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Introduction

Postage stamps and related objects are miniature communication tools, and they tell a story about cultural and political identities and about artistic forms of identity expressions. They are part of the world's material heritage, and part of history. Ever more of this postal heritage becomes available online, published by stamp collectors' organizations, auction houses, commercial stamp shops, online catalogues, and individual collectors. Virtually collecting postage stamps and postal history has recently become a possibility. These working papers about Africa are examples of what can be done. But they are work-in-progress! Everyone who would like to contribute, by sending corrections, additions, and new area studies can do so by sending an email message to the APH editor: Ton Dietz (dietzaj@asc.leidenuniv.nl). You are welcome!

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Cape of Good Hope postage stamp 1853:

http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/7c/Cape_Triangular_Postage_Stamp.jpg/400px-Cape_Triangular_Postage_Stamp.jpg

Egypt postage stamp 1914:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/4b/Post_Stamp_Egypt.jpg

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ZAR/TRANSVAAL PART 2: 1877-1882

Transvaal 1877-1882 British Administration

“V.R. Transvaal” : Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek; four different types:” V.R. TRANSVAAL” (1x) and
“V. R. Transvaal” (3x)

1877 April and June

1p



<http://zenius.kalnieciai.lt/africa/south/transvaal/1877-1880overprint.jpg>

<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1399.jpg>: “1877 1d brick-red on coarse, soft paper, fine roulette with clear to good margins. Thins and diagonal crease mainly visible from the reverse, otherwise fine used with ‘1’ target-type cancellation and of good appearance SG 105”

<http://www.filat.ch/images/pictures/frgh015.jpg>: “1877 VR TRANSVAAL OVPTS (BLACK): 1d bright red, imperf, stout hard surfaced paper (SG 98). A deep shade with OVERINKED IMPRESSION. VF/U, neat light numeral cancellation.”



<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/A6-i.jpg>

<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1716.jpg>: "1877 1d bright red on stout hard-surfaced paper, imperforate. BLOCK OF FOUR with clear to good margins. The right pair shows the overprint slightly raised. Pencil notation on the reverse indicates positions 5-6/13-14. Small ink mark on upper right stamp and several hinge remainders, otherwise fine mint. A scarce multiple. SG 98"

M63bB ziegelrot schwarzer Aufdruck □; Y25A rouge

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y25B rouge

3p

M64aB lila roter Aufdruck □; Y26aA lilas

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y26aB lilas



<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/A8-i.jpg>

M64bB lila schwarzer Aufdruck □; Y26A lilas

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y26B lilas

6p

M65aB ultramarin roter Aufdruck □; Y27aA bleu

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y27aB bleu



<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/A10-i.jpg>

http://www.southafricanstamps.net/Pre_Union/Transvaal/SG103_used.jpg

<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1591.jpg>: “1877 6d dull blue on coarse, soft paper, imperforate, with good to very good margins. Fine used with light target-type cancellation. SG 103”



<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1180.jpg>: “1877 6d blue on rose, imperforate. Variety OVERPRINT INVERTED. Corner thin, otherwise fine used with target-type cancellation. SG 113b”

M65bB ultramarin schwarzer Aufdruck □; Y27A bleu + Tête-bêche



<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/A11-i.jpg> : “Perf: Rouletted 15½ x 16”

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y27B bleu

1 Sh

M66aB gelbgrün roter Aufdruck □; Y29aA vert

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y29aB vert



http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/featured/T1585_f.jpg: “1877 1/- yellow-green on coarse, soft paper, imperforate, with good to large margins. Very fine used with ‘3’ target-type cancellation of Rustenburg. Scarce in such fine condition. SG 104”

<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/A12-i.jpg>

M66bB gelbgrün schwarzer Aufdruck □; Y29A vert + Tête-bêche

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y29B vert

1877 August

6p

67B blau auf rosa □; Y28A bleu sur rose + Tête-bêche

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y28B bleu sur rose

1877 28 September

1p



http://www.southafricanstamps.net/Pre_Union/Transvaal/SG116_used.jpg

M68aB rot auf blau □; Y30A rouge sur bleu + Y30aA “TRANSVRAL”

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y30B rouge sur bleu

1p



<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/B1-i.jpg>

M68bB rot auf orange (6 Dec. 1877) □; Y31A rouge sur orange

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y31B rouge sur orange

3p



<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1419.jpg>: “1877 3d mauve on buff, imperforate with clear to large margins. Closed tear at top and small hinge thins otherwise fine mint. Scarce. SG 118”

<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1584.jpg>: “1877 3d mauve on buff, fine roulette, with good to very large margins. Some shallow thinning, otherwise very fine used with target-type cancellation. SG 124”

