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FEATURE ARTICLES:

Dialogues Alec Page comments on Irving Baron's article in the previous issue: "South African Military Censorship of World War II"-especially use of the UCB censor label. Athol Murray addresses Robert Taylor's article, also in the previous issue: "Why Adrian (Early CGH Handstamp Forgeries)" concerning forgery descriptions used therein. The authors' rejoinders follow the commentaries. 26

Frederick P. Lawrence **The Earliest Reported Usage of the Mafeking Siege Cancel.** The author discusses and illustrates what is believed to be the earliest reported usage of the single circle 25mm MAFEKING C.G.H. "B" cancel. 29

Werner K. Seeba **One Hundred Years of the Barberton Post Office: Part IV.** The author completes his tour of the Lydenburg District and the many sub-offices and post office agencies. Included are opening and closing dates-especially those related to the 2nd Anglo-Boer war, and canceller types used. Historical figures, buildings and illustrations highlight the journey. 30

George van den Hurk **Johannesburg Vrywilliger Corps.** In 1894, the Volksraad approved the formation of volunteer units. Briefly described, via excerpts from the press-of-the-day, are pro and con feelings concerning the Corps, its composition and usage. 34

Bill Wallace **Two Short Stories on Early Rhodesian Postcards.** The first illustrated card discussed involves the author's efforts to authenticate that it was in fact sent by Mother Patrick of the Order of St. Dominic. The handwriting was eventually authenticated in Rhodesia. The second card, via its illustration, shows that the sender, a military officer, reported weapon problems via use of a common post card. The question from the author is as to why sensitive military information would have been communicated via a public mailing. 35

Alan R. Drysdall **The 1877 6d on Rose Paper Overprinted 'V.R./Transvaal'.** Many provisional stamps were issued during the period of the First British Occupation. In the case of this particular stamp, as many copies exist with the overprint inverted as with it upright which makes it truly unique. The author provides the reader with a well-referenced discussion including number issued, delivery dates, settings, perforation types and the like. 38



WELCOME
ABOARD !!!

Athol H. Murray - #9103 - Altringham, Cheshire, England. Athol's sole interest is the Cape of Good Hope with specialties in pre-stamp postal history - triangular issues and all postmarks. His other affiliations include the Royal Philatelic Society/London and the Cape Town Trafford Philatelic Society. In addition, Athol is the newest member of the Question & Answer Panel, graciously accepting questions related to Cape postal history.

Christopher F. Grippo - #9104 - Seattle, Washington. Chris's primary philatelic interests are the Cape of Good Hope and the Orange Free State, followed by Northern and Southern Rhodesia, as well as general British Africa. He specializes in OFS overprints, Cape Triangles and Mafeking. Chris's other affiliations include the American Philatelic Society and the Society of Hungarian Philatelists.

Alan J. Hanks - #9104 - Aurora, Ontario, Canada. Alan collects Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Rhodesia-especially British South Africa Company and specializes in Double Heads and Admiral issues. His other affiliations include the American Topical Association, the American Philatelic Society, Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Rhodesian Study Circle and the Philatelic Specialists of Canada.

Charles H. Clipper - #9106 - Reno, Nevada. Charles' primary philatelic interest is the Cape of Good Hope, followed by all pre-Union States and Republics, the Union of South Africa and Zululand. He specializes in Cape covers, 1855-57. Charles is a member of the American Philatelic Society and the Nevada Stamp Study Society of Reno.

Edward Still - #9107 - Birmingham, Alabama. Edward collects South West Africa, Australia, Canada and Great Britain and specializes in postal stationery. His affiliations include the American Philatelic Society and the Society of Australasian Specialists/Oceania.

Lawrence R. Pettinger - #9108 - Reston, Virginia. His primary collecting interest are the Cape of Good Hope triangles. Lawrence is a member of the American Philatelic Society and the International Philatelic Golf Society.

Jeffrey K. Weiss - #9109 - Petaluma, California. Jeff's

primary interests include the Bechuanalands and Zululand. His secondary interests include the Cape, Natal, OFS and general British Africa. Jeff specializes in overprints. His affiliations included the American Philatelic Society, Royal Philatelic Society/London, British Philatelic Federation and Indian Ocean Study Circle. According to his application we may expect feature articles by his pen in the future.

Robert P. "Bob" Feser - #9110 - Palestine, Texas. Our latest member from the Lone Star State collects the pre-Union States and Republics, Union/Republic of South Africa, South West Africa, the Rhodesias, the Bechuanalands, Basutoland, Swaziland, Zululand, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Malawi and all other African colonies of France, Belgium, Italy and Portugal.

Dr. H.U. Bantz - #9112 - Horison View, South Africa. Ulli's primary collecting interest is South West Africa/Namibia. He specializes in postal history: German SWA to modern, postal stationery and German SWA to modern issues thereof-post 1931. His affiliations include the Postmark and Postal History Society of Southern Africa, the South West Africa Stamp Study Group and Arbeitsgemeinschaft Kolonial Briefmarken Sammler. Ulli has also very graciously volunteered to be the Society's International Representative for RSA, as well as joining the ranks of the Question & Answer Panel for inquiries regarding SWA/Namibia. In addition, he has indicated that we may expect future feature articles on the philately of SWA/Namibia.

David Proctor - #9112 - San Diego, California. David's collecting interests include the pre-Union States, Union of South Africa, the Rhodesias, the Bechuanalands, Swaziland, Basutoland, Zululand, all British Colonies, USA, Israel and Canadian pre-cancels. He specializes in interprovincials issues. David's affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, Society of Israel Philatelists, Society of Australasian Specialists/Oceania, Canal Zone Philatelic Society, Sarawak Specialists Society and the Falkland Islands Specialists Group.

Wallace A. Craig - #9113 - Fullerton, California. Wallace collects Union/Republic of South Africa and South West Africa. His affiliations include the American Philatelic Society and the Royal Philatelic Society/London.

Karl Seligmann - #9114 - Gaborone, Botswana. Our first southern Africa member outside the environs of RSA collects the Cape of Good Hope, New Republic, Stellaland, South West Africa, Union of South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, the Bechuanalands Swaziland and Basutoland. He specializes in the postal history of the Bechuanalands. Karl is also affiliated with the Botswana Philatelic Society.

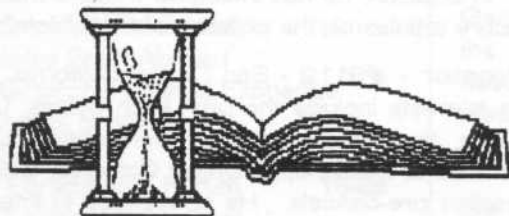
Welcome Aboard... cont'd

Moody Tidwell - #9115 - Fairfax, Virginia. Moody's primary collecting interest is the Union of South Africa followed by the pre-Union States and Republics, Zululand, USA, England, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Channel Isles, Korea and Japan. He specializes in used Union of South African with readable cancels (date & place). His affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, China Collectors Society, American Association of Polar Philatelists and the Bureau Issues Association.

Leonard Karsevar - #9116 - Upland, California. Our latest member from the Golden State collects the Union of South Africa, Rhodesia, Australia, New Zealand, many other including parts of western Europe and some Latin America. Leonard is also a member of the American Philatelic Society.

Robert W. Hisey - #9117 - Sebring, Florida. Robert's primary collecting interests include Orange Free State, Transvaal and Union of South Africa; secondary areas being Natal and the Republican period. He specializes in interprovincials. Robert is also a member of the American Philatelic Society.

(Total active membership is now 118.)



MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

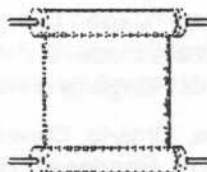
Bob Taylor - #8927, was born on November 5th in Charlotte, Michigan. He is married to Frances and has four children - Jeffrey, Kenton, Keith and Grant. Bob is a retired physician who enjoys golf, music, reading history (particularly U.S. and western Europe), as well as mysteries and travel - Europe, Africa, Scandinavia, the Far East and Carribean. He received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Michigan. Bob's primary philatelic interests include preadhesive Cape postal history and provisional issues of the Ryukyu Islands.

Reginald James Foster - #8929, was born in Yarm-On-Tees, England on the 2nd of August. He has two daughters - Serena and Stacey - and is married to Rosamond. Reg is a photolithographer (printing) and

enjoys reading. His primary philatelic interest is in Natal postmarks; secondary interests being early used post-cards of South Africa lighthouses, interprovincials, South Africa stamps cancelled with World War II Egypt pre-paid numeral cancels, early South Africa airmails, South Africa provinces postmarks and Canadian pre-cancels.

Peter Quenet - #8934, was born on June 14th in Bidefore, Devon, England. He is a retired automotive engineer/Ford Motor Company who received his BSc. Engineering degree from London University. Peter's primary philatelic interests include used British Commonwealth (pre-1935), the Orange Free State, Transvaal and Griqualand. As Peter states: "Thanks to Ford Motor Company, I have travelled to most civilized parts of the world (and a few that aren't), including three months in South/East Africa."

James K. McCartney - #8935, was born in the state of Ohio on the 19th of July. Jim has one daughter-Sarah, and is married to Carol. He is a bank manager whose primary philatelic interest is the Cape of Good Hope.



**THE
HONOR
ROLL**

This feature honors Society members who are recent recipients of awards in the competitive exhibition field of endeavor. Whether the topic of an exhibition is/is not related to greater southern Africa philately, members are acknowledged for their notable achievements.

Louise Christian - #8714: Vermeil at Sandical 91 for "U.S. First Bureau Issues, 1894-1898" and the Lynne Warm-Griffiths Memorial Award for outstanding U.S. exhibit up to 1902.

Forerunners: Garnered two literature competition awards recently. COLOPEX 91, Silver-Bronze medal and certificate and SPRINGPEX '91, Silver-Bronze plaque and medal.

Member Notes

Dr. Guy Dillaway of Massachusettes, our new President was a member of the jury for NOJEX '91. This event is one of the 35 World Series of Philately shows sanctioned by the American Philatelic Society. NOJEX '91 was held during the period May 25-27. He also hosted the recent Society Regional meeting at Philatelic Show held earlier during the same month (see his report elsewhere).

CALL FOR PAPERS

The ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for submission of articles, ads, bits and pieces, etc., for the Nov/Feb issue is September the 15th. Board members, International Representatives, Question & Answer Panel members and members of the Reciprocal Listings Exchange especially should make note of the deadline.

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



From the very beginning, *Forerunners*, "has been my baby." I have asked myself on many an occasion how and why the journal has developed the way it has. To be sure, my own ideas have played a significant role; however, two other sources of thought have equally contributed to the journal's development: (1) first and foremost has been feedback from you the reader; and (2) written critiques provided by literature competition judges.

A third ingredient in the equation has been the written work of members in the form of "Bits & Pieces" and feature articles. In fact, these latter two have been the driving forces underpinning the enjoyability, scholarliness and competitive success of the end product. These results fully support the *raison d'être* of the Society in its pursuit of excellence in the field of Greater Southern Africa Philately.

Conscious awareness of the development and use of editorial policy on my part has been extremely important to me. Having a free hand does not give one unbridled licence. Therefore, I want to be dead certain that rules-of-the-road established for the journal do not preclude positive and creative results. In the future, as in the past, I will continue to pursue an editorial path which is flexible and sensitive to the needs, interests and preferences of the readership.

An excellent example of sensitivity related to membership interests has to do with the issue of whether to expand the journal to include a section on modern issues. With the previous issue each member received a questionnaire on this very subject. A significant minority of you do in fact collect and/or have a passing interest in the post-independence issues of countries falling within the Society's

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scope. Further, yours truly had received a number of inquiries regarding the possibility of including written pieces on modern issues. In addition, one of our more illustrious fellow specialty groups recently instituted a modern issues dimension in their well-respected publication. Therefore, the reasons for the survey. Well, the results are in. Fifty-nine (50%) of the members-in-good-standing responded as follows: 31 said "yes", 26 said "no" and two indicated "no opinion". One of the members responding no to the survey indicated that a movement in the direction suggested would run counter to the founding principles of our group. However, this was countered by the comments from one of the respondents voting in support of the modern issues concept: PSGSA has maintained a flexible and open-minded approach in its evolution as a world class specialty organization; one dedicated to serving its members in every way practical. Both points of view have merits in their own right. However, "the voters have spoken" and taken the high ground at this point, so-to-speak. Yours truly is biased in that I do not collect post-Union material of any kind. However, at the same time I am certainly empathic regarding the enjoyment that comes with whatever collecting path one chooses to follow. In all fairness and in deference to the voting results, it appears that inclusion of written works on modern issues is an idea whose time has come.

The complete survey results will appear later on in this issue. Included will be topics members are interested in - those respondents indicating that they would be submitting articles TAKE HEED. There are apparently a very rich number of areas to be explored.

As noted in The Honor Roll, *Forerunners*, has once again garnered awards in the literature competition field. My thanks to all contributors and commentors.

Your journal will be making its first foray into the international competition scene by being entered in Cape Town 91, thanks to the kind assistance of our new IR/RSA, Dr. Bantz.

The Question & Answer Panel has four new additional members: Dr. H.U. Bantz (RSA) - SWA/Namibia, Irving Baron (USA) - World War II Military & Civil Censorship of Union/SA, Frederick Lawrence (USA) - Mafeking Blue Prints and "Mafeking Besieged" overprints and Athol H. Murray (UK). Note John Rightmire's address change also.

JOURNAL FORMAT CHANGES

This issue of Forerunners contains a few subtle and aesthetically pleasing format changes, based upon critiques received from judges ifrom recent literature competitions. This in part accounts for the lateness in mailing out this issue. My thanks to my wife Leila for her suggestion regarding the new contents page and changes on the cover page layout. Leila will also be designing the parchment certificate for the biennial "Charles Lupo Memorial Award" which is awarded to the best article appearing in the journal as selected by membership ballot.

The PSGSA "Best Exhibit" Award

This award is for the best exhibit of philatelic material from Greater Southern Africa. Stamp issuing entities included for consideration are: the pre-Union States of South Africa consisting of Cape of Good Hope, Griqualand West, Natal, Orange Free State/Orange River Colony, New Republic, Stellaland, Transvaal; plus Union of South Africa, South West Africa, Swaziland, Basutoland, the Bechuanalands, the Rhodesias and Zululand.

At least three (3) exhibits are required for presentation of this award. The recipient need not be a member of PSGSA. The award is available to all APS sanctioned World Series of Philately exhibitions. The Society will also be offering the award to Cape Town '91.

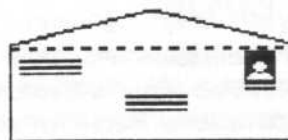
According to our President, Guy Dillaway, the award is truly unique in the annals of plaque design. He has communicated that it is indeed exquisitely beautifull

It consists of a wooden composition plaque with an embossed Society logo. A magnifying glass is clamped in such a way as to magnify the logo. The magnifying glass is also removable for use. Our first recipient, Bob Taylor informed the Editor that it is a truly beautiful and outstanding award plaque!

Society Regional At SESCAL 91

PSGSA will be holding a meeting at this annual Southern California Federation event on Sunday, October 13th, 10a.m.-12 noon. at the Hyatt/Los Angeles Airport Hotel

Ron Carlson (address inside front cover page) is now accepting program offers. If you plan to attend this fine event and/or have an idea for a program, please contact him as soon as possible. There will not be another mailing prior to the show. This is a WSP event and your journal will also be entered in the literature competition!



READERS REACT !

"Congratulations on your latest PSGSA magazine - full of 'meat'. Who would have guessed so much overseas interest in South Africa?!"...John Hodgson, Plumstead/RSA

"Just received the Mar/Jun Forerunners. It gets better and better with each issue. Quite change from the initial issues."...Bill Wallace, California

"I am very pleased in the way you plaed my article in Forerunners. I appreciate your efforts and the journal is a great effort on your part."...Irving Baron, California

"I received Forerunners on Wednesday and it is pretty impressive. You have really been doing a fine job."...Dave Wessely, Ohio

"The latest issue Forerunners is presently at hand, and I continue to be impressed by the quality of the Society's journal. I look forward to, hopefully, the not-too-distant future when there will appear material in my own area of interest, the philatelic history of Mafeking."...Frederick Lawrence, Maryland

"I am amazed that such a relatively new and small society like PSGSA can produce such a well-conceived journal on a regular basis. It was again a pleasure to read the latest issue from beginning to end - congratulations Bill!"...George van den Hurk, Zug/Switzerland

"I am excited about belonging to this group!"...Christopher Grippio, Washington

"This is a new area for me. Reviewing the current Forerunners you sent me, I like what I read."...Chuck Clipper, Nevada

"I find Forerunners super, full of information and splendid ideas, which we can use in our group as well. Thank you for a great magazine!"...Ulli Bantz, Horison View/RSA

"Having received all the back issues, I can compliment you on the development and presentation from the earlier issues."...Alec Page, Dartford/Kent/UK

Honor Roll Late Arrivals...

