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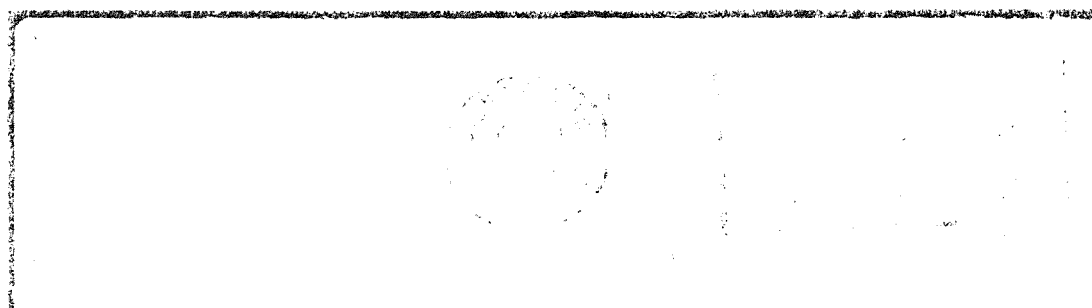
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**EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of David Wall as our new Secretary. David's address appears above and all Society correspondence should now be addressed to him. We are most grateful to David for taking on this important position in the Society's hour of need.

We are also pleased to welcome a new member, Andrew Geoffrey Hamilton of 326 Harrington Street, Arnprior, Ontario, Canada K7S 2V1. Andrew's interests include British Bechuanaland, Bechuanaland Protectorate, Botswana and all postal materials and he is a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Welcome aboard Andrew!



And now for something completely different: Tony Chilton provided this photostat of an envelope. If you look very hard you can just about make out the wording on the faintly printed slogan, which reads 'Squint / Awareness / Week / 14-20 April / Iris Fund' ! Well, it makes a change from all those ball-point pen cancels.

## OBITUARY - MIKE GEORGE

Mike George died peacefully, aged 59, on 4 December 1994 following a totally unexpected and massive heart attack a few days earlier.

He was one of the original founder members of the Society and it is a very sad disappointment that he will not be with us to celebrate its 10th Anniversary in October 1995, an achievement towards which he made a significant contribution.

He was elected to the Committee as the first Minutes Secretary in October 1986. Two years later he succeeded Brian Trotter as Chairman. In October 1990 he handed over the Chair to John Inglefield-Watson and became Secretary - the 'dream' ticket from John's point of view. Although hoping for relief, he accepted re-election in 1992 and again in 1994, loyally putting the interests of the Society above his own, for which we owe him our sincere gratitude. During his period in office he played an important part in the development of the Society from a fledgling uncertain of the future to a well-established and well-administered organisation. He was easy to work with and, as Secretary seemed to have his finger on the pulse of the Society. In his own quiet way he kept the Society running smoothly without needless involvement of the Chairman in day-to-day details.

When Mike took over the key portfolio of Secretary from Roy Setterfield, he also took on the equally important, but less well publicised task of copying, collating, stapling, addressing and posting of the Runner Post to all members, world-wide. He did this onerous work for over two years. Your Editor enjoyed quarterly visits to St. Albans where he would meet Mike on his home turf to hand over the Runner Post 'masters' - invariably over a pub lunch! With his usual efficiency, the Runner Post would be in the letter box within a week.

On the philatelic side we saw interesting glimpses of his collection at some of our meetings and benefited from his knowledge. He always managed to surprise and delight us with marvellous items, beautifully displayed on his well written-up pages. He particularly enjoyed the lively and constructive discussions some of his items prompted - no doubt brought along with that intention (an example to us all). His major contribution was as a member of the Project Teams for both the Bechuanaland and the ongoing Botswana postal markings studies. His 'Botswana Postmark Typology' article in Runner Post No.13 led to the development of the combined Bechuanaland and Botswana Postal Marking Classification (Typology) now in use.

Finding himself made redundant in April 1992, he soon settled down to life in retirement and became a part-time dealer in stamps and postcards on the stamp fairs circuit. Though the rewards may not have been great, he seemed to enjoy the many contacts he made. Mike's organisational skills came in useful to the extent he had recently started running his own fairs. In one of his last letters to your Editor, he commented that he greatly enjoyed this new departure and said he found it more rewarding than only participating with a table.

On behalf of the Society, the Chairman expressed our condolences to his wife, Beti, and to Richard, his son. In her letter notifying his death his wife wrote "I cannot adequately express the pleasure which Mike derived from his stamp collecting and the fraternity of his fellow enthusiasts around the world" We reciprocate these thoughts.

**Alan MacGregor and John Inglefield-Watson**

The following individual tributes have been received:

"...A founder member of the Society, and always a very staunch supporter at all times. He participated in the Bechuanaland postmark study, drafted the first preliminary typology for Botswana and continued to participate in the Botswana postmark study throughout. Always calm, gentle and considerate, a thorough gentleman at all times and very obviously a great loss to the Society."

**Brian Trotter**

"...I can say that he made me most welcome and has given me much encouragement - particularly in respect to the printing and distribution of RP magazines. He was so calm and quietly got things done."

**David Hardwick**

"I first came to know Mike when he took over the Hon. Secretaryship from our 'Founding Father' Roy Setterfield (whom I had known from Botswana days). There is no doubt that for a lengthy - but not lengthy enough period regrettably - he did a great job for our Society. One abiding memory for me is of his pavement pounding in the environs of the Stampex meeting hall to obtain the best venue for our meetings within a price we could afford. It was always a pleasure to conduct the Society's affairs with such a pleasant and efficient fellow-member. It is most sad that he enjoyed for only a short period his semi-retirement and 'hobby' dealing. It was only last Autumn that we had a phone conversation during which he mentioned having broken the 'ton' in a round of golf no mean feat as he had only recently begun to play at all seriously."

**Aubrey Glassborow**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT THE 'ROYAL OAK', REGENCY STREET, LONDON S.W.1,  
ON WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 1994, COMMENCING AT 2.00pm**

**Members Present:**

John Inglefield-Watson (Chairman), Arnold Berman, Jim Catterall, Tony Chilton, Alan Drysdall, Dennis Firth, Mike George, Aubrey Glassborow and David Hardwick. **Apologies For Absence.** Alan MacGregor.

**1. Minutes of the Last AGM:**

These were taken as read. It was proposed by David Hardwick and seconded by Tony Chilton that they be signed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

**2. Hon. Secretary's Report:**

Mike reported a steady year rather than one of any great leap forward. Membership has generally held up at the 100 mark world-wide, one or two have dropped out, one or two have come on board. It may well be time to contemplate what measures the Committee should adopt to attract new collector members and I would appreciate any ideas members may have - certainly we need to be much more positive about publicity, magazine mentions, reports of meetings etc.

Work continues, and begins to approach a conclusion on the Postmark Project, all data should now be in Brian Trotters hands, and hopefully we should be looking at publication in late 1995 - early 1996. It occurs to me that there may now be scope for other publications of shorter papers, putting together articles from 'Runner Post' on topics such as postal rates etc.

The Society continues to meet twice yearly in London, although attendance at our meetings remains obstinately small. I am grateful to the loyal band assembled here today. Further thoughts on the format of our 'philatelic' sessions, especially for the Spring meetings, perhaps we should aim to have more of the 'seminar' style sessions on specific topics or issues.

I am grateful for the work of Jim Catterall on the membership and archival front, and for David Hardwick's printing and posting of the UK, Europe and Rest of the World 'Runner Posts', which has considerably lightened my personal load, also Dennis Firth's help with the minutes. Above all, the constant encouragement and enthusiasm of our Chairman has been a splendid feature of the past 12 months. In short we have had a quiet but solid sort of year, I look forward to some fresh initiatives in 1995.

**3. Hon Treasurer's Report:**

It is heartening to report a resumption in the steady growth of our Society's net worth. It is something which had previously been unbroken during its first six years of existence, and is outstandingly due to the highly successful remedial action taken to control (and reduce) the costs of producing and distributing 'Runner Post'. Without this step a larger still deficit would undoubtedly have occurred in the year now reported upon. If as is likely, the current 'Runner Post' arrangements can be continued throughout the Society's succeeding accounting year and having regard to the satisfactory inflow of member's subscription payments, an equally good situation may well be hoped for one year hence. There was a surplus of £305.63 for the year ending 30 June 1994. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Alan Drysdall and seconded by Jim Catterall.

It was proposed by David Hardwick and seconded by Jim Catterall that subscriptions and airmail surcharges for 1995/1996 remain as at present.

**4. Auditor's Report:**

It is unusual for an auditor to be asked to give a report to a Society's AGM. However in this instance it gives me the opportunity to thank Aubrey Glassborow for making my job so easy. He has kept the books of the Society in a most professional manner and he has provided me with more than enough information and documentation for my audit purposes. His records have been both accurate and easy to follow and he has provided accounts which I am sure all members have found to be clear and concise.

The Society owes its present healthy financial state, in a large measure to his careful stewardship during his time as Treasurer.

**5. Auctioneer's Report:**

Tony Chilton reported that no auction had been held recently due to lack of material. A separate note would be sent out to members with 'Runner Post', asking for material for an auction being aimed at the end of next summer. The Chairman remarked on the reliance of additional funds for future activities outside the normal activities of the Society, from Auction commission. A suggestion was made that that South African members might like to place material in British Auctions. A request would be made to Howard Cook.

**6. Reports From South Africa And Botswana Representatives:**

No reports had been received but the Secretary had received letters from Andy Andersson and Howard Cook saying that matters are going reasonably well. Howard thought that 2 or 3 members might be lost through the increase in subscription.

**7. Chairman's Report.:**

At the A.G.M. two years ago I highlighted in my report on my first two years as your Chairman, the good news and the bad news as I saw it. Then having been re-elected for a further term, I expressed my serious concern about the long term future of the Society. All of this was recorded in the Minutes published in Runner Post 29. Take another look at them, as I did recently. Two years on, nothing much has changed. We have survived, thanks to the occasionally reluctant willingness of key members of the Committee to continue in office, even though they would dearly like a break, and we may survive for a little longer. What we have not done is to overcome our basic problems, foremost amongst which is to find volunteers willing to play a part in the future administration of the Society. If the mid-week meetings are preventing your participation, let us know. If you can suggest other practical solutions, let us know. **THE SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW.**

From my point of view my tenure as Chairman has been a disappointing catalogue of failures. Failure to attract new faces to meetings, to widen the philatelic content of meetings by finding members willing to lead study topics/workshops, to get adequate support for occasional residential weekend meetings, to get sufficient support for regular auctions, and above all, to lay the foundations for the future of the Society. The one redeeming feature has been the magnificent support that I have received from the Officers of the Society - thank you.

This year I would particularly like to pay tribute to our Treasurer, who after 8 years in office is finally standing down, leaving our finances in a very healthy state. I am sure that I speak for every member in expressing our gratitude to Aubrey for a job well done. Our thanks also to Alan for continuing as Editor to maintain the high standard of 'Runner Post', as evidenced in the past year by the award by the former Wanderers Philatelic Society of Johannesburg, of their biennial Certificate of Merit for Southern African philatelic literature. Lastly thanks to David Hardwick for taking on the production and distribution of 'Runner Post' for members outside Southern Africa, which has overcome the problem of costs which we had to face at last year's A.G.M.

I end by expressing the hope that we will have good reason to celebrate, not merely to mark, the 10th birthday of the Society in October next year. I appeal to you to offer your active support as an appropriate birthday present.

**8. Proposed Amendment to Rule 6 of the Rules of The Society:**

Mike George proposed that the last sentence of Rule 6 be deleted. This was seconded by Arnold Berman. John Inglefield-Watson proposed an amendment that instead of deleting the last sentence, this be suspended for the period of this A.G.M. This was seconded by Dennis Firth. A vote was taken and five members were in favour of the Amendment, with three against.

**9. Election of Officers and Committee 1995/1997:**

Alan Drysdall took over as Chairman of the meeting for the re-election of Sir John Inglefield-Watson, Bart. As Chairman of the Society. This was proposed by Aubrey Glassborow and seconded by Mike George.

It was proposed by Jim Catterall and seconded by Arnold Berman that the following members be elected:-

Hon. Secretary MIKE GEORGE, Hon. Treasurer DAVID HARDWICK, Membership Secretary and Archivist JIM CATTERALL, Editor of Runner Post ALAN MACGREGOR, Auctioneer (UK) TONY CHILTON, Minutes Secretary DENNIS FIRTH.

It was proposed by Mike George and seconded by Jim Catterall that the following Overseas Representatives be re-elected:- RSA Representative and Auctioneer (RSA) HOWARD COOK, Botswana Representative ANDY ANDERSSON.

**10. Election of Auditor:**

It was proposed by John Inglefield-Watson and seconded by Mike George that AUBREY GLASSBOROW be elected as Auditor.

Alan Drysdall proposed a vote of thanks to David Hardwick for acting as our Auditor for the past two years, and to Aubrey Glassborow for the work he has done as Treasurer since 1986, and for keeping the accounts of the Society in such a healthy state.

**11. Any Other Business:**

Alan suggested that as an aid to recruitment of new members we contact the editor or Business Manager of the Journal of the Rhodesia Study Circle, and suggest the exchange of advertisements between that Journal and 'Runner Post', in an endeavour to recruit members to the opposite society.

**Philately.**

Three members had brought material to show.

Arnold Berman had been requested to sell a 25 volume collection of QEII stamps by a widow. These were mainly GB but Arnold showed 10 sheets from the collection, of 1961 Decimal Surcharged stamps of Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland.

John brought along 14 sheets of varieties on the 1935 Silver Jubilee stamps of Bechuanaland. These showed Extra Flagstaff, Short Extra Flagstaff, Short Vertical Line on Turret, Lightning Conductor, Vertical hairline and several other flaws. He also showed a copy of the book Madame Joseph - Forged Postmarks, which is about a hoard of dies for forging postmarks (by means of hand-carved wood blocks), which are now in the hands of the R.P.S.,L. A number of forged Bechuanaland postmarks are included.

