



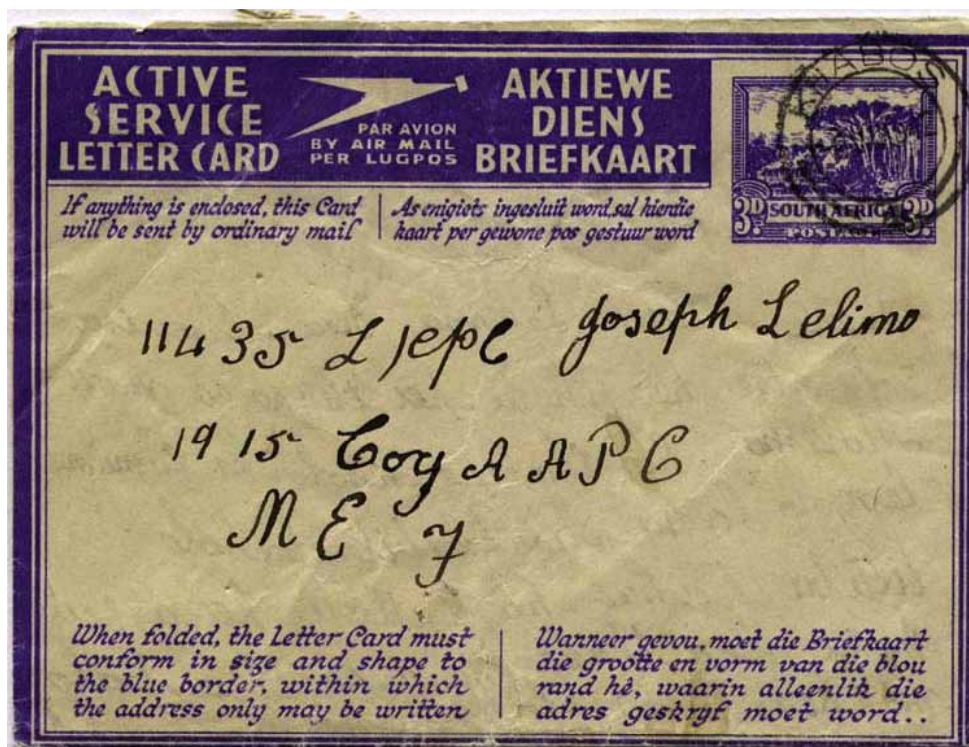
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Letter from home to Basuto soldier serving in the British Pioneer
Corps in the Middle East Forces during World War 2. Despite that
over 20,000 Basuto soldiers served in 50 companies during and after
the war, surviving covers from the home front are very scarce.

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Editorial Notes

This issue of Forerunners is being completed a month earlier than normal. I will be traveling in Greenland and Denmark the next two months without my trusted old computer. This way we can avoid delays in the schedule. The next issue will as expected be number 77 with a deadline of October 15. There are several interesting articles in this issue. Werner Seeba shares with us his knowledge of southern Africa BONCs (with a lot of help from Robert Johnson, Editor of the Natal & Cape Philatelic Journal). Another attempt of compilation is Hennie Taljaard's census of used Stellaland stamps. A result so far is that they were only in use for about 28 months between March 1884 and July 1886. The final compilation in this issue is Jan Stolk's continued survey of OFS numeral tax marks. They all need your help with information on items in your collection.

The most urgent issue facing our society today is our auction. Moody Tidwell has come forward and volunteered to organize our resurrected auction. To date he has not received any consignments from members. See the orange box below and consider sending Moody your surplus material. Without your help and interest in the auction, we will be unable to offer this important service.

Wishing you all a dry and warm summer! **Peter Thy**

The deadline for the next issue will be October 15, 2013. Please let the Editor have your contributions - small or large - as soon as possible.

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The Society is planning an auction as soon as sufficient material is available. It will be open to all members to buy and sell. Members wishing to consign material to the auction should submit their items to the Auction Manager: Moody Tidwell, 912 Memorial Drive, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235, USA. Questions should be addressed to Moody at rudolph912@gmail.com. The Auction Catalog will be available online and as email attachment.

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President's Corner

Greetings once again from a distinctly summery Ontario, although we did have some hail and snow squalls yesterday. We have a Magnolia tree in our front yard and it can usually be relied on to give us a reasonable display of flowers. However, last year was a complete disaster, as we had early high temperatures followed by a killing frost. This year has more than made up for it, as the numerous Magnolias around the town had glorious displays of flowers over a fairly lengthy period.

Recently, I attended the ORAPEX stamp show held annually in Ottawa, Ontario and it was a real pleasure to spend a couple of days with many of my philatelic friends. The exhibits on display were of a very high order and a larger than usual number of gold medals were awarded. Many of the exhibits dealt with early Canadian Postal History and made very interesting reading. As I have mentioned in previous columns, I have been working on the disposal of a large collection and I took a few binders of Canadian Revenue material with me. Much to my surprise, I was able to dispose of the whole lot, with a promise from one dealer that he would be happy to take more material!

Nest weekend (May 17-19), the annual show of the American Topical Association is being held in Rochester, together with the annual ROPEX show, in effect two shows in one, and I am really looking forward to that, as I have quite a few acquaintances in the Rochester Philatelic Society as well as many in the A.T.A..

On matters having a lot more to do with our area of interest, Steven Reah-Johnson of the Rhodesian Study Circle has been writing a series of illustrated articles in the R.S.C. Journal on the colours and printings of the various values of the "Admiral" series of issues of Rhodesia from 1913 to 1924. It has taken five journal issues to cover this subject and since I number these interesting stamps among my collecting interests, the articles were an eye-opener. Each denomination was covered with many illustrations to show the differences between the various printings and colours. A scholarly work which will hold my interest for many months.

Until next time...

Alan J. Hanks

Surplus Copies of Forerunners

The Editor has a large box of surplus copies of Forerunners between whole no. 47 and 66 which are available to members basically for the mailing expenses.

The issues are with the number of remaining copies in parentheses: 47 (11), 48 (9), 49 (5), 50 (4), 51 (0), 52 (18), 53 (8), 54 (12), 55 (16), 56 (4), 57 (13), 58 (12), 59 (22), 60 (0), 61 (0), 62 (2), 63 (0), 64 (5), 65 (5), 66 (8). They are available on a come-first basis. Contact the Editor.

Additional for mailings outside US. Note that some issues are in low stock, so don't hesitate, contact the Editor immediately. Also consider your favorite local stamp library for a donation.

This offer was announced in last issue and still stand - except that other issues may now have been sold. This may be the last change to complete your collection of Forerunners for little money.

TBVC Studiegroep/Study Group

The study group has started a comprehensive study of the stamp issues of the South Africa Homelands. TBVC stands for Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda, and Ciskei. So far eleven summaries of the stamp issues of Transkei, Bophuthatswana, and Venda have been distributed:

- No. T1: Summary, 1963 Transkei Legislative Assembly; 1976 Independence Series (8 pages).
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- No. T4: 1977 Help of the blind; 1978 pipes, weaving, and wild fruits (9 pages).
- No. T5: 1978 cripples; 1979 initiation and water resources (8 pages).
- No. B1: Summary, Independence issue (1977) (8 pages).
- No. B2: First definitive series (1977) (12 pages).
- No. B3: World Hypertension Month; Taung Stone Works; Wright Brothers (1978) (8 pages).
- No. B4: First Year Independence; Boxing; Road Safety, (1978-9 (8 pages).
- No. V1: Summary; Independence (1979) (4 pages).
- No. V2: First definitive series (1979) (7 pages).

Each stamp description gives a detailed summary of the philatelic knowledge as well as the special cancellations and covers. If your interest is the homelands, this is definitely something that you will want to see and a project you must get involved in. The group invites comments and input to the project. Contact Connie Liebenberg at jacoli@mweb.co.za to get on the mailing list for the TBVC annexes and to offer your help.

Preservation of Scale in Forerunners

Despite that we strive to preserve the original scales of philatelic material in Forerunners, often we fail for either practical reasons or because of technical or printing problems. It can also be difficult to fit many large sized envelopes onto a couple of pages and reduction in size is necessary. In most cases the reduction will be given. More than often the scans submitted do not conform with the Editors computer and software (or his skills). The results too often are that the original scale of an item is lost in the transfer. This is not necessarily the fault of the author. However, if preservation of scale is important to you, include the original dimensions of the items in the subcaptions.

Meeting With Southern Africa Theme

The annual joint conference of the southern Africa societies will take place on November 8-10 as usual at Falstaff Hotel, Leamington Spa, England. Contact Simon Peetoom at simon@africastamp.co.uk for details about booking a room at the hotel. This is the meeting that can not be missed if you have the change.



Barred Oval Numeral Cancellers

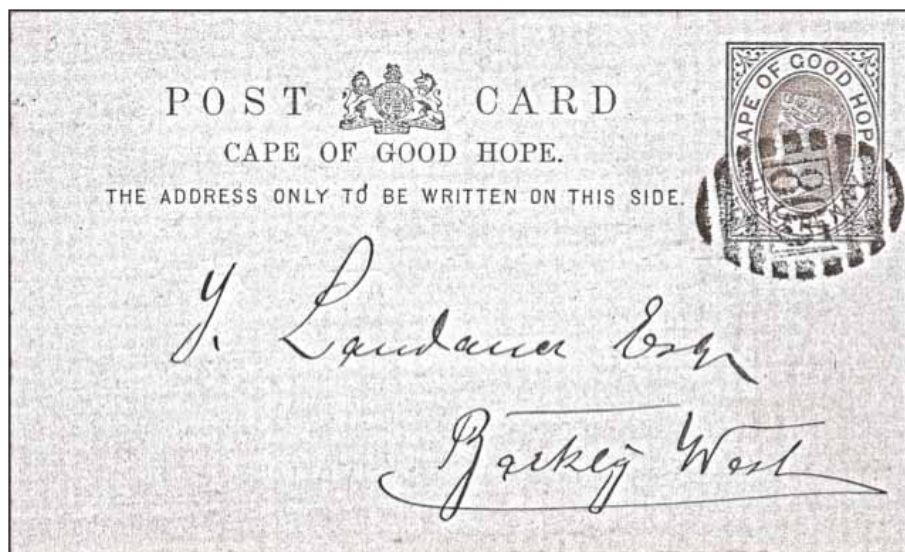
With Selected New Dates

by Werner Seeba

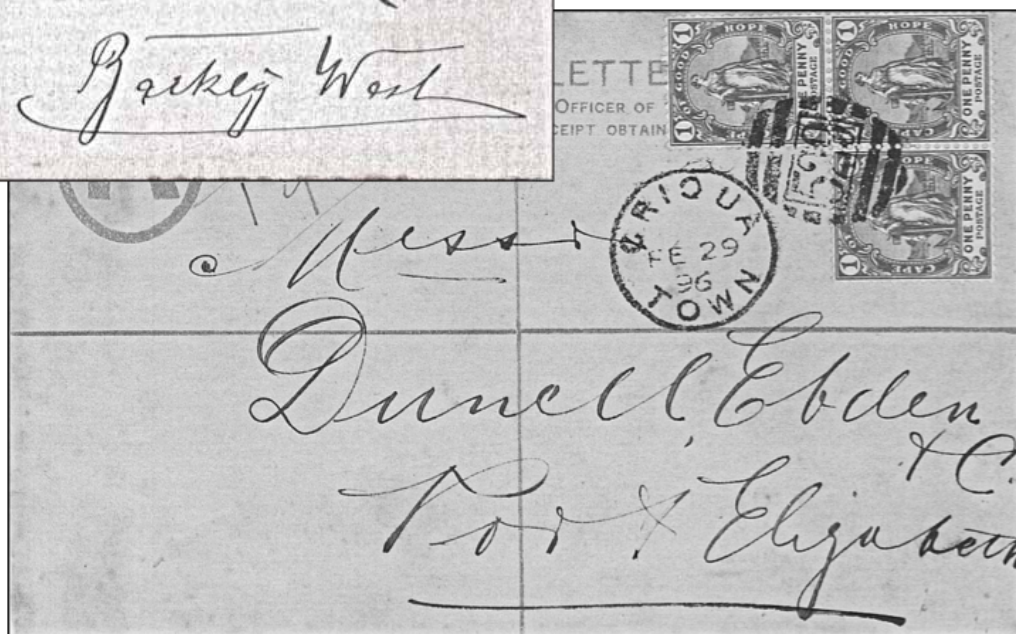
The Barred Oval Numeral Cancellers (BONCs) of Southern Africa have always fascinated postal history collectors. One of these collectors is certainly Werner Seeba, who over many years often and persistently has shared his new (and old) finds with the southern Africa specialist journals in the form of photocopies of items in his collection and from auction catalogues. At long last, the Editor of the Cape & Natal Philatelic Journal, Robert Johnson, has compiled the information in a table and presented the results together with several illustrations in the Cape & Natal Philatelic Journal (Whole Number 65, p. 66-82). We have got permission to reproduce the main part here, only lacking some of the numerous illustrations.

