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Light blue missing on 35c Curtiss

Two stamps in the block of four are missing the light blue ink that serves as a background.

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Brazil pictures Dom Pedro II

Brazil's stamps of 1866-86 picture Dom Pedro II. Some are perforated, and some are rouletted.

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George Wallace label on election day cover

The label on the cover mailed on election day in 1968 is postmarked, but the cover was charged 6c postage due.

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Royal Mail set features military uniforms: 1661 Horse Guard to 1999 military police

Royal Mail (the British Post Office) pictures almost 350 years of army apparel on six stamps to be issued Sept. 20.

The new set, called British Army Uniforms, is the first in a series of three military-theme issues that examine the rich history of the United Kingdom's armed services uniforms. British Army Uniforms will be followed by Royal Air Force Uniforms in 2008 and Royal Navy Uniforms in 2009.

The British Army Uniforms issue will include a prestige booklet, with text and illustrations in addition to stamps.

Each stamp in the British Army Uniforms set features a soldier representing a significant stage in the development of the British army uniform.

The stamps are in two se-tenant (side-by-side) strips of three.

One strip comprises three 78-penny stamps, each paying

the rate for worldwide airmail weighing up to 20 grams.

The other strip contains three nondenominated stamps with a "1st" in place of the denomination. The stamps pay the domestic first-class rate, 34p.

The uniforms appear in chronological order starting on the right stamp of the 78p strip and ending with the left stamp of the first-class strip.

The right 78p stamp depicts a buff-coated trooper of the Earl of Oxford's Horse Guards of 1661. Pictured on the 78p stamp in the center is a grenadier of the Royal Regiment of Foot of Ireland in 1704. The left 78p stamp shows a rifleman of the 95th Rifles in 1813.

Starting on the right, the first-class stamps (shown on page 47) depict an observer in Royal Field Artillery in 1917, a tank commander of the 5th Royal Tank Regiment in 1944 and the

1999 uniform of a noncommissioned officer of the Royal Military Police.

The firm Atelier Works worked with artist Graham Turner to design the stamps.

Joh. Enschede of the Netherlands printed the stamps by offset in sheets of 60 (sold as panes of 30 in most post offices).

The stamps measure 27 millimeters by 37mm each and are perforated gauge 14.

The prestige booklet contains four panes of stamps, two panes of the British Army Uniforms stamps and two panes of definitives (regular issues).

The first pane includes the three 78p British Army Uniform stamps. The stamps are se-tenant but in reverse order (trooper, grenadier and rifleman) compared to the sheet stamps.

The next pane of first-class British Army Uniforms stamps (Please turn to page 47)

Auction galleries join forces as Spink acquires Shreves

By Michael Baadke

Two giants in the world of philatelic auctions became one at the end of August when Spink of London, England, acquired Shreves Philatelic Galleries of Dallas, Texas.

Co-owners Charles and Tracy Shreve will continue to run the auction business in the United States as president and chief financial officer, respectively, of Spink Shreves Galleries.

They will also become shareholders in Spink and join the firm's international management committee.

Shreves Philatelic Galleries is one of the largest stamp auction houses in the United States, with annual sales in the range of \$14 million to \$16 million.

The firm's June 11 sale of the William H. Gross collection of Great Britain realized \$10.5 million (including the 15 percent buyer's premium). Charles Shreve called it "the highest-grossing single stamp auction ever con-

ducted in the United States."

In an Aug. 30 telephone interview with *Linn's*, Shreve stated that customers and consignors essentially will notice no changes in their regular dealings with the company, although the new alliance will create a far greater global reach for the firm.

Shreve pointed out that, with the continuing slide in the value of the U.S. dollar, the percentage of active buyers from overseas is on the rise, so the Spink connection will benefit the firm's customers.

Auction activities such as lotting and marketing will continue from the firm's current Dallas and New York City locations.

The first sale by Spink Shreves Galleries will take place Nov. 1-3, one of the firm's Collector's Series sales.

In future auctions, Spink Shreves Galleries is likely to introduce more nonphilatelic (Please turn to page 14)



Royal Mail (the British Post Office) will issue six commemorative stamps Sept. 20 in a new series featuring military uniforms. The three se-tenant 78-penny stamps show British army uniforms of 1813, 1704 and 1661, respectively.

Readers' Opinions

Scouting and political correctness

I have an answer for Michael Little's question in the Aug. 27 Readers' Opinions regarding the lack of a Scouting stamp in the 2007 United States stamp program.

The Boy Scouts is persona non grata in politically correct circles because, as a private organization, it has refused to allow openly declared homosexuals to be Scout leaders. This is the organization's right and within the purview of its charter. As a result, the American Civil Liberties Union has sued the Boy Scouts repeatedly and campaigned to bar its packs from meeting in just about any public site, including libraries, schools and military bases.

The United Way has refused contributions to the Boy Scouts. However, because of public outcry in some areas, if the contributor specifically designates the Boy Scouts, the organization supposedly gets those specific contributions.

With this ongoing campaign against the Boy Scouts, do you really expect the politically correct Postal Service to



A United States 32¢ U.S. Boy and Girl Scouting Begins stamp (Scott 3183j), part of the Celebrate the Century 1910s pane of 15 stamps issued in 1998.

honor the organization with a stamp?

John Robertson
Orlando, Fla.

I, too, have wondered why the Postal Service did not issue a stamp for the 100th anniversary of Scouting. One reason I came up with is that the Boy Scouts are politically incorrect in their requirements on the morality of their leaders and members.

God save us from political correctness.

Gene Bricker
Ringgold, Ga.

The reason why there is no 100th anniversary of Scouting stamp in the 2007 U.S. stamp program is quick and easy.

The Boy Scouts do not allow appointment of homosexual Scoutmasters. If the Postal Service had prepared a Scouting issue, the gay-lesbian-bisexual-and transgendered lobby would have raised a fire storm. The Postal Service is seeking to avoid fire storms.

Robert Bracken
Frankfort, Ind.

I join the general lament over the lack of a 100th anniversary of Scouting stamp in the 2007 U.S. stamp program, particularly in view of the many people, events and organizations of dubious significance that have been commemorated.

Arthur C. O'Brien
Castro Valley, Calif.

Scout anniversary in 2010

The letter writers wondering about the lack of a Scouting stamp in the 2007 U.S. stamp program should remember that the Boy Scouts in America program was formally incorporated on Feb. 8, 1910.

Look for a U.S. Scouting stamp on the 100th anniversary of the American Scouting program in 2010.

Jon Schoonmaker
Richfield, Minn.

Lord Baden-Powell had the first Scout camp in 1907, but organized Scouting did not start in the United States until 1910. The U.S. Postal Service is right not to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Scouting program in 2007. I hope it will do so in 2010.

Virginia S. Aubry
San Jose, Calif.

I know the answer to Michael Little's question in the Aug. 27 Readers' Opinions about how the Postal Service missed the 100th anniversary of Scouting in its 2007 stamp program.

Earlier this year, I wrote a letter to the U.S. postmaster general about the lack of a Scouting stamp in the 2007 program.

In response, I received a letter dated July 10 from Terrence W. McCaffrey, the manager of stamp development.

The letter stated in part that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee re-

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