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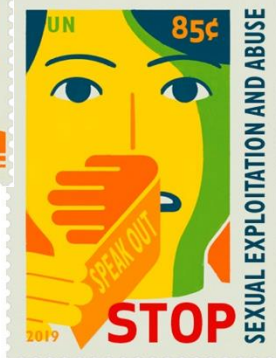
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## PhilaJournal Summer 2019 issue notes...

This summer issue took a bit longer to assemble. I actually ended up with surplus material... which means I have some articles for the fall issue. Thank you all that contributed.

Here I need to bring your attention to article spanning four pages "The Enigma of Cover Collecting". It is a PhilaJournal debut of John D. Brown from Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club. The submitted original would take up half of the PJ, so I used my licence to shorten it and highlight the Bletchley Park covers. Hope John does not mind. The Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club has been very prolific in submitting articles – thank you all, keep them coming!

In last issue I asked about few philatelic "logistics", those topics are still open: "...Does anyone have a sure way to soak stamps off? A special way to sort all of those definitive stamps in the banker box?..."

Check out the table praising all **OUR ADVERTISERS and their ADs**, without whom we would not be able to produce this quality magazine. Table is sorted in an alphabetical order with page numbers pointing to the ad's location.

I also received a lot of material and suggestions from Nick Fillmore, a freelance journalist. This story and the cover are from him.

### **On the cover by Nick Fillmore of the North Toronto Stamp Club.**

New UN stamps address world social issues:

The United Nations Postal Administration has issued stamps to raise awareness about three serious social problems facing the world today: sexual exploitation and abuse; gender equality; and the world migration crisis.

"No institution is immune to the problem of sexual exploitation and abuse," says the UN. And gender equality is a fundamental human right; and the record-breaking numbers of people fleeing conflict and persecution needs attention. Link: <https://unstamps.org/shop/2019-definitives/>

UN Stamps address: UN Stamps, GA-045, 801 - 1st Avenue, New York, NY 10017, United States.

(Nick rewrite from news release)

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**Saturday: \*June 8th 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

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The receipt is based on the fair market value of the collection, which is appraised by a Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association (CSDA) member. The Dealer signs an appraisal form, with a small description of the lot, which is given to me with the collection. RPSC National Office keeps a copy of the appraisal information.

The collection is then passed on to me as the RPSC broker to sell. The proceeds go to the RPSC, the donator of course gets the Charitable Donation slip.

If there is good value – I usually lot the collection to place it in an auction or sell selected items to people whose want lists I hold. The collection is sold within a two-month period to achieve best results for all.

Of course - a collection of low value can be donated to one of our youth Stamp Groups – in which case we ask the youth group to send a thank you letter. There is no Charitable Tax slip in this case. Contact the National Office for more information.

Last year, of the 105 collections I sold privately, 10 such collections were donated to youth programs. Also, bulk portions of collections, private and RPSC donated items, have been donated to the youth.

CSDA - [www.csdaonline.com](http://www.csdaonline.com)

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See ESTATE PLANNING AND ADVICE for more information. Further inquiries may be directed to the National Office at: 416-921-2077 or 1 888 - 285-4143 or e-mail [info@rpsc.org](mailto:info@rpsc.org).

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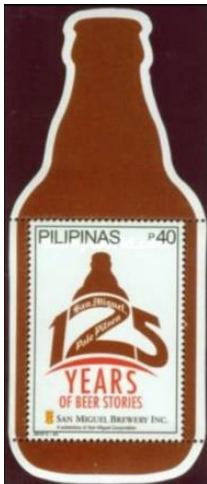
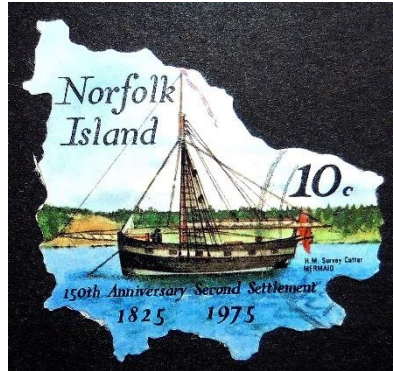
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## Unusual Postage Stamps

I remember that many years ago as a young stamp collector I bought a couple of what I considered then as unusual stamps. They were not of the usual rectangular design but were triangle shaped. Several such items remain in my old spring back album from that time, triangle stamps from Monaco, Mongolia and San Marino. Many stamp issuing countries have issued such three sided stamps but with many newer issues being die cut there is an abundance of shaped stamps.

