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DIARY OF EVENTS

2008

3 rd May	18 th Postal Bid Sale
June	Runner Post #72. Articles by 2 nd week of May please
30 th Oct. to 1 st Nov.	Autumn Philatex. Royal Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, London 12.45pm to 2.45pm BBS AGM and displays in Room 33

The Society encourages members to bring Bechuanaland or Botswana philatelic material to Society meetings. If members plan to bring along such material, or if they have questions, however minor, it would be helpful if they could alert the Secretary. Prior notice enables the Secretary to forewarn and co-ordinate other members who may want to prepare information or send or bring along comparable material.

NEW MEMBER

There was one new Member who was somehow missed from the list in the last Runner Post

John Callow

CANADA

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

It's been quite a while since a full Membership List appeared in the *Runner Post*. The reason one is here is because maybe some of you know someone who has an interest in the Bechuanaland/Botswana (or Basutoland/Swaziland). See if they're on this list. You probably assumed they were one of the 'quiet' Members. Maybe they're not listed. If not, ask them 'Why not?' whilst buying them a drink next time you see them. Point out the magazine is in colour, that there is a huge annual auction that is only open to Members and yet Membership is still at a bargain price. Then point them towards Joe Taylor, our Membership Secretary, at Well Cottage, Olchard, Sandygate, Newton Abbot, TQ12 3GX or towards their local representative.

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ZIMBABWE: (1 Member): Olive Edna Thornton

Giving a Total Membership of **114** (the Society's highest ever)

Bechuanaland material for sale.

A message from Sheila Case in Botswana

I have decided to sell both of my Bechuanaland Collections. One is a fair coverage of **postmarks** on stamps, on pieces and a few covers. The other is my accumulation of **revenues**. These are mainly on

piece and in excellent condition. Coverage is good for Bech Prot but limited in British Bech. There are a few documents, many oval cancellations, good fiscal usages. For some of the later items I have large blocks.

If there is something you are looking for, let me know. If I have it I can hold it for you. e-mail stampbotswana@info.bw or phone (267)393 8086.

Double white claw flaws

*Item of Interest from John Schaerer
(words by the Editor)*

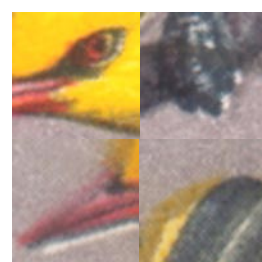
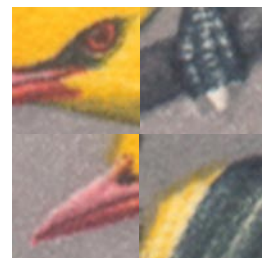
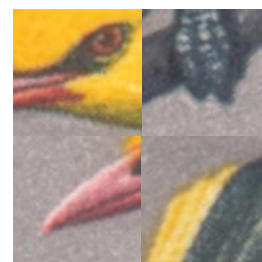
"We all know the White Claw Flaw" starts John. Not being a Botswana collector I asked around. I am told it occurs on SG220 Plate 1b (R3/6).

Shown right are John's examples of, from top to bottom: normal, white claw flaw, and double white claw flaw. As the flaws are hard to see I also provided alongside 600% images of the eye, claw, eye, tail and bill.

It can be seen that the single claw flaw is a non-printing of the end of the claw (possibly a damaged plate) whereas the double claw is caused by shifts of the colours making up the stamp relative to each other.

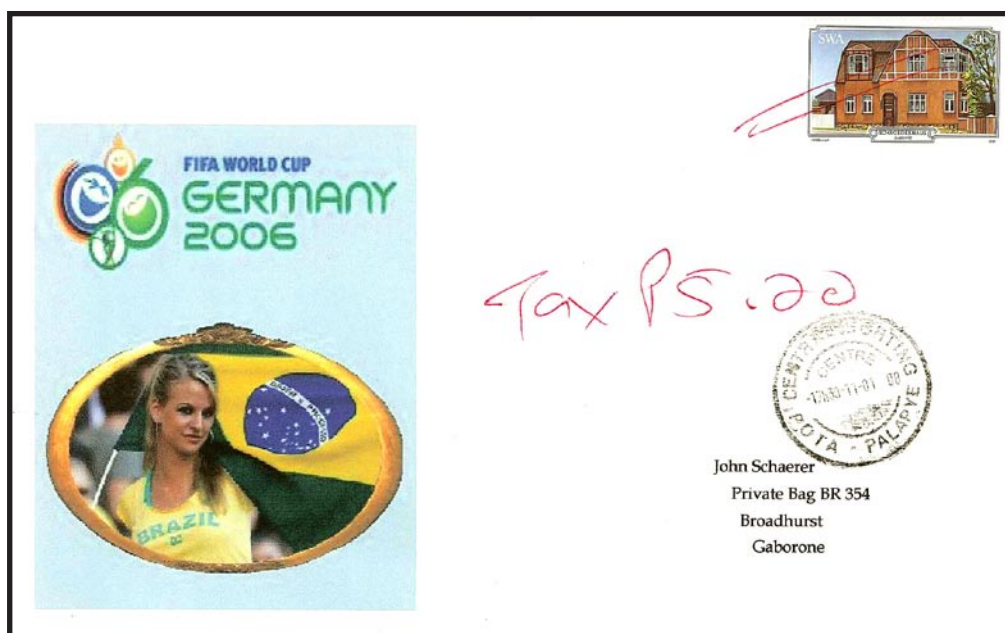
The final images (below) are of a pair showing the double white claws and a larger area of the foot at 600%. From examining this and other features it appears the 'double' is solely caused by the background

"grey", the colour behind "BOTSWANA", which has been printed 0.5mm to the right, presumably across at least one sheet.



Extra Time?

Item of Interest and words from John Schaerer



I had some World Cup Football covers done for me in 2006 and posted them at that time so that the postmark would be during the event.

The illustrated cover was posted with the rest. The maker placed a SWA stamp on the cover by mistake. Similar covers posted at the same post office arrived

in 2006 during the world cup (also with a SWA stamp, taxed but no tax collected). This cover, together with a few others, arrived last week, 15/1/2008.

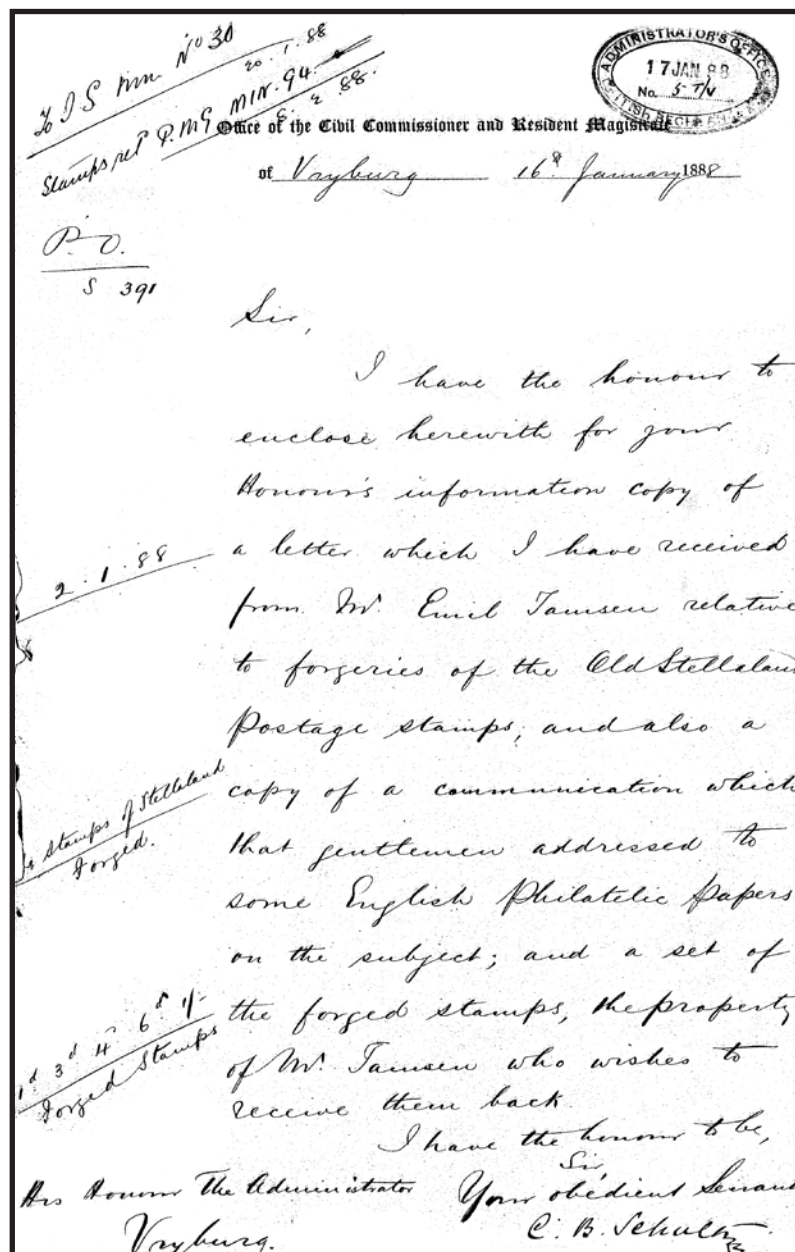
The postmark is 11/1/2008, so obviously it has been sitting in the post office or post box for two years. The covers have been taxed, but no tax was collected.

Snippets from the Cape Archives - Part 3

images from Brian Hurst and Brian Fenemore

(words by The Editor)

This issue we have the tale of the discovery of the Stellaland 'Stone' Forgeries as told by Mr Emil Tamsen in letters and articles sent to the Postmaster General in Vryburg and to "English Philatelic Papers"



(left) The memorandum [50%]

FROM C.B.Scholtz

The notepaper is headed "Office of the Civil Commissioner and Resident Magistrate" but was used here in CBS's other acting capacity as Postmaster General

This memorandum was sent to "His Honour The Administrator, Vryburg" (Sir Sidney Shippard) on the 16th Jan 1888 along with

- a copy of Mr Tamsen's four page letter to the Postmaster General
- a set of the forgeries
- a copy of Mr Tamsen's ten page article to the English Philatelic Press.

