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1972 U.N. World Health Day Special First Day Cover Issued by Hudson

Much thanks to member D. Johnson for bringing this cover to the attention of MPI and to R. Ward for the research and correspondence with H.D. Hudson Manufacturing Company.



About 1500 of the above covers were prepared by H. D. Hudson Manufacturing Co., Chicago, and distributed to friends and customers along with the letter reproduced on pages 4-5 as part of the First Day activities for the United Nations' World Health Day issue made April 7, 1972.

"We had no particular occasion for our effort, just that we, with our interest in world health, wanted to celebrate the issue of the stamp . . . The illustration was from our files of similar photos showing our equipment in use throughout the world. Since we haven't been able to locate this photo, it can be assumed it was from an agency associated with the Servicio Nacional Eradicacion Paludismo (SNEP) Program, probably in Mexico.

"Sorry, we do not have any covers left," is the answer given by Hudson's Communications Supervisor to the query sent by member Ward.

The cachet illustration referenced, as seen above, shows a work crew with Hudson spray equipment and a wall poster-signboard which seems to read "DERADICATION/de la MALARIA/SNEM/???/???."

Do any members have this cover and a better informed guess on the source of the cachet illustration?? This is one worth searching for -- is anyone aware of other, similar, private First Day or special event covers??

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HERM ISLAND AND ITS ANTI-MALARIA STAMPS

by Roger S. Cichorz

Postal History of Herm and Genesis of Its Local Stamps

Herm Island is located in the English Channel about three miles east of Guernsey, halfway between that island and Sark. Herm is approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long from north to south and over half a mile wide from east to west, with a coastline of about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles at high water. A small harbor faces Guernsey, and clustered around it is what passes for the Island village where the White House Hotel, a restaurant, the piazza that houses the Post Office and shops, the Mermaid Tavern, and a row of cottages are all located.

Herm's recorded postal history began during the tenancy of Compton Mackenzie, the famous author and novelist, who lived on Herm from 1920. During the tenancy of Mr. Mackenzie, there was no post office on Herm and all mail was placed in a locked bag and transported to Guernsey for posting. Mr. Mackenzie's tenancy was succeeded in 1923 by Sir Percival Lea Dewhurst Perry (later Lord Perry), the Chairman of Ford's, who maintained a large staff while remaining on Herm until 1938. Because of Lord Perry's large staff, the British G.P.O. established in what is now the Mermaid Tavern a Post Office which functioned as a sub-office of Guernsey. It opened May 1, 1925, and closed November 30, 1938, because of a decline in the number of residents and resultant lack of business. Thereafter, all mail was once again posted in Guernsey.

In 1946, the States of Guernsey Agricultural Committee purchased Herm from the Crown and leased the Island to Mr. A. G. Jefferies. In 1948, as part of his efforts to exploit the tourist potential for Herm, Mr. Jefferies approached the British postal authorities with a request to have the sub-office reopened, or, failing that, to have an official letter box installed and regular collections of mail made. Both of these requests were refused by the G.P.O. on the grounds that the population of Herm was insufficient to justify such actions. After being refused official postal facilities, Mr. Jefferies decided to carry the mails in his own motor boats. Following the example of Lundy, the island in the Bristol Channel that issued local stamps (carriage labels) since 1929, Mr. Jefferies arranged to issue special stamps for collection of his carrier fees, and, accordingly, approached Charles H. Coker of the Guernsey Press Company Ltd. to submit a stamp design.

When the design and color choice had been finalized, Mr. Jefferies submitted it to the British Postmaster General who objected to the inclusion of the word "postage" (prohibited on carrier labels by G.P.O. regulations). It was early in 1949 that the G.P.O. finally consented to permit production of Herm adhesives if the offending word was removed from the design, and Mr. Coker began production of Herm's first issue of local stamps, termed the "map" definitives, which were officially issued on May 26, 1949. Mr. Jefferies died in 1949, and the Herm lease was transferred to Major and Mrs. A. G. ("Peter") Wood, the present tenants. Major Wood continued the operation of the Herm local post office and the issuance of local stamps until October 1969, when the Guernsey Post Office Board established a Herm sub-office and officially took over responsibility for all Herm postal operations.

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HUDSON ISSUES SPECIAL FIRST DAY COVER (story on page 1)



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HERE IS YOUR WORLD HEALTH FIRST DAY COVER

On April 7 of this year the H. D. Hudson Manufacturing Company obtained a number of limited edition first-day covers of a stamp commemorating World Health Day and the United Nation's World Health Organization. We are pleased to be able to share one of these collector's items with you.

We have had a long and gratifying relationship with WHO and others implementing the U.S. foreign policy goal of malaria eradication since we were first attracted to the monumental humanitarian efforts which these groups undertook in fighting pestilence and suffering around the world. In a world filled with many worthy causes, we were drawn to those championing a fight against an enemy that knows no geographic boundaries and had brought untold misery and anguish to many millions of people. The odds seemed insurmountable.

Thirty years ago malaria was the world's most devastating disease. Each year 200 million people were stricken. The suffering and economic loss to the many malaria-plagued areas of the world were enormous. The estimated total disability was three billion man-days per year to those who survived.

Although it was long a dream of mankind, the feasibility of controlling and hopefully eradicating malaria from the world was first seriously considered at the Fourth International Congress of Tropical Medicine and Malaria in 1948. The concept of eradication was based on the demonstrated success of DDT in drastically reducing mosquito populations. The application of the chemical DDT as a residual spray to the known resting places of mosquitos would interrupt the transmission of the disease from one human to another.

In 1954, and again in 1955, the 14th Pan-American Sanitary Conference and the Eighth World Health Assembly

HUDSON COVER LETTER ENCLOSURE (continued)

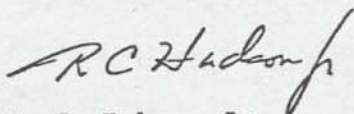
in Mexico passed resolutions setting world-wide eradication of malaria as a goal. They called on WHO to provide the necessary leadership and expertise.

Since 1955 it has been our privilege, along with others, to work with the World Health Organization in assisting those dedicated to attacking malaria. We have contributed our knowledge and experience acquired over years of producing durable equipment for use under the most adverse field conditions. Our cooperative effort has resulted in the development and production of application equipment which meets the exacting performance standards established by WHO. Our sprayer, which is found in nearly every country, is a basic tool in helping to eliminate malaria and other insect-borne diseases throughout the world.

We are all aware of the odds against which dedicated individuals fought and the progress that was made. Human suffering from malaria alone has been drastically reduced. Three-fourths of the world has made significant advances in controlling if not eradicating the disease.

We of the H. D. Hudson Manufacturing Company are glad to have had some part in this work and the progress that has been made. The commemorative first-day cover is our way of giving recognition to this noble effort and its commitment to better health for mankind through scientific knowledge and human compassion.

Sincerely,



R. C. Hudson, Jr.
President

Enc.

