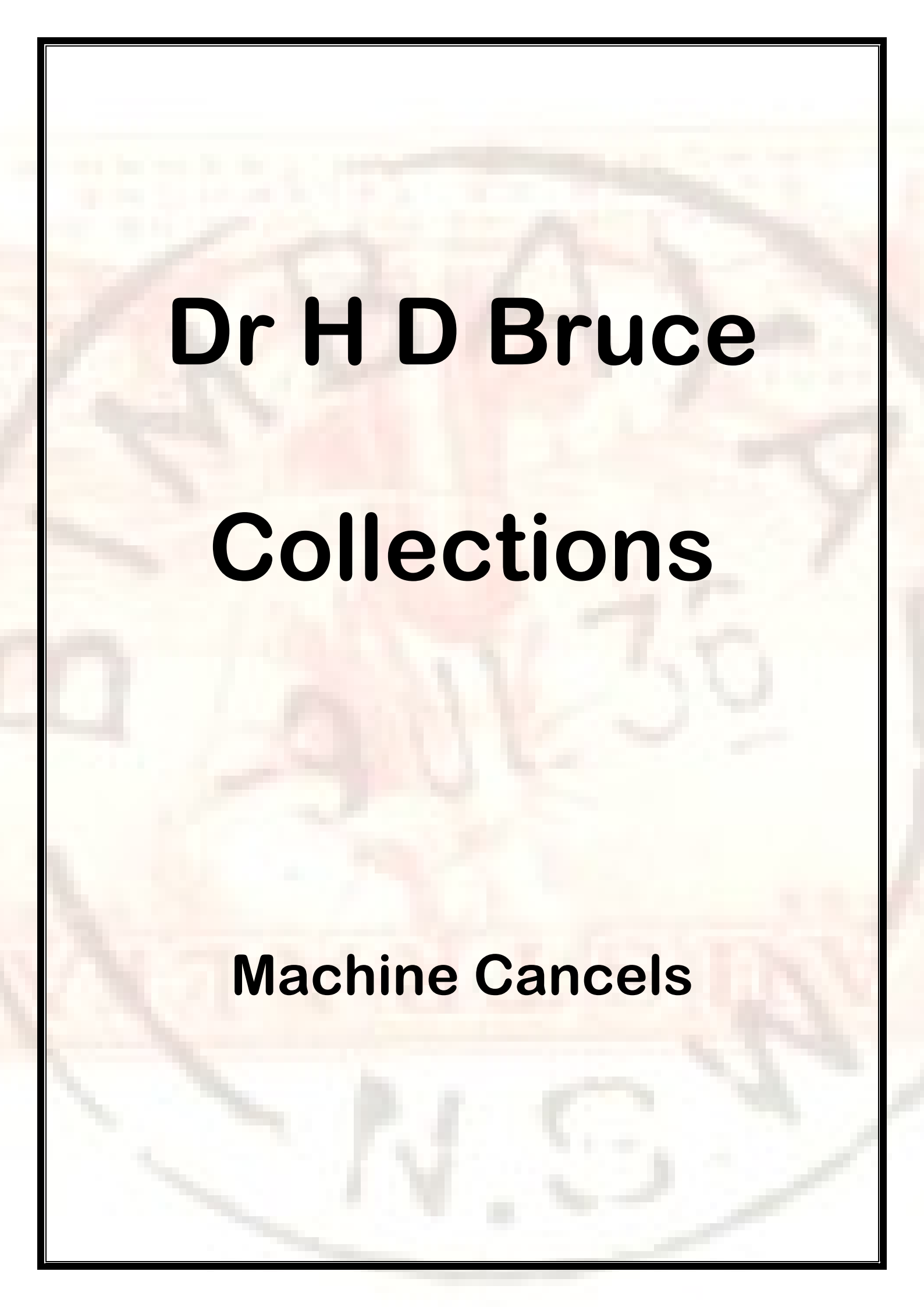




Dr H D Bruce

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Machine Cancels

Bruce Collection - Machine Cancellations

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THE BRUCE COLLECTION

This collection of New South Wales postal markings was formed by Dr H B (Barnett) Bruce in the 1930s and is arranged in 19 volumes by the inspectorial districts of the time. Post offices opened since 1936 were listed at the end, hence the population figures are probably from the 1934 census. It was borrowed by the Australian Post Office for display at *Anpex 59* but was unfortunately water damaged in a fire whilst in their possession. They purchased the collection and donated it to the Philatelic Association of NSW in 1985. It has now been remounted by Cyril McColough and Richard Peck.

Dr Bruce's original information (mileage from Sydney, population from the 1934 census) is preserved but has been supplemented by information from NC Hopson & R Tobin, *NSW & ACT Post, Receiving, Telegraph & Telephone Offices* (Vols 1-4). In these cases, distances in km are given from the nearest town.

The following abbreviations have been used for post office information:

CMA- Community Mail Agency. Established after 1979 where a PO had closed and in some instances a date-stamp continued in use.

LPO- Licensed Post Office (replacing POA from 1993).

NONO- Non-official post office (Allowance office pre 1927 and Post Office Agency post 1985). They provided normal postal facilities with/without money order business.

OPO- Official Post Office. Introduced in 1862 after the money order system was established.

PO- Post Office

POA- Post Office Agency (post 1985)

P&T- Official Post & Telephone Office. Consequent upon amalgamation of separate post and telegraph offices in a town after 1870.

RO- Receiving Office (1875-1927). To accept and receive correspondence for residents in the locality, the receipt and despatch of mail bags and sale of postage stamps. They were generally not given date-stamps till upgraded to PO status.

SO- Semi-official post offices (1904-1911) conducting all business but at which revenue was insufficient to justify official status.

