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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

A big thank you to one of our newer members - Des Hyland - who was 'press-ganged' at the last minute into arranging for the copying, collating and despatching of all copies of RP 48 for southern African members. Your Editor, running late as usual, finished the masters for RP 48 during the Christmas-New Year period when all copy centres in Cape Town shut down. One set of masters was dispatched to the UK for 'other than southern Africa' copying and distribution where David Hardwick did his usual excellent job. As I was leaving Cape Town on 1 January for five weeks, there was no way I could have had the RP copied and distributed before mid-February without Des's help.

Most members will be wondering where on earth is *The Runner Post*? And in that connection an apology is owed and much overdue. For various reasons, it has not been possible to publish on the correct dates. Despite the best intentions, it has become clear the situation is not likely to improve in the near future. I am therefore appealing to any member or members who feel they may be able to assist in the preparation of *The Runner Post* with a view to taking over the portfolio. I have been Editor for over ten years and feel it is time to hand over to someone who can devote the required time to the job which I am no longer able to do. I will of course be only too happy to offer any assistance and advice to a new Editor both during and after the transition. If you feel you are interested in assuming this role, please contact me at the address above.

In an effort to get back on schedule, this issue is larger than usual and comprises RP 49 and RP 50.

Congratulations to Jim Catterall who was invited to display six frames (96 pages) of Bechuanaland at the Royal Philatelic Society, London, on 2nd October 1997. Jim's display was entitled 'Some Bechuanaland Postal History' and was accompanied by four pages of illustrated notes which included a brief history of the territory and explanations of rates and routes of many of the items displayed. The display opened with an 1840 missionary cover from Kuruman and concluded with the 1932 'First Regular Airmail' with two 5/- seahorses which effectively became the first Bechuanaland airmail crash cover (illustrated in RP 39, p859). See also Jim's article 'Some Sources of Early Covers from The Bechuanalands' in RP 38, p830 which included an illustration of the 1840 Kuruman cover.

PACIFIC 97 AWARDS

The report in RP 48 (p1184), omitted to record that our member Frederick Lawrence achieved a Large Vermeil for his five frame exhibit entitled 'Scouting On Stamps "Classics"'. It was also accepted as a 'standby' exhibit, as was David Wessely's. Because of computer problems with the standby exhibits, it is not listed in the Palmars, but it does appear on the errata sheet. The exhibit contained 24 pages of Mafeking siege 'blueprint' stamps and covers. Frederick recently showed it at INDEPEX 97 (New Delhi, December 1997) where it won a Gold for 6 frames. It presently contains 26 pages of Mafeking siege 'blues'. Congratulations Frederick!

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to two new members:

Andrew Higson, 9 Highfields Drive, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3JS, England. Andrew's interests include the stamps of Bechuanaland, Transvaal and telegraph stamps.

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THE AUTUMN MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD ON 18TH SEPTEMBER 1997

The usual regulars gathered at the Camden Head public house, Islington, for the Society's AGM on September 18th. There was no election of officers (this happens on alternate years only), so business was kept to a minimum and is detailed in the minutes which appear elsewhere.

The philatelic theme of the meeting might be broadly described as 'Cinderella' material. Several members showed a variety of material that included military telegraph stamps, revenue stamps, Rhodesia Railways stamps and other off-beat items.

Dennis Firth showed military telegraph stamps prepared for use in the Egyptian campaign of 1884 and used by the Warren Expedition in Bechuanaland; 1895 Fiscals issued by the Tati Concession Ltd; used Protectorate revenues; Rhodesia Railways stamps used on waybills, consignment notes and luggage tickets; 1904-09 Transvaal stamps overprinted 'Bechuanaland Protectorate' issued for fiscal use; train mail cancellations; Tati Company cheques; a receipt for hut tax; and Tuberculosis labels from 1963 and 1964.

Sir John Inglefield-Watson showed some Transvaal fiscal overprints and some Protectorate War Fund labels. Courtesy of John Taylor, Alan MacGregor showed colour photostats of some very unusual Tati Concession Essays including an 1895 hand-painted essay for the 2/6 value in blue and gold. Alan also showed several Stellaland revenue stamps used on documents.

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday 6th March 1998, since this date coincided with the London International Stamp and Cover Show held at the Royal Horticultural Society hall(s) in Victoria/Pimlico. We regret that several of our members are unable to attend meetings in midweek - but the "popular vote" in our last members' survey was for midweek meetings coinciding with a major exhibition.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS & QUERIES

BOTSWANA DEFINITIVE SURCHARGES

John Inglefield-Watson writes:

"I can provide a definite answer to only one of Dennis Firth's queries in RP 48 (p1185) about the printers of the surcharges on Botswana definitive stamps. Andy Andersson informed me that the 1996 surcharges (SG 817-9) were the work of Natprint, Harare. The poor standard of workmanship was, to paraphrase his critical comments more politely, the result of their inadequate experience in surcharging. The varieties of the 20t on 2t value (SG 817) reported by Alan Knox in RP 48 are therefore not surprising."

J.F.I-W.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS & QUERIES

EXPRESS AND EXPEDITED MAIL

Peter Thy has responded to Dennis Firth's query in RP 48 (p1185) about the difference between Botswana's EXPRESS and EMS mail services:

Express mail service is offered for most mail classes by the payment of an express fee plus if required a delivery fee in addition to normal postage. For example, in 1982 the total fee for a regular express letter delivered at an address within 3 km from the nearest Post Office would be 7t + 25t + 30t = 62t (airmail (not offered in 1982) and registration (30t) would be additional). Domestic express "mail matters will receive special treatment and delivery will be effected by messenger to the addressee if such delivery is possible . . . beyond 3 km from the Post Office" according to the 1982 Postal Service Guide. International express mail to certain countries is charged a handling fee per item in addition to the usual postage. An express letter up to 20g to the UK would in 1982 cost 25t + 35t = 60t (again air (25t per 10g) and registration (30t) are extra). Express mail surprisingly is not automatically despatched by air unless the airmail fee is paid. How 'express' the international service will be is dependent on how the receiving country treats express mail from Botswana. I believe that the USPS treats express mail from abroad as certified mail (though I have been unable to confirm this).

The Expedited Mail Service (EMS) was first offered in 1990 and is similar to typical express or EMS mail programs offered by many, if not all, postal administrations all over the world. The domestic service is only to and from certain major towns. An EMS letter (up to 500g) between Francistown and Gaborone would in 1990 cost P12. A similar letter to the UK would cost P30. (A co-operative account will lower these prices by 20%.) An EMS letter will be despatched daily with certain mail-carrying international flights (I don't know the details). When received abroad, the EMS mail is treated as express mail. (EMS mail is not listed in the 'tariff' books from Botswana Postal Services so I don't have the current rates).

It is not clear whether EMS mail under ideal circumstances is much faster than a regular airmail express letter to the UK for which the sender in 1990 would pay P1.80.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND ½d YELLOW-GREEN (SG 57) WITH DOUBLE OVERPRINT, ONE ALBINO AND INVERTED

John Inglefield-Watson writes:

"I can confirm the existence of this variety reported in RP 48. I have two examples, both with quite faint albino impressions:

1. Albino 'BRITISH' about 1mm above normal 'BECHUANALAND'. 'H' of 'BRITISH' above 2nd 'A' of 'BECHUANALAND'. No smudges on front.
2. Albino 'BRITISH' about 3mm below normal 'BECHUANALAND'. 'H' of 'BRITISH' below 'NAP' of 'BECHUANALAND'. Smudges on front.

These different positions suggest to me that more than one pane received an albino impression. I am not aware of any similar variety on SG 56 or SG 58." J.F.I-W.

WATCH OUT FOR JUNK BOXES!

Chris Cordes writes from Johannesburg to say a dealer allowed him to scratch through a shoe-box full of Southern African 'packet material' at a local stamp fair.

