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Editors' Comments

Congratulations are in order to those members who showed at 'Stamps 150' the National Philatelic Exhibition held near Jan Smuts, Johannesburg, on 1-4 August.

Benny Illman received a Large Gold and 'The Royal Medallion' for his incredible collection of 'Unappropriated Dies'. Benny was also awarded a Gold and 'The Stanley Gibbons Award' for his exhibit of 'Imperial Russia'.

Peter van der Molen who, showing for the the first time, achieved a well deserved Gold and the 'Potch 78' Award for his superb well written-up display entitled 'The 1961 Decimal Surcharges of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland' which contained many modern rarities, some of which I had never seen before.

Andy Andersson, who was attending the show with the Botswana Philatelic Bureau, achieved a Silver Bronze for 'Tristan Da Cunha - A Personal Odyssey' which mainly covered the 5 year period Andy was stationed on Tristan as a meteorologist.

Chris Cordes received a Silver and the 'Robert Goldblatt Thematic' Award for his 'Waterfalls Around The World'. Chris's most original and "tenuous" (in his own words) interpretation of this theme included a Canadian beaver in a puddle (a waterfall my foot - Ed), a temporary log jam and a man 'falling' off his horse - really Chris! The theme of Waterfalls is one which you would have some difficulty in extending to Bechuanaland/Botswana!

Paul Van Zeyl achieved a Gold and the 'Stampcor' (best Pre-Union) Award for 'The Romance of Postal History'. The collection contained some very rare early essay, specimen and proof stationery material of Southern Africa.

Karl Seligmann won a Silver for his fascinating and, needless to say very well researched display of 'Bechuanaland Postal History'

Meanwhile, back in England, Philip Cattell received an 'Award of Merit' from the British Philatelic Federation. This Award was made after Philip was nominated by the Somerset and Dorset Philatelic Federation. This is in recognition of the many hours of service he has made to philately. Well done everyone!

Hamish Campbell has written to ask us to pass on his thanks to members for their concern and well received messages during his recent illness, which he tells us was a 'Myasthenia respiratory collapse'. Hamish tells us that he seems to be completely over it (touch wood). This is wonderful news and he is even starting to look at his stamps again - an excellent sign Hamish!

Annual General Meeting - Autumn Stampex 1990

Our Annual General Meeting will take place in the Orchid room at Stampex on Wednesday 17th October at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you and enjoying a display by our Chairman, Mike George.

The organisers of Stampex (October 16-21) have made available free tickets for the show to Philatelic Societies who request them (valid for all except the first day). Your Editors have taken up this kind offer and all UK members will receive a ticket with this issue. Any overseas members planning to attend or any member who would like additional tickets is asked to telephone me (Alan MacGregor) on (081) 686 3476 or FAX (081) 667 9890.

Please note - Officers especially! For our 1991 Spring meeting, we have chosen a different venue - BPF Headquarters, Charterhouse Street, London, on Saturday 2nd March 1991. We have booked the room for the whole day, 10am-6pm, so that your officers can meet in the morning and discuss programme for your Society at leisure, instead of the rushed meetings of the past; then a post-prandial general meeting at 2pm., with displays of 'My favourite 20 pages' by invited members - this may mean you.

The venue is by Smithfield Market, with two tube stations nearby (Barbican and Farringdon): plenty of pubs around and some good restaurants where you can relax without the thought that our friends the dealers will be stripping your pockets in a couple of hours time (surely 'providing a valuable service'!? - other Ed). If you really can't afford lunch, tea and biscuits will be provided...

Membership List

Members will receive a copy of the membership list as a supplement to this issue and we would draw your attention to the few comments regarding it's use.

Some members have indicated that they do not wish their addresses to be published, and the addresses of two members (Botswana) are not known to us.

Members' Comments and Queries

VARIETIES ON THE 1945 VICTORY ISSUE

Mike George asks if anyone can illustrate, or indeed list, the minor varieties on the basic South African 'Victory' issue overprinted 'Bechuanaland'. Information is needed on the 'Barbed wire' variety and also on the 'Blue spot above man's eye'. The latter is apparently V3 in the S.A. Handbook. V5 (illustrated) is 'Hyphen between 3 and D' in left hand value' on the 3d. If the 'Barbed wire' flaw is V1, what are V2 and V4 - and is there a V6? Owners of the Handbook to the rescue please!



Your Editors passed this query to Tony Chilton who did come to the rescue:

"The photogravure printing technique used to produce the Victory issue was very prone to cause blemishes on the stamps. Most of these are very minor or not constant but the Union Handbook Catalogue lists 17 constant varieties, five on the 1d stamps and six each on the 2d and 3d stamps. These are described as follows:-

- 1d V1 Red spot on 'R' of AFRICA. Row 1, stamp 5
- V2 White accent mark above 'G' of POSTAGE. Row 5, stamp 1
- V3 White spot above second 'S' of POSSEEL. Row 5, stamp 6
- V4 Red mark through 'R' of 'AFRICA. Row 8, stamp 4
- V5 Additional 'barbed wire' at base of 'V'. Row 9, stamp 6
- 2d V1 Tiny projection on top of mountain. Row 1, stamp 2
- V2 White mark above 'P' of POSSEEL. Row 6, stamp 1
- V3 White spot near edge of mountain. Row 7, stamp 3
- V4 White 'ear' on 'S' of SUID. Row 11, stamp 4
- V5 White mark above 'S' of SUID. Row 13, stamp 2
- V6 Two faint vertical lines forming a 'V' through the stamp.
Row 17, stamp 5
- 3d V1 White accent above 'P' of POSSEEL. Row 2, stamp 1
- V2 White spot 'extra star' above man's nose. Row 3, stamp 3
- V3 Blue spot above man's eye. Row 12, stamp 3
- V4 White dot 'Distant star' in sky. Row 14, stamp 1
- V5 White hyphen between '3' and 'D' at left. Row 14, stamp 6
- V6 Blue scar on woman's forehead. Row 18, stamp 1

Each of these varieties is valued in the Handbook/Catalogue at about two and a half times normal except, for some unexplained reason, the 1d V5 which is valued at more than eight times normal. Maybe this was present on only part of the printing. It is recorded that part of the printing of the 1d value used aniline ink for the (brown) centre. This causes the design to show through to the back of the stamps.

