



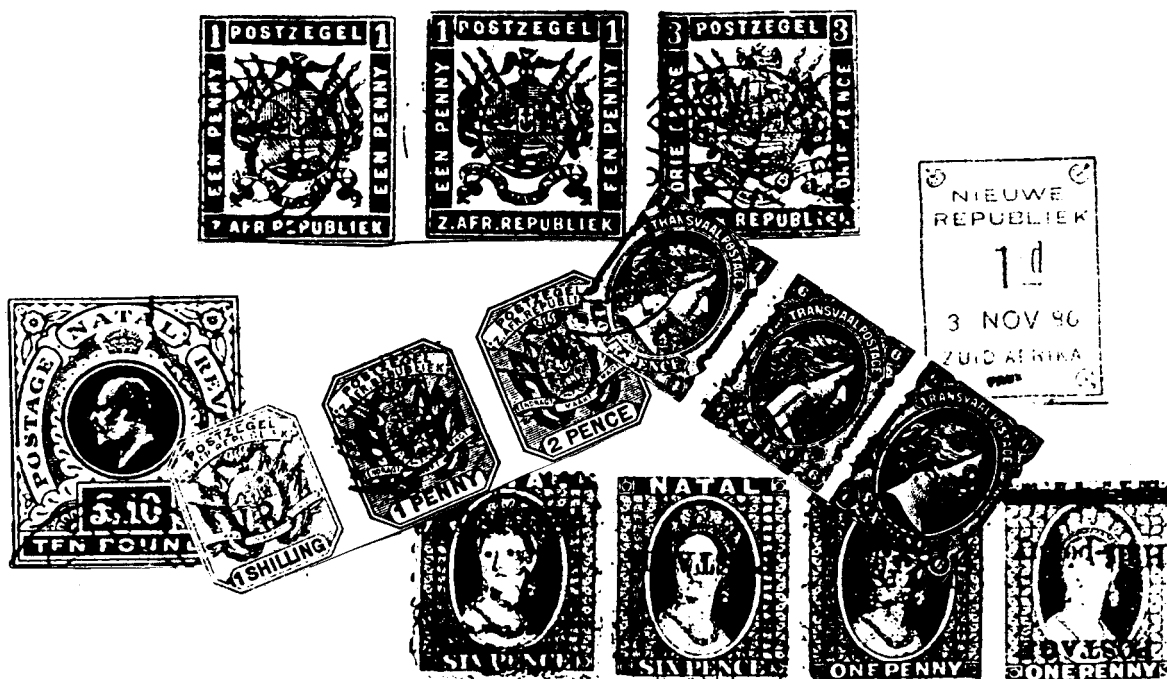
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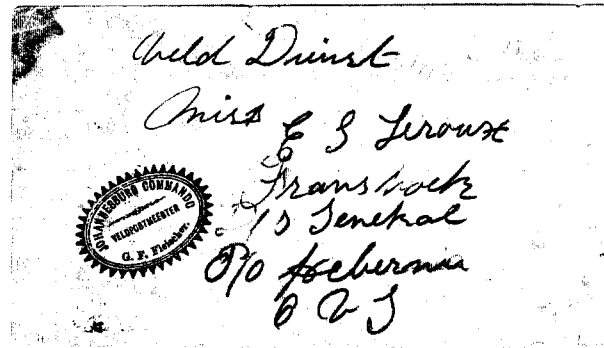
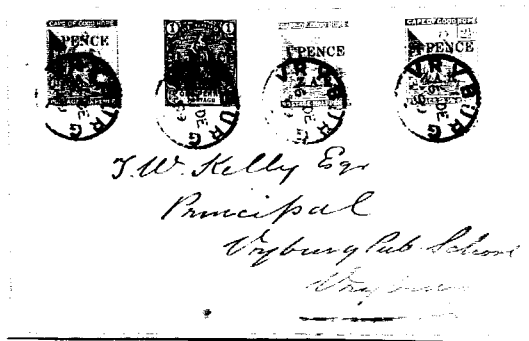
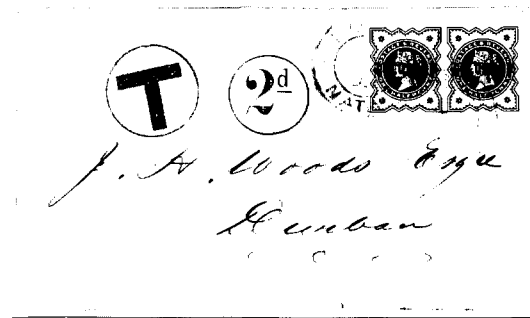
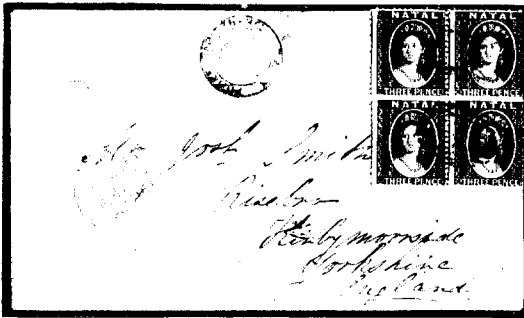
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EDITORIAL NOTES

I trust each and every one of you had an excellent New Year's as did I and my family. It is obvious that Forerunners certainly did as it went from strength-to-strength, in the content, appearance and readability departments. Now 'tis the time to honor our authors, without whose written contributions there would be no journal.

Enclosed with this issue is your 'Charles Lupo Memorial Award' ballot. As you are aware, the Society annually honors the member whose article is judged the best by membership ballot. Please take a few moments and CAST YOUR VOTE!

To start off 1993, the journal has undergone a major structural change. As you will read, the feature articles appear first. The impetus for this was comments received in literature competition critiques. More than one judge indicated that your journal had the potential to 'go for the gold' by moving the articles to the front.

In conjunction with reordering the contents, readers will note that commercial ads have been placed throughout the journal. In the past, ads have always appeared only in the Classifieds Section. The Classifieds will now be reserved for non-display commercial ads, as well as free member entries.

Not wishing to loose sight of reader satisfaction, I would very much appreciate your reactions to the above changes. Do your like or dislike these changes? Please write and let me know.

There is one area that is the bane of most specialty group publications - the clarity of the illustrations. Featured author, Robbie Lowe, has graciously provided black and white photographs for his next two articles. The improvement in illustration quality will be self-evident. Whenever possible, prospective authors are encouraged to submit photographs of the black and white variety. If photographs are not a practical option, patience should be utilized to provide the clearest photocopies possible.

Thus far, Forerunners has been exceedingly fortunate in receiving a sufficient supply of articles for each issue. Just when yours truly is suffering an anxiety attack because nothing has been received for the next issue, to and behold readers come through. However, the previous issue contained two pieces which were reprints. This did not bode well for future editions. This time around we have done quite well. However, the archives are once again running a deficit.

To "sing an old tune", each reader is encouraged to

submit an article. If one is concerned about structure, grammer usage and the like, there are ways around these writers-to-be anxieties. As Editor, I can provide assistance. Also, there are a number of members who have volunteered to act as reviewers. If a writer is concerned with substance, a knowledgable reviewer can be found to assist. All that is required is that the author send a draft to the Editor along with the review request. The author should specify anything in particular that he/she wishes the reviewer to focus upon. The reviewer, in return, will send his/her comments directly to the author. If one has a publication in mind that goes beyond an article, e.g., occasional paper, please consider utilizing the good graces of your Society Publications Program. At present, we have an anonymous member who has generously volunteered to underwrite the production of a work in the 40-60 page range.

CORRESPONDENCE

'Thank you for the outstanding Forerunners. As a matter of interest, your excerpt on page 149 contains a number of serious inaccuracies which we pointed out to Donna O'Keefe. At the time she acknowledged that the article was in error, it had been published in 'Philatelic Gems'.

'My text on the Basuto official is almost completed and we have positive proof that the Royal Train cancellation was genuine and is a great rarity. Furthermore, the 'officials' were issued in December 1933 and were received by the Basutoland authorities late in January 1934.

"We have completed considerable research with the South African Mint, the Basuto (Lesotho) postal authorities and Buckingham Palace in this regard.

'Keep up the good work.' - Barry P. Fletcher, Cape Town
'I must say that the 5th Anniversary Edition of Forerunners was really something. It is really amazing the knowledge of our members. Keep up the good work.' - Reg Foster, Pinetown, RSA

"Many thanks for sending me the Fifth Anniversary Special Edition. An excellent effort and one I'm sure you can feel proud of. As an Editor, it is nice when we can take a look at our efforts and say to ourselves: 'Yes, what a hassle, but it's well worth it!' - John Campbell, Auckland, NZ

'Forerunners is always of interest and I am impressed by the standard you manage to maintain; this is not easy with volunteer authors. It certainly adds the stamp of superiority to have Robbie Lowe writing for the journal.' - Richard Knight, Rondebosch, Cape, RSA

'The November 1992 Forerunners has arrived and you have certainly done me proudly. A Happy New Year to all.' - Robbie Lowe, Bournemouth, UK

FEATURE ARTICLES

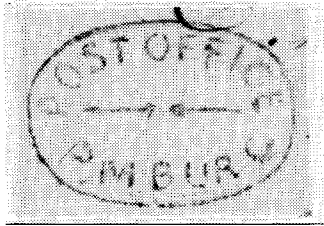
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Fakes & Forgeries

By Robson Lowe, UK

NATAL



A.A. Jurgens forged the early oval POST OFFICE P.M. BURG (shown above) which was in use from 1852-1857 and the similar POST OFFICE D'URBAN. The impressions are usually weaker and more grey than the genuine. The T in POST is too small and PMBURG looks hand-drawn.

In 1857, the first embossed adhesive postage stamps of Natal were issued and there are dangerous reprints, some of which are cancelled with the oval POST OFFICE D'URBAN. Sir Edward Bacon listed the following:

1 d. deep rose, 1 d. bright blue, 1 d. canary-yellow 3d.

pale rose, 3d. deep rose, 6d. bluish green, 6d.

bright yellow-green

9d. bright blue, 9d. deep blue, 9d. canary-yellow, 9d.

reddish buff

1s. canary-yellow, 1s. yellow-buff and 1s. cream

Three years earlier these stamps were issued for Revenue purposes on white or blue paper, usually laid. The values were 3d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1 s., 1 s. 3d., 1 s. 6d., 2s., 2s. 3d., 2s. 6d., 3s., 3s. 6d., 4s., 4s. 6d., 5s., 6s., 8s., 10s., 12s., 15s., 18s., L1, L1. 2s. 6d., 30s., L2, L2. 5s., L3, L3. 10s., L4. 10s., L5, L6, L7. 10s., and L25.

In 1857 a second Revenue issue appeared on surface-colored wove paper, the values being 1 d. yellow, 1 d. blue, 3d. pink, 6d. green, 9d. blue, 1s. brown, 18d. blue, 8s. white, L1. 2s. 6d. white and L3 white. The last three values are also found on blued paper. In the same year, most of these values appeared perforated to 18d. with the addition of the 1 d. pink, 6d. pink and 2s. 6d. green.

In most cases, the surface-colored paper, often slightly glazed, and the revenue cancellations identify these issues.

Back to the postage issue, the reprints are usually in bright colors and more clearly embossed than the original.

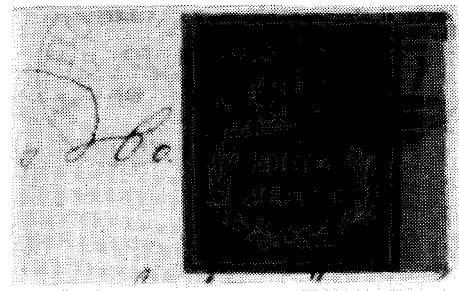
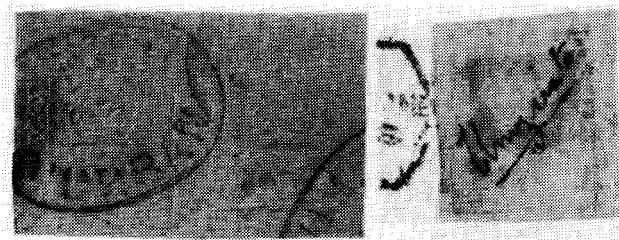
Forgeries exist of the 1d. and I have one in pale lilac cancelled in manuscript "Umzuats" (Fig. 1). Also, I have a forgery of the nine pence embossed in mauve on pink with a forged B27 cancellation (Fig. 1).

The 1859 Chalon Head 1d., 3d. and 6d were crudely lithographed by the Spiro Brothers (Fig. 2). However, these are not dangerous as shown below.

Figure 2. Lithographed forgeries of the 1859 Chalon Heads by the Spiro Brothers - examples of the 1 d. & 3d..

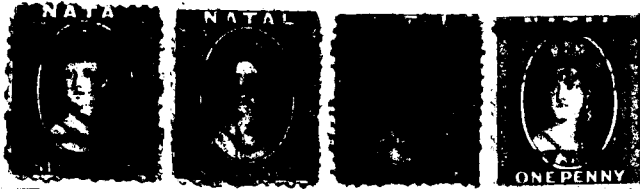


Figure 1. Manuscript "Umzuats" cancelled forgery of the Natal embossed 1 d and forgery of the nine pence mauve on pink embossed with a forged B27 cancellation.



The 1 d., 3d. and 6d. were forged and can be found without watermark or with Star or Crown CC watermark impressed. These are readily recognizable - the face is too chubby, the eyes are too large, and the expression solemn. The lettering of THREE PENCE is too irregular. The typographed 1s. was also engraved and all values exist with forged POSTAGE overprint. Examples of Oneglia's work are shown in Figure 3 below:

Figure 3. Examples of Oneglia forgeries. Please note the solemn look as mentioned above.



The various types of 1867-1895 'Postage' overprints have been extensively forged and I have double overprints, inverted overprints and a bogus 'OSTAGE'. These overprints need careful checking for measurement, as well as comparison with the genuine item, all of which were machine-printed.

There are also dangerous forgeries of the curved POSTAGE overprinted on the 1870 1s. green in carmine and in black. The French maestro, Zareski, used to paint over the genuine green overprint in carmine or black and they were well done.

The 1885 ONE HALF-/PENNY on 1d. rose has been extensively forged, including inverted and double,, one of which is inverted (Fig. 4). The measurements are accurate and it needs experience to identify the genuine from the forgery, the varieties being bogus.

Figure 4. Examples of the extensively forged 1885 ONE HALF-/PENNY on 1 d.

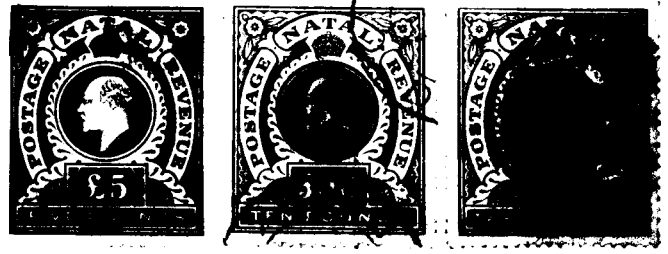


The 1895 HALF on 1d. rose has dangerous forgeries of the double surcharge. Philatelic speculation in Natal was rife and these provisionals were bought up by the public, so the shortage of 1/2d. stamps came two days after they were issued; and on 20 and 21 March, covers are found with a violet handstamp, POSTMASTER OF DURBAN, with written alongside "One Halfpenny received in money". On 22 March, new supplies arrived from the printers.

The 1902 King Edward VII high values from 10s. were frequently used for Revenue purposes. They can be

found with pen cancellations removed and regummed, or with forged cancellations (Fig. 5). The 40 red and green was available for postage but there was no such postal rate.

Figure 5. Examples of the 1902 King Edward VII high values with forged cancellations.



The 1908 f1. 10s. on MCA paper has been forged by chemically removing the impression of a genuine stamp of the same size to obtain genuine paper with genuine perforations (Fig. 6). The forged design was then lithographed and a forged cancellation added (Fig. 6).

Figure 6. Examples of 1908 f1. 10s on MCA paper forged cancellations - left & middle - and a forgery - right.



TRANSVAAL

The first adhesive stamps of the Transvaal have been extensively forged. There are good tests. The ribbon below the shield on the left carries the word EENDRAGT. In the genuine, the D is small and raised (III. A). On the right, the ribbon contains the word MAGT and in the genuine, the flagpole, which passes behind the A and G does NOT touch the shield (III. B).

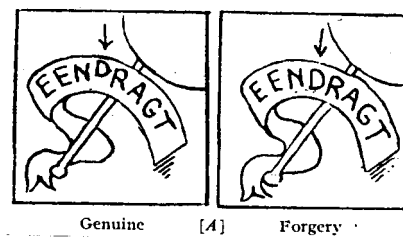


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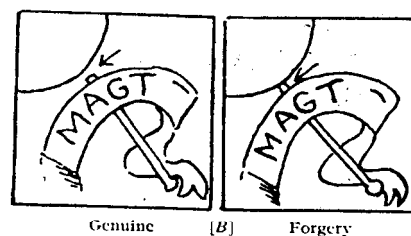


Illustration B

Adolph Otto of Mecklenburg printed the original stamps and on the sheets of the 6d. and 1s. values he placed one cliché inverted, which gave rise to the tete-beche pairs. In 1870, Friedrich Jeppe, the Postmaster General of the Zuid Afrika Republiek (Z.A.R.), invited Otto to sell to stamp dealers quantities of the 3d. (eagle without spur) and remit the proceeds to Victoria.

When the Z.A.R. ventured into printing on its own account, Otto retained duplicate plates and obliterators. Reprints of the 3d. and 6d. in various colors were made. The accepted 3d. differed from the reprints by a dot or spur on the left leg of the eagle. The genuine articles are the genuine proof and the Otto printing of the 3d. fine roulette (Fig. 7).

Figure 7. Examples of an unissued (left), genuine (middle) and forgery (right) of the Z.A.R. 3d. Otto reprint.



The 6d. reprint was made from a block of four clichés, and only two of the colors approach the issued shades, dull ultramarine and slate-blue, but these are nearly always obliterated with four concentric rings (Fig. 8).

Figure 8. Example of 6d. reprint obliterated by four concentric rings.



Otto also printed sheets of the 6d. with the first vertical row inverted (Fig. 9).

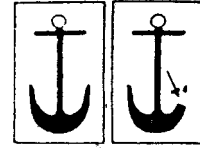
Figure 9. Pair example of inverted first row of 6d. sheet.



The 1s. reprint was also made from a block of four but it may be easily detected as on three of the four subjects there is a white dot between EEN and SHILLING, all four have the left fluke (heraldic) of the anchor detached from

the shaft (III. C), and all four have a break in the ribbon's edge between D and R of ENDRAAGT.

Illustration C. Detached anchor fluke of the 1 s. reprint.



Otto's next step was forgery. First came the 1d., both in red and black with the figures of value enclosed in a double frame. There then followed the 1d., 6d. and 1s., which may be detected by the ribbon flaw illustrated below (Fig. 10).

Figure 10. Examples of Otto forgeries for the 1 d., 3d. and 1 s. values.



Goldner made forgeries that are cruder than Otto's and his cancellations, four concentric circles or three with a figure are too precise not to arouse suspicion (Fig. 11).

Figure 11. Examples of Goldner forgeries.



Spiro's forgeries are hideous imitations that can be detected at a glance.

THE FIRST BRITISH OCCUPATION

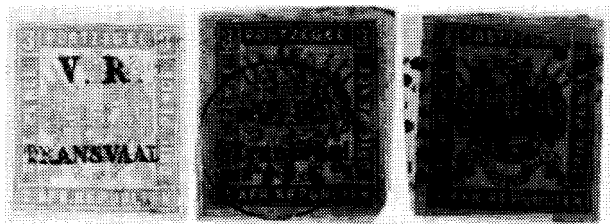
Z.A.R. stamps were overprinted V.R. TRANSVAAL, first in red and then in black. Three other types of overprints in black followed. Genuine stamps are found with forged overprints (Fig. 12).

Figure 12. Examples of genuine V.R. TRANSVAAL overprints of the First British Occupation.



Francois Fournier made forged basic stamps with forged overprints in red and in black; but these are readily identified by the A and B tests quoted at the beginning of the Transvaal section. He also made forged overprints on Otto forgeries (Fig. 13).

Figure 13. Examples of Fournier forgeries.



Other crude forgeries exist which are readily recognized.

The 1878-80 issue with the Queen's Head, engraved by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., were crudely forged. I have the ½d, 1½d. (two shades), 3d. and 6d., the last two being illustrated (Fig. 14).

Figure 14. Examples of the 1878-80 issue from the author's collection.



Forged bisects of the genuine 1s. green are found and I have examples cancelled '4" in three circles and another with a Pretoria datestamp.

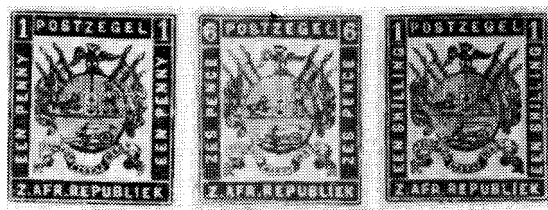
The 1879 One Penny surcharge in seven different types have been extensively forged. This problem was solved some years ago when I plated the basic stamp; as a complete setting of sixty overprints was available for study so one was able to check the position of the basic stamps and see if it had the right type of surcharge.

THE SECOND REPUBLIC

In 1883, T.F. Celliers of Pretoria produced a new

perforated issue of the original Z.A.R. type (Fig. 15). Otto made reprints from his forged plates of the 1 d. and 1s., and the colors of the 3d., the black on rose is too vivid, and the 3d. pale red is an orange-red; the paper is dead white.

