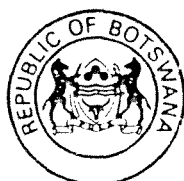


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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

David Finlay's fascinating article 'The Rarer Stamps British Bechuanaland and Bechuanaland Protectorate' which appears on page 761 of this issue included a section on the £5 on 1/- Postal Fiscal (SG F2). This prompted me to try and finalise (as far as possible) a long-planned article on this stamp. The results of our joint research appear on page 770 of this issue.

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Annual General Meeting 1994

The AGM of the Society will be held on **Wednesday 12th October 1994**, at 2.00 pm, at 'The Royal Oak', Regency Street, Westminster.

The principal business will be the Biennial election of Officers, together with the annual reports of the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer.

The meeting will be asked to approve the following Amendment to Rule 6 of the Society Rules:

Delete the sentence: "The Chairman shall serve for a maximum of two consecutive two-year terms only, before standing down for at least one term of office."

Your Committee hopes that as many members as possible will attend the AGM. At the conclusion of business there will be a philatelic session to which anyone attending is invited to contribute as follows:

- 1) A Three sheet display; 2) A Twelve sheet display; 3) A Philatelic Conundrum

POSTAGE RATES PRIOR TO 1900 - SOME FURTHER INFORMATION

Alan Drysdall

Murphy's Law evidently still applies. Only a week or two after receiving the March issue of *The Runner Post* (No. 34), which included the article on postage rates prior to 1900, a rummage through back numbers of *The South African Philatelist* searching for something on a quite different topic, resulted in the discovery of a note by Archie Batten entitled *The Departmental Record Office and Bechuanaland Protectorate (2)*¹, which includes some highly relevant information on early Bechuanaland and Rhodesian postage rates.

The opening paragraphs and the references to the map of the northern Transvaal, Matabeleland and Mashonaland are rather misleading, as they imply that the Gubulawayo - Mafeking runner post served Mashonaland, and that Tuli and Salisbury existed in 1888. However, this is not important. What is significant is that the author quotes *verbatim* a letter from the Governor of Cape Colony, Sir Hercules Robinson, which accompanied a copy of an advertisement concerning mail addressed to Bechuanaland Protectorate, Matabeleland and Mashonaland which was published in the *Cape Argus* on the 31st August, 1888, and reproduces notices concerning postcards, registered mail and parcels published in June, July and December 1892 which were issued to all British post offices.

The notices and the accompanying official correspondence are held by the UK Post Office Archives. The record includes a formal Proclamation by the Governor of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, Sir Henry Brougham Loch, concerning the British and Foreign Parcel Post Convention between the Colony and British Bechuanaland, which came into force on the 1st August 1890, but this Proclamation is unfortunately not reproduced.

The letter accompanying the newspaper advertisement reads as follows:

"From Sir Hercules Robinson to Lord Knutsford

"Government House,
Cape Town
5th September 1888

"My Lord,

"With reference to my despatch No. 256 of the 27th June last, I have the honour to enclose for your Lordship's information, a copy of a postal advertisement which has been published, notifying the charges on letters and newspapers to and from Bechuanaland Protectorate, Matabeleland and Mashonaland.

"I have the honour to be my Lord, your obedient servant,

Hercules Robinson
Governor and High Commissioner.

The Right Honourable Lord Knutsford GCMG"

The accompanying copy of the notice reads as follows:

"The Cape Argus
August 31, 1888

"British Bechuanaland Postal Notice

"Mails for Kanye, Molepolole, Shoshong, Lake Ngami, the Zambesi, Tati River, Matabeleland and Mashonaland.

"Notice is hereby given that arrangements have been made for a Postal Service within the present limits of the British Protectorate and to Matabeleland.

"Correspondence for the above places should be addressed 'via Bechuanaland' and should be prepaid at the following rates of postage.

"From the United Kingdom.

"Letters not exceeding ½oz 8d each; every additional ½oz 8d.

Newspapers 1½d for each paper not exceeding 4oz and 1½d for every additional 4oz.

"From Offices in South Africa.

"Letters 2d per ½oz.

Newspapers 1½d for each paper not exceeding 4oz and 1½d for every additional 4oz.

"Further charges will be collected upon delivery as follows:

Within the present limits of the Protectorate.
Letters 2d per ½oz; Newspapers 2d each.
Beyond the present limits of the Protectorate.
Letters 4d per ½oz; Newspapers 4d each.

“(sd) Ernest C. Baxter
Acting Postmaster General.

Vryburg,
British Bechuanaland,
15th August 1888”

This certainly clarifies the situation as far as mail from the UK addressed to the Protectorate and ‘beyond’ - the Trans-Protectorate - is concerned. The list of destinations is intriguing; there were at this time no offices in Mashonaland, and, as far as the present author is aware, there is no other record of services to Lake Ngami and the Zambesi in 1888. Jurgens² records that “In 1895 ... a small branch service (controlled by Mr. Moffat) was still carried on by native runners to Lake Ngami and to ‘Kazemgulu’ [Kazungula] on the Zambesi river”. (The service to Lake Ngami was monthly; that to Kazungula once every two months.) It would seem that the Cape P.O. was making provision for services which at the time were still on the drawing board.

The first of the postal notices, No. 32 of the 28th June, 1892, states:

“On and after the 1st of July 1892, Penny Postcards will be available for transmission to the South African Republic (Transvaal), Orange Free State, and British Bechuanaland.”

There appears to be no record in the literature of when the reciprocal British Bechuanaland postcard rate was introduced.

Notice No. 34, dated the 19th July, 1892, states:

“Reply Post-Cards may now be sent to the Cape Colony, British Bechuanaland, and the Orange Free State at a Postage of 2d. Each.

“The sender of a registered letter, or any other registered article, addressed to the Cape Colony, British Bechuanaland, or the Orange Free State, may now obtain an acknowledgement of its delivery by paying a fee of 2½d. (in addition to the postage and registration fee) at the time of posting.”

In this case it is known that 1d + 1d reply paid postcards ‘for transmission to the United Kingdom’ were issued in British Bechuanaland on the 1st November, 1892³. It is not known when the reciprocal *avis de reception* service was introduced.

Notice No. 68 of the 27th December, 1892, was concerned exclusively with parcel post.

“On and after Monday the 2nd January, 1893, parcels will be accepted at any Post Office for transmission to Mashonaland, and the whole of the postage on the transmission of parcels for the Bechuanaland Protectorate will be payable at the time of posting.

“No parcel may exceed 7 pounds in weight, 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 6 feet in length and girth combined.

“No parcel may contain a letter, explosive or dangerous articles likely to injure other parcels; liquids (unless securely packed in proper cases); parts of a vine, fruit, plants, cuttings, bulbs or roots, unless accompanied by the certificate of origin required by the Colonial Authorities.

“The places in the Protectorate and Mashonaland at which parcels will be delivered are as follows:-

“In the Bechuanaland Protectorate - Kanya,
Macloutsie Molepolole, Palachwe, and
Ramoutsa

“In Mashonaland - Fern Spruit, Hartley
Hill, Lawrencedale, Mazoe, Salisbury,
Tuli, Umtali and Victoria.

“Parcels to the places mentioned above will be included in the Mails for Capetown despatched from London every Saturday morning. Parcels from the rest of the United Kingdom must be posted so as to reach London not later than Friday night.

“The postage rates on parcels for South Africa will now stand as follows:-

	Per pound.
To Cape Town and Durban	0s 9d.
To the rest of the Cape Colony and Natal	1s 0d.
To British Bechuanaland, the Orange Free State, and the Transvaal	1s 3d.
To the Bechuanaland Protectorate and Mashonaland	2s 2d.

"The general regulations of the Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post apply to parcels for Mashonaland and the other places named above."

It is of interest that parcels could still not be sent north of Palachwe, i.e. to Tati and Gubulawayo, because the northern section of the route continued to be operated by runners. The list of Mashonaland offices, served at this time via Palachwe, Macloutsie and Tuli, must have been supplied by the Cape Postmaster-General, but would nevertheless seem to be incomplete.

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MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND QUERIES

1966 7½c BOTSWANA PROVISIONAL WITH MISSING COLOUR (SG 211a) - J.F. Inglefield-Watson.

The SG Part I catalogue describes the above variety as showing the background in yellow instead of apple-green, the blue-green overlay being omitted.

I have what purports to be an example of this variety used on a Mafeking and Bechuanaland Philatelic Society First Day Cover bearing the complete 1966 provisional set. I can detect no evidence that the 7½c stamp has been 'doctored' in any way but I cannot confirm that it is genuine as used 'missing colours' are not accepted for expertisation.

Using the SG colour key, I would describe the background colour of my stamp, which is on fluorescent paper, as greenish yellow. The component colours could be determined by matching the relevant plate numbers of a normal stamp with the Colour Key but I do not have a plate number block. Can any member supply this information or any other data relating to identification of this variety? Are any mint examples known?

BECHUANALAND SPECIMENS - David Wessely

David Wessely has drawn our attention to a passage on page 59 from a book recently published in the USA titled '*THE PREXIES*' by Roland E. Rustad (published by the Bureau Issues Association, Inc. 1994):

"SPECIMEN"

"It is possible that at some future date stamps of this issue with 'SPECIMEN' overprints will appear. This type of overprint, from a handstamp used by postal officials in Bechuanaland (now the Republic of Botswana), has surfaced on many of the Bureau printed stamps from 1890 through 1937 (*USS*, July, 1992, v. 63, p357). Apparently this overprint was applied to stamps that were sent as samples. An example of this overprint is shown in Figure 2."

Do any members have knowledge of this allegedly locally applied Specimen handstamp. Unfortunately the illustration is very dark but a handstamped (overprinted?) 'SPECIMEN' in sans-serif capitals can be seen at right running vertically upwards.



Figure 2. Bechuanaland SPECIMEN overprint on 1918 airmail stamp.

Specimen overprints purporting to emanate from the Bechuanaland Postal Archives were mentioned in RP 27, p518 and RP 30, p597. Can anyone confirm that a) Bechuanaland Protectorate officials treated incoming samples in this manner, if in fact, they received samples?, and b) that Specimens were sold by an Archive?

