub-commissions. How far this was carried out is proved by the fact that the accredited Lundy Philatelic Agency are actually offering any issue, including the current one, to the philatelic trade at 33% discount, which includes 33% under face value !"

SOME WAR-TIME RUBBISH

Wright Brothers.



3 puffin
Plane inverted and misplaced



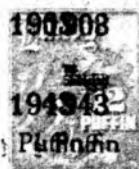
5 puffin



2 puffin
Both overprints inverted & misplaced



8 puffin
Surcharge doubled



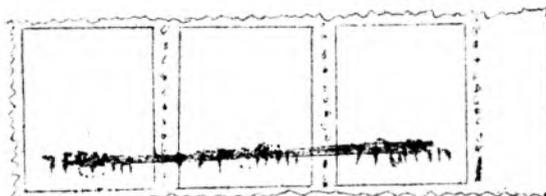
2 puffin



6 puffin
Surcharge doubled and misplaced



3 puffin
Plane doubled.



7 puffin
Strip of 3 with orange bar through surcharged value. Stamps 13, 14 15 of left-hand pane. I have the upper, but I think I have seen the same on the lower pane. Again I am only vaguely remembering, but I think the right-hand panes were normal.

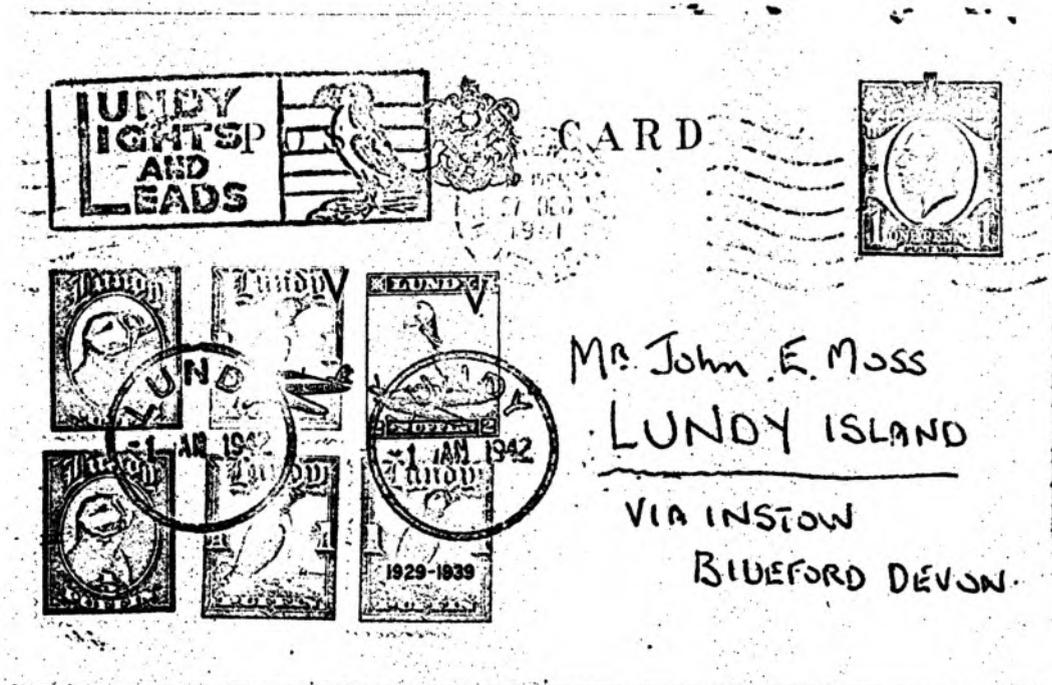
Both 3 puffin stamps above are from the first printing.

Deterioration in the rubber canceller of 1938-1943.

