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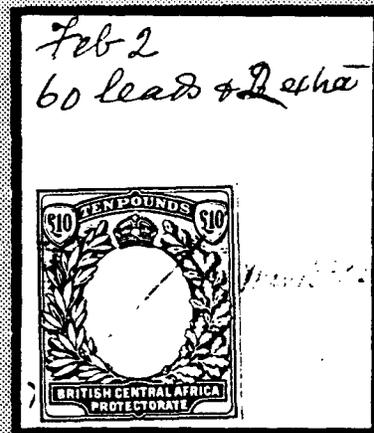
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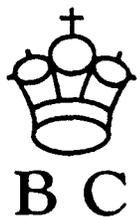
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THE SOCIETY'S 1995/96 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT NOW!

Enclosed with your copy of the latest issue of *Forerunners* are two of the Society's revised brochures. What has been added is a provisional application which can be found on the outside back cover. Please take a moment and identify collectors, dealers, etcl, who you think will derive some benefit by becoming a member. Then send them each a brochure with a supporting cover letter.

There is certainly a no more effective way to recruit new members than by personal referrals. You pay your Society the greatest compliment when you do. Besides, through your own experience you know what an excellent resource PSGSA is for the greater southern British Africa collector. The Society's high retention rate is a further demonstration of its perceived value. However, replacement requires the infusion of "new blood into the Society fold;" that is, if prosperity, professionalism and growth is to be assured as we prepare to enter the 21st Century. If additional brochures are needed, by all means write to the Editor for them.

Fall Regional Get-Together at SESCAL 95. There will be a Society session on Sunday, October 8, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. It will be an informal affair; perhaps a mix of "show-and-tells" as well as a short program. Interested members - especially in California and Arizona - should contact the Editor as soon as possible. Our informal sessions are quite enjoyable.

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Society meeting at FIP International, CAPEX 96. If you are thinking about attending the event, please write to Tony Davis, 41 Karen St., Thornhill, Ontario, Canada L4J 5L5. **Show-and-Tell Sessions and programs are being encouraged.** If you wish to participate as a presenter or would like to "show-and-tell" along with others, by all means let Tony know. Volunteer staff for a Society table are also being sought. Might you be of some help here?

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THE Celebration of British Africa Philately at PACIFIC 97. Even if you are only thinking about attending at this time, **the Organizing Committee wants to hear from you.** Please send a note to Bill Wallace, P.O. Box 16381, San Francisco, CA 94116. **Programs and lectures invited.** Contact our Director/Programs, Bob Taylor at 674 Chelsea Dr., Sanford, NC 27330 if you think you might be able to put something together. Matters regarding exhibits are to be referred to Frederick P. Lawrence, Ph.D, Exhibits Coordinator, 5016 South Kenneth Place, Tempe, AZ 85282.

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1995 Mail Bid Auction Our Largest Ever! Make certain to take a look at the offerings listed in the Catalog Appendix of this issue of the Journal. There are 1040 lots, covering just about every category. Beginners to advanced collectors will certainly find something to their liking.

FORERUNNERS is published three times per year. A sample copy is available from the Editor for \$5US (sea mail) or \$7.50US (air mail). Commercial advertising rates and payment options are listed at the beginning of the Classified Section.

The Society's basic membership is \$20US (surface class), \$25 1st class US only and \$30US air mail overseas. Payment options include: (1) draft drawn on a US **Bank**, payable to "PSGSA"; (2) Pound Sterling draft **with payee left blank**; or (3) RANDES or Pound Sterling currency sent via registered mail, using current exchange rates at local major bank. Society applications are available from the Editor or any of the International Representatives listed opposite the inside front cover page.

The Society is affiliated with the American Philatelic Society, the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa and the Southern California Federation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

My sincere thanks to the five members who have rescued us once again by submitting articles in time for this issue. The tradition has always been to have five feature articles per issue. This has been accomplished once again in this issue. I believe that you will find the reading an enjoyable mix.

It is an understandable matter that most of us are reluctant to put our experience and knowledge in writing for public consumption. However, let me share with you an editorial by a fellow editor of one of the most respected specialty group publications in our field of interest. (Identifiers have been eliminated.) The editorial reads as follows:

"THIS could well be the penultimate editorial that I will write as editor. Come December it will be_ seven years that I have been editor of this magazine.

I do not wish to belabor the point or rehash what I have said in previous editorials, but there does come a time when one decides that enough is enough. In spite of past pleas, the support the editor of this magazine gets from members - apart from a few stalwarts - makes it nearly impossible to produce a journal that will do justice to the standing of the magazine in philatelic circles.

It is one thing to expect an editor to produce a magazine that will satisfy the aspirations of a society's members. It is quite another to constantly be able to find, mostly by myself, sufficient information to fill the pages.

I have had enough - enough of promises made and not kept, enough of pleading for articles.

I shall try to put together one more edition after this one. After that, the responsibility for the journal will rest with the members of the Society and its executives.

If the journal should die as a result, so be it then."

As your editor, I hope we never see the day that the above editorial describes. To be certain, the archives are deep enough in reprints and "bits and pieces" to produce future issues for a time. However, is this the way of the future for your journal? I hope not.

Robson Lowe has taken over the Question & Answer Panel Chair from Syl Tully to Robson Lowe. Syl found it necessary to resign at this time. We thank him for his many years of service in the past, not only as Panel Chair, but also as our first President.

Contributions-to-date for **THE Celebration** are listed elsewhere in this issue. Of special note is the \$100US contribution from our comrades in the Orange Free State Study Circle.

The results are in! The winner of the 1995 Lupo Memorial Award is announced in "The Honor Roll" feature.

Dealer member Dickon Pollard of Murray Payne has begun its own fine newsletter re: KGVI philately. See the review in "Bookie Reports"

I trust that readers enjoyed the first installment of the "Back of YOUR Book" feature, ably edited by Tim Bartshe. There are a number of other areas which would be well-received by the readers, based upon correspondence received over the years. Aerophilately and military postal history are two that come to mind.

Readers are invited IQ become regular column editors. Based upon space availability, length would be limited 1-2 pages. This would include any illustrations. For example, let's say that you wanted to do a column on military postal history. Within the format described, an installment might include a cover or two. This would be followed by a narrative description of the illustrations and their philatelic significance.

The advantage of specialty columns is that they are excellent recruitment tools for gaining new adherents to the fold. Think about it.

Enclosed with this issue is a sheet announcing our membership recruitment drive for 1995/96. Included are two copies of our revised brochure. The redesign includes a preliminary membership application on the back cover page.

Members are being asked to send each brochure to a collecting acquaintance whom they feel would have an interest in what membership in the Society has to offer.

Our growth and prosperity not only depends upon membership retention, but also the recruitment of new adherents to the fold. The most effective recruitment tool is a word of praise and enthusiasm from a member to another collector with similar interests.

Special Edition of Forerunners being planned. Although a bit off in the future, the Mar/Jun '97 issue will commemorate our Tenth Anniversary. As was done for our Fifth Anniversary Edition, the contents will consist solely of feature articles. For those of you that remember, there were fifteen pieces appearing in that issue; each one covering some topic within the Society's scope of interest.

The Tenth Anniversary issue will be called **THE Celebration Special Edition**. It will be on sale at the display booth during the event and should prove to be a great recruiting tool. If there is a topic you have been wanting to research and write-up, but have been putting off, now is the time to consider making a serious effort.

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At the time of this writing our dedicated Auction Manager, Tim Bartshe, had communicated that this year's auction will have in excess of 1000 lots! Potential bidders will find several scarce, key pieces in a number of areas. As you will see for yourself in the catalog at the back of this issue, the variety and scope of the material offered is excellent.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Forerunners has certainly taken off, and seems to be constantly breaking new ground - it certainly seems to be well received by the members. The quality of the individual contributions has improved markedly, and there is new information for all in each issue - **Alan R. Drysdall, UK**

The latest edition of *Forerunners* is a STUNNER!! I am looking forward to seeing the next issue. I enjoy the high quality material appearing in it. Always well researched **Barry P. Fletcher, South Africa**

The current issue of *Forerunners* is the best yet! - **Bob Taylor, USA**

Open Letter to the Membership

Dear PSGSA Members:

As most of you know, the Society will sponsor "THE Celebration of British Africa Philately" at PACIFIC 97 to be held in San Francisco from May 29 through June 8, 1997.

PSGSA has planned many events for this eleven-day show. These include meetings, a public auction and exhibits. We will also have a large booth at the show.

Nearly twenty other philatelic groups connected with British Africa are expected to participate with PSGSA for this event. At the booth we plan not only to have membership application forms from these groups, but also to sell publications they have produced.

I have been appointed Booth Manager and am requesting your help. Become a team player, and join as member of the Booth Committee. To begin with, I would appreciate any ideas you may have for design and layout of the booth. I would also like any ideas on the best method of selling publications.

Eventually the Committee will need to face the issue of staffing the booth. An eleven day show is long and many volunteers will be needed for this. I am hoping that members of the Society, and other British Africa groups attending the show, will volunteer a few hours of their time for this. Of course, spouses of these members would also be a great help with staffing. I may need to ask members living in the greater San Francisco Bay area to provide extra coverage, especially towards the end of the show.

Please consider this plea for your help. I will look forward to any ideas for the booth that you may have. Also, let me know if you would like to volunteer at the Booth. Please write me at Box 16381, San Francisco, CA 94116. Thank you.

Finland Opens New Postal Museum

A new postal museum opened 1 March at the main post office in Helsinki. Progress of the Finland Post through its 357-year history is presented. Exhibits include part of President Kekkonen's stamp collection. In addition, visitors are allowed to ride on a mail horse of the 1770s and carry letters in different centuries.

The location of the museum is Manerheimintie 11 G (Station Square). Hours on weekdays - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., weekends - 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

FEATURE ARTICLES

Receipt of articles is accepted on an on-going basis. The individual issue deadlines are the 15th of January, (Mar/Jun issue), May (Jul/Oct issue) and September (Nov/Feb issue). Articles should be submitted in double-spaced, typewritten form. Maximum length is five pages, **not** including illustrations. Longer written works should be submitted in serialized form.

When possible, black/white photographs of covers and/or stamps should be submitted for illustration purposes. If photocopies are submitted, they need to be the clearest copy possible. Illustrations which copy poorly **will be excluded** by the Editor. Originals of charts, graphs and tables are preferable. Authors should show a black border around cover and stamp illustration photocopies.

If scanning is used to produce an illustration, the following (or later generation) computer configuration is recommended to assure the best possible appearance: HP2CX flatbed scanner, an HP4 laser printer with Winjet 1200 card and a 486 or Pentium driven personal computer.

Medical Care In The Anglo-Boer War

Ralph M. Myerson, MD, USA

When hostilities began in October, 1899, only the regular contingent of the Royal Army Medical Corps, attached to the troops in South Africa, was available to handle the battle and disease casualties of the war. The number of personnel, supplies and equipment were grossly inadequate to handle the heavy burden of casualties that ensued. The inadequacies were compounded by the huge build-up of general personnel and equipment that occurred during the relative lull in hostilities in November, 1899. During this period, 58,000 men, 9,000 horses and tons of supplies and equipment entered South Africa. However, this occurred without a commensurate increase in medical personnel and facilities. The problem was further compounded by the breakdown in sanitation facilities that resulted from this influx of personnel and from the displacement of thousands of civilians to areas outside of the battle zones. The result was a devastating outbreak of typhoid fever that quickly spread throughout the area, involving both the troops and civilian personnel. Although anti-typhoid vaccine was available only about five per cent of the troops had been immunized.

The situation in besieged Ladysmith was especially critical. During the 118 days of the siege there were 600 civilian deaths, 393 of which were due to typhoid. Of the 13,497 troops garrisoned in Ladysmith, 10,073 required hospitalization, most of them because of typhoid fever. At this time, the army calculated a hospital bed need of 4% of the total troops! Medical care within Ladysmith was further hampered by the inadequacies of the Principal Medical Officer (PMO), Lt. Col. Richard Exham, whose priorities appeared to be "tidiness" and adequate record keeping rather than care of patients. At that time there was no specific therapy for typhoid fever. The

victims at the minimum required lengthy rest, general care adequate hydration and nourishment. Over the violent objections of the physicians under his supervision, Exham actually decreased the amount of rations allotted to patients.

Mafeking and Kimberly were not as badly affected. At Mafeking, the PMO, Dr. Anderson, had the foresight to stockpile supplies and equipment (at his own expense) before the onset of the siege. He also had the valuable and dedicated assistance of civilian doctors within Mafeking. Despite a total of 8500 Boer shellings during the 217 days of the siege, there were 134 deaths among the troops and 21 among the civilians. The siege of Kimberly was also less costly although there was malnutrition and scurvy among the African diamond mine workers. The African infant death rate was an appalling 93.5%!

The shortage of personnel was relieved to a small extent by the participation of volunteer organizations such as the Red Cross, Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) and the Daughters of the Queen. Canadian Red Cross and YMCA personnel accompanied the three Canadian contingents (totaling over 3000 personnel) that were sent to South Africa between October, 1899 and March, 1900. Special covers were issued to honor these organizations and franking privileges were granted (Figs. 1-3). Four nurses accompanied each of the first and second Canadian contingents. The portraits of four of them, Misses Forbes, Pope, Russel and Afleck, are shown on the cover depicted in Figure 4.

Despite the favorable experience acquired during the Crimean War almost 50 years previously, there were essentially no nurses in the Royal Army Medical Corps at the outbreak of

Figure 1. Cover issued by the YMCA for the Canadian contingent in South Africa. Flags of Dominion are pictured on each cover.

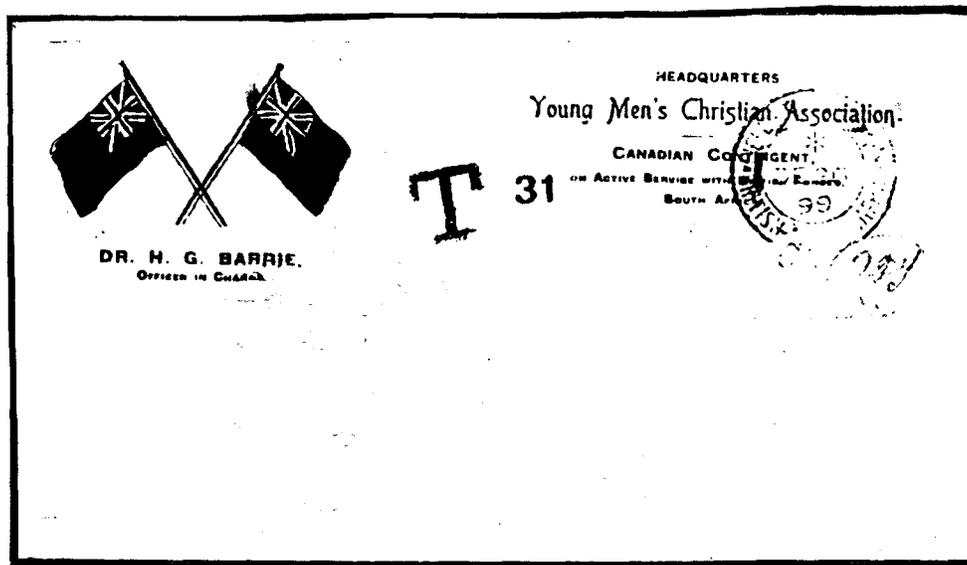
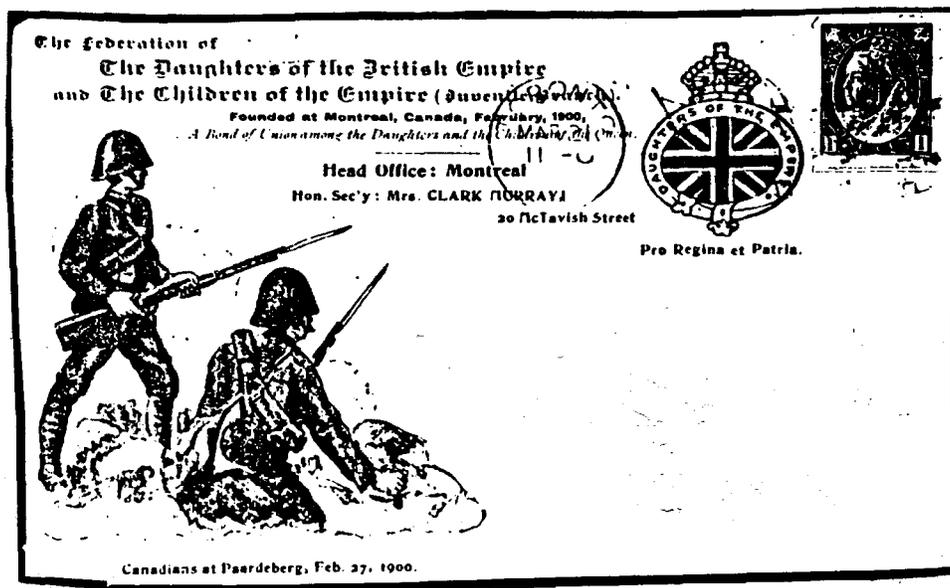


Figure 2. Envelope issued by Daughters of the Queen in honor of the Canadian contingent in South Africa. This cover depicts Canadian soldiers at the Battle of Paardeberg, February 21, 1900.

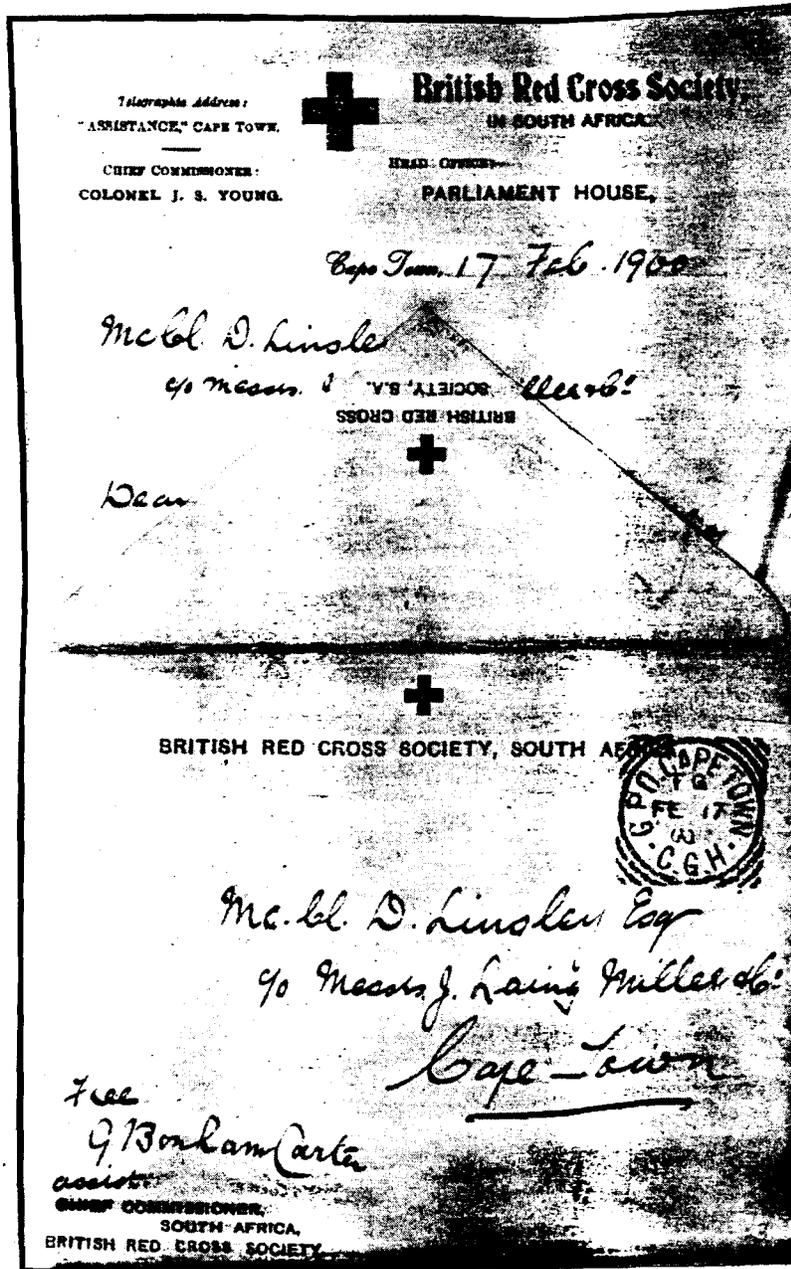


the Anglo-Boer War. The help of Florence Nightingale, alive at age 80, was not solicited. Sir William Wilson, Surgeon-General of the South African army, was overtly opposed to the use of female nurses in South Africa. The main reason were Victorian principles that disapproved the care of male patients by females. Wilson also was faced with the problem of providing adequate accommodation and female servants for the nurses. Physicians were also in limited supply and it was necessary to recruit from civilian sources or to employ physicians on a contractual basis. Eventually,

the barriers against female nurses were broken. By May, 1900 there were 800 nurses and an equal number of physicians to serve the medical needs of the 207,000 troops.

As the scope of the war increased battle casualties mounted, further straining the capabilities of the available personnel. Following the disastrous defeat at Colenso in a vain attempt to lift the siege at Ladysmith, surgeons worked non-stop for 36 hours caring for the casualties. After each battle the Red Cross flag was carried onto the field and under its

Figure 3. Envelope and stationery used by British Red Cross. Franking privileges were granted to volunteer organizations.

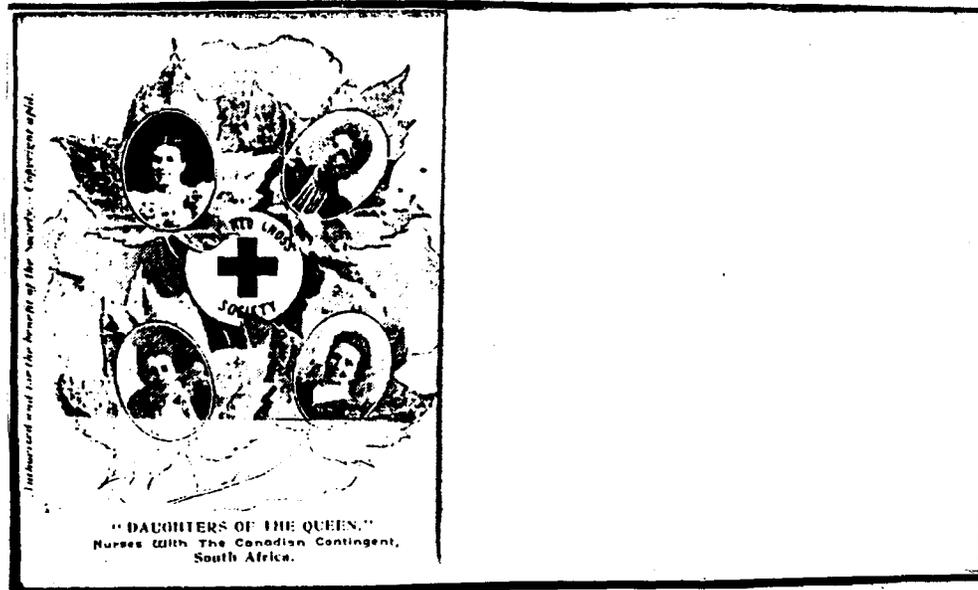


protection, the dead and wounded were recovered. In some instances, as in the unsuccessful attempt to storm the Boer stronghold outside of Mafeking, the opposing side assisted in this grisly procedure. On at least one occasion at Kimberly, the British supplied chloroform and brandy for use by the Boer medical personnel.

When General Roberts entered Bloemfontein in March, 1900, he brought with him about 200 hospitalized patients. Ten days later there were 1000 men hospitalized. By June 1, 1900, there were 3965 hospitalized patients, mostly stricken with typhoid. All of Bloemfontein's public buildings were

utilized as hospitals. The Modder River, used as a source of drinking water, was grossly contaminated. Despite standing orders that all water from the river was to be boiled, the order was generally ignored due to lack of facilities for boiling the water, and because boiling rendered the taste "insipid". The troops described Modder River water as "Chateau Modder-full of body". Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, a physician, critical of Surgeon General Wilson, wrote: "It was heartrending for the medical man who has emerged from a hospital full of water-borne pestilence to see a regimental water cart being filled without protest". Rudyard Kipling referred to the area

Figure 4. Daughters of the Queen cover depicting four nurses who accompanied one of the first two Canadian contingents to South Africa.



as "Blooming-typhoiditein". It was in large measure due to General Roberts' urging, that female nurses were allowed to participate in patient care.

