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### EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Despite proof-reading, several errors managed to sneak into RP 44. These were mainly (?) confined to 'The Bechuanaland Campaign' article. During scanning, '200' was transformed into 'zoo' in three places ('zoo yards' on p1057, para 6; 'zoo cattle' on p1058, para 3; and 'zoo Dukes' on p1058, para 8). The word 'donga' inexplicably became 'conga' twice on p1057, para 6; and on p1053, para 3, '600 men' became 'boo men' !

The list of contents on the cover of RP 44 gave the Botswana Postmarks article as starting on page 1029. The page number should have read '1064'. No doubt there are other, as yet undetected errors.

### B&BS SOUTH AFRICAN AUCTION

Howard Cook intends holding a Society Postal auction in South Africa in the first half of 1997. He is keen to receive suitable material as soon as possible so that a closing date may be fixed and a list prepared.

Members (particularly those in Southern Africa) are asked to support the society. This is an ideal opportunity to turn unwanted material into cash and for buyers to obtain items for their collection. Address at top of this page.

### NEXT MEETING - 7th MARCH - CHANGE OF VENUE

This meeting will now held be at The Greencoat Boy public house in Greycoat Street, London SW1 and **not** the Barley Mow as stated in RP 44. The venue is just down Artillery Row from the Army & Navy Stores, and a short walk from the Royal Horticultural Society Hall in Vincent Square. This is where the London Stamp and Postal History Fair is being held from 6th to 8th March. The meeting will be at 2pm on Friday 7th March.

### SUPPLEMENTS TO THIS ISSUE

Two supplements are included with this issue: Postal Bid Sale number 10 (UK) which closes on 28 February. This will provide interesting reading. And secondly, an up to date list of the Rules of the Society.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE 'CAMDEN  
HEAD', ISLINGTON, LONDON, ON THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 1996,  
COMMENCING AT 2.00pm.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Inglefield-Watson (Chairman), Jim Catterall, Alan Drysdall Dennis Firth, Aubrey Glassborow, David Hardwick, Alan MacGregor and David Wall.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Tony Chilton, Dave Matthews, Peter van der Molen and Brian Trotter.

**DAVID FINLAY**

The Chairman announced the death of David Finlay, and members stood in his remembrance.

**1. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

It was proposed by Aubrey and seconded by David Hardwick that these be signed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

**2. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

David Wall reported that membership remains fairly stable, there were 43 members in South Africa and 37 in the United Kingdom. Regarding the membership survey, 23 replies had so far been received from U.K. members. Preferences for meetings were 1st choice midweek during Stampex, and 2nd choice Saturdays not during Stampex.

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT**

David Hardwick was pleased to report another good year for the Society. Income increased by nearly £140.00 thanks to auction commission of £80.00, an increase in subscription income and the subvention transfer from South Africa. Although expenditure increased by £70.00, this was due to the cost of printing and distributing the Typology (£123.00). The normal Society expenses were reduced by more than £50.00 thanks to a reduction in the cost of distributing Runner Post following suggestions at the last AGM to use printed paper rates and by purchasing mint stamps at a discount from a well known stamp dealer. I would like to thank on behalf of the Society the owner of the printing equipment who allows us to produce Runner Post and only charges for materials at cost, thus saving the Society at least £200.00 per year, and also my fellow Committee members who claim only a small percentage (or none at all) of the costs they incur in serving the Society. Finally I would also like to personally thank Aubrey for the auditing of the accounts. The Committee had proposed that advertising income from Runner Post should be split on a 50/50 basis between the U.K. and South Africa. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Alan Drysdall and seconded by Jim Catterall. There was a proposal from the Chair that Aubrey Glassborow be re-elected as Auditor. Betty George had paid her current year's subscription, but she does not wish to continue membership after the current year now that Mike's collection has been sold.

**4. SUBSCRIPTIONS 1997-1998**

It was agreed that subscriptions remain unchanged, proposed David Hardwick, seconded Alan MacGregor.

**5. EDITOR'S REPORT**

Alan MacGregor apologised for the lateness of recent issues of Runner Post, due to having other commitments. There is need of a correspondent from Botswana to provide up to date information.

**6. AUCTIONEER'S REPORT**

A list of lots for the next auction will probably be sent out with the December Runner Post.

**7. QUERIES TO THE ARCHIVIST**

Aubrey asked what publications are held by the Archivist. Other queries related to the location of the Society's copy of Holmes's book, and who has the medal for Runner Post.



## 8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

John stated that following custom, he did not give a mid-term report last year, so this report covers the two years since he was re-elected. No sooner was the period under way than we were greatly saddened by the sudden death of Mike George. I would like to re-iterate my thanks to the other officers who rallied round and helped the Society to keep afloat during a difficult few months. Fortunately David Wall came home from Botswana and took over the helm and we weathered the storm. With David Wall at the helm and David Hardwick in the engine room (or should I say on the footplate) I am confident that the Society's administration is 'steady as she goes'.

Throughout the period the high standard of Runner Post that we have come to expect, has been maintained. I feel sure that I speak for all members of the Society in expressing our gratitude to the Editor, Alan MacGregor. My two previous reports contained several expressions of gloom and doom, but after four years of frustration on several fronts, my own visions for our future have met with their first success during my final term of office, publication of the Postal Markings Typology. I am delighted to announce that the Society has been awarded a bronze-silver medal for this publication in the Literature class at the current Stampex. I have already sent a personal letter of congratulation to the author, Brian Trotter, and will return to this matter at the end of my report. The Typology is, I hope, the forerunner of two more related volumes covering updated versions of the published articles about the Postal Markings of the Bechuanaland and of Botswana respectively. However no progress can be made until Brian Trotter, the project leader, feels able to resume activity following his move to Indonesia.

Meanwhile the Society has co-operated with Ted Proud in preparation of his 'Postal History of Basutoland and Bechuanaland Protectorate', which was advertised in the last Runner Post. Progress in being made with another Society publication, a comprehensive numbered check list (with illustrations) of the 'Postal Stationery of the Bechuanaland and Botswana', being compiled by Peter Thy and myself. The first of three articles appealing for information on specific aspects of the listing, appears in Runner Post No.43. Please make the effort to see whether you can answer any of our questions and respond accordingly.

When re-elected two years ago, I stated firmly that I would not stand again. Now having passed my 70th birthday, the time has come for me to hand over the reins. Having reported on the highlights of my final term, I would in conclusion like to take a brief glimpse into the future. My personal support for the Society will remain as enthusiastic as before. I will be willing, if members so wish, to serve in some lesser capacity, and will certainly be happy to continue to receive and to try and answer members' philatelic queries. For the Society as a whole, I am in no doubt that if it is to remain in good health, the over-riding priority must be to identify members, existing or yet to be recruited, who may be able to play a part in the administration of the Society. At present I can think of no potential replacements for our key officers. Repeated efforts and experiments to attract new faces to our meetings have met with little or no success and are probably a 'dead duck'. However in spite of the inadequate support when suggested a few years ago, I still believe that the concept of occasional (biennial) residential weekend meetings might pay dividends, but that will not be for me to decide. The methods may not be evident, but the guiding principle must be recruitment. My thanks and best wishes to all members world-wide.

Proposal from the Chair. That a letter of congratulation be sent to Brian Trotter in respect of the award to the Society, of a bronze-silver medal for the 'Postal Markings Typology', and that the Society presents the medal to him, while retaining the accompanying certificate in the Society's archives. All present at the meeting were in favour.

## 9. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SOCIETY RULES

Rule 6. Vice-Chairman to be added to the list of Officers of the Society. The wording at the end to read "However, after serving the maximum period, the ex-Chairman be elected (amended to becomes eligible - proposed David Hardwick, seconded Aubrey Glassborow) to serve on the Committee in any other capacity"

Rule 7. This to be amended to "The Chairman, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman, shall conduct the meetings, but in the event of both being absent the Committee shall elect one of its number to take the Chair. The Chairman of the Meeting shall have a second or casting vote where this is necessary"

Rule 13. The words "A Librarian" will be replaced by "An Archivist".

## 10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman - Alan MacGregor, proposed John Inglefield-Watson, seconded David Hardwick. Vice-Chairman - John Inglefield-Watson, proposed Alan MacGregor, seconded Jim Catterall. Secretary - David Wall,

proposed John Inglefield-Watson, seconded Aubrey Glassborow. The other Officers and Members of the Committee were re-elected en-bloc.

#### **11. RE-ELECTION OF AUDITOR**

The re-election of Aubrey Glassborow was proposed by John Inglefield-Watson and seconded by David Hardwick.

#### **12. FUTURE MEETINGS**

This was proposed for Friday 7th March 1997, during the Chris Rainey / Trevor Davis London Stamp and Postal History Fair, being held at one of the Royal Horticultural Halls. The Autumn meeting will be on Thursday 18th September 1997.

#### **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Midpex '97. Six frames will be available which will hold 96 sheets. David Hardwick and David Wall will organise. A notice will be placed in Runner Post.

A suggestion had been made by the Committee that we have an eight page handout for exhibitions, containing extracts from Runner Post, and including an application form.

Pacific '97. Alan Drysdall queried whether we have been approached to provide an article for the magazine 'Forerunners'.

#### **DISPLAY**

David Hardwick provided a display of material from the Cape to Bulawayo section of his Cape to Cairo Railway collection.

He had made a fortunate purchase of 70,000 Rhodesia Railways parcels stamps, and a selection of these were shown unused and on waybills.

Also included were a map of the route of the railway, a postcard of Cecil Rhodes's funeral train, railway advertising envelopes, postcards, photographs and menus, South African Railways correspondence, a cover cancelled Shipping Postmaster, Cape Town, postcards of Cape Town railway station, a poster and photograph relating to the Rhodesia and Nyasaland Railway Mission.

There were Passenger's Luggage tickets from Mafeking, and a piece with the station cancellation, railway cancellations on pieces, station cancellations of Lobatsi, Ootsi, Ramoutsa and Palla Road, covers and pieces from Mahalapye, Palapye, Serule, Macloutsi, Shashi, Francetown, Tsessesbe and Plumtree, and Imperial Press Conference and Royal Visit covers.

Also on show were maps, timetables, booklets relating to travel and railways in Southern Africa and items relating to Cecil Rhodes. A splendid assortment of material. Many thanks David.

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### **RESULTS OF 1996 SURVEY OF UK-BASED MEMBERS**

Earlier this year a questionnaire was sent out to all UK-based members. The main purpose of the survey was to establish if there was any way that more members could be attracted to meetings: when should meetings be held to maximise attendance? what sort of attractions would members like to see? and so on...

33 questionnaires were sent out and eventually 23 returned.

The main features of the results were as follows:

The 23 respondents were neatly divided according to frequency of attendance into 8 'regular', 7 'occasional' and 8 'never'.

#### **Preferred frequency of meetings**

Of the 16 who expressed an opinion, 10 preferred twice-yearly meetings, 5 annual and 1 quarterly. So the twice-yearly meetings we hold seem to be the preferred frequency.

**Likelihood of attending by timing of meeting**

For each of a range of options of meeting times, members were asked how likely their attendance would be. Scoring 3 for 'would very probably attend'; down to 0 for 'would not attend' - the most preferred options were:

	Ave score
Midweek during STAMPEX	1.81
Saturday not during STAMPEX	1.53
Midweek not during STAMPEX	1.33

So midweek during STAMPEX is the most popular time for meetings, followed by Saturday meetings not during STAMPEX. However, the meeting last March was one such Saturday not during STAMPEX, and the attendance was poor - so midweek meetings during STAMPEX (or other exhibition of similar appeal) it shall be.

Since one of the aims of the survey was to canvass the views of those who do not attend meetings regularly, the scores for those who only 'occasionally' or 'never' attend were calculated separately. As expected, these showed less overall likelihood of attendance than for the regulars; however, midweek during STAMPEX was still the most preferred option with a score of 1.22.

**More or less business?**

- nobody expressed a desire for more business
- of the eight 'regulars': two wanted less business  
four wanted no business (except at AGM)  
two expressed no opinion (happy the way it is?)

**Alternative attractions**

The suggested alternative attractions received the following support:

visiting speakers	17
auction	17
bourse	16
workshop	8

One member-dealer warned that, for a bourse to succeed, we would need to guarantee attendance of about 20 members in order to tempt dealers to bring their stock. In any case, since meetings will be timed to coincide with a major exhibition, members will have ample opportunity to browse through dealers' stock at the exhibition itself.

There are many eminent speakers who could be invited to talk on topics relating to the stamps, postal history or more general history of the Bechuanalands. But again, if we can guarantee the attendance of only eight members would potential speakers be willing to make the effort? One approach might be to invite a speaker to address a combined meeting with another society. I shall investigate this further.

Auctions are a possibility, though Tony Chilton has enough trouble accumulating material for an occasional postal auction. Moreover, one of our key members threatens not to attend meetings if an auction is the only attraction!

Which brings us back to displays from members themselves. Response to the 'willingness to display' question was rather poor. I hope members did not think that when I referred to a 'full display' I meant a standard exhibition display of 120 sheets! The size of displays at meetings is generally much more modest. Whilst the 'Runner Post' is clearly the lifeblood of the society, it is still important that some form of attraction is laid on at the twice-yearly meetings.

Many thanks to those who took the time to complete and return the questionnaire.

David Wall

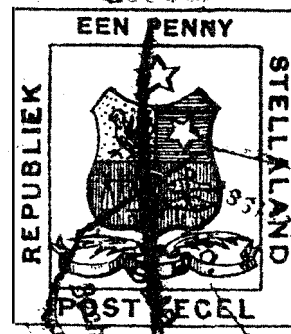
## MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND QUERIES

### MYSTERY STELLALAND MARKING

Joe Taylor writes to enquire if any member can shed any light on an apparent cancellation on a Stellaland 1d postage stamp (SG 1). The stamp is cancelled vertically by a violet crayon mark similar to those seen on some covers. Alan Drysdall's article 'Stellaland Revisited' in RP 23, illustrates a cover bearing a pair of 1d stamps cancelled with a vertical 'line drawn in coloured crayon' (p422, Figure 5).

The stamp also shows part of what appears to be an octagonal cachet which reads at top left "ASSISTA. . ." And at bottom left "Bech(uanaland)" and in the middle "No. \_\_\_\_\_" underneath which is "Date"

Joe asks if any member recognises this marking and could explain why it appears on a postage stamp. Can there be any connection to the Warren Expedition?



The letters 'Assist . . .' are presumably the first part of the word 'Assistant' which on fiscal cancellations would read 'Assistant Resident Commissioner'. The style of the lettering is also very similar to some of the fiscal cancellations. However those cancellations are invariably oval in shape. Any suggestions?

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### BECHUANALAND AND BOTSWANA ADDITIONS TO STANLEY GIBBONS STAMP CATALOGUE

The 1996 Edition of the Stanley Gibbons Part 1, British Commonwealth Stamp Catalogue contains a total of 15 Bechuanaland / Botswana additions (four Bechuanaland Protectorate and eleven Botswana) and one alteration:

#### ADDITIONS

- SG 53a 1889 4d on ½d vermilion 'rpence' omitted (row 9, stamp 2)
- SG 53b 1889 4d on ½d vermilion 'ourpence' omitted (row 9, stamp 2)
- SG 53cb 1889 4d on ½d vermilion overprint inverted and 'ourpence' omitted
- SG 55c 1890 ½d vermilion with 19mm overprint, variety 'Protectorrte' double
- SG MS 701a 1990 'Traditional Dress' Miniature Sheet with 30t and 2p values imperforate vertically
- SG SB 4a 1992 80t Booklet (grey cover) containing 10 x 8t on 12t surcharge (SG 725)
- SG SB 6a 1990 P1 Booklet (cinnamon cover) containing 10 x 10t on 1t (SG 690)
- SG SB 6b 1992 P1 Booklet (cinnamon cover) containing 10 x 10t on 12t (SG 726)
- SG SB 8a 1992 P1.60 Booklet (grey cover) containing 20 x 8t on 12t (SG 725)
- SG SB 9a 1990 P2 Booklet (cinnamon cover) containing 20 x 10t on 1t (SG 690)
- SG SB 9b 1992 P2 Booklet (cinnamon cover) containing 20 x 10t on 12t (SG 726)
- SG SB 10a 1990 P2 Booklet (pale blue cover) containing 20t on 6t (SG 691)
- SG SB 14a 1992 P4 Booklet (pale green cover) containing 10 x 40t on 3t (SG 728)
- SG SB 14b 1990 P4 Booklet (pale green cover). Error. Containing 10 x 50t on 12t (SG 692)  
*"This was produced in error and has the face value of the booklet amended in manuscript."*
- SG SB 16a 1992 P8 Booklet (pale green cover) containing 20 x 40t on 3t (SG 728)

None of these additions are priced.