My current favourite shaped stamps are the die cut issues of Norfolk Island which issued several sets in the shape of the outline of the island itself.



Beer loving stamp collectors might be interested in a stamp in the shape of a beer bottle issued by the Philippines in September 2015 celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San Miguel Brewery.

Another stamp in the shape of a bottle is a January 2000 issue from Trinidad and Tobago showing a bottle of Angostura Bitters.



While I have been unable to find a stamp in the shape of a drinking glass (for the beer) I did find New Zealand Stamps of 2005 in the shape of tea cups.

## School Stamp Presentation

On April 4th members of the Bramalea Stamp Club again presented the “What is a stamp? And why do we collect stamps?” slide show to over 200 grade 7 and 8 students at Gordon Graydon Senior Public School in Brampton. The club has been doing these presentations since 2016.



1. *Jerry Piotrowski listens while Ingo Nessel presents the power point slide program to the grade 8 students*

This year something new was done. While the grade 8 students saw the slide presentation and the interactive parts of it, the Grade 7 students viewed an abbreviated version before working on an assigned task. Students were given a tub of stamps from which they were told to select 4 stamps, affix them to a prepared sheet and note the country of origin, describe the design and indicate the currency used. The students worked in small groups while Ingo Nessel, Bob Thorne and Jerry Piotrowski of the Bramalea club circulated among the groups and encouraged them and helped when needed. Another presentation will be done at Southfields Village Public School in the near future.

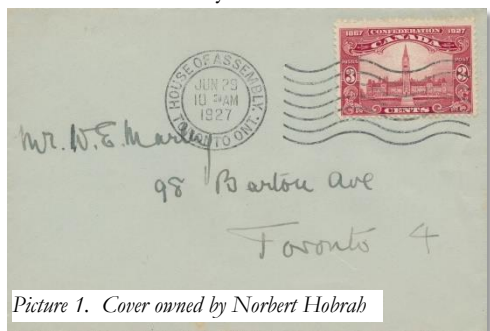


2. *Ingo Nessel and Bob Thorne help a group of grade 7 students with their assignment.*

Teacher Andrew Kinal at Gordon Graydon School is in the process of starting a lunchtime stamp club at the school.

## Fantastic story of a request for info about a cover!

It started with a cancellation question from Norbert Hobrath, a USA subscriber to PhilaJournal, who asked Larry Friend about a June 29, 1927 First Day Cover with a Toronto CDS (circular date stamp cancel) from the House of Assembly addressed to a W. E. Marley.



Picture 1. Cover owned by Norbert Hobrath

Larry then sent the request to Kathy Hartley, Reference Librarian at the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation in Toronto who, upon its receipt forwarded the request to an avid philatelist Don Hedger from the West Toronto Stamp Club for his opinion.

Why Don? It turns out Don is the grandson of W. E. Marley! And W. E. Marley was the owner of the Toronto stamp shop “Harbord Stamp & Coin”, located on Harbord Street along with his son (and Don’s uncle) H.S. Marley.



Picture 2. W. E. Marley

As to how this cover came to be, we learned that W. E. Marley was also employed as a decorator at the Queen’s Park buildings, including the main Legislative Assembly building, and did painting, refinishing wood, repairing plaster, etc.

He was familiar with all departments of the Government and most importantly all the people handling the mail. Back then there were literally pounds of mail received each day and he would pick up the discards from the various departments.

