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Swaziland issued in April 2012 a set of four stamps showing various types of locust and grasshoppers. The D-denominated stamp shows the red locust.

Front Illustration:

Rhodesian Rail took over the operation of the northern part of the rail through Bechuanaland in 1959, while the South African Rail operated the southern part of the rail to Mahalapye until 1966. The rail parcel stamps were produced from a Rhodesian Rail (RR) keyplate. Ten different Rand denominations were used between 1961-1966.

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Editorial Notes

We are pleased with this issue of Forerunners to be able to announce the revival of our Society auctions. The first auction list, containing some very good offerings at fair prices, is now being distributed. You should receive the list as an electronic attachment in the pdf format to an e-mail to all members that have their electronic addresses registered with the Society. It will also be posted on our website if you should miss the first distribution. If you are among those few (we hope that it is only a few) that do not use e-mail accounts, you will have to contact the auction manager to make special arrangements. We hope that we will be able to reach all members in a timely fashion. Please bid generously - the auction benefits the vendors and our Society. The auction closes on December 6th. And remember to get your excess material to the auctioneer as soon as possible.

We are also this time inaugurating a test distribution of Forerunners in electronic pdf format. This volume (XXVII) will be distributed as an e-mail attachment in addition to also be posted on our website. We will continue to mail out the print version as usual. So you will receive two copies: the usual paper copy as well as an electronic version in the pdf format. At the end of the test period we will evaluate how well it went and will rely on your feedback. If the electronic distribution is received with member approval, we will in the future offer two types of subscriptions: electronic only or both printed and electronic. We will also have to adjust the subscription rates as required to stay financially sound.

It is unfortunate that the increasing postal rates forces us to take this step, but we need to adjust to a changing world with increasing postal rates and cheap and prevalent electronic communication.

Enjoy the present issue and remember to get your contributions to the editor as soon as possible.

Peter Thy

The deadline for the next issue will be february 15, 2014. Please let the Editor have your contributions - small or large - as soon as possible.

Society Auction in Progress

Our Society Auction is now in progress with a closing date of December 6th. The auction catalogue has been emailed as an attachment to all members and can also be downloaded from our website. If you have not yet received a copy contact our Auction Manager Moody Tidwell, 912 Memorial Drive, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235, USA. He can also be contacted by emailing rudolph912@gmail.com.

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Passing the Baton at the Royal Philatelic Society

PSGSA member Brian Trotter retired as President of the Royal Philatelic Society of London in June. Here is he seen as the incumbent President (at left smiling) while passing the baton on to the newly elected President Chris King. Trotter has, however, taken over the post as Hon. Secretary.



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President's Corner

Greetings once again from Ontario, where we have just entered that part of the year known as Fall, and the colours on the local maple trees are already showing these colours. A drive up north is always worthwhile at this time of the year!

Well, some good news on the auction front for our society, as our first auction in many years is under way under the guidance of Moody Tidwell, who deserves our most grateful thanks for undertaking the task. Hopefully, many members will sort through those boxes of unwanted material and submit something for the next auction. About a week or so ago, I was checking my e-mail and there was a message from our editor with an e-book version of the March-June issue of our journal. I was quite surprised, although I had heard that this new computer wrinkle had been available for some time. So, I checked it out and found it very easy to use. I imagine that Peter will be asking how many members would like the journal in that fashion, rather than a hard copy which has to be mailed. *(He is still working on the technical details - so you may have to be patient a bit longer, Ed.!)* I have to admit that I am an old fashioned fellow who likes to have something tangible in his hand – a book or a printed journal, but I shall probably obtain my copies of the journal in that fashion. I recently gave my wife a Kobo reader for her birthday and she appears to be managing it okay, although she has just asked me “how do I get another book?” so I guess it’s back to the computer!

Disposal of my friend’s collection has been proceeding apace and I have managed to get rid of some of my own collections at the same time, with Southern Rhodesia and Northern Rhodesia having been disposed of. It is a bit of a wrench to see material that was painstakingly assembled going out of the door, but as the old saying goes – “you cannot take it with you.” I took myself off to the A.P.S. show in Milwaukee and it was a pleasure to see so many friends again, even including our treasurer, when our paths crossed briefly at the end of the awards banquet, which seemed very long this year.

Alan J. Hanks

Mark Your Calendar

Several important stamp shows and exhibitions are fast approaching. It is now time for making a decision about to attend and to mark your calendar.



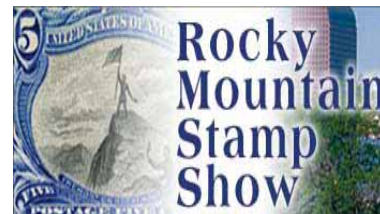
AmeriStamps Expo February 14-16, 2014. APS’ second largest annual winter event this time in Little Rock, Arkansas. Go to <http://stamps.org/AmeriStamp-Expo-ASE> for the latest details.

LONDON 2015 on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the first postage stamps is an international exhibition in London 13-16 May 2015. Go to <http://www.london2015.net/welcome-to-london-2015/> for the details. There will be no US

commissioner for the show and applications for exhibiting must be submitted directly to the show committee in London.

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2015 (May 15-17) is being planned to feature southern Africa with participations of national and international specialist societies. Updates when available will be posted on <http://www.rockymountainstampshow.com/> as well as in Forerunners. If you rarely goes to stampshows, this may be the exception worth while considering.

World Stamp Show NY 2016 is an international show to be played out in New York from May 28 to June 4, 2016. Go to <http://www.ny2016.org/> for all the details.



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 15 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).
- No. T2: 1976-84 First definitive series (12 pages).
- No. T3: 1977 Transkei Airways; 1977 medical plants; 1977 Radio Transkei (8 pages).
- No. T4: 1977 Help of the blind; 1978 pipes, weaving, and wild fruits (9 pages).
- No. T5: 1978 cripples; 1979 initiation, water resources (8 pages).
- No. T6: 1979 year of the child (4 pages).
- No. B1: Summary, 1977 independence issue (8 pages).
- No. B2: 1977 first definitive series (12 pages).
- No. B3: 1978 world hypertension month; Taung stone works; Wright brothers (8 pages).
- No. B4: 1978-9 first year independence; boxing; road safety (8 pages).
- No. B5: 1979 sorghum beer, platinum, and agriculture (8 pages).
- No. B6: 1979 year of the child (4 pages).
- No. V1: Summary; 1979 independence (4 pages).
- No. V2: 1979 first definitive series (7 pages).
- No. V3: 1980 wood carvings; 1981 tea and sunbirds (8 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. Visit <http://tbvcstudygroup.co.za/>.

Society Auction Closes December 6th

The 2013 auction is stacking up to be a wonderful opportunity for members to add to their collections and areas of interest.

A number of Southern African countries are represented but most of the Lots are from Southwest Africa and the Union of South Africa with postal history and First Day Covers, stamps, essays, specimens, plate block controls and a large number of difficult-to-find stamp varieties and flaws. The lots consigned by a number of members have a total catalog value of \$5,000+ but are offered at a low reserve guaranteed to make them available at a very fair price to buyer and seller. The catalog, in-

cluding pictures of many of the Lots, is online at (www.psgsa.org) with a closing date of December 6.

Please familiarize yourselves with the auction rules that are included on the first page of the catalog. If you have any questions contact Moody Tidwell at 1 (920) 743-7666 or by email at rudolph912@gmail.com.

Get your bids in on time.

The following are representative scans of some of the Lots in the auction:



Lot 6



Lot 25



Lot 66d



Lot 81



Lot 79



Lot 66a



Lot 75



Lot 113



Lot 133

Cancelled Stellaland Stamps

by Hennie Taljaard

I have been accumulating data relating to the used stamps of Stellaland from items in my own collection and from others described in the literature and auctions catalogues. Up till now I have been able to list 96 stamps of which the result (sorted in order of date) is shown in tabular form. Whereas one might perhaps draw some conclusions from the data on its own, it becomes more significant when related to the historical facts available. The list is of course not only interesting in terms of cancellations, but also sheds light on dispatch dates and postal rates. At the outset it should be mentioned that the recurrence of the same date is obvious but is by no means duplication of data. I have personally seen at least an image or proper description of every stamp listed. Also included in the list are the covers recorded and described by Drysdall.

Stellaland never had a device for cancelling their stamps. According to Jürgens there were instructions to the postmaster "to cancel all stamps on letters with pen and ink". Vryburg is found first listed on 8 August 1883 as the post office of the Stellaland Republic (Putzel). Stamps were delivered to Stellaland during February 1884 and during the first few months stamps are found manuscript cancelled with the date only. The earliest date recorded is 29 February 1884. The postal route during the period of the Stellaland rule was by way of Christiana and hence the ZAR target canceller with numeral 6 seen on stamps (applied in transit).



(1)

(1) 3d manuscript cancelled with date on 29/2/84. The earliest recorded date (listing ref. 3)



(2)

(2) 3d manuscript cancelled with date on 7/3/84 and ZAR target type 6 (listing ref. 6)

From August 1884 onwards stamps are seen for most part with both the date and initials (of the postmaster). Initials seen are: "F.H.", "C.G.D" and "F.C.L". With the aid of old Stellaland documents lodged at the Cape Archives it is possible to positively identify "F.H." as belonging to Ferdinand Hartzenberg and "F.C.L" as that of Frans Coenraad Dekker. Referring to Dekker's full signature (see figure (4) below) it becomes clear that the letter "L" of the initials signifies a "D". The initials "C.G.D" belonged to a Dennison but only one stamp (listing ref. 74) is attributed to him. There is also a single stamp with as yet unidentified initials (which looks like "KA" – see listing ref. 39).