TO- Telephone Office (telephone/telegraph business but no postal facilities except as applicable to an RO). First established in the 1890s and often re-established after closure of a PO. After 1975 TOs came under the control of Telecom and date-stamps were often withdrawn. Most were later replaced by automatic exchanges.

No details of date-stamps and postal markings have been given. They can be found in Hopson & Tobin and R Tobin, *Postmarks of NSW*, Vol.1 (1983), Vols.2-3 (2001).

The collection is available for display to stamp clubs and societies. Please contact Philas.

Philas also holds material from the 1982 NSW postmark census and will participate in a similar exercise in 2003 thanks again to the co-operation of Australia Post.



Everything for the Home

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MORLEY JOHNSON LIMITED

546-552 GEORGE STREET through to 307 PITT STREET, SYDNEY

CABLE ADDRESS MORLEYJOHN

• T E L E P H O N E

M 2111 FOUR LINES

24th.
March
1938.

The Postmaster,
Post Office,
BOAMEE.

Dear Sir,

Some time ago I sent you a letter asking you to forward me a very clear Postmark from your office, to be added to a collection of New South Wales Postmarks being prepared by Dr. Bruce and myself. Unfortunately my letter must have been lost as I received no reply from you.

Would you be good enough to stamp very clearly the enclosed envelope with your cancellation stamp, and return to me as early as possible.

If for some reason you have no cancellation stamp would you please advise me of this fact so that the information can be entered into our Albums which are to be exhibited at the 150th. Anniversary Philatelic Exhibition in Sydney next month.

It might interest you to know that we have all excepting 96 Postmarks out of the 2,600 N.S.W. Post Offices.

The receipt of your stamp would greatly assist us.

Yours faithfully,

In regard to your request as above, I have not a cancellation stamp at this office.
Yours faithfully,
H. J. Johnson
Postmaster.

The

POSTMARKS

of

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Arrangement of the collection.