So, regarding the provenance of the cover shown in this article, W. E. used the postal facilities of the Province (hence the "House of Assembly" cancel) on mail sent to himself. This was unusual as most mail posted from the House of Assembly postal station would have likely been only for government business... not personal usage. So W. E. was able to stock Harbord Stamp & Coin with plenty of stamps and covers gleaned from all offices in the Provincial buildings, complementing his other personal life-long collection of stamps at the store.

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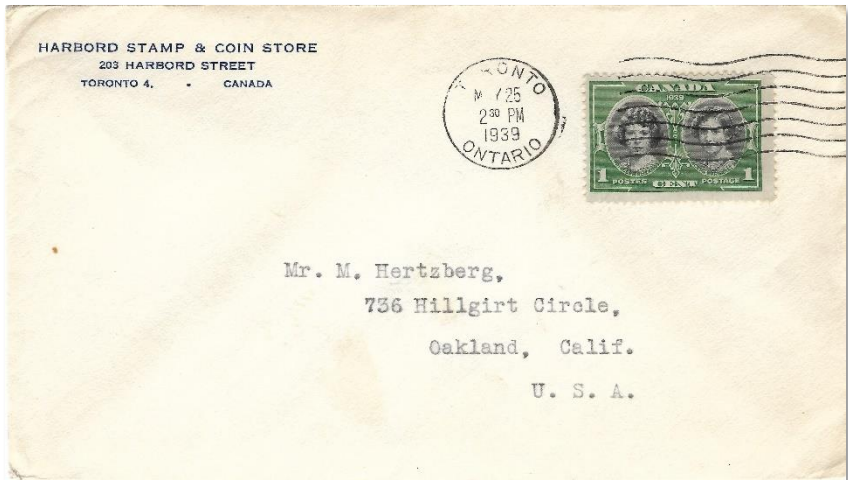
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What started out with a simple research request... turned into a wonderful project involving a number of caring people engaged in the philatelic community. Thanks to all involved!

Two more examples of W. E. Marley's correspondence:



*Picture 1. USC #231 to #233 on First Day of Issue April 1, 1937*



*Picture 4. A cover to a customer*

Picture 1. The cover is franked with the 1927 Scott #143 Confederation Issue. The back of the cover is blank. The Toronto House of Assembly CDS cancel from June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am shows stamp's first day of issue.



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## Italy's First Commemorative Stamps

All the stamps issued by Italy, as well as the earlier states, were considered definitive stamps, as they were not issued for any specific reason other than to provide for postage for letters and parcels.

In 1911 a series of four stamps were issued, two to commemorate the liberation of Sicily and two for the southern plebiscite of 1860 which voted for unity with Italy under the House of Savoy.



The first set of two portrays Giuseppe Garibaldi who was responsible for Italian unification and the creation of the Kingdom of Italy.

The second set of two shows Vittorio Emmanuel who was the first King of united Italy.

Many issues of Italian stamps were sold at a premium, primarily for the higher denomination stamps (many of these are listed in Scott as "B" numbers), but the first few commemoratives did not show the premium. These first stamps were sold at 5 centesemi each above face value for the benefit of the anniversary committee. The stamps were valid only on mail to addresses within the Kingdom of Italy, and were valid for only a few months after issue.