THE RARER STAMPS OF BRITISH BECHUANALAND AND BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE

David Finlay

Living on a fairly remote farm in Botswana is not the ideal location for obtaining information on rare stamps, but I hope that other members of the Society will be prepared to add to the very limited listing I can make. In particular the 'Royal', various museum, and members' collections should produce many additional examples, and could prove a very interesting exercise. How many of these stamps still exist today and where are they?

Part of my interest in the subject arises from the fact that my own Bechuanaland collection has reached the stage where only the more rare stamps are missing, but also because Bob Holmes was kind enough to send me reference illustrations of some of the rare stamps known to him and also a typed extract from the 1900 Emil Tamsen sale. Only a few of the illustrations on which this article is based are dated, so I do not know when he established that all these stamps were in existence. The aim of this article is to give an indication of the relative scarcity and history of the selected items. It is based on Holmes' reference illustrations, which are reproduced along with some relevant notes, and expands on his work by attempting to record the occasions when these stamps, and other examples, have been offered for sale in recent years. It is not a complete record, nor is it an endorsement as to the genuineness of the items recorded whose descriptions are taken at face value.

The Tamsen sale extract is fascinating - large numbers of complete sheets, half sheets and panes, a half sheet of the ½d vermilion with overprint inverted, the cover with six copies of the 2d on 2d with green surcharge and of course the remarkable prices of nearly 100 years ago.

As Holmes' illustrations were taken from a variety of sources, including 1930's auctions catalogues, the quality is somewhat varied and this in turn affects the quality of the illustrations in this article.

1. 'Unappropriated Dies overprinted 'Military Telegraphs'

Specimen sets of the 1885 Military Telegraphs overprints appear in sales catalogues relatively frequently, but I have been surprised by how infrequently the stamps both used and unused have appeared. The only occasion I recollect is the following:-

Robson Lowe sale of 15th June 1983 - Col. David Eley Collection.

- (i) 1d to £1, set of eight, 'fine mint' - lot 1016
- (ii) 1/- and 2/- both with cancellations - lot 1017

More copies, particularly used copies, must be known¹, perhaps laying unrecognised for what they are in non-Bechuanaland collections.

2. The 1885/87 Issue 'Specimen'

Holmes lists the 3d claret and 4d blue, (Holmes) Type I, the 1d rose-red, Type 15, and the ½d grey-black (with 'British Bechuanaland' in black), Type 16².

- (i) ½d grey-black. Apparently the only known copy is in the Royal collection.
- (ii) 3d claret. A copy was in the Holmes/Harmers sale of October 1981 (lot 1005) and was purchased by the Botswana Philatelic Museum (B.P.M.) I have an example in my own collection, but I have not kept a record of its source.
- (iii) 4d blue. I have not seen any copies of the 4d Specimen.
- (iv) 1d rose-red. The only copy I am aware of is lot 1020 of the 1981 Harmers sale. Again this item was purchased by the B.P.M.

¹ I have only seen two other mint sets - Ed.

² Marcus Samuel, in *Specimen Stamps of the Crown Colonies* (1976), lists Holmes Type 1 as 'BEC1'. Samuel (p79) also states that in his opinion, he considers Holmes Types 15 and 16 to be bogus and lists them as FF6 and FF1 respectively.

3. The 1885 ½d Grey-black overprinted in 'lake'³ (SG 1a)

An example of this stamp was sold as Lot 1003 at the 1981 Holmes sale and purchased by the Botswana Philatelic Museum. While the sale catalogue describes it as 'very few copies known', to the best of my knowledge it is the only copy known⁴. On page 41 of his book, Holmes describes the stamp as "...a rarity, as but few copies are known, though others probably exist in collections unrecognised." The Museum copy is of poor quality and one wonders if the stamp really justifies listing in the catalogue on the basis of one poor example.

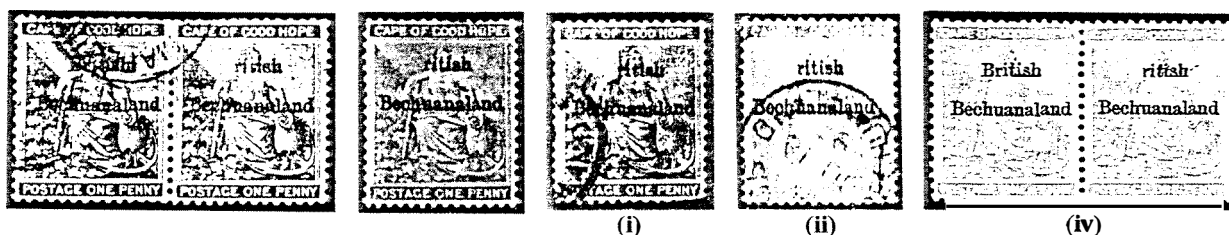


4. The 1887 ½d Grey-black - Error 'ritish' - SG 4a

The Holmes reference illustrations show five examples of this variety, four of which are se-tenant with normals - three in pairs, and one as the centre stamp in a strip of three. Another example, the right stamp in a mint pair, was included in a collection on offer at a stamp show in Washington in November 1989. A mint single was offered as Lot 3 at the 1991 Harmers/Dale-Lichtenstein sale.

5. The 1887 ½d Grey-black - Overprint Double - SG 4b

The only copy I have seen is lot 1018 from the 1981 Harmers sale and this copy is now in the B.P.M.



6. The 1885-87 1d Rose-red - Error 'ritish' - SG 5a

The Holmes reference illustrations show two examples of this variety, one used (the right stamp of a pair), and one mint. Neither are the B.P.M. stamp, or the Barkaway or Eley stamps.

- (i) A used single with 1930 RPS certificate. Lot 1024 1981 Harmers/Holmes sale and now in the B.P.M.
- (ii) A used single. Lot 1024 June 1983 Robson Lowe/Eley sale.
- (iii) A used single with 1968 BPA certificate. Lot 586 June 1986 Harmers/Barkaway⁵.
- (iv) The right stamp of a mint pair. Lot 4, 1991 Harmers New York/Dale-Lichtenstein sale.

³ The term 'lake' is derived from the colour of a red dyestuff made in India from the secretion of the insect *Coccus lacca*. (Methuen Handbook of Colour).

⁴ There is a fine example in the collection of Vic Visser. - Ed.

⁵ This lot was withdrawn. It appears from the illustration that the stamp was a forgery (overprint too wide) - Ed.

7. The 1885-87 1d Rose-red - Overprint Double - SG 5b

- (i) A used single with 1951 RPS certificate. Lot 1025, 1981 Harmers/Holmes sale and now in the B.P.M.
- (ii) A copy in my own collection - source not noted but obtained some 15 years ago.



(i)



(ii)

8. The 1885-87 2d Bistre - Error 'ritish' - SG 6a

- (i) A used single with 1932 RPS certificate. Lot 1032, 1981 Harmers/Holmes sale and now in the B.P.M.
- (ii) A mint single. Lot 1025, 1983 Robson Lowe/Eley sale.

The Holmes reference illustrations show only one example of this stamp which is neither of the above.

9. The 1885-87 2d Bistre - Overprint Double - SG 6b

A used single with 1968 BPA certificate. Lot 587, 1986 Harmers/Barkaway sale.



'H.R. Harmers 2-10/10/33' (ii) 'RPS Cert 116413'

10. The 1886 1/- Green - Error - 'ritish' - SG 8a

The Holmes reference illustrations show three examples, two apparently mint and one used. One of the mint examples appears to be the same stamp as (ii) below.

- (i) A copy in the B.P.M. obtained by private treaty from a collector.
- (ii) A mint single with 1959 RPS certificate. Lot 68, 1991 Christie's Robson Lowe sale.

11. The 1887 ½d Vermilion - Overprint Double - SG 9a

Again, this is not a satisfactory stamp. One was purchased by the B.P.M. as lot 1048 at the 1981 Harmers/Holmes sale. While the 'Double' is just visible, there is very little separation, i.e. the overprints are nearly coincident. Holmes at page 47 states that "a few copies of the stamp are known", but I have not seen any other examples.

12. The 1888 2d on 2d Lilac and Black - Surcharge in Green - SG 23c

The Holmes reference illustrations show ten examples of this stamp and two forgeries. All are cancelled and all of the cancellations that are distinguishable are 'Vryburg'. Included is the Holmes sale example (Lot 1085), now in the B.P.M. Illustrations, being in black and white, do not show the 'green' colour. Holmes also gives some commentary about this stamp on page 49 of his book. Additional examples I am aware of are as follows:-



'AU 31 88'
'Harmer Rooke
31/3-1/4 / 33'



'SP 3 88'
'Plumridge
10-12/7/35'



'SP 7 88'
'HRH 25/2 -5/3/35'



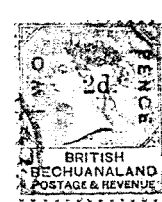
'SP 10 88'



'SP 88'
'H.R.H.
12-19/6/33'



'OC 20 88'



'Plumridge
1-2/2/33'



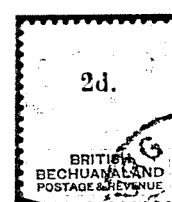
(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)

- (i) A used single offered on a 1989 price list, with David Brandon and PFSA certificates both stating 'genuine' and a BPA certificate stating 'forged'.
- (ii) A used single. Lot 8, 1991 Harmer's New York/Dale-Lichtenstein 'British Africa' sale.
- (iii) A used single with 1960 BPA cert. Lot 94, 1991 Christie's Robson Lowe sale, now in my collection. This example is very faded and the 'green' scarcely distinguishable.
- (iv) A used single with 1964 RPS certificate ("genuine so far as one can say"). Lot 3233, 1992 (June) and Lot 484 (part), 1992 (Sep) Christie's Robson Lowe sales.
- (v) An example advertised in a sale in South Africa in 1993.