There are various hard to read annotations on this memo. including in the top left corner "To I S Min No 30/20.1.88" and underneath "Stamps ret'd per PMG Min 94/8.2.88". Next down is "2.1.88", then "Stamps of Stellaland/Forged" and finally "1d 3d 4d 5d 1/- /Forged Stamps"

The memo is stamped with an oval (receipt) "ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, BRITISH BECHUANALAND" canceller dated 17 JAN 88

The four page latter and in particular the article to the press are somewhat wordy - but the information contained in them has often been diluted by summarising, such that certain points seem to have been lost in the last 120 years and were new to me [The Editor] a Stellaland collector.

Hence I will transcribe in full both Mr Tamsen's letter and the article.

(below)

Transcription of the memorandum

Office of the Civil Commissioner and Resident Magistrate

Vryburg

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith for your Honour's information copy of a letter which I have received from Mr Emil Tamsen relative to forgeries of the Old Stellaland Postage stamps, and also a copy of a communication which that gentleman addressed to some English Philatelic Papers on the subject; and a set of the forged stamps, the property of Mr Tamsen who wishes to receive them back.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

C.B.Scholtz

16th January 1888

Transcription of the four page letter
(see images over) sent to the Postmaster
General in Vryburg.

Twefontein 2/1/88
Waterberg
SAR

The Postmaster General
Vryburg
B. Bechuanaland S.A.

Sir,

I have received your favour of the 16th ult¹. and in reply give you the history, as far as I could trace it, of the forged Stellaland Stamps. In May 1887 I was offered some 20 odd sets of Stellaland from Cape Town. I accepted and when the stamps arrived I found them to be reprints and not old originals as I wanted. I returned them and have twice got good stamps instead. At the same time I set enquiries on foot and this is what I found the case **to be**. A certain lithographer, now dead, in employ of Messrs van de Sandt de Villiers Co, Cape Town struck off at different times quantities of old Stellaland Stamps (the original plates having been made by that firm, but have since been destroyed). In this private business he was assisted by an employee of Messrs S Solomon Co. As they could not print and make the stamps at one time, for fear of being surprised, they did not succeed in exactly copying the real stamps. Further they only seem to have got hold of one plate, that of the 6d lilac, which they altered to the different values & colours which is in fact the best test to distinguish the reprints. I enclose copy of my M.S. I sent to English Philatelic Papers, to warn stamp collectors and dealers to be on guard when buying **Stellaland** Stamps; for your perusal I further enclose a complete set of these forgeries as we Philatelists call them, although at least the 6d value is printed from original plates but was not issued for postal purposes. I have further private reasons to believe that a certain tobacco-shop keeper in Cape Town, who also makes in stamps, knows more about this matter than he would care to be let known.

Please return me M.S. and set of Stamps. You can easily see the differences by putting some old originals of which you have some in your office, alongside the set of mine; for further tests I refer you to my M.S.

I enclose Standard Bk.note C.8H05 for £1 - - with the request to send me the following new B.B. Stamps of the **English** Inland Revenue type.

1d	purple	24	2/-
3d	purple	20	5/-

6d	purple	10	5/-
1/-	green	8	8/-

I remain, dear Sir
Truly Yours
sg^d Emil C C Tamsen

Would you kindly inform me when you expect the new stamps of ½d 2d 4d from England? I am a Stamp Dealer on a large scale & use considerable numbers of unused stamps. Does your Govt intend to dispose of the Cape stamps surcharged B. Bechuanaland at reduced rates? Perhaps in the way and at the price they sold the Stellaland Stamps to Whitfield King & Co, Ipswich, England?

¹ ult, abbreviation of ultimo – “In or of the month before the present one”

Editors Note: It appears the style at the time (or Mr Tamsen's preference) was to finish a page with the first one or two words of the next page. Looking at the images overleaf you can see the words I have highlighted in bold; “to be”, “Stellaland” and “English”. I have done the same on the Article transcription on page 1737-8, Also note on the Article there are a few times when there wasn't a word carried over where I've inserted <page> to show the page break.

So it seems the (plate makers) lithographer, the (printers) employee and the tobacconist did it...

Mr Tamsen doesn't say when the stamps arrived - he was offered them in May 1887 writing the letter in January 1888. [The article uses “some time ago” and “last week” but sadly isn't dated] He was offered over twenty of each value in May 1887 and since the original sets has also “twice” received “good” stamps. As he mentions at the very end sentence; the Stellaland remnants had (by January 1888) been sold to Whitfield King & Co.

Also, at the time this letter was written, it seems stocks of the ½d Vermilion and 2d and 4d Unappropriated Dies were not available, but new 1d, 3d, 5d and 1/-

were (becoming) available, or had been announced as (becoming) available.

In the article, Mr Tamsen repeats his theories on the 6d “stone” being used and also mentions of measurements of the value being of different length in all but the 6d. These lengths are mentioned in “The South African Stamp Colour Catalogue” amongst others. However the various stamp measurements, the vertical white line flaw, the twin shield point flaw and various other minor details have not, to my knowledge, been repeated in any modern books or catalogues.

[Editor: It seems I need to look out for more forgeries and “genuine” examples to see if I can confirm any of these reported features.]

R6 $\frac{2}{88}$ Tweefontein 2/1/88
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The Stamps of Stellaland Forged

Some time ago I was offered from Cape Town sets of Stellaland stamps. I accepted and last week they arrived. When I took them out of the envelope they struck me as peculiar. When sorting them, I saw a marked difference between 2 stamps. My first impression was "Shades" my second "Types" my third "Forgeries", and I was right they were really forged and in fact so good that 99 out of every 100 collectors would be deceived by them.

Had I not handled quantities **of** the originals which I procured at the time of the existence of the Republic of Stellaland from there, I would perhaps not have noticed the difference at once, but having once got a suspicion I looked carefully through the lot and I then found the following tests and marks which I give herewith to the Philatelic World, with the caution to be careful when purchasing these stamps.

The forgeries are lithographed on white wove paper with a slight yellowish tinge, whereas the originals are on a more bluish paper.

The paper used for the forgeries is a little thicker than that of the originals, by putting the two together on the table, face downwards, the design of the original can be traced letter for letter, which is impossible **in** the forgery the gum may have something to do with this too, as it is not of so clear a quality in the forgeries as that used in the genuine.

The easiest test for anybody who does not possess a genuine stamp is the perforation. The perforations in the original is neatly done, the holes are more or less clearly cut out, so when feeling on the back of the stamp no rough elevated points are found. The forgeries are perforated badly, no clean cuts, but the holes have been pressed through, so that the back shows an elevated ridge or edge all around the stamp, which is very easily felt. The perforation is also a little larger, 11 instead of 12.

I am not certain whether the forgeries have been made in sheets **or** rows only, all the specimens were torn from one another when I received them; what makes me doubtful, is that the white frame which surrounds the stamps is generally wider (larger) than in the original, and many specimens show wider frames at the top or at the bottom, than the whole distance between 2 genuine stamps amounts to.

The size of the originals is 29mm by 32 mm (measured from edge of perforation to opposite edge), the forged vary from 28mm x 32mm to 32mm x 35mm and are as a general rule larger than the originals. As there are so many different sizes of the forgeries, I cannot make up my mind in which way they have been perforated.

The printing is generally good, still a little blotched, so that it is often impossible to count the fine lines of which the back ground of the field **of** the shield consists.

Another good test is the following, but as it appears only on some stamps it does not hold good for all.

When examining the forgeries I found that several, about half of the lot, had two (instead of one) distinct points at the lower end of the shield, I have most carefully looked through all my genuine specimens and I found not a single one with 2 points. This is rather strange as it does not seem to agree with my theory which I have about the making of these forgeries.

The 6d stamp is the best imitated, I cannot find a line or dot of a letter which is not exactly like the corresponding one in the genuine stamp; in other values I found differences, but why none in the 6d?<page>

Does this not seem to prove that the forgers in one or the other way transferred a 6d stamp on the lithg. stone and afterwards by an alteration of the value and color have produced the others? Because as I shall show further on, in all values except the 6d the words which express the values (1d, 3d, 4d 1/-) are the best tests of the forgeries; all other lines letters and dots correspond which seem to prove that after the 6d was transferred the value was effaced and another substituted and so on. But where do the two points at the end of the shield come from? They occur in all values.

I cannot think of any other way in which these forgeries should have been made and I believe that my readers will agree with me, that the forgeries are very **nearly** like the real thing and they are extremely difficult to detect if the collector has not in his possession a genuine stamp.

To make it easier I give now the several special tests of each value, which ought to make the matter pretty clear and ought to enable the average collector to be on his guard when buying Stellaland Stamps.

Special Tests

1d red The color is very near to that of the original. The top inscription "EEN PENNY" occupies in the original a space of 13½mm (measuring from the higher left hand point of the E to the point of the right hand of the Y) whereas in the forgeries the same words measure only 12½mm. On measuring the whole stamps I got only 2 different sizes viz. 28mm x 34mm and 30mm x 34mm but it is very likely that others exist.<page>

3d yellow Here we meet with the remarkable fact that the forged stamp (measuring the outside square [frame]) is about ½mm broader than the original. I do not find this in any other value, the difference is just the thickness of the surrounding line. The top inscription DRIE PENCE is printed in much thinner capital letters than the other words, whereas in the genuine all the letters of the words are equally large. The distance between the left top point of the D and the right point of the top arm of the E is in the forged stamps 13½mm but in the genuine 14½mm. I measured here 4 sizes viz. 30mm x 30mm, 31mm x 31mm, 29mm x 35mm, 31mm x 35mm.

4d blue The top inscription VIER PENCE is here also in thinner letters and only 13½mm against 14½mm in the genuine measuring from left top of V to the right point of the top arm of E. As I only received a few specimens of **this** value forged I cannot give a detailed statement as to size, all my specimens were 30mm x 35mm. In the genuine there are more dots in the left top section of the shield than in the forged (perhaps not in all the forgeries). I also noted in some of the forged specimens a tolerably distinct white line running vertically through the middle of the right hand part of the shield; perhaps a fault in the stone. This forgery is the worst of the whole lot, but still very good to deceive.

6d lilac The inscription seems a little courser, the fine lines in the back ground of the 3 parts of the shield run into one another (perhaps not on all forgeries).

