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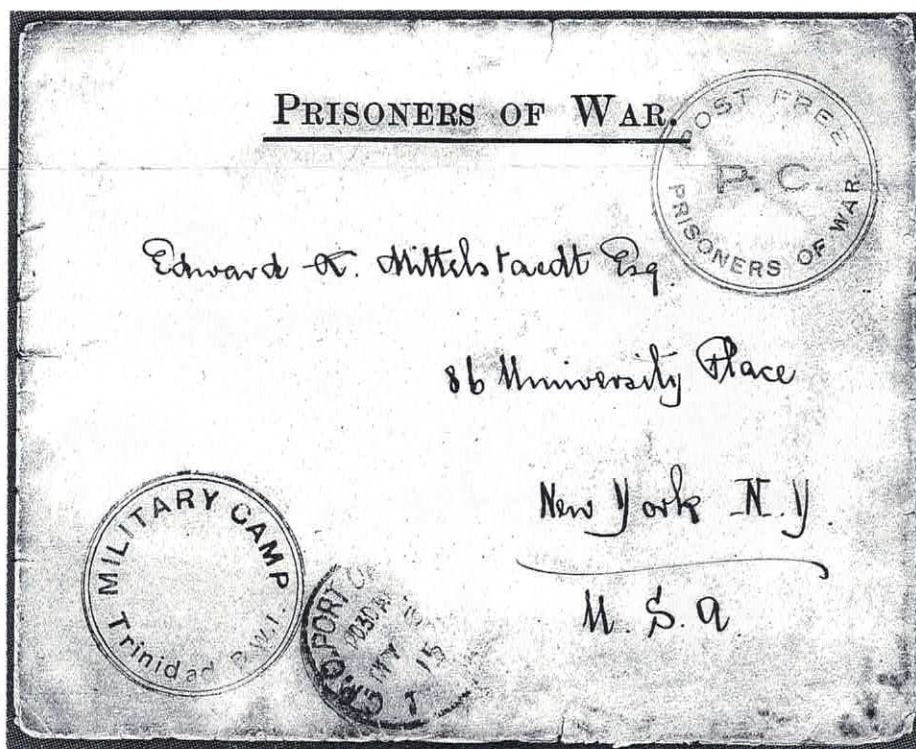
100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1st VOCAL CALYPSO RECORDING COVER

TTPost produced a commemorative cover to mark the 100th Anniversary of the first Vocal Calypso Recordings in Trinidad. The stamp used on the cover was the \$3.75 denomination (SG #1005/Sc #706) of the 2004 Carnival issue which featured vintage calypsonians. The commemorative postmark used was dated November 25, 2014. The cover was placed on sale at the end of January 2015. The cover was sold at \$40.00 each.

The first vocal recording of a calypso in Trinidad was done in 1914 by the Victor Recording Company. Julian Whiterose was the calypsonian whose calypso entitled 'Iron Duke in the Land' was recorded.

In the second quarter of 2015, we can expect another overprint - \$3.25 on the 95 cent Flower definitive of 1983. A commemorative cover to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Shanghai Construction Company in T&T is in progress. Also the long-awaited issue to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations with the Peoples Republic of China is being prepared for release.

PRISONER OF WAR COVER - WORLD WAR I



COVER OF PRISONER OF WAR MAIL TO USA

The above cover was mailed by an internee and was printed 'PRISONERS OF WAR' (POW). Two rubber stamps were applied at the Military Camp, St. James, on the top right was the 'POST FREE/P.C./PRISONERS OF WAR' and on the bottom left was the 'MILITARY CAMP/Trinidad B.W.I.'. The cds of 'G.P.O. PORT OF SPAIN MY 30 15' was struck on the lower left.

The POW did not state his name on the back of the cover which was the normal procedure. The camp provided writing paper to the POW's as can be seen by the letter. The POW asked for six one pound jars of Prince Albert Tobacco to be sent to him. The POW mentioned also that POW's did not pay import duty on items sent to them.

MILITARY CAMP,

ST. JAMES,

TRINIDAD.

May 29th 1915.

My dear Ed,

This is to ask you to do me a great favor, which I trust you will see your way to fulfill. I want you to send me six one pound glass jars of Prince Albert Tobacco, made by the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

Perhaps you know somebody at the T. S. & T Co, who will give you cheap freight. We pay \$2.- a jar here & I believe it is considerably cheaper in N. Y. Please address: I. W. Prisoner of War to Captain Fraser, as prisoner of war I will have no duty to pay.

Carl von Albrecht has written to his brother Theodor 157 West 80th Street, who will pay you the amount, as soon as you

let him know how much it is.

I am really sorry to bother you, but am sure you do not mind and hope to be able to reciprocate your kindness some day.

With best regards to your family

Believe me, my dear Ed,

very sincerely, yours

W.

