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BRITISH OCEANIA

In a setting of unsurpassed beauty, in the land "down under," lies the Island world of the Pacific. Nestled between the South Pacific and Indian Oceans, this group of islands is dominated by Australia, which has the distinction of being both the smallest continent and the largest island in the world. Known to stamp collectors as British Oceania, these exotic lands also include such romantic and adventure-stirring names as Christmas Island, Ross Dependencies, Cook Islands, Tonga, Fiji, Niue, Tokelau Islands, New Zealand and all the others that are represented in this album.

While some cities, such as Melbourne, Canberra and Wellington, are modern and can compare favorably with metropolitan areas throughout the world, the vast majority of these islands are still primitive in living and in industrial habits, although great strides are being made to modernize and improve educational, medical and living facilities.

Most of this vast area was claimed for the British by Captain James Cook, who first surveyed these lands in 1770. The first settlers in Australia were British convicts — mostly debtors — who were banished from their homeland and since they could no longer be sent to America because of the revolution, were exiled to this new country. Through industry and a strong desire to improve their conditions, they conquered a vast wilderness, and overcame almost insurmountable obstacles to build a nation that today is representative of the highest form of democratic life.

The stamps of these islands reflect the historical background, and point up the tremendous strides in progress that have been made over the years. They tell the story of a brave and courageous people, and depict their natural scenic beauty and fascinating wildlife on postage issues that appeal to both the collector and non-collector alike. The duck-billed platypus, the kookaburra bird, the koala bear, the kangaroo, the emu, and the lyre bird are just a few of nature's wonders that appear on the postage stamps of these far-away lands. Collect the interesting and colorful postal issues of British Oceania, and you will bring a whole new world of wonders into your life. The publishers have created this album to help you accomplish this goal.

For more complete and detailed information about the stamps of British Oceania we recommend **THE NEW WORLD WIDE POSTAGE STAMP CATALOG**.

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AITUTAKI

Since 1901 Aitutaki (as part of the Cook or Hervey Islands) has been a dependency of the Dominion of New Zealand. Area: 6.1 sq. mi.; pop.: 2,357; cap. (of the Dependency): Avarua, on Rarotonga Island; currency: 12 pence = 1 shilling, 20 shillings = 1 pound (£).

ISSUES OF 1903-27



Typographed



Engraved



Unwatermarked

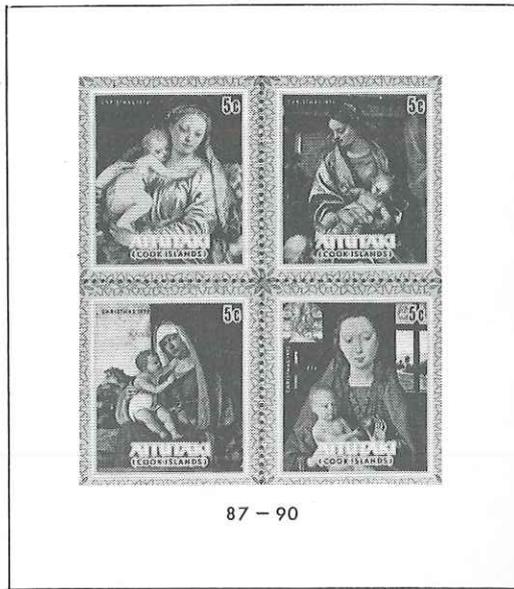
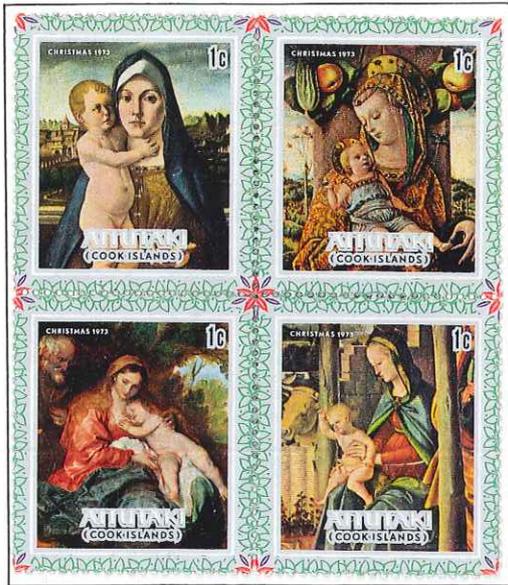


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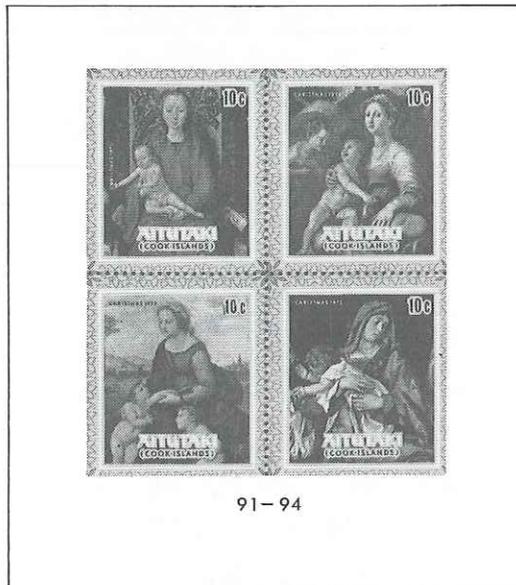


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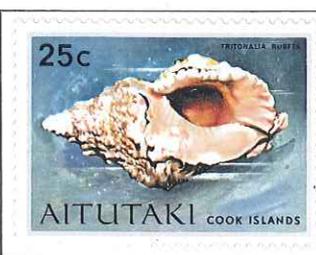
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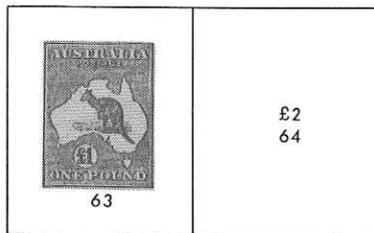
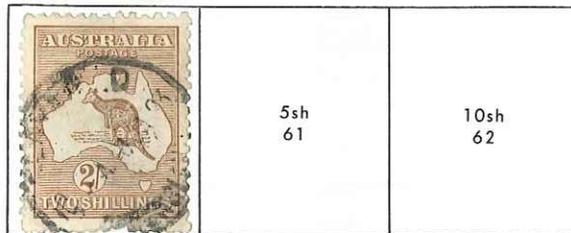
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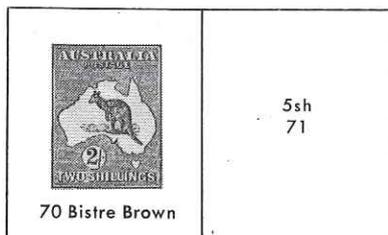
AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1913-30

Watermark 



Watermark 



AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1915-30

Watermark 



	£1 Greenish Gray 84	£1 Carmine Lake & Black 85
83 Pale Ultramar & Brown		

Watermark 



10sh 91	£2 92
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Engraved, perf 11



Unwatermarked



Typographed, perf 14



AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1914-24

Perf 14, Watermark 



Watermark 



1p
Dull Red
117



AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1918-31

Perf 14, 13½ x 12½, Watermark 



Watermark 



AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Philatelic Exhibition Issue

1928



AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1931-46



OS
 on
 2p (#146)
 149



Watermark 



Watermark 



10s 166	£1 167	£2 168
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AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1931-36



Watermark



No watermark, perf 11



Watermarked, perf 10 1/2 x 11



AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1934-48



No watermark, perf 11



Watermarked, perf 13x13 1/2



AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1936-46



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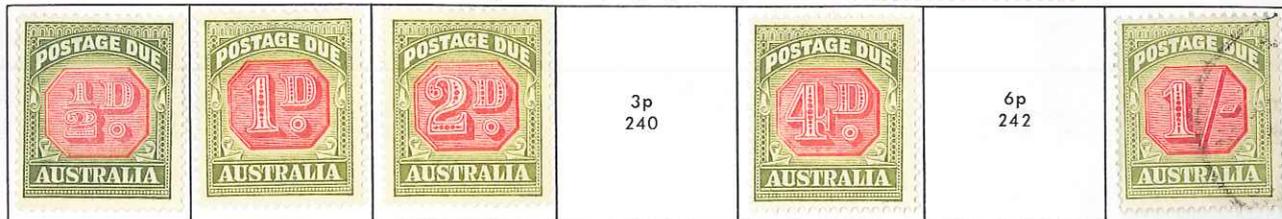


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ISSUES OF 1938-45



Frame engraved, values typographed, watermark 



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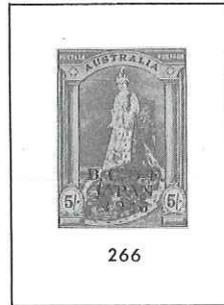
AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1946-48

British Commonwealth Occupation Force



Watermarked



Unwatermarked



AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1947-52

Value tablet redrawn. Broader numerals, center of "D" melon-shaped.



