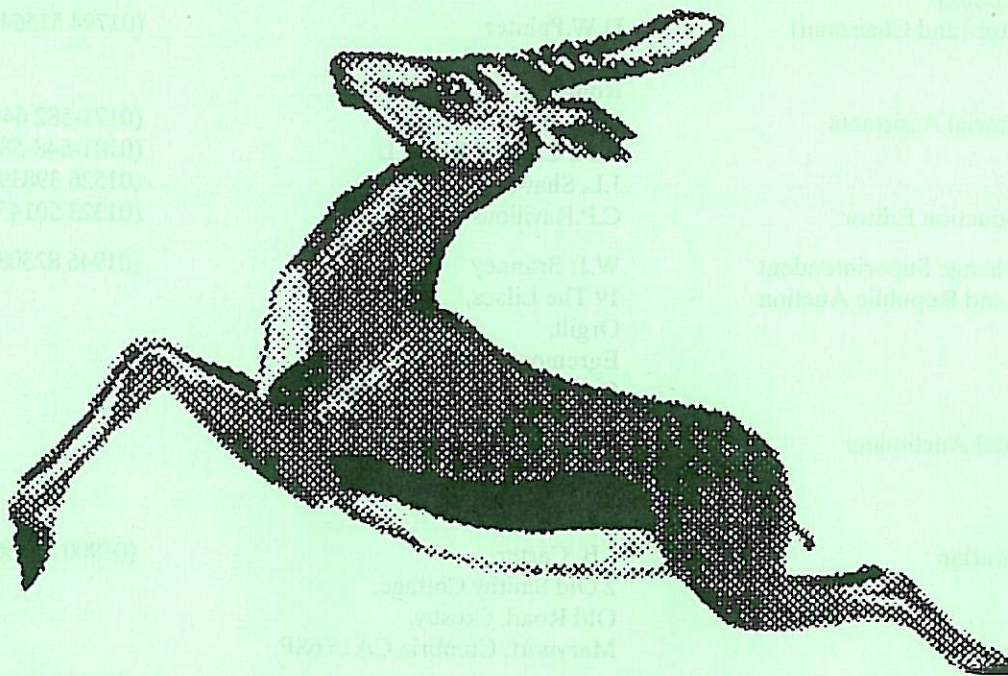


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EDITORIAL

Members are asked to again read the request for volunteers to take on the production and despatch of *The Springbok*. The posts were believed to have been finalised, but the member has had to stand down for family and career reasons.

YOU NEED THE SPRINGBOK! so please think on and write to me. I regret I do not have the names of those who contacted Alec Page, and unfortunately he is ill and cannot be approached with such problems just yet.

DWP

Programme of Society Meetings 1995/96

Tuesday 12 December 1995

5.30 to 7.30pm at Hawkstone Hall: Minimum of 12 sheets from Members attending, plus queries.

Saturday 16 March 1996

2.30 to 5.30 pm at Hawkstone Hall. Subject to be confirmed.

Saturday 16 March 1996

10am to 4pm at the County Hotel, Carlisle. Subject: the 1935-1939 issues. Contact Brian Carter.

Tuesday 11 June 1996

5.30 to 7.30pm at Hawkstone Hall. Subject to be advised.

HAWKSTONE HALL is across the road from LAMBETH NORTH Underground Station and a modest 10-minute walk from Waterloo Station.

Other Events

Spring Stampex, 24 to 28 January 1996 at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London

STAMP '96 International Stamp Exhibition at Wembley, 25 to 28 April 1996.

Autumn Stampex, 18 to 22 September 1996, again at the Business Design Centre, Islington.

Proposed Events

Sat. 15 June 1996, SWINPEX. Swindon member Brian Buckle proffers the opportunity to gather there.

MODERN POSTCARDS

Through the thoughtfulness of Mr Allen, I have been able to view the Philatelic Services leaflets published on the 'new' series that began on 1 July 1991.

Naturally this set a different standard as to size and design. Inland postage paid in the service indicator panel; that means no cash value so that they may be used without the need to change the values in days of inflation. In 1991 the second set came out on 1 October. During 1992 there were four sets issued and by then it was evident that the mixture of Coats of Arms of various places were irregularly mixed up with unrelated subjects such as the Mountain Club; the Port Elizabeth Opera House 100th Anniversary, and so on. At least the sepia monotone stuck to the scenery.

A new and very different way of collecting material of South Africa and much more colourful than Framas, even though it is questioned whether there is not yet another field for the collector to be led off into.

DWP, Hon. Editor

LONDON MEETING, Saturday 2 September 1995

This Annual General Meeting received the support of nine members; Messrs Archer, Clark, Day, Diss, Newman, Olver, Painter and Shaw, with apologies from our Hon. General Secretary Alec Page, indisposed, and Tony Chilton away on holiday.

There being no nominations for the positions currently held, the members agreed to those present holders remaining in office.

Mr Allen asked the meeting to consider electing a Chairman, as he had held that post for many years, along with the Life Presidency, and being now 89 would be glad for another to be considered. A nomination was made by John Shaw, and after discussion your present Hon. Editor was duly elected as Chairman.

In the absence of friend Alec, it fell to the Editor's lot to make the presentation of the Wicks 'special' award to R.D. Allen for his years of persistent support and presentation of many small, pertinent and useful contributions to *The Springbok* and the Society.

David Painter reported to the meeting the very successful visit to the prospective Editor and is quite satisfied that he can and will do a good job. STOP PRESS: This applicant has had to withdraw so volunteers are still needed. See *The Springbok* Vol. 43 (3) p.48 and my editorial in Vol. 43 (3). WRITE to D.W. Painter please, and not Alec Page who is unwell and has asked that I handle this URGENT NEED.

Discussion ensued on the subject of Society Auctions (see issue No. 3 for 1995), and it was emphasised that Society rules should be more closely adhered to in the matter of describing lots submitted. If a member wants advice on lotting and/or how to describe his items, then that must be separately considered please.

Following the clear success of MIDPEX 95, it was agreed to support MIDPEX 97 and further to support a display/meeting at the Millenium Stamp Exhibition 22 to 28 May 2000 at Earls Court 1 Exhibition Hall.

Abell Trophy. With six entries, a good field of material was to be seen. Entries ranged across the Natal Settlers Centenary; Tristan World War 2; Harrison Essays; 1936 Exhibition Souvenirs; the Coils from the Fifth Series Definitives; Registered Envelopes of the Republic. Congratulations to John Shaw for his Harrison Essays entry and to the runner-up, Jack Newman, for his 1936 Johannesburg Exhibition items.

This was followed by a display from Alec Page's collection of the South African Weather Station material and a 21-lot 'ad hoc' auction that saw some modest competition for the varied lots available.

