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ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY

This registered cover to Italy is endorsed "Via Jacmel"
- where the Royal Mail steamers called - and "p(er) S/S
Royal Mail". No mention of ship's name, no cachet.
Route: by sea to England then overland.

Stamps cancelled with double ring Port-au-Prince
c/s dated 5 November 1900, no transit marks but
backstamped on arrival at Naples.

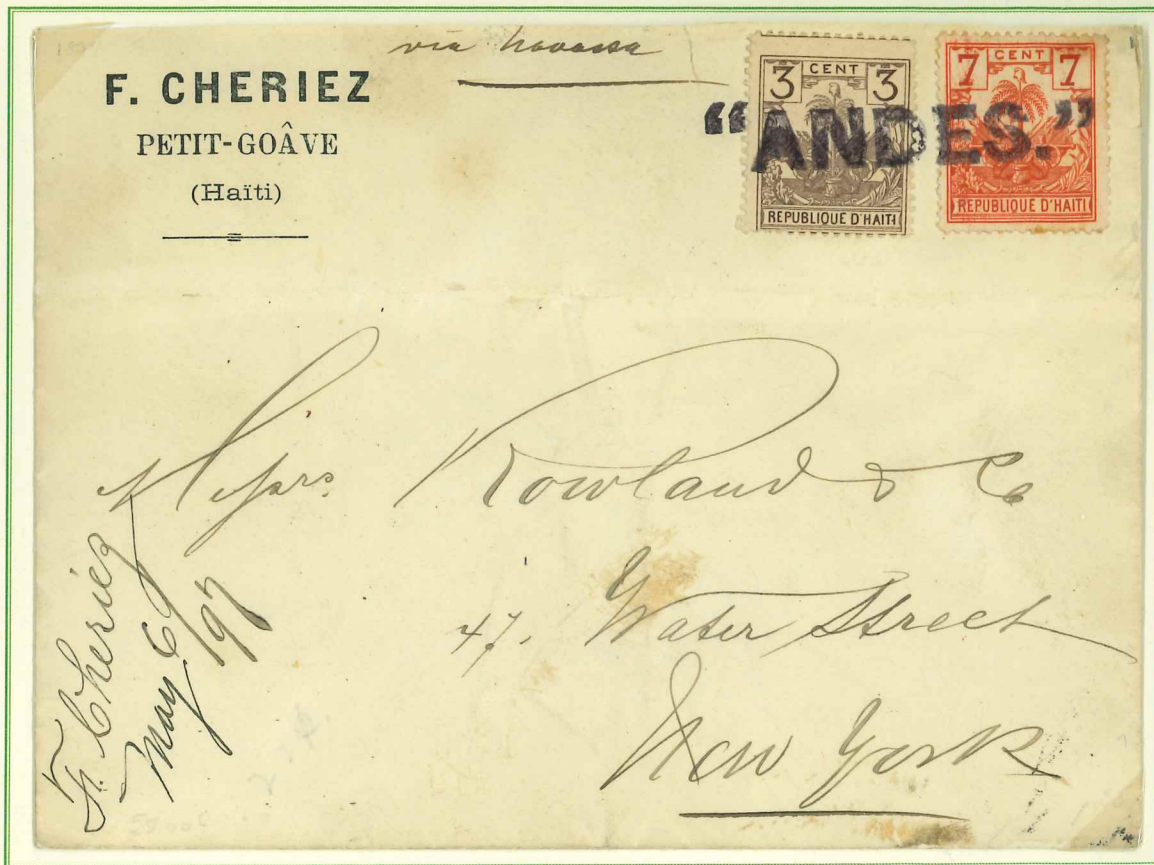
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The British owned Atlas Line



6 May 1897, from Petit Goave to New York. A commercial cover put on board the S. S. Andes franked with a single 3 centimes and a single 7 centimes of the 'Palm' type cancelled by the handstamp of the ship. Endorsed 'via Havana'. HAPAG purchased the British Atlas Line with seven fruit carrying ships in May 1901 and resold that company in August 1902.

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THE HAMBURG AMERIKANISCHE PAKETFAHRT ACTIEN GESELLSCHAFT (H.A.P.A.G.)

The Hamburg Amerikanische Paketfahrt Actien Gesellschaft (H.A.P.A.G.) was established in 1847, but the West Indies line was inaugurated only late in 1870, actually the first packet left Hamburg in January 1871. Many of the ships had their own individual handstamp for marking the mail posted on board. Postage stamps, when present, were usually cancelled with a red or blue pencil, by pen, or with postmarks and cancellations invented by the local agents.