Unwatermarked



Watermark



AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1948-53



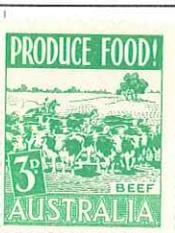
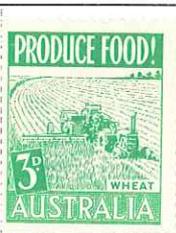
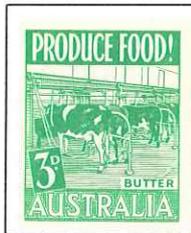
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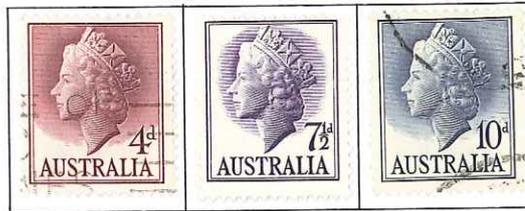
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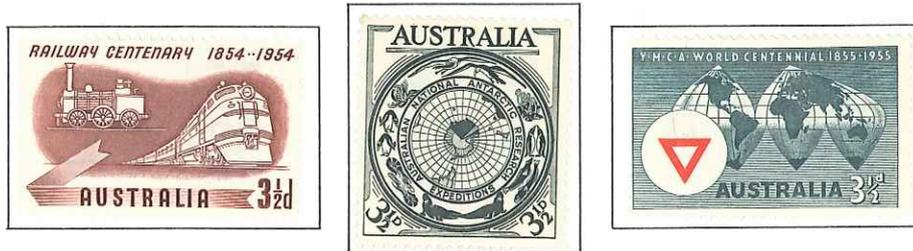


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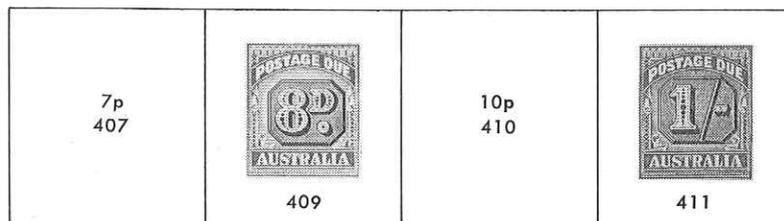
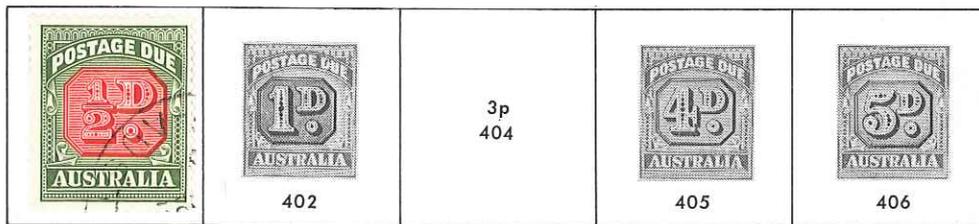
ISSUES OF 1953-55



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ISSUES OF 1956-60

Unwatermarked



AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1956-59



AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1959-62



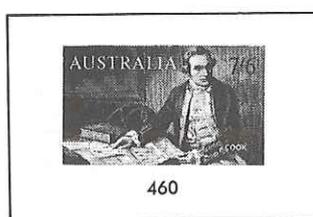
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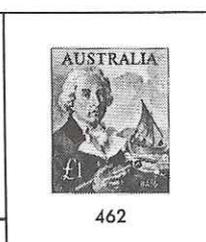


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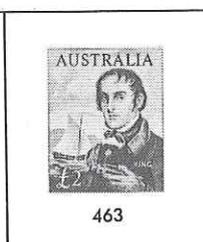
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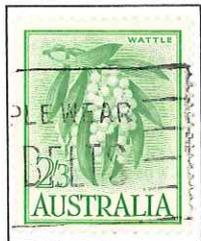


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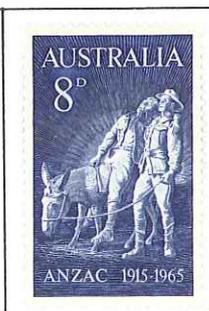
White paper



461 p



463 p



AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1966

New Currency: 100c — \$1

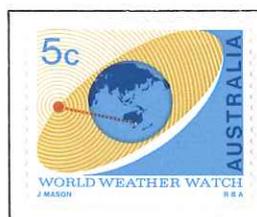
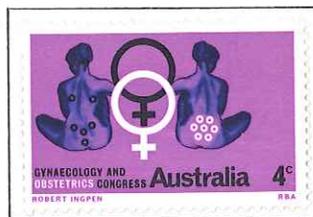


Coils



AUSTRALIA

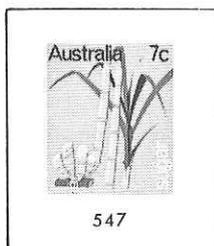
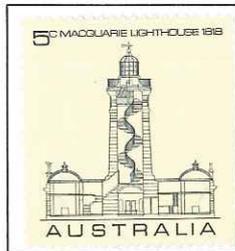
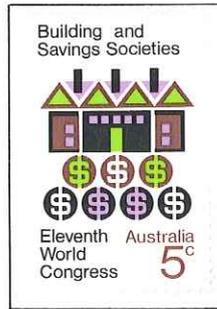
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ISSUES OF 1968-69



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ISSUES OF 1969-70

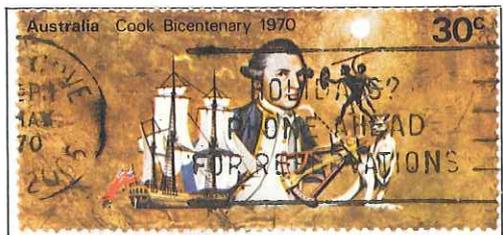
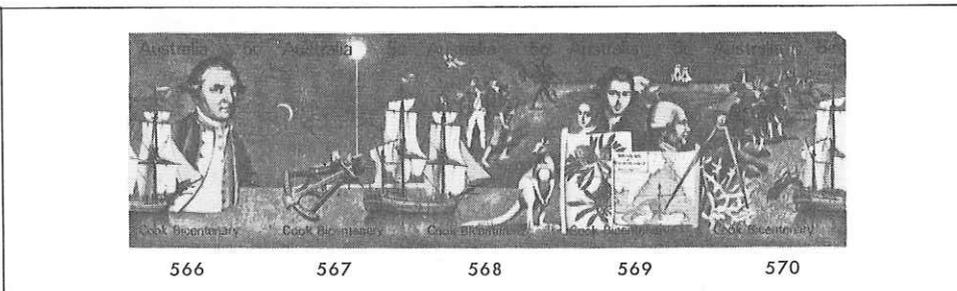
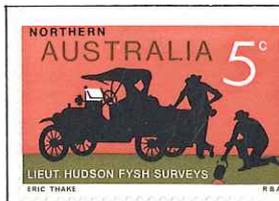
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Coils



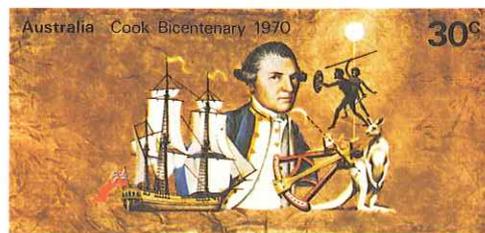
Coil



AUSTRALIA

1970. CAPTAIN COOK BICENTENARY
Souvenir Sheet

Captain Cook Bicentenary DISCOVERY OF EAST COAST OF AUSTRALIA IN 1770



Cook,
giant among
navigators,
enters the
Pacific...

and fixes the
position of the
eastern part of
Australia...

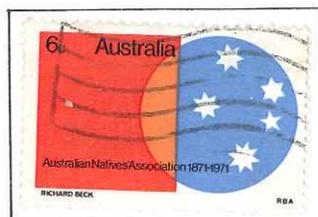
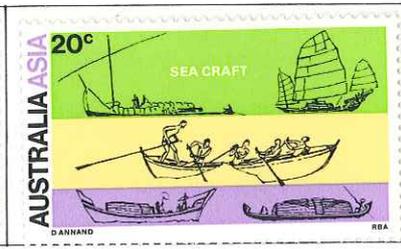
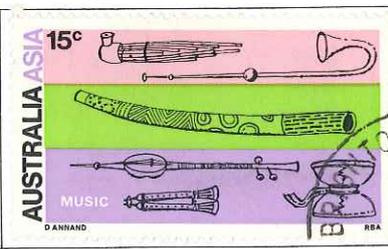
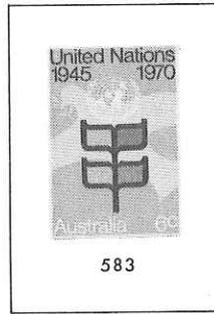
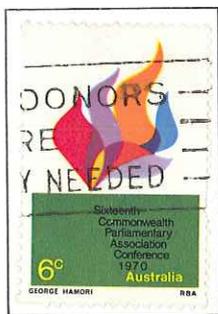
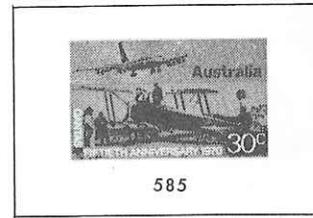
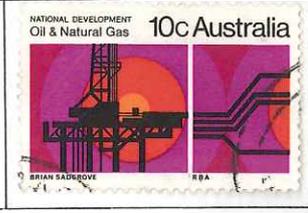
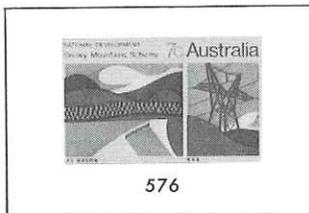
where he finds
new people and
strange animals.

He and his
scientists chart
the shores
and sketch
the flora...

and sovereignty
is proclaimed
over the land
discovered.

AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1970-71

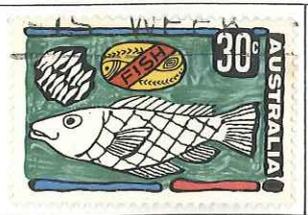
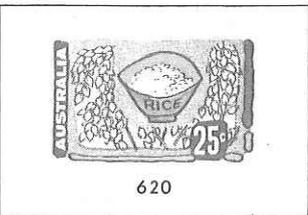
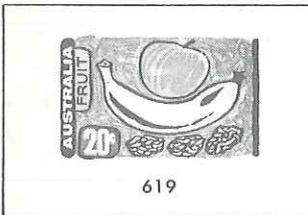


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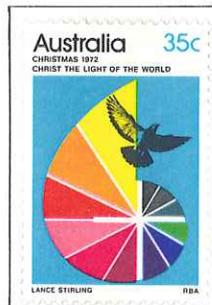
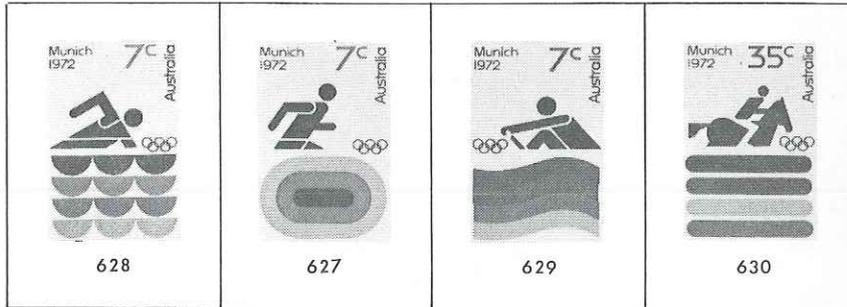
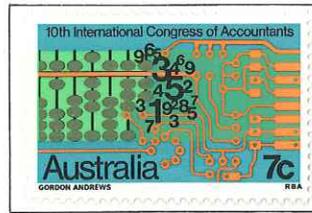


7 Different Color Combinations



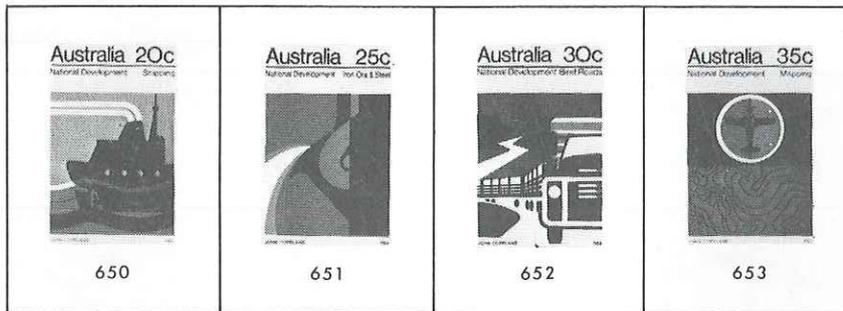
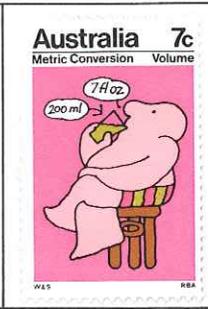
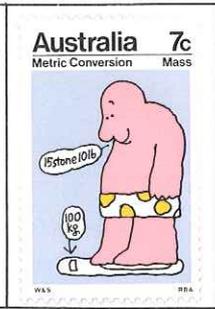
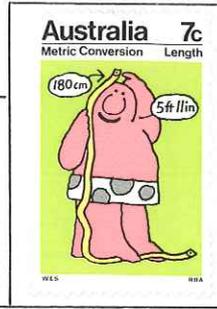
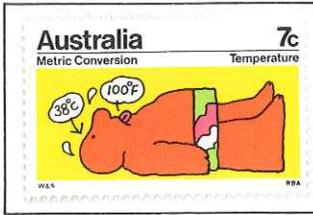
AUSTRALIA

ISSUES OF 1972



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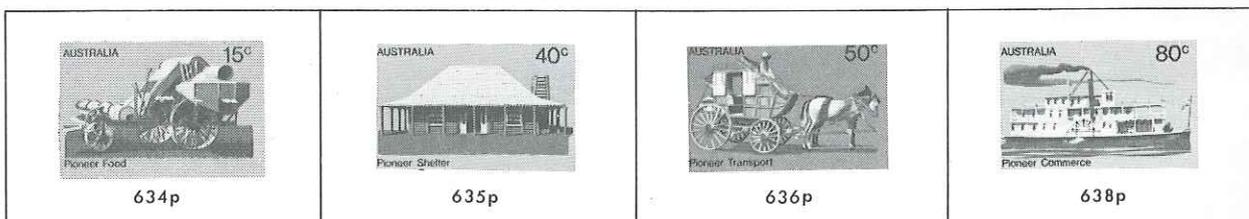
ISSUES OF 1973



AUSTRALIA

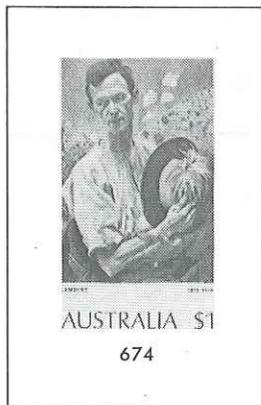
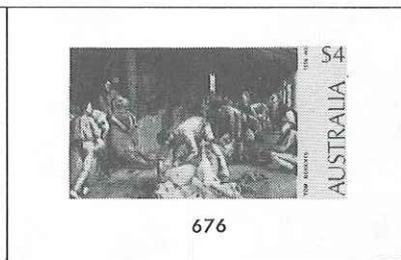
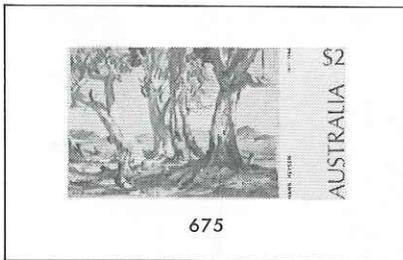
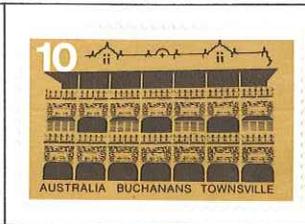
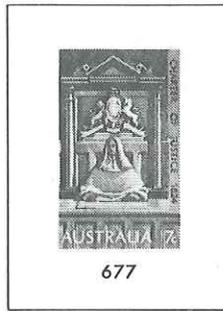
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White Paper



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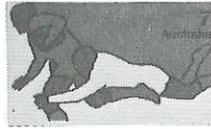


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ISSUES OF 1974



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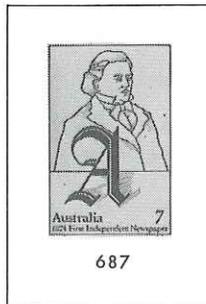
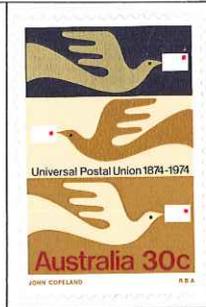
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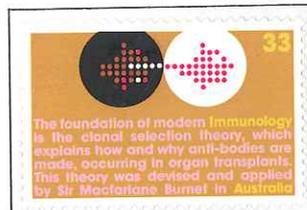
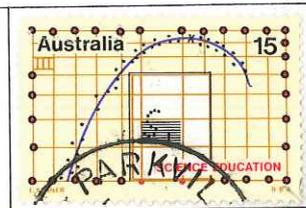
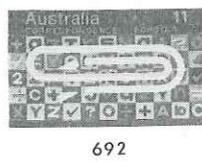
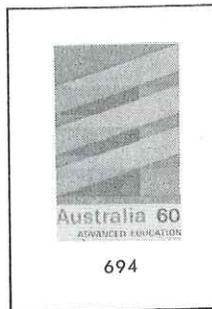
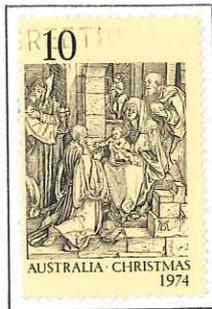


