

Canada's historic airmail firsts: 1918-19

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The years 1918 and 1919 brought about a number of important "firsts" in the history of Canadian airmail.

The Aero Club of Canada initiated Canada's first successful postal flight, between Montreal and Toronto, on June 24, 1918. Although this was not the first flight in Canada to carry mail, it was the first to be carried on an airplane and completed.

The first unsuccessful attempt to carry mail

by air was on Sept. 4, 1915, between Windsor, Ontario, and the Michigan State Fair near Detroit. The mail on this flight did not reach its destination because the aircraft crashed at Windsor during a trial flight by the Patterson brothers.

The mail included postcards, one of which is shown in Figure 1. No special or commemorative cachet was applied to the mail, which was postmarked 3 p.m. on Sept. 4 in Windsor. As the flight did not take place, the small quantity of mail authorized for the flight was returned to sender.

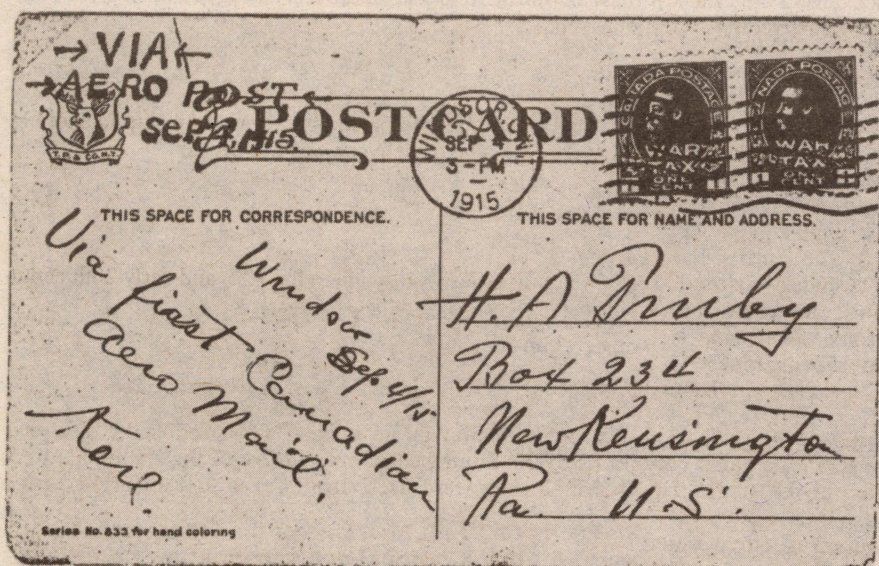


Figure 1. A postcard carried in 1915 on Canada's first unsuccessful airmail flight.

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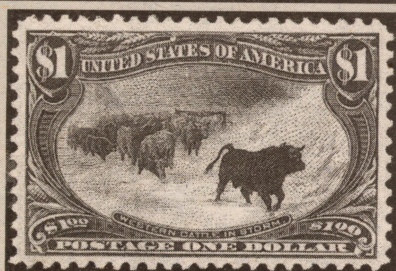
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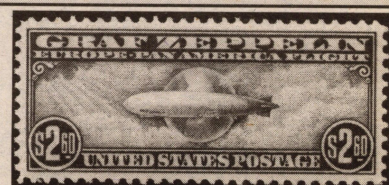
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Figure 2. Captain Brian Peck (center), the pilot of Canada's first official postal flight. He was accompanied by Cpl. C.W. Mathers (left). Courtesy of the National Aviation Museum (26951).



Figure 3. Canada Scott 875, a 35¢ stamp issued in 1980, shows the Curtiss JN-4 "Canuck" aircraft flown by Captain Peck on his successful flight.

shown in Figure 3 on Canada Scott 875, a 35¢ stamp issued in 1980.

Peck and Mathers stopped twice to refuel before reaching Toronto at 4:55 p.m. The first time, in Kingston, they were given automobile fuel. The second time, in Desoronto, airplane fuel filled the tank.

The flight carried 124 pieces of regular mail, more than 10 of which are believed to have been registered, plus some official greetings. A special red inverted-triangle cachet was used to cancel the stamps on each piece of mail.

The June 24, 1918, flight first mentioned was originally attempted on June 23, but was abandoned due to bad weather.

Capt. Brian Peck and Cpl. C.W. Mathers (Figure 2), both of the Royal Flying Corps, took almost six hours to fly the Curtiss JN-4 "Canuck" aircraft from Montreal to Toronto. The plane is

The image in Figure 4 was published in an article by Richard K. Malott in the June 30, 1987, issue of *PHSC Journal*, the journal of the Postal History Society of Canada. Information about the group appears online at <http://postalhistory.tripod.com>.

Although the Peck and Mathers flight took place before any Canadian government policy on airmail services was established, the Post Office Department authorized the flight.

On arrival in Toronto the mail was turned over to the Toronto postmaster, William E. Lemon, who then presented the mailbag to the pilot as a souvenir of the flight. The bag, pictured in Figure 5, is now displayed at the Canadian War Museum, which will open at its new premises in the heart of downtown Ottawa on May 8, 2005.

Capt. Peck was originally from Montreal but at the time of his attempt he was based with a Leaside aerodrome squadron near Toronto. He thought to use the occasion of a Montreal air show to visit family and friends there and at the same time transport the mail. What is little known is that Peck also carried back with him to Toronto cases of alcohol for a friend's wedding, as Prohibition was still in effect in Ontario.

Two weeks later, on July 9, 1918, Katherine Stinson (Figure 6) became the only woman contracted to officially fly mail in Canada when she undertook a flight from Calgary to Edmonton in a Curtiss Stinson Special. She carried about 260 covers, most of which were folded letterheads, and few of which have survived.

At least one cover was unfranked, as it was sent on free on the King's business and bore the letters O.H.M.S. (On His Majesty's Service). Another known cover is oil-soaked, as it was carried in Stinson's pocket.

A three-line violet hand-stamped cachet canceled the stamps. It

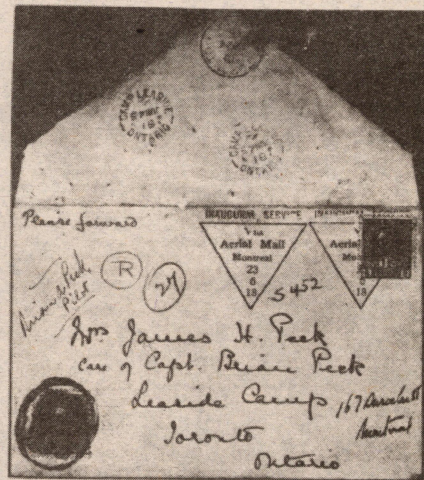


Figure 4. One of the letters carried on Captain Peck's flight showing the special red cancel used to identify mail carried. It is addressed to his mother.



Locomotives — A559

Designs: 20p, Dolgich 0-4-0T, 28p, CR 439 0-4-4T, E, GCR 8K 2-8-0, 42p, GWR Manor 4-6-0, 47p, SR West Country 4-6-2, 68p, BR Standard 4 2-6-4T.

2004, Jan. 13	Litho.	Perf. 14x14
2172 A559 20p multi		.75 .35
2173 A559 28p multi		1.00 .50
2174 A559 E multi		1.40 .70
2175 A559 42p multi		1.60 .80
2176 A559 47p multi		1.75 .85
2177 A559 68p multi		2.50 1.25
a. Souvenir sheet, #2172-2177		9.00 9.00
Nos. 2172-2177 (6)		9.00 4.45

First steam locomotive, bicent. No. 2174 sold for 38p on day of issue.

GUERNSEY

Prince William Type of 2003

2003, June 21	Litho.	Perf. 14x14
808k As #808a, perf. 13 1/2x14		.90 .90
808l As #808b, perf. 13 1/2x14		.90 .90
808m As #808c, perf. 13 1/2x14		.90 .90
808n As #808d, perf. 13 1/2x14		.90 .90
808p As #808e, perf. 13 1/2x14		.90 .90
808q As #808f, perf. 13 1/2x14		.90 .90
808r As #808g, perf. 13 1/2x14		.90 .90
808s As #808h, perf. 13 1/2x14		.90 .90
808t As #808i, perf. 13 1/2x14		.90 .90
808u Booklet pane, #808k, 808m, 808p, 808q, 808r, 808s, 808t, 808u		5.40 —
808v Booklet pane, #808l, 808n, 808p, 808r, 808s, 808u		5.40 —
808w Booklet pane, #808k, 808l, 808m, 808p, 808q, 808r, 808t		5.40 —
808x Booklet pane, #808k, 808l, 808m, 808p, 808q, 808r, 808t		5.40 —
808y Booklet pane, #808l, 808n, 808p, 808r, 808s, 808u		5.40 —
Complete booklet, #808u-808y		27.50



Christmas — A181

Scenes from *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*: 10p, Boy in bed, Christmas tree. 27p, Arrival of St. Nicholas. 36p, St. Nicholas near chimney. 40p, St. Nicholas carrying gifts. 45p, St. Nicholas placing gifts near tree. 65p, Departure of St. Nicholas.

2003, Oct. 16	Litho.	Perf. 14x14
810 A181 10p multi		.35 .35
811 A181 27p multi		.90 .90
812 A181 36p multi		1.25 1.25
813 A181 40p multi		1.40 1.40
814 A181 45p multi		1.50 1.50
815 A181 65p multi		2.25 2.25
a. Souvenir sheet, #810-815		7.75 7.75
Nos. 810-815 (6)		7.65 7.65

ALDERNEY



Island Police — A35

Police officer and: 22p, Policemen patrolling streets. 27p, Police vehicle. 36p, Member of forensics team. 40p, Policeman assisting child on bicycle. 45p, Police at car accident. 65p, Policeman working with customs officer.

