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The following panel members are available to answer written questions in their designated areas of expertise. This service is available to members and non-members alike. All submitted questions and subsequent answers will be published in the Society Journal. A more detailed description of the Panel and its function is printed in the "Question And Answer" section.

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WELCOME
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Sidney Goldfield - #8708 - New York, New York. Sid recently reinstated his membership in the Society after a two-year absence. He was one of our Founding Members. Sid collects Orange Free State, New Republic, Stellaland, Transvaal, the Rhodesias, Swaziland (under RSA), South West Africa and Republic of South Africa. The latter two are his primary interests. Sid's specializations include revenues of Transvaal & OFS (also of RSA and SWA - 'If I could find any'), pre-Union postal stationery and SWA/RSA Framas. His other affiliations include Society of Israel Philatelists, Judaica Historical Society, Germany Philatelic Society, South West Africa Study Group/RSA and Republic of South Africa Study Group/RSA

John McChesney Young - #9030 - Berkeley, California ' John's primary interests revolve around New Republic, Stellaland and Zululand, with secondary interests in the pro-Union States, the Rhodesias, Bechuanaland and Swaziland. Other areas of interest include other British African stamp-issuing entities that disappeared before 1920, e.g., Niger Coast Protectorate, British Central Africa, etc. John is also a member of the American Philatelic Society.

W. A. 'Alec' Page, FRPS.,L - #9031 - Dartford, Kent, UK. Alec's sole interest is the Union of South Africa in all aspects with independent collections of airmails, World War II postal history, Mobile Post Offices, Marion Island and Darmstadt Trials of the 1 d Ship. His affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, South African Collectors Society (General Secretary), South African Stamp Study Circle, Aerophilatelic Philatelic Society of Southern Africa, National Philatelic society, British Philatelic Federation, Philatelic Writers Society (Founder & Chairman), Writers Unit/ APS, American Philatelic Research Library and others.

Irving Barron - #8032 - Los Angeles, California Irving's collecting interests include the Rhodesias,

Union of South Africa, general British Africa and postal history of all Africa His specialty areas are censored covers, World Wars I & II military-POW-civil censorship, censor seals, studies of routings, etc. Irving's other affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, War Cover Club, Civil Censorship Study Group and Pearl Harbor Study Group.

Peter Hutterer - #9033 - Mellrichstadt, Germany. He is our first member to join under the newly reunified Germany. Peter's collecting interests are all of the pre-Union States, with specialization in Boer War items, Transvaal postmarks and the numeral cancellers of Cape, OFS/ORC and Natal. His affiliations include the Transvaal Study Circle, Orange Free State Study Circle and Anglo Boer War Philatelic Society.

Paul Raynor - #9034 - North Vancouver, Canada Paul, our fourth member from America's northern neighbor, has interests which focus upon Bechuanaland and Swaziland. His specialties include Travelling Post Offices, airport and institutional postmarks, instructional postmarks and hand-stamped slogans. Paul's affiliations include British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group, Postal History Society, Mobile Post Office Society, Belize Philatelic Study Circle, British Postmark Society, The Bechuanalands and Botswana Society.

Frederick P. Lawrence - #9035 - Mitchellville, Maryland. Frederick collects Cape of Good Hope, Southern Rhodesia and the Bechuanalands. He specializes in Mafeking issues. Other affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, Royal Philatelic Society of London, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, Scouts On Stamps Society International, Scout And Guide Stamps Club, Society For Czechoslovak Philately, Society for Thai Philately, Bechuanalands & Botswana Society and Anglo-Boer War Philatelic Society.

Victor Berkovich, D.M.D. - # 9038 - Chamblee, Georgia Victor's collecting interests include Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Transvaal, Orange Free State, Stellaland, New Republic, Griqualand West, the Bechuanalands, Swaziland and general British Africa, British Central Africa (Rhodesia) and British East Africa (BSA Company). His specializations include pre-1900 (all mint) of the forgoing, revenues, railroads, stationery (all Cinderellas). Victor's other affiliations include the American Philatelic Society and the Bechuanalands & Botswana Society (UK).

Michael A. Pillar - #9037 - Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Mike's primary collecting interests include South West Africa, the Rhodesias and Union of South Africa, with secondary interests in the Bechuanalands, Basutoland, Swaziland and the entire Silver Jubilee issue of 1935. He specializes in British South Africa (the Rhodesias, South Africa & South West Africa) on cover. Mike's other affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, Rhodesian Study Circle, Silver Jubilee Study Circle and South African Collectors Society.

Robert G. Myers - #9039 - Las Cruces, New Mexico. Our first member from "The Land of Enchantment" has primary interests in South West Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Swaziland, Basutoland, Bechuanaland and the Union period of South Africa. His secondary interests include the pro-Union states and precursor republics, Bechuanaland Protectorate, Zululand, Nyasaland, Angola, Mozambique, German East Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Tote, etc. Robert's specializations include revenues, registration and post office labels, cinderellas, perfins, postmarks, railway parcels, newspaper and telegraph stamps; postal stationery, picture postcards, covers of all kinds, philatelic literature, cigarette cards and stock certificates. His other affiliations include the Rhodesian Study Circle, the Bechuanalands and Botswana Society and the Postal Label Study Group.

WITH ADDITION OF MR. MYERS, OUR MEMBERSHIP HAS REACHED THE CENTURY MARK!

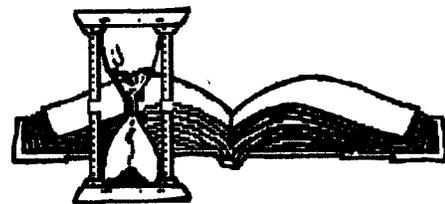
This is approximately three-and-one-half years since our very humble and inauspicious beginnings. Welcome to the group Robert)

Irvin Uener - #9039 - St. Paul, Minnesota. Our latest member from the 'Land of 10,000 Lakes' collects the pro-Union States & Republics, the Rhodesias, the Bechuanalands, Basutoland, Swaziland and Zululand prior to independence.

James R. Ryan - #9101 - Calgary, Canada. Jim is our first member of calendar year 1991. His primary interests include SANA, Marion Island and Philatelic Exchange covers, with secondary interests in the pro-Union States, Swaziland and Union of South Africa. Jim's specializations include interprovisionals, South African Provinces & Union revenues until 1954, Union/SA 10/- used, 1937 & 1963 Coronation stamps, telegraphic and fiscal cancels on high values of the

period 1902-1930, studies of the cape triangles, Mauritius Post Office, Bermuda Perot & Thiessen provisionals, HV key plates, South Africa essays, color trials and proofs. His other affiliations include the London Provincial Stamp Club, South African Collectors Society/GB, China Philatelic Society/London and British Royal Portraits Study Group.

Peter Singer - #9102 - Portland, Oregon. Peter is a stamp dealer who was brought to us by way of our International Representative/Germany, Werner Seeba. Peter's affiliations include the American Stamp Dealers Association, Canadian Stamp Dealers Association, Philatelic Traders Society, British Philatelic Association and the American Philatelic Society.



MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

Ian R. Jamieson - #8822 was born on the 12th of July in Glasgow, Scotland. He is a bank supervisor whose primary philatelic interest is South African and provinces. His other pastime is studying history, especially that of ancient Egypt

John Dickson - #8924, hails from Newcastle, England, born on the 14th of June. He is a Foreign Service Clerk stationed in Paris, France. John's collecting interests include the postal history of Natal and postal evidence of constitutional change in Africa

Martin Eichele - #8926, was born on June 10th in Basel Switzerland. He is a stamp dealer by trade and is Christie's Robson Lowe representative for Switzerland. Martin is also the newest member of the Society's International Representative ranks. He holds a degree in law and enjoys music, travelling and siding. His primary collecting interests are Natal and Peru to UPU joining. As a dealer, Martin's primary fields are Southern Africa and classics of the world.



The Honor Roll

From time-to-time, members of the Society are recipients of awards received in the competitive exhibition field of endeavor. Whether the topic of their exhibition is/is not related to greater southern Africa philately, we should acknowledge our own for their notable achievements.

Gary J. Anemaet - #8930: AAPEX'90 Gold for 'King Peter II: Land of the South Slaves' plus AASC Club award; and Third Place/Clothesline Exhibit for 'British Triangular Cancels'.

Forerunners, SESCAL 90, Bronze Medal & Certificate, literature competition, Southern California Federation.

Member Notes

George van den Hurk recently authored a two volume work entitled **Border W& Mail**. The focus is the postal history and markings of the war in Angola along the Namibian Border. Volume I is 76 pages in length while the second consists of 119 pages. Both are very well illustrated.

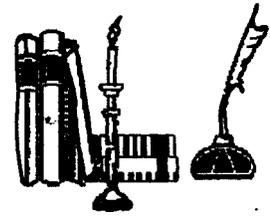
Guy Dillaway was a member of the Judges Panel at ASDA's National Postage Stamp Show held in early November this past year. He is also Exhibit Chairman for Philatelic Show in May this year. This is one of APS's World Series of Philately events. A regional Society meeting is scheduled to be held at Philatelic Show - see announcement elsewhere.

Bill Wallace, one of the Society's founding members, has been elected a Fellow of the Rhodesian Study circle - a very special and singular honor! Bill, is of course, our Rhodesia man for "questions & answers".

CALL FOR PAPERS

The ABSOLUTE deadline for submission of articles, ads, bits and pieces, etc., for the Jul/Oct issue is May 15th. Board members, International Representatives and departmental editors especially should note this date. Feature articles are always in short supply and we do wish to avoid printing of materials published elsewhere. As a reminder, all feature articles appearing in this and **the previous volume** will be eligible for the Society's biennial "Charles Lupo Memorial Award".

FROM
THE
EDITOR



Once again, my sincere thanks for the continuing support, encouragement and very constructive feedback received from so many of you.

As we enter 1991, thus begins Forerunners fifth year of publication. Reflecting back, I must admit to a strong sense of accomplishment no small part of which is due to the contributions of an ever-growing number of members. To be sure, an editor may skillfully 'package' a publication, but without member-provided content all would be for naught. Clear evidence of this is the number of articles gracing this issue in response to my previous 'pleas' for original works because the feature article well had run dry. Hopefully, an upward submission trend will now continue. (Please note the list of subjects at the beginning of the feature articles section that members have indicated they would like to see written about - this certainty should be sufficient food-for-thought for authors looking for a topic.)

Turning to other matters, the Question & Answer Panel has been expanded to include additional expert resources for members. Welcome to Dr. Jonkers, Bob Taylor and Alan Drysdall who will be happy to field queries re: New Republic/Stellaland, pre-adhesive period of the Cape of Good Hope and the postal history of Transvaal and British Central Africa respectively. At the time of this writing, additional invitations have gone out to other members with specialty knowledge. As you review the subject areas covered by the present Panel members, there may be one or two not listed about which you have sufficient knowledge and expertise to serve as a Panel member. Please consider doing so - let the Panel Chair hear from you.

And speaking of Journal Departments, this issue begins the inaugural installment of our expanded focus on Back-of-the-Book matters, ably edited by Ron Carlson. In the future, all B-0-B "bits & pieces" and articles should be sent directly to Ron (address inside front cover). Any questions related to B-0-B areas, however, are still to be sent to the appropriate Panel

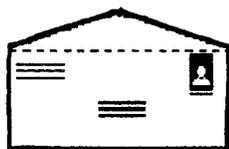
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Continuing on the Journal expansion theme, you will find an interest survey enclosed with this issue. It addresses the post-Union period. Several members have written concerning their Interest in seeing items published in Forerunners which cover topics related to contemporary stamp-issuing entities, e.g., RSA, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Homelands, etc.

Membership interest data indicates that upward of 30 per cent of our number collect "modern" material. That being the case, it would in all fairness be appropriate to assess the membership-wide level of interest/desire for having items covering the modern era appear in your journal. PLEASE TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO COMPLETE/RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

In the literature competition arena, Forerunners will again be making the rounds in 1991. Four entries are planned: (1) Colopex, (2) Philatelic Show, (3) STaMps-HOW and (4) SESCOAL (Your journal did receive a Bronze Medal and Certificate at the latter's 1990 show.) These are, of course, all U.S. based competitions. As Editor, I would love to enter similar competitions on the Society's behalf in other countries. I am not familiar when and where such competitions might be held outside of the U.S. Therefore, I would greatly appreciate any information from non-U.S. Society members on any literature competitions in which our Journal could be entered. A copy of a prospectus would be especially helpful. Let me hear from you... Bill



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'The Society has a brilliant future and has been and certainly is In good hands. You are to be commended.'...Bob Taylor, North Carolina

"Congratulations on another excellent edition of Forerunners!...Morgan Farrell, California

"All of the previous issues of the journal look great!..." John McChesney Young, California

"I have enjoyed reading the Forerunners. I find much of interest in it and think you are doing a good job." ...Roland L Terry, Hawaii

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"Just a note to pass on to the officers. I was able to sit in for just a few minutes at the PSGSA meeting at STaMpsHOW '9Q It was very special to me; so very enlightening. And how proud We should be! Oh, the Cape material - 'our' area stole the show in my novice estimation." ...Anita Beach, Ohio

"Journal looks very Interesting. I am sure our advertisement will arrive in the new year." Ian Shapiro, Argyll Etkin Limited, England

"As I mentioned before, I am a former member of another group. Quite frankly, I made a choice about a year ago between it and PSGSA which was not the best choice on my part after seeing what the latter has to offer. Now that I have joined I have corrected the error of my ways. Forerunners is a great bulletin!'. ..Irving Baron, California

'Last issue of Forerunners was superb, as usual. I was happy to note that my article on St Helena received some favorable reactions. Let me express again my personal congratulations for the wonderful job you have done and are continuing to do for PSGSA" ... Ralph Myerson, MD, Pennsylvania

A FEW WORDS FROM THE BOARD

In this issue, 'A Few Words' will also include the incumbents' statements as to why each one desires to continue on in their Board positions for the next two-year term, beginning July 1, 1991. Their individual statements will follow their normal columns. Guy Dillaway has stepped forward to 'run" for President. Therefore, his 'why I wish to be President tome' follows Syl's column.

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This will be my last column as President. I wish it were not so, because it has been a real pleasure to be an officer in such a successful organization. Nonetheless, for personal reasons, I find I cannot do justice to the office anymore and feel it is time for me to step down and place the titular helm in someone else's capable hands.

We have grown to a membership of over 100 since the time I joined the Society as member #11, and much of

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the growth is directly attributable to our Board members and the Editor. As a member of two study circles based in the UK I receive their publications and find that "Forerunners" invariably is greeted with acclaim in their "Publications Received" columns.

Now that we have finally overcome the problem of finding out how to contact PFSA - ask our Editor about this - we are now affiliated with them. I feel that this is a major step forward.

Do not get the idea I am going totally inactive in PSGSA - far from it! I intend to continue as the coordinator of our Questions & Answers column. Note that I said coordinator. Many of the queries received of late have been beyond my fields of expertise. I have found out how little I actually know, particularly in the postal history of Transvaal and the Cape. It is a good thing to have so many specialists on board who really know the answers, and I note in the last issue that another specialist has joined our Society. I will not mention his name, but hope he will share his expertise on Bechuanaland with all of us without being asked. (This is something I have first-hand knowledge of, from private communications.)

These ramblings have gone on long enough. After mid-April, I hope to be in my rural Vermont home full-time, instead of living in two states at once and trying to handle personal affairs in the third state clear across the country. Once we are settled in, I will welcome letters from any or all of our members who share common interests. Until then, best wishes for everyone ... Syl

Nomination Statement For President

By Guy Dillaway

Sometimes I wonder why I was anonymously nominated for President. There are certainly many people in the membership more qualified than I. I detest writing columns, but will give it a good try. As your President, my main interest would be to make the Society as visible and interesting as possible, while encouraging our current members and newcomers. Hopefully, *through my efforts, membership will grow and broaden.* I think encouraging exhibits at any level - local, national, etc., will help. A tangible exhibit award, besides a certificate may help. Continuing the seminar/meeting program already started at STaMpsHOW is of significant value. In short, I would pursue greater Society visibility brought about with the able help of the

membership. We have a fine journal and excellent programs in place already, and these should be stressed by individual members whenever possible. I would also hope to be responsive to suggestions from the membership and would encourage such input

My experience includes two terms on the Board of Vice Presidents of the American Philatelic Society and fifteen years as President of the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum. Also, I have been Exhibit Chairman for Philatelic Show since 1980 when it was organized by myself and others.

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John O. Rightmire, Vice President/Membership
(This issue's column also serves as John's statement of candidacy.)

I enjoy my position as V.P. in charge of recruitment because it gives me an active part in the Society, even as small a part as it is. What I hope to accomplish during my next term is to recruit members from all fifty States. As I mentioned in the last journal, there are still twenty-eight states in which we have no members. I glean a few prospects from the Executive Director's Report found in Ibi American Philatelist publication of the American Philatelic Society, and I still have more than 200 world wide addresses of likely prospects sent to me by member S. Jardine of South Africa. While I have not done much lately, due to my association with the military and the ongoing events in the Persian Gulf area, my New Year's resolution is to send recruitment packages to all addresses which I have let pile up.

Our membership has now topped 100, which is quite a reserve to draw upon for articles - let us hear from you.

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Brooks, Secretary



We are rapidly moving into the election period prior to the installation of officers for the 1991 /93 biennial term. Distributed with the previous issue were proposed changes in Society nomination/elections and terms of office sections of the by-laws. Basically, what was proposed was that: (1) an incumbent would be able to serve an unlimited number of terms; (2) nominations for office

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could occur in one of two ways: (a) self-nomination or (b) by another member (anonymously if desired); and (3) if no 'competitors' are nominated to run against an incumbent, then an official election will not be necessary - rather, the present incumbents will be remain in place for the next term via "silent acclamation". This last procedure was proposed to eliminate the cost of holding an election when there is no apparent need. Since distribution of the proposed by-law changes, no dissenting comments have been received.. The review/ comment period now having lapsed, the proposed changes become official Society "doctrine" as of March 1, 1991.

