

Historic Huts Restoration Project – Ross Dependency

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Introduction

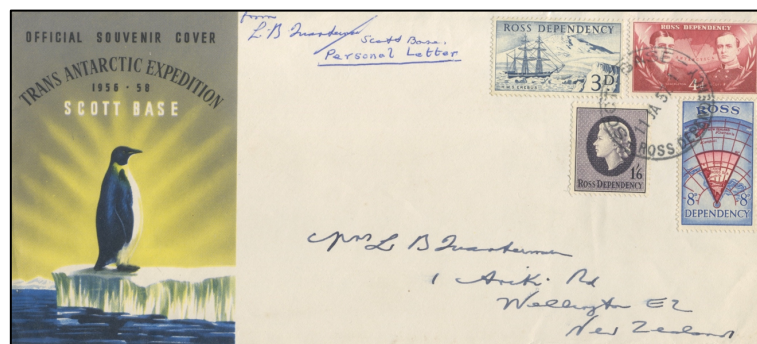
Scott's 1901-04 British National Antarctic Expedition built the first hut, on Hut Point, Ross Island. Located adjacent to the frozen-in ship *Discovery*, it became known as **Discovery Hut** and provided storage space and logistic support. Shackleton's 1907-09 British Antarctic Expedition built its hut at **Cape Royds** on Ross Island. It provided living quarters, as well as storage. Scott's 1910-13 British Antarctic Expedition also built a hut at **Cape Evans** on Ross Island. The Discovery Hut also provided storage and logistic support to the Shackleton 1907-09 and Scott 1910-13 expeditions.

Lastly, Macintosh's 1914-17 Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition Ross Sea Party utilized the Cape Evans Hut as an emergency refuge for the stranded Ross Sea Party, after loss of the Expedition ship *Aurora*, and Discovery Hut was used as a refuge for the depot-laying parties. The Expedition's rescue by Shackleton, in *Aurora*, ended the Heroic Era of Antarctic Exploration. The Ross Island huts were then relatively ignored for 40 years, apart from the USS *Burton Island* that visited Cape Evans on 20 February 1947 and sent a helicopter party to Cape Royds during Operation Highjump. Further, the USS *Edisto* and USS *Burton Island* visited McMurdo Sound and USS *Edisto* sent two parties to Cape Royds and a helicopter to Cape Evans on 29 January 1948, during Operation Windmill.

Pre-International Geophysical Year activity at nearby Scott and the United States Navy Air Operational Facility at McMurdo Sound bases in 1956-57 finally brought attention to the plight of Discovery Hut. Visits and preliminary restorative actions led to planning for more extensive post-IGY restoration of the three huts by the New Zealand Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Antarctic Division and the New Zealand Antarctic Society.

1956-57 L.B. Quatermain visits Scott Base and Discovery Hut

On arrival at USA McMurdo Station on board USS *Curtiss*, Les Quatermain and Paul Emile Victor (head of the French Antarctic Expedition) were transported to Scott Base by open weasel vehicle. En-route they stopped at Discovery Hut, crawled in, and were moved by its state of disrepair. Quatermain later wrote about the visit to his wife:



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 11 JA 57.1

*Scott Base, Pram Point
Antarctica
23 Jan 57*

Dear Helen,

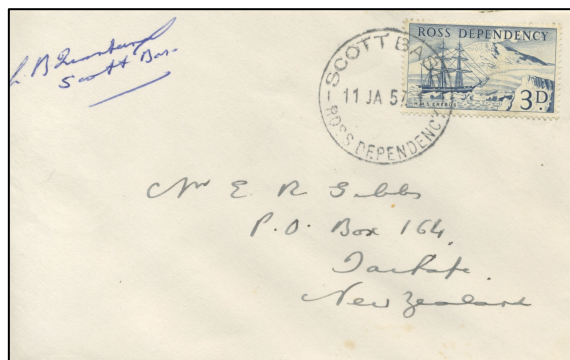
A chance to get a very hurried note away. Brian O'Neill is posting a long letter from ChCh & will also I think ring you up. Yes, I'm here at the NZ Camp. What is more I've spent a night here. Came across the 6 miles or so yesterday with Paul Victor in an open weasel driven by Bill Cranfield & John Claydon. Called in at Hut Point & crawled into Scott's old Discovery Hut there. Fearful room of ice, snow, blubber-smeared garments & other rubbish. But a thrill to be there. Paul Victor took nearly 50 flashlight photos inside, so you can see how he felt about it. Then on through the terribly untidy/over American camp & on to our own. Warmly greeted by Ed, Holmes & others, & later when he drove a search team in Ron Balham. All looking fit & happy. Wonderful night. All around are

peaks with famous names Crater Hill, Mt. Discovery etc. Seals everywhere on the ice. No trouble about staying the night - was lent a sleeping bag. Stayed Dr. Findlay's tent. Nice chap. He was called early the morning by Holmes. Richard Brooke just in by dog sledge & report Dr. Marsh ill 30 miles out on the barrier. Dr Findlay is being flown out to him any time now. So I seem to be striking exciting incidents wherever I go. Hope Marsh is not seriously ill - some abdominal trouble. I am well & very happy even if I did sleep last night with everything on & it was still chilly!!

