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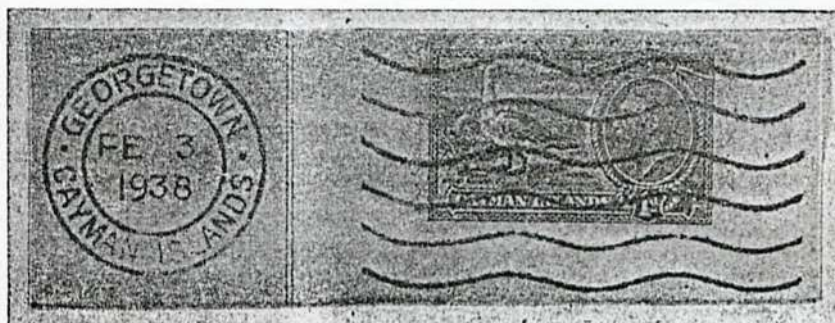
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Editorial

Jamaica TRDs

The Temporary Rubber Date stamps for Jamaica are extremely popular, and the modern types from 1939 onwards can become extremely confusing and difficult to new collectors.

So as not to cause too much confusion, the same listing that was in the Philatelic Handbook of Jamaica has been listed. The following types and their varieties are as follows:-

Type 32-which was in use between 1939 and 1940 was a singled oblong of varying size. While type 33 and 33a elliptical which does . not snow the word JAMAICA, this is one of the few T.R.Ds of the modern trend for this Island which does not have this word.

Type 34 are unframed items of which there are only 2 so far listed. Type 35 is an elliptical of 48 X 32. Likewise type 36 has very distinct slanting serif letters around the top and sans serif letters for the word Jamaica.

In Type 37 there are a large number of these marks which vary from sans serif letters to block type letters, and vary in size from 46-50 mms. by 30-34 mms. It is quite possible to break this group down into sub classes but many collectors are going to be very confused by the various numbers of these classes. Therefore this has not been done.

Type 37a is identical to the listing as the date line is in small lettering. Type 37b the date mark is in large lettering. While 37c is of a type very similar to 37 but smaller in size being 46 X 30 on the average.

The word Jamaica can be found either widely spaced across the bottom or very tightly closed and these have been indicated in the listing. 37D is a distinct type having the letters B.W.I. after the word Jamaica. Type 37da elliptical 56 X 40 the word Jamaica B.W.I. in very small 2 mm. block letters. This new type has recently appeared for Maverley either side of the elliptical has a star by the inner circle. While 37db elliptical of 52 X 33 in heavy block letters and without the inner circle, with a star on either side of the elliptical. Both these new types have recently come into use.

Thompson Town being an emergency was only used for a short while. Type 38 is of heavy serif letters, with an elliptical with centre ring, the only mark known for this type is Silver Spring. While 39 is a distinctive type of serif letters for New Green and Nine Turns.

Type 40 -the lettering is very small. This is known for only Mount Moreland in the elliptical. The elliptical without the single ring with various settings are 41, 41a, and 41b.

Type 42 which has a very distinctive edging, the lettering is in 2½" serif type. There is a star either side of the elliptical, while 43a of the same type, but has a cross either side of the word Jamaica.

Type 43 is a similar type with the very distinctive edge, which is known for a number of Post Offices. While 43a is the same type, except that there is a cross either side of the word Jamaica.

Type 44 is an extremely small type with the elliptical with the very distinctive edge. The name of the Post Office and the word Jamaica appears to be type written. Marks such as Briggs Park, has been put to Miscellaneous 31c.

The circular marks have been listed in one group. The individual listing of each type will be done in the latter part of next year, through this magazine with full illustrations of each type.

If readers would like the type 37 broken into small sub types this can be done but the editor strongly advises against it.

Pricing of these marks has been done for the first time, and this has been based on the actual supply and the length of the Postal Agency or Office being opened.

The value of each cover has been taken into consideration. Nowadays many marks are issued without the slightest warning, and it is not until months later, that these are caught up while going through, commercial material.

In the modern type Alva and Innswood both had very short lives, and no TRD's were distributed from this end. While Thompson Town was not known of.

There is a reported second type for Galina but this has not been seen. The prices have been checked over, with two other local specialists and this will give a very clear indication which are the rare items and which are the common. This list is made up until October 1956 and listed to be released are two more T.R.D's between November and March of next year.

Check List Of Temporary Rubber Date Stamps Of Jamaica.