F Hartzenberg

(3)

(3) Signature of Ferdinand Hartzenberg

F. C. Dekker

(4)

(4) Signature of Frans Coenraad Dekker

The bulk of the stamps are found with Hartzenberg's initials and only three stamps are seen with those of his predecessor, namely that of Dekker, who was the first postmaster (see listing ref. 17 to 19). Dekker was already postmaster during the pre-stamp period and the earliest stamps cancelled with the date only would probably have been his work.



(5)



(6)



(7)



(8)



(9)



(10)

See captions on next page....

- (5) 3d cancelled "FH 29/5/85" latest date for Hartenberg (ref. 66)
- (6) 4d cancelled "FH 12/2/85" (listing ref. 55)
- (7) 6d cancelled "FH 1/2/85" (listing ref. 48)
- (8) 3d cancelled "FCL 17/8/84" (listing ref. 17)
- (9) 3d cancelled "CGD pm" (listing ref. 74)
- (10) 6d cancelled "KA 14/12/84" (listing ref. 39)

Sir Charles Warren's expedition reached Vryburg on 7 February 1885 with the aim to place the area under British control. According to Putzel the Vryburg post office was listed under British Bechuanaland from 23 March 1885.

The practice of the postmaster to cancel the stamp with his initials is not seen later than May 1885. During these last months that the Stellaland stamps were in use it was cancelled only with the stroke of a pen or not cancelled at all. This practice coincides more or less with the takeover by the British and was probably employed by Francis Alexander Eaton whom replaced Ferdinand Hartzenberg as postmaster of Vryburg on 11 June 1885. The fact that stamps were not cancelled could suggest that they were not officially recognized by the British occupiers. The only example of Eaton actually cancelling stamps with his name is a cover dated 26 June 1885 (listing ref. 68), from the early part of his officiate.



(11)

(11) 1d pen cancelled (listing ref. 77)



(12)

(12) 3d cancelled with blue pencil stroke (listing ref. 81)

A relation is thus found between the means of cancellation and the postmaster of the day. It becomes clear that Hartzenberg, Dekker and Eaton each had a distinctly different way of cancelling their stamps. The first stamps were cancelled with the date only (probably by Dekker), Hartzenberg applied the date and his initials and Eaton either did not cancel the stamp or applied a pen or blue pencil stroke. This coupled with the transit or arrival postmarks of outside offices gives us an interesting array of stamps.

With the British takeover the postal route also changed with all mail now passing through Barkly West and Kimberley. Hence stamps are found cancelled at these two towns in transit with the dates corresponding with the period of British involvement. (see stamps listed under ref. 82 – 87).

Other postmarks found on stamps also cancelled in transit or by receiving offices are Zeerust ZAR (target 8), Rustenberg ZAR (target 3), Hoopstad OFS (numeral 27) and Barkly West CC (BONC 232).



(13)

(13) 1d cancelled with Barkly West cds dated 7/9/85 (listing ref. 85)



(14)

(14) 1d with barred oval numeral canceller no 27 (listing ref. 93)



(15)

(15) 1d with target type canceller no 8 (listing ref. 93)

Stellaland was incorporated into the crown colony of the British Bechuanaland on 30 September 1885 with the stamps being replaced on 2 December 1885. The first date stamp to be received by Vryburg arrived on 30 December 1885.

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Stellaland - listing of used stamps sorted by date
Cancelled at Stellaland:

Date:	Day:	Initials / canceller:	Value:	Remarks:	Source:	Ref:
29/2/84	Friday	date/ZAR target 6 (Christiana)	3d		Christie's 1986	1
29/2/84	Friday	date/ZAR target 6 (Christiana)	3d		Kas Erne files	2
29/2/84	Friday	date only	3d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	3
7/3/84	Friday	date/ZAR target 6 (Christiana)	3d	David Brandon opinion	Brian Fenemore	4
7/3/84	Friday	date/ZAR target 6 (Christiana)	3d		Fernando Torres	5
7/3/84	Friday	date/ZAR target 6 (Christiana)	3d		Taljaard	6
17/3/84	Monday	date/ZAR target 6 (Christiana)	3d		Neville Midwood	7
17/3/84	Monday	date/ZAR target 3 (Rustenburg)	3d		Jonkers book (1999)	8
4/4/84	Friday	"FH"	1d	Initials of F Hartzenberg. On piece. RPS certificate	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	9
19/4/84	Saturday	date/ZAR target 6 (Christiana)	1/-		Neville Midwood	10
12/5/84	Monday	date only	3d		Neville Midwood	11
21/5/84	Wednesday	date only	3d		Spink 2013	12
5/6/84	Thursday	date only	1d x3	Drysdall cover 1	Drysdall 1992 article	13
11/6/84	Wednesday	date only	1d		Taljaard	14
23/7/84	Wednesday	date only	3d		Ebay	15
5/8/84	Tuesday	"FH"	1d	year digit off stamp. but probaly 84.	Alan MacGregor	16
17/8/84	Sunday	"FCL"	3d	Initials of FC Dekker. Shown in Holmes. RPS certificate	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	17
17/8/84	Sunday	"FCL"	3d		Alan MacGregor	18
25/8/84	Monday	"FCL"	3d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	19
23/9/84	Tuesday	"FH"	4d		Kas Erne files	20
30/9/84	Tuesday	"FH"	4d		Spink 2013	21
30/9/84	Tuesday	"FH"	4d	Drysdall cover 2	Drysdall 1992 article	22
7/10/84	Tuesday	date only	1d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	23
21/10/84	Tuesday	"FH"	4d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	24
28/10/84	Tuesday	"FH"	4d		Neville Midwood	25
30/10/84	Thursday	"FH"	1d		Brian Fenemore	26
18/11/84	Tuesday	"FH"	1d		Ebay	27
25/11/84	Tuesday	"FH"	4d	Groenewald cover 14	Groenewald 2002 article	28
2/12/84	Tuesday	"FH"	4d	Drysdall cover 3	Drysdall 1992 article	29
2/12/84	Tuesday	"FH"	1d	Drysdall cover 12	Drysdall 1992 article	30
2/12/84	Tuesday	"FH"	3d	On piece, 3 ring cancel touching top right	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	31
2/12/84	Tuesday	"FH"	1d	Date (year) not clear but probably 84	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	32
7/12/84	Sunday	"FH"	3d	Initials upside down, 3 ring cancel touching	Kas Erne files	33
8/12/84	Monday	"FH"	4d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	34
9/12/84	Tuesday	"FH"	3d	On piece, part 3 ring cancel tying the stamp	Kas Erne files	35
9/12/84	Tuesday	"FH"	6d	On piece tied by part 3 ring target type cancel	Spink 2013	36
9/12/84	Tuesday	"FH"	6d, 3d, 4d	Mixed franking on piece	Stanley Gibbons auction	37
9/12/84	Tuesday	"FH"	1d	year digit off stamp. but probaly 84.	Neville Midwood	38
14/12/84	Sunday	"KA"	6d	Initials not identified. RPS certificate	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	39
7/84		"FH"	6d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	40
28/7/85		"FH"	1d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	41
11/1/85	Sunday	"FH"	3d	On piece	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	42
11/1/85	Sunday	"FH"	3d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	43
11/1/85	Sunday	"FH"	1/-		Kas Erne files	44
11/1/85	Sunday	"FH"	1/-	On piece	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	45
11/1/85	Sunday	"FH"	1/-	last digit of year off stamp. but probaly 85.	Alan MacGregor	46
1/2/85	Sunday	"FH"	4d	On piece	Kas Erne files	47
1/2/85	Sunday	"FH"	6d	On piece	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	48
1/2/85	Sunday	"FH"	6d		Alan MacGregor	49
11/2/85	Wednesday	"FH"	1d x3	Strip of 3	Cherrystone auctions	50
11/2/85	Wednesday	"FH"	1d	On piece	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	51
11/2/85	Wednesday	"FH"	3d	On piece	Kas Erne files	52
12/2/85	Thursday	"FH"	6d	On piece	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	53
12/2/85	Thursday	"FH"	4d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	54
12/2/85	Thursday	"FH"	4d	On piece	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	55
12/2/85	Thursday	"FH"	4d	On piece	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	56
3/3/85	Tuesday	"FH"	3d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	57
6/3/85	Friday	"FH"	3d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	58
12/3/85	Thursday	"FH"	3d	Drysdall cover 4	Drysdall 1992 article	59
19/3/85	Thursday	"FH"	3d	RPS certificate	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	60
20/3/85	Friday	"FH"	4d		Alan MacGregor	61
2/4/85	Thursday	"FH"	4d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	62
16/4/85	Thursday	"FH"	3d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	63
1/5/85	Friday	"FH"/ZAR target 6 (Christiana)	3d		Ebay	64
15/5/85	Friday	"FH"	3d	RPS certificate	Status Int. auction	65
29/5/85	Friday	"FH"	3d		Ebay	66
19/6/85	Friday	date only	1d pair	Drysdall cover 5	Drysdall 1992 article	67
26/6/85	Friday	"F A Eaton" in blue pencil	1d x3	Drysdall cover 6	Drysdall 1992 article	68
7/6/85		blue pencil stroke	1d pair	Drysdall cover 7	Drysdall 1992 article	69
7/7/85		black pen stroke	4d	Drysdall cover 8	Drysdall 1992 article	70
7/9/85		not cancelled	1d pair	Drysdall cover 9	Drysdall 1992 article	71
7/10/85		not cancelled	"Twee"	Drysdall cover 10	Drysdall 1992 article	72
7/10/85		not cancelled	"Twee"	Drysdall Cover 11	Drysdall 1992 article	73
no date		"CGD pm"	3d	C.G. Dennison. Shown in Holmes. RPS certificate	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	74
no date		black pen stroke	1d	on piece in combination with Cape 2d cancelled BONC 232	Christie's 1986	75
no date		black pen stroke	1d		Taljaard	76
no date		black pen stroke	1d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	77
no date		black pen stroke	1d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	78
no date		black pen stroke	4d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	79
no date		blue pencil stroke	1d pair		Taljaard	80
no date		blue pencil stroke	3d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	81