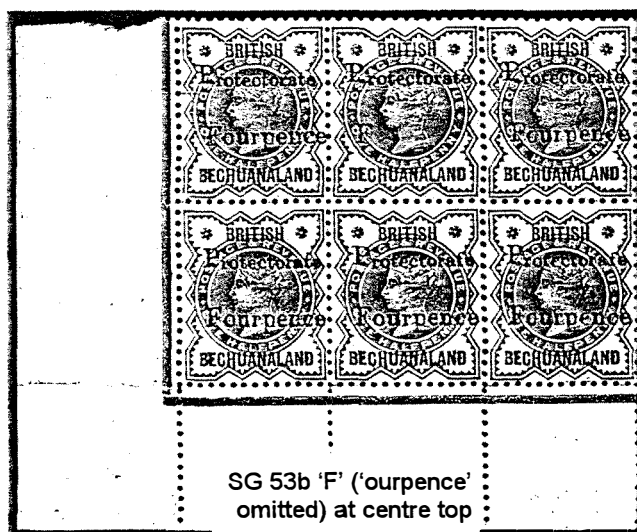
#### ALTERATION

SG 53a→53c 1889 4d on ½d vermilion (surcharge inverted) has been renumbered from SG 53a to SG 53c. This stamp remains priced at £3750.

In the Preface to the SG Catalogue, the Editor acknowledges "A number of very scarce stamp booklets varieties have been added, as have a number of other modern items, with the help of Mr. R. Andersson."



SG 53a 'Fou'  
(*'rpence'* omitted)



SG 53b 'F' (*'ourpence'*  
omitted) at centre top



SG 53cb 'F' (*'ourpence'*  
omitted) and inverted



SG 55c overprint  
'Protectorrte' double

### 1889 (AUG.) "FOURPENCE" SURCHARGE VARIETIES

The four B.P. additions to the SG Catalogue (SG 53a, 53b, 53cb and 55c) were illustrated as part of an article by N. West in RP 32 (p657). All four were offered for sale by auction at Christie's Robson Lowe's London sale on 19 November 1996. They formed part of the "Jeffrey K. Weiss FRPS,L collection of the British Empire issues founded on the Great Britain 1887 Queen Victoria Jubilee issue". They were described as follows:

<u>LOT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>
75	A single used on small piece showing "Fou", variety " <i>'rpence'</i> " omitted, fine. Extremely rare, at most three exist, all used. R.P.S. Certificate (1989). S.G. 53a.	£7,000-9,000
76	A lower left corner block of six (3x2), the centre top stamp showing "F", variety " <i>'ourpence'</i> " omitted; the top row with light horizontal crease, otherwise fine mint. Extremely rare, possibly a single also exists. R.P.S. Certificate (1989). S.G. 53b.	£15,000-20,000
78	A single showing surcharge inverted and " <i>'ourpence'</i> " omitted, clearly cancelled by part barred numeral; minor perf faults at top otherwise fine. Unique. R.P.S. Certificate (1989). S.G. 53cb.	£8,000-10,000
88	A single showing varieties overprint double and error " <i>'Protectorrte'</i> ", fine unused with large part original gum. Unique. R.P.S. Certificate (1989). S.G. 55c.	£10,000-12,000

The estimates proved somewhat optimistic as only lot 88 of these four items sold. It fetched £10,295 (£9500 + 15% buyers premium).

### ALBINO IMPRESSION ON SG 53cb

An interesting fact emerged concerning lot 76 - the '*'ourpence'*' omitted variety on one stamp in a block of six (SG 53+53cb) - on the Christie's Robson Lowe 19 November 1996 sale.

There is an albino impression clearly present of all the omitted letters. Holmes (page 89) states that the omitted letters were due to the type having fallen out. If that was the case there should be no albino impression.

An albino impression would indicate that either those letters had somehow failed to receive ink, or there was an intrusion between stamp and overprinting forme over the affected letters - probably some scrap of paper. However, it is not known how this intrusion could have remained unnoticed through several overprintings, including once on the pane with inverted overprint.

If the affected letters had worked loose and ended up retracted relative to the other letters, perhaps the method of inking (e.g. by a very smooth hard roller) was such that the difference was enough to prevent those letters receiving ink but left them close enough to the paper when overprinting to make an impression?

It would be interesting to find out if any of the other omitted letter varieties on this stamp show traces of an albino overprint.

My thanks to Dr Philip Kinns of Stanley Gibbons, London, who drew my attention to the albino impression.

### 1885-87 CAPE ½d OVERPRINT DOUBLE - BLACK AND RED ?

The Spanish Auction House 'Afinsa' contained an intriguing item on their 19 November 1996 sale. Lot 106 was described as:

"1886-89 ½d Outstanding copy with double surcharge in black and red. Very rare. (Gibbons no 4b)"

This description is incorrect as SG 4b has both overprints in black. However, neither does it appear to be the only listed alternative - SG 1b - which has the overprints in black and lake. The illustration in the catalogue was in colour and even allowing for variation in the colour reproduction (which appears very good), one of the overprints appears very much like the 'red' of SG 1.

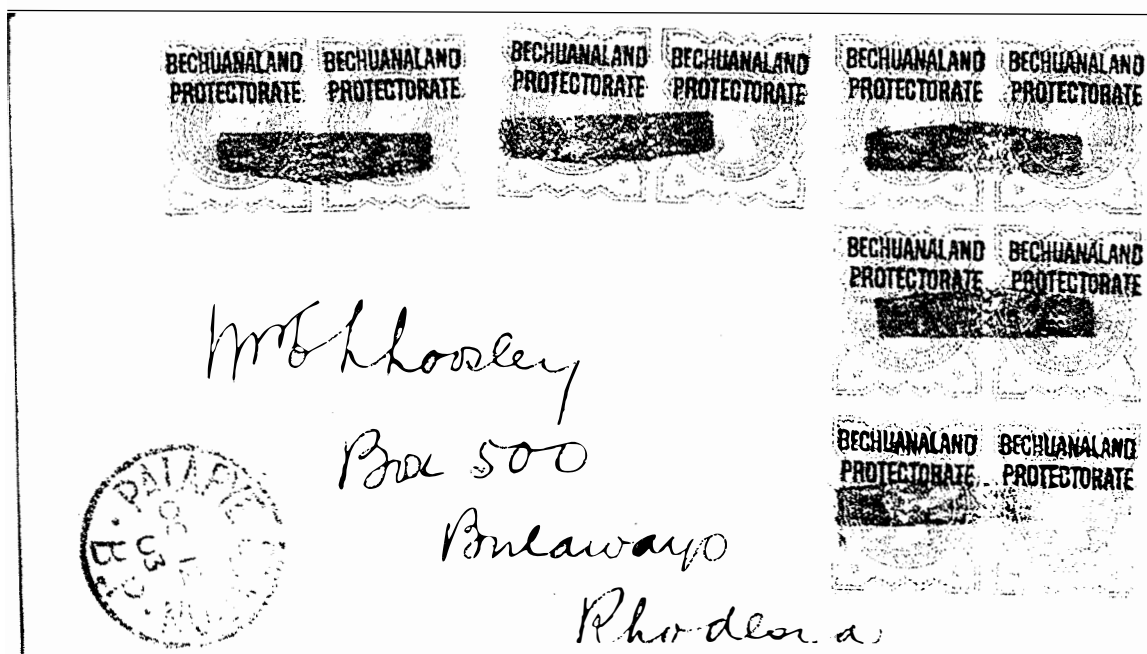


No double overprint is recorded with 'black' and 'red'. The only two-colour double overprint has one of the overprints in lake - a distinct colour closer to crimson than to red.

From the illustration, the overprints appear to be of the correct length and not obviously forged. Unfortunately, the watermark is unknown (SG 1b occurs on Crown CA paper while SG 4b is on Anchor watermarked paper), so it not possible to determine what colours the overprints should be.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who can supply further information on this mystery stamp. Perhaps one of our members was the buyer?

### MYSTERY CANCELLATION



Illustrated above (with background faded to show postmark) is another interesting item from the Christie's Robson Lowe sale of 19 November. Lot 97 was a Bechuanaland Protectorate cover described as follows:

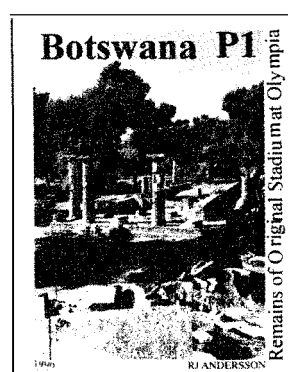
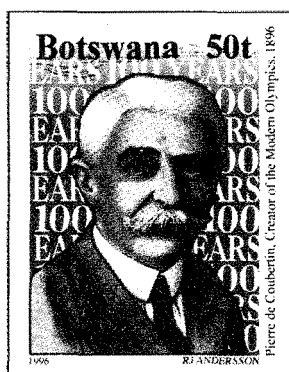
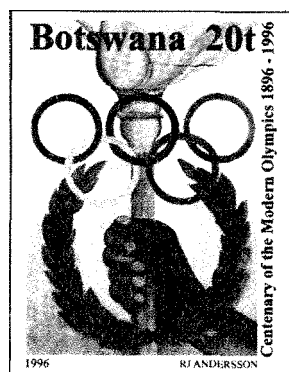
- 97 1903 envelope to Bulawayo bearing ½d blue-green [SG 60] block of four and three pairs, each pair of stamps defaced by thick bar obliterator, showing "PALAPYE STATION / B.P." [12 Oct] c.d.s. at lower left; the envelope with two vertical creases, flap missing and some minor discoloration. A most unusual franking. [Est] £250-300

If the cover (which does not appear to be 'philatelic') originated at Palapye Station, why did the Postmaster not use the datestamp to cancel all the stamps rather than just the corner of the envelope?

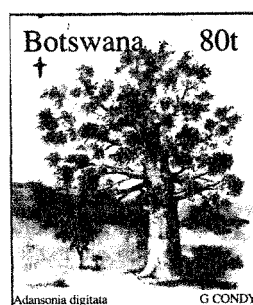
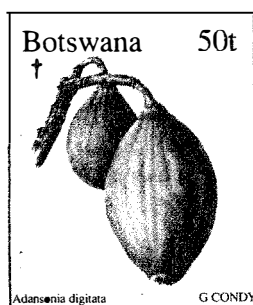
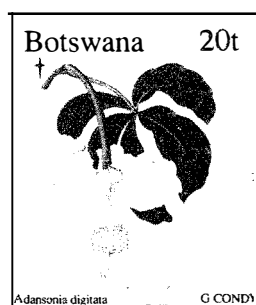
Perhaps the cover originated from some small sub-office of Palapye which for some reason had no datestamp at that time and it received the Palapye Station datestamp in transit? Unfortunately, any evidence of the cover's origin that may have been on the flap has been lost. Any other theories? The cover was unsold.

## RECENT BOTSWANA ISSUES

ISSUE DATE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	QUANTITIES
3 June 1996	<u>RADIO COMMUNICATIONS CENTENARY</u>	20t	1 400 000
	Printer: National Printing and Packaging, Harare, Zimbabwe	50t	100 000
	Process: Lithography. Perf 14. 2 panes of 25	80t	100 000
	Designer: Peter Lodoen	P1	100 000



19 July 1996	<u>CENTENARY OF MODERN OLYMPICS</u>	20t	1 100 000
	Printer: Government Printing Works, South Africa	50t	200 000
	Process: Lithography. Perf 14. 2 panes of 25	80t	200 000
	Designer: R. J. Andersson	P1	200 000
23 September 1996	<u>WORTHY CAUSES</u>	20t	1 200 000
	Printer: National Printing & Packaging, Harare, Zimbabwe	30t	100 000
	Process: Lithography. Perf 14. 2 panes of 25	50t	100 000
	Designer: Keeme Mosinyi	70t	100 000
		80t	100 000
		P1	100 000



4 November 1996	<u>CHRISTMAS 1996 (Adansonia Digitata -Baobab)</u>	20t	1 400 000
	Printer: National Printing and Packaging, Harare, Zimbabwe	50t	100 000
	Process: Lithography. Perf 14. 2 panes of 30	80t	100 000
	Designer: Gill Condry	P1	100 000

Andy Andersson and David Wall's 'News From Botswana' column in RP 42 (p965) listed the proposed stamp issues for 1996. Comparison with Philatelic Bureau brochures show there appear to have been a few changes:

I received no brochure for the proposed 'Centenary of Rodin' issue planned for 3 June. Was this set issued? Or was it dropped or postponed to make way for the (unscheduled?) 'Radio Communications Centenary' which is listed above as having been issued on the same date?

The 'Centenary of Modern Olympics' issue appears to have been postponed from the 1st to the 19th July. Likewise, the 'Worthy Causes' set from 23rd to 27th September. I have no confirmation if the issue dates actually matched those in the publicity brochures.

Details from: Botswana Postal Services, Philatelic Bureau, P.O. Box 100, Gaborone, Botswana

**POSTAL RATES - BRITISH BECHUANALAND TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES 1893-5***Jim Catterall*

In Runner Post No. 38 Frederick Lawrence raised the question of the 4½d letter rate to Europe. As in the case of the 1891-2 rates the problem is difficult to resolve due to the lack of official documentation.. However, in RP 32 (p662) John Inglefield-Watson quoted from the Annual Colonial Report for British Bechuanaland for the year to 31 March 94 which states that the letter rate from B.B. to Foreign Countries during that year was (reduced to) 4½d. Unfortunately this does not give the precise date of change.

Details from some actual covers are below:

5d Rate Frankings late 1893-5

Mafeking to Germany	05 Nov 1893
"	13 Aug 1894
"	30 Dec 1894
"	? ? 1895

4½d Rate

Vryburg to Germany	25 Dec 1893	This cover (illustrated) is franked at 4d and taxed 5c as for a 4½d rate.
Mafeking to Germany	10 Dec 1894	similar to above (Lawrence)
" "	17 Dec 1894	(Lawrence)
Vryburg to France	16 Apr 1895	(CRL 19 Nov 96 Lot 58) 9d franking indicating 2x4½d rate.

The latest cover franked at 5d, recorded by me, before the appearance of my first 4½d cover is 5 Nov 93. The earliest 4½d cover is 25 Dec 93.

It seems reasonable to conclude that the rate was reduced somewhere between those dates. If this was indeed the case the reason for later frankings at 5d is a mystery.

Covers to foreign countries from the Bechuanalands during this period are scarce and in the absence of official Post Office Notices further cover evidence would be welcome.

It appears from the wording of the Colonial Report for 1893-4 that the rate from the Protectorate to foreign countries was reduced to 4½d at the same time, however this is doubtful as the rate before the Report was 6½d and afterwards from an examination of known covers the rate was very soon 6½d again where it remained until 1 April 1899.

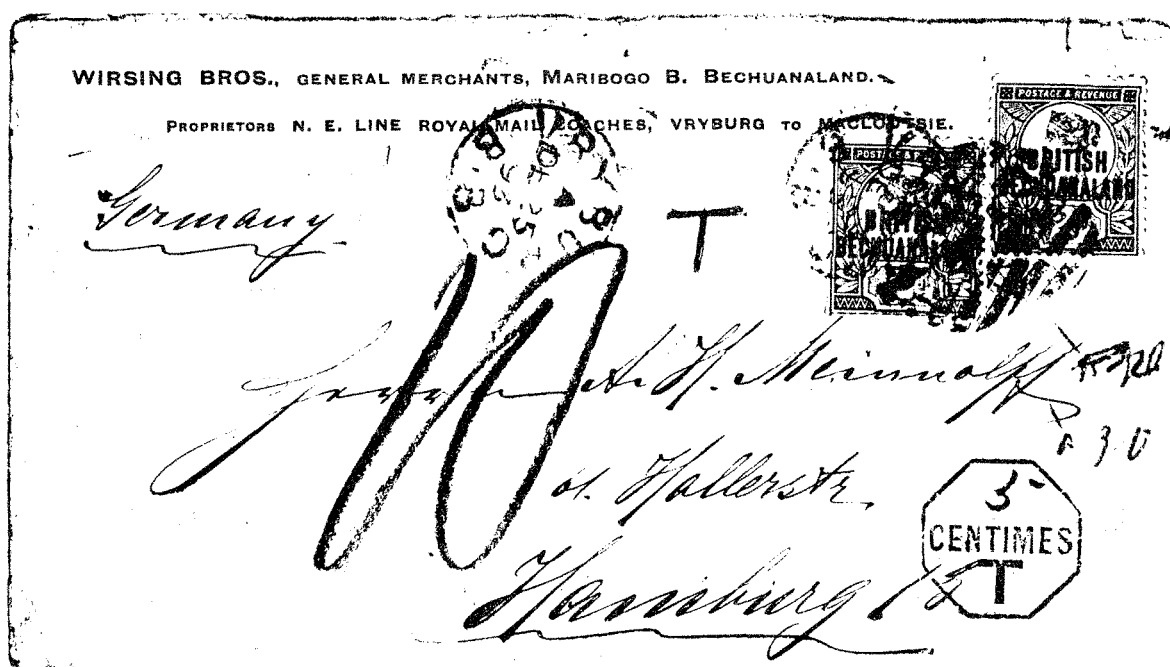
When the next Colonial Report (1894-5) appeared the table of rates was unchanged except that the reference to the Protectorate had disappeared. The conclusion must be that the reference to the Protectorate in the earlier report was a mistake.

