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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:

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Egypt postage stamp 1914:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/4b/Post\_Stamp\_Egypt.jpg

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## **ZUID-AFRIKAANSCHE REPUBLIEK DURING THE ANGLO-BOER WAR:**

## **British Occupation; Military stamps**

Michel: Ausgaben der britischen Militärbehörden während des Bürgerkrieges (1899-1902). Michel Katalog p. 936)

"Until 1900 when the British Army regained control, postage stamps and fiscal stamps were used for telegraphs in the Transvaal, but without any identification as such beyond the cancel used. Hiscocks lists 1d, 6d, 1s, 1s6d, 2s, 2s6d, 5s, 10s, £1, £2 and £5 as types H1 to H11. They are normally perf. 11½ but can be 11½ x 14." <a href="http://www.gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/World/TV.html">http://www.gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/World/TV.html</a>

















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http://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/OXYAAOSwVORXud8r/s-l500.jpg: " (I.B) Transvaal Revenue: Duty Stamp 1/6d (inverted VR Transvaal overprint)"

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Een Shilling: <a href="http://www.gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-H3-1.jpg">http://www.gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-H3-1.jpg</a>



http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1198.jpg: "1900 (October), Anglo-Boer War period cover addressed to Pretoria, bearing a single ZAR 1d pale blue overprinted 'V.R.I.' (postal fiscal, SG F1) tied by HEIDELBERG (25 Oct) double circle datestamp. Pretoria (26 Oct) arrival backstamp. Rather roughly opened through flap and slit at left. Very scarce, albeit unauthorised, usage of this stamp on cover."



1/6: http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-H4-1.jpg

Twee Shillings: <a href="http://www.gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ebay-370655683222.jpg">http://www.gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ebay-370655683222.jpg</a> : "2s H5 (Fiscally used)"

2/6: http://www.gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-H6-1.jpg



Vijf Shillings:

http://www.gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-5s-1.jpg



10 Sh: <a href="http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-40s-1.jpg">http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-40s-1.jpg</a> : "4 x 10s Trans-H8 dated June 1902, latest known usage - courtesy Bram Leeflang. I presume J- H- is also Johannesburg, but have not seen it listed."

http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-10s-1.jpg



Een pond: <a href="http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-H9-1.jpg">http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-H9-1.jpg</a>: "£1 Trans-H9; One from Oscar Van der Vliet"

http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-20s-1.jpg

http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-20s-2.jpg: "£1 Trans-H9: Another Johannesburg ( J- HN ) in blue and Pretoria Military. These two scans were kindly supplied by Bram Leeflang "



http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-H10-1.jpg: "£2 Trans-H10 (Source: Andrew Higson)"



Vijf ponden: <a href="http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-271054617268.jpg">http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-271054617268.jpg</a>: "£5 Trans-H11 (Fiscally used)"

## 1900 June Zeerust

"The town was occupied on 5 June 1900 by Rhodesian Troops, under Lt. Col. Plumer where he joined forces with Baden-Powells troops from Mafeking and Otto's Hoop. The force then moved forward to occupy Brackfontein on 10 June and Rustenburg on 14 June" (Spink 2014, p.122). "Otto's Hoop, also known as Malmani Goldfields, was occupied on 2 June 1900" (Spink, 2014, p. 122).



x416 1900 (late May) envelope "On Service" from Maj. Weston-Jarvis in the field to Mafeking with arrival c.d.s. (5.6), forwarded to the Landrost's office **Zeerust** with arrival c.d.s. (17.7), again redirected to Rustenburg showing squared-circle d.s. (2.7) and again back to Mafeking, delayed due to the Siege of Elandsriver and re-addressed to Bulawayo with arrival c.d.s. (25.8) and taxed with handstruck "2"; small faults as to be expected with an item that has travelled so far, nevertheless full of character. Photo

x417 1900 (June) unstamped soldier's envelopes (2) with **Zeerust** double-ring datestamps with "V.A." removed, the first to England from a Trooper serving in the Rhodesian Regiment Field Force and countersigned by the Commanding Officer, London Paid c.d.s. (20.7) alongside the despatch datestamp, the second from Corpl. Reid of E Squadron, Rhodesian Regiment to Bulawayo, showing Mafeking (18.6) and Bulawayo (22.6) c.d.s. and charged 1d. tax. Photo

x418 1900 (15 June) envelope to the "Adjutant of Genl. Cronje Prisoner of War, St. Helena", bearing G.B. 21/2d. purple on blue (affixed over another stamp) and illegal use of Cape 1d. carmine (defective) sharing double-ring datestamp with "Z.A." removed, manuscript **Zeerust** censor manuscript and St. Helena arrival c.d.s. (1.8) alongside, Mafeking datestamp (16.7) on reverse; the envelope with some foxing and flap removed, nevertheless interesting and a most unusual illegal usage of a Cape adhesive in the Z.A.R. Photo

x419 1900 (18 June) envelope to England, bearing Bechuanaland 4d. green and purple-brown cancelled by c.d.s. with "Z.A." removed, **Aldershot** arrival c.d.s. (16.7) on reverse; faults at top through opening though an early use of a Bechuanaland stamp for mail through the Protectorate one of three examples recorded. Photo

x420 1900 (15 July) envelope registered "No 6" from **Otto's Hoop** to London, bearing Cape 1d. carmine (5) sharing manuscript "Otto's Hoop 15-7-1900", London Registered oval d.s. (11.8) alongside, the reverse with Mafeking (16.7), Cape Town (20.7) and London (11.8) datestamps. A most unusual cover after the Boers retreated leaving neither stamps. [Photo]

x421 1900 (21 July) envelope "From N. Caddell. attached ASC" (Army Supply Corps.) to Bulawayo, countersigned by "A. Wilson Maj. O.C. **Zeerust**" and bearing G.B. 1d. lilac (4) cancelled by double-ring datestamps with "Z.A." removed, upon arrival redirected to London, the reverse (flap missing) with Marico Hotel cachet in violet, part Bulawayo and London arrival (15.9) c.d.s.; a few small faults though most unusual. Photo

x 422 1900 (Nov.) soldier's envelope (complete with letter headed "Zeerust") to England, countersigned by Lt. Col. Grey of the 3rd. Mounted Brigade of the Rhodesian Field Force and showing F.P.O. 4 c.d.s. alongside London Paid c.d.s. (3.12), arrival c.d.s. (4.10 on reverse, and 1901 (8 Sept.) unstamped envelope from Lord Methuen at Zeerust to his wife in England, showing Mafeking and London Paid (12.10) datestamps [no photo].



