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## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

John Inglefield-Watson's 'Guilty or not Guilty' article in the last issue (RP 46, p1117) has provoked several interesting responses!

Stuart Cockerill writes to say that although he has a collection of British Africa and Bechuanaland has always been a favourite, it does not include the rarer items (such as the KE7 2½d with stop, SG 69a) which are the basis of many of the queries raised. Although he is unable to contribute, he looks forward to articles and comments by other members' with interest and great appreciation. Stuart also asks a question: "When a query is raised on a stamp and I have no examples, do I remain quiet or do I make a negative reply? Is the latter a waste of everyone's time? Or with the former do I become apathetic?" Stuart continues "Many people like myself are no great shakes at writing letters so perhaps a simple form of questionnaire included in *The Runner Post* might encourage us?" Stuart goes on to thank the Society officers for what they do on his behalf.

Stuart also responded to the watermark query in RP 46, p1117-8 by saying that his single example of SG D1 is also sideways inverted and a copy of SG D3 is 'regular' sideways. Regarding Dickon Pollard's 'Bush Flaw', not one of his stamps (10/-, 4/-, 2/6, 1/- x 5) show either the flaw or the 'T'.

Another response came from Chris Cordes whose replies to John's question: "the answer is a resounding 'guilty'. Unfortunately, although many questions have been asked since I joined the Society, I have been unable to come up with a single comment or line of assistance, mainly because my collection is very limited". Chris also extends a note of thanks for all the effort made by the contributors to *Runner Post*.

Other comments I have heard include the fact that many members simply do not have the time to respond but nevertheless appreciate receiving *The Runner Post*. As a member of several philatelic societies, I can sympathise with that sentiment. Although I try to respond to a requests for information when I can, all too often, my membership dues have to suffice as the sum total of my participation.

Nevertheless, those who do take the time and trouble to contribute - whether it is two lines or 20 pages should be encouraged - let them know their work is not in vain!

**NEW MEMBERS**

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to two new members of our Society:

Andy Kriegler, P.O. Box 6446, Weltevreden Park, 1715, South Africa. Andy is interested in the stamps of Bechuanaland to 1961, mint, used, postmarks, postal history and revenues.

Malcolm Batty, 84 Charnwood Avenue, Thurmaston, Leicester LE4 8FJ, U.K. Apart from the stamps of Bechuanaland and Botswana, Malcolm's interests also include Sweden and Faroe Islands.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Society will be held on 18 September at 'The Camden Head' pub. This is the second day of Stampex in London which is being held from 17-21 September at the Business Design Centre, Islington (nearest tube, Angel). The Camden Head is diagonally across the road from Stampex and is situated behind the building housing the Antiques Market.

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT THE 'SLUG AND  
LETTUCE' CORNER OF WARWICK WAY AND TACHBROOK STREET, LONDON,  
ON FRIDAY 7th MARCH 1997, COMMENCING AT 2.0 pm.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Alan MacGregor (Chairman), Arnold Berman, Jim Catterall, Tony Chilton, Alan Drysdall, Dennis Firth, David Hardwick, John Inglefield-Watson Brian Trotter and David Wall.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Aubrey Glassborow and Philip Robinson.

**BRIAN TROTTER**

The Silver-Bronze medal awarded to our Society at Autumn Stampex 1996, was presented to Brian, in recognition of the splendid work he has done on the Postmark Typology.

**DISPLAYS**

The subject was forgeries, and three members had brought material to show.

John Inglefield-Watson. His display included forged overprints on the 1885-87 issue of British Bechuanaland. Many were easy to see, but others were difficult to tell from genuine stamps. Things to look for are length of the words 'British' and 'Bechuanaland' and the spacing between the words, does the stamp have the right watermark?, is it the right shade?, watch out for Cape postmarks, and are the frame lines correct? John had overprint types showing 40 different measurements. Surcharges were shown on the ½d on 3d SG 29, these can be plated with the photo shown in Holmes's book. Also shown were forgeries on the issues of 1891 and 1893-95 with the overprints reading up and down, and on two registered envelopes. Bechuanaland Protectorate stamps included forgeries of SG 54 and 55.

Jim Catterall. Jim showed a forged cancellation of Gubulawayo which was too small, forgeries on the 1885-87 issues of British Bechuanaland, photocopies of forged overprints attributed to Emil Tamsen, the stamps having been presented to the R.P.S.,L. by Ernest Hunt of Transvaal. Also shown were some Fournier forgeries of overprints, also a Francetown S. Africa cancellation.

Dennis Firth showed two sheets, the first with more forgeries of the 1885-87 issues, one with the overprint spelt 'Bechunaland', and on the second sheet a few oddments including a forgery of SG 24, the 2d on 2d with green overprint. More details of the forgeries is being published as a separate article in Runner Post [see page 1161 of this issue].

A vote of thanks was proposed by Brian Trotter.

## NEW SOUTH AFRICAN COLOUR CATALOGUE INCLUDES BECHUANALAND

The latest (1997, 21st) edition of this ever expanding catalogue now includes 10 pages devoted to Stellaland, British Bechuanaland, and Bechuanaland Protectorate through to Botswana Independence. Postage dues and postal fiscals are also included. Almost every stamp is illustrated, and then in colour which makes the territory an infinitely more appealing area to collect than that presented by the SG catalogue where space considerations dictate there are a few basic (black and white) illustrations with numerous overprint types resulting in pages of rather intimidating text.

The prices are in South African Rand and as with any priced catalogue the quotes are often debatable. A few unfortunate, though relatively minor errors have occurred in this edition (e.g. 1890 ½d vermilion with 19mm overprint is listed but described and illustrated as the 15mm overprint; and the QE2 10c on 1/- 'pair, one without surcharge' has been inadvertently omitted). There are no doubt other minor errors, which the Editor, Lutz Heffermann, is eager to hear about as he would like to correct and improve the listing for the next edition. Members are welcome to send any such comments to me for forwarding.

Mr Heffermann is to be congratulated on his initiative which can only help popularise Bechuanaland philately.

The catalogue is available from most South Africa stamp dealers or direct from the publisher at: International Philatelic Service, P.O. Box 567, Johannesburg 2000, Tel 011 888 3217. It is also available in the UK from Vera Trinder in London (38 Bedford Street, Strand, London WC2E 9EU, Tel: 0171 836 2365).

## MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND QUERIES



### POSTAGE DUE MARKING QUERY

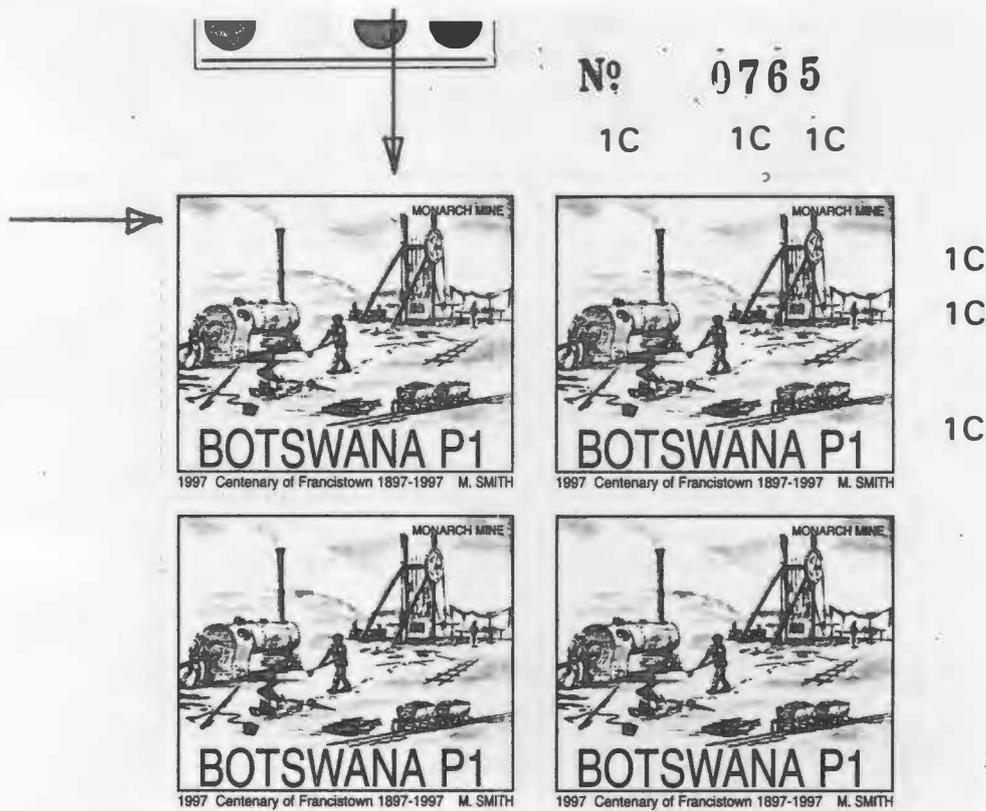
Bruce Warrender asks if any member can identify the 'T' over '2D' circular tax marking on this postcard. The card was posted from Molepolole to Scotland on 28 October 1952.