DWP, Hon. Editor

CARLISLE MEETING, Saturday 16 September 1995

Once again the regular attendees welcomed each other and chatted about things in common, but all were both surprised and delighted to see a member who had travelled all the way from Tilbury: Mr John Archer, with his charming wife, had come in their caravan to join us at the meeting and spend a week in the Lakes and the North-East.

Mr J. Smart had not long returned from South Africa and had brought some catalogues from a friend who had written the catalogue who is also a member of the South African Study Circle (Mrs Reggie Smith).

Members present thought that to boost membership and maybe meeting attendances the S.A.C.S. should advertise in philatelic magazines.

There were numerous exhibits on the War Effort stamps including mint and used with listed varieties and covers from Egypt and Paquebots. Mr Donald Todd, who showed covers, asked those present if they could explain what a unified cancellation is, but unfortunately no-one present knew. If any of the readers could explain this then please let us know.

The date for the next meeting is 16 March 1996 at the County Hotel, Carlisle. Anyone wishing to attend but needing directions please contact me and I will be only too glad to send them. The exhibits for the next meeting are to be material from 1935 to 1939 which gives scope for all different collectors to take part.

J.B. Carter
Hon. Librarian

Members please note the return to the original premises in Carlisle. The County Hotel is in the city centre, adjacent to the main railway station. There is a car park at the back, but you need to tell Reception where you are and the number of your car. Date/venue had to be decided on in relation to other events in the north of our island that members may wish to attend. Thanks for your report and booking arrangements, Brian.

(Please see Obituary note at p96 re Jim Smart)

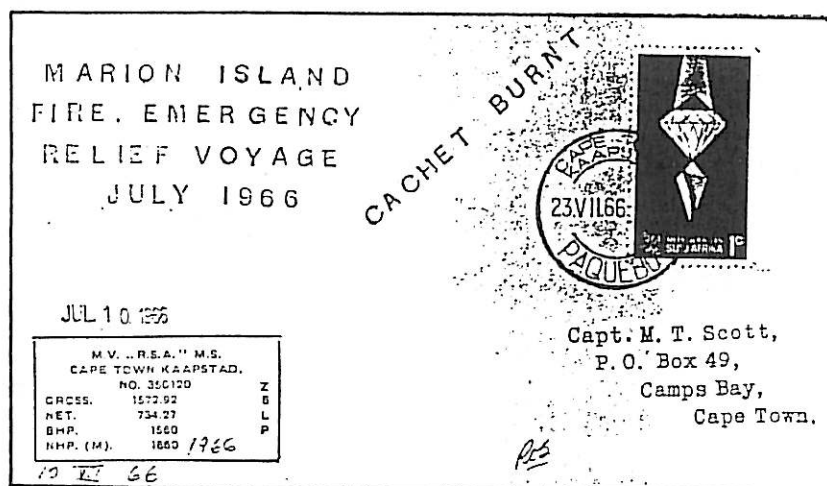
DWP, Hon. Editor

SOUTH AFRICAN WEATHER STATIONS

An addendum to the article published in the June 1955 issue of *The Springbok*:

The June 1966 Fire on Marion Island. It has now been revealed by another correspondent of the late Capt. M.T. Scott of the fishery vessel 'Tristania' that a small number of covers were prepared for the 'R.S.A.' emergency relief voyage to Marion Island. These were taken back to Cape Town on board the 'R.S.A.' and treated as 'paquebot mail'.

W.A. Page, FRPS,L



R.D. Allen

SHEET COIL 12S (Updating of Vol. 42(4), pp.88-9)

The many collectors of the well-known Ship Penny red may ask why coil issues are of any use to them, they are Issue 8 Multipositives and also Issue 9: please see the Union of South Africa Catalogue, by Jack Hagger, pp.53-4, which implies some blocks of four or larger may be from Coil Sheet 12S. With the very kind assistance of Alec Page, who was not happy about the photocopies from which the illustrations were taken, much clearer pictures were suitably enlarged. With their help and an improved magnifier further information has been obtained.

Pair *The marginal pair with the signature of the late L. Simenhoff:*
Left stamp: break in white panel over 'SS', see cat. 37c V1, and also R.12S V1.
Right stamp: black dot in oval vignette, about eight o'clock.

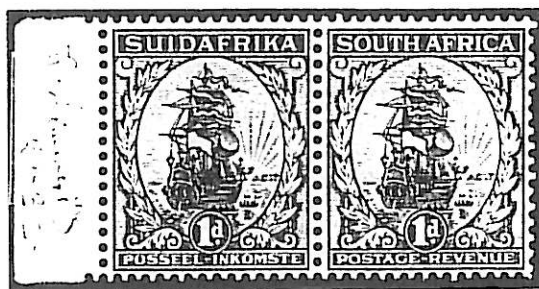
Block *The block of four:*
11/3; 'F' of 'SUIDAFRIKA' has a line above it
11/4; red dot above small boat
12/3; minute red dot first 'A' of 'AFRICA'
12/4; red dot above mast head (V1) see V2.

Checking Simenhoff's listing, Coil 2; dot over last 'S' of posseel
11/3 listed as dots; 12/3 dot seems to be black, listed as RED left of 2nd yardarm.
(Age may darken red) — my remark
12/4 mast head dot is listed, other not.

The listing 'name' for varieties, etc., generally is the description given by the compiler and what it seems to him/her as will meet the situation, as a practical example the 37C V12, described as an arrow head, the sight name would suggest a 'pheon' to me, however 'arrow' is more easily understood than pheon, the mark used to identify H.M. Government's property. There should not be any doubt with 'dots', or 'spots'.

Finally, I shall quote from my book on coils: 'It was found that the vignette of R.12S were FIVE stamps out of step with the frames, proved by the various multipositive flaws. There are many of these, both frame and vignette...'

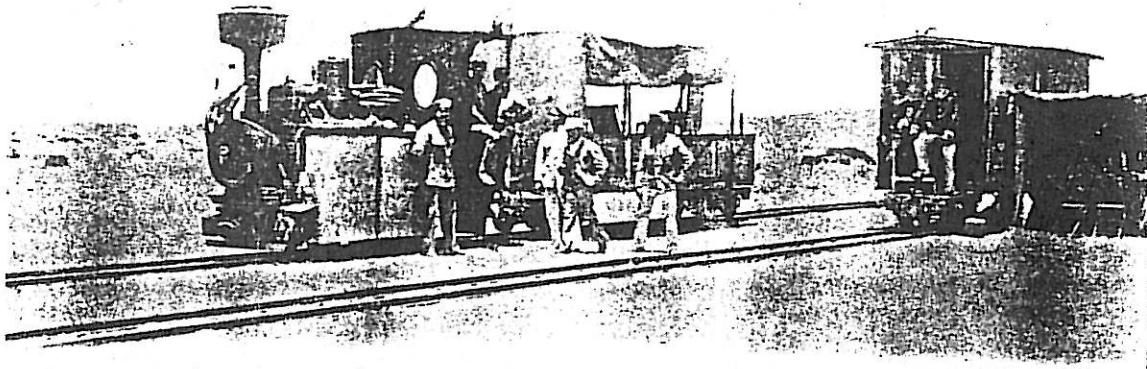
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EARLY RAILWAYS

I always had a vision of a 'Flying Scotsman' type locomotive thundering across the desert from Swakopmund to Windhoek. I thought readers might be amused by the reality. The first is one of two cards (ex Cavendish) of the Swakopmund - Windhoek railway in 1899 and the second (from a collection of 'interprovincials' ex Brian Redpath) of the Wolsley to Ceres line in 1913 from one of the constructors bemoaning the conditions and the £12,000 per mile cost!