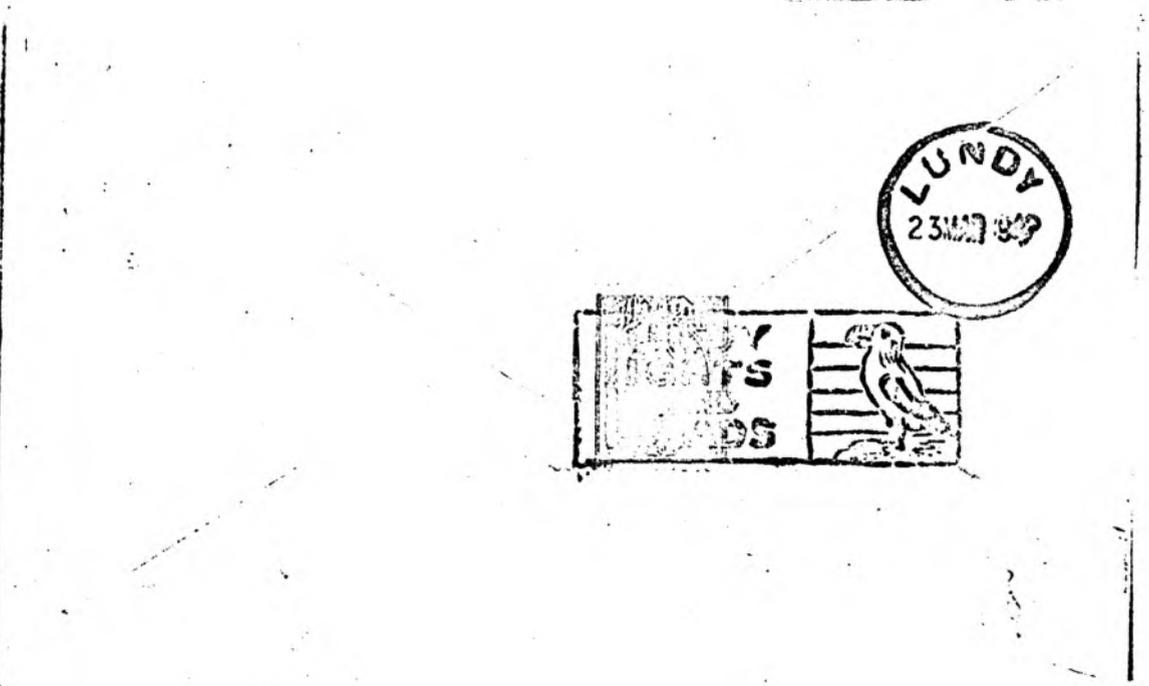
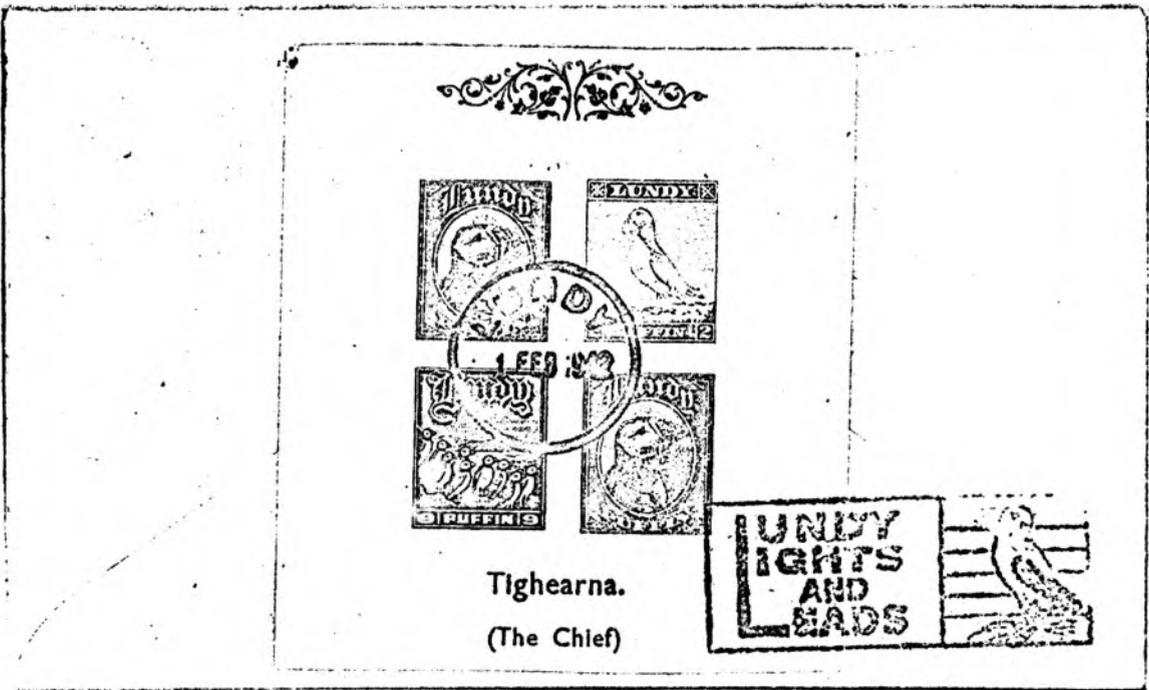
This canceller was at first used with a green water-based ink. Even late in 1941 the green ink was still in use. The first impression using the black oil-based ink which I have found was dated January 1st 1942, and the oil has soaked into the card giving a greasy outline round the cancellation.



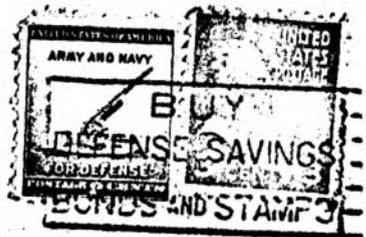
The oil soon began to affect the rubber which shows a fairly rapid deterioration from this point.



