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Editorial Notes

This issue has slightly been delayed due to the collision of the
preparation of an exhibit for our local show here in Sacramento
and the deadline for Forerunners. Now my exhibit of the postal
stationery registration envelopes of the Bechuanalands is ready
and so is the Forerunners as you can see. This issue is again
packed with interesting and long lasting information. We have

again an article describing new and old postmark discoveries by Werner Seeba including Tristan Da Cunha examples. Jan Stolk continues his expose of South African tax marks. Robin Pelteret discusses a 1905 cash receipt issued by the Transvaal Leader (a newspaper). Peter Lodoen (our only Botswana member) wonders about what we would know if stamps just could talk and takes his starting point in a Natal newspaper wrapper originally shown on the front of Forerunners #56. Ashley Cotter-Cairns tells us about what he learned when he looked into the background of a cover in his collection. Chris Miller describes a WW2 Christmas card mailed from Umtali in Southern Rhodesia to USA. Finally but not least, Keith Klugman describes Natal and New Republic combination covers between 1886 and 1888. He includes a list of all known covers and also attempts to illustrate them all. The article will continue in the next issue. Hopefully there should be something for everybody in this issue.

In the last issue I discussed the possibility of changing the look and style of the Forerunners to save money. Unfortunately I received very few (=ZERO) responses and have for the time being canned the idea. Our acting treasurer also has assured me that the society can handle the expenses associated with the current design and production method.

The last issue (#58) was printed in 130 copies of each 40 pages for mailing to 110 addresses of which only 93 are paying members (the remaining are exchange and library copies and life members). The total production price was \$410 or \$4.23 per copy. The postal rates have changed since last issue. It now cost US \$1.48, Canada \$1.93, and rest of the world \$4.50 to mail a standard Forerunners of 4-5 ounces. The breakdown of destinations is USA 60, Canada 7, Australia 2, South Africa 17, Botswana 1, UK 14, Germany 3, Belgium 1, Holland 2, Denmark 2, and Norway 1. The total mailing expense is thus \$291. The SA group is mailed to Brian Dennis as Global Priority flat rate package at \$37. Brian's expenses was about R100. This breaks down to a total of \$3.25 per paying member and is still a significant saving compared to direct mailing to South Africa. Jan Stolk has for a long time done the remailing to the European members, but is no longer able to do this. We are thus looking for somebody - preferably located in the UK - that will be able to assist the Society with this important matter. The yearly expenses break down to about \$21 Society expenses associated with the Journal respectively of mailing address. Our acting treasurer Bob Hisey has looked at the numbers and has assured me that our finances are sound and that no drastic changes in the way Forerunners is produced and mailed are needed.

The main threat to our Society is definitely our failure to locate a US member willing to take on the function as Society

Treasurer. As Editor I know perhaps better than any that the livelihood of our Society and Journal are at risk. Without the updated mailing lists and the checks that pay for our journal, there will be no Forerunners in the future. Therefore, please consider again to volunteer for this very important function. I think I can say that it is not a highly specialized accountant that we are looking for. Just the little attention to details like the kind of attention that you daily give to your stamp collection!

We have lost another advertiser with this issue and badly needs your help with locating potential advertisers.

The deadline for the next issue will be February 15, 2008. Please let me have your contributions - small or large - as soon as possible.

Corrections

Typos and other errors cannot be avoided despite our best intentions. The worst typo in Forerunners is probably 'HOT' instead of 'HUT' in the title of an article about hut tax and hut tax tokens. Fortunately, the Editor wrote it himself and cannot blame it on anybody. Despite so obvious it survived several proof readings.

Two errors occurred in the article in #56 (p. 29-31) by Rob-in Pelteret on Burmester of Cape Town.

BURMEISTER in the title should be spelt without 'i'.

WITWATERSRAAND is without 'aa' (wit = white, waters = waters, rand = ridge).

Society Affairs

The Forerunners is the official journal of the Philatelic Society for Greater Southern Africa. The journal is published three times per year for the periods July/October, November/February, and March/June. Subscription to the Forerunners is included in the membership fees to the Philatelic Society for Greater Southern Africa (PSGSA). The membership fees are \$25 to North America and \$30 by air to Europe and southern Africa. A sample copy of Forerunners is available from the Editor for \$9. Presentation issue can be freely downloaded together with application form from psgsa.thestampweb.com. Advertising rates can be found in the Market Place section. Payment options are (1) check drawn on a US bank and made payable to PSGSA, (2) £ Sterling bank draft at current exchange rate with 'payee' left blank, (3) US \$ or £ Sterling bank notes at the current exchange rates and mailed at the sender's own risk, or (4) Paypal to the Society Treasurer at bobhisey@comcast.net. All membership fees and other payments should be mailed directly to the Treasurer. All communications about membership, subscriptions, publications, activities, and services of the Society should be sent to the Secretary.

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Back issues of the Forerunners are in stock and available for purchase. These are listed by whole number: #1-4, 6-9, 11-17, 22-27, 28/29,* and 30-57. The price per copy is #1-3, \$2; #4, \$4, #6-11, \$3; #12-13, \$4; #14-15, \$5; #16-17, \$6; #22-27, \$7; #28/29, \$10; #30-33, \$7; #34-59, \$9. Prices include shipping by lowest rate. Many back issues only exist in few remaining copies. Send orders to the Editor together with payment. * Combined as a British Africa Anthology with articles from 15 speciality groups celebrating PSGSA's 10th Anniversary during PACIFIC 97.

Instructions for Manuscript Submissions

Manuscripts should be sent to the appropriate member of the Editorial Board or directly to one of the Editors. Electronic versions of submissions are preferred either embedded in an email message, email attachments or on a floppy disk or CD. MS Word files are preferred. Avoid complex tables, unless in text format. Illustrations should be scanned at least at 150 dpi and submitted in tif, gif, or jpg formats. Illustrations should not be embedded in manuscript files. Contact the Editors if you have any questions and your submission requires special attention. Needless to say, good old fashioned typed or written manuscripts and photocopies can still be submitted and are most welcome.



President's Corner

Greetings once again from Ontario, where we have had a very strange summer, with everyone's lawn looking like a disaster area – lots of sunshine but very little rain. I managed to get two golf games in but played horribly – I can blame it on the knees!

One problem our society is currently experiencing is the lack of ability to find a new treasurer as a replacement for Bob Hisey, who has expressed on a number of occasions his desire to step down. We have a fairly large membership and the job of treasurer is not very onerous. I speak from experience, as I served as treasurer for the Biology Unit of the American Topical Association for a number of years and for the Toronto Entomologists Association for nearly 30 years! During my tenure in those two positions, I never experienced any problem that was not of a relatively simple nature. The only requirement from both organizations was to produce a report at the end of each fiscal year, which was easily done using a simple ledger system. I am appealing now for one of our members to step forward and give Bob a break. He has served us well for a long time and it would be very difficult for the society to continue without someone to look after the finances.

On a more pleasant note, I received an e-mail the other day from a collector in Alberta, asking for information on the King George V stamps of South Africa and the Postal Orders issued by the Orange Free State. The first question was pretty straightforward and I was able to offer advice. The second was a little more difficult until I remembered an article in a recent copy of *Forerunners*. This was contributed by Richard Solly from the UK, who had included his e-mail address, so I was able to give my Canadian contact the information to assist him. This indicates one of the values of being a member of a specialist group.

I have been working hard lately in my capacity as Exhibits Chairman for the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada show coming up on October 12 to 14 here in Toronto, something I have done before and really enjoy, since it creates many contacts with other enthusiastic exhibitors. This show is going to be challenging for the jury, as we have three hundred and forty-four frames, with only fifty or so in the Court of Honor and numerous categories of exhibit, including thirty single-frame displays.

On that note, I must sign off, as I have to make seven sets of copies of some forty score sheets to send to the jury members by tomorrow's post. Until next time...

Leamington Spa Conference

The Leamington Spa Conference is a joint conference held in early November each year and attended by members of British specialist societies with a philatelic interest in the geographical area of Southern Africa. It has proved highly successful, not only for its extremely relaxed social atmosphere, but for the very high quality of the lectures and displays provided. In the past it has been attended by a hard core of various society members, all of whom seem to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Although the PSGSA is not part of the background group, our members will no doubt be welcome. Contact the editor if you need to get in touch with one of the participating societies.

The Future of Our Society and the Search for New Treasurer

It should no longer be a secret that our Society is searching for a new Treasurer. So far nobody has come forward. The future of our society is at stake if we fail to find a replacement to Bob Hisey, who has served well in this capacity for very long time.

A recent news article in Linn's (July 23, 2007, p. 10) makes this possibility a real threat. The chilling story is that the members of the Philatelic Computing Study Group voted this summer to disband their society by 95 votes for and 35 against (nearly 50% of the membership). The article quotes the editor of the Study Circles newsletter with saying: "Over the past year officers have been trying to find members willing to contribute time for the organization for several proposed projects even including just maintaining the web site. No one stepped forward... Given the total lack of anyone stepping forward, the board decided to pool the group as a referendum." A recent editorial in the group's newsletter read "Our membership is stagnant, trending downward slowly. With only 257 members right now, at what point is our membership too small to be a formal APS affiliate with all of the trappings of a viable group? We have not been able to stimulate activity among our members. There is some individual work underway, but nothing that really requires 'our' oversight .. On one hand, I am sorry to see any philatelic group disband. On the other hand, there is no reason to exist if there is no reason to exist."

Does this sound like the Philatelic Society for Greater Southern Africa? A few board members put a lot of effort into making our society functioning. Our long-time Treasurer needs to retire and a replacement is required in order to secure our Society and the Forerunners.

Bob Hisey has after many years of services expressed a wish to 'retire' as society treasurer and to concentrate on his Orange Free State Philately books. Bob has left us in healthy financial condition. Please come forward if you are able to taking over this most important society function.

Address Changes

All address and email changes should be reported to Bob Hisey to be properly corrected on the membership list. This will assure arrival of the Forerunners in the mail without delay. However, if you want your new address and email also to be included in the Forerunners, please advise the editor.

Jeffrey and Lys Ann Weiss's new address is P.O. Box 630, East Machias ME 04630.

Jan Stolk new email address is jan.stolk@telenet.be.

Bob Taylor's email address is inactive. Can anybody supply his current address.

The correct address for Philatelistische Bibliothek of the Muenchner Stadtbibliothek is Rosenheimerstr. 5, 81667 Muenchen, Germany. Email is stb.phil.kult@muenchen.de and website can be found at www.muenchner-stadtbibliothek.de/philatelistische-bibliothek.

2006-2007 Dues

Its that time of year again. As you may remember, our year runs from July through June, so Dues for the year 2007/2008 are now due. As a matter of fact, they were due in July, but we are running a bit behind this year. Please excuse the lateness of this notice. Rest assured, you will receive this issue, whether or not I have received your dues.

Dues remain unchanged from last year in spite of radical increases in mailing costs. So now we have only two rates: USA \$25. Rest of World by Air \$30. The economical air rate for Europe and Africa is due to the work of our members Jan Stolk in the Netherlands and Brian Dennis in South Africa who receive in bulk and re-mail.

As always, we can receive payment by US check (payable to PSGSA), UK cheque (payable to R. W. Hisey), Paypal to bobbhisey@comcast.net, or cash at your risk in dollars.

Please keep us up to date on your email and mail addresses. If you have already paid and get this letter by my mistake, I apologize; just let me know so I can keep the books straight.

I hope some one will step up and take this job, as advancing age is making it difficult to do the job right. Just let President Alan Hanks know, or reply to me.

Philatelically yours, Bob Hisey, Temporary Treasurer

Show Reports

Ron Strawser received a VERMEIL at Westpex 2007 in San Francisco for 'Postal Stationery of the Mozambique Company.'

Guy Dillaway won the grand award and GOLD at Manpex 2007 for 'Weston. Massachusetts, Postal History, 1812-1900.'