2003, Oct. 16	Litho.	Perf. 13 1/2x13
215 A35 22p multi		.75 .75
216 A35 27p multi		.90 .90
217 A35 36p multi		1.25 1.25
218 A35 40p multi		1.40 1.40
a. Booklet pane, #215-218		4.30 —
219 A35 45p multi		1.50 1.50
a. Booklet pane, #215-217, 219		4.40 —
220 A35 65p multi		2.25 2.25
a. Booklet pane, #215-216, 219-220		5.40 —
b. Booklet pane, #217-220		6.40 —
c. Booklet pane, #215-216, 218, 220		5.30 —
Complete booklet, #218a, 219a, 220a, 220c, 2 220b		32.50
Nos. 215-220 (6)		8.05 8.05

The two examples of No. 220b in the booklet have different margins.

JERSEY

Wild Orchids Type of 2003

Souvenir Sheet

2003, Oct. 4	Litho.	Perf. 13 1/2x13
1084a As #1084, with added marginal inscription		6.75 6.75

No. 1084a has Bangkok 2003 Philatelic Exhibition emblem and text, "Jersey at Bangkok 2003," added in margin. Issued, 10/4.



Pets — A222

Designs: 29p, Albino Rex rabbit. 30p, Labrador retriever. 38p, Canary and budgerigar. 53p, Hamster. 69p, Guinea pig. 72p, Border collie.

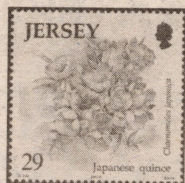
2003, Sept. 9	Litho.	Perf. 13x14
1093 A222 29p multi		.90 .90
1094 A222 30p multi		.95 .95
1095 A222 38p multi		1.25 1.25
1096 A222 53p multi		1.75 1.75
1097 A222 69p multi		2.25 2.25
Nos. 1093-1097 (5)		7.10 7.10

Souvenir Sheet

Perf. 13 1/2

1098 A222 £2 multi	6.50 6.50
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No. 1098 contains one 39x51mm stamp.



Winter Flowers — A223

Designs: 29p, Japanese quince. 30p, Winter jasmine. 39p, Snowdrop. 48p, Winter heath. 53p, Chinese witch hazel. 69p, Winter daphne.

2003, Nov. 10	Perf. 14x14
1099 A223 29p multi	1.00 1.00
1100 A223 30p multi	1.00 1.00
1101 A223 39p multi	1.40 1.40
1102 A223 48p multi	1.75 1.75
1103 A223 53p multi	1.90 1.90
1104 A223 69p multi	2.40 2.40
Nos. 1099-1104 (6)	9.45 9.45

ISLE OF MAN

Henry Bloom Noble Trust Type of 2003

Serpentine Die Cut 6 1/2

2003, Oct. 1	Litho.
1007F A234 23p Like #1006a	.80 .80
1007G A234 23p Like #1006b	.80 .80
1007H A234 23p Like #1006c	.80 .80
1007I A234 23p Like #1006d	.80 .80
1007J A234 23p Like #1006e	.80 .80
a. Booklet pane, 2 each #1007F-1007J	8.00
1007K A234 27p Like #1007a	.90 .90
1007L A234 27p Like #1007a	.90 .90
1007M A234 27p Like #1007a	.90 .90
1007N A234 27p Like #1007a	.90 .90
1007O A234 27p Like #1007a	.90 .90
q. Booklet pane, 2 each #1007K-1007O	9.00
Nos. 1007F-1007O (10)	8.50 8.50



Debut of Movie *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* — A236

Designs: 23p, Aragorn. 27p, Gimli. 30p, Gandalf the White. 38p, Legolas on horseback. 42p, Gollum. 47p, Frodo Baggins and Samwise Gamgee. 68p, Legolas with bow and arrow. 85p, Aragorn on horseback. £2, Ring.

2003, Dec. 17	Litho.	Perf. 13x14
1013 A236 23p multi		.80 .80
1014 A236 27p multi		.95 .95
1015 A236 30p multi		1.10 1.10

1016 A236 38p multi	1.40 1.40
1017 A236 42p multi	1.50 1.50
1018 A236 47p multi	1.75 1.75
1019 A236 68p multi	2.40 2.40
1020 A236 85p multi	3.00 3.00
Nos. 1013-1020 (8)	12.90 12.90

Souvenir Sheet

Perf. 13 1/2

1021 A236 £2 multi	7.25 7.25
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No. 1021 contains one 44x39mm stamp. Nos. 1013-1020 were each printed in sheets of six.

GREECE



Olympic Athletes — A668

Various athletes: 20c, 30c, 40c, 47c, €2, €2.85.

2003, Nov. 28	Litho.	Perf. 13 1/2x13 1/2
2087-2092 A668	Set of 6	15.00 15.00



Greek Olympians A669

Athletes: 3c, Spyridon Louis, marathon, 1896 gold medalist. 10c, Aristides Konstantinides, cycling road race, 1896 gold medalist. €2, Ioannis Fokianos, gymnastics coach. €2.17, Ioannis Mitropoulos, rings, 1896 gold medalist. €3.60, Konstantinos Tsiklitis, standing long jump, 1912 gold medalist.

Litho. with Foil Application

2004, Jan. 15	Perf. 13x13 1/2
2093-2097 A669	Set of 5 21.00 21.00

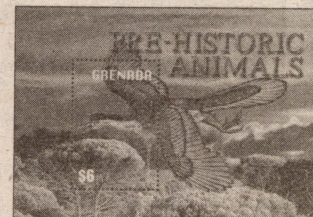


Cities Hosting Events at 2004 Olympics — A670

Designs: 1c, Volos. 2c, Patra. 5c, Iraklion. 47c, Athens. €1.40, Thessaloniki. €4, Athens, diff.

2004, Jan. 15	Litho.
2098-2103 A670	Set of 6 16.00 16.00

GRENADA



Prehistoric Animals — A566

No. 3386, \$2, horiz.: a, Spinosaurus. b, Herrerasaurus. c, Protarchaeopteryx. d, Sinosauropteryx. No. 3387, \$2, horiz.: a, Allosaurus. b, Cryolophosaurus. c, Eoraptor. d, Caudipteryx. No. 3388, \$6, Archaeopteryx. No. 3389, \$6, Triceratops.

2003, Oct. 23	Litho.	Perf. 13 1/2x13 1/2
3386-3387 A566	Set of 2	12.00 12.00

Souvenir Sheets

Souvenir Sheets		
Perf. 13½x13¼		



Flowers — A567

Designs: 25c, Yellow allamanda. 50c, Queen of the night. 75c, Anthurium. \$3, Oleander. No. 3394, a, Blue passion flower. b, Chinese hibiscus. c, Poinsettia. d, Bird of paradise. \$6, Shrimp flower.

2003, Oct. 23	Perf. 14
3390-3393 A567	Set of 4 3.50 3.50
3394 A567 \$2 Sheet of 4, #a-d	6.00 6.00

O CANADA



Figure 5. The mail on Canada's first successful postal flight was carried in this bag. Courtesy of the Canadian War Museum.

reads, "Aeroplane Mail Service / July 9, 1918 / Calgary, Alberta" (Figure 7).

It took Stinson a little more than two hours of flight time to cover the 175 miles distance, although the total time was seven hours because she had to stop in the small village of Beddington, seven miles north of Calgary, for engine repairs.

On the back of each envelope is a signed statement from the Edmonton postmaster, George S. Armstrong that reads, "I hereby certify that the envelope came from Calgary P.O. to Edmonton P.O. on the first Air Mail service given in Alberta and I received it from the Air Plane driven by Miss Katherine Stinson on July 9th, 1918."

Eighty years later, Canada Post issued a special 43¢ commemorative stamped envelope in its Stamp Show series celebrating Stinson's achievement (Figure 8).

The first international airmail service on the North American continent happened March 3, 1919, as part of the Vancouver War Exhibition. Eddie Hubbard, chief pilot of the Boeing Aircraft Company, in a Boeing CL-4S seaplane, flew from Vancouver, British Columbia to Seattle, Washington. William E. Boeing, the company president, was a passenger on the plane (Figure 9).

The plane left Vancouver at 12:30 p.m., stopped to refuel in Edmonds, Wash., and arrived three hours later, landing on Lake Washington near the Boeing plant.

On board were 60 letters from the Vancouver postmaster, R. G. MacPherson. These were of an official and "Greetings" nature and on arrival were handed over to Postmaster Battle of Seattle. The flown covers received a three-line cachet reading "Via



Figure 6. Katherine Stinson receiving the mailbag from the postmaster at Calgary.

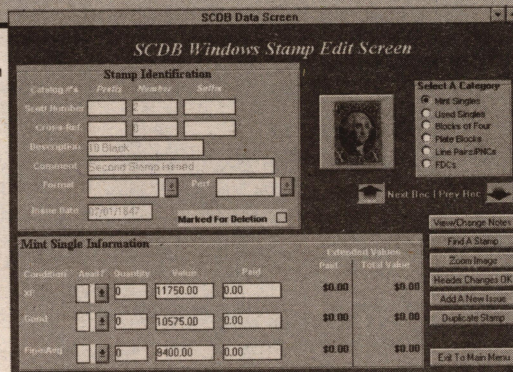
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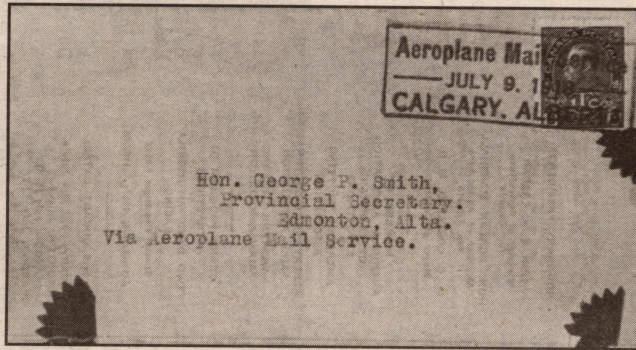


Figure 7. A folded advertising flyer for the Calgary Industrial Exhibition carried between Calgary and Edmonton by Katherine Stinson.