"Transvaal Revenue Stamps Surcharged. Lord Cecil ordered Z.A.R. Revenue stamps to be handstamped V.R.I. to value of 1d. The following quantities were produced: 1d. on 6d. 204, 1d. on 1/- 480, 1 d on 2/-, 240 of which only 120 were issued"

X 423 1d. grey-blue perf. 11 with manuscript "V.R.I." in red ink and "Zeerust 23rd. June 1900 TWT"; possibly used as a provisional pending the surcharging. Believed to be unique. Photo. Note: This stamp is discussed and illustrated in "Transvaal Revenue and Telegraph Stamps" by Alan Drysdall, pages 55-56

X 424 1d. on 6d. red, 1d. on 1/- olive-bistre and 1d. on 2/-orange, unused with part original gum. A rare set. Photo

X425 1d. on 6d.red, 1d.on 1/- olive-bistre and 1d. on 2/- orange, each with part Zeerust oval datestamp in violet for 3 or 4 July. A rare set. Photo

X 426 1d. on 1/- olive-bistre lower right corner "strip of five" showing boxed "P.Z." (Enschedé's printer's mark) in right margin and manuscript "Certified Genuine issue for Imperial Purposes, G.P. Tighe, Zeerust 1/VIII/00 Secy to Lord Cecil Imperial Commissioner, Marico"; some faults/defects and with three stamps that were not part of the original piece having been added. An almost certainly unique item. P.F.S.A. Certificate (1979). Photo Note: This item is illustrated in "Transvaal Revenue and Telegraph Stamps" by Alan Drysdall, page 55

X 427 1d. on 1/- olive-bistre neatly cancelled by double-ring "P.W.K./ZEERuST. Z.A.R." and affixed on small piece; one of only two postally used examples recorded. Photo.

## [Spink 2014]



http://i.imgur.com/1WU3DNm.jpg?1: "Boer War 1900 Transvaal cover to Cape Town, bearing GB and Transvaal stamps, all "VRI".".

## 1900 June Rustenburg: "V. R."

## ½ p



http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/kmwAAOSwnQhXngGP/s-I225.jpg: "MOMEN: TRANSVAAL VRI STAMPS #1 RUSTENBURG MINT OG H £200 P1404R #4920"

M10 grün

<u>1p</u>



http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/TEsAAOSwA3tXoJNH/s-l225.jpg: "MOMEN: TRANSVAAL VRI STAMPS #217 RUSTENBURG USED £30 P1404R #4995"

http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/peYAAOSwJqpXoJM~/s-l225.jpg: "MOMEN: TRANSVAAL VRI STAMPS #2 ARMY RUSTENBURG USED £110 P1404R #4994"

http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/GhgAAOSwARZXngGP/s-l225.jpg: "MOMEN: TRANSVAAL VRI STAMPS #2 RUSTENBURG MINT OG H £150 P1404R #4921"



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M11 karmin/ grün

<u>2p</u>



http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/bKwAAOSwENxXngGZ/s-l225.jpg: "MOMEN: TRANSVAAL VRI STAMPS #3 RUSTENBURG USED £180 P1404R #4922"



http://www.forpostalhistory.com/images/2302.jpg

M12 braun/ grün

2½ p



http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/f7cAAOSwbsBXoJNO/s-l225.jpg: "MOMEN: TRANSVAAL VRI STAMPS #4 RUSTENBURG MINT OG H £275 P1404R #4924"

http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/lpcAAOSwtnpXngGb/s-l225.jpg: "MOMEN: TRANSVAAL VRI STAMPS #4 RUSTENBURG MINT OG H £275 P1404R #4923"

M13 hellblau/ grün

3p



http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/hp0AAOSwdzVXngGg/s-I225.jpg: "MOMEN: TRANSVAAL VRI STAMPS #5 RUSTENBURG MINT OG H £350 P1404R #4925"

M14 lilarot/ grün

<u>6p</u>



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http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/113/572.jpg

M15 lila/ grün

<u>1Sh</u>





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http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/113/573.jpg

M16 olivgelb/ grün

2sh6p



http://www.brandonstamps.com/oscthumb.php?src=IMzVwtXM2I6jmJWYmaKdlZeelZmgmKOXIY\_f2 tbcxtyfk8ndzA..&w=135&h=115&f=jpg&q=95&hash=1ac4ad26f75ed498b8f31387264404e1

M17 dunkelviolett/ grün

## Spink Auction 2014 about Rustenburg stamps:

See: <a href="https://www.spink.com/files/lotMain/14018/14018">https://www.spink.com/files/lotMain/14018/14018</a> 387\_1.jpg

"RUSTENBURG. Major-General Baden-Powell and Col. Hoare occupied the town on 14 June 1900. Baden-Powell left the town on 7 August. The next British occupation of the town started with the arrival of Brig.-General Broadwood on 26 September".

Nr 247: "1900 (24 June) Z.A.R. 1d. rose-red and green card to Mrs. Machol in Germany neatly cancelled by squared-circle datestamp, showing Transvaal large ornamental circularframed "T" handstamp (taxed as invalid postage from Rustenburg) and Konigstein arrival c.d.s. (22.7) on face, no Postage Due apparently collected; a most unusual item. Photo. Note: Dr. Albert Machol, a medical doctor practising at Rustenburg, was appointed district surgeon by Lord Cecil Rhodes".

Nr 248: "1900 (28 June) envelope, complete with letter, from Major-General Baden-Powell to Mrs. Mercer at Cape Town, marked "On Service Baden-Powell Maj. Gnl" and showing Zeerust transit c.d.s. (2.7), "T2d" in blue crayon and "2d" tax handstamp, Charge Clerk c.d.s. (7.7) on reverse; the letter includes "We were indeed very glad to get out from Mafeking - and are now very busy hunting up the Boers in the open". An interesting cover sent out on the post to the west. Photo".

Nr 253: "1900 (July) unstamped soldier's envelope from Capt. B.W. Cowan, Acting Commander at Otto's Hoop to Cairo, marked "On active service. No stamps available", showing Field Post Office B.O. c.d.s. (9.7) and bearing G.B. 21/2d. with London c.d.s. (27.7) and London Paid c.d.s. of the same date alongside, paying the onward transmission postage to Egypt, , small part Mafeking d.s. and Ismailia, Cairo (2.8) datestamps on reverse; most unusual. Photo. Note: Capt. Cowan commanded the Bechuanaland Rifles in Mafeking and was mentioned in despatches by Baden-Powell".

Nr 255: "1900 (27 Apr.) envelope from Pietersburg to Cape Town, bearing Transvaal 1d. rose-red and green with double-ring datestamp, pre-war Z.A.R. Found Open and Resealed label and showing, on reverse, superb "FOuND IN RuSTENBG/By BRITISH FORCES" handstamp in violet, Pretoria (8.11) and Cape Town (13.11) datestamps. Photo. Note: It was Lord Methuen's task to "tidy up" the Western Transvaal. He raided all the farmsteads during October where these mails were found".

Nr 256: "1900 (15 May) envelope (faults) from Kaapsche Hoop to Natal, , bearing Transvaal 1d. rose-red and green with double-ring datestamp, pre-war Z.A.R. Found Open and Resealed label and showing, on reverse, superb "FOuND IN RuSTENBG/By BRITISH FORCES" handstamp in violet, Pretoria (8.11), Durban (9.11) and Tongatt (12.11) datestamps. Photo".

Nr 257: "1900 (Nov.) envelope to Cape Town, showing fine "FOuND IN RuSTENBG/By BRITISH FORCES" handstamp in violet alongside circular-framed "T" and "2d." h.s., part Transvaal c.d.s. on reverse; the envelope with a couple of small tears at top and part flap missing. Also a large part envelope front to Salt River with nearly complete strike of the handstamp and taxed at 1d. for double wrapper rate. Photo".