Tim Bartshe received GOLD for a one-frame exhibit of the 'Vurtheim Enschede Postcard of Tranvaal' also at Manpex in Manchester, Conn. **Tim Bartshe** received the grand award and GOLD at Colopex in Ohio for 'Orange Free Settings of the VRI Overprints 1900.' **Bruce Petersen** received GOLD at Napex 2007 for 'Anglo-Boer War Prison Camp Mail.' **John Blakemore** got BRONZE at Stampshow 2007 in Portland for 'Stamps pf British East Africa, 1890-1903.' **Forerunners** got SILVER in the literature contest also at Stampshow. Not a great southern Africa showing at Stampshow 2007.

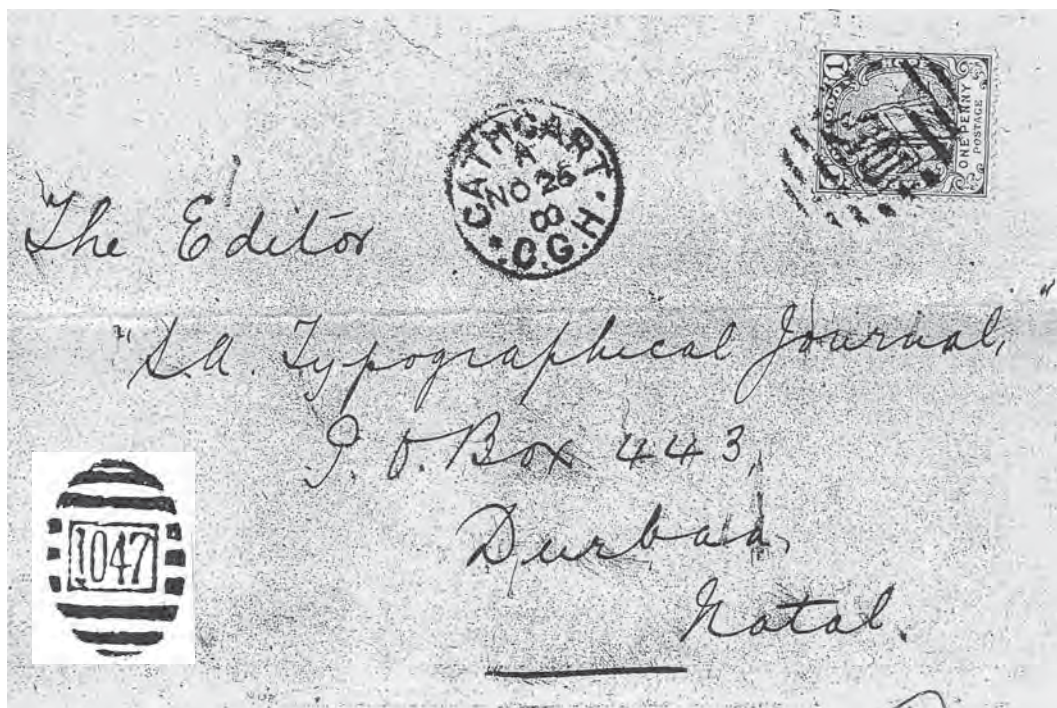
Silver to Forerunners

The Forerunners was awarded a well deserved SILVER at Stampshow 2007 in Portland. Congratulations to all our regular and occasional contributors that have maintained the high standard of our journal for year after year. See the inner back page for details.

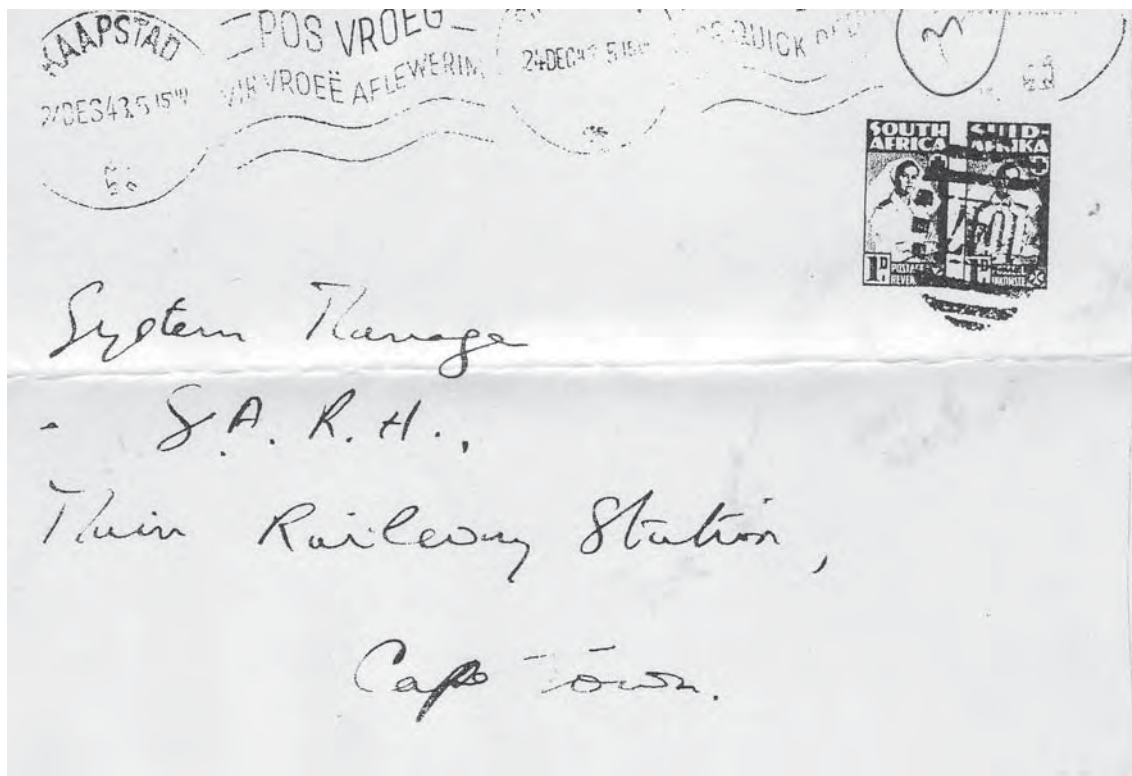
New and Old Postmark Discoveries

by Werner Seeba

BONC 1047 was according to Frescura and Nethersole (1991) first used at Cathcart between 1899 and 1902. Sometime after having been returned to the General Post Office's Stores in Cape Town, it appears to have found usages at the Cape Town Post Office, typically applied to the incoming South Atlantic mail. Here is shown some examples of BONC 1047.



BONC 1047 used at Cathcart November 26, 1900, on letter to Durban.



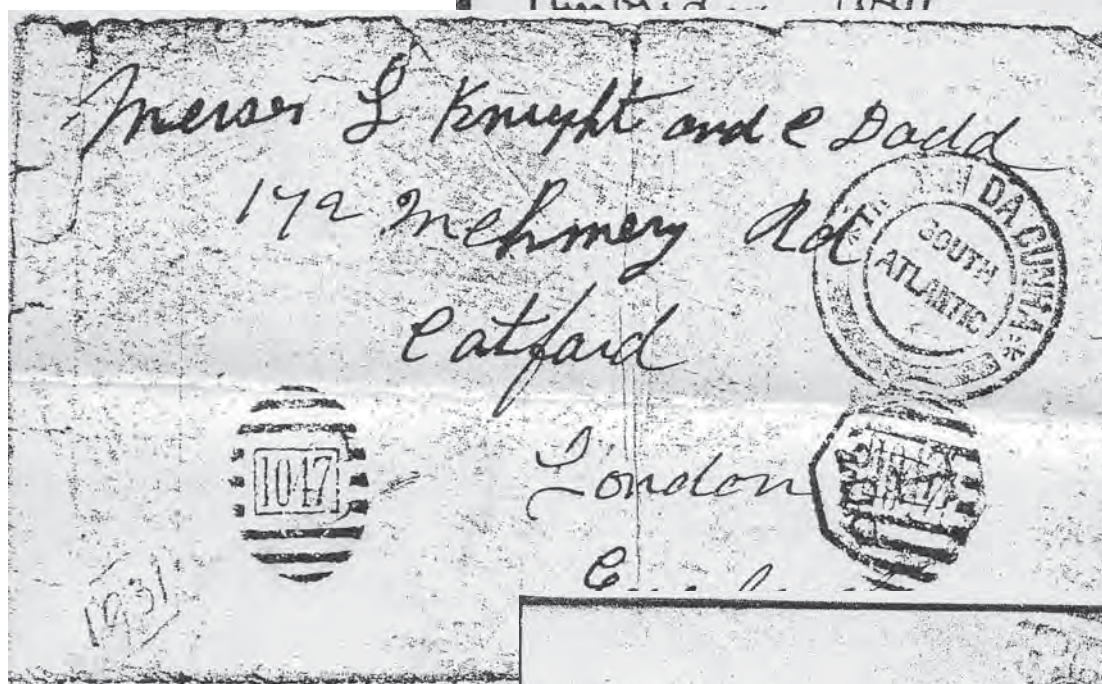
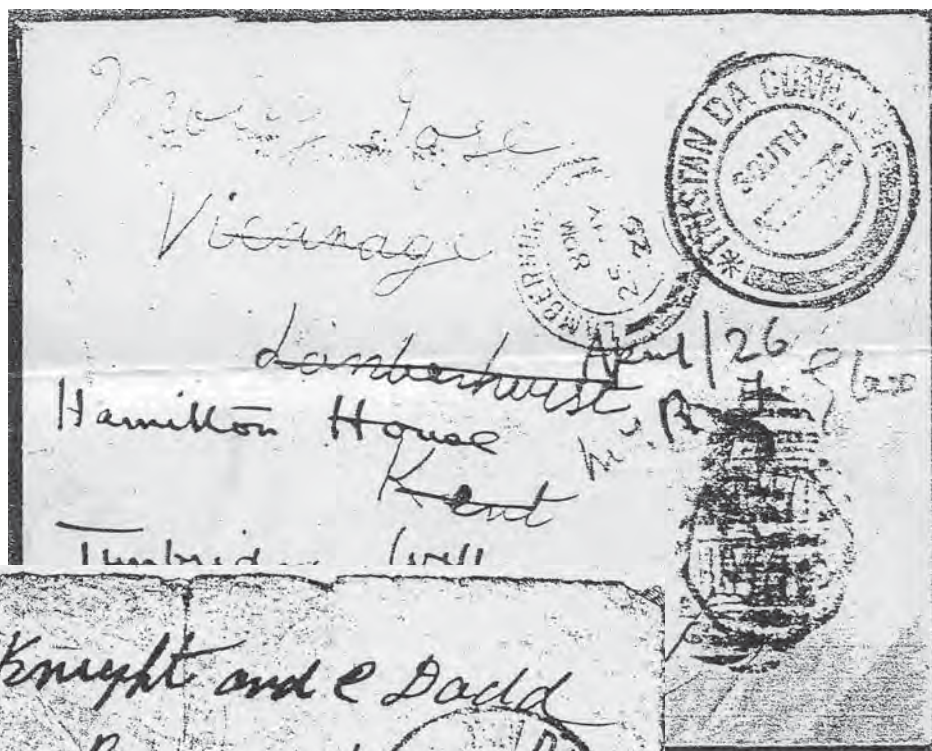
Late use of BONC 1047 on local Cape Town letter. Cape Town sorting centers roller cancel dated 24 December, 1943, appears to have missed the stamp that was perhaps later cancelled by BONC 1047.



Late usage of BONC 1047. Many cases have been recorded over the years by collectors that the Post Office had made late use of BONC defacers to cancel stamps. This was done in Pretoria, Cape Town, and Johannesburg and other centers presumably to cancel stamps that had escaped machine cancellation or for other reason not yet determined. It is known that BONC 1 and 2 were used in Johannesburg and Pretoria and BONC 1047 was used in Cape Town. Usage has been intermittent. Later usage has not been observed and it is thought that these defacers have been finally withdrawn in the late 40s.