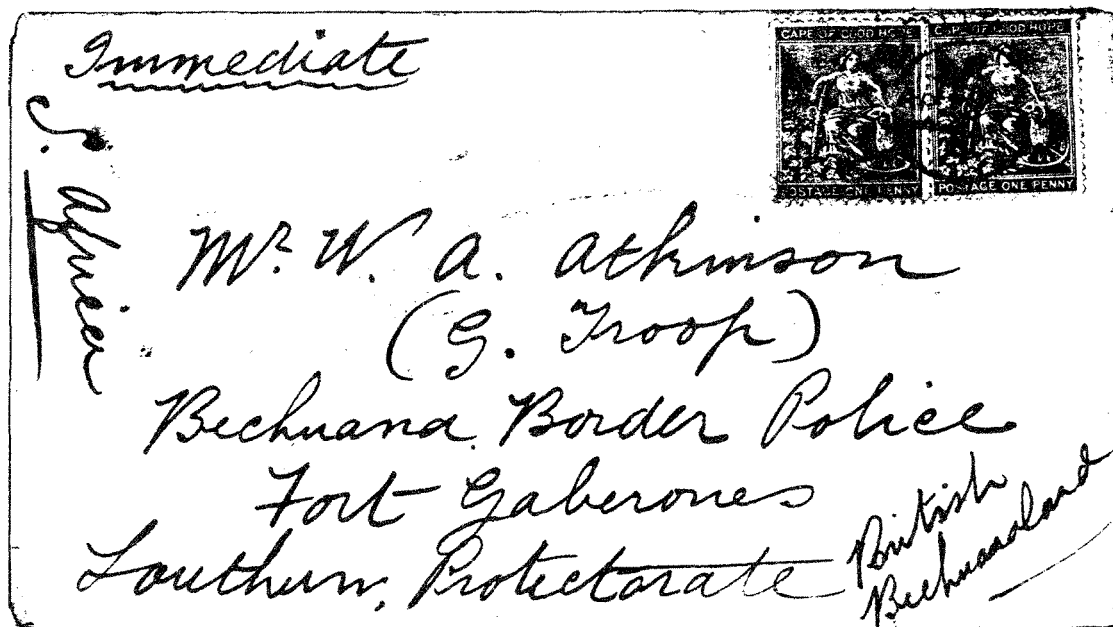
Then came Mike's selection. This included King George V Tour Cancellations, Unappropriated Dies - two sets of Specimen stamps with different overprints, proofs from dandy rolls of V.R. and Orb watermarks, examples overprinted for Police Court, Probate, Public Records, Civil Service, Contract Notes and Transfer Duty, printed in different colours. Also shown were postal fiscals - two different settings of KGV 1d stamps and Military Telegraph stamps including Cape overprints.

**MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND QUERIES****UNAPPROPRIATED DIES 2d '240 SET' - Jim Catterall**

Jim Catterall provided this illustration of an imperforate marginal plate block of six 2d Unappropriated Dies and a copy of a 1978 letter from H.R. Holmes responding to some queries Jim had raised. Jim was intrigued with the marginal annotations, the first of which is a date - 'Mar 1889' - almost a year and a half after the Bechuanaland set was issued. The second annotation reads '240 Set' which at first sight is at odds with what Holmes states in his book (p44): "the pence values are in sheets of 120". Holmes reply follows:



"Your query about the block of 2d. lilac Unappropriated Dies plate proofs is a most interesting one, and tells me something that I did not suspect. As this series of stamps was introduced in the eighteen-seventies several plates were required for some of the denominations as they were in continual use for about thirty years and as they wore out new plates were made, the later one being surrounded by the so-called 'Jubilee' lines. In my book I wrote that the pence values were in sheets of 120 stamps, and that is correct so far as the issued sheets are concerned. What I did not suspect is that at some period the printed sheets were twice as big: '240 set,' and were divided before being overprinted for the required service. The reason your block is dated 'Mar 1889' seems to me that a new plate was being put to press and proofs were taken for its soundness." H.R. Holmes



#### 1893 INCOMING COVER TO FORT GABERONES - Mike George

One of Mike's last letters included this illustration of a rare incoming cover addressed to 'Mr W. A. Atkinson / (G Troop) / Bechuana Border Police / Fort Geberones / Southern Protectorate / British Bechuanaland'. The cover bears two Cape 1d rectangles cancelled with a hooded East London cancel dated 12 April 1893. There is a '4d' in blue crayon though it is not clear if this is a tax marking. The route is superbly illustrated with four transit backstamps:

Midland Up (Travelling Post Office) (13 April)  
 Kimberley (14 April)  
 Vryburg (15 April)  
 Mafeking (17 April)

However, there is no Gaberones backstamp and Mike queried why this should be the case. This cover is very similar to one from the same correspondence which was illustrated in RP 23, p434. That cover was stated to be backstamped at Gaberones in October 1892 - six months earlier.



NORMAL



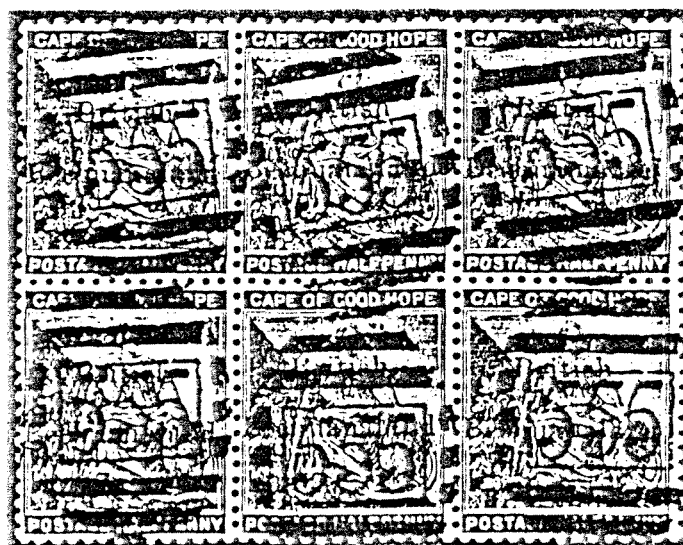
SHIFT

#### 1945 3d VICTORY ISSUE (SG 131) WITH OVERPRINT SHIFTED UPWARDS - Dickon Pollard

Dickon Pollard writes: "A friend has sent me a Bechuanaland item I have not seen before; a single with the overprint near the top of the stamp. I enclose a photostat of the stamp, with a normal pair for comparison. I do not recall seeing any mention of this..."

Stanley Gibbons lists the 3d as occurring with 'Overprint omitted in vertical pair with normal' (SG 131a), with a footnote 'No 131a comes from a sheet on which the overprint was displaced downwards so that it is omitted from stamps in the top row and shown on the sheet margin at foot'. Is it possible this stamp comes from such a sheet and shows the overprint of the stamp above shifted downwards? It could also result from a sheet where the overprints were shifted upwards, though not off, the stamps. Can any member help?





### 'FORGED OVERPRINTS AND OBLITERATIONS' ON CAPE STAMPS

The vertical format block of six overprinted Cape stamps is illustrated courtesy of B.P.A. Expertising Ltd.

The block bears what purports to be an unlisted variety OVERPRINT DOUBLE, ONE INVERTED, and is neatly cancelled with '555' BONCs of Vryburg. Closer examination reveals that the overprints are too long with lines of overprint measuring 9mm and 18mm. This resembles Catterall Type 2 (RP2, p18-21) though in this case the overprints appear to be set wider apart (over 7mm) rather than the usual 4mm. The B.P.A. Expertising Committee certified the block in 1994 as bearing 'forged overprints and obliterations'.

The second illustration - also of a block of Cape ½d stamps - bears similar forged overprints, though single upright rather than double, one inverted. It appears both blocks were cancelled with the same '555' BONC (they share very similar breaks and flaws in the bars). This block has a 1982 'Royal' certificate which also gave the opinion that the block has 'forged overprints and obliterations'.

Could this be a genuine numeral canceller? I always believed the forgeries were cancelled 'by favour' in the same manner that forged overprints are occasionally found 'used' on otherwise apparently genuine registered covers, invariably addressed to Emil Tamsen. I have seen blocks of four Cape stamps with upright or inverted forged overprints 'used' on such a registered cover from Mahalapye in March 1932.

My doubt was reinforced when I examined unoverprinted stamps used with undoubtedly genuine '555' BONCs such as the 2d illustrated above, and found similar or identical breaks and flaws in the cancellers. Note for example the break in the rectangle above the third '5' and the flaw at the extreme right of the first bar above the rectangle. Either a forger made a remarkably realistic canceller or the postmarks are struck from the same genuine canceller that was applied by favour of some postal official or had fallen into the 'wrong hands'.

It would be interesting to hear members' comments and views, especially any information that could confirm or deny this canceller was forged.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

Peter Thy has produced a scholarly 34 page monograph entitled *The Introduction and Usage of Postal Orders in Bechuanaland Protectorate* which is published under the imprint of 'Krone Publications'. This work is an important contribution to the postal history of the Bechuanaland and traces the history of postal orders from their introduction in 1907 to independence from the South African Post Office.

By their very nature, the survival rate of postal orders must be slim, and this is especially so for Bechuanaland Protectorate from where postal orders are rarities. However, Peter Thy has managed to produce an exhaustive and authoritative work through painstaking research of Government records and Archives. Peter guides the reader through the background, introduction, types and periods of use of postal orders issued in the Protectorate. The work is well illustrated with different types of postal orders as well as clear graphs showing the numbers of post offices per year, the number and value of orders issued per year and even the average value of the different types (Union of SA and British) issued and paid per year. All in all, a superb work of research into an almost completely ignored service of the Bechuanaland Protectorate post office.

Copies are available at US \$5 each, including world-wide mailing, direct from Peter at: Krone Publications, P.O. Box 73112, Davis, CA 95616, U.S.A. Cheques should be made payable to Peter Thy and drawn on a U.S. bank. Copies are also available at R20 from Alan MacGregor at P.O. Box 3130, Cape Town, 8000, South Africa, postage paid.

## POSTAL RATES CORRESPONDENCE

Frederick P. Lawrence has sent the following letter and illustrations concerning Jim Catterall's article in the last *Runner Post* (RP 37, p792):

"RP 37 (Dec 94) is at hand and, as always, continues to pique the interest. My attention was immediately drawn to 'Postal Rate Correspondence: (1) Postal Rates, The Bechuanaland 1891-2' by Jim Catterall. Therein he states that the October 1st 1888 rate for ½oz letters from British Bechuanaland to the rest of Europe excluding the UK, 7½d, was reduced to 5d at a somewhat uncertain time, perhaps 18th November 1892 as stated by Dr. Drysdall in RP 34 (p723). This sent me to my Mafeking covers to see what, if any, I might have which illustrates these rates. What I found turns out not to be explained by the British Bechuanaland rates quoted either by Dr. Drysdall in RP 34 or Peter Thy in RP 35. I have 3 covers from Mafeking all to the same addressee in Mainz, Germany. Photocopies are enclosed:

The first was posted on 22 October 1893 and is franked 5d, consistent with the reduced rate discussed by Jim Catterall.

The second was a double weight letter ('2' in UL corner) posted on 10 December 1894 but is franked only 4d and was then charged postage due 50 centimes = 80 Pfennig = 5d. This suggests a rate of 4½d for a ½oz letter, or 9d for a double weight letter. Such a rate is not mentioned by either Dr. Drysdall in RP 34 or by Mr. Thy in RP 35. However, Mr. Thy tantalisingly states, "The British Bechuanaland rates can probably be estimated as 2d plus the Cape rates..." and in Table 2 (RP 35, p740) he reports the Cape private ship rate was changed to 2½d for a ½oz letter in 1892. This Cape ship rate of 2½d + 2d for British Bechuanaland would total a 4½d rate.

The third was posted a week later, on 17 December 1894, and is franked 4½d.

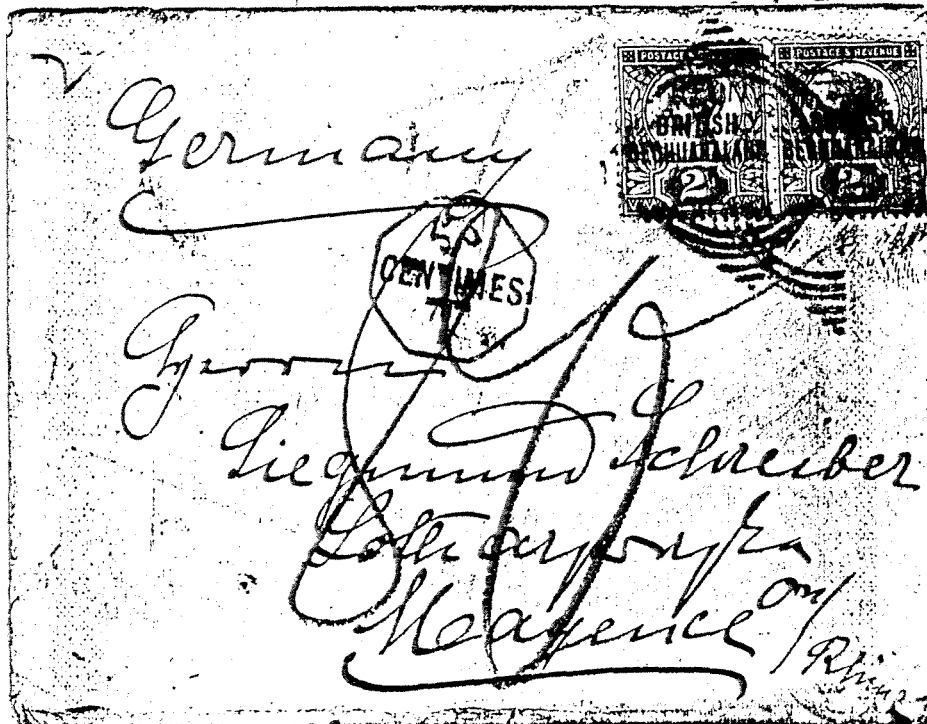
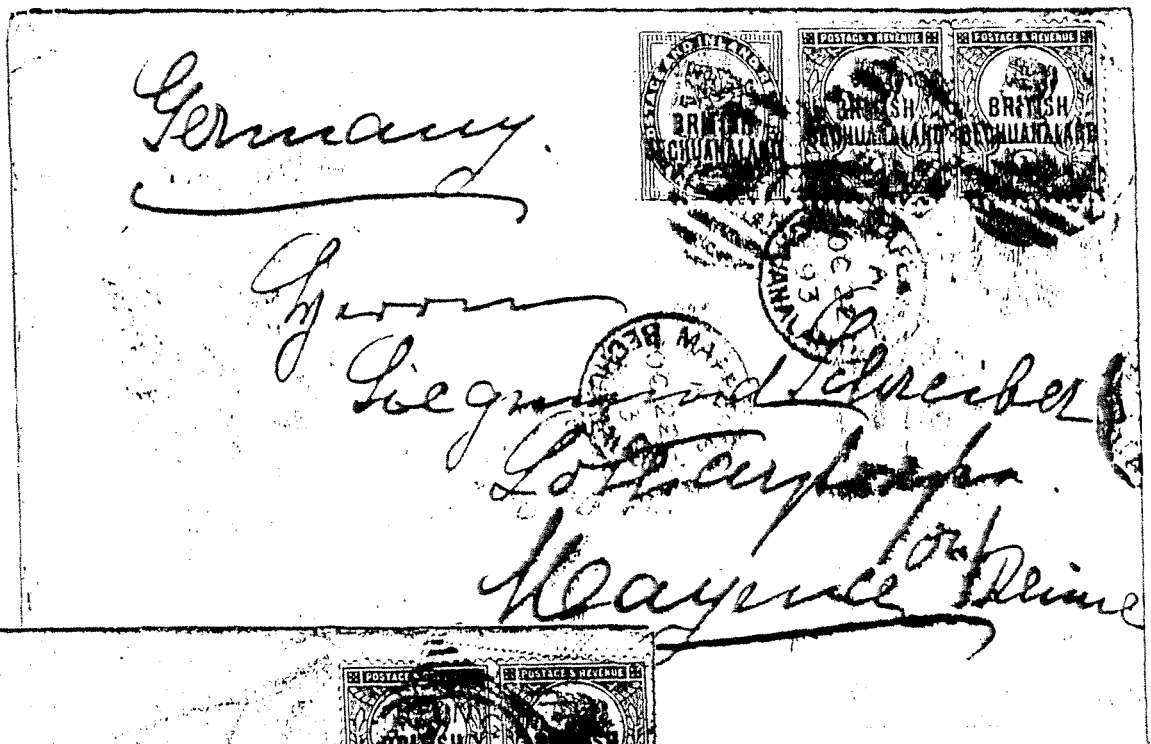
In RP 34, Dr. Drysdall claimed to report postage rates prior to 1900 for the areas he discussed, including British Bechuanaland; in RP 35, Mr. Thy claimed to report postal rates of British Bechuanaland, 1885-1895. However, neither mentions a 4½d rate to Europe, which is supported by the two Mafeking-to-Germany covers from December 1894.