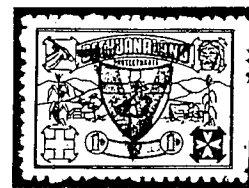
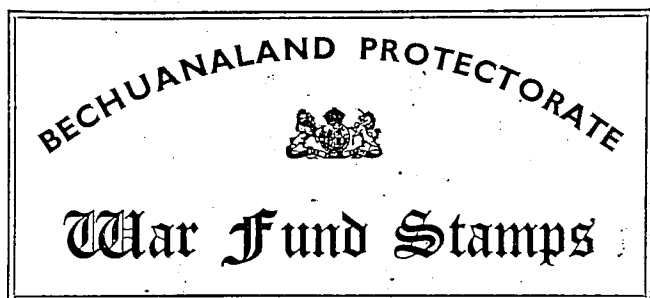
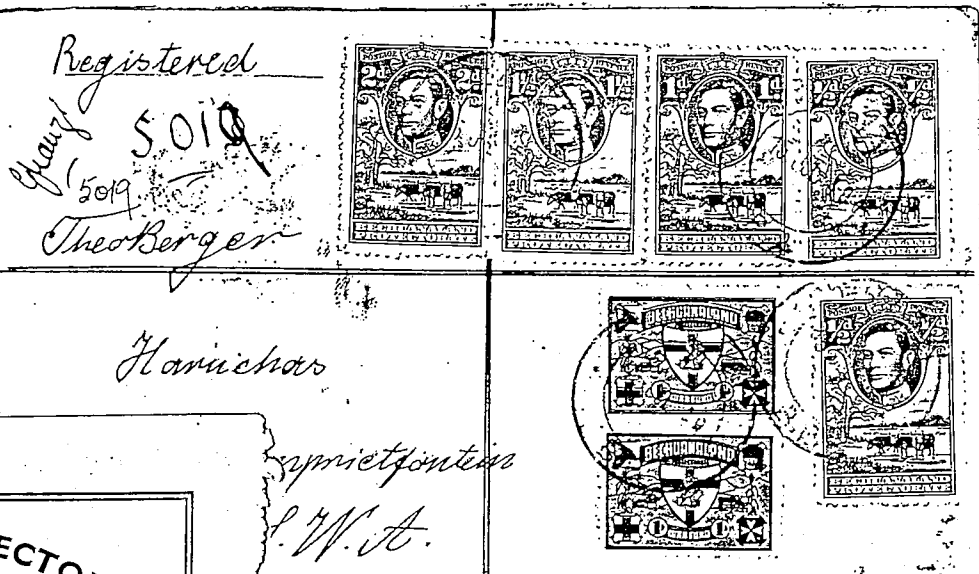
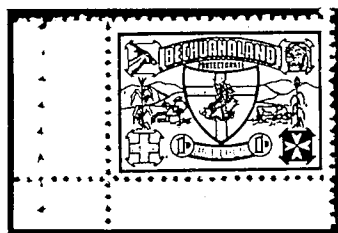
Each value was printed in sheets of 120 (20 horizontal rows of 6 stamps). Marginal arrows appear at the centre of all four margins. The right margin also bears a red four-digit sheet number, but no cylinder numbers are shown." ARC

ANOTHER MANUSCRIPT 'TATI' REPORTED

Roger Howard's 'Tati' find reported in RP18 (p316) prompted John Inglefield-Watson to unearth an example of a 'Tati' manuscript cancellation which had been hiding in his collection for some time. John's example is also on one of the 'Protectorate' surcharges, this time the 6d value (SG 45), and shows the same style of manuscript 'Tati'. However, John's copy differs in that it shows what appears to be initials rather than a date as on the other recorded examples. John makes the following observations on differences between the way in which the various letters are joined or formed on the different recorded examples:



- 1. { 1st 'T' joins 'a' at top - Holmes, I-W } Howard
- { " " " " bottom - Knight } 'Ta' not joined?
- 2. { 2nd 't' joins 'i' at top - Holmes, I-W?, Howard
- { " " " " bottom - Knight
- 3. { Cross-bar of 2nd 't' to right of upright - Holmes, I-W, Howard
- { " " " " on both sides of upright - Knight



Items of Interest

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE WAR FUND LABELS

Tony Chilton writes:- "Previous reference to these labels was made in RP 15, page 258 and RP 17, page 299. I recently came across part of a booklet of the War Fund labels, the cover of which is illustrated above. All the printing is in red, including the very light engine-turned background.

The size of the cover shows that the labels were in panes of 6 (3 x 2) with blank margins on all four outer sides. The value on all the stamps so far recorded is one penny so there was probably one or perhaps two panes in each of the booklets which were stitched at the side." ARC

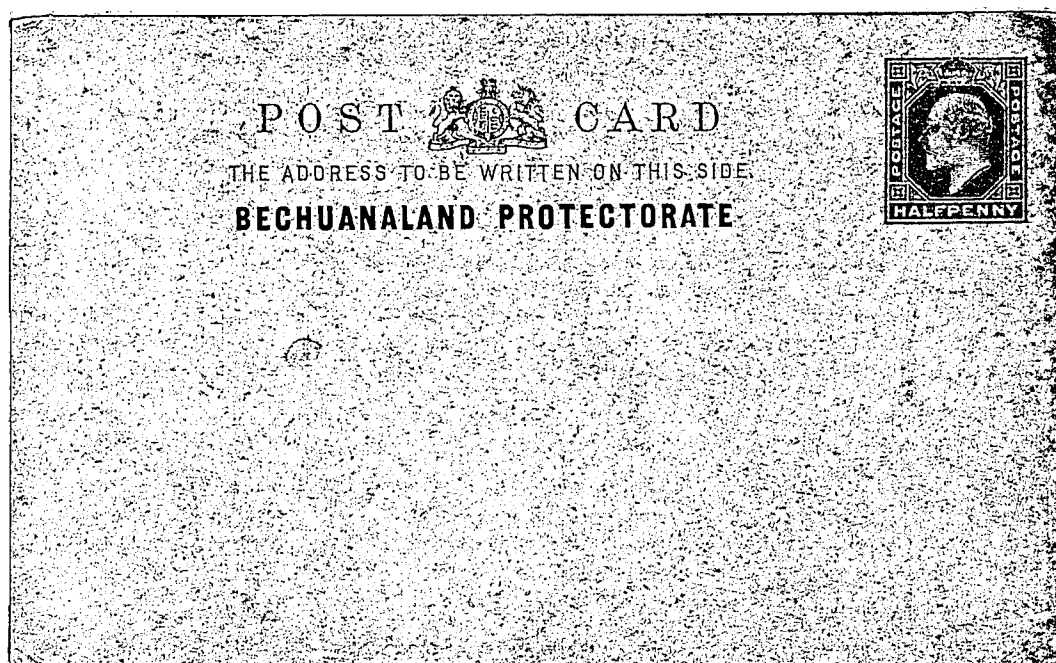
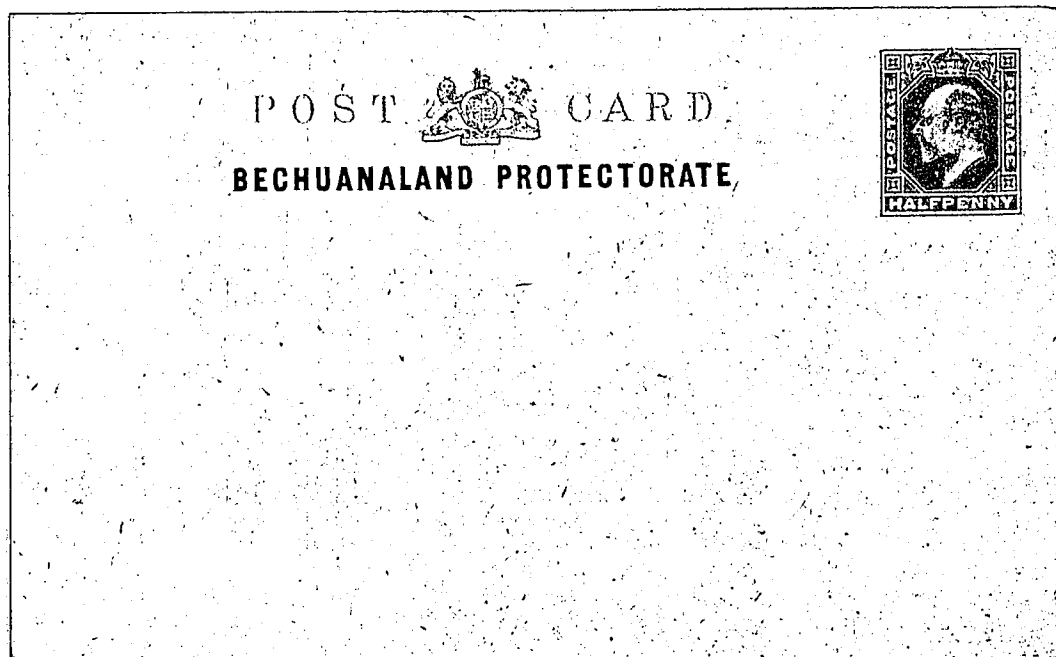
This label has now also been seen handstamped(?) with a large 'V' in violet, presumably for 'Victory'.

