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Australia: Commemorative Registration Labels

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Australian National Philatelic Exhibitions

Special Post Offices were opened for the Australian National Philatelic Exhibitions and presumably, because of the anticipated increased use of Registered Mail, Special Registered Labels were printed for use at the exhibition Post Office. These labels could be classified as Commemorative Labels. Examples shown below are in the author's possession and no doubt others were used in the interim years. If you have any others, it would be interesting to see what they look like.

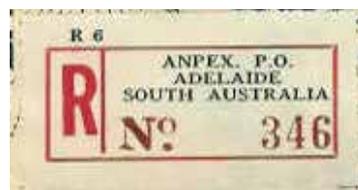
Adelaide 1936

South Australian National Philatelic Exhibition



Adelaide

ANPEX 1955

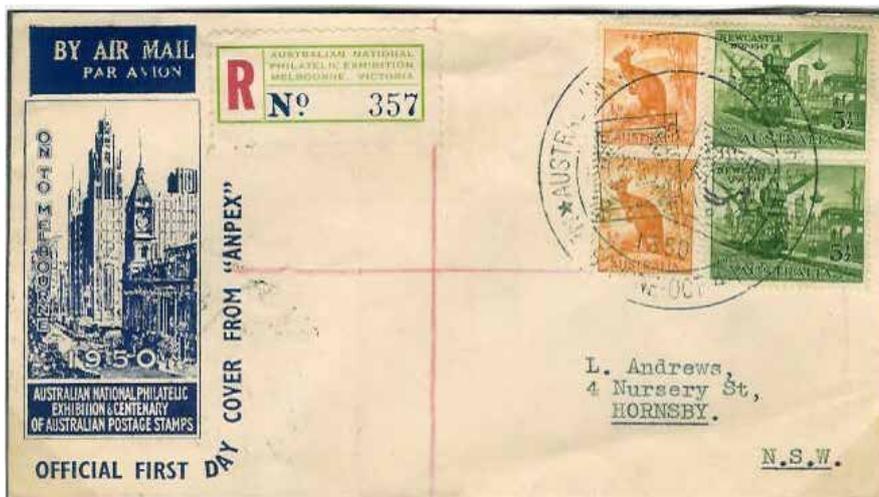


Sydney ANPEX 1959



Melbourne

ANPEX 1950



to look forward to

Günter Mair, the editor of the Air Mail Label catalogue, is currently hard at work on the revision of this catalogue. He welcomes correspondence from members who have unlisted items. His info is in the office's masthead.

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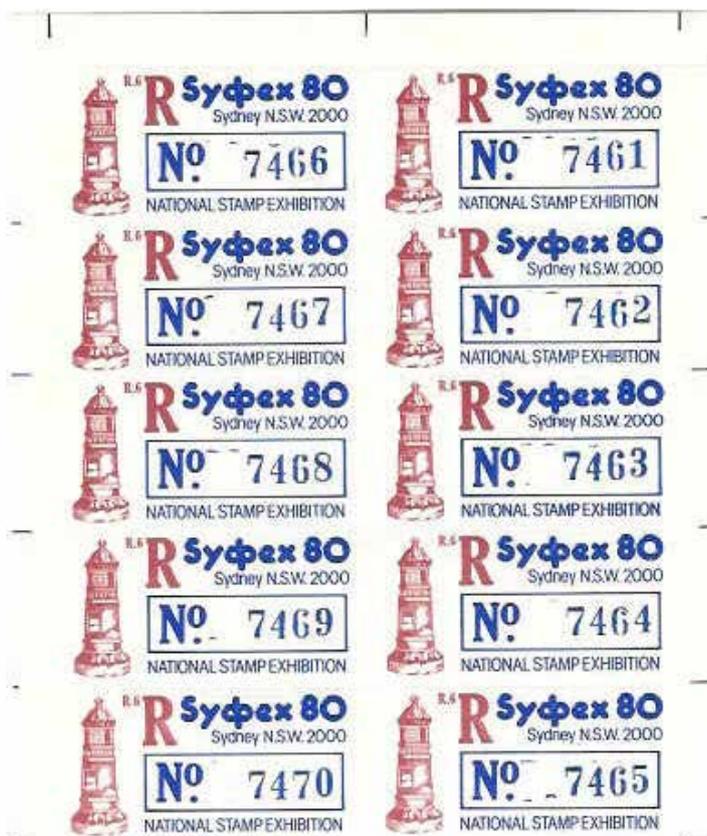
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Newcastle 1947

