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December 12th 1994

Dear Member,

It is with great sadness that we record the death of our Secretary, Mike George, on 4th December.

As this issue of The Runner Post was at the printers when news was received, an obituary will appear in the March 1995 issue, Runner Post No. 38.

As a temporary measure, we request that all administrative correspondence be addressed to Jim Catterall and all philatelic correspondence should be sent direct to John Inglefield-Watson. Addresses appear on the title page of The Runner Post. Some delays may occur.

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1995 BBS Meetings will be held on Wednesday 1st March and Wednesday 11th October, both will be held at our new 'usual' venue of the Royal Oak, Regency Street, London W1. It has proved impossible to find a suitable venue for a Saturday meeting.

Postmark Study - Pricing / Rarity. An important message from our Secretary:

"Unfortunately there seems to be some confusion about the relative scarcity (and therefore valuations) of postmarks listed in Brian Trotter's serialised 'Postmark Typology' articles. The Hon. Secretary has been approached by various postmark collectors in the U.K. (not all BBS members) querying statements such as "ONLY FOUR RECORDED" on Bechuanaland postmarks being offered for sale. It is very important to realise that in Brian's listings, the 'number recorded to date' reflects ONLY those held by the small research group involved - it has nothing whatsoever to do with values! The Committee has expressed concern about such statements appearing in dealers' lists as they could be seen as misleading, especially for non-members of the Society. We strongly hope that this practice will cease!"

Mike George

'THE Celebration of British of British Africa Philately'. The USA based Philatelic Society for Greater Southern Africa (PSGSA) have embarked on an ambitious program to be held as part of **'PACIFIC '97'**. This is an F.I.P. sponsored World Exhibition to be held in San Francisco from May 29 - June 8 1997. The PSGSA have invited 15 British Africa societies to participate in their planned celebration and have requested PACIFIC 97 to supply 100 frames which will be made available for the exhibiting of British Africa philatelic material by members of the participating societies. The BBS is pleased to support this wonderful event and have asked David Wessely to represent our interests. Members planning to attend should contact David in good time.

Correction (1): John Inglefield-Watson has drawn attention to a small error in the original typescript of his article 'Fluorescent Papers in the 1961/1966 Bechuanaland/Botswana Definitives' which appeared in RP 34 (p714). In the left-hand column of the table under '1961 B.P. Definitives' the paper type of the 1c value was omitted and should read 'NF'.

Correction (2): David Finlay pointed out that our article 'The £5 on 1/- Green and Black Postal Fiscal (SG F2)' which appeared in RP 36, pages 770-3, inadvertently stated that item 4 (the used single with postal cancellation) was now in the Botswana Philatelic Museum. This is not the case and the present whereabouts of this stamp are not known to us. The Museum is, however, home to the mint single, item 2.

£5 on 1/- (SG F2): Details of three more examples of SG F2 - a single and a pair - have been received and will appear in a future update of 'The £5 on 1/- Green and Black Postal Fiscal (SG F2)' article. Please see page 793 for David Finlay's letter regarding responses to the SG F2 and 'Rarer Stamps of B.B. and B.P.' articles.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND QUERIES

1893-95 B.B. PROVISIONALS: 'NO DOTS TO 'i' OF 'British' VARIETY, OVERPRINT READING UPWARDS - 2d VALUE - John Inglefield-Watson

The above variety is catalogued as SG 38e for the 1d value. A catalogue footnote mentions and Holmes (p61) explains more fully that this variety does not occur in the setting for the earlier 1891 issue with the overprint reading upwards but results from a few sheets of the 1893 issue, normally with overprint reading downwards, being fed into the press the wrong way round.

Illustrated is an example of the identical variety on the 1895 2d value (SG 39) which has a clear RPSL certificate (1970). I have no reason to doubt the validity of the certificate but seek some confirmation. Has any member got or seen another example of this variety on the 2d value? Alternatively, can the reverse feed of one or more 1895 2d sheets be confirmed by the existence on 2d stamps with overprint reading upwards of minor varieties that are peculiar to the 1893-95 setting, the most prominent of which is the 'Tops of 'ch' of 'Bechuanaland' cut away' ?



B.P. FIRST ISSUE AEROGRAMME (H&G F-1) - John Inglefield-Watson

An exhibit on the history of aerogrammes, displayed recently at Stampex, contained two versions of the basic 1944 South African air letter sheet bearing an imprinted bi-lingual pair of the 3d 'bantam' War Effort stamps, the figures '3' in the value tablets being either 2mm or 3mm in height. This was the type of sheet that was overprinted for Bechuanaland.

I have only seen the 3mm height on Bechuanaland sheets. It seems to me unlikely that the relatively small quantity of 10,800 that were overprinted contained both sizes of '3'. Can anyone prove or disprove that only the 3mm height was overprinted?

BECHUANALAND POSTAL ARCHIVE / BOTSWANA POSTAL MUSEUM - David Finlay

Inquiries have been made regarding possible sales from the archive in Runner Post nos. 27, 30 and 35. I have been reluctant to comment, as my knowledge is limited. I can only record what was available in the Archive, when I first became involved with it in the late 1960s:

In 1968, through the imagination and work of Alec Campbell, the Botswana National Museum was opened. Alec and I persuaded the Director of Posts and Telegraphs to allow the Bechuanaland Archive to be included in one of the displays. The Archive was very limited - basically a single stamp collection, lacking proofs, specimens and varieties and with only a few examples of the original artwork. Another major weakness in the collection was that it had obviously been exhibited earlier in a window exposed to sunlight and most of the stamps were extremely faded. As no specimens were available, either Bechuanaland or of other countries, I cannot give any information on their present location or whether any foreign stamps received were overprinted.

In 1981, Roy Setterfield was kind enough to send us a Harmers/Holmes sale catalogue and the Botswana Permanent Secretary to Finance allowed the Director of Posts to make available a substantial sum for the purchase of a considerable proportion of this collection and for additions from subsequent auction and private treaty sales. At that time, because of the poor range and condition of the Bechuanaland Archive, it was decided to build a completely new collection for a Botswana Postal Museum. Over the next ten years space was created for a Museum in the new Postal Services Headquarters building and in 1991 the Museum was opened, after Andy Andersson put much hard work into the layout, equipment and displays.

The Postal Museum now has a very large collection, with many unique items. Apart from the Bechuanaland material, which still requires improvement, the Botswana material includes art work, colour separations, proofs, complete sheets and postal stationery. The Museum collection still requires some years of work and study for adequate display for private collectors, educational purposes for school and other interested parties.

BRITISH FORCES POST OFFICE AT FRANCISTOWN IN THE 1960s - John Inglefield-Watson

Volume XI of 'The History of the Corps of Royal Engineers', covering the period 1960-80, was published late in 1993. It included a chapter on the then Royal Engineers Postal and Courier Service which contains the following statement:

"There were usually Forces Post Offices wherever there were troops or and RAF presence. In the early 1960s these included one at Francistown in Botswana where an infantry company guarded a radio station....."

I suspect that in mentioning "the early 1960s" in conjunction with "Botswana" the History may not be entirely accurate since Botswana only came into existence on 30 September 1966. I believe that the guard at Francistown may have been one of the measures taken as a result of Rhodesia's UDI in November 1965.

The Forces Postal History Society has been approached for information on the subject but so far none has been forthcoming. Perhaps amongst our members, particularly those with local knowledge in Botswana, there is someone who can confirm the existence of this Forces Post Office and provide details such as the precise period when it was operating, its BFPO number and the FPO number appearing on postal markings which for security reasons is, in my experience, not necessarily the same as its BFPO number. Any other relevant information, such as which infantry regiment provided the company at Francistown, would also be welcome. Perhaps someone even has a cover!

POSTAL RATES CORRESPONDENCE

(1) POSTAL RATES, THE BECHUANALANDS 1891-2 - Jim Catterall

In RP 34 and 35, Alan Drysdall and Peter Thy made important contributions to the study of the postal rates of the Bechuanalands. However some aspects need further clarification as covers actually seen do not always conform to the supposed rates.

On October 1st 1888 the rates for ½oz letters from British Bechuanaland to the UK and the rest of Europe were set at 6d and 7½d respectively. The date when these rates were reduced to 4d and 5d is a little uncertain.

Thy, in RP 35 (p739), in his table of rates, states for 1892 that 'information may be missing'. Drysdall, in RP 34 (p719) gives the date of change as '18th November 1892?'. He further reports (p722-3) that a postal Notice in the British Bechuanaland Government Gazette of 29th July 1892 states that 'No alteration has yet been made in the postage on letters posted in Bechuanaland and the Protectorate'.

Despite this I have noted the following anomalies on mail from British Bechuanaland to the UK franked at 4d and posted at:

1. Vryburg 9.11.91 - double rated at 8d
2. Mafeking 21.7.92

and to Germany franked at 5d:

1. Vryburg 2.9.91
2. Mafeking 5.10.91
3. Vryburg 21.7.92

In none of these cases was any penalty applied.

Covers from British Bechuanaland at this time were remarkably scarce so it would be helpful if members would examine their collections and report on any relevant covers whatever rate was applied.

In the Protectorate, the rate to the UK was fixed at 8d on 1st October 1888. This comprised the rate from British Bechuanaland which was 6d, plus a 2d Protectorate charge. The date of the reduction to 6d per ½oz is again assumed to be 18th November 1892.

Between 29.5.91 and 25.9.92 I have listed 13 covers franked at 6d, one from Palachwe and the remainder from Macloutsi. No covers at all franked at 8d have been noted in the same period.

The situation here is complicated by the fact that until January 1892 all mail from Mashonaland was franked with Bechuanaland stamps and entered the Protectorate postal system at either Palachwe or Macloutsi. It cannot therefore be readily identified unless the sender is known. From January 1892 however Mashonaland had its own BSA Company stamps so the identification problem was solved.