Werner writes "I have for many years been putting together details relating to BONCs mainly from my own collection, but not exclusively, to extend the dates listed in Frescura and Putzel and to identify the places where they were used when that information was not known before. I have also been keeping my own records as to the number of copies of any item I have seen in original or in print. What follows is a summary relating to some of these items. It is not intended to be a complete listing, but rather a sample of what I have seen. The challenge to all readers is to send in extra information about the BONCs recorded here and about any rare BONCs not set out in the table that ought to be recorded. BONCs can, other than on envelopes, wrappers and postcards, also be found on letters written by postmasters and on telegrams.

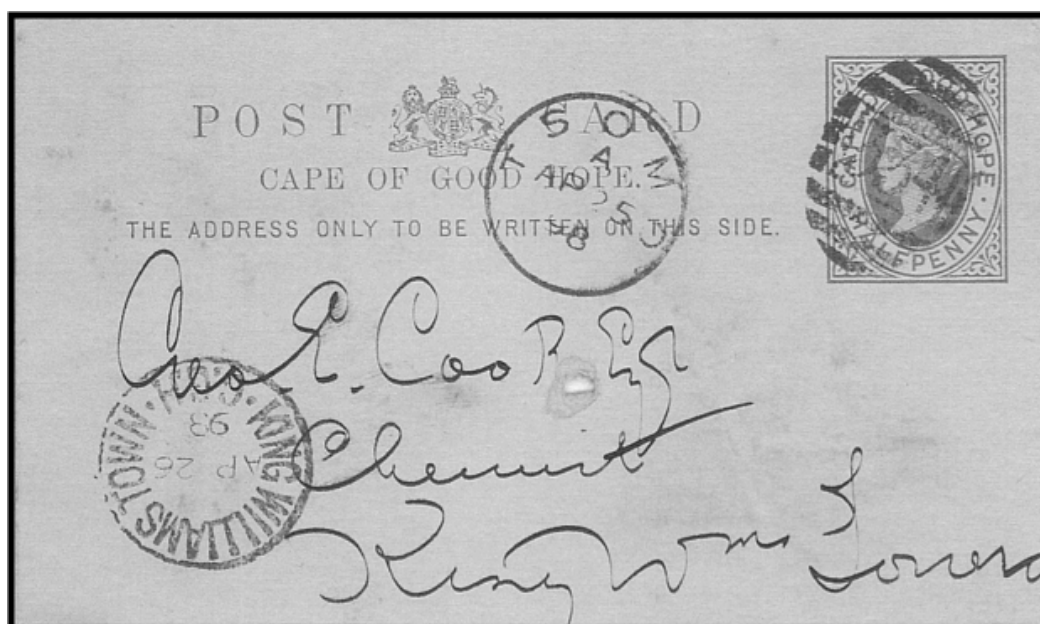
In the table, '**Frescura**' means: Frescura F., The Post Offices of the Cape of Good Hope 1790-1910, 2002, The Archetype Press, Pretoria. **Frescura Supplement 1982** means: Frescura, F., The Barred Oval Numeral Cancellor of the Cape of Good Hope of 1864, Supplement to The Post Office Stone Vol. 14, No. 2, June 1982.



BONC 805 used 31 December 1891 at Klipdam 2 [whose head office was Hebron – Hebron cds on the back for 1 January 1892 with manuscript endorsement 'Klipdam II 31. 12. 91.'



BONC 529 used
29 February 1896
at Griqua Town.

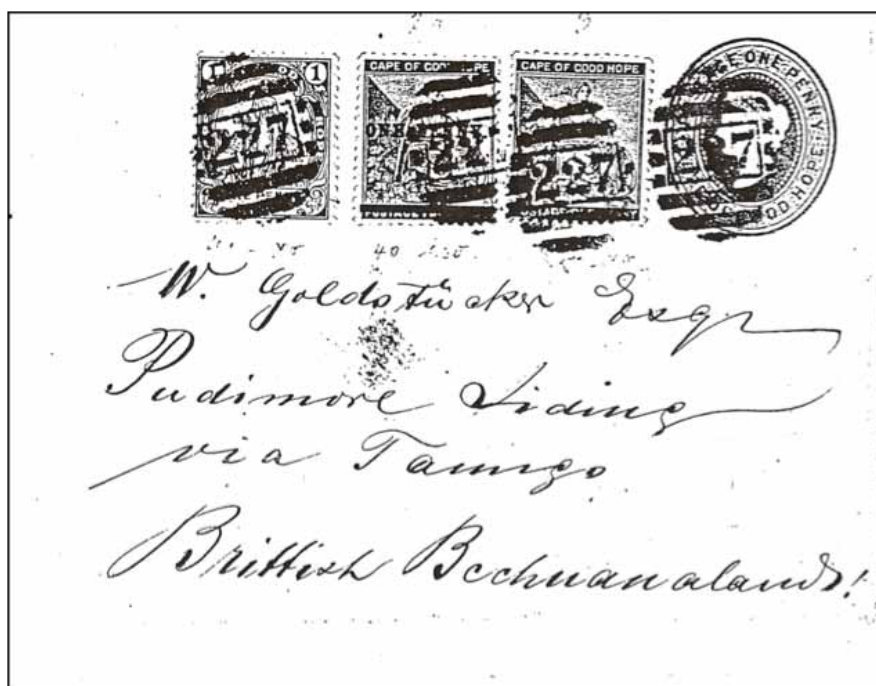


BONG 334 used on 25 April 1898 at Tsomo.

BONG	Place Used	Date(s)	Comments
2	Port Elizabeth	2 August 1864	Not in Frescura and believed to be an example of the PE duplex postmark issued in May 1864. More information needed to eliminate fortuitous conjunction of two single marks.
5	Avontuur	8 June 1900	Nearly seven years after the latest date in Frescura. On a registered letter.
13	Stellenbosch	4 December 1889	Later date than in Frescura.
32	Fort Beaufort	17 June 1870	This is the earliest cover as recorded in Frescura with the Fort Beaufort double oval on the back.
38	Aliwal North	19 February 1872	Used with double oval of Aliwal North.
39	Paarl	12 February 1867	The earliest in Frescura.
49	Komgha	3 July 1902	The cover with the latest date recorded in Frescura.
52	Phisantfontein	12 January 1883	The latest in Frescura. Known as Loxton from 1897.
53	Kenhardt	18 April 1882	The only one in Frescura.
76	North End	19 June 1895	Earliest date. Only given as 1895 in Frescura
79	Klipkraal	2 May 1899	The cover recorded in Frescura as the only cover known with this BONG. A cover with the Cradock double oval and the BONG 79. A postmaster was first appointed to Klipkraal on 31 May 1865. Frescura has an earlier date for 79 at Cradock of 21 May 1875.
79	Cradock	2 April 1865	
82	Dordrecht	21 June 1875	The earliest in Frescura and used with the Dordrecht double oval.
92	Bedford	1 September 1894	The earliest in Frescura
94	Toleni	21 February 1899	Otherwise listed under Ndabakaz in the Transkei. The earliest date in Frescura. The letter was sent out via Kei Road.
103	Montagu Bridge	2 November 1875	Only one known. Not listed by Frescura. Early date Montagu Bridge postal operations were moved to Salt River in 1868 according to Frescura but this cover shows a contrary position. The BONG number for Salt River was 277. Transit through Piquetberg whose BONG number was 30 [and later 1113].
105	Newmarket	8 May 1898 December 1900 and 12 February 1901	12 February 1901 shows Newmarket cds on the front. Backstamp cds Kokstad. Kokstad BONG given in Frescura as 107 and Newmarket as 601. No identification for 105 in Goldblatt.
119	Sandflats	13 December 1894	The latest in Frescura.
135	Quthing	19 December 1888	Quthing is in Basutoland. This is the proving postcard for this number. It is not 133 or 4ss.
140	Goudini Road	19 March 1879	The earliest cover recorded by Frescura.
138	Robben Island	9 June 1896	Frescura gives 158 to Robben Island but the inference from this cover is that the BONG was 138. 138 was given to Robben Island in the Frescura Supplement of 1982 and 158 was allocated to Robertson [which is not so in Frescura].
145	Fair Valley	18 January 1885	Partial strike of Fair Valley double circle ds on a registered letter to OFS. No entries at all in Frescura. Identified as St marks in the Frescura Supplement of 1982 and in Frescura. The mark is indistinct but Fair Valley needs recording.

149	Rockford	5 October 1896	The earliest in Frescura.
153	Clarkebury	20 September 1882	The earliest in Frescura.
159	Zwartkops Station	7 August 1894 13 January 1897	The covers with the earliest and latest dates recorded by Frescura.
165	Ongeluks Nek	14 December 1897	This cover is later than the one recorded in Frescura
174	Two Waters		The earliest in Frescura.
181	Geluk	5 April 1907	Two years later than in Frescura.
182	Kraaifontein	13 November 1878	The earliest in Frescura.
186	Jansenville	10 October 1895	The latest in Frscura
189	Eerste River Station	4 October 1894	The latest date in Frescura
217	Hex River	17 March 1902	The latest in Frescura
218	Wolfefontein Station	14 May 1880	The earliest in Frescura.
219	Middle Post	28 January 1885 16 September 1890	The earliest and latest in Frescura.
233	Armoed	21 February 1902	The latest cover in Frescura
236	Zuurbraak	16 January 1893	Frescura lists the earliest as '1890'.
238	Mill River	16 November 1878	The only known cover and as such the proving cover listed in Frescura. Flat head to the '3' in 238. The round head 238 was used at Garies from around 1891. Known as Molen River after October 1887.
241	Grootfontein	5 March 1885	The earliest in Frescura
244	Mosheshs Ford	1 February 1896	The earliest in Frescura
245	Venterstad 23	January 1886	The earliest in Frescura.
248	Oatlands	29 July 1901	The latest in Frescura
249	Bizana	12 April 1898	The earliest in Frescura. There is some thought that 249 may first have been used at the postal agency at Kruis Valley but this is not proven at the moment. Bizana was later called Umtumvuma.
251	St Matthews	29 August 1891	Later than the latest in Frescura
252	Junction R & M Rivers	22 January 1884	The only one in Frescura.
255	Zandfontein	15 June 1901	The earliest in Frescura.
257	Assegai Bush	18 October 1886	Not in Frescura, numbered 257 and the only recorded example. Possibly 1896 but unlikely as first issue internal postcard used. Are there any others? Read also in Frescura under Two Streams.
260	Belmont	20 April 1900	A later date than in Frescura
264	Qumbu	17 January 1895	The earliest in Frescura.
265	New Hantam	21 August 1894	This is the only cover recorded in Frescura.
266	Schoongezicht	21 April 1890	The only one recorded in Frescura. Are there any others?
266	Elliot	16 January 1901	This cover becomes the earliest and Frescura's earliest becomes the latest.
267	Plein Street Cape Town	25 September 1883	The earliest in Frescura. This post office was transferred to Stal Street in June 1902.
276	Riet Vlei	19 October 1901	This is the only cover recorded in Frescura.
283	Coega	24 May 1896	This is the cover mentioned in Frescura. Although the 8 is indistinct Frescura records 293 for Brandewyn's Kuil but does not show any cover dates. The Frescura supplement 1982 shows 283 for Elandsdrift but Frescura does not allocate any number BONC number for Elandsdrift.
287	Green Point	30 August 1883	The earliest in Frescura and with the earliest plain double arc cds for Green Point.
288	Vogelstruis Nek	20 December 1905	The only one in Frescura. Are there any others?
288	Newlands	16 November 1897	The latest in Frescura.
292	Draaibosch	5 November 1900	Not in Frescura
294	Klipheuvel	24 September 1903	Later than in Frescura.
314	Inxu	3 June 1901	Earlier than Frescura
320	St John's River	28 June 1890	The earliest in Frescura; known later as port St John
333	Forest Hall	15 March 1883	The earliest in Frescura
344	Worcester Station	3 September 1883	Frescura lists the latest date only as 1883.
371	Kendrew Station	6 April 1893	The latest in Frescura
403	Slangfontein	27 January 1901	The earliest in Frescura.
414	Emjanyana	13 March 1900	Proving cover. Frescura notes 'BONC use probable'
429	Upington	26 October 1893	This is the latest date in Frescura. BONC 429 believed to have been issued to P.O. Upington on 1 August 1882. The earliest date in Frescura is 15 August 1884.
433	Windsorton	17 October 1895	The latest in Frescura.
434	Frankfort	26 July 1902	Later than in Frescura..
445	Riebecsek East	1 July 1896	The latest in Frescura.
448	Brakfontein	23 August 1901	Later known as Hoek-Van-De-Berg from 1909. The cds also has the Head Office of Robertson in a type not shown in either of the Frescura volumes' illustrations of postmarks. The only one recorded in Frescura.
449	Van Wyks Vlei	10 October 1890	This is the day after Frescura's earliest date.
456	Kentani	17 October 1887	The earliest in Frescura.
461	Grabouw	31 October 1901	The only one in Frescura.
467	Middleburg Road	30 September 1892	The earliest in Frescura. Later known as Rosmead.
504	Atherstone Station	8 February 1895	This is the cover recorded in Frescura as the only known cover. It was on the railway from Port Elizabeth. Are there any others?
522	Bolotwa	18 March 1898	The only one in Frescura.
528	Cyphergat	27 April 1893	The only one in Frescura.

