

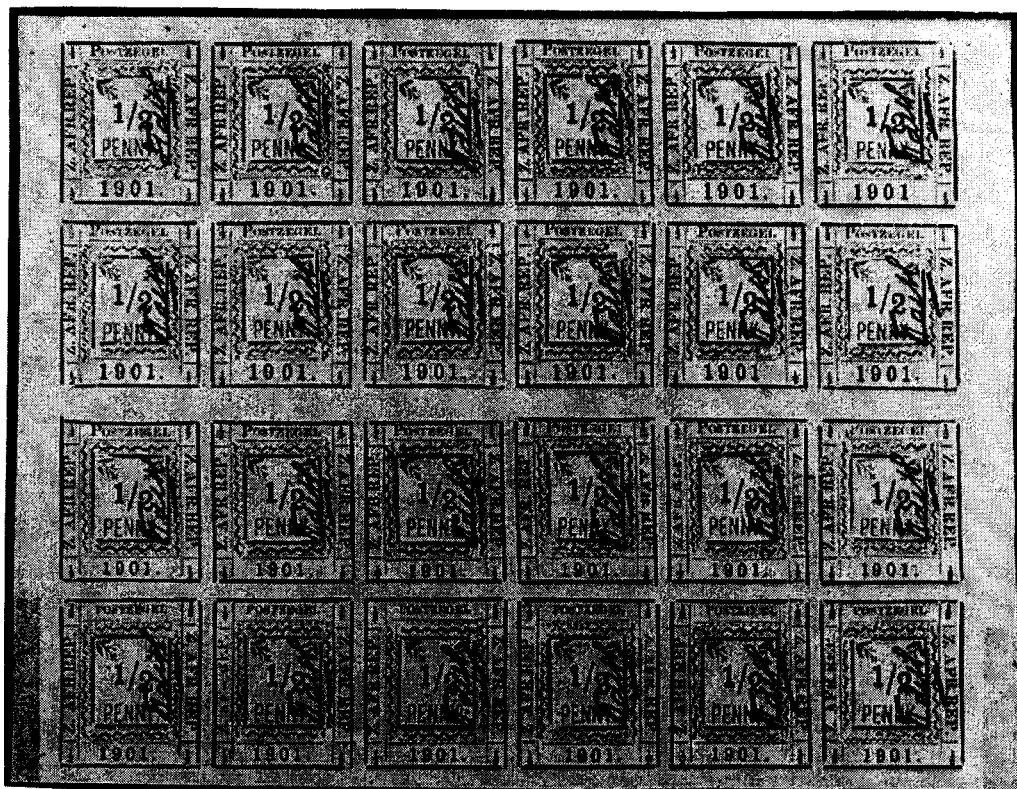


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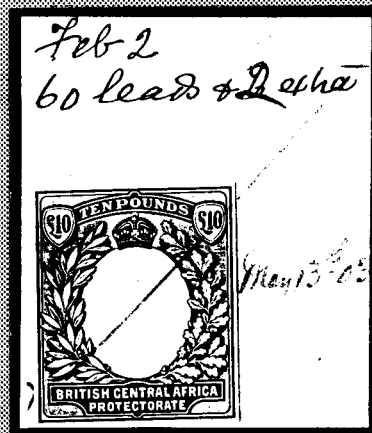
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By now most readers know about **THE Celebration of British Africa Philately**. PSGSA is sponsoring this convention as part of its 10th Anniversary Meeting. **THE Celebration** will be part of PACIFIC 97, a World Exhibition with FIP sanction. PACIFIC 97 celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the first US postage stamp. Each reader received a copy of *THE Celebration Newsletter* with the previous issue of the journal. By reading this newsletter, one will see that **THE Celebration** promises to be the greatest gathering of the British Africa collector clan in the annals of organized philately!

With a sponsorship contribution we now have a guaranteed hospitality suite for at least five days. THE Celebration Suite will be available for social and business purposes on a prescheduled basis. Then comes the guaranteed 1500-lot British Africa specialty auction; not to mention seminars, programs, exhibits, awards, banquet and the like. (Commitments are starting to come in re: exhibits and programs.)

Your Organizing Committee has as one of its goals to raise sufficient revenues to cover the anticipated costs of **THE Celebration**. The British Africa community of collectors, buyers and sellers is being asked to "contribute to the cause." The event will be a success that should pay for itself. This is where everyone comes in.

There were contribution and paid advertising order forms in the previously received newsletter issue. Please consider this opportunity to "pitch in" at whatever level is comfortable.

By chance, there may be left over funds when all is said and done. Should this be the case, the monies will revert to the Society Trust. This is a reserve account set up to support the PSGSA library and publications program.

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His address is P.O. Box 16381, San Francisco, CA 94116. (We already know of volunteers coming in from Canada, Germany, Holland, New Zealand, RSA, the UK and US.)

In closing, there are many ways to support this tremendous effort (20 groups & organizations have been invited to participate). PLEASE CONSIDER DOING SO.

... Your Organizing Committee

## EDITORIAL NOTES

### THIS ISSUE CONTAINS THE LAST ARTICLES ON HAND! I WILL SAY NO MORE... Editor

Since the previous issue, the following literature competition awards have been received by your journal: Vermeil at CHICAGOPEX 94 and Silver-Bronze at BENONI 94 (RSA).

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This issue is graced by articles from two newcomers to the ranks of the journal's featured authors - Peter Thy and Barry Fletcher. The reader will certainly find enjoyment and learning in what these welcomed writers have put before us.

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We can now look forward to the new feature "Back of Your Book", ably edited by R. Timothy Bartshe. You are familiar with Tim's efforts as our Director/Library & Archives and manager of our annual auction. Tim invites reader comments and future contributions to the column.

"Modern Issues" is back on track in this issue. Editor Gerry York had pressing business matters which kept him away last issue. He very much appreciates the recent supportive letters from readers. Gerry would be open to hearing from other modern era enthusiasts to assist him with the column. If interested, please write Gerry at Box 151512, Altamonte Springs, FL 32715-1512.

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The reader will see some interesting data in "Facts, Figures..." related to the stamp acquisition profile of the membership.

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**Cape Rectangulars** have been added to the Question & Answer Panel listing thanks to our esteemed colleague from RSA, Dr. David Mordant.

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An important information release regarding the use of Homelands (TBVC countries) postal adhesives from the Manager of the South Africa Philatelic Services, **INTER-SAPA**, Dr. Franco Frescura (a member of PSGSA). The release appears in "The International Scene" feature.

Look for an announcement about member interest in having a regional meeting at CAPEX 96 World Philatelic exhibition. You will find the item in the "Events of Note" feature.

A brief report on the 1994 auction, and the 1995 lot submission guidelines appear in the "Society Affairs" section. On all accounts, the auction was a productive affair.

Enclosed with the dues notice was an inventory and price list of journal issues remaining in stock. Orders will be honored on a first come-first served basis, using the postmark as the benchmark. Complete runs of *Forerunners* will be very difficult to achieve over the long-run. (There is no plan for reprinting any of the back issues. There is only one press run per issue.)

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Another new feature joins the *Forerunners* family. As you may be aware, Scott Catalog has asked PSGSA to assist in the detail and valuation entries for countries we focus upon. Coordination of this annual effort is handled by yours truly. Beginning with this issue, your journal will begin printing written comments and suggestions submitted to Scott's by members over the years. The feature will simply be called "Scott Catalog Input". It will be found following "Bookie Reports".

"The Auction Corner" has been renamed "Advertisers' Corner". As space permits, examples of latest offerings from our loyal advertisers will continue to appear therein. Remember, when you contact any of our advertisers, please mention that you saw their ad in the journal.

YOUR 1995 **Lupo Memorial Award** ballot was also included with the dues notice. The award is bestowed upon the author whose feature article was so selected from the previous three issues of the journal. PLEASE VOTE!

A few issues ago, small boxed entries began appearing in *Forerunners* containing location information about philatelic institutions, e.g., libraries, museums. These facilities provide lasting tributes to the collecting cause. Hopefully, those of you that travel may be able to include one or more as part your sight-seeing schedule.

As of this issue, at least a dozen philatelic institutions appear. WHAT I NEED NOW IS READER FEEDBACK. Do you like the listings and want them to continue? Are they of value and interest to you? Please send me your comments.

## CORRESPONDENCE

If all future issues of the *Forerunners* are as superb and interesting as No. 21, I cannot wait to receive the next issue. Congratulations, very well done. I am proud to be a member of the Society - **Helmut Hartman**, Namibia

"Forerunners" #22 just received - the journal matures with each issue! - Tony Davis, Canada

Greatly impressed with the new look of "Forerunners" magazine - what a carrot you are dangling at me. Must really consider getting an article done now! - **John Hodgson**, RSA

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## The Pietersburg Issues Of The South African Republic

### 1/2d Issue: Part I ... Tim Bartshe, USA

The Pietersburg Issues of 1901 have been a fascinating subject to me ever since I acquired my first one some 15 years ago. They have all of the necessary requirements to be collectible: (1) legitimately issued by a recognized government and receipted payment of postage on various items of mail, registration fees and telegraph payments: (2) numerous errors in the settings of all values yielding a large number of collectable varieties, (3) scarce and yet still available at reasonable prices, and (4) relate to a very interesting and popular historical event - The Second Anglo-Boer War. Yet, these stamps are now and always have been rather unpopular among collectors and as a result, have been given little study since the original writings of Tamsen over 90 years ago. What follows is my first attempt to shed some new thought on these issues and what will hopefully be the start of the long promised in-depth study of these stamps.

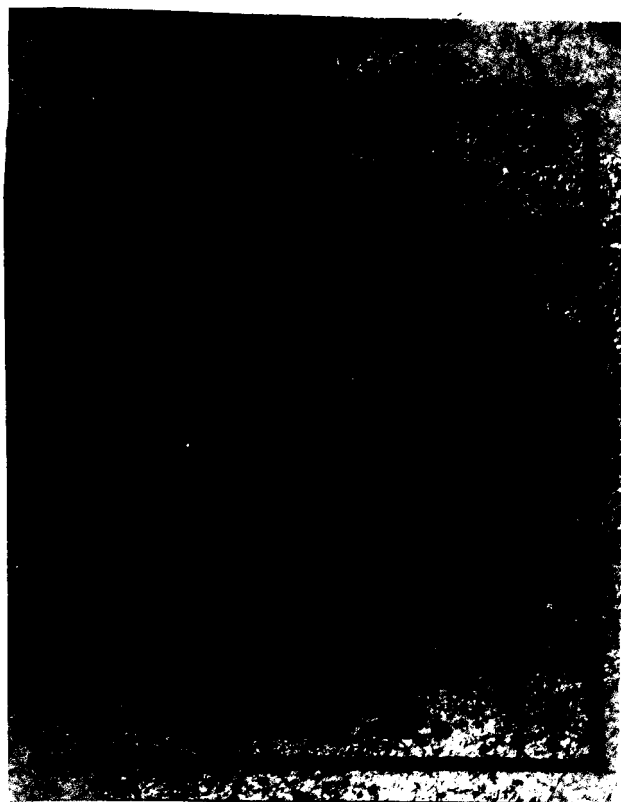
Fellow member Morgan Farrell provided the impetus for this piece upon writing a short question in *The Transvaal Philatelist* (#109), which I have taken the liberty to include:

"I have a 1/2d Pietersburg with a variety I have never seen before. It has the numerals (1/2) inverted in both the top-left and lower-right corners, and only the top loop of the '2' is present at lower-left. A Pietersburg datestamp (6th April, 1901) obscures some of the detail on the right, and it is not possible to see whether or not there is a stop after 'AFR'. The large P' and date identify a stamp from the first two rows of a sheet. It is imperforate and has a signature in black on the right. I understand that these stamps are from an original printing of 50 sheets made before some obvious errors were corrected. Has anyone any information concerning this variety?" (see Fig. 1 for example)

In the subsequent issue (#110), John Michael confirmed that the stamp is from position 4, row 1 (commonly described as R1/4), and that the variety has not previously been recorded. This answers Morgan's basic question, but brings to surface another whole group of questions: (1) if this stamp came from a setting previously unknown, what other "unrecorded"

varieties exist, (2) what inks were used on these and why, (3) where was the signature placed, (4) how many settings were used to print the 1/2d duty stamp and (5) how do these settings all relate to each other and the settings of the other values?

**Figure 1.** "3rd Printing inverted "1/2" UL & LR, no stop R "AFR", initials in black at R, R1/4.



Remember that there are no other articles in the Editor's archives for future journal issues after this one!



For those of you unfamiliar with these issues, the questions above might have little meaning or, worse yet, little or no importance. At the risk of boring those of you who are familiar with these issues, I will relate a short history of Pietersburg and the emergency issues of 1901.

### HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Pietersburg is located in the northern portion of Transvaal province, 286 km by rail northeast of Pretoria. In late 1883, the Executive Council of the South African Republic authorized the acting State President, Commandant-General Pieter Joubert, to select an appropriate site for a new town in the Zoutpansberg District. On 11 November 1884, the Volksraad authorized the purchase of a portion of a farm located near the Sterkloop River for £ 1600 (or £ 1500 depending upon the source of information). This new town was named after Joubert and by 1886 the magistracy for the district, outstripping its neighboring towns in both population and importance. It is today the largest town in the Northern Transvaal.

After early successes of the Boer forces against the British, the Second Anglo-Boer War started to go badly for the Boer States,. Bloemfontein falling in March, 1900 and the Government of the ZAR evacuating Pretoria by June, 1900. Retreating from the advancing armies, the Government fled to the far northeastern portion of the country and the town of Pietersburg. Here the new government set up "shop", printed currency and ultimately, with the exhaustion of the supply of the 1896 issues on hand in the post offices of the districts, found it necessary to print a new issue of stamps.

As stated by. Tamsen, the Government still controlled almost one-half of the original country, a hundred miles of railway, five hundred miles of telegraph lines and fifty-one postal offices and agencies. These offices conducted business on a regular and increased basis due to the influx of refugees fleeing the British occupational forces. He further postulates that by 1901, there was virtually no way for the government to account for cash received for postal and telegraph services rendered, thus necessitating the issuance of stamps.

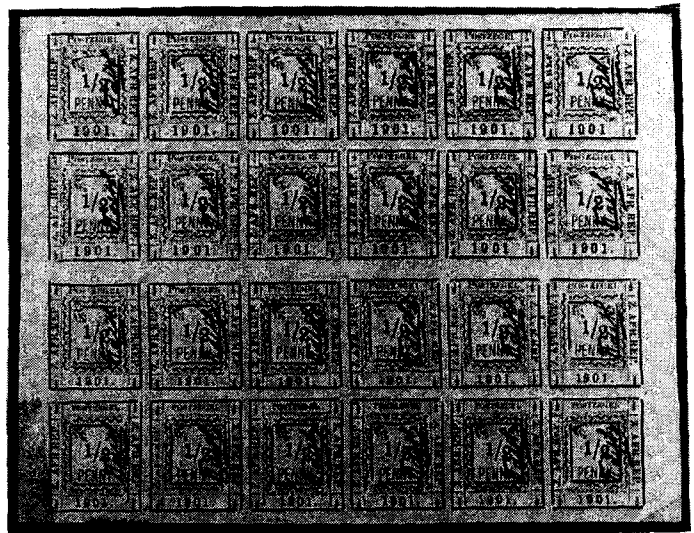
Secretary of State Dr. F.W. Reitz issued an order to the Controller of Currency, I.T. de V. Smit, on February 8, 1901, authorizing him to print stamps. These stamps would be valid, however, only if initialed by de V. Smit himself. The values issued were those necessary to conduct postal and telegraphic business of the beleaguered state and in no way were 'frivolous or unwarranted. These values were as follows:

- (1) 1/2d green for newspapers and local postal cards.
- (2) 1d red for local 1/2 oz letters and foreign postal cards.
- (3) 2d orange for double local letter rate and for part of the foreign letter rate of 21/2d per 1/2 oz.
- (4) 4d blue for registration costs.
- (5) 6d green for registration/foreign letters, parcels and telegraphs.
- (6) 1/ yellow for telegraphs,

The government order also indicated an amount printed to equal £500 or 4,000 stamps of 1/2d, 24,000 1d, 15,600 2d, 4,800 4d, 2,400 6d and 2,400 1/. Bowden is the only source to explain the paper type, a colored pre-gummed paper of modest quality at best. He states that this is a "common or garden variety paper used for gummed receipt books" and was probably on hand at the print shop and not brought with the retreating government leaving Pretoria some months prior.

The printing was done at the offices of the newspaper, *De Zoutpansberg Wachter*, of Pietersburg. The forms were made up with the type available at the print shop which determined the three basic types of the issues: Large 'P' of 'Postzegel' and large date (TYPE I), large 'P' of 'Postzegel' and small date (TYPE II) and both small 'P' of 'Postzegel' and date (TYPE III). Four rows of six stamps each made up the form; Type I forming the top two rows and Types II and III forming rows three and four, respectively (see Fig. 2 for example of sheet). The sheets, prior to being issued, were to be cut in half to make up the vertically disposed panes of 12 that were ordered.

**Figure 2.** "1st Printing" sheet initialed in black at right reading up, showing three types of "POSTZEGEL" and date.



*See enlargement on front cover.*

From the time of the original government order on February 8 and the initial sale of the stamps on March 20 (1d) and April 3 (all other values) some 2,350 sheets of 24 stamps were printed for the six values. By my count, at least 16 different "settings" were printed for the six values. Bowden states that each of the 24 clichés required at least 73 pieces of type and brass strips. Although, only the five values of each cliché and the words, 'PENNY', 'PENCE' and 'SHILLING' needed to be changed, an enormous amount of work must have been required to accomplish this feat in the time stated. The truly

laborious task at hand (literally speaking), however, was that of the Controller, Mr. de V. Smit, who was ordered to sign each and every one of the 54,000 stamps prior to their - issuance to the public. The initialing of each stamps was done vertically on the left reading down on all issues and reading up on some of the sheets of the 1/2d and 1d values. The initials read "ITdVS" with the "T" crossed and an underline under the whole (this can be clearly seen on the following photographs of single stamps). Initialing was done in black ink on all values, with red ink being used on a large portion of the 1/2d. The sheets were to have been perforated after being cut in half, but this was done only on the 1/2d, 1 d and 2d.

### The 1/2d Value: "Third Printing"

Now, to finally address Morgan's inquiry and the main scope of this article. The 1/2d is possibly the most interesting of the six values, due to the large number of varieties and variations. This value occurs perforate and imperforate, initialed with red ink and black, initials reading down on the left and up on the right in both ink colors and went through at least three separate stages of correction (each being a "printing", the term used by all authors). By looking at the listing of the Stanley Gibbons (SG) catalog, one sees 36 listed constant varieties (I will prove the existence of more than 80!) and three perforation varieties (SG lists the imperforate between vertically and horizontally varieties of the perforated sheets, not uncommon to the 1d value. I cannot attest to the existence of this variety in the 1/2d value nor as to which printing it belongs to because I have never seen one.). How does one make any sense of all of this and where does Morgan's item fit into the scheme of things?

In the Stanley Gibbons listings, their "Third Printing-Imperf." includes the highest number and most flagrant errors in type-setting of any value. Interestingly enough, the constant "First Printing" varieties of the other values (1d, 2d, 4d & 6d) are all present in this setting, notably:

(1) R 1/2 1st "1" of "1901" dropped - undescribed but listed by SG (Fig. 3);

Figure 3. "3rd Printing inverted "1/2"UP, dropped 1st "1" of "1901" in date, signed in red at R, R 1/2.



Figure 4. "3rd Printing", "POSTZFGEL", signed in red at R, very weak B bar inner design, R 1/5.



(2) R 1/5 "POSTZFGEL" (Fig. 4);

(3) R 1/6 "AFB" at right (Fig. 5);

(4) R 2/1 "REB" at left (Fig. 6);

(5) R 2/2 "BEP" at left (Fig. 7);

(6) R 2/3 "POSTZEOEL" (Figs. 8 & 18);

(7) R 2/4 "AER" at right (Fig. 9);

(8) R 2/5 no stop after date (Fig. 10);

(9) R 2/6 no stop after "PENNY" - unlisted by SG (Fig. 10); (

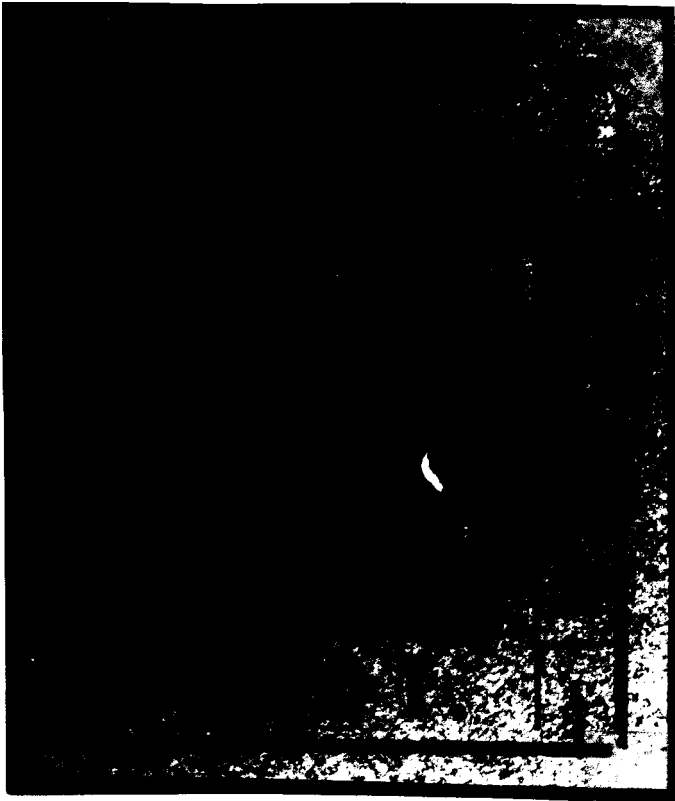
10) R 3/2 right spray inverted (Fig. 11);

(11) R 3/4 no stop after left "Z" - unlisted by SG (Fig. 12);

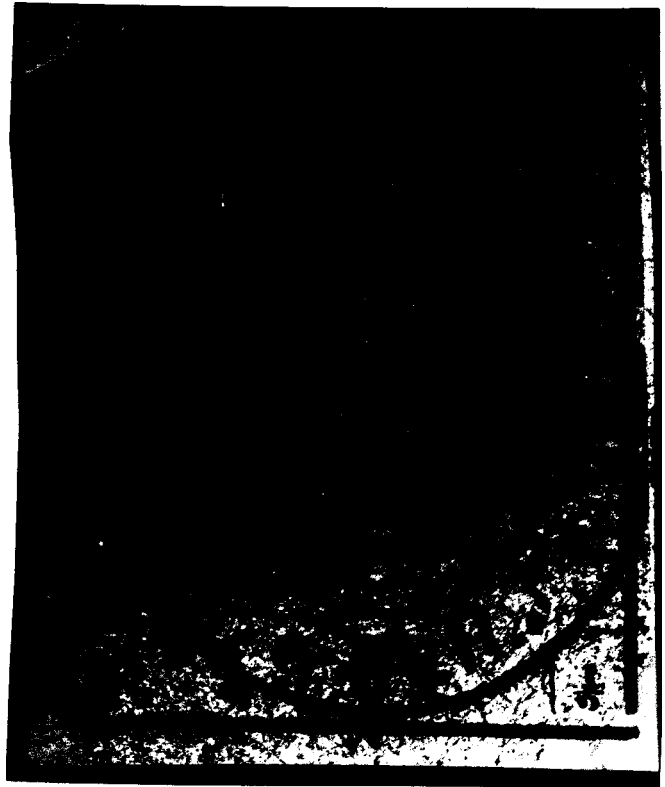
(12) R 3/6 "POSTZEGFL", no stop after right "AFR" - unlisted by SCI (

13) R4/6 left spray inverted - unlisted by SG (Fig. 13)

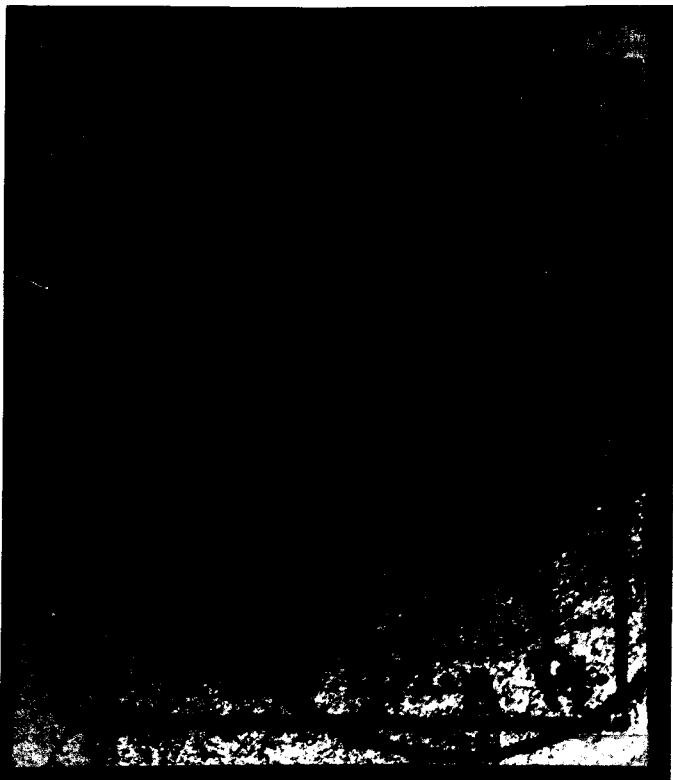
**Figure 5.** "3rd Printing" - "AFB" at R, inverted spray at L, heavy lead after "POSTZEGEL" causing "POSTZEGEI", signed in red at R, R1/6.



**Figure 7.** "3rd Printing" - "BEP" at L, signed in red at R, R2/2.



**Figure 6.** "3rd Printing" - "REB" at L, inner L frame too high, signed in red at R, R2/1.



**Figure 8.** "3rd Printing" - "POSTZEOEL", signed in red at R, R2/3.

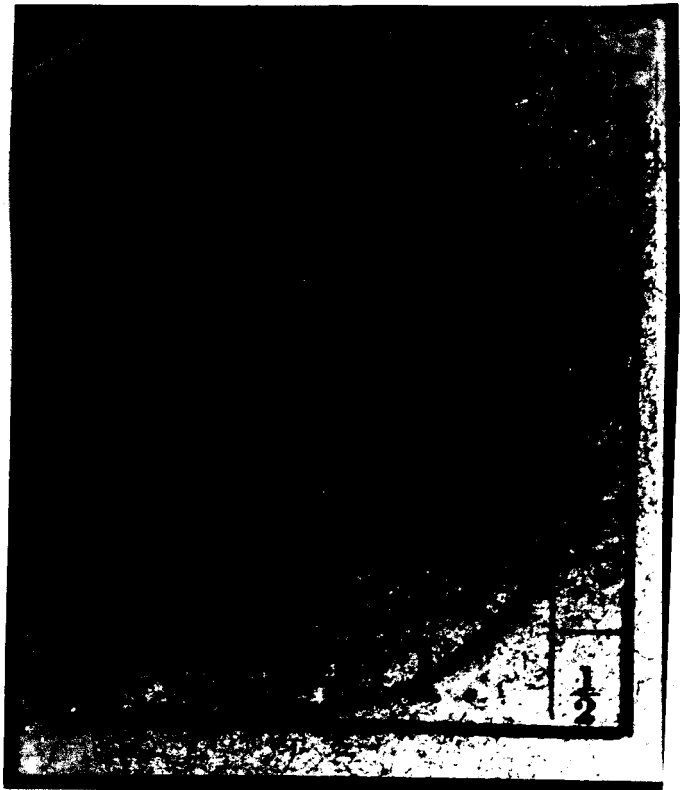


Figure 9. "3rd Printing" - "AER" at R, signed in red at R, R2/4.