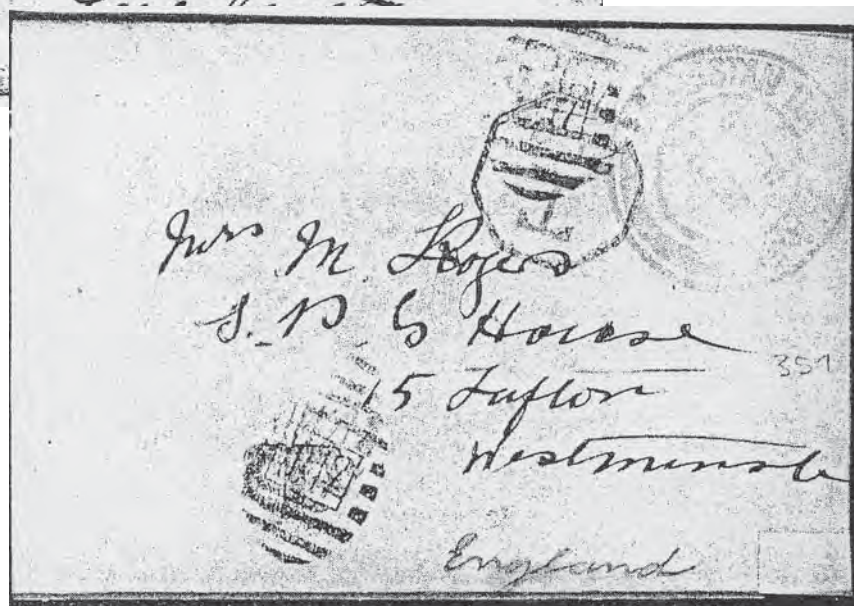
Examples of BONC 1047 applied to letters from Tristan Da Cunha.

Stampless commercial cover to England with the undated 'Tristan Da Cunha - South Atlantic' cachet. Port Elizabeth canceller on the reverse dated 3 May 1926 and UK arrival mark on front. Tax mark appears to have been obliterated by BONC 1047 probably in Cape Town.



1931 cover from Tristan Da Cunha to London. Tax mark has been obliterated by BONC 1047.

1926 cover from Tristan Da Cunha to Westminster, England. South African 20c tax mark again obliterated by BONC 1047. Transit mark on the reverse at Port Elizabeth dated 3 May, 1926.



Pretoria Pushed Out of History by a New Name

Pretoria, the capital of South Africa, is no more. Its city council, controlled by the African National Congress (ANC), announced last week that it will henceforth be known as Tshwane (Ch-wa-nee).

White residents are bitter about the change in a city named in 1855 after one of the greatest of trekker heroes, Andries Pretorius. Many point out that capital cities are seldom renamed and the precedent of Salisbury becoming Harare is hardly a happy one.

Pretoria played a key role in British imperial history. It served as the capital of the Transvaal Republic, headed by the Boer leader Paul Kruger, and presided over the world's richest gold mines. As such, it defied the might of the empire for decades, to the fury of Cecil Rhodes, Sir Alfred Milner and Joseph Chamberlain, the architects of the Anglo-Boer war.

It was here, when guerrilla war continued after apparent British victory, that Lord Kitchener instituted concentration camps for Boer women and children, forcing the Boer leaders to Pretoria to surrender finally in 1902.

As capital of the country's economic heart, the city almost automatically became the capital of the new united South Africa. It houses the University of Pretoria - the country's largest, which has no plans to change its name - and is also the country's rugby capital.

Black opinion seems unanimous in favour, although almost nobody knows that Tshwane was the name of an African chief and means "we are all the same".

Some black residents wrongly assert that "it was Tshwane before it was Pretoria" and that Pretoria was "the old apartheid name".

The real reason for the new title is that Pretoria and the Northern Transvaal, of which it was part, were home to many

of the most rigid apartheid ideologues, so that losing the name Pretoria has symbolic value for the local ANC.

Initially, Tshwane was set up as a wider metropolitan authority and Pretoria was retained as the name of the city, just as eThekweni is now the metropolitan area around the city of Durban and Nelson Mandela is the metropole around Port Elizabeth (no one dares to suggest changing the names of Johannesburg or Cape Town).

Now the city council has ruled and tempers are running high, with resisters threatening to tear down the new signs. The one thing that seems certain is that the cheerful message "we are all the same" is going to be thoroughly disavowed.

This news note appeared in the Sunday Times, Aug 5, 2007, under the title 'Pretoria pushed out of history by a new name' and was contributed by R.W. Johnson, Cape Town.

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More Circular Tax Marks

by Jan Stolk

Except for the circular T marks with numbers (either normal or Roman), this is the last chapter on circular T markings. The T marks with numbers have been published in Forerunners and other philatelic magazines in the past; I will list these in the last instalment adding additional information. Not only on circular ones, but on different shaped ones as well.







Again I have to thank Werner K. Seeba and Michael Furfie for supplying me with information from their collection or from covers offered in various auctions. Also support is now coming from Steve Wells; he is editor of the newsletter for the Postage Due Mail Study Group in the UK.







I am sure many more of this last type will be added to the listing, mainly post offices of usage will be added as many vary only little from each other and are hard to identify as a different







marking. The easiest way is to photocopy the cover on thin paper and cover the listed marking with the copy to see if it differs. But often older markings wear through the years and look a little different after many years of usage.




Also not mentioned in my listings are the different colours of the markings as some post offices seem to use different colours of ink through the years. In the past only black and occasionally red was used, but now we see different shades of red and purple as well. In future all listings will be updated and colours will be added to the listing.

After the unframed T markings a more interesting field of markings will follow, these are markings stating the reason of tax; over weight, posted out of course; size of envelope not within standard limits etc. After these markings the labels will follow.

P.D.MARKING	SIZE	USED AT	EARLIEST DATE	LATEST DATE
 TB 39	D = 27 mm	Empangeni	01.07.1988	01.07.1988
 TB 40	D = 21 mm	Durban North	1988	
 TB 41	D = 27 mm	Carletonville	06.05.1986	06.05.1986
 TB 42	D = 27 mm	Fordsburg	01.07.1984	01.07.1984
 TB 43	D = 27 mm	Pietersburg	01.05.1984	09.04.1988
 TB 44	D = 30 mm	Randfontein	24.05.1985	24.05.1985

P.D.MARKING	SIZE	USED AT	EARLIEST DATE	LATEST DATE
 TB 45	D = 27 mm	Johannesburg	08.04.1966	25.02.1974
 TB 46	D = 27 mm	Durban	1992	13.06.1996
 TB 47	D = 28 mm	Escourt	19.11.1984	19.11.1984
 TB 48	D = 28 mm	Ixopo	05.04.1986	05.04.1986
 TB 49	D = 27 mm	Sasolburg	21.04.1995	21.04.1995
 TB 50	D = 27 mm	Pietersburg Bronkhorstspuit	01.05.1984	06.07.2001

P.D.MARKING	SIZE	USED AT	EARLIEST DATE	LATEST DATE
 TB 51	D = 28 mm	Nigel	03.04.1984	03.04.1984
 TB 52	D = 26 mm	East London	01.05.1999	06.10.2000
 TB 53	D = 26 mm	Westonaria	03.05.1984	03.05.1984
 TB 54	D = 28 mm	Witbank	10.04.1984	10.04.1984
 TB 55	D = 27 mm	Pietersburg	12.04.1989	12.04.1989
 TB 56	D = 27 mm	Potchefstroom	14.07.2001	14.07.2001

P.D.MARKING	SIZE	USED AT	EARLIEST DATE	LATEST DATE
 TB 57	D = 28 mm	Berlin	07.07.74	07.07.74
 TB 58	D = 24 mm	ex-Allen		
 TB 59	D = 28 mm	George	28.06.1945	28.06.1945

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The Postal Stationery of the Bechuanaland and Botswana

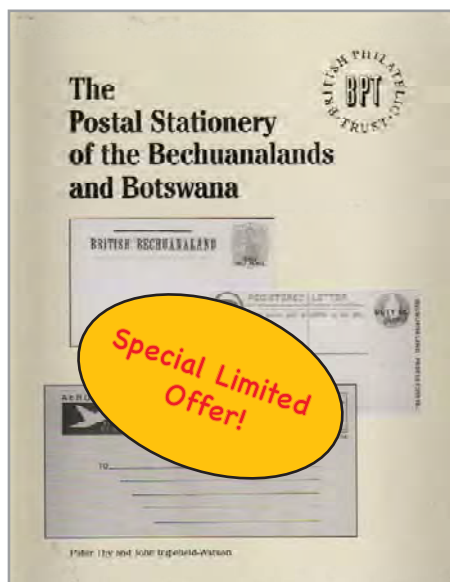
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The Transvaal Leader

by Robin Pelteret

My previous article Mafeking “good fors” and 1d. revenue surcharge [Forerunners 2007, no. 57, p. 48-50] refers.

Recently, whilst examining the papers of a deceased estate in the State Archives, Pretoria, I came across a cash receipt issued by the Transvaal Leader in 1905 (illustration). The Revenue Stamp immediately caught my eye and I thought that it may be of interest. Unfortunately, I have no expertise in this regard so am unable to furnish any information related thereto. As a sop though, I have written some notes on the Transvaal Leader which may compensate.

It was not until the discovery of gold at Pilgrim’s Rest in 1873 and later Barberton in 1884 that the commercial possibilities of developing a newspaper and printing industry in the Transvaal were seriously explored. Amongst the welter of publications that followed were the Transvaal Leader and the Star.

In 1899, Sir (James) Percy FitzPatrick was instrumental in founding the Johannesburg morning newspaper, the Transvaal Leader. As with much of the English language press in South Africa at that time, it was financed by Rhodes and Wernher-Beit and Company seemingly with the objective of stirring dissent, through which it was hoped to further the capitalist ends of the mining lobby and imperialistic ambitions of Britain.

In the months preceding the onset of the Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902), the provocative editorial styles of Robert Joshua Pakeman of the Transvaal Leader, and William F Money Penny of the Star were impertinent and profound. Methuen was to write that “the South African Press became a manufactory of outrages” for, determined to force the war issue of Milner and Rhodes by any means, Uitlanders’ grievances and countless small points of friction perpetually were magnified out of all proportion.