I met with 3 sizes viz. 30mm x 32mm, 30mm x 34mm, 30mm x 36mm.

This value which is the best forgery of the lot has no other special test. I can only refer to perforations paper and gum.

1/- green The inscription EEN SHILLING is here again in thin capital **letters** and covers only a space of 15mm against 17mm in the genuine.

I measured here 4 sizes viz. 28mm x 33mm, 29mm x 35mm, 32mm x 33mm, 32mm x 35mm.

It does not seem to me the party from whom I bought the stamps is aware that they are forged else he would not have sent genuine and forged in one lot; still I believe they were made in Cape Town and I shall try to find out more about this matter

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The first and last pages of the Article [50%]

As with all great detective stories, we should finish with the summing up and the uncovering of the culprit(s).

Whilst tracking down a missing page of the article, Brian Fenemore found, and e-mailed me a scan of, the page below. This is the annotated sheet for Minute 94 sent from His Honour Sir Sidney Godolphin Alexander Shippard's acting secretary J Anchitel Ashburnham to Graham Bowers, His Excellency Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson's Imperial Secretary; passed to Joseph Foster in the Cape Colony Law Dept.; and then all the way back; which concluded that forgery of "Foreign" stamps wasn't, at the time, a crime, and it was far too difficult to obtain evidence in the Cape to make a prosecution.

It ends with P.J.Trutter rather than C.B.Scholtz returning the stamps to Mr Tamsen. Why the quick change of Vryburg Postmaster General? P.J.Truter was the Civil Commissioner and Resident Magistrate at Vryburg, and presumably the Postmaster General too. However, he fell ill late in 1887, and was not always able to carry out his duties. In fact he died in August 1888 whilst still in office. As a result of his incapacity, C.B.Scholtz was appointed to carry out his duties in an acting capacity. It appears that being Postmaster General in addition was felt to be too much work (possibly due to the setting up of the Protectorate postal services in the middle of 1888) as at some point in 1888

the jobs were split, and Ernest C Baxter was made acting Postmaster General.

One unknown name on this Minute: I did find, via the web, a Joseph Foster who in 1887 published a book "Statutes of the Cape of Good Hope, 1652- 1886", printed by Richards and Sons of Cape Town.

Forgery of Stellaland Stamps

The Secretary
To The Law Dept:

Papers forwarded for your consideration. His excy thinks that looking to the lapse of time and the difficulty of obtaining evidence in Cape Town there would seem to be little chance of a successful prosecution

Graham Bowers
Impl. Secretary

27 Jany '88

The Imperial Secretary

In addition to the reasons given in your Minute it would seem that prior to the promulgation of Act N°. 7 of 1887 forgery within the Colony of stamps of a Foreign Country was not a criminal offence.

Joseph W Foster
A.G.Office
[last line cut off]

To Im Secy & The Admin.
Transmitted
Graham Bowers

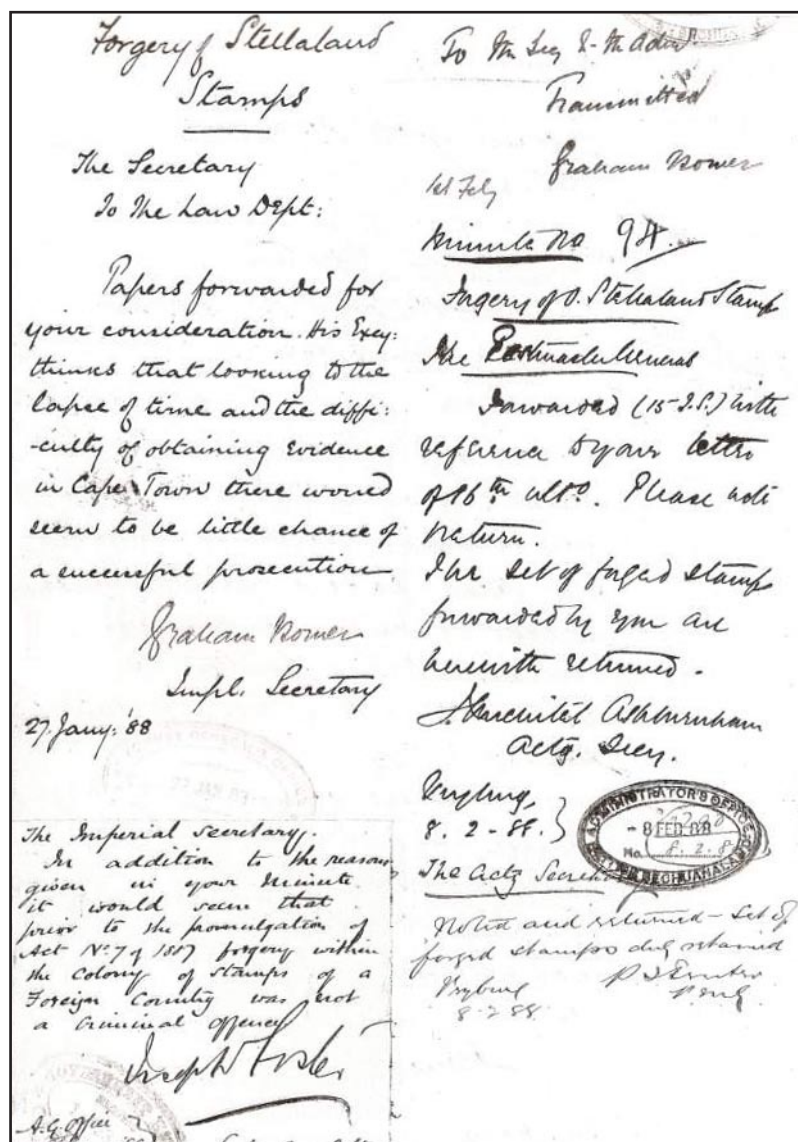
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Minute No 94

Forgery of O. Stellaland Stamps The Postmaster General

Forwarded (15-I.S.) with reference to your letter of 16th ult. Please note return. The set of forged stamps forwarded by you are herewith returned.
J. Anchitel Ashburnham
Actg. Secy.
Vryburg,
8.2.88

The Actg. Secretary

Noted and returned - Set of forged stamps duly retained
Vryburg
8.2.88
P J Truter
P.M.G.



(left) Scan [50%] of Minute 94
(Above) Transcription of the Minute

Recent Botswana Issues

Information on Botswana stamp issues is available on leaflets from, or the website of, BotswanaPost.

Second SAPOA

Denominations	P1.10, P2.60, P4.10, P4.90 and P5.50
Artist/Photographer	Anja Denker
Printer	Joh-Enschede Security Printing
Process	Lithography
FDC Size	110mm x 220 mm
Stamp Size	30mm x 40mm
Paper	110gsm, PVA gum stamp paper
Sheet Format	50(2 x 25)

Date of issue 9th October 2007

P1.10	Zambia's Buffalo, Syncerus caffer
P2.60	Malawi's Nyala, Tragelaphus angasii
P4.10	Namibia's Gemsbok, Oryx gazelle
P4.90	Zimbabwe's Nyala, Tragelaphus angasii
P5.50	Botswana's Zebra, Equus burchelli
Souvenir Sheet including all 5 values (not shown)	

Period of Sale One Year

(SAPOA FDC and FDC [80%] below)

SAPOA stands for Southern African Postal Operators Association and includes Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe. In July 2003, the Association setup a Philately Taskforce with the mandate to promote the regions identity, symbols and development goals, and to reflect the cultures within Southern African Development Community Countries.

BOTSWANA

Official First Day Cover



SAPOA SECOND JOINT ISSUE



National Animals
SECOND SAPOA JOINT ISSUE



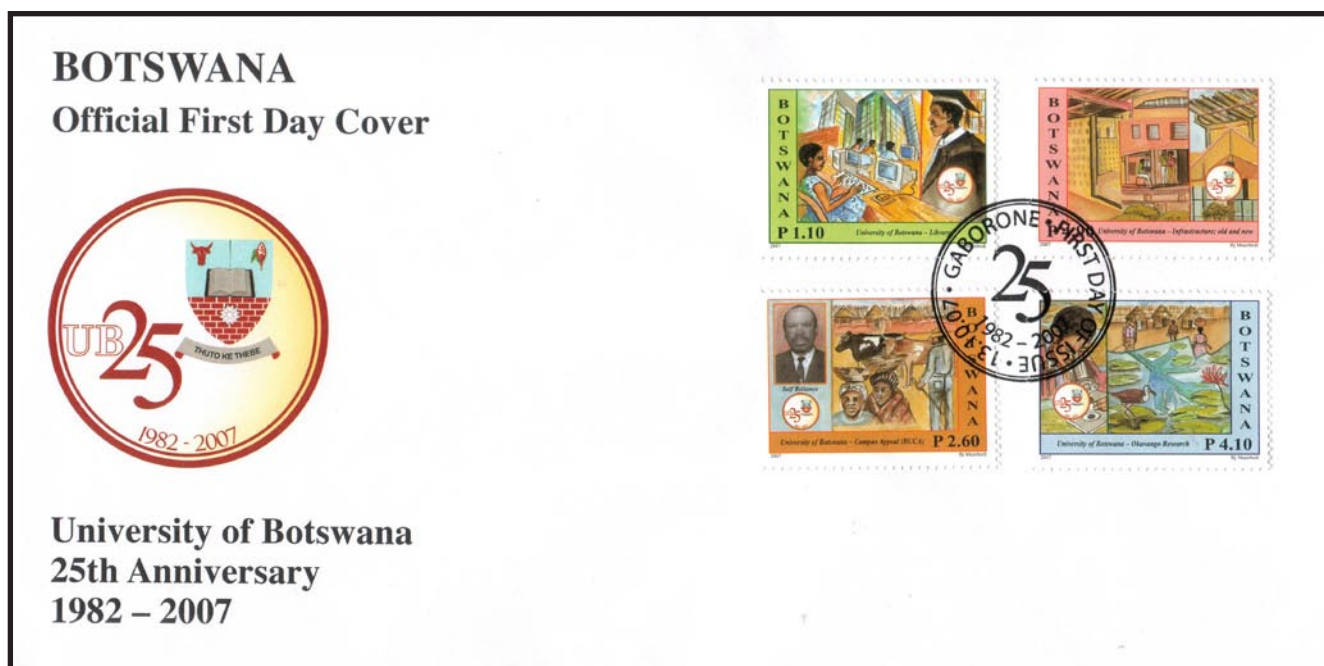
University of Botswana 25th Anniversary

Denominations	P1.10 , P2.60 , P4.10 and P4.90
Artist/Photographer	Jack Mazebedi
Printer	Osterreichische Staatsdruckerei
Process	Lithography
FDC Size	110mm x 220 mm
Stamp Size	30mm x 40mm
Paper	110gsm, PVA gum stamp paper