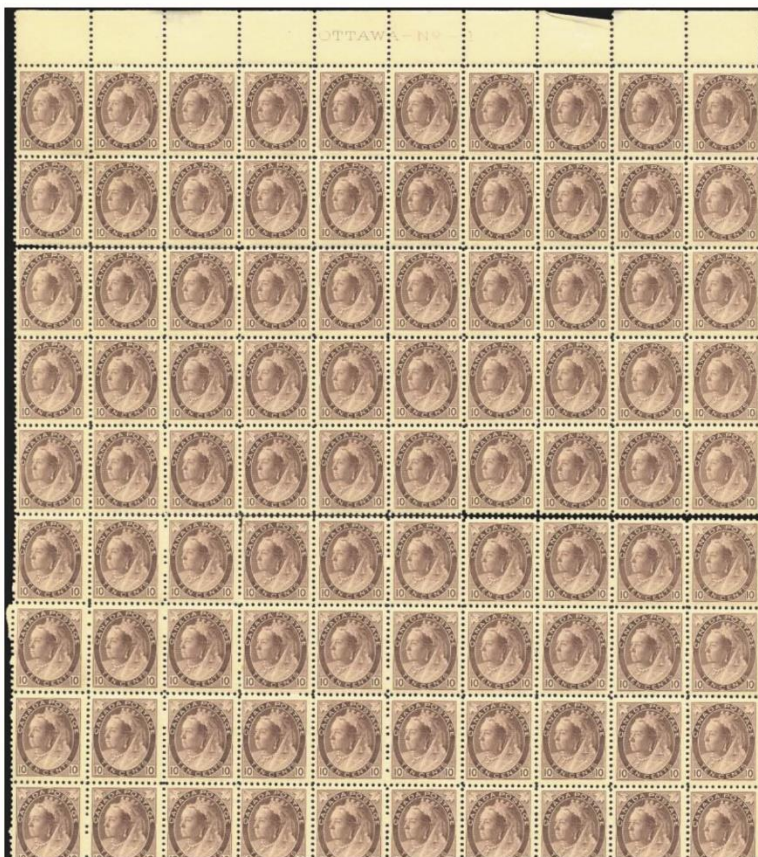
Another method Italy used to raise funds for charities was to give the charity a number of stamps free (in some cases 50 percent of the stamps) and let the charity sell those stamps for their own benefit. Unfortunately this did not sit well with stamp collectors as the value of those stamps remained stagnant for years.

The first two sets of Italian commemoratives are prized stamps. The Garibaldi set catalogues for about \$80 mint or used. The Emmanuel set catalogues at about \$400 mint and \$300 used.

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## A letter from Castellorizzo

This island with many names (Castellorizzo, Kastellorizo, Castelrosso, Chateau Rouge, or Meis etc.) is situated near the Turkish coast (it is only 2 km. from Turkey) and is very small (about 12 square kilometers with a population of about 500 people – but it had reached a peak of over 10,000 people about a century ago. Many of its inhabitants have immigrated to Australia where they are known with the nickname of “kazzies”). It is the major island of a small archipelago and, as the other islands of Ro, Strongyli, Kalamaki, Volos etc. are all much smaller, it ended up with the official name of Megisti (the biggest) which does not really suit its size.

The island has had a particular strategic importance during the Balkan Wars and WWI because of its proximity to the Turkish Coast; however very few people would have ever heard of this island if it had not been for the 1991 movie “Mediterraneo”, which was set and filmed in Castellorizo. Now the island has become a popular tourist destination and its population grows significantly during the peak season.

The stamps of Castellorizo originate from the 1912 events when Italy declared war to Turkey and annexed Rodi and other 11 Aegean islands. The population of Castellorizo rebelled against the Turks and asked to be annexed to Italy but the Italian Admiral refused, probably because of the difficulties of protecting the island from a Turkish invasion due to the proximity to the Turkish coast. The island subsequently crossed two years of political unrest and some sort of independence until December 24, 1915, when the French fleet entered the port of Megisti and took possession of the island. In the first five years of occupation, the French used French or French–Levant stamps with no overprint (letters from this period are very rare). Then, in 1920, the lieutenant of the ship Terme, who was also the military Governor of the island, took the decision to overprint the stamps of the French Offices



in Turkey with the inscription “BNF (Base Navale Francaise) Castellorizo”. At the end of 1920, a third issue of six stamps took place by overprinting normal French stamps with “OF (Occupation Francaise) Castellorizo.” These three sets of 38 stamps all had a very short lifespan, as in August 1921, France handed over the control of the island to the Italian Fleet. This explains why the Mint Never Hinged collection of these 38 stamps is worth largely over \$ 10,000.

