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Editors' Comments

Oops!

In Runner Post 20, page 360 (bottom line) we incorrectly acknowledged David Field Ltd as holder of the copyright to the map. This should of course have read 'Francis J Field'. No excuses, just apologies - Ed's.

The Hon J G Haskins, OBE JP

It is with deep regret that we record the death of the The Hon J G (Jim) Haskins, OBE JP of Francistown, Botswana. We plan to publish an obituary in RP 22.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions of £8 are now due for October 1990 to June 1991. It was agreed at the last AGM (the Minutes are published in this issue) that the subscription for the year 1990-91 should run for 9 months only at a cost of £8, thereafter £10 per year from 1st July 1991. Your prompt payment would be greatly appreciated and will save your Honorary Officers a lot of extra work.

Rules

It is some time since we published the Rules of the Society and as they have now been substantially amended and revised we thought it would be a good time to publish an up to date version. This is included as a supplement to this issue.

Autumn Stampex / B.P.E. - Awards

We are very pleased to announce that Jim Catterall was awarded an International Large Silver Gilt for his five frame entry 'The Bechuanaland Up To 1914'. Alan Drysdall and Dave Collis were awarded a Large Silver Gilt as well as the Albert H. Harris Literature Award for their entry 'Mashonaland - A Postal History', and your very own Runner Post was awarded a Bronze Silver medal for an entry comprising eight consecutive issues. Well done everyone, including us!

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT STAMPEX/B.P.E., NEW HORTICULTURAL HALL, LONDON,
ON WEDNESDAY 17th OCTOBER 1990, COMMENCING AT 2.00pm

Members Present:

Arnold Berman, P.W.C. Burle, Harry Brush, Philip Cattell, Jim Catterall, Alan Drysdall, Dennis Firth, Aubrey Glassborow, Mike George, John Inglefield-Watson, Alan MacGregor, Dave Mathews, Gary Morris, Roy Setterfield.

Visitors: Gren Eaton, J. Reeks.

Apologies For Absence: Brian Trotter and a new member, Mr M Slack.

Mike George took the Chair, and welcomed Mr J. Reeks who was attending one of our meetings for the first time.

The Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 1990 were signed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report:

Mike George reported two years steady progress during his term of office, with no great innovations. He was pleased to report that The Runner Post had been awarded a Silver-bronze medal at B.P.E. and expressed thanks to the Editors Alan and Roy for their splendid efforts. The entry consisted of eight consecutive issues. Mike referred to the wide spread of membership of the Society, and expressed thanks to the Officers, and especially Roy Setterfield for the work he had done as Secretary over the last five years, and for his initiative in founding our Society. Jim Catterall was congratulated on being awarded a large Silver Gilt medal at B.P.E.

Secretary's Report:

Roy mentioned that it was just five years since the inaugural meeting of the Society, now the Society has 100 members. Roy reported that Hamish Campbell is now much better. The meeting held at the Stamp World 1990 Exhibition had been very successful, bringing in new members, but no correspondence had been received from the other Societies which took part.

Treasurer's Report:

Aubrey presented the accounts for the year ending 30th June 1990. These showed a surplus for the year of £129.80, and net current assets of £395.29. Aubrey said that the larger profit was due to the increase in subscriptions and in membership. Income for the year was £594.17 with outgoings of £464.37. Thanks were expressed to the Auctioneer, Tony Chilton, for holding a very successful auction recently.

Annual Subscriptions:

A proposal was made by the Chairman "That with effect from April 1992, the annual subscription for members shall be £10.00 Sterling or its equivalent". The change of date was so that increases could be effective within 6 months instead of 12 months. Queries were raised as to whether having free subscription for six months would cover our costs, and why the accounts are produced for the year ending 30th June.

An amendment to the proposal was made by the Chairman that the subscription for the year 1990-91 should run for nine months only at a cost of £8.00, then subsequently would be £10.00 per year from 1st July 1991. Seconded Philip Cattell and carried.

Annual General Meeting:

A suggestion was made by Jim Catterall that the A.G.M. should be held at the February meeting. This was left in abeyance. John Inglefield-Watson suggested that as we are still electing officers for two years, Officers' reports should only be presented every two years, except for the Treasurer who should continue to report each year. This was not agreed, it was suggested that short Officers' reports be presented in alternate years.

Alterations to Rules:

The Chairman proposed the following amendments to the Rules of the Society which were agreed:-

- Rule 3: delete 'payable on the first day of October each year'
Substitute: 'payable on the first day of April (amended to July in accordance with above decision) 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 on matters arising, subject to Rule 15.'
- Rule 9 Delete 'for the two twelve month periods'
Substitute 'for the twelve month period.'

Election of Officers and Committee 1990-1992:

Chairman:	Sir John Inglefield-Watson, proposed Mike George, seconded Aubrey Glassborow.
Hon. Secretary:	Mike George, proposed John Inglefield-Watson.
Hon. Treasurer:	Aubrey Glassborow, proposed Roy Setterfield.
Minutes Secretary:	Dennis Firth, proposed John Inglefield-Watson, seconded Roy Setterfield.
Editors of Runner Post:	Alan MacGregor and Roy Setterfield.
Auctioneer:	Tony Chilton, prop. Alan MacGregor, sec. Dennis Firth.
Hon. Auditor:	Philip Cattell, proposed Mike George, seconded Roy Setterfield.
Botswana Representative:	Andy Andersson, re-elected, all in favour.
R.S.A. Representative:	Howard Cook, re-elected, all in favour.
The Committee:	To consist of the Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Minutes Secretary, Alan MacGregor representing the Editors of Runner Post and Auctioneer.

After election John Inglefield-Watson took over as Chairman of the meeting.

Any Other Business - Points concerning Runner Post:

A query was raised as to why Runner Post could not be stapled - no action to be taken.

Aubrey mentioned that in the past copies of Runner Post for members in Botswana had been duplicated locally free of charge. This is no longer possible, and Runner Post is now costing more to produce than the subscriptions. This matter was left for the Committee to deal with.

Library Matters:

Arnold Berman thought that books in the Rhodesia Study Circle library might be made available to members of this Society, if their Committee would agree, and Jim Catterall said that people interested in early Bechuanaland postal history might care to join the Rhodesia Study Circle, but we would be very grateful if it could be arranged for our members to borrow books from the Rhodesia Study Circle. A query was raised as to whether books from our own Library could be borrowed by members. As no one had offered to be the Society Librarian/Archivist, the Committee would have to decide which publications could be lent out to members, and which are regarded as archive material and would not be available to members. One of the jobs of the Librarian would be to supply copies of articles from Runner Post at a charge.

Society Officers:

John Inglefield-Watson referred to the problems of obtaining new officers for the Society. Mike had taken on the job as Secretary with some reluctance as no one else offered, no one had offered to be Librarian/Archivist, and we shall be looking for a successor to Aubrey as Treasurer in two years time. If offers from members to take office are not forthcoming, the Society will grind to a halt.

Future Meetings:

John also referred to the question of future meetings. He felt it was important to hold Saturday meetings for the benefit of members unable to attend during the week. The first meeting in 1991 will be on Saturday 2nd March, at B.P.F. Offices, 107 Charterhouse Street, London E.C.1. He suggested that the Autumn meeting should also be held on a Saturday, but not during Stampex. Several venues were in mind, and it had been suggested that a room be booked for the full day so that a Committee meeting could be held in the morning.