Seemingly as a *ruse de guerre* intended to rattle the cages of the Uitlander body, and citing as his rationale “fragrant and provocative untruths”, JC Smuts, then State Attorney in the

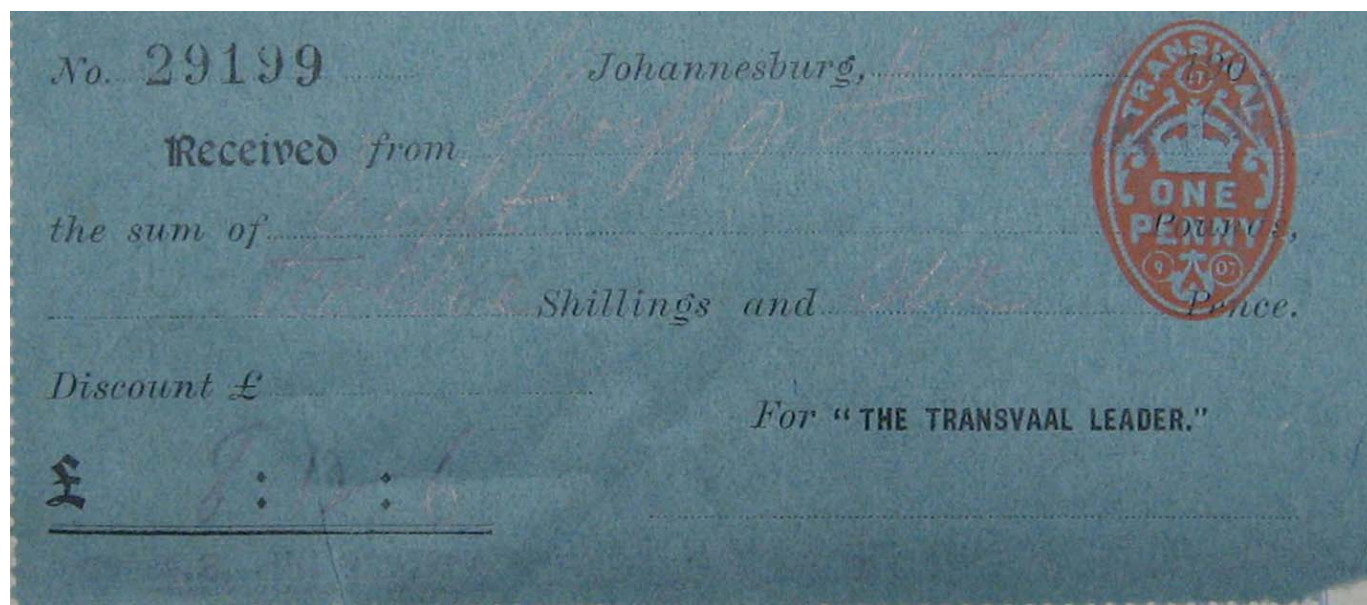
Kruger government, amongst others ordered the arrest of the two editors. William F Money Penny, prewarned, avoided arrest but Pakeman did not. This action caused such an outcry that Smuts, totally unabashed, subsequently publicly distanced himself from it. Pakeman was to die in 1906.

From early 1906 through to 1909, Mahatma Gandhi used the columns of the Transvaal Leader to communicate to the authorities and the populous at large that the British Indian community of the Transvaal “simply demand(ed) the most elementary of civil rights of its government”. Curiously, in January 1908, JC Smuts had Albert Cartwright, then editor of the Transvaal Leader, act as his agent and visit Gandhi whilst in jail in order to represent his views. The rest is history and too long to recount here.

When established, the Transvaal Leader took over the plant from the defunct Johannesburg Times. In 1902, the newspaper was bought by the Cape Town-based Cape Times and survived until 1914 when, in terms of a friendly agreement struck with the Rand Daily Mail, it closed.

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If Stamps Could Talk

by Peter Lodoen

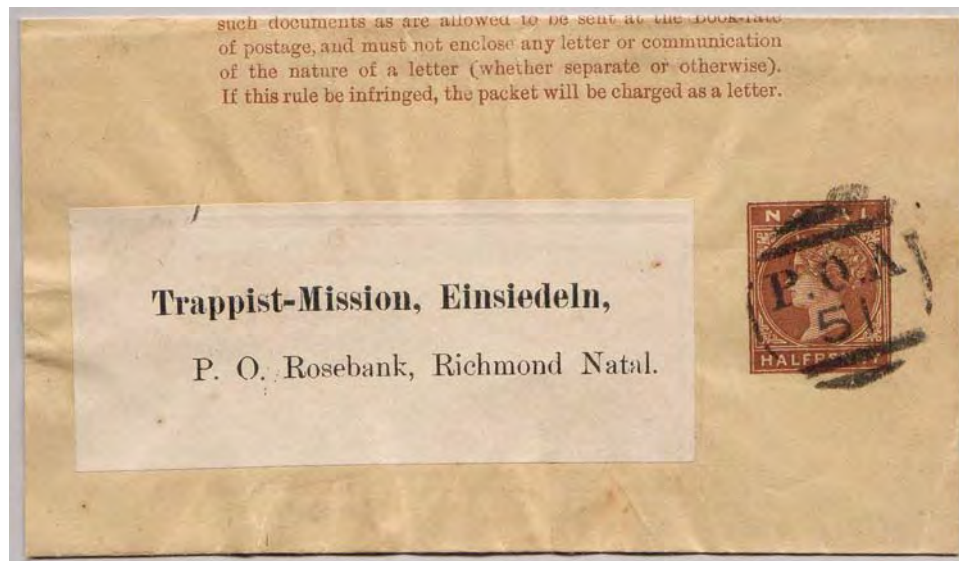


Figure 1. Natal newspaper wrapper used from P.O.A. 51 to PO Rosebank, Natal.

The halfpenny newspaper wrapper pictured here (Figure 1) may appear unpretentious, but it has both philatelic and historical tales to tell.

Most recently the little wrapper traveled from the stock of South African stamp dealer Wolfgang Meiss of South Africa into my hands in Botswana. Subsequently, it journeyed over the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean to Minnesota in the USA. Its ultimate prepublication voyage took it across the North American continent to California and the collection of our Editor. Finally, some 100 years after it served its nearly forgotten postal purposes, the wrapper came into a brief moment of philatelic glory as a *Forerunners* cover illustration.¹



Figure 2. Drawing of P.O.A. 51.

A century ago the wrapper carried printed papers from Mariannhill, situated in the foothills of the Drakensberg in Natal to another Natal address at the Rosebank post office near Richmond. We know it came from Mariannhill because its Queen Victoria imprint stamp is cancelled 'P.O.A 51' (Figure 2).

A description of Mariannhill as a tiny mission outpost of the little known Trappist order would seriously understate its significance. Mariannhill's progressive approach to educational and vocational development enabled it to grow into the world's foremost institution of its kind.¹

In 1902, twenty years after the founding of the original monastery, the growing town of Mariannhill opened its own postal agency, and was accorded the circular numeral canceller 'P.O.A. 51.' It cannot have been long thereafter – Edward VII had already succeeded Victoria on the English throne – that the wrapper carried a mission publication to a related mission at Einsiedeln near Rosenbank. Mariannhill had by then assumed the role of flagship station for catholic missions up and down the southeastern region of Africa.



Figure 3. Location map showing Mariannhill, Richmond, and Rosebank.³

The wrapper's Queen Victoria design bears perfect resemblance to the contemporary stamped postcard, and a strong resemblance to the one-penny postal adhesives of 1874 and 1884 (Figure 4).

The P.O.A. barred circular canceller was similar to many cancellers used in Natal, including P.O.A. 94 used in Wessenek and P.O.A. 89 in Hartingspruit (Figure 5).

As a map of the world unveils itself in each person's mind, different individuals will see different maps. Politicians will see neatly colored states, ethnologists will see linguistic groups, sailors will see ocean currents, scientists will see global warming,

frequent flyers will see airline routes, Green Peace activists will see disappearing wildlife sanctuaries, and industrialists will see oil and ore reserves.

But philatelic historians will see the world as a map of continents formed by massive amalgamations of numeral cancels, continents where the Mariannhills and La Trappes² of this world are equally as important as the Durbans and the Parises.

1. See Forerunners No. 56, July-October, 2006.

2. See Putzel.

3. Mariannhill is located in Natal, near Pinetown, 15 miles from Durban, and 56 miles from Pietermaritzburg.



Figure 4.



Figure 5. POA 89 Hartingspruit, 51 Mariannhill, 94 Wessenek

The British Association for the Advancement of Science: Tour of South Africa, 1905

by Ashley Cotter-Cairns

There are so many levels on which one can pursue philately that it's a wonder more people aren't fascinated by collecting stamps and postal history. It's never quite shaken off its "boring" tag and, with video games, sophisticated toys and the Internet providing ever more opportunities for the youth of today to distract themselves, that stigma is unlikely to be removed anytime soon.

However, for those of us well and truly bitten by the bug, there is no antidote. My personal poison is postmarks. Whether these come to me on single stamps, blocks, piece, postcards or covers, what I am really looking for is rarity. Something that few to no other people on the planet can possess.

Increasingly, my collection has become a pursuit of stories. Every cover has a story to tell, no matter how dull. It's rare to find covers with contents, so sometimes you have to make what you can of the outside.

Fortunately, on occasion this is relatively straightforward. A point in case is the cover I own posted with BRITISH ASSN O.R.C. September 2nd 1905 datestamps.

What the cover tells us

The cover (Figure 1), a 'Long Tom' oversized envelope, pre-paid postal stationery, is crossed with blue crayon to indicate registered status and franked (correctly, as my research will soon demonstrate) with Orange River Colony definitives of KEVII (Figure 1). The prepayment from the originating office is one half-penny (the pre-printed postal stationery price), plus uprating with adhesives to a total franking of 2s 7d (31 pence).

The cover is addressed to Bedford, England, but apparently was still underpaid, as inexplicably it's uprated en route by two Transvaal definitives for an additional 5d. These are tied BREE STREET B.O. JOHANNESBURG on September 11th, nine days after it was originally mailed.



Figure 1.

There are no tax marks to indicate that the postmaster at Johannesburg believed the cover to be underpaid. However, a clue may be gleaned from the back of the envelope. The receiver/transit mark REGISTERED JOHANNESBURG has been overstruck with the same BREE STREET cancel (Figure 2) and alongside in manuscript the words “No contents” and a signature (of the postmaster?) have been added (Figure 3).

This raises the possibility that the cover was rifled during its journey from the Orange River Colony to Johannesburg, which makes sense when you consider that it was mailed from a special train and took nine days to reach the Transvaal postal HQ, a journey that should have taken considerably less time by railway.

The additional franking of 5d was to send it from Johannesburg to England, where it duly arrived in Bedford on September 30th, according to the receiver mark. Presumably the recipient, one Ruby Bower, would have been mystified to receive an empty, though attractively franked envelope from South Africa!

To find out more about the history of this cover, it was now necessary to set it aside and begin digging for clues.

A blink in history

As ever, I began with the Putzel *magnum opus*, The Encyclopaedia of South African Post Offices and Postal Agencies. I learned that BRITISH ASSN is a contraction of The British Association for the Advancement of Science. In 1905, to celebrate its 75th anniversary, the Association took a tour of South Africa.

Their arrival must have been very welcome, as the authorities in South Africa laid on a special train and provided the Association and special postal cancellers for their various temporary post offices at the tour’s ports of call.

As we’ll see shortly, the trip must have been a true “jolly” in the original sense of the word, as it must have been difficult to justify the fantastic expenses incurred by both the Association and the governments of the former provinces of South Africa.

It’s believed that some delegates traveled by the S.S. Saxon (Figure 4) from Cape Town to Durban, while others traveled on a specially commissioned train to Johannesburg. There, the annual meeting took place at what was then the Transvaal Technical Institute (Figure 5), later the University of the Witwatersrand, after which all delegates joined the train that had been made their exclusive mode of transport for the tour.

The official list in the postal archives of South Africa shows a tour beginning in Cape Town on August 15th, moving onto Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Colenso and Ladysmith, Johannesburg, Bloemfontein and Kimberley, before crossing the border into Rhodesia. There, it called at Bulawayo (twice), Victoria Falls,



Figure 2.

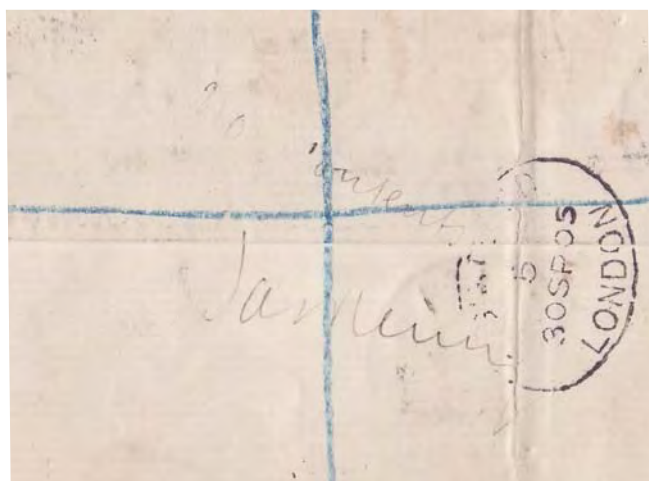


Figure 3. Note week 'found without content' and signature of postmaster.