<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/B2-i.jpg>



http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/055/940/110_001.jpg?v=6: “SC. 85 - Transvaal - 1877 - LH - (Probably False)”

M69aB lila auf sämisch (24/10/1877) □; Y32A lilas sur chamois

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y32B lilas sur chamois

3p



<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/B3-i.jpg>

M69bB lila auf grün (18/4/1879) □; Y33A lilas sur vert

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y33B lilas sur vert

6p



<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1590.jpg>: “1879 3d mauve on green, imperforate, with close to very good margins. Fine used with ‘23’ target-type cancellation of Emigratie. SG 119”

M70a blau auf grün (27/11/1877) □; Y34A bleu sur vert

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y34B bleu sur vert

6p



http://www.southafricanstamps.net/Pre_Union/Transvaal/SG121_used.jpg

<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1412.jpg>: “1878 6d blue on blue, imperforate with very large to enormous margins (showing part of adjoining stamp at left). Creased along upper frame line otherwise fine used with what appears to be the ‘31’ target-type cancellation attributed to Kalekaleskop (rare). SG 121”

<https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/564x/b1/c2/74/b1c27493020de0308a71007eba33589c.jpg>

<http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/DLYAAOSw9eVXXD6o/s-l225.jpg>



<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/B5-i.jpg>

M70bB Blau auf blau (20/3/1878) □; Y35A bleu sur bleu



<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/B11-i.jpg>

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y35B bleu sur bleu

1878 “V.R. Transvaal”: Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek

1p

M71bB rot auf orange □; Y36A rouge sur orange

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y36B rouge sur orange

3p



<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/C2-i.jpg>

http://www.southafricanstamps.net/Pre_Union/Transvaal/SG119e_used.jpg

M72aB Lila auf sämisch □; Y37A lilas sur chamois



<http://www.transvaalstamps.org.uk/vr.jpg>: “A new printing from the First Republic’s 3d plate overprinted ‘V. R. Transvaal’, wide roulette with misplaced overprint.

Printing flaws and damaged overprinting type confirm it was printed from the left plate, position 16.”

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y37B lilas sur chamois

3p



<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/C4-i.jpg>

M72bB lila auf grün □; Y38A lilas sur vert

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y38B lilas sur vert

6p



<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/C6-i.jpg>

http://www.southafricanstamps.net/Pre_Union/Transvaal/SG121g_used.jpg

http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/055/940/195_001.jpg?v=5

M73bB Blau auf blau □; Y39A bleu sur bleu

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y39A bleu sur bleu

1878 Postage stamps with Victoria

½ p



http://www.southafricanstamps.net/Pre_Union/Transvaal/SG133_mint.jpg

<http://www.stamps-for-sale.com/ekmps/shops/stewcoin/images/transvaal-1878-queen-victoria-sg-133-fine-mint-41296-p.jpg>

