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Hand Cut Flag Dies Of The 1920's

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A number of owners of the new Flag book have wondered what the abbreviation "LFHC", in upwards of 200 Type A-14 listings, means. It stands for "Long Field Hand Cut" Flag dies.

The section "Hand Cut dies," on page 4 of the 2nd Edition of the Flag Cancel Encyclopedia, stresses that every Flag die, of every period, shows some hand-workmanship. The term "Hand Cut dies" is best reserved for Flag dies manufactured entirely by hand-engraving. The term "Hand Cut dies" then applies to only Flag dies newly-made in the years from and after 1922. This application of the term restricts the number of Flag dies in this classification; however it defines them truly, and its abbreviation LFHC delineates Flag dies that were actually 100% made by hand-engraving from 1922 on.

Manufacture of the Hand Cut Flag Dies in the 1920's was from the need for new 13-Star Flag dies for old Flag machines reconditioned in the Post Office Dept. workshop in Washington. These machines were discontinued in post offices where they had been used. Some bore Flag dies which were so badly corroded or worn they no longer made a satisfactory impression, or, the dies of some were Type 38, with a local station name engraved upon them. Many machines therefore needed new Flag dies before they were ready to send out to other post offices.

The American Postal Machines Co., original provider of the flag machines, was no longer in existence in 1922, so new Flag dies were unavailable from their original source. Therefore the Post Office Dept. had to provide some as best it could. The resultant impromptu Flag dies newly made in the 1920's were not as skillfully engraved or as smooth and regular in their printed impressions as those of earlier periods made by the American Co.

The illustrations show typical impressions of LFHC dies made in the 1920's. Study of these, and consulting the 2nd Edition, which lists all, should enable the collector to recognize specimens of this series.

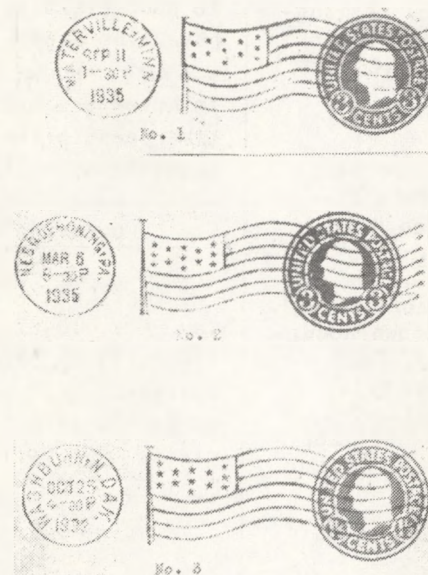


Figure 1 shows a Flag die of the so-called "Tiny Stars" style, as found on 13 Long Field Hand Cut dies. The stars are truly miniscule, and the halyard often neither joins the staff nor does it bypass a part of the Union, but may run straight and stiff into the Union at a point separate from the staff. This style Flag die was the earliest of those manufactured in 1922, and fewer were made than of either of the other styles.

Figures 2 and 3 show specimens which for want of a better name we call just "Long Field Hand Cut" dies. The stars are normal

size, but are rough and seldom arranged in even rows. The dimensions of the Union are disproportionate to the dimensions of other areas of each die, when compared to conventional Flag dies of American Company production before 1920. Usually the Union is too long in proportion to its height, but sometimes the Union is both too tall and too long to make a well-proportioned die, as in Figure 3.

The general style of dies in Figures 2 and 3 was made in about 100 dies, starting in 1922, and continuing in production about four years, when about 100 had been made.

Transfers of Flag machines from town to town left impressions for collectors of two or three towns of use for most Flag dies. The total towns from which the collector can theoretically show specimens of each of the illustrated styles is near double that of totals of dies made. Also, from transfer and maintenance of most of the machines into the 1930's, many of the Hand Cut dies made in early 1920's were in use in the 1930-35 period. Use of a few can be found as recently as the twilight of all Flag Cancel styles and types, 1939 and 1940. Lily Dale, N.Y. was the last one used. The total towns where the LFHC Flag dies were used is not so many but what the novice can amass quite a representative set.