Also illustrated here is a cover which appeared in the first (June 1990) Bulletin of the newly launched 'Cinderella Society of Southern Africa'. The registered cover from Ghanzi has a pair of these labels well tied and dated 15 July 1940. Leon Jacobsen, the Editor, comments that he recalled a booklet on auction some years ago which he thinks may have had a face value of 1/- (i.e. two panes).

The new Society is dedicated to the study of revenue, railway, charity, telegraph, advertising and other non-postal labels, stamps, forgeries and related material from Southern Africa. Anyone interested should contact Cedric Roché at: P.O. Box 11058, Brooklyn, 0011, South Africa.

1913-24 KGV 1d, WMK SCRIPT CYPHER -- SHADES

Information has been received from the S.G. Catalogue Editor that he intends to include in the 1992 edition of the Part I catalogue a Carmine-Red shade of the KGV 1d, watermark Script Cypher. This will be listed as SG 74a and relates to printings from sheets with Controls S22 and V23. These are not identical, the S22 shade being a deeper Carmine-Red than V23. J.F.I-W.



Items of Interest (Cont.)

POST CARD DISCOVERY

Howard Cook has provided us with a photostat of a very interesting stationery find on the B.P. Edward VII ½d 'blue-green on buff' stationery post card (H&G 3).

As will be noticed from the illustration, the instructional line 'THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE' which normally appears below the Coat of Arms, is completely omitted (and the Protectorate overprint appears higher than usual).

Howard also notes that the card with the variety is less buff than a 'normal' (also illustrated) though not white.

This variant exists on the basic GB card (also less buff) though we do not know in what proportion to those with the extra line. Could this be part of a trial printing or was a small stock accidentally overprinted for use in B.P.?



REGISTERED

THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO
TO BE REGISTERED, AND A

LETTER.

AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE
RECEIPT OBTAINED FOR IT.



P.O.

Port Elizabeth

In The Auction Room

On offer at Stephan Welz's sale of 25th June were several items of Bechuanaland interest: The first (lot 105, illustrated above) was an 1898 'proving' cover for Pitsani with the Barred Oval Numeral '1014' which was allocated to this office. The registered B.B. size H stationery envelope (H&G 7a) is franked with five of the B.P. 'Jubilee' series - ½d, 1d, 2d, 4d, 6d (SG 59, 61-2, 64-5) all tied by clear '1014' BONC's, and has a superb PITSANI/S.AFRICA cds dated '9/SP 10/8'. Both of these marks are very scarce when found on cover.

The layout of the date slugs is intriguing as it appears that the '9' of the year '98' takes the place of a code while the '8' is all that appears in the year position. Another, more general peculiarity of this cancel is that the slug for the stop after 'S' of 'S.AFRICA' appears inverted and looks more like an apostrophe (see the typology study for Pitsani, RP16, p293). The envelope is addressed to Port Elizabeth and has a Mafeking transit and a P.E. arrival on the reverse.

The second (lot 155), comprised two 'proving' covers dated 1899 and 1902 for Keimoes and the BONC '995' which had not hitherto been allocated to any office. They were correctly lotted under Cape as British Bechuanaland had been annexed in 1895.



AIRMAIL FIRST FLIGHTS - PART 2

by

John Inglefield-Watson

(The first part of this article was published in Runner Post 19, p347)

ALL THE WAY BY AIR

7. Nov 1938. 1st Internal Air Mail - The Kalahari Desert Air Mail

This service, operated by South African Airways, was flown in both directions over a circular route through Bechuanaland, South West Africa and South Africa where it connected with the London - South Africa route. The dates of 1st flights over each stage in each direction are shown on the sketch map (fig.8). Outbound and inbound covers are known to exist between both Maun and Palapye and all or most of the other stages on the route and the UK. Three examples are illustrated:

- a. Rotherham, Yorkshire 24 Oct 1938 - Maun 1 Nov (fig.9).
- b. Palapye 5 Nov - New Milton, Hants 12 Nov (fig.10).
- c. Palapye 31 Oct (flown 1 Nov) - Maun 1 Nov (fig.11).

8. Aug 1939. South African Airways - Opening of West Coast Route, Cape Town - Luanda (Angola)

This new route (fig.12) connected with the Kalahari Desert service at Keetmanshoop and Windhoek in South West Africa. 1st flight covers exist from Palapye 21 Aug 1939 and from Maun 21 Aug to all four new destinations, arriving on 22 Aug at Outjo (SWA), Mossamedes (Angola), Lobito (Angola) and Luanda (Angola) (fig.12).

9. Nov 1966. Inauguration of Botswana National Airways

1st flights operated by South African Airways DC 3 aircraft for Botswana National Airways were flown in both directions between Gaborone and Johannesburg on 1 Nov 1966. The first Northbound flight returned from Gaborone on 3 Nov. Various cachets were applied (figs.13, 14, 15, 16), the Springbok and Zebra on outline map of Botswana design (fig.16) being officially approved by the Botswana Post Office. Andy Andersson recounts a saga of local difficulties concerning the first Southbound flight. The bag containing the special covers was temporarily 'lost' at Jan Smuts Airport and it wasn't until 8 Nov that they were backstamped at Johannesburg. The covers then had to be returned to Gaborone for retrospective application of the official cachet as the handstamp had not been delivered from the manufacturer until the day after the flight's departure on 1 Nov!

The map (Fig.8) is reproduced by kind permission of David Field Ltd.

