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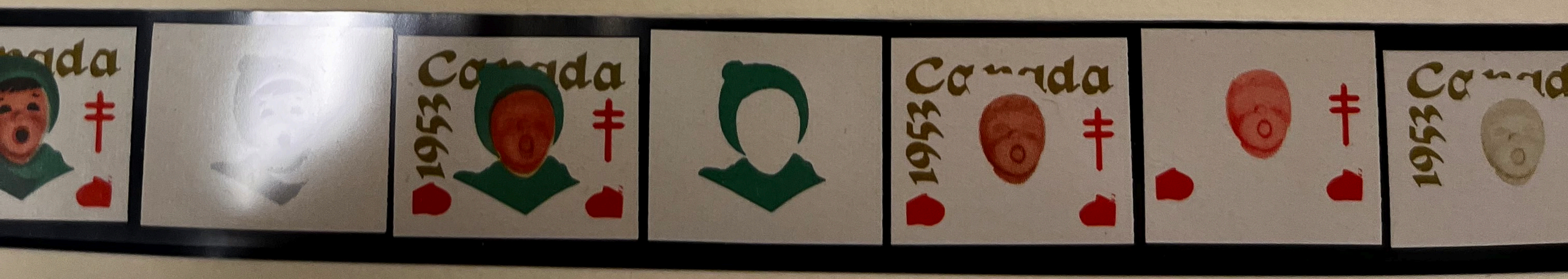
6.1 Christmas Seals.

Charity seals in the form of imperf blocks, progressive colour proofs and other varieties have made their way onto the collectors market over the years at premium prices. As to whether this brought increased financial benefits to the relevant charities is a matter of conjecture. In any event the striking colours and variety of these progressive proofs makes them very collectable indeed.



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For you at
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Love Kay
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Received One Penny The Cripples Help Society
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CARE OF SPASTICS
HAPPY DAYS
GREETINGS
OPEN AT XMAS
Christmas Greetings
RECEIVED ONE PENNY TO HELP SPASTICS
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Lesson 8
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56 **SANTA CLAUS TOPICALS**

★B Blocks of four never hinged of three early U.S. tuberculosis seals all showing the portrait of Santa Claus, the first being from Louisiana in 1928 and the other two being from Virginia in 1935 and 1937. These are attractive and hard to find early non Red Cross seals. ..... Est. 25.00

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BONNE SANTÉ

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1929

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SEASON'S GREETINGS 1934

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May BEST WISHES
and sweet
Remembrances
welcome You this
festive season
Ringing in the
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GREETINGS &
the NEW YEAR
Joys

Merry Christmas
Love you Always
Papa and Grandpa

Happy Christmas

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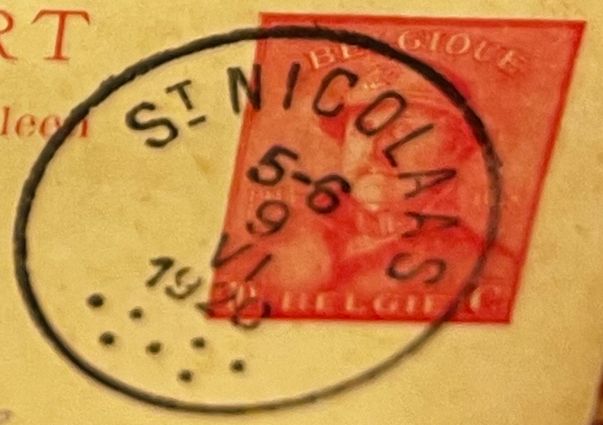

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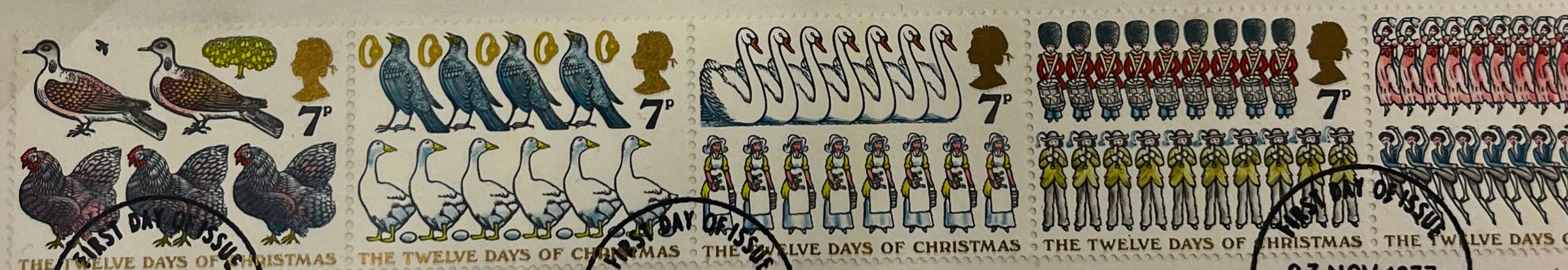