The Anglo-Boer War was unique in many aspects. One of the remarkable aspects was the access of civilians, especially women, to the battlefield areas. The Cook Tourist Agency even sponsored tours to battlefield sites. The Ladies Committee was comprised of a group of women who went to South Africa and, although untrained in nursing, acted on the behalf of the soldiers, Boer women and children, and non-combatant men who had been displaced from their homes and placed in concentration camps. The Ladies Committee visited twenty-one of these camps in an effort to improve the conditions within them. Countless thousands of civilians lost their lives in the camps due primarily to typhoid fever. It is estimated that 16,000 Boer children perished in these camps.

Women were also allowed to visit the men in their families who were stationed in South Africa. Many set up residence in Cape Town or even closer to the scene of hostilities. General Roberts' wife and two daughters were housed in Bloemfontein. Unfortunately, this happy arrangement soon came to an end. Many women, politely referred to as "camp followers" had, to quote Lady Violet Cecil, "mischievous motives". The ensuing embarrassment led to an announcement by Queen Victoria denouncing women visitors. The pro-Boer, anti-British French press took advantage of this "petticoat war" and ridiculed the situation by the publication of one of their many full-page propaganda cartoons (Fig. 5).

The human costs of the Anglo-Boer War were tragically high. Lessons were learned but many lives were needlessly lost due to ignorance and neglect.

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The gift provides space for donations of books for use by visitors. David G. Phillips Publishing Co., has also donated copies of books available from his company. Collectors wishing to donate, write to: William Miller, University Librarian, FAU Library, Box 3092, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

Figure 5. French anti-British, pro-Boer propaganda cartoon ridiculing women "visitations" to wounded soldiers (reduced from full page size).



Postal Museum Recently Opened In Thailand...

While traveling in Asia, you may find yourself in the city of Chiang Mai. If you do, a small local postal museum should be visited. It is located on the second floor of the post office on Charoen Prathed Road near the Ping River.

When visiting Denmark

The museum of the Danish Postal Administration contains many historical and philatelic archives. Ongoing exhibits include uniforms, philately and an old postmark machine, to name just a few of the varied and interesting items available to see. Museum located at Valkendorfsgrde 9, Copenhagen

Some Thoughts On The Numeral And Letter Cancellers Of The Orange Free State. . . By M. P. Nicholson, United Kingdom

Any collector starting to put together a collection of Orange Free State cancellers will find it a relatively painless matter to achieve a complete set of the 16-bar design. However, as soon as collectors turn their attention to the 11-bar design, matters start to get quite a bit more difficult.

The 11-bar design covered all forty-one numbers from 20 to 60 inclusive. A quick scan through the available literature reveals that the forty-one possible numbers can be subdivided as follows:

Numbers 20 to 33 with tall angular figures - 14 cancellers with 7 allocated to named post offices.

Numbers 34 to 60 with curly figures - 27 cancellers with none so far allocated to named offices, of which 10 have never been seen and another 9 have only been reported once.

In addition to the above, 11-bar numerals seem to have repeated a few of the earlier numbers (1-20). Numbers 1 (Bloemfontein), 8 and 11 have all been reported.

Nothing seems to have been written regarding the possible reasons for the extreme rarity of most of these 11-bar markings, nor the identity of the offices to which these markings were issued.

The alphabetical cancellers, utilizing all of the letters from A to Z, followed the 11-bar series. The former can be regarded as being intermediate in rarity between the 16- and 11-bar numerical designs.

Proving covers which can be found from time to time, even in smaller auction catalogs, have clearly shown nine of the letters to be assigned to specific offices with a strong degree of certainty. However, although all the remaining letters have been recorded on loose stamps or on piece, the offices using these particular alphabetical cancellers remain unknown.

The aim of this study is to suggest possible candidate offices for the previously yet-to-be-identified cancellers and to suggest a possible chronology for the three series.

The 16-bar Cancellers

Clearly central to the entire study is the opening date of each of the offices under consideration. It is unfortunate that the two sources consulted (Batten and Putzel) quote different dates for many of the offices. The dates listed in Table 1 are based upon Putzel.

The statistical test of rank correlation (date of opening against cancel number) yields a value which strongly suggests

that, as a general rule, the numbered cancellers were issued in sequence as the various offices opened. It is therefore logical, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, to work on the assumption that the same method of issuing new designs would be used for subsequent series.

Table 1. Chronological listing of 16-bar cancellers by office, key date and canceller number.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Key Date.</u>	<u>Number</u>
Bloemfontein	1850	1
Winburg	1850	2
Harrismith	1850	3
Fauresmith	1850	4
Smithfield	1850	5
Kroonstad	1856	6
Bethulie	1859	7
Boshof	1869	8
Jacobsdal	1870	9
Philippolis	??	10
Bethlehem	1870	11
Rouxville	1871	12
Zand River	1871*	13
Edenburg	1871	14
Bethany	1867	15
Wepener	1871	16
Ladybrand	1871	17
Ficksburg	1871	18
Reddersburg	1871*	19

* Postmaster appointed

The 11-bar Cancellers

The new series of numbered cancellers with eleven bars, rather than the previous sixteen, were gradually introduced from 1874/75 onwards.

There is no evidence that this series, numbered from 20 to 60, replaced the earlier design. Only seven of the numbers have been allocated with certainty to specific offices (Table 2).

Table 2. 11-bar cancellers known for specific offices.

Office	<u>Opening Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
Brandfort	1874	20
Ventersburg	1879	21
Heilbron	1874	24
Frankfort	1874	25
Bultfontein	1874	26
Hoopstad	1878	27
Senekal	1880?	29

The data in Table 2 would seem to imply that, as with the earlier design, these cancellers tended to be issued to offices as they opened.

It is tempting to speculate which other offices used the 11-bar design. "The Post Offices of the Orange Free State to 1910", by Student, lists the opening dates of Orange Free State offices. Therefore, the data makes it possible to produce a list of offices arranged in chronological order by opening date for the period up to 1882 (Table 3).

From available data, the list contains the location of 41 post offices. Research has determined the identity of 7 of these, as identified in Table 3 below. The remainder await future identification.

Letter Cancels

The final series of makings, to be covered in this study, are the 11-bar alphabetical cancellers.

The cancellers seem to have been issued after the 11-bar series had been used up. "The Post Offices of the Orange Free State to 1910" (Student) can be used to produce a list of

Table 3. Chronological listing of Orange Free State post offices and known assigned canceller numbers.

<u>Office</u>	<u>OpeningDate</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
Vaal River	1850		Roodebult	1878	
Volharding	1867		Vredefort	1878	
Witziesshoed	1870		Willoughby	1878	
Olifantsfontein	1872		Allandale	1879	
Brandfort	1874	20	Ventersburg	1879	21
Bultfontein	1874	26	Witwater	1879	
Frankfort	1874	25	Goedemoed	1880	
Heilbron	1874	24	Senekal	1880?	29
Majoorsdrift	1874		Bethulie Bridge	1881	
Vaalbank	1874		Bredenkampsmeul	1881	
Blesbokfontein	1874		Roodewal	1881	
Springfield	1875		Smaldell	1881	
Brandwater	1877		Banksdrift	1882	
Bushmanskop	1878		Constantia	1882	
Hoopstad	1878	27	Mentzford	1882	
Kincora	1878		Modderrivier	1882	
Klipfontein	1878		Paljasfontein	1882	
Leeuwpan	1878		Petrusberg	1882	
Lindley	1878		Villiersdorp	1882	
Parijs	1878				

offices, arranged in chronological order by opening date for the period during which this design was introduced (Table 4). As the data indicate, 9 post offices have been identified as to their assigned letter. There are a remainder of 17 alpha cancellers yet to be identified with an assigned post office. Table 4 identifies the 26 post offices opened during the period under study. The challenge now is to "fill in the gaps" and complete the record. Check your postal history holdings.

Summary

With a few exceptions I would suggest that the situation was as follows:

Offices opening in the period up to 1871 - assigned 16-bar cancellers.

Offices opening between 1872 and 1882 - assigned 11-bar cancellers.

Offices opening In 1883-84 - assigned alphabetical cancellers.

Table 4. Post offices and postal agencies opened during period alphabetical canceller by year opened and known assigned alpha canceller designation.

THE POST OFFICES AND POSTAL AGENCIES KNOWN TO HAVE USED THE ALPHABETICAL CANCELLER

<u>Office Name</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Letter Used</u>
Bloemfontein-registered	1850	R
Smithfield	1850	C
Clocolan	1877	A
Abrahamskraal	1878	D
Deput	1878	M
Jagersfontein	1878	O
Dewetsdorp	1880	Y
Vrede	1880	X
Zastron	1883	K

THE POST OFFICES AND POSTAL AGENCIES BELIEVED TO HAVE OPENED 1882-83 - ASSIGNED LETTER UNKNOWN TO DATE

<u>Office Name</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Office Name</u>	<u>Opened</u>
Blauwheuvcl	1883	Welkom	1883
Bran (s) Drift	1883	Woodside	1883
Breipaal	1883	Woolwich*	1883
Christina	1883	Zeitspan	1883
Driefontein (Boshof)	1883	Driefontein (Bethlehem)	1884
Groot Constantia	1883	Jackalsdanz	1884
Klein Vischgat	1883	Le Souvenir	1884
Nauwpoort	1883	Thaba Nchu Station	1884
Taaiboschspruit	1883	* very short lived office	

Editor's note: The author would appreciate photocopies of proving covers for the missing canceller usagelassignments Write him at: 3 Grovelands, Daventry, Northants NN11 4DH, UK

CETSHAWAYO kaMPANDE: Some Biographical Notes

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In the latter part of 1981 I was engaged in a picture search through the archives of Johannesburg's Africana Museum and found some interesting items relating to Cetshwayo kaMpande, King of the amaZulu. Details regarding their origin were subsequently discovered in the *Illustrated London News* of 1 November 1879. The kind assistance of the staff of the Museum and the University of the Witwatersrand Africana Library **is hereby acknowledged.**

On 28 August 1879, British troops, under the command of Sir Garnet Wolseley, captured Cetshwayo kaMpande, King of the amaZulu, at a homestead on the border of the Ngome forest (1). This event brought an end, for the time being, to Zulu resistance to the British invasion. Little time was lost by the colonial administration in deporting the Zulu leader from his country. Within three days he had been placed aboard the transport ship "HMS Natal", and, under the joint guardianship of Commander Crawford Caffin RN and Captain Ruscome Poole RA (2), was despatched to Cape Town. They were there to await the pleasure of Her Majesty's Government.

It is not known what exact instructions were given to these two gentlemen in regards to the King's person, but it may be safely assumed that part of the brief was to give him a concentrated course in the niceties of the "civilized" society. Thus, by the time Cetshwayo had landed at Cape Town docks a few days later, they had managed to replace the makeshift kaross he had worn at his embarkation at Port Durnford (Ill. 1). The replacement clothing was a comical and ill-fitting suit, complete with top hat [Ill. 2] (3). Also, and presumably with the King's consent, they proceeded to instruct him in the art of writing his signature. The *Illustrated London News* reported that:

"During his late voyage from Port Dunford to Capetown on board H.M.S. Natal, transport-ship, (Cetshwayo) expressed a wish to know how to write. Having recovered from sea-sickness, which he endured with patience and good-humour (only wishing he had brought his 'bit stick' or sceptre, to have thrown it into the sea and made a calm), the captive monarch was ready to take his fast lesson. He was kindly given him by his friend Commander Crawford Caffin ... " (4)

Commander Caffin inscribed the King's name in a somewhat Anglicized orthography and left it for Cetshwayo to imitate and practice. Samples of these were published by the *Illustrated London News*, 1 November 1879, (111. 3) in an article headed "Cetewayo's Writing Lesson".

Illustration 1. Embarcation of King Cetshawyo at Port Durnford, Zululand, *ILN*, 18 October 1879.



Illustration 2. The King's arrival at Cape Town docks. *ILN*, 18 October 1879.



Illustration 3. Ceshwayo's name as set by Commander Caffin (above) and as written by the King (below). *ILN*, 18 October 1879.

CETAWAYO

COPY SET BY COMMANDER CAFFIN, R.N.

CETAWAYO

THE KING'S HANDWRITING, TO IMITATE THE COPY.

Anglo-Saxon difficulty with Zulu orthography was dismissed by this same newspaper as being "of no great consequence", adding that:

"... since he is now taking pains to learn how to write his name, we may as well try to speak (Zulu), barring the impossible 'clicks, till he and his affairs can be safely forgotten, and there be no need to speak of him anymore." (5)

Cetshawayo was imprisoned in the Cape Town Castle until January 1881 when he was moved to the farm Oude Molen on the Cape Flats where he remained until his departure for England in July 1882. While in captivity, Cetshawayo strenuously objected to being treated as a curiosity - he insisted on wearing European clothes and is reported to have adapted to his new environment with great skill.

Despite the fact that the King's movements were restricted, Cetshawayo was allowed to give audiences (6). He used these meetings with sympathisers such as the Colensos to plan for

his eventual return to Zululand (7). It is presumed that the items in the Johannesburg Africana Library collection date from this period.

The first item from the Library is an envelope in flimsy granite paper some 135 x 78 mm in size, probably printed for Cetshawayo in Cape Town which imperiously proclaims its origins and requests the receiver to see the King "TO-NIGHT". It also bears in manuscript the inscription "Oct 1879", this presumably being the date of its despatch (Ill. 4). A second item, an envelope in blue paper, contained a calling card belonging to a "Mr. H.R. Odo Cross, Naval and Military Club" which bore Cetshawayo's actual signature on its reverse (Ill. 5). The blue envelope carried a pencilled certification to the effect that this was:

"Cetewayo's autograph which was given to my father by Cetewayo in Cape Town at the Castle."

It is interesting to note that in the brief period of eight weeks since his capture, the King's signature had gained considerably in confidence, although the question of its orthography has not yet been fully resolved. To date it has not been possible to establish exactly how it was that the Library came by these items, although they may be presumed to have been donated by the descendants of "Mr. Cross".

On 29 January 1883 Ceshawayo kaMpande was once again installed at Emthonjaneni as King of the Zulu nation but with substantially reduced territories under his control. However, despite his personal standing in Zululand, he was unable to effectively re-establish his rule over the region. He passed

Illustration 4. Cetshawayo's granite paper envelope.

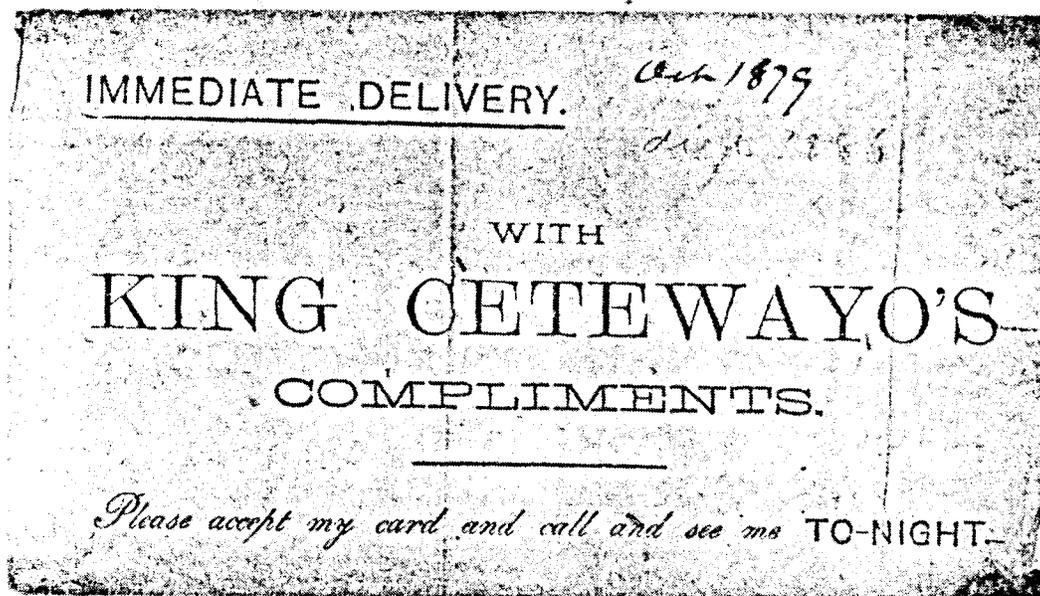


Illustration 5. Cetshwayo's signature, about October 1879.

& Cetshwayo's
Autograph, which
 was given to my father
 by Cetshwayo in Cape
 Town at the Castle.

CETSHWAYO

away at Eshowe on 8 February 1884 (8). NOTES &

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Philatelic War On South Africa

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Recent political developments in South Africa led to an end to international sanctions and the anti-apartheid campaigns. Prior to that time South Africa was the target of many stamp-issuing countries. As Gerry York's "Modern Issues" column in the Mar/Jun '95 issue of *Forerunners* indicates, several stamps depict South Africa's political strife (Russia # 5693, Afghanistan #1035 and East Germany #B200).

I have put together a collection which addresses several related themes in this regard. This article lists stamps and the souvenir sheets (Figs. 1-23) by Scott Catalog number, issue date and theme (excluding the above mentioned values).

I selected four specific subjects for this thematic, namely:

- anti-apartheid
- anti-racism
- Namibia/South West Africa
- the Southern African development Coordination Conference (SADCC), (an economic alliance of southern African states with the objective of escaping economic dependence on South Africa)

Figure 1. Algeria #878, issued November 19, 1988, fleeing apartheid theme.



Figure 2. Angola #641, issued 1981, 5th anniversary of Soweto uprising



Figure 3. Angola #663, issued June 30, 1983, Africa Day, symbolic, striking at South Africa.



Figure 4. Angola #702-704a se-tenet strip, issued May 1985, celebrating 5th Anniversary of SADCC.



Figure 5. Congo People Republic #787-88, issued September 21, 1987, black

fist, Mandela behind bars with chain around south Africa coast.



Cuba #2535, issued August 26, 1982, Namibia Day (not illustrated).
 Egypt #1368, issued May 22, 1985, oppose racial discrimination (not illustrated).

Figure 6. Ethiopia #1084-88, issued August 25, 1978, Namibia Day.



Figure 7. Ethiopia #1084, issued February 10, 1984, international anti-apartheid.



Figure 8. Gabon #624, issued 1987, Gabon President Bongo meeting with SWAPO leader Sam Nujoma.



Germany (DDR) #1957, issued October 3, 1978, antiapartheid year, African behind barbed wire (not illustrated).
 Ghana #881-85, issued January 26, 1984, Namibia Day (not illustrated)

Figure 9. Ghana #1033-36, issued May 18, 1987, anti-apartheid theme, high value depicts Mandela.



Figure 10. Guyana #222-25, issued August 26, 1975, Namibia Day, lower value illustrated.

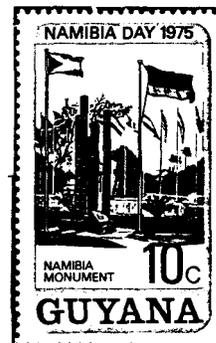


Figure 11. India #689, issued August 26, 1975, Namibia Day.

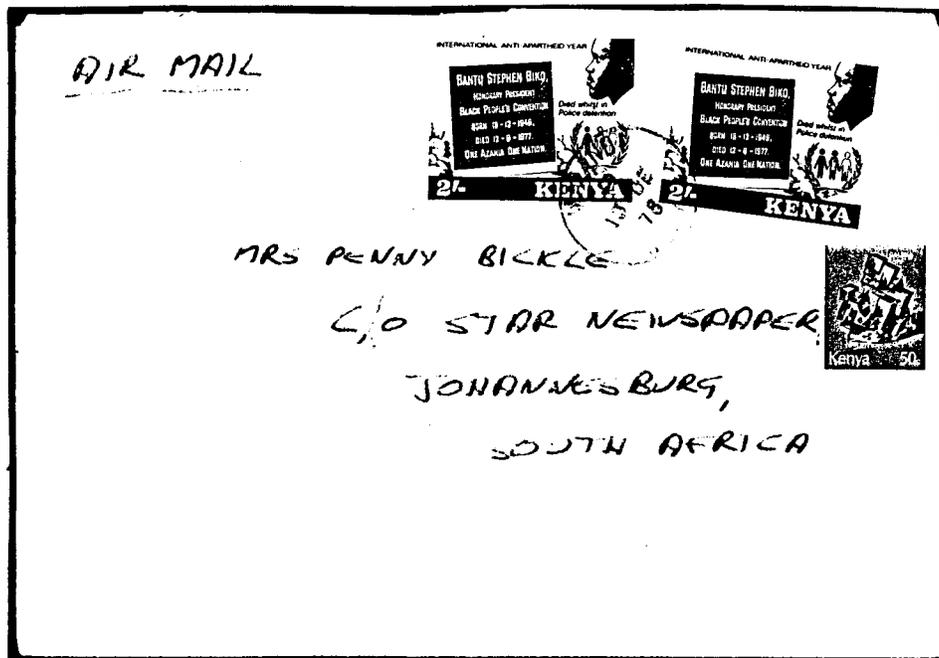


India #1142, issued January 25, 1987, Africa Fund for South Africa and South West Africa (not illustrated).

Iran #2214, issued March 21, 1986, International Day against Racial Discrimination.

Kenya #132-36, issued December 11, 1978, anti-apartheid year depicting Biko, Mandela, etc. Figure 12 illustrates the use of the 2/- value missed by RSA postal authorities.

Figure 12. Cover received in South Africa shortly after the date of issue of Kenya #134, honoring political martyr Steve Biko.



Lesotho #241-44, issued December 12, 1977, Action to Combat Racism Decade, symbolic black and white (not illustrated).
 Malagasy Republic #589, issued June 22, 1978, anti-apartheid year, breaking chains (not illustrated).

Figure 13. Mali #295-97, issued May 26, 1987, anti-apartheid year.



Figure 14. Mali #C537, issued May 26, 1987, Nobel prize winner Albert Luthuli.



Mexico #C583-84, issued September 22, 1978, anti-apartheid year (not illustrated).
 Mozambique, #947-50, issued April 1, 1985, SADCC (not illustrated).

Figure 15. Niger #520, issued September 12, 1980, 4th anniversary of Biko's death.



Figure 16. Niger #739-40, issued October 8, 1986, international solidarity day, Mandela and Sisulu.



Nigeria #251-54, issued March 22, 1971, international year against racial discrimination (not illustrated).

Nigeria #371, issued December 10, 1978, anti-apartheid year (not illustrated).

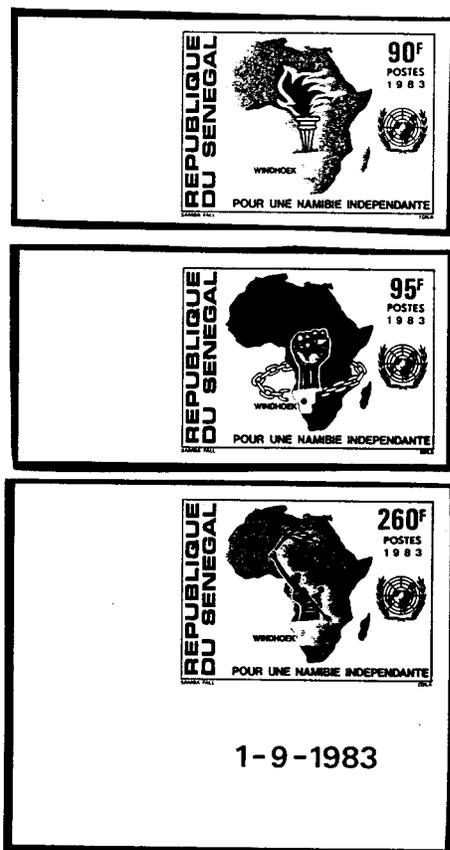
Nigeria #405-06, issued December 10, 1981, anti-apartheid year, violence theme (not illustrated).

Figure 17. Pakistan #424, issued September 15, 1976, against racial discrimination.



Russia #5081, issued September 10, 1982, 70th anniversary of the African National Congress (not illustrated)

Figure 18. Senegal #598-600 (perf and imperf), issued November 14, 1983, Namibia Day.



Senegal #721-23, issued July 31, 1987, solidarity against apartheid, Mandela (not illustrated).

Somalia #368-69, issued June 20, 1971, against racial discrimination in South Africa, concentration camp (not illustrated).

Syria #986, issued August 26, 1983, Namibia Day (not illustrated).

Tanzania #113-16a (latter is a souvenir sheet), issued October 24, 1978, anti-apartheid year, chains theme (not illustrated).

Figure 19. Tunisia #720-21, issued August 30, 1978, anti-apartheid themes.



Uganda #369-70, issued August 15, 1983, non-aligned nations summit, Namibia on #369 (not illustrated).

