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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Included with this issue you will find a copy of our latest, 195 lot, postal auction. Your Editor has viewed the lots and spotted many potential bargains, but he's not going to tell you any more! Happy hunting.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome a new member - Philip Malcolm of Principality Auctions, UK.

MEMBERS' CLASSIFIEDS

See our new Classified Adverts section inside the back cover!

OBITUARY: PHILIP CATTELL - 5 JANUARY 1992

It is with great regret that I report that one of our most knowledgeable and friendly Southern Africa specialists - Philip Cattell - has closed his albums and so left a gap that will be hard to fill.

Philip's introduction to Southern Africa came in the early stages of World War 2, when he embarked, as a member of the Royal Army Pay Corps, for the Far East. Whilst his ship was in South African waters, Japan entered the War, and Philip spent the duration at Durban, occasionally moving up country to Basutoland.

In later years he built up many reference collections and a considerable knowledge of Southern Africa philately, specialising in Basutoland and the Union in particular. He researched the Cape mail route between the UK and South Africa and produced a definitive work 'The Union Castle Ocean Post Office', published as a Proud-Bailey handbook, in the early 1980's. His philatelic activities were many. At local level, he was the longest serving Secretary of the Weston-s-Mare PS. At Federation level, he served as Competitions Secretary of the Somerset and Dorset PF from 1975 until his untimely passing; he was also the Competition Secretary for the bi-annual South West Inter-Federation Philatelic Exhibition (SWIPEX). Additionally, he acted as Federation representative at many BPF-related meetings. As an active member of the South African Collectors' Society (SACS), Philip was

the Exchange Superintendent for longer than I can remember. He initiated and organised the Weston-s-Mare country meetings, in April of each year, and these came to be the most popular of all SACS meetings.

Philip was present at both the UK and South African BBS Inaugural meetings held in London on 16 October 1985 and Johannesburg on 9th October 1986, and was very much a regular attendee at subsequent meetings. He was appointed Hon Auditor in 1990, a function which he held in other (non-philatelic) organisations.

A busy person who always found time for other tasks, Philip was involved in various cricket, gardening and bowls organisations, being on the committee of the Weston Cricket Festival.

Philip became seriously ill in the Autumn of 1991, and underwent major surgery, but to no avail. He knew that his time was limited and so ensured that, as he put it "his affairs were in order". He died quietly and peacefully on 5 January 1992. It says much of his personality that it was standing room only at his funeral, with every organisation with which he was involved well represented. Philatelists, in particular, came from Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Wiltshire, Somerset and Avon.

The loss of Philip to his family, to the philatelists of the Southern Africa area, and to all his many friends, will be great, but his memory and his work will stand as his memorial.

Richard Stroud.

Roy Setterfield adds: Philip Cattell was the first person I consulted about the possible formation of a Bechuanaland Study group: whilst not over-enthusiastic, since he did not really envisage it as a going concern, he was always ready to give his advice, which was always helpful and wise. Founder-member and Auditor, he was an ever-present at meetings, and we shall miss his cheery presence and rather cherubic countenance in future.

RRS

OBITUARY: KENNETH BAKER - 21 JULY 1991

It was with great sadness that I learned of the death of Kenneth Baker on July 21st last, just 2 days before his 85th birthday.

I first met Ken when he lived at Wilderness on the Eastern Cape Coast and later on after he moved inland to Bedford my wife and I had the pleasure of staying with him and his charming wife Beth.

Ken was interested in all things philatelic and had built up various collections including one of Mauritius where he had worked before retirement. However for some years he had devoted himself to postal history research, mainly of the Cape. This resulted in a constant flow of articles especially latterly to the 'Post Office Stone', the journal of the Postmark and Postal History Society of Southern Africa. His interest in the Bechuanalands resulted in a paper entitled 'The Early Postal History of the Griqualands and the Bechuanalands' which was published in 1983 as a separate supplement to the P.O. Stone.

In 1981 Ken was distinguished by being the first person to be awarded one of the highest honours in South African philately, the Manfred Weinstein Memorial Medal for research. Ken was justly proud of this well-earned recognition of his contributions to philately. Ken was a very dedicated and assiduous worker and every morning after a short walk with his dog would settle down to his research until lunchtime and almost nothing was allowed to disrupt this routine.

Amongst his other accomplishments Ken was a versatile musician, talented enough to have played with Billy Cotton's band in his younger days.

We shall miss him very much and our sympathy must go to Beth and his family at this time.

Jim Catterall

MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND QUERIES

We have received some interesting letters arising from Frederick Lawrence's postal rate query (RP 24, p444) concerning Alan Drysdall's 'Stellaland Revisited' article (RP 23, p423).

From Frederick Lawrence:

"The information you presented from Robert Goldblatt and Dr Alan Drysdall suggests that the rate was, in fact, 4d per ½-ounce, rather than 6d, as stated in Goldblatt's *Postmarks*." Referring to Alan Drysdall's comment:

"The first point to make is that the UK rate to Bechuanaland as exemplified by the cover described and illustrated by Frederick Lawrence - if indeed it was 4d per half ounce - is irrelevant. There are many examples in Southern Africa of non-reciprocal rates." Frederick feels this comment is a bit harsh and says: "Of course, the UK rate to Bechuanaland is only irrelevant if it was non-reciprocal; if it was a reciprocal rate, then the UK-to-Mafeking due cover which I illustrated (description courtesy of Argyll Etkin) itself illustrates that reciprocal rate of 4d per ½-ounce. By his own statement, Dr Drysdall does not know if the UK rate to Bechuanaland in 1885 was 4d per ½-ounce, or was some other rate. Therefore, he cannot conclude if the rates in question were reciprocal, or not. Clearly, we can establish the Cape letter rate to the UK in 1885 in either one of two ways: (1) directly, by reference to published sources (if they are correct) or by observation of the evidence given by surviving covers, or (2) in-directly, by establishing the UK rate to Bechuanaland its reciprocity with the Bechuanaland (Cape) rate to the UK. While the latter approach may prove to be the more difficult, it should not be criticized as irrelevant.

And from Richard Knight:

"Like Alan Drysdall I can claim no expertise whatsoever regarding the postal history of the Cape Colony, nor have I the benefit of interpreting covers from the Transvaal (or even the O.F.S.!) but I was intrigued by the point raised by Frederick Lawrence regarding the 4d/6d rate from the Cape to the United Kingdom in 1885 (RP 24, p444). I have consulted my file of photocopies of miscellaneous Cape postal history information and offer the following 'Aunt Sally' for those more expert than I.

To dispose of one point first, I agree with Alan that the rate from the U.K. to the Cape is irrelevant in trying to determine the rate in the reverse direction.

As far as concerns the rates from the Cape to the U.K., a good starting point for 1885 is The Post Office Act, 1882, Act No 4 of 1882 of the Cape Parliament. This Act consolidated and amended the laws relating to the Post Office and repealed sixteen Acts or ordinances dealing with the Post Office, ranging from Ordinance No 1 of 1846 to Act 25 of 1879; it therefore represents a point at which legislation was tidied-up and one can start afresh without having to wade through all previous legislation. Schedule 2 of the 1882 Act sets out the rates for letters (I have omitted the newspaper rates) as follows: [see top of following page]

Prior to 1885 the 1882 Act was amended by Act 6 of 1883 (The Savings Bank Act) & Act 4 of 1885 (The Postal Drafts Act), neither of which affected postage rates in any way. It was further amended in 1886 by Act 3 of 1886, which amended the inland postage rates only. It was still further amended in 1887 and 1889 but neither of these amendments affected postage rates and it was not until 1892 that postage rates were again amended by the reduction of the letter rate for overseas mail to 2½d per half-ounce. It is clear, therefore, that overseas postage rates were not amended by the Colonial Parliament during the period between 1882 and 1892. (Would that our modern postage rates remained so stable!).

SECOND SCHEDULE.

LETTERS.		
INLAND:	Posted for delivery within the same town or village in the Colony.	One Penny.
	Posted for delivery through another Post Office in the Colony.	Two Pence.
SHIP:	To be forwarded by private ship, vessel of war, or other ship (not being a mail packet), direct to any foreign country or British Possession with which a convention for the exchange of such mail matter has not been concluded	
	(a) If posted at the port of the mail's embarkation;	Four Pence.
	(b) If posted in any other part of the Colony.	Six Pence.
SHIPERS AND CONSIGNEES:	For owners, charterers, or consignees of vessels arriving in any part of the Colony by such vessel	
	(a) If delivered at the port of arrival.	One Penny.
	(b) If transmitted to any other part of the Colony.	Two Pence.

For every half-ounce or fraction of half an ounce.

What must be borne in mind, however, is that letters posted at the port of embarkation were required to pay 4d while those posted elsewhere paid 6d. Whether that helps in the present enquiry I am not not sure.

Under Section 29 of the 1882 Act, the Governor was empowered to enter into Postal Conventions with other countries and to determine the amount of postage upon letters etc. between the Cape and the other countries. In pursuance of this, there were Conventions concluded, before 1892, with the Orange Free State (1883, 1884, 1886 and two later years), Natal (1884 and 1886), the South African Republic (1885 and 1889) and Bechuanaland (1885, 1886 and 1889).

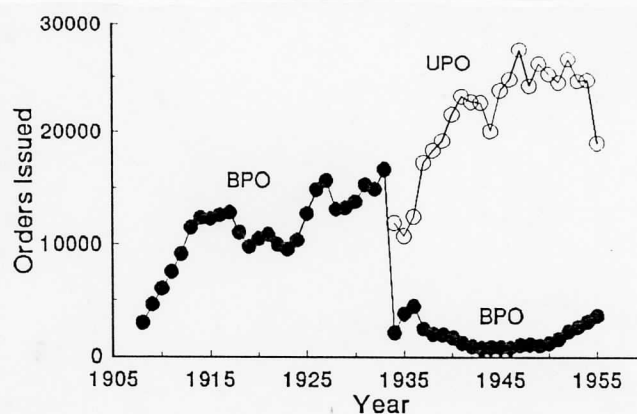
It will be noticed that the Schedule set out above refers to mails other than those carried by 'mail packet'. As I understand it, the 'mail packet' rate was negotiated between the Government and the steamship company(ies). There was a reduction in the 'Ocean Rate' (i.e. the mail packet rate between the Cape and the United Kingdom) from 6d to 4d per half-ounce which took effect in October 1888 (Proclamation 176 of 1888). This is mentioned in the Postmaster-General's Annual Report for 1890 in dealing with the negotiations regarding the reduction of the rate to 2½d. Indeed, the story of postage rates to oversea is set out at some length in that document.

The foregoing is supported, to an extent, by 'The Handbook to South Africa' for, 1884 which sets out the rate to the United Kingdom as being 6d per half ounce.

It seems probable, therefore, that the reduction to 4d, set out in 'Postmarks of the Cape of Good Hope', is the result of a *lapsus calami* by the learned author. That said, I shall sit back and wait to be torpedoed by a well-aimed missile; I have a nasty feeling that I have missed something somewhere!"

R.C. Knight

MEMBERS'
COMMENTS
AND
QUERIES
(CONT.)



POSTAL ORDERS IN BECHUANALAND & BOTSWANA - HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

The Cape of Good Hope issued postal orders (notes) from 1883 but it is not known if these were in use in the Protectorate (or the Crown Colony). We know that British postal orders were introduced in the Protectorate in 1907 and that Union of South Africa postal orders were issued from 1933. It is certain many of these were surcharged, but we don't know whether they were overprinted 'Bechuanaland Protectorate'. We also know that Bechuanaland postal orders were issued from about 1961 as overprinted British postal orders, but we do not know when, and if, Union or Republic orders ceased to be used in the Protectorate. In fact, were Republic of South Africa postal orders ever issued in the Protectorate?

Botswana started issuing its own postal orders with the currency reform in 1976, but there are indications that Republic of South Africa orders may have been issued in Botswana during the early '70s. We can estimate that during the 1930's-1960's there may have been up to 50 different types of orders in use in the Protectorate, but we can only guess many denominations and surcharge values. We even know that during the period 1911-55, a total of 792,521 orders were issued, but we fear that none of these may have survived. Two orders are known from the early '60s, but none from the '70s and late '80s.

Obviously we need help from anybody with information. In particular, we would like to get in contact with somebody with knowledge about South African postal orders. Please contact Peter Thy, Private Bag 0022, Gaborone, Botswana.

