

Bicycle Stamps



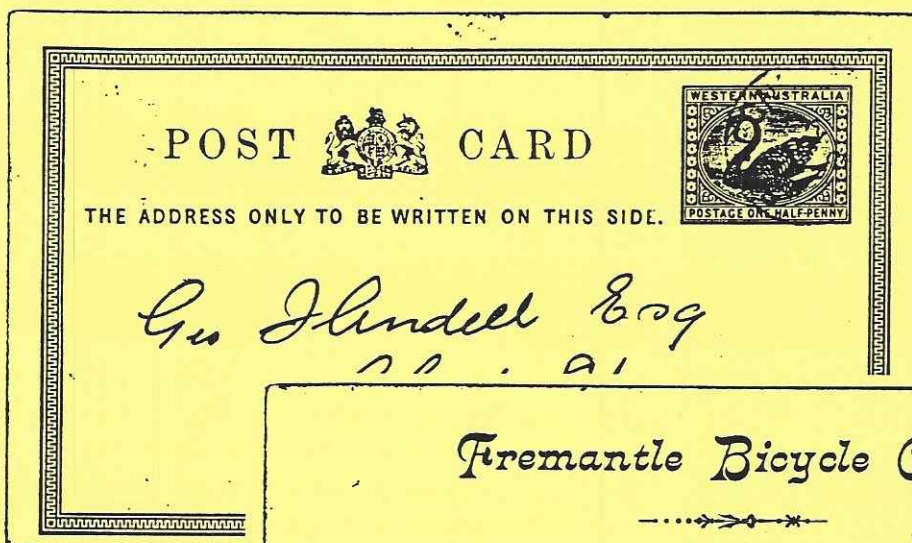
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Fremantle Bicycle Club.

A General Meeting of the above Club will be held at His Lordship's Larder on Wednesday next, 23rd inst, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS—To discuss the question of charges re Fremantle Oval.

To elect delegate for L.W.A.W.

To accept Secretary's resignation and appoint a new Secretary.

ALF. J. LEONHARDT, Hon. Sec.

Anyone know what "His Lordship's Larder" was or is?

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New Issue Update

✓ RWANDA 	00.00.92	M/SHEET	BACELONA OLYMPICS CYCLIST PICTOGRAM ON SELVEDGE	?	20B-6
✓ GUYANA	00.01.94	\$600	125th ANNIV OF BASEBALL	2	
✓ PORTUGAL MAIN PO	17.11.94	75\$	CHILDS TOY ANTIQUE BIKE CORREIO AZUL	2	18B-CS
✓ PORTUGAL MAIN PO	17.11.94	350\$	CHILDS TOY ANTIQUE BIKE CORREIO AZUL	2	18B-CS
✓ MADAGASCAR	21.12.94	M/S	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - SHOTPUT -CYCLIST ON SELVEDGE	4+S+4S+ S	17A-5
✓ BURIKINA FASO	00.00.95	600F	ATLANTA OLYMPICS	4+4S+S+ S	19B-CS
✓ CAMBODIA	00.00.95	1000r	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST	5+S	18A-4
✓ SINGAPORE	00.00.95	M/S	SINGAPORE '95 - 2 SE-TEN M/S- CYCLISTS ON SELVEDGE	M/S	19B-CS
✓ NORTH KOREA	02.06.95	M/S	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLING PICTOGRAM ON SELVEDGE	M/S	20B-6
✓ AZERBAIJAN	20.07.95	500m	DIRIGEABLE A PEDALES	5+S	20B-CS
✓ INDONESIA	12.09.95	700+100r	REHABILITATION - CHILD ON EXERCYCLE	1	20B-6
✓ <u>TOGO</u>	<u>01.12.95</u>	200F	TRANSPORTATION - RACING CYCLIST	S+S+S	19B-CS
✓ <u>TOGO</u>	<u>01.12.95</u>	SHEET	TRANSPORTATION 9 DIFF INCLUDES ABOVE	S+S+S	20B-7
✓ CUBA	07.12.95	15c	CENTENARY OF CINEMA - CYCLIST	5+S	
✓ ARMENIA	00.00.96	40	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST	3	20B-6
✓ ARMENIA	00.00.96	SHEET	AS ABOVE SE-TEN SET OF THREE	3	20B-6
✓ CENTRAL AFRICA	00.00.96	350f	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST & BOXING	4+4S	20B-6
✓ CENTRAL AFRICA	00.00.96	600f	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - WEIGHT LIFTING & CYCLING	4+4S	20B-6
✓ CHILE	00.00.96	50\$	ROAD SAFETY - CYCLIST	1	20B-7
✓ CHILE	00.00.96	SHEET	ROAD SAFETY ONE WITH CYCLIST	S	20B-7
✓ LATVIA	00.00.96	8	CYCLIST	4+S	20B-6

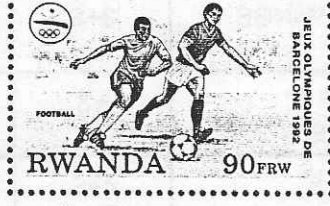
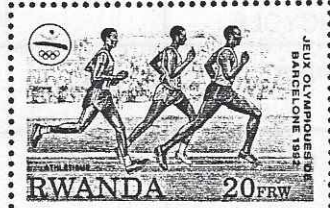
New Issue Update

MONSERRAT	00.00.96	1.15\$	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST PAUL MASSON	4	20B-CS
✓ SAN MARINO	00.00.96	1850L	100 YEARS 'LA GAZZETTA DELLO SPORT' FAUSTO COPPI	1 	20B-6
✓ SURINAM	00.00.96	900gld	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - TWO CYCLISTS	6+S	20B-8
✓ SURINAM	00.00.96	M/S	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - TWO CYCLISTS ON SELVEDGE	6+S	20B-8
1.0 ✓ TURKS & CAICOS	00.00.96	55c	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLING GOLD MEDAL	10	20B-CS
✓ SIERRA LEONE	29.01.96	200Le	CLARABELLE ON UNICYCLE	6+2S	20B-CS
1.0 ✓ SAHARA OCCIDENTAL	30.01.96	136p	ATLANTA OLYMPICS- CYCLIST	6+S	20A-CS
LAOS	20.02.96	30k	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST	5+S	20B-CS
SIERRA LEONE	26.02.96	250L	CENTENARY OF CINEMA - ET ON BIKE IN SKY	1	20A-CS
SIERRA LEONE	26.02.96	SHEET	AS ABOVE - 9 DIFF INCLUDES ABOVE	S	20A-CS
LIBERIA	29.02.96	\$1	TRAINS - SOUTHERN REGION - BICYCLE	6S	20B-CS
LIBERIA	29.02.96	\$1	TRAINS - JUTLAND BICYCLE	6S	20B-CS
MALTA	29.02.96	25c	YOUTH WELFARE CHILD ON TRICYCLE	4	20B-CS
NETHRLANDS	00.03.96		WESTERWOLDE & WESTERWOL ISSUES AS DETAILED IN BS20A	S	20A-6
DENMARK	21.03.96	9.50k	SPORTS - CYCLIST	4+B	19B-CS
DENMARK	21.03.96	BOOKLET	SPORTS - 4 DIFF INCLUDES ABOVE TENNIS ON SELVEDGE	4+B	19B-28
DENMARK	21.03.96	BOOKLET	AS ABOVE -VOLLEYBALL ON SELVEDGE	4+B	19B-28
ITALY	04.04.96	?	100TH ANNIV "LA GAZZETTA DELO SPORT"	1	
ESTONIA	25.04.96	4Kr	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLIST	S	
ESTONIA	25.04.96	S	ATLANTA OLYMPIC 3 DIFF INCLUDES ABOVE	S	