Where was this marking applied - in Bechuanaland?, in South Africa?, somewhere else in transit? There is an additional pencil endorsement on the front reading 'Postage Due not charged' which was presumably applied in Edinburgh. Perhaps one of our UK based members recognises it as a British tax marking?

### POSTAGE DUE STAMP QUERY

Stuart Cockerill says he has a copy of the 5c on ½d postage due (SG D9) on chalk surfaced paper which is not listed in Gibbons. Do any other members have a copy of this stamp or know anything about it?

MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND QUERIES



**'EAGLE FLAW' ON P1 FRANCISTOWN COMMEMORATIVE**

Bruce Warrender writes to say he has found what appears to be a constant variety on the P1 'Monarch Mine' stamp of the Francistown commemoratives issued on 21 April 1997. Bruce has two cylinder blocks, both '1C 1C 1C 1C'. The variety concerned appears on the top left stamp of each cylinder block (Row 1, stamp 4). The flaw occurs next to the top of the left hand pole of the stamp mill. The variety is printed in magenta colour ink which is the same as one of the 'traffic light' colours. Unfortunately, it does not reproduce very well in black and white, but the position has been marked on the accompanying illustration.

These stamps were printed in two panes of 25, and Bruce wonders if the flaw appears on any other position on either of the two panes?

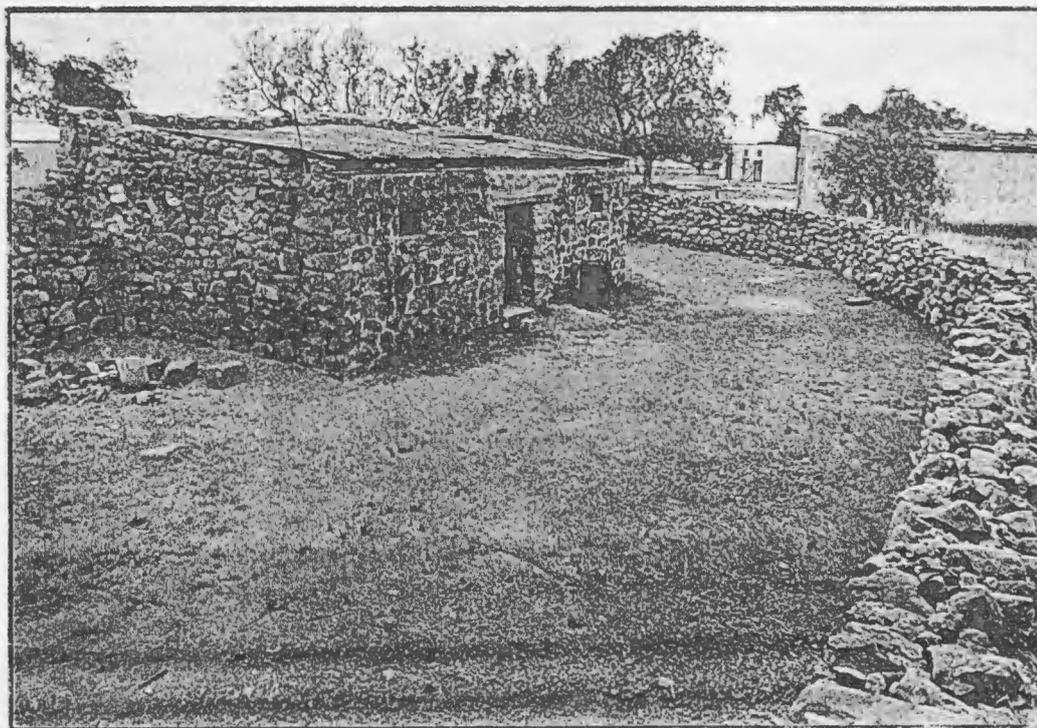
**DE LA RUE 5/- 'SEAHORSE' POST-MARKED BEFORE DATE OF ISSUE**

Chris Cordes writes to ask if any reader can offer an explanation as to why this De La Rue 5/- bright carmine 'seahorse' (SG 87) bears a Francistown cancellation clearly dated 'JA 7 / 18' (7 January 1918) when both Stanley Gibbons and Holmes (p113) state the stamp was only issued in August 1919?

[ If the postal officials forgot to change the year on the datestamp during the first week of 1919, it still does not account for the 'lost' eight months - Ed ]



## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**THE 'WARREN FORT'**

Illustrated above is a postcard printed (in colour) by the Mafeking Mail (Pty) Ltd some years ago showing 'The Warren fort in the Imperial Reserve, built in 1885'. Presumably now restored, this fort would originally have been erected shortly after Sir Charles Warren and his Expedition had occupied the Stellaland and Goshen Republics whose capitals were Vryburg and Rooigrond (near Mafeking) respectively.

**THE 'ONE HALF-PENNY' PROVISIONAL OF DECEMBER 1888 - Jim Catterall**

In his book on 'The Bechuanalands' H.R. Holmes devoted two whole pages to this scarce and interesting stamp which consisted of the 3d stamp of 1887 surcharged 'One Half-Penny'. The text is illustrated with a photograph of a half sheet of 60 stamps showing the complete setting. It is believed that only 12 such half sheets were printed making a total of 720 stamps. The main use of these stamps was to pay the postage on newspapers so very few used examples survived.

At position '59' can be seen the variety where the 'f' of 'Half' fails to print. It is the only variety with catalogue status. An example of this variety 'unused' was in the Holmes sale in 1981 and only few others are known - S.G. gives an inclusive total of five (one of which is in the Royal Collection) out of an original maximum of 12.

Discounting all the minor variations in the vertical obliterating lines, which are useful for plating, the only other significant flaws are at position '19' where there are two faults:

1. The base of the 'e' of Penny is shorter than normal.
2. There is a prominent break in the top of the loop of the 'P' of Penny. A used example of this stamp is illustrated. Two mint examples should still exist from the two half sheets mentioned by Holmes as being broken up many years ago. How many others have survived from the original twelve is not known, probably very few if any - and possibly none at all used.



According to Holmes genuine provisionals can be plated using the illustration but this is not always easy as the reproduction, even in the Holmes book, is by no means perfect.

Reference: H.R. Holmes, 'The Postage Stamps, Postal Stationery and Postmarks of the Bechuanalands'



THE 'ONE HALF-PENNY' PROVISIONAL OF DECEMBER 1888

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### STELLALAND 1/- IMPERFORATE BETWEEN

It is rare that we can record a completely new item, especially when the item concerned was originally issued over 110 years ago. However, courtesy of George Holschauer of Colonial Stamp Co, we can now do just that.

