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From the Editor,

I just sent in my dues and ballot, and I certainly hope you did too. By the time you read this, the ballots should have been counted and whatever the outcome, let's welcome the new President and his officers and go forward.

I had a chance to meet some of you this summer during Pacific '97 and it certainly was a thrill to be able to put a face with a name. I got the feeling that everybody attending the special ASN P meeting had a good time and the presentations that were made were certainly well received. It's a pity that we don't have opportunities like this more often; it undoubtedly would strengthen our organization. By the way, check the September Maandblad with a writeup about Pacific'97 and the awarding of the 'van der Willigen' award, a great honor indeed for which we can't thank the previous main editors of the Newsletter and Journal, Paul van Reyen and Frans Rummens, enough.

During my vacation in the Netherlands I visited the PTT Museum, but not only that, I got the rare chance to see the archives. Anyone even remotely thinking about doing a bit of research should take any chance they get to visit this institution, it is a treasure. With the cutbacks (which we are supposed to call downsizing now!) going on at PTT Post we should worry about what will happen with these archives and all the historical records still out there. Make sure you visit the place and show your support, we can't afford to lose it.

This month you will find the third part of the article on the numeral cancels on the early Netherlands issues. Peter van Alteren has put in a lot of time gathering this information and is keeping it up to date, so from time to time you can expect an update. If this is not your cup of tea go on and read the rest, I hope there is at least something that gets your attention, and if not, well the next issue will have another mix of articles.

Hans Kremer

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The numeral cancels of the Netherlands; their frequency of usage on the early issues and auction prices realized (part 3 of 4)

by P. van Alteren

Parts 1 and 2 covered the introduction, a listing of all 259 numeral cancels with their specifics, and a detailed listing of all numerals found on the first issue, as well as their auction prices realized. In part 3 we cover in detail the numerals found on the second (1864) issue.

But first I would like to pass on some new information that has come to light earlier this year (1997). This information has resulted in some changes and additions to the listings in the previous article (ASNP Journal Vol. 21/4).

Please make the following changes:

Page 71 under "57 's Hertogenbosch..." change the "1" in columns 5 and 7 to "2".

„ Delete: "67 Leeuwarden..." (This is the one added to 's Hertogenbosch; the "5" was mistaken for a "6").

„ Delete "100 Steenberg..." and "101 Steenwijk...". They both turned out to be false.

„ under "107 Utrecht ...", add "1 cvr" in column 5, and change "+1W" to "+1W+1 cvr".

Page 72 Add a "*" to Sliedrecht

„ Change "Total per 4-15-97" line to: "Total per 6-9-97 67 cps. 90 cps 39 cps. 13 cps 142 cps."

„ Change "Totals now:" line to: "Totals now: 70 cps. 92 cps. 40 cps. 13 cps 158 ex."

„ Change date on last line from "April 4" to "June 6".

„ Roughly middle of the page, right side column: Change "April 15" to "June 6"

Page 74 First line. Change "Haarlem" to "Haarlemmermeer".

Page 75 Top of page: Delete the line "101 Steenwijk...".

Page 76 Add the information under "67 Leeuwarden..." to "57 Den Bosch...".

„ Change "73 Maastricht..." to " *1 73 Maastricht " and add: " *1 73 Maastricht 10/2 pl.5/- Die 564 97 3599 klfo luxe ex. 2100.-"

„ The information under "cover 91 ..," should be changed to "107 Utrecht..", and moved between "105,," and " *1 132 Zierikzee...".

„ Under " *2 135Rie. 367" add:
 „ *2 135 „ 5/1 -- Leopardi
 90e 1997 916 foto links kort fl 260.-

P.S. This points out that a large auction house is very important to bring high prices, since this same item brought fl. 925 in 1996 at Rietdijk.

Page 77 Under listing of "Other catalogs used..", add: van Dieten B.V. 1932 thru 1939, cat #248-271. Also all after 1945 (#307)

„ Change "Rietdijk... (since 1967)" to "Rietdijk... (since 1928)".

Also, to illustrate how I determine which cancels are duplicates, refer to the example of # 91 Rotterdam. These illustrations came from different catalogs in different years, but without any doubt, they refer to the same stamp/cancel.



* 4
 * Diet.494 1981
 5/1 2257 foto
 korte randen
 f 230.-pl.6/97



* 4
 Diet.502 1982
 5/1 2235 foto
 korte randen
 f 180.-pl.6/97

Now on to the new material:

Numeral cancels on the 1864 (second) issue

The stamps of the second issue could be used for postage till November 1879. Since the numeral cancels were used from April 1869 through June 1893 one can find numeral cancels on stamps of this issue.

Numeral cancels on the 2nd issue point to a late usage of the stamps, since they were replaced by the 3rd issue in 1867, and should be considered curiosities, with prices based solely on what somebody is willing to pay for it ("liefhebbersprijs"). Numeral cancels on the 15 cent orange (1864 issue) are relatively the most common.

Cley in his "Emissie 1864" writes the following: To get an overview of the usage of the numeral cancel on the second issue I have added all the copies I've found in my own collection, collections of others, as well as the ones mentioned in auction catalogs over tenths of years. This has resulted in the following:

5 cent:	40 copies
10 cent:	63 copies
15 cent:	124 copies
Total:	227 copies

NOV 1, 1879

Although some duplicate stamp counts are probable, I don't think this influences the overall conclusion that the rarity of the cancels is inverse proportional to the nominal value of the stamp (e.g. numerals on the 5 cent issue are three times as rare as on the 15 cent value).

It is obvious, based on the issue date of the numerals (4-1-1869 (april 1, 1869)), that as far as the 5 and 10 cent issues are concerned, we mainly are dealing with 'expired' stamps, stamps that might have sat in a box or drawer for a couple of years, prior to their actual usage.

Relatively speaking the 15 cent value is the most common one. This becomes clear if we realize that the 15 cent value was available at the post offices for a much longer time than the two lower values. The 15 cent 3rd issue wasn't sold until all the 15 cent 2nd issue stamps were sold out. The time between the availability of this issue and the release of the numeral cancel is fairly short. It is even likely that at the time of the release of the numeral cancel (April 1, 1869) there still were 15 cent 2nd issue stamps available at some of the smaller postoffices. An example is Alphen, for which twenty two 15 cent stamps with the numeral '3' are known. Although the numeral is more common on this higher value stamp, this is offset by the higher value of the stamp itself.

It is also understandable that numerals of the large post offices (5 (Amsterdam), 44 ('s Gravenhage), 91 (Rotterdam), 107 (Utrecht)) are relatively common on all values of the 1864 issue. Based on the registered totals it is not the 10 cent, as was to be expected, but the 5 cent value which is the rarest.

Nearly all known numeral cancels on the 2nd issue are for numbers 1 through 135, the first set issued (Alkmaar

through Zwolle). In theory all numerals issued prior to 11-1-79 (January 11, 1879) (the date the 2nd issue lost its validity) can be found on the stamps of the 2nd issue. These are numerals 1 through 138, 141, and 151 through 196. Known also are 10 cent stamps with a numeral 44 in both red and black; use of wrong color ink, corrected to black.

An 'oddball' I saw is a 10 cent stamp with both a light FRANCO cancel as well as a numeral "5". Most likely this stamp was used twice.

On entires with stamps of the 2nd issue, numeral cancels are very scarce. Only a few covers are known to exist, among them:

# 5	Amsterdam	5 cent	1 cover
# 16	Breda	10 cent	1 cover
			Deluxe cover fl 19,000.-
# 26	Doesborgh	5 cent	1 cover
			cover 800.-
# 31	Driebergen	10 cent	1 cover
			cover 700.-
# 41	Gorinchem	10 cent	1 cover
		(mxd. frnkng with #8)	cover 2100.-
# 60	Hoogeveen	5 cent	1 cover
			Deluxe cover 5400.-
# 67	Leeuwarden	10 cent	1 cover
			cover 650.-
# 88	Oudewater	5 cent	1 cover
			cover 950.-
# 91	Rotterdam	?	2 covers ✓
# 129	Zeist	?	1 cover

Total is 11 covers (!).

List of known numeral cancels on the 1864 issue. The number indicates the total number of cancels found.

The list compares the quantities listed by J.F. Cleij, in "Emissie 1864(2e Emissie) and what was found by the author(Alt.)

Numerals on the 2e Issue, 1864

Nr	Townname:	Cley / Alt.		Cley / Alt.		Cley / Alt.		Cley / Alt.	
		5 cent		10 cent		15 cent		Totals	
* 1	Alkmaar	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	5
2	Almelo	-	-	-	-	2	5	2	5
3	Alphen	-	3	-	1	22	28	22	32
4	Amersfoort	2	8	-	1	1	1	3	10
5	Amsterdam	3	17 + 1cvr	5	13	11	17	19	47 + 1 cvr
6	Apeldoorn	-	1	-	4	2	1	2	6
* 7	Appingedam	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
8	Arnhem	1	2	3	1	3	3	7	6
9	Assen	-	1	1	1	1	-	2	2
10	Bergen op Zoom	-	-	2	2	-	3	2	5
11	Beverwijk	-	-	3	1	-	-	3	1
12	Bolsward	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	2
13	(Zalt)Bommel	2	-	-	-	8	15	10	15
14	Boxmeer	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	3
15	Boxtel	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1
16	Breda	-	1	1	- + 1cvr	1	1	2	2 + 1 cvr
* 18	Brielle	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1

	5	10	15	Total				
19 Brummen	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	
* 20 Culemborg	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
22 Delft	-	-	1	3	5	3	6	
24 Deventer	-	1	2	1	-	2	2	
26 Doesborgh	2	- +1 cvr	3	2	3	10	8	12 +1 cvr
27 Doetinchem	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	2
* 28 Dokkum	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
29 Dordrecht	1	2	-	-	1	-	2	2
30 Dragten	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
31 Driebergen	-	-	1	- +1cvr	-	-	1	- +1 cvr
32 Edam	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
* 33 Eindhoven	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	3
35 Enkhuizen	1	-	2	1	-	-	3	1
39 Goes	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	2
* 41 Gorinchem	-	1	-	- +1 cvr	-	-	-	1 + 1 cvr
42 Gouda	2	2	-	-	2	-	4	2
* 43 Grave	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
44 's-Gravenhage	4	4	5	10	6	4	16	18
45 Groningen	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	2
46 Haarlem	1	3	3	2	1	3	5	8
48 Harderwijk	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
49 Harlingen	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
* 51 Heerenveen	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
52 Heerlen	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	3
* 53 Den Helder	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
54 Hellevoetsluis	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
55 Helmond	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	2
56 Hengelo	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
57 's-Hertogenbosch	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	2
58 Heusden	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
59 Hilversum	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	1
* 60 Hoogeveen	-	- +1 cvr	-	-	-	-	-	- +1 cvr
* 61 Hoogezand	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
* 62 Hoorn	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
63 Hulst	-	1	1	2	-	-	1	3
* 64 Kampen	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
* 65 Koevorden	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
67 Leeuwarden	-	1	3	3 +1 cvr	4	6	7	10 +1 cvr
68 Leiden	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	2
69 de Lemmer	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1
* 70 Loenen	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
71 Maarssen	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	2
72 Maassluis	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
* 73 Maastricht	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
* 74 Medemblik	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
75 Meppel	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2
76 Middelburg	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	2
77 Monnikendam	-	1	-	-	1	2	1	3
78 Naarden	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
79 ter Neuzen	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
* 80 Noordwijk	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
82 Nijmegen	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	2
84 Onderdendam	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
86 Oud-Beijerland	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	1
* 87 Oudenbosch	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
88 Oudewater	-	- +1 cvr	-	2	1	2	1	4 +1 cvr
89 Purmerend	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1
90 Roermond	-	1	-	-	2	1	2	2
91 Rotterdam	4	5 + 1 pr	7	10	5	13 + 1 pr	16	28 + 2 pr
* 92 Roosendaal	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
* 93 Sas van Gent	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1