BRADBURY WILKINSON 5/- 'SEAHORSES' (SG 89-90) - SHADES

The S.G. Catalogue Editor is reviewing and modernising the Bechuanaland listing in the Part 1 catalogue. One particular aspect requiring our assistance concerns the shades of the 5/- 'Seahorses' printed by Bradbury Wilkinson. At present these are described as SG 89 - Rose-Red and SG 90 - Deep Carmine. However, the existence of the latter is being questioned and it is being suggested that it should be deleted from the catalogue. At the same time '(shades)' should be added to the description of SG 89.

I have some sympathy with these suggestions because, using the SG Colour Key which is the basis for all new colour descriptions, my own 19 examples of SG 89-90 only range from Rose-Red through an intermediate Bright Rose-Red or Rosine to Deep Rose-Red with the exception of one tentative Carmine-Vermilion and I certainly have nothing resembling Deep Carmine nor the Bright Carmine description used by Holmes for SG 90.

If any member has an example of SG 90 in the Deep Carmine or any other predominantly Carmine shade shown in the SG Colour Key, I would be grateful if they would allow me to see it so that I can coordinate our response and would also let me know whether, if requested at a later stage, they would be willing to send it to the Catalogue Editor for inspection. The eventual outcome will be linked to a review of the shades of the equivalent G.B. stamps.

J.F.I-W.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND QUERIES (CONT.)

We have received the following request from the Botswana National Museum and Art Gallery:

"FORT MOTLOUTSE MONUMENT, Fort Motloutse in eastern Botswana was an important site during the occupation of Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) in 1890 by the British South Africa Company, being the last post in British Bechuanaland (now Botswana). The settlement however rapidly fell into disuse following the establishment of more direct routes. In spite of the intrinsic interest of the site no research has been done on it. Now however, Mrs I Somerset is endeavouring to find out more about the monument, and in this she receives the full support of the National Museum & Art Gallery of Botswana. This letter serves as introduction to Mrs Somerset, and we ask that you provide her with whatever assistance you can.

(signed) N Walker for/DIRECTOR"

Members would greatly assist this project by providing copies of covers (and letters) posted at Macloutsie (e.g. from Captain William Henry Sitwell, from both Macloutsie and Tuli). Please post direct to: Mrs I Somerset, P O Box 559, Selebi-Phikwe, Botswana.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1961 DECIMAL DEFINITIVES - VARIETIES

In response to Peter Van Der Molen's query in RP 25, p466 regarding varieties of this issue:

a. 1c value. I have a positional example showing a break at the top left of the 'O' of 'GOLDEN' on row 1, stamp no.3. I do not know whether or not this is a constant variety.

b. 2½c value. I have a note of a conversation with the late Jim Haskins in January 1976 in which he told me that that this value was known imperf, used at Mahalapye. Can anyone confirm this?

c. 25c value. The present S.G. Catalogue Editor informed me last year that the imperf variety of this value, mentioned by Peter, was investigated by one of his predecessors in 1968 when several pairs were on offer. The yellow colour of the examples seen was deeper than the production run of issued stamps and the sheet margins were untrimmed. Investigations were undertaken in Botswana and no evidence was found that the variety had been issued there. It was the then Editor's belief that this was a colour trial or similar material which had come from the printing works in UK. On the available evidence the present Editor concurs with this opinion. My own examples confirm the observations about the margins and a slightly deeper yellow shade.

J.F.I-W.

COLOUR SHIFT ON 2½c

Still on 1961 Decimal varieties, Howard Cook provided this illustration of another shift (with normal) and writes:

"following Peter Van Der Molen's 5c Bee-eater colour shift, I have a minor scarlet shift (.75mm upwards and slightly to the left) on the 2½c Sunbird. It gives the impression that it is a Scarlet-chested-White-breasted Sunbird - new to Science!



POSTAGE DUES WORKSHOP

A Report by Mike George

This report is based on the Workshop Session held on 5th October 1991 after the Society AGM. The session was led by the Chairman, who provided a comprehensive range of mint stamps from his collection as a basis for discussion. Other members added their own material to the display as appropriate to the discussion.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE

1926 (Jan) ISSUE

A number of fundamental questions concerning this issue remain to be resolved. We know that the basic GB stamps were printed by Harrison (1d) or Waterlow (½d, 2d) but WE DO NOT KNOW WHO UNDERTOOK THE OVERPRINTING. We know that there were two printings of the 1d value (control numbers B24 & C25) but only one printing of the ½d (control B24) and the 2d (control C25). What is not known are THE QUANTITIES PRINTED AND THE SHEET SIZE OF THE SETTING.

Note was taken of the only known OVERPRINT VARIETY on this series, viz the 'Sloping P in PROTECTORATE' which occurs on the 1d value on the SW corner stamp of sheets with control B24 (see illustration in RP 12).

Answers to some of these questions, and to others posed elsewhere in this report may lie undiscovered in the Crown Agents archives which, we have just learned, are housed with the national philatelic collections in The British Library.

1932-58 ISSUE

Printed, in 10 rows of 6, by De La Rue.

Holmes gives details of the printings and quantities up to 1947 inclusive and for the 1958 issue but it is NOT KNOWN whether there were any further printings of the 1d & 2d values on thinner, ordinary paper (see below) between 1948 & 1958.

Four different papers were used for this series: these can be distinguished with care:

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|------|------------------------------|--|
| 1932 | Ordinary paper | shades of all values exist |
| 1944 | Thick, coarse paper | shades of all values exist |
| 1947 | Thinner, smoother paper | |
| 1958 | Chalky paper (1d & 2d only). | This paper fluoresces under the UV lamp. |

There is a VARIETY 'Thick d' on the 2d value of the 1947 and 1958 printings (Rows 9 & 10, No 6) which has now achieved catalogue status in SG Part 1 (1992) as D6a and D6ba respectively.

NOTE: 'SPECIMEN' perforations of this set have been cleverly forged: the forgeries seen are if anything cleaner cut than the genuine ones and extreme care should be exercised when purchasing.

1961 DECIMAL SURCHARGES

This series is well documented in Holmes and particularly well in the Shelley Catalogue of 1962, which is recommended. There is one outstanding VARIETY, the double overprint of the 1c on 1d Type II (SG D7ab) of which only one sheet of 60 existed: we were fortunate to see two copies of this rarity at our Workshop! The 'thick d' variety exists on the basic 2d stamps (1947 and 1958 printings) of the 2c on 2d value and is now catalogued variously as SG D8a, D8ba and D8ca.

1961 DECIMAL CURRENCY ISSUE

Printed in sheets of 50 (10 rows of 5) by De La Rue.

Details of this issue are generally lacking. WE DO NOT KNOW QUANTITIES PRINTED OR THE NUMBER OF PRINTINGS if more than one. We think that there were at least two printings of the 1c value, as examination under the UV lamp shows one type with uniform fluorescence and a second type where the frame fluoresces in a different colour from the value in the centre. This appears to indicate a two-stage printing process, using a common frame plat for all values. A 'Thick C' variety on the 1c (Row 2 No 5) and 5c (position unknown) values was displayed.

BOTSWANA

1967 REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA OVERPRINTS

As with the basic set (see above) DETAILS OF QUANTITIES & PRINTINGS ARE UNKNOWN. The difference in fluorescence on the basic stamp also occurs here, as does the 'Thick C' variety on the basic stamps.

There is a constant flaw on Row 9 No 1 of the 2c value, where the 'R' of 'REPUBLIC' is damaged in the stem. This variety, previously only known from a dealer's list from Sarawak (!), was found by the Chairman, in a positional corner block, the day prior to the Workshop meeting. Imagine Dennis Firth's surprise to find that the cover (!) which he had produced with such insouciance from a back pocket, showing a vertical strip of three 2c values, also contained this variety.

1971 'ELEPHANT' SET

Printed in sheets of 50 (10 rows of 5) by Bradbury Wilkinson.

Again, WE DO NOT KNOW THE QUANTITIES PRINTED OR THE NUMBER OF PRINTINGS.

1977 'ZEBRA' SET

Printed in sheets of 50 (5 rows of 10) by RSA Government Printer, Pretoria or (1989) by National Printing & Packaging, Harare.

This set exists with three different perforations:

12½ 14 14½

and has had several printings. All printings of the perf 12½ and perf 14 stamps were made by the Government Printer, Pretoria, while the Harare printings are perforated 14½.

Perf 12½: There were two printings, in 1977 (18 April) - except for the 1t value, printed on an unknown date in 1978 - and in 1980 (precise date again unknown).

Perf 14: There were up to three printings of some values, all on whiter paper than the perf 12½ printings:

mid 1981	1t, 2t and 4t (not recorded by SG)
Jan 1984	all values
1 Apr 1987	1t, 2t and 4t

These are best checked under the UV lamp: the 1981 and 1984 printings fluoresce brightly, the 1987 printing less brightly and with a distinctive 'mottled' effect. There are also differences in the reaction of the reverse of the stamps.

The 1 thebe value, originally black and vermillion in the 1978 printing, shows a colour change to black and bright orange (SG D20a) in the 1980 printing, reverting to black and vermillion in the 1981 & 1984 printings. The 1987 printing, which

is best described as black and red-orange, has not been accepted for separate catalogue listing but is arguably distinctive enough to warrant this distinction. With its different UV qualities it is worth looking out for.

All sheets in this series to 1987 show fancy decorated side borders, with no imprint.

Perf 14½: Distinguishable from all Pretoria printings by:

Plain sheet borders

Less 'sharp' image

Larger format - wide margin between outer frame line & perforations

Imprint - National Printing and Packaging, Harare, Zimbabwe in single line at base

The slightly 'woolly' quality of the printing results from the use not of the original art-work but of a sheet of issued Pretoria stamps as the basis of the photo-litho process. Considering this, the result is almost passable! The release date of this printing was 1st April 1989.

DETAILS OF QUANTITIES PRINTED ARE NOT KNOWN but we believe that Andy Andersson is working on this subject and we await his comments.

For reference, the SG catalogue numbers for the 'Zebra' series are:

1977/80 (perf 12½)	D20 - D24
1982/87 (perf 14)	D20a - D24a
1989 (perf 14½)	D25 - D29

COVERS

Finally a word or two about Postage Due Covers. The Workshop looked principally at mint stamps, for clarity (and better availability!) but inevitably there was some reference to used examples & to covers - Dennis's back pocket saw to that!

There is no doubt that Postage Due covers are scarce to rare, depending on series. Reference was made to David Wessely's recent article in *The Runner Post*. Little is presently known about OUTGOING underfranked mail: has anyone seen any handstamped 'TO PAY' marks applied in the Bechuanaland? Apart from South Africa type marks probably applied in H.O. Mafeking, only manuscript markings seem to have been used. Was the displayed boxed 'T.....centimes' (51mm x 10mm) mark on 1967 cover applied in Botswana or, as was suggested at the Workshop, at Cape Town on the outward journey? What instructions if any were given to local postal clerks about manuscript markings to be applied to outgoing underfranked mail?

There is a huge field of enquiry here simply waiting for someone to research it. Readers are asked to look CAREFULLY through their collections for anything which might shed light on these questions. If you have any material of interest PLEASE LET US (CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARY) KNOW.

FUTURE WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Although attendance at the workshop was not encouraging, it was agreed by those who were present that a great deal of useful information was shared and some interesting new facts came to light. Everyone present enjoyed the opportunity to participate, irrespective of their prior knowledge of the topic or the amount of material they were personally able to contribute to the display. We hope to repeat this format at future meetings. It would probably be preferable to take a narrower field of enquiry, restricting the topic to a single issue, stamp or other subject, but we are open to suggestions. What is clearly needed is someone to initiate discussion by posing a question and providing a basic 'display' to which everyone can add their own contributions or comments. Offers on a postcard please (preferably with postage Dues attached!) to the Hon Secretary.

SELECTED POSTAL RATES OF BOTSWANA

Compiled by Peter Thy (November 1991)

1. Introduction

The following tables summarize the development in the postal rates of Botswana as recorded in published governmental documents.

The postal services of Botswana during 1966-1991 have been controlled by the Post Office Proclamation of 1961 and subsequently the Post Office Act of 1980, as reflected in the various editions of the Law of Botswana (Cap. 72:01). Changes are in recent years issued in the form of Post Office Regulations of which the Postal and Franking Regulations control the classes of mail and franking privileges and the Postage and Miscellaneous Charges Regulations control the postal tariffs. The latter were issued in 1971, 1978, 1980, 1982, and 1986 and form the main sources for the present compilation. An additional source of information has been the summaries of postal rates published annually in the telephone directories until 1980.

