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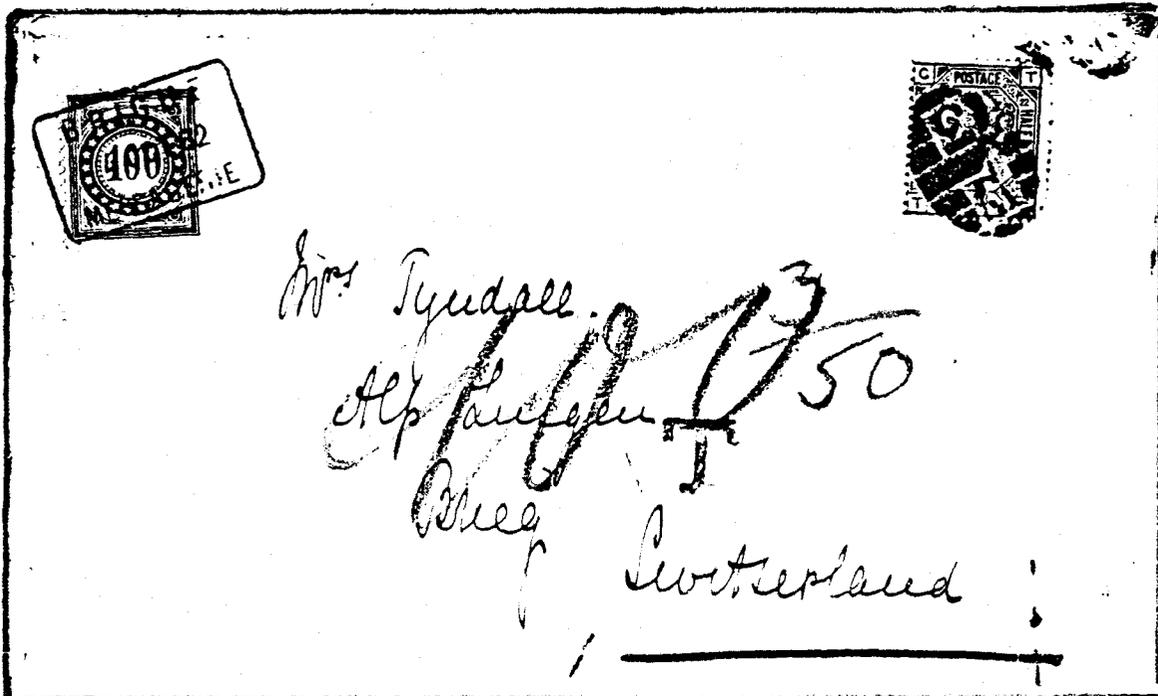
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READING BETWEEN THE LINES

A cover to satisfy the Postal Historians, Mrs Tyndall being the wife of the British glaciologist, the Hotel Post enthusiasts, this is in effect a Hotel Post cover in reverse, and finally the Postage Due collectors. The British Post Office used the fraction mark 3/50, no doubt meaning the rate should have been 3d. The 100 was arrived at by multiplying the 50 by 2. It is interesting to note that the 'T' strike is not of British origin and according to Herr Bomelli's article in the Newsletter of 1979 it is not an official PTT cancel and he goes on to suggest it is of unknown origin.

However, the Swiss Post Office in Brig affixed a due to the value of 100c (8 II N) which is very clearly cancelled 'BRIGUE 4 OCT 82 MESSAGERIE'.



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The idea that this cover can be classified as a Hotel Post cover in reverse is derived from the fact that Mrs Tyndale would have been staying at the Belalp Hotel of which Alp Lusgen is an annexe. It can also be argued that the reason for the high charge being made for the delivery was necessitated by the bad weather at the time which made it difficult for the postman to get to the destination.

All in all a cover with a story to tell and perhaps somebody may wish to correct me should my assumptions not be 100 per cent accurate.