Nr 258: "1900 (Nov.) envelope to London, showing a fine strike of the rare "FOuND IN RuSTENBG/By BRITISH FORCES" handstamp in violet and with manuscript "5d to pay" at left, framed "T/25/CENTIMES" and large "5D./F.B./A." handstamps, the reverse with Pretoria (6.11) and London (3.12) c.d.s.; two creases clear of the handstamp. Rare. Photo. PROVENANCE: Bill Hart, June 1993".

Nr 259: "1901 (13 Jan.) G.B. 1/2d. brown card (one corner creased) from Buffels Poort to Dorchester and redirected to Glasgow, marked "Field Service - No stamps" with the stamp impression cancelled by Army P.O. 54 c.d.s. for 15 January, showing "INCLuDED IN MAIL

BAG LOST ON/CAPE RAILWAy AND RECOVERED/25TH July 1901" cachet alongside Severn Stoke arrival c.d.s. (19.8); the contents include "We are out in the mountains watching the passes while the supplies are passed through to Rustenburg whence we lie 14 miles E". Photo".

"TRANSVAAL STAMPS HANDSTAMPED "V.R." IN VIOLET OR BLACK".



Nr 265: "2/6d. dull violet and green, part original gum; thinned around hinge area though of good strong colour and a most attractive example of this very rare stamp. Brandon Certificate (1997). S.G. 8, Photo".

Nr 261 (below): "1d. rose-red and green block of four, large part original gum; a little toned, a few split and reinforced perfs. and one with rounded corner, nevertheless a scarce multiple. S.G. 2, Photo".

Nr 262: "2d. brown and green, large part original gum; fine and scarce. S.G. 3, Photo".

Nr 263: "6d. lilac and green, part original gum; faint fox mark on gum and a couple of short perfs. At left. Scarce. B.P.A. Certificate (1976). S.G.6, Photo".

Nr 264: "1/- ochre and green, part original gum; a little toned and with imperfections in upper corners though a presentable example of this rare stamp. S.G. 7, Photo".

Nr 266: "2/6d. dull violet and green, part original gum; badly thinned at top around hinge area though of good colour and appearance for this very rare stamp. Brandon Certificate (1998). S.G. 8, Photo.



Nr 267: 1/2d. green, 1d. rose-red and green, 2d. brown and green, 21/2d. blue and green and 3d. purple and green, all cancelled by squared-circle datestamps, the 1d. and 3d. on small pieces; 2d. with a horizontal crease at foot, otherwise fine. S.G. 1-5. Photo".

Nr 268: "1/2d. green, 1d. rose-red and green, 2d. brown and green, 21/2d. blue and green and 3d. purple and green, affixed to piece and cancelled by one complete and two part strikes of P.W.K. Rustenburg double-ring datestamp of 25 July; all with faults/defects though a colourful philatelic franking. R.P.S. Certificate (1977). S.G. 1-5, Photo".

Nr 269: "1d. rose-red and green (3), the first cancelled by large part Field Post Office 34 c.d.s. (17.10) of Rhenoster Kop, the second with V.R.I. 1/2d. green and 1d. rose-red and green, all cancelled by Field Post Office 34 c.d.s. (10.10) on piece with small part of address written from Capt. Llewellyn to Mrs. Hoare and showing part Basingstoke arrival c.d.s., the third on small piece and cancelled by part of Rhenoster Kop c.d.s. (8.10); fine. An unusual trio. S.G. 2, Photo".

Nr 270: "2d. brown and green, neatly cancelled and tied on piece by squared-circle datestamp (22.6, the first day of issue) in violet; fine. S.G. 3, Photo".

Nr 271: "21/2d. blue and green, neatly cancelled and tied on piece by complete P.W.K. Rustenburg c.d.s. (26.7); fine. S.G. 4, Photo".

Nr 272: "21/2d. blue and green, neatly cancelled and tied on piece by part Zeerust c.d.s.; rare, being one of only three examples of this usage. S.G. 4, Photo".

Nr 273: "3d. purple and green marginal block of four from the top of the sheet, neatly cancelled by centrally applied F.P.O. 19 c.d.s. (15.8) of Commando Nek; the left-hand vertical pair with trace of a vertical "line" on reverse, otherwise fine and a very scarce multiple. S.G. 5, Photo

Nr 274: "3d. purple and green, neatly cancelled and tied on piece by Rhenoster Kop c.d.s. (8.10); fine and scarce. P.F.S.A. Certificate (1967). S.G. 5, Photo".

Nr 275: "6d. lilac and green, neatly cancelled by part squared-circle datestamp; fine and scarce. S.G. 6, Photo".

Nr 276: "1/- ochre and green, neatly cancelled by squared-circle datestamp (23.6, one day after issue); fine and rare. S.G. 7, Photo".

Nr 277: "1/- ochre and green, neatly cancelled by large part Army Post Office 50 c.d.s. (20.8) of Pretoria and affixed to piece; fine and rare. Signed Bloch on reverse. S.G. 7. Photo".

Nr 278: "2/6d. dull violet and green, neatly cancelled by part squared-circle datestamp (23.6, one day after issue); small thin at top though of fine appearance for this very rare stamp. Brandon Certificate (1998). S.G. 8, Photo".

Nr 279: "2/6d. dull violet and green, cancelled by virtually complete squared-circle datestamp (27.6); light crease at foot, otherwise sound. P.F.S.A. Certificate (1998). S.G. 8, Photo".

Nr 280: "2/6d. dull violet and green, cancelled by virtually complete squared-circle datestamp (June, day unclear); two areas of thinning though of fine appearance. Signed Holcombe. R.P.S. Certificate (1968). S.G. 8, Photo".

Nr 281: "2/6d. dull violet and green with handstamp in black, cancelled by virtually complete squared-circle datestamp (22.6, first day of issue); upper left corner missing and other faults/defects though a useful reference example of this excessively rare stamp with only three examples recorded. R.P.S. Certificate (2008). S.G. 8a, Photo. PROVENANCE: The Royal Philatelic Collection, 2009".

The following ection offers the finest group of covers from this Siege issue ever formed, representing over a quarter of all the covers recorded to date



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Nr 282: "1900 (23 June) unaddressed "IN DIENST." envelope with embossed Coat of Arms seal in green on flap, bearing 1/2d. to 6d. all neatly cancelled by squared-circle datestamps and with a further strike applied at centre; the envelope with three vertical creases (one splitting the cover at centre), none affecting the adhesives. The earliest recorded cover with stamps from this issue. S.G. 1-6, Photo".

Nr 285: "1900 (25 June) unaddressed "IN DIENST." envelope with embossed Coat of Arms seal in green on flap, bearing 1/2d. to 6d. all neatly cancelled by squared-circle datestamps and with a further strike applied at upper right-hand corner; the envelope cut-into at top, not affecting the adhesives. S.G. 1-6, Photo".



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Nr 284: "1900 (24 June) envelope to Pretoria, bearing 1d. rose-red and green neatly cancelled by squared-circle datestamp, black on pink censor label at top and over to the flap, initialed "O.H.M.S." and showing arrival c.d.s. (25.7) on reverse; one of five such labels recorded from Pretoria. Fine and scarce. Photo".