Apart from yielding two stock cards of 'nice' postmarks, the two illustrated stamps were noted:

KG6 1½ dull blue (SG 120) with a clear RAMOUTSA 19 X / 1940 skeleton datestamp

QE2 1c 'Golden Oriole' error of watermark (SG 220a) albeit with a small tear under the postmark at lower right.

Keep scratching!



POPULATION OF THE BECHUANALANDS

Jim Catterall writes in response to Peter Thy's article 'Bechuanaland Censuses' in RP 48, p1202:

"After reading Peter Thy's article on Bechuanaland censuses, I remembered that I had a Union Castle Guide to South Africa published in 1902. For what it is worth this gave the following population figures:

1. British Bechuanaland in 1895

Whites: 12,726

Coloured: 7472

Natives (payers of the hut tax): approx. 50,000

Total: 72,726

This appears to be almost the same as the 1891 census (72,736) four years earlier and which was probably the source of the figures but broken down into the different groups.

2. The Protectorate (no date given but possibly current - i.e. 1902)

The native population: estimated about 150,000 (compared to 119,411 in 1904).

Europeans: about 500 only. (1004 in 1904)

The only town given separate population figures is Palapye with a total population of 20,000 of which some 70 are white. It is likely that Francistown had a larger population of whites although a smaller total number.

It is unclear why the population of the Protectorate should be larger in 1902 than 1904 but I will leave the thought with Peter."

DE LA RUE 2/6 'SEAHORSES' POSTMARKED BEFORE DATE OF ISSUE

John Inglefield-Watson writes:

My quite extensive research into the 'Seahorses' issues has so far failed to uncover any information about quantities printed and despatch dates. Holmes, page 113, stated that his "Deep Brown" shade, equating to Gibbons' SG 86 "Sepia", appeared "about 1920". If, as I suspect, this is the source of Gibbons' issue date, Howard Cook's block, illustrated in RP 48, provides clear evidence that this date should be amended. To my surprise I find that I can not only support Howard but also bring forward the date to 1917 with examples postmarked Francistown on JA 6 17 and 28 JUN 19 and Magalapye on JY 23 18. I am informing the SG Catalogue Editor accordingly. J.F.I-W.

'EAGLE FLAW' ON P1 FRANCISTOWN COMMEMORATIVE

Bruce Warrander writes with further information on the P1 Monarch Mine stamp (see RP 47, p1152):

"John Inglefield-Watson has the same positional block as me, but from cylinder 1A1A1A1A. The Eagle flaw DOES NOT occur on this cylinder block. John also provided me with the following information regarding the Francistown Commemorative cylinder blocks and gutter pairs in his collection:

- a) Top Right Corner Cylinder Blocks:-
20t : 1C, 50t : 1A and 1C, 80t : 1C, P1 : 1A and 1C
- b) Bottom Right Corner Cylinder Blocks:-
20t : 1B and 1D, 50t : 1B and 1D, 80t : 1B and 1D, P1 : 1B and 1D
- c) Left Marginal Vertical Gutter Pairs: Cylinder Numbers for Top / Bottom Panes:-
20t : 1C / 1D, 50t : 1A / 1B, 80t : 1C / 1D, P1 : 1A / 1B

John believes it is reasonable to deduce from the above information that all four values were printed from both cylinders 1A / 1B and 1C / 1D. The flaw so far is only found on the top right corner 1C cylinder block."

Bruce subsequently sent an amendment to the above along with an illustration of a cylinder C1 block ex John Inglefield-Watson WITHOUT THE FLAW. The sheet number serial is 0203. Bruce's sheet serial numbers are 0765 and 0787. The flaw therefore appears to have developed between No 0203 and No 0765 and is not as first thought a constant flaw on the cylinder. Bruce would be interested to see if any member can find the approximate sheet number where the flaw developed.

RECENT BOTSWANA POSTMARKS - NEW FORMATS

"Amongst recent Botswana postmarks of 1996-97 I have noticed a few that appear to be in new formats not previously covered by our 1995 Typology. These are illustrated below, regrettably not very clearly due to dark backgrounds. Perhaps Brian Trotter will allot provisional Type numbers." J.F.I-W.

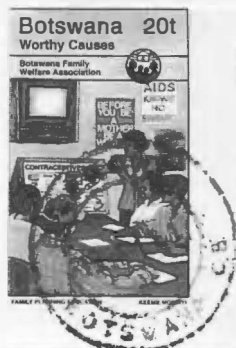


Fig. 1
1996.11.01



Fig. 2
1997.05.22



Fig. 3
1997.06.03

- Fig. 1: Office name 'SEROWE' at top, 'BOTSWANA' followed by 'CB' at base, perhaps with a stop after 'C'. Can anyone confirm this?
- Fig. 2: Similar format to Fig. 1 but Office is 'SELEBI-PHIKWE' and 'BOTSWANA' is followed by 'CE'. What does 'CE' mean? Could it be an error for 'CB'?
- Fig. 3: Office name 'SOESHA P.A MAUN' at top. Blank at base. Can anyone confirm whether or not there are stops after the 'P' and the 'A'?

BARRED OVAL NUMERAL CANCELLER '428' ?

Philip Robinson has sent this illustration of a British Bechuanaland 2d on 2d (SG 23) cancelled with a Barred Oval Numeral Cancellor (BONC), which appears to be number '428'. Although slightly unevenly inked, the first digit can only be a '4', the second digit is definitely a '2' and the last appears to be an '8' rather than a '9' (the central horizontal of a '9' should be lower and the 'tail' should not curve up so much).

This numeral is not previously recorded as having been used in Bechuanaland. The only BONC beginning with a '4' known to have been used in the Bechuanalands is BONC '478' which was assigned to Groot Chwaing.

In their book *The Postal Cancellers of The Cape of Good Hope*, the authors Franco Frescura and Mike Nethersole assign BONC '428' to Schmidts Drift or to its neighbour Campbell in the Cape. There is the possibility the stamp may have been cancelled in transit or on arrival at that agency.

However, when an agency closed, its BONC may have been re-allocated to another agency and the possibility therefore exists that this stamp may well have been cancelled at one of the early, short lived Bechuanaland postal agencies such as Banks Drift, Poedomoe or Bloemfontein. Alternative theories are invited!



POSTAGE DUE STAMP QUERY - SG D9 ON CHALK SURFACED PAPER

"Many thanks for printing my query regarding the 5c on 1/2d postage due (SG D9) on apparently chalk-surfaced paper. Following your correspondent's reply in September's issue of *Runner Post* (RP 48, p1186), I have re-examined the stamp in question and have reached the conclusion that 'J.F.I-W.' is correct, it is on the ordinary paper."

Stuart Cockerill



POSTAGE DUE MARKING QUERY (RP 47, p1151)

Peter Thy writes to say that although he unfortunately is unable to answer the question as to where the illustrated tax marking was applied, he makes the comment that the correct Commonwealth postcard rate in 1952 was 2d and a 2d tax (double the deficiency) therefore, appears justified provided the reciprocal rate from the UK to Bechuanaland was also 2d. Peter also writes:

"Two covers in my collection (illustrated above) are postage due taxed with an identical 'T 3 1/2c' mark. One cover originated in Lobatsi and was mailed to San Francisco in 1953 and franked by 4d. The other cover was mailed from East London to Los Angeles in 1951 and also franked with 4d. Assuming both took normal postal routes, their only common transit location was Cape Town where the marking must have been applied. Therefore, it appears that the Bechuanaland mail was sorted in Cape Town.

In 1951-3, the letter rate to USA from Bechuanaland and South Africa was 4 1/2d for the first oz and 3d for each additional oz. The 4 1/2d was equivalent to 20 UPU gold centimes and the 1/2d underpayment was translated into 3 1/2 centimes. In 1951, the international surface rate in the US was 5c for the first oz (also equal to 20 centimes) and 3c for the additional oz. The Los Angeles cover was assessed a 2 cents tax in New York and this amount was presumably collected upon delivery. The other cover slipped by without being noticed, perhaps because of its philatelic nature. But how was the 2c calculated in New York? The 1/2d under-payment was equivalent of 2.2 centimes in Cape Town, but was translated into 3.5 centimes. In New York, 4 centimes was equivalent to 1 cent and the final tax was assessed at double that amount as per UPU regulations, as 2 cents.

