
THE SPRINGBOK



Volume 9 No. 4 July/August 1961

THE SPRING BOOK

TABLE OF CONTENTS

The Editor's Chair	Page 63.
Maritime Mail in World War II, by Edw. Lauder	64.
Picture Page	65.
Plating Flaws of the 1d Animal stamp - Cylinder 12 (cont.) by R. McDougall	66.
London Group A.G.M.	72.
London Group Programme 1961-62	73.
New Post Offices	73.
Postage Stamp Information as at 5/5/1961	74.
2d Union Buildings 1945-50 - A Multipositive Problem, by P. D. Haigh	78.
Membership Information	80.
Press Cuttings	80.

Hon. Editor

C. E. Sherwood, 105 Marford Crescent, Sale, Cheshire, G.B.

All correspondence to be addressed to the Editor who cannot accept responsibility for any view so published.

Magazine available by subscription only

15/- (\$2.00) a year

Back numbers 1/- (15 cents) a copy

*
* Chairman: R. D. Allen Snr, 82c Hackford Road, London, S.W.9. *

*
* Committee: Edw. Lauder, 1 Cairnhill Road, Bearsden, Glasgow. *

* D. V. Parker, 24 Arandora Crescent, Chadwell Heath, Essex. *

* W. A. Page, 138 Chastilian Road, Dartford, Kent. *

* (also London Group Secretary). *

Whole Number 52.

THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

Well by now many of you who are going on with the Republic will have your stamps and so started another page in the philately of South Africa. As yet we have received little comment upon the stamps, their designs and their colours, beyond the odd statement that they are "a pretty mixed bunch". Remembering that stamps are produced primarily to defray postage, but perhaps with some slight consideration for the philatelist, it must be extremely difficult to produce a set all of which meets with complete satisfaction, but I think it could be done.

For the occasion, the Post Office has published a booklet in English and Afrikaans, descriptive of these stamps with a potted biography of each subject. We are trying to obtain a supply, and have been promised such by the Post Office. If and when they materialise, a copy will be distributed to each member with the next following issue of the magazine. If you cannot wait until then and care to send a 3d stamp, your copy will be posted as soon as it is to hand.

This issue carries a very comprehensive list of printings by the Government Printer through the courtesy of the Publicity Officer at Pretoria, and as it covers the Republic and Union decimals, we are not making a separate listing but if anyone is in doubt, please drop us a line and we shall try to help you.

October 21st may sound a long way off now, but it is less than three months to our Annual General Meeting, and Exhibition, which we hope you will make every effort to attend. One or two new ideas are being tried out to make the visit more worth while still, so please try to help us by coming along. London Central Y.M.C.A., Gt Russell Street, London, W.C.1., not 5 minutes from Tottenham Court Road Tube Station.

If anyone is in doubt as to the future of South African philately, we would refer them to the auction rooms where collections and specialist items are still holding their own and our own experience tells us that there is not any slackening of interest despite the change from Union to Republic. Indeed we would forecast that some who say they are calling it a day at the end of the Union will not be able to resist the temptation to continue with the same country, and will find themselves chasing the elusive items once more.

This issue is notable for the fact that we have not one single letter to the Editor to publish - not even in complaint !

MARITIME MAIL IN WORLD WAR II

by E. Lauder

This brief article is written in the hope that it will lead to the discovery of further examples of a most interesting maritime marking and thus supply the proof that it is of South African origin.

In the second last paragraph on page 21 of Dr J. H. Harvey Pirie's excellent book on World War II Philately of Southern and Eastern Africa, the following words appear:-

"This mark may or may not be a South African one. It is on an Air Letter Form (I A F F - 1083) and is believed to have been posted on a tanker at Lourenco Marques. It has a Durban censor's seal. The mark is a circular one of 33mm. diameter, in violet from a rubber stamp and reads "Maritime/Mail". It has been suggested that the mark is really of West Indian origin."

Through the courtesy of Dr Harvey Pirie, I am able to illustrate the cover in question.

A few months ago I was fortunate to obtain an example for my own collection and wrote to Dr Pirie to find out more about it. He was most helpful, and told me that my mark was the only one on record besides his own that he knew of.

My own example, also on an Air Letter Form, but British as distinct from Dr Pirie's example which is of Indian origin, has the address inside of the R.N.A. Hospital, Durban, and is dated 20th July, 1944. It is to an addressee in Ireland and has the usual Irish Censor marking. It has been franked with a 6d. Small War Effort stamp and has been censored in Durban the label being tied with the Union Coat of Arms type mark with the letter "C" underneath.