Included with this issue is a two-part survey. Part I asks for your input on expansion.of the journal include a section on the modern period of greater.- ' southern Africa stamp-issuing entities (sips-previous discussion in "From The Editor"). Part II asks for your suggestions on the expngnditure of Society,, Trust donations for the purchase of library reference materials. Some donations to the Trust are made specifically for the purchase of materials for the library. Tim Bartshe, Director/Library & Archives, is, npw establishing an acquisitions program. Therefore, your suggestions as to books, etc., to be purchased from Trust. funds are being sought. Please complete and return the survey as requested. (It is YOUR money we will be spending.)

Enclosed with this issue are two .additional documents. The first is the Society's second mail-bid auction report which includes prices realized. And, just as we are putting the 1990 event to rest, 'lo and behold you will find the announcement for the 1991 auction elsewhere in this issue. By all means, please read the announcement carefully because of some changes in submission requirements related to lot descriptioanal Following these instructions will greatly reduce the Auction Manager's workload. Most certainly, Tim deserves a thunderous round of applause for the tremendous job he has done in putting the catalog together! By far, the quality of the catalog is comparable and/or surpasses any that I have seen that are put together by specialty groups similar to OURS. Because of the time, effort and costs involved, copies will cost non-members at least \$3US each for 1991, postpaid.

The second enclosure referred to above is an interest

questionnaire, the topic of which is whether or not the Society should institute and exchange circuit A member has volunteered to be Circuit Manager. YOUR RESPONSES WILL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE SOCIETY WILL PURSUE THE PROPOSAL Please take a few moments to complete/return the questionnaire as requested.

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The Society has finally received word from the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa (PFSA) that our ap ation for affiliation has been accepted. (Thanks/ former member Jack Grutter who expedited things for us,) PFSA publishes Tb South African Philatelist which will now grace our library from here-on-out. A letter has been sent requesting details as to benefits and responsibilities of becoming an affiliate of PFSA One possible benefit is that Society members may now be able to subscribed to the above publication' at a reduced rate. At the time of this writing, we are awaiting , confirmation. The Society's affiliation with PFSA is an excellent step forward for us, as mentioned in the President's column. It also bodes well for the credibility that PSGSA has established in less than four years' time. To be welcomed into the fold of organized philately, as we have, is something for all of us to be proud of!

While I served as Treasurer, detailed revenue and expense records were kept to assure a financially balanced position from year-to-year to minimize costs to keep foes and assessments as low as reasonably possible. As I passed the Treasurer's mantle ON to Ron just recently, I indicated to him that we may have to seriously consider a dues increase, primarily because of the anticipated twenty per cent (20%) increase in postage rates here in the United States.

As mentioned in the previous issue, yours truly has been maintaining membership profile information. In this issue we will take a brief look at the specialty areas collected by members which fall within the scope of greater southern Africa philately. The table on the next page' shows that members specialize In 116 different areas. Obviously, there is a wealth of information that could grace the journal in the form of articles - HOW ABOLIT YOU!?!?

GREATER SOUTHERN AFRICA AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION (THROUGH MEMBER 9101).

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AIR MAIL	HANDSTAMP SLOGANS	RSA RAILWAY CANCELS
ANGLO-BOER WAR	INTERPROVISIONALS	REVENUES
B GLAND	INTERRUPTED MAIL	RHODESIA
BASUTOLAND POSTAL HISTORY	LITERATURE	RHODESIAN DOUBLE HEADS
BASUTOLAND SOUTH AFRICA USED	LOCAL POSTS	RHODESIAN BACK-OF-THE-BOOK
BASUTOLAND USED DEFINITIVES	MARION ISLAND	i RHODESIAN POSTAL HISTORY
BECHUANALAND	MOBILE POST OFFICES	SOUTHERN RHODESIA
BECHUANALAND CANCELS	MAFEKING	SOUTH AFRICA AEROGRAMMES
BECHUANALAND POSTAL HISTORY	NATAL CANCELS	SOUTH AFRICA AIRMAILS
BECHUANALAND REVENUES	NATAL NUMERAL OBLITERATORS	SOUTH AFRICA FORGERIES
BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA	NATAL POSTAL HISTORY	SOUTH AFRICA OFFICIAL MAIL
BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY	NEW REPUBLIC	SA WW II POSTAL HISTORY/BANTAM COVERS
BR. SO. AFRICA CO. POSTMARKS	NEWSPAPER STAMPS	SOUTH AFRICA ROYAL VISITS
BACK-OF-THE-BOOK	NORTHERN RHODESIA	STELLALAND
BARRED OVAL NUMERAL CANCELS	NO. RHOD. '63 DEFINITIVE VARIETIES	SOUTH WEST AFRICA
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CAPE OF 600D HOPE FORGERIES	OFS NUMERAL OBLITERATORS	SWAZILAND POSTAL HISTORY
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CAPE POSTAL HISTORY	OFS TOWN CANCELS	TRANSVAAL FORGERIES
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Louise Christian, Director/Programs

Plans are progressing for our Society Regional meeting at Philatelic Show '91, at the Sheraton Boxborough Inn, Boxborough, Massacheusettes. Guy Dillaway will be our representative at the show, and is also the Exhibits Chairman of this APS World Series of Philately event

This show will be held May 3-5, 1991. Guy would like to see many of you there and hopes to have a good showing of South African exhibits. Write to Guy after reading the enclosed prospectus.

At Guys suggestion, there will be a special award for the best South African exhibit, which will be provided by our Society. The details of the award are still to be worked out. A special meeting and sprogram are being planned also.

Unfortunately, I personally will not be able to attend Philatelic show, but I will submit an application to exhibit a study of the Ship Penny Stamps of South Africa which, I hope, will be of some interest

At present I am scheduled to attend Aripex, Sandical, Westpex and the May show in San Antonio. If any of you will be at these shows, let's get together... Louise



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Tim Bartshe, Director/Archives

The Archives has received a number of interesting items this last quarter. Syl Tully sent in a

delightful little book discussing the botanical background of the Succulent Definitives of the RSA. Each value is described in detail and a living example is shown in full color. Those of you who marvel at the diversity of the "Mesems" or have smelled the odor of the stapeliads, will find this informative.

From Jim Ryan of Calgary, Canada, comes some copies of articles pertaining to the Antarctic Expeditions and related postal history of Marion and Gough Islands. This is timely, particularly after the high interest displayed by the membership via bids in the recent 1990 auction. Jim also sent in a copy of T.M. Mullins' **2bl Motet Currie Express: Thi _____ Qf Eat Grigualand**, as published by The Post Mark And Postal History Society Of Southern Africa This is Occasional Paper No. 3, of September, 1982. It is the definitive

work on this fascinating, but little appreciated local post issue.

One of our many new members, Irving Baron of California, recently sent copies of two articles he authored in other publications. The first, from the War Cover Club & *A~ Vol. 28, No. 2-3, is entitled "Prigioniero Du Guerra: Italian P.O.W. Camps 1941-43." The second, from the recently disbanded South Africa Study Group's publication *The Sp P a(r RA sA* is titled "South African Military Censorship: World War II". I found both very Interesting and informative, especially since I know little about this area of philately. Many

thanks to lrv for his thoughtful donation and his "threat" to write articles for us as well as other study groups he is a member of. I am sure that there are other WW I/II collectors in our Society that share your interest

A reminder to those of you who are interested In any of the above, or other items in our archives; copies can be obtained by writing to me. Costs are 10c per page plus return postage (copy revenues will be donated to the library fund portion of the Society Trust). Also, we will be getting Alan Drysdall's books in soon, so send your orders in. Please refer to the previous issue of the journal for details.

Here is my Candidate's Statement: "I, Tim Bartshe, wish to continue to be Director of the Archives to further the goals which the Society has allowed me to attain."

\$\$\$ *Tiase. s Rkoa 1* \$\$\$ Ron Carlson,

acting Treasurer

(Ron formally becomes permanent Society Treasurer, effective July 1, 1991. He recently assumed the Treasurer responsibilities on acting basis, Ron also joined the Society Question & Answer Panel and is now the feature Editor of the Journal's B-O-B department with the inaugural installment appearing in this issue. Ron's commitment of personal time and energy is another fine example of what makes PSGSA the fine organization that it has become.)

As we move into a new year, our Society has reached a milestone In its development - over 100 members! This certainly demonstrates the widespread interest and involvement of collectors, worldwide, tc philately across greater South Africa. With this growth, we hope to see increased participation in our journal

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columns, questions and the Society's auction. As the Society grows so do our expenses - primarily postage costs; and after several discussions among the elected Board members it appears inevitable that the annual dues will be modestly increased in the near future. On the otherhand, the Society's dues are felt to still be moderate in light of the significant value in both our journal, auctions, new philatelic contacts; and with our continued participation we can make it even better in 1891 ... Regards, Ron

From Bill Brooks: To add to Ron's remarks regarding an anticipated increase in the annual membership fee, it appears inevitable that such will be the case, effective with the annual billing you will receive during May/June. Postage alone will exceed \$600US next year. In addition, it is anticipated that we can expect inflationary increases in printing costs to the tune of five to ten per cent. (Production expenses of the journal, auction catalogue, brochures, applications, etc., now exceed \$e000S per annum.) A survey was sent to a number of other specialty groups recently in order to assess their revenue and expenditure experiences. Preliminary analysis of the data received thus far indicates that groups similar to ours is the same - rising costs. Ron will be receiving detailed financial statements covering each of the Society's fiscal years. From those it is anticipated that cashflow analyses will clearly demonstrate the need for the aforementioned dues increase. At the most, it is expected that the basic membership fee will be no more than \$20 per annum.

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1991 SOCIETY MAIL AUCTION !!

Just as we put the 1990 event 'to bed', 'lo and behold we begin preparation for the next one.

As you will have noted, the Auction Report for 1990 is enclosed. Compared to the first Society auction, there was a 275% increase in the number of individual lots and a corresponding increase in the number of vendors and bidders. Given this increase in activity, the portion of the guidelines having to do with submissions have been fine-tuned. Our Auction Manager is only one person and needs assistance to reduce the workload, lest he experiences a severe case of "bum-out". Please review the announcement below with that thought in mind because of the anticipated size and scope of the auction.

Guidelines

- Material will be accepted during the period of April 1 st through May 31st by Tim Bartshe (address pg 2).
- Any and all material pertaining to the greater southern Africa area is suitable. This includes, but is not limited to: postal history/stationery, literature, postage stamps, local posts, telegraphs, fiscals, military, cinderellas, railway, interrupted/air crash mail, expeditionary, etc.
- Countries appropriate for sales include the Pre-Union States and Republics, Union/Republic SA, the Homelands, the Rhodesias, the Bechuanalands, SWA/Namibia, BEA, BCA Swaziland, Basutoland, Zulluland, Botswana, Malawi, Nyasaland and related.
- Lots consisting of individual stamp items or sets should include the following: (a) catalogue used/numbers - if possible, please give both Scott and SG numbers where applicable, (b) condition-including faults, if any, (c) present value and (d) minimum bid-if desired.
- It is the responsibility of vendors sending bulk lots and collections to include a general description and estimated overall value, preferrably in U.S. dollars, as well as reserve if one is desired.
- For postal history/stationery items, please indicate minimum bid desired. Although a description would be appreciated, the Auction Manager will describe items in this category.

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- Individuals who are not members of the Society are invited to participate as vendors and/or buyers. A 15% sales commission applies to vendors in this category.
- Vendors who are members-in-good-standing will be assessed a 10% sales commission.
- * There is no buyer's commission.
- Paid commercial **ads are** accepted for placement in the auction catalog. Applicable rates are described in the Classified Section of the Journal. Ad copy must reach Tim Bartshe by **May31, 1991**.
- Auction catalogs will be distributed during the latter part of July 1991 with one copy free to each member in good standing. A modest \$3US fee is charged to non-members for each copy of the **catalog** desired to cover the costs of printing and mailing. An equivalent amount in mint US postage is acceptable in lieu of cash. Order from Bill Brooks (address page 2).

THE
SOCIETY TRUST



The Society is fortunate indeed to be blessed with generosity and active support from its members. The following is a summary of contributions to the Trust from its inception in 1989:

Postage - - Contributors: Chuck Lupo, Bill Brooks, John Rightmire, anonymous (7). AN mint US postage donations have been exhausted as of the date of this writing.

Cash - \$258.75 - Contributors: George van den Hurk, John Rightmire, Dave Wessely, Louise Christian, Henry Ibsen, Ralph Myerson, T.P. McDermott, Robert Taylor, anonymous (4).

Library - All three volumes of the OFS Handbook back issues of the SA Ebla, Tba Perfins Of CAP* Colony, Nom(, OFS/ORC, Transvaal And South Africa Transvaal Philately, back issues of The Springbok and 3b.4 Springbok Philatelist - Contributors: Orange Free State Study Circle, Bill Brooks, Gerry Halmo, Morgan T. Farrell, Anita Beach, (For a complete listing of available materials, please write our friendly archivist, Tim Bartshe-address on page **2.**)

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The Society is proud to announce the addition of Martin Eichele who will be ably representing PSGSA in Switzerland as its International Representative there. Martin is the Christie-Robson Lowe representative for Switzerland and has a great deal of exposure on the international philatelic trading scene. He came highly recommended by founding member George van den Hurk, who proceeded Martin as our "man in Switzerland".

Netherlands has now been added to the Internationally represented ranks by Dr. G. H. Jonkers of Schiedam. We are doubly honored in this regard in that Dr. Jonkers is an internationally respected expert and scholar on the philately of The New Republic. He has also kindly offered his services to the Question & Answer Panel concerning matters related to the above, as well as, Stellaland.

With the recent "retirement" of Nick Melsels as the Society representative for RSA, that IR position still remains vacant. If there are any RSA members who might be interested in fulfilling that role on behalf of PSGSA, please contact the Editor.

After almost a year since our initial inquiry, the Society is proud to announce its acceptance as an affiliate of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa (PFSA). This bodes well for the Society and its recognition on the International scene of organized philately. More will be said about the benefits of this new relationship. In the next issue once details have been received from PFSA

Notes From Abroad

This feature affords the opportunity for our hardworking International Representatives (OR) to communicate with the general membership. Each IR is encouraged to do so as frequently as possible.

It is nice to learn how the Forerunners is progressing. Unfortunately, there is little or no interest in South Africa in this part of the world; and though I have sent releases to the Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand

Societies, they have just made notes in their circulars that the information was received.'... Jeremy F. Watson, Malaysia

The Recelprocal Listings Exchange

Any organization whose philatelic focus falls within, or is contiguous with that of the Society, is invited to participate in this information exchange. General information about a group, its activities and special events, is welcomed for publication in Forerunners. All that is required is that PSGSA be offered the same opportunity in the publications of the participating groups. Exchange of publications between participants for library/archiving purposes is encouraged. Any organization wishing to publish information releases concerning their special events, e.g., auctions, note should be taken of the submission deadlines listed in the classifieds section.

The Bechuanalands & Botswana Society - Founded in 1985 to promote and encourage the study of the philately and postal history of 'The Bechuanalands', namely British Bechuanaland (1885-95), Bechuanaland Protectorate (1887-1966) and Botswana (post-1966). The Society's members are scattered around the world with strong contingents in the LIK and RSA. The Society's publication, 'The Runner Post', appears quarterly and has gained widespread recognition as an excellent source of specialist articles and information. Two meetings are held each year in the UK, at Spring and Autumn STAMPEX. Regular auctions are also held. Membership is 8 pounds sterling per annum. Further information is available from: Mike George, Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box 108 St Albans, Herts AL1 3AD England.

As Mike George recently communicated, new officers were elected at the Society's Annual General Meeting this past October: Chairman - Sir John Inglefield-Watson Bt, Hon. Secretary - Mike George, Hon. Treasurer - Aubrey Glassborow, Editor - Alan MacGregor and Auctioneer - Tony Chilton. Mike also passed on fraternal greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

Dutch Philatelic Society of Southern Africa (FVZA) - Founded in 1988 by Dutch collectors focusing on the following countries. South Africa, South West Africa, the Homelands, Botswana, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Angola and Mocambique, as well as all former and future countries within th

this area The Society publishes "Bartolomeo Dias" four times per year. Articles appear in three languages: Dutch or Afrikaans or English. A postal auction is held twice each year and an exchange-packet system has been started. The membership fee is 25 guilders per year, while subscription only is 15 guilders annually. For further information, please write: Secretary FVZA, J. Stolk, Wilgensingel 166, 3053 CZ Rotterdam, Holland.

Orange Free State Study Circle - Founded in 1953, OFSSC provides an excellent resource for the OFS/

ORC collector. Its journal, 'The Orange Free State Bulletin', is a must for the specialist. Additional information may be obtained from: J.R. Stroud, 28 Oxford St, Bournemouth, Somerset TAB 1 LQ, UK

Rhodesian Study Circle - Founded in 1948, RSC has a world-wide membership of over 400. It publishes a quarterly journal and holds regular meetings in England, South Africa, Zimbabwe, with occasional sessions in the USA and Canada. Features in their publication include columns on recent issues of Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi to encourage the study of modern material. Additional information is available from: Membership Secretary, D. Lambert, 25 Carr Road, Nelson, Lancaster BB9 7JZ, England.

South Africa Collectors Society - The Society was formed to encourage and promote the collecting of stamps and postal history of both Union and Republican periods, the Homelands, South West Africa, Cape of Good Hope and Natal. The annual membership is 5 pounds sterling. Periodic postal auctions are held. The Society has held joint meetings in the past with the Rhodesian Study Circle and the East Africa Study Group. Membership inquiries should be made to: Mr. AR. Chilton, 56 Framfield Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2AL, UK.

Editor of their wonderful publication, David Painter, recently communicated subscription changes: 7 pounds for the UK and Sea Mail anywhere, for Air Despatch add 3 pounds for 'zone A' (mainly the Americas), 3.5 pounds for 'zone B' (mainly Africa) and 4.5 pounds for 'zone C' (Australasia). As David said in his letter: "We regret the rises, but our 'at cost printing came to an end, so we have to go to a commercial source; then the Post Office raised the rates everywhere beginning September 17, 1990 (That's OK David, we in the good old US know about this only too well.)

