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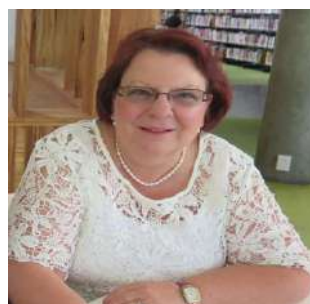


Diary of Future Events

- Tues. 2nd Jan Stamps of 1924
- Sat. 13th Jan Dealer Visit by Brian Bywater
- Tues. 6th Feb Thematic Collecting
- Tues. 5th Mar View Lois Whatley and Roman Lemega entries
- Tues. 2nd Apr Annual Dinner

President's Report January 2024

Yes, another year is racing towards us. They never seemed to go so fast! Wishing you and yours a Happy, Healthy New Year and may all your dreams come true in 2024. Our Christmas social was a great night, plenty of food, friendship and stamps who could ask for more. It was also wonderful to see Amy Benjamin and her smiling face, one of our long-term members. Unfortunately, she cannot get to our regular meetings due to mobility issues.



Just to remind you all as from the January meeting will commence at 7pm. So, if last year you arrived at 7pm you now need to be at the hall at 6.30pm.

Our topic for the 2nd of January Meeting is stamps issued in 1924. With all our varied collecting interests we all must have some stamps issued 100 years ago

Don't forget we are having a special treat on Saturday the 13th of January 2024. Brian Bywater from Gippsland will attend our meeting hall for us all to view and buy his extensive collection of stamps. Doors will be open from 10am and all members are invited to come and go throughout the day. Thank you to Doug and Dianne Pearse for offering to house Brian on Friday 12th & Saturday the 13th. I thought if members would like to meet, we could have a low-key dinner on Friday Night at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club. If interested, please contact me.

We have two members having a birthday this month Tom Cherry on the 12th and Richard Guy on the 24th. "Happy Birthday" do hope you both have a special day.

Let me finish with my little phrase to all members of our philatelic family.

TAKE CARE WE CARE, and you are all important.....Libby.

Thank you to Jacinta Allan MP and staff for the printed copies of this newsletter.

The general monthly meetings of the BPS are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm at

**Kangaroo Flat R.S.L.
Station St. Kangaroo Flat**

Auctions will be held at all Tuesday meetings.

10 items per member are allowed for auctions
Christmas bonanza auction in **December** .

Exchange sheets will no longer be circulated at meetings. Please see Lyn to access sheets at home.
More sheets are always needed so please "lick and stick" a few.

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There was a time when a cover could tell a story.

I was sorting some items from my WW2 in Italy collection and found this cover which I hadn't used in the exhibition part of the collection as I ran out of space. It tells a rather sad story.

The cover has been returned to sender as the soldier has been killed. I wanted to know more (of course). I began badly as I read his name as Falcon. It is in fact Faloon.

Fortunately the soldier's serial number

was on the cover so I quickly saw my mistake. U.S. records can be hard to find (compared to Australian) and the one held online adds little except that he enlisted in 1942 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It also said he was single without dependents but did not give his date of birth.

The fact that he died helps in that there is a very good tribute site online that honours American servicemen who have died in wars since 1876. It can be very useful and can be found here:

<http://militaryhallofhonor.com/index.php>

This showed his date of death as 11th October 1944 and that he was KIA - killed in action, rather than dying from disease or other ways. Looking at the dates on the cover shows that he was still alive when the letter was posted on the 23rd September but had died by the time it reached Italy on 26th November and was processed for return to sender.

I wondered about the sender. Was she a girlfriend, fiance, sister or simply someone he knew. A search of the name and address brought me to the 1940 census for Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