To further the intrigue, Dr. Drysdall reported (RP 34, p723) that "British Bechuanaland was annexed and became part of Cape Colony from the 16th November 1895, but the postal service was under control of the Postmaster-General of Cape Colony from the 1st April, 1893." So, postal service in British Bechuanaland was under control of the Cape PMG when all three of these covers were dispatched from Mafeking to Mainz. In October 1893 the rate was 5d for a ½oz letter, but by December 1894 the rate appears to have been 4½d.

Perhaps Dr. Drysdall or Mr. Thy can provide further information on a 4½d rate from 1894, or otherwise explain the two December 1894 Mafeking-to-Germany covers."

Frederick P. Lawrence

22 Oct 1893.

5d per ½ oz letter to  
Europe excluding  
the UK.Backstamped  
Vryburg (23 Oct)  
and Germany (14  
Nov)

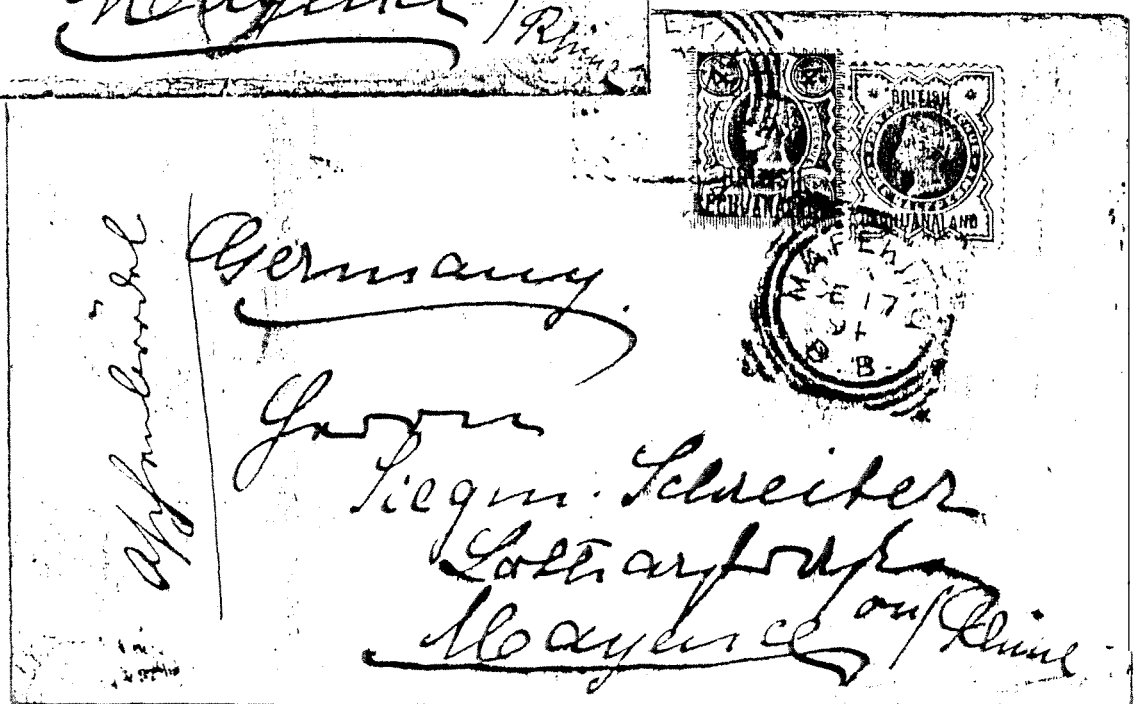
10 Dec 1894.

4½d per ½oz letter to Europe,  
excluding the UK ??T50 centimes = 80 pfennig = 5d  
postage due

Double weight: 2 x 4½d	=	9d
Less paid	=	- 4d
Therefore Due	=	5d

Backstamped Germany 1 Jan 1895

17 Dec 1894.

4½d per ½oz letter  
to Europe excluding  
the UK ?Backstamped  
Germany 6 Jan 1895

## ITEMS OF INTEREST - Botswana Stationery Card for World Meteorological Organisation

I was intrigued when in late November an example of the WMO imprinted card arrived in my post-box, followed over the next two weeks by one card for each date of the Conference. The cards carried no clue as to the identity of the sender, and arrived in no particular sequence - sometimes two or three at a time - despite being posted daily. Now, thanks to a letter from Andy Andersson, who revealed himself as my generous anonymous benefactor, all has been revealed.

An 'Urgent Notice' sent out by the Botswana Postal Service provides the basic details: From 14th - 25th November 1994, Botswana hosted the 11th Session of the World Meteorological Organisation Regional Association I (RA-I Africa) in Gaborone. The conference was expected to be attended by some 350 delegates from more than 50 countries in Africa. To commemorate this event, the Botswana Post Office issued an imprinted 50t Post Card which was sold at 55t. This is the first such card for 27 years and Botswana's first commemorative postal stationery item. The Post Office also established a sub Post Office at the Conference Centre where a special canceller was used (struck in purple) along with the daily circular datestamp (in black). The notice also remarks that the only post card listed in Higgins and Gage.

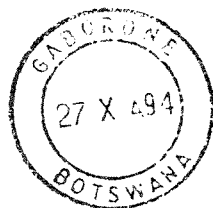
The card and stamp were designed by Keemi Mosinyi. The printer and printing figures are not stated, though the notice describes the issue as limited and advise orders to be placed early. Andy Andersson's letter has provided the following interesting background information:

"As first Director (and Founder) of the Botswana Meteorological Service, I was asked to use my philatelic influence with the Government Philatelic Advisory Committee to promote the idea of a set of 4 stamps to mark this prestigious WMO Session. "We discussed this in Committee, and all agreed to act on Alec Campbell's idea of an imprinted postcard. I was given the assignment to liaise with the artist and Director of Met Services Gladys Ramotwa. The design is mainly mine and the artist Keemi Mosinyi has done a first class job. I also designed the special cancel - the outer ring is the outline of our P2 coin as the highest value coin in Botswana whilst the inner ring is that of the 1 thebe coin - our lowest value coin."

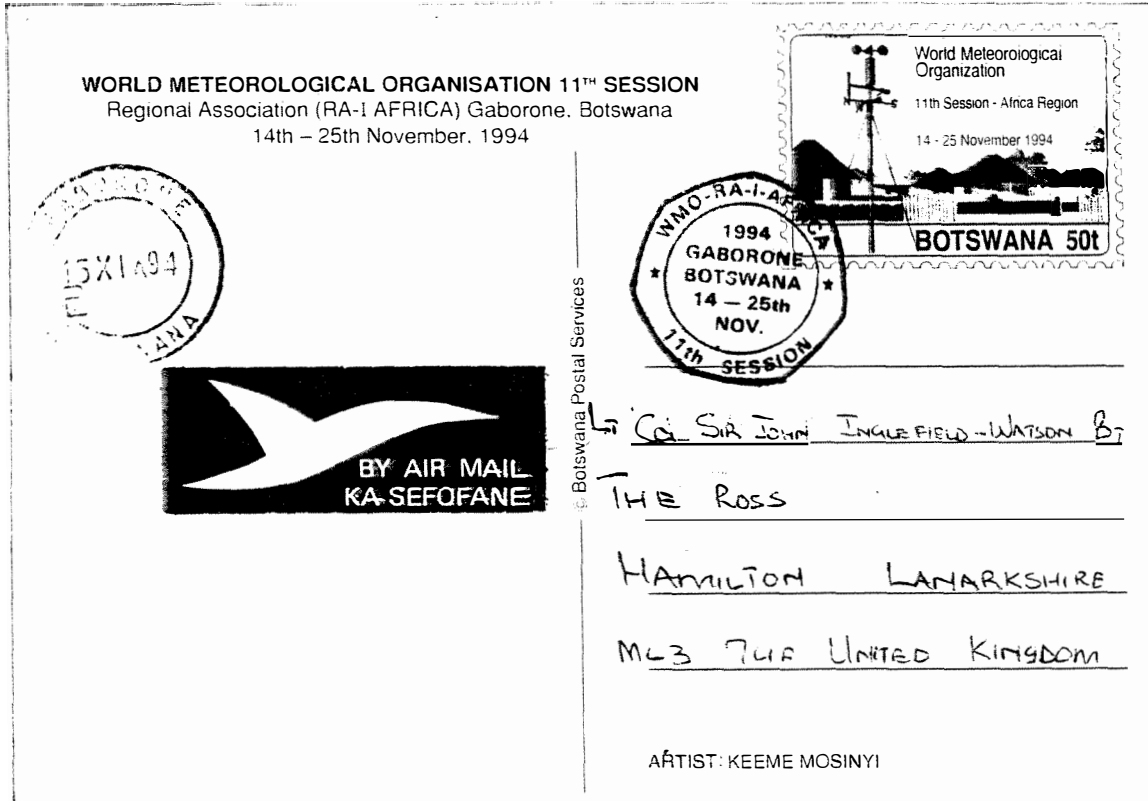
John Inglefield-Watson and Peter Thy also provided details of the WMO card, most of which have been incorporated above. Peter additionally comments on the Botswana Postal Services notice which states that the 50t imprinted stamp covers postage to any part of the world. As the 1992 airmail postcard rate is 35t outside Africa and the regular airmail letter rate is 50t, the issued post card, therefore, is over-franked for all destinations by at least 15t. The over-franking for domestic and international mailing will be disturbingly high and since there is no airmail endorsement on the card, it must be assumed that it was meant for domestic surface usage. Peter also remarks that it is usual to issue postcards bearing the domestic surface or minimum airmail rates though apparently not so in Gaborone!

Although the special cancel is usually struck in purple, Peter has one dated the first day (14 Nov) which is struck in red. Peter also records a marked shift in the 'pink' colour on some cards (illustrated opposite), most obviously on the front though also seen on the imprinted stamp.

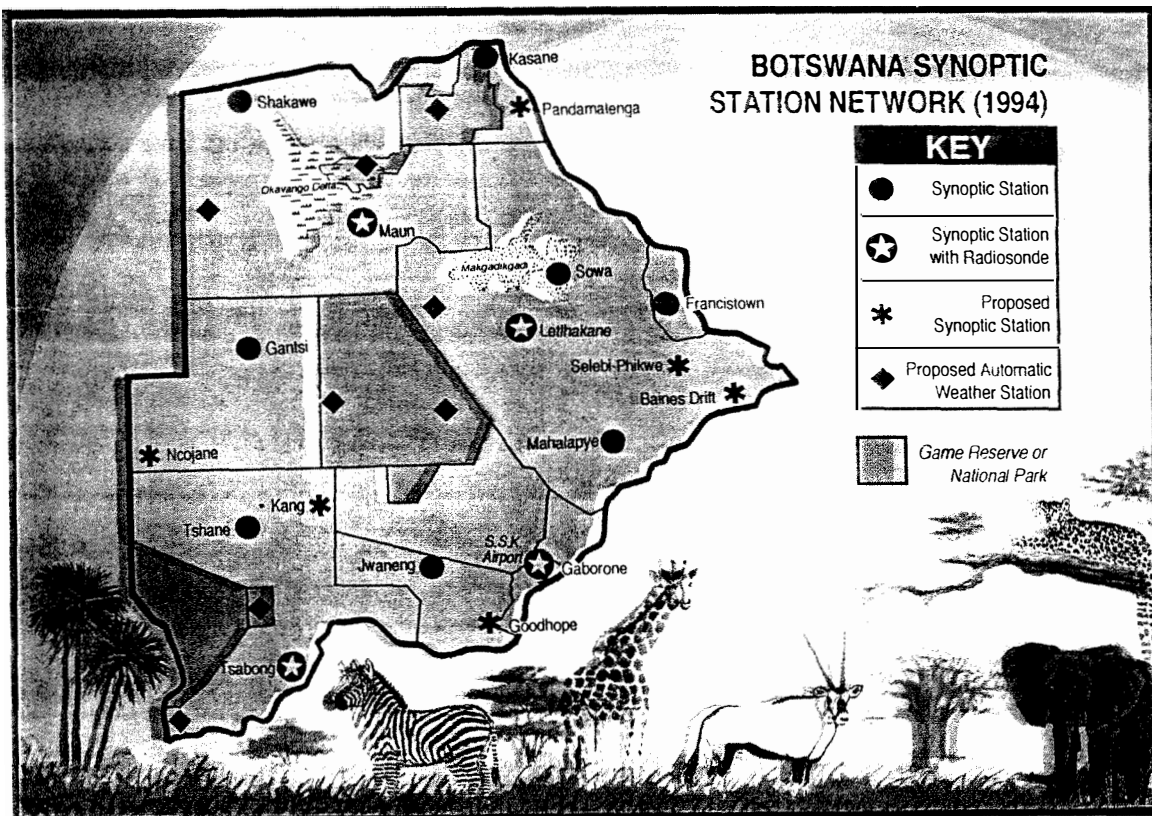
The printed 'perforation' of the imprinted stamp cannot easily be described by conventional philatelic terminology. As Peter says, a truly interesting issue, which has lot of potential for detailed study!