John closed the official business of the meeting by expressing thanks to the retiring officers.

Display:

As retiring Chairman it was Mike George's privilege to present the display. The display consisted of stamps and postmarks from the time of the Stellaland Republic, up to 1948. Most issues were represented, used and unused, many in blocks of four. Included were George V controls, specimen overprints and perforations, a complete pane of the 1887 ½d stamps, and a pane of the 1891 2d stamps with overprints reading upwards.

NEW MEMBERS

In the first of what we hope will be a regular feature, we are pleased to welcome a new member - Steve Drewett, 49 Ladman Road, Stockwood, Bristol BS14 8QD, whose interests are specialised material including postmarks and postal history of the Bechuanalands 1885-1964. Steve is also a member of the British West Africa, British East Africa, Silver Jubilee and the King George VI Societies. Welcome aboard Steve!

REST OF 'M' POSTMARK CHECKLIST - AMENDMENTS

John Inglefield-Watson and Brian Trotter advise that a few errors escaped their attention when checking the draft of 'Rest of M' Checklist, published in RP 20:

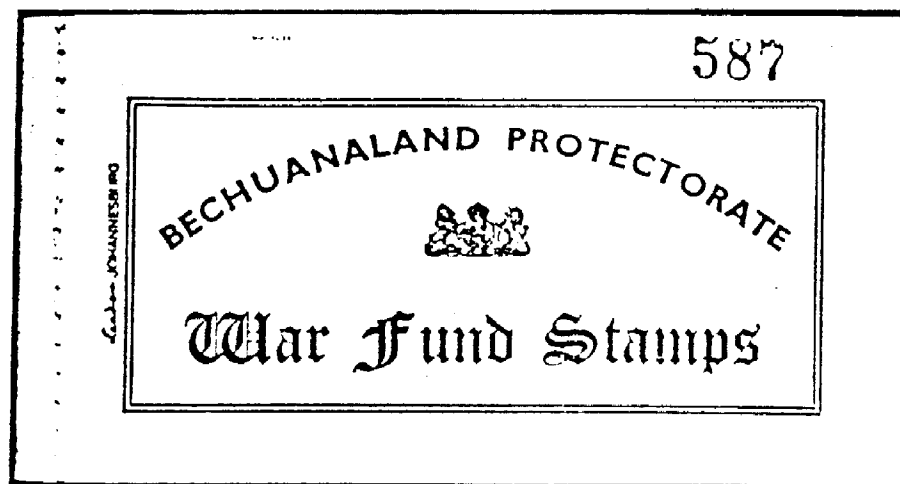
1. Page 367 Mochudi Pmk No.3: Earliest Recorded Date should read Apr 15 1916.
2. Page 367 Mochudi Pmk No.3: Delete complete Footnote from "One postmark" to "as a separate postmark".
3. Page 370 Mookane Pmk No.1: Latest Recorded Date should read Apr 9 1965.

Members'

Comments

and

Queries



BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE WAR FUND LABELS

Thanks to a veritable deluge of information on the Protectorate War Fund label, (RP Nos. 15, 17 & 20) we can now considerably update our knowledge of this item.

Tony Chilton found a mention of these labels in the February 1940 issue of the South African Philatelist where they were recorded as having been recently issued, i.e. probably late 1939 - early 1940.

John Inglefield-Watson writes to say that he has seen one complete and another part booklet. The complete booklet contained five panes of 1d labels as already described. John can't recall if the back cover of the complete booklet was printed or plain and suspects that Tony's example may well be a back cover as it lacks features seen on other front covers:

- a. Printer's imprint at the left hand side of of the frame lines, reading upwards 'Leader JOHANNESBURG' with 'Leader' in very small script lettering that is difficult to decipher.
- b. A serial number in black at the top right of the cover. Numbers seen are '581' and '655'.
- c. Stitched at the left. Tony's cover appears to have been torn along the line of stitching at the right.

Henk De Lange of Stephan Welz & Co, Johannesburg pointed out that they had sold a complete booklet on their April 1982 sale (lot 57, illustrated above) described as '1914-18 War Fund Stamps Booklet, stitched buff cover and containing 5 panes (of which 2 are loose) each with 6 x 1d stamps, cover marked no. 587.' Henk adds that the booklet selling price was probably 2/6 and the date 1914/18 incorrect. A second booklet (lot 40) containing 2 stamps only was sold by them on their November 1982 sale. Both came from a dealers stock.

Thanks to everyone who provided information. Any more questions Vic ?!

'UNAPPROPRIATED DIES' - A Minor Variety

A minor variety has been seen on the top right hand stamp of the sheet (Row 1, no.12) in a corner block of the 3d and in two such blocks of the 4d value of the 'Unappropriated Dies'. It consists of a round dot between the 'U' and the 3rd 'E' of 'REVENUE'. I have not been able to produce a clear photocopy but the illustration shows its position. It seems possible that it may be constant on all pence values and perhaps shilling values. Please check any appropriate positional blocks that you may have and report the presence or absence of this variety on the stamp concerned. J.F.I-W.

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Members' Comments and Queries (Cont.)

PALAPYE AND KANYE BISECTS

The article in Runner Post Nos. 11 and 12 sought information on the names of the Postmasters at Palapye and Kanye whose initials appear on covers bearing the bisected stamps. The Palapye initials have usually been deciphered as 'R.W.' though Brian Trotter pointed out in his article that 'R.M.' was a possibility. I have recently seen a Palapye bisect cover with a pencil endorsement on reverse indicating that the Postmaster's name was R McLean - or, I suggest, perhaps MacLean. Can anyone confirm this identification?

J.F.I-W.