Outside Stellaland (i.e. transit or receiving offices):

2/3/85	Monday	cds Kimberley	6d	On piece	John Taylor	82
6/4/85	Monday	cds Barkly G.W.	3d	Cancel struck twice	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	83
12/4/85	Sunday	not cancelled	1d	Drysdall cover 13. Barkly West cds alongside.	Drysdall 1992 article	84
7/9/85	Monday	cds Barkly G.W.	1d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	85
21/9/85	Monday	cds Kimberley	1d pair		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	86
24/10/85	Saturday	not cancelled	"Twee"	On piece in combination with Cape 6d. Barkly West cds alongside.	Royal Collection	87
2/7/86	Monday	cds Ladismith C.C.	1d	Late usage, probably by favour.	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	88
not clear		cds Kimberley	1d		Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	89
no date		BONC 232	4d	Barkly West	Brian Fenemore	90
no date		BONC 232	6d	Barkly West	Brian Fenemore	91
no date		BONC 232	1/-	Barkly West	Michael Hamilton	92
no date		OFS numeral 27	1d	Hoopstad	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	93
no date		OFS numeral 27	1d	Hoopstad	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	94
no date		ZAR target 8	1d	Zeerust	Taljaard (ex Jonkers)	95
no date		ZAR target 8	1d	Zeerust	Fernando Torres	96

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The Roman Numeral Tax Markings of South Africa

by Jan Stolk

A lot of research on these markings have been done in the past by Dr. Chris Board and by Emil Bühman. Their results were published in *The Transvaal Philatelist* and *The South African Philatelist*. In *Forerunners* Jul/Dec 1997 issue, an update was given by Bernard Doherty.

I feel that my articles on postage due markings would not be complete without a listing of these markings which were first used in the Transvaal period, later in the Union of South Africa period when some markings were added and many of them were in use in the Republic of South Africa period for very long period.

The scheme was announced in the Transvaal Postal Circulars no. 23 (1st August 1923) explaining that the numbers would be added to the existing old tax handstamps. This is probably the reason that there are many small differences between the tax stamps. The sizes of the letter T and the size of the circular frame are often different as well as the size of the Roman numeral.

I have listed 10 different types, but with type 2, 3 and 4 the mentioned differences may be found.

Type 5 I have only seen used in Klerksdorp.

Type 6 and 7 seem to be Union of South Africa markings, although X was given to Middelburg and type 6 and 7 were used in Johannesburg.

My earliest date for X is 5 May 1951 and the latest seen in the *SA Philatelist* August 1997 is 2 October 1958.

My earliest date for XX is 16 May 1944 and the latest seen in the *SA Philatelist* is 1 October 1958.

The series of taxed covers of October 1958 in the *SA Philatelist* August 1997 seem to come from the same post office (a favour for some collector???)

The only recorded copy of type 10 was from the same period and published in the same issue of the SAP.

I hope readers that have additional information on these markings will send this to me at Jan.Stolk@telenet.be to enable me to publish an updated listing in the future.


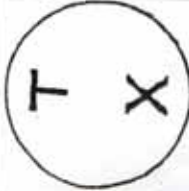





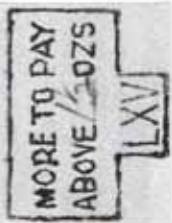


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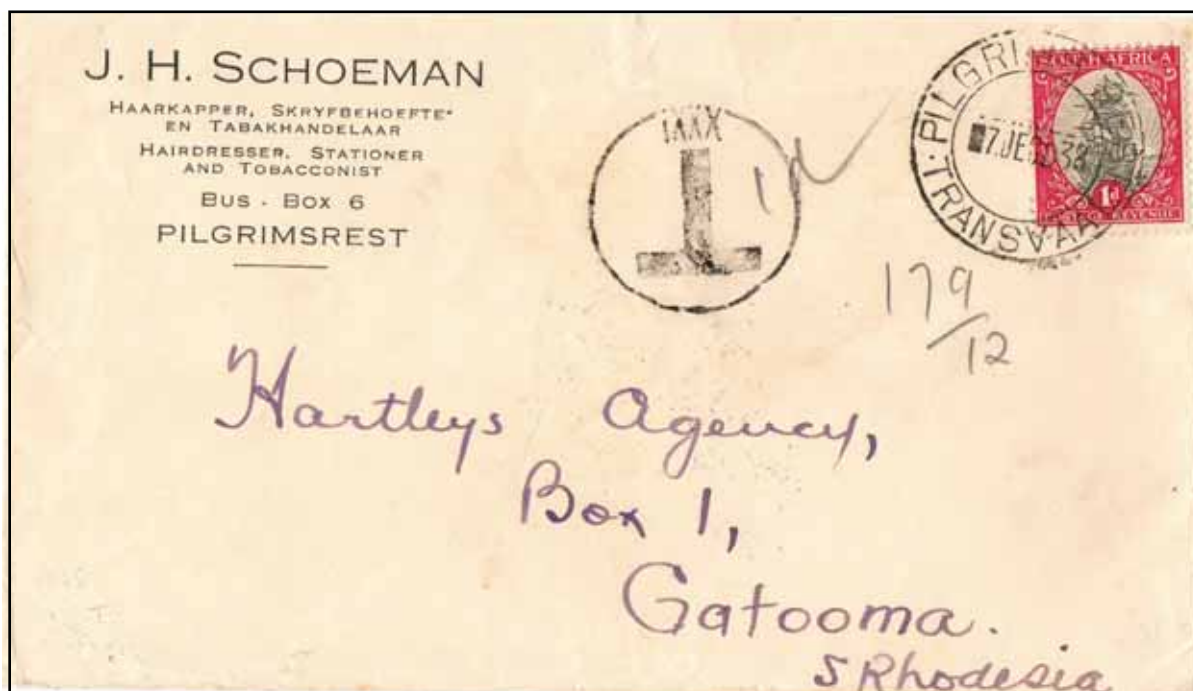
Machadodorp XI Type 2

1		1 The Roman numeral is within the circle frame. diameter circle 20 mm Listed by Emil Bührman (no copy seen by me)		6 The Roman numeral is within the circle frame diameter circle 27 mm Only X recorded Union period
2		2 The Roman numeral is part of the circle frame diameter circle 20-22 mm		7 The Roman numeral is within the circle frame diameter circle 27-28 mm Value added. 1d, 11/2D, 2D, 4D recorded Only X and XX recorded
3		3 The Roman numeral is part of the circle frame diameter circle is 24-25 mm		8 The Roman numeral is in an oval frame
4		4 The Roman numeral is part of the circle frame diameter circle is 26 mm T is larger than no 3.		9 The Roman numeral is in a rectangular frame MORE TO PAY OVER....OZS added
5		5 The Roman numeral is part of the circle frame diameter circle is 25 mm Value is added. 1D and 2D recorded		10 The Roman numeral is within the circle frame Only III recorded Union period