Newcastle N.S.W. 150th. Anniversary Philatelic Exhibition

The regular Newcastle Registration Label was over stamped "NEWCASTLE'S 150TH ANINERSARY PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, N.S.W." and a special Cancellation was used for this event.



Sydney Harbour Bridge 1932

For the inauguration of the Sydney Harbour Bridge on 19th.March 1932 a special post office was installed in the bridge pylon at the SE corner. Pedestrian traffic crossing the bridge was expected to use the pylon stairway to get to the city commercial district and a post office in this spot would no doubt promote the sale of stamps commemorating the bridge opening. The post office remained open for several weeks after the opening of the bridge.



Opening Day cover to Montreal, Canada (Appears to have been cancelled in a hurry but the backstamp is clear)

None of the Commemorative Registration Labels appear to be listed in the reference books

Auction #111 Realizations													
Note: Lot 204 pulled, was not B-22 (6*) but B-32 (2*); bidding was based on B-22													
14	4.25	65	3.00	126	3.00	166	3.00	187	2.00	207	1.00	237	3.00
15	2.00	66	3.00	127	3.00	167	2.00	188	2.00	208	1.00	238	6.00
21	3.00	77	50.00	131	1.00	173	2.00	189	1.00	210	0.50	239	5.25
26	20.00	90	2.50	137	3.00	176	4.00	190	1.25	212	1.50	240	3.75
33	5.00	93	7.00	140	1.00	177	2.00	191	2.25	213	1.50	248	1.00
37	6.00	96	5.00	144	8.00	180	5.00	192	1.00	214	2.00	249	5.00
42	4.00	100	3.00	145	5.00	181	3.25	195	2.50	222	0.50		
43	9.00	101	3.00	146	1.00	182	0.50	196	2.50	226	2.75		
48	12.00	104	4.00	148	1.00	183	20.00	197	1.50	228	2.00		
49	2.00	105	4.00	151	15.00	184	4.00	198	1.50	229	4.00		
62	2.00	111	2.00	159	20.00	185	5.00	199	1.75	233	2.00		
63	1.00	118	3.00	164	4.00	186	1.00	203	2.75	235	3.00		

Membership News

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interest: all from China; would like to correspond and exchange

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interest: AMLs; would like to correspond and exchange

Leigh Jago (0305), PO Box 549, Lismore N.S.W. 2480, Australia; lefjago@gmail.com

interest: AML 100%; would like to correspond and exchange

Coming up



World Stamp Show-NY 2016

May 28-June 4, Jacob Javits Convention Center, New York City

It's **still** several years away, but hang on to your hats as **World Stamp Show-NY 2016** will be here before you know it! The exhibition takes place at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City from Saturday, May 28 to Saturday, June 4, 2016. Dealers, exhibits, seminars, first day ceremonies, world-class auctions and much more await you!

www.ny2016.org

..and shall we meet?

Announcement by Peter Morgen, our web master (already received in november 2013)
 Because of hacker attacks on the server I have upgraded the server and it is properly functioning.
 Now it is also possible to visit the collection areas. Unfortunately at the moment only one address is filled up: CUSTOMS LABELS. There one can find the already existing handbook with a Survey of International Customs Declarations from 123 countries. It is also possible to order this handbook via Paypal.
 I would like to finish the other collections areas in the same way. Thus the collector has as alternatives of visiting the website every time it is needed, or having the survey at hand while hunting at stamp shows.