Salisbury, Umtali and Beira before terminating back in Cape Town on September 17th.

Let's talk about expenses. In Pretoria alone on August 31st, the city council spent five hundred Pounds entertaining the British Association and other guests. I'm no accountant, but that figure sounds suspiciously round! Not to mention an extraordinary sum in 1905.

If you'd like an insight into the current value of that evening of fun and frolics, I found an online calculator that many philatelists will find very interesting. (See resources box for website address.)

In American dollars, the average 2006 price for entertaining the Association and guests would be a shade over \$54,000! Just pause for a moment and consider spending that on an evening's entertainment. Most 'big' weddings cost considerably less.

Out of interest, I ran the franking of 2s 7d through the same calculator. It seems that the current equivalent would be around \$14, which isn't so unreasonable for a registered cover overseas. From this, we may conclude that it was one hell of a party in Pretoria!

The most interesting part of the Putzel entry, as far as this cover was concerned, was the dates during which the Association made its temporary home in the Orange River Colony. According to the official post office archives as reported by Putzel, the temporary

PO was open from September 2nd to 3rd, opened at 8.30am on the 2nd and closed when the Association left Bloemfontein on the 4th.

The total number of registered covers sent from this office was recorded at 37. So the cover in my collection, with a correct date of September 2nd, is one of only 37 originally mailed. How many survive? It's possibly, maybe even likely, that mine is unique.

Putting aside Putzel, I turned to the Internet for more information about the British Association. I found a copy of the actual report written by the Association after the trip. Deadly dull stuff, but it does include hints that the meeting was less well-attended than in previous years, "owing no doubt to the prolonged absence from England entailed by the journey". You can almost sense the old British stiff upper lip quivering as the delegates had to 'make do' with the unusual circumstances during the tour, though in their defense they were suitably impressed with the botany of South Africa.

The British Association for the Advancement of Science still exists. Today, it's a registered charity and concerns itself with a far wider remit than studying the native flora of far-flung lands.

Among its many interesting pages, the website includes a history. It was founded in 1831 with the primary objective of improving scientific knowledge throughout the British empire. One of the highlights of its earliest meetings was the coining of the term "scientist" to refer to those who study science. It also invented the word "dinosaur" in 1841. The annual meetings still take place, though they have been renamed the Festival of Science.

One final note. It's hard to believe that in 2007, the debate about teaching Creationism in schools still rumbles on (especially in America). Here's an extract from the 1860 meeting of the Association at Oxford.

"Darwin's *The Origin of Species* had been published in 1859, but his health was not good enough to allow him to go to the Oxford meeting. T. H. Huxley was there, though, and it was he who so brilliantly debated Darwinism with Samuel Wilberforce, Bishop of Oxford.

"Wilberforce, having refused to regard monkeys as his ancestors, turned to Huxley and asked whether it was through his grandfather or his grandmother that he claimed descent from 'a venerable ape'.

Huxley took the challenge and is reputed to have answered: 'If I am asked whether I would choose to be descended from the poor animal of low intelligence and stooping gait, who grins and chatters as we pass, or from a man, endowed with great ability and splendid position, who should use these gifts to discredit and crush humble seekers after truth, I hesitate what answer to make!'" (One wonders which camp George W. would fall into...).

Truly, philately is a wonderful hobby. It's amazing the journey simple pieces of paper can take us on.

Resources

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Figure 4.



Figure 5.

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Cape International Reply Coupon

by Peter Thy

At the Universal Postal Union Congress in Rome in 1906, a British proposal was accepted to issue reply coupons allowing the prepaid exchange of letters between participating countries. The minimum selling price was the equivalent of 28 gold centimes. A coupon should be exchangeable in any participating country for a stamp valued at the equivalent of 25 gold centimes. The coupons were printed in Switzerland and distributed to the participating countries. The day of issue was planned to be November 1, 1907. An allegorical design was accepted at the Rome Congress and is referred to by philatelist as the 'Rome' design. The Cape of Good Hope was among the countries that choose to participate in the scheme.

Shown here is an example of the 1907 Rome UPU reply coupon issued in Cape Town by a M.O.O. (money order office) cancel dated October 30, 1907. This is a day before the 'official' day of introduction and may be a first day of issue in the Cape.

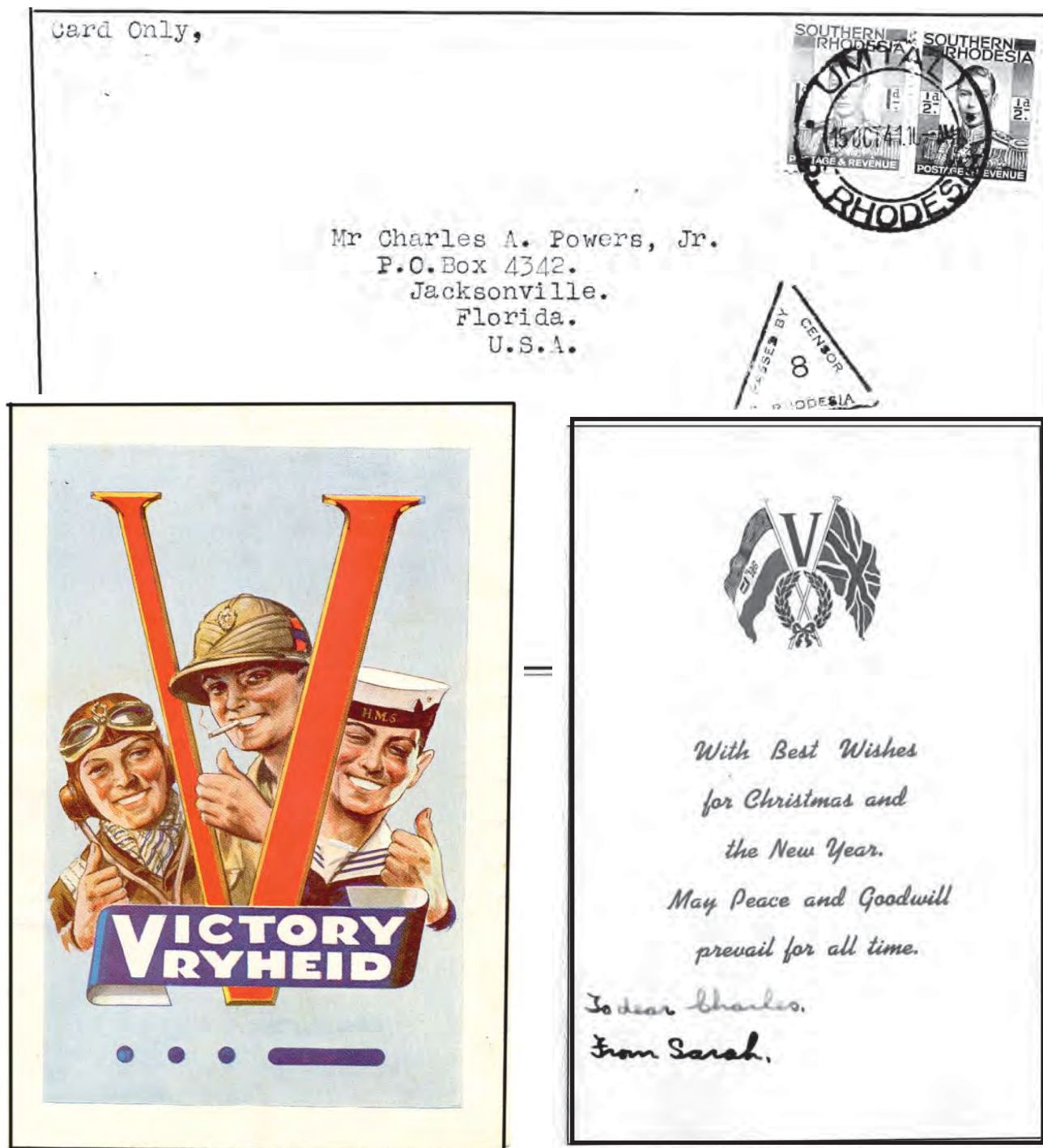


South Africa World War II: Christmas Card

by Chris Miller

Among my recent acquisitions is a cover dated 15 October 1941 at Umtali in Southern Rhodesia. It was used to mail a Christmas card to the United States of America at the card only rate. Of more interest than the cover is the enclosure, which is a patriotic South African Christmas card published by the Newman

Art Publishing Co (Pty.) Ltd of Cape Town. Illustrations are shown of the envelope with normal type IV Southern Rhodesian civil censorship mark together with the front and words inside the card.



Combination Usages of Natal and New Republic Stamps, 1886–1888 (Part 1)

by Keith P. Klugman

Introduction

The New Republic (NR) was a short lived Boer Republic that existed only for three years, but during that time an infrastructure including a functional post office was established. The New Republic was located in northern Zululand and shared borders with Natal and Transvaal. A variety of primitive stamps were issued during this time. Students of these issues will forever be grateful to the late Dr G.H. Jonkers who wrote two fine books on the subject.^{1,2} The NR postage stamps prepaid only local postage so that letters addressed outside the country required either Natal or Transvaal stamps, both of which were available at the Post Office in Vryburg, the capital. Letters via the Transvaal almost always had the Transvaal stamp cancelled in Utrecht, Transvaal, while those via or to Natal had their Natal stamps cancelled at the first Natal post office encountered, namely Dundee, Natal.

New Republic Stamps – Postage Stamps or Revenues?

The Stanley Gibbons catalog continues to list a wide variety of NR stamps as postage stamps with values from 1d to 30 shillings. They concede that a £15 value is a revenue stamp. In fact only the 1d and 2d stamps of the NR stamps are postage stamps. The evidence for this is quite clear and rests on two lines of incontrovertible evidence. Firstly, in an order for stamps in January 1886, reproduced in Jurgens² (p. 101), the Magistrate's office delineates all values as revenues except the 1d and 2d, which are clearly designated as Postgezels, or postage stamps in Dutch. The second line of evidence is from existing postal uses. Although this article confines itself to mail via Natal, all letters recorded to date have only 1d or 2d NR stamps without a single exception (Table 1). Jurgens² refers (p. 99) to a single use of a 4d, from the Magistrate's office, rather than the Post Office. Only two NR stamps are recorded on cover with this Magistrate's cancel, one via the Transvaal bearing two NR 1d stamps, and the other, the cover in question, apparently franked with a 4d stamp via Natal. It could be argued that this was an irregular use of a 4d revenue stamp for postage by the Magistrate, but the stamp on this cover, which has passed into the collection of the author, and is illustrated as cover 22, only looks like a 4d. It is in fact a 2d stamp with a purple cancel that makes the 2 of "2d" look like a 4 of "4d". So in fact no value other than the 2d and 1d ever saw postal use and all the other values of NR stamps, although highly collectible, are revenue stamps.

As a postscript to this discussion there is a review of the evidence in favour and against the use of the higher values as postage stamps in Pirie³. The evidence in favour comprises contradictory statements by Tamsen, the contemporary Transvaal dealer who had a substantial philatelic interest in these issues. He initially claimed that all values to the pound were used on

parcels, but then stated in a letter to Pirie in 1946 that only the 6d and shilling were so used. Although "used" high values exist, none are on large piece or cover, and Pirie "was not much impressed by their value as evidence." Finally it should be pointed out that Robson Lowe⁴ in 1949 only gives prices for the 1d and 2d values on the basis that "only the 1d and 2d values were recognized as valid for postal duty."