RUMOR OR FACT

QUESTIONS ON THE MALARIA TOPIC IN NEED OF ANSWERS

- #6 Still Open. Revenues for malaria fund, related drugs?? Brazil Sanitation Department Revenues already reported. *Does any member have a philatelic friend who is a specialist in world-wide back of book items where we might seek some help on this??*
- #11 Part Still Open. Checklist(s) on biological (other than fish), chemical mosquito abatement/control?? *Even if you have only a partial listing of related issues, please forward to the editor -- two partial listings might combine to make a fair starting checklist.*
- #15 Still Open. Background, history, catalog information on September 18, 1962, Naples, exhibition "sheet/label" for Europa with WHO antimalaria overprint and cancel/hand-stamp?? *Any assistance from overseas members would be appreciated on this. Item referenced was illustrated on page 11, Jan.-March, 1982, issue (Vol. 2, No. 1).*
- #18 Still Open. Background, history on Mexico RAs?? *Information needed for response to this question and should also serve as basis for write-up in handbook.*
- #20 Checklist of cities in Canada using '62 slogan cancel and when used:

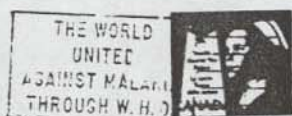
Thanks to R. Ward, C. Turner and J. Moehr for input that resulted in the following initial checklist. Please advise the editor if you have additions!!!

The ATA handbook on Medical subjects (#39 by G.J. Newerla) lists on page 121 only three antimalaria slogan cancels for Canada: Ottawa, Ontario in English and both English and French slogans used in Montreal, Quebec. Earliest date noted and latest seemed to imply use only in the month of April, 1962. Also, the reference implied only philatelic use -- but both the dates and mode of use are now known to be beyond April and for regular mail. The following listing covers only items verified as present in a current MPI member collection -- thus there may be many more. Readers are urged to forward photocopies of other cities and/or use after April, 1962.

City	Province	Month	Language
Edmonton	Alberta	April	English
Montreal	Quebec	"	English
"	"	"	French
Ottawa	Ontario	"	English
"	"	"	French
Quebec	Quebec	"	French
Saint John	N.B.	"	English
Saskatoon	Sask.	"	English
Toronto	Ontario	"	English
Vancouver	B.C.	August	English
Windsor	Ontario	April	English
Winnipeg	Manatoba	"	English

FRENCH SLOGAN CANCELS:

L'OMS / LIGUE LE MONDE / CONTRE /
LA MALARIA



- #21 Still Open. What is reason for different color overprints on Guinea? *Any information in 1962 philatelic press articles?? Has anyone researched this??*

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RUMOR OR FACT (continued)

#22 Still Open. How many different towns in Argentina provided first day cancellations?? And, did all process some number of both the cover and card?? What do parenthetical letters on Argentina cancels indicate -- i.e. Buenos Aires (FC), Rio Cuarto (Cba)??

Thanks to R. Ward for the following information and copies of the referenced philatelic item.

The official First Day sheetlet issued by the Secretaria de Comunicaciones, Republica Argentina, answers several of the questions raised. This sheetlet (illustrated below) is on thin white paper and contains one stamp with the BUENOS AIRES (FC) handcancel on the front. A description of the stamp, printing details and a list of offices in Buenos Aires and other cities where the special "Dia de Emision" cancel was applied. It may be noted that (FC) is the abbreviation for Franqueo Central and it may be assumed that (Cba) stands for Cordoba. During the past 10 years, I have only encountered FDC's and cards with either the BUENOS AIRES (FC) or CORDOBA cancel; thus the others may be assumed to be rather scarce. -- R. Ward



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REPUBLICA ARGENTINA
SECRETARIA DE COMUNICACIONES

Filatelia

Dirección Nacional

**"EMISION EXTRAORDINARIA
CAMPAÑA DE ERRADICACION
DEL PALUDISMO"**

Día de Emisión: 14 de abril de 1962

Valor: m\$n. 2,00

Cantidad: 2.000.000

Color: Rojo y Negro

Tamaño: 32 x 22 mm.

Pliego de: 100 sellos

Impreso en: Casa de Moneda

Procedimiento: Litografía

Dibujante: Eduardo Miliavaca

Decreto: 510/62

Vifeta: Símbolo de la O.M.S. y mosquito anopheles.

Los interesados del interior de la República pueden hacer sus pedidos directamente a la oficina d Franqueo Central, (Buenos Aires), o bien a las distintas Cabeceras de Distrito acompañando giro postal para cubrir el importe y gastos de envío.

El 14 de abril de 1962 se aplicará en Franqueo Central, Correo Central, y en las siguientes Cabeceras de Distrito: Nº 1 (Rosario), 2 (La Plata), 5 (Santa Fe), 6 (Córdoba), 8 (Mendoza), 9 (San Juan), 11 (Río Cuarto), 12 (Paraná), 21 (Bahía Blanca) y 26 (Resistencia), un matasellos especial "Día de Emisión".

Franqueo Central atenderá al público en el horario de 8 a 13.

En las restantes Cabeceras de Distrito y Oficinas Principales que poseen matasellos "Día de Emisión", se aplicarán los ya existentes, en el horario que las mismas fijen.

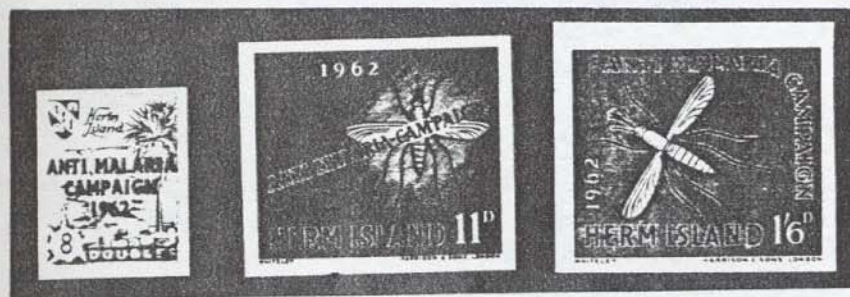
Operation of the Herm Local Post and the 1969 Guernsey Takeover

During the twenty years of successful operation of the Herm local post, the island "post office" had occupied several locations. During the 1950s, the office was situated in the Gift Shop. In the early 1960s, the office was transferred to the terraced cottage at the foot of Manor Drive, but when this was converted to additional hotel accommodations, the office moved back to the Gift Shop, and it was there when the Guernsey Post Office opened its sub-office in 1969. The Herm post office has since been moved to an adjacent shop in the piazza.