Tony Howgrave-Graham



Eröffnung der ersten 10 km. des Eisenbahns Swakopmund - Windhoek.

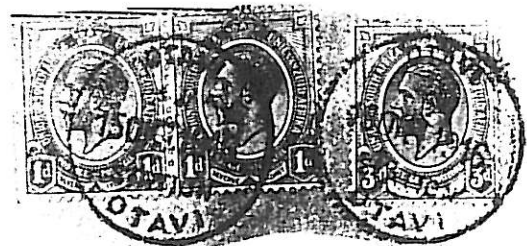
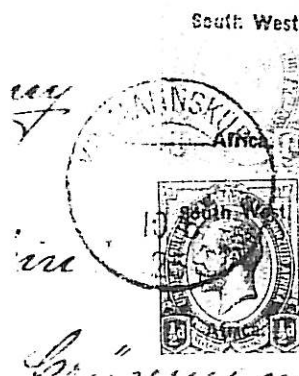


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UPDATING PUTZEL

I am greatly indebted to Ralph Putzel for his book on SWA postmarks. There are a couple of items I have which aren't in the book and may be of interest. The first is the Kolmannskuppe conversion. This was converted to Kolmannskop by removing the final 'PE' and capping the 'U' to form an 'O', the double 'N' remaining as an error. Putzel mentions the final 'B' of the Guchab conversion (from Gochas) reverting to an 'S', but the 1925 Kolmannskop card here clearly shows reversion of the 'O' to 'U'. The registered cover illustrated in Putzel shows it still an 'O' in 1924. The other item is an Otavi Station cds which is similar, but different, from those shown. I have another similar with part of the German 'EISENBAHN' still remaining but the strike is not clear enough to warrant illustration.

Tony Howgrave-Graham



POSTAGE DUE – Group IX

Bernard Doherty writing in *The Forerunners* Nov. 94/Feb. 95 (PSGSA bulletin) raises a query re the postage due 1d, suggesting that D38 was reprinted with a different exterior cylinder and guessed that it was done 1959 or 1960 in the early part of that year in that it had a much clearer frame printing to the 1961 decimal (1c) value as the colour was similar exterior frame with a finer screening giving it a similar clarity in the design.

He quoted *The Springbok*, March/April 1961, page 36 being printed with interior cylinder 110 and exterior 85, and upon examination under magnification (10x) showed that the leaves above and below the value tablet were not as finely printed as the pre-decimal stamp being examined.

He quoted *Stamps of South Africa*, Golden Jubilee Edition handbook with an excerpt.

He goes on to say, 'I realized the value of a good reference library, for I suddenly found that I had no detailed information at all on this "group" of postage due stamps' ... Then the assessment of other stamps to match the frame type ... and it is also a very good lesson in the need to have good reference books on your subject.

He does quote part of the heading to the section of IX group, but I will refer to it later.

I have Vol. 2 of the Golden Jubilee Handbook catalogue, and on page 74 it amends page 359 of the original work and my Vol. 1 has a notice of the amendment, and when the 1979 version of the Golden Jubilee Edition appeared it has the correct amendment.

You may wonder why I make note of remarks in the update of catalogues, well it was from my early training and has proved its use over the years.

Now the amendment: Vol. II, page 359, paragraph at top of page, delete the second and third sentence. Substitute 'Finally there were new issues of the 1d, 2d and 6d values from the new exterior cylinder 92. In the case of the 6d value, which appeared in February 1959, the interior cylinder was also new, number 63, but in the 1d value, which appeared in July 1960 and the 2d value at the end of 1960, the old cylinders were used again. Except for the frames being lighter and brighter in colour the stamps resemble those of the previous issues very closely in each case. Red sheet numbers appear on the left in the 1d and the 2d, and on the right hand margin of the 6d values.'

D38, 1d. After this item insert: 'D38A. 1d Black and rose-carmine and 4 varieties are listed'.

It also lists on page 75, D41A 2d. D44 'V's' to be deleted.

D44A 6d Slate-green and orange-vermilion.

The 1979 edition is correct as far as I can see, well anyway as to these items.

RDA

Des Greenhalgh

THE FIRST DEFINITIVE SERIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

2C VALUE - POURING GOLD

CYLINDER NUMBERS 16 86

PRINTED ON: GOEBELS NO. B30 with multiple/eleven row perforator

PAPER: Uncoated, supplied by U.S. Paper Corporation, U.S.A.

PERFORATION GAUGE: 13.75 x 14

Printed in Single Die Sheet Format of 20 rows x 5 stamps each. The top and bottom margins are perforated through and carry blue single line broken bars, while the left and right margins are imperforate, except for a single perforation hole at each row and contain centrally placed blue pre-manufactured arrows. Two cylinders were used 16 (yellow) and 86 (blue) and they are positioned below stamp 5 or row 20. Sheet numbers, when present, are four red numerals positioned in the right margin.

PRINTING	WATERMARK	SHEET NUMBERS POSITION & TYPE	ISSUE DATE AND QUANTITIES	HANDBOOK/ CATALOGUE NUMBER	SACC NO.	REMARKS
First	Coat of Arms	Nil	May 1961 23 342	204/1 First	200	Large hole perfs
Second	Coat of Arms	14(3)-15(1) II 3(3)-4(1)	July 1961 94 700	204/1 Second		Large hole perfs
Third	Coat of Arms	15(4) ? 4(4)	June 1962			Large hole perfs
Fourth	Coat of Arms	13 -14 ?	Sept. 1962			Large hole perfs
Fifth	Coat of Arms	15(1)-16(3) I 4(1)-5(3)	Nov. 1962 54 959	204/1 Third		Small hole perfs
Sixth	Coat of Arms	14(1)-15(3) II 3(1)-4(3)	May 1963			Large hole perfs
Seventh	No Wmk.	16(3)-17(1) I 5(3)-6(1)	11 Aug. 1963 74 390	204/1 Fourth	211	Small hole perfs

Of the above seven printings only two, namely the fifth and seventh, can be established with the Cylinder/Control blocks. They are the only two with SMALL hole perfs – the fifth has the Coat of Arms Wmk. whereas the seventh has no Wmk. To establish the other five printings it is necessary to have positional pieces of single or double row right marginal vertical strips with a sheet number with either the bottom or top right corner or the marginal arrow which is positioned between rows 10 and 11.