G W Hubbard

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Commenting on 'Thinking out aloud' by Fred Lesser - HNL, December 1986

Our member across the pond is certainly not showing his age or being cantankerous. Effectively, he is just throwing a different light on a subject which has been echoed by me and others for at least ten years. Basically we have all been saying "where are all the young collectors?" Most of the arguments usually run as follows: child starts collecting at about 10 years of age and keeps it going until about 15 when he/she discovers the opposite sex. By 20 marriage and at 22 a child. It is not until the young collector reaches 40 and by chance sees a stamp shop that curiosity takes over again. They dig out their old collections and start again. Unfortunately stamps that were 1p (or 1d) are now 50p to £1; therefore many 're-born' collectors do not stick with the hobby.

The young generation of today will not collect stamps to help them with Geography, History, Politics or Language as all this can be learnt by the latest craze - computers. These come in all shapes and sizes (and prices). They teach games - that mean nothing, they can teach knowledge provided one is prepared to learn the computer language and take up lateral thinking, and they can store information. However this information has to be input before it can be extracted, hence the phrase 'rubbish in = rubbish out'.

The only real way to get new young blood is to advertise, and Mr Lesser has hit upon an excellent way that this may be accomplished. Photographs of the exhibits. As he rightly points out, Art Galleries do it, and for their trouble they receive increased attendances, and when works of art come under the hammer they usually sell for much more than the estimate simply because more people know about what is being sold; therefore they come out of the woodwork to try and own the masterpiece in question.

Concerning his point suggesting that the cynic will inform you that all is known that is to be known about this and that, I do not necessarily agree that it is Man's inquisitiveness that produces 'new finds'. We all pick up snippets of information from time to time, many of us write these down for future reference. The sad thing is simply that the writer of these notes assumes everybody knows and therefore never (or rarely) puts pen to paper to list these small pieces of information. I am sure we all have reams of paper filled with notes that have never been published. It is on this point I shall conclude my comments, but with the obvious request; if you have any notes, please share them. This way our new Editor will have lots of material for future issues and, furthermore we will all learn more.

Geoff Hubbard

REPORT OF THE LONDON MEETING OF 10th DECEMBER 1986

The Chairman, Mr F Pickard, welcomed back Mr R F Bulstrode, who had been sadly missed during his illness. Mr Bulstrode thanked the Society for making him an Honorary Life Member. Mr Pickard also welcomed one of our new members, Mr J Neudeck.

The Secretary reported a telephone conversation with John Littlebury of BPF concerning a possible change of venue to the British Philatelic Centre as follows: the Centre would not be open to Societies until the spring, so any move would not be before January 1988; the NPS would move in now to iron out any problems; the rent, of around £20, had not yet been fixed; tea/coffee-making would be on a DIY basis but snacks would not be available; the NPS library is already installed and societies hiring rooms would have free access. Further information will be given in this Newsletter when available. Mr Hubbard then gave the latest information on "Stamp News"; problems had prevented publication since 16th October, but after talks with the management BPF hoped it would reappear in January 1987.

The main part of the evening's meeting, Postal History in the Making, appeared to confuse members as to the precise meaning; should exhibits be 'pure' Postal History or what one considered to be Postal History? The latter appeared to win the day, but much material that followed was conventional.

Mrs E J Rawnsley started with a fine display of Transit Marks mainly based on the Treaty of 1828/9 and went on to show new strikes developed after the Treaty of 1845 thus giving a new meaning to some of the earlier perplexing marks.

Mr I Johnson, our Ticino enthusiast, showed a remarkable collection of covers many of which need further research to be sure of the markings' precise meaning. In comparing the differing information from Winkler and the Bellinzona PS he was able to show examples that neither authority had noted. He rounded off his display with some rare items showing Ticino TPOs.

Mrs M O Bidmead started with an explanation of the early mails as operated by the Egyptians, Chinese, Persians, Romans and the Overlords. Her display commenced with items from 1818 and went on to explain the fraction marks which have caused so many problems to historians.