No.	Post office	type	earliest date	latest date	remarks
I	Johannesburg	2	1.09.1901		
II	Pretoria	2	11.09.1918	14.08.1962	
III	Germiston	2,10	1904	7.10.1958 (10)	
IV or IIII	Heidelberg		1903	29.07.1970	Recorded as IIII rather than IV
V	Standerton				
VI	Volksrust	2	1910	27.10.2000	
VII	Krugersdorp	2	1903	14.04.1920	
VIII	Potchefstroom	3	9.08.1902	4.10.1902	
IX	Klerksdorp	2,5	30.11.1902	13.05.1920	
X	Middelburg	6,7	1904	2.10.1958 (6,7)	Type 6 and 7 Johannesburg
XI	Machadodorp	2	1903	12.05.1920	
XII	Waterval Boven			1955	
XIII	Barberton	2	3.12.1911	1912	
XIV	Vereeniging	2	1930	5.02.1938	
XV	Boksburg	3		17.12.1943	
XVI	Benoni	2	1910	27.01.1913	Also see XLV
XVII	Springs	2	31.04.1931	11.01.1961	
XVIII	Braamfontein				
XIX	Fordsburg				Recorded as Johannesburg
XX	Jeppeshtown	2,6,7	29.09.1902	2.10.1958 (6,7)	Type 6 and 7 Johannesburg
XXI	Cleveland		1904		Recorded as Johannesburg
XXII	Geldenhuis				
XXIII	Langlaagte		3.06.1903		Recorded as Johannesburg
XXIV	Maraisburg				
XXV	Rodepoort			1955	
XXVI	Randfontein		1906	1937	Recorded as Johannesburg
XXVII	Modderfontein				
XXVIII	Irene			1938	
XXIX	Knights	2	29.05.1905		Recorded as Johannesburg
XXX	Lydenburg		1902		
XXXI	Pilgrims Rest	4	7.12.1928	11.06.1962	
XXXII	Rustenburg	8	1903	7.02.1928	
XXXIII	Ventersdorp				
XXXIV	Lichtenburg			1954	
XXXV	Otshoop				
XXXVI	Zeerust		1903		
XXXVII	Wolmaranstad				
XXXVIII	Bloemhof				
XXXIX	Christiana		1907		
XL	Wakkerstroom	3	1903	05.06.1909	
XLI	Kaapsche Hoop				
XLII	Carolina		1906		
XLIII	Ermelo	3	17.05.1920		
XLIV	Bethal	3	1906	01.07.1934	
XLV	Benoni	3	1955	12.12.1987	Also see XVI. Poor copies often recorded as XIV Vereeniging
XLVI	Komatipoort	4	1984	17.04.1989	
XLVII	Piet Retief				
XLVIII	Potgietersrust			23.05.1957	
XLIX	Zuurfontein				1.12.03 recalled Klip River Camp/1.3.05 Van de Merwe/1.4.05 Doornfontein BO
L	Belfast			17.02.1968	
LI	Eureka				
LII	Nigel	3	15.02.1937	1954	
LIII	Nijlstrom		1904	15.06.1937	
LIV	Pietersburg		1902		
LV	Premier Mine			1937	Rockey Street Johannesburg
LVI	Amersfoort		1922		Withdrawn 1.04.05. 1.07.05 recalled Roberts Heights BO Pretoria, 1.9.05 Chrissiesmeer
LVII	Amsterdam				
LVIII	Schweizer-Reneke			1937	
LIX	Greylingstad				Withdrawn 01.03.1905
LX	Balmoral	3			
LXI	Hartingsburg	4	5.01.1940	1965	1.08.03 recalled Warmbad
LXII	Leydsdorp		1912		Withdrawn 1.10.05. 1.03.06 recalled Platrand S.O. Standerton
LXIII	Louis Trichardt	3,4	13.05.1920	10.06.1989	
LXIV	Spelonken	4	1904	22.05.1905	Cantonment Potchefstroom
LXV	Mbabane	9	13.05.1946	14.07.1964	
LXVI	Bree straat J'burg				
LXVII	Florida		26.03.1906		
LXVIII	Fraser straat J'burg				
LXIX	Haenertsburg				Hartebeestfontein Withdrawn 01.03.1905
LXX	Ophirton				
LXXI	Sabie	3	1954	25.06.1984	
LXXII	Van Wyk's Rust		1906		Withdrawn 1.07.1904
LXXIII	Venterskroon				Withdrawn 1.04.1904
LXXIV	Witbank		1906	6.07.1960	
LXXV	Station B.O. Pta	4	17.12.1904	12.08.1908	
LXXVI	Denver	8	1909		
LXXVII	Balfour	8	1909		
LXXVIII	Luipaardsvlei	8	1904		
LXXIX	East Rand	8	1906		
LXXX	Brakpan	8	1905	5.07.1939	
LXXXI					
LXXXII	Schoemans straat West Pta	8			
LXXXIII	Cantonment BO	8	1905		
LXXXIV	Middelburg	8			
LXXXV	Standerton Cantonment	8	19.03.1904		
LXXXVI	Roberts Heights BO Pta	8,9	1908		



Pretoria Station B.O. Type 3



Pilgrims Rest XXXI Type 4



Johannesburg XX Type 7



Brakpan LXXX Type 8



Mbabane LXV Type 9



Johannesburg X Type 6

South African Township Mails - SOWETO

by Tony Davis

(This article focuses on Soweto township mail before Nelson Mandela's release and the change in government.)

As South African manufacturing, mining and other industries required labor to develop its economy, communities of Africans grew up around urban areas throughout the country, known at various times as locations or townships. Regulations and laws were promulgated to ensure separate residential rights. Under the National Party, Africans dwelling in the townships were viewed as temporary residents who were linked to ethnic homelands (Transkei, Bophuthatswana, etc). Postal facilities were established in many of these townships as part of administrative structures for these communities.

Soweto – the south-western townships – near Johannesburg is well-known overseas because of the unrest that erupted in June 1976 and, for the purposes of this article, provides a study of postal facilities in the township system.

Formal postal facilities opened in the Soweto area in the 1930s, providing a twofold service of mails between migrant labourers and their families in rural areas and between employers and their African employees. Post offices were opened as the community grew and the townships eventually amalgamated as Soweto.

The Orlando township post office was the first to open in the area in 1934, two years after it was officially established as a township. The Pimville post office was opened in 1936 and the Moroka post office in 1950. Four other post offices were opened in Soweto during the 1950s at Phirima, Dube, Iketlo and Jabavu. Four additional post offices were opened in Soweto in

the 1960s at Kwa-Xuma, Khotso, Tshiawelo and Mozoda.

Thus by 1976 there were eleven post offices serving the Soweto townships. These were: Orlando, Kwa-Xuma, Pimville, Khotso, Jabavu, Iketlo, Dube, Tshiawelo, Mozoda, Moroka and Phirima. In the wake of the June 1976 unrest, only three post offices remained as the unrest resulted in the destruction of eight of the offices which were seen by rioters as agencies of the government. The three post offices which survived this conflict were at Kwa-Xuma, Tshiawelo and Orlando. The other offices were reduced to rubble and township residents removed bricks and material for their own shanty dwellings.

For the more than one million Soweto residents the three above-mentioned post offices served mailings and deliveries for several years after 1976. By 1980 an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 letters were mailed daily at these post offices. Orlando was the base for Soweto's Postmaster with a staff of 100 and there were 53 postal employees at Kwa-Xuma and 13 at Tshiawelo. An estimated 25,000 letters were delivered daily (Monday-Friday) in Soweto in 1980. The post offices had a combined letter carrier force of 80 employees. And mail was usually delivered to dwellings by foot or bicycle. A considerable amount of Soweto mail was also handled through the Johannesburg postal system from residents employed in the urban areas.

Post offices in Soweto also delivered some 1,000 incoming and 200 outgoing telegrams daily in 1980. "Official Free" government mails were utilized by the West Rand Administration Board and the Soweto Police.



Registered Orlando, Soweto envelope to Canada (reduced to 80 % of the original)



Express mail cover, dated February 20, 1986, from Tembisa township, routed through the nearby town of Benoni to Johannesburg (reduced to 80 % of the original)



Registered letter, dated October 24, 1986, from Katlehong township, routed through the nearby town of Germiston to Cape Town (reduced to 80 % of the original)

To obtain a collection of postmarked stamps or covers for each of the Soweto townships would be a very difficult task. After the 1976 unrest only official or registered mail received township postmarks as this mail was serviced at the post offices. All other regular mail was transferred to Johannesburg postal depots where a Johannesburg postmark was applied. (The writer, as a journalist in South Africa at that time, went to the Orlando post office and queued with township residents to send registered mail to obtain a township franking. See Figure A, dated March 3, 1978. Today one can obtain township mail through eBay.)

An interesting postal history item from the June 1976 unrest was that a number of outgoing letters were subsequently overprinted with a legend that the letters were damaged during the Soweto unrest. Postal officials could not confirm whether or not this overprint was officially sanctioned.

An abridged version of this article originally appeared in Forerunners. Details were obtained from South African Post Office officials in 1978 and 1980.

Postal Stationery of South Africa

by Jan Stolk

Since the last installment on postal stationery I found no new postal stationery that was issued nor reprinted.