The transition in the postal services at independence on 30th September 1966 was gradual. Therefore, proclamations and legal notices issued by the Protectorate administration were still in effect in the Republic for a short period. The first postal regulation issued by the Republic appears to have been legal Notice No. 107 of 1966 which regulates the letter rate within Botswana from 3rd January 1967. The next major event in the postal history of Botswana was the change to the metric system in 1971 and followed by the currency reform on 23rd August 1976. In 1974 the African Postal Union and the British Commonwealth disappeared as geographical groupings in the rate system. The African Postal Union was replaced by what here is referred to as Southern Africa. In 1980 the Botswana Posts and Telecommunications Department was reorganized into a governmental Department of Postal Services and the parastatal Telecommunications Corporation. In 1990, the Post Office followed the telecommunications and became an autonomous, commercial organization.

The compilation has been restricted to mail typical of interest to Postal History collectors. Therefore, mail exceeding 100 grams has not been included and some types of mail such as parcels, samples, and small parcels are not covered. Small parcels were introduced in 1975 and samples appeared up to 1975. The ill defined class of commercial papers ceased officially to be in use in 1965, but still appears in the telephone directory listings until 1967. Literature for the blind has had free franking privileges throughout the period covered, but other franking privileges are not covered. A bulk mailing discount of 5% has been in effect at least since 1963 (more than 100 pieces). An express mail service, or Expedited Mail Service (EMS), to domestic and international destinations from Gaborone, Lobatse, Jwaneng, Selebi-Phikwe, Francistown, and Maun has been in effect since 1st October 1990. A letter to Johannesburg currently costs a minimum of P20, to London P30, New York P35, and Australia P48 (up to 500g). The domestic rate is P12.

The dates given are the legal commencements of the particular documents or, if this is unknown, the publication dates. The official dates and rates may differ due to the administrative enforcement of the regulations. A potential example is reflected in the annual stamp pamphlets issued by the Postal Services, which states that the 10t aerogramme is for Africa, 20t for Europe, and 35t for the rest of the world. Table 3 will show that this is not correct. In a similar way, a summary of the postal rates, printed inside covers to booklets of the 1986 definitive stamps, states that the surface letter rate to Africa is 12t, that the surface rate for postcards within Botswana are 8t, and that the airmail letter rate to all parts of Africa is 15t. All these statements are incorrect

according to the present compilation. The compiler believes, until otherwise proven, that these examples are errors, but the possibility remains that they may reflect a common administrative practice in the Postal Services. Another problem appears in the 1986 rates for printed matters, which e.g. gives the 20g rate as 10t, higher than the corresponding letter rate of 8t. An additional note of caution is that printing errors and other mistakes in the printed regulations appear to be common. Where these either can be independently checked or otherwise are obvious, they have been corrected.

Finally, and more interesting, the above mentioned booklets give the rate for open or window envelopes, invoices, receipts etc as 7t. This latter is not the printed paper rate (10t), but the description appears similar to the commercial mail type that legally ceased to be in use in 1965. A commercial letter rate, therefore, may still be in effect despite the fact that legally it has no foundation. Furthermore, this rate is not listed in the current tariffs as issued by the Postal Services or in telephone directory listings, the latter since 1967.

Potentially, the modern postal history of Botswana offers very interesting collecting specialities. There is the possibility that the practice at the Post Office differs from the official tariffs, both in terms of geographic areas, and also in the rates. The general lack of matching between aerogramme denominations and the rate system would be another interesting subject. The usage of these aerogrammes could form the core of a specialized collection. Further, some types of mail must be extremely rare. An example is the 10t printed paper rate within Botswana.

2. Surface mail

2.1. Letters

I.	African Postal Union (APU) ^A			Commonwealth excl. APU			Other countries		
	1st-oz	Add/oz		1st-oz	Add/oz		1st-oz	Add/oz	
17. Dec. 1965	2.5 c	1c		3.5 c	2 c		5 c	3 c	
3. Jan. 1967	3	1		4	2		5	3	
II.	African Postal Union (APU) ^A			Commonwealth excl. APU			Other countries		
	0-30g	31-60g	61-100g	0-30g	31-60g	61-100g	0-30g	31-60g	61-100g
1. May 1971	3 c	5 c	7 c	4 c	7 c	10 c	7 c	12 c	20 c
III.	Botswana ^B			Southern ^A Africa			Other countries		
	0-20g	21-50g	51-100g	0-20g	21-50g	51-100g	0-20g	21-50g	51-100g
1. May 1975	4 c	6 c	8 c	4 c	6 c	8 c	10 c	15 c	25 c
5. Nov. 1978	5 t	8 t	10 t	5 t	8 t	10 t	15 t	25 t	30 t
1. Dec. 1980	6	9	12	7	10	13	20	-[1]	40
1. Apr. 1982	7	11	14	8	12	20	25	-	45
1. Apr. 1986	8	12	15	12	15	35	25	-	55

[1] The meaning of the bar for the 21-50g rate to other countries is not clear.

2.2. Postcards

I.-II.	African Postal Union (APU) ^A	Commonwealth excl. APU	Other countries
17. Dec. 1965	2 c	2.5 c	3 c
3. Jan. 1967	2	3	3
1. May 1971	2	3	4
III.	Botswana ^B	Southern ^A Africa	Other countries
1. May 1975	3 c	3 c	6 c
5. Nov. 1978	4 t	4 t	10 t
1. Dec. 1980	5	5	12
1. Apr. 1982	5	6	15
1. Apr. 1986	7	15	20

2.3. Printed Papers

I.	African Postal Union (APU) ^A	Commonwealth excl. APU	Other countries
	1st-2oz Add/4oz	1st-2oz Add/2oz	1st-2oz Add/2oz
17. Dec. 1965	1 c 1c	2 c 1 c	2.5 c 1 c
3. Jan. 1967	1 1	2 1	2 1
II.	African Postal Union (APU) ^A	Commonwealth excl. APU	Other countries
	0-30g 31-100g	0-30g 31-100g	0-30g 31-100g
1. May 1971	2 c 3 c	3 c 4 c	4 c 5 c
III.	Botswana ^B	Southern ^A Africa	Other countries
	0-20g 21-50g 51-100g	0-20g 21-50g 51-100g	0-20g 21-50g 51-100g
1. May 1975	3 c 4 c 8 c	3 c 4 c 8 c	7 c 10 c 15 c
5. Nov. 1978	4 t 6 t 8 t	4 t 6 t 8 t	8 t 12 t 17 t
1. Dec. 1980	5 8 10	5 8 10	10 -[1] 20
1. Apr. 1982	6 9 12	6 9 12	12 - 25
1. Apr. 1986	10 12 15	12 15 25	15 - 35

[1] The meaning of the bar for the 21-50g rate to other countries is not clear.

2.4. Newspapers

I. To 1 lb	African Postal Union (APU) ^A	Commonwealth excl. APU	Other countries	
	Pr. 8oz	Pr. 2oz	1st-2oz	Add/2oz
17. Dec. 1965	1 c	2 c	2 c	1 c [1]
II. To 100 g	African Postal Union (APU) ^A	Commonwealth excl. APU	Other countries	
1. May 1971	2 c	5 c	7 c	
1. May 1975	This class of mail no longer in used [2]			

[1] The additional 1 c per oz rate to other countries ceases to be listed in the telephone directory listings from 1968.

[2] Newspapers are mailed as printed papers. However, note that the telephone directory listings include newspapers until 1980 for the rates 2 c, 7 c, 7 c, respectively.

2.5. Commercial mail

I.	African Postal Union (APU) [A]	Other countries
	Per 2 oz	Per 2 oz
14. Feb. 1961	1 c	1.5 c (minimum 5 c)
17. Dec. 1965	This class of mail is no longer in use [1]	

[1] This class of mail is listed in the telephone directories until 1967.

3. Airmail

I.-III.	Bot- swana	APU/ S-ern Africa	Rest Africa	Europe	Near/ Middle East	Indian Region	Americas	Rest World
	[B]	[A]	[C]	[D]	[E]	[F]	[G]	[H]
12. Dec. 1963 (pr. 0.5 oz) [1]								
Letters		3.5 c	10 c	15 c	12.5 c	17.5 c	22.5 c	25 c
Postcards		2.5	5	7.5	7	9	12	12.5
Aerogrammes		2.5	5	5	5	5	10	10
Printed Papers			4	6	5	7.5	10	10
3. Jan. 1967 (pr. 0.5 oz) [2]								
Letters	4	4	10	15	15	20	25	25
Postcards	3	3	5	7	7	10	12	12
Aerogrammes	3	3	7	7	7	7	10	10
Printed Papers			4	5	5	7	10	10

3. Airmail continued...

	Botswana	APU/ S-ern Africa	Rest Africa	Europe	Near/ Middle East	Indian Region	Americas	Rest World
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1. May 1971 (pr. 20 g) [3]

Letters	4	4	15	20	20	30	35	35
Postcards	3	3	5	7	7	12	15	15
Aerogrammes	3	3	7	7	7	10	10	10
Printed Papers	2	2	6	7	7	15	15	15

1. May 1975 (pr. 20 g) [4]

Letters	6 c	6 c	20 c	25 c	25 c	35 c	40 c	40 c
Postcards	4	4	7	10	10	15	20	20
Aerogrammes	5	5	10	10	10	15	15	15
Printed Papers	4	4	8	10	10	20	20	20

5. Nov. 1978 (pr. 20 g) [5]

Letters	10 t	25 t	30 t	35 t	45 t	45 t	45 t
Postcards	6	10	12	12	18	22	22
Aerogrammes	7	15	15	20	20	20	20
Printed Papers	6	10	12	15	22	22	22

1. Dec. 1980 (pr. 10 g) [5]

Letters	8	20	20	30	30	30	30
Postcards	7	12	15	15	22	22	25
Aerogrammes	7	20	20	25	25	25	25
Printed Papers	5	12	12	15	15	15	15

1. April 1982 (pr. 10 g) [3]

Letters	10	25	25	35	35	35	35
Postcards	8	15	20	20	25	25	28
Aerogrammes	10	22	23	30	30	30	30
Printed Papers	7	15	15	20	20	20	20

1. April 1986 (pr. 10 g) [6]

Letters	12	15	28	30	40	40	40
Postcards	8	15	20	25	25	25	25
Aerogrammes	10	15	25	30	35	35	35
Printed Papers	10	10	20	25	25	25	25

- [1] Maximum weight for letters and printed papers. The exception is APU (excl. Bechuanaland), where letter rates are 3.5 c for first oz and 1.5 c pr. additional oz. Rates for Commonwealth Europe is 12.5 c for letters, 7 c for postcards, aerogrammes 5 c, and printed papers 5 c. On 1. March 1966 the letter rate was changed to 15 c, excluding Cyprus and Malta, for which the rates now were for letters 12.5 c, postcards 7 c, aerogrammes 5 c., and printed papers 5 c. Rates to the Far East (see note [H]) are identical to the Americas, while Japan is equal to rest of the world.
- [2] Maximum weight for letters and printed papers. The exception is APU (incl. Botswana), where letter rates are 4 c for first oz and 2 c pr. additional oz.
- [3] Maximum weight for letters and printed papers.
- [4] Maximum weight for letters and printed papers. The telephone directories for 1976-78 give for Botswana and APU the 21-40 g rate as 8 c.
- [5] Maximum weight for letters and printed papers. After 1978, a 5 c aerogramme rate within Botswana is listed in the telephone directories.
- [6] Maximum weight for letters and printed papers. The European aerogramme and printed paper rates are given as 35 c and 50 c, respectively, in the 1986 regulation. The current postal tariffs obtained from the Post Office suggests that this is a printing error.

4. Registration and Express [1]

I.-III.	Registration	Express [2] Botswana	Express [3] Foreign
24. Dec. 1965	5 c	5 c	5 c
1. May 1971	10	10	10
1. May 1975	15	15	15
5. Nov. 1978	20 t	20 t	20 t
1. Dec. 1980	25	20	30
1. Apr. 1982	30	25	35
1. Apr. 1986	40	150	150

[1] Fees in addition to normal rates. The regulations are not always clear concerning express fees.

[2] Additional fee for local delivery is some time applicable (the same amount as the fixed fees but pr. km or mile, often maximum 3 km/mi; exceptions are 1980 where local delivery fees are 30 t/km and 1982 where it is 30 t/km). The extra fee may be paid by the sender or the receiver.

[3] Only certain countries and types of mail.

