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## *From the Publisher...*

Dan Maddalino

**Bob Burr** returns with another new and interesting article. This one is about postage stamps inserted as promotions with cigarette cards (in cigarette packs). Maybe these days we should try inserting stamps into Happy Meals®!

Our newest prolific contributor, **Pat Hensley**, celebrates the Girl Scouts of America and their place in our postage stamp history. As Boy Scouts, my friends and I used to camp in central Florida, right across a lake from the Girl Scout camp (and they thought that would keep us apart...). Thanks Pat and Bob for providing new and varied philatelic related stories to your fellow club members.

One of the (many) frustrating, and at times humorous, aspects of wading through online listings is the offering of undeclared fakes (and the money they bring the unscrupulous sellers). This year alone, I have followed several **blatant FAKE** postal history pieces and seen them get knocked down for hundreds of dollars each. To the untrained eye these all have been scarce and stunning offerings. However, slow down and study what is before you and you'll be happy you took the time to educate yourself on what a genuine specimen looks like. In my piece **ANOTHER ONLINE FAKE** I show you why what you see isn't always what you will get, even if masterly created.

July begins our seventh year of publication. As I started on this adventure, I asked that you help us trailblaze our way. Now, as we move away from a worldwide crises, I ask that you help keep us steady and strong. Your stamp collecting contributions to this

newsletter are the bulkheads that keep us afloat. Now is the time to strengthen your club newsletter. Write an article. One page or more is all that you need to do. Or, just show us a piece from your collection that you find interesting and let us develop a story to bring it to your fellow members. It's easy, and no public speaking required.

Checking around the state, it has been great to find that most of the stamp clubs that produce a newsletter have, like us, continued to keep to our monthly publication promise. This in face of the COVID-19 pandemic which forced us all to suspend our fellowship and meetings. We here at the Cresthaven Stamp Club News hope you have found our offerings to you enjoyable and informative. Thank you, everyone.



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1 PM – 3 PM

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# STAMP CLUB NEWS

**PLAN NOW:** We have turned the corner on our 2020 publication year: Halfway! Now is the time for anyone who is considering submitting an article for this year's Article of Distinction Awards to notify the publisher of your interest. We need to save the space and have enough time for your article (once published) to go to our Finalist Selection Committee (yes, we have one). All articles that have been submitted to date are automatically presented for committee review. Don't be left out! Contact us (see page 3).

**AUCTION EVERY MEETING:** As we resume our twice monthly meetings please remember that we have a philatelic auction at every meeting. This is a major fundraiser for your club (10% sale fee). We need sellers and buyers. To the sellers – remember to bring your “good stuff”. To the buyers – remember to bring the cash! This is a **win-win** for you and your club. We want to get the “good stuff” to a new home (yours) and help rebuild the club treasury after the long period of suspended meetings.

**PLAN AHEAD:** Lock in December 4, 5, 6, 2020 for FLOREX2020,. THE Florida stamp show held in Kissimmee, Florida. [www.FLOREXStampShow.com](http://www.FLOREXStampShow.com)

## WE ARE BACK

Cresthaven Stamp Club is back, having held its first meeting since March 10<sup>th</sup>! June 23 saw 8 members gather in the Card Room for a return to fellowship and philately. **Bob Burr** gave a great presentation of French Colony forgeries and our auctions returned as well.

Thanks to everyone for holding out and retaining the eagerness to bring us back to “normal.” We have some catching up to do and it will take everyone's participation to achieve our postponed goals. So, when each person feels comfortable, we look forward to seeing you again!

**Two important pieces of business** were addressed during the meeting. First was the discussion on giving our **Stamp and Postcard Show** another go. After input from all present it was agreed to proceed with the show in either September (19<sup>th</sup>) or during October. It was decided that Bob first survey the vendors who have agreed to participate on which month they preferred. **The second order of business** was the proposal for the first dues increase in decades. Following additional, and healthy discussion, it was unanimously approved to raise the club membership dues from \$10/year to \$15/year beginning January 1, 2021.

