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Editorial

So to the last edition of this year and what was to have been the last distribution by your President, but regrettably no replacement has yet been found. At the time of writing, following an attempt to gather some information at least, I find that he has been successively Editor then "making man" over many years. Such activity has been but part of his valued input to our Society and has absorbed time, thought, and no less space in his home. Still time is found to produce useful works of research to which responses even now come in to up-date and expand these offerings. Of no less note are those requests from members known and less known who seek assistance in furthering both their enjoyment and ours of the particular field they are engaged upon.

I am ever relieved to receive the request with which I can sometimes help but for whom it is a pleasure to place the item before the wider audience. In the light of increased postage we have to make a modest rise in rates and also to make a separate charge for the Auction list by Air overseas, not that many have notified RDA of their need to be on the list (postcard please). It is a prime source of well catalogued material.

In spite of the need of a specialist catalogue for the Republican issues articles sent in by members and the interest shown by groups in the USA and Australia demonstrate the attraction of material that is now 30 years old and such studies are most welcome. Fear not rejection, send it in, my current rate is very low indeed, which is a reflection on the quantity submitted, not the gauge of my editorial sieve!

My thanks to your Technical Editor for his valued comments and assistance, and those several contributors who have given us the privilege of enjoying their painstaking work.
DWP

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11 Apr. 1992	Meeting at Weston-super-Mare
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Why not come yourself and bring a friend? Members of the Society and visitors alike can be sure of a warm welcome!

QUERY

Jack Newman

ITU CENTENARY 1965 - CARD

1. A little while ago I obtained a copy of the card with the three diamonds, pairs of both stamps and postmarked CAPETOWN on day of issue. There is something fairly obviously different about the item in that it is 7mm greater in height than others which I possess (three). I pursued the possibility that it is a forgery.

2. Having obtained photocopies of relevant articles from the *South African Philatelist* via Ron Rapley, I am unconvinced of the answer.

3. The article mentioning the forgery (February 1978) lists the following features:-

Genuine	Forgery
a. Off white card	Pure white card
b. Printed by letterpress, i.e. printing is impressed into card and shows through on other side	Printed by litho, i.e. printing is flat on card and does not show through on other side
c. Under U-V lamp - blue print remains blue	Under U-V lamp - blue print is purple
d. Postmark varies in shade - letters ITU and flash behind it are greyish, spotty and not intense	Postmark is generally darker and heavier, especially letters ITU, flash and outer ring of postmark

It does not mention whether it is the two diamond or three diamond printing.

4. I was unable to establish anything conclusive from the above (except confusion), an article in September 1974 states of the three diamond printing "there was a whitish and an off-white paper"; the printing shows through to a greater or lesser extent on three of my copies - including the "odd-ball", all printing appears blue under U-V*, this card does not have the special cancellation.

5. The striking feature (other than the height) is that under the U-V lamp the card shows up blue-white whilst the others I have are pink. This is the difference between Harrison and Swiss paper on which stamps of the 1967-72 period were printed.

6. I wonder whether anyone else has come across this phenomenon or can give further distinguishing features between genuine and forgery (of the two printings).

* PRINZ Sylvania F4T5/BLB Blacklight Blue with 4w lamp.

THE REPUBLICAN FIRST DEFINITIVES

Our member in South Africa, Des Greenhalgh, has been studying this issue and has commented on the various catalogue listings of what I think you will agree is quite a complex issue for the specialist.

Most listings fall short of what is considered either completeness or adequate detail.

In the course of correspondence with the writer, Des has also come up with another aspect of this issue which in the current colour catalogue has been almost totally ignored, namely the differences in the sheet serial numbers.

In the earlier catalogues (1970's) for example the Arcade publication the differences are mentioned, as they were as part of the then *Republican Handbook / Catalogue* (loose-leaf) which ceased publishing additional pages in 1975. Perhaps the most recent omissions are now considered unimportant. However when current studies reveal quite distinct variations in the digits of the *red* sheet numbers, perhaps this aspect is worthy of further research and publicity for the specialist. The variations could be an added guide to segregation of the various distributions.

Des has provided the accompanying illustration (see foot of this page) of a complete run of the digits 1 - 0 which have been enlarged four times for easier comparison. He highlights several features of the four types as shown. Firstly by linking his types I & II and III & IV into two groups. He then mentions for example the differences between the "1" in types III & IV - in type III the small arm joining the upright is almost at right-angles, whereas in type IV it joins with a curve to the top.

Additionally Des has provided copies of part of his collection to bring out some of his other findings in but one very small part of the overall - the Third Distribution of one issue, the 1c value of Group I.

He asks for all interested in this issue to forward their views and comments please.

(See also notes on the recently formed Study Group in Australia, elsewhere in this issue.)

TYPE I

1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 0

TYPE II

1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 0

TYPE III

1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 0

TYPE IV

1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 0

THE FIRST DEFINITIVE SERIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

1c. VALUE - KAFFIRBOOM FLOWER

GROUP 1.

ISSUED: AUGUST 1961

NO WATERMARK

PAPER: U.S. PAPER CORP., U.S.A.

COATED

ISSUE 1.

THIRD DISTRIBUTION

CYLINDER NUMBERS: A & B 25 26S

SHEET NUMBERS: 4 RED NUMERALS

POSITIONED TWICE ON RIGHT

MARGIN OF PANE B ONLY

This issue, printed in double die format, was perforated by a multiple row appliance, and comprises two panes in vertical format of 20 rows x 10 stamps each with Pane B positioned on the left of A. Red single line broken bars containing a central gap appear on the sheets' top and bottom margins, and red premanufactured arrows are positioned centrally on the left and right vertical margins of both panes. The two cylinder numbers in their respective colours are positioned on the bottom margin of both panes, below stamps 9 and 10 of Row 20. The perforation gauge is 14.75 x 14. Sheets bore evidence of having been externally guillotined. The grey flaw on Pane A's top margin was still present but only a trace of the red flaw was occasionally found. A red inclined scratch mark developed in the left corner of the top margin of Pane B, and disappeared later.

THIS UNWATERMARKED PRINTING WAS A SMALL ONE.



Control Blocks of Panes A and B showing the perforated bottom margins and the imperforate side margins with the single perforation holes. Red single line broken bars appear in the bottom margins below the cylinder numbers and letters. No comb join appears on either block. The A Pane has a narrow side margin. The B pane has a wide side margin and the four figure red sheet number appears opposite Rows 18 and 19.



Control Blocks of Panes A and B showing the perforated bottom margins and the imperforate side margins with the single perforation holes. Red single line broken bars appear in the bottom margins below the cylinder numbers and letters. Comb joins appear on both blocks in the perforations below Row 20. The A Pane has a wide side margin. The B pane has a wide side margin and the four figure red sheet number appears opposite Rows 18 and 19.





