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**Falkland Islands and Dependencies
Picture Postcards
By Mike Kerschbaum**

Many club members know me as “the Falkland Islands guy”. For many years I have moved from dealer to dealer at club meetings and Kent shows inquiring about Falkland Islands postcards. While the answer is most often “sorry”, I have been able to put together a collection over time.

Falkland Islands postcards are not frequently seen and members have suggested for some time that I write an article for the Moccasin Box or display at Kent. One of those requests is finally being answered with this introduction to the postcards of the Falkland Islands.

The Falkland Islands are located in the South Atlantic Ocean off the tip of South America, nearly 300 miles from the mainland and 400 miles northeast of Cape Horn. There are two main islands, East and West Falkland, and numerous smaller islands. Stanley, the capital, is located on East Falkland; and about half of the 2500 residents reside in Stanley, with the remainder residing in the farm settlements scattered throughout East and West Falkland.

The Falkland Islands have been under British rule since 1833, and the “Kelpers” as the citizens are called, are fiercely loyal.



Early Period

The Earliest seen postcards were published at the very end of the 19th century. This card, with a view of Stanley was mailed from Valparaiso, Chile in 1899.

Two more views from this same time period show a ceremony for the coronation of King Edward VII, and the laying of the cornerstone at St. Mary's Church.



The dangers of the Cape Horn Passage are illustrated by the message on a card mailed in 1907. The French translates in part as “22 ships are present, 19 are wrecked”.

United States Consul

The United States maintained a political presence in the Falkland Islands for a number of years. This card was sent to the U.S. Consul in Montevideo, Uruguay by John Rowen, the U.S. Consul in the Falkland Islands from 1898 to 1908. It shows a view of Port Stephens, one of the small settlements on West Falkland.



The War Years

The faraway Falkland Islands were not immune from the hostilities of World War 1. The crew of *HMS Good Hope* enjoyed liberty in Stanley on October 20, 1914.



Just twelve days later *HMS Good Hope* was sunk with all hands on November 1, 1914 at the Battle of Coronel (Chile). The British South Atlantic Squadron defeated the German Navy, under the command of Admiral Graf von Spee, at the Battle of the Falkland Islands on December 8, 1914.

Daily Life

This panoramic real photo postcard gives a good view of about half of Stanley around 1930.



For many years the primary source of fuel in the Islands was peat. This photo postcard shows the cutting of peat for fuel use.





Large sheep farms are scattered throughout the “camp”, the term used for the settlements outside of Stanley. Transporting the wool was arduous. The inscription on this real photo postcard from the 1930s paints a very clear picture. “This is how we transport our wool to the shipping port – 4 1/2 miles over roadless country.”

The Whaling Industry

The whaling industry in the South Atlantic was a large part of the early Falkland Islands economy. The Falklands government granted licenses to foreign companies (mostly Norwegian), and practiced early conservation by limiting license requests. The first card shows the Norwegian Hektoria Whaling Station in the South Shetland Islands. The second is a whaling station at South Georgia Island.



Antarctic Exploration

Because of its proximity to the Antarctic the Falkland Islands were often used by expeditions for transportation, supplies and posting of mail.

Dr. Otto Nordenskjöld led the Swedish South Polar Expedition (1901-1904). The expedition’s ship *S.Y. Antarctic* was crushed in pack ice in early 1903.



Communication

Falkland Islands communication with the outside world was only by ship until the 1960s. In the early years contact was by chance of a passing ship and by the contract mail steamers that provided a monthly service. Needless to say, the arrival of the mails was always a big event in Stanley. The Pacific Line's *Oropesa* arrived in Stanley on Christmas Day in 1900.



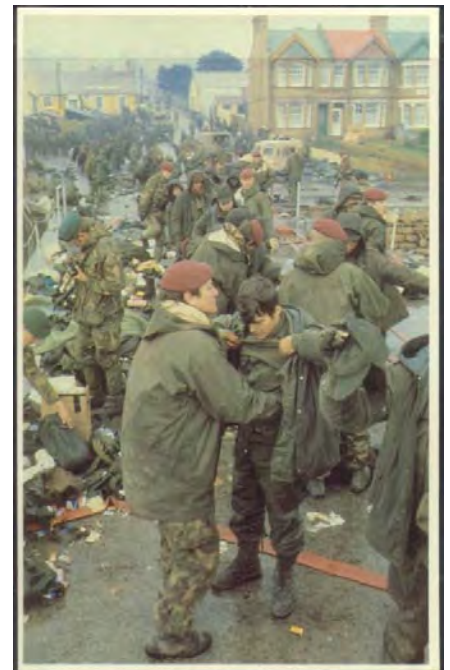
Modern Days

By the 1960s and 1970s the Falkland Islands had changed little, as these two postcards show. That would all change in the 1980s.



War: Argentina Invades

Argentina has long disputed the British claim to the Falkland Islands and in April 1982 they conducted a surprise invasion. The Argentines controlled the islands until June, when the British armada arrived and quickly restored the Falkland Islands to British rule.