By a curious coincidence in the CRL auction of Nov 19 1996 - Lot 57 - was a cover from Gaberones to France which was franked at 4½d and travelled without penalty!

The appropriate section of the 1893-4 Colonial Report for British Bechuanaland is illustrated.

With acknowledgements to John Inglefield-Watson.





Cover sent from Vryburg to Germany on 25 December 1893. Franked with 4d in stamps and taxed 5 Centimes as for the 4½d rate

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## COLONIAL REPORTS.—ANNUAL.

No. 130

BRITISH  
BECHUANA-  
LAND.  
1893-4.

*Mail Services.*

The mails have continued to be carried with fair regularity during the year, the only months during which delays of a serious nature occurred being November and December, when the exceptionally heavy rains caused the Rivers Maropong and Notwani to rise to an unprecedented height and to remain in flood for periods of from three to seven days. In February last, the severe storms prevalent throughout British Bechuanaland resulted in a considerable damage to the Railway between Warrenton and Taungs, where extensive washaways occurred, and for four days mail communication with the Cape Colony was entirely suspended from this cause.

The number and value of the different descriptions of mail matter posted within British Bechuanaland and the Protectorate during the year were as follows:—

*Letters.*

	Number.	Value.
For Delivery in Bechuanaland at 2d. -	35,139	£ 292
For Delivery in Protectorate at 4d. -	19,286	321
For the Cape Colony, Natal, the Orange Free State, and the South African Republic at 2d. -	124,917	1,040
For Mashonaland at 4d. -	15,483	258
For the United Kingdom at 4d. and Foreign Countries at 4½d. -	25,974	445
Post cards at 1d. -	4,407	} 26
Post Cards at 1½d. -	1,092	
Newspapers -	39,650	82
Book packets and Samples -	16,562	138
Parcels -	2,912	97
Registration Fees -	7,819	122
Total -		£2,821

## THE BECHUANALAND CAMPAIGN OF 1896-97

The last issue of *The Runner Post* included the interesting article 'The Bechuanaland Campaign' (RP 44, pages 1052-1063) which comprising chapter 2 of *The Cape Town Highlanders 1885-1970* by Neil Orpen.

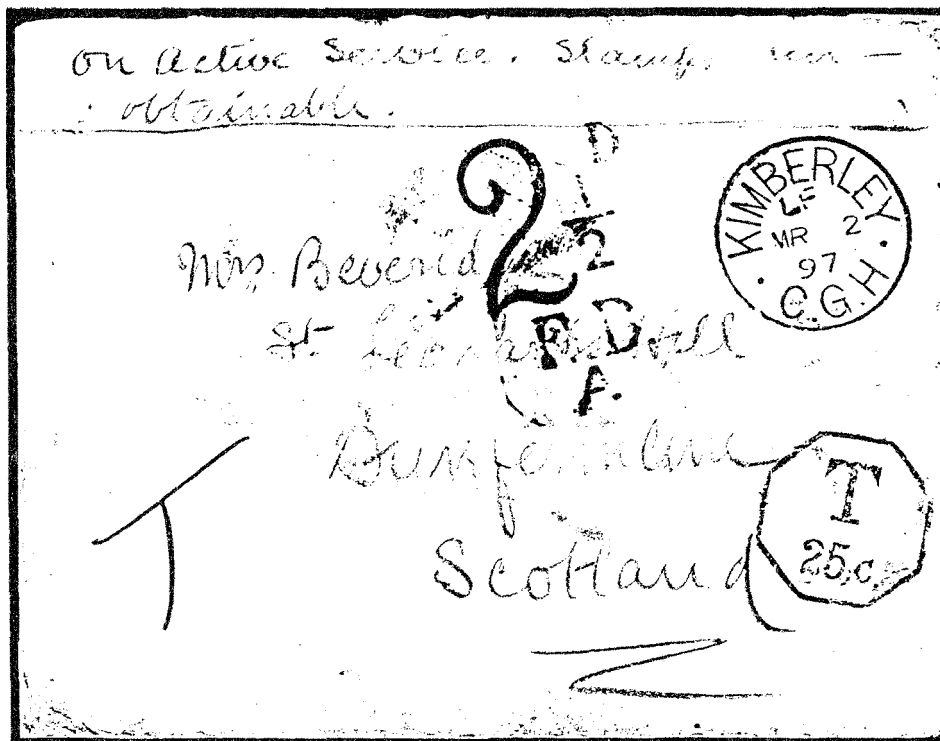
The following pages contain illustrations of some military mail covers which emanated from that campaign.

Covers are far from common. In 15 years I have accumulated illustrations of seven covers and I know of one other. Further examples are bound to exist and I would be grateful if owners of unrecorded covers would send me photostats.

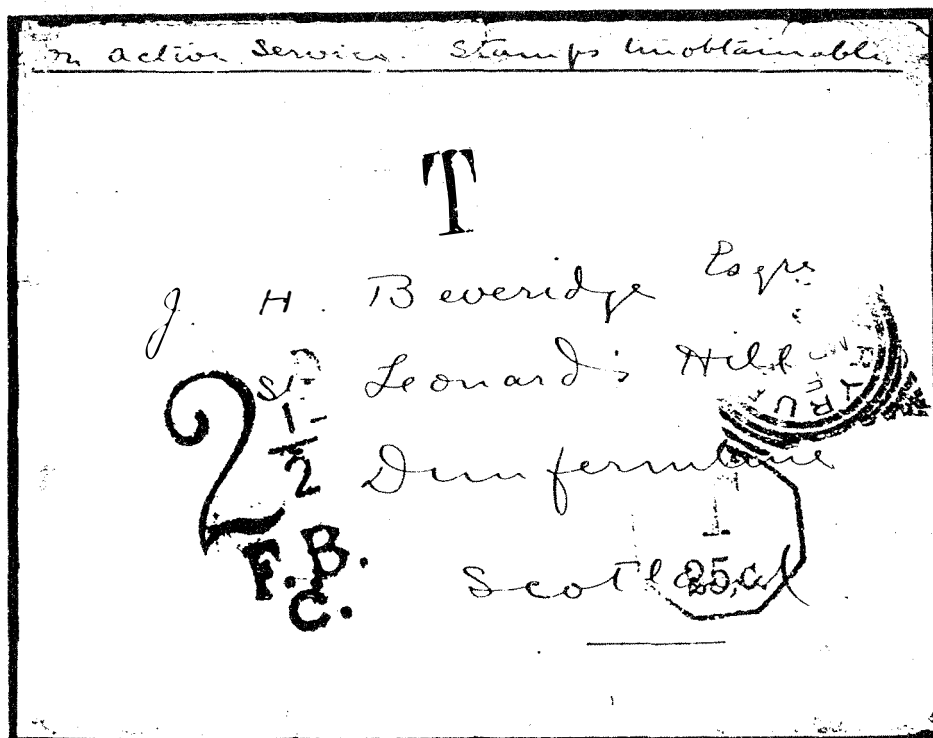
Two covers (Figures 1 and 2) are addressed to members of the same family in Scotland, and were posted three weeks apart. They are apparently from the same, though unidentified writer.

Three of the other covers (Figures 4, 5 and 6) have also been sent to one address and at first glance are remarkably similar in appearance. All three were written by a Private Solomon of the Prince Alfred Guards and are addressed to his mother in London. Two of these bear the same date of posting (22 June). Transport difficulties may have resulted in a delay to the outgoing mail with the result that several mail bags may have been delivered to Kuruman on the same day and thus received the same datestamp.

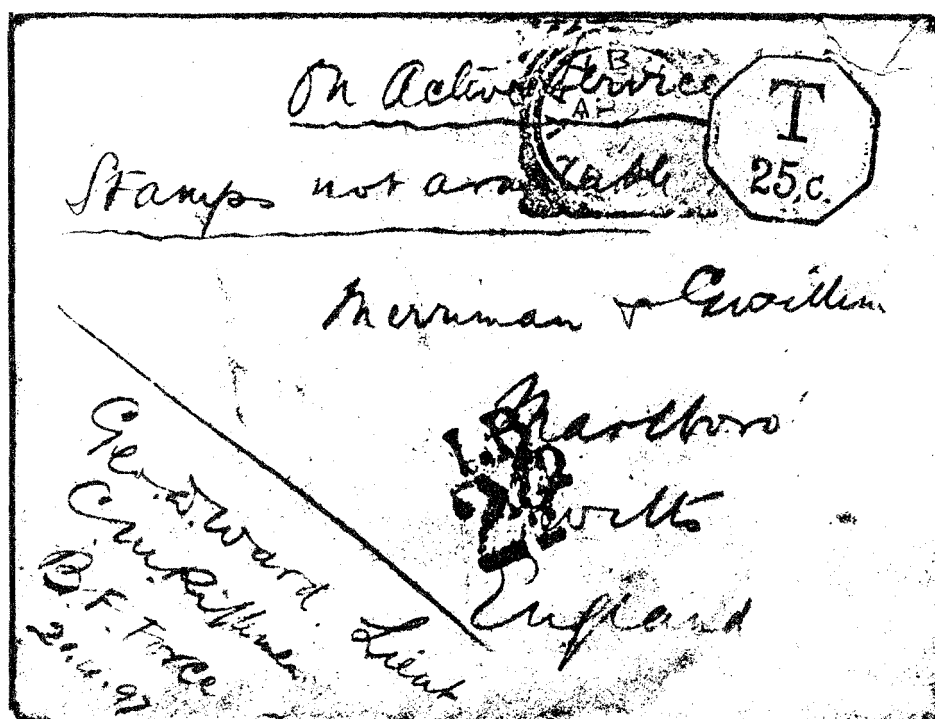
### MILITARY MAIL



**Figure 1** 2 March 1897 cover to Scotland. Endorsed "On Active, Stamps unobtainable". KIMBERLEY (2 Mar) cds, London '2½<sup>P</sup> /F.B./A.' (British Foreign Branch) marking, 'T/25c' tax marking and manuscript 'T'. Backstamped CHARGE CLERK (Cape Town, 4 Mar) and Dunfermline (28 Mar) arrival cds. (MacGregor)



**Figure 2** 25 March 1897 cover to Scotland. Endorsed "On Active, Stamps unobtainable". VRYBURG (25 Mar) cds, London '2½<sup>D</sup> / F.B./C.' (British Foreign Branch), 'T/25c' & 'T' tax markings. Dunfermline (18 April) arrival backstamp. (MacGregor)

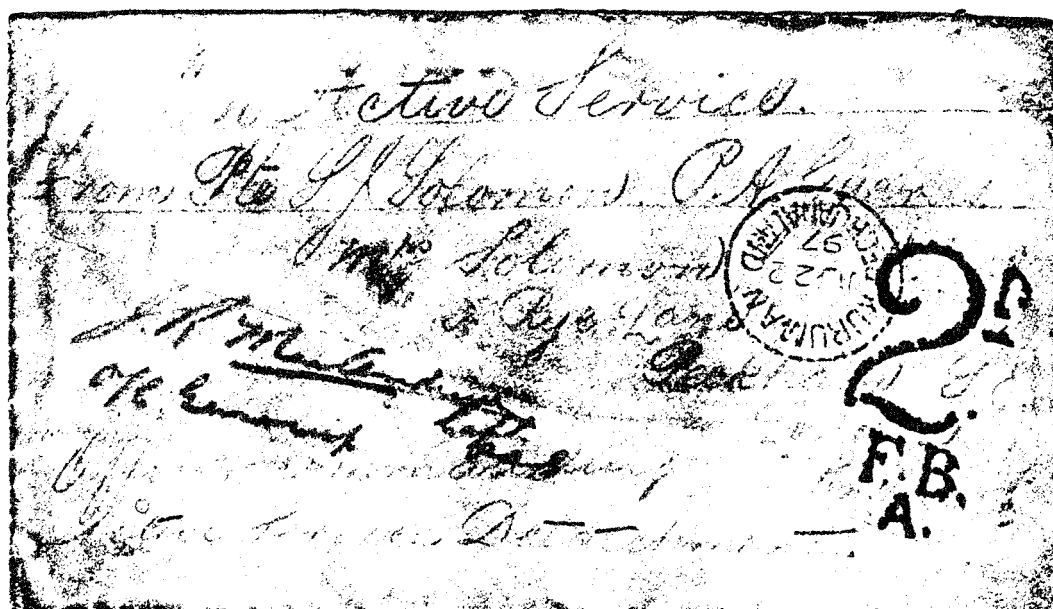


**Figure 3** 23 April 1897 cover England. Endorsed "On Active Service Stamps not available". From "Geo. W. Ward. Lieut / C.M. Riflemen / B.F. Force / 21.4.97" (Cape Mounted Riflemen). VRYBURG/B.B. (23 April) datestamp. 'T' / '25c' tax marking. London '1.B./2½<sup>D</sup>' (Inland Branch). Marlborough (27 May) arrival backstamp. Enclosed letter is headed "Ryan's / near the Langeberg / via Kuruman / Bechuanaland" (Owner ?)

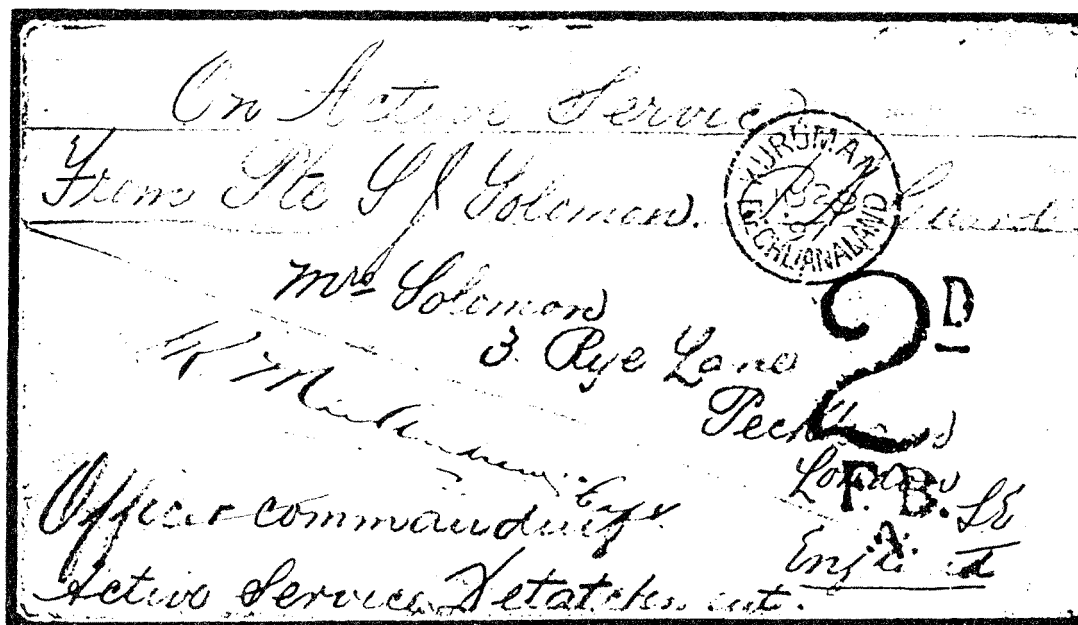


**Figure 4** 22 June 1897 cover (illustration of part of cover) to England. Endorsed "On Active Service, From Pte. S.J. Solomon P.A. Guards" countersigned by Commanding Officer. KURUMAN/BECHUANALAND (22 June) c.d.s. London '2D/F.B./A' accountability marking.