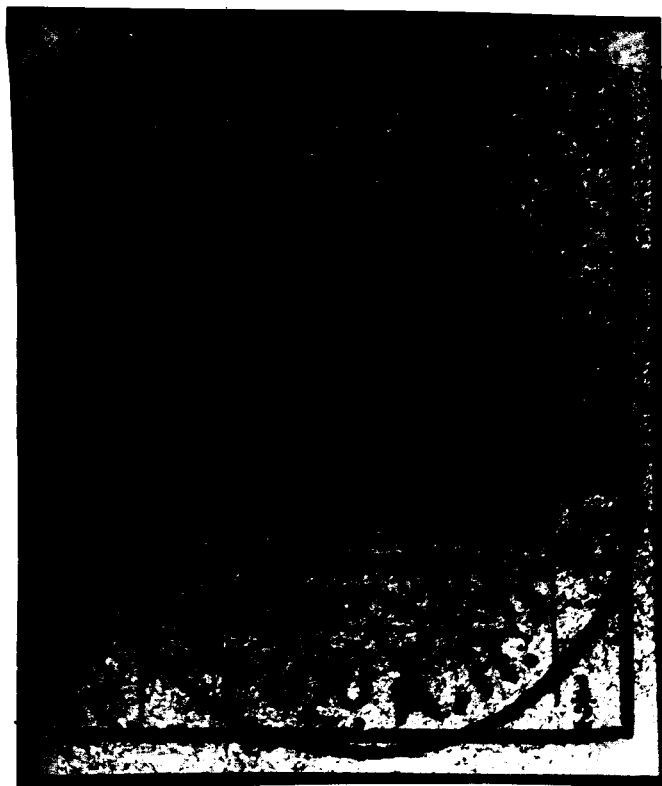


Figure 11. "3rd Printing" - inverted R spray, signed in red at R, R3/2.

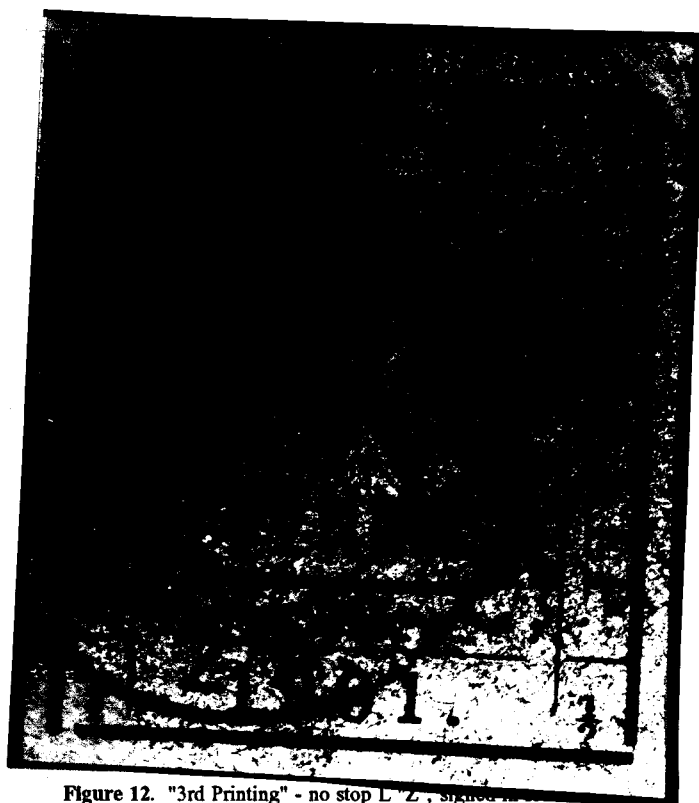


Figure 10. "3rd Printing" - "POSTZFGEL", "AFB" at R with inverted L spray, no stop "1901", no stop "PENNEY", signed at R, R1/5-6. R2/5-6.

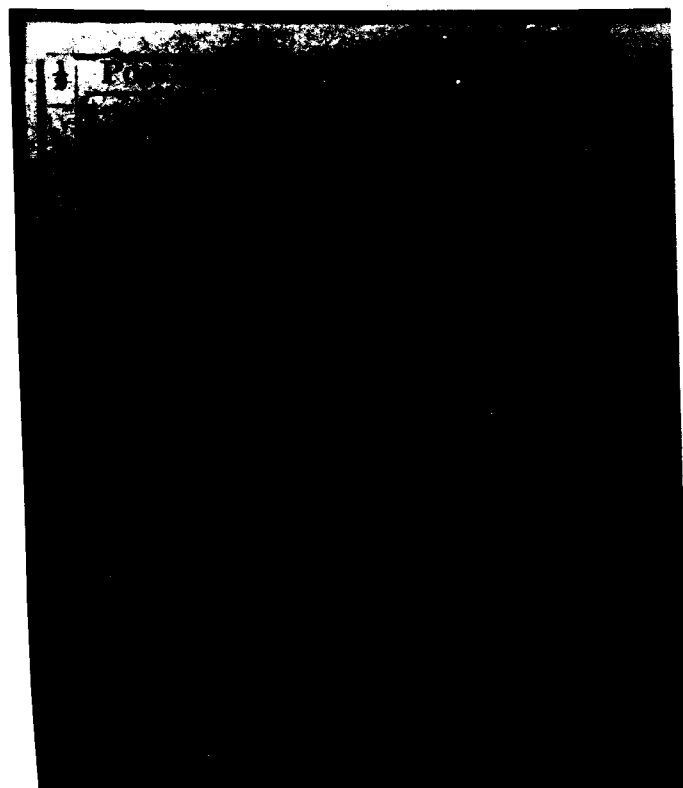
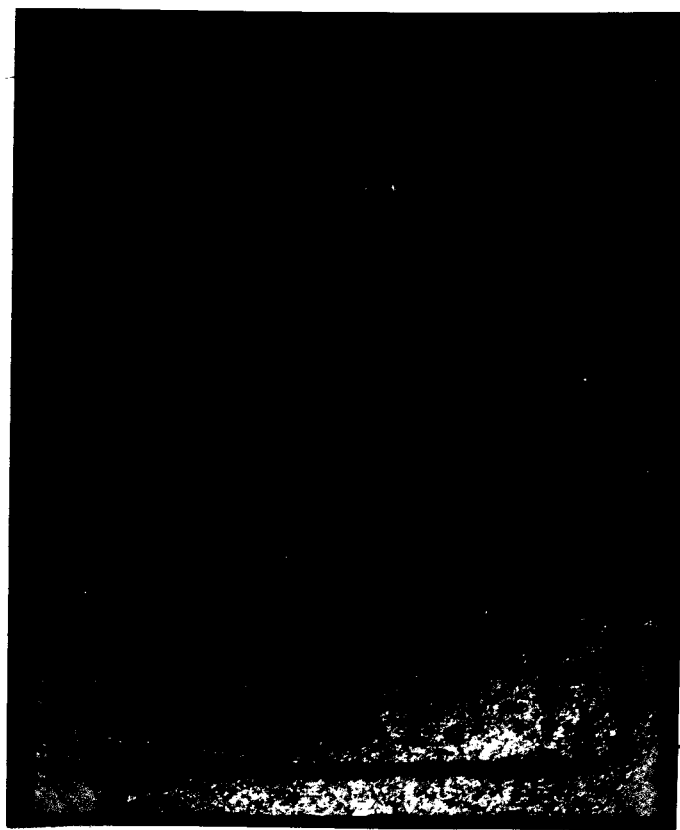
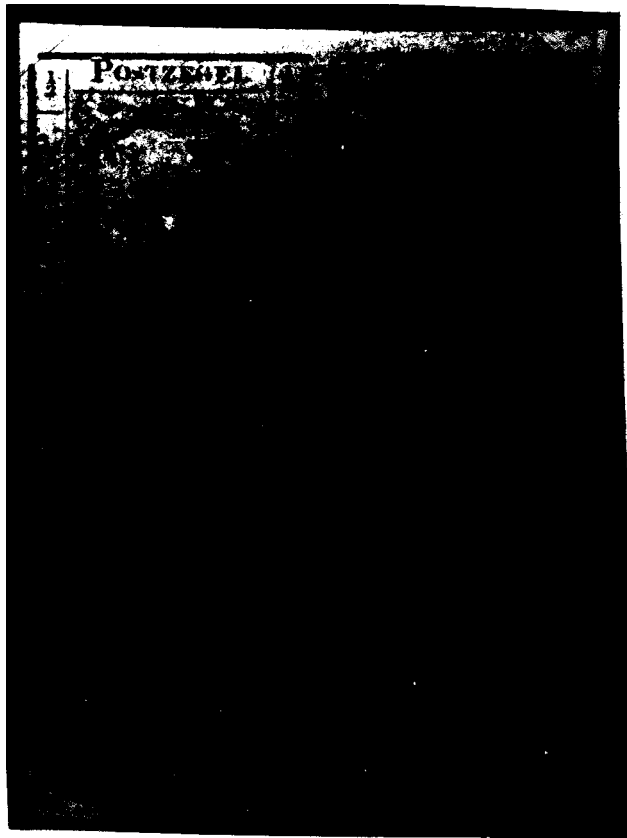


Figure 12. "3rd Printing" - no stop L "Z", signed at R, R3/2.



**Figure 13.** "3rd Printing" - "1" level with "2" in "1/2", "POSTZEGFL". "1/4" in UR, inverted L spray, signed in red at R, R3/5-6. R4/5-6.



I cannot verify the absence or presence of varieties of stamps R1/3, R4/1, R4/2 or R4/4 for I do not have examples from these positions. Based upon the presence of so many of the "First Printing" varieties, however, I would venture to guess that R4/2 contains the variety left spray inverted and R4/1 has no stop after the right "AFR". The only missing varieties are those where there is either no bar under or above the value. These could have fallen out after the changing of the value.

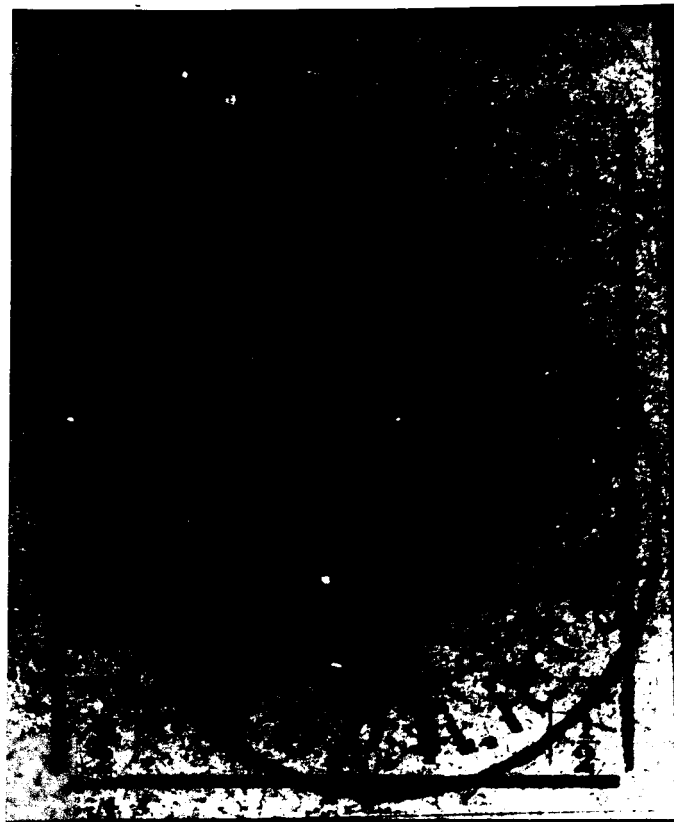
The varieties associated with this value, but not with the "1st Settings" of the other values are as follows:

- (1) R1/1 top left "1/2" inverted (Fig. 14)
- (2) R1/2 top right "1/2" inverted (Fig. 3)
- (3) R1/4 top left and bottom right "1/2" inverted, no stop left AFR - unlisted by SQ (Fig. 15)
- (4) R1/3 "1/3" in top right "PE" in "PENNY" spaced (Fig. 16) (
- 5) R3/3 top left "1/2" inverted (Figs. 17 & 18)
- (6) R3/5 level "I" and "2" of 1/2" - unlisted by SQ (Fig. 13) (
- 7) R4/3 "1/3" in top right (Fig. 19)
- (8) R4/5 "1/4" in top left (Fig. 20)

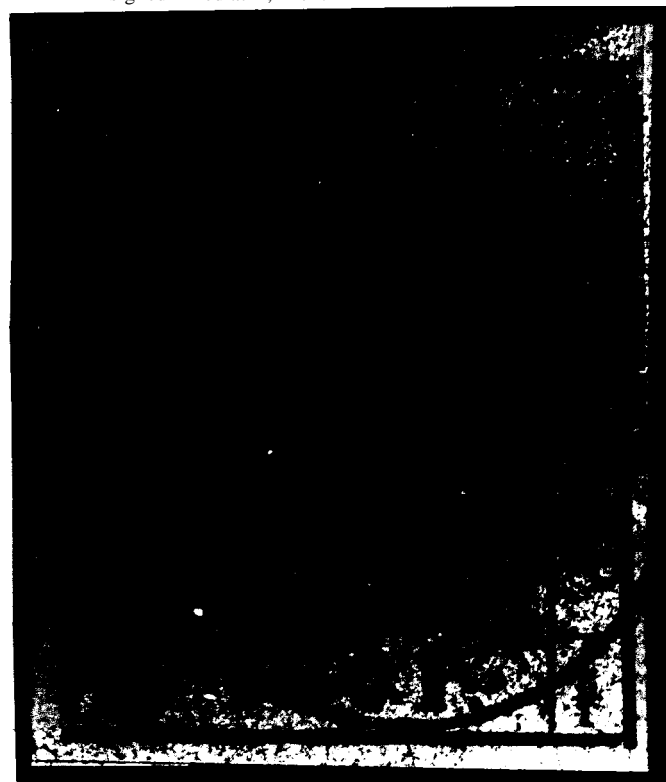
The variety listed above as (6) is, to my knowledge, the first reported existence. The sheet that these varieties came from is partially reconstructed in Figure 21, from individual pieces seen in Figures 10, 13 and 18 plus a single fitting together,

proving the positions as reported. This variety has only been attributed to the "Second Printing" perforated 111/2 from the same position of R3/5. Varieties listed for "Second Printing" also present in the "Third Setting" include no stop after the right "AFR" from R1/4 and R3/6, and left inner frame too

**Figure 14.** "3rd Printing" - UL "1/2" inverted, no stop R "AFR", signed in red at R, R1/1.



**Figure 15.** "3rd Printing" - UL and BR "1/1" inverted, no stop R "AFR", signed in red at R, R1/4.



right "AFR" from R1/4 and R3/6, and left inner frame too high R2/1 (Fig. 6). That is four out of five listed varieties with only R4/6 unverified: hyphen between right "AFR" and "REP". Unfortunately, the right side of my copy of R4/6 is cut off (Fig. 13).

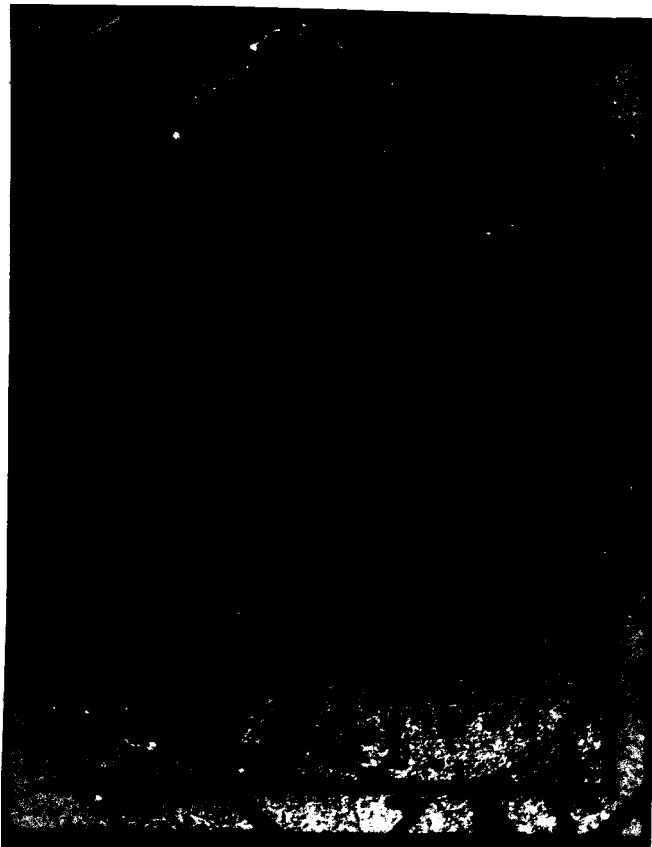
Morgan's stamp came from the first row, fourth stamp or R1/4 and is missing the stop after the right "AFR", not a variety of the "First Printing", yet is signed in black, not the red ink attributed to the "Third Setting". Two other examples from the "Third Setting" but initialed in black are "AER" on the right R2/4 (Fig. 22) and the right spray inverted R3/2 (Fig. 23).

To complicate matters even more, Figure 24 is an expertised block of four, perforated 111/2. This block is initialed in red as it should be for the perforated setting; however, closer examination reveals "AFB" on the left (top left), no stop left "Z" and "POSTZEGEI" (top right) and no stop left "Z" with no bar under the top right "1/2" (bottom right). This is R3/3-4, R4/3-4 from the "First Printing" proving the existence of at least one perforated sheet being printed from this setting.

I will conclude this discussion of the 1/2d value in the next issue of *Forerunners* by theorizing on the printing orders of the different values and a few other subjects such as legitimate(?) postal use, ink colors, the initialing process and the recommended revision of listings in Stanley Gibbons. I will also include the bibliography.

**Figure 16.** "3rd Printing" - "1/3" in UL, "PE" of "PENNY" spaced, signed in red at R, R3/1.

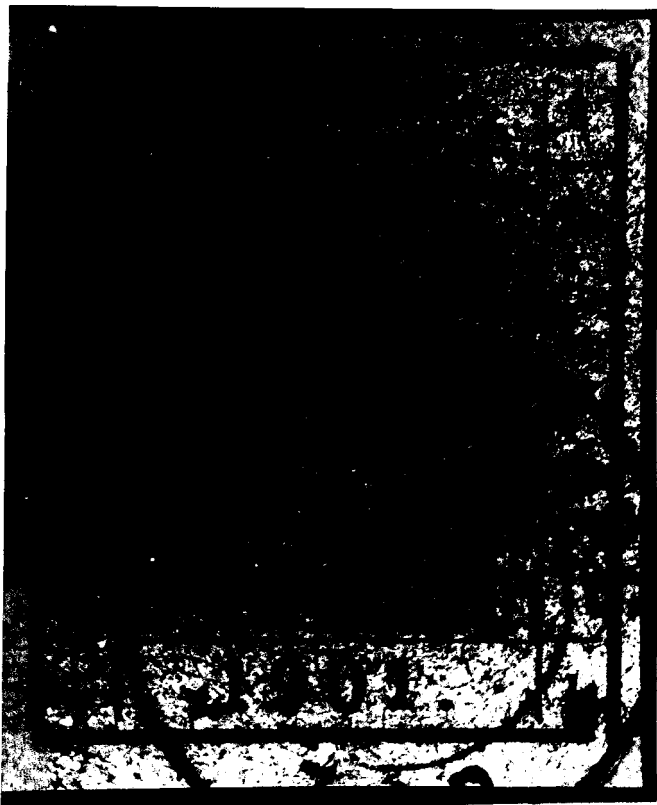
**Figure 17.** "3rd Printing" - UL "1/2" inverted, signed in red at R, R3/3.



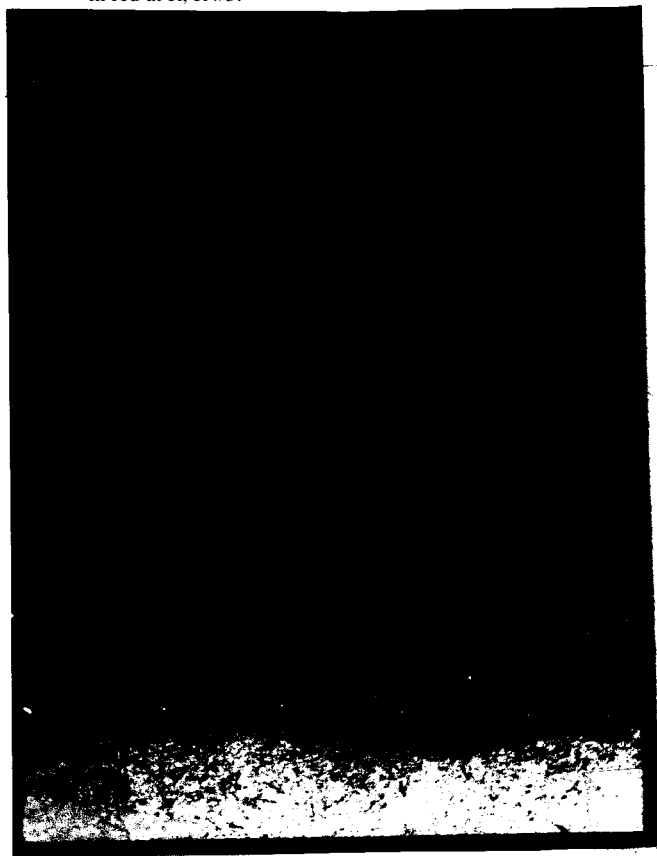
**Figure 18.** "3rd Printing" - "POSTZEOEL" and UL "1/2" inverted, signed in red at R, setenant vertical pair of Type I & Type 2, unsevered.



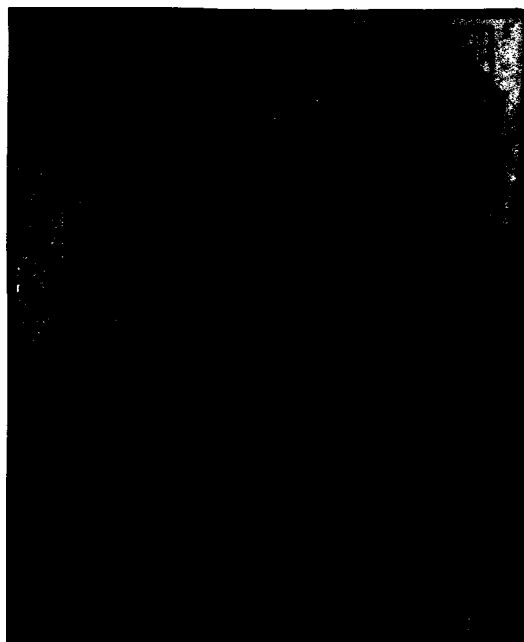
**Figure 19.** "3rd Printing" - "1/3" in UR, signed in red at R, R4/3.



**Figure 20.** "3rd Printing" - "1/4" in UL, "POSTZEGEL" moved to R, signed in red at R, R4/5.



**Figure 21.** "3rd Printing" - partially reconstructed sheet of two blocks of four, vertical pair and single, signed in red at R, R1/5-6, R2/3-6, R3/3,5-6, R4/5-6.

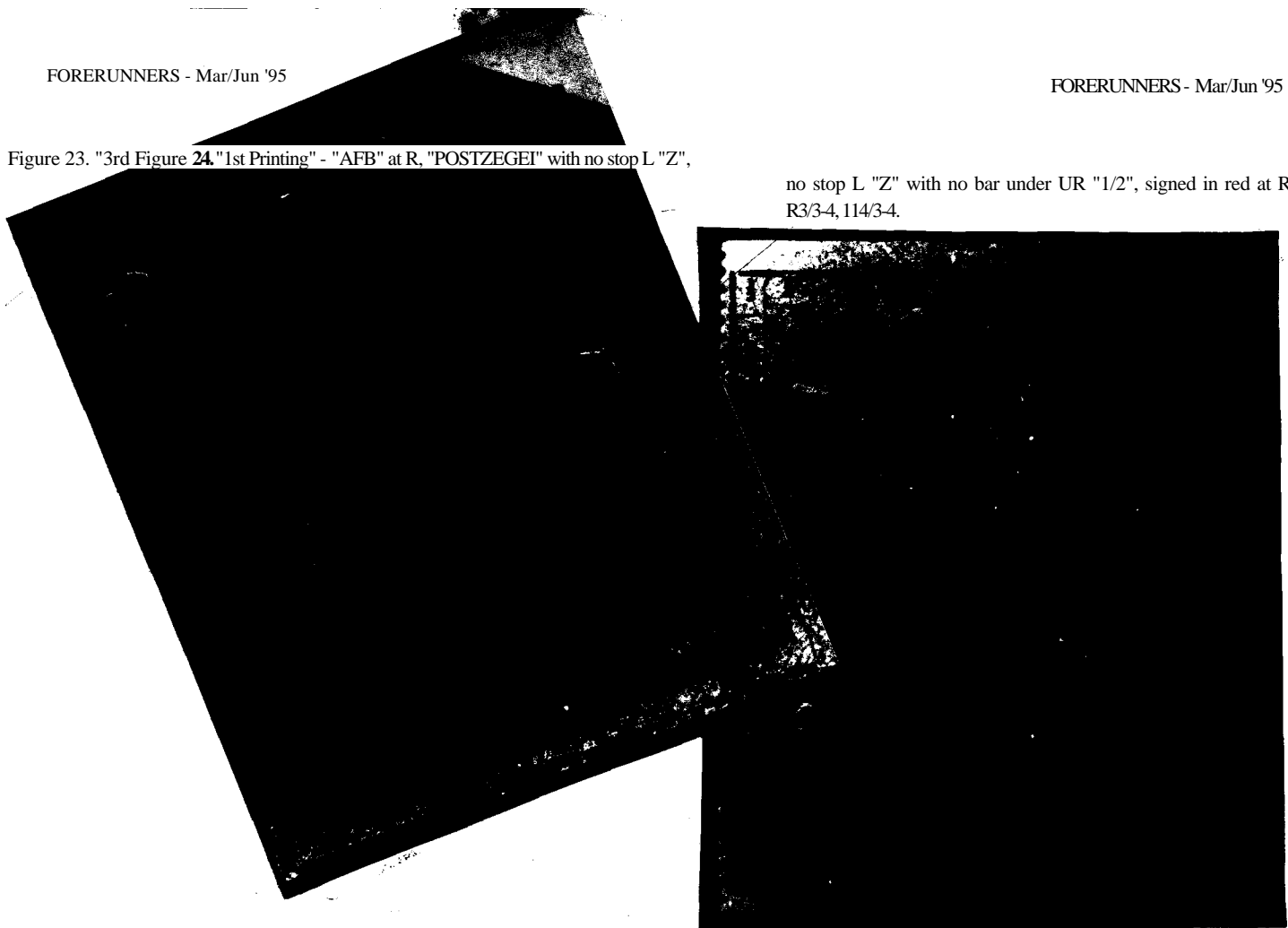


**Figure 22.** "3rd Printing" - "AER" at R, signed in black at R, R2/4.



Figure 23. "3rd Figure 24."1st Printing" - "AFB" at R, "POSTZEGER" with no stop L "Z",

no stop L "Z" with no bar under UR "1/2", signed in red at R, R3/3-4, 114/3-4.



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# Basutoland Officials: Research and Calculations of Relative Scarcity and Valuations... Barry P. Fletcher, RSA

Some of the rarest stamps recorded in British Africa are the Basutoland officials issued and used during 1934. Basutoland, now Lesotho, was formerly a British crown colony and is entirely bordered by the Republic of South Africa.

The facts relating to Basutoland Officials are shrouded in mystery. Many of the "facts" have been found to be non-factual in as much as the information on which catalog value is being based has been misleading to say the least. A study of Basutoland Officials is fascinating in itself. The limited tenure of these stamps, how they were used, and why, is challenging for all collectors of British Africa.