Reference is made to the article on the above subject by R.D. Allen on pp. 16-19 of *The Springbok* 41 (1), Jan/March 1993 and the article 'The 2c Gold Pouring' by John Davis and the 'Listing of the 2c - First Issue' by J.M. Smart on pp. 58-9 of *The Springbok* 41 (3), July Sept 1993.

R.D. Allen refers to an article 'Colours and Shades' by Dr H.J. Raubenheimer in the *South African Philatelist* of April 1967. In the next issue of the *SA Philatelist*, May 1967, is

another article by the same author entitled 'The Significance of the Position of Sheet Numbers'. This article has played a very important part in my studies of the First R.S.A. definitives because he states: 'It can now be seen that the position of the sheet numbers is definitely related to a particular printing and that it should be then possible to identify any printing'. Accordingly all my studies of the various values of the Republican First Definitives are grouped under the Cylinder numbers and then under the different printings. The last paragraph of Dr Raubenheimer's article reads: 'In conclusion, the study of the sheet number positions has led to a new understanding of the whole question of the printings of the Republic stamps. Much collating has still to be done. New facts may come to light...'

LET US NOW CONSIDER THE 2C CYLINDER NOS. 16 86:

In the SACC we find two variations of this cylinder number: 200 (May 61) with Coat of Arms Wmk. and 211 (August 1963) with no wmk. The Handbook/Catalogue of the Federation, which many specialists of the R.S.A. First Definitives use, has three distributions with Coat of Arms Wmk. and one with no wmk. R.D. Allen's listing shows a similar listing to that of the Handbook/Catalogue even to the extent that the SG Nos. he quotes are identical to those of the Handbook/Catalogue. I feel that although Mr Allen explains that the cylinder No. 16 was used in error instead of 91 it cannot now be introduced into listings or catalogues as 91 does not exist on any cylinder blocks and thus can only cause more confusion in the series which already is fairly complicated and confused. Then we come to Jim Smart's listing in which he reflects two printings with Coat of Arms Wmk. and one with no wmk.

In the Handbook/Catalogue each value is divided into groups, which are divided into issues and these are broken down into distributions - then are quoted Cylinder Numbers, Watermarks, Sheet Numbers and then the Issue Date. My records deviate from such a system as I start with the Cylinder-Nos. under which I list the different printings together with details of the variable factors by which printings can be distinguished. Variable factors include perforations, watermarks, sheet numbers, paper and any other characteristics - then I quote the date of issue. To prevent any possibility of confusion I correlate each printing to a Handbook/Catalogue No. as well as a SACC No., whenever it is possible.

It is necessary to explain how the positions of sheet numbers are reflected. Sheet numbers are normally found in the bottom or right hand margins. If in the bottom margin it will be under the stamp quoted, if in the side margin it will be alongside the row quoted. When sheets/panes consist of 20x10 or 20x5 stamps, if sheet numbers are present, there are always two similar numbers eleven stamps apart. If a sheet number is opposite row 4 the same number will be opposite row 15. If a sheet/pane consists of 10x10 stamps, there will only be one sheet number. Sheet numbers can be red with four digits (four Types exist: refer *The Springbok* 39 (6) p.105), black with five digits (Types I and II) and black with six digits when printed on the Albertina printer.

Giving a few examples will clarify the reading of positions of sheet numbers:

6(2) - 7(2) means that two digits are under stamp 6 (17) and two under stamp 7 (18) or alongside row 6 (17) and row 7 (18) if the sheet numbers are in the side margin.

5(1) - (1) - 6(2) means one digit under stamp 5 (16), one under the perforations between stamps 5 and 6 and two digits under stamp 6 (17), or similarly under the respective rows.

(1) - 4(3) means one digit under the vertical perforations between stamps 3 and 4 and three under stamp 4 or similarly opposite the respective rows.

[Regret Bill Branney advises that Des Greenhalgh, a former member of the SACS, died on 14 September 1995 - Ed.]

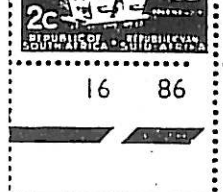
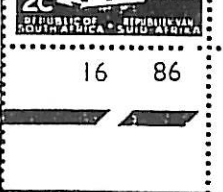
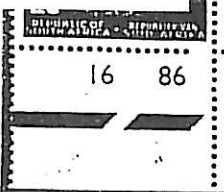


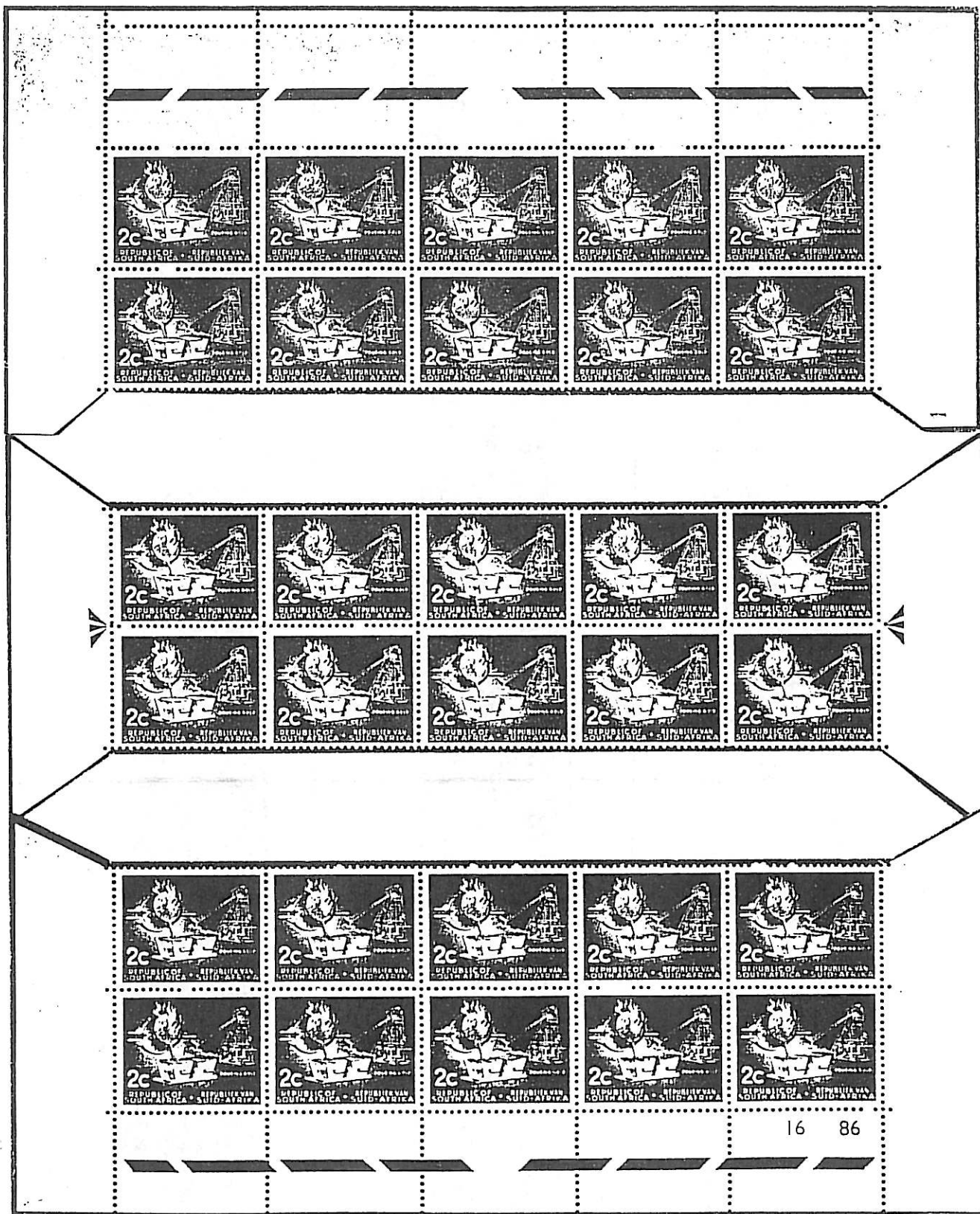
Three single rows right marginal vertical strips of eleven: Coat of Arms Wmk. - large hole perfs. The cylinder Nos. are in the bottom margin under stamp Row 20/5. A Comb Join is present at the bottom of stamp 10. Blue arrows are positioned in the margin between rows 10 and 11.