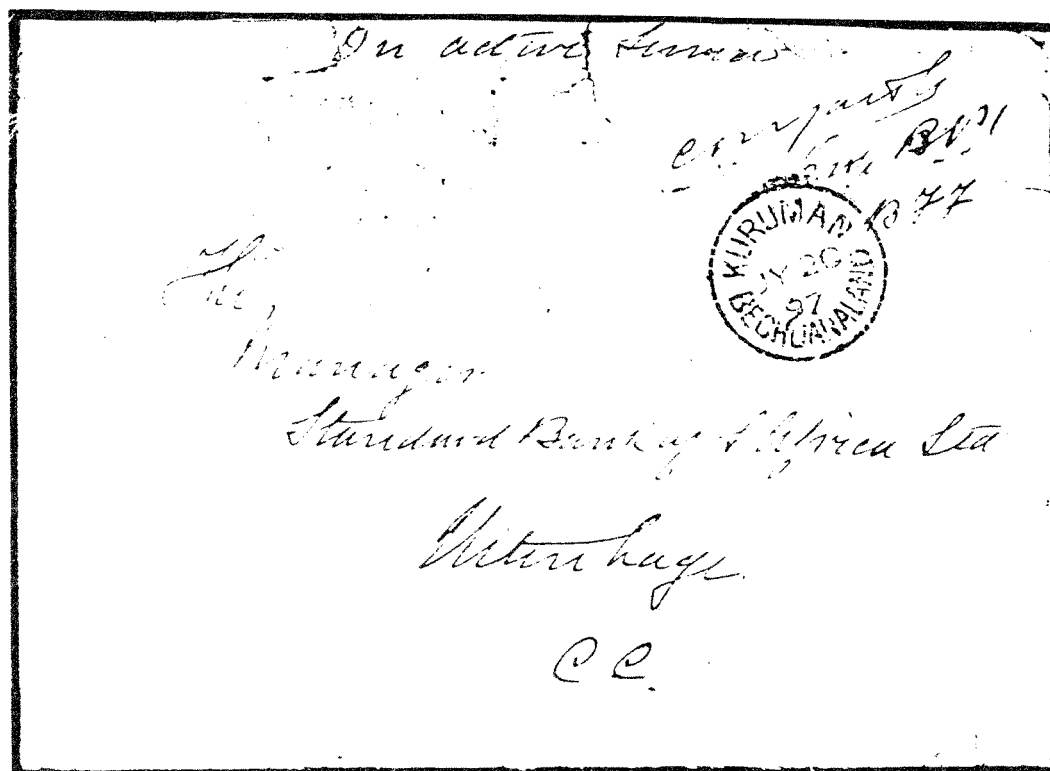
(Christie's Robson Lowe, 12 June 1991, lot 210)



**Figure 5** 22 June 1897 cover to England. Endorsed "On Active Service, From Pte. S.J. Solomon P.A. Guards" countersigned by Commanding Officer. KURUMAN/ BECHUANALAND (22 June) c.d.s. London '2D/F.B./A' marking. No backstamps. (Owner ?)



**Figure 6** 26 June 1897 cover to England. Endorsed "On Active Service, From Pte. S.J. Solomon P.A. Guards" countersigned by Commanding Officer. KURUMAN/BECHUANALAND (26 June) c.d.s. London 2<sup>D</sup>/F.B./A marking. (MacGregor pricelist 1987)



**Figure 7** 20 July 1897 cover to the Cape Colony. Endorsed "On Active Service, C.M. Yardley [?], B.V.I., B.F.F." (Bechuanaland Volunteer Infantry, Bechuanaland Field Force). Embossed shield in blue of the Cape Police on flap. KURUMAN / BECHUANALAND (20 July) c.d.s. Uitenhage arrival (24 July). (Crocker & MacGregor pricelist 1983)

## POSTAL MARKING OR TELEGRAPHIC MARKING?

*John Inglefield-Watson*

When the Warren Expedition ended in September 1885, the military telegraph line from Barkly West to Mafeking was handed over to the civil administration, and the section from Mafeking to Molepolole was dismantled. According to Colonial Reports - Annual for British Bechuanaland, which also covered the Protectorate until 1895, construction of a new line from Mafeking to (Fort) Salisbury was begun by the British South Africa Company in 1888/89. By 1889/90 it had reached Palachwe (Palapye) and was being extended to Macloutsie and Fort Tuli. It was completed to Salisbury in 1891/92. As construction of the railway progressed, the line was transferred from the line of road to the line of rail, though the old line Serowe - Macloutsie - Tuli was also retained. The line was operated by the British South Africa Company and its successors until at least 1959 and perhaps later.

The telegraph facilities were, in most but not all cases, located at offices or agencies that also provided postal services. There were periods when the lists of Post Offices and Postal Agencies published in Cape and South African Post Office Guides and in The Bechuanaland Protectorate Telephone Directory did not include the Telegraph Offices and Agencies that had no postal facilities, these being in separate lists that I do not possess. It is therefore not possible for me to compile a complete list of such offices showing the years in which they opened, closed or were upgraded to Post Offices or Postal Agencies. Furthermore there are long periods for which I have no lists of any kind, especially between 1913 and 1921 and from 1923 to 1949. The best that I can do in many cases is to express dates on a 'before' and 'after' basis.

What is not in doubt is that in some cases cancellations exist that date from periods when the office concerned was listed as a Telegraph Office or Agency. In the absence of proving covers showing postal use, it would seem reasonable to assume that such cancellations are not postal markings but are on stamps removed from telegraph forms.

It has been suggested to me that at some offices providing both postal and telegraph services particular cancellers were specifically intended for telegraph use. Even if this can be confirmed, their occasional use for postal purposes cannot be ruled out.

The following Telegraph Offices are listed as being in existence by January 1904:

### Tentative Dates

Office	Opened	Closed	Remarks
Artesia	1903/04	after 1912, before 1922	Cancellation illustrated before in RP 39, p859. Re-opened as P.A. in 1956.
Bosoli	1903/04	after 1912, before 1922	No cancellation recorded.
Crocodile Pools	1897 (?)	1914	Proving covers for postal use 1899-1900.
Palla	1897/98	after 1903, before 1905	Downgraded from P.A Not listed: info from another source
Seruli	before 1904	after 1912, before 1922	Re-opened as P.A. in 1945.
Shoshong Road	before 1904	after 1912, before 1922	Cancellation illustrated in RP 10, pl78.
Tsessebe	before 1904	before 1905/66	Re-opened as P.A. 1913-15 and 1920 onwards.

Later Telegraph Offices and Agencies were:

Debeeti Cordon	after 1956, before 1960	1965-66	No cancellation recorded.
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Hildavale	after 1950, before 1955	after 1956, before 1960	No cancellation recorded.
Kasane	after 1956, before 1960 (?)	after 1960, before 1962 (?)	Lists conflict: downgraded from P.A., T.A. in 1960, P.A. in 1962, T.A. 1963-68 and P.O. 1969 onwards.
Macloutsie	?	1917/18	P.O. closed 1904/05. Closure of T.O. in Colonial Report - Annual.
Manabula	1910	1912	No cancellation recorded.
Pilane Station	after 1955, before 1960	1965-66	Downgraded from P.A.

The information in this article is probably incomplete and certainly imprecise in respect of dates, especially in the above list of Telegraph Offices and Agencies that had no known postal facilities. A more complete and accurate list would be of great assistance in establishing the status of any cancellations from such offices. Can any member provide such a list or any other relevant information?

## VARIATIONS FOUND WITHIN THE 1888 PROTECTORATE

### ½d VERMILION - DOUBLE OVERPRINT (SG 40a)

*Steve Wallace*

My previous article in RP 24 (p450-2), recorded quite a wide range of variations in the relative 'separation' and 'side-shift' between the double overprints. In an attempt to explain these variations, experiments have now been carried out as follows:

Transparencies were made of the overprint on a photocopy of a complete pane of SG 40, to enable the double overprint to be simulated by superimposing complete rows from upper and lower parts of the pane on the corresponding rows of the photocopy. In the rows selected, particularly from the lower part of the pane, the overprints were not horizontal throughout the row.

The transparency of each row being examined was placed in various vertical, horizontal or angled positions relative to the underlying overprint on the photocopy, and measurements were made of the separation and side-shift on each stamp in the row.

#### **Findings.**

The overprint was hand-set and this resulted in the individual impressions in complete panes of the stamps (SG 40) not being vertically aligned throughout each vertical strip. Divergence from the horizontal also occurred within rows of the setting.

When the second impression of the double overprint (SG 40a) was applied in complete alignment both horizontally and vertically with the first impression, a side-shift only occurred on those stamps whose overprint was not horizontal, and the separation was constant throughout the pane.

When the second impression was aligned horizontally but not vertically, there was a constant side-shift on stamps with horizontal overprints, and two different side-shifts on those not horizontal.

When the second impression was not aligned horizontally with the first impression, i.e. applied at a slightly different angle, this further affected the side-shift, and resulted in significantly different separations at opposite extremes of a row. (Less so if pivoted around the centre of a row).

It therefore seems possible that the different side-shifts and separations recorded in each of the 'Close Together' and 'Widely Separated' groups of double overprints recorded in RP 24 could have occurred within a very small number of panes, or even a single pane of each group.

## THOSE B\*\*\*\*\*Y RATES AGAIN

*Alan Drysdall and Jim Catterall*

Since the articles on the Sitwell correspondence were published<sup>1</sup>, two more covers have been reported. The earlier of the two (Fig. 1) is particularly important as it provides critical evidence regarding postage rates in May 1891. The later cover is of interest only in so far as it is one of only two known that are not addressed to Barmoor. Who the addressee, Miss Strong, was, is not known.

The earlier cover is annotated '1st May 1891' and the franking, a 4d stamp, is cancelled with the barred-oval canceller (BONC) coded '638' issued to Mafeking. A strike of a single-circle datestamp on the reverse records the letter was posted there on the 6th May, 1891. Sitwell's whereabouts at this time are not known with any certainty, but as he was seconded to the BBP with effect from the 20th March, 1891, he is unlikely to have travelled further north than British Bechuanaland by the 1st May (i.e. within six weeks). He was in any case in no great hurry to proceed northwards from Mafeking as he must have done the survey work for his map of the route from Mafeking to Gaberones, which is dated 1891, at this time. The annotation on the cover may record that the letter it contained was written five days before it was posted, in which case Sitwell may have been some distance north of Mafeking and gave the letter to a passing traveller to post for him. This, however, is speculation, as Sitwell commonly sent more than one letter in an envelope annotated with the date of the earliest. He may in any case have had no option but to post the letter at Mafeking, as the only office between Mafeking and Palachwe that might have been open at this time was Gaberones. However, although Holmes<sup>2</sup> records that this office opened in December 1890, Putzel<sup>3</sup> quotes the relevant date as the 1st July, 1893. (The earliest reported strike of the datestamp the 14th October, 1892<sup>4</sup>).

However, whether or not Sitwell himself posted the letter in Mafeking is irrelevant as far as the postage rate was concerned. There is no evidence that the addressee was charged deficient postage and this cover therefore provides evidence that in May 1891 the British Bechuanaland rate for a half-ounce letter addressed to the UK was 4d. Moreover the cover passed unremarked through Cape Town, and this office was therefore presumably aware that this was the applicable rate.

Mail originating from Mashonaland proves that the Protectorate rate for a half-ounce letter addressed to the UK was reduced from 8d to 6d sometime between the 23rd January and the 20th February, 1891. There would now seem to be a distinct possibility that the British Bechuanaland rate was reduced from 6d to 4d at the same time. The evidence in the form of covers posted in British Bechuanaland and addressed to the UK, of which there are comparatively few (see Table 1), is, however, conflicting. For example, it would seem that the letters posted in June and September 1891 were mistakenly franked at the old rate of 6d per half ounce if the Sitwell cover described above is accepted as evidence that the reduced rate was in force by early May.

**Table 1 Covers addressed to the UK posted in British Bechuanaland in 1891**

DATE	FRANKING	OFFICE	SOURCE
6. 5.91	4d	Mafeking	Catterall Collection
9. 6.91	6d	Mafeking	Harmers, 29.10.81, lot 1312
16. 8.91	4d	Mafeking	Robson Lowe, 15.6.83, lot 1167
26. 9.91	6d	Mafeking	Harmers, 29.10.81, lot 1313
9.11.91	8d*	Mafeking	Harmers, 29.10.81, lot 1314

\* double-rate letter

**Table 2 Covers addressed to Germany posted in British Bechuanaland in 1891**

DATE	FRANKING	OFFICE	SOURCE
11. 1.91	8d	Mafeking	Harmers 22. 5.85, lot 1029
25. 1.91	1s	Mafeking	Christie's Robson Lowe, 22.7.86, lot 20
2. 9.91	5d	Vryburg	?
5. 9.91	8d	Mafeking	?
5.10.91	5d	Vryburg	Robson Lowe, 15.6.83, lot 1168
25.11.91	5d	Vryburg	Catterall Collection

Further evidence is provided by covers addressed to Germany (Table 2). In this case the equivalent reduction in the rate was from 7½d to 5d. There is, however, an additional complication in that payment of the higher rate was commonly receipted with stamps to the value of 8d, presumably because there was a chronic shortage of halfpenny stamps. In this case the frankings are consistent with a change in the rate sometime between the 23rd January and the 20th February, 1891, except that a letter franked at the '8d rate' was posted on the 5th September, only three days after a similarly addressed cover posted at Vryburg rather than Mafeking, was accepted at the reduced rate.



Table 3 A revised listing of the Sitwell covers and letters

Annotation	Date of letter(s)	Franking (SG no.)	Macloutsi / Macloutsie* (Palachwe†) date day	Vryburg/ Mafeking* date day	Cape Town date day	Earliest UK date	
1. 5.91	-	13	-	-	*6. 5.91 Wednesday	? 5.91 ?	2. 6.91 1
?	-	11 & 13	29. 5.91† Friday	*?	?		2
18. 9.91	-	14	22. 9.91 Tuesday	28. 9.91 Monday	30. 9.91 Wednesday	19.10.91	3
	15/16.10.91						4
30.12.91	-	14	4. 1.92 Monday	11. 1.92 Monday	13. 1.92 Wednesday	2. 2.92	5
† 11. 1.92	-	14	12. 1.92 Tuesday	18. 1.92 Monday	20. 1.92 Wednesday	-	6
† 15. 3.92	-	14	15. 3.92 Tuesday	21. 3.92 Monday	23. 3.92 Wednesday	9. 4.92	7
?	-	14	25. 3.92 Friday	?	?		8
?	-	11 & 35	12. 4.92 Tuesday				9
27. 4.92	-	14	3. 5.92 Tuesday	9. 5.92 Monday	11. 5.92 Wednesday	27. 5.92	10
?	-	14	17. 5.92 Tuesday				11
?	-	14	24. 5.92 Tuesday				12
30. 5.92	-	14	31. 5.92 Tuesday	6. 6.92 Monday	-	29. 6.92	13
10. 6.92	9/10. 6.92	14	14. 6.92 Tuesday	20. 6.92 Monday	-	11. 7.92	14
15. 6.92	11/13. 6.92	14	14. 6.92 Tuesday	20. 6.92 Monday	-	11. 7.92	15
?	?	14	21. 6.92 Tuesday	27. 6.92 Monday	28. 6.92 Tuesday		16
2. 7.92	?	34 & 35	5. 7.92 Tuesday	11. 7.92 Monday	?	31. 7.92	17
4. 7.92	4. 7.92	14	5. 7.92 Tuesday	11. 7.92 Monday	?	31. 7.92	18
?	9. 7.92						19
25. 7.92	?	36	26. 7.92 Monday	?			20
?	30. 7.92		2. 8.92 Tuesday				21
11. 8.92	9/11. 8.92	36	14. 8.92 Sunday	22. 8.92 Monday	-	10. 9.92	22
?	?	15§	14. 8.92 Sunday	22. 8.92 Monday	-	10. 9.92	23
?	18. 8.92		19. 8.92 Friday				24
19/20. 8.92	19. 8.92	36	21. 8.92 Sunday	?	?	7. 9.92 Wednesday	25
21. 8.92	21. 8.92	34 & 35	21. 8.92 Sunday	5? 9.92 Monday	-	26? 9.92	26
25. 8.92	25. 8.92	36	26. 8.92 Friday	5. 9.92 Monday		26. 9.92	27
15. 9.92	13/15. 9.92	36	15. 9.92 Thursday				28
16/17. 9.92	-	36	18. 9.92 Sunday	26. 9.92 Monday	-	19.10.92	29
25. 9.92	-	36	*25. 9.92 Sunday	3. 10.92 Monday	-	24.10.92	30
2.10.92	-	36	*3.10.92 Monday	10.10.92 Monday	12.10.92 Wednesday	31.10.92	31
11.10.92	-	36	*17.10.92 Monday	24.10.92 Monday	-	15.11.92	32
21.10.92	-	36	*23.10.92 Sunday	31.10.92 Monday	7.11.92 Monday	?	33
25.10.92	-	36	*30.10.92 Sunday	7.11.92 Monday	9.11.92 Wednesday	25.11.92	34
26.10.92	-	36	*30.10.92 Sunday	7.11.92 Monday	9.11.92 Wednesday	25.11.92	35
9.11.92	-	36	*13.11.92 Sunday	21.11.92 Monday	-	13.12.92	36
14.11.92	-	36	*20.11.92 Sunday	28.11.92 Monday	30.11.92 Wednesday	19.12.92	37
17.11.92	-	36	*20.11.92 Sunday	28.11.92 Monday	30.11.92 Wednesday	19.12.92	38
29.11.92	-	36	*4.12.92 Sunday	12.12.92 Monday	-	1. 1.93	39
?	-	36	*15. 1.93 Sunday	?			40
?	-	36	*23. 1.93 Monday	?		?	41

