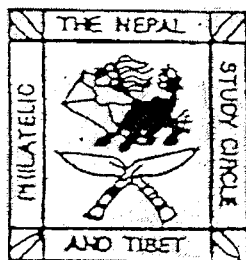


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Officer's Corner

In a recent issue of one of our national stamp magazines was a letter from the Expert Committee of the Royal Philatelic Society, London that voiced their concerns over the increasing amount of forged overprints and surcharges. In the past a number of technical difficulties in precisely matching the size and typography had to be overcome. Now we have new digital techniques that have removed the previous hurdles. The problem with this material is that it is being sold as forgeries but once it has passed beyond the original purchaser it will inevitably be lost in the general market.

It was only after reading this letter that a few days later I was browsing in eBay and there under 'Nepal' was a fairly comprehensive list of different 'Specimen' postal stationery items,

Editor's Ramblings

We welcome two new authors to this issue of *Postal Himal* - Johannes Bornmann whose article on 2 Unrecorded "Hunting Postcards" begins on page 2, and Thomas W. Weixlmann whose article on the German Rupal Expedition climb is on page 9.

Throughout the year, the editor receives emails asking for stamps. You will find names and addresses on page 16.

If you are interested in contributing stamps or supplies to wounded veterans, the Lions Clubs run a program "Stamps for the Wounded". Information can be obtained from PDG Dennis A. Clark, Secretary-Treasurer, SFTW, PO Box 297, Dunn Loring, VA 22027 or John M. Hotchner, Vice-President, SFTW, PO Box 1125, Falls Church, VA 22041. I do not have email addresses for them.

If you know of any other group that supports either children or wounded veterans, I will

which appeared to be genuine and were being sold as such. It did, however, leave me with an uneasy feeling of how genuine are 'Specimen' postal stationery items. Please let us know if you have any thoughts on this possible problem.

By the time you read this I will have been to Kathmandu where I will have been able to meet up with friends from the Nepal Philatelic Society and a report of the visit will be in a 2013 issue of *Postal Himal*.

Finally I am sure that you all join me in wishing Geoffrey Flack a wonderful Christmas and New Year with the family and I hope to see Geoffrey at WESTPEX next April.

Colin

publicize them if you will send me contact information.

Coming up in April will be our meeting at WESTPEX. Our meeting will be on Sunday the 28th from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. And Colin will be joining us this year. The Awards Banquet will be held Saturday evening and tickets must be ordered before WESTPEX. For details see www.westpex.org. Why not plan to attend this outstanding show?

And in 2016 (not too early to start making your plans) will be the once-a-decade international exhibition held under FIP sponsorship. The next one after that will be 2026 and the Boston Philatelic Group is trying to have that exhibition held in Boston. Good flight connections, plenty of history, lots of hotel rooms and excellent restaurants.

To all, a Blessed Holiday season and a Happy, Healthful and Peaceful New Year.

AUCTION UPDATE

Leo Martyn, our auctioneer, has announced that the auction scheduled for October 2012 will be held during the January - February 2013 time period.

Upcoming

WESTPEX 2013 April 26-28, San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel

NY 2016 Javits Convention Center 28 May - 04 June 2016

Two Unrecorded "Hunting Postcards"

by Johannes Bornmann

In 1901 Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, came to Nepal to hunt tigers in the Terai. In this context two interesting postcards were written.

Historical background:

On November 22, 1885 the Prime Minister of Nepal, Rana Udip Singh, was murdered by the sons of his brother Dhir Shumsher. Bir Shumsher became Prime Minister, but since the great authority Jung Bahadur was dead, there was a violent struggle for power in the Rana family. Khadga Shumsher (a son of Dhir Shumsher) and Ranabir Jung (a son of Jung Bahadur Jung) committed attacks on Bir Shumsher. These attacks, however, failed. Bir Shumsher sought support among the British. To give a positive political sign he invited Prince Albert Victor to hunt tigers in the Terai. In those days, tiger hunting was regarded as the noblest of all the royal sports. And the Terai in southern Nepal was well known as an excellent tiger preserve, since the British Crown Prince Albert Edward (later King Edward VII) was invited to hunt in the Terai by Jung Bahadur in 1876.

So, Bir Shumsher was having difficult times when Lord Curzon became Viceroy of India in 1899. Bir Shumsher soon invited Lord Curzon for a tiger hunt in Nepal, and Lord Curzon confirmed his coming on January 2, 1901. Unfortunately, after all the preparations were completed, Bir Shumsher became ill and died on March 4, 1901. His successor Prime Minister Deva Shumsher, a shy and frail person, sent his younger brother Chandra Shumsher to join the Indian Viceroy hunting tigers in the Terai. The hunt took place from March 29 to April 17,

1901. Chandra Shumsher got along well with Lord Curzon, and certainly during this tiger hunt political conversions were held, which Chandra Shumsher knew how to steer in his favor.

