

# Updates to Bechuanaland and Botswana Government and Telegraph Envelopes

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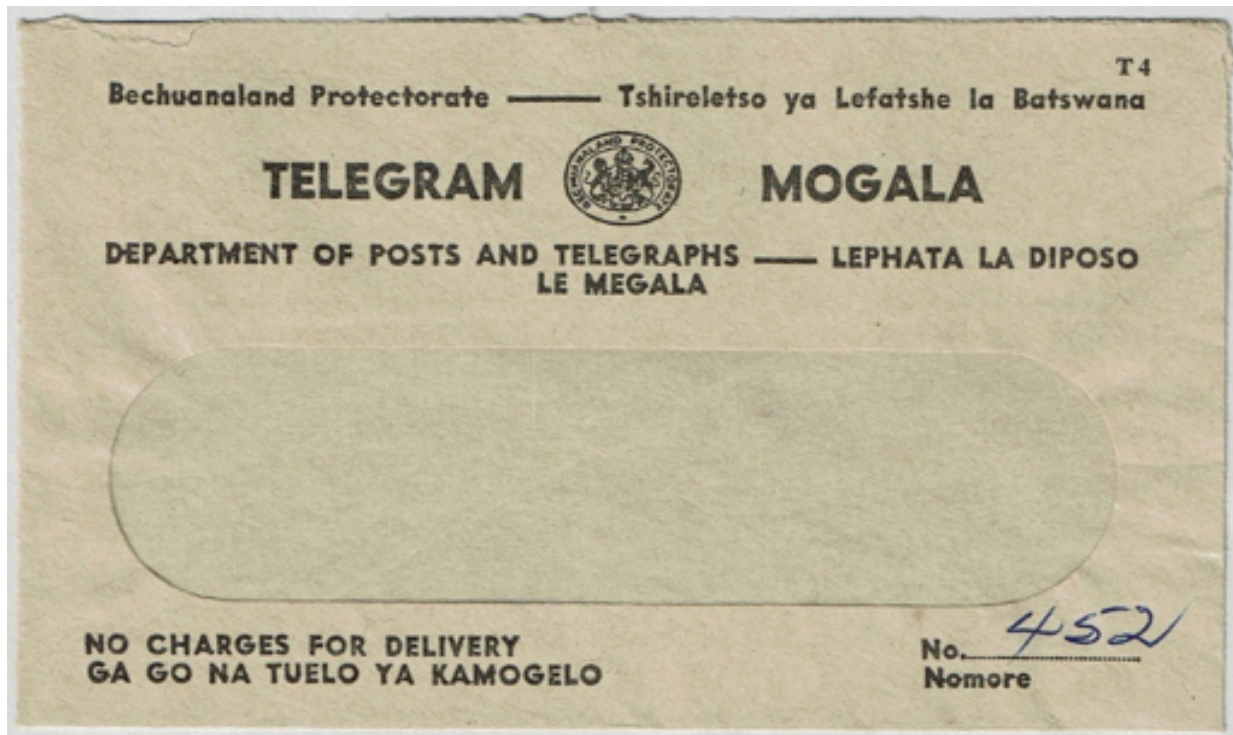


Figure 1: Telegram Envelope from Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Bechuanaland Protectorate

The following are additions and corrections to the Bechuanaland Government and Botswana Telegraph Envelopes article in issue #91.

## Telegram Envelopes

In the previous article, the designation of TELE Type 1 NssU01 is based on text Department of Posts and Telecommunications not Botswana Posts and Telecommunications as indicated in the article.

Figure 1 provides an illustration of a new TELE Type 1 NssU02 (Based on text: Department of Posts and Telecommunications) see illustration.

Chronologically:

- TELE Type 1 NssU02 is from Bechuanaland Protectorate
- TELE Type 1 NssU01 is from Botswana
- TELE Type 0 UssU01 is a later envelope from Botswana

Based on a review of the three copies of these telegram envelopes, some observations can be made. All envelopes are marked with 'T4' in upper right corner which would appear to be a denotation by the Department of the stock number for the type of envelope. While the country name, the presence of a logo and the name of the department change to reflect changes in governance in the country, basically all other printed text on the envelope is the same.

## OHMS Envelopes

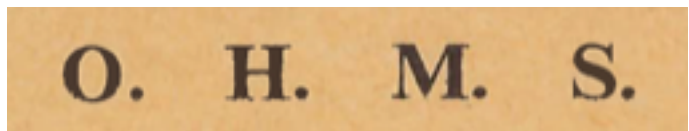
OHMS Types UsU03 was miss-classified and should be OHMS Type NsU01. OHMS Types UsU04 was miss-classified and should be OHMS Type NsU02.

Figure 2 illustrates a new OHrMS type: UsU05. In addition to the text 'On Her Majesty's Service' printed across the top, 'Office of the Surveyor-General of British Bechuanaland' is printed in the lower left. This cover postmarked in 1889, provides proof that the official mail envelopes were specifically prepared for British Bechuanaland and not always imported from South Africa or the United Kingdom.