§ the only known cover franked at the double rate

‡ the franking was affixed after the Macloutsie date stamp was struck, and was cancelled with the barred-oval mark coded '555' at Vryburg

† covers addressed to Mrs Goldney, Camberley, Surrey, Miss Strong, Co. Down

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|--|--|--|---|
| 1 Catterall Collection   | 9 Robson Lowe, 15/16. 6.83, lot 1183                         | 18 Trotter Collection  | 27 Reitz, 1977, p.56-7; Sotheby's, 22.9.83, lot 94; Christie's Robson Lowe, 10.12.85, lot 236 |
| 2 Christie's Robson Lowe, 16.3.87, lot 53                              | 10 A. MacGregor  | 19 Reitz, 1977, p.54-5   |   |
| 3 Catterall Collection   | 11 Christie's Robson Lowe, 24.11.87, lot 548                 | 20 Christie's Robson Lowe, 22.7.86, lot 35; 5.12.89, lot 504; 22.1.90, lot 203 |   |
| 4 Campbell Collection  | 12 Christie's Robson Lowe, 24.11.87, lot 549                 | 21 Knight Collection   | 28 Cape Philatelies, 15.3.96, lot 85  |
| 5 Christie's Robson Lowe, 12.6.91, lot 195; Hammers, 31.10.95, lot 628 | 13 and 14 Campbell Collection                                | 22 Lt.-Col. Sir John Inglefield-Watson   | 29 and 30 Catterall Collection  |
| 6 Hammers, 29.2.96, lot 55   | 15 Catterall Collection                                      | 23 Robson Lowe, 15/16.6.83, lot 1185   | 31 to 38 A. MacGregor   |
| 7 Catterall Collection   | 16 Knight in Reitz, p.76; Wessely Collection                 | 24 Reitz, 1977, p.55-6   | 39 Trotter Collection   |
| 8 A. MacGregor   | 17 Christie's Robson Lowe, 22.7.86, lot 34; 5.12.89, lot 503 | 25 Fenimore Collection   | 40 Christie's Robson Lowe, 16.3.87, lot 55  |
|  |  | 26 Lt.-Col. Sir John Inglefield-Watson   | 41 Holmes Collection; Hammers, 29.10.81, lot 1359   |

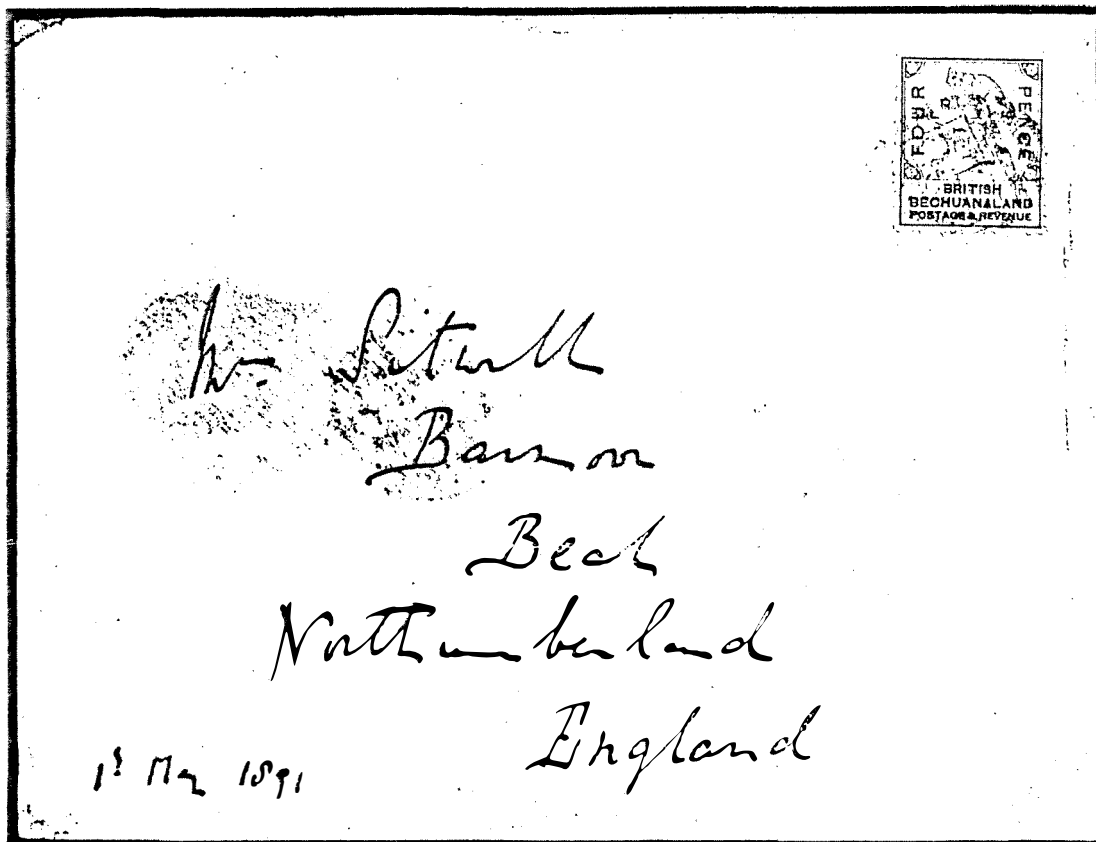


Figure 1 The Sitwell cover posted at Mafeking on the 6th May, 1891

#### Incoming mail

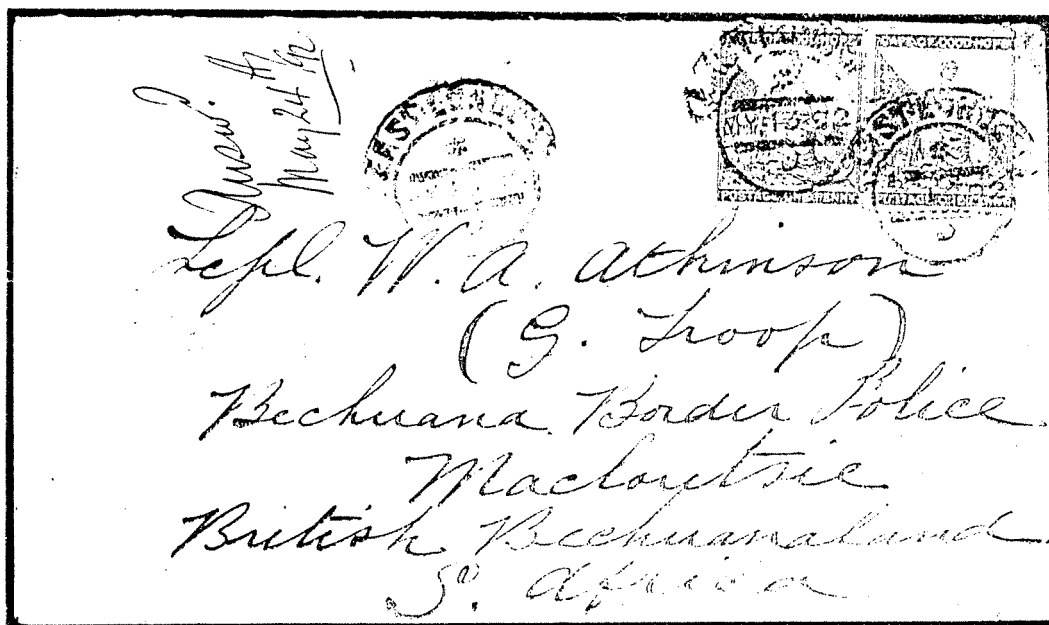
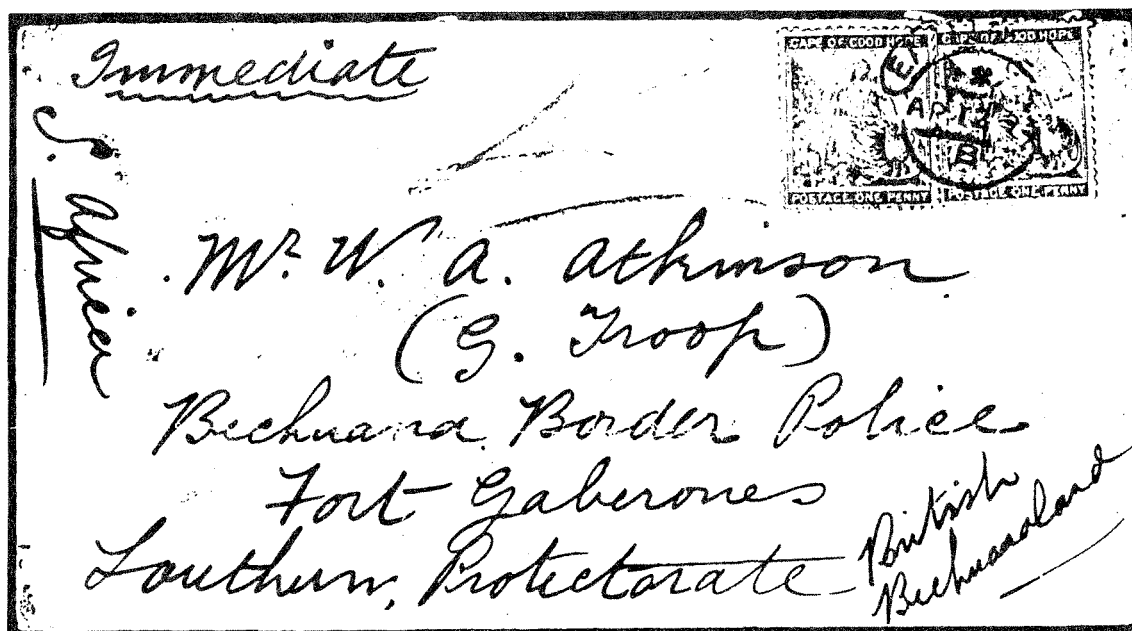


Figure 2 A cover posted in East London on the 13th May, 1892, addressed to Lance-Corporal W.A. Atkinson with the BBP at Macloutsie (Courtesy of John Taylor)

There are far fewer examples of incoming mail, and no covers addressed to Sitwell are known. The cover illustrated as Figure 2 is addressed Lance-Corporal W.A. Atkinson of 'G' Troop, BBP, Macloutsie, and was posted in East London on the 13th May, 1892. The backstamps record a route *via* Midland T.P.O. Up ('MY 14 / 92') to Vryburg ('B / MY 15 / 92') and Mafeking ('A / MY 17 / 92') and receipt in Macloutsie on 'MY 22 / 92' (a Sunday). An annotation in manuscript records that the addressee answered the letter two days later, a date on which mail is known to have been despatched from Macloutsie (see Table 3).



**Figure 3** A cover, posted in East London on the 12th October, 1893, addressed to Atkinson at Fort Gaberones. The backstamps are: Midland Up 'AU 13 / 93', Kimberley 'AP 14 / 93', Vryburg 'AP (1)5 / 93' and Mafeking 'AP 17 / 93'. The sender recorded his name and address as 'J. Doherty, Tres [Treasury] Department, East London

At least four other covers addressed to Atkinson are known. All are in the same handwriting, were posted in Cape Colony and such backstamps that have been reported show that they were forwarded *via* the same route. The covers posted on the 13th December, 1891<sup>5</sup>, 22nd April, 1892<sup>6</sup>, and 13th May, 1892 (Fig. 2), are addressed to Macloutsie, 'British Bechuanaland', but two later covers posted in October 1892<sup>7</sup> and April 1893 (Fig. 3), are addressed to Fort Gaberones, 'Southern Protectorate'. The frankings record that the sender paid 2d, the Cape rate for a half-ounce letter addressed to British Bechuanaland. The evidence relating to Mashonaland mail in April–May 1892 proves that the Protectorate surcharge of 2d per half ounce on incoming letter mail – which had to be paid by the addressee – applied at this time. It is also known that even when the surcharge was paid – as is recorded in Andrew Puzey's correspondence – the mail was neither handstamped nor annotated to receipt payment<sup>8</sup>. The cover received in Gaberones on the 14th October, 1892, is therefore unusual in that it is annotated in manuscript with what appears to be a large figure '2' to record that the addressee was to be charged 2d. The cover illustrated as Figure 3, however, is annotated with a '4' in blue crayon. This charge must relate to underpaid postage, as according to the Postal Notice published on the 18th November, 1892<sup>9</sup>, the Protectorate surcharge was dropped with effect from that date. However, although the surcharge was dropped, the half ounce letter rate from Cape Colony to the Protectorate was increased to 4d. The sender of this letter having prepaid only the former 2d rate, the addressee was charged double the deficiency, i.e.  $2 \times 2d = 4d$ .

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## THE OVERPRINTED ½d BRITISH NEWSPAPER WRAPPER

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Newspaper wrappers were introduced in British Bechuanaland during January 1887 to pay the ½d local and the 1d United Kingdom rates. Both Cape of Good Hope and Great Britain wrappers were overprinted. The last of these was issued in 1889-90 and their usage appears to have been discontinued as the stock was exhausted.

One of the most common British Bechuanaland postal stationery items is the overprinted ½d Great Britain newspaper wrapper. The wrapper was both printed and overprinted by De La Rue and Co. Two different types of wrappers were overprinted.<sup>1</sup> The first wrapper from 1883 has five lines of instructions and was released in Bechuanaland during October 1888; the second wrapper from 1889 has four lines of instructions and was according to Holmes released in Bechuanaland later the same year.<sup>1</sup> The De La Rue Day Books, now at the National Postal Museum in London, show that three printings were made of the ½d wrappers totalling 143,040 copies, but do not specify which overprinting was made on which type of wrapper.<sup>2</sup>

De La Rue did the first overprinting during September 1887 (32,640 copies), the second overprinting in May 1890 (14,400 copies), and the third and final overprinting (96,000 copies) in November 1891. Since the four-line wrapper was introduced in Great Britain on September 1, 1889,<sup>3</sup> only the second and third overprinting can possibly have been made on this design.

There are some additional and interesting details in the Day Books. The first two overprintings were packed, insured, and shipped by De La Rue apparently direct to Bechuanaland. This contrasts with the normal procedure that required the printer to deliver the finished product to the Inland Revenue Stamping Department.<sup>4</sup> Another interesting detail is that for the second (May 1890) overprinting, the Stamping Department was invoiced for both printing and overprinting. The latter was not the case for the first overprinting and for another shipment not involving newspaper wrappers for which the Day Book also details the content of the invoice. This suggests that the Stamping Department in May 1890 did not have a stock of wrappers to forward with the warrant to the printer for overprinting. The May 1890 overprinting, therefore, may have been made on a special printing or as part of a larger Great Britain printing.

In October 1890, the current British Bechuanaland postal stationery and stamps were distributed by U.P.U.'s International Bureau in Berne to member countries.<sup>5,6</sup> This was the result of a July 1889 agreement to exchange specimen copies between members and some British controlled protectorates not yet U.P.U. members. The ½d wrapper distributed, together with the 1d wrapper, was the one with the four lines of instructions. The shipment of the 345 U.P.U. wrappers must have occurred in early 1890 and, therefore, suggests that the second overprinting must have been made on the four-line wrapper. The specimen canceller applied to the wrappers was of a type believed to have been used locally in Bechuanaland.<sup>6</sup> Consequently, the wrappers must have been shipped to southern Africa and then back to Europe again, a journey that took the best part of two months.

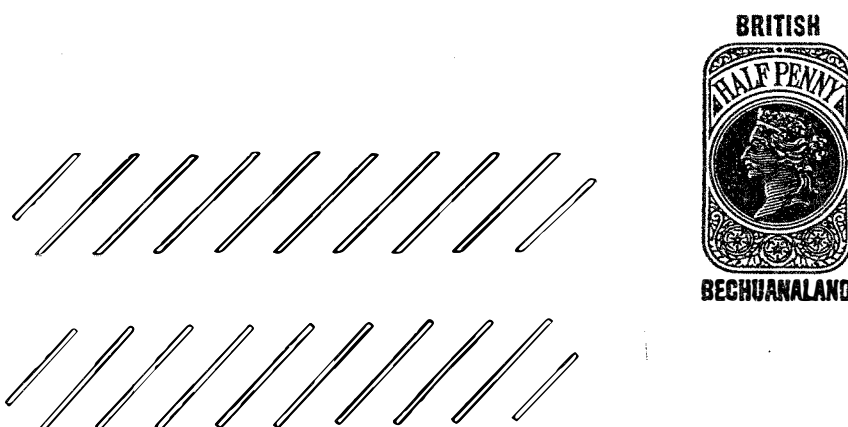
It can confidently be assumed that the first overprinting was made on the wrapper with the five lines of instructions because this was the first type issued. Thus, it would now make sense to suggest that both the second and third overprintings were done on the four-line wrapper since this design replaced the British wrappers in 1889.