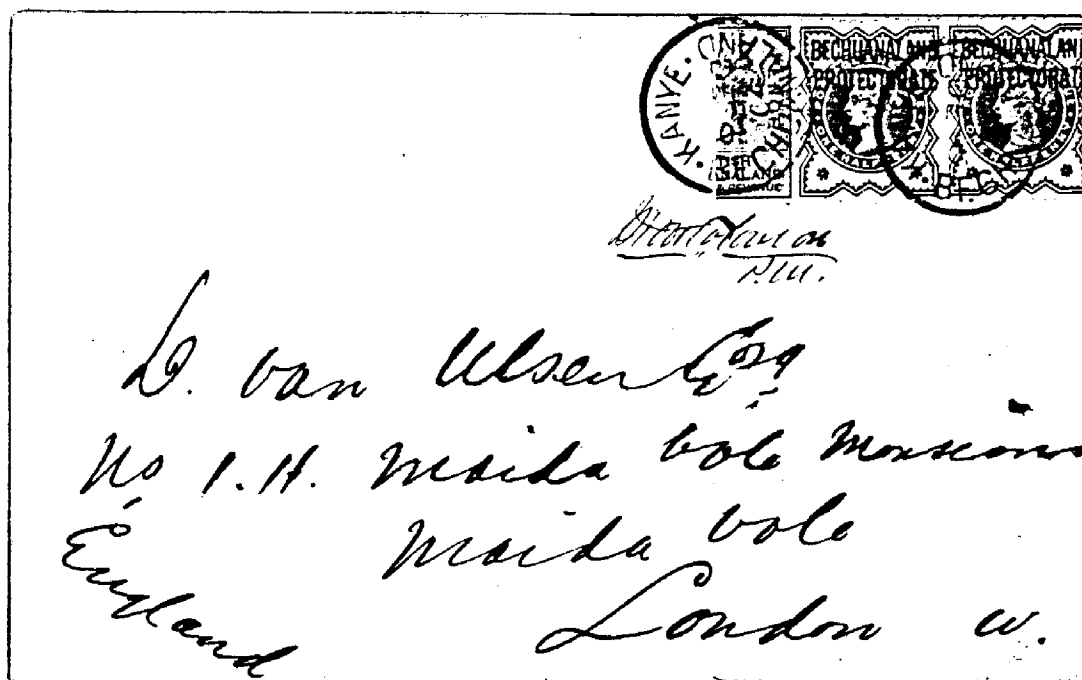


Illustration courtesy of John Taylor

A fourth Kanye bisect cover is now known (illustrated above). This is similar to John Inglefield-Watson's cover illustrated in RP 12, page 202. It is to the same addressee, has the same date and the bisected Unappropriated Die may well be the other half of John's 3d, though one can't be sure what value this originally was. The two other covers are those in the Royal collection and the Moseley collection in the British Library. Thanks to Dr Seligmann we now know that the Postmaster's initials on these covers are those of a 'Mr Solomon' though his first name (if that is what it is) remains unknown/illegible.

AMG

2d SURCHARGE WITH DOUBLE DOT

Stephen Smith has sent this illustration of the 2d on 2d surcharge (SG 23/a). Stephen points out that the surcharge appears to have a full stop between the '2' and the 'd'. He also points out that 1) the stamp appears to be the pale dull lilac and black shade, 2) the overprint is a rusty-red brown colour - darker than usual, and 3) the postmark is probably Mafeking but no year date is visible.

Stephen asks how such a variety comes about and if members have encountered it before, i.e. is it a constant flaw?



Items of Interest

<p>REGISTERED</p> <p>This Letter must be given to an Officer registered and a Receipt</p> <p>LOKWALO LO LO</p> <p>Lokwalo lo lo chwanetse go neelwa letlameia a bo a ntahe</p>	<p>LETTER.</p> <p>of the Post Office to be obtained for it.</p> <p>TLAMELWANG.</p> <p>modiredi wa Poso go seshupo sa lona.</p>	<p>Postage Stamp.</p> <p>Setempe sa tuelo ya Poso.</p>
<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>		

Illustrations are 70% actual size

<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>Name and address of sender</p> <p>Leina le aterese ya moromedl</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

THE 'STAMPLESS' REGISTRATION ENVELOPE - Peter Van Der Molen

With the introduction of the decimal (Rand) currency in Bechuanaland in 1961, two sizes of Registration Envelopes were issued with the 5c embossed Registration Fee showing the Queen's profile, viz. the 'G' size (3½" x 6" or 95 x 152mm) and the 'H' size (5" x 8" or 127 x 203mm), both produced by De La Rue. The 'H2' size, which had been available prior to decimalisation, does not appear to have been issued with the 5c value, although listed by Holmes on p175 in his book. Then probably during 1966, a 5c 'H' size Registration Envelope produced by McCorquodale was issued, as illustrated in the Runner Post p189/190 of June 1988. It seemed possible that there could have been a McCorquodale-produced size 'G' or 'H2' to match, particularly since at that time in Basutoland the De La Rue supplied sizes 'G' and 'H2' were superseded by McCorquodale-produced versions in sizes 'G', 'H' and 'H2'. Recently I found the 'stampless' Registration Envelope illustrated above.

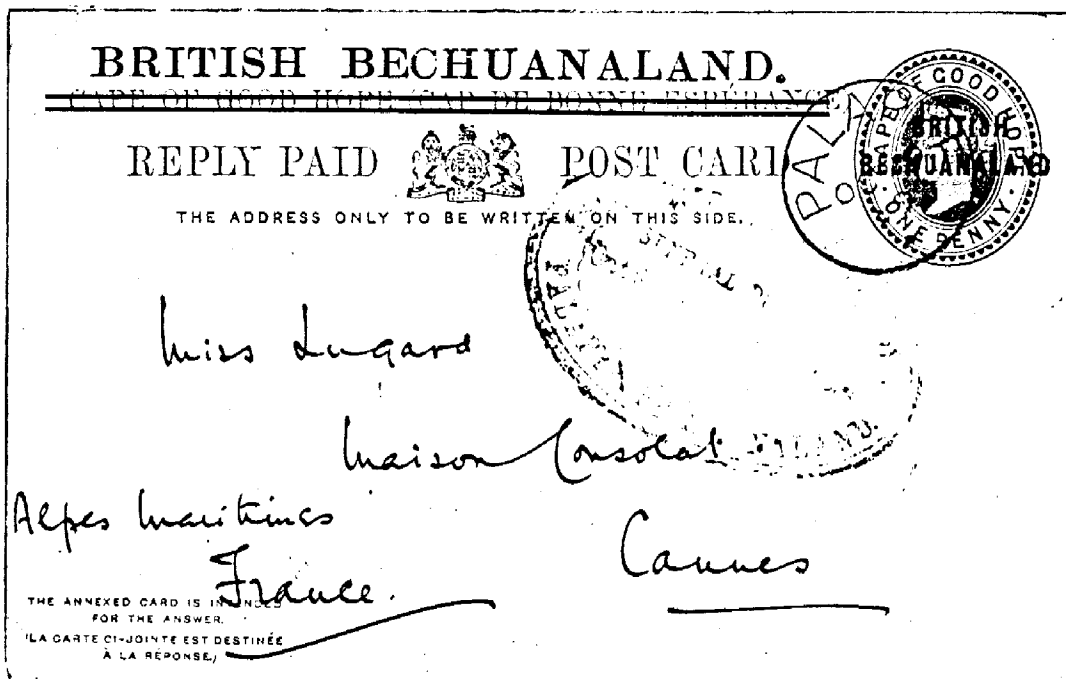
The printing on the front (except on the flap) is similar to the Bechuanaland size 'G' envelopes produced by De La Rue, but there is no imprint in the usual place under the flap. The length of the text lines in English is 48.0, 80.5 and 51.5mm, while those in Setswana measure 79.0, 72.0 and 49.0mm respectively. The style (straight vertical edge to flap), paper (almost white), and size (at 95 x 155mm it is slightly longer than the traditional 'G' size) are unlike the De La Rue versions but are similar to the McCorquodale-produced issue of Basutoland. Because the envelope has the security 'fabric' on the inside, I feel it is unlikely that it was produced locally and I can only conclude that this is the McCorquodale-produced size 'G' that I suspected might exist.

I am puzzled by the absence of an imprint ('stampless' versions of Basutoland and Swaziland show the McCorquodale imprint under the flap) and I wonder whether this envelope was issued prior to Independence. I would welcome any further information that readers may have, particularly concerning dates of usage. Were there perhaps also 'stampless' versions in size 'H2' and 'H'? I also wonder whether this episode illustrates the withdrawal by De La Rue from the Postal Stationery business?

