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**Membership News**

**New Members**

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 John is a member from many years ago making a welcome return.  
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 Another returnee, Tim was a member in 1986, when the Society formed. He collects  
 stamps and postal history of Ascension, Basutoland, Bechuanaland and RSA.  
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**Forthcoming UK Show Dates**

Spring Stampex: 26th Feb. - 2nd Mar. Business Design Centre, Islington. (Angel tube)  
 Spring Philatex: 27th Feb. - 1st Mar. Royal Horticultural Halls, Greycoat Street. (Victoria tube)  
 Autumn Stampex: 17th - 21st Sep. Business Design Centre, Islington. (Angel tube)  
 Autumn Philatex: 30th Oct - 1st Nov. Royal Horticultural Halls, Greycoat Street. (Victoria tube)  
 See <http://www.stampex.ltd.uk/index.html> and <http://www.stampshows.co.uk/> respectively.

## News

## 2002 AGM



2002 AGM: (from left to right) Dennis Firth, John Inglefield-Watson, Brian Trotter, Alan MacGregor, David Wall, Neville Midwood, Mike Hall, Brian Hurst (photo courtesy Peter Van der Molen)

The 2002 AGM took place on 18<sup>th</sup> September at the Camden Head Pub in Islington. The post of Chairman was vacant, due to the death of Tony Chilton, and ,with the movement of Brian Trotter to fill this position, we also needed a new Secretary. The full list of officers is on p.1363. The minutes will appear in the next Runner News. Note we now have an American representative, Peter Thy.

There was one 'surprise' item - not on the published agenda - the voting of Honorary Life Membership of the Bechuanalands and Botswana Society to Sir John Inglefield-Watson. I am sure all members will join me in congratulating him on this, in recognition of his many years of excellent contributions to the Society and to Bechuanalands philately in general.

### A new catalogue from BotswanaPost

BotswanaPost has just released a catalogue of all issued Botswana stamps and first day covers to 2000. The catalogue is in A5 format and contains 68 pages. The catalogue was prepared by Sheila Case of Stamps Botswana and the Botswana Philatelic Society and is available from the Philatelic Bureau, Botswana Post, P.O. Box 100, Gaborone, Botswana. The price is P25 plus postage and packaging (PT)

### New Postal Rates

The postal rates have been adjusted to include 10% VAT with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2002. The last rate increase was on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2001. A summary of the important new rates along with the old 2001 rates is given below.

	September 1st, 2001		July 2nd, 2002	
	Surface	Air	Surface	Air
Postcard within Botswana	50t		55t	
Postcard to Abroad	80t	P1.75	90t	P1.95
Letter within Botswana	50t		55t	
Letter to Europe	P1.30	P2.50	P1.45	P2.75
Letter to USA	P1.50	P3.00	P1.65	P3.30
Aerogramme		P1.75		P1.95

Detailed information can be obtained from <http://www.botspost.co.bw>

(PT)



## **Awards**

At the Algoapex 2002 National Philatelic Exhibition, 23rd - 26th October 2002 in Port Elizabeth Neville Midwood and Brian Trotter received a Large Vermeil for their "Revenues of Southern Africa: Part 1, The Bechuanalands". The black and white version, given as a free supplement with Runner Post #55, also received a Congress Award from the PFSA.

## **R.J.F. 'Andy' Andersson** *from Peter Thy*



R.J.F. 'Andy' Andersson died August 27<sup>th</sup> at the age of 80 in a Gaborone hospital after a few years of fading health. The philately of Botswana and Bechuanaland has lost one of its founding fathers.

Andy was born in Cape Town as the youngest of nine children. He served in the Duke's Own Rifles during World War 2 and trained after the war as a meteorologist in the Royal Air Force. He served as meteorologist on Tristan da Cunha until, in October 1957, he was appointed as Director for the newly founded Bechuanaland Meteorological Services.

Andy arrived in Bechuanaland and settled down and made Botswana his new homeland. It is probably not incidental that Andy and Barbara moved into The Barn House at Crocodile Pools next to the Lion Park just outside Gaborone. Andy brought with him his strong interest in philately and early became active in the Philatelic Society of Bechuanaland and Mafeking. Early Mafeking covers commemorating the Scout movement were likely Andy's creation and combined philately with another of his favourite activities. Later he was instrumental in founding Botswana Philatelic Society and was active as its chairman until poor health forced him to step down a few years ago. In this capacity he had a marked influence on several generations of stamp collectors in Botswana as well as on an ever continuing flow of expatriated professionals that, often to Andy's regret, only stayed in Botswana a few years. It is a tribute to Andy's influence that the Philatelic Society is as vibrant as ever and has been able to survive without Andy's direct leadership.

It is probably less known that Andy served as curator and consultant to the Philatelic Services and as a member of the Stamp Advisory Committee for many years. It is also fair to say that he can be credited with building the Philatelic Museum. Andy designed a long list of Botswana stamps and stationery but only rarely allowed his name to appear on the stamps (see for example Scott 602-5). He also designed nearly all of Botswana's special cancellers over a long period. Andy's main influence was his direct contact with stamp collectors in Botswana and overseas. He was a mentor and a friend that will truly be missed by many.

## **A personal appreciation of Andy Andersson** *from David Wall*

My memories of Andy are, inevitably, limited to my time in Botswana in the 80s and early 90s. Others will, I am sure, be better able to provide a more detailed retrospective of his long and varied life. Perhaps even Barbara, when she feels able, might like to provide her own recollections of Andy's life.

Andy founded the Botswana Philatelic Society and remained chairman of the society well into the 1990s. He was also this Society's representative in Botswana from its inception - and made a rare, and possibly unique, appearance at a Society meeting when he attended our meeting at the Alexandra Palace in 1990.

But it was his dedication to all aspects of Botswana philately for which he will be best remembered. He was instrumental in establishing the Botswana Postal Museum; in obtaining vast funds from the Botswana Government that were largely spent at the Holmes auction in order to give the museum a kick-start; and in overseeing the museum during the early years of its existence. He (along with Alec Campbell and the late David Finlay) also formally "advised" the Botswana Postal Services for many years on all things to do with the issuing of stamps. It was their success that ensured a sensible new issuing policy for Botswana stamps: collectors weren't flooded with new issues; the topics covered by new issues had specific relevance to Botswana; and, wherever possible, artists based in Botswana were invited to submit designs for future issues. Andy was also involved in commissioning designs for first-day covers, special covers and air letter forms.

But most philatelists knew Andy through his chairmanship of the BPS. He was always very keen to

encourage beginners - and enthusiastically organised junior stamp exhibitions for the local schools in Gaborone. The BPS met once a month, usually in the highly salubrious surroundings of the Gaborone Sun, which Andy had negotiated for some nominal fee. Andy was always very keen to maximum attendances at meetings - and on one memorable occasion ushered in to the meeting four unsuspecting Japanese businessmen, who happened to be wandering around that part of the hotel. They sat politely for several minutes of preamble from Andy before the mistake was realised and they made their escape.

For the December meetings Andy and Barbara would usually invite members to their home (and farm a few miles outside Gaborone) for a festive "braai" - and it was always one of the high spots of the year.

Andy was a very warm-hearted individual - though he was more than willing to speak out when things displeased him! Like so many of us, he never had the time or the inclination to commit to his vast treasure store of knowledge to paper. Given his close involvement in the design and issuing of Botswana stamps I suspect it is this aspect of the philatelic history of the region that has lost most through his sad passing.

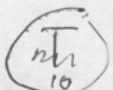
I am sure everyone who knew him, both in the BPS and the BBS, will miss him and will wish to extend our sympathies to Barbara and the family.

### Items of Interest

#### Botswana definitives used as Postage Dues

Our secretary, Mike Hall, sent in some examples of Botswana stamps used as postage dues. Both are usages from July 1982 in Gaborone.

Do any members have other examples?

Tax mark under 2t  in red.



#### Botswana 1982

Above: Windowed envelope (it was addressed to Barclays Bank) from Durban, date not clear, paid 8c by pair of 4c Protea.

Red circular tax mark T/10 covered by Botswana 1t and 2t 1978 Birds definitive stamps used as postage dues at Gaborone on 27th July 1982.

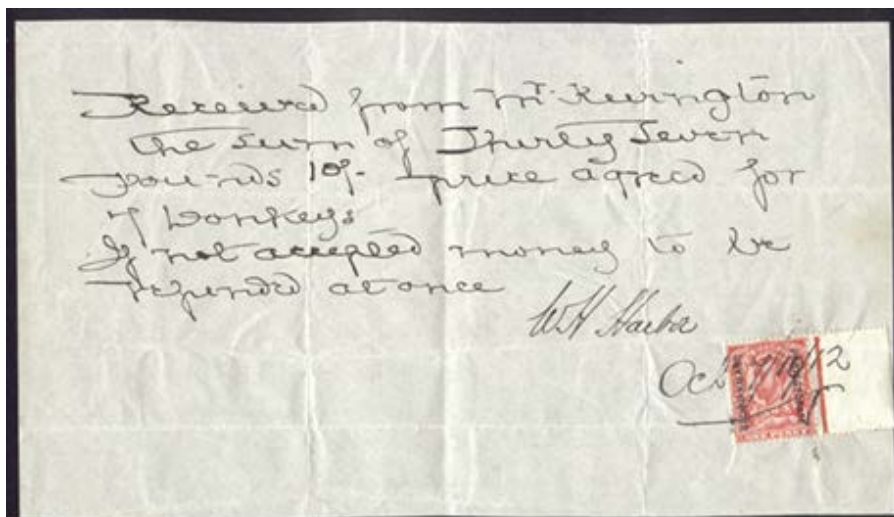
Right: Small piece showing part meter impression 8c of Johannesburg, tax mark and 3t 1978 definitive used as a postage due at Gaborone 1st July 1982.



# W.A.H. Harbor of Mochudi

Peter Thy writes:

W. H. Harbor is well known to postal history collectors. His characteristic handwriting is seen on many covers and postal stationery. He was a collector and dealer who corresponded widely with collectors worldwide before, during and after the Boer war (see Catterall, RP#18). As shown by this 1912 receipt, W.H. Harbor was also dealing in other objects than stamps.



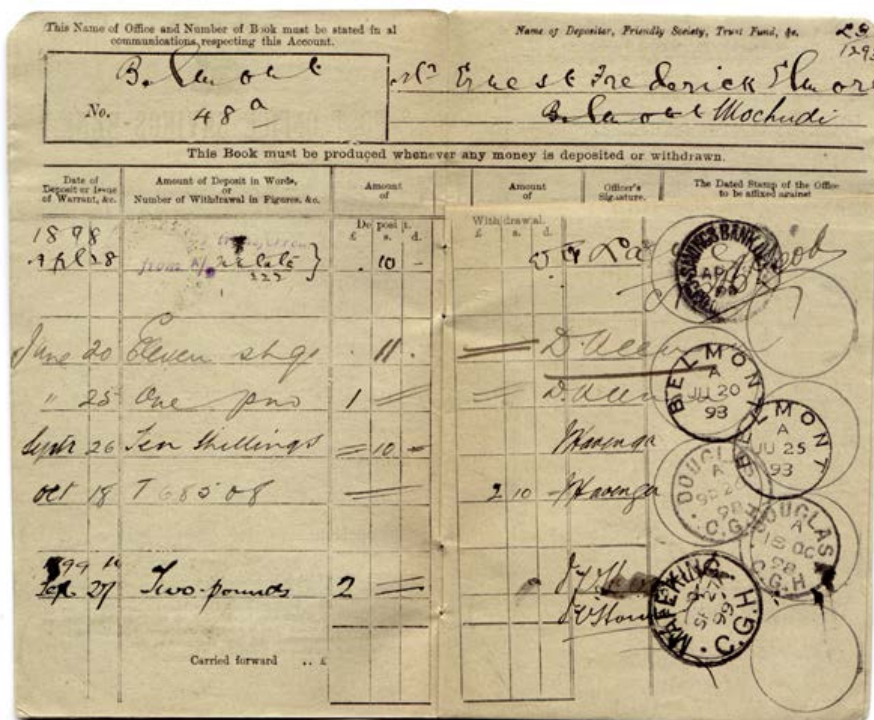
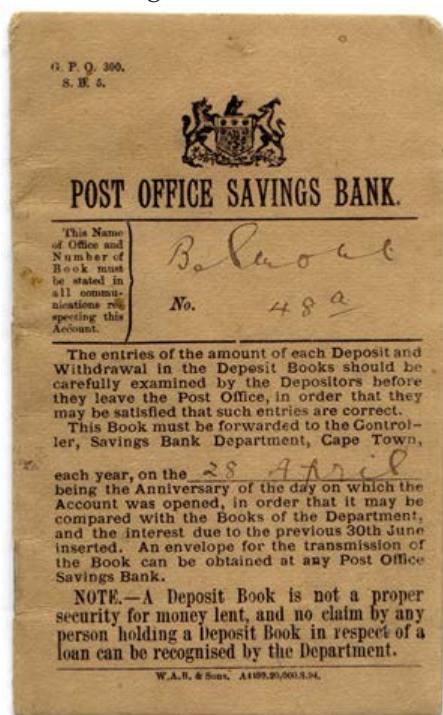
It reads "Received from Mr. Revington(?) the sum of Thirty Seven Pounds 10/- price agreed for 7 Donkeys. If not accepted money to be refunded at once."

It is signed, with the date over the stamp, W.H. Harbor Oct 7 1912

# Cape Post Office Savings Bank Book Used by Bechuanaland Resident

Peter Thy writes:

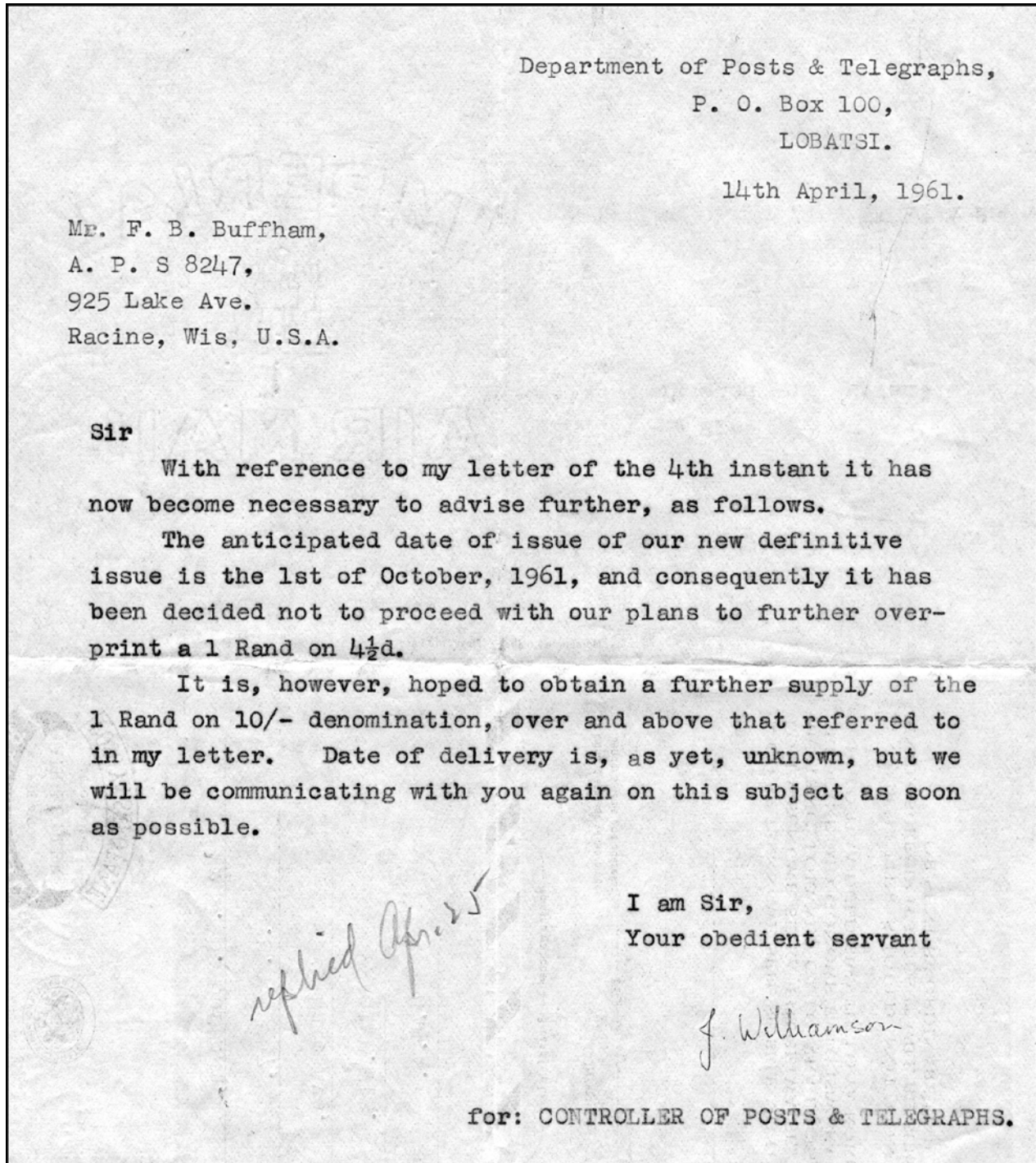
The Savings Bank was established



in the Cape Colony in 1884. The first Savings Bank offices were opened in the Protectorate around 1917-19 (Francistown, Serowe, and Lobatsi). Thus in 1898, the nearest Savings Bank for a Protectorate resident was at the Cape Post Office in Mafeking. The owner (Ernest Frederick Slimore?) of the savings book shown here was a Cape policeman that opened the account in 1898 in Belmont, Griqualand West. The book was used in Belmont, Douglas, and finally Mafeking. Douglas is also located in Griqualand West. In 1899, he moved to Mochudi and kept his savings account active. Because he corrected the address given in the book, we can prove the book's Bechuanaland connection. The last movement on the book was in October 1899, leaving a total of £7 7s still remaining on the book. This was a substantial amount in 1899, and it must be assumed that the owner either died or lost his book.