Registration labels

Darus Greathouse

Post Office Seals on (for) Registered Mail

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Scott Specialized Catalog of U.S. Stamps and Covers, 2012, page 885, Post office Seals

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U.S. 1872 Registry Seal (Scott OXF-1)

The United States Mail and the Post Office assistant issue for Feb. 1867 go into great detail on the new procedures to handle registered mail. Because cash and other valuables were mailed registered, new efforts to protect this mail were ordered into effect.

According to Russell and Evelyn, the Registered mail was to be placed into larger registered package envelopes, and forms were used to keep track of these packages, as they moved thru the mails. When received, these packages were only opened by specific individuals. It is interesting that SEC. 891, Disposition of used Registration-package Envelopes rendered unfit for P.O. use, shall be kept for one year, and then sold for the highest attainable price. I do not remember seeing such sells. Must be because they (the OXF- series of seals) were discontinued after about 1893! Wonder who bought them?



front

Post Office seals were not discussed much. Page 58, shows a heavier envelope with a photograph of Scott's OXF4, and stated that extra postage was not needed and it was mailed under seal as a registered item. On the back cover page, a color photo of OXF1 is shown but not discussed. However, in *Opinions VII*, OXF1 is discussed in detail about "Expertizing the U.S. 1872 Registry Seal", by Jim Kotanchik. Only OXF1 is covered. Here is the scan of the OXF1 that I have: used 1874. (on large cover 25 cm x 12.8 cm).



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Postage Stamp Agency Seals

While these labels, unlike the 1872 Registry Seal, have no registration printing on them, they took the place of OXF1, thus have a relationship with registered mail. Scott's Postage Stamp Agency Seals start with OXF4 and finish with OXF17. Excluding OXF1 (OXF2 and 3 are variations of OXF1) on cover, I only have samples of 4 other labels on cover.

I think that it is interesting that over the span of time these covers were used, the pre-printed registration envelopes used on my covers are all different and interesting.



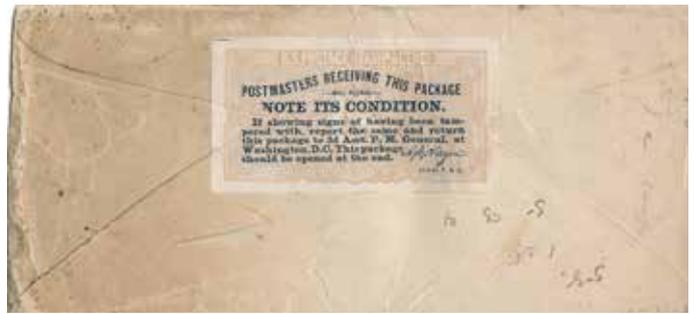
OXF5: with Hazen's signature and 3d Asst. P.M.G. are located at lower right. Used 1883.