During the operation of the local post facilities on Herm, the Herm "Postmaster" saw that the mail was properly franked with both British stamps (required for the mail to be serviced by the G.P.O.) and with Herm stamps (required as a carriage fee to transfer the mail to Guernsey for G.P.O. posting). No items were accepted for mailing from Herm unless they bore the proper Herm postage. The mail was subsequently cancelled on Herm (that is, the Herm stamps were tied to the back of envelopes or to the top left of the message-side of postcards by a Herm circular datestamp canceller), placed into a locked mailbag marked "HERM ISLAND MAIL," and then the bag transferred on the 9 a.m. milk boat to Guernsey, where it was taken to the G.P.O. Sorting Office in St. Peter Port and unlocked by a Post Office official. Letters to Herm were placed in the bag, which was then relocked and taken back to the island "post office" for distribution. Unlike Lundy, the Herm local post authorities did not require an additional fee over the British postage payment for incoming mail.

The Herm local post issued numerous series of stamps over the 20-year period of its operation. From 1949 to 1960, Herm local stamps reflected themes of the island history, geography, and fauna, but in 1961, Herm succumbed to the issuance of popular philatelic "thematics" (such as its "Europa" and "Anti-malaria" sets) and underwent much criticism in the philatelic press at that time. These speculative issues damaged Herm's philatelic reputation; however, it is now being realized by many philatelists that the Herm issues were an integral part of Channel Islands philately and postal history, and collector interest is steadily growing among Channel Island specialists.

On October 1, 1969, the British Post Office became a public corporation, and since Guernsey wished its postal service to remain under State control, it had arranged to take over for the G.P.O. and issue its own stamps. The Guernsey Post Office Board did not wish its stamps to be regarded throughout the world as "local" issues (with the accompanying negative connotation among philatelists), so it banned all local services in the Baliwick and enacted a law that would make it an offense under penalty of a heavy fine to use local carriage labels. The Board also realized this edict would cause a severe hardship to Herm if its services were completely withdrawn; consequently, the Board opened a sub-office there on the so-called vesting day, the October 1, 1969 date of transfer of postal services from the G.P.O. to the Guernsey authority. Major Wood, in recognition of and as a reward for his 20 years of mail-carrying efforts, was offered, and he accepted, the Herm sub-postmastership, and the Post Office on Herm therefore became "official" once again after an interval of more than 30 years. The Herm Island sub-office continues to operate today under the Guernsey Post Office Board and Guernsey stamps are used to frank all mail from Herm.



Illustrations:

- Row 1 - issued set of three for 1962 and the Aug. 31, 1967 provisional
- Row 2 - imperf. color proofs (issued colors)
- Row 3 - imperf. color trials (black overprint on green, green, pale blue)
- Row 4 - imperf. color trials (black overprint on red, pale blue, rose carmine)



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ADDITIONAL LONDON ANOPHELINE METER NOW IN USE

In the *Miasma Philatelist* (Vol. 3, No. 2, page 11 -- April-June, 1982) it was stated that recent mailing of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, London, no longer used the anopheline meter illustrated on page 10. During November, 1982, Ron Ward reports he received a letter from the Society with a new style meter considerably larger than the old meter (see illustration).

This new meter, like to old one, uses red ink. The official seal and motto are enclosed within a rectangular frame, 43 x 30 mm. This meter is apparently from a different manufacturer as the number is preceded by "HF" as contrasted with "P.B.L" on the old meter.

FIRST ANNUAL 'INTERNATIONAL MOSQUITO DAY' COVER DELIVERY MADE

With a lot of help from the Indian Topical Association -- particularly their secretary, D. Madhao Rao -- and an assist from MPI member S. W. S. Menzies, MPI completed delivery to members and other collectors of the first annual cover commemorating International Mosquito Day -- six months late.

Preparation for this cover involved location of an appropriate cachet illustration of Sir Ronald Ross. The decision had been made to have the first cover issued from his birthplace, Almora, India, as International Mosquito Day (August 20) commemorates the discovery of malarial organisms in the Anopheles mosquito by Sir Ronald Ross. Also, 1983 marked the 125th anniversary of his birth.

Dr. Menzies made numerous contacts in Great Britain and was able to acquire for MPI use an excellent illustration -- courtesy of The London Illustrated News Picture Library.

While work proceeded in the States for production of the cachet and insert, ITA made contact with the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Directorate to arrange for the special slogan cancel and servicing of the covers in Almora. The initial -- August 20 -- cancel design is illustrated below, along with the final September 30 cancel as used.

Complications that delayed the servicing were beyond the control of ITA, and to some extent the Postmaster/Director General and his staff -- we have found that Indian Customs (at least in Bombay) has their own rules and ways of handling non-commercial shipments. In fact, the same delays occurred in attempting to have the serviced covers delivered back to MPI. But, regardless, a memorable "first" has been achieved. All expenses have been covered by the sales to date and now a 1983 subject to commemorate for International Mosquito Day is needed.

MEMBERS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR 1983 MOSQUITO DAY COVER SUBJECT

Check your research papers and notes -- MPI needs to know now if there is an appropriate individual or event which can be the subject of the 1983 Mosquito Day cover. Proposals should be sent to the editor (address on page 2). If the event/individual has connection with a specific location (city, nation) please indicate this so that contacts can be made immediately to determine if a special slogan/illustrated cancel is possible and if MPI's covers can be processed.

Mosquito Day 1982



Sir Ronald Ross
1857-1932



Covers remain available from MPI, for members only, at \$2 each plus a #10 SASE.

XCHANGES / \$ALES AVAILABLE

Exchange and sale offers are listed free for members and at \$1 per 40 character line for non-members. For exchanges, please include corresponding want list item(s), name and address (no confidential exchange listings). For direct sales, include name and address. For confidential sales, send item(s) for listing under assigned number. A 10% handling fee will be deducted from all confidential sales. Payment or return will be made by 30 days after publication, unless continued listing is requested/paid for. Sales items may be listed with firm prices or at best offer (BO) above a listed minimum. PLEASE NOTE: Best offer sales are not auction sales. Each offer is passed on to the owner, who makes the decision to accept or wait or re-list.

Sale #83-10 (illustrated - see pages 13, 21 22)