M74 ziegelrot (1880); Y61 rouge

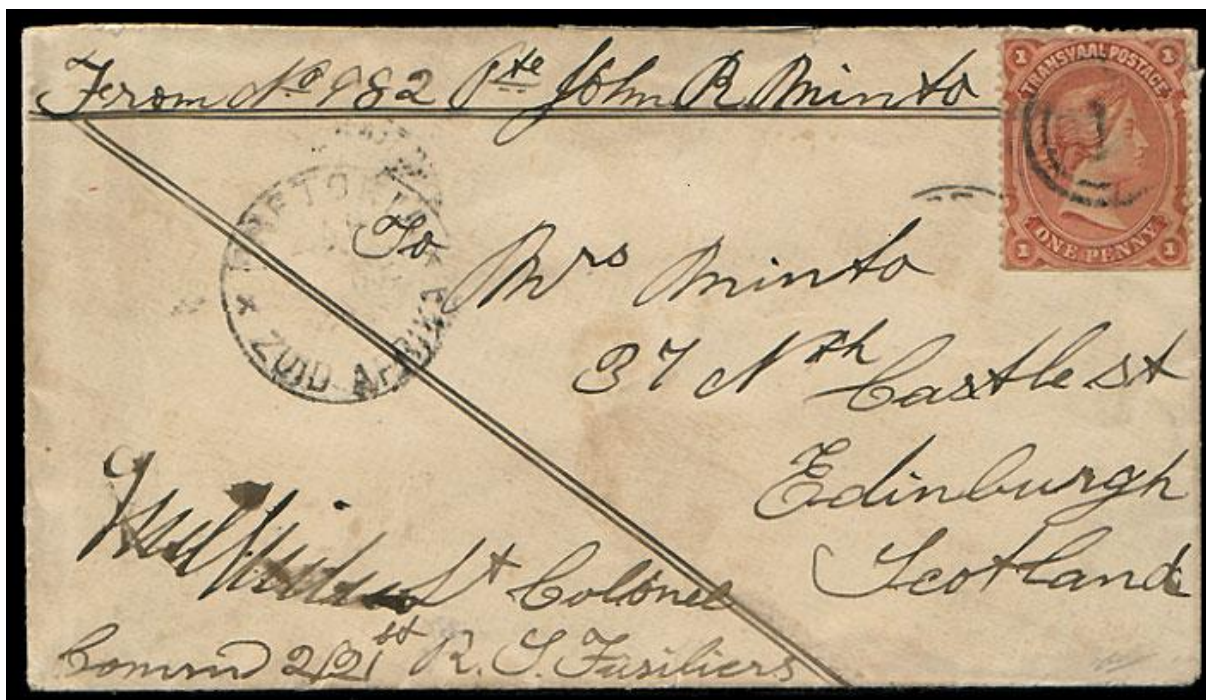
1p



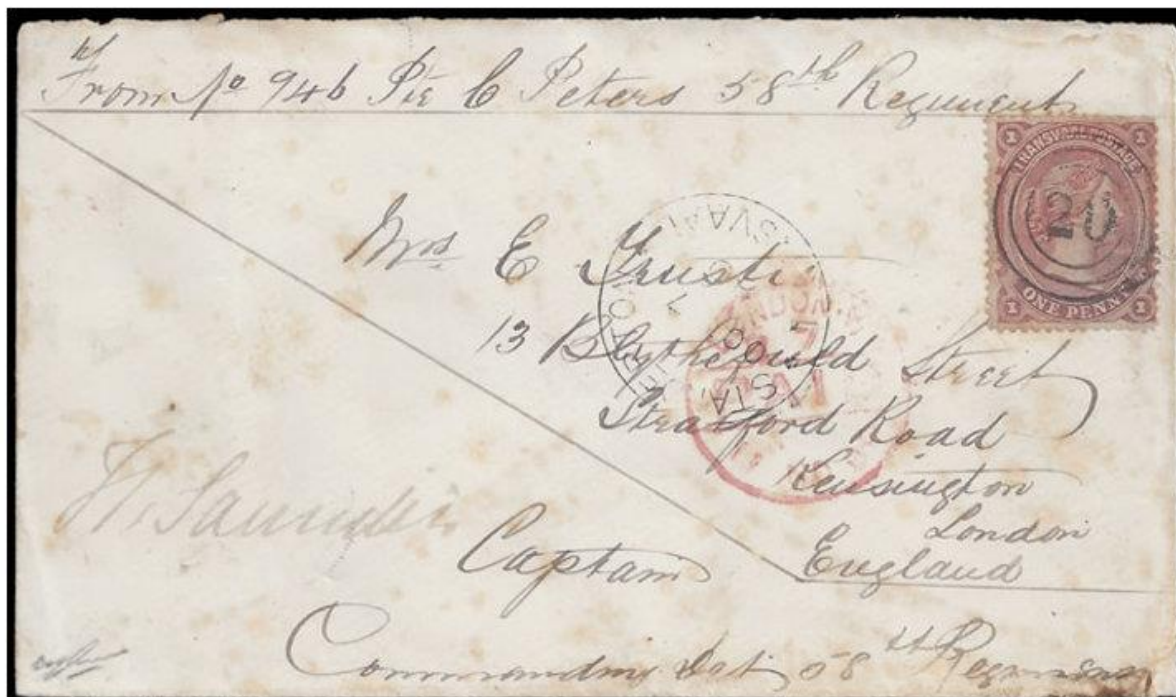
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M75 rotbraun; Y62 brun-rouge



<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T663.jpg>: “1880 (May), Soldier’s concessionary rate cover to Scotland, bearing a single Queen Victoria 1d pale red-brown (SG 134) cancelled with ‘1’ target-type canceller and with proving PRETORIA / ZAR / ZUID AFRIKA single circle datestamp at left. Endorsed at top “From No. 982 Pte John R Minto” and countersigned at lower left by the Commanding Officer of the 2/21st Royal Scots Fusiliers. Backstamped with a very fine strike of the ‘Edinburgh & Carstairs Sorting Tender’ (4 July) datestamp. An attractive and very scarce example of the 1d soldier’s concession rate.”