My main reason for writing has really nothing to do with the tax markings. My desire is very simple. I would like to know more about the postcard itself. Does any reader know of similar cards used in Bechuanaland or Botswana prior to 1989 without imprinted stamp, a blank reverse, and a simple explanatory text in English, Setswana, or Afrikaans on the front? Were these sold by the Post Office? Please respond!"

Peter Thy

On Her Majesty's Service.

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OFFICIAL FREE CACHET

Howard Cook asks two questions concerning the 'On Her Majesty's Service' cover illustrated here (reduced to 82%):

I have an OHMS cover bearing a double oval OFFICIAL FREE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE cachet. To the best of my knowledge the cachet has not been included in the typology project, presumably because no office name appears in the cachet.

Evidently the OHMS envelope on which the cachet appears was in use between 1955 and 1958. Two questions which need to be answered:

1. In which town / city was the Director of Medical Services based?
2. Is the date of use (late 1950's) correct?

**BOTSWANA POSTAL ROUTE QUERY**

Bruce Warrender sent this illustration (reduced to 82%) of a cover posted airmail from Molepolole on 21 December 1978 to the UK (backstamped Petersfield 12 January 1979). The cover bears 12t in postage (printed matter rate?) and was re-addressed on arrival within the UK. The cover also bears a Lusaka transit datestamp of 8 January 1979 - a journey time of 18 days to a neighbouring country. Bruce asks:

1. What was the airmail route or routes from Botswana to England in 1978-1979?
2. Why did it take such a long time to travel from Molepolole to Lusaka?
3. Could the 12t rate have been the incorrect rate for weight or contents and caused the delay?
4. Was the route via Zambia the result of the political situation in southern Africa at that time?
5. What mode of transport would have been used to convey mail to Zambia?

STELLALAND COVER ON AUCTION

The Stephan Welz auction held in Johannesburg on 25 March 1998, contained a Stellaland cover (Lot 160) which is illustrated here with the catalogue description below:



1884 Combination Cover to Kimberley franked 4d Stellaland adhesive at upper right bearing manuscript initials 'F.H.' with date '25/11/84' (the adhesive slightly overlapping manuscript endorsement on envelope in same hand and pen '4d to Stamp') and with Transvaal 1883 Celliers reissue 1d and 3d adhesives at bottom left cancelled triple ring target '6' numeral of Christiana, the proving transit cds of Christiana 'NO 29 84' on reverse, as also Kimberley arrival 'NO 29 84', (letter addressed to 'L. Lowenthal Esq/ Diamond Fields/ Kimberley'). 4d in Transvaal adhesives receipting payment of the ½oz letter rate to the Cape Colony, some tone spotting in envelope and around perf edges of adhesives not detracting. An extremely rare combination franking with only five other covers known bearing Transvaal adhesives.

Note: this cover not recorded by Drysdall in his summation of the known covers bearing Stellaland adhesives.

The note in italics refers to the listing of all known Stellaland covers compiled by Alan Drysdall which was published in Runner Post Issues 22 and 23 (and in an updated form in the London Philatelist of March 1992) where a total of 13 covers bearing Stellaland stamps were recorded. The estimate was R30,000-R40,000 and it sold for R49,500 (R45,000 + premiums). This equates approximately to US\$ 9,900 or £5,900.

This cover was part of a thematic exhibit last shown in 1987 at the South African National Exhibition held in Paarl in the Cape. The exhibit was entitled 'philatelic terms illustrated' and this cover was used to illustrate a combination cover!

COLOUR SHIFT ON 1967 7c HORNBILL

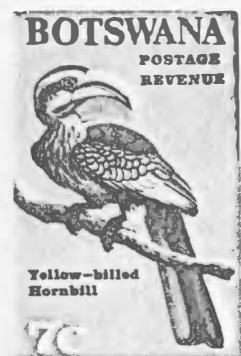
Bruce Warrander writes to report a colour shift on the 1967 7c hornbill (SG 225). The shift concerns the yellow colour of the bill which is shifted downwards.

The result is the top part of the bill being left white while there is a 'second bill' appearing between the original bill and the birds back in a yellowish green colour.

Unfortunately, due to the light colour of the shift, it does not reproduce very well, though one can just make out the second bill on the enlarged illustration.



NORMAL



SHIFT

TATI CONCESSIONS DOCUMENT

Our dealer-member, Steve Drewett of Empire Stamp Auctions in the UK, sold a marvellous Tati document as Lot 173 on his 5 December 1997 sale. The item is illustrated below along with the catalogue description:



1897 use of THE TATI CONCESSIONS LIMITED claim form certificate bearing eight examples of the 10/- green. 'Tati Concessions' stamp each tied by THE TATI CONCESSIONS / LIMITED / TATI MATEBELELAND oval h/s in violet (crosses at left and right) and dated 24.SEP.1897. A very rare document showing the use of these adhesives issued to claimholder on the grounds of scarcity of native labour. A superb piece.

As far as I know, this is the only recorded complete document bearing Tati Concessions stamps. The estimate was £550. I understand it fetched over £1000.

FORGED / FAKED 'MARIBOGO' CANCELLATION ON 1887 £5

Brian Fenemore has provided this illustration of an 1887 'Unappropriated Dies' £5 lilac and black (SG 21). It bears what purports to be a single circle datestamp for MARIBOGO dated 'JU 10 87' - a date several months prior to the 1 November 1887 issue date for this stamp. The stamp is a little pale and shows signs that it may have been cleaned (fiscal cancel removed?)

Although it is a good match for the overall size of the datestamp and spacing of the letters, there are minor differences in some letters - most noticeably the 'G'. However, the date in the centre appears out of alignment and the two lines appear too close together.

It is possible that this is misuse of the genuine canceller at a later date with the year inserted separately (perhaps the postmaster drew the line at backdating the year and only provided the month and day?) Late use would imply older, more worn letters which could give rise to the minor differences mentioned.



A 1973 certificate from the 'Royal Philatelic Society, London' states "used - is genuine" with the observation "colour affected". The certificate is signed by . . . 'H.R. Holmes'. Do other members have examples of the 1887 high values 'used' at Maribogo?

BECHUANALAND WAR FUND LABELS

Information about these labels has been reported several times in The Runner Post, most recently in RP 21, page 377.

Thanks to Jack Newman, I can now add details of two covers which bear the label overprinted with a capital V in purple. Both covers were posted at the South African post office in Mafeking, one on 2nd February 1942 and the other on 9th February. They must have travelled by the same mail as both covers were redirected on arrival in Devon on 16th March. Although neither label is tied to its cover, and the beginning of 1942 seems a little early to have been proclaiming victory, there is no reason to doubt that they belong.

The overprints on these two labels are consistent in position and inking, both with each other and with the other examples previously reported. This suggests that panes of labels were overprinted by machine, rather than each label being individually handstamped. But do booklets of the overprinted labels exist?

A.R. Chilton



CHECKLIST OF BOTSWANA POSTMARKS FOR GABORONE (PART 2)

Brian Trotter

This is the final checklist of postmarks put together by the Botswana Postmark Project Team, and covers all the markings we were able to record for Gaborone. New markings for Gaborone (and many other offices) have probably been issued during the time elapsed between collecting the information, and finally getting the checklist published. This has also been an ongoing situation with many of the latest recorded dates, with new later dates coming available as the cancellers continue to be used. So, in many cases, the latest recorded dates have little real relevance.

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 Project Team has recorded 202 markings for Gaborone so far. Part two of the Team's efforts follow.