In order to evaluate this possibility, we have examined our admittedly limited holding of the 1888 ½d wrapper (the one with the five explanatory lines of text). Clearly, there exist two overprint types identified by the cancelling bars (see illustration). One type has the bars terminated parallel to the text lines. The other has the bars terminated perpendicular to the length of the bars (squared). In addition, a 180° rotation will produce a close (but not perfect) overlap of the two asymmetrical and marginal bars. This may imply two different overprintings on the five-line wrapper.

Could it be that the third overprinting was also done on the five-line wrapper since two subtypes (printings?) exist of this type? The relative scarcity of the two types of overprinted wrappers prove that this is not so. We have pooled our, again very limited, holdings of these wrappers and the result is 12 copies of the wrapper with five text lines and 12 copies of the wrapper with four text lines. Although hardly a statistically sound sample, it is still sufficient to conclude that there must have existed more than the 14,400 copies of four-line wrapper produced by the second overprinting (minus 340 copies U.P.U. specimen cancelled). On this background, it is plausible that both the second and third overprintings were made on the four-lined wrapper.

~~This Wrapper may only be used for Newspapers, or for such documents as are allowed to be sent at the Book-rate of postage, and must not enclose any letter or communication of the nature of a letter (whether separate or otherwise). If this rule be infringed, the packet will be charged as a letter.~~

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The two different overprint types on the 1888 British Bechuanaland newspaper wrapper. Type 1 has the cancelling bars terminated parallel to the text lines. Type 2 has the bars terminated perpendicular to the length of the bars.

Finally, how do the two types of overprint on the five-line wrapper fit into the printing information? If we accept the above argument, we know that there was only one printing of this type of wrapper and both bar types must have been produced as part of the same overprinting. Our combined holdings suggests that the subtype with the squared terminated bars is the most common (9 copies), while the subtype with the parallel terminated bars are less common (3 copies). The subtype with the squared bars is known cancelled AU 30 1890.

From the above arguments, we can conclude that only one printing of a total of 32,640 copies was made of the five-lined wrapper, while two printings were made on the four-lined wrapper totalling 110,400. The first of the latter two overprintings were specimen overprinted and distributed by U.P.U. in 1890, and cannot have been issued in the British Bechuanaland prior to that date as suggested by Holmes.<sup>1</sup>

We would greatly appreciate hearing any comments as to the relative scarcity of the various ½d wrappers and information on dated examples in particular prior to November 1891.

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## CHECKLIST OF BOTSWANA POSTMARKS FOR OFFICES BEGINNING WITH THE LETTER 'S'

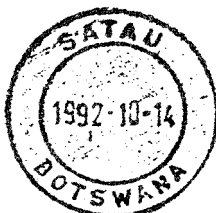
*Brian Trotter*

This checklist covers the postmarks so far recorded for all the offices beginning with the letter S. The Botswana Postmark Project Team has recorded 157 different markings up to now. No doubt additional ones shall continuously be discovered and new ones issued. We encourage our members to provide further information on both recorded and unrecorded markings.

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

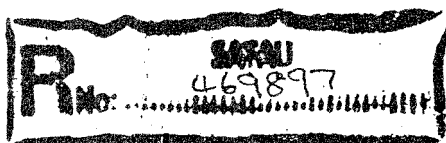
The results of the Project Team's efforts for offices beginning with the letter 'S' follow. Due to the large number of recorded markings, we shall need to split this checklist into 2 parts for publication.

### SATAU



#### No. 1 Type 2 B 51

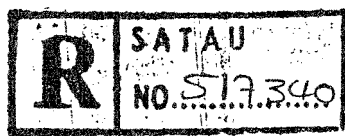
Circle diameters	:	18.5 & 27 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jul 26, 1988
Latest recorded date	:	Oct 15, 1993
Number recorded so far	:	10



#### No. 2 Type REGN 3a

Box dimensions	:	±16 x 55 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jul 26, 1988
Latest recorded date	:	Jul 26, 1988
Number recorded so far	:	2

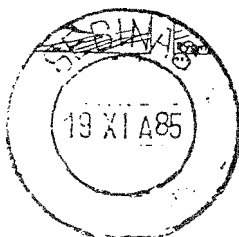
The second recorded item is on piece, so no date of use can be determined.



#### No. 3 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions	:	15 x 43 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jul 15, 1992
Latest recorded date	:	Oct 15, 1993
Number recorded so far	:	5

### SEBINA (Also spelt Sebinas)



#### No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters	:	19 & 30 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Sep 14, 1967
Latest recorded date	:	Jan 15, 1994
Codes recorded	:	A, B, C
Number recorded so far	:	27



## No. 2 Type 23 A 1

Circle diameter	: 35 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Aug 30, 1972
Latest recorded date	: Dec 14, 1973
Number recorded so far	: 2

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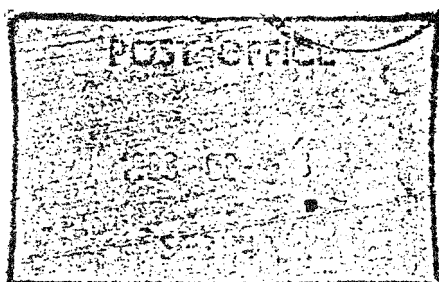
## No. 3 Type 2 B 51

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Earliest recorded date	: Dec 5, 1983
Latest recorded date	: Oct 21, 1994
Number recorded so far	: 15



## No. 4 Type 21 A 1

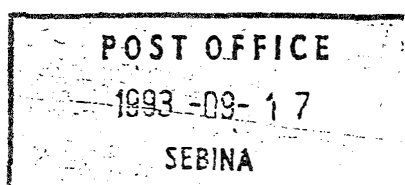
Circle diameters	: 18 & 29 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Feb 8, 1983
Latest recorded date	: May 14, 1987
Number recorded so far	: 14



## No. 5 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions	: ±35 x 54 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Aug 8, 1986
Latest recorded date	: Aug 8, 1986
Number recorded so far	: 1

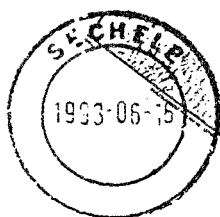
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## No. 6 Type 8 J 26

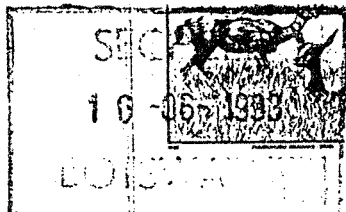
Box dimensions	: 23.5 x 51.5 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Sep 17, 1993
Latest recorded date	: Jan 24, 1994
Number recorded so far	: 3

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**SECHELE**

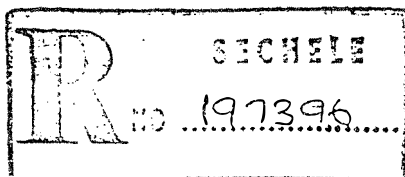
No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 18.5 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 3, 1991  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 16, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 5



No. 2 Type 8 B 51

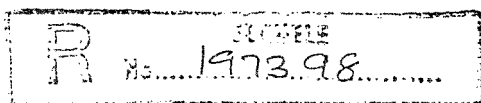
Box dimensions : 28 x 44 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 16, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 16, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 3 Type REGN 3a

Box dimensions : 22 x 51 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 16, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 16, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 1

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No. 4 Type REGN 3a

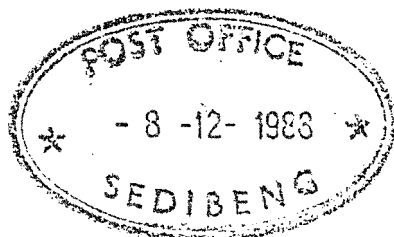
Box dimensions : 12 x 61 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 16, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 16, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

**SEDIBENG**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 17 & 26 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec ?, 1978  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 22, 1994  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 24

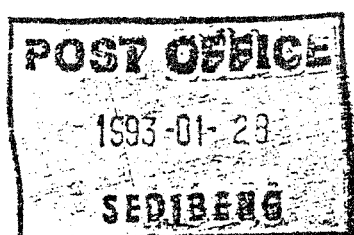


No. 2 Type 61 J 27

Oval dimensions : 31 x 50 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 8, 1988  
 Latest recorded date : Aug 8, 1989  
 Number recorded so far : 3

All the recorded items are struck in red.



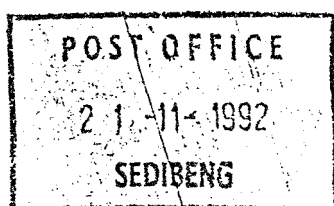


No. 3 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : ±29 x 44 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 28, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 28, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 1

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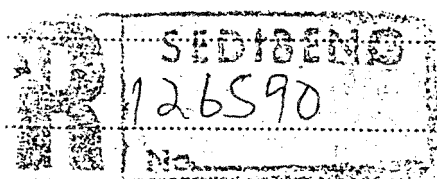


No. 4 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : 21 x 42 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 29, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 21, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 4

All recorded items are struck in red.

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No. 5 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions : ±22 x 55 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 23, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 23, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red, the second item is on piece, so no date of use can be determined.

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## SEETSO

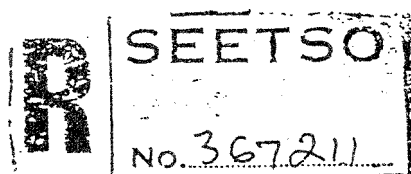


No. 1 Type 2 X 1

Circle diameters : 20 & 32 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 22, 1975  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 15, 1988  
 Codes recorded : A, D  
 Number recorded so far : 9

Although Serowe appears with Seetso on the postmark, Seetso was a separate office.

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No. 2 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions : 22 x 51 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : ?  
 Latest recorded date : ?  
 Number recorded so far : 1

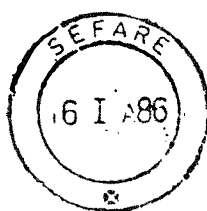
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**SEFHARE**

## No. 1 Type 2 D 8

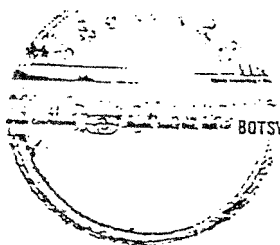
Circle diameters	:	18 & 26 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Oct 7, 1966
Latest recorded date	:	Mar 24, 1994
Codes recorded	:	A, B, C, None
Number recorded so far	:	27

This is Bechuanaland Protectorate marking No. 1 (See Runner Post No. 10, page 173).



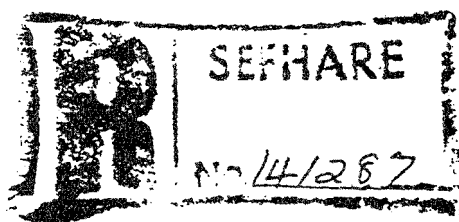
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Latest recorded date	:	Feb 16, 1994
Codes recorded	:	A, B, C
Number recorded so far	:	21



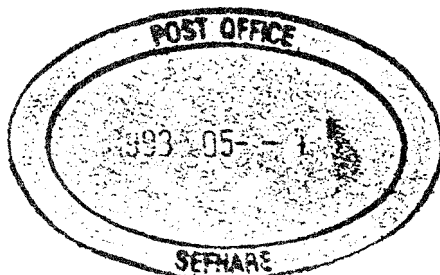
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Circle diameter	:	±33 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	?
Latest recorded date	:	?
Number recorded so far	:	1



## No. 4 Type REGN 2a

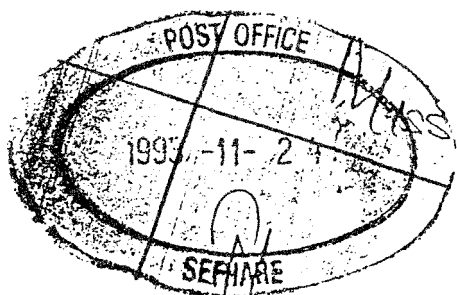
Box dimensions	:	±24 x 55 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Oct 7, 1966
Latest recorded date	:	Oct 7, 1966
Number recorded so far	:	1



## No. 5 Type 6 J 26

Oval dimensions	:	35.5 x 56 & 26.5 x 46 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Nov 24, 1992
Latest recorded date	:	May 4, 1993
Number recorded so far	:	2

One recorded item is struck in red. See No. 6 below for larger oval and larger lettering.



No. 6 Type 6 J 26

Oval dimensions : 38 x 57.5 &amp; 27 x 46 mm

Earliest recorded date : Nov 24, 1993

Latest recorded date : Nov 24, 1993

Number recorded so far : 1

See No. 5 above for smaller oval and smaller lettering.

**SEFHOPHE** (Also spelt Sefophe)

No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 18 &amp; 27 mm

Earliest recorded date : Oct 9, 1976

Latest recorded date : Aug 13, 1985

Codes recorded : A

Number recorded so far : 9

The illustration is not clear, but the spelling on this marking is Sefophe.



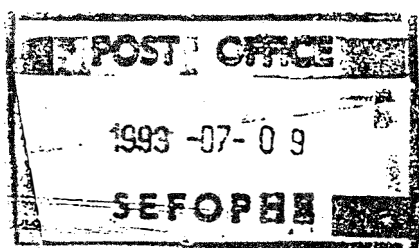
No. 2 Type 21 A 1

Circle diameters : 18 &amp; 30 mm

Earliest recorded date : Dec 7, 1986

Latest recorded date : Feb 23, 1994

Number recorded so far : 11



No. 3 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : 31 x 52 mm

Earliest recorded date : May 22, 1987

Latest recorded date : Jan 21, 1994

Number recorded so far : 7

All recorded items are struck in red. The red 'blocks' in the corners are believed to be the result of over-inking, and not part of the design. Some markings have no trace of these red 'blocks', others have them in all 4 corners, or various combinations of 1, 2, or 3.

**SEHITWA**

No. 1 Type 2 D 2

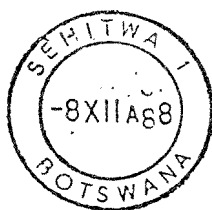
Circle diameters : 21 &amp; 34 mm

Earliest recorded date : Oct 21, 1968

Latest recorded date : Sep 6, 1980

Codes recorded : A

Number recorded so far : 4



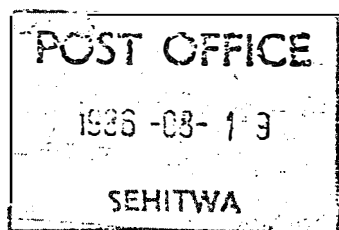
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Circle diameters : 18 & 26 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 12, 1984  
 Latest recorded date : May 4, 1993  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 21



## No. 3 Type 2 F 4

Circle diameters : 18 & 26 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 21, 1985  
 Latest recorded date : Mar 6, 1993  
 Codes recorded : A, C  
 Number recorded so far : 3



## No. 4 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : 29 x 42.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 19, 1986  
 Latest recorded date : Aug 19, 1986  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

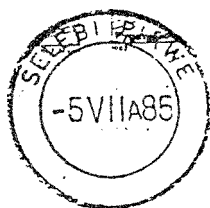


## No. 5 Type 61 J 27

Oval dimensions : 32.5 x 59.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 27, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : May 4, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.

**SELEBI PHIKWE** (Also spelt Selebi Pikwe, also sometimes as one word, or with hyphen between words)



## No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 18 & 26 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 11, 1972  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 14, 1994  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 49



No. 2 Type 23 A 1

Circle diameter : 35 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 25, 1972  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 17, 1973  
 Number recorded so far : 6

All recorded items are struck in purple.

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No. 3 Type 23 J 26

Circle diameter : 36.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 16, 1973  
 Latest recorded date : Jul 16, 1973  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in purple.

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No. 4 Type 21 A 1

Circle diameters : 18 & 30 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 28, 1983  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 22, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : More than 50

Our recorded item has the date sequence reversed.

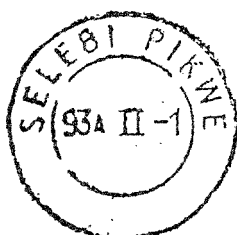
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No. 5 Type 21 A 1

Circle diameters : 18.5 & 29.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : May 22, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 23, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 13

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No. 6 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 18.5 & 30 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 1, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Jul 6, 1994  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 7



No. 7 Type 21 D 6

Circle diameters	:	18 & 30 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	May 20, 1986
Latest recorded date	:	Oct 9, 1989
Number recorded so far	:	2

The latest recorded item has the date sequence reversed.