1. China FDC PTT cachet vf	\$ 1.25	2. Macau FDC PTT cachet vf	\$ 3.00
3. Bulgaria Imperf slight defect	3.00	4. Ghana FDC PTT cachet SS	2.95
5. Hungary Imperf, lge cvr	3.50	6. Israel FDC PTT cachet vf	1.50
7. UAR Palestine FDC, vg	1.00	8. Poland FDC set cpl. vf	2.25
9. Poland FDC Souvenir Sheet	2.50	10. Nigeria, brown cachet, vf	2.95
11. Portugal, 6th Cong. 1958 FDC	8.50	12. Switzerland FDC vf 1962	4.00
13. Switzerland FDC ovpt'd	2.00	14. Liechtenstein FDC	1.00
15. Turkey, PTT cachet vf	1.00	16. Bolivia, purple cancel vg	2.65
17. Burundi, blue and magenta	1.95	18. Cameroun, U.DES.CO. cachet	2.00
19. Cameroun, same as 18.	2.00	20. Chad FDC PJ cachet vf	1.75
21. Comoro Is. without cachet	2.75	22. Columbia FDC Rach cachet	10.50
23. Congo FDC blue & black cachet	1.75	24. Costa Rica FDC vf	2.50
25. Denmark Slogan, Copenhagen	1.50	26. Dominican Rep. C120-21	1.25
27. Ethiopia FDC vf	2.50	28. Gabon FDC, blue cachet vf	1.80
29. Ghana, set of four FDC	1.75	30. Guinea FDC airmails (3)	4.25
31. Guinea SS w/agency logo	5.75	32. Haiti 2 FDC set and 1st SS	4.75
33. Guinea FDC orange overprints	7.50	34. Indonesia FDC w/insert	1.85
35. Ivory Coast PAC cachet, addressed	1.95	36. Ivory Coast U.DES.CO. cachet	2.25
37. Jordan perf SS green cachet	4.50	38. Jordan perf set, map cachet	1.50
39. Jordan, portrait cachet	1.50	40. Jordan FDC Imp SS, no cachet	6.50
41. Liberia 50c Air SS, no cachet	1.95	42. Libya FDC vf w/cachet	2.50
43. Pakistan FDC (Karachi)85	44. Maldive Is 2 FDC red/green cachets	2.75
45. Maldive 2 FDC w/diff. cachets	2.75	46. Mauritania reg. to Ohio	8.00
47. Panama FDC CB1-3	5.00	48. Panama FDC "VALE" overprint	5.75
49. Somalia FDC PTT cachet vf	3.75	50. Sudan FDC (Kartoum)	1.50
51. Syria FDC, green/red/blue cachet	2.25		

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Sale #83-11 (illustrated on pages 20 and 22)

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| 1. Taunton/Somerset, GB cancel . . . \$ 1.25 | 2. Torquay/Devon, GB cancel . . . \$ 2.00 |
| 3. Aberdeen, GB cancel . . . 1.50 | 4. Venezuela FDC, Adher cachet . . 4.75 |
| 5. Thailand FDC, Shevia . . . 3.25 | 6. Portugal '68 WHO FDC . . . 2.50 |
| 7. Portugal FDC, 6th Int. Congress . 10.00 | 8. Poland SS FDC . . . 4.50 |
| 9. Mauritania FDC w/C14-15 ovrrpt . . 10.00 | 10. Italy FDC, Rodia purple cachet . 3.50 |
| 11. France FDC, PJ cachet . . . 2.75 | 12. Equador FDC, AFE cachet . . . 2.25 |
| 13. Spain FDC, Alonso cachet . . . 3.50 | 14. Brazil Maxi-Card . . . 2.00 |
| 15. Brazil FDC . . . 1.75 | 16. Ceylon FDC . . . 4.50 |

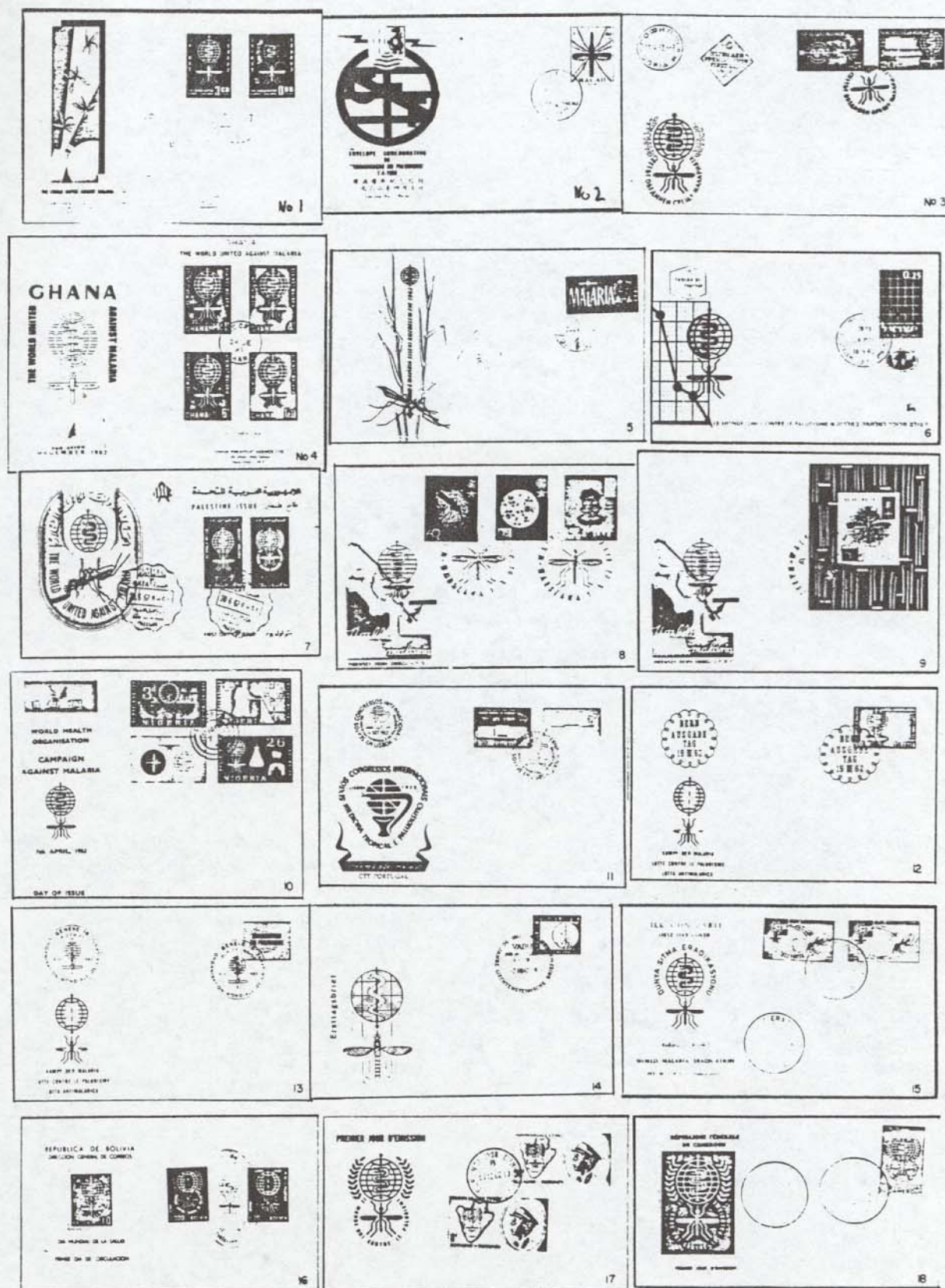


Sale #83-12 (illustrated above)

Individual or as a lot; 3 registered covers from '62 WHO campaign. Chad - \$7.50;
Gabon - \$8.50; Somali Coast - \$40.00 -- as a lot - \$50.00

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Sale #83-10 illustrations (listing page 11)



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SECOND ARTICLE OFFERED BY LUNDY COLLECTORS CLUB'S QUARTERLY EDITOR, ROGER CICHORZ

The following correspondence will give readers background information on the "HERM ISLAND AND ITS ANTI-MALARIA STAMPS" article which starts on page 3 of this issue. Roger's writing is not new to the Miasma Philatelist as his feature on the Lundy Anti-malaria issues appeared last year.