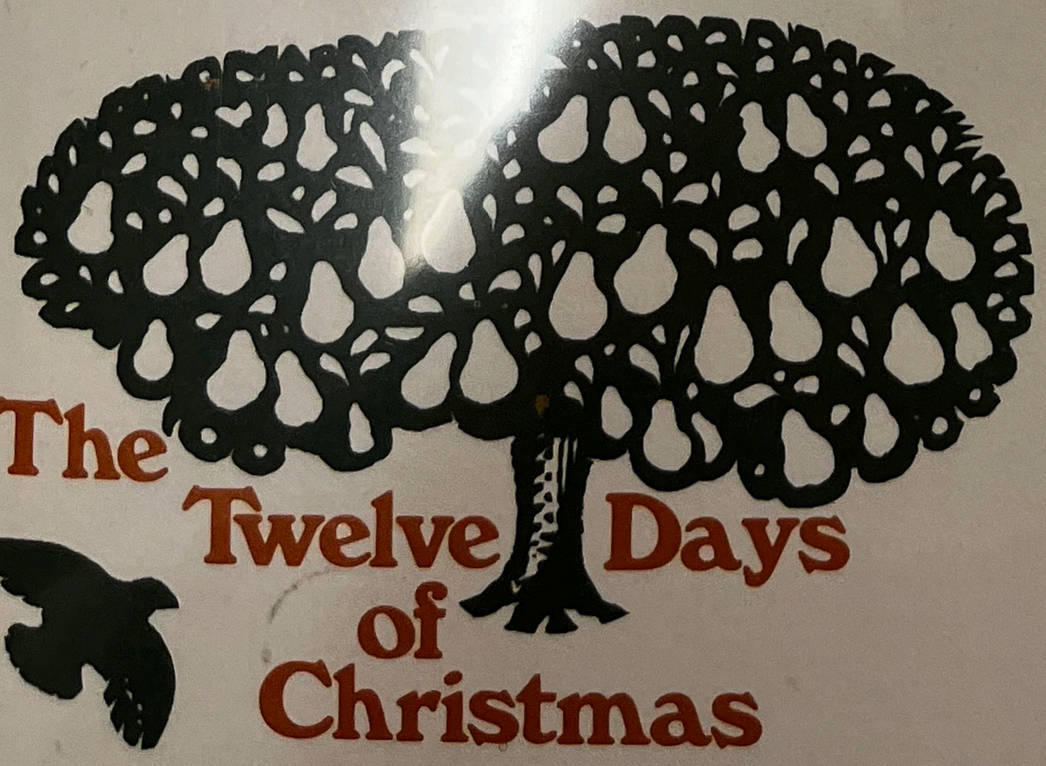

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4-4-2 'PRECURSOR' - 1916 (MFG. FOR BASSETT-LOWKE)
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GREAT WESTERN 'KING GEORGE V' - 1937
MARKLIN BRITISH
GUYANA $45
1-GAUGE (1 1/4") LIVE STEAM MODEL
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BING 4-4-0 SIDE TANK ENGINE - 1904
GUYANA $45
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MARKLIN SHORT-NOSE STEEPLECAB - 1912
GUYANA $45
MARKLIN 'DER ADLER' OF 1825,
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An Oriental celebration of Christmas

PERFIN DELIGHTS! FOR CHRISTMAS

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Hongkong Post 香港郵政

3.2 The Joys of Christmas

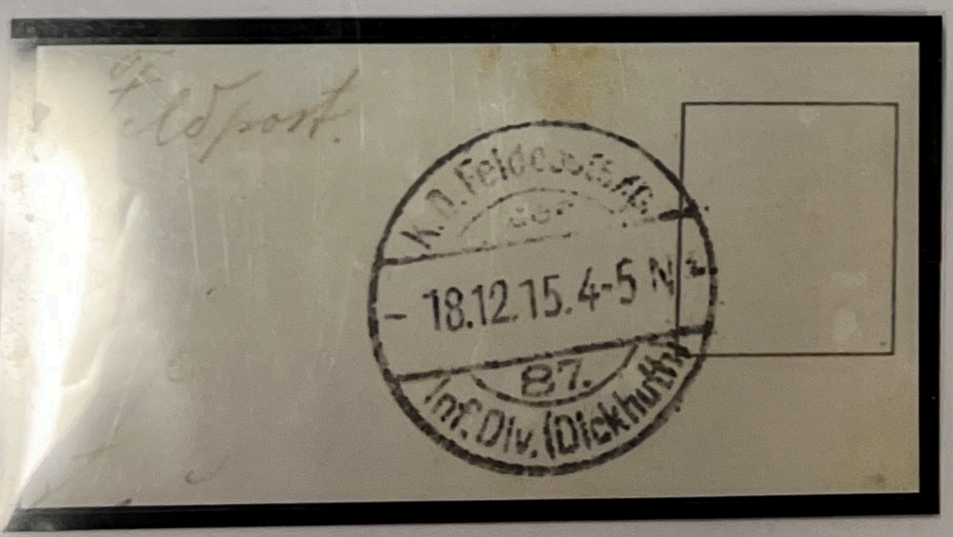
Japanese phone card

Only children know the real wonders and magic of Christmas!

G B 1987 Christmas booklet

Christmas charity seals

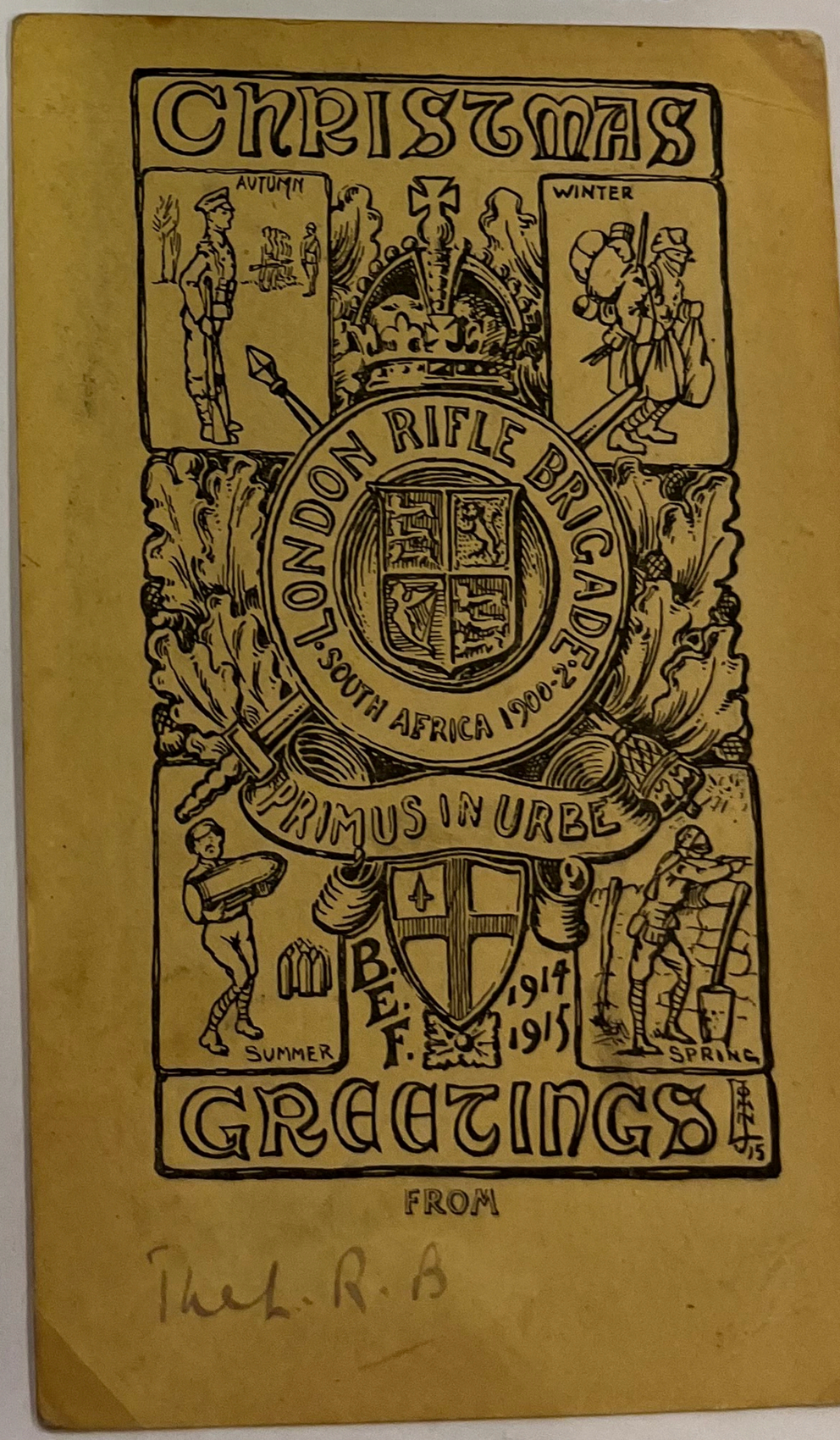
4.3 Christmas Greetings, Military!