The item concerned is a vertical pair of the Stellaland 1/- green IMPERFORATE BETWEEN. The pair has been given a 1997 David Brandon certificate. George says that he recently acquired the pair privately and that it will be going into Colonial Stamp Company's reference collection.

It will presumably take its place in due course in the SG catalogue as SG 5a.

Though the other four values of Stellaland postage stamps (1d, 3d, 4d and 6d) are recorded in SG as 'Imperf between (pair)', each is known with the variety in both horizontal and vertical pairs. Is there perhaps an imperforate between horizontal pair of the 1/- lurking somewhere out there waiting to be discovered?



### MAFEKING FORGED DATESTAMP

Illustrated here, courtesy of John Ineson, is an example of a forged Mafeking Siege period datestamp. John owns the actual handstamp from which this impression was struck. The handstamp resembles those used at the time of the siege. At first glance it is a deceptive forgery.

Like the office name, the day, month and year are carved from a solid metal block rather than moveable type with the result that only one date can be produced - April 2. However, as can be seen, the '2' appears slightly off-centre leaving enough room for another digit which may have been present at some time in the past. Therefore, exercise caution when buying Mafeking Siege stamps used with similar cancellations bearing the dates 2 April or 20 to 29 April 1900. There are several other obvious distinguishing characteristics (e.g. break in rim over 'E' of 'MAFEKING') and many lesser ones of which the Expertising Committees are aware.



The history and origin of this datestamp are unknown.

### 1922 1d POSTAL FISCAL (SG F3) PLATE NUMBER '6'

Illustrated here is a corner block of four of the Union of South Africa KG5 1d scarlet overprinted 'Bechuanaland / Protectorate.' for use as a postal fiscal (SG F3) which shows the plate number '6' above the second stamp.

I am preparing an article which aims to list all the plate / control numbers which appear on stamps overprinted for use in the Bechuanalands.

While the controls associated with the KG5 overprinted issues of Great Britain are fairly well documented, I cannot find any reference in the usual literature regarding what plate number/s were used for overprinting this particular issue.

Were sheets from plate number '6' the only ones used for overprinting or were there others? I would be interested to hear if members can provide any additional information.





Messrs. Brian Nichols and Co.,  
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CAPE TOWN.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### 'THE KING'S FLIGHT / ROYAL AIR FORCE'

Illustrated above is a cover bearing a set of the Bechuanaland 1947 Royal Visit (SG 132-135). The stamps are cancelled with two large circular cachets struck in purple inscribed 'THE KING'S FLIGHT / 17 FEB 1947 / ROYAL AIR FORCE'. This was the first day of issue of the Royal Visit set and the date of arrival by sea of the Royal party in Cape Town. There are no other markings, so it is not clear where the cover was actually posted or whether it went through the post.

On page 54 of *The Special & Commemorative Postmarks, Cachets & Covers of South Africa 1892-1975* by Hasso O. Reisener (2nd edition, 1978) the following information is given about this and another similar cachet:

[No.] 79 ROYAL VISIT. ROYAL AIR FORCE. THE KING'S FLIGHT 1947, February to April

Members of the King's Flight, which was stationed in South Africa during the Royal Visit and manned by Royal Air Force personnel, were allowed to send mail free of charge. Such mail had to be handed in to the Officer in charge of postal matters. The King's Flight, consisting of Viking aircraft, was provided to transport the Royal Family and members of their entourage on certain parts of their Tour. The RAF was in charge of the operation. The impression reads "ROYAL AIR FORCE" at the top and "THE KING'S FLIGHT" at the bottom, separated by stars. The dates appear in the centre. The outer diameter is 37 mm. Violet ink was used. Not many of this impression have been recorded. Reference: *South African Philatelist*. March 1952, p37. August 1952, p147.



[No.] 79a ROYAL VISIT. THE KING'S FLIGHT. ROYAL AIR FORCE 1947, February to May

Another similar office stamp was provided, but with the wording transposed. "THE KING'S FLIGHT" appears at the top and "ROYAL AIR FORCE" at the bottom of a 37 mm double-circle. The date appears in the centre. The letters are slightly bolder. This mark shows two outer rings. The markings, made by this rubber stamp, were applied in violet ink. Information on this marking is sparse.

Flights were made to Salisbury, Rhodesia on 7 April 1947. On 3 April 1947 a flight was made to Pietersburg and on 8 March 1947 the Royal Family were flown to a Game Reserve in the Orange Free State. This impression is more often seen than the first one and covers are known with both markings.



## THE BECHUANALANDS: GB STAMPS OVERPRINTED BY DE LA RUE: PRINTINGS AND QUANTITIES

*John Inglefield-Watson*

This is a follow-up to my article in RP 44. It results from further research in the De La Rue Archive at the National Postal Museum, London, with particular regard to matters noted as unresolved in the original article. Having previously examined the Inland Revenue series of Day Books, this time I concentrated on the main series of Day Books. The latter were wrongly described as the British Empire series in my previous article, as in fact they also contain the accounts for De La Rue's foreign customers. The volumes are lettered in chronological order from A to Z and then from AA, AB, AC onwards.

### **Packing and shipment.**

As stated previously, the Inland Revenue series of Books record occasional charges raised by De La Rue for packing and shipment of stamps and postal stationery to British Bechuanaland between 1887 and 1890, but none thereafter. From 1894 onwards until at least 1920 the main series of Books (Vols Q to AE) frequently record charges raised on the Crown Agents for packing, but not shipment, of stamps and postal stationery for both British Bechuanaland and the Protectorate that were "sent from Somerset House"/"sent from Inland Revenue" to De La Rue. The denominations of the stamps are rarely recorded, no quantities are stated and no details, other than categories are given for the postal stationery. It is therefore not possible to relate particular overprintings to packings. What is evident is that stamps and stationery overprinted by De La Rue were delivered by them to the Inland Revenue Stamping Department, which had placed the order, and were then often, or perhaps invariably, sent back to De La Rue for packing. Sometimes the products of other printers were sent for packing, notably in the period after 1910 when De La Rue's consolidated contract for printing and overprinting GB stamps and stationery had ended. The account was sent to the Crown Agents and presumably they arranged shipment. Their involvement suggests that at least from 1894 onwards they were part of the somewhat complicated ordering and supply chain. Vol. S of the Day Books shows that they certainly requisitioned the 1899 QV 'Antilles' type definitive registration envelopes and were invoiced accordingly.

### **1897-1902 QV 'Jubilee' Issue (SG 59-65).**

The whole of the original set of six denominations, which excludes SG 60 issued in 1902, exists with the Samuel Type D12 (Holmes Type 7) De La Rue 'Specimen' overprint. The Day Books show that 750 of each denomination were overprinted. Specimens of the five denominations first overprinted 'Bechuanaland Protectorate' in October 1897 were invoiced to the Crown Agents on 13 October 1897 and Specimens of the 3d, first overprinted in June 1898, were invoiced on 14 June 1898. Incidentally, the June 1898 date for the 3d conflicts with the December 1897 issue date stated in the SG catalogue and by Holmes, p.107, though he quotes the correct dates for the 'Specimen' overprints on p.183. As the requirements for Specimens were not specified in the original overprinting orders, it seems reasonable to assume that they were met from within the original quantities, as listed in RP 44.

### **1912-13 KE VII 1/- Values (SG 70 & 71).**

The main series of Day Books, like the Inland Revenue series, contain no evidence to support Holmes's statement that the KE VII 1/- values were overprinted by De La Rue. My previous theory that they were overprinted at Somerset House, using a Plate supplied by De La Rue, now seems more likely.

### **1916-20 KG V 'Seahorses' (SG 85-87).**

As for the KE VII 1/- values, no evidence was found that De La Rue overprinted their own printings of the GB 'Seahorses'. It therefore seems as if the 'Seahorses' produced by all three printers may have been overprinted at Somerset House.