Transvaal Study Circle - For more information, please contact Joan Matthews, Bramley Cottage, 27B Lancaster Gardens, Beltinge, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 6PU, England

Events of Note

Listed below are shows and exhibitions from around the world which members may have an interest in attending. Any reader aware of other events which should be listed, please send information to the Editor in a timely fashion. Any member having additional information on a listed event should also send it to the Editor. If a reader attends one of the listed events, written comments on your experiences there will be appreciated.

Philatelic Show '91 - May 3-5, Sheraton Boxborough Inn and Conference Center, Boxborough, Massachusetts. **A Society regional meeting will be held at this event) A Society sponsored award will be given to the best greater southern Africa exhibit!** This show is part of the World Series of Philately series, sponsored by the American Philatelic Society. An official entry form and prospectus has been enclosed with this issue. Member Guy Dillaway, besides being the events Exhibit Chaiman, will be hosting the Society meeting. Please contact him if you plan to attend and/or if you would be interested in presenting a program. This will be the first of perhaps many regional meetings of our group.

STaMpsHOW '91 - August 22-25, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Contact the American Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 8000, State College, PA 16803. **PSGSA will be having its annual meeting and program at this event** Founding member Ralph Myerson will host the meeting. Complete details will be forthcoming in the next issue.

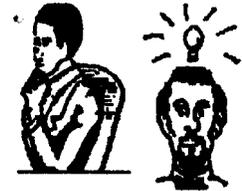
Philanippon '91 - November 1 Tokyo International Fair Grounds. Contact Philanippon Committee, 91 CPO, Box 91, Tokyo 100.81, Japan

Genova 1992 - September 18-27, World Exhibition of Thematic Philately, Fair of Genoa International Federation of Philately. Enrico Vesohi, Vale America 201, 00100 Roma, Italy. (061)5422101

If any member desires to host a regional meeting of Society members in conjunction with a philatelic event in his or her area, please contact Louise Christian (address on

THE FORERUNNERS FORUM

Questions And Answers



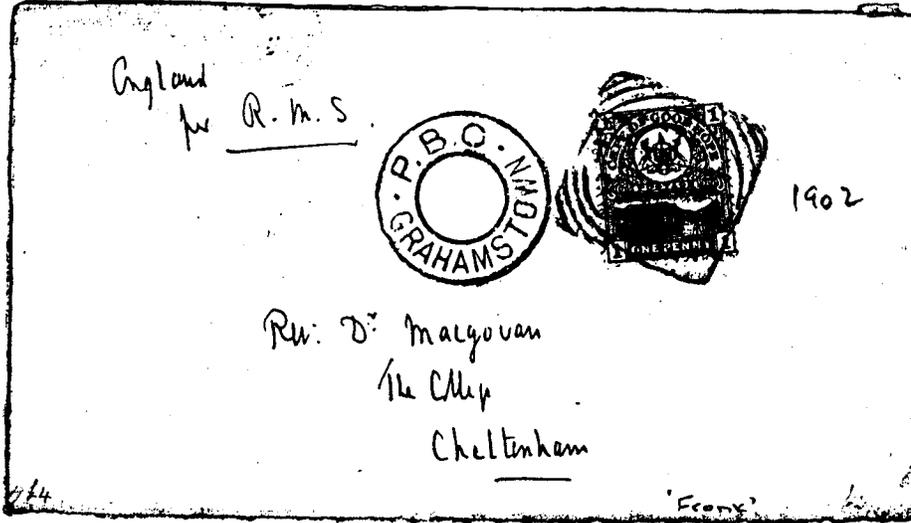
As part of its services to the reader, Forerunners provides an excellent resource opportunity to the reader through this feature. On the inside cover page of the Journal, a panel of experts is listed, followed by their addresses and areas of expertise. Any readers, whether a society member or not, may utilize the panel in obtaining answers to questions; questions that may have plagued them for some time concerning a cover, cancellation, postal rates/routes, identification of a specific stamp, etc. The procedure is simple: Send your question, along with a clear reproduction of the specific item (when appropriate), to the panel member with the relevant area of expertise. A detailed description, e.g., color, perforations, watermark type, etc., should always accompany any illustrations. This will aid the panel member in accurately responding to your question.

The panel member will forward his/her answer, along with the question and reproduction, to the Editor for publication in the next available issue of Forerunners. Panel members are encouraged to also return a copy of their responses directly to the questioner. Please bear in mind that a question may take an extended period of time for research which may require collaboration with other panel members. Questions are accepted on an ongoing basis.

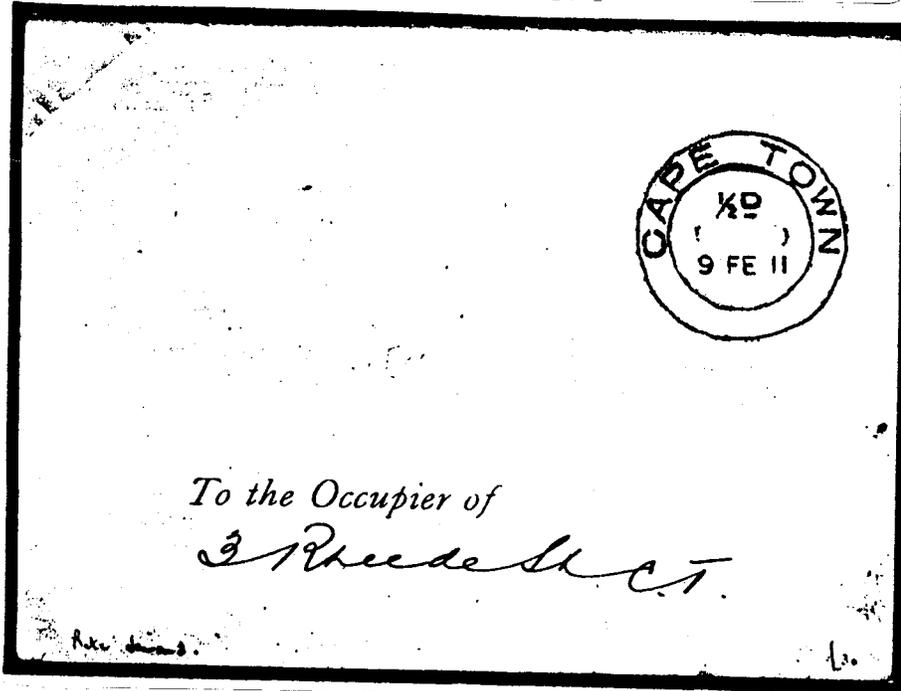
Membership on the panel is open to Society members in good standing, who have experience and knowledge to offer as a valuable resource to the reader. Anyone wishing to join the panel for specific areas not yet listed, are invited to communicate their interest in writing so to the Panel Chairman, Syl Tully (address inside front cover page).

Readers are also invited to respond to questions and answers previously published in the Journal by sending communications to the Editor directly. Additional insights and information is always welcomed as a way of broadening the scope of our knowledge.

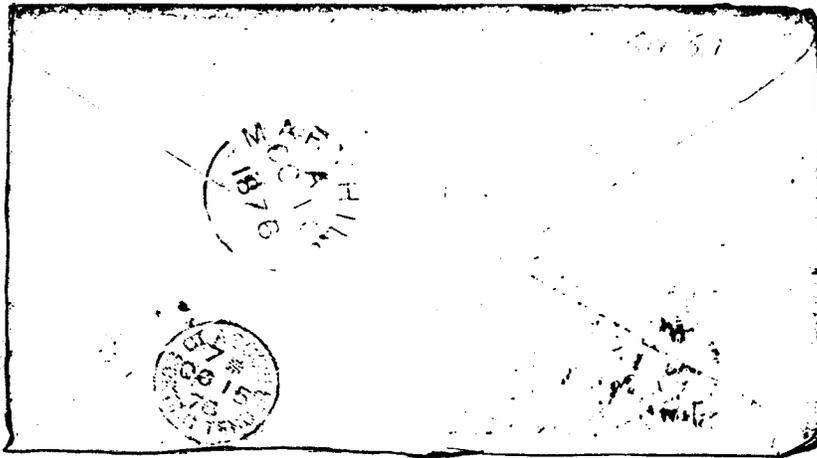
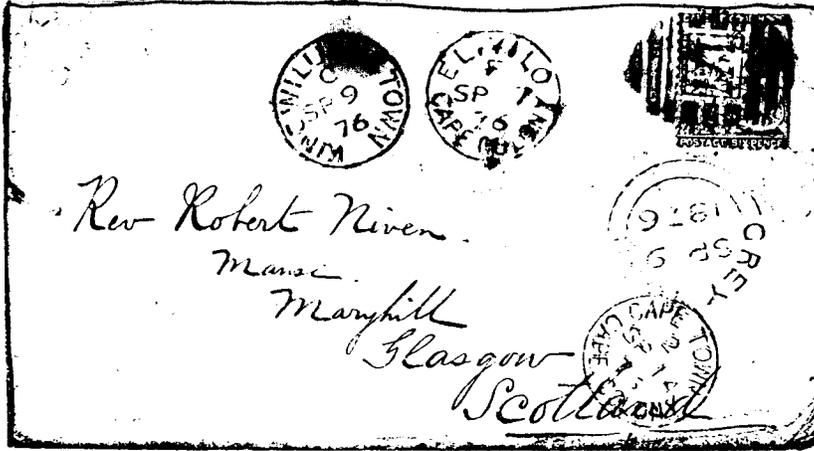
Question #19: This is a multi-part question related to postal history items submitted by Werner Seeba, Germany. This and the next page show the illustrations submitted. Each is followed by Werner's questions and comments. The responses submitted by several panel members are shown in their entirety on page 17.



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Syl Tully - "I am not an expert on pro-Union Cape or on the Interprovislonal period postmarks. I have checked for the PBO (sic) in other areas and to not find anything similar. Could it be 'Pillar Box xxx'? I note the date as 1902 (manuscript) on the cover which would indicate it to be from the Boer War period. The 1 d rate to England would indicate soldier's mail, though nothing else indicates any reference to this reduced rate usage.

As to the two newspaper wrappers, I am totally in the dark on dates of usage of this type of cancel. Obviously the ones with 1/2d paid indicates a bulk mailing paid in cash, and the other wrapper would be the equivalent of our present reduced rate for "junk mail" in the US and elsewhere.

Concerning the 'ELMLO" postmark cover, I have no idea where the location could have been, and judging from the King Wilhams Town transit mark, I suspect Wemer's theory is as good as any.'

Morgan T. Farrell - 'Regarding Wemer's questions, I cannot offer a thing. I checked all of my references and 'drew a blank". Syl gives the best guesses to the first three items and I agree with Werner on the 'ELMLO' postmark."

Bob Taylor - "Concerning Wemer's quierly about the cover with the 'ELMLO' CDS, I suspect the cover is contrived. The BONC cancelling the stamp was probably used at Old Mor ley with the King William's Town transit stamps probably genuine. The time frame is essentially correct although the time listed for Mail Route 26 shows a travel time between King., Williams Town and Cape Town to be 36 hours, much less than the five days indicated by the stamps.

As for the 'ELMLO' CDS, it looks to be a pretty shoddy piece of workmanship. Other examples of Goldblatt's CDS 2 show cleanly formed letters. This one shows splotchy irregularities which are unlike those which might be caused by the use of a dirty handstamp.

The only Grey Town post office of which I am aware is in Natal - far too removed from King William's Town to have been stamped on the same day. These are the reasons which lead me to suspect mischief. The Postmark and Postal History Society of Southern Africa maintains an expertizing service; and as Werner is a

frequent. cq#Mibutor to the Society quarterly, he is probably aware of this. They undoubtedly could be of great help."

Rae Wolpe - "I am afraid I cannot find any definitive answers so can only offer speculation, which I hope is improved on by other responders.

Regarding the EIMlo/Eliiyilo cover, BONC 177 is tentatively listed as Old Marley by Goldblatt (do not know where that is either). Judging by transit dates, Elivilo is two days east of King Williams Town (or NE), so quite possibly it was an obscure mission station in the Transkei vicinity, which goes along with Werner's speculation. I cannot find it on the map so that is the best I can do.

Regarding cover #3 P.B.O. Cape Town cancel, I can only speculate it to be 'Private Box Office'; or maybe a general depository box for soldiers from England involved in the Boer War."

Question #20: 'I am interested in setting up a computerized inventory of my stamp collection. What system (software) would be recommended, based on the experience of your readers? I have a Macintosh II Si at my disposal?' - Irvin Liener, Roseville, Minnesota

Answer by Bill Brooks: 'There are two basic choices in deciding on the manner in which to inventory your collection. First, you may use a spreadsheet program. For Mac hardware, Excel is the way to go. I currently use a spreadsheet for inventorying purposes. I maintain a separate file for each country, e.g., CGH or category, e.g., common designs like the 1935 Silver Jubilee issues of the Commonwealth. Each file contains several columns in the following order: Catalogue Number(Sc/SG), Condition (M/U/Cover/PB), Year Purchased, Purchase Price and Current Catalogue Value. Spreadsheet applications' utilize formulas which allow for the automatic tallying of the cumulative value of the collection. One has the choice of either entering all catalogue numbers in advance when setting of the file, or just listing those in one's collection at the time the file is set up. It is relatively easy to add additional catalogue numbers as one makes acquisitions-this requires the utilization of less memory in the beginning which reduces file call-up time. One may also desire to set the files up in such a way as to show cumulative increases in a collection's value from year to-year. This is especially important for insurance valuation purposes.

Questions & Answers... cont'd

The second choice one has for a computerized collection inventory is the use of a data-base application. Although a much more complex and time-consuming effort involving programming, there is a distinct advantage over use of the spreadsheet approach. If one wishes to have the capability of "sorting" one's collection in a variety of ways, data-base appears to be the way to go. For discussion's sake, let us say that you desire to create a listing of all items in your collection which have increased in value by ten per cent or more over a two year period. A data-based application will provide you with the flexibility to do so. If you choose to go the data-base route, it is recommend that you take the time to draw the type of reports you desire in pencil first. Once you have identified the type of information you need and what you want you final reports to look like, you are then ready to explore what applications are available on the market that will give you what you want. You will also be in a much better position to assess which application will be the easiest to work with in giving you the final product (reports) you desire.

You may wish to contact local users' groups and show them what you have in mind. Go to your local Mac dealer who should be able to steer you to them. You can also write to the Computers and Philately columnist who writes for Stamp Collector.

Of the two options discussed above, the use of the spreadsheet is the most straightforward and simple means in inventorying your collection. If you decide on the data-base option, it will be well worth your time to take the steps suggested above."

Unanswered Challenges For The Scholar



This feature includes questions which have "stumped" our panel of experts. The reader is now invited to take up the challenge. Please forward all responses to the Editor.

Challenge #1: "Can anyone speculate as to why the cover shown on page 10 of the Oct '89/Jan '90 issue is totally stampless? Perhaps something to do with the Boer War?"

Challenge #2: "Does anyone have information about the De Waal Forwarding Agents, Durban and Delagoa Bay? I would like some history on the company. In the only list I have seen of pre-Union forwarding agents, they are not mentioned. I have two of their labels, both cancelled at Point/Natal, in the 1890's. One is on piece with a 1d postage stamp, cancelled October 10."

Challenge #3: "Why did Natal use embossed stamps?"

One of our heretofore unknown scholars, Dr. Victor Berkovich of Chamblee, Georgia has provided his answer: "Like nobody else? Not quite the case! The same method of production (simple embossing-no ink) was used for GB Duty Stamps since 1694 and contemporarily to the postal needs of the 'small' colony. Method of production was not a new one, it was the cheapest one! This production did not offer much security for Natal's much needed revenue-too easy to counterfeit. Therefore, the embossed stamps were replaced with an engraved issue as soon as Natal Postal Authorities could afford better made stamps."

With his answer, Dr. Berkovich provided three actual examples plus reproductions of pages from The Impressed Duty Stamps of Great Britain by Samuel B. Frank, Josef Schonfeld and William A. Barber (1961)-available from the American Philatelic Research Library. Selections from the publication are shown below for the reader's enjoyment. Our thanks to Dr. Berkovich for taking up this previously unanswered challenge to our further enrichment.

These dies have die letters

The earliest official records of any of the dies below are dated 20 February 1711NS, when dies C,D,E,G,H,I,K and L were registered as being in stock; dies E and I were defaced on the same day. Since dies A,B and F do not occur in the records, it must be assumed that they no longer existed at that date. date.



Unanswered Challenges . . . cont'd

Challenge #4: Why is the cover shown on page 12 of the Jan/Apr '89 issue a 'Fake' cover?

Challenge #5: I have a 1/2p Swaziland overprint of the first issue (Scott #1). The 'SW is omitted on it, but Robson Lowe only shows it missing on the 2p. Mine is cancelled 'EMBEKELWBNY'. Anyone have any knowledge of this?'

Challenge #6: 'Has anyone seen/own, or have a photocopy of a non-philatelic Interprovisional cover franked by stamps from all four pre-Union states?'

**** BITS AND PIECES**

This feature provides an opportunity for members to share interesting little tidbits of information and illustrations in a short-order format. Items appropriate for this section include interesting cancels, covers, rare and unusual postage stamps and the like, akin to a collage or potpourri of items related to Greater Southern African philately. Also invited are comments, reactions, etc., to items appearing in "Bits and Pieces". The following is a list of subjects that readers have expressed an interest in seeing covered in this section. (Just in case you are wondering what you might be able to contribute.)