Ethel Morris in the 1940 Census

Age 25, born abt 1915

Birthplace Pennsylvania

Gender Female

Race White

Home in 1940 7447 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh,

Allegheny, Pennsylvania

Household Members Age

Head Harold Morris 32

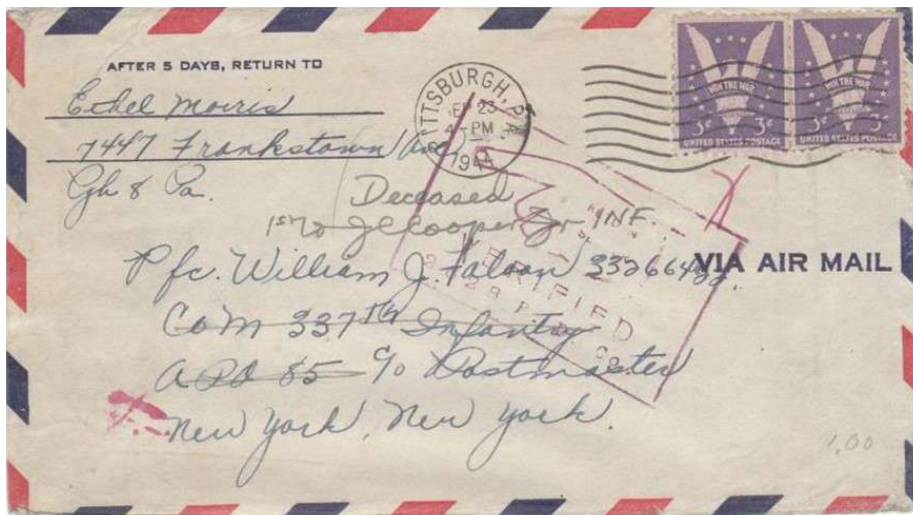
Wife Ethel Morris 25

Daughter Carol Morris 7

Daughter Lucia Morris 5

Lodger Kenneth Menoher 45

This showed that Ethel was married with children so was not a girlfriend and too young to be his mother. I noticed they had a lodger and wondered whether this was the case for William. I decided to look for death notices in the Pittsburgh papers and found this.



ert Myers.
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Ethel was his sister and in this article from 1945, she received the Bronze Star on his behalf.

I thought I would like to know more about where and how he died.

Researching his unit, I found many photographs.

Military Honor Roll

One district man was reported killed in action and three others are listed as wounded by the Navy department in today's casualty list. The next of kin have been notified. Their names and addresses follow:

MARINES—Dead
FREE, Edward G., pfc.; Brentwood.

MARINES—Wounded
EHRLMAN, Robert F., s/sgt.; McKeesport.
O'BRIEN, Paul D., pfc.; 1043 New Arlington Avenue.
TAYLOR, George W. C., cpl.; New Castle.

Posthumous Awards Made
The army's fourth highest decoration, the Legion of Merit, was presented to the widow of an army medical officer at a special ceremony at Logan Army in which 15 other posthumous awards were made to relatives of district soldiers.

Mrs. Gertrude S. Houston of 321 Elm road, Ambridge, accepted the

wood avenue, Millvale, for her brother, Private Volta Karlicek; Roy Young, of 403 Bausman street, for his son, Private First Class Robert E. Young; Karl H. Held, of 1132 Lancaster avenue, for his son, Private First Class Richard C. Held; Mrs. Francis Piferski, of 70 Holt street, for her son, Staff Sergeant Louis Piferski; John Yurik, of 96 Reppert boulevard, Uniontown, for his son, Sergeant Paul J. Yurik; Charles Gutknecht, of 347 North Balph avenue, Bellevue, for his son, Staff Sergeant William C. Gutknecht; Mrs. Frances Hanas, of 2306 Spiral street, for her son, Private First Class Paul Hanas, and to Silas Myers, of 805 Summit street, McKeesport, for his son, Lieutenant Robert Myers.

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This one shows soldiers from the 337th heading for the front lines, a few kilometres away, on the 6th October. Five days later William was killed. He was a member of Company M, 337th Infantry.

There was a photographer accompanying this outfit. They were fighting in the mountains near La Villa, North of Rome where the German forces were well dug in with a formidable series of defences known as the Gothic Line.



337th Infantry heading for the front.

Italy 1944



Trench on the Gothic Line

This photo shows a German trench on the Gothic Line after capture and gives a good idea of the terrain.

Finally, also from the 337th site is an extract from the company log.

~~wipe out this resistance and take Hill 620.~~

At 0700 on 11 October the attack was resumed with little progress initially. All attempts to move were heavily shelled by mortar and artillery. The enemy had excellent fields of fire and his weapons were sited to cover every approach to the final objective. At midmorning the 3d Battalion took fifty prisoners in the Zelle area, and Company "B" advanced to take Hill 572. The situation looked a great deal more promising though all day the enemy harassed the front line with mortar, artillery, and machine gun fire. In order to have a reserve battalion well in hand before the assault on Montemarone, the 2nd Battalion was ordered to

He was just a young man doing his duty on a hillside from Hell.

John Armstrong

Do you collect the Malay States before 1958?

(Straits Settlements, Singapore, Penang, Malacca, Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak, Selangor, Johore, Kedah, Kelantan, Perlis, Trengganu).

I have earlier this year bought the 3 Volume Set of Edward Proud's 'The Postal History of British Malaya from 1858 to 1958'.

This set of books is VERY hard to find as neither the Royal Victorian Philatelic Library in Melbourne nor the Penang Stamp Club have all 3 volumes.