Today

Since the invasion the Falkland Islands have been brought into the 21st century – for better or worse. An airport and military base have been built ensuring that the islands will not be as vulnerable in the future. Oil drilling has indicated that the area may be the next great oil field.



Penguins!

Finally, a postcard that most people associate with the Falkland Islands.



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Greetings to all in the Pacific Northwest Post Card Club
From Ed Weum, President

OUR 3ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK LUNCH, A GREAT SUCCESS!

First of all, I'd like to thank Mike and Maureen Kerschbaum for taking over the planning and organization of this special event. Without their leadership and contributions the potluck would not have happened.

I don't have the names of those who provided food dishes or the dealers present, but you all know who you are and your participation was very much appreciated.

Thank you once again to Dave Linden for playing holiday music on the piano.

As some of you already know, I have had successful back surgery and am now getting back on my feet, so to speak. I will be on light duty for some time to come, so I will be asking for more help than usual at the meetings, especially with clean up. Thank you to all who sent wishes for a speedy recovery.

JANUARY'S MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 10TH!

Because the first Sunday falls on New Year's Day weekend, we will be holding our January meeting on the **second Sunday** which is the 10th!

At the January meeting, I will be asking for a vote on minor changes to the by-laws and constitution. Most of the changes were already voted on and approved years ago and never converted from a rough draft, while a few others were added by myself and our current officers when checking over the documents. The more recent changes reflect differing starting and ending times for the meetings. A new copy of the by-laws and constitution will be available at the officers table for viewing prior to the business meeting. This newsletter serves as a

notice, so if you have any concerns, please attend this meeting.

Coming up in February is the Kent Postcard and Paper Show. The club will again be sponsoring a postcard display competition which will be coordinated by Colleen Weum. She will be providing all the details and rules in next month's newsletter. Also, we will not be hosting a table to sell club postcards, photos or paper ephemera at the show.

Lastly, I will not be running for the office of president this coming year. I have enjoyed the experience and look forward to staying active in the club in a different capacity.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 10th.

Happy collecting.



A news article in *Today's Vintage*, a collector's magazine from Southern California indicated that promoter Hal Lutsky would be suspending admission charges for his Vintage Paper Fairs in California. He indicated that things have been moving in this direction for a while. And with the poor economy in California, he felt it would encourage attendance. This applies to the regular shows in San Francisco, Concord and Glendale. For more information go to:

www.vintagepaperfair.com

Upcoming Shows

*** 2010 ***

Jan 22-23, 2010. Phoenix, AZ. Greater Phoenix Postcard & Paper Show. North Phoenix Baptist Church Fellowship Center, 5757 North Central, Phoenix. Fri: 10 AM-6 PM. EARLY Buyers admitted at 9 AM. Sat: 10 AM-4 PM. More than 100 tables. 3 to 4 dozen dealers. \$5.00, good for both days. Early Buyer admission: \$20. **IF YOU SHOW AN OUT OF STATE DRIVERS LICENSE, YOU WILL BE ADMITTED FREE FOR THE EARLY BIRD SESSION AND THE REST OF THE SHOW.** RBF Vintage Collectibles Show, 8030 La Mesa Boulevard #189, La Mesa, CA 91941. Phone and FAX: (760) 749-9737. Email: info@rbfshow.com

Feb 20-21, 2010. Kent, WA. Greater Seattle Postcard, Stamp & Paper Collectibles Show. Kent Commons, 525-4th Avenue North, Kent. Sat: 10 AM-6 PM. Sun: 10 AM-4 PM. (Early Bird hours 8:00 AM-10:00 AM on Saturday only. Early Bird admission: \$20.00.) \$5.00, good for both days. Northwest Productions. Jeremy LeRoque: (626) 665-9435. Email: godsownmonkey@yahoo.com. We sponsor 11 shows per year. See other listings on this calendar. For a complete list of upcoming shows, and **FOR A \$1.00 DISCOUNT ON YOUR ADMISSION FEE**, follow the link at the end of this page.

The Lake City Lions Club Flea Market is held the **second Saturday** of every month except for August at the Lake City Community Center, 12531 28th NE, 98125, in Lake City. The doors open at 9 AM and close at 3 PM. You can find used items of all kinds, interests and inspirations. There are often dealers offering postcards. Two of our regulars, Gary McCallister & Kathy Barker, are there too every month.

If any of our members has information or links to more information about other shows local to our area please contact the editor and share this information.

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OTHER POSTCARD CUB NEWS...

Webfooters Post Card Club meets monthly from 10 am to 4pm on the 3rd. Saturday of each month at 121st. and Prescott in N.E. Portland near 122 and Sandy Blvd.

Vancouver Postcard Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at Hastings Community Center, 3096 E. Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C. from 7-10 p.m.

Inland Northwest Post Card Club meets the second Sunday of each month, regardless of holidays. Meetings are from 1-5 p.m. at the Vintage Post Card and Stamp Shop, 1908 N. Hamilton, Spokane, WA