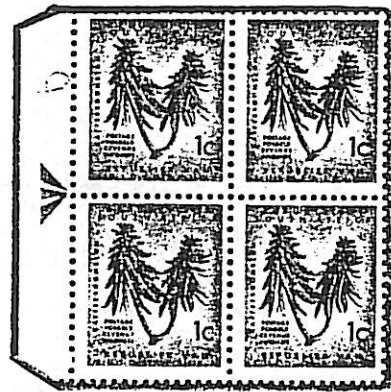
Control Blocks of Panes A and B showing the perforated bottom margins and the imperforate side margins with the single perforation holes. Red single line broken bars appear in the bottom margins below the cylinder numbers and letters. No comb join appears on either block. Both Panes have narrow side margins. No sheet number appears on Pane B.



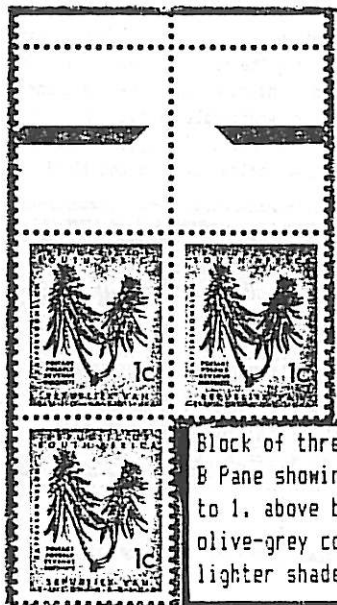
Top left corner pair of Pane B with the top margin perforated through and showing the red broken bars. Below the bar above stamp 1 appears the red inclined scratch mark which developed and disappeared later.



Bottom left corner block of four of the B Pane showing the comb join in the perforations below Row 20. The horizontal perforations have been misplaced downwards. B25 26S



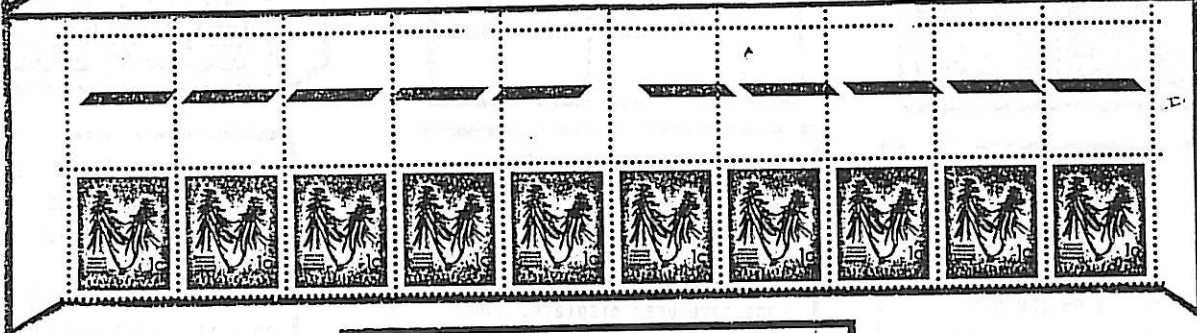
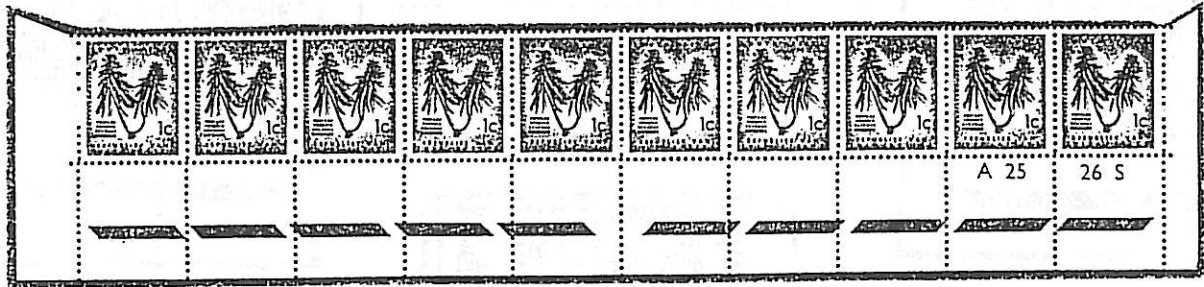
Block of four from Pane B showing the left red pre-manufactured marginal arrows. The horizontal perfs have been misplaced downwards and the vertical ones have been misplaced to the left.



Block of three of the B Pane showing similarly to 1. above but the olive-grey colour is lighter shade.

NO WATERMARK - A PANE:

1. Top horizontal row, with top margin, showing above stamp Row 1/7, the grey flaw with no trace of the red flaw.
2. Double central horizontal rows, with premanufactured red arrows in the left and right margins.
3. Bottom horizontal row with bottom margin, in which are the Cylinder numbers under stamps 9 and 10. A comb join appears in the perforations under Row 20.