* 95	Schiedam	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
96	Schoonhoven	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	2
99	Sneek	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
104	Tholen	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	3
105	Tiel	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
106	Tilburg	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	2
107	Utrecht	3	7	3	4	2	6	8	17
109	Veendam	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
*111	Veghel	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
112	Velp	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	2
*113	Venlo	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
118	Wageningen	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
119	Weert	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
*121	Willemstad	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
*124	Woerden	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	5
126	Woudrichem	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	3
*128	Zaandam	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3
129	Zeist	2	1	-	2	8	26 + 2pr	10	29 + 2 pr
130	Zevenaar	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	3
*131	Zevenbergen	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
*133	Zutphen	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
135	Zwolle	-	-	1	1	2	3	3	4
136	Spoorweg-postk. Amsterdam-Emmerich	2	-	2	1	3	6	7	7
*137	Spoorweg-postk. Arnhem-Oldenzaal	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
138	Spoorweg-postk. Moerdijk-Antwerpen	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
*151	Oisterwijk	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Totals:		40	99	63	99	124	202	227	400
Include # Covers:		-	4	-	4	-	-	-	8
Include # Pairs:		-	1	-	-	-	3	-	4
Totals:		40	104	63	103	124	205	227	412

NB cvr = cover pr = pair

* New discoveries, not previously known: 32 towns!

To get an idea about the numbers of numerals on the stamps of the second issue, I have listed all copies brought to auctions since 1928 (v. Dieten B.V). From this we notice that during the last few years quite a few new numbers were discovered. Compare it to Mr. Cleij's list.

cells being offered in subsequent auctions. The duplicates are identified with an * in the first column. If only one stamp has multiple entries it is flagged as *1; when a second stamp with the same number also has multiple entries, it is flagged with *2, etc.

To get a good overview I photographed cancels from the auction catalogs in order to identify duplicate stamps/can-

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2nd Issue 1864 5 cent

Nr	Town	Stamp	Auctn.	Yr	Lot#	Photo Descriptn	Realized (fl)
1	Alkmaar	5/4	Riet.339	86	2080	klfo pracht ex.	120.-
	"	5/4	Gouda 30	89	1308	foto keur Hoogerd.	130.-
* 13	Alphen	5/4	Diet.511	84	208	foto prachtstuk	
* 13	"	5/4	Diet.520	85	967	foto prachtstuk	380.-
3	"	5/4	NPV mei	84	4368	foto zware afdr.	
3	"	5/4	Diet.543	92	2860	foto zwak st.	110.-
* 14	Amersfoort	5/4	Diet.232	60	650	foto prachtstuk	240.-
* 14	"	5/4	Diet.447	72	1912	foto prachtstuk	240.-
* 24	"	5/4	Diet.516	84	4149	foto prachtstuk	190.-
* 24	"	5/4	Diet.520	85	968	foto luxe stuk	500.-

* 34	"	5/4	Diet.543	92	2862	foto gebreken	220.-
* 34	"	5/4	Diet.546	93	2210	foto vrijwel pra	130.-
4	"	5/4	Diet.450	72	338	foto prachtstuk	180.-
4	"	5/4	Diet.516	84	4148	foto prachtstuk	190.-
4	"	5/4	NPV. okt	88	2351	foto prachtstuk	
4	"	5/4	Diet.538	91	2464	Klfo prachtstuk	420.-
4	"	5/4	OPV 126	94	1446	foto pr.afdr.	600.-
* 15	Amsterdam	5/4	Diet.417	66	2142	foto superbe	140.-
* 15	"	5/4	Diet. 511	84	211	foto superbe	600.-
* 25	"	5/4	Diet.447	72	1913	foto prachtstuk	320.-
* 25	"	5/4	Diet.451	72	1549	foto hoekvouwjtje	100.-
* 35	"	5/4	Diet.472	76	2189	foto superbe	440.-
* 35	"	5/4	Diet.339	86	2081	klfo superbe	280.-
* 45	"	5/4	Riet.337	86	1491	foto prachtstuk	100.-
* 45	"	5/4	Riet.339	86	2082	foto prachtstuk	110.-
* 55	"	5/4	OPV 119	92	957	foto briefstukje	210.-
* 55	"	5/4	NPV okt.	95	2475	foto briefstukje	150.-
5	"	5/4	Diet.438	70	2036	foto prachtstuk	200.-
5	"	5/4	Diet.440	70	1815	foto prachtstuk	150.-
5	"	5/4	Diet.493	81	2072	foto prachtstuk	300.-
brf 5	"	5/4brf	NPV okt	81	768	klfo op brief!	
5	"	5/4	NPV feb	82	4323	foto keur K.	
5	"	5/4	Diet.516	84	4150	foto prachtstuk	190.-
5	"	5/4	Gouda 17	87	1753	foto vrijw. opr. ex	
5	"	5/4	Riet.341	87	1113	klfo prachtstuk	250.-
5	"	5/4	NPV apr	91	7224	foto dubb.afdr.	320.-
5	"	5/4	OPV 115	91	2435	foto ronde hk	75.-
5	"	5/4	Riet.363	94	166	foto prachtstuk	210.-
5	"	5/4	NPV okt	95	2476	foto gebrekjes	65.-
5	"	5/4	NPV okt	95	7548	foto gebrekjes	35.-
6	Apeldoorn	5/4	Diet.516	84	4147	foto prachtstuk	210.-
8	Arnhem	5/4	Diet.438	70	2040	foto roest ./ tnd	40.-
8	"	5/4	Diet. 564	97	3605	4B/179 pr.st.	210.-
9	Assen	5/4	coll. B. Schuring			foto pracht ex.	
*1 12	Bolsward	5/4	Diet.417	66	2143	foto prachtstuk	150.-
*1 12	"	5/4	Diet.511	84	218	foto prachtstuk	250.-
12	"	5/4	Diet.447	72	1914	foto prachtstuk	240.-
16	Breda	5/4	Riet. 233	60	275	foto pracht ex.	
24	Deventer	5/4	Diet.447	72	1915	foto prachtstuk	260.-
*1 26	Doesborgh	5/4brf	NPV jan	88	7044	foto 20-5-73brief!	1250.-
*1 26	"	5/4brf	NPV apr	91	4040	foto 20-5-73brief!	800.-
27	Doetinchem	5/4	NPV sep	84	4632	foto ronde hoek	
*1 28	Dokkum	5/4	Diet.447	72	1916	foto dun stipje	210.-
*1 28	"	5/4	Diet.511	84	223	foto prst.Cleyonb.	540.-
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33	"	5/4	OPV 131	95	1475	foto gebreken	40.-

41	Gorinchem	5/4	NPV okt	81	769	foto prachtstuk	
*1 42	Gouda	5/4	Diet.461	74	2349	foto prachtstuk	260.-
*1 42	"	5/4	Riet.511	84	226	foto pracht afst.	540.-
*1 42	"	5/4	Riet.339	86	2084	klfo pracht ex.	300.-
42	"	5/4	NPV apr	92	7352	foto mooi st.	340.-
43	Grave	5/4	NPV okt	91	7145	foto nagetand	90.-
44	Den Haag	5/4	Diet.417	66	2144	foto prachtstuk	135.-
44	"	5/4	Diet.511	84	227	foto prachtstuk	240.-
44	"	5/4	Diet.543	92	2870	foto prachtstuk	210.-
44	"	5/4	Diet.563	97	3458	foto tandscheurtje	50.-
*1 45	Groningen	5/4	Diet.407	65	1469	foto kleine gebreken	
*1 45	"	5/4	Diet.417	66	2145	foto kleine gebreken	145.-
*2 45	"	5/4	Diet.511	84	229	foto prachtstuk	
*2 45	"	5/4	Diet.516	84	4153	foto prachtstuk	250.-
45	"	5/4	Diet.485	79	844	foto prachtstuk	220.-
*1 46	Haarlem	5/4	Diet.511	84	230	foto pr. st ond.st	160.-
*1 46	"	5/4	Riet.338	86	1180	klfo vaag stemp.	180.-
46	"	5/4	NPV apr	91	7354	foto getint	110.-
46	"	5/4	NPV okt	91	7125	foto pr.ex.	320.-
49	Harlingen	5/4	Diet.543	92	2873	foto gebreken	160.-
49	"	5/4	Diet.559	96	2545	foto gebreken	290.-
*1 55	Helmond	5/4	Diet.423	67	2647	foto prachtstuk	340.-
*1 55	"	5/4	Diet.447	72	1918	foto prachtstuk	290.-
*1 57	Den Bosch	5/4	Diet.526	87	3215	foto prachtstuk	170.-
*1 57	"	5/4	NPV okt	96	7470	foto prachtstuk	440.-
58	Heusden	5/4	Riet.340	87	1064	foto hoekt.vouwtje	130.-
brf 60	Hoogeveen	5/4bf	Diet.540	92	3280	klfo op brief sup	5400.-
63	Hulst	5/4	Diet.538	91	2469	foto ronde hoek	80.-
65	Koevorden	5/4	Riet.364	95	23	foto pracht ex.	400.-
67	Leeuwarden	5/4	Diet.435	69	1473	foto zeer fraai	70.-
*1 72	Maassluis	5/4	Diet.423	67	2648	foto prachtstuk	330.-
*1 72	"	5/4	Diet.447	72	1919	klfo prachtstuk	370.-
76	Middelburg	5/4	NPV jun	80	2703	foto pracht ex.	
77	Monnikend.	5/4	Riet.338	86	1217	foto vrijw.pr k.H.	130.-
*1 79	Ter Neuzen	5/4	Riet.337	86	1494	klfo prachtstuk	80.-
*1 79	"	5/4	Riet.339	86	2085	klfo pracht ex.	230.-
*1 79	"	5/4	WdV. 98	87	37	foto gedec.k.K.	40.-
80	Noordwijk	5/4	Diet.511	84	237	foto pr. afdr.	540.-
82	Nijmegen	5/4	Diet.511	84	238	foto sup. afst.	520.-
84	Onderdend.	5/4	Riet.339	86	2086	klfo pracht ex.	280.-