Gary J. Anemaet - #8930: The Plymouth Show 1991 Palmares Gold for "King Peter II - Land of the South Slavs".

Robert Taylor - #8927: Grand Award Philatelic Show 91 and Ropex '91 Gold for "The Cape Before the Triangulans", also APS pre-1900 award.

Journal Expansion Survey Results

As mentioned in the Editor's column, the results are in and modern issues are coming to Forerunners, beginning with the November/February issue next. Our publisher, John Otten will be the Department Editor. Now to the results:

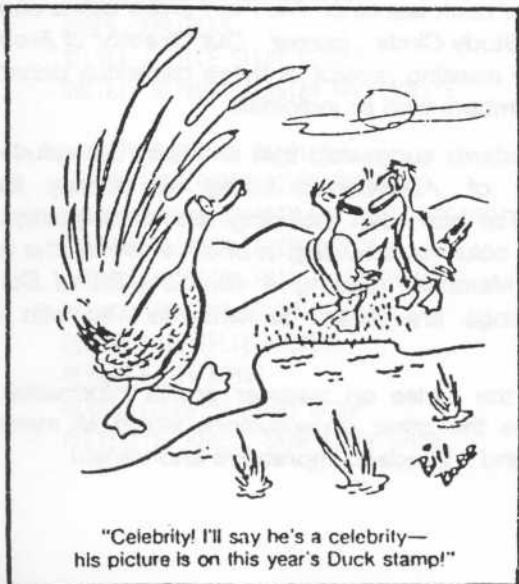
* Fifty-nine or 50 per cent of the members responded with thirty-nine voting in favor, eighteen against and two "don't cares".

* Areas (number indicating choice) members would like to be covered include the following: Back-of-Book (21), Modern Postal History (21), RSA (19), Zimbabwe (15), Namibia (15), Botswana (12), Malawi (12), Homelands (10). Other topics requested included: postmarks, thematics, aerogrammes, Basutoland with a Lesotho connection, Zambia-inflation overprints due to rapid postal rate change because of rampant inflation, SWA/Namibia postal history consequences during transition, postal interactions between Angola, Mocambique and Southern Africa, SA participation in World War II, Bophutswana with a Mafeking connection, RSA revenues.

* Seven respondents indicated that they would be submitting articles on modern era material. (Gentlemen beware! The Department Editor has your names.)

* The majority of the respondents suggested naming the new journal department "Modern Issues" (of Greater Southern Africa).

* General comments included: "Collectors of modern material should be catered to. Many new collectors cannot now afford to collect early material." "Defeats purpose of organization - contrary to founding principles." "Include coverage of cancels/postmarks/auxilliary marks." "Have a new issue listing." "List addresses of philatelic bureaus - any problems, good service and payment method accepted."



"Celebrity! I'll say he's a celebrity—
his picture is on this year's Duck stamp!"

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR BOARD

In this issue we have the first "words" from our new President, Guy Dillaway, as well as Vice President Sidney Goldfield who has volunteered to take over the helm from John Rightmire. John recently decided to retire from the U.S. Air Force and relocate to Texas where he intends to build his own home. John will remain active as a Question and Answer Panel member. Thank you John for your dedication and continuing support.

"Presidential Notes"

Guy Dillaway

As I begin my first term as President of our society, I would like to especially thank Syl Tully and his staff for all their efforts which have brought us to where we are now. The growth and interest in PSGSA has been extraordinary. I only hope that I can continue this same pattern.

One of the recent functions is the the establishment of regional meeting at the APS WSP shows. The first one was in conjunction with STaMpsHOW in Cincinnati last August. Our second was at Philatelic Show '91 here at Boxborough, Massachusetts, May 3-5. I was the room coordinator for this meeting and Bob Taylor was the speaker. Bob's talk on the Cape of Good Hope pre-stamp period was very interesting, especially since the material was entered in the open competition for the show. What Bob did not know at that time was that he was the Grand Award winner at Philatelic Show. So those of you who have not seen his exhibit will have a chance to see it at STaMpsHOW in Philadelphia this August. Bob also won our own Society award which as given for the first time at Philatelic Show. The award, which is a replica of our logo mounted on a wooden base, is available to all WSP shows on request as long as the criteria for awarding it are met. In addition to the above, Bob also received the Postal History Award.

Other Society member award winners were: Silver - David Wessely for "Revenues of Bechuanaland" and Louise Christian for "South Africa Ship Penney"; and Silver-Bronze to Louise for "South Africa - Union Postal Stationery." As you can see, PSGSA members were well-represented in the "Winner's Circle".

Our next meeting will be at STaMpsHOW in Philadelphia this August. I hope to meet as many of our members there as possible. Ralph Myerson is the contact person and he promises a very interesting program - See you there!

(Details appear elsewhere in this issue on the Philadelphia meeting.)

Outreach

Sidney Goldfield, Vice President/Membership

Except for a short stint as head of The South African Study Group, I have had rather limited experience in organized philatelic activities. However, since my return to philately five years ago after many years of "exile", I have developed a renewed enthusiasm for an active role. I enjoy both verbal and written contact with fellow philatelists and I expect to experience a good deal of satisfaction from this new activity. I chose the name "Outreach" for this column because I plan to reach out in all directions to help maintain, and if possible, accelerate the current tempo of membership recruitment. Correspondance is always welcome...Sidney

Facts, Figures And Other Matters

Bill Brooks, Secretary



As you will remember, there was an item, in the recent survey, asking whether the Society name should be expanded to include the designation "International". The results are in as follows: "yes" - 25, "no" - 27 and "no opinion" - 7. Obviously, the status quo shall be maintained.

A second survey area involved the assessment of member desires regarding library acquisitions. This was an important item relative to the expenditure of Trust donations designated to be spent on materials for the Society library. The results were as follows in rank order-actual number of votes in parenthesis:

* *SA Philatelist* (32) - This involves back issues in that the Society is now an official member of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa.

* *Journal of the Orange Free State Study Circle* (25) - The Society has been exchanging publications with OFSSC since 1988. Issues prior to that year will be acquired as the occasion arises.

* *Anglo-Boer War Philatelist* (24) - Donations gladly accepted.

* *Transvaal Philatelist* (23) - The Transvaal Study Circle is a member of the Reciprocal Listings Exchange. Issues prior to 1989 gratefully accepted.

* *The Springbok* (20) - We also exchange publications with the South African Collectors Club. Donation of issues prior to 1990 will be appreciated.

* Barefoot & Hall's *Revenues of the British Commonwealth* sections relevant to PSGSA's focus (26) - needed

* Putzel's soon-to-be-published *SA Postmarks* (24) - needed

* *Higgins & Gage* covering our areas of interests (19) - needed

* Sherwood's *South African Revenue Stamps Catalog* (17) - needed

* S.E.R. Hiscock's *Telephone & Telegraph Stamps* (17) - needed

* *Runner Post* publication of the Botswana & Bechuanaland Society (14) - all issues needed

* Rhodesian Study Circle *Journal* (13) - RSC has been exchanging publications with PSGSA since 1990. All prior issues needed.

* *The Post Office Stone*, Journal of South Africa Postmark Postal History Society of Southern Africa (13) - all issues needed.

* Billigs reprint of Robson-Lowe *Encyclopedia of British Africa* - needed

* Others: "Any publications of postal history, including almanac, clipping files on forgeries, reproductions of exhibits with write-ups." "Pirie's work on World War II philately of Southern and Eastern Africa. A must in the research of civil and military censorship markings." "The analytical subject index to *The Springbok* Vols 14-26, 1968-78, compiled by C.P. Ravilious." "Cumulative index to *The Transvaal Philatelist*" "Anything on CGH postal history- especially sea mail stations and ship data."

Several respondents indicated that they will be making a number of significant donations to the library in the future, including the following: Pirie's work, old map of Cape Province before days of railroads, back issues of *The Runner Post*, back issues of *The Post Office Stone* and the Rhodesian Study Circle *Journal*. Our Director of Archives is graciously awaiting receipt of these generous donations from the members who so indicated.

Two respondents suggested that an insert be included in each issue of *Forerunners* listing all Society library holdings. Tim has been including recent acquisitions in each of his columns providing a brief review of the items received. Members desiring a complete list of Society library holdings are invited to write to Tim with their request.

Continuing the series on member profile information, an insert shows the other organizations which all members belong to, and it is indeed impressive and varied!

OTHER AFFILIATIONS OF SOCIETY MEMBERS (THRU #9121) IN RANK ORDER.

	NO.		NO.
* BRITISH AFRICA RELATED	---	* UNITED STATES RELATED	----
ORANGE FREE STATE STUDY CIRCLE	17	AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY	84
RHODESIAN STUDY CIRCLE	17	AMERICAN REVENUE ASSOCIATION	7
TRANSVAAL STUDY CIRCLE	14	AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHILATELIC EXHIBITORS	8
ANGLO-BOER WAR PHILATELIC SOCIETY	13	AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY	4
SOUTH AFRICA COLLECTORS SOCIETY	13	CANAL ZONE STUDY GROUP	3
BECHUANALAND & BOTSWANA SOCIETY	12	AMERICAN FIRST DAY COVER SOCIETY	2
POSTMARK & POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA	7	AMERICAN PHILATELIC CONGRESS	2
SOUTH AFRICA STUDY GROUP	6	BUREAU ISSUES ASSOCIATION	2
DUTCH SOCIETY FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA PHILATELY	2	U.S. CANCELLATION CLUB	2
AEROPHILATELIC SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA	2	U.S. PHILATELIC CLASSICS SOCIETY	2
SOUTH WEST AFRICA STUDY GROUP	1	U.S. POSSESSION PHILATELIC SOCIETY	2
ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF ZIMBABWE	1	WESTERN COVER SOCIETY	2
SOUTH AFRICA POSTCARD RESEARCH GROUP	1	AMERICAN PHILATELIC RESEARCH LIBRARY	1
		AMERICAN SOCIETY OF POLAR PHILATELISTS	1
* OTHER AFRICA RELATED		AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION	1
WEST AFRICA STUDY CIRCLE	2	PEARL HARBOR STUDY GROUP	1
EAST AFRICA STUDY CIRCLE	1	STATE REVENUE SOCIETY	1
ST. HELENA/ASCENSION/TRISTAN DA CUNHA PHIL. SOC.	1		
WEST COAST OF AFRICA STUDY GROUP	1	* OTHER	
		SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELISTS	3
* OTHER BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RELATED		RYUKU PHILATELIC SPECIALISTS SOCIETY	2
ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON	12	THAILAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY	2
BRITISH CARRIBEAN PHILATELIC STUDY GROUP	5	CHINA PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON	1
ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY, CANADA	4	HAITIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY	1
BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE	3	JUDAICA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	1
BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY	2	INDIAN OCEAN STUDY GROUP	1
INDIA STUDY CIRCLE	2	ROSSICA	1
SARAWAK SPECIALISTS SOCIETY	2	SOCIETY FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA PHILATELY	1
TUVALU & KIRIBATI PHILATELIC SOCIETY	2		
BRITISH PHILATELIC FEDERATION	2	* SPECIALTY GROUPS	
BELIZE PHILATELIC STUDY CIRCLE	2	WAR COVER CLUB	4
BRITISH PHILATELIC SOCIETY	1	CIVIL CENSORSHIP STUDY GROUP	2
BRITISH ROYAL PORTRAITS STUDY GROUP	1	POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY	2
AUSTRALIAN FORCES MAIL STUDY GROUP	1	CINDERELLA STUDY GROUP	1
BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN STUDY CIRCLE	1	ESSAY-PROOF SOCIETY	1
GREAT BRITAIN COLLECTORS CLUB	1	LOCAL POSTS COLLECTORS SOCIETY	1
HONG KONG STUDY CIRCLE	1	MAILER'S POSTMARK PERMIT CLUB	1
MALAYSIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY	1	MOBILE POST OFFICE SOCIETY	1
ROSES CARRIBEAN	1	PERFINS CLUB	1
SILVER JUBILEE STUDY CIRCLE	1	PHILATELIC WRITERS SOCIETY	1
SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIAN SPECIALISTS	1	PIN PERF SOCIETY	1
		POSTAL LABEL STUDY GROUP	1
* WESTERN EUROPE RELATED		TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE STAMP SOCIETY	1
FRANCE & COLONIES STUDY GROUP	2	SCOUTS ON STAMPS SOCIETY	1
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PORTUGUESE PHILATELY	2	SPACE UNIT SOCIETY	1
SCANDANAVIAN COLLECTORS CLUB	2		
AMERICAN-BELGIUM PHILATELIC SOCIETY	1	LOCAL CLUBS & REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	46
BELGIAN ACADEMY OF PHILATELY	1		
GERMAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY	1	TOTAL NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS BELONGING TO	90
GERMAN STUDY GROUP	1	(DOES NOT INCLUDE LOCAL/REGIONAL)	
GERMAN COLONIES STUDY GROUP	1	=====	====
PLEBISITE, MEMEL, SAAR STUDY GROUP	1	GRAND TOTAL OF ORGANIZATIONS BELONGING TO	136



From the Archives

Tim Bartshe, Director/Archives

The mail box has been fairly exploding with new material from our fellow societies, as well as fellow members. The range of material runs from postcards to South Africa Meter Mail and Slogans.

From the pen of the late Dr. Berry comes two works: South African Postmarks: A Synopsis of the Routine Handstruck Cancellations 1910-1965 and co-authored with S.J. Vermaak, The Interprovincial Stamps And Postmarks Of The Union Of South Africa. The first is a 53-page publication of the PFSA with 294 illustrations including rail registration and other complementary markings. The second, under the umbrella of the South African Stamps Study Circle, deals with all items used during the interprovincial period spanning 1 June, 1910 through 31 August, 1913. The authors attempt to assign values to the material, and even though published in 1965, one can at least obtain comparative values. The cancellations used during this period are also discussed in detail.

On a more modern note, we also have Vermaak's postal slogan publication which details some 92 postal slogans used since Union. Included are estimates of value along with over 100 illustrations.

The latest Bulletin from the Orange free State Study Circle has an excellent article by Bob Allison: "The Anglo-Boer War of 1899-1902: The District Commissioners of the Orange River Colony" filling some 19 pages with numerous photocopies of examples of covers and their markings. Many other short items are included, making this issue another example of the excellent publications this Society has associated with for nearly 40 years. Many members who express an interest in the OVS/OFC are penalizing themselves by not becoming a member of this specialist group. The OFSSC has also been one of our strongest supporters in print and in gifts.

Two groups that I will discuss in my next column are the Postmark & Postal History Society of Southern Africa and the Southern Africa Postcard Research Group. Both cover areas which, though once peripheral to "stamp collecting", are now gaining more importance and acceptance. Although these two groups are not current participants in the Reciprocal Listings Exchange, I have recently joined their groups and will update you about who and what they are.

Remember, if any items mentioned above or in any previous column or, for that matter, any item at all, please

write and request from me. The copy fees are minimal and I would be more than happy to assist in increasing your library and knowledge.

From The Program Chair

Louise Christian, Director/Programs

Greetings to all. Share with us the excitement that is in the air. It is spring and the Society had a great meeting at Philatelic Show. Two more meetings are planned this year and we have our new PSGSA award.

President Guy Dillaway hosted the gathering at Philatelic Show in Massachusetts and our new award was presented for the first time. And, it went to the Grand Award winner, one of our own members, Robert Taylor, who also received the Postal History award for "The Cape Before The Triangulars." Guy, showed his exhibit of "Postal History of the Cape of Good Hope - The Triangular Period", in the Court of Honor. Yours truly showed a study of the Penny Ship and an exhibit of postal stationery of the Union of south Africa.

A meeting and seminar were held on Saturday afternoon at Philatelic Show wherein Bob Taylor presented a program based upon his Grand Award collection.

The Society's next meeting, which will be our third annual convention, will be hosted by Ralph Myerson at APS STAMPSHOW 91 in Philadelphia. Ralph has reserved a room for the meeting at 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, August 25th. Ralph indicates that Frederick Lawrence will be doing a presentation on the philately of Mafeking. Please let Ralph know if you plan to attend the meeting by writing him at 310 Maplewood Ave. Merion, PA 19066.

In October, we will have a meeting at SESCAL, in Los Angeles. Ron Carlson will be hosting this one. The meeting will be on Sunday, October 13th, most likely during the 10 a.m. - 12 noon time period. Please contact Ron if you can offer a program, or have questions: 5751 Cedar Ave. Long Beach, CA 90805.

Our new PSGSA award, for best exhibit of philatelic material from Greater Southern Africa, will be presented to all World Series of Philately shows, if there are three or more qualifying exhibits. So—let's bring out those exhibits!