No. 54 Type 2 E (4)

Circle diameters	:	19 & 31 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Aug 14, 1972
Latest recorded date	:	Sep 14, 1992
Codes recorded	:	A, B
Number recorded so far	:	23



No. 55 Type 2 E (5)

Circle diameters	:	19 & 31 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Sep 23, 1973
Latest recorded date	:	Dec 11, 1992
Codes recorded	:	A, B
Number recorded so far	:	40



No. 56 Type 2 C 22

Circle diameters	:	22 & 33 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jul 30, 1968
Latest recorded date	:	Nov 4, 1971
Codes recorded	:	A, B
Number recorded so far	:	38



No. 57 Type 2 C 21(1)

Circle diameters	:	19 & 28 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jan 26, 1985
Latest recorded date	:	Nov 11, 1985
Number recorded so far	:	6

See No. 58 for what is possibly the same marking with the digit '1' excised.



No. 58 Type 2 C 21

Circle diameters	:	19 & 28 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jul 21, 1989
Latest recorded date	:	Oct 11, 1993
Number recorded so far	:	14

As there is no overlap in dates, and the 'RLS' is offset slightly to the left, this is apparently the same marking as No. 57, with the digit '1' excised.



No. 59 Type 2 C 21 (2)

Circle diameters	:	19 & 28 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jul 25, 1985
Latest recorded date	:	May 10, 1990
Number recorded so far	:	Over 50

Two of the recorded items have no digits '19' in the year (i.e. 85 instead of 1985).



No. 60 Type 21 C 21 (4)

Circle diameters	:	18 & 30 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Oct 28, 1989
Latest recorded date	:	May 20, 1992
Number recorded so far	:	10



No. 61 Type 1 D 10 (1)

Circle diameters	:	26 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Aug 13, 1985
Latest recorded date	:	Jun 17, 1988
Number recorded so far	:	3



No. 62 Type 21 C 24

Circle diameters	: 18 & 30 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Oct 14, 1987
Latest recorded date	: Sep 22, 1993
Number recorded so far	: Over 50

One recorded item has day and month sequence reversed, and another recorded item is struck in red.



No. 63 Type 2 C 24

Circle diameters	: 19 & 28 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Jul 18, 1985
Latest recorded date	: Feb 11, 1994
Number recorded so far	: Over 50

See No. 64 for a similar type with wider, larger lettering.



No. 64 Type 2 C 24

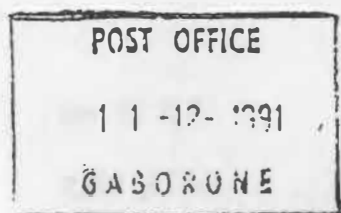
Circle diameters	: 19 & 27 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Feb 8, 1994
Latest recorded date	: Nov 24, 1994
Number recorded so far	: 3

See No. 63 for a similar marking with smaller, narrower lettering.



No. 65 Type 2 C 23(4)

Circle diameters	: 19 & 28 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Sep 14, 1988
Latest recorded date	: Sep 14, 1988
Number recorded so far	: 1



No. 66 Type 8 J 26

Box dimensions	: 27 x 43 mm
Earliest recorded date	: May 21, 1991
Latest recorded date	: Dec 11, 1991
Number recorded so far	: 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 67 Type 2 X 1

Circle diameters : 19 & 28 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 22, 1987
 Latest recorded date : Aug 20, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 18

This is a separate post office at the airport.



No. 68 Type 8 M 11

Box dimensions : 34 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : ? 15, 1988
 Latest recorded date : ? 15, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 69 Type 8 J 36 (5)

Box dimensions : 38 x 53 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 10, 1995
 Latest recorded date : Feb 10, 1995
 Number recorded so far : 1

Presumably a separate post office at the railway station. The single recorded item is struck in red.



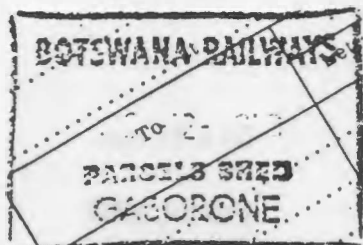
No. 70 Type RLWY 4a

Box dimensions : 30 x 45 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 14, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Aug 14, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 71 Type RLWY 4a

Box dimensions : 28.5 x 52 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 18, 1993
 Latest recorded date : Mar 18, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 72 Type RLWY 4b

Box dimensions	:	31 x 46 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Dec 19, 1993
Latest recorded date	:	Dec 19, 1993
Number recorded so far	:	2

One recorded item is struck in purple. The other has no legible date, so date of usage cannot be determined.

No. 73 Type MACH 1

Circle diameters	:	26 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Sep 2, 1967
Latest recorded date	:	Nov 23, 1971
Number recorded so far	:	17



No. 74 Type MACH?

Circle diameters	:	24.5 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jan 21, 1987
Latest recorded date	:	Jan 21, 1987
Number recorded so far	:	1

Only one part cancellation has been recorded, so type cannot be determined.

No. 75 Type MACH 2a

Circle diameters	:	22 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Apr 8, 1970
Latest recorded date	:	Apr 1, 1978
Number recorded so far	:	4



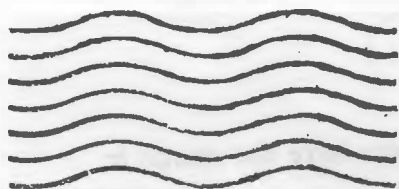
Note spelling as 'GABERONE'. Date sequence varies, and one recorded item has the time as 20-AM.



No. 76 Type MACH 2a

Circle diameters	:	22 mm
Earliest recorded date	:	Jul 24, 1974
Latest recorded date	:	Feb 16, 1977
Number recorded so far	:	4

Date sequence varies. One recorded item has the time omitted.



No. 77 Type MACH 2b

Circle diameters	: 22 mm
Earliest recorded date	: May 26, 1971
Latest recorded date	: Dec 11, 1973
Number recorded so far	: 31

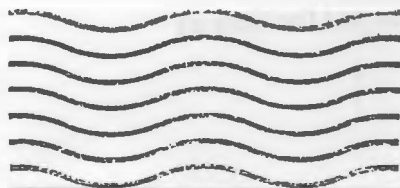
Note spelling as 'GABERONE'. Date sequence varies.



No. 78 Type MACH 2c

Circle diameters	: 22 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Sep 28, 1973
Latest recorded date	: Sep 28, 1973
Number recorded so far	: 1

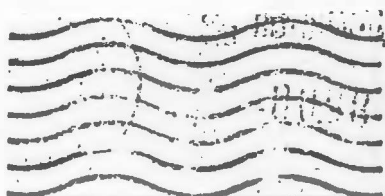
Note spelling as 'GABERONE'.



No. 79 Type MACH 4a

Circle diameters	: 21 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Feb 21, 1985
Latest recorded date	: Sep 27, 1989
Number recorded so far	: Over 50

Date sequence varies, and two recorded items have time/date/year inverted. Year is sometimes in small numerals, sometimes in larger numerals.



No. 80 Type MACH 3b

Circle diameters	: 21 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Sep 19, 1984
Latest recorded date	: Sep 13, 1994
Number recorded so far	: 40

Date sequence varies. Some recorded items have the month in letters, others have the month in numerals.



No. 81 Type SPEC 1d

Circle diameters	: 21 mm
Earliest recorded date	: Sep 30, 1968
Latest recorded date	: Jun 9, 1971
Number recorded so far	: 11

Note spelling as 'GABERONES'.



No. 82 Type SPEC 1a

Circle diameters : 19 & 26 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 23, 1974
 Latest recorded date : Oct 24, 1994
 Number recorded so far : Over 50



No. 83 Type SPEC 1f

Circle diameters : 25 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 18, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Mar 14, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 11



No. 84 Type SPEC 1b

Circle diameters : 20 & 28 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 6, 1978
 Latest recorded date : Oct 25, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 45



No. 85 Type SPEC 1e

Circle diameters : 25 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 31, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Oct 31, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 86 Type SPEC 6c

Circle diameters : 20 & 31 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 24, 1968
 Latest recorded date : Jul 2, 1971
 Number recorded so far : 8

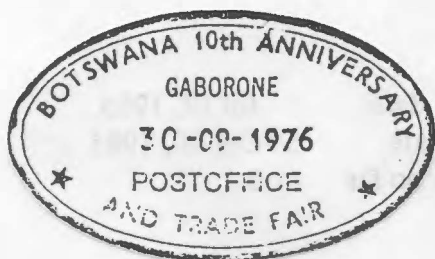
All recorded items are struck in violet. Only markings for one day each year are recorded. This appears to have been an annual one day event. Note spelling as 'GABERONES'.