Figure 15. Examples of the 1883 Celliers new perforated issue of the original Z.A.R. type.



The Enschede remainders of issues between 1885 and 1897 were marketed in 1911 and are quite common. The customary precautions regarding the destruction of the dies and plates were observed but large numbers of reprints exist, the origin of which is unknown.

The 1885 Z5 can be a problem stamp as both the original stamps and the reprints are perforated 12½. I have two originals overprinted: 'Monster' (Specimen) and a vertical strip of three which I bought from Lord Birdwood who, as Mayor Birdwood, was town mayor in Pretoria in 1900 when these stamps were being overprinted V.R.I. My reprints include four with the backstamp of Mirza-Hadi, one with small hole perforations and an example with a forged cancellation of Klerksdorp 11 OCT 92. There is a complete sheet of the reprint from plate B, the first stamp having the plate variety A. FR.

Jean de Sperati made a clever photo-lithographed forgery which he overprinted V.R.I. The color is a deep green as opposed to the deep bright green of the genuine. Under the Mercury Vapor Lamp the genuine color becomes almost black, while Sperati's remain deep green; the paper of the genuine is greenish on the front and white on the back, while Sperati's is yellowish back and front. There are three basic tests to determine genuineness: (1) The reversed L which contains the figure 5 in the north-west corner is not cut square at the left of the base line; (2) Hair line runs through the vertical stroke of the T and touches the right of the S of POSTZEGEL and continues downwards into the R of REPUBLIEK; and (3) There is a white spot immediately under the lower bulge of the B of REPUBLIEK and another in the upper half of the second E of POSTZEGEL. I have been told, but have never seen an example, that this forgery exists without V.R. I.

Some forged surcharges on other reprints have to be considered:

* 1893 2d. on 3d. mauve - in the forgery the "d" is closer

to the 2 than in the genuine.

- 1893 Half Penny on 2d. - the small letters in the forgery are slightly smaller than in the genuine and the "e's" are rounder.
- 1893 1d. on 6d. - in the genuine, the bars are 12½ - 13½mm apart and in the forgery they are over 14mm.
- 1893 2112d on 1s. - the fraction bar of ½ leans further from the vertical and the "e"s are rounder than in the genuine.

SECOND BRITISH OCCUPATION

V.R.I. and E.R.I. overprints were produced from worn type. The stops are rarely round and tend to be below the bottom of the letters.

Fournier made good-looking overprints on his poor forgeries. Forged overprints on reprints are all too clear and round stops are the rule. A common forgery is one with the R (of either V.R.I. or E.R.I.) broken at the top. Uncatalogued faked errors exist.

In the King Edward VII issues there are two forgeries of which one should beware. The L5 orange-brown and violet has been lithographed on genuine watermarked and perforated paper from which the image of a genuine stamp has been chemically removed. The crown is too heavy, the jewels indistinct, the forehead is too white and the labels uneven. An example is illustrated below (Fig. 16).

Figure 16. An example of a forged L5 KE VII.



The 1 d. rose with the error of watermark, the Cape of Good Hope Cable Anchor, has been faked by splitting genuine Transvaal and Cape stamps, and grafting the back of the latter on to the front of the former. Clever work but examination under magnification of the tips of the perforations reveals the fraud.

Collecting Transvaal is a challenge and one should not be put off by the many problems... Robbie

WAR SIEGE ISSUES

Rustenburg: Illustrated in Figure 17 is a genuine overprint on 1s., a genuine overprint on 1d. with an illicit cancellation and a forged overprint on the 2d. The latter is a thicker V than the genuine. The 4d. value is bogus.

Lydenburg: Illustrated in Fig. 18 are both genuine and forged overprint surcharges 3d. on 1 d. and a bogus overprint on the commemorative.

Figure 17. Examples of Rustenburg issues - a genuine overprint (left), a genuine overprint with an illicit cancellation (middle) and a forged overprint on the 2d. (right).

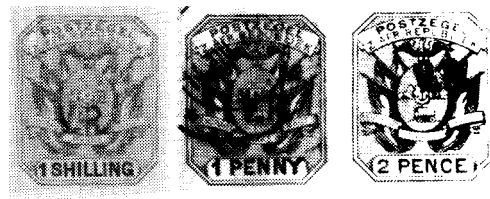
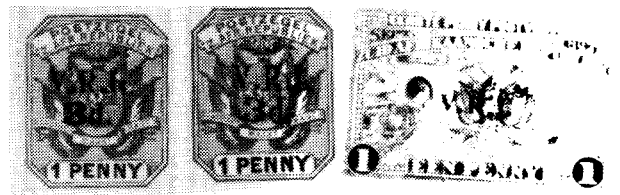


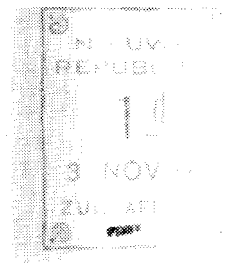
Figure 18. Example of Lydenburg issues - genuine (left), forged (middle), and bogus overprint on the commemorative (right).



NEW REPUBLIC

Francois Fournier made some clever forgeries, but they may be instantly recognized as the first E of REPUBLIEK is not flawed as in the genuine (Fig. 19).

Figure 19. A Fournier forgery example.



General Sir Redvers Buller

By Ralph Meyerson, USA

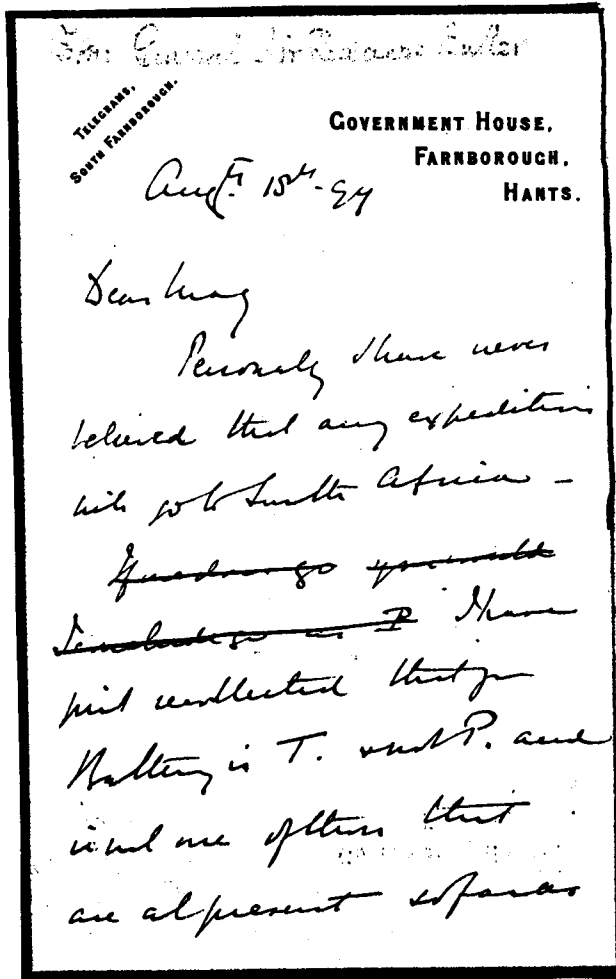
When hostilities broke out in South Africa in October, 1899, one of the many handicaps facing the British was the lack of a Commander-in-Chief. The forces already in the field were scattered and without central direction. Their leaders were sent into action without instructions and/or possession of a general campaign policy and strategy.

'On paper', General Redvers Buller seemed to be the ideal candidate for Commander-in-Chief of the South African forces. Sixty years old, well-liked by the Queen, he had already distinguished himself in the First Ashanti War, the Kaffir War, the first Boer War, in Egypt and the Sudan and was the holder of the Victoria Cross. He cared for his soldiers welfare and they adored him. His bulky figure, his imposing, if somewhat brusque and

forbidding manner, and his outward appearance of self-confidence, all made Buller the obvious choice to lead the elite troops of the British Army to a quick and dashing victory over what was thought to be a rabble of backwoodsmen with no military expertise.

But the real Buller bore little resemblance to the public image. Although he possessed the above virtues, he lacked the most important feature of all - generalmanship! Actually, he had never been a commander-in-chief and he himself once admitted: 'I was better as a second-in-command'. His lack of insight into the current conflict is illustrated in his 1897 letter to a compatriot, General Stewart, in which his opening remark is: 'Personally, I have never believed that an expedition will go to South Africa' (Fig. 1). So much for General Buller's foresight!

Figure 1. Letter of 1897 from General Buller to General Stewart stating his belief that that an expedition would never go to South Africa.



I know named to go.
In that case I can only say
that I will gladly do the
best I can, but as problems
that may well be much
as the W.D. people like
having their own way.
I should think that Sir
Evlyer would be unwilling
to allow to help you then I
should - but as I have
said I will do my best.
Yours truly
Redvers Buller.

When Buller arrived in South Africa on October 31, 1899, the British situation had deteriorated. The sieges of Mafeking, Kimberley and Ladysmith, which had occurred within the first few weeks of conflict, had resulted in nearly half of their forces being locked up while their remaining troops were outnumbered and spread thinly over hundreds of miles of frontier. In Ladysmith, for example, of the 21,300 people besieged, 13,500 were garrison soldiers possessing 51 guns with about 300 rounds of ammunition each.

Fortunately for the British, there was a lull in activities during November, 1899. During this time, 58,000 men, 9,000 horses and large quantities of stores were sent without incident into South Africa.

Shortly after arriving, Buller decided to split the Army Corps. The most pressing need seemed to be the protection of Natal and its ports and the relief of Ladysmith. Accordingly, a large proportion of men and equipment, under General Clery, were dispatched to Natal. Of the remainder of the forces, some troops under General Methuen were sent to relieve the siege at Kimberley and the rest were stationed in central and northeastern Cape Colony to guard the rail lines and protect against Boer attacks. These moves caused postponement of the original plan to march north through the center of Orange Free State to occupy Bloemfontein. Buller's forecast that this central thrust would start in January, 1900 is another example of his lack of insight and foresight. Buller's subsequent performance casts grave doubts on whether he was capable of leading a swift offensive campaign anywhere.

On November 22, 1899, Buller made his first major blunder by leaving Cape Town to personally take charge of the relief of Ladysmith. His relationship to General Clery in this regard is not clear. At any rate, during the next two months a series of disastrous campaigns took

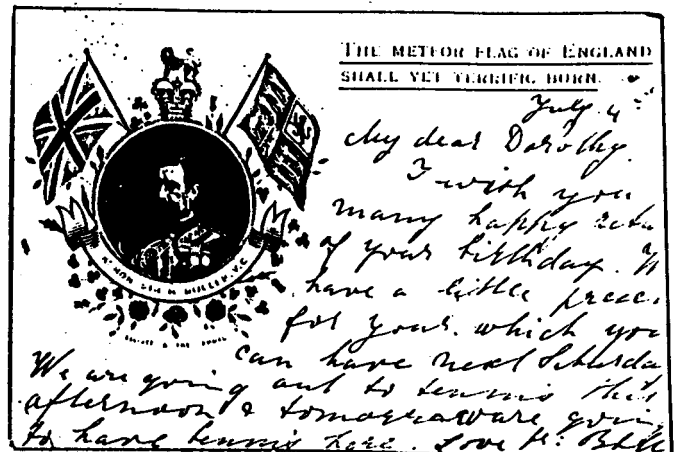
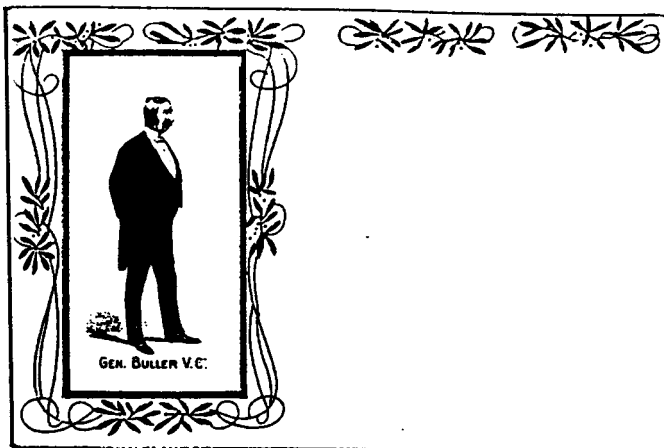
place that have never been matched in the annals of British warfare. Three separate engagements at Colenso, Spions Kop and Vail Krantz resulted in British disasters. Most historians label them as fiascos and were it not for the fact that 7,000 casualties resulted from the attempts to relieve Ladysmith, the campaign had the comic relief of a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta. Included in the fatalities was General Roberts' (Buller's successor) only son.

Louis Botha, Commandant-General of the Boer forces opposing Buller described the action at Colenso as follows: 'I was on the hill above the bridge there and with the field glasses could see it all. All our people were watching; it was a terrible thing to see, like looking down at a play from the gallery. When the teams and the men were shot down, swept away by our fire ... and when we saw another lot of men and more teams dash in to work to save the guns, we held our breath; it was madness; nothing could live there. Then came another lot and another and another ... I was sick with horror that such bravery should be so useless. God, I turned away and could not look; and yet I had to look again. It was too wonderful.'

Incidentally, Winston Churchill was captured by the Boers during the battle for the relief of Ladysmith. He was aboard an armored train sent forward by Buller to evaluate the situation. The Boers had no trouble in isolating and capturing the train along with those on board. Churchill made a daring escape from his prison in Pretoria about one month later and rejoined Buller.

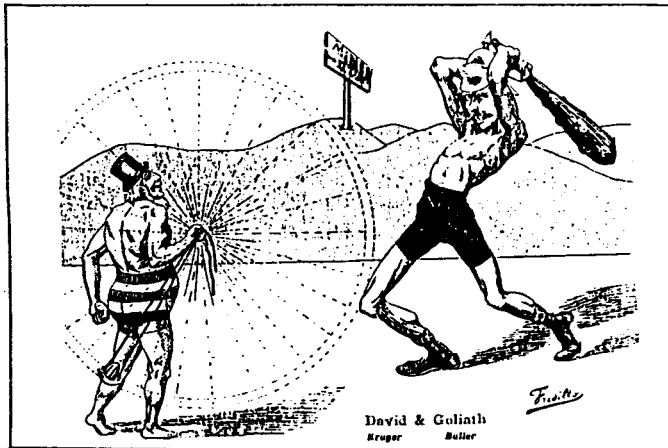
Buller was replaced by General Roberts as Commander-in-Chief in January, 1900, but allowed to remain in charge of the forces in Natal. Ladysmith was eventually relieved in February, 1900. Buller returned to Britain in 1901 and retired shortly thereafter. From the philatelic standpoint, Buller was honored on several British patriotic postcards of which two are shown below (Fig. 2).

Figure 2. Two examples of patriotic postcards honoring General Buller.

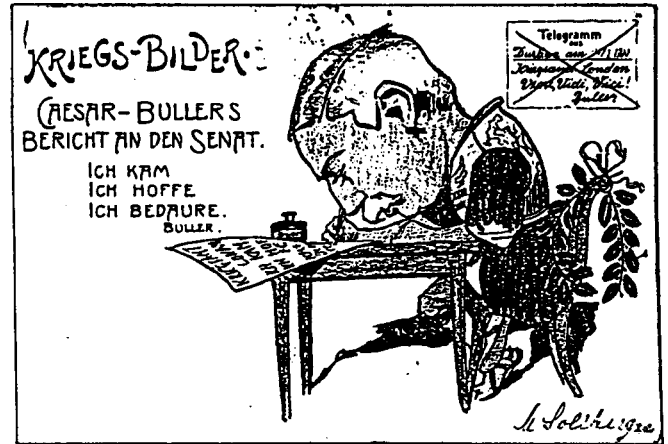


The pro-Boer propagandists had a field day with the decisions. He was an object of ridicule on a number of military catastrophes resulting from General Buller's cards, some of which are shown here (Fig. 3)

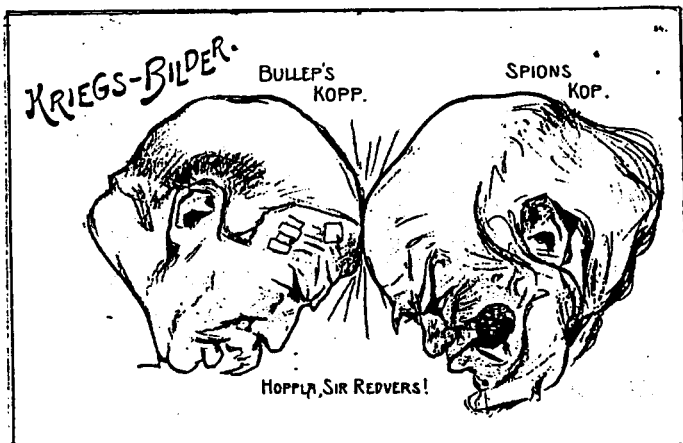
Figure 3. Example of pro-Boer propaganda cards ridiculing General Buller.



French card - artist Fredillo - with a David & Goliath theme.



Card by Ernst Rennig of Aussig using a parody on Caesar's 'Veni, Vidi, Vici', with Buller saying 'Ich Kam 'I came', Ich hoffe-'I got involved' and Ich badaure-'I regret it'



Kriegs-Bilder card by Ernst Rennig of Aussig - Buller bumps head A Dutch propaganda card alluding to 'The Lost Key'. (kopp) with Spions Kop (hill), site of Ladysmith defeat.



The History & Postal History of Bremersdorp (Manzzini) Swaziland

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The namesake of this article is the principal town of the Manzini District and headquarters of the Central District. It lies on the Mzimunene River, 42km by road southeast of Mbabane, 430km from Johannesburg, 185km from Maputo, Mozambique. It is 610 meters above sea level with an annual rainfall of 914mm.

The village was originally known by its Swazi name, Kwa Manzini ('at the water'). Manzini was a petty chief. The prefix Kwa denotes a personal name. The beginning of a more developed village came in 1885 when Bob Rogers opened a store housed in a tent, built close to the banks of a local stream. The following year the Germans Albert Bremer, and his partner Wallenstein, came up from Durban in search of concessions. These individuals bought out Mr. Rogers and secured a concession giving them sole right to import all goods into the country duty free.

In 1887, Bremer and Wallenstein also obtained a concession from Chief Umbandine entitling them to buy a farm, one on which a hotel and trading stations were erected. The buildings stood near the earlier Roger's place in the lands of the Chief Manzini. Both the store and Albert Bremer became know as Manzini to the Swazis. This then was the foundation of the town Bremersdorp as far as the 1200 or so Europeans residing in the general area at that time were concerned.

Bremer's corrugated iron pub soon became the favorite gathering place of Europeans in Swaziland. It was there in the evenings that bargaining, intrigue and tremendous parties took place.

A postal agency was established in Bremersdorp, using the Cape type BONC '720' (Fig.1) in the beginning, although no proving covers have yet appeared.

Figure 1. Cape of Good Hope type BONC '720' dark blue cancel thought to be temporarily used at Bremersdorp.



As early as 7 July 1887, the British Resident Theophilus 'Offe' Shepstone, in reply to an urgent inquiry by the 'White Committee', reported: 'No extended Postal Service has yet been organized, but in the meantime there is a weekly service to Steynsdorp (a gold mining

village at the Komasti Goldfields near the Swaziland border of the Transvaal) and a fortnightly one to Delagoa Bay (Lorenco Marques).'

The postal service in Swaziland, which was inaugurated in 1887, consisted of native mailrunners. A mailbag was made up by the Swazi Government Office at Embekelweni, near present-day Bremersdorp, and sent by runner to Steynsdorp where ZAR/Transvaal stamps were affixed. These were paid for by a deposit kept there. Private individuals were allowed to use the Government bag, paying cash at Embekelweni for the postage on their letters or packets. The postal communications for inland affairs were also arranged with Swazi mailrunners to the different Justices of the Peace, who at the same time fulfilled the duties of postal agent.

In October 1888, Chief Umbandine granted the 'Postal Rights' to the entire country to J.R. Harrington for the amount of 120 Pounds. Under the condominium the South African Republic held the Postal Concession and was responsible for appointing a postmaster at Bremersdorp to control the weekly postcart to the Transvaal. Early mail from Bremersdorp/Swaziland was therefore first cancelled in transit at Steynsdorp/ZAR with the BONC 628 or a place-date-stamp.

By 1889, the Bremersdorp Postal Agency was officially mentioned. It is believed that a blank triangular canceller (Fig. 2) was issued and began use for a short period during May 1889 (proving mark/cover is yet to be seen).

Figure 2. Hypothesized triangular canceller issued for Bremersdorp Postal Agency (1889).



Mr. J. Duiven, formerly the postmaster at Vryheid, New Republic, was appointed to the same post at Bremersdorp and was in office until 1892.

Up to the time of the incorporation of Swaziland into the ZAR/South African Republic, Transvaal stamps were overprinted "Swaziland" and supplied to the native territory for use. The first issue occurred on 18 October 1889 with annual printings continuing to the year 1892. The overprints were applied at the State Printing Works,

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in Pretoria. Many overprint varieties exist and the stamps were finally withdrawn from circulation on 7 November 1893. The territory was officially annexed by the South African Republic on 21 February 1893.