87	Oudenbosch	5/4	Diet.418	67	1321	foto briefstukje	210.-
* 88	Oudewater	5/4brf	Riet.357	92	306	foto brief 25-5-70	1050.-
* 88	"	5/4brf	NPV okt.	95	2594	foto brief 25-5-70	950.-
90	Roermond	5/4	Gouda 30	89	1309	foto gebreken r.h	?
* 191	Rotterdam	5/4	NPV apr	91	7234	foto gerep.hoek	
* 191	"	5/4	NPV okt	91	7133	foto hoek ger.	.-
* 291	"	5/4	NPV apr	92	7361	foto prachtstuk	55.-
* 291	"	5/4	WdV. 147	96	40	foto vrijw.pr.ex.	
91	"	5/4	NPV okt	81	771	foto prachtstuk	
91	"	5/4	Diet.511	84	240	foto prachtstuk	560.-
91	"	5/4 pr	Riet.337	86	1495	klfo pracht st.	875.-
91	"	5/4	RDiet. 563	97	3462	foto vrijw.pr.ex.	80.-
* 192	Roosendaal	5/4	NPV okt	91	7135	foto vouwtje	.-
* 192	"	5/4	NPV apr	92	7362	foto vouwtje	80.-
* 1 104	Tholen	5/4	Diet.438	70	2086	klfo prachtstuk	190.-
* 1 104	"	5/4	Diet.447	72	1921	foto korte tandjes	220.-
* 1 104	"	5/4	Diet.511	84	244	foto pr.afst.	520.-
* 2 104	"	5/4	Riet.349	90	736	foto vrijw.pr.	220.-
* 2 104	"	5/4	NPV okt	96	7475	klfo prachtstuk	1200.-
105	Tiel	5/4	NPV okt	91	7138	foto beschadigd	65.-
* 1 106	Tilburg	5/4	Diet 466	74	1821	foto prachtstuk	220.-
* 1 106	"	5/4	Riet.338	86	1257	klfo superbe	360.-
* 1 106	"	5/4	Diet.538	91	2470	klfo keur K.	460.-
* 1 107	Utrecht	5/4	Diet.501	82	3383	foto prachtstuk	160.-
* 1 107	"	5/4	Riet.338	86	1258	klfo vage afdr.	200.-
* 1 107	"	5/4	Riet.340	87	1074	klfo vlekkelig	250.-
107	"	5/4	Diet.430	68	1411	foto gebreken	65.-
107	"	5/4	Diet.520	85	971	foto prachtstuk	390.-
107	"	5/4	WdV. 90	86	56	foto gebreken	110.-
107	"	5/4	Diet.527	87	2080	foto prachtstuk	230.-
107	"	5/4	NPV okt	91	7140	foto scheurtje	
107	"	5/4	Diet.543	92	2878	foto vrijw.pr.	120.-
* 1 109	Veendam	5/4	Diet.511	84	247	foto pr.afdr.	420.-
* 1 109	"	5/4	Riet.339	86	2087	klfo pracht ex.	180.-
* 1 109	"	5/4	WdV. 97	87	106	foto vouwtje	110.-
111	Veghel	5/4	NPV mei	81	1067	foto dun plekje	
112	Velp	5/4	NPV okt	91	7141	klfo pracht ex.	420.-
118	Wageningen	5/4	NPV okt	91	7143	foto pracht ex.	160.-
* 1 128	Zaandam	5/4	Riet.338	86	1296	klfo pracht st.	200.-
* 1 128	"	5/4	Riet.340	87	1082	klfo pracht ex.	220.-
* 1 129	Zeist	5/4	Riet.345	88	358	klfo pracht ex.	.-
* 1 129	"	5/4	Riet.348	89	1108	foto pracht ex.	280.-
* 1 129	"	5/4	Diet.537	91	2894	foto vrijw.pracht	80.-
* 1 131	Zevenberg.	5/4	Diet.511	84	252	foto prachtstuk	260.-
* 1 131	"	5/4	Riet.335	85	905	foto rond hoekje	400.-
* 1 131	"	5/4	Riet.338	86	1302	klfo ronde hoek	200.-

131	"	5/4	NPV mrt	96	7260	klfo luxe afdruk	680.-
137	Arnh.Olden.	5/4	Diet.523	86	2670	klto prachtstuk	860.-

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Nr	Town	Stmp	Auctn.	Yr	Lot#	Photo Descriptn	Realized (fl)
* 11	Alkmaar	10/5	Diet.423	67	2660	foto 2 krte tndjes	115.-
* 11	"	10/5	NPV okt	91	7109	foto korte tand.	260.-
* 21	"	10/5	Diet.516	84	4146	foto prachtstuk	280.-
* 21	"	10/5	Diet.538	91	2463	foto prachtstuk	300.-
1	"	10/5	Diet.511	84	207	foto prachtstuk	520.-
3	Alphen	10/5	NPV mrt	96	7223	foto scheurtje	75.-
4	Amersfoort	10/5	NPV sep	89	4532	foto prachtstuk	175.-
* 15	Amsterdam	10/5	Diet. 417	66	2146	foto vrijw. pr.	115.-
* 15	"	10/5	NPV okt	91	7112	foto vrijw.pr.	150.-
* 25	"	10/5	Diet.438	70	2037	foto prachtst.	490.-
* 25	"	10/5	Diet.447	72	1923	foto wijnrood sup.	480.-
* 25	"	10/5	Riet.337	86	1492	klfo prachtstuk	625.-
* 35	"	10/5	Diet.486	79	3177	foto 2 stompe t.	250.-
* 35	"	10/5	NPV okt	96	7466	foto stompe t.	220.-
5	"	10/5	Riet. 232	60	655	foto prachtstuk	46.-
5	"	10/5	Diet.440	70	1816	foto hktandvouw	85.-
5	"	10/5	Diet.511	84	212	foto sup.afst.	520.-
5	"	10/5	Riet.345	88	352	klfo pracht ex.	320.-
5	"	10/5	Lokv.17e	90	694	foto fraai ex.	50.-
5	"	10/5	NPV apr	91	7225	foto fraai ex.	200.-
5	"	10/5	Diet.546	93	2211	foto gebrek	160.-
5	"	10/5	Lokv.27e	93	489	foto 2 korte t.	100.-
5	"	10/5	Diet. 559	96	2454	foto gebreken	80.-
5	"	10/5	Diet. 563	97	3541	foto pracht ex.	170.-
6	Apeldoorn	10/5	Diet.511	84	214	foto prachtst.	320.-
6	"	10/5	NPV sep	84	4631	foto luxe ex.	
6	"	10/5	Diet.540	92	3088	foto prachtstuk	320.-
7	Appingedam	10/5	Riet.339	86	2088	klfo pracht ex.	180.-
* 18	Arnhem	10/5	Diet.450	72	339	foto superbe	270.-
* 18	"	10/5	NPV jun	86	1733	foto pr. ex.	360.-
9	Assen	10/5	Diet.439	70	1068	foto fraai K.K.	115.-
* 110	Bergen op Z	10/5	Diet.486	79	3178	foto hoekt.vouw	260.-
* 110	"	10/5	NPV feb	82	4324	foto keur K.	
10	"	10/5	NPV okt	91	7114	foto kl.gebrek	150.-
* 111	Beverwijk	10/5	Diet.417	66	2147	foto dun stipje	135.-
* 111	"	10/5	Diet.511	84	217	foto dun stipje	180.-
brf 16	Breda	10/5	NPV okt	91	7258	klfo luxe brief!	19000.-
18	Brielle	10/5	Diet.543	92	2867	foto vrijw.pr.	160.-
24	Deventer	10/5	Diet.527	87	2078	foto pracht stuk	440.-

* 1 26	Doesburg	10/5	NPV okt	91	7120	foto op fragment	450.-
* 1 26	"	10/5	Diet.543	92	2868	foto tanding	130.-
26	"	10/5	NPV apr	92	7348	klfo prachtstuk	320.-
28	Dokkum	10/5	Diet.553	95	2922	klfo prachtstuk	560.-
* 31	Driebergen	10/5br	Diet.404	64	2889	foto brief 23-8-71	250.-
* 31	"	10/5br	NPV okt	95	2540	foto brief 23-8-71	700.-
33	Eindhoven	10/5	Diet.511	84	225	foto mooie afst.	390.-
35	Enkhuizen	10/5	OPV 119	92	960	foto gebreken	230.-
39	Goes	10/5	Diet.461	74	2351	foto superbe	560.-
39	"	10/5	NPV apr	92	7351	foto korte tand	100.-
* 41	Gorinchem	10/5br	NPV okt	96	7246	foto mengfr. #5,8	2100.-
* 1 44	Den Haag	10/5	Riet. 232	60	710	foto rd en zw st	50.-
* 1 44	"	10/5	NPV okt	91	7123	klfo rd en zw st	500.-
* 1 44	"	10/5	NPV apr	92	7353	foto 2 x rd + zw	460.-
* 2 44	"	10/5	Riet. 233	60	279	foto pracht ex.	
* 2 44	"	10/5	NPV okt	91	7122	foto korte tand	190.-
* 3 44	"	10/5	Diet.447	72	1924	foto kl.tandinggebr	65.-
* 3 44	"	10/5	Diet.525	87	1741	foto prachtstuk	220.-
* 4 44	"	10/5	Diet.511	84	228	foto pr. afdruk	250.-
* 4 44	"	10/5	Riet.335	85	905	foto prachtstuk	400.-
* 4 44	"	10/5	Riet.338	86	1176	klfo prachtstuk	250.-
* 5 44	"	10/5	Riet.339	86	2089	foto sl. tand.	70.-
* 5 44	"	10/5	Riet.345	88	355	foto 2 ronde hkn	140.-
44	"	10/5	OPV 96	88	416	foto dun plekje	120.-
44	"	10/5	Diet.532	89	2012	foto ronde hoek	210.-
44	"	10/5	Diet.538	91	2468	klfo prachtstuk	440.-
44	"	10/5	Diet.543	92	2871	foto gebrek	85.-
44	"	10/5	Diet.563	97	3459	foto gpr. luxe afdr.	350.-
* 1 46	Haarlem	10/5	Riet. 233r	60	280	foto pracht. ex.	
* 1 46	"	10/5	Riet. 236	61	1372	foto pracht. ex.	40.-
46	"	10/5	NPV apr	92	7355	foto pracht. ex.	360.-
51	Heerenveen	10/5	Diet.450	72	340	foto superbe	360.-
51	Den Helder	10/5	Gasse 30	95	327	foto vrijwel pr.	270.-
* 1 59	Hilversum	10/5	Riet 233t	60	281	foto pracht ex.	
* 1 59	"	10/5	NPV okt	91	7127	foto rep.tand	140.-
* 1 61	Hoogezand	10/5	Diet.511	84	232	foto pr.afduk	390.-
* 1 61	"	10/5	Diet.543	92	2874	foto pr. afdruk	150.-
* 1 61	"	10/5	Diet.559	96	2547	foto prachtstuk	260.-
* 1 63	Hulst	10/5	Diet.440	70	1819	foto superbe!	500.-
* 1 63	"	10/5	Diet.447	72	1925	klfo superbe!	420.-
63	"	10/5	Diet.502	82	2252	foto mooie afdr.	500.-
* 1 67	Leeuwarden	10/5	Riet. 233	60	282	foto pracht ex.	
* 1 67	"	10/5	NPV apr	92	7357	foto losse tand	60.-
* 1 67	"	10/5	NPV okt	96	7471	foto ronde hoek	110.-
* 2 67	"	10/5	Riet.339	86	2090	foto prachtstuk	100.-
* 2 67	"	10/5	WdV. 97	87	107	foto scheurtje	50.-