We have set up a special account for the awards fund and have received a donation of \$300 to start it off. The awards cost about \$25 each, plus postage when necessary. Any and all donations to the Awards Fund will be gratefully accepted by our Treasurer Ron Carlson - address above.... *cont'd next page*

From the Program Chair... cont'd

Next year (1992) marks the Society's fifth anniversary. Plans are underway to make our annual convention that year a special affair at STaMpsHOW in Oakland, California in late August. There will be a number of exciting activities including a special dinner on Friday evening, a Sunday breakfast, special program and formal Board meeting. Plan to attend and perhaps exhibit. Contact me with your ideas. See you somewhere along the circuit...Louise

\$\$\$ Treasurer's Report \$\$\$

Ron Carlson, Treasurer

Bill Brooks will proxy this issue's column for me with some general revenue and expense information. By the time you will read this, you will have received the 1991/92 membership billing which included a back issue order form and Trust Contribution sheet. A tremendous THANK YOU to all members who went beyond the "call of duty" and generously donated to the cause of greater southern Africa philately. A listing of contributions and up-to-date status of the Society Trust will appear in the next issue for the 1991/92 giving period.

From Bill Brooks: Because of our continuing tremendous growth, printing of each issue of the journal now runs approximately \$400/issue. Postage for the previous issue came to \$290.46 which is double the postage costs for the previous issue. The 20% increase in postage rates accounted for a significant portion. Total postage expenses through May this year has been \$681.55. We can expect total postage costs for the fiscal year ending June 30 next to be about \$1,000 including the mailing of this issue.

Based upon the above expenditure information, I trust everyone can now understand why your Board decided that a basic dues increase to \$20 was absolutely necessary.

On the income side of things, for the period July 1, 1990 through May 31, 1991, revenues of \$2627.45 have been received from all sources. Total face value of mint U.S. Postage donations to the Society Trust has been \$34.00.

A detailed financial statement of all revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 1990/91 will accompany the Nov/Feb issue of your journal.

(Although Ron has not said anything, he and his bride were expecting their first child at the time of this writing. I know that all of us confer our heartfelt congratulations to the Carlsons in this regard!)

CIRCUIT EXCHANGE SURVEY RESULTS

Included with the last issue was a survey requesting members to indicate their interest in the Society having its very circuit exchange. The results are in with 32 members in favor and one opposed. Of the former, 19 stated that they would participate as both buyers and seller, while the remainder would be sellers only.

Seven members volunteered to assist with the circuit, with two having had actual circuit management experience. Ten additional respondents provided valuable ideas and suggestions. Tim Bartshe is now in the process of establishing a circuit management group to be coordinated by one of the experienced volunteers. The group will be responsible for setting-up the system, rules, etc., for Board approval. In a word, it appears that your Society will have an established circuit in due course. An update in this regard will appear in the next issue. In the meantime, anyone desiring further information or having suggestions should contact Tim (address inside front cover).

A NEW JOURNAL FEATURE !

THE BOOKIE REPORTS

John Ryan

Subject to members' interest, I hope to present a series of columns stating recent prices paid and to whom for philatelic literature. My two main postal sources are London-based auction houses - HH Sales (formerly Harry Hays of Yorkshire) and Dr. Conrad Graham. Phil Banner of West Lawn, Pennsylvania quotes from non-binding want lists when stock allows. His infrequent but most welcome sales catalogues may become part of what they sell - philatelic literature.

Members are cordially invited to cite other sources and prices paid. Of particular interest may be good runs of our sister journals. Please cite seller and price paid and estimate if from an auction. Any other member willing to co-author this column with his/her ideas on what to mention is cordially invited to write me as well at 4419 17 Avenue, NW, Calgary, AB Canada T3B 0N7.

The following key applies to the literature sales shown below: CG3 - Conrad Graham Sale 13, 26 May 1989, CG4 - Sale 14, 13 December 1990 and HH3 - HH Sales Sale 103, 15 February 1991.

Cape of Good Hope:

Triangular Stamps Of The Cape Of Good Hope and Supplement by Stephenson, U.S. retail \$150, CG4 - estimate (pounds sterling)-80, reserve-90

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Postmarks Of The Cape Of Good Hope (no supplement) by Goldblatt, U.S. retail \$150.

Cape Of Good Hope by Nankivell, edited by Melville: CG4, estimate 5 pounds, unsold, loose cover; HH3, estimate 10 pounds, worn cover.

Natal:

Postal Markings Of Natal by Hart et. al.: CG4 - estimate 15, sold at 21, U.S. retail \$35. MORE NATAL CITATIONS KEENLY WANTED!!

Orange Free State/River Colony:

OFSSC Bulletin, between #s 38-123 (11 missing), 1963-1966, 75 items: CG4 - estimate 40, sold at 44.

Postmarks Of OFS & ORC, 1868-1910 by Batten: CG4 - estimate 15, sold at 16.

More About Postmarks Of OFS & ORC, 1868-1910 by Batten: CG4 - estimate 15, sold at 13.

Orange Free State, Its PO's And Their Markings (2 parts) by Batten: CG4 - estimate 15, sold at 13

Rhodesias:

Romance Of The Posts Of Rhodesia, British Central Africa And Nyasaland & Cancellations Of Rhodesia And Nyasaland, 1940 and 1950 respectively but in combined 1961 reprint: CG3 - estimate 24, sold at 20.

Rhodesia: A Postal History by Smith: HH3 - estimate 40, sold at 51. An ex-library copy, no dust jacket, covers bent, bought in Calgary for \$22. 1970 supplement to above: HH3 - estimate 3.50, sold at 10.

The Surcharging Of Rhodesia's Mail, 1965-71: CG3 - estimate 5, unsold & CG4 - estimate 5, sold at 8.50.

Philatelic Handbook Of Nyasaland, 1859-1964: CG4 - estimate 14, sold at 32

KGVI Collection Society, Nyasaland Protectorate: CG4 soft cover, estimate 7, sold at 8.50 and hard cover, estimate 10, sold at 12. Both items were unsold in CG3 at same estimates.

Union of South Africa:

Handbook/Catalogue, 1960 Edition without 1964 supplement, (known as Volume II): CG3 - estimate 20, sold at 21.

The De La Rue Georgians Of South Africa, by Lobdell: HH3 - estimate 20, sold at 25, U.S. retail \$12.50.

Interprovincial Stamps And Postmarks Of South Africa by Berry and Vermaak: CG4 - estimate 6, sold at 11.

South Africa Postmarks, Routine Handstamp Cancellations by Berry: CG4 - estimate 4, sold at 6.

Anglo-Boer War:

ABW Philatelist, Volumes 4-20 (1961-77) plus 12 earlier issues, 80 items: CG3 - estimate 30, sold at 30.

ABW Philatelist, Volumes 11-23, 8 missing, 41 items: CG4 - estimate 20, sold at 20.

Philately Of Boer War Camps, Parts A & B: CG4 - estimate 20, sold at 21.

Back-Of-The-Book:

Revenue Stamps Of South Africa by Dodd: CG4 - estimate 4, sold at 12 (only 23 pages!)

Sherwood's Catalogue Of South African Revenue Stamps: CG4 - estimate 10, sold at 10.

Mount Currie Express: CG4 - estimate 3, sold at 3.

Revenues Stamps Of The British Colonies by Morley (1895), 88 pages: CG3 - estimate 10, sold at 12

THE SOCIETY TRUST



The Society is fortunate 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 1969:

Postage - \$569 - Contributors: Chuck Lupo, Bill Brooks, John Rightmire, anonymous (9). All mint US postage donations have been exhausted.

Cash - \$283.75 - Contributors: George van den Hurk, John Rightmire, Dave Wessely, Louise Christian, Henry Ibsen, Ralph Myerson, T.P. McDermott, Robert Taylor, anonymous (4).

Awards Fund - \$300 - Contributors: Louise Christian.

Library/Archives - Contributors: Orange Free State Study Circle, Bill Brooks, Gerry Haimo, Morgan T. Farrell, Anita Beach. (For a complete listing of Society library materials, please write our friendly archivist, Timmy Bartshe whose address is listed on the inside front cover page.)

For all members who indicated Trust donations to the Society during the annual billing period, we sincerely thank you for your generosity!!

THE
INTERNATIONAL
SCENE



The ranks of the Society's International Representative corps recently welcomed the addition of Dr. H.U. Bantz of Horison View, Republic of South Africa. He was preceded by former member Neil Miesel. Dr. Bantz has also joined the Question & Answer Panel for inquiries regarding South West Africa/Namibia.

Panel member Bill Wallace of San Francisco recently attended a Rhodesian Study Circle meeting in Zimbabwe. He very much enjoyed the experience and even met a fellow PSGSA'er there. Bill reported that the themes of the first day of the conference were Military Mail and Mardons. The second day was devoted to general exhibits. Members of RSC were encouraged to bring displays on the two theme subjects, as well as others for a more general "show-and-tell" activity.

Forerunners will be entered in the literature competition at Cape Town 91 this Fall. Our RSA/IR, Ulli Bantz has been extremely helpful in this regard.

General member Athol Murray has written that he will be providing assistance to our UK/IR Mike Smith regarding the possibility of a regional in England.

Notes From Abroad

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

"I have sent two information releases off to the Canadian Stamp News. Hopefully they will use them." Patrick Delmore, Canada.

The Reciprocal Listings Exchange

Any organization whose philatelic focus falls within, or is contiguous to 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, should take note 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 (1897 -1966) and Botswana (post-1966). The Society's members are scattered around the world with strong contingents in the UK 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.

Dutch Philatelic Society of Southern Africa (FVZA) - Founded in 1988 by Dutch collectors focusing upon the following countries: South Africa, South West Africa, the Homelands, Botswana, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Angola and Mocambique. 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. Subscription only is 15 guilders. For further information, please write: Secretary FVZA, J. Stolk, Wilgensing 166, 3053 CZ Rotterdam, Holland.

The April '91 issue of their publication contained an excellent listing (in English) of the "Special Temporary Datestamps of Namibia (SWA), 1977-1989". In addition, a colored insert included three recent PSGSA information releases highlighting our 1991 auction, Northeast Regional Meeting and Board members for 1991/93. Their support of PSGSA is certainly appreciated!

Orange Free State Study Circle - Founded in 1953 to further the study of the postage, revenue and telegraph stamps, the postal stationery, markings and history of the Orange Free State and the Orange River Colony.

There are over eighty members in the UK, USA, South Africa, Australia, Canada, Europe and other parts of the world. The annual subscription is 7 pounds and the financial year runs from September 1st through August 31.

A quarterly bulletin is issued that contains articles by members, questions and answers, meeting reports, membership changes and much other useful information. A new member is entitled to receive all bulletins issued in

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the year of joining. Past bulletins can be supplied, so far as they may be still available, on application to the Hon. Bulletin Editor.

Meetings are held in or near London three or four times per year, with full reports of the proceedings being published in the bulletins. With the increasing number of US and South African members, it is hoped that meetings will eventually be arranged, on a regular basis, in those countries.

Postal auctions, open to all members, are regularly organized, often in conjunction with the Transvaal Study Circle.

A three-volume series of handbooks has been published. Volume I, which deals with the stamps and postal stationery of the Orange Free State (Independent Republic), was published in 1967. Volume II, dealing with the stamps and stationery issued during the British Occupation in the Anglo-Boer War, was published in 1974. Volume III, which deals with the Orange River Colony period, was published in 1980. Books on the postmarks and postal history of the OFS/ORC, written and published by the Study Circle's honorary Life President, A.G.M. Batten, FRPS, L, RDP, SA, are also available.

Projects currently in hand include the publication of a series of maps concerned with the postal history of the OFS, a study of the censor marks used in the OFS during the Anglo-Boer War and a re-write of Volume I of the Handbook which is now out of print.

Application forms for membership may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary: J.R. Stroud, 28 Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, TA8 1LQ, 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 Canada and the USA. 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, UK

The recently received March 1991 48th Postal Auction notice lists a total of 466 lots, including a number of illustrations. The cover page indicates that the auction lots are being brought to RSC meetings for review. Countries represented include BCSA, N/S Rhodesia, BCA/Nyasaland, Federation/Post Federation & UDI, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, postcards and literature. The catalogue also includes the prices realized from the previous auction.

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South Africa Collectors Society - SACS 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 basic membership is 7 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: A.R. Chilton, 56 Framfield Road, Micham, Surrey CR4 2AL UK

South West Africa Stamp Study Group - Founded in 1975, the SWASSG intention is to: a) study and record all philatelic material concerning SWA; and b) create reference material especially for the period from 1961 onwards. SWA became Namibia on March 21, 1990 and the Group intends to consider the stamp issues thereof as well. SWASSG meets monthly either in Johannesburg or Pretoria. It publishes the monthly Newsletter. Additional information regarding membership, back issues, 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.

Recent issues of their publication include meeting minutes, copies of very interesting postcards, new cancellers to be used at Windhoek post offices, flight covers and articles, e.g., "Modification of Postal Cancellers During 1990", "Contemporary History: Communications In The Kuiseb Valley."

Our IR/RSA, Ulli Bantz is President of the Group and Editor of its Newsletter.

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

RLE NEW ADDITION ! ! !

The Aerophilatelic Society of South Africa - Founded in 1954 with 110 current members throughout South Africa, Europe, UK, USA and Canada. Members are bound together by the bi-monthly issue of The Aeroletter. Contained therein is news of aeroplanes on stamps, information on classic airmail history in South Africa, news of new flights and routes of recent origin, and best of all, The Aeroletter contains the minutes of the latest meetings of our Society, full of all the wit that emanates from a fun-filled bunch of old airmail cover collectors. Further information about ASSA can be had by writing Colin Plen, P.O. Box 391499 Bramley 2018 South Africa

Two back issues of The Aeroletter received are replete

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with examples of flight related covers, historical flight information and the like. The injection of humor is an absolute delight also. It is strongly recommended that readers take Colin up on his offer of requesting a complimentary copy and membership information.

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 others which should be listed, please send information to the Editor in a timely fashion. Any reader 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.

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 convention at this event!** A program will be presented on "The Philately of Mafeking" by Frederick Lawrence. The meeting is scheduled for the 10 am - 12 pm time period on Sunday, August 25th. General member Ralph Myerson will be the meeting host. If you plan to attend or desire additional information, please write Ralph at 310 Maplewood Ave. Merion Station, PA 19066. Ralph is one of the Society's founding members and will look forward to welcoming newcomers and old-timers (no pun intended). If you have not had the pleasure of attending one of our annual conferences or regional meetings, you are encouraged to do so. Feedback from attendees at previous get-togethers has been tremendously positive (Could we honestly expect anything less?!)

SESCAL 91 - October 11-13, World Series of Philately event sponsored by the Southern California Federation of Stamp Clubs. PSGSA is an affiliate of the Federation and has entered the literature competition. **We will be holding a Fall Regional meeting/program at this event. The Society is tentatively scheduled for the two-hour time period of 10 am-12 noon on Sunday the 13th.** Society Treasurer Ron Carlson is our host and is looking for program offerings. He would also appreciate hearing from members who plan to attend (address on inside front cover page). This is important in the event that our meeting time is changed for some reason - **this is important since there will not be another mailing prior to the meeting.** In the event that there is a change of meeting time, Ron or Louise will so notify inquirers to that effect. **The new Society "Best Exhibit" Award will**

be made available to the SESCAL Exhibition Committee. We would dearly love to have it bestowed upon one of our own. For general information on SESCAL, please write: James A. Bowman, 3459 Township, Santa Susana, CA 93063.

Cape Town '91 - October 8-12, National Stamp Exhibition, Cape Town, RSA. Exhibition address: Box 13343, Mowbray, 7705, RSA. The annual Congress of the PFSA will be held concurrently on 11 October at the Civic Centre in Cape Town. **Forerunners will be entered in the literature competition at this event.**

Philanippon '91 - November 16-24, Tokyo International Fair Grounds. Contact Philanippon Committee, 91 CPO, Box 91, Tokyo 100-91, Japan.

WESTPEX 92 - May 1-3, Association for Western Philatelic Exhibitions, Inc., Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness at Geary, San Francisco. Data from Charles R. Waller, P.O. Box 1992, Pittsburg, CA 94565. **A PSGSA regional meeting is tentatively being planned-for.** Details in the next issue.

STaMpsHOW 92 - August 27-30, American Philatelic Society, Oakland Convention Center, Oakland. Data from American Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 8000, State College, PA 16803. **PSGSA FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION!!!** A Friday night dinner, Sunday brunch, Board meeting, exhibits and special program are planned-for. Please contact our Director/Programs, Louise Christian (address inside front cover). She would look forward to hearing from any and all members with ideas-especially those of a program nature. A special invitation will be sent to members of other specialty groups who participate in the Reciprocal Listings Exchange.

Genova 92 - September 18-27, World Exhibition of Thematic Philately, Fair of Genoa. International Federation of Philately. Enrico Veschi, Viale America 201, 00100 Roma, Italy. (061) 5422101 U.S. Commissioner: George T. Guzzio, 134 Berkeley Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217.