For postal purposes New South Wales is divided into seventeen "Inspectoral Districts" as follows:—

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. ALBURY | 7. GOULBURN |
| 2. ARMIDALE | 8. GUNNEDAH |
| 3. BATHURST | 9. KEMPSEY |
| 4. COOMA | 10. LISMORE |
| 5. COOTAMUNDRA | 11. NEWCASTLE |
| 6. DUBBO | 12. PARKES |

13. WEST MAITLAND

and 14 to 17. SYDNEY Nos 1, 2, 3 & 4.

This collection is arranged into

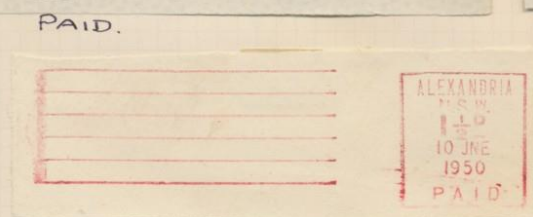
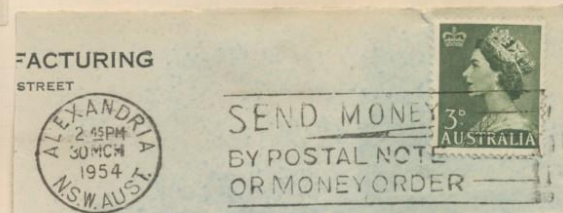
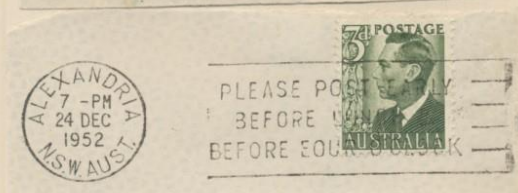
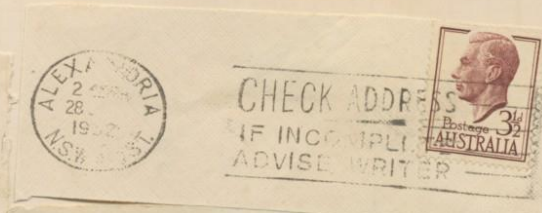
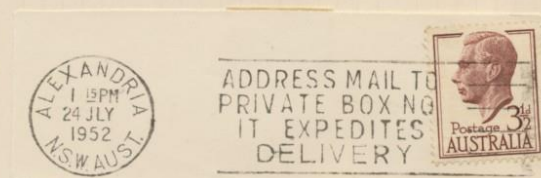
1. The above inspectoral districts
2. (A) "DIRECT" offices i.e. offices whose mail is sorted and bagged at the Sydney G.P.O.
(B) Subsidiary offices whose mail passed through one of the larger direct offices where it may be again sorted.
3. (A) Offices opened since 31st December 1934
(B) Dead offices i.e. closed on 1st January 1934.

"OFFICIAL" post offices i.e. those under the management of a full time member of the Post Office Department are underlined in red.

ALEXANDRIA.

Electrical Machine Cancellations.

Introduced 1950.



SEND MONEY
BY POSTAL NOTE
OR MONEY ORDER

ARNCLIFFE.

Machine Cancellations.



BELFIELD



INSPECTORAL DISTRICT OF

BELMORE.

9m.

Originally opened 1879.
Closed 1892.



TAX

PAID



"BELMORE" was re-opened on 21st Aug 1899 but on 21st Aug 1907 the name was changed to "SOUTH BELMORE" & on 15th of the same month another office was opened about 1/2m away as "BELMORE" but on 1st June 1910 the name of this new office was changed to "LAKEMBA"

INSPECTORAL DISTRICT OF

BELMORE.