P.W. Van Der Molen, P.O. Box 12508, Benoryn 1504, South Africa

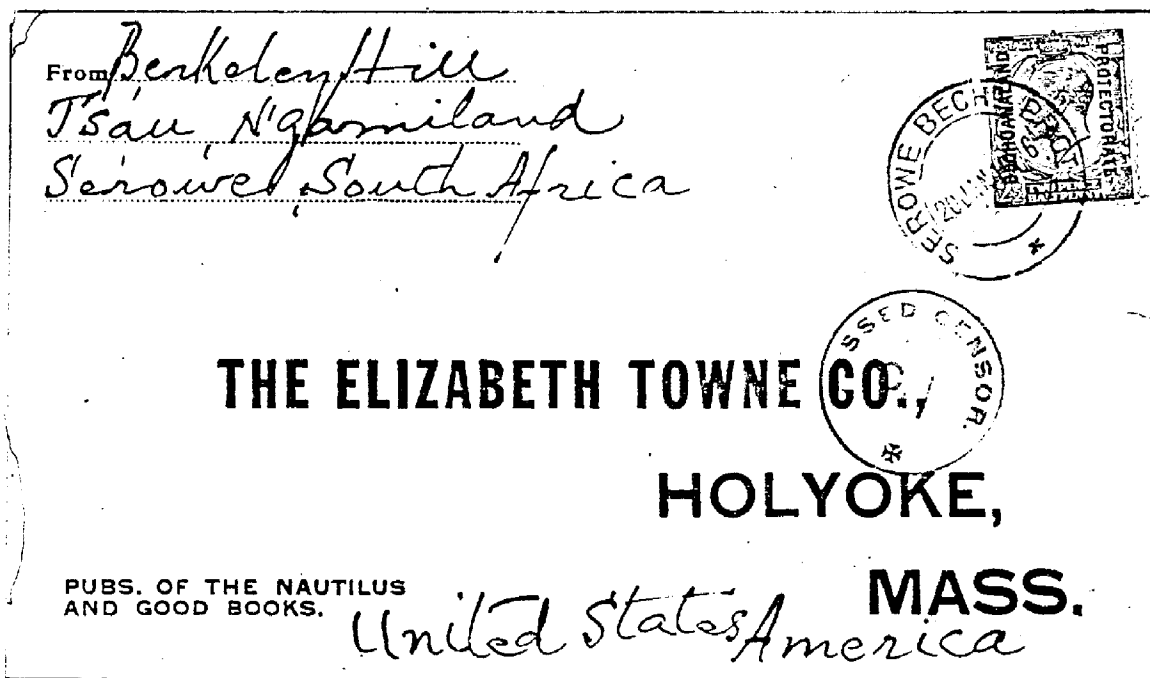
MORE N'GAMILAND DISCOVERIES - Jim Catterall

In the concluding paragraph of his excellent article on N'gamiland (RP 16) Tony Chilton expressed the hope that further covers out of N'gamiland would be discovered. That hope has quickly been realised in a quite spectacular way by the surfacing of a card written by E.J. Lugard himself at Kwebe Hills, N'gamiland, South Africa and addressed to a Miss Lugard in France. Kwebe Hills was the base of the British West Charterland Co. Expedition.



The card is the complete (return half unused and still attached) reply paid post card (British Bechuanaland H&G 7) written on October 5th 1899 which was six days before the outbreak of war. It entered the postal system at Palapye on October 29th. By this time the southern postal route via Mafeking was cut off by the war so the card was forwarded via Bulawayo (5 Nov) and Durban (6 Dec).

The card also bears the oval cachet in violet of 'Blackbeard Bros - General Dealers / Cattle and Ostrich Feathers / bought and sold' who may have acted as agents for the West Charterland Co. in delivering the mail to Palapye.



The second illustration was also supplied by Jim - a 1916 cover which he re-discovered in his collection. Sent from 'Berkeley Hill / Tsau, N'gamiland / Serowe, South Africa, and addressed to the USA.

An interesting footnote to the Lugard card:- the family of Blackbeard gets a mention in the book 'A Marriage of Inconvenience' (reviewed below). They were still active in the Palapye/Serowe area and supportive of Seretse and Ruth Khama in the early days after their marriage.

Book Review

A MARRIAGE OF INCONVENIENCE by Michael Dutfield. Published by Unwin Hyman Ltd., price £13.95 hardback and £4.99 paperback

In 1947 Seretse Khama, grandson of the great Khama and hereditary Chief-to-be of the Bamangwato people of Bechuanaland, was studying law in England. Meanwhile, back in Bechuanaland, his uncle, Tshekedi Khama acted as regent and ruled the tribe until such time as Seretse would be officially installed as Chief.

In that same year, Seretse met an ordinary English working girl, Ruth Williams. They fell in love and in the following year, Seretse announced their engagement. It sounds a simple thing today, but in 1948, it caused an uproar. Mixed marriages were not the done thing in those days and especially not between an African prince and a white working girl.

Ruth's parents, Tshekedi Khama, the missionaries, the church, the British Government and especially the South African Government were united in condemnation. In spite of all this opposition, the couple married secretly at Kensington Registry Office - the Bishop of London having vetoed a church wedding.

Seretse went to Bechuanaland, addressed tribal meetings and, by his personality and sincerity won over the support of the great majority of his people, with few exceptions, including Tshekedi. This was a blow to the British Government which had always maintained that the return of Seretse with his wife would provoke dissension and strife in the country. Their real reason, never admitted publicly, was fear of the reaction in South Africa which, at that time, was in the process of introducing apartheid under its new National Government. However, the British Government was determined that Seretse should be removed from Bechuanaland and that he should not be installed as Chief.

Michael Dutfield reveals for the first time details of all the hypocrisy, subterfuge and down-right lies that went towards luring Seretse back to England and keeping him there. Seretse Khama never did become Chief of the Bamangwato and, in 1956, he renounced his claim to the Chieftainship. The British Government then allowed him to return with his wife to Bechuanaland as a private person. Once there, he formed a political party and, at Independence in 1966, his party won the elections and Seretse Khama became the Prime Minister of Botswana. He helped to mould the new country into the most peaceful and successful of all the newly independent African states.

'A Marriage of Inconvenience' is the story of a marriage which confounded the critics, was successful in itself and ultimately important in the development of an independent Botswana. It should be read by everyone with an interest in that country.

Jim Catterall

MORE POSTAGE DUE COVERS

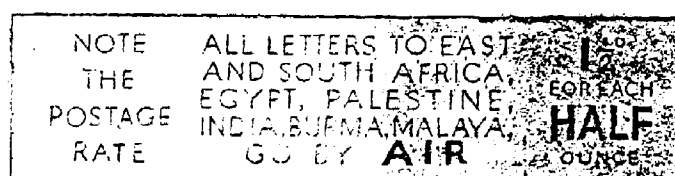
by

John Inglefield-Watson

I have looked with interest at the photocopies and details of David Wessely's postage due covers published in 'Runner Post' No.19. My own meagre holding (not for sale, David!) enables me to respond to some of his queries, as described and illustrated below.

Outgoing Covers

1. 1938 cover from FRANCISTOWN 9 March 1938, franked KG V 1d (SG 100). Tax markings: manuscript 'T 10' and GB handstamped '1d TO PAY 72'. GB postage due stamp cancelled MARGATE 21 March 1938. On reverse a rectangular boxed handstamp (90 x 22mm):



Handstamp on reverse of Cover No.1

2. 1942 cover from MAUN ?? 1942, franked KG VI 1½d (SG 120). Manuscript 'T 3d' tax marking. GB 3d postage due stamp cancelled MARGATE 25 December 1942.

