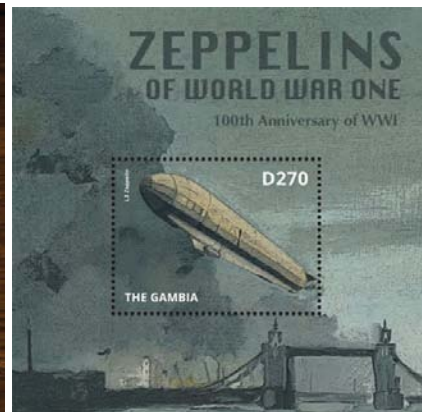
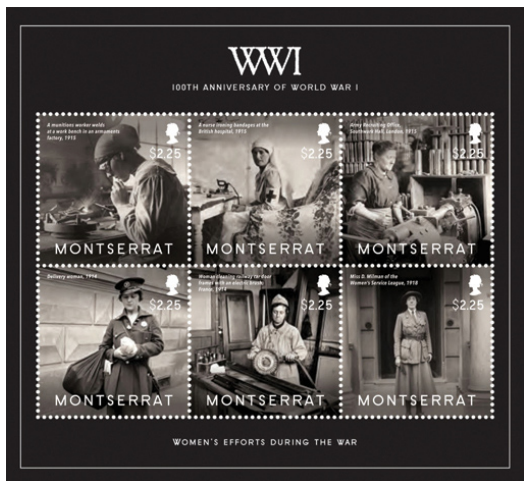


IGPC Orchestrates WW I Omnibus



Earlier this year the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corp. joined in the worldwide commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of World War I with a philatelic program covering a wide range of subjects related to “the war to end all wars.” We present here a sampling of the issues.

Montserrat, the British Overseas Territory in the Caribbean selected Women In WW I as its theme. The stamps were issued February 26 and depict workers in armaments and other factories, a nurse in a British hospital, and women in uniform.

Also from the Caribbean region, on March 24 St. Vincent and the Grenadines depicted Russian and Austro-Hungarian soldiers with maps of battle areas in the background.

Military as well as aeronautics fans and collectors will be particularly interested in the Gambia issue. Released on February 26 by the African nation, it pictures a Zeppelin over London. At that time bombs had not been developed,

so the Zeppelins would drop artillery shells on their targets. Unlike the bombings in the World War II Battle of Britain, the WW I bombings did not have a significant effect on the war.

Another African nation, Togo, joined in the ambitious WW I program on March 5, with a souvenir sheet containing three stamps within a pictorial margin, all focusing on the movement of troops and munitions, including the challenges faced in those movements.

Completing our sampling of the IGPC program, we see a colorful souvenir sheet of six stamps reproducing patriotic posters from various countries, also issued on March 5.

Additional information on these issues as well as other World War I sets and souvenir sheets can be accessed at the IGPC website. In addition, as IGPC represents more than 50 nations, its website, www.igpc.com, also is a useful resource for accessing many other postal administrations and topics.