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www.delcampe.net

http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auktion/000/387/265/004_001.jpg: "TRANSVAAL 1880 SOLDIERS LETTER AT PENNY RATE"

3p



http://a4.img.bidorbuy.co.za/image/upload/user_images/786/919786/919786_140525141703_2014-05-25-1414-37.jpg

http://www.southafricanstamps.net/Pre_Union/Transvaal/SG135a_used.jpg

http://www.stampsoftheworld.co.uk/w/images/0/04/Transvaal_1878_Queen_Victoria_c.jpg



http://fep.up.pt/docentes/cpimenta/lazer/WebFilatelicamente/public_html/r106/pictures/revista106_7_08.jpg: "1878 stamps with the portrait of Queen Victoria printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., London in use during and after British occupation of the ZAR. Cover with two pairs of 3d and a single bisected 3d to make up letter rate to Europe of 1sh1 1/2d. Back stamps show routing: Middelburg (19.1.1882), Pretoria (20.1.1882), Cape Town (31.1.1882) and arrival Berlin (25.2.1882)."

M76 lilarosa; Y63 lie de vin

4p



https://3.bp.blogspot.com/-kmUVbVgcLNY/VxGaxCNG9tI/AAAAAAAAAb_g/dp32eKOfE085LOAHfxa95b13kZ0tuwjMwCLcB/s320/Transv100.jpg:

<https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/236x/d9/57/92/d957923fa4fcc4d7f7c9262fdf6891e9.jpg>

M77 hellolivgrün; Y64 vert-olive

6p



[http://images.bidorbuy.co.za/user_images/855/1139855/1139855_151116103025_MAC_\(49\).jpg](http://images.bidorbuy.co.za/user_images/855/1139855/1139855_151116103025_MAC_(49).jpg)

<http://d2ydh70d4b5xgv.cloudfront.net/images/e/4/transvaal-1878-queen-victoria-used-6d-olive-black-stamp-sg-137-1203e1a78bc17cff49627e65b0537370.jpg>

M78 schwarzbraun; Y65 gris

1 Sh



http://images.bidorbuy.co.za/user_images/364/356364/356364_141007213214_TV_L_1S_SPEC1.jpg

<http://zenius.kalnieciai.lt/africa/south/transvaal/1877-1880.jpg>

http://www.southafricanstamps.net/Pre_Union/Transvaal/SG138_used.jpg

M79 grün; Y66 vert

2 Sh



<https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/ctpstamps/072.jpg>

http://www.southafricanstamps.net/Pre_Union/Transvaal/SG139_used.jpg

<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/D6-i.jpg>

M80 blau; Y67 bleu



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http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/387/265/642_001.jpg : "TRANSVAAL 1879 COMBINATION FRANKING FROM RUSTENBURG"



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www.delcampe.net

http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/387/265/030_001.jpg : "TRANSVAAL 1879 CAPE COMBINATION LETTER QV 6D'S"[Pretoria]

1878 Revenue stamps



http://www.southafricanstamps.net/Pre_Union/Transvaal/1878_1s_Revenue.jpg

[http://i.ebayimg.com/00/s/OTk0Wdc2MA==/z/h4sAAOSwMtxXq1rH/\\$_57.JPG](http://i.ebayimg.com/00/s/OTk0Wdc2MA==/z/h4sAAOSwMtxXq1rH/$_57.JPG)

http://www.southafricanstamps.net/Pre_Union/Transvaal/1878_2s6d_Revenue.jpg

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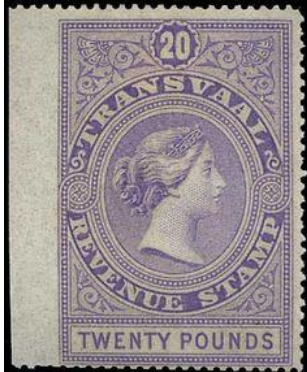
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http://www.southafricanstamps.net/Pre_Union/Transvaal/1878_2_pound_Revenue.jpg



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http://images.bidorbuy.co.za/user_images/193/955193/955193_140814144609_Transvaal_Revenue_Stamps_39.JPG



<https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/236x/2c/a8/7e/2ca87e8a26054ed44abcd5f3f52d1688.jpg>



<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T539.jpg>: “1879 (January), stampless cover to England endorsed “On Service in the Field - No Stamps obtainable / S.H. McLeod Nairne Capt / 94th Rgt. Commg: Troops / Fort Albert / Sekukuni’s Territory”. Bearing a circular framed ‘6d’ handstamp and with Cape Town (19 Jan) transit and Southall (13 Feb) arrival backstamps. Part of flap missing and some perimeter faults / creasing as to be expected. A rare example of an officer’s letter from this campaign in the Lydenburg district which followed the defeat of the Zulus in July of that year.”