Andy also sent an envelope showing this special 'FAO' cancellation (part illustrated above) which he designed. This commemorated a four day 'All Africa Conference' held in Gaborone in October 1994. Andy comments on the cancel "... looks quite striking (no pun intended), I'm pleased to say."



## 1994 WMO CARD - BOTSWANA'S FIRST STATIONERY CARD FOR 27 YEARS



**FRONT OF A CARD SHOWING SHIFT IN PINK COLOUR**

## SOME SOURCES OF EARLY COVERS FROM THE BECHUANALANDS

Jim Catterall

The postal history of the Bechuanaland really begins with Robert Moffat and the early missionaries who arrived at Kuruman about 1817-20. However, this is mainly of academic interest as early covers from this source are rare. An example from 1838 was sold at the Harmers auction in 1981 and now, I think, reposes in the Botswana Postal Museum. Another example from 1840 surfaced a few years later and is illustrated (Fig.1) All covers from this source were sent via Dr Philip in Cape Town who paid the postage and arranged onward transmission. The one shown was written on Sep 12th and was not posted in Cape Town until Dec 3rd.

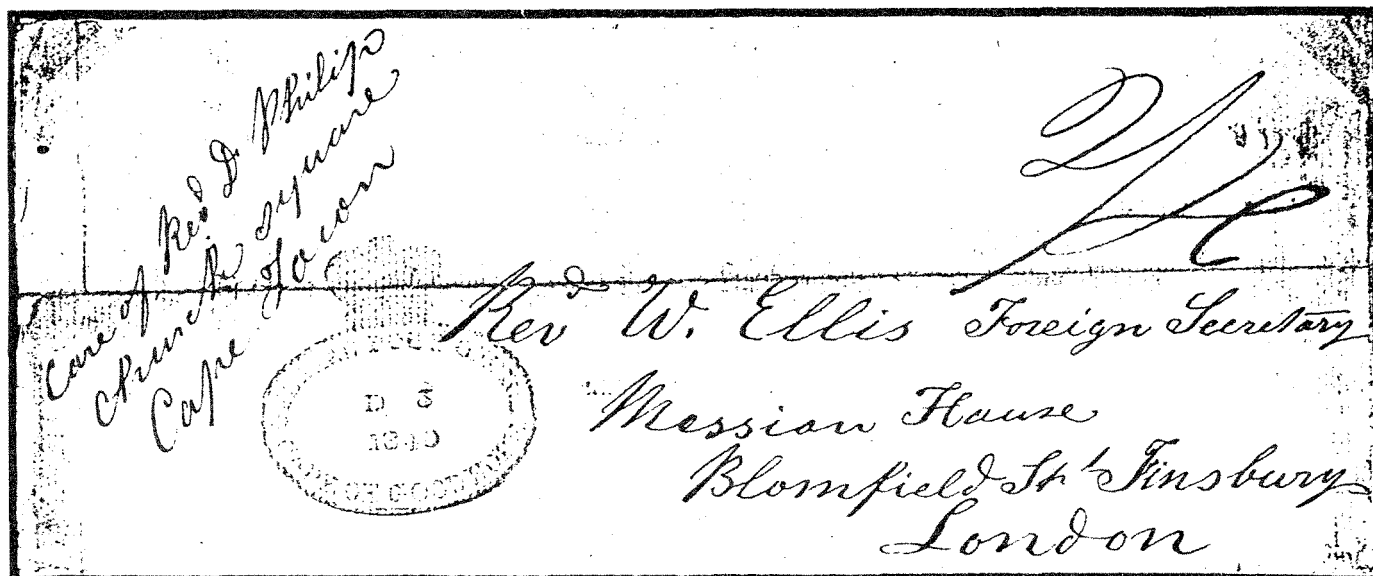


Fig.1

Little development occurred until the 1860's when gold was discovered at Tati, near the borders of Matabeleland. Mining began there in 1869 and as a number of miners were involved, one can speculate that some covers from that source ought to exist. The earliest known letters from that region are from the Oates Correspondence, of which fifteen are known to have survived and more than half originated in the area round Tati and Shoshong which later became the northern part of the Protectorate. Frank Oates was an early explorer in those parts who died there of Malaria in 1875. None of the envelopes gave any indication of their origin as the only stamps and postal markings were those of the Transvaal and the Cape except for four which went via Natal.

The earliest letters into the future Bechuanaland were those sent to John Moffat, the fourth son of Robert, in about 1878-80, whilst he was stationed at Molepolole. These went via Zeerust in the Transvaal. (See RP 14). About half a dozen covers are recorded.

Later, in the early 1880's, the Boer republics of Stellaland and Goshen were established, based on Vryburg and Mafeking respectively. Nothing seems to have survived from Goshen. Stellaland, however, issued its own stamps which were only valid for internal use. Although a few covers have survived, they are again very rare and it is unlikely that more will be found.

The first major incursion of Europeans into the Bechuanaland came with the Warren expedition during the early months of 1885. Under Sir Charles Warren a force of about 4,000 men marched north to take over Stellaland and Goshen and generally to pacify the area. The outcome of the expedition was the formation, first, of British Bechuanaland and later of the Protectorate beyond the Molopo river.

A map of army dispositions published in May 1885 shows that detachments of soldiers were stationed at most villages of any importance along the line of march, stretching from Barkly in the Cape to Mafeking in the north. Most of these villages were the sites of army postal and/or telegraph stations which subsequently became the first post offices or agencies of the civil administration of British Bechuanaland. The two first offices were opened in December 1885 at Mafeking and Vryburg.

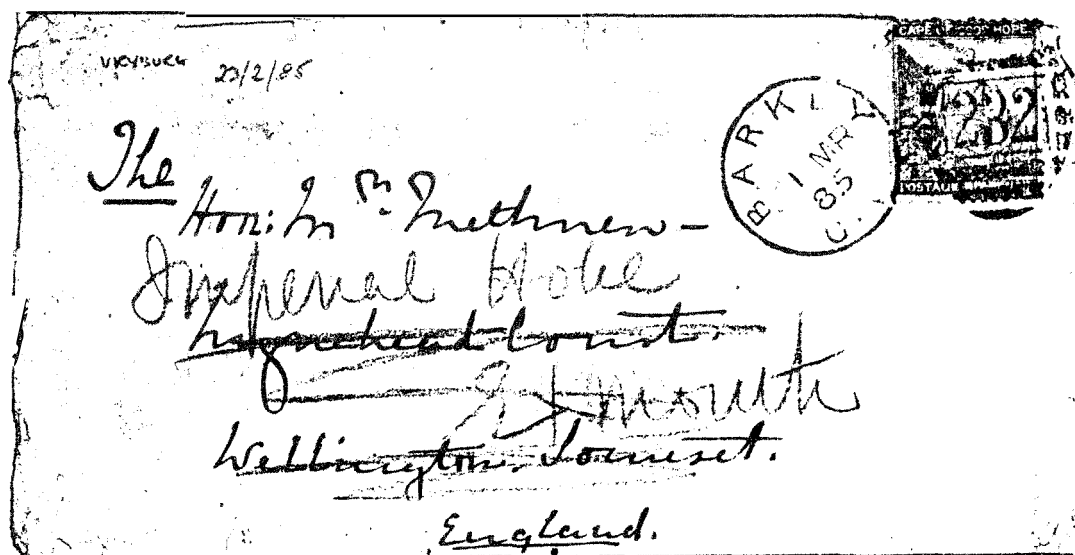


Fig.2

Mail from this expedition was formerly very scarce until the situation was somewhat eased by the release, a few years ago, of the Methuen covers on to the philatelic market. Col. Paul Methuen, who raised and commanded a troop of horse for the expedition, was an assiduous correspondent who wrote regularly to his wife. An example (Fig.2) of such a letter was written at Vryburg on 23 February 1885 and sent south to join the Cape postal system at Barkly where the 6d adhesive was cancelled by the BONC '232' and the Barkly datestamp applied alongside (1 March 85). The postage for officers was 2d to the Cape and 6d to the UK.

After the establishment of British Bechuanaland in 1885, the white population rose rapidly, until, by the time of annexation to the Cape ten years later it stood at about 10,000. During this time the amount of mail carried increased in proportion and many post offices were opened.

It is interesting to note how many surviving covers come from comparatively few commercial sources, which must be due to many firms having philatelically minded employees on the staff. Occasionally, commercial correspondence entered the philatelic market years later, after a firm decided to clear out their old records, which were then saved by some philatelically aware person from being burnt or shredded. One firm which saved large quantities of incoming covers was E. Isaacs, general dealer, of Mafeking who corresponded with a like minded firm in Germany, S. Schreiber of Mainz. An Isaacs cover is shown (Fig.3).

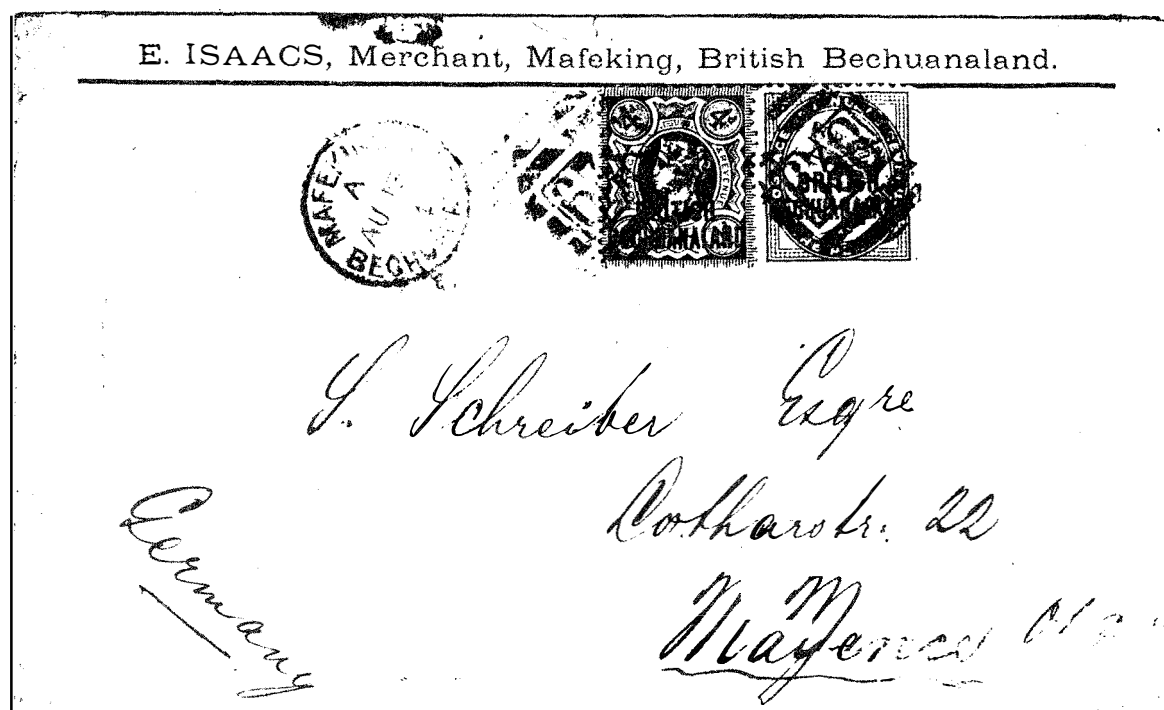
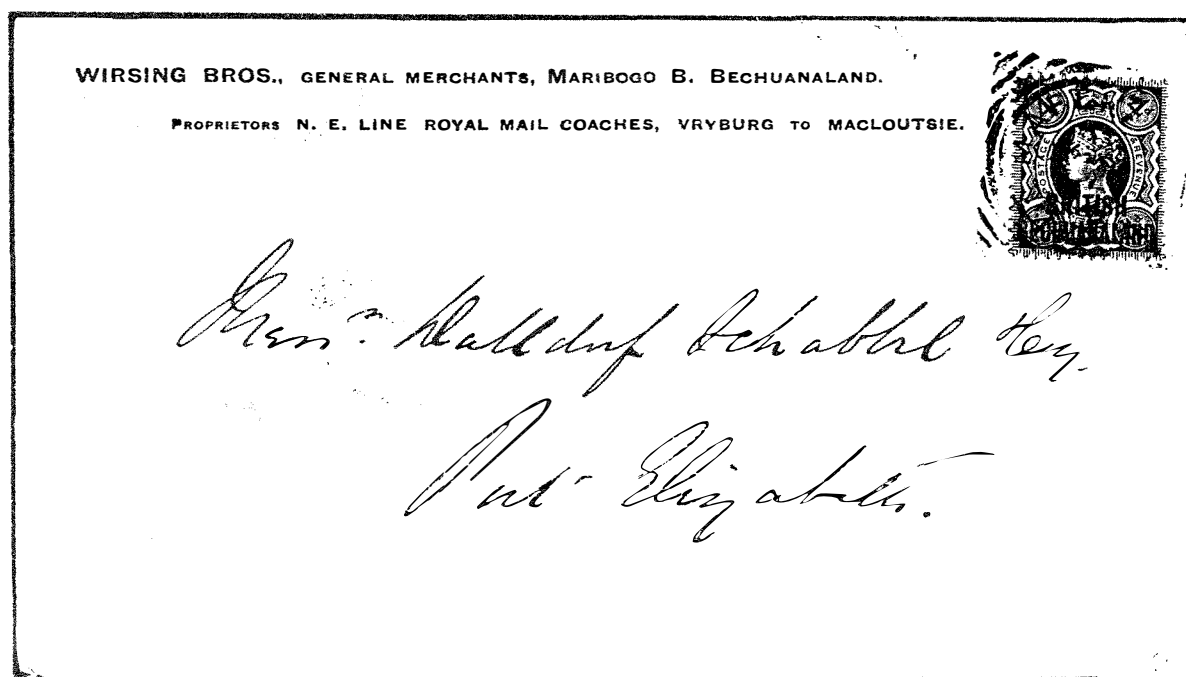
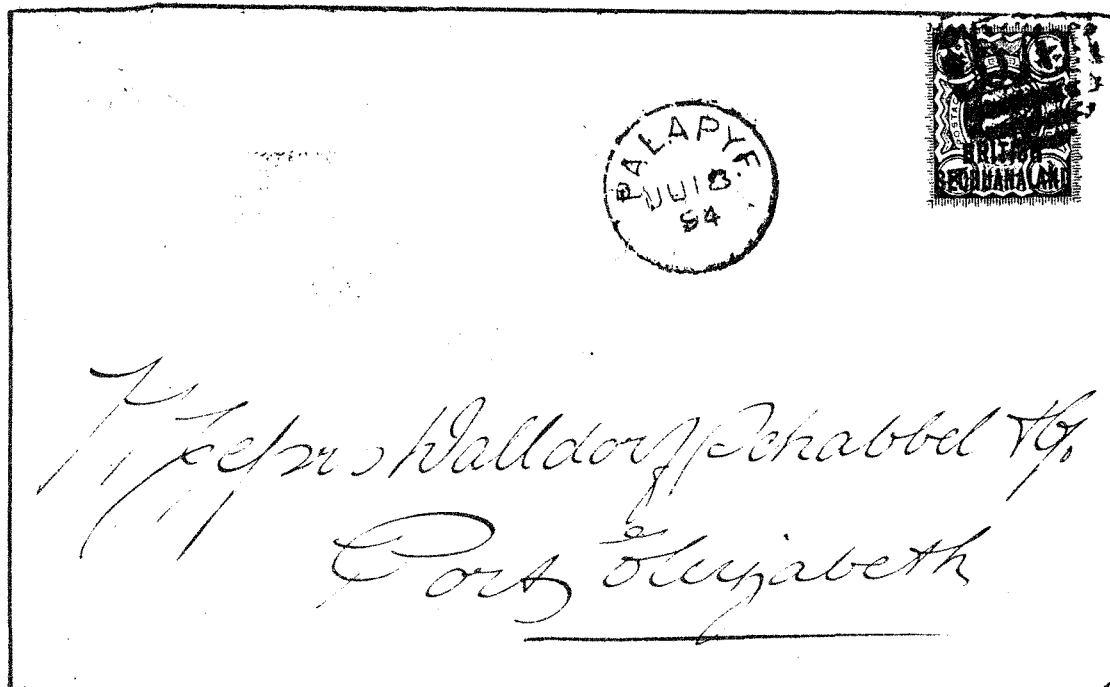