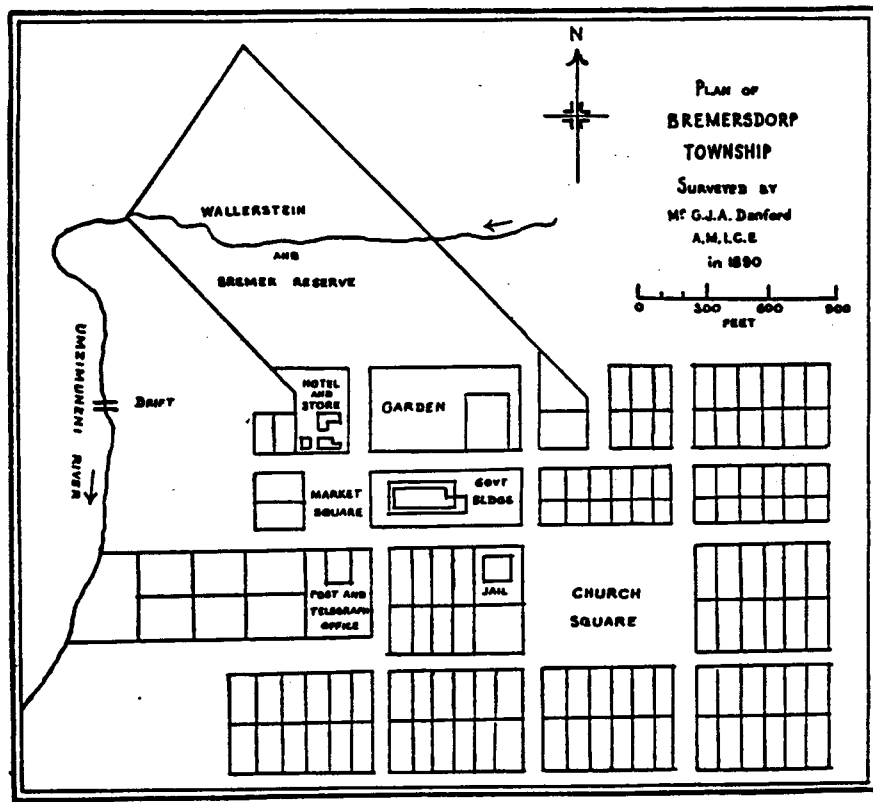
In December 1889, a joint commission appointed by the British government and the Transvaal Republic met at Bremer's Hotel to investigate rival claims in Swaziland. It was eventually decided to appoint a provisional government of three men. These gentlemen were Sir Francis de Winton for Great Britain, J.C. Krogh for the Transvaal and T. Shepstone for Swaziland. This triumvirate was to find a capital and in early 1890 it bought Bremer's property for that purpose, the hotel becoming the government building.

As one of the conditions of the sale, Bremer imposed his own name on the village. The name Bremersdorp was retained until 1960, when its former Swazi name, Manzini, was officially restored.

In 1890, the township was surveyed by G.J.A. Danford (Fig. 3). By 1891 a new post office building was established, having opened on 1 February 1891. The Telegraph Office quickly followed in October of the same year with authorization to handle money order transactions.

Bremersdorp and the Transvaal as verified by the Violet ink was always used with the 'Phoenix' newspaper dated 18 April 1891.

Figure 3. Survey plan of Bremersdorp Township, dated 1890, by G.J.A. Danford.



Designated as Route 29, the postcard schedule was as follows: leave Steynsdorp at 5:00 a.m. and arrive Bremersdorp on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

To cancel normal mail, a "squared" circle place-date-stamp was used (Fig. 4). The outer circle had a diameter of 21.5mm, while the inner circle measurement was 12mm. The wording between the circles was 'BREMERSDORP SWAZIL' in letters 3.5mm high. The date was printed in the center circle in three lines. Black and blue ink was used for cancelling purposes. Two different types of cancellers are known to specialists.

Figure 4. The Bremersdorp squared circle datestamp.



To cancel parcels and registered mail in transit, a double-lined rubber stamp canceller, measuring 40mm by 24mm was used. 'BREMERSDORP' was at the top and the date line was in the center (Fig. 5). At the bottom were three six-rayed stars which eventually all but

A regular postal service was established between Bremersdorp and the Transvaal, but this service disappeared with continued use of the rubber stamp.

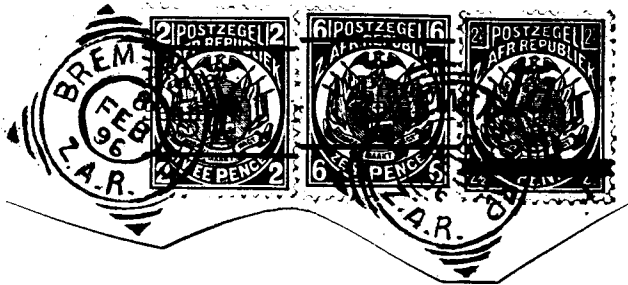
By 1893, after annexation by Transvaal, the old type

"Squared" canceller was now issued with 'Z.A.R.' at the bottom (Fig. 6).

Figure 5. Bremersdorp double circle lined canceller for parcels and registered mail.



Figure 6. Cropped piece showing Bremersdorp squared circle canceller used after Swaziland was annexed by Transvaal.



A Second Republic double-circle-date-stamp canceller was used that was 24mm in diameter (Fig. 7). 'BREMERSDORP' appears in the outer circle at the top, bordered by a star on both ends, followed by 'Z.A.R.' at the bottom.

Figure 7. The Bremersdorp Second Republic double circle datestamp.



Up to November 1894, Mr. W. Bachofner was the postmaster, followed by Mr. C. Engel through 1895, Mr. S. S. du Saar 1896-97 and Mr. T.N. Nuns from late 1897 for several years thereafter.

For registered mail, the "R" in an oval with 'Z.A.R.' (Mathews Type 26a) was also used at Bremersdorp.

By 1897, Bremersdorp had grown. A branch of the National Bank had been opened by then in the former home of Albert Bremer. It operated under licence to the Swaziland Corporation, the most powerful of the Concessionaires operating at that time in the area.

As of 9 March 1895, the twenty-one year old King Bhunu II of Zomboda succeeded the late Chief Umbandine, thus beginning a new regime. In 1898, Bhunu II had his chief adviser Mbaba and two attendants murdered. On the 14 May 1898, Bhunu II was summoned to appear in Bremersdorp before the Commissioner, J.C. Knogh. After some delay, the king rode into the village on Saturday, 21 May. He was accompanied by about 2,000 warriors in full battle regalia and chanting their war songs. Little Bremersdorp was in a complete panic. The warriors crowded every street whistling, shouting and waving their shields and spears.

In the court, Bhunu readily admitted the killing of Mbaba. He stated that he had been a wizard. The Commissioner told the King that the matter would have to go further. Bhunu's eyes flashed: 'You say the matter will go further. You say that there are others who will enquire into this matter. Who are these others? I only recognize you. I was only shown you. I am very angry with you. I am so angry that if I could I would eat you up.'

General alarm followed in Swaziland. Bremersdorp was hastily fortified and reinforcements were sent from Pretoria under Commandant Melt Marais. On the way to Bremersdorp, the Pretoria Commandos were stopped on the roadside by the anxious native Queen Mother with a present of beer, asking whether they came in peace or war. With a sizeable fort built around Bremer's old hotel (Government House), and the eminent arrival of Commandant-General Joubert with additional men, a summons was sent to Bhunu to appear in court on a charge of murder on 5 July 1898. Bhunu promptly fled with twenty men and Mr. F.B. Rathbone as his European advisor, to the nearest British magistrate at Ingwavuma in Northern Zululand. He reported himself as a refugee. After complicated bickering, he was returned to Bremersdorp to face his trial on Monday, the 5th of September, 1898.

Bhunu was eventually found guilty of permitting public violence. He was fined 500 Pounds, together with 1,146 pounds in court costs. He was reprimanded and then reinstated to his former position to the disappointment of many; for he was hardly a popular king.

On the 5th June 1897, several local and influential men started a newspaper with Allister Miller as the publication's manager. It was known as 'The Times of Swaziland' - a perky little sheet, printed on a secondhand press bought in Lourenco Marques (Maputo today). Several other enterprises were also blossoming in Bremersdorp at the time, although not sufficient to lend the air of a metropolis. A contemporary traveler at that time wrote: 'Bremersdorp is the capital of Swaziland, yet it is not the largest capital I have visited. It is irregularly built and there is room between most of the buildings for many more. The state of the streets is good in dry weather, but

Bremersdorp during 1910-1911 was 84 Pounds. On the first of June, 1916, it was listed as a Post, Telegraph and Telephone Agency. On 31 December 1931, the South African postal authorities ceased administration of the Swaziland post offices; and on 2 January 1933, South African stamps were withdrawn. Bremersdorp was renamed Manzini on the 24th of November, 1961.

Note: Some different cancellers have been used after 1910, see Putzel listings (1991).

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Soweto Post Offices & Mail

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More than one million people live in overpopulated conditions in Soweto, just a few miles south of the sprawling South African metropolis of Johannesburg.

Soweto - South West Townships - has a postal history that cries out for the telling. Some 12 years ago I wrote an article on Soweto's postal system which appeared in the 'Grand News', a publication for a group of Ontario stamp clubs. I have now amended the article for P.S.G.S.A. to provide the details to a broader readership, as well as to hopefully spark some further research. (Please note that some of the statistics may be outdated.)

Formal postal facilities opened up in the Soweto area in the 1930's. The reason for this was to provide a service to migrant workers to families in the rural areas, as well as to maintain mail ties between township-residing workers and their employers in the region.

New post offices were introduced at a fairly slow pace considering the growing size of the communities in the townships and it became the intent of the National Party (in power since 1948) that Soweto was meant to be a temporary residence for laborers who would return in time to rural tribal locations. And the so-called 'Bantustans', based on tribal groupings, would become independent states and their citizens would no longer be the responsibility of South Africa.

By 1976, there were 11 post offices serving the needs of the Soweto townships. These post offices were located in the following townships (they were known as the Orlando Post Office, etc.): Kwa-Xuma, Tshiawelo, Orlando, Dube, Iketlo, Jabavu, Khotso, Mozodo, Pimville, Phirima and Moroka. But one year later, in 1977, there were only three post offices left to serve the needs of more than one million people, at Kwa-Xuma, Tshiawelo and Orlando. The eight other post offices were all destroyed during and in the wake of the June 1976 Soweto unrest. In fact, only at the fire-gutted Khotso Post Office were any walls left standing as the others were reduced to rubble.

The main reason for the destruction was that the post offices were seen as agencies of white administration, and

similarly other government and agency property was damaged - the West Rand Administration Board offices, beer halls and rent offices.

In 1980, an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 letters were mailed daily in Soweto, serviced by the above-mentioned three post offices. At Orlando, there was a staff complement of 100, 13 at Tshiawelo and 53 at Kwa-Xuma. The Orlando Post Office also ran a training school for postal staff and Soweto's postmaster also operated from Orlando.

Plans were underway in the early 1980's to rebuild the Iketlo Post Office and to move the Tshiawelo Post Office to the site of the Moroka Post Office.

In addition to the regular mail flow to and from the Soweto post offices, an undeterminable amount of mail is likely posted by township residents in Johannesburg or in other areas where they are employed.

It would be challenging to complete a collection of Soweto townships postmarks of the different post offices, especially with eight no longer being in existence. Even postmarks of the remaining three post offices are uncommon because they only exist on official mail - such as express or registered letters. Mail posted at the three post offices is sorted and bagged and then driven to the points of destinations where the mail will be stamped and delivered. Most Soweto mail these days, therefore, carry little more than a Johannesburg postmark.

The three post offices were reported to be delivering some 25,000 letters daily (Monday-Friday) within the Soweto townships. Orlando Post Office had some fifty carriers and Kwa-Zuma thirty. Home delivery was usually by foot or on bicycle.

The post office system in Soweto also concerned itself with the delivery of telegrams - some 1,000 incoming per day and some 200 outgoing.

Soweto mails also included "Official Free" mail from employees of the West Rand Administration Board and Soweto Police.

Some research revealed that the Orlando Post Office was the first to open in the region, back in 1934, two years after Orlando was formally established as a township. Pimville (also known as Nancefield) was opened in 1936 and Moroka Post Office in 1950.

The Dube, Iketo, Jabavu and Phirima post offices were all opened during the 1950's, and all were destroyed in 1976.

The Kwa-Xuma, Khotso, Tshiawelo and Mosodo post offices were all opened after South Africa became a republic in 1960.

One interesting piece of postal history arising from the 1976 unrest was damage to an unknown number of

outgoing letters which were subsequently overprinted with the legend that the mails was damaged in the riots. While Post Office officials cannot confirm the existence of such a handstamp, the author has seen at least two envelopes with the handstamp. Whether this is an official or a private slogan is yet to be determined.

In addition to collecting the postmarks/postal history of Soweto, there are other challenges in collecting the mails of other urban townships, tribal authority mails, the 'Non-European' post offices and the 'Location' post offices and postmarks, to provide postal historians with many for areas for research. The following covers provide a small sampling of township postal history items.

Figure 1. A registered letter from Orlando, mailed to Canada.

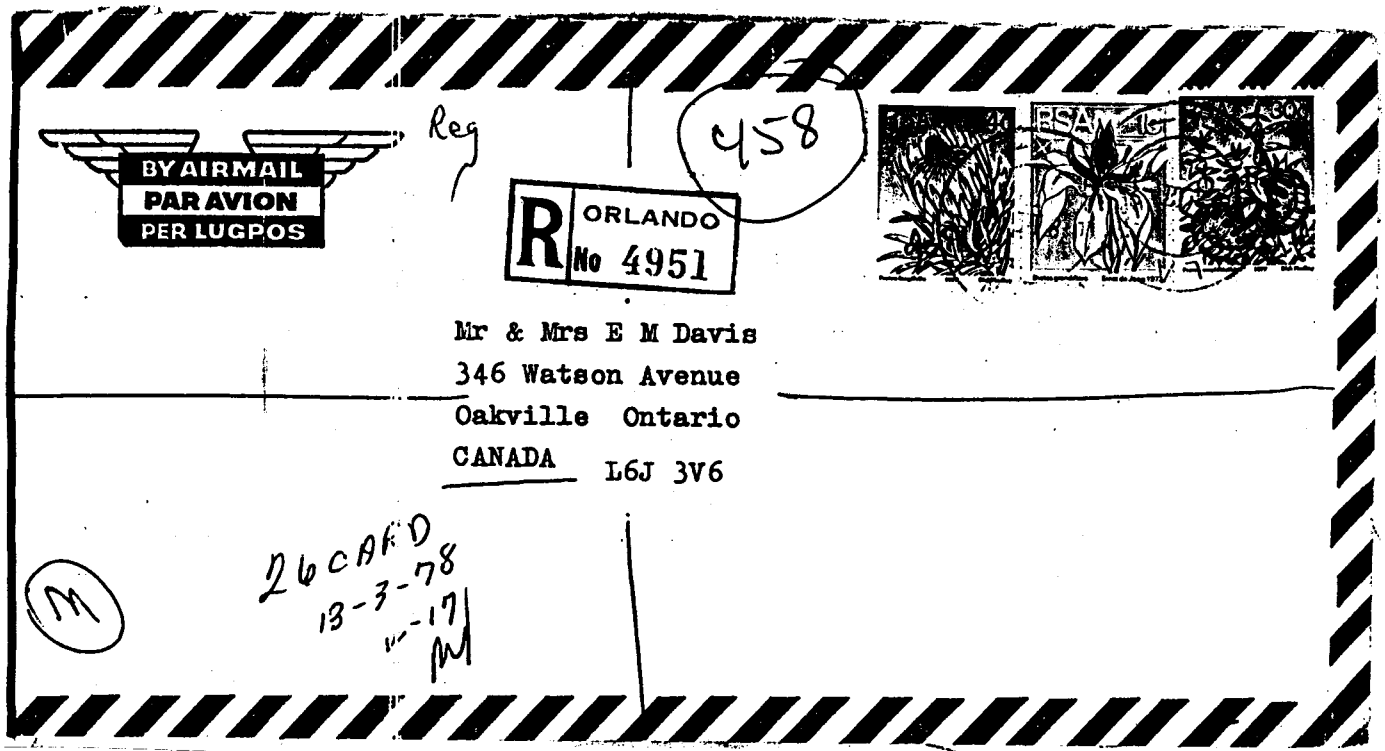


Figure 2. A letter from a Soweto resident (Dobsonville) but franked in Johannesburg.

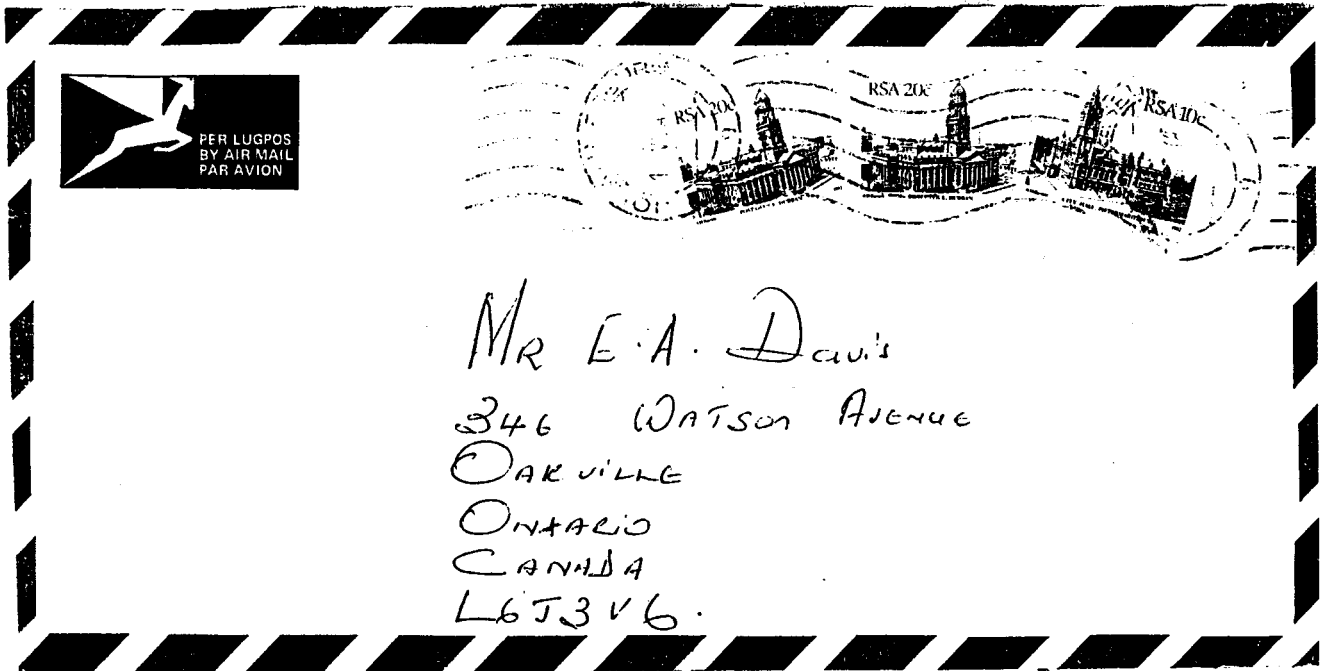


Figure 3. "Molepo Tribal Authority" hand stamp on official free mail.



Figure 4. Front/back of a cover from Tembisa township (east of Johannesburg).

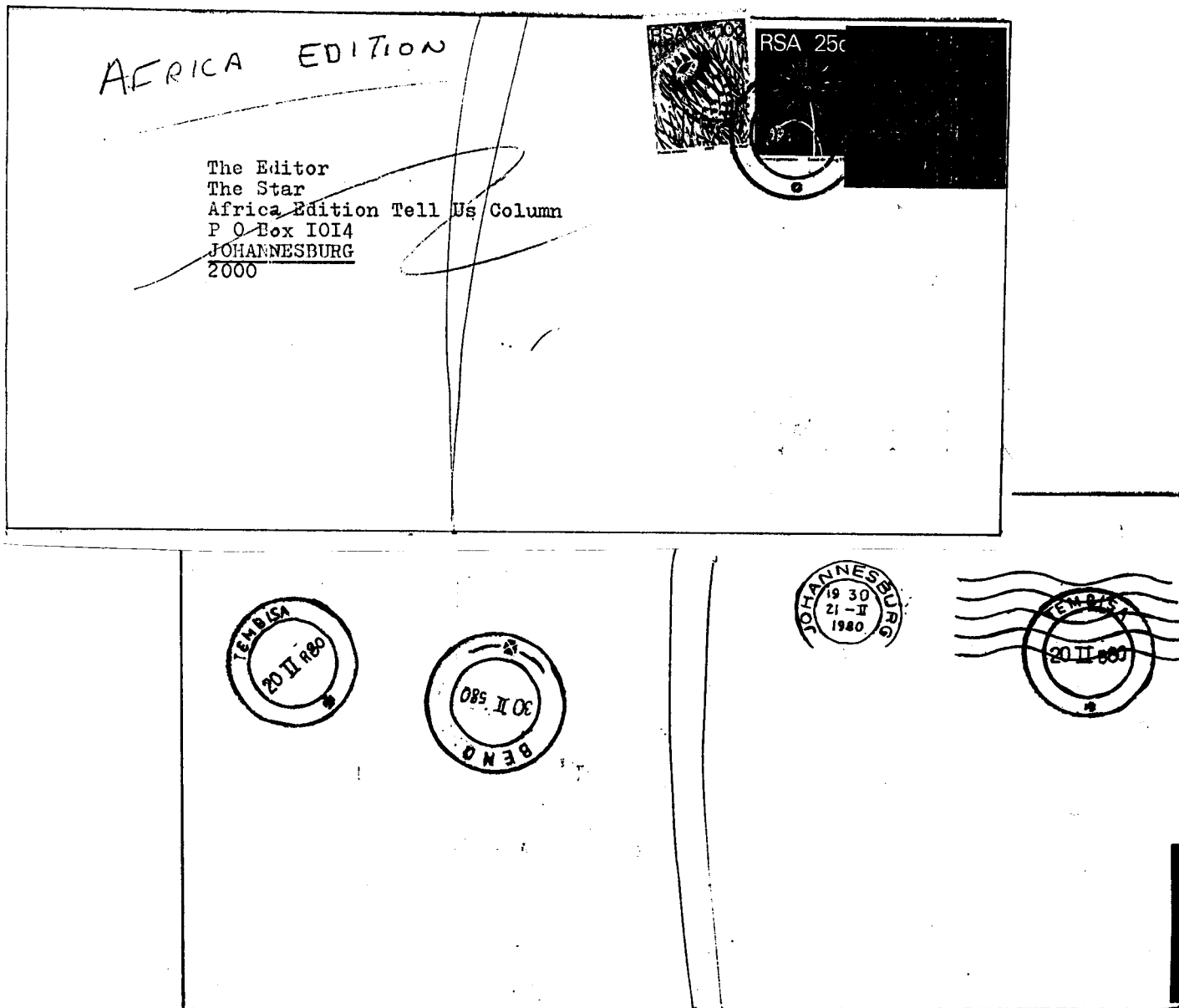


Figure 5. Assorted township postmarks - Kagiso (upper left), Tembisa (upper right), Orlando (lower left) and Mabopane (lower right).