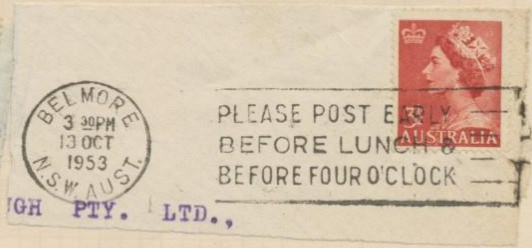
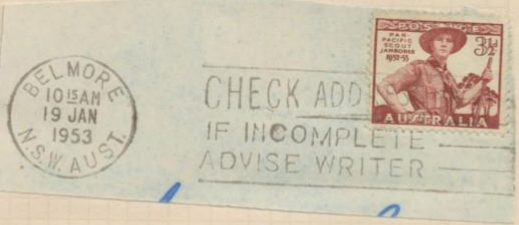
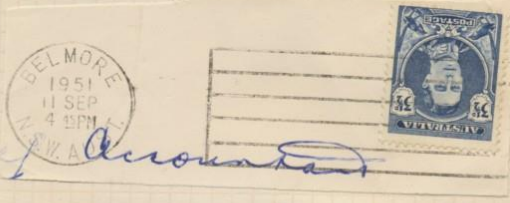
Machine Cancellations.

1946

WILLIAM EDWARDS & CO.
WHOLESALE HARDWARE MERCHANTS
30 PERMANENT AVENUE
FARWOOD SYDNEY
PHONE LL 2232



William Edwards & Co.



BELMORE.



BELMORE SOUTH.



INSPECTORAL DISTRICT OF

BEXLEY.

2m.
Pop. 26,000.

Opened 1882.



BLAKEHURST.

10m.

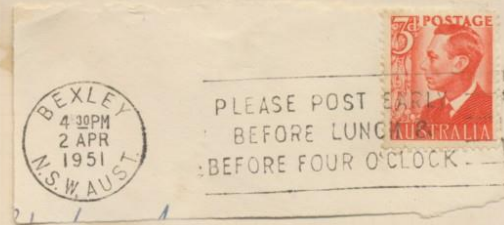
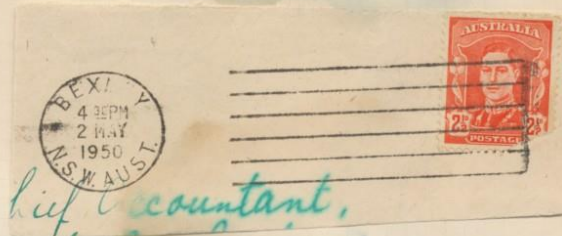
Opened 1888.



BEXLEY.

Electrical Machine Cancellations.

Introduced 1950



BRADFIELD.

10½m.



BUNDEENA.

22m.

Opened 1935



INSPECTORAL DISTRICT OF

BROADWAY.

1 1/2 m.

Opened as "PARRAMATTA STREET" 1873. Became "GEORGE ST. WEST" 1883. Present name adopted in 1933.

"1"



"2"



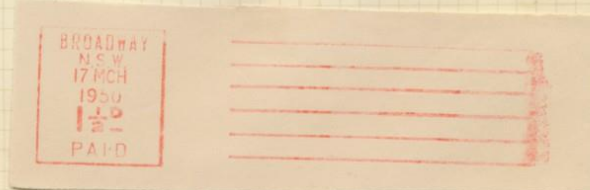
"3"



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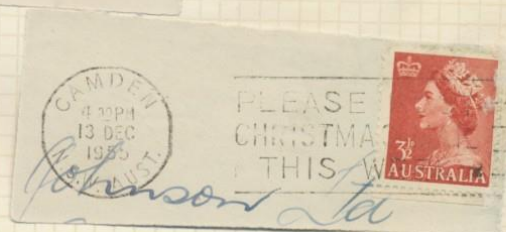


1950



CAMDEN.

Electrical Machine Cancellations - 1954



CAMPERDOWN

2½m

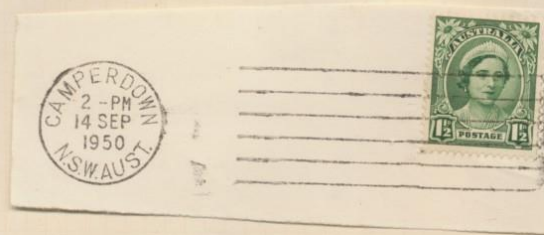
Opened 1853.
Altered obliterator
No 180



After the battle between the British and Dutch Oct 11th 1797.