Fig.3

Before 1893 mail from the northern Protectorate was scarce and largely of military or police origin, from Macloutsi as in the case of the Sitwell correspondence, or from Mashonaland via Macloutsi as in the case of the Pioneer correspondence. Meanwhile, Palapye, which was headquarters of Chief Khama and the Bamangwato, was increasing in importance and more covers were seen from there. However, even by the turn of the century, the white population of Palapye was estimated at only 70 persons so covers from that source are not likely to be very abundant. Whilst on the subject of Khama and Palapye I may be allowed to digress a little and show a delightful letter apparently written for Khama and signed by him. No cover, but a wonderful item. (Fig.5)

During the latter part of the 19th century, Port Elizabeth claimed to be the commercial capital of Cape Colony and some evidence of this is provided by postal history. The name 'Dalldorf, Schabbel & Co.' appears regularly on covers from all parts of South Africa. This enterprising firm of general merchants was founded in the 1850's by H. von Rönn and Henry Schabbel and traded under their name until 1890 when the name was changed to Dalldorf, Schabbel & Co. Amongst their imports were groceries, liquor, soft goods, hardware and crockery. Two covers are shown addressed to this firm: an 1894 cover from Palapye and an 1895 cover from Mafeking showing Wirsing Brothers imprint - another well-known trading firm in British Bechuanaland. (Figs.4a & 4b)



Figs. 4a and 4b



Palapye.

August 5. 1890

A  
89/2  
Date 29/7/90

To Major Agnew

Mothrostse Camp

My Friend

There are 3 young men  
who when I was seeking labour  
for the Camp hid themselves.  
I hear they are now at the  
Camp and they are seeking  
to work for money and then  
in a little they will run  
away. The man Molehi  
will punish them. If you  
give them some hard work  
to do without giving them  
payment I shall be glad,  
for they deserve punishment.

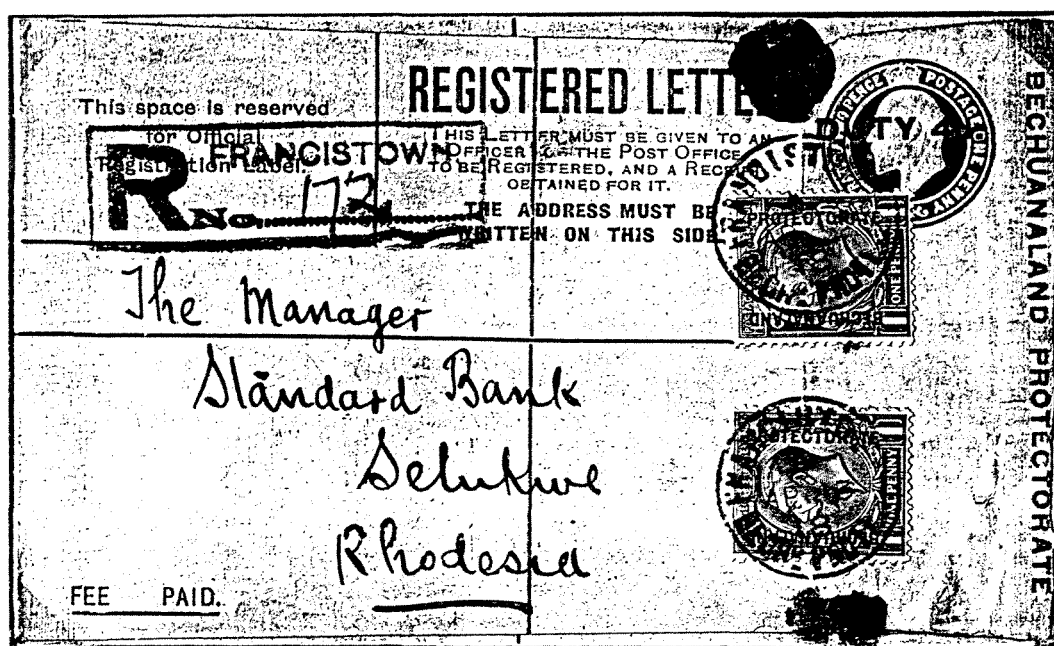
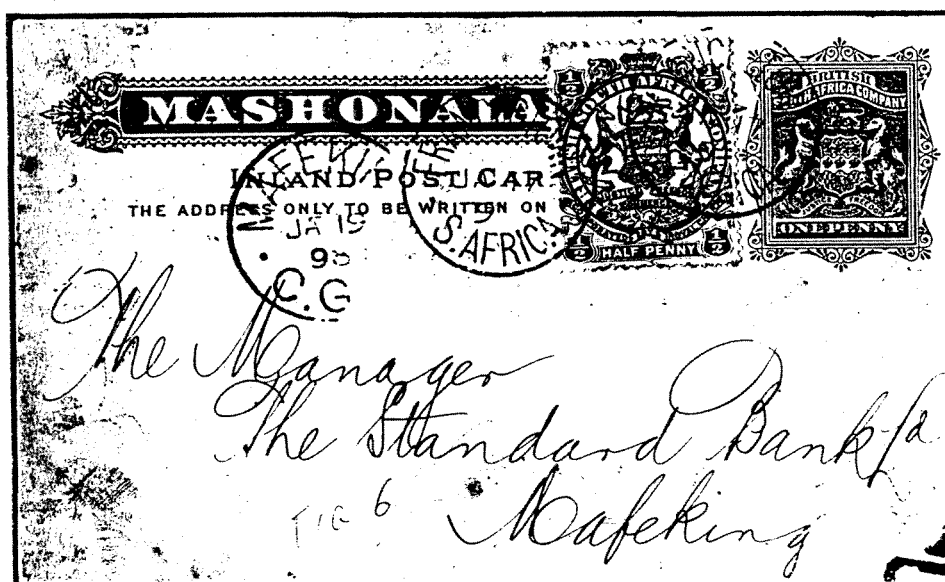
I remain

Yours Friend

Kharrie

Chief of the Damangrato

Fig.5



Figs. 6a + 6b

A further fruitful source was the Standard Bank of South Africa, particularly for acknowledgement of receipt cards, often from and to interesting destinations (Fig. 6a), and later on for much of the registered mail (fig 6b).

Another important firm in Port Elizabeth was Lennon & Co., Wholesale, Retail and Manufacturing Chemists, founded in 1850 by Berry Gray Lennon. A cover is illustrated (Fig. 7) dated 16 January 1901 from Francistown. The cachet on the back is that of Philip Hoffe, Chemist and Apothecary. Hoffe was an Irishman whose name was fifth to be placed on the Irish Register of Pharmaceutical Chemists when it was first formed in 1876. He died in April 1908 but whether or not at Francistown I cannot say. Incidentally, by 1902, Francistown had a hotel and a hospital and was a flourishing gold mining centre.

Apart from the greater amount of private correspondence from the increasing population mention must be made of the covers generated by the various stamp dealers whose names crop up regularly, for example W.A.H. Harbor of Mochudi, Winch Brothers of Colchester (Fig. 8) and Bright and Son of London. These covers must not be regarded as 'philatelic' as they usually arose in the normal course of business. By 1899 and the start of the Boer War the amount of mail increased so as to render the identification of sources largely redundant.

Reference: *The Oates Correspondence*, Drysdall and Wright.

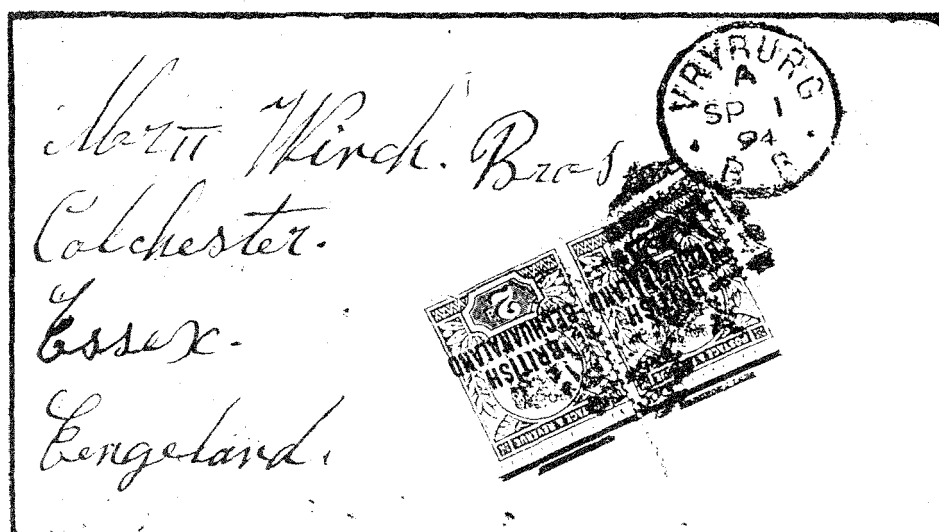
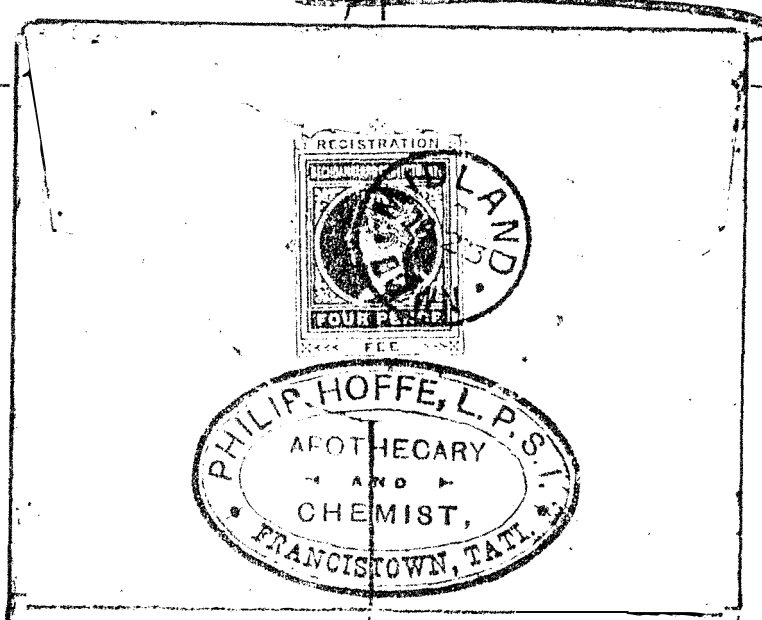
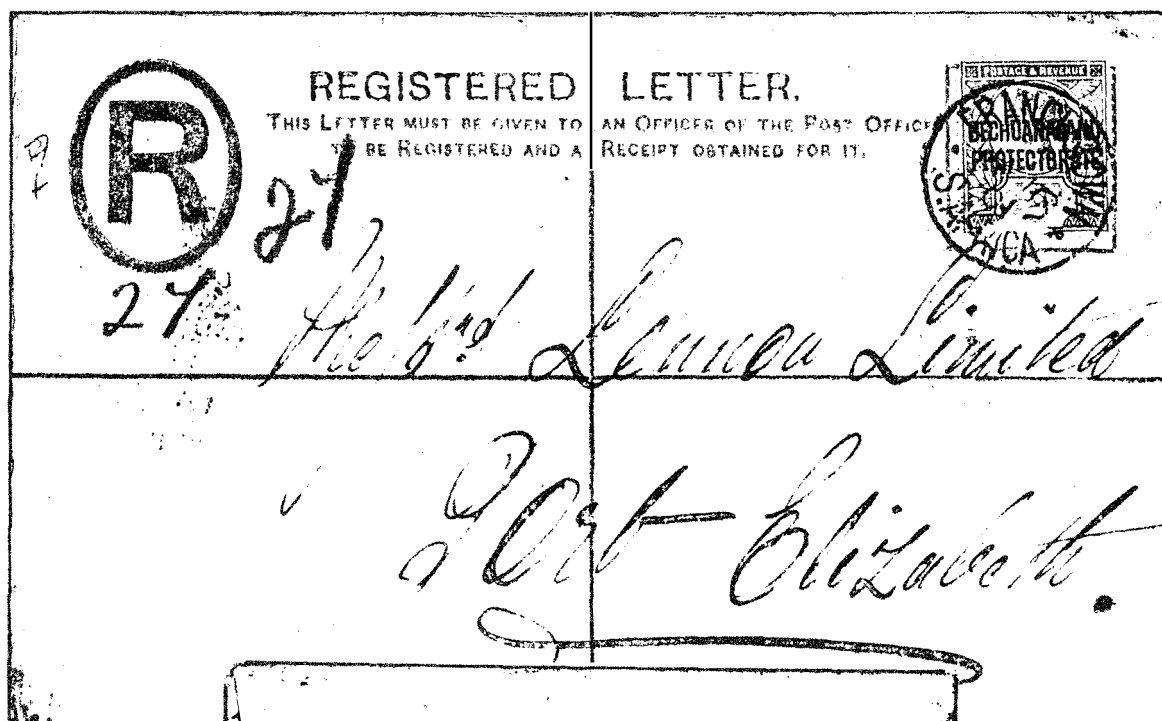


Fig. 7 (with reverse) + Fig. 8

## FORMULA STATIONERY OF BOTSWANA'S EXPEDITED MAIL SERVICE

Peter Thy

In a note Andy Andersson and I published in RP 24, p449, on Botswana's EMS mail service, I stated that this service was inaugurated on 1 October 1990. This was due to a misreading of a note handed down via Andy Andersson, from one of the top floors of the Postal Building. The correct interpretation should have been 10 January 1990. (The note read 'E.M.S. first launched on 10/1/1990.' which was read the American way 'month/day/year' rather than 'day/month/year')

The following is an update of the stationery items issued so far [to February 1993]. All sizes are recorded as closed envelopes.