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	06.05.96	\$1.2	ATLANTA OLYMPICS - CYCLISTS ON TANDEM	4+S+2S	20B-CS
BERMUDA	21.05.96	30c	ATLANTA OLYMPICS CYCLISTS	4	20B-9
URUGUAY	21.05.96	\$3.20	EARLY TRANSPORT RALEIGH 1940 BICYCLE	5	20B-CS
ARUBA	28.05.96	130c	ATLANTA OLYMPICS CYCLIST	2	20B-CS
NETHERLANDS	31.05.96	70C	PHOTOS OF HOLLAND - TWO CYCLISTS	4	20B-CS
NEW ZEALAND	05.06.96	M/S	CHILDRENS HEALTH BOY WITH BIKE ON SELVEDGE	3+S	20B-11
NEW ZEALAND	05.06.96	M/S	AS ABOVE O/P CAPEX '96	3+S	
SLOVENIA	06.06.96	55	JUNOIR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	1	20B-6
FAROE ISLANDS	07.06.96	4.50	CHILDRENS DRAWINGS BIKE	3+S	20B-8
FAROE ISLANDS	07.06.96	M/S	AS ABOVE 3 DIFF INCLUDES ABOVE	+S	20B-8
SOLOMAN ISLANDS	08.06.96	90c	CAPEX '96 MAN & BICYCLE	4+S	20B-6
TAIWAN	22.06.96	\$5.00	100th ANNIV OF OLYMPICS CYCLIST	2	20B-8
NETHERLANDS	25.06.96	80C	TOUR DE FRANCE CYCLISTS	4	20B-CS
ANDORRA	29.06.96	3.00f	ATLANTA OLYMPICS CYCLIST	1	20B-8
SLOVAKIA	30.06.96	3Sk	TOUR OF SLOVAKIA CYCLIST	1+B	20B-8
SLOVAKIA	30.06.96	BOOKLET 	TOUR OF SLOVAKIA CYCLISTS ON COVER - BOOKLET CONTAINS 10 OF ABOVE STAMP	1+B	20B-8
<u>NEW ZEALAND</u>	10.07.96	80C	ATLANTA OLYMPICS ROUND STAMP CYCLIST	<u>5+S</u>	20A-4
NEWZEALAND	10.07.96	SHEET	SHEET OF 5 DIFF INCLUDES ABOVE	5+S	20B-10
UNITED NATIONS	19.07.96	70c	SPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT CYCLISTS	6+3S	20B-12
UNITED NATIONS	19.07.96	M/S	AS ABOVE 2 DIFF INCLUDES ABOVE	6+3S	20B-12
UNITED STATES	01.11.96	SHEET	CYCLING 2 DIFF	S	20B-CS

1. Undated issues will remain on the list until such time as a date of issue is established.
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3. Number or letter "S" in brackets after the country name show where stamp appears in Steve Malone's Checklist. The number, ie (8), is Steve's reference number, whereas an (S) means that it is in the 1996 Supplement.
4. The last column shows where the stamp is illustrated, with BS number followed by page number or CS for colour supplement.

JEUX OLYMPIQUES DE BARCELONE 1992



RÉPUBLIQUE RWANDAISE

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6.6.96



12.9.95



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HISTOIRE DU TRANSPORT



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<p>Cruza sólo en las zonas demarcadas</p> <p>PREVENCIÓN DE RIESGOS \$50 EN EL TRANSITO CHILE</p> <p><small>CASA DE MONEDA DE CHILE 1998</small></p>	<p>Respeta las indicaciones del carabinero</p> <p>PREVENCIÓN DE RIESGOS \$50 EN EL TRANSITO CHILE</p> <p><small>CASA DE MONEDA DE CHILE 1998</small></p>	<p>En los semáforos cruza sólo con luz verde al frente</p> <p>PREVENCIÓN DE RIESGOS \$50 EN EL TRANSITO CHILE</p> <p><small>CASA DE MONEDA DE CHILE 1998</small></p>	<p>Espera locomoción en la vereda</p> <p>PREVENCIÓN DE RIESGOS \$50 EN EL TRANSITO CHILE</p> <p><small>CASA DE MONEDA DE CHILE 1998</small></p>	<p>No cruces entre dos vehículos</p> <p>PREVENCIÓN DE RIESGOS \$50 EN EL TRANSITO CHILE</p> <p><small>CASA DE MONEDA DE CHILE 1998</small></p>
<p>No viajes en la pisadera de las micros</p> <p>PREVENCIÓN DE RIESGOS \$50 EN EL TRANSITO CHILE</p> <p><small>CASA DE MONEDA DE CHILE 1998</small></p>	<p>Camina por la berma, enfrentando a los vehículos</p> <p>PREVENCIÓN DE RIESGOS \$50 EN EL TRANSITO CHILE</p> <p><small>CASA DE MONEDA DE CHILE 1998</small></p>	<p>Pon atención por donde caminas</p> <p>PREVENCIÓN DE RIESGOS \$50 EN EL TRANSITO CHILE</p> <p><small>CASA DE MONEDA DE CHILE 1998</small></p>	<p>No juegues a la pelota en la calle</p> <p>PREVENCIÓN DE RIESGOS \$50 EN EL TRANSITO CHILE</p> <p><small>CASA DE MONEDA DE CHILE 1998</small></p>	<p>Maneja la bicicleta respetando las leyes del tránsito</p> <p>PREVENCIÓN DE RIESGOS \$50 EN EL TRANSITO CHILE</p> <p><small>CASA DE MONEDA DE CHILE 1998</small></p>



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BERMUDA

OLYMPIC GAMES 1996



On November 26th, 1892, Pierre de Coubertin made the first attempt to restore the Olympic Games. His proposal was followed two years later by a Congress held at the Sorbonne in Paris when the first of the modern games were approved.

The International Olympic Committee was created, and in April 1896 in Athens the Games of the first modern Olympiad were held.

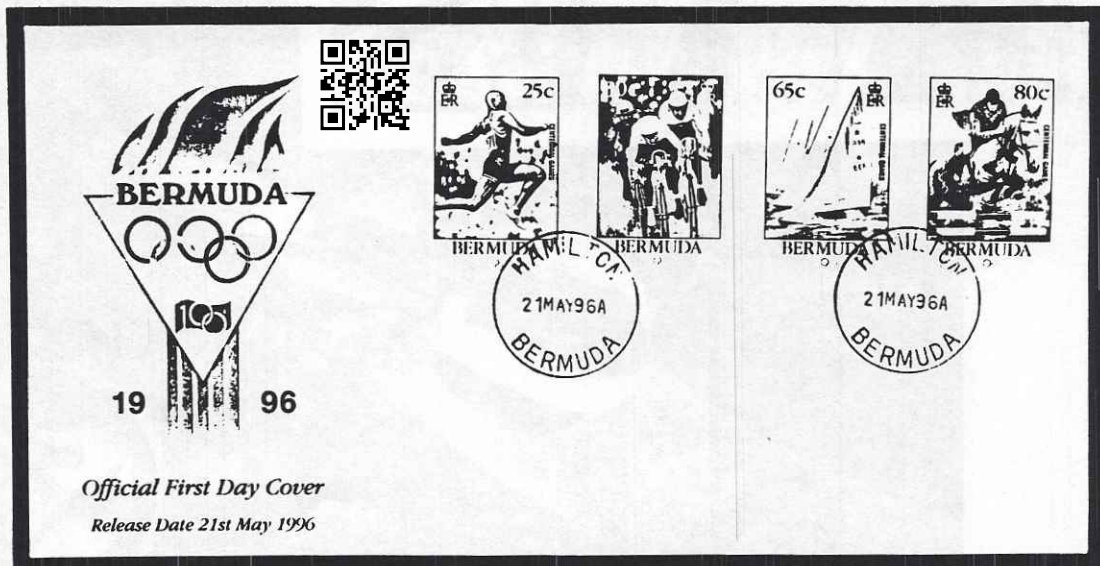
In 1896 the International Olympic Committee had sixteen members; there were only three International Federations and thirteen National Olympic Committees. In 1936, the year of the Games of the 11th Olympiad in Berlin, the International Olympic Committee had sixty-eight members, and the number of National Olympic Committees had risen to fifty-one, including Bermuda, and today there are 197 countries expected in Atlanta.

