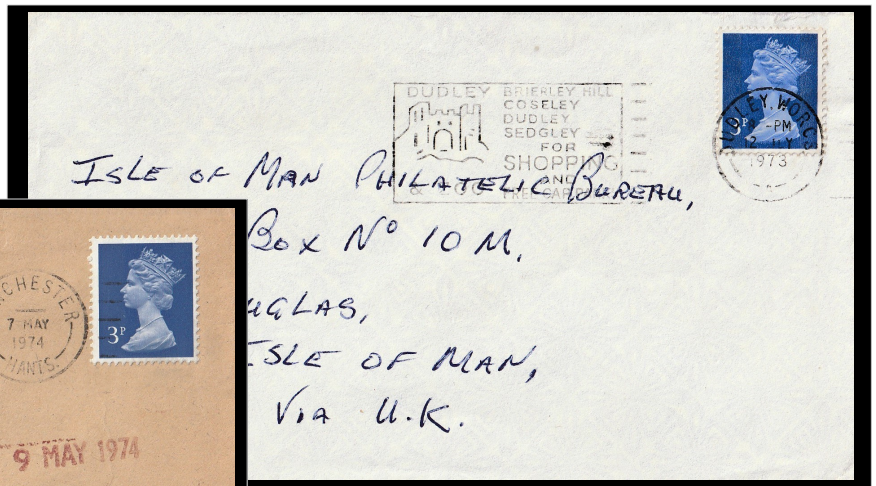


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The British 'Machin' stamps have had a cult following due to their complexity and continuity of issues over 50 years. But despite what collectors think, they were never issued for them — the stamps were issued for a purpose! The following shows some examples of uses for the 3p.

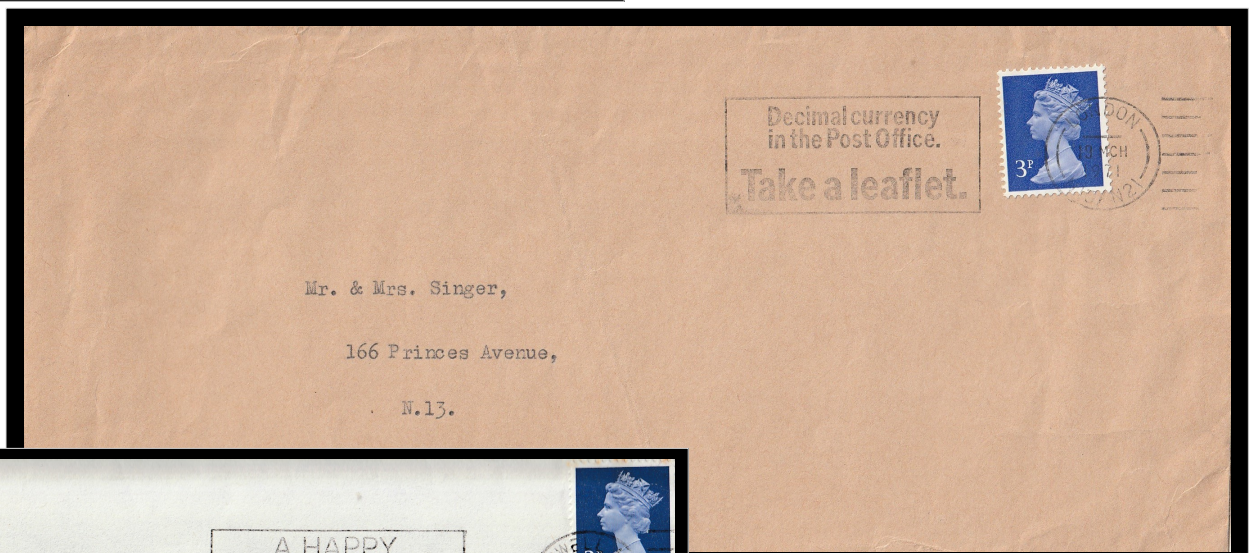
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(06/03/72 — 09/09/72)