'Ex T.W. Hall
'MAFEKING
SP 18 88'



'Ex W. Dorning-Beckton'
MAFEKING cds

13. The 1888 6d on 6d Lilac and Black - Surcharge in Blue - SG 26a

The Holmes illustrations I have, again only black and white, show the two copies described on page 49 of his book i.e. the T.W. Hall and W. Dorning-Beckton examples. Where are these now? It is intriguing that Holmes comments that "a few other examples were found". Are any of these known now?⁶

⁶ An example of this stamp is owned by a collector in the USA who states he purchased it at a Bridger & Kay auction.



Lot 615, 1986
Barkaway Sale



Lot 335/1103,
1993 Christie's Robson Lowe

14. The 1888 ½d on 3d Pale Reddish-Lilac and Black - Broken 'f' Variety - SG 29a

Holmes comments on this stamp on pages 53-54. An example (the left stamp of a pair) appeared in the 1986 Harmers/Barkaway sale (Lot 615, with 1980 RPS certificate) and the comment "only two examples are known, one of which is in the Royal Collection".

A mint single with 1987 BPA certificate and the comment "...some four examples are recorded..." was offered as Lot 1103 and again as Lot 335 on the Christie's Robson Lowe sales of June and December 1993 respectively.

The 'Colonel J.R. Danson' collection of Southern Africa sold at Robson Lowe in June 1971 included (Lot 1024) a "mint corner pair - one variety 'Hal' for 'Half' and a used example with fraction bar misplaced".



SG 31a



SG 31c (Holmes Sale)



SG 31c (Dale-Lichtenstein)

**15. The 1891 1d Rose-Red Varieties: Horizontal Pair, one Without Overprint - SG 31a
'British' Omitted - SG 31b
'Bechuanaland' Omitted - SG 31c**

These three varieties are described on page 56 of Holmes's book. All three appear to be very rare. Holmes states that two panes did not receive the overprint in the last vertical row. I have not seen an example of this variety (SG 31a), but one copy is shown in the Holmes reference, being the right hand stamp of a pair with Plate No. 7 above the left stamp. It appears SG 31c is caused by an intrusion - most probably the gutter margin at right folding back - while overprinting.

I have not seen an example of SG 31b.

An example of SG 31c in a pair with normal, was sold as Lot 1104 in the 1981 Harmers/Holmes sale.

Another example, again the right stamp of a horizontal pair, was sold as Lot 12 in the 1991 Harmers of New York/Dale-Lichtenstein 'British Africa' sale.

**16. The 1893 1d Rose-Red Varieties: Pair, one Without Overprint - SG 38a
Overprinted 'Bechuanaland British' - SG 38c
Overprint Reading Up, No Dots to 'i' of British - SG 38e**

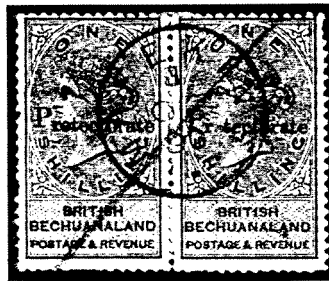
These three varieties are described on page 61 of Holmes's book. I have not seen either 38a or 38c. An example of SG 38e was sold as Lot 1121 on the Harmers/Holmes sale. This is now in the B.P.M.

17. The 1888 4d on 4d Lilac and Black - Small Figure '4' - SG 44a

One example (ex Hamish Campbell) was illustrated in RP 24 and reference was made to a second copy. An example was listed in the 1993 Phillips/Setterfield sale. This latter stamp may have been wrongly described and confused with SG 51⁷.



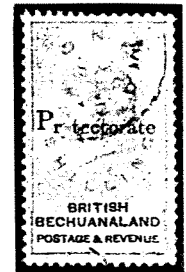
(i) 'Plumridge 1-3/2/33'



(i) 'H.R. Harmer 24-26/10/32'



(i) 'Plumridge Sale 964'



(i) ex Barkaway



(ii) 'H.R. Harmer 2-10/10/33'



(ii)



(iii) 'Ex Ferrari'

18. The 1888 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, 5/- and 10/- Green & Black - Variety 'o' Omitted - SG 46a, 47a, 48a, 49a, 50a

The Holmes reference illustrations show the following:-

- (i) 1/- An unused block of four with the lower right stamp having the 'o' omitted; a used pair with the right stamp having the 'o' omitted and two used singles with the variety.
- (ii) 2/6 - two apparently unused singles with 'o' omitted.
- (iii) 5/- An unused single - with the comment ex-Ferrari - "without the 'o'."

The only value I have seen at auction is the 1/- as follows:-

- (i) An unused pair, the right hand stamp showing the variety. Lot 1162, 1981 Harmers/Holmes sale. Now in the B.P.M.
Lot 1157 of the same sale showed a faulty 'o' on the 4d on 4d (SG 44).
- (ii) A used single with 1977 PFSA certificate. Lot 647, 1986 Harmers/Barkaway sale.
- (iii) A mint and a used single. Lots 123 and 124, 1991 Christie's Robson Lowe sale.

Item (ii) above appears to be the same as one of the Holmes reference illustrations.

19. The 1889 4d on ½d Vermilion - Variety Surcharge Inverted - SG 53a

The Holmes reference illustrations show eight examples, with the note "only known used, and when distinguishable the cancellation is '679' the numeral canceller allotted to Tati."

⁷ This lot was incorrectly described and was withdrawn. The stamp was SG 51 with red '4d' (SG 25 overprinted 'Protectorate'). Referring to SG 51, Holmes (page 88) states "there are no varieties in the setting though the comma variety...occurs".



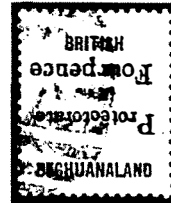
(i) 'Plumridge
23-25/4/1913
B&K, T. Allen
HRH'



(ii)



(iii)



'42528'



(iv)



(v)

- (a) This variety is described on page 89 of the Holmes book. The 1983 Robson Lowe/Eley sale catalogue states "Only six examples are believed to exist" and this statement is repeated in the 1991 Christie's Robson Lowe catalogue. Of the eight reference examples, I can detail the recent history of three. Including the 'F only' variety recorded in RP 32, I can add three more to the reference listing making a total of eleven:

- (i) A single. Lot 1179, 1981 Harmers/Holmes sale. Now in the B.P.M.
- (ii) A single with 1967 RPS certificate. Lot 1102, 1983 Robson Lowe/Eley sale.
- (iii) A single with 1963 RPS certificate. Lot 656, 1986 Harmers/Barkaway sale.

This stamp was offered five years later as Lot 135 on the 1991 Christie's Robson Lowe sale with a 1988 RPS certificate. Now in the B.P.M.

- (iv) A single. Lot 24, 1991 Harmers of New York/Dale-Lichtenstein 'British Africa' sale.
- (v) A single with 1969 RPS certificate. Lot 3242, 1992 (June) Christie's Robson Lowe sale.
- (vi) A single, stated to have RPS certificate, with only the 'F' printing. Illustrated in *The Runner Post* issue 32, page 659. Ex N. West.

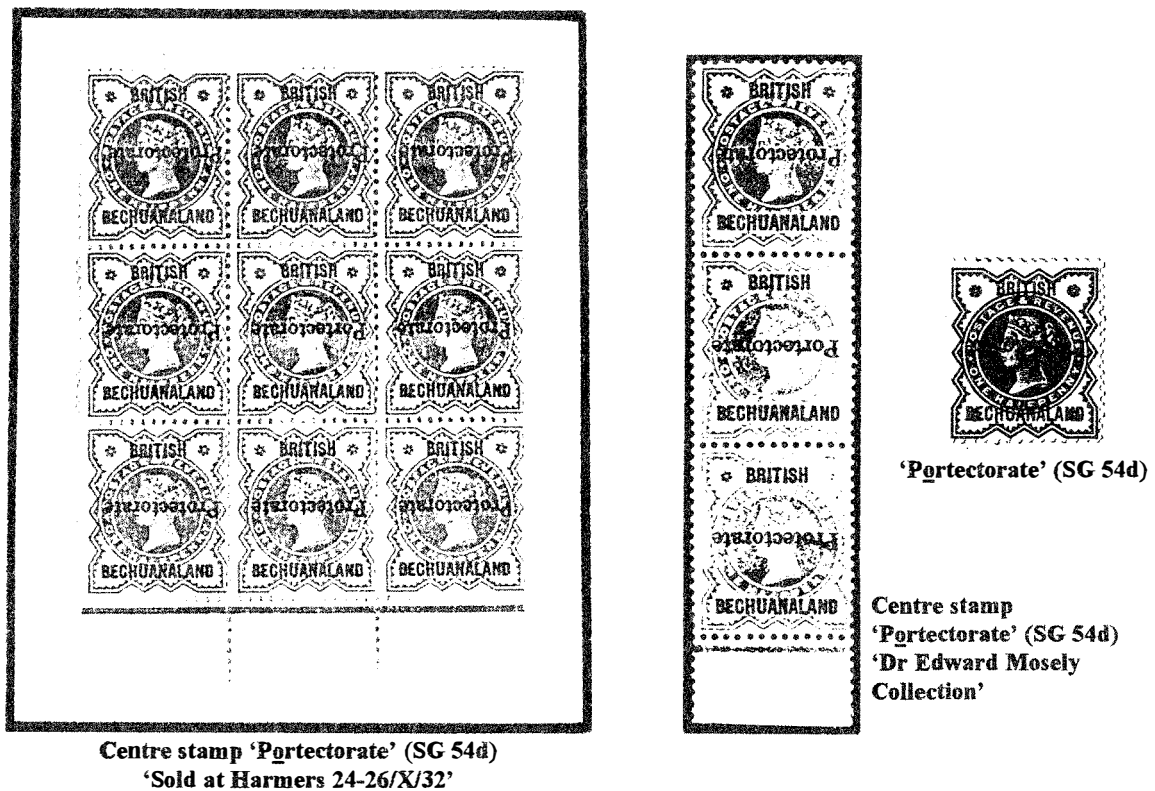
Items (i), (ii) & (iii) and the Catterall example (RP 32) appear in the reference illustrations.

- (b) Runner Post No. 32, pages 658-659 illustrated varieties of the upright surcharge (SG 53): One with only the 'Fou' and another with only the 'F' printing (N. West). Also shown were a second 'Fou' and a 'Fonrpence' (J. Catterall).