28 December 1903, on board the S. S. Bolivia, addressed to Brest, delivered on 21 January. Bolivia ex Barmen, was purchase in Hamburg in May 1894, sold to Bugsier Schwinge in 1918, delivered to England after the war in 1919, bought back in 1921 and finally demolished in 1924 in Lübeck.



21 March 1903, on board the S. S. Flandria addressed to Hannover, in transit at New York on 27 March, delivered on 6 April 1903. The front showing the Paquebot handstamp (Hosking n° 950) struck in New York. The ship was traded at Furness in 1906, bought back in 1907, sold to Turkey in 1908 as 'Hedjin', and sank in the Black Sea on 13 November 1909.

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HAMBURG-AMERIKANISCHE-PAKETFAHRT-AKTIEN-GESELLSCHAFT :
(HAPAG)

Formed in 1848 for the New York service from Hamburg operations were extended in 1871 to include the West Indies. In 1901 HAPAG purchased the British owned ATLAS Line with seven fruit carrying ships. Many of the ships had their own individual cachets for marking mail posted onboard. Examples of some of those used are shown below.



ATHOS cachet in blue used with a New York PAQUEBOT mark in black on 1896 issue.



The ATHOS was built for the Atlas line in 1879, sold by HAPAG in 1904 and sank in 1905.



Cachet in blue on 5c value of 1906 issue, President Alexis.



The ALLEMANNIA was built in 1892 and purchased by HAPAG in 1905. Seized by U.S.A in 1917.



Cachet in purple on 20c value of 1904, President Alexis, issue.



The ALBINGIA was built in 1893 and purchased by HAPAG in 1905. She was seized by USA in 1917.



Unknown Ships.

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HAMBURG AMERIKA LINIE,

DEC 18 1904

ATLAS DIENST — D. ALENE.



This large cachet, on board of several ship, was also used to cancel postage stamps. (R. Rego 2005, like type 2135).



Cachet of the S. S. ALENE, built in 1880, taken over with the Atlas fleet in 1901 and sold in 1906.

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15 April 1899, on board the S. S. Castilia addressed to Le Havre. Part of the postage stamps cancelled with the straight line handstamp 'CASTILIA' in blue, the others marked with a pen cross.

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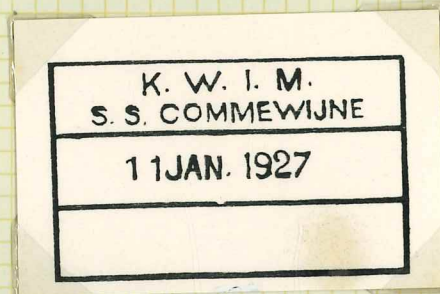
KONINKLIJKE WEST-INDISCHE MAILDIENST

(KWIM)

KWIM was formed on 30 April 1883 to provide a steam ship service from Holland to Surinam and Curacao, monthly sailings starting in March 1884. Haitian ports were included from 1888. A merger with KNSM was completed in 1927. Examples of individual Ship cachets:-



This cachet, and others very similar, was used by nine K.W.I.M. steamers.



Two different types of cachet from S.S. COMMEWIJNE



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KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSCHE STOOMBOT MAATSCHAPPIJ
(KNSM)

Unboxed, Single-line, Ship name Handstamps



JUNO: In service 1908 - 1948.
These undated examples in
purple must be later than 1924
Sep (above) and 1931 Oct.



TRANJANUS: In service 1930-59.
This example in purple.



DOURO: In service 1937-1954.
This example in purple or dark
blue is perhaps early usage - the
stamp issued in 1935 predates the
ship.

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KONINKLIJKE WEST-INDISCHE MAILDIENST

Registered cover to France dated 31 August 1917 with Port-au-Prince c.d.s. and "R" in rectangle and manuscript registration number. Postage 20c. Endorsed in pen with "Per SS Pr. Willem I, via New York." No ship's cachet. This PRINS Willem I was the third ship of the name in the K.W.I.M. and was in service from 1901 to 1920.

Per s/s "Pr. Willem I" via New York.

BANQUE NATIONALE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE D'HAÏTI
PORT-AU-PRINCE

s/s "Prins Willem I"

Via New York

RECOMMANDÉ



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BANQUE NATIONALE DE LA REPUBLIQUE D'HAÏTI

55 Rue de Châteaudun



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P A R I S .

France.

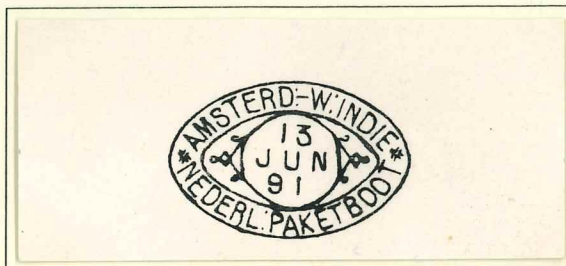
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KONINKLIJE NEDERLANSCH E STOOMBOOT MAATSCHAPPIJ

K N S M

The Dutch ship company K.N.S.M issued this kind of oval datestamps to nine of their ships but by August 1915 was retained only on board of the Prins Willem.