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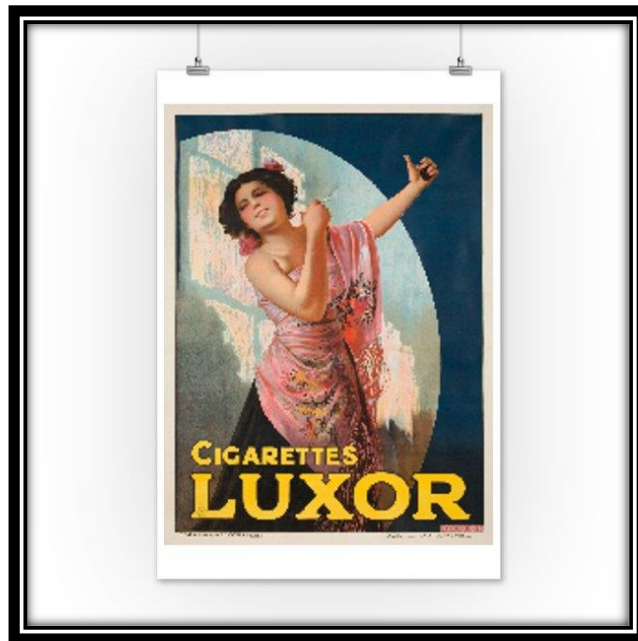
# Stamps with German Cigarette Cards

## BOB BURR

Cigarette cards, also called tobacco cards, were trading cards that tobacco companies placed in cigarette packages to stiffen the sides. They contained advertising and were illustrated with many different types of pictures. These early collector cards were the predecessors of today's baseball cards and other types of trading cards. Collector albums for cigarette card sets were also produced.

The Allen and Ginter Tobacco Company of Richmond, Virginia was the first tobacco company to place cigarette cards with advertising in their packages. The company began producing the cards in 1875. The cards were illustrated with pictures of famous actresses, baseball players, boxers, horses, and Indian chiefs. Other tobacco companies followed suit and the practice spread to the United Kingdom in the 1880s. Not to be excluded, German tobacco companies followed this practice.

The cigarette factory Kosmos of Dresden AKA Tobacco & Cigarette Factory H. F. Wolf AG produced a number of tobacco products, one of which was Luxor Cigarettes. A picture of the front portion of the packaging is shown below.



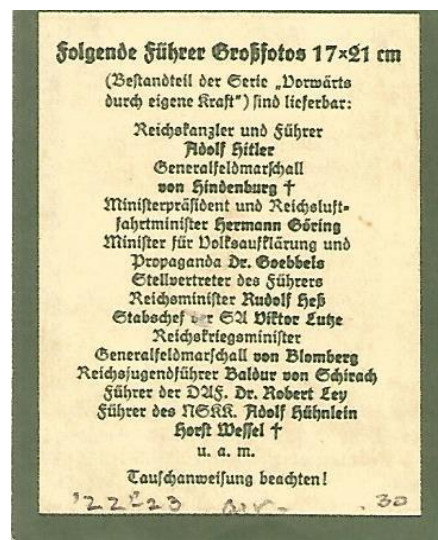
In the nineteen thirties a premium or added benefit to the purchase of a pack of these cigarettes was a cigarette card which contained a stamp on an advertising card. Shown on the next page is an example found on E-bay for sale for \$25 from a Netherlands seller.





The stamp is a used Brazilian 1918-1937 Aviation 100 Reis stamp like Scott #224. These were issued over a ten year period with different watermarks and perforations. The reason for all this research is my copy of a Luxor cigarette card which I have had laying around for years.

My Luxor cigarette card contains a mint never hinged copy of German Scott # C3 issued between 1922 and 1923. The stamp was replaced by the new airmail stamps of 1926-28. Like the Brazilian stamp card it states up the left side of the card –Each stamp is valuable - and down the right side – Smart collecting brings winning. Luxor cigarettes apparently sold for 3 ½ pfennigs. The card similarly offered stamp albums for 50 pf. and stock books for 15 pf. Direct mail purchase was available for an additional 8 pf. for post and handling or found in tobacco specialty stores.



What didn't show in the Brazilian example was the back of the cigarette card. This backside was used for additional tobacco factory advertising. This advertising basically stated the following:

### **Upcoming Fuhrer large photos 17 X 21 cm.**

Items in the series ("Forward through Our Strength") for delivery. The list of photos includes Adolf Hitler, Goering, Goebbels, Hess, and a host of other German high officials. It ends with "Follow the Instructions".

I conclude that the Luxor Stamp series was era 1935-37 and was soon to add the Hitler era photo cards to the cigarette packages. These photos, unlike the stamp card, became great collectibles.