My publication *Basutoland Officials*, on which this article is based, is derived from research carried out by the writer going back some sixty years. Integrated into the work are contributions and comments by some of the foremost experts of today's philatelic world.

The stamps in question were never officially authorized and issued by the Colonial Office. The furor which resulted from this is comparable to that which arose from the issue of the unauthorized provisionals of the Cayman Islands around 1907. Because of the sensitivity of the matter, a great deal of covering-up ensued. As a result of this, much of the information given was deliberately misleading.

As many readers are aware, the stamps were used for a very limited period, and most were returned to the South African mint during June 1934. Some were used on the Royal Train at the end of February 1934, but the main usage came just prior to the withdrawal in June of that year when it was realized by officials and collectors alike that this presented a last opportunity for used and unused stamps to be made available.

Although all unused stamps were supposed to have been returned to the mint, numbers were held back. This resulted in a fairly equal distribution of availability of mint and used stamps after the withdrawal.

The Royal Philatelic Collection at Buckingham Palace has one of the few blocks of four of the issue. Other blocks of four were in the hands of collectors, some which were subsequently broken up, and today only one block of four exists outside of the Royal Philatelic Collection.

Gibbons records the following being in existence at the time:

**1/2d - 23, 1d -34, 2d-54 and 6d-26**

Gibbons has analyzed these quantities very carefully, and in general these figures are not inaccurate. Not all of these stamps remain in existence as it has become clear that a number of 2d stamps have disappeared with the passage of time. The 2d value has generally carried the lowest valuation in both Gibbons and Scott, but these figures are based on the theoretical numbers in existence in the 1930's.

The aforementioned *Basutoland Officials* publication contains a complete analysis of virtually all Basutoland Officials in existence, the degree to which they are presently in sets, and the history of their certifications. In addition, there also exists of study of known covers. These covers are rather rare.

As most of these stamps are found dated from around 23rd May, stamps postmarked prior to May are progressively rarer. The publication discusses this particular topic. The findings regarding the mode and dates of issue are rather very interesting indeed, in and of themselves.

The writer concludes that the number of used and unused stamps making up the totals (as indicated more or less by Gibbons) are as follows:

**Table 1.** Summary count by denomination.

Condition	Denomina tion			
	1/2 pence	1 pence	2 pence	6 pence
Mint	10	21	15	10
Used	12	15	<b>22</b>	14
Total Retained*	22	36	37	24
Overage/Shortage	-1	+2	-17	-2

**\*NB:** As some of these were sold up to 60 years ago, they may not all exist today.

The shortages shown above reflect the deviations from Gibbons. This is because Basutoland Official stamps were in great demand at the time, and indeed have been ever since. The percentage of stamps certified by the various authorities, e.g., BPA, RPS, Philatelic Foundation, David Brandon, etc., is very high. This has helped to trace the whereabouts of most of them.

## Order of Rarity

1. To properly analyze the rarity factor, the following table on the next page is useful.

The publication on Basutoland Officials contains a separate chapter on the usage thereof on the Royal Train. The study shows the passage of the train, its usage of official stamps on its passage through South Africa, Basutoland and Bechuana-land. Included in the work is how it was that these stamps were issued to the Royal Train mobile post office. There are some interesting comments by the Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection at Buckingham Palace, as well as the views of various philatelic experts, including those in the southern Africa region. Only one set of used Basutoland Officials with the royal cachet exists, although there are other individual copies.

2. Table 2 on the next page shows the census of what should

exist. However, as these are records completed over 50 years, some may have disappeared.

Table 2. Census of known Officials unused and used.

Sets Intact	UNUSED				I US ED			
	1/2d	1d	2d	6d	1/2d	1d	2d	6d
Used set sold at auction					1	1	1	1
"Royal Train" Set (1)					2(4)	1	1	1
"Melat" Set (2)	1	1	1	1				
Samos/Dallas/King Carol (2)		1	1	1	1			
"Colonial" Set (3)	1	1	1	1				
Dale Lichtenstein Set	1	1	1	1				
<b>Other</b>								
Blocks of 4		4						
Covers					4	3		4
Single with selvage		2				1		
Single no selvage	6	7	9	6	5	5	14	10
Pairs		2	2			4	2	2
Pairs with selvage		2						
<b>Total Accounted For</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>

(1) - with mixed selvage on two sides; (2) - with top selvage; (3) - side selvage; and (4) - includes odd 1/2d train cancel.

3. There are four recognized unused sets. However, it would seem that at least six others could be put together from the singles known to be in existence.

4. Thus, we deduce the following possibility for unused items: **one mint set with side selvage only; three mint sets with top selvage; six mint potential sets without selvage.**

5. The one block of 4 x 1d is unique outside the four blocks in the Royal Philatelic Collection.

6. For used sets, the following is the speculation: **only one set with Royal Train Cancellation; one intact used set and five potential other used sets.**

7. **Conclusion:** Whereas ten unused sets are possible, only seven used sets are possible (unless covers are broken up); pairs are few, and no set of pairs is possible, used or unused; and one block of four exists.

8. In order to create a rarity factor, I shall deal with sets only. The order of rarity is:

**A - unused set with side selvage - UNIQUE**

**- used set with Royal Train Cancellation - UNIQUE**

**B - two unused sets with top selvage C - one used set**

**without selvage**

**- five potential used sets without selvage**

**D - one unused set without selvage (ex-Dale Lichtenstein in moderate condition)**

**- six potential unused sets**

The above figure suggests that used sets are rarer than unused sets; that it is more difficult to compile a used set than an unused set (disregarding those sets which are already intact).

9. Relative values ascribable to rarity factor: A

**- 1.5**

**B - 1.4**

**C-1.2 D**

**- 1.0**

These comparisons are really an attempt to make a comparison of value set values. Carrying a relative value of 1.2 for used sets is urged if my comment on the relative scarcity of used sets above is correct.

10. The existence of covers, blocks and pairs which are unlikely to be separated, restricts the number of sets which could be compiled with relative ease.

The maximum theoretical number of mint sets is 11 (confirming George Holschauer's speculations), although a more practical figure would be eight or nine such sets.

The rarest mint would be 6d closely followed by 1/2d, 2d and 1d. The used copies, in order of rarity are 1/2d, 6d, 1d, 2d.

### Premium Values (Amongst Others)

1. As discussed earlier, only one used selvage set can exist - that with the Royal Train cancellation. I can only locate one other - a 1/2d value. As this was not usable for any form of postage, there should be others. However, as the 1/2d and 1d seem to be fully accounted for, it would mean that a cover with 1 x 1/2d Basutoland and 3 x 1/2d Union stamps must have existed in Official form. This mixed usage scenario is discussed in the aforementioned *Basutoland Officials*. Further information on this subject is anxiously sought by the writer. Can any reader be of assistance here?

2. The set described above should command a premium over the sum of the individual values for both reasons: the near uniqueness of the Royal Train cancellation and the selvage combination.

3. The mint side selvage set should command a premium.

4. Following 3 above, the two top selvage sets (ex Melat and King Carol/Samos/Dallas) are the next rarest.

### Catalog Values - A Commentary

1. It appears that catalog values have been ascribed using: (a) **the relative scarcity of items;** (b) **whether the stamps are used or mint;** and (c) **auction realizations.**

2. The following table has been constructed to illustrate the relationship in the catalogs between mint and used of each value. As values change from year-to-year, they should be used for guidance purposes only.

Table 3. Stanley Gibbons catalog values in pounds sterling.

Set • <u>Vat.</u>	<u>1/2 pence</u> Value NQ.	<u>1 pence</u> Value NQ.	<u>2 pence</u> Value No.	<u>6 pence</u> Value NQ.
<b>Mint</b> L13000	2000 10	1300 21	750 15	10000 10
<b>Used</b> L7000	2000 12	1000 15	550 22	4500 14

## COMMENTS

1. The 6d is rather overvalued relative to the 1/2d - more accurately the 1/2d is grossly undervalued. There are less used 1/2d than the 6d (i.e., 12 x 1/2d vs 14 x 6d)!

2. The mint 2d is undervalued relative to the 1d, unless many of the missing 2d mint are located. If they exist, they should have appeared in the auction market. One would expect used 2d copies to be missing as these were the most regular issue. However, there is a possible overhang on the market.

3. The used 1d copies are grossly undervalued relative to the mint copies, i.e., there are 15 used compared to 21 mint.

4. If the values of complete mint sets are to be maintained, the individual values in the table in the next column would be more appropriate (relative to scarcity - as shown in Table 4).

If we convert the above values to rarity factors, the following

Table 4. Suggested valuation upgrades.

Set	<u>1/2 pence</u>	<u>1 pence</u>	<u>2 pence</u>	<u>6 pence</u>
<u>Mint</u> X13000	4500	1000	1500	6000
<u>Used</u> 1110000	3500	2200	800*	3500

\*Lower valuation as the large number of items not located might surface one day.

suggestions in Table 5 may prove useful for future valuations, using the mind set value as a base:

Table 5 Suggested rarity factors for valuation purposes.

Set	<u>1/2 pence</u>	<u>1 pence</u>	<u>2 pence</u>	<u>6 pence</u>
<u>Mint</u>	100	35	8	11
<u>Used</u>	76	27	17	6

5. As for sets, in view of the difficulty of accumulating these, they should be at a premium over the sum of the individual values, especially the selva sets, notwithstanding the base values given above.

6. Scott uses retail values which is in contrast to Gibbons' method. No sales have taken place to my knowledge at Gibbons' prices. Frankly, I would take the pound sterling figures, appearing in Table 4 above and substitute the US dollar sign for this purpose. It is my considered opinion that we will now have fair retail values in doing so.



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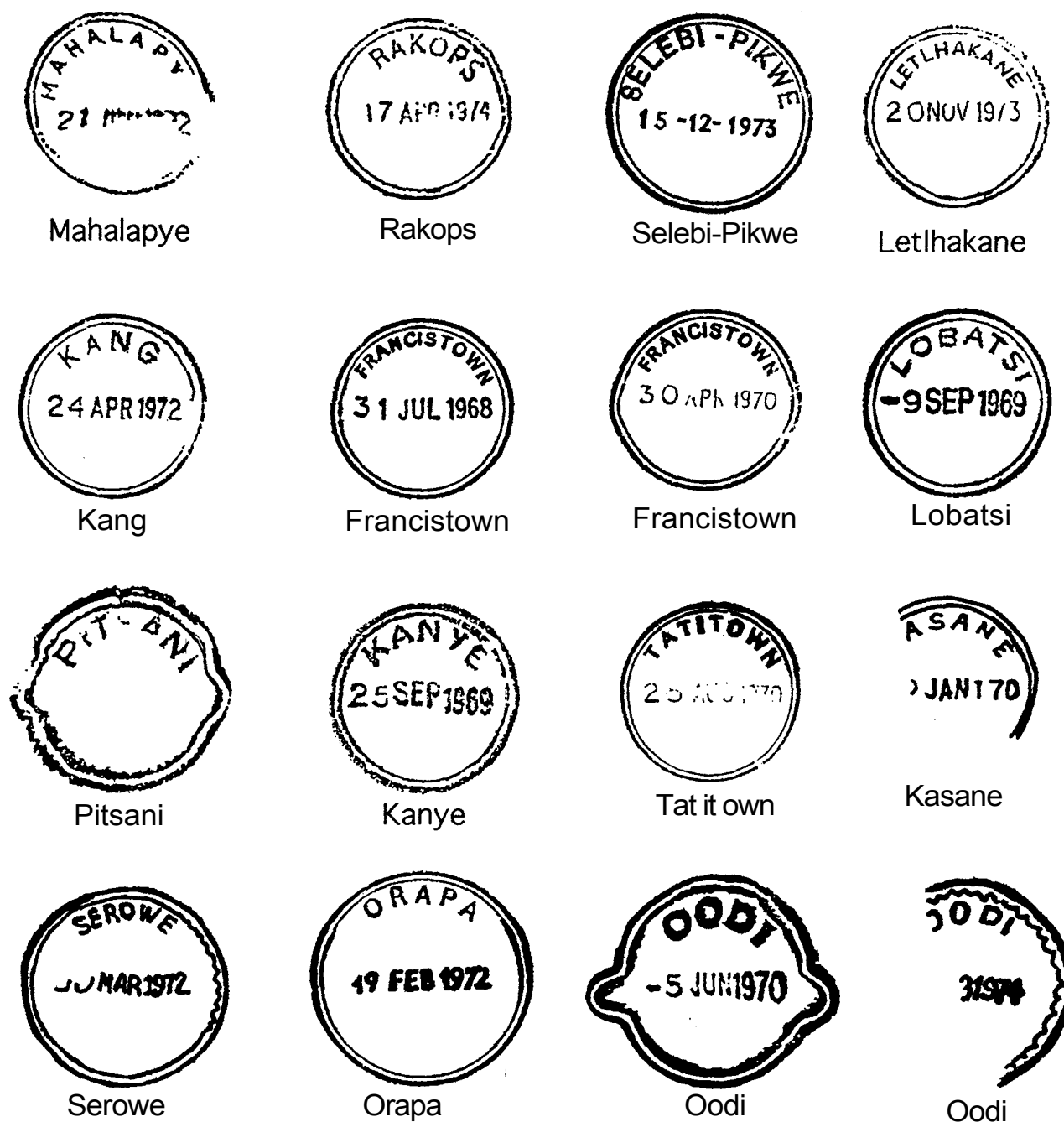

# Relief Or Special Purpose Circular Dated Rubber Cancellers From Botswana, 1968-1974... Peter Thy, USA

Rubber cancellers, with a double-lined outer circle and the diameters of the outer circle (Type 1, 30-31 mm; Type 2, data across it in one central line, were used between 1968 and 34-35 mm' Type 3, 38 mm). The main part of the cancellers 1974 at Botswana postal offices (Figure 1).

Three different types of cancellers can be identified by the

Selebi-Pikwe and a (not shown) Kasane canceller that gives the date in the form "15-12-1973". The ink used varies from

Figure 1. Examples of robber canceller cancellations used by Botswana between the years 1968-1974



dominating shades of purple to reddish; black occasionally occurs.

The rubber cancellers were used at both major and minor post offices and agencies. Strikes, however, are only known from 14 offices/agencies: Francistown, Kang, Kanye, Kasane, Letlhakane, Lobatsi, Mahalapye, Oodi, Orapa, Pitsani, Rakops, Selebi-Pikwe, Serowe and Tatitown. Since only one or a few strikes are known from many offices, it is likely that this type of canceller actually were issued at a larger number of offices and agencies.

Figure 1 above and Table 2 below illustrate the various postmarks recorded by the Botswana Postmark Project Team (*The Runner Post*, No. 31 ff) as compiled by Brian Trotter. It is significant that important post offices as Gaberones, Palapye, Molopolole and Maun apparently were not issued, or did not use, this type of canceller. Consequently, it appears plausible that these cancellers served a relief purpose when repairs were needed on the main cancellers.

The postal offices in Francistown, Mahalapye, Kanye, Kasane, Olbatsi, Serowe, Tatitown and Pitsani were all established prior to independence in 1966. The postal offices in Rakops was opened during 1969-1970, Selebi-Pikwe 1970-1971, Orapa 1971 and Oodi 1971-1972. Initially, the rubber cancellers may have been the only ones available for these latter agencies.

Since the cancellers were produced mainly from rubber, they deteriorated relatively fast. This destruction is seen as an expansion of the "date slug bar" that produced two vertical extrusions that deformed the outer circular rings. Extreme cases of this deformation have been referred to as "oysters" (Pitsani and Oodi strikes). Brian Trotter has shown example of Kanye postmarks (*The Runner Post*, No. 32, 1993) which

suggest that advanced stages of deformation can be reached in a two month's period. More moderate deformation effects can be seen on many strikes. The second Francistown strike shown in Figure 1 illustrates an example of moderate oyster-deformation. The oyster-effect appears only on the early issued Type 1 cancellers. The relatively late issued Type 2 and 3 cancellers show moderate deformation effects as an undulation of the inner ring. The Serowe and second Oodi postmarks are examples of this type of deformation.

If the dates of deformed and non-deformed strikes are compared, it becomes obvious that more than one canceller was issued to some offices (Francistown). Oodi and Kasane appear to have been issued two different types of rubber cancellers - first, Type 1 cancellers, and when these worn out, Type 3 cancellers were used (note that the second Kasane canceller is not shown in Figure 1). The small diameter cancellers were issued early, while the larger diameter cancellers were issued later during the period considered.

The general assumption is that the cancellers were introduced for relief purposes during repair of the mail steel cancellers. Despite this, it is argued that they were mainly used on registered and express mail, concurrent with regular steel cancellers. This information is based on a rate study of a limited sample of 22 strikes on covers and pieces (Table 2). With the exception of three regular letters addressed to South Africa and cancelled in Kanye (September - October 1969; previously described by B. Trotter), all examples are found on covers and cuttings indicating several older and often modified Bechuanaland cancellers were available at many offices. For example, Francistown had three Bechuanaland and two Botswana steel cancellers in use concurrently with the rubber cancellers (see Fig. 2). Kanye had two modified Bechuanaland cancellers, one of which was in use until very

**Table 1** Summary of Census of Botswana Relief Postmarks by town, type, recorded dates and number recorded.

Office	Type	Recorded Dates	Number Recorded
Francistown	T1	1 JUL 1968 - 27 SEP 1971	28
Kang	T1	24 APR 1972	2
Kanye	T1	8 SEP 1969 - 28 NOV 1969	6
Kasane	T1, T3	? JAN 1970 - 13-5-1974	2
Letlhakane	T1	20 NOV 1973	1
Lobatsi	T1	9 SEP 1969 - 10 JUN 1970	4
Mahalapye	T1	? MAY 1971 - ? JUL 1972	2
Oodi	T1, T3	5 JUN 1970 - ?? 1974	2
Orapa	T3	27 JAN 1972 - 19 FEB 1972	3
Pitsani	T1?	25 SEP 1969	1
Rakops	T1	17 APR 1974	1
Selebi-Pikwe	T2	25-10-1972 - 15-12-1973	3
Serowe	T2	? MAR 1972	2
Tatitown	T1	25 AUG 1970	1

Table 2. Summary of usages and rate interpretations for a census of 22 covers.

Francistown Recorded dates 31 JUL 1968 to 17 SEP 1971. Out of nine examples, seven show the registered rate for first or second weight class. One example of a 45c franking suggests alternatives: 1) domestic second weight class (5c), registration (10c), and express delivery within 3 km (30c); 2) parcel up to 1 kg (15c), registration (10c), and express delivery within 2 km (20c); and 3) parcel 1-3 kg (45c). The second alternative is favored because of the use of the minimum express fee. An example of a 50c franking must involve registration and express delivery, but the third option cannot be excluded.

Kanye, Brian Trotter shows three examples in *The Runner Post* (No. 32, 1993) used between 25 SEP - 28 NOV 1969, each cancelling the 3c southern African letter rate. These are the only conclusive examples known to the writer of usage on regular mail.

Mahalapye Only one example seen, used MAY 1971, cancelling the registered rate for domestic first weight class.

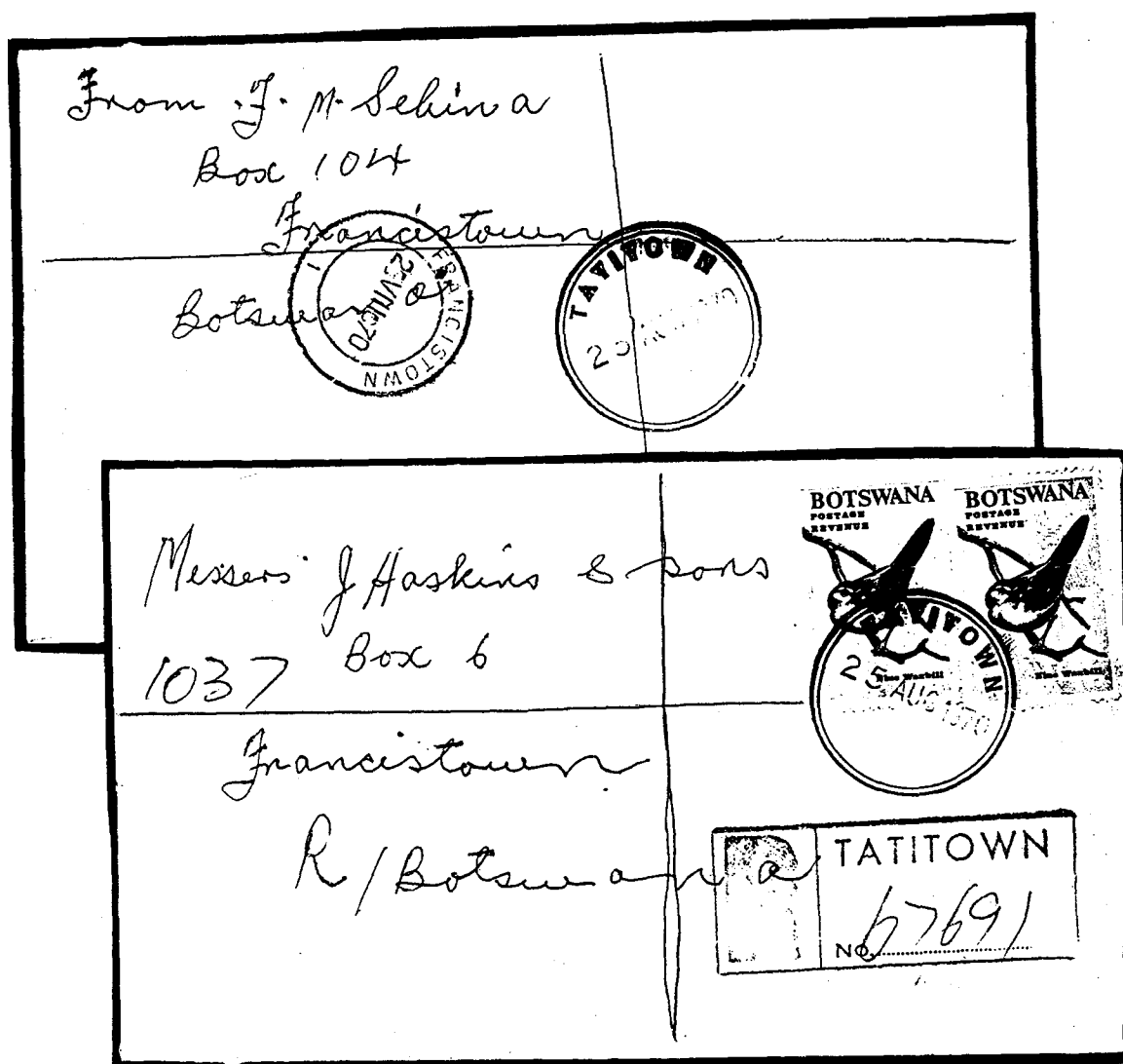
Oropa. Three examples seen, dated 27 JAN 1972 to 19 FEB 1972. Two examples indicate registration, one in addition express, and one is uncertain (28c).

Selebi-Pikwe Three examples seen, dated between 25-1-1972 and 15-12-1973. One shows the registered franking, one domestic express airmail, and a 50c franking involves express and registration.

Serowe. Only two examples seen on cuttings both used in 1972. A 55c franking may invite alternative interpretations: domestic second weight class (5c), registration (10c), and express delivery within 4 km (40c); 2) parcel up to 1 kg (15c), registration (10c), express delivery within 3 km (30c); 3) parcel 1-3 kg (45c), registration (10c). The alternative is preferred. A 20c franking is uncertain and may be incomplete

Tatitown. Only one postmark seen, dated 25 AUG 1970, on a registered cover (shown as Figure 2).

**Figure 2.** Registered cover cancelled by TATITOWN 25 AUG 1970, backstamped FRANCISTOWN 25 VIII 70, calculated rate being 5c registration and domestic first weight class rate of 3c.



Kasane had one Bechuanaland canceller in use until very recently. Letlhakane had a Botswana steel canceller in use from at least 1972, prior to the first recorded usage of the rubber canceller. Lobatsi may have had as many as five Bechuanaland steel cancellers in use prior to, or simultaneously with, the first recorded usage of the rubber canceller. Mahalapye appears to have had three Bechuanaland and one Botswana steel cancellers in use before 1968. Serowe had three Bechuanaland cancellers in use after independence,

some of which still can be found on mail. Orapa, and possibly Selebi-Pikwe, may have had the first steel canceller supplied after the rubber canceller.

It is concluded that the rubber cancellers initially were introduced as relief cancellers. Subsequently, they were used as special purpose cancellers simultaneously with regular steel cancellers.

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## Otto Revisited - A Previously Unrecognized Forgery Of The 6d Duty Of The First ZAR Stamp Issue... Alan Drysdall, UK

The possibility that Otto made a close-set plate for the 6d duty, that is with the cliches set 1.25 to 1.5 mm apart, was first suggested by Luff (1). He described the examples he had acquired as follows:

"[The stamps are] printed in a pale chalky ultramarine. The color appears to be the well-known ultramarine used by Otto for the first 6d stamps, with the addition of a little white. The impressions are somewhat blurred, as if the ink had been too fluid or too liberally applied. . . The paper is stout, hard, opaque and without grain. It appears to be the same as Otto used for some of the 3d stamps. . . The workmanship and cancellations are distinctly Otto's. As I have no pairs or copies showing the edge of an adjacent stamp, I cannot be positive that these 6d stamps are from a close-set plate. I can only say that they have very small margins and the general appearance of being from such a plate, and very closely related to the 1d and 1s... The 6d stamps printed from the [wide-set] plates which went to the Transvaal have two white scratches, a thick one and a thin one, across the diagonal lines in the lower part of the shield. The 6d stamps which I am now describing show only one short, thick scratch. My copies also show numerous variations from other 6d stamps which, though slight and difficult to describe, are present in each copy. This would seem to prove that the stamps were not printed from the plates which were sent to the Transvaal, but from one made from another electrotpe."

Luff also describes under the heading "Surreptitious printings of the wide-set sixpence" (2) a 6d from the wide-set plates printed on thicker paper than that normally used by Otto.

"I have... five copies (three rouletted and two apparently imperforate) that. . . are printed in the same shade of pale chalky ultramarine as the 6d stamps, which I assume to have been printed from a close-set plate. All are cancelled in Otto's style in bright blue or black, and some of them retain their gum. I believe I identify flaws on two of them as appearing on illustrations of the sheets given in the British Africa handbook. These 6d stamps in pale chalky ultramarine would probably be assigned by most collectors to the printings of Borrius, but I think this would be a mistake. The impressions are not like this [his?], nor is the color quite the same [as] in the printings which have been identified as his. The plate was in a very early clean and unworn condition, which was not the case when Borrius had it. It is my opinion that both the dark blue [described in Luff's previous paragraph] and chalky

ultramarine stamps represent trial printings or surreptitious printings made by Otto from the plates he subsequently sent to the Transvaal. That any stamps from these particular printings ever went there, I very much doubt."

Five copies of the 6d duty in pale chalky ultramarine on thicker paper than that normally used by Otto have been examined by the writer. (No copies in Otto's "well-known ultramarine... resembling some of the darker shades he sent to the Transvaal" [3] have been identified.) Three of these are in the author's collection, two were in the Criddle Collection. All are rouletted 15½ to 16 and have margins which are for the most part wider than is typical of stamps printed from the narrow-set plates. None of the margins are, however, wide enough to included the outer frame-line of the adjacent stamp. (The right margin of the copy illustrated below is wider than normal but is not rouletted, and this is therefore probably the margin of the sheet.) All these stamps are neatly cancelled with target-type marks in grey-black (N=4) or blue (N=1) struck across one corner, which would suggest that blocks of four were cancelled with a single strike.