OXF5

front



rear



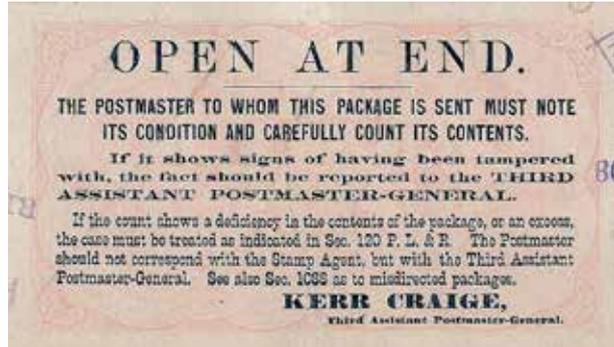
OXF7 label

cover: front and rear; back stamped as used in 1887



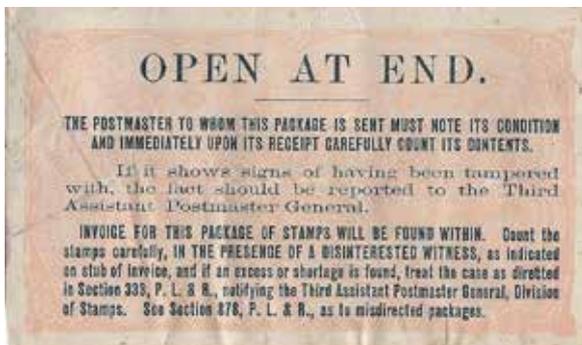
OXF11 label

cover: front and rear; cancelled as used in 1885



OXF15

label



cover: front and rear; cancelled in 1907



Liberia issued its first registration label in 1893 (fig.1). The town names of Monrovia, Harper, Buchanan, Greenville and Robertsport were printed but the registration number had to be entered by hand. This label had a nominal value of 10 cents but this was not indicated on the label. In 1894 a second issue in a similar design appeared printed in different colours for each of four towns but now overprinted 10 cents in black, the fee for registration at that time (fig.2). As this issue had a monetary value indicated, as did several subsequent issues, they are, strictly speaking, stamps and as such are outside the scope of the PLSG.

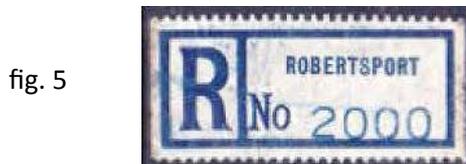


However, Liberia did use registration labels of the more conventional type. In the first decade of the 20th century an experimental type of label was produced. Printed in violet it was a large imperforate label (58mm X 24 mm) with an ornate letter R (fig.3).

These labels are very rare, examples being known from Monrovia, Harper, and Robertsport, a total of half a dozen only have been reported. Apparently these labels were unsatisfactory (probably too big) and a much smaller (40mm x 16mm) label printed in red came into use about 1911 (fig. 4).

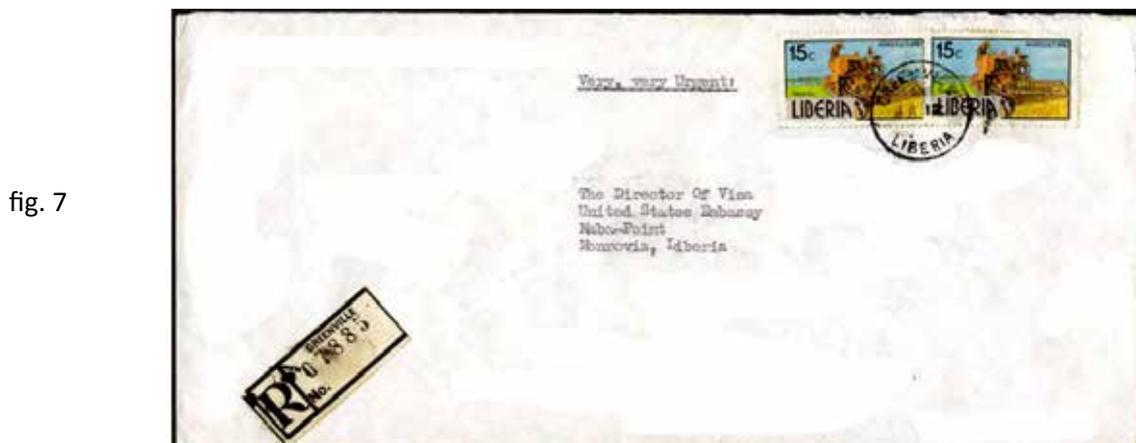


In the 1950s labels of a UK design (no doubt printed in the UK) have been seen used in Monrovia, Harper and Robertsport (fig.5). In the 1970s another UK-printed label of the 'Head Office' type was used in Monrovia (fig.6). The initials RS1 are believed to stand for Randle Street Branch No. 1 (the main post office).