Postage due letters in or out of Bechuanaland Protectorate (BP) * BP revenue stamps still on documents * military mail from BP * interprovisional usage of BP stamps * odd cancels on CGH stamps covers to/from Mafeking * Mafeking cancellations postcards depicting Mafeking scenes, defense of Mafeking during the 2nd Anglo-Boer War, Robert S.S. Baden-Powell * maps showing role of Mafeking in development of postal operations in the region: forerunners, the Bechuanalands, later CGH and RSA pictures of unique postal history of CGH and OFS * all known revenue overprints on non-revenue CGH stamps * plate or control numbers noticed on CGH rectangles * plate number CGH stamps on cover pre-stamps period covers and/or letter * old maps or pictures or drawings of southern Africa * single items on interesting covers, cards, pieces or just loose stamps with nice postmarks * fotostats of picture post cards of old SA before 1910 * anything to do with air mails-especially crash covers, problem, postmarks, cachets * photographic comparisons of forgeries of any kind * interprovisional covers * covers with multiple pieces from the classic era * back-of-the-book, cinderellas and ephemera * military, telegraph, POW

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mail * cancellations and rarity thereof * information on a0stcards-pictorial and otherwise * local posts * sea mail *, lit tic known and major errors-modem as well as old-timers * covers from Rhodesia-especially Double Heads and Admirals * classic Swaziland, Basutoland and Zulularid * this is just the beginning..

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Queensland Scott B2, picturing British Queen Victoria, a ship and a cavalryman, was issued to raise funds in support of the Boer War.



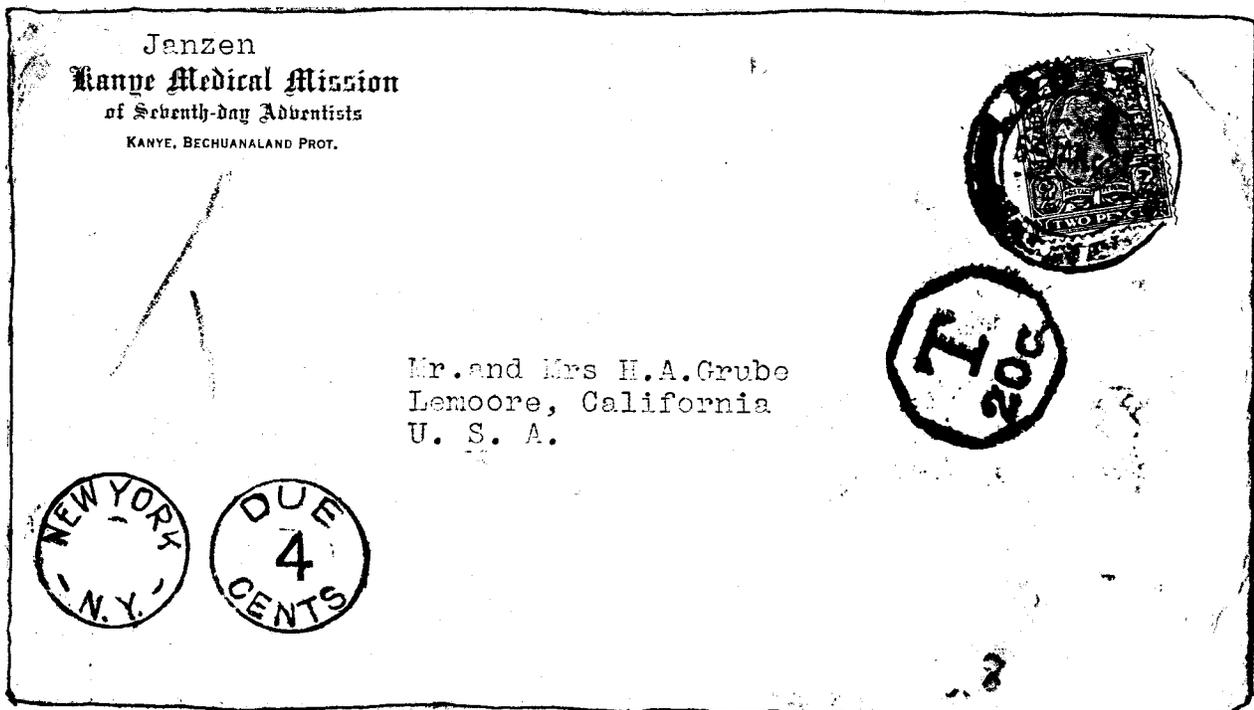
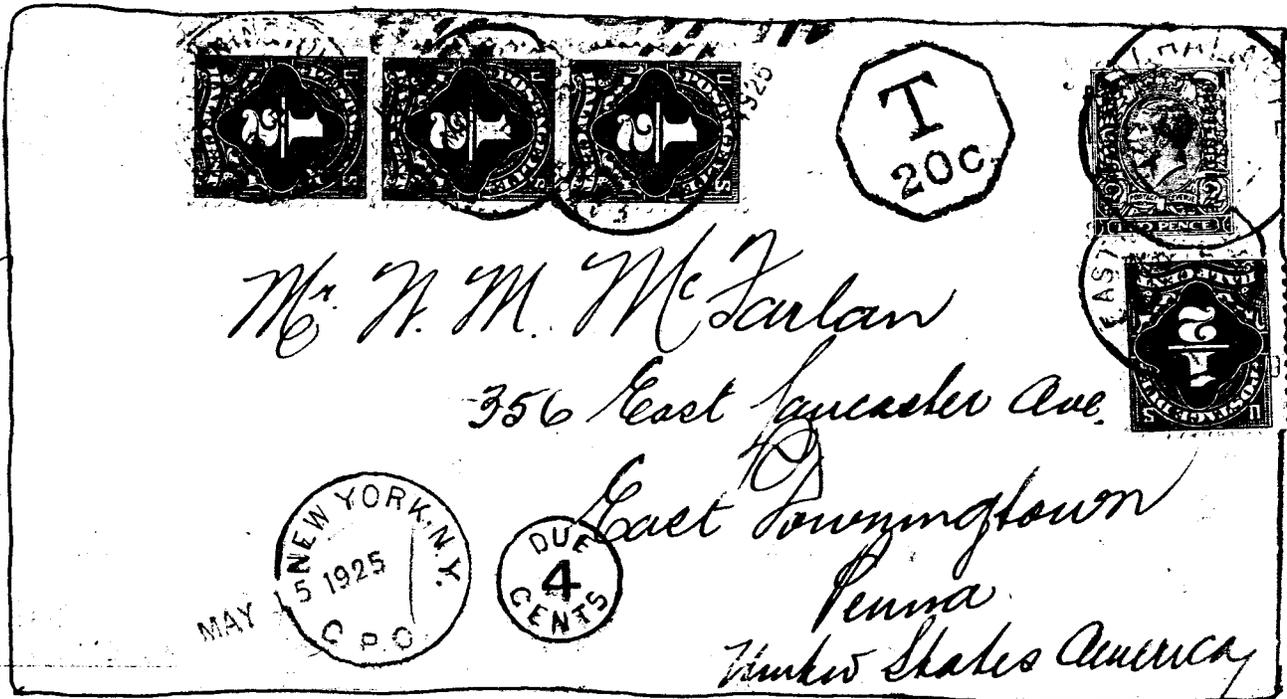
Those interested in receiving new issues from RSA may do so by writing:

INTERSAFA, Private Bag X605, 0001 Pretoria, RSA

Foers would like to publish the addresses of the new issue agencies of the other countries of greater southern Africa for the convenience of collectors of modem material. Can you help?

Out of the archives comes two additional covers from the personal collection of our USA/int'l Rep, Dave. Wessely, shown on the next page. These are examples of external usages from Bechuanaland Protectorate (BP), carrying the postage due mark of another cotry. Their description is as follows:

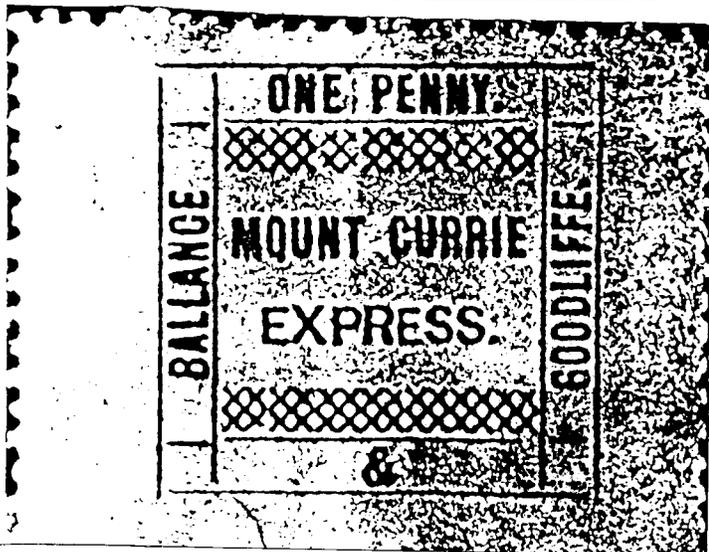
The top cover is from Mahalapye, BP, dated April 9, 1925 with **BP** 2d (Scott 99) to USA. It carries **P** octagonal T 20 c. Arrival is New York - May 15, 1 B with a due of 4c. Canceled in East Kensington, Pennsylvania with 1/2c due stamps (J 68). The second cover is from Lobatsi, BP with a 2d (Scott 99), dWlld Jan 5, 1932. Arrival in USA dated New York, **Acv** York, herWetamped with circular New York, due 4c and octagon T 20 a but there are no stamps affixed.



Our Director/Archives, Mr. Timmy Bartshe, sent in the following excellent photographs showing two examples of local post issues.

The first is a Mount Currie Express, stamp #11, row 4, position 2.

The second photo is of a Bakker Express 1/2d "Postage due" label on piece with ZAR (part)1d with 3-ring cancel (Pretoria)BPA certificate #63135.



SOCIETY PUBLICATION PROGRAM

Two issues ago, there was a brief announcement that the Society would be embarking upon a publications development program. This feature will provide updates on current efforts, as well as proposals for new projects.

What is exciting about this program is that all members are invited to participate at whatever level is desired. Some examples: (1) A project may have requirements for photocopies of covers/cancels and the like. (2) In other oases, members will be invited to participate as co-authors if they are so inclined. (3) If any member has an idea for a publication and would like to pursue it, this feature is just the place to "advertise" his/her intention and assistance desired from other interested members. (4) As a work approaches final draft stage, reviewers will be needed to assist for editing purposes.

Members are heartily encouraged to participate as described above. Each participant in a publication project will, of course, receive credit due.

There will be authors who work independently but wish to have their works come under Society sponsorship. Arrangements of this nature will be done on a previously agreed-upon, profit sharing basis. The **advantages** from a marketing standpoint should be obvious the Society journal and announcements are distributed and made known on a world-wide basis to: (1) members, (2) specialty groups, (3) affiliate organizations, e.g., APS, PFSA, (4) commercial advertisers and (5) philatelic magazines and newspapers via the Society's network of International Representatives.

Categories of documents falling within the scope of the Society Publications Program are: occasional papers, monographs and books. If you have an idea for a publication you would like to pursue, let it be known!

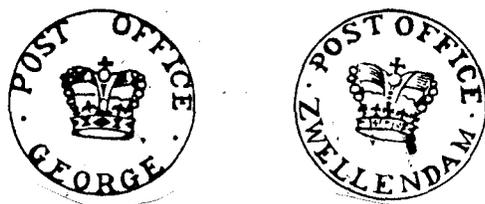
Project Updates

Postmark types study similar in scope and detail to Batten's two volume work on the Orange Free State. Focus is where each mark **was** used, i.e., town and the years of usage. **Part I** - Natal, **Part II** - Transvaal and **Part III** - CGH. Present work efforts are concentrated on Part I. Photocopies of relevant cancels/covers to be sent to either of the Project Coordinators: Tim Bartshe (address Inside front cover page) and Werner Seeba (address front cover page). Net proceeds will go to the Society publications fund,

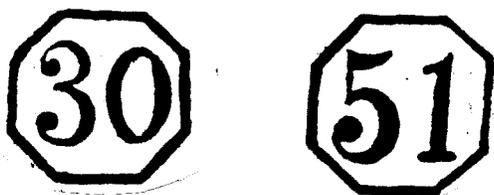
The following ongoing project is what we are calling a "reference anthology". The concept was discussed on page 6 of the Oct '90/Jan '91 issue. Basically, an anthology refers to a compilation of items from a variety of sources which focus on a particular philatelic subject area. Items appropriate for inclusion in an anthology include copies of previously published articles, stamps/covers/cancellations, cinderellas, BOB, reference lists, bibliographies-especially annotated, color plates from auction catalogues, etc. Proper credit will always be given to sources. Photocopies of covers and the like should always be accompanied by a brief description plus where the item came from, e.g., whose collection or which auction catalog, and so on.

Reference Anthology focusing upon CGH postal history and postmarks. Project proposal by Werner Seeba Project coordinated by the Editor. This will be a 5-part work, as follows:

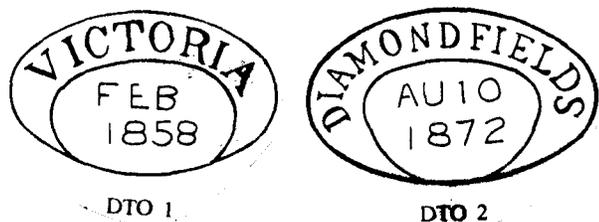
Part I - The Introduction of Country Post Offices



Part II - The Octogonal Numeral Stamps of 1849



Part III - The Dated Town Oval Handstamps of 1853



Part IV - The Double Arc Datestamp of 1857, with listings of the post offices and post office agencies of 1859.

Part V - The Barred Oval Numeral Cancellor of 1864, Numbers 1 through 200.



Werner has sent in a significant amount of cancel/cover illustrations, as well as a bit of narrative text. There are, of course a number of Cape collectors amongst the readership which can add greatly in making this work as comprehensive as possible. Any member possessing articles, covers, tracings, documents, Illustrated rate/route schedules, bibliographies, etc., related to any of the **above parts**, is urged to send clear copies to the Editor. (Do not forget to include brief descriptions and source credits.)

This is a tremendously exciting Society-sponsored project. Hopefully, it will propel our group into the forefront of scholarly contributions to the field of greater southern Africa philately.

Reference anthology on the "Lithe Knowns". Focus is on the following topics: The Camel Post At Village Mier, Griqualand East/West, Bakers/Mount Curie Express, The Commando Briefs. Materials should be sent to the Editor.

Occasional Papers and other topics. As mentioned earlier, any reader interested in collaborating on a specific topic should send the Editor a note to that effect which will be published in this section.

JUST A REMINDER

Please complete and return the enclosed surveys as requested - these are important matters requiring your input.

If you **are** planning to attend the May regional Society meeting, please let Guy Dillaway know. Program suggestions would also be appreciated.

Recruit a member - Editor has application materials.

FEATURE ARTICLES

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Editor's Note: Submission of articles for publication in this journal is accepted on an on-going basis. Articles should be in typewritten form and **have a maximum** length of five pages, not including illustrations. The latter should be the clearest copies possible. Originals of charts and graphs are preferable. It is requested that rather lengthy articles be serialized. Periodically, articles will appear which have been previously published elsewhere. This occurs when the subject of the work is judged to be of interest and value to Society members. Appropriate credit will be given in these **cases**. Forerunners has published 'guest articles' by non-members and will continue to do so. Guest authors receive a complimentary copy of the issue in which their article appears.

For **those** readers desiring a subject to write about, the following topics have been suggested by members to be ones they would like to see in this journal: Camel Post at the Village Mier, Bechuanaland Protectorate forgery identification of all pre-1870 stamps issued by countries covered by the Society * post office expansion related to the railways * postal rates/routes * joined places and postal history of the different smaller towns and villages * histories of post offices different postmark studies * studies concerning different numeral postmarks * dumb or cork cancellers * air crash mail * record flights and air races to/from southern Africa * machine postmarks and slogans used in the Rhodesias * identification of Cape triangle Scott and/or Gibbons numbers and **varieties** * the stamps of CGH and OFS * studies of major forgeries * postal rates by different classes of mail * discussions of postal systems such as RRs, messenger, ship, etc. * postal history of the pre-Union period * in-depth discussion of unusual covers * major errors of both the classic and contemporary periods * overprint varieties * military and related materials * perforation varieties * B-O-B interprovisional period * pre-adhesives * studies covering the philately of Swaziland, Basutoland, Zululand and RSA * Mafeking forerunners * the Bechuanalands * Bophuthatswana * involvement in 2nd Anglo-Boer War and the siege stamps * updates, additions, corrections, expansions of Andries van der Walt's monograph "Mafeking: A Study of the Development of the Postal History of Mafeking From 1881 to 1910" local posts * cinderellas * philately of Malawi, Botswana and the Homelands * Rhodesia forerunners and Double Heads/Admirals * booklets * perfins * expeditionary mail

South African military Censorship Of World War II

By: Irving Barron . California, USA

With the outbreak of war in Europe, the Union of South Africa, under the leadership of General J. C. Smuts, declared war on Germany on September 6, 1939. In the ensuing months came further declarations of war against the balance of the Axis powers.

The Union Defense Forces (UDF), composed of all services-army, navy, air force and merchant marine-were to distinguish themselves in battle throughout the war. Initially made up of volunteers who were legally prohibited from serving overseas, only the mobilization efforts of General Smuts enabled South Africa to play an active part in the war. The response, particularly from the English speaking South Africans amply met the requirements of the military. There were many Afrikaner speaking South Africans on the battlefields of North Africa and Italy who saw the war as General Smuts did and distinguished themselves.

With war comes the necessity of military and civilian censorship. Figures 1 and 1 A illustrate the UDF ROUTINE ORDERS applying to military censorship. Though these orders were clearcut in regard to military censor devices, we find that many times civilian censor seals (LIC8 Label) were used on military mail. You will note also that all censorship information handstamps and seals are printed in English, as well as Afrikaans.

The following illustrations will show different censorship markings used on military mail from posting point to destination. The covers illustrated in Figures 2 through 6 **have** unit censor handstamps, as required by THE

ROUTINE ORDER, paragraph 1 & Figure 2 shows use of the airmail rate with stamps. Figure 3 shows free franked surface mail. Figures 4 and 5 show use of air letter rate with stamps. Figure 6 shows a free franked cover but censored by civilian censor with UC8 seal.