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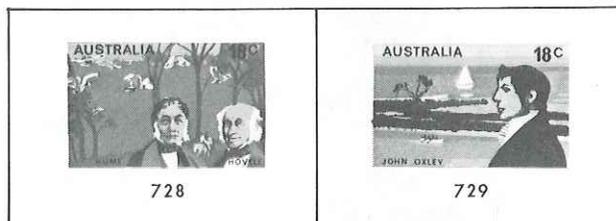
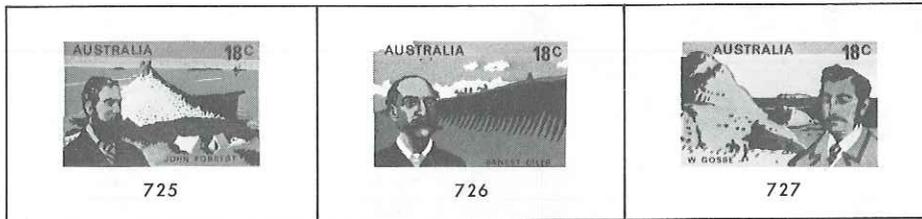
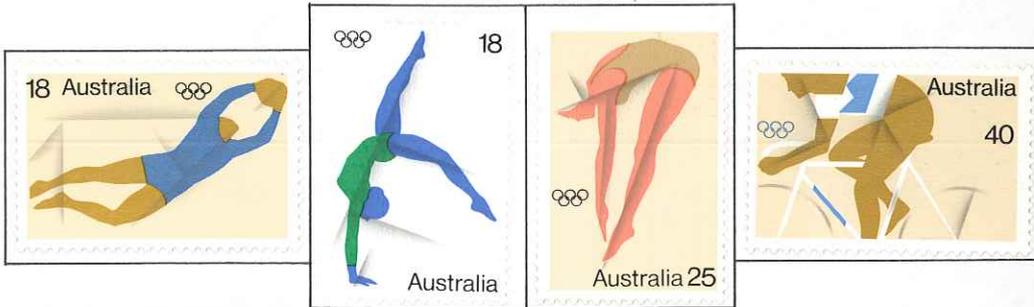
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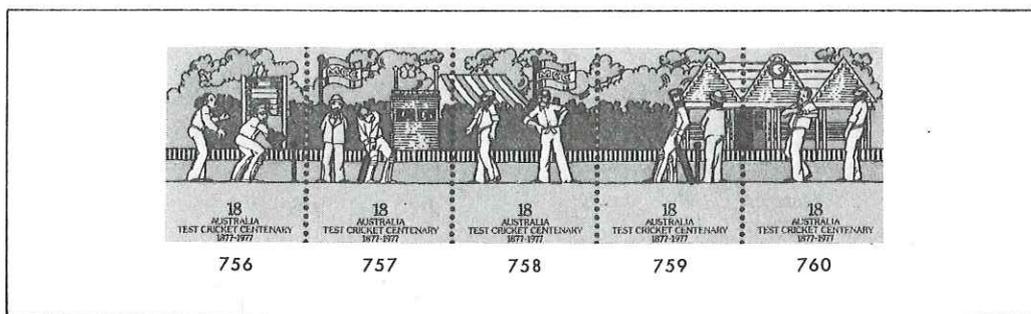
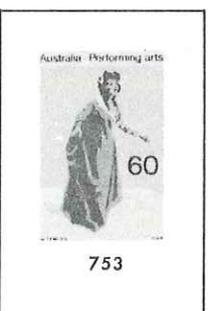
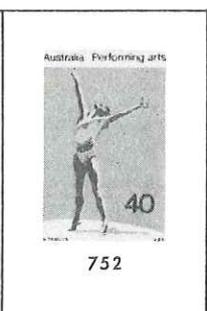
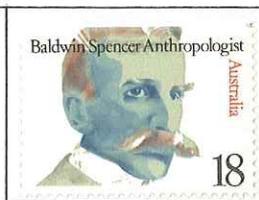
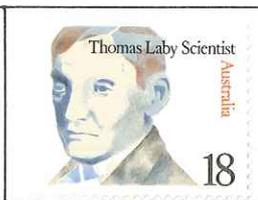
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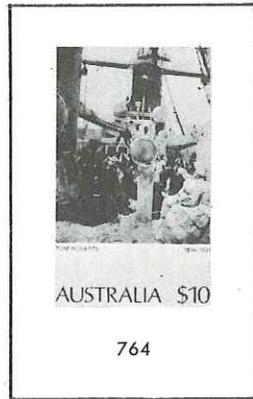
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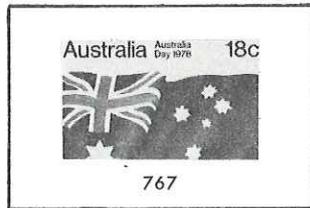
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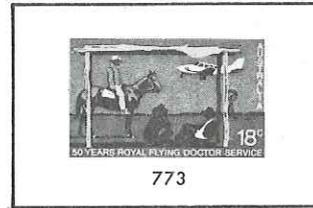
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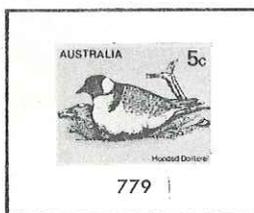
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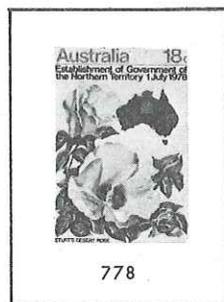
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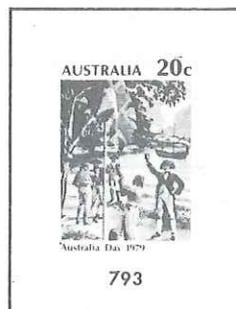


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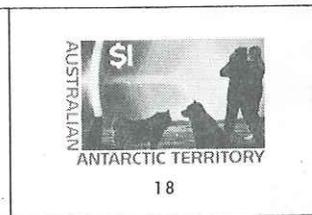
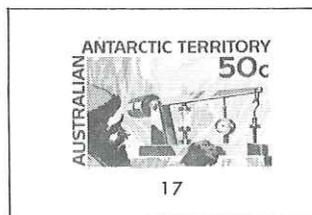
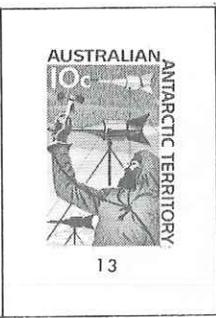
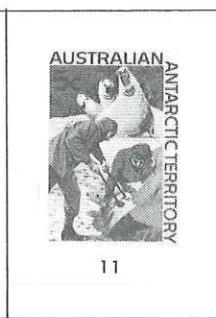
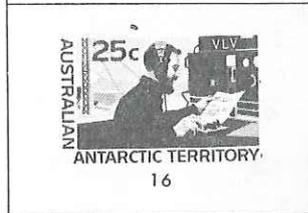
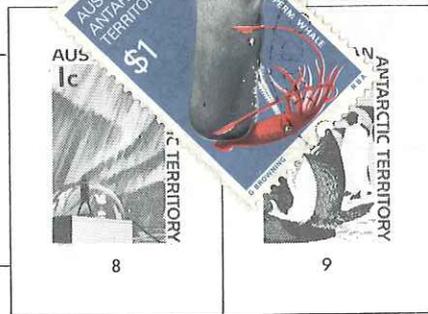
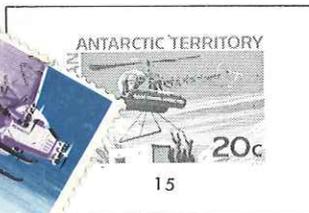
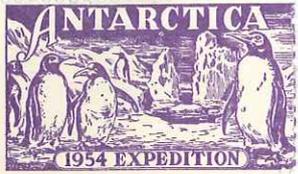
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AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC TERRITORY

Part of Antarctica between 160°E long. and 45°E long., South of 60°S latitude, except Adelle Land. Area: 2,472,000 sq. mi.

ISSUES OF 1957-71



BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS

British protectorate including groups of islands extending over 375,000 square miles. Area (Solomons only): 11,458 square miles; Population: 99,000 (1952); Language: English and Papuan; Capital Tulagi.

ISSUES OF 1907-11



BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS

ISSUES OF 1913-31

Inscribed "Postage"



Inscribed "Postage & Revenue". Watermark 



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BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS

ISSUES OF 1935-51



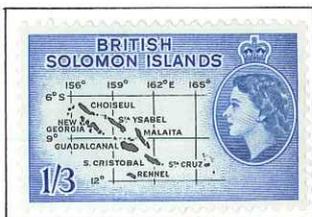
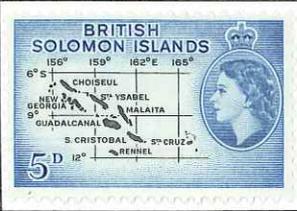
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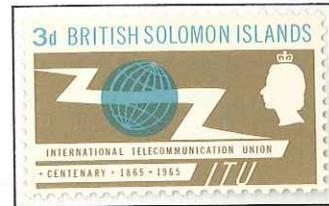
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BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS

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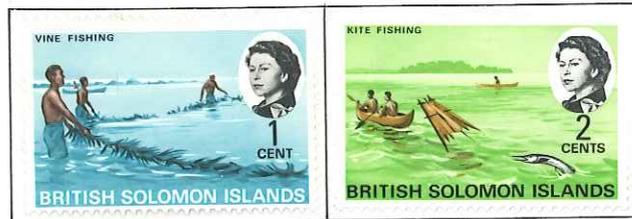
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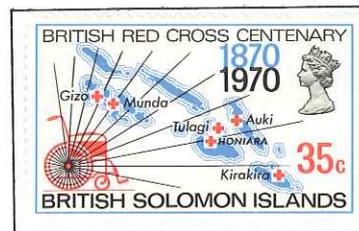
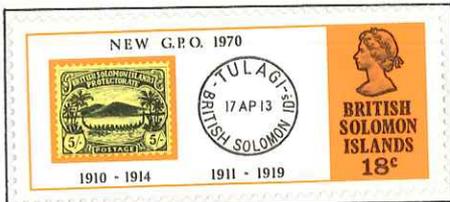
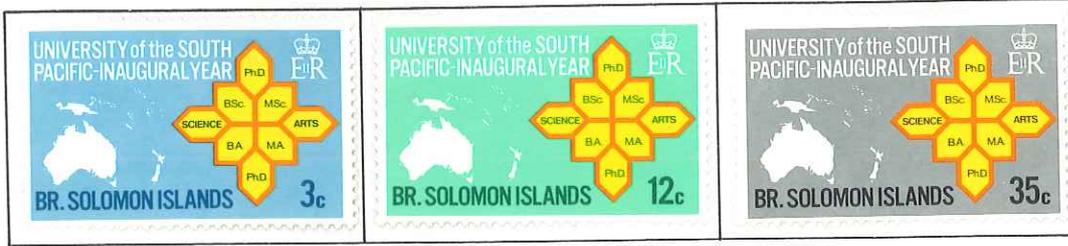
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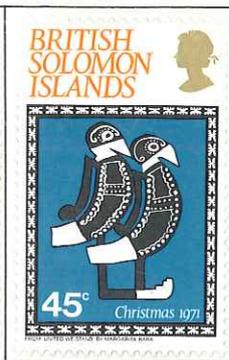
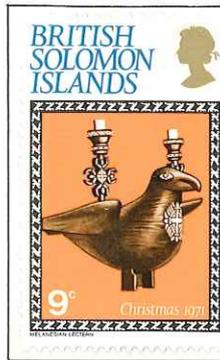
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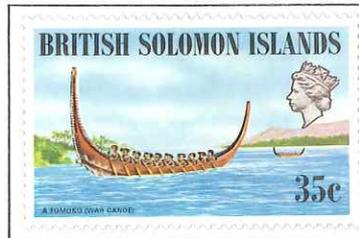
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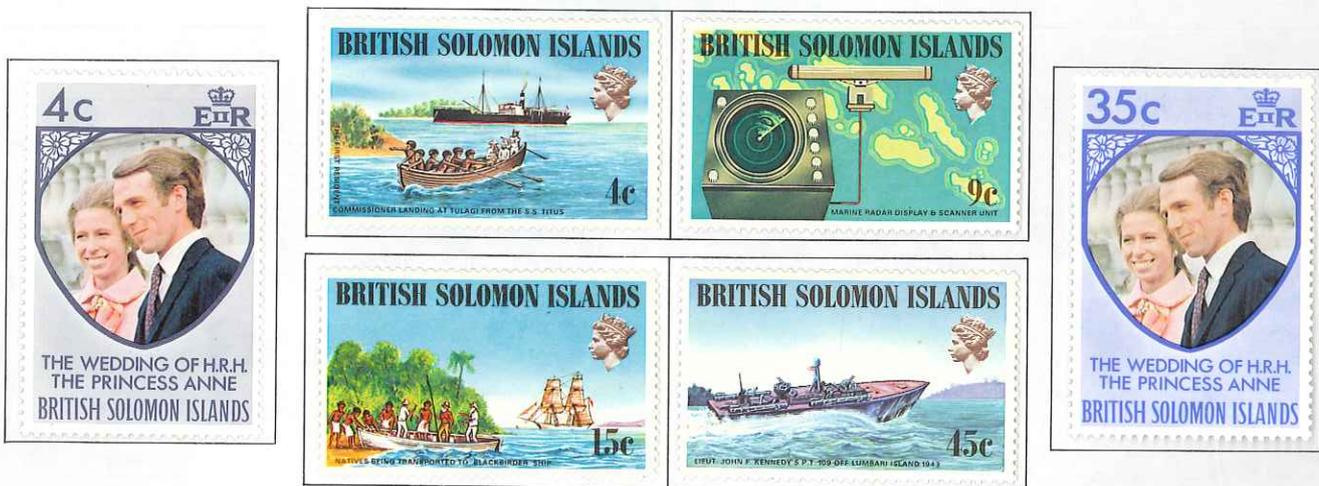
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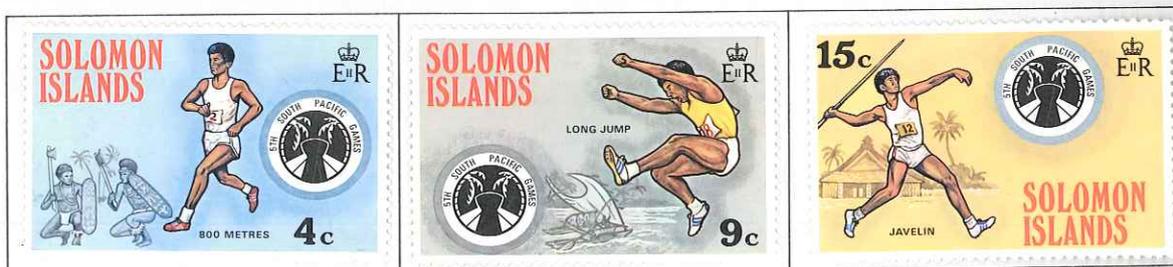
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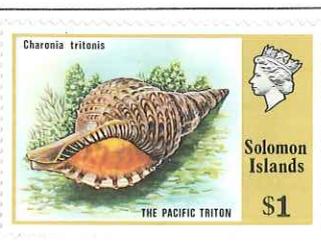
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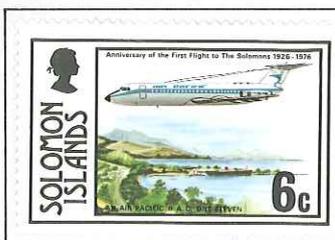
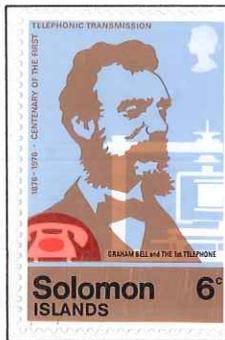
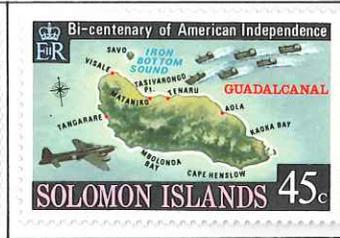
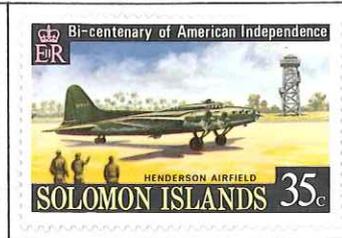
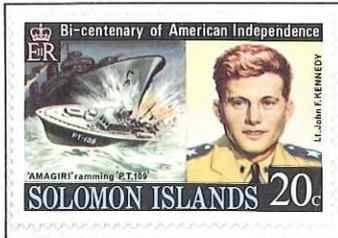
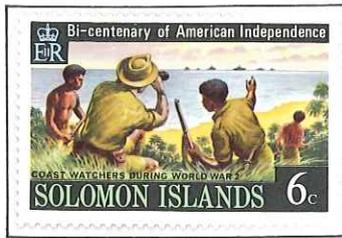
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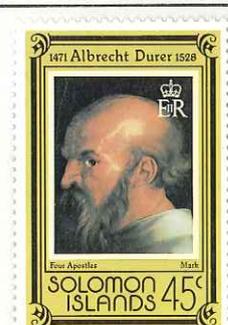
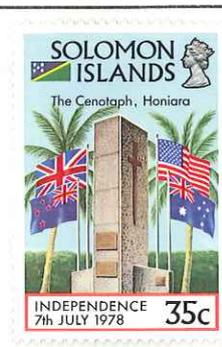


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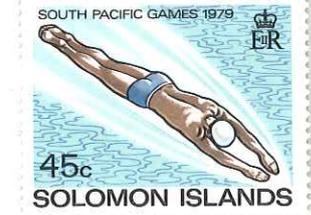
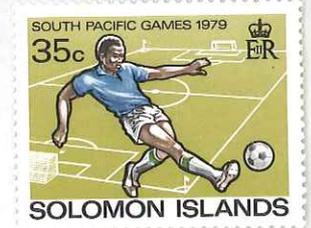
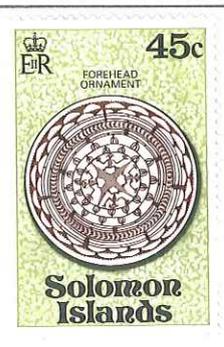
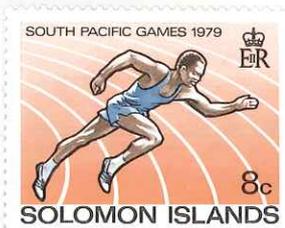
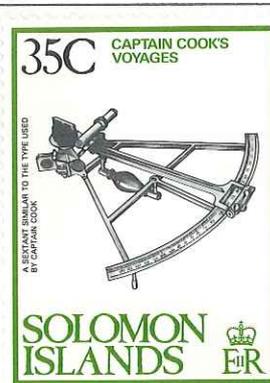
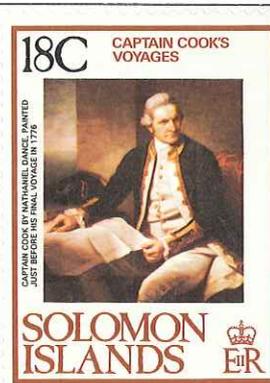
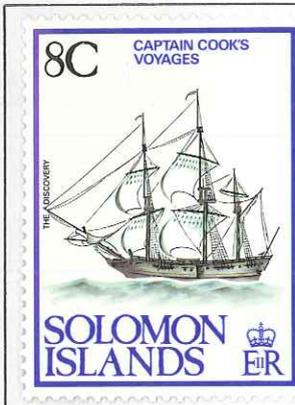
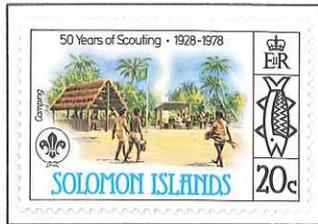
King's Dragon. A supporter favoured by all the Tudor kings. Henry VIII's dragon at Hampton Court Palace bears a shield with his arms. France Modern and England quarterly.
Sandford's Eagle. This strong skilful fisherman appears as a charge on the Solomon Islands arms.