Pretoria 92 - October 6-10, National Stamp Exhibition held in Pretoria in conjunction with the Annual Congress of PFSA. Exhibition address: Box 50011, Wiondo Park 0149, RSA.

Uruguay 92 - October 12-21, FIP International Exhibition. For further information, contact U.S. Commissioners: Fred F. Blau, Box 59153, Chicago, IL 60659; or Karol Weyna, 5209 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036

Any member wishing to host a Society regional meeting in connection with a stamp show is strongly encouraged to contact our Director/Programs, Louise Christian - address inside front cover page.

THE FORERUNNERS FORUM

Questions
And
Answers



As part of its services to members and non-members alike, the Society 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 individual areas of expertise. Any reader may utilize the Panel in obtaining answers to questions which may have plagued them for some time, concerning a cover, cancellation, postal rates/routes, stamp identification, 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 answer, along with the question and reproduction, to the Editor for publication in the next available issue of *Forerunners*. Panel members will 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 a specific area not yet listed, is invited to communicate, in writing, their interest in serving to the Panel Chairman, Syl C. Tully, RD#1, Box 3060, Hyde Park, VT 05655 USA.

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.

Before listing Question #18, I would like to share an anecdote on the "hidden value" of our Question & Answer Panel. Back in late February, a certain Mr. Feser contacted yours truly (the Editor). It seems as though he had run across an "Experimental P.O." circular cancel on a British East Africa stamp and was not sure of its origin or purpose. He inquired as to whether our group might be of

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assistance in that regard. Not knowing anything about the cancel, the inquiry was forwarded to several on the Panel, one being Alan Drysdall. Now Alan, being of sound philatelic mind, body and spirit, placed a call for assistance to a friend well steeped in things philatelic of the East Africa genre - Mr. Roy Dunstan. Roy, in turn, responded back in a most thorough and scholarly manner as you will read.

In the meantime, Mr. Feser has since joined our group and an invitation has been sent, via Mr. Dunstan, to the East Africa Study Circle to participate in the Reciprocal Listings Exchange.

Question #18: "Here is a tracing of an unusual postmark that aroused my curiosity. I discovered it on an 1896 7 1/2 anna lilac Victoria definitive from British East Africa Protectorate, cataloged as Scott 81. The April 7 circular datestamp is clearly marked 'Experimental P.O.' around the periphery. 'E.A.P.' presumably signifies 'East Africa Protectorate.' I would appreciate any information about the Experimental Post Office marking that collectors may be aware of." - Robert Feser, Palestine, Texas



Answer by Syl Tully: "Experimental Post Offices usually accompanied military expeditions or other exploring teams. I have tried to determine who was either exploring or making military incursions into East Africa in the late 1890's and can only guess which it was, as none of my references are at hand presently. As a side note, witness use of similar cds' in Tibet in the early 1900's."

Answer by Roy Dunstan, East Africa Study Circle: "Your query is easily answered: The EASC has a book which is in the process of completion titled The P.O.'s Of Kenya And Their Postmarks 1890-1963. The following entry, written by John Minns, should clarify the matter.

EXPERIMENTAL P.O.

Postal records reveal that during 1901, a P.O. opened at Earthworks, the embanking gangs' camp for workers employed on laying the Uganda Railway. This camp was ahead of Railhead and an Indian type 'Experimental P.O.' canceller is believed to have been used at Earthworks.

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The use of the Experimental P.O. canceller continued into 1903, which is consistent with the fact that much permanent bridging, ballasting and re-routing took place during 1902-03. An Experimental P.O. postmark with slightly larger lettering is known (ERD 14.04.02), mainly on Ugandan stamps during the EA and Uganda Protectorate period. The following is an annotated listing from the earlier mentioned, soon-to-be-published work:



D5

EXPERIMENTAL P.O., single circle, ERD, 8. 07. 01 to EA and UP period (LRD 6.05.03)."

Inquirer Feser's Response: "Dear Mr. Drysdall: Thank you so much for your efforts in obtaining an answer to my question on the Experimental postmark on the East Africa stamp.

The one pictured on the page of the new book that you enclosed does appear very close to the mark on the stamp that I have. Close measurement of the letter height indicates that those on my mark may indeed be the slightly larger lettering that is mentioned in the text. My letters vary in height from 3 1/2 to 4 millimeters.

The only other possible difference is the appearance of the left crow's foot which has the appearance of a symmetrical cross with slightly rounded ends. I do think it possible that this was the result of overinking.

Unfortunately, mine is not a cover but a single stamp that was soaked-on-the-nose. Still it is most gratifying to have one's curiosity satisfied."

Question #19: "Why are Cape triangles so expensive—even when it comes to the most common ones?" - Jim Ryan, Calgary, Canada

Answer by Ras Wolpe: "The value of any object is determined solely by the perception of its value in the eyes of the buyer. After all, there could be only one known example of an error, but if nobody wanted to buy the error, for whatever reason, then its market value would be nil. Thus, the question can be reformulated to ask why are stamp collectors willing to pay so much for triangles?"

Speaking from personal experience, I would answer simply, 'love.' I bought my first triangle by accident, and was so taken by its unique and attractive appearance that I immediately resolved to purchase another. An economist would remark that there is certainly no shortage of triangles; however, the demand is sufficient to create a relative scarcity of quality (I stress quality as damaged triangles are worth close to nothing and are very numerous) and therefore buyers are prepared to pay high prices for triangles. Cape Triangulars possess a charisma that money can buy and in a society in which buyers possess 'so many dollars' to spare, there is no reason why buyers should not pay so/too much for Cape triangles. Clearly, we, as buyers, possess distorted pictures of value. Why is a stamp collector willing to pay \$50 for a stamp, of which tens of thousands exist, and unwilling to contribute \$50 a year to his/her local charity? In conclusion, Cape Triangulars are so expensive because people are willing to pay so much for them."

Answer by John Rightmire: "Simply answered: Supply and demand. More than that, though, is the fact that relatively few remain in 'Fine' condition compared to the large quantity of average triangles that exist. Large quantities of triangles can be had if one is not too particular about condition. The unusual shape is probably the strongest drawing factor; the the articles and publications about them whet the appetite further. One of the four values has been plated and as the design of all four is basically the same, this indicates a path to follow for plating the other three. A few collectors I know collect as many as funds allow. So much information is know from publications, and yet these publications are of such limited copies, that the few people with knowledge of what to look for in the way of scarce postmarks, re-entries, shades, mis-identified catalog numbers, etc..., keep prices above the level that a rectangular stamp with similar quantities of copies available might dictate."

Answer by Gene Bowman: "There is no simple or right answer, but I will attempt to place it in proper perspective by laying some groundwork in printing facts. According to D. Alan Stevenson in his volume The Triangular Stamps of Cape of Good Hope, the table on the following page indicates the actual number of stamps printed and received by the GPO in Cape Town.

As will see from these numbers, there are enough examples of these stamps to warrant a reasonable price for ownership. Stevenson further states that used examples are generally more common than their unused counterparts, except for the higher values of De La Rue. However, if one tries to equate the numbers issued (and presumably survivors being a high percentage of that number) with the value listed in the new "net" Scott catalog,

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obvious discrepancies show themselves.

PRINTER	VALUE	# PRINTED (X1,000)
PERKINS & BACON	1d	5,850
	4d	7,010
	6d	920
	1sh	380+
SAUL SOLOMON	1d	125+
	4d	113+
DE LA RUE	1d	1,223+
	4d	1,263+
	6d	95+
	1sh	37+
TOTAL	1d	7,196+
	4d	8,386+
	6d	1,915+
	1sh	417+
ALL VALUES		17,019+

A used #4 is valued at \$45 (approximately 6.35 million) while the used #13 is at \$35 (1.26 million). The blued paper issues of 1853-54, #2 and #2a are valued at \$100-125 (approximately 465 thousand). Are you confused yet? I know that I am. Scott does have the relative scarcity of mint vs. used correct, but what causes these stamps to be so highly valued in the catalogs of the world?

Scott does define its pricing policy with 'Quotations... are for copies with two ample margins, the third close or touching the design...' As Stephenson mentions, due to the set-up of the cliches in the sheet, the bottom margin, especially, and the left margin, generally, tend to be closely trimmed because of arrow spacing between stamps. And looking at large lots of these stamps, which are common to almost any auction, most of the examples do not pass the Scott test. Even assigning a 10% factor to the issued stamps still leaves plenty of supply.

Probably the most logical mechanisms driving the price is the fact that these stamps are (1) beautiful, (2) old and (3) the first triangular issued in the world. I can remember as a young stamp collector, just starting my British Africa collection, waiting to purchase my first 4d blue. This mystique, coupled with the condition/margin issue, probably accounts for the majority of the market force for good copies. However, there are always exceptions to the

A recent advertisement in Linns (3/4/91), covering over 30% of a page, states 'Special Introductory Offer! NOW YOU CAN OWN A CLASSIC CAPE TRIANGLE...for only \$29.50.' The ad shows a 4d example enlarged three times with only the right margin intact and goes on to describe what your dollar will get: 'Used, Imperforate, Fine or Better Condition' with a limit of 3 stamps per order. You make up your own mind about why these lovely stamps are so expensive."

Question #20: "I have Union of South Africa bilingual circular cancels on provincial stamps. When were these first used?" - Jim Ryan, Calgary, Canada

No answer was furnished by the Panel. Therefore, this question now appears in the "Unanswered Challenges For The Scholar" feature.

Follow-up responses to Question #17 (erroneously listed as #19):

Athol Murray, Bowdon, Cheshire, UK: "The four covers illustrated all belong to me and I was enquiring of Werner Seeba if he knew anything about them. Since writing to him, I have now found out:

(i) P.B.C - it is not an 'O' and means 'passed by censor'; information received from Danny Swart of Stephen Weitz of Johannesburg.

(ii) & (iii) - Have not yet been able to establish whether these handstamps were used prior to the Union.

Dr. Franco Frescura has seen the ELUJILO (BONC 177) cover - also spelt as ELUGILO - it was a small post office located in the division of King William's Town - operational from 1st Oct 1875 through to 1880. Only one other strike of this office date stamp has been recorded.

Dr. Frescura and Michael Nethersole are about to publish a book on all the 1864 Barred Oval Numeral Cancellers of the Cape of Good Hope. Also, the GREY TOWN circular pink is very scarce. This Grey Town was also in the King Williams' Town division and the Post Office was opened in 1874 and closed in 1887 - not to be confused with the Greytown (one word, not two) in Natal. I bought this cover at Colonial Stamp Co. auction in Los Angeles in 1990."

Roland Terry, Honolulu, Hawaii: "Even though my peers are convinced that the postmark in question is ELVILLO, which no one can find, I am convinced that it is ELWILLO. But, of course, I cannot find that either, even though I consulted a number of maps. However, two days after Elivilo or Elwilo, I see a postmark of Greyton, which others have incorrectly identified as Greytown, where Louis Botha

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the mail of the Volunteer units of Pretoria, Johannesburg and Krugersdorp, was common practice, and regulated by the Postal Act No. 1 of 1886 and then Postal Act No. 18 of 1898.

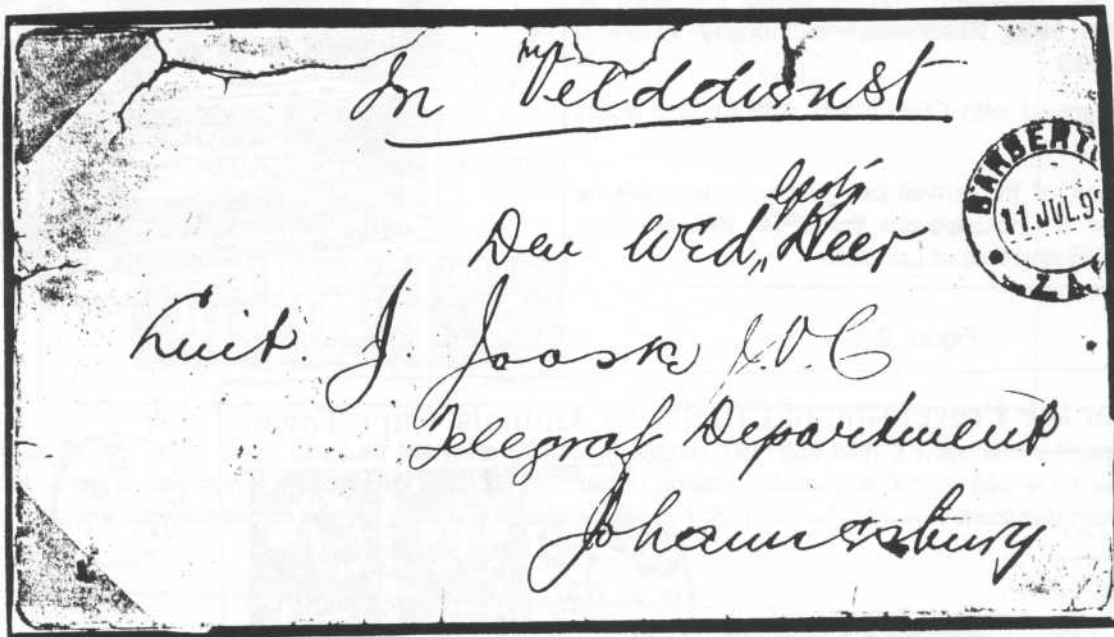
Covers from such expeditions are scarce. A few covers from the collection of J.M. Weinstein were illustrated in an article by Johannes Groenewold in the Exhibition brochure for Rand 77, held in Johannesburg from 22-27, August 1977.

Last year (1990), these covers were auctioned at one of the major auctions in London and they are proudly displayed in my Witwatersrand heimat collection.

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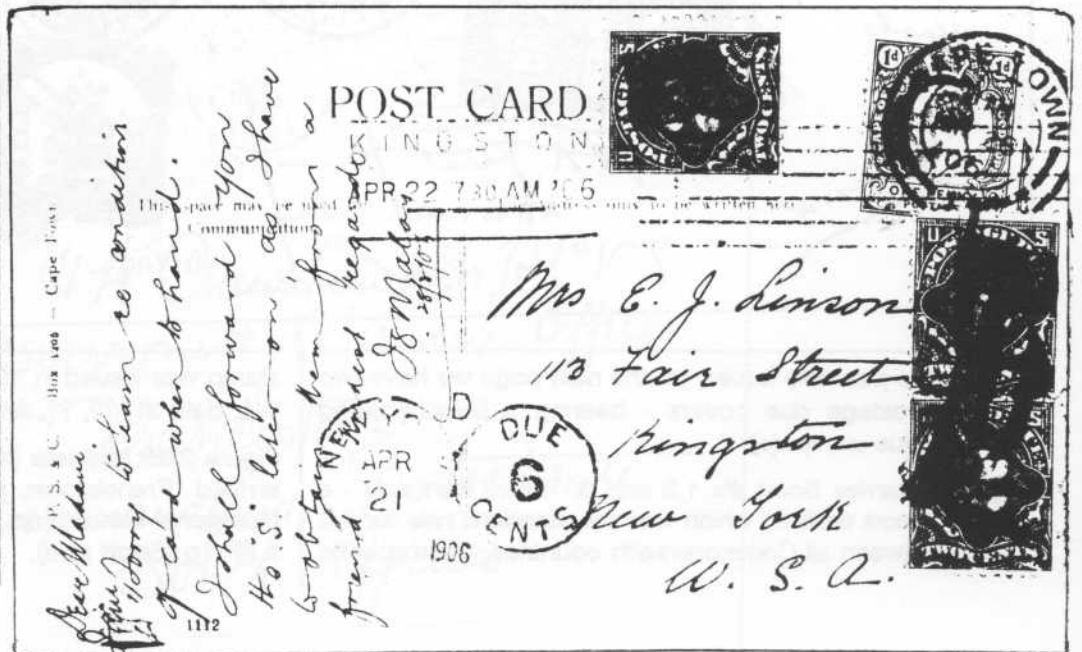
You will note that the cover in question, shown below, is dated stamped with the BARBERTON-ZAR canceller dated 11 Jul. 98 and addressed to Luit. J. Jooste J.V.C. of Johannesburg Vrywilliger (Volunteer) Corps.

It might be of interest to publish some more details about the Corps and the Barberton-Swaziland expeditions of 1898, for which purpose I enclose a short article I did for the exhibition brochure of Johannesburg 100 in 1998 and a contemporary newspaper report of the "Goldfield News" of June 6, 1898."...Kind regards, George. (Both of the items are printed in the feature articles section.)



Retiring Vice President John Rightmire has sent in three interesting items for our enjoyment. The first, shown opposite, is a postcard, postmarked: (1) Capetown, 26 March 1906, (2) New York, due 6 cents, April 21, 1906 and (3) Kingston, New York April 22, 1906.