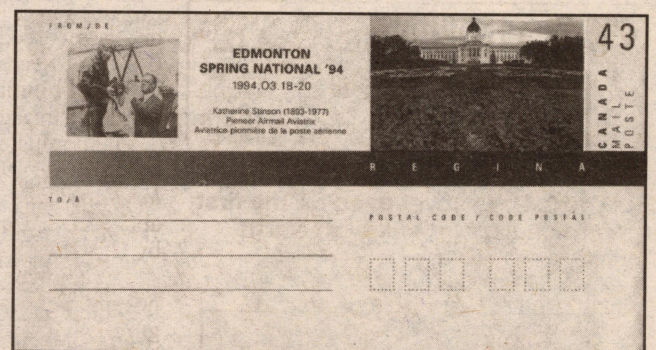


Figure 8. On the 75th anniversary of Stinson's successful flight, Canada Post issued a special 43¢ commemorative envelope in its Stamp Show series.

Airplane Mail / First Flight / Vancouver, B.C. to Seattle." The image of the marking shown in Figure 10 is from the book *The Pioneer and Semi-Official Air Mails of Canada 1918-1934* by C.A. Longworth-Dames, published in Toronto by Unistrade Press.

Newfoundland issued the first airmail stamps in the British Empire on April 12, 1919, when its government entered a mail-carrying contract with the Sopwith Aviation Co.

Sopwith, with its pilots Harry Hawker and Lt. Cmdr. Mackenzie Grieve (Figure 11), was the first to put a plane in the air to compete for the London Daily Mail's £10,000 prize for the first successful nonstop transatlantic flight. The Daily Mail's prize offer was originally made in 1913 and was repeated in early 1919 at the end of World War One. The prize money was later increased on April 26 by 2,000 guineas (£3,600) provided by the Ardath Tobacco Co., and £1,000 by Lawrence R. Phillips.

To create the special airmail stamp, Newfoundland Scott C1 (Figure 12), 200 3¢ Caribou stamps (Newfoundland Scott 117) were overprinted with the words "First / Trans- / Atlantic / Air Post / April 1919" in five lines set from type. No varieties are known except slight alignment variations.

Their distribution was as follows: 95 copies used for franking the mail; 18 unused complimentary copies; 76 unused copies sold at \$25 each for the benefit of the Permanent Marine Disasters Fund of Newfoundland, and 18 defective copies destroyed.

One interesting sidelight to this stamp is that, with some ex-



Figure 9. William Boeing (holding the mail bag) and Eddie Hubbard after completing the first North American international mail flight.

ceptions, each bears the written initials "J.A.R." on the gummed side (Figure 13, left). These were the initials of Dr. J.A. Robinson, Newfoundland's postmaster general.

An official post office notice explains the reason for this unusual step. It states, "... before being sold, the stamps will first

3400 A568 \$2 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.00 6.00

Souvenir Sheet

3401 A568 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50



Birds — A569

Designs: No. 3402, \$1.25, Osprey. No. 3403, \$1.25, Northern oriole. No. 3404, \$1.25, Red-eyed vireo. \$3, Bahama pintail.

No. 3406: a, Slaty-capped shrike vireo; b, Northern flicker; c, Blackburnian warbler; d, Common toodycatcher.

\$6, Blue grosbeak, vert.

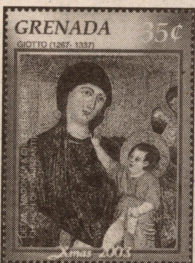
2003, Oct. 23

3402-3405 A569 Set of 4 5.00 5.00

3406 A569 \$2 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.00 6.00

Souvenir Sheet

3407 A569 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50



Christmas — A570

Paintings by Giotto: 35c, Madonna and Child, from the Church of the Ognissanti. 75c, Ognissanti Madonna. \$1, Madonna of the Angels. \$4, Madonna and Child, from the Florentine Church of San Giorgio alla Costa.

\$6, Holy Family with John the Baptist and St. Elizabeth, horiz.

2003, Nov. 17 Perf. 14%

3408-3411 A570 Set of 4 4.75 4.75

Souvenir Sheet

3412 A570 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50

St. Petersburg, Russia, 300th anniv. (#3412).



Paintings by Norman Rockwell (1894-1978) — A571

No. 3413, vert.: a, The Spring Tonic. b, The Facts of Life. c, The Proper Gratitude. d, The Runaway.

\$6, Boy with Carriage.

2003, Dec. 8 Perf. 13%

3413 A571 \$2 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.00 6.00

Souvenir Sheet

3414 A571 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50



Paintings in the Hermitage, St. Petersburg, Russia A572

Designs: 45c, At the Palmist's, by Jean-Baptiste Le Prince, vert. \$1, A Visit to Grandmother, by Louis Le Nain. \$1.50, Musicale, by Dirck Hals. \$3, A Young Woman in the Morning, by Frans van Mieris the Elder, vert.

No. 3419, vert.: a, Louis, Grand Dauphin de France, by Louis Tocqué. b, Count P. A. Stroganov as a Child, by Jean-Baptiste Greuze. c, A Boy with a Book, by Jean-Baptiste Perronneau. d, A Girl with a Doll, by Greuze.

No. 3420, The Lute Player, by Caravaggio. No. 3421, The Spoiled Child, by Greuze, vert.

2003, Dec. 8 Perf. 13%

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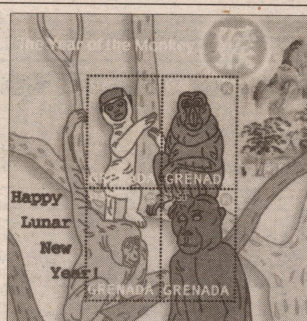
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3420 A572 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50

Size: 67x78mm

3421 A572 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50



New Year 2004 (Year of the Monkey) — A573

No. 3422: a, Buff monkey with brown features. b, Brown monkey. c, Tan monkey. d, Gray monkey.

2004, Jan. 4 Perf. 14

3422 A573 \$1.50 Sheet of 4, #a-d 4.50 4.50

GRENADA GRENADINES

Stamps are a type of Grenada unless otherwise noted.



G197



Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, 50th Anniv. — G198

No. 2437: a, As child. b, In blue dress. c, On horse. \$6, Wearing sash and tiara.

\$20, Wearing tiara.

2003 Litho. Perf. 14

2437 G197 \$3 Sheet of 3, #a-c 6.75 6.75

Souvenir Sheet

2438 G197 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50

Miniature Sheet

Litho. & Embossed

Perf. 13 1/4 x 13

2439 G198 \$20 gold & multi 15.00 15.00

Issued: Nos. 2437-2438, 8/25; No. 2439, 2/24.

Space Shuttle Columbia Type of 2003

No. 2440: a, Mission Specialist 1 David M. Brown. b, Commander Rick D. Husband. c, Mission Specialist 4 Laurel Blair Salton Clark. d, Mission Specialist 4 Kalpana Chawla. e, Payload Commander Michael P. Anderson. f, Pilot William C. McCool. g, Payload Specialist 4 Ilan Ramon.

2003, Apr. 7 Litho. Perf. 13 1/4

2440 A549 \$1 Sheet of 7, #a-g 5.25 5.25

Klimt Paintings Type of 2003

Designs: 15c, Le Chapeau de Plumes Noires. 25c, Le Schloss Kammer am Attersee. 50c, Malcesine sue le Lac de Garde. 75c, Ferme en Haute Autriche. \$1.25, Portrait d'une Dame. \$4, La Frise Beethoven.

No. 2447: a, Portrait of la Baronne Elisabeth Bachofen-Echt. b, Portrait d'une Dame, diff. c, Portrait d'Emilie Floge. d, Portrait d'Adele Bloch-Bauer.

\$6, Le Baiser.

2003, Apr. 28 Perf. 14%

2441-2446 A550 Set of 6 5.25 5.25

2447 A550 \$2 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.00 6.00

Size: 83x103mm

Imperf

2448 A550 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50

Japanese Art Type of 2003

Paintings by Kunichika Toyohara: 50c, The Actor Danjuro Ichikawa IX as the Beggar Kagekiyo Akushichiboye. 75c, The Actor Danjuro Ichikawa IX as the Female Demon Uwanari. \$1.25, The Actor Tossho

Sawamura II as Sutewakamaru. \$3, The Actor Hikosaburo Bando V as Danjo Nikki.

No. 2453: a, The Actor Shikan Nakamura IV as Rokusuke Keyamura. b, The Actor Hikosaburo Bando V as Ichimisar No Musume Osono. c, The Actor Sadanji Ichikawa I as Wada No Shimobe Busuke. d, The Actor Sandanji Ichikawa I as Kiyomizu no Yoshitaka.

\$6, The Actor Kikugoro Onoe V as Tsuneemon Torii Returning to Mikawa, horiz.

2003, Apr. 28 Perf. 14%

2449-2452 A551 Set of 4 4.25 4.25

2453 A551 \$2 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.00 6.00

Souvenir Sheet

2454 A551 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50

Cranach Paintings Type of 2003

Details from paintings by Lucas Cranach the Elder: 25c, The St. Mary Altarpiece, vert. \$1, The St. Mary Altarpiece, diff., vert. \$1.25, Duke John with St. James the Greater, from Altarpiece of the Princes, vert. \$3, Frederick the Wise with St. Bartholomew, vert.

No. 2459: a, Judith at the Table of Holofernes. b, Central panel of St. Catherine Altarpiece. c, Judith Killing Holofernes. d, The Martyrdom of St. Catherine. \$6, Cardinal Albrecht of Brandenburg as St. Jerome in the Wilderness, vert.