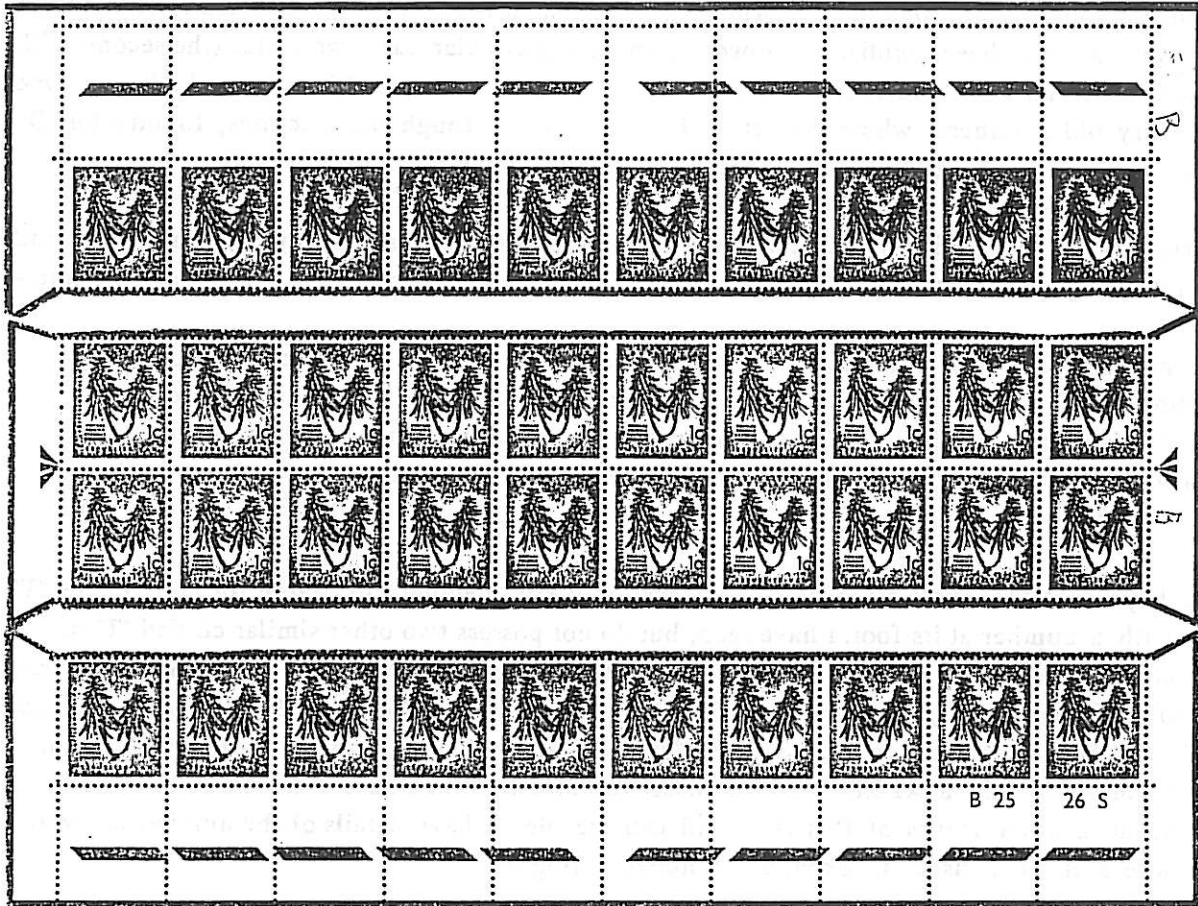
NO WATERMARK

A bottom double horizontal row of Pane A, with the bottom perforated margin showing the complete red single line of broken bars containing the central gap. The left side margin is narrower than the right one and both are imperforate except for the single perforation holes. The cylinder numbers and letters are below stamps 9 and 10 of Row 20.



NO WATERMARK - B PANE:

1. Top horizontal row with top margin.
2. Double central horizontal rows, with premanufactured red arrows in the left and right margins.
3. Bottom horizontal row with bottom margin in which are the cylinder numbers under stamps 9 and 10. A comb join appears in the perforations under Row 20.



Vertical double strip of three from the B Pane with the top perforated margin showing central gap in the red single line of broken bars. The olive-grey colour is dark.

POSTAGE DUE AND ITS RELATIVE MARKINGS

It is quite strange to the philatelic world how so much new information and material is found AFTER a book has been published, however, in this particular case two books (the second with additional material and it included the original material - it was, and is, a limited edition). One of our very old members, whose collection has been sold through our auctions, found a bundle of cover fronts in a wardrobe and promptly sent them to me.

Our friend Fred Clark kindly illustrated the new markings, all 23 of them, yes, twenty-three and when returning the items to me with the illustrations (see the next page) wrote:- and I quote:-

I am amazed that a member can sit upon a collection and not check it with books published by fellow collectors. Here are 23 marks which could/should have been listed following your first Postage Due book and which would then have been included in your second book. How many more members have similar, but as yet unknown items in their albums?

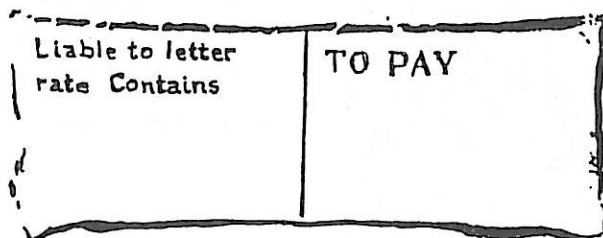
Let us hope that the publication of these marks will stir members to search for more of the "T" marks with a number at its foot. I have seen, but do not possess two other similar circled "T" marks with the number below and another mark of this type was illustrated in the *South African Philatelist* of April 1989, page 78, T & 51, HEILBRON, dated 1987 06 29. Others seen are: 16, THABA NCHU, dated 2 X a 78; 22 WEPENER dated 6 XI a 78, another 16 XII b 80. It would seem certain there is a whole series of these numbered "T" marks for different locations. Do members have other marks of this type and can we please have details of the number below the "T", where and when used, to expand the above listing?*

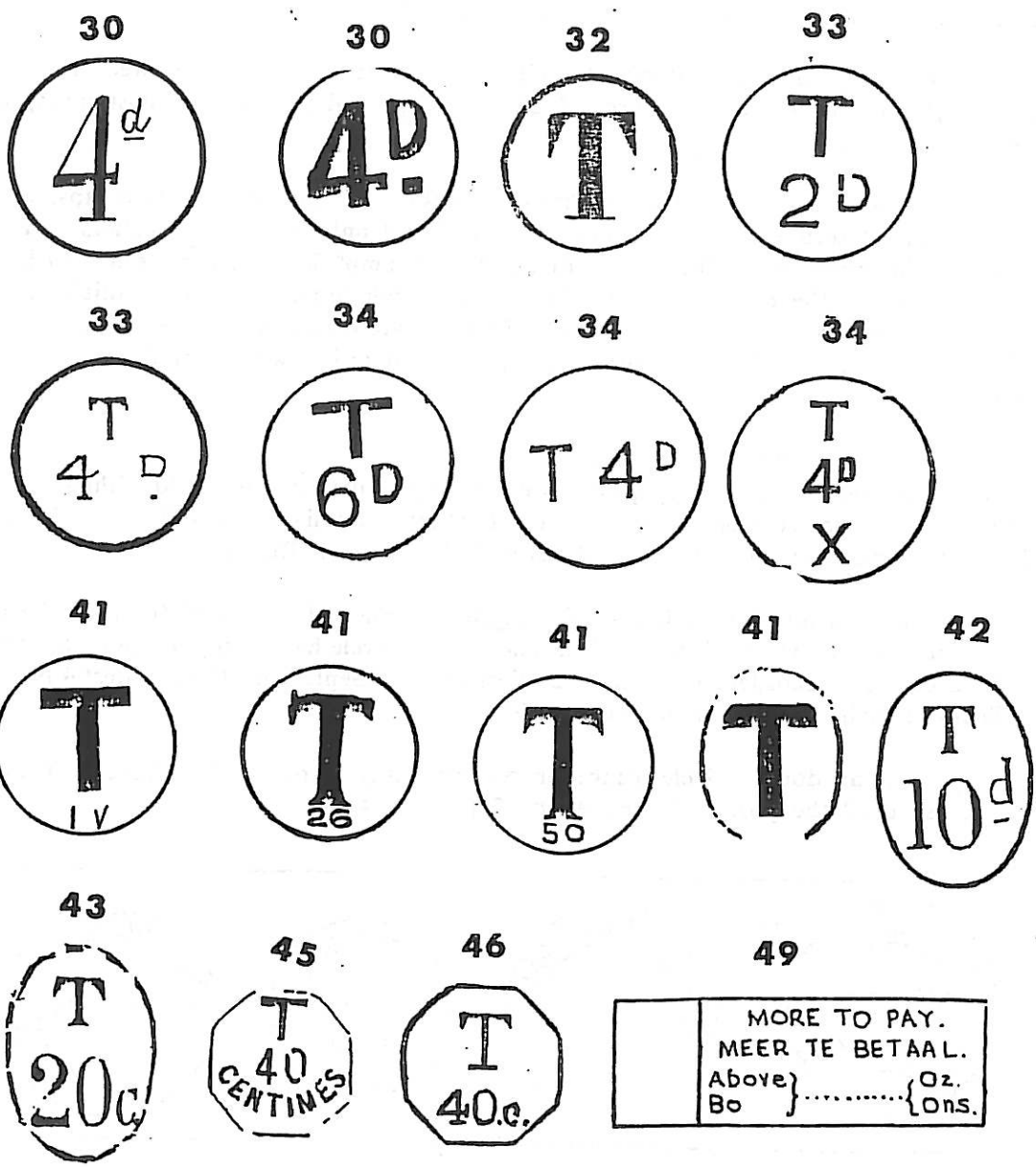
Fred kindly supplied me with a list of relevant information on the covers, and this will be published if desired.