In this way Chandra Shumsher, the younger brother of the Maharaja, made political alliances and soon sought to become Prime Minister himself. On June 6, just 1½ months after his return from the Terai, he staged a coup and Deva Shumsher was forced to abdicate and was sent into exile in India.

The renowned photographic studio Herzog & Higgins was asked to provide the photographic documentation of this tiger hunt. P.A. Herzog and P. Higgins had opened a photo studio in Mhow (Central India) in 1894 and which existed until 1921. As official photographers they were asked to many important occasions at the time including receptions and state visits. The photographic results of the tiger hunt in 1901 is the album "HE the Viceroy's Shooting Tour, Nepal, Terai, April 1901" which includes 120 photos. When the hunt was finished, P.A. Herzog wrote two postcards from Kathmandu to Basel, Switzerland and to Mhow respectively on the same day, April 25, 1901.

The illustrated postcards are rare, as no foreigners were allowed into Nepal in those days. As there was no mutual postal agreement both of the postcards were not accepted as prepaid. A British Indian adhesive stamp was needed and was tied and cancelled at the British Residency Post Office, which was in charge of all mail both coming into and leaving Nepal.

<http://www.bilder-aus-nepal.de/>

<http://www.bilder-aus-nepal.de/Pages?Geschichte/BigGameHunting.html>



Cancels on the Postcard to Switzerland:

Squared-circle (Hellrigl B14) dated 25 AP. 01

SEA POST OFFICE A dated MY. 4 01

Arrival: Basel dated 17 V 01 [on top of Nepal squared-circle on leftmost Indian stamp]



Cancels on the Postcard to India:

Squared-circle (Hellrigl B14) dated 25 AP. 01

Arrival (on back): MHOW dated 2. DELY 30 AP. 01

Himalayan Airmails by Jeffrey Brown

[for Part 1 of this 6-part series, see *Postal Himal* 146:3, Part 2 see *Postal Himal* 151:2 ed.]

Part 3 - The Houston Mount Everest Expedition: The First Flight over Everest

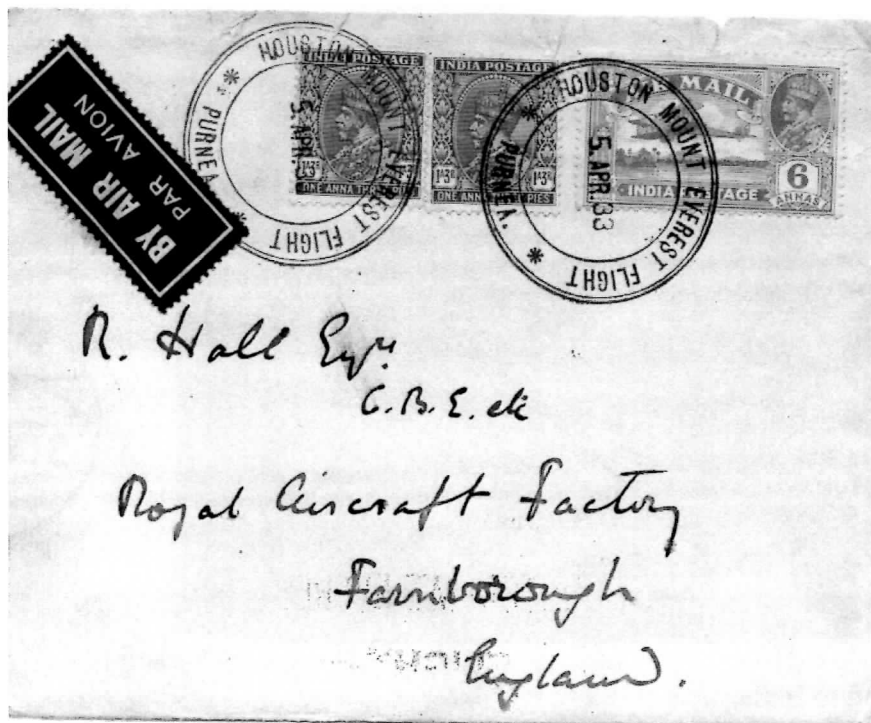
The Houston Mount Everest Expedition aimed to fly over the summit of Mount Everest, two attempts having been sanctioned by the King of Nepal. The aeroplanes used were both Westland's, a PV-3 G-ACAZ (named the *Houston-Westland* after Lady Houston, who sponsored the enterprise to the tune of £15,000 and had previously funded Britain's successful attempt to win the Schneider Trophy outright in 1931) and a Wallace PV-6 G-ACBR each powered by a single Bristol Pegasus engine.