LETTER FROM POW
ON PAPER PRINTED
'MILITARY CAMP,
ST. JAMES,
TRINIDAD'.
Size: 180x113mm
Illustration
reduced at top.

CONTINUATION
OF LETTER ON
REVERSE.

PRESIDENT CARMONA AND POPE FRANCIS ON STAMPS, by Albert Sydney

Former Senator and Vice-President of The Philatelic Society of Trinidad & Tobago, Albert Sydney informed us that the Postal Administrations of Ghana and Grenada have released commemorative Souvenir Sheets paying tribute to His Holiness Pope Francis. The set of four stamps from Ghana featured one stamp with the Prime Minister of Italy, Hon. Enrico Letta and another stamp with His Excellency President Anthony Carmona of Trinidad & Tobago which were released on March 19th, 2014. President Carmona was shown teaching Pope Francis how to play a steel pan, this country's national instrument, which was presented to His Holiness as an Official Gift at the Pope's Private Library in the Vatican.

The set of four stamps from Grenada Carriacou & Petite Martinique featured one stamp with the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and another stamp with His Excellency President Anthony Carmona greeting Pope Francis at the Vatican, which was released on June 23rd, 2014.

President Anthony Thomas Aquinas Carmona made an Official Visit to the Vatican City State for an audience with His Holiness Pope Francis on Saturday 6th July, 2013.

On the morning of Tuesday 9th July, His Excellency paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Giorgio Napolitano, President of the Italian Republic and was scheduled to meet with Italian Foreign Affairs Minister Emma Bonino who contributed significantly to the establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Minister Bonino was featured on the ICC Trinidad & Tobago \$4.50 stamp with then Italian President Carlo Ciampi and former President Arthur N.R. Robinson.

Previous Heads of State of Trinidad & Tobago have visited the Vatican and have had private audiences with various Popes at the Vatican including Governor-General Sir Solomon Hochoy with Pope Paul VI, Presidents Ellis Clarke and Arthur N.R. Robinson with Pope John Paul II.

When Pope John Paul II visited this country in February of 1985, the Postal Services of Trinidad & Tobago released a Commemorative Cover with a Special Cancellation for the Papal Visit. In 2006, TTPost issued four stamps and a Souvenir Sheet to commemorate the late Pope John Paul II (SG #1082-7/Sc #775-80).