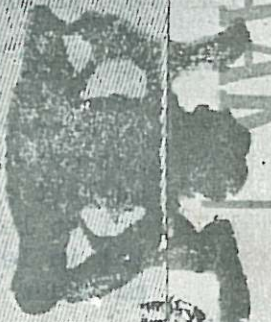
The "mystery" is of course why an "air letter" should have a "maritime mail" marking. At first I was of the opinion that this mark had been applied because the letter could not be sent by air for one reason or another. On the other hand a British Naval Hospital in Durban would be regarded by the Navy as a ship, whether on dry land or otherwise, so it is quite feasible that the mark was applied in the hospital Post Office. If that were so, however, it is very strange that only two examples have come to light. It may have been a temporary handstamp pending the receipt of a F. P. O. cancellor, so that information as to the date on which the Hospital was opened might help to clear up the mystery.

Should any member be able to give any information, or have an example of the mark in his collection, I should be obliged if he would let me have details, so that they may be put on record in a future issue of the magazine.

00PGE MAAR CENSOR.

BY AIR MAIL

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
THIS CARD WILL BE SENT
BY ORDINARY MAIL



*Mrs. J. Gregory
No 2111 1/2 Petrollee. (Newport)
or Box 7012.
Falmesbury.
South Africa.*

I. A. F. F.-1083

PLATING FLAWS OF THE 1d ANIMAL - CYLINDER 12 (cont.)

by R. McDougall.

9 x 8		md under "v" of Revenue.
9 x 9	86	Dot at nose of "S" of South. md over "o" of Postage.
9 x 10		md under rt leg of "k" of Afrika. md under "id" of Suid, at horn. md over "ag" of Postage.
9 x 11	127	Dot to left below "S" of Suid. md in left margin, near bottom left corner. 2 md over and under "P" of Postage.
9 x 12	43	Dot in rt margin, 5mm down.
	59	Dot after "a" of Afrika. md under "o" of South.
10 x 1		md over "u" of Revenue.
10 x 2		md under end of nose hair.
10 x 3	102	Dot under "v" of Revenue. md rt of Revenue. md rt of "a" of Africa.
10 x 4	++	Two dots over "d" of value. md over rt leg of "u" of Suid.
10 x 5	16	Dot over left end of hyphen. md left of beard, over "d" of Posgeld.
10 x 6	117	Dot to left below "S" of Suid, $5\frac{1}{2}$ mm down.
	87	Dot in left margin, close, $17\frac{5}{4}$ mm down. md under "i" of Suid, $5\frac{1}{2}$ mm down.
10 x 7	Nil	
10 x 8		md touching mouth, over "d" of Posgeld.
10 x 9	18	Dot in top margin, to rt over hyphen. md close to cross-over of horns,
10 x 10	Nil	
10 x 11	++	Dot under value. md over "S" of Suid. md close inside horn tip, $4\frac{1}{4}$ mm down. md on edge of design, under "a" of Africa.
10 x 12		md between "h A" of South Africa". md under "S" of Suid, 7mm down.
11 x 1	++	Dot under "l" of Posgeld.
11 x 2	Nil	
11 x 3		md close to rt tip of "A" of Africa". md under "i" of Suid, $6\frac{1}{4}$ mm down.
11 x 4		md to left below "i" of Suid, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm down. md under "d" of Suid, 4mm down. md in top margin, to rt over "d".
11 x 5		md rt of Inkomste. 3 md, under "i" of Suid, near horn tip.

=====

T H E S P R I N G B O K "