"Since most of your readers are probably unaware of Herm (it's not listed in the "standard" catalogues of the world such as Gibbons, Scott, etc.), I thought it would be worthwhile to write about the postal history of the island and why it operated a local post and issued stamps -- prior to talking about the Herm "Anti-Malaria" issues.

"Although I believe that Herm's 1949-69 local post was a legitimate enterprise and plays an important part in the modern postal history of the channel islands, I feel that its 1962 "A-M" issues had nothing to do with Herm and were issued by its postal authorities (Major Wood) solely to capitalize on the pocketbooks of collectors who would be purchasing stamps having the "A-M" theme.

"Some "A-M" purists may take issue with me terming Herm's "A-M" set exploitive--that's o.k. (I enjoy creating a controversy!) and I'm encouraging them to write me with their opinions. Most "A-M" thematisists (or topicalists or whatever it is you call yourselves) are probably "mainstream" philatelists (rather than Cinderella nuts like myself) who will balk at my arguments that there was a degree of "legitimacy" in the Herm local operation in the first place -- my first thesis -- and these too are encouraged to write with their views!

"That gives you some idea of how I went about developing my article . . . I hope you'll find it interesting the way I developed it. . .

"I want to point out that there are some seeming inconsistencies in the article -- you'll note I capitalized "Post Office" some times and sometimes I didn't. When making reference to the British Government or Guernsey authority it is capitalized; when used to refer to a building it's housed in or the Herm operation, it's lower case. . . Also, I hyphenated "Anti-malaria" (and capitalized the "M" in headings, but otherwise lower-case"; however, Herm didn't on their stamps, so when I quote the wording on the stamps it becomes "Anti Malaria".

"One other point: I thought it might be worth mentioning to the reader from whom these stamps are available just in case they want to rush right out and pick some up for their collection. Herm is just not the thing that your local dealer is likely to have in stock, so I've included some dealers who have them . . . not pushing the stamps, not trying to plug a specific dealer . . . just trying to help the reader."

-- (S) Roger Cichorz

MPI thanks Roger for the information and the informative article. Readers should let the editor know if they are aware of any other authors from other general or special interest philatelic or professional groups who can make similar contributions to our publication.

SALE LISTINGS - (continued from page 12)

Sale #83-13 (illustrated on pages 23-4)

Cuba - Maass cachet-issue \$ 4.50
Cameroun - PAC cachet 4.50
Hungary - sheetlet FDC 10.00
Sierra Leone - WHO/mosquito cachet 3.25

Mali - PJ cachet \$ 4.00
Jordan - perf SS; imperf SS; set - 3 FDC 22.50
Mauritania - semi and ovr'prints 10.00

The Anti-Malaria Stamps of 1962

Following the relatively great financial success of its 1961 "Europa" set, Herm decided to join the "Anti-malaria" theme of 1962 which had the potential to be an international best seller. During the period of June 1959 to September 1961, Herm had produced four different sets simply by overprinting existing stocks of the 1959 "maps and boats" definitives. After four consecutive overprinted sets, it was refreshing to find that Herm's newly-found prosperity from sales of its 1961 Europa sets permitted the Anti-malaria issue to have two specially designed values, even if these were coupled with another overprint for the low value in the set.

The set of three Herm stamps for the 1962 Anti-Malaria Campaign was issued June 7, 1962. The set consisted of:

- An 8 doubles value, equivalent to one penny (the double--pronounced "dooble"--was an old Guernsey coin, eight of which were equivalent to a British penny; until 1971, Guernsey $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d coins were, in fact, inscribed "4 doubles" and "8 doubles," respectively), which was the current local rate for mailing a postcard from Herm.
- An 1ld value, which represented no then-current Herm local posting rate, and could only have valid postal use for making up higher rates required for weighty packages or parcels or for registered mail (as far as I could ascertain from examining the rates of carriage from Herm that existed at that time).
- A 1s6d value, which as the then-current fee for taking registered letters from Herm to the Guernsey Post Office.

The 8 doubles stamp was a special printing in blue of the current 8 doubles "map" definitive and overprinted in black "ANTI MALARIA/CAMPAIGN/1962." The 1ld and 1s6d values were designed by Victor Whiteley of Harrison & Sons Ltd. of London security printers and offset lithographed in sheets of 30 (6 across by 5 down), perforated 14 $\frac{1}{2}$. The 1ld design has a microscope and mosquito, and the stamps were printed in red. The 1s6d design has a mosquito, and the stamps were printed in green. The printing figures of 105,000 for the 8-doubles value and 100,000 each for the 1ld and 1s6d values proved inordinately optimistic, and sales were well below expectations. Five years later, more than a quarter of the total printing of the 1ld value was overprinted as a provisional 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamp (to meet the sealed letter rate that was in effect in 1967).

The 1981 Backman/Forrester Catalogue (reference 1) attributes the lack of popularity of this issue to "Victor Whiteley's designs prov(ing) to be rather disappointing." I feel, however, that Mr. Whiteley's designs were attractive and the stamps well produced. Herm was under extensive criticism in the philatelic press during the period of the late 1950s and early 1960s for exploiting collectors with an "excessive" amount of "unnecessary" issues. Furthermore, the British Philatelic Association Joint Committee and the Philatelic Traders' Society did not endorse the British Isle "locals" that were beginning to proliferate during that period and requested its members to use restrictive descriptions when offering such issues for sale. Themes such as "Europa" and "Anti-malaria" that had nothing to do with Herm certainly did not enhance its philatelic reputation, and certainly the optimistic printing of 100,000 sets (when the printing of three of Herm's four previous commemorative sets numbered under 10,000!) seemed entirely unrealistic for its local post needs unless philatelic exploitation was intended.

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No catalogued "errors" or "varieties" of the stamps in the Herm 1962 Anti-malaria set exist, and this is a tribute to the stamp-producing ability and integrity of Harrison & Sons Ltd. A publicity sheet with impressions of the three stamps, reproduced from the actual dies, was produced (quantity unknown) by Harrison & Sons Ltd. In addition, imperforate proofs in the issued colors were prepared by the printers, and the following six imperforate color trials by Harrison & Sons Ltd. were produced: 8 doubles (black overprint on green and black overprint on red), 1ld (green and pale blue), and 1s6d (pale blue and rose carmine). Ample first day of issue covers (with the usual Herm cachet in black and the red imprint "ANTI MALARIA/7th June, 1962"), which were serviced to and from Guernsey (round trip representing actual G.P.O. usage), were prepared for collectors and are still relatively plentiful.