5. Others [1]

I.-III.	IRC [2] CRC	Aerogramme forms	Registered envelopes small	Registered envelopes large	Postcards
12. Dec. 1963	10, 4 c	1 c	*8.5 c	*9 c	*2.5 c
1. May 1971	10, 6	1	4	5	*3, 1
1. May 1975	20	1	5	6	1
5. Nov. 1978	30 t	*5, *10 t	5 t	6 t	1 t
1. Dec. 1980	35	*7, *15	7		2
1. Apr. 1982	40	*7, *20	7		2
1. Apr. 1986	175	*10, *20, *35	15		2 [3]

[1] Aerogrammes, registered envelopes, and postcards marked by '*' have imprinted stamps. The 1986 aerogrammes are not listed in the 1986 regulations and may have been issued at a later date.

[2] CRC - Commonwealth Reply Coupons (until 1975); IRC - International Reply Coupons.

[3] In 1991, these postcards are sold at 10 t each.

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L.N. - Legal Notice. S.I. - Statutory Instrument.

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General Notes.

- [A] In 1966 the countries of the African Postal Union (APU) comprised: Angola, Bechuanaland (Botswana), Basutoland (Lesotho), Burundi, Congo (Zaire), Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), Mozambique, Swaziland, South Africa, South West Africa (Namibia). From 1974, APU ceases to exist as a geographic area in the rate system and is replaced by what here is referred to as Southern Africa. This geographic area was in 1974 composed of: Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Southern Rhodesia, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, South Africa, and South West Africa. In 1978, Angola is dropped from the list and in 1982 Mozambique. This listing is partially based on the telephone directory listings. However, these refer consistently to this geographic area in the rate system as African Postal Union, despite this reference are dropped from the official regulations from 1975.
- [B] During 1978 and 1986 mail within Botswana may have been transported by air without extra payment. However, this is not specifically mentioned in the regulations for 1980 and 1982. Before 1967, apparently no airmail service was, judging from the official listings, available within Bechuanaland or Botswana. On the other hand, the telephone directory listings give airmail rates to Bechuanaland and APU countries (identical). In general, the available information is far from clear concerning domestic airmail.
- [C] Rest of Africa not included under [A], includes Mauritius, Reunion, Seychelles, and Zanzibar (until 1978).
- [D] Europe. From 1967 all countries (see note A), including USSR, islands in the Mediterranean, Azores, Canary, Cape Verde (until 1978), Iceland, and Madeira.
- [E] Near/Middle East. Bahrain, Dubai, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Muscat, Saudi Arabia, Sharjah, Syria (from 1967), Turkey, and Egypt (from 1986).
- [F] Indian Region, Afghanistan, Burma, Portuguese India (until 1971), Sri Lanka (Ceylon), India, Pakistan, Thailand, Bangladesh (from 1975), Singapore (from 1980), Tibet (until 1975).
- [G] Americas. Canada, United States, Central (from 1967) and South America, and Caribbean Islands (from 1975). For 1963, see [H].
- [H] Rest of the World. Pacific and Far East: China (from 1975), Japan, Korea (from 1975), and Islands in the Pacific Ocean not mentioned elsewhere. Australasia: Australia, Papua-New Guinea (from 1980), and New Zealand. In 1963 the Far East is defined as Brunei, China, Cocos Islands, Formosa, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Macao, Malaya, Manchuria, North Borneo, Phillipines, Sarawak, and Timor and had similar rates as the Americas. Japan is still grouped with the rest of the World.

THE 'POOR RELATION' - POSTAL STATIONERY WITH NO IMPRINTED STAMP (PART 2)

by

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Since Part 1 of this article was published in *Runner Post* No 25 another type of registered envelope has been found. This is listed below, followed by the list of aerogrammes which completes the article.

REGISTERED ENVELOPES (continued)

BOTSWANA

2A. This issue can be treated as a sub-type of RE 2. The format of the envelope is the same but the 'R' in circle is much larger (26mm diameter) and a paragraph 3 has been added to the bi-lingual instructions on reverse.

RE 2a 1978	No imprinted stamp. Pale blue lettering and lines on whitish paper. Large 'R' in circle.) Size 160
	Top opening flap with concave curved sides.) x 114mm
	Warning notice in 3 paragraphs.	

Printer: Unknown.

ERD: 26 Jul 83

AEROGRAMMES

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE

1. The last Protectorate aerogramme with an imprinted stamp was the 1961 decimal currency provisional 5c on 6d lilac on pale blue paper. This was followed by a similar design with a printed rectangle for an adhesive stamp in place of an imprinted stamp and with the colour of the coat of arms, lettering and alternate border stripes changed from lilac to red.

Folded size: 125 x 100 mm.

AG 1 1962?	No imprinted stamp. Red lettering, etc, on pale blue unwatermarked paper.
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Printer: Not known - thought to be either Waterlow or McCorquodale.

ERD: 3 Jul 64.

AG 1a 1965?	As AG 1 on thinner paler azure paper watermarked 'Imperial Air Mail' with year-code letter.
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Code letters recorded: 'Y' (1965 paper) and 'Z' (1966 paper)

Printer: Believed to be McCorquodale.

ERD: Code 'Y' - not seen used. Code 'Z' - 4 Jan 67.

BOTSWANA

2. The design of the above Protectorate issue was continued for the 1st Botswana issue, the only change being in the coat-of-arms.

Folded size: 125 x 100 mm.

AG 2 1967? No imprinted stamp. Red lettering, etc,
on azure paper, watermarked as AG 1a.
Code letter recorded: 'Z' (1966 paper).

Printer: Believed to be McCorquodale.

ERD: Code 'Z' - not seen used.

3. A larger format and new design were adopted for the next issue. The imprinted 3 line Air Mail label reads 'BY AIR MAIL/KA SEFOFANE/AEROGRAMME'. In the instructions on reverse the Setswana is above the English.

Folded size: 151 x 116 mm.

AG 3 1973? No imprinted stamp. No rectangle for adhesives.
Large coat-of-arms (27mm diameter). Blue
lettering, etc, on unwatermarked azure paper.

Printer: Unknown. Probably S.A. Govt. Printer, Pretoria.

ERD: 17 Jul 74.

4. Similar to previous issue but with a smaller coat-of-arms. The imprinted 5-line Air Mail label reads: 'BY AIR MAIL / AIR LETTER / KA SEFOFANE / PAR AVION / AEROGRAMME'. English above Setswana in the instructions on reverse.

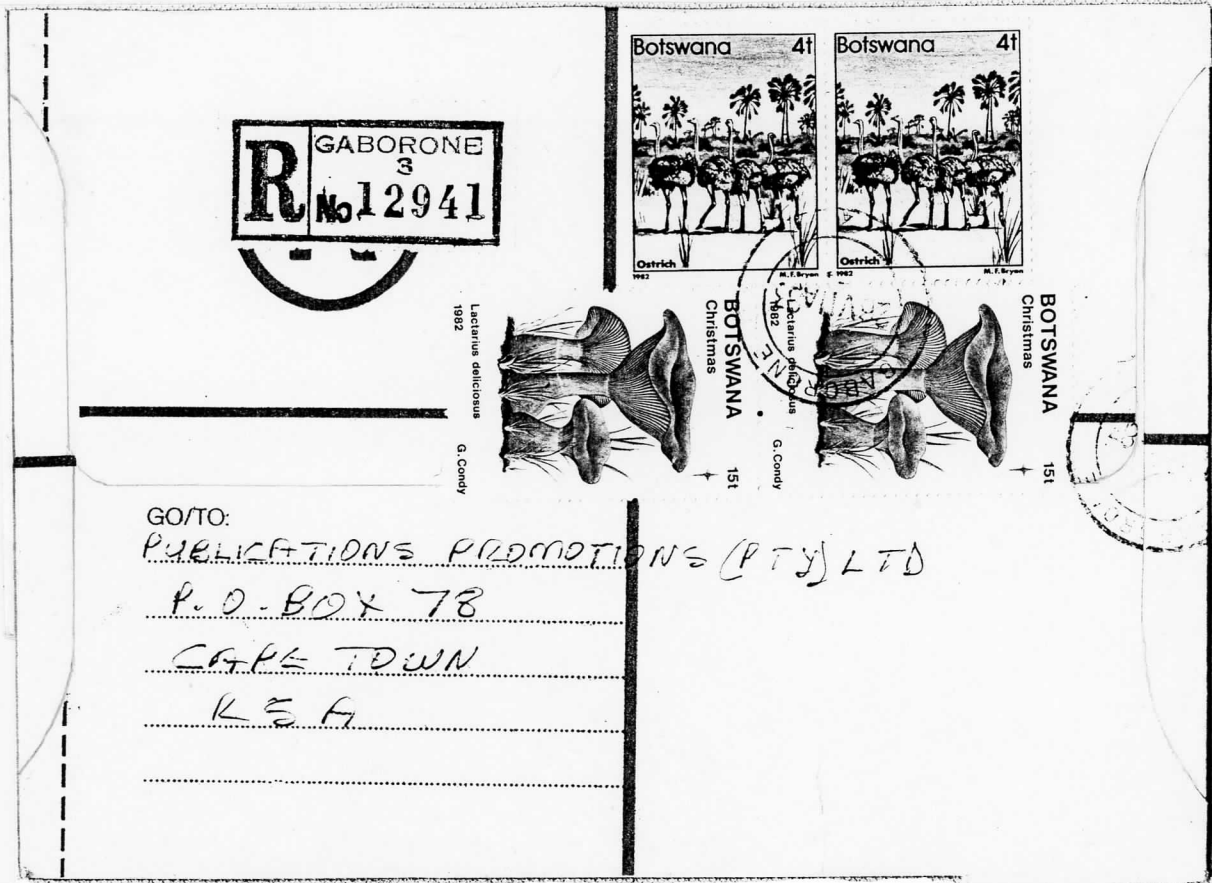
Folded size: 151 x 116 mm.

AG 4 1976? No imprinted stamp. No rectangle for adhesives.
Small coat-of-arms (19mm diameter). Blue
lettering, etc, on unwatermarked azure paper.

Printer: Unknown. Probably S.A. Govt. Printer, Pretoria.

ERD: 9 Jun 77.

In June 1977 aerogrammes with imprinted stamps were re-introduced.




TLHAGISO:	WARNING:
<p>1 Lokwalo lo lo neelwe modiredi wa Poso yo o tla go nayang se supo sa gore o lo tsere.</p> <p>2 Tuelo e motho a ka e bonang fa lokwalo lo lo lathegile e laolwa ke melawana ya poso.</p> <p>3 O se tsenye madi a a feteng P10 mo lokwalong lo.</p>	<p>1 This letter must be handed in at a post office for registration and a receipt obtained therefor.</p> <p>2 Compensation for the loss of a registered letter is subject to the conditions prescribed in the Postal Regulations.</p> <p>3 Not more than P10 is to be enclosed in this envelope.</p>
<p>LOKWALO LO FA LOSA AMOGELWA LO BUSEDIWE KWA GO: IF UNDELIVERED PLEASE RETURN TO:</p> <p>MR. GABORONE BOX 10012 BOTSWANA</p>	<p>MOROMEDI-SENDER</p> <p>CUT OPEN HERE</p>

AG 1

Fa go bulwa, u sege fa — To open cut here

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION
AIR LETTER
AEROGamme
POSO YA SEFOFANE



The stamp to pay postage must be placed here.

Setempe sa tuelo ya tiro ya poso se tshwanela go manegwa mono.

Fa go bulwa, u sege fa — To open cut here

Momeno wa bobedi — Second fold here


Leina le aterese ya moromedi:
Sender's name and address: _____

A GO SE TSENNGWE SEPE SE SELE MO LOKWALONG LO. FA SENGWE SE KA FITLHELWA SE TSENTSWE MO TENG, LOKWALO GA LO NKA LO TSAMAYA KA SEFOFANE. MO GONGWE, FA LO ISIWA KA SEFOFANE, LO TLAA DUEDISIWA TUELO YA KOKETSO.

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE; IF IT DOES IT WILL BE SURCHARGED OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

AG 2

Fa go bulwa, u sege fa — To open cut here



The stamp to pay postage must be placed here.

Setempe sa tuelo ya tiro ya poso se tshwanela go manegwa mono.

Momeno wa bobedi — Second fold here

Leina le aterese ya moromedi:
Sender's name and address: _____

A GO SE TSENNNGWE SEPE SE SELE MO LOKWALONG
LO. FA SENGWE SE KA FITLHELWA SE TSENTSWE
MO TENG, LOKWALO GA LO NKA LO TSAMAYA KA
SEFOFANE. MO GONGWE, FA LO ISWA KA SEFOFANE,
LO TLAA DUEDISIWA TUELO YA KOKETSO.