Nr 288: "1900 (27 June) envelope from Zeerust to Capt. Lawley (Administrator of Matabeleland during this period) at Government House, Bulawayo, signed "J.S. Nicholson. Col." (Rustenburg's Town Commandant) at lower left corner and bearing 21/2d. blue and green with large part double-ring datestamp with "Z.A." removed, Mafeking (28.6) and Bulawayo (30.6) datestamps on reverse. Fine and the earliest recorded use of Rustenburg "VR" stamps at Zeerust. Photo".



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Nr 290:" 1900 (1 July) "IN DIENST." envelope from Major-General Baden-Powell to his mother in London, printed headings crossed through and bearing 1d. rose-red and green pair, [33-34] in the "control" sheet, and a single with squared-circle datestamps, "PASSED/CENSOR" handstamp alongside, arrival c.d.s. (11.8) on reverse; the envelope with some creasing and a little foxing, nevertheless a remarkable cover illustrated on the front cover of the Birkhead and Groenewald handbook. Photo".



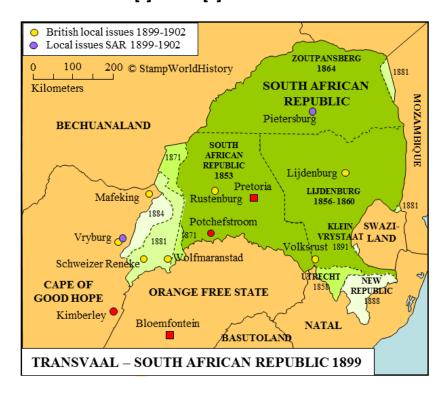
Nr 291: "x291 1900 (14 July) envelope (opened-out) "On Active Service" from "G.B. Hook, Rhodesia Regt. Rustenburg" to his wife in Bulawayo, bearing 2d. brown and green (2) sharing

Zeerust double with datestamp with "Z.A." removed, showing "PASSED/CENSOR" handstamp with the signature of Col. J.S. Nicholson below, part arrival c.d.s. on reverse; the right-hand stamp with rounded corner and the envelope with some creases, etc. and foxing. Photo. Note: Col. Nicholson was the Officer Commanding Rustenburg after Lt. Col. Hoare was sent to Eland's River Depot on 4 July and could not return as he had malaria fever. The Rustenburg squared-circle canceller disappeared after the temporary evacuation of the town on 4 July. This is the last recorded date of use of the Passed Censor cachet".

Nr 293: "1900 (13 Aug.) "On (Active Service)" from "G.B. Hook, Rhodesian Regt., Plumer's Brigade 13/8/00" to Bulawayo, bearing 1/2d. green, 1d. rose-red and green, 2d. brown and green, 21/2d. blue and green and 3d. purple and green all cancelled in transit at Pretoria by double-ring datestamps (15.8), Bulawayo c.d.s. (25.8) on reverse; the envelope with some faults and the adhesives all with creases, nevertheless a rare and important franking. R.P.S. Certificate (1949) states "some stamp, or stamps, removed from cover" though no signs of cancellations are present, so any that were present originally must have remained uncancelled. Photo. PROVENANCE: Senator Rossouw, October 1959".

Nr 294: "1901 (27 Nov.) envelope (lower right corner fault) to Switzerland, bearing 1d. rosered and green in combination with G.B. 1d. (2) cancelled by fine Army P.O. 50 single-ring datestamps, Opened under Martial Law censor label at top which is tied by "P.B.C. Rustenburg" triangular censor cachet, Berne arrival c.d.s. (28.12) on reverse. Photo".

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Spink Auction 2014: "The town was occupied by the British from 15 June until 27 July, 1900, when the British Forces departed and the Boers re-occupied the town".

#### Prior to 15 June 1900:

Nr 323 (below): "1900 (5 Jan.) envelope (complete with letter) ex the Leask correspondence from Mrs. Leask to her daughters at school in Stromness, Orkney, bearing Transvaal 1/2d. and 1d. (2) with double-ring datestamps and with both Boer and British censor tape, the former tied by Pretoria c.d.s. (30.1), "RETURNED LETTER OFFICE/NATAL" c.d.s. (2.3) and boxed "STOPPED By CENSOR/RETURN TO SENDER" cachet in violet; the letter subsequently returned to Mrs. Leask in a green "IN DIENST." envelope with Pretoria c.d.s. (5.3) and showing cachet in violet of Isaac van Alphen, the Postmaster-General of the Z.A.R.. A fascinating item of censored mail, fully described and written-up in the Birkhead and Groenewald handbook. Photo".

Nr 324 (below): "1900 (27 Jan.) envelope (complete with letter) ex the Leask correspondence from Mrs. Leask to her daughters at school in Stromness, Orkney, bearing Transvaal 1/2d. and 1d. (2) with double-ring datestamps and with both Boer and British censor tape, the former tied by Pretoria c.d.s. (30.1), "RETURNED LETTER OFFICE/NATAL" c.d.s. (20.2) and boxed "STOPPED By CENSOR/RETURN TO SENDER" cachet in violet; the letter subsequently returned to Mrs. Leask in a green "IN DIENST." envelope (faults) with Pretoria c.d.s. (6.3) and showing cachet in violet of Isaac van Alphen, the Postmaster-General of the Z.A.R. Photo".



Nr 325: "1900 (13 Mar.) unstamped envelope from a P.O.W. at Cape Town to Wolmaransstad, the face panel with despatch c.d.s., taxed "2" in red crayon and then "T5d" in blue crayon with octagonal-framed "T/25c.", the reverse with boxed "CENSOR, PRISONERS OF WAR/L Heyman/Lt Col" handstamp, Lourenco Marques (18.3), Pretoria (26.3), Klerksdorp (27.3) and arrival (29.3) c.d.s.; a most unusual item of mail carried via the northern route. Photo".

Nr 326: "1900 (19 Mar.) envelope from John Clouston, Leask's Manager, "via Schweitzer Reneke" to Vryburg, bearing 1/2d., 1d. and 2d. cancelled by double-ring datestamps and showing, on reverse,

sender's cachet, Bloemhof (19.3), Schweizer Reneke (21.3) and arrival (21.3) c.d.s.; 1d. and 2d. with defects though an attractive franking at unusual rate and sent by the southern route from Kimberley by rail to Warrenton and then by mail coach to Bloemhof. Photo".

"British Occupation, 18 June to 28 July 1900"

Nr 330: "1900 (24 June) unstamped envelope to a Boer P.O.W. at Simons Town, marked "Censored C.G. Huddleston" (Assistant Commandant during the occupation) and showing despatch c.d.s. in violet and circular-framed "CENSOR/PRISONERS OF WAR" cachet in blue. Rare with few covers from Wolmaransstad during the six weeks of British Occupation, this being one of only three to P.O.W.'s. Photo".

Nr 332: "1900 (27 June) envelope to "Bomvama Land Trans Kie", most unusually bearing Cape 1d. carmine cancelled by double-ring datestamp in violet, marked "Censored C.G. Huddlestone" and with Kimberley squared-circle transit d.s. (2.7), the reverse with Kei Road (5.7), Mtentu (6.7) and Elliotdale (7.7) c.d.s. A unique usage of a Cape stamp used in the town during the occupation, and the last day that the cancellation in violet was used. Photo. PROVENANCE: Kenneth Griffith, March 2003".