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## **GIRL SCOUTS CELEBRATED ON US STAMPS PAT HENSLEY**

The stamp at right (Scott 1199) is the most recognized, and most used, to honor the Girl Scouts of America (GSA). Issued to celebrate the GSA on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1962, its image projects pride, patriotism, and strength.



The Girl Scouts is an organization for girls in the United States and American girls living abroad. They were founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 (Scott 974 below left).



Girl Scouts offer leadership experience for girls. It is a safe place for girls to try new things and develop new skills. Skills in four areas form the foundation of the Girl Scouts program: Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), Outdoors, Life Skills and Entrepreneurship. Girl Scouts help girls thrive in five ways: by developing a strong sense of self, displaying positive values, seeking challenges and learning from setbacks, forming and

maintaining healthy relationships, and learning to identify and solve problems in her community. One of their largest fundraising activity is the annual, and world famous, Girl Scout cookie sale. This money helps fund trips to our nation's capital, as well as, community projects and outdoor adventures. Selling cookies helps girls to be entrepreneurs and gain skills from working with others, setting goals, and dealing with customers. She learns decision making, money management, people skills, and business skills.

Girls earn badges when they complete and master certain skills (Scott 2251). Girls can earn badges in the following categories: financial, literacy, STEM, outdoors, life skills, entrepreneurship, art, citizenship, relationships, health, cybersecurity, robotics, mechanical engineering, environmental stewardship, space science, coding, and high adventure. There are six different levels of groups within the Girl Scout program. Daisies are K-first grade. Brownies are second and third graders. Juniors are fourth and fifth graders. In grades K-5, the girls earn badges, join troops, hike, camp and participate in the cookie program. Cadettes are sixth through eighth graders. Seniors are ninth and tenth graders. Ambassadors are eleventh and twelfth graders. In middle and high school, the girls explore careers in science and technology, travel the world, discover nature and take on projects that help their communities.



Next time you see these USA or any foreign Girl Scout themed postage stamps keep in mind the great work that this organization has done for more than a century (Scott 4691). You might even consider financially supporting them and/or becoming a volunteer.



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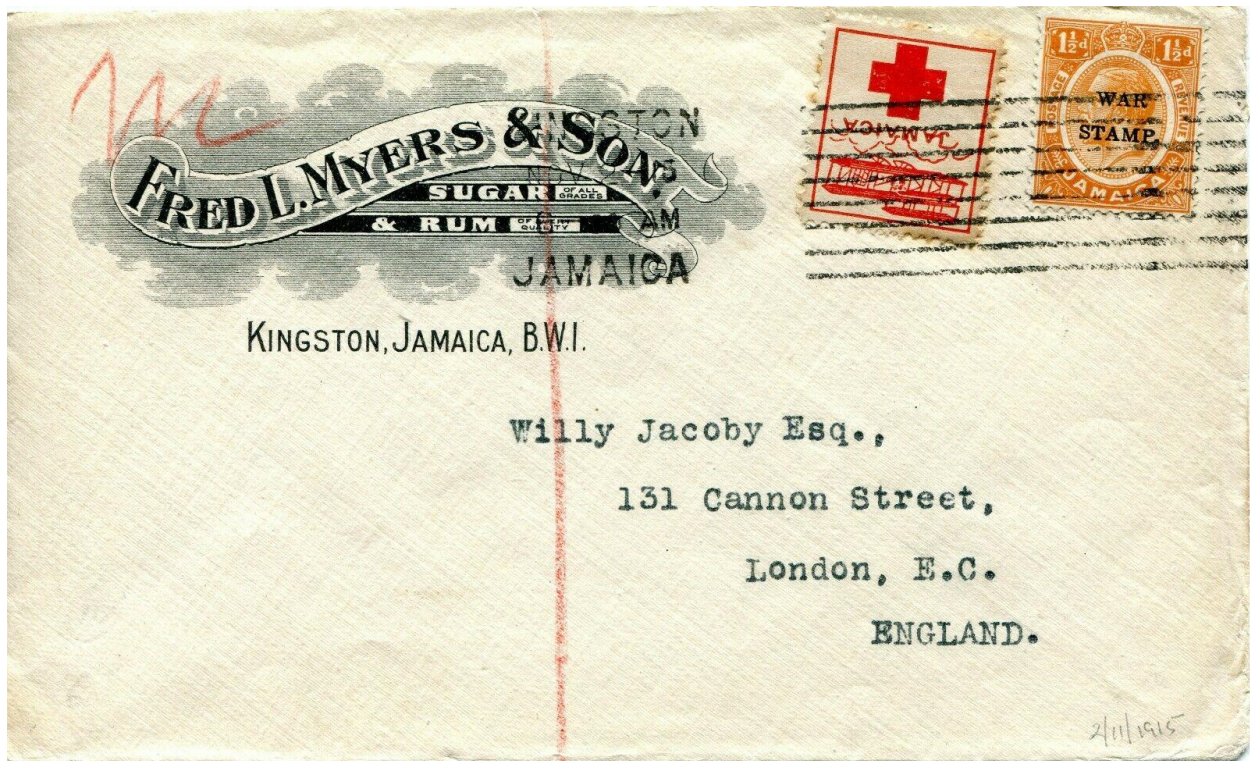