POST OFFICE		PARISH		TYPE	PO OPENED	VAL.
Aberdeen	in black	St. Elizabeth	48X35	37d	1955	40/-
Ashton		Westmoreland		37d	15 Dec. 1955	7/-
Allman Town		Kingston	59X22	32	3 Jan 1939	15/-
Alva		St. Ann		37d	Aug. 1956	10/-
Ashley		Clarendon		35	14 Apr 1949	5/-
Aboukir	(spaced letters)	St. Ann		37	2 Jul 1949	5/-
Berry Hill		St. Catherine		37	Jul or Aug. 1951	7/-
Bethsalem Postal Ag.		St. Elizabeth		37d	19 Jul 1955	10/-
Baileys Vale		St. Mary		37	11 Nov. 19	7/-
Barking Lodge	(close)	St. Thomas		37c	Jan 1954	10/-
Benbow		St. Catherine		42	4 Feb. 1946	25/-
Bermaddy		St. Catherine		37	3 Dec. 1942	21/-
Bigwoods		Westmoreland		37	25 Nov. 1947	20/-
Birds Hill		Clarendon		37	14 Jan. 1946	12/-
Blairs Hill		Hanover		37	10 Sep. 1947	10/-
Brandon Hill		St. Andrew		37	12 Feb. 1946	20/-
Braeton		St. Catherine		43	14 June 1946	15/-
Broadleaf		Manchester		43	19 Mar 1949	18/6
Brixton Hill		Clarendon		43	16 Mar 1951	5/-
Briggs Park		St. Andrew		31c	5 Mar 1952	
Bombay		Manchester		41	27 June 1946	21/-
Bogue	(wide)	St. Elizabeth		37c	19 Mar 1954	5/-
Burnt Savannah		Westmoreland		37a	15 Mar 1946	20/-
Beverley		P. O. Proof			Not opened	
Caldwell		Hanover		41	8 Sep. 1949	
Carisbrooke		St. Elizabeth		37	24 Apr 1949	7/6
Carisbrooke		St. Elizabeth	58X36	37e	Dec. 1949	30/-
Carmel		Westmoreland		37a	25 Mar 1946	18/-
Carrick Foyle		Trelawny		37d	6 Dec. 1954	10/-
Central Village	(wide)	St. Catherine		37c	1 Oct. 1953	4/-
Clydesdale		St. Ann		44	14 Dec. 1946	15/-
Clover Hill		St. Ann		37a	5 Mar 1946	25/-
Cole Gate	in black	St. Ann		37d	Aug. 1955	21/-
Content Gap		St. Andrew		37	16 Nov. 1949	7/-
Content Gap	(close)	St. Andrew		37c	Mar 1953	10/-
Content Gap	(wide)	St. Andrew		37c	June 1952	14/-
Content Gap		St. Andrew	50X32	37e	Mar 1951	20/-
Copse	(small date line)	Hanover		43a	21 Mar 1947	10/-
Craighead		Manchester		37d	Dec. 1954	4/-
Craigmill		Portland		37d	19 Nov. 1954	4/-
Crawle River		Clarendon		37	early 1943	25/-
Darley		Portland		42	10 Jul 1946	21/-
Danvers Pen		Portland		37	2 Feb. 1943	20/-
Dean Pen		St. Mary		37d	20 Dec. 1954	4/-
Devon Pen	(wide)	St. Mary		37c	before 17 Sep. '53	5/-
Dias		Hanover		37b	15 May 1945	7/-
Delveland	(close)	Westmoreland		37c	29 Mar 1952	7/-
Discovery Bay		St. Ann	48X32	41	Jul 1948	10/6
Duff House		St. Elizabeth 41a			1 Nov. 1951	10/-
Dumphries		St. James		43	6 Sep. 1946	20/-
Dressikie		St. Mary		43a	15 Sep. 1947	10/6
Essex Hall		St. Andrew		37	13 Apr 1949	5/-
Epsom		St. Mary		37	1 June 1951	5/-
Farm		Manchester		37d	10 Jan. 1956	3/6
Fairfield (wide)		St. James		37c	24 Nov. 1952	10/-
Faiths Pen		St. Ann	53X22	32	30 May 1940	30/-
Faiths Pen		St. Ann		35	8 May 1941	20/-
Fairy Hill		Portland		Cir 1	4 May 1950	80/-
Flint River		St. Mary		37	15 Nov. 1950	10/-
Flint River		St. Mary	52X34	37e	1955 in black	20/-
Flower Hill		Hanover		42	1 Mar 1949	18/-