Date of issue 13th October 2007

P1.10	UB Library Services
P2.60	UB Campus Appeal
P4.10	UB's Harry Oppenheimer Okavango Research Centre
P4.90	UB Phenomenal Growth
Sheet Format	50(2 x 25)
Period of Sale	One Year

(FDC [80%] below)


9th Definitive Issue

Date of issue 1st November 2007

Denominations	14 Values		
10t	Mimosa Sapphire	P2.00	Large Blue Emperor
20t	Bushveld Orange-tip	P3.00	Apricot Playboy
30t	African Monarch	P4.00	Blue Pansy
40t	Common Black-eye	P5.00	Black-striped Hairtail
50t	Brown Playboy	P10.00	Natal Barred Blue
P1.00	Sapphire	P20.00	Foxy Charaxes
Standard Postage A	Scarlet Tip	Standard Postage B	Dwarf Blue
Designer	Philip Huebsch	Stamp Size	23.5mm x 27mm
Printer	Joh-Enschede Security Printing	Paper	110gsm, PVA gum stamp paper
Process	Offset Lithography	Sheet Format	50(2 x 25)
FDC Size	110mm x 220 mm	Period of Sale	Five Years

(FDCs [80%] overleaf)

The smallest butterfly occurring in Southern Africa, the Dwarf Blue was photographed not far from Gaborone, the capital city. It was once thought to be the smallest in the world but a slightly smaller butterfly has been found in Afghanistan.. The Butterflies illustrated on the stamps were found in their natural habitat in Botswana and the Stamp Designer photographed them going about their normal daily activities.

There are 14 stamps designed and 2 First Day Covers, which features typical rural scenes in Botswana where butterflies would be encountered.

Standard A (120x235mm) is currently P1.10. whilst Standard B (229x324mm) is currently P2.60.

Butterflies of Botswana 9th Definitive Issue



Official First Day Cover

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Postal Stationery Views and News - 9

by Peter Thy

During the past several years there have been two major auctions by Argyll Etkin that contained important Bechuanaland postal stationery. We have for various reasons delayed discussing these, but now hurry to complete this column. The auctions were conducted in 2004 and 2005, respectively, and both contained important new essay material that is discussed here in details. We will also take this opportunity to briefly comment on the results of Spinks 2007 sale of John Inglefield-Watson's Bechuanaland postal stationery collection. The next column in this series will return to the usual style with smaller items of interest and corrections and additions to the stationery book.

Argyll Etkin 2004 Auction

The November 4th auction contained several postal stationery items of interest.

Postcard: Lot 418 was described as "1888 1d G.B. postcard with 'BRITISH / BECHUANALAND' essay overprint above and below the stamp." The card is illustrated as **Figure 1**. The card is essay PC E(7) with 'BRITISH' above and 'BECHUANALAND' below the stamp in bold, sans-serif capital letters. The overprinted card is the British foreign card of 1883 overprinted in 1888 for British Bechuanaland (PC 3). The illustration shown here is of better quality and should replace the illustration of PC E(7) in the stationery book. The Harmers' 1981 sale of the Holmes collection contained a card similarly described card

as lot 1287, but not illustrated. Dagnall illustrated a similar card in his book on 'The Evolution of British Stamped Postcards and Letter Cards' (1985, p. 90). These two card descriptions appear identical and are probably of the card sold by Argyll Etkin in 2004. Two other essay cards were also part of the Holmes collection and illustrated by Dagnall (1985). The whereabouts of these cards are unknown and good illustrations missing (PC E(6) and E(8)). Can anybody help with information and/or illustrations?

Wrappers: Lot 419 was described as "1888 1/2d and 1d G.B. newspaper wrappers with 'BRITISH / BECHUANALAND' essay overprints above and below the stamp ... and the 1/2d wrapper without bars obliterating the five lines of instructions.' There appears to be two reasons for referring to these wrappers as essays (beside that they were mounted by the previous owner with the inscription 'Essays for the 1888 wrapper.'). First, the cancelling of the wrapper text is missing and second that the length of 'BRITISH' of overprint measures 10.5 mm. We have discussed and illustrated these wrappers at length in an article in the Runner Post (issue 64/65, p. 1538-1540, 2005-06). Our conclusions were that the 10.5 mm length of 'BRITISH' was not in itself a definitive proof that the wrappers were essays since 10.5 mm wide overprints are not uncommon on the issued wrappers (admittedly on the 1/2d wrappers only). Further, we argued that the lack of cancelling bars did not identify the 1/2d wrapper as an essay, but could

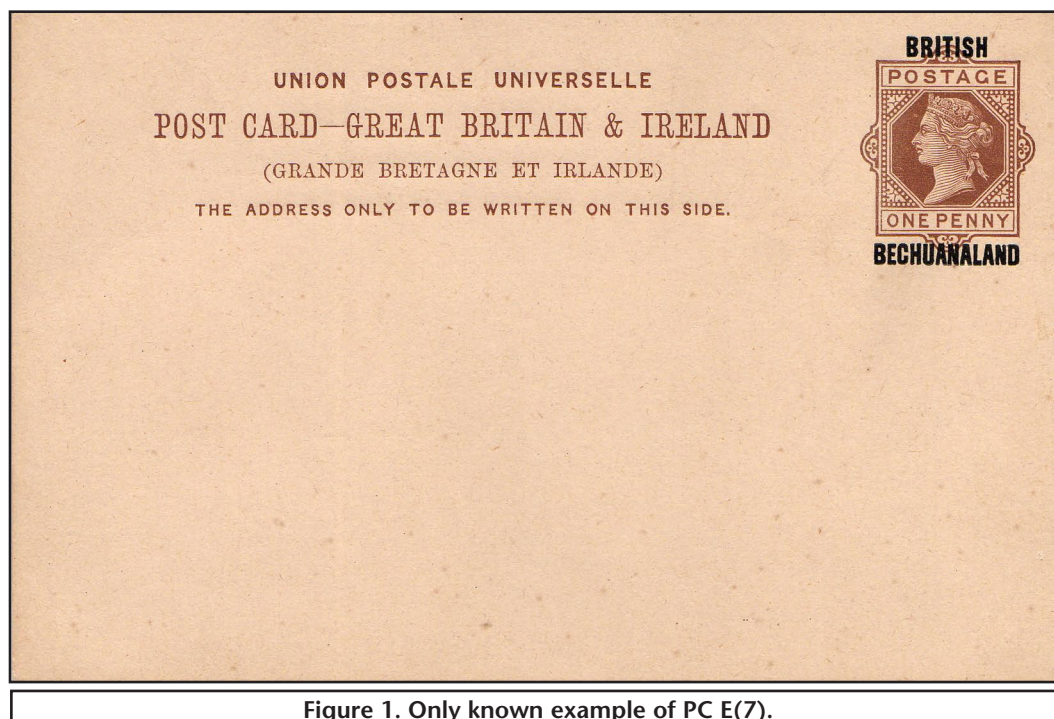


Figure 1. Only known example of PC E(7).

merely be a missing overprint. However, we noted that as for many other British Bechuanaland items the identification of these as essays may not always be clear due to the lack of printer and/or archival markings. The wrappers can now be found on Alan MacGregor's website (www.rhodesia.co.za).

Registration envelopes: Three registration envelope essays were included in the auction. The first of these (lot 420) was an example of RE E(17). The two other (lots 421 and 422) were previously not known to exist.

Lot 420 was described as "1889 4d registration envelope size G, the vermilion stamp dated 28.2.89 with inland post compensation notice below. Proof with black 'British Bechuanaland For Registration Only' overprint omitted" and is an additional example of RE E(17). Three examples of RE E(17) are known to exist (**Figure 2**). Argyll Etkin placed the first in a private collection some years ago. The second was part of the Inglefield-Watson collection and were sold by Spink in 2007 as lot 129. This latter also appears to have originated from the stock of Argyll Etkin. The third is the example sold by Argyll Etkin in their 2004 sale and is now listed on Alan MacGregor's website (www.rhodesia.co.za). Thus all three known copies appear to have originated from the stock of Argyll Etkin. An additional example is part of the Tapling collection.

Lots 421 and 422 were, respectively, described as "1889 registration envelope size H with the 4d stamp impression omitted..." and "1889 registration envelope size H essay with the 4d stamp impression omitted and 'BRITISH BECHUANALAND / FOR REGISTRATION ONLY' essay overprint in two strait lines" (**Figure 3**). The two envelopes are probably proofs for the production of envelope RE 16. The envelope used for both essays is a McCorquodale envelope identical to that used for the issued envelope. To save money, the printing were done on envelopes without imprinted stamp.

Argyll Etkin 2005 Auction

The June 3rd auction contained several additional postal stationery items of interest.

Postcard: Lot 396 was described as "1907 KEV11 ½d postcard with single line 'POST CARD' heading and 'BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE' below." The card is missing the second line below the 'POST CARD' heading and is another example of PC E(13). Two copies are now known to exist (**Figure 4**) in addition to a similar card specimen overprinted (PC E(13) S(1)). It has been assumed that because of the few known mint copies and the lack of used examples that the card never was issued in the Protectorate.



Figure 2. The three known copies of RE E(17) in private collections as identified by the positioning of the imprinted stamp relatively to the flap rim (may not be exactly to scale).

Registration Envelopes: A series of three essays for the 1887 envelopes (RE 5-7) overprinted 'BRITISH BECHUANALAND' in an arc over stamp and surcharged 4d was finally included in the Argyll Etkin auction as lots 393 to 395.