A selection of covers is illustrated in date order to demonstrate the changes which took place, particularly with the originally circular date stamp.



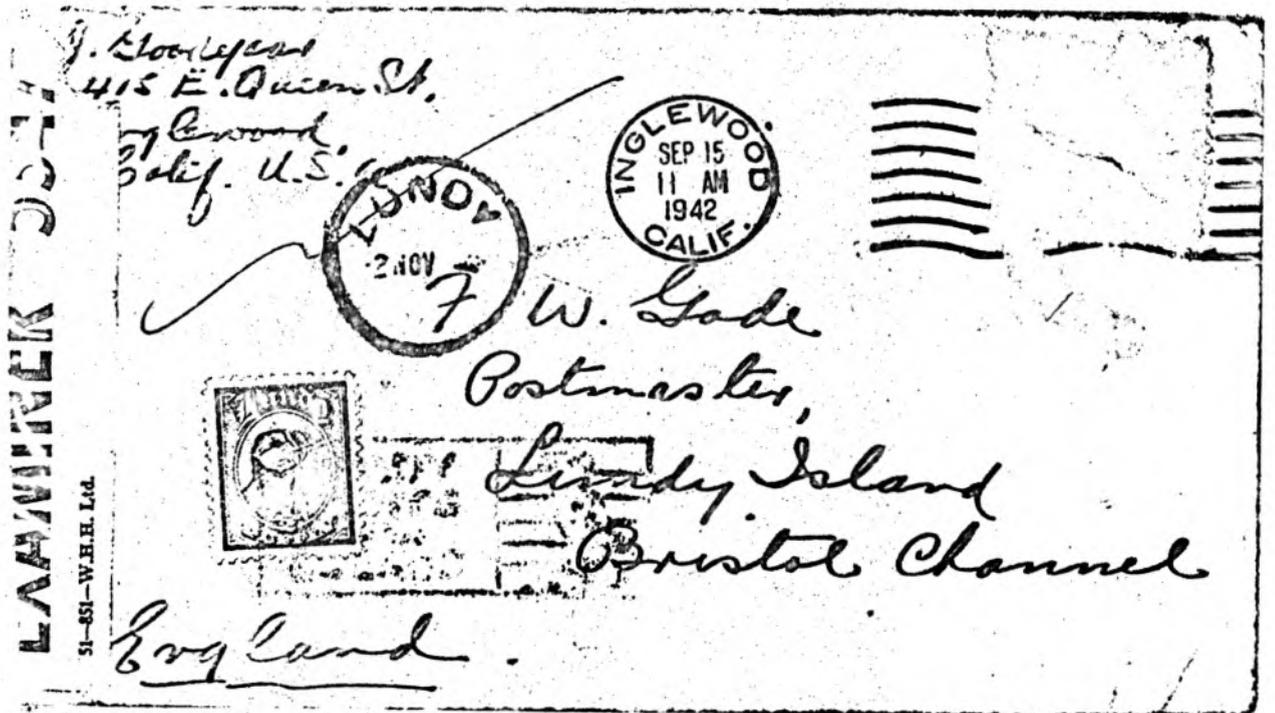
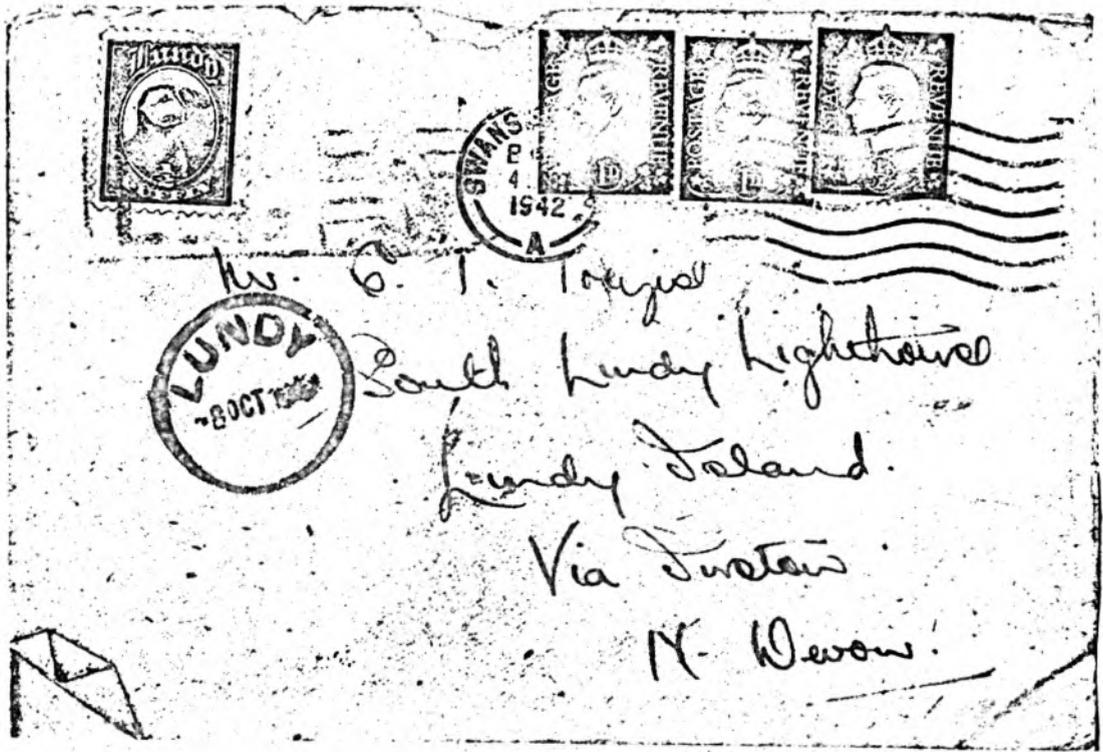
RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO
ALEC HENDERSON INC.
1303 W. RANDOLPH ST.
CHICAGO, ILL.