German patriotic Christmas
Card of 1915 (field post)

British army Christmas greetings

A card,circa 1900, featuring the
Scots Greys and a cartoon style
card from South Africa of 1915



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The Robin is synonymous with Christmas
This sturdy little bird's red breast contrast
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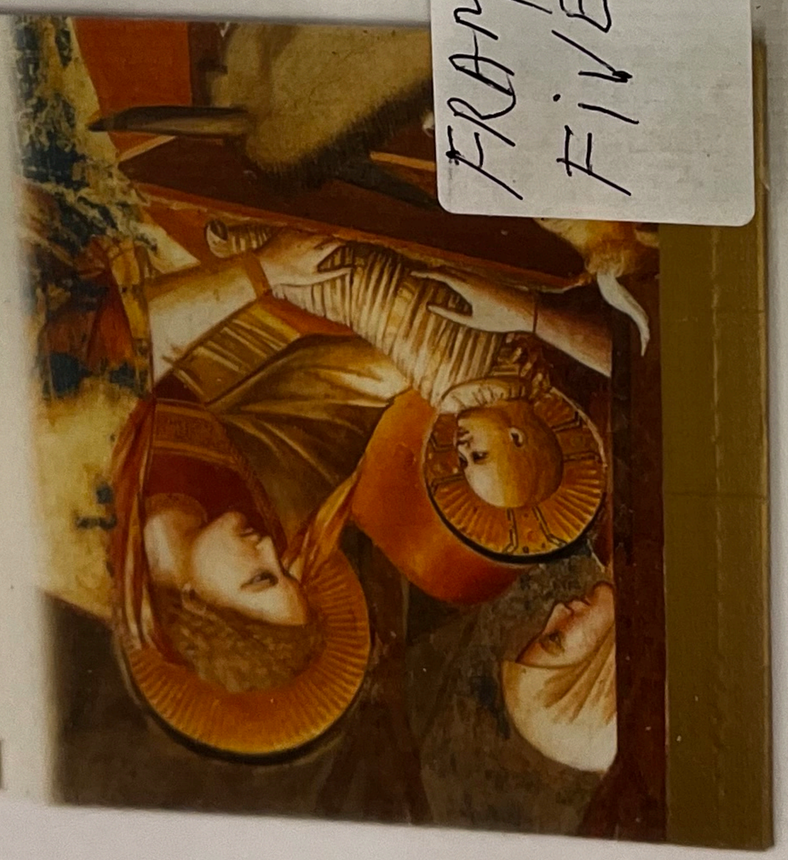

3 postage stamps
in 22 carat gold.

BETHLEHEM
2000

4.4 A Celebration of Christmas Traditions

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Christmas day cancel
Dublin 1914, on above card

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Charity seals from
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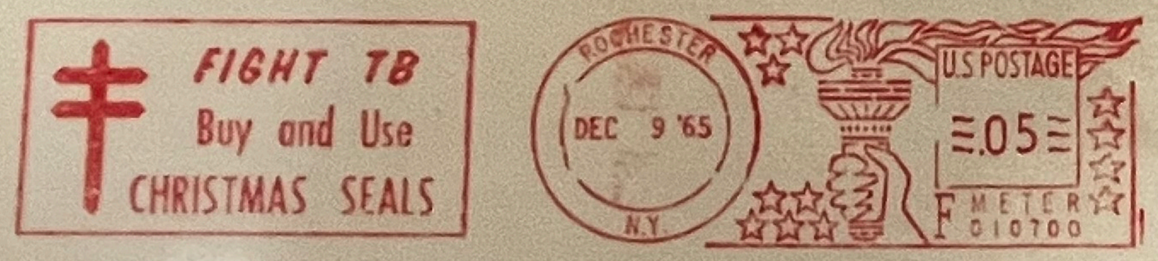

Mr. Henry O. Meisel, President
American Metered Postage Society
Clintonville, Wisconsin 54929

FEB. 26 1966
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stmas Charity Seals

The originator of Christmas charity seals was a Danish postal clerk,
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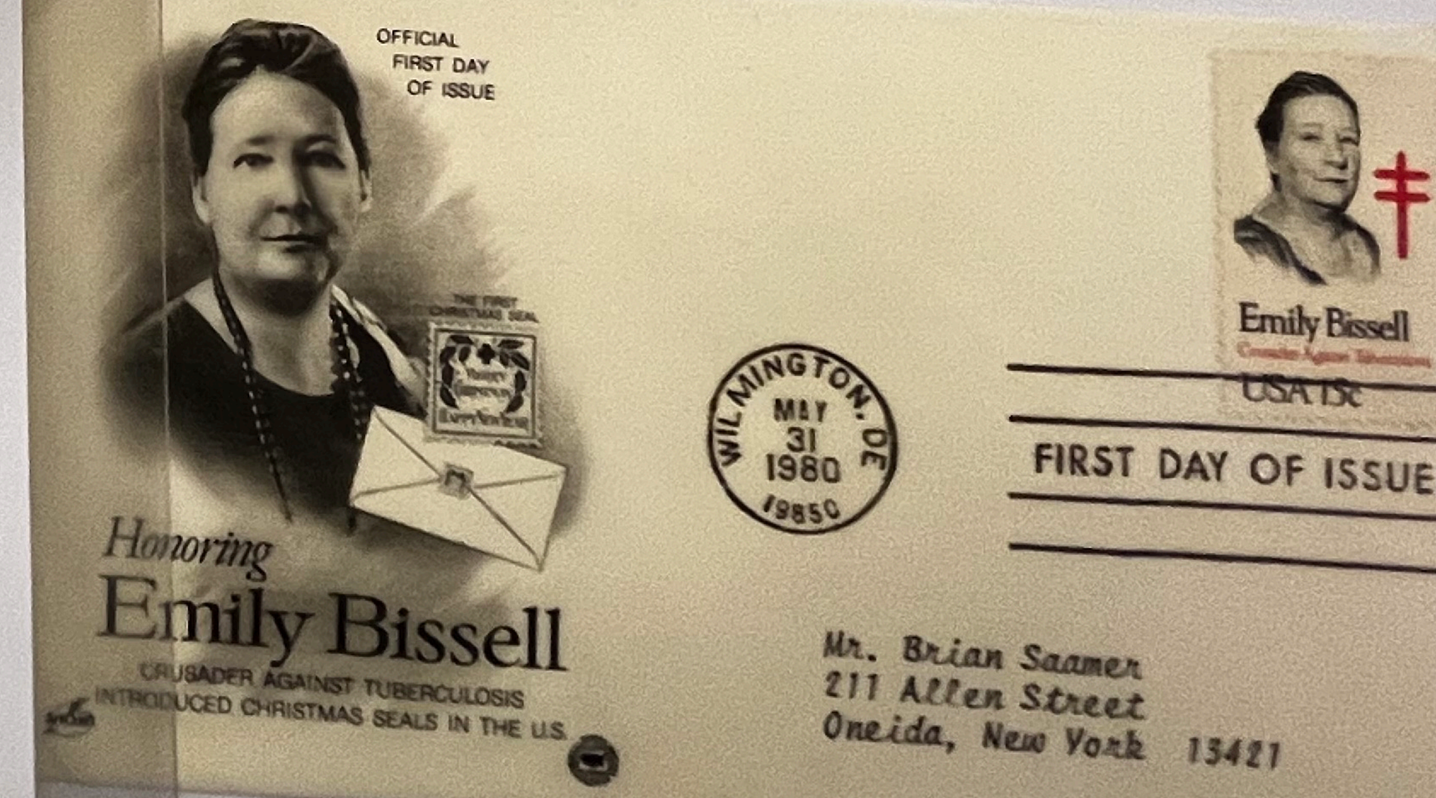