## SG167 Overprint Letter



A 1961 letter (shown slightly reduced) regarding solutions to the shortage of 1 Rand on 10/-, SG167

A very interesting letter was shown at this years AGM, by our new secretary, Mike Hall. It appears to be at least the second in a series of correspondence letters between the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in Lobatsi and Mr Buffham.

Ed. - With little knowledge of the QEII stamps myself, and armed with only Commonwealth Part 1, I came up with lots of questions: Does anyone have more in this series of correspondence? Was the reason for not using the 4½d that it was too dark? Is this new printing of SG153 and overprinting to SG167 distinguishable? Do I assume delivery of the SG153 supplies would take about 6 weeks? When did the overprinting occur? Type II printing? Any member feel inspired to comment or to write an article?

# Rarer Stamps Study: A progress report

by Steve Wallace

It is eight years since the initial article by the late David Finlay presented in RP#36 in which he listed and photocopied as many of the stamps as possible at the time which were deemed to be 'Rarer' items.

In RP#46 (March 1997), following David's death and an unsuccessful attempt to retrieve his records, the current 'Rarer' Stamps study was born. Sufficient 'Rarer' stamps have since been recorded to justify publication of a progress report.

David Finlay asked 'How many of these stamps still exist (today) and where are they?' To answer both these questions involves constant monitoring of auction catalogues, dealers' lists and offers from their stocks, and reports from the society's members.

The 'Rarer' Stamps study record cards list the history of each individual item as far as known; in some cases going back some quite considerable time, e.g. from the 1920's.

Stamps from the Royal Collection are included in the banding totals (tabulated right), but examples known to be in archives or museums are not.

Where quantities recorded are in mint or used state only, the possibility always remains that the unrecorded state might turn up.

In a few instances ,e.g. SG131a, SG159b, SG163a, all examples are known to originate from a single sheet. SG99a is also thought to fit into this category.

Four items (indicated on the table as [NEW]) have been added to the study since the RP#46 article.

More than 15 examples of two items previously in the study, SG4a mint and SG23c used, have already been recorded and these items are now excluded from the 'Rarer' Stamps study. The list in the table reflects these amendments.

The rarity bandings in the table result from a relatively small number of Bechuanalands & Botswana Society members' reports of their own holdings and also sightings both in auction catalogues and in dealers' stocks. **THESE ARE CERTAINLY NOT COMPREHENSIVE AND SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED NOR QUOTED AS A DEFINITIVE STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF EXAMPLES THAT EXIST, NOR OF RELATIVE SCARCITY.** However, they are the best indication that we are able to provide. This study is ongoing, it depends on members' reports.

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge the assistance I have received in the preparation of this article from John Inglefield-Watson, Brian Hurst and David Beech F.R.P.S.L. at the British Library.

Item	Mint	Used
SG1a	A	0
SG4b	0	0
SG5a	B	A
SG5b	0	B
SG6a	A	A
SG6b	0	B
SG8a	A	A
SG9a	0	0
SG26a	0	A
SG29a	A	0
SG30ca	A	0
SG30e	A	0
SG31a	A	0
SG31b	A	0
SG31c	A	0
SG38c	A	A
SG38e	A	0
[NEW] SG39a	A	
SG39a (used gaberones)		A
SG39e	A	0
SG44a	A	A
SG46a	B	B
SG47a	A	0
SG48a	A	0
SG49a	A	0
SG50a	A	0
SG53a	0	A
SG53b	A	0
SG53c	0	C
SG53cb	0	A
SG53 (green surcharge)	0	A
[NEW] SG53 ('founr' in 'fourpence')	0	A
[NEW] SG53 (albino 'pence')	A	0
[NEW] SG53 (albino 'Protect')	A	0
SG54d	A	A
SG55b	A	0
SG55c	A	0
SG69a (used only)		A
SG99a	A	0
SG131a	A	0
SG159b	A	0
SG163a	A	0
RARITY BANDS: (based on numbers recorded by the study) 0 - none recorded A - 1 to 5 examples B - 6 to 10 examples C - 11 to 15 examples		
Items added since the RP#46 article are marked [NEW]		



## Recent Botswana Issues

**Chobe Wetlands Part 2  
(12th December 2001)**

Consisting of five values and a mini-sheet (illustrated)

**Snakes  
(22nd March 2002)**

As mention in Runner Post #55  
the issue consists of four values

Designed by Peter Lodeon.



Forthcoming issues, illustrated in the next Runner Post, include:

Botswana Pottery                      May 31, 2002                      4 values  
50t, P2, P2.50, P3

Golden Jubilee QEII                      July 25, 2002                      2 values  
55t, P2.75

Mammals of Botswana                      August 5, 2002                      16 values  
5t, 10t, 20t, 30t, 40t, 55t, 90t, P1, P1.45, P1.95, P2.20, P2.75, P3.30, P4, P5, P15  
(This is the 8th definitive series and is designed by Judith Greenwood Penny, a local artist)

# International Reply Coupons Of Bechuanaland/Botswana.

by Leon Jacobson

## The Reply Coupon Concept

The International Reply Coupon (IRC) is almost totally ignored by most philatelists who tend to refer to them, if they are indeed aware of them, as cinderellas. Yet this is not correct. The IRC is a legitimate post office issue, carries (usually) a cancellation and is simply a form of prepayment for postage stamps and which can be redeemed for such almost anywhere in the world. They are in fact similar to the Reply Paid postcard. A collection of IRC's, then, certainly has its own charms. Issued in a variety of types directly from the UPU, they also reflect changing postal rates and often feature clear and unusual postmarks.

A sister to the IRC was the Commonwealth Reply Coupon (which began life as the Imperial Reply Coupon). These were issued to reflect the preferential postage rates operating within the Empire/Commonwealth.

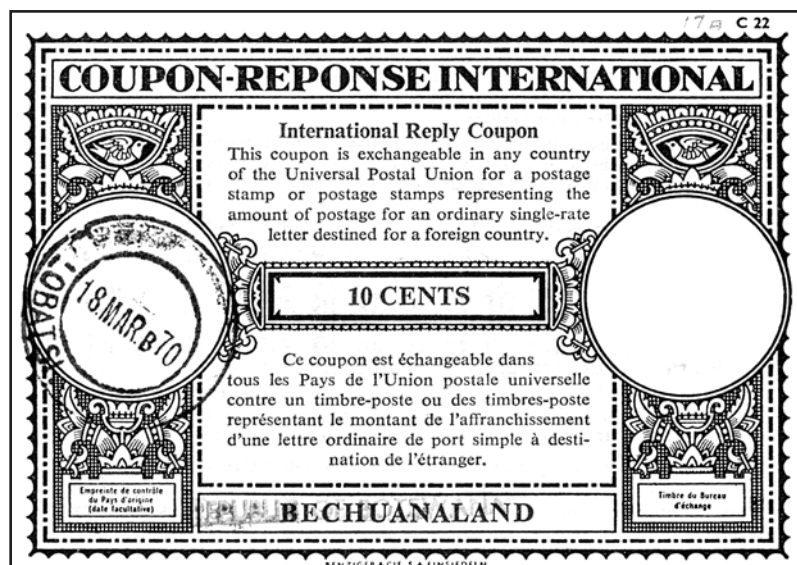
This short article will illustrate those IRC's from Bechuanaland and Botswana known to me. As this article make no pretence at being complete, I would therefore appreciate hearing from anyone who may have any coupons in their collections including those which may have been issued in more recent years.

## Coupon Types

IRC's were issued in four basic designs, viz, Rome, London, Vienna and Lausanne. Thus far, I have only seen Bechuanaland / Botswana examples of the London, Vienna and Lausanne designs, the latter of which is still current. It would appear that Bechuanaland used South African coupons until the middle or late 60's, possibly when local self government was achieved but before full independence as Botswana. (Was this the case with postal orders?).

Within each of these basic designs, a number of different types exist. The numbering is based on the book by Cocatre (as enlarged by A.Hauck, 1961)<sup>1</sup> together with updates published in the FIAS Blätter ( the newsletter of the Society for the study of International Reply Coupons based in Germany). Not all types were issued to all countries. When a country needs coupons, it requisitions a batch, the size of which depends upon its needs, from the UPU. The UPU then prints a quantity to satisfy this demand. These print orders often have small changes made to the basic design. Unless requisitions are made regularly, not all types would be issued to each country.

If any reader has a coupon which does not fit into this scheme please send a photocopy of BOTH sides together with a note on the watermark e.g., type, upright, sideways left or right, etc.) to either myself or the editor. Additional information on dates of use would also be most welcome. I would also be interested in obtaining copies of new and old coupons.



Dieser Schein wird in allen Ländern des Weltpostvereins gegen ein oder mehrere Postwertzeichen im Gesamtwert der Gebühr für einen einfachen gewöhnlichen Auslandsbrief umgetauscht.

This coupon is exchangeable in any country of the Universal Postal Union for a postage stamp or postage stamps representing the amount of postage for an ordinary single-rate letter destined for a foreign country.

يمكن استبدال هذه القسيمة في جميع بلدان الاتحاد البريدي العالمي بطابع أو طوابع بريدية بقيمة التخليص على رسالات عادية من الوزن الأولي برسم الخارج

本券得在郵會各國兌換等於該國寄國外普通信函起首重量郵資之郵票

Este cupón podrá ser canjeado en todos los Países de la Unión Postal Universal por uno o varios sellos postales que representen el importe del franqueo de una carta ordinaria de porte sencillo destinada al extranjero.

Этот купон во всех странах Всемирного Почтового Союза обменивается на почтовую марку или марки на сумму представляющую собой стоимость оплаты простого письма в одну единицу веса по адресу за границу.

Figures 1a,1b: London Format  
Type 17A (front and back)

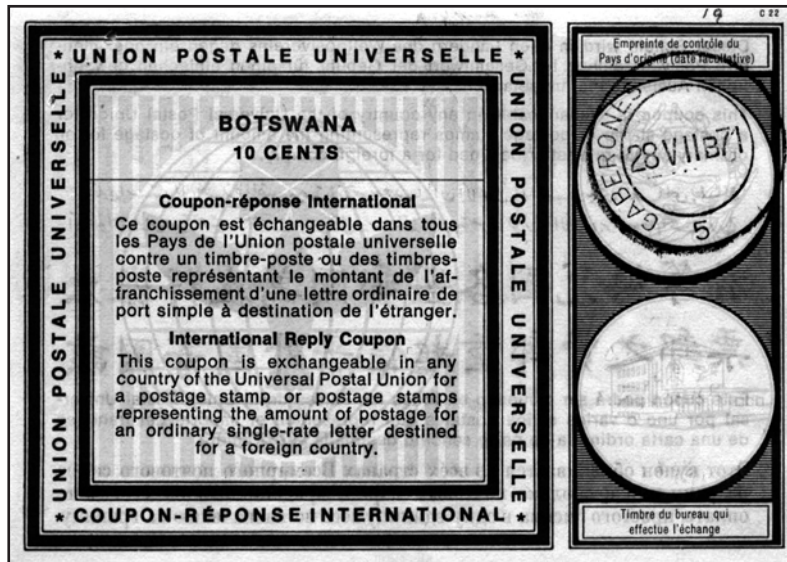


## i) International Reply Coupons London Format

10c Type 17A: Arabic in small type.

Figures 1a and 1b show an example which is rubber stamped "REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA" in violet. Only date seen: 18 Mar 70.

## Vienna Format



Dieser Schein wird in allen Ländern des Weltpostvereins gegen ein oder mehrere Postwertzeichen im Gesamtwert der Gebühr für einen einfachen gewöhnlichen Auslandsbrief umgetauscht.

This coupon is exchangeable in any country of the Universal Postal Union for a postage stamp or postage stamps representing the amount of postage for an ordinary single-rate letter destined for a foreign country.

يمكن استبدال هذه القسيمة في جميع بلدان الاتحاد البريدي العالمي بطابع أو طوابع بريدية بقيمة التخليص على رسالة عادية من الوزن الأول برسم الخارج

於等換兌國各盟郵國萬在得券本  
票郵之費郵重起信平外國寄國該

Este cupón podrá ser canjeado en todos los Países de la Unión Postal Universal por uno o varios sellos postales que representen el importe del franqueo de una carta ordinaria de porte sencillo destinada al extranjero.

Этот купон обменивается во всех странах Всемирного почтового союза на одну или несколько почтовых марок, представляющих стоимость оплаты простого письма в одну единицу веса по назначению за границу.

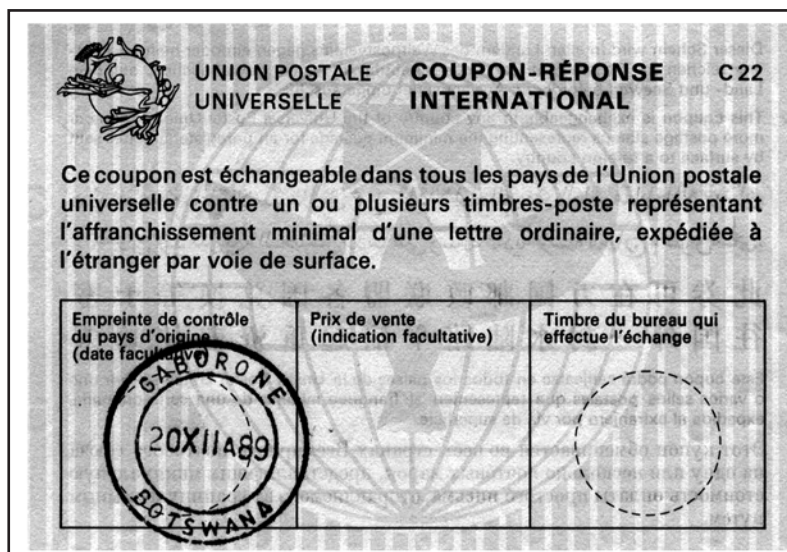
Figures 2a,2b: Vienna Format  
Type 19 (front and back)

10c Type 19: wmk small multiple, single lined UPU.

Earliest date seen: 28.07.71; latest date seen: 17.11.71

## Lausanne Format

The coupons for Botswana are without a printed (or even hand stamped) indication of the price for which they were sold. This enabled the post office to set a price in line with the then current postage rates without having to officially overprint or rubber stamp current stock. Regrettably, I have little on the prices for which these coupons were sold at the post office at the time they were purchased. A search of the newsletter of the "Forschungsgemeinschaft Internationale Antwortscheine" FIAS-Report, for the period 1968-76 reveals that the first Botswana Lausanne issue, Type 22, sold for 30c at the time of issue<sup>2</sup>. It is possible that prices were subsequently increased in line with the inflation of those years. Perhaps someone with official Post Office price lists which list IRCs could assist.