New Republic Cancellations

There are only three cancels used regularly on the NR stamps in combination with Natal. The first examples during 1886 all have the dated Oval Date Stamp 1 (ODS1) as shown in Jonkers² (p. 97). It is usually struck in black but a single is struck in red (cover 5) and 2 are recorded (covers 10 and 11) in violet. This use was invariable till March 1887 with one late use recorded in August 1887 (cover 15). Initially, the undated circular Postmaster cancel (Jonkers² p. 97, PK2) was struck as an extra cancel (covers 1 and 2), but became the only cancel used from April 1887 to February 1888. This presents a problem dating covers during this middle period as the cancel is undated, so the earliest date on these covers is the Dundee cancel which is 1–3 days later. During the last period (March – July 1888) there was a return to a new Oval Date Stamp 3 (ODS3), almost always struck in violet and also shown in Jonkers² (p. 97). Two rare cancels are recorded. The first is the unique example of a pre-cancel on the 1d NR stamp on the only postcard recorded via Natal (cover 3 in Table 1). This pre-cancel, De Vletter type 3, was the personal handstamp of the Postmaster De Vletter and appears to have been an attempt to create a New Republic postcard combined with Natal. This postcard was subsequently cancelled with the ODS1 cancel at the time of use on 1 March 1886. The second rare cancel is the Magistrate's undated cancel, Jonkers² type 1K, alluded to on cover 22 above.

Usage via Natal

Although there is a listing of the covers via Natal known to Jonkers in 1997, 10 years have passed, new covers have been found, and there has never been an attempt to illustrate the known covers, or to discuss the patterns of their usage. This article restricts itself to use via Natal, which are of particular interest to Natal collectors – a similar updated analysis of Transvaal uses would also be instructive to collectors of that country. Nonetheless, as around 40 per cent of the roughly 100 surviving letters went via Natal, inferences from their usage are reasonably likely to reflect overall uses. Forty-one covers or fronts (Table 1) are recorded in this article that went out of the NR bearing NR postage stamps and were additionally franked by a Natal stamp, or stamps.

New Republic Stamps

The postage in the NR for letters addressed outside the country was 2d, made up by a single 2d stamp or two 1d stamps in all cases except for 3 (covers 3, 18, and 27). Cover 3 is a post card suggesting a 1d rate for postcards; 18 is a printed matter item suggesting the same interpretation; and 27 appears to be an erroneous use of a 1d stamp rather than 2d that was missed by the post office. It should be further noted that there are four special uses that may have required additional NR stamps, but none were applied. Thus cover 20 is the only registered cover from NR via Natal and bears appropriate Natal stamps for the 6d registration fee in Natal, but just a single NR 2d stamp, suggesting no facilities or payment for registration in the NR. The three recorded multiple rate covers via Natal are appropriately franked with Natal stamps; cover 25, an 8 times rate to Natal; cover 28 a double rate to Natal; and cover 41, a double rate cover to the Cape; yet none of these have more than 2d franking in NR, suggesting that the post office did not require additional stamps for overweight covers and adding to the evidence that there was no postal need for stamps of denominations greater than 2d.

The Natal Stamps

The six different Natal stamps recorded used in the New Republic are listed in Table 2. There are 43 recorded usages in Table 2 on the 41 covers, as two covers bear two types of stamps. Only the Natal 1d, SG 99, can be considered relatively commonly used in combination with NR stamps; all other values are rare or unique. There is a 6d, SG 103, used on a piece with a NR stamp, ex Hart, in the Porter collection not listed here as it is recorded only on the piece, not front or cover. There is another ½d Natal postcard franked with NR stamp in the Royal collection, but as the stamp is uncanceled and the card went via the Transvaal, the card is not recorded here as a Natal usage.

Use to Natal

The majority of NR/Natal covers are addressed to Natal (25 covers) and their frequency reflects the known correspondences. The commonest correspondence is to Bernhard Nel in Pietermaritzburg, stationers who supplied the paper for the stamps.² Thus of the 25 covers to Natal, 19, perhaps as expected, are to Pietermaritzburg, the capital, and 13 of these are to Bernhard Nel & Co. All other destinations in Natal are rare, including surprisingly Durban for which only one example is recorded. Ladysmith and Landmansdrift have unique examples, and 3 are recorded to Newcastle. There are 23 single frankings and only two multiple frankings to Natal, both to Bernhard Nel, a double rate (cover 28) and the remarkable octuple franking, ex Lagerloef (cover 25).

Use to the Free State

Two covers are recorded, the unique registered cover via Natal which is addressed to Bethlehem and a single 2d rate cover to Wepener. Letters to the Free State from NR are exceedingly rare by either the Natal or Transvaal route, but as a routing through Natal meant climbing the formidable Drakensberg mountains,

the two towns recorded are both in the east of the Free State, close to Natal.

Use to the Cape

Use to the Cape via Natal is the commonest destination after Natal itself, with all recorded examples to the Cape addressed to Cape Town. Like the case of Bernhard Nel in Natal, there is a single dominant correspondence, this time four of the ten recorded covers to Cape Town are to the bookseller Hermann Michaelis. Only one double rate cover is recorded to the Cape and it is on the last day of use of NR stamps, with a block of four 1d making up the 4d double rate (cover 41).

Use to Europe

It should be remembered that NR was a Boer Republic, so in contrast to most mail to Europe from Victorian Natal which was addressed to England, only one cover is recorded from NR via Natal to England, and that from an English missionary in Zululand (cover 4). Mail to the rest of Europe is to Germany and Holland, but only one letter is in fact recorded to Germany (cover 17, unrecorded by Jonkers) and of the two to Holland (covers 39 and 40), one is addressed from the NR Postmaster to his father (cover 39).

Registered Usage

As mentioned above, there is only one recorded registered letter via Natal and it is the front ex Lagerloef and Burrus to the Free State (cover 20).

Period of Use

The earliest combination with Natal is the unique usage to Landmansdrift, Natal on 18 Jan. 1886 (cover 1) and the last recorded are two covers on 20 July 1888 just 2½ years later to Holland (cover 40) and the double rate cover to Cape Town (cover 41).

Conclusions

The uses of NR in combination with Natal establish the 1d and 2d NR stamps as the only stamps used for postal purposes. The commonest usage was to Pietermaritzburg franked with a 1d, SG 99, Natal stamp. The second most common destination is Cape Town with Natal 2d stamps (SG 105 or 106). All other usages are rare.

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Postscript

The illustrations are numbered the same as the covers in Table 1 and for descriptions of each, refer to the table. Seven covers (18, 23, 26, 30, 31, 32 and 33) are not illustrated. The author would welcome at keith.klugman@emory.edu illustrations of these or

any other NR/Natal covers which must exist.

Because many of the covers shown here are from printed and photocopied illustrations, their dimensions as illustrated here may not be exactly to scale.

Table 1. List of Natal / New Republic Combination Covers

No.	D A T E	Addressee and Destination	NR Stamp	Natal Stamp	NR Cancel	Transit/ Arrival Cancels		Provenance
1	18 Jan 86	C.G.Wilson & Co., Landmansdrift, Natal	1 st Issue 1d x 2 9 Jan 86 Yellow	1d SG 99	ODS1, pK2	Dundee 19 Jan 86	F	GHJ Table 2; illus GHJ 89 p53, GHJ 97 p135; Klugman collection
2	“	?Whipp Grohne & Co., Newcastle, Natal	1 st Issue 2d, 13 Jan 86 Yellow	1d SG99	ODS1, pK2	Dundee 20 Jan 86	F	GHJ Table 2; Ex Marie de Quellerie, Harmers London 22-3 May 1972, Lot 111; Klugman collection
3	1 Mar 86	A. Brown, Cape Town	1 st Issue 1d 9 Jan 86 Yellow	½d Post card H&G 1	De Vletter Type 3; ODS1	Dundee 3 Mar; Dundee 4 Mar 86; Boxed TOO LATE; Cape Town 15 Mar 86	Post card	GHJ Table 2; illus GHJ 89 p54 GHJ 97 p143; NZP 2002; 6 :19; ex Jonkers, Harmers 12 Oct 99, lot 1222; RPS cert 1966; BPA cert 2000; Klugman collection
4	1 Mar 86	John Shepherd, London, England	1 st Issue 2d 13 Jan 86 Yellow	1d SG99 x 6	ODS1	Dundee 3 Mar; Dundee 4 Mar; Boxed TOO LATE; Pmburg 6 Mar; London Apr 7 86	C	GHJ Table 3; Endorsed Owen Watkins Zululand; Stephan Welz 23 May 2001 lot 354; Klugman collection
5	11 Oct 86	S. Wiltshire, Pmburg	1 st Issue 2d 30 Aug 86 Blue	1d SG99	ODS1 red	Dundee 13 Oct; Pmburg 16 Oct 86	C	GHJ not listed; BPA cert 1999; ex Draper; Klugman collection
6	28 Oct 86	H. de Roubaix, Cape Town	1 st Issue 2d 30 Aug 86 Blue	1d SG99 x 2	ODS 1	Dundee 31 Oct; Pmburg 2 Nov; Durban 3 Nov; Cape Town 9 Nov 86	C	GHJ Table 2; illus GHJ 89 p57 GHJ 97 p158; BPA cert 2000 ; Klugman collection

7	28 Oct 86	Herrmann Michaelis, Cape Town	1 st Issue 1d x 2 30 Aug 86 Yellow	2d SG105	ODS1	Dundee 31 Oct; Durban 3 Nov; Cape Town 9 Nov 86	C	GHJ Table 2; Natal stamp cancelled to the left; Argyll Etkin sale 3 Oct 2001 lot 25; 3 Nov 2006, lot 682
8	28 Oct 86	Herrmann Michaelis, Cape Town	1 st Issue 1d x 2 30 Aug 86 Yellow	2d SG105	ODS1	Dundee 31 Oct; Durban 3 Nov; Cape Town 9 Nov 86	C	GHJ not listed; Natal stamp cancelled to the right; ex Jonkers, Harmers 12 Oct 99, lot 1224; ex Draper; Klugman collection
9	1 Dec 86	J.L. van Reenen, Pmburg	1 st Issue 1d x 2 30 Aug 86 Yellow	1d SG99	ODS1 red	Dundee 2 Dec; Pmburg 4 Dec 86	C	GHJ Table 2; ex Draper; Klugman collection
10	1 Feb 87	S. Wiltshire, Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	ODS1 violet	Dundee 2 Feb; Pmburg 3 Feb 87	C	GHJ Table 2; illus GHJ 89, p60; ex Jonkers Harmers 12 Oct 99, lot 1229
11	14 Feb 87	?Whipp Grohne & Co., Newcastle, Natal	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	½d SG97a x2	ODS1 violet	Dundee	F	GHJ Table 2; Klugman collection
12	Mar 87	Lawrence Walker, Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	ODS1	Dundee 28 Mar; Pmburg 29 Mar 87	C	GHJ not listed; ex Illman, Argyll Etkin sale, 5 May 2006 lot 755
13	Apr 87	W Schreiber, Cape Town	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	2d SG105	pK2	Dundee 20 Apr, Pmburg 23 Apr, Durban 23 Apr, Cape Town, 2 May 87	C	GHJ Table 2; ex Burrus, Robson Lowe 27 Nov 63, 27 Nov 63, lot 493; ex Illman, Argyll Etkin sale, 5 May 2006 lot 756
14	Apr 87	W Schreiber, Cape Town	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99 x 2	pK2	Dundee 27 Apr, Durban 30 Apr, Cape Town, 9 May 87	C	GHJ not listed; Argyll Etkin sale, 3 Oct 2001 lot 26
15	Aug 87	W Balderston, Newcastle, Natal	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	ODS1	Dundee 31 Aug 87	F	GHJ not listed; Spink 20 Mar 03, lot 424
16	Sep 87	Adams & Co, Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	pK2	Dundee 16 Sep; Pmburg 17 Sep 87	C	GHJ p222; ex Jonkers Harmers 12 Oct 99, lot 1230; Holcombe cert 1996
17	Oct 87	L Klein, Hamburg, Germany	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	4d SG102 x 2	pK2	Dundee 3 Oct; Pmburg 4 Oct; London 1 Nov; Hamburg 3 Nov 87	C	GHJ not listed; ex Draper, Klugman collection
18	88	Herrmann Michaelis, Cape Town	2 nd Issue 1d Blue	1d SG99	pK2	Dundee, Durban, Cape Town	C	GHJ Table 2a ; undated so far; ? printed matter rate as prospectus on face of envelope; unillustrated
19	Jan 88	Herrmann Michaelis, Cape Town	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	2d SG105	pK2	Dundee Jan, Durban 1 Feb, Cape Town 6 Feb 88	C	GHJ Table 2; Hart sale, Cavendish 25-6 June, 1993, lot 533