### ENVELOPES

**Type A.** Orange and blue print on white paper. Design basically as illustrated in Fig.1 showing the smallest envelope (A.1). Printer is Twinlock.

- A.1. Paper envelope size 22 x 11 cm.
- A.2. Paper envelope size 23 x 16 cm.
- A.3. Paper envelope size 32.5 x 23 cm.
- A.4. Paper envelope size 40.5 x 30.5 cm.

**Type B.** Orange and blue on white cardboard. Large blue field with instructions illustrated in our previous note (RP 24, p449). Printer is Twinlock.

- B.1. Cardboard envelope size 24 x 31.4 cm.
- B.2. Cardboard envelope size 35.5 x 29.5 cm.

**Type C.** Orange and blue print on grey plastic envelope. Pocket for mailing label and pre-printed custom form. Inscription 'POSTAGE PAID.' Printer is Twinlock.

- C.1. Plastic envelope size 45 x 30.5 cm.

### ADDRESS LABELS

Address labels are printed in two different forms. The type used by regular customers ('on demand') are coded 'EMS 13' and shown in Fig.2. These exist in slightly different printings, which can be identified by perforation and paper type. The latest printing shows printer identification (Business Forms Botswana). The other type is for contract users and has orange and blue margins. A used example is shown in Fig.3.

### CANCELLERS AND OFFICE STAMPS

Several cancellers are used to cancel outgoing as well as incoming EMS mail (Figs. 3-5). Oval dated rubber cancellers (red ink) are the most common (Figs. 3-4), but circular steel cancellers exist (black ink) (Fig. 5B). Double oval dated office cancellers are typically used on receipts (blue ink) (Fig. 5A). Other markings seen are rectangular boxed EMS/POSTAGE PAID and DOCUMENTS (Fig. 5C-D). Some of these are likely to appear on regular mail, as the counter (at least in Gaborone) during peak hours occasionally handles other types of mail. It is noteworthy that, at least for Selebi-Phikwe and Gaborone, the cancellers differ in design. A further note is that so far we have not seen stamps used on covers.

Any further information on the subject discussed here will be greatly appreciated. If you have any EMS envelopes showing cancellations not shown here, please let me see a photocopy. Contact Peter Thy, 581 9th Street # 27, Davis, CA 95616, U.S.A.

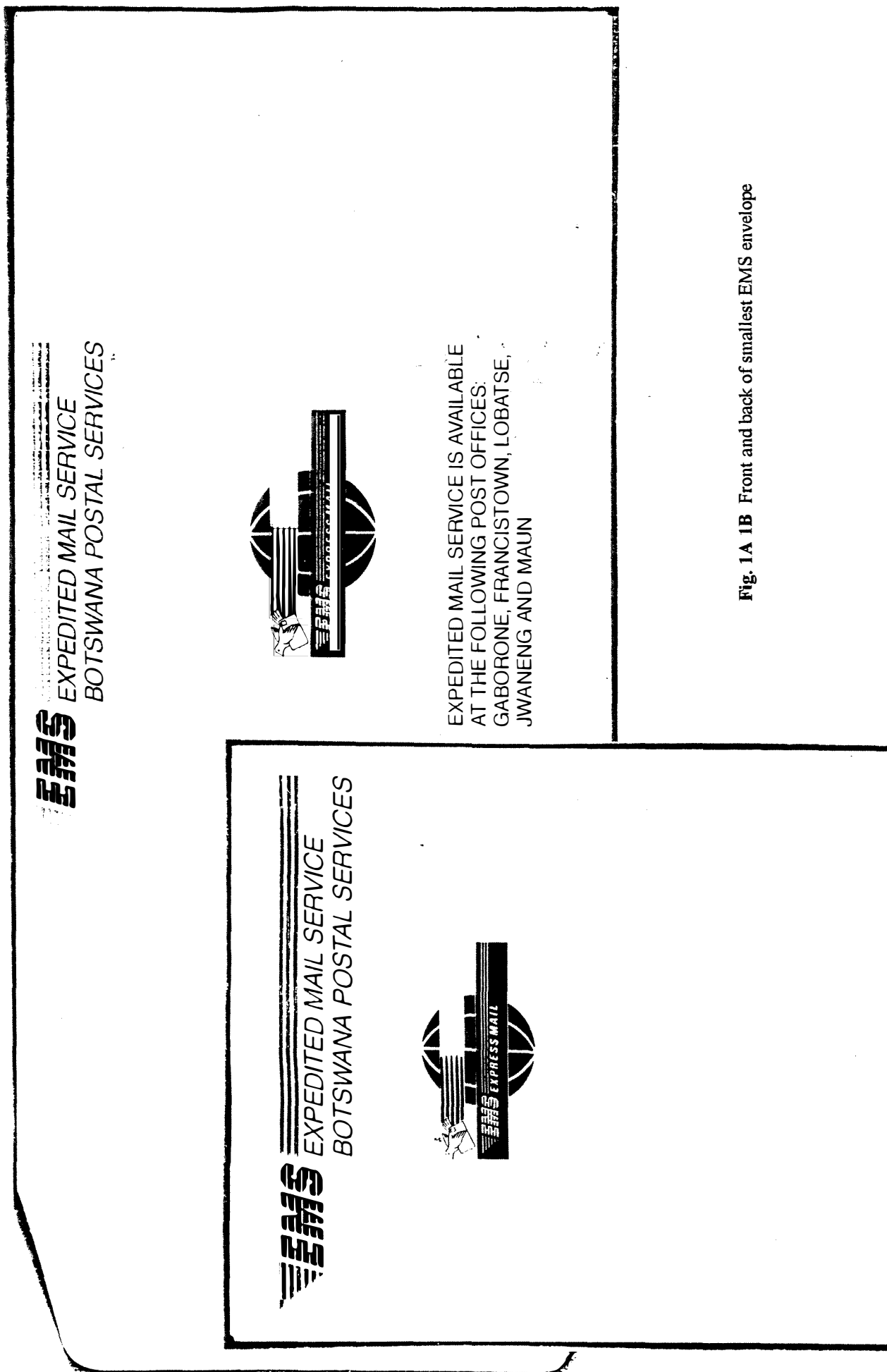
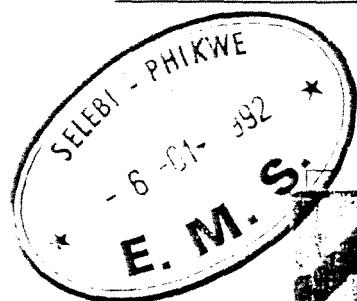


Fig. 1A 1B Front and back of smallest EMS envelope






	<b>EXPEDITED MAIL SERVICE</b> XX3BE00371XBW COURRIER ACCELERE INTERNATIONAL	
	<b>BOTSWANA</b>	
CONTRACT NO: C 0001 CONTRAT NO:		DATE 6/1/92
A M J M	W H I S	TO MS E.K. SEBINA A BCU OFFICE Room 309, 3rd floor BOTSAWANO HOUSE, THE MAIL GABORONE

Fig. 3. EMS address label for contract users (reduced rate). The example shown is used from Selebi-Phikwe to Gaborone (note contract No. 0001).

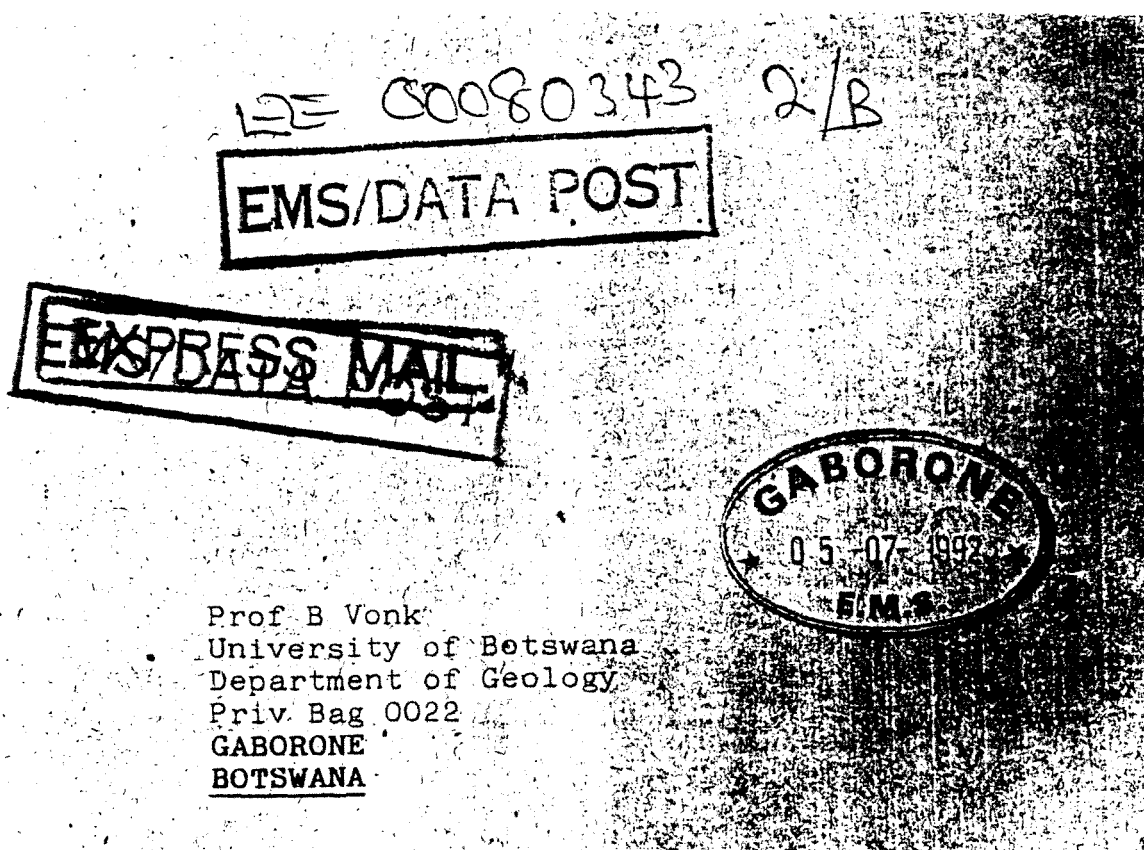


Fig. 4. Incoming EMS letter from Zambia to Gaborone. The EMS/DATA POST and EXPRESS MAIL markings are Zambian.

## CHECKLIST OF BOTSWANA POSTMARKS

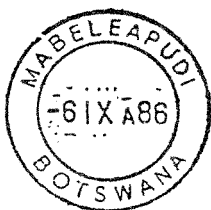
### FOR OFFICES BEGINNING WITH THE LETTERS 'MA' (Part 1)

Brian Trotter

For offices beginning with the letters Ma, the Botswana Postmark Project Team have so far recorded 145 different markings. We can no doubt add to this as members provide further information, so please help.

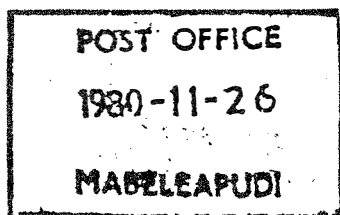
SINCE THE RECORDED MARKINGS REPRESENT ESSENTIALLY ONLY WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE COLLECTIONS OF THE SMALL NUMBER OF MEMBERS WORKING ON THE POSTMARK PROJECT, RECORDED NUMBERS OF MARKINGS DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT RELATIVE SCARCITY OF THE RESPECTIVE MARKINGS.

#### MABELEAPUDI



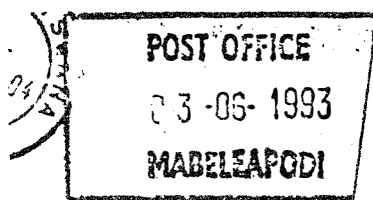
No. 1 Type 2 B 51

Circle diameters	:	18.5 & 27 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Sep 28, 1968 (?)
Latest recorded date	:	Jun 3, 1993
Codes recorded	:	A, None
Number recorded so far	:	13



No. 2 Type 8 J 26

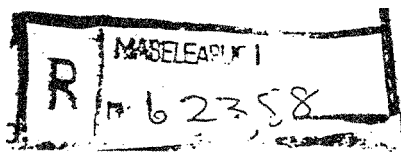
Box dimensions	:	27 x 43 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Mar 11, 1980
Latest recorded date	:	Nov 26, 1980
Number recorded so far	:	2



No. 3 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions	:	24 x 42 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jun 3, 1993
Latest recorded date	:	Jun 3, 1993
Number recorded so far	:	1

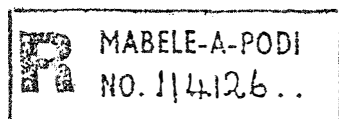
The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 4 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions	:	? x 48 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	?
Latest recorded date	:	?
Number recorded so far	:	1

The single recorded item is on piece, so no date can be determined.

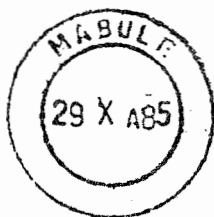


No. 5 Type REGN 3a

Box dimensions	:	15 x 43 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jun 3, 1993
Latest recorded date	:	Jun 3, 1993
Number recorded so far	:	1

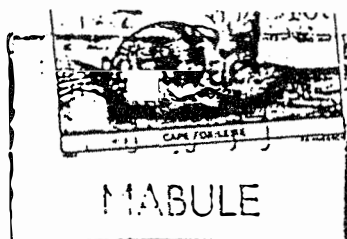
The single recorded item is struck in red. Note spelling as MABELE-A-PODI.



**MABULE**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 18 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 4, 1978  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 3, 1988  
 Codes recorded : A, C, F, None  
 Number recorded so far : 12



No. 2 Type 8 J 26

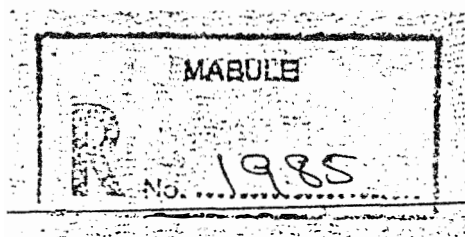
Box dimensions : 27 x 44 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : ?  
 Latest recorded date : ?  
 Number recorded so far : 1

Date is not legible on the single recorded item.