The following article is reproduced in full as it makes interesting reading. It has been re-typed and the table re-set as the original would not reproduce very well. It was submitted by Alan Drysdall, who in turn obtained it from John Dickson. Ed.

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## COLONIAL REPORTS—ANNUAL.

### REPORT OF THE ACTING POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

General Post Office,  
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope,  
19th August 1897.

SIR,

WITH reference to your telegram of the 11th inst., requesting to be furnished with my Annual Report for the year ended 31st March last, in respect of postal matters in the Bechuanaland Protectorate, I have the honour to forward herewith, in duplicate, the Report in question.

I have, &c.,  
BEN DUFF,  
*Acting Postmaster-General.*

The Resident Commissioner,  
Mafeking.

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The annexation of British Bechuanaland to the Cape Colony on the 16th of November 1895 considerably modified the arrangements which previously existed in connection with the post and telegraph administration of that territory, inasmuch as the postal and telegraph business within British Bechuanaland was transferred with the territory to the Cape Colony, the separate postal administration having been continued only as regards the Protectorate, in which territory no change in the postal system, or in the scope of its business, has as yet taken place. I hope, however, to see the issue and payment of Money Orders undertaken at an early date,\* and to otherwise have the usefulness of the Post Office extended. The telegraph system, it will be remembered, appertains to the British South Africa Company.

#### *Revenue and Expenditure.*

The principal item of revenue is shewn as transit rates received from other administrations for the conveyance of their mail matter through the Protectorate to Rhodesia, and from the latter country to other South African States and oversea countries, the exact payments to the Protectorate administration by other Governments under this head having been £5,438 9s. 6d.

As the largest item of revenue was derived from the conveyance of mails through the Protectorate, so the principal item of expenditure was in connection with this service, the sum of £5,994 19s. 0d having been expended for the conveyance of mails during the year. The salary and administration charges totalled £272 19s 2d. only.

#### *Conveyance of Mails. - Mafeking to Bulawayo, &c.*

The conveyance of the mails throughout the Protectorate was effected during the year under the Agreement entered into in May 1895 with the British South Africa Company, whereby Messrs. Zeederberg contracted to

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\* COLONIAL OFFICE NOTE: A money order system was to come into force from 1st April 1898.

convey the mails between Mafeking and Bulawayo. Through native troubles in the north, and with rinderpest raging within the Protectorate itself, maintenance of regular mail communication has been no easy task, but I am pleased to be able to report that, notwithstanding all difficulties, the service has been efficiently performed.

It was thought that the railway in course of construction between Mafeking and Bulawayo would have been sufficiently far advanced to allow of the mails being conveyed over the section Mafeking to Palapye (262 miles) from the beginning of March 1897, but it was found possible only to convey the mails by rail beyond Mafeking to Mochudi (124 miles) from the 1st of March. It is, however, anticipated that the line will be through to Bulawayo in November next. The completion of the railway in sections, and the formal taking over of its working, will enable me to gradually reduce the payments made to the mail contractors; indeed, a considerable saving has already been effected in connection with the opening of the railway to Mochudi, although it has thrown upon the Department the responsibility of providing specially for the branch posts, which were served by Messrs. Zeederberg under their mail contract.

With the completion of the railway to Bulawayo, it will hardly be possible to maintain the high rates of transit now obtaining within the Protectorate, and it is to be hoped that my recommendations in this connection, and also with regard to a reduction of the postage rates to and from the Protectorate, will be adopted.

#### *Branch Posts.*

The following Branch Posts are now separately maintained by the Protectorate administration:—

Gaberones station to Gaberones.

„ „ to Molopolole.

Lobatsi to Kanye.

Ramoutsa siding to Ramoutsa.

Communication with Palla, Palapye and Macloutsie was, at the end of March last, still maintained by the mail contractors, but on the opening of the railway to Palapye station, it will be incumbent on the Protectorate Government to undertake the Palla and Palapye services.

#### *Correspondence Posted within the Protectorate.*

During the year the total number of ordinary letters posted reached 70,603, of which 5,096 were registered. There were posted, in addition, 7,436 Official Letters, 247 Post Cards, 1,482 Newspapers, 1,092 Ordinary and 2,054 Official Books, and 338 Parcels. Full particulars of the traffic, together with the value, will be found in Appendix.

#### *Staff.*

Ten Post Office Agents and Deputy Postmasters were employed within the territory on the 31st of March, and a similar number of Post Offices were open for the transaction of business.

#### *General.*

The future of the territory, from a postal point of view, is hopeful, and I have little doubt that, with the railway in operation throughout the Protectorate, trade will be stimulated, and a gradually increasing European population—who will recognise the advantage of, and fully utilise, an organised postal service—will be brought into the country. As, in addition, mails will be conveyed under the railway agreement free of charge between Mafeking and Palapye, I anticipate that, notwithstanding a certain shrinkage in the receipts, which would for a time follow any reduction of transit rates and postage charges, the revenue will, in any case, more than cover the expenditure.

BEN DUFF,

*Acting Postmaster-General.*

General Post Office, Capetown,

17th August, 1897.

## STATEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE POSTED IN BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1897

Ordinary Letters.				Registered Letters.			Postcards.			Newspapers.		Book and Sample packets.		Parcels.		Total.		
For Cape Colony, Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal.		For Protectorate and Rhodesia.		For United Kingdom and Foreign Countries.		No.	Value.	@ 1d.	@ 1½d.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.			No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
42,081	£701	13,676	£228	9,750	£244	5,096	£169	247	559	£4	1,482	£6	1,092	£18	338	£42	73,083	£1,412

## OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE POSTED.

Letters.		Books.		Total.	
Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
7,436	£248	2,054	£8	9,490	£256

## FORGED OVERPRINTS AND SURCHARGES ON STAMPS OF THE BECHUANALANDS

by J.F. Inglefield-Watson

Editors' note: Much of this article originally appeared in *Runner Post* Issue No. 4. It has been updated and expanded to incorporate new information and SG numbers have been changed where necessary to bring them into line with those in the current (1997) edition of the Part 1 British Commonwealth Catalogue.

By fortunate coincidence with Jim Catterall's interesting article in 'Runner Post' No.2 (Winter 85/86) about the forged overprints of the 1885-87 British Bechuanaland issue, I showed examples of these and other Bechuanaland forgeries at the March 86 and March 97 meetings. This article includes a record of the items displayed so that all members are aware of the existence of such forgeries. It does not claim to be a comprehensive listing. In trying to produce sufficiently clear illustrations I encountered similar difficulties to those experienced in the production of Jim's article and I therefore abandoned the attempt in favour of written descriptions.

### British Bechuanaland

**1885-87 Overprints (SG 1-8).** Jim Catterall identified 8 different types of forged overprint. My own study has so far revealed more than 40 types, mostly distinguished by the overprint measurements but some also by differences in the basic stamps. Rather than attempting to describe each type in detail, I am offering a check list of tests for genuineness. Before doing this I would like to make one comment on Jim's method of measurements. We both measure the spacing between the two lines of overprint in the same way but, whereas he states the overall length of each word inclusive of serifs, I prefer to measure exclusive of the serifs which are, in my view, prone to variation and damage. Using this method the genuine overprints consist of 'British', 7.25 - 7.5 mm, and 'Bechuanaland', 15.25 - 15.5 mm, in two lines just under 4 mm apart, subject to slight variations within the setting.