540	Andries Kraal	5 November 1902	The latest in Frescura. Another item known with Camria cds as well as Andries Kraal cds
549	Uitkyk	2 December 1901	This is the only cover recorded in Frescura
604	Fonteins Vlei	21 October 1886	This is the only cover known and is recorded as such in Frescura.
607	Witwatersrand Transvaal	8 June 1887	My research indicates that this BONC was used at Ferreira's Camp/Witwatersrand near Johannesburg in 1886 and 1887. Not proven apart from the evidence provided by covers such as this one sent to Italy
611	Longdens	6 February 1897	This is the cover listed in Frescura as the only known cover
636	Kweleghe	11 April 1905	The only example in Frescura. Are there any others?
639	Hartebeest Kuil	27 November 1890	Not recorded at all in Frescura.
648	Constantia	18 December 1900	The only one in Frescura.
649	Fishwater	7 November 1911	The latest in Frescura
659	Plumstead	30 November 1896	The only one recorded in Frescura. Are there any others?
656	Sir Lowry Road	18 February 1888	The earliest in Frescura.
666	Biesjepoort	3 February 1902	Impression not 100% clear but pretty certain to be 666. 666 allocated to Wyders River in Frescura's 1982 Supplement. This is not in Frescura so at a minimum even if the 666 needs confirmation a BONC exists for
669/699	Izeli	1 July 1892	Definitely 669 [which was shown as Sandflats in the Frescura 1982 Supplement] This is the earliest cover in Frescura. Position of 699 not known.
680	Mooiplaats	8 December 1903	The only one in Frescura.
703	Bushman's River Station	11 October 1901	This is a new discovery and is the only item with 713 on cover known at the moment. Bushman's River Station was on the line from Port Elizabeth. Frescura gives no details at all and says that a BONC was probable for Bushman's River [listed as a separate PO to Bushmn's River Station].
732	Dunedin	22 December 1901	The latest in Frescura.
740	Fourteen Streams	18 April 1895	The head office for Fourteen Streams was Barclay West. The railway line from Kimberley reached Fourteen Steams on 1 December 1890. The MOSB function of the PO at Fourteen Steams went on 31 March 1892 and a postal agency established there. Frescura notes that BONC use was probable but gives no number. This is the proving cover.
756	Robertson	13 March 1891	This is the cover recorded in Frescura for 14 April 1891 but as this is the date on the Cape Town arrival mark the date of posting is probably 13 March 1891.
757	Turvey's Post	18 January 1907	The only one in Frescura
758	Palla	5 June 1895	
762	Garstlands	23 November 1903	This date is later than the latest date in Frescura by six years. The cover bears the Western TPO RLS registration cds for 25 November 1903.
772	Kenegha Drift	10 July 1897	The latest in Frescura
780	Wolve Kloof	22 March 1901	The earliest in Frescura.
795	Brandwacht II	12 August 1897	The earliest in Frescura
801	Thornhill	10 February 1896	The only one in Frescura
805	Klipdam 2	31 December 1891	The postcard illustrated is a 'first day use' of the postcard at Klipdam 2. No ds for Klipdam 2 appears on the postcard. Frescura notes the use of a BONC at Klipdam 2 as 'probable'. The significant thing is that the writer used the expression 'Klipdam II'.
841	Tootabi	26 May 1906	The latest in Frescura.
879	Diep River	22 December 1894 24 January 1895	The earliest and the latest dates in Frescura.
901	Odendaalstroom	30 March 1901	This is the later cover recorded in Frescura and only two covers are known at the moment. This cover is addressed to Ceylon and prepaid 2d.
914	Selukwe	8 January 1895	Selukwe was in Matabeleland and the cover was franked 6d in BSA Co. stamps and was addressed to Leeds in England.
916	Tabase	6 October 1911	The latest in Frescura and cancelling the first [21/2d] issue of the Union of South Africa.
960	Bayville	27 December 1897	Not in Frescura at all.
996	Olyvenhout's Drift	7 November 1891	On a registered letter to Germany without any cds except that of Upington.
1005	Nababeep	5 December 1904	The earliest in Frescura.
1006	St Lukes	4 October 1897	The earliest in Frescura.
1008	Tutura	15 July 1897	Tutura is near Butterworth and the cover illustrated is the early date recorded in Frescura for both the BONC and the cds.
1009	Quagga	9 April 1902	The latest in Frescura
1084	New Eisleben 2	9 August 1901	The only cover in Frescura
1111	The Beach	8 January 1898	Not in Frescura
1133	Riverton Road	26 June 1900	The earliest in Frescura.
1276	Blanco	11 July 1910	The latest in Frescura
1294	Mill Street Cape Town	19 June 1901	The earliest in Frescura. Previously known as Gardens post office which used 701.
1296	Ndabeni Location	1 May 1905	The earliest in Frescura and on a registered envelope.
1338	Lady Grey I	31 March 1901	The earliest in Frescura
1339	Elsies River Halt	13 May 1902	Not in Frescura at all
1395	Heuvel Kraal	3 January 1905	The earliest in Frescura on a postcard to port Elizabeth.
1402	Kei Bridge	30 August 1911	The latest in Frescura.



BONC 227 used on an unknown date at Kimberley. This BONC has also been struck on its own over the envelope flap on the back.

BONCs Used Outside Cape of Good Hope

BONC	Place Used	Date(s)	Comments
181	Geluk British Bechuanaland	5 April 1897	Later than in Frescura Supplement. 2 1/2 d CGH stamp used for postage to Germany.
210	Mohaleshoek Basutoland	29 October 1885 and 8 August 1894	The Frescura Supplement notes only BSAC.
219	Amalind	24 July 1912	The only one in Frescura. Post Union.
277	Morija Basutoland	16 September 1897	Later than in the Frescura Supplement
280	Engcobo Transkei	17 December 1882	280 had been allocated to Petrusville previously.
281	Maseru Basutoland	4 January 1893	Sent to Ireland; paid 2 1/2d.
300	Nakori Rhodesia	Before 27 November 1903	27 November is the date of the Bulawayo postmark. Nakori is 64km north of Fort Victoria.
440	Concordia	12 September 1892	The earliest in Frescura
538	New Amalfi	13 April 1888	The only one in Frescura. New Amalfi was later named Umzimvubu.
550	Embokotwa Transkei	7 September 1895	Sent to the UK
679	Tati Matabeleland	4 August 1896	Mashonaland three halfpence postcard used.
688	Teyateyaneng Basutoland	17 February 1899	Later than in Frescura Supplement on letter using CGH stamps to Ireland.
718	Embekelweni Swaziland	7 July 1890	Addressed to ZAR and registered.
826	Victoria Mashonaland [BCA]	15 March 1895	No dates given in Frescura Supplement. Sent to Johannesburg. Further copy 25 March 1895 sent to Salisbury Mashonaland]. Called Victoria Rhodesia in Frescura Supplement.
827	Salisbury Mashonaland [BCA]	7 May 1894	Sent to Holland via Tuli [BCA] and the UK. No dates given in Frescura Supplement which uses Rhodesia as a description not BCA.
851	Tshiromo British Central Africa	28 March 1894	Sent to the UK. No dates given in Frescura Supplement.
854	Blantyre British Central Africa	19 March 1894	Sent to Austria via Tshinde BCA and the UK. No dates given in Frescura Supplement.
855	Fort Johnston British Central Africa	1 July 1894	Sent to Germany via Cape Town and the UK. No dates given in Frescura Supplement.
863	Zomba	19 February 1897	Zomba double circle cds for 19 February 1897. Sent to the UK registered.
891	Maribogo British Bechuanaland	3 December 1894	Thought to have been used at Kunana.
914	Selukwe Matabeleland	8 January 1895	Sent to the UK via Gwelo Matabeleland. No dates given in Frescura Supplement.
957	Sebanga Poort Matabeleland	31 August 1895	BSAC stamps on a cover to the UK.
1184	Bloemfontein Orange River Colony	17 May 1905	Mark applied on postmark and tax mark on official redirection from Bloemfontein to Thaba. Official redirection mark.

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Forged Used British Bechuanaland Newspaper Wrapper

by Peter Thy

The used British Bechuanaland newspaper wrapper shown in Figure 1 appeared about a year ago on eBay and immediately caught my attention despite that the seller clearly advertised the wrapper as forged by placing an electronic ‘forgery’ over the stamp in the posted image. The question is obviously how a seasoned collector could ignore all the warning signs? What was probably the only thing I really saw was the missing cancelling bars crossing out the explanatory text. The 1/2d British overprinted Bechuanaland wrappers have always the text cancelled (Thy and Inglefield-Watson, 2004). However not always, since one example of a mint wrapper is known with missing cancelling bars, thought to have been a printing error (Thy and Inglefield-Watson, 2006). That’s what I focused on in that split second when I placed my fatal winning bid. All the blatant warning signs had magically vanished. But let’s look at the forged wrapper in details, perhaps in more details than really justified.

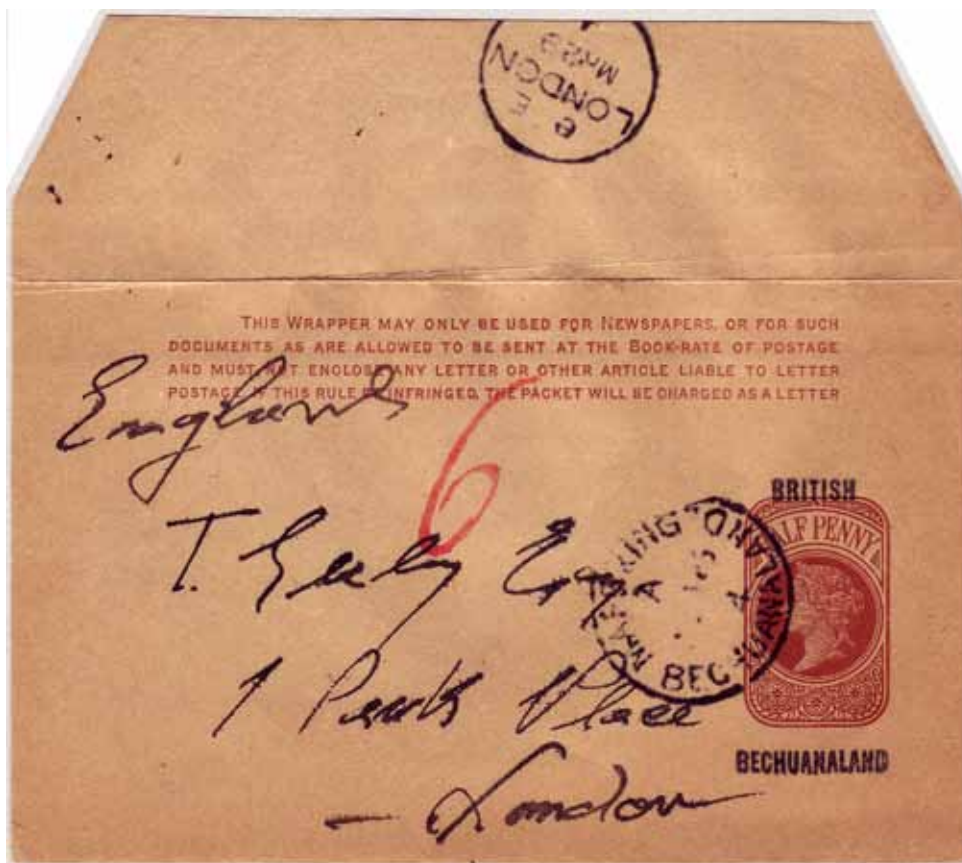


Figure 1. Forged British Bechuanaland newspaper wrapper (126 mm wide).