LEFT:
First Printing: No sheet number.

RIGHT:
Second Printing: Sheet number
Type II - 14(3) - 15(1)

FAR RIGHT
Sixth Printing: Sheet number
Type II - 14(1) - 15(3)





SECOND PRINTING

Top, central and bottom double horizontal rows. The last digit of the sheet number, Type II is present on the top piece and reflects the position as 3(3) - 4(1). Comb joins are present at the top of the top margin and below row 10, at the arrows.

SECOND PRINTING

Double row right marginal vertical strip of seven.
Coat of Arms Wmk. - large hole perfs.

Sheet Number: Type II position 14(3) - 15(1).

A double bottom row of three is placed next to the above and shows the complete width of the sheet.

LEFT:

Cylinder Block of four with wide bottom margin.
A Comb Join is seen at the bottom of the margin.

TOP RIGHT:

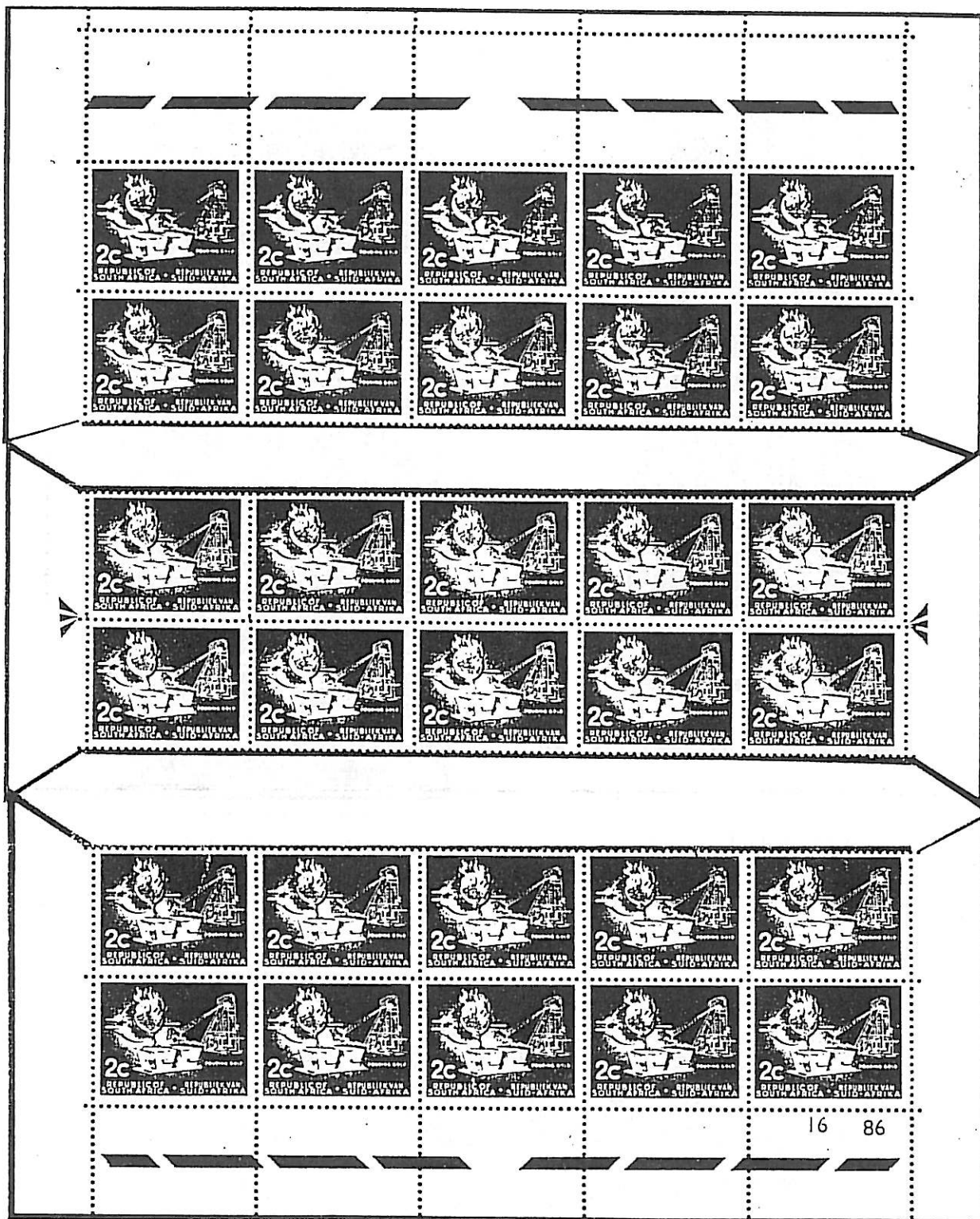
Top right corner marginal strip of three with wide top margin, showing the Comb Join at the top of the margin.

The block of four and the strip of three can be from printings 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6 as they are both Coat of Arms Wmk. and large hole perfs.