Dieser Schein wird in allen Ländern des Weltpostvereins gegen ein oder mehrere Postwertzeichen im Gesamtwert der Mindestgebühr für einen gewöhnlichen, auf dem Land- und Seeweg beförderten Auslandsbrief umgetauscht.

This coupon is exchangeable in any country of the Universal Postal Union for one or more postage stamps representing the minimum postage for an unregistered letter sent by surface to a foreign country.

هذه القسيمة قابلة للاستبدال في جميع بلاد الاتحاد البريدي العالمي مقابل طابع بريدي أو عدة طوابع بريدية تمثل قيمة التخليص الدنيا على رسالة عادية مرسلة للخارج بالطريق السطحى.

此券可在万国邮政联盟各国兑换等于寄往国外一封水陆路平信起重资费的邮票

Este cupón podrá canjearse en todos los países de la Unión Postal Universal por uno o varios sellos postales que representen el franqueo mínimo de una carta ordinaria, expedida al extranjero por vía de superficie.

Этот купон обменивается во всех странах Всемирного почтового союза на одну или несколько почтовых марок, представляющих минимальную стоимость оплаты простого письма, отправляемого за границу наземным путем.

Figures 3a,3b: Lausanne Format - Type 22 (front and back)



Type 22 Horizontal watermark. The left hand block has three lines of instructions....

Earliest date seen: 24.04.78; latest date seen: 20.12.89



Type 24 Horizontal watermark. The left hand block has two lines of instructions. The reverse is the same as Type 22.

Earliest date seen: 24.04.78; latest date seen: 20.12.89

Type 25 Vertical watermark otherwise same as Type 24.

Earliest date seen: 26.11.93

Figure 4:(left) Lausanne Format Types 24, 25 (front)

Type 29 Vertical watermark. Design changes: date of printing in bottom left hand margin and new numbering system at top right. The wording of these coupons have now changed as they no longer represent an exchange for postage stamps equivalent to a minimum surface mail cost but instead reads in English "...postage for a priority item or an unregistered letter sent by air..."

Earliest date seen: 09.06.00

Figure 5:(right) Lausanne Format - Type 29



Figure 6:(left) Commonwealth Reply Coupon - Type 10



## b) Commonwealth Reply Coupons

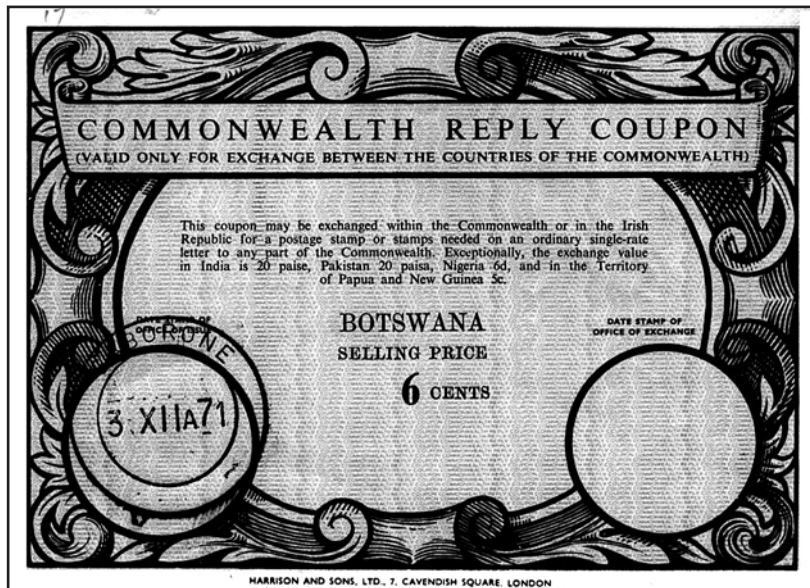
### South African Coupons Used In Bechuanaland

5d / 3d Type 10 New value rubber stamped in violet.

Redemption qualification reads: "Exceptionally ..... in India and Pakistan is 2½ Annas".

Botswana Coupon





6c

Type 17

Redemption qualification reads: "Exceptionally ..... in India is 20 paise, .....".

Figure 7:(left) Commonwealth Reply Coupon - Type 17

### Numbers printed

Searching through a selection of back issues of the newsletter of the Society of Reply Coupon Collectors, "The Reply Coupon Collector" (henceforth the RCC) for the years 1968-1976 I have managed to unearth some additional details relating to Botswana coupons. The society was based in the USA and I do not know whether it is still in existence or how many subsequent newsletters were issued.

With reference to numbers issued, the RCC lists <sup>3</sup> two thousand Type 19 10c coupons being printed in 1974. A second reference <sup>4</sup> lists two thousand Lausanne issue Type 22 coupons being issued for the period January-March 1975 with a further issue of two thousand for the period April to June 1975. These are apparently official UPU figures. To put these numbers into perspective, during the last quarter of 1974, the USA requisitioned two and a half million coupons whilst St Helena requisitioned two hundred coupons!

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<sup>2</sup> FIAS-Report No 20, 1976.

<sup>3</sup> RCC volume 20 (4), 1974

<sup>4</sup> RCC volume 21 (4-7), 1975.

Perhaps an energetic reader based in Germany or the USA with access to extensive runs of these newsletters could look through them for additional information. If any member can help please drop me a line.

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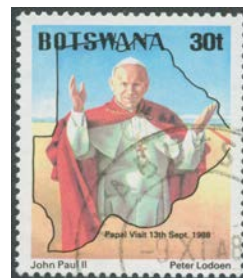
### Revenues Supplement: New finds

Since the issue of the Revenue Supplement with RP#55 examples of revenue usage of three of the KGVI seahorses, BP.SG84, BP.SG86 and BP.SG89 (left to right below) have been received.





## The Life of a Botswana Postage Stamp Designer *by Peter Lodeon*



### In the Beginning: The Papal Visit 1988

In the not too distant past, about August 1987, the ever-reliable British Broadcasting Corporation reported that Pope John Paul II would visit Botswana the following September. The papal itinerary would include five southern African nations, though the then-extant homelands and South Africa were to be by-passed.

Botswana postal authorities realized that here was an opportunity of historical importance. Too little time remained to issue a postage stamp, but a commemorative cover would be possible if a portrait painter could be swiftly located.

I was thus 'discovered' through my long connection to the Botswana Philatelic Society and within a few days, I began work on an oil-on-canvas portrait of the Pope. I portrayed the affable John Paul II, tonsure upon his pate and gold chain and crucifix around his neck, and soon His Holiness was ready for the printing press.

At that point, however, it was learned that the Pope was to visit Botswana not that September, but the following September 1988. With an entire year at hand, a postage stamp issue became a clear possibility, and shortly thereafter, I received my first commission as a postage stamp designer.

The Botswana Postal Services requested two stamp designs, for the papal visit would be a two-day event, September 13th and 14th, 1988. In addition to the original facial portrait, I created a design of the Pontiff attired in white robe and red cape, with his hands spread and palms upward in blessing. I completed the second painting in January 1988 in Minnesota, my home state in the USA, and shipped it on the coldest day of the winter to Botswana.

A member of the Lutheran Church myself, I have Roman Catholic friends who leaked the story to the press, that a local Minnesotan was painting the Pope for publication as a postage stamp in Africa. That was hot news, apparently, for the newspaper, the radio, the TV, and even Linn's Stamp News wrote me up. (You will also find the story in certain Norwegian newspapers, though that is another matter.)

I was a bit embarrassed by all the clatter, though I doubt the Pope even took notice. My face turned a further shade of red when about July 1988, after returning to Botswana, I was informed that the entire stamp issue was to be cancelled. The Pontiffs visit was deemed, naturally enough, more a religious event than an affair of state. My first designs seemed rather destined for the postal reject archives than the pages of the Stanley Gibbons catalogue of world postage stamps.

Destiny smiled upon me as Botswana government authorities reconsidered. Vice-President Peter Mmusi, a devoted Roman Catholic, suggested that the Pope did indeed represent the Vatican, a postage stamp issuing nation in its own right. Furthermore, Vice-President Mmusi argued that the Holy Father should be given full four-stamp honours. Two new stamps were thus created, being close-ups of the first two designs, and the four-stamp set on First Day Cover appeared exactly as the papal aircraft landed at Sir Seretse Khama Airport outside Gaborone on the 13th of September.

The First Day Cover canceller I designed using the silver and gold keys of St. Peter, the first Pope. It is the only time I have 'drawn' that assignment. A very discriminating collector will also note that I myself lettered the First Day Cover. A printer would not have printed the 'u' in 'Paul' backwards, as I did. Of all my cover and stamp designs, I still consider the Pope FDC the best.

From two designs, first accepted but then rejected, came eventually the four stamps that stand catalogued in Stanley Gibbons. And for my debut in the area of stamp design, I now add my name to those who live in gratitude to the Holy Father in Rome.

*Many thanks to Peter for the first in a series of articles on his stamp designs*

## The small figure '1' (SG41a)

by Brian Hurst

The overprinting of the 1d. 'unappropriated dies' stamp for use in the Protectorate produced some interesting varieties, the most well-known of these being the small figure '1' in the '1d' of the overprint. This variety occurs at three different positions in the overprint setting of 120 (10 rows of 12 stamps), at position 52 (row 5, stamp 4), position 74 (row 7, stamp 2) and position 110 (row 10, stamp 2). At each position a distinctly different small '1' was employed.

A brief article appeared previously in Runner Post #10, page 164. This article was illustrated by the variety in pair with normal, but failed to mention the sheet position from which the illustration was taken. The small figure '1' is also mentioned by Holmes, who illustrates stamps 52 and 74 in plate 9 of his book, but at page 84 dismisses stamp 110 with the comment "No. 110 has another type of small figure '1' ". Sir John Inglefield-Watson sought to clarify matters with his follow up article in Runner Post #11, page 182, but admitted that he had no copy of stamp 110 and gave his description of it from notes he had taken based on a copy he had seen.

I was able recently to show John a positional block from my own collection which includes stamp 110 and proves his description 'intermediate position' to be incorrect. He is happy for me to state on his behalf that he acknowledges his description was wrong. Since the two articles mentioned above have found their way in the 'Presentation Issue' of Runner Post which is normally given to new members, and also since I can trace no previous illustration of stamp 110, I feel the time has arrived to publish photos of all three varieties.



### Stamp 52.

This can most easily be recognised by the fact that, unlike the other two, the top of the '1' lines up with the top of the letter 'd'. The upper serif is also more sharply pointed. I am indebted to Sir John Inglefield-Watson for the loan of this stamp, since I do not personally own a copy.



### Stamp 74.

The base of the '1' lines up with the base of the 'd'. The top right corner of the vertical stroke is cut away. The top serif slopes slightly downwards to the left. I should perhaps point out that every copy I have so far seen also has a distinct break in the vertical stroke of the first 't' of 'Protectorate'. This is quite clear from the stamp illustrated, which is the centre stamp of a positional block of nine. I would be very grateful if any member could let me have confirmation of this from copies in their own collection ([hurst-chemist@msn.com](mailto:hurst-chemist@msn.com)).



### Stamp 110.

The base of the '1' lines up with the base of the 'd', but the top of the vertical stroke is rectangular, the top serif is horizontal, and the serif at the base is much longer than on stamp 74. The stamp illustrated is the lower right-hand stamp from a positional corner block of four.

The definition of a small '1' is, I suggest, a figure 1 where the overall height is noticeably less than normal. I thought it could be useful, therefore, if I took some actual measurements based on the overall length of the upright of the '1' on each of the three stamps, measured from the tip to the bottom of the lower serif. The results were interesting. No.74 is the winner at 2.12mm, followed by No.110 at 2.28mm. No.52 trails in third at 2.34mm which is getting perilously close to the normal height of a figure '1' in the overprint which measures out at 2.45mm. I had a think about this, and decided that it's not so much that stamp 52 has a small '1', but more that the '1' draws attention to itself by being significantly out of line. It also has a different type of upper serif to the norm which, with its downward sweep to the left makes the figure appear smaller than it really is. Maybe there's a case for calling this the 'misaligned figure 1' variety in future.

From top to bottom:  
Positions 52, 74 and 110

I hope members will find the descriptions helpful. For myself, I'm just pleased to have the opportunity to set the record straight.



**Postscript:**



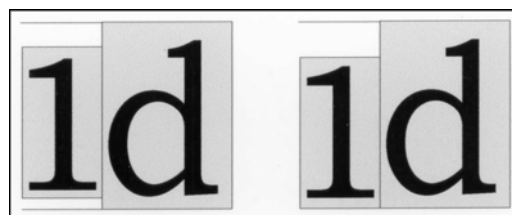
SG41a with raised '1'

Just as 'Runner Post' was about to be published, I received a copy of SG41 from Steve Wallace, the Society's Rarer Stamps Co-ordinator. He felt it could be a previously unreported 'small 1' from another position of the overprint setting.

Having examined the stamp carefully, I am quite convinced that what he has shown me is a copy of SG41a from position 74. This is confirmed, not only by the break in the first 't' of 'Protectorate' in the overprint, but by other small but significant similarities which become apparent under the microscope. What is fascinating is the fact that the figure '1' itself, although easily identifiable by the cut away top right corner of the vertical stroke, is 0.18mm higher, relative to the 'd', than on my example, thus appearing to be almost in line with the MID-POINT of the 'd' rather than the base.

This clearly invalidates my statement that the position of the '1' relative to the 'd' is an identifying factor for the position 74 overprint.

The vertical movement of the '1' is not difficult to explain since being a figure from a smaller font of type, the physical dimensions of the piece of type in the vertical plane are less. This allows for movement relative to the 'd' in the vertical plane. I have no doubt that this is what has occurred.



**A 'Rail Letter' card To England**

by Peter Van der Molen



Not since Helmuth Hagen's article on "The Railway Letter Post in Bechuanaland Protectorate" in RP#3 (Spring 1986, p.5-9) does anything further appear to have been published in the Runner Post on this fascinating topic, so an illustration of an actual item may be of interest. [AMG reminds me RP#43 had a railway theme including a Railway Letter Post cover on p.1019]

The ½d KGVI

Postal Stationery card illustrated was sent from Francistown to London, travelling the first part of the journey as a 'Rail Letter'. With total franking of 4d, under the Empire Airmail Scheme the postcard rate to Britain was 1½d, while the Rail Letter fee at the time is recorded<sup>1</sup> as 2d, which leaves the card overfranked by ½d which cannot be explained but could be due to uncertainty about overseas postal rates on the part of Railway staff. The card and all adhesives are indistinctly cancelled with four strikes of the oval 'SAR&H² / 21 SEP 38/ FRANCISTOWN' canceller.



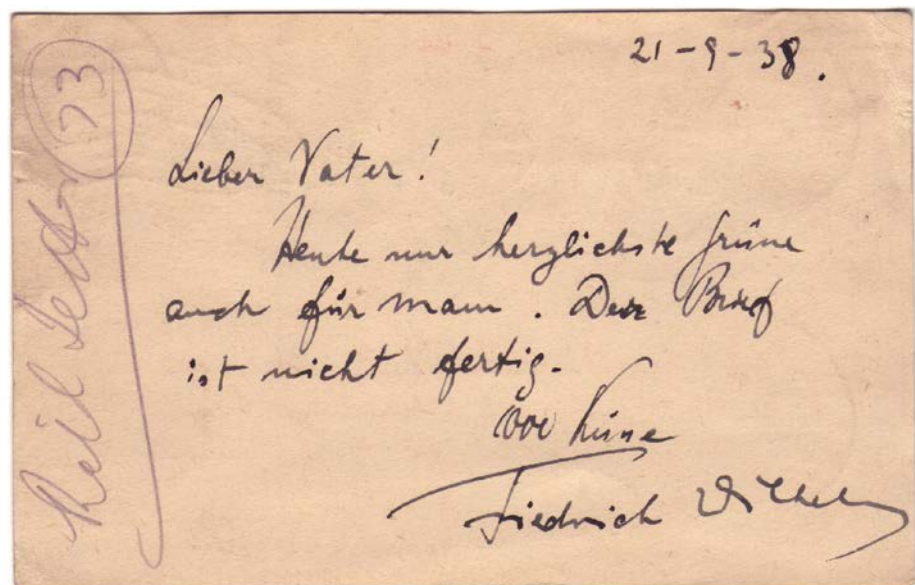
In the acceptance routine for a Rail Letter, a form T110 (see example used in Swaziland - left) would have been pasted on the reverse of the envelope, but on a postcard that would have obliterated part of the message, so the railway clerk wrote on the reverse of the card "Rail Letter 73" (shown below) and noted at bottom front "Post @ Mafeking". The latter was complied with, as evidenced by the Mafeking Transit cancel dated 22 Sep 38 on the front.