Lot 1178 of the 1981 Harmers/Holmes sale comprised a used pair, the right hand stamp showing only the 'F' of 'Fourpence' printing. This copy is now in the B.P.M.

- (c) While not a variety that has merited listing in the catalogue, this stamp is also known with a 'green' surcharge, described by Holmes on page 89 of his book. I have seen two copies⁸:
- (i) A used single. Lot 1180 of the 1981 Harmers/Holmes sale and now in the B.P.M.
 - (ii) A copy in my own collection, which I believe I obtained from a Steve Ellis auction many years ago.

⁸ A third example is in the collection of Brian Fenemore.



20. The 1890 ½d Vermilion Trial Overprints. Varieties: 'Portectorate' - SG 54 var (unlisted)
 'Portectorate' & Overprint Inverted - SG 54d
 'Protectorate' - SG 55b

These are described on page 86 of the Holmes book. Holmes notes four examples of the SG 54d variety, one in the Royal Collection, one in the Mosely collection (British Museum), a mint single and the centre stamp of a block of nine. [A collection including the block of nine was on offer in 1989]

As regards the SG 55b variety, Holmes notes two examples. One in the Royal Collection and a mint single. This variety is described in *The Runner Post* No. 32, page 657, and an example of SG 55a (overprint double) showing this variety (a variety on a variety) is illustrated on page 658.

21. The 1932 KG5 ½d green Imperforate Between (horizontal pair) - SG 99a

The only known examples appear to be the block of four and pair described and illustrated in *The Runner Post* No. 9 (Dec 1987) page 145.

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2. Robson Lowe Sale catalogue 'The Colonel J.R. Danson' collection of Southern Africa - 16th June 1971
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4. Robson Lowe Sale Catalogue (including the *Colonel David Eley Collection*) - 15th June 1983
5. Harmers of London Sale Catalogue (including the *Barkaway Collection*) - 24-25th June 1986
6. Christie's Robson Lowe Sale Catalogue - 12th June 1991
7. Harmers of New York. 'The Louise Boyd Dale and Alfred F. Lichtenstein Collections, Sale 18, British Africa' - 14th March 1991
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9. Christie's Robson Lowe Sale Catalogue - 4th June 1992

**SALE OF EMIL TAMSEN'S COLLECTION AT MESSRS. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S
ON MAY 10TH, 1900**

British Bechuanaland.				£	s.	d.
Lot						
89*	1885.	4d. blue. Entire pane of 60		2	1	0
90*		4d. blue. Entire pane of 60		2	5	0
91*		4d. blue. Entire pane of 60		2	6	0
92*		4d. blue. Entire pane of 60		2	8	0
93*		½d. grey-black, red overprint. Entire pane of 60		1	7	0
95*		3d. claret. Entire pane of 60		1	19	0
96*		3d. claret. Entire pane of 60		2	0	0
97*		½d. grey-black, black overprint. Entire pane of 60 and ½d grey-black, red overprint unused strip of 6			13	0
98*		½d. grey-black, black overprint. A similar pane but containing error 'ritish'		2	1	0
99*		½d. grey-black, black overprint. The error 'ritish' in centre of horizontal strip of five		2	0	0
101*		2d. bistre. The error 'ritish', unused but slight tear		2	0	0
102*		1d. rose-red. Block of 54		2	2	0
117*	1887.	½d. vermilion. Sheet of 240, plus half sheet of 120 and ½d. green overprint on Cape, half sheet of 120		1	6	0
125*	1888.	'1d.' on 1d. lilac. Sheet of 120		1	6	0
126*		'2d.' on 2d. lilac (red surcharge). Half sheet of 60		2	0	0
128*		'4d.' on 4d. lilac (red surcharge). Block of 12		6	0	0
133*		'6d.' on 6d. lilac. A made-up sheet of 120		2	6	0
134*		'1s.' on 1s. green. A made-up sheet of 84		3	5	0

Bechuanaland Protectorate						
161*	1888.	'1d.' on 1d. Lilac. Sheet of 120 with small '1' and 'd' further from '1' varieties		1	14	0
162*		'2d.' on 2d. lilac. Pane of 60 with '2' variety		7	0	0
163*		'3d.' on 3d. lilac. Pane of 60		33	0	0
164*		'4d.' on 4d. lilac, black surcharge. Block of 16		13	15	0
165*		'4d.' on 4d. lilac, red surcharge. Pane of 60		15	15	0
166*		'6d.' on 6d. lilac. Pane of 60		5	7	6
167*		1s. green. Block of 10		2	6	0
168*		1s. green. Block of 10		2	8	0
169*		1s. green. Ditto with 'o' of 'Protectorate' missing		3	0	0
175*		½d. vermilion. 'Protectorate' common type. Two half sheets of 120			16	0
176*		½d. vermilion. Ditto			17	0
177*		½d. vermilion. Ditto			17	0
178*		½d. vermilion. 'Protectorate' Type 2. Half sheet of 120		30	0	0
180*		½d. vermilion. Ditto, but overprint inverted		43	10	0
185*		½d. vermilion. 'Protectorate' Type 3. Block of 72		31	10	0
186*	1889.	½d. slate (CGH) overprinted in green. Half sheet of 120.			16	0
187*	1889.	'Fourpence' on ½d. vermilion. Half sheet of 120		2	12	0
188*	1889.	Ditto		2	11	0
189*	1889.	Ditto		2	16	0

British Bechuanaland.						
196*	1891.	1d. rose-red (CGH) overprint reading upwards. Block of 12, on two only 'British' appears and one is entirely without overprint		3	17	6

VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S SALE OF NOVEMBER 9TH, 1899.

125	British Bechuanaland 1887-89. '2d.' on 2d. lilac, green surcharge (? surcharge) a strip of four and two others used on entire	2	0	0
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"NOTE. This cover re-appeared in a collection bought by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons in 1916. It is addressed to Mr. G. P. Campbell similarly to the cover in the Tapling Collection, and although when it was sold in 1899 the auctioneers queried the green surcharge it is undoubtedly genuine." [H.R. Holmes]

THE 1918 £5 ON 1/- GREEN AND BLACK POSTAL FISCAL (SG F2)

Alan MacGregor and David Finlay

From the *South African Philatelist*, 'Items of Interest' column, September 1931, page 114:

"Another Bechuanaland mystery. We have recently seen copies of British Bechuanaland No. 15 (1/- unappropriated die design) surcharged £5. The specimens are fiscally used, so it is plain that they were prepared for fiscal purposes. They are, however, inscribed 'Postage and Revenue' and, therefore, come in the same category as the 6d. Transvaal and 1d. K.G. Union postage stamps overprinted 'Bechuanaland Protectorate,' which, although intended for purely fiscal use, are accepted for postage purposes on account of the inscriptions on the stamps themselves. We do, however, think that the 'new' discovery is as worthy of catalogue rank as the regular £5 of the unappropriated die design."

With this brief report in 1931, the existence of one of the most intriguing Bechuanaland stamps was first brought to the attention of the philatelic world, some 13 years after it first saw use, and indeed, while it was still in use.

This stamp has always been something of a mystery. Little or nothing is known about where or how many were surcharged, exactly when it was issued, or when it was withdrawn (or exhausted). This article can therefore only aim to record all known examples while noting dates and places of use.

When surcharging becomes unavoidable to meet an unexpected demand, Postal Authorities normally avoid increasing the face value of the basic stamp, choosing instead to lower it, thus avoiding the likelihood of attracting forgers and any resulting loss of revenue. As Holmes states (page 117): "To increase the face value of a stamp one-hundred-fold by a simple surcharge was a dangerous proceeding only to be risked in time of war, and the existence of this '£5' on one shilling provisional was not generally known until many years later." As this £5 stamp was urgently required, presumably the regular 'Unappropriated Die' £5 stamps had been exhausted and there was no stamp with a higher face value than £5 to surcharge. As it was intended primarily or wholly as a revenue issue, stocks would only be distributed through the Offices of Resident Magistrates or other senior officials, and there would be reasonably good 'stock control'.

In *The Runner Post* No. 4 (Aug 1986 page 3), H.R. Holmes wrote in response to a report of a pair of SG F2 on auction:

"The report in the last issue of 'The Runner Post' [RP 3] concerning the sale by auction in South Africa of two examples of this stamp I found very interesting, as it recalled the memory of the two I had in my collection.

"When I obtained my unused copy of this stamp I saw that on the reverse were the lightly pencilled initial 'T.A.'. I asked Mr T. Allen what he knew about it, and he told me that he only had two copies of it, which he obtained when he bought the remainders. One he sold to Mr. Edward Mosely and the other to Mr. W. Twemlow. The Mosely example is now with the rest of his collection in the British Museum. Mr. P.L. Pemberton bought the Twemlow collection about 1941, and I acquired my example from him.

"My used example came from the collection of Mr. J. Kayton Schofield, of Johannesburg. Although it is cancelled by the Gaberones datestamp, I do not now believe that it was used for postal purposes. However, that is nothing against it, as it could have been used in the post, and it is just as entitled to be listed among postage stamps as the £25 of Northern Nigeria and many other high value British Colonial stamps inscribed 'Postage and Revenue'

"The A.B. Kay collection of Colonial fiscal stamps now in the British Library contains a fiscally used example. In addition to the two examples sold recently in South Africa there are probably a few more copies known to our members, and it would be interesting to have a record of existing copies of this rare stamp.

H.R. Holmes"

In the notes accompanying the reference illustrations supplied to David Finlay, Mr. Holmes further states:

“...Owing to a shortage of £5 stamps, required for fiscal purposes, recourse was had to surcharging, resulting in the production of this stamp. As the basic stamp was inscribed ‘POSTAGE & REVENUE’ it could legally be used for either service.”

Commenting on the scarcity of this stamp, Mr. Holmes’ made the following observation alongside his reference illustrations: “Fiscally used examples are relatively common”, which contrasts with the comment in his book (page 117): “Fiscally used examples are very seldom seen.”

The following illustrations have been accumulated over almost ten years from private collectors, museums and auction catalogues. Apologies to everyone who kindly supplied illustrations so long ago and wondered what had happened to them.