No. 3 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : ? x 49 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 27, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Jul 27, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 4 Type REGN 3a

Box dimensions : 24 x 51 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 27, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Jul 27, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 1

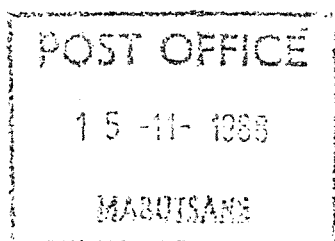
The single recorded item is struck in red.

**MABUTSANE**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 22 & 33.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 27, 1977  
 Latest recorded date : May 17, 1993  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 16

This Office opened as an Agency 12 Nov, 1976



No. 2 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : 30 x 43 mm

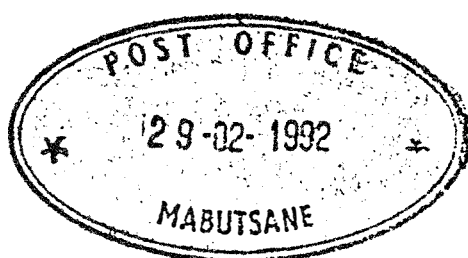
Earliest recorded date : Nov 15, 1988

Latest recorded date : Nov 15, 1988

Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

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No. 3 Type 61 J 27

Oval dimensions : 32 x 59 mm

Earliest recorded date : Feb 29, 1992

Latest recorded date : Feb 29, 1992

Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

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**MACHANENG**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 18.5 &amp; 27 mm

Earliest recorded date : Apr 7, 1968

Latest recorded date : May 19, 1993

Codes recorded : A, B

Number recorded so far : 23



No. 2 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : 27 x 43 mm

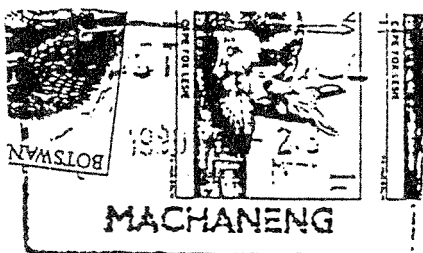
Earliest recorded date : Nov 21, 1992

Latest recorded date : Nov 21, 1992

Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

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No. 3 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : 30 x 50 mm

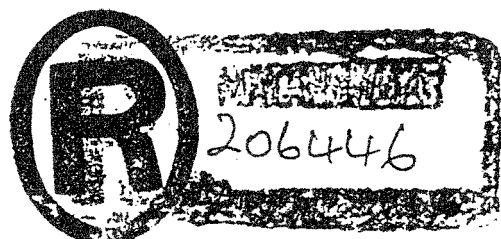
Earliest recorded date : ? 23, 1990

Latest recorded date : ? 23, 1990

Number recorded so far : 1

The month in the date is not legible on the single recorded item.

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No. 4 Type REGN ?

Box dimensions : 21? x 53? mm

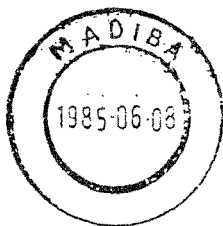
Earliest recorded date : ?

Latest recorded date : ?

Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is on piece, so no date can be determined. This item is struck in red.

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**MADIBA**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1

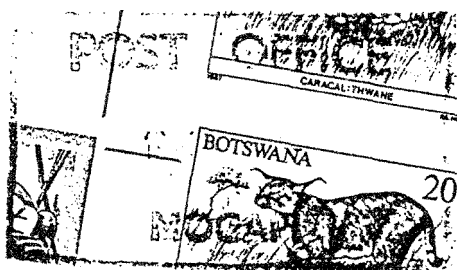
Circle diameters : 19 & 28 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 10, 1984  
 Latest recorded date : Sep 6, 1988  
 Codes recorded : None  
 Number recorded so far : 8

**MAGAPI**

No. 1 Type 21 B 51

Circle diameters : 18 & 29 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 25, 1983  
 Latest recorded date : Apr 23, 1992  
 Codes recorded : None  
 Number recorded so far : 10

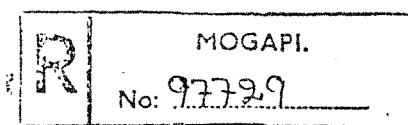
Note that this office name is also written as MOGAPI, and the following 2 recorded markings have this spelling.



No. 2 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : 33 x 51 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 23, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Apr 23, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 1

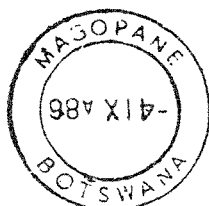
The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 3 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions : 15 x 50 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 23, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Apr 23, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

**MAGOPANE**

No. 1 Type 2 B 51

Circle diameters : 18 & 26 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : May 14, 1981  
 Latest recorded date : Apr 15, 1992  
 Codes recorded : A, None  
 Number recorded so far : 8

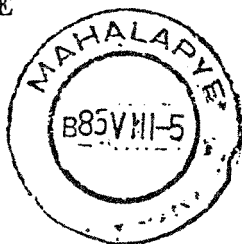
Date on 3 of the recorded items is inverted, and 1 recorded item has the code between day and month.



No. 2 Type 8 x 6

Box dimensions : ?  
 Earliest recorded date : ? Mar, 1976  
 Latest recorded date : 26 Nov, 1979  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded strikes are distorted and incomplete, and both appear to have the last A of BOTSWANA missing. So it reads MAGOPANE/Date/RAMOTSWA VILLAGE/BOTSWAN.

**MAHALAPYE**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 19 & 30 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 9, 1966  
 Latest recorded date : Aug 5, 1985  
 Codes recorded : A, B  
 Number recorded so far : 4

Note date sequence in 3 of the recorded items is code, year, month, day. This is Bechuanaland Protectorate marking No. 5 with Bech. Prot. excised. (See Runner Post No. 14, page 252)



No. 2 Type 2 D 6

Circle diameters : 17 & 26 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 15, 1969  
 Latest recorded date : Sep 3, 1985  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 16

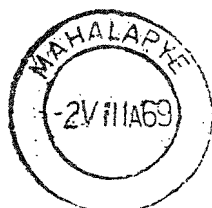
This is Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No. 3. (See Runner Post No. 14, page 252)



No. 3 Type 23 A 1

Circle diameters : 26 & 28 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 21, 1972  
 Latest recorded date : Jul ?, 1972  
 Number recorded so far : 2

The 2 recorded items are struck in red-purple.



No. 4 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 17 & 26 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 17, 1966  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 16, 1992  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 36

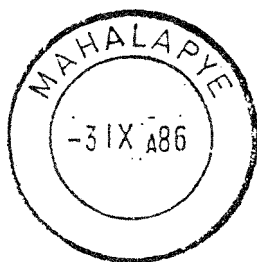
This is Bechuanaland Protectorate marking No. 8 with Bechuanaland excised (See Runner Post No. 14, page 253). Note, this marking has slightly taller lettering than similar later markings. (See marking number 5 below).



## No. 5 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : May 26, 1972  
 Latest recorded date : May 15, 1993  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C, E  
 Number recorded so far : More than 50

Note, this marking has slightly shorter lettering than the similar earlier marking (See marking No. 4 above). There may be 2 versions of this marking, one with the circle dimensions recorded above, and another with circle diameters of 18 and 26 mm, but due to the difficulty distinguishing between them, they are treated as a single marking.



## No. 6 Type 2 A 1

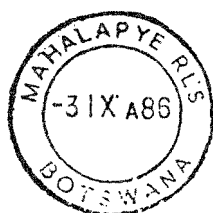
Circle diameters : 21.5 & 33 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 9, 1966  
 Latest recorded date : May 11, 1993  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C, G ?, H  
 Number recorded so far : More than 50

Some recorded items have date sequence reversed, with code before the year. That is code, year, month, day. Others have date sequence reversed with code before the day. That is year, month, code, day.



## No. 7 Type 21 F 4

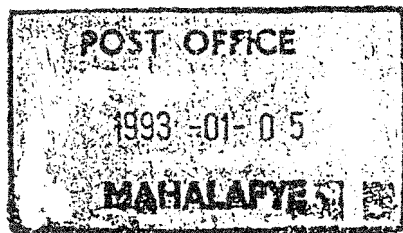
Circle diameters : 20 & 32 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 18, 1984  
 Latest recorded date : Jul 23, 1990  
 Number recorded so far : 13



## No. 8 Type 2 F 4

Circle diameters : 18 & 26 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : May 12, 1981  
 Latest recorded date : May 18, 1993  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 21

Some recorded items have the date inverted.



## No. 9 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : 29 x 51 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 4, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 5, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items struck in red.



No. 10 Type 61 J 26

Oval dimensions : 32 x 50 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 27, 1973  
 Latest recorded date : ? Oct, 1975  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items struck in red.

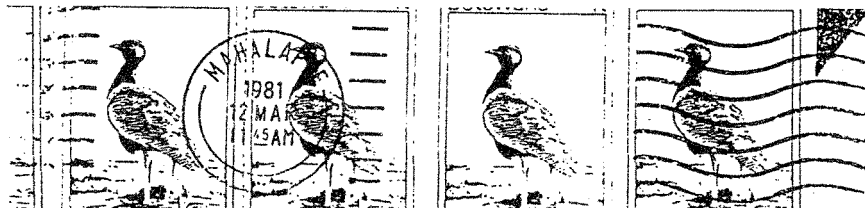


No. 11 Type 61 M 10

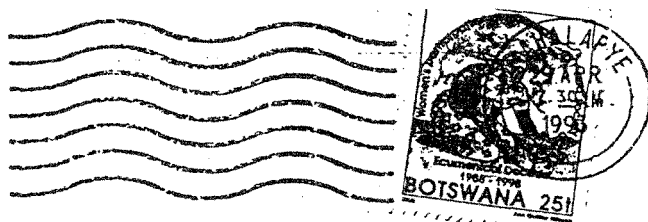
Oval dimensions : 28 x 44 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 1, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 1, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 1

No. 12 Type MACH 3a

Circle diameter : 21 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 25, 1980  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 10, 1986  
 Number recorded so far : 6



Year, date, time sequence is reversed on some recorded items.



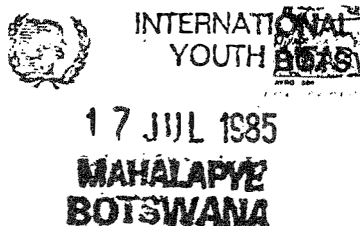
No. 13 Type MACH 3b

Circle diameter : 22 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 29, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Apr 29, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 14 Type SPEC 1a

Circle diameters : 18 & 26 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 30, 1976  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 30, 1976  
 Codes recorded : A  
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 15 Type SPEC 3

Earliest recorded date : Jul 17, 1985  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 7, 1985  
 Number recorded so far : 7

Omnibus issue - International Youth Year.



## No. 16 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. 17 Type SPEC 2b

Earliest recorded date : Jun 1, 1987  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 1, 1987  
 Number recorded so far : 1

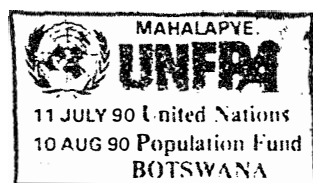
Omnibus issue - Child Survival and Development.



## No. 18 Type SPEC 2b

Earliest recorded date : May 3-13, 1990  
 Latest recorded date : May 3-13, 1990  
 Number recorded so far : 1

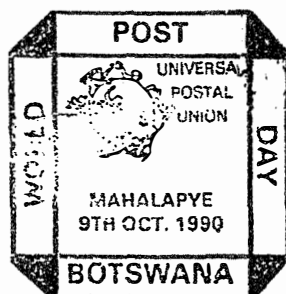
Omnibus issue - Stampworld London. The single recorded item is struck in red, and is used to cancel a stamp on an unaddressed cover.



## No. 19 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Jul 10/Aug 10, 1990  
 Latest recorded date : Jul 10/Aug 10, 1990  
 Number recorded so far : 1

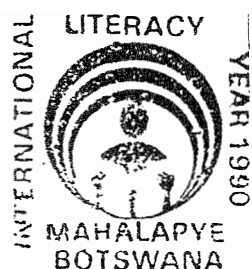
Omnibus issue - UNFPA United Nations Population Fund. The single recorded item is struck in blue, and is used to cancel a stamp on an unaddressed cover.



## No. 20 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Oct 9, 1990  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 9, 1990  
 Number recorded so far : 1

Omnibus issue - World Post Day. The single recorded item is struck in blue, and is used to cancel a stamp on an unaddressed cover.



## No. 21 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : ? , 1990  
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 Number recorded so far : 1

Omnibus issue - International Literacy Year 1990. The single recorded item is struck in blue, and is used to cancel a stamp on an unaddressed cover.

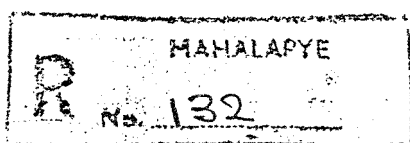


No. 22 Type REGN 3b

Box dimensions : 14 x 60 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : May 19, 1989  
 Latest recorded date : May 19, 1989  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

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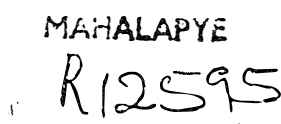


No. 23 Type REGN 3a

Box dimensions : 17 x 52 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : ?  
 Latest recorded date : ?  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is on piece, so no date can be determined. The item is struck in red.

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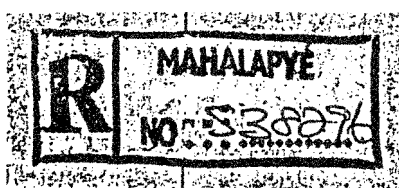


No. 24 Type REGN 5

Length x height : 24 x 3 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : ?  
 Latest recorded date : ?  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is on piece, so no date can be determined. The item is struck in red.

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No. 25 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions : 17 x 44 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 2, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 2, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 2

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

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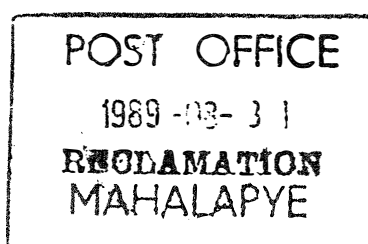


No. 26 Type MISC 11

Earliest recorded date : Oct 20, 1989  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 27, 1989  
 Number recorded so far : 3

Omnibus issue - Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary.