Figures 7, 8, 9 and 10 are covers relating to the Kaffrarian Rifles Regiment-South-African Army-who fought at Bardia and then had the misfortune of being taken prisoner at Tobruk June 21 at 1942.

Members of the Kaffrarian Rifles Regiment were separated and sent to **various** POW camps in Italy. With the capitulation of Italy in September 1943, many ended up in German Stalags for the remainder of the war.

On Figure 7 you will notice the US Censorship Department of Defense, Pretoria Figure 10 is another instance handstamp. On Figure A in this instance, only British of the use of the civilian UC8 censor seal for censor military censor with no South African mark In the case purposes. of Figure 9, we have an illustration of the censored A news item in the London Times, April 17, 1943, reports postal telegram sent to Mrs. Dorothy Tubb by the the necessity of using the South African Military

Figure 1

No. 157.

§ G.P.S.35614—1942-3—1,308.

UNION DEFENCE FORCES:
ROUTINE ORDERS.



UNIE-VERDEDIGINGSMAG.
ROETINE-ORDERS.

BY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR PIERRE VAN RYNEVELD,
K.R.E., D.S.O., M.C., CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS,
PRETORIA, 30TH MAY 1942.

UITGEVAARDIG DEUR LUITENANT-GENERAAL SIR PIERRE VAN
RYNEVELD, K.R.E., D.S.O., M.C., HOOF VAN DIE
GENERALE STAF.

VERDEDIGINGSHOOFKWARTIER,
PRETORIA, 30 Mei 1942.

[A.G. (2) 60/3/174.]

R.O. 767.—MILITARY CENSORSHIP.

1. With effect from date of promulgation of this Order, Military Censorship will come into force in the Union, in accordance with this Order and with the Military Censorship Regulations (M.C. 1.) issued by the Deputy Director of Military Intelligence, which will be deemed part of this Order. All officers of the U.D.F. will thoroughly acquaint themselves with these Censorship Regulations.

2. For the information of all concerned the following clauses are quoted from the Censorship Regulations:—

(A) Scope (Para. 2).

(i) All correspondence, meaning letters, postcards, parcels, and telegrams, to and from the following personnel, excepting those specified in sub-section (ii) of this paragraph, is subject to Military Censorship:—

- (a) All U.D.F. Military Personnel;
- (b) Civilians employed by the U.D.F.
- (c) Attached Allied Personnel.

(ii) The correspondence of the following is exempt from censorship, subject to amendment:—

- (a) Officers of the rank of Brigadier, Commodore, Air Commodore and upwards;
- (b) Personnel stationed at Defence Headquarters and similar Defence establishments housed in premises other than Military Camps, and the personnel of all Command Headquarters.
- (c) Part-time members of the Union Forces.

(B) Control (Para. 3).

(i) Union Military Censorship is controlled by the Deputy Director of Military Intelligence, Defence Headquarters, Pretoria.

(ii) Attached to each Command in the Union is a Censorship Section, known as Command Censorship Headquarters, which will deal with all censorship matters inside the Command.

(C) Procedure (Para. 4).

(i) Commissioned Officers of the South African Army and allied officers attached to the Union Forces will censor their own correspondence.

(ii) Each officer will be responsible for the censorship of the correspondence of the personnel under his or her immediate command. Such officers are known as Unit Censor Officers.

(iii) No female officer will censor the correspondence of any male personnel.

(iv) Female personnel will have the right to request that their correspondence be censored by female officers only.

(D) Posting of Correspondence (Para. 14).

All personnel as specified in para. 2 (i) of the Censorship Regulations will transmit their correspondence through military postal channels only, except in the case of absences as defined and provided for in para. 16. The use of the civil post boxes and other postal facilities is strictly forbidden.

R.O. 767.—MILITÊRE SENSUUR.

1. Met ingang van die datum waarop hierdie order gepromulgeer word, sal 'n militêre sensuur ooreenkomstig hierdie order en die militêre sensuurregulasies (M.C. 1.), wat deur die adjunk-direkteur van die militêre inligtingsdiens uitgevaardig is en wat geag word deel van hierdie order te wees, in die Unie van krag word. Alle offisiere van die U.V.M. moet hul tereë op die hoogte stel van die sensuurregulasies. 2. Onderstaande klousules uit die sensuurregulasies word ter inligting van alle betrokkenes aangehaal:—

(A) *Beleë* (artikel 2).

(i) Alle skrywens, d.w.s. briewe, poskaarte, pakkette en telegramme aan of van die volgende personeel, met uitsondering van dié wat in (A) (i) genoem word, is aan die militêre sensuur onderhewig:

- (a) Alle militêre personeel van die U.V.M.;
- (b) burgerlike persone wat in diens van die U.V.M. is;
- (c) toegevoegde Geallieerde personeel.

(ii) Behoudens teenbepaling is die skrywens van ondergenoemde nie aan sensuur onderhewig nie:—

- (a) Offisiere met minstens die rang van brigadier, kommodoor ter see, en lugkommodoor;
- (b) die personeel aan die Verdedigingshoofkwartier en dergelyke Verdedigingsinrigtings wat in plekke behalwe militêre kampe gevestig is, en die personeel van alle kommando-mentshoofkwartiere;
- (c) deelydse lede van die Unie se strydmag.

(B) *Beheer* (artikel 3).

(i) Die Unie se militêre sensuur staan onder beheer van die adjunk-direkteur van die militêre inligtingsdiens, Verdedigingshoofkwartier, Pretoria.

(ii) Aan elke Kommandoement in die Unie is daar 'n sensuursafdeling toegevoeg, wat die sensuurhoofkwartier van die kommandoement en alle sensuurangelsentende binnê die kommandoement behandel.

(C) *Handelwyse* (artikel 4).

(i) Kommissie-offisiere van die Suid-Afrikaanse Strydmag en Geallieerde offisiere wat aan die Unie se strydmag toegevoeg is, moet hulle eie skrywens nagaan.

(ii) Elke offisier sorg dat die skrywens van die personeel wat onder sy of haar onmiddellike bevel staan, nagegaan word. So 'n offisier heet die eenheidsensuuroffisier.

(iii) Geen vroue-offisier moet die skrywens van manlike personeel nagaan nie.

(iv) Vrouepersoneel sal die reg hê om te versoek dat hul skrywens deur vroue-offisiere nagegaan word.

(D) *Dié Pos van Skrywens* (artikel 14).

Alle personeel wat in 2 (i) van die sensuurregulasies genoem word, moet hul skrywens elegs lange die weg vereis deur die militêre postowerheid afstuur, behalwe die afwesiges by artikel 16 omskryf, waarna bepaal word wat hulle in hierdie verband moet doen. Dit is streng belet om van burgerlike posbusse en ander posgeriewe gebruik te maak.

(E) Correspondence of Absentees (Para. 16).

Personnel on leave, or in hospital, who have no facilities for having their correspondence censored, may avail themselves of the civil postal service. All such correspondence, however, must bear the full military postal address of the writer and must be endorsed on the cover as follows: "Military Personnel on Leave" or "Military Personnel in Hospital." Such personnel will be required to produce their leave certificates upon demand from any postal official.

3. R.O. 688, dated 28th June 1941, which appears as Clause 9 in the Censorship Regulations, is amended to read as follows:—

- (i) Any officer or soldier is forbidden to publish in, or communicate to, the Press, either directly or indirectly, any military information, or his views on any military subject, or any information relating to his experiences whilst serving with the Forces, without special authority; he will be held responsible for all statements contained in communications to his friends which may subsequently be published in the Press or otherwise.
- (ii) If it is desired to make such publication the Command Censorship Headquarters must be approached through the usual channels for the necessary authority. Any application must be accompanied by two copies of the statement it is intended to publish.
- (iii) Attention is directed to Orders and Instructions 20, 21, 22 and 23 to the Military Discipline Code.

Censor Stamps (Para. 16).

- (i) Censor stamps are issued by the D.D.M.I. to all Units, Departments or individuals, as considered necessary, for the purpose of impressing such Censor stamps on all censored correspondence before posting or despatch.
- (ii) Censor stamps, like secret documents, will at all times be properly safeguarded.
- (iii) Each stamp is distinguished by a number and stamps are not transferable. They will be used only by the Commanding Officer of the unit, area, garrison, post or department to whom they are issued, or by an officer appointed by him who will be known as the Unit Censor Stamp Holder.
- (iv) Every precaution will be taken to prevent a Censor Stamp from falling into improper hands, or being lost. If in danger of capture by the enemy, it will be destroyed. The loss of a stamp will be reported immediately by signal to the D.D.M.I. direct, and a report forwarded as early as possible explaining the circumstances.
- (v) If a unit which holds a censor stamp is disbanded or leaves U.D.F. Command, the Censor Stamp will be returned to the D.D.M.I., D.H.Q., Pretoria. If such a unit is materially modified in composition, or is altered in designation, a notification will be sent to the D.D.M.I.

5. All existing military censor stamps or such other stamps as hitherto used for military censorship purposes in the Union are herewith recalled. All such stamps will be sent per registered sealed package to the D.D.M.I. at Defence Headquarters.

(E) Skrywers van Afwesiges (artikel 16).

Personeel wat met verlof of in die hospitaal is waar daar geen sensuur-geriewe is nie, kan van die burgerlike posdiens gebruik maak. Op al sulke skrywens moet daar egter die volledige militêre posadres, die skrywer wees en op die omslag moet geskryf staan: "Militêre personeel met verlof" of "Militêre personeel in die hospitaal". Dié personeel moet op aanvraag van 'n posbeampte hul verlofsertifikaat toon.

3. R.O. 688 van 28 Junie 1941, wat klousule 9 van die sensuurregulasies uitmaak, is gewysig en lui soos volg:—

- (i) 'n Offisier of 'n soldaat mag hoegenaamd geen militêre inligting of sy mening oor 'n militêre onderwerp of inligting betreffende sy ondervindings terwyl hy by die strydmagte diensdoen, publiseer of direk of indirek aan die pers mededeel sonder spesiale magtiging daartoe nie. Hy is verantwoordelik vir alle verklaarings vervat in mededelings aan sy vriende, as hierdie medelings miskien later in die pers of andersins verskyn.
- (ii) Indien hy verlang om so iets te publiseer, moet die sensuurhoofkwartier van die kommando langs die gewone weg om die nodige magtiging genader word. By elke aansoek moet daar twee afskrifte van die verklaring wees wat vir publikasie bedoel is.
- (iii) Die aandaag word govestig op Orders en Instruksies 20, 21, 22 en 23 by die Règlement van Dissipline.

4. Sensuurstempels (artikel 16):

- (i) Die adjunk-D.M.I.D. gee aan alle eenhede, departemente of persone wat hy nodig ag sensuurstempels uit om alle skrywens wat nagegaan is, te stempel voordat hulle gepos of afgestuur word.
- (ii) Die sensuurstempels moet, net soos geheime dokumente, ten allen tyde behoorlik bewaar word.
- (iii) Sensuurstempels, elkeen waarvan 'n onderskeidingsnommer het, is nie oordraagbaar nie. So 'n stempel word net deur die eenheid, gebied, garnisoen of pos so bevoelvoerder of die departementshoof aan wie dit uitgegee is, of deur 'n offisier deur hom aangestel, gebruik. So 'n offisier heet die eenheid se bewaarder van die sensuurstempel.
- (iv) Elke voorsorgemaatregel moet getref word, ten einde te voorkom dat 'n sensuur stempel verlore raak of in die besit van ongemagtigdes kom. As daar govor bestaan dat dit in vyandbesit kan val, moet die vernietig word. Die verlies van 'n stempel moet onmiddellik telegrafies geregistreer aan die adj. D.M.I.D. gerapporteer en 'n verslag oor die omstandighede daarvan sodra moontlik ingestuur word.
- (v) As 'n eenheid wat 'n sensuurstempel bowaar, ontbind word of onder bevel van die U.V.M. uitgaan, moet die stempel aan die adj. D.M.I.D., V.H.K., Pretoria teruggestuur word. As so 'n eenheid van naam of wesenlik van samestelling verander, moet die adj. D.M.I.D. daarvan verwittig word.

5. Die gebruik van bestaande militêre sensuurstempels of ander stempels wat tot hiertoe in die Unie vir die doel aangewend is, word gestaak en al hierdie stempels moet in verselde pakkies per geregistreerde pos aan die adj. D.M.I.D., V.H.K., gestuur word.

Hospital for British troops wounded in the Middle East area: "South African Aid: A letter from a young Englishwoman, published on another page, gives a vivid and heartening description of the conditions in which thousands of invalid soldiers belonging to British units from the Middle East are being nursed back to health in South Africa. The length of the lines of the communication from Egypt to the United Kingdom has made it impossible in this war to send more than a handful of the sick and wounded home for their convalescence. They have had to be cared for either on the spot or else in the nearest areas under allied

control where there was a climate favourable to recovery. Palestine, Syria and the highlands of Eritrea are such countries; but a large proportion of men for whom a long convalescence is necessary have been sent to South Africa. Chest cases in particular have been selected to go south. In the Union they have the opportunity of recovering in a healthy climate and in surroundings of great beauty; and, as our correspondent shows, they enjoy there the same kindly care, sympathy, and hospitality that they might expect to receive in a hospital at home.'

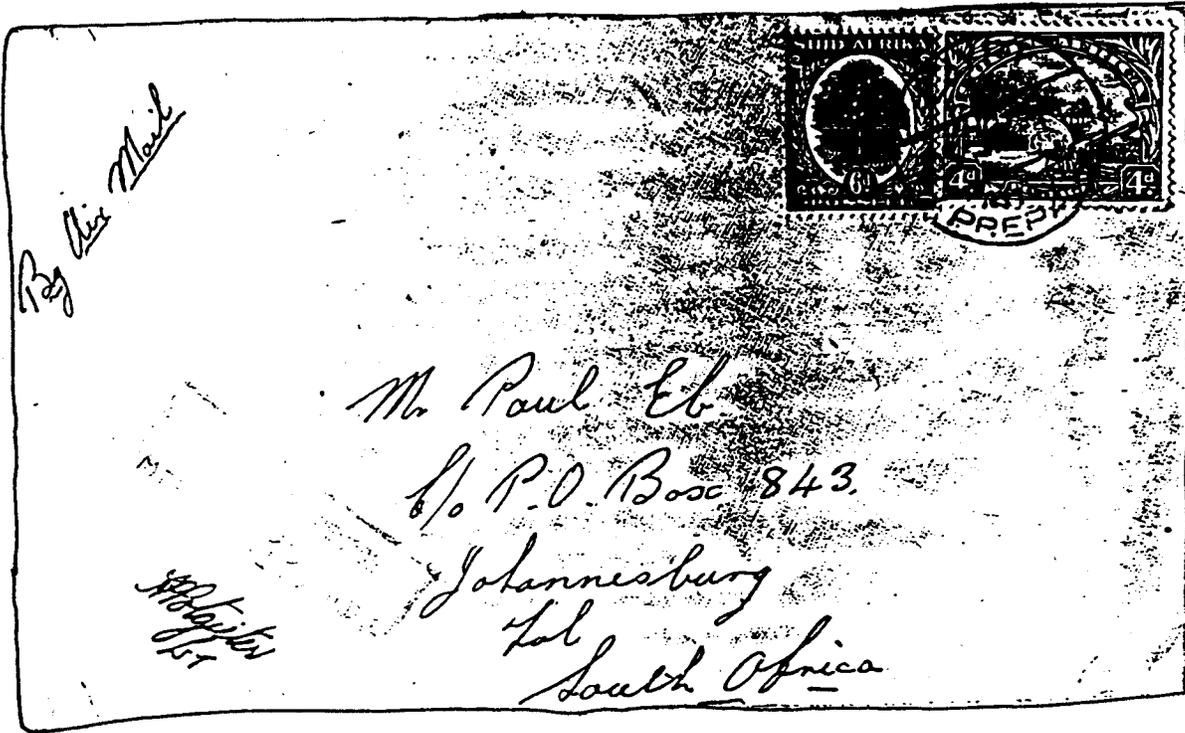


FIGURE 2
August 25, 1941
Military Censor
18F. This censor
stamp used by
S. A. army unit
in Egypt.

South African
stamp used by
sender to cover
air rate.