It may at first seem rather redundant to illustrate over 30 examples of the same basic stamp, however, we believe an illustrated record of all the examples we have been able to trace, prevents the possibility of recording the same stamps twice. Indeed, this would have happened had we not had the illustrations to check against. Items change hands and their new owners may record their new acquisitions in writing only in the philatelic press, not realising it may already have been recorded, sometimes more than once. As will be seen from the illustrations, some items appear very similar. In a case where the illustration is not clear and the cancellation too faint or indecipherable, then one must rely on other criteria such as perforations, centring, position of surcharge to determine one is not looking at two illustrations of the same item.

LIST OF ILLUSTRATED EXAMPLES

FIG		TOTAL
1.	Mint single. (Mosely Collection, British Library. ex T. Allen)	1
2.	Mint single (Botswana Philatelic Museum, ex T. Allen, Twemlow, Pemberton, Holmes)	1
3.	Single. Use with faint oval cancellation. (A.B. Kay Collection, British Library)	1
4.	Single. Used with postal cancellation (Botswana Philatelic Museum, ex Schofield, Holmes)	1
5.	Single. Used with manuscript and oval cancellations. ‘10 JAN’.	1
6.	Single. Used with manuscript and oval cancellations. ‘5(?) JAN’.	1
7.	Pair. Used with manuscript initials.	2
8.	Single. Used with oval cancellation. ‘(J)AN 1919’.	1
9.	Single. Used with manuscript and oval cancellations. ‘(1)926’.	1
10.	Single. Used with manuscript initials and (faint) oval cancellation.	1
11.	Strip of four. Used on small piece. Manuscript initials and oval cancellations. -6 JAN 1919’.	4
12.	Single. Used with manuscript initials and oval cancellation. ‘(191)9’.	1
13.	Pair. Used on small piece. Manuscript initials and oval cancellation. ‘5 FEB 1919’. A.R.M. Lobatsi.	2
14.	Pair. Used with manuscript initials & oval cancellation. ‘10 MAR 1919’. A.R.M. Lobatsi.	2
15.	Pair. Used on small piece. Manuscript initials & oval cancellation. ‘13 MAR 1919’. A.R.M. Lobatsi.	2
16.	Single. Used with manuscript initials and oval Lobatsi cancellation. ‘17 JAN’.	1
17.	Pair. Used on piece with KG5 10/- revenue. Manuscript and oval Kanye cancellation ‘17 FEB 1919’.	2
18.	Single. Used with manuscript initials and oval Lobatsi cancellation. ‘(1)919’.	1
19.	Vertical strip three. Manuscript initials and oval Kanye cancellation. ‘30 DEC 19(??)’.	3
20.	Single. On piece with KG5 5/-, 10/- and £1 revenues (‘Bechuanaland/Revenue Only’ overprints). Manuscript initials and oval Mafeking ‘Master’s Office’ cancellations. ‘3 OCT 1931’.	1
21.	Single. Used with faint oval cancellation.	1
22.	Single. Used with oval cancellations. ‘(1)919’.	1
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Other examples, including a pair and a single exist in private collections, though we are unable to say if these have already been recorded above. There must be others we have not seen or heard of. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who can add to this record.



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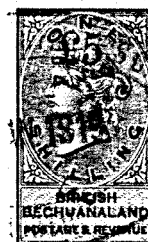
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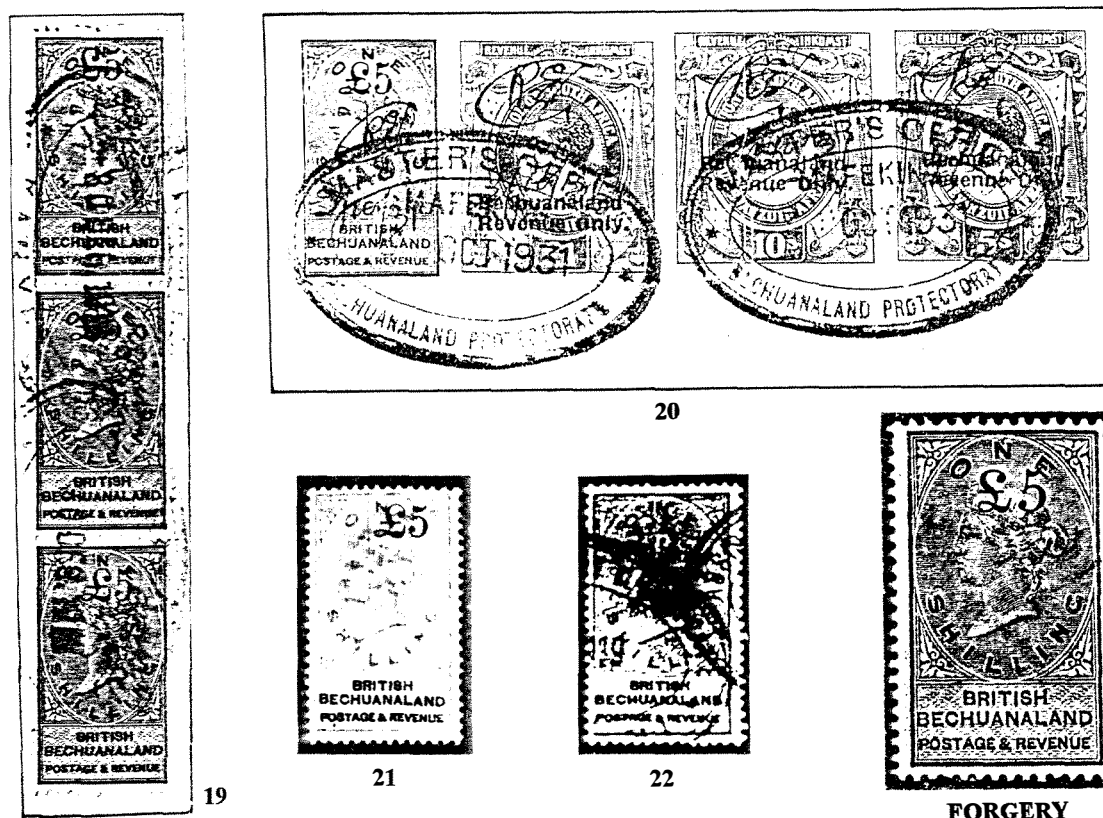
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PERIOD OF USE: 22 MAY 1918 to 3 OCT 1931. The majority of recorded examples were used in 1919.

PLACES OF USE: GABERONES (Postal cancellation)
KANYE (Assistant Resident Magistrate)
LOBATSI (Assistant Resident Magistrate)
MAFEKING (Master's Office)

SETTING: Unknown. The basic 1/- Unappropriated Die stamp was printed in sheets of 84 as 7 horizontal rows of 12 (Holmes page 44). Presumably a setting of 84 was employed for surcharging at a time.
The vertical strip of three shows the top two stamps with the '£5' surcharge in the same relative position while on the lower stamp it is placed lower and further to the right. As there are an odd number of stamps vertically (7) it would be impractical to have the setting comprise less than seven units vertically. The vertical strip of three therefore probably exhibits variation of the setting within the forme rather than the start of an adjoining setting. All the horizontal multiples exhibit some slight (horizontal) differences in the position of the type.

FORGERIES: One quite dangerous forgery is known. It was offered on a provincial auction in England in November 1987 where it was correctly described as a forgery. As can be seen from the illustration, it is quite convincing. The chief difference lies in the shape of the '£' symbol, the top of which leans to far backwards. The '5' is very similar to the genuine, mainly differing by being slightly 'italic'.

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CHECKLIST OF BOTSWANA POSTMARKS FOR OFFICES BEGINNING WITH THE LETTER 'K'

Brian Trotter

For offices beginning with the letter K, the Botswana Postmark Project Team have so far come up with 78 different markings. Hopefully, some other Society members shall be able to add to this number, so please let us have any additional information, better illustrations, or copies of unrecorded markings.

The results of the Project Team's efforts for offices beginning with the letter K follow.

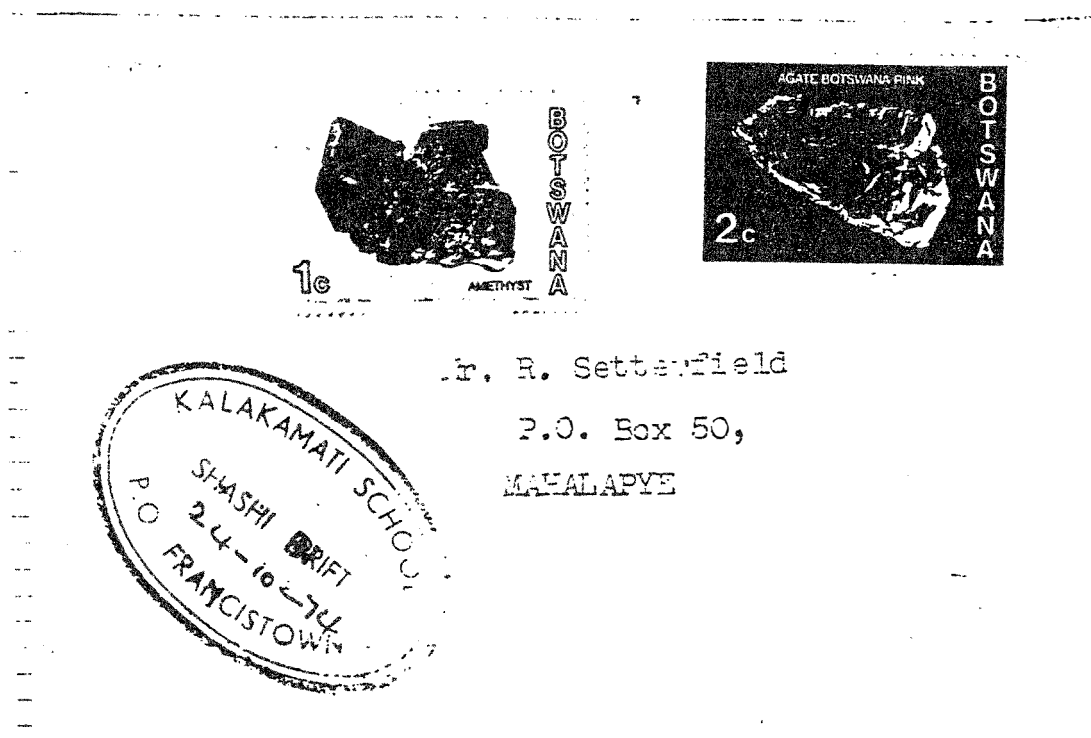
KALAKAMATI



No. 1 Type 23 x 4

Circle diameter	:	± 42 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	May 31, 1975
Latest recorded date	:	May 31, 1975
Codes recorded	:	None
Number recorded so far	:	1

Illustration is a touched-up composite, and may not be accurate.

