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TRIANGULAR ROCKET LABELS—Center: Stamp used on the successful Italian trials sponsored last Fall at Trieste and described in the text. Left and right: London (Apex) and Netherland rocket labels, which, we are informed, have never been used on any experimental mails.



Additional Notes on **Rocket Posts**

SUPPLEMENTING our feature article of last month, we have several additional notes on these interesting experimental rocket post flights, stamps and covers.

Holland

Mr. Raad van Beheer reports the following information of the quantity of mail carried on the experimental flights of December 6, 1934:

- 200 covers exist of the Rocket "Meteor" P. 9.
- 200 covers exist of the Rocket "Orion" P. 7.
- 200 covers exist of the Rocket "Komeet" P. 8.

No mail was carried in the Rockets P.1, P.2, P.3, P.4, P.5, and P.6. Both of the later two rockets made successful flights of considerable distance.

The total printing of the special orange on white unperforated stamp (illustrated last month) was 4,000 copies. Of this number 3,000 were overprinted for the January experiments: "Poolster 24 January". Of this number nearly 1,000 stamps exist with the error "Poolstep", in place of "Poolster."

On the first flight of January 24, 1935, 923 covers were carried, all bearing the initial stamp, and all posted at Katwijk an Rijn. 498 covers were carried on the second trial, franked with the second stamp and postmarked at Katwijk aan Zee.

The Netherland Rocket Ship Society is now building a large special rocket for the planned flight from Ameland to

Schiermonnikoog, which is scheduled to be made during the month of May.

Herr Gerhard Zucker has evidently also been active in the Netherlands, as a new type of cover has just been received from Europe. The Dutch stamp is postmarked Katwijk aan Zee, March 6, 1935 and the cover bears a perforated stamp, printed in blue, showing a Holland wind-mill and



UNOFFICIAL ROCKET STAMPS—

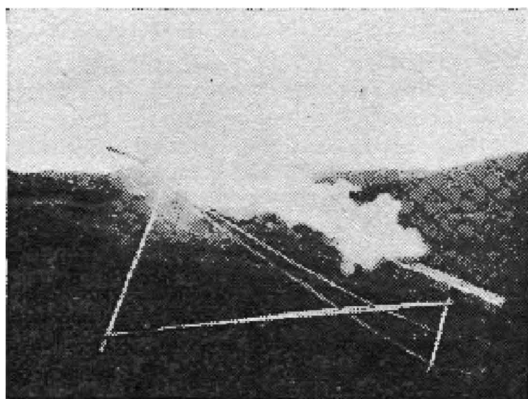
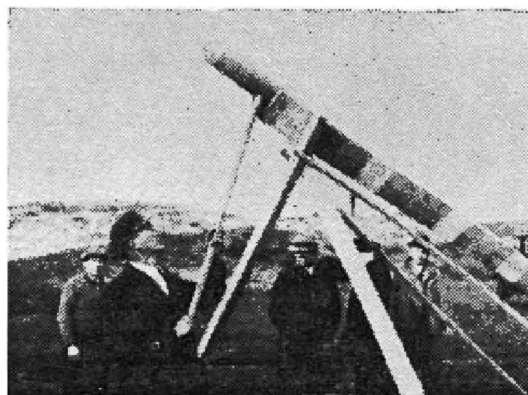
Above: The red Western Isle stamp overprinted in green for the Isle of Wight flight. This was a Zucker firing. Below: One of the set of two German Rocket Post stamps.

rocket in flight over a Dutch house skyline. It is inscribed "Zucker-Rakettenvlucht in Nederland 1935." The cover bears a red cachet and is autographed by the rocket inventor, G. Zucker. We would appreciate having details of this experiment, which are lacking at this time.

Italy

We illustrate herewith (center below) the triangular Italian stamp used on the successful trials of October 30, 1934, described in the JOURNAL last month. Two values of this stamp are noted: the 5 lire red and green and the 7:70 lire blue and green.

The plates used for both stamps are identical, except that the green portion of the border is constant, this color also being used to overprint the value on the the central portion of the stamps. Covers have been seen with cancellation in black of an illustrated circular type, inscribed "Esperimenti di Posta per Razzo Espresso, Trieste, Ottobre, 1934." A large, modernly designed cachet has also been applied to covers in red. The design is made up of the same wording as used on the cancellation, bulked together to form the outline of a rocket. This is surrounded by parallel curved lines representing clouds, smoke and speed. Covers also bear a "rocket express" etiquette, with one line of Italian and one of the customary French, printed in black in condensed Gothic type on cherry paper.



HOLLAND EXPERIMENTS — Above: Preparing the "P.12" for firing at Katwijk aan Zee, January 24, 1935. Below: The Netherland Rocket Society's "P.11" takes off with a cargo of rocket mail.—Copyright: Fotopersbureau (Den Haag).

Dedication and Unofficial Air Mail Covers

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News of future and past events under this section should be sent direct to Mr. Petty, 507 Quackenbos St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

COMING:—Possible airport dedication at Cartersville, Ga., soon. Send to CofC.....Also Frankfort, Mich, possibly in June.....Several may occur in Oregon and you should keep a few cover with Myron F. McCamley, 5528 No. Delaware Ave., Portland, Oregon for same.....Our old friend, Kenneth Tallmadge sends clipping of possible formal dedication of Bishop Airport at Flint, Mich., this summer, and air show at same time. Doubtless when it happens, you can send covers

to him in care of Palace Theatre at Flint.....Hundred, W. Va., airport will be dedicated very soon and a cachet by the times Junior Stamp Club of Fairmont, W. Va. Covers open and empty to the Club. Also later in the season the Tri-County airport to serve Morgantown, Fairmont and Clarksburg may be dedicated. The Club will mail covers from all three cities and some possibly flown from the airport.....Sidney Dean sends clippings about Mt. Tobe airport at Terryville, Conn., nearing completion, to be opened in the spring.....Short notice cards sent ou this month on receipt of advice that Aiken, S. C. CofC would handle covers for the dedication here on April 4th. Later it was learned that for