On the next page, Figure 1 is a postcard postmarked 20, March 1907. It shows a memorial to the fallen horses of the Boer War, mailed from Grahamstown to Ontario, Canada with a CGH Scott #64 stamp on reverse.



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"The greatness of a nation consists not so much in the number of its people, or the extent of its territory, as in the extent and justice of its compassion.

Erected by public subscription in recognition of the services of the gallant animals which perished in the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902."

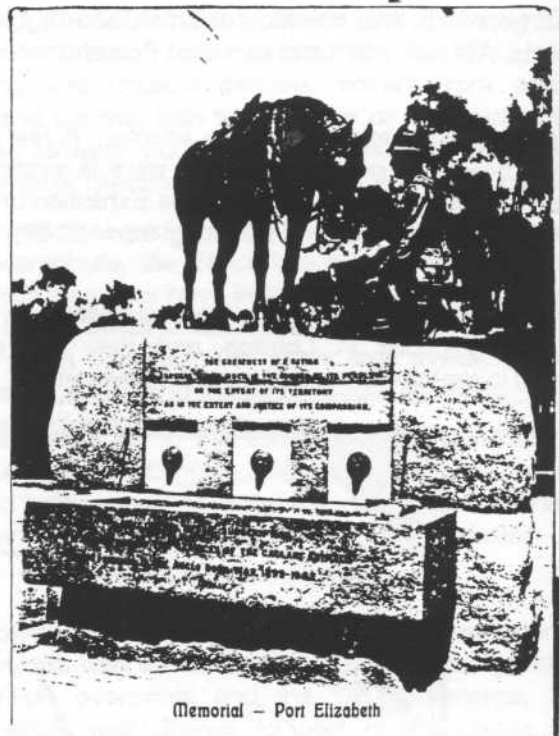
Figure 2, below, shows the front view of an envelope "advertising" the "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Cape Town."

It was mailed at Capetown 10 Jun 1898, received at London 30 Jun 1899, re-directed to Ronsey where it arrived 1 July 1899.

This cover is franked with CGH Scott #42 x1 and Scott #60 x 2.

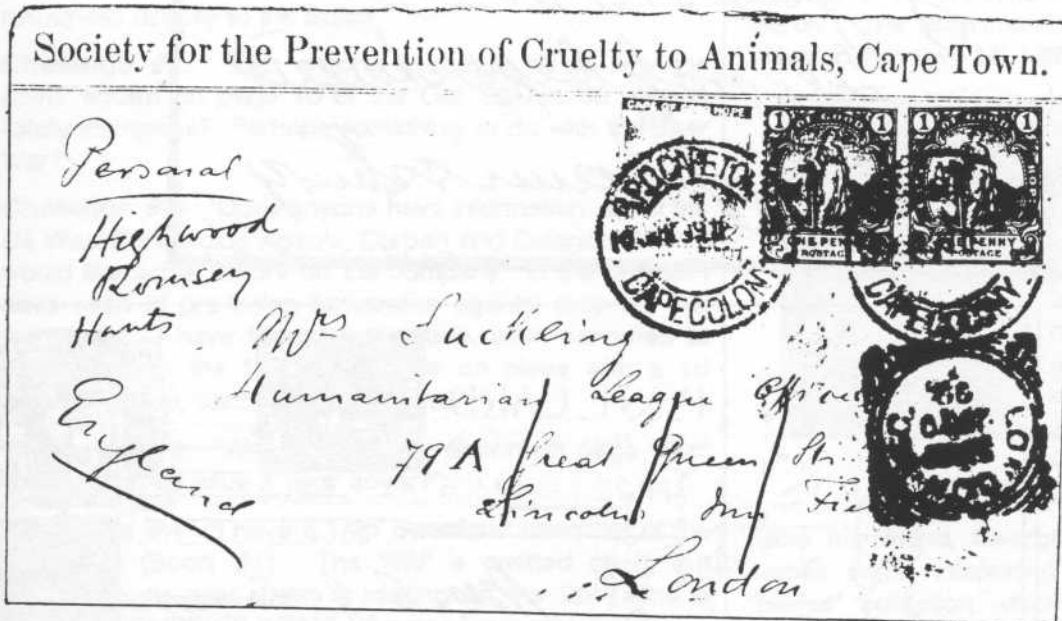
The reverse side of the envelope (pieces extracted), is shown in Figure 3. Included are the SPCA double circle seal, Romset CDS and that of London.

Figure 1.



Memorial - Port Elizabeth

Figure 2



As with the past two issues, on the next page we have two internal postage due covers - bearing a Bechuanaland postage due stamp(s).

Figure 1 carries Scott #s 1,2 and 3. From Bermuda - a 7 1/2p (Scott #121D) which was the standard rate for 1/2 ounce between all Commonwealth countries. This specific

stamp was issued in 1941. Bermuda cancel, illegible town WA, date 31, ??, ??.

Arrival Pitsani with illegible date. Figure 2 left Margate (Kent) on March 12, 1938 with 2 1/2p arrived Francistown, BP on March 28, 1938. Has hexagonal handstamp with handwritten 10 inside. Carries a BP 1p (Scott #J5).

Our US/IR, Dave Wessely has sent two internal Bechuanaland Protectorate postage due covers as follows:

Figure 1. Carries Sc#s J1-3, from Bermuda 7 1/2p (Sc# 121D); this is the standard rate for 1/2 ounce between all Commonwealth countries. This specific stamp was issued in 1941. Bermuda cancel - illegible town WA—, date 31, ??,??; arrival was Pitsani with illegible date; appears to be 13 Nov 5? NOTE: This cover appears to be somewhat philatelic due to the lateness of the dues usage and the perfectness of the arrangement of the dues stamps. However, it is the first example that I have ever seen. I would really appreciate help in locating other examples.



Figure 2. Carries Sc #s J4-7. From UK. Left Margate (Kent) on March 12, 1938 with 2 1/2p, arrive Francistown, BP on March 26, 1938. Has a hexagonal handstamp with handwritten 10 inside. Carries a BP 1p (Sc #J5) with an excellent reverse postal machine cancellation to advise writers that a postage is 1/2p per half ounce. Absolutely non-philatelic.

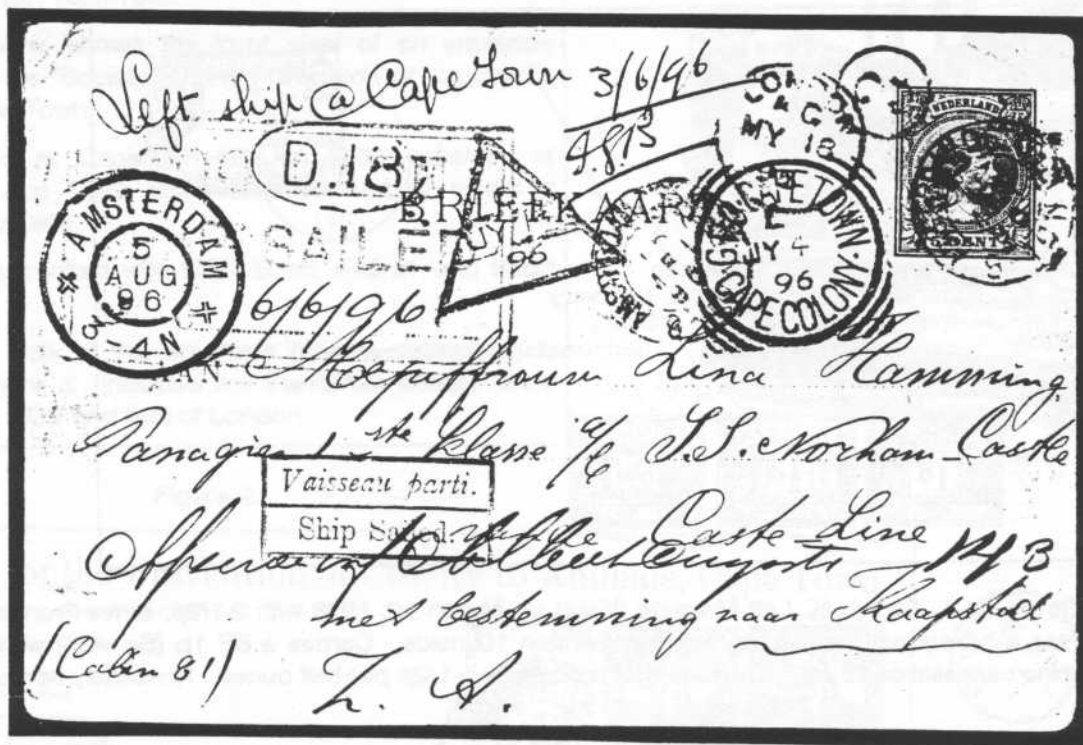


This and the next three pages consists of photocopies of some covers that Athol Murray of Altrincham, Cheshire

England in the past few weeks which he felt may well be of interest to other collectors of the Cape.

Figure 1

MARITIME MAIL



M 7

RLO 26

A postcard from Amsterdam franked with 5c adhesive cancelled Amsterdam/Ostend train circular date stamp 15 Mei 1896. Red London transit mark 16 May 96. Carried by RMS "Mexican" for a passenger on board RMS "Norham Castle" en route for Cape Town, where it arrived on 3 June 1896 and the addressee disembarked, manuscript notation "Left Ship @ Cape Town 3/6/96" The "Mexican" arrived on 10 June 96 when Castle Line office applied "TOO LATE/SHIP SAILED/DATE 6/6/96" (M.7). Postcard sent to G.P.O. Cape Town on day of arrival. Cape Town circular date stamp on reverse 10 June 96. Here it received the rare bilingual boxed "VAISSEAU PARTI : SHIP SAILED" handstamp (RLO26) at the foreign section. The Post Office delivered the card to the local agency of the Castle Mail Packets Co. Ltd who presumably tried to trace the passenger, the card was returned to the G.P.O. on 4 July 96 passed on to Returned Letter Office datestamp 14 July 96 (RLO2) on reverse also triangular sorting mark of same date (PS8). A twin postcard to that illustrated in Robert Goldblatt's book, page 147.

Figure 2

UNSTAMPED AND INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID LETTERS

SP 25a



An envelope franked with a vertical pair of ½d green Hope standing, tied by squared circle East London Cancellor dated 11 December 1900, addressed to Australia. Endorsed in manuscript "Card Only", but envelope sealed up and in consequence stopped by G.P.O. in Cape Town where boxed "CLOSED AGAINST INSPECTION" * handstamp (SP25a) applied over "T" marking in black. Additionally a four line purple handstamp "PACKETS MUST BE LEFT OPEN TO BE SENT BY BOOK/POST AND THIS WAS STOPPED BECAUSE CLOSED/AGAINST INSPECTION. IT HAS BEEN OPENED IN/R.L.O. AND IS FORWARDED ON THIS OCCASION" * Further circular date stamps of "Charge Clerk 17 Dec 00" and in red "Returned Letter Office/Cape Town/24 Dec 00"

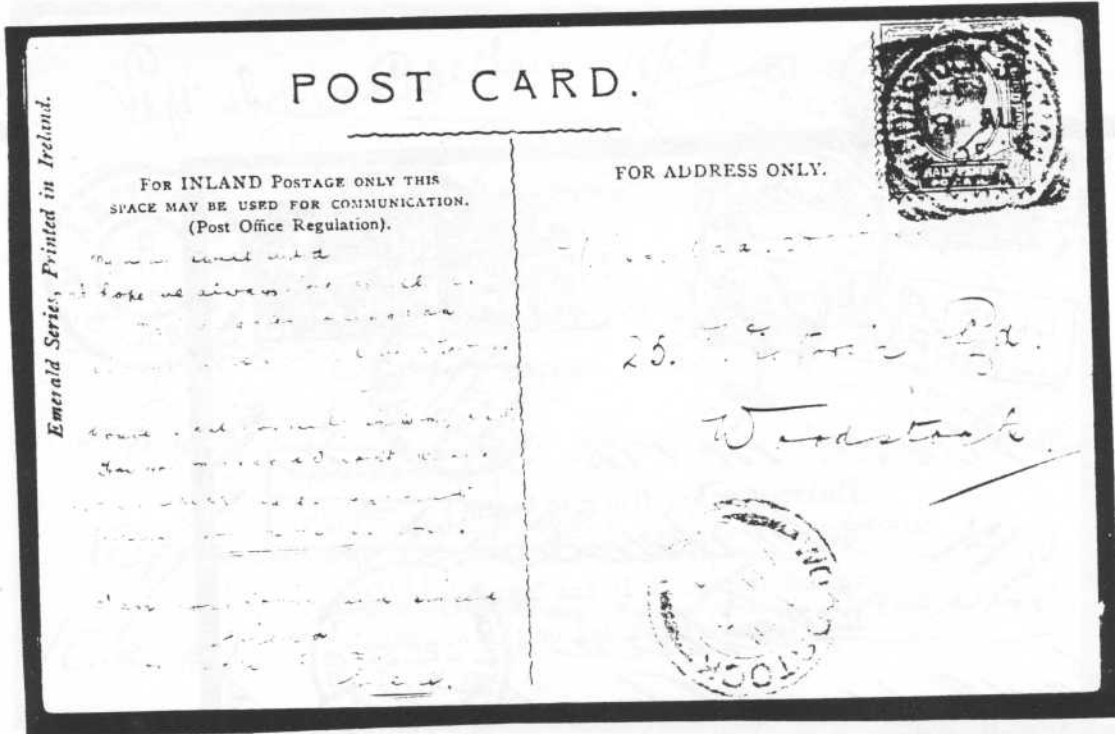
* The only recorded examples of these two handstamps recorded to date.

Figure 3

RAILWAY POST OFFICE CANCELLATIONS

"WOODSTOCK STATION C.G.H."

A Railway Post Office cancellation in an unrecorded squared circle datestamp with a single circle and only two segments.



Wellington Station



Figure 4

THE DOUBLE CIRCLE DATESTAMPS OF 1900 - 1902

"WEST BANK EAST LONDON"

An unrecorded postmark similar to the 'Pier Head Cape Town' canceller (DCDS 14)



Publications Program Update

In the previous issue, more detail was provided concerning the Society's concerted effort to pursue an active program of sponsoring and publishing various categories of works, e.g., monographs, occasional papers and books. Several projects in development were listed, as well as, the various roles and responsibilities that members could assume if they so desired, e.g., reviewer, project coordinator.

The Publications Program has grown rapidly and ambitiously. Therefore, the Board feels that it would be most prudent to form a Publications Program workgroup. The group will be composed of members with solid expertise in production and publishing techniques, editing, marketing and related skill areas. A very small core group of members is presently developing an operational plan which will include: (1) roles and responsibilities of a formal

committee; (2) marketing strategies; (3) submission and review criteria; and (4) goals and objectives for the Publications Program. It is anticipated that a formal proposal will be submitted to the full Board for review and approval by September next. Formation of a permanent committee and implementation of a formal program for Society sponsored publications will take place the month after (October). A detailed announcement will appear in the next issue of the Journal.

Guy Dillaway is presently working on a manuscript dealing with postal rates and foreign destinations from the Cape during the 1853-65 triangular period. He is especially interested in all 3p and 4p rates to the UK and 1p+1p rates to Holland. He would appreciate front/back photocopies of covers and will purchase items, condition not of

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paramount importance. If you may be of some assistance to Guy in his quest, please contact him by writing to him at his address on the inside of the front cover page.

Our Canadian colleague, Jim Ryan, has a penchant for philatelic literature and has decided to embark upon a very ambitious effort in that regard. The following is an open letter to all members of the Society:

"During the past two months, I have been wondering if it is time to ask fellow Southern Africa enthusiasts about compiling a comprehensive philatelic bibliography. This massive task is, I believe, well beyond the capabilities of any single society or specialty group. A cooperative effort would be needed. Some of our affiliates may have made tremendous progress in their areas of interest, while much hard work awaits others.

I am going to approach our sister organizations about this and solicit responses. The reactions of Forerunners readers would be of considerable interest to me. This cooperative effort may result in dragging out what should be a rather arduous task because of bureaucracy. Nothing worth doing is ever easy, but with perseverance and the good will so abundantly displayed by philatelists of this region, I believe that a comprehensive bibliography of Southern Africa is attainable. It is for you to say whether it is needed and, if so, worth doing. Please let me hear from you. Jim Ryan, 4419 17 Avenue N.W., Calgary, AB Canada T3B 0N7.

FEATURE ARTICLES

Editor's Note: Submission of articles for publications in this journal is accepted on an on-going basis. The individual issue deadlines are the 15th of May, September and January. Articles should be in double-space, typewritten form and have a maximum length of five pages, not including illustrations. The letter should be the clearest copy possible. Originals of charts and graphs are preferable. Lengthy articles are accepted on a serialized basis. Periodically, articles will appear which have been previously published elsewhere. This occurs when the subject of the work is judged to be of strong interest and value to Society members. Appropriate credit is always 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.