On March 1, 1922, the Italian post office was opened on the island, and for 4 months, it used Italian stamps with two different cancels: “Castellorizo Poste Italiane” and “Castellorizo Isola.”



On July 11, 1922 the first issue of overprinted Italian stamps took place. It was a set of nine Italian stamps overprinted Castellorosso which were later replaced by a set of five stamps reproducing a map of the island in 1923. Three other sets of stamps were issued in the following years; in total, 39 stamps were issued between 1922 and 1932.



Castellorizo or Castellosso remained as part of the Italian Dodecannese (the 12 islands) until 1943, when it was occupied by the British Army and started using the MEF stamps.

According to the Paris treaty of February 1947, the Dodecannese and Castellorizo had to be returned to Greece, but the official ratification of the peace agreements only took place in 1948. In the meantime, the islands were put under Greek military administration, and they started using the Greek stamps overprinted SDD (Stratiotiki Dükisi Dodekanisu). As the islands were still using the lira as their official currency, and the stamps were issued in drachmas, they were subject to a fix exchange rate of 20 drachmas for one lira. On April 7, 1948 the islands officially became part of the Greek territory and started using normal Greek stamps.

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## The Enigma of Cover Collecting

My story starts back at the beginning of WWII when the British Army were recruiting soldiers... and assets. My father was a tool and die machinist who was only 19 at the start of the war.

He thought he would be called up but received a notice that his work at the Tabulating Co. ("The Tab") was essential to the war effort and he was being asked to continue to work there, which he did until he retired in 1982.

I now jump forward to 1995 and this becomes significant to my story because this was when the British Government declassified papers previously held under national secret acts releasing WWII documents.

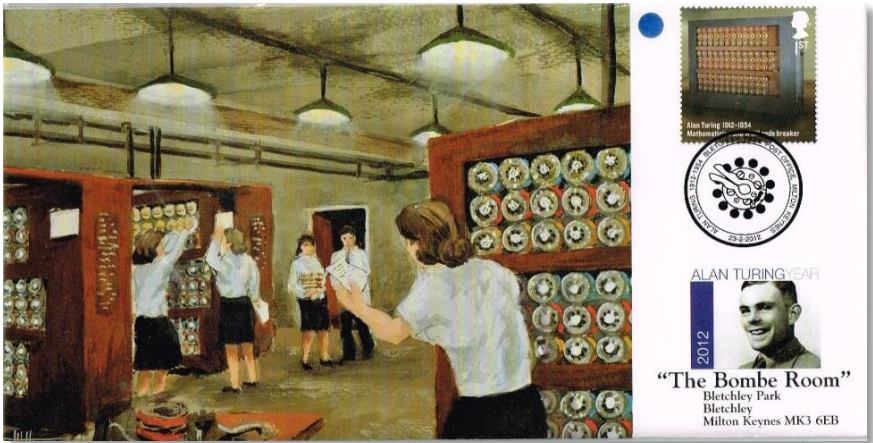


Picture 1. Bletchley Victorian Manor Post Office FDC

As a result of this a local Hertfordshire community newspaper found out that persons who had been employed at the "Tab" had (unknowingly) been involved with the deciphering of the Enigma code.

The work involved manufacturing parts for a new type of mechanical computer being invented to break cipher codes... aka the "Bombe". In the article it stated that the conduit (contact between the Tabulating Co. and Bletchley Park "B.P.") was a man named Harold "Doc" Keen. During the period of 1941 to 44 my father worked for a man who was known as the "Doc". This was the man that came weekly to provide my father with drawings to make parts for the "Bombe". At no time did my father understand he was making parts...