The tests to be applied are:

1. Is the basic Cape of Good Hope stamp correct? Forged overprints were applied to genuine stamps that were 'wrong' in respect of:
  - a. Value. 2½d, 3d, 6d and 5/- values seen.
  - b. Watermark. Crown CA or Crown CC instead of Anchor or vice versa.
  - c. Design. The 4d value seen with outer frame-line (SG Type 4) instead of without outer frame-line (SG Type 6) and the 1/- value with the reverse. Note that both these Types occur within the genuine list of values.
  - d. Shade. Study the Cape of Good Hope shade listings. Be suspicious of those that differ significantly from the Bechuanaland listing, e.g. ½d black instead of grey-black, 1d carmine-red instead of rose-red, 1/- blue-green instead of green.
2. Are the overprint measurements correct? Measuring under magnification is recommended. Most forgeries are obviously wrong in one or more of the three dimensions. A few fall within the genuine measurements and can only be detected by other tests.
3. Is the typeface of the overprint correct? Again, some forgeries are crude but others need careful comparison with the genuine article, e.g. Catterall Type 4.
4. Is the overprint setting correct? The following indicate forgeries:
  - a. Stop after 'Bechuanaland'.
  - b. 'B' of 'British' over 'ch' or 'hu' of 'Bechuanaland' or otherwise misplaced instead of being over the 'h'.
  - c. Mis-alignment off the horizontal.

5. On used stamps be suspicious of any that do not appear to have Bechuanaland cancellations. Check whether the cancellation date, if any, is earlier than the date of issue of the genuine stamp. Use high powered magnification to determine whether the overprint is on top of the cancellation. Remember that genuine Vryburg and Mafeking cancellers were misused to postmark some forgeries, e.g. Catterall Type 2, though fortunately these are usually detectable by too large an overprint.
6. Be suspicious of double and/or inverted overprints and examples of the missing 'B' in 'British' variety. Don't buy these without a certificate of genuineness.

#### 1888 Surcharges (SG 22-28).

Inevitably, the two rarities (SG 23c and 26a) have attracted the attention of forgers but their authentication is best left to the Expert Committees. Other forgeries known to me are:

1. 4d value surcharge in black instead of red. The typeface is not quite right.
2. 1d value with a double surcharge, one perhaps genuine but the other crude and over-size.
3. 1d value with inverted surcharge, non-existent as a genuine variety.

#### 1888 Provisional Surcharge (SG 29).

A brief reminder of the existence of many forgeries of this surcharge and its varieties, often with genuine Vryburg cancellations dated in 1890 - see Chapter 8 of Holmes' book and Runner Post Nos. 6 and 7. Genuine examples should plate into the setting of 60 illustrated by Holmes. With care even single stamps can be plated.

#### 1889 Overprinted (SG 30).

One 'used' forgery seen. The general appearance is deceptive but the overprint is in the wrong typeface and shade of green. 'British' measures 7.6 mm instead of the genuine 7 mm, exclusive of serifs.

#### 1891 and 1893-95 Overprints (SG 31/32 and 38/39).

Four different forgeries have been seen, all on 'used' stamps:

1. A crude overprint reading up that is in the wrong typeface and much too long, 'Bechuanaland' being some two letters longer than the height of the stamp.
2. A bogus ½d slate value and a 1d value with overprint reading down. The typeface is superficially deceptive but there is no stop after 'Bechuanaland'.
3. 2d values reading up and down, the latter with double overprint, both forged. Both words of this overprint are about 0.5mm too long and the typeface bears only superficial resemblance to the genuine type.
4. A dangerous forgery of the 2d missing dots to 'i' of 'British' variety (SG 39d). Size and spacing of overprint are correct, but small differences in typeface.

#### 1891-94 Overprints on GB Stamps (SG 33-37).

Surprisingly, even this issue has been forged. The one example seen is a 'used' 1d value with overprint on top of the postmark. The quality of the overprint is poor and the tips of the letters are not cut square.

### Bechuanaland Protectorate

#### 1888 Overprints and Surcharges (SG 40-50).

Four different forgeries have been seen, the ½d value mint and 'used', the others all 'used', some with apparently genuine Mafeking or Vryburg postmarks:

1. ½d value with forged 'Protectorate' overprint resembling the 2nd setting but the impression is less heavy and the ink has a uniform matt appearance instead of a slight gloss and traces of ink-squash. Forgeries include double and also inverted overprints, the latter being non-existent as a genuine variety.
2. 2d value with '2d' in red instead of black, appearing to be a genuine British Bechuanaland surcharge as on SG 23, and with 'Protectorate' measuring the genuine 15 mm, less serifs, but in too small a typeface and positioned below instead of above the value.

3. 6d value with the figure '6' too small and the overprint 'Protectorate' fractionally too long. The typeface is superficially deceptive.
4. Crude overprints 2 mm too long and in the wrong typeface on the 3d, 4d, 2/-, 2/6 and 10/- values. The surcharge on the 3d and 4d is much too large and is wrongly positioned above the overprint.

#### 1889 Overprint (SG 52).

One example has been seen with the overprint double and inverted. 'Bechuanaland' measures 17mm instead of 15mm and 'Protectorate' 15mm instead of 13.5mm, exclusive of serifs. The lines of overprint are much too close together. Another shows a faint forged second impression in a different typeface and shade of green, added below a genuine overprint.

#### 1889 Provisional Surcharge (SG 53).

Forgeries of the rare inverted 'Fourpence' surcharge exist and can usually be detected by size, spacing and appearance. According to information given to me by the late H.R. Holmes, the known genuine inverted surcharges all occur on stamps that have the watermark well off centre to the right when viewed from reverse. Expertisation is recommended.

#### 1890 Overprints on ½d Vermilion (SG 54 and 55).

The forged 'Protectorate' overprints closely resemble the genuine overprints in size and appearance, but individual letters, especially 'c' and 'e', are slightly different and less cleanly cut. Examples seen are:

1. SG 54. A single and a vertical pair, the top stamp without overprint - non-existent as a genuine variety. Both items are 'used' with apparently genuine cancellations.
2. SG 55. Normal, inverted and also double overprints on mint and 'used' stamps. Inverted does not exist as a genuine variety. The genuine double overprint has two overlapping impressions, one being very light. The forgery has two separate impressions of equal strength. The lower case letters of the forgeries are slightly too tall.

#### 1897 Overprints on Cape ½d Yellow-Green (SG 56-58).

A superficially deceptive forgery has been seen of SG 57. However, the spacing between the two lines of overprint is 14.5mm instead of 13.5mm and the shape of some of the letters, especially the 'B', is wrong. As described in 'Runner Post' No.27, the overprint forme was made up from a setting of a complete row of six repeated twenty times. Any abnormal spacing would therefore occur in every row but evidence does not support this occurrence.

#### 1897-1902 Overprints on QV GB Stamps (SG 59-65).

Forged overprints have been seen on both colours of the ½d value 'used'. The overprints are too low, the second line passing through the middle of the Queen's face. Compared with genuine examples, the letters are less regular and clear cut and some, particularly the 'B' and 'P', are the wrong shape. Their height is about 0.25mm too tall and the overall length of 'PROTECTORATE' is slightly too large.

#### 1904 KE VII Stop after 'P' of 'PROTECTORATE' Variety (SG 69a).

To avoid lengthy repetition, reference is made to the articles by the late H.R. Holmes in RP 4 and by myself in RP 25 and 43. Expertisation is recommended.

#### 1913-24 Overprints on KG V GB Stamps (SG 73-82).

The following have been seen:

1. Crude handstamped forgeries in deep purple of the overprint on the 1d and 6d values 'used'. 'BECHUANALAND' on the 1d reads downwards.
2. Obvious but slightly better forgeries of the overprint in black on the 2d, 2½d, 3d and 4d values 'used'.

#### 1914-23 Overprints on 'Seahorses' (SG 83-89).

A misplaced crude forgery of the overprint has been seen on a 5/- value printed by Bradbury Wilkinson with GB parcels cancellation.

## CHECKLIST OF BOTSWANA POSTMARKS FOR OFFICES BEGINNING WITH THE LETTERS T-Z

*Brian Trotter*

This checklist covers the postmarks so far recorded for all the offices beginning with the letters T-Z. The Botswana Postmark Project Team has recorded the following number of postmarks up to now for offices beginning with

T	81	X	4
U	0	Y	0
V	0	Z	5
W	6		

No doubt ones shall continuously be discovered and new ones issued. We would like 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 RELATIVE SCARCITY OF THE RESPECTIVE MARKINGS.