The first of two flights over the summit by Squadron Leader the Marquess of Douglas and Clydesdale in the PV-3 and Flight Lieutenant D F McIntyre in the PV-6 were both successful, the first was on 3 April 1933. As a flight, it was entirely successful, but the survey cameras had not worked continuously during the flight; also, a dust haze over the plains had obscured the control point and it was therefore impossible to relate the survey strips to the

rest of the country and so to plot their details on the map. A second flight was therefore necessary.

Each member of the expedition was allowed to place one envelope in the mailbag to be flown on the first attempt. From photographs and newspaper cuttings, I have been able to identify 28 members, so this is likely to be the minimum number of covers that exist. Covers were also sent to persons of importance (as can be seen from the list below) but I have doubts as to whether there were as many as 60 in total, this being the number quoted in catalogues. To date, I have identified 22 covers. In most cases, I have seen either the cover itself or a photocopy; I have given the source of information for those where their existence is reported. I should be delighted to hear from anyone who owns, or knows of, a cover that I have not listed.

[The above article was first published in *India Post* and I thank the editor Sandeep Jaiswal for permission to reprint it here. - ed.]



Cover flown over Mount Everest on 3 April 1933.

An enclosed letter from Air Commodore Fellowes confirms that it was flown over Everest.

No.	Addressee	Cachet Dated	Sent By	Letter	Certified by
1	Mrs. E Colston Shepard, London SW15	APR 3.33	Shepard	Yes	McIntyre
2	Miss Kennedy. The Times, London	APR 3.33	Shepard	Yes	McIntyre
3	Master C Bonluois?, Nursling, Southampton <i>Posted in cover 4</i>	3.APR. 33			Blacker
4	Mrs P K Bonluois?, Nursling, Southampton	3.APR.33		Yes	
5	Lady Mairi Stewart, Mount Stewart, County Down	3.APR.33	Clydesdale		Clydesdale
6	The Marchioness of Londonderry DBE, London	3.APR.33	Clydesdale		
7	British Legation, Nepal #1	4.APR.33			
8	King George V	5.APR.33			
9	The Prince of Wales	5.APR.33			
10	Lady Houston	5.APR.33			
11	Under Secy of State, Military Dept, India Office, London SW1	5.APR.33	Etherton?		
12	R Hall, Royal Aircraft Factory, Farnborough	5.APR.33	Fellowes	Yes	
13	Mrs Rosher, Westminster, London	5.APR.33	Rosher	Yes	Clydesdale
14	Mrs E Polhill, London SW7	5.APR.33			
15	Charles H Hawes, Karachi #2 with 2as stamp	5.APR.33	Ellison?		
16	Charles H Hawes, Karachi with 4as stamp	5.APR.33	Ellison?		
17	Phillip Vallatine, Gaumont British Studios, London	5.APR.33	Bonnett		
18	Mrs W S Young, Balham, London	5.APR.33	Young		
19	Stephen Smith? <i>Stamps and cachet cut off envelope</i>	5.APR.33			
20	Mr & Mrs Ian Dalrymple, Farnham Common @	5.APR.33	Connochie	Yes	%
21	Mrs T C Trail, Andover (re-directed to Ottery St Mary, Devon)	7.APR.33			McIntyre
22	London @	7.APR.33	Shepard?		Blacker

In *Asiatic Air Mail*, (*The Philatelist* November 1960) A R Binns Records: Two covers with large circular cachet "Houston Mount Everest, Purnea". #1 One addressed to British Legation Nepal from Darbhanga State, 4th April. #2? The other to Karachi by a member of the Expedition, 5th April.

* Charles Hawse was Mechanical Supervisor when the Westland aircraft were assembled at Karachi.

@ Pictured or described in *A Catalog of Himalayan Mountain Correspondence* by Armand Singer and Robert F Gould.

% The enclosed letter was also signed by Bonnett, Blacker, Clydesdale and (probably) McIntyre.

TRONGAS PO - A Postal Seal with a Typo

by Leo Van Der Velden

On 8 March 2009 I was in Trongsa for the national celebrations of International Woman's Day and used the morning of that Monday to pay a visit to the Trongsa Post Office. The PO is still housed in the original building of the 1970s. At two sides it is now surrounded by 5-story apartment buildings, but the Trongsa Dzong still can be seen in the background. High above it on the hill side is the TaDzong (the Dzong's watchtower), recently restored with Austrian assistance and now called the Tower of Trongsa. It houses a beautiful museum with a small monastery next to it.

Trongsa is centrally located, and has direct mail bags to the west (Tashiling CMO, Thimpu), the east (Bumthang, Mongar and Tashigang) and the south (three CMOs: Kuenga Rabten, Langthel and Korphu, and the Pos of Zhemgang, Tingtibi and Gelephu).