Figure 20. Zambia #324-26, issued July 9, 1985, SADCC



Zimbabwe #525-28, issued April 1, 1986, SADCC (not illustrated)

The United Nations also issued several sets commemorating Namibian independence, in both their New York and Geneva offices. These issues are:

#240-41 & Geneva #33, issued October 1, 1973 (not illustrated)

#296-97 & Geneva #76, issued May 5, 1978, (not illustrated)

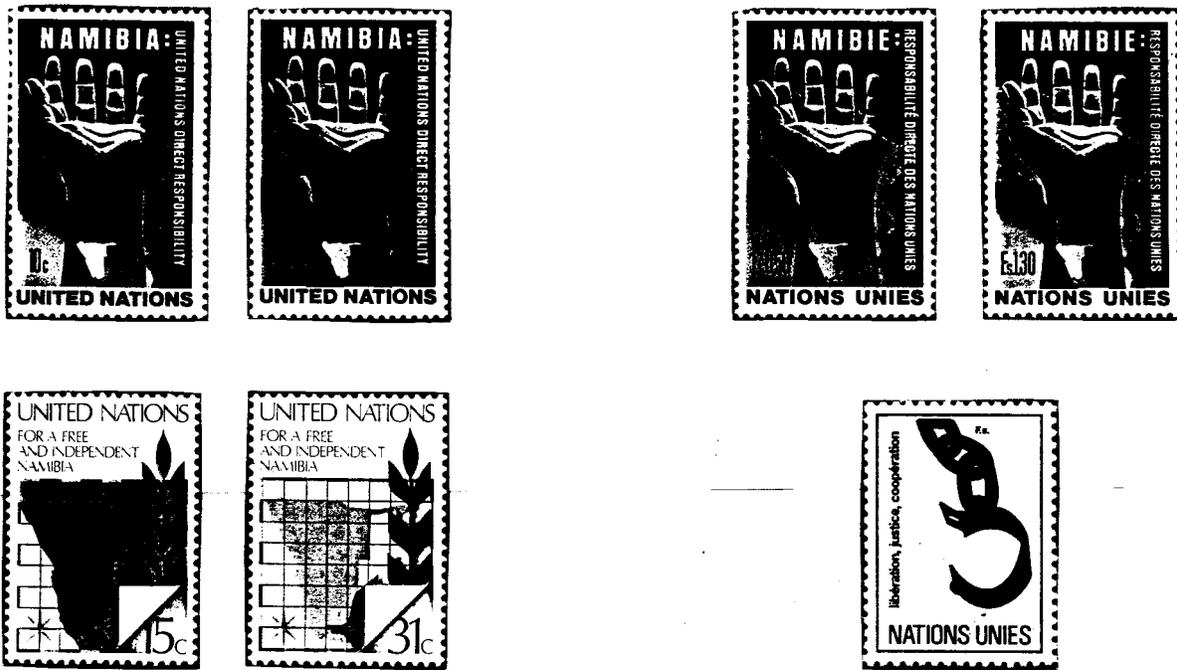
#312-13 & Geneva #86, issued October 5, 1979, (not illustrated).

The UN also issued a combat racism set, #287-88 and Geneva #69-70, on September 19, 1977.

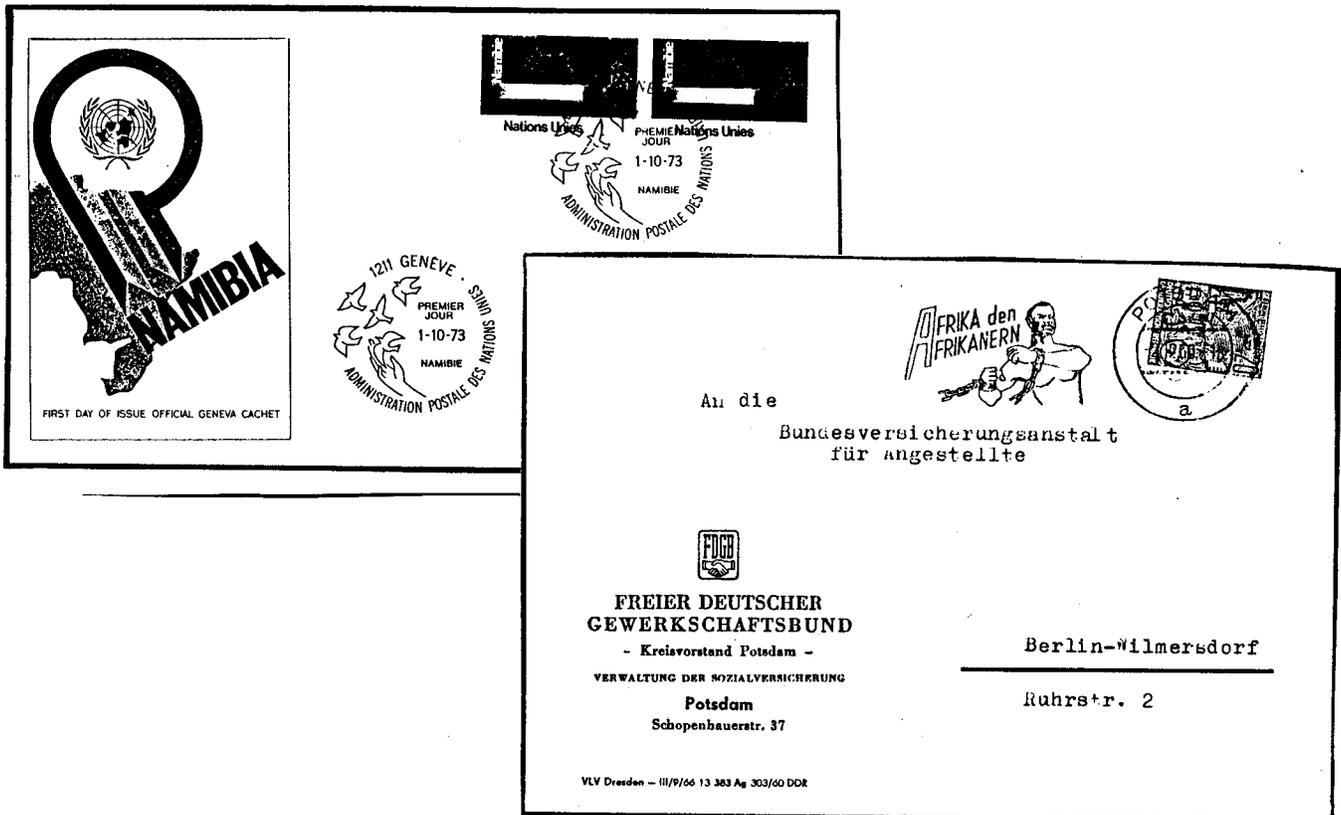
An early, general anti-colonial theme is depicted on a postal

slogan for East Germany in the 1960 period. A cover There may be other issues depicting these subjects which the postmarked at Potsdam in 1960 depicts an African breaking writer has overlooked. Any updates would be welcomed by his chains and the legend " Afrika den Afrikanern" ["Africans writing yours truly at 41 Karen St., Thornhill, Ontario, for Africans] (Fig. 23). Canada L4J 5L5.

Figure 21. UN New York #263-64, 312-13 and UN Geneva #53-54, 76 issued during 1975-79 period.



Figures 22 (left) and 23 (right), the former Geneva #53-54 on cover, issued September 22, 1975; the latter a cover with the slogan cancel "AFRIKA den AFRIKANERN".



Some Notes On Helvetia, East Transvaal

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By 1846 the Natal via Carolina to Lydenburg road passed over or near the Zwartkopje farm, later to be named Zwartkoppies. This particular farm was transferred to the ownership of the widow, Mrs. S. C. Dreyer on August 2, 1858. In 1869 the farm, as well as a portion of the Waterval area, passed into the hands of Christian Fouries, the brother-in-law of a certain Mr. Cornelius Potgieter.

In 1878 the mailcoach road from Pretoria to Lydenburg also crossed the farm after transversing the Winnaarspoort farm which became known as "Fouries Place." After crossing a stream (Fig. A) a mile or so south, the route then connected with the old Natal-Lydenburg road. Figure F following is an old German map of the area.



Figure A. Early drawing of a coach crossing a stream along the route near Helvetia, Transvaal circa 1880. (Courtesy Africana-Museums, Johannesburg)

It was at this juncture that the Barberton road branched off in an easterly direction beginning in 1883. At this crossroads there was a small store and a stable which housed fresh horse teams for the various coaches utilizing the route. This location was also a favorite stopping place for oxen driven wagons.

The Helvetia area saw its heyday during 1870-95. Early in this period a small hotel and bottle store was opened by Mr. Poen, Proprietor. The property then fell into the hands of a certain Mr. De Lange who sold it in 1882 to Mr. C. H. Thomas, who eventually built a much larger store at this location.

At the same time he purchased the store, Mr. Thomas also bought the Zwartkoppies farm. This resulted in him becoming by far the major landholder in the area. Being of Swiss Heritage, Mr. Thomas named the place "Helvetia" which is Latin for Switzerland. The Thomas Hotel, located on the outskirts of the town, became very popular for its first class breakfasts.

Sometime during 1883, a mailcoach depot and a blacksmith shop were established in the community. In all likelihood these enterprises were built, owned and operated by the Gibson Brothers who were local mailcoach operator contractors. It appears that an unofficial, private postal service was operated out of the Thomas Hotel beginning in 1883.

By January 1888, an official postal agency was established at a local store, Mr. Thomas becoming the first agent with an annual

salary of 10 Pounds. This agency was assigned a squared octagonal place-date canceler commonly used during the Second Republic. The canceler measured 26½ x 26½ with "Helvetia" at the top (Fig. B).

Figure B. Example of canceler used at Helvetia.



As shown in Figure B, in the center of the date plug is the ever present time code letter "D" over the date line with "Z.A.R." at the bottom. This canceler was used until about 1894.

Over time, Helvetia became an important mailcoach stop. From this location a coach could link up with route numbers 2, 9, 10, and 16. The regularly scheduled mailcoach stopped (twice per week) on Thursdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 4 a.m. Returns were scheduled on Mondays and Thursdays at 3 a.m.

By 1888 Route 9 had been established between Helvetia and Lydenburg. The mailcoach left Helvetia at 5 a.m. on Mondays and arrived in Lydenburg by 2 p.m. that afternoon. The return trip from Lydenburg started at 11 a.m. on Wednesday and arrived back at Helvetia at 8 p.m. that evening.

The mail contractor was George Heys & Co. of Pretoria. Eight hours were allotted to cover the 40 mile distance to Helvetia. For this service the GPO Mailtransport Department paid the company 440 Pounds per annum. Passengers were charged 8 Pounds which included luggage.

Route 16 covered the run from Chrissies Meer to Helvetia. The mailcoach left the former at 4 a.m. on Tuesdays and arrived at Helvetia at 4 p.m. that same day. The return trip from Helvetia started at 4 a.m. on Thursdays and arrived at Chrissies Meer at 4 p.m. the same day.

By May of 1882 the Helvetia postal agency had been assigned the triangular canceler numeral "45" (Fig. C). Only three of four proving covers/cards are recorded for the Helvetia "45" cancel. Figure E shows the front and back of one of these. Departure and arrival marks indicate that the sea mail travel time was three weeks.

Figure C. Tracing and cancel examples of assigned canceler for Helvetia.

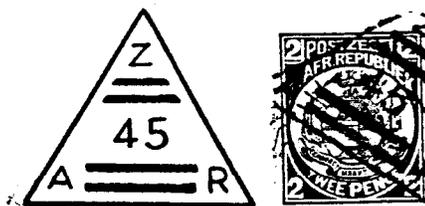
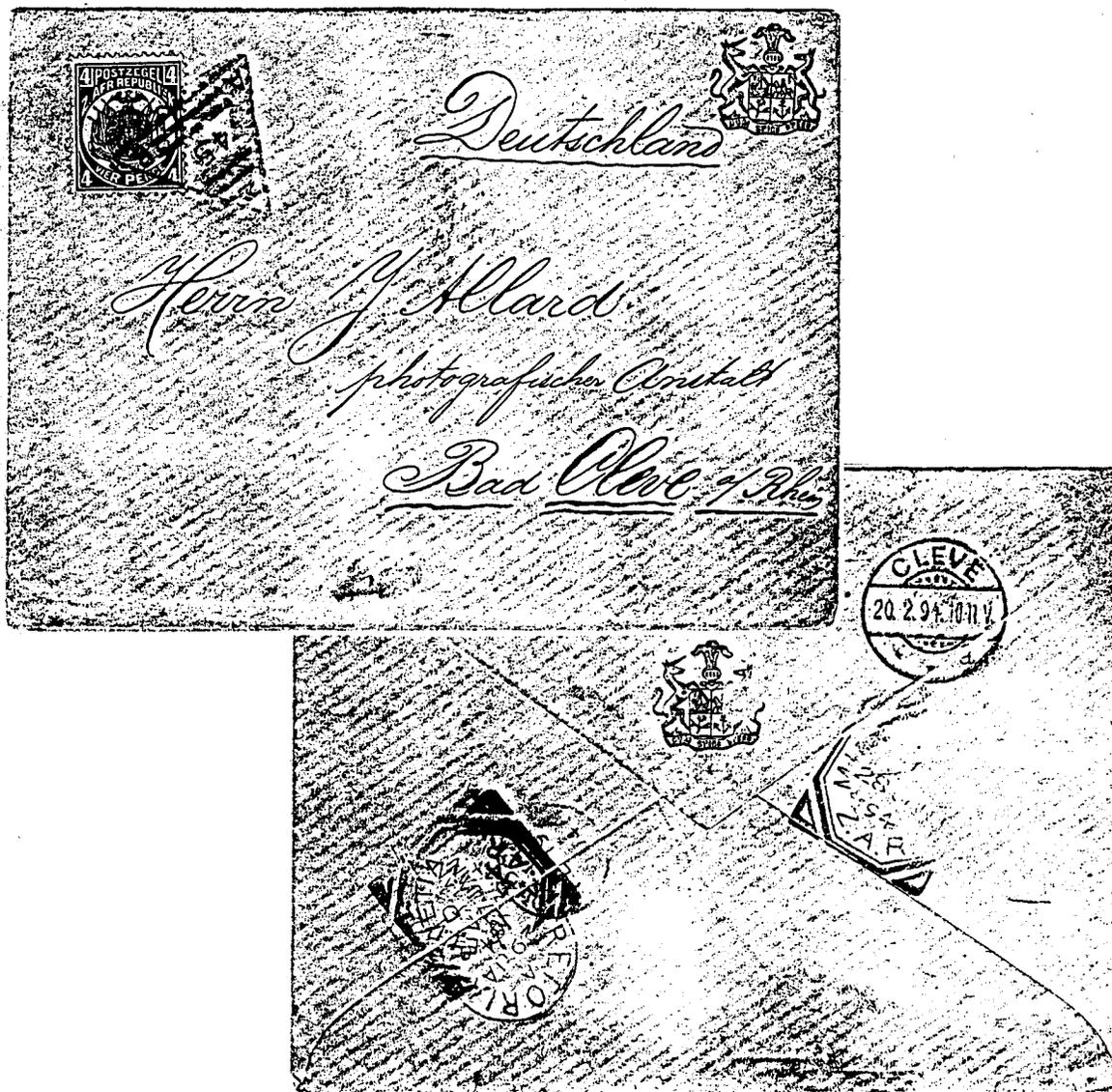


Figure D. Front/reverse of Helvetia "45" cancel (front) proving cover, departing cancel date of 27 Jan. 1894 (reverse), franked with 4d definitive, addressed to Cleve, Germany: reverse showing dispatch squared octagon cancel plus transit marks Middelburg/ZAR 28th, Pretoria 29th, London "Fe 19" and Cleve receiving mark dated "20.9.94. 10-11 V." (Peter Hutterer collection)



Records indicate that the Helvetia postal agency handled 12,187 regular mail items. Two years later, in 1892, the volume had increased to 13,975. By the middle of 1894 the Helvetia postal agency was assigned a double circle date stamp (Fig. E). The cancel measures 24x22 mm and 16 mm.

During 1892 Mr. Thomas sold his properties to the Heyman family who also had a store at Waterval in the northern part of Helvetia. Mr. Thomas relocated to the fast growing area of Belfast, East Transvaal where he purchased the O'Neil business. The Randle brothers and the firm of Hudson financed Thomas & Company.

It has been suggested that the Heyman family took over operation of the postal agency after buying out Mr. Thomas. The Heymans owned a second store about a mile from Helvetia. The

Heyman properties were eventually purchased by Mr. Richard O'Neil, the richest man in Belfast. Coal was later discovered on the Zwartkoppies farm and later mined. By 1950 this farm, with its thousands of trees, was sold to a company for 100,000 South African pounds. Later, discovery was made of a valuable clay which was used for the overseas manufacture of certain electrical equipment.

The agency at Waterval closed on January 10, 1897 and reopened on April 1, 1898, according to the PMG's annual report. The postal agency was renamed "Helvetia North" to distinguish it from Helvetia, OFS about 1911. Other designations over time included: PTA - January 21, 1924; PA - March 9, 1925; PTA again - July 5, 1926. The office was closed on May 19, 1952.

Today, besides the cemetery for British soldiers, only faint traces of buildings and roads remain from the early days of Helvetia. The cemetery is for those soldiers who fell in battle on the night of December 28, 1900, during the Second Anglo-Boer War. No present day maps show this area.

References: Posgid der ZAR No. 1 (1888) and No. 2 (1889)

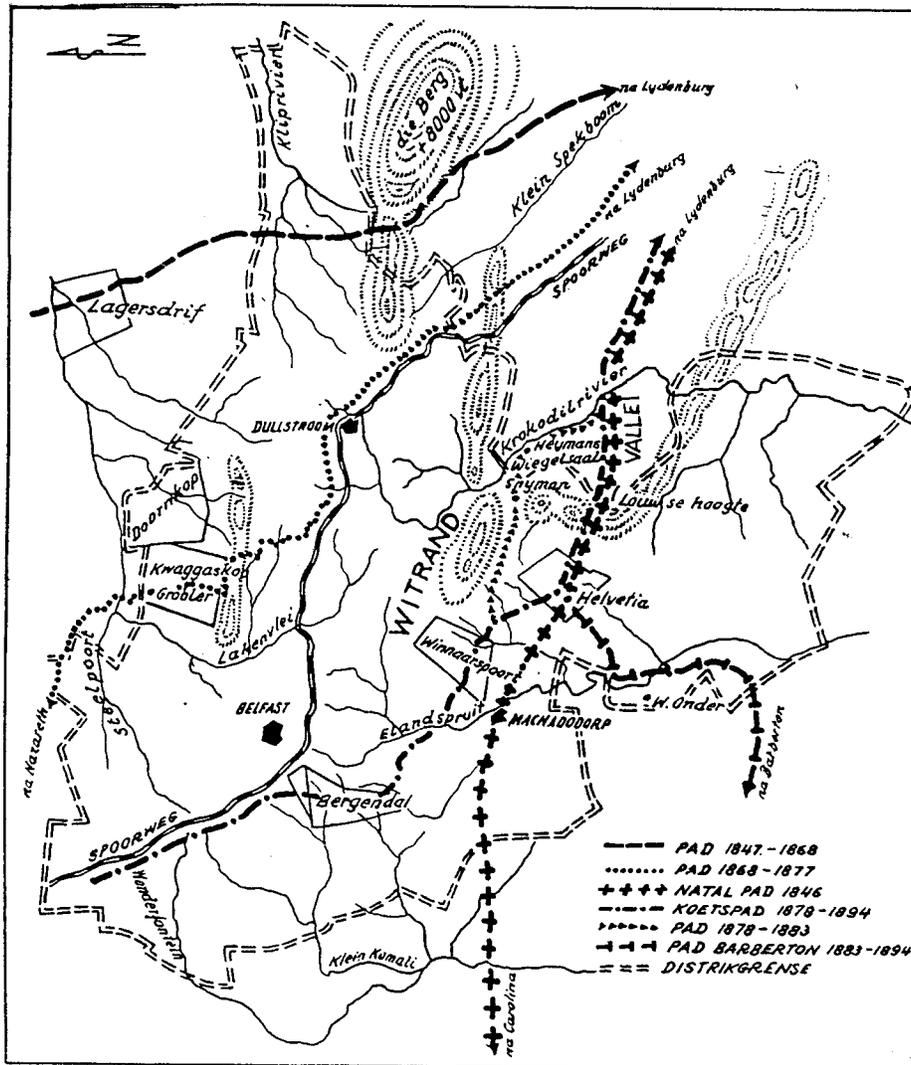
Encyclopaedia of South Africa Post Offices & Postal Agencies, Vol. II, R. F. Putzel & A. P. Van der Merwe, 1992

"in Kort Geskiedenis van Belfast," City Council of Belfast minutes

Figure E. Proving card showing the double circle Helvetia cancel.



Figure F. Old German map showing the various routes in the greater Helvetia area.



CAPE OF GOOD HOPE POSTAL HISTORY - THE TRIANGULAR PERIOD

by Guy R. Dillaway

Cape Triangles Used To and From Foreign Destinations Census Update

The first census report was published three years ago in the July-October 1992 issue of Forerunners. Since then no new destinations have been added, but there are some increases in the totals shown. Please keep sending me the information. Thank you all for your assistance. The list follows:

Austria (1)	Hungary (1) Another reported, not seen
Australia	India
New South Wales (2)	Bengal (2)
Victoria (2)	Bombay
Western Australia (2)	Calcutta (3)
Basutoland (3)*	Madras (2) 1 Livingston cover
Batavia (3)	Poona (1)
1 paid in cash	Punjab (1)
1 with 4d triangle 1	Trincomalee (1)
unpaid	
British Kaffraria	Madeira (1)
Canada	Mauritius (3)
New Brunswick (1)	Namaqualand
Nova Scotia (1)	Natal (10)
Ontario (Montreal) (6) only 5 of 14 reported covers from the Shanley correspondence seen. One not Shanley.	New Zealand (5)
China	Norway (1)
Amoy (1) Hong	Orange Free State
Kong (1)	Saint Helena (1)
Denmark (2)	Spain (1) Sweden
Finland (Russia) (3)	(3) Switzerland (
2 covers 1	3) Turkey (2)
front	United States (6)
France (8)	
Germany	Covers From Foreign Destinations
Baden (2) Bavaria (1)	Basutoland (1)
Hamburg (2) Hanover (1)	British Kaffraria
Mecklenburg-Schwerin (1)	Orange Free State
Prussia (5)	Transvaal
Saxony (1)	
Great Britain	
England	
Guernsey (1)	
Ireland	
Scotland	
Wales	
Holland	

*All recorded in *The Cancellations and Postal Markings of Basutoland/Lesotho Post Offices* by A. H. Scott, 1980

Basutoland

Guy R. Dillaway

According to Scott the early mail in Basutoland was carried by messengers attached to each chiefs court. Prior to 1833 when the first missionaries of the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society arrived, only a few whites roamed the country because King Moshoeshoe would not allow the whites to settle. There was no

French Consul at Capetown. The letter was privately carried to the nearest Cape Colony Post Office at Aliwal North where a 4d triangular stamp was added (Figure 2) and then posted to the "care of John Syme Esq.", the Missionary Society's agent in, Capetown who delivered it to the French Consul. The letter is

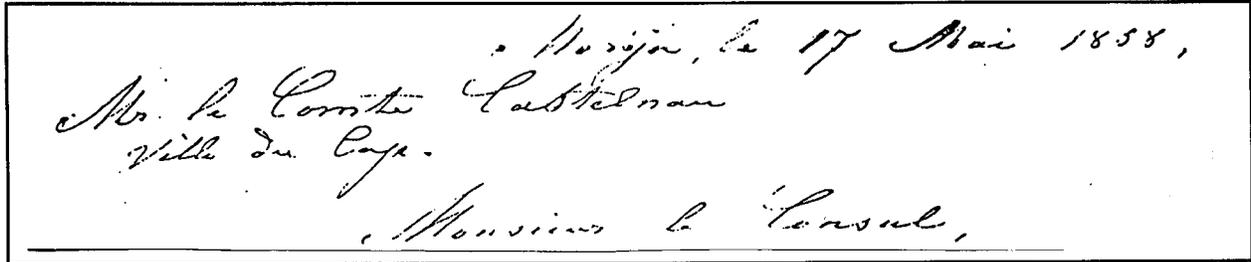


Figure 1: Letter heading, Morijsa, 17 May 1858.

postal system. Letters were sent with travelers who eventually reached the nearest post office, Graff Reinet, Cape Colony, three hundred miles away. In 1840 a post office was opened at Colesberg, and in 1858 at Aliwal North. Most of the mail to and from Basutoland from 1858 on passed through Aliwal North.

backstamped Aliwal North, 21 Jun 1858 and Capetown 28 Jun 1858.