In previous column, we mentioned a booklet on aerogrammes by Danie van Zyl: *The Easy Guide to The Aerogrammes of the Republic of South Africa*. Recently Danie van Zyl issued a new booklet: *The Easy Guide to the Postcards of The Republic of South Africa*. This booklet is divided in 4 chapters:

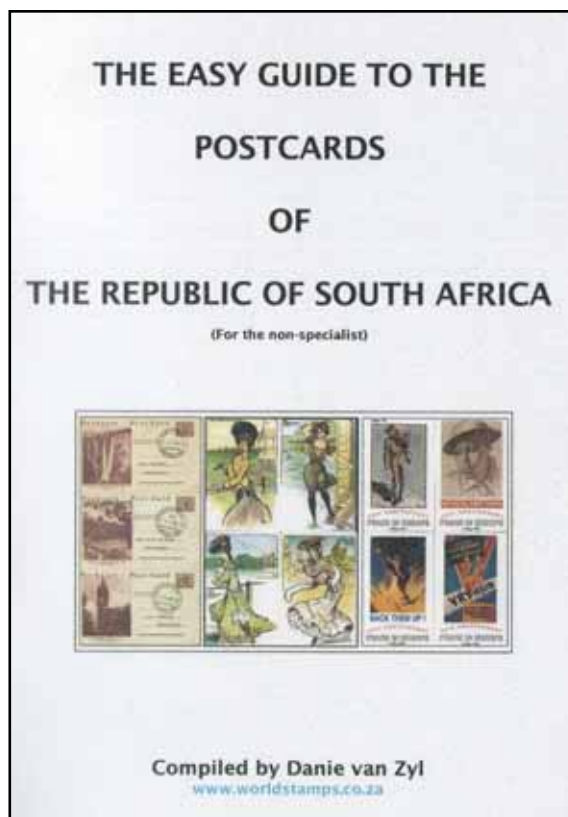
- Official Regular Postcards
- Commemorative and Occasional Postcards
- Booklet Postcards
- Postcards with no Imprinted Values

The chapter of the Regular Postcards illustrates all postcard issues from 1961 to the 8th definitive 'Beads' series airmail postcards. The booklet continues where 'The Postal Stationery of South Africa' part 2 stops, but gives less information on the reprints of the early issues.

The last chapter on postcards with no imprinted values illustrates many to me unknown issues for official use by the Post Office:

- Post Office recruitment drive postcards
- Post Office service rating postcards
- Post Office promotion postcards
- Post Office change of address postcards

These cards are not considered to be postal stationery and were not always available to the general public. But still a very interesting chapter full of new information.



The price of the booklet is ZAR 200 and can be obtained directly from Danie van Zyl by going to www.worldstamps.co.za.

Add your voice to the campaign

- I will talk openly about my feelings and thoughts in a positive way, with my partner, friends and family.
- I will RESPECT and SUPPORT all women and girls – proving that MOST men are GOOD men!
- I will NOT use violence to solve my disagreements and problems.
- I will CHALLENGE men who disrespect and abuse women and children.
- I will get TESTED for HIV regularly and encourage others to do the same.
- I will take care of myself and my partner.

by being faithful and always using a condom.

- I will drink responsibly and stay away from drugs to prevent risky sexual behaviour and violence.
- I will raise my sons and daughters to respect themselves and others, and not to use violence.
- I will be responsible in my family and community – being AROUND to help.
- I will support gender equality – recognizing that men and women are equal partners in the development of a better South Africa.

Toll free numbers for assistance:

16 Days of Activism	0800 150 150
Child Line	0800 055 555
AIDS Help Line	0800 012 322
Flying Squad	10 111

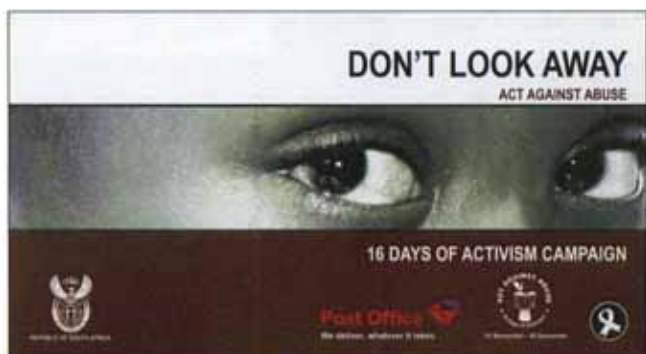
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RASH: RESRASH
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1417 19441
BRANCH CODE: 18 18
REFERENCE: 16 DAYS + DONOR'S NAME(S) (e.g. MRS B)

FREE POST 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM CAMPAIGN WTSPOS 2084

Name: _____
Town: _____
Province: _____
Signature: _____

To PLEDGE ONLY or to REGISTER for the MILLION MEN'S MARCH visit www.postoffice.co.za

For every postcard signed, R10 will be raised for victims and survivors of abuse.



Activism card with reverse indication of 'Free Post'.



Activism card with reverse with imprinted stamps



Recruitment drive postcards used for two different job types with the telkom assistant and telephonist (both in Afrikaans and English).

Business reply card used to rate Post Office service. Three different types exist. They were used for Wits, Kwazulu Natal, Northern, Eastern Cape, Western Cape, and Central Regions. For the last region, the Bloemfontain postal code was corrected by hand.

More From West Charterland's Expedition

by Peter Thy



at £200-300 but was not sold.

Robert Hicks was been part of a group of three who had held the prospecting rights to the area since 1889. In 1896, he together with Frederick Lugard and probably also Charles Minchin established a camp on the northwest side of Lake N'gamiland as described in 1899 on a postcard shown in FR#77 from Minchin to his mother. This is the only correspondence to (and from) Robert Hicks and is the earliest correspondence know to exist related to the N'gamiland expedition.

Since my review of the postal history of the West Charterland Expedition to Lake N'gami in last Forerunners (#76) another incoming card has appeared.

It was offered for sale by SPINK of London in their July 2013 Collector's Series as lot 312. It was described as "1897 (27 Feb.) Cape 1/2d green card, uprated with 1d carmine, from R. Urry, the manager of the Standard Bank at Mafeking, who later signed the Mafeking siege banknotes, to "R.J. Hicks Esq./Lake N'gami", the card with a corner crease though one of the few items addressed to a member of the British West Charterland Expedition, and the only to Mr. Hicks, one of the original concessionaires. A very scarce incoming card to this little-known expedition and over a year earlier that previously recorded." It was estimated

Report from JOMAPEX 2013

By Uli Bantz

JOMAPEX, the National Philatelic Exhibition of South Africa was staged at the Museum Africa in Newtown, Johannesburg from 9 to 13 Oct. 2013. The stood under the auspices of the Philatelic Federation of South Africa and organized by the Philatelic Society of Johannesburg, in co-operation with the Sandton and the Witwaters Rand Philatelic Societies. It turned out to be a great success. There were 466 frames on display with some outstanding collections, in particular 22 frames showing pages from the Transvaal collection of the late James Herbert Curle and 14 frames with extracts from the Harvey Pirie collection on aspects of the wars involving South Africa on local and foreign soil, from the Boer War to the Border War. Both collections had been bequeathed to the MUSEUM AFRICA and can be studied there. There were also interesting items loaned by the South African Post Office Museum on display.

The opening of the exhibition coincided with World Post Day, and the Post Office issued a special round stamp to mark the occasion. The SA Post Office, Namibia Post and other Southern African postal administrations were in attendance, and special exhibition postmarks were available at the Post Office counter so that visitors could make their own souvenir envelopes and post letters from the museum. Apart from local dealers there were many top foreign dealers: Spink, Ritchie Bodily; John & Mark Taylor; David Morrison; Stanley Gibbons, Chris Rainey and Argyll Etkin on hand for the beginner and the serious collector. A stamp and coin auction by Stephan Welz & Co at their premises in Rosebank could be followed live at their JOMAPEX stand in the hall.

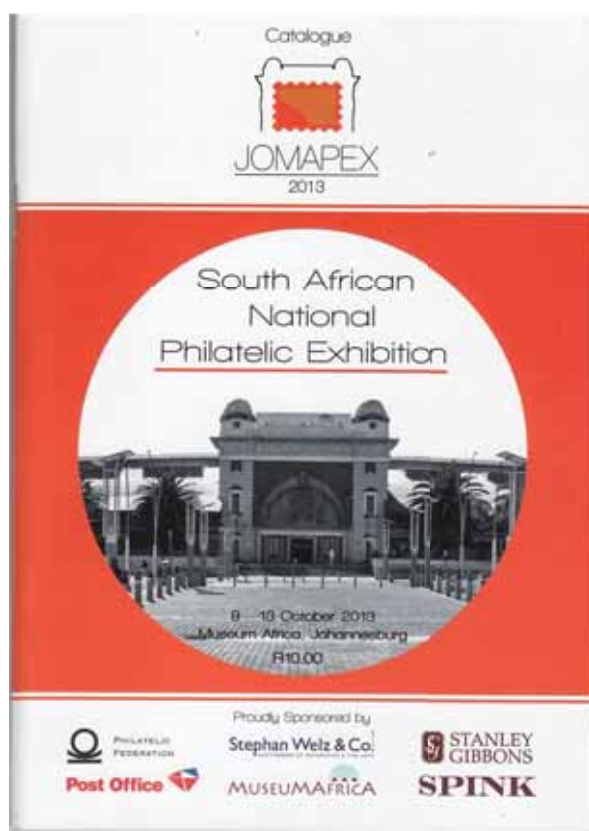
Leading in the arena of the 95 competitive exhibits were the 24 "One frame" exhibits. 2nd were the 21 Traditional exhibits, then Postal History at 19; Open Class at 11 and Literature at 7 entries. The smaller groups were led by Aerophilately at 6 displays, Modern/Experimental/FDCs at 3; & Thematics & Post Cards at two each. The judges held that the quality of the JOMAPEX exhibits had improved over previous years and awarded 8 Large Gold and 13 Gold medals. Six Large Gold and eight Gold entries dealt with themes from the parts of Africa covered by FORERUNNERS. The Grand Prix was awarded to Mr. RJA Spark's exhibit "Anglo-Boer War: The Eastern Front from Natal to Lydenburg".

