## Austro-Hungarian Empire (1867-1918)

The Austro-Hungarian Empire was formed when Austria and Hungary negotiated a compromise called "Ausgleich." It was a dual monarchy.

Frans-Josef I was Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary and monarch of the other states in the Empire. He ruled over a vast area, which included land now part of independent countries.

The map below shows stamps issued by Austria and Hungary, with postmarks of towns now in those countries.


For some of the postmarks, the German name is listed first, followed by the local name.

- Austria (Wien),
- Hungary (Budapest),
- Gzech Republic (Prag/ Praha),
- Slovakia (Heteny/Chotín)
- Croatia (Varaždin)
- Slovenia (Laibach/Ljubljana)
- Bosnia \& Herzegovina (Doboj)
- Poland (Krakau/Krakow),
- Ukraine (Munkács/Mukačevo),
- Romania (Segesvár/Sighisoara),
- Serbia (O. Becse/ Becej)
- Italy (Triest/Trieste).



## AUSTRIA-HUNGARY <br> FROM ONE EMPIRE TO MANY NATIONS

Austria-Hungary in 1914
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Current national capitals


Balkan Countries Die and Are Reborn As Yugoslavia.


## Monarchs, Lighthouses and Inventors



These three stamps are part of Newfound's contribution to a 1937 "Omnibus" issue by most members of the British Commonwealth to commemorate the coronation of King George VI.


Newfoundland is noted for several important $20^{\text {tm }}$. Century historical events. In 1901 Guglielmo Marconi transmitted a radio signal across the Atlantic Ocean to a receiveing station located near St. John's. The first stamp was issued by Canada in 1974 to commemorate the $100^{\text {th }}$. Anniversary of his birth. In 1912, the radio station located at Cape Race played an important part in the sinking of the Titanic. The next two stamps show the Cape Race lighthouse. The first stamp is part of the "Perkins Bacon" printing issued between 1932 and 1937. The larger stamp is part of the "Long Coronation Issue" issued in 1937. The last stamp , issued in 1947, honors the $450^{\mathrm{Ht}}$. Anniversary of John Cabot's discovery of Newfoundland. This is Newfoundiand's final issue before becoming a part of Canada. The cover below is a first flight cover for the first Pan Am airmail clipper flight from Gander to Brussels, Belgium.

PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS
FIRST CLIPPER AIR MAIL FLIGHT GANDER TO BRUSSELS


c/o Pan American Airways Inc. Shell Building
66 Rue Ravenstein
Brussels, Belgium

## WEST BERLIN 1948-1990

Although it was never a nation per se, West Berlin did issue its own stamps for a little over 40 years, 1948-1990. How this came about, and why it ended, have to do with complex political and economic issues related to the post-WWII occupation of Germany, the Cold War, and the reunification of Germany, and are too complicated to go into here.
The earliest Berlin stamps were simple overprints ("BERLIN") on stamps of West Germany. Most Berlin stamps include the inscription "Deutsche Bundespost Berlin" (German Federal Post Office Berlin). Many Berlin stamps are identical to West German stamps except for the addition of the word "Berlin". The West German Post Office considered the stamps of West Germany and West Berlin to be interchangeable, and both kinds of stamps could be used at either location. Below is a small sample of the approximately 900 stamps issued by Berlin.


## Dead Comtries

Dead countrles are nations or polltical entities which no longer exist. They make a fascinating study area for collectors as they bring their history alive through their stamps.

Take a look at the following pages to learn more about just a few of the more than 500 dead countries you could collect.



Herrn
Hans Mangold
Am Deutenbach 6-10


7070 Schwäbisch Gmünd

First \& Last Day of valid mixed franking.


## Musical Instruments of Ifni

Ifni was a Spanish province on the Atlantic coast of Morocco. Spain formally returned the territory to Morocco on June 30, 1969. The population is mostly Berber is engaged in fishing and in the raising
 of sheep, camels, and goats. The stamps show people playing a plucked instrument, a bowed instrument, a tambor and a drum.


## Musical Instruments of Spanish Sahara

Spanish Sahara was the name used for the modern territory of Western Sahara when it was occupied and ruled as a territory by Spain between 1884 and 1975. Morocco now controls the entire Atlanic coast and most of the landmass, population, and natural resources of Western Sahara. Exports include livestock, hides, wool, and common salt. The stamps show people playing flutes and drums.