Although Pasteur Maeder makes reference to a previous letter in the contents, that letter has not been recorded. This is the only recorded copy of a letter from Basutoland with a Cape of Good Hope triangle affixed.

Figure 1 shows the heading of an 1858 letter from Pasteur Maeder at the Mission Station of Morijsa to the

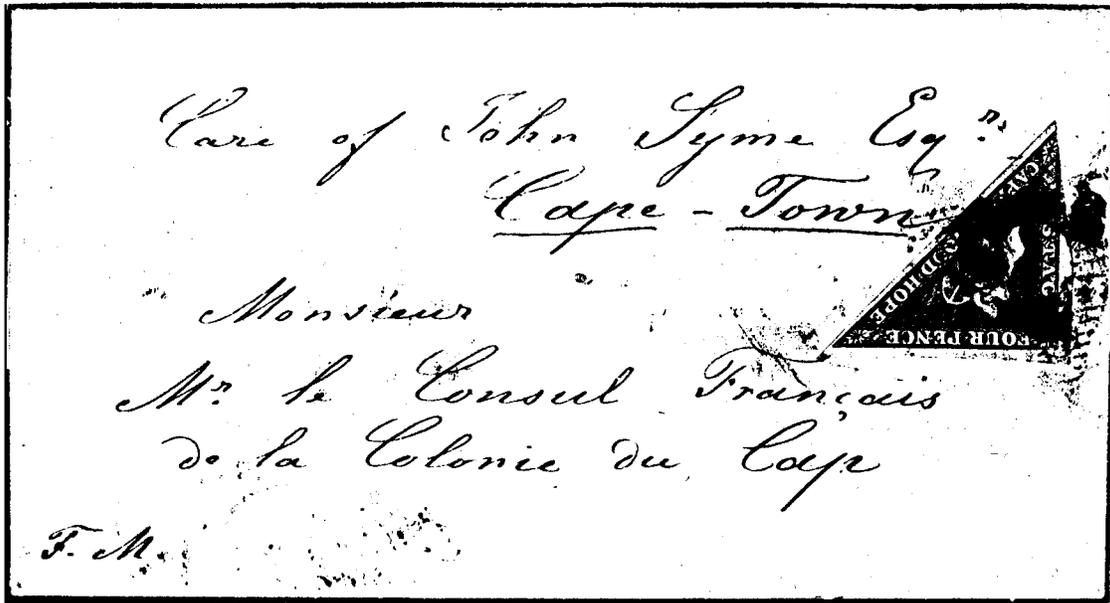


Figure 2: Letter with 4d Cape triangle backstamped Aliwal North, 21 Jun 1858, Capetown, 28 Jun 1858.

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Dialogs & Updates

This feature invites the reader to send in their reactions to articles appearing in the journal. Prior to publication of comments, the Editor will provide the author with a copy of them so that the author's response appears at the same time. *Dialogs...* also presents corrections and updating information furnished by authors.

Basutoland - Valuation Theory (#23): Thank you for sending me Scott's valid comments on the uncertainty of my data. I find that you corrected everything as requested, with the exception of the lining up of the figures in the long table. As a result, the Samos, etc., set show "1" running into the used column as all the "1's" are displaced to the right and therefore also the "1" is missing from the unused 1/2d column.

Secondly, the Colonial set is that with the side selvage. George Holschauer is, to my best knowledge, the owner of that property. It has been offered several times in his Colonial Auctions. The Samos, ex-Dallas, ex-King Carol, is a top selvage set. Perhaps I am at fault in describing the set in question as Colonial, as the firm has offered other sets including that of King Carol.

Thirdly, my reference to the eleven sets was inadvertently not corrected in the text by myself. What happened was that one

of the early blocks of four was severed. Only at a very late stage did I come to the conclusion that it WAS among my photos of one of the singles. At first I thought there might be an extra copy floating around. I discovered this quite late and did not alter the text. My sincere apologies for the oversight. Barry P. Fletcher, South Africa

Some Notes On Moodie's Goldfields, East Transvaal (#22): The "Moodies Goudv" cover was not correctly identified as actually being the possession of dealer member, Alan MacGregor, RSA. Werner K. Seeba, Germany

Bergendal East Africa: Postal and Other History (#23): The key Bergendal card was not clearly referenced as also belonging to Mr. MacGregor. Werner K. Seeba, Germany

Postal & Telecommunications Museum of Turkey ...

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

NEWS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Welcome Aboard !!

Norman B. Lawson - #9503 - Newport Beach, California. (Awaiting completed application for additional information.)

Patricia G. Sterrett - #9504 - Bethesda, Maryland. Patricia read about us in *Global Stamp News*. Her collecting interests include general British Africa - especially the Bechuanalands, Basutoland and the Orange Free State. She also collects U.S. air mails, as well as pre-1946 U.S. commemoratives. Patricia is also a member of the American Philatelic Society (APS). As time permits in the future, she indicates that she may be able to assist PSGSA in the area of marketing.

Jim Lays - #9505 - Denver, Colorado. Jim also learned about us from a PSGSA write-up in *Global Stamp News*. His primary interest is the Cape of Good Hope. In addition, he collects all of the pre-Union states and republics, the Rhodesias, the Bechuanalands, South West Africa, Union of South Africa, Rhodesia and Zululand. Jim's other affiliations include APS, Rhodesia and India Study Circles, Great Britain Collectors Club, Maritime Postmark Society and the Society of Australasian Specialists/Oceania. As indicated on his membership application, Jim is willing to volunteer as a correspondent with other specialty groups.

Philatelistsche Bibliothek - #9506 - Munich, Germany. This is the Philatelic Library of the City of Munich's Public Library. A unsolicited request to receive the journal was sent from the Philatelic Library Director, Mr. Otto Exner. The Library's immense holdings are of great value to the present day researcher. Address information requests to: Philatelistische Bibliothek, Otto Exner, Library Director, Rosenheimer Str. 5, D-81667 Munich, Germany.

M.D. Pigin - #9507D - Matlock, Derbyshire, England. Mr. Pigin responded to a recent Society marketing mailer by requesting membership. He is a fulltime postal history dealer and member of the Philatelic Traders Society as well as, several UK and US based specialty groups. Members interested in the firm's offerings may contact Mr. Pigin at Gritstone Cottage, Thatchers Lane, Tansley, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5FD, England.

Dr. George Luzitano - #9508 - Somerset, Massachusettes. The good Doctor came to us via the recruitment efforts of President Dillaway at PHILATELIC SHOW 95. (Awaiting completed Society application for additional information.)

Stephan Welz & Co. - #9509D - South Africa. The firm learned about the Society via solicitation regarding PACIFIC 97. Their address is P.O. Box 52431, Saxonwald 2132, RSA.

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Member Biographies

Tony Davis/Canada. Tony was born in Oakville, Ontario Province, his birthday falling on July 31. He is married to Elana. From that union have come two children - Ryan and Janine. Tony's profession is human resources management. He received a degree with honors in journalism and holds a Diploma in Industrial Relations. His primary philatelic interests include Zululand, military/political covers of South Africa post-1976 and British Levant. Other interests include science fiction literature and pulp magazines. Tony went as a journalist to South Africa in 1976. His reports were heard on Mutual News Radio. He transitioned into labor relations, returning to Canada in 1988. Tony indicates that he has many philatelic contacts in South Africa from which his interest in Zululand came to the fore. He is the author of The Postmarks Qf Zululand and was once a stamp columnist for *The Star* newspaper in Johannesburg. As the reader is aware, Tony is the editor of our regular feature "Zulu Notes", as well as feature article contributor from time to time. Tony also serves as our Zululand expert on the Question & Answer Panel. He is presently working with other Canadian members

on holding a Society meeting at CAPEX 96. Tony has been a collector for 28 years.

Gerard T. York/Florida. Our "Modern Issues" Editor, was born in Miami, having a birthday falling on October 20. He is an attorney by profession and is presently in private practice. Gerry has collected for about 25 years. His primary philatelic interests include post-independence southern Africa which encompasses Angola, the Homelands, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Tristan da Cunha, Zambia, Zimbabwe, SWA (1962-1990) and Rhodesia (1964-1980). Gerry has Bachelor's and Master's (with honors) degrees in English Literature from the University of Central Florida and a Juris Doctorate with honors from Florida State University. During his career he has been an aide to two United States Congressmen.

Sheila Case/Botswana. Sheila's birthplace is Essex, England. Her birthday falls on February 23. She is married to John, an American. Sheila received an Honors Degree in Science and has done post-graduate work in education. She is Head of Science, Maruapula School. Her primary philatelic interests are Bechuanaland revenues, Botswana duesa and postmarks.

The Honor Roll

This feature acknowledges Society members and publications for their notable achievements. Members are encouraged to notify the Editor when they "join the winner's circle" and/or have been selected for some other honor or significant responsibility in organized philately. The subject of a winning exhibit does not have to fall within the collecting scope of the Society.

The 1995 Lupo Memorial Award Recipient

Voting was the heaviest it has been since the inception (1991) of an award for the best article appearing in each volume of the journal, as so determined by member ballots.

The honored, well-deserved recipient is the author team of **Alan R. Drysdall, George van den Hurk and Alan MacGregor**, for "The Post Offices of the 2nd South African Republic. This invaluable research piece appears on pages 139-50 of the Nov '94/Feb '95 journal issue. Framed certificates of achievement will be forwarded in due course.

A very close runner-up in the competition was Steve Gardiner's "Swaziland Postal Activities During the Boer War". Other articles receiving votes included: "South West Africa & The RKB" (Tony Davis/Canada), "The Victoria Falls" (Alan Hanks/Canada), "The Kruger Stamp That Wasn't

Issued" (Alec Page/UK), "The Postal History of Murraysburg, Cape" (Werner Seeba/Germany), "Two Curious Half-Penny Overprints of Natal" (Syl Tully/US), "-Ship Penny Flaws: Second Installment" (Louise Christian/US), "Rhodesia's Propaganda Labels" (Tony Davis/Canada), "Printing Varieties of the SWA Registration Envelope" (Jac Stolk/Holland) and "Some Notes - Moodie's Goldfields, East Transvaal" (Werner Seeba/Germany).

We now welcome our awardees to the roll of recipients of the annual "Charles Lupo Memorial Award". The past winners are as follows:

1991 - **Werner K. Seeba** - "One Hundred Years of the Barberton Post Office"

1992 - **R. Timothy Bartshe** - "The Commando Brief"

1993 - **Robert F. Taylor** - "Postal Services At the Cape of Good Hope"

1994 - **Ralph Myerson, M.D.** - "General Sir Redvers Buller"

Notices received during this publication cycle include:

Alan J. Hanks: Gold at ROPEX for "British South Africa Company 1892-1924"

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Frederick P. Lawrence, Ph.D: Vermeil at ARIPEX 95 for "Scouting on Stamps 'Classics': Three Specialized Studies"

Kurt Schau: Gold at PENPEX for "Orange Free State: Issues of the Republic and Occupation". Kurt also presented the introductory program "Collecting Booklets of the World" at WESTPEX 95.

Robert F. Taylor: Vermeil at VAPEX 94 for "Ryukyu Islands - The Provisional Postal Issues"; also Ryukyu Philatelic Specialist Society medal.

Closed Album

Member #9404, **Lyman L. Fink, Jr.**, passed away on the 14th of February. He was 69. Lyman collected the British Empire before 1950 and was a member of APS. Prior to retirement, Lyman was a Professor of English. He enjoyed tennis, bridge and his membership in the Audubon Society.

At the time of his passing, Lyman was preparing an introductory article on the collection of certain classical issues of British Southern Africa.

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The Society Publications Program

The function of the Publications Program is to provide assistance in the development of occasional papers, monographs, books and multi-volume works. Authors submitting written works to the Society for sponsorship, through the Program, receive valuable technical support in all phases of publication development.

If collaborators are desired for a particular topic, this feature provides an opportunity to "advertise" for assistance. Researchers are encouraged to list their present efforts and request such assistance as may be desired.

Anyone wishing to access the services of the Publications Program may write to: Alec Page, RPSL, Committee Chair, 138 Chastillian Rd., Dartford, Kent DA1 3LG, UK or Dr. Guy Dillaway, Committee Vice Chair, Post Office Box 181, Weston, MA 02193.

Readers are encouraged to take advantage of this feature as much as possible - "To research in isolation with a view towards publication is akin to reinventing the wheel." Listed below are a number of projects for which authors-to-be are seeking input.

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

Will Ross/USA would appreciate hearing from readers interested in his doing a third article on **Bophuthatswana postal history**, bringing it up to the dissolution of the Homelands. The work could possibly be a monograph covering the entire postal history of this Homeland, from before independence to reincorporation. Will would appreciate suggestions on the approach to be used in the study and effective ways to present the material. Areas of interest to be covered will include official mail user agencies, a final listing of all Bophuthatswana post offices and their dates of incorporation, a list of Postmasters-General, revenues, as well as last day of use of postal strikes. All responses will be gladly received by Will at 6456 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406 USA.

Tony Davis/Canada is presently working on Zululand Philately, 1888-98. Subject areas to be covered include general history, pre-1888 postal history, the 1879 war, missionaries, origins of the Zululand postal administration, postmasters, post offices, postal agencies, postal carts, first definitive overprints, second definitives, revenue stamps, proofs, specimens, trials, postmark rarity factors, official use of the mails, official frankings, the changeover period of January - June 1898, bibliographic notes, the great collections, manuscript markings and more. Tony would very much appreciate comments and updates regarding the information appearing in his "Zulu Notes" column in each issue of the journal. Please write Tony at 41 Karen St., Thornhill, Ontario, Canada L4J 515.

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Tim Bartshe/USA continues to compile data on the use of **OFS telegraph stamps with postal cancellations** through the Republican Era. Any reader having covers, canceled stamps, etc., falling within the study's scope should write to Tim at 13955 West 30th, Golden, CA 80401USA.

Dr. Guy Dillaway/USA desires **rate information from any country to/from the Cape of Good Hope 1800-1900**. Copies of postal notices, almanacs, rating or directional information, breakdown of fees involved, newspaper circular, printed matter/book rates, military rates. Anything useful to develop a study of the rates during this period of time. Copies of covers (front & back) with the work-up also wanted. Language is not a problem although English is most helpful. Results will be published periodically in the journal. Contact Guy by writing Post Office Box 181, Weston, MA 02193 USA.

Barry P. Fletcher/RSA is completing updates to his monograph *Basutoland Officials*. His article in #23 was drawn from the monograph. Barry would appreciate any feedback from readers on the article. Please write to him at Post Office Box 3849, Cape Town 8000, RSA

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

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Questions & Answers

Robson Lowe has agreed to serve at **Chair of the Question & Answer Panel of Experts**. He will respond to questions regarding areas not covered by any of the other Panel members.

As part of its services to the general collecting community, the Society makes its Panel of Experts available to answer questions submitted by readers, be they members or not. The Panel members are listed, along with Society officers, in the early pages of each journal issue.

Readers are to send their questions to the appropriate Panel member. Clear copies of cancels, covers (front/back) and a detailed written description of the item(s) should be included. The Panel member will forward his answers, along with the question and any illustrations to the Editor for publication in this section. Panel members will also return a copy of their response directly to the questioner.

Please bear in mind that a particular question may require an extended period for research and/or consultation with others. Questions falling outside the scope of the Society, e.g., British East Africa, should be sent directly to the Editor. The inquiry will then be forwarded to the appropriate specialty group for a response.

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

Members interested in volunteering their services should contact the Editor at P.O. Box 2698, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2698, or the Panel Chair, Robson Lowe, Flat One Bodorgan Rd., Bournemouth BH2 6NQ, UK.

No questions and answers have been received this publication cycle. However, we have some interesting additions to "Challenges..." this issue.

Unanswered Challenges

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

Challenge #11: Below is a photocopy of a Natal QV definitive showing a manuscript cancel which appears to read "Taylors/Post/17-10-87". Was this a fiscal cancel or? Postmark references list it as "very rare". I purchased the item for 5c from a dealer's box. Is anyone able to provide definitive information on the cancel and Taylors Post? - **Jim Lays/USA**

Illustration. Natal definitive with "Taylors Post" manuscript cancel.



Challenge #10: In its 1 July 1993 catalog, Phillips of London listed lot 512 as containing Jackson's 1902 Fox Hill locals of Natal. These are best described as primitive facsimile stamps. The lot contains a strip of three of the id blue (only 17 examples reported), a ld purple horizontal pair with a central monogram "T.W.J." i.e., T.W. Jackson, with only 12 examples reported, a ld purple with cartoon-like

KEVIII portrait being one of only 6 known. Each has some faults and have thick gum, as is usual. Do any of our Natal collectors have other copies to report? What references in the philatelic literature can be provided? - **Ron Carlson/USA**

Challenge #9: I have collated much information on the elusive and almost undocumented Wolmaranstad. I have photos of most of those in circulation, with full comparisons of the surcharges which were printed separately on each stamp, disproving Rich who had seen only a few copies including the few overprint color varieties. Has anyone ever been able to estimate the quantities of the individual values? - **Barry P. Fletcher/RSA**

Challenge #8: The following inquiry came via a referral from our first President, Syl C. Tully. The request for assistance reads as follows: "I hope you might be of assistance regarding some information I am trying to obtain. I am particularly interested in two stamps of a set which was presented to the UPU at H.Q. in Bern Switzerland. Probably between late 1908 and 1911, and later overprinted 'SPECIMEN' in Natal. Included in the set of overprints is U.S. Scott Specialized #E7, issued December 12, 1908. I am a specialist on the 4c Jackson and would like a little more information than what is given on the enclosed illustrations. The first illustration shows SG #213-14 or Sc #210-11. The Natal G.P.O. handstamped the overprint with the Natal type NA2 (Marcus Samuel) as found on the Natal King Edward VII 20 Pound value.

Illustration 1. Example of Natal applied "SPECIMEN" overprint.



The items in the second illustration received a BPA Certificate. The Committee's opinion reads as follows: "United States of America 1888 4c carmine, 5c indigo and 30c chestnut on piece, handstamped 'SPECIMEN', Samuel Type NA2, by Natal Post Office on receipt from U.P.U., SG 220-222 are genuine."

Illustration 2. BPA certificated three values of the 'SPECIMEN' overprint.



Based upon the information provided above, I am looking for assistance in answering the following questions:

- **What date were the stamps delivered to the UPU H.Q.?**
 - **When were they overprinted?**
 - **How many U.S. sets were presented?** (I assume only 1.)
 - **For what purpose?** (I assume they were for the union of Natal, Cape of Good Hope, Orange Free State and Transvaal to form the Union of South Africa.)
 - **Who were they presented to?**
- * **Is it known how this set resurfaced into circulation?**

If possible, provision of references with any responses will sincerely be appreciated. I hope you can help me." - **Ronald G. Carr/USA**

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

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

Challenge #5: Shown previously on page 101, #21 is a copy of SG #125. Do readers have any speculations regarding the damaged type of the overprint? - **Jeff Woolgar/UK**

Response: I believe this to be an advanced stage of the only well-known variety of this stamp. My literature gives the variety as position #19 of the first setting. It is described as "Right leg of 'A' broken off and left leg of 'H' longer". Note the right leg of "A" broken off. Look at the photocopy of two examples (Ill.) that I have of this variety.

Illustration. Two examples of Natal SG #125 varieties.



The copy on the left is the variety as described. The example on the right is different in that the "H" is now right up against the "A". In addition the center bar of the "H" has some minor damage. I speculate that the spaces between the two letters fell away and "H" literally smacked into the "A" and

gradually broke away. There must be other stages of this variety to add to the story. It may be the reason for a reported second setting of the overprint. I own a pane of 60 (without selvage). The variety in question is not present on this pane. Of further interest is what appears to be a tiny crack (?) on the stamp itself at the "P" of "PENNY". This appeared on Jeff's original photocopy. Is this just from the photocopy machine or is it actually on the stamp? - Morgan T. Farrell (Founding Member)/USA

Challenge #4: Do any of our members know of a tabulation of the "OFFICIAL FREE" cachets appearing on "ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE" official SWA envelopes (see page 102, #21)? - **Dr. H.U. Bantz/RSA**

Challenge #3: The first series of the stamps of Zululand consisted of 11 overprinted values of Great Britain issued between July 1888 and March 1893. Of the 11 values, 10 can be found handstamped "SPECIMEN" in violet with the

exception of the id value. Why was the id value not included in this handstamped specimen overprint set? - **Peter Whitmore/RSA**

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

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

BITS & PIECES AND OTHER STORIES

"Bits" provides members the opportunity to share interesting little tidbits in a short order format, e.g., cancels, cover, rare items. All "Bits" are to be sent to the Editor.

"...And Other Stories" is reserved for short written pieces which do not fit the feature article mold, e.g., length, yet the subject is more than an interesting cover or cancel.

Anecdotal writings are especially encouraged.

The initial "Bit" is a recently discovered find of a postal history item showing a cancel of the previously unknown (unlisted in Putzel) Vogelsfontein Railway Office (R.O.). Guy Dillaway found the cover in a dealer's box.

Illustration. Proving cover showing cancel of the previously unknown Vogelsfontein, Transvaal R.O. with inset showing the cancel enlarged by scanning.



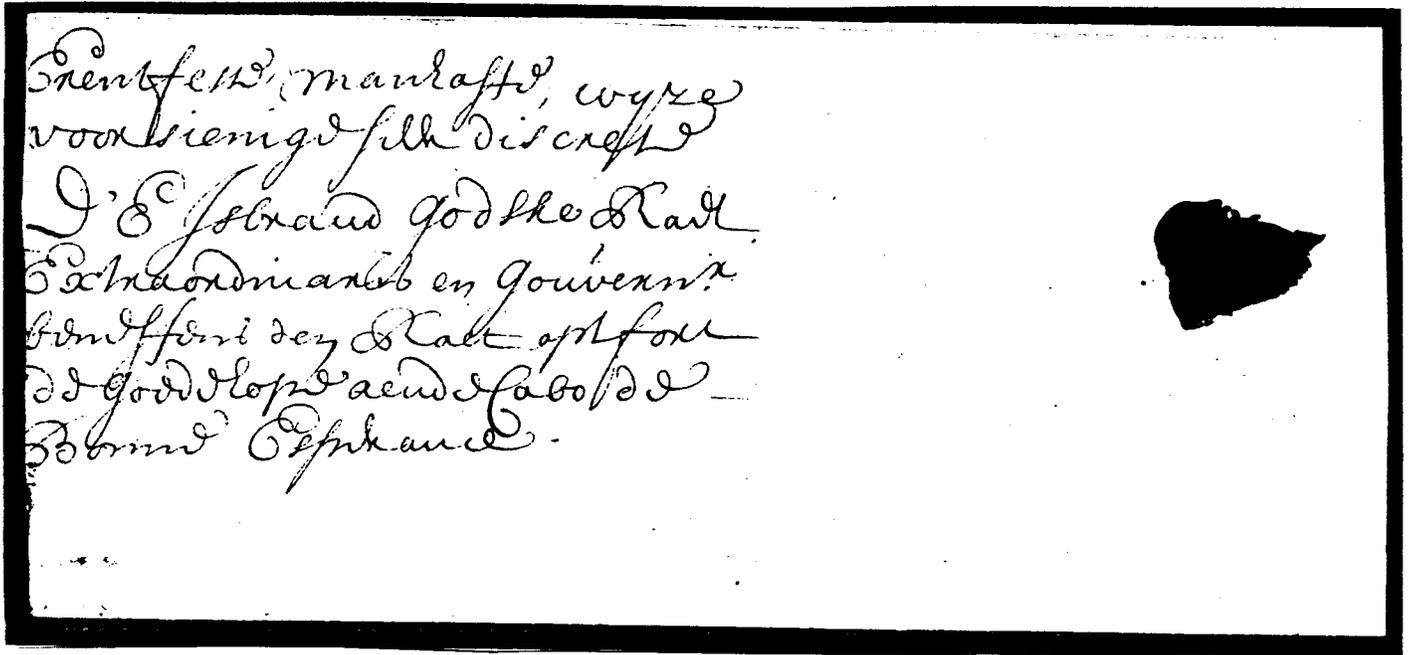
From Athol Murray/UK we have a pre-adhesive example dating from 1672 (see below). The illustration is a cover from Isbrand Goske, seventh Governor of the Cape of Good Hope.

Goske came to the Cape as Commissioner in 1665, with instructions to select a site for the Castle. The Castle was opened in the 1670's and with it the establishment of the

Hottentots Holland district began.

In 1671, Goske returned, again as Commissioner. Very shortly thereafter he was made Governor. He was the first to be named Governor, all of his predecessors being called Commander. He remained at the Cape four years. During his tenure he started social legislation through the founding of the Orphan Chamber.

illustration. Isbrand Goske pre-adhesive cover of 1672.