The 1888, and later 1890, 1/2d wrappers for British Bechuanaland were overprinted on British 1883 and 1889 wrappers with ‘BRITISH’ above the stamp and ‘BECHUANALAND’ below and the text cancelled by diagonal bars (Figure 2). The forged wrapper of Figure 1 was clearly made to emulate the 1890 wrapper with four lines of text. The original wrapper used for the forgery was as we will see a genuine British wrapper introduced just a year before being overprinted for Bechuanaland. The forged wrapper was reduced from the original 300 mm tall to 116 mm by cutting off the lower part.

The overprinted country identification (Figure 3) is on the original wrapper spaced by 32 to 32.5 mm and with 10.5 mm wide ‘BRITISH’ (Thy and Inglefield-Watson, 2006). The ‘BECHUANALAND’ is remarkable constant for all wrappers being 19 mm wide. The forged overprint is considerable larger with about 33 mm spacing, ‘BRITISH’ 11 mm wide, and ‘BECHUANALAND’ 20 mm wide; thus enlarged by about 5 % compared to the target wrapper. This suggests that scanning from an



Figure 2. The genuine British Bechuanaland newspaper wrapper (WR 7) overprinted in 1890 on a British 1889 wrapper (126 mm wide).

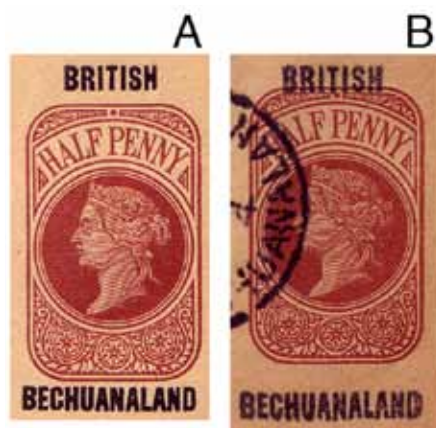


Figure 3. Comparison of the genuine overprint (A) and the forged overprint (B). The original stamp imprint is 30 mm tall.

original wrapper was used for producing the forged overprinting. The reduction in the intensity of the forged black imprint is also a clear sign of having been lifted from a colored background, such as a buff wrapper or postcard.

The Mafeking cancel on the forged wrapper was widely in use between 1886 and 1900 (Thy, 2004). The forged cancel is however 27 mm in diameter in contrast to the 22 to 23 mm of the original, or about 20 % enlarged (Figure 4). The date in the Mafeking cancel is indistinct, but may be read as AP 16 1894 consistent with the use of the wrapper. The forged Mafeking cancel was thus scanned from an imprint and transferred to the wrapper again without carefully checking the enlargement.

The London cancel (e E / LONDON / MR29 / ?) on the top/reverse (Figure 1) has so far eluded a reasonable interpretation. The general format compares to the date circle of the early duplex machine cancellers used together with numerical barred killers (Westley, 1900). It may be a late use of the date part of an early London duplex cancel. The letter code (e E) is not listed by any of the sourced that I have been able to consult, although it may refer to the eastern district of London. The London postmark may thus have belonged to the original British wrapper and that the remaining markings and inscriptions of the reverse have been cut off because they were unwanted. Alternatively, as discussed below the London cancel – like the Mafeking cancel – may have been applied by the forger. The wrapper is addressed to ‘1 Park Place’ located in central London near St. James and across the park from Buckingham Place – a coincident or just an easy pick?

The red ‘6’-tax mark appears to have been made with ink. The typical tax marks in southern Africa (very rare on Bechuanaland mail) during the period in question were normally made using various forms of hand stamps or bluish crayons and were more than often applied in the Cape of Good Hope, or later the Union of South Africa. The newspaper rate to the UK in 1888, and later, was from British Bechuanaland 1d per 4 oz (3d per additional 4 oz). The 1/2d franking of the wrapper was intended for inland mailing and not for the UK. The correct taxing should thus have been 1d, assuming the basic 4 oz weight class. For 8 oz the taxed amount should have been 7d. However, the wrapper appears rather unaffected of having transported an 8 oz thick newspaper or document all the way from Bechuanaland to London.



Figure 4. (A) Original Mafeking cancel (22 mm in diameter). (B) Forged Mafeking cancel (27 mm in diameter).

There is thus little question of the status of the overprint and the cancellations. The red ‘6’-tax mark and the address are clearly written with a scratchy ink pen as seen from the sharp contacts and irregularities controlled by fibers in the paper (Figure 5). Because of the monochromic nature of the black ink, it can be difficult to tell if the address was applied after or before the mark (Figure 5A). Simple tests on similar wrapper paper of the period did not give conclusive results (Figures 5C and 5E). Running of the black ink into grooves of the red ink trace was often seen in the tests as perhaps seen on the forgery (Figure 5A) and dependent on the thickness of the ink, a red film is sometimes left on top of the black ink (Figure 5E).

An image analysis of the three ink versions in Figure 5 was performed by transforming the images from a standard RGB color space (TIFF) into a variety of grey-scale color spaces that can show features not visible in the original. These transformations were done using a web-based resource (<http://retroReveal.org>) hosted by the University of Utah’s Willard Marriott Library. The site has been designed to allow researchers (such as philatelists and postal historians) without prior knowledge of color theory to obtain useful results. The end-result of analyzing the color images in Figure 5 is shown as the grey-scale column in Figure 5 selected from about 50 possible images as the most useful for the present purpose. The transformed images clearly show the presence of red ink on the top of the black ink only in Figure 5F where the red ink deliberately was applied after the black ink. In contrast there is no indications of red ink on top of the black address in Figure 5D, showing the forged wrapper. Thus the black address on the forged wrapper was applied on top of the tax mark clearly suggesting that the red-inked tax mark was already applied to the wrapper prior to the black-inked address. The relationships between the address and

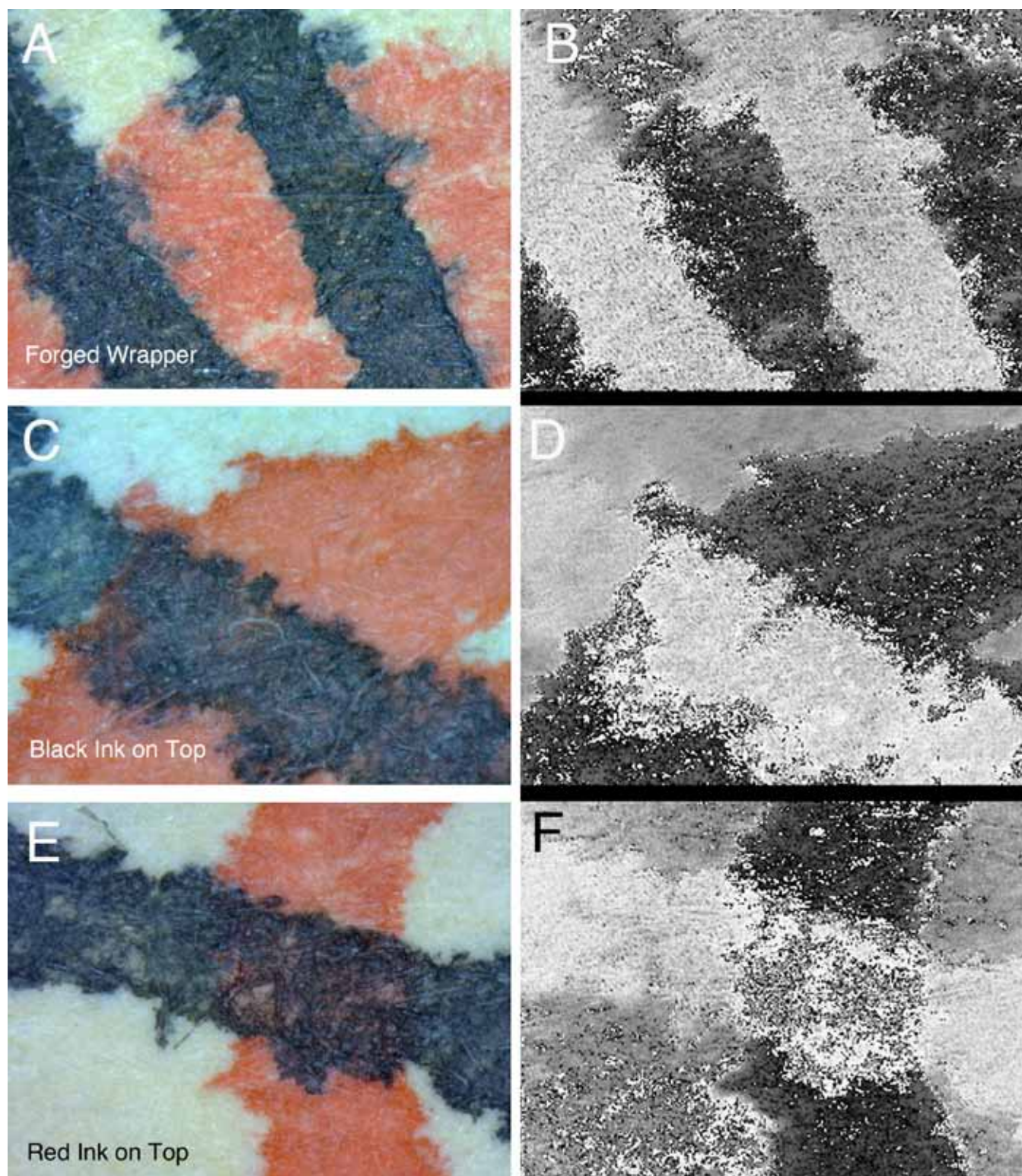


Figure 5. Black – red ink relationships on wrapper paper. Left column is as scanned in full color. Second greyscale column is optical manipulated to optimize the differences. (A, B) The original forged wrapper. (C, D) Simulated with the black ink on top. (E, F) Simulated with the red ink on the top as seen by a thin film of red on top of the black ink. Scale bar is 0.5 mm for all illustrations. The grey-scaled column was produced using RetroReveal (<http://retroreveal.org/>). The images were transformed into the YQ1Q2 colorspace and the Q1 channel was isolated. Then the resulting greyscale image was normalized with 2 percent allowance of saturated pixels. Finally the image was equalized and saved as 8-bit JPG files.

the Mafeking cancel also suggest that the address was written after the application of the cancel.

The cancellers and the overprint were applied using an electronic scanner and an inkjet printer that is so easily available to so many of us. The inkjet scanner is easily identified for polychromatic images (Figure 6B) by a dotted pattern from the printing nozzle head. Laser printing would have left a strong linear pattern perpendicular to the paper movement direction. When monochromatic black ink is used, as for the cancels and overprint, identification however can be problematic. The giveaway is the reduced density of the black ink dots and irregular soft-edged boundaries. The effects of electronic scanning and color separation, however, can produce similar results and thus make it difficult to identify the printing methods of monochrome print parts.

There is little doubt that the wrapper in Figure 1 was forged. A long list of observations as seen would individually or combined have proved this and would not have necessitated the above extensive discussion.