Nr 334: "1900 (22 July) mourning envelope to a P.O.W. on board S.S. Manila at Simon's Town with the ship's name crossed out and "Simonstad" underlined, censored by Lt. Huddleston at top and showing Wolmaransstad c.d.s., sent via Kimberley (22.7) where it was again censored with circular-framed "CENSOR/PRISONERS OF WAR." handstamp and Cape Town "CENSOR/BELLE VIEW/PRISONERS OF WAR." in blue; one of few covers sent out during the short-lived first British Occupation. Photo".

"Boer Re-Occupation, 14 August 1900 to 12 February 1901: Wolmaransstad commandos joined local commandos at Schweizer Reneke to lay siege to the town on 18 August. Telephone lines were cut and tapped. Lord Methuen evacuated the entire garrison at Schweizer Reneke on 9 January 1901, seven months after the British occupation. Soon afterwards the Boers restored administration to the area and communication between Wolmaransstad and other western Transvaal towns". No illustrations given of postal usage during this Boer re-occupation period.

"Second British Occupation, 12 February to 23 July 1901 and subsequent removal of residents to Klerksdorp Concentration Camp, 25 July 1901 until the end of the war"

Nr 338: "1900 (May and Sept.) cards from Stromness to Mrs. Leask franked at 1d., the first sent via Delagoa Bay with Machadadorp and Lourenco Marques c.d.s., both censored at Johannesburg, and 1900 (Aug.) envelope from Stromness to Mr. Clouston franked at 21/2d. and sent via the southern route with Warrenton censor label and cachet; all three held for one year with the two cards redirected to Klerksdorp and the envelope redirected to Kimberley. Photo".

"The Japan and China Correspondence from Miss B.J. Garriock".

Nr 345 (below): "From Japan. 1900 (29 Oct.) envelope (complete with letter) from Kobe to Dr. Leask, bearing 5s. yellow pair with c.d.s. and with Opened under Martial Law label tied by Johannesburg censor cachet at foot, Hong Kong (7.11) and Johannesburg (6.1) c.d.s. on reverse then held for some ten months with manuscript "Recd in K'dorp 1/10/01"; the letter gives fascinating details of her

travels and exploits including comment on the Boxer movement, looting and death of civilians in Moukden, etc. Also 1917 1s. card, uprated with 1/2s. and 2s., from Moukden "via Dalny thence per Japanese Steamer to Durban" with light censor datestamp and commenting on mail from Port Arthur going astray. A fascinating pair with the first item fully written-up in the Birkhead and Groenewald handbook. Photo. Note: Katie Leask's sister went out from the Orkneys to Manchuria to carry out missionary work. A relative at Stromess also corresponded with Katie to keep her informed about the missionary in Manchuria".



Nr 346: "From China. 1902 (2 Jan.) envelope from Liaoyang, bearing 5c. flesh pair with boxed datestamp in combination with Hong Kong 10c. blue with c.d.s. (10.1), Johannesburg censor cachet at left, despatch, Shanghai (9.1), Colombo and Johannesburg (1.3) c.d.s. on reverse. Rare and most attractive. Photo".

Nr 347: "1902 (Aug.) envelope (minor stains) from Shengking, bearing 1c. (5) and 5c. with Imperial State P.O. handstamps, the reverse with despatch (19.8), Shanghai (25.8), Hong Kong (1.9), Durban (1.11) and arrival (4.11) c.d.s.; also two further envelopes, each with a couple of stamps cut away, and a piece bearing 1c. (10) with the address cut away, all from the same office. Photo".

Nr 348: "1902 (Jan. and Nov.) envelopes, the first from Liaoyang bearing 5c. flesh pair tied by boxed datestamp with Johannesburg censor cachet and Shanghai French P.O. c.d.s. (3.2), despatch, Shanghai and Colombo c.d.s. on reverse, the second from Shenkiang bearing 1c., 4c. and 5c. with Imperial State P.O. handstamps and with Shanghai French P.O. c.d.s. on face, arrival c.d.s. (24.12) on reverse, and 1904 (7 Feb.) envelope from Shenkiang, showing "VIA SIBERIA" handstamp and bearing 1/2c. (2), 1c. (4) and 5c. with Imperial State P.O. boxed handstamps, the reverse with despatch and arrival (25.3) c.d.s. A most attractive trio. Photo".

Nr 349: "1906 (May) illustrated envelope from Moukden bearing 2c. (5) with double-ring lunar datestamps and showing various transit c.d.s. on reverse including Beira, 1906 (15 June) 1c. card, uprated with 1c. and 2c., from Newchang, cancelled with c.d.s. and showing various transit and arrival (4.8) c.d.s., 1906 (Sept.) picture postcard from an unknown office, franked at 4c. with Shanghai, Aden, Beira and arrival datestamps, and 1916 (May) envelope bearing 10c., censored and with Chinese T.P.O. and arrival (11.7) c.d.s.; an attractive group. Photo".

Nr 350: "From Klerksdorp. 1902 envelopes (3) to Moukden, comprising 4 April bearing G.B. 1d. lilac (3) cancelled by Klerksdorp Army Post Office c.d.s., 30 April bearing G.B. 1/2d. and 1d. (2) with Army Post Office 100 c.d.s., and 18 July bearing Transvaal 1d. with Klerksdorp c.d.s., all with a variety of transit datestamps on reverse; small faults on reverse though a fascinating trio".

"THE DEFINITIVE STAMPS [for Wolmaransstad] . Lieut. C.G. Huddleston was responsible for the preparation of the issue. The overprinting was carried out by John L. Clouston an employee of Thomas Leask & Co. Some items listed by Harry Birkhead and Joh Groenewald as trials have been listed under the unused stamps as they are in the issued type and are listed by Stanley Gibbons Essays and Trials".



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Nr 360: "1d. rose-red and green block of sixteen (8x2), large part original gum; one stamp with a diagonal crease, otherwise fine and the largest recorded block of any Wolmaransstad handstamped provisional. A spectacular showpiece multiple. S.G. 2, Photo".

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#### Spink continued:

Nr 351 (below): "1/2d. green handstamped "VRI" and "CANCELLED" diagonally, both in violet, part original gum. Believed unique. Photo.".

Nr 352: "1/2d. green horizontal pair handstamped "Cancelled/V-R-I." in blue with "Cancelled" in fancy type and the right-hand stamp with "%" after "I", affixed to piece. Believed unique. Photo".

Nr 353: "1/2d. green handstamped "Cancelled" only in black, part original gum; defects though believed unique. Photo".

Nr 354: "1d. rose-red and green handstamped "VRI" and "CANCELLED" diagonally, both in violet, part original gum. Believed unique. Photo".

Nr 355: "1d. red (1885-93 issue) previously used with c.d.s. in red on small piece of cheque, overprinted "Cancelled/V-R-I.". One of only two examples recorded. Photo".

Nr 356: "1d. rose-red and green handstamped "Cancelled/V-R-I." in black, large part original gum. Believed unique. Photo".

Nr 357: "1d. rose-red and green handstamped "Cancelled/V-R-I." in black, and a further example handstamped in blue (as issued), both affixed to pieces of cheque, the latter dated "9/3/99" and tied by the handstamp to the piece. Photo".

Nr 358: "Unused 1/2d. green horizontal pair, affixed to piece; fine. S.G. 1. Photo".