POST OFFICE		PARISH		TYPE	PO OPENED	VAL.
Flower Hill	in black	Hanover	48X32	37e	Early 1953	25/-
Freemans Hall		Trelawny		37	5 Feb. 1946	18/-
Frome		Westmoreland	46X23	32	10 Jul 1939	20/-
Font Hill	(close)	Westmoreland	48X32	33	Early 1940	16/-
Fullersfield		St. Thomas		37c	16 Nov. 1954	4/-
Galina		Westmoreland		37d	22 Dec. 1955	3/6
Gibraltar Camp		St. Mary		37d	10 Dec. 1955	3/6
Grove Town		St. Andrew		37	1 Apr 1942	100/-
Glanville		Manchester		37a	15 Feb. 1946	12/-
(changed to Granville)		St. James		41	7 Nov. 1949	5/-
Grey Ground		St. James		43	Sep. 1951	15/-
Hagley Park		Manchester		37d	Nov. 1954	4/-
Haddington		St. Andrew		37d	Sep. 1956	3/-
Haining		Hanover		37	8 Jan. 1946	21/-
Haddo		Portland		37	28 Mar 1946	30/-
Halls Delight		Westmoreland		37b	26 June 1944	10/-
Irish Town		St. Andrew		37d	23 Nov. 1954	4/-
Innswood	(also in black)	St. Andrew		37	23 Jan. 1946	151/-
Jacks River		St. Catherine		37d	Jul 1956	5/-
Jeffrey Town		St. Mary		37	2 Feb. 1946	20/-
Johnson Mountain		St. Mary		37b	16 Dec. 1943	30/-
Kelly (Kingston)		St. Thomas		43	11 Nov. 1949	3/-
Kentish	(wide)	Kingston 14		37c	19 Apr 1954	2/-
Kensington		St. Catherine		37c	8 June 1953	5/-
King Weston	(close)	Portland		43	May 1950	7/-
Kinloss		St. Andrew		37c	25 Jan. 1954	5/-
King's Vale		Trelawny		37d	22 Dec. 1954	4/-
Kingston Northwest		Hanover		37	11 Sep. 1947	7/-
Kilmarnock	(in blue)	Kingston		37d	9 Dec. 1955	3/-
Lancaster	(wide)	St. Elizabeth		37d	Feb. 1956	2/-
Lances Bay		Manchester		37c	25 Apr 1952	7/-
Lemon Hall		Hanover		37	10 Sep. 1947	7/-
Leeds		St. Catherine		37d	1 Dec. 1954	3/-
Linton Park		St. Elizabeth		37	9 Nov. 1949	10/-
Linton Park		St. Ann		34	17 Sep. 1940	60/-
Lime Tree Garden		St. Ann		35	30 Dec. 1941	20/-
Lookout		St. Ann		37	12 Feb. 1945	30/-
Lookout	in black	Portland			1 Sep. 1949	
Lookout	(wide)	Portland	52X32	37e	late 1952	40/-
Lloyds		Portland		37c	6 Jan. 1954	5/-
Lydford		Manchester		37	10 Feb. 1945	60/-
Lucky Valley		St. Ann	56X22	32	16 Jul 1939	40/-
Marley Hill		St. Catherine		37d	10 Mar 1956	3/-
Madras		Manchester			27 Nov. 1954	
May Pen		St. Ann		43	2 Jan. 1951	7/-
Maverley		Clarendon		37d	1955	10/-
		Housing Estate St. Andrew		37d	Sep. 1956	5/-
Maverley		St. Andrew	57X40	37d	Oct. 1956	3/-
Main Ridge		Clarendon		43	17 Sep. 1948	40/-
Marley Hill		Manchester		37d	27 Nov. 1954	5/-
Manchioneal	(wide) (in black)	Portland		37c	1 Apr 1952	80/-
Military Post		Up Park Camp			overseas only	40/-
Montreal	(close)	St. Mary		37c	26 Apr 1954	5/-
Morgans Pass		St. Catherine		43	17 Apr 1946	30/-
Mount Pleasant		Portland		44	4 Jan. 1947	10/-
Mt. Airy		Westmoreland		37	2 Dec. 1949	3/6
Mt. Industry		St. Catherine		37	5 Apr 1948	7/6
Mt. Salus		St. Andrew		37d	7 Dec. 1954	5/-
Mona		St. Andrew		37	Dec. 1950	5/-
Mona	(close)	St. Andrew		37c	June 1952	10/-
Muir House		St. Ann		37a	25 Feb 1946	30/-
Mulgrave		St. Elizabeth		37	16 June 1951	7/-
Mount Moreland		St. Catherine			19 Apr 1948	14/-