20	Feb 88	P.P.J Grobler, Bethlehem, Free State	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	2d SG106 x 4	pK2	Dundee 6 Feb 88	F	Registered; GHJ Table 4; ex Lagerloef, HR Harmer sale 28 Apr 53 lot 622; ex Burrus, Robson Lowe, 27 Nov 63, lot 494; ex Draper; illus GHJ 89, p65; Ian Mathews, Transvaal Philately, p251; Klugman collection
21	Feb 88	Bernhard Nel & Co., Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	pK2	Dundee 10 Feb, Pmburg 12 Feb 88	C	GHJ Table 2; Hart sale, Cavendish 25-6 June, 1993, lot 534
22	Feb 88	G. Nel c/o Bernhard Nel & Co., Ladysmith	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	1K	Dundee 14 Feb; Ladysmith 16 Feb 88	C	GHJ Table 2; illus GHJ 89, p66; Klugman collection
23	7 Mar 88	Bernhard Nel & Co., Pmburg	2 nd Issue 1d Blue x 2	1d ? SG99	ODS3	Dundee 9 Mar, Pmburg 12 Mar 88	C	GHJ Table 2; not illustrated – GHJ records the Natal 1d as SG 91 but as that is a ½d it is probably SG99
24	10 Mar 88	Addressee name deleted, Cape Town	2 nd Issue 1d Blue x 2	2d SG106	ODS3 violet; pK2 on reverse	Dundee 12 Mar, Durban 18 Mar, Cape Town 24 Mar 88	C	GHJ Table 2 ; ex Jonkers Harmers 12 Oct 99, lot 1232; BPA cert. 2000; Klugman collection
25	17 Mar 88	Bernhard Nel & Co., Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	2d SG106 x 4	ODS3 violet	Dundee 20 Mar 88	C	GHJ not listed; legal size octuple rate; ex Lagerloef HR Harmer sale 28 Apr 53, lot 621
26	24 Mar 88	Bernhard Nel & Co., Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d ? SG99	ODS3		C	GHJ Table 2; not illustrated
27	24 Mar 88	Mr. Shiele, Durban	2 nd Issue 1d Blue	1d SG99	ODS3 violet	Dundee 24 Mar; Durban 30 Mar 88	C	GHJ Table 2; ex Hart sale, Cavendish 25-6 June, 1993, lot 535; ex Jonkers Harmers 12 Oct 99, lot 1234
28	28 Mar 88	Bernhard Nel & Co., Pmburg	2 nd Issue 1d Blue x 2	2d SG106	ODS3 violet	Dundee 29 Mar; Pmburg 4 Apr 88	C	GHJ not listed; double rate; Argyll Etkin 3 Oct 2001 lot 27; Klugman collection
29	6 Apr 88	Bernhard Nel & Co., Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	ODS3 violet	Dundee 6 Apr; 8 Pmburg Apr	C	GHJ Table 2 ; Harmers 2 Sep 2004 lot 925
30	7 Apr 88	Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	ODS3 violet		C	GHJ not listed; Lagerloef HR Harmer sale 28 Apr 53 lot 623; not illustrated
31	9 Apr 88	Bernhard Nel & Co., Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	ODS3	Dundee 11 Apr; Helpmekaar 14 Apr; Pmburg	C	GHJ Table 2; may be same cover as the one above; not illustrated
32	28 Apr 88	Bernhard Nel & Co., Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	ODS3 violet	Dundee; Pmburg	C	GHJ Table 2; Danny Swart collection; not illustrated
33	9 May 88	Bernhard Nel & Co., Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	ODS3 violet	Dundee	C	GHJ Table 2; Royal collection; not illustrated

34	12 May 88	Bernhard Nel & Co., Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	ODS3 violet	Dundee; Pmburg 16May 88	C	GHJ Table 2; ex Danson, Robson Lowe 16 Jun 71, lot 1119 ; ex Illman, Argyll Etkin 5 May 2006 lot 757; RPS cert. 1975
35	26 May 88	Bernhard Nel & Co., Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	ODS3 violet	Dundee 28 May; Pmburg 30May 88	C	GHJ Table 2; illus London Philatelist Jul 51, plate 2 ; Rosenthal, Runner and Mail coach, p 238 ; Roger Porter collection
36	30 May 88	Mr. Bernadie, Wippenaar, Free State	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99 x 2	ODS3 violet	Dundee 2 Jun; Ladysmith 5 Jun; Harrismith 6 Jun; Bloemfontein 8 Jun; Wepenaar 16 Jun 88	C	GHJ Table 2;Un-delivered with boxed "On-afgehaald"; illus Batten p 184A; ex Draper; Klugman collection
37	6 Jun 88	Bernhard Nel & Co., Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	ODS3 violet	Dundee 9 Jun; Pmburg	C	GHJ Table 2; illus Pirie p 65; Argyll Etkin, Private Treaty, Mar 2007
38	16 Jun 88	Bernhard Nel & Co., Pmburg	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99	ODS3 violet	Dundee; Helpmekaar; Pmburg 21 Jun 88	C	GHJ Table 2; ex Hart sale, Cavendish 25-6 June, 1993, lot 536; Empire Stamps 31 Mar 99; cover lost in mail 1999
39	17 Jul 88	A. Duiven, Stadskanaal, Holland	1 st Issue 2d 4 Jan 87 Blue	2d SG105 + 6d SG24	ODS3 violet	Dundee; Helpmekaar 23 Jul; Pmburg 24 Jul; London 21 Aug; Stads-kanaal 22 Aug 88	C	GHJ Table 3; circular stamp of Jac Duiven, Postmaster; illus GHJ 89 front cover; GHJ 97 p89; ex Jonkers, Harmers 12 Oct 99, lot 1236; BPA cert 2000; Klugman collection
40	20 Jul 88	Mrs. J Lion Cachet, Rotterdam, Holland	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99 + ½d SG97a	ODS3 violet	Dundee 23 Jul; Durban 30 Jul; London 21 Aug; Rotterdam 21 Aug 88	C	GHJ Table 3; 6d Natal stamp missing; illus GHJ 89, p69; ex Jonkers, Harmers 12 Oct 99, lot 1238; BPA cert 2000; Klugman collection
41	20 Jul 88	Zeederberg & Duncan, Cape Town	2 nd Issue 2d Blue	1d SG99 x 4	ODS3 violet	Dundee 23 Jul; Cape Town 30 Jul 88	C	GHJ Table 2; double rate; ex Jonkers, Harmers 12 Oct 99, lot 1237; Klugman collection

Abbreviations: NR, New Republic; GHJ, GH Jonkers; ODS1, Oval Date Stamp 1; pK2, undated Postmaster cancellation; ODS3, Oval date Stamp 3; 1K, undated Magistrate's office cancellation; NZP, Natal and Zululand Post; BPA, British Philatelic Association, RPS, Royal Philatelic Society; Pmburg, Pietermaritzburg, Natal; SG Stanley Gibbons; F, front; C, cover.

Table 2. Natal Stamps Used in the New Republic to Prepay Natal Postage

Natal Stamp	No. of Recorded Uses	Cover Number from Table 1
½d SG 97a	2	11, 40
½ Postcard H & G 1	1	3
1d SG 99	29	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41
2d SG 105	5	7, 8, 13, 19, 39
2d SG 106	4	20, 24, 25, 28



Cover 1.



Cover 2.



Cover 3.



Cover 4.



Cover 5.



Cover 6.



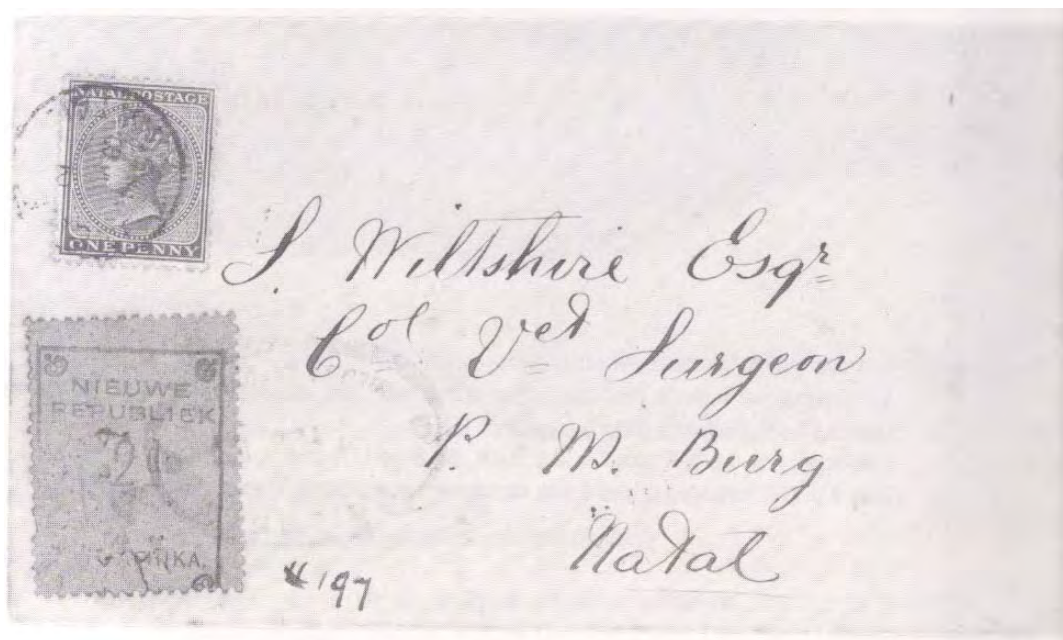
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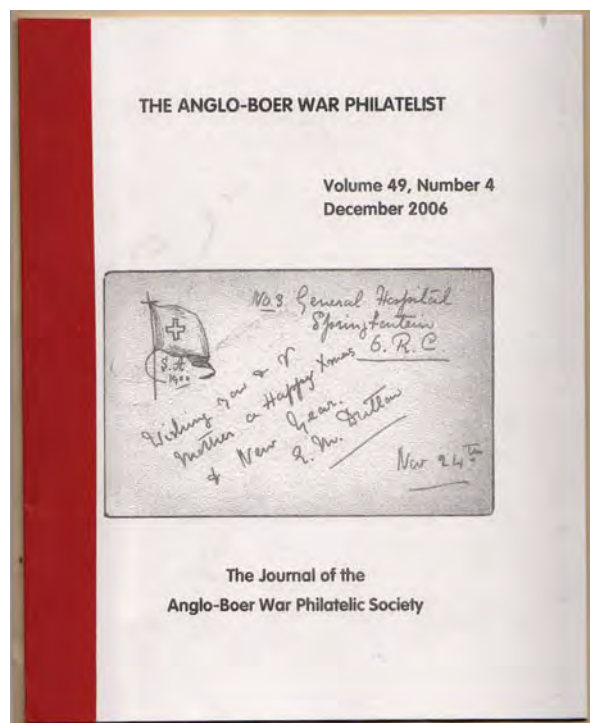
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Cover 14.