From Werner Seeba/Germany shown below is a photocopy of a seldom seen Beira & Mashonaland Railways 1d red railway stamp, mint corner margin copy. This item was offered in a recent Philangles postal auction.

Illustration. Pre-paid newspaper parcel railway stamp.



Shown below are two Natal items from the collection of an unidentified member recently uncovered in the "Bits" archives.

Illustration. 1906 2s6d red and black/blue revenue stamp (B&H 95)-left and the 1904-08 1d rose-carmine block of four-right, one overprinted "NOT/ FOR/ USE" (SG 147, 147 variety), unusual and scarce.



Here is another item (see illustration below) for a stamp-issuing entity that does not appear often in the journal - Basutoland. In late 1882, the Reverend A. Mabile applied for a postal agency to be set up at Morija to meet the ever-growing needs of the Sesuto Book Depot.

Through the Reverend's efforts an agency was opened in 1884 with his daughter, Florence, as the postal agent. At the onset of operations, she acted in the position on an unpaid basis. In combination with her other jobs as school teacher and book depot manager, Florence held the post until 1906. It was at that time that a proper post office was built, the agency being upgraded to full post office status.

The illustrated card, from the Reverend A. Mabile, was sent

before the postal agency was in existence. It is cancelled with the Cape numeral canceller "156" belonging to Mafeteng. However, the card does not carry its datestamp. There is a manuscript address (not shown) on reverse of Morija, dated 5 January 1883.

During the period in question, the mail cart route was: Maseru - Mafeteng - Aliwal North. Along this route the cart would have passed through Morija on the way from Maseru to Mafeteng. It seems likely that the cart picked up a bag of mail at Morija and took it on to Mafeteng for cancelling, thus explaining the absence of a datestamp. The addressee had evidently left for Europe before the card arrived at Cape Town, being returned to the Reverend with a charge of 2d.

Illustration. Card showing the 1864 Barred Oval Numeral Cancel "156" - Mafeteng, Basutoland.



Publications Program Late Arrival

Peter Thy/USA is researching the postal routes and rates of the Bechuanalands and Botswana for the purpose of publication development. He seeks information small and large (and can use all of the help he can get). Any printed information, such as postal tariffs, government notices and regulations, telephone directories prior to 1980, annual postal and government reports, and information on covers with unusual frankings, e.g., express letter, telegrams, parcels, bulk mailings, are desired. In particular, Peter needs information on rail transport of mail, traveling post offices, airmail routes, air and rail timetables, parcel post rates, bulk mailing rates, among any other common or exotic subjects. Please write him at P.O. Box 73112, Davis, CA 95616.

Dialogs & Updates Late Arrival

The second installment on the Pietersburg issues does not appear this time around as originally intended. The author, Tim Bartshe, has been unable to give it the proper attention it deserves due to the demands of preparing for this year's auction. Tim has assured that the promised installment will appear in the Nov/Feb issue next.

... And Other Stories

Mail from an obscure unit involved in the 1906 Bambata Rebellion - The C.S.A.R.V...

Wilson Wong, Hong Kong

There are many contributing causes to the 1906 uprising in Natal and Zululand. The delicate situation which existed was further aggravated by the levy of a L1 Poll Tax for each unmarried man in January of 1906. This created extreme economic hardship for the already poverty stricken native black population. Many tribes were unwilling or unable to pay.

Disturbances started in February when the Natal Government tried to enforce the collection of the tax. In April, Bambata (or Bambatha), chief of the small Zondi tribe, escaped into Zululand and waged a guerilla war on the authorities with his thousands of mostly Zulu supporters.

A Colonial Field Force of some 4,500 officers and men, under the known hardliner, Colonel Duncan McKenzie, were mobilized to deal with the uprising. Although Zululand was officially annexed into the Natal on 31 December 1897, its governing had not been an easy task. It took McKenzie more than two months to corner Bambata's forces and finally defeat them on 10 June 1906. This occurred at Mome Gorge in the Nkandhla forest. Bambata himself was killed in this battle.

The battle was probably the first exclusively Colonial action without involvement of Imperial troops. Over 20 different units were engaged. Campaign mails are not common, particularly those to overseas. It was alleged that there was a shortage of writing material. Nearly all of the surviving items are stampless covers and postcards endorsed "On Active Service" or similar. Fortunately, most also have the name of the unit (usually in initials) written on them.

Campaign mails addressed within Natal, Zululand and the Transvaal were sent free. Stampless letters to overseas were charged a postage due. However, there appears to be a great deal of uncertainty as to the rates effective at the time. I do not, however, intend to examine the issue at this time.

One postcard which particularly caught my attention was sent to England from a "No. 28 Corporal Tanin/Maxim Detachment/CSARVs" (see illustration next page). The written message (undated) states that the writer was at Dundee Camp and was leaving for Zululand on "Monday". However, the card was evidently posted inside Zululand in view of the Nkandhla 3 June 1906 c.d.s., and was charged 2d postage due on arrival.

For some time I have tried to determine what "CSARV" stands for, but without success. It would not be surprising if

many interested collectors are also unfamiliar with what it is that the acronym stands for. I had not been able to locate a reference to it listed in any of the sources reviewed. Even the comprehensive work of James Stuart, *History of the Zulu Rebellion 1906* (1913), which contained a detailed list of the Colonial units involved, had no mention of such a unit. It was not until I obtained the rare book, *The Zulu Rebellion of 1906* by W.J. Powell, that I was able to find the answer.

CSARV stands for "Central South African Railway Volunteers". The unit was formed from the railway employees during 1900. By 1906 the unit had a strength of 800 under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel H.S. Greenwood. During the 1906 rebellion, 128 officers and men served in the Colonial forces.

There was no record of any CSAR Volunteers taking part in the fighting except for the MAXIM (Machine Gun) Detachment, under Lieutenant R.G. Forbes, of which Corporal Tanin was a member. The detachment moved with McKenzie's column from Dundee to the Nkandhla forest, and took part in the decisive battle of Mome Gorge.

Based upon the information provided above, it is reasonable to assume that most of the 128 CSAR volunteers stayed behind in towns functioning as reserves. Only a few of these men actually saw active service. Mail from this unit is certainly among the rarest of campaign mails during the rebellion.

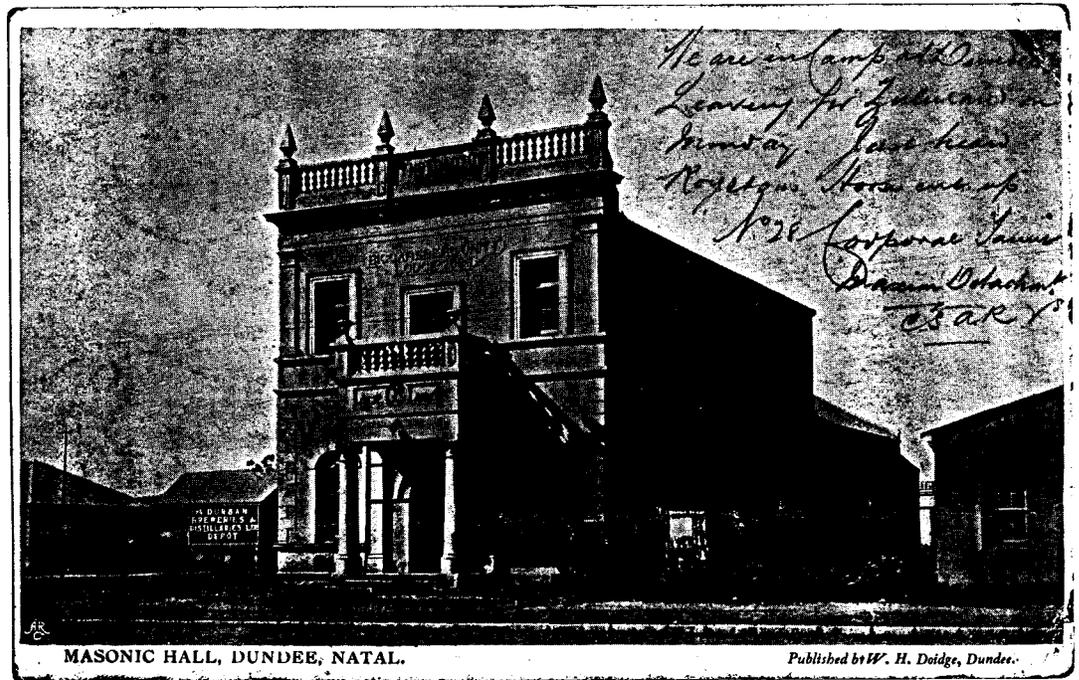
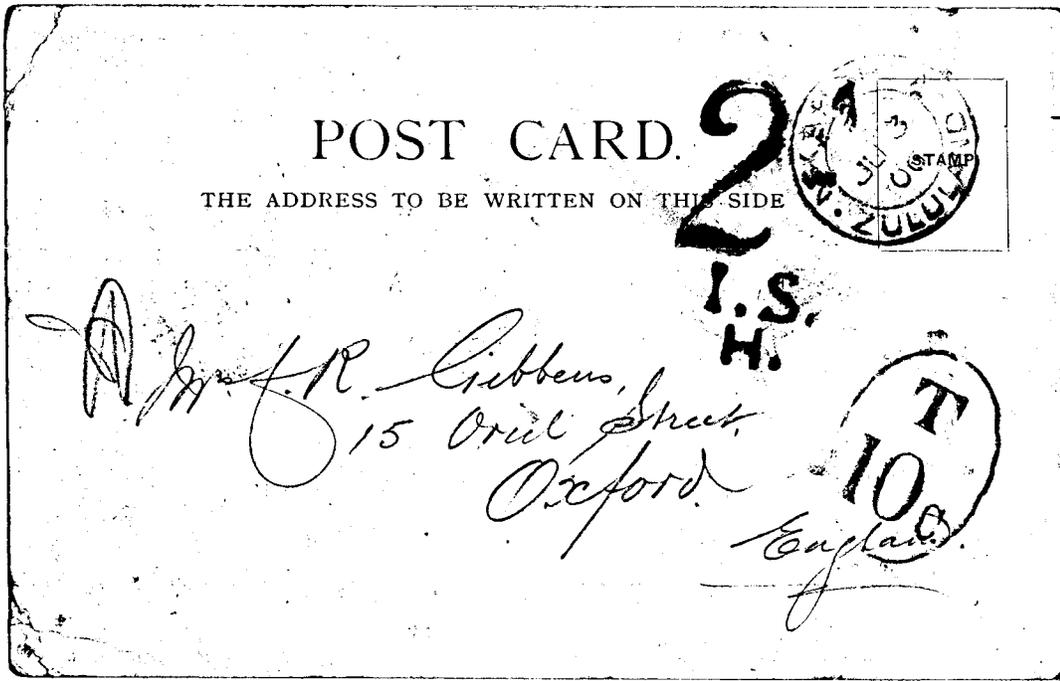
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David Crocker has recently published its long awaited British Commonwealth KGV price list. The listing begins with an offering of 1948/49 Royal Silver Wedding sets.

Illustration. Front/reverse of postcard from a member of the CSARVs.



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The Rhodesias

Bill Wallace, USA

This installment looks briefly at the railway stamps used in Rhodesia. During the late 1890s and early 20th Century, the railway lines were laid across this country. Needless to say this improved transportation method was used to carry not only freight and passengers, but also mail and parcels. As much of the population lived away from the towns - on farms or at the mines - newspapers were also transported in this fashion.

Circa 1903, the first stamp in Rhodesia for use by the Beira & Mashonaland Railways appeared (Fig. 1). This was a red stamp printed in sheets of twelve.

Figure 1. First stamp issued in Rhodesia for railway transport purposes.



Circa 1906 the railway issue was redesigned into a much more ornate stamp design (Fig. 2) which was also red in color and printed in sheets of twelve.

Figure 2. Redesign (1906) of the railway stamp used in Rhodesia.



In 1927 a similar stamp was issued, this time showing the name "British Railways Limited" (Fig. 3). These stamps were a very orange-red in color and a bit smaller than the issues of 1903 and 1906. The 1927 design continued in use until 1947.

Five years prior (1942) a second die was used. There were

only very minor differences from the first die of 1927. Perhaps the simplest way to discern the difference is by inspection of the letters "R" and "S". The 1942 die has those letters narrow at the base (Fig. 4), while the 1927 issues show a fairly wide base.

Figure 3. Example of the 1927 railway issue.



Figure 4. Second die (1942) issue of the railway stamp.



A series of Rhodesia railway parcel stamps was placed into use in 1951. These were used for parcels and newspapers and will be dealt with in the next issue's column.

In 1957, yet another newspaper stamp was issued (Fig. 5). This issue was smaller than the preceding ones, orange-red in color and printed in sheets of forty-eight.

Figure 5. Example of the 1957 version of the Rhodesian railway stamp.



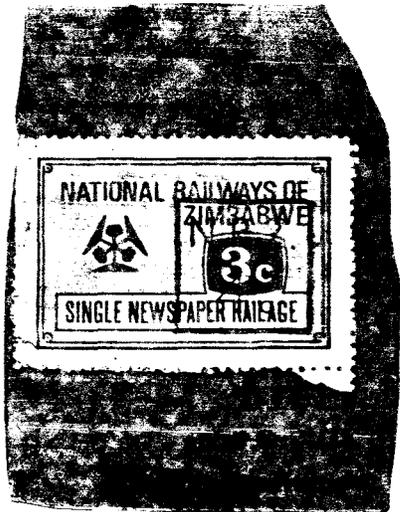
The Rhodesia Railways owned and controlled the track in Bechuanaland. During the early 1960s, some of these stamps were overprinted "ONE CENT" for use there. When Rhodesia converted to the decimal system in 1970, these overprinted stamps were eventually also used there. Some of the 1d stamps were also overprinted with a double circle with a "1c" at the center.

From 1971, stamps as shown in Figure 5 were used which showed the "1c" denomination. Rates changed in 1976 to 2c resulting in a "2c" denominated issue of similar design. Printings were now in sheets of fifty.

In 1980, a new design for the National Railways of Zimbabwe appeared. A new government, a new rate - 3c.

As the value of the Zimbabwe dollar fell during the 1980s, the rate steadily increased. Figure 6 shows the basic 3c stamp overprinted 4c, by means of a handstamp.

Figure 6. Example of 4c overprinted stamp on piece.



During January 1992, a 12c denomination stamp was issued and has since been revalued upwards.

For readers who wish more information on these stamps, I refer you to an excellent article by H.C. Russell which appeared in the Rhodesian Study Circle Journal numbers 169 and 172.

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Zulu Notes

Tony Davis, Canada

This installment offers another tale of the Zululand postal administration, this time dealing with the Crown Agents and Messrs. De La Rue in England. I call this article...

The Story of the Not-So Sticky Stamps

During the 1891-1892 period there was a flurry of mails between the Zululand colonial government and its postal administration, and the Department of Inland Revenue, the Crown Agents and the De La Rue printers in England.

It seems that some values of the first definitive Zululand series supplied to the colony by the Crown Agents were not adhering properly to envelopes. As a result, the authorities had received many reports of damaged or useless stamps.

The earliest official correspondence outlining the issue is dated April 6, 1891 (Fig. 1). In the communication, Eshowe Postmaster E. Daw, complains to the Resident Commissioner (Osburn) that his office is continually receiving complaints that stamps sold are insufficiently gummed, noting in particular the 1d and 2d values.

The alleged problem was immediately addressed with the Crown Agents as they were responsible for dispatching the stamps to the Colony. The Crown Agents in turn wrote the printers, De La Rue and Company, for comment.

Replying to the Eshowe Postmaster's letter, De La Rue reported that the last supply of Zululand overprinted British definitive stamps, issued to the Crown Agents for the Colony, came from the British Inland Revenue Department during February 1889. The supply in question was drawn from the Crown Agents own stock of British postage stamps.

The De La Rue authorities noted that their firm had received no complaints from Inland Revenue concerning the gumming of English stamps. Accordingly, they were at a loss in understanding the Colony's complaint.

The Crown Agents then addressed the matter to Inland Revenue and the allegations of insufficient gumming of stamps. The Crown Agents' letter of May 19, 1891 reports:

As similar complaints have reached us during the last few years from all parts of the world and we have failed to obtain any satisfactory explanation from Messrs. De La Rue as to the defect, we should be much obliged by your informing us

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whether the Inland Revenue Department or General Post Office have had a like experience in the matter and if so whether you have succeeded in finding out what has been faulty in the gumming of the Stamps.

Correspondence dated May 29, 1891, from Inland Revenue to

R 889
Eshowe 1891
April 6th 91

The Sec
To His Hon. the Res. Commissioner

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that complaints are continually being made that the Zululand Postage Stamps (more especially those sold at 1st & 2^d) are insufficiently gummed.

I have noticed this myself, and on more than one occasion. I have also noticed that stamps (especially 1st ones) have dropped off letters during their transit from up country Post Offices to this Office.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant
E. H. L.

Figure 1. Letter from Eshowe Postmaster to the Resident Commissioner, dated April 6, 1891, complaining about the poorly gummed stamps.

The Secretary for Inland Revenue, W. Cousins, goes on to cite one case of an Indian stamp where the gum had perished, likely due to humidity:

"I may add that it has been found to be altogether unsafe, particularly in certain tropical climates, to use more than the quantity of gum now employed, for, where there is an excess quantity, it is readily liquefied by the dampness at night and so the sheets stick together.

The gum now used is considered to be sufficient, but the Board would suggest that the sheets of stamps not in actual use shall be kept in closed receptacles which would exclude humidity of atmosphere and thus lessen the probability of the gum becoming impaired".

Official response to the Zululand authorities, as to their complaint, was that stamps should be handled by the Colony's postal authorities in a manner recommended by Inland Revenue.

It should be noted that the Zululand territory experiences a very humid summer climate. However, from the Colony's perspective, there was a new problem with the current stocks of lower definitive values. While at the same time, as implied above, the British authorities were of the opinion that there was sufficient gum; that overgumming would solve nothing. From the Board's perspective, it was far more likely that the colonials were not handling the stamps properly.

The British response to this sticky problem prompted the Zululand authorities to review the situation. Correspondence dated July 6, 1891, from the Zululand treasury department, outlines how stamps were handled.

"The stamps not in use are rapt (sic) in three folds of outer paper, tied tight, sealed and in a drawer in the safe. The whole of the stamps are rapt in the same way and no others have suffered. The gum does not liquefy, nor do the sheets stick together. The complaint is that they won't stick to anything. I do not consider that damp can get to the stamps, rapt as they are at present. The use of air tight cases would necessitate another safe. As I have no room to spare in the present one which would be a heavy expense, and I respectfully submit, unnecessary."

Internal Zululand correspondence from other civil servants indicates the same concern as the Treasury Department - that dampness is not the issue but rather the quality of the gum itself. One official notes: "I have been in many far more humid climates than this, such as East Indies, Strait Settlements and Hong Kong, and have never known stamps to fail in their adhesive qualities".

The Zululand authorities then decided to send some samples

the Crown Agents reports that the stamps in question came from their stocks and were overprinted by De La Rue: "...and that the Board (of Inland Revenue) are satisfied that such stamps were in proper condition as to adhesiveness when they left this country". Noting the Crown Agents comment about complaints from overseas, the letter goes on to state "that for some years past there has been a singular absence of complaint in regard to the adhesiveness of stamps used in the United Kingdom".

of the troublesome stamps to the Crown Agents so that they could conduct their own investigation of the problem. This was done on two occasions, July 11 and September 30, 1891. The stamps were forwarded to the Inland Revenue Department for study, after which the conclusion of the Crown Agents was as follows:

'As the stamps returned from the Colony adhere perfectly when affixed in this Country, the conclusion appears that either the stamps have not always been affixed properly in Zululand or there is something peculiar in the climatic conditions of the Colony which render the stamps less adhesive in those conditions, although the stamps revert to their normal state when returned to this Country.

This latter conclusion appears, however, improbable and that we are disposed to think that the defect must lie in the manner in which the stamps are sometimes affixed in Zululand... "

The Crown Agents also went to the trouble to send a circular to the colonial governments asking if any had experienced adhesive problems with their stamps. The following reply on the issue came from the British Administrator for the Seychelles, T. Griffith:

A personal experience of nineteen years enables me to say that the stamps supplied by Messrs. De La Rue have always been found sufficiently gummed, and that were there to be an increase of, the gum the annoyance which is sometimes experienced by the sheets of stamps sticking together when they have been exposed to atmospheric moisture would be considerably increased...

The stamps. .. should be moistened sufficiently and at once affixed. If they dry and a second moistening is required it is frequently found that the sticking property is considerably diminished and in some instances fails. The original amount of gum has always proved sufficient when the act of adhesion is performed immediately.

Stamps kept in safes seldom spoil, but a fruitful cause of the sticking together is that frequently the parcels of stamps are piled one upon the other and considerable pressure is thus brought to bear on the lower packages...

When sheets of stamps are found sticking together, a thin ivory knife inserted between the sheets with a light but quick movement has been found the best means of separating them. "

The Secretary for Inland Revenue informed the Crown Agents, in November 1891, that they had tested some of the stamps sent from Zululand and that their Controller of Stamps found the gum to be sufficient: "He affixed six of them in

the ordinary manner to sheets of paper by first damping them on his tongue and then pressing them on to the paper, and the result is so satisfactory that the Board finds it difficult to conceive what has given rise to the complaint".

An apparently embarrassed Colonial Secretary for Zululand, now asked his officials whether they had first tested the stamps themselves, before launching the initial complaint! In response, the Resident Commissioner, Mr. Osborn, informed Secretary Windham on December 9 that "The stamps of Zululand complained of, *viz.* *1d* and *2d* still remaining on hand here, have again been tested and there is no doubt that they do not readily adhere, especially the *1d* stamp, and it is noted that even one of the specimens of *1d* stamps sent to and affixed in England is very nearly off the paper on which it has been put, which shows that they certainly do not adhere perfectly, as stated by the Crown Agents."

The not-so-sticky stamp story muddled on into early 1892 with neither party prepared to say who was at fault. The problem came down to two distinct issues: that De La Rue printers had supplied some defectively gummed sheets of stamps, or that postal agents in the Colony did not know how to apply stamps.

The Crown Agents advised the Zululand authorities in correspondence dated February 3, 1892, that they had exhausted the matter and left the conclusion of the problem to Inland Revenue (Fig. 2) to comment upon. This correspondence is as follows:

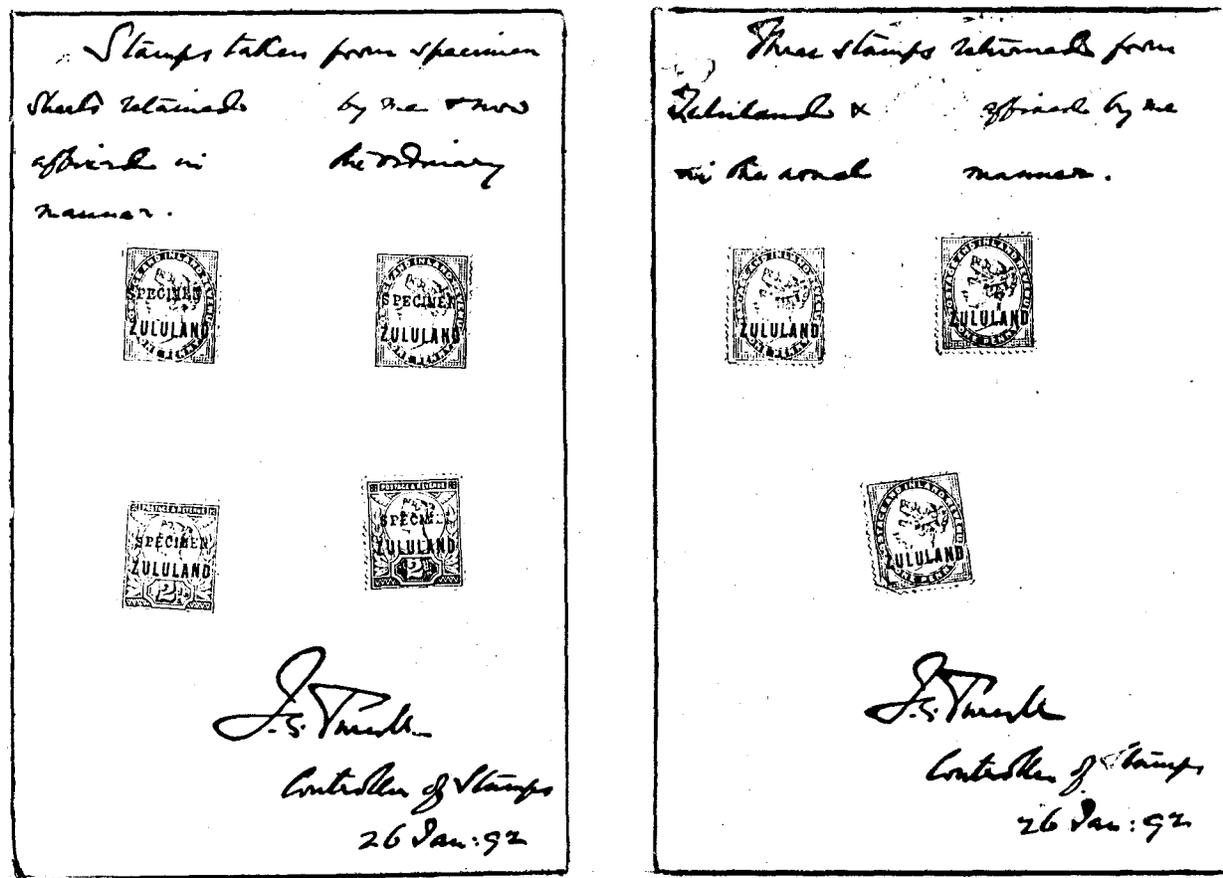
"...I am directed to observe that the stamps of which the Zululand Authorities complain were not specially prepared for them, as they would seem to suppose; but were as you are doubtless aware taken from the ordinary stock for use in the United Kingdom and overprinted in the usual course. As previously stated, no other complaints have been received as regards the gumming of any of the British Postage and Revenue Stamps.