Nr 359: "1/2d. green, variety overprint inverted, small part original gum with paper adhering to about half of reverse; faults including tear at foot. Very rare. R.P.S. Certificate (1939). S.G. 1a, Photo. PROVENANCE: Tommy Allen".



Nr 361: "1d. rose-red and green handstamped in blue-green, part original gum; one short perf. At top. S.G. 2 var. Photo".

Nr 362: "1d. rose-red and green handstamped in green, part original gum; two short perfs. at foot. Rare. S.G. 2a, Photo".

Nr 363: "2d. brown and green, large part original gum; very fine. S.G. 3, Photo"

Nr 364: "2d. brown and green handstamped in pale blue, unused without gum with the overprint colour possible washed; trace of a thin at top, otherwise sound. S.G. 3, Photo".

Nr 367: "21/2d. blue and green, fresh with part original gum; light S.G. "GuARANTEED" handstamp on reverse. Rare. B.P.A. Certificate (1992). S.G. 4, Photo".

Nr 368: "21/2d. blue and green, part original gum; small crease at lower right corner, otherwise sound. Rare. S.G. 4, Photo".

Nr 369: "3d. purple and green, large part original gum; fresh and fine. Rare. S.G. 5, Photo".

Nr 370: "3d. purple and green, unused with the merest trace of gum; shortish perfs. and traces of thinning at top though a useful reference example of this rare stamp. S.G. 5, Photo".

Nr 371 [shows: "372"]: "4d. sage-green and green lower right corner vertical pair, large part original gum; some perfs. between stamps and right-hand margin severed and strengthened at top, slightly out of place. An exceptional and spectacular multiple of this rare stamp, and almost certainly unique as such. S.G. 6, Photo".

Nr 372: "1/2d. green vertical pair affixed to small newspaper piece and cancelled with indistinct parts of Potchefstroom c.d.s., and a single (defective upper right corner) with small part Johannesburg c.d.s.; both possibly late uses. S.G. 1, Photo".

Nr 373: "1d. rose-red and green, neatly cancelled by double-ring datestamp for 16 July 1900, the only example of this value recorded used on this date; fine. S.G. 2,[Photo]"

Nr 374: "21/2d. blue and green with part double-ring datestamp for 19 July 1900?; fine and very rare. S.G. 4, Photo".

Nr 375: "" 4d. sage-green and green cancelled with part double-ring datestamp for an unknown day in July; upper left corner rounded and area of thinning resulting in a small hole though a good reference example of this very rare stamp. S.G. 6, Photo".

Nr 405: "Unused. A marginal block of four from the foot of the sheet, large part original gum with the lower pair remaining unmounted. A scarce multiple. S.G. 9, Photo".

Nr 406: "A lower right corner example with printer's imprint, fresh mint. Also a further example (some foxing) with part original gum and a used example (creases) with Cape Fourteen Streams c.d.s. (4.8). S.G. 9, Photo".



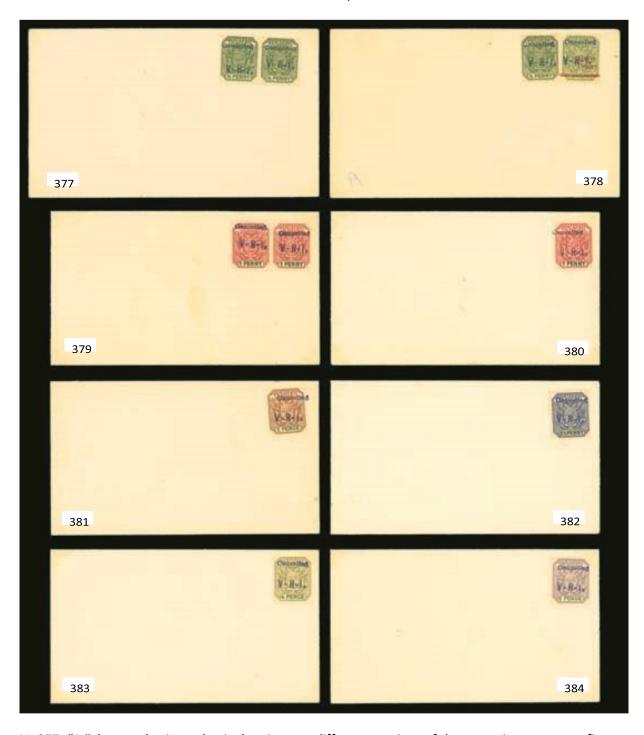


Nr 365: "2d. brown and green vertical pair with overprint in black, large part original gum with the lower stamp remaining unmounted; folded between, diagonal crease affecting both stamps and one with a pulled perf., nevertheless an almost certainly unique multiple of this rare stamp. S.G. 3a, Photo".

Nr 366: "21/2d. blue and green vertical pair, the upper stamp additionally handstamped "V-R-I." in deep blue, part original gum with the lower stamp remaining unmounted; folded between and both stamps creased though a very rare and possibly unique multiple. See note after S.G. 8. R.P.S. Certificate (1967). S.G. 4, Photo".



Nr 376: "6d. lilac and green block of four together with 1d. rose-red on green horizontal pair cancelled by Johannesburg single-ring datestamp (date unclear though possibly 13 March 1902) on brown parcel piece; fine and the only recorded used block of four of any value from the issue. Arguably the most important item of Wolmaransstad philately. S.G. 2, 6, Photo".



Nr 377: "1/2d. green horizontal pair showing two different spacings of the overprint se-tenant; fine. S.G. 1. Photo".

Nr 378: "1/2d. green in combination with 1/2d. on 1/- green (defective upper left corner), the envelope lettered "A" in blue crayon in lower left corner; very rare. S.G. 1, 1c. Photo. Note: This cover was illustrated by J.H. Harvey Pirie in "The South African Philatelist", May 1944".

Nr 379: "1d. rose-red and green horizontal pair with the left-hand stamp showing overprint set to top; fine. S.G. 2. Photo".

Nr 380: "1d. rose-red and green showing "Cancelled" set to left and tying the stamp to the cover; fine. S.G. 2. Photo".

Nr 381: "2d. brown and green with "Cancelled" set to right tying it to the cover; fine. S.G. 3. Photo".

Nr 382: 21/2d. blue and green; a couple of shortish perfs. At foot. S.G. 4. Photo".

Nr 383: "4d. sage-green and green; a few shortish perfs. Though a rare stamp. S.G. 6. Photo".

Nr 384: "6d. lilac and green; a couple of shortish perfs. though a presentable example of this very rare stamp. S.G. 7. Photo".



Nr 385: "1d. rose-red and green horizontal strip of three with the left-hand stamp showing wide spacing of overprint, to Thomas Leask & Co. at Klerksdorp and marked in pencil by Leask "Keep this to show difference between Cancelled & V.R.I.". S.G. 1. Photo".

Nr 386: "21/2d. blue and green (trace of soiling at upper right corner), to R.W. Thornton at Wolmaransstad. S.G. 4. Photo"

Nr 387: "1d. rose-red and green dated 19 July 1900 and sent on the last British post out of Wolmaransstad before the Boer re-occupation four weeks later; no censor endorsement. Photo"

Nr 388: "2d. brown and green dated 24June in violet; fine. S.G. 3. Photo".