Mr. F.W. Gade, Postmaster
Lundy Island,
England



West of ...

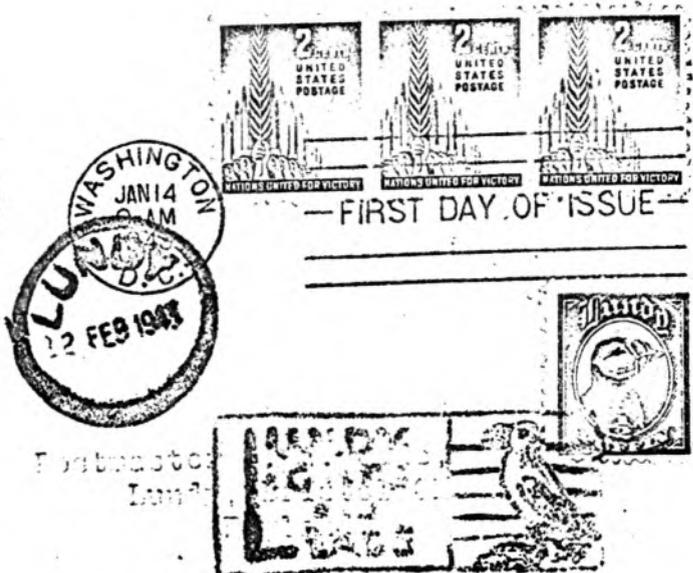
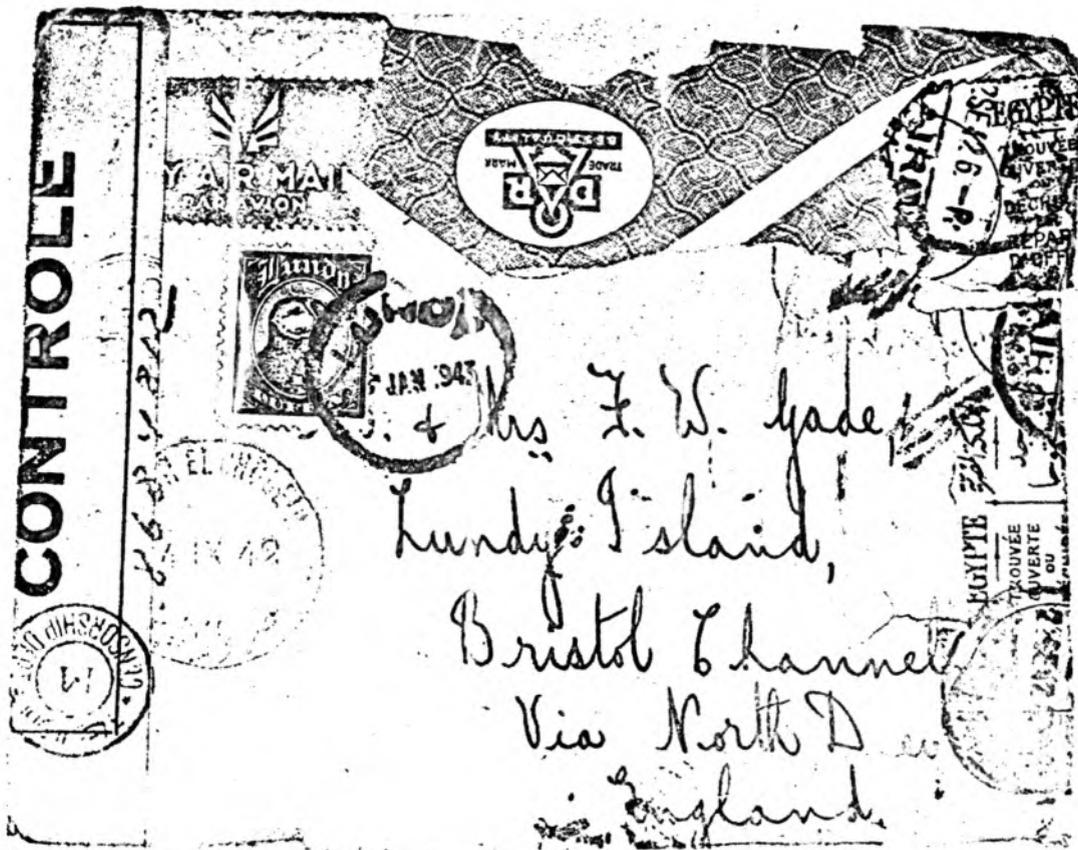