# ANOTHER ONLINE FAKE

## DAN MADDALINO

Knowledgeable “E-Bayer’s” will only groan. Inexperienced ones will lose their money. We groan, or chuckle, and move on. Seen this before and we are helpless to intervene and save the inexperienced. I’ve sung this song many times: Don’t just “collect stamps”, become a “Philatelist”. It’s not hard to do, nor take ages to accomplish. You collect what you love. Get to know your Paramore more intimately and avoid deception. A blatant case of fakery for deceit is examined below.

During the first week of May an EBay listing was posted stating “**Jamaica 1915 KGV War Stamp Advertising Cover to England**”, and what a super deal this was!



Kingston, Jamaica to London, England, November 2, 1915

The seller offered an opening bid at 4.99GBP, and after 4 bidders giving 12 bids, it sold for 104GBP (US\$131.51). If this item were genuine it should sell for between US\$250-\$350. The prize here is the WWI “Red Cross” charity stamp with the red JAMAICA overprint, tied on cover. Very Rare! However, let’s take a close look at the elements of this cover.



## REFERENCE DIAGRAM



1. Corner card for Fred Myers & Son. Very well known international merchants of raw sugar and fine rums.
2. Machine cancellation **KINGSTON / NOV 2 (19)15 / 6 - AM / JAMAICA**
3. Jamaican WWI “Red Cross” charity stamp
4. Red **JAMAICA** overprint on the charity stamp
5. Jamaican WWI **WAR (tax) STAMP**

There are additional points to discuss about this cover. However, the five listed above are enough to condemn it and its seller.

**Element number 1** on the Reference Diagram is the corner card for Fred Myers & Son. The problem with this is that, as shown in Figure 1-1, this design was not used until after the First World War ended. Figure 1-2 shows the corner card as it appeared in 1911 and Figure 1-3 shows it as it was used in 1916. Figure 1-3 has the correct corner card for the date on the fake cover above