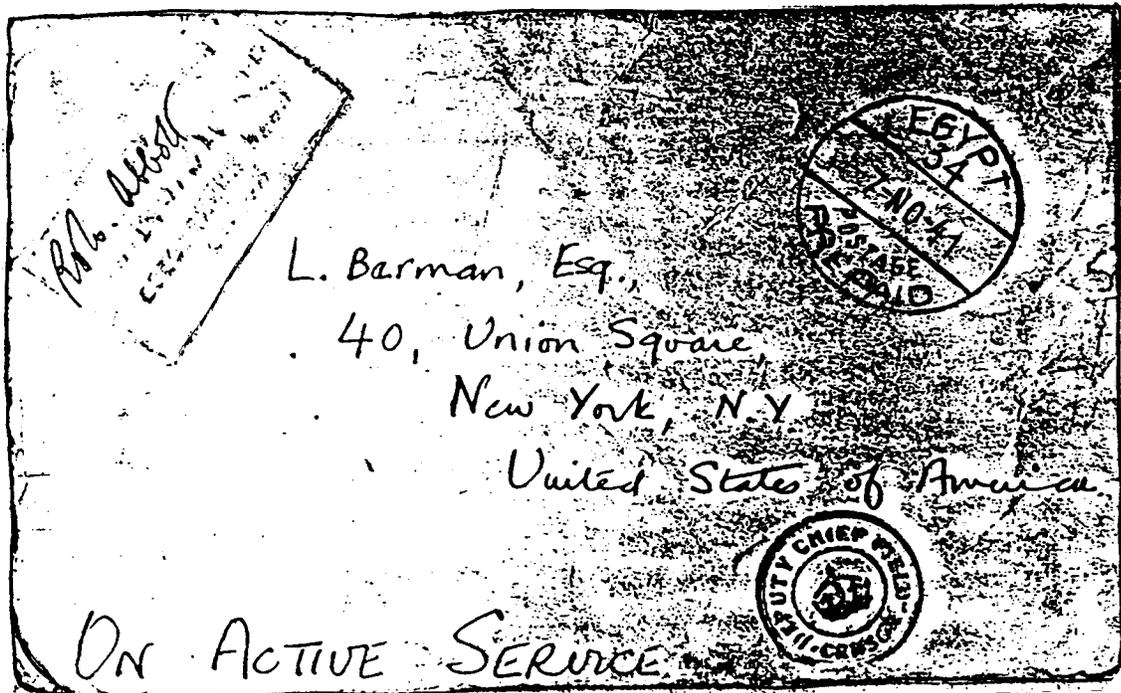


FIGURE 3
Nov. 7, 1941
Military cen
sor #316 Thi
censor stamp
used by S. A
army in Egypt
*Note Deputy
chief field
censor used
in Cairo

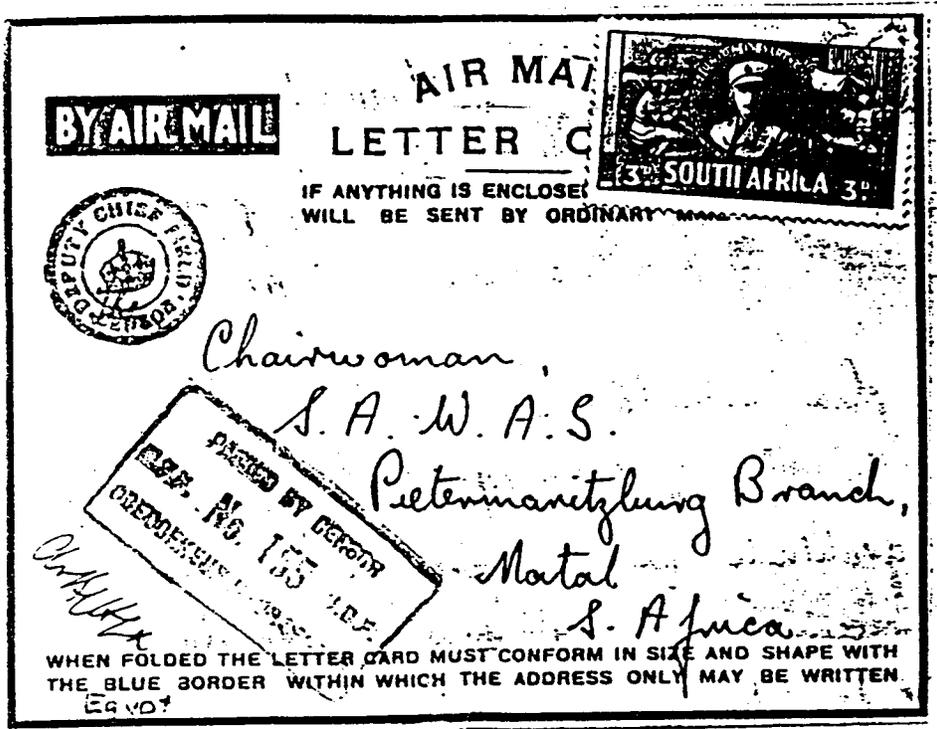


FIGURE 4
January 1, 1943
Military censor
This censor
stamp used by
2nd Squadron
South African
Air Force in
Egypt.

*Deputy chief
censor. Egypt-
ian based units

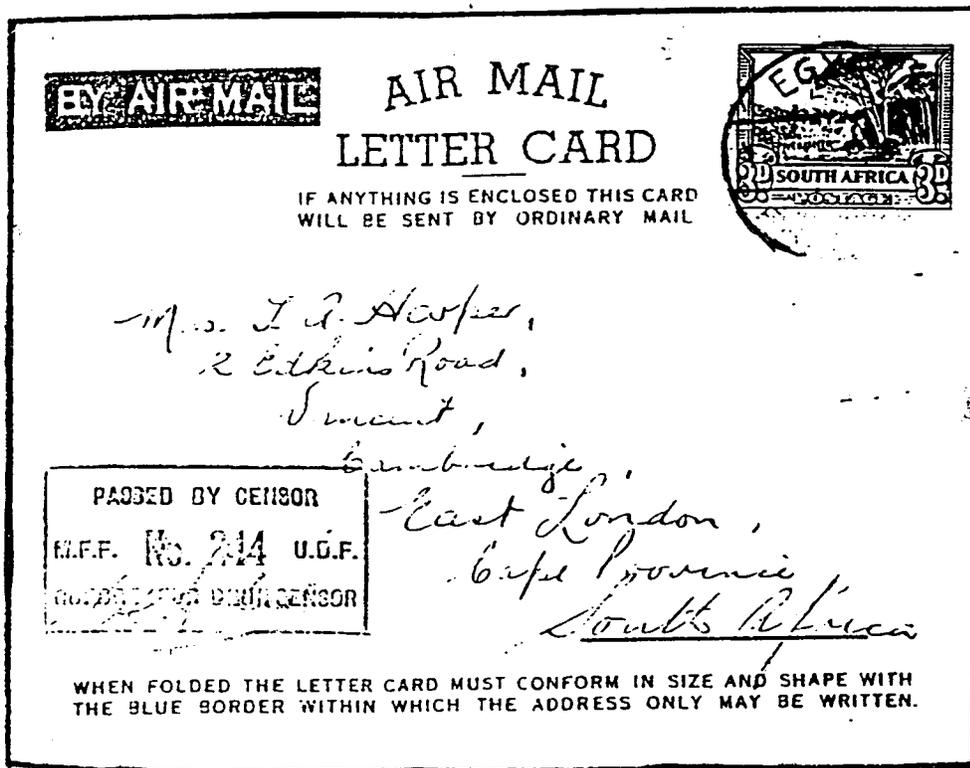


FIGURE 5
June 12, 1941.
Military censor
#244: This cen-
sor stamp was
used by the
KAFFRARIAN
RIFLES REGI-
MENT South
African army
while based in
Egypt.

*MFF-Mobile
FIELD FORCE
*UDF Union
Defense Force.

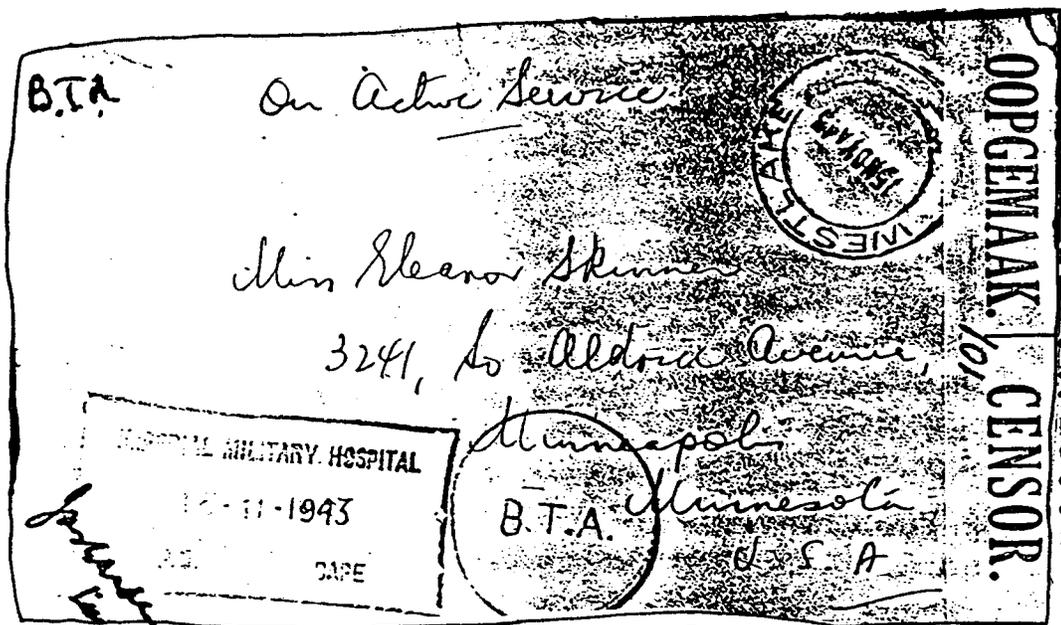


FIGURE 6
November 15, 1943. This imperial military hospital censor with the added BTA (British Troops in Africa) handstamp. This cover was also censored by civil censors using the familiar UCS tape.

FIGURE 7

June 15, 1943. This cover (Airmail) sent BY Wilfred Dobson, Sergeant Kaffrarian Rifles S. A. A. from P. O. W. camp located near Rome. This is a U. S. Censorship handstamp and quite scarce when used on South African P. O. W. mail.

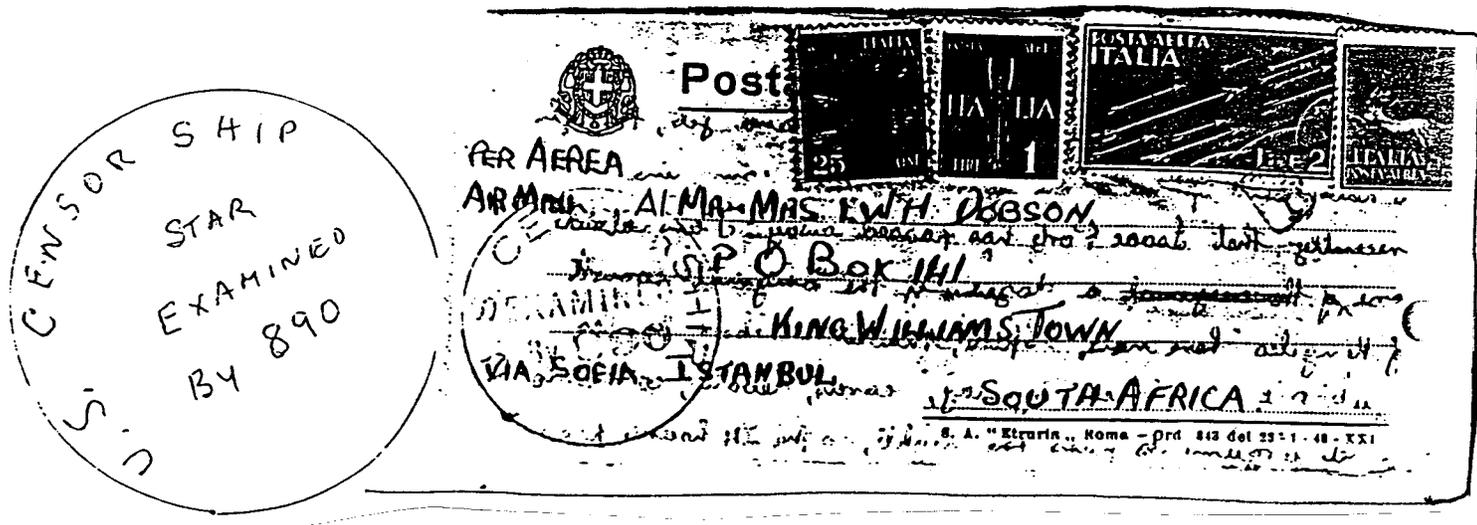




FIGURE 8
January 5, 1942 This letter sent by Harry Harper Sgt. Kffraria Rifles S. A. A. in the Egyptian area in the field. This is a British Crown Censor handstamp.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.—PUSKANI FOURTELEGRAAFDIEN

G.P. 84340—1943 4—5,000.

Transit Serial No.	Class	Message No.	Invoice No.	Word	Rate	Time of Handing in	Time of delivery
		ZE 202	G PRETORIA	48/43	37/40PH		
PASSED BY CENSOR GEUR DIE CENSUR COEDGEKUR							
MRS D M TUBB FLAT 1 16 WOLSELEYSTREET EAST LONDON							
WRC79/22220/M/P DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE HAS PLEASURE IN INFORMING YOU TH YOUR HUSBAND WO 11 NEVILLE WALTER TUBB RELEASED BY OUR FORCES IN ITALY, KINDLY ADVISE MOTHER MRS E W R C TUBB ACCORDINGLY = DEWAREC + WRC79/22220/M/P LI UD 11							

G.P. 84340—1943 4—5,000.



WRC79/22220/M/P

Officer-in-Charge
War Records,
Hamilton Street,
PRETORIA.
Dear Mrs Tubb,
10 MAR 1944

It affords me great pleasure to confirm my telegram informing you that your husband Warrant Officer Neville Walter Tubb, who was a prisoner of war has been released by our forces in Italy.

I am unable at present to furnish any further information but you may rest assured that immediately any news comes to hand concerning him you will at once be advised.

Yours truly,

P. Smith

FIGURE 9

Military censorship did not only apply to postal mail. In this instance, Mrs Dorothy Tubb, wife of Neville Walter Tubb, Sergeant Kkaffrarian Rifles S. A. A., was advised in a censored postal telegram sent by South African Army Dept. of Defense, Pretoria. It was confirmed by letter at the same time that her husband was released by allied forces in Italy.

FIGURE 10

March 30, 1945. This airletter sent to Sgt Harry Harper, The Kaffrarian Rifles, Stalag VIIA Moosburg, Germany by his father. It was censored by South African censors and returned to East London. In this case, it was probably due to the content of the Airletter. Note the UC8 seal and East London postmark June 12, 1945



In the study of South African Postal History during World War 11, military and civil censorship devices used during this period (U.C. 8 seal) in many instances overlapped into military mail. Civilian mail at times probably had military censorship upon reaching and army base or field unit.. The added instances of British military handstamps and U. S. military censor devices used on South African military mail provides an aura of mystery to the study.

The chase goes on!!

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CO.. J. A. Combrinck-Chief S. A. Defence Force Archives, Pretoria

South African Aid

A letter from a young Englishwoman, published on another page, gives a vivid and heartening description of the conditions in which thousands of invalid soldiers belonging to British units from the Middle East are being nursed back to health in South Africa. The length of the lines of communication from Egypt to the United Kingdom has made it impossible in this war to send more than a handful of the sick and wounded home for their convalescence. They have had to be cared for either on the spot or else in the nearest areas under allied control where there was a climate favourable to recovery. Palestine, Syria, and the highlands of Eritrea

NEWS ITEM-LONDON TIMES,
April 17, 1943 reports the
necesssity of using the
South African Military Hos-
pital for British troops
wounded in theMiddle East
area.

are such countries ; but a large proportion of men for whom a long convalescence is necessary have been sent to South Africa. Chest cases in particular have been selected to go south. In the Union they have the opportunity of recovering in a healthy climate and in surroundings of great beauty ; and, as our correspondent shows, they enjoy there the same kindly care, sympathy, and hospitality that they might expect to receive in a hospital at home.

Union Defence Force Repatriation Unit (UK) (The APO Cancellations) By: W. A Page

FRPS,L - England

During mid-11944 a Union Defence Force Repatriation Unit was set up at Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire, UK and in August 1944 it **was** joined by a Postal Section then recently returned from the Middle East, and an Army Post Office opened on 30th August 1944.

The Repatriation unit **was** closed at Great Missenden and transferred to Brighton on 16th September, together with the APO, which reopened a couple of days later.

At the request of the South African High Commission in London, an APO also operated in London, primarily to handle and redirect mail to South African personnel seconded to the British Army and Air Force.

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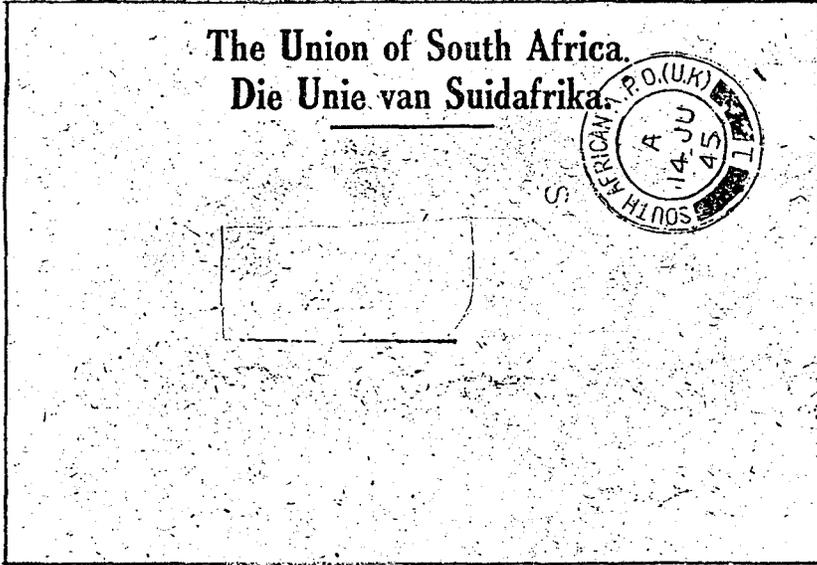
The first batch of South African prisoners of war arrived in UK on 4th April, 1945, and the first direct mail from the Unit to South Africa **was** dispatched on 10th May, 1945 in an aircraft carrying ex-POWs back to South Africa. In all, eight APO's were set up under the Repatriation unit's operation. Four unique type SA-APO handstamps in the style of the British Field Post Office handstamps were supplied, numbered 1 to 4 inclusive. In addition, four standard British FPO numbered handstamps were also provided, No's 151, 152, 153 and 419. Those most common of the cancellations is SA APO (UK) 1 found on repatriated POW mail. The others are seldom seen, apart from the occasional philatelic use.. All eight were used as shown below. On the next page are cancellation illustrations.

SA-APO (UK) 1 & FPO 419	-	UDF Repatriation Unit, Great Missenden.	30th.Aug.1944 to 18th.Sept 1944
SA-APO (UK) 1 & FPO 419 *	& 2	POW Reception Camp HQ, Brighton.	20th.September 1944 to 6th. November 1945. * only to December 1944
FPO 151		No.1 Group POW Reception Camp, Brighton.	4th.October 1944 to 25th.August 1945.
FPO 152		No.2 Group POW Reception Camp, Brighton	4th.October 1944 to 25th.August 1945.
FPO 419		No's 3 & 4 Groups POW Reception Camps, Brighton	24th.April 1945 to 25th.August 1945.
FPO 153		No.5 Group POW Reception Camp, Brighton	19th.April 1945 to 25th.August 1945
FPO 153 (2nd handstamp)		No.109 S.A.General Hospital, Preston Park , Brighton	11th.May 1945 to 25th.August 1945.
SA-APO (UK) 3		non-European Reception Camp, Horsham, Sussex.	1st.November 1944 to 11th.August 1945.
SA-APO (UK) 4		London - 33 Grand Arcade.	27th.November 1944 to 14th.July 1945.
		London, Princes Gate, Kensington.	15th.July 1945 to 28th.November 1945.