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PUFFIN 20

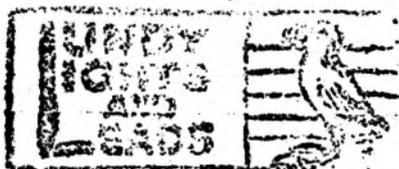
It is hoped that Puffin 20 will be in the form of an illustrated catalogue. If duplicated it will be 10" by 8", but it may be possible to have it lithographed with 50% reduction in page size.

The catalogue will not contain prices in the main body of the work as these vary so widely, and some stamps are rarely on the market at all.



1943

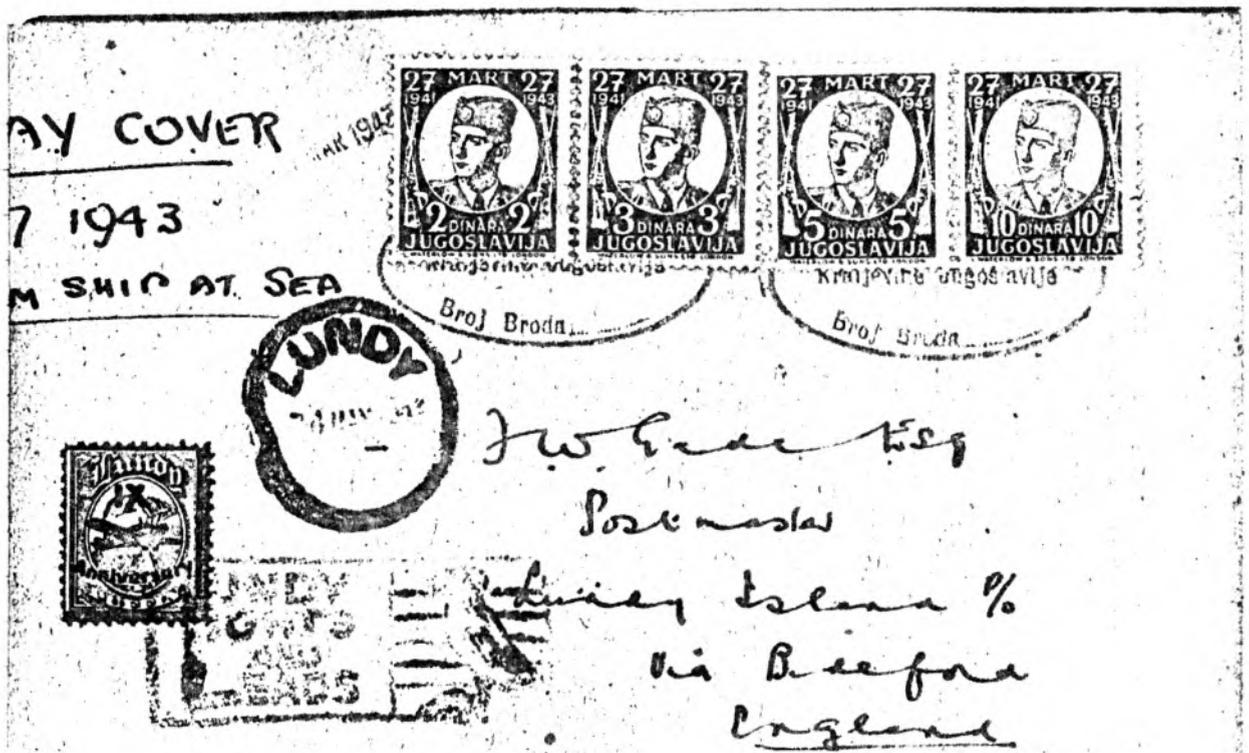
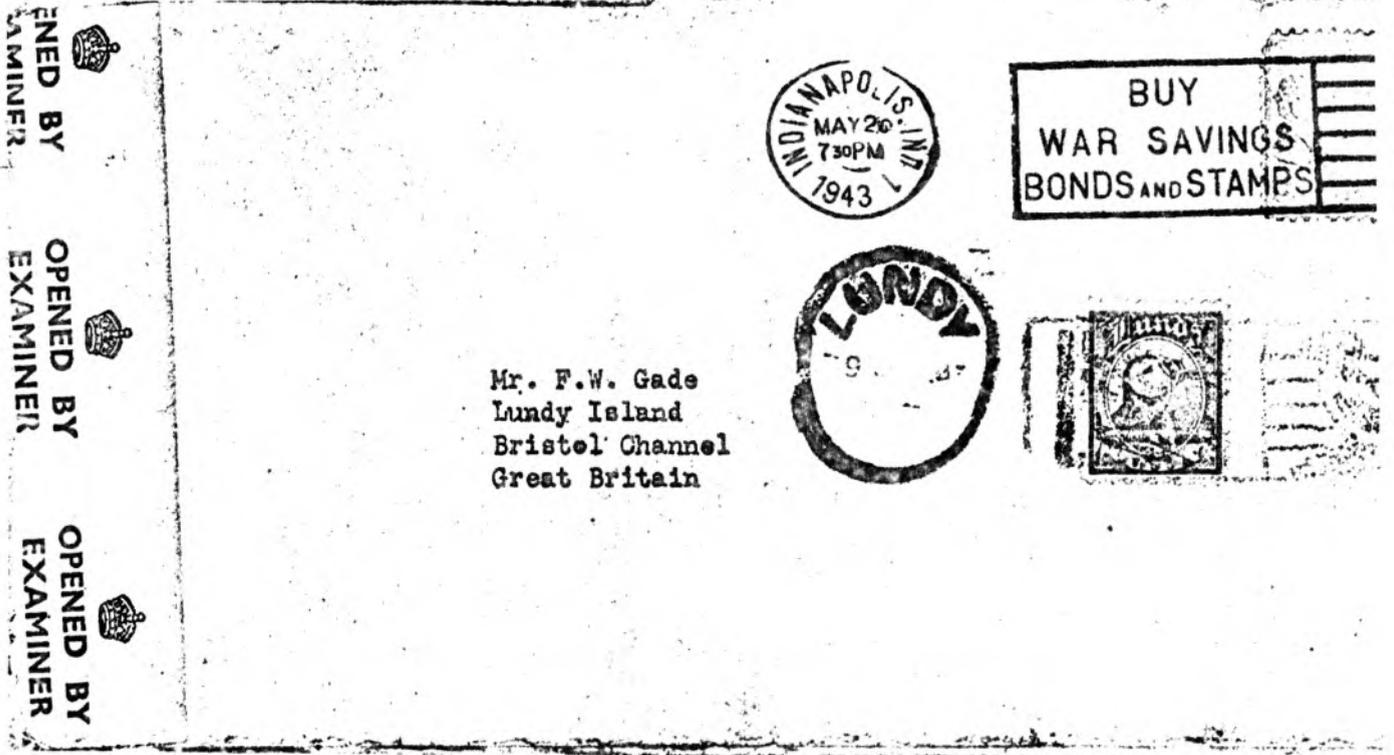
The lower illustration is from Mr Zon's collection.