Love

Les

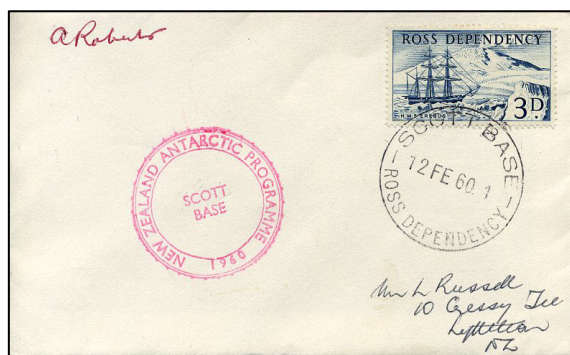
Quartermain also sent a cover to Eric Gibbs, who later became a member of the Huts Restoration team in 1960-61. Quartermain's reports to the New Zealand Antarctic Society and the D.S.I.R. Antarctic Division led to the genesis of the Historic Huts Restoration Program and calls for further action.



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 11 JA 57.1
signed by Les Quartermain, Scott Base

1959-60 season

In 1959 the Huts Restoration Committee was formed, its plan was approved by the Ross Dependency Research Committee, and a careful survey of the state of the Huts was prepared by Athol Roberts.



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 12 FE 60.1
signed by A. Roberts

As a preliminary step, Athol Roberts, Public Relations Officer at Scott Base during the 1959-60 summer, was asked to make a careful examination of all three huts in the McMurdo Sound area. His extensive report was carefully examined by the Huts Restoration Committee and a final programme was drawn up for the restoration, during the following summer, of the Royds and Evans Huts. It was decided to leave the Discovery Hut at Hut Point filled with ice, as the best way of preserving a hut lying cheek by jowl with a big and bustling 'city'. (L.B. Quartermain 1963)

1960-61 season

The New Zealand Antarctic Society provided five volunteers L.B. Quartermain (leader), E.R. Gibbs, J.M. Sandman, G.C. Wilson and M.M. Prebble. They worked with Scott Base summer party members C.A. Jenness, R.J. Buckley and J. Warren. Quartermain, Sandman, Buckley and Jenness began work at Cape Evans from mid-December:



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 16 DE 60.1
signed L.B. Quartermain Cape Evans 12 Dec 1960

E.R. Gibbs, M.M. Prebble and C.G. Wilson comprised the New Zealand Antarctic Society Party. In an article prepared at the time and later published by Eric Gibbs (1973), he wrote:

I was requested to report to Antarctic Division, Wellington, in preparation for sailing on USNS Pvt. John. R. Towle, when I learned it had been decided to send a third volunteer south. He also was to travel per Towle. When in Wellington receiving my polar clothing issue, I was advised that the sailing date of the Towle had been delayed until 21st December. However, the same day I was advised that the Captain of the USS Edisto (Cdr. Griffith C. Evans, Jr.) had sought and received permission from the Commander Operation Deep Freeze for me to travel to Antarctica as his guest. What an honour this was, I therefore departed Lyttelton 19th December. We crossed the Antarctic Circle on Christmas Day and on Boxing Day met USS Glacier New Zealand bound.



U.S.S. EDISTO DEC 19 1960



U.S.S. EDISTO DEC 26 1960

Contained in the above cover at right was the letter below:

*Almost over the Antarctic Circle
Christmas Day 1960*

Dear Ian,

Sorry that I didn't even get a chance to 'phone you before we departed however hope to be able to do so when I get back.

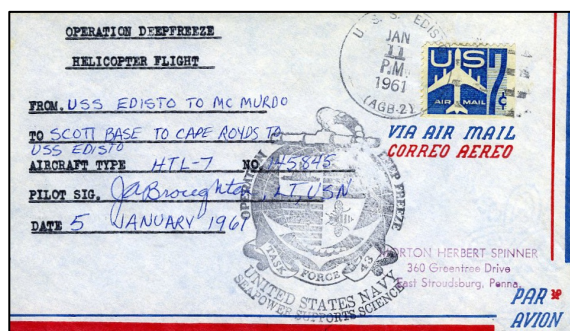
As you see things have changed a little. I expected to be travelling on the Towle but when Cdr Evans (Captain of the 'Edisto') learnt of the arrangements as asked if I would travel as his guest, so here I am occupying the Flag Officer's State Room! What an experience! As you are no doubt aware we left Lyttelton on the 19th and hope to be at McMurdo on the 28th. You can expect more covers from Scott Base.

Merry Christmas

Eric R Gibbs

Owing to heavy seas, the ships weren't able to come alongside, so outbound mail was transferred to the Glacier by helicopter. Two hours after parting company, the Glacier radioed that she had passed through the ice (which wasn't there when we came south) and suggested that we turn back to assist the Towle. This we did, passing through the ice in question and rendezvousing with the Towle approximately twenty hours later. The Bell helicopter flew over to the Towle and, with the use of a line, collected

approximately 1lb of mail for the Edisto. We then again headed South and in doing so found that the ice had disappeared. Such are the changing conditions found in the Antarctic regions. On 29th December we entered the channel, which leads towards McMurdo and which had been broken by the Glacier and Eastwind, and later in the morning stopped in the channel. In the afternoon, I was flown off by helicopter to the American Base at McMurdo. From there I was picked up by a NZ Weasel and taken to Scott Base, meeting the three other members of the Huts Restoration Project. (Two members who had wintered over at Scott Base returned to NZ by the Glacier). Later that afternoon, the member who had travelled south on the Towle joined us, and the party was then complete. Next morning, we were flown to Cape Royds (Shackleton's 1907-09 hut), stopping en route at Scott's hut at Cape Evans for approximately half an hour to gather more supplies which had been taken there earlier in the season.