The 1967 Provisional Issue

Because of the poor sales of the Anti-malaria set, large stocks of the 1ld value, which did not represent any existing Herm postage rate, remained on the island. In 1967, the remainder of these (27,750 stamps) were overprinted in black with a 3.75-mm square at the lower right and a 9-mm-long and 1½-mm-wide rectangle at the upper left--which served as the obliterations for the "1ld" value and the "1962" date, respectively--and the 3-line inscription "August/1967/1½d." This provisional issue was overprinted by the Guernsey Press Company Ltd. to temporarily rectify a shortage of the 1½d definitives brought about by tourist demand during the summer of 1967. The 1½d fee represented the rate for sealed letters at that time. No overprinting "errors" or "varieties" of this provisional issue are catalogued, again a credit to the integrity of the firm responsible for the stamps' preparation. First day of issue (August 31, 1967) covers seeing actual postal service to and from Guernsey (round trip representing actual G.P.O. usage) exist but are not that plentiful. Technically, this stamp is not an "Anti-malaria" issue and filled the need of a definitive for a Herm rate in effect at the time it was produced, but, nevertheless, the presence of the design and words "Anti Malaria Campaign" make it desirable as a thematic.

Availability of the Herm Anti-Malaria Locals

All of the Herm Anti-malaria stamps, color proofs, and color trials mentioned in this article are relatively inexpensive and available. The former philatelic agents for Herm, J. Sanders (Philatelist) Ltd., 7 Commercial Road, Southampton SO9 4TN, England, to my knowledge still has them in stock for retail sale. Prices from Sanders' current "Locals" pricelist are: the 1962 set of three, 1.25 pounds, and the set on a first day cover, 1.00 pound; the complete set of nine imperforate color trials (6) and color proofs (3), 6.75 pounds; the 1967 provisional, 85 pence, but the FDC is unavailable. (Prices are for mint, never-hinged condition; pairs and blocks of four *pro rata* the prices for singles.) The Sanders firm accepts major credit card accounts (VISA/Barclaycard, MasterCard/Access, etc.), which makes ordering for U.S. and Canadian residents convenient without having to worry about money conversions. Other dealers who stock Herm and could supply these items (write for price quotations) include: Richard M. Langworth (P.O. Box 385, Contoocook, New Hampshire 03229, U.S.A.), Jim Mahy (The Petite Gallery, Vancouver, Canada), and Derek Tomlin (Brunswick International Stamps, P.O. Box 224, 5 Place du Commerce, Bouet, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands).

Illustration:

The Herm Anti-Malaria first day of issue cover. (Two "HERM ISLAND/ 7 JUN 1962" circular date hand-stamps in violet tie the Herm stamps to the cover flap but are not discernable in this illustration.) Note that the Herm locals were placed upsidedown on the flap, so that the stamps would be viewed upright with the flap open.

*Conclusions*

I feel that the Herm local post served a valid postal function for its twenty years of existence, and its local stamps were "valid" and "necessary" issues to prepay fixed fees for a private postal service for Herm residents and visitors that was not being provided for them by the G.P.O. Therefore, Herm locals should have a place in Channel Islands postal history. I attempted to illustrate this thesis by providing a postal history of the island at the onset of this article. It is also my opinion (as well as that of several national philatelic societies and the philatelic press in general during the late 1950s and early 1960s) that several of Herm's issues (including the 1962 Anti-malaria set) were unnecessary and produced primarily to be exploitive of thematic collectors. Readers who disagree with either of these points or who can provide additional information on the Herm Anti-malaria or 1967 provisional stamps are encouraged to write the author at 3925 Longwood Avenue, Boulder, Colorado 80303, U.S.A.

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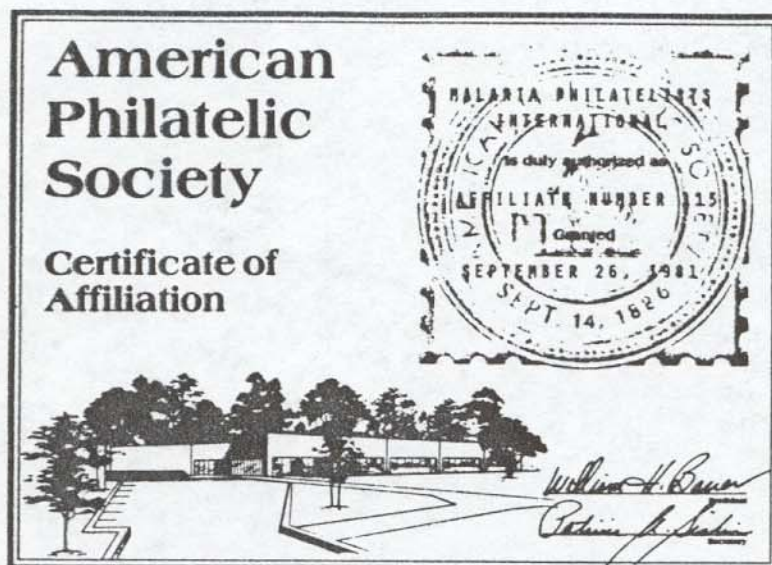
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FROM THE READING ROOM . . . NOTES ON BOOKS / ARTICLES OF INTEREST

ECHO-PHIL, journal of the Federation of Belgium's Thematic Philatelists, included a brief note on *Miasma Philatelist* and recommended it . . . "should be equally interesting to philatelists from the Medicine Study Group."

The March '82 issue of Science and Medicine included an article, on page 76, reporting on a "powerful new bacteriological weapon against a group of diseases including malaria." Resulting from a chance discovery at the Hebrew University in Israel, a fungal agent for the control of insects has been developed through joint work by the staffs of Lethbridge Agriculture Research Station (Canada) and the University of Washington (Seattle).

WHO has participated in the development and representatives have stated that the agent has "the property of killing the mosquito vectors of malaria . . ."

In January, 1983, the Journal of the American Medical Association included a paper by Doctors Kramer, Campbell and Moncrieff on the viability of using whole-blood exchange transfusion as a treatment for *Plasmodium falciparum* infection.

"A 48-year-old physician, who was not undergoing malaria chemoprophylaxis, contracted *Plasmodium falciparum* while working in eastern Thailand. In the hospital, he had a peak parasitemia of 72% RBCs infected, associated with CNS dysfunction. As an adjunct to chemotherapy, a double-volume whole-blood exchange transfusion was performed on the first hospital day, dropping the parasitemia to less than 1% within 32 hours. The patient's clinical condition improved, with a prompt reversal of CNS, hepatic, and renal complications. These results, combined with those in previously reported cases, suggest that exchange transfusion should be considered more generally as a life-saving procedure in *P. falciparum* infections."

SCIENCE, Vol. 219 (February, 1983) includes an interesting report on the current status of the malaria vaccine project being conducted at New York University (NYU). It seems that WHO and the proposed manufacturer, Genetech, are in conflict on license for the production of the end result. WHO's funding contracts call for "public access" to the results -- but Genetech want an exclusive.

Thanks are due the following MPI members for passing on the information on these publications of interest -- J. Moehr, K. Lekisch and K. Lohr.