2003, Apr. 28

2455-2458 A552 Set of 4 4.25 4.25

2459 A552 \$2 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.00 6.00

Souvenir Sheet

2460 A552 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50

Teddy Bear Type of 2003

2003, Apr. 29 Embroidered Imperf.

2461 A553 \$15 multi 11.50 11.50

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Tour de France Type of 2003

No. 2462, \$2: a, Ferdinand Kubler, 1950. b, Hugo Koblet, 1951. c, Fausto Coppi, 1952. d, Louison Bobet, 1953.

No. 2463, \$2: a, Bobet, 1954. b, Bobet, 1955. c, Roger Walkowiak, 1956. d, Jacques Anquetil, 1957.

No. 2464, \$2: a, Gastone Nencini, 1960. b, Anquetil, 1961. c, Anquetil, 1962. d, Anquetil, 1963.

No. 2465, \$6, Bobet, 1953-55. No. 2466, \$6, Anquetil, 1957, diff. No. 2467, \$6, Eddy Merckx, 1969.

2003, June 17 Perf. 13 1/4

2462-2464 A555 Set of 3 18.00 18.00

Souvenir Sheets

2465-2467 A555 Set of 3 13.50 13.50

John F. Kennedy Type of 2002

No. 2468, \$2: a, As Choate graduate, 1935. b, As congressman, 1946. c, With wife, Jacqueline, on tennis court. d, With son, John, Jr.

No. 2469, \$2: a, With wife, Jacqueline, b, Announcing Cuban blockade, 1962. c, Seated in White House, 1962. d, Wife and children at funeral, 1963.

2003, July 1 Perf. 14

2468-2469 A544 Set of 2 12.00 12.00

Intl. Year of Fresh Water Type of 2003

No. 2470 - Flag and: a, La Sagesse. b, Annadale Falls. c, Grand Etang.

\$6, Flag and St. George, horiz.

VIA AIRPLANE MAIL First Flight Vancouver, B.C. to Seattle

Figure 10. The cachet used on the first international airmail flight in North America.



Figure 11. Harry Hawker and Mackenzie Grieve before their unsuccessful attempt to cross the Atlantic in 1919.

be authenticated by the P.M.G. by initialling 'J.A.R.' on the gummed side." One mint copy without the "J.A.R." initials is a corner copy that was not initialed before being sold.

Up to four unused copies — although only

one is recorded — may bear the initials "W.C." The Secretary to the G.P.O., William Campbell, initialed the stamps in the absence of the postmaster general (Figure 13, right).

These initialed stamps were originally illustrated in the 1953 reference book, *Newfoundland Air Mails 1919-1939*, by R.E.R. Dalwick and C.H.C. Harmer, printed in Great Britain by C.F. Hodgson & Son, Ltd.

The absence of initials on used stamps is not unusual, as they were removed when the gum was moistened. It stands to reason that with such a small print run, few multiples of this stamp have survived. The largest multiple known was a vertical strip of four.

At this time a strip of three is the largest recorded multiple to have survived. It is in the collection of Mrs. Augustine Fitzgerald, owned since 1951 by the British Library.

Figure 14 shows the way or letter bill that accompanied the mailbag. It is franked with one of the stamps and is signed by the Newfoundland and British postmasters general.

Although the stamp was issued April 12, the first flight attempt by Hawker and Grieve was not made until May 18. They were unsuccessful, as mechanical failure forced them to ditch their plane in the Atlantic, where the crew of the Danish ship *Mary* rescued them. The airplane was left behind and so was the mailbag.

On May 23, another ship, the *S.S. Lake Charlottesville*, encountered the plane and on the third attempt managed to bring it aboard.

On May 29, a memorandum to the British Secretary of the Navy from Lieutenant-Com-

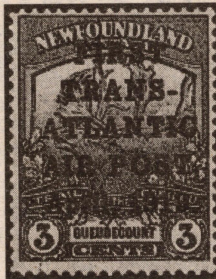


Figure 12. Newfoundland Scott C1, the first airmail stamp issued in the British Empire.

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B115	.30	rust spots on		B530-1	.85	Proof	12.00
B115 ●	.25	back	25.00	B538	.70	J29	.25
B116 ★	.35	B288	15.00	B547	.55	FR. SOUTH & ANT. TERR.	
B116 ●	.50	B290 ●	10.50	B548-9	.80	2-7 ★	11.90
B116 ●	.35	B291-2	10.00	B556	.45	2-7	18.50
B117-27(11) ★	12.40	B293	3.20	B557-8	1.00	2-3 ★	.40
B129 ★	.75	B294-9	70.00	B571 ●	2.45	8-10 ★	4.50
B129	.75	B299 ★	11.25	B573	.60	8-10	5.70
B130 ★	.75	B300-1 ★	5.25	B574	.65	Imperf	50.00
B130	1.00	B300-1	7.05	B579a Bklt	4.00	C26-7 ★	47.50
B131 ★	.40	B301a Bklt	67.50	B580	4.00	C26-7	62.50
B132 ★	.40	B302 ●	1.15	B582a Bklt	4.70	C26-7 Imp	
B132	.40	B303-8	26.00	B583 ★	.50	or GPs	
B133	.50	B303-8 ●	19.50	B583a Bklt	6.35	w/mrgns. 295.00	
B134 ★	.25	B309-10 ★	2.50	B584-9	4.10	C29-32	15.00
B134	.30	B309-10	3.35	B590	.65	C41-3	9.00
B134 ●	.25	B309-10 ●	2.50	B591a Bklt	3.85	C55	1.20
B136	1.35	B310 ●	1.25	B592	.65	C55 GP	3.00
B136 ●	1.10	B311	1.00	B592a Bklt	6.35	C55 Imp	
B138	1.35	B311 ●	.70	B593-8	3.35	LR Cnr	10.00
B141	1.25	B312-17 ●	8.90	B598a Bklt	3.35	C55 Dlx.Proof	20.00
B145	1.35	B312-17	11.80	B599/608 Proof	5.00	C56	.65
B146 ★	1.25	B318-9	4.00	Sheet/4	5.00	C56 Imp Margin	
B147-8 ★	7.50	B318-9 ●	3.00	B601	.70	Single	17.50
B147-8	10.00	B318a Bklt	24.00	B601a Bklt	6.70	C56 Dlx.Proof	20.00
B147-8 w/B147a		B319	1.80	B609a Bklt	3.00	C56 Imp Proof	
Strip/5	21.00	B320	.95	B610a Bklt	6.00	Strip/5 Diff	
B147 ★	4.00	B321-6 ★	5.50	B611	.60	Colors	65.00
B147a	8.00	B321-6	7.40	B612-3	1.35	C58 GP bottom/shit	
B147a	11.00	B323-6 (4) ●	3.90	B612	.65	w/mrgns. 2.00	
B152a Strip		B326 ●	1.05	B613a Bklt	4.20	C58 Imp margin	
Seps	5.00	B327-8	1.35	B614	.70	single	15.00
B152a Strip ★	6.00	B327	.70	B614a Bklt	6.70	C58 Deluxe	
B152a Strip	8.00	B329	.30	B615-20	4.00	Proof	20.00
B158 ★	.25	B330-5 ★	4.00	B620a Bklt	4.00	C58 Red/Purple	
B158	.30	B330-5	5.35	B623	.50	Imp Color	
B159-60 ★	.75	B336 ★	.25	B626	.85	Proofs, bottom	
B159 ★	.35	B336	.30	B627	.85	of sheet with	
B160 ★	.40	B337-8	1.35	B628-33	4.40	margins	35.00
B161-6 ★	5.50	B339 ●	.45	B634	.95	C62-3	2.25
B161-6	6.55	B340	.30	B636-7	1.45	C62-3 Imp Margin	
B161 ★	.90	B341-6	15.35	B638	.85	Singles	30.00
B164 ★	.90	B341-6 ●	11.50	B638b Bklt	7.40	C62-3 Imperf Proof	
B167-72	7.50	B341-5	9.00	B639 S/S	9.35	Strip w/marg 30.00	
B173 ★	.25	B344 ★	2.25	B640	.85	C145	1.40
B174 ★	.25	B347-8 ★	2.25	B642-7	4.95	C146	2.15
B174	.50	B347-8	3.00	B648	.85	C148	6.60
B175-7 ★	2.70	B347a Bklt	18.00	B648a Bklt	6.70	C149	1.45
B175-7	3.55	B349	.50	B649-54	4.95		
B178 ★	.90	B350-5 ★	6.40	B655	.85		
B178	1.20	B356-7 ★	2.00	B662-3	1.50		
B179-84 ★	3.90	B357-7	2.70	B670-5	6.30		
B179-84	5.20	B359-64	9.70	B677-82	5.65		
B182 ●	.65	B365-6 ★	1.10	B682a Bklt	5.65		
B185-9 ★	1.15	B365-6	.55	B683	.95		
B185-9	1.40	B365 ●	.55	B683a bkl	9.40		
B187	.30	B365a Bklt	16.00	B684-9	5.65		
B190 ★	.25	B367-9	1.50	B689a Bklt	5.65		
B190	.35	B367-9	2.00	B690	1.00		
B191 ★	.25	B371-3	2.40	B690a bkl	9.75		
B192 ★	.25	B374-5	.60	B691-6	5.65		
B192	.30	B374-5	.80	B696a Bklt	5.65		
B193 ★	.25	B374a Bklt	3.35	B697	.95		
B193	.30	B376 ★	25	B697b bkl	9.40		
B194 ★	.25	B376	.30	B705	.75		
B194	.25	B377-81 ★	1.45	C5-6 ★	18.00		
B195 ★	.25	B377-81	2.00	C5-6 ●	1.50		
B195	.30	B382-4	.50	C6 NG	2.00		
B196 ★	.25	B384	.30	C6 ●	.85		
B196	.30	B385-6	.35	C6b	125.00		
B197-200 ★	.50	B385a Bklt	2.35	C7	16.00		
B197-200	.70	B387-90 ★	.90	C7 ●	2.00		
B201-2 ★	.25	B387-90	1.20	C8-13 LH	75.00		
B201-2	.30	B387-8	.30	C13	7.00		
B203 ★	.25	B392-3	.30	C16 ★	6.00		
B203	.30	B392a Bklt	1.85	C16 ●	1.00		
B204	.30	B394-9	1.20	C18-21 ★	5.30		
B205 ★	.25	B394-7/9	.75	C18-21	.80		
B205	.30	B400	.30	C18 ★	.30		
B206 ★	.25	B401	.30	C19	.35		
B206	.30	B402-3	.40	C23-7	120.00		
B207-12 ★	3.75	B402a Bklt	2.35	C23-7 ●	12.85		
B207-12	5.00	B404-7 ★	.60	C23-7	10.00		
B207-11 (5)	3.00	B404-7	.80	C23	.70		
B207	.65	B406-7	.40	C24 ●	.25		
B208	.65	B408	.30	C26 ●	3.25		
B211	.65	B409-10	.40	C26 ● On Pc.	3.00		
B212	.65	B409a Bklt	2.35	C28	4.35		
B213-7 ★	3.75	B411-5	1.25	C29-32	185.00		
B213-7	5.00	B416	.30	C29-32 ●	8.75		
B218 ★	.50	B417-20	.55	C30 ★	5.50		
B219 ★	.25	B417-8	.30	C30	7.40		
B220 ★	.30	B418-20	.30	C31 ●	3.50		
B220	.40	B419-20	.30	C33	3.70		
B221 ★	.25	B421-2	.30	C34-6 ●	8.00		
B221	.30	B421a Bklt	2.00	C34	3.35		
B222 ★	.25	B423a Bklt	2.35	C34 ●	.75		
B222	.30	B426-31	1.80	C35	.80		
B223 ★	.25	B426-8	.65	C37-40 ●	.75		
B223	.30	B432	.30	C37	1.00		
B223 ●	.25	B433	.95	C41	.55		
B224-31 ★	7.25	B434-9 ★	1.35	C41 ●	.25		
B224-31	9.75	B434-9	1.80	C42	.70		
B232 ★	.25	B440	.30	C42 ●	.25		
B232	.30	B441	.30	C43	.25		
B233-6 ★	1.70	B442	.35	C43 ●	.95		
B233-6	2.30	B443-4	.75	C45 ●	.30		
B237	.70	B443a Bklt	5.35	C46	1.80		
B248	2.20	B452-3	.75	C47 ●	.25		
B249-54 ★	27.50	B452a Bklt	4.00	C54 ●	.25		
B255-6	3.00	B456	.35	C56-9	20.00		
B255	1.50	B460	.50				
B255 ●	1.15	B461-2	.90				