In the event any reader desires a topic or two to write about, the Editor has a comprehensive list of subjects based upon suggestions from members over the years. It is available for the asking by writing the address in the cover page masthead. The list is also distributed with the first issue of each volume.

The latest additions to the feature article topics list are: a continuing series on cancellers on Union of South Africa provincial revenue stamps * in-depth coverage of various postal routes, i.e., how they evolved, changes occurring over the years, reasons for relocation, name changes, etc.* anything related to Cape triangles * hints about forgeries and reprints and other unusual items that cannot be found in usual sources such as standard catalogs.

Dialogues

This is the first installment of an aperiodic feature presenting reactions to articles. The article title is listed first, followed by the reader's comments and then the author's response. Hopefully, this installment will now establish a new and enduring tradition for the Society in its pursuit of excellence. In this issue, there are two "dialogues" as follows:

"South African Military Censorship of World War II", Irving Baron, March/June 1991, pages 23-31.

Comments by Alec Page, FRPS, L, Dartford, UK:

"Irving Baron's was first published in the Springbok Philatelist. The caption for Figure 10 is incorrect. The last sentence refers to an East London postmark 12 June 1945. This, it is not: it is an S.A. Army P.O. (U.K.) cancel No. 1, as illustrated in my article on page 33; and its use explained therein. I would similarly also suggest that the UCB censor label would have been applied in S.A. before the letter was despatched, and the reason for its return had nothing to do with the contents, but was on account of the repatriation of the POW.

I recall now that I wrote about these points at the time and also another one on Figure 2. The South African military censor stamps of the type did not include letters in their identity, thus 'F' must have been an indistinct number."

Author's Response:

"I want to thank Alec Page for calling attention to my error in Figure 10, regarding the UDF Repatriation APO cancellations. Though I had some items from the POW Repatriation Unit, unfortunately they did not have any of these markings. We are very fortunate that Forerunners was able to include both articles in the same edition.

As for Figure 2, there was a typographical error. It should have been #180 and not #18F."

'Why Adrian (Early CGH Handstamp Forgeries)', Robert Taylor, March-June 1991, pages 39-40.

Comments by Athol Murray, Altrincham, England:

'Referring to pages 39 and 40 entitled 'Why Adrian?', by Robert Taylor. Basically his description of the forgeries are those of which there are drawings in A.A. Jurgens book because he used the same block to stamp, on to the covers that he obtained from the archives in Cape Town.

However, I think that Mr. Robert Taylor may be wrong with regard to the last of his forgery descriptions because there are four types of the undated letter stamp, which in Robert Goldblatt's book it is found that USL2 and USL4 both have the extra dot in the ermine band. I believe that the only true way of assessing a forgery is to compare it closely with the illustration in Mr. Jurgen's book. If it is identical, then it is certainly a forgery.'

Author's Response:

'The forgery is indeed a forgery and I have enclosed enlarged reproductions to make it clear. Unfortunately, the illustration in the piece I wrote was too small to show the differences clearly. Perhaps the most telling difference is the broken leg in the 'R'. The feet of the 'A' and 'L' are joined and there are other variances as well. The spacing between the fourth and fifth dot in the ermine band is an obvious one. I believe it most closely resembles Goldblatt's ULS2, a variety I have never been able to obtain nor have I ever seen an example offered at auction. I would be truly elated if only my forgery were not.'

(Editor's note: Listed below are enlarged illustrations from both the Goldblatt and Jurgen works for comparison purposes. On the next page is an actual size vs an enlarged illustration of the author's error cover.)

Goldblatt's illustrations enlarged.

Jurgen's illustration enlarged.



ULS 1



ULS 2



Fig. 32. (Type 17.)



ULS 3



ULS 4



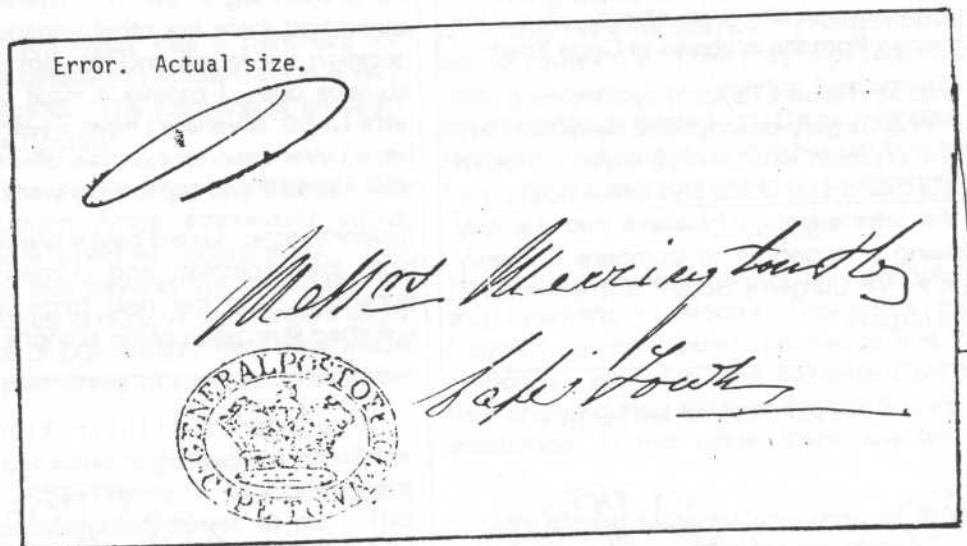
Fig. 32a. (Type 17.)



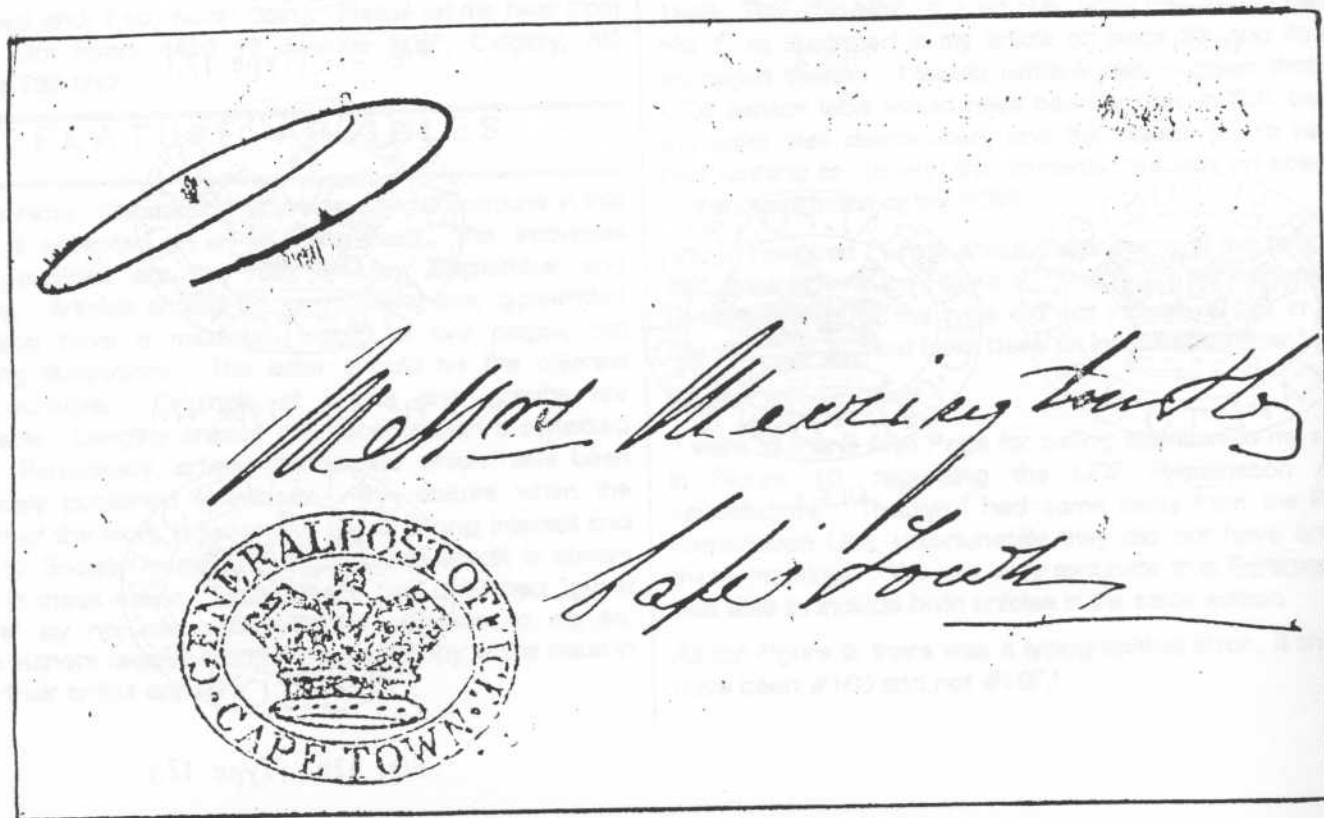
Fig. 32b. (Type 17.)

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Figure 1. Actual versus enlarged copies illustrating Robert Taylor's error cover showing Jurgens Figure 32a (Type 17) from previous page.



My error enlarged. Compare with Jurgens Fig. 32a. (Type17.)



One Hundred Years Of The Barberton

Post Office: Part IV

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S.O. KAAPSCHE HOOP, Lydenburg District (Kappsehoop Gold Fields), Eastern Mining District, 1903

Opened as a P.O.A. (P.A.K.) DUIWELSKANNOOR (Devil's Office) in 1882. In the beginning possibly only the double ring (20x14mm) with Z.A.R. in the middle obliterator was used to cancel stamps as far as this writer knows. This type of canceller, obliterator, actually was used in the last century to help out newly opened agencies to cancel their first mail before the place-date canceller was ordered, made and supplied to the office.

In 1884, the office name changed to "KAAPSCHE HOOP GOUDVELDEN" and achieved S.O. status. The canceller used then became a single circle 26mm place-date type with "K HOOP GOUDVELDEN", one star left, one star right and Z.A.R. below, inside with "B" above the dateline and year below it.

The Postmaster of this office was compensated 21 pounds sterling 5/- per annum through July 1888 and 30 pounds thereafter. In 1889 the status of the site was raised to full Post Office (M.O.O./P.W.K.) because of significant increases in mail volume. During May 1889, it was supplied with the triangular numeral canceller with the No. "10" (blue ink) - see Figure 1 next page. Also used was a single circle date-stamp (2nd Republik), 23mm with "KAAPSCHE HOOP", Z.A.R. below and the date/year in the middle, until about 1894 which was in black ink.

Kaapsche Hoop Office, 1885 - 1890. Outgoing mail handled was 9,026 pieces total during that period. Postal orders were only sold in 1889 with a total of 485. From 1894, the double circle 24.5 x 16mm date-stamp (2nd Republik) was used with stars left and right, plus Z.A.R. below and dateline which was usable those days - see Figure 2. It is also possible that other cancellers had been used at this office. Information and copies of publications in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

The office was temporarily closed during the 2nd Anglo-Boer War. It reopened the 28th of July, 1902, supplied with the No. 41 taxing stamp during September 1902. The Post Office status was reduced to S.O. (Sub-office) in 1909 with the designation of No. 15.

The early official name was Kaapsche Hoop and the valley in which it was located was called De Kaap. On the mountains, some 1000 meters higher than the valley, the Mining Commissioner for some years officiated in preference to the growing, dynamic town of Barberton. Of his and other government offices, as well as stock exchanges,

believe is the earliest reported usage of this cancel. Little is known about its early usage. Andres van der Walt states that it is not known exactly when this cancel was introduced in Mafeking, though it could not have been until after the annexation of Mafeking into the Cape Colony in November 1895 (1).

During the Mafeking siege, the two-digit year slug was replaced by the four-digit "1900" slug, and the cancel was extensively used on the well-known siege stamps and became known as the siege cancel.

The post-siege usage of this cancel is also still somewhat confusing. In 1945, Dr. K. Freund, RDPSA stated, based on information given to him by J.V. Howat, the siege postmaster, that the cancel was destroyed after the siege (2); however, contemporary evidence does not support this. The cancel is known on covers/pieces through at least as late as March 1903, and it appears on forged Mafeking siege photographic ("blueprint") stamps which are believed to have been made in southern Africa (Capetown?) shortly after the relief of the siege (May 17, 1900).

This find sheds some light on the post-siege usage. It is a "B" cancel, which strongly suggests that there were at least two such cancellers - an "A" and a "B". After the siege, one canceller could have remained in Mafeking and been subsequently returned to postal use, while the other canceller, though thought by Howat to have been destroyed, could have been removed surreptitiously and subsequently used to cancel forgeries. Or, one canceller could have survived, been subsequently returned to postal use, and later been improperly used to cancel forgeries.

Further research is necessary to determine if the "A" and "B" cancellers can be differentiated and, if so, then to properly explain the post-siege usages. Anyone having additional information on this cancel, or pre-siege and/or post-siege examples of its use, should contact me (address inside front cover page under the Question & Answer Panel heading.)

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Figure 1. Front and reverse side of cover showing No. 10 triangular canceller for Kaapsche Hoop.

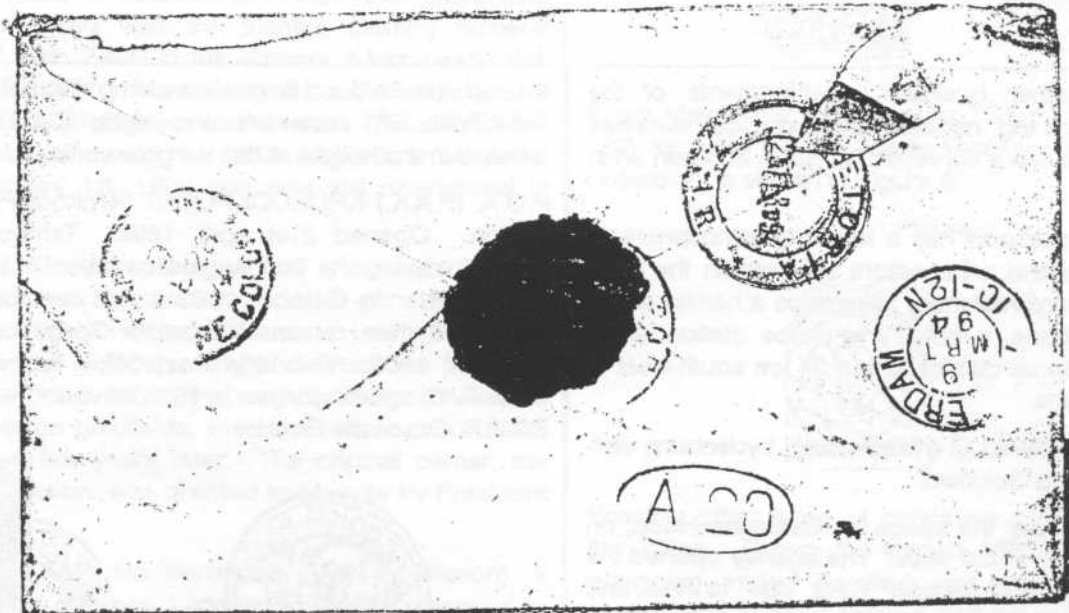
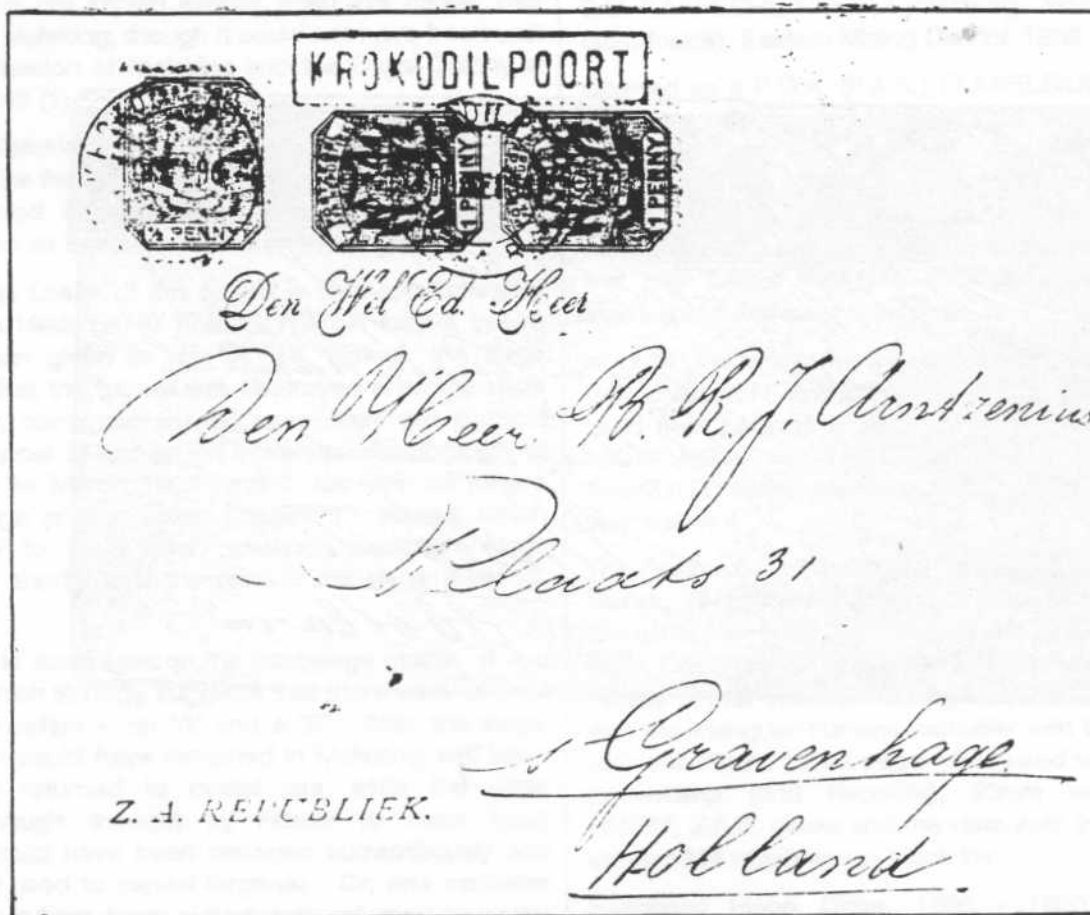


Figure 2. Cover showing double circle date-stamp of 2nd Republik period for KAAPSCHE HOOP.



two banks and other business establishments of the gold-rush days, nothing remains, although 233 business and residential sites were surveyed by E.J.P. Jorissen Jr. in July 1887.