Kalahari Desert Air Mail

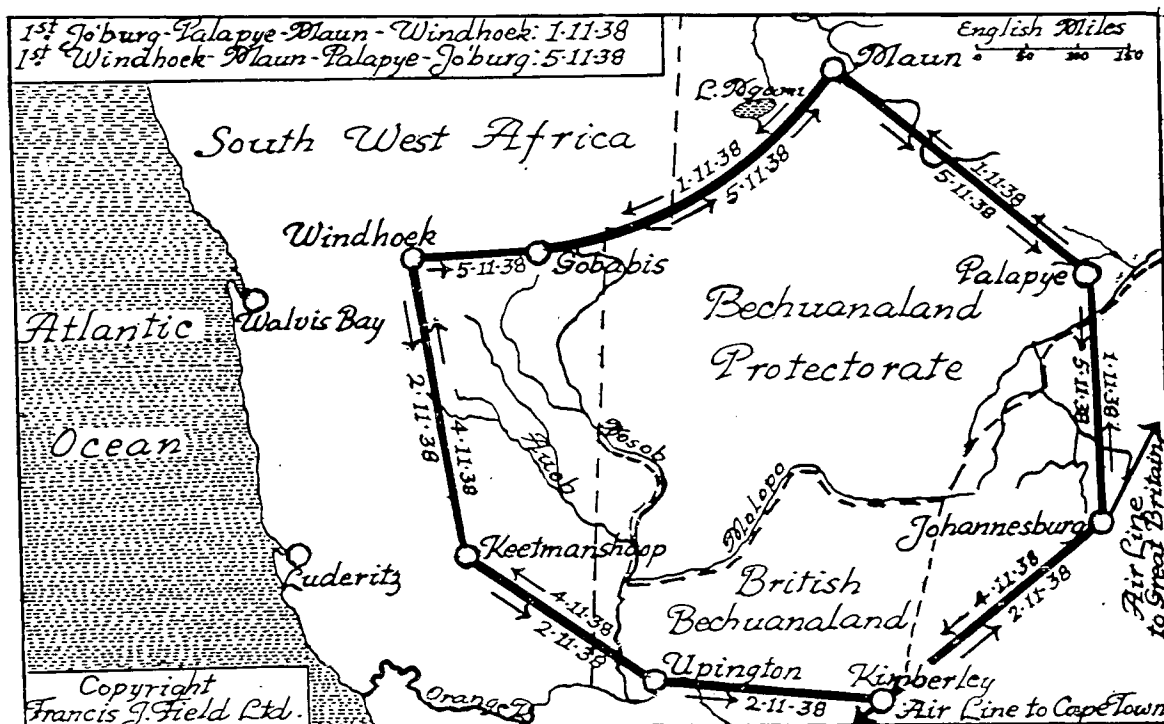


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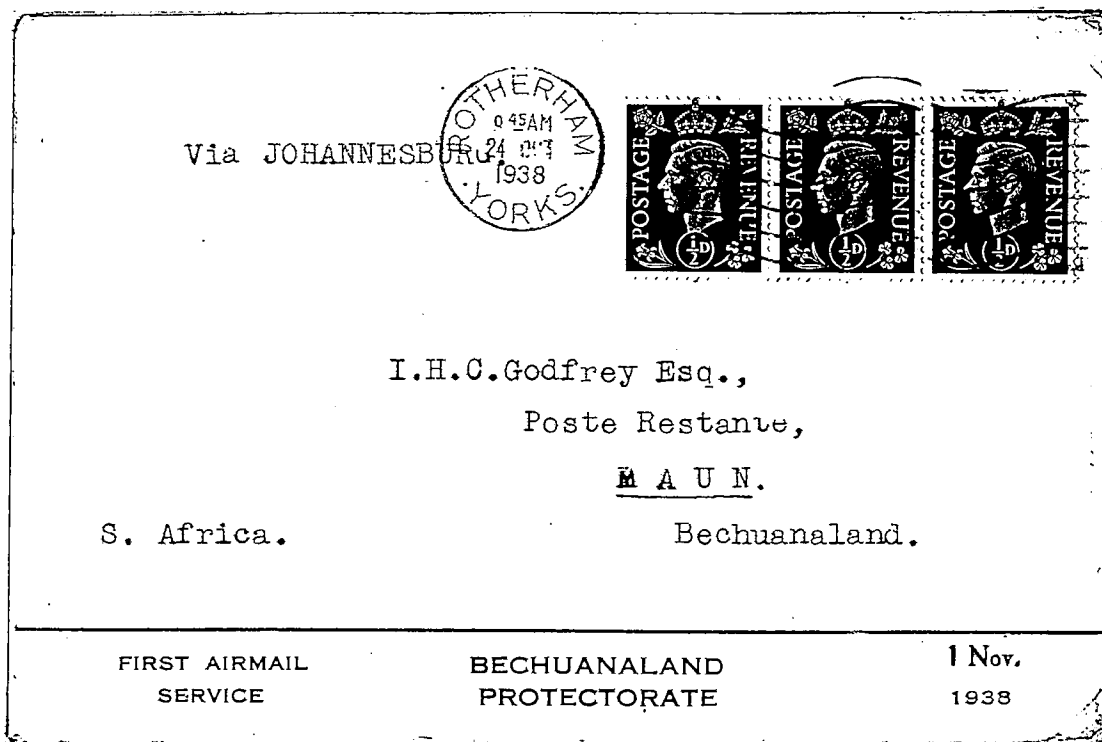


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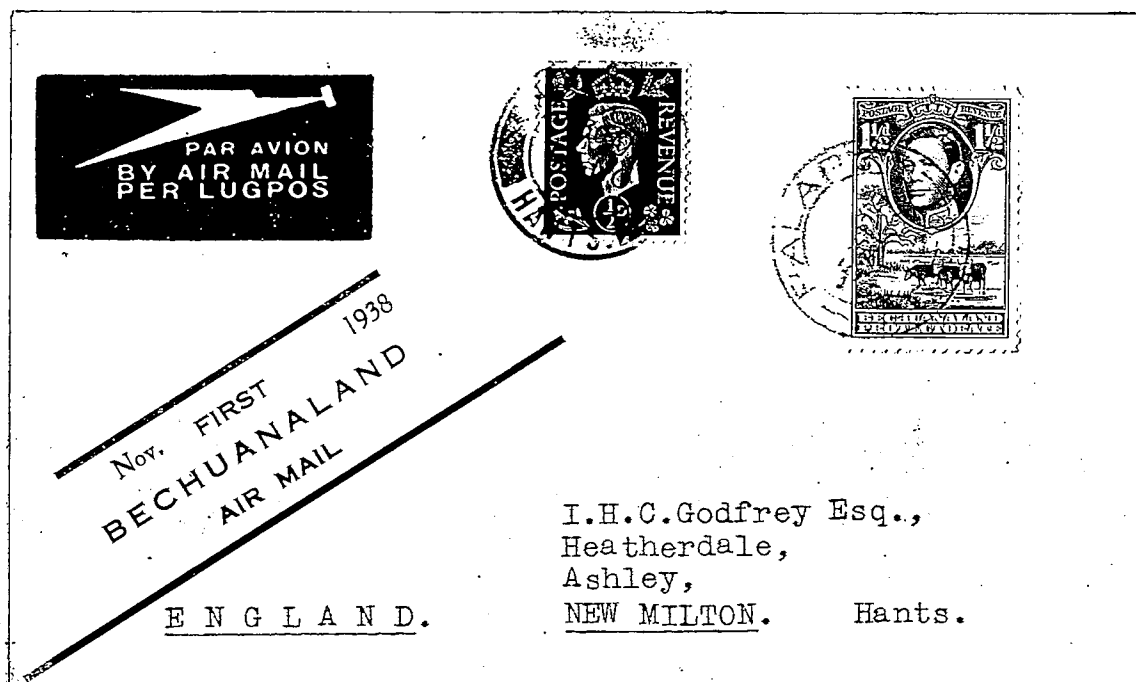