During the period under review the rate from Mashonaland to the UK had been reduced to 6d per ½oz (Drysdall and Collis, *Mashonaland, A Postal History, 1890-96*) All the Protectorate mail seen after January 1892, now easily identifiable by the stamps, was still charged at 6d and not 8d as might have been expected.

Four covers from the extensive correspondence of Captain William Sitwell are in my collection, the first dated 2.9.91 and the others between June and September 1892. Two of the later covers contain letters which prove that at that time Sitwell was at Macloutsi. All are franked at 6d.

A probable explanation of the 6d rate would be that it was a British officer's rate, although the covers were not identifiable as such by signature or otherwise. The officer's rate first came into use through a Treasury Warrant on 1st January 1868. It was not a permanent feature but was re-activated when the occasion demanded, as for instance, during the Warren Expedition.

No confirmation has been noted of its use in 1891-2. More information required please.

(2) PARCEL POST IN THE PROTECTORATE IN THE 1890s- Peter Thy

The Proclamation of August 1890 extended the Cape parcel post services to British Bechuanaland. The front page was shown in RP 12 (p205), and appended a note detailing how all seven pages of text could be obtained. Book and parcel post service was extended to the Protectorate by Government Notice dated 4 Nov 1890.

An 1892 postal notice published 17 Nov 1892, lists book and parcel post rates between the Protectorate and the southern African area, U.K., and foreign countries served via U.K. (RP 32, p663-672). The parcel rate to the U.K. is given as 2s2d per 1lb. It is further stated that parcels, samples, and books addressed to Tati and Buluwayo were not accepted. This rate and delivery information is identical to the U.K. to Bechuanaland Protectorate information given in the 1 Jan 1893, British postal notice transcribed by Drysdall (RP 36, p758-60). Note that the delivery fee for mail to the Protectorate was abolished in 25 Nov 1892.

It is interesting that there is no record in the British Bechuanaland Government Gazette of an 1893 amendment to the Protectorate parcel rates. However, an 1894 amendment exists published in the B.B. Government Gazette, 7 Dec 1894; which is reproduced here. This postal notice gives the parcel rates to U.K. as 2s9d per lb. Therefore, it appears that the reciprocal parcel rates between U.K. and the Protectorate may have been identical for about a year, between Nov 1892-Dec 1894.

Peter Thy

Postal Notice.

PARCELS TARIFF TO THE CAPE COLONY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

IT is hereby notified for general information that on and after the 1st of December, 1894, the Postage Tariff on Parcels posted in the Bechuanaland Protectorate and addressed to any place in the Cape Colony, Basutoland, Bechuanaland, Orange Free State, the South African Republic and Natal will be amended to the following scale:—

	s.	d.
For a parcel not exceeding 8 oz.	2	2
Do. do. do. 12 oz.	2	4
Do. do. do. 1 lb.	2	6
and for every additional lb. or fraction thereof	2	6

The rate of Postage on Parcels addressed to the United Kingdom will be 2s. 9d. per lb. or fraction thereof, and on Parcels addressed to Foreign Countries an additional "Forward" rate will be payable, particulars of which may be ascertained at any Post Office.

BEN DUFF,

Acting Postmaster-General.

G.P.O., Capetown,
30th November, 1894.

'THE RARER STAMPS OF B.B. AND B.P.' - David Finlay

The publication of the above titled article in RP 36 has led to the suggestion that it would be useful if one person co-ordinated members' responses providing information on additions, rather than piecemeal publication in future numbers of *The Runner Post*. If this suggestion is acceptable, I would be pleased to provide the co-ordinating role, with the following guidelines:-

- (1) Information may be sent to me at the following address: P.O. Box 307, Ramotswa Station, Botswana.
- (2) In addition to the stamps included in RP 36, p761-768, the following additions have been recommended:-

SG Nos. 30ca, 30e, 69a (used only), 131a, 159b and 163a.

Possibly there will be other suggestions. If new information is available on SG F2 - the '£5 on 1/-' (RP 36 pages 770-3), I would prefer this to be sent directly to Alan MacGregor, as his knowledge on this stamp far exceeds mine.

- (3) It would be helpful if members could provide the following when they write:-
 - (i) A photocopy (as clear as possible) of the stamp or stamps they are describing.
 - (ii) A brief description of the stamp - used/unused, and any details of the cancellation, as photocopies are not always of the best quality.
 - (iii) If possible, details of history and provenance and current location of the item or items. Details of any accompanying certificates with their number and year of issue would also be of great help.

As members are likely to suggest additional items for research, I note the following points for consideration:-

- (a) The word 'Rarer' in the title of the article may be a misnomer and 'Rarest' or 'Scarcest' might have been better. My thinking was that we would be researching stamps, where it was unlikely that more than 20 copies would be traced. In regard to the '£5 on 1/-', Alan MacGregor has already proved me wrong.
- (b) While the 'Military Telegraph' stamps are not strictly British Bechuanaland, I believe these are a legitimate inclusion.
- (c) It may have been an error to include the 1885/7 Specimens. There are almost certainly equally rare Specimen issues.

Finally, I should explain that I failed to include a write-up of SG 4a in the original article submitted [it was 'edited in' by the Ed - Ed.] I expect members will know of a number of other examples of this stamp.

I look forward to receiving information, as expanding the article towards a complete record should prove most interesting and informative.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

ESSAYS FOR THE 4d on ½d PROVISIONAL SURCHARGE (SG 53) - John Inglefield-Watson

Three types of essay were illustrated in RP 24, p447, and in RP 30, p599.

Illustrations of two more types that were sold by Western Auctions Ltd. in September 1984 came to light recently when I was searching my 'archives' for other information. Both were described as having clear BPA certificates (1984).

The '4^D' type is similar but not identical to the one shown in the left-hand illustration in RP 24. The 'FOURPENCE' type is specifically mentioned by Holmes, p88.



Protectorate
4^D



PROTECTORATE
FOURPENCE

BONC '891' ON COVER - Werner Seeba

Werner Seeba has sent photocopies of two intriguing postal history items. The first, a cover to Germany (from the collection of Reinhard Krause), bears B.B. ½d and 4d adhesives (SG 9, 35). The second item is a B.B. stationery postcard (H&G 6) used with an additional 1d (SG 33), also to Germany. What is remarkable is that both items have the stamps cancelled by '891' Barred Oval Numeral Cancellers (BONCs) and have been used in November or December 1894.

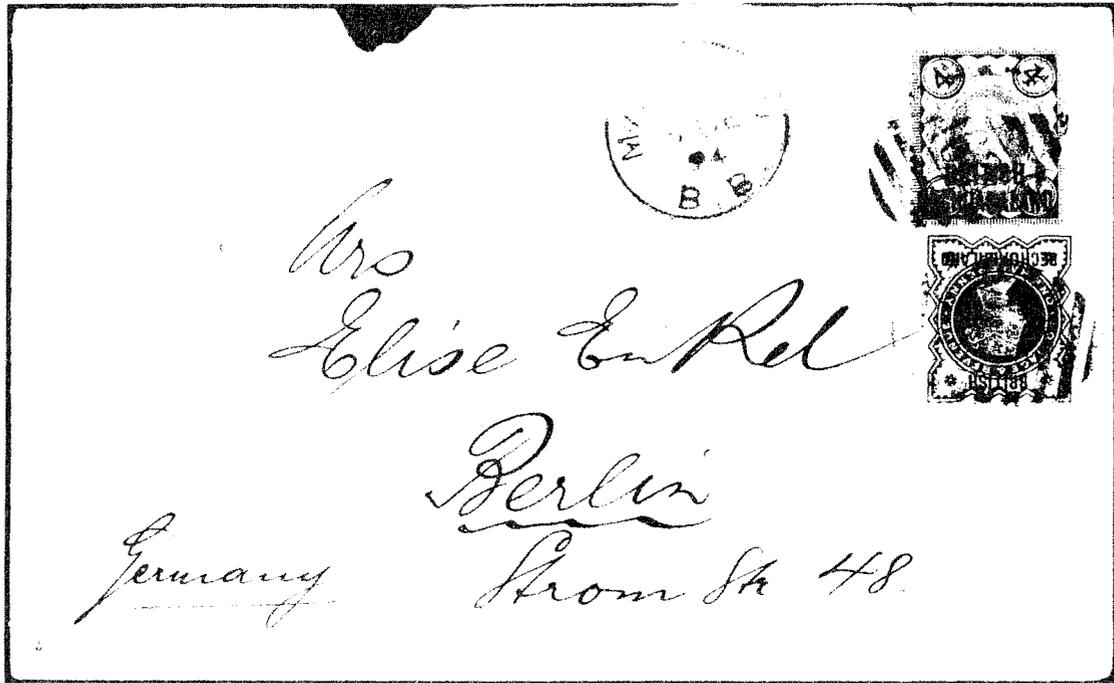
Both items also bear MARIBOGO datestamps alongside the BONCs. As Maribogo is recorded to have used BONC '209' from Oct 1887 until Aug 1895 and probably at least until annexation in November 1895, it is unlikely these items originated at Maribogo.

No precise location for BONC '891' is given in *The Postal Cancellers of the Cape of Good Hope / Volume 1 / The Barred Oval Numeral Cancellers of 1864* by Frescura and Nethersole, where it is listed under Cape. These items suggest BONC '891' may have been assigned to a smaller sub-office of Maribogo. Werner conjectured P.O.A. Maritzani as a possible candidate. However, Holmes states (p79) that a postal agency was due to open at Maritzani at the end of 1894 "... but it was more than a year later before it functioned."