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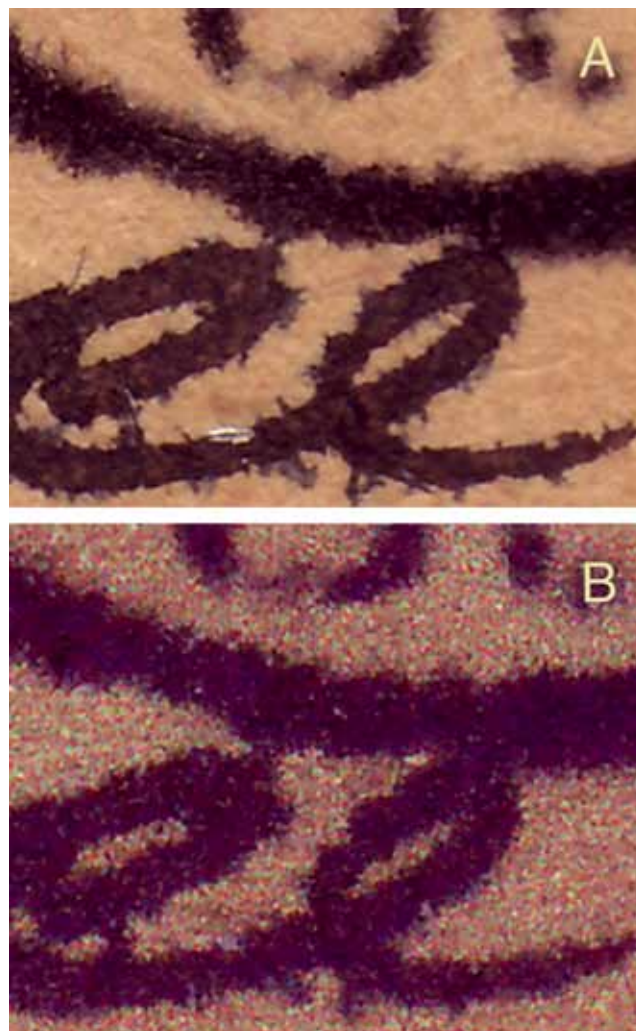
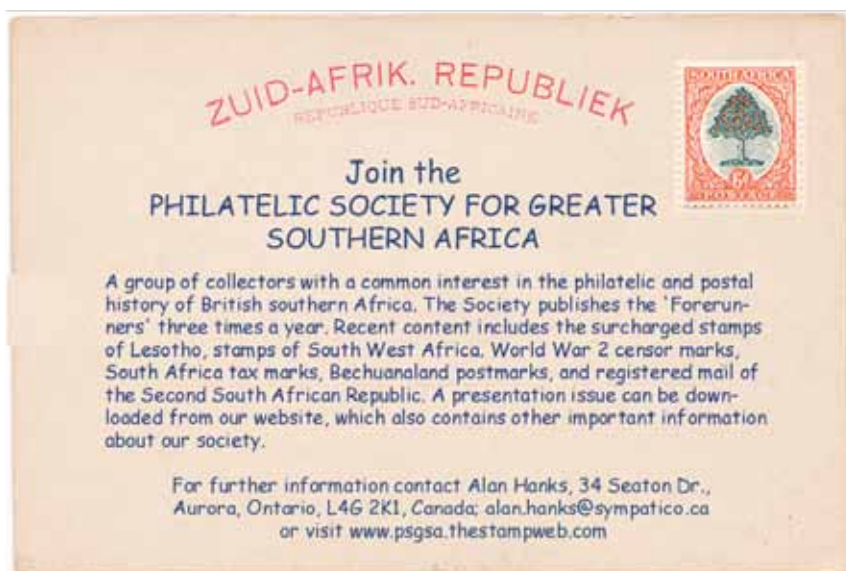


Figure 6. Details of forged wrapper. (A) Scanned at 1200 dpi. (B) Same image printed using a dot matrix



This postcard-sized flyer is posted on our website and can be downloaded and printed for promotional purposes. Download it, print it, and distribute it at stamp shows and to friends that may be interested in southern Africa.

Ismail Akojee of Francistown, Bechuanaland

by Peter Lodoen

The year was 1944. Soldiers of Bechuanaland origin was called to serve with British forces in World War II. Nevertheless, during much of the area of British rule in the Bechuanaland Protectorate, Indians were not allowed to live in Francistown (historically regarded as South African town).

The era came, however, when the status quo was broken. Ismail Akojee established himself as a pioneer Indian in Francistown. His presence was accepted by the British as Ismail had married a Bechuanaland woman.

Amina (Jassat), the daughter of Ismail, still lives in Francistown, and, until recently, she served as councilor in the Republic of Botswana.



Early circular date stamps included Francistown in South Africa, even though the Union of South Africa did not come into existence until 1910.



The cover was posted on 25 May, 1944, about one year after German forces surrendered in North Africa. It was sent by Akojee Ismail, P.O. Box 23, Francistown.



The OVS Numeral Postage Due Markings: An Update

by Jan Stolk

After the installment of the OVS Numeral Postage Due markings in Forerunners # 74, the article was published in the FVZA newsletter Barthelomeas Dias and in the The Orange Freestate Bulletin no. 230. After these publications I received additional information from Peter Wingent, Bob Allison, Hugh Amooore, and Kevin Price and was able to purchase several cov-

ers with new information. There is now enough new information to justify publish an updated listing.

The illustrated covers are No. 20 from Zastron 20/04/1935 and No. 15 from Philipppolis 01/08/1951, which were part of my recent purchases.

Please let me know about additions to the list.

OVS Numeral Postage Due Markings Listing Update May 2013.				
No. cancel	postoffice	A.G.M.Batten	earliest date	latest date
1	Parys	1962	7/13/05	30/10/1992
2	Ventersburg Road	1967	5/1/06	11/8/80
3	Springfontein	1958	5/25/05	
4	Theunissen	1960		5/16/90
5	Bloemfontein East	1961	4/23/06	
6	Winburg	1958		4/22/83
7	Trompsburg	1967		
8	Tempe		7/30/07	12/28/12
9	Rouxville	1968		
10	Reddersburg	1968	9/15/05	
11	Ventersburg	1969	5/11/20	
12	Vredefort	1958		00/02/1994
13	Jagersfontein	1967	6/23/23	
14	Jacobsdal	1967		7/31/70
15	Philipppolis	1967		8/1/51
16	Thaba N'chu	1967	8/9/17	5/4/82
17	Harrismith	1956	1907	1945
18	Fouriesburg	1909	1/29/09	7/5/88
19	Fauresmith	1968	12/11/37	
20	Zastron	1907	9/10/07	4/20/35
21	Bultfontein	1962		
22	Wepener	1968		12/15/80
23	Clocolan	1967		
24	Bothaville	1962	?/11/1913	4/21/83
25	Kings Hill	1906	8/19/07	3/23/70
26	Bethlehem	1967	5/15/50	10/27/95
27	Senekal	1915	12/12/15	3/17/49
28	Villiers	1962		10/16/85
29	Vrede	1907	10/16/06	11/24/86

No. cancel	postoffice	A.G.M.Batten	earliest date	latest date
30	Ficksburg	1959	4/17/17	
31	Lindley	1959	8/8/07	10/11/94
32	Kestell	1958		
33	?			
34	Boshof	1912	7/31/12	
35	?			
36	Reitz	1956	2/12/07	00/02/1986
37	Edenburg	1937		
38	Petrusburg	1958		
39	Smithfield	1967	5/7/12	7/4/94
40	Hoopstad	1967		8/5/71
41	Frankfort	1956	11/28/12	5/29/95
42	Koffiefontein	1909	10/9/05	12/17/43
43	Ladybrand	1909	6/17/06	11/30/33
44	Wolvehoek	1967		
45	Bethulie	1954		
46	Kroonstad	1909	10/22/08	8/4/39
47	Luckhoff	1965		00/05/1965
48	Dealesville	1962		10/13/95
49	Brandfort	1911	10/9/11	
50	Dewetsdorp	1967	1/13/09	11/3/60
51	Heilbron	1908	5/2/08	1/11/94
52	Marquard	1967		
53	?			
54	?			
55	Westminster	1967		5/19/58
56	?			
57	Odendaalsrust	1918	12/9/09	5/3/89
58	Koppies	1916		1/26/00



No.20 from Zastron 20/04/1935



No.15 from Philipppolis 01/08/1951

Philatelic War Against South Africa

by Tony Davis

During the 1970s and 1980s numerous nations issued stamps which were opposed to the South African government and honoured resistance figures. Four central themes were addressed in these issues: anti-apartheid, anti-racism, economic alliances in Southern Africa which sought to escape financial domination by South Africa and independence for South-West Africa/Namibia.

The following is an alphabetical listing of such stamp issues:

Afghanistan, Scott 1035, 1983
 Algeria, Scott #878, 1988
 Angola, Scott #641, 1981
 Angola, Scott #663, 1983
 Angola, Scott #702-704a, 1985
 Congo People's Republic, Scott #787-788, 1987
 Congo People's Republic, #803-805, 1988
 Cuba, Scott #2535, 1982
 Egypt, Scott #1368, 1985
 Ethiopia, Scott #889-893, 1978
 Ethiopia, Scott #1084-1088, 1984
 Gabon, Scott #624, 1987
 Germany (DDR), Scott #1957, 1978
 Germany (DDR), Scott #B200, 1987
 Ghana, Scott #881-885, 1984
 Ghana, Scott #1033-1037, 1987
 Guyana, Scott #222-225, 1975
 India, Scott #689, 1975
 India, Scott #1142, 1987
 Iran, Scott #2214, 1986
 Kenya, Scott # 132-136, 1978
 Lesotho, Scott #241-244, 1977
 Malagasy Republic, Scott #589, 1978
 Mali, Scott #295-297, 1978
 Mali, Scott #C537, 1987
 Mexico, Scott #C583-C584, 1978
 Mozambique, Scott #947-950, 1985
 Niger, Scott #520, 1980
 Niger, Scott #739-740, 1986
 Nigeria, Scott #251-254, 1971

Nigeria, Scott #371, 1978
 Nigeria, Scott #405-406, 1981
 Pakistan, Scott #424, 1976
 Russia, Scott #5081, 1982
 Russia, Scott #5693, 1988
 Senegal, Scott # 598-600, 1983
 Senegal, Scott #721-723, 1987
 Somalia, Scott #368-369, 1971
 Syria, Scott #986, 1983
 Tanzania, Scott #113-116a, 1978
 Tunisia, Scott #720-721, 1978 (illustrated)
 Uganda, Scott #369-370, 1983
 Zambia, Scott #324-326, 1985
 Zimbabwe, Scott #525-528, 1986.

The United Nations also issued sets which focused on independence for South-West Africa/Namibia from South Africa (which had administered the country since World War I after defeating German colonial forces there, under a League of Nations Mandate). Scott #240-241, #263-264, #296-297, #312-313 and Geneva issues #33, #53-54, #76 and #86.



Mali – airmail value issued to honor 1960 Nobel Peace Prize winner Albert Luthuli, former President of the African National Congress



Tunisia – two values issued “against apartheid”



Mali – three values issued “for the struggle against apartheid”



Congo People's Republic – two values, anti-apartheid theme, high value with imprisoned Nelson Mandela



United Nations – four values, New York and Geneva issues, for Namibia



Niger – two values, issued in solidarity for political prisoners in South Africa and Namibia



Pakistan – stamp issued for Namibia Day



Niger – one value commemorating the fourth anniversary of the death of political activist Steve Biko



Ghana – four values "in solidarity with Southern Africa"



Ethiopia – five values commemorating Namibia Day

From West Charterland's Ngami Expedition

by Peter Thy

This article was started by a letter from Werner Seeba containing a black and white photocopy of an old auction lot from the Postal History Auctions of London. The very characteristic handwriting on the card appeared familiar. True enough, a brief consultation with Sillery (1965) about 1896 events and the index for the Runner Post (Journal of the Bechuanaland Society) soon lead me on the right track. The card was originally described in the Runner Post by Fennermore (1999). This lead toward several other articles including an article by Chilton (1989) about the West Charterland expedition of 1896. A contact to Fennermore further provided the shown color illustrations. The card was one of three known outgoing mail items from the West Charterland Co. in Ngamiland. A small hand full of incoming cards addressed to Captain Lugard also exists. These are mostly bank correspondence cards (Chilton, 1989; Anon., 1985/86). We will here review the outgoing correspondence and will add another example bringing the total count to four.