Trongsa Dzongkhag (or district) consists of five gewogs (also written as geogs) or blocks:

1. Dragteng, looked after by Kuenga of Kinga Rabten CMO, aka Drakten CMO;
2. Korphu, served by Korphu CMO;
3. Langthil, looked after by Langthel CMO;
4. Nubi, served by the Gup's office;
5. Tangsibji, looked after by Tashiling CMO.

Except for the Nubi Gup's office, all have their own cancellation seal.

The post master since 2007 is Mr Pema Wangchuk, who has 11 years with Bhutan Post (BP). Before joining BP in 1997 at the advice of his uncle, Pema had been working for 17 years with the State Trading Corporation of Bhutan in Phuntsholing. He joined BP as the mail section in charge in Phuntsholing and in 1998 was re-assigned to Paro to open the Paro Airport PO, where he stayed till 2003, when he switched to Paro PO for 9 months, before becoming the last full fledged post master in Kasadrapchu (2004 - 2007).

Trongsa PO is a full fledged PO and even sells philatelic stamps and post cards. I had some Trongsa cancellations on envelopes, but they were all blurred and hardly readable. So, I had taken a copper brush with me to clean the seals before I would take an imprint.

The PO has three active seals, all metal:

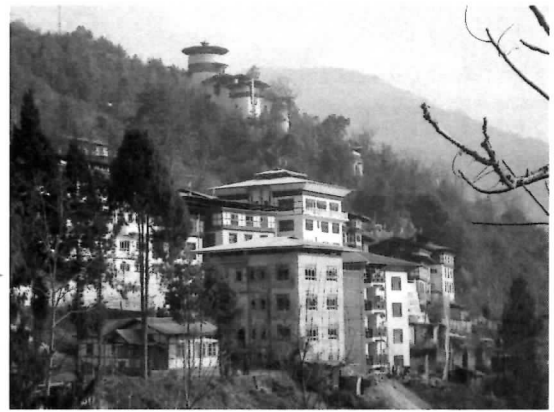
- a. a more modern type German made seal;
- b. the old negative image type "TONGSA DZONG", used for wax sealing of post bags and MO envelopes;
- c. the type with the typical vignettes consisting of four dots at each side of the middle bar, with Dzongkha text above the edge of the circular seal, and English text below. The English text of this seal has interestingly a typo; it reads "TRONGAS P.O.", with the "S" misplaced. It is still used for cancellations, though.



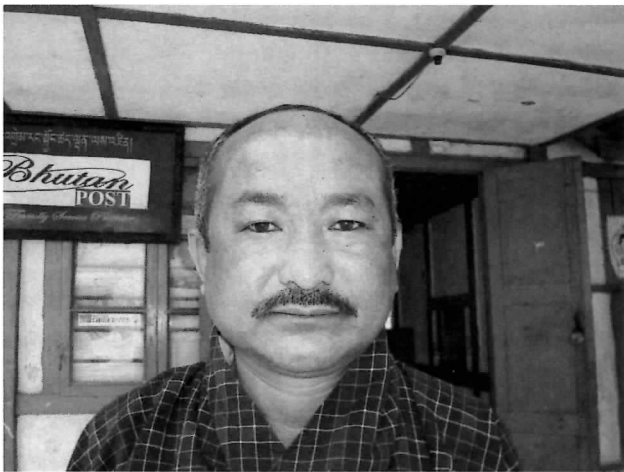
Seal with typo "SA" instead of "AS"



Trongsa Post Office



The TaDzong high on the hill



Post Master Mr Pema Wangchuk



Mr Wangchuk (in native dress) by the Trongsa Mail Box outside the PO



The three active seals of Trongsa PO

(left) the seal with both Dzongkha and English texts

(center) the German made seal

(right) the negative image seal

Cookie Monster by Dick van der Wateren

My good friend Peter Planken is on the telephone “Would you like to spend a week in Nepal?” A needless question and he knows it! Better he should just ask me “When are we going to Nepal?”

Asking the question is also answering it. We quickly agree on the second week of April [2012] is the best week to go. Peter is the most keen of both of us to travel, and he will make the arrangements for flight and hotel. A direct flight from Amsterdam to Kathmandu is always a good start, and our travel organization arranges for the transportation to our hotel - the Kathmandu Guesthouse.

A visit to Bodnath is normal for both of us, but we also want Kirtipur and Thimi. Years ago we were in both of these old small towns where time seems to have stood still. It was amusing to watch an old man looking at my ‘dhaka topi’ and how normal they all look wearing this old typical headdress.

Tuesday we want to go to the NPS meeting.

The President was absent, visiting family in the USA. Unfortunately also the Vice President did not arrive, but there were eight members present. I showed my revised edition of *Nepal Postal Stationery* and sold two copies.