Bermuda's participation in 1936 with six swimmers has been followed by participation at all of the Summer Olympics except 1980 in Moscow, and also two Winter Olympics in 1992 and 1994.

Stamps and Philately have been a part of the Olympic movement since 1896, and in the first Olympics the stamp issue helped finance the construction of the Olympic venues. Bermuda Olympic stamp issues released in the past were 1964 - Tokyo, 1968 - Mexico and 1984 - Los Angeles. To commemorate the Centennial Games in Atlanta in 1996 four stamps are being issued covering the events in which Bermuda will be participating:- Equestrian, Cycling, Yachting and Track & Field. The five Olympic rings symbolizing the five continents of the world have been established as the most recognized symbol in the world, and will be displayed on stamps issued by approximately 150 countries.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Designer	Steve Noon
Printer	BDT International Security Printing Ltd
Process	Lithography
Stamp Size	28.45mm x 42.58mm
Pane	50 (2 x 25)
Perforation	14 per 2 cms
Paper	CA Spiral Watermarked
Values	25c, 30c, 65c, 80c
Release Date	21 May 1996



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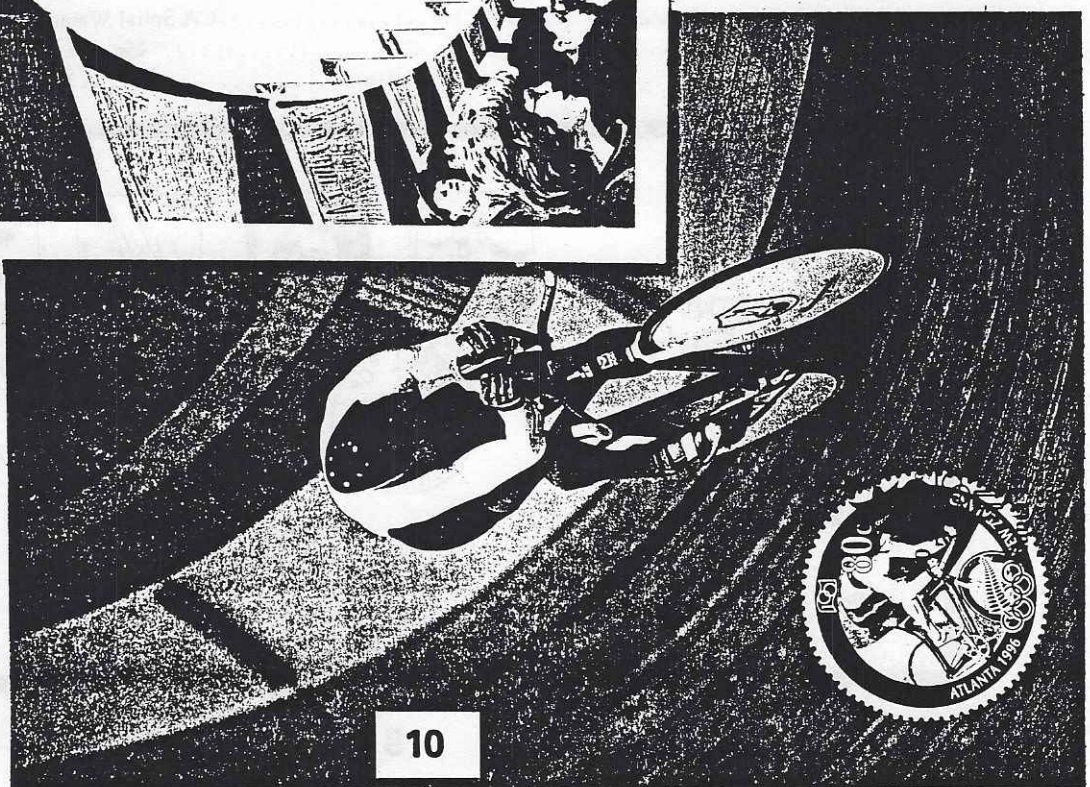
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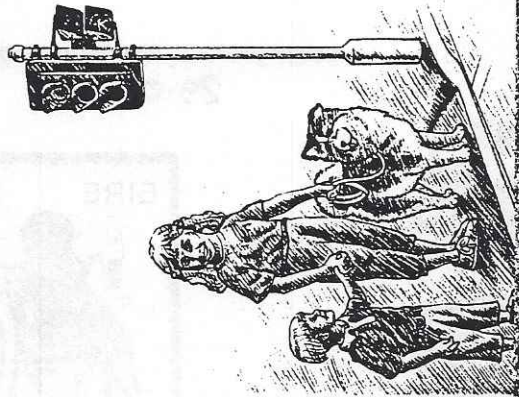


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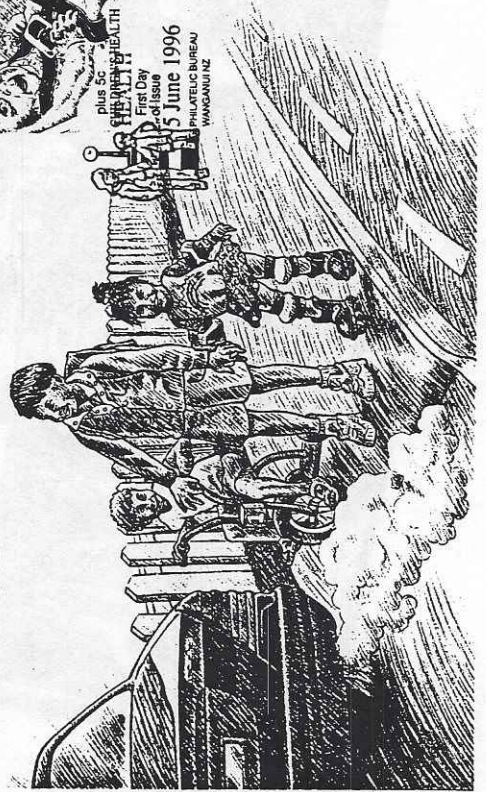
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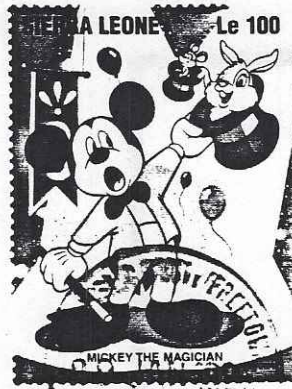
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The **Disney**
World of Postage Stamps



First Day of Issue



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Readers will have to make up their own minds on whether they include stamps like the above EIRE stamp. How do you define what you collect? Be careful; I expect you will have uni, bi, tri and quad cycles, human and animal powered. And be careful regarding "pedal driven", for then you exclude the early Velocipedes etc. I will be interested in your definitions



19.07.96

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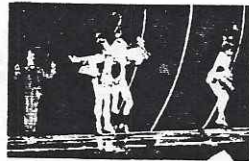