Figure 1. Address side of card to Assam. Proving BONG 676 and Khama's Town Palachwe (AU 24 96) and Mafeking (AU 31 96 and SEP 2 96), Durban (SEP 9 96), Tuticorin 2 OC 96), and Shillong (10 OC 96) cancels.

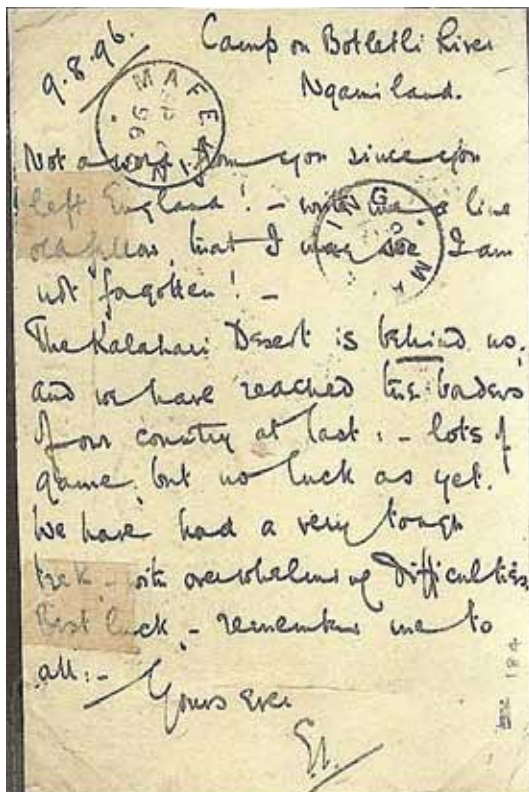


Figure 2. Message side of card to Assam.

The reply card illustrated in Seeba's letter (Figure 1) was written and mailed from a camp on the banks of the Botletli River, Ngamiland (near present day Maun), frontier Bechuanaland, on September 8, 1896, by 'E.J.' likely to have been Lieut. E.J. Lugard who had joined his more famous brother Capt. F.D. Lugard as the second in command of the expedition. It was Frederick Lugard who wrote himself into the Botswana history books by characterized Chief Sekgoma (his host at Ngami) as having the "appearance of a well educated and very well dressed monkey" (Tlou, 1985). The expedition was prospecting without success for gold financed by the short-lived 'British West Charterland Ltd' in competition with

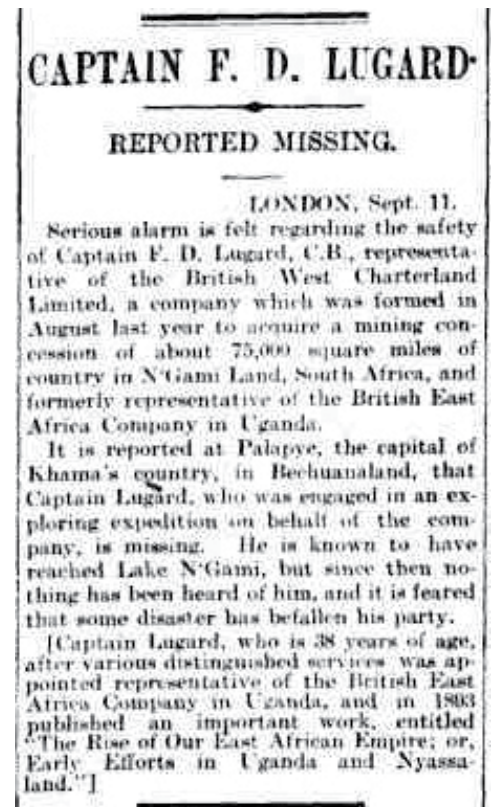


Figure 3. 1896 clipping from the Argus (Melbourne)

Rhodes' British South Africa Company.

The message reads: *"Not a word from you since you left England! - write me a line old fellow, that I can see that I am not forgotten! - The Kalihari Desert is behind us; and we have reached the borders of our country at last: - lots of game, but no luck as yet. We have had a very tough trek - with overwhelming difficulties. Best luck, - remember me to all: -Yours E.J."*

The West Charterland expedition had an agreement with Chief Khama to provide runners to maintain contact with Palachwe (later known as Palapye). The card was written on August 9th - nearly two month after the expedition passed through Palachwe (June 15th) on its way north - indeed a "tough trek" (Figure 3).

The card is addressed to Captain Chatterton, 42nd Gurkha Rifles, Shillong, Assam, India. Captain J.B. Chatterton was in 1896 serving with the 42nd Gurkha (Rifle) Regiment of Bengal Infantry and stationed at Shillong (Figure 4). Shillong was/is a main town of Assam, located in NE India along the southern flank of the Himalayas. The district was ceded to Britain in 1874 and remained under British control until 1905.

Life was certainly not easy in 1896, neither in Bechuanaland nor in Assam. For the start, Bechuanaland was devastated by severe drought, crops failure, drinking water shortage, and locust invasion (Sillery, 1974). Then the Rinderpest hid moving down from Matabeleland eventually diminishing the cattle heard by 90 % from its heydays just a couple of months earlier. The Colonial Report for 1896-7 excesses the devastating effects in vivid details: *"The territory was attacked at very short notice by an almost unknown disease in its most virulent form, which took for its victims the stable product, the chief means of livelihood, an important item of the food supply, and the capital and the currency of the country. To what an extent cattle performed all these functions is perfectly familiar to residents in the North, and they realise what a paralysing blow has been dealt by the visitation. Acting under professional advice, the Government ordered the destruction of over ten thousand head of cattle in the cause of a few weeks .."* This preventive measure added civil unrest to the list of calamities affecting Bechuanaland. Although serious unrest apparently was avoided in Bechuanaland, the Matabele rebellion just north of the border (Peetoom, 2012-13; Langton, 2012-13) and the Langeberg uprising (Shillington, 1985) south of the border were directly related to the Rinderpest.

The situation was not easier in Assam (Lambert, 1898). Severe drought, famine, and plague had resulted in widespread civil unrest that was brutally suppressed. On top of that, a severe earthquake hid Bengal and Assam on June 12, 1897, severely devastated the provinces. The Government House in Shillong as well as the mess building of the Gurkha Rifles were leveled with the ground. It has been estimated that the famine of 1896-7 alone affected a population of 65 million and resulted in a death till of well over a million. See Lambert (1898) for some vivid



Figure 4. 42 Gurkha Rifles Subalterns, Shillong between 1893 and 1897 - standing center is Lt J.B. Chatterton (later to command 1st Bn) and sitting right is Lt F.C. Colomb (later to command 2nd Bn).

descriptions and photographs. The good Captain and his Rifles in Shillong certainly had their hands full when he got the card. Unfortunately, we do not know the reply to his old friend in Ngamiland.

A handful of incoming cards to the West Charterland Company in Ngamiland exists. These are all bank correspondences addressed to Captain E.J. Lugard (Anon., 1985-6; Chilton, 1989). There are often marked with a cachet reading 'BRITISH WEST CHARTERLAND LTD/EXPEDITIONARY OFFICE' (Figure 5). E.J. Lugard had replaced his brother as in charge of the operations in 1897 and stayed on to the end of the adventures in 1899 with the outbreak of hostilities in South Africa. The outgoing mail appears not to have been marked with this cachet, probably because they are all of a private nature.

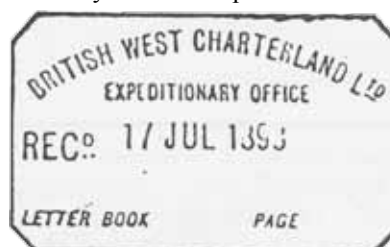


Figure 5. Office cachet used on incoming mail at the Ngamiland camp of the British West Charterland Co. (17 JUL 1898).

There is only four known covers and postcards that can be attributed to the West Charterland expedition. The first of these was shown in Figures 1-2. The second is a cover addressed to

British West Charterland Company
F.D. Lugard 1896-1897
E.J. Lugard 1897-99
C.F. Minchin 1897-1899? (2nd in command)



Figure 6. Envelope addressed to Mrs. Spon. Dr. Spon was the medical officer on the expedition.

Mrs. Spon, Brockley, London SE (Figure 6; Fennemore, 1999). Dr. Spon was the medical officer that accompanied the expedition (Chilton, 1989). The letter was turned in to the postal agency in Palachwe DE 22 97 about a year after the expedition had reached their base camp at Lake Ngami. Another named person was an American mining engineer called 'Colorado Browne' who got cold feet reaching Gaberones and never made it to Ngami.

A third cover are shown in Figure 7 addressed to the 'Military Secretary, Government House, Cape Town', and likely mailed by an expedition member. It was received in Palachwe on NO 3 97.

These three items were until recently all that was known to have survived of the outgoing mail from the West Charterland expedition. However, prompted by the suggestion from Werner Seeba, the author examined his own collection and to his own surprise was able to identify a fourth item. This is the postal card shown in Figure 8. It is a reply paid postal card (using the message

part) and addressed to 'Mrs. C.N. Minchin, 5 Rosemount Road, Acton, London W., England.' The card is datelined 'Kaikai Pan 8.2.99' and reads "Just arrived here all safe. We are likely to be here for some time. It is a charming spot however. Most excellent water, quite plenty of shooting in the bush round, so I shall be comfortable. Will write a long letter in a day or two. C.F.M."

The card received a MR 30 99 Palapye cancelation and was turned in at the Blackbeard Brothers store where the postal agency was located. The trip from Kaikai Pan thus took 38 days.

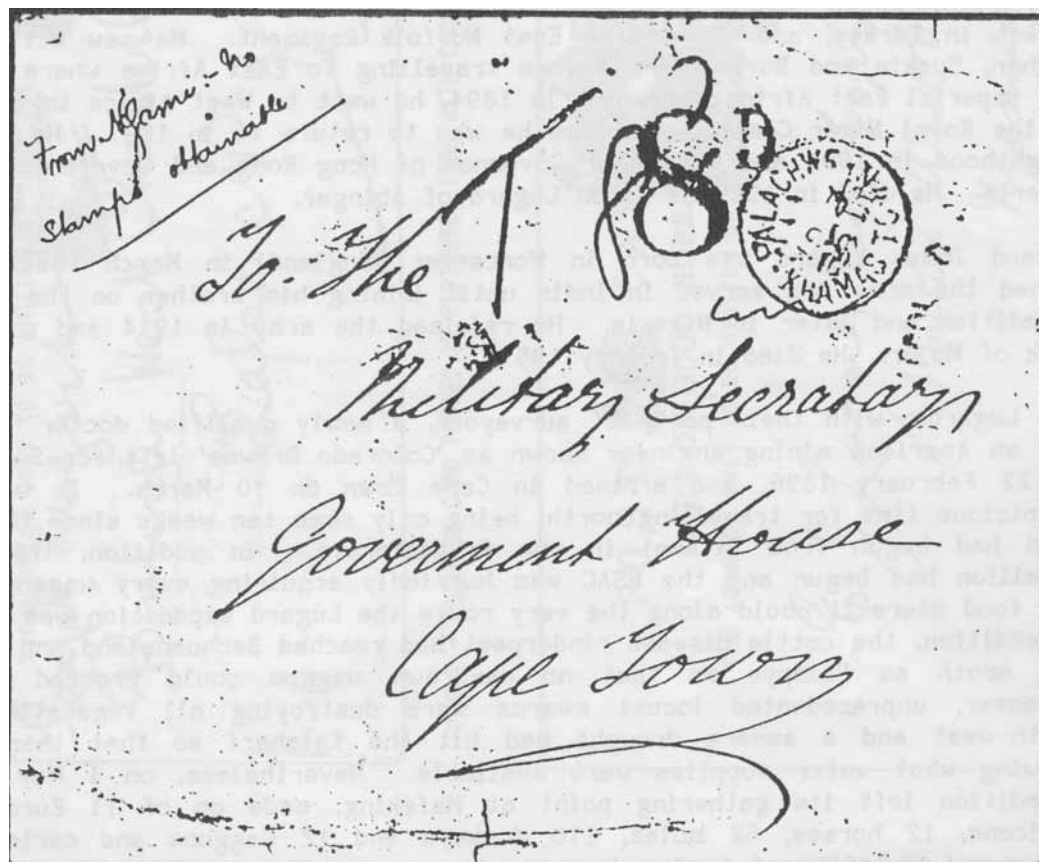


Figure 7. 1897 (November) cover from Ngamiland addressed to the 'Military Secretary, Government House, Cape Town'. It is endorsed in the upper left corner 'From Ngami - no stamps available' and was received in Palachwe NO 3 97. A tax mark of 8d was applied.