New Earliest Usage of Mafeking Siege Cancel Discovered

By Frederick P. Lawrence, USA

In Forerunners, Vol. V, No.2 (Jul/Oct '91), Vol. V, No. 3 (Nov '91/Jan '92) and Vol. VI, No. 1 (Mar/Jun '92), I reported, respectively, on the discoveries of (1) the then-earliest reported usage of the Mafeking siege cancel, the single circle 25mm MAFEKING C.G.H. (Goldblatt cds 25), on March 4, 1898; (2) the latest reported usage of this cancel, on January 27, 1906; and (3) a second early usage of this cancel, on March 15, 1898. As is often the case with ongoing philatelic research, no sooner does the ink dry on the printing of a journal article announcing the then-most recent discovery, than a new find is made.

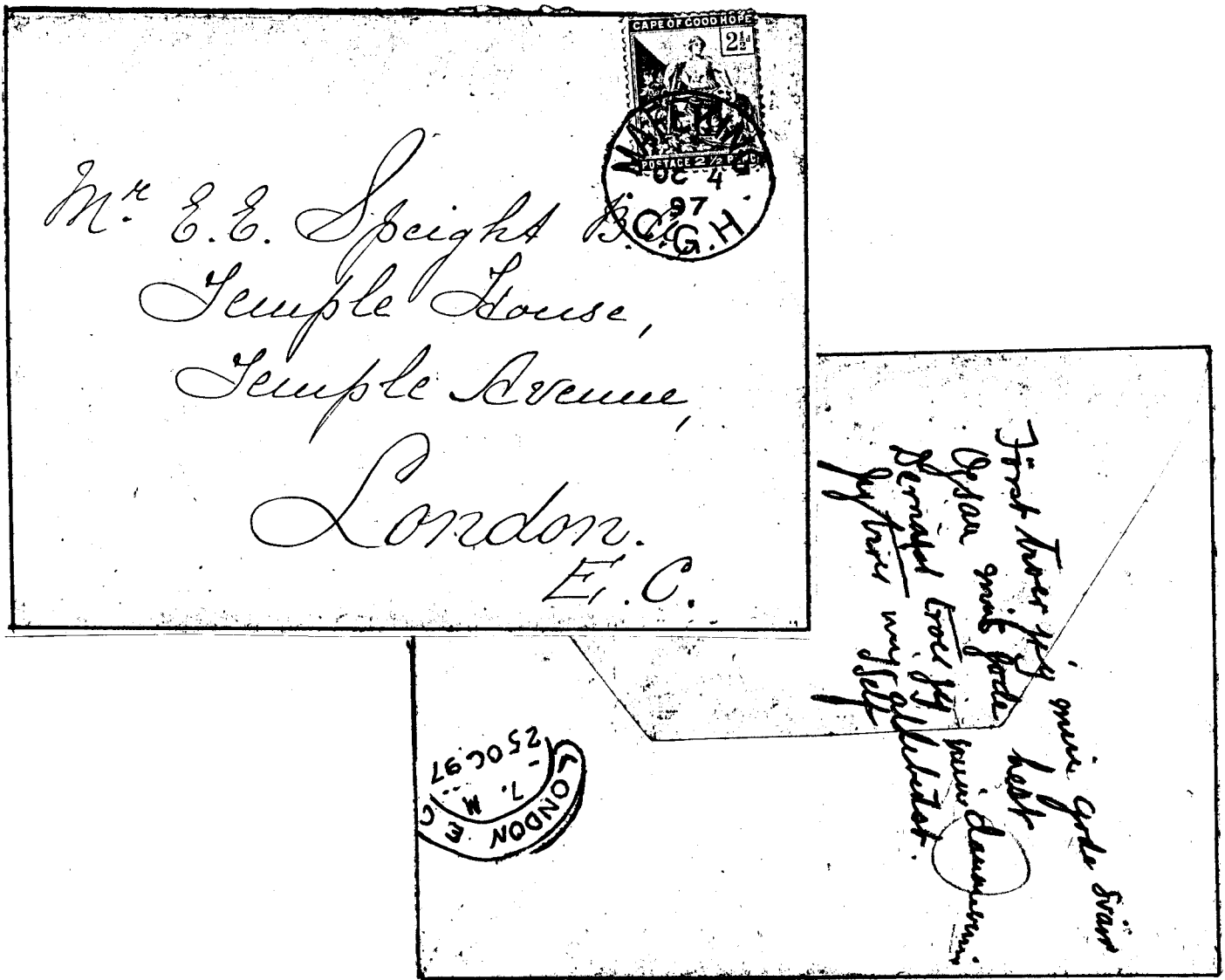
In this issue of Forerunners, I am pleased to report the discovery of a new earliest reported usage of this cancel. The accompanying illustration (Fig. 1) shows an October

4, 1897 strike of the cancel, without a time control index letter, on a single weight letter envelope to London, franked with a C.G.H. 2½d Hope seated, and a partial October 25, 1897 London E.C. receiver. This strike precedes the previously reported earliest usage date, March 4, 1898, by exactly five months to the day.

This cover was offered in a July, 1992 public auction in the U.K. by a firm which describes itself as 'auctioneers & valuers of fine stamps, postal history, coins, postcards, medals, maps & other printed collectibles.' The catalog description of the lot in the Cape of Good Hope section, read: "**MAFEKING**: 1897 cover to G.B. bearing 2½d. f.u. by MAFEKING c.d.s. (1 cover). This lot description gave no inkling of the treasure which awaited the

Figure 1. Cover showing the earliest reported usage 'MAFEKING/OC 4/97/C.G.H.'.

of 25mm "Mafeking siege" cancel (Goldblatt cds 25) -



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successful bidder. The lotter either did not recognize the Mafeking siege cancel or elected not to specifically identify it in the lot description. In either event, he clearly failed to recognize the philatelic importance of the cancel date, five full months before the previously reported earliest usage of this cancel. Since I am presently acquiring material for a hoped-for someday Mafeking philatelic history exhibit, I bid on the cover as a 'pot luck' lot, not knowing exactly what to expect, but hoping as we always do for that proverbial 'pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.' I was successful in purchasing the cover for a modest price. You can imagine both my surprise and delight when it arrived in the mail a few weeks after the auction. Needless to say, I shall not be returning it to the

auctioneers as unsatisfactory.

So, now, four important usages of the Mafeking siege cancel have been discovered and reported within the scope of less than two years, which I continue to view as nothing short of amazing, given that, as we now believe, this cancel began a short-lived, approximately nineteen year period of usage almost 96 years ago. Who will next contribute to our further understanding of this fascinating Mafeking cancel?

Anyone having additional information on this cancel, or pre-seige and/or post-siege examples of its use, is urged to contact me by writing to 5016 So. Kenneth Pl., Tempe, AZ 85282 USA.

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Sergio Sismondo - #9218, Ottawa, Canada. Sergio learned about us from member Bob Hisey down Florida way. Sergio focuses upon all areas falling within the Society's scope. He is also a member of the Collectors Club of New York.

Will Ross - #9219, Van Nuys, California. Will learned about the Society from 'Linns Stamp News' and SESCAL. He collects the Union & Republican periods of South Africa and has a primary interest in the Homelands. Will also collects Law and Lawyers topicals and 1939 Christmas Seals specialized. His other affiliations include the American Topical Association, Christmas Seal & Charity Stamp Society and the Scandinavian Philatelic Library of Southern California.

Willard S. Allman - #9220, Ridgewood, New Jersey. Willard joined as a result of a recent recruitment mailing. He is a fulltime dealer in pre-1953 postal history material covering most of the stamp-issuing entities falling within the Society's scope. Included in his many affiliations are the American Stamp Dealers Association, Philatelic Traders Society, APS, Rhodesia Study Circle, West Africa Study Circle, Sudan Study Circle and so on.

MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

Roland L. Terry - #9023. Born in New York City on May 27th, Roland now hails from Hawaii. He is single and prior to retirement was a travel agent. His primary philatelic interests are Cape (no triangles) and OFS town and numeral cancels of which he says he has about 5,000. Roland also collects the Rhodesias, Bechuanalands, Swaziland and South Africa from 1960 on. His other interests include hiking and reading-especially biographies, South African and US Civil War history. In times gone by, Roland was a frequent traveler to all parts of the globe, seeing 88 countries in all. He lived in Johannesburg in 1959-60 and travelled widely in southern African as a result. Roland says he has a lifelong interest and affection for South Africa and is worried in the extreme about events taking place there.

Kalman V. Illyefalvi - #9024. Kalman is originally from Budapest, Hungary where he was born on the sixth of

September. He is married to Phyllis and has two children named Gizelle and Stephen. Kalman received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the City College of New York and is presently employed as a consultant. His primary collecting interests include Hungary, South Africa, postal history and stationery. Kalman is presently a nationally and internationally accredited philatelic judge.

Joan Matthews - #9025. Joan was born in London on April 23rd. Her primary occupation is as a private executive secretary. She enjoys gardening, collecting old postcards of Johannesburg, artist drawn cats and World War I embroidered silks. Joan has visited France, Austria, Italy, Spain, Norway, Northern Rhodesia and South Africa. She likes to read books about the history of South Africa, in particular the Transvaal and gold mining. Her primary philatelic interest is Transvaal - postmarks on cover in particular.

Michael Leeman - #9026. Michael was born in Cape Town on the ninth of March. He is presently a student at the University of Cape Town studying towards a Bachelor of Business Science. His main collecting interest is South African World War II postal history. In addition to philately, Michael enjoys bridge, soccer, modern history and traveling. He has been to London, Paris and Amsterdam with friends and is planning an extensive European trip to France, Italy, Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. He is also interested in post-WWII geopolitics and reads extensively in the area.

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Forerunners: Silver-bronze plus special felicitations, PHILITEX '92, Silver at SESCAL 92, Silver at CHICAGO-PEX 92 and a Silver at COLOPEX '92.

John H. Otten: Gold at PHILITEX 92 for Postal Censorship in Imperial Russia.

W. Alec Page: Silver-bronze at PHILITEX 92 for 'Field Post of the Czechoslovak & Allied Forces in Russia, 1918-20'.

Stephen D. Schumann: Reserve Grand and Gold at SESCAL 92 for "Sarawak Postal Stationery"; Court of Honor FILATELIC FIESTA for same.

Regis Hoffman: Gold at COLOPEX 92 for 'Allied Forces in East Africa, World War I'.

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Newly joined member, Will Ross, needs some assistance in research that he is now doing. He is trying to pinpoint the first use of the reprinted issues of the first definitive series for Bophuthatswana, Transkei and Venda. Anyone that is able to help Will out, please write him at 6456 Woodley Avenue. Van Nuys, CA 91406 USA.

Jim Ryan of the journal's 'Bookie Report' fame, continues to work on production of a comprehensive bibliography covering all aspects of greater southern Africa philately. And, he has a wonderful start as we read in each issue. Readers are strongly encouraged to send Jim a list of all books, articles, etc., in his/her library to 4419 17 Avenue NW, Calgary AB, Canada T3B ON7.

Hiram Slomowitz is requesting assistance in obtaining any available information on the issuing of stamps for Goshen or Goshenland. Authorities have suggested to him that none were; however, he says he has acquired some and is now researching the history of Goshen to find any references to its issuance of emissions. If you can help, write him at Advocates Chambers, 2000 Innes Chambers, Pritchard St., Johannesburg 2001, RSA

Our President, Guy Dillaway, is working on a manuscript dealing with postal rates and foreign destinations from the Cape during the 1853-65 triangular period. Of special interest are all 3p and 4p rates to the UK and 1/1 p rates to Holland. Guy would appreciate front/back photocopies of covers and will purchase items, condition not of paramount importance. He may be reached at P.O. Box. 181, Weston, MA 02193 USA.

Dear Members: As you know, the Orange Free State issued a large number of provisionally-overprinted stamps to pay the fees required to send telegraphs. The first of these many issues were put into use in 1885. During the remaining 15 years of the Republic, these stamps were cancelled predominantly with the very same cancellers used for postal duty. I am presently doing research involving the usage of these telegraph stamps with 'postal' cancellations. I wish to compile data pertaining to these issues through the Republican Era using the following parameters:

- (1) Stamps must have a readable date stamp displaying the town name and the complete or nearly complete date.
- (2) The printing and setting of the particular telegraph overprint is needed as well as the denomination and color. The printing and setting information is gained from the OFSSC Handbook, volume 1, chapter 15, pp. 247-60.
- (3) The type of canceller is required using Batten's numbers, if possible, otherwise send a tracing, photocopy or detail measurements including the diameter of the plug, height of letters and presence/absence of stops and OVS.

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The Bookie Reports Jim Ryan, Canada
My reports of the previous issue had many errors and omissions. My thanks to Alec Page and others for their help and guidance. Please integrate the information listed below with the listings in previous installments in this journal.

I. Union of South Africa

A. Postal History - Key Works - please add:

5) i.e. Ontwikkelsgeskiedenis van Posseeluitstalling van in Suid-Afrika, Pauw Steyl - This is a 76 page monograph on philatelic exhibitions. It is well-documented and contains much useful information. Written in Afrikaans, and Anglophile collector will find it worth his while to have a go. This useful document was issued as a supplement to The S.A. Philatelist v. 67, no.6. At my request, Bob Hisey, Society Translation Service, kindly provided a translation of the title, acknowledgements and short biography on the author. It reads as follows:

Title - "The Development History of Postage Stamp Exhibits in South Africa"

Text (first page) - "The publication of this monograph is supported by the Philatelic Foundation of Southern Africa, to whom the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa expresses its great thanks and gratitude. This applies also to Jan C. and Ilse Evertse of Stellenbosch, who kindly undertook the typesetting.'

Text (second page) - 'This monograph I gladly dedicate to all philatelists, 'friends of stamps', that through these 75 years, and the years before, have worked so hard in to develop a sound foundation for South African Philately on Club, National and International levels. We salute you for the foundations that you have laid. We gladly wish to proceed to also do our bit to the further writings of this proud history. I trust that herewith a humble contribution is made.

"Pauw Steyl is chaplain of the George Prison Force. He puts special interest in postal history, especially that concerning the history of postage stamp exhibits in South Africa, the Ox-Wagon Post at the time of the 1938 Great Trek celebration, the postal history of George, and the Silver Jubilee issue of 1935."

B. Handbooks - Key Works - please add:

5) The two volumes of The Golden Jubilee Edition - was reprinted with price revisions in 1979 in a single volume. Often described as '(1979) 2nd Rev. Ed.'" to use pricelist abbreviations. As with my 'Reports', this edition should be used with corrections published in Springbok and The SAP after publication.

6) The Stamps of the Union of South Africa, 1910-1961,

edited by S.J. Hagger, published for PFSA by Reijger Publishers, P.O. Box 2789, Cape Town 8000.

D. Stamps and Postage Dues - Checklists
PLEASE DELETE: 4) The Springbok Half Penny by Sanford and van Ingen (This book does NOT exist).

PLEASE ADD: 7A) Union 2d1 London Printing, The Final Chapter, Hagger and Tonking, PFSA publication.

PLEASE ADD: Third Definitive Issue (Animal Series), Pamphlets issued for each value ½d - 10/-, covering flaws, etc. Published by the S.A. Stamp Study Circle. My copy is in a hardbound volume.

E. Airmails - Checklists

PLEASE NOTE: #2) Wynham's classic work has been offered by T.G. Barnes, P.O. Box 26456, Hout Bay 7800, RSA, in a reprinted edition, 1980.

PLEASE NOTE: #7) and #8"Birrell" should read 'Burrell'.

PLEASE NOTE: #8) A Supplement up to 1984, published by SA Stamp Study Circle newsletter.

PLEASE ADD: #10) Movement of Aircraft - on Imperial Airways African Routes 1931-1939, compiled by Peter Winget, 1991 (well-reviewed in Springbok by Ian McQueen, p. 29, Mar-Apr 1992, vol. 40, no.2).

F. Postal History - Checklists

PLEASE ADD: 8) Antarctic Posts, J.H.H.Pirie. Pages 6-18 are about Tristan da Cunha, which is still dependent upon Cape Town for transit of mail. Reprinted by Harry Hayes (Philatelic Studies #17, 1975). I have not seen the original edition.

PLEASE ADD: 9) Sudafrika Antarktis Expeditionen, Bernd Lukas, text in German with English synopsis, 57pp, 1979.

PLEASE ADD: 10) History of S.A. Army Postal Service, edited by E.B. Proud, 158pp, 1989.

G. Revenues

1) British Commonwealth Revenues, J. Barefoot and A. Hall, 1990, Fourth Edition. Includes Republic of South Africa issues. A new edition was anticipated; information was requested from publishers. Please see my review in Forerunners # , pages 41-44.

2) South African Revenue Stamp Catalogue, The late C.E. Sherwood's updated revision of L.J. Dodd (see below). Contains background information but 1980 prices are out of date. Omitted were revenues overprinted for Swaziland, Basutoland and Bechuanaland. 50 pages plus one page of amendments (available).

3) (For the record) The revenue Stamps of South Africa including CGH, Natal, ORC/OFS, Transvaal, Union/Republic of South Africa, L.J. Dodd: a) 1967 ed. plus amend-

ments page (C.E. Sherwood); and b) 1958 edition.

My thanks to R.A. Mason (PSGSA) for a rather exhaustive list of The MR articles and help with 2, 3a, 3b.

II - Small Territories B. New Republic

PLEASE ADD: 5) 'New Republic' chapter in Transvaal Philately, by Dr. G.J. Jonkers, FRPSL.

PLEASE NOTE: 6) Dr. Jonkers New Republic article in Forerunners, July-Oct '92 (Special Anniversary Edition). (Keep perusing the pages of Forerunners for future Jonkers articles. New Republic "junkies" have much to look forward to!)

C. Stellaland

PLEASE ADD: 7) 'A Postal History of Stellaland', March (pp 54-66) and April (pp 95-99) in The London Philatelist, v. 101 (1992) by Dr. Alan R. Drysdall, FRPSL..

In the next installment, I hope to get back on track and explore the key works of the Rhodesias, Nyasaland, Zimbabwe and Zululand.. Until then, readers are encouraged to send me lists of books, articles, etc., to add to my comprehensive greater southern Africa bibliography data base. Please write me at 4419 17 Avenue NW, Calgary AB, Canada T3B ON7.

Questions & Answers

As part of its services to the general collecting community, the Society makes a Panel of Experts available to answer questions submitted by readers. The Panel members are listed on the inside cover page. Readers should send their inquiry directly to the appropriate member. Clear copies of cancels, covers (front/back) and a detailed description of an item, e.g., color, perforations, watermark type, etc., should always be included.

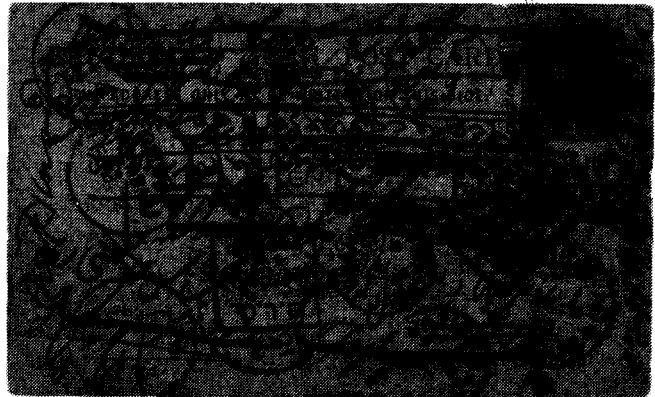
The Panel member will forward his/her answer, along with the question and any illustrations to the Editor for publication in this section. Panel members will also return a copy of the response directly to the questioner. Please bear in mind that a question may require an extended period to allow time for research, which may necessitate collaboration with others.

Questions falling outside the scope of the Society, that pertain to British East or West Africa, should be submitted to the Editor. The inquiry will be forward to an appropriate specialty group for a response.

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Question #24: 'I have a Cape 4p triangle with an overprint reading 'K. C. Bank'. I have never seen this before and wonder about its significance.' (This question was submitted by Richard Krane, a member of the local stamp club to which the Editor belongs.)