With regard to the statement of the Zululand Authorities that certain of the stamps adhere whilst others do not, the Board can only observe that the same quality of paper and the same gum and appliances are used for all the English Postage and Revenue Stamps indifferently. The only explanation appears to be that certain of the duties have not been so well preserved in Zululand as others...

*In reference to the three *1d* stamps returned from Zululand, and now enclosed, it is found that they adhere, for on trying to remove them from the sheet it still be seen that the paper of the stamps has given way (Fig. 3).*

*With respect to the *1d* stamp affixed by the controller on the 31st October 1891, and by the Assistant Controller on the*

Figure 2. Two worksheets showing Inland Revenue's Controller of Stamps tests of Zululand issues in January 1892 to determine adhesiveness.



2nd November 1891, those Officers state that the stamps adhered perfectly at the time. These stamps were re-stuck in the state in which they were returned, and even now they adhere fairly well. In transmission backwards and forwards they have no doubt been subjected to climatic and other influences.

Gum is undoubtedly acted upon by exposure to undue humidity. This is liable to engender a kind of fermentation that detrimentally affects the adhesive quality of the gum."

And Mr. Cousins's conclusion sums up the British viewpoint of this whole issue:

"The Board can only express their regret that they have no better stamps with which to supply Zululand. "

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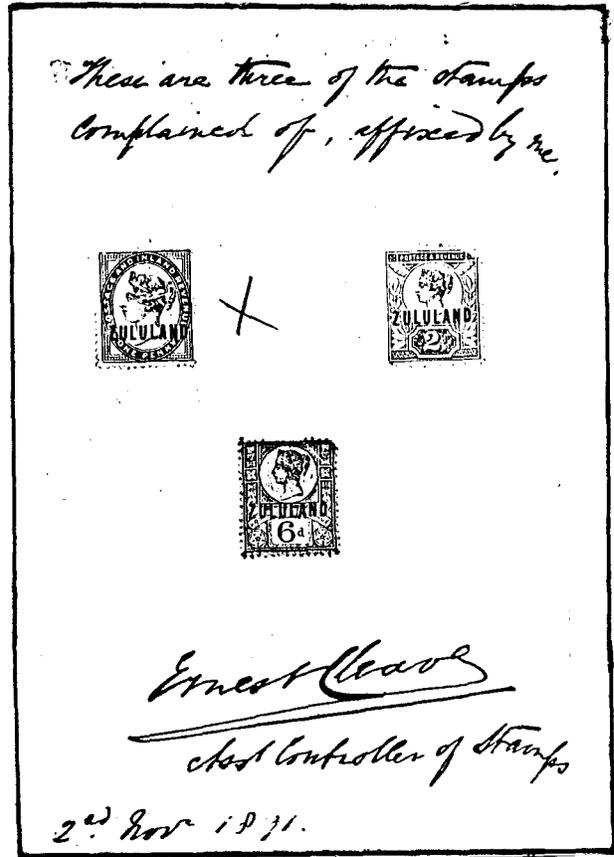
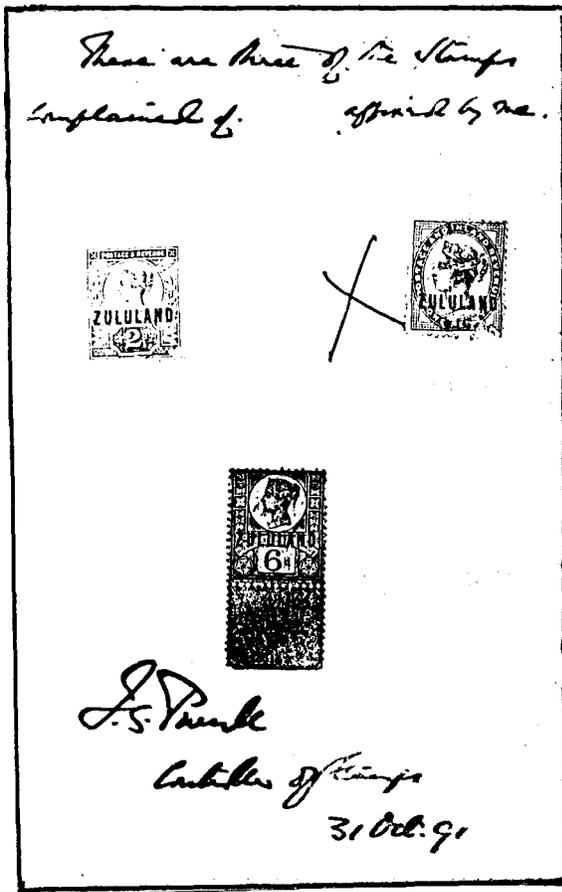
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Figure 3. Inland Revenue's Controller and Assistant Controller of Stamps sign-off on a test of Zululand stamps in 1891.



Society Affairs

Facts, Figures & Other Matters

William C. Brooks VI, Secretary

Fiscal Year-end 1994/95 (June 30, 1995) finds your Society in a strengthened position. Indicators of continued prosperity and growth in a number of areas include:

- percentage of membership outside of the US - 40%
- percentage of membership who are dealers - 28% total
- number of members - 170 (highest-to-date) number of paid advertisements per journal issue - 11 back issue orders
- revenue - \$130.00
- total financial contributions - \$1,470.00
- number of other groups exchanging publications with - 8
- number of Life Members - 5
- distribution of mail bid auction catalog - 200+ copies
- average number of indexed pages per journal issue - 56

With continued success over the years, all would be for naught were it not for unsolicited contributions of time, money and energy by dedicated members. Because of general operating expense increases, due to expanding services, cash contributions have enabled PSGSA to maintain a tradition of excellence in all areas. Listed below are the amounts received in support of Society activities. We thank those listed for their very generous support.

Awards Program Fund - \$50

Dr. Jonkers/Holland, Helmut Steiglitz/USA, Bob Taylor/USA

Library Fund - \$100

Bob Taylor/USA

General Operations Fund - \$825

Anonymous (2)

Over time, production costs for our award-winning journal have risen. Necessary enhancements to our publishing program and computer equipment have required this. These

expenses continue to be underwritten by advertising revenues. The improvements in production quality would not be possible otherwise. We thank the following firms for their loyal support over the years:

Alan MacGregor/RSA, Allan Raw/ RSA, Argyll-Etkin/ UK, British Commonwealth Stamp Company/USA, Colonial Stamp Company/USA, David Crocker/RSA, Durban Stamp Auctions/RSA, Johnson Philatelics/RSA, OVPT Philatelics/ USA.

When contacting any of our advertisers, let them know you saw their ad in *Forerunners*.

From The Archives

Tim Bartshe, Director

I would like to start out this issue with a discussion of three new publications authored by our members. The first is by Peter Thy and titled *The Introduction and Usage of Postal Orders in Bechuanaland Protectorate*. I found out about this by looking through the new APS magazine, although I have not seen it personally. The work derives from Peter's study of the National Archives of Botswana. Congratulations Peter! The 36-page softbound booklet can be ordered from Krone Publications P.O. Box 73112, Davis, CA 95616 for \$5 postpaid.

The next is the first in a series detailing the issues of the South African Republic and Transvaal. The hardbound volume is entitled Transvaal - The Provisional Issues of the First British Occupation. The author, editor of the Transvaal Study Circle's quarterly publication *The Transvaal Philatelist* is Alan R. Drysdall who has written many important books and articles dealing with Southern Africa. This book itself is 82 pages with 215 illustrations, three in color if you include the cover jacket. The subject, the provisional issues of the First British Occupation of the South African Republic, along with the First Republic issues has long been shrouded in confusion and mystery. With Alan's clear and concise writing and research style, this will no longer be the case. The details of the "VR" overprint settings and printing orders are put forth for the postal as well as the revenue issues. Also included are the provisional "1 PENNY" surcharges of the Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Queen's Head issue of 1878. Not included is the Queen's Head issue itself, having been detailed by member Robson Lowe in his 1973 book, Transvaal 1878-80. Any student of the ZAR, or anyone with even a passing interest should add this to his/her library. The book can be obtained from the publisher, James Bendon Ltd., P.O. Box 6484, Limassol, Cyprus for only \$24 postpaid - really a bargain, folks!

The last three publications I want to mention begin with Volume 3 of The Postmarks of truth Africa and Former States & Colonies by Ralph Putzel. This latest volume deals with the offices beginning with the letter E through Ha. There are 336 pages of postmarks with a profusion of illustrations of covers and cards, many of which were submitted by fellow PSGSA members Athol Murray, Werner Seeba and yours truly. This volume is in the same format as the previous with useful valuations of the postmarks on piece/stamps and cover. In checking through my collection, I did notice a significant number of items that were not listed in this volume which is a departure from the two previous works. This is not a negative comment on Ralph's work, but a pointed finger of blame on myself and others who have not taken the time to check their collection and send off photocopies to Mr. Putzel. I am in the process of sending off reams of material to him now and I implore fellow members to do the same! Such a monumental undertaking, so daunting that no one else would attempt it, cannot be done by one person; but rather can be accomplished through the collective material of all philatelists interested in the South African arena.

Finally, some interesting articles from recent affiliates' journals. H.C. Russell completed his two-part study of the Railway Newspaper Stamps of Rhodesia in the Rhodesia Study Circle Journal issues of June, 1994-pp. 67-77 and December, 1994-pp. 188-196. Some of these issues sold in our last auction. Fellow member George van den Hurk wrote two articles, one, a short piece in the June, 1994 *South African Philatelist* titled "Transvaal parcel post and customs duty", the other from the December, 1994 *SAP* on "The fixed value meters of South Africa." Thanks go to George for his continuing interest displayed in the non-central items of our hobby.

The British Philatelic Library

When in England visit the British Library and its philatelic collections which are estimated to contain over eight million items. Included are postage and revenue stamps, postal stationery, artwork, essays, proofs, covers and entires, "cinderella" material, specimen issues, airmails, some postal history material, official and private posts, etc., for almost all countries and periods. Holdings include the philatelic collection formed by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

Additional information available from: The Philatelic Collections, Great Russell St., London WC1B, England

From The Program Chair

Bob Taylor, Director

For those of you planning to attend STaMpsHOW 95, I will be presenting a program: "The Postal History of the Cape of Good Hope". The presentation will be on Friday, August 25th. I would appreciate hearing from members who plan on coming.

To "sing an old song", I will continue to urge, cajole and apply a friendly arm-twist to members to enter competitive exhibits. We need to expose more collectors to our fascinating and challenging areas of philatelic pursuit. There are any number of you who could put together what I am sure would prove to be winning exhibits. Assistance is always available from fellow members with exhibiting experience - especially for the "first timer". If you are thinking about putting together an exhibit in the future, let me hear from you.

Another area worth exploring is that of programs, seminars and "show-and-tells". A number of us have sufficient grounding and material to put on a really first class presentation at any one of the regional and national shows. Two especially come to mind - SESCAL (every October) and STaMpsHOW (every August) - where your Society holds meetings. If you have an idea for a program you would like to put on at these venues, or perhaps another show like NAPEX, ROMPEX, CHICAGOPEX, VAPEX, etc., by all means get in touch: 674 Chelsea Dr., Sanford, NC 27330.

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THE Celebration Progress Note

The momentum is gathering as we speak. The list of potential volunteers for the display booth continues to grow. And, there are more non-US members on the list than those of us here on the home ground!

Fully one-half of the invited groups and organizations have confirmed their participation in the event - not only by having materials available, but also the presence of official representatives.

We especially want to thank South African members and dealers for their assistance in distributing *THE Celebration Newsletter* to interested collectors in the greater southern Africa geographic area. In addition, there has been a sizable increase in the number of individuals and firms on the mailing list.

The FIP World Exhibition folks for ILSAPEX 98 (South Africa) have accepted our invitation to have their materials on hand during **THE Celebration**. We also expect an official representative or two from the ILSAPEX organizing group to

be present at PACIFIC 97. We will look forward to meets them in person.

Last and most importantly, putting on the event would not be possible without individual donations and corporate sponsorships. Let us now take time to thank the following supporters for their generosity (total to date \$2,415):

Benefactor (\$1,000+)

1 - Anonymous (\$2,000)

Contributor (\$100 - \$249)

Orange Free State Study Circle, Louise Christian, Eric Burnett

Donor (up to \$99)

Joseph Gilby, Alan Hanks, Dr. Gerritt Jonkers, Hank Ibsen, Dr. D. G. Mordant, Martin Nicholson, Douglas Ritchie, John Wynns

We are especially gratified by the monetary support which came unexpectedly from our Orange Free State colleagues. We thank them for their generosity!

Society Meetings

Report of North America Joint Meeting of January 28,

1995. . . A combined Rhodesian Study Circle and PSGSA meeting was hosted by Paul and Joan Buechner in Menlo Park, California. Attendees included Bill and Janice Wallace, Hank and Trudy Ibsen, as well as Paul and Joan.

As usual, the ladies left to explore the local shopping attractions, including the Allied Arts complex and Draeger's Market (the latter being somewhat of a "Palace to the glory of Food").

As for stamps, Hank showed his reworked Rhodesia collection. Bill showed his reorganized Southern Rhodesia cancels collection, as well as his new collection of Orange Free State cancels. Bill commented the he also is working on a new collection of Cape Colony cancels.

This was Don Chapman's debut at a PSGSA meeting. He showed his beautiful collection of mint Bechuanaland (as well as other British Africa), 'compiled over the last two or three years. Paul followed with a showing and discussion with Don on the complexities of the 1d double head colors and plate flaws.

With respect to plans for PACIFIC 97, Bill will send local RSA and PSGSA members copies of correspondence so that we will have the benefit of the accumulated ideas and plans to date. The next meeting is expected to be held July 15th. Contact Bill Wallace, Box 16381, San Francisco, CA 94116.

STaMpsHOW 95 - August 24-27, 1995 - St. Louis, Missouri, at the Cervantes Convention Center. APS annual national, Champion of Champions exhibit and open competitions. **PSGSA program & meeting.** Presentor is Bob Taylor on "The Postal History of the Cape of Good Hope." Please contact Director/Programs, Bob Taylor, 674 Dr., Sanford, NC 27330 if you are planning to attend. Bob would also like to hear from you if you would like to put on a program or do a "show-and-tell" at a future event.

SESCAL 95 - October 6-8 - Hyatt at LAX Hotel, 6225 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, California. **PSGSA Fall Regional gathering.** "Show-and-Tells" are the order of the day. Share your current collecting work efforts. Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Sunday, October 8th. If you think you might be attending, please contact Bill Brooks, P.O. Box 2698, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2698 or call (909) 883-0142.

Northern California Joint Sessions with the Rhodesia Study Circle - Each January and July (or thereabouts) interested collectors gather to "show and tell" what they are currently working on. Meetings held in private homes in the area. Group luncheon outing. If you are going to be in the greater San Francisco Bay area and would like to join this gathering of the clan, please contact Bill Wallace, P.O. Box 16381, San Francisco, CA 94116.

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Study Group Updates

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

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

Will Ross/USA would very much like to hear from other readers interested in forming a **Homelands Study Group.** If these stamp-issuing entities are of interest to you, please write Will at 6456 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406 USA.

Passing through Munich. . . Visit the City's

Philatelic Library with 37,000 cataloged items, runs of 500 periodicals, catalog runs from 200 auction houses worldwide, 6-7,000 library visitors annually. More than 9,000 books are loaned out each year. Over 3,000 photocopies are sent in response to inquiries. Address: Rosenheimer Strasse 5, D-81667 Munich, Germany; phone 089-4 80 98-291.

On a closing note of interest... it is a curious thing that there does not appear to have ever been any specialty groups focusing on the Cape of Good Hope or Natal. Ones exist for the other key pre-Union states (OFS & Transvaal). Perhaps it is time for the former. Any takers?

Society Translation Service

Readers willing to provide translation assistance, please contact the Editor. The following members have graciously volunteered to provide translations on a time available basis:

- **Afrikaans & German to English** - Bob Hisey, 7337 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33872 USA
- **Afrikaans & German to English** - Dr. H.U. Bantz, Post Office Box 6913, Westgate 1734, South Africa
- **Dutch to English** - Piet Mulder, Ruimzicht 300, 1068 CZ Amsterdam, Netherlands

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Society Information Services Update

Member Don Campbell continues his work on loading all membership information into a data base computer application. When things are ready to go, a member will have the ability to request a list of other members who collect what he does. There will also be great advantages for the Society operations and planning efforts. These will be discussed after a few test runs on the system's response capability.

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United Nations Philatelic Museum, Geneva

Opened in 1962, and located in the Palais des Nations' conference center wing, the Museum houses a collection covering everything the U.N. Postal Administration has issued, including items from the specialized U.N. agencies and the forerunner League of Nations.

Among the best in the world is the Museum's collections of Swiss official service stamps issued for the League of Nations and specialized agencies based in Geneva. Holdings include full specimen panes, die proofs and color separations of UNPA issues.

Hours: 9 a.m.-12 noon and 2-4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Thinking about attending PACIFIC 97?

Please let your Director/Programs know: Bob Taylor, 674 Chelsea Drive, Sanford, NC 27330 USA.

The International Scene

The Reciprocal Listings Exchange

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

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

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

Aerophilatelic Society of Southern Africa has announced a recent reorganization. The newly reconstituted Committee is dynamic with a goal of bringing the group to the forefront in its field. ASSA is an official PSGSA affiliate. If you collect or have a passing interest in aerophilately, please give them your support. Contact: G. Cafetzoglou, Hon. Treasurer, Post Office Box 84636, Greenside 2034, Johannesburg, South Africa.

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

Bechuanalands & Botswana Society announces their new contact person - David Wall, Hon. Secretary, 8 Walkwood Rise, Beaconsfield, Bucks HP9 1TU, UK.

Dutch Philatelic Society of Southern Africa - Contact Secretary FVZA, Jan Stolk, Post Office Box 33223, 3005 EE Rotterdam, Netherlands.

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

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

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

Postmark and Postal History Society of Southern Africa - Contact Dr. D. Mordant, Box 21161, Helderkruijn 1733, RSA.

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

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

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

Transvaal Study Circle forwarded a copy of their 1995 postal bid sale catalog with a closing date of June 17 last. A total of 228 lots were offered in the following categories: collections, First Republic, First British Occupation, Second Republic, Second British Occupation, Colonial Period, postage due labels, postal stationery, forgeries and reprints, postmarks and interprovincial usage, railway stamps, revenue stamps, Boer War, Pietersburg, New Republic, Bechuanaland/Botswana, Cape Government Railways, Natal Government Railways, South Africa, South African Railways, Southern Africa, Nyasaland, Rhodesia and Nyasaland; Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika, postcards and literature. Contact Hon. Secretary/Treasurer, Jeff Woolgar, 132 Dale Street, Chatham, Kent ME4 6QH, UK

West Africa Study Circle - Contact Robert Nelson, Hon. President, The Garth, 6 Greenhill Road, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8JN, UK.

Show Reports

"The International Scene" invites readers to report of their experiences when attending any of the shows and exhibitions listed below. Please write-up your experiences and send to the Editor. Also, if any reader has additional information pertaining to one of the events listed, please send it in.

No show reports were submitted during this publication cycle. *

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Events of Note

SINGAPORE 95 - September 1-10 - Singapore. FIP International. U.S. Commissioner Peter K. Iber, 9379 W. Escuda Drive, Peoria, AZ 85382-0979.

TOTAL STAMPEX 95 - October 19-21 - Alberton, South Africa. Annual National Exhibition. Further information available from The Organizing Committee, John Hersey, Chairman, P.O. Box 11798, Randhart 1457, South Africa.

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

ESPAMER 96 - May 8-15 - Seville, Spain. FIP, theme of aviation and space. Special competitive section will feature all aspects of aerophilately and astrophilately. U.S. Commissioner: Reuben A. Ramkissoon, Box 606, Hinsdale, IL 60522-0606.

CAPEX 96 - June 8-16 - Toronto, Ontario, Canada. FIP World Exhibition, 4,000 frames of competitive exhibits. Official participants include the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (event sponsor), Canada Post and the Canadian National Postal Museum. Literature competition as well - *Forerunners* will be there. **PSGSA meeting and program!**

Canadian members Alan Hanks and Tony Davis are busy planning for a formal Society presence at the 1996 CAPEX show in Toronto. They need to know as soon as possible if any members are planning to attend and if any members would be prepared to present a talk on some aspect of Southern African philately during the show. "Show and tells" are also welcome as these experiences have been found to be most enjoyable. They also hope to have a Society table where PSGSA can promote itself and perhaps gain new membership. More news later. Tony may be contacted at: 41 Karen Street, Thornhill, Ontario, Canada L4J 5L5.

For CAPEX 96 exhibits, contact National Commissioner (U.S.) Mr. Joseph Schwartz, 3230 Fieldcrest Drive, Sacramento, CA 95821. The event's *Bulletin 1*, listing all commissioners worldwide, can be obtained by writing to: CAPEX 96, P.O. Box 204 - Station 'Q', Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4T 2M1.

OLYMPHILEX 96 July 19-August 3 - Atlanta, Georgia. Olympic and Sports philately. FIP. Held during the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. Commissioners to be announced.

EXPO PHILEX 96 - August 4-11 (proposed dates) - Budapest, Hungary. FIP with Maximaphily and literature themes. Commissioners to be announced

ISTANBUL 96 - September 27-October 6 - Istanbul, Turkey. FIP. Commissioners to be announced.

ATHINA 96 - October 25-November 5 - Athens, Greece. FIP. Commissioners to be announced.

NORWEX 97 - April 11-20 - Oslo Norway. FIP. Commissioners to be announced.

PACIFIC 97 - May 29-June 8 - San Francisco, California. FIP World Exhibition - 5,000 frames of exhibits. **THE Celebration of British Africa Philately**, sponsored by PSGSA, is a participant in the PACIFIC 97 experience. In all, 20 other specialty groups and organizations have been invited to participate. Planned activities include: a 1500-lot British Africa specialty auction, awards, banquet, use of a hospitality suite, programs, seminars, lectures, informal social gatherings, meetings of various specialty groups and doublesized display booth.

Volunteers needed to staff **THE Celebration** display booth. If you are thinking about coming to PACIFIC 97, please write the Display Booth Manager, Bill Wallace, Post Office Box 16381, San Francisco, CA 94116.

Planned activities will include programs/show and tells, seminars and lectures. Anyone interested in doing a presentation, please contact Event Manager, Bob Taylor, 674 Chelsea Drive, Sanford, NC 27330 USA.

Potential exhibitors are encouraged to contact the Exhibits Coordinator for THE Celebration, Dr. Frederick P. Lawrence, 5016 South Kenneth Place, Tempe, AZ 85282 USA.

Bulletin 1 for PACIFIC 97, listing all individual country commissioners, is available by writing: PACIFIC 97, Inc., Quinby Bldg., Top Floor, 650 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90017 USA.

MOSCOW 97 - August 30-September 8 - Moscow, Russia. FIP. Commissioners not yet announced.

ISRAEL 98 - May 12-21 - Tel Aviv, Israel. FIP. Commissioners not yet announced.

ILSAPEX 98 - October 20-25 - South Africa. FIP World Exhibition. See their materials at **THE Celebration booth**. RSA contact: Maurice Daniels, Hon. Secretary, Post Office Box 1914, Houghton 2041, South Africa. U.S. Contact: Colin Fraser, Commissioner, Christie, Manson & Woods, 502 Park Avenue, New York, Ny 10022.