Mr G W Hubbard took over with a display of Postage Dues, not considered by some as classical Postal History. He suggested that the subject does not have to consist only of pre-adhesives as early Flight covers, POW material, Military, and Wreck covers were all acceptable, so why not Postage Dues? He pointed out that all the covers on show went via the district of Zürich, Zürichberg, first when the postal code was 24, changing to 44 and, finally, to 8044.

To conclude Mr F Pickard showed some good examples of Censor Mail, finishing with Frama labels. The highlight of his display was a cover from Switzerland to Alexandria that crossed the Atlantic twice! GWH

The Members of the Committee, past and present, would like to thank all those who sent Xmas Greetings and wish all members the very best for 1987.

(The Editor was very pleased to receive one card from Switzerland as the cover had a 'Taxe Percue' cancel he had not previously seen.)

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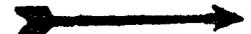
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### FRANCHISE

### SINGLES

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## TELEGRAPH STAMPS

This section contains very rare and unusual material. For instance, prior to this offer we have only seen three USED blocks of four over a period of nearly 40 years. They are so rare that they are not even listed in the Zumstein Catalogue.. The two complete telegram forms deserve a little explanation: Both were despatched on the same day from Niederurnen (Glarus) by different senders and addressed to different recipients in Zurich - both gave the same message: "Train cancelled will travel tomorrow"!! It is truly remarkable that these two documents should have stayed together for 118 years. Although we offer these singly, we hope they find a home in the same collection.

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<b>10 3 1987</b>	<b>Specials I</b>
35	50th Anniversary of the mobile post office
50	450th Anniversary of Lausanne University
80	150th Anniversary of the Swiss Society of Engineers and Architects
90	Geneva-Airport Railway Link
110	Bimillenary of Baden Spa
	<b>Definitives (Mail transport)</b>
20	Mule post
30	Mail coach
45	Ship's post
50	Today's postman
60	Loading airmail dispatches

<b>26 5 1987</b>	<b>Europa CEPT</b>
50/90	Modern Art and Architecture

#### Pro Patria

	Treasures of Swiss Museums: (Rustic Furniture)
35 + 15	Wall Cupboard, Musée du Vieux Pays d'Enhaut, Château d'Oex
50 + 20	Chest, Rhaetian Museum, Chur
80 + 40	Cradle, Museo di Valmaggia, Cevio
90 + 40	Cupboard, Neues Museum, St. Gallen

<b>4 9 1987</b>	<b>Specials II</b>
35	Centenary of the Swiss Master Butchers' Association
50	50th Anniversary of the Stamp Day
90	Centenary of the Swiss Dairy Farming Association

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## AIRMAILS - THE FIRST SIXTY YEARS

An outstanding display of airmail covers was shown by Mr D Cairns at the December meeting of the Northern Group.

Publicity and postal material for the semi-official air displays and flights during 1900-1913 was followed by items covering the period 1919-1960, and the history of Ad Astra and Balair to their amalgamation to form Swissair in 1931.

Mail carried within Switzerland between 1923 and 1949 including items from one-day meetings, air displays and exhibitions followed. The display was rounded off by the development of airmail services outside Europe, particularly after 1945, and included items from the South American services operated by Aeropostale, Lufthansa and the Graf Zeppelin.

Mr Cairns reminded members that an airmail label on an early item was no guarantee that it had been carried all the way by air; flights were only during the summer, never at night and frequently subject to weather delays. 1934 saw the first Swissair night service, mail only, and the first winter service was to London in December 1935.

After giving details of the rates, surcharges and cancellations, Mr Cairns explained how to trace the route by the receiving and transit marks, before finishing with a short reference to modern airmail covers. This interesting and well-presented display was greatly appreciated by everyone present. R A H

Northern Group member Mr P Vaughan won the Postal History Trophy at the recent North Western Convention with a display of Swiss TPOs and his son, Haydn, carried off the Junior Trophy with a display covering Swiss history, landscape and transport. R A H

## Forthcoming Meetings

### LONDON MEETINGS FOR 1987

At the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, Marble Arch, at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m., Wednesdays.