C60-1	11.40	C62	3.20	C63	10.00	J8	.40	Thin/Holes	30.00	J34-5 ●	30.00	B478	40	toning	15.00	B479-80	70	J69-79 ★	8.40	J102/4-5	.45	J106-15	3.65	M10	.90	C106	12.00	C106 Imp Margin	25.00	Single	20.00	C128-9 ★	3.25	C128-9	4.35	C186	2.90	C187-90	4.00	C218	4.50	Proof	12.00	J29	.25	FR. SOUTH & ANT. TERR.		2-7 ★	11.90	2-7	18.50	2-3 ★	.40	8-10 ★	4.50	8-10	5.70	Imperf	50.00	C26-7 ★	47.50	C26-7	62.50	C26-7 Imp		or GPs		w/mrgns. 295.00		C29-32	15.00	C41-3	9.00	C55	1.20	C55 GP	3.00	C55 Imp		LR Cnr	10.00	C55 Dlx.Proof	20.00	C56	.65	C56 Imp Margin		Single	17.50	C56 Dlx.Proof	20.00	C56 Imp Proof		Strip/5 Diff		Colors	65.00	C58 GP bottom/shit		w/mrgns. 2.00		C58 Imp margin		single	15.00	C58 Deluxe		Proof	20.00	C58 Red/Purple		Imp Color		Proofs, bottom		of sheet with		margins	35.00	C62-3	2.25	C62-3 Imp Margin		Singles	30.00	C62-3 Imperf Proof		Strip w/marg 30.00		C99 Rotary International, the 1955 issue, missing the Red Color. Way back in 1966 Sanabria listed this at \$75.00, but what's it worth today? We think it may be more, but we'll stick to the 1966 prices:		C99 Missing Red Error		PERF	\$75.00	IMPERF	\$75.00	BOTH	\$135.00
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FR. POLYNESIA	FR. SOUTH & ANT. TERR.	FR. SOUTH & ANT. TERR.	
12 ●	3.25	12 ●	3.25
42 ●	3.00	42 ●	3.00
80-7 (8)	1.35	126-33/5 ★	60.00
126-33/5 ★	60.00	129-31 (2) Deluxe	40.00
129-31 (2) Deluxe	40.00	136 Cnr Bk/4	4.00
136 Cnr Bk/4	4.00	137 Cnr Bk/4	6.00
137 Cnr Bk/4	6.00	138 Cnr Bk/4	6.00
138 Cnr Bk/4	6.00	161 Cnr Bk/4	5.00
161 Cnr Bk/4	5.00	210	7.35
210	7.35	217a Strip	7.50
217a Strip	7.50	234a	8.25
234a	8.25	237a Strip	1.45
237a Strip	1.45	238	.75
238	.75	240	.85
240	.85	243	.790

FR. POLYNESIA	FR. SOUTH & ANT. TERR.	FR. SOUTH & ANT. TERR.	
296-9 (4) Deluxe	40.00	304-6	5.50
304-6	5.50	307-10 (4) Deluxe	40.00
307-10 (4) Deluxe	40.00	365 Imp Margin	
365 Imp Margin		Single	7.50
Single	7.50	365 Dlx. Proof	10.00
365 Dlx. Proof	10.00	447-8 (2) Deluxe	
447-8 (2) Deluxe		Proofs	20.00
Proofs	20.00	515 Dlx. Proof	25.00
515 Dlx. Proof	25.00	516 S/D Deluxe	
516 S/D Deluxe		Proof	40.00
Proof	40.00	576 S/S	3.20
576 S/S	3.20	648 Strip Deluxe	

mander A.C. Wilvers of the rescue ship mentions the mails. The plane "...was floating in the sea tail up, and on the top of the tail was a white shirt tied as a signal of distress, near the top of the plane was lashed a brown mail bag which was marked, Newfoundland, G.P.O. It contained mail mostly addressed to prominent British Peers, the Royal Family and also one addressed to His Majesty the King, the mail was very much water soaked and otherwise damaged, but will be turned over to the Authorities in due time."

The first successful nonstop transatlantic

airmail flight was accomplished by John Alcock and Arthur Whitten-Brown on June 14, 1919, between St. John's Newfoundland and Clifden, Ireland. It took them 16 hours and 12 minutes to complete the flight on a Vickers-Vimy two-engine biplane (Figure 15).

Once again, the Newfoundland Government issued stamps for this attempt. Since there were so many attempts at the same time, the government decided to issue a generic airmail stamp for two of these: the Handley-Page attempt out of Harbour Grace and the Vickers-Vimy flight out of St. John's. The Post Office

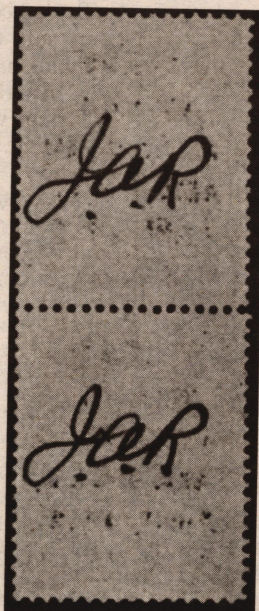


Figure 13. Back of the Newfoundland airmail stamps showing the "J.A.R." and "W.C." initials.

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surcharged the 15¢ stamp from the 1897 Cabot series (Scott 70) with the four-line inscription Trans-Atlantic / AIR POST, / 1919. / ONE DOLLAR (Scott C2, shown in Figure 16). Half of the surcharge, or 50¢, was earmarked for the Permanent Marine Disasters Fund of Newfoundland.

Ten thousand stamps were printed, with 9,970 being issued. The remaining 30 defective copies were destroyed. The stamps were issued in sheets of 25 with five different settings. The first setting is found on 16 stamps and has a comma after POST and a period after 1919, while the second shows no comma after POST (6 stamps).

The remaining three settings are found on only one stamp each. Setting three has neither a comma after POST nor a period after 1919; setting four has a small comma after POST and setting five is without comma after POST and with the 1919 numbers further to the left.

The stamps were available from June 9, 1919, and 8,726 copies were still on hand at the post office on July 1. It is reported that late

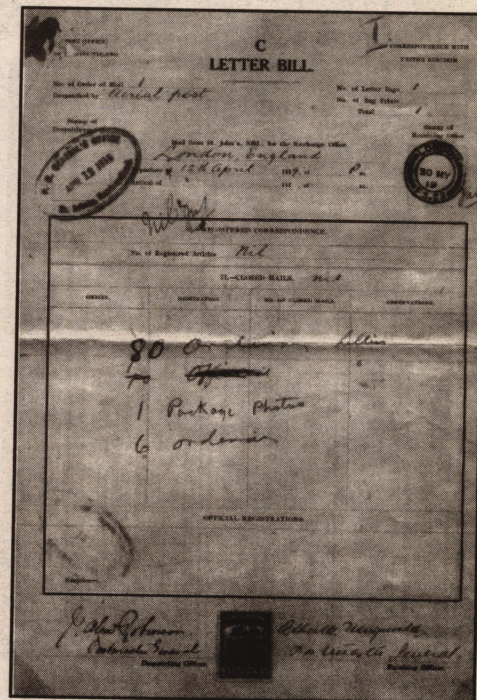


Figure 14. The letter bill that accompanied the mail on the Hawker flight of April 12, 1919. Courtesy of the National Postal Museum, London.