=====

11 x 6		md left of "S" of Suid.
11 x 7	65	Dot over "t" of Postage.
	116	Dot under "S" of Suid, $5\frac{3}{4}$ mm down.
		md on edge of design, over "id" of Suid.
11 x 8	150	Dot rt of Inkomste.
	53	Dot touching beard, over "ta" of Postage.
11 x 9	51	Dot in rt margin, 15mm down.
	118	Dot at outside of horn tip, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm down.
11 x 10	151	Dot over "e" of Inkomste.
	77	Dot left of foot of "P" of Posgeld.
	3	Dot touching rt of "S" of Suid.
		md under left leg of "k" of Afrika.
11 x 12	52	Dot over "g" of Postage.
	4	Dot over "S" of Suid.
		md on rt of spine and one in mane above.
12 x 1	123	Dot under "Su" of Suid, $3\frac{1}{4}$ mm down.
	145	Dot under "i" of Suid, $5\frac{1}{4}$ mm down.
		md left of foot of value.
12 x 2		md under hyphen.
12 x 3	21	Dot close left of tip of "A" of Afrika.
		md between "th" of South.
		md under "ic" of Africa.
12 x 4	Nil	
12 x 5	130	Dot between "Af" of Afrika".
12 x 6	Nil	
12 x 7	Nil	
12 x 8	++	Dot between "id" of Suid.
12 x 9		md on edge of design, left of Inkomste.
12 x 10	++	Spot over "o" of Inkomste.
	68	Dot over "s" of Postage.
		md under right end of hyphen.
12 x 11	115	Dot under "S" of Suid, $5\frac{1}{2}$ mm down.
	94 & 98	Two dots to left over value, 13 & 14mm down.
12 x 12	++	Dot over "d" of Suid.
	114	Dot at inside curve of horn, 6mm down.
		md over "d" of Posgeld.
		md over "P" of Postage.
13 x 1	140	Dot under "d" of Suid, 5mm down.
	110	Dot to left over "I" of Inkomste.
		md in "d" of value.
13 x 2		
13 x 3	Nil	
13 x 4	71	Dot over "d" of Posgeld.
		md over "sg" of Posgeld.
		md rt of Inkomste.
		md under first "e" of Revenue.
13 x 5	95	Dot over "d" of value.
13 x 6		md to left below "R" of Revenue.

=====

THE SPRINGBOK

=====

13 x 7		md at left of tip of "A" of Africa.
13 x 8	7	Dot over "ui" of Suid.
13 x 9	147	Dot under "i" of Suid, $5\frac{1}{2}$ mm down.
13 x 10	20	Dot in top margin, over "A" md under second "e" of Revenue.
13 x 11	46	Dot on neck, under "a", 7mm down.
	97	Dot under "ue" of Revenue, $12\frac{1}{4}$ mm down. md in bottom margin, under "So". md under tail of "c" of Africa. md to rt of dot of value.
13 x 12	88	Dot close rt of "d" of value. md on rt of spine. two md to rt below Revenue.
14 x 1	2	Dot in top margin, over top left corner.
	144	Dot under "d" of Suid, $5\frac{1}{2}$ mm down. md in top left corner. md under "fr" of Africa.
14 x 2		
14 x 3	Nil	
14 x 4	++	Dot over nose of "r" of Africa.
	62	Dot on tail of "g" of Postage.
	56	Irregular spot in rt margin.
	34	Dot at nose of "k" of Afrika. md touching top rt of "d" of Suid. md touching lower rt of "a" of Afrika.
14 x 5		md over "st" of Postage.
14 x 6		md left of nose of value.
14 x 7		md near left edge, 6mm down.
14 x 8	135	Dot close under "i" of Suid. md in "o" of Posgeld. md close under "l" of Posgeld. md under "A" of Afrika.
14 x 9	117	Dot to left below "S" of Suid, $5\frac{1}{2}$ mm down. md over "n" of Revenue. md over "d" of value. md close rt of "d" of value. md over "t" of Postage. md close left of value. two md under end of nose hair.
14 x 10		
14 x 11	++	Dot left of "S" of South.
	58	Dot in btm margin, near btm rt corner. md over "o" of Posgeld.
14 x 12	73	Dot over "ge" of Posgeld. md close left of value.
15 x 1	37	Dot NE of top rt corner.
15 x 2	Nil	md under "R" of Revenue.
15 x 3		md under "f" of Afrika

