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Bahraini 5 fils war tax stamps used on mail during the Arab boycott of Israel

Early shade in Israeli colours



Later aqua shade

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2011 Programme

18 April	Marjorie Crawford	Flightless Birds (thematic display)
20 Jun	Michael Kalka & Max Bulley	Timor 1999-2002 & HM Transport Covers
15 August	AGM & then Members	Work in progress (6 - 10 sheets each)

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Editorial

Michael Barden

No, Tony has not thrown in the towel, died or suffered a like fate. Having sat in the Editor's chair since March 2002, Tony has gone to Indonesia for two & a half months on behalf of the Church. Maybe this is long service leave of sorts, so that he can recharge the batteries and, when he returns, continue the high standard journal to which we have become accustomed.

Last time I edited AJP (Dec 2001), I still used Windows 98 on an older computer. Today, using XP3 makes the job of formatting and editing simpler - you see, I am not an up-to-the-minute computer programme freak. When it works well, why change?

In this issue, we have a variety of reading & study for you. Brian Fuller is seeking feedback concerning the history of AP in Melbourne. If this is not recorded accurately, how long will it be before errors become 'gospel'. If you can help, please either do so directly with Brian or via the Editor.

"Danks for the Memories pt 2 concludes this interesting little Melbourne history. Despite problems with Tony's computer last year, we have managed to let this story see the light of day.

The Arab-Israeli Boycott is an interesting cover story. Bahrain was the only Arab League country to issue a 'Military Matters' boycott stamp and this changed colour somewhere between 1976 & 1985. John possesses 8 covers (of which I have illustrated 5). Prospective new owners should contact either the Editor or the seller directly.

Judy Kennett (with a little help from your erstwhile editor) is working hard on letters from Romania to Australia in the lead up to and early WW2. You will be able to read these interesting stories shortly.

Thank you for the increased flow of articles. Please keep up the good work; it benefits us all.

Cover Story The two colours of the Bahraini war tax stamp. See page 10 for the full story

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Thrice censored inter-bank letter from Morocco to Martinique



Casablanca-Bourse/Maroc CDS of 4 August 1943

Fort-de-France / Martinique arrival cds (verso) dated
22 September 43

- Censored**
1. Casablanca and closed with brown tape and tied by **Overt par l' Autorité Militaire** (not shown, verso)
 2. London. Closed using PC 90 tape marked **Opened by Examiner 1482**
 3. **Censure Militaire / Martinique / 12** censor's cachet (verso), but unopened this time

Postage	1 ⁵⁰ Fr (≤ 20 gm) (French inter-Colonial rate)
Airmail to Martinique	17 Fr (≤ 5 gm)

Probable Route Casablanca to Tangier by rail. Flown by Iberia from Tangier to Seville, Madrid and Lisbon (CAIS 191 of 10 Feb - wef 10 Jan) . BOAC or KLM charter to Shannon. Shuttle flying boat from Shannon to Poole. To London by train (censored and red OAT I cachet applied to top of 60 letter packet). Either a) BOAC northern route to New York via Foynes (Shannon), Gander & Shediac to New York, or b) Shannon, Lisbon, Pan-Am FAM-18 flying boat to New York. Train to Miami and then on Pan-AM's Caribbean route to Martinique. The intended routing as paid was from Lisbon to go trans-Atlantic, not via London.

The letter took 7 weeks to arrive. Not bad when you consider many flights were often at weekly intervals and the queuing for censoring. As we saw previously, London was keen to censor letters from previously Vichy French Colonies in an effort to learn anything, hence the routing via London. This was probably arranged in Lisbon. Vichy money laundering?