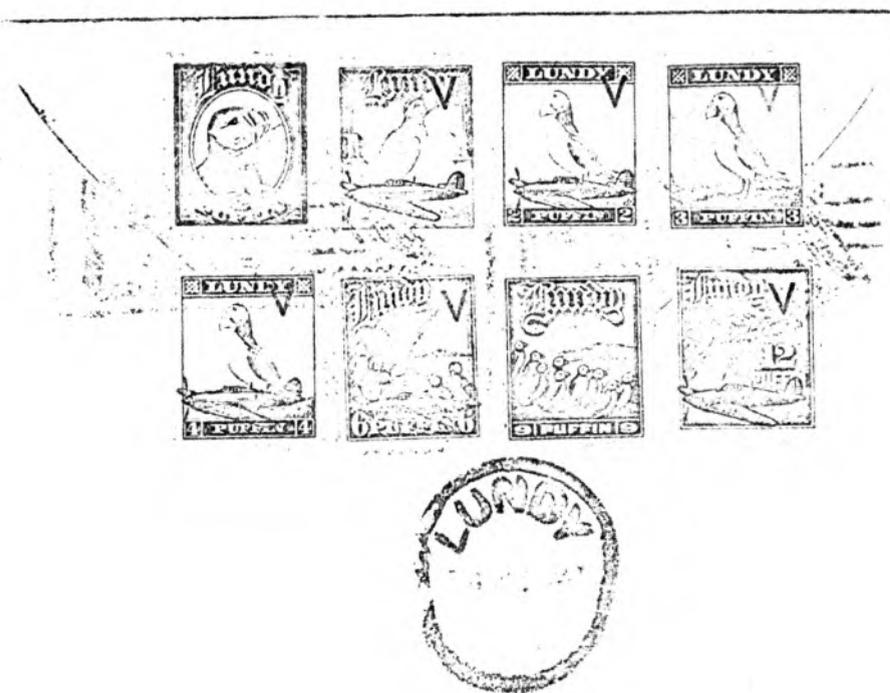
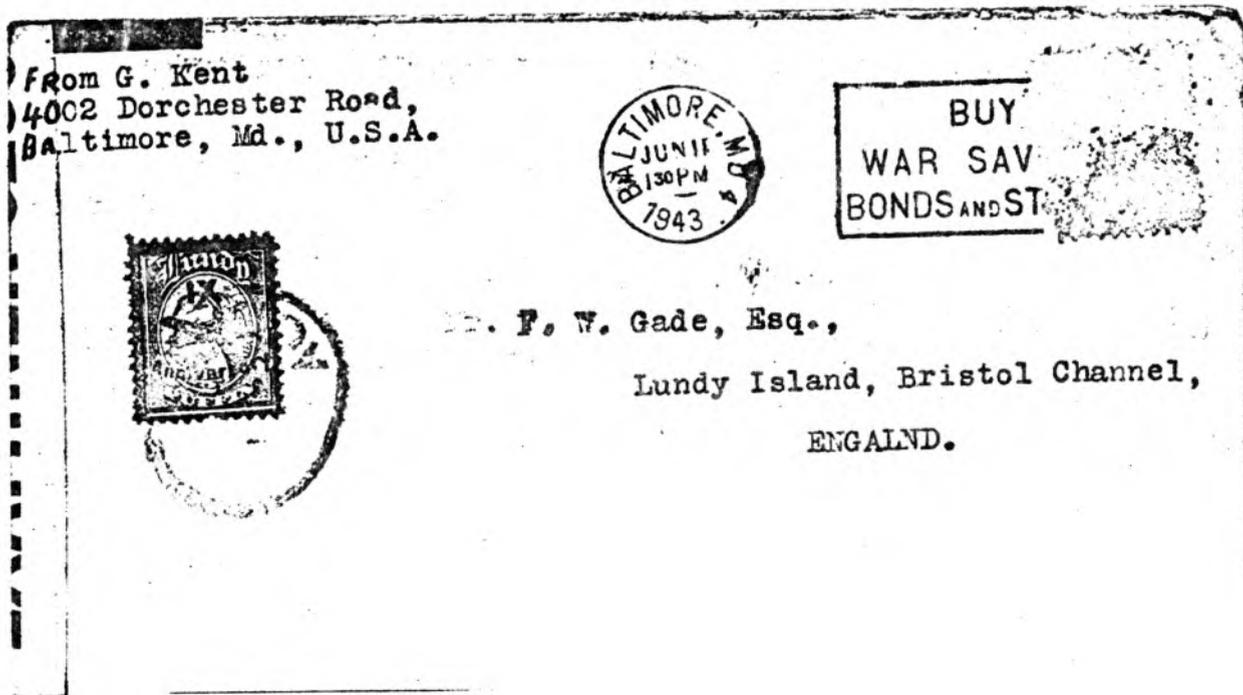
Tighearna.
(The Chief)



22 March 1943: Two First Day Covers. The lower has a Lundy cancellation which must have been applied on the actual first day, but the Great Britain canceller is October 1943. I cannot explain this, but had the Lundy cancel been applied in October its shape would have been even more oval.



The circular canceller is markedly worse than in March 1943.



June 1943

These are the latest covers I can find with this cancellation, Though it continued in use until the end of August.

SOCIETY VISIT TO
LUNDY

Mr Bloedow will be in England for Philympia 1970 - September 18th - 26th 1970, and suggests a meeting and Lundy visit around this time. Is anyone able to do this? A Saturday meeting in London is possible but it is unlikely that many will be on holiday this late in the year in order to go to Lundy. If you can go I will be happy to help with any arrangements. Alternatively, or in addition, how about an Easter or Midsummer visit?

1943 PROVISIONALS

First Day Cover.

In Puffin Number 1 a set of five essays for the 2½p. on 6p provisional is mentioned. The figures having been obliterated in red as follows:- large Maltese Cross on each; small x on each; four small dots on each; two small x's on each; Vertical block of colour on each.