=====

THE SPRING BOOK

=====

- 15 x 4 17 & 19 Two dots over hyphen.
 42 Dot on mane, to rt below "a"
- 15 x 5 10 Dot in top margin, over "i" of Suid.
 142 Dot touching curve of horn, under "d"
 95 Dot over "d" of value.
 85 Dot at nose of "S" of South.
 md under "c" of Africa, on edge of design.
 md in bottom margin, under "A".
- 15 x 6 63 Dot over "t" of Postage.
 md under "id" of Suid, 4mm down.
- 15 x 7 md between "ui" of Suid.
- 15 x 8 md close rt of "A" of Afrika".
- 15 x 9 35 Dot over "a" of Afrika
 md under last "e" of Revenue.
- 15 x 10 md in top margin, over "A"
 md between "Af" of Afrika.
 md to rt below Revenue.
 md close rt foot of "l" of value.
- 15 x 11 md low on rt of "l" of value.
- 15 x 12 11 Dot in "d" of Suid.
 md under "t" of South, on edge of design.
 md in top margin, over "a".
- 16 x 1 90 Dot under end of nose hair.
 md over "nk" of Inkomste.
 md under "i" of Suid, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm down.
- 16 x 2 md close over "Po" of Posgeld.
 md over "s" of Posgeld.
- 16 x 3 md in bottom margin, close, under "A".
- 16 x 4 Nil
- 16 x 5 30 Dot in top margin, over "i" of Afrika.
 md close rt of Revenue.
- 16 x 6 md over "k" of Inkomste.
 md under "d -", 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm down.
- 16 x 7 72 Dot rt of "h" of South.
 92 Dot at nose of "l" of value, smudgy.
- 16 x 8 Nil
- 16 x 9 74 Dot touching nose, over "g" of Posgeld.
 md under "s" of Posgeld.
 md under "e" of Posgeld.
- 16 x 10 133 Dot under "d" of Suid.
 md rt of Revenue.
- 16 x 11 91 Dot in left margin, left of value.
- 16 x 12 ++ Dot over "d" of Posgeld.
- 17 x 1 ++ Smudgy dot under "S" of Suid.
 ++ Spot in left margin, lower than the above.
 70 Dot over "d" of Posgeld.

=====

THE SPRINGBOK

=====

- | | | |
|---------|------|---|
| | 31 | Dot in top margin, over "ri" of Afrika.
md under "ri" of Afrika. |
| 17 x 2 | | md rt of Revenue, |
| 17 x 3 | 126 | Dot under "S" of Suid. |
| 17 x 4 | | md high over "ag" of Postage. |
| 17 x 5 | | md to left above "l" of value.
md under "d" of Suid, $6\frac{1}{2}$ mm down. |
| 17 x 6 | 107 | Dot over "m" of Inkomste.
md over "u" of South. |
| 17 x 7 | | md in left margin, close, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm down. |
| 17 x 8 | Nil. | |
| 17 x 9 | | md between "ui" of Suid. |
| 17 x 10 | | md in top margin, over "k".
md close to horn, under "ui", $4\frac{1}{4}$ mm down. |
| 17 x 11 | ++ | Two dots, joined by diagonal line, over "a" of Afrika. |
| | 38 | Dot under "ik" of Afrika. |
| | 41 | Dot under "a" of Afrika, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm down. |
| 17 x 12 | 24 | Dot over "A" of Afrika. |
| | 27 | Dot at nose of "f" of Afrika. |
| 18 x 1 | | md under "r" of Afrika.
md under left leg of "k" of Afrika.
md under "S" of Suid, $5\frac{1}{2}$ mm down.
md to rt above Inkomste. |
| 18 x 2 | 48 | Dot in rt margin, $7\frac{1}{2}$ mm down. |
| | 99 | Large smudgy spot under second "e" of Revenue.
md at tip of nose hair. |
| 18 x 3 | ++ | Spot left of horn tip. |
| 18 x 4 | 28 | Dot between "fr" of Afrika |
| | 64 | Dot under "i" of Africa. |
| 18 x 5 | | md in top margin near top left corner.
md in bottom margin, under "A" |
| 18 x 6 | 78 | Dot under "ut" of South.
md in top margin, close, over "ik".
md over "S" of Suid |
| 18 x 7 | 14 | Dot in top margin, over "d".
md under "Su" of Suid, $4\frac{3}{4}$ mm down.
md over "e" of Posgeld.
md over "o" of Posgeld, close to nose. |
| 18 x 8 | ++ | Spot left of value. |
| 18 x 9 | " | md touching beard, over "Po" of Postage.
md under rt leg of "h" of South. |
| 18 x 10 | ++ | White spot on jowl. |
| | 119 | Pale spot to left under "S" of Suid. |
| 18 x 11 | 124 | Dot under "S" of Suid.
md over "st" of Inkomste.
md over "ge" of Posgeld.
md two, pale, under "Re" of Revenue. |

