

**NETHERLANDS PHILATELISTS  
of CALIFORNIA**  
(now in its 43<sup>rd</sup> year)

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**February meeting.** Attending at the home of Ed Burfine were: Ed Burfine, Franklin Ennik, HansPaul Hager, Hans Kremer, Paul Swierstra, and Fred Van der Heyden.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

Mark your calendars now for the **52<sup>nd</sup> Annual WESTPEX 2012 Philatelic Exhibition** to be held April 27-29, 2012 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA 94010. See additional details on their website: [www.WESTPEX.com](http://www.WESTPEX.com). NPofC has reserved a meeting room at the show from 11:00am to 12:30pm on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> that is open to all members and also to the public. NPofC President HansPaul Hager will give a presentation entitled, "Revenues of the Dutch East Indies Company (VOC)."

**AROUND THE TABLE**

**Hans Kremer** showed a print copy, received from our member Saburo Masuyama, of the exhibit entitled, *Japanese Occupation of Java, 1942-1945*, that he will show at the upcoming Indonesia 2012 Philatelic Exhibition, 18-24 June 2012 in Jakarta. Hans also passed around a series of post cards with advertising cancels (1925--1970). Starting in 1925, the PTT offered town councils and exhibition committees the opportunity to advertise through the use of special hand applied advertising cancels. The design was up to the towns or committees but had to be approved by the PTT.



The **March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held at the home of HansPaul Hager starting at 1:00pm. HansPaul's telephone number 408-770-9132.  
The **April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting** will be held at the home of Hans Kremer starting at 1:00 pm. Hans' telephone number 925-820-5841.

The usual contract was for one year (shorter for exhibitions) and could be extended if so desired. The cost of the usage of the cancel varied by the size of the town, but was about fl. 500 per year for an average size town. If the text of the cancel was to be changed during the contract, a 25% surcharge (based on the annual fee) had to be paid. It was not until the end of 1970 that these hand cancel contracts were discontinued by the PTT. The first towns to make use of these cancels were Alkmaar and Noordwijk (1925). The last cancels were used by Aalsmeer (1969), Lisse (1970), and Waalwijk (1970).

Shown above are advertising cancels from Lisse, Princenhagen, and 's Hertogenbosch.

**Franklin Ennik** passed around a Netherlands New Guinea money order receipt dated August 11, 1962 that featured various cancels and destinations, including Banski, Biak Luchtpost, and two styles of Manokwari cancels; a letter sent December 5, 1933 from Schiedam to New York on the SS Berengeria (Cunard Line); a letter mailed without postage from Aden Protectorate May 21, 1930, arriving Medan, Sumatra June 21, 1930 where a 30 cent postage due penalty was applied. Aden Protectorate is now the People's Republic of South Yemen. Frank also showed a copy of Netherlands NVPH nr. 336 (Scott no. 219) that was sold at auction as a plate fault but as you can see it doesn't match any accepted J. van Wilgenburg or W.J.N. Mast listing and until



proven otherwise must be considered merely a print anomaly caused by "dirt on the plate."

**Ed Burfine** passed around two examples of Netherlands New Guinea UNTEA first and last day of mission covers franked with all the correct issues and cancelled with the correct date stamps.

**Paul Swierstra** passed around a late arriving year-end holiday greeting envelope that was mailed without a priority sticker. Paul also collects dictionaries of the world and recently acquired his 50th unique copy.

**Fred Van der Heyden** passed around a copy of the book entitled, *The Dutch Connection*; a copy of the Dutch holocaust video, *The Way It Was*; and a large selection of vintage Dutch post cards and early lithographed advertising cards with San Francisco and California themes. Fred also passed around copies of vintage Dutch year books from the University of Groningen (1921) and the University of Amsterdam (1947).

**HansPaul Hager** showed us an impressive selection of revenue stamps, receipts and documents from Netherlands New Guinea, including an identification card issued under the new Indonesian government; *Plakzegels* (=various revenue stamps); *Loonzegels* (=wage revenues); Rental contracts with old and new revenue issues; *Kwitanties* (=monetary transaction receipts) with UNTEA issues; contracts with imprinted revenues, NNG and later; Revenues with *Irian*

Barat and Riau overprints; *Stortingsbiljet* (=payment receipts) with UNTEA stamps; Motorbike registration receipts; parking receipts; and marketing receipts.

