

# The PhilateliKid

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In the May 2022 issue of *The PhilateliKid*, we began brief descriptions of various "Back of the Book" ("BOB") listings in the Scott Catalogues. In subsequent issues we looked at stamps which begin with the letter "B," "BK," "C," "CB," "CBO," "CE," "CFLEU," "CL," "CLC," "CLCF," "CLEU," "CM," "CO," "CP," "CVP," "D," "E," "EP," "F," "FA," "J," "JQ," "K," "L," "LO," "LOX," "M," "MR," "NSC," "O," "OXF," "P," "PC," "PM," "PN," "PR," "PS," "Q," "QE," "QI," "R" (Part 1), "R" (Part 2), "RA," "RC," "RD," "RE," "REA," "REF," "RF," "RG," "RH," "RJ," "RK," "RL," "RN-D," "RO," "RS," "RV," "RX," "RY," "RZ," "S," "SPCVP," "TD," "U," "UC," "UX," "UXC," "UY," "UZ," "WS," "WX," "#X," and State, followed by a number.. This month we will look at "the United Nations." All stamps illustrated are from the author's personal collection, unless otherwise noted.

### Stamps from the United Nations

Scott Catalogue a few years ago discontinued listing the United Nations ("UN") stamps in the back of the book for the United States, but for over 60 years, that is where the UN stamps were listed. In my 2011 edition of the Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States, 108 pages at the back of the book were used for the UN.



The United Nations is not a country, so it is an exception to the rule that only countries issue postage stamps. Today, the UN is an organization with members representing 193 different countries, and 2 "observer states." Here's a little history lesson. World War I ("WWI") began on July 28, 1914, and ended on November 11, 1918. It is estimated that 8.5 million soldiers died during WWI. 13 million civilians died, and many more were

injured, but survived. The United States tried to stay out of the war, which primarily was fought in Europe, but entered WWI on October 1917, and fought only during the final year of the war. WWI was the most destructive war at that time in the history of the world. The war was also known as "the Great War" and also "the War to End All Wars." Records indicate that 116,708 Americans died in WWI, but only 53,402 died in combat. 63,114 deaths were a result from diseases. In addition, over 205,000 Americans were wounded. At that time the entire population of the United States was approximately 100 million, so approximately one out of very 155 men in America had been killed or wounded in WWI.

As a result of this horrible war, thoughtful people decided to establish an organization with the primary reason for its existence to prevent another horrible war from ever occurring. Hence, in 1920 the League of Nations was created. For a variety of reasons, it failed, one major reason being that the United States refused to join. The League of Nations failed to prevent World War II, which began in 1939, and ended in 1945.



Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland Scott 59 and 60. Denominated in F.S. (Swiss Francs) Language:

French

During WWII over 73 million people died worldwide, most of them being civilians. So, after WWII, a strong desire by many nations to ensure peace resulted in the United Nations being formed. The UN has its main headquarters in New York City, (United States) and is located on land bought with an \$8.5 million donation from John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The UN also has locations in Geneva, Switzerland, and Vienna, Austria. Each of those three locations issued postage stamps that could be used only at that location. Postage sold and used at the New York City location is denominated in dollars and cents. Postage sold and used at the Geneva location is denominated in francs and centimes. Postage sold and used in Austria was denominated in schillings until 2001

Headquarters in Vienna, Austria Scott 91 and 92. Denominated in S (Schillings) Language: German and thereafter in euros.

## Cancellations



Collecting cancellations is a lot of fun. There are two basic ways to collect cancellations. The first is what is called “on cover,” which means the entire envelope, stamp, and cancellation. The second way is just the stamp itself. Today we are going to look at a special type of cancel on covers. Large ships in the U.S. Navy have post offices located right aboard the ship. These post offices receive letters and packages mailed “from back home” (and elsewhere) to the personnel aboard that particular ship, and the post offices also handle mail being sent out by personnel aboard the ship. In handling mail being sent out, many ships have had their

own cancels and postmarks. Sometimes the port of call, where the ship is stationed, has special cancellations. There is a group of stamp collectors who specialize in collecting these cancels. They have formed an organization named “**The Universal Ship Cancellation Society**,” which was formed in 1932. The society is an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society (#98). Its website is <https://uscs.org>. On its home page it states that it: “promotes the study of the history of naval vessels, naval postal markings, and other postal documents involving the U.S. Navy and other maritime organizations of the world. Members of the society typically collect naval covers. Some members are primarily interested in cachets, some are primarily interested in postmarks, and some are interested in both.”

## DEAD COUNTRIES

Beginning in October 2024, we illustrated stamps from “Dead Countries.” We looked at Basutoland, Bavaria, Belgian Congo, British Central Africa, British Honduras, Cochin, Croatia, Cyrenaica, Dahomey, Eastern Rumelia, French Congo, French Equatorial Africa, Hawaii, Middle Congo, Newfoundland, New South Wales, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, the Peoples Republic of the Zaire, Queensland, Rhodesia, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, South Australia, Southern Rhodesia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia, and Zimbabwe Rhodesia. This month we will look at Dutch Indies.

An area of Europe is called the **Low Countries**. It is composed of three countries, namely Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg., commonly called “**Benelux**.” The current country known as the Netherlands has had a long history, dating back to before the Roman Empire. Its present form was established in 1815. The Netherlands, officially, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, is bordered on the north and the west by the North Sea, on the south by Belgium, and on the east by Germany. The Netherlands has 12 provinces. Two of the provinces are known as Holland. Several languages are



spoken in the Netherlands, with the main language being Dutch. In 1581 seven provinces united to become the Dutch Republic, which was a major power in the world, and lasted until 1795. During that period the Dutch Republic created colonies in North America, South America, Africa, and Asia. Companies were created to govern various colonies, including (pronounced in English) the Dutch East India Company, also called the Dutch East Indies Company. The word “company” is somewhat misleading because it had powers far greater than any company today has. For example, it had the power to declare war. Beginning in 1864, postage stamps were issued for the Dutch East Indies (Netherlands East Indies) under the (English) name of “Dutch Indies.” The stamps had the following names and/or abbreviations: Nederlandsch Indie, Ned. Indie, and Nederl-Indie. Stamps were produced using one of these names or abbreviations until 1914. A major portion of the Dutch East Indies became Indonesia, which formally gained its independence in 1949. Another portion, Dutch Malacca, was ceded to Great Britain in 1824, eventually becoming the Malacca (state) of modern Malaysia.

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