19 October 1907, from Port au Prince addressed to Havre via New York, on board the 'Prins Willem' as endorsed in front of the cover. Rated 5 centimes of Piastres issued under the President Nord Alexis. The stamps denominated in Piastre were issued for the mail sent abroad.

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PAQUEBOT KONINKLIJKE WEST-INDISCHE MAILDIENST

Wartime German Red Cross picture postcard showing The Kaiser, addressed to Germany. Carried onboard one of the KWIM ships (neutral Dutch) as a way of beating the British blockade, and with ship's cachet dated 7 November 1915. Stamp has a faint cancellation, perhaps Willemstadt (Curacao) - paquebot usage.



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KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSCHE STOOMBOOT MAATSCHAPPIJ —
K.W.I.M./K.N.S.M.

Letter from Port au Prince to USA with 10c stamp cancelled onboard the S.S. ORANJE NASSAU on 7th March 1929. This shows the KWIM marking remaining in use after the full merger of that Company with KNSM in 1927



SS ORANJE NASSAU (3,721 grt) was in service with KWIM and KNSM from building in 1911 to 1939.

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KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSCHE STOOMBOOT MAATSCHAPPIJ: (KNSM).

Two pieces, one at 25c and the other at 40c to Holland, showing examples of the KNSM SS AMOR handstamp dated 16 January 1939, each also cancelled with New York PAQUE BOT dated 23 January.



ROYAL NETHERLANDS STEAMSHIP COMPANY
(Compagnie Royale Néerlandaise de Navigation)

J. B. VITAL & Co. SGR
J. B. VITAL & Co. SGR (HAÏTI).



KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSCHE STOOMBOOT MAATSCHAPPIJ N. V.

Postbus No.209

AMSTERDAM :-

The AMOR remained in service for another year until mined and sunk in the southern North Sea on 11 March 1940.