At last they can be illustrated. The overprint is brownish-red.



David M. Kols
6304 Pimlico Road,
BALTIMORE, Maryland 21209
United States of America.

WANTLIST

- 1935 Tramtickets: ½d. red. 00001-02000 or 02501-04000
3d. blue 00001-00500
03001-04000
- 1939 Tenth Anniversary: ½p & 1p.
- 1953 Coronation reversed colours ½p. & 1p.
- 1962 Europa Imperforate set.

FIRST DAY COVERS before 1955.

1951 Eight puffin overprints misplaced

Mr Yeager reports the following misplaced overprints:



Overprint appears to be raised to occupy upper-half of the design.



Overprint appears to have shifted to a position mid-way between stamps, with each half of the overprint on a different stamp. (illustration faked.)



Overprint not shifted quite as far as on the previous example.

Bill Rowcroft has the $\frac{1}{2}$ puffin, 1 puffin, & 2 puffin with wide setting BY AIR overprint in black doubled.

Also 12 puffin V and Spitfire trial in red. (not the purple/red)

He has noticed that on his Coronation Miniature sheets there is a watermark on the "right-hand" type and no watermark on the "left-hand" type.

Mr R.C.Clements has a nine-puffin stamp cut from a miniature sheet (Tighearna 1942) with the 2 puffin printed upside-down on top of it.

Changes of address:

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32 Laleham Road,
Margate,
Kent.

Jim Mettler,
P.O.Box 5476,
Fort Worth,
Texas 76108
United States of America.

F.G. Boffi,
3 rue Hurtaut,
51 Reims.
France.

Provisional Overprint of August 11th 1969. On 1930 9 puffin.

In July it became apparent that stocks of the original 1929 one puffin stamp were running low and so Mr Gade decided to have a provisional overprinting of 11,760 stamps, 1 puffin over 9 puffin; 98 sheets were sent for overprinting as the top two were slightly damaged and could have been difficult to overprint. Gazette Printing Service was approached, but they were unable to carry out this work.

They suggested that John Dyke of Atlantic Coast Studios Barnstaple might silk-screen print them, which he did. The sheets were broken down into panes with left-hand and upper margins intact for the printing, but it looks as though each pane was printed from a different screen. *

Reprints are possible should the issue be sold out before the end of September.

* Since typing this John Dyke has told me that there was one screen of 30 overprints.



40th Anniversary of the inauguration of the Local Postal Service.
Provisional Details.

There will be 5 values, designed by John Dyke, and printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd.,

- 1p. - Sub Post Master F. Allday on the beach with donkey
- 1912 (Grey)
- 2p. - The M.V. Lundy Gannet. (Orange/Brown)
- 6p. - The cutter "Gannet" - 1870-1911 owned by W. Dark of Instow, the mail carrier for many years. (Pale blue)
- 9p. - "M.V. Lerina" ~~(Yellow)~~ (Turquoise green)
- 12p. - Lundy Air post, depicting De Havilland Rapide at rest on the airfield with attendant tractor and trailer. (Pale Violet).

The stamps will be 24mm. by 40mm. Sheet size will probably be 60 in two panels. Lithography will be the printing process. The two panels will be sold as separate sheets.

Issue date November 1st 1969. Quantity 40,000 of the 1p and 2p. 20,000 of the other three values.

A blue cancelling pad came into use on 27th September 1969, but the green one still exists and either may be used

Erratum: Page 10 in the note about the orange bar through the value of the 7 puffin Wright Brothers stamp please interchange the words right-hand and left-hand.

Bogus Stamps

Larry Dodson reports: "I received this bogus issue in blocks of four from Mark Warda, 725 Brompton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60657. There are nine values. Each is the same design, the upper 1/3 of a puffin facing right with the word 'Lundy' at the top and 'Puffin' at the bottom. 'Puffin' is flanked on each side by the figure of value. Each stamp is in two colours; the figures of value are one colour and the rest of the stamp is a second colour. The denominations and colours are (main colour first, colour of figure of value second). 1/2 red, green; 1 grey, green; 3 grey, blue; 4 green, blue; 5 red, violet; 6 grey, violet; 7 blue, red; 8 grey, red; and 9 green, violet. One of the four 3p values has R.F. figure missing. The printing is of poor quality and it appears that they may have been printed on a ditto machine."



Illustration provided by David Potter. - The specimen looked as though it was produced on a spirit duplicator with values added with a rubber stamp.

Jim Mettler reports that "Vive Quebec Libre" exists in red on 1954 Millenary Airmail as well as the black & brown reported in Puffin 18. (Page 39).



Hilbre Overprint - Orange.

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Even at this stage the whole idea may be scrapped if the stencil reproduction is not of high enough standard.

Barry N.D.Chinchen.