67	"	10/5	Diet.450	72	341	foto prachtstuk	230.-
67	"	10/5br	Riet.337	86	1493	foto opbrief! gebr	650.-
* 1 68	Leiden	10/5	NPV jun	86	1734	foto pr. ex.	300.-
* 1 68	"	10/5	Riet. 367	96	109	foto pr. ex.	525.-
69	De Lemmer	10/5	NPV feb	82	4325	foto pr.ex.keur K.	
71	Maarssen	10/5	Diet.501	82	3372	foto pr st st.ta.	160.-
* 1 73	Maastricht	10/5	Diet.423	67	2662	foto prachtstuk	360.-
* 1 73	"	10/5	Diet.447	72	1926	foto speldeprik	290.-
* 2 73	"	10/5	Diet.520	85	970	klfo luxe ex.	560.-
* 2 73	"	10/5	Diet.540	92	3089	foto pracht st.	390.-
75	Meppel	10/5	Riet. 368	97	493	foto kort tandje	110.-
* 1 76	Middelburg	10/5	NPV okt	91	7129	foto gebrek	150.-
* 1 76	"	10/5	Riet.356	92	290	foto pracht st.	280.-
* 1 76	"	10/5	Riet.367	97	110	foto pracht ex.	625.-
82	Nijmegen	10/5	Diet.540	92	3090	foto hoekt.rep.	160.-
86	Oud-Beijer.	10/5	NPV okt	91	7131	klfo pracht ex.	520.-
* 1 88	Oudewater	10/5	Diet.511	84	239	foto iets besch.	160.-
* 1 88	"	10/5	Diet.543	92	2875	foto gebr.st.r.zw	190.-
88	"	10/5	Diet.417	66	2148	foto prachtstuk	140.-
89	Purmerend	10/5	Diet. 405	64	792	foto pracht ex.	?
* 1 91	Rotterdam	10/5	Diet 417	66	2149	foto prachtstuk	110.-
* 1 91	"	10/5	Diet 557	95	3321	foto prachtstuk	160.-
* 2 91	"	10/5	Diet.439	70	1073	foto mist 1 tand	95.-
* 2 91	"	10/5	Riet.280	71	1198	foto mist tandje	-.-
* 2 91	"	10/5	NPV jun	86	1735	foto pracht ex.	250.-
* 3 91	"	10/5	Diet.511	84	241	foto prachtstuk	220.-
* 3 91	"	10/5	NPV jan	85	1857	foto prachtstuk	
* 4 91	"	10/5	Diet.516	84	4154	foto prachtstuk	180.-
* 4 91	"	10/5	Riet.338	86	1240	foto vette afdr kK	350.-
91	"	10/5	Diet.473	76	1715	foto prachtstuk	
91	"	10/5	Diet.497	81	2144	foto superbe st.	330.-
91	"	10/5	NPV okt	81	772	foto prachtstuk	
91	"	10/5	NPV feb	82	4326	foto pracht ex.	
91	"	10/5	Riet.338	86	1239	klfo halve tand	150.-
91	"	10/5	Diet.563	97	3463	foto prachtstuk	110.-
93	Sas v.Gent	10/5	Diet.472	76	2225	foto prachtstuk	440.-
95	Schiedam	10/5	Diet.543	93	2877	foto pracht	230.-
* 1 96	Schoonhoven	10/5	NPV okt	91	7136	foto korte tand.	75.-
* 1 96	"	10/5	Gasse 24	92	660	foto korte tand.	
107	Utrecht	10/5	Diet.483	79	1840	foto prachtstuk	720.-
107	"	10/5	Diet.486	79	3179	foto tandscheurtje	80.-
107	"	10/5	Diet.511	84	245	foto dun plekje	110.-
107	"	10/5	NPV apr	92	7365	klfo pracht ex.	380.-
*1 113	Venlo	10/5	NPV okt	91	7142	foto min.mooi	130.-
*1 113	"	10/5	Gasse 24	92	661	foto min.mooi	?

124	Woerden	10/5	Riet.345	88	357	klfo prachtstuk	420.-
128	Zaandam	10/5	Diet.543	92	2880	foto smoezelig	150.-
129	Zeist	10/5	Diet.511	84	249	foto Cley onbek.	520.-
129	"	10/5	WdV. 91	86	50	foto ronde hoek	50.-
130	Zevenaar	10/5	NPV okt	92	7157	klfo pracht ex.	65.-
133	Zutphen	10/5	Diet.552	94	2144	foto kr K.ond st.	100.-
* 135	Zwolle	10/5A	Diet.494	81	2273	foto tand.r.verb	220.-
* 135	"	10/5	Riet.337	86	1499	klfo prachtstuk	575.-
136	A'dam-Emm	10/5	Diet.447	72	1927	foto prachtstuk	400.-
137	Arnh-Olzl	10/5	Diet.461	74	2352	foto prachtstuk	420.-
151	Oisterwijk	10/5	Riet.355	91	351	klfo prachtstuk	380.-

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Nr	Town	Stmp	Auction.	Yr	Lot#	Photo Descriptn	Realized (fl)
2	Almelo	15/6	Diet.536	90	2545	foto ger.hoekt.	170.-
2	"	15/6	NPV okt	91	7110	klfo pracht ex.	
520.-							
2	"	15/6	OPV 115	91	2432	foto gebreken	190.-
2	"	15/6	Diet.543	92	2859	foto " "	
280.-							
2	"	15/6	NPV mrt	95	7142	foto kor.tandjes	
* 13	Alphen	15/6	Riet. 237	61	728	foto pracht ex.	52.-
* 13	"	15/6	Diet. 417	66	2150	foto superbe.	80.-
* 13	"	15/6	NPV okt	91	7111	klfo pracht ex.	540.-
* 23	"	15/6	Diet.456	73	1204	foto prachtstuk	170.-
* 23	"	15/6	Diet.553	95	2921	klfo prachtstuk	350.-
* 33	"	15/6	NPV okt	81	767	foto prachtstuk	
* 33	"	15/6	NPV sep	82	4546	foto op fragment	
* 33	"	15/6	NPV apr	83	4217	foto pr.op fragm	
* 33	"	15/6	NPV apr	91	7222	foto op briefst.	250.-
* 33	"	15/6	NPV apr	92	7343	foto pracht ex.	200.-
* 33	"	15/6	NPV mrt	95	7143	foto briefst. pr.	
3	"	15/6	Diet 423	67	2667	foto kl.gebreken	40.-
3	"	15/6	Diet.435	69	1447	foto losse hoekt.	95.-
3	"	15/6	Diet.438	70	2033	foto korte tandjes	75.-
3	"	15/6	Diet.443	71	1680	foto prachtst.	
3	"	15/6	Diet.447	72	1928	foto korte tanden	60.-
3	"	15/6	Diet.486	79	3180	foto korte tnd	100.-
3	"	15/6B	Diet.494	81	2274	foto stomp tandje	230.-
3	"	15/6	NPV mei	81	1094	foto lichte vouw	
3	"	15/6	Diet.511	84	209	klfo sup. afst.	600.-
3	"	15/6	NPV mei	84	4369	foto voll.st.!	
3	"	15/6	NPV jun	86	1736	foto heel mooi	
3	"	15/6	Diet.525	87	1742	foto mist tand	190.-
3	"	15/6	Diet.527	87	2077	foto korte tand.	110.-
3	"	15/6	Riet.355	91	348	foto dun stipje	
3	"	15/6	OPV115	91	2434	foto dun plekje	330.-
3	"	15/6	NPV apr	91	7223	foto mist 2 tndn	100.-
3	"	15/6	NPV apr	92	7344	foto op brst.	260.-