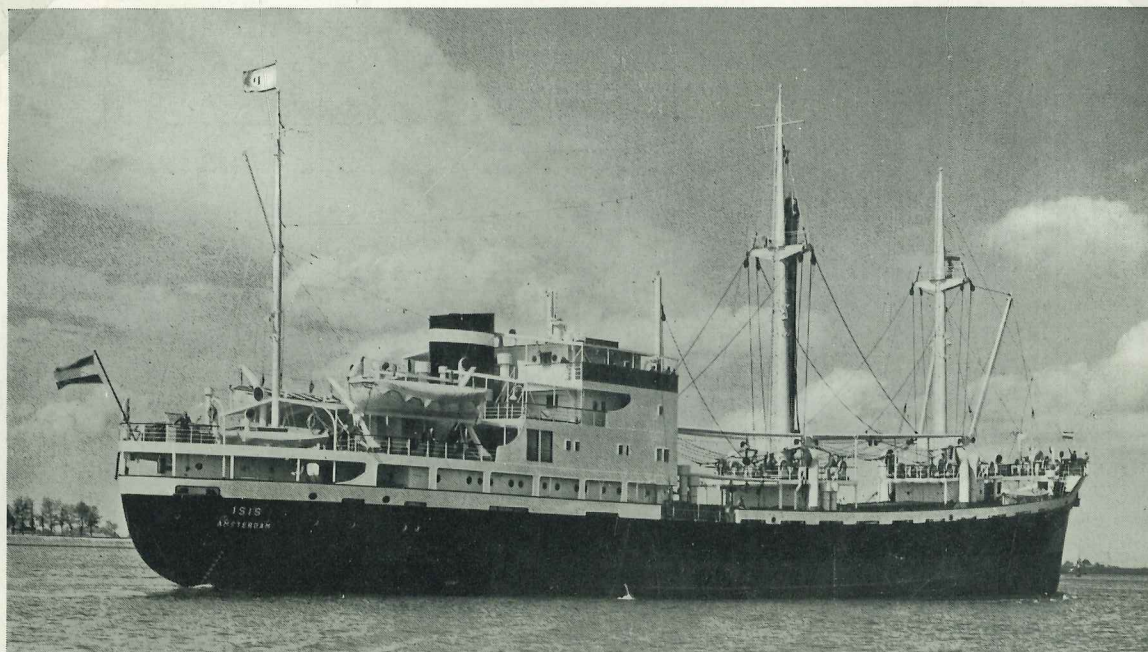
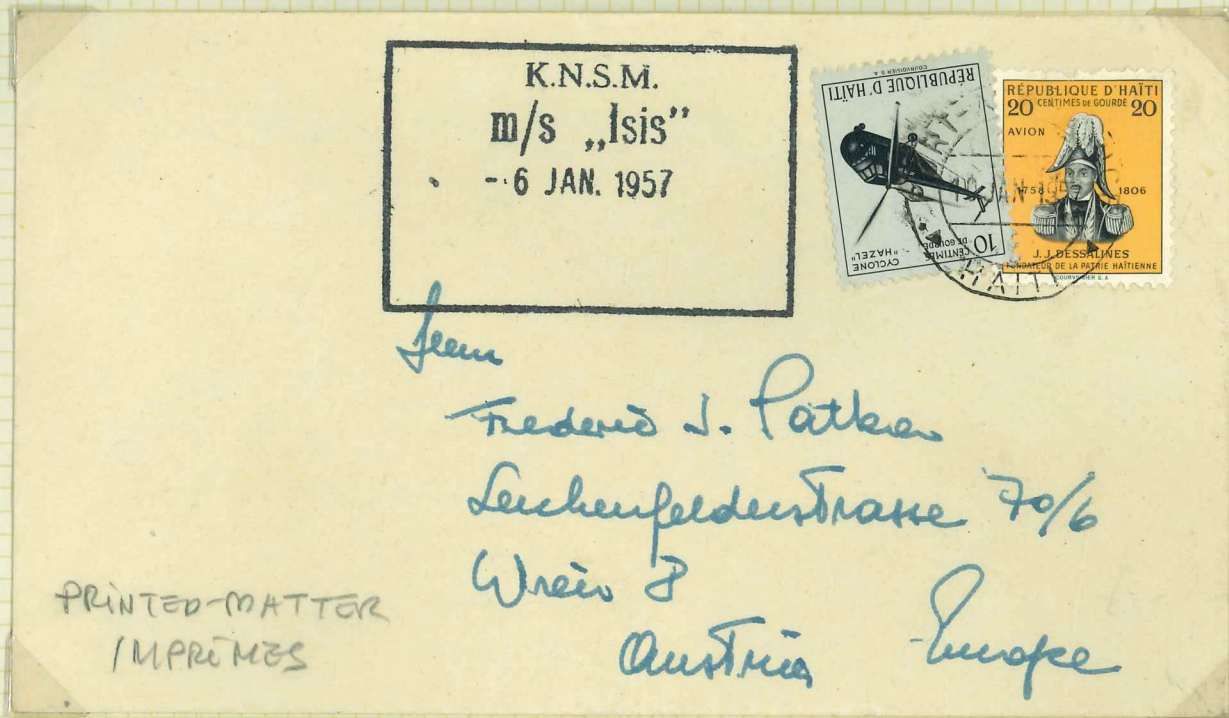
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KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSCHE STOOMBOT MAATSCHAPPIJ (K.N.S.M.):

Cover addressed to Austria with 20c postage plus 10c obligatory tax required by the Haitian P.O. both cancelled at Port-au-Prince on 10 January 1957.

Single box type of K.N.S.M. cachet of M/S Isis added earlier, dated 6 January 1957.



CARGO MOTORSHIP "ISIS,"

3,850 tons dw., built by Gebr. Pot, Bolnes, for the Royal Netherlands Steamship Co., Amsterdam

In service 1955 to 1970.

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COLUMBIAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CORP.

KNSM letter to Holland with Haiti 25c stamp with New York Paquebot cancellation dated 13 March 1933 and circular cachet of the SS HAITI. Also endorsed "per Haiti". On reverse there is the seal of the General Inspectorate, Port-au-Prince of the Compagnie Royale Netherlandaise de Navigation, Amsterdam.

KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSCHE
STOOMBOOT-MAATSCHAPPIJ N.V.
ROYAL NETHERLANDS STEAMSHIP CO.
CIA. REAL HOLANDESA DE VAPORES

per "Haiti"



Royal.

Het Scheepvaarthuis,

AMSTERDAM,

Holland.



C. 48. 10.000 2-'30. G.

The S.S. HAITI (5236 grt) of the Columbian Line was built in 1932 and registered in New York.

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COLUMBIAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CORP.

Letter to U.S.A. from Port-au-Prince on
14 December 1936 with bilingual "coffee slogan"
and cachet of the S.S. PASTORES.



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PAQUEBOT.

Commercial cover to Chicago and cancelled
with New York Paquebot marking (Hoskins
type 957) dated 21 May 1934.



Stamp cancelled in the Panama Canal Zone
on arrival aboard the SS ANCON of the
Panama Rail-Road Co. on 25 July 1928. The
ANCON (built 1902, 9640 grt) was one of 6
steamers operated by the Company from New
York to South & Central America.