- 11 Feb CLASSICS - Mr A S Newall
- 11 Mar TPOs - Mr L E Stiles
- 8 Apr ANNUAL COMPETITION
- 13 May ODDS & ENDS - All members

Please sign in at the Porter's desk when you arrive.

Members living out of town who are not already members of the Victory Services Club should ask for details; all ex-service men and women may join for a modest annual fee and can then use the accommodation when staying overnight in London (also spouses).

### DATES FOR NEW DIARIES!

It is not too late to prepare an entry for the Annual Competition of the Northern Group on Feb 7th. The March meeting, also on the 7th will be a display by the Secretary Mr R A Hoyle, of the Cross and Figure and the Standing Helvetia issues. The AGM will be held on April 4th.

Switzerland from Hannibal is the title of the display to be given by Mr B Hampton to the Bath Philatelic Society on Wednesday 11th February. The meeting will be in the Bath Postal Museum, 8 Broad Street at 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.

Members who will be giving displays of Swiss material to local societies are invited to send details for inclusion in the Newsletter to enable other members to turn out in support.

The Association of Austrian Philatelic Societies has awarded our member, Mr J F Giblin, a medal for Philatelic Research.

# DID YOU KNOW?

- that I wish to thank all those members kind enough to send me their best wishes for 1987, which I also wish to all doughty readers of this column.

- that this is the first year when the PTT have not issued a few jubilee cancellations on the first day of postal business, either the 2nd or 3rd Jan, depending on the canton. We will see how many come during the year, as there were six in 1986.

- that not all jubilee cancellations, i.e., those with '800 or so years' in the text, become K cancels, that is with this date removed during the year following it's use.

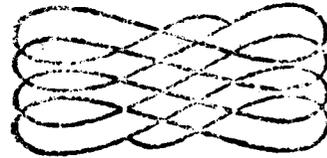
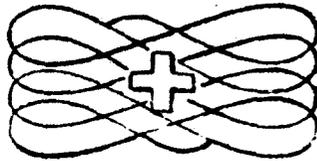
- that in the new PTT standing order service for special cancels (S), the MPO cancels with cachet are included, I have been told, but a special cover is used. Has anyone seen these?

- that according to an article in the Dec SBZ a postcard has lain dormant for 80 years, after being thrown out of a Zeppelin over Luzern. Other cards are known to have been thrown out over other places, but this is the first to be found.

- that the PTT has a rule that only 50 and 100 year anniversaries can be commemorated with a stamp, therefore there will be no miniature sheet for 75 years Pro Juventute in 1987, only a fifth stamp in the set.

- that numerous firms in the UK do not know that Switzerland is not a member of the EEC (and can never be, but that is another story) and therefore put only 18p and not 22p on letters. HPS members are better informed, but no tax is asked for.

8010 Zurich



- that the two illustrations show firstly a new version of the Swiss black private cancel applied to junk mail and the new neutral flag used by Liechtenstein for the same purpose. Note on the latter that the Swiss cross has been deleted but the curved lines are mirror-imaged. The 30c just to give a variation from the usual 25c used by this philatelic house.

M Rutherford

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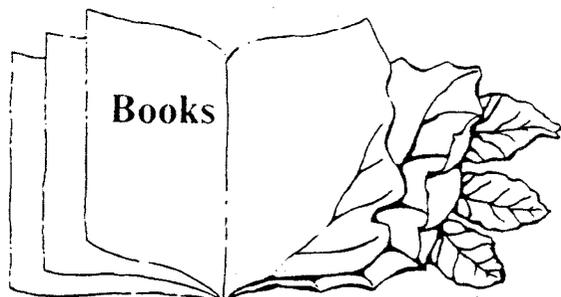
If you are in London or Leeds you can attend meetings as well!

Help!



Any members having items with cancels similar to this are asked to send photocopies to the Secretary or the Editor. They will be sent on to the member carrying out the research into their usage.