CAMPERDOWN.

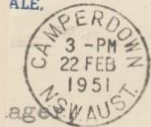
Electrical Machine Cancellations.
Introduced 1950.



TY. LTD.

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ALE.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
1901 JUBILEE 1951



ADDRESS MAIL
PRIVATE BOX NO
IT EXPEDITES
DELIVERY



CAMPERDOWN
N.S.W.
3d
5 NOV
1953
PAID

ADDRESS MAIL TO
PRIVATE BOX NO
IT EXPEDITES
DELIVERY

CAMPERDOWN
N.S.W.
22 MAY
1956
PAID

CLARENCE STREET.



DRUMMOYNE.

4m.

Opened 1884.
No 1261

1884-1913(?)



1913?-19



1934-1947



1947



Takes its name from Drummoyme House, the home built there by Wm Wright, an early settler and called after his Irish home

DRUMMOYNE. - Cong's

"PAID" 19--1937 in black

In red. (1938)



Electrical Machine Cancellations — Introduced 1952.



DULWICH HILL

5m.

Opened 1887.
No 1373.



? 1913.



3 different but very similar types:-



Narrow 'W' is DULWICH.



Medium 'W'



Wide 'W'



INSPECTORAL DISTRICT OF

DEE WHY.

12 $\frac{3}{4}$ m.

Opened 1915.



DURAL.

27m.

Opened 1864.



Abo:- 'Smoking hollow Tree.

EASTWOOD

14m.

Opened 1884.
No. 1227.

Original. (1884-1916)



1932-1936

(bcl) 1936

PAID:-



INSPECTORAL DISTRICT OF

DOONSID.

25m.

Opened 1891. Closed
1905. Re-opened 1920
as "WOLKARA" Revert-
ed to "DOONSID" 1929.



DUNDAS.

15m.

Name adopted 1890.



This is the office originally opened as "PENNANT HILLS" in 1861 and which became
"FIELD OF MARS" in 1867.

EASTERN CREEK.

27m.

Opened 1859
No 243



EASTWOOD

Electrical Machine Cancellations

Introduced.
Jan. 1. 1951
with
slogan.



Reversion to barred type.



Re-introduction of slogans.



INSPECTORAL DISTRICT OF

EARLWOOD.

8m.

Opened. 1921.



EARLWOOD
WEST



ENGADINE.

20m.
Pop. 100.

Opened 1922.



EWEEY BAY.

20½m.

Opened 1929.



EAST BALMAIN.

4m.

Opened 1890.



ENFIELD SOUTH

10m.

Opened 1938.



ENFIELD.

2m.

Opened 1852.
Allotted obliterator
No. 189.



In 1893. (31st Dec^r) the original office was "discontinued" but in 1894 was opened again being "transferred from ENFIELD NORTH" (Record Books of P.O.s at G.P.O.).

INSPECTORAL DISTRICT OF

EMU PLAINS.

1882 - 1927

37m.

Opened in 1863 as
"EMU FERRY". Name
changed 9.10.1882.



FAIRFIELD.

19m.

Opened 1885.
No 1883.



1915 Type used
as Registration.



1936 - 1946 (Time)



1946. N.S.W. AUST

PAID: -



ENMORE.

3m.

Opened 1886 as
"STANMORE ROAD"
Name changed 1895.



Not
ENMORE
Number
by Check
(10g)



1204: Stanmore 1.8.1883

Stanmore Road: 6.9.1886

Enmore: 1.11.1895



1912-1917



1948



Regis-
tration
(No. 1000)



From "Enmore House", Newtown, home of Capt. Sylvester Browne (father of the
author of "Robbery Under Arms")

23.

Opened 1890
No 1556.