The numbering above the illustration refers to the page number of the second book (still available, price £5, postage UK £1.20, by sea £1.00).

* See *Transvaal Philatelist* Vol.XIX No.1 of Feb 1984 - from A.R. Chilton. *OFS Bulletin* 124/1986. No.41 above would have roman numeral.

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51
 INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID
 ONVOLDOENDE VOORUITBETAAL
 WEIGHT EXCEEDS OZS.
 GEWIG OORSKRY.....ONS.

51
 ENDE GEFRANKEER
 FICIENTLY PREPAID

52
 INSUFFICIENTLY
 PREPAID FOR AIR

52
 INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID FOR TRANSMISSION
 BY AIR MAIL
 ONVOLDOENDE GEFRANKEER VIR VERSENDING
 PER LUGPOS

56
 REFUSED

WORLD WAR II - MILITARY CAMP POST OFFICES

Recent acquisition of several items of mail from WW II Camps has resulted in researching the whole subject of the general background of the camps and their special postmarks, some of which are rarely seen.

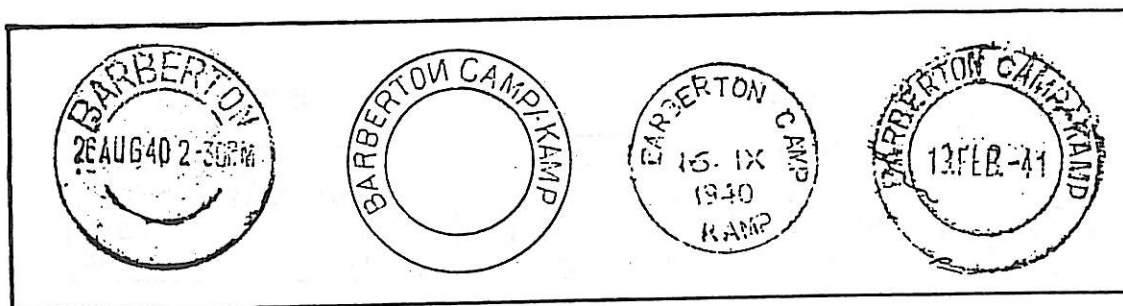
Reisener in his *Special & Commemorative Postmarks* book lists nearly fifty camps, excluding those which were Internment Camps, but of those listed only ten had cancellers which were identifiable by the inclusion in the legend of the word "Camp". Many others used their local post office for despatch of the mails and the only linkage is where mail has both a unit/camp cachet and the civilian postal cancellation. These notes however are concerned with only those that show an actual "camp" postmark. They are listed in alphabetical order, with a brief background to the individual camp.

BARBERTON CAMP (Eastern Transvaal)

It is thought that the temporary post office was opened in August 1940, although as late as 26 August 1940 use was still being made of the Barberton civilian Post Office, which was using a double-circle handstamp. (Origin an OAS letter 3rd Transvaal Regt.)

The first camp handstamp, a double-circle type 29.5mm had a reversed "N" in Barberton and was soon withdrawn. It was replaced with a relief single-circle handstamp although for how long this was in use is not recorded. (Reisener; Earliest seen 25 September 1940 - latest 4 November) (WAP collection: earliest 16 & 17 September 1940).

The replacement double-circle canceller was probably introduced in December 1940 and remained in use until the post office closed on 3 April 1944.

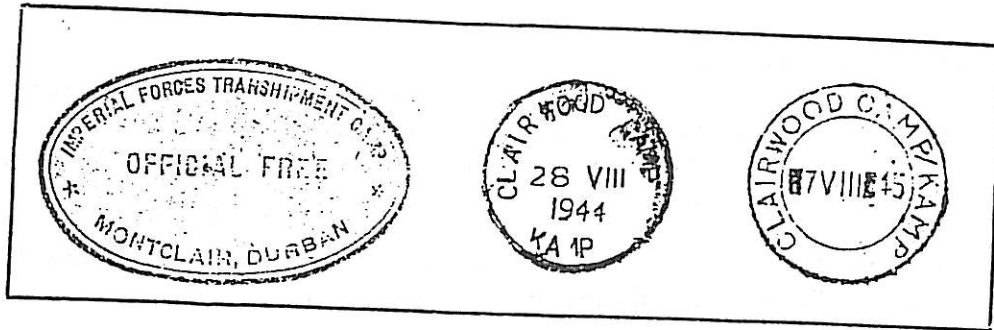


CLAIRWOOD CAMP (Durban)

A camp was set up on the racecourse in 1940 which served as a transit and repatriation camp. Most of the mail seen from the camp carried an oval camp cachet "Imperial Forces Transshipment Camp, Montclair, Durban". Some OAS mail seen is without censor mark or civilian postmarks. Those with the Durban cancellation are generally censored and resealed with the standard red UC8 censor label.

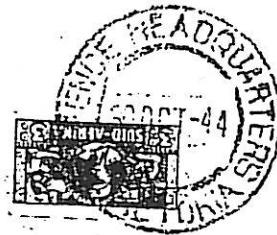
The opening date of the camp post office is not recorded but its first canceller was of the single-circle relief type with the earliest date seen of 28 August 1944 (WAP).

A double-circle canceller (26.5mm) was later provided with the earliest known use, 29 January 1945 (Reisener). The camp closed at the end of 1946 and latest date of cancellation seen is 8 September 1946 (WAP).



DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS, PRETORIA

Although not strictly a camp post office, the HQ is worthy of inclusion in this section. According to post office circulars (Putzel) the postal agency in the Headquarters Building closed on 29 September 1941. Thus the post office using the double-circle handstamp was probably classed as a military post office, in spite of the already established Army P.O. in the Headquarters (SA APO 20) which operated from November 1940 through to 1947. The handstamp is in civilian style with a double-circle and date bridge. The few items of mail seen are either of an official type or registered. One item is addressed to a well known London stamp dealer of the time, and has been censored and resealed with the UC8 censor label. The shortage of examples suggests that this postal facility had restricted use.