POST OFFICE		PARISH	TYPE	PO OPENED	VAL.
Newton		St. Elizabeth	37a	15 Mar 1946	15/-
New Green		Manchester	39	28 Feb. 1947	15/-
' Nine Turns		Clarendon	39	14 Mar 1947	15/-
Niagara		St. James	37d	16 Nov. 1956	2/6
Parrottee		St. Elizabeth	37d	24 Nov. 1954	5/-
Palisadoes		Kingston	37	Sep. 1950	7/-
Palisadoes		Kingston	43	30 June 1950	7/6
Padmore	(wide)	St. Andrew	37c	13 Oct. 1952	5/-
Palmers Cross (close)		Clarendon	37c	3 May 1954	4/-
Pennants		Clarendon	37d	20 Jan. 1956	3/-
Perth Town		Trelawny	37	26 Nov. 1945	20/-
Pisgah		St. Elizabeth	37	27 Oct. 1944	21/-
Portland Cottage		Clarendon	37b	17 June 1944	20/-
Porters Mountain		Westmoreland	43a	7 June 1947	14/-
Porters Mountain		Westmoreland	37d	Oct. 1956	4/-
Pleasant Valley		Clarendon	58X32 416	14 Sep. 1950	10/-
Plowden		Manchester	43	30 June 1950	10/-
Prickley Pole	(small letters)	St. Ann	41ab	11 Apr 1949	7/-
Post 300 Office		Kingston	37d	9th May – 14 May '55	2/6
Quickstep	(close)	Trelawny	37c	8 Aug. 1952	7/-
Retirement		St. Elizabeth	37	13 Mar 1948	40/-
Refuge		Trelawny	37	15 Jul 1950	10/-
Ritchies		Clarendon	41a	30 June 1952	8/6
Rio Grande		Portland	43	21 May 1951	7/6
Roehampton		St. James	43	12 Sep. 1947	10/6
Rowlandsfield		St. Thomas	50X32 43	29 Mar 1946	25/-
Robins Bay	(wide)	St. Mary	37c	Sep. 1953	5/-
Rock Spring		Trelawny	48X32 33a	3 Sep. 1942	10/-
Robins Hall		Manchester	37d	29 Dec. 1955	3/6
Sandy Gully		Clarendon	36	7 Jul 1942	7/-
Sanguinetti	(wide)	Clarendon	37c	22 Dec. 1953	7/-
Sandy River		Clarendon	37	14 Nov. 1949	7/-
Somerset		St. Thomas	41aa	3 Aug. 1951	
Shirley Castle		Portland	41a	19 Sep 1952	7/-
Slipe		St. Elizabeth	48X30 41a	12 June 1952	8/6
Success		Hanover	43	31 Mar 1952	5/-
Samuel Prospect		Trelawny	50X32 43a	17 May 1947	10/6
Silver Spring		Clarendon	38	28 Dec. 1945	25/-
Strathbogie		Westmoreland	37	23 Mar 1946	20/-
Salt Marsh		Trelawny	37	10 Mar 1945	30/-
Salt Spring		St. James	37	22 Mar 1946	15/-
Spot Valley	(wide)	St. James	37c	23 Jan. 1953	7/-
St. Pauls		Manchester	35	29 Nov. 1940	
St. Gregory	(wide)	Clarendon	37c	Aug. 1953	3/-
Spaldings		Manchester	37c	Apr 1955	7/6
Scotts Pass		Clarendon	37d	10 June 1955	3/6
St. John's Road		St. Catherine	37d	4 Nov. 1955	3/-
Treasure Beach		St. Elizabeth	37	Late 1941	21/-
Treasure Beach	(wide)	St. Elizabeth	37	Dec. 1944	20/-
Tranquility		Portland	37	11 Nov. 1949	6/-
Top Hill		St. Elizabeth	37b	8 Sep. 1943	40/-
Tower Isle		St. Mary		21 Feb., 1949	
Tweedside	in red	Clarendon	37	21 Apr 1949	7/6
Tydixon		St. Catherine	37d	Mar 1956	3/-
Treadways		St. Catherine	37d	Aug. 1956	3/6
Thompson Town			52X34 37db	8 Aug. 1956	
U.C.W.I.		St. Andrew		Apr 1949	
Vaughansfield		St. James	43	12 Nov. 1950	8/6
Westphalia		St. Andrew	37c	1 May 1954	
Wareika		Kingston	37d	1 Dec. 1955	4/6
Watchwell		St. Elizabeth	37	9 Sep. 1947	10/-
Westphalia		St. Andrew	37d	1 May 1954	7/-
Whitehall		St. Thomas	37	13 Apr 1946	20/-
Whithorn		Westmoreland		1 Mar 1949	
Windsor Forest		Portland	43	16 Feb. 1949	3/-

POST OFFICE	PARISH	TYPE	PO OPENED	VAL.
Windsor Forest	Portland	37d	Feb. 1956	2/6
Yarmouth	Clarendon	37d	16 Nov. 1954	2/6

Miscellaneous Types T.D. 31a

"RETURN LETTER BRANCH"

This T.R.D. is an oblong 42X28 mm. with "RETURN LETTER BRANCH" in small letters at the top of the oblong - the date appears in the middle, and Kingston Jamaica at the bottom. Many of the strikes are very indistinct.

Earliest known date August 17, 1922. Latest known date June 7, 1928.

TD. 31b

An oblong 52X30 mm. which has "RETURN LETTER BRANCH" with the date in the middle, and Kingston, Jamaica at the bottom in block letters 1½ mm only two envelopes are known.

Earliest known date May 1924.

Latest known date April 21, 1927.

T.D.31c

An oblong 61X40 mm. with "1st CARIBBEAN - JAMBOREE" date appears in the third line - BRIGGS PARK - JAMAICA. With the boy scout badge in the top left hand corner. Always in purple.

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE 5 MARCH 1952.

LAST DAY OF ISSUE 14 MARCH 1952.