U.S.S. EDISTO JAN 11 1961
helicopter flt USS Edisto to Scott Base to Cape Royds to USS Edisto 5 January 1961

No mail was carried on the return flight of the helicopters. On 11th January, a helicopter arrived at Cape Royds with materials (no inward mail) but took outgoing mail (approx. 80 letters) which was later postmarked at Scott Base (12 JA 61). Next day we had another helicopter visit. This brought supplies and mail and also took outward mail (approx. 6 letters) which was postmarked Scott Base (11 Jan 61). There were no philatelic finds at Shackleton's hut.



signed by E. Gibbs, M. Prebble, C. Wilson, L. Quartermain and J. Sandman; in manuscript "posted Scott Base 12 January 61"



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 11 JA 61.1

Cover at right above contained the letter below to Walter How, Able Seaman on Shackleton's 1907-09 British Antarctic Expedition:

Sir Ernest Shackleton's Hut
Cape Royds, Antarctica
1st Jan. 1961

Dear Mr How,

Just a short note to let you know that all is well. I travelled down on the icebreaker pictured above (USS Edisto letterhead) - into McMurdo Sound and then by helicopter to the door of the hut - what a difference from your days. Walked to Horseshoe Bay today - quite an interesting trip. Hope you are fit and well.

Happy New Year
Eric

On January 16th a helicopter came, and making two flights, transferred us to Scott's hut at Cape Evans. Outward mail was taken which was postmarked at Scott Base (18 Jan 61). This officially was the last of the Cape Royds cachet mail. (the cover below cancelled 16 January has the Cape Evans cachet - author).



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 18 JA 61.1

in manuscript "Cape Royds 15/1/61"

signed by L.B. Quartermain, E.R. Gibbs, J.M. Sandman, G.C. Wilson and M.M. Prebble.

Our next mail on 20th January was outward only; and comprised approx. 50 letters these being postmarked at Scott Base on 21st January.



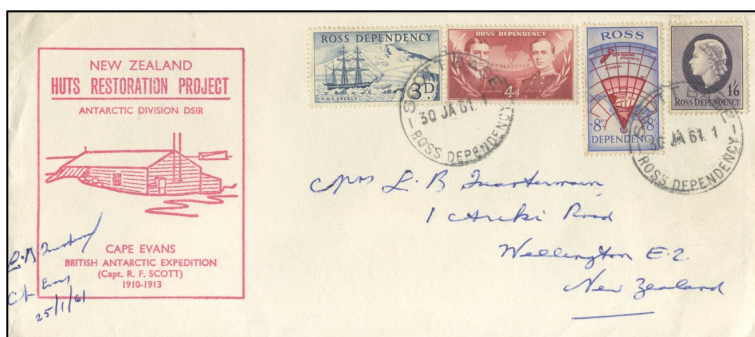
SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 21 JA 61.1

signed on reverse by E. Gibbs, M.M. Prebble and G.C. Wilson



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 23 JA 61.1

Next helicopter call was on the 22nd - again there was no mail for us but there were a few outward letters which were postmarked at Scott Base on 23rd January. On 29 January 1961, we were taken in two flights back to Scott Base and the last of our mail was postmarked at Scott Base on 31st January. (Note: there was also some mail cancelled on 30 January, as below - author).

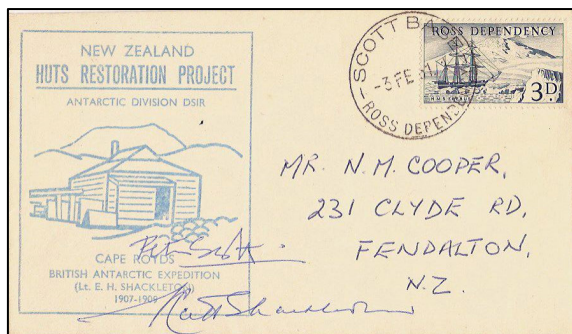


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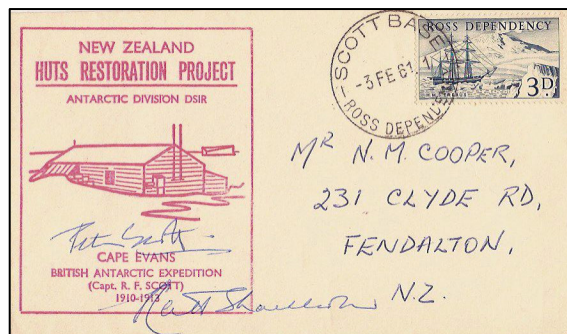
in manuscript "Cape Evans 25/1/61", signed by L.B. Quartermain

We were all returned to NZ on the USNS Albatross, departing McMurdo 4th February 1961; mail was cancelled at Scott Base 10th February 1961

Lord Keith Shackleton and Captain R.F. Scott's son Peter Scott visited the historic huts; their signatures appear on covers cancelled 3 February 1961.



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY -3 FE 61.1
cachet Cape Royds



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY -3 FE 61.1
cachet Cape Evans

The Restoration Party departed Scott Base on 4 February 1960 aboard USS *Alatna*. Vessel arrived at Lyttelton on 20 February 1961.