Whilst I will not lend these books (cost was \$450), if I can help anyone with any information from them please contact me on 5460 5008 or email me at : gloyer@live.com.au

They are invaluable for Post Offices and Postmarks

Kind regards

Grey Loyer - Maryborough Stamp Club

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A review by: David Robinson. Library code: BPS0061

HEARD ISLAND 1947

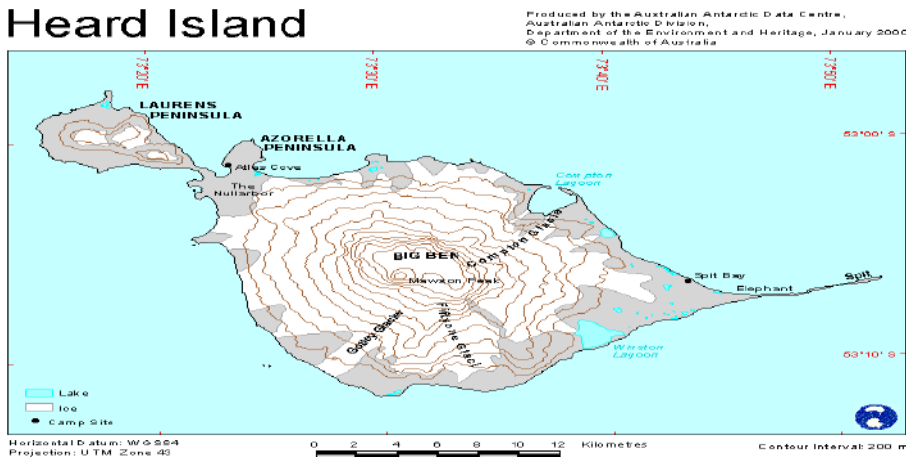
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This booklet is a photographic record of the Australian Antarctic Expedition to Heard Island back in 1947. This supplement supports a research article in "Stamp Talk" of September of 1990. The booklet contains a photographic and unique record of the life and events on Heard Island, many of the photographs have never been published before.



Photographs include Group Captain Campbell the leader of the expedition, producing a philatelist's rarity. He is photographed, post-marking letters in the Heard Island's lonely Tent Post Office, Christmas 1947.

Heard Island



Heard Island and McDonald Islands (HIMI) are a sub-Antarctic Island group. They are located in the Southern Ocean, about 4,000 km southwest of mainland Australia.



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Financial Planning explained by an Irishman.

Paddy bought a donkey from a farmer for £100.

The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day.

In the morning he drove up and said, 'Sorry, but I have some bad news. The donkey's died.'

Paddy replied, 'Well just give me my money back then.'

The farmer said, 'Can't do that. I've already spent it.'

Paddy said, 'OK then, just bring me the dead donkey.'

The farmer asked, 'What are you going to do with him?'

Paddy said, 'I'm going to raffle him off.'

The farmer said, 'You can't raffle a dead donkey!'

Paddy said, 'Sure I can. Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead.'

A month later, the farmer met up with Paddy and asked, 'What happened with that dead donkey?'

Paddy said, 'I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at £2 each and made a profit of £898'

The farmer said, 'Didn't anyone complain?'

Paddy said, 'Just the guy who won. So I gave him his £2 back.'

Paddy now works for the Commonwealth Bank.

Eight days from Golden Square to Malmsbury! They must have walked.

When a part broke on the slasher while trying to attack the long grass before the fire season, it was obvious that an urgent repair was needed. Unfortunately, it had to come from Western Australia.

There was a time when Australia Post could have delivered that in a couple of days. We saw a cover a while back that was posted from a town outside of Bendigo to an address inland from Sydney. They did it in under 36 hours but that was in 1860. Back then, mail travelled by rail and the sorting was done on board the train, a very efficient service but hard to replicate now nearly everything goes by truck.

Even so, we still cling to the belief that Australia Post really cares about their customers and does its best to provide a good service. In the case of the agricultural part, however, that hope was shattered along with any faith that the service might ever improve. And that is the view of an ex-postman!

The original tracking information said to expect it by Tuesday 28th to Friday 1st Dec., an eight day minimum trip, not unusual these days and as it got to Golden Square on Sunday evening, this should have happened. It didn't!

When it hadn't arrived by the Friday and the hot weather was turning the grass ever more golden and dry, an enquiry was lodged. This got the response that if it didn't arrive by the *fifteenth*, they would look into it. Someone must have gone to have a look though as it arrived, at last, the next Monday.

Australia Post then sent an email asking for a review of their service so that was at least one bright spot in the whole affair though possibly not for the person who read the review (if anyone did).