=====

T H E S P R I N G B O K

=====

18 x 12	136	Dot under "d" of Suid.
	25	Dot between "Af" of Afrika. md in left margin, $18\frac{5}{4}$ mm down. md in top margin, over hyphen.
19 x 1	32	Dot close over left leg of "k" of Afrika. md under "v" of Revenue, 13mm down.
19 x 2	++	Dot under "e" of Posgeld. md between "h A" of South Africa.
19 x 3	++	Dot between "ri" of Africa.
	100	Dot under second "e" of Revenue, 12mm down
19 x 4	109	Dot over "k" of Inkomste. md close over "n" of Inkomste. md close under first "e" of Revenue. md over hyphen. md in "A" of Afrika. md over "Af" of Afrika.
19 x 5		md in top margin, close, over "ui". md in top margin, over hyphen.
19 x 6	152	Dot in nose hair, rt of Revenue. md near mane, under "r" of Afrika.
19 x 7		md under "u" of Revenue, $13\frac{1}{2}$ mm down.
19 x 8	138	Dot under "ui" of Suid", $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm down.
19 x 9	101	Dot under "v" of Revenue, 12mm down.
	60	Dot in bottom margin, under "a".
19 x 10	67	Dot close under "r" of Africa.
	49	Dot touching rt edge, $9\frac{5}{4}$ mm down. md over "o" of Posgeld. md under "fr" of Afrika.
19 x 11	154	Dot in end of nose hair.
19 x 12	93	Dot above nose of "l" of value. md in white tip of rt horn.
20 x 1	136	Dot under "d" of Suid.
20 x 2	84	Dot in bottom margin, under "So".
	50	Dot in rt margin, $11\frac{1}{2}$ mm down. md on rt of spine md on neck, near rt edge, 9mm down.
20 x 3	125	Dot in left margin, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm down.
	113	Dot in left margin, 9mm down. md touching inside curve of horn, 6mm down
20 x 4	153	Dot under "nu" of Revenue, $11\frac{5}{4}$ mm down.
	66	Dot in bottom margin, under "r". md over "s" of Inkomste.
20 x 5	++	Large pale spot in top margin, over "ui" md over "e" of Posgeld. md on lower curve of rt horn.

THE SPRING BOOK

- 20 x 6 md above left of Inkomste.
md below left of Revenue.
- 20 x 7 Nil
- 20 x 8 33 Dot over "k" of Afrika.
two md in top margin, over "- A".
- 20 x 9 md in top margin, close, over "r"
- 20 x 10 132 Smudge under "A" of Afrika.
139 Dot near cross-over of horns.
md to left below Revenue, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm down.
- 20 x 11 md under tail of "S" of Suid.
md over "m" of Inkomste.
- 20 x 12 md over "g" of Postage.

LONDON GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Tuesday, 16th May, 1961, The London Group held its Annual General Meeting at the George in the Strand, and there were 14 members present, with apologies from one other.

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were taken as read on a proposition from Mr R. D. Allen, Snr. supported by Mr A. J. Brown and duly signed by the Chairman.

Reporting on the finances of the Society, The Honorary Secretary/Treasurer stated that the Group were still in a very sound financial position and had paid their way in the season just ending.

The election of Officers was soon over, when a proposition tabled by Mr Bini, supported by Mr E. W. Merriman, that the existing officers be re-elected en bloc, was carried by the meeting.

The Honorary Secretary then requested additional help on the publicity for the Annual Exhibition, due to an imminent increase in his philatelic commitments, and Mr G. M. Whitten kindly offered to take on this task.

The main discussion under the heading of A.O.B. was the arrangement of the programme for next season. Full details of this will be found elsewhere.

The meeting was formally declared closed shortly after 8 p.m., when the Abell Cup Competition took place.

W. A. P.

=====

T H E S P R I N G B O K

=====

LONDON GROUP

Programme 1961 - 1962

- 19th September, 1961 - R. D. Allen, Senior. "Pot-Pourri".
17th October, 1961 - E. G. Kinsey, Postal Stationery.
21st November, 1961 - R. J. Lawrence & E. W. Merriman,
ld Ship - Unhyphenated issues.
19th December, 1961 - Seasonable Evening - Display "anything"
16th January, 1962 - A. J. Brown. World War II.
20th February, 1962 - "Six Sheets or 1/-"
20th March, 1962 - Auction.
17th April, 1962 - Recent Emissions.
15th May, 1962 - A.G.M. & Abell Cup Competition.
- - - - -

Mr Werner K. Elias of New York reports possession of an "O.A.T." mark on a cover from Durban by air to New York postmarked "24 VII 45" postage paid 3/6 the letters "O.A.T." seem to be applied with a simple rubber stamp with irregular hand-cut letters.