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY
ENCLOSURE; IF IT DOES IT WILL BE SURCHARGED
OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

Fa go bulwa, u sege fa — To open cut here

AG 3

Fa go bulwa, u sege fa — To open cut here.

Leina le aterese ya moromedl :
Sender's name and address :

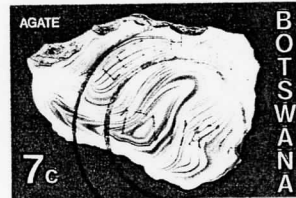
L. Lettice
10 Box 50
Mahalapye

A GO SE TSENNGWE SEPE SE SELE MO LOKWALONG LWA SEFOFANE.
FA GO KA DIRWA JALO LO TLAA OKEDIWA TUELELO KAMPO LO
TSAMAI SIWE KA POSO FELA.

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE; IF IT DOES
IT WILL BE SURCHARGED OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

Momeno wa bobedi — Second fold here

BY AIR MAIL
KA SEFOFANE
AEROGRAMME



Ann Stiles The Old Stables
Shettleston Green
near MAIDSTONE KENT
ENGLAND U.K.

AG 4

Fa go bulwa, u sege fa — To open cut here

Sende.

Leina le aterese ya moromedi:

The Rt.Revd. C.S.Mallory

P.O. Box 769

Gaborone, Botswana

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE; IF IT DOES
IT WILL BE SURCHARGED OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

A GO SE TSENNGWE SEPE SE SELE MO LOKWALONG LWA SEFOFANE.
FA GO KA DIRWA JALO LO TLAA OKEDIWA TUELELO KAMPO LO
TSAMAI SIWE KA POSO FELA.

Momeno wa bobedi — Second fold here

BY AIR MAIL
AIR LETTER
KA SEFOFANE
PAR AVION
AEROGamme



Mr. & Mrs. R. Setterfield

c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd.

1 Church Road

Hove, SUSSEX BN3 2HB

England

LOBATSI AND ITS POSTMARKS (PART 2)

Brian Trotter

Further to the publication of Part 1 in Runner Post 25, John Inglefield-Watson has pointed out that postmark No. 9, the special datestamp produced to commemorate the visit of the Royal Family to Lobatsi on 17th April 1947 is, in fact, 2 postmarks. Both postmarks look identical initially, but one has a slightly smaller inner circle diameter (18.0-18.5mm as opposed to 19mm). The one with the larger inner circle (illustrated) shall be designated 9i, and the one with the smaller inner circle diameter as 9ii. Another distinguishing feature is the height of the lettering. No. 9i (large inner circle diameter) has letters about 2.7mm high, while 9ii (smaller inner circle diameter) has taller letters about 3mm high. Both No. 9 and No. 9a are recorded in both variations. The single recorded 9b strike is the 9bii, with the smaller inner circle and the taller letters. Brian Trotter



No. 10 Type 2 B 19

Circle diameters : 19mm & 28mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 17, 1947
 Latest recorded date : Jun 6, 1966
 Codes recorded : A, hyphen, none
 Number recorded so far : 13



No. 11 Type 2 B 19

Circle diameters : 18mm & 28mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 17, 1947
 Latest recorded date : Jun 1, 1966
 Codes recorded : A, B, none
 Number recorded so far : Over 50

Very similar to No. 10, with larger 'S' in No. 11 and also the 'SI' of Lobatsi closer together. Inner circle of No. 11 also appears to be slightly smaller (by 1mm diameter), and lettering is larger (letters just over 3mm high as opposed to around 2.75mm high on No. 10).



No. 12 Type 2d 29 B 19

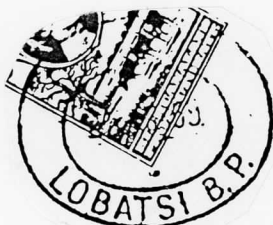
Circle diameters : 20mm & 30mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 13, 1964
 Latest recorded date : Apr 8, 1965
 Codes recorded : A, B
 Number recorded so far : 3

All 3 recorded items are struck in red.



No. 13 Type 7d 46 H4 Sp

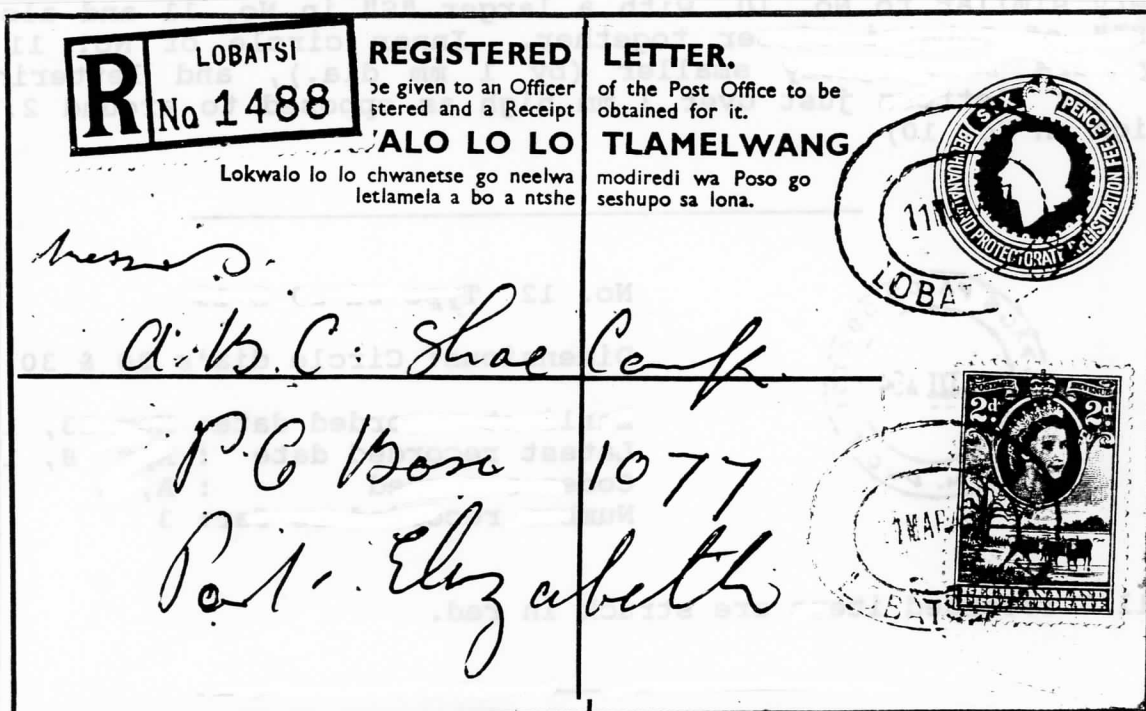
Dimensions: Width 33mm, Height 27mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 3, 1953
 Latest recorded date : Jun 3, 1953
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 3



No. 13a Type 7a H4 Xd

Earliest recorded date : Feb 4, 1957
 Latest recorded date : Jun 7, 1959
 Codes recorded : A, B
 Number recorded so far : 11

Stop after day, month, and year. Like No. 9, No. 13 was originally a special datestamp to commemorate a Royal event - this time the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The words 'Coronation H.M. Queen Elizabeth II' were excised from the top of the datestamp, and it was put into regular use. Since this is the same datestamp as No. 13, the No. 13a has been used.



Two strikes of datestamp No. 13a on cover.

RELIEF DATESTAMP

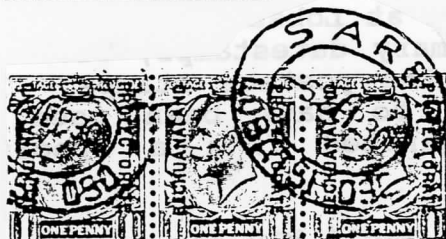


No. R1 Type 1 D 9

Earliest recorded date : Jun 19, 1913
 Latest recorded date : May 13, 1915
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 5

Of the 5 recorded strikes, 3 are on the earliest recorded date, and 2 the latest recorded date. It is hard to imagine that this datestamp was used only on 2 days.

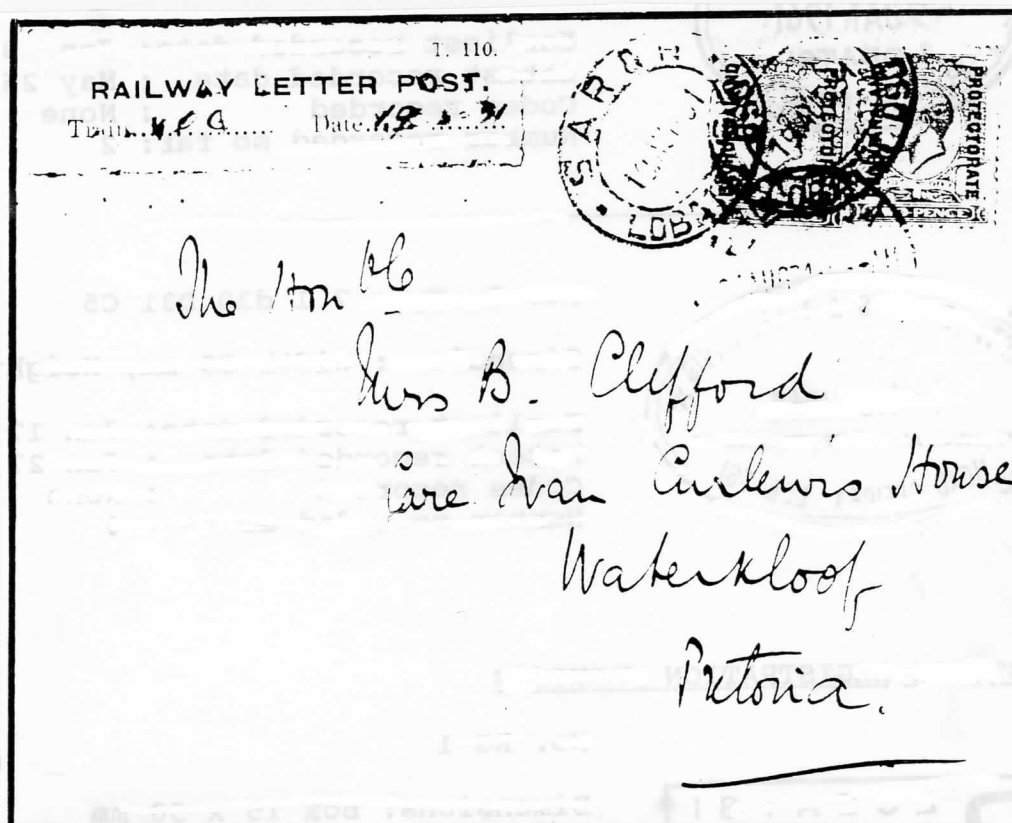
RAILWAY DATESTAMP



No. RR1 Type 7 d40 H50 Ry

Dimensions: Width 28mm, Height 25mm

Earliest recorded date : Sep 6, 1930
 Latest recorded date : Mar 19, 1959
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 6



Railway letter post cover showing the SAR & H / LOBATSI 090 datestamp.

SECONDARY DATESTAMPS

In addition to the primary datestamps Nos. 1-13, 2 secondary datestamps have also been recorded in use at Lobatse. These were used in combination with one of the primary datestamps, with the primary datestamp being used to cancel the postage stamps. The secondary datestamps on covers appear to have been used to indicate that the item of mail originated from a specific department in the post office.



No. 1

Dimensions: Width 44mm, Height 31mm

Earliest recorded date	: Jan 9, 1961
Latest recorded date	: May 26, 1965
Codes recorded	: None
Number recorded so far	: 2



No. 2

Dimensions: Width 55mm, Height 33mm

Earliest recorded date	: Jun 17, 1961
Latest recorded date	: Jan 27, 1966
Codes recorded	: None
Number recorded so far	: 4



No. 3

Dimensions: Width 42mm, Height 31mm

Earliest recorded date : Oct 15, 1964

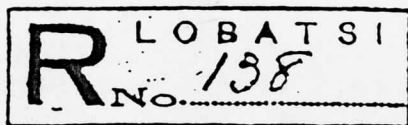
Latest recorded date : Oct 15, 1964

Codes recorded : None

Number recorded so far : 1

This single item is on piece and comes from the Barkaway Collection. Noted alongside is a date "8.8.1960" (perhaps the opening date of the postal agency) and "All mail at Peleng is datestamped Lobatsi".