The village of Kaapschoop has a lingering atmosphere of the gold-rush days and prospectors still work in the area. At present, the community more resembles a hamlet with a post office, two shops, a hotel and police station which comprises the Nelspruit district, about 24 km south-west of the town of that name.

P.O.A. (P.A.K.) KAAPVALLEI (Kaaupvalley), Lydenburg district. Kaapsche Hoop Goldfield.

Situated southeast near the village of Kaapsche Hoop, on the way to Barberton in old days. The agency opened the 1st of June, 1896 and closed 1899 due to the 2nd Anglo-Boer War.

It used the 24.5 x 16mm date-stamp (2nd Republik) with "KAAPVALLEI", stars left and right, Z.A.R. below and dateline in the middle at this vergoten office.

P.O.A. (P.A.K.) KROKODILPOORT (Krokodil Poort), railway station. Opened 21st April, 1892. Temporarily closed 1900/01 during the 2nd Anglo-Boer War. It reopened 1st April, 1901. In October 1902 it was renamed Crocodile Pass and then renamed Crocodile Gorge on the 1st of October, 1903. The 1904 Post Office list indicated it as P.T.A.R. Crocodilegorge. In 1905, its listing was shown as P.T.A.R. Crocodile Poort:



From 1906 this office was again named Crocodile Poort/ Crocodilepoort, via Nelspruit. At the office a 26.5 x 16mm date-stamp (2nd Republik) was used (1894-1900) with "KROKODILPOORT" and Z.A.R. below with dateline in the middle. At the same time, a rectangular canceller, 47 x 10mm was used with "KROKODILPOORT" inside. Krodileport was the first telegraph line connection point to Barberton.

P.O.A. (P.A.K.) MOODIES, via Barberton (7 miles/ 11km), Lydenburg district, 1899 Carolina District listed followed by Eastern Mining District, 1903.

Opened possibly as "MOODIES KAAP GOLDFIELD" agency in 1886. I has been said, a Cape type BONC conceller was used that year. Unfortunately, no proofing cover or items have turned up as of yet. As P.O.A. (P.A.K.), "MOODIES" officially opened on the 1st of January, 1887. A single circle 22mm place-date canceller with "MOODIES GOUDVELDEN" with Z.A.R below and date/year in the middle, was used first at this office as shown in Figure 4. A sealing-stamp was also used.

Figure 4.



The postal agent's salary for 1887 was 10 pounds. From May 1889, in connection with the place-date canceller, also used was the triangle (30mm) numeral canceller "58", with Z-A-R in the corners it has been said. Who can proof this? From 1894, a double circle place-date stamp (2nd Republik) was used. The office was temporarily closed during the 2nd Anglo-Boer War. It reopened January 13, 1903 and was still operational in 1910.

George Pigot Moodie practiced as a surveyor in the Transvaal and was appointed surveyor-general of the Transvaal in 1881. He held the post until 1884. He became interested in prospecting and struck the first gold in the Eastern Transvaal, in the area that later developed into the Barberton goldfields, which fourished about 1886, but declining a few years later. The original center, the Moodie Concession, was granted to Moodie by President Paul Kruger.

S.O. NOORD KAAP, via Barberton (Railway Station), 9 miles or 15 km in distance, Lydenburg District. Opened as

March, 1908.

P.O.A. NOORD KAAP SIDING, via Barberton (15 miles/24 km), Lydenburg District and opened 1908.

P.O. STEYNSDORP/STELUNSDORP (M.O.O./P.W.K.), Lydenburg District initially. In 1899 it became part of Caroline District and then in 1903 as Eastern District. It was near the Swaziland border on the road to Mbabane, south of Barberton. Old names for this office included "New Pearl Goldfield" and "Painter's Camp". It possibly opened as a combination passenger coach way station and postal agency before 1887 and used the Cape type BONC number "628" which was issued to this area mid-1886.

Official records indicate that a post office in Steysdorp opened on the 15th April, 1887. The first postmaster received a salary of 14 pounds 4/ 5d. In 1887 the passenger and mail transport contract ran between Chrissies Meer (Lake Chrissies) and Steynsdorp, payable in the amount of 333 pounds 6/ 8d.

A single circle 22.5mm date-stamp/"STEYNSDORP" letter "B" above the date/year line and a point in the lower part from 1887 until about the middle of 1890 as shown in Figure 5.

Figure 5.



From May, 1889 the triangular (30 mm) numeral canceller "22", from the late Dr. Hasso Reisener Transvaal Postmark collection, is shown in Figure 6.

Figure 6.



Possibly other types of cancellers had been used also at this office. During the period 1885-1890, the volume of out-going mailed handled was 34,159 pieces. Postal orders sold in 1889 totalled 312 pounds. From 1894 the

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stamp with "Z.A.R." was used..

The office was temporarily closed during the 2nd Anglo-Boer War and reopened as a P.O.A. on the 19th of December, 1902. It closed once again on May 27, 1904 and reopened in 1908. The final closing date is unknown to this writer. An example of a 1911 interprovincial use is shown in Figure 7.

Figure 7.



The Place. In July, 1885, the prospectors Jim Painter and Frank Austen discovered alluvial gold in the valley of the Mhlonzosi, a tributary of the Komati River. Diggers flocked there and a boisterous mining camp, known as "Painter's Camp", sprang up. By April, 1886, it was the center for some 800 prospectors and diggers working in the valley. In that month the Mining Commissioner, E.M. Wilson, accompanied by the government representative, Cmdt. J.P. Steyn of Lydenburg, visited the camp and it was named Steynsburg in honour of the Commandant. To obviate confusion with Steynsburg in the Cape, the name was changed to Steynsdorp.

The town was surgeyed by R. Plaighelli and grew rapidly as the center of the New Paarl gold field, which was proclaimed on 21 February, 1887. By that time the town had a population of approximately 1000 Whites/Europeans and 2000 Bantu, as well as six hotels, 30 bars/shops, a bank, a post office, a prison, government office and even a newspaper - "The Steynsdorp Observer". As the gold field's output began to diminish and the newly discovered fields on the Witwatersrand lured the diggers away, the town declined and eventually vanished. Only one house still stands. Today it is one of the ghost towns and villages of the Eastern Transvaal. Grass-grown piles of rubble are all that is left of its once substantial buildings.

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Johannesburg Vrywilliger Corps

By: George van den Hurk, Switzerland

The Volksraad approved in 1894 an Act authorizing the founding of Volunteer Units in Pretoria, Johannesburg and Krugersdorp. The Johannesburg Volunteer Corps was formed on 23rd November 1894 under the command of Lieut. Colonel S. J. van Diggelen. In April 1895 the regulations, in respect of the J.V.C. were approved by State President S.J.P. Kruger.

After the surrender of Jameson on 2nd January 1896, Commandant van Diggelen and members of his mounted troops escorted Jameson to Pretoria.

Soon afterwards, on 12th February 1896, the J.V.C. placed an announcement in the Standard & Diggers News for new recruits. The announcement was made in Dutch, German, French and Swedish.

The Star of the same day immediately reacted in the strongest possible terms:

"Open Recruiting.

The Johannesburg Vrywilligers or Volunteers, having been more or less secretly reinforced during the last two or three weeks by the addition of several hundred, it is apparently no longer thought worthwhile to hide the fact. Accordingly, a flaunting double column notice appears in this morning's Digger's News, signed by Lieut-Colonel Van Diggelen, which, while it professes to call upon those who were employed as special constables during the late troubles to become members of the corps, is in reality, as we believe, nothing but the swaggering proclamation of the strength of the corps in four languages, *the English one of course being delicately excluded*. That there was absolutely no occasion for the notice we are convinced; that any ex-special constables wishing to join the corps could have been reached in a less ostentatious fashion we are equally convinced, whilst there is no manner of doubt whatever that the quadrilingual announcement: German, Dutch, French and Svensk has given rise to a very great deal of angry comment. It is possible to swagger in print just as it is easy to do in uniform; and all this volunteer clatter of the unaccustomed side-arm and all this parade of the uniform made in Germany or at the Hague are eminently calculated to keep alive the ranking bitterness of the crisis."

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After the murder of the Chief Induna Mbaba of Swaziland in 1898, the Z.A.R. government moved a considerable body of armed troops to the Swazi border, including a detachment of Johannesburg volunteers. This expedition lasted from June to August 1898 from which period "Velddienst" covers are known from Barberton and Breimersdorp, addressed to Johannesburg and Pretoria.

The Corps was disbanded in 1899.

The following is a news piece from the June 17, 1898 Goldfield News, headlined "ARRIVAL OF VOLUNTEERS AT BARBERTON. A FINE BODY OF MEN". (Note the reference to Barberton in light of Werner Seeba's series concerning its post office.)

The detachment of Johannesburg Volunteers ordered to Barberton, in view of active operations in Swaziland, arrived by special train shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. A considerable crowd of towns people and officials gathered at the Railway Station some time before the train came into sight on the flats, prepared to offer the Volunteers a hearty welcome to Barberton. As the train, which was composed of two engines, 4 carriages, 8 trucks and 2 vans, drew up in front of the Station, the men struck up the Volkslied, and there was a cheer from the people on the platform. The men were at once detrained and drew up on the platform, and horses, tents, and baggage were quickly gotten out, the latter being quickly carted away by the public works vehicles to the site of the camp, on the slight rise in front of the Gaol walls, and between the latter and the Agricultural Society's grounds. The Committee of the Society had offered the building and grounds for the use of the officers and men; but Lieut.-Colonel Van Diggelen thought it better that the force should go into camp at once. The strength of the detachment is 110 officers and men-70 Vrywilligers and 40 infantry. Lieut. Col. Van Diggelen is in command, and the officers of the Vrywilligers are: Major Hall, Captain Dorey, Lieutenants Mostert, Ceroni and Durr; and of the Infantry, Captain Joubert and Lieutenant Molenaar, while Dr. Liegaerdt, Lieut. Rossiger and Quartermaster Ring are on the Staff. There is only one cyclist and one man of the Ambulance Corps in the strength of the detachment.

As the men formed upon the railway platform it was freely remarked that the Vrywilliers, who are Afrianders all through, looked a very serviceable body-just the stamp of men who may be expected to do credit to their corps and their country. Many of them have seen service, while some of the officers have gone through more than one campaign. The infantry, who are also Afrianders, presented an excellent appearance, and may be trusted to acquit themselves with credit should the occasion arise.

The cavalry are well mounted; indeed, the type of the horses, and their excellent condition after so long a journey, with little or nothing to eat on the way, says much for their fitness for the work in hand. Taken all through, the cavalry do Lieut.-Col. van Diggelen great credit, and the pity is that the Commandant-General has seen fit to send so few of them here. Barberton is only 4 hours from the border, it commands a long stretch of the latter-practically from a point on the west opposite Steynsdorp to Jeppe's Concession, debouching on to the Bomba, on the east, and is not only a centre which must be adequately protected from possible Swazie inroads, but a point from which an effective blow could be struck at the enemy in northern Swaziland, while there are Swazie kraals, some for those young men have gone to join the King, for many miles inside the border. Under the circumstances, and on the principle that a corps also fights best under its own officers, it is the general opinion in Barberton that the Commandant-General would do well to order the remainder of the Vrywilligers, or at least another 300 or so, to Barberton.

The luggage having been sent off to the camp site, the cavalry moved off, and it must be said that they looked very fit indeed. The infantry followed, and all were at once busily employed in pitching tents.

We learn that nothing is yet known as to the future movements of the detachment; but Commandant Van Diggelen will start patrolling tomorrow. The orders to move to Barberton came very suddenly, and nothing is known as to whether the men are to receive pay or not, and they even had to provide themselves with all necessaries.

The cavalry are armed with Martini-Henry carbine, revolver,

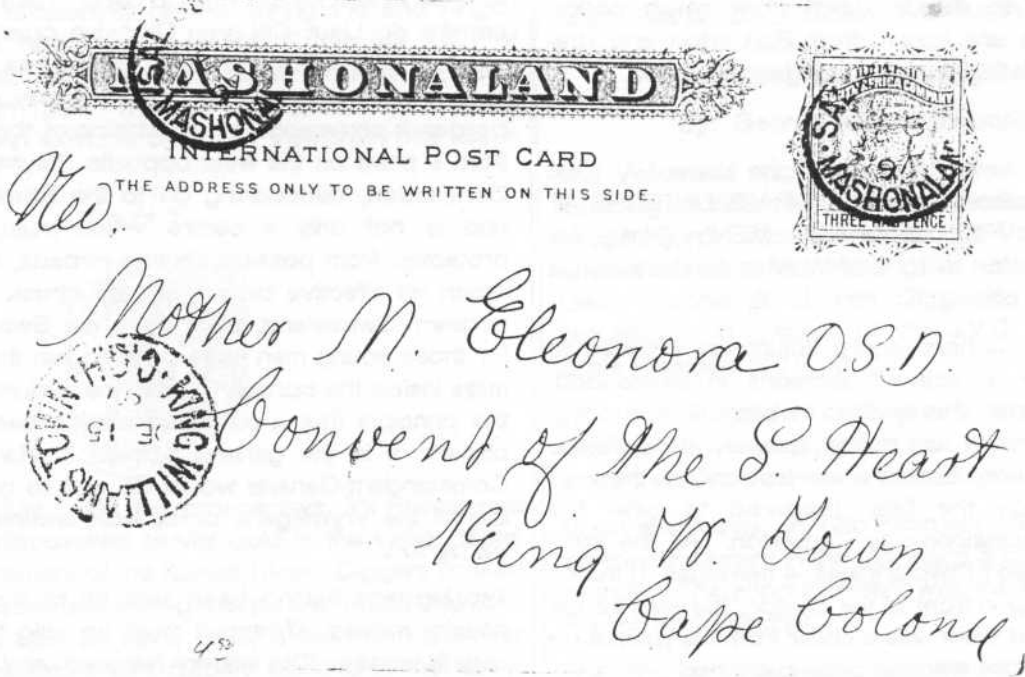
Two Short Stories On Early Rhodesian Postcards

By: Bill Wallace, California

Postcard - Story Solved: When I first began collecting Rhodesia in the late 1960's, I purchased just about anything available if affordable. One of the cards was an "ordinary" used international postcard (H & G 6) - Figure 1. It was sent from Salisbury, Moshanaland on 3 Dec 1897 to Rev. Mother M. Eleonora, O.S.D., Convent of the S(acred) Heart, King W(illiams) Town, Cape Colony where it arrived on 15 DEC.

The message reads: "Dearest Sr. - I got M. Prioress' letter the day before yesterday stating the cause of the delay of the travelling party, and mentioning it to Dr. Fleming. He

Figure 1 - Front and reverse sides.