### CANCEL OF THE MONTH

The February winner is **Franklin Ennik** with a typenrader cancel of Utrecht on a Willem III Jubilee issue. This cancel of Utrecht is on a 25 cent, 1913 Jubilee issue with an image of Willem III dated December 10, 1913. This 12-stamp series celebrated 100 years of Dutch monarchy (1813-1913) after the French occupation. The series was put on sale November 29, 1913 and remained valid until December 31, 1937.



### COVER OF THE MONTH

The February winner is **Hans Kremer** with an example of the Amsterdam 83, shortbar cancel of 1938.



The rather plain looking cover shown here has nevertheless an interesting background. In 1938 the International Law Association held its Congress in the Koloniaal Instituut in Amsterdam 29 August-3 September. Although no commemorative cancel was issued by the PTT, a temporary post office was set up during the time of the Congress and this cancel was used for the occasion. Below is the newspaper notice about the temporary post office which says in effect:



*"On the occasion of the Congress of the International Law Association in the Amsterdam Colonial Institute, 29-30 August and 1-3 September, a temporary post and telegraph office will be established."*

The Amsterdam 83 cancel was first used on July 10, 1938, just prior to its usage at the Lawyers Congress. It must have been well taken care of because it was used further until October 3, 1969 and destroyed per PTT orders on May 20, 1970.

### OTHER CATEGORY OF THE MONTH

The February winner is **HansPaul Hager** with a 1923 proof set of *Nederlandsche Spoorwegen* (= Netherlands Railway) numerals. Railway stamps were first issued in 1914 and this design was used by various Dutch railway lines until 1944. The design was copied from a tile plaque located over the entrance to one of the platforms at Haarlem Station. Various printing firms printed the issues but most were produced by Joh. Enschedé & Zonen, Haarlem. The stamps

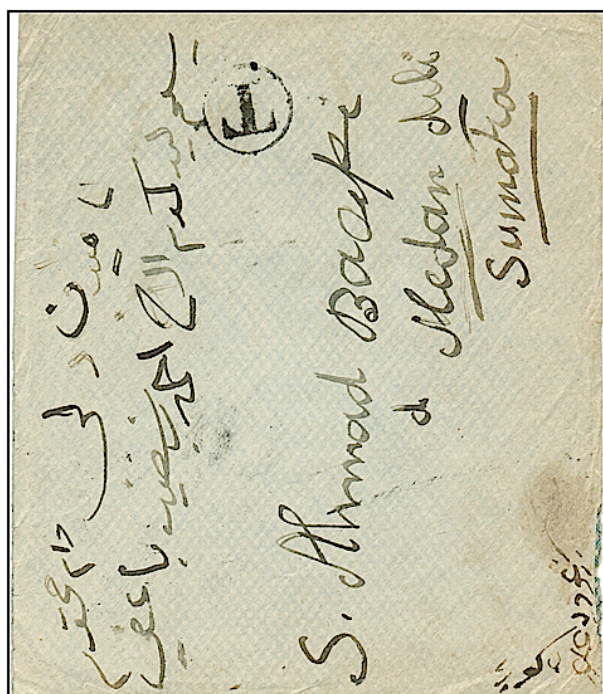
were produced in various colors and perforations and the black numerical overprints came in various font sizes and styles, depending on the printer. The stamps were used as postage for packages and letters that were transported by the railways.



The proof set shown here was printed by M. Lindenbaum & Co., Amsterdam and were in use beginning in 1923 on the Nederlandsche Spoorwegen line (NS).

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**A letter mailed without postage** and posted from Aden Protectorate on May 21, 1930. Upon arrival in Medan, Sumatra June 21, 1930, a 30 cent postage due penalty was applied. Aden Protectorate is now called People's Republic of Yemen. The block of DEI 7½ cent postage due stamps are the 1913-1940 Type II printing. Can anyone read Arabic??