Coat of Arms


## The Belgian Congo

The Belgian Congo was a Belgian colony in Central Africa between 1908 and 1960 in what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo. These beautiful stamps, printed from 1931-1937, show the native Congolese culture as it was at that time. The appearance of the people, the material culture and scenes from nature make this an attractive set of stamps for the collector. The engraving process allowed for a great level of detail in the small space of a postage stamp.

Vi age Scenes


# Kingdom of Hejaz I9I6-I925 



1/4-PIASTRE
The design is based on the carved door panels of the al-Salih Tala'i mosque in Cairo.


The central design is from a page of a Koran in the mosque of Sultan Barqug in Cairo.


1-PLASTRE
The design features details of an ancient prayer niche in the al-Amri mosque at Gus in Upper Egypt.

THE FIGHT FOR ARABIAN INDEPENDENCE from the Turkish Ottoman Empire during World War I resulted in the creation of the Kingdom of Hejaz.
Hejaz, a coastal area in the west of what is now Saudi Arabia, existed only from 1916-1924.
T.E. Lawrence, later to become the legendary Lawrence of Arabia, was asked to design and print the fledgling nation's first three stamps, issued in September of 1916. In keeping with Islamic tradition, all design is decorative; there is no depiction of figures, animals, landscapes or Western lettering.

The New Hebrides is a V-shaped archipelago of around 85 tropical islands in the South Pacific Ocean, west of Fijiandnortheast of New Zealand.


There are 12 main islands.

It was first discovered by explorer Pedro Femandez de Quiros who claimed it for Spainand the Catholic Church in 1606.


He thought he had discovered the Great Southem Land, so he called it Terra Australis del Espiritu Santo. Little did he know that he had landed on an island, which now bears the name Espiritu Santo, or Santo, for short.

Later, in 1768, Louis Antoine de Bougainville gave it the name Groat Cyclades.


In 1774, Captain Cook named it the New Hobrides, after the Scottish isles.


## The New Hebrides has many names

French settlers came and took over land for planiations. Australians also made their home there, eventually causing Britain and France to form a jointly governed Condominium in 1906. Thus it was known as both the New Hebrides and Nouvelles-Hébrides.

In the local Bislama language (a form of pidgin English) it was called
"Tufala gavman."

Others called it the "Pandemonium."


1908 Britan provisional issue


Throughout the life of the Condominium, all stamp issues except one were issued in both British and French versions.


In July 1980, it became independent and took the name Vanuatu (vanua = land, tu = stand up, be independent).


The flag bears a pig tusk, which is prized by the $n i$ Vanuatu (people of or from Vanuatu).


The national motto is "Long God yumi stanap" which means "In God We Stand.'



# Mozambique Company 

Chartered February 11, 1891

The trading company in central Mozambique corresponded to present provinces of Maneca and Sofala. Headquartered in Beira, the territorial Capitol, on the coast in Sofala,
 the company was financed by Germany, the United Kingdom and South Africa with a 50 year lease from Lisbon, Portugal. Part of Portuguese East Africa from the $15^{\text {th }}$ Century explorations and settlements. Portugal would continue to intervene during rebellions in 1902 and 1917 In 1942 the territories administration passed to the Portuguese Colonial Authorities. Mozambique gained its independence from Portugal in 1975.


The triangular issues circa 1937 show wildlife, Vasco da Gamma's Flagship. Triangular airmail stamps in several denomnations and colors but same aircraft were issued.

The overprinted stamps celebrate the visit of the President of Portugal to Beira in 1939 when he awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of the Colonial Empire to the Mozambique Company.
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## NYASSA - EXTINCT "COUNTRY"

Nyassa or Companhia do Niassa was a royal charter company in the colony of Portuguese East Africa. Between 1891 and 1929, the company had concession of the lands that include the present provinces of Cabo Delgado and Niassa, in the northern part of what is now Mozambique.

The Companhia do Niassa concession included the right to issue postage and, between 1898 and 1925, produced 141 postage stamps. Only a small percentage of these were issued for actual postal use; most were created to take advantage of the philatelic market for stamps of African countries.

Stamps depicting African animals were popular with collectors; therefore, issues with giraffes, camels, and zebras were produced. However, of these three animals, only zebras are native to northern Mozambique, the location of Nyassa.


Issue of 1901 - Giraffes


Issue of 1911 (Overprint REPUBLICA) - Camels and Zebra


Issue of 1921-23 - Zebra


Issue of 1925 (Postage Due) Giraffe and Zebra



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