**Illustration** Right margin copy of the 6d duty in chalky ultramarine on thicker paper.



All the stamps show the characteristic features of 6d stamps printed from the pair of wide-set plates, but with only a hint at best of the second fainter scratch across the shield. One copy, which is identical with the others in all other respects, shows a single short, wide scratch. However, all five copies also show features which do not occur on the issued 6d stamps. The eye of the eagle is larger, the 'D' in 'EENDRAGT' is slightly taller than the other letters but not as tall as on the issued stamps; there is a thickening of the lower border of the ribbon bearing the motto under the letters 'ND', and a doubling of this border under the 'G' of 'MAGT'. The slight fuzziness of the impressions results from the individual lines making up the design of the coat of arms being slightly thicker than on the issued stamps and a resulting loss of detail rather than overinking. It would seem, therefore, that these stamps were printed from a plate - provisionally designated Ea - made from a different, though closely related, die than that used to make the pair of wide-set plates sent to Potchefstroom. Some of the characteristics listed above could have resulted from damage to the original die after it had been used to make the plates sent to the Transvaal, or, and this must be the more likely possibility, they developed when an electrotype of the original die was made. This would certainly explain the loss of definition in the detail of the coat of arms. The different 'D' in 'EENDRAGT' - and other features of the ribbon - suggest that some modifications were made to this part of the new die. It should not of course be possible to 'plate' these stamps, i.e., determine the position compared with a sheet of issued 6d stamps, and this has to be date proved to be the case.

As is so often the case with Otto's productions, the status of these 6d stamps cannot be determined with certainty. If they are essays they must have been produced from an early plate

which was subsequently scrapped, i.e., the die used for the issued stamps was a modification of the die used for these stamps rather than *vice versa*. The finer detail in the design of the issued stamps suggests that this is an unlikely possibility. Moreover, the stamps generally accepted as being Otto's essays were printed from the same wide-set plates as those used for the stamps issued in the Z.A.R. and on the same thin paper. Luff's suggestion that these 6d stamps are from a surreptitious printing is therefore the most likely explanation. Nevertheless, examples are hard to find, and this must rank as one of the rarest of Otto's effusions.

One further question arises. Although Luff described 6d stamps which may have been printed from a narrow-set plate, no-one else seems to have identified an undisputed example. Those which were identified as from the narrow-set plate in the Criddle collection show the features of stamps from the 'unauthorized' plate (Ea) described above. There must therefore be a possibility that all the 6d stamps printed by Otto on thick/stout paper are from the same printing, and that Otto did not in fact make a narrow-set plate for the 6d duty. But this would imply that Luff made a mistake which, bearing in mind the quality of his research on Otto's printings, would seem unlikely.

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# Bergendal, East Transvaal: Postal And Other History

Werner K. Seeba, Germany

Bergendal is a Dutch word which means "mountain and valley". In the beginning of its development the site consisted of a farm and mailcoach station in the Steenkampsberg Ward, Lydenburg District. The owner of the farm in 1862 was a certain Mr. C.J. Smith.

In actuality, Bergendal was part of the old (1850) great farm known as Tweefontein. The region around and northeast of Bergendal was known as Witrand to the first settlers in the area.

In the early Transvaal years, the area at Bergendal was uninhabited with the exception of hunters who came into the area. In 1878 the road for mailcoaches to Lydenburg was redirected such that the route passed through the farm. Mr. Smith in turn built a stone stable for relay teams of horses. This stable and a new accompanying house were actually built over the foundation of the old Wemmerhouse. The foundation was all that remained of that early dwelling.

By the 1880's, Bergendal had assumed great importance as a result of the founding of gold fields in the Barberton area. Increased commercial and passenger traffic via Bergendal was significant.

In 1884, Bergendal experienced a foul crime indeed. A certain commercial traveler out of Durban, Robert Close, was found murdered in his tent near the road to Pretoria. Robbery was felt to be the motive in that Mr. Close was relieved of about L1,000. The case was never resolved.

On January 1, 1886, an official postal agency was established at Bergendal. Mr. H.E. King was assigned as postal agent and was listed as such some two years later. Mr. King's salary was ten pounds per annum. The postal agency USED a squared 261/2 x 261/2 mm octagonal datestamp of the Second Republic variety showing "BERGENDAL", date plug in the center, with time code letter "A" or "B" above and "Z. A.R." below Figure 1 - an incoming 1d Cape post card

Figure 1. Front/reverse of Cape post card from Cape Town showing a Bergendal receiving mark..



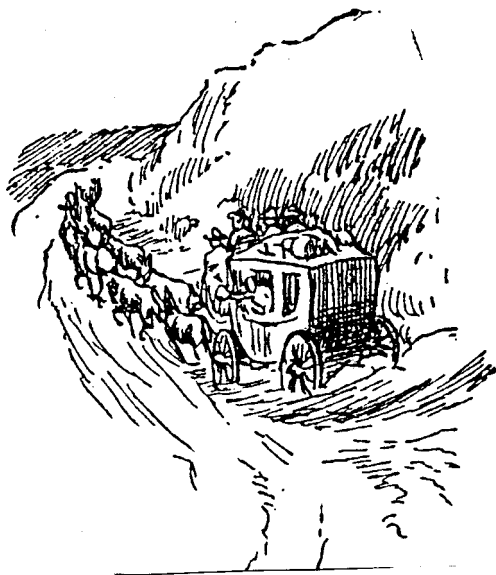
from Cape Town "4 SP 91"; Pretoria receiving mark on reverse of "SP 19 91 "; redirected/reposted "SP21 91" on front; and Bergendal receiving mark on the front.

By 1888 the Coch family had established a general store at Bergendal after purchasing King's Place. This store also served as the postal agency which made it the center of the general area. By January 1889, E.F. Coch was officially listed at postal agent. He maintained this title for several years following. During his tenure, the little but well-known Wayside Inn and Hotel was open and flourishing.

Another resident from the past was a certain Mr. Richard Knight. He served as the farm school teacher for the area. He rented a place to live located on the property of Mr. Koos Smit.

The mailcoaches (Fig. 2) operated via a number of routes through the territory. The Route 2 run, from Pretoria to Barberton, reached Bergendal each Thursday and Sunday at 1:00 am. On the return trip from Barberton, the arrival time was 5:00 am on Mondays and Thursdays. The schedule was later changed to Wednesdays at midnight to Barberton and 6:00 am for the return through Bergendal.

**Figure 2.** Sketch of mailcoach operating at the time of 1880s Bergendal.



The primary contract provider of mailcoach services was George Heys & Co. of Pretoria. Other contractors during the time were the Gibson Brothers (1878), from 1887 Nourse & Dow, followed by the Zeederberg brothers.

Bergendal had a small mailcoach depot. There was also Route No. 13 which connected the town to Rossenekal and northwards. The weekly service along this route departed on Wednesdays at 2 pm, with arrival at 9:00 am on Thursdays. The return journey started at 9:00 pm and arrived back in Bergendal on Saturdays at 7:00 pm.

The stops between Bergendal and Rossenekal were

Winnaarspoort, Great/Groot Suikerboschkip (Dullstroom) and Witpoort.

In "olden days", traveling on the rudimentary roads was slow - 15km per hour or less. - wearisome and often a dangerous experience. So much so that the contemporary press of the times praised the various coach companies for their unfailing regularity in keeping the schedules under these very tough road conditions.

By May 1889, the Bergendal postal agency received the triangular canceller numeral "28" (Fig. 3 - next page). A proving cover from my collection, is dated "DEC 5 1893" franked with a bisect 4d. This was possibly due to a shortage of the 2d denomination stamp.

During 1889, Mr. J.F. Vermooten (Fig. 4) started as a salesclerk at the Coch's Bergendal business. It is fairly certain that Mr. Vermooten was primarily responsible for handling postal agency matters as an employee of Mr. Coch.

**Figure 4.** Early photograph of J.F. Vermooten.

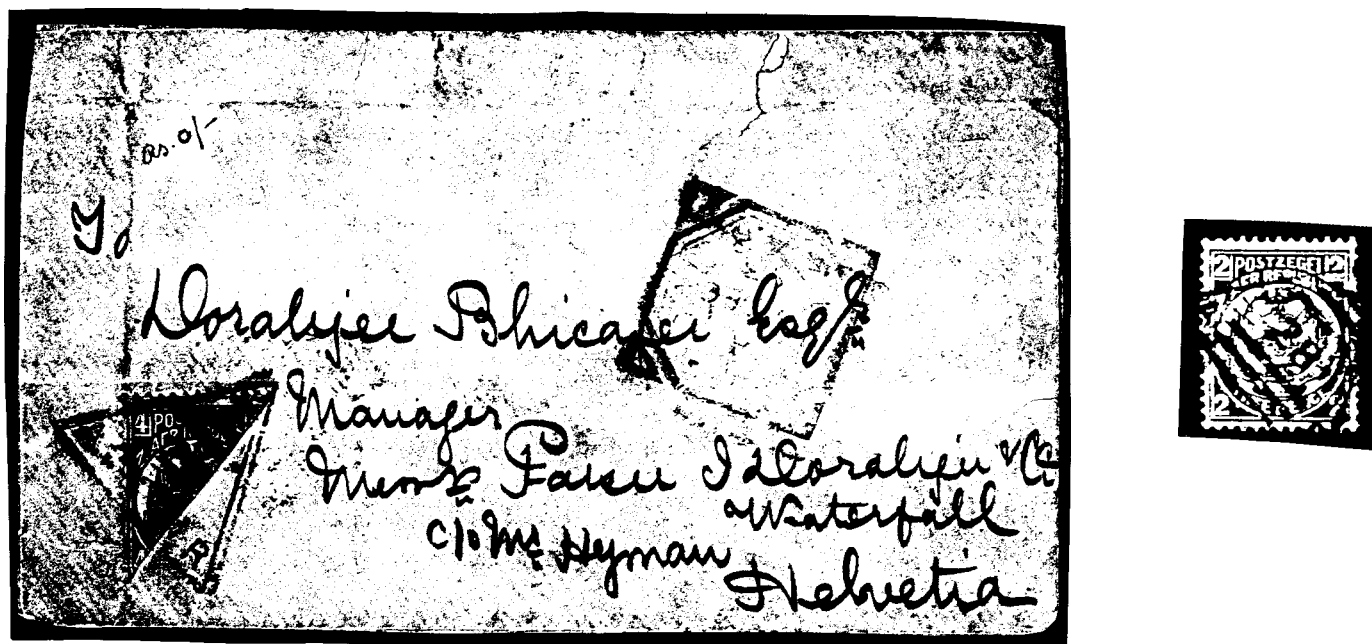


During 1890, the newly founded town of Belfast began to develop north of Bergendal. By 1891-92 Mr. Richard O'Neil opened a shop at Belfast and Mr. Vermooten was hired as his first sales clerk. Then in 1892-93, Mr. Thomas of Helvetia, Z. A.R., bought the store from Mr. O'Neil. At about the same time the Bergendal postal agency was transferred, renamed Belfast on January 6, 1893 and housed in Mr. Thomas's store in Belfast. The Bergendal canceller continued in use at that time.

As a result of the above postal agency change, and Belfast's growth, mailcoaches now made a turn-off to the town. As the railway line, under construction, neared Bergendal and Belfast, business became more active. The line reached the "Highfield at Bergendal" by August 1894. On the following 18th of November a temporary service of three passenger trains per week to Pretoria was inaugurated.

A couple of other short notes about Bergendal: At 6,463 feet above sea level, Bergendal was the highest point in the area

Figure 3. Proving cover and stamp showing the triangular cancel numeral 28 for Bergendal from the author's collection.



at the Belfast Station (Fig. 4) location. Because of its References Posvids der ZAR No. 1, 1888 and No. 2, 1889, plus others; strategic position, the town was in the "world news" as the Van der Merwe, A.P., " 'n Kort Geskiedenis van Belfast", 1952; Bulpin, location of. the last great battle of the Second Anglo-Boer T.V., L= Trails of the Transvaal, Howard B. Rinnims, Cape Town, 1974; War on the 26th and 27th of August, 1900.

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Figure 4. Old photograph showing the railway station at Belfast, Transvaal.



## Dialogues & Updates

This feature invites the reader to send in their reactions to articles appearing in the journal. Prior to publication of comments, the Editor will provide the article author with a copy of them so that the author's responses appears at the same time. This feature is also used to publish corrections.

**Correction:** I just received the current Forerunners (Nov '94/Feb '95) and saw my short article on the two Zululand covers. The shield type c.d.s. on the reverse of the cover in Figure 1, page 170, had some unclear parts filled in preparation for publication. Unfortunately it was not done correctly.

The photocopy I supplied to you does not show that c.d.s. very clearly. It is not exactly very good on the original cover either, although there is no difficulty in reading the figures in it. The c. d.s. should show No. 51 P.O. of 16 September, but in Forerunners they appear as No. 56 of 18 September!. . Wilson Wong, Hong Kong.

## NEWS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

### Welcome Aboard !!

**M.S. Batchelor** - #9419 - Houston, Texas. Our latest member from the "Lone Star State" came to us by way of dealer member, Kurt Schau. M.S. collects Griqualand West, Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal. He is a member of APS, India and Bermuda Study Circles.

**Richard Lee** - #9420 - Columbus, Ohio. The long recruitment reach of our Int'l Rep/Germany, Werner Seeba brought Richard to the fold. He collects RSA and Namibia. Richard is also a member of the Columbus Philatelic Club. He indicated on his application that he is willing to be a reviewer of materials for publication.

**William Hewson** - #9421 - Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada. William learned about the Society through *The American Philatelist*. His collecting interests include Cape, Natal, SWA, the Rhodesias, Swaziland, the Bechuanaland, Basutoland, Botswana, Union/SA and RSA. The latter two are his primary interests. Other collecting areas include GB, Australia and NZ - basically 1840-1960, and Bermuda key plates. William's specialty areas are English-Afrikaans se-tenants and Nyasaland KGV key plates. His other affiliations include APS and Keyplate High.

**Richard D. Winn** - #9422 - San Luis Rey, CA 92058. Richard read about PSGSA in *Linn's*. Cape triangles is his specialty area along with Union/SA. His other collecting areas are the pre-Union states and republics, the Bechuanaland, RSA, Swaziland, SWA, Homelands, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

**Don Chapman** - #9423 - San Francisco, California. Thanks to founding member Bill Wallace, Don found his way to us. Don is a beginning British Africa collector. He is a member

APS. Don indicates that he is willing to participate in committee and other work, as time permits.

**Raold Sand** - #9501 - Oslo, Norway. We welcome our new found friend from Scandinavia - at present our only one. As he gets to know us perhaps he will "spread the Society word" out his way. Raold learned about the Society through an information release appearing in the South African Collectors Society journal, *The Springbok*. His primary collecting interest is Union/SA, with secondary attention paid to CGH, Griqualand West and OFS. Raold indicates that he would be willing to assist the Publications Program in the areas of lay-out and illustrations.

**Piet Mulder** - #9502 - Amsterdam, The Netherlands. While in South Africa, Piet was given a copy of *Forerunners* by Ken Joseph of Philatelic Friends/T.G. Barnes. Funny how some things happen. Piet collects Cape, Natal, OFS, Transvaal and Union/SA. His specialty is small town postmarks of CGH, Transvaal, OFS and Natal on stamp, piece, letter, post cards, etc. He is a member of our sister society in Holland - FVZA. Piet has kindly offered to join our Translation Service, providing translations from Dutch and Afrikaans to English. Thank you Piet.

### Member Biographies

**Walter Bjork**/New York. Born in New York City, Walter is employed in the children's clothing industry. He has a son Christopher. His non-philatelic interests include travelling - Australia, New Guinea, Phillipines, Europe - reading world events and doing crossword puzzles. Walter has collected for over 40 years. His primary philatelic interest is WWII military covers in Africa - Indian FPOs, EA/APOs, APOU-MPKs, Egypte, Sudan, British Somaliland, Italian Post Militare and German Feldpost. Other hobbies include antiques and performing arts.

**Robert T. Bristow**/California. Robert was born in Berkeley, California some years ago on the 3rd of September. He is married to Lillian and works as an administrator for the State of California. He received a Master's Degree in Public Administration. His hobbies include snorkling and beach combing which have taken him to the Cayman Islands, Barbados, St. Vincent, Grenadines, New Zealand and Australia. Robert has been collecting for some fifteen years. His collecting interests revolve around British Commonwealth 1840-1940 used.

**Philip David Freeman**/New York. Philip was born in Cape Town, South Africa. His birthday is 20 January. He is married to Annamae. From this union came two children, Adele and Mark. Philip is an Anesthesiologist, MD, by profession. Collecting for over forty years, his primary interests are South Africa, SWA, Rhodesia, Boer Wars, revenues and the pre-Union era. As far as other interests go, Philip states "I could be a Jeopardy candidate - almost everything and anything historical interests me, especially 19th Century America and Europe. There's nothing like knowing where we've been to help us understand the present."

## The Honor Roll

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Pre-1900 US & Great Britain Postal History, Vietnam, Nepal, Nyassa, Gold Coast, India, Korean War, Cape of Good Hope and Confederate States.

**Forerunners:** Vermeil at CHICAGOPEX 94 and SilverBronze at BENONI 94 (RSA)

**Alan J. Hanks:** Vermeil at STaMpsHOW 94 for "The World of Insects"

**Regis Hoffman:** Vermeil at STaMpsHOW 94 for "Allied Forces in East Africa World Wit I"

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**David Mordant/RSA** is exploring the possibility of writing a book on the Cape Rectangulars. The last definitive work in the area was that of Allis (1930). David has extensive information and a large collection of unusual varieties, but lacks depth in the area of proofs and essays. He is seeking a specialist to write the section on the essays and proofs for that reason because of his limited knowledge thereof. Proofs and essays are an integral part of the subject matter and must be included in the work. Otherwise, the work would be incomplete as many philatelists regard them as indispensable and a great area for research and collectability. Those wishing to collaborate may contact David at: P.O. Box 21161, Helderkruijn 1733, RSA.

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Will Ross/USA would appreciate hearing from members who would be interested in his doing a third article on Bop postal history, bringing it up to the dissolution of the Homelands. The work could possibly be a monograph covering the entire postal history of this Homeland, from before independence to reincorporation. Will would also appreciate contact from

members including advice on what to try and find and how to present it. Areas of interest that should be covered include official mail user agencies, a final listing of all Bophuthatswana post offices, including dates of incorporation, a list of Postmasters-General, revenues, as well as last day of use of postal strikes. All responses will be gladly received writing Will at 6456 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406.

**Tony Davis/Canada** has begun work on *Zululand Philately, 1888-1898*. Subject areas to be focused upon include: general history, postal history pre-1888, the 1879 war, missionaries, origins of the Zululand postal administration, postmasters, post offices, postal agencies, postal carts, first definitive overprints, second definitives, revenue stamps, proofs, specimens, trials, postmark rarity factor, official use of the mails, official frankings, the changeover of January 1898 - June 1898, bibliographic notes, the great collections, manuscript markings and more. Tony would very much appreciate comments and updates regarding the information appearing in his "Zulu Notes" column. Please write him at 41 Karen St., Thornhill, Ontario, Canada L4J 515.

**Dr. Guy Dillaway/USA** continues research for a publication on the postal rates and foreign destinations from the Cape during the 1853-65 triangular period - especially the 1/d rates to Holland. Front and back photocopies of covers are sought. Will also buy material. Contact Guy at Post Office Box 181, Weston, MA 02193 USA.

**Tim Bartshe/USA** is compiling data on the use of OFS telegraph stamps with postal cancellations through the Republican Era. Any reader having covers, canceled stamps, etc., falling within the scope of the study should contact Tim by writing him at 13955 W. 30th, Golden, CO 80401 USA.

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**Barry P. Fletcher/RSA** is completing updates on his monograph *Basutoland Officials*. His article in this issue is drawn from that manuscript. Barry would appreciate any feedback from readers on the article by writing him at Post Office Box 3849, Cape Town 8000, RSA

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**Hiram Slomowitz/RSA** believes he has acquired some actual stamps for the short-lived Republic of Goshen or Goshenland. Scholars have suggested that no stamps were ever issued for Goshen. Hiram would appreciate hearing from any readers who may be able to assist him in his research efforts. Please contact Hiram at Advocates Chambers, 2000 Innes Chambers, Pritchard Street, Johannesburg 2001, RSA.

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**PACIFIC 97**, the FIP sanctioned World Exhibition, will be having an open literature competition. PSGSA would like to sponsor written works by members for the competition. There is ample time for authors to prepare their writings. The Publications Program Committee is ready, willing and able to assist in every way possible. Please write to Alec or Guy (addresses given on previous page).

### Questions & Answers

Syl Tully, has requested that a replacement be found for him as the Natal "expert". Any serious Natal collector, with an interest in answering queries, is invited to contact the Editor AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

**Guess what folks?** No questions and answers have been received for this issue. This eventuality regretfully breaks a long-standing *Forerunners* tradition. New readers are especially encouraged to read the description of the service offered by the Panel and send in their questions accordingly.

As part of its services to the general collecting community, the Society makes its Panel of Experts available to answer questions submitted by readers. The Panel members are listed, along with Society officers, in the early pages of each journal issue.

Readers are to send their questions to the appropriate Panel member. Clear copies of cancels, covers (front/back) and a detailed description of the item(s) should be included. The Panel member will forward his answers, along with the question and illustrations to the Editor for publication in this section. Panel members will also return a copy of their response directly to the questioner. Please bear in mind that a question may require an extended period for research and/or consultation with others. Questions falling outside the scope of the Society, i.e., British East, North or West Africa should be sent directly to the Editor. The inquiry will then be forwarded to the appropriate specialty group for a response.

Membership on the Panel is open to Society members in good standing, who have experience and knowledge in a specific area, and desire to make their services available to fellow members. There are a number of areas yet to be represented on the Panel. Please review the Panel listing and see where you might fit in.

Members interested in volunteering their services should contact the Editor at Post Office Box 2698, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2698, or the Panel Chair, Syl C. Tully at RD#1, Box 3063, Hyde Park, VT 05655 USA.

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## Unanswered Challenges

This feature includes either questions which have gone unanswered by the Question & Answer Panel, or items within our scope for which there is no coverage on the Panel. The "challenges" are listed with the latest one received. Responses to "challenges" are to be forwarded directly to the Editor.

**Challenge #7:** Does someone have a non-philatelic use of the Bophuthatswana inland and overseas aerogrammes that were issued in 1977? - **Will Ross/USA**

**Challenge #6:** I am seeking taxed covers with the 1972 South Africa monocolour postage dues affixed, to show usage. To date I have been unsuccessful. I have also been trying to obtain information on South African postage rates. I have Putzel's encyclopedias, but the postage rate information therein is very sparse. I have a list of the rates for the change to decimal currency listed in the May 1971 *South African Philatelist*, but none from 1959 to the change. Can anyone be of assistance? - **Bernard Doherty/Australia**

**Challenge #5:** The "HALF" overprint on a Natal SG#125 in my collection shows damaged type (see page 101, #21). Do any readers have any speculations regarding the damaged type? - **Jeff Woolgar/UK**

**Challenge #4:** Do any of our members know of a tabulation

of the "OFFICIAL FREE" cachets appearing on "ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE" official SWA envelopes (see page 102, #21)? - **Dr. H.U. Bantz/RSA**

**Challenge #3:** The first series of the stamps of Zululand consisted of 11 overprinted values of Great Britain issued between July 1888 and March 1893. Of the eleven values, ten can be found handstamped "SPECIMEN" in violet with the exception of the 1 d value. Why was the 1 d value not included in the handstamped specimen set? - **Peter Whitmore/RSA**

**Challenge #2:** I have two South African postal orders, one of 6d uprated to 9d by affixing a 3d stamp and the second of R1.20. Both were used in South West Africa, the first in Windhoek (22/9/42), the second in Aroab (3/9/63). Do readers know of any others? When did the SWA postal orders get issued? (**No record of submitter, please identify yourself.**)

**Challenge #1:** Does anyone have definitive information about the De Waal Forwarding Agents, Durban and Delagoa Bay? In the only list I have seen of the pre-Union forwarding agents, De Waal is not listed. I have two of their labels, both canceled at Point/Natal in the 1890s. One is on piece with a 1d postage stamp, canceled October 10. - **Syl C. Tully/USA**

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## BITS & PIECES AND OTHER STORIES...

"Bits" provides members the opportunity to share interesting little tidbits in a short order format, e.g., cancels, covers, rare or unusual items. All "Bits" are to be sent to the Editor. "...And Other Stories" is reserved for short written pieces which do not quite fit the feature article mold; yet, the subject is more than an interesting cover or cancel. Anecdotal writings are especially encouraged.

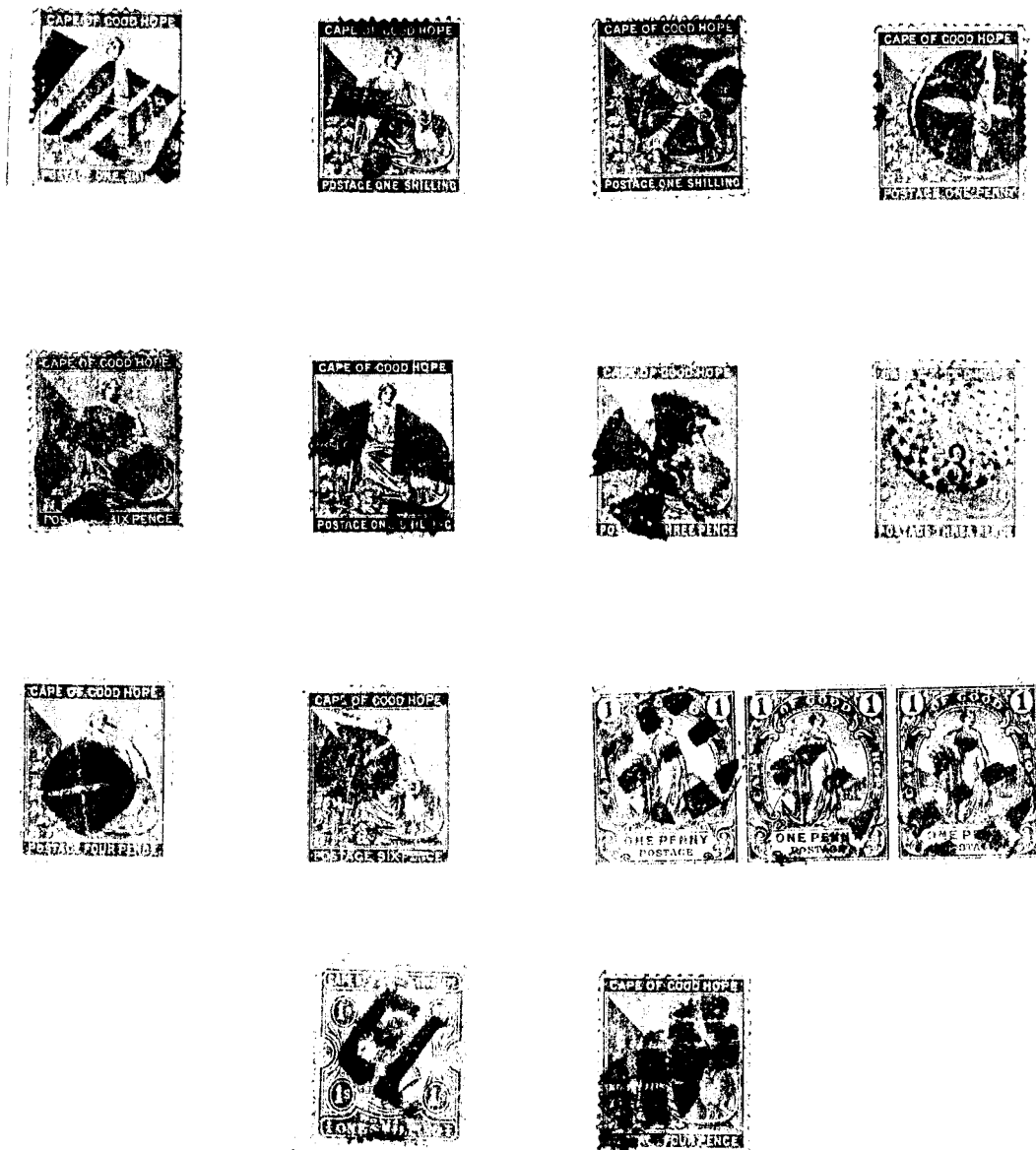
To start "Bits" off we have wonderful examples of the cork cancellers of the Cape of Good Hope, sent in by Jim Catterall of the UK. As Jim notes: Little is heard of these cancellers, or "dumb obliteratedors" as they are known. This is primarily due to the fact that they cannot usually be attributed to a

particular town or post office. These cancellers came into use towards the end of the last century for cancelling stamps on parcels where the usual steel cancellers could be unsuitable - especially on soft surface when they might have damaged the wrapping.