The next day we visited my good friend Jaya Hari Jha in Patan. In February of last year he became a grandfather and I wanted to bring the young boy a small present. I bought a cuddle toy as in normal in my country. The problem of what to buy was not very simple and finally I brought one of the Muppet figures, Cookie Monster. The boy was not delighted with my choice, but maybe that will change.

Friday was Nepalese New Year and we were invited by one of the members to see his collection.

Saturday was already the last day: in the afternoon we went to the airport and were seen off by two of our friends.

“Again next year?” Peter asks me.



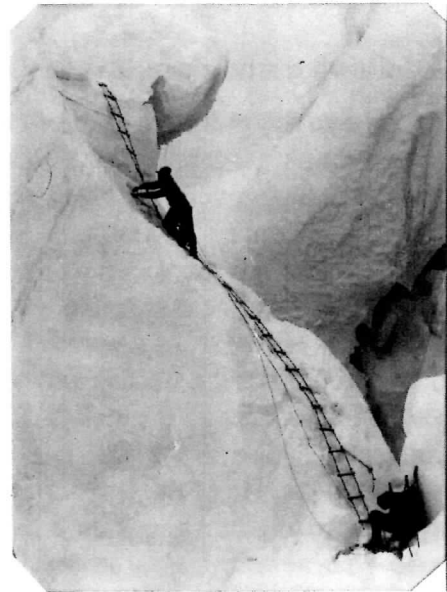
From left: Dick van der Wateren, Jaya Hari Jha (with Cookie Monster),
Peter Planken with Saargav Chandra Jha

Deutsche (German) Rupal Himalayan Expedition Cover 1963
 by Thomas W. Weixlmann, Sr.

On June 23, 1962, German mountain climber and Expedition Team Member Toni Kinshofer was one of three climbers to reach the summit on the German Team that made the first successful ascent of Nanga Parbat in Pakistan by what is now known as the "Kinshofer Route". This trek route went up the very steep Diamir Face.

This was only the second successful ascent of Nanga Parbat, which was often called the "Killer Mountain". The Kinshofer Route has now become the standard ascent route. However, one team member, Siegi Low, fell and died during the descent.

Toni Kinshofer died October 24, 1964 in a fall in the climbing area Batteri near Baden-Baden in the Black Forest region of Germany.



Front of postcard depicts the German Rupal Expedition climb of Nanga Parbat



Black and white photo Airmail postcard, multi-franked by Pakistani issues and tied by 17 June 1963 cancel to the USA. The world's ninth highest mountain, Nanga Parbat, is located in Pakistan near the Kashmir border. The postcard is signed by team members plus the thumbprint of the native guide.

Long Ago in Ladakh
by Kamal Ratna Tuladhar
submitted by Surendra Lal Shrestha

[The following article appeared in *The Kathmandu Post* on Saturday, March 10, 2012 - ed.]

The five men in the photograph didn't make it into any text book. Nobody gave them any medals, nor did the government issue postage stamps in their honour. No statues of them stand anywhere, nor are there any streets named after them. But these unassuming merchants from Kathmandu were part of a breed that made Nepal, once upon a time, a trading power in the Himalayan region.

For centuries, generations of adventurous traders like them have kept the flag flying on the legendary Silk Road that zigzags between China and Europe. These '*banjas*' or merchants kept shop at bustling bazaars and dreary outposts on the trade route, traversing the windswept plains in mule caravans. They were the frontline troops of the Nepali business houses in Lhasa.

The accompanying picture was taken in Leh, Ladakh, and dates from 1932. Clad in sheepskin overcoats and fur hats, the *banjas* are, from left to right, Mohan Man Tuladhar, Jit Man Tuladhar, Bekha Ratna Tamrakar, Dev Rama Tamrakar and Kanchha Baniya. These traders were attached to the business houses of Dharma Man Tuladhar who had a string of shops in Tibet. His firm also owned a store in far-off Ladakh.

Dharmar Man was from Tanlachhi, Kathmandu. Descended from a long line of merchants, he went to Tibet in the 1890s and took the wheel of the ancestral business in the tradition of his predecessors. Dharma Man presided over a flourishing period of his family firm, and the profits allowed him to sponsor restoration projects of holy places upon his return to Nepal. Among his notable undertakings, he headed the renovation of Swayambhu in 1918 which was the last major overhaul done to the Stupa before the most recent one in 2010.

Dharma Man's business house was one of the larger ones among those belonging to Nepali's

in Lhasa, and he had a presence in major towns on the trade route like Shigatse, Gyantse and Phari. Like many other traders, he also maintained business offices in Kalimpong and Kolkata in India where the overland part of the Silk Road terminated. Ladakh was at the outer reaches of the business network where Nepali merchants operated.