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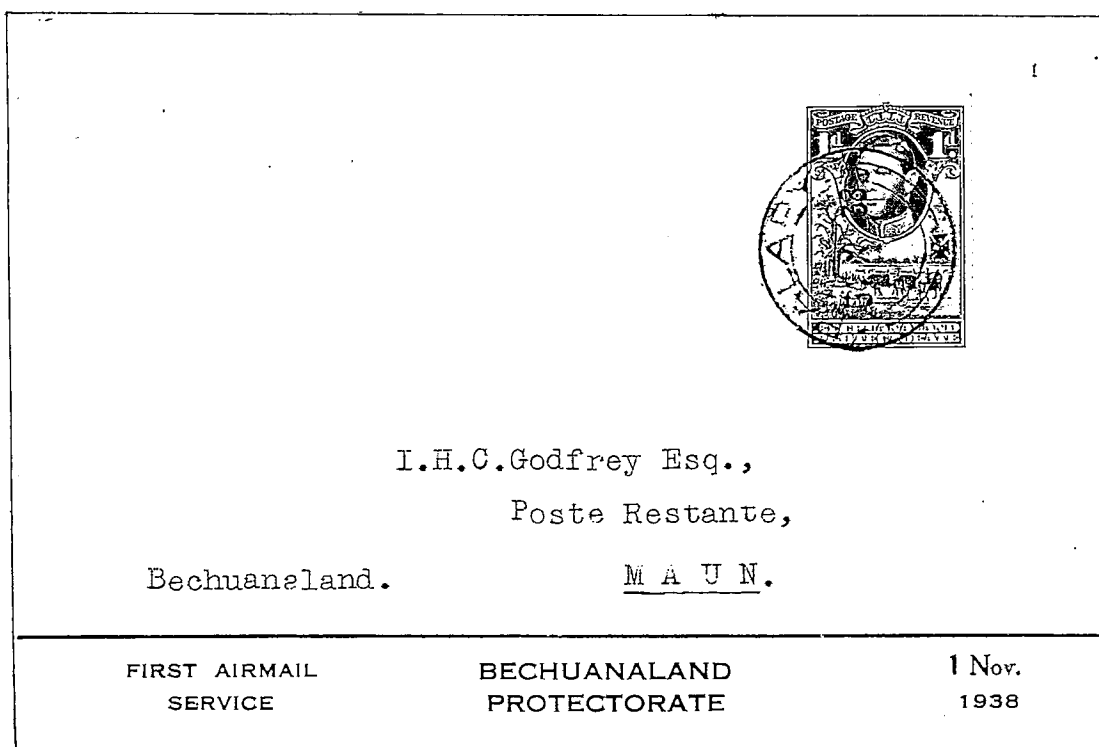


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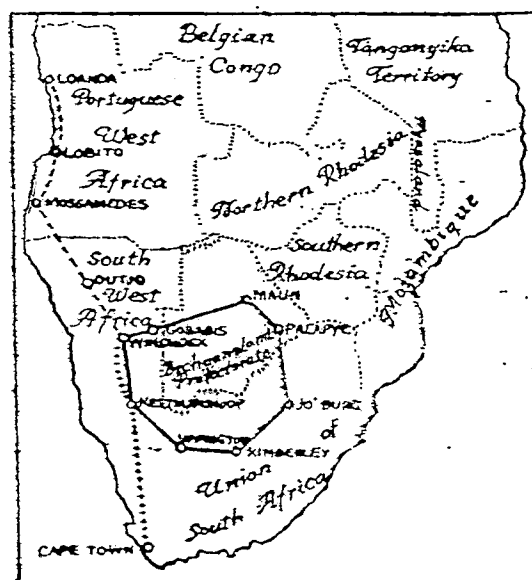
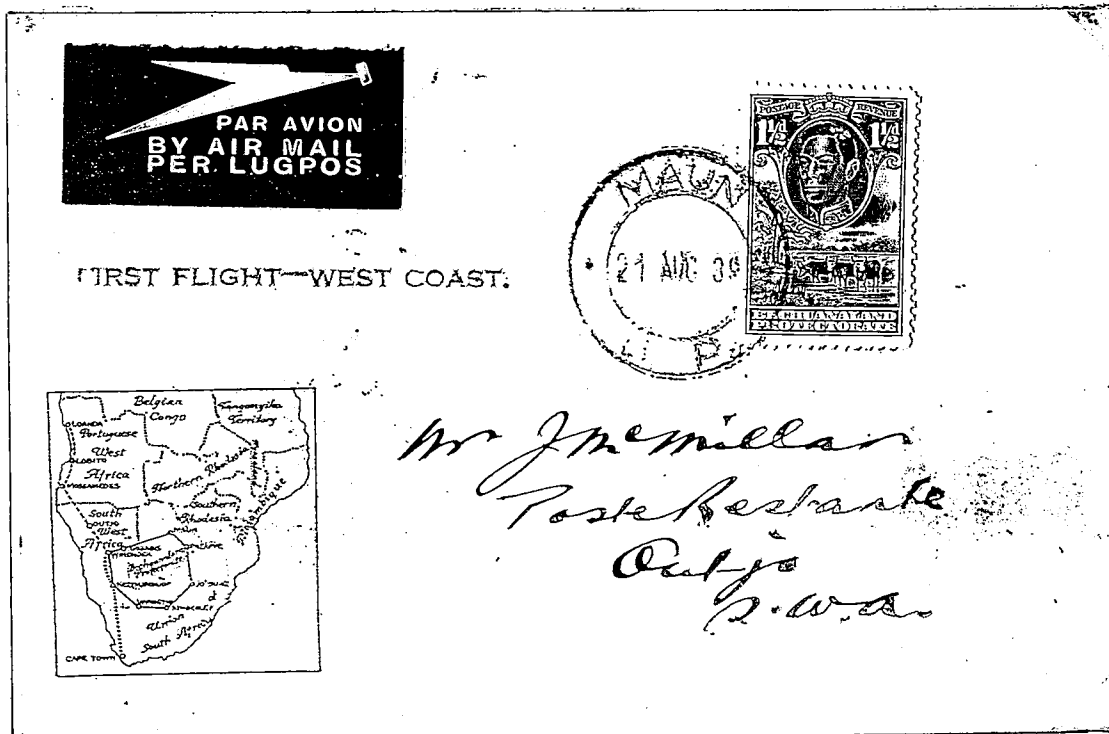


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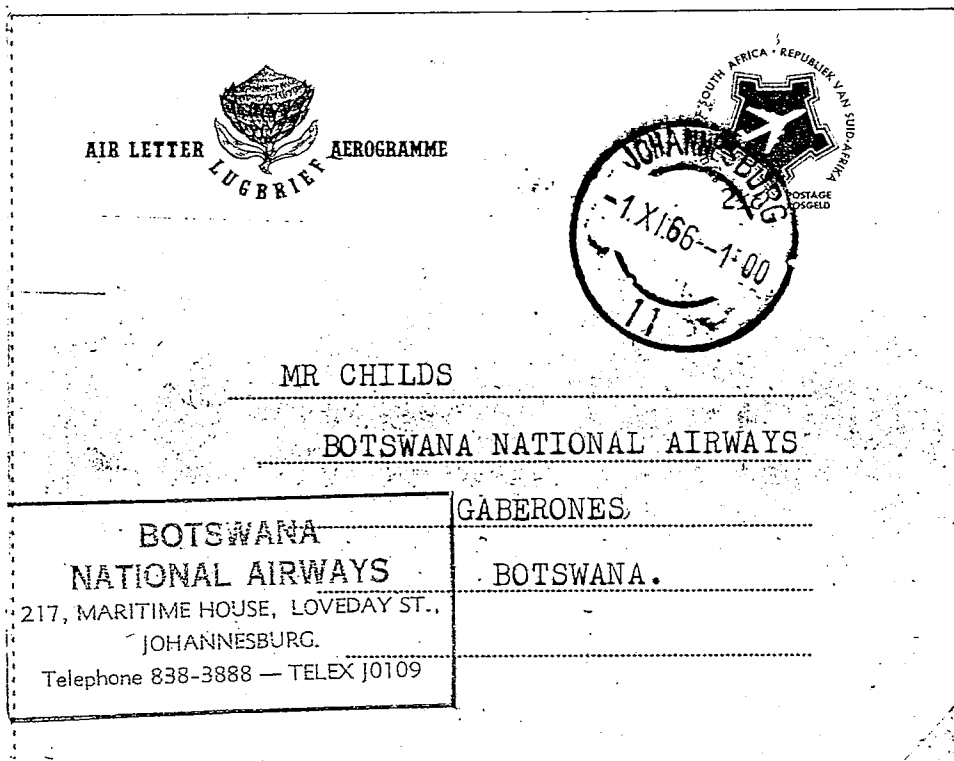