FIFTH PRINTING: Coat of Arms Wmk. - SMALL hole perms. - Sheet Number, Type I, positioned 15(1) - (1) - 16(2).
 RIGHT: Double marginal vertical rows of seven with sheet number in right margin.
 LEFT: Cylinder Block with the Comb Join below bottom margin and arrow block of four with Comb Join.
 BOTTOM: Double central horizontal rows with marginal arrows and Comb Join below row 10.

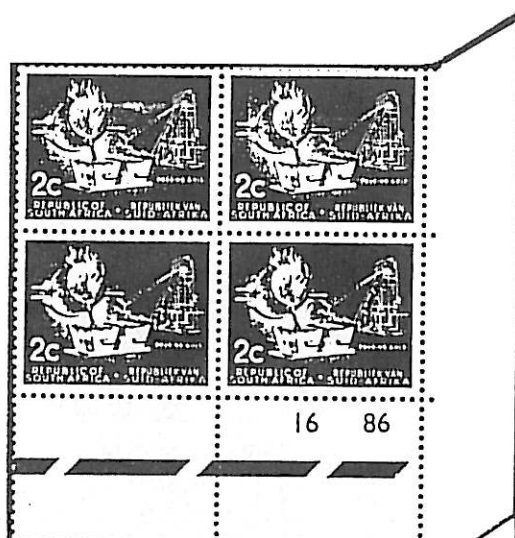


SEVENTH PRINTING

Top, central and bottom double horizontal rows, with No Wmk. and SMALL hole perfs. Comb Joins are present above the top margin and below row 10, opposite the arrows.



SEVENTH PRINTING
No Wmk. - SMALL hole perfs.
Sheet No. Type I, positioned
16(3) - 17(1).



SEVENTH PRINTING
Cylinder Block with No Wmk.
SMALL hole perfs.
Block of six with No Wmk.
SMALL hole perfs.
Sheet No. Type I, positioned
either 5(3) - 6(1) or 16(3) -
17(1).



"FLOATING GOLD"
Block of six (2 x 3) with Coat of Arms Wmk.
Large hole perfs from printing 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6
with "Floating Gold" due to drop of yellow
printing cylinder.

John Davis

***CROSS CHECK LIST OF THE FIRST DEFINITIVES
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA***

Groups are derived from the Atlas catalogue and are as follows:

- I Original design; non-fluorescent paper; arms watermark.
- II Original design; non-fluorescent paper; no watermark.
- III Original design; fluorescent back and front; 'single' RSA watermark.
- IV Redrawn or new design; fluorescent back and front; 'single' RSA watermark.
- V Redrawn or new design; Swiss paper fluorescent on front only; RSA tête-bêche watermark.
- VI Redrawn or new design; Swiss paper fluorescent on front only; phosphor frame; RSA tête-bêche watermark.
- VII Redrawn or new design; Harrison paper fluorescent back and front; phosphor frame; RSA tête-bêche watermark.
- VIII Redrawn or new design; phosphor paper; RSA tête-bêche watermark; perf. 14.
- IX Redrawn or new design; phosphor paper; no watermark; P. 12½.

Features include any additional information, particularly anything which helps to distinguish an individual stamp.

Perfs are the approximations used by SACC and in some instances are slightly different from those used by SG. Precise counts are not necessary nor helpful for identification.

Colours and shades are those given by SACC wherever possible but the SACC listings are incomplete so some are by inference and are marked (?). In some instances SG descriptions are used instead. Many vary considerably from one catalogue to the other and are sometimes contradictory.

Coils, according to Atlas, must be in unbroken strips of 22 to prove they are not from a sheet. In fact all but five have unique features which enable them to be identified with certainty as singles. Those that cannot are marked *.

SACC presents the various issues in much the same groups as Atlas (but does not use this term) except for the two phosphor-tagged issues which are amalgamated.

Atlas gives no colour descriptions and lists only a few of the most dramatic shade variations. It does not list chalky or glossy papers.

Arcade presents the issues in the same groups as Atlas but does not use group numbering. It gives basic colours but few shade variations.

SG does not list variations in fluorescence or phosphorescence although their existence is mentioned in footnotes. Hence groups IV, V and VIII are amalgamated as are groups VI and VII. SG appears to list more shade variations but most are probably incidental to other variations such as fluorescence or phosphorescence. Where this cannot be verified by the date of issue, the SG alternatives are given.

The 1/2 cent Kingfisher of the First Republic Definitive

Grp	Features	SACC	Atlas	Arcade	SG
I	P.14 x 15	197	179 I	RD 1	198
	P.14	197a	179 Ia	RD 1a	198a
	P.14 x 15, branch strengthened, coil	197b	179 Ib	RD 1b	198b
II	None				
III	None				
IV	P.14, blue, carmine & brown	236	192 IV	RD 33	238
	P.14, lt blue, red & brown	236a	-	-	238c, d
	P.14 x 15	236b	192 IVa	RD 33a	238b
V	P.14 x 15	261	192 V	RD 41	238b
	P.14	261a	192 Va	RD 41a	238
	New design, P.14, Type I	281	193 V	RD 54	276
	New design, P.14 x 15, Type II, coil	281a	193 Va	RD 54a	276a
VI	New design, 5mm tag	287	193 VI	RD 56	282
VII	New design, P.14, 5mm tag, Type I	287a	193 VII	RD 67	282
	New design, P.14 x 15, 5mm tag, T.2 coil	287b	193 VIIc	RD 67a	282a
	New design, P.14 x 15, 3mm tag, T.2 coil	287c	193 VIIId	RD 67d	282a
	New design, P.14, 3mm tag, Type 1	287d	193 VIIa	RD 67b	282
	New design, P.14, 3mm tag, Type 1, wmk. reversed	287e	193 VIIb	RD 67c	282Er
VIII	None				
IX	New design, P.14 x 15, coil	325	193 IX	RD 93	313

Notes

1. The original design coil stamp is recognisable most easily by the stronger definition of the reeds, particularly behind the bird's back.
2. The new design coil stamps are uniquely perf. 14 x 15; they are also Type 2 which is most easily recognisable by the greater detail on the wing.

PARTLY PHILATELIC

John Philpott writes:

Whilst returning by road from Porec to Pula airport (south of Pale for cognisants), I saw at least three traffic warning signs each of triangular frame containing as vignette our society emblem. What is more, its form from memory was the spitting image of the graceful 'Bok' on our more recent magazines' covers.

I could not find such a road sign in any GB or European reference tome in our excellent local library (the best in Somerset).

Is it unique to Yugoslavia, sorry, Croatia? Has any other member made a similar sighting — maybe in the RSA?