U.S. NAVY 17046 (Christchurch Airport) FEB 21 1961
signed by L.B. Quartermain

1961-62

On 11 September W. Herbert, P. Otway, R. Shanahan and W. Hare took two dog teams on a training run to the huts at Cape Evans and Cape Royds and returned 4 days later. They found both huts in excellent condition as a result of the work done by the Restoration Party the previous summer.



U.S.C.G. CUTTER EASTWIND 4 FEB 1962

Separately, two members from Hallett Station, one New Zealander and one American, were put ashore at Ridley Beach, Cape Adare, to continue restoration on Borchgrevink's hut. Severe weather blew away their tents and they were forced to shelter in Borchgrevink's hut until USCGC *Eastwind* rescued them on 3 February 1962. They were then supplied with additional timber and canvas to complete the task.

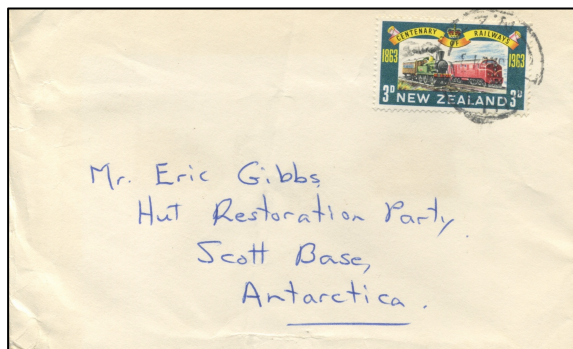
1962-63 There was no activity this season.

1963-64

The New Zealand Governor General Sir Bernard Fergusson and his official party flew south on 6

November 1963. During his week in the Antarctic, Sir Bernard visited sites of the New Zealand field parties and both Shackleton's and Scott's huts. After visiting Pole Station and McMurdo Station the party flew back to Christchurch on 14 November.

Eric Gibbs returned with New Zealand Antarctic Society members Rodney Smith, Baden Norris and Grant Hurrell to clean up and restore Discovery Hut at Hut Point. They began work at Scott's 1901-04 hut on 8 January 1964 and finished their task within a month. Covers are known cancelled at Scott Base on 13, 23 and 29 January; 3 and 7 February 1964.



TAIHAPE N.Z 15 JA 64
scarce inbound cover to Eric Gibbs



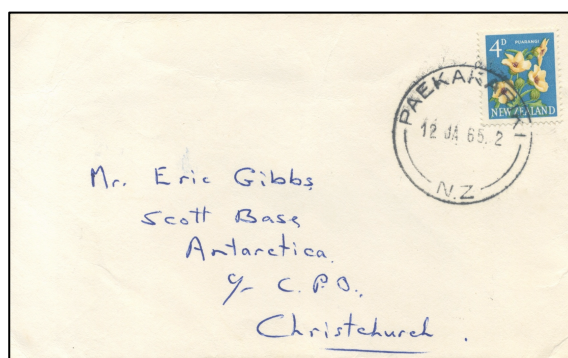
SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY -3 FE 64 1
signed by E.R. Gibbs, R. Smith, G. Hurrell, B.N. Norris

1964-65

New Zealand Antarctic Society's Eric Gibbs and Baden Norris, assisted by architect Rodney Smith and Petty Officer N.T. Greenall, returned to complete strengthening of the Discovery hut. Work was done between 19 and 22 December 1964. HMNZS *Endeavour* transported the men to and from McMurdo.



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY-9 JA 65 1
signed by E.R. Gibbs



PAEKAKARIKI N.Z 12.JA.65.2
scarce inbound cover to Eric Gibbs

This completed the Huts Restoration Project. There was no further activity until early 1970.

1969-70

A 'Hut Caretakers' program was initiated in late 1969. P. Skellerup and M. Orchard from the New Zealand Antarctic Society arrived at McMurdo on 21 November 1969 to take up their post between 22 November and 9 December as caretakers for Shackleton's hut at Cape Royds; they later spent three days at the Discovery hut before returning to New Zealand.

1970-71

C.A. Satterthwaite and S. Smith flew into Williams Field, McMurdo on 27 November 1970 and were flown by US Navy helicopter to Cape Royds to commence work the following morning. They inspected and made minor repairs to the huts on Ross Island and acted as guides for visitors. The two men returned to Christchurch on 20 December 1970.

1971-72

R. McElrea and H. Burson, two representatives from the Canterbury branch of the New Zealand Antarctic Society, undertook caretaker duties at Cape Royds and Cape Evans during the summer.

1972-73

V.J. Wilson and P. Wilson were the caretakers this season for Scott's and Shackleton's huts.



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 15 DE 72.1
signed by V. Wilson and P. Wilson

S. Norman and L.K. Cairns spent two weeks in a tent adjacent to Borchgrevink's two 1899 huts on Ridley Beach at Cape Adare in February 1973. They disembarked on 3 February from USCGC *Burton Island*. During their survey of the Cape Adare area, Norman and Cairns found the first known grave in the Antarctic - that of Nicolai Hanson, the Norwegian zoologist with Borchgrevink's expedition, who died on October 14, 1899.