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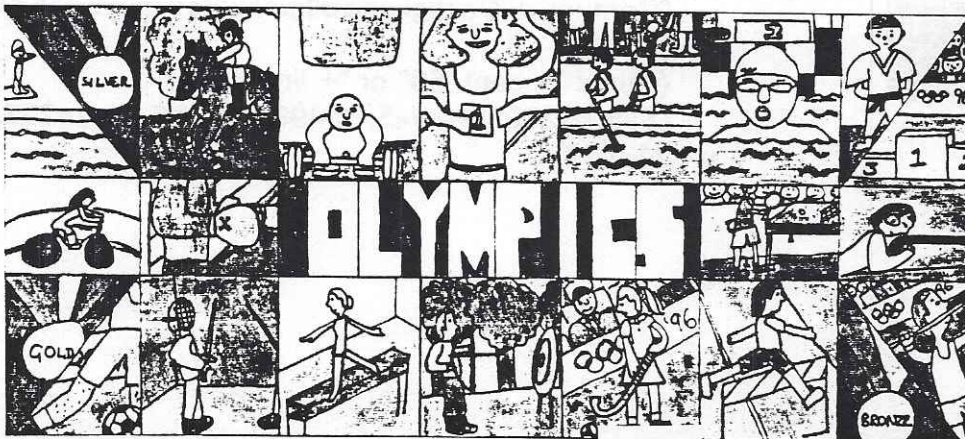
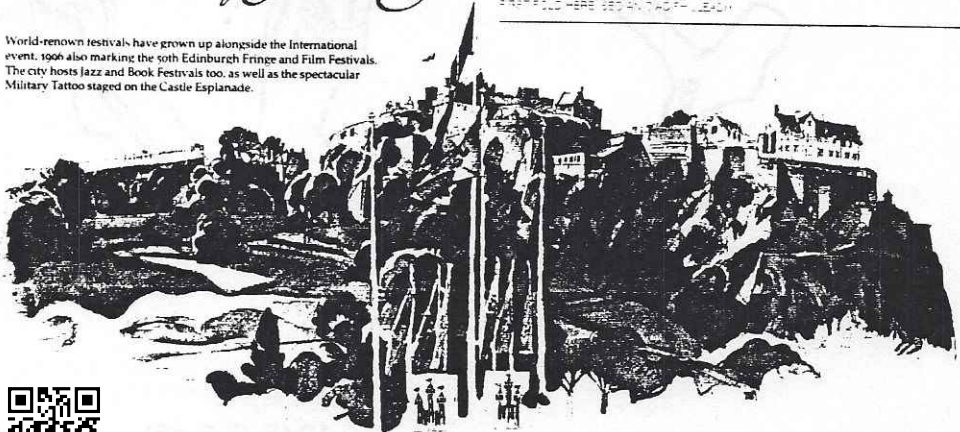
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World-renown festivals have grown up alongside the International event, 1996 also marking the 50th Edinburgh Fringe and Film Festivals. The city hosts Jazz and Book Festivals too, as well as the spectacular Military Tattoo staged on the Castle Esplanade.



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SECOND WORLD WAR ITALIAN LOCALS

by GJ Oettle

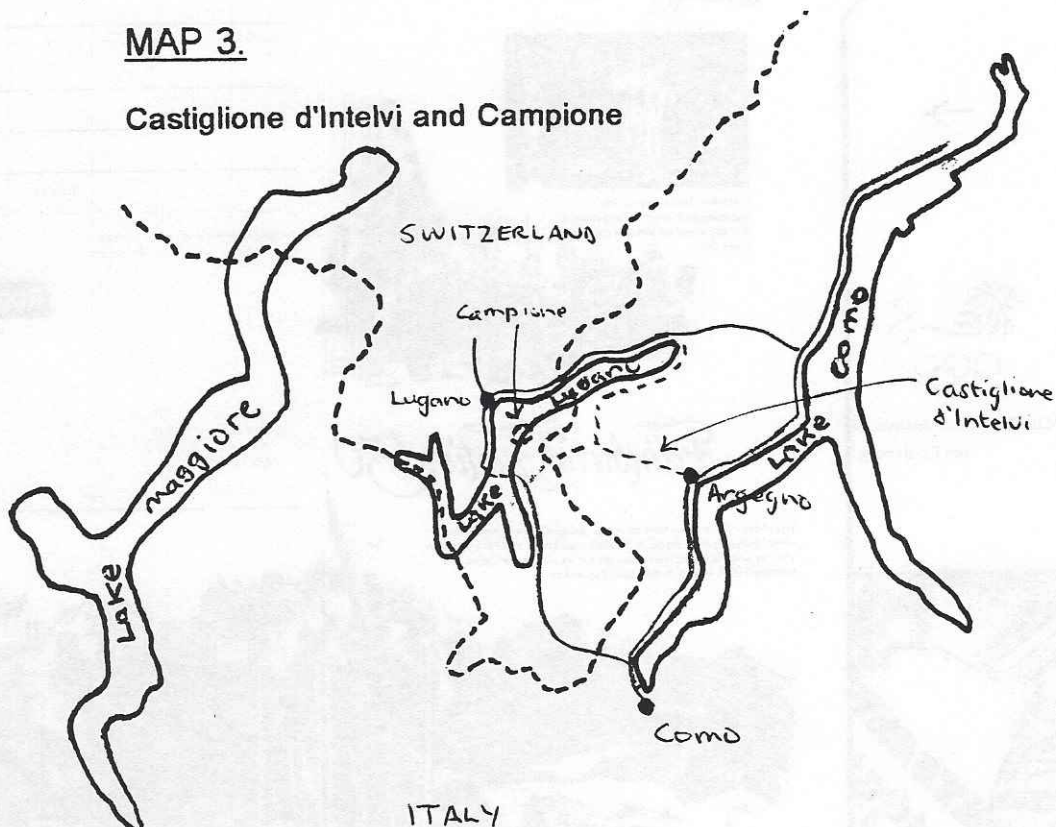
PART II

Castiglione d'Intelvi

From December 1944, the valley of Castiglione d'Intelvi (see Map 3) was blocked by the Fascists. The only link with the outside world was by mail carried on foot or by bicycles. The service, overprinting and issue of stamps were authorised by the Commissioner of the Prefecture (Commissario Prefettizio) of the Comune in Como in stages: No. 358 (7.2.45) (stamps 1-13); No.359 (9.2.45) (stamps 14-17); No.903 (10.4.45) (stamps 18-19).

MAP 3.

Castiglione d'Intelvi and Campione



1945 (7.2.45)



Overprints on earlier stamps

"Comune di/Castiglione d'Intelvi/Servizio Speciale/
[value]"

(value: "+ cent. 50" or "+ lire UNA).

(Sa502-509: 1944/45; Sa496-499: 5.6.44; Sa252A:
21.4.29)

			Mint	Used	No. Issued
1.	50c on 5c	light brown (Sa502)	10,000	10,000	4,700
2.	50c on 10c	brown (Sa503)	200,000	200,000	200
3.	50c on 20c	carmine pink (Sa504)	10,000	10,000	4,900
4.	1lire on 20c	pink (Sa496)	2,000,000	1,500,000	100
		unmounted mint	3,000,000		
5.	1 lire on 20c	carmine pink (Sa504)	12,000	12,000	3,100
6.	1 lire on 25c	green (Sa497)	12,000	12,000	2,300
7.	1 lire on 25c	emerald green (Sa505)	12,000	12,000	2,300
8.	1 lire on 30c	brown (Sa498)	40,000	40,000	800
9.	1 lire on 30c	brown (Sa506)	15,000	15,000	2,300
10.	1 lire on 50c	violet (Sa507)	15,000	15,000	2,500
11.	1 lire on 75c	carmine pink (Sa499)	200,000	200,000	200
12.	1 lire on 1 lire	violet (Sa252A)	2,000,000	1,500,000	100
		unmounted mint	3,000,000		
13.	1 lire on 1 lire	violet (Sa509)	25,000	25,000	1,500

"SOCIAIE" instead of "SOCIALE"

			Mint	Used	No. Issued
3a.	50c on 20c	carmine pink (Sa504)	450,000		
5a.	1 lire on 20c	carmine pink (Sa504)	800,000		

Vertical pair, of which one lacks the overprint.