When the card was delivered to the address at NW11, it was re-addressed to SW3 and was reposted, which accounts for the 'GOLDERS GREEN / 30 SEP/ 1938/ NW11' machine cancellation on the front. That also proves that the card would have gone by airmail since the transit time of 8 days from Mafeking to Golders Green could hardly be achieved by surface mail.

All aspects of Rail Letter Post are covered in great detail in 'Railway Postal History of South Africa' by H.S. Hagen and S.P. Naylor, published 1998 by the Philatelic Federation of South Africa; contact the Secretary of Federation at P.O. Box 9248, CINDA PARK 1463, South Africa or at pfsasec@mweb.co.za if you have difficulty in obtaining a copy.

Notes:

- 1 - Hagen & Naylor, p.42
- 2 - SAR&H = South African Railways & Harbours



## Questions and Answers

### Crocodile Pools

Our new member John Coates (an old returnee) has some questions about Crocodile Pools.

1. I have a copy of SG61 with a blue "Crocodile Pools" dated ? APR 00
  - a) Is the blue cancellation recorded? [Steve Wallace says he has a blue example - Ed.]
2. I have a cover; addressed to F T Carey, London bearing 8 x 1d SG61 tied by "Crocodile Pools - South Africa" (black) dated 25 APR 00. Blue crayon registration lines and blue crayon reg. no. Various backstamps: Bulawayo Registered (Circle: Red): 28 APR 00 / Capetown registered oval: ? MAY 00 / London registered receival circle: 7 June 00 / London registered cachet (Red): 7 June 00 (Ties stamps on front)
  - a) Mafeking was liberated on 17 April. When did the Croc. Pools Office close - what is the latest recorded date?
  - b) Mail by the northern route would ordinarily go through Bulawayo and then to Port Elizabeth (?) for onward passage to London. This cover went to Bulawayo and then back to Capetown. Is this route previously recorded?
  - c) Does any member know of other items from the region addressed to F.T.Carey?



## Discovery of Unissued British Bechuanaland Wrapper

by Peter Thy and John Inglefield-Watson

In a recent contribution, we described and illustrated two unissued British Bechuanaland wrappers that we judged to have forged overprints (RP#54). Since then an additional wrapper has appeared. It was recently offered on eBay as an unissued British Bechuanaland wrapper at a low starting bid. The bidding was finalized at about \$160 after heated competition between several participants. Thanks to the assistance of the winning bidder, we have been able to obtain the illustration of the wrapper shown in Figure 1. An enlargement of the imprinted stamp with overprint is shown in Figure 2.

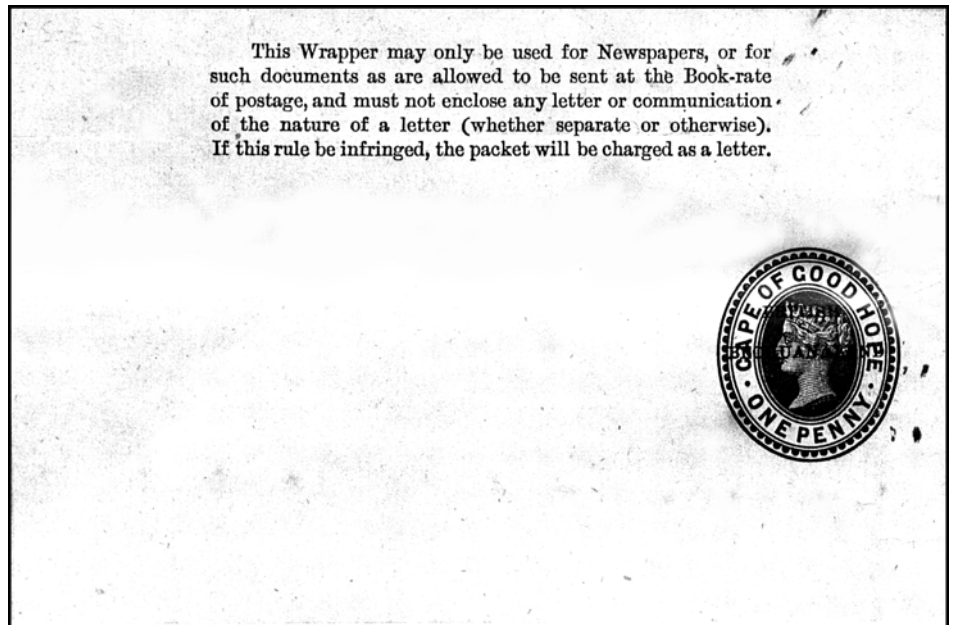


Figure 1. Unissued wrapper made by overprinting the Cape of Good Hope, 1d wrapper of 1882 (H&G E2) by 'BRITISH BECHUANALAND' without full stop. Note several pin holes and associated oxidation immediately right of the stamp and the text.

The unissued wrapper was made by overprinting a Cape of Good Hope, 1d wrapper of 1882 (H&G E2) with 'BRITISH



Figure 2. Enlargement of imprinted stamp with overprint (220% magnification).

BECHUANALAND' in serif capitals in two lines without full stop. The same Cape wrapper was used for the overprinted British Bechuanaland wrappers issued in 1887 (H&G E2; BBS WR 2) and again in 1889 (H&G E6; BBS WR 6). These issued wrappers are both overprinted in two lines with lower case, serif letters in black. Only the 1889 wrapper is with full stop after 'Bechuanaland'. The overprinting style on the issued wrappers is in many respects similar to the newly discovered wrapper except for the use of capital letters on the latter. In this respect the new wrapper is clearly unissued. Likewise, the overprint on the new wrapper differs from those used on other issued postcards and registration envelopes.

Two presumed essays for the issued Bechuanaland wrappers are known to exist (BBS WR E(1) and E(2)). They were both made by overprinting the Cape of Good Hope, 1/2d wrapper of 1882 (H&G E1). Both of these essays are overprinted with capital serif letters. The overprint on WR E(2) is relatively similar to that on the new wrapper. The overprint is also relatively similar to the overprint on a postcard essay (BBS PC E(1)) of which two examples are known to exist.

Figure 3 compares the overprint on the new wrapper (A) with the overprint on the card essays (B and C) and the overprint on the previous known wrapper essay (D). There are some significant similarities and differences between the four overprints. 'BRITISH BECHUANALAND' measures 20.5 mm (excluding serifs) on the new wrapper, but is slightly longer for the other overprints (20.8-21 mm), disregarding any full stops. The height of the lettering is approximately 1.6 mm for all the overprints. The line separation (from base to base of lines) is 6 mm for the new wrapper, but appears to be around 5.2-5.3 mm for the other three overprints.



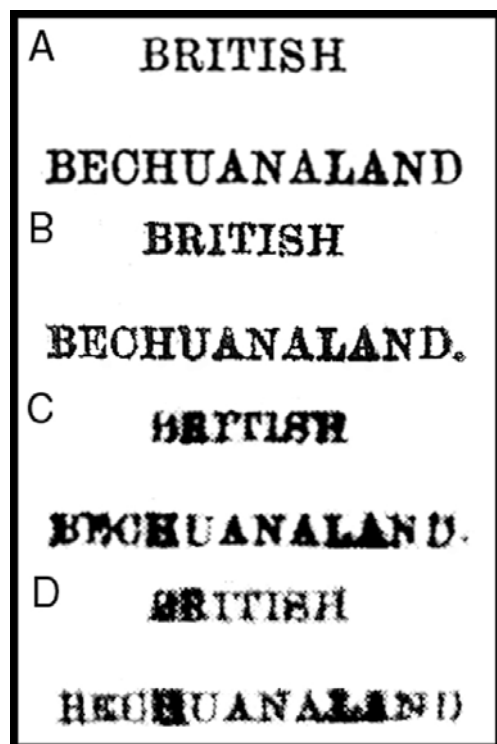


Figure 3. Comparison of overprints.  
 (A) wrapper illustrated in Figures 1 and 2.  
 (B) Postcard essay (PC E(1)).  
 (C) Postcard essay (PC E(1)). This essay was part of the Watson Postcards and is enlarged from a photograph provided by Argyll Etkin Ltd.  
 (D) Wrapper essay (WR E(1)). Enlarged from illustration in Harmers' 1986 catalogue of the Barkaway collection.

Thus, it is clear that the overprint on the new wrapper is slightly different from other overprint essays on postcards and wrappers. In addition, it lacks the full stop seen on the postcard overprints (B and C). Additional characteristics of the overprint on the new wrapper are a clear anticlockwise rotation of the last 'D' and a slightly raised first 'A' of 'BECHUANALAND'. It may also be noteworthy that the 'R' of 'BRITISH' has a terminal curved upstroke that is only seen on the postcard essay (BBS PC E(1)). It is possible that the lack of full stop and the poor alignment may have been caused by a loose forme.

We can in conclusion state that we find no compelling evidence that the wrapper is forged nor that it is genuine. In contrast to other overprinted wrappers judged to have forged overprints, there are no clear faults such as in the type used. Likewise, the type of wrapper overprinted is of a plausible type and raises no concern. It thus appears that the wrapper was produced as an essay for one of the two overprinted Cape of Good Hope, 1d wrappers issued in 1887 and 1889. However, it is surprising that in details the overprint does not match any of the other known overprints. It would be expected that potential overprinters would use the same type and the same forme to produce other relatively similar essays. The same reservation can be raised concerning other assumed Bechuanaland essays and does not necessarily imply that the new wrapper overprint was forged.

It should also be taken into account for evaluating this conclusion that two of the essay overprints discussed here (C and D) are only known from poor quality photographs requiring some enlargement for comparative purposes. It would undoubtedly be advantageous for the comparisons if these essays could be located. The postcard essay (C) was sold in recent years by Argyll Etkin, Ltd. The wrapper essay (D)

was sold as part of the Barkaway collection by Harmers (25 June 1986; lot 640). Please let us know if you have any information on the whereabouts of these two essays.

Thanks to David Britton for providing photocopies of the wrapper discussed in this note.

Notes: The BBS numbers are quoted from Thy and Inglefield-Watson, *The Bechuanalands and Botswana Postal Stationery*, British Philatelic Trust, in press. The H&G numbers are from the Higgins and Gage Catalogue.

## Provisional British Bechuanaland Revenue Stamps

by Brian Trotter

In the early 1880's, the western border of the Transvaal was in some confusion. The two petty Boer Republics of Stellaland and Goshen had been formed in Bechuana territory. Further west, the Germans had established their colony of South West Africa. The fear was that the Transvaal Boers and the Germans would link up, thus denying Britain's advance northwards from the Cape Colony, into what was believed to be the mineral rich interior. In 1884, after some unrest in the area, General Sir Charles Warren was sent to Bechuanaland with a strong military expedition to protect British interests. His forces peacefully occupied Stellaland and Goshen, and they were then incorporated into of the new colony of British Bechuanaland in 1885.

Along with all the needs for the administration of a new colony, was that of revenue stamps. Initially revenue stamps of Stellaland were used, but as the low values began to run out, the 6d and 1s revenue stamps of the Cape of Good Hope were provisionally handstamped "British Bechuanaland". This was to tide things over until the issue of the Unappropriated Die dual-purpose postage and revenue stamps in November 1887.



Fig. 1 The two provisional revenue stamps (enlarged).

The Cape of Good Hope provisional revenue stamps were handstamped in Cape Town. A letter from the Office of the Principal Distributor of Stamps in Cape Town to the Imperial Secretary on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1886 confirms the supply of 13 sheets (1560 stamps) of the 6d and 17 sheets (2040 stamps) of the 1s handstamped "British Bechuanaland" (Fig. 1). The file contains no record of any additional sending, so this is believed to be the total number of stamps involved.

In response to later questions from the Colonial Office, the Agent General for the Cape of Good Hope confirmed that these provisional revenue stamps were withdrawn from circulation on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1887, as the new Unappropriated Dies were issued in November 1887. So the provisionals only remained in circulation for about a year.

The story opens again on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1906, with a letter from the Colonial Office to the Agent General of the Cape of Good Hope: "I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to inform you that a number of Revenue Stamps of the Cape of Good Hope, overprinted British Bechuanaland, are in possession of this Department. It appears that unsuccessful attempts were made in the year 1894 to dispose of these stamps and that they were then put away to be brought up again when the question of the annexation of British Bechuanaland to the Cape of Good Hope had been settled. The matter was, however, overlooked at the time.

The packet contains 1448 stamps of the nominal value of one shilling and 1419 of the nominal value of sixpence. It is possible that they are now of some philatelic value and I am to enquire whether, as they are presumably the property of the Colonial Government, you are prepared to receive them on their behalf."

Since the Cape Government had no further use for them, and apparently did not see them as having any significant philatelic value, decided to have them destroyed. A note from the Agent General's Office to the Cape Treasury reads: "We hereby certify that the one thousand four hundred and forty eight shilling, and the one thousand four hundred and nineteen sixpenny Revenue Stamps (Surcharged British Bechuanaland), lately forming the subject of correspondence between the Colonial Office, the Hon. the Treasurer, Cape Town, and the Agent General for the Colony, have, in accordance with instructions contained in Treasury letter No. 500/06/301 A.G., dated the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 1906, been this day destroyed by fire, in our presence." It was signed by the Secretary and by the Chief Clerk of the Agent General.

Given the original numbers handstamped (the terms overprinted and surcharged seem to have been used synonymously with handstamped), and subtracting the numbers destroyed, leaves only 141 of the 6d and 592 of the 1s stamps that were released. Not surprisingly, these stamps are not easy to find. Two documents are known with the 1s value, but so far no 6d values have been recorded on document.

Reference: Cape Government Archives in Cape Town

## Postal Bid Sale No.12 – 12th July 2002

Results are as follows:

LOT	£	LOT	£	LOT	£	LOT	£	LOT	£	LOT	£	LOT	£	LOT	£	LOT	£
1	11	2	91	4	3.50	5	3.50	6	6	7	11	8	12	9	1	11	11
14	1.50	15	7	16	4	17	3	18	2.50	19	4.50	20	41	21	1.50	26	2
27	2.50	28	6	29	23	30	9	31	13	32	276	36	10	38	3.50	41	3.50
43	20	44	20	45	11	46	3	48	9	49	1.50	50	1.50	51	1.50	52	29
53	26																

All other lots were unsold

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### THE SOCIETY'S 13TH POSTAL BID SALE

The next postal bid sale of Bechuanalands and Botswana material will be held during late March or early April 2003.

Please take a good look through your collection and grasp the opportunity to convert your surplus material back into cash.

All material must be submitted to me, as Auctioneer, no later than 31st January 2003.

Each item should be accompanied by a description, and an indication of any reserve price you wish to place on it.

It is my intention to actively seek out a good range of interesting material.