### TAKATOKWANE



No. 1 Type 21 B 51

Circle diameters	:	18 & 28 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Aug 8, 1985
Latest recorded date	:	Jan 9, 1995
Number recorded so far	:	30

A number of recorded items have time omitted (see illustration), or have blocks in the time slot.



No. 2 Type 8 B 51

Box dimensions	:	30 x 52 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Mar 6, 1986
Latest recorded date	:	Dec 30, 1986
Number recorded so far	:	6

One recorded item is struck in red.



No. 3 Type REGN 2a

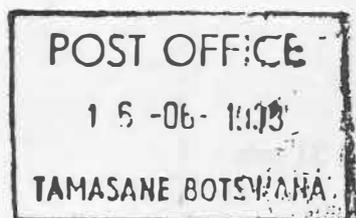
Box dimensions	:	12 x 54 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Dec 8, 1992
Latest recorded date	:	Jan 9, 1995
Number recorded so far	:	6

All recorded items are struck in purple.

## TAMASANE



No. 1 Type 2 B 51  
 Circle diameters : 19 & 29 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 18, 1988  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 16, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 5



No. 2 Type 8 M 4  
 Box dimensions : 27 x 43 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 4, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 16, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 3 Type REGN 3b  
 Box dimensions : 13 x 52 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 6, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 6, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 3

All recorded items are struck in red, one of them is on piece, so the date of use cannot be determined.

## TATI



No. 1 Type SPEC 2b  
 Circle diameter : 23 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 22, 1988  
 Latest recorded date : Aug 22, 1988  
 Number recorded so far : 1

Omnibus marking - Mafeking - Gubulawayo Runner Post Centenary 1888 - 1988.

## TATITOWN



No. 1 Type 23 A 1  
 Circle diameter : 31 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 20, 1969  
 Latest recorded date : Aug 25, 1970  
 Number recorded so far : 4



No. 2 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameters : 21 & 31 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 15, 1986  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 5, 1994  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 18

This is Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No. 1 with Bech. Prot. excised. (See Runner Post No.21, p387)



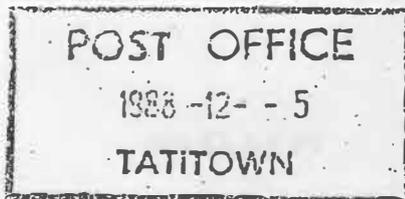
No. 3 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameters : 21 & 32 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 1, 1967  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 7, 1993  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C, block  
 Number recorded so far : Over 50



No. 4 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameters : 18 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 23, 1981  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 8, 1994  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 15



No. 5 Type 21 B 51  
 Circle diameters : 17.5 & 30 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 4, 1991  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 24, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 5



No. 6 Type 8 J 26  
 Box dimensions : 26 x 53 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 17, 1986  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 5, 1988  
 Number recorded so far : 3

All three recorded items are struck in red.



No. 7 Type 8 J 26  
 Box dimensions : ±34 x 55 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : ?  
 Latest recorded date : ?  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red, with an unclear date, so no date of usage can be determined.



No. 8 Type 61 J 27  
 Oval dimensions : 32 x 46 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 20, 1989  
 Latest recorded date : Aug 18, 1990  
 Number recorded so far : 3

All three recorded items are struck in red.



No. 9 Type 61 J 27  
 Oval dimensions : 29.5 x 43 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 1, 1990  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 16, 1990  
 Number recorded so far : 4

All recorded items are struck in red.



No. 10 Type REGN 2a  
 Box dimensions : 22 x 55 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 25, 1970  
 Latest recorded date : Aug 25, 1970  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in violet.



No. 11 Type MISC 6t  
 Oval dimensions : 27 x 43.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 24, 1994  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 24, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red. Note the incorrect spelling of reclamation as reclamation.



No. 12 Type MISC 6u  
 Oval dimensions : 28 x 43.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 8, 1994  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 8, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

**THABALA**

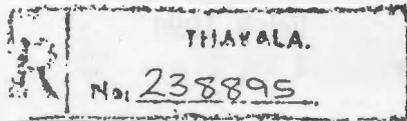
No. 1 Type 2 B 51	
Circle diameters	: 18 & 27 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Feb 2, 1984
Latest recorded date	: Jun 14, 1993
Codes recorded	: A, B, C
Number recorded so far	: 12

Five of the recorded items have the date line inverted, with code between day and month.



No. 2 Type 8 J 26	
Box dimensions	: 33 x 52 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Aug 5, 1985
Latest recorded date	: Dec 10, 1988
Number recorded so far	: 7

All recorded items are struck in red.



No. 3 Type REGN 2a	
Box dimensions	: 14.5 x 51 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Jun 14, 1993
Latest recorded date	: Jun 14, 1993
Number recorded so far	: 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

**THAMAGA**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1	
Circle diameters	: 22 & 30 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Dec 13, 1971
Latest recorded date	: Sep 11, 1993
Codes recorded	: A, B, C
Number recorded so far	: 34

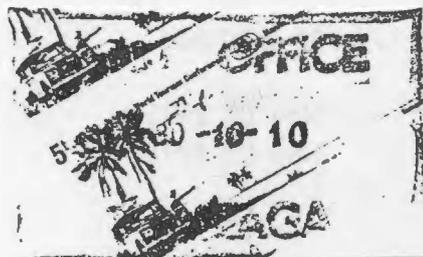
This is Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No. 1 with Bech. Prot. excised (See Runner Post No. 21, page 388). One recorded item has a block in the position of the first digit of the date.



No. 2 Type 21 A 1	
Circle diameters	: 18 & 29 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Feb 2, 1982
Latest recorded date	: Jul 4, 1988
Number recorded so far	: 24



No. 3 Type 2 B 51  
 Circle diameters : 18.5 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 8, 1994  
 Latest recorded date : Sep 5, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 3



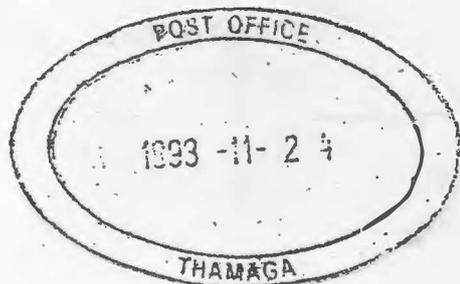
No. 4 Type 8 J 26  
 Box dimensions : 32 x 53 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 17, 1980  
 Latest recorded date : Sep 3, 1986  
 Number recorded so far : 5

Four of the recorded items are struck in red, and one in black.



No. 5 Type 8 J 26  
 Box dimensions : ±27 x 44 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 15, 1990  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 28, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 6 Type 6 J 26  
 Oval dimensions : 28 x 47 & 36 x 58 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 24, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 24, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

## TLOKWENG



No. 1 Type 23 A 1  
 Circle diameters : 28 & 30 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 17, 1975  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 17, 1975  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 2 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 17, 1975  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 22, 1989  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 38



No. 3 Type 2 B(1) 51  
 Circle diameters : 18 & 26 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 13, 1991  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 23, 1993  
 Codes recorded : A, C  
 Number recorded so far : 5



No. 4 Type 2 B(3) 51  
 Circle diameter : 18 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 19, 1990  
 Latest recorded date : Mar 19, 1990  
 Codes recorded : A  
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 5 Type 2 B(4) 51  
 Circle diameters : 18 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 16, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Sep 28, 1994  
 Codes recorded : A, C  
 Number recorded so far : 6

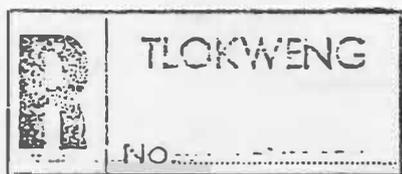


No. 6 Type 8 F 5  
 Box dimensions : 27 x 52 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 5, 1985  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 28, 1985  
 Number recorded so far : 6

All recorded items are struck in red.