Was the Museum Africa up to hosting this event? Much was positive: hall layout, including dealer stands, plus lighting. Clive Carr's magnificent management of some really challenging last minute hick-ups needs praise. The negative perceptions about accessibility, safe parking and security relative to the inner city of Central Johannesburg held some collectors away.

The 75th Congress of the Philatelic Federation of South Africa took place in the Auditorium of Museum Africa. The event went smooth under the able guidance of the Acting President, Prof Alex Visser, and were finished in just short of five hours. The following nominations were the highlights of the proceedings: Roll of Honour: Dr Jim Findlay and Ds Pauw Steyl were

elected to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of Southern Africa. The Manfred Weinstein Memorial Medallion was awarded to Mr Peter van der Molen for his prolific research and superb publication on Swaziland. J Harvey Pirie Memorial Award was awarded to Peter van der Molen for his excellent book, Swaziland Philately to 1968 which was published in 2013 by the Royal Philatelic Society of London with support from PFSA. Prof A Visser will serve as President till the next National Exhibition, the PRETORIA STAMPSHOW to be held in October 2014.

JOMAPEX has ended but it is followed by The MUSEUM AFRICA STAMP SHOW from 19 October 2013 to 31 January 2014, a joint undertaking by Museum Africa and the Philatelic Society of Johannesburg. This follow-up show will allow the Museum's significant philatelic holdings to be viewed by the public and provides an opportunity to study the displays at leisure over an extended period.



1906 Natal Rebellion Cover

By David McNamee

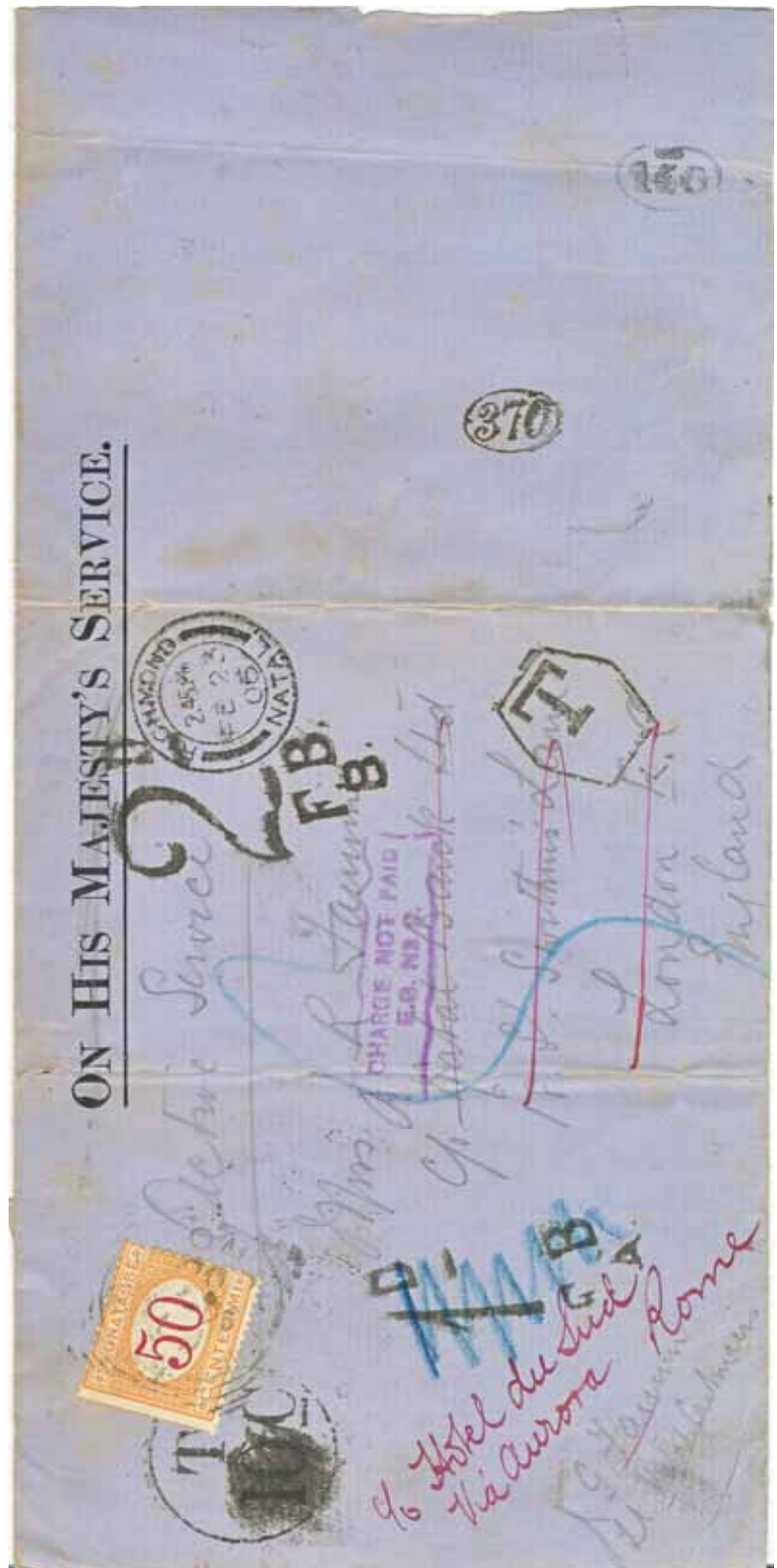
This Natal Rebellion cover illustrated here has not been described, as far as I can tell. The cover originated from Richmond, Natal on 23 February 1906 from Lt. J. G. Fannim of the Natal Carbineers. In response to the murder of two Natal Police near Richmond on 8 February, the Government declared martial law and the militia units converged on the Richmond District. Col. Duncan McKenzie led these forces on a sweep of the native areas along the route of Richmond-Ixopo-Natal Coast as a show of force. Lt. Fannim was the senior Lieutenant in the Carbineers, so he was likely placed in charge at the mustering depot while Captain Montgomery and Lt. Colonel Royston led McKenzie's Natal Field Force. Six covers are recorded from the first phase of the Natal Rebellion, which lasted only two months, February-March, and the militia was sent home 31 March. They would be called back within the week when minor chief Bambata kaMacinza led another attack 4 April in the Mpanza Valley.

The letter was sent to Miss J. R. Fannim at the Natal Bank offices in London, probably relaying news of the disturbance. The letter used an OHMS envelope (OHMS scratched out), and it was endorsed "On Active Service," which likely meant nothing to the British Post Office since it was a Colonial disturbance not involving Imperial troops in any way. Lt. Fannim added his rank and unit with his signature in the lower left, continuing to try to send it as military concession mail. It was sent unpaid, and the Natal Post Office marked it 10 centimes due. When it reached the British Post Office, Foreign Branch clerk "A" stamped the envelope "1^D" to match the 10 centimes due. Clerk "B" however, said, "hold on – this is not a war concession, so we must double the deficiency." The "10 C" and "1^D" were both scratched out, and another hand stamp "2^D" was added. Also added in London for good measure were the "T" in hexagon/L, and the boxed "CHARGE NOT PAID / F.B. No. 2."

Miss Fannim having moved to Rome, the letter was forwarded there, where it received an Italian postage due stamp of 50 centesimi, presumably the equivalent of tuppence due.

The small numerals "140" and "370" in ovals may have been carrier marks – happy to have someone explain those to me: dmcnamee@aol.com.

(Cover is reduced to 85 % of the original.)



A Remarkable Cover From Windhoek

by Uli Bantz

Registered cover mailed from Windhoek 25.1.17, correct franking 2½d UPU letter plus 4d registration to Switzerland, censored in Cape Town by Censor C. 14 and closed with label '99'. Nagelsbach, who stayed at the 'Sanatorium Beausite in Davos – Dorf' forwarded the letter (or was it an empty cover?) from Davos on 19 II 17 to August Gries' in Ülzen / Germany.

The letter was opened and censored again on 21/3/17 in Frankfurt and arrived at Ülzen on 23.3.17. Normal procedure would have been, while WWI was still going on, to send this cover from Windhoek first to Switzerland or Sweden as per arrangements for the exchange of correspondence between the occupied South West Africa and warring Germany. Correspondence had to be enclosed in an envelope and addressed to the Red Cross or the Peace Bureau in Geneva or Berne acting as forwarding agents to Germany.

Two International reply Coupons had to be enclosed: one to pay for the postage to Germany, the other for the administration cost incurred by the forwarding office.

The sender in Windhoek was obviously Prof. E. A. Gries who sought to create an interesting cover with the franking of three countries: the Union of South Africa, Switzerland and in addition Transvaal whose stamps were then still permitted for use in South West Africa. The sender would also have saved time by sending the cover to a friend instead to a bureau that would have taken perhaps longer to process the cover. Further: there was the risk that the agency would have either kept the cover or disposed of it and it would as such have been lost for Mr. Gries's collection.

In all respects – a remarkable cover!



Cleveland, Transvaal

by Werner Seeba

The Cleveland Post and Money Order Office¹ is located in the suburb of Johannesburg only five miles east of the Johannesburg City Hall on the railway to Germiston. American mining machinery companies have had their storage and yards in Cleveland since 1903 on the original farm Doornfontain. The township was thus named after the city in the United States of the same name.