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- 60 Edwin E. Puls

DECEASED

- 24 Dr. William E, Wilson

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On Page 37 we show three unusual covers from the collection of Mr. John D. Roberts (#526).
#1 Naval Cover USS Ino mailed at Old Point Comfort
#2 Naval Cover USS Ino mailed at Key West
#3 New Mexico. Territorial, Pimo Villages Manuscript "PAID 3 cts" and forwarded from Lowell, Mass.

VACATION: Mrs. Root and your Secretary hope to be away from home for a short time early in Oct. Mail will be cared for but not acknowledged.

THE NEWS FOR JULY

Someone made an error in dating the July NEWS. The heading was an exact copy of the dating line on the May issue. We ask your pardon for this error.

Those of you who keep a file of our publication may wish to make corrections. The dating part of the heading should have read, "Vol. 8 No. 5 Whole No. 83 July, 1966" We might also mention here that the method of printing used on the reading part of the NEWS makes corrections very difficult and although we have been able to spot some typographical errors in the past we have not made an issue of them. Usually there is no question but members can supply the proper reading for themselves.

USCC EXHIBITION

Discussions between our Committee and that of the Chicago Philatelic Society revealed that CPS would be unable to allot the number of frames to USCC Exhibits at first thought possible. We have, therefore, been forced to cancel the plans we were making to join them in their exhibition in November. This we sincerely regret. Perhaps other possibilities will present themselves. Suggestions will be welcome.

SLOGAN POSTMARKS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

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In addition to being an enthusiastic collector of stamps and Postal Markings, Burleigh E. Jacobs (#16) is an active member of Rotary International. On Page 38 we show a page from his collection of Covers commemorating 50 years of Rotary.

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This article appeared in a recent issue of LINN'S. Since many of these cancels have been sold through our circuits it is apparent that some of you are interested in them.

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Officers and members persuaded the Post Office
Dept. to rescind the \$25.00 minimum on orders
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WHEEL OF FORTUNE CANCELS

In the January 1966 issue of the NEWS we listed 37 Illinois towns which had used this killer. Through the cooperation of Richard Russell (#444), A. H. Bond (#505) and Arthur E. Beane Jr. (#527) we have here a list of other towns known to have used it. Members who have covers with this killer from towns not yet listed are urged to submit a list to Mr. Russell. His address: 304 S. 16th St., Belleville, Ill. 62221.

GILROY, CALIFORNIA
KEENEY
PINE GROVE

SOUTHFORD, CONNECTICUT

ARLINGTON, DAKOTA
BAY CENTER
DELL RAPIDS
MELLETT
PINGREE
PRIOR
MILLER
NIAGARA
SCOTLAND
WATERBURY

GRAHAMVILLE, FLORIDA
(See below.)

ROCKY BAR, IDAHO
ST. CHARLES, IDAHO

BRACEVILLE, ILLINOIS
BLACKBERRY STATION
ELKHART
SOUTH EVANSTON

PIERCETON, INDIANA

McALESTER, INDIAN
TERRITORY

CLARION, IOWA
EMERSON
LACEY
ALGONA

WHITING, KANSAS
Vining
LANSING
WEA
IONIA

WEST DRESDEN, MAINE

WEST DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

SHELBY, MICHIGAN
LAKE LINDEN

BENSON, MINNESOTA
LAKE PARK
DODGE CENTER
ELK RIVER
BIRD ISLAND

FRANKLIN, MISSOURI
ARMSTRONG

FORT BENTON, MONTANA

NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA
WOOD RIVER
SYRACUSE
WHEEPING WATER
MADISON

DELAWARE, NEW JERSEY

FORT STANTON, NEW MEXICO
LOS ALAMOS
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WATROUS

ODESSA, NEW YORK
HOWE'S CAVE
HOLLAND PATENT
BROOKFIELD
AMES
MARGARETVILLE

HANNIBAL, OHIO
FREEPORT

BAXTER PENNSYLVANIA
ROYER

FOSSIL, OREGON
JACKSONVILLE
MYRTLE POINT
UNION
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FOREST GROVE
MEDFORD
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BUCKSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
EASLEY