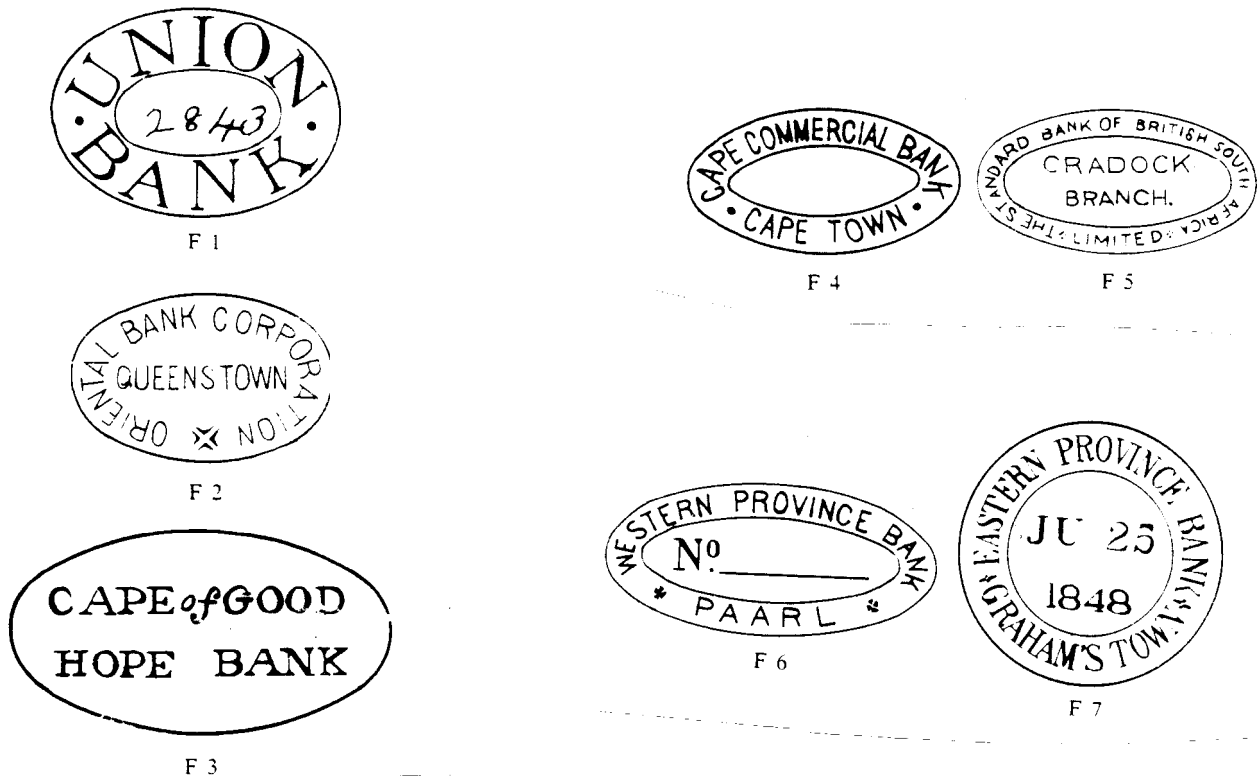
Response by Athol Murray: 'I am enclosing an exhibit from Robert Glodblatt's work re Bank & Fiscal cancellations (see below). You will see from the photostat copy of my collection that I too have a ...K. C. Bank mark, together with the circular date stamp. The K.C. Bank refers to something like Cradock Commercial Bank or Kenilworth-Commercial Bank. I have not researched the names of the Banks but I am sure evidence is available to identify the true mark.

- All receipts were required to be written over a stamp, a form of taxation which persisted in the UK until the 1950's. Also, promissory notes had to be stamped into a 6p stamp as per photo copy. Finally, cheques had to be stamped onto a 1 d stamp, as per photo **copy**. So a great number of stamps were used for fiscal purposes.'
- Excerpt from page 191 of Goldblatt's work on bank and fiscal cancellations:

"Cape triangular and rectangular stamps were often used for fiscal purposes, and what may appear to be a postal cancellation could in fact be a portion of a bank or fiscal defacement. As knowledge of the design of the handstamps used by banks for defacing stamps on documents in terms of the Stamp Act of 1864 and of the defacers used by the Deeds Registry and the Receiver of Revenue is essential. Fortunately such defacing handstamps are not difficult to recognize - typical examples are F 1 to 7 (see below).

- Most bank handstamps incorporate the word "Bank", but a problem often occurs when only a portion of the strike is evident, resulting in uncertainty or confusion. Often the name of the town in which the bank is situated is also incorporated in the handstamp, either in English or in Dutch, such as Wellingtonsche Bank' or 'Paarlsche Bank'.
- If only the name portion is visible on a stamp, this could be incorrectly construed as a postmark proper. It is known, however, that there were no postmarks with Dutch names in use during the adhesive stamps period (1853 to 1910) and this should be helpful in obtaining clarity about doubtful specimens.'

Figure 1. Illustrations from Goldblatt, p. 191, showing typical examples of bank and fiscal cancellations



(From Athol Murray's collection pages) Cape Triangular & Rectangular Post Stamps are sometimes seen with cancellation described as being circular town or unidenti

fied postmarks. Many of these show an impression of part of the handstamps used by the various Banks for fiscal purposes.

Figure 2. Examples of bank type cancellations appearing on postage stamps (original drawings for A.A. Jurgens book).

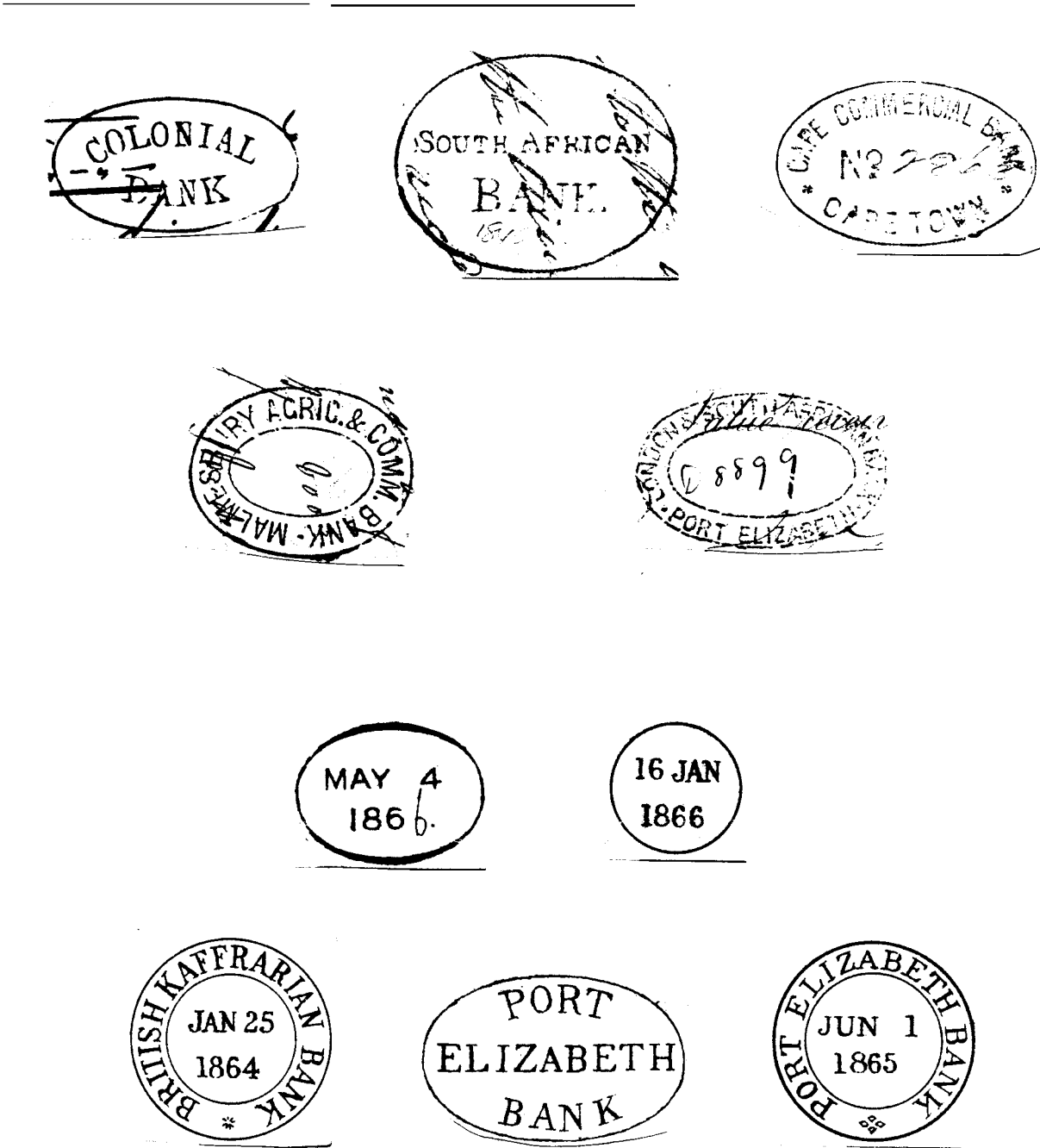
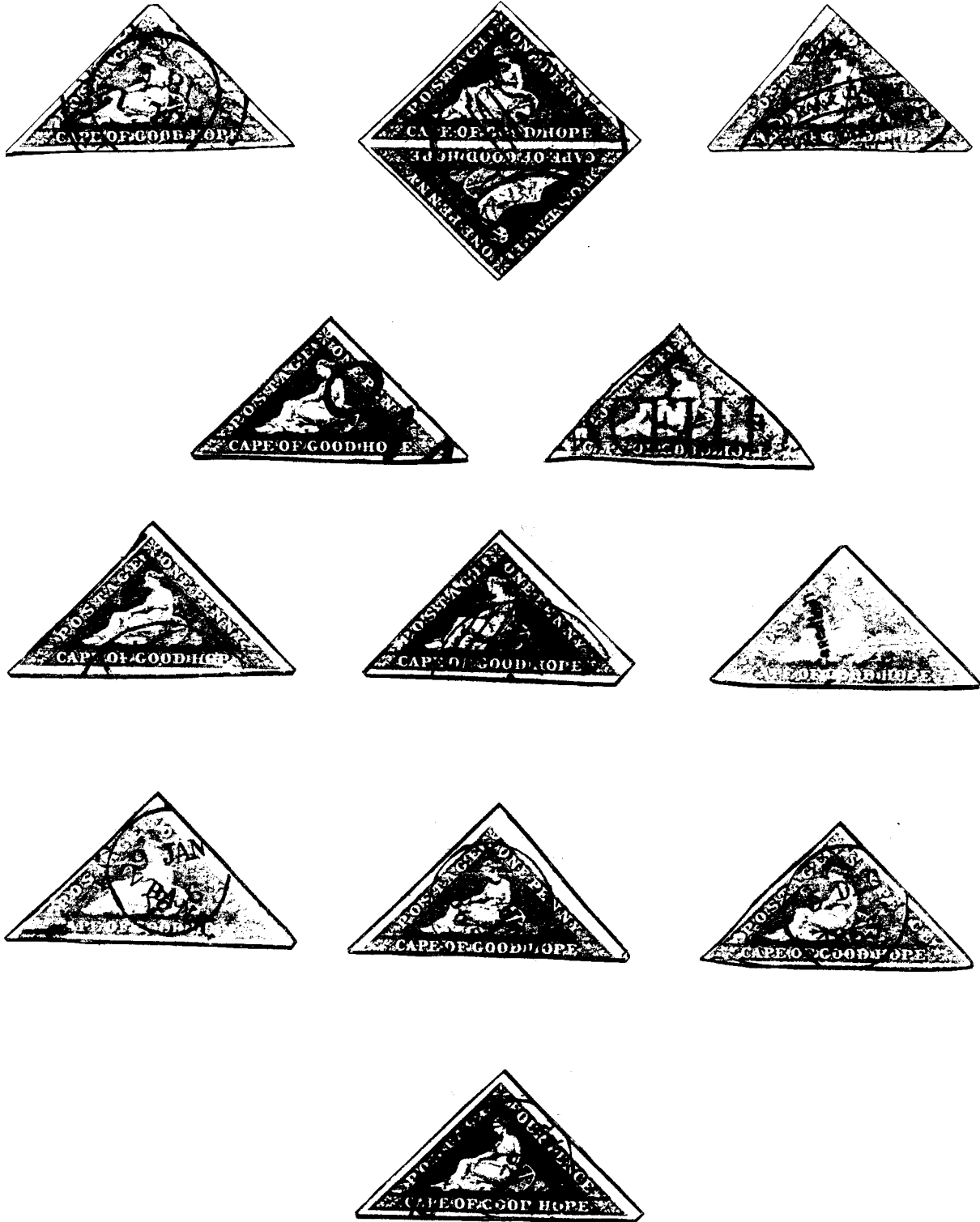
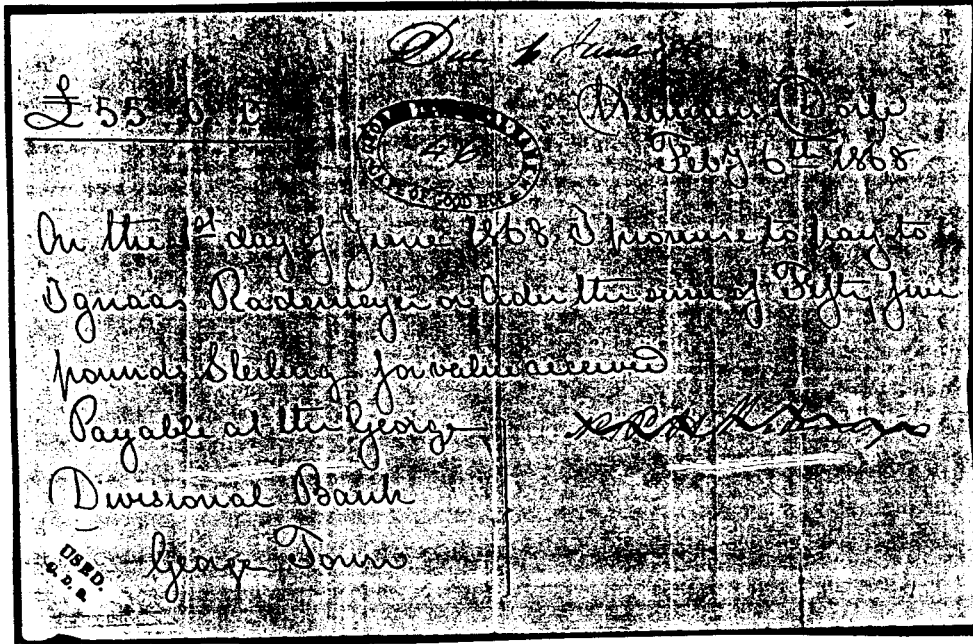


Figure 3. Examples of bank fiscal cancellations on postage stamps.

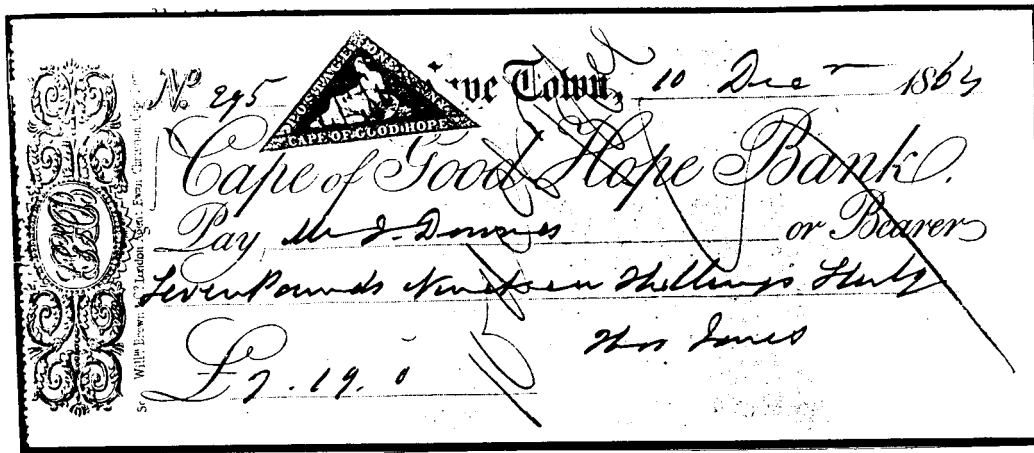


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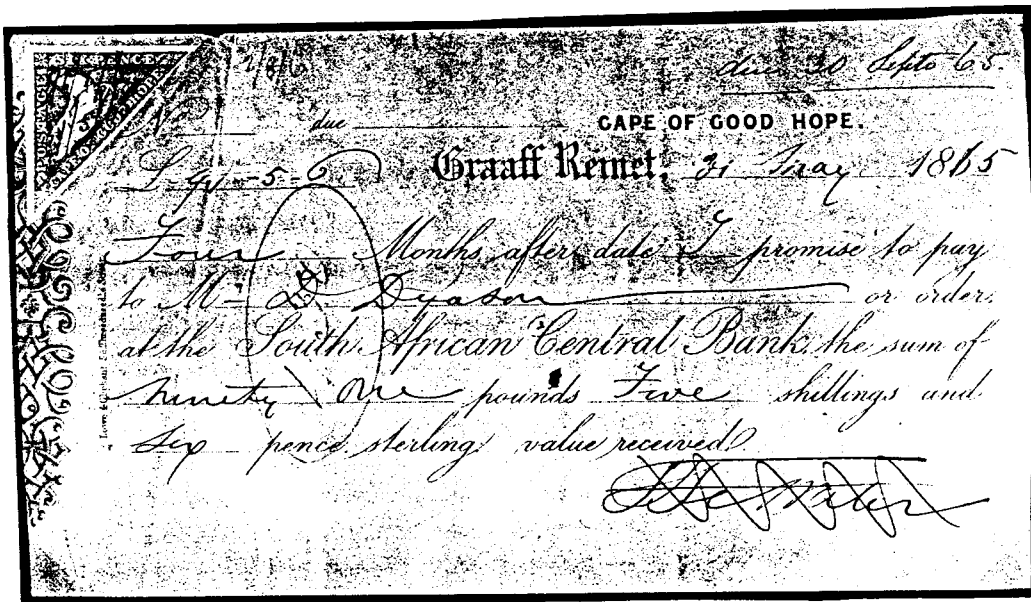
Figure 4. Examples of fiscal cancellations.



A George Divisional Bank promissory note.



A Cape of Good Hope Bank cheque with 1 p triangular affixed.



A South African Central Bank promissory note with a 6p triangular affixed.

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Unanswered Challenges For The Scholar

This feature includes questions which have stumped our Question & Answer Panel. The reader is now invited to take up the challenge. Please forward all speculations directly to the Editor for publication herein.

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

Challenge #2: 'Has anyone seen/owned, or have a photocopy of a non-philatelic interprovisional cover with stamps from all four pre-Union states?'

Challenge #3: 'I have a 1/2p Swaziland overprint of the first issue (Scott #2). The 'SW' is omitted on it, but Robson Lowe only shows it missing on the 2p. Mine is cancelled 'EMBEKELWENI' (numeral cancel #718). Anyone have any knowledge of this?'

Challenge #4: 'When were Union of South Africa bilingual circular cancels used on provincial revenues?'

* * BITS AND PIECES

This feature provides members an opportunity to share interesting little tidbits in a short-order format. Items appropriate for 'Bits' include interesting cancels, covers, rare stamps, cinderella items and the like. All entries must of course be related to greater southern Africa philately. Reactions, comments, etc., to items appearing in this feature are encouraged.

The first item up for this issue is a nice short piece on Cape of Good Hope Officials, from our International Rep., Athol Murray. In his letter, Athol goes on to say:

'Personally I was very interested to read pages 148 and 149 of the Fifth Anniversary issue - the article on the Cape of Good Hope Officials.

'Reference is made at the end of the article to the Maximus sale in 1989. I attended this sale and purchased the Lot in question, number 578, of which I enclose a photocopy of the Auctioneer's description. (Reads as follows: '1864-1904', collection of the rectangular issues, between S.G. 23 and S.G. 78, housed in a green album, **postmarks**, condition above average, including items showing misuse of the oval obliterations, cork obliterations, pen dated cancellations, Ocean Post Office c.d.s., Shipping Postmaster's datestamp, Railway postmarks, Printing and Stationery Dept., Security punching, Cape stamps used in the Transvaal and German South West Africa, also Transvaal stamps used in the Cape; a very useful lot, 196 items.)

'At the time of purchase I knew nothing about these stamps (Fig. 1) and with all the other 'goodies' in this Lot I paid something like twice the estimated value of 200-300 Pounds. At the time my main attraction in this Lot was the Shipping Postmaster's datestamp cancellations, of which there were 3 or 4. Once I got the Lot home I started some research on these 'perfins'. I found details in the Allis (1930) book and again in the Robson Lowe Encyclopedia (1948) where they are listed as rare; and rare they are for this collection contained in Lot 578 are the only ones that I have ever seen in over 50 years of collecting the Cape.

'The fourth paragraph of the aforementioned article refers to SG68 (3d Hope Standing). The photostat shows a block of four of this stamp. This I hope is fairly conclusive evidence of its existence. Likewise there is a copy of Edward VII 3d (SG74) which is not given in the listing in Table 1; also this stamp is postmarked 27th July 1906, two days later than the latest recorded date referred to in the article; but the 2d stamp (Hope seated, SG50) appears to possess the latest recorded datestamp, namely 31st August 1906 ... With every good wish, Athol'.

(If there are any readers with these issues, please write me at Erlesdene Garden Cottage, Green Walk, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 2SL, England.)