HAND STRUCK REGISTRATION MARKINGS



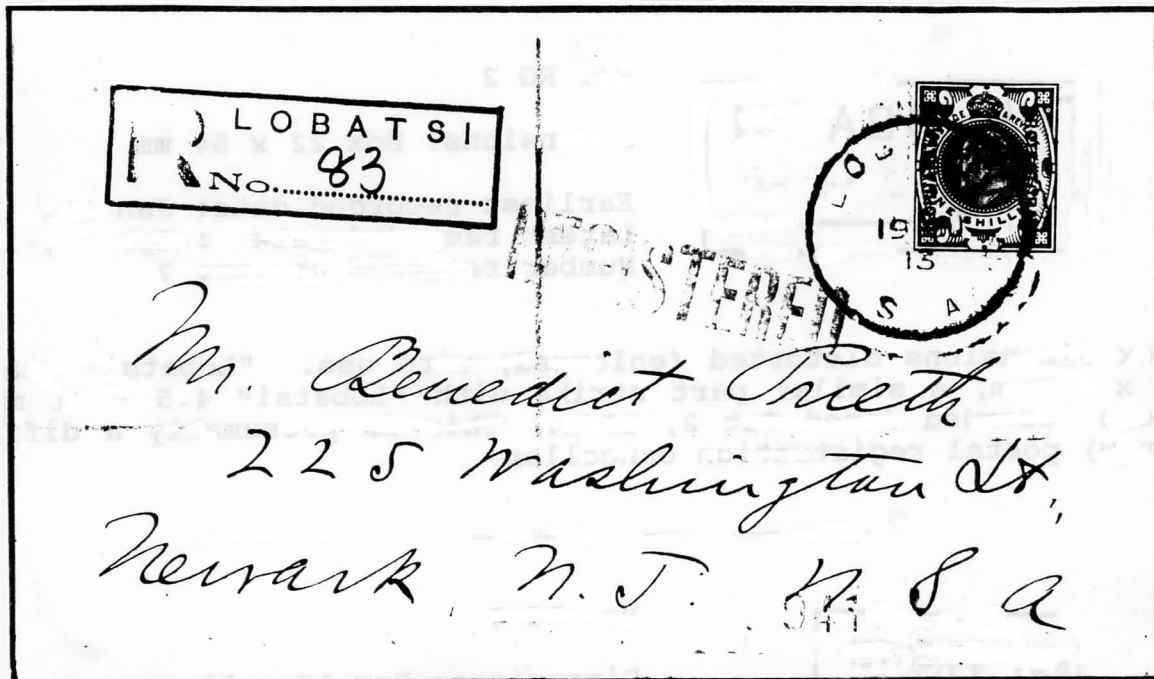
No. RG 1

Box dimensions : 15mm x 50mm

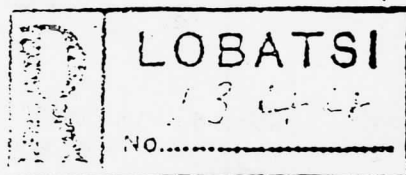
Earliest recorded date : Jun 19, 1913

Latest recorded date : Mar 5, 1915

Number recorded so far : 4



Cover showing hand struck registration marking No. RG 1, with relief datestamp No. R1. There is also a handstruck REGISTERED possibly used at the Lobatsi post office, or it may have been privately applied. It is the only one noted so far.



No. RG 2

Box dimensions : 22mm x 54mm

Earliest recorded date : Jan 22, 1932

Latest recorded date : Apr 21, 1947

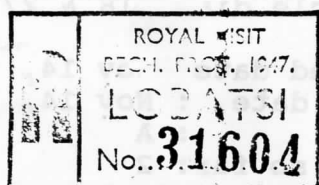
Number recorded so far : 7

Box dimensions distorted (enlarged) with use. 'Lobatsi' measures 5mm x 32mm, a similar part strike with 'Lobatsi' 4.5mm x 26mm has been recorded dated Oct 2, 1961. This different (new) postal registration marking will presumably be No. RG 5 when we are able to identify and record a complete strike.



No. RG 3

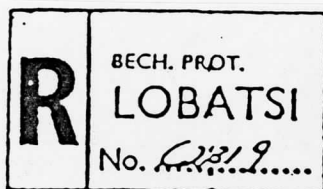
Box dimensions : 17mm x 35mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 17, 1947
 Latest recorded date : Oct 10, 1949
 Number recorded so far : 13



No. RG 4

Box dimensions : 24mm x 41mm
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 17, 1947
 Latest recorded date : Apr 17, 1947
 Number recorded so far : 10

No. RG 4 was a special registration marking produced to commemorate the visit of the Royal Family to Lobatsi on 17th April 1947. The words 'Royal Visit' and the year '1947' were excised, and it was presumably put into regular use (although only 3 items are recorded, and they are on QEII Coronation commemorative covers).



No. RG 4a

Earliest recorded date : Jun 3, 1953
 Latest recorded date : Jun 3, 1953
 Number recorded so far : 3

As this is the same marking as No. RG 4, the No. RG 4a has been used. All RG 4 copies recorded have the wide 'R' for registration while my copies of RG 4a have the narrower 'R' for registration. Presumably, at least for RG 4a, the wide 'R' version also exists. The description 'wide' and 'narrow' has been used, but the shape of the 'R' is fundamentally different.

BOTSWANA MARKINGS

For the 8 Lobatse markings recorded below, I have only my own limited material as a reference. Presumably all markings are still in use today.

40 393247
 5B

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At what Office

Whether crossed

Date sent

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Postmaster

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301X A66

Type 14 datestamp on B.P. P.O. for 1/6 overprinted '15c' & 'Republic of Botswana'.



No. 14 Type 2 ? ?

Circle diameters : 19.5mm & 31mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 30, 1966
 Latest recorded date : Sep 30, 1966
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 1

Note: This item (used one day after Independence) came to light in the July newsletter of the Botswana Philatelic Society, after Brian had compiled this article. It has fallen on your Editor to 'edit in' this cancel. However, not being familiar with the mechanics of classification, I will not attempt to 'typologise' it - Ed!



No. 15 Type 2 K 2

Circle diameters : 18mm & 25mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 16, 1971
 Latest recorded date : Jul 17, 1986
 Codes recorded : A, B
 Number recorded so far : 9



No. 16 Type 2 G 1

Circle diameters : 18mm & 27mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 14, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Nov 14, 1985
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 17 Type 2 G 2

Circle diameters : 18mm & 27mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 14, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Nov 14, 1985
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 18 Type 2 G 3

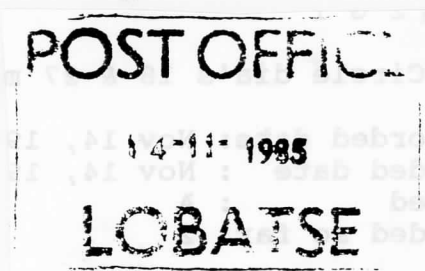
Circle diameters : 18mm & 27mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 14, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Nov 14, 1985
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 19 Type 5 d21 H7

Circle diameters : 25, 34 & 36mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 14, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Nov 14, 1985
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 4

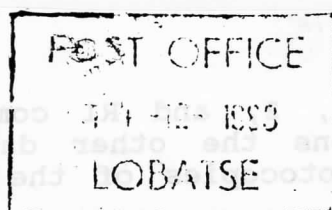
All strikes are in red.



No. 20 Type 9 d22 H7

Box dimensions	:	33mm & 54mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Nov 14, 1985
Latest recorded date	:	Nov 14, 1985
Codes recorded	:	None
Number recorded so far	:	4

All strikes are in red.



No. 21 Type 9 d22 H7

Box dimensions	:	26mm & 42mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Dec 14, 1988
Latest recorded date	:	Dec 14, 1988
Codes recorded	:	None
Number recorded so far	:	1

The one recorded strike is in red.

It is not clear whether datestamp No. 18 is intended as a secondary or a primary datestamp. All strikes are believed to be 'by favour' strikes. Also the boxed rectangular datestamps Nos. 19 & 20 are possibly intended for relief purposes, again, all strikes are believed to be 'by favour' strikes.

Clearly a lot more work needs to be done to complete the picture on Lobatsi/Lobatse postal markings, especially in the post Independence period. All additional information, comments or corrections are most welcome.

Notes

1. Illustrations for datestamps Nos. 1, 2, and R1 come from Holmes (5), with very few exceptions the other datestamp illustrations and all covers are photocopies of the actual items from my collection.
2. Unlike previous articles on postmarks, I did not have all the postmark study group worksheets available, so all postmark information is likely to be a lot less complete than previous postmark articles. This means that the numbers recorded have less significance regarding scarcity of the postal markings. I did have postmark study worksheets from Hamish Campbell, John Coates, Howard Cook and John Inglefield-Watson for the Bechuanaland postal markings section.
3. Type numbers used are those from a proposed typology which merges the earlier one for the Bechuanalands and the proposed one for Botswana into a single expanded typology. This proposed merged typology shall be published separately.