The image shows a screenshot of an Australia Post tracking page. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Overview' (selected) and 'Journey'. The tracking history is as follows:

- We've got it**
 - Received by Australia Post
NORANDA WA • Mon 20 Nov, 1:18pm
- It's on its way**
 - Item processed at facility
Boorna Wangkiny Mia (in Perth) WA • Tue 21 Nov, 12:10am
 - In transit to next facility in MELBOURNE AIRPORT VIC
Tue 21 Nov, 12:21am
 - Transferred
WELSHPOOL WA • Tue 21 Nov, 11:04pm
 - Arrived at facility
SUNSHINE WEST VIC • Fri 24 Nov, 12:15pm
 - Item processed at facility
MELBOURNE AIRPORT VIC • Sun 26 Nov, 11:54am
 - In transit to next facility in BENDIGO VIC
Sun 26 Nov, 3:00pm
 - Transferred
MELBOURNE AIRPORT VIC • Sun 26 Nov, 5:23pm
 - Transferred
SUNSHINE WEST VIC • Sun 26 Nov, 9:12pm
 - Arrived at facility
GOLDEN SQUARE VIC • Sun 26 Nov, 10:05pm
 - Customer enquiry lodged
Fri 1 Dec, 10:08am
- Awaiting collection**
 - Awaiting collection at MALMSBURY LPO
MALMSBURY VIC • Mon 4 Dec, 8:19am

Why is this person on a stamp No. 25: Einar Gerhardsen

You might think that Einar Gerhardsen would be annoyed or embarrassed by the depiction of him on this Norwegian stamp, but you would be wrong. Firstly, of course, he wouldn't have been worried as he had been dead for ten years and the stamp, one of a set of two, was issued in 1997 for the centenary of his birth.

Secondly, he was a politician and having a pretty thick skin is part of the job description and anyway, if you look at his photograph, it is actually a pretty good likeness of him as he grew older. He was sometimes called "The Father of the Nation" in Norway and was the Prime Minister for three terms making him their longest serving PM.

Gerhardsen's parents were committed unionists and Einar grew up attending workers meetings. In 1918, a civil war broke out in neighbouring Finland between the "Reds", mainly socialist workers and the "Whites" formed mainly from the middle and upper classes. The Reds were defeated, partly due to the Whites getting military support from the German Empire. The Church of Norway also supported the Whites, leading Einar to resign from church membership.

From 1920 he became increasingly politically active, becoming a member of the socialist labour movement which adopted many of the ideas of the Russian communists. Some of his activities led him into conflict with the authorities, including being active in the Communist Youth League's military strike action in 1924 which resulted in him spending 75 days in jail.

Over the course of the 1920s, the Norwegian labour movement adopted a more democratic socialist ideal rather than communism which increased their popularity to where in 1935, they won the national elections. Einar had risen from local politics to becoming deputy mayor of Oslo by 1938 and deputy head of the Labour Party by 1939.

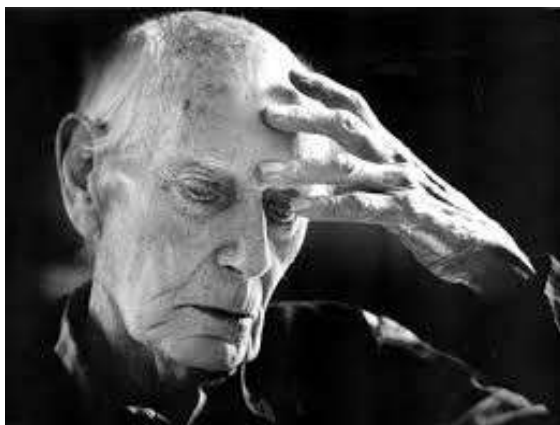
In 1940, Germany invaded and occupied Norway. When the Labour leader went into exile, Einar took on the role. He was also made Mayor of Oslo on the fifteenth of August but was forced to resign eleven days later by the Germans who went on to ban all political parties and actions.

Einar joined the resistance movement but he had long been suspected and had been questioned 31 times before his eventual arrest in September. He was first imprisoned in Norway at Grini concentration camp but while there, still actively organised resistance operations. He was then sent to the Gestapo headquarters where he was tortured but gave nothing away. He was then sent to Sachsenhausen concentration camp in Germany until September 1944 when he was transferred back to Grini.



After the war, Einar formed an interim government until elections could be organised. The Labour party won conclusively and Einar was popular, even with many who didn't share his socialist ideals. His programmes over the years of tax reforms, industrialisation and housing assistance brought great benefits to the majority of Norwegians along with introductions or increases in a range of social benefits and pensions. His ideas and influence can still be seen within the Norwegian Labour party today.

Einar Gerhardsen died in Oslo in 1987 at the age of 90



Maryborough Stamp Club

Auction

Tuesday, 19th March, 2024.

Viewing from 5.30pm. Auction starts at 7pm

Refreshments (free) after auction

at (new venue) of

Mill House, 88-90 Burke Street, Maryborough

Entries close Friday, 26th January, 2024.

I MUST receive entries also by this date.

ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES AFTER THIS DATE.

Members from other Clubs may submit up to 15 entries each.

You MUST set a reserve price which will be the starting price.

No commission taken.

Registration required. Payment on night after auction.

Contact: Grey 5460 5008

Items delivered to 47 Goldsmith St., Maryborough