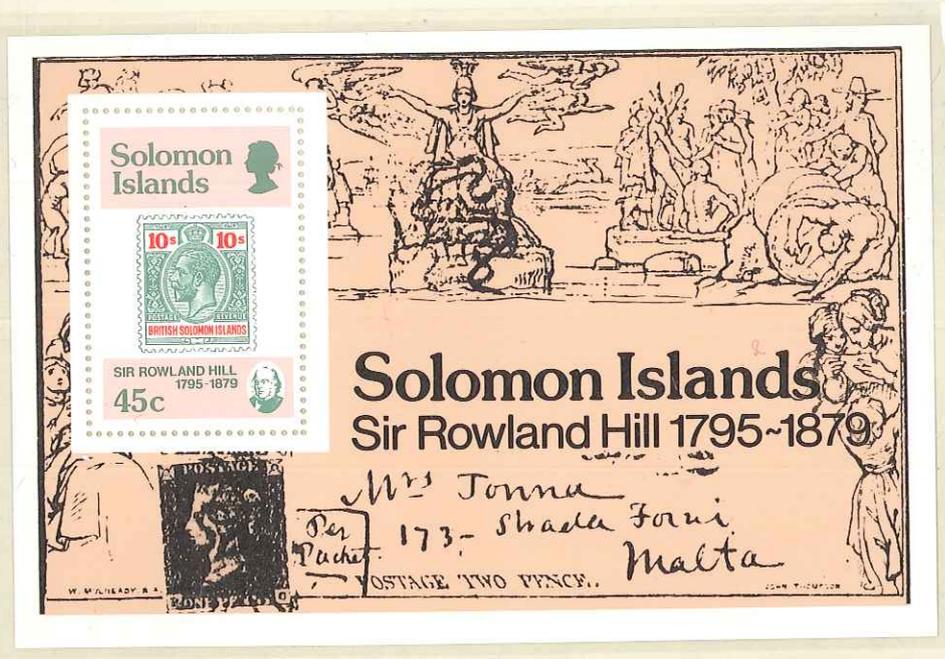


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1c SEA SNAKE
Laticauda colubrina



SOLOMON ISLANDS 

3c RED-BANDED TREE SNAKE
Boiga irregularis



SOLOMON ISLANDS 

4c WHIP SNAKE
Dendrolaphis calligaster



SOLOMON ISLANDS 

6c PACIFIC BOA
Candoia carinata



SOLOMON ISLANDS 

8c SKINK
Emoia cyanura



SOLOMON ISLANDS 

10c LEPIDODACTYLUS
Lepidodactylus lugubris



SOLOMON ISLANDS 

12c MONITOR
Varanus indicus



SOLOMON ISLANDS 

15c ANGLEHEAD
Goniacephalus godfreyi



SOLOMON ISLANDS 

20c GIANT TOAD
Bula marinus



SOLOMON ISLANDS 

25c MARSH FROG
Platymanis solomonis



SOLOMON ISLANDS 

30c HORNED FROG
Ceratobatrachus guentheri



SOLOMON ISLANDS 

35c TREE FROG
Litoria thesaurensis



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45c GUPPY'S SNAKE
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\$1.00 LARGE SKINK
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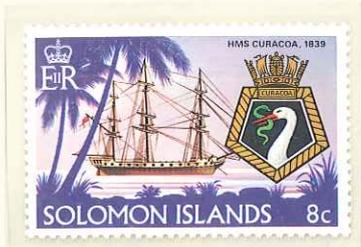
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SOLOMON ISLANDS 

\$5.00 ESTUARINE CROCODILE
Crocodylus porosus

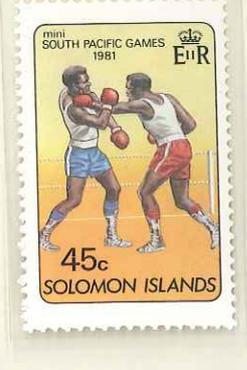






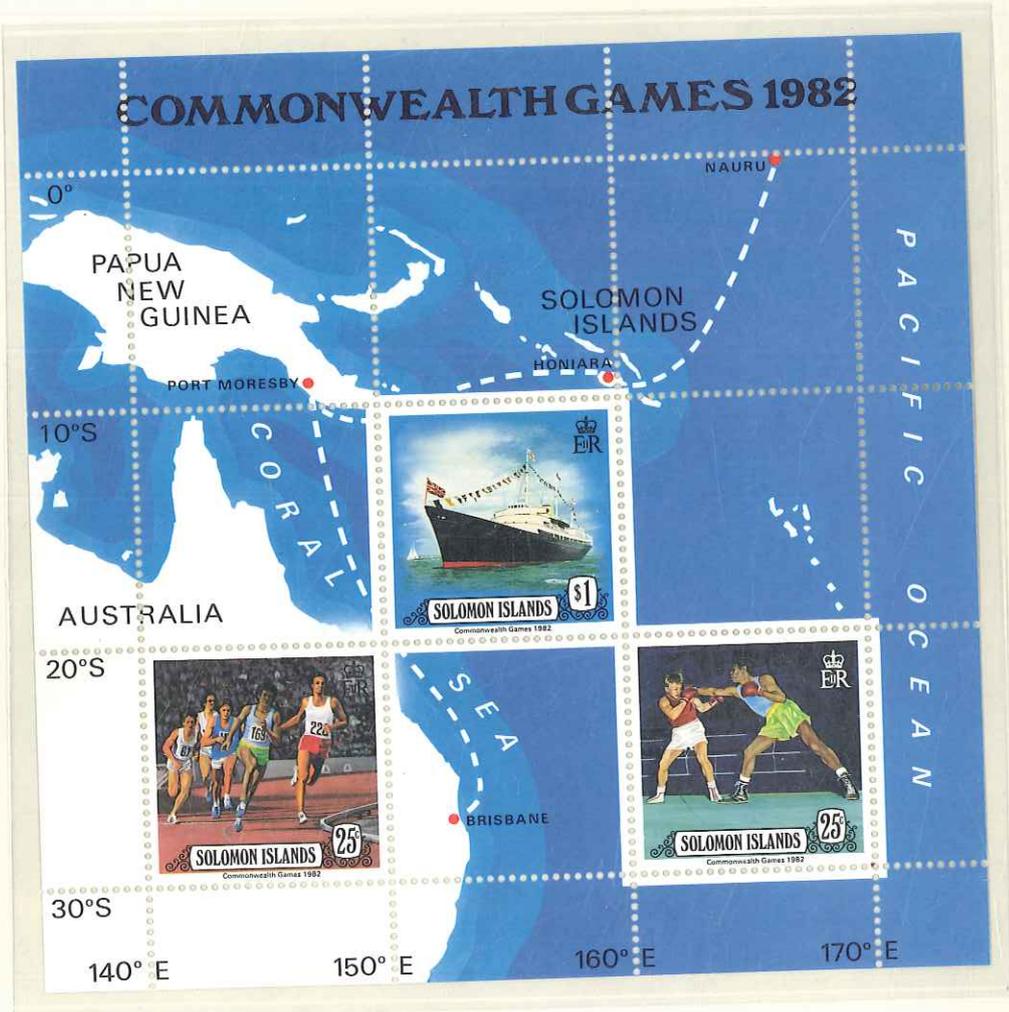
M. Jean Nicholas Buache (1741 – 1825), nephew of the geographer M. Philippe Buache (1700 – 1773) who had developed new theories on physical geography and a new technique for hydrographic chart making, was convinced that Solomons must lie 12° degrees longitude between Santa Cruz and New Guinea. Purportedly in 1781, he put forward the theory that the Islands seen by the French explorers Bougainville (1768) and Surville (1769), were part of Solomons. However, the French did not put this theory to the test until 1786 when they sent one of their Pacific explorers La Perouse to follow Buache's chart. The chart depicted was actually published in 1791. Buache included extracts from earlier charts i.e. by Wittliet – 1597 and Herrera – 1601, to expound his own theory.











CHRISTMAS ISLAND

A dependency of Australia, formerly administered by Singapore. Located 800 miles south of Singapore in the Indian Ocean. Area: 64 square miles, Population: 2,650 approx. (1958). Sole activity on the Island is extraction of phosphates.

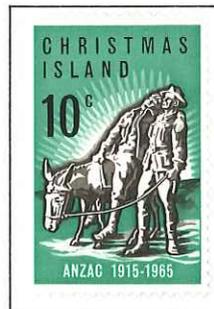
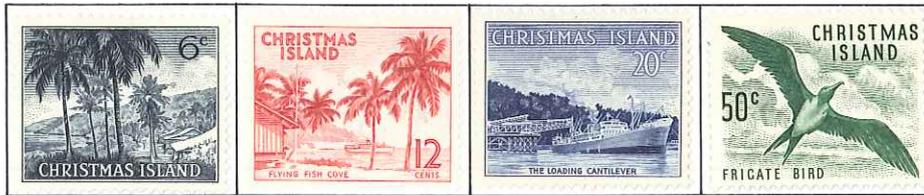
100 cents = 1 dollar (Malayan)

ISSUES OF 1958



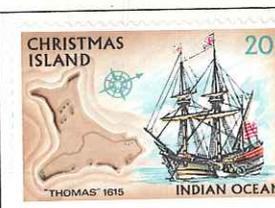
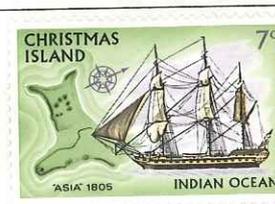
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ISSUES OF 1963-68