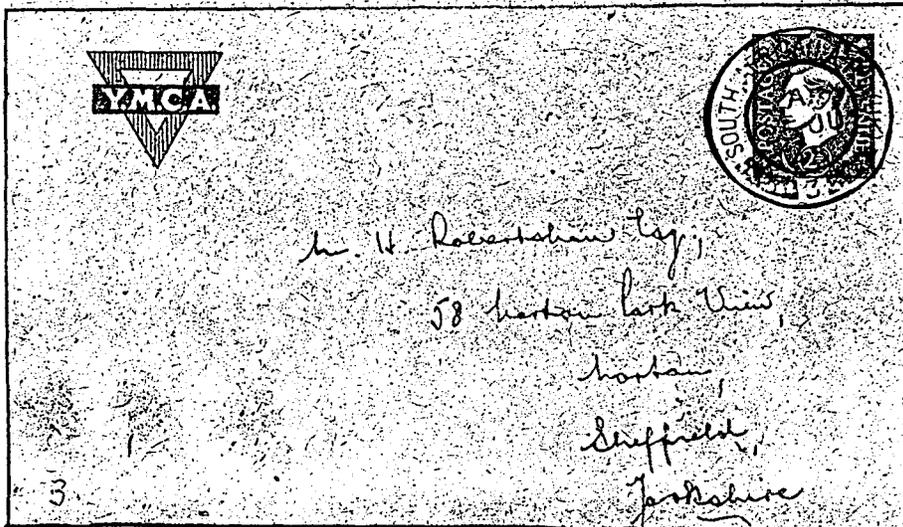
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UNION DEFENCE FORCE REPATRIATION UNIT (UK)

THE CANCELLATIONS.



14th. June 1945. SA-APO (UK) 1 - Airgraph envelope



25th. June 1945. SA-APO (UK) 3 - YMCA envelope.



FPO 419

7th. July 1945

SA-APO (UK) 2

18th. June 1945

SA-APO (UK) 4

20th. June 1945

The Free State "Postcard Stamps": The Locally-Printed postal Card Provisionals

By: Tim Bartshe - Colorado, USA

Postal stationery was first used by the Orange Free State in 1884 when it issued a 1 d definitive printed by T. de la Rue and Co. Occasional shortages of these definitives caused the creation of what has been called *the "Postcard Stamps"*. These were created by **affixing** the current 1 d stamp on a postal card blank and overprinting it with the Arms of the Republic along with the words 'BRIEF KAART' and sometimes, address lines. Subsequent lowering of the internal, as well as the external rates in the early 1890's caused the issuance of additional provisionals which incorporated the use of the 1/2d stamps. The details as to the timing and style of printing can be found in the OFSSC's 'he Stamps of the Orange Free State'. What I would like to discuss in this article is how to differentiate one type from another.

Just recently, Stanley Gibbons has listed these "Postcard Stamps" as numbers P1-P12 with varieties. They have attempted to describe the five types of Arms overprints. Identification of each is necessary if one is to collect these interesting postal items. The problem with their distinctions is that the cows used to define one type from another are difficult to see in the best copies. The following descriptions, along with photographs at high magnification, will provide **an almost** foolproof method to separate one from the other without a hand lens (and a vivid imagination).

1. TYPE (a) - Die 1: This die is the easiest to distinguish, because it only occurs on the 1 d brown card and is very scarce. All of the 1 d brown cards have a border of *W's with "O"s in each corner. This is SG #P1.

2. TYPE (b) - Die 2: This die first appears on the 1/2d cards as well as the rarer printing of the 1 d on 3d ultramarine. The remaining three printings of the 1 d brown are of this type also. Flags are on each side of the shield, but the important difference is that the circle surrounding the main portions of the design is single as can be seen in Figure 1. These are listed as **80 #P1 a, P2 and Pa**

3. TYPE (c) - Die 3: Two printings occur with this die; the more common 1 d on 3d ultramarine (P3a) and one 1/2d (P2a). As with Type (b), flags are present but the circle mentioned above is double-lined and is easily visible (Figure 2) on all examples I have seen,

regardless of how heavy or light the inking, it should be noted that all of the varieties which occur on the 1891 postal issue of the 1 d on 3d ultramarine can be found on these postal cards. This would include the dropped "d" and wide spaced value varieties which would be true rarities indeed.

(4) TYPE (d) - Die 4: The last two Types do not have the flags on either side of the shield. These represent the majority of the printings of the 1/2d provisionals. Type (d) may be distinguished on the same basis as Type (b), in that the circle is single (Figure 3). These printings are represented by P2b on the 1/2d chestnut and P9 on the 1/2d orange. The point of the shield is blunt except for one printing on the 1/2d chestnut which has a pointed shield shown in Figure 4.

(5) TYPE (e) - Die 5: This last Type has a double-lined circle similar to Type (c) and exists on the 1/2d chestnut (P2c) and 1/2d orange (P9&). This is illustrated in Figure 5. Another printing had the addition of a *1/2d" in black, listed as P8 (Figure 6).

Many minor differences occur within the printing of the letters "BRIEF KAART" and in the spacing of the address lines, but will not be dealt with here. For differentiation of the individual printings of the 1/2d provisionals, the length of the inscription "BRIEF KAART" is the major difference. Please refer to the OFSSC book for details.

At approximately the same time as the need for a 1/2d card rate came about the overseas rate became 11/2d. As no stamps existed in this value, provisional cards were created in a similar fashion as the **above** by surcharging the current 2d and 3d stamps. The illustrations given by Gibbons are adequate, but are enlarged in figures 7 through 12 to aid the reader in easier identification. The listings P4, P5 and P7 are overprinted with Type (b), P6 with Type (d), the sharp point variety and P10-12 with Type (e).

The valuations listed in the insert taken from the 1990 SG catalog **appear** to be in the right magnitude based upon each type's scarcity. My recent excursions into the retail postal history market, however, have shown a much higher price than this. Most dealers list according to Higgins & Gage, which I do not happen to own, so I can not comment on whether the recent edition displays the higher prices. I do know that the commoner types, particularly P2 and P2b should not

POSTCARD STAMPS

From 1889 onwards the Orange Free State Post Office sold postcards franked with adhesives as Type 1, some subsequently surcharged, over which the State Arms had been overprinted.



There are five known dies of the Arms overprint which can be identified as follows:

- (a) Shield without flags. Three cows (two lying down, one standing) at left. Point of shield complete.
- (b) Shield with flags. Four cows (two lying down, two standing) at left (illustrated).
- (c) Shield with flags. Three cows (one lying down, two standing) at left.
- (d) Shield without flags. Three cows (one lying down, two standing) at left.
- (e) Shield without flags. Three cows (two lying down, one standing) at left. Point of shield broken.

There are also other differences between the dies.

PRICES. Those in the left-hand column are for unused examples on complete postcard; those on the right for used examples off card. Examples used on postcard are worth more.

1889 (Feb). No. 2 (placed sideways on card) optd Shield Type (a).	
P1 1 1d. red-brown	60 00 30 00
a. Optd Shield Type (b)	20 00 5 00
1891 (Aug). No. 48 optd Shield Type (b).	
P2 1 1/2d. chestnut	2 00 1 00
a. Optd Shield Type (c)	6 00 3 00
b. Optd Shield Type (d)	3 00 1 50
c. Optd Shield Type (e)	7 00 3 50

1892 (June). No. 54 optd Shield Type (b).	
P3 1 1d. on 3d. ultramarine	60 00 35 00
a. Optd Shield Type (c)	7 00 2 00

1 1/2d. 1 1/2d. 1 1/2d.
(P 1) (P 2) (P 3)

1892 (Sept.)-95. Nos. 50/1 optd Shield Type (b) or (d) (No. P6) and surch with Types P 1/3.	
P4 1 1/2d. on 2d. bright mauve (Type P 1) (11.92)	5 00 2 50
P5 1 1/2d. on 2d. bright mauve (Type P 2) (9.93)	2 00 1 00
P6 1 1/2d. on 2d. brt mauve (Type P 3) (R) (6.95)	7 00 3 00
P7 1 1/2d. on 3d. ultramarine (Type P 4)	5 00 1 50

1 1/2d.
(P 4)

1895 (Aug). No. 48 optd Shield Type (e) and surch with Type P 4.	
P8 1 1/2d. on 1/2d. chestnut	6 00 2 00
1897 (Mar). No. 85 optd Shield Type (d).	
P9 1 1/2d. orange	6 00 1 00
a. Optd Shield Type (e)	7 00 2 00

1 1/2d. 1 1/2d.
(P 5) (P 6)

1897. No. 50 optd Shield Type (e) and surch with Types P 5/6.	
P10 1 1/2d. on 2d. bright mauve (Type P 5) (Mar)	3 00 2 00
P11 1 1/2d. on 2d. bright mauve (Type P 6) (Dec)	3 50 2 50
P12 1 1/2d. on 2d. bright mauve (as Type P 6, but without stop (Dec)	3 50 2 50



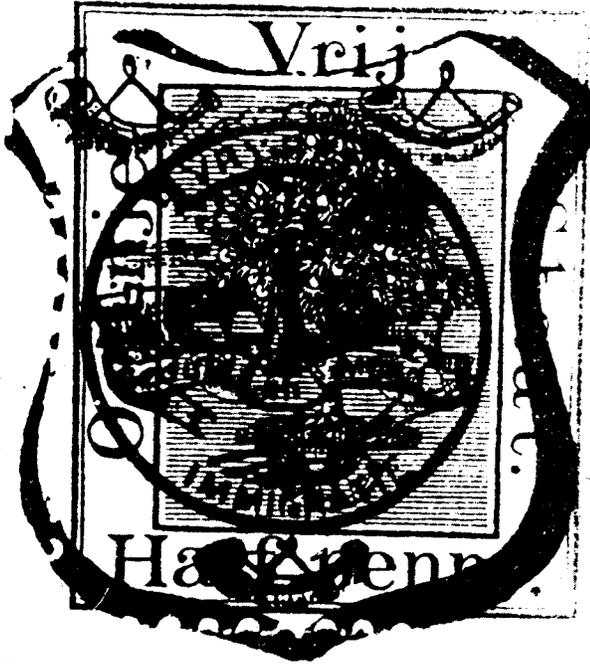


Figure 3: TYPE(d)[DIE 4]
"3 cows-1 recumbant, 2 standing"

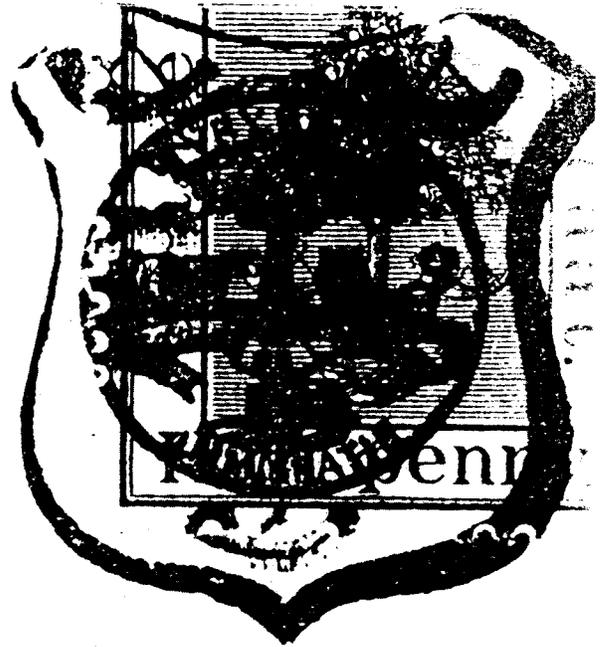


Figure 4: TYPE(d)[DIE 4]
As Figure 3 w/ sharp point to shield



Figure 5: TYPE(e)[DIE 5]
"3 cows-2 recumbant, 1 standing"



Figure 6: TYPE(e)[DIE 5]
w/ additional "½d", ovpt type 4



Figure 7: 1½d on 3d ultramarine, SG P7
Roman "I" and Antique "2" (thin type),
ovpt type P1

Figure 8: 1½d on 2d bright mauve, SG P4
Roman "1" and Antique "2" (thick type),
ovpt type P1

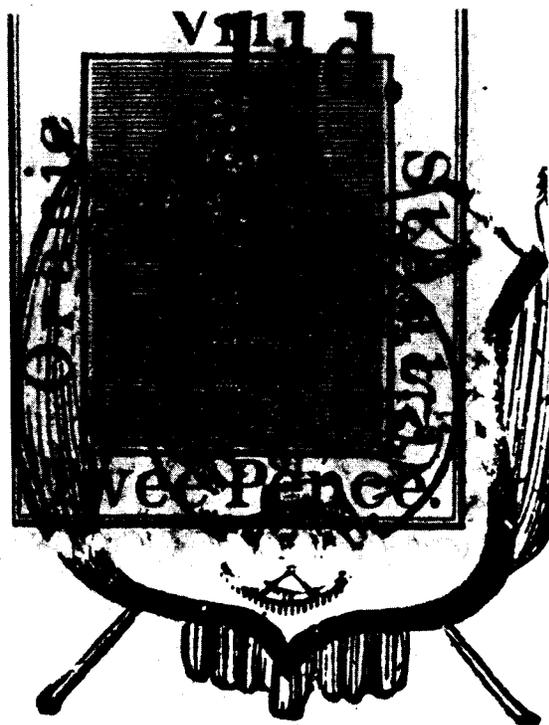


Figure 9: 1½d on 2d bright mauve, SG P5
Arabic fraction and smaller "d",
ovpt type P2

Figure 10: 1½d on 2d bright mauve, SG P6
Arabic fraction, in larger/thicker red font
ovpt type P3



Figure 12: 1½d on 2d bright mauve, SG P12
Thin "l" and fraction like Figure 10,
ovpt type P6
Variety, no stop after "d".

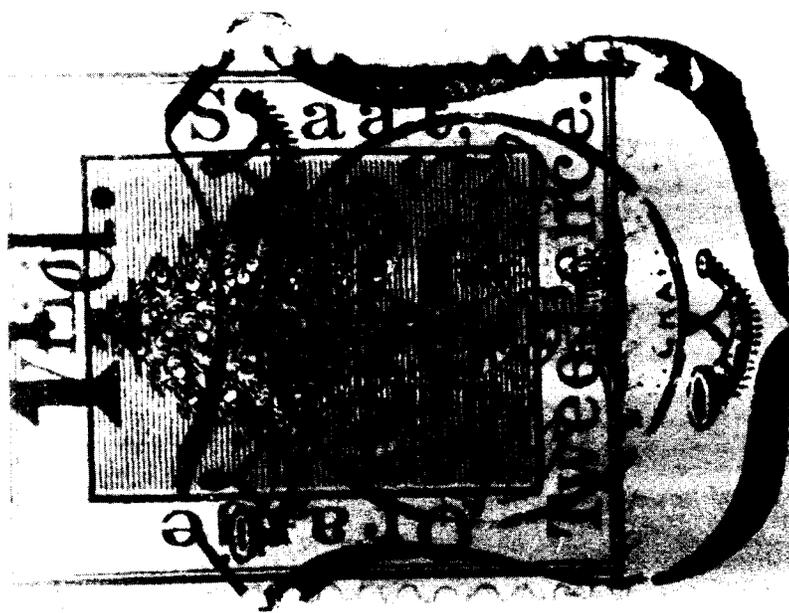


Figure 11: 1½d on 2d bright mauve, SG P10
Thick "l" and fraction like Figure 6 (thin type),
ovpt type P5

be commanding \$25-30.

These provisionals provide a very interesting sideline to the postage stamp collection without venturing into the cinderella realm. Most of the basic items are readily available and should be reasonably priced. There are some very difficult items, however, and the the OFSSC states that they have seen only one of P3.

Why, Adrian?

By: Robert Taylor - North Carolina, USA

When Adrian A Jurgens published his classic study 'The Handstruck Letter Stamps Of The Cape Of Good Hope From 1792 To 1853 And The Postmarks From 1853 To 1910' in 1945, it was immediately recognized as the definitive study of these two areas. It remained so for thirty years until Robert Goldblatt's meticulously researched and marvelously written work, "Postmarks Of The Cape Of Good Hope", appeared.

Allis' work, 'Cape Of Good Hope, Its Postal History' published in 1930 and Stevenson's "The Triangular Stamps Of The Cape Of Good Hope' In 1950 deal almost exclusively with adhesive stamps, paying scant attention to the pre-adhesive period. Indeed, Allis is quoted as having said the inclusion of letter stamps and postmarks in his work, "would be one of the most difficult jobs anyone could ever attempt ", and he elected to exclude them.

Jurgens spent almost two decades researching archives and records of government departments and private institutions, painstakingly ferreting out information concerning dates and usages of the letter stamps. This task was complicated by the fact that many government records were destroyed after union in 1910. He was, however, most fortunate in having the Cape Town Archives placed at his disposal. This fact may account for the large number of "official" covers and wrappers found in any collection of pre-adhesive postal items. As the Cape Town officials were interested in preserving the letter contents rather than the covers, which held no interest for them, Jurgens was apparently able to secure a sizeable number of these items for his own use.

That his research represented a true labor of love cannot be disputed. The enormous difficulty of piecing together fragmented bits of information from woefully incomplete records would surely try the patience of a saint. And yet, Jurgens was able to arrive at a truly

astonishing result when one considers the detail in which the material was organized and presented.