The first post office agency (P.O.A.) was listed in 1884 in the Z.A.R. Postmaster Report. It may have been a postal agency located a local store that mainly functioned as a horse relay station for the mail coaches. It appears to have closed in 1887 since it is not listed in the 1888 report. In 1898, a postal and money order office (M.O.O.) were listed with S.J. Geeringh as postmaster.² The office likely shared a building with the rail telegraph. The operation was temporary closed during the 2nd Anglo-Boer war, but is know to have been reopened in 1901 also for civil telegraph traffic.⁴ Also in 1901, A.E. Keedwell took over as acting postmaster.⁵ Further events in 1902 were

that money order and saving bank services were introduced⁶ and tax mark XXI was assigned to the office during August.⁷ The following year, the telegraph offices was (re)opened.⁸ In 1906, the acting postmaster was replaced by A.E.S. Curtis.⁹ In 1912, after the formation of the South African Union a public telephone call office was added to the services and the following year a new postmaster was appointed (A. Lambert).¹⁰

Notes

1. Under H.Q. Heidelberg, but from 1903 the Johannesburg Division.
2. Postwisselkantoor from 1. June 1898 according to the ZAR Postal Guide and the Postmaster General's Report for 1898.
3. Cape Post Office Circular No. 194.
4. Transvaal Post Office Circular No. 13.
5. Transvaal Post Office Circular No. 14.
6. Transvaal Post Office Circular No. 15.
7. Transvaal Post Office Circular No. 24.
8. Transvaal Post Office Circular No. 29.
9. Transvaal Post Office Circular No. 71.
10. South African Union Postoffice Circular No. 34.



1927 - 29 Pretoria Typographed 1d Ship Pictorial. Imperforate on three or four sides

By Otto Peetoom

At the particular point in time when this error was found we may anticipate that its discovery would have been reported in *The South African Philatelist*, but coincidentally the S.A.P. was not published during the period January 1928 to January 1931. I searched through copies of the foregoing starting from the February 1931 edition, but drew a blank, and the 1931 *Standard Catalogue of the POSTAGE STAMPS of the Union of South Africa* by Simenhoff plus his February 1932 supplement reveal no mention of the variety in question.

Finally in the next edition of the *Union Handbook/Catalogue*, published by the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa in 1946, there appears the first listing of two perforation varieties attributed to the Pretoria Typographed 1d Ship stamp from Plate 3:

No 35Vr. Lists: Imperforate three sides (one stamp in pair) and No 35Vs. Imperforate four sides (one stamp in pair)

The 1d Plate 3 includes a marginal characteristic of having three cuts in the Jubilee lines in the bottom right corner of each sheet. *THE SHIP PENNY* by Gordon Ward classifies Plate 3 as ISSUE No 4, dated 12 August 1929. Ward does not mention the above perforation varieties.

The 1952 *Union Handbook/Catalogue* includes an illustration of a lower marginal block of four; the two vertical stamps on the left side are imperforate on three sides, but it does not specify that the variety occurred on Plate 3. As a result of the foregoing, the remaining editions of the handbooks - 1960, 1979 & 1986 list the imperforates under general varieties - issues 1 to 3 and in the 1986 edition they are UHB 34 V39 & 40.

The *South African Colour Catalogue* only lists a 1d imperforate pair as SACC 30Pe, but does not specify whether its format is horizontal or vertical. In 1995 the *Stanley Gibbons Commonwealth Catalogue* included 1d Ship perforation variations for the first time and their description is:

SG 31a Imperf (vert pair) & SG 31b Imperf 3 sides (vert pair). In a footnote we are informed that:

Both Nos. 31a and 31b occur in blocks of four with the other vertical pair imperforate at left.

On the London printings of the 1d Typographed sheets the perforation comb moved from left to right and in Pretoria the operation moved from right to left.

Each stroke of the comb perforated one vertical row plus the top & bottom of the stamp to the left of vertical.

Should the machine miss one beat of its intended sequence it will create a complete imperforate vertical row plus each stamp at left imperforate at top & bottom.

In this manner the result produces one vertical row of stamps that is imperforate on three sides with the left vertical side perforated.

This variety is UHB 34 V40 (1986 Edition) and is meant to correspond with SG 31b, although I am not aware of the existence of any mutilated vertical pair as described in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue.



Figure 1.

The block of four in Figure 1 illustrates an authentic example of a three sided imperforate variety. In a recent December 2011 Feldman auction, their sale included a used block of four cancelled at Johannesburg in 1934.

Imperforate on four sides UHB 34 V39 (1986 Edition)

Should the single comb perforator miss two consecutive beats it would then create one vertical row with stamps imperforate on all four sides and the adjacent vertical row with its stamps imperforate on three sides.



Figure 2.

I created a facsimile, illustrated as Figure 2, that demonstrates how it ought to look. Such a unit or a strip of three would prove beyond doubt that the centre stamp has four sides imperforate.

Should one remove the middle vertical pair, it will match the Stanley Gibbons description of SG 31a. Known pairs and

blocks seen are without the left stamp with three sides imperforate which does cast doubt on their authenticity.

A pair with all four sides imperforate, accompanied by a 1965 P.F.S.A. certificate stating it is genuine is accompanied by a letter from the P.F.S.A. dated 24 September 1965 providing amplification for the certificate and reads:

These stamps were perforated by a single row comb lying vertically on the sheet and reapplied to each vertical column in sequence. When applied with the horizontal teeth to the left of the vertical, which was usual, one beat of the perforator dealt simultaneously with the right side, top and bottom of every stamp in the vertical column.



Figure 3.

If a beat was missed, the right side, top and bottom were left imperforate. If only one beat was missed, this produced the error 'imperforate on three sides' which is catalogued.

If two successive beats were missed, such an error was produced so that horizontally with a stamp totally imperforate. It therefore follows that if the left hand stamp of your pair has the right side imperforate (as it obviously has) it must have both top and bottom imperforate also, even though cut off above the level of the perforation holes.

The real question therefore was, could the left side be accepted as imperforate?

This is accepted as so by the Committee.

A block of four, illustrated above as Figure 3, may raise a similar question as to whether the left side is really imperforate. In my opinion the margin on the left is wide enough to suggest it is genuine.



Figure 4.

In Figure 4, a block ex Thys Rall featured in a 1 July 1992 Stephan Welz sale as lot 157 creates further confusion as the bottom lower right stamp appears imperforate at foot.

In this instance a portion of perforations were trimmed off leaving only one isolated perforation at its extreme South East corner.



Figure 5.

Complete Imperforate horizontal pairs

Should the single comb perforator miss three consecutive beats it would create a sheet which includes two vertical rows with the stamps imperforate on all four sides plus an adjacent left vertical row with its stamps imperforate on three sides. Complete imperforate horizontal pairs may be taken from such a sheet.

I am aware of only two multiples that suggest that this version exists; the 1979 UHB illustrated a block of eight (ex Naylor) on Plate XXIII opposite page 98.

Stephan Welz & Co. in their 23 May 2001 sale offered as lot 566 a block of twenty in lot 566 - illustrated in Figure 5.

We may again cast some doubt as to whether it is actually the product of three missing beats of a comb perforator, if it is why would anyone remove the vertical row on the left?

Could it originate from a sheet with two missing beats with the vertical perforations at the left trimmed off?

However the illustrated block does confirm that there was a sheet with at least two consecutive missing beats and the variety on a 1d Ship with four imperforate sides is 100% genuine.

Pretoria Typographed ½d Springbok Pictorial Imperforate at left to margin – UHB 33 V20

It is appropriate to include this perforation variety on the ½d with this article as it was created by missing the last beat of the comb perforator between the first vertical row and the margin. It produced a part imperforate between stamp one and the left margin and in addition it omits the horizontal perforations that are normally through the left margin.

According to the 1931 UHB this variety was found on the March 1930 printing.

Three positional pieces account for half of the possible twenty pieces.

The 1989 Lamont Smith sale included a top left corner marginal plus a half arrow, both in blocks of four ex rows 1, 2, 9 & 10. The 1992 Thys Rall sale offered a half arrow block of twelve ex rows 11/14.

The foregoing item (Figure 6) featured again in the Welz 23.5.2001 sale as lot 557 and then in Harmers on 8 November 2005 as lot 1140.

This variety is included in The South African Colour Catalogue, but is beyond the scope of the Stanley Gibbons catalogue.



Figure 6.

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Illustration of Figure 3 - Eddie Bridges collection

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This article appeared in the April 2012 South African Philatelist.

‘George V’s Obsession - A King and His Stamps’ by Jack Shamash



A new biography of George V, which focuses on his obsession with stamps, is the first book on a philatelic subject to be published on Kindle. The book contains new archival material and is the first new biography of George V (the Queen’s grandfather) for 30 years.

It describes George V’s life and his urge to be the greatest collector of his time. It examines his life, his collecting and his interference with the production of stamps. It also examines the urge that people have to collect things. It shows how he shamelessly grabbed whatever philatelic material he could get hold of from across the British empire - often in dubious circumstances. The book movingly describes the King’s relationship with Edward Bacon - the famous philatelist. Bacon, a middle class accountant from the suburbs of South London, became one of the king’s closest associates and was probably the person with whom he spent most time. The King was always solicitous to Bacon, even after he became increasingly deaf.