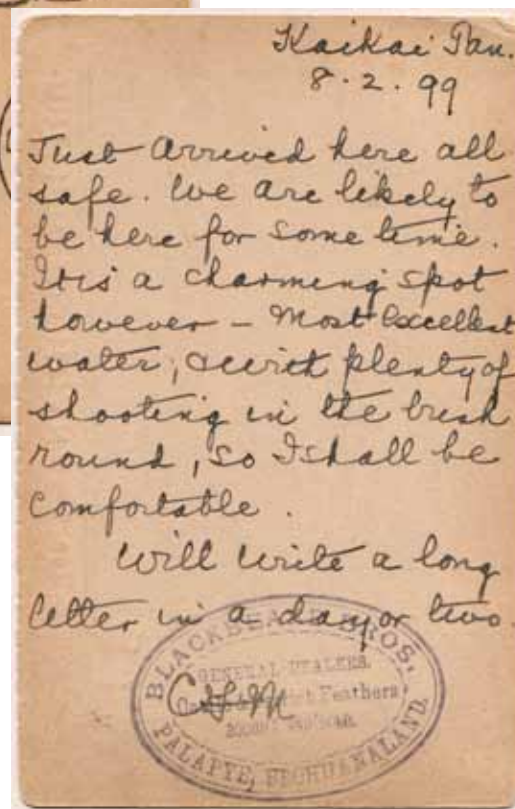
Figure 8. Reply paid postal card from the West Charterland expedition. It is written by C.F. Minchin, 2nd in command, to his mother. Stamps have been removed. The message is dated-lined Kaikai Pan 8.2.99.

The location of Kaikai Pan is uncertain. There is a KaiKai Pan on some maps in the northwest corner of Bechuanaland on the opposite side of the location of the main Ngami camp of the expedition, thus explaining the long travel time to Palapye. C.F. Minchin was second in command after F.D. Lugard left in 1897. The expedition was terminated without finding any gold in 1899 with the break-out of hostilities in South Africa. Both E.J. Lugard and Minchin served in the Boer War 1899-1902.

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MINCHIN, Lt.-Col. Charles Fredk., D.S.O. 1900; Indian Army: Consul-General, Meshed, since 1903; b. 22 Sept. 1862; e. s. of Charles Nicholls Minchin and Mary Jane Lugard; m. 1906, Violet Winifred, d. of Henry Ellis of Charters House, Branksome Park, Bournemouth. Educ.: Cheltenham College; United Services College, Westward Ho! Royal Military College, Sandhurst. Lieut. Bedfordshire Regt. 1882; joined Indian Staff Corps, 1885; 1st (Prince Albert Victor's Own) Punjab Cavalry, 1886; selected for Indian Political Service, 1891; seconded, 1897, as 2nd in command of an expedition sent by British West Charterland Co., London, to Lake Ngami Country in South Africa; served with S. African Field Force, 1899-1902; first with Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry, and later as Lieut.-Col. commanding 18th Battalion Imperial Yeomanry, and a mobile column. Decorations: Hazara Campaign, 1888 (medal with clasp); Chitral Campaign, 1895 (medal with clasp); S. African Campaign, 1899-1902 (despatches 3 times, D.S.O., 2 medals with 8 clasps); Coronation medal, and Hessian Order of Philip. Recreations: polo and shooting. Address: Meshed, Persia. Club: Cavalry.

C.F. Minchin from Who's is Who for 1907

Toward a Census of Used Stellaland Stamps

by Hennie Taljaard

This list summarizes my information on used Stellaland stamps. The readers are invited to let me have scans or photocopies of stamps in their collections that may or may not be missing on this list for future inclusions. Correspondance to htaljaard@witzenberg.gov.za or to the Editor.

Stellaland - listing of used stamps sorted by date					
Date:	Day:	Initials / canceller:	Value:	Remarks:	Source:
29/2/84	Friday	date/ZAR target 6 (Christiana)	3d		Christie's 1986
29/2/84	Friday	date only	3d		Jonkers Collection
7/3/84	Friday	date/ZAR target 6 (Christiana)	3d		Status Int. auction
4/4/84	Friday	"FH"	1d	On piece. RPS certificate	Jonkers Collection
5/6/84	Thursday	date only		Drysdall cover 1	Drysdall 1992 article
11/6/84	Wednesday	date only	1d		Hettinger Auction
17/8/84	Sunday	"FCL"?	3d	Initials not identified. Shown in	Jonkers Collection
25/8/84	Monday	"FCL"?	3d	Initials not identified	Jonkers Collection
30/9/84	Tuesday	"FH"		Drysdall cover 2	Drysdall 1992 article
7/10/84	Tuesday	date only	1d		Jonkers Collection
21/10/84	Tuesday	"FH"	4d		Jonkers Collection
18/11/84	Tuesday	"FH"	1d		EBay
25/11/84	Tuesday	"FH"		Groenewald cover 14	Groenewald 2002 article
2/12/84	Tuesday	"FH"		Drysdall cover 3	Drysdall 1992 article
2/12/84	Tuesday	"FH"		Drysdall cover 12	Drysdall 1992 article
2/12/84	Tuesday	"FH"	3d	On piece, 3 ring cancel touching top	Jonkers Collection
2/12/?		"FH"	1d	Date (year) not clear but probably 84	Jonkers Collection
8/12/84	Monday	"FH"	4d		Jonkers Collection
9/12/84	Tuesday	"FH"	6d, 3d, 4d	Mixed franking on piece	Stanley Gibbons auction
14/12/84	Sunday	"KA"?	6d	Initials not identified. RPS certificate	Jonkers Collection
2/84		"FH"	6d		Jonkers Collection
11/1/85	Sunday	"FH"	1d	Shown in Holmes.	Jonkers Collection
11/1/85	Sunday	"FH"	3d	On piece	Jonkers Collection
11/1/85	Sunday	"FH"	3d		Jonkers Collection
11/1/85	Sunday	"FH"	1/	On piece	Jonkers Collection
1/2/85	Sunday	"FH"	6d	On piece	Jonkers Collection
11/2/85	Wednesday	"FH"	1d	Strip of 3	Cherrystone auctions
11/2/85	Wednesday	"FH"	1d	On piece	Jonkers Collection
12/2/85	Thursday	"FH"	6d	On piece	Jonkers Collection
12/2/85	Thursday	"FH"	4d		Jonkers Collection
12/2/85	Thursday	"FH"	4d	On piece	Jonkers Collection
12/2/85	Thursday	"FH"	4d	On piece	Jonkers Collection
3/3/85	Tuesday	"FH"	3d		Jonkers Collection
6/3/85	Friday	"FH"	3d		Jonkers Collection
12/3/85	Thursday	"FH"		Drysdall cover 4	Drysdall 1992 article
19/3/85	Thursday	"FH"	3d	RPS certificate	Jonkers Collection
2/4/85	Thursday	"FH"	4d		Jonkers Collection
6/4/85	Monday	cds Kimberley	3d	Cancel struck twice	Jonkers Collection
12/4/85	Sunday	not cancelled		Drysdall cover 13	Drysdall 1992 article
16/4/85	Thursday	"FH"	3d		Jonkers Collection
15/5/85	Friday	"FH"	3d	RPS certificate	Status Int. auction
29/5/85	Friday	"FH"	3d		Ebay
28/7/85		"FH"	1d		Jonkers Collection
19/6/85	Friday	date only		Drysdall cover 5	Drysdall 1992 article
26/6/85	Friday	"F A Eaton" in blue pencil		Drysdall cover 6	Drysdall 1992 article
2/6/85		blue pencil stroke		Drysdall cover 7	Drysdall 1992 article
2/7/85		black pen stroke		Drysdall cover 8	Drysdall 1992 article
2/9/85		not cancelled		Drysdall cover 9	Drysdall 1992 article
7/9/85	Monday	cds Barkly G.W.	1d		Jonkers Collection
21/9/85	Monday	cds Kimberley	1d pair		Jonkers Collection
2/10/85		not cancelled		Drysdall cover 10	Drysdall 1992 article
2/10/85		not cancelled		Drysdall Cover 11	Drysdall 1992 article
2/7/86	Monday	cds Ladismith C.C.	1d		Jonkers Collection
Stamps not dated:					
not clear		cds Kimberley	1d		Jonkers Collection
not clear		cds Vrijburg	3d		Jonkers Collection
no date		"CGD pm"	3d	C.G. Dennison. Shown in Holmes.	Jonkers Collection
no date		black pen stroke	1d	on piece in combination with Cape 2d. cancelled "232" (Barkly)	Christie's 1986
no date		black pen stroke	1d		BidorBuy Auction
no date		black pen stroke	1d		Jonkers Collection
no date		black pen stroke	1d		Jonkers Collection
no date		black pen stroke	4d		Jonkers Collection
no date		black pen stroke	6d		
no date		OFS numeral 27 (Hoopstad)	1d		Jonkers Collection
no date		OFS numeral 27 (Hoopstad)	1d		Jonkers Collection
no date		ZAR target 8 (Zeerust)	1d		Jonkers Collection
no date		blue pencil stroke	1d pair		Status Int. auction
no date		blue pencil stroke	3d		Jonkers Collection

The mint Stellaland stamps



1885 soldier's letter to England bearing Stellaland 1d red (SG 1) which paid the penny concessionary rate. Sender endorsement "From No 54 Sergt E H Cox 1st Mounted Rifles", together with Officer's (a Captain in "C" Troop, 1st Mounted Rifles) counter signature as required for this military rate. The adhesive were defective prior to affixing, uncanceled, tied by patina and perimeter soiling. At centre a beautiful crisp strike of Barkly West telegraph office cancel AP 12 85. Backstamps include Cape Town AP 15 and Derby MY 7.

Steeped in historical events of the time and with a rich provenance being the only Soldier's letter (and the sole letter bearing a 1d value) amongst the few covers extant (12) bearing Stellaland adhesives as recorded by Alan Drysdall in the London Philatelist 3-4/1992. A magnificent showpiece for the connoisseur and a huge rarity of British Africa. Signed: Holmes. Ex Slomowitz. Quoting from the Slomowitz exhibit write-up: "After Rhodes and the Stellalanders agreed that the latter would submit to Cape rule against a guarantee of their land titles, Kruger sought to intervene. He annexed Goshen subject to British consent. Rhodes called for Imperial intervention to protect the Missionaries' Road. Sir Charles Warren invaded the area. In view of the agreement with Rhodes there was no resistance at Vryburg. At Mafeking the Goshenites had fled. As a result

they forfeited their land. Warren's Bechuanaland Field Force comprised the Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment); the 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons; detachments of the Royal Engineers and the Royal Artillery; the 1st Mounted Rifles ("Meuthuen's Horse"); the 2nd Mounted Rifles ("Carrington's Horse"); the 3rd Mounted Rifles ("Gough's Horse"); and the 4th Pioneer Regiment. This totalled approximately 5000 men, including a high proportion of volunteers recruited in the UK (the 1st Mounted Rifles) and Cape Colony. Warren made his own postal arrangements. On 7 February 1885 he took over the post office service (Jurgens). This is disputed by Drysdall (1992 LP 95) who holds that civilian mail was not carried by the military until approximately one month thereafter. Barkly-Taungs became a military line by order dated 1 February 1885. Covers that have survived show that troops paid the concessionary rate of 1d and commissioned officers 6d. Stamps of the CGH were used, failing which covers were marked "stamps unavailable". There is only one exception and that is this, the unique cover bearing a 1d Stellaland adhesive. Furthermore, of the twelve Stellaland covers known, none are military save this one."

The cover was recently offered on the internet by dealer Filat AG at 10250.00 CHF. The write-up is the dealers lot description.