No. 87 Type SPEC 6d

Circle diameters : 23 & 36 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 19, 1974
 Latest recorded date : Jul 19, 1974
 Number recorded so far : 3

All recorded items are struck in mauve.

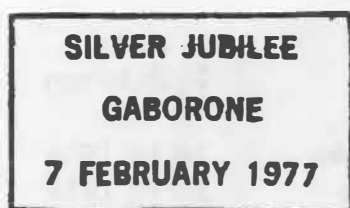


No. 88 Type SPEC 6e
 Outer oval dimensions : 32 x 55 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 30, 1976
 Latest recorded date : Sep 30, 1976
 Number recorded so far : 5



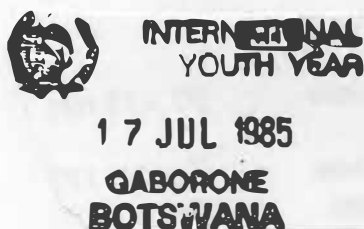
No. 89 Type SPEC 2c
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 9, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Apr 9, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 6

This is a separate post office at the airport.



No. 90 Type SPEC 2b
 Box dimensions : 26 x 45 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 7, 1977
 Latest recorded date : Feb 7, 1977
 Number recorded so far : 2

Commemorating the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.



No. 91 Type SPEC 3
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 17, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Oct 20, 1985
 Number recorded so far : 3

Omnibus marking - International Youth Year.



No. 92 Type SPEC 2b
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 30, 1986
 Latest recorded date : Sep 30, 1986
 Number recorded so far : 3

Omnibus marking - 20th Anniversary of Independence.



No. 93 Type SPEC 2b

Earliest recorded date : Jun 1, 1987
 Latest recorded date : Jun 1, 1987
 Number recorded so far : 2

Omnibus marking - Child Survival and Development.



No. 94 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Jul 13, 1987
 Latest recorded date : Jul 13, 1987
 Number recorded so far : 2

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



No. 95 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Jul 28-Aug 2, '87
 Latest recorded date : Jul 28-Aug 2, '87
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 96 Type SPEC 2b

Earliest recorded date : Jun 6, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Jun 6, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 97 Type SPEC 2b

Circle diameters : 23 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Aug 22, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Aug 22, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 4



No. 98 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Aug 29-Sep 3, '88
 Latest recorded date : Aug 29-Sep 3, '88
 Number recorded so far : 1

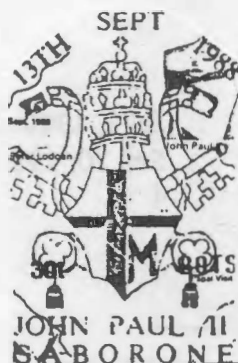
See number 99 for a small version of this marking.



No. 99 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Aug 29-Sep 3, '88
 Latest recorded date : Aug 29-Sep 3, '88
 Number recorded so far : 1

See number 98 for larger version of this marking.



No. 100 Type SPEC 2b

Earliest recorded date : Sep 13, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Sep 13, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 2

See number 101 for a smaller version of this marking - which was not officially released.



No. 101 Type SPEC 2b

Earliest recorded date : Sep 13, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Sep 13, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 1

See number 100 for a larger version of this marking, which was the officially released marking. Apparently some 20 to 30 First Day covers exist with this smaller version of the marking, which was not officially released.



No. 102 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Oct 16, 1989
 Latest recorded date : Nov 7, 1989
 Number recorded so far : 11

Three of the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 103 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Jul 1, 1989
 Latest recorded date : Sep 20, 1989
 Number recorded so far : 4



No. 104 Type SPEC 2c

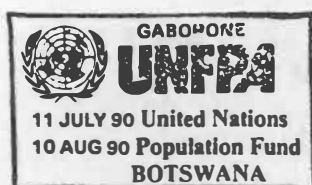
Earliest recorded date : Jan 18, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Jan 18, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 4



No. 105 Type SPEC 2b

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

All recorded items struck in red. Omnibus marking - Stampworld London 1990.



No. 106 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Jul 28, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Aug 10, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 6

Two of the recorded items are struck in blue. Omnibus marking - United Nations Population Fund.



No. 107 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Aug 28-Sep 2
 Latest recorded date : Aug 28-Sep 2
 Number recorded so far : 2

International Trade Fair 1989. See No. 108 for 1990 Fair, and No. 109 for 1991 Fair.



No. 108 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Sep 3-8, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Sep 3-8, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 1

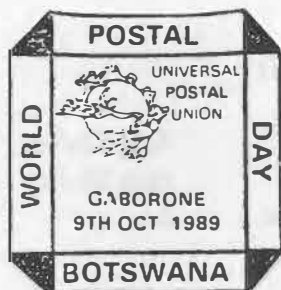
International Trade Fair 1990. See No. 107 for 1989 Fair, and No. 109 for 1991 Fair.



No. 109 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date	:	Aug 26-31, 1991
Latest recorded date	:	Aug 26-31, 1991
Number recorded so far	:	1

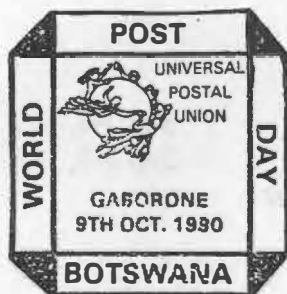
The single recorded item is struck in purple. International Trade Fair 1991. See No. 107 for 1989 Fair, and No. 108 for 1990 Fair.



No. 110 Type SPEC 2c

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

Eight of the recorded markings are struck in blue. See No. 110 for a similar 1990 marking, where 'POSTAL' becomes 'POST'. Omnibus marking - World Postal Day.



No. 111 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date	:	Oct 9, 1990
Latest recorded date	:	Oct 9, 1990
Number recorded so far	:	2

Both recorded items are struck in blue. See No. 109 for a similar 1989 marking, where 'POST' was 'POSTAL'. Omnibus marking - World Post Day.



No. 112 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date	:	Oct 24-Dec 31, '90
Latest recorded date	:	Oct 24-Dec 31, '90
Number recorded so far	:	5

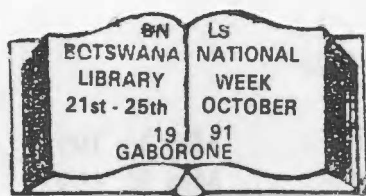
Two of the recorded items are struck in blue, and one in violet. Omnibus marking - UNDP Forty Years of World Development.



No. 113 Type SPEC 2b

Earliest recorded date : Dec 7, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Dec 7, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 114 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Oct 21-25, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Oct 21-25, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 3

All recorded items are struck in blue.



No. 115 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : May 28, 1992
 Latest recorded date : May 28, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 2

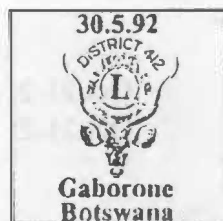
Both recorded items are struck in blue. First of 3 Lion's 30th Anniversary markings. See Nos. 116 and 117.



No. 116 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : May 29, 1992
 Latest recorded date : May 29, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in blue. Second of 3 Lion's 30th Anniversary markings. See Nos. 115 and 117.



No. 117 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : May 30, 1992
 Latest recorded date : May 30, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 2

Third of 3 Lion's 30th Anniversary markings. See Nos. 115 and 116.