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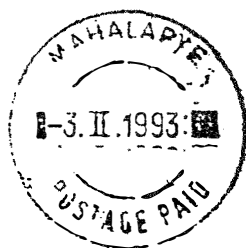


No. 27 Type MISC 7j

Box dimensions : 31 x 47 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 31, 1989  
 Latest recorded date : Aug 31, 1989  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

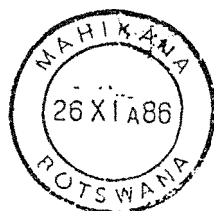




## No. 28 Type MISC 3d

Circle diameters	:	18 & 31 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Feb 3, 1993
Latest recorded date	:	Feb 3, 1993
Number recorded so far	:	1

## MAHIKANA



## No. 1 Type 2 B 51

Circle diameters	:	18 & 27 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jul 1, 1984
Latest recorded date	:	Nov 28, 1988
Codes recorded	:	A, B, C, E
Number recorded so far	:	12



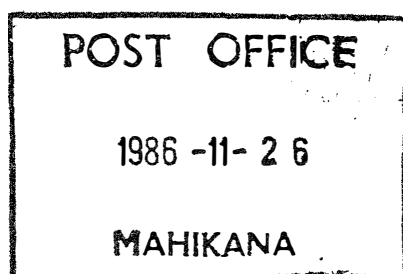
## No. 2 Type 21 E(1)

Circle diameters	:	18 & 30 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Apr 18, 1989
Latest recorded date	:	Apr 21, 1993
Number recorded so far	:	5



## No. 3 Type 21 E(2)

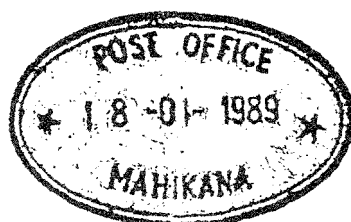
Circle diameters	:	18 & 30 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Apr 12, 1989
Latest recorded date	:	May 24, 1993
Number recorded so far	:	9



## No. 4 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions	:	35 x 51 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Mar 11, 1986
Latest recorded date	:	Nov 28, 1988
Number recorded so far	:	8

Seven of the 8 recorded items are struck in red.



## No. 5 Type 61 J 27

Oval dimensions	:	28 x 44 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jan 18, 1989
Latest recorded date	:	Mar 13, 1993
Number recorded so far	:	4

All recorded items struck in red.

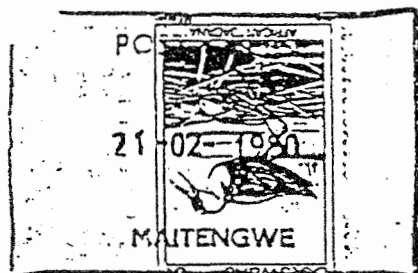
**MAITENGWE**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1	
Circle diameters	: 19 & 30.5 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Dec 1, 1967
Latest recorded date	: Aug 10, 1977
Codes recorded	: A, None
Number recorded so far	: 12

This is Bechuanaland Protectorate marking No. 1 with Bech. Prot. excised (See Runner Post No. 20, page 366). Note the spelling of MAITENGWE as MEITENGWE.



No. 2 Type 21 A 1	
Circle diameters	: 18 & 29 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Oct 17, 1981
Latest recorded date	: Aug 4, 1993
Number recorded so far	: 22

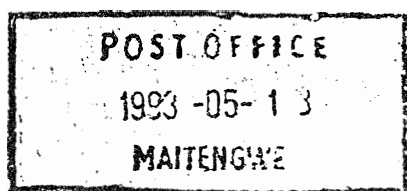


No. 3 Type 8 J 26	
Box dimensions	: 35 x 53 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Feb 21, 1980
Latest recorded date	: Feb 21, 1980
Number recorded so far	: 1



No. 4 Type 7 J 27	
Oval dimensions	: 31 x 44 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Jan 5, 1990
Latest recorded date	: Jan 5, 1990
Number recorded so far	: 1

Note MAITENGWE is written as MEITENGWE on this marking.

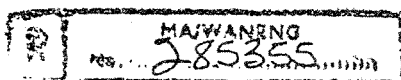


No. 5 Type 8 J 26	
Box dimensions	: 24 x 51 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Mar 5, 1993
Latest recorded date	: May 13, 1993
Number recorded so far	: 2

Both recorded items struck in red.

**MAJWANENG**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1	
Circle diameters	: 19 & 28 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Jul 27, 1987
Latest recorded date	: Jun 7, 1993
Number recorded so far	: 8



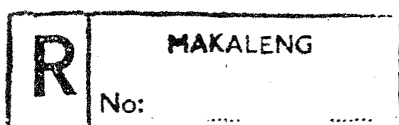
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No. 2 Type REGN 2a  
 Box dimensions : 9 x 51 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : May 21, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : May 21, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 1

## MAKALENG



No. 1 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameters : 20 & 29 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 20, 1979  
 Latest recorded date : May 12, 1993  
 Codes recorded : A, C  
 Number recorded so far : 19



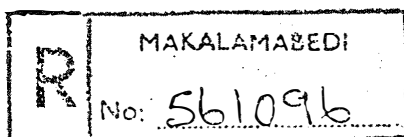
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No. 2 Type REGN 2a  
 Box dimensions : 15 x 52 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 30, 1987  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 27, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 4

## MAKALAMABEDI



No. 1 Type 2 B 51  
 Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun ?, 1989  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 9, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 5



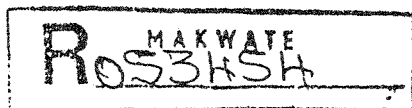
The single recorded item is struck in red.

No. 2 Type REGN 2a  
 Box dimensions : 16.5 x 51 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 9, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 9, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 1

## MAKWATE



No. 1 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 8, 1986  
 Latest recorded date : May 8, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 9



The single recorded item is struck in red.

No. 2 Type REGN 3b  
 Box dimensions : 13 x 52 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : May 8, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : May 8, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 1

**MAMONO**

No. 1 Type 2 B 51

Circle diameters : 23 & 35 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : May 30, 1975  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 18, 1984  
 Codes recorded : A, B  
 Number recorded so far : 11

**MANYANA**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 18 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 12, 1976  
 Latest recorded date : May 27, 1992  
 Codes recorded : A, E, N, None  
 Number recorded so far : 12

One recorded item has the day recorded as 32.



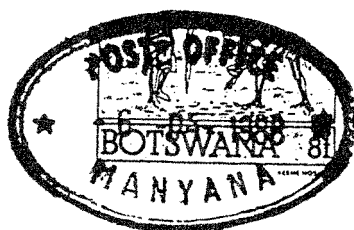
No. 2 Type 2 D 2

Circle diameters : 18 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 13, 1990  
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 Codes recorded : None  
 Number recorded so far : 3



No. 3 Type 23 J 26

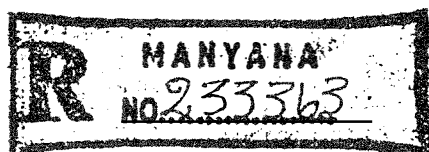
Circle diameters : 36 & 39 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 17, 1975  
 Latest recorded date : Jul 17, 1975  
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 4 Type 61 J 26

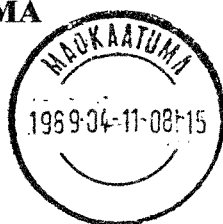
Oval dimensions : 28 x 45 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : ? ?, 1987  
 Latest recorded date : Apr 8, 1988  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items struck in red.



No. 5 Type REGN 3a

Box dimensions : 18 x 53 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 24, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Apr 24, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 1

**MAOKAATUMA**

No. 1 Type 21 A 1

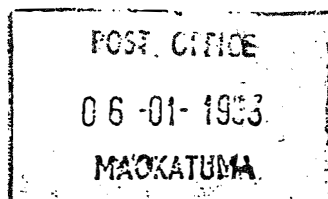
Circle diameters : 18 & 28 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 3, 1988  
 Latest recorded date : May 4, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 8



No. 2 Type 61 J 27

Oval dimensions : 34 x 56 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 20, 1991  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 7, 1991  
 Number recorded so far : 2

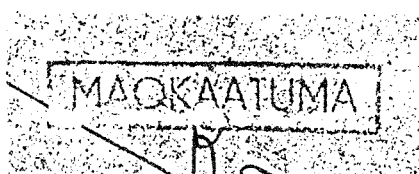
Both recorded items struck in red.



No. 3 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : 25 x 42 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 6, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : May 4, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 3

All recorded items struck in red. Note spelling with a single A after the K, namely MAOKATUMA.



No. 4 Type REGN 4

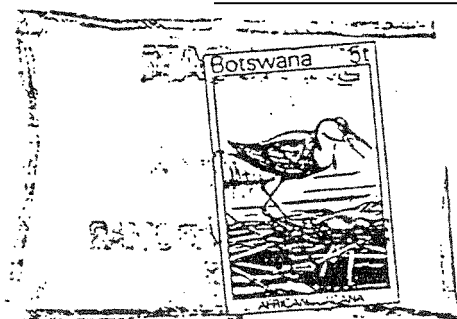
Box dimensions : 8 x 42 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 18, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 18, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item struck in red.

**MAOKANE**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 19 & 28 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 30, 1987  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 22, 1990  
 Number recorded so far : 6



No. 2 Type ?

Box dimensions : ?  
 Earliest recorded date : ?  
 Latest recorded date : ?  
 Number recorded so far : 1

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## No. 3 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions : 8 x ? mm  
 Earliest recorded date : ?  
 Latest recorded date : ?  
 Number recorded so far : 1

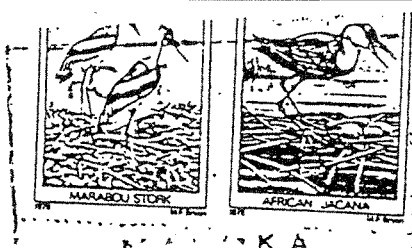
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## MAPOKA



## No. 1 Type 2 B 51

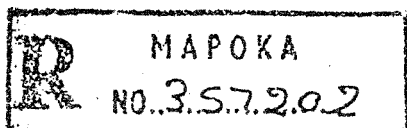
Circle diameters : 19 & 29 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 26, 1982  
 Latest recorded date : Apr 29, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 11



## No. 2 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : ? x 52 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : ?  
 Latest recorded date : ?  
 Number recorded so far : 1

Only a poor photocopy available for recording, so no dates can be determined.



## No. 3 Type REGN 3a

Box dimensions : 16 x 51 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 30, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Apr 30, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 1

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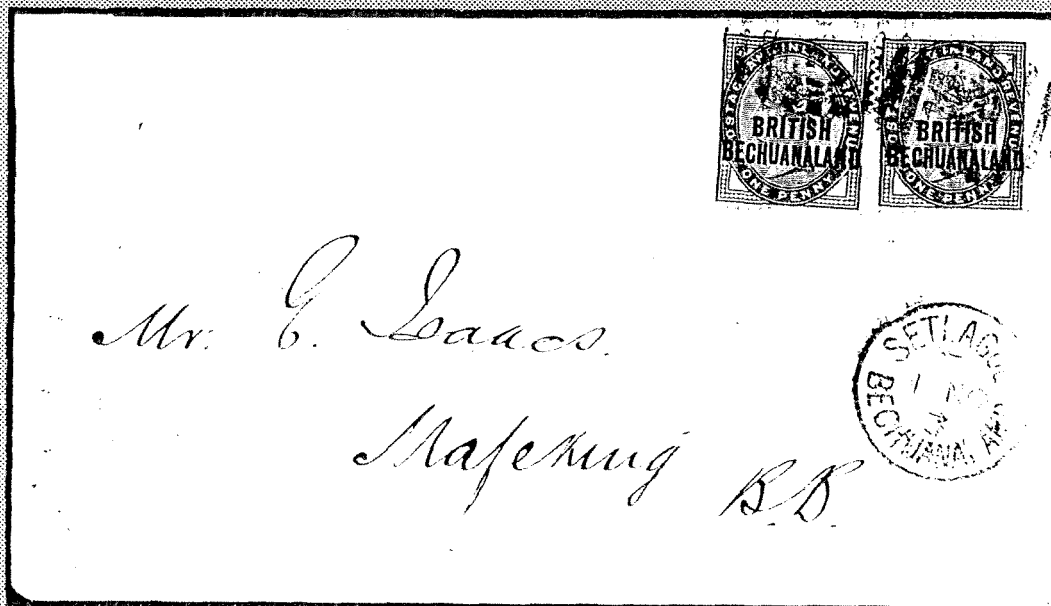
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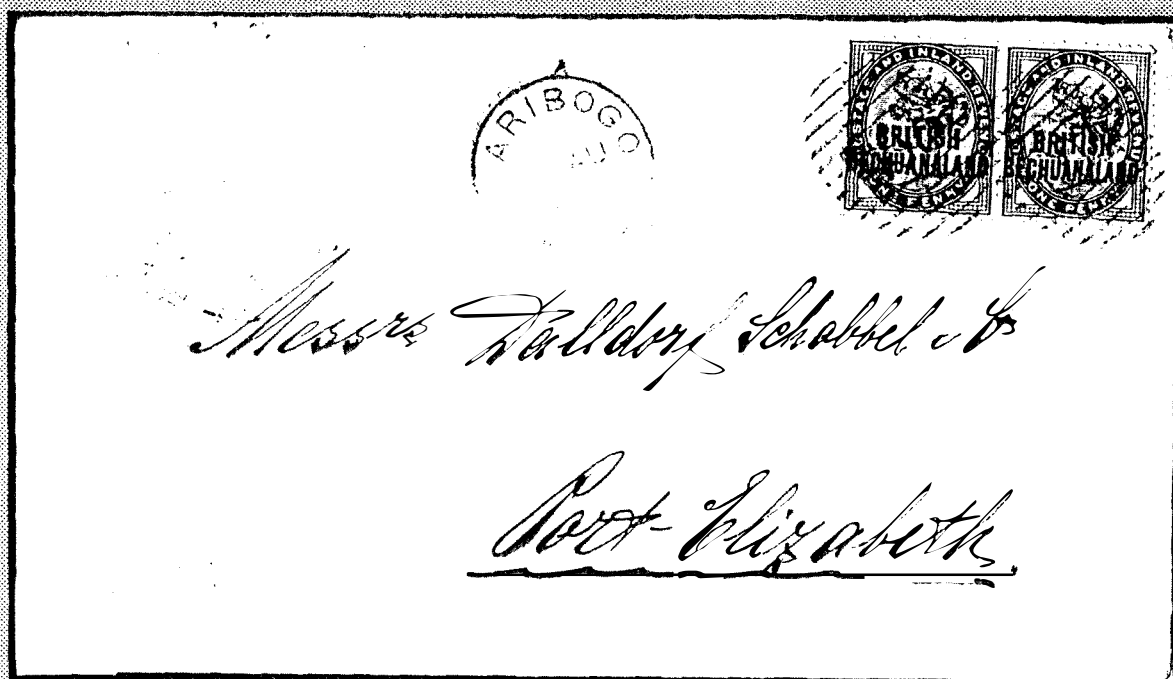
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