Juvalux 98 - June - Luxembourg. FIP. Youth and postal history. Commissioners yet to be announced.

IBRA 99 - April 27-May 4 - Nuremberg, Germany. FIP. Commissioners yet to be announced.

CHINA 99 - October - Beijing, China. FIP. Commissioners yet to be announced.

Modern Issues

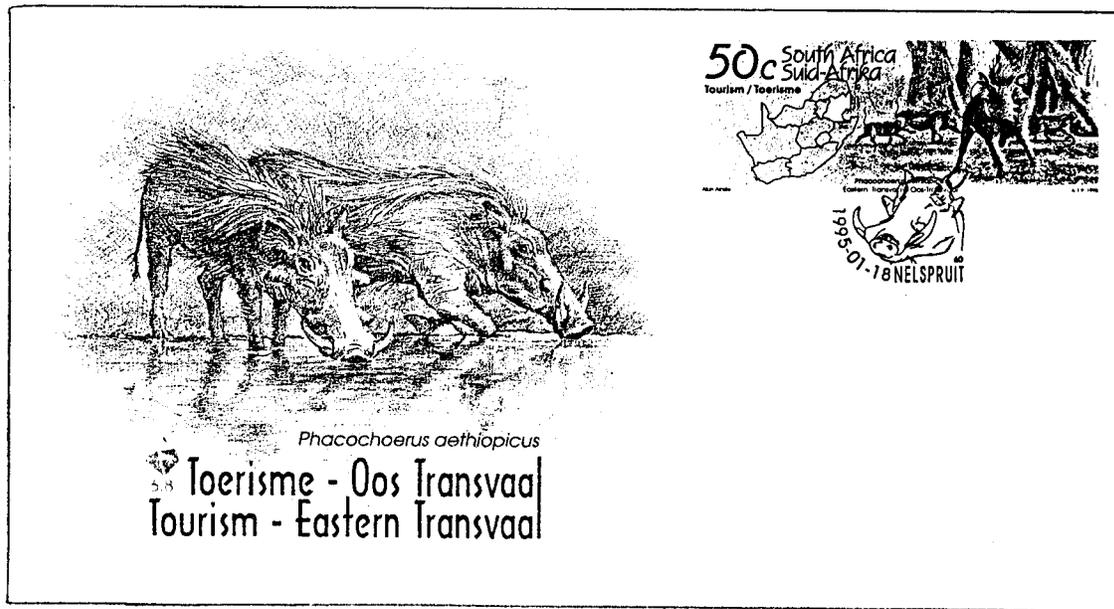
Editor: Gerry York, USA

Philatelic Services in Pretoria is offering for sale a handsome, limited edition Coffee Table book containing the 18 mint stamps of the "Endangered Species" 6th Definitive series. Included also are reproductions of seven additional stamp designs, without value indications, for possible future use. The book contains information on 61 endangered species of

South African mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. Don't miss it - R80.00. Order from Philatelic Services, Private Bag X505, Pretoria 0001, South Africa.

The first of the nine South Africa Tourism singles was issued on January 18, a 50c value depicting a warthog from Kruger National Park in Eastern Transvaal (Fig. 1). The stamp also

Figure 1. First Day Cover & Maximum Card for the 50c value of the first of nine South Africa Tourism issues.



In 1994, a miniature sheet was issued by the Philatelic Foundation of Southern Africa. The sheet adopts the theme of the Chinese New Year, "The Year of the Pig." However, collectors may have problems obtaining this sheet.

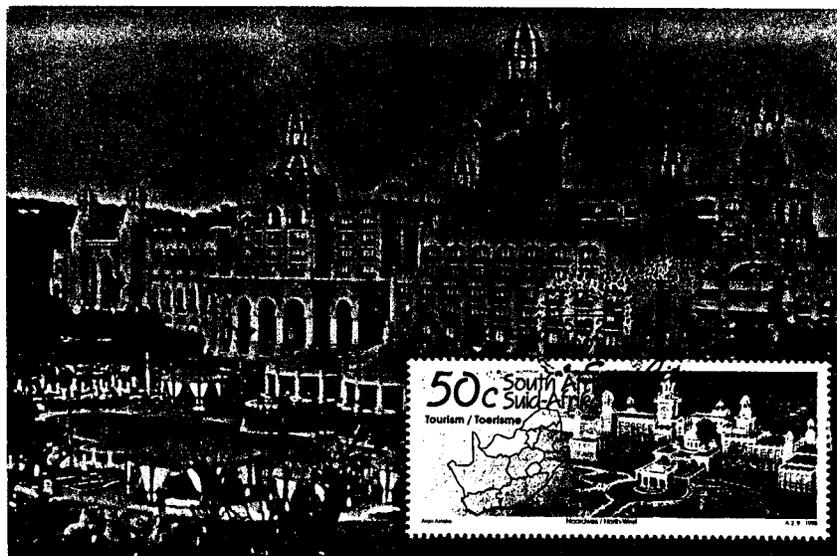
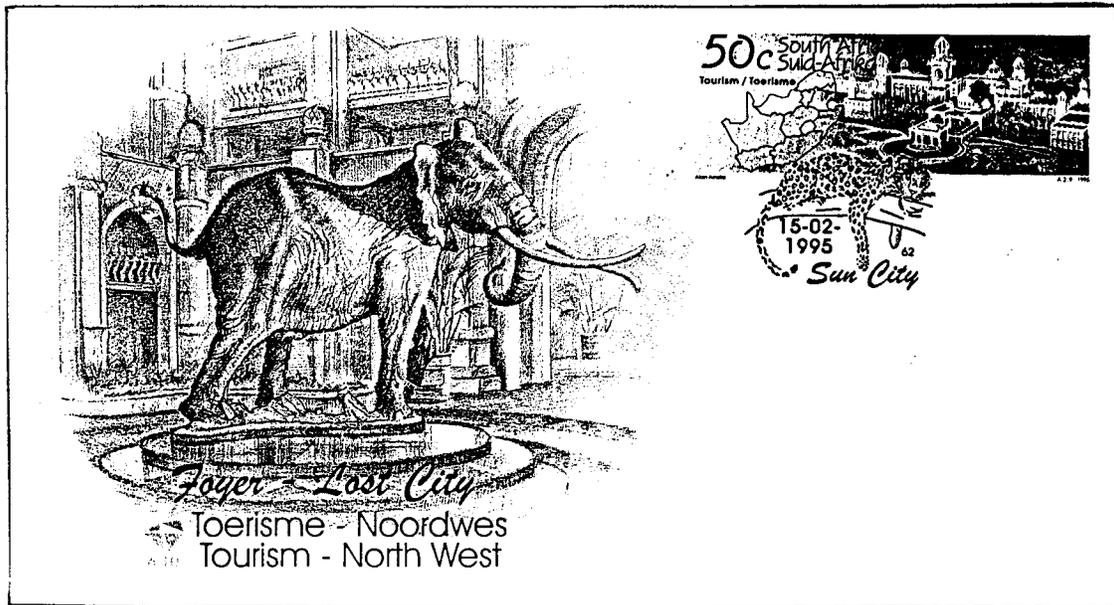
Since 1986, South Africa, South West Africa/Namibia and the Homelands have annually issued special sheets to promote various philatelic events in southern Africa. Until February 1993, Philatelic Services distributed these sheets. Beginning that date, the Philatelic Foundation (Box 2492, Pretoria 0001, South Africa) assumed the responsibility for distributing the sheets. I mailed four separate orders to the above address which were left unexecuted, the money orders not cashed until well into 1994. This occurred the day a friend in

Pretoria went to the Philatelic Foundation office (in the same building as Philatelic Services) and obtained the sheets (from Namibia, Ciskei, Venda and South Africa) for me.

I did not even bother to order the 1994 sheets (from RSA, Namibia, Transkei and Venda) from the Foundation! This year, to obtain the "Year of the Pig" sheet, I mailed the Foundation a registered return receipt letter with an American Express money order to pay for my requirements. I will let you know if and when I receive my order!

The Tourism set continued on February 15, 1995, with a 50c value depicting the Lost City at the Sun City Resort (Fig. 2) in the Northwest Province (see also Bophuthatswana #282).

Figure 2. First Day Cover and Maximum Card for the second issue of the Tourism issue depicting the Lost City at the Sun City Resort.



On February 1, 1995, two aviation related values appeared: a **Namibia** on March 21, 1995 made an addition to its 1995 1 50c, 75th Anniversary of the South African Air Force; and schedule, a non-denominated "standardized mail" value (35c) the 95c, 75th Anniversary of the First Trans-Africa Flight honoring this nation's Fifth Anniversary of Independence ' (Fig. 3). (Fig. 4).

Figure 3. Cacheted First Day Cover for the 75th Anniversary of the First Trans-Africa Flight issue.

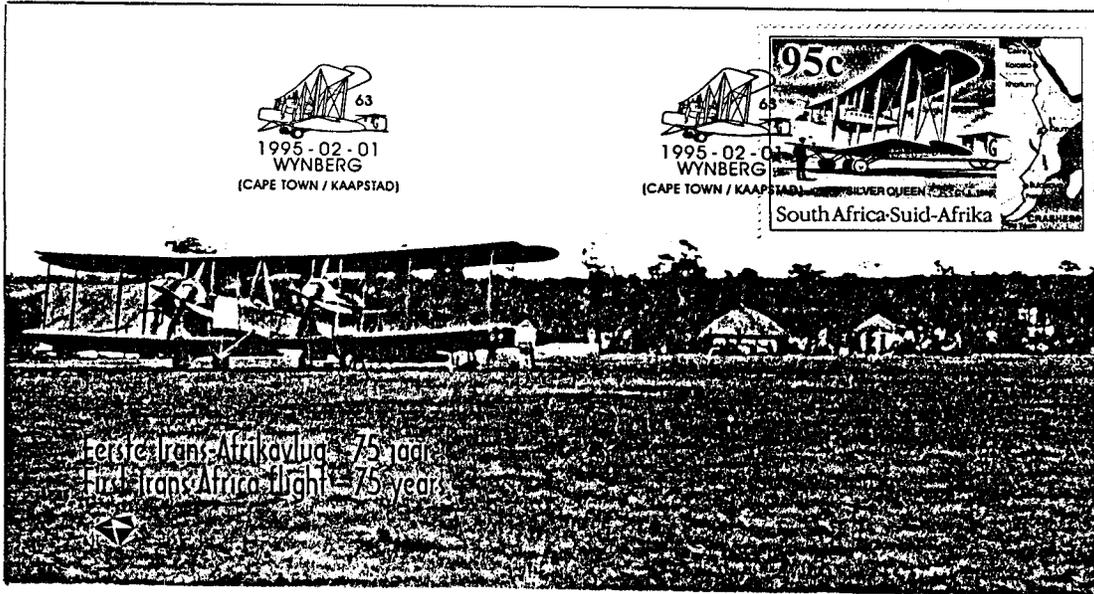
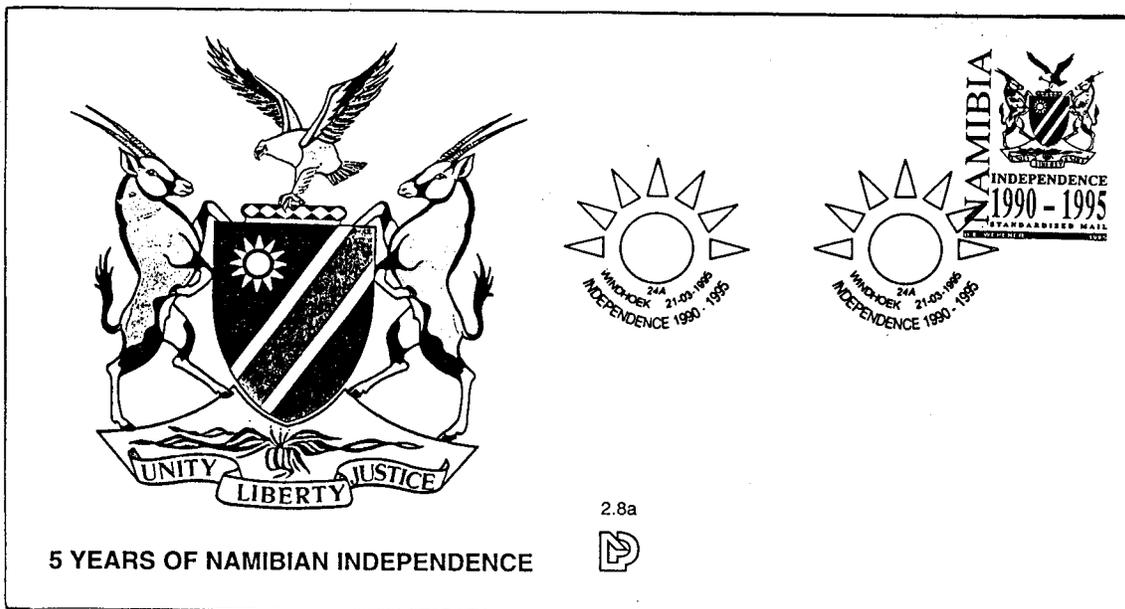


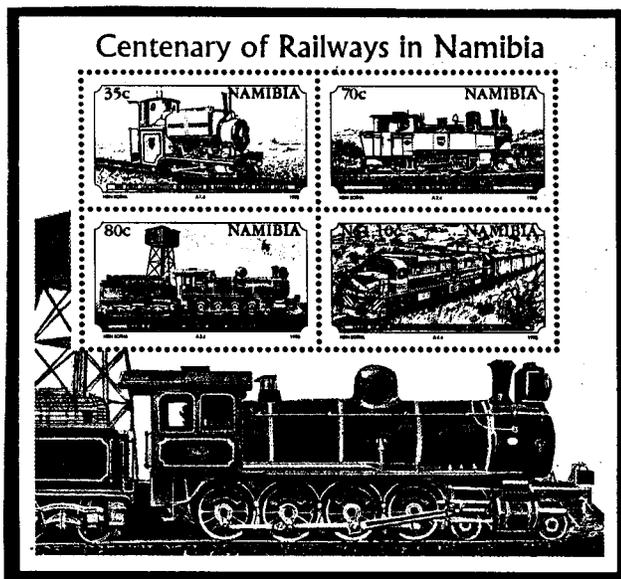
Figure 4. Namibian non-denominated issue celebration the country's Fifth Anniversary of Independence.



Like South West Africa before it, the Republic of Namibia has followed a respectable, modest philatelic program. Namibian stamps are on sale both at Philatelic Services in Pretoria and the new Namibian Philatelic Service, Private Bag 13336, Windhoek, Namibia. For any "Johnny-come-lately's" desiring to collect Namibia complete from 1990, the Windhoek Office has on sale many items from the previous years.

On March 8, 1995, Namibia honored the Centenary of its Railways with a handsome set of four and souvenir sheet (Fig. 5).

Figure 5. The 1995 Centenary of Railways in Namibia souvenir sheet.



The first railway line in Namibia, the former German South West Africa, was built by the Damaraland Guano Company Limited at Cape Cross in 1895. The 35c value depicts a saddle-tank locomotive, "Prince Edward," built by Kerr Stuart and Company of Stoke-on-Trent, England and used at Cape Cross. The 70c value depicts the German South West African 2-8-0 T locomotives built by Orenstein and Koppel of Berlin between 1906 and 1910. The 80c value depicts the Class 8 locomotives ordered by the Cape Government Railway and Central South African Railways, commissioned on the South-West African Railway System in the early 1930s. The N\$1.10 value depicts the Class 33-400 series diesel-electric locomotive, Model U20C, from General Electric, built in South Africa.

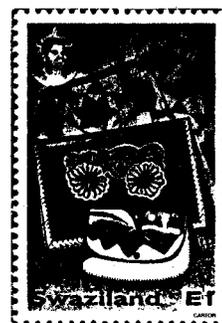
Botswana, on April 3, 1995, issued a set of four stamps (15t, 40t, 60t and 80t) depicting traditional fishing methods. The

(Scott #136-139a) located some 50km west of the Okavango, and well into the Kalahari, have disclosed an ancient lakebed with human debris including barbed bone spearheads. The 40t value depicts hook fishing in the Okavango. The 65t value depicts net fishing, with nets identical to the nylon variety used outside Africa, but made with plant fiber strings and tiny reedbundle floats. The 80t value depicts two typical fishing baskets, large cone shaped baskets used to scoop fish from the water, and funnel shaped baskets plunked down over the fish, which are then removed through a hole in the neck. (Philatelic Bureau, Box 100, Gaborone, Botswana)

Lesotho is reported to have issued a set of four in 1994 - 35s, 50s, 1m & 1.50m - honoring the 50th Anniversary of the International Civil Aviation Organization. (Philatelic Bureau, Private Bag 1, Maseru, Lesotho)

Swaziland, on April 7, 1995, issued a series of four depicting Swazi handicrafts (Fig. 6). The 35c value depicts wooden bowls found along Mbabane/Pigg's Peak road next to the Nkomati River. The 50c value depicts chicken nests. The E1.00 value depicts leather crafts made by Swazi trainees at the Chinese mission in the Ezulwini Training Center under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The E2.00 value depicts wood carvings likewise made by trainees at Ezulwini. (Swaziland Stamp Bureau, Box 555, Mbabane, Swaziland)

Figure 6. Swaziland's 1995 set honoring Swazi handicrafts.



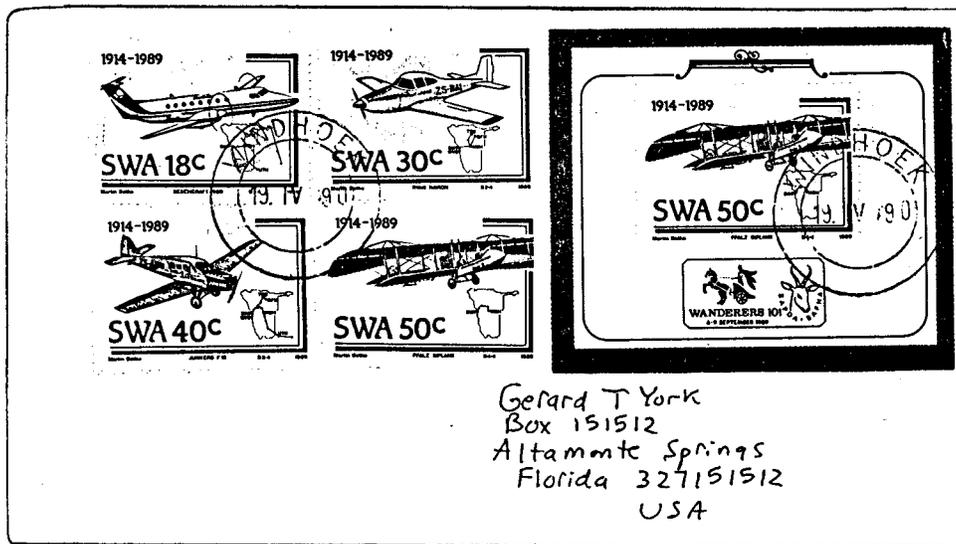
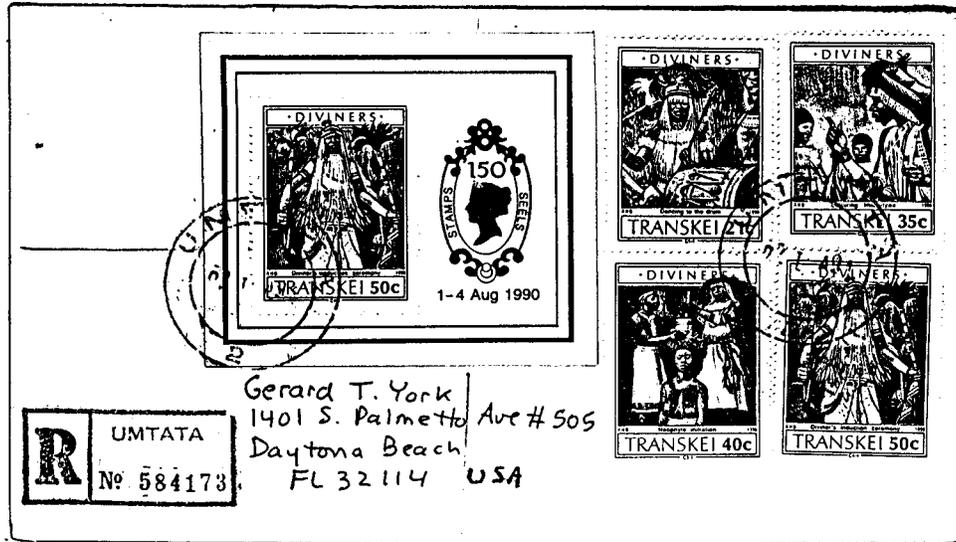
Zambia in 1994 also issued two values - 100k, 450k - honoring the International Labor Organization and a set of four - 100k, 300k, 450k & 500k - honoring Christmas that year. (Philatelic Bureau, Box 71857, Ndola, Zambia)

Zimbabwe released a second set of stamps depicting Insects of Zimbabwe - .35c, \$1.15, \$1.25 & \$2.30. (Philatelic Bureau, Box 4220, Harare, Zimbabwe)

Regarding the validity of the earlier mentioned Philatelic Foundation souvenir sheets, shown below (Fig. 7) are two covers I made-up myself. These covers demonstrate that these sheets have postal validity (as the ones before 1986 did not).

Figure 7. Examples of Foundation sheets seeing legitimate postal usage.

GIVEAWAY! As part of my spring cleaning, I have uncovered a number of duplicate, topical sets from South Africa, SWA/ Namibia, Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda, Ciskei and Zimbabwe. The first twenty (20) readers to send me an SASE will receive a mint, never-hinged (unmounted) set from one of these entities. Gerry York, Box 151512, Altamonte Springs, FL 32715-1512.



The Bookie Reports

Readers are invited to submit bibliographies, reviews of books, journals, articles, etc., for inclusion in this feature. Send entries to The Editor, P.O. Box 2698, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2698.

Reprinted from "The Runner Post" of 3/95 - New Publication

Peter Thy has produced a scholarly 34-page monograph entitled Die Introduction and Usage of Postal Orders in Bechuanaland Protectorate which is published under the imprint of Krone Publications. This work is an important contribution to the postal history of the Bechuanalands and traces the history of postal orders from their introduction in 1907 to independence from the South African Post Office.

By their very nature, the survival rate of postal orders must be slim, and this is especially so for Bechuanaland Protectorate from where postal orders are rarities. However, Peter Thy has managed to produce an exhaustive and authoritative work through painstaking research of Government records and archives. Peter guides the reader through the background, introduction, types and periods of use of postal orders issued in the Protectorate. The work is well-illustrated with different types of postal orders as well as clear graphs showing the numbers of post offices per year, the number and value of orders issued per year and even the average value of the different types (Union of SA and British) issued and paid per year. All-in-all, a superb work of research into an almost completely ignored service of the Bechuanaland Protectorate post office.

Copies are available at US \$5 each, including world-wide mailing, direct from Peter at: Krone Publications, P. O. Box 73112, Davis, CA 95616 USA. Checks should be made payable to Peter Thy and drawn on a U.S. bank. Copies are also available at R20 from Alan MacGregor at P.O. Box 3130, Cape Town 8000, South Africa.

Namibia Post has forwarded a copy (Dec. 1994) of their quarterly newsletter, *NamPost*. The lead item is entitled "We've gone Corporate!" and clearly describes the restructuring and decentralization of Namibia Post. Well-illustrated, several short pieces provide insight as to the philosophies and personalities responsible for the significant operational changes taking place. Reviewer - The Editor

Philatelic Services/South Africa recently published A Listing of Southern African Post Offices, 1891 - 1892, 28 pages. As the reviewer indicates, over the past few years a number of books have appeared on the philatelic market, dealing with

the postal history of southern Africa. However, barring Ralph Putzel's major opus covering the Post Offices of the region, no simplified listing of the postal establishment has become available since 1968 when Dr. Tom Berry republished the Union Post and Telegraph Guide of 1912.

This small volume is the first step in creating a simplified listing of southern African Post Offices. It aims at covering a period at the end of the nineteenth century when postal services were beginning to become generally available, but which precedes substantially the time covered by the Berry publication.

It includes listings of the Cape, Transvaal and Swaziland drawn from the Cape Post Office Guide No. 33 of October 1891, and Natal, OFS, Bechuanalands and Mashonaland drawn from the Cape Post Office Guide No. 37 of October 1891. Owing to the poor printed quality of some of the originals, it was not found possible to reproduce data from one single publication. Also, the original Guide was printed in a much smaller format, and its pages have therefore been enlarged substantially to improve both their legibility and the ease of reproduction.