No. 118 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Oct 24-28, 1994
 Latest recorded date : Oct 24-28, 1994
 Number recorded so far : 4



No. 119 Type SPEC 2c

Earliest recorded date : Nov 14, 1994
 Latest recorded date : Nov 25, 1994
 Number recorded so far : Over 50

World Meteorological Organization 11th Session - Regional Association 1 - Africa. An imprinted postcard (Botswana's Second) was also issued to commemorate the event.



No. 120 Type REGN 2e

Box dimensions : 18 x 53 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 30, 1975
 Latest recorded date : Apr 9, 1980
 Number recorded so far : 2

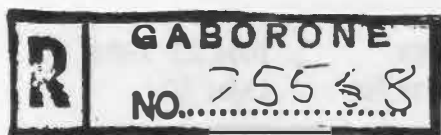
Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 121 Type REGN 5

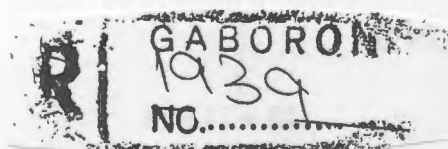
Box dimensions : 8.5 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : ?
 Latest recorded date : ?
 Number recorded so far : 1

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



No. 122 Type REGN 2a

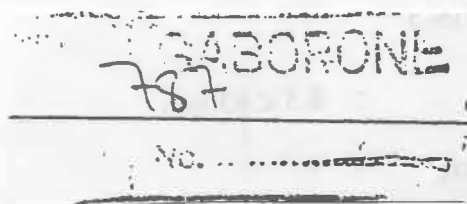
Box dimensions : 16 x 55 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 31, 1978
 Latest recorded date : Mar 31, 1978
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 123 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions : 18 x ? mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 30, 1988
 Latest recorded date : May 30, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 2

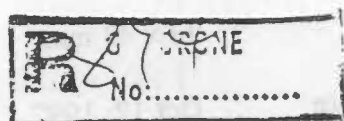
Both recorded items are struck in violet. One recorded item is on piece, so no date of usage can be determined.



No. 124 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions : ±25 x 60 mm
 Earliest recorded date : ?
 Latest recorded date : ?
 Number recorded so far : 1

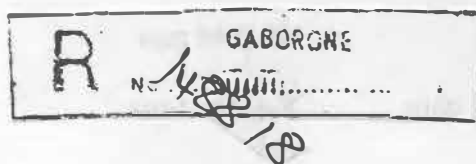
The single recorded item is on piece, so no date of usage can be determined.



No. 125 Type REGN 3a

Box dimensions : 14 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 1, 1991
 Latest recorded date : May 1, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 126 Type REGN 3a

Box dimensions : ±14 x 61 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 7, 1989
 Latest recorded date : Aug 28, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 5

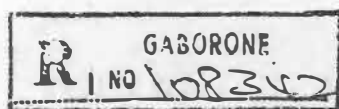
All the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 127 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions : ±22 x 60 mm
 Earliest recorded date : ?
 Latest recorded date : ?
 Number recorded so far : 2

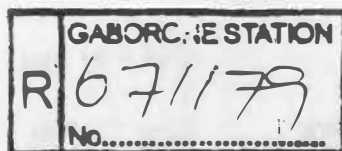
Both recorded items are on piece, so no date of usage can be determined.



No. 128 Type REGN 2a

Box dimensions : 13 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 12, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Feb 7, 1995
 Number recorded so far : 14

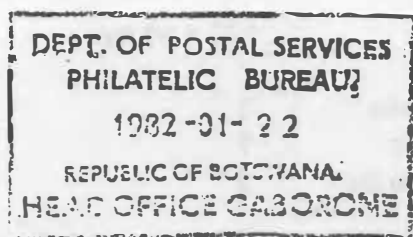
All recorded items are struck in red. Note the dots go right across the whole box.



No. 129 Type REGN 2a

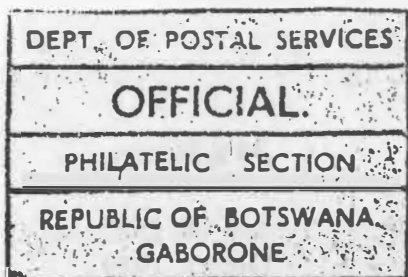
Box dimensions : 19 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 10, 1995
 Latest recorded date : Feb 10, 1995
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red. This is presumably a separate post office at the railway station.



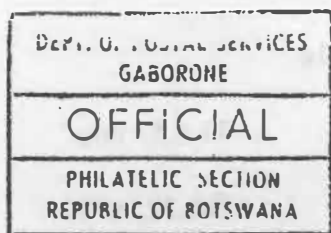
No. 130 Type MISC 1f
 Box dimensions : 30 x 53 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 22, 1982
 Latest recorded date : Jun 8, 1987
 Number recorded so far : 14

All recorded items are struck in red.



No. 131 Type MISC 1b
 Box dimensions : 36 x 53 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 18, 1985
 Latest recorded date : Jun 12, 1986
 Number recorded so far : 7

All recorded items are struck in red.



No. 132 Type MISC 1i
 Box dimensions : 30 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 3, 1994
 Latest recorded date : Sep 12, 1994
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 133 Type MISC 1g
 Oval dimensions : 28 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 1, 1986
 Latest recorded date : Apr 28, 1989
 Number recorded so far : 12

All recorded items are struck in red. Note spelling of 'Bureau' as 'Bereau'.



No. 134 Type MISC 1h
 Oval dimensions : 34 x 56 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 18, 1987
 Latest recorded date : Oct 17, 1989
 Number recorded so far : 23

All the recorded items are struck in red. Note the spelling of 'Bureau' as 'Bereau'.



No. 135 Type MISC 1e

Oval dimensions : 33 x 57 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 22, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Apr 19, 1994
 Number recorded so far : Over 50

All the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 136 Type MISC 1j

Oval dimensions : 32 x 59 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 6, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Nov 11, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 3

All the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 137 Type MISC 1k

Oval dimensions : 40 x 55 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 31, 1994
 Latest recorded date : Dec 12, 1994
 Number recorded so far : 5

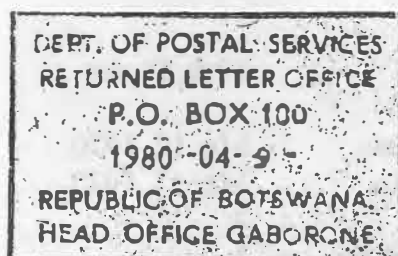
All the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 138 Type MISC 8c

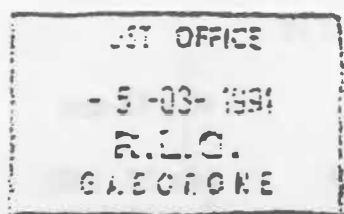
Box dimensions : 35 x 51 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 30, 1975
 Latest recorded date : Apr 30, 1975
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 139 Type MISC 7a

Box dimensions : 33 x 51.5 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 9, 1980
 Latest recorded date : Oct 15, 1985
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 140 Type MISC 7i

Box dimensions : 27 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 6, 1982
 Latest recorded date : Mar 5, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both of the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 141 Type MISC 6n

Oval dimensions : ±35 x 55 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jul 31, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Nov 25, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 3

All the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 142 Type MISC 3d

Circle diameters : 19 & 28 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 17, 1970
 Latest recorded date : Mar 17, 1970
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 143 Type MISC 3e

Circle diameters : 18 & 27 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 26, 1988
 Latest recorded date : Mar 1, 1994
 Number recorded so far : 4

All the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 144 Type MISC 3d

Circle diameters : 19 & 31 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 11, 1976
 Latest recorded date : Feb 11, 1976
 Codes recorded : A
 Number recorded so far : 1

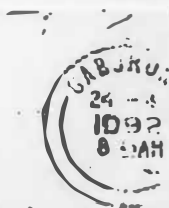
The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 145 Type MISC 3h

Circle diameters : 18 & 31 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jan 21, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Oct 22, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 8

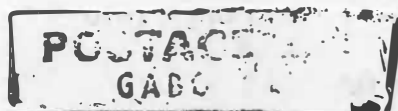
All the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 146 Type MISC 10a

Circle diameters : 22 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 24, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Jun 16, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 147 Type MISC 8i

Box dimensions : ±14 x 50 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 2, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Dec 2, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 1

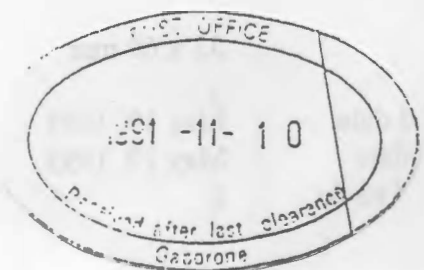
The single recorded item is struck in red. Presumably the strike reads 'Postage Paid'.