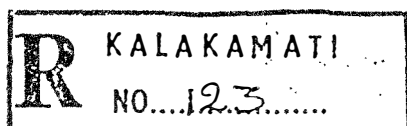


The late Roy Setterfield believed that prior to a postal agency being established at Kalakamati, the local school dealt with any mail coming in or out of Kalakamati. The assumption is that school mail would enter the postal system at Shashi Drift, and that the school would pick up or post mail for the local people as well as taking care of their own correspondence when visiting the Shashi Drift office. The cover illustrated received by Roy was apparently unrelated to the Kalakamati school.



No. 2 Type 2 B 51
 Circle diameter : 18 & 27 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 25, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Jun 4, 1993
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 3

The earliest recorded item has the '2' of 1992 corrected by hand. The latest recorded item has the '3' of 1993 reversed (see illustration).

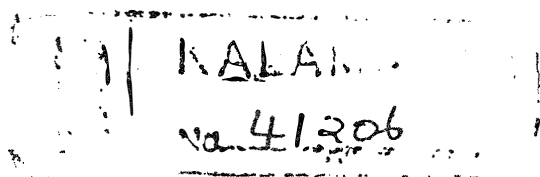


No. 3 Type REGN 3a
 Box dimensions : 16 x 52 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 4, 1993
 Latest recorded date : Jun 4, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 1

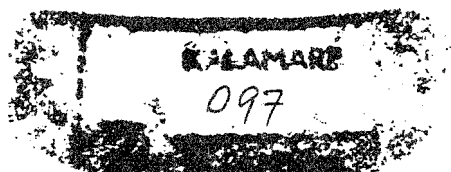
KALAMARE



No. 1 Type 2 A 1
 Circle diameters : 17 & 26 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 2, 1971
 Latest recorded date : Dec 2, 1992
 Codes recorded : A, B, H, block
 Number recorded so far : 20



No. 2 Type REGN 2a
 Box dimensions : ± 20 x 68 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 5, 1979
 Latest recorded date : Nov 5, 1979
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 3 Type REGN 2a
 Box dimensions : 19 x ± 57 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 16, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Nov 11, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 2

Box impression in the latest recorded item is so poor that office name has been written in by hand.

KALKFONTEIN

Roy Setterfield tried to obtain an impression of the Postal Agency datestamp, and sent a blank page of his stationery for that purpose. The response is illustrated below (illustration reduced).

Note the address provided for the Kalkfontein Postal Agency - Private Bag 007, Ghanzi! This response was postmarked April 3rd 1980, and was received by Roy in Mahalapye April 9th, 1980.

R. ROY SETTERFIELD

VETERINARY SURGEON
B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S.P.O. BOX 50,
MAHALAPYE,
BOTSWANA.Kalkfontein Postal Agency
P/Bag 007
Ghanzi
BotswanaNew
Address!

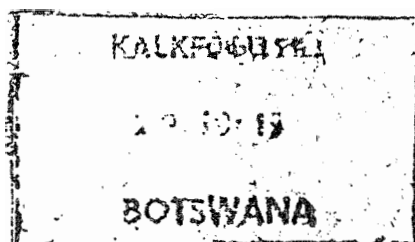
Dear Sir

I am sorry because I have
no clati-stamp.I am
yours faithfully
N. Mmedisi

No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters	:	18 & 27 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Aug 27, 1988
Latest recorded date	:	Sep 15, 1992
Codes recorded	:	None
Number recorded so far	:	6

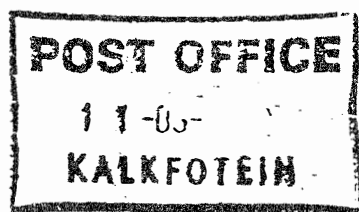
Two of the 6 recorded items are struck in red.



No. 2 Type 8 B 51

Box dimensions	:	30 x 52 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Sep 4, 1985
Latest recorded date	:	Jun 9, 1989
Number recorded so far	:	9

All recorded items struck in red.



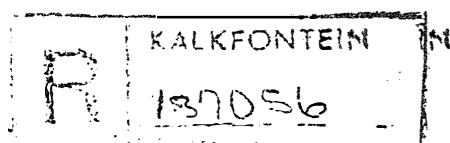
No. 3 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions	:	25 x 45 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Mar 11, 1992
Latest recorded date	:	Mar 11, 1992
Number recorded so far	:	1

Note mis-spelling of Kalkfontein as Kalkfotein, missing the first 'n'.

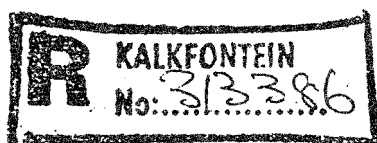


No. 4 Type 61 J 27
 Oval dimensions : 32 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 5, 1993
 Latest recorded date : Jun 5, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 5 Type REGN 2h
 Box dimensions : ± 18 x 54 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 22, 1986
 Latest recorded date : Aug 4, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 2

One recorded item struck in red.



No. 6 Type REGN 3a
 Box dimensions : ± 16 x ± 47 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 15, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Mar 8, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 3

Two of the recorded items struck in red.

KANAGAS

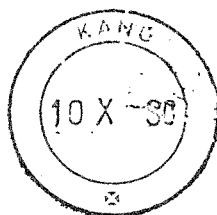
Office believed closed 31st March 1967. No markings recorded.

KANG

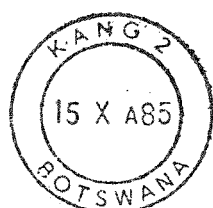


No. 1 Type 23 A 1
 Circle diameters : 28.5 & 32 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 24, 1972
 Latest recorded date : Apr 24, 1972
 Number recorded so far : 2

One recorded item is in purple. The other has month missing (it is the 1st day of an unknown month in 1972).



No. 2 Type 2 D 2
 Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 7, 1974
 Latest recorded date : Nov 21, 1988
 Codes recorded : A, C, D, G, None
 Number recorded so far : 18

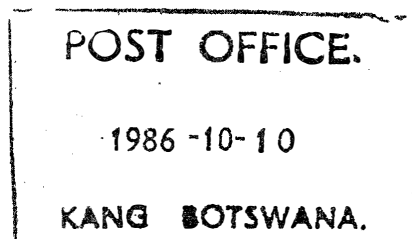


No. 3 Type 2 B(2) 51
 Circle diameters : 18 & 26 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 25, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Apr 1, 1992
 Codes recorded : A, C
 Number recorded so far : 18



No. 4 Type 2 F 4

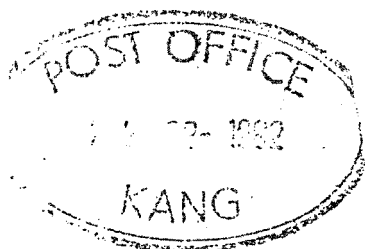
Circle diameters : 18 & 27 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 28, 1993
 Latest recorded date : Jan 28, 1993
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 5 Type 8 M 4

Box dimensions : 31 x 52 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 15, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Oct 10, 1986
 Number recorded so far : 5

All recorded items struck in red.



No. 6 Type 61 J 27

Oval dimensions : 31 x ± 48 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 29, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Sep 29, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 1

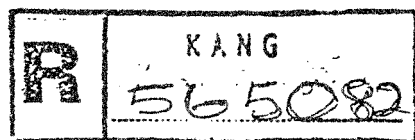
Recorded item struck in red.



No. 7 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions : ± 24 x ± 55 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 7, 1974
 Latest recorded date : Jan 7, 1974
 Number recorded so far : 2

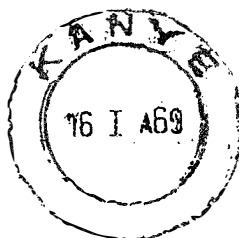
The second recorded item is on piece, so date of usage is unknown.



No. 8 Type REGN 2h

Box dimensions : 17 x 52 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 29, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Sep 29, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 1

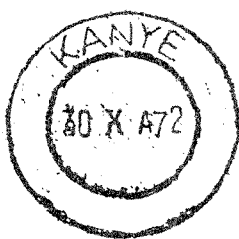
KANYE



No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 21 & 30 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 28, 1968
 Latest recorded date : Jan 16, 1969
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 2

This is Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No. 4 (see Runner Post No. 22, March 1991, page 399) with Bech. Prot. excised. Note the wide letter Y in Kanye.



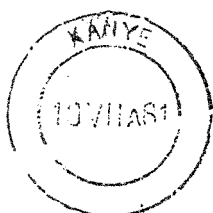
No. 2 Type 2 A 1
 Circle diameters : 19 & 30 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 15, 1968
 Latest recorded date : May 22, 1989
 Codes recorded : A, B, C
 Number recorded so far : 25

This is Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No. 3 (see Runner Post No. 22, March 1991, page 399) with Bechd. Prot. excised.

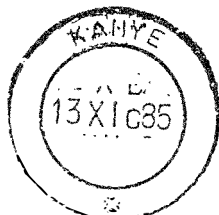


No. 3 Type 23 A 1
 Circle diameters : ± 29 & 32 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 8, 1969
 Latest recorded date : Nov 28, 1969
 Number recorded so far : 6

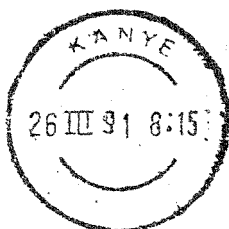
Five of the recorded strikes are in black, with the sixth strike in red, and this one dated 16 Jul 1979. This is assumed to be a date error, as the rubber cancellers deteriorated rapidly, with the November 1969 strike already very much an oyster shape.