Ladakh lies in the state of Jammu and Kashmir at India's northern tip. Its culture has a strong Tibetan influence. Located at a height of more than 3000 m between the Kunlun mountains in the north and the Himalayas in the south, Ladakh is divided into two districts, Leh and Kargil. Our heroes were based in Leh. Kargil was where Indian and Pakistani forces slugged it out in 1999. In the past, commerce flowing between Turkestan, Tibet, Punjab and Kashmir passed through Ladakh due to its location at the crossroads of key trade routes.

Nepal's position straddling the trade system linking South and Central Asia made it a natural intermediary. And apart from merchants, companies of craftsmen trekked over the mountains to create Buddhist art in the highlands. Since the traditional Tibet trade ended in the mid-1960s, a way of life that helped to enliven the culture and economy on both sides of the Himalayas has been gradually receding from memory. And these merchants only remain in ballads and a few photographs.

Nobody knows how long our traders in Ladakh remained there or even if they returned to Kathmandu. The trans-Himalayan trade was a hard life, and many are the stories of merchants who succumbed to the altitude and cold. My grandfather was one of the Lhasa traders who didn't make it back. He was returning home as he had fallen sick; and died on his horse a few days into the journey, slumping over in the saddle as his illness worsened. And so in 1935, my late father cut

short his schooling to go to Tibet to take over the family shop. He was among the last of the old merchants. Barely a decade since he returned to Nepal after a stay of 17 years in Lhasa, the Tibet trade had become history.

As heir to an illustrious heritage, I used to imagine myself becoming the head of a business conglomerate. With my hair (what remains of

it) starting to turn grey, I have come to realize that it is a distinct non-possibility now. And so I write about my forebearers in order that the stories of these adventurer merchants get told, even if they don't get any medals or have statues erected in their honour.



From left to right: Mohan Man Tuladhar, Jit Man Tuladhar, Bekha Ratna Tamrakar, Dev Rama Tamrakar and Kanchha Baniya

[See also the front cover of *Postal Himal* issue 99/100 for a photo of Dharma Man Tuladhar and the article "Dharma Man Tuladhar and Pratek Man Tuladhar - Nepalese Traders in Tibet" by Sidhartha Man Tuladhar 99/100:23

Sidhartha Man Tuladhar gave a slide show at the NTPSC meeting at WESTPEX 93 - ed.]

Japanese Woman's New Everest Feat submitted by Surendra Lal Shrestha

[This article appeared in *The Kathmandu Post* on May 20, 2012 - ed.]

A 73 year old Japanese woman climbed Mount Everest on Saturday morning, breaking her own record of the oldest woman to scale the world's highest peak.

Tamae Watanabe reached the 8,848 metre peak at about 7 am on Saturday to smash her own record set in 2002 at the age of 63.

Chairman of Asian Trekking, Ang Tshering Sherpa who organised the expedition, said Watanabe along with four others launched her ascent from the Tibetan side of the mountain.

"She is healthy and coming back to base camp. It would take her one week to arrive in Kathmandu," Sherpa told the *Post*. Watanabe is a retired manager of a local Japanese high school.

Japanese national Junko Tabai was the first woman to climb the world's highest peak in 1975.

"Tamae Watanabe along with another Japanese national Noriyuki Muraguchi and three

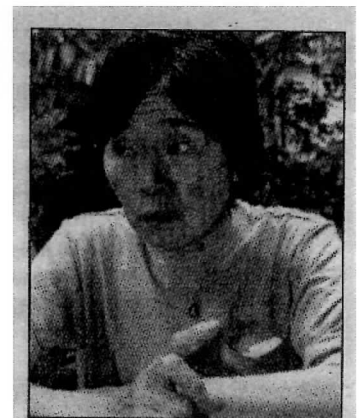
Sherpas - Mingma Sherpa, Phura Nuru Sherpa and Phurba Sherpa - left for the summit from Camp 3 at 8:30 pm (Nepali time) on Friday and successfully conquered the it at 7 am. Watanabe, who holds the world record as the oldest woman to scale Everest, broke her own record after 10 years," the organizer of the expedition said.

She has also climbed Mt. McKinley, North America's highest mountain and other peaks around the world.

Nepal's Min Bahadur Sherchan is the oldest man to reach the top of Everest.

The government collects around Rs 200 million in royalties annually from Everest expeditions.