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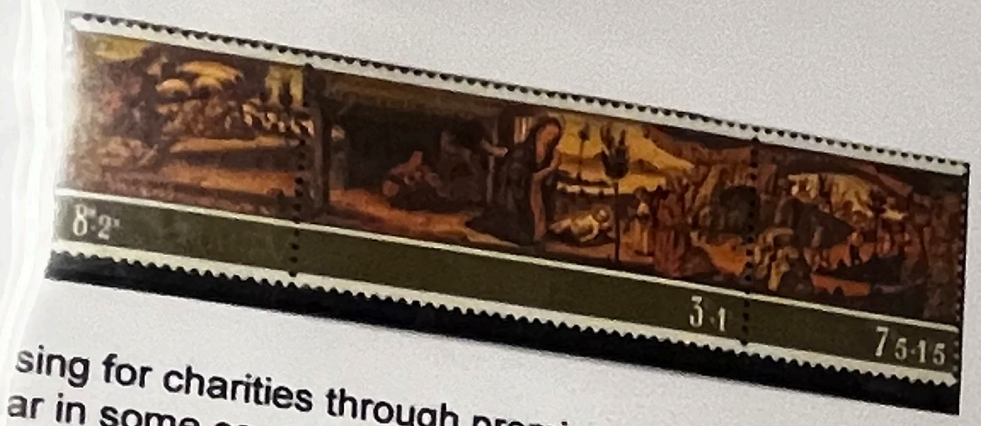

Fund r sing for charities through premium surcharges on postage stamps is popu ar in some countries. Christmas issues are particularly effective in this regard, especially when the funds are for children's charities.

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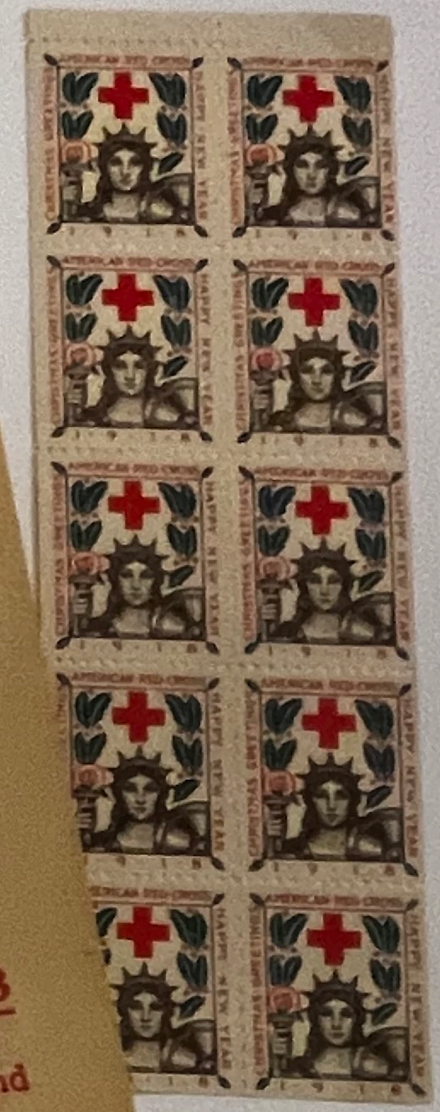

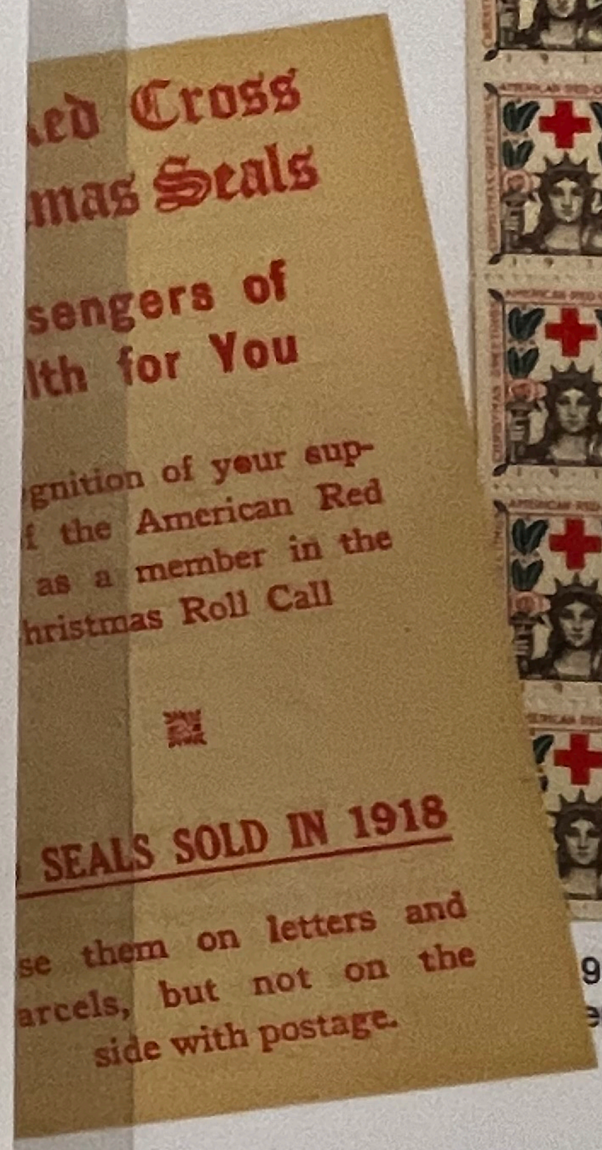

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Christmas Greetings: Aircards!