3	"	15/6	Riet.356	92	292	foto pracht ex.	260.-
3	"	15/6	Diet.543	92	2861	foto gebrek	160.-
3	"	15/6	Diet.546	93	2209	foto pracht ex.	820.-
3	"	15/6	Gasse 26	93	1169	foto dun stipje.	?
3	"	15/6	W&V 145	95	21	foto vrijwel pr.	210.-
3	"	15/6	NPV mrt	96	7224	klfo luxe ex.	380.-
3	"	15/6	Riet.367	96	104	foto pracht ex.	320.-
3	"	15/6	Diet.563	97	3454	foto briefstukje.	360.-
3	"	15/6	Diet.564	97	3643	foto 6A/177 pr. st	150.-
* 14	Amersfoort	15/6	Diet.511	84	210	foto prachtafst.	420.-
* 14	"	15/6	Diet.564	97	3644	foto 6B/183 pr. st.	160.-
* 15	Amsterdam	15/6	Riet.171	46	30	foto pracht ex.	
* 15	"	15/6	Diet.511	84	213	foto prachtstuk	440.-
* 25	"	15/6	Diet.405	64	793	foto prachtstuk	
* 25	"	15/6	WdV.142	95	33	foto vrijw.pracht	170.-
* 35	"	15/6	Diet.438	70	2038	foto prachtstuk	130.-
* 35	"	15/6	Diet.447	72	1929	foto prachtstuk	130.-
* 45	"	15/6	Diet.447	72	1930	foto " "	110.-
* 45	"	15/6Ba	Diet.467	75	2005	foto superbe	270.-
* 45	"	15/6	Riet.345	88	353	klfo prachtstuk	200.-
* 45	"	15/6	Riet.346	89	1018	foto ht.vouwtje	150.-
* 55	"	15/6	Riet.345	88	354	foto ronde hoek	140.-
* 55	"	15/6	Diet.536	90	2546	foto tand.gebr.	50.-
5	"	15/6	Diet.477	77	1925	foto prachtstuk	250.-
5	"	15/6	Diet.486	79	3181	foto zwaar stempel	
5	"	15/6	NPV sep	84	4630	foto tandgebrek	
5	"	15/6	Diet.521	85	2337	foto dun plekje	310.-
5	"	15/6	Riet.339	86	2091	foto ronde hoek	70.-
5	"	15/6A	Diet.523	86	2678	klfo pr. stempel	420.-
5	"	15/6	Gouda 17	87	1755	klfo zeer fraai	?
5	"	15/6	OPV 97	88	607	foto dun pl.Inz.	175.-
5	"	15/6	NPV okt	91	7113	foto pracht ex.	420.-
5	"	15/6	Diet.540	92	3097	foto vlekkerig	65.-
5	"	15/6	Diet.542	92	3064	foto prachtstuk	150.-
5	"	15/6	Diet.543	92	2864	foto fraai	130.-
* 16	Apeldoorn	15/6	Diet.447	72	1931	foto zeer fraai	130.-
* 16	"	15/6	Diet.511	84	215	foto prachtstuk	320.-
* 16	"	15/6	Diet.516	84	4151	foto prachtstuk	320.-
* 18	Arnhem	15/6	Diet.472	76	2191	foto sup.briefst.	420.-
* 18	"	15/6	Diet.543	92	2865	foto briefst.	360.-
8	"	15/6	Riet.214	56	512	foto pracht ex.	
8	"	15/6	Diet.517	84	730	foto prachtstuk	210.-
* 110	B.op Zoom	15/6	NPV okt	92	7152	klfo luxe	500.-
* 110	"	15/6	Riet.367	96	105	foto tand bijgew.	210.-
10	"	15/6	Diet.447	72	1932	foto superbe	400.-
10	"	15/6	Diet.511	84	216	klfo superbe	1350.-
* 113	Zaltbommel	15/6	Riet.132	37	167	foto pracht ex.	
* 113	"	15/6	NPV okt	91	7115	klfo pracht ex.	420.-
* 213	"	15/6	Diet.405	64	794	foto superbe.	
* 213	"	15/6	Diet.417	66	2151	foto superbe	130.-
* 213	"	15/6	Diet.474	76	2048	foto superbe	720.-
* 313	"	15/6	Diet.511	84	219	klfo superbe st	560.-
* 313	"	15/6	Diet.520	85	969	klfo luxe	1000.-
13	"	15/6	Diet.363	56	627	foto pracht ex.	
13	"	15/6	Riet.233	60	286	foto superbe	180.-

13	"	15/6	Diet.447	72	1933	foto superbe	180.-
13	"	15/6	Diet.472	76	2193	foto met gebrek	720.-
13	"	15/6	Diet.497	81	2145	klfo supe.stuk	500.-
13	"	15/6	Riet.337	86	1497	klfo pracht ex.	550.-
13	"	15/6	Diet.538	91	2467	klfo pracht st.	370.-
13	"	15/6	NPV apr	92	7345	klfo pr. ex.	300.-
13	"	15/6	OPV 119	92	959	foto gebreken	160.-
13	"	15/6	Diet.543	92	2866	foto luxe	540.-
13	"	15/6	NPV okt	96	7467	foto scheurtje ps.	60.-
13	"	15/6	Diet.563	97	3456	foto vrijwel pr.	230.-
* 1 14	Boxmeer	15/6	Riet.232	60	671	foto prachtstuk	36.-
* 1 14	"	15/6	NPV okt	91	7116	foto ger.hoek	70.-
14	"	15/6	Diet.439	70	1072	foto superbe k.K.	210.-
14	"	15/6	Diet.447	72	1934	foto superbe	440.-
15	Boxtel	15/6	Diet.511	84	220	foto luxe st.	500.-
16	Breda	15/6	Diet. 365	56	203	foto pracht ex.	42.-
19	Brummen	15/6	WdV. 95	86	162	foto vrijw. pr.	120.-
19	"	15/6	NPV okt	91	7117	foto min.k.tand	160.-
* 1 20	Culemborg	15/6	Diet.447	72	1935	foto prachtstuk	210.-
* 1 20	"	15/6	NPV okt	91	7118	foto bijna pr.	150.-
* 1 22	Delft	15/6	Diet.438	72	2045	foto korte tndjes	50.-
* 1 22	"	15/6	Diet.447	72	1936	foto stompe tand	100.-
* 1 22	"	15/6	Riet.365	95	174	foto vrijwel pr.	320.-
* 2 22	"	15/6	NPV jan	86	4393	foto pr.stuk	
* 2 22	"	15/6	Riet. 367	96	106	foto pracht ex.	420.-
22	"	15/6	Diet.511	84	221	foto pr.stuk	620.-
22	"	15/6	NPV okt	91	7119	foto bijna pr.	210.-
22	"	15/6	Diet. 563	97	3457	klfo pr.sup.afdr.	640.-
* 1 26	Doesburg	15/6	Riet. 233	60	287	klfo pracht ex.	
* 1 26	"	15/6	NPV okt	91	7121	klfo pracht ex.	350.-
* 1 26	"	15/6	NPV apr	92	7349	foto pracht ex.	320.-
* 2 26	"	15/6	Diet.543	92	2869	foto vrijw.pracht	210.-
* 2 26	"	15/6	Diet.549	94	2851	foto op briefst.	110.-
26	"	15/6	Diet.461	74	2353	foto prachtst.	360.-
26	"	15/6	NPV jun	80	2702A	foto superbe	
26	"	15/6	Diet.511	84	222	klfo superbe!	580.-
26	"	15/6	Diet.529	88	2394	foto fraai ex.kK	170.-
26	"	15/6	Diet.535	90	3253	foto pracht st.	620.-
26	"	15/6	Riet.355	91	349	foto vrijw.pr.	290.-
26	"	15/6	Diet.549	94	2850	foto dun hoekt.	190.-
26	"	15/6	Diet.562	96	2734	foto fraai stuk	220.-
27	Doetinchem	15/6	NPV apr	91	7226	klfo luxe	600.-
44	Den Haag	15/6	Limb.127	95	538	foto zr fraai niet verk.	
44	"	15/6	Gasse 30	95	315	foto vrijwel pr. n. verk.	
44	"	15/6	Gasse 31	95	242	foto pracht ex	250.-
44	"	15/6	NPV okt	91	7124	foto prachtex.	200.-
44	"	15/6	Diet.543	92	2872	foto gebreken	130.-
* 1 46	Haarlem	15/6	Diet.440	70	1817	foto prachtst.	80.-
* 1 46	"	15/6	Diet.447	72	1937	foto prachtst.	160.-
* 1 46	"	15/6	Diet.511	84	231	foto pracht st	240.-
* 2 46	"	15/6	Diet.490	80	2234	foto ronde hk	110.-

* 2 46	"	15/6	NPV okt	96	7469	foto ronde hoek	70.-
46	"	15/6	WdV 90	86	24	foto gebreken	130.-
51	Heerenveen	15/6	Diet.501	82	3362	foto scheurtje	55.-
52	Heerlen	15/6	NPV apr	91	7229	foto pr. afdruk	130.-
52	"	15/6	NPV okt	91	7126	foto pr.ex tand	170.-
52	"	15/6	Diet.540	92	3095	foto tand. gebr.	75.-
55	Helmond	15/6	Diet.447	72	1938	foto Superbe	310.-
57	Den Bosch	15/6	NPV okt	91	7128	foto gerepare.	140.-
* 1 62	Hoorn	15/6	Die 438	70	2062	foto superbe	300.-
* 1 62	"	15/6	Diet.447	72	1939	klfo superbe K.K.	360.-
* 2 62	"	15/6	NPV jun	86	1737	foto luxe.	
* 2 62	"	15/6	Riet. 337	96	108	klfo luxe dtuk	670.-
* 1 64	Kampen	15/6	Diet.478	77	2004	foto zeer fraai	370.-
* 1 64	"	15/6	WdV. 97	87	108	foto vrijw.pracht	250.-
* 1 67	Leeuwarden	15/6	Diet.433	69	2279	foto prachtstuk	120.-
* 1 67	"	15/6	Diet.447	72	1940	foto zr fraai	130.-
* 1 67	"	15/6	Diet.511	84	233	foto prachtstuk	240.-
* 1 67	"	15/6	NPV okt	96	7472	ronde hoek	280.-
67	"	15/6	Diet.485	79	847	foto fraai st.	270.-
67	"	15/6	NPV okt	81	770	foto fraai ex.	
67	"	15/6	WdV. 91	86	27	foto gebreken R	75.-
67	"	15/6	WdV. 139	94	54	foto fraai ex.	180.-
67	"	15/6	Diet. 563	97	3545	foto zie tanding	250.-
68	Leiden	15/6	NPV okt	96	7473	foto gebreken	40.-
* 1 70	Loenen	15/6	Diet.477	66	2153	foto onb.dun	180.-
* 1 70	"	15/6	Diet.511	84	234	foto Cley onb.dun	540.-
71	Maarszen	15/6	Diet.511	84	235	foto superbe st	550.-
* 1 74	Medemblik	15/6	Diet.365	56	204	foto luxe afst.	56.-
* 1 74	"	15/6	Diet.511	84	236	klfo luxe afst.	1050.-
74	"	15/6	Diet.563	97	3460	vrijwel pr.	200.-
75	Meppel	15/6	NPV apr	91	7232	foto mist hoek	50.-
77	Monnikend.	15/6	NPV okt	91	7146	foto prachtstuk	320.-
77	"	15/6	Mey 28	93	303	foto pr. ex. Inz	400.-
78	Naarden	15/6	NPV okt	91	7130	foto iets onfr.	--
* 1 88	Oudewater	15/6	Diet. 407	65	1486	foto pracht ex	
* 1 88	"	15/6	NPV apr	92	7360	foto min.gebr.	150.-
88	"	15/6	Diet. 563	97	3461	foto luxe stuktur.	500.-
* 1 89	Purmerend	15/6	NPV okt	81	773	foto gebreken	
* 1 89	"	15/6	NPV sep	82	4547	foto gebreken	
90	Roermond	15/6	NPV okt	91	7132	foto tand.verb.	100.-
* 1 91	Rotterdam	15/6	Diet.461	74	2355	foto fr.ex hoekv	170.-
* 1 91	"	15/6	Diet.511	84	242	foto prachtstuk	230.-
* 1 91	"	15/6	WdV. 99	87	71	foto hoekvouwjtje	

