



**HANDBOOKS AND SPECIALIZED CATALOGUES  
OF POSTAL ISSUES OF THE RYUKYU (Liu Ch'iu) ISLANDS**  
(Issued Under United States Administrations)

These catalogues are the ones that the current editor has written or compiled beginning in October 2009 and the first publication was released in December 2010. Publication release dates (highlighted in **green**) are indicated. Ones without release dates have not been published but most are nearly ready for publication. [These are the new catalogue, monograph, and document series.]

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**Part IV, *Postage Stamps of the Central Governments – B-Yen Issues 1948 - 1958***, First Edition  
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- Fascicle 3:** *Haku-Gin-Do, The White Silver Shrine, "Itoman Merger" Commemorative Stamp 1961* (Released March 2013)
- Fascicle 4:** *Postage Stamps - Dollar Issues 1961 - 1964* (Released August 2014)
- Fascicle 5:** *Postage Stamps - Dollar Issues 1965 – 1968* (Released December 2015)
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- Fascicle 1:** *War Diary of Military Government Detachment B-101-X*, First Edition, Version 1.1  
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- Fascicle 2:** *Immediate Postwar History of the Okinawa Postal Administration*, First Edition, Version 1.1  
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- Fascicle 3:** *History of the Development of the Communications Service in Amami Gunto after its Separation from Japan*, First Edition, Version 1.1  
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- Fascicle 4:** *Miyako Island Postal History During and After the War*, First Edition, Version 1.1  
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- Fascicle 5:** *Battle Records of the Former Communications Employees of Okinawa, Kume Shima Post Office Portion*, First Edition, Version 1.1  
(Released February 2013)
- Fascicle 6:** *RPSS Listing of the Official Cachets Authorized by Ryukyuan Postal Authorities 1948 - 1958 and of The Commercial / Private Cachets Appearing of First Day of Issue, Last Day of Sale, and Last Day of Use Covers of the B-Yen Issues 1950 - 1958*, Second Edition  
(Released April 2019)
- Fascicle 7:** *Commemorative Cancellations, and Scenic Cancellation Authorized by Ryukyuan Postal Authorities, Private and Commercial Cancellations, and Small Japanese Commemorative Cancellations*, First Edition  
(Released March 2014)

### **Supplement Number 1:** *Commemorative Cancellation Types*

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Website: September 2015 Version 1.2

August 2018 Version 1.3, October 2020

Version 1.4

**Second Edition:** Small Japanese Commemorative Cancellations: basic listing (a more expanded listing in Part VII, Fascicle 27, Section 1 and removed from the second edition). The second edition has been expanded and updated with historical background with Supplement No. 1 information added.

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- Fascicle 8:** *Official Announcements and Publicity Materials of the Central Governments*, First Edition (Released November 2019)
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- Section 2:** *Order Forms, Sales Announcements, Sales List and Order Forms, Stamp Lists, Stamp and Postal Stationery Schedules, Tuberculosis Prevention Seal Announcement Letters, Tuberculosis Prevention Seal Order Forms, Publicity Album, Guide to Philatelic Service, Official Booklets: "List of Ryukyuan Stamps," Publicity Posters, Presentation Booklets, Presentation Folders Presentation Stock Books, and Special Commemorative and Promotion Materials*
- Fascicle 9:** *Tuberculosis Prevention Seals 1952 - 1971*, First Edition (Released July 2011)
- Fascicle 10:** *Mihon*, First Edition (Released March 2011)
- Fascicle 11:** *First Flight Covers and Air Mail Service Commemoration Materials*, First Edition
- Section 1:** *Pre-War Ryukyu Flights and Commemorations 1931 - 1935* (Released December 2014)  
[Second edition moved to Fascicle 27, Section 2]
- Section 2:** *Flights and Commemorations of the American Administration 1947 - 1972* (Released December 2014)
- Fascicle 12:** *Proofs and Essays of the Central Governments*, First Edition (Released October 2017)
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**Fascicle 15:** *Postal Mail Service – Postal Rates 1945 - 1972*, First Edition

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**Section 2:** *International Surface Mail Service* (Released November 2020)

**Section 3A:** *International Air Mail Service* (Released May 2021)

**Section 3B:** *Illustrated Stampless Covers of the First Class International Air Mail Service for the Stampless Era of the First and Second Rate Periods* March 15, 1948 to February 14, 1950

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Website: August 2018 Version 1.0; October 2020 Version 1.1

**Section 4:** *Parcel Post Mail Service* (Released November 2020)

**Fascicle 16:** *Commercial / Private Cachets – Dollar Issues Postage and Air Mail Stamps 1958 - 1972, Postal Stationery, Cultural and Historical, First Flights, and Other Postal Items*, First Edition