Forerunners Forum

A Letter from The Royal Philatelic Society London Expert Committee

The reason for this letter is that the [Royal Philatelic Society London Expert] Committee has become increasingly concerned about the proliferation of material, predominately offered on the internet, but now filtering into the more general marketplace, which represents a potential threat to the well being of philately.

Overprints and surcharges have always attracted the attention of the darker side of philately, but in the past a number of technical difficulties in precisely matching the size and typography had to be overcome. However with contemporary reprographic and digital techniques this has been essentially removed and unfortunately a constant stream of material is appearing on the market, particularly via eBay.

Although much of this is openly marketed as being forgeries, space-fillers or curios to avoid any potential litigation, this practice represents a potentially serious threat not only to the collecting areas involved, but also the overall reputation and credibility of philately. None of these items are marked in any way to indicate their true nature so, whilst the initial purchasers may be clear as to what they are buying, as the material progressively permeates the philatelic market the unwary may well be taken in, either adventitiously, or by the unscrupulous. This is now happening and when collectors become aware of areas where forgeries are prevalent, they tend to avoid them, with potentially negative consequences for the level of interest and hence demand. Thus this situation raises particular levels of concern for both current and future generations of collectors.

With regard to the current situation on eBay, it is somewhat ironic that in recent years there has been a progressively greater interest in, and appreciation, both philatelic and financial, of the earlier forgeries, facsimiles and bogus items. Many of the last two categories are either marked or their status is obvious so that they do not pose the same risks, or were not intended to deceive. Thus, if the true intention of the eBay vendors of forged items is really to enable collectors to use them as space-fillers, then they should ensure that they are clearly and permanently marked to indicate this. Failure to do so will inevitably cast doubt on the true motive for their production and could place them in a position of potentially aiding and abetting fraud. It would of course be preferable that they stopped this activity altogether since genuine stamps and postal stationery are being used as the basis for the creation of these forged or bogus items.

At present relatively few items of postal stationery have been affected but an ever widening range of adhesive stamps with forged overprints have been offered, including a number of fanciful bogus items and some forged cancellations on overprinted and unoverprinted stamps. Although ideally it would be prudent for there to be an ongoing register of this material, the sheer number of items being produced, sometimes to order, makes such a task a significant undertaking.

Thus we would encourage collectors to be especially careful when purchasing overprinted or surcharged stamps of Great Britain and the Commonwealth.

Comment on the Expert Committee's Letter by Andrew Higson.

I do fear that the Expert Committee has forgotten the reason why it was established! Forgeries have existed since the inception of this hobby and most of these have not been marked as such. Fournier's forgeries are collected, but it was only the remainders that were marked "FAUX". The "Madam Joseph" forged British Commonwealth cancellations initially were intended to deceive collectors but are now collected in their own right. Whilst the Committee is critical of eBay, forgeries have never had a problem entering the philatelic marketplace. The major change that has happened over the last fifteen years is the improvement in the copying and production of forged items. But this is not something that is unique to philately – there are problems with coins, gold bars, the illicit downloads of music and films – and even beef burgers!

One can see that the Expert Committee of The Royal Philatelic Society London is concerned about the upsurge in forgeries – especially overprints. However, there is also the danger that this concern may result in their rejection of genuine items. Recently two Transvaal telegraph items which had previously been illustrated both in *The Transvaal Philatelist* and *The London Philatelist* have now been declared forgeries by the Expert Committee. I cannot comment on these stamps, but in the past I have had to return two items (both with overprints) because the opinions were incorrect. One Bechuanaland item took ten years to amass the evidence to show that it was genuine, whereas a Swaziland item was returned to the very next Committee meeting. Yes, I know the Committee only expresses an opinion, but it is important that its scepticism does not consign genuinely rare items into the "rubbish" pile – this too is very damaging to our hobby. Maybe the title "Expert Committee" is misleading – it may create expectations that are difficult to fulfil – a "Committee of Knowledgeable Philatelists" may be more appropriate.

In the Transvaal area, we have long had to contend with forgeries and illicit reprints – indeed it was this challenge that attracted me to study the Second Republic stamps as well as the Swaziland overprints – and we are not immune from this influx of new forgeries.

On the web there are a number of discussion boards that have been exposing the activities of some eBay sellers. To see the scale of the problem, maybe have a look at one that relates to Australia: <http://www.stampboards.net/viewtopic.php?f=21&t=39149>. But it is important to remember that it is the improvement in scanning and production methods that are the real problems.

This exchange including both the Expert Committee's letter and Andrew Higson's response originally appeared in the *Transvaal Philatelist* of March 2013. It is here reproduced with permission.

Questions, Comments, and Answers

Strange South African Perforation

Robert Weeden emails to ask about a strange perforation on South Africa Scott# 579 (SACC # 587), the 12 c City Hall, Port Elizabeth stamp from the buildings definitive issue. The perforation has an apparent offset of the vertical perforations mid-way through the sheet. I do not know how this is even possible. Any ideas our readers may have concerning this item would be of interest to me.



Addenda to Putzel Postmark Books

John Woolard emails: "A few years ago I managed to download pdf-files of a series of addenda to Putzel's grand books on southern Africa postmarks, all put together by Alex Visser. I assume it was from a web source, and rather thought it was from a link on the website of PSGSA. However, that link is not there now so I am really not sure how I got those files. I have tried a web search for the addenda but to no avail."

Answer: The updates were done by Alex Visser. They can be located using this link <http://www.up.ac.za/academic/civil/books/>

Highlights From Journals and Newsletters

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The Springbok: none received since last.

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South African Philatelist: none received since last.

FVZA Bartolomeu Dias: Volume 26, Nos 97 (January 2013) and No. 98 (April 2013).

Transvaal Philatelist: Volume 48, No. 1 (March 2013).

Magnify (Royal Philatelic Society of Zimbabwe, Bulawayo): the last issue seen is Whole Number 301 (January 2012).

Mashonaland Philatelic Society Newsletter (Harare): last seen is from September 2012.

For the Record

207. The journal of the **South African Collectors' Society**, the **Springbok**, has got a new editor and a new look. The most current whole number is 322.
208. **Atlas Auctioneers** has been organizing auctions conducted at local South African stampshows. Contact Clinton Goslin at atlasauctions@lantic.net to get on their mailing list.



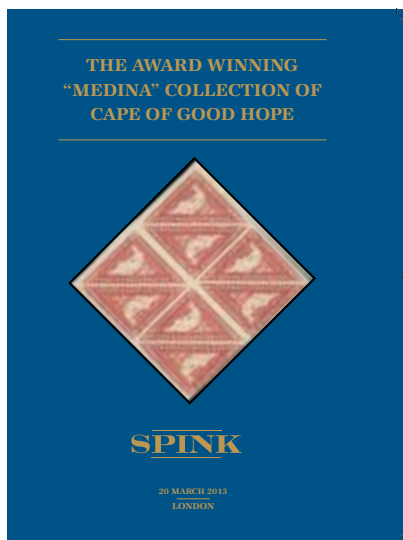
From a recent Atlas Auctions offering.

209. The Spanish auction house of '**Antonio M. Torres**' has recently updated their website, including many southern African offerings. Worth a visit at <http://www.antoniotorres.com/>.

210. **Spink of London** has sold the '**Medina**' Collection the Cape of Good Hope at auction on 13

March 2013. Included were 240 lots covering all aspects of early Cape philately and postal history.

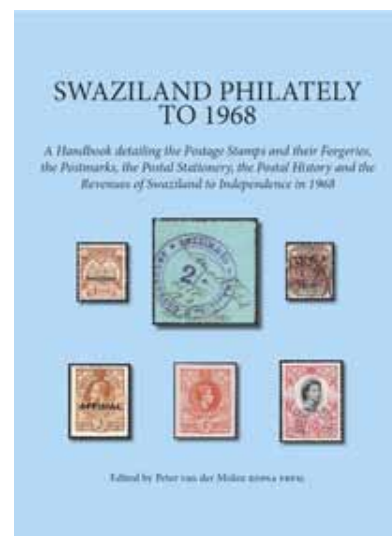
211. The **Empire Stamp Auction** and Steve Drewett has released their catalogue no. 141 for a sale in April 2013.



Contact them to get on their mailing list for future auction catalogues by writing to empirestampauctions@yahoo.co.uk.

New Swaziland Book by van der Molen

A Handbook detailing the Postage Stamps and their Forgeries, the Postmarks, the Postal Stationery, the Postal History and the Revenues of Swaziland to Independence in 1968 Edited by Peter van der Molen RDPSA FRPSL With Contributions by Andrew Higson FRPSL, John Kaupe FRPSL and Alex Visser. This book has been researched by Peter van der Molen over the past 30 years. John Kaupe's text in Chapter 3 describing the postage stamp issues from 1889 to 1894 represents a lifetime's study. Additionally, the book has had major contributions from Andrew Higson and Alex Visser and is set to be the standard text for this fascinating country. The editor's work has been meticulous in its attention to detail. As his knowledge and understanding have developed he has checked and re-checked fact and circumstance to make sure that the information is correct. The book is notable as a piece of philatelic writing because of its breath of Swaziland philately covering postage stamps, postal stationery, postmarks, postal history and the revenue stamps. In addition it includes details of the geography, history and economic development of the country. Swaziland Philately to 1968 has been generously subsidized by The Philatelic Federation of South Africa and The East Rand Philatelic Society. It is in A4 format and has 531 + xii pages. It is available from the Royal Philatelic Society London at a member's price of £60.00. From a press release by RPSL.



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.
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- Hisey and Bartshe, 2009. *Philately of the Orange Free State, Vol. 3*. Hardbound, 205 pages in full color, \$35 plus \$5 s/h in the US, plus \$10 elsewhere by air. Sold out.
- Forerunners on CD, Issues 1 to 75 (CD-ROM). \$30 plus \$5 s/h.

Taylor, Robert. Early Postal Services of the Cape of Good Hope PSGSA Exhibit Series (CD-ROM). \$15 pp.
Lodoen, Peter. Accepted - Rejected: Life of a Botswana Stamp Designer. \$25 full color print, \$10 on CD-ROM. Postage paid.
Hisey, B. (compiler), 2006. Postal Office Names of Southern Africa According to Ralph Putzel (CD-ROM). \$15 pp.
To order contact David McNamee at the addresses given on page 1.

The Market Place

Union machine and parcel postmarks. Wanted by specialist collector. Single items, collections, or unsorted bulk accumulations. Please contact Bas Payne on bas.payne@gmail.com, or The Mill House, Clifford Bridge, Drewsteignton, Exeter EX6 6QE, UK."

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Cape of Good Hope. I buy postal history material, specially the period 1652 - 1853. Please send scan or photocopy with price. Johnny Barth, Nivavaenge 25, DK 2990 Niva, Denmark. E-mail: barth@post3.tele.dk.

SA Homelands used. Seeking postally used stamps and covers (larger lots with duplication OK). Have used Homelands and GB, Commonwealth (Australia, NZ, others) to trade. Send description/scan/price to Chris Oberholster, 2013 Yancy Drive, Bessemer, AL 35022; pangolin100@aol.com.

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GSWA, OFS postal stationery & the Cape of Good Hope pre-stamp period are my interests. Philatelists wishing to correspond and exchange information / material can write to me at: Hennie

Taljaard, P O Box 816, Ceres, 6835, RSA or stadsbeplanner@ananzi.co.za.

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Botswana Meter Marks: interested in all eras. For trade or purchase. Contact Gordon Smith, 11 Elliot St., Dartmouth NS, CANADA B2Y 2X6; gordon.smith@ns.sympatico.ca

Botswana and Bechuanaland Official Free Marks: interested in trade or purchase. Contact Gordon Smith, 11 Elliot St., Dartmouth NS, CANADA B2Y 2X6; gordon.smith@ns.sympatico.ca

Numerical Cancellers (BONCs) used in Southern Africa sought by collector. Contact me for wantlist or let me know what you can offer. Werner Seeba, In Den Wannenaekern 14, D-70374 Stuttgart 50, Germany.

Airmails from SA to South America. Wanted airmail covers from SA to South or central America between 1932 and 1952. Send scan or photocopy with price to Hugh Amoore, (9 Bishoplea Road, Claremont, South Africa, 7708); email to: hugh.amoore@uct.ac.za).

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