Lot 393 was described as "1887 G.B. 2d registration envelope size F with printed compensation notice, with 'BRITISH BECHUANALAND' essay overprint above the stamp." This is the third (3) known example of RE E(3) as illustrated in **Figure 5**. The first example (1) was part of the John Inglefield-Watson collection sold by Spink in 2007. The second (2) example is in a private collection. The third copy (3) was sold in the Argyll Etkin auction and is now listed on Alan MacGregor's website (www.rhodesia.co.za).

Lot 394 was described as "A similar essay overprint on size G envelope." This is the only known example of RE E(4) that ended in the John Inglefield-Watson collection and



Figure 3 (above). Parts of Argyll Etkin, 2005, lot 421 (upper) and lot 422 (lower).
Figure 4. (below) The two recorded examples of PC E(13) identified by the relative position of overprint on card.



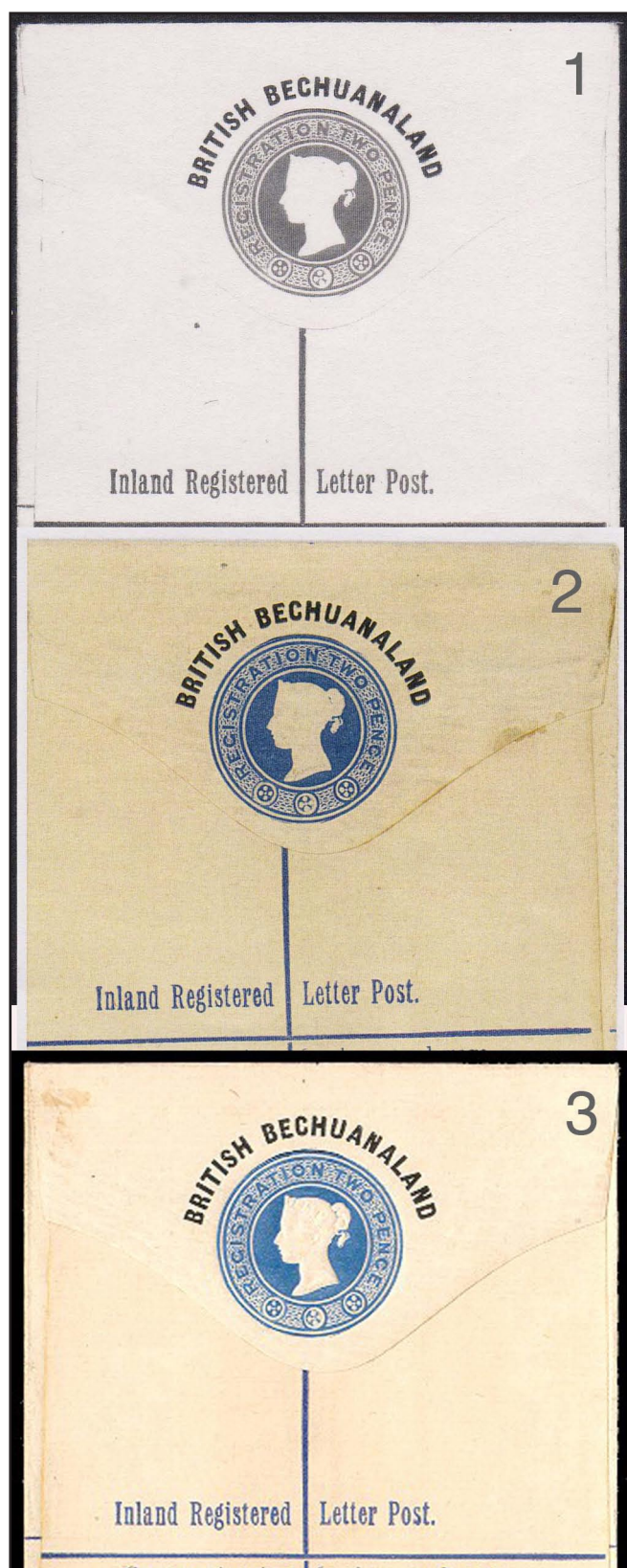


Figure 5. The three examples of RE E(3).

later was sold 2007 by Spink. When the listing was made for the postal stationery book, the Size G envelope was included despite that we were not able to illustrate it. This is now possible (Figure 6).

Lot 395 was described as "A similar essay overprint on Size I..., the compensation fee notice crossed through in pencil, central vertical fold...." The envelope is similar to RE E(5) except that the compensation notice has been crossed out (Figure 7).

Spink's 2007 Auction

The October 3rd auctioning of the John Inglefield-Watson Collections (Bechuanaland, Somaliland, Sudan) offered a lifetime opportunity to acquire a world-class Bechuanaland postal stationery collection. The auction catalogue was well produced by Spink and the lot descriptions were largely error free. The estimates appeared in general modest and affordable. Spink was gracious enough to include a free full-page advertisement for the postal stationery book. There were 81 Bechuanaland stationery lots in the sale of which virtually all sold at a total hammer price of about £11,200 (exclusive of premiums) or 83 % of the lower estimate. Only one lot (1311) appears to have remained unsold probably due to an unrealistic high estimate. What was

Figure 6. The only known example of RE E(4).



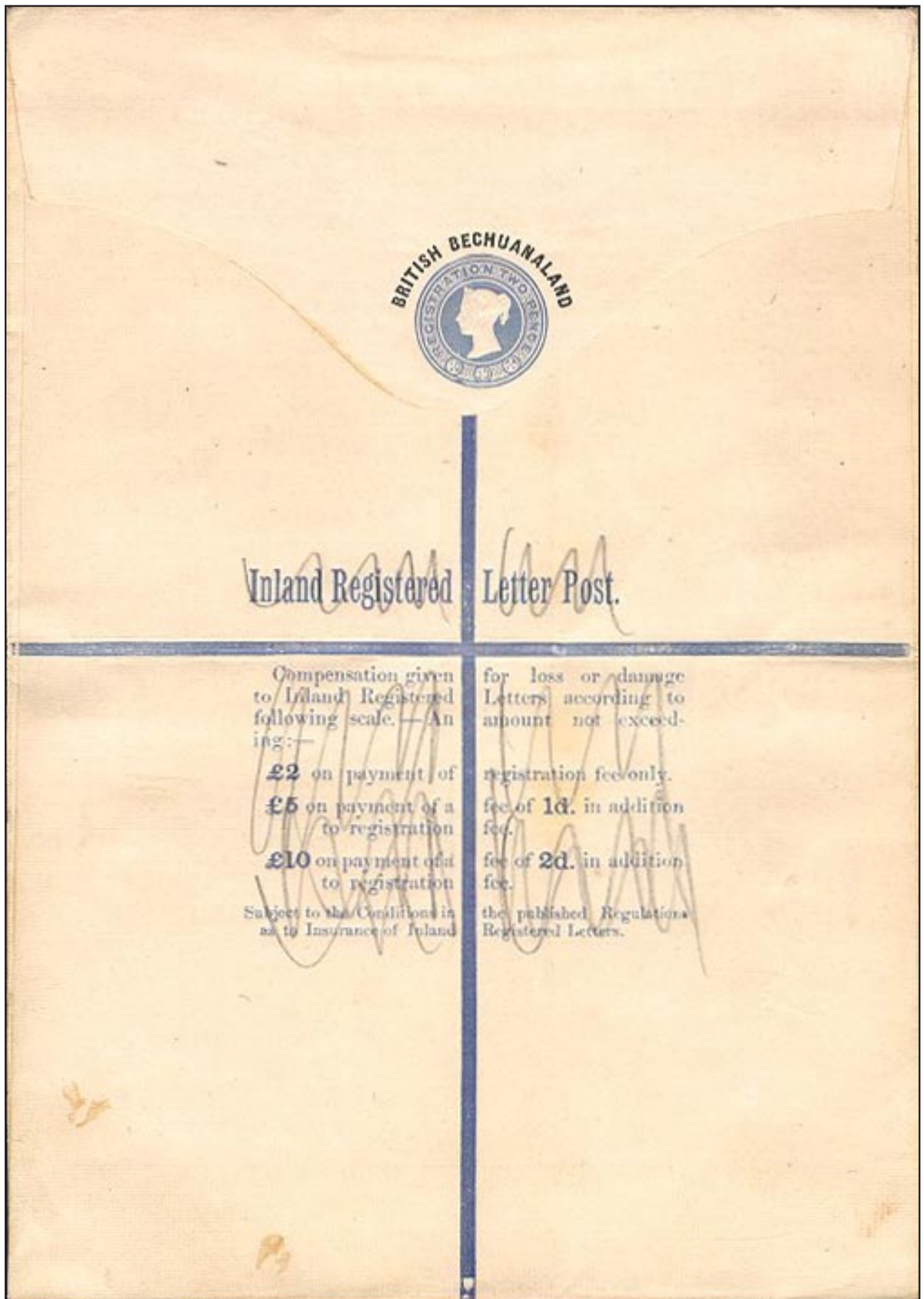


Figure 7. RE E(5) with the compensation notice crossed-out (reduced in size).

sold was a remarkable complete collection of stationery encompassing both the Bechuanalands and Botswana. It allowed prospective buyers to acquire in an afternoon a world-class collection that it otherwise would have taken 40-50 years to assemble individually.

Of special note was a unique collection of essays for the 1887-89 British Bechuanaland registration envelopes (lots 1278-1291). Another high point was a British Bechuanaland postcard collection described as "a fine basic collection upon which to expand" (lot 1272) that sold at £290. The collection included over 40 used card - lucky the person who got this lot for merely £290! The offers were also very strong in specimen marked stationery, including many unique items. Of special note was a set of four stationery items (card, wrapper, registration envelopes) that is believed to have been prepared in South Africa for a 1910 Royal Empire Society presentation. There was further a very strong collection of newspaper wrappers. These included the only known example of a combination wrapper used in 1896 from Palla Road to Switzerland (part of lot 1304). The wrapper was made by combining 1/2d and 1d wrappers to make-up a 3d rate (**Figure 8**).