Figure 3 illustrates a new OHMS Type UssU01. The cover is undated, but based on the spelling of Lobatsi and the general look and feel of the envelope, it is assumed that the cover is from the Bechuanaland Protectorate. Note the stock number in the upper right corner.

OHMS Type NsU01

UsU03



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OHMS Type NsU02  
UsU04



Figure 2: 'On Her Majesty's Service' Official Free Envelope from 'Office of the Surveyor-General of British Bechuanaland' posted on March 14, 1889 from Vryburg

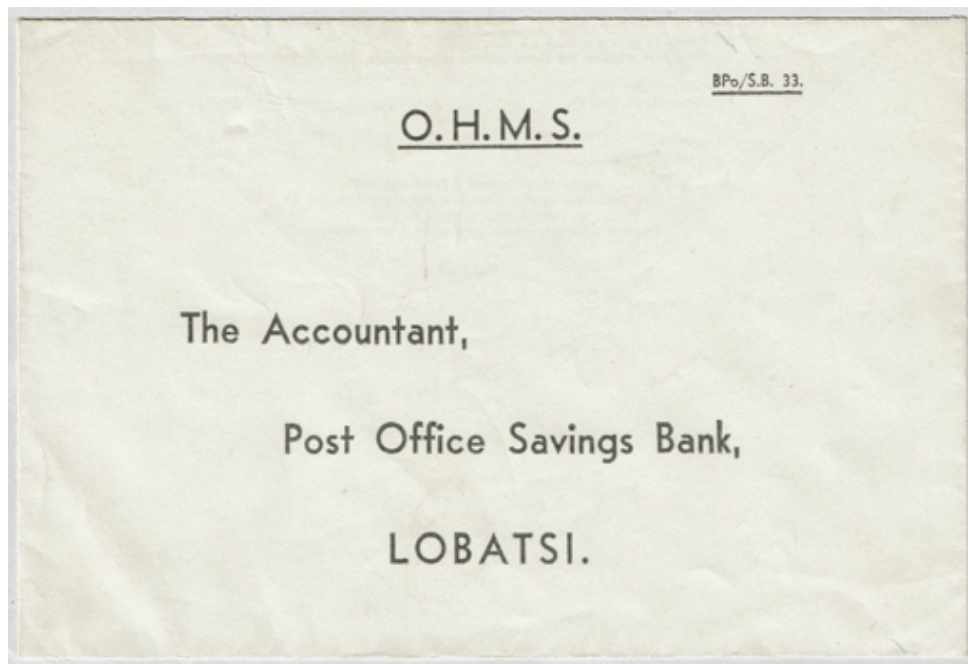


Figure 3: OHMS Official Free Envelope to the 'Post Office Savings Bank' in Lobatsi, stock number 'BPo/S.B. 33.'



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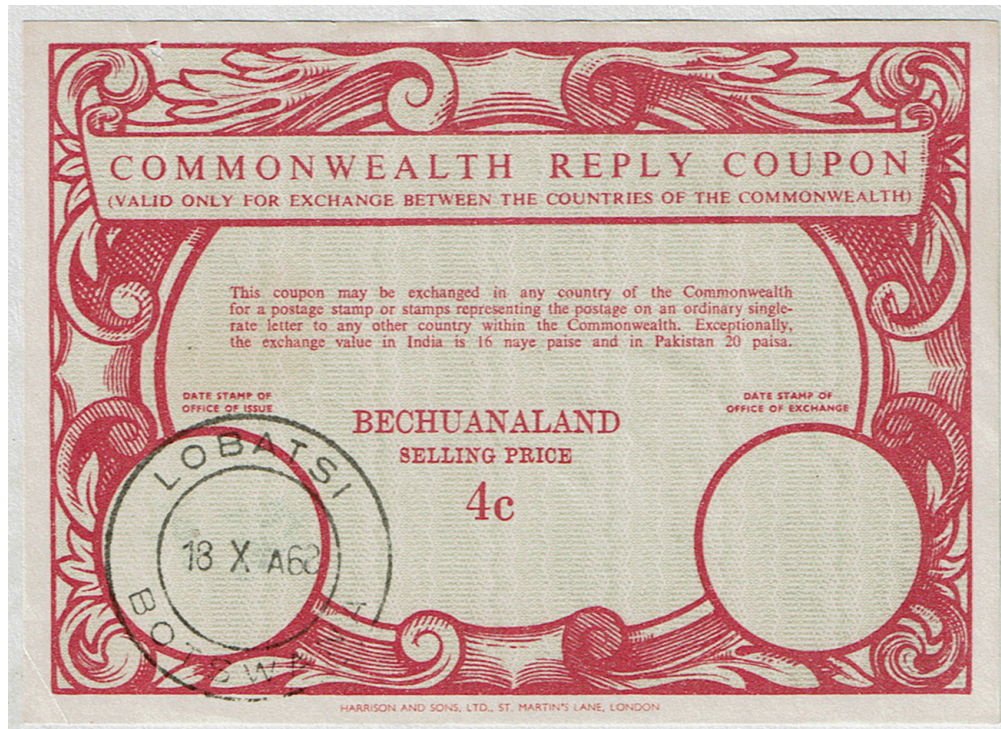
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