- - - - -

NEW POST OFFICES

Reported by Mr Sylvester L. Crozet -

Dankoord in Cape	-	Head Office	-	Ladismith.
Matlosane in Transvaal	-	" "	-	Klerksdorp.
Mocibank in Transvaal	-	" "	-	Potchefstroom.
Nzombane in Cape	-	" "	-	Umzimkulu.
Sovenga in Transvaal	-	" "	-	Pietersburg.
Klein-Tswaing in Cape	-	" "	-	renamed Lowna.

- - - - -

Mr R. D. Allen Senior, 82c Hackford Road, London, S.W.9. is wanting labels issued prior to and in conjunction with Stamp and Philatelic Exhibitions in South Africa. Mint or used, panes preferred where so issued.

Offers direct please.

- - - - -

 THE SPRINGBOK

POSTAGE STAMP INFORMATION AS AT 5/5/61

JOB No.	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER PER SHEET	VALUE	No. OF SHEETS ORDERED	DATE OF FIRST DELIVERY	No OF SHEETS DELIVERED
4800	POST CARDS (UNION)	1	1½c	1,296,000	8/12/60	160,000
4912	POSTAGE	100	1c	882,000	6/12/60	62,000
4915	POSTAGE	100	2½c	930,000	15/11/60	60,500
9572	AIR LETTERS	1	2½c	51,000	23/ 2/61	53,000
11602	AIR LETTERS	1	2½c	20,000	23/ 3/61	21,720
6392	AIR LETTERS	1	5c	2,880,000	29/12/60	78,000
4913	POSTAGE	200	1½c	33,000	13/12/60	2,500
4918	POSTAGE	100	7½c	40,000	29/12/60	7,500
4911	POSTAGE	200	½c	16,000	13/12/60	13,500
10519	POSTAGE	200	½c	20,000	21/ 2/61	8,462
4914	POSTAGE	200	2c	90,000	13/12/60	15,000
4917	POSTAGE	100	5c	67,000	20/12/60	44,500
4920	POSTAGE	100	12½c	21,000	20/12/60	18,382
4921	POSTAGE	100	20c	40,000	20/12/60	12,500
4919	POSTAGE	100	10c	63,000	22/12/60	4,000
4916	POSTAGE	100	3½c	99,000	29/12/60	8,500
5289	GREETING AIR LETTERS	1	6D	144,000 RECEIVED FROM P.M.G. TO BE OVERPRINTED 5c	13/12/60	138,000
9560	AIR LETTERS	1	3D	62,400 RECEIVED FROM P.M.G., TO BE OVERPRINTED 2½c	2/ 2/61	57,000
11310	GREETING AIR LETTERS	1	6D	48,624 RECEIVED FROM P.M.G. TO BE OVERPRINTED R. OF S.A. AND 5c.	25/ 4/61	45,000

=====

T H E S P R I N G B O K

=====

SUPPLIED BY COURTESY OF THE PUBLICITY OFFICER, PRETORIA : 26.6.1961

DATE OF FINAL DELIVERY	TOTAL No. OF SHEETS DELIVERED	CYLINDER NOS.		WHETHER SAME CYLINDER OR NEW	REMARKS
		INT.	EXT.		
21/ 2/61	1,098,800	171	168	NEW	
-	826,889	38 A&B	-	"	D/DIE.PANE B RIGHT HAND SIDE. " A LEFT HAND SIDE.
-	751,850	52 A&B	27 A&B	"	D/DIE.PANE A RIGHT HAND SIDE. " B LEFT HAND SIDE.
23/ 2/61	53,000	-	-	SAME	CHAMBON PRINTING MACHINE
23/ 3/61	21,720	-	-	"	" " "
-	2,064,000	-	-	NEW	" " "
21/ 2/61	31,472	48	-	"	
23/ 2/61	39,960	57 & 30	34	"	
21/ 2/61	15,888	16	-	"	
14/ 3/61	27,014	16	-	SAME	
-	85,348	29	-	NEW	
23/ 2/61	67,790	53	118	"	
21/ 2/61	21,932	3	106	"	
-	27,500	100	23	"	
-	53,844	97	1	"	
12/ 1/61	82,790	21	58	"	TO BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE.
28/ 2/61	143,999				
2/ 3/61	62,399				
4/ 5/61	48,623				