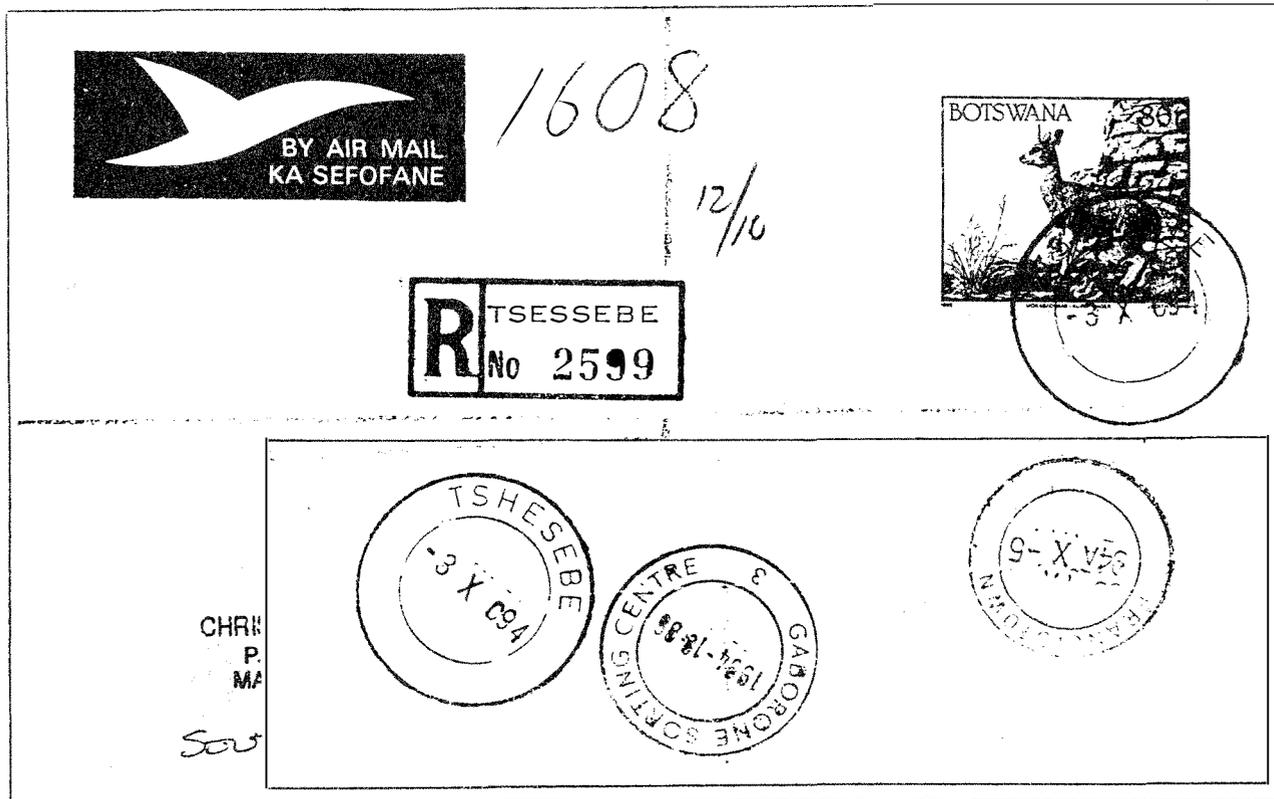
Of interest is the fact that the message on the reverse of the postcard is headed 'Kunana, 17 Novbr. 1894'. There is no guarantee the items were actually posted at Kunana, though that is a fair assumption. Holmes (p79) comments as follows on the agency at Kunana:

"KUNANA. A postal agency was to have been opened here in September 1886, but if it had any existence its life must have been short as an agency was opened at Maribogo, a short distance from Kunana, soon afterwards."

While it is likely Maribogo took over much or all of Kunana's business, it is possible a small postal agency was still in existence or had re-opened by late 1894, and was supplied only with a BONC for use as an obliterator.



Cover and Postal Stationery Card (with reverse) both used in 1894 and cancelled with '891' BONCs



POSTMARKS: TSHESSEBE / TSESSEBE - Chris Cordes

“Whist going through my mail recently, I came across the enclosed, photocopied cover. You will notice that this is a registered cover from ‘TSHESSEBE’ (the backstamp is very clear). Yet the registration label still reads ‘Tsessebe’. One assumes the post office is using up its existing stock of pre-printed labels before incorporating its new name. You will also observe from the reverse of the envelope that Botswana still (thankfully) indulges in transit strikes. This certainly makes covers infinitely more interesting.”

‘MADAM JOSEPH FORGED POSTMARKS’ - LOBATSI

A fascinating book ‘Madam Joseph Forged Postmarks’ by the late Derek Worboys, edited by Roger B. West, was recently (Spring 1994) published jointly by the Royal Philatelic Society London and the British Philatelic Trust. Only 500 numbered copies were printed, the price being £25 including UK inland postage. By late summer not many copies were still available from the publishers or the principal UK stockists of philatelic literature.

The text tells the story of the making, use and eventual discovery of the original ‘dies’ from which over 400 forged postmarks and a few other items relating to most British Commonwealth countries and Egypt were produced over a period from around the mid-1930s to late 1950s. These ‘dies’ are now in the safe custody of the ‘royal’. They are mostly hand-carved woodblocks with fixed dates. The illustrations, taken from the original ‘dies’, show every forged postmark but there is no description of how each differs from the genuine marking. Unfortunately, permission to reproduce the illustrations is not forthcoming. Members whose interests extend beyond Bechuanaland may wish to note that some forgeries of postmarks from Southern Africa and elsewhere bear dates from around the early 1900s onwards.

The Bechuanaland forgeries consist of five versions of the genuine Lobatsi postmark no.7, illustrated in *The Runner Post* no.25 (page 484). The fixed dates of the forgeries are -6 MAY 35 (2), -6 MAR 42 and 21 JAN 44, all with code A. The book states that the 6 May 35 forgeries were for the first day of issue of the silver Jubilee set. This set was actually issued in the Protectorate on 4 May. Superficially the forgeries are deceptive, especially when viewed in isolation, but they do not stand up to close examination, especially in respect of the diameter of the inner and/or outer circles and the thickness of the arc separators.

The book appeals for examples of the forgeries, on stamps or covers, to be reported to the ‘Royal’. Members are requested to channel any such reports with photocopies through our Editor. For those unable to obtain the book, which is undoubtedly a worthwhile investment, further advice on suspect items may be forthcoming from Alan MacGregor, Mike George or myself.

John Inglefield-Watson

BOTSWANA AEROGRAMMES

Peter Thy and Andy Andersson

The following is a summary of our present knowledge of the aerogrammes issued by Botswana. In part, it is based on new information obtained from the printers. Other important sources are previous discussions in *The Runner Post*.^[1-4]

Little information is available on the 'official' days of issue. Some indications may be obtained from days of despatches from the printers, from changes in the postal rates,^[5] and from reported earliest dates of use. Despite shortcomings, it is hoped that the present listing will be useful and may stimulate interest in this fascinating subject.

The different types of aerogrammes are listed below in the sequence we believe they were issued. Many issues appear with different shades of yellow-brown to ochre and blue print and types and colour of paper. The guillotines used to cut the envelopes vary slightly, but are basically similar without systematic variation. The type of gum and the way it was applied appears to vary with the printers. Some of the variations may be related to different printings; however, our information is at present only sufficient to attempt a listing. For this reason, we only list the major and easily identified types. We invite additional information and corrections, in particular on the dates of usage.

1. (1966-68). Bi-coloured stampless air letter sheet.

Basically similar to those issued by Bechuanaland Protectorate, but with the Botswana coat of arms logo. Red lettering and blue and red border on bluish paper. Watermark IMPERIAL/Z/AIRMAIL. According to information obtained by Peter van der Molen,⁴ the paper was made by Wiggins Teape and the letter code 'Z' refers to paper produced in 1966 and the printer may have been McCorquodale. We have only seen the sheet with the code 'Z', but van der Molen has reported the code 'A' in a new position below the 'M' in 'AIR MAIL' instead of below the 'Gateway' trademark (1967 paper). This sheet was probably issued at, or shortly after, independence in 1966.

2. (1970-77). Stampless air letter sheets.

Blue on bluish paper. No watermark. Printer probably S.A. Government Printing Works, Pretoria. Two basic types can be distinguished, particularly by the size of the coat of arms logo and the inscription on the airmail label.

- 2a. Large coat of arms (27mm) and label inscription: BY AIR MAIL/
KA SEFOFANE/AEROGRAMME.
- 2b. Small coat of arms (19 mm) and label inscription: BY AIR MAIL/
AIR LETTER/KA SEFOFANE/PAR AVION/AEROGRAMME.

Probably in use from the early 1970's. We have seen Type 2a used on 24. Nov. 1973. John Inglefield-Watson records Type 2b used 9. June 1977.

3. 1977. Aerogramme sheets with imprinted stamp showing Baobab trees and airplane.

S.A. Government Printing Works, Pretoria; despatched from the printer 15. Dec. 1976. Stamp design by M. Bryan. Ochre and blue on bluish paper without watermark. The guillotine used to cut these aerogrammes was set about 2mm larger vertically than all subsequent issues. Fuzzy print and lack of details of coat of arms. Total printings are given in parentheses.

- 3a 5 t. Blue trees/ochre aircraft (573.000).
- 3b 10 t. Ochre trees/blue aircraft (568.000).

John Inglefield-Watson reports both values used 2. May 1977, and recalls having seen the 10t value used 26 Jan. 1977, consistent with the present information. The denominations match the rates between 1. May 1975 and 5. Nov. 1978 to Botswana and African Postal Union (5t), and rest of Africa and Europe (10t). We suggest Jan. 1977 as the release for this issue. If this is correct, the values issued only matched the postal rates for 21-22 months.

4. 1979. Aerogramme sheets with imprinted stamp showing Baobab trees and airplane.

Similar design and colours as previous sheets. S.A. Government Printing Works, Pretoria; despatch dates from the printer are 12. Mar. 1979 (7t), 9. July 1979 (7t), and 28. Mar. 1979 (15t). Stamp design by M. Bryan. Bluish paper without watermark. The 7t sheet appears in two easily distinguished printings. The 7t Type 4a (and 15t Type 4c) have a fuzzy print and lack of detail on the coat of arms. Type 4b has a sharper print and darker shades of both ochre and blue. The 1990 Air Botswana series, also done by S.A. Government Printers, contains a logo identical to the 7t sharp print printing of this series. This suggests the latter is the late July 1979 printing. Total printings are given in parentheses.