Early 1982 saw the issue of a label printed in black. An example from Greenville is shown here (fig.7). This letter marked 'very, very urgent' was posted on Jan 12th 1987 but according to a backstamp did not arrive in Monrovia until Feb 5th indicative of the deterioration in the postal service due to the unrest in the country culminating in the 1st Civil War 1989-1996. By 1999 at the start of the 2nd Civil War the postal service had virtually collapsed. Although in recent years things have improved I have not seen any further use of registration labels. These seem to have been replaced by rubber stamps.

I am indebted to Manfred Beier of the Liberia Philatelic Society for his information and permission to reproduce the Greenville cover.





Question from Darus

Cover 2 I already have, cover 2 I got recently. It is only the second registration label like this that I have ever seen. Both are mailed in 1903.

First, I was thinking, that it is really a shame that on cover 1 the registration label is damaged so much.

Second, I was thinking that sometimes, countries like France and early Germany (not all countries) have the registration label in two sections, and when the post office delivers the registered letter, they tear off half the label at the vertical divider at the perforations. Belgium stamps have a label attached to some early stamps that has to do with Sunday delivery that has a similar function.

Third, maybe I am thinking to much, and MAYBE the damage to the registration label, is just due to the fact that the label is so large, and placed over the address of where it is suppose to be delivered, that the delivery person had to tear it off, to see where the letter would be delivered too?

Who knows the answer?

Miscellaneous

From Ray Woodward-Clarke

I found this Speedpost label dating from 1980.

Hong Kong Post have run this versatile express service since 1973. Items can be handed in to the Speedpost counter at all HK post offices or they can provide a pick-up service. Same night delivery is available to some major Asian cities and next day delivery to some major European cities. Track and trace service is available 24 hours a day on the HK P.O. website.

The large label (15½cm x 10½cm) was on the back of the envelope and the circular label (4cm) was on the front. Notice the similarity of the circular label to the US Express label (lot 195) on page two of the latest Bulletin.



Question from Bas Kee

In issue 110 Dutch labels were shown saying 'not to be delivered on Sunday', viz. 'to be delivered on Sunday'. In Belgium a little strip attached to certain stamps also had this message. I didn't know whether a similar message was used in other countries. But surprisingly I found recently a French postcard, dating from 1922, with a special label saying 'not to be delivered on Sunday' (Ne pas distribuer le Dimanche).

Who knows more about similar labels in France and elsewhere?

Darus Greathouse

My search for SAL: What is it?

A member submitted sheets of SAL labels from Japan for the PLSG auction. My duty was to list them in the auction. I had no idea what they were for, and was too silly or stupid to ask someone what they were for. You take your pick, or maybe it was both.

Since then, I paged thru Mair's Air mail catalog, and found several countries that had SAL labels listed under their own section (D-). These countries were: Australia, France, German Fed. Rep. (FRG-), Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, and Switzerland. I may have missed other countries.

I have no SAL labels from German Fed. Republic, Norway, Portugal or Switzerland. I have 2 covers with SAL labels, which also have customs labels on them, a 1998 Brazil cover and a 1998 cover from Japan. Both used after the Mair's 1991 catalog was issued, and the SAL labels are not listed.

Listings for SAL labels from Japan are missing, most likely because Mair's was published in 1991 and these labels were issued after this edition was printed. The member, who sent them to be placed into the PLSG auction, nicely included some information on each.

Among other references, I show a cropped

Netherlands cover which has imprinted on it that SAL refers to "Surface Mail Air Lifted." Never really paid much attention to this, before. Obviously, the imprinted message on the Netherland cover clearly lets you know that SAL refers to "Surface **mail Air Lifted**".

Since times have advanced in postal services, so that air delivery of most mail internationally is delivered by air, (at least I think so), it looks like the use of Air Mail etiquettes (including SAL labels) is on the decline. The bad news is that material is harder to find. The good news is these labels (on and off cover) may be undervalued. I welcome and am open to the opinion of others.