1973-74

L.E. Kerr and G.E. Madgwick were the caretakers for Scott's and Shackleton's huts this summer. They arrived mid-December 1973. They also acted as guides for the visit of the tourist vessel MS *Lindblad Explorer* to Cape Royds. S. Norman and L.K. Cairns were flown by helicopter from USCGC *Burton Island* to Cape Adare to make minor repairs to Borchgrevink's huts; they spent two weeks in the field.



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 10 DE 73.1
reverse signed by L. Kerr & G. Madgwick

1974-75

The Historic Huts Committee was formed this season to effect annual maintenance. Caretakers G. Sylvester and K. Smith left Christchurch on 5 December 1974. A helicopter took them to Cape Royds on 8 December where they spent a week repairing Shackleton's hut then on 15 December they flew by helicopter to Cape Evans for four days, returning to Scott Base on 21 December.



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 17 DE 74.1
Cape Royds 11-16 December 1974 signed by K. Smith

The two men visited Hut Point 22-24 December and returned to Scott Base then to Christchurch on 30 December. Of the covers with New Zealand issues, some were cancelled at Scott Base on 9 December, all others were cancelled on 27 December but have manuscript indications 12 December at Cape Royds, 19 December at Cape Evans and 24 December at Hut Point. The two caretakers also placed cachets on 500 covers for the American Society of Polar Philatelists. The cachet was the first one used specific to the event. Gordon Sylvester designed the cachet. 700 envelopes in total were processed.

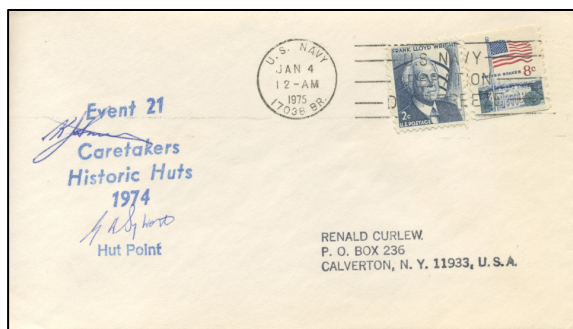


SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 26 DE 74.1
Hut Point 24/12/74; signed by K. Smith



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 27 DE 74.1
Cape Evans; signed by G. Sylvester and K. Smith

Covers with US issues are known cancelled on other dates:



U.S. NAVY 17038 BR JAN 4 1975
Hut Point; signed by G. Sylvester and K. Smith



U.S. NAVY BR. 17038 NEW YORK, N.Y. 8 JAN 1975

1975-76

A.W. Burton and P.G. Poppleton were appointed for this season but the visit was later cancelled due to unavailability of air transport. The New Zealand Antarctic Society had produced a special souvenir cover in anticipation of the expedition. Other covers were stamped with the cancellation cachet 'Due to early break out of sea ice and transport problems Event 21 was cancelled'



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 17 DE 75 1

1976-77

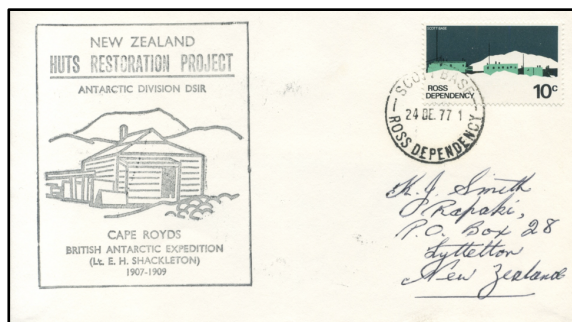
Caretakers J. Sutton-Pratt and A.W. Burton flew south in December for three weeks. Burton had been selected the previous year but the visit was postponed due to lack of air support; the other selected candidate, P.G. Poppleton, was unavailable this season and was replaced by Sutton-Pratt.



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 11 DE 76.1
signed by J. Sutton-Pratt and A.W. Burton

1977-78

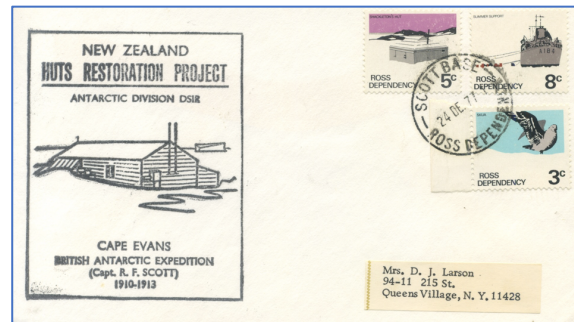
David Harrowfield and C. Buckley flew south in December 1977; they made an inventory and pictorial record of relics in the historic huts on Ross Island for the Canterbury Museum.



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 24 DE 77.1

Cape Royds cachet

reverse signed by D. Harrowfield and C. Buckley; in manuscript 16-12- 77



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 24 DE 77.1

Cape Evans cachet

1978-79

C. Patterson and J. Oliver flew south in mid-December 1978 to spend several weeks on Ross Island doing restoration and maintenance on Scott's hut at Cape Evans and Shackleton's hut at Cape Royds. Covers were variously annotated in manuscript 15/12/78, Christmas Day 1978, New Year's Day 1979.



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 10 DE 78.1

signed by C. Patterson and J. Oliver



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY -6 JA 79.1

1979-80

Because of the pressure on facilities at Scott Base due to the DC10 crash, the D.S.I.R. Antarctic Division cancelled work at the huts this season. Two members of the New Zealand Antarctic Society, A. Wright and G. Dougherty, were to have been the caretakers. During 1980, the Historic Huts Committee gradually evolved into the Historic Sites Management Committee, ensuring continued hut maintenance.