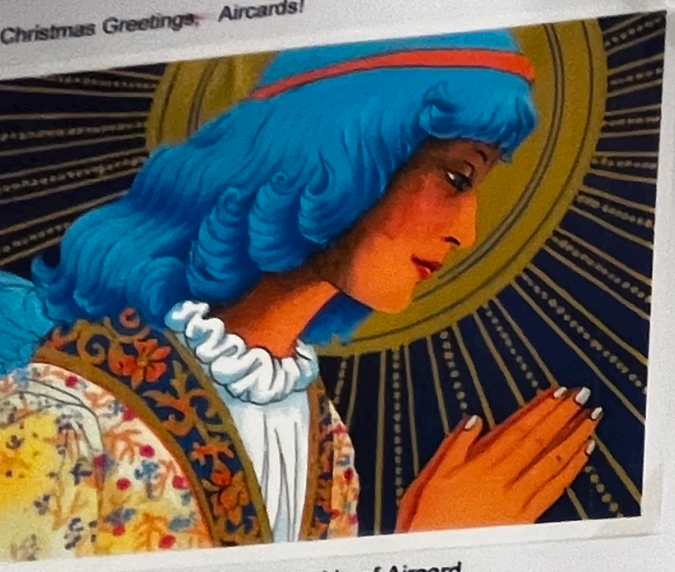
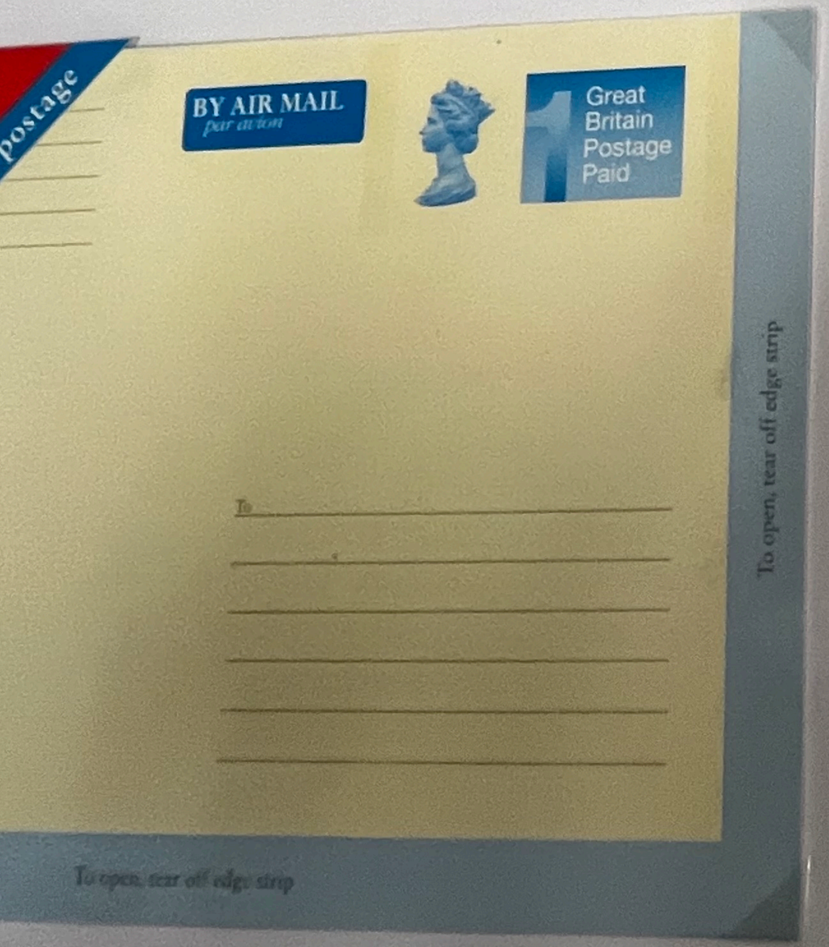


Photo copy of reverse side of Aircard

998 issue of the British Post Office combines an Air Letter
nd a greeting card, resulting in a Christmas Aircard!



raditions

These AN POST first day covers for 2008 and 2010 are particularly attractive with their very colourful Nativity scenes

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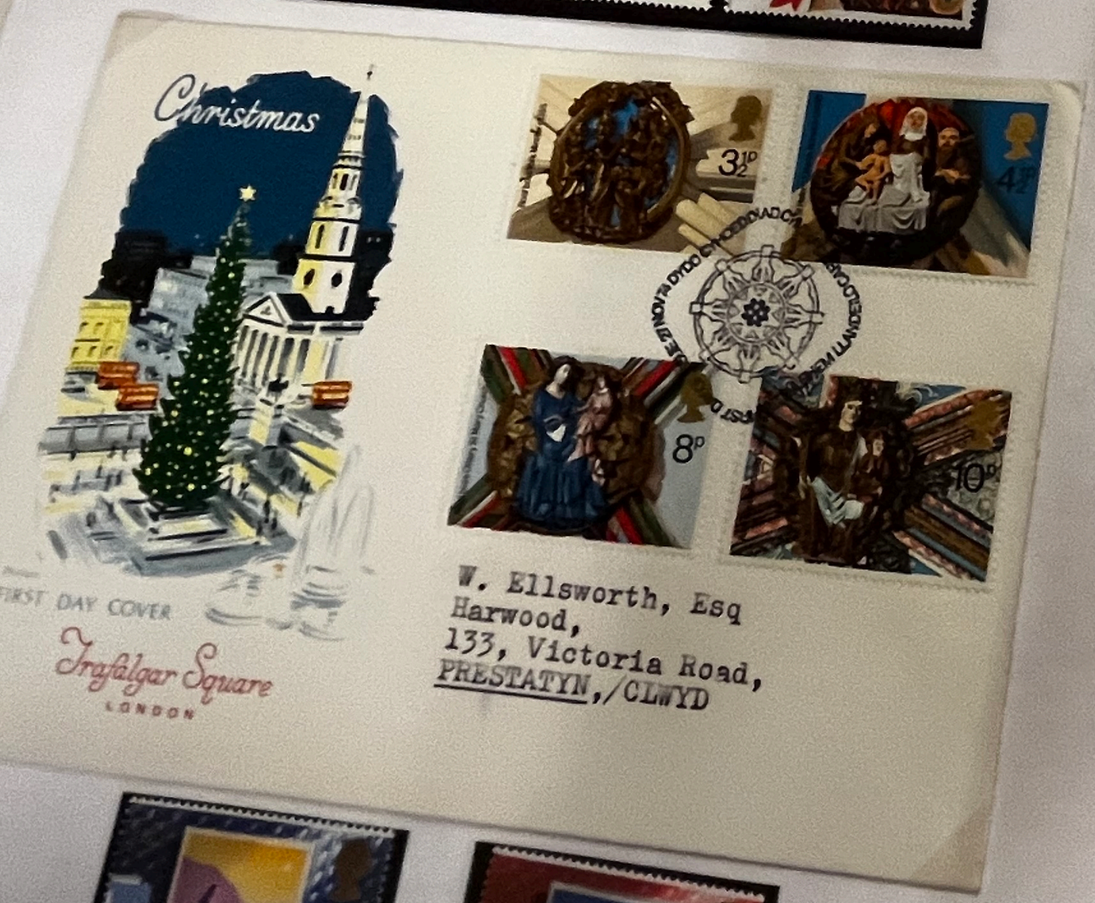
A colour array of GB Christmas issues