Currently, Mr Mair is working on a new Air Mail label catalog edition. Mr. Ritchie is working on a new Priority label catalog. Mr. ter Welle is working on a up-dated Express Catalog. An up-dated Registration catalog (bar-coded- Mr Morgan), (non-bar-coded Darus Greathouse) is being worked on. See the front of the PLSG Bulletin for more information. I am reasonably sure all of us would like scans of the more scarce or unlisted etiquettes (or labels), that you make have? BEFORE the editions are completed!!!!

Scans of some of the above mentioned items are shown.

two covers w/customs and SAL labels: countries unlisted for SAL's (both 1988)



JPN-D unlisted 1: 1990, Yokohama, light green SAL, yellow backing paper, reference at the top



JPN-D-unlisted 3: 2001, Nagasaki Pref., SAL green, light yellow backing, no reference number



JPN-D-unlisted 2: 2000.10, Matsumoto Nagano Pref., SAL light green, light blue backing paper

Netherlands imprint on label: defining SAL



AUS-D-6: top w/ reference numbers

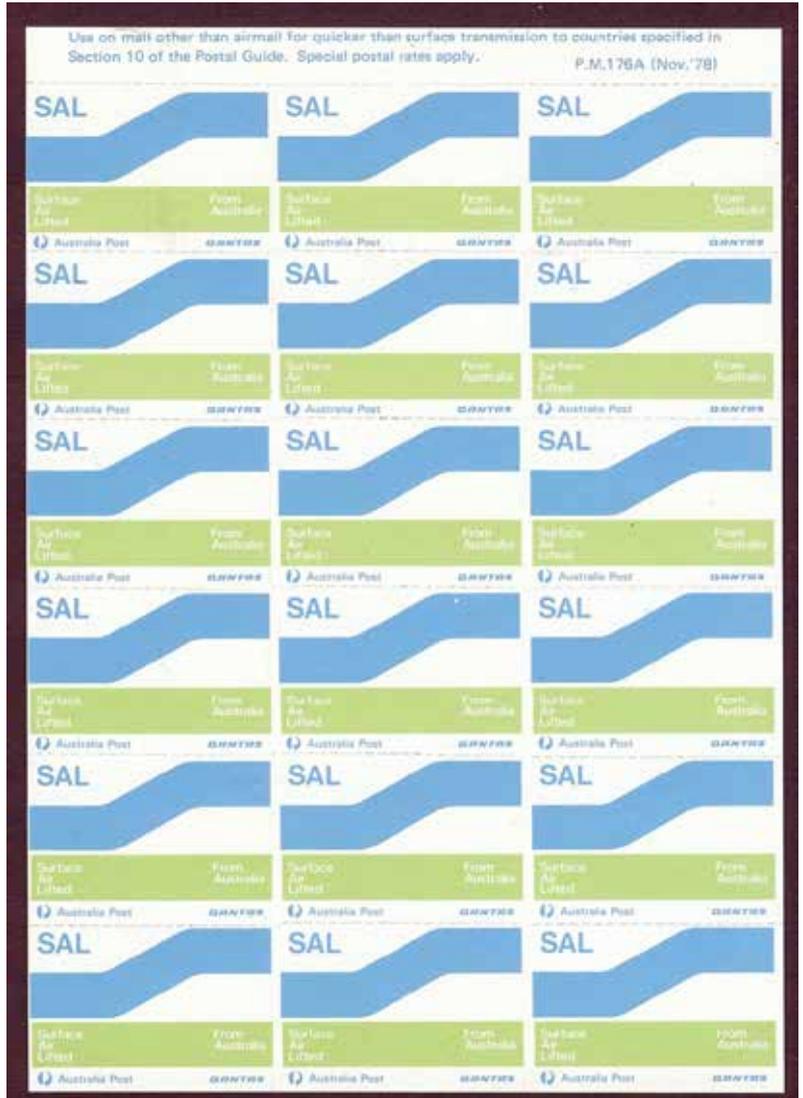


BRA-D-unlisted 1: 1998, no SAL listed for country



Text on top: "Use on mail other than airmail for quicker than surface transmission to countries specified in Section 10 of the Postal Guide. Special postal rates apply. reference: P.M.1 75A (Nov. '78)

AUS-D-6: pane of 18 (3x6)



FRA-D-2: used 1993 on larger cover (parcel?)