Although not official, the use of these cancellers was considered sensible and not discouraged. Postmasters could design their own and cut the pattern in pieces of cork. Sometimes the place of use could be identified, particularly when the initials of the town were used in the design, as for instance "EL" for East London.

A selection of examples from my own collection is illustrated and I am sure many more are lurking in the collections of members.

**Illustration** Several examples of cork cancellers of the Cape of Good Hope.

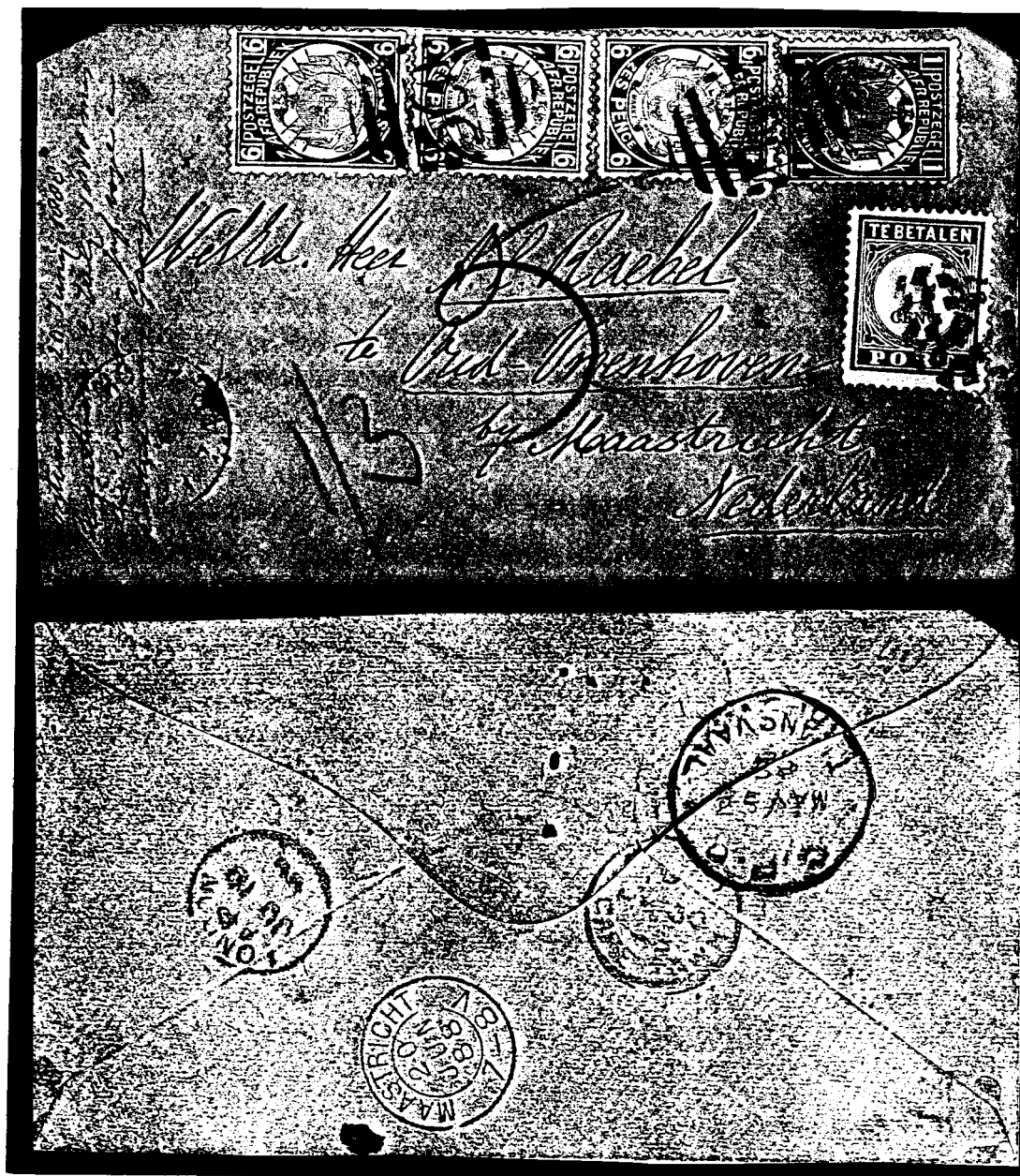




Our Int'l Rep/Germany, Werner Seeba, recently sent photocopies of one of his latest purchases. It is one of two now known covers cancelled with BONC "560" for Kaapsche Hoop. Previously speculated by the late Dr. Reisner, Malmanie Gold Fields was thought to be the place of usage for "560". This 1888 cover from Kaapsche Hoop to Netherlands is franked 3 x 6d plus 1 d Vurtheims (apparently underfranked for double letter rate); tied barred numeral "560" cancels and

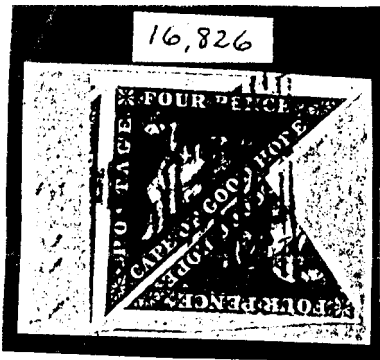
with "Kaapsche Hoop/Z.A.R." dispatch c.d.s. to bottom left (date unclear); transit arrival G.P.O. Transvaal (Pretoria), G.P.O. Cape Town, London and Maastricht ("20 JUN 88"), large "5" in red crayon across front panel which appears to be a due marking collected with a 5c postage due tied by oval of date cancel; also "1/3" rate marking on front; an attractive proving cover from the Barberton goldfields. (Wonder who is holding the second proving cover for "560"?)

**Illustration** Front/back of one of two known covers showing BONC "560" in use at Kaapsche Hoop.



From the collection of Athol Murray we have three examples of Perkins Bacon Cape triangular bi-sects. According to Athol's notes, stamps were made to do duty for half their original face value. No official authority for their treatment in this manner was ever given but there is no doubt that postal duty was actually done without comment from the Postmaster General.

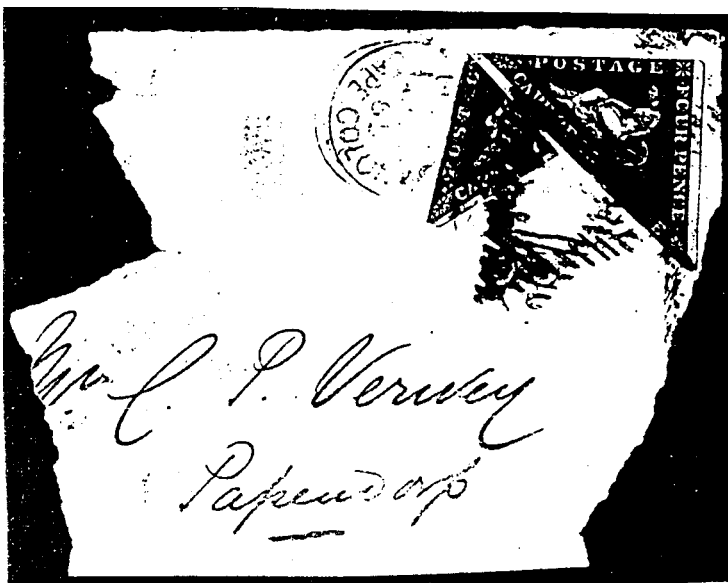
**Illustration 1.** Genuine 4d plus half a 4d.



**Illustration 2.** An undoubted forgery.



**Illustration 3.** Both the circular and triangular cancellations are wrong.



## If you are passing through Munich, Germany ...

You will want to visit the City's Philatelic Library. This facility is considered by some as one of the most important libraries for postal history and philately in the world. About 37,000 items are presently cataloged, including *Forerunners*. Runs of 500 periodicals arrive regularly. The Library also receives catalogs from 200 auction firms. Between 6-7,000 persons visit the library annually. More than 9,000 books are loaned out each year and about 3,000 photocopies are sent in response to collector requests. The Library's address is Rosenheimer Strasse 5, D-81667, Munich, Germany, phone 089-4 80 98-291. (The Library is a member in good standing of PSGSA.)

## And Other Stories...

### A Bechuanaland Overprint Oddity

Dr. Victor Berkovich, USA

A few years ago I had the honor of corresponding with the late Roy Setterfield regarding a 4d Bechuanaland overprint oddity Scott #26 - 1888 red surcharge 4d on 4d lilac (Ill.)

**Illustration** British Bechuanalands 4d overprint on 4d lilac (SG#25).



My letter to Roy reads as follows:

Concerning the stamp, in 1888 P. Townshend & Co. of Vryburg overprinted 4d in red on the 4d lilac. I purchased one of these through a recent auction. The overprint under a magnifying glass resembles a printed vertical shaft with three lines crossed in brighter ink in manuscript form. My question is: Who has made this pen correction? There are several possibilities to consider:

1. During the printing of SG#25, inking difficulties occurred on some overprints and instead of disposing of those with underinking, the printer decided to correct the ones to fours.
2. A customer at the post office complained that payment of 4d was requested for a stamp overprinted 1d. The postal clerk, to avoid confusion, corrected the distorted number by pen. A case such as this occurred in Madagascar in 1884 where 1c was corrected to 4c in manuscript (SG #8c). If the printer or the postal clerk had indeed made the change, then the manuscript is unauthorized but still might be considered as valid.
3. a) The basic overprint is a forgery; subsequently, so is the manuscript. This argument is unlikely as the basic overprint too closely resembles a genuine underinked manuscript; and b) the stamp is fiscally used. Unlikely! The stamp is original gum. A fiscal would be larger.
4. Either I or the auction house have made the markings. I know that I certainly have not done it and I also sincerely doubt that the auction house would.

5. An unknowledgeable collector wanted to have a 4d stamp in his album and therefore corrected the underinking. Unlikely! The manuscript looks too much like a fiscal cancellation both in ink and style.

6. A knowledgeable collector/dealer has made the change to confuse us all. Unlikely! Such a person would note that striking varieties bring premium value. He especially would not use an ink pen which would make the stamp fiscally used, thus reducing its value even more.

7. A skilled faker has done the manuscript. Unlikely! He would not use a different shade of ink but the same shade and type as used in the overprint. Alas! To create a 4d out of striking variety. What would be the sense of faking? Even if he managed to get hold of the printer's waste. Interestingly, then, the manuscript's correction supports the genuineness of the basic overprint. A skilled forger would have completely forged the 4d nicely.

8. Someone made the correction intentionally (somewhat unskillful with a pen and ink normally used by postal clerks for fiscal cancellations so as to create a 1d altered to 4d by pen variety, as in the Madagascar 8c lists. Unlikely! Such a person would exaggerate the unskillfulness of the correction so his intentions would not escape the auction firm's and mine at first glance. As it is, the correction is done in the style of a fiscal cancellation; however, skillful enough so as not to stand out.

By method of inductive reasoning, Sherlock Holmes would have found the culprit. Perhaps I have read too much of his adventures or maybe this is the philatelically valid variety. Any ideas? I have recently seen auction catalogs with SG #25 in which several looked normal. One looked like 4d in semi-manuscript again! I would love to see one on the cover.

Roy's letter response went as follows:

I do have John's (presumed to be Sir John Ingfield-Watson) report on the 4d which is enclosed, hoping it may be helpful and that you can agree with the final comment. The report from John reads as follows:

1. His (Berkovich) description "Three lines crossed in brighter ink in manuscript." Under 30x magnification I am not convinced that there are more than two manuscript lines. I believe the shorter one between the other two may be a product of the damaged type of the figure "4" - it does not seem to be in the brighter red ink.

2. It must be remembered that the 4d is an overprint, not a surcharge. The denomination is also shown in writing on the basic stamp. There is, therefore, no financial gain to be made from forgery, etc., of the figure "4". A complete forgery to convert SG 13 into SG 25 would be plausible but not in this case.

3. I therefore favor Berkovich's explanation. Numbers 2 and 1 in that order.

4. Worn and broken type is not unknown in this issue. I would regard the example as an oddity of no great importance!

Roy's letter closes with the following comments of his own:

I possessed only one *copy* of SG 25 at the time you originally communicated with me. I have, since then, acquired two good copies this year with full Molepolole '89 and Shoshong '89 cancellations plus another used. All of these have a similar "4". I also have two mint, one with a full "4", the other with a "4" like your's but without any pen or other cross-markings.

The first three discussed above I assume to be genuine, the fourth possible and the last I do not know, perhaps doubtful.

**Editor's Note:** I am certain that Dr. Berkovich would appreciate reader comments by writing him at 3644 Chamblee-Tucker Rd., Suite D, Chamblee, GA 30341 USA

## "Guilty As Charged"

Trevor Measham, Canada

We are very fortunate in Vancouver, British Columbia, to have four well-established and thriving retail stamp stores in the downtown area. That is not counting a well-known auction firm and a couple of department store philatelic counters. Perhaps the word "thriving" should only be used to describe three of these stores, because the cantankerous nature of one owner, and the, smoke-filled atmosphere of his establishment, do not exactly encourage frequent visits, despite his generous discounts on volume purchases.

Have you ever encountered irresistible philatelic temptations? Well, at a recent North Shore Stamp Club meeting, a word in my ear from a fellow member that one of the downtown stores had accepted a large consignment of British Commonwealth material sent me scurrying 'round the next day. A recently retired dealer had consigned 70 volumes, all housed in black Lindner hingeless mounts, comprising both his personal collection and remaining stock. The catalog value of way over US\$ 100,000 was impressive enough, but the quality of both mint and used material, as well as the quantity of readable cancels was breathtaking! There were very few hinge remnants, even on the used material. In terms of temptation, Eve's apple had nothing on this accumulation.

My fifty years of **stamp** collecting, having given way to five years of **cancel** collecting, it was the latter that drew my primary attention.

I was keenly aware that other PSGSA members would have drooled over the stamps. The deal was full Scott catalog, but in Canadian dollars rather than American. This meant an effective 35% discount, with no premium for the cancellations. Thus, a low value stamp with a perfect SON cancel could be had for 15 cents Canadian! Talk about your philatelic paradise!

For eight consecutive working days I spent my loosely termed "lunch hour" choosing cancels from all my collecting areas, which unfortunately include numerous countries not covered by PSGSA.

Some pages had many good cancels. I particularly remember taking sixteen consecutive, nineteenth century Ceylon stamps, all of which had very clear cancels. I know I shall forever regret **not** taking the ten shilling Natal stamps with a perfect Estcourt cancel.

Perhaps commonplace to some, but for me the highlights included a bunch of numeral cancels, which with the able assistance of our esteemed Librarian, Tim Bartshe, I know I shall have fun identifying (Fig. A); and various other cancels from the PSGSA collecting areas (Figs. B & C).

**Judge:** "Prisoner at the bar, how do you plead to the numerous charges of profligate philatelic spending?"

**Me:** "Guilty as charged M'lud, and not a word to Bessie about this, if your Lordship pleases".

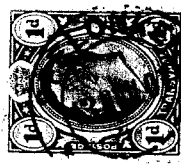
**Judge:** "May the Great God Visa have mercy on your soul".

**Figure A.** Selection of town cancels recently purchased.

BARBERTON  
1893



PAKKETPOST  
JO'BURG '95



SPELONKEN  
1907



TEMPE  
1912



EAST LONDON  
1886



KIMBERLEY  
1896



SALTAIRE  
1907



BATSTONE  
1903



IXOPO  
1904



MOOI RIVER  
1909

**Figure B.** Example of various numeral type cancels recently purchased.

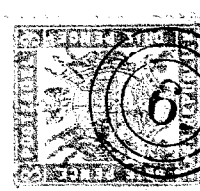
ZAR "3"



ZAR "20"



ZAR "48"



ZAR "6"



COGH "220"



COGH "402"

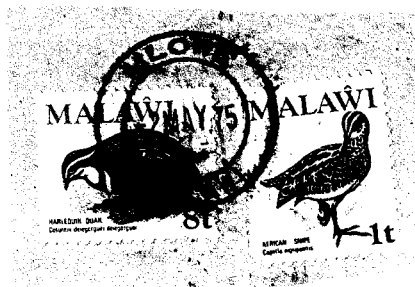


NATAL "2"



NATAL "P.O.A. 51"

Figure C. Various town cancels recently purchased and falling within the scope of PSGSA.

ST. RODRIQUE  
MISSION  
1962STEGI  
1955SETLAGOLI  
1990GOLDEN VALLEY  
1910CHINDE  
UndatedTSHIROMO  
1896MLOWE  
1975

## Zulu Notes

Tony Davis, Canada

### The Official Mailing System

*This installment reviews the system of official mailings in the territory.*

A number of Zululand civil servants were entitled to the postage free usage of official mails. This privilege was extended with the proviso that such covers include the notations "On Her Majesty's Service" (O.H.M.S.), as well as the official's own signature. Many such covers often bear the place of origin of the signatory.

In neighboring Natal, a veritable "army" of officials had been granted the postage free mail privilege. Natal Government Notice number 459 of 1888 details these officials (Fig. 1).

The Zululand authorities, however, were somewhat more frugal, granting postage free mail usage to a smaller group of officials. The Postmaster General, Chadwick, issued a circular on December 28, 1896, indicating which officials receive the privilege (Fig. 2). There were two designated groups of officials so entitled, one group which could send and receive postage free mail, the other group could only send OHMS mail.

The following officials could receive **and** send OHMS [mail](#):

Secretary for Zululand, Resident Commissioner and Chief Magistrate, Government Secretary, Treasurer, Local Auditor, Legal Adviser and Crown Prosecutor, Registrar of Deeds, etc., Master and Registrar Chief Magistrates

and High Courts, Resident Magistrates, Deputy Commissioner Amatongaland British Protectorate, Commandant Zululand Police, Director of Public Works and Surveys, Commissioner of Mines/Eshowe, Officer Commanding Troops/Eshowe, Officer Commanding Army Service Corps/Eshowe, Medical Officer in Charge/Eshowe, Camp Adjutant/Eshowe.

The following officials could only send OHMS [mail](#):

Deputy Commissioners of Mines, Chief Clerk/Resident Commissioner's Office, Sub-Inspectors/Zululand Police, District Surgeons, Postmaster and Postal Agents, Government Storekeeper/Eshowe, Chief Ordinance Store Officer/Eshowe.

The free transmission of government telegrams was also accorded to many of the above mentioned officials.

Several examples of postage free official mail have appeared in earlier columns of "Zulu Notes". These and others are reproduced on the following pages.

Reader reactions, comments and the like will be greatly appreciated as I continue my work on the *Zululand Philately* publication. Please write me at 41 Karen St., Thornhill, Ontario, Canada L4J 5L5.

### When visiting Denmark

The museum of the Danish Postal Administration contains many historical and philatelic archives. Ongoing exhibits do include uniforms, philately and an old postmark machine, to name just a few. The museum is located at Valkendorfsgade 9, Copenhagen.

Figure 1. Natal Government Notice No. 459, 1888 (continued on next page)

## Government Notice No. 459, 1888.

THE following Regulations for the transmission, free of postage, of Letters on the service of Her Majesty the Queen have been approved by His Excellency the Governor, to come into operation on and from the 8th inst., and are published for general information.

By His Excellency's command,

F. S. HADEN,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Natal,  
24th September, 1888.

*Regulations for the Franking and Transmission by Post of Official Correspondence.*

1. His Excellency the Governor may send or receive any letters free of postage.

2. Letters on the service of Her Majesty the Queen may be sent by or to the following officers, free of postage: Provided they are marked on the outside as being on Her Majesty's service, and are franked by the signatures of the senders:—

Chief Justice  
Colonial Secretary  
Treasurer  
Attorney-General  
Secretary for Native Affairs  
Colonial Engineer and Surveyor-General  
Puisne Judges  
Judge of the Native High Court  
Speaker of the Legislative Council  
Commandant Natal Mounted Police and Volunteers  
Auditor  
Master and Registrar Supreme Court  
General Manager of Railways  
Resident Engineer and Maintenance Engineers, N.G.R.  
Postmaster-General and General Manager of Telegraphs  
Collector of Customs  
Registrar of Deeds  
Protector of Immigrants  
Resident Magistrates  
Chairman of the Harbour Board  
Controller of Arms  
Clerk of the Executive Council  
Private Secretary  
Controller of Excise  
Aide-de-Camp  
Assistant Colonial Secretary  
Assistant Colonial Engineer and Surveyor-General  
Superintendent Inspector of Schools  
Commissioner of Mines  
Sheriff  
Colonial Veterinary Surgeon  
Administrators of Native Law  
Secretary Council of Education  
Clerk of the Legislative Council  
Government Astronomer

Assistant Manager and Chief Accountant  
Railway Department  
District Engineer of Maintenance  
Clerk of Works, Durban  
Assistant Protector of Immigrants  
Resident and District Engineers, Railway Extension Works  
Sub-Auditor  
Secretary of the Indian Immigration Trust Board.

*Military Officers.*

The Officer Commanding Troops  
Officers of the General Staff  
Officers Commanding Corps and Heads of Departments  
Officers Commanding Camps, Posts, Stations, and Detachments  
The Staff or other Officer having authority and acting for any of the above, and signing for them  
The Commissariat Officer in charge of Supplies  
The Commissariat Officer in charge of Transport, Pietermaritzburg  
Commissariat, Ordnance, Store, or Medical Officers in charge at outstations  
The Division Officer, Royal Engineers

3. The following Officers may send, free of postage, Letters on Her Majesty's service, which are so marked on the outside, and which are franked by the signatures of the senders:—

Clerk, Governor's Office  
Postmaster, Pietermaritzburg  
Postmaster and Telegraph Superintendent, Durban  
Deputy Sheriff  
Clerks of the Peace  
Assistant Clerks of the Peace  
Assistant Clerk of Peace and Prosecutor N. H. Court  
Head Masters Government Schools  
Superintendents Gaols, Pietermaritzburg and Durban  
Medical Supt. Lunatic Asylum  
District Surgeons  
Superintendents Hospitals, Pietermaritzburg and Durban  
Inspector and Mechanician Telegraph Department  
Telegraph Officers in charge of Stations:  
Resident Engineer Harbour Board  
Secretary Harbour Board  
Port Captain and Wharf Master  
Superintendent Water Police  
Excise Surveyors  
Keepers Excise Warehouses, Durban and Pietermaritzburg  
Border Customs Officers  
Locomotive Supt., Railway Department  
Superintendent Indian and Native Labour Department  
General Storekeeper  
District Superintendents  
Station Masters  
Adjutant of Volunteers  
Officers Commanding Volunteer Corps  
Adjutants and Quartermasters of Corps

Figure 1. Government Notice No. 459, 1888 of Natal. . .continued

The Officers Commanding the following Contingents or Troops of Corps :—

Corps :—Natal Carbineers : Maritzburg, Estcourt, Dundee, Greytown, Lady-smith, Richmond, Noodsberg, Kar-kloof, Camperdown.

Natal Mounted Rifles : Durban, Um-zinto, Umzimkulu, Verulam, Syden-ham, Harding, Stanger, High Flats.

Royal Durban Rifles : Durban, Pine-town.

Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, and Paymas-ter, N. M. Police. Non-commis-sioned Officers in charge of Out-stations

The Assistant Protector of Immigrants  
Chief and First Clerks of all Departments

*Military Officers :*

The Chief Clerk at the office of the O.C. Troops

The Chief Clerk at the office of the S.C.O.

The Chief Clerk at the office of the Dist. Paymaster

Warrant or Non-commissioned Officers of the Commissariat or Ordnance Store Corps *only* when in charge at Out-stations

Non-commissioned Officers of Regiments or Battalions *only* in the event of their being in charge of Camps, Posts, or Detachments on the march.

4. The signatures of any of the officers

in either of the foregoing lists may be written, printed, or impressed, and every signature must be followed by the official designation of the officer whose signature it may be.

5. An officer receiving a letter marked as O.H.M.S. under Section 2 of these Regulations, and finding it not to be on the *bona fide* service of the Government, shall mark it not on service, and shall re-turn it to the Post Office, in order that it may be forwarded to the Returned Letter Office, there to be surcharged as an ordi-nary unpaid letter and returned to the person by whom it was sent.

6. No letter forwarded on service shall be such as could not fairly be charged against the revenue of the Colony were it forwarded other than through the Post Office and its conveyance paid for.

7. Under Section 2 of these Regulations it will be competent to persons not mem-bers of the Service of Her Majesty to forward letters free of postage to certain Government officers, but it is to be un-derstood that no letter may be forwarded to a Government officer as O.H.M.S. which is not really on such service. Let-ters sent as O.H.M.S., and relating rather to the private business of the sender than to the service of Her Majesty, will, in terms of Section 5, be forwarded to the Returned Letter Office to be returned surcharged.

Figure 3. Large OHMS cover from Nongoma, dated November 9, 1897, addressed to the Postmaster at Eshowe (Smart) from a Resident Magistrate (name unclear)

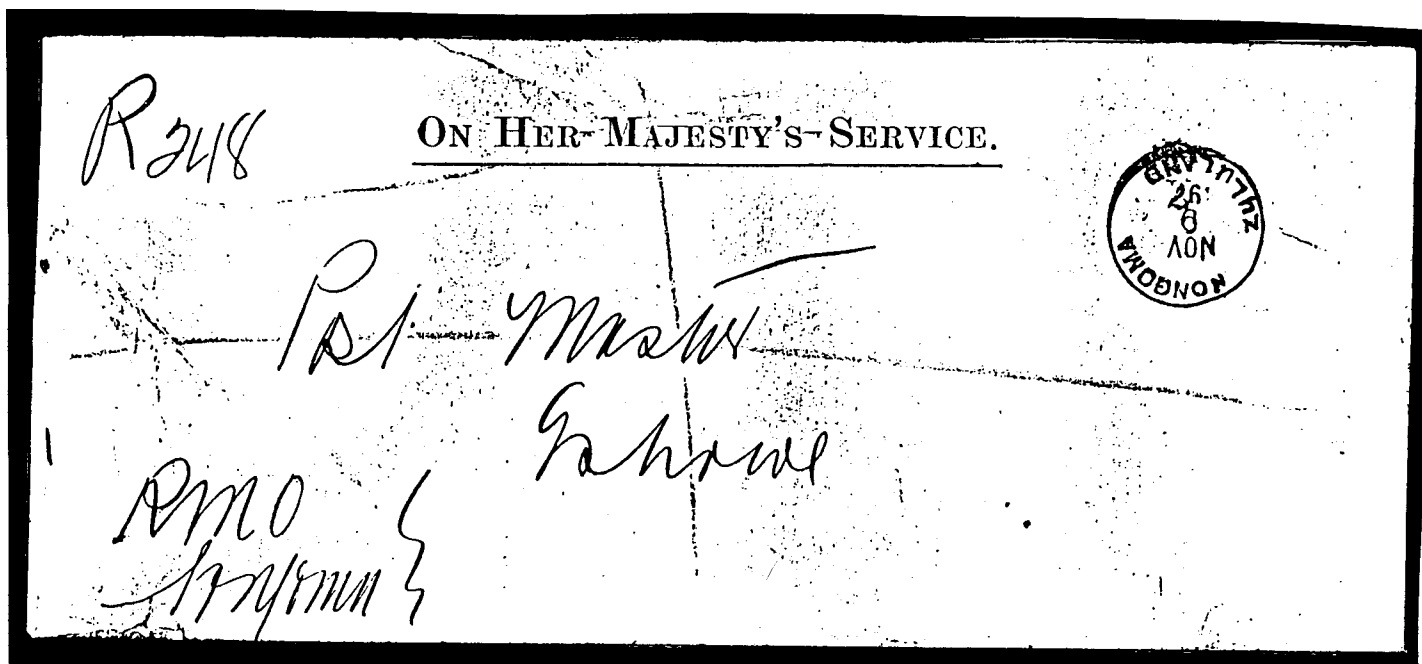


Figure 2. Zululand Postmaster General circular of 1896 indicating which officials receive free frank mail privileges.