			MINT	Used	NO. ISSUED
7b	1 lire on 25c + 25c	emerald green (Sa505)	1,350,000		

Shift (decalco) of the overprint.

			MINT	Used	NO. ISSUED
6c	1 lire on 25c	green (Sa497)	40,000		

Designs:

- Sa252A: Head of Caesar.
- Sa496 : Loggia dei Mercanti (from a different angle; cf.Sa504).
- Sa497 : Basilica of St. Lorenzo.
- Sa498 : Drummer.
- Sa499 : Drummer (as Sa498).
- Sa502 : Church of St. Ciriaco (Ancona).
- Sa503 : Abbey of Montecassino.
- Sa504 : Loggia dei Mercanti (Bologna).
- Sa505 : Basilica of St. Lorenzo (Rome) (different design from 497).
- Sa506 : Drummer (as Sa498).
- Sa507 : Allegorical figure of Italia holding fasces.
- Sa509 : Abbey of Montecassino (as Sa503).

Both Mangin's article ("Bicycle Stamps" BS8B/p20 [Summer 1990]) and Batho's listing are misleading; the "first issue" and "second issue" refer to the original printing of the overprinted stamps. They were known as the ruined monument set (monumenti distrutti), and were issued on 5.6.44 (Sa496-9; watermark; Crown) and 1944-45 (Sa502-511, unwatermarked; Sa508, 510 and 511 were not used). It should also be quite clear that a great number more than "100 of the 1st series and 200 of the 2nd series" were issued.



1945 (9.2.45: 14-17)

Coat of arms. Perf 10½

			Mint	Used	No.Issued
14.	50c	grey green	900	2,000	
15.	1 lire	bright pink	1,100	2,000	
		unmounted mint	double		

Imperf.

14a	50c	grey green	50,000	50,000	
15a	1 lire	bright pink	100,000	100,000	

Double vertical perfs.

			Mint	Used	No.Issued
14b	50c	grey green	120,000		

Same design; colours reversed

			Mint	Used	No.Issued
16.	50c	bright pink	20,000	20,000	
17.	1 lire	grey green	20,000	20,000	
		unmounted mint	double		

Imperf.

16a	50c	bright pink	200,000	200,000	
17a	1 lire	grey green	60,000	60,000	

Horizontal pair; imperf between them.

			Mint	Used	No.Issued
17b	1 lire	grey green	500,000		
		+1lire			

Issue: 50,000 sets, of which 45,000 were subsequently overprinted (see No. 18-19); in effect, 5,000 sets were sold.



1945 (10.4.45)

Stamps 16 & 17 overprinted with the original values.

			Mint	Used	No. Issued
18.	50c on 1 lire	grey green	900	2,000	
19.	1 lire (black) on 50c	bright pink	1,100	2,000	
		unmounted mint	double		

Issue: 45,000

According to Batho, the 50c Opt (No.18) was red.

Printing errors.

			Mint
18a	50c	(without "c")	200,000
18b	50c	(without "5")	350,000
18c	50c	(without "50")	350,000

Horizontal or vertical pairs, imperf between.

			Mint
18d	50c on 1 lire +50c on 1 lire	grey green	500,000

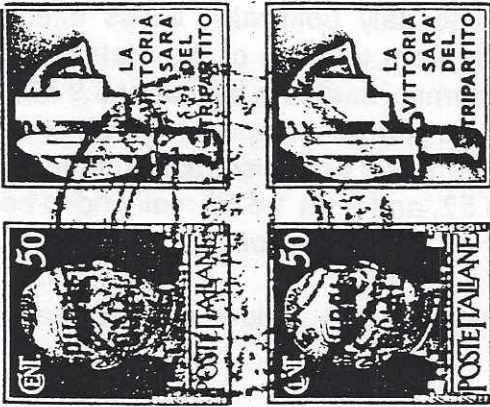
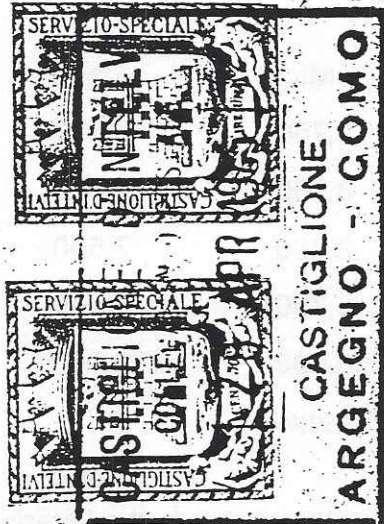
The designs of the special issue (14-19) are identical, differing only in colour and value. The large central shield shows a castle tower, from whose ramparts rises the head of a hound breathing flame. This shield is surmounted by a brick crown and supported by two reclining female figures. The inscription reads "Castiglione d'Intelvi" (left) and "Servicio-Speciale" (right), with the value in a scroll beneath.



The cancellation on the cover, as shown on the next page, is not clear, but is in a rectangular frame (blue-black) and reads: Castiglione d'Intelvi/Collega....syale/(date) within a smaller frame/Castiglione/Argegno - Como. Letters had to be franked with normal Italian stamps for carriage beyond Como.

Sassone lists Guidozzolo and Teramo as further local issues; but there is no evidence whether they were carried by bicycle or not.

Enlargement of cover showing "Castiglione d'Intelvi" cancellation.



"Campione" set enlarged.

CAMPIONE

Although the commune of Campione belongs to Italy politically, it lies entirely within Switzerland, completely separate geographically from the rest of the state (see Map 3). Those citizens who remained loyal to the government of southern Italy after 8.9.43, obtained permission from the Italian Legation in Bern to issue special stamps for franking mail directly to Switzerland, in terms of a prior accord with the postal administration of that country. All the stamps (1a to 12) ceased to be valid on 30.5.52, and from 1.6.52 mail had to be franked with official Italian or Swiss stamps, depending on its destination.

20.5.44 Coat of arms of the commune (see previous page). Values in Swiss francs. Shiny paper. Perf 11¹/₂

			Mint	Used	No. Issued
1a	5c	green	40,000	55,000	10,000
2a	10c	pinky brown	5,000	30,000	40,000
3a	20c	vermilion	5,000	30,000	40,000
4a	30c	ultramarine	300,000	600,000	5,000
5a	1f	violet	300,000	600,000	5,000
		unmounted mint	double		
		on cover		add 10%	
		on cover FDC		add 20%	

28.6.44 Perf 11

			Mint	Used	No. Issued
1.	5c	green	3,750	7,500	75,000
2.	10c	pinky brown	3,750	7,500	75,000
3.	20c	vermilion	3,750	7,500	75,000
4.	30c	ultramarine	3,750	7,500	75,000
5.	1f	violet	50,000	100,000	40,000
		unmounted mint	double		
		set on cover		150,000	

Two issues exist of this set, recognizable by minimal differences in the lettering, the colours and the general appearance (less careful [curato] in the second issue). The perforation is only slightly different: 11¹/₂ with large holes in the first, and 11 with small holes in the second. The teeth of the first issue are much more pointed.

The designs are identical: "R.R. Poste Italiane" above; "Commune di Campione" below. The large central shield shows a snail above, a crozier below left, and a hand holding a three-thonged whip below right.

I have not been able to find any details of the service, but assume that it operated for similar reasons to Coralit; in May 1944 the Allies were still a long way away. It is also not certain how long the mails were carried by bicycle. Presumably after the cessation of hostilities things returned to normal; note that all these stamps (1a-5a, 1-5 and 6-12) were valid for postal use until 1952.