2003, July 4 Perf. 13½x13½

2470 A559 \$2 Sheet of 3, #a-c 4.50 4.50

Souvenir Sheet

Perf. 13½x13½

2471 A559 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50

Circus Performers Type of 2003

No. 2472, \$2: a, Anton Pilossian. b, Victor Vashnikov. c, Dan Rice. d, Tom Cornet.

No. 2473, \$2: a, Dog. b, Macaw. c, Monique. d, Vassily Trofimov.

2003, July 14 Perf. 14

2472-2473 A560 Set of 2 12.00 12.00

Powered Flight Type of 2003

No. 2474, \$2: a, Wright Brothers Flyer. b, NC-4. c, Douglas World Cruiser. d, Fokker Eindecker.

No. 2475, \$2: a, Hawker Hart. b, Martin B-10. c, Armstrong Whitworth Siskin IIIA. d, Loening OL-8.

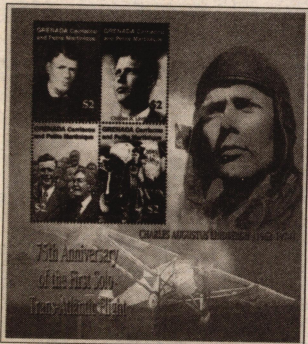
No. 2476, \$2: a, Hansa-Brandenburg D.1. b, B.E. 2c. c, Handley Page O/400. d, Avro 504.

No. 2477, \$6, Wright Brothers No. 3 glider. No. 2478, \$6, Wright Brothers Flyer No. 2. No. 2479, \$6, Gloster Gamecock.

2003, July 14

2474-2476 A556 Set of 3 18.00 18.00

2477-2479 A556 Set of 3 13.50 13.50



First Nonstop Solo Transatlantic Flight, 75th Anniv. — G199

No. 2480, \$2: a, Charles Lindbergh (white denomination, blue background). b, Lindbergh (blue denomination, brown background). c, Lindbergh's arrival in Paris, 1927. d, Lindbergh and Spirit of St. Louis (white denomination, country name in blue).

No. 2481, \$2: a, Lindbergh (blue denomination and background). b, Lindbergh and Spirit of St. Louis, blue denomination, red violet background. c, Lindbergh and Spirit of St. Louis (white denomination and country name). d, Lindbergh (white denomination, blue country name).

2003, July 14

2480-2481 G199 Set of 2 12.00 12.00

Prince William Type of 2003

No. 2482, vert.: a, Looking right. b, Looking forward. c, Looking left.

\$6, In ski jacket, vert.

2003, Sept. 22

2482 A562 \$3 Sheet of 3, #a-c 6.75 6.75

Souvenir Sheet

2483 A562 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50

Flowers Type of 2003

Designs: 75c, Wild rhododendron, vert. \$1, Peony, vert. \$1.25, Camellia, vert. No. 2487, \$2, Laurel, vert. No. 2488, \$2, vert.: a, Apple blossom. b, Mock orange. c, Wild rose. d, Hibiscus.

\$6, Violets, vert.

2003, Oct. 23 Perf. 13½

2484-2487 A567 Set of 4 3.75 3.75

2488 A567 \$2 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.00 6.00

Souvenir Sheet

2489 A567 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50

ASDA Postage Stamp Mega-event (#2489).

Fish Type of 2003

Designs: 25c, Domino damsel. 75c, Porcupine fish. \$1.25, Damsel. No. 2493, \$2, Clownfish. No. 2494, \$2: a, Triggerfish. b, Half-and-half wrasse. c, Long-fin bannerfish. d, Butterflyfish. \$6, Blue-girdled angelfish.

2003, Oct. 23

2490-2493 A568 Set of 4 3.25 3.25

2494 A568 \$2 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.00 6.00

Souvenir Sheet

2495 A568 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50

Birds Type of 2003

Designs: 25c, Rose-breasted grosbeak. No. 2497, 50c, Gray catbird. No. 2498, 50c, Bullock's oriole. \$1, Blue grosbeak. No. 2500, \$2, vert.: a, Lazuli bunting. b, Indigo bunting. c, Broad-tailed hummingbird. d, Scarlet tanager. \$6, Barn swallow.

2003, Oct. 23

2496-2499 A569 Set of 4 1.75 1.75

2500 A569 \$2 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.00 6.00

Souvenir Sheet

2501 A569 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50

Christmas Type of 2003

Designs: 35c, Madonna and Child, from Carresechi Tabernacle, by Domenico Veneziano. 75c, Madonna and Child, from Magnoli altarpiece, by Veneziano. 90c, Crevole Madonna, by Duccio di Buoninsegna. \$3, Madonna and Child, by Veneziano. \$6, Madonna and Child by the Fireplace, by Robert Campin.

2003, Nov. 17 Perf. 14½

2502-2505 A570 Set of 4 3.75 3.75

Souvenir Sheet

2506 A570 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50

Hermitage Paintings Type of 2003

Designs: 75c, Abraham and Isaac, by Rembrandt, vert. \$1, David and Jonathan, by Rembrandt, vert. \$1.25, St. Onuphrius, by Jusepe de Ribera, vert. No. 2510, \$2, Pope Paul III, by Titian, vert.

No. 2511, \$2: a, Rest on the Flight into Egypt, by Bartolomé Estéban Murillo. b, Esther Before Ahasuerus, by Nicolas Poussin. c, Abraham's Servant and Rebecca, by Jacob Rogers. d, The Prophet Elisha and Naaman, by Lambert Jacobsz.

No. 2512, Hagar Flees Abram's House, by Peter Paul Rubens. No. 2513, The Building of Noah's Ark, by Guido Reni, vert.

2003, Dec. 8

2507-2510 A572 Set of 4 3.75 3.75

2511 A572 \$2 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.00 6.00

Imperf

Size: 78x65mm

2512 A572 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50

Size: 67x78mm

2513 A572 \$6 multi 4.50 4.50

New Year (Year of the Monkey) Type of 2004

No. 2514: a, White, blue and orange monkey. b, Blue monkey. c, Brown monkey. d, Monkey with orange face.

2004, Jan. 4 Perf. 14

2514 A573 \$1.50 Sheet of 4, #a-d 4.50 4.50

GUATEMALA



Masks for Dances — A175

Mask for: 20c, Dance of the Conquest. 2q, Dance of the Moors and Christians. 3q, Dance of the Deer. 4q, Dance of the Jaguar. 5q, Dance of Paabanc.

2003, July 9

494-497 A175 Set of 4 1.40 .70

498 A175 5q multi 1.40 .70

No. 498 was issued in sheets of 18 and has perf. 12½ margins.

GUYANA

Powered Flight Type of 2003

Designs: \$100, Airplane of Sir Alliot Verdon Roe. \$160, Airplane of Samuel Franklin Cody.

2003, Aug. 25

3711A A417 \$100 multi 1.10 1.10

3711B A417 \$160 multi 1.75 1.75

Butterflies — A419

Designs: \$20, Grecian shoemaker. \$55, Clorinde. \$80, Orange-barred sulphur. \$100, Atala. \$160, White peacock. \$200, Polydamus swallowtail. \$300, Giant

swallowtail. \$400, Banded king shoemaker. \$500, Blue night. \$1000, Orange theop. \$2000, Small lacewing. \$3000, Common morpho.

2003, Nov. 4

3780 A419 \$20 multi .20 .20

3781 A419 \$55 multi .60 .60

3782 A419 \$80 multi .90 .90

3783 A419 \$100 multi 1.10 1.10

3784 A419 \$160 multi 1.75 1.75

3785 A419 \$200 multi 2.25 2.25

3786 A419 \$300 multi 3.25 3.25

3787 A419 \$400 multi 4.50 4.50

3788 A419 \$500 multi 5.75 5.75

3789 A419 \$1000 multi 11.00 11.00

3790 A419 \$2000 multi 22.50 22.50

3791 A419 \$3000 multi 32.50 32.50

Nos. 3780-3791 (12)

2003, Dec. 1

3792 Horiz. strip of 4, #a-d 4.50 4.50

a-d. A420 \$100 Any single 1.10 1.10

e. Souvenir sheet, 2 each #3792a-3792d 9.00 9.00

Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) — A420

No. 3792: a, Head of channel-billed toucan. b, Two toucans on branch. c, Channel-billed toucan on branch. d, Toucan and chick.

2003, Dec. 1

3792 Horiz. strip of 4, #a-d 4.50 4.50

a-d. A420 \$100 Any single 1.10 1.10

e. Souvenir sheet, 2 each #3792a-3792d 9.00 9.00

Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) — A420

No. 3792: a, Head of channel-billed toucan. b, Two toucans on branch. c, Channel-billed toucan on branch. d, Toucan and chick.

2003, Dec. 1

3793-3796 A421 Set of 4 4.25 4.25

3797 A421 \$150 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.75 6.75

Souvenir Sheet

3798 A421 \$400 multi 4.50 4.50

Designs: No. 3793, \$20, Clitocybe gibba. No. 3794, \$20, Clitocybe clavipes. \$30, Calocybe carnea. \$300, Marasmius.

No. 3797: a, Amanita spissa. b, Boletus aestivalis. c, Boletus rubellus. d, Clathrus archeri.

\$400, Volvariella bombycina.

2003, Dec. 1

3793-3796 A421 Set of 4 4.25 4.25

3797 A421 \$150 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.75 6.75

Souvenir Sheet

3798 A421 \$400 multi 4.50 4.50

Designs: \$25, Common tenrec. \$60, Humboldt's woolly monkey, vert. \$100, Gundi. \$200, Harbor seal. No. 3803: a, Prevost's squirrel. b, Mountain tapir. c, Sea otter. d, Indus dolphin.