" No. 77.

## **CIRCULAR TO ALL OFFICES.**

### **FRANKING OF OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE, ZULULAND.**

His Excellency the Governor may send and receive any Letters free of Postage.  
Letters On Her Majesty's Service may be sent by or to the following Officers, provided they are franked by the Signatures of the senders :—

Secretary for Zululand.  
Resident Commissioner and Chief Magistrate.  
Government Secretary.  
Treasurer.  
Local Auditor.  
Legal Adviser and Crown Prosecutor.  
Registrar of Deeds, &c., Master and Registrar Chief Magistrate's and High Courts.  
Resident Magistrates.  
Deputy Commissioner Amatongaland British Protectorate.  
Commandant Zululand Police.  
Director of Public Works and Surveys.  
Commissioner of Mines, Eshowe.  
Officer Commanding Troops, Eshowe.  
Officer Commanding Army Service Corps, Eshowe.  
Medical Officer in Charge, Eshowe.  
Camp Adjutant, Eshowe.

Letters On Her Majesty's Service may be sent by the following Officers when franked by the Signatures of the senders :—

Deputy Commissioners of Mines.  
Chief Clerk, Resident Commissioner's Office.  
Sub-Inspectors, Zululand Police.  
District Surgeons.  
Postmasters and Postal Agents.  
Government Storekeeper, Eshowe.  
Chief Ordnance Store Officer, Eshowe.

### **TRANSMISSION OF GOVERNMENT TELEGRAMS, ZULULAND.**

The undermentioned Officers are authorised to forward Telegrams On Her Majesty's Service :—

Secretary for Zululand.  
Resident Commissioner and Chief Magistrate.  
Government Secretary.  
Treasurer.  
Local Auditor.  
Legal Adviser and Crown Prosecutor.  
Registrar of Deeds, &c., Master and Registrar Chief Magistrate's and High Courts.  
Resident Magistrates.  
Deputy Commissioner Amatongaland British Protectorate.  
Commissioner of Mines, Eshowe.  
Deputy Commissioner of Mines.  
Director of Public Works and Surveys.  
Storekeeper.  
Postmasters and Telegraph Officers.  
Commandant Zululand Police.  
Officer Commanding Troops, Eshowe.  
Officer Commanding Army Service Corps, Eshowe.  
Medical Officer in Charge, Eshowe.  
Camp Adjutant, Eshowe.  
Chief Ordnance Store Officer, Eshowe.

General Post Office, Natal,  
28th December, 1896.

**J. CHADWICK,**  
Postmaster-General, Natal.



Figure 4. Unofficial OHMS 1896 cover from Ubombo to Eshowe (signature and designation unclear).

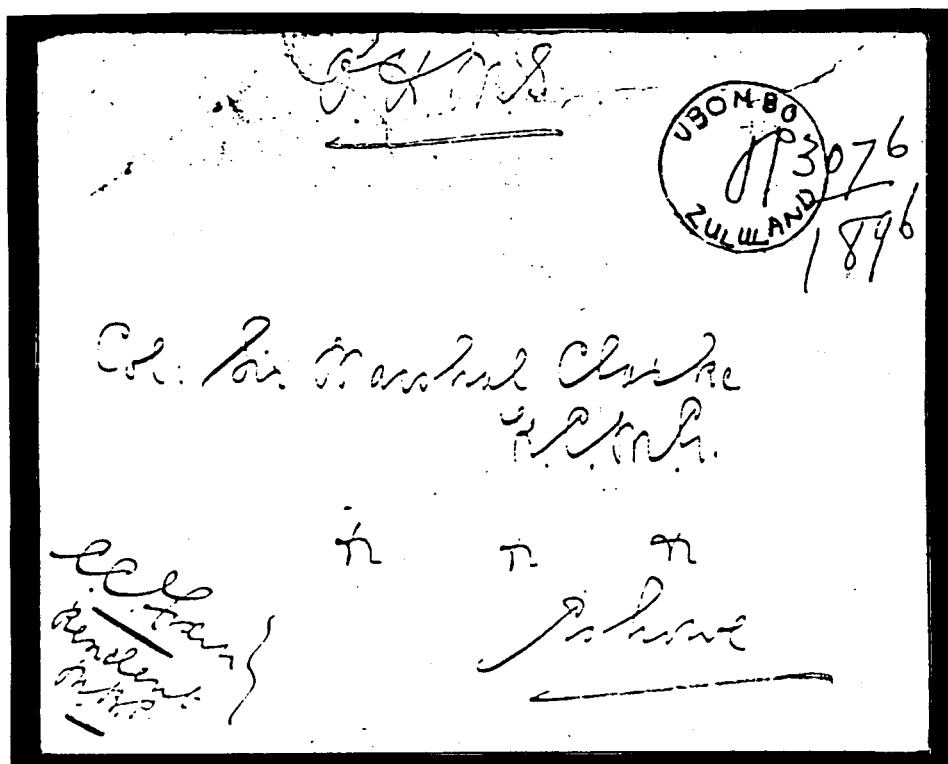
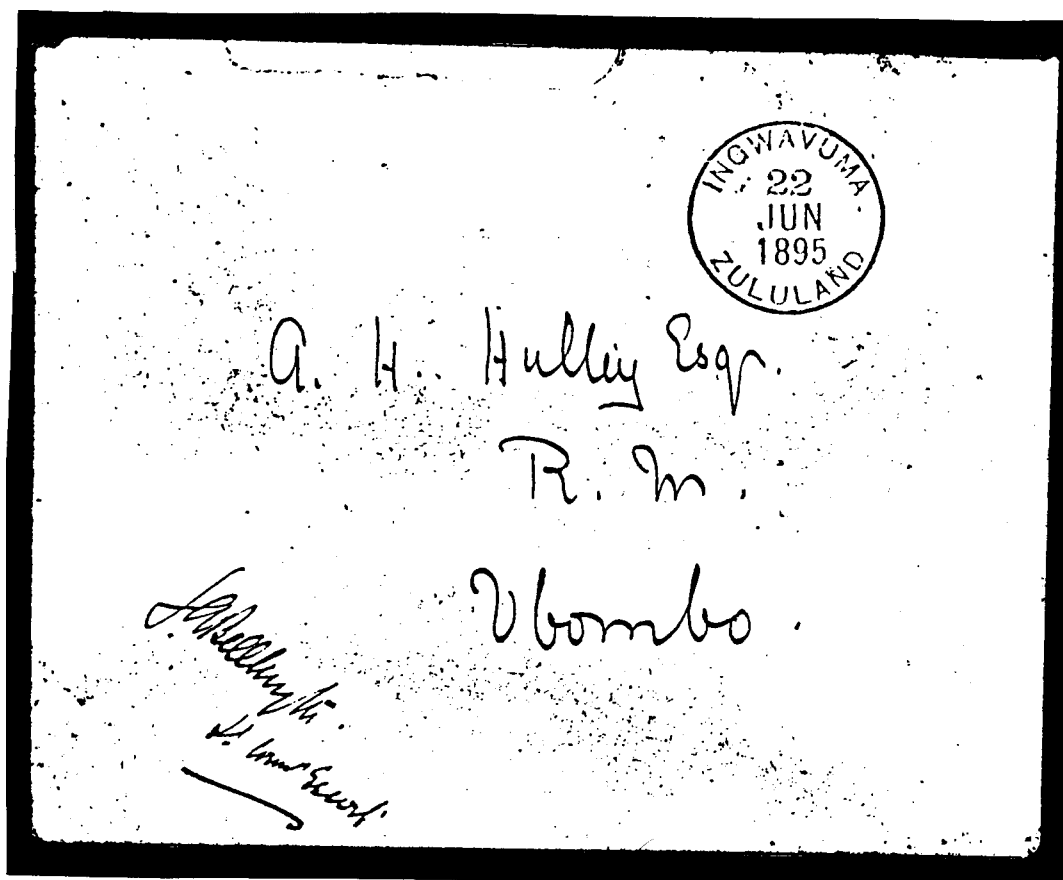
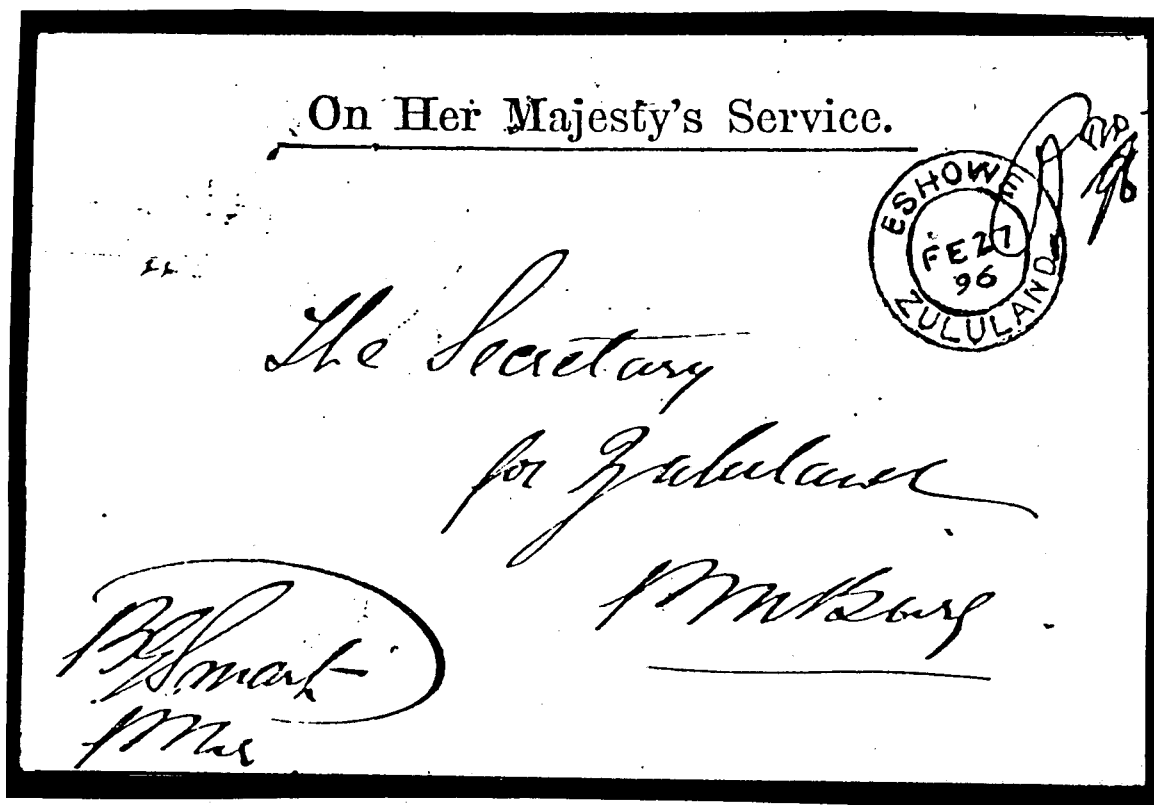


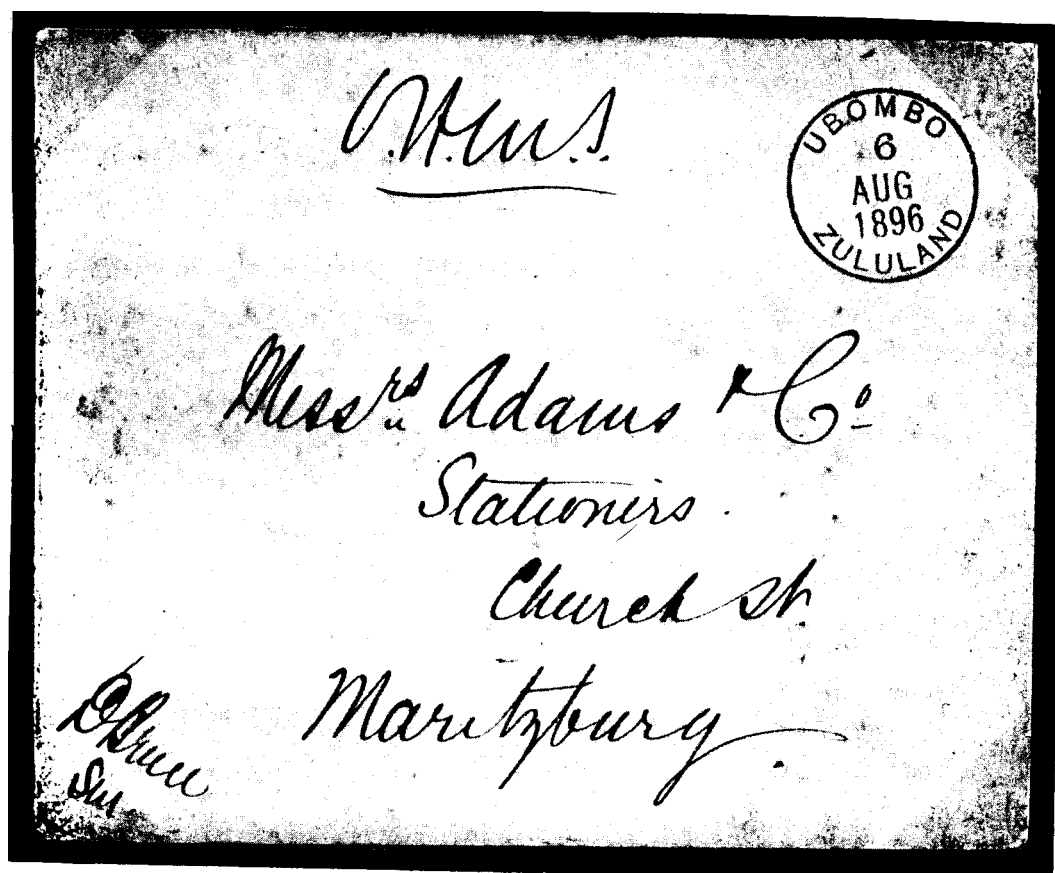
Figure 5. Unofficial OHMS cover (note lack of OHMS manuscript), with Ingwavuma postmark, dated June 22, 1895, to the Resident Magistrate at Ubombo.



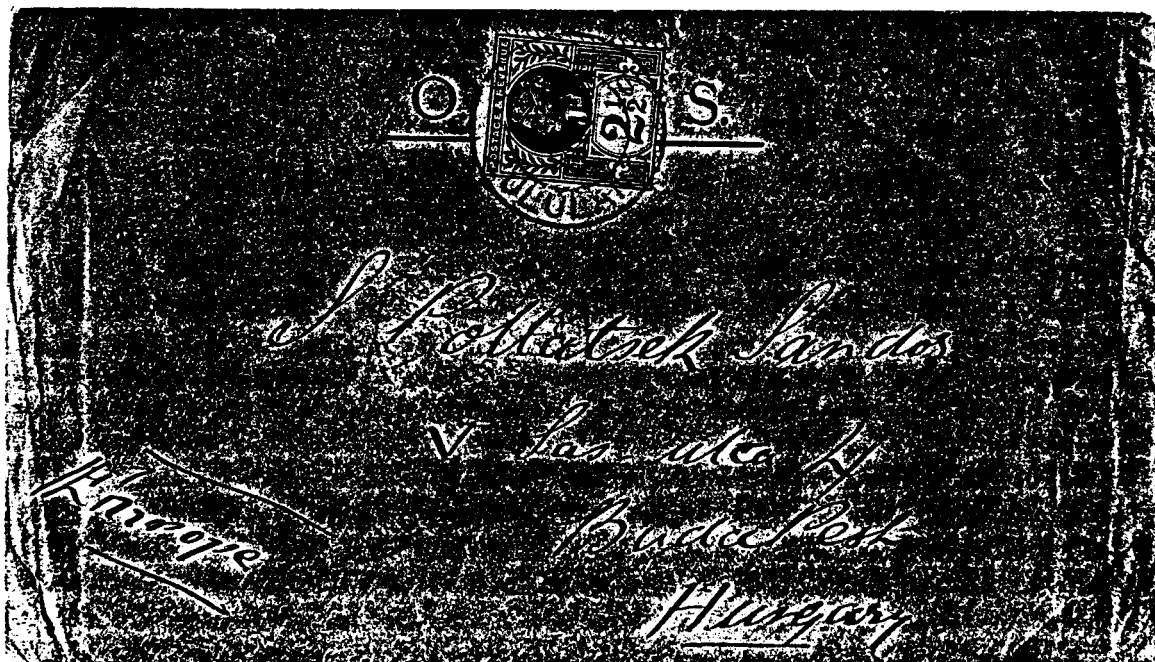
**Figure 6.** Official OHMS cover from Eshowe, dated February 27, 1896, to the Colonial Secretary for Zululand at Pietermaritzburg, Natal, from B.G. Smart, Eshowe Postmaster.



**Figure 7.** Unofficial OHMS cover (Bill Hart collection) from Ubombo, with postmark dated August 6, 1896, to a stationery firm in Pietermaritzburg, signed by D. Bruce. (A cover from the same correspondence, dated September 13, 1896, at Ubombo, was sold by Sotheby's in South Africa in 1987, for R1,944. The Hart cover sold through Cavendish in England in 1993 for L650.)



**Figure 8.** Official OHMS Envelope from Eshowe, addressed to Hungary with Eshowe postmark dated December 22, 1895 (signature unclear).



**Figure 9.** Official OHMS envelope addressed to Germany from Eshowe, dated April 26, 1898, registered with 1/6d postage, signatory is Smart, Eshowe Postmaster.

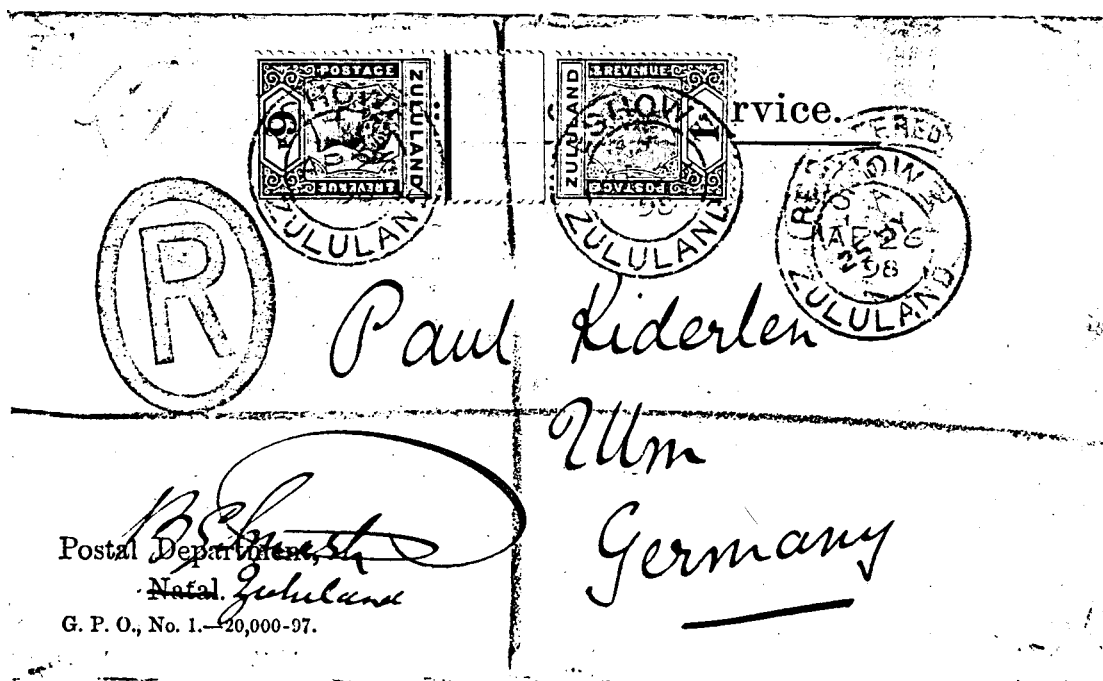
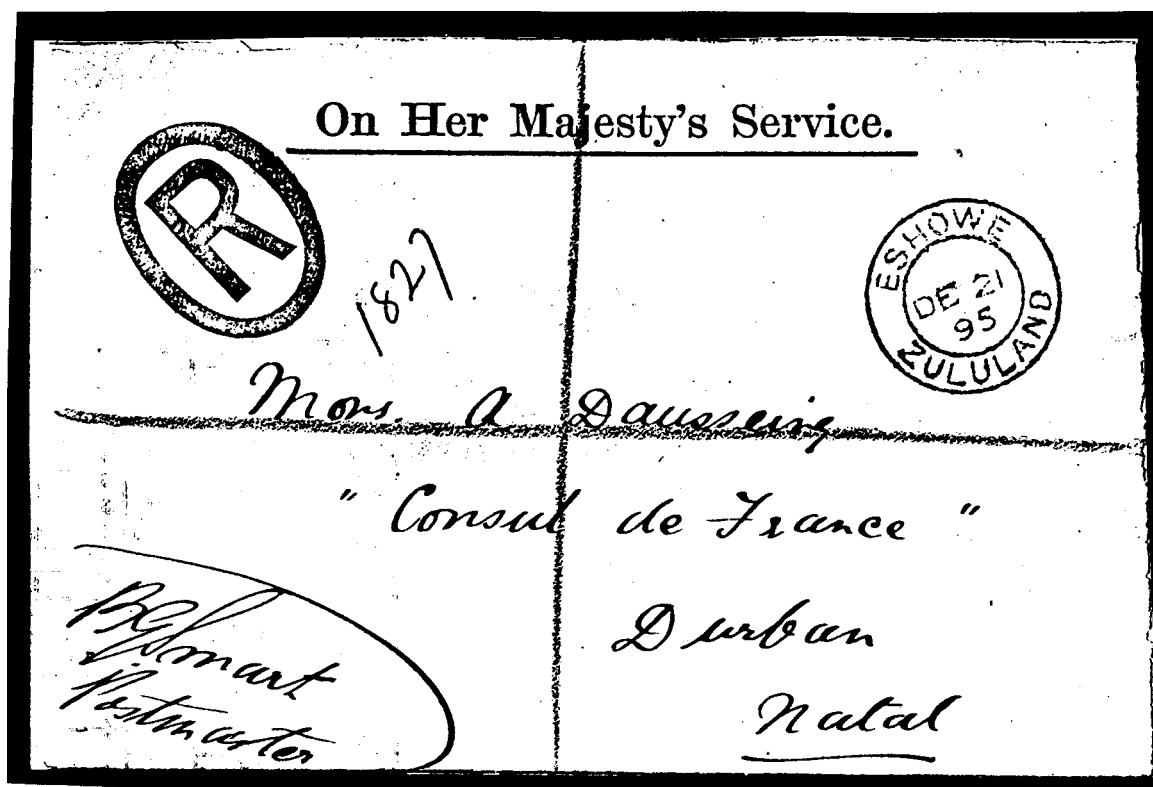


Figure 10. Official registered OHMS cover from Eshowe, dated December 21, 1895, to the French Consul in Durban, also signed by Smart.



### The Advertisers' Corner

As space permits, *Forerunners* highlights selections from its advertisers' auction and price lists. Should you contact any of our loyal advertisers, please mention that you read about them in the journal.

**David Crocker** has recently published a 34-page, 703 item Orange Free State price list covering materials from the Republic through the Interprovincial Period. Mint and used copies of basic stamps are available. After basic stamps and unused postal stationery, specialized subjects follow including postal history, fiscals and revenues, railway material and telegraphs. Prices are in Rands and range from R1.50 to R6500. From the beginner to the specialist, there is surely something of interest.

**British Commonwealth Stamp Co.** has just put out its 1995 price listing of colonies from A-L. Special discounts are offered. A sampling of Scott numbered items for sale includes: Basutoland #s 10, J7a & J8a; Bechuanaland #s 9, 25a, 51, 64, 93, J1-6; BCA #s 18, 29, 52, 55, 56, & 67; Cape of Good Hope with an excellent range of triangles and rectangulars; and Griqualand #s 2, 3, 15, 28, 29, 36, 41, 44, 58, 72-3, 76, 79, 83+85b interplaneau margin pair, 86, 97a, 102.

**Johnson Philatelics'** postal auction color catalog of 7th March '95, some highlights: Basutoland imperf block of four of 1961-63 31/2c; CGH 1807 Governor's cover, folded entire franked with Woodblock 4d; Griqualand 1881 envelope to Scotland; Natal 1857 3d rose, double embossing variety; Northern Rhodesia 1925-53 collection; Nyasaland 1896 1d L1; Rhodesia specialized grouping of Double Heads; Union/SA 1910 die proof for 21/2d Union commem.

### When in the good old US of A

Overseas readers are especially invited to visit the National Postal Museum, located on Capitol Hill next to Union Station in Washington, D.C. Numerous programs of interest are offered throughout the year. There are permanent exhibits such as Philatelic Rarities, one recent one of which is the famous "Gems of Hawaii: The Persis Collection of Hawaiian Stamps" with an estimated value of in excess of \$11 million. The Museum also houses the Jeannett Cantrell Rudy Gallery devoted to the Federal Duck Stamp. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Additional information: National Postal Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560.

### Postal & Telecommunications Museum of

**Turkey.** . . Located in Ankara at PTT Muzesi, PTT Meslek Gelistirme, Basmudurlugu Samsun Yolu Uzeri, Aydinlikevler/Ankara. This could prove to be an interesting stop in the Asia area. Everything is in Turkish, so make certain to take along a dictionary.

### Greek Philatelic Museum A Must-See In

**Athens.** . . Near Panathinaikos Square, corner of 5 Stadiou and 2 Fokianou Streets in the Pagrati area. Hours of operation subject to change. It would be best to have a native speaker call in advance to confirm when the facility is actually open. The local phone number is 7510942.

## The Rhodesias

Bill. Wallace, USA

I was very pleased to see Tony Davis' feature article on Rhodesian propaganda labels in the last issue.

Rhodesia does offer much in "Back-of-the-book" items as Mr. Davis has shown. Of course you must know of revenue stamps issued by the BSAC, various governments of Rhodesia and now Zimbabwe. A quick peek at the *Barefoot & Hall British Commonwealth Revenue Catalog* will give you an idea of the scope in that field.

For the collector who enjoys the search, other items to consider would be the Rhodesia Railways parcel and newspaper stamps. The former come in many denominations, types and have the issuing railway station's initials on them. These were used throughout the Rhodesia railway system,

including Bechuanaland.

Other "cinderellas" worthy of your attention would be the Central African Airways letter stamps. This provided an express service for letters brought to the airport.

Some of the other items our intrepid collector might come across are R.A.P.T. (Christmas seals) privately issued from 1955 to date.

There are also any number of patriotic seals from WWII onwards such as publicity labels for events like the 1940 Golden Jubilee and the annual trade show held in Bulawayo. This installment is only an overview of what may lie in the next dealer's stockbook. I hope to cover some of these in detail in future columns.

Any readers having information on "cinderella" material, please contact me so I might use it in future columns.