The writer of my covers 1 & 2 was presumably the addressee of David's cover no.7

3. 1938 philatelic cover to USA franked SG 33 (x2), 58 and 60 marked in violet manuscript 'Demonetised' and '60c' below a handstamped '(T)' with additional South African octagonal boxed 'T 60c' tax marking. H.O. MAFKING c.d.s. dated 3 August 1938 alongside the stamps. Undated NEW YORK G.P.O. transit and undated VERONA N.J. cancelling 4 x US 3c postage due stamps. The cover contains the originator's letter dated 3 July 1938 with manuscript annotations by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in reply to his queries. Unfortunately the list of post offices is missing.

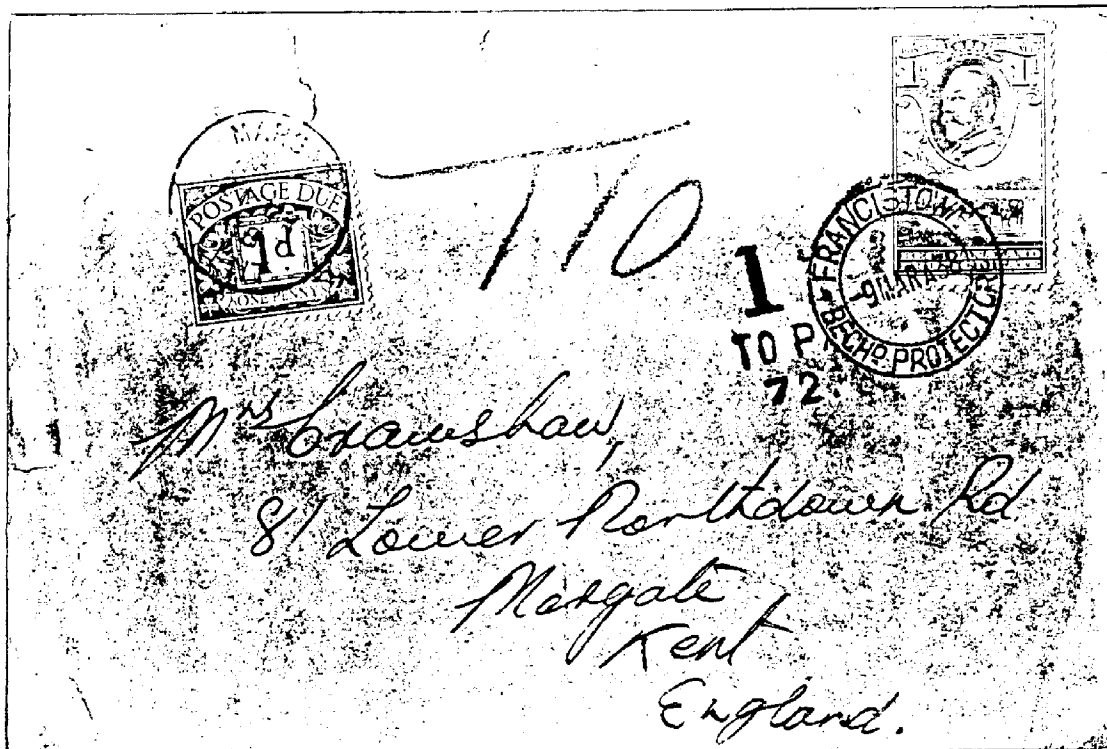
Incoming Covers

4. 1951 cover from Bolivia, franked 5BS cancelled at COCHABAMBA 21 February 1951, to Ramoutsa where ½d, 1d and 2d postage due stamps (SG D4, D5, D6) were affixed and cancelled RAMOUTSA/STA 6 March 1951. Manuscript 'T 3½' is the only tax marking.

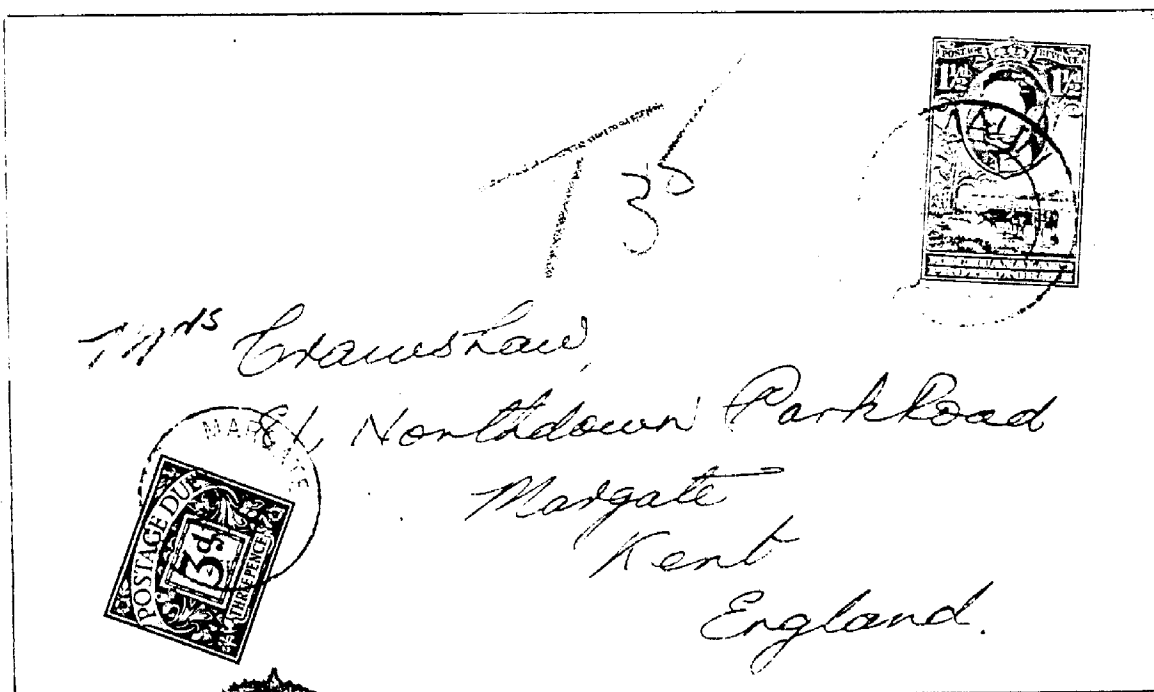
This is a companion to David's cover no.9 but is differently addressed and taxed. Both seem likely to be philatelic.

5. 1956 cover from British Solomon Islands, franked KG V 3d, 6d and 1/- (SG 65, 67, 68) cancelled GIZO 26 March 1956. Small manuscript ringed 'T 6d' tax marking. 6 x 1d postage due stamps (SG D5) affixed and cancelled FRANCISTOWN 29 June 1956.

This belongs to the same group as David's covers 10 and 11. Six similar covers from the Falkland Islands Dependencies in March 1955, all addressed in the same handwriting as those above to R.W. Richardson and variously re-directed via New York and Serowe (General Delivery) to Palapye, appeared in a UK auction in January 1980. There can be little doubt that these are all philatelic.



