



STAMPS, REVENUES AND POSTAL HISTORY

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Website Tips

On our website, there are subcategories in the "Shop" section within certain countries. When searching for Revenues (for example), look within Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and St. Vincent (to name a few). Simply click on a country and the subcategories will pop up.

Questions about this or other features? Contact us!

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Welcome to this newsletter, the first in a series. In addition, I am now starting a blog which, if you are not familiar with the term, is just a dialogue on various subjects (stamp related usually).

I will be posting these on a regular basis. So keep a look out for [Steves' Blog](#).

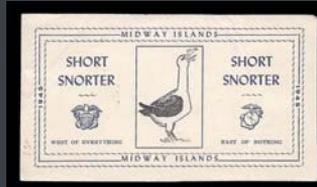
Please enjoy, critique, and comment, it is much more fun that way.

Is it Stationery or it is Not?

Seasoned collectors are aware of various types of Postal Stationery. This includes prestamped envelopes, [International Reply Coupons](#), and those funny things called [Postal Orders](#).

But have you heard of Short Snorters? Short Snorters are bills, or slips of paper that an aviator would sign and carry around, and would produce upon request. The penalty for not producing this would be a stiff drink. A short snorter is slang for a not- quite-full shot of liquor.

So what does this have to do with stamps? If you collect the pacific islands there would be [short snorters](#) produced for various missions. It adds another dimension to a collecting area.



Postal Rate Information

I have been adding current postal rate information for many smaller countries to spice up the "[Studies, Articles and Monographs](#)" section of my website. One would have thought that this would be a rather static endeavor. Anything but. Some salient facts:

1. [St. Vincent](#) raised their local postal rates from 30c to \$1 overnight in March of this year... with no warning at all.
2. [Belize](#) has not changed their rates since 1988. Yes, 1988 - that is not a typo.

A Thank You

Many people have emailed their concern for my family (and stock!) as a result of Sandy that devastated the region. We were very lucky- no damage to persons or property.

Travel is problematic as commutes can be 3 hours each way. Gas is in short supply. Most people I know go home to a cold and dark place. The office is a place of warmth and refuge (as long as it is above 34th Street).

Thanks for your thoughts,

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