Dearest B. - I got M. Foxes letter the day before yesterday stating the cause of the delay of the travelling party, and mentioning it to Dr. Fleming. He said that he hoped they would not come by the coast now, as it is not healthy since the Flains have set in. Had they come up any time to the end of Oct. or even the middle of Nov. there was not the slightest danger of fever, but now it is too late. I wired Dr. Fleming's advice about taking the Bulawayo route yesterday to M. P., and I am waiting an answer to-day. I was sorry to learn our dear Dr. Ambrosia is so ill. I do hope that her youth and the climate of Great Britain may still prevail over the fever from us all. I shall write for Amas. M. P. 3/12/97

Early Rhodesian Postcards... cont'd

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I knew O.S.D. as part of the address must be the Order of St. Dominic. I had a first day cover of the Rhodesian FDC honoring Mother Patrick (Sc #302, SG 457) which gave me clues, thanks to the information on the FDC stuffer, but no proof. I submitted a photostat to the Rhodesian Study Circle in the U.K. asking for help.

A Mr. Robert Thomson took the photostat to the National Archives in Salisbury. The staff at the archives brought out mother Patrick's diaries and other manuscript material. The staff concluded that the writing was similar to that on the card, with the same flourishes at the beginning of certain words, and formation of such letters as "T" and "H". She also tended to sign her letters MP. She also belonged to the Dominican Order as did the addressee, Mother Eleonora.

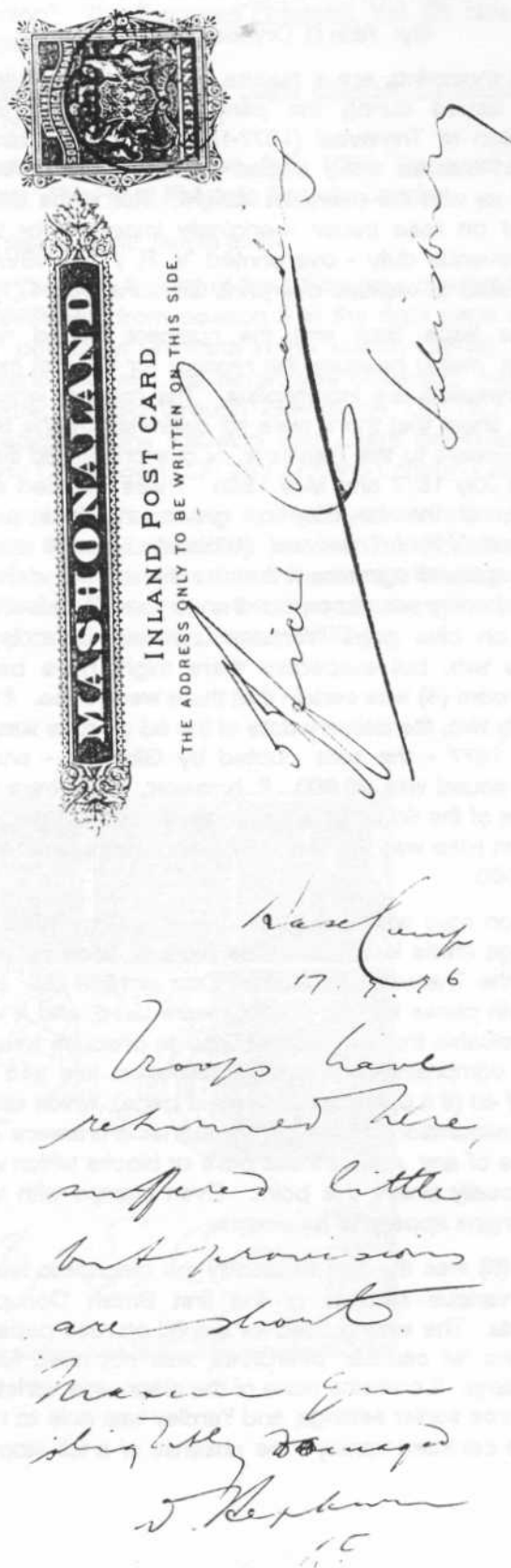
Mother Patrick died in 1900 at the age of 37. A more complete write-up of this card appeared in British Stamp Collecting, 9th Feb., 1978 by Margaret Harris. I would be happy to send a photostat of that article to any PSGSA member who requests one.

Postcard - Still A Riddle: I recently acquired a postcard of Rhodesia (H&G 5), dated 17 Sept 96 - Figure 2. It is simply addressed to "Officer Commanding - Salisbury". The message reads: "Base Camp 17.9.96 Troops have returned here, suffered little but provisions are short. Maxim gun slightly damaged. D. Hepburn (?) LT."

Members should bear in mind that during 1896-97 there were serious uprisings among both the Matabele and Mashona in Rhodesia, so movement of military units would not have been uncommon. What I cannot understand, and perhaps some member might speculate on is why an officer would report to his commander information using a post card? The card was postmarked Salisbury so why was not such a report made in person? They would an officer mention a problem that may have had a military significance - the Maxim gun slightly damaged? Any ideas?

(This is Forerunners first article on Rhodesian related philately. Hopefully, Bill's contribution has "broken the ice" for future contributions in this area.)

Figure 2



The 1877 6d On Rose Paper Overprinted 'V.R./TRANSVAAL'

By: Alan R. Drysdall, England

Inverted overprints are a feature of the many provisional stamps issued during the period of the First British Occupation of Transvaal (1877-1881), but one stamp is unique in that as many copies exist with the overprint inverted as with the overprint upright. This is the 6d duty reprinted on rose paper - originally imported for the 1 pound revenue duty - overprinted 'V. R. / TRANSVAAL', the so-called 'all capitals' overprint, Gibbons type 4 (1).

Both the issue date and the numbers issued remain uncertain, mainly because the records for the first months after annexation are incomplete. The records which do exist (2) show that there were six deliveries by the Stamp Commissioners to the Treasurer, of overprinted 6d stamps between July 1877 and May 1888. These included all the deliveries of the 6d duty on green and blue papers overprinted 'V.R. / Transvaal' (Gibbons types 6 and 7). There is general agreement that there were two deliveries of the 6d on green paper, but the number of deliveries of the 6d on blue paper remains uncertain. Yardley (3) identified two, but suspected there might have been a third. Broom (4) was certain that there were three. If there were only two, the delivery date of the 6d on rose was 31st August, 1877 - the date quoted by Gibbons - and the number issued was 26,880. If, however, there were three deliveries of the 6d on blue paper, then the delivery date of the 6d on rose was 7th July, 1877, and the number issued was 16,080.

The 6d on rose was of course one of a large number of reprintings made locally from the pairs of 'wide-set' plates sent to the Transvaal by Adolph Otto in 1869 (5). In this case both plates for the 6d duty were used, and it would seem probable that they were joined to produce sheets of stamps comprising horizontally disposed left and right panes of 40 (8 x 5) impressions (next page), which was the usual configuration. However, the author is unaware of the existence of any *interpanneau* pairs or blocks which would unequivocally prove this point. Even stamps with lateral wing margins appear to be scarce.

Yardley (6) was the first to identify the diagnostic features of the various settings of the first British Occupation overprints. The setting used for the 6d on rose paper, the last of the 'all capitals' overprints, was not used for any other stamp. It contains none of the diagnostic varieties of any of three earlier settings, and Yardley was able to report only one constant variety - the absence of a full stop after

'R' of 'V.R.' in at least two positions, 20 and 21. (He does not state which pane he was describing.) These are of course the central positions in a pane. If there the setting comprised 40 impressions, the variety will occur in positions 20 and 21 regardless of whether the overprint is upright or inverted.

A recent detailed study has unexpectedly shown that normally overprinted stamps are from the right pane, whereas stamps with the overprints inverted are from the left pane. The exception is of course the inverted image in the right pane - position 25 - which shows the overprint apparently inverted. The *tete-beche* pairs in the Tapling and Royal Collections (7) provide impressive examples.

It would seem that the setting of the overprint comprised 40 impressions. Right panes of complete sheets were probably overprinted first, and the sheets then rotated to overprint left panes - on which the overprint would of course be inverted. It is also possible that the sheets were folded along the gutter between panes prior to overprinting. This was certainly done in the case of the 1885 'HALVE PENNY' provisionals, and resulted in equal quantities of stamps with the overprint reading up or down - the equivalent of the upright and inverted overprint on the 6d on rose.

The variety 'overprint omitted' is a rare stamp - incredibly it exists not only imperforate and rouletted 15½ to 16, but also rouletted 6½ - and little is known concerning it. Both the Tapling and Royal collections include single used imperforate copies, but neither has been plated. The Tapling collection also includes, apart from the rouletted *tete-beche* pair used at Pretoria briefly referred to above, another major rarity. This is a bisected copy on piece tied with a strike of a target-type canceller coded '12' and therefore used at Middelburg.

Curle and Baden (8) note that copies of the 6d on rose rouletted 15½ to 16 are not uncommon, but copies rouletted 6½, particularly with the overprint inverted, rank among the great rarities of Transvaal.

The 6d on rose paper was printed after position 36 in the left pane had been damaged, and therefore showing the 'ZES' flaw. The overprint is of course always inverted on this stamp. Yardley (9) illustrates another spectacular flaw, his "barred numeral 6", but this occurs only on the 6d rose, and is therefore transitory rather than constant. Yardley in fact suggests that it resulted from dirt which was later cleaned from the plate. It occurs at position 29 in the right pane - on which the overprint is always upright - and affects the figure '6' at top-right, which is traversed by a thick bar of color extending from top-left to bottom-right.

Possibly the most important outcome of this study is the

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demonstration that there is still much to be learned about a far from uncommon stamp issued more than a century ago. However, the tentative hypotheses proposed here clearly require substantiating, and this can only be done by further study, preferably of additional material, to identify other varieties in the overprints setting and to confirm the disposition of the two panes.

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Fig. 1 (below) A copy of the 6d on rose overprinted 'V.R. / TRANSVAAL' from position 2 in the right pane used on cover posted at Linokana in the Marico District, where it was cancelled with the target-type obliterator coded '31'. The letter passed through Zeerust on 'DE 18 / 77' and Potchefstroom the following day - faint backstamp - *route* to Cape Town ('DE 28 / 77') and London ('25 JA 78').

The franking corresponds to the Transvaal half-ounce rate plus the Cape 'uniform' 6d per half ounce rate for mail addressed to the UK, and conforms with the provisions of the Postal Convention between Transvaal and Cape Colony dated the 19th January, 1877.



Back-Of-The-Book

By: Ron Carlson

Jim Ryan (Canada) ask about Inland Revenue Department, Union of South Africa, cancels and usage of Cape revenues, interprovincially. He reports the following item shown below in Figure 1:

Figure 1 - "INLAND REVENUE - / 116 / 27.-SEP. 13 / UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA" on Cape KE VII 2/6 wmk anchor



I located some further examples that might be of interest (see Figure 2):

"INLAND REVENUE DEPT / E.D. / 15 AUG. 11 / PRETORIA" on Cape KE VII 3d wmk anchor overprinted "PENALTY." in red.

"INLAND REVENUE / 71 / 3-JUL12 / UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA" on Cape KEVII 1/- wmk anchor.

"INLAND REVENUE / 97 / -3. JUL 12 / UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA" on Cape KE VII 2/- wmk anchor overprinted "PENALTY." in red.

"INLAND REVENUE / 102 / 27. FEB 13 / UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA" on Cape KE VII 5/- wmk anchor.

"INLAND REVENUE / 32 / 13 JUL 11 / NATAL on Cape KE VII 2/6 wmk anchor.

In addition to the items illustrated in Figure 2, here are some other examples in my possession (not illustrated):

"INLAND REVENUE / 55 / 25.MAR. 13 / UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA" on Cape KE VII 5/ wmk anchor.

"INLAND REVENUE / 55 / 2-FEB. 14 / UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA" on Cape KE VII 3d wmk anchor overprinted "PENALTY." in red. Cancel was printed so hard it embossed the stamp.

"INLAND REVENUE / 42 / -MAR 14 / UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA" on Cape KE VII 1/- wmk anchor overprinted "PENALTY." in red.

"? OF REVENUE / OCT 1912 / ?NTEIN O.F.S." triple ringed

oval on Cape KE VII 2/6 wmk anchor overprinted "PENALTY." in red.

"?- of the P? / 19 DEC 1912 / MARQUARD, O.F.S." triple ringed oval on Cape KE VII 5/- wmk anchor overprinted "PENALTY." in red. (This might be a judicial usage of internal revenue penalty stamps, possibly a related usage to the more common INLAND REVENUE.)

"INLAND REVENUE / 117 / 29 APL 13 / UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA" on Cape KE VII 5/- wmk anchor overprinted "PENALTY." in red. Additional manuscript initials "FWB" across center of stamp.

"-OE--ER OF REV? / 5 JUN. 19(13) / ?" triple ringed oval on Cape KE VII 1 pound wmk anchor overprinted "PENALTY." in red. 5/6/13 manuscript cancel.

"INLAND REVENUE / 33 / ?6. APL 14 / UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA" on O.R.C. KE VII 10/-.

Figure 2. Examples of additional used interprovincial revenue items.



Back-of-the-Book... cont'd

And numerous additional examples on Union of South Africa KE VII revenues noted:

code#	date	value
26	22 OCT 15	1/-
26	? OCT 15	1/-
26	?? 16	1/-
33	4 MAR 14	6d
33	29 OCT 29	2/-
33	17 JAN 30	2/6
58	10 SEP 14	2/-
65	19 OCT 15	6d x 2
66	3 APL 14	6d
66	3 APL 14	2/- x 3
261	?8 APL 15	£1
261	5 AUG 15	5/-

Note the apparent use of period (".") slugs in place of spaces in most of the examples. Also, a dash "-" occasionally appears to hold the blank position of single digit days. The code above the date might indicate a time code, as in similarly structured cancels, but the example from Pretoria suggests a timecode is unlikely, e.g., "E.D.", suggests a clerk's or internal department's initials. An example of the Natal boxed target cancel (illustrated) shows a similar numerical code. Do other members have examples to report, of information about the code number?

References in hand show that interprovincial usage was authorized by Gov't Notice #349, 15 August 1910. B&H shows similar values used for PENALTY by the Internal Revenue Dept beginning in 1903, presumably earlier cancels than those above exist. The codes preceding the date are significant, but I have not located a key. Other obliterations were in use after this cancel, e.g., The "Supreme Court", "Registrar of Deeds", "Deeds Registry", "Distributor of Stamps", (all from post-Union examples); and possibly "Asst. Res. Magistrate" and "Civil Commissioner". What other revenue offices, used interprovincially, do members have to report?

LATE ADDITION TO LISTINGS EXCHANGE!

As noted in the Question & Answer section, the East Africa Study Circle (EASC) provided fine assistance in explaining the origin of the "Experimental P.O." cancel. At the time of this writing, their wish to participate in the RLE was received as follows:

The aims of the East Africa Study Circle, as laid down by its constitution, can be summed up as "The recording and publication of information pertaining to the philately and postal history of Kenya, Uganda & Tanzania (with all their forerunners and ramifications)".

The Circle was founded early in 1979 and by 1991 has a worldwide membership of over 150. It holds three

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meetings each year at a convenient venue near Waterloo Station. These are held on Saturday, and two coincide with B.P.E. and Stampex. At these meetings, displays and talks are given by members who can use the Circle's own range of display stands.

Postal auctions of members' surplus material are held during the year and these are finalized at the meetings. A small percentage is deducted by the Circle and this is used for capital expenditure.

There is a growing library of relevant books, pamphlets, etc., to which all members have access.

The Bulletin "B.E.A." is issued thrice yearly and is now in its fifth volume covering over 600 pages. Many subjects of specialist and general nature have been covered over the years. So far bound copies of the early volumes are available. Only one reprint has been issued so far - that of the articles by C.T. Phillips on Uganda which appeared early in this century in the *Stanley Gibbons Monthly*. Also there is "The British India Steam Navigation Company's Mail Packets to East Africa, 1890-1905", giving details of all sailings-London/Aden/Zambia/Zanzibar and back for the period covered. In preparation is "The Post Offices of Kenya & Other Postmarks, 1890-1903".

The Circle has a strong balance sheet and the annual subscription of 8 pounds (10 overseas air mail) is likely to remain unchanged. Further details are available from the Hon. Secretary: Roy Dunstan, Chantry Court, 1 The Close, Warminster, Wilts, BA12 9AL, UK

The following are excerpts from Roy's letter accompanying the Circle's entry:

"I am glad the Circle was able to help out with your enquiry regarding the 'Experimental' postmark. This incident is not a particularly rare one. Would just about rate as 'uncommon'....RLE is an excellent idea because few people realize just how many specialist societies do exist, although Stanley Gibbons has listed many of them...I might mention that additional books are in preparation for Tanganyika, Uganda and Zanzibar. Many hundreds of offices are listed in the Kenya booklet which is being set-up...Yours Sincerely, Roy Dunstan, Hon. Sec. E.A.S.C."

Are there any members which are also active in the West Africa specialty group? We would like to extend an invitation to that group to become a participant in the Reciprocal Listings Exchange also. If there are other groups yet unknown to us, that any reader is aware of, which would be valuable contributions to the RLE, please send the Editor a contact name and address. Thank you!



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