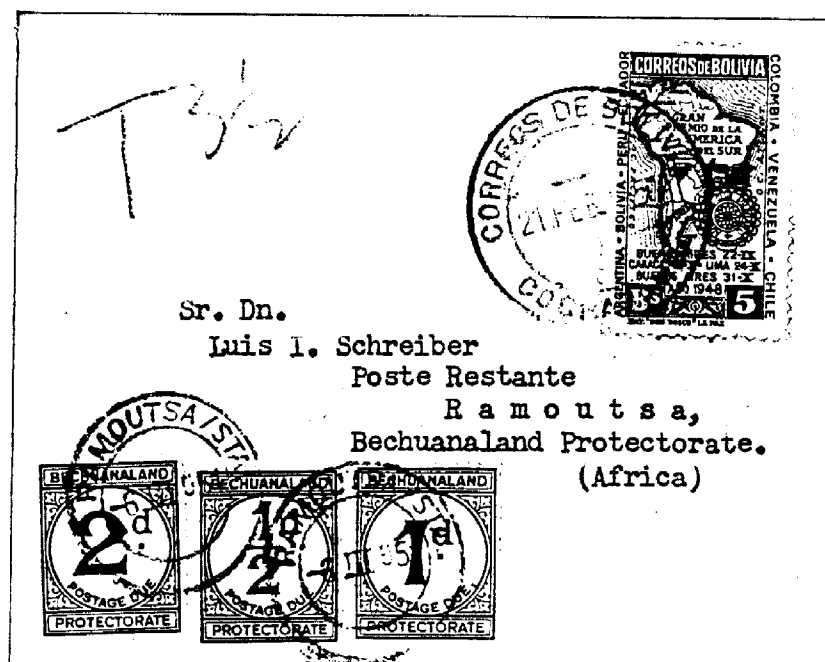
Cover No.1



Cover No.2



Cover No.3



Cover No.4

STEPHEN G. RICH
170 CLAREMONT AVE.
VERONA,
NEW JERSEY

July 3 1938

The Director of Posts and Telegraphs for
Bechuanaland Protectorate
Post Office
Mafeking, C.G.H.
South Africa

My dear Sir:

I have no right to ask you what I do but postal officials have been so uniformly courteous in complying with my requests in all countries that I feel sure you will be able to do me the slight service which I ask.

Your office has a special cancelling mark, reading, in a circular metal handstamp " BECHUANALAND, H.O. MAFEKING."

I would much like it to be used for cancelling the enclosed envelope which I send you for information. I understand that the old stamps of Bechuanaland which I have used on it are still valid for postage. If they are no longer valid, will you please send it through anyway and let me pay whatever postage due may accrue, at this end.

The information for which I write is comparatively little. I am a collector of postal material of all sorts, and specially of envelopes bearing various postmarks. I am now amusing myself by trying to get a complete set of envelopes showing postmarks from every office in Bechuanaland Protectorate. The only list of offices which I have in that given in the Postal Guide of the Union of South Africa, 1933 edition.

Can I secure separately, a recent list of offices in Bechuanaland Protectorate? I shall be glad to pay for it. *for enclosure*

Can the information be had as to the date of establishment of some or all of these offices and of changes of name in the case of any that have been changed? If so, in what way can I obtain this? *no record*

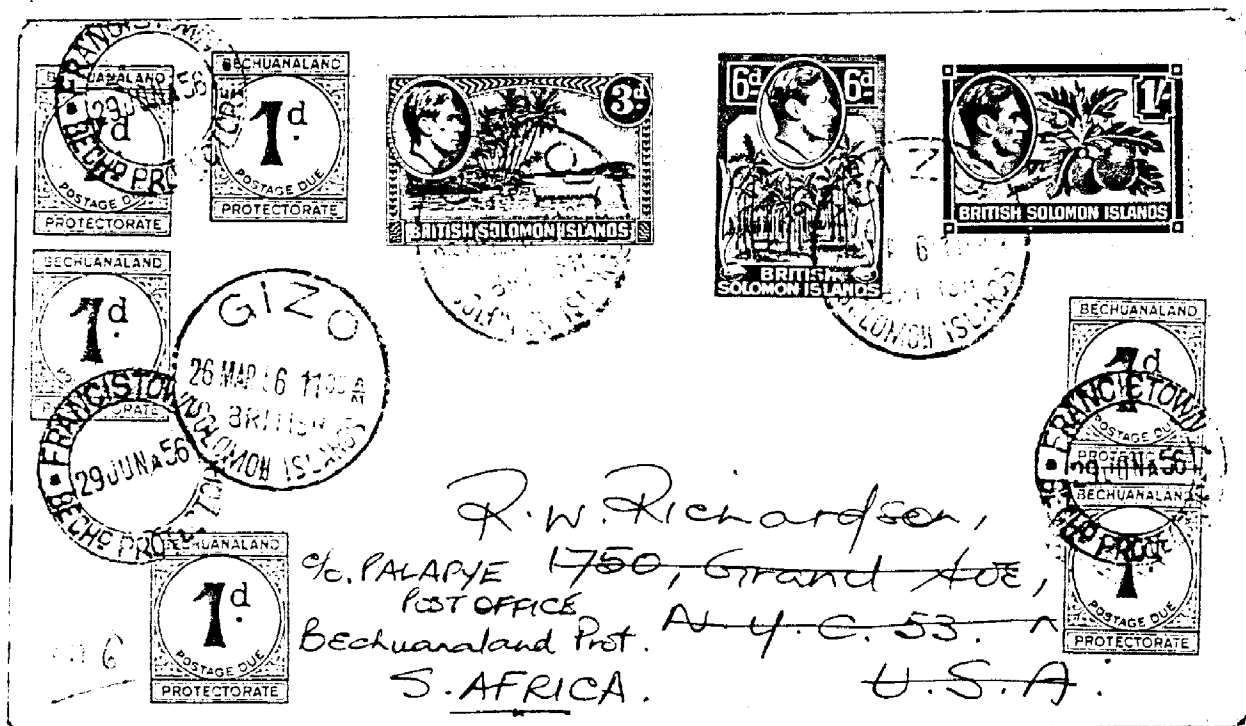
Finally, is there any Travelling Post Office operating along the railway thru Bechuanaland from the border at Mafeking to that near Francistown-- and how may I proceed to secure an envelope postmarked on it if such a travelling post office exists. *The T.P.O.*