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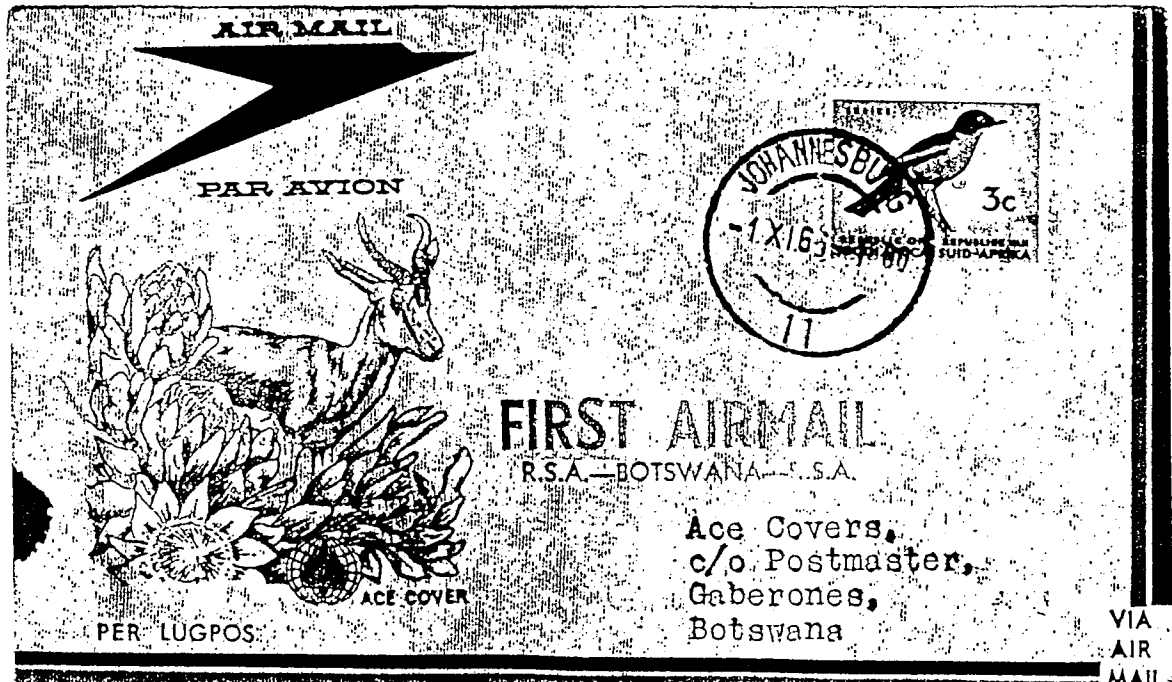


Fig. 14



Fig. 15

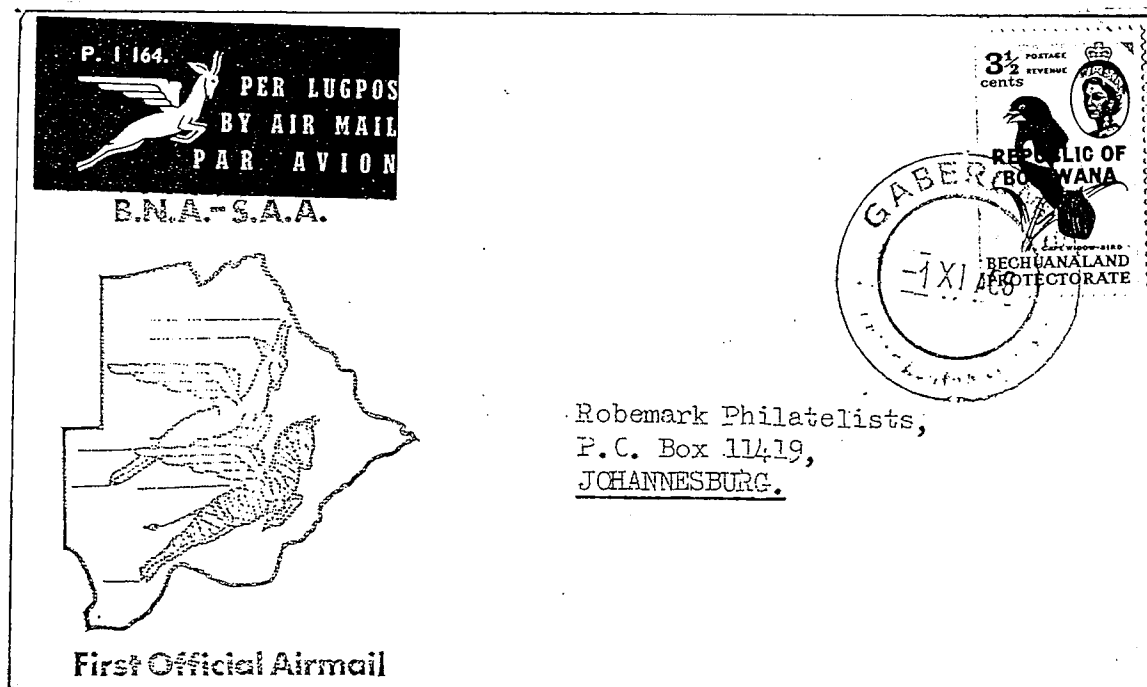


Fig. 16

CHECKLIST OF BECHUANALAND POSTMARKS: THE "REST OF 'M'"

John Inglefield-Watson and Brian Trotter

This checklist covers all the remaining postmarks so far recorded for post offices and agencies in the Bechuanalands that begin with the letter 'M'. Those beginning with the letters 'Ma' have been previously published in Runner Post No. 14 of March 1989.

MEITENGWE

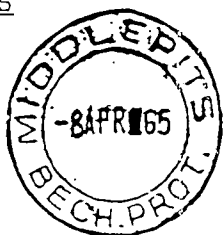


No. 1 Type 2 B 14

Circle diameters : 19mm & 31mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 23, 1965
 Latest recorded date : Jun 23, 1965
 Codes recorded : Hyphen
 Number recorded so far : 3

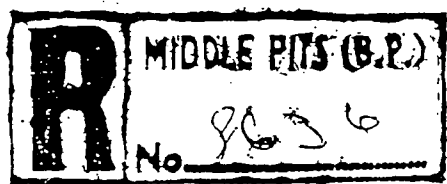
Of the 3 recorded, only one has a clear date strike, hence only that date is recorded.

MIDDLEPITS



No. 1 Type 2 B 14

Circle diameters : 20mm & 29mm
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 7, 1957
 Latest recorded date : Apr 8, 1965
 Codes recorded : Block & A
 Number recorded so far : 4



No. RG 1

Box dimensions : 22mm x 58mm
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 7, 1957
 Latest recorded date : Aug 7, 1957
 Number recorded so far : 1

MIER



No. 1 Type 1 B 3

Circle diameter : 25mm
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 1, 1898
 Latest recorded date : Mar 24, 1917
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 9

1. BONG No. 938 was allocated to this office. No. recorded to date: 1
2. The opening of this postal agency took place after annexation to the Cape Colony. The postal markings were, therefore, never used in British Bechuanaland.