* 2 91	"paar	15/6pr!	Diet. 485	79	848	foto prachtpaar	980.-
* 2 91	"paar	15/6pr!	Riet. 339	86	2093	klfo luxe paar.	400.-
* 2 91	"paar	15/6	NPV okt	95	2477	foto briefstukje	700.-
* 3 91	"	15/6	Gouda 30	89	1319	foto gerepareerd	
* 3 91	"	15/6	OPV 119	92	967	foto gerepareerd	175.-
* 3 91	"	15/6	OPV 130	94	1564	foto gerepareerd	80.-
* 4 91	"	15/6	Gasse 31	95	254	foto vrijwel pr.	270.-
* 4 91	"	15/6	Gasse 34	97	1045	foto pracht ex.	470.-
91	"	15/6	Diet.349	53	144	foto pracht ex.	31.-
91	"	15/6	Riet.233	60	289	foto fraai ex.	
91	"	15/6	Diet.446	71	1699	foto fraai ex.	90.-
91	"	15/6	Diet.509	83	1613	foto prachtstuk	160.-
91	"	15/6	Riet.339	86	2092	klfo luxe	260.-
91	"	15/6	Diet.523	86	2679	foto prachtstuk	150.-
91	"	15/6	Diet.531	89	2179	klfo prachtstuk	280.-
91	"	15/6	Riet.354	91	320	foto pracht ex.	130.-
91	"	15/6	NPV okt	91	7134	foto gebrek	
91	"	15/6	Diet.543	92	2876	foto prachtstuk	300.-
* 1 96	Schoonhoven	15/6	Diet.511	84	243	foto prachtstuk	500.-
* 1 96	"	15/6	Riet.337	86	1496	klfo pracht ex.	280.-
* 1 9.9	Sneek	15/6	NPV okt	91	7137	foto tandgebrek	190.-
* 1 9.9	"	15/6	NPV okt	96	7474	klfo tandgebrek	1250.-
104	Tholen	15/6	NPV apr	92	7364	foto minder mooi	60.-
106	Tilburg	15/6	NPV okt	91	7139	foto prachtstuk	460.-
* 1 107	Utrecht	15/6	Diet.417	66	2154	foto kl. gebreken	190.-
* 1 107	"	15/6	Diet.511	84	246	foto superbe	220.-
* 2 107	"	15/6	Riet.304	77	138	foto prachtex.	260.-
* 2 107	"	15/6	Riet.345	88	356	foto prachtst kK	260.-
* 3 107	"	15/6	Riet.338	86	1259	klfo vlek.afdr.	400.-
* 3 107	"	15/6	Riet.340	87	1075	klfo vlekkerig	190.-
* 3 107	"	15/6	Riet.349	90	737	foto vlek.	150.-
107	"	15/6	Riet.355	91	350	foto vrijw.pracht	300.-
107	"	15/6	Diet.543	92	2879	foto zr fraai	150.-
107	"	15/6	Gasse 32	96	1150	foto zr fraai	110.-
112	Velp	15/6	Diet.563	97	3464	foto ged.stem."12"	130.-
121	Willemstad	15/6	Prive Coll. Schuring			foto prachtstuk	
* 1 124	Woerden	15/6	Diet.501	82	3392	klfo luxe stuk	290.-
* 1 124	"	15/6	Riet.338	86	1289	klfo superbe	260.-
* 2 124	"	15/6	Riet.357	92	226	klfo prachtstuk	500.-
* 2 124	"	15/6	Diet.540	92	3098	foto ondert.verb.	200.-
124	"	15/6	Diet.461	74	2354	foto prachtstuk	310.-
124	"	15/6	NPV okt	96	7476	klfo pracht ex.	640.-
* 1 126	Woudrichem	15/6	Riet.335	85	905	foto prachtstuk	600.-
* 1 126	"	15/6	Riet.338	86	1291	klfo prachtstuk	260.-
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126	"	15/6	WdV. 91	86	49	foto vrijw.pr.	140.-
128	Zaandam	15/6	WdV. 111	89	109	foto kleine gebr.	95.-
* 1 129	Zeist pair	15/6pr	Riet. 99	33	172	foto prachtpaar	
* 1 129	" pair	15/6pr	Diet.450	72	342	foto prachtpaar	400.-
* 1 129	" pair	15/6pr	Riet.337	86	1498	klfo pracht ex.	--

*1 129	"	pair	15/6pr	Diet.527	87	2081	klfo superbe paar	840.-
*2 129	"	pair	15/6pr	Riet.171	46	38	foyo pracht paar	.-
*2 129	"	pair	15/6pr	Diet.563	97	3465	klfo pracht paar	900.-
*1 129	"		15/6	Riet.100	33	81	foto pracht ex	
*1 129	"		15/6	Diet.511	84	250	foto prachtstuk	600.
*2 129	"		15/6	Diet. 415	66	848	foto pracht ex.	
*2 129	"		15/6	NPV feb	82	4327	foto pr.st.keur K.	
*3 129	"		15/6	NPV jun	86	1738	foto pr.afdruk	360.-
*3 129	"		15/6	Riet.367	96	111	klfo luxe ex.	420.-
*4 129	"		15/6	Riet.345	88	359	foto stomp tandje	80.-
*4 129	"		15/6	Riet.348	89	1109	foto pracht tand	190.-
*5 129	"		15/6	NPV okt	91	7144	foto nagetand	120.-
*5 129	"		15/6	Gasse 24	92	664	foto nagetand	
*6 129	"		15/6	WdV. 150	96	34	foto pracht ex.	190.-
*6 129	"		15/6	Gasse 34	97	1047	klfo Superbe ex.	310.-
129	"		15/6	Diet. 417	66	2155	foto prachtstuk	55.-
129	"		15/6	Diet.423	67	2669	foto prachtstuk	90.-
129	"		15/6	Diet.423	67	2670	foto prachtstuk	100.-
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129	"		15/6	Diet.443	71	1860	foto kl. gebrekenk	35.-
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129	"		15/6	Riet.338	86	1299	klfo luxe	280.-
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129	"		15/6	Gouda 10	86	1579	foto vrijwel pr. st.	
129	"		15/6	WdV. 90	86	74	foto tanding gebr.	130.-
129	"		15/6	WdV. 91	86	50	foto ronde hoek	
129	"		15/6	Diet.525	87	1743	foto hoekt.vouw	170.-
129	"		15/6	Lokv.24e	92	401	foto pr.ex cert.M.	230.-
129	"		15/6	NPV okt	92	7156	klfo pracht st.	800.-
129	"		15/6	Diet.543	92	2881	foto pracht	210.-
129	"		15/6	NPV apr	94	7315	foto ronde hoek	110.-
129	"		15/6	Gass 29	94	789	foto vettig Inz.	150.-
129	"		15/6	Gass 30	95	500	klfo prachtst In.	400.-
*1 130	Zevenaar		15/6	Diet.417	66	2156	foto luxe stuk	155.-
*1 130	"		15/6	Diet.511	84	251	foto luxe stuk	580.-
130	"		15/6	WdV. 90	86	75	foto gebreken	130.-
*1 135	Zwolle		15/6	Diet.440	70	1821	foto prachtst.	210.-
*1 135	"		15/6	Diet.447	72	1941	foto prachtst.	260.-
*2 135	"		15/6	NPV apr	92	7368	foto mooi ex.	240.-
*2 135	"		15/6	Riet.367	96	112	foto mooi ex.	370.-
135	"		15/6	Riet.338	86	1308	klfo pracht ex.	230.-
*1 136	A'dam-Emm		15/6	Diet.417	66	2157	foto sl. getand	105.-
*1 136	"		15/6	Diet.450	72	343	foto kl. gebreken	110.-
*2 136	"		15/6	Diet.511	84	253	foto prachtstuk	300.-
*2 136	"		15/6	NPV mei	85	569	foto pr. ex.	
136	"		15/6	NPV feb	82	4328	foto prachtstuk	
136	"		15/6	Diet.516	84	4156	foto pr. ex.	190.-
136	"		15/6	Riet.345	88	360	klfo pracht ex.	480.-
136	"		15/6	Riet.561	96	1991	klfo pracht ex.	480.-

zr fraai st = zeer fraai stuk = very nice copy
 gerand = clear w. nice margin
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 min.dun = minor thin spot nice
 aangesneden = no margin, cut into the picture
 gebreken = faults
 stemp = stempel = cancel

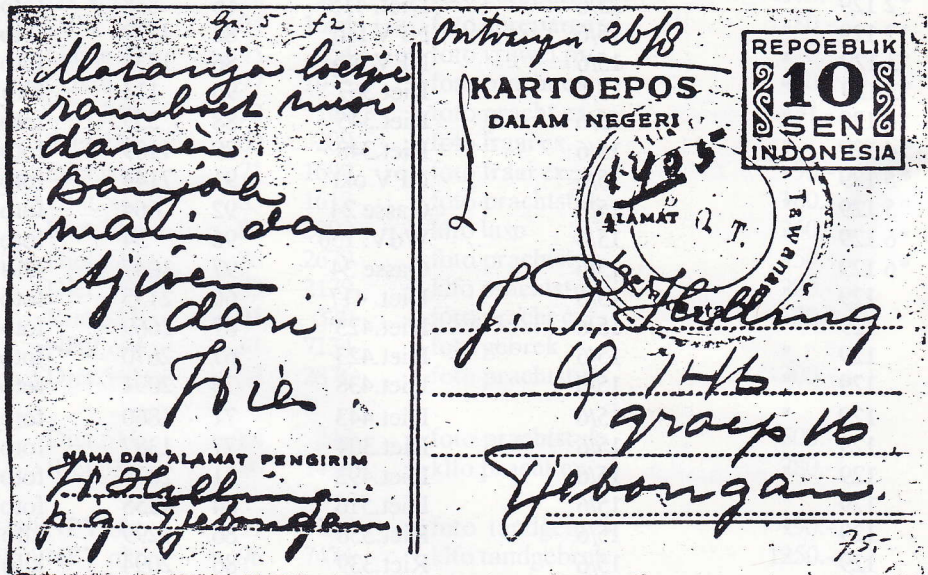
keur K. = expertized
 k.randen = kleine randen = small margins
 vlekkerig = with spots
 rechts kort = short on right hand side
 schaaftplek = 'thin spot
 foto = photo
 br r = brede rand = wide margin

Strange Bedfellows

by M. Hardjasudarna

Churchill reportedly once said: "There are no lasting enemies, only lasting interests". This pictorial essay portrays the trials and tribulations of the Europeans (mostly Dutch) interned by the Japanese who, following the latter's capitulation were suddenly thrown into a different yet ominously familiar situation.

Indonesians saw the Japanese surrender as a golden opportunity for long awaited independence. Within days they proclaimed their own sovereign state on August 17, 1945. Large areas, especially on Java and Sumatra, immediately became de facto Republican controlled. Since this made the situation quite uncertain for the internees, the Allied governments, including the Dutch, instructed them by radio to stay in the camps, and not to venture outside.