DUPREE, TEXAS

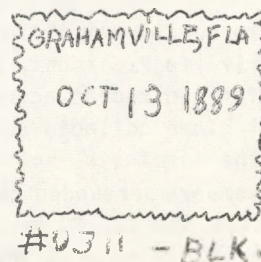
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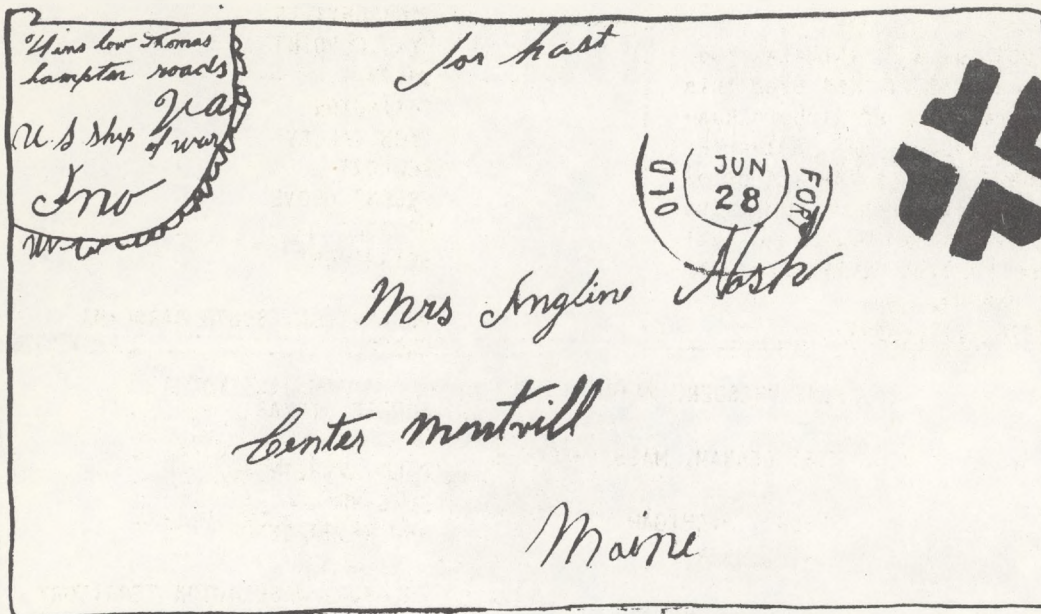
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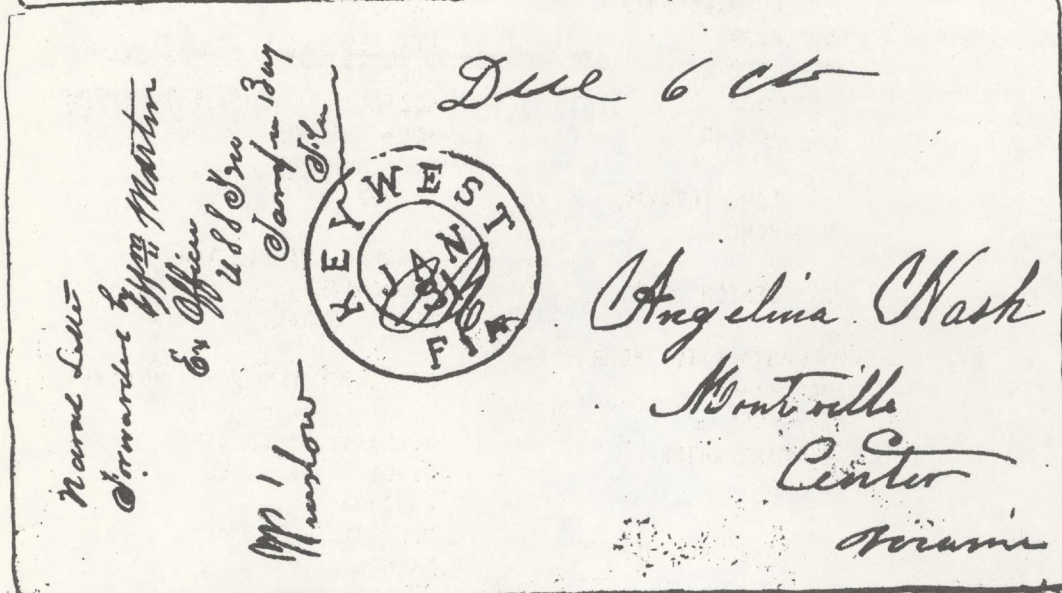