If I'm successful in this, I intend to publish a properly illustrated list in semi-catalogue form during February next year. So - get searching NOW, and send whatever you can find to:

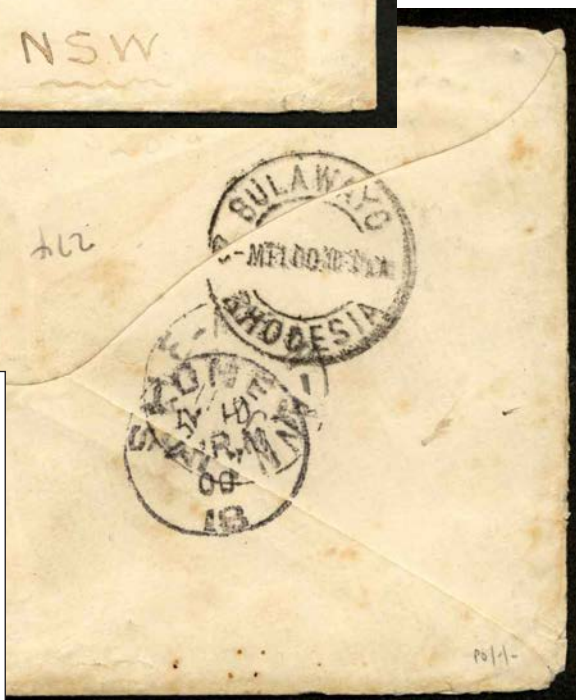
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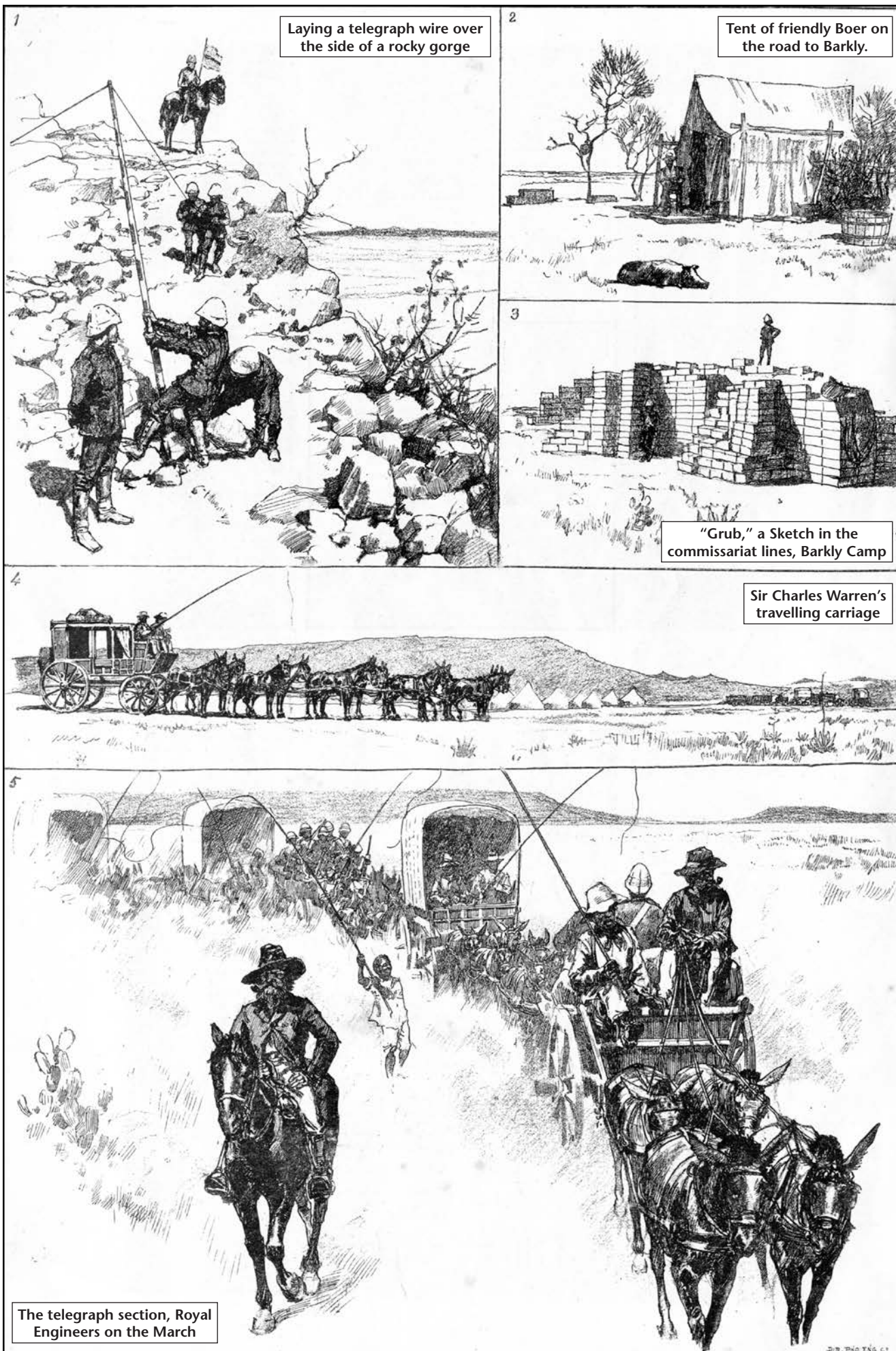


One of the over 50 items already in the 13th PBS is: 1900 (4 May) envelope "On active service From Tpr Melrose SRV Crocodile Pools" to Australia, signed by the Commanding Officer and bearing 1897 1d. Cancelled with extremely fine "CROCODILE POOLS/SOUTH AFRICA" c.d.s, Bulawayo, Sydney and Annandale c.d.s. on reverse; the envelope with light staining and the adhesive faded, though a rare cover from a member of the Southern Rhodesia Volunteers. Destination is particularly unusual, since virtually all known covers are addressed to the U.K.

Estimate £375







From "The Illustrated London News" March 28th 1885. (reduced size)  
 THE BECHUANALAND EXPEDITION -- FROM SKETCHES BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST, MR.  
 JULIUS M. PRICE, OF "METHUEN'S HORSE."



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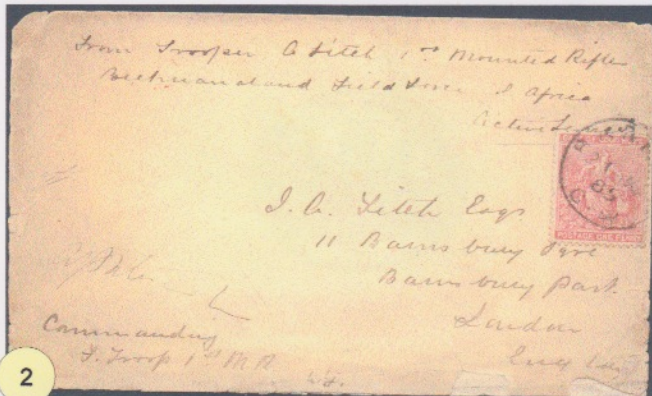
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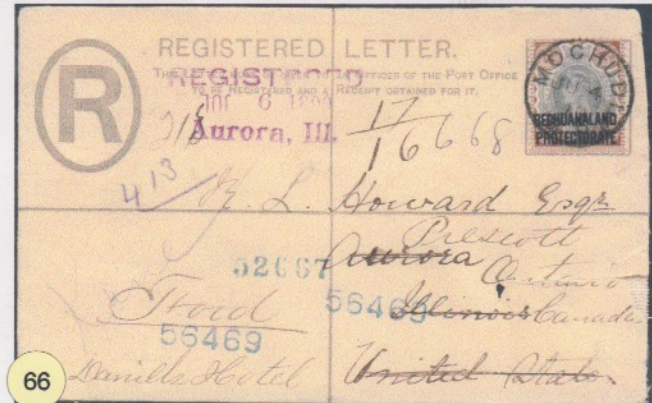
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# BECHUANALAND



**BECHUANALAND** 1822 (Feb) incoming large part entire with the message written in palimpsest. Addressed to 'Mr. Robert Moffat / Missionary, Lattakoo, South Africa / Care of the Revd. Dr. Philip / Cape Town / Cape of Good Hope'. Various manuscript endorsements including 'Paid 1/4 1/2', '2' and 'Single'. Two different UK 'PAID' transits (17 Feb and 20 Feb) and large oval POST PAID SHIP Lr / LONDON all struck in red and rectangular INVERKEITHING mileage mark struck in black on reverse. At this date Lattakoo was situated near present day Kuruman. Faults including repaired tear from wax seal. A very rare example of incoming mail and possibly the earliest recorded, being within a year of Moffat's arrival in May 1821. £1450

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The Bechuanalands and Botswana Society 13<sup>th</sup> Postal Bid Sale. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2003.

**The Warren Expedition**

- Lot 1 **Military Telegraphs** 3d. lilac and brown (unappropriated dies), overprinted "SPECIMEN" (Holmes type 3). No gum. **Estimate £10**
- Lot 2 **1885 (21 June)** Warren Expedition soldier's envelope "From Trooper A. Fitch 1<sup>st</sup> Mounted Rifles Bechuanaland Field Force S.Africa Active Service" to London, signed by the Commanding Officer and bearing Cape 1d. rose-red (Hope seated) cancelled by "BARKLY/G.W. c.d.s., Cape Town and London c.d.s. on reverse. Soiled and with perimeter faults though rare and unusual. **Estimate £360** **Photo**

**British Bechuanaland Postage Stamps**

- Lot 3 **SG1** 1885 red overprint on Cape ½d. grey-black. Mint. Small hinge remnant, large part original gum. Excellent centring, very clean and bright. Very fine. Cat. £13 **Estimate £4**
- Lot 4 **SG2** 1885 black overprint on Cape 3d. pale claret. Mint. Large part original gum, excellent centring, very clean and bright. One blunt perf. Cat. £35 **Estimate £11**
- Lot 5 **SG3** 1885 black overprint on Cape 4d. dull blue. Mint. Large part original gum, centred slightly to top, very clean and bright. Very fine. Cat. £55 **Estimate £17**
- Lot 6 **SG3** 1885 black overprint on Cape 4d. dull blue. Used. Very light BONC cancel. Very clean used copy, marred by a tiny spot of surface damage at extreme top left. Cat. £65 **Estimate £5**
- Lot 7 **SG4** 1885 black overprint on Cape ½d. grey-black. Mint. Horizontal strip of 3, light previous hinge on centre stamp only, perfect centring, very clean and bright with light toning to gum only. A very difficult stamp to find in multiples, and especially in this condition. **Estimate £20**
- Lot 8 **SG4** 1885 black overprint on Cape ½d. grey-black. Mint. Large part original gum, centred to left, very clean and bright, excellent perfs. Cat. £7 **Estimate £2**
- Lot 9 **SG5** 1885 black overprint on Cape 1d. rose-red. Mint. Large part original gum, centred to top right, very clean and bright. Cat. £9.50 **Estimate £2.50**
- Lot 10 **SG6** 1885 black overprint on Cape 2d. pale bistre. Mint. Virtually complete gum, centred to lower left, good bright copy. Cat. £35 **Estimate £8**
- Lot 11 **SG7** 1885 black overprint on Cape 6d. reddish-purple. Used. Light, indistinct, c.d.s. cancel. A little faded and slightly toned, but a good average copy. Cat. £38 **Estimate £4**
- Lot 12 **Forgeries of SG6/7/8** black overprint on Cape 2d./6d./1/- Interesting group of forged stamps from the 1885 issue. Distance between the lines of the overprint is much too small. All used copies as is normal with these forgeries. **Estimate £10**
- Lot 13 **SG9** 1887 black overprint on GB ½d. vermilion. Mint. SE corner marginal block of four with 'Jubilee' lines and control letter 'L'. Two upper stamps lightly mounted, two lower stamps and margins never hinged. Clean and bright; light vertical gum creases as usual. **Estimate £18**
- Lot 14 **SG9** 1887 black overprint on GB ½d. vermilion. Mint. SE corner marginal pair with 'Jubilee' lines and control letter 'L'. Faint traces of previous mounting. **Estimate £7**
- Lot 15 **SG14** 1887 6d. lilac & black (unappropriated dies). Mint. Never hinged, centred to lower left, clean bright colour. One pulled perforation at left. Cat. £50 **Estimate £10**
- Lot 16 **SG15** 1887 1/- green & black (unappropriated dies). Used. Three copies, demonstrating different shades. All with clear part Mafeking 'A' c.d.s. cancels. Cat. £16.50 **Estimate £5**
- Lot 17 **SG16** 1887 2/- green & black (unappropriated dies). Mint. Extremely fine mint copy. Brilliant colour, faintest trace of previous mount, just off centre to lower right. Cat. £50 **Estimate £12**
- Lot 18 **SG16** 1887 2/- green & black (unappropriated dies). Mint. Large part original gum, perfect centring, vibrant unrubbed colour. Extra fine. Cat. £50 **Estimate £22**



- Lot 19 **SG16** 1887 2/- green & black (unappropriated dies). Used. Full hinge attached and with tiny paper remnant to back. Front has very good centring and beautiful rich colour. Light indistinct Mafeking c.d.s. cancel. Cat. £35 **Estimate £12**
- Lot 20 **SG17** 1887 2/6 green & black (unappropriated dies). Mint. Small hinge remnant, large part original gum, centring slightly to left. Nice colour, Very fine. Cat £60 **Estimate £20**
- Lot 21 **SG18** 1887 5/- green & black (unappropriated dies). Used. Good centring, clean copy, single blunt perf. Very nice Mafeking c.d.s. cancel. Cat. £150 **Estimate £30**
- Lot 22 **SG18** 1887 5/- green & black (unappropriated dies). Used. Good centring, clean copy, good colour, light 638 (Mafeking) BONC cancel. Very fine. Cat. £150 **Estimate £50**
- Lot 23 **SG19** 1887 10/- green & black (unappropriated dies). Used. Off centre to top, colour a little faded. Small area of light thinning and a number of short perfs. at the top. Clear 638 (mafeking) BONC cancel. Useful copy of a stamp which is scarce in used condition. Cat. £350 **Estimate £30**
- Lot 24 **SG21s** 1887 £5 lilac & black (unappropriated dies). Specimen. Handstamped 'SPECIMEN' type BEC2 diagonally in black. Virtually complete original gum, probably never mounted. Small trivial horizontal gum bend mentioned for completeness. Brilliant unrubbed colour, perfect centring and perforations. A quite outstanding copy in pristine condition. **Estimate £90** **Photo**
- Lot 25 **SG22** 1888 1d. on 1d. lilac & black (unappropriated dies). Mint. Part original gum. Gum creases do not affect the front of the stamp which is clean, bright and very well centred. Cat. £7.50 **Estimate £2**
- Lot 26 **SG23** 1888 2d. in red on 2d. lilac & black (unappropriated dies). Mint. Original hinge still attached. Clean white gum with one trivial bend. Lovely example with excellent centring and perfs. Cat. £20 **Estimate £6**
- Lot 27 **SG25** 1888 4d. in red on 4d. lilac & black (unappropriated dies). Mint. Part original gum, very lightly mounted. Front very clean and with good strong colour. Centred to lower right. The red 4d. surcharge is unusually high and to the left. Scarce stamp. Cat. £225 **Estimate £80** **Photo**
- Lot 28 **SG30** 1889 provisional overprint in green on Cape ½d. grey-black. Mint. NW marginal block of four. Mounted once in upper margin only; stamps are all never hinged. Some gum creases as always with this issue, but clean, bright and attractive. Cat. (as singles) £13 **Estimate £10**
- Lot 29 **SG31/31s/32/32a/32s** black overprint on Cape 1d. rose-red and 2d. pale bistre (overprint reading up). A very useful study group comprising both stamps handstamped 'SPECIMEN' (BEC2) diagonally in violet, a fine used copy of SG32a (no stop after 'Bechuanaland') with part Francistown c.d.s.; mint NW marginal block of 6 x SG31 with control number '7'; mint marginal block of 6 x SG32 (typeset overprint); mint block of 4 x SG32 (stereo overprint) and a matching block, used, from the identical sheet position showing the same overprint errors. Two further used pairs of SG32 and three mint singles, all demonstrating various overprint errors. Cat. £550 as single stamps. **Estimate £200**
- Lot 30 **SG33/37** 1891/94 complete set, black overprint on GB 'Jubilee' definitives by de la Rue. Mint. Lightly mounted; all stamps are clean and bright, well centred, and with full perfs. Cat. £29 **Estimate £10**
- Lot 31 **SG34** 1891 2d. grey-green and carmine. Mint. A half pane, comprising a block of 60 (6 x 10) with trace of margin at top. Five stamps show broken letter flaws. A few trivial stains, mostly confined to the rear. Cat. £480 as singles. **Estimate £130**
- Lot 32 **SG37** 1894 1/- dull green. Mint. Large part original gum. Hinge remnant. Bright clean copy centred towards bottom of stamp. Cat. £13 **Estimate £5**