- 4a. 7 t. Blue trees/ochre aircraft. Fuzzy print (84.000).
- 4b. 7 t. Blue trees/ochre aircraft. Clear print (495.000).
- 4c. 15 t. Ochre trees/blue aircraft. Fuzzy print (191.000).

The values of this issue match the rates to countries of the African Postal Union and rest of Africa (7t) and Europe (15t) between 5. Nov. 1978 and 1. Dec. 1980. This would suggest about a 9 month match with the rates. The details of the coat of arms logo on Type 4b indicates an improved printing technique/press. The 7t sheet exists with a 27. Aug. 1979 CTO-cancel, that may be a first-day-of-issue date.

5. 1980-1989. Aerogramme sheets with imprinted stamp showing Baobab trees and airplane.

Basically similar design and colours as previous sheets. Mardon Printers, Harare. (Mardon Printers changed name to National Printing & Packaging probably during 1987/88.) Our printing information is incomplete, as printers records prior to late 1985 no longer exist. During the period 1985-89, a total of five printings were made of the 10t sheet, and two printings each of the 20t and 35t sheets (Table 1). An additional printing of the full set was made on a distinct different coloured paper (Type 6, below). This printing can either be the mid-1986 printing or the late/early 1986/87 printing (Table 1). The following total printing numbers are estimates and assume this is the late/early 1986/87 printing. The numbers given, therefore, are minimum printings. Stamp design by M. Bryan. Bluish paper without watermark. Sharp print and with details in coat of arms. Minimum printing figures are given in parentheses, with the uncertainties and assumptions discussed above.

- 5a. 10 t. Blue trees/ochre aircraft (551.300+).
- 5b. 20 t. Ochre trees/blue aircraft (240.000+).
- 5c. 35 t. Ochre trees/blue aircraft (240.000+).

From 1. Dec. 1980, the 7t aerogramme from the previous series would pay the rate to African Postal Union countries, while the present 20t aerogramme would pay the rate to the rest of Africa and Europe. The 10t sheet would pay the rate to African Postal Union (APU) countries from 1. April 1982, while the 20t sheet with additional 2t and 3t would pay the rates to rest of Africa and Europe, respectively. The 35t rate first comes into effect on 1. April 1986. This series of sheets, therefore, may have been issued over a considerable time span. The best, but not perfect, rate matches would be APU (7t) and rest of Africa and Europe (20t) from 1980; APU (10t) from 1982; and Botswana (10t) and rest of the world (35t) from 1986. It is possible that the 20t sheet were issued in 1980, followed by the 10t sheet in 1982, and the 35t in 1986. However, this argument assumes that there exists a correspondence between denominations and the rate system, an assumption which clearly can not be made (see Types 6-8). It is nevertheless, interesting that the 20t sheet was reprinted several times without having an obvious purpose within the rate structure.

6. 1986. Aerogramme sheets with imprinted stamp showing Baobab trees and airplane.

Basically similar design and colours as previous sheets. National Printing & Packaging, Harare (formerly Mardon). Characteristic very pale turquoise blue paper without watermark. Stamp design by M. Bryan. Sharp print and details in coat of arms. In parentheses are given total printings (see discussion of Type 5)

- 6a. 10 t. Blue trees/ochre aircraft (274.600).
- 6b. 20 t. Ochre trees/blue aircraft (175.200).
- 6c. 35 t. Ochre trees/blue aircraft (128.000).

From 1986, the 10t sheet would pay the rate to Botswana and the 35t sheet the rate to areas outside Africa and Europe. An additional 5t to the 10t sheet would pay the rate to APU countries. An additional 5t or 10t to the 20t sheet would pay the rates to rest of Africa and to Europe, respectively. See the rate discussion for the previous issue. Inglefield-Watson gives the earliest recorded usage of the 35t sheet as 11. April 1988.

7. 1990. The Air Botswana series.

Imprinted stamps with different designs. Shades of ochre and blue print. S.A. Government Printing Works, Pretoria. Information on printings is not available. Stamp and sheet design by Keemi Mosinyi. Bluish paper without watermark. A late printing appears with a distinctly darker shade of ochre.

- 7a. 10 t. Cattle, blue/ochre.
- 7b. 20 t. Food containers, blue/ochre.
- 7c. 35 t. Basket designs, blue/ochre.

A supposedly first day of issue cancellation seen is 14. Feb. 1990. No clear matches with the rate system, see notes to Types 5 and 6.

8. Sept. 1992. The Tourist Bureau series.

Multicoloured imprinted stamps and sheets. Printed by Courvoisier. Stamp and sheet designs by A. Andersson and photo by A. Campbell. Bluish paper without watermark. Offered for sale Sept. 1992. Total printings are given in parentheses (unconfirmed).

- 8a. 10 t. Gaborone view, multicoloured (100.000).
- 8b. 20 t. The Male Hill, Tsodilo, multicoloured (150.000).
- 8c. 30 t. Backwater, Okavango, multicoloured (300.000).
- 8d. 40 t. Sand dunes, multicoloured (300.000).
- 8e. 50 t. Lagoon, Okavango, multicoloured (150.000).

Order was planned to have been restored to the aerogramme issuing activities of the Botswana Postal Services. The rates and rate information on the sheets was planned to take into account new rates expected in August 1992. The denominations of the series was to match the expected rates to Botswana (10t), RSA, SADCC countries (20t), rest of Africa and Middle East (30t), Europe (40t), and rest of the world (50t). The postal rates unexpectedly changed on Oct. 2, 1992, to Botswana (15t), RSA, SADCC countries (20t), rest of Africa (35t), Europe (40t), and rest of the world (45t). Only the 20t and 40t sheets therefore carried the correct rate. The reason for these rate conflicts is not known.^[6]

9. 1994. Botswana Railways Issue.

Multicoloured imprinted stamp and sheet. Design P. Lodoen. The sheet shows the 10t stamp of the 1992 train series, with a 15t denomination and different colours. On the back of the sheet is illustrated the 1992 minisheet with the four train stamps, but with denominations removed. The paper is white with a bluish surface. Size is larger than the tourist bureau series (about 1 cm longer). Clearly produced to look like the tourist series, but most likely by a different printer. No further information at present available.

- 9. 15 t. Air conditioned coach, multicoloured.

This issue has been seen used 20. May 1994 from a small village. Wall^[7] reports April as the expected month of issue. The sheet pays the airmail rate within Botswana, and was probably printed to replace the erroneously inscribed 10t sheet of the tourist series.

Notes

- [1] J. Inglefield-Watson, 1989. *The Runner Post* 15, 263-264.
- [2] J. Inglefield-Watson, 1992. *The Runner Post* 26, 502-508.
- [3] J. Inglefield-Watson, personal communications, 1992.
- [4] P. van der Molen. *The Runner Post* 29, 581-584.
- [5] P. Thy, 1992: *The Runner Post* 26, 495-501.
- [6] D. Wall, 1992. *The Runner Post* 29, 573-576.
- [7] D. Wall, 1994. *The Runner Post* 34, 711-713.