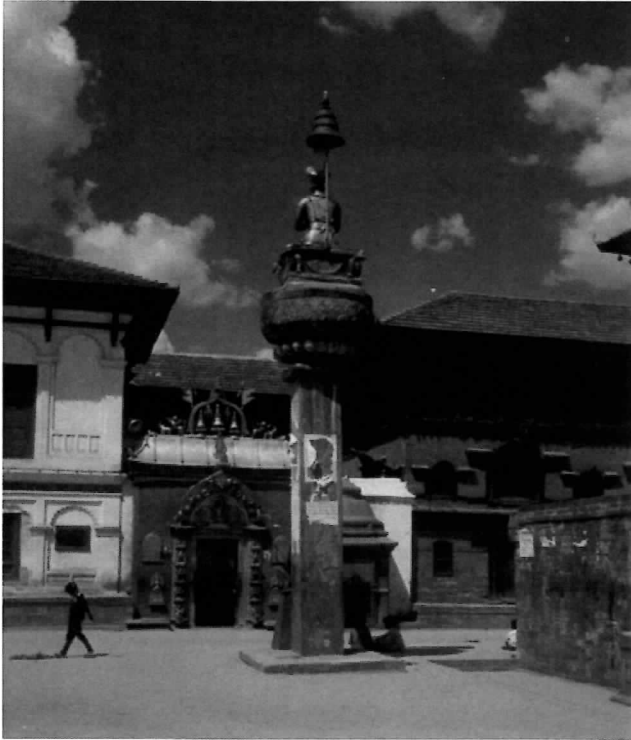
Over 3,000 climbers have scaled Mt. Everest since Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Sherpa first conquered it in 1953, according to official records.



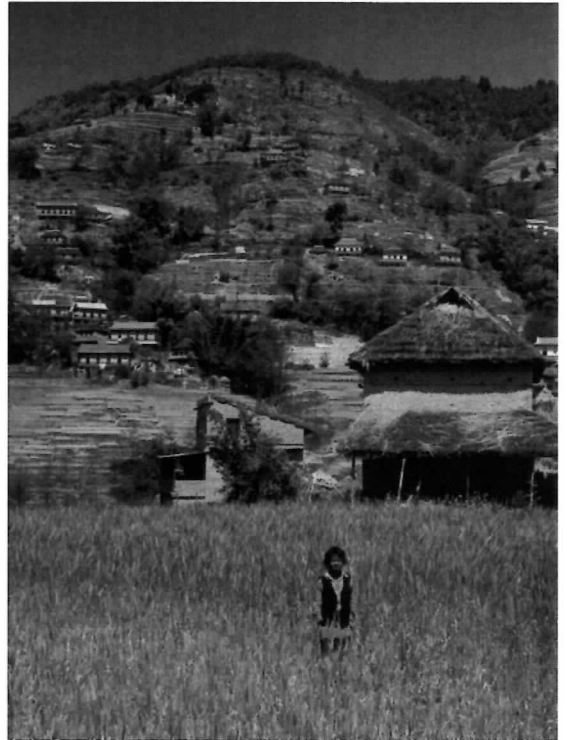
Tamae Watanabe

Photos from Nepal
by Alfonso G. Zulueta, Jr.

[These photos were all taken by AI during a trip to Nepal in 1980. See also 150:13 -ed.]



Golden Gate, Bhaktapur



Boy in Rice Field, Rural Nepal



Darbar Square, Bhaktapur

Nepalese Postage Rates from 16 July 2012
Government of Nepal Department of Postal Services
submitted by Surendra Lal Shrestha

FOREGIN POSTAGE RATES

AIRMAIL					
S.N	Particular	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
1.	Letter up to 20 gms.	25/-	35/-	40/-	50/-
	21 to 50 gms.	50/-	70/-	85/-	100/-
	51 to 100 gms.	85/-	125/-	150/-	175/-
	101 to 250 gms.	175/-	265/-	325/-	380/-
	251 to 500 gms.	310/-	455/-	565/-	670/-
	501 to 1000 gms.	565/-	755/-	960/-	1160/-
	1001 to 1500 gms.	765/-	955/-	1260/-	1610/-
	1501 to 2000 gms.	1020/-	1205/-	1610/-	2010/-
2.	- a. post card	20/-	25/-	30/-	35/-
	- b. printed post card	20/-	25/-	30/-	35/-
3.	Aerogramme	20/-	25/-	30/-	35/-
4.	BOOK Post, Printed paper,				
	Newspaper: up to				
	20 gms.	20/-	25/-	35/-	45/-
	21 to 50 gms.	40/-	50/-	70/-	85/-
	51 to 100 gms.	75/-	90/-	115/-	155/-
	101 to 250 gms.	160/-	200/-	255/-	335/-
	251 to 500 gms.	285/-	360/-	450/-	555/-
	501 to 1000 gms.	510/-	645/-	800/-	995/-
	1001 to 1500 gms.	685/-	860/-	1010/-	1315/-
	1501 to 2000 gms.	810/-	1005	1210/-	1515/-
	2001 gms. to Over each				
	1000 gms. Or part	85/-	205/-	260/-	315/-
5.	Small Packet Up to gms.				
	50 gms.	40/-	50/-	60/-	70/-
	51 to 100 gms.	65/-	85/-	100/-	115/-
	101 to 250 gms.	145/-	195/-	225/-	255/-
	251 to 500 gms.	270/-	360/-	420/-	475/-
	501 to 1000 gms.	510/-	690/-	795/-	900/-
	1001 to 1500 gms.	720/-	985/-	1140/-	1298/-
	1501 to 2000 gms.	910/-	1210/-	1415/-	1620/-
6.	Blind Litureture (UP to 7 kg.)				
		Free	Free	Free	Free
7.	Registered Newspaper: - First				
	20 gms.	10/-	15/-	20/-	25/-
	21 to 50 gms.	20/-	30/-	35/-	40/-
	51 to 100 gms.	30/-	45/-	55/-	65/-
	101 to 250 gms.	65/-	95/-	115/-	135/-
	251 to 500 gms.	115/-	170/-	205/-	240/-