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No. 8 Type 2 D 6

Circle diameters	:	21 & 33 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Aug 9, 1986
Latest recorded date	:	Mar 1, 1991
Codes recorded	:	A, B, C
Number recorded so far	:	9

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No. 9 Type 2 E(4)

Circle diameters	:	18 & 27 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jul 2, 1987
Latest recorded date	:	Jan 24, 1994
Codes recorded	:	A, C
Number recorded so far	:	3

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No. 10 Type 2 E(5)

Circle diameters	:	18 & 27 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Feb 5, 1991
Latest recorded date	:	Jun 2, 1993
Codes recorded	:	A, B, C
Number recorded so far	:	5

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No. 11 Type 2 E(6)

Circle diameters	:	18 & 26 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Nov 7, 1977
Latest recorded date	:	Jun 9, 1993
Codes recorded	:	A, B, C
Number recorded so far	:	More than 50

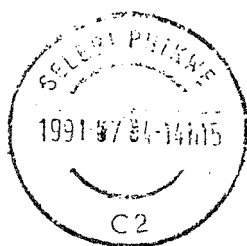
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No. 12 Type 2 C 21

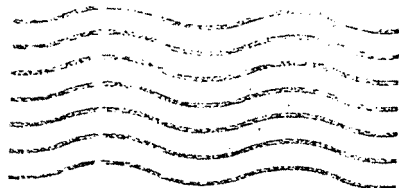
Circle diameters	:	20 & 31 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Nov 26, 1975
Latest recorded date	:	Apr 2, 1993
Codes recorded	:	A, B, C
Number recorded so far	:	29

Four of the recorded items have the date sequence reversed, two of these have the date following the month (as in the illustration), while the other 2 have the code preceding the month.



No. 13 Type 21 C 23(2)

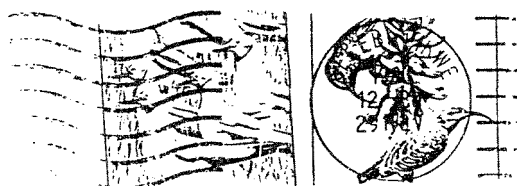
Circle diameters : 18 & 31 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 24, 1991  
 Latest recorded date : Jul 4, 1991  
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 14 Type MACH 2b

Circle diameter : 22 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 27, 1976  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 9, 1984  
 Number recorded so far : 4

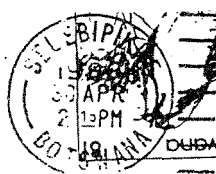
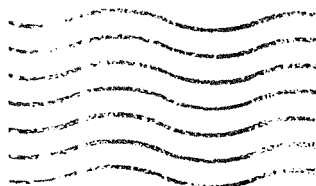
Date and time sequence varies.



No. 15 Type MACH 2a

Circle diameter : 22 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 13, 1976  
 Latest recorded date : May 19, 1988  
 Number recorded so far : 37

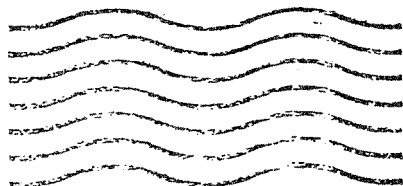
Date and time sequence varies. One recorded item has time and date inverted, but year is not.



No. 16 Type MACH 4a

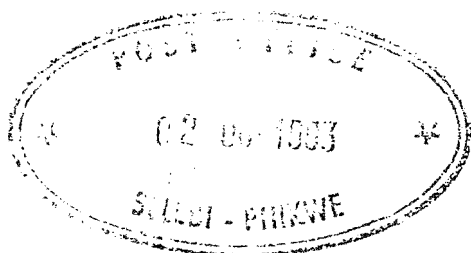
Circle diameter : 22 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 30, 1986  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 8, 1991  
 Number recorded so far : 6

Two of the recorded items have larger digits for the year.



No. 17 Type MACH 4b

Circle diameter : 21.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 14, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 8, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 18 Type 61 J 27

Oval dimensions : 32.5 x 58.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 14, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 17, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 4

All recorded items are struck in red. Similar to No. 19 below.

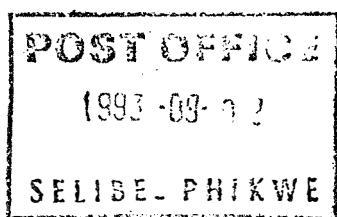


No. 19 Type 61 J 27

Oval dimensions : 32 x 60.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 27, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Sep 27, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red. Similar to No. 18 above.

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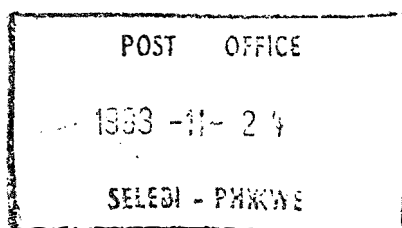


No. 20 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : 27 x 43 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 2, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Sep 2, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red. Note Selebi is mis-spelt as Selibi.

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No. 21 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : ±29 x 51 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : May 5, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 24, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.

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No. 22 Type 6 J 26

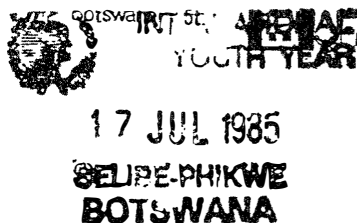
Oval dimensions : 37 x 60 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 19, 1990  
 Latest recorded date : Aug 31, 1991  
 Number recorded so far : 4



No. 23 Type SPEC 1b

Circle diameters : 20 & 31 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 7, 1977  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 7, 1977  
 Codes recorded : A  
 Number recorded so far : 1





No. 24 Type SPEC 3

Earliest recorded date : Jul 17, 1985  
 Latest recorded date : Sep 21, 1985  
 Number recorded so far : 6

One recorded item is struck in red. Omnibus marking - International Youth Year.



No. 25 Type SPEC 2b

Earliest recorded date : Sep 30, 1986  
 Latest recorded date : Sep 30, 1986  
 Number recorded so far : 1

Omnibus marking - 20th Anniversary of Independence.



No. 26 Type SPEC 2b

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

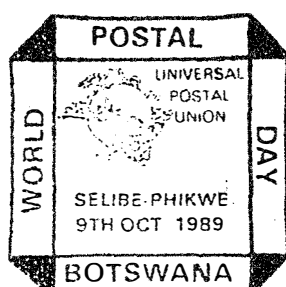
Omnibus marking - Child Survival & Development - Immunise Your Child.



No. 27 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Jul 13, 1987  
 Latest recorded date : Jul 13, 1987  
 Number recorded so far : 1

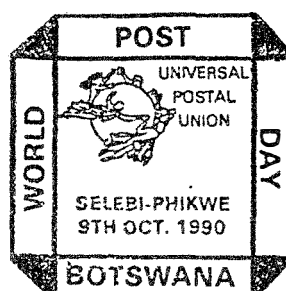
Omnibus marking - Association of Round Tables in Central Africa - 20 Years of Service.



No. 28 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Oct 9, 1989  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 9, 1989  
 Number recorded so far : 3

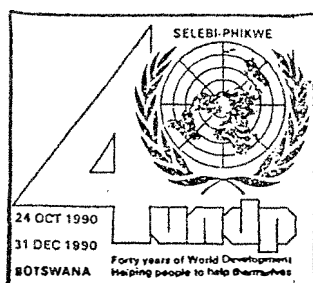
All recorded items struck in blue. Omnibus marking - World Postal Day 1989 (See Postmark No. 29 below for a similar mark for 1990, and Postal charged to Post).



No. 29 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 marking - World Post Day 1990 (See No. 28 above for a similar mark for 1989, and Postal instead of Post).



No. 30 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Oct 24-Dec 31 '90  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 24-Dec 31 '90  
 Number recorded so far : 2

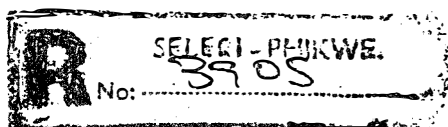
The single recorded item is struck in blue, and used to cancel a stamp on an unaddressed cover. Omnibus marking - UNDP Forty Years of World Development.



No. 31 Type REGN 2h

Box dimensions :  $\pm 24 \times 69$  mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 25, 1972  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 25, 1972  
 Number recorded so far : 2

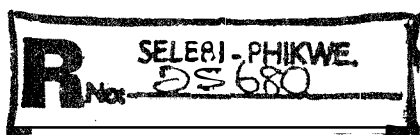
Both recorded items are struck in purple. One is on piece so no date of use can be determined.



No. 32 Type REGN 3a

Box dimensions :  $\pm 15 \times 57$  mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 2, 1983  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 2, 1983  
 Number recorded so far : 4

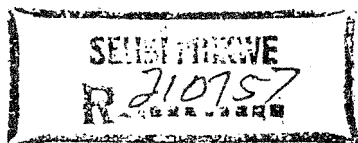
All recorded items are struck in red, and three are on piece, so no date of use can be determined. See marking No. 33 below for a similar marking with different dimensions and lettering size.



No. 33 Type REGN 3a

Box dimensions :  $\pm 15 \times 53$  mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 26, 1981  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 29, 1981  
 Number recorded so far : 2

See marking No. 32 above for a similar marking with different dimensions and lettering size.



No. 34 Type REGN 4c

Box dimensions :  $\pm 17 \times 40$  mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 10, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 22, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 12

Eight of the recorded items are struck in red, and one in purple.



No. 35 Type MISC 3k

Circle diameters : 18.5 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 4, 1991  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 4, 1991  
 Number recorded so far : 1

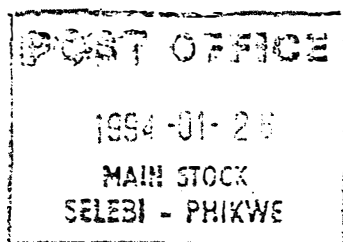
The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 36 Type MISC 6 Z 13

Oval dimensions : 33 x 59 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 28, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 28, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 2

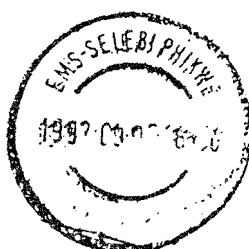
Both recorded items are struck in red. The year is unclear on one of the items, so date of use cannot be determined.



No. 37 Type MISC 7h

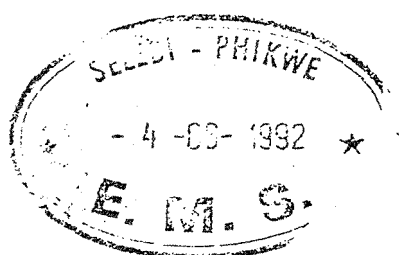
Box dimensions : 31 x 43.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 11, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 26, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 3

All recorded items are struck in red.



No. 38 Type MISC 31

Circle diameters : 18 & 31 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : May 10, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Sep 2, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 39 Type MISC 6j

Oval dimensions : 32 x 50 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 4, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 4, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 40 Type MISC 11

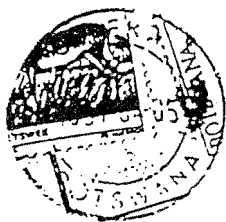
Earliest recorded date : Oct 20, 1989  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 20, 1989  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in blue. Omnibus marking - Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary.

**SELEKA**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : May 9, 1979  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 8, 1988  
 Codes recorded : A  
 Number recorded so far : 12



No. 2 Type 2 B 51

Circle diameters : 18 & 28 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : ?  
 Latest recorded date : ?  
 Number recorded so far : 1

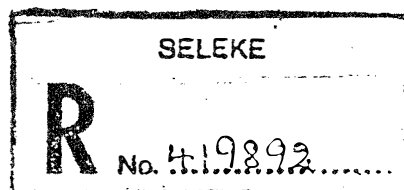
The only recorded item has the year unclear, so only month and day can be determined.



No. 3 Type 6 J 26

Oval dimensions : 24 x 37 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 18, 1985  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 18, 1985  
 Number recorded so far : 5

All recorded items are struck in red.



No. 4 Type REGN 3a

Box dimensions : 28.5 x 51 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : ?  
 Latest recorded date : ?  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red, and are on piece, so no date of use can be determined.

PART 2 OF THE CHECKLIST OF BOTSWANA POSTMARKS FOR OFFICES BEGINNING WITH THE  
 LETTER 'S' WILL BE PUBLISHED IN RUNNER POST NUMBER 46



**BECHUANALANDS & BOTSWANA SOCIETY****POSTAL BID SALE NUMBER 10 (UK)****CLOSING DATE 28 FEBRUARY 1997**

Once again we can again offer a good range of lots, for which all bids should be sent to Tony Chilton, 56 Framfield Road, Mitcham CR4 2AL (UK) to arrive by 28 February 1997. Please remember to keep to the bidding steps (as published in Runner Post 26. - further copies of the auction rules are available from the auctioneer). Members outside Europe who bid on any bulky lots should indicate whether they want these sent by air or surface mail.

**LITERATURE**

1. "The Postage Stamps, Postal Stationery and Postmarks of the Bechuanalands" by Holmes. Photocopy of the relevant 139 out of original 189 pages Est £15

**STELLALAND**

2. 1d small thin and slight perf damage, some paper adhesion on reverse. light manuscript cancel Res £30
3. 3d orange mint vertical pair with right margin. SG 2 Est £20
4. Set of forgeries 1d to 1/-, perf about 13. some faults, the 1d especially stained and with biro line across stamp Est £5
5. Revenues 1/6 unused; 2/- stained, printing flaw at left; 2/6 unused; £5 small stains Est £12
6. Revenue 2/6 fine mint Est £15
7. Revenue 10/- fine mint Est £18
8. Revenue 1/6 with upright JPM monogram fine mint Est £8
9. Revenue 2/- with upright JPM monogram fine mint Est £8
10. Revenue 2/6 with inverted JPM monogram mint Est £8
11. Revenue 5/- with upright JPM monogram fine mint Est £8

**BRITISH BECHUANALAND**

12. 1885 3d, SG 2, fine mint Est £15
13. 1885 4d, SG 3, fine mint Est £25
14. 1885 ½d, 3d, 4d, SG 1-3, fine used Est £18
15. 1885 Anchor wmk ½d, 1d, 2d, 6d (2). also 1887 ½d (2, 1 used in Macloutsi) SG 4-7,9 all used Est £12
16. CGH 2d (unoverprinted) used Mafeking Feb 1896. Also, forgeries of SG7 and 8 (2) and of Mafeking Besieged 1d (cut at foot), all used Est £4
17. 1887 4d SG 13 handstamped SPECIMEN diagonally (Holmes type 2) Est £15
18. 1887 6d SG 14 handstamped SPECIMEN diagonally (Holmes type 2) Est £15
19. 1887 1d SG10, 5 fine used copies Est £6
20. 1887 2d used with Setlagoli/Bechuanaland AP 10 (no year) single circle. G in postmark filled-in Res £15
21. 1887 2d pale dull lilac, SG 11a, with BONC 638 Est £5
22. 1887 2d (5), 3d (2), 4d (4) good used Est £4
23. 1887 3d, SG 12, with BONC 1003 (Lobatsi) Res £10
24. 1887 6d, SG 14, 6 used including vertical pair on piece Est £4
25. 1887 1/-, SG 15, 3 used copies Est £2.50
26. 1887 £1 uncanceled but slight stain from document from which it was removed. good colour Res £30
27. 1887 £5 manuscript date and initials. Excellent colour but some creases Res £60
28. 1888 1d and 2d (red overprint), SG 22, 23, used Est £1
29. 1891 1d and 2d overprints reading upwards, BONCs, both with faults; also 1891 1d, 2d, 6d (SG 33, 34, 36) used Est £1
30. 1891 2d SG 32 Lobatsi RS/South Africa DE 9 97 single circle Res £10
31. 1891 2d SG 32 used, overprint misplaced with B of Bechuanaland partly at top and bottom Res £5
32. 1891-4 2d SG 34 with slightly faint but complete Kuruman/Bechuanaland single circle Res £4
33. South Africa 1947 2d Royal Visit cancelled Keimoes 17 II A47 on cover to Johannesburg Res £11



34. 1888 1d card (on GB) used with 1891 1d adhesive to Mashonaland. Vryburg/BB B SP 2 93 single circle type IIIa pmk. Some edge creasing Res £3 6
35. CGH QV 1d letter card cut-out with complete Kuruman/Bechuanaland DE 15 97 single circle Res £4

## BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE

36. 1888 ½d SG 40 mint, 2, one with slight doubling of P Est £2.50
37. 1888 ½d second printing with dropped final e of Protectorate mint Est £10
38. 1888 ½d with dropped 'rate' of Protectorate, used Est £10
39. 1888 ½d with dropped 'ot' of Protectorate, used Est £10
40. 1888 ½d Protectorate doubled SG 40a mint Est £60
41. 1888 ½d with incomplete doubling of Protectorate unused, small stains Est £45
42. 1888 1d small figure 1, SG 41a, mint Est £50
43. 1888 1d and 2d, SG 41, 42, mint Est £6
44. 1888 3d, SG 43, unmounted mint Est £35
45. 1888 4d, SG 44, mint Est £40
46. 1888 6d, SG 45, mint Est £12
47. 1888 1/-, SG 46, mint Est £12
48. 1888 (Dec) 4d, SG 51, mint Est £15
49. 1888 4d, SG 51, used, slight crease Est £6
50. 1889 and 1897 ½d's, SG 52 unmounted mint, SG 56 mint, SG 57 unmounted mint, SG 58 mint Est £8
51. 1889 Fourpence on ½d, SG 53, 2 with 6mm spacing, 1 with 5mm spacing, mint Est £11
52. 1889 Fourpence on ½d, SG 53, with overprint shifted to left and P and F appearing on right edge. Also 1897 1d, both used Est £1
53. 1890 ½d SG 54 unmounted mint Est £28
54. 1890 ½d Protectorate inverted SG 54a mint Est £20
55. 1890 ½d Protectorate inverted SG 54a used Est £30
56. 1890 ½d Protectorate doubled SG 54b unmounted mint Est £25
57. 1890 ½d Protectorate 19mm, SG 55 mint Est £35
58. 1897-1902 2d, SG 62, Palapye Station/BP single circle Res £4
59. QV 1897-1902 and KE7 1904-13 (both ½d's and 1/-'s) sets mint SG 59-71 Est £35
60. KE7 ½d Mahalapye Siding/CGH JU 29 14 single circle Res £5
61. KE7 ½d blue-green (2), yellow green (2), 1d (3), 2½d fine used Est £2.50
62. KE7 1d partial Kanye/Bechuanaland single circle Res £1
63. KE7 1/- green and scarlet fine used Ramoutsa cds Est £15
64. KE7 1/- green and carmine fine used Est £14
65. KG5 script wmk ½d to 1/- 22 used with listed shades and varieties Est £35
66. KG5 1912 1d 'no cross on crown' with Francetown cds. Also used normal Est £18
67. KG5 1912 1d and 1913-24 ½d to 1/- with both dies of 2d and both shades of 6d and 1/- mint Est £15
68. KG5 1925-27 block wmk set with both 6d mint Est £12
69. KG5 block wmk used set (6d on chalky) Est £18
70. KG5 1d SG 92 partial Pitsani code A single circle type 2 Res £4
71. KG5 2d SG 93 bottom marginal single with control 'B 24' Est £5
72. KG5 3d SG 94 bottom marginal single with control 'B 24' Est £7
73. KG5 6d purple on ordinary paper SG 97, fine mint marginal block of four Est £55
74. 2/6 seahorse, Waterlow printing, mint Est £20
75. 5/- seahorse, Waterlow printing, centred to left, mint Res £45
76. 5/- seahorse, Waterlow printing, centred high, mint Est £35
77. 2/6 seahorse, DLR printing, grey-brown, unmounted mint Est £25
78. 2/6 seahorse, DLR printing, deep brown mint, crinkled gum Est £20
79. 5/- seahorse, DLR printing, centred to right, mint Est £40
80. 2/6 seahorse, Bradbury Wilkinson printing, centred slightly low, used Mahalapye Est £40
81. 2/6 seahorse, BW printing, centred high, mint, slight gum crease Est £15
82. 5/- seahorse, BW printing, rose-red, centred top left. bottom right corner perf missing. Unused Est £20
83. 5/- seahorse, BW printing, rose-red, centred to top left, mint Res £35
84. 5/- seahorse, BW printing, rose-red, centred lower left, used with 2 x part Palapye Road cds's Est £65
85. KG5 1932 definitive set, mounted/unmounted mint Est £40
86. KG5 1932 definitives to 5/-, fine used Est £30



87.	KG5 1932 1d with partial (SAR)&H(Mahalap)ye 096 oval cancel. Year only shown as 33, three years earlier than the 3 recorded in RP14	Res	£5
88.	KG5 1932 2d, small stain at foot and perf missing. 2 strikes of Shashi/Bech. Prot 5 APR 33 cds	Res	£6
89.	KG5 1932 6d on airmail cover Francistown to UK type 5 pmk	Res	£1
90.	KG5 1932 2d+3d on 1936 S.A. OHMS registered cover, Mafeking (reg. cachet) to Rhodesia	Est	£7
91.	KG5 1932 10/- very fine used, cat £100+	Est	£25
92.	1935 Silver Jubilee 1d with partial SAR&H/Fra(ncistown) 14 SEP 35 oval	Res	£10
93.	1935 Silver Jubilee 1d with complete Pilane cds	Res	£3
94.	1935 Silver Jubilee and 1937 Coronation sets mint	Est	£1
95.	1935 Silver Jubilee, 1937 Coronation sets used; also KG6 definitive set used, with most shade varieties	Est	£15
96.	KG5 1d postal fiscal, SG F3, unmounted mint	Est	£12
97.	KG6 definitives mint, SG 118-128, with all 'a' numbers except 127a	Est	£13
98.	KG6 3d pair on registered 1952 cover from Maun to Kimberley with Maun registration cachet	Est	£6
99.	KG6 6d on registered 1953 cover from Maun to Kimberley with Maun registration cachet	Est	£6
100.	Victory, Royal Visit, Silver Wedding and UPU sets mounted / unmounted (incl. SG 137) mint	Est	£6
101.	Victory, Royal Visit, Silver Wedding, UPU and 1953 Coronation sets used	Est	£5
102.	1947 Royal Visit set of 4 perf SPECIMEN (Holmes type 1) each with individual RPSL certificate (1993) unmounted mint	Res	£60
103.	1947 Royal Visit set on registered cover to UK. Royal Visit/Lobatsi. Bech. Prot. 17 APR 47 double circle and special registration cachet	Res	£1
104.	QE2 Coronation, definitive and 75th Anniversary sets mounted/unmounted mint	Est	£10
105.	QE2 definitive and 75th Anniversary sets used	Est	£8
106.	QE2 ½d strip of three (SG 143) on 1955 cover to USA from Palapye	Est	£4
107.	QE2 3d with Moeng 10 III A60 double circle (earlier date than in RP20)	Res	£3
108.	QE2 6d (SG 148) on OHMS cover to USA from Lobatsi	Est	£5
109.	1961 decimal overprints; 1c types I, and II, 2c, 2½c on 2d type I, 2½c on 3d, 3½c types I, II and III with pairs and wide surcharges, unmounted mint	Est	£10
110.	Decimal overprints mint: 3½ on 4d, 4 pairs showing all possible combinations of Types I & II (I+I, I+II, II+I, II+II). Right stamp of each pair with Wide Surcharge. SG 161/a/b/c	Est	£30
111.	Decimal overprints used; 1c types I and II, 2c, 2½c on 2d type II, 2½c on 3d, 3½c types I, II and III, 5c types I and II, 10c, 12½c, 25c, 50c	Est	£10
112.	Decimal overprints; 5c types I & II, 10c, 12½c, 25c, 50c, R1 type II 1st and 2nd printings mint	Est	£2
113.	1961 2½c on 2d with Kazungula double circle	Res	£4
114.	R1 on 10/- type I mint (minute hinge remainder) cat over £200	Est	£45
115.	R1 on 10/- Type II 1st printing (surcharge bottom left) imprint block of four u/mint SG 167a	Est	£16
116.	R1 on 10/- type II 2nd printing unmounted mint bottom two rows with side and bottom margins, imprint and plate numbers	Est	£12 20
117.	Decimal definitive set mint, SG 168-181	Est	£8
118.	Decimal definitive set used	Est	£4
119.	1961 5c and 10c bird definitives on cover Gaberones Station to UK, type 3 postmark	Res	£2
120.	1961 12½c definitive mint	Est	£2.50
121.	1961 R2 definitive mint, mounted on top margin	Est	£4
122.	1963-66 commemorative sets, SG 182-201 mint	Est	£1
123.	1963-66 commemorative sets used	Est	£1
124.	1965 New Constitution 2½c variety inverted watermark, fine used, SG 186 var	Est	£5
125.	1899 QV Antilles type 4d blue PS registered envelope overprinted SPECIMEN, H&G 7a size F	Res	£18
126.	QE2 6d air letter wmk K unused, rub mark on front	Res	£2
127.	Postage dues 1926 ½d, 1d, 2d mint	Est	£2.50
128.	Postage dues 1926 2d, 1932 1d, 1961 5c on ½d used	Est	£15
129.	Postage due 1932 ½d mint	Res	£1.50
130.	Postage dues 1932 ½d, 1d right marginal, 2d mint	Res	£4
131.	Postage dues; 1932 ½d (3), 1d (3, 1 chalky), 2d (3, 1 chalky), 1961 1c on 1d types I and II (2, 1 chalky), 2c on 2d types I and II (chalky), 5c on ½d, 1961 1c, 2c, 5c all mint	Est	£8
132.	Postage dues 1961 1c on 1d unmounted mint top left marginal block of 4, type II ordinary paper	Est	£12
133.	Postage dues 1961 2c on 2d type II ordinary paper unmounted mint single with bottom margin	Est	£12
134.	Revenue £5 of Transvaal overprinted for B.P. (B&H 7, capital letters, larger B & P). fine used	Est	£45



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| 135. Revenue 5/- of Cape overprinted for B.P. (B&H 14) fine used   | Est £18 |
| 136. Revenue 2/6 of South Africa overprinted for B.P. (B&H 16) two copies fine used on piece   | Est £15 |
| 137. Revenue 5/- of South Africa overprinted for B.P. (B&H 17) fine used   | Est £7  |
| 138. Revenue 10/- of South Africa overprinted for B.P. (B&H 18) fine used  | Est £12 |
| 139. Revenue 1/- of South Africa overprinted for B.P. (B&H 25) two copies fine used showing 1mm and 2mm spacing between lines of overprint | Est £20 |

**BOTSWANA**

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| 140. 1966 (3 XI) cover carried on return of 1st Johannesburg to Gaborone flight by Botswana National Airways. BNA cachet (see RP20)   | Est £4    | ✓    |
| 141. 1969-92 35 commercial registered covers with good range of stamps, regn. labels and postmarks  | Est £12   | 20   |
| 142. 1970-92 official Govt and Postal Service covers, stamped (5) and stampless (8) mostly from Gaborone, some with special event and miscellaneous postal markings   | Est £2.50 | 3.00 |
| 143. 1973-92 50 commercial and personal covers with good range of stamps and postal markings for each decade  | Est £8    | 21   |
| 144. 1979 7 thebe aerogramme unused, fuzzy print  | Res £1    |      |
| 145. 1980-89 20 thebe aerogramme unused, blue plane, ochre trees  | Res £1    |      |
| 146. 1983-93 used postal stationery registered envelopes. RP39 nos. RE6, RE8 (2, 1 very roughly opened but with Charles Hill type 8J26 rectangular pmks), RE9 (2), RE10a (2, 1 with Francistown type REGN 3b handstamp) | Est £5    |      |
| 147. 1982 2 pula Augur Buzzard very fine used   | Res £4    |      |
| 148. Special event postmarks on 31 unaddressed covers/cards from different offices: 1989 World Postal Day (1 office), Nehru Cent. (1), 1990 International Literary Year (10), UNFPA (6), World Post Day (8), UNDP (5)   | Est £12   | 8    |
| 149. International Reply Coupon issued at Mahalapye A79 III 26  | Res £2    | 21   |

**MIXED**

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| 150. British Bechuanaland, Bechuanaland Protectorate and Botswana 37 mint and used 1887-1987 incl. 1897 4d | Res £3 |
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**BOPHUTHATSWANA**

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| 151. 1984 Telephone, 1984 Lizards. 1985 Health, 1985 Easter, 1985 Trees, 1985 Mafeking sets used (partial first day cancels) | Res £1 |
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**OTHERS**

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| 152. Zambia 1973 WHO 4n SG 199 unmounted mint bottom marginal strip of 5 with cylinder Nos. and printer's imprint. Never supplied to dealers and thus Zambia's rarest stamp cat £240+ | Est £50 |
| 153. Zambia 1973 1st Anniv. of Republic 4n SG 203 mint & used singles. Issued for local use only.   | Est £3  |
| 154. Zambia SG 203 traffic light gutter block of 4 mint, small marks on gum   | Est £8  |



**RULES OF THE BECHUANALANDS AND BOTSWANA SOCIETY (Rev 96)**

1. The TITLE of the Society shall be 'THE BECHUANALANDS AND BOTSWANA SOCIETY'
2. The OBJECT of the Society shall be to encourage study of all aspects of the Philately and Postal History of these territories.
3. The Hon. Secretary may (at his/her discretion) admit to membership an applicant on payment of the Annual Subscription at any time in force and thereafter payable on 1st day of July each year. Any member who has not paid his/her subscription by 1st October shall be deemed to have had the benefits of membership suspended until such time as payment has been made. If no payment is received within a further three months the member shall automatically be deemed to have resigned.  
(Amendment approved at AGM on 13 October 1993)
4. The Annual Subscription shall be reviewed annually by the Committee, any increase in the Subscription to be notified to all members and to be endorsed at the next Annual General meeting of the Society before being implemented.
5. A General Meeting of the Society shall be held annually at the Autumn meeting of the Society. It will normally be held in October on a date to be determined by the Committee. The Annual General Meeting shall:
  - (a) Receive the Reports of the Officers for the preceding year;
  - (b) Review and approve as necessary the Statement of Accounts presented by the Hon. Treasurer and shall appoint an Hon. Auditor for the ensuing year.
  - (c) In alternate years, commencing in October 1990, elect the Officers of the Society and other Committee Members to serve for the ensuing two-year period.
  - (d) Determine the rate of the Annual Subscription for the ensuing year.
  - (e) Consider any other business resolutions or matters arising, subject to Rule 16
6. The OFFICERS of the Society, who shall be Honorary, will comprise:  
Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Auctioneer, Archivist  
and any others it is deemed necessary to appoint from time to time.  
These OFFICERS shall constitute the Committee of the Society and shall be empowered to co-opt other Members to the Committee as necessary. They shall be elected biennially at a General Meeting of the Society, where any postal votes previously received from Members unable to attend in person shall be deemed valid.  
The CHAIRMAN shall serve for a maximum period of two consecutive two-year terms before standing down for at least one term of office. However, after serving the maximum period, the ex-Chairman shall become eligible to serve on the Committee in any other capacity.  
(Amendment approved 19 September 1996)
7. The Chairman or, in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairman, shall conduct the Meetings, but in the event that both are absent the Committee shall elect one of its number to take the Chair. The Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote where this is necessary.  
(Amendment approved 19 September 1996)
8. The Hon. Secretary shall conduct the Correspondence of the Society, keep a Register of Members and maintain a Minute Book. The latter shall be available for reference at General Meetings.



9. The Hon. Treasurer shall have charge of the Funds of the Society, and maintain a Bank Account in the name of the Society, depositing therein Annual Subscriptions and other income, and paying thereout all sums validly due. He/she shall present to the Annual General Meeting of the Society a Statement of the Society's Accounts, duly audited, for the twelve-month period ended on the preceding 30th June.
10. An Honorary Auditor shall be appointed.
11. An Auctioneer shall, under the direction of the Committee, organise and control Auctions or Exchange Packets, whether postal or otherwise, on behalf of the Society. The Committee shall have power to make and vary Rules necessary for these purposes which will then be deemed to be a part of the Society's Rules.
12. The Editor will be responsible for production of the Society newsletter entitled 'THE RUNNER POST', and such other publications as the Society may decide to issue from time to time.
13. An archivist or other appointed Officer or Member shall retain for reference purposes at least one copy of every publication of the Society, together with similar material acquired by the Society in connection with its objects.
14. Honorary Life Membership may be awarded to any member of the Society who is deemed to have made an outstanding contribution, over a long period, to the well-being of the Society. All nominations are to be submitted to the Hon. Secretary in writing, signed by a proposer and seconder, for consideration by the Committee. The Committee will be wholly responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriately high standards for the award and for deciding, by a majority of at least three-quarters of the Committee Members voting, upon the merits of the nomination. The Committee will submit each successful nomination for final approval at a general meeting of the Society.  
(Amendment approved at AGM on 5 October 1991)
15. That if in the considered view of the Committee it shall be in the best interest of the Society that a Member shall be removed from Membership, then his/her Membership be terminated forthwith.
16. That all Resolutions should be notified to the Hon. Secretary in sufficient time for their inclusion in the Agenda of an Annual General Meeting, and that any other items should be notified to the Chairman before the start of the meeting: the Chairman to rule whether the item is of sufficient urgency to be included on the Agenda.
17. The Committee shall be the sole authority for interpretation of these Rules and shall decide on all relevant matters affecting the Society not provided for within them.





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