NZL-D-1a



FRG-D-5. 1985 reference: 6.85-87654321 A8/50,KI.35 915366000-0

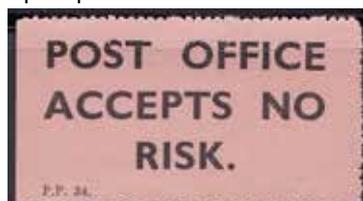


NEL-D-12



Ray Woodward-Clarke Parcel Post Labels from New Zealand

pale pink colour



deep pink colour



buff colour



At first I didn't know which country these labels came from, but I have since found out that they are Parcel Post labels from New Zealand.

From Burt Robbins

I'm not sure if this will be of interest to the club members, but I have this box of labels that I have had for quite a long time. It has five rolls of labels; 3rd or 4th Class Merchandise, Special Delivery, Air Mail, First Class Mail and Registered Mail. All the labels are the same size; about 44 x 16mm, and the rolls are about 41mm diameter, with a wooden core about 29mm diameter. Air Mail labels are USA-C-332. The Special Delivery labels are not listed in Smith's CD catalog. The labels have no gum, as they were all stuck together. The box was made by the Mason Box Co., from Attleboro, Mass. The Air Mail Labels are listed as from 1950, so it's probably from that time period. The box is made from heavy cardboard covered with paper, and has wire clips to hold the top on the box. This was probably an advertising gimmick, as one end has "This is a sample of a Mailmaster box, parcel post style." Mason Box Co. is still in business in Attleboro, and they still make the same style of boxes in several sizes. The box has a Patent number which I looked up, and the patent is held by the Mason Box Co. and was dated 1929, I think. Box is 102mm long, 47mm high and 55mm front to back. Here are two pictures, front and top. I have four more; back, bottom and both ends if you want them. Have never seen another one, so would guess it is scarce.

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Question 1 from Jack Brandt

I got a cover recently in an auction that had an interesting seal on it. I know nothing about it so am sending a photocopy along to you to see if any of our fellow-members know anything.

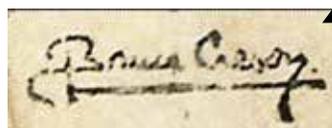
I enclose front and back of the cover, along with a blowings of part of the back. The blowings was mainly for myself to see of I could read the name in the lower corners. I think it is "Bruce Creasy", but am not too sure. Maybe it is an expertizing mark.

Anyway, the front shows Canada to France, registered. A stamp 10 years out of date was used. Was this still in the Post Office, or was it in someone's private drawer? The back suggests it was used by the Ministry of Posts (in French). Also is the Ottawa cancel as well as two other cancels, at least one of which is French. The seal used is a "Date of despatch" one, with a rubber stamp in the centre, and handwritten initials. Is this seal one that was available at the Post Office? Or was it a seal of the Ministry of Posts? Or something else?

front



back



back, detail 1

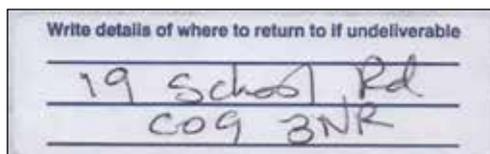


Question 2 from Jack Brandt

I recently acquired from the UK a return label. It came on a large parcel.

I wonder if it is a government issue, or if it is private. More often I am seeing postal directions being printed on labels and by private companies whose main purpose is something else. Here are photocopies of two "PAR AVION" on Post Paid label (US) "REGISTERED /AIR MAIL" on address label (has US registered label, us meter, Canadian customs tape also)

These will probably never be listed anywhere.



*Please, don't be shy.
Let other members also enjoy
what interesting items you have in
your collections.*