Another highlight was the only known mint example of a lithographed 1918 King George V registration envelopes (RE 34b). This exceptional rare envelope was sold as part of lot 1326 for only £125. Just imagine how much you would be willing (if you could afford it) to pay for an adhesive stamp of which only one example exists. The final lot that we will discuss here is lot 1385 that sold for only £75. This was John's collection of Botswana postal stationery carefully acquired over the past 40 years. It was contained in four bulky binders that included mint and used postcards, aerogrammes, and registration envelopes. Mostly of little monetary values, but still a rare opportunity to acquiring a near complete specialized Botswana postal stationery collection. A society member with the help of the society auctioneer secured the lot in the last minute. It will be offered in smaller lots in the coming society auctions.

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Corrections, Updates, and Additions Website

All corrections and updates are listed on our website at www.kronestamps.dk/corrections/. The website also contains pdf versions of this column as well as other articles of interest that all can be downloaded and printed for personal use. Let us have your feedback on the site.



Figure 8. Newspaper wrapper made by combining several wrappers to make-up a 3d rate.

Question and Answer

In which Members can get answers to any question - though we are better at the Philatelic ones

Through the wonder's of e-mail I can forward questions I receive to other Members who might be able to help. That doesn't of course mean these are the definitive answers.

You yourself the reader might know more.

If you do - drop me a line and I'll publish those too.

Dickon Pollard writes:

I'm attaching a scan of a 5/- Seahorse with an Mbabane CDS (Proud D15). It is part of a quite a good (but straightforward) 'overprints on GB' collection. The CDS immediately leaped out as being (firstly) from the wrong territory, and (secondly) as being of very poor quality. Numerous broken letters, and so forth. My immediate assumption was 'forgery'. Reference to Proud made me stop for a moment, though. The cancel is dated 30.xii.37, which is six weeks before his earliest recorded date for this long-lived cancel (10.2.38 - 26.2.51).

The ink doesn't seem too bad - it has bled into three of the perfs at base.

I wonder if there is anyone who might be able to comment?

I guess I am being bothered about four specific things. Firstly, if it is a forged cancel, why use as your model a CDS from the wrong territory?

Secondly, if it is 'by favour', why get it cancelled in the wrong territory?

Thirdly, if it is genuine, what are the chances of the earliest known date of a common cancel having been applied in such unlikely circumstances?

If it is the earliest known date of this cancel, then how come it's coming out so poorly with multiple breaks?

Peter van der Molen replies:

1 - Earliest Recorded date for this cancel is now 4.7.37, reported by Alex Visser.

2 - Strikes of this cancel are normally very clear, and they should be even more so from a new canceller - has not collected dust, dirt or other contaminants which often blur older cancellers.

Bechuanaland KGV Overprint File Discovered

by Bryan Kearsley — author of 'Discovering Seahorses'

The gradual process of computerising the Post Office Museum's records has brought to the surface certain files that, a few years ago, were thought not to exist. Among these was information on the quantity of George V stamps despatched to some of our Post Office's Agencies.

Most of the jewels came from Levant and the Nauru files. No such riches fell from those of Bechuanaland. What information there is remains sparse, providing only a few tantalising snippets - the first orders in 1914



The 5/- Seahorse [180%]

3 - Cancel looks quite genuine; only explanation for the poor strike could be that it may have been applied to an uneven surface, such as a 'soft' parcel.

4 - Swaziland usage was most certainly not authorised, but stamp collectors have an almost infinite capacity to create the unusual. Rather than consider this to be an item of great philatelic significance, I would look upon this as a curiosity.

Brian Hurst replies:

I agree with Peter's comments. The earliest date I have recorded for this cancel is -5 VII E37, which is a day later than Alex Visser's. I also have a couple of 30 XII C37 examples recorded, being the same date as Dickon's, although, in his example the 'C' is either omitted or fails to print. I think the latter is more likely.

I agree that 'Philatelic Inspiration' is the most likely explanation since I'm not aware of any agreement in place that allowed the stamps of one High Commission territory to be used for postal duty in any of the others.

and, probably, the last two sent out in 1927 and 1929.

Seahorses Judging by the number of 2s 6d and 5s plates that were used during the eighteen years Seahorses were in issue, and the limited despatch data gleaned from the files, it would seem unlikely that more than 650 sheets were ever sold (390 for 2s 6d and 260 of 5s).

Low Values For the low values, the data is only marginally more informative, covering just three warrants.

BECHUANALAND				
No. of King George V Low Value Sheets (240 set) Requisitioned or Despatched				
	Requisitioned	Despatched (<i>including wastage</i>)		
Value	May/Jun 1914	04 Sep 1926	14 Dec 1927	26 Mar 1929
½d	1050		1575	2080
1d	525			
2d	55			
2 ½d	55			
3d	55			
4d	30			
6d	30			
1s		55		23
Source: P.O. Stores Dept (Post 52/1314)				

Attempts to locate among other files, the missing requisitions made between 1914 and 1927 are continuing, though no one should hold their breath.

Maybe better luck will fall to any reader in South Africa prepared to trawl through their post office archives. It is conceivable a file may exist that contains the requests made either by the Resident Commissioner in Mafeking, or by the Postmaster General of South Africa, during the period of 1914 to 1932.

What we now know from this end of the trail is the last requests for supplies came via the Secretary of the High Commissioner based at South Africa House in London,

and were addressed to the Controller of the Post Office Stores Dept. at Somerset House. Apparently, there was no involvement of the Crown Agents.

The order, dated 25 September 1929, carried the number A9389 and requested the Overprinted Stamps be sent to the Controller of Stores (Stamps) G.P.O. Pretoria.

Those wishing to carry out more research should note the relevant file:-

POST 52/1314

Overprints - Bechuanaland Protectorate 1912-29

Official Free Markings Part 3 - Straight Line Markings (Installment 2)

by Dennis Firth

This is the first attempt to list all the known Official Free markings used in Bechuanaland Protectorate and Botswana, which, as far as I know, have not been recorded elsewhere.

The listing will be in three main parts:

- Bechuanaland Protectorate (Runner Post #63)
- Botswana markings which show the office of use and the words "Official Free" or similar on the same handstamp (Runner Post #64 -69)
- Official Free handstamps (usually straight line) which are used in association with departmental cachets. The cachets will not be recorded, but the known offices of use will be shown.

Part 3 - "Straight Line" Official Free markings used in association with Office Handstamps

Dates are in "dd-mon-yyyy" format. Handstamps are struck in black - unless otherwise indicated

This part is divided into four sections, the first two being in Runner Post #70. Each section is listed in order of ascending size.


- No surround (just the words OFFICIAL FREE)
- Line above and below OFFICIAL FREE
- Boxed OFFICIAL FREE
- Markings of an unknown size


Acknowledgment


I am indebted to the late Sir John Inglefield-Watson, John Schaerer, Gordon Smith and Bruce Warrender for sending me details of items they have in their collections.

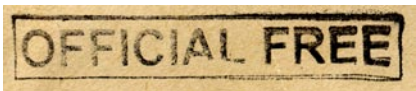
The number to the right of the description is my reference number. For a future update I would be looking for some assistance in using the postmark typology to describe the markings.


Section 3: Boxed Markings

		42mm x 13mm	670
25-Jul-2000 to 19-Oct-2004	ARCHITECTURE AND BUILDING HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
15-Nov-2004	DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE P.O. BOX 93 BOBONONG		
13-Oct-2004 {STRUCK IN RED}	DISTRICT OFFICER P.O. BOX 59 MAHALAPYE		

		50mm x 8mm	674
08-Nov-2004 to 09-Nov-2004	DIRECTOR OF CROP PRODUCTION P.O. BOX 240 PALAPYE (rest is unclear)		
05-Nov-2004	DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE P.O. BOX 51 HUKUNTSI		
07-Dec-2001	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE PRIVATE BAG 003 GABORONE		
27-May-2002 to 04-Oct-2004 {STRUCK IN RED}	SENIOR LIVESTOCK OFFICER ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P.O. BOX 223 LETLHAKENG		


		50mm x 8mm	676
07-May-2004 {STRUCK IN BLACK}	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE MANAGER VAT DEFERRAL UNIT P/BAG 106 GABORONE		
10-Sep-2004 and 08-Nov-2004 {STRUCK IN RED}			

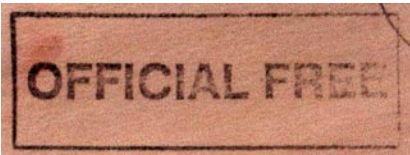
		51mm x 8mm	677
11-Oct-2004 to 05-Nov-2004	ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION TSABONG		
07-May-2002 to 11-Nov-2004 {STRUCK IN RED}	LETLHAKENG LAC P.O. BOX 223 LETLHAKENG		



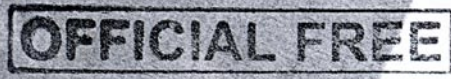

		51mm x 9mm	679
06-Sep-2000 to 12-Aug-2002	ARCHITECTURE AND BUILDING HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
19-Apr-2004 to 20-Sep-2004	BUILDING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
12-Oct-2004	MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE BAG 0414 GABORONE REGISTRY		

		51mm x 10mm	681
16-Apr-1993	NATIONAL MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY GABORONE		


		51mm x 11mm	683
22-Mar-2002	TECHNICAL COLLEGE SELEBI PHIKWE		


		51mm x 13mm	685
08-Jan-2004 {STRUCK IN DARK GREEN}	DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS INTEGRATED FIELD SERVICES P.O. BOX 1593 JWANENG		
09-Nov-2004	REGISTRY ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P/BAG 12 LOBATSE		
11-Oct-2004 to 12-Nov-2004	VETERINARY OFFICER ABATTOIR LOBATSE		

		51mm x 18mm	687
03-Nov-2004 (Sent from Tatitown)	TONATA DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE P.O. BOX 83 TONATA		


		52mm x 8mm	689
07-May-2004 {STRUCK IN BLUE}	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE MANAGER VAT OPERATIONS UNIT P/BAG 106 GABORONE		
12-Jul-2002 to 01-Sep-2003 {STRUCK IN RED}	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VALUE ADDED TAX ADMINISTRATION NO 1 HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
03-Sep-2002 to 16-Jan-2003 {STRUCK IN RED AND BLACK}	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VALUE ADDED TAX REGISTRATION NO 1 HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
31-Mar-2003 to 30-Oct-2003	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VAT CUSTOMER CARE UNIT P/BAG 106 GABORONE		
14-Oct-2003 {STRUCK IN RED}	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VAT OPERATIONS UNIT NO 1 HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
14-Nov-2003	BOTSWANA CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VAT OPERATIONS UNIT NO 2 HEADQUARTERS GABORONE		
		54mm x 11mm	691
21-Jan-2002	RECORDS MANAGEMENT UNIT 41 INFANTRY BATTALION BOTSWANA DEFENCE FORCE SELEBI PHIKWE		
		58mm x 8mm	693
27-Jul-2001	VILLAGE GARRISON BOTSWANA DEFENCE FORCE (First part of handstamp is illegible)		
		58mm x 8mm	694
25-Oct-2004 to 11-Nov-2004	SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER P.O. BOX 17 JWANENG		