No. 148 Type MISC 5a

Oval dimensions : 27 x 45 mm & 35 x 55 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 9, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Nov 25, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 8

All recorded items are struck in red.



No. 149 Type MISC 5d

Oval dimensions : 27 x 46 mm & 35 x 56 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 10, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Feb 14, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 150 Type MISC 5e

Oval dimensions : 29 x 49 mm &
37 x 57 mm

Earliest recorded date : Jun 8, 1992

Latest recorded date : Nov 22, 1993

Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 151 Type MISC 5b

Oval dimensions : 28 x 49 mm &
38 x 58 mm

Earliest recorded date : May 8, 1991

Latest recorded date : Oct 23, 1991

Number recorded so far : 12

All recorded items are struck in red.



No. 152 Type MISC 6y

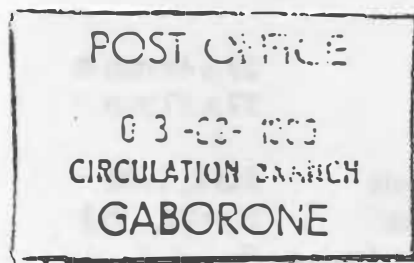
Oval dimensions : 33 x 60 mm

Earliest recorded date : May 19, 1993

Latest recorded date : May 19, 1993

Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in purple.



No. 153 Type MISC 7i

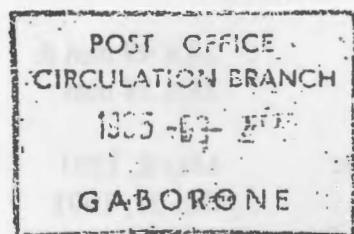
Box dimensions : 33 x 53 mm

Earliest recorded date : Oct 31, 1969

Latest recorded date : Aug 3, 1988

Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 154 Type MISC 7g

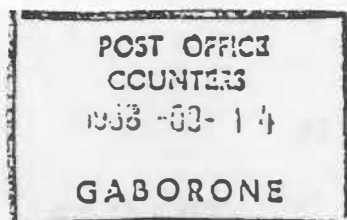
Box dimensions : 30 x 45 mm

Earliest recorded date : Sep 28, 1985

Latest recorded date : Nov 11, 1985

Number recorded so far : 2

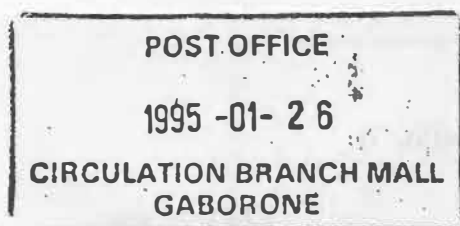
Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 155 Type MISC 7k

Box dimensions : 28 x 45 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 2, 1986
 Latest recorded date : Sep 14, 1988
 Number recorded so far : 3

All the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 156 Type MISC 7n

Box dimensions : 29 x 59 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 28, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Jan 26, 1995
 Number recorded so far : 3

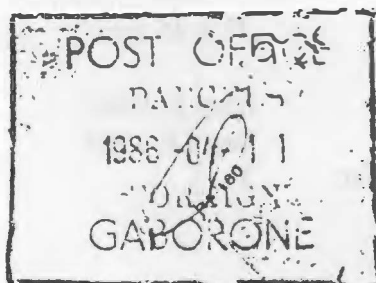
All the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 157 Type MISC 6w

Oval dimensions : 31 x 50 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 11, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Jun 24, 1984
 Number recorded so far : 2

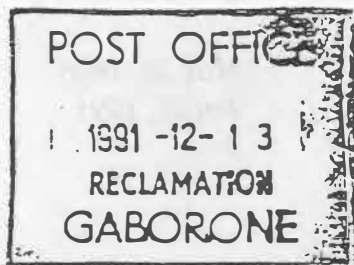
Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 158 Type MISC 7f

Box dimensions : ±36 x 48 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 11, 1986
 Latest recorded date : Oct 12, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 4

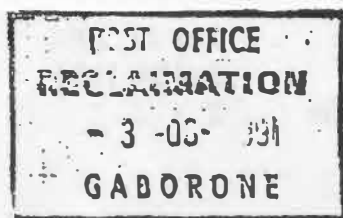
All the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 159 Type MISC 7j

Box dimensions : ±33 x 45 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Sep 23, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Dec 13, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 2

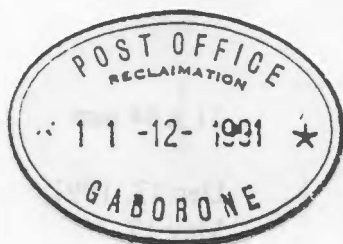
Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 160 Type MISC 7o

Box dimensions : 27 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 3, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Dec 10, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red. Note spelling of 'Reclamation' as 'Reclaiation'.



No. 161 Type MISC 6x

Oval dimensions : 31 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 11, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Dec 11, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red. Note spelling of 'Reclamation' as 'Reclaiation'.



No. 162 Type MISC 7e

Box dimensions : 27 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 10, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Feb 12, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 5

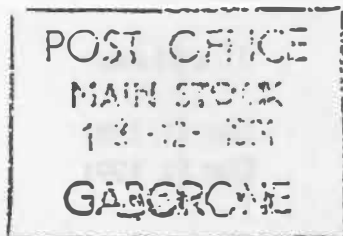
All the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 163 Type MISC 7p

Box dimensions : 25 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 11, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Dec 11, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 1

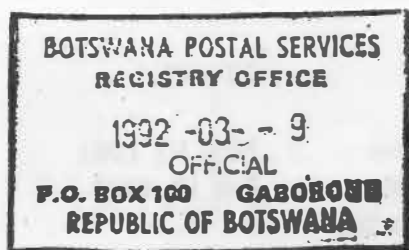
The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 164 Type MISC 7t

Box dimensions : 31 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 13, 1991
 Latest recorded date : May 17, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 2

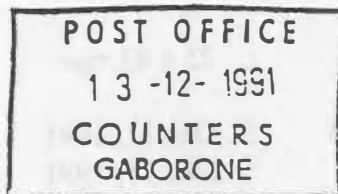
Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 165 Type MISC 7u

Box dimensions : 32 x 52 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 9, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Mar 9, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 166 Type MISC 7r

Box dimensions : 20 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 13, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Dec 13, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 167 Type MISC 6z

Oval dimensions : 30 x 51 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May ?, ?
 Latest recorded date : May ?, ?
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red, with date unclear.



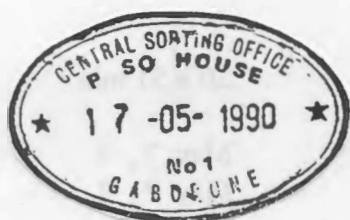
No. 168 Type MISC 7s

Box dimensions : 32 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 8, 1992
 Latest recorded date : May 8, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 169 Type MISC 7q

Box dimensions : 32 x 43 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 13, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Dec 13, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 170 Type MISC 6o(1)

Oval dimensions : 28 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 17, 1990
 Latest recorded date : May 17, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red. Note 'o' of 'Po So' appears to be missing. A similar miscellaneous 'Po So House' marking exists with 'Gaborone'.