Christmas stamps from Latin America

CHRISTMAS IN SPAIN

From a Navidad overprint of 1941 to a very fine philatelic presentation of 2009

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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE BRITISH PHILATELIC BUREAU EDINBURGH • 30 OCT 1995 •
CHRISTMAS ROBINS Royal Mail First Day Cover
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Newtownpark House
Newtownpark Avenue
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Introduction

The first Christmas cards were produced in 1843. They were t[illegible] brainchild of Henry Cole, an official in the British postal servic[illegible] The design and style of the early cards varied greatly from large folded cards to small single page ones. Christmas greeting cards did not attain wide popularity until the 1860s

Advances in print and colour technology brought about ma[illegible] new styles of Christmas cards. This display features the postcard format which came into vogue in the 1890s and remained popular until the 1950s with some exceptions. The early postcard designs had an undivided back which was intended for the address only, however such designs were phased out in 1904 in Europe and in 1907 in America and replaced with a dividing line for the address on one side and a personal message on the other.

The purpose of this display is to show the wide variety of designs on the "Christmas Postcard" and to bring to the viewer a colourful array of the historic and traditional aspects of the festive season of Christmas as displayed on the simple medium of the postcard.

Portugal, Lisbon 1957

Austria 1899 (Embossed)

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Where place names and dates are given this indicates the card is postmarked as such

This is a "Hold up to the Light" card which shows the colours through the perforations.

Rathmines, Dublin 1907

Embossed, Dalkey 1910

Wexford 1918

Two cards with unusual views for Christmas, the Bank of Ireland and the Customs House in Dublin.
Both cards are postmarked Ballsbridge 1911 and are addressed to Ballybritas, Queens County! (Laois)

Belfast 1910

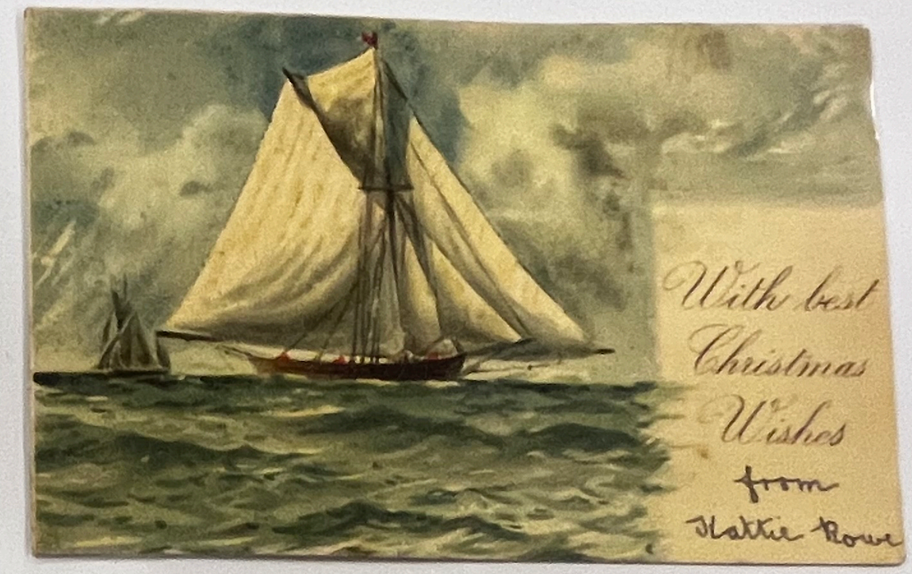
Embossed, Portstewart 1906
(Co Derry)

Belfast 1904

Mailed at Portrush, Co. Antrim 1912. The card features an ancient castle (ruins!)
Hardly the best subject to convey joyful Christmas tidings!

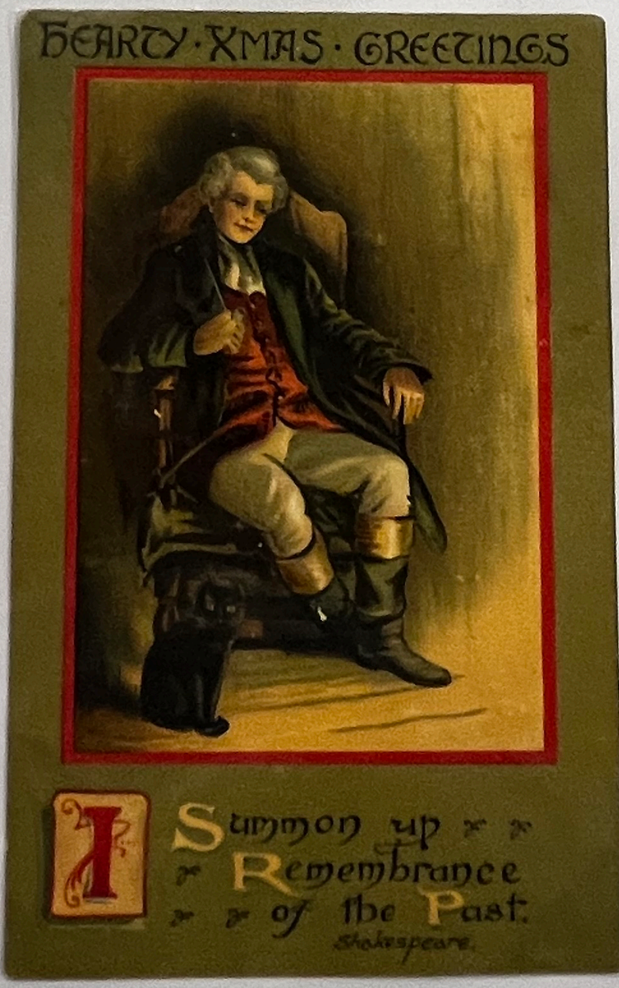
Belfast 1905

An embossed and felted card, circa 1920
"From the old country"