=====

T H E S P R I N G B O K

=====

JOB No.	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER PER SHEET	VALUE	No. OF SHEETS ORDERED	DATE OF FIRST DELIVERY	No. OF SHEETS DELIVERED.
9511.17	POSTAGE STAMPS (REPUBLIC)	200	½c	32,000	25/ 4/61	1,600
9512.18	" "	200	1c	1,750,000	27/ 4/61	15,000
9513.19	" "	200	1½c	24,000	25/ 4/61	20,390
9514.20	" "	100	2c	94,000	13/ 4/61	23,342
9515.21	" "	100	2½c	1,900,000	20/ 4/61	43,900
9516.22	" "	100	3c	160,000	18/ 3/61	21,100
9517.23	" "	100	5c	110,000	13/ 4/61	34,000
9518.24	" "	100	7½c	110,000	13/ 4/61	8,500
9519.25	" "	100	10c	110,000	11/ 4/61	29,675
9520.26	" "	100	12½c	40,000	13/ 4/61	27,000
9521.27	" "	100	20c	50,000	18/ 4/61	8,100
9522.28	" "	100	50c	9,000	11/ 4/61	8,796
9523.29	" "	100	R1	4,500	13/ 4/61	4,500
9627.32	POSTAGE DUE STAMPS	200	1c	21,000 x 50	25/ 4/61	1,500 x 200
9628.33	" " "	200	2c	30,000 x 50	26/ 4/61	1,000 x 200
9629.34	" " "	200	4c	7,000 x 50	25/ 4/61	1,000 x 200
9630.35	" " "	200	5c	7,000 x 50	26/ 4/61	1,500 x 200
9631.36	" " "	200	6c	6,000 x 50	26/ 4/61	1,500 x 200
9632.37	" " "	200	10c	2,500 x 50	26/ 4/61	500 x 200
9679.84	AIR LETTERS	1	2½c	300,000	11/ 4/61	87,000
9599.04	AIR LETTERS	1	5c	2,880,000	4/ 4/61	54,000
9730.34	POSTCARDS	20	1½c	1,296,000 POSTCARDS	2/ 5/61	40,000 POSTCARDS

/ HV

=====

THE SPRING BOOK

=====

DATE OF FINAL DELIVERY	TOTAL NO..OF SHEETS DELIVERED	CYLINDER NOS.		WHETHER SAME CYLINDER OR NEW	REMARKS
		INT.	EXT.		
-	23,332	2&34	9	NEW	
-	136,700	25	26S.	"	D/DIE. PANE A RIGHT HAND SIDE " B LEFT HAND SIDE.
-	20,390	S.24	S.19	"	
-	23,342	16	86	"	
-	95,900	74	71	"	D/WIDTH PANES B & D LEFT HAND SIDE " A & CRIGHT HAND SIDE DOUBLE COMB GROVER PERFORATOR
-	58,379	21	S26	"	
-	43,382	31	S1	"	
-	33,080	S20	S21	"	
-	29,675	114	101	"	
-	27,000	118&106	30	"	
-	20,206	29&103	97	"	
11/ 4/61	8,796	54	70	"	
13/ 4/61	4,500	12&117	1	"	
2/ 5/61	6,400 x 200	110(SAME)	90	(NEW)	
4/ 5/61	8,800 x 200	82(")	40	(")	
27/ 4/61	1,950 x 200	62(")	90	(")	
27/ 4/61	2,250 x 200	116(")	40	(")	
27/ 4/61	1,600 x 200	115(")	90	(")	
27/ 4/61	1,600 x 200	32(")	40	(")	
-	87,000	-	-	NEW	CHAMBON PRINTING MACHINE
-	366,000	-	-	"	CHAMBON PRINTING MACHINE
-	160,000 POSTCARDS	168	171	"	

2d UNION BUILDINGS, 1945-50 - A MULTIPOSITIVE PROBLEM

By P. D. Haigh.

The six frame cylinders employed to print this group of stamps (Plates V - VIII in the old classification; Issues 5 - 13 in the new) were all produced from a common multipositive. Several flaws which appear on all the different cylinders prove this, a good example being row 18, no.2, white spot in top right corner.

A flaw, like the one just mentioned, which is present on the multipositive plate from the beginning, normally appears on all the printing cylinders prepared therefrom. Quite frequently further flaws develop on the multipositive later on and these will not appear on the early cylinders, but they will normally appear on all cylinders prepared subsequent to the flaw's appearance on the multipositive. How, though, can one explain flaws which occur on the early cylinders, disappear on subsequent ones, and re-appear on yet later ones?

Such an occurrence takes place on row 4, no.6, on which there are two multipositive flaws:-

- A. Large violet spot top left of left hand spire.
- B. Tiny violet spot in I of AFRIKA.