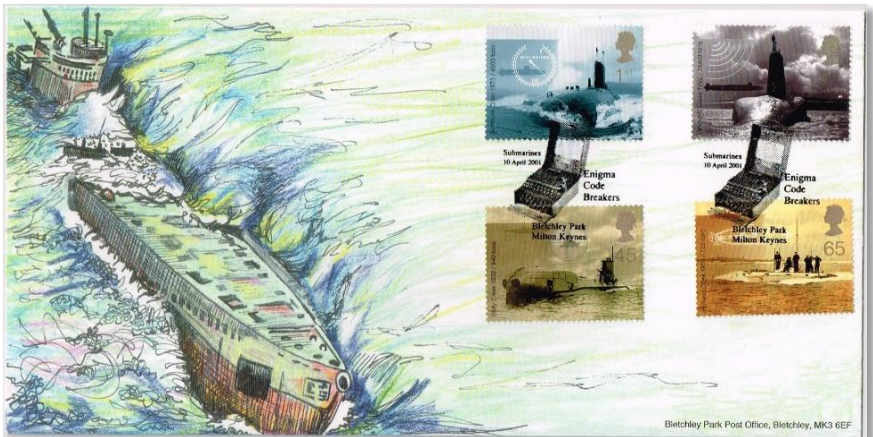
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Picture 1. Alan Turing's Bombe B.P. PO FDC

for B.P. Nobody knew the code-breaking operation even existed, it was very, very top secret, the assets being Alan Turing, Gordon Welchman, Hugh Alexander, Stuart Milner-Barry and Tommy Flower (Colossus designer).

When I visited with my father in 1995 he told me about the article and asked whether I would be interested to visit Bletchley Park with him next time we were over. I jumped at the invite and we drove there to see what was still there in 1996. In one of the annex units (known as Nissen huts) there was a recreated "Bombe", the deciphering machine built to break the enigma code. My father could identify some of the parts on the "Bombe" that he remembered machining to give to "Doc" Keen. The parts of the jig-saw were falling into place.



Picture 2. Submarine B.P. PO FDC

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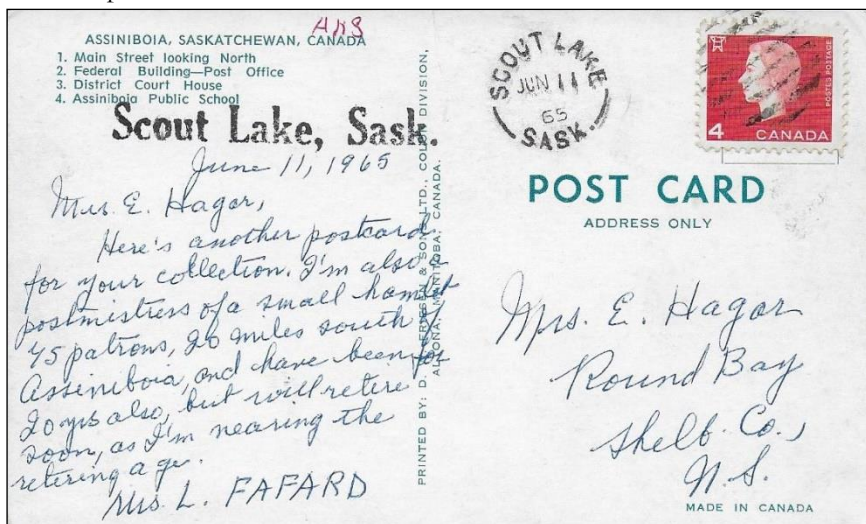


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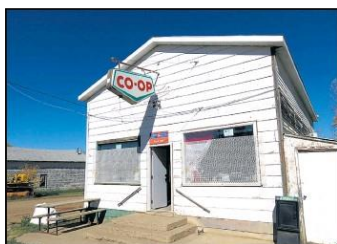


## Greetings from Scout Lake, Saskatchewan!

I bid on the postcard below on EBay, partly because of the name “Scout Lake”. I knew it had no connection to Scouts Canada or boy scouting, but the card looked interesting. It is a color postcard with four scenes from Assiniboia. On the back is a large handstamp “Scout Lake, Sask.”, a clear split ring Scout Lake, Sask. Jun 11, 65 cancel, and a straight line marking over the stamp.