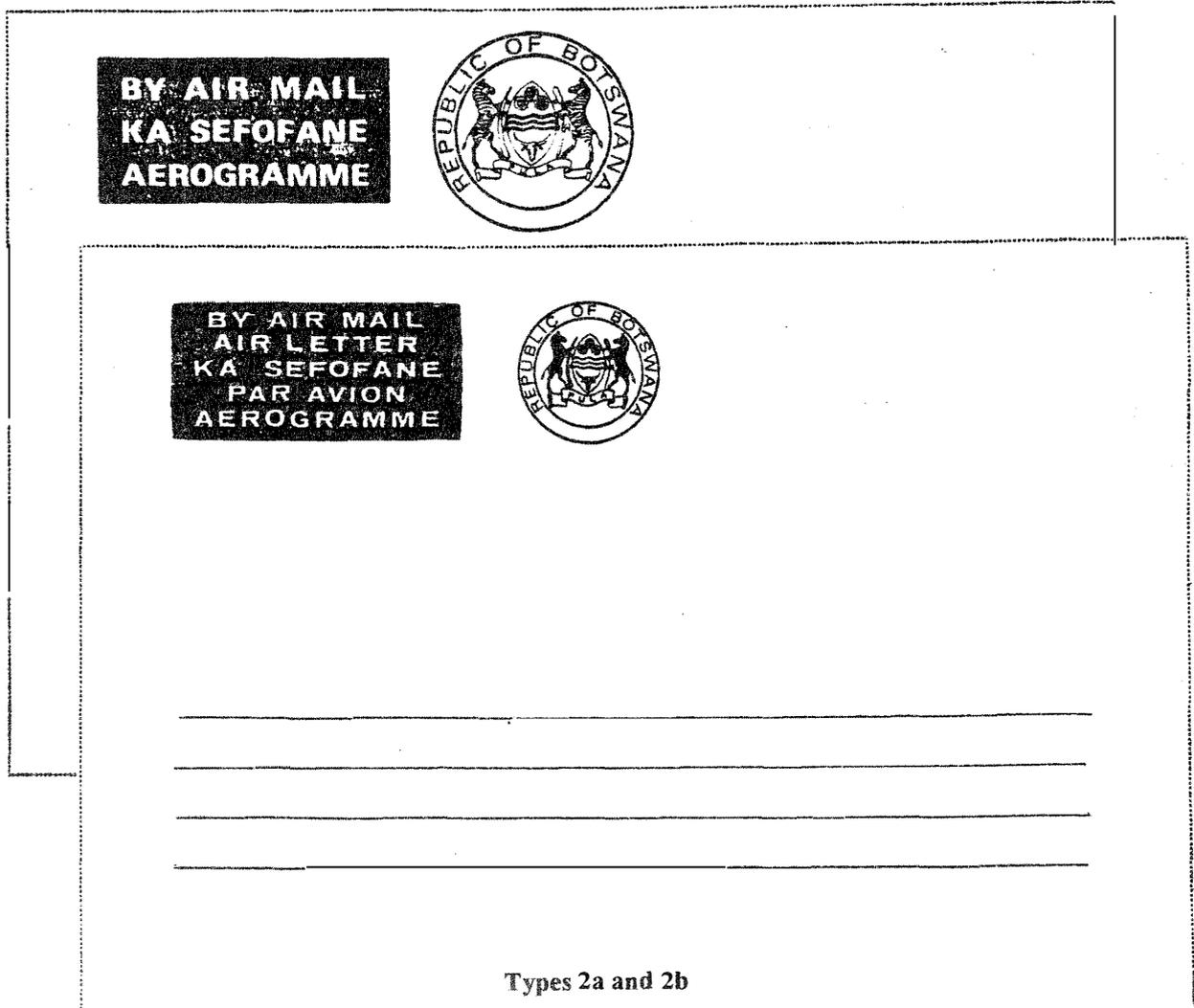
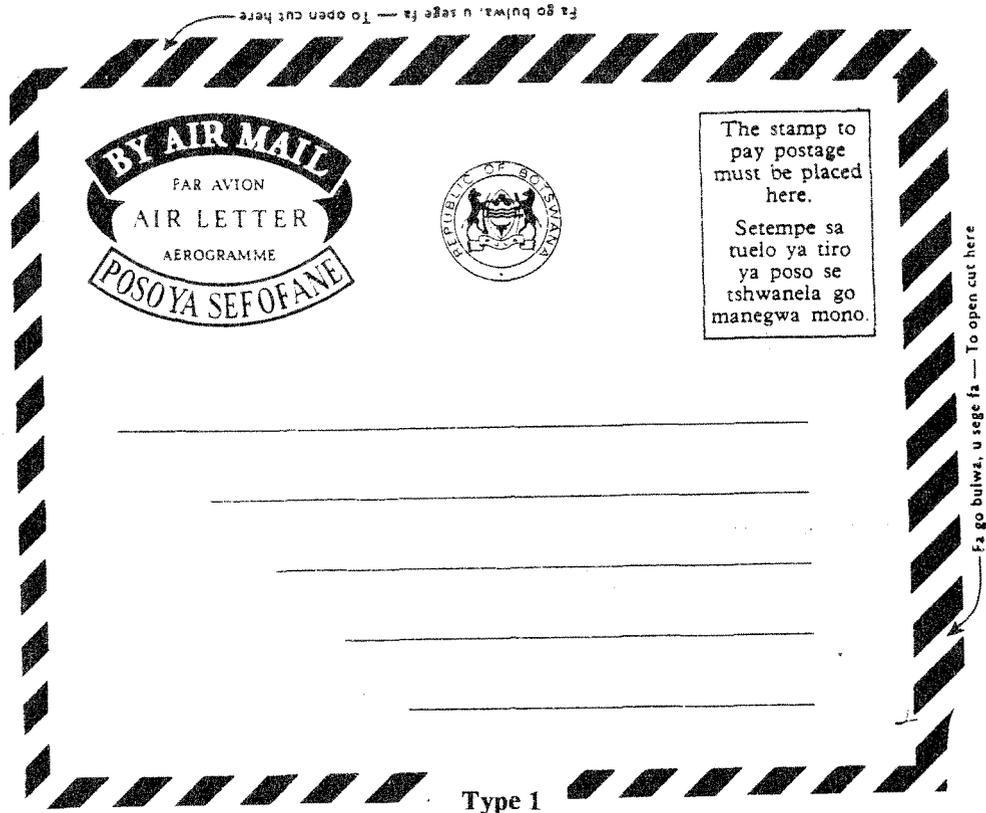
I am pleased to acknowledge help received from John Inglefield-Watson during preparation of this summary.

THE PRINTINGS OF THE 1977-1994 AEROGRAMME ISSUES

Denomi- nation	Printing	Order Date	Delivery
1977-79. S.A. Government Printing Works			
5t	573.000		15.12.76
10t	568.000		15.12.76
7t	84.000		12.3.79
7t	495.000		9.7.79
15t	191.000		28.3.79
1980?-89. Mardon Printers (later National Printing & Packaging)			
Information on earlier printings is missing.			
10t	20.000	14.8.85	16.10.85
10t	51.300	2.1.86	9.1.86
10t	350.000	6.5.86	17.7.86 25.7.86
20t	200.000	6.5.86	25.7.86
35t	200.000	6.5.86	25.7.86
10t	274.600	6.8.86	27.11.86*
20t	175.200	6.8.86	18.12.86*
35t	128.000	6.8.86	16.3.87*
10t	50.000	13.6.88	3.8.88 12.9.88 4.10.88
10t	80.000	18.11.88	8.2.89
20t	40.000	18.11.88	8.2.89
35t	40.000	18.11.88	8.2.89
1990. S.A. Government Printing Works (Air Botswana Issues)			
10t	Printing data not available.		
20t	Printing data not available.		
35t	Printing data not available.		
1992. Courvoisier (Tourist Issues)			
10t	100.000#		1992
20t	150.000#		1992
30t	300.000#		1992
40t	300.000#		1992
50t	150.000#		1992
1994. Unknown printer (Railways Issue)			
15t	Printing data not available.		1994

* Three deliveries were made. It is not clear if this were one for each denomination, or that each delivery included all (or more than one) denomination.

Printings not confirmed.





T 3a



T 4a



T 5a



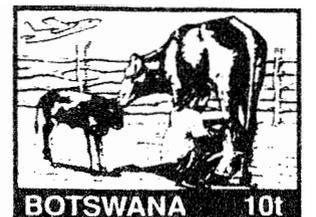
T 6b



Types 3-6 and some of the six different issued values



T 7a



T 7b



T 7c



Types 7a-c showing different stamp designs

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

Brian Trotter

For offices beginning with the letter L, the Botswana Postmark Project Team have so far recorded 86 different markings. No doubt 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.

SINCE THE RECORDED MARKINGS REPRESENT ESSENTIALLY WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE COLLECTIONS OF THE SMALL NUMBER OF MEMBERS WORKING ON THE BOTSWANA POSTMARK PROJECT, RECORDED NUMBERS OF MARKINGS DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT RELATIVE SCARCITY OF THE RESPECTIVE MARKINGS.

LAKE DOW

No postmark recorded. 1976 Dept. of P & T letter to John Inglefield-Watson states Lake Dow postal agency opened 21 Jul 1966 and closed 19 Jan 1973. However, it is not listed in the 1968 S.A.P.O. Guide, the only list of the period seen.

It is therefore not entirely clear that a post office or postal agency existed at Lake Dow (or Xau). Roy Setterfield visited in the late 1960s and later believed that no office or village existed then but that a temporary office or agency may have existed at the time of construction of a dam and pipeline related to the diamond mine at Orapa. An agency now exists at the southern end of Lake Dow at Mopipi. (Reference is Roy Setterfield).

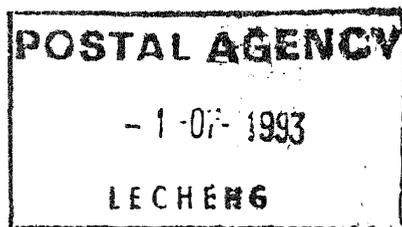
LECHENG



No. 1 Type 8 B 51

Box dimensions	:	29 x 52 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Aug 11, 1983
Latest recorded date	:	Oct 15, 1990
Number recorded so far	:	10

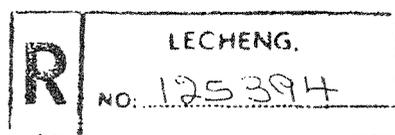
All recorded items struck in red.



No. 2 Type 8 J 30

Box dimensions	:	28 x 51 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	May 13, 1992
Latest recorded date	:	Apr 7, 1993
Number recorded so far	:	4

All recorded items struck in red.



No. 3 Type REGN 2b

Box dimensions	:	16.5 x 50 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jan 11, 1992
Latest recorded date	:	Jul 1, 1992
Number recorded so far	:	2

All recorded items struck in red.

LEHUTUTU

No. 1 Type 2 B 51
 Circle diameters : 18 & 27 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 7, 1970
 Latest recorded date : Jul 10, 1992
 Codes recorded : A, C
 Number recorded so far : 13



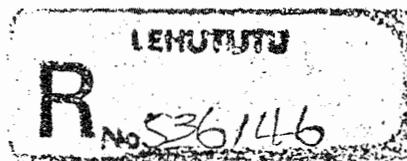
No. 2 Type 61 J 26
 Oval dimensions : 25 x 39 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 19, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Sep 19, 1985
 Number recorded so far : 3

All items struck in a 'red-purple' colour.



No. 3 Type 61 J 27
 Oval dimensions : 27 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 10, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Mar 8, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 3

All recorded items struck in red.



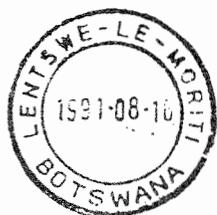
No. 4 Type REGN 3a
 Box dimensions : 19 x 51 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 10, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Jul 10, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 2

The second recorded item is on piece, so no date is known.

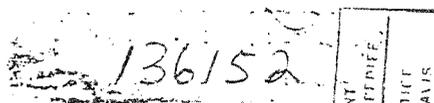
LEKGWABE

No. 1 Type 21 A 1
 Circle diameters : 18 & 29 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 12, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Sep 12, 1985
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 7

Some recorded items do not have a clear year in the date (e.g. 198?), so have not been considered in the earliest and latest recorded dates, only in the number recorded.

LENTSWE-LE-MORITI

No. 1 Type 2 B 51
 Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 3, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Jul 27, 1992
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 8



No. 2 Type REGN 2a?
 Box dimensions : 12 x 50? mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 13, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Nov 13, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 1

Recorded item is struck in red, but is a poor strike, and has not copied well.