No. 171 Type MISC 6o(2)

Oval dimensions : 28 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 13, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Dec 13, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 172 Type MISC 6o(3)

Oval dimensions : 28 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : ? ?, 1991
 Latest recorded date : ? ?, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 173 Type 6o(4)

Oval dimensions : 28 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 13, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Dec 13, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 1



No. 174 Type 6o(5)

Oval dimensions : 28 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 1, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Dec 18, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 3

All recorded items are struck in red.



No. 175 Type MISC 6f

Oval dimensions : 36 x 59 mm

Earliest recorded date : Apr 27, 1976

Latest recorded date : Apr 27, 1976

Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 176 Type MISC 6e

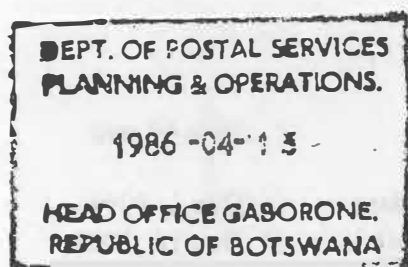
Oval dimensions : 36 x 59 mm

Earliest recorded date : Mar 19, 1976

Latest recorded date : Apr 13, 1976

Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.



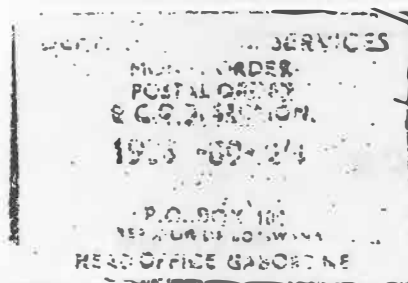
No. 177 Type MISC 7b

Box dimensions : 33 x 51 mm

Earliest recorded date : Apr 15, 1986

Latest recorded date : Oct 13, 1987

Number recorded so far : 2



No. 178 Type MISC 7v

Box dimensions : 36 x 52 mm

Earliest recorded date : Sep 24, 1985

Latest recorded date : Sep 24, 1985

Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 179 Type MISC 6 z1

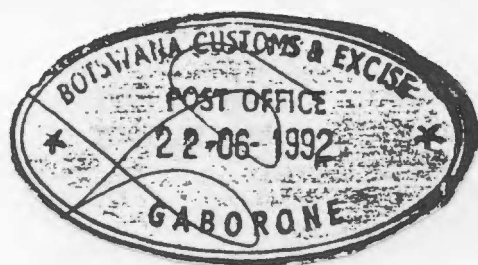
Oval dimensions : 28 x 44 mm

Earliest recorded date : Dec 13, 1991

Latest recorded date : Mar 10, 1992

Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 180 Type MISC 6 z7

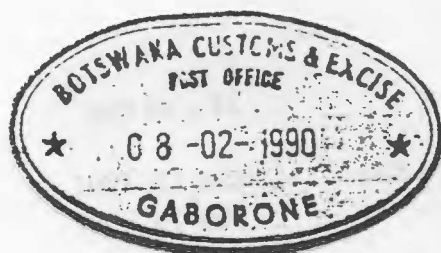
Oval dimensions : 33 x 61 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 16, 1992
 Latest recorded date : Jun 22, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 2



No. 181 Type MISC 6 z8

Oval dimensions : ±30 x 55 mm.
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 3, 1986
 Latest recorded date : Apr 3, 1986
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 182 Type MISC 6 z7

Oval dimensions : 32 x 57 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Feb 8, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Jan 16, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 4



No. 183 Type MISC 6 z3

Oval dimensions : 32 x 58 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 15, 1993
 Latest recorded date : May 15, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 1

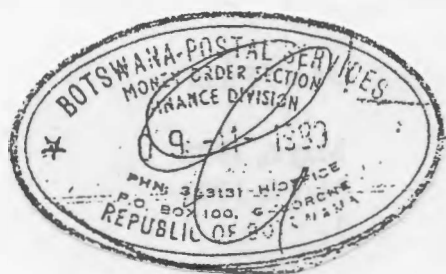
The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 184 Type MISC 6 z15

Oval dimensions : 33 x 59 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 22, 1993
 Latest recorded date : Nov 22, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 185 Type MISC 6 z2

Oval dimensions : 34 x 57 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 9, 1993
 Latest recorded date : Nov 9, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 186 Type MISC 6 z4

Oval dimensions : 35 x 55 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Mar 18, 1994
 Latest recorded date : Mar 18, 1994
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red. Note the 'x' in 'Box' is separated from the 'Bo' giving 'Bo x'.



No. 187 Type MISC 6 z11

Oval dimensions : 34 x 56 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Oct 8, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Mar 17, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 2

Both recorded items are struck in red.



No. 188 Type MISC 6 z9

Oval dimensions : 34 x 55 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 6, 1992
 Latest recorded date : May 6, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red. (Salaries Section/Finance Division).



No. 189 Type MISC 6 z10

Oval dimensions : 34 x 56 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 15, 1993
 Latest recorded date : Dec 15, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 190 Type MISC 6 z12

Oval dimensions : 35 x 56 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Nov 22, 1993
 Latest recorded date : Nov 22, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red. Note the 'x' in 'Box' is separated from the 'Bo' giving 'Bo x'.



No. 191 Type MISC 6 z6

Oval dimensions : 34 x 57 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 8, 1992
 Latest recorded date : May 8, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red. Note the 'x' in 'Box' is separated from the 'Bo' giving 'Bo x'.



No. 192 Type MISC 6 z5

Oval dimensions : 33 x 57 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 19, 1993
 Latest recorded date : Apr 19, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 193 Type MISC 6j

Oval dimensions : 27 x 44 mm
 Earliest recorded date : May 23, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Jun 22, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 4



No. 194 Type MISC 5c

Oval dimensions : 29 x 48 mm &
 36 x 56 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Jun 20, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Jun 11, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 10

All the recorded items are struck in red.



No. 195 Type MISC 3i

Circle diameters : 18 & 32 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 11, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Nov 17, 1992
 Number recorded so far : 5



No. 196 Type MISC 3j

Circle diameters : 18 & 32 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 10, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Apr 10, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 1

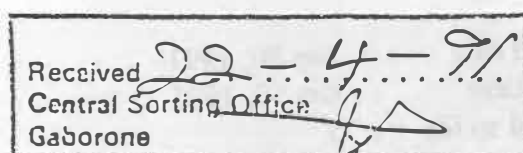
This looks like an odd version of No. 195 with the 'E' modified to a 'B' and the 'S' to an '8'. If this is not the case, it is not known what 'BM8' represents.



No. 197 Type MISC 6 z14

Oval dimensions : 32 x 60 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Dec 2, 1993
 Latest recorded date : Dec 2, 1993
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 198 Type MISC 8 o

Box dimensions : 19 x 68 mm
 Earliest recorded date : Apr 22, 1991
 Latest recorded date : Apr 22, 1991
 Number recorded so far : 1

The single recorded item is struck in red.



No. 199 Type MISC 11

Earliest recorded date : Mar 2, 1990
 Latest recorded date : Oct 11, 1990
 Number recorded so far : 13

Two recorded items are struck in magenta, the rest are struck in blue. Omnibus marking - International Literacy Year, 1990.



No. 200 Type MISC 11

Earliest recorded date	:	Feb 6, 1992
Latest recorded date	:	Feb 17, 1992
Number recorded so far	:	4

All recorded items are struck in blue. See No. 201 and 202 for 1993, and 1994 markings. Omnibus marking - A Decade for Literacy.



No. 201 Type MISC 11

Earliest recorded date	:	Sep 20, 1993
Latest recorded date	:	Oct 19, 1993
Number recorded so far	:	5

All recorded items are struck in blue. See No. 200 and 202 for 1992, and 1994 markings. Omnibus marking - A Decade for Literacy.



No. 202 Type MISC 11

Earliest recorded date	:	Jun 3, 1994
Latest recorded date	:	Jun 3, 1994
Number recorded so far	:	1

The single recorded item is struck in blue. See No. 200 and 201 for 1992, and 1993 markings Omnibus marking - A Decade for Literacy.

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