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- 5 1885 Crown CC set, ½d, 3d & 4d (SG 1-3) fine mint. Cat £88 Res £30
- 6 1885 ½d SG 1 Vryburg Bechuanaland cds Res £5
- 7 1885 3d SG 2 used Res £10
- 8 1885 4d SG 3 used Res £18
- 9 Small selection on stockcard, comprising SG 5 cancelled BONC 290 (?); SG 10 used BONC; SG 22 m/mint; SG 7 mint but little gum remaining Est £10
- 10 1885 Crown CA, 6d (SG 7) fine used. Cat £28 Res £12
- 11 Stockcard with SG 10 and SG 33 each cancelled BONC 638; SG 11 cancelled VRYBURG JU 2 00 code C; SG 56 mint with broken 'T' in 'BRITISH'. Est £3
- 12 ½d SG 9, 2d (SG 11 & SG 23), 1d (SG 31), 2d (SG 32) and Protectorate 2d (SG 62) all mint, plus 5/- (SG 18) very fine used Est £20
- 13 Unappropriated dies: 1/- green, imperf ovptd SPECIMEN (type GB9), thin Est £5
- 14 1887 1d, 2d (both creased), 3d & 4d (both fine), all mint ovptd SPECIMEN (type GB9 = Holmes type 3) Est £30
- 15 1887 1d, 4d, 6d (each with faults) & 1/- (fine) all ovptd SPECIMEN (type BEC2 = Holmes type 2) Est £35
- 16 1887 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/- all fine used; 2/- mint; 2/6 unused, (SG 10-17, Cat ± £122) Est £35
- 17 1887 2d (SG 11) soiled, Mafeking cds Est £1
- 18 1887 3d (SG 12) u/mint marginal block 4. Cat £9 Res £4
- 19 1887 6d (SG 14) Vryburg cds Est £1
- 20 1887 6d (SG 14) cancelled BONC 638 Est £1
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22	1887 1/- (SG 15), two part cds's of Taungs Station	Res £3
23	1887 1/-, part BONC 638	Res £2
24	1887 2/- (SG 16S) fine mint ovptd SPECIMEN (type BEC2)	Res £30
25	1887 2/6 (SG 17S) fine mint ovptd SPECIMEN (type BEC2)	Res £30
26	1887 2/6 (SG 17), deep colour, GABERONES (STATION) B.B. cds. Cat £38	Res £15
27	1887 5/- (SG 18S) fine mint ovptd SPECIMEN (type BEC2)	Res £40
28	1887 5/- (SG 18) mint but slight hinge crease & tiny stain on top perfs	Res £25
29	1887 10/- (SG 19S) fine mint ovptd SPECIMEN (type BEC2)	Res £45
30	1887 £1 mint (perf tones, mainly on back) ovptd SPECIMEN (type BEC2)	Res £30
31	1887 £5 (SG 21S) very fine mint ovptd SPECIMEN (type BEC2)	Res £110
32	1888 2d (SG 23) Taungs cds	Res £2
33	1889 ½d (SG 30) mounted mint	Est £1
34	1891 2d (SG 34) overprinted SPECIMEN. Stamp a little faded, no gum.	Est £12
35	1893 2d (reading downwards) SG 39d no dots on i's of British. Used	Est £35
36	1893 2d, almost SG 39c with halves of 'British' in both side margins	Est £15
37	1891 2d SG 34 with part Dry (Hartz) cds	Est £1
38	1891 2d with part Groot C(hwaing) cds	Est £5
39	1891 4d, Mafeking cds	Res £2
40	1891 1d (reading upwards) SG 31 overprinted SPECIMEN, no gum. Cat £75	Est £10
41	CGH 1d Hope Standing with Kuruman Bechuanaland SP 27 99 cds	Res £2
42	Union ½d KG5 stationery cut-out with Geluk BB JA 30 16 cds	Res £3
43	1891 1d reading upwards SG 31, two mint singles, one with first 1 in British nearly missing (L 17), the other with lower part of 1 missing (R 9)	Est £12
44	Mint & used collection SG 2-7, 9-12, 14-17, 22, 30, 32-39. Some duplication, good postmarks. 40 stamps, cat over £200	Est £25
45	1887 1d and 4d on cover to Germany. Vryburg NO 21 91 cds	Est £60
46	1887 2d on cover to England BONC 638 and Mafeking NO 13 90 cds. A second stamp has been removed	Est £10
47	1887 6d on cover to England. MacLoutsie MR 15 92 cds. From William Sitwell though not the usual addressee. Cover torn at top, clear of stamp	Est £40
48	1891 2d and 4d (both a little damaged) SG 34, 36 on Sitwell cover to his mother in England. MacLoutsie JY 5 92 cds. Original letter enclosed	Est £50
49	1891 2d on cover ex Wirsing Bros, General Merchants, Maribogo to Port Elizabeth. Stamp uncanceled but cover has three cds's on reverse, Vryburg AP 5 94, Midland Down and Port Elizabeth both AP 6 94	Est £10
50	1894 1d card (on Cape), fine used Palapye Station cds, also another used to England with additional adhesives SG 12, 35, 59, 61, 62 Mochudi MY 20 0 (1 of 1901 omitted) cds. Bottom corners of card missing, but still attractive, H&G 5	Est £10
51	1894 1d reply card (on GB) mint but a bit grubby. H&G 9	Est £2
52	1894 ½d card (on GB) unused but badly folded; 1888 1d cards (on GB) (2, 1 folded) with Vryburg cds, BONC and squared circle cancellations; 1894 1d card (on Cape) used Palapye, extra adhesive removed; 1893 1½d no stop (on Cape) used to Germany. H&G 2, 4, 5 and 6	Est £50
53	Nov 1887 4d on GB 2d blue registration envelope, size G, 55° angle of bars. Holmes p.71, H&G 5a. Mint	Est £6
54	January 1888 1d card (on GB) used Mafeking; 1889 1d card with stop (on Cape) mint; July 1893 1½d card (on Cape), without stop, 1 used Vryburg, 1 used Palapye with ½d adhesive; Sept 1894 1d card (on Cape) mint; Sept 1894 ½d buff card (on GB) mint; Sept 1894 1½d card (on GB), 1 mint, 1 used Vryburg; Nov 1892 1d reply card (on Cape) outgoing half only, 1 mint, 1 used Palapye with adhesive removed; Sept 1894 1d reply card (on GB) complete card mint. H&G 4, 1b, 6, 5, 2, 8, 7, 9. Condition rather mixed	Est £15
55	1888 Registration envelope (on Cape) with stop, size F, unused H&G 4	Est £6
56	Mid 1889 registration envelope (on GB), size G, 1 unused, 1 used with 2 pairs of 1891 2d (SG 34), Palla cds and BONC's. Both dies dated 28/2/89. H&G 7	Est £30
57	October 1888 newspaper wrappers (on GB), ½d mint; 1d, 1 mint, 1 used Vryburg H&G 3 & 4	Est £1.50

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- 58 1888 ½d, 1d (SG 40, 41); 1889 ½d; 1890 ½d (SG 54) 1 mint & 1 used; 1897 ½d-6d mint and used; KE7 low values mint & used; 1912 1d mint & used; Cypher watermark values to 1/- mint & used; block watermark ½d used, 1d (used pair), 2d used; 1932 ½d, 1d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/- used. Est £8
- 59 1897 ½d SG 56 with B of Bechuanaland shifted off stamp. Partial Mochuli 1897 cds Res £2
- 60 1890 SG 55 - ½d vermilion with 19mm 'Protectorate' overprint. Mint, with pencil mark (?) beneath hinge remainder. Res £40
- 61 1890 ½d overprint inverted SG 54a. Partial Molepolole cds Res £25
- 62 1897 ½d SG 57, partial Mochuli cds Est £15
- 63 Envelope front (damaged at top and upper right), addressed to England, franked with 2 x 1897 ½d vermilion (1 damaged) and 1d pair (SG 59, 61), cancelled Serowe B.P. MR 23 06 cds. Palapye Station transit cds Est £12
- 64 Sunset cover. Registered airmail cover addressed to 'E Tamsen, Nylstroom, Transvaal' from Francistown. SG 9, 33, 34, 40, 56 x 2 (i.e. correct 5d rate), arranged horizontally & cancelled with 3 strikes Francistown Bechd. Protectore. 31 Mar 38 (Type 2B6, code A). Also, on front Francistown R cachet. Nylstroom 5 Apr 38 on reverse Res £30
- 65 Sunset cover. As previous lot but from Palapye. Same stamps cancelled with 4 strikes of Palapye 31 III 38 (Type 2E63, no code). Also, on front, Palapye R cachet. On reverse, Kimberley 4 Apr 38 and Nylstroom 6 Apr 38 Res £30
- 66 Envelope front addressed to England, franked with vertical pair 1897 2d (SG 62), Mahalapye Siding CGH 6 AU 01 cds. Est £12
- 67 Cover to Scotland with KE7 1d, Gaberones NO 26 11 cds & Kimberley transit cds Est £1
- 68 1912 KG5 Crown watermark 1d (SG 72). Bottom left corner block of 24 (rows 7-10, nos. 1-6) from upper pane with margin & gutter. Mint (23 unmted) Res £12
- 69 1912 1d (SG 72) u/m marginal block of 8 showing (PO)STAGE wmk in margin Res £3
- 70 KG5 Script wmk set (less 1½d, 2½d) + 1932 set to 2/- (less 1/-) mint Est £4
- 71 ½d SG 73, marginal block of 4 with control C13, mint Est £3
- 72 ½d SG 73, corner pair with control O20, mint Est £3
- 73 1913 2d die I with partial DEBEE(TI) cds Est £2
- 74 1925 block watermark set including both 6d. ½d in right part-arrow marginal block of 8, 1d in block of 4. Mint Est £6
- 75 1925 2d SG 93, corner strip of 3 with control B24 fine mint Est £12
- 76 1925 block watermark 6d SG 97 mint Est £5
- 77 Small collection (31 items), mainly Protectorate, on a stock card. Includes KE7 and KG5 (10 items) with useful cancellations and three British Bechuanaland postal stationery cut-outs Est £4
- 78 Cover front addressed to England, franked vertical pair 1925 1d block watermark. Maun 18 Nov 27 cds Est £1
- 79 1932 KG5 definitive set mint. Cat £180 Est £40
- 80 1932 2/- Lobatsi cds. Cat £35 Res £10
- 81 1932 4d & 2/6 on registered envelope to England. Mahalapye 3 Nov 38 cds & Purple registration cachet. Slight damage at top where re-sealed by P.O. Est £7
- 82 1932 ½d on envelope to Johannesburg with printed 'H.R.H. Prince George's Royal Tour in Southern Africa in the White Train 5.2.34 to 10.5.34' commemorative bi-lingual cancellation Est £5
- 83 1932 1d (2) on slightly damaged cover to Cape Town. One with Lobatsi 12 FebA 35 double circle postmark, the other with bi-lingual Imperial Press Conference pmk of same date. Est £6
- 84 Silver Jubilee 1d perforated SPECIMEN Est £8
- 85 Silver Jubilee, Coronation, Victory and Royal Visit sets, duplicated, plus KG6 definitives to 1/-. Mint Est £2
- 86 KG6 definitive sets mint and used with shades Est £11
- 87 KG6 1/- with full Palla Road 10 Jan 50 double circle postmark Est £2
- 88 KG6 ½d on GB airmail letter form with South Africa bantam ½d and 1d (vertical pair) from APO 12 (Italy) to Johannesburg, resealed with censor label. Est £5

- 89 KG6 2d on slightly stained cover to JHB, Mochudi Village 14 AprA45 cds Est £1
- 90 1947 Royal Visit set on registered cover to JHB cancelled GABERONES STA (12 IV 47) with Gaberones Sta. registration cachet in red Est £2
- 91 1948 Silver Wedding pair mint also used on FDC Est £9
- 92 1948 Silver Wedding pair used, also 1½d on FDC Est £4
- 93 1945 Victory used horizontal pairs of 1d aniline centre, 3d with '3-d' variety on right stamp Est £5
- 94 KG5-QE2: SG 99 (2 shades), 100, 102(2), 103(2), 104(2), 115, 122, 124a, 136, 144, 146b, 154-6, 157, 157a, 158 all mint, Cat £18.20 Est £2.50
- 95 Commemorative issues Royal Visit to Pioneer Corps, less Silver Wedding. All represented by a mint set & a FDC, except for QE2 Coronation mint block of 6 (imprint block of 4, plus pair in row above), plus some used. Also QE2 decimal surcharges mint & used plus varieties & 1961 definitives set mint & used Est £10
- 96 QE2 1955 definitives mint, the 4d in a top left marginal block of 4 with guide marks in margin Est £6
- 97 QE2 1955 definitive set to 5/-: ½d(2), 1d(4), 2d(2), 3d, 4d, 4½d, 6d(2), 1/-(2), 1/3, 2/6, 5/-(2). One mint example of each printing (with release dates and 'G.S.M.' comments on shades), lacking only 1 printing each of 2d, 3d, 2/6 Res £20
- 98 QE2 decimal surcharges set with basic type differences as per catalogue (R1 is SG 167b only). Unmounted mint Est £2
- 99 QE2: SG 175-9, 185, 188, 192-3, D9 mint. Cat £12.75 Est £1.50
- 100 6 OHMS covers, plus 15 similar from Botswana, all with Post Office, GPO, or Dept of Posts and Telegraphs official cachets in various types and colours. All to England, some registered, only 4 with adhesives. Est £8
- 101 1950 9x4 envelope of the Bamalete Tribal Administration. District Commissioner Gaberones Official Free cachet, then re-used to Swaziland with Resident Commissioner Bech. Prot. Govt. Official Free cachet. Unusual Est £12
- 102 1965 'Map' 2½c (SG 186var) fine used with variety INVERTED WATERMARK Est £15

POSTAGE DUES

- 103 1926 ½d, 1d, 2d mint Est £3
- 104 1932 ½d, 1d, 2d mint Est £1
- 105 1961 surcharges 1c (type 1); 2c (types I & II chalky paper); 5c; plus decimal trio in horizontal pairs. All mint Est 50p
- 106 1961 Decimal surcharge 1c/1d (SG D7a). Type II surcharge, 1st ptg, chalky paper. Marginal pair, rt hand stamp with broken 'c' variety (row 6, no.6), Shelley Cat no. DV2). 96 printed. Unmtd mint. Res £15
- 107 1961 Decimal surcharge 2c/2d (SG D8a). Type II surcharge, chalky paper. Marginal corner pair, one with variety thick 'd' on basic stamp (row 10, no.6). Shelley Cat no. DV4a. Mint, mtd in margin Est £5

POSTAL FISCAL

- 108 Transvaal KE7 6d overprinted 'Bechuanaland Protectorate' (SG F1) on a small cover to Johannesburg. Clearly tied by Mochudi 17 Jul 10 cds. Addressed to 'M.P. Vallentine, dealer in postage stamps' Res £225

TELEGRAPHS AND FISCALS

- 109 Cape 6d overprinted Military Telegraphs, unused, no gum Est £5
- 110 Cape 1/- overprinted Military Telegraphs, cancelled in red ink. Tiny damage at base Res £10
- 111 2/6 SA Revenue overprinted. With part Resident Magistrate N'Gamiland fiscal cancellation dated 2 May 1918 (B&H 16) Est £6
- 112 5/- SA Revenue overprinted. On small piece with fiscal cancellation. Piece folded very close to stamp (B&H 17) Est £6

POSTAL STATIONERY

- 113 QV ½d card, type I, unused Est £5
- 114 KE7 ½d card overprinted SPECIMEN Est £15
- 115 KE7 1d card overprinted SPECIMEN Est £15