# Society Affairs

## Facts, Figures & Other Matters

Bill Brooks, Secretary

In the previous issue it was announced that the Vice President position is open on the Board. A detailed position description was included. Interested members were instructed to send a "letter of interest" to our President, Dr. Guy Dillaway. As of this writing, he has not received any inquiries.

As the keeper of membership applications, I am aware of several of you who indicated an interest in serving on the Board. Well, here is your opportunity! Without the willingness of the few to take a leadership role, PSGSA would certainly not be the success that it has become. But, is this not the way of it for the voluntary membership organization? Membership satisfaction and Society prosperity are both dependent upon having key positions occupied by dedicated souls.

If you are having second thoughts about "throwing your hat in the ring", please consider that your fellow Board members are ready, willing and able to work with you to assure a smooth transition. Stand up and be counted by sending a letter of interest to the President at P.O. Box 181, Weston, MA 02193.

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I am still waiting to hear from members who are computer literate concerning the Membership Data Base Manager position. As pointed out in the previous issue, the plan is to generate lists of members with common interests, e.g., CGH. In this way, if one of you write in requesting a list of members who collect what you do, the Society will be able to accomodate you. In addition, PSGSA would be able to review the data to determine the most effective way to market its services and publications to collectors and advertisers alike. Come on computer buffs, answer the call!

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We have not looked at the membership stamp acquisition profile in some time. I think some of the numbers should surprise all of us.

**Average number of years collecting** 27.3 years

**Cumulative amount spent on stamps/postal history per year**

\$753,750 - \$982,450 (all members) - \$4,624 - \$6,027 (average per member)

**Average number of auctions bid in by member per year** : 11 - 13

**Acquisition sources as a percentage of active members**

Auctions - 95.1	Philatelic Bureaus - 2.5%
Dealers - 93.3%	Post Office - 2.5% Estates
Other Collectors - 47.9%	- 1.8% Mail Sales - 1.2%
Circuits - 9.2% Stamp	Treaty Sales - 1.2%
Shows - 3.7% Trading - 3.	Approvals - 0.6%
7% Exchanges - 3.7%	

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## From The Program Chair

Bob Taylor, Director

STaMpsHOW <sup>94</sup> was, as usual, an outstanding event. The Affiliates Table was busy and we had several inquiries concerning PSGSA. Saw many old friends and the meeting was pretty well attended. Gene Bowman was there and said his great Cape exhibit would next be seen in Singapore. I attended VAPEX in November - one of the best run in the country. A pleasant surprise was seeing Fred Lawrence who will be in charge of coordinating exhibits for our "THE Celebration of British Africa Philately" at PACIFIC <sup>97</sup>. Regarding PACIFIC <sup>97</sup>, and specifically THE Celebration, if you plan to attend, let me know the dates and the times that

you plan to attend, let me know the dates and the times you could possibly spend manning our double-sized display booth for an hour or more. Having done this myself in the APS Affiliates booth at STaMpsHOW, I can say it is a great way to meet people and make new friends. You do it sitting down.

Having heard from no one regarding my plea for show exhibits, I can only assume you are all working madly to put one together. Remember, our Society award is a truly great trophy for the best greater southern Africa exhibit and this alone is worth the effort.

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## From The Archives

Tim Bartshe, Director

In case the debut of the new column, "The Back of Your Book", piques your interest in perfins, the library includes a copy of the relevant listings of South African perfins from the Perfin Club, USA.

The Holidays have slowed the influx of material to the library and have allowed me time to consolidate and organize what we do have. The following is a list of material for Natal as pulled from periodicals and special papers. This is not the definitive list by any measure, but available in the archives themselves. If any member has other material in his/her library and would wish to share with us, please send a photocopy of it to me and I will reimburse for copy and postage charges.

- (1) "The Embossed Postage Stamps of Natal 1857/1861 and their Reprints", E.C. Wright, 29 pages, illustrations.
- (2) "The Embossed Stamps of Natal - and Some Others", A.E. Basden, a paper read before the Pretoria Philatelic society, 1931, 4 pages.
- (3) "The Postage Stamps of Natal", A.E. Basden, a paper read before the Pretoria Philatelic Society, 1929, 4 pages.
- (4) "The First Postage Stamps for Natal", Rev. C.S. Morton, *The London Philatelist*, v. 37, 9/28, 4 pages.
- (5) "Natal, a paper read before the Royal Philatelic Society, London", T.M. Hall, *The London Philatelist*, v. 38, 10/29, 8 pages.
- (6) "The Telegraph Stamps of Natal", E.W. Mann, *The London Philatelist*, v. 51, 12/42, 3 pages.
- (7) "The Stamps of Natal", C.E. Lawson, *The South African Philatelist*, v. I, 12/1895, 5 pages.
- (8) "The Provisional Halfpenny Stamps of Natal", Gordon Smith, *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*, #115, 1/31/00, 3 pages.
- (9) "Natal: Notes on the Provisional Halfpenny of 1895", R.H. Napies, *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*, #157, 7/31/03, 2 pages.
- (10) "Natal Simplified", J. Ireland, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, #432, 9/30/11, 1 page.

(11) "Our Symposium: What should be the Limitations of a Simplified Collection?/Natal", C.A. Howes, *Gibbons Stamp Weekly*, #125, 5 pages.

(12) "Twentieth Century Colonials, Part III - British Possessions in Africa, Natal", D.B. Armstrong, *Gibbons Stamp Weekly*, #287, 7/2/10, 3 pages.

(13) "Edwardian Postage Stamps of the British Empire, Natal", D. B. Armstrong, *Philatelic Magazine*, #192, 1/13/23, 2 pages. ,.

(14) "The Victorian Postage Stamps of Natal", E.W. Mann, *The London Philatelist*, v. 48-9, 1039-40, 56 pages, illustrations.

(15) "The Early Postal History of Cape of Good Hope and Natal", C.S. Morton, *The Philatelist*, v. 38, 3/92, 4 pages.

(16) "Cadet Camp, Pietermaritzburg - a special Natal and early Union postmark", R.N. Porter, *The South African Philatelist*, 4/80, 1 page.

(17) "To the Boer Front in Natal: George van den Hurk, *The Anglo-Boer War Philatelist*, 3/92, 6 pages.

(18) "The 'Mail Service Suspended' and 'Stopped by Censor' Cachets applied at Durban", Richard Stroud, *The Anglo-Boer War Philatelist*, 9/92, 5 pages.

That is it for the Natal articles in the library. Next time, space permitting, we will deal with the other states. Congratulations to Ralph Putzel for completing and shipping Volume 3 of The Postmarks of South Africa, covering E through Ha. I know I anxiously await its arrival.

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## 1994 Auction Report

The vendor submission information for the 1995 event and the prices realized begin on the next page.

- 13 vendors

\* 430 total lots broken down as follows by category:

postal history - 210, stamps - 119, revenues - 71

telegraphs - 18, literature - 10, post cards/cinderellas - 1 ea.

- 40 successful bidders
- 244 or 57% of lots sold
- CGH had highest number of lots entered and highest sales
- Total bid value - \$5,655
- Total sales - \$3,227
- Highest winning bid - \$200 - New Republic - lot #203
- Lots donated to the Society generated \$89 in sales

Sincere thanks to all participants in last year's event. Once again, revenues generated from commissions covered our expenses and then some. WE ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK THOSE WHO DONATED MATERIAL to benefit PSGSA. Potential vendors please consider sending a donation lot or two for the 1995 auction. Thank you.

## 1995 Auction Submission Guidelines

\* Material accepted from 1 April - 31 May. **No late arrivals accepted!** Send to Tim Bartshe, 13955 W. 30th Ave., Golden, CO 80401.

- Non-member vendors are assessed a 15% commission; members 10%.

- Any and all material pertaining to the greater southern Africa area is suitable. Historically, postal history and B-O-B material receive the largest number of bids, but postage stamps and literature also sell well.

- Material pertaining to countries falling outside of our area of interest **will not be accepted**. Countries such as Angola, Mozambique and St. Helena fall into this category unless the material is postal history with a greater southern Africa connection.

- Lots consisting of individual stamps/sets should include: (a) BOTH Scott and SG catalog numbers if possible; (b) description of general condition - especially any faults; and (c) present value from the catalog and year quoted. <sup>A</sup>

- Description of collection or bulk material lots shall be the sole responsibility of the vendor. Included should be catalog value or at least a **reasonable** estimate of same and an estimate of sale price: "Lots of this nature generally command only a small fraction of catalog value. Overvalued lots **will not** be included in the auction."

- **IMPORTANT** - Vendors should indicate the lowest price which they are willing to accept for each lot; or the vendor may leave it up to the auctioneer's discretion as to the estimate. By not setting a reserve, the vendor agrees to the estimate. The auctioneer's estimate is what is considered to be the fair market value of the material being offered. If the vendor Does Not set a minimum acceptable bid, i.e., reserve, the vendor should indicate what they consider to be the fair market value of the material. This will greatly assist the auctioneer in assigning a realistic estimate.

- The minimum realization value of a lot should be in the \$3-\$5 range. Low value items should be included in larger lots or sets in order to keep the number of lots within reasonable bounds. There is no upper limit as to the number of individual lots a vendor may submit.

\* Lots consisting of postal history material should include any commentary that the vendor wishes to be used to describe it. Remember, the better described lots will set a more accurate image in the mind of the bidder; the auctioneer does not have the knowledge of the material that the vendor does in a great many areas. Any specialized description will help increase realizations.

- The catalog will be part of the July/Oct '95 issue of the journal. Commercial ads are encouraged. Applicable rates and payment methods are described in the classified section of the journal. Ad copy and fees must reach the Editor NO LATER THAN 31 May 1995.

- The catalog/journal will be mailed during July next. Bidding guidelines will appear in the catalog portion.

## AUCTION 6 ,41/RICES REALIZED

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9	ANT	PH	\$ 2.00
10	ANT	PH	\$ 3.00
12	ANT	PH	\$ 4.00
19	ANT	PH	\$ 4.00
37	BASUT	L	\$ 39.00
39	BECH	PH	\$ 2.00
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41	BECH	PH	\$ 3.00
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52	BECH PROT	PH	\$ 17.00
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211	NREP	S	\$ 50.00
212	NREP	3	\$ 50.00
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224	OVS	PH	\$ 12.00
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277	RHOD	PH	\$ 15.00
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279	RHOD	R	\$ 19.00
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284	RSA	PH	\$ 4.00
285	RSA	PH	\$ 3.00
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295	RSA	S	\$ 15.00
297	RSA	S	\$ 5.00
299	SRhod	PH	\$ 14.00
300	SRHOD	PH	\$ 3.00
301	STEL	R	\$ 6.00
302	STEL	R	\$ 11.00
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#### Philatelic Library Established in Florida...

Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton has established a philatelic library with a significant donation of literature from philatelic writer Herman "Pat" Hearst.

The gift provides space for donations of books that may be used by library visitors. David G. Phillips Publishing Co. has also donated copies of the books presently available from his company.

Collectors wishing to donate better grade books or cash bequests may help by writing William Miller, University Librarian, FAU Library, Box 3092, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

Postal Museum Recently Opened In Thailand . . If you find yourself in the city of Chiang Mai, a small postal museum can be found on the second floor of the post office on Charoen Prathed Road near the Ping River.



## THE Celebration Progress Note

• More British Africa collectors from RSA and the UK have written that they wish to help staff the display booth. Some will be coming as official representatives of other specialty groups. If you are interested, all we need is your name and address at this time. Specific scheduling will occur after volunteers provide the actual dates and time blocks they are available to work the booth. A form for this purpose will be sent out a few months in advance of PACIFIC 97. Please send an interest letter or card if you think you might be coming to **THE Celebration** and could spare a little time as a volunteer: Bill Wallace, Display Booth Manager, P.O. Box 16381, San Francisco, CA 94116 USA.

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• Robbie Lowe has offered to send an award-winning Transvaal exhibit, in addition to his appearance in the Court of Honor/PACIFIC 97. A number of other collectors from several countries have indicated preliminary intention to submit applications to PACIFIC 97 for British Africa related exhibits. **THE Celebration** Exhibits Coordinator, Dr. Frederick P. Lawrence, is ready, willing and able to assist potential exhibitors of British Africa material. Please write Dr. Lawrence at 5016 South Kenneth Place, Tempe, AZ 85282 USA.

• PACIFIC 97 has invited specialty groups to have a one-frame exhibit about their group on display during the event. PSGSA will be there. Interested groups will be assisted by Exhibits Coordinator also.

• As part of our support for British Africa philately, the FIP World Exhibition, ILSAPEX 98 (RSA) folks have been invited to participate as part of the display booth.

## Society Meetings

**STaMpsHOW 95** - August 24-27, 1995 - St. Louis, Missouri, at the Cervantes Convention Center. APS annual national and Champion of Champions exhibit and open competitions. PSGSA annual meeting and program. Society "Best Exhibit" Award. Presentation of "Lupo Memorial Award" for best article appearing in *Forerunners*. Those planning to attend are invited to do a program. Please contact Director/Programs, Bob Taylor, 674 Chelsea Dr., Sanford, NC 27330.

**SESCAL 95** - Late September/early October '95 - Los Angeles. PSGSA Fall regional meeting and program. Society "Best Exhibit Award". Potential presentors and exhibitors please contact Bob Taylor.

**Northern California Joint Sessions with the Rhodesia Study Circle** - Each January and July, or thereabouts, in the greater San Francisco Bay area. Contact Bill Wallace, P.O. Box 16381, San Francisco, CA 94116.

## Study Group Updates

Members are encouraged to establish communication with others having similar interests. This feature is available in each issue for that purpose.

Any member wishing to form a study group/circle should send a short entry for "...Updates" to the Editor. Once formed, a group can use this feature for information releases and the like.

Will **Ross/USA** would love to hear from others who would be interested in forming a **Homelands study group**. If these stamp-issuing entities are of interest, please write to Will at 6456 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406.

## Society Translation Service

The following members have volunteered to provide translations on a time available basis:

• Afrikaans & German to English - **Bob Hisey**, 7337 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33872 USA

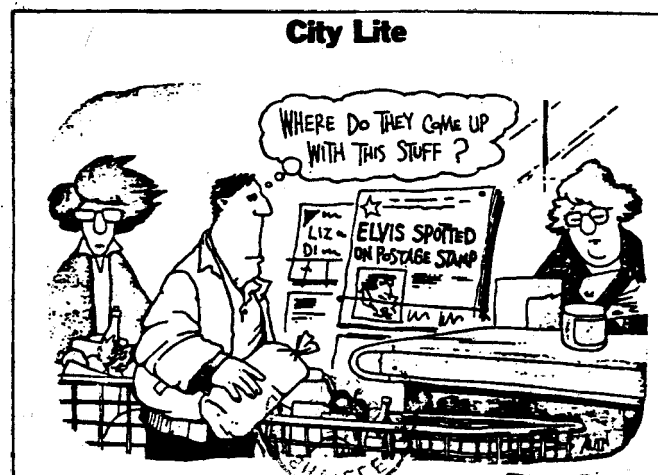
• Afrikaans & German to English - **Dr. H.U. Bantz**, 47 Van Santen Dr., Horison View 1724, RSA

• Dutch to English - **Piet Mulder**, Ruimzicht 300, 1068 CZ Amsterdam, Netherlands

## Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

Located at 3055 S. Peoria St., Aurora, Colorado, the library is generously supported by collectors, libraries and dealers from across the country. The RMPL has more than 1,800 volumes, runs of 75 philatelic periodicals, catalogs from 150 auction houses and a large collection of USPS publications.

Anyone with duplicate or unwanted philatelic or Western history literature is encouraged to write to the Library at CS27 Box 906, 8007 West Colfax Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80215.



# The International Scene

## Reciprocal Listings Exchange

Any specialty group whose focus includes British Africa philately is invited to participate in this information and publication exchange.

General information about a fellow specialty group, its activities, auctions and other special events, is welcomed for publication in this feature. All that is required is that PSGSA be provided the same courtesy on a reciprocal basis. Exchange of publications between participating groups is encouraged to enhance one another's libraries.

Groups wishing to publish information releases in the journal should take note of the submission receipt deadlines of the 15th of January, May and September. All releases and inquiries are to be sent to the Eidtor, Post Office Box 2698, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2698 USA.

**Aerophilatelic Society of South Africa** - Contact Terry Devine, P.O. Box 10001, Aston Manor 1630, RSA

**Anglo-Boer War Philatelic Society** - Contact Peter M. Prime, Secretary, 56 Mount Way, Waverton, Cheshire CH3 7QF, UK

**Bechuanalands & Botswana Society** - SADLY REGRETS to announce the very unexpected passing of their Secretary Mike George. Contacts now are received by Jim Catterall, "Trevesa", Upper Castle Rd., St. Mawes, Trura, Cornwall, TR2 5BZ, UK.

**Dutch Philatelic Society of Southern Africa** - Contact Secretary FVZA, Jan Stolk, P.O. Box 33223, 3005 EE Rotterdam, Holland.

**East Africa Study Circle** - Contact, Roy Dunstan, Chantry Court, Warminster, Wilts BA32 9AL, UK.

**Greater Basutoland/Lesotho Philatelic Study Circle** - Contact Roy W. Simcox, P.O. Box 1212, Cape Town, RSA.

**Orange Free State Study Circle** - Contact J.R. Stroud, 28 Oxford St., Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset TA8 1 LQ, UK

**Postmark and Postal History Society of Southern Africa** - Contact D.G. Mordant, P.O. Box 21161, Helderkruijn 1733, RSA

**Rhodesian Study Circle** - Contact Keith Harrop, Membership Secretary, 817 Wilmslow Rd., Didsbury, Manchester M20 8RT, UK

**St. Helena, Ascension & Tristan DA Cunha Philatelic Society** - Contact J.L. Havill, Secretary, 205 N. Murray Blvd., Apt. #221, Colorado Springs, CO 80916 USA

**South Africa Collectors Society of Great Britain** - Contact A. R. Chilton, 56 Framfield Rd., Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2AL, UK

**Transvaal Study Circle** - Contact Secretary/Treasurer, Jeff Woolgar, 132 Dale St., Chatham, Kent ME4 6QH, UK

**West Africa Study Circle** - Their *Secretary's Newsletter* of November 1994 was received. (It was the second of two trial issues.) Some highlights: WASC was founded some forty-four years ago; group to become a member of the new Association of British Philatelic Societies; a very successful joint meeting with the **Waterlow Study Circle**, with excellent discussion about what this circle hopes to contribute to philately and then some examples of the Waterlow Belgium Congo 1894 - 1922 issues; Gambian stamps and covers beginning with the pre-adhesive periods; a 27 sheet display of Edward VII material; and membership recruitment by individual members is very much encouraged ... Contact Robert Nelson, President, The Garth, 6 Greenhill Road, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8JN, UK

## PACIFIC 97 UPDATE

The Transvaal Study Circle Board will discuss **THE Celebration of British Africa Philately** at its AGM in March this year. We will be looking forward to word from them sometime in April next.

## RSA's Philatelic Services/INTERSAPA Announces on the use of Homelands ( TBVC) Stamps in the RSA...

A letter dated 19 January 1995, was received from member Dr. Franco Frescura. Franco has assumed the position of Philatelic Services Senior Manager. The text of the letter is given below.

Some confusion has arisen regarding the use of TBVC postal adhesives both in South Africa and within the other territories. The situation as it presently stands is as follows:

1. Just after midnight on 27 April 1994, a new interim constitution came into force in South Africa. As a result, the boundaries of the former Bantustans - "Independent" or otherwise - ceased to exist.
2. Unfortunately the integration of former territorial administrative structures into the South African state did proceed apace and, in many instances, this process is still to be completed.
3. The South African Post Office was commercialized some three years ago and, in the process, its staff was taken out of the ambit of Civil Service. This, however, was not the case with the Postal Administrations of the TBVC territories which remained governmental structures. Thus, while the integration of most South African and TBVC administrative departments has been a relatively simple matter, that of the Post Office has proved to be particularly difficult. The former TBVC post office staff structures have resisted this move which, in most cases, has meant a loss of civil service privileges. Thus, at this present moment South Africa finds itself in the anomalous position of being a united country

*Dr. Frescura's letter continued ...*

with five postal administrations. It is expected that this situation will not be fully resolved until 1996. Thus, while the boundaries of the former TBVC territories have ceased to exist in law, the boundaries of their postal services are very much in place.

4. Consequently, the postal adhesives of the TBVC remain valid within their own respective territories but may not be used in either the RSA or within other TBVC territories.

5. The RSA post office, has ceased to supply TBVC countries with any of the old postal adhesives and is gradually replacing these with new stocks of RSA stamps. However, the old TBVC adhesives remain valid and are unlikely to be demonetized in the foreseeable future. Instead it is probable that they will simply be allowed to run out in the course of time.

It is my personal opinion that if the TBVC territories have ceased to exist, and if RSA stamps are legal tender within their boundaries, then conversely TBVC stamps should be legal tender in the RSA and therefore in the other TBVC states also. It appears that many postmasters are of a similar opinion and a number of sunset and inter-territorial covers of private confection, cancelled to order, have been appearing on the local market. I have also seen a number of commercially used covers (usually from fellow philatelists!) bearing a variety of TBVC and RSA combinations. It is the legal opinion of non-apartheid lawyers that a challenge of this Post Office position in the Supreme Court would probably prove successful.

Overseas readers are probably perplexed by these strange provincial convolutions. They are asked to please bear in mind that the illness that was apartheid had many symptoms, and some may take many years to cure.

*Editor's Note: The Society appreciates Franco's candid and very informative letter concerning matters important to collectors of modern postal history and/or "dead countries." Perhaps our modern issues enthusiasts will have something further to say on the matter in journal future issues (hint). If you do, make certain to send it to our Modern Issues Editor (see address in that section).*

## Show Reports

"The International Scene" invites readers to report of their experiences when attending any of the shows and exhibitions listed opposite. Please write-up your experiences and send to the Editor.

Also, if anyone has additional information pertaining to one of the events listed, please send it on to yours truly.

No show reports were submitted during this publication period.

## Events of Note

**Finlandia 95** - May 10-15 - Helsinki, Finland. World Exhibition. Postal history and postal stationery. FIP. Contact: U.S. Commissioner, Roger Quinby, Box 12606, Albany, NY 12212-02606 USA. Assistant Commissioner, Stephen D. Schumann, 2417 Cabrillo, Hayward, CA 94545 USA.

**SINGAPORE 95** - September 1-10 - Singapore. FIP. U.S. Commissioner, Peter K. Iber, 9,379 W. Escuda Drive, Peoria, AZ 85382-0979.

**Indonesia 96** - March 21-26 - Bandung, Indonesia. FIP. Youth Philately. Commissioner to be announced.

Exhibition name unknown - April - Madrid, Spain. FIP. Airmail and space philately. Commissioner to be announced.

**Capex 96** - June 8-16 - Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Sponsored by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada with participation of Canada Post and the Canadian National Postal Museum. FIP World Exhibition - 4,000 frames of exhibits. The event celebrates the Klondike Gold Discovery Centennial. Literature competition (*Forerunners* will be there). There is talk about having a **PSGSA meeting and program**. If you think you might attend Capex, and you would like to attend a Society informal meeting and program, please write to: Tony Davis, 41 Karen St. Thornhill, Ontario, Canada L4J 5L5 or Alan J. Hanks, 34 Seaton Dr., Aurora, Ontario, Canada L4G 2K1.

**Olympihlex 96** - July 19 - August 3 - Atlanta, Georgia. Olympic and sports philately. FIP. Held during the 1996 summer Olympic Games. Commissioner to be announced.

**Expo Philex 96** - August 4-11 (proposed dates) - Budapest, Hungary. Thematic, Maximaphily and literature. FIP. Commissioner to be announced.

**Istanbul 96** - September 27-October 6 - Istanbul, Turkey. FIP. Commissioner to be announced.

**Athina 96** - October 25-November 5 - Athens, Greece. FIP. Commissioner to be announced.

**Norwex 97** - April 11-20 - Oslo Norway. FIP. Commissioner to be announced.

**PACIFIC 97** - May 29-June 8 - San Francisco, California. FIP World Exhibition, 5,000 exhibit frames. **THE Celebration of British Africa Philately** sponsored by PSGSA. A 1500 lot British Africa Specialty Auction. Awards. Programs. Specialty group meetings and more for the collector of British Africa. Contacts: PACIFIC 97, Inc., Quinby Bldg., Top Floor, 650 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90017; or THE Celebration, Bob Taylor, Event Mgr., 674 Chelsea Dr. Sanford, NC 23440 USA.

**Moscow 97** - August 30-September 8 - Moscow, Russia. FIP. Commissioner to be announced.

**Israel 98** - May 12-21 - Tel Aviv, Israel. FIP. Commissioner to be announced.

**ILSAPEX 98** - October 20-25 - South Africa. International

Share *Forerunners* with a collecting friend and recruit a new member or two. Applications available from the Editor or any of our International Representatives.

Philatelic Exhibition. See their materials at **THE Celebration** booth. RSA contact: Maurice Daniels, Hon. Secy., P.O. Box 1914, Houghton 2041, RSA. U.S. contact: Colin Fraser, Commissioner, Christie, Manson & Woods, 502 Park Ave., New York, NY 10022

**Juvalux 98** - June - Luxembourg. Youth and postal history.

Commissioner to be announced.

**Ibra 99** - April 27-May 4 - Nuremberg, Germany. FIP.

Commissioner to be announced.

**China 99** - October - Beijing, China. FIP. Commissioner to be announced.

## Modem Issues

Editor: Gerry York, USA

The growth of democracy is noted on two recent southern Africa issues.

**South Africa**, on May 10, 1994, honored the Inauguration of Nelson Mandela with a set of four stamps. A cacheted FDC franked with these issues is illustrated below

The 45c denomination depicts Mandela. Born 18 July 1918 at Qunu near Umtata in the Transkei, Nelson Rohlhlhla Mandela was the son of a chief councillor of the Paramount Chief of the Tembu. After his father's death in 1930, Mandela became the ward of his cousin, the acting Paramount Chief, to be groomed to assume high office. Influenced by cases that came before the Chiefs court, he decided to become a lawyer and make his own contribution to the struggle for democracy.