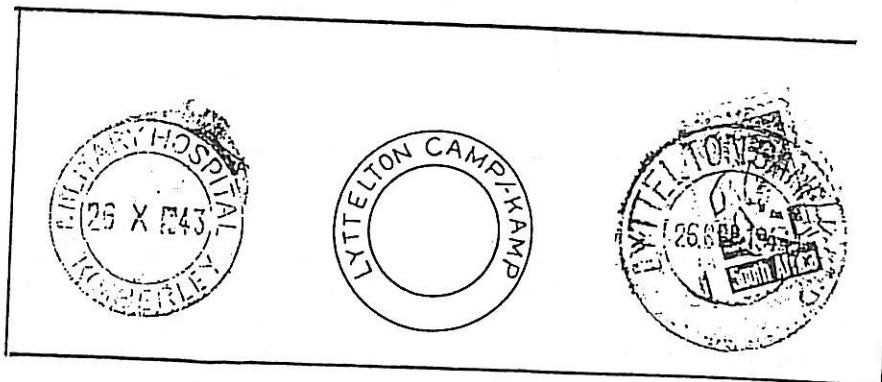


KIMBERLEY MILITARY HOSPITAL (Cape)

A fairly large concentration of troops stationed in this area of the Cape necessitated the establishment of a hospital. Although not a camp it was closely related and a postal agency was eventually set up. According to post office records, it was opened on 6 September 1943 and closed again on 7 October 1946. A double-circle handstamp was provided (25mm) but its use appears to have been minimal.

LYTTLETON CAMP (Transvaal)

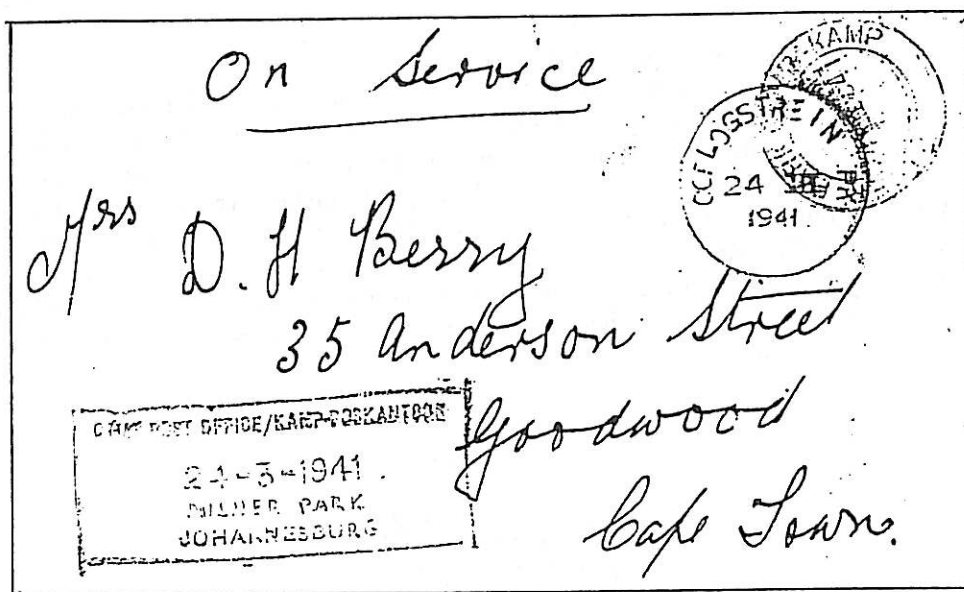
A camp established close to the Waterkloof Air Station and to the long established camps at Roberts Heights. The camp post office was opened on 7 April 1941 and provided with a double-circle handstamp (26mm). (Earliest recorded date: 24 April 1942, and latest 4 January 1944.) A second larger canceller (30mm) also double-circle has also been seen 26 September 1944 (WAP) but dates of use are not recorded.



MILNER PARK CAMP (Transvaal)

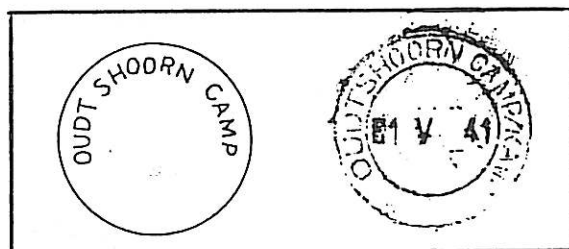
An area of land used as a showground until 1940 when it was taken over by the military. A camp post office opened on 11 November 1940, but was downgraded to the postal agency from 20 January 1941. It closed on 2 April 1945. A double-circle handstamp was provided (25mm). (Earliest date seen: 16 February 1940 - latest 3 July 1943 - Reisener.)

It was from the Auckland Park Railway sidings, which formed part of the showground complex, that the War Train started its journey in March 1941.



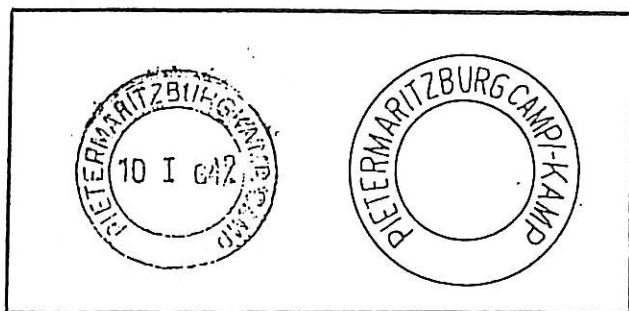
OUTDSHOORN CAMP (Cape)

A temporary post office was set up at the camp in January 1941 and provided with a relief type canceller. A postal and telegraph agency opened on 24 February 1941 and closed on 3 August 1942. During this 16 month period a double-circle (26mm) handstamp was in use although seldom seen.



PIETERMARITZBURG CAMP (Natal)

A large camp, used mainly as a marshalling point for troops travelling north from Durban. A camp post office was opened on 30 June 1941 and closed again on 4 March 1946. Two handstamps were provided, both of the double-circle type, one of 26mm, the other 30mm, with the bilingual setting of the word KAMP/CAMP reversed to CAMP/KAMP in the larger type. (According to Reisener the latest date for the small canceller is 10 March 1942 - latest date seen 3 February 1943 - WAP collection.)