This Indonesian postal card (JV BK 9 / DN ; JK 10 / APPI) is correspondence between family members, probably from the wife to the husband, both internees in different sections of the same camp. The large round rubber stamp is from the Jogjakarta branch of the P.O.T. (Panitia Oeroesan Tawanan, or Committee for Prisoners Affairs). It was written on July 31, 1946, and was received an incredible 26 days later. It was written on July 31, 1946, and was received an incredible 26 days later. It bears no postal markings.

dun = thin
 duid.st. = duidelijk stuk = clear copy
 Klfo = color foto.
 tandscheurtje = small perf. tear
 nagetand = re-perfed
 fris g. ger = fris goed
 dun plekje = thin spot
 mooi gec. = nicely centered
 min. gebr. = minimaal gebruikt = light cancel
 bijna pr. = bijna prachtig = close to very
 gerepareerd = restored
 pr.afdr. = pracht afdruk = beautiful copy
 op cover = on cover
 links krt GM = left short ??
 vage afdr = weak copy
 voll.stem. = volledig stempel = complete cancel
 nagen. luxe = nagenoeg luxe = practically lux
 mind.mooi = minder mooi = not so nice
 prachtst. = pracht stuk = prst. = pr.stuk = nice copy
 hor.vouw = horizontale vouw = horizontal
 vuil = dirty
 mooi = nice
 li. vouw = lichte vouw = slight fold
 ronde hoek = round corner

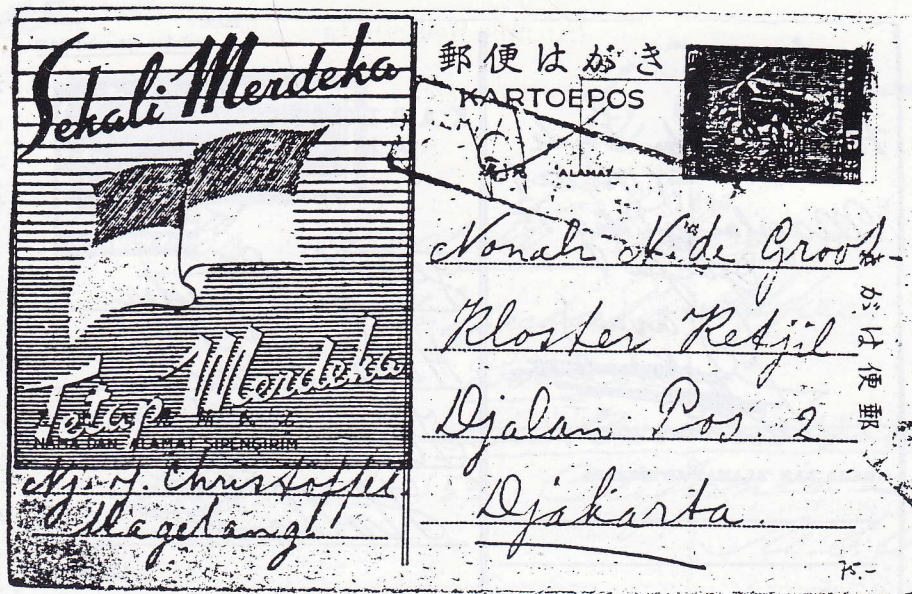
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 Overijsselse Postz.veiling BV (since 1986) nr 90, Enschede
 Postzegelveiling Limburg (since 1995) nr 127, Tegelen
 Rietdijk BV Postzegelveiling (since 1967) nr 263, Den Haag
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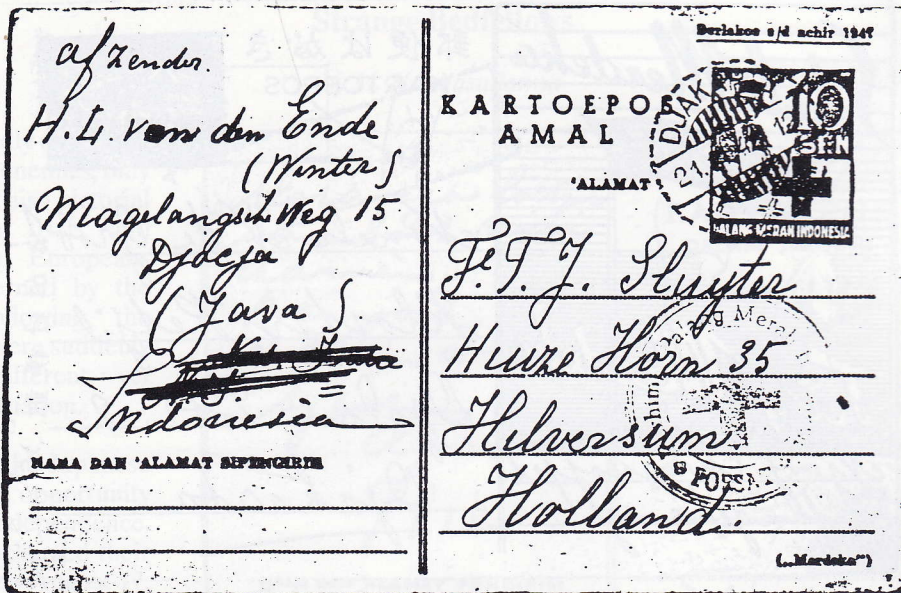
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A Japanese Field Postcard recycled for civilian use by imprinting the 5 sen stamp. The Indonesians then recycled it a second time for their own use and propaganda by printing the large, red cachet on the left portraying their red-and-white flag and the slogan "Once free, forever free!" It is unlisted in the DN ("Dai Nippon") catalogue. APPI shows a variant under JK 9D. For good measure some Japanese indicia were blackened out by hand. The poorly stamped black rectangle reads "Republik Indonesia / P.T.T." (Postal, Telegraphic and Telephone Services). It was written in Magelang (central Java) on March 18, 1946, and bears no postal cancels. The addressee lived in the large complex of buildings owned by the Catholic church in (by then Dutch controlled) Djakarta/Batavia.



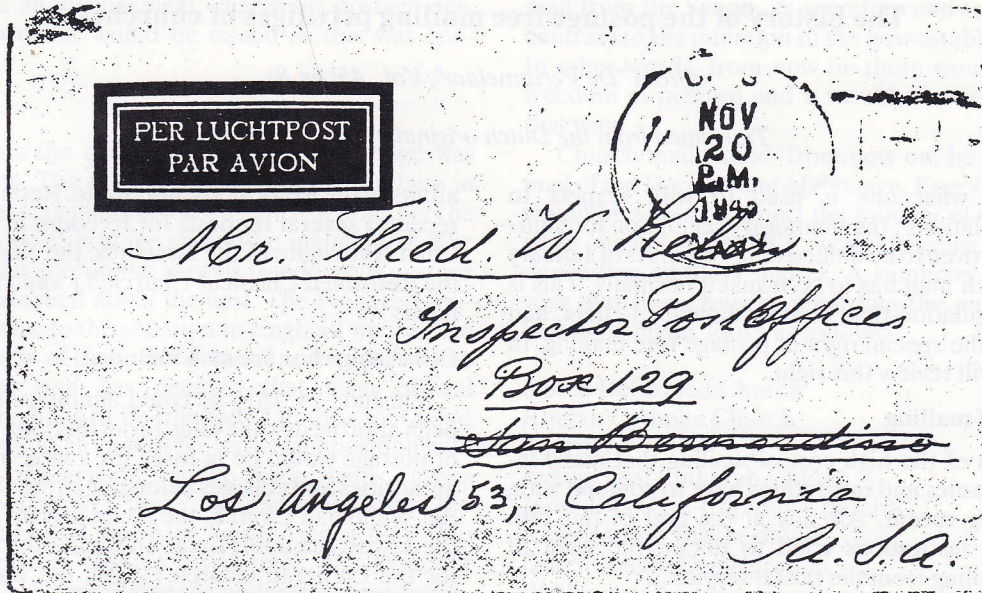
Special delivery of the "Wounded Soldier" 10 sen postal card (JV BK 14 / DN; JK 16 A / APPI) from the same address as above. The letter was written on October 18, 1946, and mailed from the Indonesian post office in Djakarta 10 days later. Although Dutch post offices also functioned in that city, the sender preferred the Indonesian, since the card was for a woman in Indonesian held territory.



A (lighter) color variant of the preceding postal card (many are known), written in Djokjakarta on September 30, 1946, and through the mediation of the Central Office of the Indonesian Red Cross Society (round rubber stamp) carried to Djakarta, where it was mailed from the Republican post office on November 21, 1946 to Holland. This was the only postal card written in English, all others in this article were in Indonesian. A Dutch letter would have probably been returned or confiscated. Note that Ned. Indie was crossed out and replaced by Indonesia.



A good example of mutually exclusive political (and by extension, philatelic) control, this Republican postal card (JV BK 10 / DN; JK 11 / APPI) was first mailed from Pekalongan (central Java) on January 8, 1947 and intended for Dutch held Soerabaja (east Java). It was intentionally detoured via Djakarta, very likely received by the Indonesian post office in that town, and delivered to the addressee locally. Honoring the request of the sender, he then proceeded to affix (U.S. printed) Netherlands Indies stamps prepaying the postcard rate of 3 1/2 c, and mailed it from the Dutch post office (Australian type Batavia - Centrum cancel of January 13, 1947) to Soerabaja, where the arrival cancel was placed on January 16. This is the only example in this article not from or for Europeans/Dutch.



Finally, the cover that started it all. I owe Theo Van Dam (Anaheim, CA) for bringing this to my attention. It still contains the long letter written to her American friend by a Dutch woman in Republican held Bandoeng (west Java) on October 31, 1945. She described the unrest in that city, having her house surrounded by some 100 armed Indonesians, who then searched it for Japanese. She mentioned the 7 Japanese soldiers and their officer armed with tommy guns, who protected her ("...first they are our enemies, and now they are our friends, fighting for us, and fighting good for us."), and also gave her food and clothing. The envelope received a U.S. Navy cancel of November 20, and was backstamped San Bernardino, CA, December 13. The letter was probably smuggled out of Bandoeng to Allied-held territory. However, U.S. Navy cancels of this period are only known for several points in west New Guinea. This letter obviously did not have to make it that far, and must have been handed to a visiting U.S. naval vessel in the nearest port, most likely Djakarta/Batavia. By what means, and why it was accepted for further transportation, with no stamps attached, and no postage due levied, will probably forever remain a mystery. Or, can anybody send unfranked letters to a U.S. postal inspector?

NOTE

APPI - see reference # 4
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The history of the postage free mailing privileges of churches

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Contrary to what one is used to with respect to 'temporary regulations', the temporary regulation for churches has been proven to be indeed temporary. As of January 1, 1994 all church mail has to be franked normally. This is the end of a regulation that, starting January 1, 1894, had given churches the special right of postage free mailing. In this article we will review this right.

The high cost of mailing

The problem of the high cost of mailing that many individuals, companies and institutions have to contend with, is not something recent. Already at the end of the 18th century several institutions tried to obtain the right of postage free mailing from the postal service.

When the Postal regulations of 1807 became effective several matters were put in order. Clause 5 of these regulations states, "No freedom or reduction of postage will be allowed except in the case of packages or letters addressed to Municipal Councils or Magistrates, with the seal or cachet of the Constitutional Authorities of the Kingdom affixed to them. For these only the single postage rate will be paid without consideration of weight. This exemption does not extend to letters addressed to Members of other Organizations or Ministers of the Diplomatic corps, even if the required seal or cachet is affixed on these letters or packages."