116	KG5 1932 ½d card, mint	Est £6
117	KG6 1938 ½d card, mint	Est £6
118	KG6 1938 1d card, mint	Est £6
119	Circa 1955 KG6 1d card with QE2 ½d adhesive (small stain) affixed. As issued by GPO when postage rate increased to 1½d. Mint	Est £7
120	QE2 1d + ½d card, mint	Est £8
121	1961 2c Hoopoe card, mint	Est £6
122	1889 4d on Cape registration envelope with green overprint, size K, (H&G 4). Mint. A few faint rust spots. Scarce	Est £10
123	1899 QV registration envelope ('Antilles' type) overprinted SPECIMEN. Some rust marks	Est £5
124	1906 KE7 registration envelope (with R in oval) size G, overprinted SPECIMEN	Est £7
125	1913 KG5 registration envelope 4d on 2d+1d brown. Size G, code L.F. Mint	Est £8
126	1919 KG5 registration envelope 4d on 2d+1½d blue. Size F, code C.O. Mint	Est £8
127	1920 KG5 5½d on 2d+2d green registration envelope, size F, code B.P. (H&G 14). Mint	Res £15
128	1925 KG5 4½d red-violet registration envelope. Mint, code E.T.	Est £7
129	1932 KG5 registration envelopes, 2 used, one Palapye to Cape Town; the other Kasane (handwritten registration mark on reverse) to India with variety of Indian 'not known' and dead letter office marks	Est £20
130	1932 KG5 registration envelope overprinted SPECIMEN	Est £15
131	1938 KG6 registration envelope overprinted SPECIMEN	Est £15
132	1955 QE2 6d registration envelopes, sizes G and H2. Mint	Est £7
133	1961 5c QE2 registration envelope in scarcer size H (H&G 20a). Mint	Est £7.50
134	1961 5c QE2 registration envelopes, sizes G and H. Mint	Est £8

AIRMAILS

135	1938 First airmail service. Cover from Gobabis SWA 1 XI 38 (first day) to Maun, with Maun 5 Nov 38 receiving mark on front	Est £12
136	1938 First airmail, cover from Palapye 1 XI 38 (on KG6 1d) to Windhoek. Receiving mark, same date on reverse	Est £18
137	1938 First airmail to England. Cover from Palapye 5 XI 38 (on KG6 1½d). GB ½d cancelled 12 Nov 38 applied on receipt	Est £30
138	1945 aerogrammes on smooth buff paper. Both languages mint plus an Afrikaans version used 1950 to USA with Victory 1d and 2d pairs	Est £3
139	QE2 6d aerogramme mint, code K; 5c on 6d, 1 mint, 2 used all code L; also stampless 1953 Coronation aerogramme with strip of 3 Coronation stamp and Lobatsi 3 Jun 53 commemorative cancellation; also QE2-style stampless aerogrammes, inscriptions in red, one mint (code Y?), one used with 5c 1965 self government and South African 12½c from Durban to England	Est £12

RAILWAYS

140	1950 cover to East London. KG6 6d cancelled with Station Master Francistown purple cachet. Endorsed 'By Railpost'. Also pair KG5 ½d and piece with 3 x KG5 1d, all cancelled SAR&H Lobatsi	Est £20
141	Rhodesia Railway Parcel Stamps - 4c & 5c optd. PY (Palapye), both used	Est £4

PICTURE POSTCARDS

142	Black and white view of 'Mochudi Kaffir Town'. Photo by T.D. Ravenscroft, Rondebosch. Used from Cape Town in 1905. Undivided back. Message on view side	Est £2
143	Coloured view (different to above) of 'Mochudi, Matabeleland Native Town' Braune & Levy, Johannesburg No. 1409, used from Johannesburg in 1909. Divided back. Message on view side	Est £1

BOTSWANA

144	1966 Republic overprint definitives set to R1 mint. Also, used to 25 cents on 2 covers. Also 1967 definitives to R1 mint	Est £4
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- 145 1968 (Independence) to 1970 (Dickens) commemoratives, each represented by a mint set, FDC and (from 1967) used set Est £3
- 146 1972 'Night Sky' Artwork: 5 photos of constellations from the book 'Constellations' (Paul Hamlyn), used for the rough sketches; 5 photo prints of wording (star names etc) used for the finished artwork; original artwork on thick card of wording & nos. for the 3c, 7c, 10c & 20c; photo used for finished (?) artwork of 'Centaurus' design & 4 rough pencil sketches on tracing paper, one apparently for a FDC. Res £110
- 147 1972 Runner Post miniature sheet, unmounted mint Est £1.50
- 148 1975-81 Official FDC's of commemorative stamp issues. Complete for years 1975 to 1980 plus 4 covers for 1981 (28 covers). A few covers slightly toned. Cat as used sets of stamps £32.45 Res £16
- 149 SG MS 485, 479-84x2, 256 B4, 257, 259x2, 204-5, 212-3, 293, 297, 302, 307, 316-7, MS 274, MS 275, MS 279, MS 313 unmounted mint. Cat £16.30 Est £2.25
- 150 SG MS 434, 428, 535, 503-6, 462-7 (less 463), 472 B4, 499-502, 489-92, 486-8 pairs, 473 gutter 4, 475-6 unmounted mint. Cat £13.25 Est £1.75
- 151 SG 493-6, 499 gutter 4, 500 gutter pr, 501 pr, 502, 550-3, 497-8, 449-51, MS 549, 439-40, 443, 537 B4 unmounted mint. Cat £10.30 Est £1.50
- 152 SG 538 B4, 539 B4, 540, 489-90 B4's, 507-10, 503-4 gutter B4's, 505 gutter pr, 506 unmounted mint. Cat £11.25 Est £2
- 153 SG 411 B4, 412 gutter pr, 413 gutter pr, 414 pr, 415 B4, 416 gutter pr, 417 gutter pr, 418 pr, 419 gutter pr, 420, 421 gutter pr, 422-7, u/m. Cat £23.95 Est £5
- 154 SG 515-9, 523, 525-6 all gutter pairs, 325, 367a, 368a, 370, 371a, 374a, 375a unmounted mint. Cat £16 Est £3.25

POSTAGE DUES

- 155 1967 overprint set in mint blocks of 4, the 2c top right marginal Est £1
- 156 1967 1c provisional postage due (SG D13). Top right corner block of 4, row 2, no.5 showing variety thick 'c' & stop on basic stamp. Mint, mtd in margin Res £5
- 157 1977 Zebra 4 top values unmounted mint. perf 12½ Est 50p

REVENUE

- 158 c1967 Local Govt Tax R1 black & red (B&H 8, cat £35) manuscript cancel Res £14

AIRMAILS

- 159 First airmail South Africa to Botswana cover used Johannesburg 1 XI 68 to Gaberones and re-used on reverse journey same day. Commemorative handstamps and designs on both sides. Est £2

STATIONERY

- 160 2c Hoopoe card cancelled Lobatsi 22 III 67 Est £10
- 161 2c Hoopoe card ovptd SPECIMEN but with 'Forgery' in biro at lower left Est £3
- 162 Three 1967 stampless registration envelopes, size G, used 1969/70 at Francistown (2) & Mahalapye. Five different pmks. Est £9
- 163 Three 1980's stampless registration envelopes, as described in RP 17, including straight (2) & curved flap sub-types, used 1987/8 at Gaberone (2) & Moshupa. Est £4.50
- 164 Stampless registration envelopes (see RP 25) type RE1 size G, 1 mint, 5 used; size H, 15 used; RE4, 5 used Est £10

POSTMARKS

- 165 100 grams of Botswana stamps on piece. Many different postmarks Est £1
- 166 Collection of 67 commercial covers (mainly Botswana) & 79 stamps (mainly Protectorate) with many different pmks covering: Baines Drift, Francistown, Gaberones/+Station/+Village, Gwetta, Jwaneng, Kanye, Letlhakane, Lobatsi, Machaneng, Macloutsi, Mafeking, Mahalapye, Mamono, Mankgodi, Maun, Meitengwe, Mochudi/+Village, Moeng, Molepolole, Monarch, Orapa, Palachwe, Palapye/+Station/+Road, Parrs Halt, Pilane Station, Pitsani, Radisele, Rakops, Ramotswa Village/+Station, Ratholo, Sebinas, Seetso, Selebi Pikwe, Serowe, Seruli, Shashi Drift, Sherwood Ranch, Shoshong, Tati-town, Thamaga, Tonota, Tshabong, Tsessebe, Zanzibar & BONC's 638, 676, 1061 Est £60

STELLALAND

- 167 4d greyish blue, Holmes type 3, mint Est £4
168 1/-, Holmes type 7, mint Est £9
169 3d type 4, 4d type 8, 6d type 2, 1/- type 3, mint, minor faults Est £20
170 Revenues - 6d with monogram, 1/6 with monogram, 5/- (3, 1 with monogram), 10/-, £5 with monogram. All used and with faults Est £12
171 2/6 revenue, no monogram, unused but rather grubby Est £4
172 2/6 & 5/-, no monogram, mint, minor creases Est £8
173 2/-, 2/6, 5/- with monogram, 10/- & £5 monogram inverted, unused, no gum Est £15

MAFEKING

- 174 SG 6 (SG 59 of B.P. further overprinted/surcharged 'MAFEKING BESIEGED 1d'). Setting variety 'broken G' in BESIEGED. On piece, cancelled AP 1 1900 Res £15
175 SG 10 (SG 12 of B.B. further overprinted/surcharged 'MAFEKING BESIEGED 6d'). Setting variety 'broken third E' in BESIEGED. Cancelled AP 17 1900 Res £20
176 SG 12 (SG 61 of B.P. further overprinted/surcharged 'MAFEKING BESIEGED 3d'). Cancelled AP 1 1900 Res £20
177 SG 13 (SG 62 of B.P. further overprinted/surcharged 'MAFEKING BESIEGED 6d'). Setting variety 'broken third E' in BESIEGED. On piece, cancelled AP 8 1900 Res £20

BASUTOLAND

- 178 Basuto pmks (full strikes) on stamps of South Africa: MORIJA (3 NO 32) on King's Head 1½d tete-beche pair (SG 5a); MOHALESHEK on 2d (2 Oct 33) & 6d (16 Nov 32) officials (SG 015-16), all on small pieces. Cat £32.50 (as SA normals) Est £15

RHODESIAS

- 179 1892 2d pair (SG 20) postmarked MAFEKING (rare use during 1896 Matabele rebellion - see RL Vol II 'Empire in Africa') Est £10
180 1896 1d (SG 29) postmarked (FR)ANCESTOWN S AFRICA NO 12 97 Est £4
181 1896 2d (SG 30) postmarked TATI MATABELELAND JU 12 97 Est £6
182 1896 3d horizontal pair (SG 31) on damaged cover to England. Bulawayo Matabeleland NO 5 98 cds Est £8
183 Rhodesia & Nyasaland 1955 ½d coil stamps SG 1a on piece. 1 single, 3 pairs & a 4th pair miscut with only half stamp at bottom and extra half stamp at top Est £5

SOUTH WEST AFRICA

- 184 FDC's: 1937 Coronation (SG 101-4) pairs, 1947 Royal Visit, 1949 Voortrekker, 1953 Coronation, 1980 Antelopes Res £3
185 1968 Airmail cover to UK with SG 181, 1970 airmail cover to UK SG 229 (Biblia), 1986 Registered cover to Rondebosch, RSA, with SG 357, 363 & 464 Res £3
186 1960 Postage Dues: SG D55/56 in u/mint blocks of 4 Res £6

ZAMBIA

- 187 1973 Republic Anniversary SG 203 4ngwee in u/mint horiz. gutter pair Est £2.50
188 Stockbook of mint issues 1965-83 with many pairs and blocks. Includes 3 varieties on SG 129 and the scarce SG 203. 363 stamps in all. Cat £150+ Est £10

LATE LOTS - LITERATURE (all new)

- 189 'Encyclopaedia of SA Post Offices & Postal Agencies' Vol I / Putzel Res £15
190 'Postmarks of the Cape of Good Hope' / Goldblatt Res £15
191 'The Oates Correspondence' / Collis & Drysdall Res £5
192 'Nyasaland-Rhodesia Field Force 1914-18' / Drysdall & Pennycuik Res £12
193 'Transvaal Philately' (1986) / Mathews et al Res £20
194 'Military Mails at the Cape of Good Hope' / Ken Baker Res £3

LATE LOT - BOTSWANA

- 195 1966 Independence, 2½c, top left corner marginal block of four, variety completely IMPERFORATE (SG 202a) and with marked upward shift of black colour, unmounted mint. Cat £500 Res £280

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