Dublin 1903

GAELIC CARD
Glin, Co. Limerick 1918



Card dated 1906

Dublin 1908

Ireland

All these cards are postmarked [illegible] December (Christmas day)

Dublin 1910

Dublin 1914

Embossed, Dublin 1914

Dublin 1910

Glin 1915
Co Limerick

Bray 1916

Embossed, Wexford 1913

Dundrum 1915
(Dublin)

Tulach O bhFeidhlim (Tullow, Co. Carlow) 1941

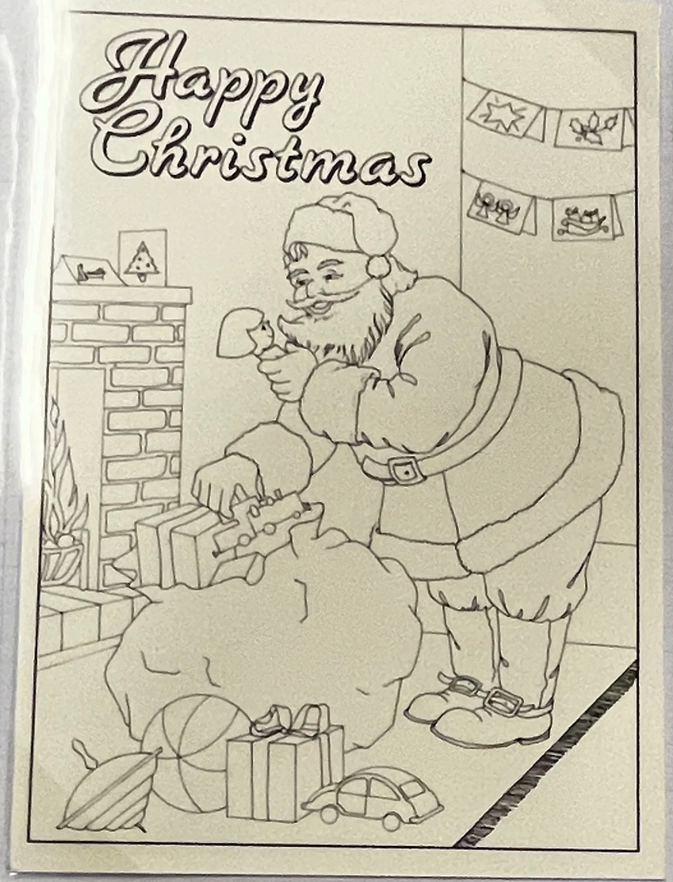
Loch Garman (Wexford) 1953

2. 2 Ireland

Christmas postcards
Issued by An Post in 1987 and 2011

The "Kiddy Colour Cards" of 1987 had imprint stamps with a discount postage rate 15p

The postcard issues of 2011 reflected the Christmas stamp designs of that year.



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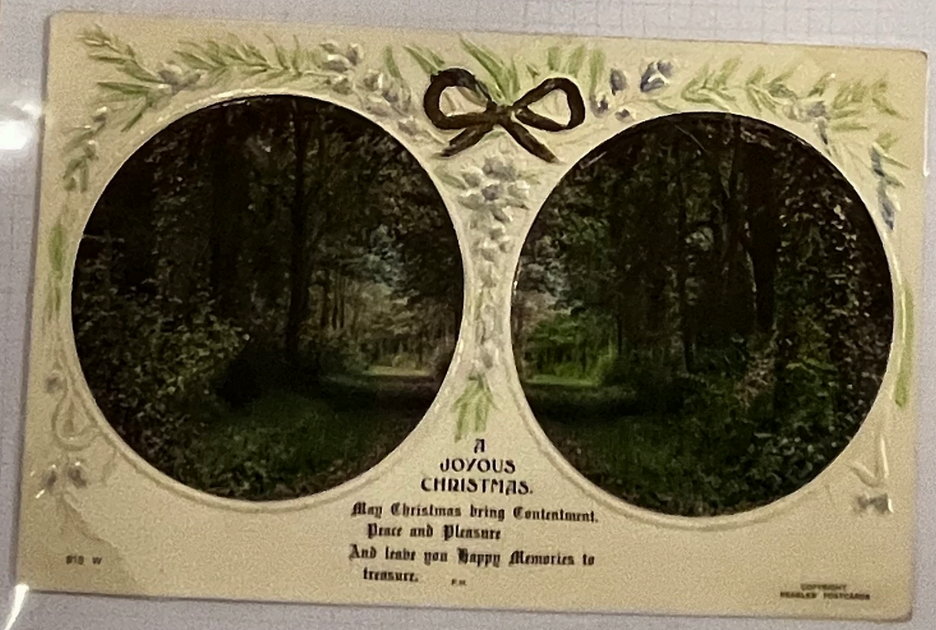
London W.C. 1911