1879 “1 Penny” : Victoria 22/4/1879

1 Penny : 6p



http://www.southafricanstamps.net/Pre_Union/Transvaal/SG146_mint.jpg

M81Ia (Type I) schwarzbraun met Aufdruck Schwarz; Y68N



http://catalogue.klaseboer.com/vol1/html/s_afr/tranovp1.jpg

Idem M81Ib Aufdruck rot, Y68R

M81IIa (Type II) schwarzbraun met Aufdruck Schwarz; Y68aN



<https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/564x/fb/8a/79/fb8a79e772a36882ecb8d838b337fe8b.jpg>

Idem M81IIb Aufdruck rot; Y68aR

M81IIIa (Type III) schwarzbraun met Aufdruck Schwarz; Y68bN

Idem M81IIIb Aufdruck rot; Y68bR

Yvert gives three additional types (68c, 68d, and 68e) all with red and black overprints.

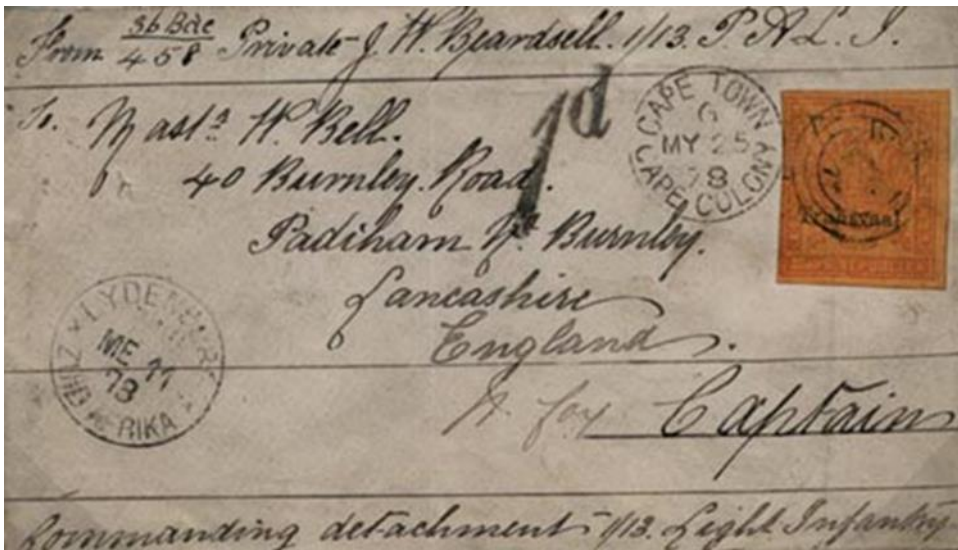
1879 August "V.R. Transvaal": Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek

1p



<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T518.jpg>: "1879 1d red on orange, imperforate with very good margins. Very fine used with part target cancels. SG 147b"

<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/F-i.jpg>



http://fep.up.pt/docentes/cpimenta/lazer/WebFilatelicamente/public_html/r106/pictures/revista106_7_07.jpg: "In 1877 stamps of the ZAR were overprinted "V.R. TRANSVAAL": First British occupation of the ZAR, soldier's letter from Lydenburg to England, franked 1 penny concessionary rate; the explanation for the hand struck "1d" is that the Cape Colony did not recognize Transvaal postage stamps for overseas mail until 1 April 1880 and until this date soldiers' letters forwarded via Cape Colony were charged 1d on delivery in England."

M82aB rot auf gelb □; not in Yvert



<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1687.jpg>: “1879 1d red on yellow, showing distinct PIN PERFORATION at top and right. Horizontal crease at top and small thin, otherwise fine unused. A very rare stamp. SG 156”

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; not in Yvert

1p



<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/F1-i.jpg>

M82bB rot auf orange □; Y40A rouge sur orange

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y40B rouge sur orange

3p



<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1410.jpg>: “1879 3d mauve on green, imperforate with good to large margins. Thin in upper margin and light diagonal crease at upper right otherwise fine mint and of good appearance. SG 148”

<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/F2-i.jpg>

M83aB lila auf grün □; Y42A lilas sur vert

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; Y42B lilas sur vert



<https://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Transvaal/Postage-stamps/F3-i.jpg>

<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1232.jpg>: “1879 3d mauve on blue, imperforate with close to good margins. Very fine used with neat ‘8’ target-type cancellation of Zeerust. SG 149”

Y41 lilas sur bleu A et B

6p

M83aB lila auf sämisch □; not in Yvert

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; not in Yvert

M83bB blau auf blau □; not in Yvert

Idem C durchstochen 15 ½ : 16; not in Yvert