DJD



An essential addition to members' book collections is the new work by Georges Valko, 'Über die Frankaturen 1882 bis 1907'. The study of cancellations of this period follows his book of 1974 on Sitting Helvetia cancels. The tables of different tariffs alone make it indispensable for research in this field. The 24 plates in colour are themselves worth detailed study and should encourage members to look more closely at their collections.

PH

## J. S. ARMSTRONG

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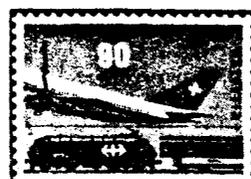
This year's first set of special stamps, on 10th March, comprises:

35c - 50th Anniversary of the Mobile Post Offices, the first of which entered service in 1937. They have been such a success that there are now four and a trailer. In use wherever there is a need for a temporary office during a fair or exhibition, they are very popular with the philatelists. The latest type, shown on the stamp, has three counters, a phone box, two stamp machines and two post boxes.

50c - 450th Anniversary of Lausanne University, which opened with one faculty in 1537 and now has grown to seven. Not officially a 'University' until 1891 it had long deserved the title. The seven figures shown represent the faculties, and the ground plan is of the new buildings at Dorigny.

80c - 150th Anniversary of the Swiss Society of Engineers and Architects (SIA). Founded at Aarau in 1837 at the start of the industrial revolution to encourage exchanges between the different branches of technology. The design is essentially symbolic, representing man, nature and technology.

90c - Geneva - Airport Railway Link, due to open on 1st June this year, is the culmination of 6 years work. Rail travellers on the line from Lausanne to Geneva will be able to reach the airport without changing at Cornavin. The stamp shows the two forms of transport.



110c - Bimillenary of Baden Spa. Probably pre-historic, it was certainly used by the Romans as has been shown by excavations. After the fall of the Roman Empire it remained undiscovered until the Middle Ages since when it has been in regular use by people seeking a 'cure'.

The series of definitives 'Postal Transport through the Ages', started last autumn, is completed by the following five values:

20c - Mule Post, most often used in the Valais before roads could carry wheeled traffic. They were often used in convoys or 'trains'.

30c - Mail Coach. These famous black and yellow, horse-drawn mail coaches were a familiar sight on alpine roads, carrying both mail and passengers as late as the 1960s.

45c - Ship's Post, shown here by an early paddle steamer, the ideal means of communication on Switzerland's many lakes.

50c - Today's Postman, in the new uniform and showing the familiar road-side house delivery boxes to the standard PTT design.

60c - Loading Air Mail Despatches, the fastest link in the world-wide chain of postal services.



The first mobile post office entered service at the 14th Geneva Motor Show on 12th March 1937. To commemorate the 50th Anniversary the PTT will have two mobile post offices at this year's show. The latest type of MPO will enter service on the 12th March and a special cancellation, illustrated here, will be used. Members wishing to send items or stamps for cancelling should send them to arrive by 10th March at the latest to:

Direction d'arrondissement postal, "Cinquantenaire du bureau de poste automobile", CH-1211 Genève 1, Switzerland.

A correctly stamped, addressed envelope must be enclosed for their return.



The information on these two pages has been freely translated from the PTT Amtsblatt. Any members wishing to have photocopies of the full information, in English, issued by the PTT Philatelic Bureau, when available, should send two 13p stamps to cover postage and costs, to the Honorary Secretary, G W Hubbard.

STAMPEX - March 3rd to 8th. Members can meet, as usual, at Stand 36 by courtesy of Mr Katcher. The editor hopes to be there on the Wednesday and looks forward to seeing other members. PH

Northern Group Report

On January 10th, on a very cold and frosty day, a large gathering of Northern Group members were entertained by Mr and Mrs Gilchrist at their home at Pool-in-Wharfedale. The main item on display was Mr Gilchrist's 60-sheet award-winning entry on the 'Red Cross Tracing Service' from the recent exhibition at Kreuzlingen. Members were delighted to hear that this superb entry, full of unusual material, had won a large silver medal and special award of a 20f. Swiss coin. I am sure that all readers will extend their congratulations to Mr Gilchrist on his success.