Manchester 1918

Card dated 1913

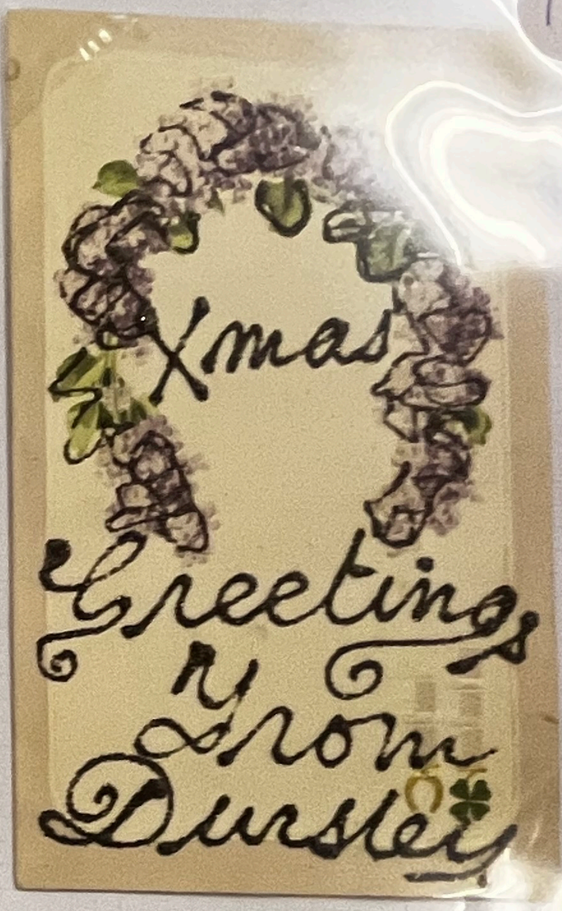


Embossed, card dated 1916

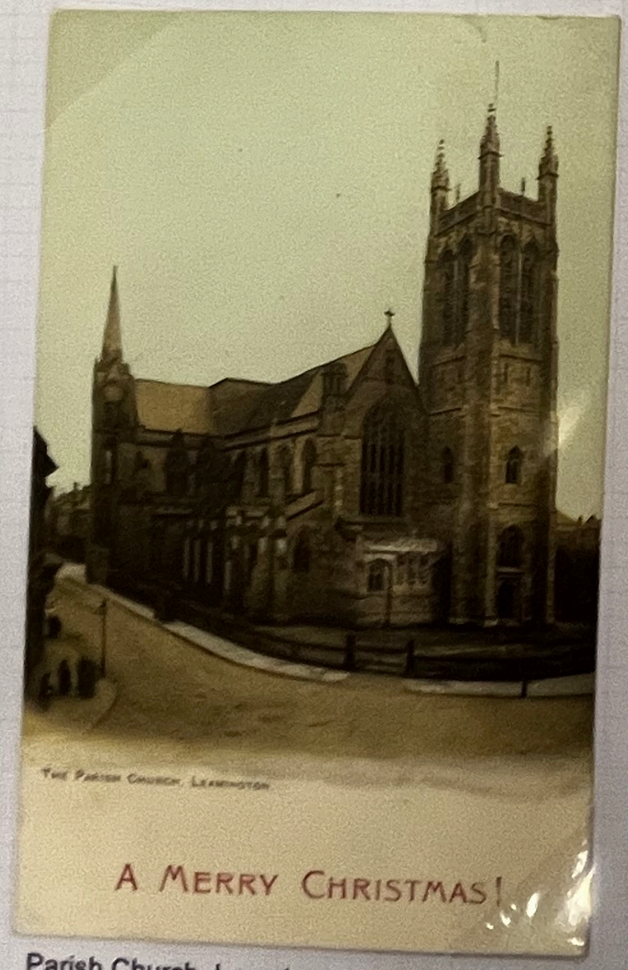
Card dated 1911

Penwortham Priory, Preston. Card circa 1920

Wallcrouch, Sussex 1930



Dursley, Gloucestershire. Card circa 1904



Parish Church, Leamington. Card circa 1920

Haddon Hall, Worcester 1905

Cleaton 1900 , undivided back

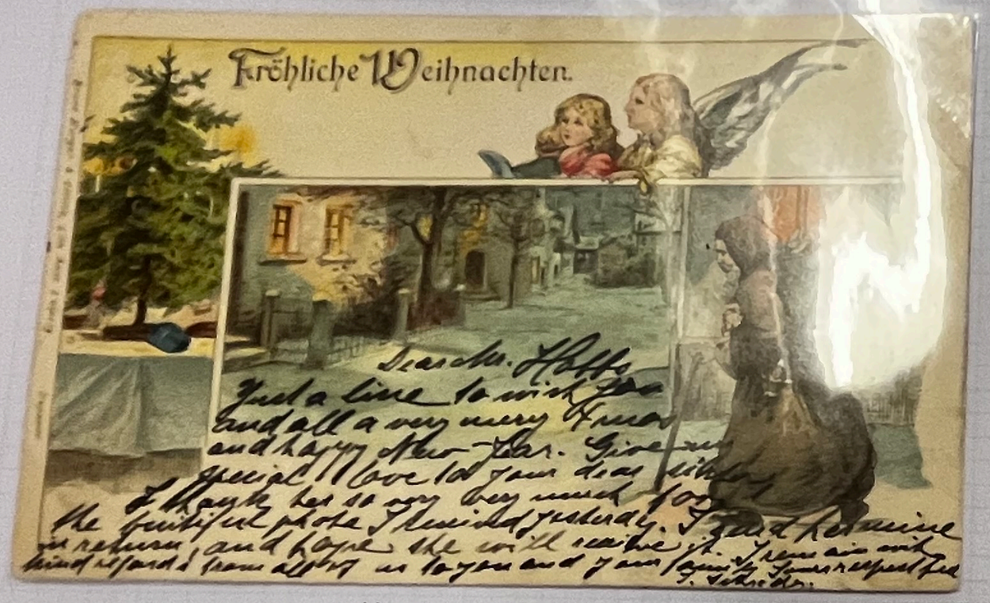
Cambridge 1906

Card circa 1906

Chulmleigh 1913

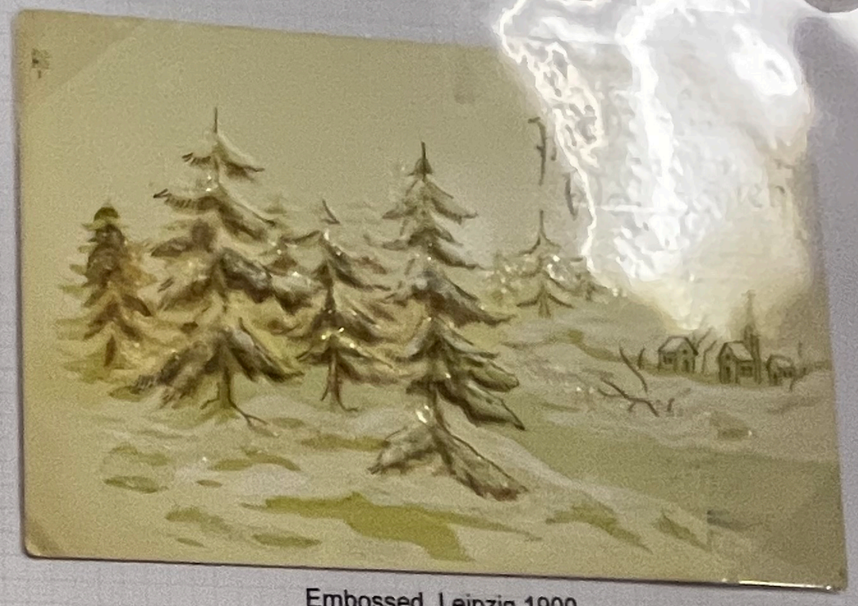
Card circa 1906

4. 1 Germany All these postcards have an undivided address side



Hamburg 1898

Hohennauen 1902



Embossed, Leipzig 1900

Durlach 1905

Embossed, Breslau 1901

Embossed card, Postmarked 1902