THE TRANSVAAL STUDY CIRCLE

Memoir No. 1

The Transvaal in 1906 - a map of post offices, postal agencies and postal routes, with a description and gazetteer by Dr. C. Board."

Now available from: The Publications Secretary, 56 Framfield Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2AL, England. Price 4 Pounds (inclusive of surface mail).

Figure 1. Photocopy of page from Athol Murray's collection showing Officials of the Cape.

THE OFFICIAL POST
OFFICIAL STAMPS
CAPE GOVERNMENT PRINTING and STATIONERY DEPARTMENT

In 1906 the Department adopted a system of perforating their stamps with eleven round holes, in the form of two triangles, having their common apexes meeting in the centre hole.



Ex 'Maximus Collection'

The following two items come to us by way of our Both were recently offered at a Stephan Welz auction. Germany International Representative, Werner Seeba. Additional comments welcome for a future issue.

Figure 1.1933 (29 DEC) Reg 'Sunset' cover bearing a single of each SA province, SA Union 1/2d, plus Basutoland KGV TEYATEYANENG/ BASULAND d/c cds's (Sc #5) plus registration h/s in violet the Bastuloland 1 d has scratch between v + tab right frame line variety (very scarce) neat (1).

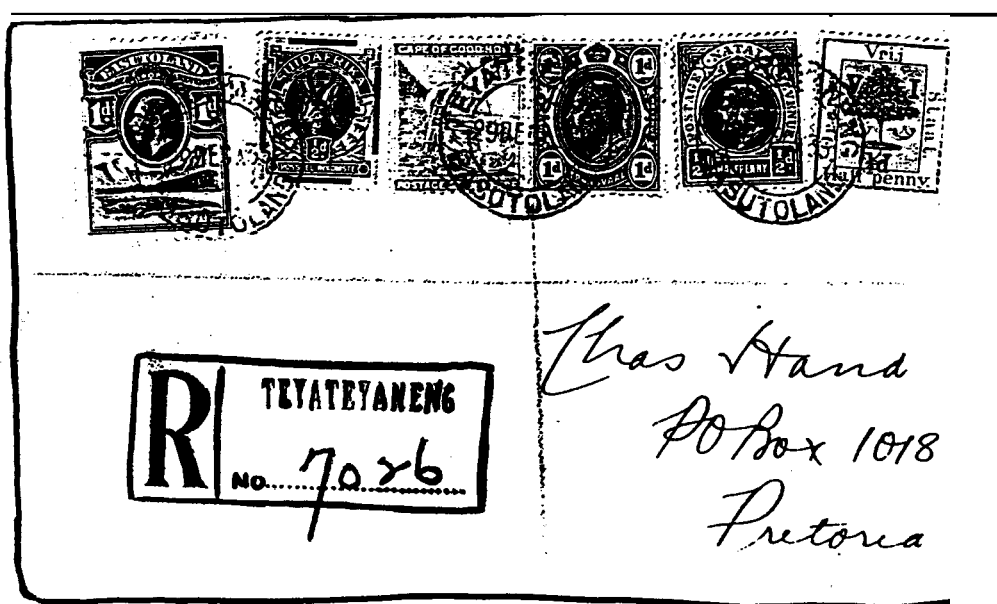
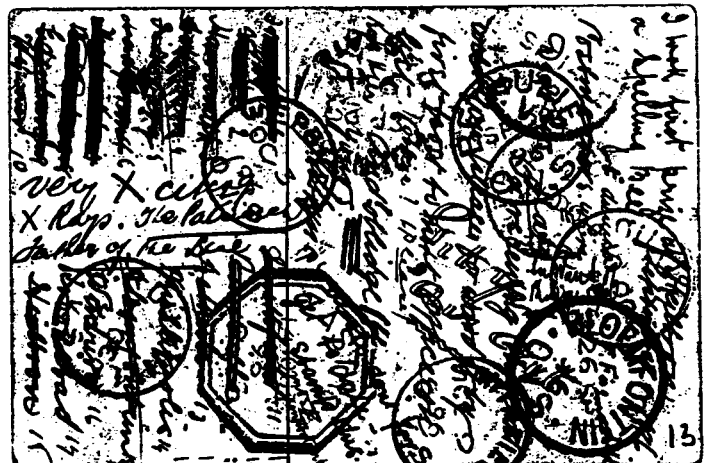
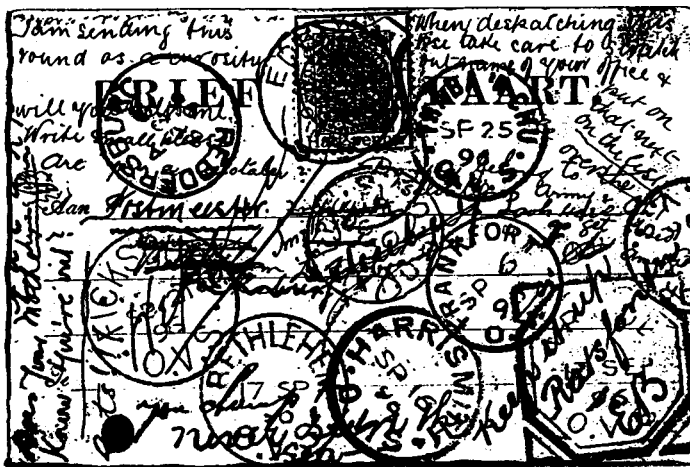


Figure 2. Front and reverse of a used H and G 12a this example sent through no fewer than 20 post offices in thi Sept/Oct 1896.



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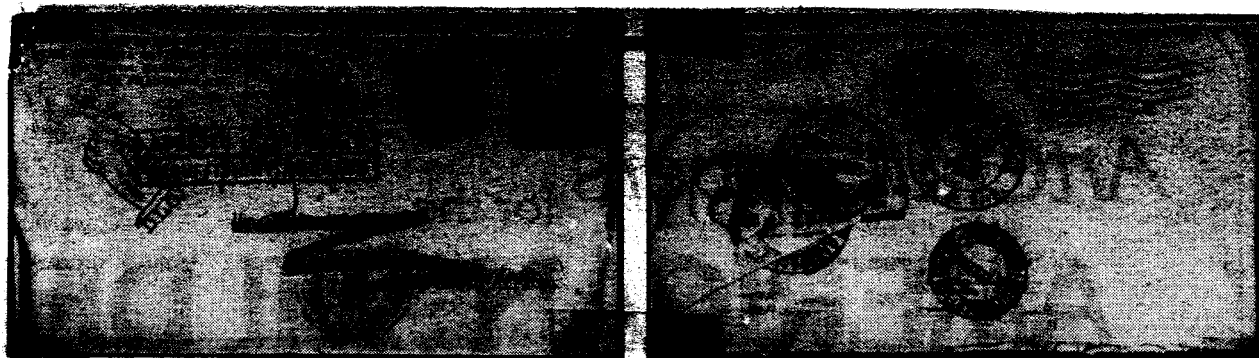
This next "Bit" comes from Jon Rose's column 'Panorama USA', page 6 of the 7 July '92 issue of Stamp Collector.

• **Returned from Transvaal**

. . . is actually a 2c carmine Washington bicentennial stamped envelope (#U385, 1903 Hartford printing), additionally franked with a 3c 1903 violet Jackson to make up the 5c UPU rate to Transvaal (Fig.1).

• A San Francisco datestamp and an enclosed business letter are both dated Dec. 20, 1904. Backstamps show the letter reached Johannesburg, South Africa (Transvaal) on Jan. 6, 1905. A blue straight line marking indicates that the directories and lists of box holders were checked to locate the addressee, Arthur Orbel.

Figure 1. 3c Jackson on 2c envelope (reverse with backstamps at right) to Transvaal, returned to sender, 1904.



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J. Campbell, P.O. Box 15766, New Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand.

The next interesting little piece comes from Reg Foster, RSA. He calls it 'Let's Have A Look through The Glass'.

While sorting through some Union postage dues, I came across a pair of the 'Thick 2D' (SG D40A). This first thing that entered my mind was "Let's have a look through the glass'. So, out comes the 10x magnifier. The 2D, which is printed in a black screen, looks to me as though it is a double print, one slightly out of register with the other.

My mind now goes into overdrive - why would this variety be called 'Thick 2D' and not a 'double print'? This has now really sparked my curiosity, so out comes the 'Union Handbook'.

I find that this variety is known as a 'block of four". It is illustration of enlarged photographs comparing a normal dues.

also known as a pair with one normal. Upon further reading, it transpires that it is probably due to the fact that the master negative was made four up and this was then used to step up the multi-positive.

This would now make sense, as it would mean that the master four up negative was exposed twice in one position while making the multi-positive, resulting in a double image in one block of four over the complete sheet.

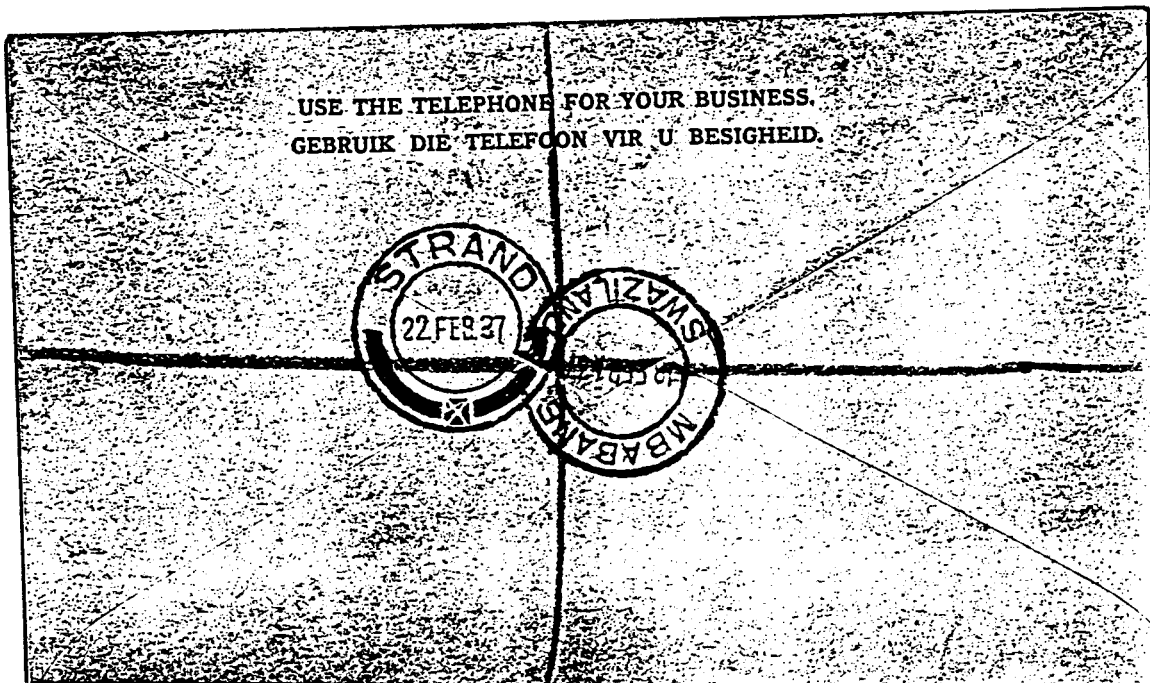
All this came about from the simple act of looking through a magnifying glass. I think I will throw my glass away. But then again, I must admit that I did enjoy the exercise, and isn't that what it is all about.

pair (top) vs 'Thick 2D' (bottom) variety of Union postage



Interesting cover found in Editor's archives - source postal history items related to Swaziland. Hopefully this unknown. This is just one example of the fascinating cover will provide some incentive for more "Swazi" entries.

Illustration of a Swaziland cover (front/back): 1931-37, a registered cover to UK with variety GV definitives to 4d (all different), cancelled Mbabane D/C postmarked 12 Feb 37 with straight line 'MBABANE' registration H/S.



Zulu Notes

Tony Davis, Canada

The column now turns its focus to the postmarks of Zululand. In order to cover the more than two dozen distinct postmarks, 'Zulu Notes' will be dealing with this aspect of Zululand philately for the next few years!

When dealing with the topic of first and last recorded dates of postmarks, there is never a final word on this subject, so should any of our readers have an earlier or later example of a postmark detailed in this column, please write me at 41 Karen St., Thornhill, Ontario, Canada L4J 5L5. A clear photocopy would be necessary to verify a new date.

(Further columns will review revenue stamps, official postmarks, Zululand in the auctions, the great archives theft, bibliography of Zululand philatelic literature, forgeries, postal routes, carts and runners, and other areas. Should there be any particular topics of interest to readers, please write - perhaps an installment of this column could be devoted to readers 'questions/opinions'. I would welcome it.)

ESHOWE

The territorial capital of Zululand is located in the eastern part of the region, framed between the Umfolosi River to the south and the Umhlatuzi River to the north. A figure of 230,000 is given as the population in 1896 (Linn's), which would include all racial groups.

Ulundi, to the north, was the traditional capital of the Zulu monarchs, but Eshowe likely became territorial capital due to its role as a garrison town during the 1879 Zulu Wars.

Eshowe was lined with low, rolling hills and boasted mission stations, churches, ornate private homes of the settlers and colonial administrators, a school and nearby Fort Pearson.

An elaborate system of taxes constrained the movement of the African population with duties to be paid for huts and marriages, among others, while recruiters for the mining industry in the neighboring Transvaal send thousands of Africans, with their chiefs' approval, to the gold mines and later to the collieries. A system of divide and rule, coupled with the defeat of the Zulu nations in 1897, had fragmented the kingdom.

The first postmark for Eshowe is known from 1887 and several different strikes were utilized during the territory's brief existence. The 'Eshowe - no Zululand' strike (Fig.1) is a 26mm diameter black circle containing a 16mm diameter circle with the word 'Eshowe' between the circles and month-day-year recorded in the center of the postmark on two lines. The earliest recorded date of use is September 18, 1887, the latest recorded usage of this

postmark being December 24, 1889. This strike is also known in violet ink, and specimens have been recorded for the months of May, June and July 1888.

Figure 1. The 'Eshowe - no Zululand' strike.



The second Eshowe postmark is a 26mm and 16mm diameter black double circle (Fig.2) with the words 'Eshowe' and 'Zululand' within the two circles and the month-day-year in the center of the postmark. The format of this postmark is therefore similar to the first type. The 'E' of Eshowe and the 'Z' of Zululand are 5.5mm apart. The earliest recorded date of use is November 24, 1888 and the latest recorded usage of this postmark is September 12, 1892.

Figure 2. The second Eshowe black double circle postmark.



Varieties of this postmark are known with the month-day-year transposed to day-month-year, as well as inverted year slugs (Fig.3).

Figure 3. Example of a transposed day/month date.



The third Eshowe postmark is a slightly smaller - 25mm and 15mm diameter - black double circle cancellation in the same format as type 2. A notable difference on some specimens of this postmark which makes it easier to differentiate from the other type is the use of 'A' and 'P' characters above the date in the center of the postmark to denote a morning (AM) or afternoon (PM) posting. Fewer

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of the 'P' usage are seen. The earliest recorded usage of this postmark is January 3, 1890 and the postmark was used into the Natal annexation of the territory.

The fourth Eshowe postmark is a 25mm diameter black single circle cancellation with the words 'Eshowe' and 'Zululand' within the circle and the month-day-year in the center on two lines. The earliest recorded usage of this postmark is July 12, 1893 and the latest recorded usage is into the Natal annexation. The use of the 'A' above the month-day-year in the center of the postmark is known, but the author has yet to see the 'P' in use (though logically it should exist). A variety of this postmark is known with the month-day-year transposed to day-month-year (Fig.4).

Figure 4. Example of the Eshowe single circle postmark with month/day transposed.



There is obviously some overlap in the usage of these postmarks and one could conjecture that the cancellors were utilized until they fell apart. Eshowe was evidently the busiest of Zululand's post offices and in the territory's later years, the post office required the employment of assistant postmasters to help in managing the mails.

For readers' interest, I have also included specimens of Eshowe postmarks outside the time frame of the territory Figs. 5-7).

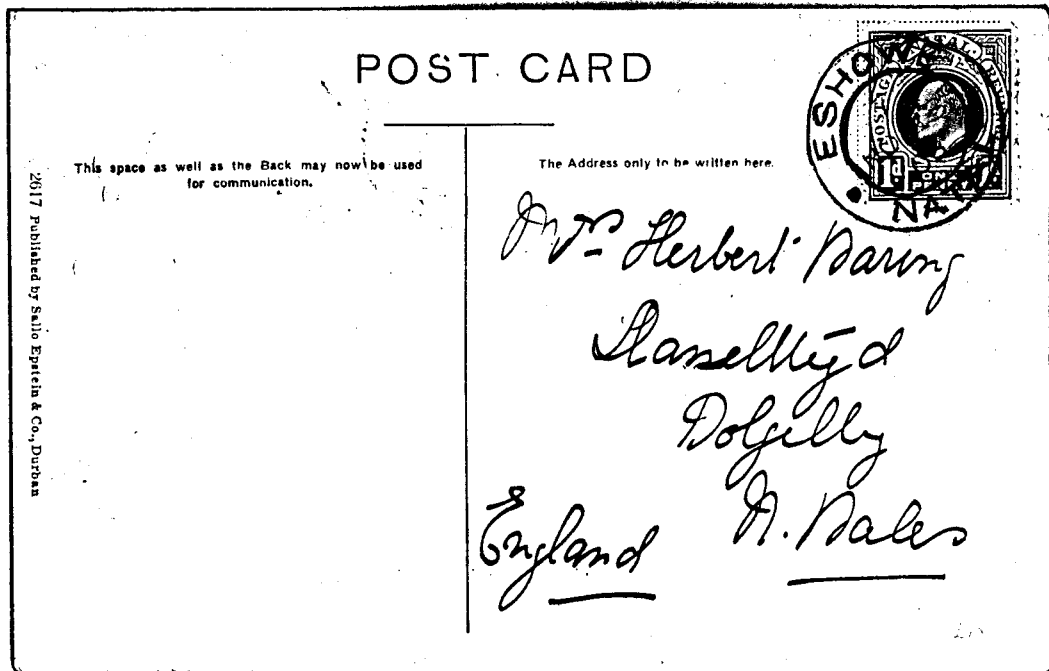
Figure 5. "Eshowe Province of Zululand" postmark in use from 1900.



Figure 7. A very late usage of the fourth Eshowe type - Nov 21 1924!



Figure 6. "Eshowe Natal" postmark in use from the Edwardian stamp era.

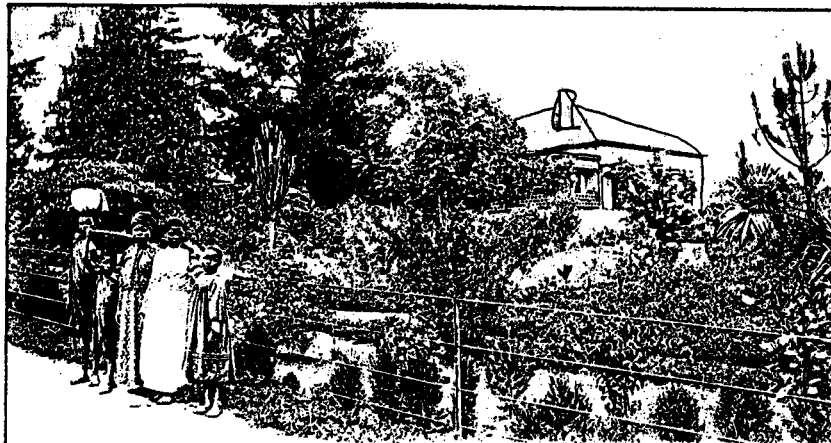


Sallo Epstein & Co. in Durban produced a large number depicting Zululand themes - African and buildings. I have of postcards at the turn of the century, a number selected several of these which concern Eshowe.

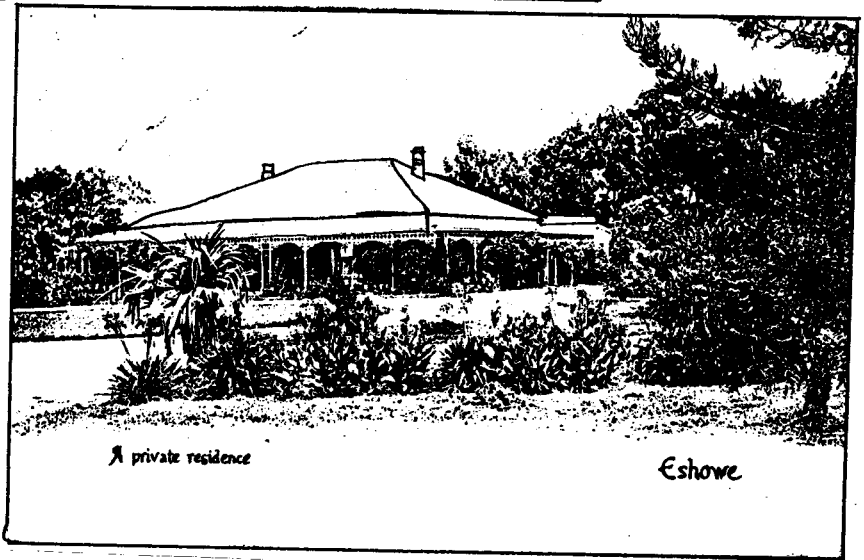
Illustration A: A general view of Eshowe (top), a private residence in Eshowe (middle) and a private residence (bottom).