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**Section 2:** *First Day Certificates, First Day Sheets, Metal Engraved Cachets, Postal Stationery Cachets, Cultural / Historical / First Flight Cachets 1947 - 1972, Commemorative Cancellations, Scenic Cancellations, Private Cancellations, Post Office Openings, Last Day of Sales Cachets, and Last Day of Use Cachets*

**Fascicle 17:** *Post Offices Under the Administration of the United States Government*, Third Edition

**Fascicle 18:** *Postal Cancellations and Non-Postal Cancellations 1945 - 1972*, First Edition

**Section 1:** *Bar Cancellations (Killer Cancellations) and Fee Paid Cancellations* (Released November 2021)

**Section 2:** *Postal Cancellations – Circular-Date-cancellations, Machine Cancellations, Missing Postmark Cancellations, Roller Cancellations, TAXE PERÇUE Cancellations; and Non-Postal Cancellations – Communications Bureau Cancellations, Fiscal Cancellations, Mu-sho Cancellations, and Telephone Cancellations* (Released April 2022)

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- Fascicle 20:** *Special International Reply Coupons, Forms and Receipts, Paquebot Mail, Proposed Semi-Postal Stamps, and Early Inbound Mail to the Ryukyu Islands, First Edition*
- Fascicle 21:** *Military Chits, B-Yen Currency, and the Iriomote National Part Label and Emergency Currency Conversion Confirmation Certificate, First Edition*  
(Released October 2016)
- Fascicle 22:** *Stamp Errors and Varieties – Postage Stamps, Air Mail Stamps, and Special Delivery Stamp of the Central Governments 1948 - 1972, First Edition*  
(Released April 2017)
- Fascicle 23:** *Military Mail Service - Ryukyu Islands, First Edition*
- Section 1:** *United States Army and Air Force Mail Service, United States V-Mail, and Censorship of Military Mail*
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  - Section 3:** *Army Ships, Merchant Marines Ships, The Coast Guard, United States Marine Corps, Seabees and Naval Construction Units, Military Government Detachments, POW Camps, Refugee Camps, and Repatriation Camps During World War II*
  - Section 4:** *“Battle of Okinawa” Commemorations and Related Materials*
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**Fascicle 29:** *Ryukyu Kingdom History as it Relates to Ryukyu Islands Postal History, First Edition. Jon B. Kawaguchi. Alameda, CA: RPSS*

**Section 1:** *Ryukyu Kingdom and Okinawa Prefecture History to 1945*

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## **Part IX, *Check Lists***

- Fascicle 1:** *Checklist of Gunto Stationery Issues* (1945 - 1951). Revised and Updated by Arthur L-F Askins and Jon B. Kawaguchi, Alameda, CA: RPSS 2012.  
[Listing per the Third Edition of Part 1]
- Fascicle 2:** *Checklist of the Postal Stationery of the Central Governments* (1948 - 1972). Ed. Jon B. Kawaguchi, Alameda, CA: RPSS 2012.  
[Listing per the Third Edition of Part II] ([Released March 2015](#))
- Fascicle 3:** *Checklist of the Nansei Shoto Provisional Postage Stamps* (1945 - 1950). Ed. Jon B. Kawaguchi, Alameda, CA: RPSS 2012.  
[Listing per the Fourth Edition of Part III]
- Fascicle 4:** *Checklist of the Postage Stamps of the Central Governments - B-Yen Issues* (1948 - 1958). Ed. Jon B. Kawaguchi, Alameda CA: RPSS 2012.  
[Listing per the First Edition of Part IV] ([Released March 2012](#))
- Fascicle 5:** *Checklist of the Postage Stamps - Dollar Issues "Currency Conversion Provisional Series* (1958). Ed. Jon B. Kawaguchi, Alameda, CA: RPSS 2012.  
[Listing per the First Edition of Part V, Fascicle 1] ([Released July 2012](#))
- Fascicle 6:** *Checklist of the Air Mail Stamps, Special Delivery Stamp, Revenues, and Unemployment Insurance Revenue Stamps of the Central Governments - B-Yen Issues*, (1950 - 1958). Ed. Jon B. Kawaguchi, Alameda CA: RPSS 2012.  
[Listing per the First Edition of Part VI] ([Released July 2010](#))

## **Part X, *Electronic Archive of Documents and Journals Concerning Ryukyu Philately***

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Cumulative Index, Fourth Edition. **XXXX**

**Fascicle 2:** *Commentator and Philatelic Research Associates Leaflets*

by George MacLellan ([RPSS Website](#))

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*March 13, 1972* ([Released March 2020](#)) ([RPSS Website](#))

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