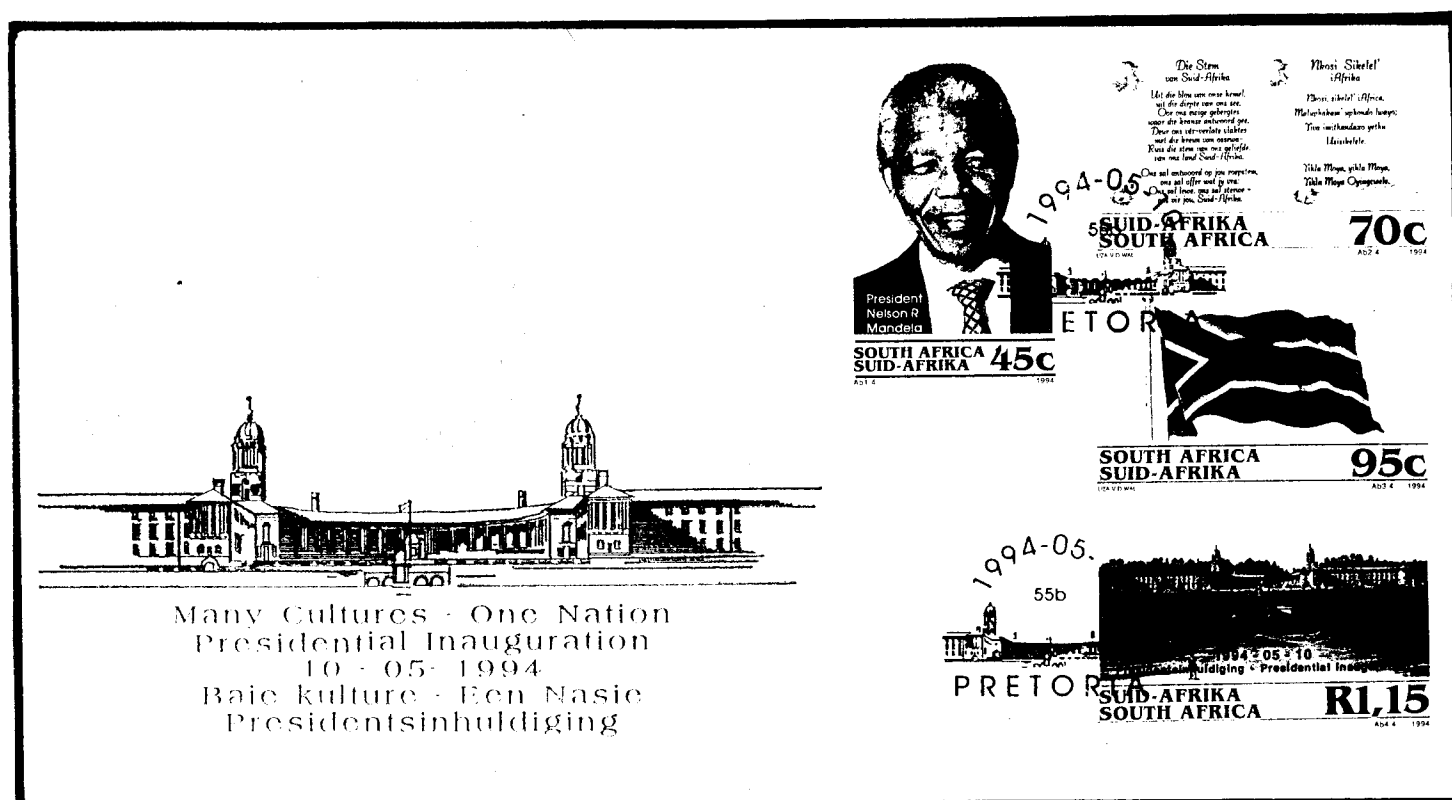
After matriculating at Healdtown Methodist Boarding School, he enrolled at the Fort Hare University College for the

Bachelor of Arts degree (see Ciskei Scott #60). It was here that he became involved in student politics and was suspended for joining in a protest boycott. He then went to Johannesburg where he completed his BA by correspondence, took articles of clerkship and commenced study for his LLB degree.

Mandela's political career started in earnest when he joined the African National Congress in 1942, becoming national president of the Youth League in 1950 and national leader of the Defiance Campaign in 1952. Charged and brought to trial for his role in this campaign, the court found that he and his co-accused had "consistently advised their followers to adopt a peaceful course of action and to avoid all violence."

Continuing his political activities, Mandela was accused of high treason in 1956. At the end of a four-and-one-half year long trial, he was found not guilty. Shortly thereafter, in

**Illustration** Cacheted FDC illustrating the four stamps issued by RSA honoring the May 10, 1994 Inauguration of Nelson Mandela as President.



1961, he became commander-in-chief of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the military arm of the ANC. For these activities his actions led to the Rimonia Trial during which he was found guilty of sabotage and in 1964 he was sentenced to life imprisonment on Robben Island. After 27 years' of incarceration, he was released to international acclaim by the then State President, F.W. de Klerk. Mandela subsequently led his party to victory in the first democratic elections in South Africa during April 1994. Although this is South Africa's first stamp showing Mandela, other nations have pictured him on stamps. For example, a 1988 USSR issue (Scott #5693) depicts the young Mandela in honor of his 70th birthday (see following illustration).

**Illustration** The 1988 USSR issue commemorating Mandela's 70th birthday.



Mandela likewise appeared on many other stamps honoring the "Anti-Apartheid" struggle. For example, see Scott-listed Congo #788, Afghanistan #1035 and East Germany #B200, the latter two illustrated below. As the reader might have surmised, a topical (thematic) collector could put together a very interesting collection honoring Mandela.

**Illustration** Afghanistan #1035 and East Germany #B200.



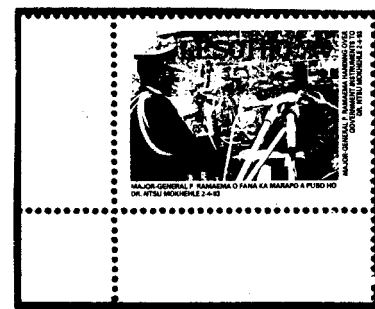
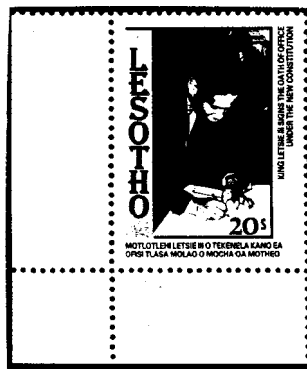
The 70c denomination depicts the two national anthems of the country, in Afrikaans and Xhosa. The former, "Die Stem van Suid-Afrika", was written in 1918 by the well-known author and poet, C.J. Langenhoven. First played in Parliament in 1938, it was officially recognized as the national anthem of South Africa. The latter, "Nkosi Sikelel Afrika", was written in 1897 by Enoch Mankayi Sontonga, from the Transkei. In 1925, "Nkosi Sikelel Afrika" became the official anthem of the ANC. The 95c value depicts the new South African flag, combining a distinctly African character with flag colors known in South Africa since 1652.

The R1.15 value depicts the Union Buildings on Meintjeskop

that have been the seat of Executive Power since its completion in 1913.

Lesotho, on April 2, 1994, depicted events hinted at in this column in the Nov. 93/Feb. 94 *Forerunners*, commemorating the first anniversary of the swearing-in of Ntsu Modhehle as Prime Minister, on the four stamps illustrated below.

**Illustration** Lesotho first anniversary of Prime Minister's swearing-in, 1994.



As you probably noted, Mokhehle is pictured on two stamps. The 50 sente value shows him being sworn in as Prime Minister, Major General Elias Phisoana Ramaema, handing over instruments to Mokhehle. The 20s denomination depicts King Letsie III signing the oath of office under the new constitution. Lesotho's Parliament Building is depicted on the 30s value.

**INTERSAPA** in Pretoria (Private Bag X505, Pretoria 0001, South Africa) has announced its 1994 schedule.

Tourism will be featured prominently on nine single stamps depicting tourism in the nine different provinces. The stamps depict the, new provincial dispensation in South Africa, and will be issued from 18 January to 10 November. The nine provinces are: Eastern Transvaal, North West, Kwazulu/Natal, Western Cape, Northern Transvaal, Orange Free State, Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and the PWV.

On February 1, 1995, a special stamp was issued depicting the 75th Anniversary of the South African Air Force. A companion stamp depicted the first Trans-Africa flight 75 years ago.

The World Rugby Cup, to be hosted by South Africa, will be depicted on a stamp to be issued on May 25. This issuance is quickly followed by a stamp that celebrates the Golden

Jubilee of the [CSIR.to](http://CSIR.to) be issued June 15, 1995.

The Centenary of Marine Science in South Africa will be depicted on August 25, while the traditional National Stamp Week issue will appear on October 6 featuring four stamps.

The United Nations' fifty years of existence will be featured on an October 24, 1995 issue. Following up will be a set of Seashell stamps which will appear on November 24, 1995. In December on the 8th we will see a set and souvenir sheet honoring the art of Gerard Sekoto.

**Namibia** (Philatelic Bureau, P.O. Box 287, Windhoek, Namibia) has likewise announced its programme for 1995.

A set and souvenir sheet appeared on March 8, 1995, commemorating the Centenary of Railways in Namibia. A set and Philatelic Foundation miniature sheet will follow on May 24, 1995.

July 7, 1995 brings a set of four honoring both the 125th Anniversary of the Finnish Mission, and Namibian Adornments the following August 16th.

The final issue (so far) for 1995 will be a single stamp, issued on October 24, 1995, honoring the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations.

**Zimbabwe** has also announced its 1995 programme (Philatelic Bureau, Box 4220, Harare, Zimbabwe).

A Fourth Definitive set will appear on January 17, 1995. Like the Third Definitive set issued January 2, 1990, the series is broken apart into three separate themes. The first four values depict agriculture: 1c (Maize), 2c (sugar cane), 3c (sunflowers) and 4c (sorghum). The next six denominations depict the topic of mining: 5c (mine workers), 10c (underground mining), 20c (coal mining), 30c (chrome smelting), 40c (opencast iron mining) and 50c (gold smelting). The last six denominations depict Historic Monuments and Landmarks: 70c (Boggie Clock tower), 80c (Masvingo Watchtower), \$1 (the "Hanging Tree" [misnomer] in Harare), \$2 (Cecil House), \$5 (the Toposcope) and \$10 (the Paper House).

A set of four stamps will depict Insects on April 4, 1995. The All-Africa Games will be honored on a commemorative set of six on July 11, 1995. Finally, the 50th Anniversary of the UN will be honored on October 17, 1995 with a set of six.

Previously, on July 12, 1994, Zimbabwe issued a set of six honoring Export Flowers (illustrated opposite column). Approximately 200 growers in the country produce more than 40 different kinds of flowers for the export market. It is predicted that in 1994, 6,406 tons will have been exported, earning the country an estimated Z\$96.9 million.

Christmas 1994 was honored on a set of six and issued on October 11, 1994 (illustrated opposite column).

**Illustration** Export Flowers commemorative issue of 1994, Zimbabwe.



**Illustration** Zimbabwe's Christmas 1994 issue.



... Modern Issues continues next page

**Swaziland** on September 15, 1994 issued a set of four stamps depicting mushrooms growing in the country (illustrated below).

**Illustration** Mushroom issue of Swaziland, 1994.



On November 30, 1994, Swaziland honored the 50th Anniversary of the International Civil Aviation Organization with a four stamp set (illustrated opposite column.).

**Lesotho**, on August 16, 1994, honored its participation in PHILAKOREA 94 with a set of four (illustrated below) and two souvenir sheets at 5M each. Frogs native to Lesotho are depicted.

**Illustration** Lesotho native frogs issue, 1994, honoring PHILAKOREA.



**Illustration** Swaziland 1994 issue for 50th Anniversary, International Civil Aviation Organization.



Lesotho honored World Cup Soccer by issuing a set of eight stamps and two souvenir sheets (denominated 5M each) during February 1994. The stamp denominations were: .20, .30, .40, .70, 1M, 1.20M and 2M. (Philatelic Bureau, Private Bag 1, Maseru, Lesotho)

**Botswana** had a quiet conservative philatelic year in 1994 (Philatelic Bureau, P.O. Box 100, Gaborone, Botswana)

On March 28, 1994, a set of four honoring Traditional Toys of the Setswana speaking people (illustrated below).

**Illustration** Traditional toys issue of 1994, Botswana.



On June 30, 1994, Botswana honored the 50th Anniversary of the ICAO with a set of four depicting civil aviation in Botswana. Stamp denominations are 10t, 25t, 40t and 50t. The environmentally sensitive Makgadikgadi Pans were depicted on four stamps (shown on next page), issued on September 28, 1994.

**Illustration** Issue of an environmentally sensitive nature, Botswana, 1994.



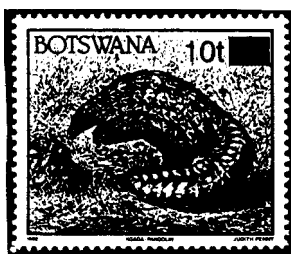
As with its previous Christmas issues, Botswana highlighted another aspect of its natural diversity. In this case it was edible fruits (illustrated below), issued October 24, 1994.

**Illustration** Botswana Christmas issue of 1994 - edible fruits.

<p>Botswana 19%</p> <p>10t</p>	<p>Botswana 74</p> <p>25t</p> <p>1.</p>
<p>Botswana 1994</p>	<p>Botswana 19%</p> <p>50t</p>

Also the 12t Pangolin definitive was overprinted "10" in late 1994 (shown below).

**Illustration** Overprinted definitive issued during October, 1994.



**Malawi** depicted ships of Malawi on a set of four and souvenir sheet issued October 19, 1994. (Philatelic Bureau, Box 1000, Blantyre, Malawi)

**Zambia** depicted snakes of Zambia on a set of four (see below) issued on September 28, 1994. (Philatelic Bureau, P.O. Box 71857, Ndola, Zambia)

**Illustration** Native snakes of Zambia issue, 1994.



**Comments & Questions** - Please write to me at Box 151512, Altamonte Springs, FL 32715-1512. I am interested to hear whether readers are satisfied with the services received from any of the above-mentioned bureaus... Thanks, Gerry

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Nearby, the Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs hosts the annual PHILATELIC SHOW which is included on the World Series of Philately exhibit circuit. Members interested in preparing an exhibit or putting on a British Africa related program should contact our President, Dr. Guy Dillaway, P. O. Box 181, Weston, MA 02193.



## The Bookie Reports

Editor: Jim Ryan, Canada

Readers are invited to submit bibliographies, reviews of books, journals, etc., for inclusion in this feature. Any reviews should be submitted to me at 4419 17 Avenue NW, Calgary AB, Canada T3B 0N7, with a copy to the journal Editor.

This issue we start out with a book review written by member W.A. "Alec" Page, FRPS/L of the UK. (Alec is Co-chairman of the Society's Publications Program Committee.) This review first appeared on page 86 of the Oct/Dec 1994 issue of *The Springbok*, journal of the South Africa Collectors Club/UK. It went as follows:

A recently published book, although not specific to South Africa, will be of interest and use to the airmail collector of southern Africa. *East Africa Airmails to 1939*, by Bill Colley (a member of the British Aerophilatelic Federation and the East African Study Circle amongst a number of other societies), is certainly the most comprehensive work on the airmail postal history of the area that has been published.

The East African area was an important area in the pioneering and development of the airmail routes of the African continent, and for the South African collector related mails form an integral part of such collections.

As the author states in his preface, the only previous work on the area, *The Airmails of British East Africa 1925-1932*, by N.C. Baldwin, does not cover the equally important years up to the outbreak of World War II. This has been remedied with coverage of the late 1920s and 1930s. With nine separate chapters, four appendices, an excellent bibliography and an easy to use index, the 120 pages are crammed with important and interesting detail.

The early pioneer flights are covered, including those of such well-known aviators as Walter Mittelholzer and Glen Kidston, to name but two, together with checklists of mails carried where known. The founding of Wilson Airways in 1929 (Chapter 4), and its subsequent operations through to the outbreak of war, did much to develop airmail communications in Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika, and provided feeder links to the main trunk routes to the South and North. Other chapters deal with what the author describes as "Interlopers" or "Private Ventures", e.g., the Tanganyika Government Services and the eventual arrival of Imperial Airways on the scene.

Dealing with the postal history, a chapter is devoted to Instructional Marks, with illustrations of nearly 50 different cachets. A much-neglected aspect of any postal history study is the postal rates, and two of the appendices cover the rates for Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

The first appendix comprises a chronological checklist of the flights from 1925 to 1939, each entry linked to the main text and providing information on mail carried, where known. Wilson Airways timetables are published in Appendix IV.

The author is to be commended for adding a worthwhile

publication to our airmail libraries.

Bill Colley's book is available direct from the publishers, Pierpoint Publishing, 21 Lyton Close, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, West Sussex BN6 9AN, price £13.95 plus postage: UK 75p, Europe 2 1.25, Rest of World £2.25. Format 21 x 15 cm in thin card covers.

Next comes the *Katalog Der Aerogramme von Afrika 1995* (Aerogramme Catalog of Africa), by Klaus Muller & Werner Wiegand. Published by EAPC, Stuttgart, Germany, 1995. A5 size, 192 pp., soft cover. US\$21 plus \$3 surface postage. Available from AEROPHIL, 5 Maison du Vigneron, CH1266 Duillier (Vaud), Switzerland.

This publication is a compilation of the previous catalogs of Aerogrammes of Africa, which were in three separate volumes. This now covers the aerogrammes of all African countries from Egypt to Central African Republic (spelled Agypten - Zentralafrikanische Republik in German).

Shown is each different type of air letter or aerogramme issued by each country, a brief description listing the value, colors, size, etc., and a catalog price of each is given in German marks for mint and used. Military air letters are also included.

The text is in German, but it will be easy to understand with the aid of a German dictionary. Review by Kendall C. Sanford, Switzerland.

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Our sincere thanks to member Peter Whitmore for his recent donation to the Society library. Peter's letter of 26 December 1994, read as follows:

A cocktail party was held earlier in December for committee members of various Natal philatelic societies. This event was hosted by the Post Office, to commemorate 150 years of postal services in Natal. Five hundred booklets were produced for the event. I managed to secure a copy for PSGSA which I enclose herewith.

As received, the sixteen page, hard stock paper publication was issued to celebrate "A proud tradition....." the 150 years of the Kwazulu Natal Post Office." Inside, one finds an excellent narrative chronology, highlighting benchmark date years of postal service development in Natal beginning in 1844. Statistical research data includes the cost of posting a letter during the mid-1880s, number of postal items delivered, number of post offices. The illustrations and photographs are excellent. The remainder of the publication introduces the reader to the South Africa Post Office, its philosophy and services to the consumer.

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## Scott Catalog Input

Each year, during the Fall, the Society assists Scott's in its valuation efforts regarding catalog listings falling within our scope. Reader's specializing in areas within our sphere, Md who would like to provide comments and suggestions to *Scoffs*, should send a letter of interest to the Editor. Tear sheets and valuation process information from Scott's are sent

out to Society valuers during the month of October.

Beginning with this issue, *Forerunners* will be publishing excerpts from previous valuation inputs to Scott's. Comments and reactions from the reader are invited. Please send them to the Editor.

Our entry for this installment deals with valuation comments on the Scott's Zululand section: I have one specific addition to recommend. This is for Scott #12, the ½p green overprinted value. One more variety needs to be added.

It is a recorded fact that there are two distinct types of "period" after the overprint "Zululand", a square or rectangular period and a round period. Is this being too picky? Not at all. I have enclosed for your information, the following references to support this variety - namely the listing for the stamp from the *South African Robemark Catalog and Handbook* (1983 edition) which lists the two types of period. This is accompanied by a page from the Christie's/Robson Lowe sale in England in March this year. I refer to Lots 352 to 359 in which reference is made to "round" and to "square"

stops.

I would accordingly recommend that an additional variety be assigned in the 1995 Scott listing for the square and for the round period. It is difficult to ascertain which is the "normal" period; and with respect to pricing, the Robemark catalog does add a slight premium for the mint rectangular period, but similar used value prices for both types. I would see nothing wrong in providing the same value to both.

There are possibly other areas to review - the constant "shaved Z" of the "Zululand" overprint on the first definitive series which I am still researching; the color varieties of the first overprint series (but since I notice that you do not differentiate shades in your Great Britain listing for this issue, I will not push this area); and it might be worth including, as a "Note", the fact that used Zululand values found with purple or violet cancels are not necessarily revenue strikes as Zululand's rural postal agencies utilized such colored postmarks. Valuator: **Tony Davis**, Canada

## The Back of *YOUR* Book

Editor: R. Timothy Bartshe

BOB (Back of the Book): For Stanley Gibbons these are postage dues and officials and for Scott, semi-postals, airmails, postage dues and officials. I do not know about your "album", but I have a lot of material that does not fall into any of these categories; material that is fun, interesting and necessary to round out any well-balanced collection.

This is the first of a new section to be included in each issue of *Forerunners*. The Editor has been "calling" for this in the classifieds for too long, and frankly, I got tired of seeing it! Besides, this is impetus to write about all of those little neglected pieces that we run across every now and then. What I hope to accomplish in this column now and in the future, is to present material not generally covered by major catalogs and album makers and give a little background, where possible as to their usage. This section of *Forerunners* will be as big and interesting as the readers want it to be. By sending in any interesting oddments from your collection with or without any comments, you can contribute to the expansion of our collective knowledge of the obscure. This can include, but not be limited to, railway stamps or forms, telegraph stamps or forms, revenues, officials, perfins, Easter/Christmas labels and exhibition labels. Be it bits and pieces or feature articles, this column is meant to be a forum for the unusual, the bizarre, the neglected little pieces of paper that are found in kiloware and old collections. Please send your "little pieces of ephemera" to me for inclusion in the next issue: 13955 West 30th St., Golden, CO 80401 USA. This first installment is a pair of proving pieces shown in figures 1a, 1b and 1c. "A proving piece?" you may ask, a proving piece for what?!

These two pieces, one showing 5 x 2d Transvaal and the

other a single 2d and 8 x 3d Transvaal both stuck on what appears to be a mailing label for a parcel post package. Both are canceled by the parcel post cancel "D N", Putzel No. 238x, indicating probable interprovincial usage of Transvaal stamps in Durban, Natal. A little closer examination of these Transvaal stamps shows a series of holes punched into the stamps (Fig. 2), but not affecting the mailing label. This was obviously done prior to the use of these adhesives on the parcels and are known as **PERFINS**.

Perfins are a series of holes mechanically perforated through postal adhesives by companies and government agencies for security purposes. It is assumed that employees would be reticent to use company property for personal use if it had the company name punched in it. Many major South African companies that did mass or bulk mailings used this security system during the first few decades of this century. The Perfins Club, USA wrote a handbook which included their description of the perfins used in South Africa. In this work, some 123 commercial perfins are illustrated, and where possible, linked to the company that produced them. I assume that the identification of the companies was accomplished in the same manner that I have identified the makers of these items illustrated here.

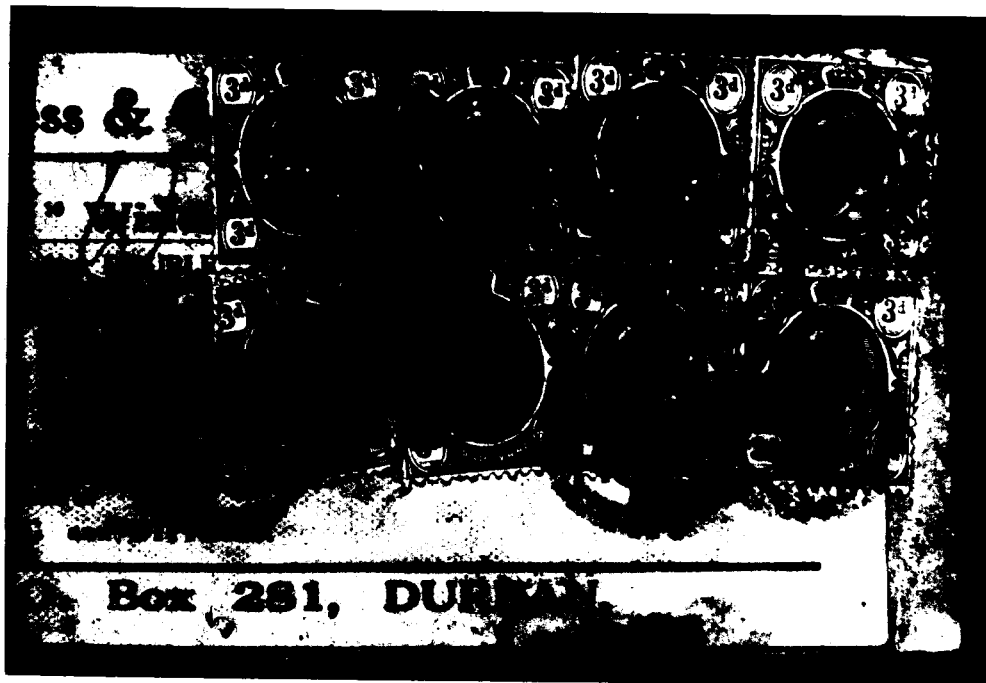
Careful examination of the series of holes yields the initials "MC". The mailing label describes the mechanical parts and workings of a windmill with an illustration of same under the stamps when viewed by strong light. To the back of the label is affixed an Inland Parcel Post label with instructions "This label is to be affixed to parcels intended for delivery in the Union of South. . . Protectorate, and Southern and NorthWestern Rhodesia" bilingually. **"Caution."** - No letter or

other article chargeable with a higher rate of postage may... postal parcel. Contravention of this provision renders the sender liable to prosecution." Finally, "NOTE.--Parcels for Bechuanaland Protectorate and S. & N.W. Rhodesia. . . Customs Form 'E' No. 179." Handstamped in violet is the name "MALCOMESS & Co./Durban:". This now becomes a "proving piece" for the identification of the "MC" perfin unidentified in the Perfin Club manual.

Now comes the real problem so often faced by collectors of

everything, where does this piece fit? Do we place it in our cancellation collection, either for Natal or Interprovincial Period, postal history section as an example of parcel postage rates and forms or in our perfin collection, which by the way is far short of the 123 examples shown by the Perfin Club publication? This is just an example of the little goodies that reside in all of our collections, so start digging and come up with some interesting BOB material to send in for inclusion next time. Let me hear from you, Tim.

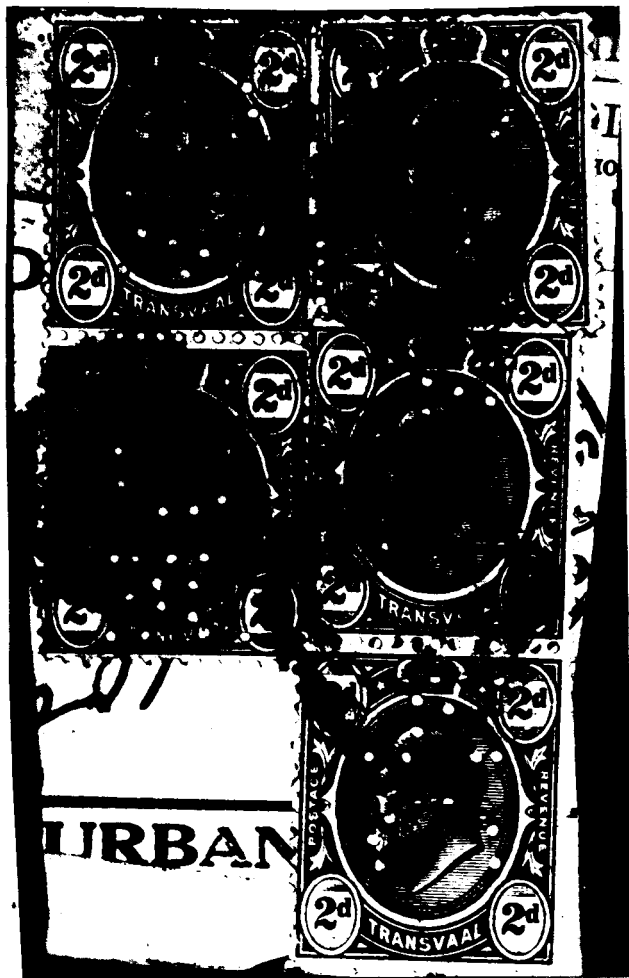
**Figure 1a.** Piece with 8 x 3d + 2d Transvaal used in Durban with dumb parcel post cancel.



**Figure 1b.** Reverse of Figure 1a showing parcel post form and "Malcomess & Co" handstamp.



**Figure 1c.** Similar piece with 5 x 2d Transvaal, clearly showing the "MC" - perfin in reverse.



**Figure 2.** Tracing in actual size of perfin used by Malcomess & Co., Durban



### **LATE ARRIVAL - Society. to Expand Membership Services!!!**

New member from San Francisco, Don Campbell, has graciously volunteered to take on the responsibility as Membership Database Manager for PSGSA.

As the reader has been aware, this project has been in the offing for quite some time. Don will computerize all of the information provided on the application form of each former and present member.

The Society and individual members will benefit when the system is fully functional. First of all, a member will be able to ask for a list of all members who collect the same thing they do, e.g., Natal. Secondly, membership data will be used to help in our marketing strategies in the areas of membership recruitment and soliciting paid commercial advertising. Thirdly, we will be able to put together a list of members who have indicated special skills and/or an interest in serving on the Board or a committee. Fourth, we will be able to list out all members who have indicated an interest in being reviewers for the Publications Program. Individual membership data will not be made available to commercial advertisers to assure that confidentiality is maintained.

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