Awfully sorry I have been so late ^{Eshowe} ⁱⁿ ^{my} ^{return} ^{to} ^{you}. if I do not break up ^{just} ^{send} ^{me} ^a ^{card} ^{to} ^{live} ⁱⁿ ^{my} ^{memory}



A private residence in Eshowe
Please thank Annie for her very newsy letter
How are you all enjoying this cold weather ^{W.S.}



A private residence

Eshowe

Illustration B. More Durban produced postcards: the Zululand police on parade (top & middle) and the Eshowe jail (bottom).

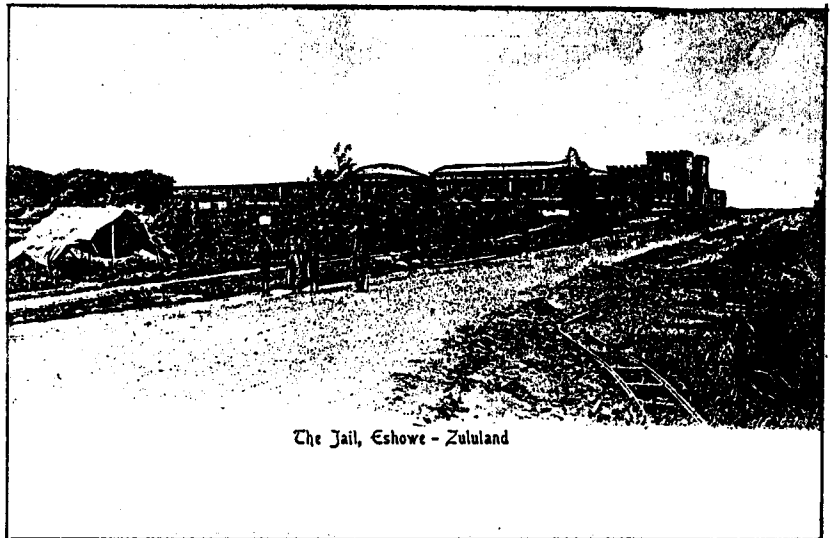
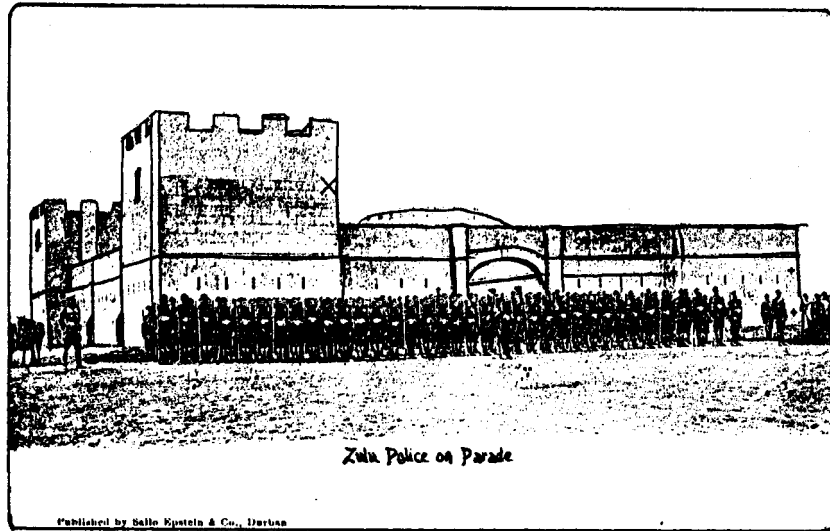
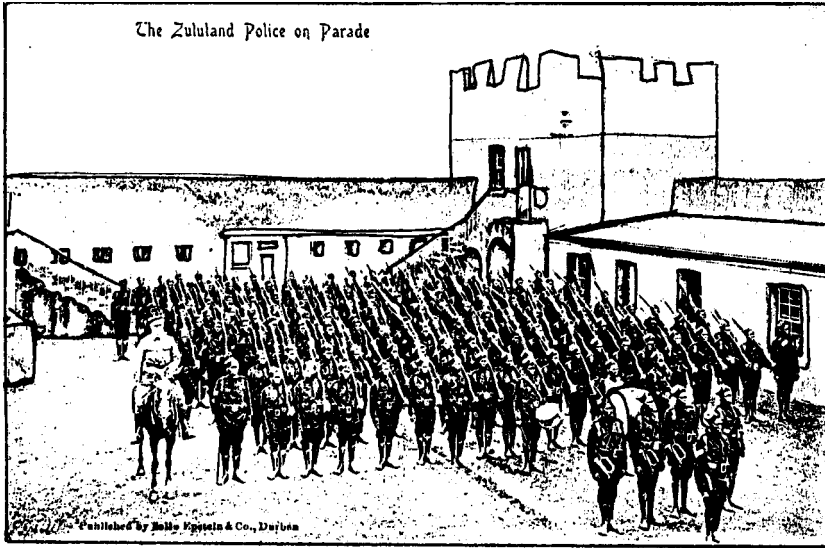
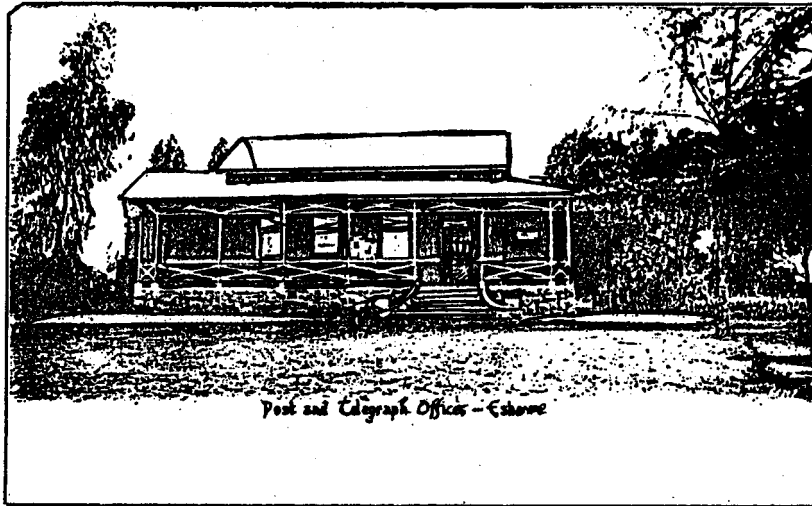
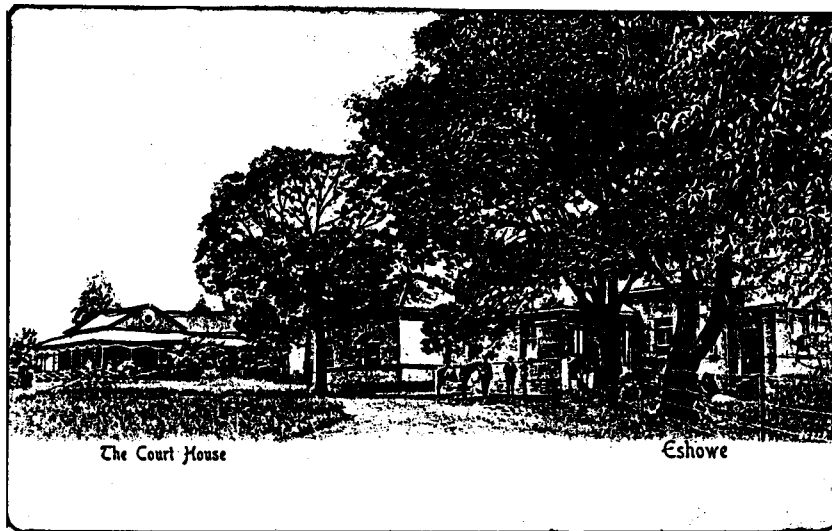
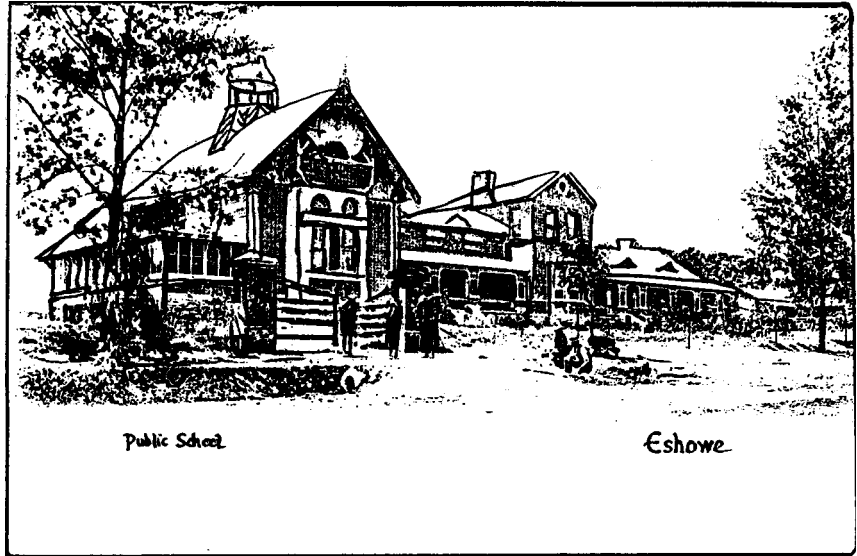


Illustration C. Three final Zululand postcards produced in Durban: public school (top), the Court House (middle) and the post and telegraph office - Eshowe (bottom).



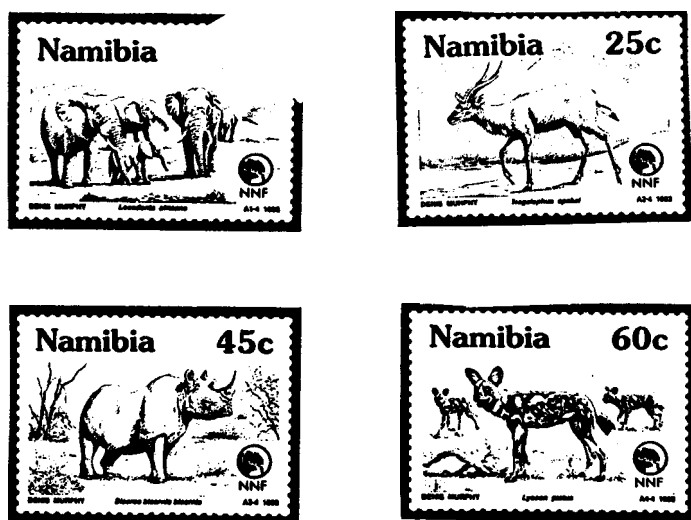
MODERN ISSUES Gerry York, USA

INTERSAPA in Pretoria South Africa has released the new issue schedules for 1993 for the Republic of South Africa, Namibia, and the homelands of Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei.

South Africa will issue a five value set and souvenir sheet featuring South African harbors in January. A twenty-five value Philatelic Foundation souvenir sheet will honor the history of aviation in South Africa in April followed by a four value set in May for National Stamp Day. A sixth definitive series with eighteen values features animals ranging from chameleons and tortoises to rhinoceroses and birds of prey. A five value Tourism set will be issued in September.

Namibia will issue a Second Definitive set, the first in its own right, a fourteen value butterfly set to be issued in October 1993. (The previous definitive released in January 1991 merely incorporated designs from the last South West Africa set, with only the name of the country altered.) A set and souvenir sheet depicting rare and endangered animals - including the Desert Dwelling Elephant, a Swamp Antelope, the Black Rhinoceros, and the Cape Hunting Dog, will be issued in February (Fig. 1). Simmentaler Cattle will be depicted on a four value set in June. An August set will honor child care facilities.

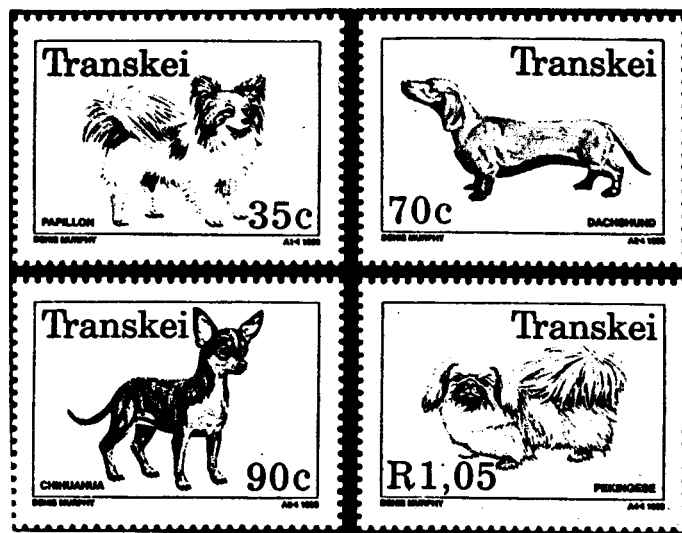
Figure 1. Four emissions from the February 1993 Rare and Endangered Animals definitive set of Namibia.



Transkei will honor various domestic dogs, including the Chihuahua and the Pekingese with a set of four and a Philatelic Foundation miniature sheet in February (Fig. 2). The third in installment of the hitherto bland Fossils series will now depict dinosaurs, and an August set of four will

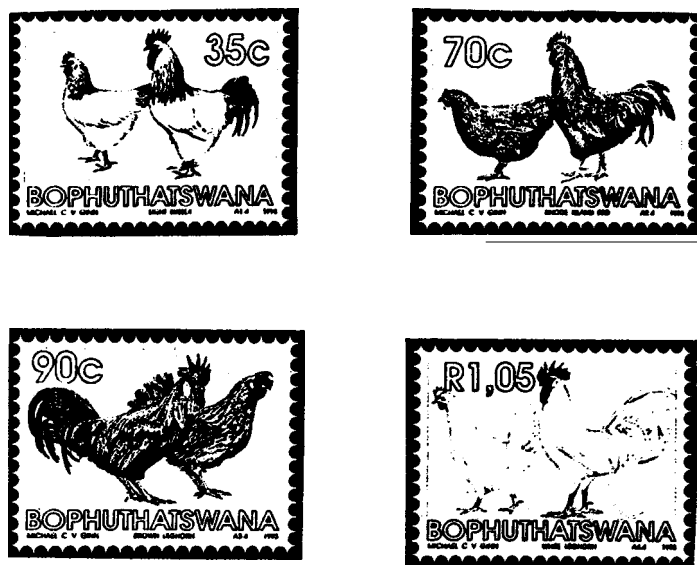
continue the eighth set in the Heroes of Medicine series. Doves will be depicted on a set of four stamps and a souvenir sheet to be issued in October.

Figure 2. Four stamps from the Transkei domestic dogs issue.



Bophuthatswana will depict chicken breeds on a set of four and a Philatelic Foundation miniature sheet to be issued in February (Fig. 3). The eleventh installment of the Easter series will continue in March with a set of four, and the second installment of the Trains series, a set of four and souvenir sheet, will be released in June. Finally, the third installment of the Maps of Africa series will be issued in August.

Figure 3. The 1993 Chicken Breeds issue of Bophuthatswana.



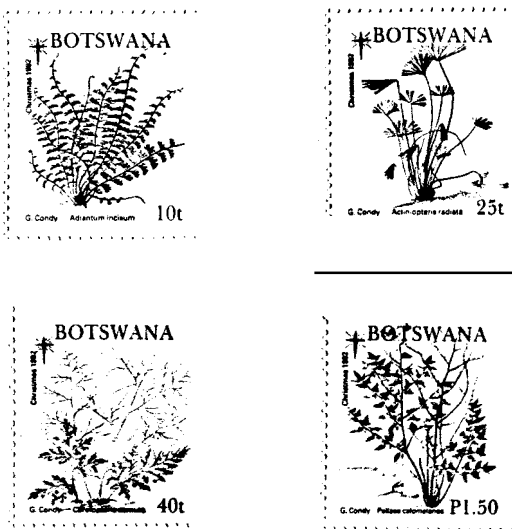
Venda will honor Domestic Cats - the Siamese, the Tabby, the Persian, and the Burmese - with a set of four and a Philatelic Foundation miniature sheet to be issued in May. Herons will be depicted on a July set of four with an accompanying souvenir sheet. A shoe factory will be depicted on a set of four in September, and the third installment of the Inventions series will be issued in November.

Ciskei will honor Famous Explorers with a set of five in May. Small cage birds including parakeets, lovebirds and cockatiels (in Ciskei?) will be depicted in a set of five and a Philatelic Foundation miniature sheet to be issued in July. Churches and missions will be depicted on a set of four in September, and Intruder Plants will be depicted on a set and souvenir sheet in November.

In sum, it looks like a topical collector's delight this year for the customers of INTERSAPA (Private Bag X505 Pretoria 0001, RSA). Obviously, the subject matter of some of the above homeland issues bears little if any connection to the issuing entity. Nonetheless, considering some of the wallpaper that is produced nowadays, this programme must be considered modest. No Elvis or Madonna issues for the PSGSA area yet! (But maybe we'll get a Johnnie Clegg stamp, or one depicting Trevor Rabin the lead guitarist of the supergroup YES, who was born in South Africa and became a star there before YES.)

Botswana issued another one of its unique Christmas issues on November 23rd, 1992; this time depicting ferns in the 10t, 25t, 40t and P1.50 (Fig. 4).

Figure 4. Botswana 1992 Christmas issue.



Malawi's Christmas set of four, issued in November 1992, details European Virgin and Child Paintings in 20t, 75t, 95t and 2 kwacha values.

Zimbabwe, on January 2, 1993, issued a set of six stamps depicting the Minerals of Zimbabwe: 25c Uranium, 59c

Chrome, 77c Copper, 90c Coal, 98c Gold and \$1.16 Emerald.

Swaziland, on December 16, 1992, released 20c and E1.00 stamps (Fig.5) commemorating the Centenary of the Evangelical Alliance Missionary Team's entry into Swaziland. The missionaries worked with the Swazi and Zulu people.

Figure 5. Two stamp issue, f Swaziland commemorating the Centenary of the Evangelical Alliance Missionary Team's entry into Swaziland.



Swaziland also added a 5c value to its 1987 Butterflies Definitive set on August 26, 1992. Reprints of the earlier thirteen values recently released are inscribed '1991'. Lesotho's 1992 Christmas set depicts various Madonna and Child, details from European Art, in denominations of 20, 30, 40, 70, M1, M2, M3, M4 and two souvenir sheets of M5.

An interesting article in the July/August issue of the South African Philatelist by Professor David Ambrose of the National University of Lesotho discussed provisional surcharges on the Lesotho Bird Definitives of 1981-82, some of these issues apparently being very rare. During the period 1986-88, when the denominations of frivolous stamps such as the various Disney issues got completely out of step with the postal rates in use, surcharges were made to meet postal needs. The issues of Lesotho, including these rare surcharges, will be discussed in detail in an upcoming issue of this column.

The November 16, 1992 issue of Linn's discusses Zambia's 1973 4 ngwee low value in the World Health Organization 25th Anniversary issue (Scott 108). Stanley Gibbons British Commonwealth Catalog states, "Only a small quantity (of this stamp) was produced, and most examples were issued to post offices for local use." The 1993 Scott Catalog lists the stamp for \$90 mint, \$30 used. Linn's concludes: "This stamp's great growth in value, both mint and used, owes to the fact that few of these stamps were issued and most of them were used and discarded. It does not appear to have been due to any intentional duplicity or manipulation on the part of Zambia."... Happy collecting until next time! Gerry York Box 151512, Altamonte Springs, FL 32715-1512.

BACK-OF-THE-BOOK TO RETURN

Our Treasurer, Ron Carlson, has communicated that he will once again serve as Editor for this journal section. The first installment will appear in the July/Oct issue next. Any reader wishing to contribute items for this section, and/or to submit a backof-the-book question, please contact Ron directly at P.O. Box 1235, Leesberg, VA 22075.

Society Affairs

Facts, Figures & Other Matters

Bill Brooks, Secretary

I thought that there might be an interest in how PSGSA has grown, membership-wise, since day one:

YeaL	Total Active	increase over prior year
1987	18	n/a
1988	38	111.1%
1989	72	89.5%
1990	101	40.3%
1991	130	28.7%
1992	131	0.8%
1993	133	0.9%

To put the figures in the table above in proper perspective, since the Society began there have been a total of 191 members-in-good-standing.. Therefore, total cumulative resignations since 1987 have come to 58 in all. The following table compares number of "drops" with number of new members joining each year.

Yeas	Number Joining	Number Dropped
1987	18	n/a
1988	23	3
1989	40	6
1990	40	11
1991	48	19
1992	20	18
1993	2	n/a

"From The Archives"

Tim Bartshe, Director/Archives

My apologies to those who read my column and found it missing in the last issue; with the auction and all I missed my deadline! In the last year, significant amounts of material have arrived and been added to our library. The following will be brief descriptions of items potentially of interest to members.

From our friends at the Aerophilatelic Society of South African and president Terry Devine comes a donation of the *Airmails of the Republic of South Africa 1961-1981* by Captain Dawie Uys. This small book contains 28 pages of listings and descriptions of covers and over 100 photocopies of examples. Capt. D.J. Uys was the pilot of the ill-fated B-747 that crashed into the Indian Ocean offshore Mauritius in 1987. We also received seven issues of the journal, "The Aeroletter". Contained within is a four-part series on the pioneer airmail in southern African, an article describing the first balloon ascent in Natal, 1891 and an article on 'O.A.T.' markings.