1980-81

For economic reasons, work on the huts was cancelled this season because of continuing pressure on facilities at Scott Base following the DC 10 crash on Mt Erebus.



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 29 NO 80.1
"No caretakers this year"

1981-82

In 1981 the Historic Sites Management Committee, a sub-committee of the Ross Dependency Research Committee, was formally established, comprising five organisations - Lands & Survey Department, D.S.I.R., National Museum, Historic Places Trust and the New Zealand Antarctic Society.

J. Fry, from the National Museum, and G. Turner, from the Lands and Survey Department, evaluated the huts at Hut Point, Cape Evans and Cape Royds.



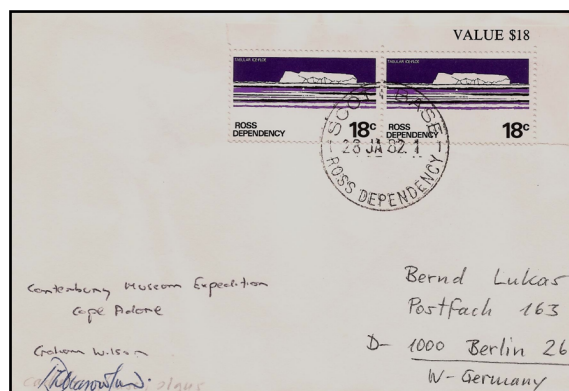
SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY -5 DE 81.1
signed by J. Fry and G. Turner



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 11 DE 81.1
signed by G. Turner, Historic Sites Management Review '81-'82

David Harrowfield, Curator of Antarctic Relics at the Canterbury Museum, led an expedition to assess the condition of historic huts at Cape Adare. He was assisted by M. Mabin of Auckland University, who studied the coastal geomorphology and G. Wilson, who made a census of Adelie penguins in the area.

120 commemorative souvenir cards were produced by Canterbury Museum and signed by the three members. They were all cancelled on departure of the USCGC *Glacier* on 3 January 1982, and return cancelled Wellington Packet Boat on 8 March 1982 per USCGC *Polar Sea*.



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 23 JA 82.1
signed by D. Harrowfield, G. Wilson

1982-83

J. Fry from the Dominion Museum Wellington and G. Dougherty from the New Zealand Antarctic Society worked at Cape Royds and Cape Evans for three weeks to determine a long-term management plan for the preservation and restoration of historic huts on Ross Island.

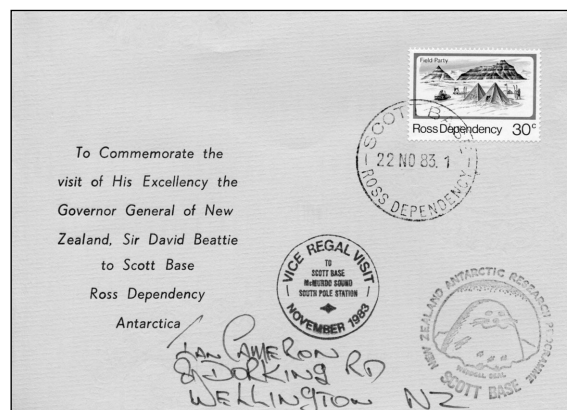


SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY -9 DE 82.1
signed by J. Fry and G. Dougherty

1983-84

Scott Base staff undertook the task of maintenance this season.

Sir David Beattie visited Antarctica between 19 and 23 November 1983. This was the third visit by a Governor General to the Ross Dependency in 20 years. The Governor General's party was escorted by R.B. Thomson, Director of the D.S.I.R. Antarctic Division. On 19 November, they visited the Discovery Hut and on 22 November the hut at Cape Royds and at Cape Evans. The party returned to Christchurch the following day.



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 22 NO 83.1

1984-85

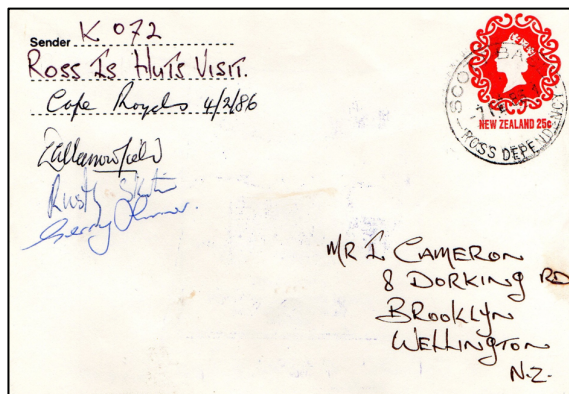
Staff of the Antarctic Division, DSIR regularly monitored the state of the historic huts this season.