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501 to 1000 gms.	220/-	295/-	355/-	415/-
1001 to 1500 gms	325/-	405/-	530/-	605/-
1501 to 2000 gms	410/-	510/-	610/-	710/-

SURFACE MAIL

S.N. Particular	Rs.		
	SAARC member	APPU Members	Other Countries
1. Letter up to 20 gms.	20/-	25/-	30/-
21 to 50 gms.	40/-	50/-	60/-
51 to 100 gms.	65/-	85/-	95/-
101 to 250 gms.	135/-	175/-	200/-
251 to 500 gms.	230/-	300	340/-
501 to 1000 gms.	380/-	510/-	560/-
1001 to 1500 gms.	530/-	685/-	760/-
1501 to 2000 gms.	605/-	810/-	910/-
2. BOOK Post, Printed paper,			
Newspaper: up to 20 gms.	15/-	15/-	20/-
21 to 50 gms.	25/-	30/-	35/-
51 to 100 gms.	40/-	50/-	60/-
101 to 250 gms.	75/-	95/-	120/-
251 to 500 gms.	115/-	160/-	210/-
501 to 1000 gms.	185/-	260/-	360/-
1001 to 1500 gms.	250/-	345/-	460/-
1501 to 2000 gms	305/-	410/-	510/-
Letter each 1000 gms. Or part	155/-	210/-	240/-
3. Small Packet Up to 100 gms.	25/-	30/-	40/-
101 to 250 gms.	50/-	65/-	80/-
251 to 500 gms.	90/-	120/-	145/-
501 to 1000 gms.	165/-	220/-	270/-
1001 to 1500 gms.	240/-	290/-	305/-
1501 to 2000 gms Small	305/-	410/-	510/-
4. Blind: Literature (Up to 7 k.g.)			
	Free		Free
5. Registered Newspaper :-			
First 50 gms.	10/-	15/-	20/-
51 to 100 gms.	15/-	25/-	30/-
101 to 250 gms.	25/-	50/-	60/-
251 to 500 gms.	35/-	85/-	105/-
501 to 1000 gms.	70/-	165/-	190/-
1001 to 1500 gms.	85/-	235/-	265/-
1501 to 2000 gms	110/-	310/-	360/-
NB:- Maximum weight:	-Letter and Printed Paper		2 k.g.
	-Books and Pamphelt		5 k.g.

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Emails/Letters to the Editor
by Richard M. Hanchett

Email from Leo Martyn

The letter from Ajit Shah (P.H. 3rd Quarter, 2012) [151:13] should not have been presented in the Postal Himal. The editor should have gathered all the facts, not just one side, and, if deemed appropriate, print both Mr. Shah's and Dr. Shrestha's positions at the same time, with joint agreement. I say appropriate, as I don't think the Study Circle should act as judge and jury without examining such items in person with all of the necessary information.

A Possible Error on an Early Postcard
by Colin Hepper FRPSL

I recently came across the illustrated postcard, which to all intents and purposes is a 'run of the mill card No. 12'. The Kathmandu cancellor and date stamp are poor strikes. However on closer inspection there appears to be no vowel over the third character of the word Sarkar.

At first I thought that it was caused by the vowel not being inked, but I cannot see any impression on the card where the vowel would be. So perhaps I have another 'oddball' card in my collection.

नेपाल सरकार



Emails to the Editor requesting Stamps **by Richard M. Hanchett**

On occasion the editor receives emails requesting stamps. If you have some duplicates either from your own country or from Nepal, you might consider sending a few to the requestors. Maybe you will be responsible for creating new collectors of the Himalayan region. The addresses are as they were given in the email to the editor.

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Dmitry Zakharchenko

Andrew Pavlyuk (24 years old)
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E. V. Mactepova with her
grandmother



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