Very truly yours,

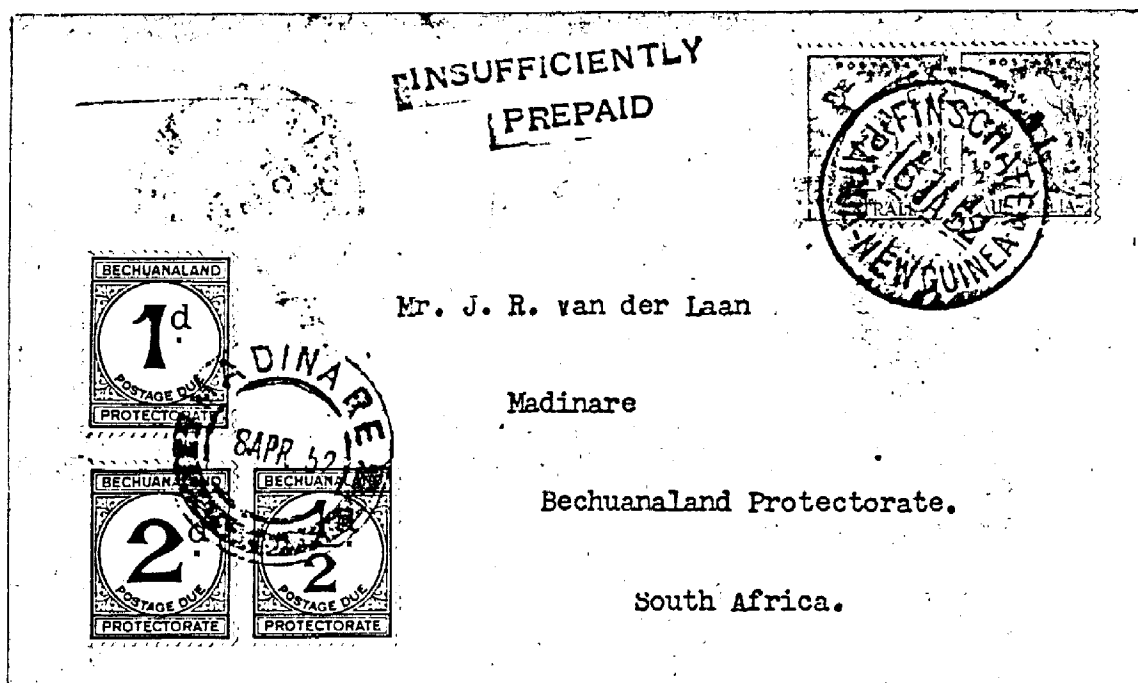
SG Rich

*Stamps on cover have been
submitted*

Letter in Cover No.3



Cover No.5



The above cover is not part of John's article but fits in rather well to his 'Incoming Covers' section. It is franked with a pair of Australian ½d adhesives cancelled with FINSCHAFEN/PAPUA-NEW GUINEA cds (16 Jan 1952) and has a two line INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID cachet. Like John's cover No. 4, this also bears 3½d in B.P. postage dues, but cancelled at MADINARE (8 Apr).

CHECKLIST OF BECHUANALAND POSTMARKS; THE LETTER 'T'

Howard Cook and Brian Trotter

This checklist covers all postal markings so far recorded for post offices and agencies in the Bechuanalands that begin with the letter 'T'. It continues with the same format as the previous checklists published in the Runner Post.

TATI



No. 1 Type 1 B 1

Circle diameter : 23mm
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 21, 1888
 Latest recorded date : Aug 21, 1888
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 7

1. Illustration from Harpers British Commonwealth Auction Catalogue of June 1986. Two examples of 'Tati 15/8/88' manuscript cancellations are noted by Holmes (page 94).
2. The Number recorded is the total number of examples known to exist rather than those recorded within the BBS Typology group.



No. 2 Type 1 A

Circle diameter : 23mm
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 21, 1889
 Latest recorded date : Dec 26, 1892
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 6

This is the same canceller as No. 1, but the word BECHUANALAND had been excised to avoid offending Lobengula. Illustration from Holmes (page 95). BONC number 679 was allocated to this office. None recorded so far



No. 3 Type 1 C 31

Circle diameter : 22mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 31, 1895
 Latest recorded date : Jun 11, 1897
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 15

Illustration from Holmes (p.95). 2 of these recorded strikes are on BSAC stamps.

TATITOWN



No. 1 Type 2 B 15

Circle diameters : 21mm & 30mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 12, 1963
 Latest recorded date : Jul 27, 1966
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 9

TAUNGS

No. 1 Type 1 B 2

Circle diameter : 22mm

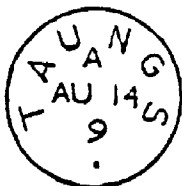
Earliest recorded date : Feb 12, 1888

Latest recorded date : Aug 2, 1899

Codes recorded : A, B, None

Number recorded so far : 24

BONC number 554 was used in 1885, BONC number 637 being used later (Holmes page 77). No BONC's yet recorded. Two strikes recorded after 1895 are on Cape stamps. Of the 24 recorded, 21 have code 'A', 2 have no code, and 1 has code 'B'.



No. 2 Type 1 D 51

Circle diameter : 22.5mm

Earliest recorded date :

Latest recorded date :

Codes recorded : A

Number recorded so far : 1

A second strike, date unrecorded, is reported seen with a code 'B'. No earliest or latest date is recorded as the only item recorded is the one illustrated with date AU 14/9. This marking could have been a telegraphic canceller.

TAUNGS STATION

No. 1 Type 1 D 53

Circle diameter : 23mm

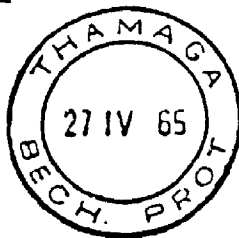
Earliest recorded date : Jul 14, 1892

Latest recorded date : Sep 9, 1904

Codes recorded : None

Number recorded so far : 8

BONC number 172 was allocated to this office. No BONC's yet recorded.

THAMAGA

No. 1 Type 2 B 22

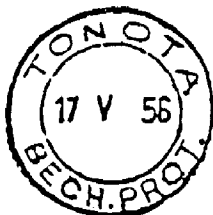
Circle diameters : 21.5mm & 30mm

Earliest recorded date : Jan 29, 1962

Latest recorded date : May 27, 1965

Codes recorded : None

Number recorded so far : 3

TONOTA

No. 1 Type 2 B 14

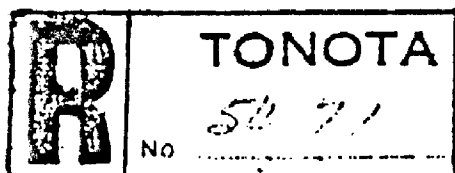
Circle diameters : 18mm & 27mm

Earliest recorded date : May 17, 1956

Latest recorded date : Feb 19, 1965

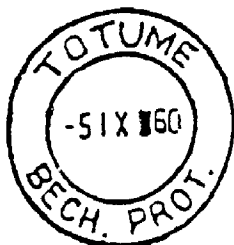
Codes recorded : A, B, C

Number recorded so far : 8

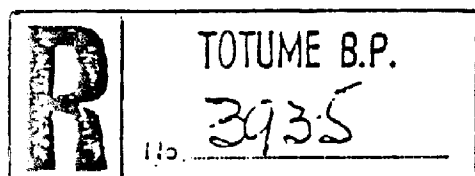


No. RG 1
Box dimensions : 21.5mm x 59mm
Earliest recorded date : May 14, 1958
Latest recorded date : May 14, 1958
Number recorded so far : 1

TOTUME



No. 1 Type 2 B 14
Circle diameters : 19mm & 30mm
Earliest recorded date : Sep 5, 1960
Latest recorded date : Feb 22, 1965
Codes recorded : A, Block, None
Number recorded so far : 5



No. RG 1
Box dimensions : 22mm x 62mm
Earliest recorded date : Sep 5, 1960
Latest recorded date : Sep 5, 1960
Number recorded so far : 1

TSABONG

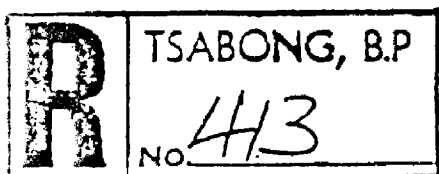


No. 1 Type 2 D 52
Circle diameters : 20mm & 30mm
Earliest recorded date : Jul 30, 1941
Latest recorded date : Jun 7, 1961
Codes recorded : Block, A
Number recorded so far : 9

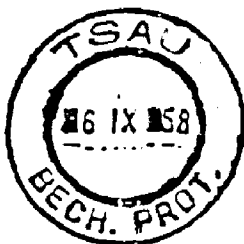
One item is recorded as 1962, but no day and month known, so it has not been used for latest recorded date. One recorded strike is in violet.