7.9.44 Landscapes and views. Paper with threads of silk.

			Mint	Used
6.	5c	green	3,250	6,500
7.	10c	brown	3,250	6,500
8.	20c	pinky brown	3,250	6,500
9.	30c	light blue	3,250	6,500
10.	40c	violet grey	4,000	8,000
11.	60c	mallow	5,000	10,000
12.	1f	slate blue	8,000	16,000
		unmounted mint	double	

Designs:



- 5c View of the Lake
- 10c Church of the Madonna of Ghirli
- 20c Church of St. Zenone
- 30c View of Campione
- 40c Cathedral of Modena
- 60c Adoration of the Magi
- 1f Basilica of St. Maria Maggiore at Bergamo

The 10c and 30c have the same format as the 5c; the 60c same as 20c.

S.E.I.S. PADUA

1945 Design on all: Postman on a background of mountainous country.

10 lire blue, 15 lire green, 20 lire orange, 25 lire red, 30 lire yellow.

Filanci (see "Coralit" above) says that nothing is known of this service beyond the stamps, and that no used covers are known, suggesting that a competitor obtained them and closed their doors even before they started. It is not listed in Sassone.

The USA 1902-1917 special delivery issues.
The Special Delivery Bicycle Messenger comes into being.

By Robert L. Markovits (C1996)

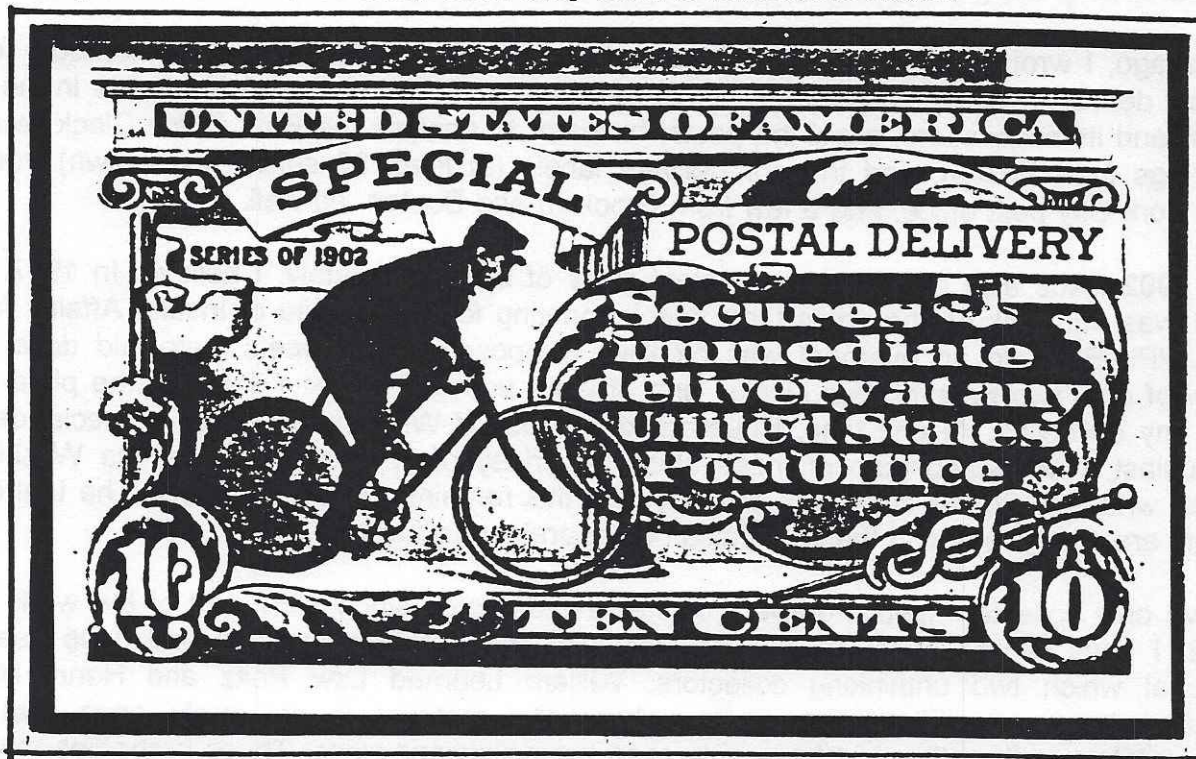
For seventeen years, the portrait of young Edward Pawling graced the design of the first United States special delivery stamp and the next four issues. In 1902, R. Ostrander Smith, a noted Bureau of Engraving and Printing designer, mounted a contemporary bicycle as was then employed by the Special Delivery Section of the Post Office and rode into philatelic history, appearing on five Scott denominated special delivery stamps of the United States. The original photograph is illustrated from my collection.



Ostrander Smith designed the stamp from the photograph and did at least two pen and ink sketches, one of which, without distinct background, is illustrated on the next page; both are in my collection.

The bicycle stamp had a most intriguing history. Initially, four plates were made from the Bureau Die, 1481-2-3-4. After much use, plates 1773-4-5-6 were laid down. The earlier plates began to disintegrate, creating some worn plate printings, as well as some double transfers and missing entries in plates 1483 and 1484, in the bottom row. Those varieties are well illustrated and described in the Cloudy French book published by the Bureau Issues Association and just seen by me through the courtesy of Bert Schapelhouman. The worn plate does not illustrate well but it is a very pale milky blue, almost fuzzy. It is reported that two sheets were found in the Boston, Massachusetts, post office.

The design continued in use from 1902 to 1908, when the famous "Merry Widow" or Helmet of Mercury special delivery stamp came out. While a lovely green colour was chosen for this neat stamp (my personal favourite), the powers that be hated it, claiming that it was constantly mistaken for a one cent stamp and did not get the appropriate service. In 47 years of collecting this particular stamp, I never saw such a use, but what do I know? Politicians even to this day do not tell the full story when they want to take some action.



When this stamp was withdrawn, officially on June 9, 1909, by Postmaster order, it was not demonetised, but the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was directed to re-issue the 1902 bicycle messenger stamp. The Bureau laid down plates 5240-43-44 and -45. These plates were not to press. My records have the dates to press of all of these plates which, if the information would be useful, will gladly be supplied. A major philatelic expert, writer and lecturer, became alarmed that the philatelic public would not be able to distinguish the re-issue from the initial issue and, in an article in the philatelic press, implored the Postmaster to correct the sin. The Postmaster and the Bureau accommodated the public by adding the suffix -09 to each of these 5200 series plates. Merely by looking at the plate number on the re-issue sheets could one know that the stamps were the re-issue. There appears to be no difference between the earlier stamps and the later issue. Morris finally realised this and published his apology and announced his mistake in print, of course in a British journal with nominal United States circulation, but the deed had been accomplished.

What about the re-issue plates? The ones without the -09 are ten times rarer than the ones with the -09. One is talking about a \$2500 plate block of six for the -09 plate of this number, so rarity is a question of one's own judgement. All four numbers have the -09, in top and bottom positions. The only other time I recall such an instance was on the one cent Official Executive plate for the specimens, where plate 81 was engraved on the margin. When it was realised by the American Bank Note Company that the plate had already been issued to the 30c denomination of the War Department, the engraver merely crossed it out, and next to it added the new number 82. (Who cared, these stamps are only for official use, and would not even be used at that because they were distributed by Congressmen to their constituents, in the main, but that is another story. See my Capex Gold Medal exhibit if you care to learn more or see more.)

The same design also is known in the 1911, 1914, 1916 and 1917 issues of the United States, Scott E8,9,10 & 11. The only differences were in the papers, with and without watermarks, and the perforation sizes. Plate 5520 was laid down and saw service printing all of these stamps, one of the most lengthy uses of a plate in American philatelic history (it is very difficult to obtain in all four issues but I have done it). The plate bears an imprint of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and is neat in that respect.