What makes it also interesting is the narrative written by Mrs. L. Fafard: ... “I’m also postmistress of a small hamlet 45 patrons, 20 miles south of Assiniboia, and have been for 20 years also. But will retire soon as I’m nearing the retiring age.”



In 1925 a French settler established a general store called Coutu. It served also as a post office looking after the mail coming every two weeks by horse and buggy carrier from Moose Jaw, until the CPR came through town to deliver the mail. A fire destroyed the Coutu store and post office, and finally a Co-Op general store opened to also serve as a post office. The 2006 Census listed the population of Scout Lake as 20. In December 2017, the Co-Op store closed along with the post office, leaving Scout Lake as another unofficial Saskatchewan “Ghost Town”.

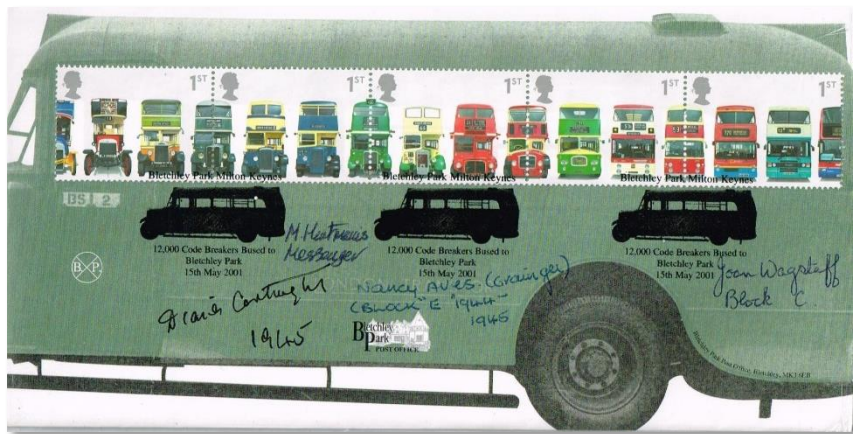
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For those not familiar with the story of Bletchley Park, historians now recognize that the one single action that allowed the Allies to win the war in the European theatre was the ability of the secret service to break the Enigma code. Until it was broken German U boat submarines ruled the waves, especially in the Atlantic Ocean. By breaking the code the naval allies, were able to see where the U Boat wolf packs were targeting, thereby allowing the ally convoys to take diversionary action. This was essential to the war effort to maintain supplies to the military and to those in un-occupied countries, where food and materials were essential for the continuing war effort.



Bletchley Park is a very old Victorian Estate House set in 55 acres of grounds, situated in Buckinghamshire. It was an ideal site to set-up a secret code breaking operation. The estate was near a railway line with good access by rail to London, which is

northwest some 50 miles away. At its height Bletchley had 12,000 people working in three shifts, with 75% being female operators.

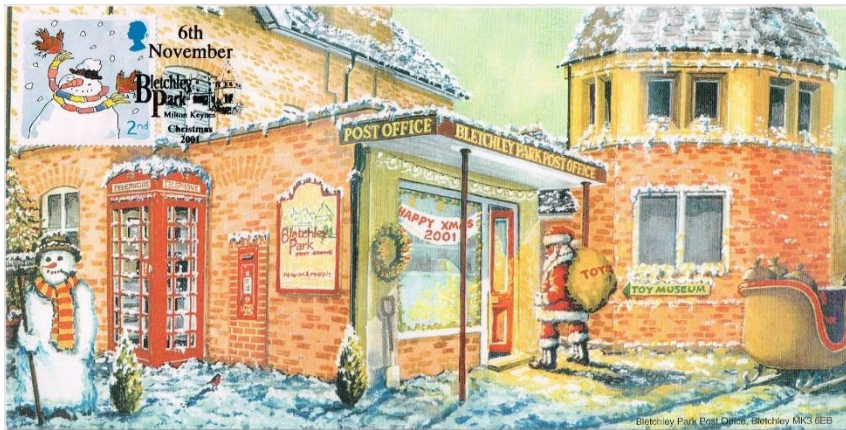


Picture 1. Coders Bus B.P. PO FDC

While I was walking around with my father during our visit to Bletchley I noticed a small shop attached to the main house. On entering the shop I found a war time venue Post Office set out with memorabilia from WWII. In the early war years the Post Office building had...