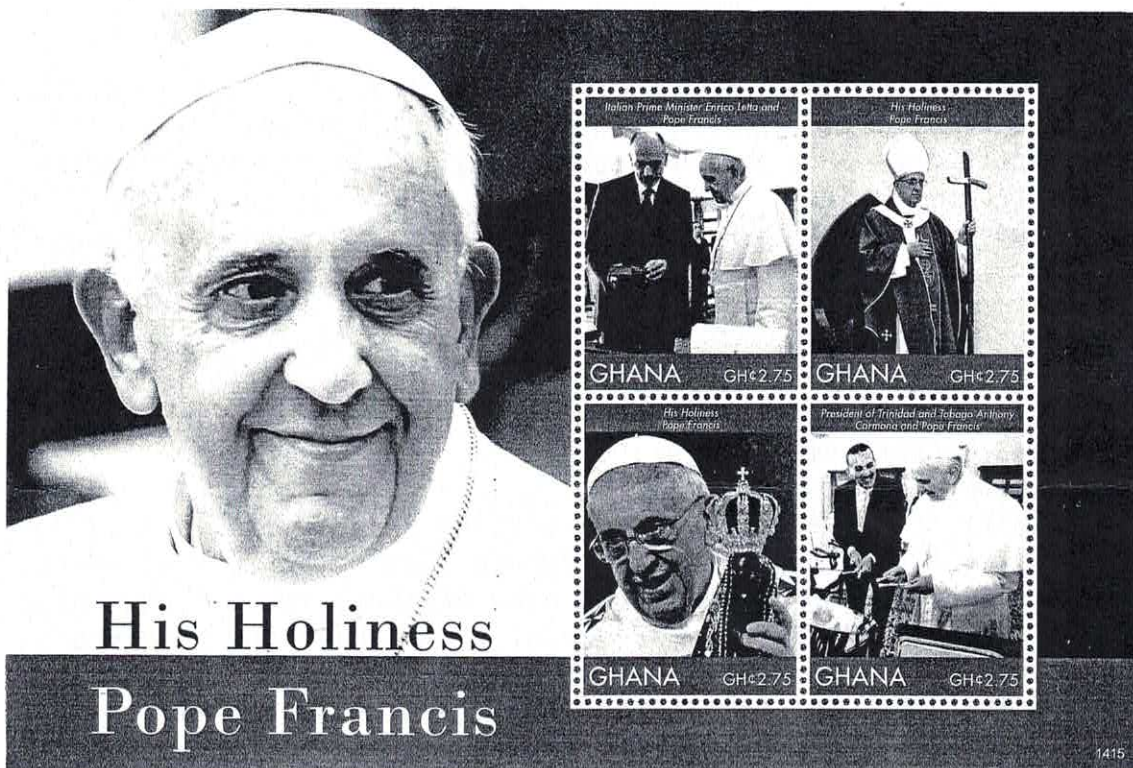


FIG.1: HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS COMMEMORATED BY GHANA SOUVENIR SHEET

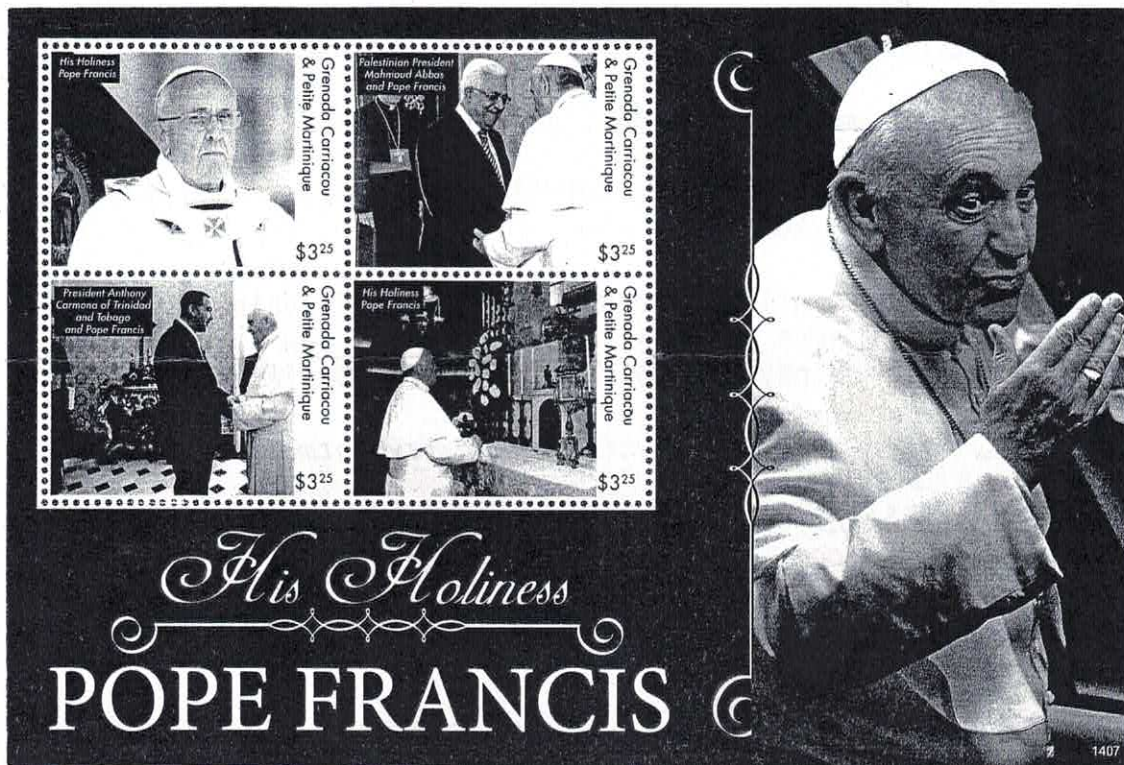


FIG.2: HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS COMMEMORATED BY GRENADA CARRIACOU & PETITE MARTINIQUE SOUVENIR SHEET.

REPORT ON THE A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 11th February 2015 at St. Mary's College, Port of Spain. Present were nine members. The returning officer was Mr. Mark McPeanne. The results of the election of officers are: President - Mr. John Chay; Vice-Presidents - Mr. Jazad Ali and Mr. Albert Sydney; Hon. Secretary - Mr. Robert Franco; The four Committee Members - Mr. Alan Ache, Mr. Joel McFarlane, Mr. Mark McPeanne and Mr. Selwyn Gomes; Librarian - Mr. Roger Ramoutar; Hon. Auditor - VACANT. Two new posts were created, Education Officer - Mr. Frank Ferreira and Public Relations Officer - Mr. Albert Sydney.

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HON. SECRETARY: Mr. Robert Franco, 33 Verbena Road, Victoria Gardens, Diego Martin. Tel: 637-3603. General correspondence, change of address and new issue standing orders. Please make payments for the new issue standing orders payable to Robert Franco. If you have not received a bulletin, please inform Robert. His e-mail address: *virgo@tstt.net.tt*. If you have any ideas for new stamp issues, please send them to Robert. Please note that the stamp programme is planned one to two years in advance.

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Please remember that our monthly meetings at St. Mary's College start at 6pm on the second Wednesday of every month. At our meetings, we have world-wide stamps to give away - free!