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From Malcolm Back, Study Group Chairman and Editor

Below is the invitation for the Jan 20 2024 Newfoundland Study Group Zoom meeting.

Topic: 1) **Brian Damien** will talk about the new Index that he has created for the Newfoundland Newsletter. (see below)

2) Klaus Wehlt will discuss, "The 4c Royal Family Issue UPU-specimen from the Madagascar reference collection"

Time: Jan 20, 2024 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

April Newsletter; I am in need of submissions for the April Newsletter. Any submissions, long or short, would be appreciated.

From Brian Damien; I have been working on a new index to the Newfoundland Newsletter. This version covers issues 1 through 193, and is searchable by author, other proper names, and topics. It includes direct links to the individual newsletters on the BNAPS website.

I intend to update this on a regular basis, as each new issue of the newsletter appears online at bnaps.org. I also will work to provide it in whatever formats are most useful for our members. The underlying work is an Excel spreadsheet which can be used to generate a variety of digital and printable files.

As is the case with many projects that involve collecting data over a period of time, often, you don't figure out the best way of doing things until you have nearly finished. That has been my experience with making this index, and I view this as a work in progress that can be continually improved as shortcomings become apparent.

I have tried to be careful in the language used to describe topics, so that articles on similar topics are brought together. For example, all articles on airmail flights and covers are brought together under a heading like

Airmail – 1919 – Alcock and Brown

Airmail – 1933 – Balbo

It's been quite an education for me to read through the work this group has published in the newsletter over the last forty years. My hat is off, in thanks and admiration, for all the good work that has been done by dozens of group members since 1985.

From Mike Street, Kanata, Ontario; Ladies and Gentlemen, BNA Topics needs your help. The disruptions caused by Covid affected many different areas of our lives. In the case of BNA Topics, this has meant a major slowdown in the number of articles – short, long and in-between – received for publication. The Editorial Team has been plugging along, using up articles in the backlog, but the list of articles on hand has grown very short.

If you have been thinking about preparing an article (or two) on one or more of your collecting subjects, please stop thinking and start writing!

If you haven't been thinking about preparing an article (or two) on one or more of your collecting subjects, please start thinking about it/them and start writing!

All submissions are welcome. Please send them by email to the Editor, Bill Wilson

<wjfwilso@ucalgary.ca>.

This email is being sent to 53 elected and appointed Officers of BNAPS, Chairmen of Regional and Study Groups, and Editors of SG Newsletters. If you know of a member in your Study Group or Regional Group who might be able to help, please pass it along to them.

Thanks everyone.

Mike Street

Kanata, Ontario, Canada

From Jean-Claude Vasseur; in response to Gareth Williams posting in NSGN#12; as a past member of the Group and with, likely, the best knowledge of this mail (Balbo), I am giving hereby my thoughts about the postcard shown in the BNAPS Newfoundland Study Group #12.

The postcard is obviously by an Italian sender and “mailed” to Italy (Pisa). Below the text, an additional signature by a second person. The signatory may have been the person in charge of handling the postcard. Meanwhile the signature is not from a member of the flying crew (all signatures are known).

The rate, 3¢, is inappropriate for a Foreign Postcard (4¢ at date of mailing). The date of cancellation (Shoal Harbor); is not copying the dates at which the flying mail has been cancelled. Meanwhile, it is well known that Shoal Harbor post office – as well as Clarendville post office – has cancelled by favour a significant quantity of mail at various dates whatever the rate paid. Such mail was immediately returned to the sender.

Furthermore, the postcard was not struck by a serial black number as all supplementary mail added in the official mail by crew members.

When such letters, or postcards, were hand carried (not in the official mail), they were about all presented at a post office in Italy to be stroke by a receiver (any place) but not the official receiver – as far as I know –

My conclusion is that this postcard was therefore not flown. At the best, it was carried by the signatory... on the “ALICE”.



From Earl Noss; I received this example of Sc97 recently. It shows many marks & dots in the stamp. It is perforated 12 so it is lithographed.

I also show a proof pair I saved from the internet showing the same marks in the second stamp. I was wondering if anyone knows anything about this variety or has a position for it.



From Bill Coates; kindly provided scans of a fine collection of Waterlow & Sons Ltd., progressive proofs & printer's file examples of the 1941-1944 resources issue. Many have printers notes. I will be publishing these in subsequent issues. There are 23 sets in all.