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- Lot 33 **1888 (20 Dec?)** Postal Stationery ½d. wrapper H&G 3. Vryburg to Germany. '555' numeral canceller. Manuscript date on back 20<sup>th</sup> December 1888. A few stains, but complete with no tears. **Estimate £50**
- Lot 34 **1892 (23 July)** Fine commercial cover from Vryburg to Port Elizabeth. Franked with a pair of 1d. lilac (SG33), cancelled by light indistinct BONC, but with clear 'VRYBURG B JY 23 92' c.d.s. alongside. Midland Down c.d.s. and Port Elizabeth arrival c.d.s. on back. **Estimate £50**
- Lot 35 **1892 (24 Nov)** Envelope Taungs to Port Elizabeth. Pair of 1891 1d. lilac (SG33) sharing light "637" obliterator, the left-hand stamp with broken first 'E' of 'BECHUANALAND'. First type "TAUNGS BECHUANALAND" cds at front; Vryburg, Midland Down & Port Elizabeth cds on reverse. **Estimate £130**



- Lot 36 1893 (30 July) Envelope from Devondale to Glasgow (Scotland) and redirected to Millport. Franked with two 1891 2d. grey-green & carmine (SG34) sharing a good strike of the Devondale first type c.d.s. and with Glasgow c.d.s. below. Vryburg, Glasgow and Millport c.d.s. on reverse; the envelope creased and with other small faults. This is, however, believed to be the sole recorded cover from Devondale during the British Bechuanaland period. A great rarity. **Estimate £560** **Photo**
- Lot 37 1894 (3 Jun) E Isaacs merchant cover paying 4½d. rate from Mafeking to Germany. Franked 4d. green & purple-brown (SG35) and ½d. vermilion (SG9) tied to envelope by '638' numeral canceller. First type 'Mafeking Bechuanaland' c.d.s. alongside. Some edge damage. **Estimate £75**
- Lot 38 1894 (26 July) British Bechuanaland Registered Letter Stationery envelope (H&G.7) Die on reverse dated 28 4 90; from Taungs to Barkly West. Franked 2d. grey-green & carmine (SG34) tied to envelope by indistinct BONC. Front has clear "TAUNGS BECHUANALAND JY 26 94" c.d.s. Reverse has oval 'Registered C JY 28 84 Kimberley' stamp and Barkly West arrival c.d.s. **Estimate £65**

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- Lot 39 SG41a 1888 1d. on 1d. lilac & black (unappropriated dies). Used. Variety small figure "1". Very fine used with light indistinct c.d.s. cancel. This is the variety from row 10 stamp 2 of the setting. With 'Royal' certificate. Cat. £400. **Estimate £110** **Photo**
- Lot 40 SG46 1888 Protectorate overprint on 1/- green & black (unappropriated dies). Used. Very light indistinct c.d.s. cancel. Slightly soiled and a little faded. One pulled perf. Cat. £50 **Estimate £9**
- Lot 41 SG52 1889 Provisional. Protectorate overprint in green on Cape ½d. grey-black. Mint. NE corner marginal strip of three with plate number '1'. Clean and bright, previously mounted in margins only, stamps are never hinged. Three faint creases in the margins where the item has been folded at some time. **Estimate £20**
- Lot 42 SG56 Provisional overprint on Cape ½d. yellow-green. Mint. Overprint by Taylor & Marshall, Cape Town. Very lightly mounted single copy showing faulty 'T' of 'BRITISH' which is constant at row 4 stamp 6 of the right-hand pane. **Estimate £3**
- Lot 43 SG57 Provisional overprint on Cape ½d. yellow-green. Unmounted mint. Overprint by Townshends of Vryburg. There is a clear, but much lighter, second impression of the 'BRITISH BECHUANALAND' overprint approximately 4mm below and 1.5mm to the left of the main overprint. Either a remarkable example of a 'kiss print' or a double overprint. Sold 'as is' **Estimate £20** **Photo**
- Lot 44 SG59/65 1897 GB 'Jubilee' definitives overprinted 'BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE' by de la Rue. Mint. Full set, lightly mounted, clean, bright and well centred. Cat. £48 **Estimate £18**
- Lot 45 SG61 1d Lilac Protectorate overprint. Used. Block of four used at Palapye with additional very heavy square rubber stamp cancel which appears to read "P.C.O. W.Elton Capt." and with a third line which is indecipherable. Presumably emanating from the Press Censor's Office in Kimberley. A Boer war usage. **Estimate £8**
- Lot 46 SG64s 1897 QV Protectorate 4d. green & purple-brown. Mint. Block of four handstamped 'SPECIMEN' in black at Somerset House (Holmes type 8) With faults, one stamp is thinned and there are a couple of pulled perfs. Previously mounted on one stamp only. **Estimate £5**
- Lot 47 SG65s 1897 QV Protectorate 6d. purple on rose-red. Unmounted mint. Handstamped 'SPECIMEN' in black at Somerset House (Holmes type 8) clean and bright. Centred to left. **Estimate £10**
- Lot 48 SG66/67/68/69/70/71. A fine mint collection of the stamps of King Edward VII, comprising: SG66 ½d. blue-green, block of 48 (12 x 4) with control "B", further marginal block of 50 (5 x 10) and marginal corner block of 4; SG67 ½d. yellowish-green, block of 120 (6 x 20) with interpanneau gutter and control "F6" (some creasing) and a marginal corner block of 4; SG68 1d. scarlet, marginal corner block of 4; SG69 2½d. ultramarine, marginal corner block of 4; SG70 1/- deep green & scarlet, marginal block of 4; SG71 1/- green and carmine, single copy. Total catalogue as singles £907. **Estimate £190**
- Lot 50 SG67 1908 KEVII ½d. yellowish-green. Unmounted mint. SW corner pair with control "E6", a number of gum creases and slight gum toning. A small area of surface damage in the left margin affects the 'Jubilee' line. **Estimate £3**
- Lot 51 SG73 1914 GV ½d. green. Unmounted mint. Block of six (three rows of two stamps each), with margin at left. Gum creases affect the margin only. Cat. as singles £7.50 **Estimate £3**



- Lot 52 **SG73** 1914 GV  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green. Mint. Block of fourteen (two rows of seven stamps). Bright and clean, full gum, never hinged. Cat. as singles £17.50 **Estimate £4**
- Lot 53 **SG83** 1914-15 GV  $\frac{2}{6}$  deep sepia brown. Mint. Waterlow printing, never hinged, clean with excellent centring, two blunt perfs. at top. Cat. £120 **Estimate £30**
- Lot 54 **SG83s** 1914-15 GV  $\frac{2}{6}$  deep sepia brown. Unused. Waterlow printing, overprinted 'SPECIMEN'. Excellent centring, some blunt perfs. at top. No gum. **Estimate £20**
- Lot 55 **SG113** 1935 GV 3d. brown & deep blue 'Silver Jubilee'. Mint. Marginal block of four, never hinged. Cat. as individual stamps £10. **Estimate £2**
- Lot 56 **SG127a/128** 1938-46 GVI 5/- grey-black & deep ultramarine and 10/- black & red-brown. Mint. Never hinged, perfect centring and perforations; 10/- is a marginal copy. Cat. £84. **Estimate £40**
- Lot 57 **SG136/137** 1948 GVI Royal Silver Wedding. Mint. Set of two in pristine unmounted mint condition. Cat. £27.30 **Estimate £11**
- Lot 58 **SG153** 1955 QEII 10/- black & red-brown. Used, with part Francistown c.d.s. Fine. Cat. £15 **Estimate £6**
- Lot 59 **SG161/161a/161c** QEII  $3\frac{1}{2}$ c. decimal surcharge on 4d. red-orange. Mint, never hinged. A pristine marginal imprint/cylinder block of twelve, comprising rows 9 and 10 of the sheet. There are seven copies of SG161, three copies of SG161a, one copy of SG161c and one copy of SG161a showing the thick 'c' variety at R9/3 (Shelley V16). Total catalogue value (ignoring the variety) £66.50 **Estimate £10**

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- Lot 60 **1891** Incoming cover from East London CGH to Macloutsi. Franked 2 x 1d, rose-red (Hope seated), tied by East London OC 4 91 c.d.s., going to a member of the Bechuanaland Border Police. Several cancels on back, including Fourteen Streams CGH 7 OCT 91 and Macloutsi 18 OCT 91. **Estimate £95**
- Lot 61 **1894 (20 Feb)** Registered cover from Gaberones to Mr. E. Isaacs in Mafeking, franked with two vertical pairs of 1891 4d. green & purple-brown (SG35) paying the 4d. registration fee and 1/- postage for a letter weighing 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz., cancelled by a single strike of the Gaberones B.B.P. c.d.s. dated FE 20 (year omitted) with code letter "C" and with a further clear strike alongside. Mafeking FE 22 94 arrival c.d.s. with code letter "B" on reverse. Single fold, slightly soiled and some trivial edge damage. **Estimate £30**
- Lot 62 **1895 (14 Jun)** Wirsing Bros. commercial envelope from Palachwe Khamas Town to Port Elizabeth. Franked with 1891 4d. green & purple-brown (SG35) cancelled "676" and with fine c.d.s. alongside. Part Midland Down and Port Elizabeth squared circle d.s. on reverse. Fresh condition. **Estimate £90**
- Lot 63 **1897 (29 Oct)** Rare Langeberg campaign envelope. Unstamped envelope from Geluk to Graaf Reinets, marked at upper right corner "Spec Con J H de Villiers, Matito B.B." and showing a good strike of the rare Geluk c.d.s. alongside. Vryburg, Midland TPO Down and Graaf Reinets d.s. on reverse; envelope with crease and other faults, though an unusual item from a member of the force left behind to clear up operations following the campaign. **Estimate £180** **Photo**
- Lot 64 **1899 (20 Jan)** Cover from Kanye to London. Franked with strip of 3 x 2d. grey-green & carmine (SG34) paying the 6d. rate to London, tied by Kanye 20 Jan 1899 c.d.s. Back stamped Mafeking CGH squared circle and Forest Gate E (London) arrival. Somewhat roughly opened along top; attractive nevertheless, and the strip of 3 x 2d. is uncommon on cover. **Estimate £125**
- Lot 65 **1899 (23 Mar)** Envelope with address partially deleted from Ramoutsa to Germany. Franked with pair of 1887 3d. lilac & black (SG12) and 1897  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. vermilion (SG59) tied to envelope by two fine strikes of Ramoutsa c.d.s. Mafeking and Aschaffenburg c.d.s. on reverse. **Estimate £90**
- Lot 66 **1899 (4 Jun)** 4d. F size registered envelope (HG5) from W.A.H. Harbor in Mochudi to U.S.A., redirected to Canada. Franked with 1897 4d. green & purple-brown (SG64) tied to envelope by clear Mochudi c.d.s., and with U.S. registration stamp alongside. The reverse has seven different date stamps in addition to Harbor's own rubber stamp. The flap is sealed with wax carrying the impression of Harbor's signet ring. Small faults do not detract from this spectacular cover. **Estimate £130** **Photo**
- Lot 67 **1899 (27 Sep)** Cover from Macloutsi to Bedford, England, franked with QV 1897 4d. green & purple-brown (SG64) tied to envelope by 'Macloutsi SP 27 99' c.d.s. with a further strike alongside. Palapye and Palapye Station transit c.d.s. and Bedford arrival c.d.s. on back. A little creased, and with slight flap damage where the letter has been opened. **Estimate £50**



- Lot 68 **1900 (4 May)** Envelope "On active service From Tpr Melrose SRV Crocodile Pools" to Australia, signed by the Commanding Officer and bearing 1897 1d. lilac cancelled with extremely fine "CROCODILE POOLS/SOUTH AFRICA" c.d.s., Bulawayo, Sydney and Annandale c.d.s. on reverse; the envelope with light staining and the adhesive faded, though a rare cover from a member of the Southern Rhodesia Volunteers. Unusual destination. **Estimate £375** **Photo**
- Lot 69 **1900 (20 Sep)** 1899 Postal Stationery Registered envelope size F, overprinted 'BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE' on Cape 4d. pale blue, H&G C-5, from Mochudi to Manchester, England. Franked with a vertical marginal pair of QV 4d. green & purple-brown (SG64) tied to envelope by two good strikes of 'Mochudi B.B.' c.d.s. dated SP 20 (year omitted). On reverse 'Registered Manchester' arrival 19 OC 00 & two indistinct transit markings. Red wax seal of W.A.H. Harbor over flap, partly obscuring damaged imprinted stamp. Some wear and foxing. Holmes Plate 11/1 and p.121 **Estimate £10**
- Lot 70 **1900 (15 Oct)** Envelope "From Lce Corp 12420 J.V. Banff 67<sup>th</sup> Co.I.Y. on active service" to London, showing superb strike of the Palapye Station single ring d.s. and bearing C.G.H. 1d. cancelled by double ring "FIELD.POST.OFFICE/BRITISH ARMY S.AFRICA" alongside manuscript "T 4d" deleted in blue crayon. Kimberley c.d.s. on reverse. A fine cover from a member of the Imperial Yeomanry attached to the Rhodesian Field Force. **Estimate £175** **Photo**
- Lot 71 **1900 (22 Nov)** 1894 Postal Stationery postcard overprinted 'BRITISH BECHUANALAND.' on Cape 1d. red-brown. H&G5. Imprinted stamp cancelled by fair Palapye Station c.d.s. dated NO 22 00. Card is unaddressed and without message. Extensive foxing. Holmes Plate 7/5 and p.73 **Estimate £1**
- Lot 72 **1901 (2 July)** Cover from Mochudi to Grimsby, England. Franked with 1897 QV 4d. green & purple-brown (SG64) tied to envelope by clear 'Mochudi B.B.' c.d.s. dated JY 2 01 with Kimberly transit and part Grimsby arrival c.d.s. Still contains the original letter. Some slight wear to the edge, but an interesting item from the Boer War period, nevertheless. **Estimate £50**
- Lot 73 **1901 (26 July)** Envelope from Lobatsi to Cape Colony, franked 1897 2d. grey-green & carmine (SG62) tied to envelope by single ring c.d.s., another strike and double ring cachet "PASSED PRESS CENSOR/W. ELTON,/CAPT/CENSOR/KIMBERLEY" alongside. Kimberley and Wellington c.d.s. on reverse. **Estimate £100**
- Lot 74 **1901 (7 Nov)** Envelope (light overall staining) from Lobatsi to London and redirected to Harrogate, marked "On Active Service From Capt. Sir A.D. Grierson 3.K.O. Scottish Borderers Field Force South Africa" bearing 1897 2d. grey-green & carmine (SG62) cancelled with Lobatsi single-ring d.s. and weak Press Censor cachet. Blackheath arrival d.s. at left, London and Harrogate c.d.s. on reverse. **Estimate £110**
- Lot 75 **1901 (1 Dec)** Cover from Lobatsi to Germany, franked with 2 x QV 1897 2d. grey-green & carmine (SG62), tied to envelope by 'Lobatsi B.P.' c.d.s. dated DE 1 01 with further excellent strike alongside and clear double circle cachet "PASSED PRESS CENSOR KIMBERLEY/W.ELTON CAPT. CENSOR" **Estimate £50**
- Lot 76 **1902 (8 Jan)** Cover from Lobatsi to Natal, franked with QV 1897 2d. grey-green & carmine (SG62), tied to envelope by indistinct 'Lobatsi B.P.' c.d.s. but with second clear strike alongside dated JA 8 02, and clear double circle cachet "PASSED CENSOR KIMBERLEY/W. ELTON MAJOR" (obviously got his promotion over Christmas) Durban, Natal arrival c.d.s. on back. Clean **Estimate £50**
- Lot 77 **1902 (5 Jun)** Envelope (small faults) from Palapye to Fort Louisberg, Klipplatz near Ventersdorp and readdressed to Kroonstad, marked "By I.P.S. B.S.A.P. Selika" at lower left corner and bearing 1897 2d. grey-green & carmine (SG62) with fine "PALAPYE" single ring d.s. with "B.B." excised, a further strike, Johannesburg and Kimberley Press Censor cachets alongside, Palapye Station, Army Post Office Johannesburg and F.P.O.9 c.d.s. on reverse; an unusual routing as the original addresses are both in the Orange Free State. **Estimate £110**
- Lot 78 **1913 (31 Jan)** Fine illustrated colour postcard of Hippopotamus ('Animal Series III') from Lobatsi to Prague (then part of Austria). Franked GV 1d. scarlet (SG72) cancelled by part indistinct c.d.s. which does not tie the stamp to the card. There is an additional clear Lobatsi c.d.s. dated JA 31 13 alongside. The written message proves that the item is non-philatelic, and was unquestionably sent. **Estimate £20**
- Lot 79 **1914 (22 Aug)** Tamsen cover. Franked with three blocks of four stamps (SG30/38/39) registered from Lobatsi 22 Aug 1914 to Nylstroom, Transvaal, with 24 Aug 1914 arrival c.d.s. on back. Philatelic, but spectacular, exceptionally fresh and very collectable. **Estimate £90**