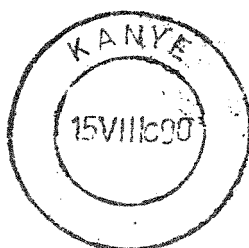
No. 4 Type 2 A 1
 Circle diameters : 18 & 26.5 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 13, 1977
 Latest recorded date : ? ?, 1986
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 6



No. 5 Type 2 D 2
 Circle diameters : 17 & 26 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 9, 1976
 Latest recorded date : Nov 3, 1989
 Codes recorded : A, B, C, D
 Number recorded so far : 33



No. 6 Type 21 A 1
 Circle diameters : 18 & 29 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 22, 1981
 Latest recorded date : Dec 5, 1991
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : Over 50



No. 7 Type 2 A 1
 Circle diameters : 20 & 31 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 13, 1989
 Latest recorded date : Jan 6, 1992
 Codes recorded : A, B, C
 Number recorded so far : 6



No. 8 Type 21 A 1
 Circle diameters : 18 & 31 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 12, 1989
 Latest recorded date : May 12, 1989
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 1



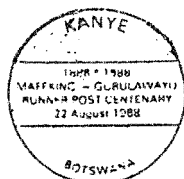
INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH YEAR

17 JUL 1985

KANYE
BOTSWANA

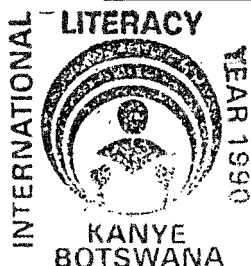
No. 9 Type SPEC 3
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 17, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Dec 3, 1985
 Number recorded so far : 9

Four of the items are struck in red. Omnibus issue, International Youth Year.



No. 10 Type SPEC 2b
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 22, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Aug 22, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 2

Omnibus issue, Mafeking - Gubulawayo Runner Post Centenary.



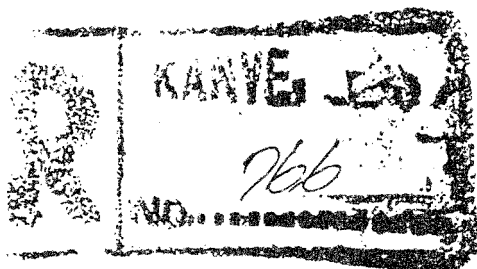
No. 11 Type SPEC 2c
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 8, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Aug 8, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 3

All recorded items struck in blue. Two of these are on unaddressed covers without other markings to establish the exact date of 'usage'. Omnibus issue, International Literacy Year 1990.



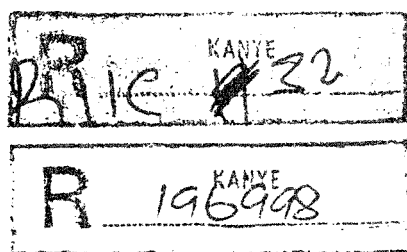
No. 12 Type SPEC 2c
 Earliest recorded date : May ?, 1990
 Latest recorded date : May ?, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 1

Struck in red. Omnibus issue, Stampworld London 1990.



No. 13 Type REGN 2b (?)
 Box dimensions : ± 30 x ± 60 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 17, 1980
 Latest recorded date : Aug 19, 1986
 Number recorded so far : 5

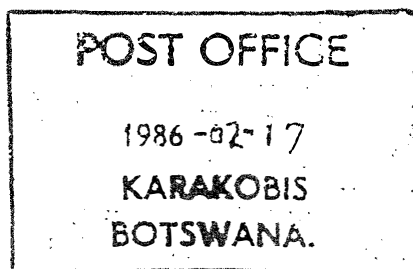
Possible letters after Kanye not clear (P.O.?), so Type is uncertain.



No. 14 Type REGN 3b
 Box dimensions : 15 x 52 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 16, 1989
 Latest recorded date : Sep 25, 1980
 Number recorded so far : 5

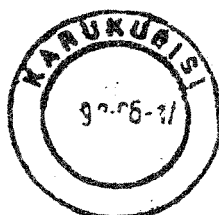
Recorded items all struck in red.

KARAKOBIS (Also spelt KARUKUBISI)



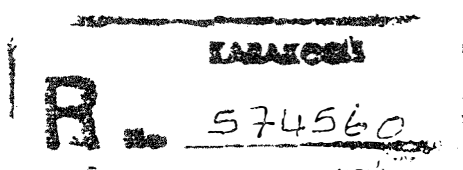
No. 1 Type 8 M 5
 Box dimensions : 34 x 52 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 3, 1985
 Latest recorded date : ? ?, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 8

All recorded items struck in red. One item has day and month added in manuscript.



No. 2 Type 21 A 1
 Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 2, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Mar 16, 1993
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 5

Note spelling is KARUKUBISI



No. 3 Type REGN 3a
 Box dimensions : ± 20 x 59 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 17, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Jun 17, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 2

The second recorded item is on piece, so no date of usage can be determined.

KASANE



No. 1 Type 2 D 7
 Circle diameters : 17 & 26 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 30, 1971
 Latest recorded date : Jun 10, 1986
 Codes recorded : A, B, C
 Number recorded so far : 26

Bechuanaland Protectorate marking No. 1 (see Runner Post No. 22, March 1991, page 399), but with month now in Roman numerals instead of the 3 letters (e.g. MAR) in the Bechuanaland Protectorate usage.



No. 2 Type 23 A 1

Circle diameters : ± 29 & 32 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jan ?, 1970
 Latest recorded date : Jan ?, 1970
 Number recorded so far : 1



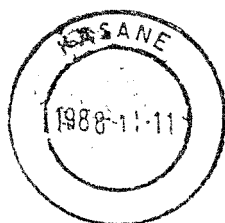
No. 3 Type 23 A 1

Circle diameters : 35 & 38 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 13, 1974
 Latest recorded date : May 13, 1974
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 4 Type 21 B 51

Circle diameters : 18 & 29 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 25, 1981
 Latest recorded date : Nov 25, 1992
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 30



No. 5 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 19 & 28 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 16, 1987
 Latest recorded date : Nov 29, 1993
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 13

Narrow lettering (see No. 6 below for wider lettering). From top left of K to top right of E is 14.5 mm.



No. 6 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 20, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Dec 5, 1990
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 9

Wide lettering (see No. 5 above for narrow lettering). From top left of K to top right of E is 18.5 mm.

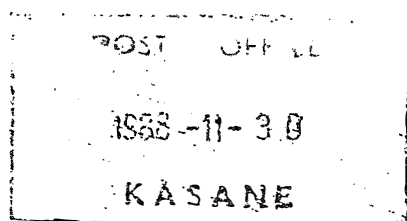


No. 7 Type 21 F 11(1)

Circle diameters : 18 & 30 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 3, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Sep 25, 1991
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 2

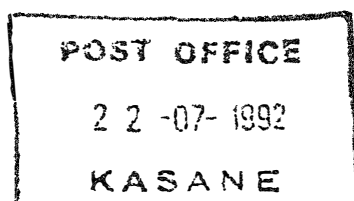


No. 8 Type 21 F 15(1)
 Circle diameters : 18 & 30 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 25, 1993
 Latest recorded date : Mar 25, 1993
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 1



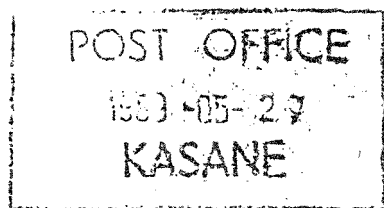
No. 9 Type 8 J 26
 Box dimensions : $\pm 27 \times 51$ mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 30, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Nov 30, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 1

Struck in red.



No. 9a Type 8 J 26
 Box dimensions : 25 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 21, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Jul 22, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 3

All recorded items struck in red.



No. 10 Type 8 J 26
 Box dimensions : 27 x 48 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 27, 1989
 Latest recorded date : May 27, 1989
 Number recorded so far : 1

Struck in red.



No. 11 Type 61 J 27
 Oval dimensions : 27 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 8, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Mar 6, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 3

All recorded items struck in red.



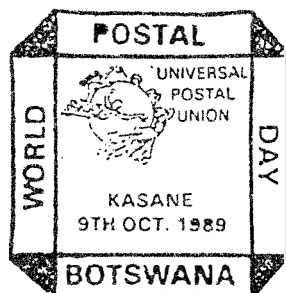
No. 12 Type SPEC 2b
 Circle diameter : 31.5 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 2, 1967
 Latest recorded date : Oct 2, 1967
 Number recorded so far : 6

All recorded items struck in purple.



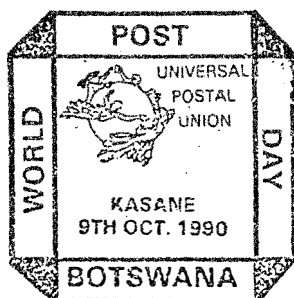
Omnibus issue, 20th Anniversary of Independence.

No. 13 Type SPEC 2b
 Circle diameter : 23 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 30, 1986
 Latest recorded date : Sep 30, 1986
 Number recorded so far : 1



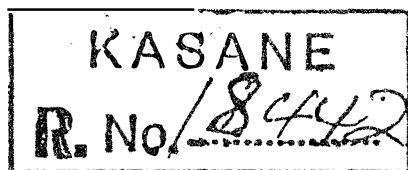
No. 14 Type SPEC 2c
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 9, 1989
 Latest recorded date : Oct 9, 1989
 Number recorded so far : 3

Omnibus issue, Universal Postal Union, World Postal Day. See No. 15 below for a similar Type for 1990, with World Postal Day changed to World Post Day.

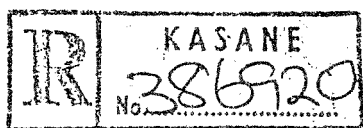


No. 15 Type SPEC 2c
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 9, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Oct 9, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 1

Struck in blue. Omnibus issue, Universal Postal Union, World Post Day. See No. 14 above for a similar type for 1989, with World Post Day shown as World Postal Day.