No. 2 Type 2 B 14
Circle diameters : 17.5mm & 26mm
Earliest recorded date : Oct 23, 1964
Latest recorded date : Mar 5, 1965
Codes recorded : Block
Number recorded so far : 4

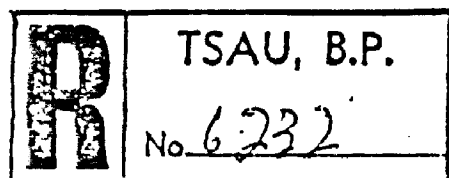


No. RG 1
Box dimensions : 21.5mm x 51.5mm
Earliest recorded date : Aug 8, 1957
Latest recorded date : Aug 8, 1957
Number recorded so far : 1

TSAU

No. 1 Type 2 B 14

Circle diameters : 20mm & 30.5mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 6, 1958
 Latest recorded date : Feb 3, 1960
 Codes recorded : Block
 Number recorded so far : 3



No. RG 1

Box dimensions : 22mm x 57.5mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 6, 1958
 Latest recorded date : Sep 6, 1958
 Number recorded so far : 1

TSESSEBE

No. 1 Type 2 C 35

Circle diameters : 19mm & 28.5mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 4, 1913
 Latest recorded date : Jun 22, 1914
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 3



No. 2 Type 1 A

Circle diameter : 25mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 8, 1920
 Latest recorded date : Jul 9, 1936
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 20

One recorded strike has month and day transposed



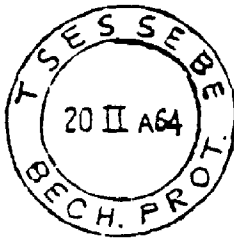
No. 3 Type 2 B 11 (?)

Circle diameters : 20mm & 28mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 16, 1936
 Latest recorded date : Sep 21, 1938
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 2

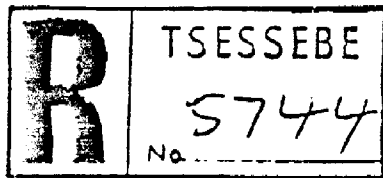


No. 4 Type 2 B 11

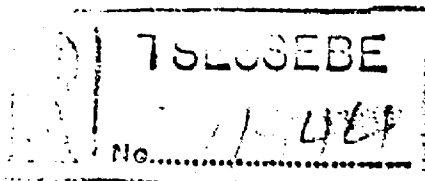
Circle diameters : 19mm & 30mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 1, 1936
 Latest recorded date : Aug 1, 1949
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 7



No. 5 Type 2 B 14
 Circle diameters : 21mm & 30mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 5, 1962
 Latest recorded date : Aug 12, 1965
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 6



No. RG 1
 Box dimensions : 22mm x 49mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 20, 1964
 Latest recorded date : Feb 20, 1964
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. RG 2
 Box dimensions : 23mm x 58(?)mm
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 2, 1943
 Latest recorded date : Apr 26, 1958
 Number recorded so far : 2

TSESSEBE STATION



No. 1 Type 2 A
 Circle diameters : 18mm & 26mm
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 2, 1943
 Latest recorded date : May 5, 1961
 Codes recorded : A, B, D, None
 Number recorded so far : 9

TSETSEBYE

No Bechuanaland postmarks recorded

TESHANE

No Bechuanaland postmarks recorded

TSIENYANE



No. 1 Type 2 A
 Circle diameters : 18mm & 26mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 23, 1944
 Latest recorded date : Mar 3, 1965
 Codes recorded : A, None
 Number recorded so far : 7

We have received help in recording these postmarks from Hamish Campbell, Jim Carterall, Mike George, John Inglefield-Watson, Roy Setterfield, Anne Southwood and Birgit Sten-Jensen.

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RULES OF THE BECHUANALANDS AND BOTSWANA SOCIETY (Rev 90)

1. The TITLE of the Society shall be 'THE BECHUANALANDS AND BOTSWANA SOCIETY'
2. The OBJECT of the Society shall be to encourage study of all aspects of the Philately and Postal History of these territories.
3. The Hon. Secretary may (at his/her discretion) admit to membership an applicant on payment of the Annual Subscription at any time in force and thereafter payable on 1st day of July each year. Any member more than six months in arrear will be deemed to have resigned.
4. The Annual Subscription shall be reviewed annually by the Committee, any increase in the Subscription to be notified to all Members and to be endorsed at the next Annual General Meeting of the Society before being implemented.
5. A General Meeting of the Society shall be held annually at the Autumn meeting of the Society. It will normally be held in October on a date to be determined by the Committee. The Annual General Meeting shall:
 - (a) Receive the Reports of the Officers for the preceding year;
 - (b) Review and approve as necessary the Statement of Accounts presented by the Hon. Treasurer and shall appoint an Hon. Auditor for the ensuing year.
 - (c) In alternate years, commencing in October 1990, elect the Officers of the Society and other Committee Members to serve for the ensuing two year period.
 - (d) Determine the rate of the Annual Subscription for the ensuing year.
 - (e) Consider any other business resolutions or matters arising, subject to Rule 15.
6. The Officers of the Society, who shall be Honorary, will comprise:
Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Auctioneer
and any others it is deemed necessary to appoint from time to time.

These Officers shall constitute the Committee of the Society and shall be empowered to co-opt other Members to the Committee as necessary. They shall be elected biennially at a General Meeting of the Society, where any postal votes previously received from Members unable to attend in person shall be deemed valid.
The Chairman shall serve only for a maximum period of two consecutive two-year terms before standing down for at least one term of office.
7. The Chairman shall conduct the Meetings, but in his/her absence the Committee shall elect one of its number to take the Chair. The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote where this is necessary.
8. The Hon. Secretary shall conduct the Correspondence of the Society, keep a Register of Members and maintain a Minute Book. The latter shall be available for reference at General Meetings.

9. The Hon. Treasurer shall have charge of the Funds of the Society, and maintain a Bank Account in the name of the Society, depositing therein Annual Subscriptions and other income, and paying thereout all sums validly due. He/she shall present to the Annual General Meeting of the Society a Statement of the Society's Accounts, duly audited, for the twelve-month period ended on the preceding 30th June.
10. An Honorary Auditor shall be appointed.
11. An Auctioneer shall, under the direction of the Committee, organise and control Auctions or Exchange Packets, whether postal or otherwise, on behalf of the Society. The Society shall have power to make and vary Rules necessary for these purposes which will then be deemed to be a part of Society's Rules.
12. The Editor will be responsible for production of the Society Newsletter entitled 'THE RUNNER POST', and such other publications as the Society may decide to issue from time to time.
13. A Librarian or other appointed Officer or Member shall retain for reference purposes at least one copy of every publication of the Society, together with similar material acquired by the Society in connection with its objects.
14. That if in the considered view of the Committee it shall be in the best interests of the Society that a Member should be removed from Membership, then his/her Membership be terminated forthwith.
15. That all Resolutions should be notified to the Hon. Secretary in sufficient time for their inclusion in the Agenda of an Annual General Meeting, and that any other items should be notified to the Chairman before the start of the meeting: the Chairman to rule whether the item is of sufficient urgency to be included on the Agenda.
16. The Committee shall be the sole authority for interpretations of these Rules and shall decide on all relevant matters affecting the Society not provided for within them.