MOCHULI



No. 1 Type 1 A

Circle diameter : 22.5mm

Earliest recorded date : Nov 25, 1895

Latest recorded date : Nov 7, 1897

Codes recorded : None

Number recorded so far : 10

BONC No. 390 was allocated to this office. No. recorded so far: 11

MOCHUDI



No. 2 Type 1 B 3

Circle diameter : 22mm

Earliest recorded date : Jun 19, 1897

Latest recorded date : Dec 15, 1921

Codes recorded : None

Number recorded so far : over 50

1. Month and day are sometimes transposed.
2. Note change of spelling from MOCHULI to MOCHUDI.



No. 3 Type 2 E 62

Circle diameters : 19mm & 29.5mm

Earliest recorded date : Apr 16, 1916

Latest recorded date : Feb 25, 1925

Codes recorded : Hyphen, Block, A

Number recorded so far : 9

One postmark, dated Feb 2, 1925, has the month in Roman numerals, has more compact lettering, and thinner arc separators. When more copies are identified, this may need to be recorded as a separate postmark.



No. 4 Type 2 E 62

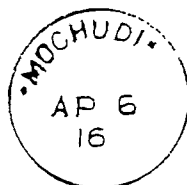
Circle diameters : 18mm & 26mm

Earliest recorded date : Aug 6, 1949

Latest recorded date : Aug 6, 1949

Codes recorded : E

Number recorded so far : 1



No. R 1 Type 1 F 72

Circle diameter : 24mm

Earliest recorded date : Apr 6, 1916

Latest recorded date : Apr 6, 1916

Codes recorded : None

Number recorded so far : 1

No. RG 1

MOCHUDI.

Dimensions (incl. dot) : 5mm x 38mm
Earliest recorded date : Aug 10, 1921
Latest recorded date : Dec 15, 1921
Number recorded so far : 3

MOCHUDI VILLAGE



No. 1 Type 1 A

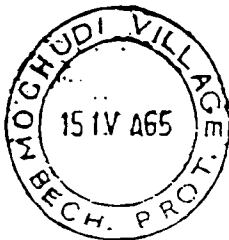
Circle diameter : 25mm
Earliest recorded date : Feb 12, 1922
Latest recorded date : Nov 17, 1927
Codes recorded : None
Number recorded so far : 11

Month and day are sometimes transposed (7 of 11 recorded have month before day. They are the earliest 7 recorded. The latest of these is dated July 30, 1925). One recorded item is dated 1928, but since month is unclear, it has not been used for Latest Recorded Date. This could be a relief canceller, but has been recorded used in 1922, 1923, 1925, 1927 and 1928, so has not been classified as such.



No. 2 Type 2 A

Circle diameters : 17.5mm & 25.5mm
Earliest recorded date : Feb 3, 1934
Latest recorded date : Aug 24, 1966
Codes recorded : Block, A
Number recorded so far : 38

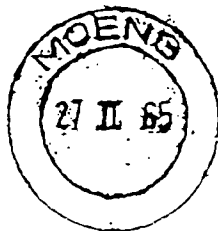


No. 3 Type 2 B 14

Circle diameters : 21.5mm & 30mm
Earliest recorded date : Sep 4, 1963
Latest recorded date : Jun 28, 1965
Codes recorded : A, B, D
Number recorded so far : 7

Appears to have been used after Independence with 'Bech. Prot.' excised and later with 'Village' also excised.

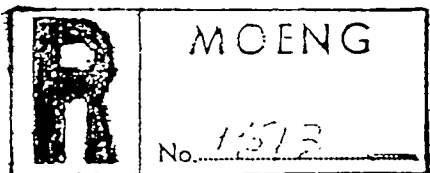
MOENG



No. 1 Type 2 A

Circle diameters : 19mm & 28mm
Earliest recorded date : Mar 6, 1961
Latest recorded date : Feb 27, 1965
Codes recorded : A, None
Number recorded so far : Over 50

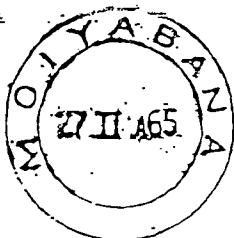
Continued in use after Independence.



No. RG 1

Box dimensions : 22mm x 55.5mm
Earliest recorded date : Oct 21, 1960
Latest recorded date : Oct 21, 1960
Number recorded so far : 1

MOIYABANA



No. 1 Type 2 A

Circle diameters : 22mm & 30mm
Earliest recorded date : Nov 13, 1964
Latest recorded date : Jun 26, 1966
Codes recorded : A
Number recorded so far : 4

MOLEPOLOLE



No. 1 Type 1 B 1

Circle diameter : 23mm
Earliest recorded date : Apr 27, 1889
Latest recorded date : Oct 22, 1929
Codes recorded : None - see note below
Number recorded so far : 24

1. Month and day are sometimes transposed.
2. One recorded item is dated Aug 1888, but since the day is unclear, it has not been used for Earliest Recorded Date. One recorded item dated Dec 4, 1896 has the date inverted and a code '2'. This is illustrated below. The year of 1896 is from a backstamp on the cover. Another item only has the month inverted.



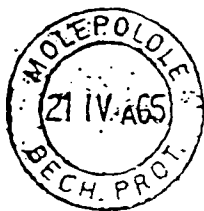
BONC No. 674 was allocated to this office. No. recorded so far: 6



No. 2 Type 2 B 2

Circle diameters : 17.5mm & 26mm
Earliest recorded date : Jul 10, 1931
Latest recorded date : Apr 21, 1965
Codes recorded : A, B, C, D, G, Block
Number recorded so far : 36

One recorded copy, dated Jan 8, 1943 (Code A), is struck in violet.



No. 3 Type 2 B 14

Circle diameters : 17mm & 26mm
Earliest recorded date : Apr 21, 1965
Latest recorded date : Apr 21, 1965
Codes recorded : A
Number recorded so far : 2

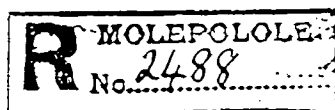


No. 4

Double Oval : 31mm high x 43.5mm wide

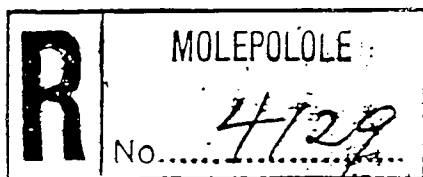
Earliest recorded date : Jul 24, 1962
Latest recorded date : Jul 24, 1962
Number recorded so far : 1

A relief canceller, tentatively identified as Molepolole with a date in 1934, was reported in R.P. No.7 (pages 111/112) but the identification is uncertain. Pending discovery of a confirmatory example it has not been included here.



No. RG 1

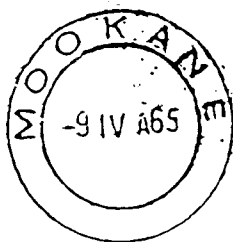
Box dimensions : 12mm x 43mm
Earliest recorded date : May 15, 1928
Latest recorded date : Aug 30, 1934
Number recorded so far : 2



No. RG 2

Box dimensions : 21mm x 55mm
Earliest recorded date : Feb 8, 1951
Latest recorded date : Oct 18, 1957
Number recorded so far : 3

MOOKANE



No. 1 Type 2 A

Circle diameters : 21mm & 30mm
Earliest recorded date : Oct 8, 1963
Latest recorded date : Jun 9, 1965
Codes recorded : A
Number recorded so far : 6

One recorded item is dated 1962, but since the day and month are unclear, it has not been used for Earliest Recorded Date.