We also received eight issues of The South African Philatelist, the bi-monthly publication of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa. Some of the articles covered the following topics: TPO's of Nysaland, mail routes to and from German SWA, Customs Duty stamps of the Union, Kowie, Port Francis and Port Alfred postal history, Rhodesia'ss post-UDI definitives, cachet and censor marking of WWII internment camps, paquebot markings and a study of the RSA 21/2c definitive of 1970. Accompanying were two short handbooks: (1) *The Pictorial Postal Stationery Cards of the Union of South Africa* by Tony Chiffon, 13 pages and (2) *The Netherlands South African Railway Company and the Postal Service of the South African Republic* by our member George van den Hurk, 15 pages. Both are well illustrated and valuable. Also along with the December issue of 1991 was included a 76 page volume on the philatelic exhibitions and their postal marking of south Africa with examples from 1913 through 1988. This profusely illustrated and detailed volume by Pauw Steyl is in Afrikaans.

From our good friends at the Transvaal Study Circle comes the continuing series of articles by Alan Drysdall on different issues of the Republic and its postal rates, as well as the five known dual franked envelopes of Stellaland/ZAR. From fellow member Gerrit Joner are contributions on the postal service and revenues of the New Republic, and illustrated postal stationery postcards of the Second Republic. For the B-O-B enthusiasts, George van den Hurk details the ZAR money and postal orders in a 14-page article. Of great historical interest is a long article by Alan describing the correspondence of Captain Nairne during the turbulent times of the First British Occupation of the ZAR and the Zulu War.

SOCIETY MAIL BID AUCTION '93 !!

We now receive 'The Anglo-Boer War Philatelist', the journal of the ABW Philatelic Society. Included in the two quarterlies for 1992 is an article on the cartoon patriotic envelopes and post cards of the ABW by Stuart Duggan and the "Postmeester Generaal" cachet period of OVS mail 10/99 through 3/00 by Richard Stroud.

From the Rhodesian Study Circle is Stephen Johnson's continuing series on the theory about the evolution of the headplates of the 1910 issue, parts 7-9 and covers and postcards from 1888-96 in Matabeleland and Mashonaland by Gunnar Strehmel. Both would be of interest to our Rhodesia fans that are not members of the RSC.

The best has been saved for last! We have received our first purchase for the Society library. Athol Murray was so kind to allow us to purchase from him a bargain price the original work of A.A. Jurgens, The Handstruck Letter Stamps Of the Cape -of Good Hope From 1792 to 1853 and the Postmarks from 1853 to 1910. This book, while being expanded upon by Robert Goldblatt recently, is truly the seminal work of its time and subject. The condition is certainly wonderful for its 49-year age and has the color plates intact. Whether you have Goldblatt's book or not, or have any interest in the postal history of the Cape Colony, this book is an invaluable reference and guide. Thanks again to Athol and to all of you who donated to the library fund.

As always, the archives are available to all who wish to use it. Specific articles or short publications can be duplicated at \$.10 per page. Loans of books can be obtained by paying the roundtrip postage and insurance of same. Due to the rarity and fragile nature of the Jurgens book, loans will not be allowed. I will offer xerox copy, including color reproduction of the two plates, for cost of copying plus postage. I estimate that the cost would be about \$12 to \$15 with binding a little more. Keep the requests coming in and I will try to answer in short order. Next issue will focus on the SWA Stamp Study Group and other articles and papers in the basket.



'When are you going to stop playing with your stamps and give me some attention?'

Something new will be added to this year's event. The first section of the catalog will consist of lots donated to the Society for fund-raising purposes. A number of other specialty groups have donation lots in each of their auctions as a way to enrich the treasury and hold off the inevitable dues increase a bit longer. We hope to do the same. Vendors should so label any lots for Society donation purposes ... AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH IN ADVANCE. Now onto the guidelines for the '93 event:

- Material will be accepted **until 31 May** by Tim Bartshe, 13955 W. 30th Ave., Golden, CO 80401 USA. Material must arrive prior to that date because of catalog production schedule. Any lots arriving thereafter WILL NOT be included in the auction.
- Non-members may participate as vendors and/or bidders; so tell your non-member collector friends. Vendors who are members in good standing, will be charged a 10% sales commission with no buyer's fee charged to member bidders. Non-members will be charged 15% and 10% commission respectively.
- Any and all material pertaining to the greater southern Africa area is suitable. Historically, postal history and B-O-B material receive the largest number of bids, but postage stamps and literature also sell well.
- Lots pertaining to countries not within our area of interest WILL NOT be included. Countries, such as Angola or Mozambique, fall into this category unless the material is postal history dealing with greater southern Africa.
- Lots consisting of individual stamps or sets should include the following: (a) catalog numbers - BOTH Scott and Gibbons, if possible; (b) condition and faults, if any; (c) present value from catalog and year quoted; and (d) minimum price you wish to sell the item for; otherwise, the auctioneer will set the price.
- The minimum realization value of lots should be in the \$2-\$3 range. Low value items should be included in larger lots or sets in order to keep the auction in the 600+/- lot goal. There is no upper value limit for lots.
- Descriptions of lots consisting of collections or bulk material shall be the sole responsibility of the vendor with a general description, number of items included, catalog value or at least a reasonable estimate of same and an estimate of sale price. Remember to be reasonable in your expectations of price realized, as such lots generally command only a small fraction of 'catalog' value, and any such overvalued lots WILL NOT be included in the auction!

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• Lots of postal history material should include any commentary that the vendor wishes to be used to describe his/her lot. Remember, the better described lots will set a better image in the mind of the bidder, as the auctioneer does not have the knowledge of the material that the vendor does in a great many areas. Any specialized descriptions will help increase realizations.

• Paid commercial ads will be accepted for placement in the auction catalog, applicable rates being described in the Classifieds Section of the journal. Potential subscribers to this service should keep in mind that this auction catalog reaches approximately 200 collectors and 12 other specialty groups around the world. Ad copy and fees must reach Tim Bartshe by May 31, 1993 for inclusion, excluding pre-paid current advertisers.

• The catalog will be part of the next journal issue, distributed to all members in good standing (dues have been paid for 93/94) during July '93. Non-members wishing to receive the catalog must remit \$6US in cash, or equivalent in mint US postage to cover the cost of printing and mailing to: Bill Brooks, P.O. Box 2698, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2698.

* The bid submission deadline is 15 October'93. BEST OF LUCK TO ALL BUYERS & SELLERS IN '93!! **

SCOTT STANDARD CATALOG REQUESTS SOCIETY INPUT. . . In case you did not notice the insert with this issue, Scott has communicated that it would like the Society's assistance in its valuation efforts regarding country entries falling within our scope. Please read the insert carefully to see if you would like to participate. The fact that they have approached us speaks well for your Society. We certainly are capable of lending a friendly, helping hand.

REPORT ON JOINT MEETING AT PRETORIA '92 (As reported by our RSA Int'l Representative, Ulli Bantz): This was a joint meeting with the South West Africa Stamp Study Group and members were invited via a notice on a huge blackboard. The meeting started at 11:00 a.m. and was attended by 12 members and five guests of the South West Africa group. Only one PSGSA member, namely myself, attended. I explained the structure, aims and benefits of our society to the meeting and invited those present to join. However, I had to admit that so far very little has been offered in matters of South West Africa/Namibia. I issued a challenge to change this by joining and contributing to "Forerunners".

The meeting continued and those present introduced themselves and stated their collecting interests which ranged from German South West African times to modern Namibia and covered stamps, postage dues, postal

history, air mails, postal stationery. Mr. L. Jacobson (P.O. Box 316, Kimberley 8300, South Africa) collects everything which has been handled by the SWA/Namibian postal authorities. At present he studies the various shades of the 1931 Pictorials (Scott Nos. 108-120). Anyone interested likewise should contact Leon. - The allocated one hour was too short and the meeting continued in the cafeteria over a cup of tea. - The exhibition has been discussed in detail in the 'SA Philatelist', Vol. 68, No. 6, pages 176-183 where also the report on the proceedings of the congress of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa and a list of award winners can be found. Members of PSGSA did well with David Crocker winning the State President's Trophy and Large Gold (The Large Hermes Head Design) and R.C. Knight a Large Gold and the D.C. Crocker Award for "The Rhodesias - Some Postal History to 1924". Our own "Forerunners" received a Silver-bronze in the literature section.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Philatelic Show 93 - April 30-May 2 - Boxborough Massachusetts. PSGSA Northeastern Regional at this World Series of Philately event. PSGSA Best Exhibit Award to be given. Society members desiring to exhibit and/or present a program should contact our President, Guy Dillaway, P.O. Box 181, Weston, MA 02193

STaMpsHOW 93 - August 19-22 - Astrodome Expo Center, Houston, Texas. World Series of Philately final competition. Society best exhibit award. Meeting and program. Any member planning to attend STaMpsHOW, guess what?! Your Society needs a meeting host or two. Our Director of Programs, Louise Christian needs to hear from volunteers as soon as possible. Actually, all of the advance work has been accomplished. We just need one or two members to act as hosts. Also, anyone wishing to put on a program needs to contact Louise very soon at P.O. Box 369, Placentia, CA 92670.

SESCAL '93 - October 8 - 10 - Los Angeles, California at the LAX Airport Hyatt Hotel. Exhibit and meeting information available from Louise. Program being sought for Society meeting. Society Best Exhibit Award..

Joint meetings with members of the Rhodesian Study Circle are held 2-3 times in the San Francisco Bay area. These are very enjoyable and informal affairs. If you are going to be in the area and would enjoy the camaraderie, please contact Bill Wallace, P.O. Box 16381, San Francisco, CA 94116 or John McChesney-Young, 2120 8th St., Berkeley, CA 94710-2374

As noted above, both programs and exhibits are needed for the regional and annual meetings. If you plan on attending any of them, please consider contributing in either area. Also, as indicated, a host or two is needed very much for our annual meeting.

Society Translation Service

The following members have volunteered to translate materials from one language to another for members in good-standing:

* Bob Hisey - Afrikaans to English and German to English. Address: 7227 Sparta Rd., Sebring, FL 33872

* Dr. H.U. "Ulli" Bantz - Afrikaans to English and German to English. Address: 47 Van Santen Dr., Horison View 1724, RSA

Members desiring translations are to contact the translator directly. If a translated item falls within the Society's scope, an English version should be sent to the Editor for publication in the journal.

Any member wishing to become a Society Translator is to contact the Editor. Please include the specific language(s) for which translations will be provided. Our thanks to Bob and Ulli for 'stepping forward'.

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THE SOCIETY TRUST

You will remember that there was a call to 'financial arms' in the previous issue, due to unbudgeted cost overruns associated with the Fifth Anniversary Special Edition of the journal. The response to date has far exceeded all expectations. Cash contributions as of the date of this writing have totalled \$1562 (not including pledges outstanding)! The individual contributions have ranged from \$ 10 to \$250. Most appreciative thanks to the following members for their generosity: Gene Bowman, Athol Murray, Bob Taylor, Alec Page, John Engle, Syl Tully, Glenn Terry, Dan Brouillette, Bob Hisey, Ralph Myerson, Irving Baron, Dave Wessely, Robert Mason, Jack Koch, George van den Hurk, Moody Tidwell, John Holbrook, Henry Ibsen, Paul Beuchner, Robert Brisow, Robert Feser, Eric Greenberg, Selwyn Picker, Dudley Blascheck, Werner Seeba, Dr. Gerritt Jonkers, Will Ross, Rick Millar, Alan Raw Philatelics and Harold Hollander.

Contributions in excess of the cost overrun have been placed in a contingency reserve account. These funds will greatly help us in staving-off the need for a dues increase in the near future. Thank you members for your generosity... Board of Directors

Help your Society grow & prosper - recruit a new member or two. Applications available from the Editor & IRs.

THE INTERNATIONAL

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Reciprocal Listings Exchange

Any specialty group whose philatelic focus is contiguous to, or falls within the scope of the Society, is invited to participate in this information exchange. General information about a fellow specialty group, its activities and special events, is welcomed for publication in this feature. All that is required is that PSGSA be provided the same opportunity on a reciprocal basis. Exchange of publications between participants is encouraged.

Participants wishing to publish information releases herein, concerning their special events, should take note of the submission deadlines listed in the Classifieds Section. Current Exchange participants are:

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

The Aerophilatelic Society of South Africa - contact Terry Devine, P.O. Box 10001, Aston Manor 1630, RSA

The Bechuanalands & Botswana Society - Contact Mike George, Hon. Secy., P.O. Box 108, St. Albans AL1 3AD, UK

Dutch Philatelic Society of southern Africa - Contact Secretary FVZA, Jan Stolk, Wilgensing 166, 3053 CA Rotterdam, Holland

East Africa Study Circle - Contact Roy Dustan, Chantry Ct., Warminster, Wilts, BA12 9AL, UK

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

The Postmark & Postal History Society of Southern Africa - Contact Mrs. Marge Viljoen, P.O. Box 36473, Menlo Park 0102, RSA

The Rhodesian Study Circle - Contact Membership Secretary, Jane Lashbrook, 25 Exe View, Exminster, Devon EX6 8AL, UK

The South African Collectors Society of Great Britain - Contact A.R. Chilton, 56 Framfield Rd., Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2AL, UK ... SACS Canadian collator, Richard J. Cowan, 62 Rose Park Dr., Toronto, Ontario M4T 1R1, Canada, has expressed his willingness to revive the contact list among North American continent collectors. He would like to hear from South African collectors in the U. S.

South West Africa Stamp Study Group - Contact Hon. Secy., Mrs. Marge Viljoen, P.O. Box 36473, Menlo Park 0102, RSA

Transvaal Study Circle - Contact Secretary/Treasurer, Jeff Woolgar, 132 Dale St., Chatham, Kent ME4 6QH, UK

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of Note

The following is a list of shows and exhibitions around the world which members may have an interest in attending. Any reader aware of other events which should be listed, please send relevant information to the Editor. Written comments would also be appreciated about any event that a reader attends.

Royal 93 Royale at ORAPEX - April 30-May 3, 1993, Ottawa, Canada. This is the 65th Annual convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and Ottawa's 5th National Stamp Exhibition, R.A. Stamp Club, Ballroom, Radisson Hotel, Queen and Lyon Streets, Ottawa. Information: Chairman, P.O. Box 2788 - Station D, Ontario K1 P 5W8, Canada.

POLSKA 93 - May 7-16, Poznan, Poland. World Philatelic Exhibition organized by the Polish Ministry of Communication, the Polish Post and Polish Philatelic Federation under the patronage of the FIP, at Poznan International Fairgrounds. Contact U.S. Commissioner Seymour Banc-hik, P.O. Box 8, Rockaway Park, NY 11694

Brasiliana 93 - July 30-August 8, Rio de Janeiro. An FIP World Stamp Exhibition, Post Office Headquarters. Data from John E. Lievsay, 20 Center Dr., O.l.d Greenwich, CT 06870

Taipei 93 - August 14-19, Taipei. Chinese Taipei Philatelic society and RAP, CETRA Exhibition Hall, adjacent to the Taipei Sung-San Domestic Airport, Taipei. Data from Fred F. Blau, P.O. Box 59153, Chicago, IL 60659

Bangkok World Philatelic Exhibition 1993 - Oct. 1-10, Bangkok Convention Centre, Central Plaza, Bangkok. Under patronage of the FIP. Data from U.S. Commissioner Mary Ann Owens, P.O. Box 021164, Brooklyn, NY 11202-0028

Wanted to buy:Zeppelin Mail covers, postcards, etc. All areas, but expecialfy to and from the African continent. Photocopies and prices to: John Campbell, P.O. Box 15766, New Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand (V7N1)

Want to purchase: Postal Orders/Postal Notes of all countries, all reigns, any condition, single items or quantities. Also needed are sources of current postal order issues of Swaziland, Malawi and South Africa. Jack Harwood, P.O. Box 32015-Midtown Station, Sarasota, FL 34239 (V5N3)

Wanted: Penny Ships - any and all for serious study. Singles, pairs, multiples, sheets, used or unused. Over-printed stamps wanted as well (officials & SWAs). Send with your fair price or for my offer. Morgan T. Farrell, P.O. Box 1064, Hamilton, MT 59840 (V6N3)

The Classifieds

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

- Brief ads are free to non-dealer members and are run indefinitely. Members placing ads are requested to notify the Editor when they wish their entry to be withdrawn.

- Ads may be run by individuals not belonging to the Society. The commercial ad rates apply in such cases.

- * The rate schedule for non-member and commercial ads are as follows (inside front cover & outside back cover pages excluded):

Ad Size Single Issue Annual 1/8 page \$10 \$25 1/

4 page \$15 \$40

1 /3 page \$20 \$50 1

/2 page \$30 \$75

full page \$45 \$110

- Rates for the inside front cover and outside back cover pages are as follows:

Ad Size Single Issue Annual 1/2 page \$45 \$100

full page \$60 \$150

- * Small ads per column line (45 characters) is a flat rate of \$1 per line.

- The annual ad rates in the first rate schedule apply to ad placements in the Society's Mail Bid Auction Catalog. Submission deadline for the catalog is 1 June each year.

- * Ad Payment Options

#1 - US dollar denominated instruments payable to "PSGSA".

#2 - Pound Sterling cheques at current exchange rates as per published bank rates in local area, e.g., Barclay's, payable to "Ron Carlson, PSGSA". A 15% premium is to be added with this option to cover bank servicing fees.

#3 - Pound Sterling currency accepted with 15% additional premium as described above.

- Payment must accompany ad and be mailed directly to the Editor, P.O. Box 2698, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2698 USA.

- All display ads must be submitted on a camera ready basis because the dear old Editor is no artist.

Phone/FAX: (909) 882-3946

LET ADVERTISERS KNOW YOU SAW THEIR AD IN
FORERUNNERS! I

WANTED: Bophuthatswana used, on or off cover, including revenues and postal stationery. Will Ross, 6456 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406.

Assistance Needed: A fellow RSA'er and I are doing a new listing for flights to and from South Africa. If any member has any information from 1961 - 1993, we would greatly appreciate an input on that! Photocopies or any other information can be sent to: Terry Devine, Aerophilatelic Society of Southern Africa, P.O. Box 10001, Aston Manor 1630, Transvaal, Republic of South Africa. (V7N1)

HELP!!! Material needed: photocopies at 100% of V.O.C. handstamp. Will gladly reimburse copy and postal expenses. Bob Taylor, 674 Chelsea Dr., Sanford, NC 27330-8587 (V6N2)

Strongly Desired: Small triangular numeral postmarks of the Transvaal of 1904, but used far into the SA/Union period. Werner K. Seeba, Einstein Strasse 54, D-7000 Stuttgart 50, Germany (V5N3)

Buying: Postage due covers to/from Bechuanaland. Dave Wessely, 125 Elma Dr., Elyria, OH 44035 (V4N3)

Completing Collection: Need as many clean postmarks as possible on various stamps and covers - primarily from different post offices. Have extensive want list available. Erland Hansen, Enignedsvej 13, 2920 Charlottenlund, Denmark (V5N3)

Covers Sought: World War II military covers used in Africa from the following areas with various cancels, etc.: Indian FPOs, EA/APs, APO-I-MPKs, Egypt, Sudan, British Somaliland (1938-40 censors), Italian Posta Militaire, German Feldpost, etc. Walter Bjork, 54 West 84th St., New York, NY 10024 (V5N2)

Wanting to Buy: Covers to/from or through Mafeking, 1885 to present. Forming new exhibit. Fredrick P. Lawrence 5016 S. Kenneth Pl., Tempe, AZ 85282. (V5N1)

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

Wanted: Transvaal 1900 issue 'no stop' varieties, Scott #s 202-212 (SG #s 226-236a) fine/used. Peter Quenet, 20330 Martinsville Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 (V4N3)

Call for Help: Are any members paying substantial discounts for fiscally and telegraphically used SA high values? And at what discounts? Jim Ryan, 4419 17 Ave., N.W., Calgary, AB Canada T3B 0N7 (V5N1)

For Sale: Breaking up extensive British Africa collection, mostly complete through KGVI. Send want list to Tim Bartshe, 13955 W. 30th Ave., Golden, CO 80401 (V4N2)

The Trading Box

This feature is strictly reserved for members who: (1) have greater southern Africa material they would like to trade for materials of any kind, e.g., 'Have Natal stamps to trade for British Caribbean'; (2) have material of any kind that they would like to trade for greater southern African material, e.g., 'Have French Antarctica to trade for interprovincial period items; and (3) have greater southern Africa they would like to trade for same, e.g., 'Would like to trade RSA mint for same of Botswana or Malawi'. In other words, an ad placed in The Trading Box must either include greater southern African material one is looking for, or greater southern Africa material one wishes to trade away for something else. Ads run indefinitely until withdrawn by the member.

Want to trade for Bophuthatswana used, on or off cover, including revenues and postal stationery. Have all Homelands used, some mint and older general world-wide. Will Ross, 6456 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406

-Want to trade for covers from/to/through Mafeking 1885-present. Forming new exhibit. Frederick P. Lawrence, 5016 So. Kenneth Pl., Tempe, AZ 85282 -----

Want to trade for postal orders/postal notes of all countries, reigns, any condition, single/quantities. Have philatelic material of all sorts for exchange. Jack Harwood, P.O. Box 32015-Midtown Station, Sarasota, FL 34239

A FEW FREINDLY SOCIETY REMINDERS

- Have you reviewed the 1993 Mail Bid Auction notice on page 46?
- Prices realized for the 1992 Auction follows the classifieds in this issue.
- Host(s) are needed for the Society meeting at STaMpsHOW '93 in Houston - contact our Director/Programs, Louise Christian, P.O. Box 369, Placentia, CA 92670.
- * Forerunners is in need of feature articles!
 - Please complete and return your ballot for the best article to appear in Volume VI of your journal.
 - Support your Society by recruiting a new member or two - PSGSA brochures and applications available from the Editor or your nearest International Representative.
- THANK YOU AGAIN TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE RECENT FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN.

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