SWIPEX seemed to have been hailed as a success. A coachload of us from Bridgwater and Taunton wasted(?) a gloriously sunny day in Plymouth's own spacious and attractive Guildhall. Richard S. was there in all pomp-and-circumstance wearing his Wyon gold medal as President of the S. & D. Federation. He showed some of his OFS (or OVS or ORC) material in a generally very good exhibition. Shame about the weather (Sat. 8.7). Luckily our coach was not targetted by nasty policemen looking for faults: none was apparent from the smooth journeys.

[As our Hampshire Federation Chairman also votes it a success, what about a group meeting there in 1997?? (DWP, Hon. Ed.)]

Excellent responses in *The Springbok* 43 (3) to my two queries in *The Springbok* 43 (2): I especially appreciated the exhibition-standard pages and the 20/3 or '21/3' 'red dot' as illustrations. [Thank you — Ed.]

Of course, I was well aware of the identically-located 'eleventh-row' flaws on E and A stamps; their being a corollary of the fact that the printing cylinder's circumference essentially equals 22 stamp 'heights'.

With regard to the extremely dubious rejoined tête-bêche strip and following Jack Hagger's example, has any member a 'mock-up' of the complete printing cylinder's (I believe there was only one) product?

NEWCASTLE '96

As an affiliate of the Association of British Philatelic Societies (APBS), the SACS receives the Association's quarterly newsletter which keeps us in touch with what is going on and provides details of future planned events, in addition to reporting on the activities of the Societies. (We received a good column in the July issue.)

One planned event for November 1996 in Newcastle is to be undertaken by the British Aerophilatelic Federation (BAeF) in conjunction with the proposed ABPS Inter-Federation Competition.

Unlike many competitive exhibitions an 'open' class is planned for the Aerophilatelic exhibition — with a minimum of rules! Additionally exhibits will be accepted from collectors whether they be members of the BAeF or ABPS.

This provides an excellent opportunity for our membership to bring out those seldom seen airmail collections — apart from the few at top-level Internationals.

It has also been thought that this venue could provide an opportunity for the SACS to arrange a get-together for our members in the greater North East of the country. It is not yet clear whether or not facilities for such meetings will become available, but would you support such a venture? Ideally of course a volunteer in the area to set up such a meeting would be needed.

Comments and ideas will welcomed to me please.

W.A. Page Hon. General Secretary

THE BRITISH PHILATELIC TRUST

A MILLENNIUM STAMP EXHIBITION

Although the year 2000 is still five years away a number of discussions have already taken place involving the British Philatelic Trust through the Working Group on International Affairs, Stamp World Exhibitions Ltd., and Royal Mail National.

These discussions have been directed at assessing the feasibility of organising and, most importantly, funding a major philatelic event in the UK to mark the Millennium and maintain the long established practice of our having such events every decade.

In anticipation that such an event will be organised a number of options are under consideration and reservations have been made against April/May and September 2000 in the FIP list of forthcoming exhibitions.

Clearly it is important to introduce new ideas, in particular those which will not only meet the needs of the existing philatelic community but are likely to ensure the continuation of the hobby in succeeding generations. Ideas, comments and proposals are welcome and should be sent to: W.A. Page, Hon. General Secretary

This event surely provides an ideal opportunity for the Society to mount an exhibition!

PHILATELIC FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

Report of 3 August 1995

The Philatelic Federation's delegation met with the Post Office management on 27 July 1995.

Here is a synopsis of answers given to points raised by us, and of statements made by Post Office spokespeople.

- **General operations policy re stamp issues**

There will be 20 stamp issues per annum, generally of one stamp only, inscribed for the standard postage rate; or of short sets of 2 stamps. An issue might, however, be a series of stamps, eg showing South Africa's Nobel Prize winners.

Tourism stamps will be continued.

A new definitive set is not now feasible as huge stocks of current high value stamps are still available. The number of stamps in a definitive set will be reduced.

Stamp sizes will be standardised on three formats. The large size of recent years is unpopular.

First-day envelopes will be standardised and formatted to fit an album page.

A Stamp Programme Advisory Committee will suggest stamp issues. The PO marketing section will select from these and test the marketability of proposed issues. At a later stage there will be 9 regional committees to propose stamps, with one seat for philatelists.

Many items of mail are now being franked with counter cash register slips. A better-looking cash register slip is being investigated.

- **Postal museum and research unit**

Post Office management is not keen on having a museum. Yet the heritage material should be kept somewhere. An inventory of articles, documents and stamps was being compiled and much material has been traced and is being recovered.

Philatelic Services will establish its own archive as a research centre. This will also contain artwork for previous stamp issues, only a handful of such being still missing.

(Items extracted from the Federation's report and published with due acknowledgment.)

AEROGRAMME COLLECTORS — THE REPUBLICAN ISSUES HELP — S O S — MAYDAY

Upon checking my holdings and whilst doing research for an eventual publication about the Republican issues of Aerogrammes, I discovered that I did not have the 9c, issued on or about 11-6-71 with LUGBRIEF-AIR LETTER in the etiquette (air mail label) top left.

I appeal for a clear photocopy and if a member has one on offer that would be a vast improvement, if a photocopy, information would be welcome as the only Aerogramme catalogue I possess is from Germany and three years in the Forces in Cologne/Wiesbaden has not given me enough knowledge to translate.

R.D.A.

JOB NO	NUMBER PER SHEET	VALUE	NUMBER OF SHEETS ORDERED	DATE OF FIRST DELIVERY	NUMBER OF SHEETS DELIVERED	DATE OF FINAL DELIVERY	TOTAL NUMBERS DELIVERED	PAPER	PLATE NUMBERS	REMARKS SAME DESIGN OR NEW
<u>SIXTH DEFINITIVE SERIES: THREATENED FAUNA</u>										
71518.10	100	Standardised	4 000 000	94/11/29	159 000		1 430 000	Unwatermarked	2656,2657,2658 and 2659	New Printed by Litho
74426.90	100	20c	120 000	95/03/16	21 000	95/03/28	120 000		2709,2710,2711 and 2712	New Printed by Litho
74426.90	100	90c	100 000	95/03/16	10 000	95/03/28	100 000	Harrisons Paper	2713,2714,2715 and 2716	New Printed by Litho
<u>ESA POSTCARDS (ERICAS)</u>										
70151.57	40	Postage Paid	3 500 000	94/08/24	185 000		1 812 000	Dukuza Linen		New Printed by Litho
<u>TOURISM - NORTH WEST: SPECIAL STAMPS</u>										
73259.34	4	50c	334 000	95/01/18	21 000	95/02/09	334 000	Unwatermarked	2693,2694,2695 Harrisons and 2696 Paper	New Printed by Litho
<u>TOURISM KWAZULU / NATAL: SPECIAL STAMPS</u>										
74340.04	20	Standard- dised	266 000	95/02/09	21 000	95/03/07	266 000	Unwatermarked	2701,2702,2703 Harrisons and 2704 Paper	New Printed by Litho
<u>TOURISM - WESTERN CAPE: SPECIAL STAMPS</u>										
74551.13	20	Standard- dised	266 000	95/03/07	21 000		230 000	Unwatermarked	2705,2706,2707 Harrisons and 2708 Paper	New Printed by Litho