Special status

The churches, who would have liked to be included in clause 5 of the postal regulations, were this time left holding an empty bag. However, after the restoration of Independence in 1813 the situation seemed to have changed in their favor. The Constitution of 1815 mentioned the special position the Dutch Reformed Church would hold. Clauses 136 through 138 indicate the obligation of the federal government to ensure that the church would be financially secure.

Royal Decree

One of the results was that the postage free right would also be granted to the Dutch Reformed Church. On May 26, 1816, The Postmaster-General, Van Pallandt Van Keppel, presented a draft of a Royal Decree to King Willem I, that would lay the foundation for the churches' freedom of postage. This happened at the request of the Governor-General of Education, Arts and Sciences, Repelaer van Driel, who was temporarily responsible for the

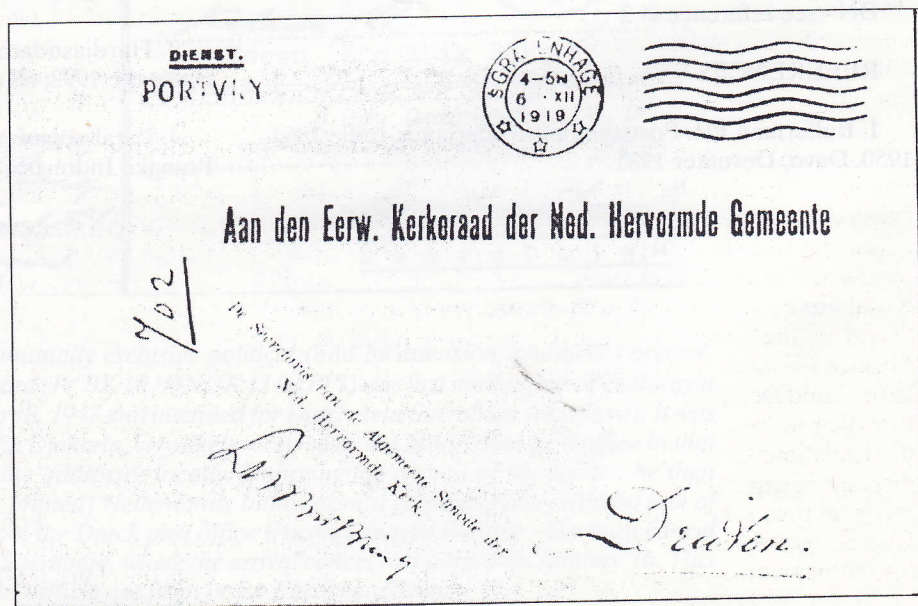
affairs of the Reformed Church, etc. Repelaer van Driel had received several requests for freedom of postage from the Chief Rabbinate of the Israelites, the Walloon Committee, the Reformed Classical Church(?) and Provincial Government.

Other churches are also included

On June 24, 1816 he could announce that the draft had been approved by the king. From this time a church freedom of postage would be in force for a large number of church authorities and colleges belonging to the Reformed Church, the Wallonian Church, the Remonstrant Brotherhood and the Jewish religion. (Later on similar decrees would follow for the Lutheran Church (1819), the Baptists (1825), the Roman Catholic Church (1830) and the Restored Evangelical Lutheran Church (1836). (The Calvinistic Church (Gereformeerde Kerk) never had postal freedom). A schedule was formulated that showed exactly who was allowed freedom of postage and to what extent. Among other things, the churches had to content with the following restrictions:

- letters could never be deposited in a mail-box but they had to be presented at the postoffice.
- anyone who was entitled to use this right, except the Director-General and his legal council, had to put a wrapper around the letters and ensure that the name of the sender and his function were clearly marked on each letter. All letters sent to Boards and qualified persons had to be counter signed.
- under no circumstances was private material allowed to be included in the letters.

If there was any doubt with respect to the last restriction, the postal authorities were allowed to open the envelope



and, if there was an infringement, charge for postage due. In addition, a warrant would be issued as this was considered fraud.

Discussion

Over the years the churches' freedom of postage was debated regularly. The (lower) Chamber held a debate in 1870 on new postal regulations. It was unclear whether the churches' freedom of postage should be maintained. The Cabinet wanted to abolish the various freedoms of postage as they were concerned about the cost. The Finance Minister made reference to the situation in England where, "the misuse that is made of these freedoms of postage has come to a point that one has decided that even official Governmental mail has to be franked". On the other hand it was his opinion that, in view of the important position held by the church congregations in the Netherlands, it was unacceptable to deprive "those congregations from the freedom of postage that they have enjoyed since 1815". He indicated furthermore that, in his opinion, the churches were entitled to freedom of postage under the constitution, even if this was not spelled out implicitly. "I submit that when, after 1815, the calculations were made for the costs required to manage the church congregations, the then existing freedom of postage was probably taken into account". Eventually, with a 30 to 1 vote, it was decided that the churches would keep their freedom of postage.

Revoked

During 1891, 1907, 1914 and 1917 changes were made to the postal regulations, however, during the parliamentary debates the churches' freedom of postage was not discussed. The Minister of Public Works, who had the responsibility for the postal services, wrote in a letter, dated March 27, 1920, to the other ministers that, with some exceptions, freedom of postage was going to be abolished. In fact only the freedom of postage for the Royal House, the PTT and "for the time being: the so-called churches' freedom of postage, in anticipation of the eventual revision of the financial relations between the Government and the church congregations" would be maintained. The Minister wondered if the freedom of postage for the churches were to be abolished the government would have to reimburse the churches in view of the previously mentioned clause in the constitution.

It would take years before it became clear how to revoke the freedom of postage. At one particular instant it was even considered to allow the churches the use of official service (dienst) stamps, which was rejected by the House. Finally a decision was made that, starting January 1, 1924 all freedom of postage would be revoked, except for members of the Royal House and the PTT. The secretary of the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church inquired by the Finance Minister about this, who gave a detailed reply in a letter dated December 22, 1923, "I do not share your opinion that the revocation (of the freedom of postage) is contrary to regulations in the Constitution. However, to meet the increase in expenditures of the Church congregations arising from this, it has been decided that the cost of mailing Church related postal pieces, by the therefore qualified institutions and governing boards, will be included in the budget of my Department. (...) Complete freedom for all

mail from the Synod, its secretary and treasurer would be contrary to the intention of the now established regulation". In other words, from now on there would be a restricted freedom of postage and it would also no longer be called that way.

Church mail would, from now on, be mailed as official mail of the Department of Finance. Every year the churches would be asked to report the number of postal pieces that were mailed. The PTT would receive a compensation depending on these figures. A summary for 1955, the last year that these returns regarding the number of mailings had to be made, looks as follows:

Dutch Reformed Church	Fl. 15,962.48
Roman Catholic Church	Fl. 9,229.07
Baptists	Fl. 1,316.84
Evangelical Lutheran Church	Fl. 706.24
Jansenists (Old-Catholic Church)(?)	Fl. 439.75
Remonstrant Brotherhood	Fl. 399.25
Dutch Jewish Congregation	Fl. 153.11
Wallonian Church	Fl. 84.56
Portugese Jewish Congregation	Fl. 10.92
<u>Restored Evangelical Lutheran Church</u>	<u>Fl. 7.79</u>
Total:	Fl. 28,310.01

This sum came to approximately .4% of the total compensation paid by the government (Departments) to the PTT during 1955. This was determined based upon the statements from the churches and a statistical average, determined by the PTT, of all governmental mail. This compensation increased quite rapidly over the years. In 1963 Fl. 46,000.00 was paid to the PTT which however still amounted to the same previously quoted .4%.

Royal Commission

Towards the end of the sixties, an increasing number of voices were raised to abolish all existing freedoms of postage. The Royal Commission on Public Worship, also known as the Van Warren Commission, reported in 1967, when a revision was discussed of the 1815 clause of the Constitution, several points of view regarding the churches' freedom of postage. It was concluded that the question of freedom of postage was so closely tied to that constitutional clause, that it could not be solved that simply. If a general compensation to the churches would be awarded, based upon the size of the membership, then the freedom of postage could be abolished. If not, then the freedom of postage could only be abolished if the churches were compensated. The government was of the opinion, based upon a statement by Finance Minister Witteveen, that a 'buy out' should be made which would cost about 1.5 million guilders.

New law

It would take many more years before everything was settled. The law of December 7, 1983 contained a financial settlement where the government would make a one-time payment in favor of the churches' retirement funds. The new law to terminate the financial relation between Church and State took effect on July 1, 1984. But, on January 1st of that year, service (official) mail had been abolished. As the mail from the churches fell into this category, a special emergency law was required to allow the churches to still use this

until July 1st of that year. The old service envelopes were stamped with "Tijdelijke frankeerregeling kerken" ("Temporary mail regulation for the churches"). During this time negotiations took place to establish a definitive regulation regarding franking. Eventually a transition regulation came into effect valid until January 1, 1994. This meant that, until that date, the churches could still send their mail postage free. The regulation was valid only for in-country mail and for pieces not requiring special services such as express and/or registered mail. A cancel "Tijdelijke frankeerregeling Kerken" had to be put on the postal pieces as well as the name of the sending authority complete with address, postal-code and place of residence.

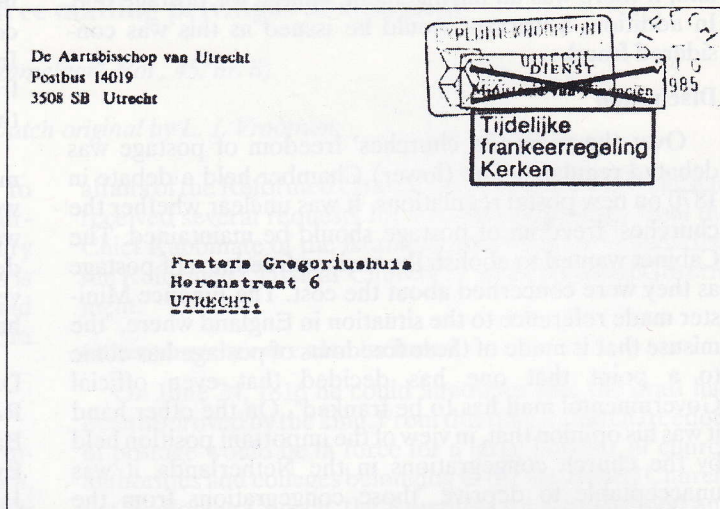
The end

As of January 1, 1994 all church mail is franked normally. The diocese of Roermond has purchased a cancellation machine; at other places one uses stamps. Because of the costs involved, the diocese of Haarlem for instance has urged their employees, in writing, to limit the amount of mail to be sent out. Some Parishes have been requested to establish a central mailing address, in order to be able to handle outgoing mail as economically as possible .

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