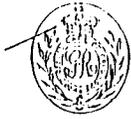
Why then did he forge covers with false handstamps? The forgeries are usually quite easily recognized for they were created using the dies which had been manufactured to illustrate his book. Some, such as the Ship Letter Stamp of 1806, are rather crude when compared to the original while others are more sophisticated such as the Oval Medallion stamps, but still easily recognizable as forgeries.

Other well-known counterfeiters, such as Sperati and Raoul Ch. de Thuin, had a financial motive for their work and quite openly advertised their wares. Others, such as Fournier, profited financially although he also counterfeited stamps of little value. Financial gain does not appear to have been Jurgens' prime motive. He does appear, however, to have shared one trait common to most counterfeiters, namely a very large ego which satisfied by pulling the wool over the eyes of supposedly knowledgeable contemporaries. This insight into Jurgens' character was given me in conversation not long ago with a prominent and well informed dealer from South Africa. Jurgens apparently delighted in fooling friends and fellow philatelists with his creations. I do not know whether he profited monetarily or not.

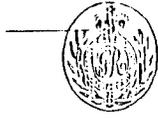
The forgeries illustrated on the next page were obtained from Cmdr. F. W. Collins and the illustrations of the forged stamps from Jurgens' book. Illustrations from Robert Goldblatts' book are used to show the characteristics of the genuine stamps.

The illustration of the 'Post Paid' forgery is from a photocopy of a cover supplied by Cmdr. Collins. I have tried to point out the distinguishing characteristics between the genuine and forged stamps. They are an interesting facet of South African postal history collecting and perhaps the information will be useful to someone in the future. Any omissions or error* are mine alone. Obviously other examples exist should they be uncovered, I would be grateful for any information forthcoming.

As you have read in the above articles, Forerunners has been graced with writings on previously untouched topics. It is hoped that more readers will now feel free to "take their pens in hand" and broaden our knowledge base by writing on subjects not yet explored herein,



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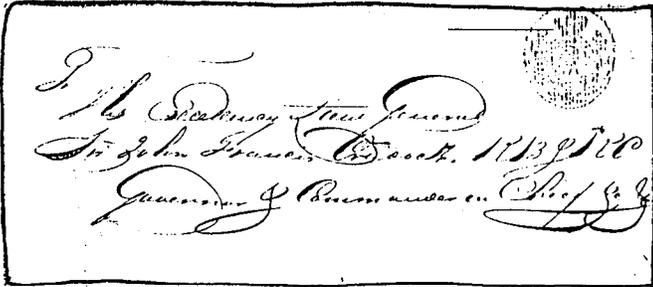
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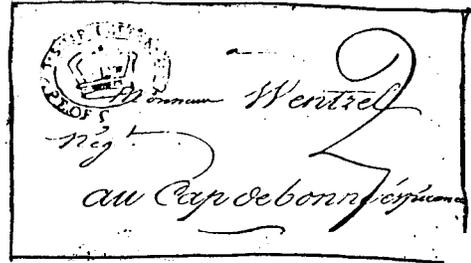
Forgery



Genuine



The middle leaf of the top right cluster does not extend above the other two.



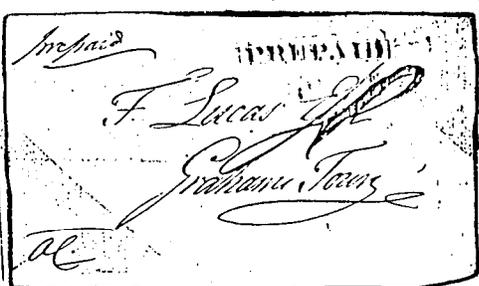
Two petals rather than three in the "fleurs de lys" in the arches of the intense black ink mark stamp as forgery.

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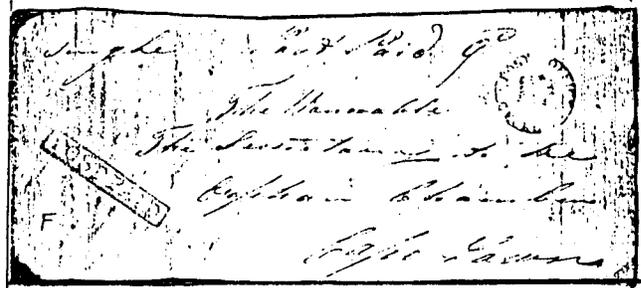
Genuine

PREPAID

Forgery



The major difference in the forgery is the straight right leg of the "R". Gently curved in the genuine. "A" is upright in the forgery and tilted slightly to the left in the genuine. The intense black ink is often seen in the forged handstamps.



POST PAID

Forgery

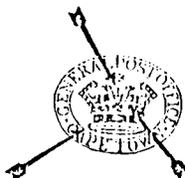
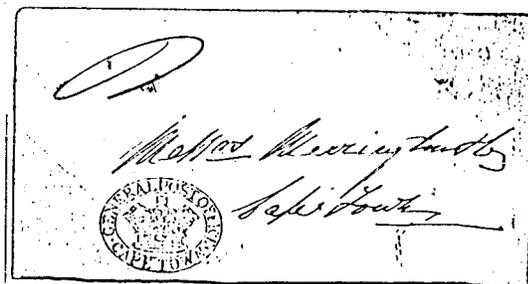
POST PAID

Genuine

UNDATED LETTER STAMP

1847

FORGERY



Cross hat of orb tilts to right. Large petals in fleur-de-lis. Extra dot in ermine band.



Genuine

Least often seen of the four types of seal plus uncommon use on inland cover to produce a rare item if genuine.

BACK-OF-THE-BOOK

Ron Carlson, Department Editor

Historical events in Africa have created many interesting philatelic issues to satisfy the need to communicate, document a transaction, or commemorate an occasion. Countries and colonies of various parentage come to mind, with particular richness across western and southern Africa. These issues - legitimate, defacto-official, controversial and sometimes questionable - document a response to legitimate need, or an opportunity, some of which philatelists have demonstrated to have particular value. These are the items commonly referred to as 'Back of the Book': revenues, telegraphs, postal fiscals, licenses, taxes, documentation fees, military usages, various provisional, sometimes forerunners, ephemeral issues and consulars.

Several of the above have moved up to recognized philatelic status by listing in contemporary catalogs, with a breadth and depth extending as far as a specialist wishes to probe and document history. It is exciting to see more of these items reach catalog status recently, backed by monographs and excellent research. However, even what is termed "Back of the Book" varies with the catalog, the decade one investigates, or with whom it is discussed, and this area still yields frequent new discoveries.

Characterized by just about **everyone as** separate are "Cinderellas", those un-official issues lacking a government sanctioned monetary transaction. Many appealing issues come to mind: revenues of the Cape of Good Hope Dutch period, Stellaland revenues, British Bechuanaland's military telegraphs, Uganda's fascinating typewritten forerunners, the elegant Consular Post stamps of Madagascar, Griqualand West's postal fiscals and its legion of revenues, Transvaal's Bakker's Express labels, the Tati Concessions, the Royal Niger Company's commercial concession issues, or Reuter's telegraph issues. Each one has an absorbing background story. Some are **easy** to collect like RSA revenues and some are a tremendous challenge, such as New Republic revenues.

If you are intrigued **by those** items not found in every catalog, please share your interest by sending in your observations, photocopied items, or question to this column. Over the next several issues we will take a look at several of these in more detail. And, if you are writing up your research, do consider publishing it in your PSGSA journal.

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It is now my pleasure to introduce the first feature article to grace this newly inaugurated department of our award winning journal, Forerunners. I am very much looking forward to future contributions from many of you ... Regards, Ron.

Book Review Of The 1990 Barefoot & Hall British Commonwealth Revenues Catalog

By: Jim Ryan - Calgary, Canada

The 1990 (Fourth) edition of Barefoot & Hall's catalog of British Commonwealth Revenues was released in October. The reviewer is, unfortunately, unable to compare this edition with the previous edition (1986), but with the one before that -1984.

With some notable exceptions, the reviewer concludes that revenue stamps of the Union and Provinces of South Africa were relatively unchanged from previous valuations. Prime exceptions were stamps exceeding four pounds in face value. Revenue stamp collectors, please pardon the digression.

Barefoot & Hall are not dealers in revenue stamps. Their valuations are based upon prices at which stamps actually change hands. They have a large network of correspondents who have been identified in the catalog. Their listings are not more than general, simplified listings. The out-of-print Sherwood catalog of South African revenue stamps was published circa 1980 and was itself a revision of a 1967 (rarely seen) catalog by Dodd. Sherwood's treatment may be compared with Robson Lowe's Encyclopaedia of British Empire. All known **essays**, colour trials, watermark varieties, plate varieties were listed. The reviewer's chart includes Sherwood's for comparison.

Prices given by the authors are for stamps in good condition in its most common state. Older stamps may be assumed to be most common used. This is not always the case. Caveat Emptori

South West Africa's listings appear to have been rather extensively rewritten. Because a single volume study of these stamps exists, the reviewer chose to omit price listing comparisons.

The reader is cordially invited to study the price comparisons and draw his or her own conclusions. What the reader sees is a mere fraction of what is to be

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learned from this evolving catalog. The editors have done revenue stamp collectors a great service, but collectors ought to be reminded that philately begins where the catalog ends.

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Country	Year	Year	Year	Description	Year	Year
CAPE	1990	1984	Sherwood	BASUTO'D	1990	1984
1865				1901 CAPE Standing Hope 21mm		
£9	£25	S	£25	optd/-	£35	£15
£10	£10	A	£16	£1	£75	n/1
£20	£35	M	£27	£5	£100	n/1
£30	£50	E	£31	n/1=not listed		
£50	£75		£39			
				1926 KGV of S.A. revenue stamps		
1874				2/-	£20	
£10	£15	S	£3.50	£1	£75	
£30	£35	MA		£5	£150	
£50	£50	E				
				1932 <u>des. as</u> post/rev but ins. r/r		
1875/76				£1	£100	£50
8/- blue	£50		£12.50			
				1940 S.A. KGVI rev. optd.		
8/- grn	£25		£12.50	£1	£100	
						n/1
8/- g/p.121	£15		£1			
1898 Standing Hope				c.1961 New Currency surch's		
£1	£3.50			RI REVENUE on 10/- p/r	£15	£5
		S	45p.			
£2	£5	A	£3.25	R1 on £5 rev.	£20	£2
£4	£15	M	£4.50	R2 on £1 rev.	£30	£5
£5	£10	E	£3.25	R10 on £5 rev.	£30	£10
£20	£100	£25	£15	1961 <u>insc. in</u> new cy.		
				R1	£10	£5
1903 EVIL				BECHUANALAND		
jd	£7.50	S	35p.	1932 as 1932 p/r pict. but ins. r/r		
£1	£3.50	A		£1	£125	£15
		M				
£2	£5			1938 as KVI pict. but ins. r/r		
		E		£1	£150	£15
£5	£10	£25				
£20	£125					
NATAL	1990	1984	Sherwood			
			d			
1886				1955 as QE pict. but ins. r/r		
£1/10/-	£15	£15	£1.75	£1	£75	n/1
£5	£10	£10	£2.25	£5	£100	£50
£10	£25	£15	£3.25	1961, above surch.		
£20	£35	£25	£14	R2 on £1	£100	n/1
				R10 on £5	£75	£50
1902 p/r EVIL				BECH.-TATI CONCESSION		
£1/10/-	£7.50	£7.50	£2.25	1/-	£20	£10
£5	£20	£10	£3.50			

ORANGE RIVER COLONY

ORANGE FREE STATE	1990	1984	Sherwood
1903 EVIL			d
£1	£3.50	S	75p
£2	£5	A	50p
£2/1u/	£7.50	M	70p
£5	£10	E	25p
1905			
5/	£3.50	S	25p
£10	£15	M	£8.50
Z.A.R./TRANSVAAL		E	
1878-84 Q.V.			
£2	£7.50	£5	£8.50
£5 brn	£15	£10	£11
£5 bl	£25	£15	£13

£10	£25	£20	£25
£20	£50	£30	£50
1902 KE VII			
2/6 inv centre	£150	£	£30
5/- "	£	£75	£45
£10	£10	£35	£4
£25	£35	£35	£7.50
1904 KE VII			
£25	£35	£35	£2.75

ZULULAND

1990	1984	Sherwood
1901		
£1	£15	£4
£1 grn	£15	£5
£5	£50	£40
£20	£150	£75
1892		
£5	£250	£25
1894		
£1	£	n/1
£5	100	n/1
	300	

SWAZILAND	1990	1984
1907 opts on Tvl		
1/-	£50	£10
2/-	£50	£10
2/6	£50	£10
		£15
5/-	£75	
10/-	£100	£20
£1	£100	n/1
£5	£75	n/1
NB:the above refer to 1984 B/H		
1134-38.		
1922 SWAZILAND/REVENUE/ONLY		
larger letters on		
Union rev. stamps		

1990	1984
1/- vio.	£50
1/- bl/vi.	£50
2/-	£50
2/6	£50
5/-	£75
10/-	£100
£1 blk/bl	£125
£1 red/grn	£125

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	1990	1984	RHO. & NYA. 1956	1990	1984
S. RHODES IA					
1924			6d	£15	£1
3/			1/-	£15	£1
	£20	£10	2/-	£15	£1.50
£10	£75	£35			
£20	£75	£50	2/6	£20	£2
£50	£125	£75	5/-	£20	£2
N. RHODESIA			10/-	£25	£2.50
c.1955			£1	£25	£3.50
#d	£3	£1	£2	£35	£5
1d	£2.25	£1.50	£5	£50	£10
3d	£3	£2			
6d	£3	£2	NYASALAND	1990	1984
1/	£3	£2.50	1955		
2/	£3.75	£3.50	1d	£3.50	£1
2/6	£7.50	£3.50	2d	£3.50	£1
5/	£7.50	£5	3d	£3.50	£1.50
10/	£11.25	£7.50	6d	£5	£1.50
	£15	£10	1/-	£7.50	£2
20/			2/6		
£30			3/6	£10	£2.50
	£150	n/1	4/-	£7.50	£3.50
£50	X100	£75	5/-	£7.50	£5
			10/-	£10	£7.50
			£1	£20	£10

LATE ARRIVAL!!

A very gracious letter has just been received by Dr. H. U. Bantz, President of the **South West Africa Stamp Study Group**, indicating the group's desire to participate in the Reciprocal Listings Exchange. We welcome them and look forward to a long and rewarding exchange relationship. Now to their release.

The Group **was** formed in Johannesburg in 1975 with the intention to: a) study and record all philatelic material concerning South West Africa and b) create reference material especially for the period from 1961 onwards. *South West Africa became Namibia on the 21 st of March 1990 and the Group intends to consider the stamp issues of the newly independent state* as well. The Group meets monthly either in Johannesburg or Pretoria. Contact with country members in Southern Africa, Europe and the United States is made via the monthly Newsletter. Additional information with regard to membership, back issues of Newsletters, activities and projects undertaken can be obtained from:

Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Marge Viljoen, P.O. Box 36473, Menlo Park, ZA-0102, Republic of South Africa
Dr. Bantz further indicated in his letter that we will be receiving some recent issues of their publication plus information on the Mier camel post The Society archives will be enriched all the more as a result For this, our sincere appreciation.

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THE CLASSIFIEDS

Revenues derived from classified ads are used to defray publication costs and to improve the quality of Forerunners. Submission deadlines are the 15th day of January, May and September. Ad placement guidelines are as follows:

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Would appreciate hearing from someone with a listing of each post office for the pre-Union states, plus a list of recommended philatelic literature. Dan Brouillette 1358 Hillcrest Dr. NE Fridley, MN 55432 USA (V4N3)

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Classifieds pay off! Also, Editor would like to hear from advertisers about results of their ads.

Selling: If you are looking for specialist material from Southern Africa - stamps, covers, cancels - it will be worth your while to contact me: Peter Singer P. O. **Box 25249** Portland, OR **97225**. Phone (503) 293-1038 FAX (503) 293-1062 Give some details of your areas of interest (V5N1)

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For Sale: Robson Lowe's "Encyclopedia of Postage Stamps, Vol. II, The Empire of Africa" I have an extra copy of this classic 448 page reference work published in 1948. Condition is fair. I will accept offers above \$50US for one month following receipt of this journal issue. Rae Wolpe - address previous ad.

THE TRADING BOX: A NEW EXCITING CLASSIFIEDS FEATURE FOR TRADING ONLY - SEE ON THE NEXT PAGE.

PREPARE YOUR LOTS FOR THE '91 AUCTION !!

The Society Publications Program is underway! All members are encouraged to participate in the making of works which will significantly contribute to the field of greater southern Africa philately. Please send items as described on pages 21-22

Any member with an idea for a Society-sponsored occasional paper, monograph or book-length publication, should use the Publications Program feature to "advertise" his/her desires. (There may be a number of potential co-authors out there just waiting,)

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Sherborn, MA 01770

Looking For: RSA and SWA revenues and postal stationery. Write first: Sidney Goldfield 309 W. 72nd St # 3d New York, NY 10023 USA

Members Needed! Mike Smith, Society IR for the UK, has written that there is some interest in having a Society regional meeting in England. Perhaps it could be held in conjunction with one of the larger shows. (Perhaps we might hear from our colleagues in the RSA region about doing the same.) Currently, regional meetings are only held in the US. Mike is requesting that members interested in a UK regional get-together, please contact him forthwith - address on front cover.

Society Donation Lots For Sale: Jim Ryan of Calgary, Canada has donated `some 1989-90 Russian Souveniere Sheets(3), se tenant blocke(2) and single(2) items. Great topical for sea creatures, space, polar and 150th anniversary of the Penny Black of 1840. Total face value is **4251Cs**. Written bids accepted until May 1 at Send to the Editor. Support your Society and bid for these colorful ltnes. Thank you Jim for your generosity.

THE TRADING BOX

This feature is strictly reserved for members who: (1) have greater

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period items; and (3) have greater southern Africa material they would
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In short, an ad placed in The Trading *Box* must either include greater
southern Africa material one is looking for, or greater southern Africa
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Interested in trading with members who collect current (1960's onward)
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