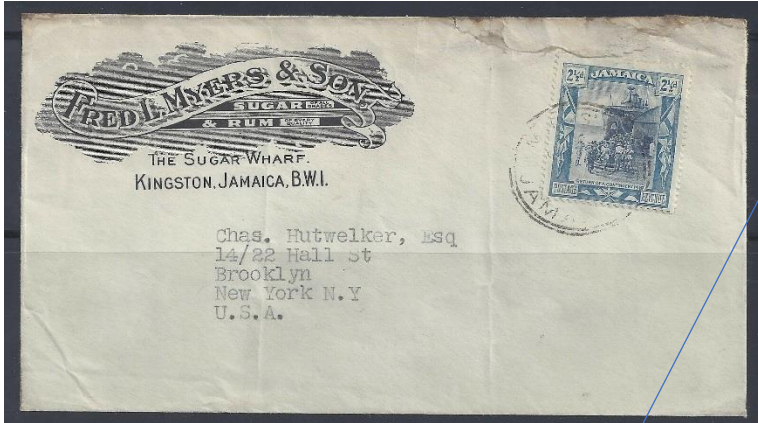


Figure 1-1: Corner card as it appeared in 1919

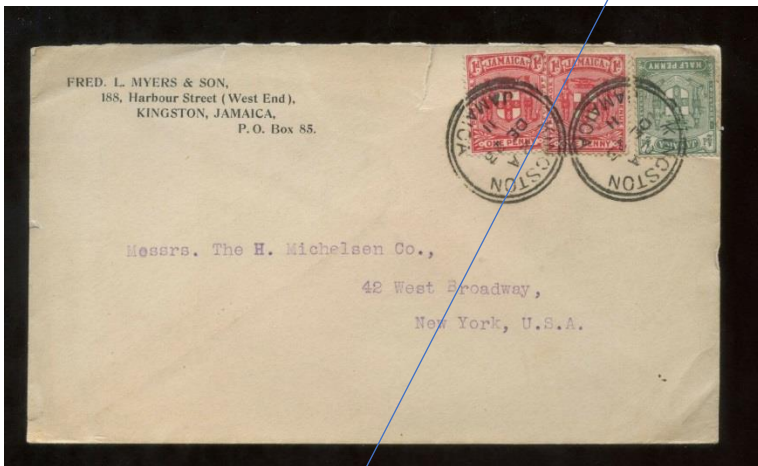


Figure 1-2: Corner card 1911

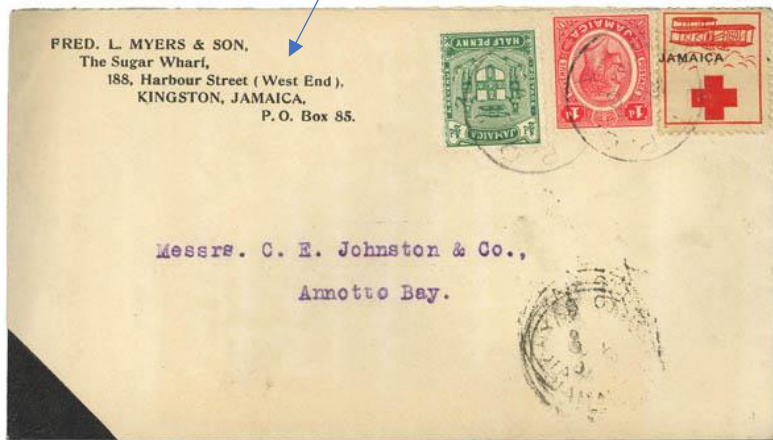


Figure 1-3: Corner card 1916



**Element number 2** on the Reference Diagram, the machine cancellation of **November 2, 1915** is simply the wrong date for the cover used, as well as the stamps affixed.

**Element number 3** on the Reference Diagram: The WWI Red Cross charity stamp used is from the second printing. This issue was placed on sale **December 22, 1915 (seven weeks after the cancellation date)** and replaced with the third printing on January 15, 1916. A very short run and making it the scarcest issue of the series - if it were real!

Left to right: Note that the Red Cross is at the bottom of the stamp

1 <sup>st</sup> Printing	2 <sup>nd</sup> Printing	3 <sup>rd</sup> Printing	4 <sup>th</sup> Printing
12/01/15	12/22/15	01/15/16	03/11/16



**Element number 4** on the Reference Diagram: A close examination of the red **JAMAICA** overprint on the charity stamp shows a dislodged **J**. A sloppy attempt to change an inexpensive Cinderella stamp to a highly desired one on cover. The trick here was placing the Red Cross stamp upside down. A technique used to confuse the eye and thus make deception less apparent.

Finally, **element number 5** on the Reference Diagram: A nice touch was to add a WWI Jamaican **WAR/STAMP** overprinted stamp. Wow! A Myers cover with a WWI Red Cross red **JAMAICA** overprinted stamp, and a WWI war tax stamp. Triple hitter! But wait! The war tax stamp used is from the second local printing with narrow vertical spacing. This stamp was placed on sale **September 1, 1916. Almost a year AFTER the cancellation date on the cover!**



All together it was good enough to separate an unknowing buyer from his money. But truly a gutsy FAKE. E-Buyers beware!

Please, learn more about your collections than just their Scott numbers!



# PATIENCE

## DAN MADDALINO

During the peak (first wave) of the COVID-19 pandemic the mail services for many nations were heavily impacted. Long delays, lost mail, and interruptions of service were experienced by many postal patrons. My friends in both England and Scotland reported mail delivery had stopped for weeks all together. International mail arriving via New York and San Francisco were taking an additional two weeks longer than usual to reach me in Lake Worth. However, patience will pay-off.

Shown below is a cover mailed to me from Singapore. It was posted, via air mail, on April 2, 2020. Under normal circumstances this letter would take a week. I noted its arrival date on the front, left side; June 3<sup>rd</sup>! Eight weeks after posting!! I had given it up for "lost in the mail" condition. But wow was I surprised when my wife brought in the mail that day and handed this letter to me. "Patience, patience" she reminded me.

I later learned that due to the ban on air traffic from Asia this letter was diverted and traveled by boat (rowboat?)!