No. 16 Type REGN 4b
 Box dimensions : 21 x 52 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 22, 1980
 Latest recorded date : Jul 22, 1980
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 17 Type REGN 2a
 Box dimensions : 15 x 46 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 17, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Nov 29, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 5

One recorded item struck in red and one in purple.



No. 18 Type REGN 2a
 Box dimensions : ± 13 x ± 52 mm
 Earliest recorded date : ?
 Latest recorded date : ?
 Number recorded so far : 1

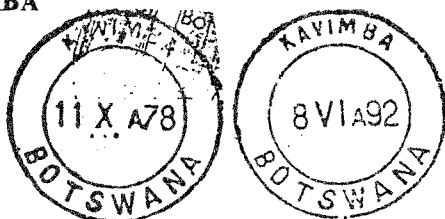
Recorded item is on piece, so no date of usage be determined.



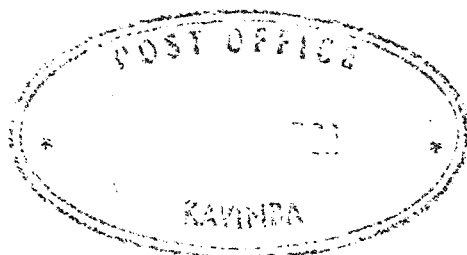
No. 19 Type OTHR 3a
 Circle diameters : 24 & 26 mm
 Earliest recorded date : ?
 Latest recorded date : ?
 Number recorded so far : 1

Date unclear on this non-standard canceller usage. (Kasane at top and Vehicle Registration at base.)

KAVIMBA

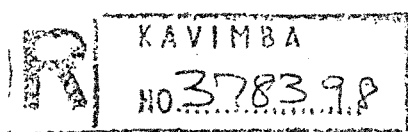


No. 1 Type 2 B 51
 Circle diameters : 18 & 27 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 11, 1978
 Latest recorded date : Nov 23, 1992
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 10



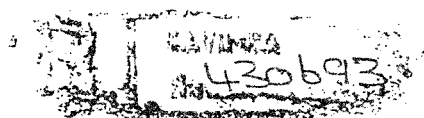
Struck in red.

No. 2 Type 61 J 27
 Oval dimensions : 32 x 60 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 23, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Nov 23, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 1



Both recorded items struck in red.

No. 3 Type REGN 2a
 Box dimensions : 15 x 52 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 27, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Mar 2, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 4 Type REGN 2a
 Box dimensions : 13.5 x 55 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 8, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Jun 8, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 1

KAZUNGULA



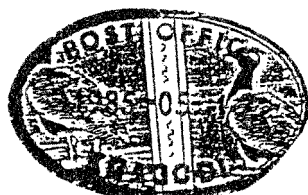
No. 1 Type 2 A 1
 Circle diameters : 21 & 32 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 2, 1968
 Latest recorded date : May 20, 1969
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 3

Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No. 1 (see Runner Post No. 22, March 1991, page 400) with Bech. Prot. excised. This canceller was also used after Independence, but before Bech. Prot. was excised. Recorded usage 19(?) XII A 66.

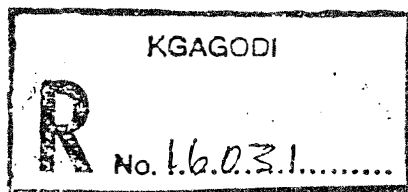
KGAGODI

No. 1 Type 2 A 1
 Circle diameters : 18 & 26 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 29, 1978
 Latest recorded date : Aug 30, 1980
 Codes recorded : A, B
 Number recorded so far : 6

Name of office subsequently changed to Maokaatuma.



No. 2 Type 61 J 27
 Oval dimensions : 24 & 38 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 17, 1985
 Latest recorded date : May 17, 1985
 Number recorded so far : 1

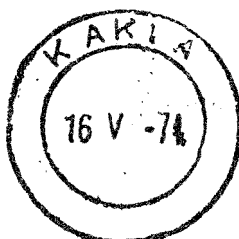


No. 3 Type REGN 3a
 Box dimensions : 24 x 51 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 17, 1985
 Latest recorded date : May 17, 1985
 Number recorded so far : 1

Recorded item struck in red.

KHAKHEA

The earlier spelling was KAKIA (see marking No. 1 below)

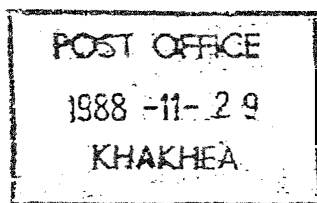


No. 1 Type 2 A 1
 Circle diameters : 21 & 30 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 16, 1974
 Latest recorded date : May 16, 1974
 Codes recorded : Hyphen
 Number recorded so far : 2

Note spelling as KAKIA.



No. 2 Type 2 D 2
 Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 13, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Nov 30, 1989
 Codes recorded : A, C
 Number recorded so far : 10



No. 3 Type 8 J 26
 Box dimensions : 25 x 39 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 29, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Nov 29, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 1

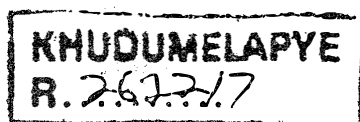
KHUDUMELAPYE

The spelling KHUDUMELAPYE was also used (see marking No. 2 below)



No. 1 Type 2 A 1

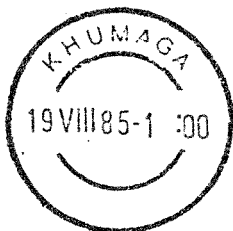
Circle diameters : 21 & 29.5 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 21, 1974
 Latest recorded date : Feb 24, 1993
 Codes recorded : A, B
 Number recorded so far : 13



No. 2 Type REGN 4c

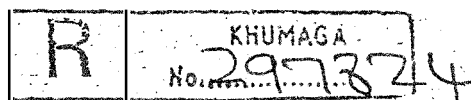
Box dimensions : 15 x 45 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 24, 1993
 Latest recorded date : Feb 24, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 1

Recorded item struck in purple. Note spelling as KHUDUMELAPYE.

KHUMAGA

No. 1 Type 21 A 1

Circle diameters : 18 & 29 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 12, 1984
 Latest recorded date : Jun 16, 1992
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 13



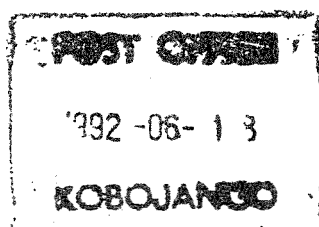
No. 2 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions : 12 x 52 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 31, 1993
 Latest recorded date : Mar 31, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 1

KOBOJANGO

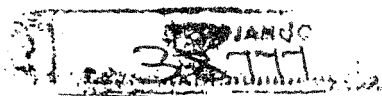
No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 18 & 28 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 30, 1987
 Latest recorded date : Dec 5, 1991
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 8



No. 2 Type 8 J 26

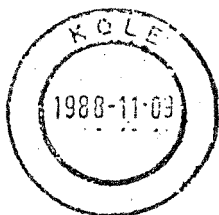
Box dimensions : 29 x 40 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 5, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Jun 18, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 3



No. 3 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions	: 11 x ± 54 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Jun 18, 1992
Latest recorded date	: Jun 18, 1992
Number recorded so far	: 1

KOLE



No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters	: 18 & 27 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Nov 9, 1988
Latest recorded date	: Nov 9, 1988
Codes recorded	: None
Number recorded so far	: 3

All recorded items struck in red.

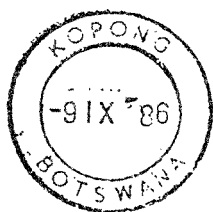


No. 2 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions	: 28 x 51 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Mar 5 (?), 1987
Latest recorded date	: Mar 5 (?), 1987
Number recorded so far	: 7

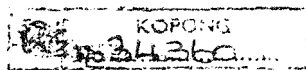
All recorded items struck in red, with year in date too faint to read.

KOPONG



No. 1 Type 2 B 51

Circle diameters	: 18 & 26 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Jul 31, 1984
Latest recorded date	: Sep 14, 1992
Codes recorded	: A, None
Number recorded so far	: 18



No. 2 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions	: 8 x 38 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Aug 19, 1989
Latest recorded date	: Aug 19, 1989
Number recorded so far	: 1

Recorded item struck in red.

KUMAKWANE



No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters	: 19 & 27 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Jul 3, 1973
Latest recorded date	: Jan 21, 1993
Codes recorded	: A, B
Number recorded so far	: 8

The Botswana Postmark Project Team that provided the data for this checklist for Offices beginning with the letter K was Dennis Firth, Mike George, Sir John Inglefield-Watson, Paul Raynor, the late Roy Setterfield, Peter Thy, David Wall, (with help from Barbara Andersson and Sheila Case), and myself.

MULTIPLE CHOICE:



SG 12 'PITSANI'



SG 23



SG 39 + 39d 'PITSANI'



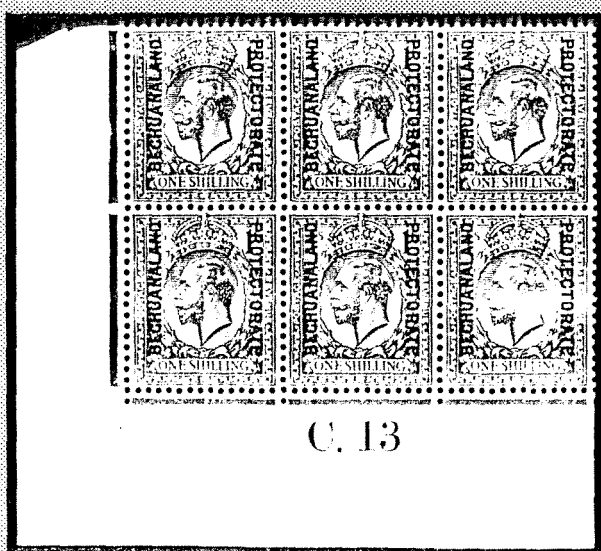
SG 40



SG 41



SG 42



SG 82



B&H 38

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