The maps have been taken exclusively from the Postal Route map of the Union of South Africa, published by the GPO in Cape Town in 1911. This was about AO in size, and hence it was impossible to reproduce it as a whole. Also, as will be seen, the information it contains is often densely packed, and is so small as to make reduction very difficult if legibility is to be maintained. The quality of the original was also a problem, and while the reproduction is generally good, in a few instances wear and tear at the folds has destroyed some of the printing. It was not found possible, however, to bleach out rust spots in their entirety. The publication is available for R10 from Philatelic Services, South African Post Office, Private Bag X505, Pretoria 0001, South Africa. Reviewer - Franco Frescura

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Philatelic Research Foundation recently published is tllm I. A recent information release reads as follows:

"Fourteen philatelic/postal history authors have each contributed an article for the first edition of the Opusculum. Authors and titles include. . .PSGSA's very own W. A. "**Alec**" **Page for The First Stamp of the Union of South Africa**. Other varied and wide-ranging topics include "Drummond Island - A Pawn between Canada and the U.S.A.", "The British Postal Agency in Buenos Aires", "Pharmacy on U.S.A. Stamps", "The Holland-Humber Postal Route - The Gateway to Lake Huron", "The Indian Express

Mail in Upper Canada", "Haiti's First Airmail Stamp", "The Falkland Islands Conflict", to name just a few. Also included is a new fascinating and comprehensive article on Andre Frodel, Canada's talented forger, with an illustration of an inverted seaway forgery.

The price of the Quill is \$50 Canadian or \$37.50 US. A \$3 postage and packaging charge must be added to all orders. This beautiful hardbound edition, containing more than 190 illustrations, may be ordered from RPSC National Office, P.O. Box 5320 - Station F, Ottawa, Ontario K2E 6E8, Canada

The West Africa Study Circle recently published Supplement No. 23 - *St. Helena & Ascension*. Of interest to the collector of greater southern Africa is the piece "Mailships Of The Cape Run". The author summarizes nicely the present and past written works on sea mail routes with a southern Africa connection. Reviewer - The Editor.

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Next comes the first issue of *Newsletter*, published by Murray Payne Ltd. Society member Dickon Pollard appears to be the Editor of this well-illustrated, enjoyable read for the KGV enthusiast. Nice little tidbits of information are provided for improved insight into the auction scene and current market for KGV material. The firm also announces its acquisition of the Bridger & Kay Commonwealth King George VI Catalogue. Suggestions for improving/expanding the catalogue listings will be more than welcomed in preparation for publishing a new edition in 1996. On a more jovial note, Murray Payne Ltd. is offering a free bottle of Champagne to any of its customers who submit the winning suggestion for the name of the newsletter. Send entries to: Murray Payne Ltd., P. O. Box 1135, Axbridge, Somerset BS26 2EW, UK.

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JUSQUA Airmail Markings (A Study) 1995 Supplement, by Ian McQueen. W. A. Page, Dartford, Kent, England. A4 size, 273 pp., soft cover. US\$24 plus \$3.50 surface postage. Available from AEROPHIL, 5 Maison du Vigneron, CH1266 Duillier (Vaud), Switzerland.

This is a supplement to the original book, which was published in 1993. The original work was 109 pages, while this supplement is more than double the number of pages of the original book. The 1993 book was the first one to show all known air mail markings from various countries to indicate that a letter was to be carried part way, or to a particular point, by air.

The first book attracted worldwide attention and much

favorable comment. In fact, a large number of collectors sent the author so many additional markings and cachets, that it was necessary to publish the supplement. Acknowledgements are given to the 59 individuals who contributed additional markings and information. As a result, the supplement contains over 500 illustrations and a cumulative index to both volumes. Before the first volume was published, "Jusqu'a Airmail" markings were a neglected topic in aerophilately. Apparently, the area has become much more popular in that there appears to be a great deal more interest about the topic.

The supplement not only shows many additional postal markings related to "Jusqu'a Airmail", but it also corrects a few errors while clarifying some aspects in the first volume, which deserve additional attention. There is also some improvement in the quality of the illustrations over the first book. The supplementary information and markings make reference to the page numbers in the first volume, which makes it easy to refer back to it.

Both volumes cover: *Mailbag Label Handstamps, Air Mail Etiquettes showing certain city pairs or destinations, Routing handstamps, AV2 & OAT markings, 'Au Dela' cachets, Insufficiently Paid for Airmail markings.*

Readers may also be interested to know that a French translation exists for both volumes. This supplement is a must for anyone with the original volume, and both volumes are essential for anyone interested in these air mail markings.

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Scott Catalog Input

Each year during the Fall, the Society assists Scott's in its valuation efforts in regard to catalog listings falling within our scope. Readers specializing in any of these areas, who would like to provide input to Scott's, should send a letter of interest to the Editor. Tear sheets and valuation process information from the publisher are sent to Society valuers during the month of October.

This feature publishes excerpts from previous valuation inputs to Scott's. Comments and reactions from the reader are invited. Please send yours to the Editor.

This issue's installment highlights Dr. Frederick P. Lawrence's 1994 comments regarding the catalog's listings of the Mafeking Siege issues:

I have elected to forward at this time the corrected listings for the photographic or "blueprint" issues only.

As you no doubt are aware, there have been four major sales of Mafeking Siege material during the past two years, including the entire holdings of two world class collections, specifically:

"The International Sale"/Ivy, Shreve & Mader, New York, 9-10 Mar 92
 "Walter Grob-Sigrist's International Gold Medal Collection"/Christie's-
 Robson Lowe, London/8 Jun 93

"The Bill Hart Boer War Collection "/Cavendish, Derby, UK/25-26 Jun 93
 "David Brandon's 'Mafeking'" (dealer stock & private collection)/Craveri,
 Lugano, Switzerland/18 Feb 94

Many scarce/very scarce pieces which had not been on the market in many years appeared in one or more copies, giving us an unparalleled opportunity to establish current market value for this elusive material. The enclosed valuations reflect the results of the above four sales (Table), with one exception. The valuation of the current #179a, which I am recommending now become #179b, is the price at which the only copy in private hands (a second copy is in the Royal Collection) changed ownership in a dealer-brokered sale in 1992.

The current Scott catalog listings for the photographic, or "blueprint" issues, fail to include several important varieties which are highly sought after by collectors of these issues. This is demonstrated by the prices realized in the abovementioned auctions. The items in question command substantial prices when brought to the auction block.

I have identified the important varieties on the enclosed and suggest an expanded numbering for #179-180 to include them. I have, with the assistance of the UK-based Mafeking expert, Mr. John P. Ineson, compiled the following information: (1) the number of copies known for each of these varieties, (2) the whereabouts of many of the copies including those which are out of circulation, e.g., Royal Collection, and (4) their pricing histories. I will be more than happy to make the data available to you upon your request.

Now, specifically, the following are the corrections needed for the Mafeking Siege photographic or "blueprint" issues listings for the 1995 edition of the catalog, Vol. 1B:

(1) *Immediately under "ISSUED IN MAFEKING", change "Excellent forgeries of Nos. 162-177 are known" to "...Nos. 162-179... " The photographic process "copy-cat" forgeries of #178 and 179 made in the Cape of Good Hope immediately after the relief of Mafeking, i.e., in 1900-1901, must be considered excellent. None has been reported of these forgeries for #180.*

(2) *Replace the "Photographic Print" section with the enclosed, which (a) corrects issue dates and watermark, (b) includes additional varieties and restructures the numbering to accommodate them, and (c) provides current auction-based market prices for all varieties, including those previously not priced.*

Table. Corrected listings for the Mafeking Siege photographic issues.

<u>Photographic Print: laid paper= watermarked "OCFANA FINE."</u>	<u>Mint</u>	<u>Used</u>
12		
1900, April 6		
178 M1 ip blue, blue	700.00	200.00
a. imperf. proof, pair	18,500.00	
b. <u>imperf. in</u> margin	4,250.00	1,800.00
1900, April 10		
179 M2 3p blue, blue, 181/2mm	1,250.00	250.00
a. imperf in margin		3,550.00
b. horizontal pair, imperf between		47,000.00
c. double impression		23,000.00
d. reversed design	55,000.00	48,750.00
1900, April 10		
180 M3 3p blue, blue, 21mm wide	7,500.00	925.00
a. imperf in margin		4,900.00
b. "cracked plate"	8,900.00	2,450.00

The color of the paper varies from pale to deep blue.

The 1995 Mail Bid Auction Catalog

Make certain to take a look at the offerings listed in the catalog appendix. The estimate total is \$45,000 - the highest yet in any of our auctions!

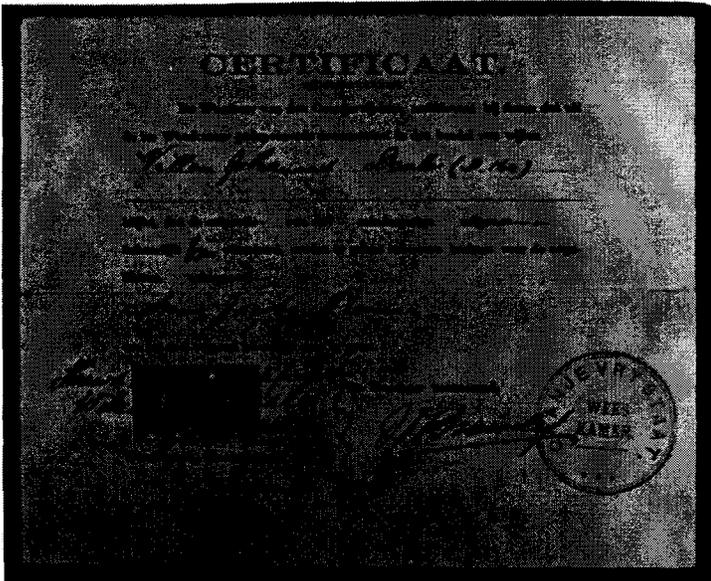
- There are a total of 1,040 lots,
- 120 lots of Antarctic Expeditionary material
- postal history accounts for 50-60% of offerings
- Cape triangulars on piece, hooded oval cancels
- some key OFS values
- nice modern material including postal history
- excellent German SWA and SWA
- specimens
- Protectorate overprints
- estimates ranging from a few \$s to 100s

The Back of *YOUR* Book

Editor: R. Timothy Bartshe

The terms ephemera and collateral material can be applied to the area of philately known casually as "paper". "Paper" refers to documents, forms, policies and other governmental items of some legal or official capacity, generally requiring the affixation of a revenue stamp. The stamp indicates that the appropriate recording or filing fees were paid and received. Two examples are shown from the Orange Free State/Orange River Colony, the first an inheritance document and the second a license (Figs. 1 & 2). The cancellations are with pen and perfin, respectively.

Figure 1. Revenue franked "Certificaat" inheritance document example.



part and Katherine Smith of Cape Town on the other part. The said Katherine Smith express to proceed to Pretoria & there to faithfully serve the above named Mr. Justice Kotze as cook & general servant for the term of twelve calendar months at a salary of L3-0-0 (three pounds sterlg) per month together with board & lodging. The said Mr. Justice Kotze express to pay travelling expenses from Cape Town to destination on above named terms - to leave Cape Town Saturday 26th January 1895."

Figure 2. Example of revenue franked Orange Free State "Licence" .



I won a lot from a recent Stephen Weltz auction containing a number of documents bearing Second Republic revenue stamps canceled with various handstamps. These items will compliment my general revenue stamp collection and display the proper usage of these adhesives. Given enough of them, I can also begin to understand the need for all of the different values issued by this as well as many other governing bodies. Although most were in Afrikaans, two were in English and were of a rather interesting nature. Both were recorded at the Pretoria Landdrost Kantoor (Magistrate Office). The first was handwritten in Cape Town (Fig. 3). It reads as follows:

'Agreement made & entered into at Cape Town this 10th day of January 1895 between Aunie Clegg as the duly authorized agent of Mr. Justice L.B. Kotze of Preoria - S.A.R. on the one

By a reading of the text, the document appears to be a straight forward contract for the services of a maid/cook. In case of any dispute, Mr. Kotze wanted to have this document recorded within the confines of his hometown. For that security he paid the not-so-small-sum of five shillings as seen in the upper left corner. Five 1/ stamps were affixed, pen canceled and center-punched with a 5-pointed star-hole punch. (An interesting note about this punch cancel: It had been previously brought to my attention by a few sources that such a cancel on a revenue stamp indicated telegraphic usage. We can see that that is not necessarily the case.)

The second item (Fig. 4) on a pre-printed form, is also a work contract, but has different ramifications than that quoted above. It reads with the handwritten portions underlined:

Figure 3. Handwritten contract for services of a maid/cook.

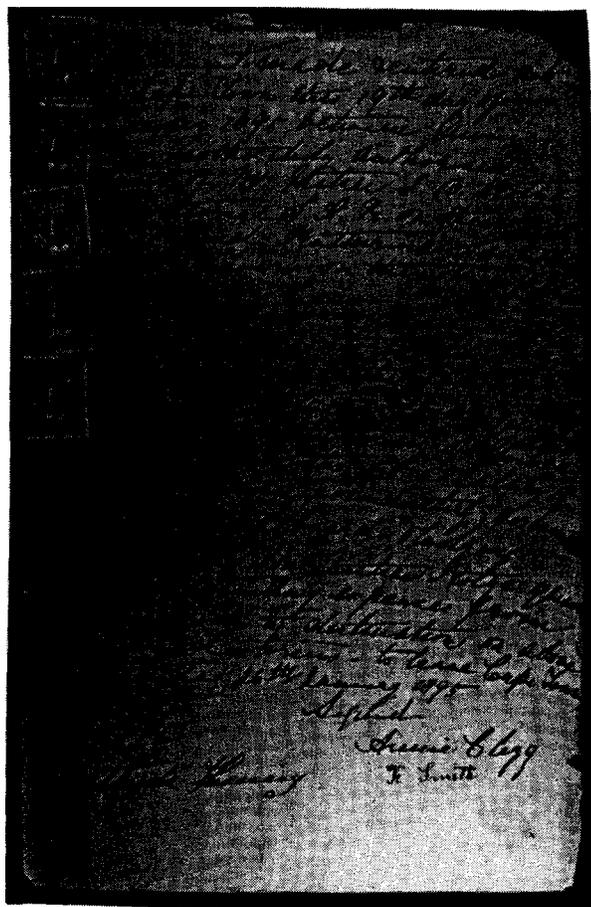
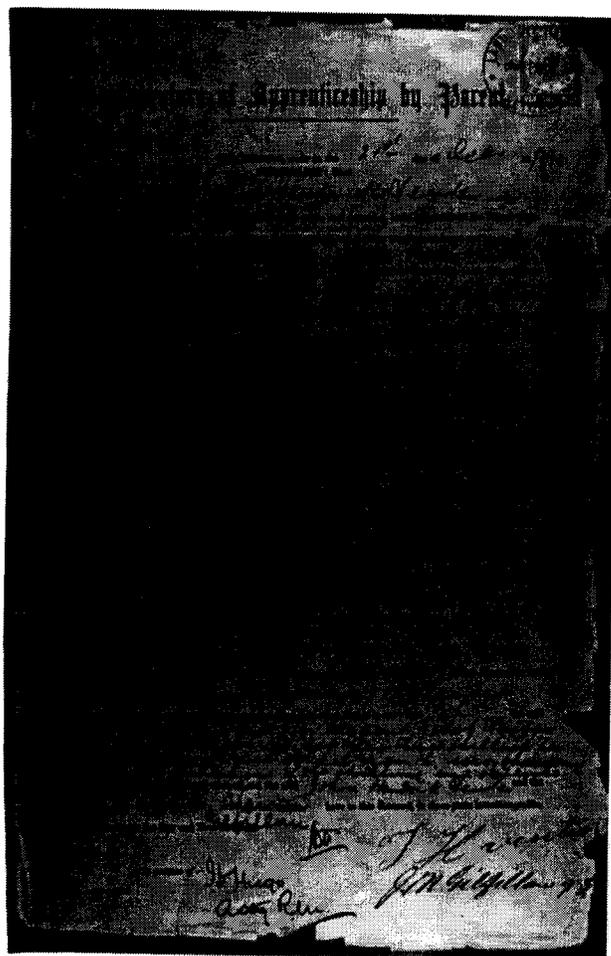


Figure 4. Example of pre-printed form work contract.



Indenture of Apprenticeship by Parent

"District of Cradock: This Indenture made on the 21st day of Dec 189 5, WITNESSETH. That John Hendrick Venter pursuant to the Act No 15 of 1856, in that case made and provided, hat/4 in quality of the Parent of the Child hereinafter mentioned, put and placed, and doth by these presents put and place, Jacob Venter, aged ten Years or thereabouts, as an Apprentice to John Charles Gilfillan of Pretoria with him to dwell and serve after the manner of an apprentice, from the Day of Date hereof, until the said Jacob Venter shall attain the age of 21 Years; during all which time the said Apprentice shall faithfully and honestly serve and obey the said Master.

And the said L.C. Gilfillan for himself, his heirs, Executors, and Assigns, doth covenant and agree with the said JFL Venter that the said J.C. Gilfillan will teach and instruct, or cause the said Jacob Venter to be taught and instructed, in the trade of a farmer to the best manner that he can, during the said term: and also shall instruct, or cause the said Jacob Venter to be taught and instructed, in the Christian Religion and the English Language to the best of his ability; and shall

and will, during all the time aforesaid, find and provide for the said Apprentice suitable and sufficient Meat, Drink Clothing, Washing, Lodging, and all other things necessary and fit for the said Apprentice at any time during the said term; and also that the said L.C. Gilfillan should not assign or transfer the said Apprentice to any other person whatever, during the said term without the consent, in writing, first had and obtained.

And the said L. C. Gilfillan in consideration of such Apprenticeship, doth hereby, for himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, covenant, promise, and agree, to and with the said J.H. Venter acting for said Apprentice, in manner and form following, that is to say; that he the said J. C. Gilfillan will pay the said Job Venter wages as follows. First year three shillings per month, second year 5/6d per month, every succeeding year an increase of one shilling and sixpence. In Witness whereof, we, the said John Hendrick Venter and the said John Chas Gilfillan have to this contract, in three parts interchangeable, set out hands the Day and year aforesaid. "

... concluding remarks next page.

Well, that is a quite a medieval contract is it not? I would be interested to know what exactly "Act No. 15 of 1856" was, wouldn't you? Mr. Gilfillan wanted to guarantee that he would not lose his "investment" in the training of his charge by recording the contract, again with the Landdrost of Pretoria. The fee was paid with a single 5/ revenue and center-punched with the 5-point star.

The above items are excellent examples of how collateral material can not only add substance to your collection as a whole, but also give us an insight as to the way of life 100 years ago.

Society Panel Expands Coverage

Peter Whitmore has volunteered to serve on the Panel as our resident Natal expert. All questions regarding Natal philately are to be sent directly to Peter at Post Office Box 47118, Greyville 4023, South Africa.

There are a number of areas still not represented on the Panel. Please review the Panel listing in the front inside page of this issue. If there are any uncovered areas for which you would be willing cover as a member of the Panel, please write: The Editor, Post Office Box 2698, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2698

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The ad submission deadlines to the Editor are the 15th of January, May and September. Ad placement guidelines are:

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South African Postage Due Labels - Seeking covers showing usage of various denominations, particularly the 1972 monocolour issues. Also SA pictorial postal cards (mint sets and used items) issued from 1941 to 1960. Purchase or exchange for other postage due items (control blocks or individual labels, etc.) Please write, listing items available and price or exchange terms: Bernard Doherty, P.O. Box 18, Waratah 2298, Australia. All letters will be answered. (v8N3)

Botswana - Mint/used postal stamped and formula stationery sought, especially stampless and stamped aerogrammes, postcards, registered envelopes, postal orders, EMS envelopes. Write to Peter Thy, Post Office Box 73112, Davis, CA 95617 USA (v8N3)

1/- GNUS - Scott #43/SG #48 for study of issues I and II. Wish to acquire or borrow material, or copy any information or photocopies that may be available - especially issue II. Please contact if you can help: Morgan T. Farrell, Post Office Box 1064, Hamilton, MT 59840 USA (v8N2)

Swaziland - Private treaty sale of 1933 KGV definitive issue (SG 11-20), unmounted mint (MNH) - \$230. Also Swaziland *forerunners* wanted. Franco Frescura, INTERSAPA, Private Bag X505, 0001 Pretoria, South Africa (v8N2)

Swaziland, Basutoland, Transkei - Desire postal history items prior to 1930. Offers may be sent to Steven Gardiner, 15 Barrydale Road, Post Office Box 15294, Miramar 6070, South Africa (v8N1)

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British Africa Collection - Breaking-up a very extensive collection that is mostly complete through KGV. Send your want list to: Tim Bartshe, 13955 West 30th St., Golden, CO 80401 USA (v4N3)

South African Philatelist - Loan needed. Require *SAP* issues from April 1983 through December 1991. Will photocopy select information and return quickly. I will happily reimburse for any postage expenses. Write Larry Standridge #9203, 4365 Rolling Hills Drive, Nacogdoches, TX 75961 or call (409) 564-3584 evenings or (409) 560-1441 daytime.

The Trading Box

This service is reserved for members only. An ad placed in the The Trading Box must either include greater southern Africa material one is looking for, or greater southern Africa material one wishes to trade away for some other area.

Have large selection of Cuba 1961-1991. Will trade for selected post-independent Africa, e.g., Angola, **Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Rhodesia and Zambia**. Also have extensive **RSA, SWA/Namibia, Homelands, Zimbabwe**. I need Jersey, Guernsey, Pitcairns, Tristan, plus selected Vatican, Israel, China, Taiwan, Iceland and Greenland. Gerry York, Box 151512, Altamonte Springs, FL 32715-1512 USA

Have US plate number coils (PNCs) used on commercial covers from 1980s. Looking to trade for USED: pre-1953 Antigua, Barbados; Danzig, **CGH, Natal, OFS/ORC**, Wurttemberg; and Commonwealth omnibus issues-1935 Silver Jubilee, 1937 Coronation, 1946 Peace, 1948 Silver Wedding and 1949 UPU. Write Bill Brooks, P.O. Box 2698, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2698 USA

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Want to trade for **Bophuthatswana used**, on or off cover, including revenues and postal stationery. Have all homelands used, some mint and older general worldwide. Will Ross, 6456 Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91406 USA

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Desire to trade for **postal orders and postal notes** of all countries, reigns, any condition, single or quantities. Have philatelic material of all sorts for exchange. Jack Harwood, P. O. Box 32016-Midtown Station, Sarasota, FL 34239 USA

BAKKERS EXPRESS - Locals of 1887 used for sale. Pretoria Id, Te Betalen 1/2d, \$10 Each. Blocks available. Dr. Victor Berkovich, 3644 Suite D, Chamblee-Tucker Road, Chamblee, GA 30341 USA (v7N2)

Military Covers Wanted - World War 11 military covers used in Africa from the following years with various cancels, etc.: Indian FPOs, EA/APs, APO-I-MKs, Egypt, Sudan, British Somaliland (1938-40 censors), Italian Posta Militaire, German Feldpost, etc. Walter Bjork, 54 West 84th Street New York, NY 10024 USA (v5N2)

South African Air Force Museum Commemorative Covers.

To raise funds, the Museum has issued a series of covers commemorating SAAF events in both world wars and about current squadrons and units of the Air Force. The cacheted covers are very attractive. Price list and order form available by writing SAAF Museum, AFB Swartkop, Post Office Valhalla 1037, South Africa

Postal Orders & Postal Notes Sought - Want to purchase all countries, all reigns, any condition, single items or quantities. Jack Harwood, Post Office Box 32015-Midtown Station, Sarasota, FL 34239 USA (v7N2)

Rhodesia - Town postmarks desired for the 1890-1980 period. Also any "back-of-the-book" items. William R. Wallace, P. O. Box 16381, San Francisco, CA 94116 (v7N2)

Journal Index - Volunteer sought to compile and maintain an index for *Forerunners*. Assistance available from Publications Program Committee. Contact the Editor, Post Office Box 2698, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2698 USA

Specimen Close-out! I am disposing of my "SPECIMEN" collection of the Commonwealth. It contains quite a bit of British Africa material; also Seychelles, Solomon Islands, etc., Syl Tully, RD1, Box 3060, Hyde Park, VT 05655 (v7N3)

South West Africa - Want postal stationery from SWA pre-1961. Send offers to J. Stolk, Post Office Box 33223, 3005 EE Rotterdam, Holland (v7N2)

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Bophuthatswana - Desire used on or off cover, including revenues and postal stationery. Will Ross, 6456 Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91406 USA (v7N2)

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