Mr Gilchrist talked to members about his visit to the exhibition and discussed some of the points which had to be taken into consideration when entering an exhibition in Switzerland, explaining how these differed in emphasis from local and county competitions in G B.

Members were also able to look through Mr Gilchrist's extensive and varied stock, finding many tempting and interesting items.

RAH

Mrs E J RAWNSLEY

thanks everyone who sent cards and greetings for Christmas. More than ever this time, many with kind messages and expressions of goodwill for 1987, all of which are greatly appreciated and reciprocated.

The Society, in the persons of Messrs Pashby & Stiles, visited Basildon PS on 20th Jan. They entertained their hosts with selections from their collections inc. early PJ issues, pre-stamp covers, the earlier Federal issues and Bundesfeier cards. LES

Können Sie folgendes lesen?

Sind Sie bereit kurze Texte -300/500 Worte- aus dem Deutschen ins Englische zu übersetzen um neue Forschungsarbeit zu fördern und auch zweideutige Texte die in Katalogen erscheinen? G W Hubbard, Sekretär.

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Apologies for absence were received from Mr & Mrs Lee, Mrs Rawnsley, Mr Mistely, Mr Stiles, Mr Bulstrode and Mrs Scholey.

The arctic weather conditions, more reminiscent of the Alps than London, had an adverse effect on the attendance. There were, therefore, few present to see the excellent display of Postal Stationery put on by the Chairman. Mr Pickard was quick to point out that the material on show had not been seen by members before.

In order to do full justice to the subject, one had to follow a very long road - tonight was to be the turn of the side streets. These were many and varied passing from Letter receipts from 1850, Telegram Envelopes and packets for re-directed mail to a UPU card with all values.

Then followed Reply cards with private overprints, privately printed cards by Benziger with colourless embossing on the stamp and overprints by this same company on Official Cards. Next a very nice Private Postcard used by a Zürich Newspaper to select the best stamp design, a Zumstein card showing the Rayon III and even a 1922 Official card signed by Alex de Reuterskiöld!

He went on to show private stationery overprinted by the PTT and with PTT meter cancels and followed this with an un-franked Official PTT card - therefore no stamp. Also in this 'street' were Change of Address cards and Service cards. The items to end were Nachnahme cards and Einzugmandat forms. All in all a truly magnificent display. GWH

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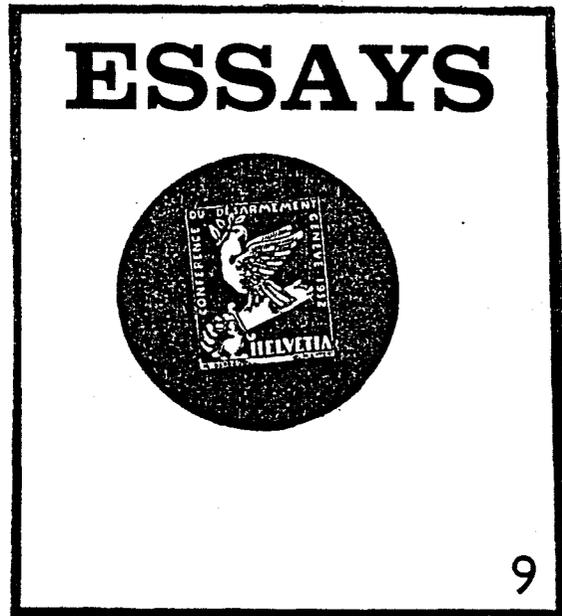
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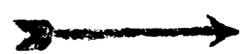
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WE HAVE REFRAINED FROM MENTIONING SUCH WORDS AS "RARE" OR "POSSIBLY UNIQUE" AS THIS IS SELF EVIDENT. ALL THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE SUPPLIED FULLY DESCRIBED, IN MOST CASES GIVING NAMES OF ARTISTS, ENGRAVERS AND PRINTING WORKS - IN FACT AS RESEARCHED BY WING COMMANDER BULSTRODE DURING HIS MANY VISITS TO THE SWISS PTT ARCHIVES.