Years ago, I wrote an article for the Bureau Specialist, listing all of the plate numbers for the special delivery stamps, winning their coveted Hopkinson Award. Separate studies in the 1902 issue, and its successors, allow the postal historian to analyse the Post Office Clock receiving markings from Boston, and the non-delivery labels (at least 30 series are known) from the New York City post office, and a few from Brooklyn and Boston, as well.

The 1902 issue also contains the greatest rarity of Bicycle philately, I believe. In 1907, plate 1774 was put back on the press for a special printing for the Bureau of Insular Affairs, for the PHILIPPINES, and an overprint was created. Supposedly two sheets were laid down but I know of only two bottom plate blocks, one of eight and one of six. I illustrate the plate of six from my collection. At one time, I duplicated the feat of W. Parsons Todd, a special delivery enthusiast, who owned both of these plates, courtesy of J. Murray Bartels, the Washington dealer who was Fodd's curator of philately. But this remains for another story. The trial colour proofs are marvellous and these will also be separately discussed.

I have only collected special delivery of the United States since 1957 and of the world since 1962. I have helped build the four greatest collections of this material and have seen the material which two unthinking collectors, William Learned Law Peltz and Henry Morriss donated to a non-philatelic museum, where the material is so rarely seen that dust accumulates on the albums. I have only seen the collections twice. These properties make for an interesting future story.

The collecting of worldwide special delivery stamps and covers also offers a lot of overlap in your field, and correspondence is not only welcome but happily answered; photocopies of covers and unusual (not mint or used singles) proofs, essays, of the like are really appreciated for my research. Maybe, just maybe, something would be offered in return.

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Those members who found this article interesting, may like to refer to the article by R.V. See in BS8B page 14, titled "Philippine Special Delivery, USA Overprint".

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INDEXES, LISTS, ETC

After reading the article in BS20A, Jacques Matthys sent these two lists on how to collect a cycling and bicycle theme. So, how about you? How did you decide the order in which you keep your collection? Jacques also sent an article on collecting stamps, covers, etc. with the 'Ghent-Wevelgem as the theme; this, due to space restraints, will have to wait until BS21A. Now, some of you may be saying: What's the Ghent-Wevelgem"? On page 28 I have printed an extraction about this classic from Noel Henderson's book "EUROPEAN CYCLING".

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BRITISH POST OFFICE STRIKES

By A.E. TEIDEMAN from information supplied by Ivan Trinder and extract from LINN'S

Over a period of 8 years since the 1988 strike, the threat of privatisation of the British P.O. has been forever present. This threat was first suggested by Sir Keith Joseph in the early 1980's, but was not proceeded with. The P.O. settled for allowing carriers to deliver mail but the minimum charge had to be one Pound per item. This ruled out ordinary letter delivery, on cost alone, but as inflation ate into the value of the Pound, this charge by 1996 seemed not to be out of the question.

THE COLCHESTER & DISTRICT MESSENGER SERVICE

In order to be prepared for action should the occasion arise, the C & DMS envisaged that deliveries could be operated as in the 1971 strike. The Stamps printed were in the 'No Value Indicated' category, as charges could not be decided until the stamps were needed.

THE 1996 SERIES OF P.O. STRIKES

In 'The Times' of Friday June 14th, Phillip Bassett reported that a one-day strike would be called for Friday June 21st. This was duly called and mail boxes were sealed for that day. This was followed by another strike when work ceased on Thursday June 27th at 12 noon, the boxes were reopened at 1 noon on Friday June 28th.

'The Times' on Saturday July 18th reported that Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade had given notice that he would suspend the P.O.'s. monopoly and allow carriers to carry and deliver letters for less than the one Pound previously stipulated. The next strike took place on July 18th and 19th. On the 19th the Prime Minister Issued an ultimatum to the P.O. workers, that if another 36hr strike took place as was planned, he would waive the P.O.'s. monopoly for an experimental period of one month. This at first did not seem necessary as a settlement was agreed on, but it did not last long!!

Linn's August 10th issue stated:

British monopoly ends

Royal Mail (the British Post Office) will suspend its monopoly on delivering letters for one month in response to four recent postal workers' strikes, according to a report from Reuters, a British news agency.

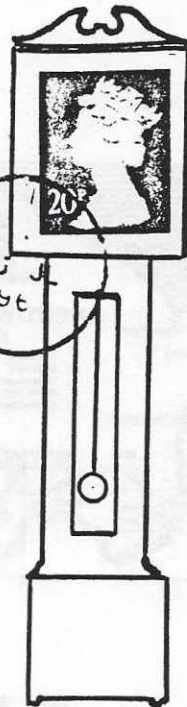
One report began: "The government said on Monday (Aug. 5), it would suspend at midnight the letter monopoly enjoyed by Britain's Royal Mail since it issued the world's first postage stamp in 1840, after a postal union called five new strikes."

Ian Lang, Great Britain's Trade and Industry secretary, reported that private companies will be able to compete with Royal Mail for mail deliveries costing less than 1 pound (US\$1.54).

If the strikes by the Communication Workers Union continue, the suspension may be extended for an additional three months.

According to Reuters, Royal Mail previously suspended its postal monopoly in 1971, also because of strikes.

Colchester, Britain's
 Oldest Recorded Town
 COLCHESTER FOR CULTURE



ROYAL MAIL

24 HOURS

36 HOURS

48 HOURS

1 MONTH

STRIKES

WE MUST HAVE JAW JAW
 AND NOT WAR WAR

ENOUGH TO MAKE SIR ROWLAND WEEP



THE CLOCK HAS STOPPED
 & SO HAS ROYAL MAIL

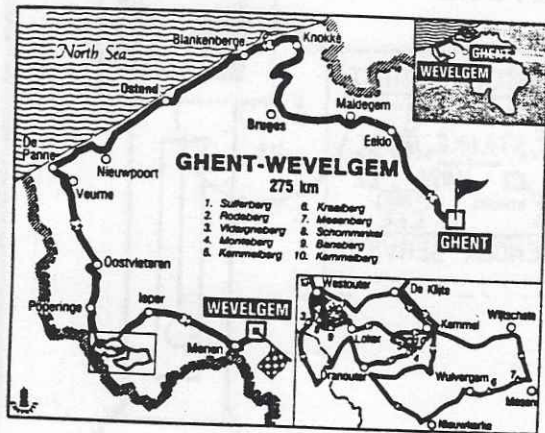


The C & DMS stamps and envelopes were surcharged as follows:

1. (50p) - Gold, overprinted STRIKE POST 50p in violet. (320)
2. (PS1) - Red on yellow paper, overprinted STRIKE POST PS1 in dark blue. (280)
3. (PS2) - Black on green paper, overprinted STRIKE POST PS2 in orange. (360)
4. (PS1) - Postal stationery envelope, Red, overprinted STRIKE POST PS1 in dark blue. (50)

Illustrated envelopes (example above, postmarked 19 Jul 1996) were produced on a strike theme (50), bearing a PS2 strike stamp and the new 20p second class stamp in addition. These covers were posted at various MLO's. In addition, 150 were stamped with strike stamps only.