		58mm x 13mm	696
27-Oct-2004 to 09-Nov-2004	PRINCIPAL FRANCISTOWN RURAL TRAINING CENTRE		


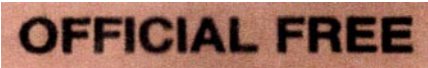



		58mm x 14mm	698
09-Nov-2004	DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P.O. BOX 12 (OR 13) FRANCISTOWN		
18-Oct-2004 to 03-Nov-2004	LIVESTOCK ADVISORY CENTRE P.O. BOX 40 RAKOPS		

		59mm x 9mm	700
03-May-2002	NATIONAL AIDS CO-ORDINATING AGENCY GABORONE		
21-Oct-2004 to 11-Nov-2004	REGISTRY ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P/BAG 12 LOBATSE		

		60mm x 13mm	702
25-Oct-2004 {STRUCK IN RED}	ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION TSETSEBYE		

		51mm x 9mm	704
12-Aug-2002 {STRUCK IN PURPLE}	SUB-TRIBAL AUTHORITY THEBEPHATSHWA		
14-Oct-2004 to 11-Dec-2004	Similar mark also used on covers sent from PALAPYE and POTA without office cachet.		

Section 4: Markings of an unknown size

	unknown (from received scans)	708
07-Oct-2004 {STRUCK IN DARK GREEN}	PRINCIPAL VETERINARY OFFICE P.O. BOX 19 FRANCISTOWN REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	
	unknown (from received scans)	709
06-Nov-2004 (Sent from Kang)	REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICE WESTERN	
	unknown (from received scans)	710
20-Oct-2004	DEPARTMENT OF AGRIC. RESEARCH P.O. BOX 10275 FRANCISTOWN	
	unknown (from received scans)	711
18-Oct-2004	SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTION P/BAG 12 RAMATLABAMA BOARDER GATE LOBATSE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA	
	unknown (from received scans)	712
03-Nov-2004	THE SECRETARY AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES BOARD PRIVATE BAG 00424 GABORONE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT WILDLIFE AND TOURISM	

If any member has Botswana items in their collection which are not listed in this or in the early installments appearing in Runner Post #63 to #70, or are used outside any date range shown, or differ in place used or ink colour - please send me full details.

Photocopies of unlisted items would be appreciated which show the date and place of use and the colour of marking if other than black.

Images, scans and e-mails can be sent via the Editor.

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Checklist of Botswana Postmarks (Second Series)

Part Ten

The tenth installment from the Botswana Postmark Project Team as they continue to extend the earlier work done on Botswana Postmarks (First Series) by Brian Trotter. The study follows the same Postal Marking Classification System (Typology) as the First series and continues numbering from the First series.

The Project Team consists of Bruce Warrender and David Wall - with assistance from Sheila Case, Barbara Andersson, Steen Jelgren, Dennis Firth, David Allison (non member) and Peter Jukes.

The earliest date being included in this "Second Series" is 01-Jun-1995 i.e. only new postmarks and markings appearing after this date, which have not been previously recorded, are included.


"Number so far recorded" only includes what is contained in the collections of the small number of members working on the Postmark Project and **does not** necessarily represent relative scarcity.


During the course of this study new types of sub-variants for some of the postmarks have been found. At the end of this checklist (of approximately sixteen parts) a regular "Late Arrivals Column" will continue to publish new finds and variants.

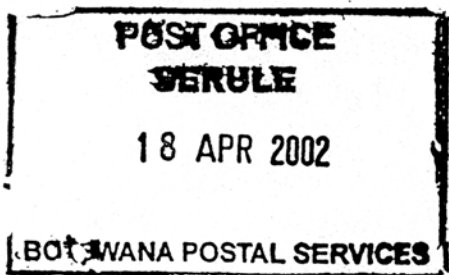
Further information on recorded postmarks, copies of better illustrations, and, of course, information on unrecorded markings is welcome and should be sent to Bruce Warrender (post) or e-mailed to the Editor.


Bruce wishes to thank all the team members for their contributions.


For Offices Beginning - SERU-SOW


SERULE	No 6 Type 2 B 51	
	Circle diameters	18mm & 28mm
	Earliest recorded date	20-May-1997
	Latest recorded date	18-Apr-2002
	Number so far recorded	3


SERULE	No 7 Type 21 B 60	
	Circle diameters	22mm & 35mm
	Earliest recorded date	18-Apr-2002
	Latest recorded date	11-Nov-2004
	Number so far recorded	2
New sub-variant 60. [OFFICE NAME] at top with "BOTSWANA" followed by "C" at base.		


SERULE	No 8 Type 8 F 25 Struck in purple	
	Box dimensions	35mm by 57mm
	Earliest recorded date	18-Apr-2002
	Latest recorded date	18-Apr-2002
	Number so far recorded	1


SERULE	No 9 Type 8 J 26 Struck in red	
	Box dimensions	24mm by 44mm
	Earliest recorded date	21-Oct-1997
	Latest recorded date	21-Oct-1997
	Number so far recorded	1


SHAKAWE	No 8 Type 21 B 55	
	Circle diameters	21mm & 35mm
	Earliest recorded date	08-Mar-2000
	Latest recorded date	18-Mar-2000
	Number so far recorded	3


SHAKAWE	No 9 Type 21 B 56(1)	
	Circle diameters	22mm & 35mm
	Earliest recorded date	18-Apr-2002
	Latest recorded date	20-Jan-2003
	Number so far recorded	2


SHAKAWE	No 10 Type 21 X 8(2)	
	Circle diameters	22mm & 36mm
	Earliest recorded date	10-Nov-2004
	Latest recorded date	10-Nov-2004
	Number so far recorded	1


SHASHE	No 7 Type 21 B 55	
	Circle diameters	22mm & 35mm
	Earliest recorded date	04-Jul-2001
	Latest recorded date	22-Jan-2004
	Number so far recorded	2


SHASHE	No 8 Type 21 B 56(1)	
	Circle diameters	22mm & 35mm
	Earliest recorded date	05-Jul-2001
	Latest recorded date	05-Jul-2001
	Number so far recorded	1


SHASHE	No 9 Type 61 J 40 Struck in red	
	Outer oval dimensions	38mm by 58mm
	Earliest recorded date	22-Jan-2004
	Latest recorded date	22-Jan-2004
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant 40. "POST MASTER" at top with [OFFICE NAME] at base Note: It is unclear, but there appears to be a space between "POST" and "MASTER".		


SHASHE	No 10 Type MISC 6 z 38	
	Struck in red	
	Outer oval dimensions	38mm by 59mm
	Earliest recorded date	22-Jan-2004
	Latest recorded date	22-Jan-2004
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant z 38. "OLD AGE PENSIONS" at top with [OFFICE NAME] followed by "POST OFFICE" at base		


SHERWOOD RANCH	No 8 Type 21 B 55	
	Circle diameters	21mm & 35mm
	Earliest recorded date	26-Apr-2002
	Latest recorded date	26-Apr-2002
	Number so far recorded	1

SHERWOOD RANCH	No 9 Type MISC 6 z 22	
	Struck in red	
	Outer oval dimensions	38mm by 55mm
	Earliest recorded date	26-Apr-2002
	Latest recorded date	26-Apr-2002
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant z 22. "THE POSTMASTER" at top with [OFFICE NAME] at base. Note: The assumption is that "BRANCH" is a misspelling of "RANCH"		


SHOSHONG	No 7 Type 21 B 56(1)	
	Circle diameters	21mm & 35mm
	Earliest recorded date	18-Jan-2000
	Latest recorded date	02-Nov-2004
	Number so far recorded	5


SHOSHONG 	No 8 Type 5 J 27	
	Struck in red	
	Oval dimensions	29mm by 61mm
	Earliest recorded date	14-Nov-1995
	Latest recorded date	12-???-????
	Number so far recorded	2


SHOSHONG 	No 9 Type 21 X 11	
	Circle diameters	21mm & 37mm
	Earliest recorded date	22-Oct-2002
	Latest recorded date	03-Feb-2005
	Number so far recorded	2


SIKWANE 	No 5 Type 21 B 56(1)	
	Circle diameters	22mm & 35mm
	Earliest recorded date	19-Feb-2001
	Latest recorded date	02-Nov-2004
	Number so far recorded	2

SIR SERETSE KHAMA AIRPORT	In the previous postmark study the one postmark for this office was listed under Gaborone.
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SIR SERETSE KHAMA AIRPORT 	No 1 Type 7 C 26	
	Struck in red	
	Oval dimensions	23mm by 42mm 37mm by 56mm
	Earliest recorded date	08-Sep-2000
	Latest recorded date	06-Sep-2001
	Number so far recorded	2


SIR SERETSE KHAMA AIRPORT	No 2 Type 61 F 35	
	Struck in red	
	Outer oval dimensions	40mm by 62mm
	Earliest recorded date	12-Feb-2003
	Latest recorded date	02-Nov-2004
	Number so far recorded	2
New sub-variant 35. [OFFICE NAME] (abbreviated to "S.S.K") followed by "POST OFFICE" at top with "BOTSWANAPOST" at base		


SOJWE	No 7 Type 21 F 11(2)	
	Circle diameters	22mm & 35mm
	Earliest recorded date	10-Apr-2001
	Latest recorded date	23-Jul-2001
	Number so far recorded	2


SOJWE	No 8 Type 61 F 31	
	Struck in red	
	Outer oval dimensions	41mm by 61mm
	Earliest recorded date	10-Apr-2001
	Latest recorded date	23-Jul-2001
	Number so far recorded	2


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	All incoming and outgoing mail in Botswana is sorted through this office
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SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	No 1 Type 21 B 51	
	Two items struck in purple	
	Circle diameters	23mm & 37mm
	Earliest recorded date	10-Sep-2001
	Latest recorded date	06-Jun-2007
	Number so far recorded	over 50


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	No 2 Type 61 J 42 Struck in red. Two items struck in purple	
	Outer oval dimensions	41mm by 61mm
	Earliest recorded date	22-Jan-2001
	Latest recorded date	23-Mar-2001
	Number so far recorded	11
New sub-variant 42. [OFFICE NAME] at top with "GABORONE" at base with star separators.		