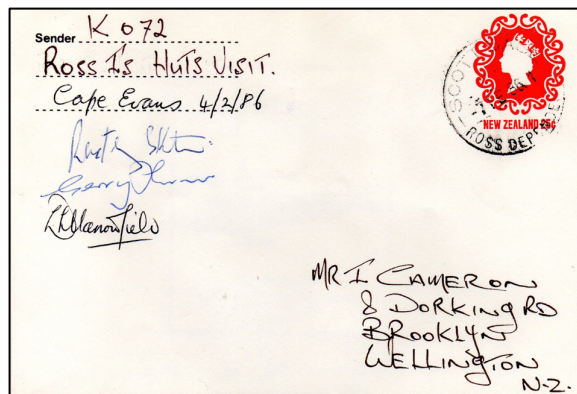
SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 14 FE 85.1
personal cachet of David Harrowfield

1985-86

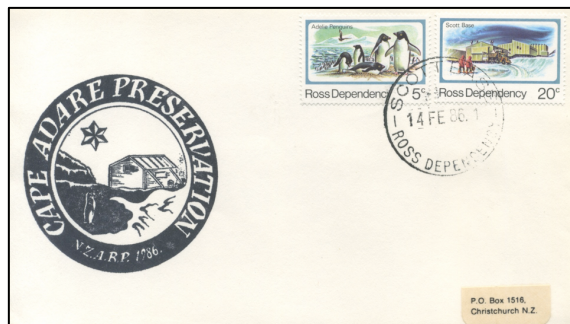
David Harrowfield from the Canterbury Museum and R. Skerten from the Department of Education, with G. Turner of Lands and Survey, inspected the historic huts at Cape Royds and Cape Evans then landed at Cape Adare to do maintenance on Borchgrevink's hut. They also made a detailed study of the temperature, humidity and wind effect on the hut at Cape Adare and carried out a penguin census.



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY -7 FE 86.1
Cape Royds: signed D. Harrowfield, G. Turner, R. Skerten



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY -7 FE 86.1
Cape Evans: signed D. Harrowfield, G. Turner, R. Skerten

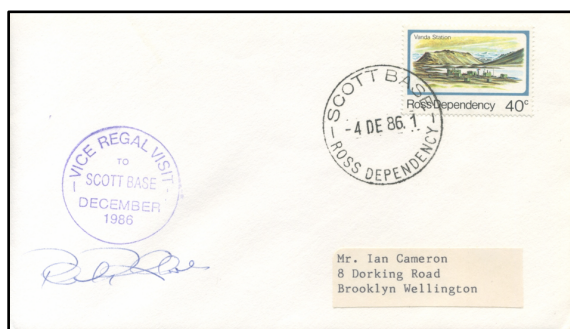


SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 14 FE 86.1

1986-87

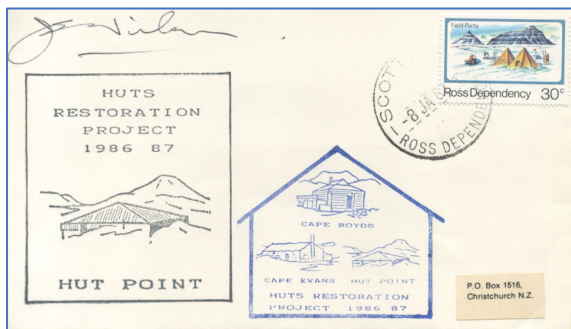
A recommendation in 1986 by Antarctic veteran Tony Hatherton led to the establishment in 1987 of the Antarctic Heritage Trust to co-ordinate the ongoing protection of the historic sites.

Sir Paul Reeves, Governor General of New Zealand, accompanied by R.B. Thomson, Director Antarctic Division D.S.I.R., flew from Christchurch to McMurdo on 2 December 1986. Amongst other locations they visited the historic huts, then returned to Christchurch on 9 December.

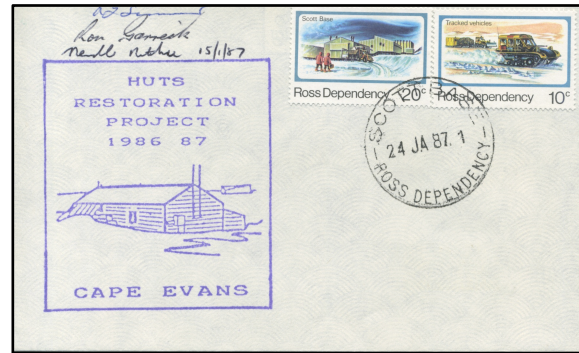


SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY -4 DE 86.1
signed by the Governor General

N. Ritchie, A. Simons, R. Garrick, and J. Nielsen spent three weeks undertaking regular maintenance to the historic huts at Cape Royds, Cape Evans and Hut Point.



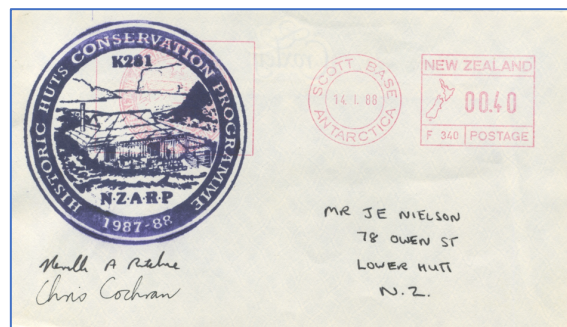
SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY -8 JA 87.1
signed J. Nielsen



SCOTT BASE ROSS DEPENDENCY 24 JA 87.1
signed N. Ritchie, A. Simons and R. Garrick 15/1/87

1987-88

Neville Ritchie and Nelson Cross were the caretakers this season. Architect Chris Cochran also visited to prepare plans for development of the sites.