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operated as a grocery and tuck shop. Then In 1947 the British General Post Office (GPO) opened a sub-post office in the tiny building attached to Bletchley Park. While looking around I was welcomed by



the curator, a Mr. John Chapman. He showed me his efforts to raise funds to keep the Post Office and B.P. as a historical treasure. One of his efforts was to arrange the manufacture of First Day Covers (shown here in this article). The Bletchley Park Post Office issued limited editions of FDC's, some signed by those still alive and who had worked at B.P. in code breaking. These FDCs stimulated my dormant interest in stamps and covers and brought back to life an interest forgotten since childhood... The little post office grew into the gift shop. This little post office became the birthplace for the respected publishing of limited edition FDCs for collectors around the world with some worth anywhere from £150 to £450 GB pounds in the secondary market.



First Cover released by B.P. PO for the issue of G.B. D-Day stamps on 6 May 1994 (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

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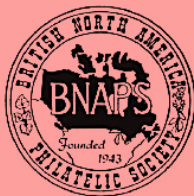
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**HUGHES, Bruce Alfred** - Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. Bruce was a Past-President of the Muskoka Stamp Club which he joined after retiring to Port Sydney in the year 2000. After a few years, he became President of the club for many years and ran a large Stamp Show yearly in Bracebridge until he became ill. He was a dedicated philatelist and a very active club member and organizer.

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**LAKER, Robert "Bob" Edwin** – Passed away peacefully, at the Mississauga Hospital, on Thursday, February 28, 2019. Beloved husband of Eileen Laker... Former Canada Life employee and longtime member of the South Peel Naturalists' Club and the Credit Valley Stamp Club. Long time President of the Credit Valley Stamp Club. Bob's stamp interests were Great Britain, Germany, Switzerland, birds, and art on stamps. He organized an open table and free draws each meeting night. The last meeting of the season was Junk Night where members could bring their unwanted material and all monies collected went to the club. He will be missed.



*Bob with Credit Valley Club Members (standing second from right)*

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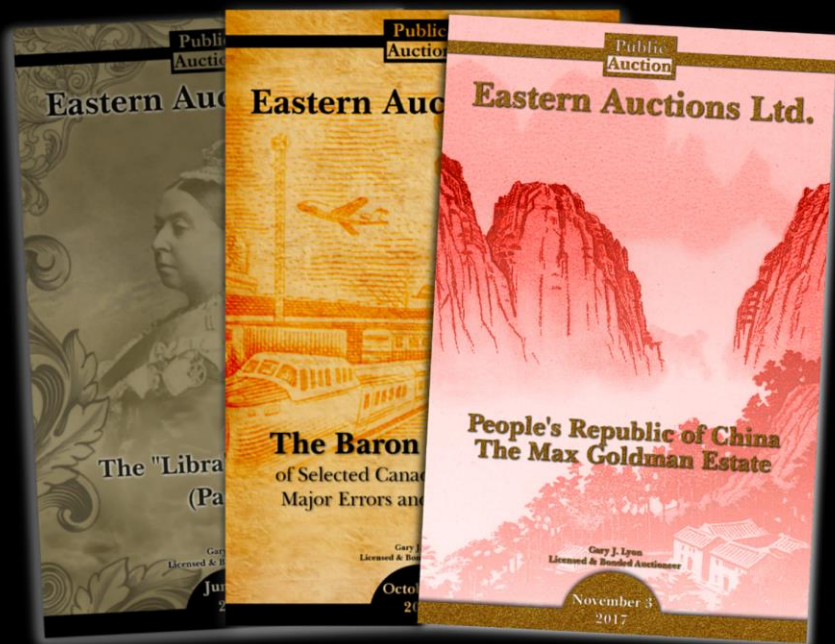
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