LENTSWELETAU



No. 1 Type 2 B 51
 Circle diameters : 18 & 26 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 9, 1981
 Latest recorded date : Aug 7, 1985
 Codes recorded : A, B, C, None
 Number recorded so far : 9

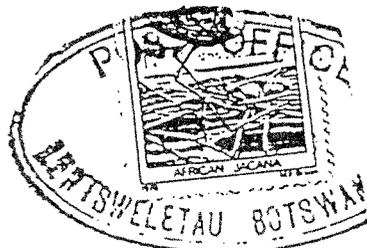


No. 2 Type 2 A 1
 Circle diameters : 19 & 31 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 9, 1976
 Latest recorded date : Mar 19, 1993
 Codes recorded : A, B, C
 Number recorded so far : 23



No. 3 Type 51 J 26
 Outer dimensions : 32 & 58 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 30, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Mar 19, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 5

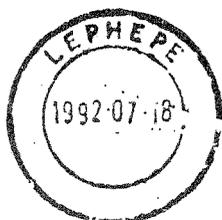
Recorded items struck in red.



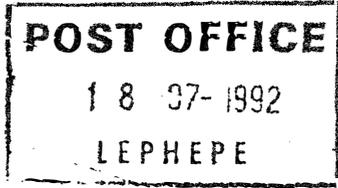
No. 4 Type 61 M 4
 Outer dimensions : 32 & ±55 mm
 Earliest recorded date : ?
 Latest recorded date : ?
 Number recorded so far : 1

Date is not legible on only recorded item. It is also not known in what colour the marking is struck, as only a photocopy was available.

LEPHEPE

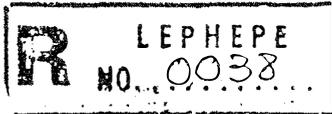


No. 1 Type 2 A 1
 Circle diameters : 18.5 & 28 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 19, 1987
 Latest recorded date : Jul 18, 1992
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 9



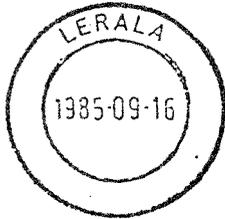
No. 2 Type 8 J 26
 Box dimensions : 24 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 18, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Jul 18, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

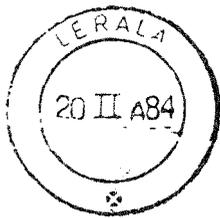


No. 3 Type REGN 3a
 Box dimensions : 14 x 42 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 18, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Jul 18, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 1

LERALA



No. 1 Type 2 A 1
 Circle diameters : 19 & 28 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 16, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Oct 2, 1992
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 12



No. 2 Type 2 D 2
 Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 12, 1975
 Latest recorded date : Apr 7, 1993
 Codes recorded : A, C
 Number recorded so far : 20



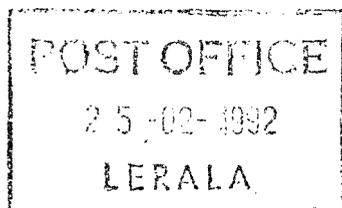
No. 3 Type 61 J 26
 Oval dimensions : 31 x 52 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 8, 1975
 Latest recorded date : Nov 8, 1975
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



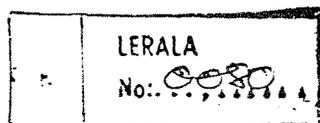
No. 4 Type 8 J 26
 Box dimensions : 28 x ? mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec ?, 1984
 Latest recorded date : Dec ?, 1984
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 5 Type 8 J 26
 Box dimensions : 26 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 25, 1992
 Latest recorded date : May 1, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red



No. 6 Type REGN 2a
 Box dimensions : 15 x 40 mm
 Earliest recorded date : ?
 Latest recorded date : ?
 Number recorded so far : 1

Note the 'R' for registered appears to be missing on the only recorded item. The item is on piece, so no date can be determined.

LETLHAKANE

LETLHAKANE is a post office near Orapa. LOTLHAKANE is not a mis-spelling of LETLHAKANE, but a postal agency located between Molapowabojang and Kanye (Ref. David Wall, RP 31, June 1993, p626)

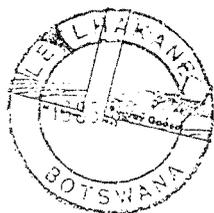


No. 1 Type 2 A 1
 Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 29, 1972
 Latest recorded date : Mar 22, 1993
 Codes recorded : A, B
 Number recorded so far : 18



No. 2 Type 23 A 1
 Circle diameters : 29 & 31 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 20, 1973
 Latest recorded date : Nov 20, 1973
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in mauve. It was included on a note from the postmaster to Philip Cattell, so not recorded as used on cover to cancel stamps.



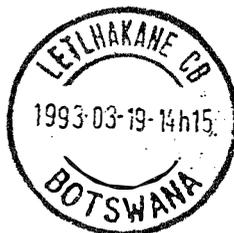
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 Circle diameters : 18.5 & 26.5 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 3, 1982
 Latest recorded date : May 15, 1987
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 19



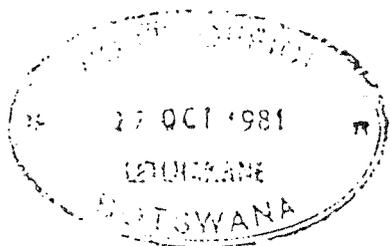
No. 4 Type 21 F 11 (1)
 Circle diameters : 18 & 30 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 28, 1987
 Latest recorded date : Sep 5, 1990
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 5 Type 21 F 11 (2)
 Circle diameters : 18 & 30 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 27, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Mar 4, 1993
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 6



No. 6 Type 21 F 10
 Circle diameters : 18 & 30 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 19, 1987
 Latest recorded date : May 19, 1993
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 29



No. 7 Type 61 M 7
 Oval dimensions : 31 x 49 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 27, 1981
 Latest recorded date : Oct 27, 1981
 Number recorded so far : 1

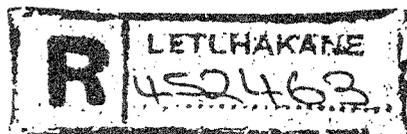
Recorded item probably struck in red, but only a photocopy available for recording



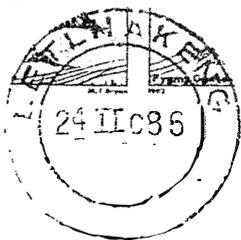
No. 8 Type 32 J 27
 Circle diameters : 32, 42 & 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 8, 1986
 Latest recorded date : Jul 23, 1986
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 9 Type 23 J 26
 Circle diameters : 39 & 41 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 4, 1993
 Latest recorded date : May 5, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 3

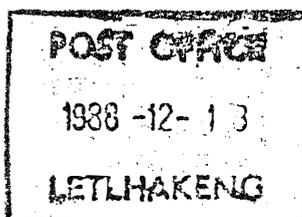


No. 10 Type REGN 2h
 Box dimensions : 15 x 51 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 4, 1993
 Latest recorded date : May 5, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 5

LETLHAKENG

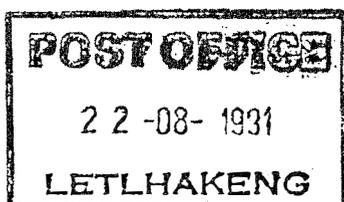
No. 1 Type 2 A 1
 Circle diameters : 21 & 30 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 28, 1972
 Latest recorded date : Feb 2, 1991
 Codes recorded : A, B, C, F
 Number recorded so far : 28

This is Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No. 1 with 'BECH. PROT.' excised (See RP 28, Sep 1992, p556) In this case 'BECH. PROT.' was excised well after Independence, as an example of the unexcised strike has been recorded in 1969 (25 III 69, no code - reference John Inglefield-Watson).



No. 2 Type 8 J 26
 Box dimensions : 28 x 39 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 20, 1986
 Latest recorded date : Dec 13, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red

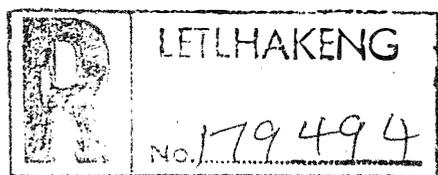


No. 3 Type 8 J 26
 Box dimensions : 25 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 30, 1987
 Latest recorded date : Aug 22, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 3

All recorded items are struck in red



No. 4 Type 21 A 1
 Circle diameters : 18 & 30 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 22, 1991
 Latest recorded date : May 26, 1993
 Codes recorded : None
 Number recorded so far : 4

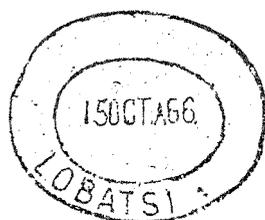


No. 5 Type REGN 2a
 Box dimensions : 22 x 55 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 25, 1969
 Latest recorded date : Mar 25, 1969
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in purple.

LOBATSE

Spelling was Lobatsi during Bechuanaland Protectorate period, and in the earlier days of Botswana.



No. 1 Type 6 G 1

Oval dimensions : 16 x 22 mm and
23 x 27.5 mm

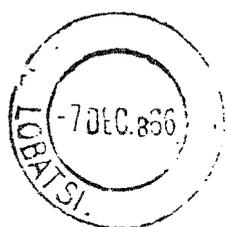
Earliest recorded date : Oct 15, 1966

Latest recorded date : Oct 9, 1968

Codes recorded : A, B, None

Number recorded so far : 3

This is Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No. 13a with 'B.P.' excised. Note that it had originally been Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No. 13, which had the 'CORONATION / H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH II' excised for later use during the Protectorate period (see RP 26, March 1992, p509-510).



No. 2 Type 2 G 1

Circle diameters : 18 & 28 mm

Earliest recorded date : Dec 7, 1966

Latest recorded date : Jan 5, 1968

Codes recorded : A, B

Number recorded so far : 2

This is Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No.9b. Note that it had previously been Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No. 9a, but 'BECH. PROTECTORATE.' had been excised and the postmark used as recorded for Botswana (i.e. Protectorate postmark No.9b) prior to Independence. Note also that Protectorate postmark No. 9a had originally been Protectorate postmark No.9, which had the 'ROYAL VISIT' excised for later use during the Protectorate period (see RP 25, Dec 1991, p484-5).