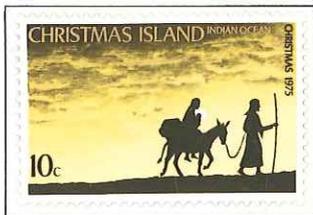
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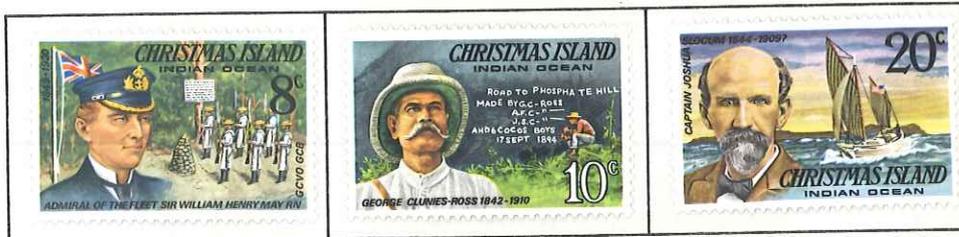
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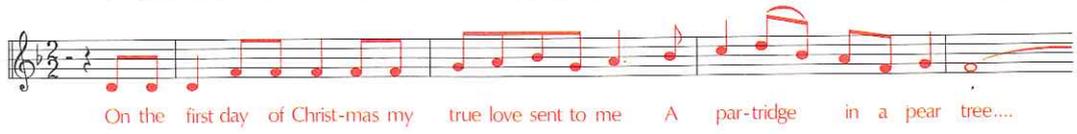
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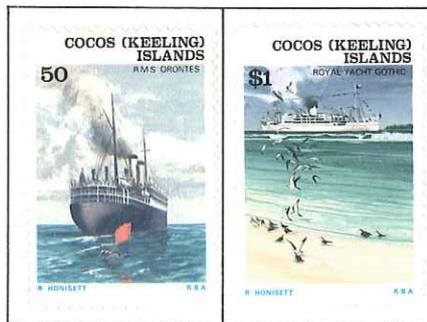
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THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS

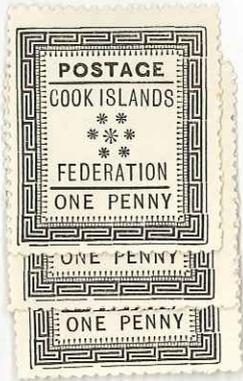
ISSUES OF 1976



COOK ISLANDS

Dependency of New Zealand. Area: 84 square miles; Population: 12,705 (1951); Language: English (official) and Polynesian; Capital: Avarua, on Rarotonga. 12 Pence = 1 Shilling; 20 Shillings = 1 Pound.

ISSUES OF 1892-1919



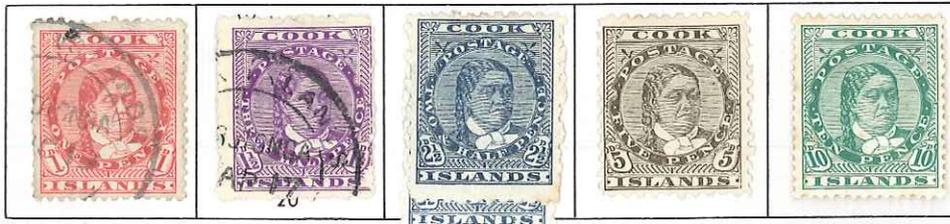
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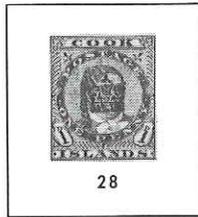


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COOK ISLANDS

ISSUES OF 1899-1936



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COOK ISLANDS

ISSUES OF 1920-37

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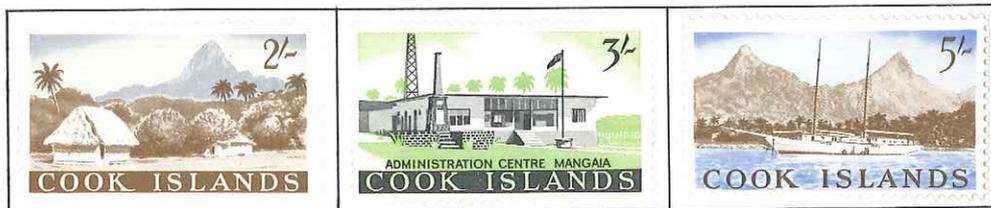
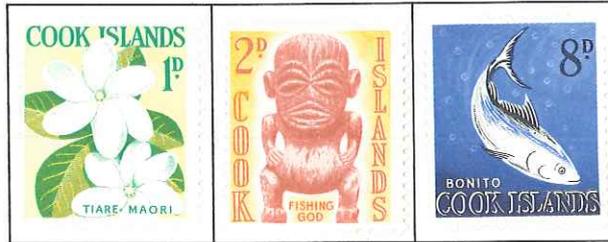


COOK ISLANDS
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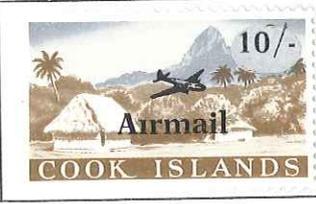
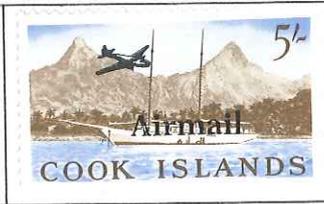
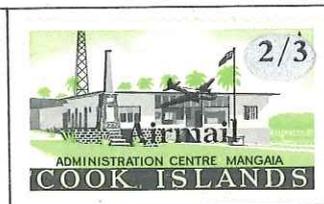
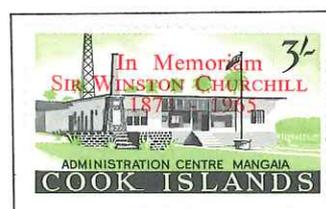
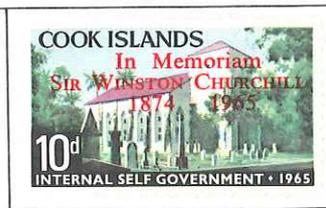
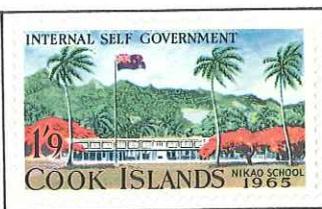
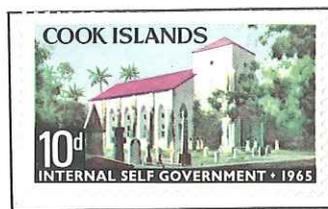
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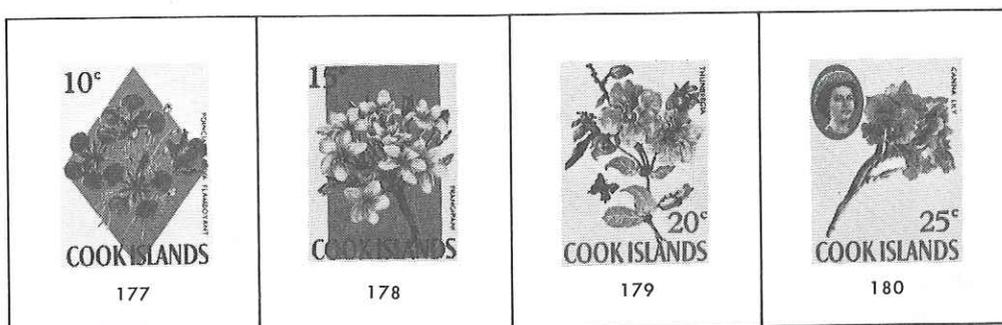
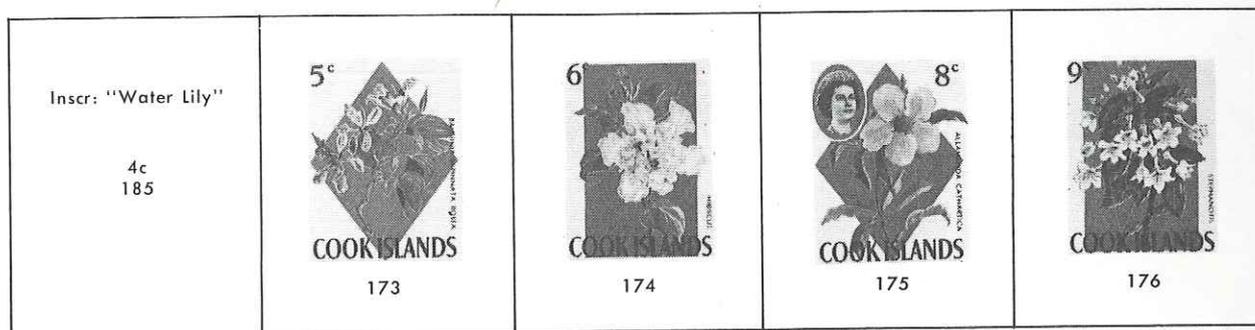


