

# NEW ZEALAND CHALON HEAD ISSUES

The "Davies Prints" Marine Post Office Cancellations - OTAGO  
 Printed by John Davies, Government Stamp Printer  
 White Wove, Large Star Watermarked Paper and Letters "NZ"  
 Issued, Perforated 12.5  
 First issued 1862 - Various Values



Known used 18 Jan. 1864 to 24 Nov. 1865



18 May 1864



18 July 1865



24 Oct. 1865



24 Nov. 1865

White Wove, Large Star Watermarked Paper



18 May 1865



18 Aug. 1865

White Wove, Letters "NZ" Watermarked Paper

**Port Chalmers (Dunedin) to Melbourne mail service**  
 January 1864 to March 1865 - McMeckan, Blackwood & Co.  
 April 1865 to December 1865 - Otago Steamship Co.

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First issued 1862 - ONE SHILLING Value



Imperforate



18 June 1864



18 June 1864



Perforated 13 at Dunedin



Perforated 13 at Dunedin



24 Feb. 7



24 Nov. 1865

Perf. 12.5  
1864 - 1872

The 1s Od value was used for mail posted at the Ship's side, mail being charged a Late Fee of 1s Od.

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Imperforate



cancelled 18 September 1865  
 Imperforate



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18 Sept. 1865



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## MARINE POST OFFICE CANCELLATIONS

### Marine Post Offices - WELLINGTON and AUCKLAND Services

As well as the normal New Zealand cancellations, it would appear that where the NZ. adhesives were not cancelled, the USA. Post Office cancelled them with a series of bars.



There were three sizes of the letter "Z" barred obliterator, used on the two mail services. In addition to that use, it was later transferred to the Palmerston North Post Office.



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There were two different datestamps used on the two service, as well as a barred oval obliterator with the letter Z, which was used to cancel the adhesive. The Wellington to Panama service ran from June 1866 to December 1868 and the Auckland to San Francisco, service, which commenced in April 1870.



Wellington to Panama Service



Auckland to San Francisco service



Obliterator Letter "Z" (small) was probably used on both services



San Francisco to Auckland service, cancellations on USA & Hawaii adhesives

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### MAILBOAT OBLITERATOR

These Obliterators were issued for use on the P&O mail contract ships in the Mediterranean, between Alexandria and Malta, to sort and cancel mail not previously cancelled. In the majority of cases this was mail being sorted from the ship's bags, sent by Royal Navy Officers and Seamen serving in the East Indies, China and Australian stations.



10d Rate via Marseilles  
Adhesives cancelled with the A81  
Mailboat Obliterator

The use of the A81 Obliterator on mail from New Zealand has not been previously recorded by R. Kirk (*British Maritime Postal History Vol. 1*)

The Obliterator was first issued on 18.3.1859 for use on the P&O *Indus*, the earliest recorded use was on 4.4.1859, China & India mail, also on 11.3.1861, 3.7.1861 (*Vectus*) 25.7.1864 & 4.12.1864 (Delhi), all on letters posted at Hong Kong.

*In my opinion this item was part of a letter from an R.N. Officer or Royal Marine Officer, serving on one of the Royal Navy ships in New Zealand during the NZ Wars of 1860 - 1864*