B. W. I. ITEMS

Antigua UPUs Mint Set 6/-
 Bahamas 1948 Eleuthera 1/- to £1 Used . . . £4 Six stamps
 Barbados 1952 Centenary 3/6 per set Used F.D.Cs 4/-
 Bermuda 1940 Surcharge in different settings 1/- per stamp
 B.G. 1951 \$1 Perf. 14 x 13 Mint £10 Used £10 10/-
 B.H. 1949 St. George Cays Mint Set 4/-
 Cayman 1948 Silver Wedding Mint Set 14/-
 Dominica 1951 University Set Mint 1/3 Used 1/6
 Grenada 2½ George VI Used Perf. 12½ x 13½ £7
 Jamaica 1943 New Constitution Set Used 21/-
 Leeward Isl. 1951 £1 value P 13 Used 27/6
 Leeward Isl. Q.E. Set ½¢ to 4.80 Used 60/-
 St. Kitts 1950 Anguilla Set Mint 4/- Used 5/-
 St. Lucia 1951 Five stamp Mint 3/-
 St. Vincent 1951 U.P.U.s Used 4/6 Set
 Trinidad 1951 U.P.U.s Mint 4/- Set
 Turks Isl. 1938 6d Mauve Used 3/-
 Virgin Isl. 1951 Leg. Council Mint 10/- Used 10/6
 Coils Q.E. for B.G. 1¢ & 2c. Set 1/6

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Notes Here And There.

Cayman Islands – SG1 used 24 Nov 1900

Mr. F. G. Freeman, of Canada, writes in that he has the Cayman Island Queen Victoria SG 1 on postal used, showing the distinct date of November 24, 1900. There is little doubt that these stamps were on sale for quite a period before the official date as listed in Stanley Gibbons.

Turks Island – QEII Issue

The new Queen Elizabeth stamps for Turks Island are well advanced, and these should be released early in the coming year. The editor has assisted in the preliminary designs. The values are as follows: -½d similar to the ¼d value of previous issues. The ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 8d, and 1/-, is of a series of very attractive designs. The high values are not quite in keeping, and these should have been improved. But the collectors will find the low values certainly a great improvement and far more pleasing than the stamps recently issued in Jamaica.

Jamaica – 1956 QEII Issue

November 15th, release of four stamps the 8d Blue Mountain Peak, the 1/- Hope Gardens, 1/6d Rio Grande, 2/- Fort Charles. Little comment is necessary as collectors must have seen these already.

Jamaica – Booklets (No News)

No news as yet re the booklets. These seem to have been delayed until early in the coming year.

Jamaica – Single Ring Postmarks

Latest single ring Postmarks put into use around the 10th September are as follows:-

Bonny Gate-Grange Hill-Montego Bay (6) Cockburn Pen (6)-Clonmel (2)-Rock River-Islington (2)-Shirley Castle (2)-Lime Hall (2) Annotto Bay (3)-Williamsfield (2)-Thompson Town (2)-Morant Bay (2)-Harkers Hall (2)-Rock River-Oracabessa-Bonny Gate.

NOTE:- It's interesting to see a small Post Office ordering steel dies for Cockburn Pen-name now changed to Hagley Park-These will most likely never be put into use.

Jamaica – 1956 New TRDs

New T.R.D's coming into use:-

- G.P.O. Maverley Housing Estate-Jamaica B.W.I. name changed to Maverley with very small Jamaica, B.W.I. A star either side of the elliptical (a new type).
- Hagley Park, Jamaica. B.W.I. replaces Cockburn Pen.
- Rock Hall Jamaica B.W.I. New Postal Agency just opened.

All the above are in St. Andrew.

- Treadways, Jamaica. B.W.I. St. Catherine, replaces Bermaddy.
- Porters Mountain, Jamaica. B.W.I. Westmoreland.
This type has only been in use a short while, can be seen in purple-purple/black and black.
Strikes are mostly most indistinct.
Strikes in black appear like 37E.
- Sawyers-Jamaica, B.W.I. Trelawney.

Jamaica – Early Postmark Enquiries

There have been several enquiries re the early postmarks of Jamaica up to 1890. These will be done in the near future. Handbooks by the late L. C. C. Nicholson, are available with these marks. 3/6d.

Bermuda -- Bermuda Yacht Race Variety

Mr. Josh reports a very interesting variety in the Bermuda Yacht Race with the letters "ACE" missing from the word RACE, in the ,1/3d value.

Bahamas – Cat Cay TRD

From 1936 on through to 1941 I lived on a little Cay in the Bahamas Islands. It was a Cat Cay, and is rather a famous resort for marlin and tuna fishing. It is owned by a Mr. Louis Wasey and he has made a splendid and lovely Cay that was once nothing but coral and coconut palms. However, I am not trying to sell Cat Cay. I would like to tell you this little story which is absolutely authentic. I personally know these people.