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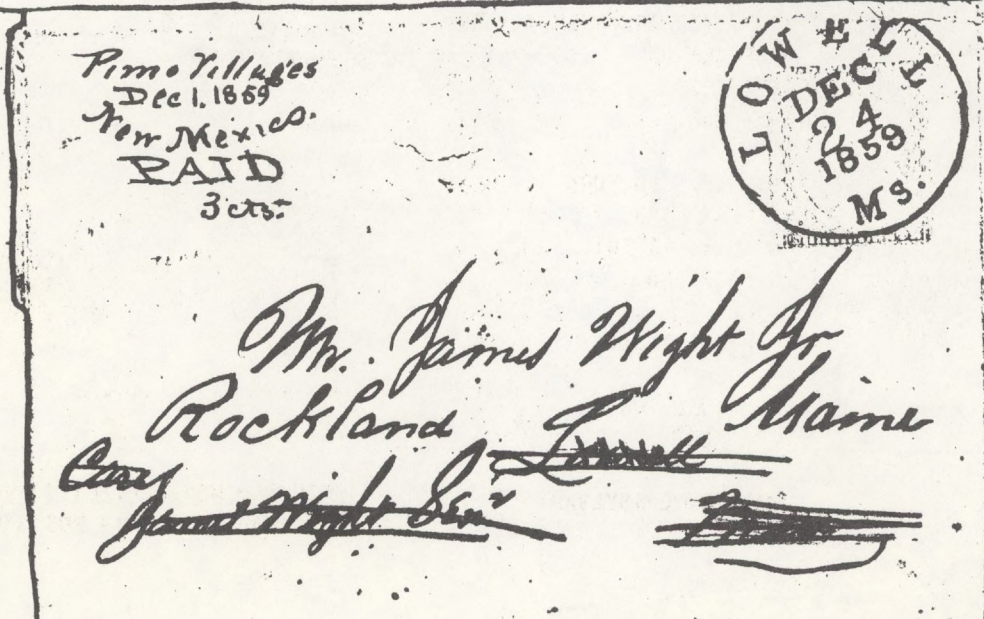
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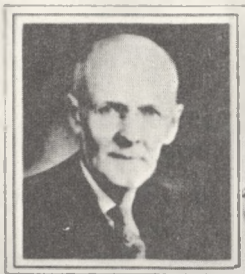