JOB NO	NUMBER PER SHEET	VALUE	NUMBER OF SHEETS ORDERED	DATE OF FIRST DELIVERY	NUMBER OF SHEETS DELIVERED	DATE OF FINAL DELIVERY	TOTAL NUMBERS DELIVERED	PAPER	PLATE NUMBERS	SAME DESIGN OR NEW	REMARKS
<u>AIR LETTER (ERICAS)</u>											
67731.61	3	Postage Paid	3 500 000	93/12/15	40 000	95/01/24	3 300 500	Oyster Opaque		New	Printed by Litho
<u>FIRST TRANS - AFRICA FLIGHT - 75 YEARS: SPECIAL STAMPS</u>											
72637.18	25	95c	60 000	95/01/12	21 000	95/01/27	60 000	Unwatermarked Harrison's Paper	2697,2698,2699 and 2700	New	Printed by Litho
<u>S.A. AIRFORCE - 75 YEARS: SPECIAL STAMPS</u>											
73257.32	25	50c	271 000	94/12/09	8 000	95/01/30	271 000	Unwatermarked Harrison's Paper	2688,2689,2690 and 2691 and 2692	New	Printed by Litho
<u>SIXTH DEFINITIVE SERIES: THREATENED FAUNA: READERS DIGEST</u>											
4591.46	5	5c, 5c, 10c, 10c, 20c	528 000	95/03/10	528 000	95/03/10	528 000	Unwatermarked Harrison's Paper		New	Printed by Litho
<u>SIXTH DEFINITIVE SERIES: THREATENED FAUNA: STAMBOOKLET</u>											
74814.74	10	Standard-dised	1 800 000	95/02/14	200 000		1 200 000	Unwatermarked Harrison's Paper		New	Printed by Litho
<u>RUGBY WORLD CUP: SPECIAL STAMPS</u>											
4925.77	10	Standard-dised	800 000	95/03/31	10		10	Unwatermarked	2721,2722,2723 and 2724	New	Printed

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R S A POSTAGE STAMPS INFORMATION AS AT 31st MARCH 1995

JOB NO	NUMBER PER SHEET	VALUE	NUMBER OF SHEETS ORDERED	DATE OF FIRST DELIVERY	NUMBER OF SHEETS DELIVERED	DATE OF FINAL DELIVERY	TOTAL NUMBERS DELIVERED	PAPER	PLATE NUMBERS	SAME DESIGN OR NEW	REMARKS
4925.77	10	Standard-dised	620 000	95/03/31	10		10	Harrisons paper	2717,2718,2719 and 2720	New	Printed by Litho
4925.77	10	R1.15	370 000	95/03/31	10		10	C.P.L. Litho Paper	2725,2726,2727 and 2728	New	Printed by Litho

RUGBY WORLD CUP: SPECIAL STAMPS

The results of queries to the SA Post Office Ltd by R D ALLEN are shown with related printings.

List 107 (Vol 39/2/40) The printed postage rate 40c(overseas) is correct
 List 108 (Vol 39/3/58) The printed postage rate 21c(inland) & 40c(overseas) is correct.
 List 109 & 110 (Vol 39/3/59 & Vol 39/6/122) The printed postage rate of 40c (overseas is correct
 List 111 (Vol 40/2/39) The postage rate indicated as "Foreign Postage Paid" is correct and refers to an overseas (aerogramme).

List 112 (Vol 40/3/58) The indication number 4 refers to a design of Protea and number 6 to a Christmas issue. The Number of the sheets delivered in both cases were 6500 each. Final deliveries will take place at a later stage and will be traced on a later list. (see List 113)

List 113 (Vol 40/3/59) The number refers to a further design (Tourism)

List 114 (Vol 40/4/79) Delivery of Aerogramme number 2 (Guinea-fowl) took place on 16 March 1992 with a final delivery on 31 March 1992.

List 115 (Vol 41/4/91) Aerogrammes (Postage Paid) was printed under number 5601056 and the first delivery of 34000 took place on 31 March 1992. The final delivery took place on 6 August 1992 (List 116-Vol 41/4/92)

List 117 (Vol 41/3/71) Erica Aerogramme was not printed with a design number and is the reason why no number appears on the list. (Thanks to Mr Allen and the SA post Office for their help. DWP Hon Ed)

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

New Members

- 984 G.C. Mellor, Marple Bridge, Stockport SK6 5BG. Collects Union Commemoratives,
Air Letters, Revenues, Christmas Labels
985 Max Whitlock, Marske by Sea TS11 7LN

Change of Address

- 740 S. Cann, to Dorking RH4 3AS (formerly Redhill)
911 Dr Selwyn Picker, to St Louis MO 63141, USA

Obituary

Much to my regret, we have lost Jim Smart in Cumbria; aged 76, he had not had good health, and it was after one circulation problem had been overcome that he apologetically wrote to renew a bit late. I offered to correspond and thus came to know him better. His considerable financial experience, acumen and ability to motivate others was turned to the local collectors, whence in due course we have had new members and volunteers for vacant posts that they have filled with enthusiasm and effectively. That really sparked off the Northern Group meetings and I cannot think of any more fitting memorial to his efforts. We are sorry not to have been able to enjoy his company for longer, but I am sure his wise counsel will continue to guide those closer to him.

In addition we regret to advise of the deaths of Len van de Kar (509), Atholl Murray MBE (939) and Des Greenhalgh (a member up to 1994).

DWP – Hon. Editor

THE SPRINGBOK — BACK NUMBERS

One of the editorial group, John Shaw, has offered to act as 'holder' of the back issues. He has accumulated spares and from talking with us realised the opportunity and usefulness of centring stocks. We intend to move the spares held by various officers to John and if any members have, or wish to acquire, back numbers, please contact him. SAE as usual please to J.L. Shaw, Tudor House, The Causeway, BARDNEY, Lincoln LN3 5UL.

And thank you John for your offer.

DWP — Ed.

NOTICE

THREE matters for your consideration please.

VOLUNTEER (s) are very much needed for the tasks being vacated; that of Production (or Technical) Editor; and the Despatchers job. At one stage Mr. R.D. Allen combined all three, yes and for many years. The computer and photocopier have taken the production forward and whether the tasks are combined or remain separated, with the worry of postal loss between, is something to be taken into account.

PACKET material is always welcome. Bill Branney has done a very worthwhile job in putting his mind to how to get the items to the members and thus satisfy them and the sellers.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are due at 1st January 1996. Yes, we have been able to hold the sum down and you will help Tony Chilton, and not least the Society funds, by paying promptly please

Lastly, thank you for your articles, views and comments, and best wishes
for 1996

DWP. Hon Ed.

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