On the more inhabited Islands and Cays that comprise the Bahama Islands, the Government in New Providence appoint men to the post of collectors of harbour fees, customs, telegraphic communications and in some cases they dispense the law. All these positions are filled by one man, so you can imagine they are busy chaps. John Saunders was our official on Cat Cay. The manager of the Island was Mr. Cook, affectionately known as (you guessed it, COOKIE). His daughter, Miss Evelyn Cook, was his secretary, and Mr. K. C. B. Smith was the architect in rebuilding the Cay. Well, seeing that it was a Fisherman's Paradise and marlins, blue and white, were the game fish. Evelyn Cook designed a marlin head and K. C. B. Smith sketched it out, and it was sent to Nassau to be approved. The powers that be gave it their blessings and it came back to Cat Cay as a rubber stamp, so as the mail went out, Johnny emblazoned the marlin head on the George VI stamps. Of course the mail was then transferred to Nassau and the letters received the Nassau cancellation, so if anyone has any of these cancelled stamps with the marlin head, they will know that it came from Cat Cay, a small paradise that is half mile wide by three long. They also have an emblem on the Flag of the Island that depicts a cat standing on a key. I believe that the marlin head strike has been discontinued since the war, at least that is what John Saunders tells me. He is now a resident in this country and is forever home in his dreams of Harbour Island where he was born. I hope this is of interest.

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NOTE: Cat Cay has three T.R.Ds. all interesting types. Editor

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New Commonwealth Issues

I have been asked by the editor of the B.W.I. Philatelist to write a monthly causerie on newly issued British Commonwealth stamps, and such is my high regards for this fine little quarterly that I am delighted to do so. Maybe it will take a month or two for me to get these comments framed in such a manner that they will be of some interest to readers, but if they will care to express their opinions perhaps I will be able to settle down usefully, all the sooner, and thus we'll all gain thereby.

For the last month or two, new printings released in London by the Crown Agents, have not yielded much in the way of new shades, worth taking up. I should mention that collectors in Britain-and my experience of the tastes of U.S.A. collectors is that they are very similar-are very keen on shade varieties, and I had better explain now, that I will in future be mostly expressing the opinions of the Commonwealth Courier panel, when I refer to new shades worth consideration.

This was a panel I set up to get over, the difficulty, as far as possible, of obtaining opinions which would meet with general approval. It is well known that we all see colours slightly differently, and for me to say off my, own bat, that this and that are good shades, would not do. Consequently I got three experienced philatelists to form a panel. All had their eyes tested (actually two were turned down on this eye test, and two others who passed took their places) and they were given a completely free hand to state what they thought of new printings, as far as shade variations were concerned, and from time to time, I hope to quote from their findings.

During October there were only three releases and these were for Tristan da Cunha (½d) Ceylon (4¢, 30¢, 1r) and Falkland Is. Deps. (2d, 4d, and 1/-) none of which are worth referring to, for whilst there were slight shade variations here and there, all were too trivial to merit detailing. As far as we have gone at the time of writing these notes, there have been three short releases on November 7th, for Basutoland (3d) Perlis (10¢) and' Tonga (1d, 2d) I have not seen yet the panel's findings, but I am sure that they will have found nothing to interest them. The Basutoland 3d has the frame a bit brighter, but to no extent.

Next month however I may have a more interesting story to tell regarding these Crown Agents' releases, for there are three for West Indian colonies (Bahamas, British Guiana and St. Kitts) which have distinct possibilities.

On December 1st there are to be two releases of postage dues, (entirely new stamps) for Basutoland and Gibraltar, and this will help to add to the popularity of what were once the Cinderellas of the catalogues. Now postage dues are almost as popular as ordinary postage stamps and whilst on the subject of dues, I should mention that a major variety has turned up for the Catalogue. A complete sheet of Great Britain (CW. PD 17, SG D48) imperf. is being cut up. Seventy pounds a pair is being asked, which speaks for itself, regarding the popularity to which I have already referred.

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Cayman Islands

The remaining chapters of the Cayman Islands Handbook –

George V

War Stamps - George VI-Queen Elizabeth will not be appearing in this magazine. This edition will deal with the Postmarks of the Cayman Islands. Any reader that has items not listed - the editor will be only too glad to hear from them.

List of Post Cards known

Queen Victoria - No Post Cards were issued.

June 30th 1908 ¼d brown card measures 121X75 mm. on buff.
 ¼d yellow brown issued around 1912 measuring 115X89 mm. on buff known
 unused.
 1d red issued Dec. 1909 measuring 139X88 on buff.
 ½d blue issued early 1914 reported but have not seen.

Envelopes.

Envelope with embossed stamp known, in the following

Dec. 1909 1d red envelope size 120X93½ on grey very rare item used
 2½d blue envelope size 164 X 93½

Wrappers

only ½d green newspaper wrapper on yellow brown. Measuring 120½ mm. across is known.