- Lot 80 **1926 (27 Nov)** Cover from Gaberones Station to U.S.A. franked with a strip of three GV 1d. scarlet (SG74 or 92) paying the 3d. per oz. rate to foreign countries introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1922. Cancelled by large double circle D.S. of Gaberones Station. This datestamp was introduced in 1914. Printed backflap indicates that the sender was the 'Gaberones Hotel & Store. Proprietor: J. Miller' **Estimate £35**
- Lot 81 **1927 (8 Jan)** Cover from Mahalapye to U.S.A. franked with a strip of six GV ½d. green (SG73 or 91) paying the 3d. per oz. rate to foreign countries. Cancelled by large double circle d.s. of Mahalapye, introduced in 1921. Backflap gives the sender as 'The Mahalapye Refreshment Rooms. G.A.Seaman, Proprietor.' **Estimate £35**
- Lot 82 **1932 (17 Jun)** European size cover ties GV 6d. purple (SG96) with indistinct Ghanzi c.d.s. registered to Windhoek. Backstamped Gobabis 23 June 1932 and Windhoek 25 June 1932. Roughly opened at top, and the greenish-blue colour of the envelope is fading, but an unusual item. **Estimate £50**
- Lot 83 **1938 (15 Aug)** Airmail envelope from Francistown to Germany (Berlin) franked by 1938 GVI 1/- black & brown-olive (SG125) tied to cover by a single clear strike of the Francistown double circle d.s. (Proud type D6). Nice condition. **Estimate £3**
- Lot 84 **1946 (6 June)** Registered cover, Serowe to London. Franked by pairs of SG129/131 (Victory) cancelled with two strikes of the Serowe double circle d.s. **Estimate £1**
- Lot 85 **1960 (7 May)** Northern Protectorate Agricultural Society unaddressed cover franked with 1d, 3d. & 6d. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bechuanaland Protectorate set (SG154/156) and cancelled by single strike of the scarcer Proud type D3 'Showgrounds Francistown' double circle d.s. dated 7 V 60. **Estimate £15**
- Lot 86 **1965 (10 July)** Francistown Agricultural Society cover from Francistown Showgrounds to Lichtenburg Tvl. Two clear strikes of the 'Showgrounds Francistown' double circle d.s. (Proud type D2) **Estimate £10**
- Lot 87 **1966 (9 Sep)** Stampless registered O.H.M.S. cover from Lobatsi to Johannesburg, bearing square violet cachet 'Department of Posts and Telegraphs/Official/Philatelic Service/Lobatsi/Bechuanaland Protectorate' and cancelled by "LOBATSI 9 SEP 66" double-circle d.s., being the 'Royal Visit' canceller from 1947 with 'Royal Visit' removed, then at internal self-government 'BECH.PROT.' removed in preparation for independence; with the declaration of the republic and change of name to Botswana taking place only three weeks after this envelope was sent. **Estimate £3**
- Lot 88 **Postmarks 'R' to 'V'** Eight stamps and one piece, mainly from the 1920's and 1930's showing part or complete strikes of the contemporary date stamps for Ramoutsa, Serowe, Tsessebe and Vryburg (squared circle). Noted GV 6d. reddish-purple (SG81) on piece with superb complete Tsessebe c.d.s. **Estimate £4**
- Lot 89 **Postmarks** A selection of seventeen items, including 1888 Protectorate 6d. on 6d. with large part Shoshong c.d.s., C.G.H. 1d. strip of three with Vryburg 1897 squared circle d.s., Rhodesia 1896 1d. with Mafeking c.d.s., a small quartet of interprovincial usages, 1925 2d. pair sharing large part Ramaquabane c.d.s., 1926 pieces with fine Mafeteng skeleton d.s., and a few later. A generally fine and interesting lot. **Estimate £120**
- Lot 90 **Miscellaneous Lot** dating from the 1940's to independence. Comprising two registered covers, two O.H.M.S. stampless covers and a small number of stamps, with postmarks from Maun, Kazungula, Gaberones (Village or Station excised), Serowe, etc. **Estimate £4**
- Lot 91 **Aerogramme fragments** An unusual lot of aerogramme stamped fragments sent by soldiers of the Bechuanaland Forces in the Middle East during WW2 to Seretse Khama. There are ten 3d. purple GB stamps with various strikes (mostly illegible). One piece is large enough to see the single line handstamp "WRITTEN IN SECHUANA" and the last name of the addressee "Khama". Nice touch of history. **Estimate £4**

#### The Tati Concessions

- Lot 92 **TC.1.1** Tati Concessions 1/- deep carmine. Very fine used with part oval Tati Concessions handstamp in violet. Trotter & Midwood cat. £120 **Estimate £47**
- Lot 93 **TC.1.4** Tati Concessions 10/- green. Very fine used with large part oval handstamp in violet clearly reading "THE TATI CONCES(sions)/ LIMITED/TATI/MATABEL(eland)" Trotter & Midwood cat. £85 **Estimate £47**



## Bechuanaland Stamps

- Lot 94 **SG186v7** 1965 (1 Mar) 2½c. Internal Self-Government. Unmounted mint. Vertical marginal pair, the upper stamp exhibiting the 'lake flaw' which shows as a white blob in the banks of the Gaberones dam just below the Queen's head. Estimate £1.50

## Botswana Stamps

- Lot 95 **SG220/233** 1967 (3 Jan) Birds definitives. Complete, very fine used. Additional copy of the 7c. value shows a white edge to the right-hand side of the tail produced by a colour shift. Cat. £30.25 Estimate £13
- Lot 96 **SG220v4** 1967 (3 Jan) 1c. 'Golden Oriole'. Unmounted mint. Vertical marginal block of six (2 x 3) with upper right stamp exhibiting minor variety 'white claw' where the bird appears to have a white claw on its left foot (positional) Estimate £2.50
- Lot 97 **SG227v** 1967 (3 Jan) 15c. 'Malachite Kingfisher'. Unmounted mint. Single stamp showing shift of brown colour. Estimate £4.50
- Lot 98 **SG242v3** 1968 (8 Apr) 15c. 'Human Rights Year'. Unmounted mint. Vertical marginal pair showing variety "broken 'S' in 'RIGHTS'" on the top stamp (positional - row 6 stamp 5) Estimate £2.50
- Lot 99 **SG244v6** 1968 (30 Sep) 3c. 'Opening of National Museum & Art Gallery'. Unmounted mint. Horizontal marginal pair showing minor variety "dot in 'O' of 'OPENING'" on right hand stamp. Positional - row 1 stamp 5. Estimate £2.50
- Lot 100 **SG253v** 1969 (21 Aug) 3c. 'World Scouting Conference'. Unmounted mint. Two horizontal marginal pairs. The right-hand stamp of one pair (SG253v8) (row 5 stamp 5) shows "green dots on bamboo". The right-hand stamp of the other pair (SG253v9) (row 1 stamp 2) shows "dot over 'G' in 'SCOUTING'" Estimate £5
- Lot 101 **SG322/335** 1974 (1 July) Botswana Minerals definitives. Mint. Complete set; very faint impression of previous hinges. Cat. £48 Estimate £10
- Lot 102 **SG372a** 1977 7t. on 7c. new currency surcharge at bottom right. Used. Cancelled 'Maun 3 VIII 77' Earliest recorded usage. Unpriced in used condition. Estimate £40 Photo
- Lot 103 **SG411/427** 1978 (3 July) 'Birds' Definitives. Unmounted mint. Complete set in pristine condition. Cat. £32 Estimate £13
- Lot 104 **SG497/498** 1981 (1 Sep) 25t. on 35t. & 30t. on 10t. surcharges. Unmounted mint. Both stamps in SW corner blocks of eight showing printer imprint and cylinder numbers in margin. Catalogue, as singles £52 Estimate £15
- Lot 105 **SG515/532** 1982 (2 Aug) 'Birds' Definitives. Used. Very fine, complete set. Cat. £42 Estimate £10
- Lot 106 **SG533/536** 1982 (2 Nov) 'Christmas Fungi' Used. Set of four in upper part sheets of fifteen stamps (5 x 3) with plate numbers. Cancelled at Francistown on first day of issue. Trivial paper adhesion in margins only. Catalogue, as singles £135 Estimate £50
- Lot 107 **SG541/544** 1983 (19 Apr) 'Endangered Species'. Unmounted Mint. Set of four. Cat. £11 Estimate £7
- Lot 108 **SG541/544** 1983 (19 Apr) 'Endangered Species' Used. Set of four in lower part sheets of fifteen stamps (5 x 3) with imprint and plate numbers. Cancelled at Francistown on first day of issue. The odd trivial paper adhesion in the occasional margin. Spectacular. Cat. as singles £142 Estimate £55
- Lot 109 **SG577/581** 1985 (24 Jun) 'Stamp Centenary' Used. Set of four in complete sheets of 25 stamps of each value, individually numbered, cancelled Francistown on first day of issue (24 VI 85). Exhibition item. Estimate £60
- Lot 110 **SG/MS603** 1986 (30 Sep) 4 x 20t. '20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence' Unmounted mint. Miniature Sheet of four. Estimate £1
- Lot 111 **SG717/720** 1991 (30 Sep) 'African Tourism Year' Used. Very fine. Cat. £10.50 Estimate £4.50
- Lot 112 **SG792** 1994 (1 Aug) 10t. on 12t. 'Pangolin' surcharge. Unmounted mint. SW corner block of six with plate numbers and imprint. Catalogue, as singles £15. Estimate £7



Lot 113 **SG817/817a** 1996 (12 Feb) 20t. on 2t. 'Spring Hare' surcharge. Unmounted mint. Vertical row of five from the right-hand side of the lower pane will full margins on three sides. Three of the five stamps carry the "different 2" surcharge (SG817a), and are the only ones in the entire sheet to do so. Furthermore the surcharge is displaced to the left so that the 't' of the original '2t' value is visible on all stamps. A very rare exhibition quality item. **Estimate £95**

Lot 114 **SG852/869** 1997 (4 Aug) 'Birds' definitives. Unmounted mint. Complete set in horizontal pairs. All except the 50t. are marginal; the 5t., 15t., 20t., 40t., 60t., 80t., P1, P1.25 and P5 with cylinder numbers in the margins. **Estimate £9.50**

Lot 115 **SG852/869** 1997 (4 Aug) 'Birds' definitives. Used. Fine commercially used set. **Estimate £4**

Lot 116 **Surcharge Varieties**. 1981-1994 SG497/8; 690/1; 725/6; 792. Interesting collection of seven stamps, all fine/very fine used (four on piece) showing surcharge varieties. SG792 has a deformed surcharge block and the remaining stamps exhibit varying degrees of surcharge displacement. **Estimate £6**

Lot 117 **SG.D21a** 1981 Postage Due 2t. black & emerald perf.14. Complete never hinged mint sheet of fifty stamps (10 x 5) with all margins intact. Catalogue as single stamps £50 **Estimate £19**

### **Botswana Postal History**

Lot 118 **Unstamped Covers** A collection of nine unstamped covers; eight on Botswana Government Service and one O.H.M.S.; 1967 and 1968 covers to the U.S.A., the remainder, all dated 1985, to the U.K. A number of interesting cancels, ellipticals, single and double circle date stamps and red square post office or departmental rubber stamps, including Khumaga, Mabutsane, Shakawe, Rakops, etc. Condition varies. **Estimate £3**

Lot 119 **1967 (2 Oct)** Official First Day Cover 'Chobe Game Reserve'. Franked SG238/240 cancelled by illustrated special 'Chobe Game Reserve/Kasane' c.d.s. The 35c. stamp exhibits the minor 'ghost' variety (SG240v2) which shows as a white blob in the sky. Must be rare on F.D.C. **Estimate £5**

Lot 120 **1969 (25 Sep)** Cover from Pitsani to Johannesburg showing a very clear example of the 'Pitsani' rubber date stamp in violet. Creased and a little soiled. **Estimate £2**

Lot 121 **1969** A most interesting set of three covers posted in Kanye between September and November 1969, demonstrating the progressive deterioration of the 'Kanye' rubber handstamp during that period. **Estimate £10**

Lot 122 **1977 (30 Nov)** Commercial cover from Gaborone to Germiston R.S.A. franked with horizontal pair of 1977 2t. on 2c. surcharge type 2 (SG368a) cancelled by indistinct 'GABORONE 77 XI 30' double circle d.s. Clean and fresh **Estimate £1.50**

Lot 133 **1979 (24 Jan)** Registered Air Mail cover from Gaborone, addressed to Grenada (South America) directed to Grenada West Indies where it was stamped (on front) 'Return to Sender - Insufficient Address' and edirected to Seattle U.S.A.. Franked 1977 50t. on 50c. Mineral (SG378a), 1978 5t. (SG415) and 1978 10t. SG417) cancelled with two strikes of Gaborone double circle d.s.; Gaborone, Grenada W.I. and two Seattle c.d.s. on reverse. One of only two recorded covers bearing the rare SG378a. **Estimate £575** **Photo**

Lot 134 **Cover collection** A collection of over 20 covers, mostly from Botswana to the U.K., and dating from the 1980s. Unchecked for postmarks or condition. A 'lucky dip' item with a corresponding price. **Estimate £1**

Lot 135 **A pair of registered postal stationery envelopes** commercially used from Selebi-Pikwe to U.K. (Barclays Bank, Helston, Cornwall). The August '84 cover with registration label 'Selebi-Pikwe' has slight foxing at the edges, the December '84 cover with registration label 'Selebi-Phikwe' is clean and fresh. **Estimate £2**

Lot 136 **1982 (2 Aug)** 'Birds of Botswana' 4<sup>th</sup> definitive series (SG515/532) used on two official First Day Covers, cancelled at Gaborone, illustrated by the stamp designer M.F.Bryan. Cat. £42 as stamps **Estimate £19**

Lot 137 **1987 (3 Aug)** 'Animals of Botswana' 5<sup>th</sup> definitive series (SG619/638) used on two official First Day Covers, cancelled at Gaborone, beautifully illustrated with watercolour reproductions of the 'Okavango Delta' and 'A Kalahari Pan', and enclosing fully illustrated leaflets concerning the issue. Excellent condition. Faint, but most evocative, smell of mothballs!! **Estimate £12**