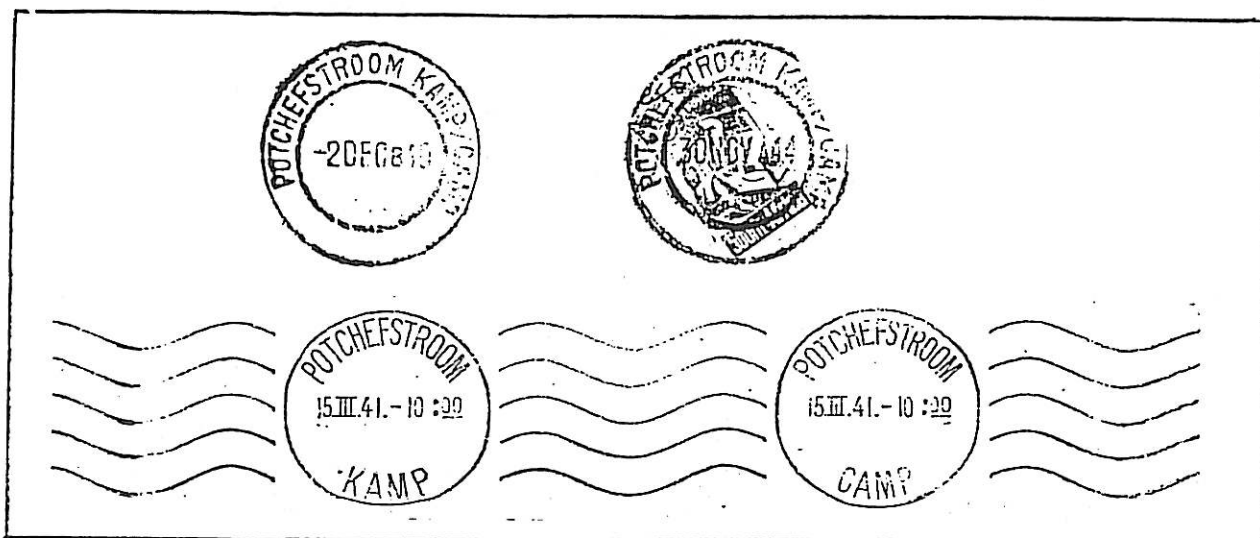
POTCHEFSTROOM CAMP (Transvaal)

One of the larger permanent military camps which had its postal facilities from July 1940, and is still current.

Several handstamps are stated to have been in use during the WWII period, also a machine cancellation. The handstamps were all in similar style, double-circle and recorded as measuring 29mm outer 18.5mm inner - 30mm outer 19mm inner - and 29mm outer 18.5mm inner, the latter said to have wide spacing between the lettering.

This is one of the more common camp cancellations but from covers examined I think the differences in size above are arbitrary! Greater or lesser pressures on application or wear can distort accurate measurement. The items illustrated show December 1940 and November 1944 usage, with "B" and "A" code letters respectively. Undoubtedly for such a large operation there may well have been more than one handstamp in use at a time, but whether they warrant identification attempts is a matter of opinion.

The machine cancellation has unilingual date stamps separated by 5 wavy lines.



PREMIER CAMP (Transvaal)

Another very large camp which handled a considerable amount of mail, and needing a number of handstamps and machine cancellers.

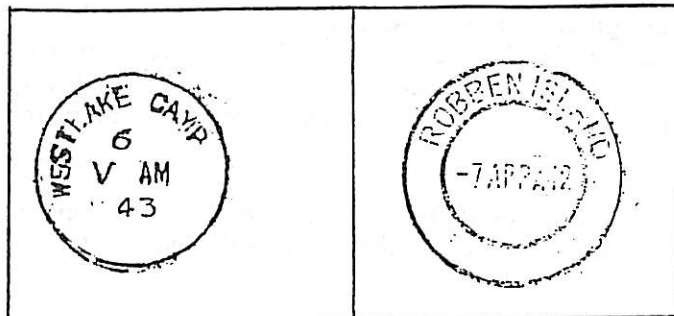
The camp post office opened on 27 May 1940 and closed on 13 September 1948. Reisener lists three handstamps in very similar style, much as those for Potchefstroom. Examination of a fair number of examples over a period has not proved conclusive, but they are listed below as Reisener. Likewise the illustrations are those used by Reisener but with dates removed.

- a) 29mm outer 19mm inner - earliest date: 12 August 1940, latest: 26 May 1943
- b) 29.5mm outer 20mm inner - earliest date: 27 June 1942, latest: 16 February 1943
- c) 29.5mm outer 18.5mm inner - earliest date: 12 September 1940, latest: 15 November 1941

ROBBEN ISLAND

Although not strictly belonging to the above group, Robben Island is worthy of mention in view of its pre and post WW II history. The island sitting in Table Bay was taken over by the Defence Department in 1939 (amongst other functions it had been a prison) and was prepared as a guard fortress for the Cape, complete with garrison, gun emplacements and an airstrip. It already had its postal facilities and unique handstamp.

Mail from the period was either official or from the military personnel, which like normal "On Service" mail received the local handstamp.



The above notes leave a number of unanswered questions on various aspects of quite a small area of the postal history of WWII. The writer would be pleased to have any other details, corrections, confirmations from readers' own collections.

References:

(Note: The postmark illustrations inclusive of dates are taken from actual covers. Those without are scale drawings, from a variety of sources. Care should be exercised in taking or checking measurements from these illustrations. Reproduction in photocopying can be inaccurate!)

J.H. Harvey Pirie *World War II philately of Southern & Eastern Africa* (1953)

South African philatelist (various issues)

Militaria 2/6 Military historical periodical published by Director General Personnel (1970)

Hasso O. Reisener *Special & commemorative postmarks, cachets & covers of South Africa* (1975)

Ralph F. Putzel *Encyclopedia of South African post offices and postal agencies* (4 vols, 1986/90)

Author's own collection.

GREAT UNDISCOVERED VARIETIES OF OUR TIME (NOT TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY)



1. THE SINKING SHIP - A GOOD EXAMPLE OF A PROGRESSIVE FLAW

REPUBLICAN CASTLE 10C EMERALD GREEN

The comments in the Jan/Feb issue are a very big surprise to me. I possess all Mr Sherwood's *Gnus* from January 1949 and in May 1962 under the heading of "New Printings" I quote.

All we have to report this month is a fine rich emerald shade of the 10 cent value, quite distinctive from the shade reported recently. As I was only able to obtain a quite small number, it will have to be first come first served, but I regret that there are NOT any cylinder blocks available.

Mr Sherwood sent me a marginal pair of Nos. 1 and 2 Row 2. In the loose leaf Handbook it is from Group I Issue I Fifth Distribution Feb 1962 of which I have a further three Cylinder Blocks in different shades of a similar colour. By contrast the emerald is a lovely bright colour totally different from all other issues. It is of course on ordinary paper, no watermark and 23.9mm by 30.5mm.

Incidentally I have nearly all issues of these Republican definitives in cylinder blocks, sent to me by the late Kenneth Braithwaite of Port Elizabeth, in exchange for GB stamps.

L.H. Twiss

Our noted "coil" correspondent RDA tells us:

I regret that the only type of the 10c emerald green in my collection is a coil, and I have them in strips of 22...the correct length for coils until the Succulents, as other types of "coil" in strips of 20 could come from sheet printings.