The author is Jack Shamash, a professional journalist who writes for major British newspapers including the Times and the Independent. He has written on stamps for the Guardian and is a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of London and the National Philatelic Society. Author Jack Shamash explained: ‘I was fascinated by the story of the King and Edward Bacon. I wanted to write a book that would appeal to philatelists and to a wider readership. I put the book on Kindle to make it accessible to an international audience.’

The book can be found on www.amazon.co.uk or www.amazon.com, price £5.79. The simplest way to find it is to go into the Amazon website and put ‘Jack Shamash’ into the search box. It can be downloaded to a Kindle - the popular e-reader device - with a single click. It can also be read on an iPad or similar device, through a free Kindle application.

Closed Albums

Harry Birkhead RDPSA, FRSL 1931 – 2013



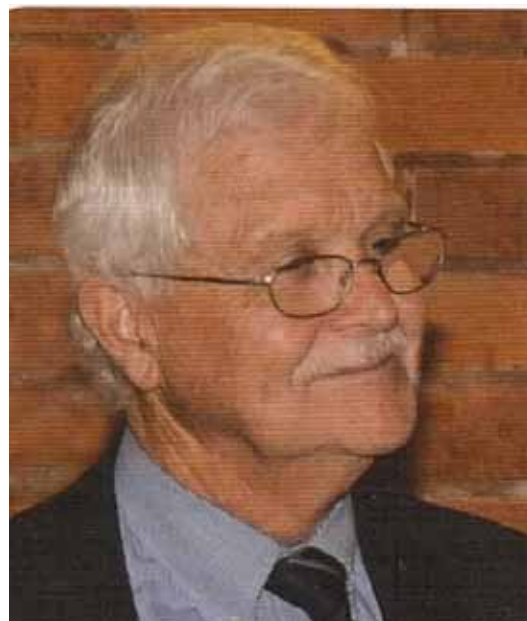
A true giant of southern Africa philately has left us. Harry Birkhead died unexpectedly at the age of 81 on April 3, 2013, from complications after a heart operation. It would have been difficult not to have heard about Birkhead, even if one only had a marginal interest in the Anglo-Boer War and Rhodesia. He was very active in organized philately, as an exhibitor, and as a researcher. His collecting and research speciality during the recent years were the town siege issues of the Boer War. Other collecting interests were the Rhodesians and Zululand. His exhibits gained him many high rewards, including international Golds and repeatedly the National Grand Prix. The legend goes that he participated in the London International Exhibition five times, first in 1970 and last in 2010. This must be a record! The Anglo-Boer War exhibit was last shown at London 2000. His research efforts in the same area resulted in several monographs of which he was the principal author (perhaps there were a total of six) published by the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa. Each volume dealt with a specific town siege (Wolmaransstad, Lydenburg, Schweizer-Reneke, Rustenburg) largely based on his own collection. He was an accredited national and international philatelic judge and was the first chair of the Federation's exhibition committee back in 1981. This later position he held for 25 years and as a result the South African Dealer's Association elected him an Honorary Life member. He was a fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London and a signatory of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of Southern Africa in 1982.

A quote from the newsletter of the Witwatersrand Philatelic Society (April) says it well: "Harry was an uncut diamond, rather than a rough diamond. He had a strong work ethic and everything he did was done 'properly'. He loved the bush, and in the latter years became quite a softy with the menagerie at home."

Harry Birkhead will be truly missed in South Africa and abroad.

David Gerald Morton FRSC 1943 – 2013

Dave Morton suddenly passed away on April 3, 2013, at the age of 70. He was born in Johannesburg and migrated to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia at an early age with his family. He started collecting stamps at an early age and naturally with time focused on the Rhodesians. He returned to Durban and later Cape Town in 1977 and stayed there until retirement from an insurance company in 1999. After returning to South Africa he was instrumental in organizing the Cape Town Chapter of the Rhodesian Study Circle. He presided over the 2008 very successful Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the Rhodesian Study Circle in Cape Town. For that achievement, he was elected as Fellow of the Rhodesian Study Circle.



His collecting interests were the British South Africa Company, the Rhodesian Admirals, and the airmails of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. His first exhibit was the early stamps of British South Africa shown in Johannesburg in 2003 and went on to receive gold awards for several exhibits covering the aerophilately of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland.

Morton was also an active researcher with numerous articles to his credit. His compilation of extracts from the South African Philatelist is now part of the libraries of many philatelists around the globe. Another major achievement was the revival of the Aerophilatelic Society of Southern Africa in 2004. He wrote extensively for their journal, the Aeroletter. Over the years, he has shared many aerophilatelic articles with the Forerunners. During his long philatelic career, he received many high awards recognizing his profound contributions to our hobby. He will be missed.

Thanks to the South African Philatelist, the newsletter of the Witwatersrand Philatelic Society, and the Journal of the Rhodesian Study Circle for all the details.

Forerunners Forum

Questions, Comments, and Answers

Cape of Good Hope Rectangulars Book

Emil Bührmann and Robert Johnson are in the course of producing a comprehensive reference handbook that considers all aspects of the Cape rectangular postage stamp issues since 1864.

This notice is a special request for color scans or good color photocopies of any covers that readers have which show usage of the triangulars and rectangulars together. A listing has been prepared by the authors on information that they have, but, as always, there will be covers not known to them that ought to be included in the table of known usages.

Likewise, if any reader has proofs, trials, plate blocks, multiples and covers that either ought to be made known to the authors and should be considered for illustration in the book, please let us know.

The aim at the moment is to get the book to the printers in September 2014 so now is the time to look at what is available and not known to the authors.

Acknowledgment of sources will be given, if required, but it is appreciated if readers will prefer to help on an anonymous basis.

Scans or photocopies should be sent to Robert Johnson at 65 Manor Park, Bristol BS6 7HW, robert.johnson83@hotmail.co.uk.

Stellaland Stamp with London Cancel

Hennie Taljaard email to ask about this Stellaland stamp.

The stamp went on auction, but did not sell. The auction house believes the cancel is genuine. I have no doubt that this is the case, the date of the cancel is also plausible, however, is the cancel genuine? Perhaps somebody is an expert in London postal cancels or know somebody who are? An opinion would be very appreciated.



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For the Record

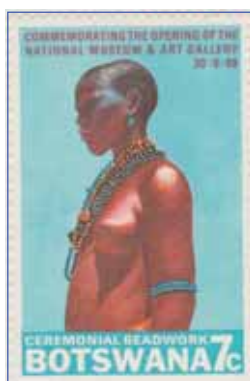
212. **Spink of London's** July 2013 Collector's Series auction included a large collection of **Bechuanaland** as lots 174-312. Notably was a reconstructed block of the 1891 1d carmine-red overprinted on CGH seated Hope with major missing parts of the overprint (lot 207) selling at £21,000.



Lot 207 at Spink's July 2013 auction.

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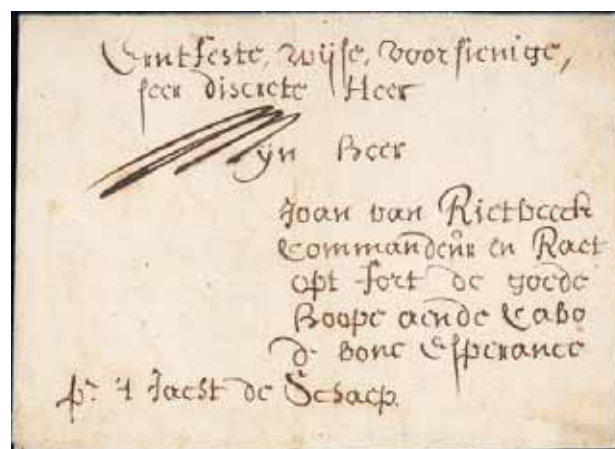
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213. The **Cape & Natal Philatelic Society** has this year entirely distributed their journal on CD mailed to each member. The three first issues have now been distributed to the members. They also is offering a complete **archive run of the journal** (1977-2010) that can be ordered from the John Dickson, Lismore House, Shepton Beauchamp, Ilminster TA19 0LJ, UK or johndickson@nzsc.demon.co.uk (£50 postage paid).
214. **Stephen Welz** has just conducted their **JOMPEX** auction with a strong selection of stamps, postal history, coins, and banknotes. Included was the domain name 'www.stamps.co.uk' estimated at R450-600,000. See www.stephanwelzandco.co.za for details.
215. **David Feldman** has sold part of the Anatoly Karpov collection of **Belgium Congo** at their September 2013 auction September 2013 as 380 lots of stamps and postal history.
216. **George Krieger's** collection of **British East Africa and Uganda** was sold by **Spink of London** in September 2013 as 386 lots. Further conducted sales by Spink with southern African interests include the **J.B. Bloom collection of South Africa** as 250 lots on October 24, 2013 and the "**Medina**" collection of the **Cape of Good Hope** at auction as 242 lots during March, 2013. Also just conducted is an auction of important **British Empire revenue stamps** as 240 lots during October 2013.



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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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South West Africa postal stationery. I am seeking pre-1969 items. Please send offer to Jan Stolk, Waterhoenlaan 24, B-9120 Melsele, Belgium; janstolk@belgacom.net.

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