SCOTT BASE ANTARCTICA 14 I 88
signed by N. Ritchie and C. Cochran

1988-89

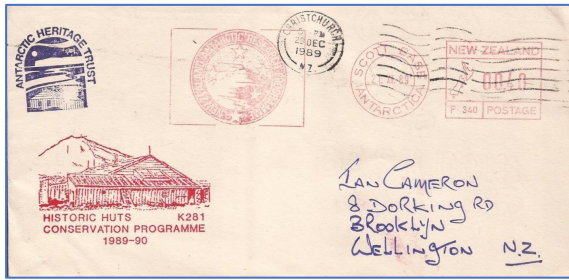
Caretakers were N. Ritchie, N. Cross, J. Newton and R. Cunninghame; D. Harrowfield was also there.



SCOTT BASE 17 I 89; CHRISTCHURCH 20 JAN 1989
D. Harrowfield, N. Cross, N. Ritchie, J. Newton, R. Cunninghame

1989-90

D. Harrowfield, G. Turner and R. Skerten were caretakers at Cape Adare this season. The last visit to this site had been in 1982. The roof was repaired on Borchgrevink's hut, the interior was sprayed with fungicide and some items were returned to New Zealand for conservation. P Selwyn from the University of Auckland was also at Cape Adare, he worked on building climatology and site restoration.



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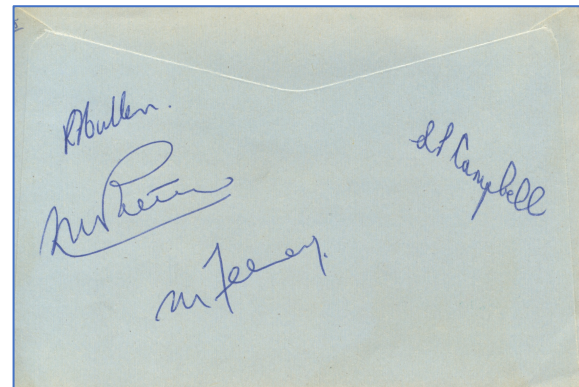
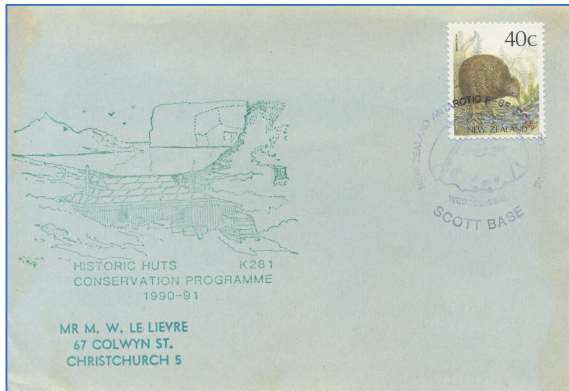
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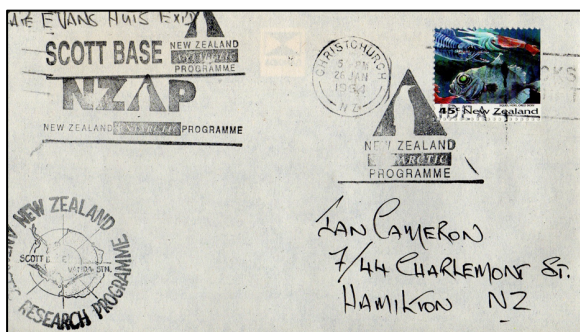
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J. Charles, J. Newton, M. Feeney and R. Fife were the caretakers this season. A team of three men from the Huts & Building Maintenance section of DSIR Antarctic Division were also there undertaking renovation and maintenance of the buildings.

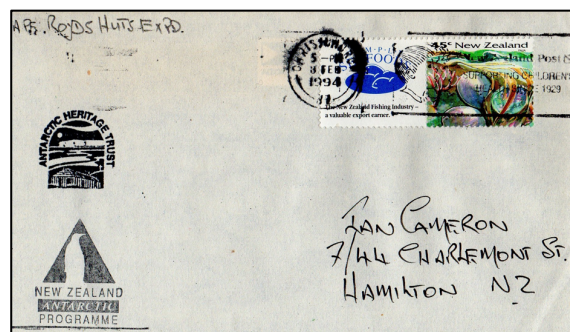


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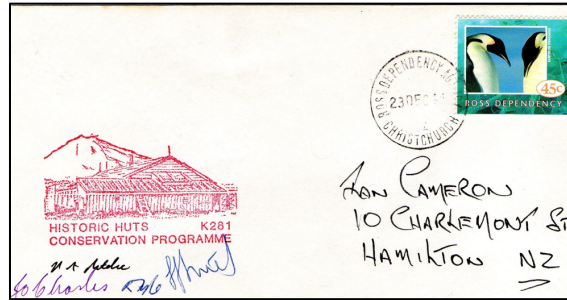


CHRISTCHURCH 26 JAN 1994
Cape Evans Huts Expd



CHRISTCHURCH 3 FEB 1994
Cape Royds Huts Expd

1994-95



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signed by N. Ritchie, J Charles, others

Aftermath

In 1999 a working group was commissioned to develop conservation strategies for the historic sites, as the regular maintenance programs were not keeping pace with the steady deterioration of the huts. In 2002 HRH Princess Anne visited Ross Island to launch the Ross Sea Heritage Restoration Project. The project continues to develop.

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