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VOLUNTEER AUCTION CHAIRMAN NEEDED . . .

MPI needs a volunteer. There are a number of members who have offered to donate "auction" material in lieu of direct contribution to the sustaining fund. MPI has an opportunity to acquire offset printing negatives for full color illustration of a wide range of malaria issues. Full-color printing is not cheap -- even without the expense of color slides and making process-color separation negatives.

If the funds can be raised, these illustrations will be used in Malaria Philately Around the World, MPI's handbook catalog -- which begins publication in serial form with this issue of Miasma Philatelist.

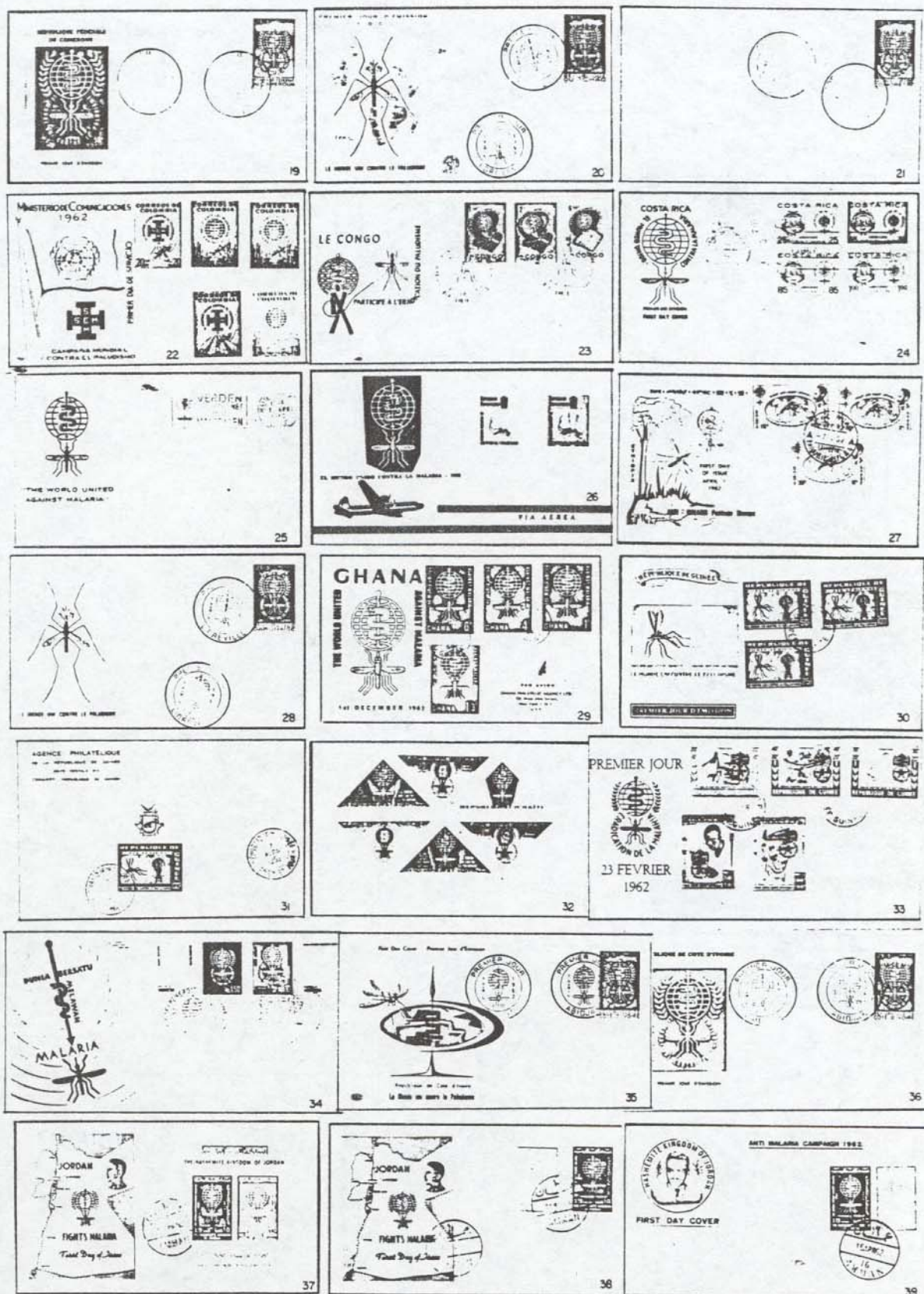
Any member willing to act as auction chairman for an annual "fund-raising" auction of donated material should contact the Secretary-Treasurer immediately. Responsibilities will include:

- Establishing the rules for the annual donation auction
- Receiving and acknowledging donations
- Organization of material into auction lots
- Imaginative use of words to make "selling" descriptions for each lot
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- Maintaining accounts on auction activities

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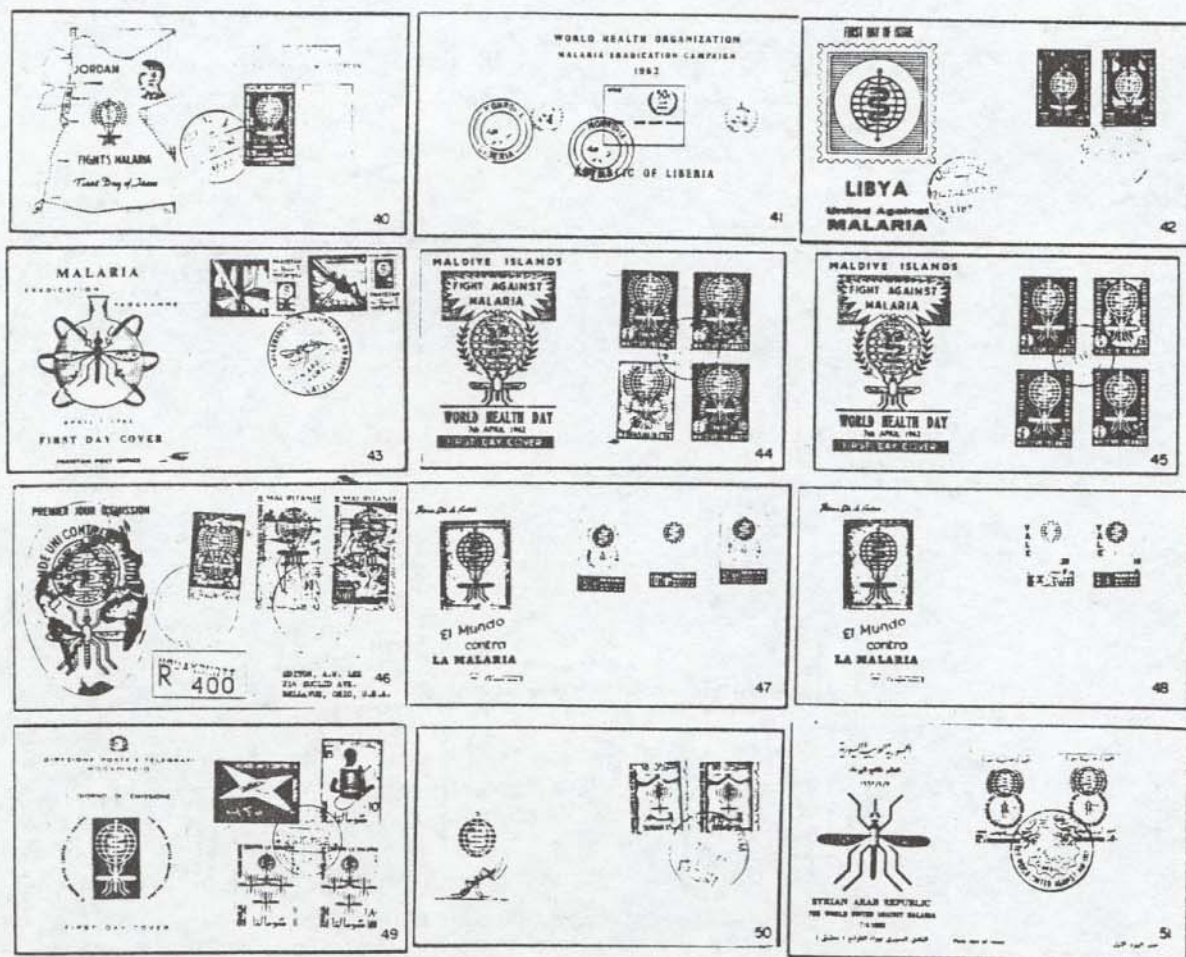