FIVE DOCK.

 $\frac{1}{2}m$

Opened 1858.
No. 222.



On the shores of the bay there were five rocky inlets resembling

PINE DOCK

7/2m.

Opened 1858.

1952. Electrical Machine Cancellations.



PLEASE POST EARLY
BEFORE LUNCH
BEFORE FOUR O'CLOCK



PLEASE POST
CHRISTMAS MAIL
THIS WEEK



Johnson Ltd



SEND NO
BY POSTAL NOTE
OR MONEY ORDER



postage stamps
equivalently
mixed here

CAMPS OF THE ARMED SERVICES.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

FAIRFIELD

Electrical, Machine cancellations.
Introduced 1954



HABERFIELD

6m.

Opened 1903.
No 2084.



Aug 1903 Time shown



N.S.W. AUST

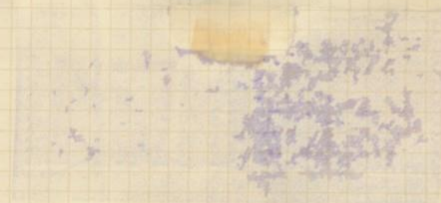
Time shown



MACDONALDTOWN

2m.

Opened 1872.



Mr. A. Macdonald, ironmonger, had a home near the site of the present station.

MISSENDEN ROAD.

2m.

Opened 1941.

Type 1.

Type 2 (Round 0)



MORTLAKE

11m.

Opened 1887.



INSPECTORAL DISTRICT OF

PARK STREET.

Opened 1878
No 924.

With check number above date:-

1



2.



3



New die.

later QUEEN VICTORIA MARKETS. (1st Sept. 1899.)

With check (in centre)

1



2.



4.



5



5 inverted.

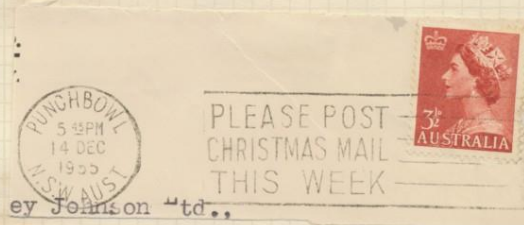
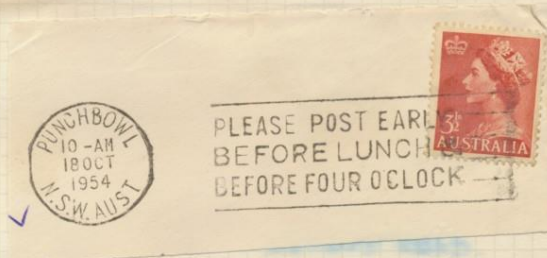
1900. New Type.



In 1918 the name was changed to 'QUEEN VICTORIA BUILDINGS'

PUNCHBOWL.

Electrical Machine Cancellations
Introduced 1953.



PROSPECT.

25m.

Opened 1856, using
obliterator-
No 146.



PRIMBEE

57m.

Opened 1943.



PUTNEY.

14 1/2 m.

Opened 1928.



PYMBLE.

13m.

Opened 1890.
No. 1560.



19(14) - 1932.



Named after Robert Pymble, who in 1821 took up 600 acres in this district and ran a timber business with convict labour.

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PYRMONT.

2m.

Opened 1853
Obliterator N^o 54



Council, Brookvale



So named in 1806 as there was "a pure and unconfined" spring there. PYRMONT near Hanover (Germany) has medicinal springs.

The office of PYRMONT (opened 1.4.1853) became "HARRIS STREET" on 27.11.1882 and on this day a second office in the district was opened & called "PYRMONT". This latter is the present office, HARRIS STREET being closed on 23.3.1896.

PyRMONT.

Electrical Machine Cancellations.
Introduced 1950.