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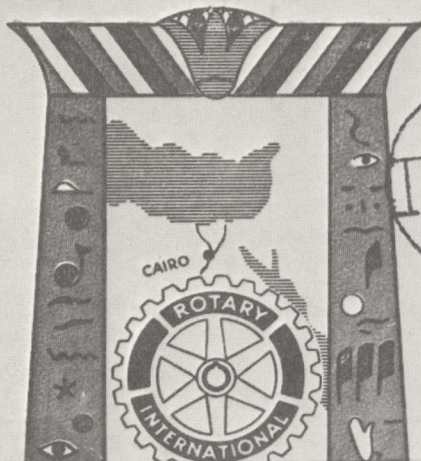


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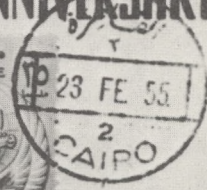
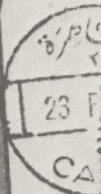


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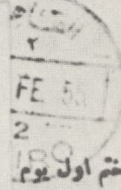
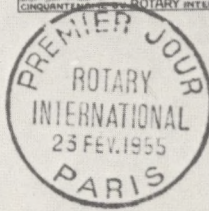
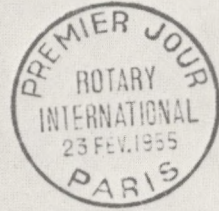
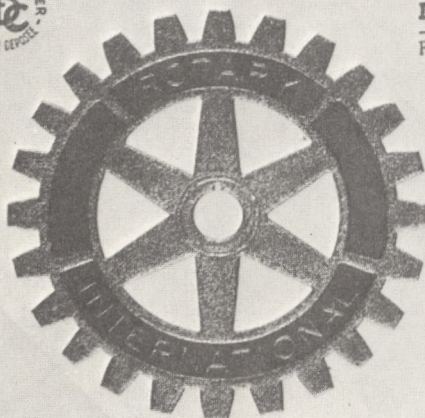
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The six representative letter-numeral canceling devices described by the author are shown above. Top row, from the left, are Nos. 1, 3 and 4; left center, No. 2; bottom row, Nos. 5 and 6.

Cancellations On G.B. Stamps "Used Abroad"

A. N. Johnson

The collecting of cancellations on British stamps used throughout the Empire in the early days of adhesive stamps, makes an interesting and unusual collection. These stamps or covers are not easy to acquire these days, but sometimes are found in the most unexpected places — auction lots, penny boxes, old general collections where collectors attach no importance to the cancels, and even in club booklets.

This phase of collecting is not new, nor does this article contain new information for the advanced or specialized collector, but for many new and general collectors, it will be of both interest and value as well as assistance.

It should give such a collector added interest in checking his collection and duplicates for these marks of uncommon usage. Gibbons' Stamp Catalogue lists most of the known cancellations of this type, under "Great Britain Used Abroad", just at the back of the listing for Great Britain.

They were used mostly prior to 1890 by the British Foreign Offices, British Colonies, Naval Stations and Mailboats. Somewhere around 1700 to 1800 different stamp-cancel combinations used through the world.

A great number of the "Numerical Obliterator Cancels" were issued to Colonies in the British West Indies, and my principal interest lies there particularly those originating in Jamaica.

Here are listed the known combinations of letters and figures comprising these interesting marks:

A01 — Kingston, Jamaica. (There are seven types);

A02 — St. John's Antigua;

A03 — Georgetown, British Guiana (Demerara);

A04 — New Amsterdam, Br. Guiana (Berbice);

A05 — Nassau, Bahamas; British Honduras;

A07 — Roseau, Dominica;

A08 — Plymouth, Monserrat;

A09 — Charleston, Nevis;

A10 — Kingstown, St. Vincent;

A11 — Castries, St. Lucia;

A12 — Basseterre, St. Christopher;

A13 — Road Town, Tortola;

A14 — Scarborough, Tobago;

A15 — St. Georges, Grenada;

A18 — English Harbour, Antigua;

A25 — Malta;

A26 — Gibraltar;

A27 to A83 — Jamaica post towns;

A84 to A89 — Pacific Naval Stations;

A90 — Atlantic Naval Station;

A91 — Virgin Islands;

A92 — Naval Station (Halifax, N. S.);

A93 to A98 — Atlantic Naval Stations;

A99 — Naval Station (Sydney, N.S.W.);

B01 — Alexandria, Egypt;

B02 — Suez, Egypt;

B03 — African Naval Station;

B3 — Sierra Leone;

B12 — Sierra Leone;

B32 — Buenos Aires;

B53 — Mauritius;

B62 — Hong Kong;