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1907/09	HELVETIA BUST
1924	ARMS TYPE
1932	DISARMAMENT
1880/1942	LANDSCAPE DESIGN

FOR EASIER IDENTIFICATION A FEW DESIGNS ARE ILLUSTRATED ON THE ADJOINING PAGE.

#### 1907/09 HELVETIA BUST

1907 Essay, Bust facing left. Die proof. (fig.11)	£ 50.00
1907 Die proof, Bust facing right, in unissued blue colour, blocked corners without values. (fig.4)	£175.00
ditto, 4 Die proofs in red (colour of issued 10c. stamp) printed in form of Miniature Sheet; the first stamp with blocked corners, the other 3 as 10c., 12c. and 15c. (fig.7)	£425.00
1909 final Die proof in issued colour of Zumstein No. 120	£150.00

#### 1924 ARMS TYPE

Fr.1.20 black proof on white art paper without central cross, from a trial sheet of 25, IMPERF. (fig.5)	£100.00
ditto, a corner block of four with uncleaned sheet margin. (fig.1)	£500.00
<u>Perforated trials on gummed watermarked paper as used for issued stamps:</u>	
Fr.2.- Trial in issued colour but the CENTRAL CROSS REMAINING WHITE (fig.2)	£275.00
ditto, in colour of the issued 90c. stamp (fig.2)	£180.00
ditto, in colour of the issued Fr.1.20 stamp (fig.2)	£180.00
ditto, in colour of the issued Fr.1.50 stamp (fig.2)	£190.00

#### Colour trials with normal cross in background colour:

Fr.1.50 in colour of the issued 90c. stamp	£120.00
ditto, in the issued colour of the Fr.1.20	£120.00
ditto, in the issued colour of the Fr.2.-	£175.00
(Prices of the above 7 items includes normal issued stamp mint, for comparison)	

#### Colour trials in unissued colours:

Fr.1.50 magenta and red on pale magenta	£100.00
Fr.1.50 slate grey and red on light grey	£100.00
Fr.1.50 dark green and red on green	£125.00
Fr.1.50 the issued stamp (Cat.No.165) but IMPERF. From a trial sheet of 25	£475.00

#### 1932 DISARMAMENT

Circular Die proof in black prior to cleaning, without figure of value. On gummed paper. (fig.9)	£350.00
ditto, but on art paper, the circular surround partly cleaned	£350.00
Die proof in black on thick art paper, for the issued 5c., 10c. and 20c. stamps: printed together in form of a "Miniature Sheet"	£350.00
1880 Essay depicting Tell's Chapel with mountains on Lake Lucerne. Black Die proof with simulated perforations (fig.6)	£150.00
1880 Rütli Essays; Die proofs in black, recess printed; the stamp lithographed in red on cardboard; also the normally seen finally amended essay. Group of 3. (design similar to fig.8)	£175.00
ditto, the same group of 3 in different colours	£175.00

#### 1880/1942 LANDSCAPE DESIGN

1891 Rütli Essay, outstanding group comprising the normal one-colour print plus the 2 and 3-colour prints. (similar to fig.8)	£425.00
1891 Rütli Essay PERFORATED (fig.8)	£100.00
1933 Post Office Competition Essays by Rösli printed in form of a Miniature Sheet, in photogravure. Among the 9 designs is one for the League of Nations.	£350.00
1942 Public Competition Essays, the famous Paul Artaria entry. 5 designs printed in photogravure in sepia and cream on art paper in form of a Miniature Sheet (fig.10)	£300.00
ditto, but the 5 stamps in different colours, singly mounted on cardboard (as figure 10)	£300.00