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	No 3 Type 61 J 46 Struck in red	
	Outer oval dimensions	35mm by 55mm
	Earliest recorded date	18-Sep-2001
	Latest recorded date	18-Sep-2001
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant 46. "BUSINESS MAIL" followed by [OFFICE NAME] (abbreviated to "S.S.C.") at top with "GABORONE" at base with star separators.		


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	No 4 Type 61 M 13 Struck in red	
 <p>Note: Date inverted on this example.</p>	Outer oval dimensions	41mm by 61mm
	Earliest recorded date	05-Mar-2001
	Latest recorded date	09-Jul-2001
	Number so far recorded	3
New sub-variant 13. [OFFICE NAME] above "REGISTRATION" at top (2 lines) with "GABORONE" above "BOTSWANAPOST" followed by an envelope symbol at base (2 lines) with star separators.		


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	No 5 Type 61 M 14 Struck in red. One item struck in purple	
	Outer oval dimensions	41mm by 61mm
	Earliest recorded date	16-Jan-2001
	Latest recorded date	18-Jul-2001
	Number so far recorded	4
New sub-variant 14. [OFFICE NAME] above "PARCELS" at top (2 lines) with "GABORONE" above "BOTSWANAPOST" followed by an envelope symbol at base (2 lines) with star separators. NOTE: The two black angled lines are rubber bands holding the canceller together.		


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	No 6 Type 61 M 14 Struck in red	
	Outer oval dimensions	40mm by 60mm
	Earliest recorded date	24-Apr-2001
	Latest recorded date	22-Jun-2001
	Number so far recorded	3
Note: Similar to No. 5. Text size identical but dimensions slightly smaller. No rubber bands.		


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	No 7 Type 61 M 15 One item struck in red	
	Outer oval dimensions	41mm by 63mm
	Earliest recorded date	09-Aug-2001
	Latest recorded date	09-Sep-2001
	Number so far recorded	2
New sub-variant 15. [OFFICE NAME] above "OUTWARD" at top (2 lines) with "GABORONE" above "BOTSWANAPOST" followed by an envelope symbol at base (2 lines) with star separators. NOTE: The black lines is a rubber band holding the canceller together. Also date inverted		


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE		No 8 Type 61 M 17	
		Two items struck in red.	
		Outer oval dimensions	40mm by 60mm
		Earliest recorded date	11-Jun-2001
		Latest recorded date	03-Jul-2001
		Number so far recorded	3
New sub-variant 17. [OFFICE NAME] above "INWARD" at top (2 lines) with "GABORONE" above "BOTSWANAPOST" followed by an envelope symbol at base (2 lines) with star separators.			


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE		No 9 Type MISC 2 d	
		Circle diameter	31mm
		Earliest recorded date	01-Nov-2004
		Latest recorded date	01-Nov-2004
		Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant d. "BOTSWANAPOST" outside circle at top with "POSTAGE" above "PREPAID" (2 lines) inside circle and [OFFICE NAME] outside circle at base.			


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE		No 10 Type MISC 3 q	
		Three items struck in red.	
		Circle diameters	23mm & 36mm
		Earliest recorded date	19-Feb-2001
		Latest recorded date	05-Jul-2006
		Number so far recorded	6
New sub-variant q. [OFFICE NAME] above "PREPAID" at top (2 lines separated by inner circle) with "GABORONE" at base.			


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	No 11 Type MISC 3 r	
	Circle diameters	23mm & 36mm
	Earliest recorded date	26-Sep-2000
	Latest recorded date	26-Sep-2000
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant r. [OFFICE NAME] above "PREPAID" at top (2 lines separated by inner circle) with "GABORONE" at base. Divided inner circle.		


SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	No 12 Type MISC 3 u	
	Circle diameter	41mm
	Earliest recorded date	24-Oct-2006
	Latest recorded date	24-Oct-2006
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant u. "BOTSWANAPOST" at top with "POSTAGE PAID" (straight) above [OFFICE NAME] (curved) at base (2 lines)		

SOUTHERN SORTING CENTRE	No 13 Type MISC 6 z 34	
	Struck in red.	
	Outer oval dimensions	37mm by 55mm
	Earliest recorded date	22-Jun-2001
	Latest recorded date	22-Jun-2001
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant z 34. "BOTSWANAPOST" above [OFFICE NAME] at top (2 lines) with "SORTING MANAGER" above "GABORONE" at base (2 lines)		

SOWA	No 6 Type 2 B 54(1)	
	Circle diameters	18mm & 28mm
	Earliest recorded date	09-Aug-2000
	Latest recorded date	13-Aug-2002
	Number so far recorded	3
This postmark may have existed before 01-Jun-1995, but was not recorded. See RP#46 p.1147 No. 1 Type 2 B 54(2)		

SOWA	No 7 Type 2 B 61	
	Circle diameters	18mm & 27mm
	Earliest recorded date	19-Apr-2002
	Latest recorded date	19-Apr-2002
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant 61. [OFFICE NAME] at top with "CB" followed by "BOTSWANA" at base		

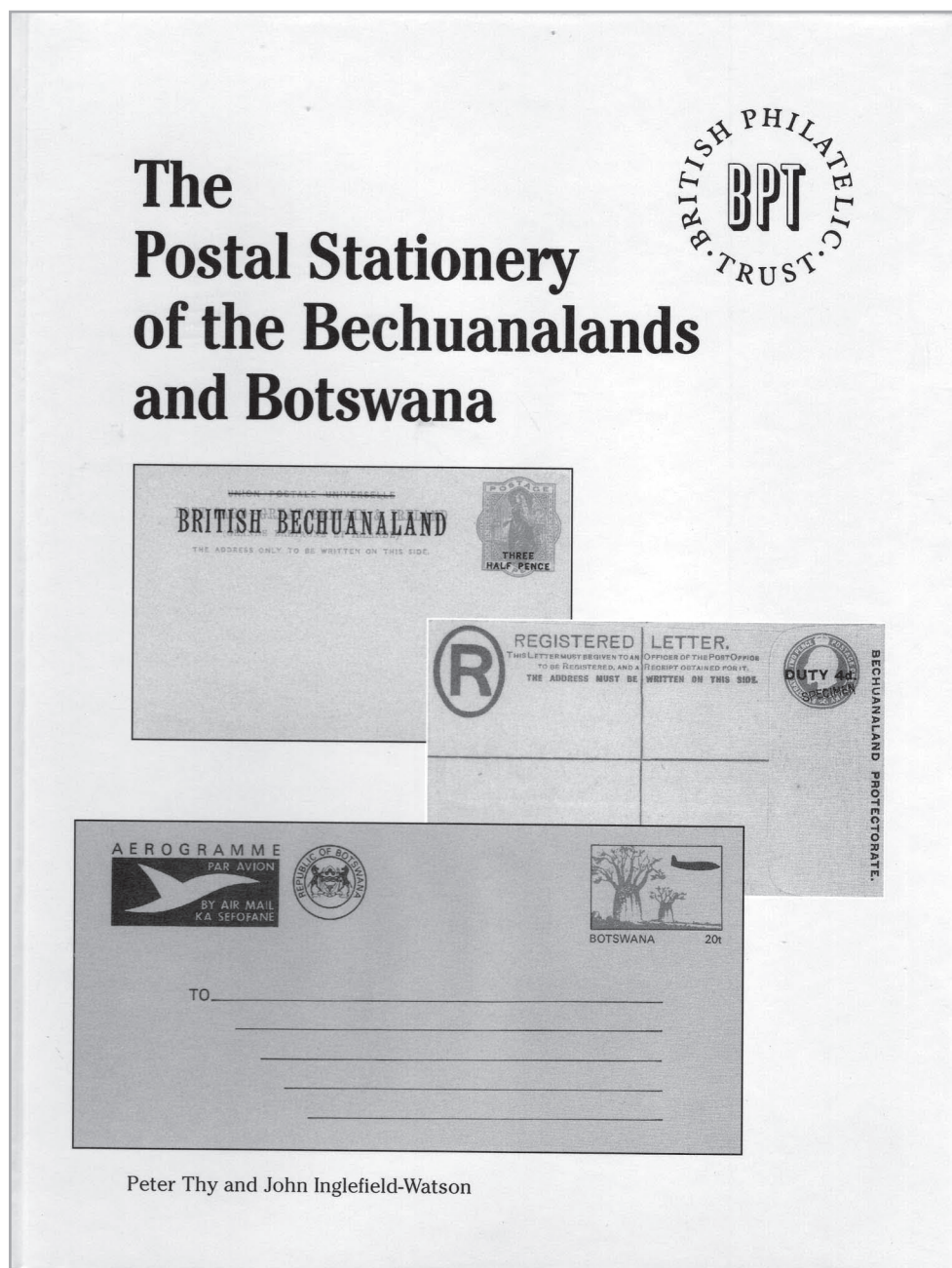
SOWA	No 8 Type 61 F 31 Struck in red.	
	Outer oval dimensions	40mm by 61mm
	Earliest recorded date	10-Nov-2000
	Latest recorded date	10-Nov-2000
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant 31. "POSTMASTER" followed by [OFFICE NAME] at top with "BOTSWANAPOST" followed by an envelope symbol at base		

SOWA	No 9 Type MISC 6 z 36 Struck in red.	
	Outer oval dimensions	40mm by 60mm
	Earliest recorded date	23-Oct-2003
	Latest recorded date	23-Oct-2003
	Number so far recorded	1
New sub-variant z 36. "CIRCULATION BRANCH" followed by [OFFICE NAME] at top with "BOTSWANAPOST" followed by an envelope symbol at base with star separators		

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