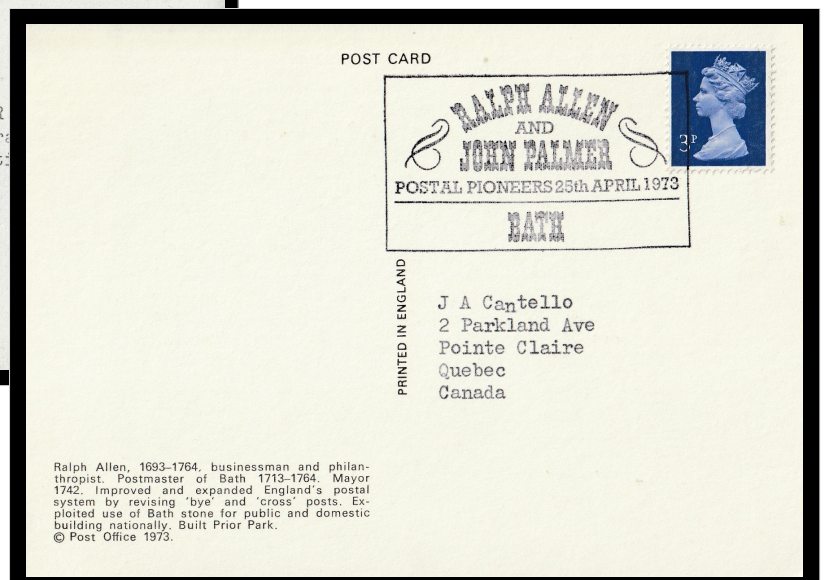
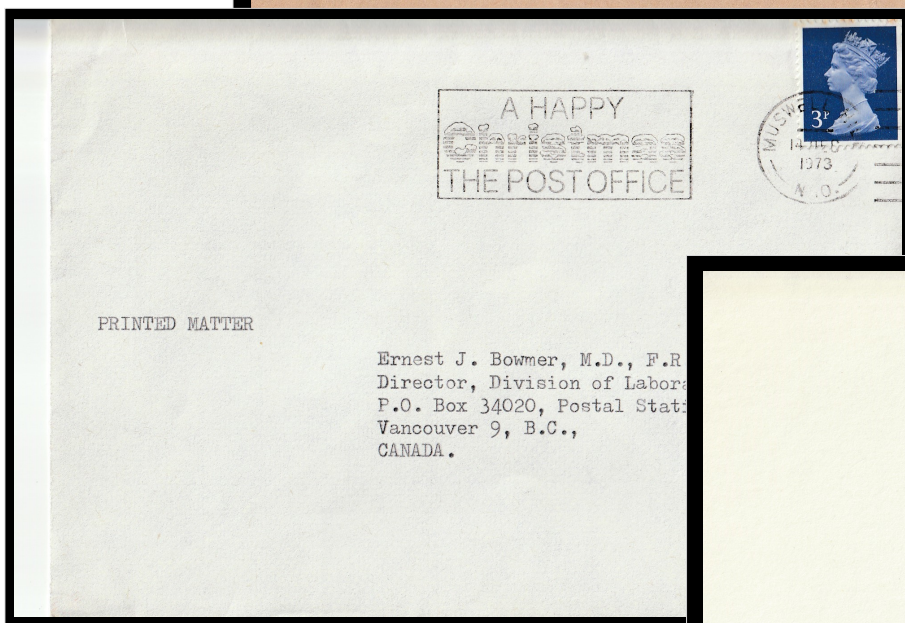
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First class inland
letter up to 4oz
(15/02/71 — 05/03/72)



International surface postcard to
British Commonwealth
(01/07/71 — 09/09/73)



International surface mail for
printed papers up to 1oz
(01/07/73 — 23/06/74)

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