\$400, Peter's disk-winged bat, vert.

2003, Dec. 1

3799-3802 A422 Set of 4 4.25 4.25

3803 A422 \$150 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.75 6.75

Souvenir Sheet

3804 A422 \$400 multi 4.50 4.50

Guyana

\$20

Flowers — A423

Designs: \$20, Begonia sedeni. \$30, Dahlia. \$35, Eschecholzia californica. \$300, Lupinus perennis.

No. 3809: a, Agapanthus africanus. b, Hyacinth cultivars. c, Protea linearis. d, Hippestrum aulicum.

\$400, Crocus sativus, horiz.

2003, Dec. 1

3805-3808 A423 Set of 4 4.25 4.25

3809 A423 \$150 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.75 6.75

Souvenir Sheet

3810 A423 \$400 multi 4.50 4.50

Designs: \$25, Regal tang. \$60, Pajama tang. \$100, Coral beauty. \$200, Emperor angelfish.

No. 3815: a, High hat. b, Regal angelfish. c, Fire clown. d, Domino damselfish.

\$400, Tomato clown.

2003, Dec. 1

3811-3814 A424 Set of 4 4.25 4.25

3815 A424 \$150 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.75 6.75

Souvenir Sheet

3816 A424 \$400 multi 4.50 4.50

Designs: \$25, Regal tang. \$60, Pajama tang. \$100, Coral beauty. \$200, Emperor angelfish.

No. 3815: a, High hat. b, Regal angelfish. c, Fire clown. d, Domino damselfish.

\$400, Tomato clown.

2003, Dec. 1

3811-3814 A424 Set of 4 4.25 4.25

3815 A424 \$150 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.75 6.75

Souvenir Sheet

3816 A424 \$400 multi 4.50 4.50

Designs: \$25, Regal tang. \$60, Pajama tang. \$100, Coral beauty. \$200, Emperor angelfish.

No. 3815: a, High hat. b, Regal angelfish. c, Fire clown. d, Domino damselfish.

\$400, Tomato clown.

2003, Dec. 1

3811-3814 A424 Set of 4 4.25 4.25

3815 A424 \$150 Sheet of 4, #a-d 6.75 6.75

Souvenir Sheet

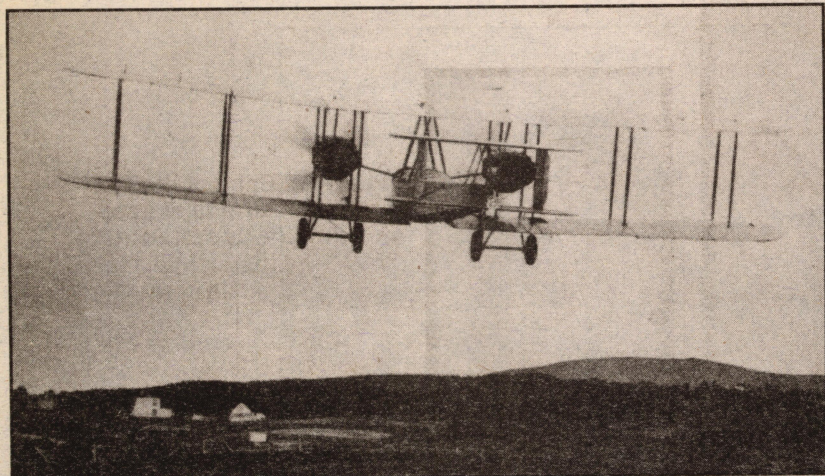


Figure 15. John Alcock and Arthur Whitten-Brown were the first men to successfully cross the Atlantic nonstop. Their 1919 flight was commemorated by Great Britain in 1969 on Scott 584. Their airplane was a Vickers-Vimy biplane.



Figure 16. Newfoundland Scott C2, issued in 1919 for transatlantic airmail, was surcharged \$1 on a 15¢ stamp.

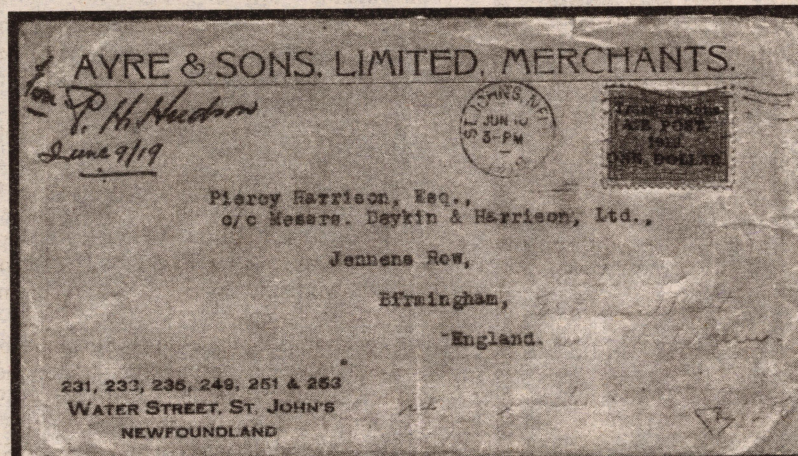


Figure 17. A commercial letter carried on the first trans-Atlantic air mail flight by Alcock and Brown. Featured in the Jan. 28, 1999, auction of Harmers of London.

in September some 5,200 copies of the stamp were sold to an unidentified Newfoundland clergyman. This is likely to have been the Rev. E. Alfred Butler, who began dealing in stamps in 1918 and was rector of the Bay St. George Parish for most of his ecclesiastic career.

One hundred and ninety-seven copies of the stamp were used to mail the 196 letters and one letter packet carried on the flight. One example, offered in the Jan. 28, 1999, auction by Harmers of London, is shown in Figure 17.

In addition, 63 copies were distributed to the two aviators for their own use and as part of their payment for carrying the mail. They also received the sum of \$1.

Alcock and Brown won the race, collected the money and handed part of it, £2,000, to the workers who had built the airplane at the Vickers and Rolls-Royce companies. On June 21, they were presented to King George V and emerged from the meeting knighted. It was probably the shortest time between exploit and honor

CANADA UNUSED FINE

All stamps are sound with fine (perfs clearing the design) or better centering and original gum beginning with the Jubilee issue, and average to fine without gum before this. Stamps with "NH" and later issues are never hinged.

Sc. #	Price	736	20	981	50
572	25	737	20	982	95
573	25	738	20	994	25
574	20	739	20	1004	25
575	20	740	50	1005	30
576	20	741	20	1009	50
577	20	742	20	1070a	6.00
582-5 sht	25.00	743	30	1080-3	3.40
Tagged	30.00	744	20	1084	8.00
582	1.00	745	20	1138a	2.20
583	1.00	746	20	1163a	5.50
584	1.00	747	20	1171	.85
585	1.00	748	20	1174	.85
586	.05	749	15	1178	1.15
586c	1.00	750	15	1181	1.20
587	.05	751	15	1182	2.90
588	.10	752	25	1183	6.50
589	.10	753	20	1194	.50
590	.15	754	25	Pr	1.00
591	.15	755	45	1194B	.55
592	.15	756	1.55	1195-8	2.50
593	.15	756a	1.75	1202a	2.00
593a	20	757	20	1205a	.80
594	20	759	45	1209a	2.00
595	30	760	45	1215	.50
598a	1.50	763	20	1216	.50
599	2.60	764	20	1226	.50
599a	2.15	765	20	1227	.50
600	3.95	766	20	1228	.50
601	3.25	767	20	1248a	2.50
604	20	768	20	1251	.60
605	20	769	20	1255a	2.20
606	.15	770	20	1263a	2.00
607	20	771	20	1283a-86b	15.00
608	45	772	20	1305a	2.50
608p	45	773	20	1320a	2.50
611	20	774	20	1333a	2.90
612	20	775	40	1337a	2.50
613	30	776	20	1339-42	3.00
615	20	780	20	1343	.60
616	20	782	.05	1348a	2.30
617	40	782a	.60	1358a	7.00
619	20	787	20	1359	.70
620	20	789	25	1360	.60
621	50	790	25	1372	1.50
622	20	791	40	1378	6.00
623	20	800	15	1395	.60
625	.15	806	30	Pr	1.20
626	.20	813	30	1396	.60
627	.25	815	20	1404-7	3.00
629	.25	817	25	1419	.75
630	.25	818	25	1435a	2.25
631	.25	822	25	1443a-45a	12.00
632	.25	826	25	booklet	12.00
633	.20	828	25	1451a	2.50
634	.30	829	25	1459a	2.50
635	.30	831	25	1460	.60
636	.30	832	25	1494a	2.50
637	.15	832a	2.85	1506a	2.20
638	.30	833	30	1522a	4.15
639	.30	834	30	1533-6	3.00
640	.20	837	25	1595-8	2.50
641	.20	838	25	1644a	2.25
642	.20	839	15	1654	2.00
643	.20	840	25	1697	1.25
644	.25	842	25	1698	2.50
645	.25	843	30	1721	.50
646	.25	844	30	1722	.50
647	.25	845	60	1738	.50
648	.20	846	60	1754	1.15
649	.60	847	25	1756, 61	.65
650	.15	848	50	1764-6	2.50
651	.20	849	30	1779	.60
652	.25	850	30	1799	.70
653	.40	853	30	1811a-d	2.00
654	.15	854	30	1854	3.25
655	.20	855	25	1879a	4.00
656	2.25	856	25	1881a	7.50
657	5.50	857	25	1921a-d	2.00
657 sht (8)	45.00	857-8 sheet	B1	30	
658	20	(16)	B2	45	
661	20	858	B3	60	
662	.15	859	B4	30	
663	.15	860	B7	30	
664	.50	862	B8	45	
666	1.20	863	B9	60	
667	20	864	C1	2.65	
668	20	865	C2	12.75	
669	20	866	C2 NH	26.00	
670	.50	870	C3	1.90	
671	.50	871	C4	4.00	
672	.50	877	C5	1.00	
673	.50	878	C6	1.30	
674	.15	879	C7	1.50	
675	.15	880	C8	.30	
676	.15	881	C9	.30	
677	.15	882	CE1	1.50	
678	.20	883	CE2	1.65	
679	.40	885	CE4	1.75	
680	.20	886	C01	5.00	
684	1.00	887	E1	17.00	
685	1.20	888	E2	22.00	
686	2.00	889	E2 NH	67.00	
687	3.00	890	E3	3.20	
687 sht (8)	25.00	890-3 sheet	E3 NH	15.75	
688	5.50	(16)	E4	17.00	
688 sht (8)	45.00	891	E5	12.50	
691	.25	892	E6	4.75	
694	.50	893	E7	3.00	
697	.15	896	E9	3.00	
698	.20	897	E10	1.50	
702	.25	898	E11	1.00	
704	.60	899	F1	23.00	
705	.05	903	F3	190.00	
707	.15	907	J1	2.40	
708	.10	909	J2	2.50	
709	.10	910	J4	2.75	
710	.10	911	J5	15.00	
711	.20	912	J6	2.25	
712	.15	913	J7	2.00	
713	.20	913a	J8	4.00	
714	.20	914-16	J8 NH	13.00	
715	.25	917-22	J9	6.25	
716	.25	923	J9 NH	11.00	
716b	5.50	924	J10	35.00	
717	.35	924a	J11	3.00	
718	.30	925	J12	1.25	
719	.40	926Bc	J13	3.00	
721	.40	926Be	J14	5.50	
724	1.00	935	J15	.10	
726	1.40	937	J16	.10	
727	2.75	951	J16B	1.75	
729	.25	953	J17	.15	
Pr	.25	Pr	J18	.25	
730	.25	966a	J19	1.40	
Pr	.50	968	J20	.20	
732	.20	973	J21	.20	
733	.20	974	J22	.20	
734	.20	976	J23	.20	
735	.20	977	J24	.35	

