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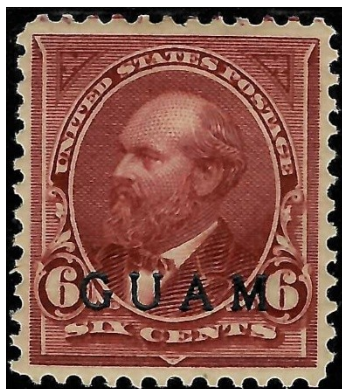
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In the May 2022 issue of *The PhilateliKid*, we began brief descriptions of various "Back of the Book" ("BOB") listings in the Scott Catalogues. In subsequent issues we looked at stamps which begin with the letter "B," "BK," "C," "CB," "CBO," "CE," "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, and also Canal Zone, Confederate States of America, Danish West Indies, and United Nations. This month we will be looking at Guam. All stamps illustrated are from the author's personal collection, unless otherwise noted.

Stamps from Guam.

Guam is a Territory of the United States and is the southernmost island in an archipelago which is located in the western Pacific Ocean, known as the Mariana Islands. In 1898, the United States was in a war with Spain, known as the Spanish-American War that lasted from April 21 to August 13, a period of less than four months. As a result of the war, Spain lost several of its colonies to the United States, including, Puerto Rico and Cuba in the Caribbean, and Guam and the Philippines in the Pacific Ocean.



The closest part of the United States to Guam is the State of Hawaii, which is approximately 3800 miles to the east. Micronesia is approximately 600 miles south of Guam, and Japan is 1500 miles north of Guam. The population of Guam today is approximately 160,000, which, for comparison, is fewer than the number of residents in Salt Lake City.

When the United States took possession of Guam, the Spanish stamps that were being used there were no longer valid. The United States overprinted 11 definitive stamps at the time that were currently in use in the United States, and one Special Deliver stamp. The denominations were: 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, 5¢, 6¢, 8¢, 10¢, 15¢, 50¢,

and \$1. The face value of the Special Delivery stamp was 10¢. Scott also identifies two minor variations, resulting in the Scott Catalog having a total of 13 definitive stamps and 1 Special Delivery stamp. Those stamps were used 1899. After 1899 Guam has been using U.S. stamps that did not have any overprint

DEAD COUNTRIES

Beginning in October 2024, we illustrated stamps from "Dead Countries." We looked at Alaouites, Basutoland, Bavaria, Belgian Congo, British Central Africa, British Honduras, Cochin, Confederate States of America, Croatia, Cyrenaica, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Danish West Indies, Dutch Indies, Eastern Rumelia, French Congo, French Equatorial Africa, Hawaii, Latakia, 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 looked at Guam (above), and below we will look at Free Trieste.

Allied Military Government of the United States and Great Britain – Free Territory of Trieste

If you look real closely to a map showing the eastern border of Italy, you will find a narrow strip of land running along the northeastern part of the Adriatic Sea that is bordered on the east by Slovenia, and on the south by

Croatia. In that strip of land is the city of Trieste. (Sometimes spelled “Triest” without the final “e”.) The inhabitants of Trieste speak a language “Triestine,” which is a dialect of Venetian. Also, Italian, Slovene, and



Trieste

Italy

German languages are widely spoken. Trieste is a major seaport on the Adriatic Sea, which feeds in the Mediterranean Sea.

In September 1947 the [Paris Peace Treaty](#) established the Allied Military Government (AMG) which governed Trieste – known as “Zone A” - until 1954, at which time the city of Trieste was returned to the Italian government. From 1947 to 1954 postage stamps of Italy were overprinted for use in Trieste. Scott Catalogue identifies 208 commemorative and definitive stamps, 26 air post stamps, and 7 Authorized Delivery stamps, (Scott uses prefix EY which does not appear in Scott for any stamps issued for use in the U.S.) Also, 28 Postage Due stamps, 26 Parcel Post stamps, and 4 Parcel Post Authorized Delivery stamps. (Scott uses prefix QY for Parcel Post Authorized Delivery stamps, which prefix also does not appear in Scott for any stamps issued for use in the U.S.)



^^ **Allied Military Government Free Territory Trieste -- Scott numbers 1, 2, 3, and C2**

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