No. 7 Type 8 J 26  
 Oval dimensions : 29 x 48  
 & 37 x 58 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 13, 1991  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 23, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 3



No. 8 Type REGN 2a	
Box dimensions	: 21.5 x 51 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Dec 19, 1992
Latest recorded date	: Dec 19, 1992
Number recorded so far	: 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

## TONOTA



No. 1 Type 2 A 1	
Circle diameter	: 18 & 27 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Dec 23, 1968
Latest recorded date	: May 20, 1994
Codes recorded	: A, B, C
Number recorded so far	: 25

This is Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No. 1 with Bech. Prot. excised (See Runner Post No. 21, p388). Two recorded items have the appearance of an unbroken thick arc at the base, probably from over inking, while two other recorded items have a part of "Bech" at the base where the excising has not been totally successful.



No. 2 Type 23 A 1	
Circle diameters	: ±29 & 31 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Oct ?, 1971
Latest recorded date	: Oct ?, 1971
Number recorded so far	: 1



No. 3 Type 61 X 5	
Oval dimensions	: ±35 x 55 mm
Earliest recorded date	: May 16, 1980
Latest recorded date	: May 16, 1980
Number recorded so far	: 1

The single recorded item is struck in red-mauve.



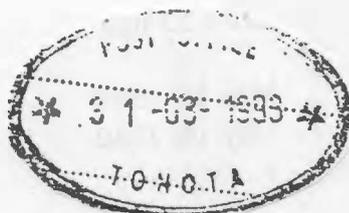
No. 4 Type 21 C 24	
Circle diameters	: 18 & 30 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Jan 28, 1987
Latest recorded date	: Aug 20, 1987
Number recorded so far	: 7



No. 5 Type 21 B 51  
 Circle diameters : 18 & 30 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 3, 1988  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 6, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 9



No. 6 Type 21 F 10  
 Circle diameters : 18 & 29 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 9, 1982  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 6, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 22



No. 7 Type 61 J 27  
 Oval dimensions : ±26 x 43 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 9, 1988  
 Latest recorded date : Mar 31, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.



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

Omnibus marking - International Literacy Year 1990. All the recorded items are struck in blue. Used to cancel a stamp on an unaddressed cover.



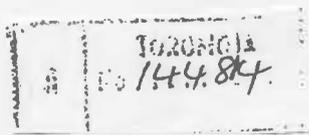
No. 9 Type REGN 6  
 Office name dimensions : ±5 x 14 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : May 16, 1987  
 Latest recorded date : May 19, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 2

One recorded item is struck in red, and the other in black.

**TOROMOJA**



No. 1 Type 2 B 51  
 Circle diameters : 19 & 29 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : ? 30, 1989  
 Latest recorded date : May 15, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 4



No. 2 Type REGN 2a  
 Box dimensions : 15 x 39 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 15, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 15, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

**TSABONG**



No. 1 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameter : 17 & 26 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 10, 1969  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 15, 1994  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 26

This is Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No. 2 with Bech. Prot. excised (See Runner Post No. 21, p389).



No. 2 Type 23 A 1  
 Circle diameters : 29 & 31 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 15, 1970  
 Latest recorded date : Sep 1, 1974  
 Number recorded so far : 2

One recorded item is struck in red, the other in black. Note spelling, Tshabong.



No. 3 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameter : 19 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 5, 1974  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 6, 1994  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 27

Note spelling, Tshabong.



No. 4 Type 2 D 2  
 Circle diameter : 20 & 30 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 12, 1974  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 3, 1991  
 Codes recorded : A  
 Number recorded so far : 6



No. 5 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameters : 19 & 28 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 27, 1986  
 Latest recorded date : ? 6, 1989  
 Number recorded so far : 10

Note spelling, Tshabong.



No. 6 Type 8 J 26  
 Box dimensions : 27 x 48 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 7, 1986  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 28, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 13

One recorded item is struck in purple, all others are struck in red.



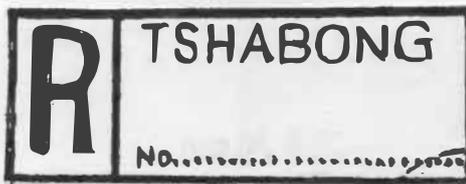
No. 7 Type 61 J 27  
 Oval dimensions : 31 x 58 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 22, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 15, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red-purple.



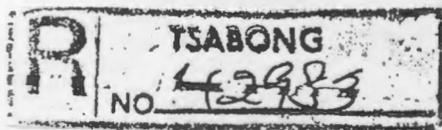
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 Earliest recorded date : Jun 1, 1987  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 1, 1987  
 Number recorded so far : 1

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



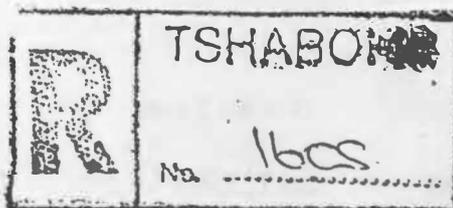
No. 9 Type REGN 2a  
 Box dimensions : ± 22 x 60 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 18, 1974  
 Latest recorded date : Sep 16, 1974  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red. Illustration has been touched up by hand. Note spelling, Tšhabong.



No. 10 Type REGN 2a  
 Box dimensions : 15 x 56 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 5, 1987  
 Latest recorded date : Aug 5, 1987  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 11 Type REGN 2a  
 Box dimensions : 26 x 58 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 14, 1991  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 14, 1991  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red. Note spelling, Tšhabong.

**TSETSEBYE**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1	
Circle diameter	: 21 & 30 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Nov 16, 1984
Latest recorded date	: Sep 14, 1994
Codes recorded	: A, B, C
Number recorded so far	: 15



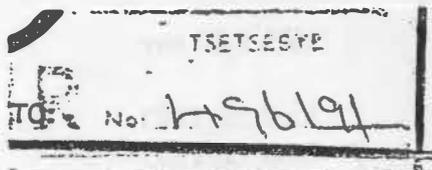
No. 2 Type 8 C 30	
Box dimensions	: 31 x 52 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Mar 6, 1980
Latest recorded date	: Sep 7, 1984
Number recorded so far	: 4

All the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 3 Type 61 J 27	
Oval dimensions	: 30 x 43.5 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Jul 7, 1992
Latest recorded date	: Oct 31, 1992
Number recorded so far	: 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 4 Type REGN 3a	
Box dimensions	: 19 x 51.5 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Sep 11, 1985
Latest recorded date	: Sep 11, 1985
Number recorded so far	: 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

**TSETSEJWE**

No postmarks recorded from this office.

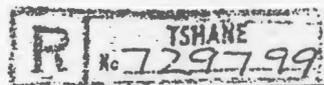
**TSHANE**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1	
Circle diameters	: 19 & 28 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Oct 18, 1988
Latest recorded date	: Jun 15, 1993
Number recorded so far	: 3



No. 2 Type 61 J 27  
 Oval dimensions : 30 x 50 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : June 15, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : June 15, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 1

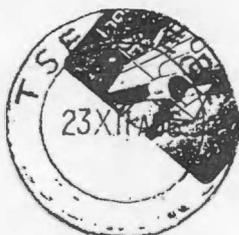
The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 3 Type REGN 2a  
 Box dimensions : ±9.5 x 40 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : June 15, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : June 15, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

## TSESEBE



No. 1 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameter : 21 & 30 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 23, 1966  
 Latest recorded date : May ?, 1971  
 Codes recorded : A  
 Number recorded so far : 4

This is Bechuanaland Protectorate postmark No. 5 with Bech. Prot. excised. (See Runner Post No. 21, p391. Note spelling Tsesebe).