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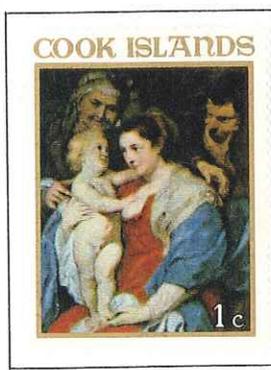
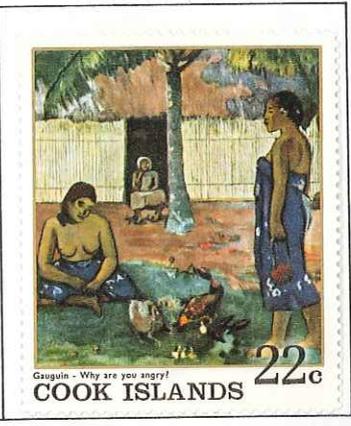
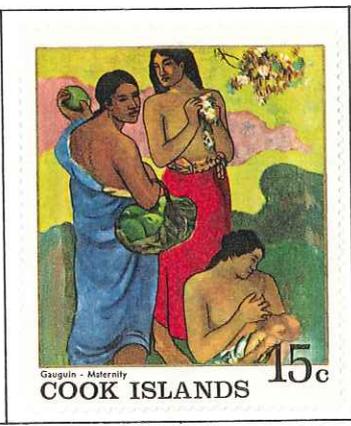
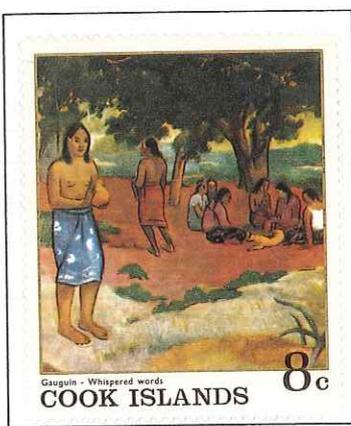
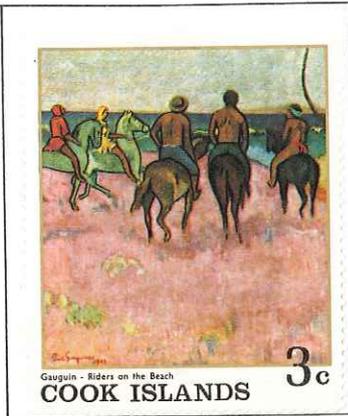
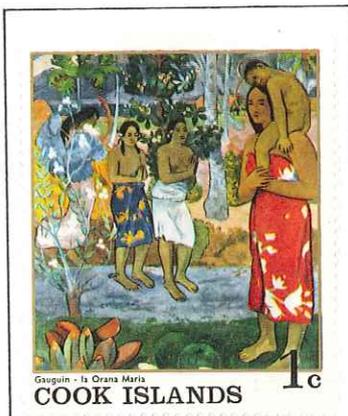
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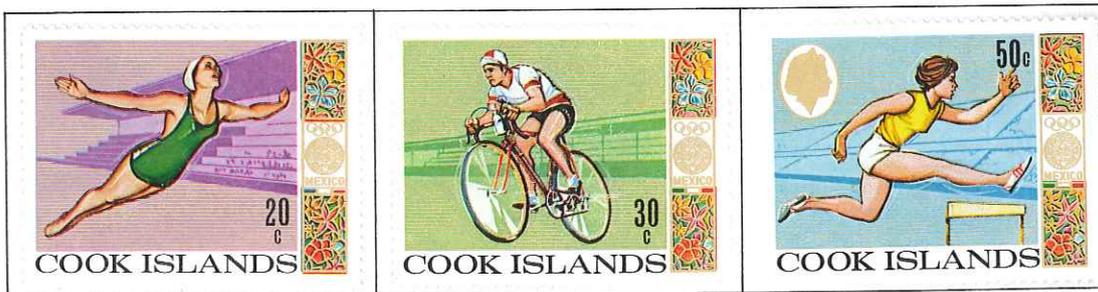
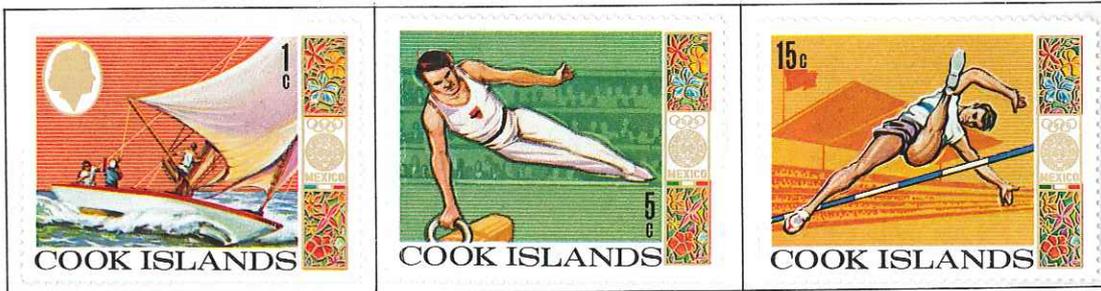
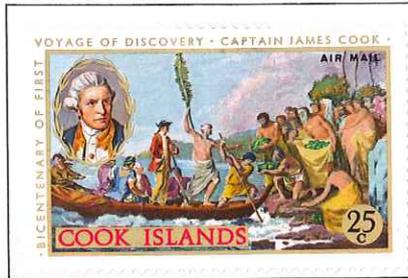
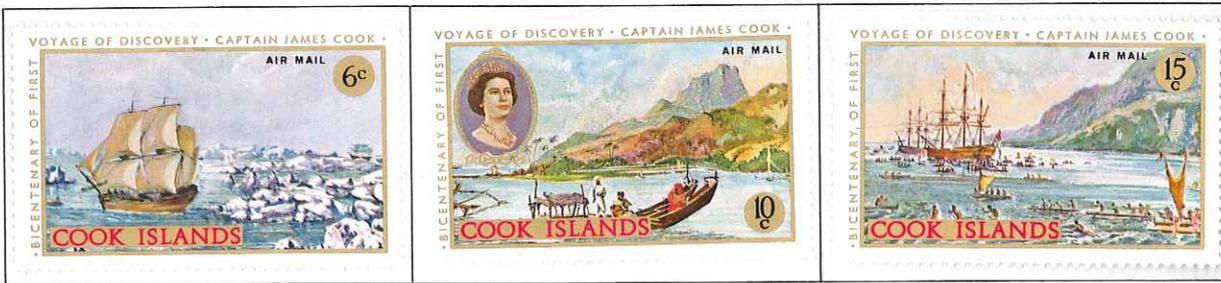
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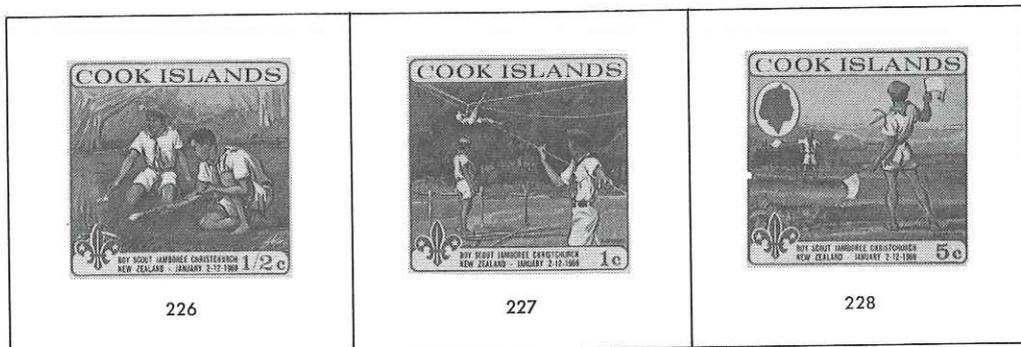
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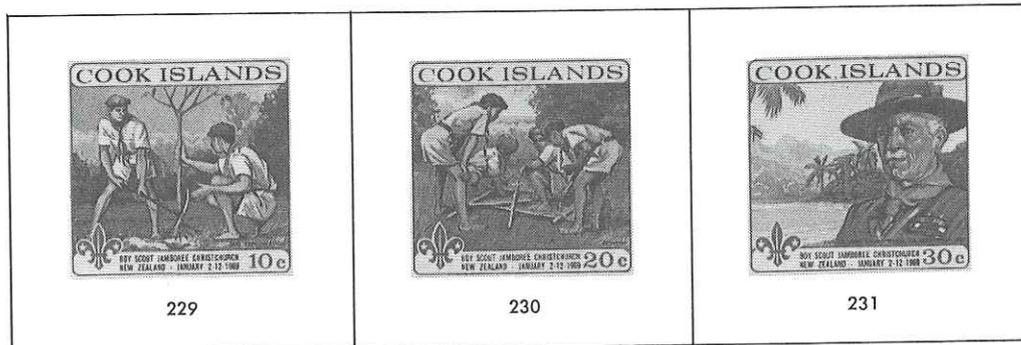
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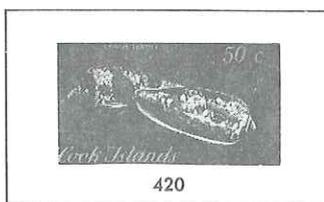
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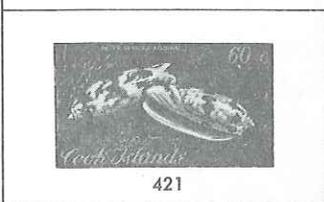
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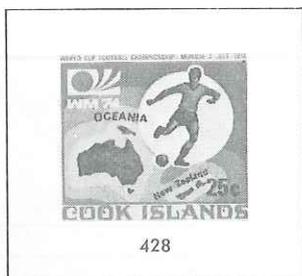
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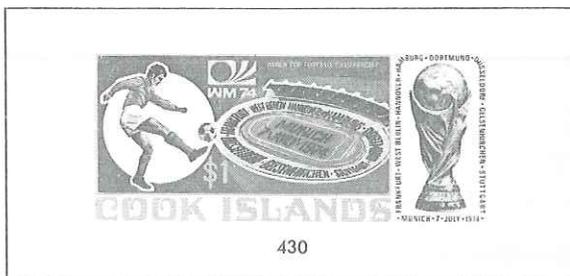
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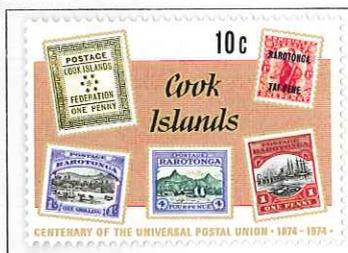
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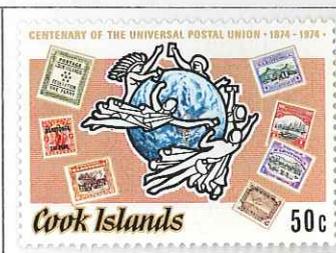
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