No. 3 Type 2 D 8

Circle diameters : 17 & 25 mm

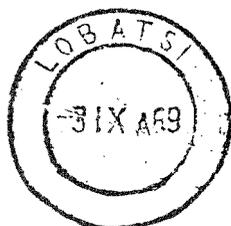
Earliest recorded date : Oct 24, 1966

Latest recorded date : Apr 16, 1969

Codes recorded : A, B

Number recorded so far : 8

This is Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No. 5 that continued in use after Independence (see RP 25, Dec 1991, p483).



No. 4 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 20 & 29 mm

Earliest recorded date : Jan 17, 1969

Latest recorded date : Mar 24, 1970

Codes recorded : A, B

Number recorded so far : 6

This is Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No.10 with 'BECH. PROT.' excised (see RP 26, Mar 1992, p509).



No. 5 Type 2 B 51

Circle diameters : 20 & 31 mm

Earliest recorded date : Sep 30, 1966

Latest recorded date : Nov 14, 1973

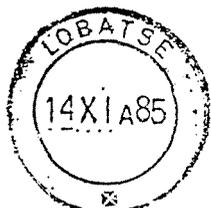
Codes recorded : A, None

Number recorded so far : 37

This strike frequently recorded on official First Day Covers.



No. 6 Type 23 A 1
 Circle diameters : 29 & 32 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 9, 1969
 Latest recorded date : Jun 10, 1970
 Number recorded so far : 4

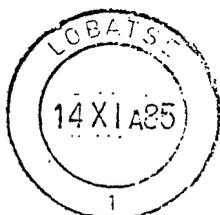


No. 7 Type 2 D 2
 Circle diameters : 18.5 & 26.5 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 6, 1971
 Latest recorded date : Jul 23, 1993
 Codes recorded : A, B, C
 Number recorded so far : More than 50



No. 8 Type 2 A 1
 Circle diameters : 18.5 & 26 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 14, 1972
 Latest recorded date : May 21, 1993
 Codes recorded : A, B, C
 Number recorded so far : 42

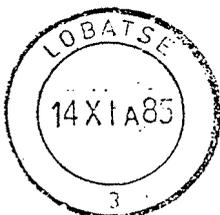
One recorded item is struck in red, and another has the code after the year rather than before the year.



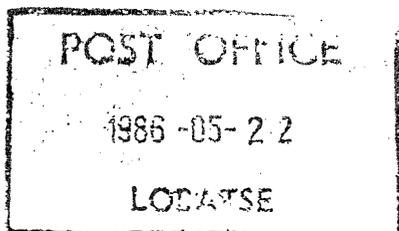
No. 9 Type 2 E (1)
 Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 14, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Nov 26, 1992
 Codes recorded : A, B
 Number recorded so far : 13



No. 10 Type 2 E (2)
 Circle diameters : 18 & 27 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 31, 1972
 Latest recorded date : Dec 8, 1989
 Codes recorded : A, B, C
 Number recorded so far : 17

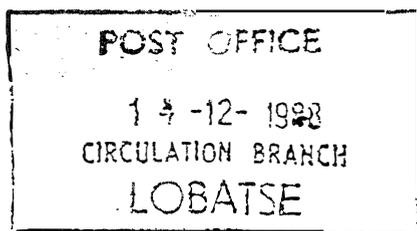


No. 11 Type 2 E (3)
 Circle diameters : 19 & 28 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 2, 1977
 Latest recorded date : Jun 13, 1993
 Codes recorded : A, C
 Number recorded so far : 17



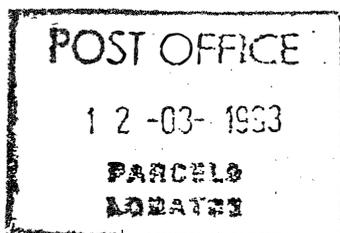
No. 18 Type 8 J 26
Box dimensions : 30 x 51 mm
Earliest recorded date : May 22, 1986
Latest recorded date : May 22, 1986
Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 19 Type 8 M 8
Box dimensions : 29 x 52 mm
Earliest recorded date : Dec 14, 1988
Latest recorded date : Jun 6, 1986
Number recorded so far : 5

All recorded items are struck in red.



No. 20 Type 8 M 9
Box dimensions : 29 x 43 mm
Earliest recorded date : Mar 12, 1993
Latest recorded date : Mar 12, 1993
Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

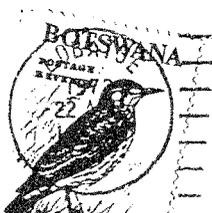


No. 21 Type MACH 1a
Circle diameter : 25 mm
Earliest recorded date : Feb 9, 1967
Latest recorded date : Dec 1, 1971
Number recorded so far : 17



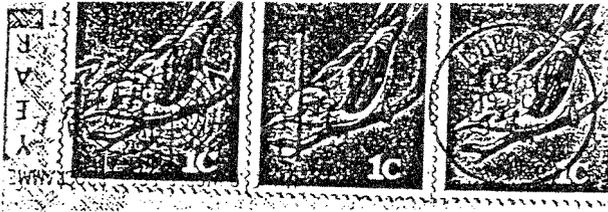
No. 22 Type MACH 2a
Circle diameter : 22 mm
Earliest recorded date : Dec 31, 1974
Latest recorded date : Jan 18, 1992
Number recorded so far : 20

Sequence of year, date, and time varies.



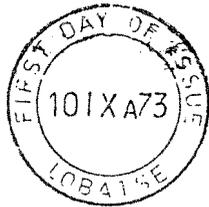
No. 23 Type MACH 2b
Circle diameter : 22 mm
Earliest recorded date : Mar 17, 1972
Latest recorded date : Mar 27, 1980
Number recorded so far : 13

One recorded item has time and date transposed.



No. 24 Type MACH 2c
 Circle diameter : 22 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 19, 1973
 Latest recorded date : Oct 19, 1973
 Number recorded so far : 1

UN World Programme pictorial slogan is inverted on the only recorded item.



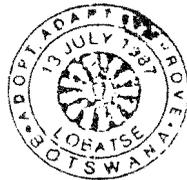
No. 25 Type SPEC 1a
 Circle diameters : 18.5 & 26 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 21, 1972
 Latest recorded date : Dec 3, 1973
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 7



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 YOUTH ~~BOTS~~
 2 3 JUL 1985
 LOBATSE
 BOTSWANA

No. 26 Type SPEC 3
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 17, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Dec 11, 1985
 Number recorded so far : 9

All recorded items struck in black. Omnibus issue - International Youth Year. The July 17, 1985 strikes are on First Day Covers.



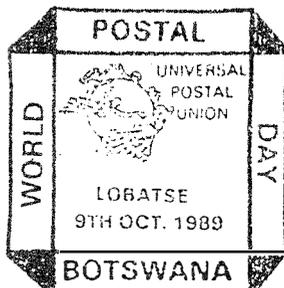
No. 27 Type SPEC 2c
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 13, 1987
 Latest recorded date : Jul 13, 1987
 Number recorded so far : 1

Omnibus issue - Association of Round Tables in Central Africa, 20 Years of Service.



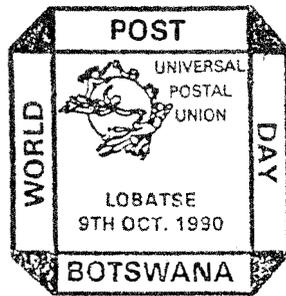
No. 28 Type SPEC 2b
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 30, 1986
 Latest recorded date : Sep 30, 1986
 Number recorded so far : 1

Omnibus issue - 20th Anniversary of Independence.



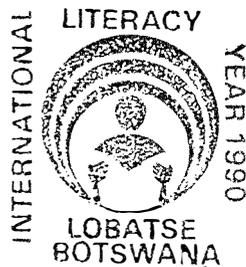
No. 29 Type SPEC 2c
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 14, 1989
 Latest recorded date : Nov 14, 1989
 Number recorded so far : 1

Omnibus issue - World Postal Day. See postmark No. 30 below for a similar 1990 Omnibus issue, with POSTAL changed to POST.



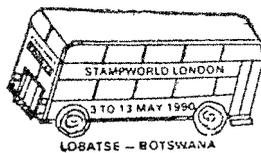
No. 30 Type SPEC 2c
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 9, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Oct 9, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 2

The single recorded item is struck in blue. Omnibus issue - World Post Day. See postmark No. 29 above for a similar 1989 Omnibus issue, with POSTAL instead of POST.



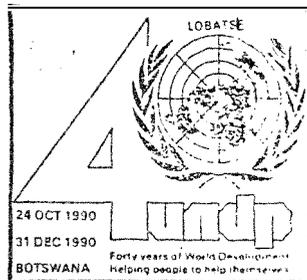
No. 31 Type SPEC 2c
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 24, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Aug 24, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 3

All recorded items are struck in blue. Omnibus issue - International Literacy Year 1990.



No. 32 Type SPEC 2c
 Earliest recorded date : May 3-13, 1990
 Latest recorded date : May 3-13, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red. Omnibus issue - Stamp World London 1990.



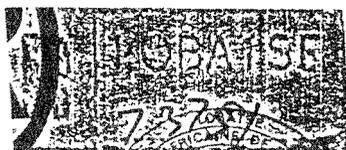
No. 33 Type SPEC 2c
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 24/Dec 31, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Oct 24/Dec 31, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 2

The single recorded item is struck in blue. Omnibus issue - 40 Years of World Development.



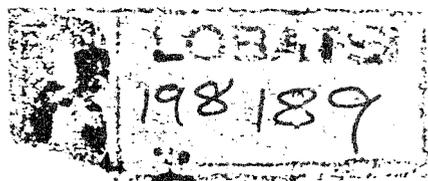
No. 34 Type REGN 5
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 15, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Dec 15, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 2

The two recorded items are struck in red. One recorded item is on piece, so no date can be determined.