- Lot 138 **Eclectic Mix** of eight modern covers: 1: A modern contrived bisect from Lobatsi 2: QSL card from Gaborone 3: Shakawe registered internal cover with wonderful magenta elliptical 'Main Cage Gaborone' handstrike 4: meter cover from Botswana Book Centre 5: Stampless cover bearing unusual magenta c.d.s. which reads 'Postage Paid Gaborone 1993-08-26' 6: meter cover from University of Botswana 7: meter cover from Debswana Jwaneng 8: 1989 FDC 'Orchids of Botswana' **Estimate £10**
- Lot 139 **1990 (27 Apr) 'Animals' surcharges (SG 690/692) First Day Cover** used at Gaborone **Estimate £2**
- Lot 140 **1992 (29 Jun) 'De-Luxe Railway Service' (SG.MS737) Miniature sheet** of four values used on First Day Cover, cancelled at Gaborone. **Estimate £4**
- Lot 141 **1992 (3 Aug) 'Lesser Mammals of Botswana' 6<sup>th</sup> definitive series (SG738/755)** used on a pair of Official First Day Covers, beautifully illustrated, cancelled at Gaborone **Estimate £12**
- Lot 142 **1994 World Meteorological Organisation 11<sup>th</sup> session**, held in Gaborone. Complete set of postcards, each showing special WMO cancellation and one date of the session (14<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November) **Estimate £7**
- Lot 143 **1996 (3 Jun) 'Centenary of Radio' (SG824/827) Set of four** on fully illustrated Official First Day Cover, incorrectly cancelled at Gaborone '3 IV 96' instead of '3 VI 96' **Estimate £6**
- Lot 144 **1997 (4 Aug) 'Birds of Botswana' 7<sup>th</sup> definitive series (SG852/869).** Spectacular pair of limited edition full colour Official First Day Covers, numbered 0035 and with special Gaborone First Day of Issue c.d.s. showing a Kingfisher inside a double-circle. Both envelopes have been autographed 'Helena' by the stamp designer, Helena Schüssel **Estimate £30**
- Lot 145 **Set of Modern Postcards** 1: Soccer mint 50t. 2: Soccer 50t. cancelled at Seretse Khama airport 3: Von Stephan 35t. cancelled Gaborone to Egypt 4: World Meteorological Organisation 50t. cancelled Gaborone to Egypt. The pristine condition of the cancelled cards would indicate that they are 'hand-backs' **Estimate £2**
- Modern Postmarks**
- Lot 146 **1970 (24 Feb) pair of 1c. 'Golden Oriole' (SG220)** on piece cancelled by clear strike of the Francistown rubber date stamp in violet **Estimate £1.50**
- Lot 147 **A large Stock Book** containing more than 700 stamps, almost all on piece, with postmarks mainly covering the period 1980-1990. They are sorted into alphabetical order and range from Baines Drift right through to Zwenshambe. Stated to contain several cancels not previously recorded in 'Runner Post'. A remarkable collection. **Estimate £95**
- Lot 148 **Large size 2000 cancellations on piece.** Broadhurst, Francistown, Orapa, Selebi-Phikwe, Maun, new small size Mahalapye, Tatitown and new machine cancel Palapye. **Estimate £4**
- Lot 149 **Large size 2000 cancellations on piece (no stamps).** Central Post Office, Francistown (3 types), Gaborone (2 types), Pota and Tatitown **Estimate £1**
- Lot 150 **Large size 2000 cancellations on piece.** Bobong, Bontleng, Gaborone Station, Goodhope, Maun, Selebi-Phikwe, Serowe, new small size Broadhurst, new machine cancel Palapye. **Estimate £4.50**
- Lot 151 **2001 (19 Apr) Large 2000 cancel (two strikes) "GABORONE C4 BOTSWANA"** on piece. Cancelled adhesives are 25t. P1.50 & 2 x P5 (SG856/865/868) from the 1997 'Birds' definitives. **Estimate £3**
- Lot 152 **2001 (12 May) Large 2000 cancel (2 strikes) "CENTRAL POST OFFICE/COUNTER 2"** on piece. Cancelled adhesives are 25t. P2.50 & P5 (SG856/867/868) from the 1997 'Birds' definitives. **Estimate £2.50**
- Lot 153 **2001 (24 July) Large 2000 cancel "CENTRAL POST OFFICE/COUNTER 2"** on piece. Cancelled adhesives are P1 'Kgalagadi' P1.75 'Diamonds' (SG941) & P10 Birds (SG869) **Estimate £3.50**
- Lot 154 **2001 (15 Nov) Large 2000 cancel (two strikes) "CENTRAL POST OFFICE/COUNTER 2"** on piece. Cancelled adhesives are 50t, 'Scenic Skies', P1.25 'Purple Heron' (SG864) and P5 'Sparrowhawk' (SG868) **Estimate £1.50**
- Lot 155 **Large size 2000 cancellations on piece.** Francistown, Gaborone, Gaborone Station, Maun, Tatitown. New small size: Mahalapye, Tatitown, Mogoditshane, Sorting Centre. **Estimate £3**



Lot 156 Large size 2000 cancellations on piece. Masunga, Pota, Tatitown, Tsabong. New small size: Jwaneng, Mochudi, Tatitown, Gaborone Central, Poso House. **Estimate £3**

#### **Botswana Stamp Booklets**

Lot 157 SG.SB18 P1.20 Stamp booklet containing strip of ten 12t. stamps (SG743) with pale orange cover. **Estimate £1**

Lot 158 SG.SB19 P1.50 Stamp booklet containing strip of ten 15t. stamps (SG744) with orange cover. **Estimate £1**

Lot 159 SG.SB22 P2.40 Stamp booklet containing twenty 12t. stamps (SG743) in a block of 2 x 10 divided centrally by gutter, and with sheet margins top and bottom. Pale orange cover. **Estimate £1.50**

Lot 160 SG.SB24 P3.00 Stamp booklet containing twenty 15t. stamps (SG744) in a block of 2 x 10 divided centrally by gutter, and with sheet margins top and bottom. Orange cover. **Estimate £1.50**

Lot 161 SG.SB26 P4.00 Stamp booklet containing twenty 20t. stamps (SG745) in a block of 2 x 10 divided centrally by gutter, and with sheet margins top and bottom. White cover. **Estimate £2**

Lot 162 SG.SB28 P4.50 Stamp booklet containing strip of ten 45t. stamps (SG749) with pale rose-lilac cover. **Estimate £2**

Lot 163 SG.SB30 P5.00 Stamp booklet containing strip of ten 50t. stamps (SG750) with grey cover. **Estimate £2**

Lot 164 SG.SB33 P9.00 Stamp booklet containing twenty 45t. stamps (SG749) in a block of 2 x 10 divided centrally by gutter, and with sheet margins top and bottom. Pale rose-lilac cover. **Estimate £3**

Lot 165 SG.SB35 Very scarce one pula booklet containing 5 x 5t. (SG741) and 5 x 15t. (SG744). The cover is a trimmed SB17 cover in yellow that was originally destined for 10 x 10t stamps (SG742). The booklets were sold from the vending machine in Gaborone but were withdrawn and sent to the Philatelic Office. The reason for this is unknown, but it is possible that the trimmed cover was unsuitable for the machine, being only 75mm long as compared to 110mm before trimming. Only a very few copies exist. Unpriced by Gibbons **Estimate £45**

Lot 166 Botswana Stamp Booklet An uncatalogued one pula booklet containing 2 x 5t. (SG852) and 3 x 30t. (SG857), originally sold from the vending machine in Gaborone. The vending machine went out of order and the remaining booklets were sold over the Philatelic Counter at the main Mall. The date cancel on the front cover (29.vi.98) was requested by the purchaser. The cover is plain white cardboard without any text. It is thought that less than 100 copies exist. **Estimate £9**

#### **Cinderella**

Lot 167 Bechuanaland Protectorate Full sheet of twelve labels "Fight TB" **Estimate £1**

#### **Revenues**

Lot 168 Collection of five Stellaland Revenues mint ST.1.9 £5 claret (faults); mint ST.2n.3 1/6 olive-green upright monogram; mint ST.2n.6 5/- green upright monogram; mint ST.2i.7 10/- vermilion inverted monogram (very fine copy). Total Trotter & Midwood catalogue value £175 **Estimate £47**

Lot 169 ST.1.7 Stellaland Revenue 10/- vermilion without monogram. Good average condition. Pen cancelled. Trotter & Midwood cat. £60 **Estimate £20**

Lot 170 ST.2n.8 Stellaland Revenue £1 lilac with normal monogram. Cancelled with the initials 'JMW' and dated '21/XII/88'. Despite the stamp's numerous faults, it would appear that this is the latest recorded date for cancellation by signature alone by a margin of more than a year. Trotter & Midwood cat. £50++ **Estimate £15**

Lot 171 Bechuanaland Revenues 1887 1/- green & black (unappropriated dies) BB.SG15, three copies together on piece with pen cancel dated 19.8.08. Fresh and clean with excellent strong colour. **Estimate £10**

Lot 172 Bechuanaland Revenues 1887 1/- green & black (unappropriated dies) BB.SG15, pair on piece, fiscally used, with manuscript cancel, and violet elliptical cachet dated 4 Sept 1914. Brilliant strong colour. **Estimate £4**



- Lot 173 **Bechuanaland Revenue** 1887 5/- green & black (unappropriated dies) BB.SG18 Single on piece, with red manuscript cancel and small indistinct part violet elliptical cancel. Very fine **Estimate £5**
- Lot 174 **Bechuanaland Revenues** 1887 £1 lilac & black (unappropriated dies) BB.SG20. Two copies, both with Upington cancel (Civil Commissioner & Res. Magistrate) one dated 27 SEP.90. One copy is very fine, the other is good average. Trotter & Midwood cat. £65 x 2 = £130 **Estimate £50**
- Lot 175 **Protectorate Revenue** BP.6.3 £5 dull blue-green & blue-green Cape revenue of 1897 ('Hope standing') overprinted 'BRITISH BECHUANALAND' cancelled with red pen and also partial violet elliptical stamp with clear date 11 Jan 1916 Trotter & Midwood Cat. £40 **Estimate £25**
- Lot 176 **Protectorate Revenue** BP.7.5 10/- mauve & olive-green KGV Union of South Africa revenue stamp overprinted 'BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE' in two lines. Cancelled by indistinct partial violet elliptical stamp dated 3? Sep 1915 Trotter & Midwood Cat. £10 **Estimate £7**
- Lot 177 **Protectorate Revenue** BP.12.4 5/- brownish black & orange-brown KGV Union of South Africa revenue stamp overprinted 'Bechuanaland Revenue Only' in two lines, on piece, with manuscript cancel dated 1.2.32 Trotter & Midwood Cat. £45 **Estimate £30**
- Lot 178 **Protectorate Revenues** Five stamps each of KGV (SG100), KGVI (SG119) and QEII (SG144); all fifteen stamps are the 1d. red, mostly on piece, with various revenue cancels. **Estimate £5**
- Lot 179 **Protectorate Revenues** KGVI 1/- black & brown-olive (SG125) strip of four on piece cancelled with four strikes of elliptical stamp "Masters Office/Bechuanaland Protectorate/18-8-1944". Also 6d. reddish-purple (SG124), single on piece with single strike of elliptical stamp "Registrar of the High Court/Bechuanaland Protectorate/23 Sept 1942" **Estimate £5**
- Lot 180 **Protectorate Revenues** QEII 1/- black & brown-olive (SG149) pair used on piece with elliptical High Court cancel, also 5/- black & violet-blue (SG152) together with 10/- black & red-brown (SG153) used on piece with elliptical High Court cancel. **Estimate £5**
- Lot 181 **Protectorate Revenues** QEII 50c. Bechuana Ox (SG179) irregular marginal block of four on piece with elliptical High Court cancel dated 19 Aug 1966. Also 2c. African Hoopoe (SG169) that may have paid a cheque fee since it appears to have a partial perfin of 'PAID' **Estimate £4**
- Lot 182 **Botswana Revenue** BO.1 R10 scarlet used on piece with complete 'High Court 25 Oct 1971' elliptical cancel. Trotter & Midwood cat. £10 **Estimate £5**
- Lot 183 **Botswana Revenues** all from the first 'Birds' definitives; comprising 10c. crimson-breasted Shrike (SG226) on piece with elliptical District Commissioner Molepolole cancel, 50c. Comb Duck (SG231) with R1 Crested Barbet (SG232) together on piece with elliptical High Court Cancel, R2 Diederick Cuckoo (SG233) on piece, also with High Court cancel. **Estimate £6**
- Lot 184 **Botswana Revenues** all from the 'New Currency' overprints on Botswana Minerals definitives; comprising 2t. on 2c. SG368 (single) with 4t. on 4c. SG370 (pair) together on piece; 5t. on 5c. SG371 (pair) on piece; 10t. on 10c. SG373 (single) on piece. All with elliptical District Administration Molepolole cancels. **Estimate £18**

#### Not Quite B & B

- Lot 185 **Mafeking Seige** 1d. pale blue/blue 'Goodyear' SG17 Used. Cancelled with two part strikes of 'Mafeking C.G.H.' c.d.s. dated May 8 1900. A few trivial faults Cat. £275 **Estimate £60**
- Lot 186 **Mafeking Seige** 1d. deep blue/blue 'Goodyear' SG18 Used on piece. Cancelled with virtually complete strike of 'Mafeking C.G.H.' c.d.s. dated May 9 1900. A few blunt perfs at left. Cat £275 **Estimate £60**
- Lot 187 **Mafeking Seige** 3d. deep blue/blue 'Baden-Powell' 21mm wide SG22. Used on piece with large part 'Mafeking C.G.H.' c.d.s. dated Ap 30 1900. Shows the 'ball' flaw (positional row 3 stamp 3) Attractive copy of a very scarce stamp. Cat. £950 **Estimate £220** **Photo**
- Lot 188 **Rhodesia** 1892-4 2d. sea-green & vermillion SG20. A horizontal pair cancelled with "Gubulawayo" c.d.s. - only date clearly visible is '95'. This is the "Gubulawayo/Bechuanaland" date stamp with "Bechuanaland" excised. (B.P.A. Certificate) **Estimate £19**



Lot 189 **Basutoland** Part of the brown paper wrapping from a parcel sent from Maseru to Scotland containing 'Native Curio' This colourful item is franked with the following GVI stamps 1x2d. 1x3d. 1x4d. 2x6d. 2x1/- all tied to wrapper by several Maseru 13 Apr 39 c.d.s. cancels. The wrapping also bears two labels; the P.399 Union of South Africa Parcel Post address label and the B.&F.P.P.4 Union of South Africa Foreign Parcel Post Customs Declaration Form. **Estimate £45**

Lot 190 **South Africa Revenues** Five buy/sell receipts for South African share transactions. Various dates in 1943 and 1946 and bearing the then-current Union of South Africa revenue stamps of GVI in the following values 1/-, 2/-, 3/- (faults), 10/- and £1. **Estimate £5**

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- (c) Vendors shall give the Auctioneer prior notice of intent to submit numerous or bulky lots and await the Auctioneer's confirmation that he can accept such material.
- (d) The acceptance of lots from non-members shall be at the discretion of the Auctioneer.
- (e) Vendors who require acknowledgement of receipt of lots shall include a self-addressed post card with their submission.
- (f) Lots that fail to reach their reserve price and those that attract no bids will be return to the vendors.
- (g) Vendors will be charged 10% commission on all lots sold plus the cost of returning any unsold lots by registered or insured post. No lotting charge shall be imposed.
- (h) Vendors will be paid by Sterling or Rand cheque according to the country in which the auction is organised.
- (i) No lot may be withdrawn from an auction once the auction list has been sent to members.

### 3. Bidders

- (a) No bid shall be accepted which is below the reserve price imposed by the vendor.
- (b) All bids shall be in sterling (for auctions organised in the UK) or South African Rand (for auctions organised in the RSA) and shall arrive with the Auctioneer not later than the specified closing date for the acceptance of bids.
- (c) To the best of the Auctioneer's ability, damaged or defective stamps will be identified as such in descriptions, except in mixed lots or collections and lots offered on covers or pieces or for their postal or other markings where the condition of the stamps may not be faultless.
- (d) Estimated valuations (prefixed 'Est') are for guidance only, but no lot shall be sold for less than 75% of the estimated value.
- (e) Each lot shall be sold at one bidding step above the second highest bid. If there are two or more equal highest bids, the earliest received shall be successful. Bidding steps shall be 50 pence up to £5, £1 up to £100, £10 thereafter (for auctions organised in the UK) or R1 up to R10, R5 up to R50, R10 thereafter (for auctions organised in the RSA). Any bids not in accordance with these steps will be rounded down to the highest acceptable step.
- (f) "Buy" bids shall not be accepted.
- (g) Members may limit their total expenditure by stating clearly on their bid sheet "Total expenditure not to exceed ....." This limit shall be exclusive of postage insurance or other charges.
- (h) At the Auctioneer's discretion, and subject to all costs being paid by the member concerned, the postal viewing of suitable lots may be available to members living in the country in which the auction is organised.

### 4. Buyers

- (a) Buyers will receive a pro-forma invoice showing their successful bids and the total payment required including the cost of postage, insurance and any other charges.
- (b) Payment shall be despatched to the Auctioneer within seven days of receipt of the invoice.
- (c) The Auctioneer will despatch the buyer's purchases upon receipt of full payment.
- (d) If payment is not received within a reasonable time, the Auctioneer may re-sell the lot or lots and seek from the original buyer and deficiency on the transaction.
- (e) At his discretion, the Auctioneer may despatch lots with the invoice to known buyers with satisfactory references or an established history of prompt payments.
- (f) All payments shall be made to "The Bechuanalands and Botswana Society" in sterling (for auctions organised in the UK) or Rand (for auctions organised in the RSA) by cheque, postal order, international money order or bank draft. Cheques or drafts which are not drawn upon the UK or RSA (as appropriate) branch of a bank shall include a sufficient extra amount to cover any bank charges.
- (g) In the absence of specific instructions from the buyer, which shall include an acceptance of any loss or damage in the post, all lots will normally be despatched by registered post (inland) or by insured mail (overseas).