CHECK ADDRESS
IF INCOMPLETE
ADVISE WRITER



PyRMONT
N.S.W.
3 NOV
1954
3d
PAID

ADDRESS MAIL TO
PRIVATE BOX NO
IT EXPEDITES
DELIVERY

PRINTED AND MADE IN ENGLAND

QUAKERS HILL.

25m.

Opened 1916.



QUAKER'S HILL (T14 Sub 42k Sydney). RO 16.12.1907 (R G Hockaday); TO 9.7.1914 & PO 16.8.1915 (Ann Brooke); MOO 1.8.1923; TX 23.4.1928; AX 26.5.1962; LPO. *** 2B 1921-58; 3(i) (No apostrophe) 1943-94.

QUEEN VICTORIA MARKETS

Opened 1899



QUEEN VICTORIA MARKETS (U14 CBD Sydney). P&T, MOO & GSB removed fr & CN fr PARK STREET 1.9.1899 (J J Richards); GSB CL 29.2.1908; CN to QUEEN VICTORIA BUILDINGS 1.5.1918. *** NC 924; D5(i) codes '1' to '5' 1899-1904; 1D(i) ('Sydney in lieu of NSW') 1899-1905; 2(ii)(T) ('Markets NSW' inverted at base) 1907-10; 2A(T) 1913-17; 2A 1914 -

Name changed to Queen Victoria Buildings.

QUEEN VICTORIA BUILDINGS.



QUEEN VICTORIA BUILDINGS (U14 CBD Sydney). OPO CN fr QUEEN VICTORIA MARKETS 1.5.1918 (T Keelty ? ; CSB CL 12.3.1955; CSB(R) 8.10.1956. *** 2C(T) 1918-19; 2C x2 (27mm) 'BLDGS' 1920-49; 2C (29.5mm) 1940-56; 3(i) x2 1941-91; 3A 1956-87; 3E(iii)(T) 1964-75; 4D PC-2000 1972-89; 4C 1975 - ; 4E(ii)(T) 'BLDGS' 1981-87; 4F (Proofed 12.11.1985).



RAMSGATE PARK

8m.

Opened 1921.



name changed to
RAMSGATE.



REGENT'S PARK.

12m.

Opened 1914.



RHODES

9m

Opened 1929.



RODD POINT.

8m.

Opened 1942.



RUSSELL LEA.

7½m.

Opened 1935.



INSPECTORAL DISTRICT OF

NEW OFFICES.

BAULKHAM HILLS MILITARY HOSPITAL.

Opened 1942.
Closed 1946.



MILITARY P.O. HOLDSWORTHY.

Opened 1941.
Closed 1946.
Re-opened



ANZAC RIFLE RANGE

Open during Annual Rifle Meeting only.



INSPECTORAL DISTRICT OF

NEW OFFICES

BEVERLY HILLS.

12½ m.

Opened 1941.



BEXLEY NORTH.

9¾ m.

Opened 1941.



BEXLEY WEST.

11 m.

Opened 1942.



This is the office originally opened as "KINGSGROVE" in 1918, whose name was changed to BEN HILL in 1940 and to BEXLEY WEST in 1942.

BUNDEENA.

Opened. 1935.



GLENFIELD MILITARY PO (T14 8k Liverpool). OPO 14.2.1940; CL 27.2.1945. *** 'MIL P.O. GLENFIELD' 3(iii)(T) 1940-42; 3(iii) 1940-.



NARELLAN MILITARY PO (T14 5k Camden). OPO 31.1.1941; CL 18.5.1946. *** 3(i) 'MIL PO NARELLAN' 1941-44.



L C 6 A

WALLGROVE MILITARY PO (T14 Sub 18k Penrith). OPO 5.2.1940; CL 14.9.1946. *** 3(i) 1940-45; 3(i)(T) 1940-46.



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RICHMOND AERODROME (T13 3k Windsor). P&TO & MOO 1.3.1939; CN to RICHMOND RAAF PO & made OPO 1.8.1940. *** 3(i) 1939-40.



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