No. 35 Type REGN 2h
 Box dimensions : 13 x ±45 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 10, 1989
 Latest recorded date : Aug 23, 1989
 Number recorded so far : 4

All recorded items are struck in black.



No. 36 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions : 22 x ±55 mm
 Earliest recorded date : ? ?, 1990
 Latest recorded date : ? ?, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 1

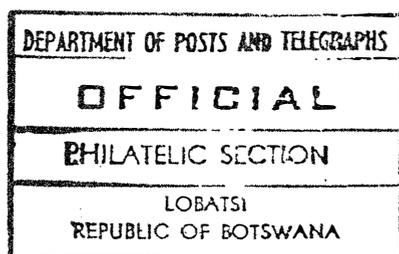
The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 37 Type MISC 1c

Oval dimensions : 34 x 56 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 14, 1966
 Latest recorded date : Apr 25, 1967
 Number recorded so far : 3

All recorded items struck in violet. No trace of the second 'F' in 'OFFICE' in the earliest item (illustrated), but it is clear in both of the other strikes.



No. 38 Type MISC 1a

Box dimensions : 32 x 51 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 7, 1966
 Latest recorded date : Dec 7, 1966
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in purple, and is on an O.B.G.S. (on Botswana Government Service) cover.



No. 39 Type MISC 1d

Oval dimensions : 35 x 57 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 17, 1967
 Latest recorded date : Jul 17, 1967
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 40 Type MISC 1d

Oval dimensions : 35 x 57 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 29, 1970
 Latest recorded date : May 29, 1970
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in violet. Note the dropped 'E' in 'DEPT', and also note LOBATSE is in a straight line, not curved like 'HEAD OFFICE'.



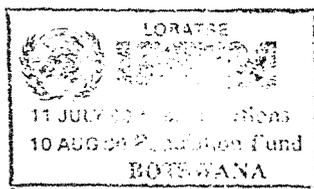
No. 41 Type MISC 9
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 1, 1989
 Latest recorded date : Aug 31, 1989
 Number recorded so far : 3

Omnibus issue - African Development Bank 1964-1989.



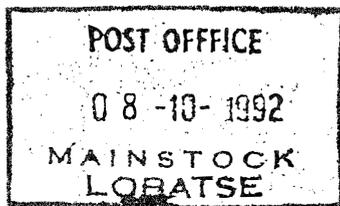
No. 42 Type MISC 10
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 24, 1989
 Latest recorded date : Oct 24, 1989
 Number recorded so far : 3

Omnibus issue - Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary.



No. 43 Type MISC 11
 Box dimensions : 23 x 40 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 30, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Jul 30, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 1

Omnibus issue -United Nations Population Fund.



No. 44 Type MISC 9h
 Box dimensions : 26 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 8, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Oct 8, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item probably struck in red.

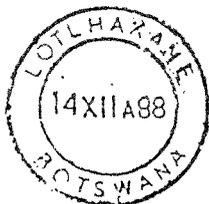


No. 45 Type MISC 7i
 Oval dimensions : 31 x 50 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 16, 1993
 Latest recorded date : Feb 16, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item probably struck in red.

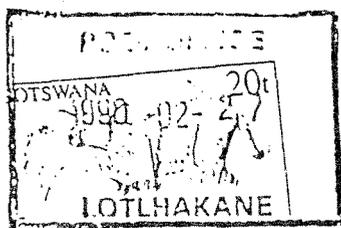
LOTLHAKANE

LOTLHAKANE is a postal agency located between Molapowabojang and Kanye. LETLHAKANE is not a mis-spelling of LOTLHAKANE, but a post office near Orapa. (Ref. David Wall, RP 31, June 1993, p626).



No. 1 Type 2 B 51

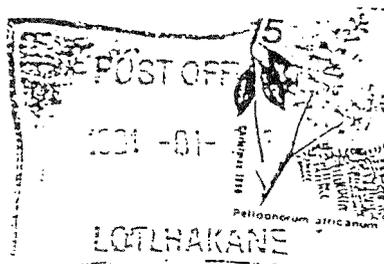
Circle diameters : 18 & 26 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 14, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Dec 27, 1990
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 8



No. 2 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : 27.5 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 27, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Feb 27, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item probably struck in red, only a photocopy available for recording purposes.



No. 3 Type 8 J 26

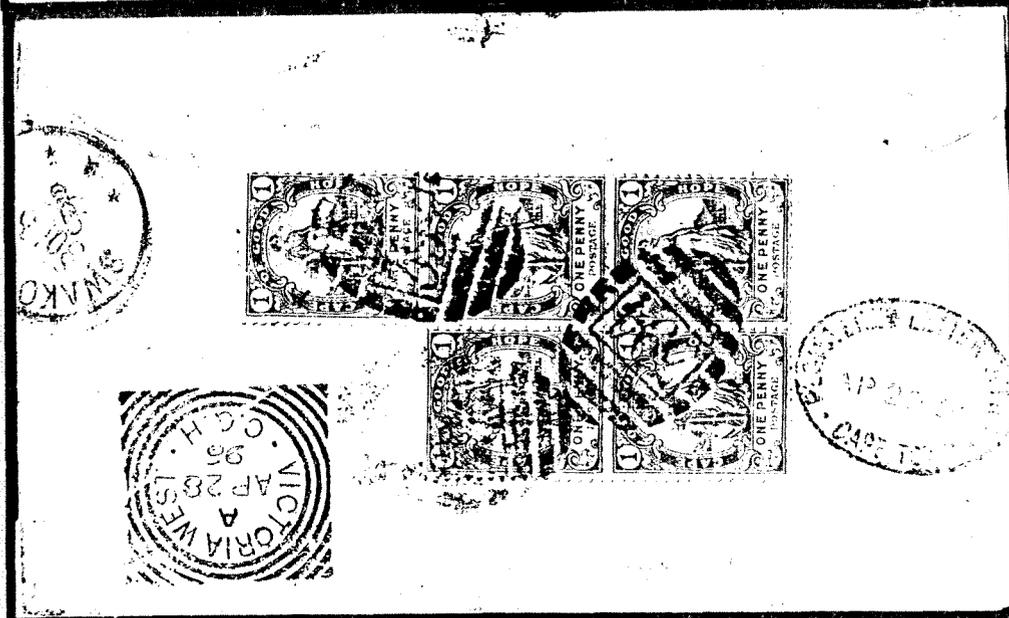
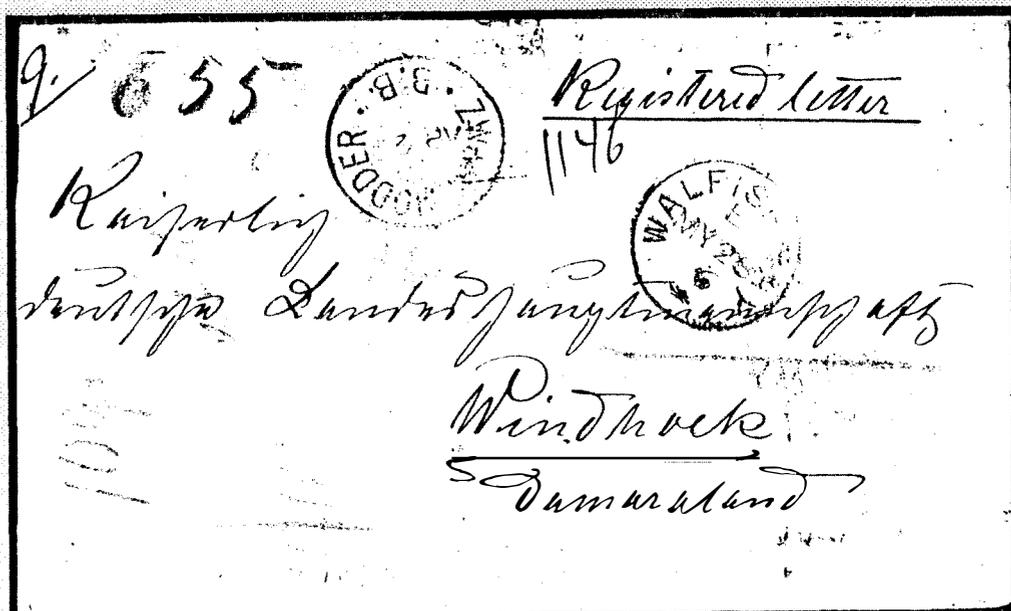
Box dimensions : 33 x ? mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jan ?, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Jan ?, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item probably struck in red, only a photocopy available for recording purposes.

The Botswana Postmark Project Team that provided the data for this Checklist for Offices beginning with the letter L 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.

'PROVING' COVER:

'ZWARTMODDER B.B'



BECHUANALAND / CAPE 1896 (April) Registered cover to Windhoek 'Damaraland' with despatch cds of ZWARTMODDER (Apr 27 no year). Transit cds' of Victoria West (Apr 28), R.L.O. Cape Town (Apr 29), Walfish Bay (May 28) and Swakopmund (30 May). The reverse bears a block of five Cape 1d adhesives (SG 58) cancelled with 'proving' BONC '394' obliterations of Zwartmodder. Zwartmodder was the terminus for the Mier camel post service where the camels and riders were stationed. The agency was opened in Jan 1894 and the cds inscribed 'B.B' was replaced with one reading 'C.G.H.' sometime after annexation by the Cape (16 Nov 1895 - five months before this cover was posted). Three covers are believed to exist with this cds. Some faults, including toning, though one of the rarest British Bechuanaland cancellations and an interesting destination.

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Dear Member,

It is with great sadness that we record the death of our Secretary, Mike George, on 4th December.

As this issue of The Runner Post was at the printers when news was received, an obituary will appear in the March 1995 issue, Runner Post No. 38.

As a temporary measure, we request that all administrative correspondence be addressed to Jim Catterall and all philatelic correspondence should be sent direct to John Inglefield-Watson. Addresses appear on the title page of The Runner Post. Some delays may occur.

Alan MacGregor