Combination Covers

Combination covers are not at all easy in finding, but one does come across these covers from time to time. Many tourist ships which have called at this Colony, would have had a number of letters, cards, etc., mailed Grand Cayman or on the ship, and usually these covers are remailed as soon as the vessel arrives at a large Port. One knows of Combination Covers for the M.S. Gripsholm on a South American Cruise, January 29th to March 24th, 1938, cover with pair 1/4d Cayman 1935 issue, remailed at Venezuela with one stamp of that country.

The R.M.S. Atlantis called at Grand Cayman Feb. 22nd, 1937, being the first large tourist vessel to do so, and found that she could not go into Georgetown, special covers were done on the voyage.

There must be other covers, but the Editor has no further information.

Cayman Islands Postage Dues

Postage due stamps have never been issued in the Cayman Islands but letters short of postage were taxed with the postage stamps of the Colony. For example, if a letter was taxed 1d coming from England this would bear a 1d stamp of the Cayman Islands. This system is still in operation in the 3 Islands.

WW1 Red Cross Labels

During the first World War, Jamaica issued labels of the Red Cross and Aeroplane to raise funds for the varieties of War appeals. These labels which were known; can be found in four different types. It seems that a small amount of these war labels were sent to the Cayman Islands and some of these have been seen on piece and off cover, with Cayman Islands written across the label. Some postmarked and others partly. The writing is usually large and sideways to the 'plane. These are not seen often.

Chapter 10 – First Flights

During the war a Douglas Sea Plane NC14208 called at Georgetown, and carried a number of letters to Miami, Florida, USA. This sea plane was in the care of Captain William Cleveland, the following amount of letters were postmarked the 12th Feb. 1940.

36	Registered letters to the	USA
4	"	Jamaica
193	ordinary letters to the	USA.
29	"	Jamaica
1	"	Colombia
1	"	Virgin Islands.
1	"	North Ireland.
3	"	Venezuela
1	"	Panama
13	"	Great Britain
2	"	Cuba

Due to the fact that the sea plane did not arrive until the 13th. extra mail was received and all letters were re-postmarked the 13th, the final stamping being:-

48.	Registered letters to the	USA
4	"	Jamaica
237	ordinary letters to the	USA.
33	"	Jamaica
14	"	Great Britain
3	"	Cuba
1	"	Virgin Islands
1	"	Colombia
3	"	Venezuela
1	"	Nicaragua
1	"	North Ireland

Total mail carried amounted to 6 lbs. 8 ozs. totalling 346 letters, of which 285 letters have the double date postmark. All these covers were transshipped at Miami, Florida. There was no cachet used. Value of these covers £-5. 0. 0.

Cayman Islands Airways Ltd.

Shortly after the war Wing Comdr. Owen Roberts arrived in Jamaica, where he set about forming a small air company known as the Cayman Islands Airways Ltd. With Wing Comdr. Owen Roberts becoming the largest shareholder, three PBY's were obtained, and in 1947 between Oct. and November efforts were made to have an official First Flight. A special rubber stamp was prepared for this first flight from Cayman Brac, and Grand Cayman, and a large amount of covers were done BUT NEVER FLOWN, due to the fact that arrangements were not completed for the carrying of mail, however on its flight from Kingston to Cayman Brac, three covers were flown, while another three covers went on to Grand Cayman. Total of 6 covers for the flight from Kingston to Grand Cayman via Cayman Brac. From Grand Cayman the flight went on to Tampa, but no mail was carried, on leaving Tampa a letter from the Mayor of Tampa, to the Mayor of Kingston was carried. These 7 letters were the only official mail it carried on its first flight.

In 1950 one of the P.B.Y's flew up to Miami for a general check, and on the flight down to Jamaica had to land on a heavy sea and shortly after sank. In the 1951 hurricane in Jamaica yet another PBY was lost thus only one now remained. This Company had for a long time fought to obtain the franchise to and from Cayman, finally this obtained and a Lockheed Lodestar was ordered. The first flight was on the morning of the 10th April 1953, the plane had 11 passengers and a crew of three - among the passengers were Wing Comdr. Owen Roberts, Dr. A. E. Virtue, Derek Wickers. The plane within a minute after taking off, crashed into the sea, about 100 yards off shore. Only one passenger was fortunate enough to escape. This was the ending of CIA.

Mail on this plane was taken to the G.P.O. dried, re-sealed and stamped "FOUND IN BAD CONDITION."

BRITISH WEST INDIAN AIRWAYS now took over the route and on May 29th, 1953 had a flight to Cayman Islands in a Viking. H.E. Sir Hugh Foot was a guest on this flight. Due to very heavy rains, it was not possible to land in Cayman. The following week the flight was carried out - June 6th. First flight B.W.I.A. Cayman Islands to Miami Sept. 10, 1953, mail carried but no cachet.