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B64 — Seychelles —also Mauri-
 tius;
 C — Constantinople;
 C28 — Montevideo, Uruguay;
 C30 — Valparaiso, Chile;
 C35 — Panama, Colombia;
 C36 — Arica, Peru;
 C37 — Caldera, Chile;
 C38 — Callao, Peru;
 C39 — Cobija, Chile;
 C40 — Coquimbo, Chile;
 C41 — Guayaquil, Ecuador;
 C42 — Islay, Peru;
 C43 — Paita, Peru;
 C51 — St. Thomas D.W.I.;
 C56 — Carthagena, Colombia;
 C57 — Greytown, Nicaragua;
 C58 — Havana, Cuba;
 C59 — Jacmel, Haiti;
 C60 — La Guayra, Venezuela;
 C61 — Porto Rico;
 C62 — Santa Martha, Colombia;
 C63 — Tampico, Mexico;
 C64 — Vera Cruz, Mexico;
 C65 — Error of 56 — Carthage-
 na, Colombia.
 C79 — Hong Kong Naval Station;
 C81 — Bahia, Brazil;
 C82 — Pernambuco, Brazil;
 C83 — Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;
 C86 — Porto Plata, Dominican
 Republic;
 C87 — San Domingo, Dominican
 Republic;
 C88 — St. Jago de Cuba;
 D22 — Ciudad Bolivar, Venezu-
 ela;
 D26 — Spanish Mail Boat (St.
 Thomas);
 D47 — Polymedia, Cyprus;
 D48 — Army H. Q., Cyprus;
 D74 — Pisco, Peru;
 D87 — Iquique, Chile;
 E53 — Port-au-Prince, Haiti;
 E88 — Aspinall, Colombia (Co-
 lon);
 F69 — Savanilla, Colombia;
 F83 — Arroyo, Porto Rico;
 F84 — Aguadilla, Porto Rico;
 F85 — Mayague, Porto Rico;
 F87 — Smyrna;
 F88 — Ponce, Porto Rico;
 G — Gibraltar;
 G06 — Beyrout, Levant;
 M — Malta;
 S — Stamboul, (Constantinople);
 247 — Fernando Poo;
 582 — Maguabo, Porto Rico;
 942 — Lanarca, Cyprus;
 969 — Nikosia, Cyprus;
 974 — Boffo, Cyprus;
 975 — Limasol, Cyprus;
 981 — Famagusto, Cyprus;
 982 — Kyrenia, Cyprus.

There are other numeral post-
 marks that have not been definite-
 ly located, although from time to
 time some are identified. An ex-
 cellent handbook of the "Numeral
 Cancellations of the British Em-
 pire" has been compiled by the
 Rev. Mr. H. H. Heins, published
 by Robson Lowe, Ltd. in 1960. It
 covers all cancellations for Great
 Britain both those used in Eng-
 land and others abroad.

Since there has been no album
 designed for such a specialized col-
 lection, these marks may be
 grouped either by the above listing
 or alphabetically by country in a
 loose-leaf album, with the excep-
 tion of the stamps of G. B. used in
 Jamaica, which comprise a large
 volume.

Since later these cancellations
 were used on the Colony's own
 stamps, the series from A 27 to 79,
 and some later ones may be found
 on the stamps of Jamaica, each as-
 signed to a different post town, to
 the extent of some 1900 varieties.

These, of course, are not "Brit-
 ish Used Abroad", but also make
 a fine collection. E. F. Aguilar's

"The Philatelic Handbook of Ja-
 maica", volume 2, carries a listing
 of these cancellations on Jamaica,
 Scott Nos. 1 to 32, compiled by
 the late Russell A. Gibson, who was
 probably the greatest Jamaica Nu-
 meral Cancellation collector in the
 United States.

It isn't always possible to find
 these "Used Abroad" stamps in
 pristine condition, but in a collec-
 tion of this sort, "the postmark's
 the thing" so it is sometimes nec-
 essary to sacrifice the quality of
 the stamp to insure a fine post-
 mark.

These cancellations are, of
 course, much rarer on cover. The
 earliest obliterations bore the in-
 ital letter of the place, "M" for
 Malta, "G" for Gibraltar, "C" for
 Constantinople.

This was followed by Type 2
 which was almost universally
 used on stamps of the West Indies.

Types 3-6 were variously used
 in other parts of the world,
 and with rare exception all of the
 British Postal Agencies were at the
 Consulates, and the British Consul
 was also the British Postal Agent.