These appear on the various issues as under:-

Frame Cyl.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
	(Issue 5)	(Issue 6)	(Issue 7 and 8)	(Issue 9 and 10)	(Issue 11 and 12)	(Issue 13)	x	-
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	x	-
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	-	x
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	x	x
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	-	x
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	x	x

It is apparent that A was present on the multipositive from the beginning and throughout its life, while B is an acquired flaw present from Cylinder 3 onwards; but what about the appearing and disappearing nature of A?

Some possibilities which occur to one are:-

- (a) Retouching on the printing cylinders (3 and 5 only). No re-touching was done to the multipositive as the flaw re-appears.
- (b) Removal from the surface of these two cylinders during a process of polishing up after etching, in preparation for printing.

However, there seem to be some objections to these possibilities:-

- (a) While the flaw is rather a prominent one, there are others which are more prominent and which have not been removed. There is no other evidence of retouching in this group of

=====

T H E S P R I N G B O K

=====

stamps at all, so why pick out this one for attention on two different cylinders?

- (b) Because the flaw is prominent it is probably deeply etched on the cylinder, so that its removal during polishing up, assuming such a process takes place, seems unlikely.

Now, over to you - what do you think?

STAMP EXHIBITION POSTMARKS

Reference the list compiled by Mr R. D. Allen, Senior, and published in our last issue, he is able to complete the list of dates as follows:-

No.20 - Natal, Postage Stamp Centenary, 3-5 June, 1957.

No.23 - East London National Stamp Exhibition, 31 March - 4 April, 1959.

Mr R. D. Allen, Senior, enquires whether any member has really solved the problem of mounting complete sheets of stamps or rolls of 22, etc. as if so he would very much like to have their methods and findings made available through the columns of this magazine.

There must be many members who as yet have not put their name to anything other than the original listing on becoming a member. If you are one of them, why not try to make a point of making at least one contribution be it a problem or query, answer to same, a letter to the editor, some news, articles, comments, etc. Remember this magazine is wide open to every member, and it is up to you to make the most of it, remembering we all have the one common interest in the philately of South Africa and therefore anything touching upon this subject is bound to be of interest to the majority if not all. Your effort may well encourage some other member feeling too modest to add their share. With over 200 members, we should be receiving more help than we do to publish a magazine to suit you.

ROBBERY

It has been widely reported now that Dr T. B. Berry of Bryanston was unfortunate enough as to lose the greater part of his Union collection through burglary some weeks ago. Our sympathies are with him, particularly as this is not the first time he has suffered a loss.

=====

T H E S P P R I N G B O K

=====

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

New Members:

411. V. J. Webbstock, Box 2, Bryanston, Tvl., S. Africa.
412. M. Benjamin, 7821 Gilbert Street, Philadelphia 50, Penna, U.S.A.
(Boer War period).
413. Germiston Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 30, Germiston, S. Africa.

Member Re-joining:

235. Kimber A. Wald, 23461 Marion Avenue, North Olmstead, Ohio, U.S.A.

Changes of Address:

241. E. S. Jones, Pay Office, The Juniors Leaders Regt. R.A., Bramcote,
Nuneaton, Warwicks.
300. Michael R. Cluskey, "Sunway", 2 St Johns Road, Smalley, Derbys.
380. R. M. Kitchingman, 1 Pound Road, Pennington, Nr Lymington, Hants.
389. P. M. de Paris, 10 Crescent Road, Beckenham, Kent.
394. P. Cattell, 42 Upper Bristol Road, Weston-super-Mare. Som.

Resignations:

93. W. H. Jago, Felixstowe. Suffolk.
289. A. H. Adams, Dartford, Kent.

PRESS CUTTINGS

- "S.A.P." May 1961 - "Union Study Circle". Union Air Mail Notes by
I. H. C. Godfrey. Supplement to Union catalogue.
"S.A.P." June 1961 - Air Mail Notes. Republic issue - full details of print-
ings and plate flaws.
"S.A.P." July 1961 - Air Mail Notes by I. H. C. Godfrey. Potted Histories of
Philatelic Societies in Southern Africa by J. H. Harvey Pirie. Un-
recorded Pigeon Post-Kimberley.
"The O.F.S. Philatelic Magazine" May 1961 - South African Philatelic Affairs.
"Stamp Collecting" May 19th, 1961 - "Philately of the Union" by "Warthog" -
miscellaneous commentary.
"Stamp Collecting" June 30th, 1961 - "Philately of the Union/Republic" by
"Warthog" - miscellaneous commentary.
-