Nr 389: "2d. brown and green dated 24June in violet, Huddleston's censor endorsement dated "23/6" and the only example thus dated recorded in the handbook; fine. S.G. 3. Photo".

Nr 390: "2d. brown and green dated 19July, no censor endorsement; fine. S.G. 3. Photo"

Nr 391: "3d. purple and green dated 24 June in violet; fine. S.G. 5. Photo".

Nr 392: 3d. purple and green dated 24 June in violet; fine. S.G. 5. Photo".

#### **Covers that Travelledout of Wolmaransstad**



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Nr 396: "1/2d. green, 1d. rose-red and green, 2d. brown and green and Penny Post 1d. red, twice neatly cancelled and tied on 19 July large part envelope (crease between two stamps and some soiling) to Capt. G.F. MacMann, 37 Howitzer Battery, Warrenton; trace of arrival c.d.s. on reverse. S.G. 1-3, 9, Photo".



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Nr 397: "1/2d. green horizontal pair on 19 July envelope (small imperfections and flap torn on opening) to Capt. MacMann, Commanding 7th. Battery R.A., Warrenton, Warrenton Station arrival c.d.s. (24.7) on reverse. S.G. 1. Photo".

Nr 398: "2d. brown and green on 19 July envelope to D Eadie, Acting Resident Magistrate, Warrenton, manuscript "Censored/G.R.M.", Warrenton Station arrival c.d.s. (24.7) on reverse. S.G 3. Photo".

Nr 393 (below): "3d. purple and green dated 19 July, no censor endorsement. S.G. 5. Photo".

Nr 394: "4d. sage-green and green dated 24 June in violet. S.G. 6. Photo".

Nr 395: "6d. lilac and green dated 24 June in violet. S.G. 7. Photo".

Nr 399: "x399 1/2d. green with "Cancelled" in fancy type, fine unused. Photo".

Nr: 400: "1/2d. green with "Cancelled" in normal type, unused; a couple of light corner mount marks at top. Photo".

Nr 401: "1d. rose-red and green with "Cancelled" in normal type, unused. Photo"

Nr 402: "1d. rose-red and green with "Cancelled" in normal type, unused; a couple of corner mount marks at foot. Photo".

Nr 403 "1d. rose-red and green with "Cancelled" in normal type and unusually placed above "V-R-I.", unused; a couple of corner mount marks at upper left. Photo".

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Nr 407: "An uncancelled example affixed on Leask imprint envelope. S.G. 9. Photo".

Nr 408: "An example cancelled by 24 June c.d.s. in violet on Leask imprint envelope addressed to his daughter locally and marked "Censored C.G. Huddleston Ass. Comm" in lower left corner. Photo".

Nr 409: "A horizontal pair each cancelled by 21 July c.d.s. on envelope, addressed locally in Leask's handwriting, to Mr. Jac Clouston; the envelope with two vertical creases, one of which crosses the left-hand stamp. Photo"

Nr 410: "Leask Covers Registered to his daughters in Scotland". 1902 (9 May) envelope (complete with registration receipt) bearing 1d. red (2) together with 1d. rose-red and green and three G.B. values, all cancelled by Army Post Office Klerksdorp double-ring datestamps, London Registered (31.5) and Portobello (1.6) datestamps on reverse. Photo".

Nr 411: "1902 (15 May) envelope bearing 1d. red (2, one defective) and 1d. rose-red and green, together with three G.B. values, all cancelled by Army Post Office Klerksdorp double-ring datestamps, London Registered (7.6) and Portobello (8.6) datestamps on reverse. Photo".

Nr 412: "1902 (22 May) envelope (complete with registration receipt) bearing 1d. red together with three unoverprinted Transvaal values and four G.B. values, all cancelled by Army Post Office Klerksdorp double-ring datestamps, London Registered (21.6) and Portobello (22.6) datestamps, all on face. Photo".

Other illustrations of postage stamps used in Wolmaransstad during the Anglo-Boer War:

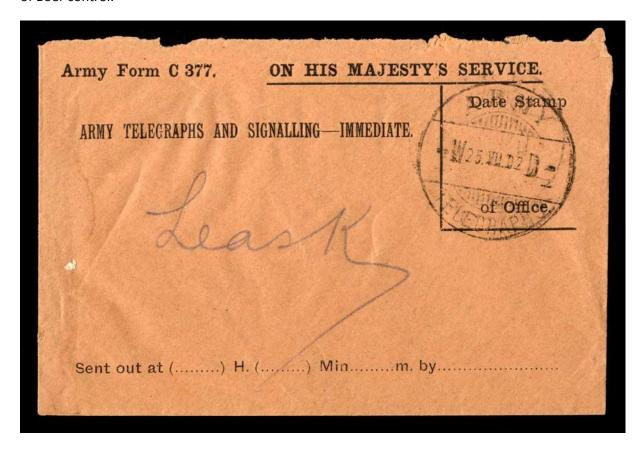


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http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img\_large/auction/000/333/868/711\_001.jpg: "1900 Envelope bearing Transvaal ZAR stamps from ½d to 1/- all tied by superb strikes Wolmaransstad cds 23 MEI 00 - THE LAST DAY OF THE BOER POSTS OUT of Wolmaransstad before the British occupation on June 15th. A colourful and attractive philatelic souvenir piece addressed to Thomas Leask's daughter Mabel. Pristine, scarce. Ex Leask correspondence. During the advance of the British troops into the Western Transvaal and through the Northern Free State towards Potchefstroom and fearing their taking of Wolmaransstad, Leask prepared two sets of covers, 22nd & 23rd May, to record the last day of Boer control."



http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-G38-4904.jpg: "-W 25.VII.02 D- of Wolmaransstad on O.H.M.S. Army Telegraph envelope C377 - courtesy of Grosvenor Auctions."

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http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1493.jpg: "WOLMARANSSTAD 1900 1d red commemorative overprinted 'Cancelled / V-R-I.' in blue. An irregular marginal strip of three from the lower left corner of the pane. Small thin in margin only and one stamp with minor gum bends, otherwise superb fresh unmounted mint. A very rare multiple in remarkable condition. Illustrated on page 28 of 'The Wherewithal of Wolmaransstad' (Birkhead and Groenewald, 1999). SG 9"



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https://www.spink.com/files/lotMain/14018/14018\_387\_1.jpg

<u>2p</u>



http://zenius.kalnieciai.lt/africa/south/transvaal/wolmaransstad.jpg

M21 braun/ grün

<u>2 ½ p</u>



https://siegelauctions.com/image\_manip/image.php?src=/1996/778/847.jpg

M22 hellblau/ grün

<u>3p</u>



http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/61/774.jpg

M23 lilarot/ grün

<u>4p</u>

See Spink Nr 394 above

M24 oliv grün/ grün

<u>6p</u>



http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/101/512.jpg

M25 lila/ grün

<u>1Sh</u>

Not yet found

M26 olivgelb/ grün

# 1900 August Schweizer Reneke "BESIEGED"

On stamps of Cape of Good Hope

½ p



http://www.cherrystoneauctions.com/auctionscans200809/849.jpg





http://images.bidorbuy.co.za/user\_images/364/356364\_141005233651\_SCHWEIZER\_CERT1\_ipg

http://a5.tbn.bidorbuy.co.za/image/fetch/dpr 1.0,f auto,t btbnx/http://img.bidorbuy.co.za/image/upload/user images/364/356364/356364 141005233651 SCHWEIZER CERT1.jpg