No. 2 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameter : 20 & 31 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 15, 1972  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 1, 1989  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 20



No. 3 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameters : 18.5 & 26 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 28, 1972  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 6, 1988  
 Codes recorded : A, B  
 Number recorded so far : 17



No. 4 Type 8 J 26  
 Box dimensions : 34 x 52 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 6, 1985  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 6, 1988  
 Number recorded so far : 8

One recorded item is struck in red, the rest are struck in violet.



No. 5 Type 8 J 26  
 Box dimensions : 29.5 x 42.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 23, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 18, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 2

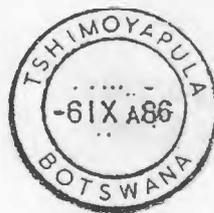
Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 6 Type REGN 2a  
 Box dimensions : 22 x 55 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 17, 1969  
 Latest recorded date : Jul 17, 1969  
 Number recorded so far : 1

Note spelling, Tsessebe.

## TSHIMOYAPULA



No. 1 Type 2 B 51  
 Circle diameter : 18.5 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 1, 1984  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 19, 1990  
 Codes recorded : A, C  
 Number recorded so far : 17



No. 2 Type 8 J 26  
 Box dimensions : 24 x 42 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 14, 1992  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 19, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 3

All recorded items are struck in red.

**TSIENYANE**

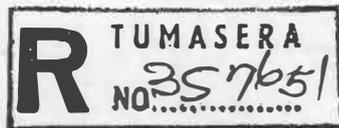
No postmarks recorded for this office.

**TUMASERA**

No. 1 Type 61 J 27

Oval dimensions : 33 x 60 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 17, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Nov 24, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 4

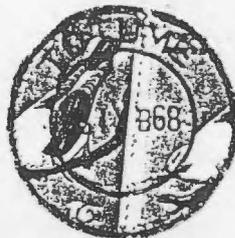
All recorded items are struck in red.



No. 2 Type REGN 3a

Box dimensions : 16 x 43 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 17, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Aug 10, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 3

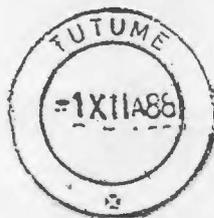
All recorded items are struck in red.

**TUTUME**

No. 1 Type 2 A 1

Circle diameter : 19 & 29 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 7, 1967  
 Latest recorded date : Mar 22, 1971  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 4

Possibly Bechuanaland Protectorate marking with Bech. Prot. excised. Note spelling, Totume.



No. 2 Type 2 D 2

Circle diameter : 19 & 28 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 9, 1971  
 Latest recorded date : Oct 2, 1993  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 25

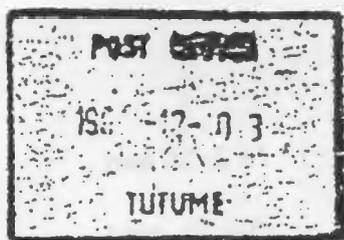


No. 3 Type 2 B 51

Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 9, 1984  
 Latest recorded date : Sep 7, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 22



No. 4 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameters : 18.5 & 28 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 6, 1986  
 Latest recorded date : May 7, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 11



No. 5 Type 8 J 26  
 Box dimensions : 29.5 x 43 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 3, 1987  
 Latest recorded date : Mar 4, 1992  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 6 Type 8 J 26  
 Box dimensions : 26.5 x 42.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 24, 1994  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 24, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red, the second one is dated 15-7-1994, so it cannot be determined if it is the earliest or the latest strike.



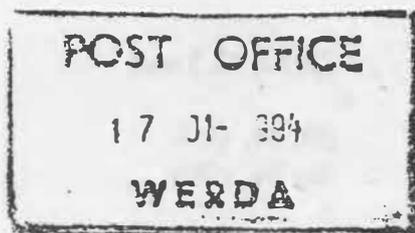
No. 7 Type REGN 2g  
 Box dimensions : 20 x 72 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 6, 1979  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 17, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.

## WERDA



No. 1 Type 2 B 51  
 Circle diameter : 18 & 26 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 29, 1985  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 24, 1994  
 Codes recorded : A, B, C  
 Number recorded so far : 19



No. 2 Type 8 J 26

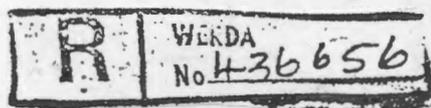
Box dimensions : 29 x 52.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 10, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Jan 17, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 3 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions : ±17 x 57 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 28, 1989  
 Latest recorded date : Aug 28, 1989  
 Number recorded so far : 1



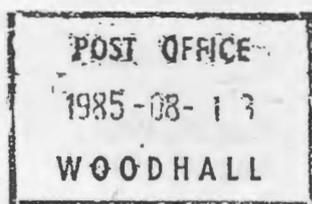
No. 4 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions : ±12 x 53.5 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 3, 1993  
 Latest recorded date : Mar 3, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 1

**WOODHALL**

No. 1 Type 21 A 1

Circle diameters : 17.5 & 29 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 2, 1994  
 Latest recorded date : Mar 14, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 2 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions : 26 x 40 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 18 ?, 1985  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 17, 1994  
 Number recorded so far : 9

All recorded items are struck in red.

**XHOMO**

No. 1 Type 21 A 1

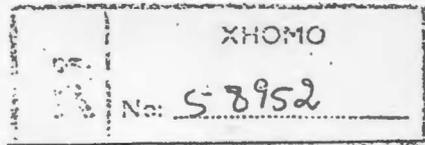
Circle diameter : 19 & 31 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 12, 1985  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 24, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 11

The latest recorded item has the date order reversed.



No. 2 Type 8 M 5  
 Box dimensions : 33 x 52 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 20, 1986  
 Latest recorded date : Feb 20, 1986  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 3 Type REGN 2a  
 Box dimensions : 18 x 53 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 20, 1986  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 24, 1993  
 Number recorded so far : 5

All recorded items are struck in red.

### XOJANE



No. 1 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameters : 19 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 30, 1988  
 Latest recorded date : Dec 30, 1988  
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.

### ZANZIBAR



No. 1 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameters : 20 & 29 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 28, 1974  
 Latest recorded date : Aug 28, 1974  
 Number recorded so far : 1

This is Bechuanaland protectorate postmark No. 1 with Bech. Prot. excised. (See Runner Post No. 28, p563).

### ZWENSHAMBE



No. 1 Type 2 A 1  
 Circle diameter : 18 & 27 mm  
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 3, 1983  
 Latest recorded date : Jun 18, 1993  
 Codes recorded : A  
 Number recorded so far : 18



## No. 2 Type 2 F 6

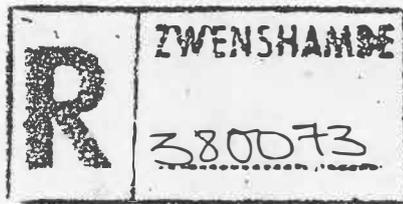
Circle diameters	:	18 & 26.5 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Oct 30, 1989
Latest recorded date	:	Nov 3, 1989
Codes recorded	:	C
Number recorded so far	:	2



## No. 3 Type 61 J 27

Oval dimensions	:	29.5 x 49 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	? ? 1978
Latest recorded date	:	Apr 27, 1979
Number recorded so far	:	2

Both recorded items are struck in red.



## No. 4 Type REGN 2h

Box dimensions	:	25.5 x 51 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Sep 16, 1985
Latest recorded date	:	Jun 20, 1993
Number recorded so far	:	3

All recorded items are struck in red.

The Botswana Postmark Project Team that provided the data for this Checklist for Offices beginning with the letters T - Z was Dennis Firth, the late Mike George, Sir John Inglefield-Watson, Peter Thy, David Wall (with help from Barbara Andersson and Sheila Case), and myself.



# RARE STAMPS



## BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE

1888 'Unappropriated Dies' 10/- green and black overprinted 'Protectorate'. Fine mint, with clear RPS certificate (1988).

A very rare stamp, especially in this fine condition. SG 50

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