LACSA for the first time opened up a through service from Miami, Florida, USA. to Panama via Cayman Islands and Costa Rica. No First Day Covers have been reported.

Postmarks

Postmarks for Georgetown are as follows:-



Type		Size	Inscription	
Type 1	T.R.D.	38X28½ mm	Grand Cayman-Post Office	used on Jamaica stamps see Chapter 2.
Type 2	Steel die S/R	27 mm	Grand Cayman-Post Office	used on Jamaica stamps see chapter 2.
Type 3	Steel die D/R	26 mm	Grand Cayman-Cayman Islands	used on Jamaica stamps see chapter 2.
Type 3a	Steel die S/R	26 mm	Grand Cayman-Cayman Islands	used on Cayman stamps up to Oct. 30, 1906.
Type 4	Birm. steel die	25 mm	Georgetown-Grand Cayman	used during 1907 to Feb. 25, 1909.
Type 5		25 mm	Georgetown-Grand Cayman	1909 to Sept. 6, 1927.
Type 6		29 mm	Cayman Islands-Georgetown	1927 to Aug. 25, 1930.
Type 7		30 mm	Georgetown-Cayman Islands	Sept. 1930.
Type 8	Same as type 7 but duplex with 6 wavy lines-..	30 mm		used from Sept. 3, 1938

Postmarks For East End



Type		Size	Inscription	
Type 1	T.R.D.	28 mm	East End-Grand Cayman	used for a short period no date. Chapter 2
Type 2	Birm steel die	28 mm	East End-Post Office-Cayman Islands	used Sept. 13, 1913 to Aug. 1916.
Type 3	Birm. steel die	30 mm	East End-Grand Cayman	used from Oct. 7, 1930
Type 4	Birm. steel die	28½ mm	East End-Grand Cayman	used from May 13th, 1937.

Postmarks For Boddentown



The early history of the Boddentown Post Office is wrapped in mystery. On Feb. 3rd, 1908, the Commissioner wrote that the inhabitants had not all the confidence in it that they might have had, yet on December 18th of the same year it was stated that there was on Grand Cayman no other office than that at Georgetown. In 1909 local letters emanating from the recently opened Boddentown Office were cancelled in manuscript in red ink with the words "Cancelled" "Boddentown," and the date written in American style with the month before the day. Letters from abroad were sent to Georgetown and cancelled there. It was stated soon after, that the obliterator had been sent away for repairs but this seems hardly likely to have occurred at a newly opened office. The possible explanations are (1) that the obliterator had not yet arrived or (2) that this pen cancellation was used on letters on the new local Post between Georgetown and Boddentown before the introduction of the first, "RURAL POST" cancellation. The latter view appears the more probable since it links up well with the recorded dates of this very rare cancellation.

Type		Size	Inscription	
Type 1	Manuscript		Cancelled - date - Boddentown	Jan. 26, 1909.
Type 2	Birm. steel die	25½ mm	Boddentown-Grand Cayman	from July 1909 to Aug. 27 1930.
Type 3	Birm. steel die	30 mm	Boddentown-Grand Cayman	from Oct. 1930.

West Bay



The West Bay Post Office was opened in 1913 at about the same time as the one at East End was reopened. The obliterator is believed to have been introduced in May 1913. Early impressions are in violet, later changed to black, and frequently poorly inked.

Type		Size	Inscription	
Type 1	Bir.	28 mm	West Bay-Grand Cayman	July 1913 Sept. 27, 1930.
Type 2	Bir.	30 mm	West Bay-Grand Cayman	Oct. 1, 1930.

North Side

Type		Size	Inscription	
		30 mm	NORTH SIDE-Grand Cayman	Sept. 30, 1930.

Cayman Brac – Stake Bay



Type		Size	Inscription	
Type 1	T.R.D..	81X16½ mm	Cayman Brac-Cayman Islands	1899-1900
Type 2	Bir.	27 mm.	Cayman Brac-Cayman Islands	Jan. 6, 1900-Aug. 13, 1930.
Type 3	Birm.	30 mm.	Cayman Brac-Cayman Islands	Nov. 6, 1930.
Type 4		29 mm.	Cayman Brac-Cayman Islands	Feb. 9, 1937.

Cayman Brac – The Creek

Type		Size	Inscription	
Type 1	single ring	24 mm.	The Creek-Cayman Brac C. Is.	July 14, 1938.

Little Cayman

Type		Size	Inscription	
Type 1	Birm.	29 mm	Little Cayman-Cayman Islands	Oct. 1, 1934.

Other Postmarks.

On a single copy 1/4d 1908 with the following words only "POSTAL"—"CAYMAN" this could have been used during the 1st World War. This Postmark is in purple and appears made by a rubber stamp, which is a large size ring oval of about 30 mm.

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	6d. violet mint 9d.	used	10d.
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	2/6d. purple mint 3/9d.	used	4/-
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	10/- magenta mint 15/-		—
	£1 green mint 30/-		—
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