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that is recorded, except for those given immediately on the field of battle.

Canada commemorated this successful flight on its 50th anniversary (Scott 464), and a 75th anniversary commemoration was issued by Ireland (Scott 943, Figure 18).

A monument commemorating the flight was erected in Ireland near the site where the flight ended (Figure 19).

The last "first" for this article is the first flight over the Rocky Mountains, which occurred between August 7-11, 1919, when Captain Ernest C. Hoy flew a Curtiss JN-4

"Canuck" from Vancouver to Calgary with stops at Vernon, Grand Forks, Cranbrook and Lethbridge. Newspapers and mail were dropped off at each stop and mail for the return trip was picked up at Lethbridge.

A cachet was applied to the mail. As shown in Figure 20 (from the Longworth-Dames book), it reads "First B.C. — Alberta Aerial Post." This was also to be the first official return flight in Canada. Captain Hoy had arrived in Calgary in the evening intended to return to Vancouver on Aug. 9 via Banff, Field, Golden Revelstoke and Vernon.



Figure 18. The monument to Alcock and Brown is near Ballyconnelly, Ireland and five miles from Clifden where they landed.



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Figure 19. Along with the British stamp shown in Figure 15, stamps were issued by Canada (in 1969) and Ireland (in 1994) to commemorate the Alcock and Brown flight.

1st. B.C. - ALBERTA
AERIAL POST

Figure 20. The cachet used on mail carried on the first airmail flight over the Rocky Mountains.

The weather delayed the departure until Aug. 11 and the plane never made it to destination, crashing in Golden on takeoff. Captain Hoy escaped injury and completed the trip to Vancouver by train where the letters were backstamped on Aug. 13. On the outgoing leg of the flight it is believed that there were 56 to 60 letters carried, with only 12 on the return leg. Again, most of the mail was of an official nature and few items have survived.



New Year 2004 (Year of the Monkey) — A426

No. 3818: a, Dark brown monkey with orange face. b, Dark brown and white monkey with brown face. c, Brown monkey. d, Orange monkey with black face.

2004, Jan. 5
3818 A426 \$100 Sheet of 4, #a-d 4.50 4.50

HONDURAS



Orchids — AP249

Designs: 1.40 I, Vanilla planifolia. 2.60 I, Lycaste virginalis. 3 I, Coelia bella. 4.30 I, Chysis laevis. 8.65 I, Myrmecophila brylana. 10 I, Rhynchoaelia digbyana. 20 I, Mormodes aromatica.

2002, Sept. 25 Litho. Perf. 13½
C1124-C1129 AP249 Set of 6 4.25 4.25

Size: 96x66mm

Imperf

C1130 AP249 20 I multi 2.75 2.75

Christmas
AP250



Designs: 2.60 I, Creche scene. 10.65 I, Holy Family. 14 I, People at recreation of nativity scene.

2002, Nov. 25
C1131-C1133 AP250 Set of 3 3.75 3.75



Designs: 2.60 I, Children. 10 I, Elderly people. 10.65 I, Symbols of Honduras, vert.

2002, Dec. 6
C1134-C1136 AP251 Set of 3 3.25 3.25



Insects — AP252

No. C1137: a, 2 I, Chrysina spectabilis. b, 2 I, Chrysina strasseni. c, 2 I, Viridimicus omoensis. d, 2 I, Hoplopyga liturata. e, 2.60 I, Chrysina cusqueensis. f, 2.60 I, Calomacraspis haroldi. g, 2.60 I, Pelidnota strigosa. h, 2.60 I, Odontochelia tawahka. i, 3 I, Chrysina cavei. j, 3 I, Macropoides crassipes. k, 3 I, Pelidnota velutipes. l, 3 I, Trigidion cyanovestis. m, 4 I, Chrysina pastori. n, 4 I, Platycelia humeralis. o, 4 I, Phanaeus eximius. p, 4 I, Acanthoderes cavei. q, 10.65 I, Chrysina quetzalcoatl. r, 10.65 I, Cyclocephala abrelata. s, 10.65 I, Aegithus rufipennis. t, 10.65 I, Callipogon barbatus.

No. C1138 - Chrysina spp.: a, Eggs. b, Larva. b, Pupa.

2003, Feb. 20
C1137 AP252 Sheet of 20, #a-t 12.00 12.00

Souvenir Sheet
C1138 AP252 10 I Sheet of 3, #a-c 4.00 4.00

Banco Atlantida, 90th anniv. (#C1137).



World Food Program — AP253

Designs: 2.60 I, Children with food. 6.90 I, Child with food. 10.65 I, Child with bowl and spoon.

2003, May 15
C1139-C1141 AP253 Set of 3 2.75 2.75



Pontificate of John Paul II, 25th Anniv., and 20th Anniv. of Visit to Honduras — AP254

No. C1142: a, 13.65 I, Pope giving blessing. b, 14.55 I, Pope at airport. c, 15.45 I, Pope with staff. d, 16.65 I, Pope with rosary beads.

2003, Oct. 10
C1142 AP254 Sheet of 4, #a-d 8.00 8.00



Regional Sanitary Agricultural Organization, 50th Anniv. — AP255

Designs: 2.60 I, Eggs, sliced meat. 10 I, Eye, map of Central America, corn. 10.65 I, Emblem, map of Central America. 14 I, Vegetables. 20 I, Corn, tomato, fish.

2003, Oct. 24
C1143-C1147 AP255 Set of 5 7.50 7.50

HONG KONG



Launch of First Manned Chinese Spacecraft — A218

No. 1062: a, Astronaut, Shenzhou spacecraft. b, Rocket lift-off. Illustration reduced.

2003, Oct. 16 Photo. Perf. 13½
1062 A218 \$1.40 Pair, #a-b .75 .75



Development of Public Housing — A220
Various buildings.

Perf. 13½x13 Syncopated

2003, Dec. 11

Granite Paper

1069 A220 \$1.40 org & multi
1070 A220 \$2.40 yel & multi
1071 A220 \$3 pur & multi
1072 A220 \$5 red & multi
Nos. 1069-1072 (4)

Photo.

.40 .40
.60 .60
.80 .80
1.25 1.25
3.05 3.05

HUNGARY



European Union Membership — A1180

2003

Litho.

Perf. 12x11½

3858 A1180 1150f shown 1.00 .50
3859 A1180 1300f, Clock at 11:35 1.25 .60
Issued: 1150f, 9/16; 1300f, 10/18.



Nutrition — A1181

2003, Sept. 16
3860 A1181 1200f multi

Perf. 12
1.10 .55



European Automobile-free Day — A1182

2003, Sept. 16
3861 A1182 1500f multi

1.40 .70



Reszo Soó (1903-80),
Botanist — A1183

2003, Sept. 23
3862 A1183 440f multi

.40 .20



Book Printing
A1184

Designs: No. 3863, 44fo, Hungarian Illuminated Chronicle, 1358. No. 3864, 44fo, Ritual of Zhou, China.

2003, Sept. 30
3863-3864 A1184 Set of 2 .80 .40
See People's Republic of China Nos. 3309-3310.

Souvenir Sheet



Ferenc Deák (1803-76), Statesman — A1185

2003, Oct. 18
3865 A1185 5000f multi 4.50 2.25



Christmas — A1186

Designs: 35fo, Reindeer. 44fo, Angels, Christmas tree, houses.

2003, Oct. 31
3866-3867 A1186 Set of 2 .70 .35

ICELAND

Flowers Type of 2000

Designs: 50k, Tagetes patula. 55k, Begonia x tuberhybrida.

2004, Jan. 15
1005-1006 A325 Set of 2 3.00 3.00