MOREME

No. 1

One postmark reported dated May 1961, with a 'block' code. No day or dimensions known at this time.

MOROKWEN

No. 1 Type 1 B 3

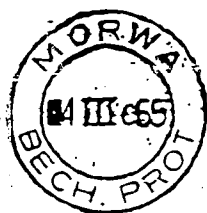


Circle diameter : 25mm
Earliest recorded date : Jan 30, 1897
Latest recorded date : Feb 25, 1899
Codes recorded : 9 (see note), None
Number recorded so far : 2

1. The Jan 30, 1897 postmark is in the format 9/JA 30/7. This is presumed to be 97. A similar marking is known for Pitsani 9/SP 10/8 on cover, with backstamp confirming 1898.
2. The opening of this postal agency took place after annexation to the Cape Colony. The postal markings were, therefore, never used in British Bechuanaland.
3. BONC No. 933 was allocated to this office. None recorded so far.

MORWA

No. 1 Type 2 B 14



Circle diameters : 17mm & 26mm
Earliest recorded date : Jun 12, 1964
Latest recorded date : Sep 19, 1966
Codes recorded : B, C, H
Number recorded so far : 5

MOSHUPA

No. 1 Type 2 E 62



Circle diameters : 18mm & 26mm
Earliest recorded date : Aug 21, 1945
Latest recorded date : Mar 4, 1965
Codes recorded : A, B, F, G, None
Number recorded so far : 14

MOSITA

No Bechuanaland postmark recorded.

We have received help in recording these postmarks from Hamish Campbell, Jim Catterall, Howard Cook, Mike George, Alan MacGregor, Roy Setterfield, Anne Southwood and Birgit Sten-Jensen.

Note that illustrations can be slightly enlarged or distorted due to photocopying.

PRICES REALISED IN AUCTION 6 (UK)

<u>LOT</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
1	-	29	22	56	16	83	6
2	8	30	11	57	8	84	8
3	20	31	17	58	-	85	37
4	3½	32	26	59	13	86	6
5	2	33	6	60	4	87	4½
6	23	34	-	61	2½	88	21
7	10	35	-	62	2½	89	-
8	-	36	21	63	½	90	-
9	4	37	8	64	-	91	3
10	-	38	4	65	2½	92	-
11	20	39	490	66	2½	93	-
12	½	40	9	67	3½	94	11
13	-	41	3	68	13	95	13
14	4½	42	1½	69	17	96	3½
15	250	43	2½	70	4½	97	1½
16	-	44	21	71	3	98	61
17	18	45	10	72	9	99	11
18	-	46	7	73	15	100	23
19	22	47	7	74	2½	101	13
20	2½	48	2	75	1½	102	2
21	5	49	-	76	2	103	3½
22	13	50	-	77	2½	104	12
23	25	51	-	78	13	105	23
24	-	52	2	79	18	106	-
25	-	53	2	80	1	107	120
26	-	54	-	81	13	108	17
27	4	55	18	82	3	109	-
28	3						

With sales in excess of £1700 and only 23 out of 100 lots remaining unsold, it seems a bit superfluous for me to add that this was our most successful auction so far!

The top price went to lot 39, the Waterlow seahorse with re-entry, at £490 but perhaps the star of the sale was lot 5, the registered envelope essay. Estimated conservatively at £75, it sold for £250. In all, nearly one quarter of the total lots sold went for £20 or more, which shows that you need not be afraid of putting good quality material into the Society's auctions. As before, however, the more common stamps, either singles or in sets, did not find a ready market. There was only one bidder for the kiloware, though most of the accumulations on cover proved popular.

As well as setting new sales records, I was pleased that this auction attracted bids from 25 members: 3 in North America, 7 in Southern Africa (though none from Botswana!) and the remainder in UK, Europe and the Far East. Only five members were completely unsuccessful, though four had gone for only one or two lots.

Having edited one howler from the draft listing (lot 90 had acquired a 'Wuthering Heights' appellation), the only description which raised a comment was for lot 2. It was pointed out that Gaberones did not have a station in 1890. Well, I can only say that the cancellation was very clearly dated, though possibly in error for 06 or 09. Here's to the next time!

Tony Chilton

(We are sure that we speak on behalf of the whole Society when we express our thanks to Tony for the wonderful job he has done on our behalf - Hon Editors).

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THE BECHUANALANDS AND BOTSWANA SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday, 17th October 1990 at 2.00 p.m. at the New Horticultural Hall (STAMPEX).

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Chairman's report
5. Hon. Secretary's report
6. Hon. Treasurer's report
7. Annual subscription
8. Rules revisions
9. Election of Officers and Committee for the period 1990 - 1992
10. Any other business

AGENDA ITEM 7

The Chairman to propose:

"That with effect from 1st April 1992, the annual subscription for Members shall be £10 Sterling or its equivalent."

AGENDA ITEM 8

The Chairman to propose the following amendments to the Rules of the Bechuanalands and Botswana Society:

- Rule 3. Delete: "payable on the first day of October each year."
- Substitute: "payable on the first day of April each year."
- Rule 4. Delete: "currently £5 Sterling or equivalent."
- Rule 5. Delete: "shall be held in alternate years following that to be held in 1986."
- Substitute: "shall be held annually at the Autumn meeting of the Society."
- Rule 5(a). Delete: "for the two preceding years."
- Substitute: "for the preceding year."
- Rule 5(b). Add: "and to appoint an Hon Auditor for the ensuing year."
- Rule 5(c). Delete the Rule as currently phrased.
- Substitute: "In alternate years, commencing in October 1990, to elect the Officers of the Society and other Committee Members to serve for the ensuing two year period."

Rule 5(d). Add: "for the ensuing subscription year."

Rule 5(e). Delete: the Rule as currently phrased.

Substitute: "Consider any other business resolutions or matters arising, subject to Rule 15."

Rule 9. Delete: "for the two twelve-month periods."

Substitute: "for the twelve-month period."

NOTES:

The proposal to amend Rule 5 reflects the growth of the Society over the past three or four years and the need for an Annual General Meeting to deal with Society business. If this proposal is agreed, the changes of wording in Rules 5(a), 5(b), 5(c), 5(d) and 9 are necessary.

The effect of a change to Rule 3 would be to bring the subscription year into line with the financial year. It would also enable any future change in subscription rates (agreed at an October AGM) to be effected within six months rather than twelve.

Subject to this proposed amendment being agreed, the next subscription payment would fall due in April 1992, giving an extension of the 1990 - 1991 subscription of six months at no additional cost to the Members.

AGENDA ITEM 9

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE 1990 - 1992

	<u>OUTGOING</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
<u>Chairman</u>	Mike George+*	Sir John Inglefield-Watson +
<u>Hon Secretary</u>	Roy Setterfield +*	Mike George +
<u>Hon Treasurer</u>	Aubrey Glassborow +	Aubrey Glassborow +
<u>Minutes Secretary</u>	Dennis Firth +	Dennis Firth +
<u>Editors of R.P.</u>	Alan MacGregor + Roy Setterfield	Alan MacGregor + Roy Setterfield
<u>Auctioneer</u>	Tony Chilton +	Tony Chilton +
<u>Hon Auditor</u>	Philip Cattell	Philip Cattell
<u>Committee Members</u>	Sir John Inglefield-Watson + Brian Trotter +*	-
<u>Botswana Repve.</u>	Andy Andersson	Andy Andersson
<u>RSA Representative</u>	Howard Cook (Acting)	Howard Cook