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Anglo-Boer War Philatelist



The Anglo-Boer War Philatelist is published by the Anglo-Boer War Philatelic Society of the UK. The journal is now in its 49th volume of four issues to a volume. This is a well produced and edited newsletter. Despite being of a specialist nature the subject touches many areas of southern Africa philately and postal history. The editor is Richard Stroud, who can be reached by writing to 28 Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset TA8 1LQ, UK, jrstroud@classicfm.net. Membership requests should be addressed to Nick Harris, 3 Mermaid Way, Maldon, Essex CH9 5LA, mrnpbboer@aol.com. The most recent volume contains articles on pigeon mail from Ladysmith, acceptances of British postage stamps, British Army telegraphs, and the Imperial Transport Service. In addition, a large number of emails and letters from the members are included. Also several auctions appear in each volume. This is clearly an active society that is worth the small membership fee.

Southern Africa Catalogue

You will be very pleased to know that Stanley Gibbons is soon to publish its second edition Southern Africa; after the phenomenal success of the first edition back in 2005 that edition has now long sold out and many collectors are awaiting for a new edition.

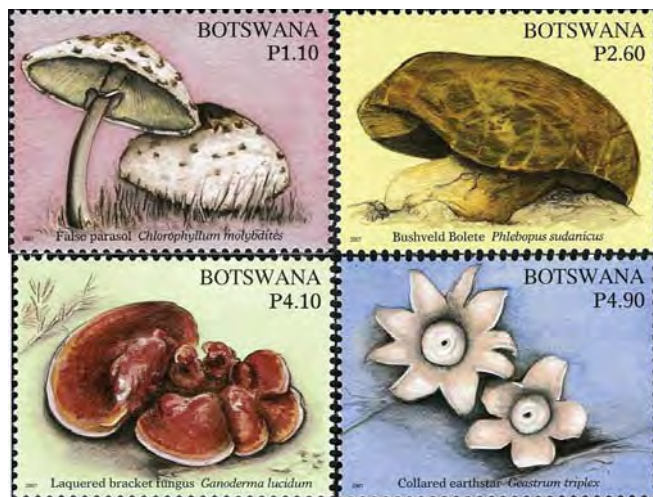
This second edition will feature all the stamp issues of the countries South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Swaziland and Lesotho. All prices are fully revised and new issues added have bought this second edition up to date.

The catalogue will again be in full colour and size A4; scheduled for publication in early Autumn 2007, will be distributed through all the normal Stanley Gibbons distribution outlets. (From a press release from Stanley Gibbons.)

News From Botswana

by Peter Thy

Two set of stamps have so far been released by Botswana Post in 2007. The first from July 31 is a set of four stamps showing fungi of Botswana. The stamps were designed by Ann Gollifer and were offset lithographic printed by Joh Enschede in four colors. The second set was released on March 13 and illustrates kingfishers. The stamps were designed by Gwirthi Kirby and again printed by Enschede.



There are rumors in Botswana that the *Collecting Stamp in Botswana* booklet will be reissued with proper identification of the author and also that the *Botswana Stamps* booklet issued in 2000 will be updated and reissued in full color. This has not yet been confirmed.

Planning for the National Stamp Collecting month of October is underway with activities for young collectors, exhibits for experienced collectors, and celebration of Botswana stamp designers. Another interesting news from Botswana Philatelic Society is that First National Bank has donated a modern computer

driven projector for meetings specifically for young collectors. Sounds like a good idea to consider for our local societies!

Botswana Post has invited artists to compete for stamp designs with three themes: energy use and conservation, performing arts, and donkeys. The results are expected in the fall.

The future stamp program includes SAPOA joint issue in October, 25th Anniversary of University of Botswana also in

October, a new definitive series in November (butterflies), and an Christmas issue later the same year.

Without prior announcements, a special commemorative canceller celebrating the 100 years of scouting in Botswana was used at regional sorting centers and the Philatelic Bureau. They were in use throughout the months of August.

The Postal Service is currently seeking to fill the position as curator of the philatelic collections and archives that were left vacant with the death of Andy Andersson. No appointment to this important position has as yet been announced, although several well known philatelists are known to be considered.

Alex McCall Smith's *Mma Ramotswa* books are being filmed on location in Botswana. The films are expected to be a big international hit. The idea has already been brought forward that a special stamp issue should be issued to celebrate the films. This is all the news from Botswana.

Shown is two small stamp panes each of 10 stamps with standard margins. The stamps are the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park issue from 2001 (SG 949-52) that was a joint issue with South Africa. The individual panes are small enough to be collected as miniature sheets and would be an attractive addition to a general stamp collection. Perhaps other Botswana stamps were issued in such small panes?



Forerunners Forum

Questions, Comments, and Answers



Bechuanaland Protectorate Postmark

Johnny Barth (barth@post3.tele.dk) writes to show a 1901 (Jan. 16) cover with BONC 1159 used at Lobatsi. This is a proving cover and is a nice addition to the article on the classic postmarks of British Bechuanaland in Forerunners #58.

Fee Markings on Letters to British Bechuanaland

Johnny Barth (barth@post3.tele.dk) writes to ask if any member can explain why covers which look very much alike have been treated differently. All three covers shown below are from the same correspondence and sent from Cape of Good Hope to British Bechuanaland: two to Macloutsie and one to Gaberones. They are all prepaid with 2d Cape stamps. Two has been taxed at 4d (one in manuscript) and the third has been taxed at 2d. Why?



For the Record

24. **Alan Drysdall** has published a detailed study of the **1935 King George V Silver Jubilee Issue of Northern Rhodesia** in the September 2007 issue of the *London Philatelist* (Volume 116, Whole No. 1348, p. 233-255).
25. **Otto Peetom**, Ormskirk Stamps, has issued a general **Basutoland-Bechuanaland-Swaziland** list (No. 23) together with an auction catalogue (No. 4) covering the same area. Contact address is Rectory Road, Ross, Near Hull, East Yorkshire, HU12 0LD, England. No email address is available.
26. **Stephan Welz** of Johannesburg has issued their August 2007 auction catalogue. Offered are large collections of **South West Africa**, including archival material and a very important collection of SWA occupational postal history. See contact information on the inside front cover. The Editor has an extra copy of the catalogue that is free for an addressed and stamped envelope (contact me first).
27. **Principality Auctions** has distributed the catalogue for their Postal Auction No. 113. Included is a large collection of **the Rhodesians**. Contact Principality Auctions, 31 Oliver Road, South Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 9DN, UK, to get on their mailing list for future catalogues.
28. **Spink** has released an auction catalogue for the **Cape of Good Hope Rectangulars**. Very strong collection of essays and proofs and postal history. Also included are Mafeking Siege stamps and covers. Even you missed the auction (September 20), you may want to secure a copy of the catalogue for your reference library. An interesting note is that early advertisement flyers for this auction in error described it as of 'the Triangulars.'
29. **Spink** has announced the sale of Sir John Inglefield-Watson's **Bechuanaland**, Somaliland, and Sudan collections. The auction is scheduled for October 3 and will offer the largest collection of the Bechuanaland that has come to the market since Harmers 1981 sale of the Holmes collection.
30. **Grosvenor** has announced the sale of a **Southern Rhodesian double head** collection scheduled for October 11. The catalogue has just been distributed.
31. **Theodore Tedesco** has continued his 'Index of Literature in the English Language that Describes Postage Stamp Forgeries, Fakes, Reprints, Fraudulent Postal Markings, and Other Obliteration' in 'Philatelic Literature Review' (2nd Quarter 2007, Vol. 56, No. 2, p. 133-159). Part 9 includes part of the letters M and N, including **Natal**.
32. **Memories of Rhodesia** at www.memoriesofrhodesia.com keeps the memories alive through film and books. No direct philatelic or postal history, but lots of history books and film.
33. The **Philatelic Collections** of the **British Library** has distributed their newsletter no. 11 containing short articles about the McInroy Collection (meter stamps), stamp production related patents, and stamps of Ghana. The newsletter can be downloaded from www.bl.uk/collections/philatelic.
34. **Alex Visser** (alex.visser@up.ac.za) writes "Fellow postmark collectors, I have substantially updated the Addenda previously sent out, and have also completed letters KA to KR. All the Addenda are dated August 2007. Many thanks to all the contributors, your assistance is greatly appreciated. Since the volume of material is now more than 50 Mb, although individual file sizes are still less than 5 Mb, I have placed all the files on an FTP site. This means that you can download what you want and when you want by simply clicking on the web address below, or pasting it into your web browser. I will always keep the latest version in this site, so if you have a hard disk crash you can restore with ease. Please let me know should you encounter problems. Remember to use the full line, up to the end of .pdf. Happy postmarking, and let me have the missing items.
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35. **Peter Robin** has distributed his 28th **Reply Coupon** Auction list. If you are interested in this type of elusive material, these auctions may be a good source. The closing date is November 3, 2007. Write to Robin, P.O. Box 353, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004, peterrobin@att.net to get on his mailing list.

New Books

- Drysdall, A. (editor), 2007. *The Postal Stationery of the British South Africa Company, 1890-1924*. Monograph 8, Rhodesian Study Circle. Available from Jean Cheston, 24 Gormshall Road, Cheam, Surrey SM2 7JZ, UK.
- Dickson, J., 2007. *Bibliography of the Philately and Postal History of Natal and Zululand*. Revised and greatly enlarged edition.

Cape and Natal Study Circle. CD-ROM. Available at \$12 in the US from Guy Dillaway, P.O. Box 181, Weston, MA 02493, phbrit@comcast.net.

Underwood, D.C., 2007. Rhodesia. The Bi-Coloured Double Heads, 1910-1914. Published by the author, 140 Blue Wing Road, Richmond Hill, Georgia 31324, USA (\$40).

de Jager, Okkie, 2007. Introduction to the Late Fees of the Union of South Africa. Occasional Paper 17, Postmark and Postal History Society of Southern Africa.

Society Publications

Hisey and Bartshe, 2003. Philately of the Orange Free State, Vol. 1, The Postage Stamps. Hardbound, 280 pages in full color, \$35 plus \$5 s/h in the US, plus \$10 elsewhere by air.

Hisey and Bartshe, 2004. Philately of the Orange Free State, Vol. 2, The Telegraphs. Hardbound, 250 pages in full color, \$35 plus \$5 s/h in the US, plus \$10 elsewhere by air.

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Hisey, B. (compiler), 2006. Postal Office Names of Southern Africa According to Ralph Putzel (CD-ROM). \$15 pp.

To order contact Bob Hisey at the addresses given on page 1.

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Forerunners was entered in the literature composition at APS Stampshow in Portland, Oregon, August 9-12, 2007. The result is shown above. Silver is at first a bit disappointing considering higher award levels at several recent shows, including Washington 2006. The critique sheet shows that Forerunners scored 74 % and only were 1% away from a vermeil. So perhaps not so disappointing after all. The main subjects that were marked down were for research, organization, clarity, and treatment (all related to philatelic aspects and authorship). Lowest scoring (50%) is for treatment. A few comments were added by the judge: 'A bit unbalanced (by country). Engaging short stories not especially philatelic. The articles on exhibiting do not add to the research value.' Not much that can be added to these comments except that the judge apparently never has tried to edit a newsletter for a society as diverse as PSGSA. It is the Editor's personal view that diversity-wise, we are doing quite well. The observation that fictional stories and exhibiting themes do not add to the philatelic research content are a bit unexpected. They never were intended to do so. So please let the stories and exhibiting advise coming (and any other articles of general interest and entertainment values). In the category of periodicals, no medal above vermeil was awarded. Of about 30 journals entered, 36% received vermeil, 33% silver, 20% silver-bronze, and 3% bronze. Forerunners was the only literature contestant covering the southern Africa area. The fact is that there likewise was no southern Africa material entered in the open competition. The closest was an East Africa exhibit by John Blackemore. Several southern Africa exhibits qualified for the 'World Series of Philately Composition' and may also have been shown (Bartshe, Klugman, and Magid).

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