



## FALKLAND ISLANDS & SOUTH GEORGIA

Covers relating to Historian & Author Ian Hart F.R.G.S. & Shackleton Scholar



M/S "A.E.S." 994tons on arrival at Tritan da Cunha bringing a gift of 150 sheep from the Falkland Islands on April 7 1964



Cover from "A.E.S." crew member Ian Hart to fellow member of the Polar Postal History Society Reg. Leppard. ½d overpaid with 3 x 1d ITU Falkland Is. Stamps cancelled Port Stanley 21 JU 65. with three "M/S A.E.S." cachets/typed info.

Sender: - Ian B. Hart,  
M/S „A. E. S.”  
Port Stanley, F.I.





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Official postcard of "RFA Diligence" with 43p ship stamp cancelled:-  
First day of issue 28.05.01. South Georgia & The South Sandwich Islands.



Cover from Ian Hart, who was, at that time, curator of the South Georgia Whaling Museum which he had recently set up. It was sent to himself in Port Stanley, where he was staying with Betty Biggs, a keen philatelist who had, until 1990, worked at the Philatelic Bureau in the Post Office there.

Cover to the Falkland Islands – local rate – with 31p South Georgia stamp, which paid for 4oz, cancelled 14 JA 92 King Edward Point South Georgia. It bears two Whaling Museum & an RFA Diligence cachet. The two penguin cachet in used occasionally at the South Georgia Post Office.





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Airmail letter from Ian Hart to his wife when he was in the Falklands & South Georgia researching his books on whaling. At the time he was on the Royal fleet Auxiliary "Diligence" on a reconnaissance to the Island of "Southern Thule" where he was fortunate enough to be part of the landing party, thus being one of the handful of people ever to land on this particularly inaccessible island

Airmail letter to the U.K. with 17p + 35p "Life in the Freezer" South Georgia stamps cancelled 7 MR 95 at King Edward Point South Georgia. The correct Commonwealth rate was 32p. It bears two different "RFA Diligence" cachets & script voyage description.

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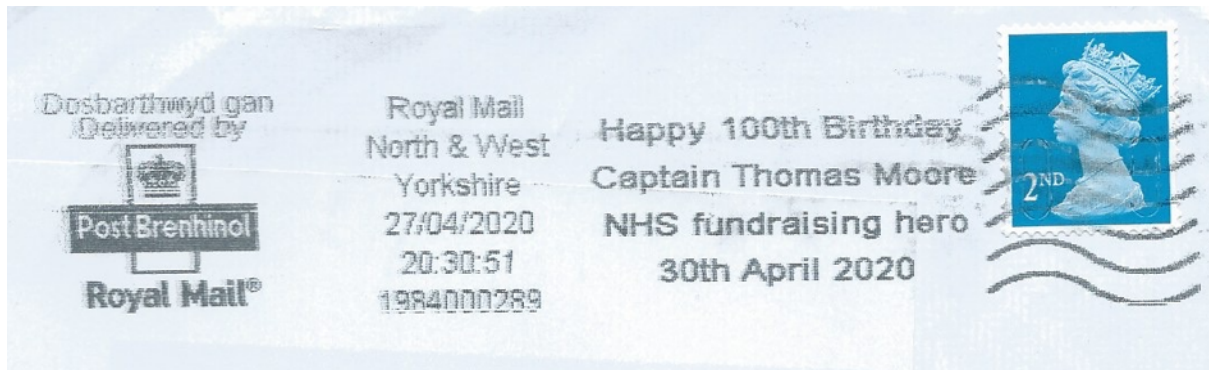
FROM: D. Hart,  
% B. Biggs,  
9, Moody Street,  
STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

This cover was sent to a friend by Dilys Hart, wife of author Ian Hart who has written two acclaimed books on whaling in the South Atlantic & a biography of Edward Binnie the first Falkland Island Dependencies magistrate & postmaster.

Dilys was staying with Betty Biggs, a great local character & lifelong philatelist. Betty handled all the specialist stamp orders in the post office & later the philatelic Bureau from 1970 to 1990 when forced to take early retirement. Betty was a staunch patriot & literally lived under the flag: her roof being painted as a Union Jack.

### **Final Notes:**

Dear members, my message is to all of you to please keep safe and well. My thanks as always to all of the contributors who made this issue possible and remember there is always room for more articles. As the postmark below reminds us a small number of steps could lead to much bigger things, Happy Birthday Captain Tom!



As before I am sending out a request to everybody to make a creative contribution, no matter how small. My challenge to you all is to get inspired and send me those articles, tell us how you started or tell us something to share with the other members and we may even get to a seventh edition! Remember your social distancing but “reach” out to your fellow members and say hi, it is good to talk. Any mistakes and errors are all down to me, so my sincere apologies for every one of them!

Les Ashton-Smith