By reference to the Republican Catalogue published by the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa the collector will see there are 3 main releases with sub-types, bearing in mind that the last release in my copy was December 1966 of any amendments to that very useful volume.

209 with Cylinder numbers 101/114 between May 1961 and November 1962
Light green and brown. Shades (magic word!), Basic stamp wmk and unwmk paper
a. Emerald green and brown, unwmk paper
b. Dark green and brown, unwmk paper

Sheet numbers apparently appeared in red and black and the price indicator (then) was basic for light green; increase x2 for dark green and x10 for emerald green shades on the unwatermarked paper.

I have forborne to re-publish the relevant pages from the Handbook (2½ at least) so suggest to interested parties, please use the Library or find a nearby fellow member with a copy.

DWP

S.A. & R.S.A. STUDY GROUP (AUSTRALIA)

Quite out of the blue, we learn of yet another South African Study Group. Contact has been made with SACS, seeking quite a formidable amount of information. By coincidence to the efforts of our South African member who is working on the First Republican definitive issue, the Australian Group say their first project is to study this issue - "starting with papers, watermarks and then the individual postage stamps. But we may be re-inventing the wheel. If your Group or some other study group in the United Kingdom has already carried out a similar project and has published results..." etc. etc. (Their words not mine!)

The remainder of the communication is tantamount almost to a request for a bibliography on Union and Republic writings.

The emergence of more and more individual specialist groups within our field of collecting does demonstrate the need for close co-operation between the various groups worldwide. The exchange of journals is the first step plus the opportunity to publish items of interest. Such liaison can only benefit South African collectors as a whole, and avoid groups embarking on projects "in isolation" often to the detriment of the total worldwide interest.

W.A. Page

APRIL MEETING IN LONDON

This evening the subject being something that is not a normal cup of tea/coffee was SLOGANS & Meter Marks of the Union/Republic.

To assist those present the published book on "SLOGANS" was produced and it was nice to see it being consulted. Unfortunately not all those listed were in the collection, the missing item being "USE THE TELEPHONE/GEbruik die telefon" only on correspondence from J'burg.

Not all areas of South Africa, Union/Republic, were covered by the slogans, but the main series only covered nine principal areas, namely, Bloemfontein, Cape Town, East London, Johannesburg, Kimberley, Pietermaritzburg, Port Elizabeth and Pretoria. These Postal Slogans, to give them their correct identification label, must be in the thousands, one, "BUY UNION LOAN CERTIFICATES", in use for 13 years from 1919 to 1931 in 13 different forms and recently an appeal was made from S.A. as it was thought more than that was in use. Some as "TRANSVAAL, UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, CUSTOMS AND PAQUEBOT" are not strictly within the orbit, but are listed. The index to the book goes from "I" to "M" with nothing between, I thought a page was missing, but it is not so. The "TRANSVAAL" could only be used Interprovincially and only at Johannesburg. These slogans are being discovered recently yet their usage was years ago, see *The Springbok*, Vol 38, No.6 page 133. The book only covers up to 1.3.79. The collection seen was from two albums.

The other part of the evening was taken up by METER MARKS ON CORRESPONDENCE. We were told that this too was from a two album collection but only part was produced so as to cover the known types of machines. Perhaps it would be wise to explain what these are:

...stamps printed by means of a franking machine, by firms and individuals, licensed by the P.M.G. direct on to envelopes or labels to be posted. The machine records by a meter the amount expended and is set in multiples of £5 by the Post Office, who allow a discount of 5% as for bulk postage. Designs are affixed by the Post Office and are only valid by the licensed holder on the day of printing indicated by the town and date marks, printed at the same time as the stamp design.

RED is the postal Union colour for all meter markings. Not all makers of the machines are known, but the identification is by the following:

"A"; "F" Francotype; "H" Hasler multi value; "HA"; "HAS"; "J"; "M" Midget (two were seen with the "d" of coinage altered to read "c" and the words "UNION OF" and "UNIE VAN" removed from the meter mark); "N" Neopost; "NA"; "NB"; "NE"; "PB"; "PBH"; "PBL"; "R"; "RS"; "S" Simplex; "SA"; "T"; "U" Universal; "UA"; and "PAID".

The coinage used was expressed in many ways from Union days to the present time.

RDA

(I have expressed my apologies to RDA for overlooking his report - Ed.)

EXHIBITION

It was suggested at the Abell Trophy Meeting that the Society hold an Exhibition at the current London meeting place, using the main hall, on a Saturday. A suitable venue, for size and facilities.

Whilst we do have frames, they are of an older type and heavy and would need new covers, transporting and erecting. Invite 2/3 traders perhaps? Another means to an end would be to ask BPF to let us have a room at Stampex, Spring or Autumn, utilising their frames.

Either venue requires:-

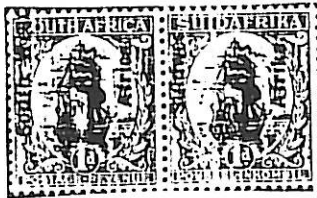
- a) acceptance of the idea of an Exhibition
- b) choosing a location
- c) provision of exhibits
- d) staffing/labour (which on the measure of present attendance at London we need to have a pretty big magnet!)

Views and volunteers to Hon. Secretary or Hon. Editor please.

DWP

SOUTH WEST AFRICA SACC 65 - ENGLISH ON ENGLISH

Misplaced overprint to top: "t" of West in top margin



This reflects in the SACC 68B - English on Afrikaans but there is no mention of this variety for English on English. The pair is mounted mint. On the left hand stamp can be seen the "Calabash Flaw" which is the variety found at Row 12/5.

How common is this variety with South West Africa overprint?
Have members seen it before with the overprint?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

At our London Meeting on 14 September 1991, during a casual conversation I was asked what I had in George V Coil issues. I mentioned what I had and said in that talk that I had a $\frac{1}{2}$ d, with blue head (see catalogue V6 item R.1) to which he quickly replied, it is not listed so I suggested he read the preamble, and I will quote the relevant part:

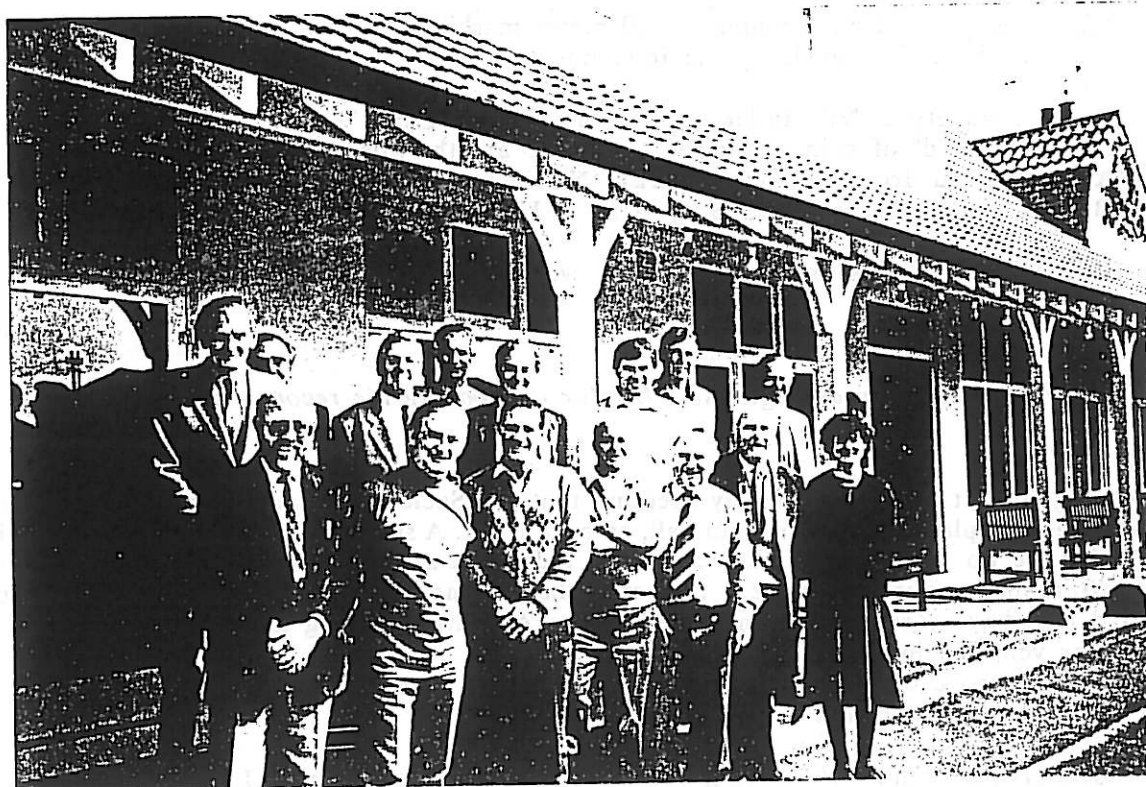
For the beginning and end tabs [RDA: commonly known as "HEADS or TAILS"] a row of blanks taken from a sheet of gummed, perforated, white, or occasionally blued, paper was fastened to the top of the first and bottom of the last half sheets respectively...

I wonder how many have read the preamble to London Pictorial (Coils), the bevelled corner on row 1 and also 12, this used to be listed as Vb, according to a note in my Jack Hagger Catalogue, but I cannot trace from where I obtained the information.

My suggestion, when looking for the listed varieties, also read the headings to each section, Jack has taken great pains over the correctness of his publication.

RDA

SOUTH AFRICAN COLLECTORS SOCIETY Regional Meeting at Weston super Mare 13.4.91
Organised by P.A.C. Cattell



Back: P. de Paris; A. Caines; N. Clowes; R. Weaver; P. Rose; C. Colley; D.W. Painter; J. Philpott
Front: B. Redpath; R. Stroud; D.J. Smith; S. Gregory; P.A.C. Cattell; R.D. Allen; Miss C. Newell

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It seems a potential minefield exists for the unwary Editor in leaving virgin the text submitted that claims either an original find or completeness; so we continue to learn.

Following RDA's item (Vol. 39 No. 3) members have enlarged on availability of reference, so from that and other gathered straws I list where researchers may pursue their task, in but one publication.

The *South African philatelist* will be found at:

Cape Town's South African Library and the Parliamentary Library
Pretoria - State Library
Bloemfontein - OFS State Library
Pietermaritzburg - Natal State Library
The British Museum, London
Netherlands State Library
Australian National Library at Canberra

Further items in detail from Wm Grütter, who mentions that there are 2 supplements to Stevenson's *Triangular stamps of CGH* (1950); one to Simenhoff's *Standard catalogue of the Union* (1930) for example.

It is appropriate to remind readers that the Library list in the Green Book not only lists some of what has been published, but that it is there to be borrowed.

LIBRARY

Addition and amendment:

- 77 The title should be amended to *Union Castle Ocean Post Offices* by Philip Cattell
86 *A study of the Bradbury-Wilkinson 1925-31 pictorial definitives*, by P. Vogenbeck

The latter is a 36 page study weighing some 250gr which Peter Vogenbeck has kindly given to the Society for the Library.

ABELL TROPHY

Whilst we had a few more members on Saturday 14 September 1991, it was a few. The trophy was won clearly by Philip Cattell with an exhibit that covered the little known UK and SA Sea Post Office that operated between Southampton and Cape Town from 27 September 1913 until August 1914. There were items commencing with one from the first journey and one to end on 27 August 1914 and successfully illustrated the original research done to establish just how the service operated. (See Library item amended, this issue - *Ed.*) A worthy exhibit that won at the Somerset & Dorset Federation in July 1991.

POSTAL STATIONERY

RDA reports that from November 1990 an issue of 5000 envelopes is made each month until 31 July 1991. These items have KNOXPRINT under the flap; have a stamp box 22mm x 20mm and a neater lay-out with the wording placed differently as to where to make the opening incision.

MEMBER REQUESTS

Ken Radley, 16 Forbes Ave, Kanata, Ontario, K2L 2L8, Canada, requires RSA Post Office Bulletins 101, 103, 106, 109, 126 and 128, and SWA Bulletins 23 and 24. He has some duplicates (RSA) for exchange, or Canadian used stamps, or will buy.

POSTAGE STAMPS INFORMATION AS AT 31 MARCH 1991

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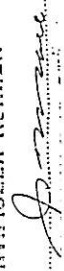
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<u>FIFTH DEFINITIVE SERIES SUCCULENTS</u>											
50036.41	100	2c	200 000	91/01/30	10 000	91/02/21	200 500		2214,2215,2216 and 2217	New	Printed by Litho
49334.45	100	10c	130 000	91/01/15	10 000	91/02/05	125 500	Underwater- marked Harrison Paçar 2209	2305,2207,2208 and 2209	New	Printed by Litho
44250.12	100	21c	3 700 000	90/02/25	38 000	91/02/19	3 707 000	Harrison Paçar	2174,2175,2176 and 2177	New	Printed by Litho
50033.38	100	25c	1 000 000	91/01/30	10 000	91/03/27	1 000 000		2218,2219,2220 and 2221	New	Printed by Litho
50032.37	100	25c	1 000 000	91/03/27	50 000		50 000		2218,2219,2220 and 2221	New	Printed by Litho

AIR LETTERS

45304.56	3	40c	3 000 000	90/06/20	5 000	91/03/07	3 000 000	Cyster Cpaque Matt		New	Printed by Litho
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ANIMAL BREEDING IN SOUTH AFRICA SPECIAL STAMPS

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GEORGINA KORBEN


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