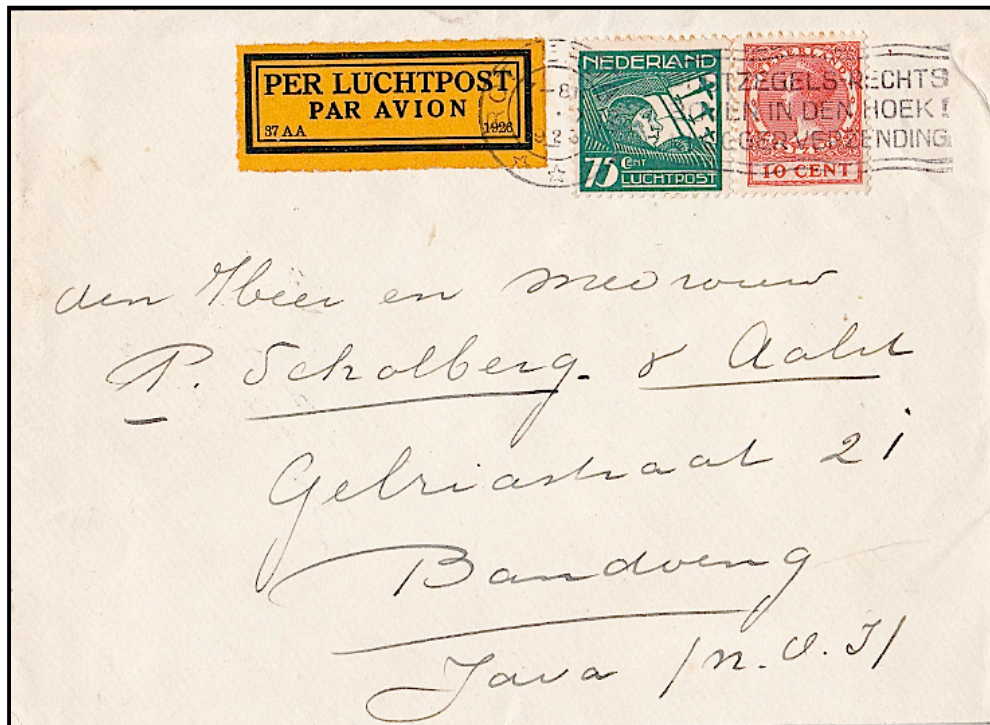


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## Fourth (Airmail) Test Flight to the DEI in 1928

by Hans Kremer

In *Netherlands Philately* Vol. 33(2) I wrote an article "Priority Airmail to D.E.I 1928". The article covers the basics of four Fokker airplanes flown in 1928 from the Netherlands to the D.E.I. These F.VIIb/3ms airplanes would be the first planes of the then just founded Royal Dutch East Indies Airlines (K.N.I.L.M.). The cover shown here was onboard the fourth plane, the H-NAFD (renamed PK-AFD in 1929).



Postage was 10 cent regular rate plus 75 cent airmail surcharge, to be paid for with a special 75 cent airmail stamp, issued on August 20, 1928. P.T.T paid K.L.M 20,000 guilders for the privilege of transporting mail on this flight. Through the revenue of the required airmail stamps P.T.T collected 13,034 guilders, so they took a loss of about 7,000, but it still was money well spent since these flights created a lot of goodwill for the airline.

As can be seen from the **BANDOENG 26.10.28 8-9 N** arrival marker, (which is on the back of the cover) the letter arrived in Bandung on October 26, 1928 between 8 and 9 P.M. The departure cancel is too weak to properly define, but by working my way backwards I've concluded that the letter left Amsterdam on October 4, 1928. It flew that day to Budapest.

October 5 Budapest - Sofia  
October 6 Sofia - Constantinople - Aleppo  
October 7 Aleppo - Baghdad - Bushire  
October 8 Bushire - Bender Abbas  
October 9 Bender Abbas - Karachi  
October 10 Karachi - Nasirabad - Cawnpore



October 11 Cawnpore - Allahabad - Calcutta

October 12 Calcutta - Akyab

Due to extreme rainfall the plane could not take off for a couple of days.

October 15 Akyab - Rangoon

October 16 In Rangoon is where the real trouble started. During takeoff the left wheel went thru the pavement, breaking part of the left wing.



The plane was dismantled and put on a ship to be transported to Tandjoeng Priok (Batavia's port), where it arrived on October 29.

The mail was taken off the plane, and based on its final destination, put on various ships. The letters destined for Bandung (such as the one shown here) went by train to Singapore. Then on October 23 further by ship to Tandjong Priok, Batavia's harbor, where it arrived early morning October 26, early enough to make the train connection to Bandung where the letter, as mentioned before, arrived between 8 and 9 p.m. that same day.

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