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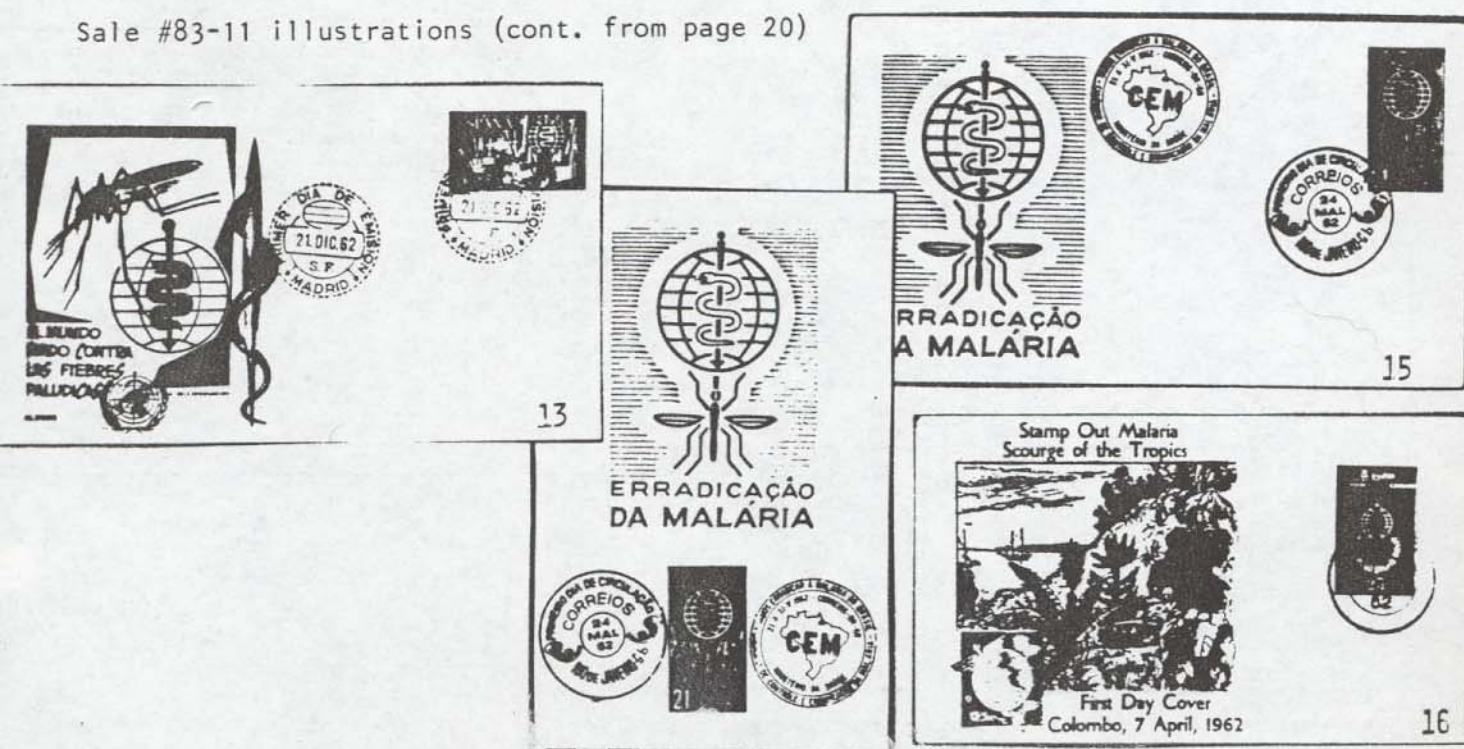


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50th ANNIVERSARY CONQUEST OF YELLOW FEVER CHRISTMAS 1951



LUTHERAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

IN MEMORIAM
NURSE CLARA LOUISE MAASS, U.S.A.
CLASS OF 1895

Give her life in the conquest of yellow fever
Die la vida por la conquista de la fiebre amarilla

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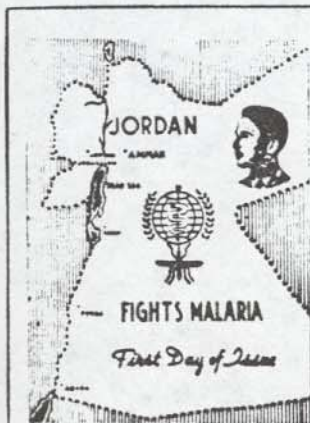
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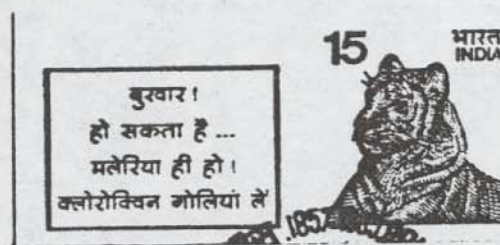







MALARIA "THEME" POSTAL STATIONERY ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM INDIA

The Indian Topical Association has offered to MPI a quantity of postal stationery items that were processed with the special anti-malaria cancel in Almora on Sept. 30, 1982. Also, uncanceled copies -- as available -- can be furnished.

Members wishing to add any of these items to their collection should forward payment to MPI for consolidated shipment/order; price - \$1 each with cancel, 75¢ each mint. Currently available are 3 different cards and 6 different Inland Lettercards (similar to airletter).

Send payment with SASE to MPI, 426 West Fremont, Elmhurst, IL 60126, U.S.A.



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