Ghent-Wevelgem



1945	van Eename (B)
1946	Sterckx (B)
1947	de Simpeleere (B)
1948	Ollivier (B)
1949	Kint (B)
1950	Schotte (B)
1951	Rosseeel (B)
1952	Impanis (B)
1953	Impanis (B)
1954	Graf (Sw)
1955	Schotte (B)
1956	van Looy (B)
1957	van Looy (B)
1958	Foré (B)
1959	van Daele (B)
1960	Aerenhouts (B)
1961	Aerenhouts (B)
1962	van Looy (B)
1963	Behydt (B)
1964	Anquetil (F)
1965	de Pauw (B)
1966	van Springel (B)
1967	Merckx (B)
1968	Godefroot (B)
1969	Vekemans (B)
1970	Merckx (B)
1971	Pintens (B)
1972	Swerts (B)
1973	Merckx (B)
1974	Hoban (GB)
1975	Maertens (B)
1976	Maertens (B)
1977	Hinault (B)
1978	van den Haute (B)
1979	Moser (I)
1980	Lubberding (NI)
1981	Raas (NI)
1982	Hoste (B)
1983	van Vliet, L. (NI)
1984	Bontempi (I)
1985	Vanderaerden (B)
1986	Bontempi (I)
1987	van Vliet, I. (NI)
1988	Kelly (Ir)

SPEED RECORD: Guido Bontempi, 44.776 kph in 1986
MOST VICTORIES: Eddy Merckx, Rik van Looy, 3 each

In 1934 Georges Mathys organized the first Ghent-Wevelgem for juniors. Starting in 1936 the race was for semi-professionals. In 1945 it was opened to professionals and the winner was Robert van Eename, which seems appropriate since he had won twice as an independent. Mathys' claimed intention was to attract the highest quality field possible. He has succeeded outstandingly, with a record of 258 starters in 1985, beaten only by the all-time record of 260 in Milan-San Remo.

Ghent-Wevelgem, sponsored now by *Het Laatste Nieuws*, another Belgian newspaper, is similar in profile to *Het Volk* and the Tour of Flanders, though less severe. It starts into the prevailing wind, traveling west from Ghent to the coast, which it follows almost to the French border. It then follows the border south to Poperinge, where the hilly section starts. There are usually five or six classified climbs, some of them ridden two or three times, then a flat run of some 30 miles to the finish. Mathys points out that while the race is often criticized as being designed for sprinters, there have been only three mass sprint wins in its history.

Despite its popularity with foreign riders, Ghent-Wevelgem was dominated for a long time by Belgians, whose victories were punctuated only by the surprising success of Swiss Rolf Graf in 1954. It was another 10 years to the next foreign victory, and an amazing one it was. The story is told in *Anquetil* written by Jacques Anquetil's wife and Pierre Chany (Hatier, 1971). Anquetil was near the back of the bunch, alongside a Belgian. Anquetil asked how far it was to the finish and was told just over two miles. "This was the signal. He jumped from the back and surprised all the Belgian roadmen-sprinters, including (Rik) van Looy and his red guards." In fact, Anquetil won by one second and, had the line been 100 yards further, he would have been closer to 50th than first.

Ten more years passed and, again, victory could hardly have been more surprising. The GAN-Mercier team was in fine form, with Joop Zoetemelk winning Paris-Nice and Cees Bal taking the Tour of Flanders, and with Raymond Poulidor on board. Then there was their rival, Eddy Merckx, a three-time winner like van Looy. Merckx needed only one more victory to be the record-holder, and the Flemish riders were out to stop him.

Nothing significant happened by the Kemmelberg, climbed twice, once in each direction. Roger de Vlaeminck led over the top the first time, ahead of Merckx and Frans Verbeeck, with Verbeeck taking the honors the second time. The bunch had split, but the gaps were not large and Barry Hoban, about 200 yards down at the summit, was paced back by teammate Poulidor, who was returning the help often given him in the Tour de France. Then Herman van Springel jumped and Poulidor fetched him back. The top Belgian sprinters were all at the front waiting for the finish, but Poulidor sat on every attempt to break away.

The lead bunch approached the line intact. Merckx was there with Roger Swerts to lead him out. De Vlaeminck and others were there, too. Eric Leman jumped too early. Walter Godefroot took the wrong wheel and found himself balked. As they neared the finish it seemed that Merckx and de Vlaeminck would fight it out, but suddenly a GAN-Mercier jersey appeared between the two leaders and, with an elbow-stretching lunge, Hoban took the win.

The most significant foreign victory took place in 1977, over a different course than usual. The field was smashed on the dreaded Koppenberg, followed by the Kwattemont and the Kruisberg. Seven men broke away and built up a four-minute lead, but it was wiped out on the Kemmelberg, climbed twice as usual. With 20 miles to go, another seven emerged from the new lead group to contest the Mont Rouge. They, too, were caught, but not before Bernard Hinault jumped away alone. After surviving the hilliest Ghent-Wevelgem ever he time trialed his way to a 1:24 victory. Daniel Schamps, reporting the race for *International Cycle Sport*, asked "could France have a new Anquetil?" Yes indeed—and a lot more.

Extracted from Noel Henderson's book EUROPEAN CYCLING.

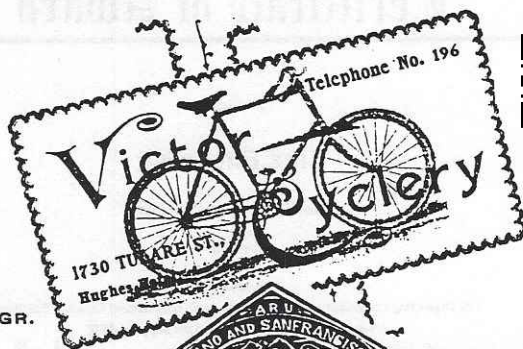
THE FRESNO & SAN FRANCISCO BICYCLE MAIL OF 1894

Brian Sole has found differences between an advertising letter sent out by Arthur C. Banta, illustrated in Lowell B. Cooper's book, and the copy in his collection. Part of his letter is printed below, together with a portion of page 37 of Cooper's book.

In Lowell B Cooper's Book "The Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail of 1894" there is an illustration on page 37 of an Advertising Letter sent out by Banta. Only recently did I mount a similar item into my collection. It had come from a Cinderella collector about 3 years ago. The letter in the book is almost identical to my copy except that mine is dated by rubber stamp Aug 6 1894 whereas the item in the book is dated Jul 28 1894. However my letter bears a copy of the amended stamp (with large C amended from an S in the word Francisco). The illustration in the book shows the diamond stamp with the incorrect spelling of Fransisco. This raises the question Was the stamp on my letter substituted at some time or did Banta send out a second letter dated Aug 6 1894 to various dealers etc with the amended / corrected wording?

I would be grateful if you could enquire through Bicycle Stamps if other collectors have copies of either letter or even with letters similar in content but with different dates. A colour photocopy of my letter is enclosed.

VICTOR PNEUMATIC _____
 WHEELS TO RENT. _____
 NEW AND SECOND- _____
 HAND WHEELS SOLD _____
 ON INSTALLMENT PLAN. _____
 RIDING TAUGHT. _____
 DIFFICULT REPAIRING _____
 SOLICITED _____



SPORTING GOOD _____
 BICYCLE SUITS AN _____
 CYCLING SUNDRIE _____
 ALWAYS IN STOC _____
 HEADQUARTERS FC _____
 ALL THE LATEE _____
 CYCLING NOVELTIE _____
 ETC., ETC., ET _____

ARTHUR C. BANTA, MANGR.



FRESNO, CAL.,

DEAR SIR:

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Very respectfully yours,

Arthur C. Banta

A Unique Stamp.

Collectors of stamps have now an opportunity to add a valuable specimen to their collection. The stamp, which will be a memento of the present railroad difficulties, is one issued by Arthur Banta, and used for mail route to San Francisco. The stamps are green and diamond-shaped. Above the words

and every letter going over the route bears one of them. Two styles of stamps were issued. The adhesive is green in color, while the envelope stamp is a red brown. In an inner oval are the words "Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail Route, 1894" and "25 cts." The words "U. S. STRIKE" are in the center

Francisco. The service was daily for mail matter, and the intermediate points covered were White's Bridge, Pacheco Pass, Gilroy and San Jose. Envelopes were sold for 25 cents, reading: "Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail Route." Above the legend were the letters "R. U.," and below the word "Strike" while in the center of a specimen