M27 hellgrün

<u>1p</u>



http://stampauctionnetwork.com/Y/1049/1586.jpg

M28 karmin

On stamps of Transvaal

<u>½ p</u>



https://siegelauctions.com/image\_manip/image.php?src=/2013/1049/1582.jpg

M29 grün

<u>1p</u>



http://stampauctionnetwork.com/Y/1049/1583.jpg

M30 karmin/ grün

<u>2p</u>



http://zenius.kalnieciai.lt/africa/south/transvaal/schweizerReneke.jpg

M31 braun/ grün

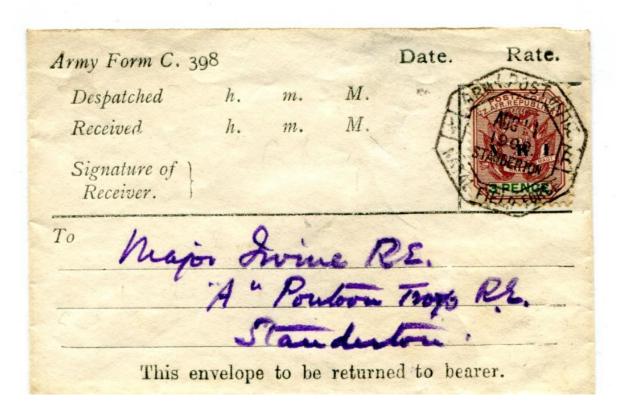
<u>6p</u>



http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/101/507.jpg

M32 lila/ grün

## **Standerton Natal Field Force Army Post Office August 1900**



http://www.chrisrainey.com/images/4734.jpg: "1900 local envelope 'Army Form C.398' Franked 3d adhesive tied octagonal "ARMY POST OFFICE NATAL FIELD FORCE / STANDERTON" d/s 'AUG 14 1900'

# 1900 September Lydenburg: "V.R.I."

<u>½ p</u>



http://assets.catawiki.nl/assets/2016/9/16/4/3/e/43ed79be-7bfb-11e6-8382-9cb8e07a7c7e.jpg

M1 grün

<u>1p</u>

M2 rosa



http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/DsMAAOSwlgNXoJNA/s-l225.jpg: "MOMEN: TRANSVAAL VRI STAMPS #2 LYDENBURG USED £340++ P1404R #4992"

M3 karmin/ grün

<u>2p</u>



https://siegelauctions.com/image\_manip/image.php?src=/2013/1049/1577.jpg

M4 braun/ grün

<u>2 ½ p</u>



http://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/WwQAAOSwYIxX6VVq/s-l1600.jpg : "Boer War Transvaal Lydenburg 1900 SG # 4 vf used".

https://siegelauctions.com/image\_manip/image.php?src=/2013/1049/1578.jpg

http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/113/571.jpg



http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/101/501.jpg

M5 hellblau/ grün

3p:1p



http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/SRoAAOSwTA9X6VVx/s-l225.jpg : "Boer War Transvaal Lydenburg 1900 SG # 5 Signed by expert vf used"

http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/1h4AAOSwnQhXoJNQ/s-l225.jpg

M6 violett : karmin/ grün

<u>4p</u>



https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/236x/eb/36/38/eb363879fa862a39818be187420b1459.jpg

M7 olivgrün/ grün

<u>6p</u>



https://siegelauctions.com/image\_manip/image.php?src=/1996/778/842.jpg

M8 lila/ grün

<u>1Sh</u>



http://zenius.kalnieciai.lt/africa/south/transvaal/lydenburg.jpg

M9 olivgelb/ grün

1900 December Taaibosch Camp



http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/TV-1d-1.jpg: "Apparently Taaibosch Camp used their Telagraph cancel to send Xmas Cards on 22.XI.00!!!. Irene Military is also known to have used its cancellor for postal purposes (IR 14.IX.00 M-)."

### **Field Post Office British Army South Afica**

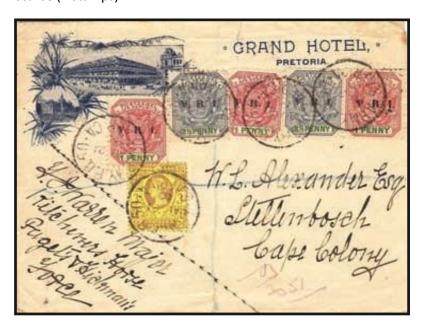


http://www.chrisrainey.com/images/3378.jpg: "BOER WAR. 1900 Z.A.R. 1/2d stationery card headed 'Pretoria' addressed to Canada cancelled "FIELD POST OFFICE B.O. BRITISH ARMY SOUTH AFRICA" c.d.s. 'NO 7 00' A fine strike of the oval "CANADIAN CONTINGENT SOUTH AFRICA" datestamp struck in violet 'NOV 7 1900' Some very light fading in the address panel."

## British administration 1900-1910; Transvaal



http://www.sandafayre.com/stockimages/48172237.jpg: "TRANSVAAL 1900 "V.R.I." 2s6d, 5s, 10s & £5 each overprinted "SPECIMEN" (the complete set), SG 234s/7s, mint (the 2s6d thinned). Very scarce (4 stamps)"

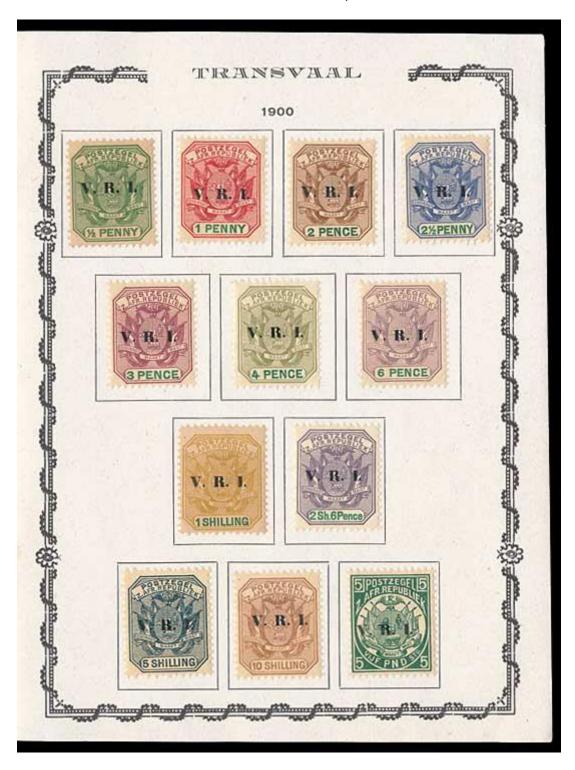


In: Spink auctions 12 March 2014, p. 129



http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1690.jpg: "1901 (July), envelope sent registered to England. Bearing ten duties of the 'V.R.I.' overprints (½d to 2/6 and 10/-, SG 226-234, 236), all tied by Johannesburg (22 July) double circle datestamps and with an oval 'R' registration cachet struck at left. Passed Press Censor / Johannesburg and various Registered London (16 and 17 Aug) arrival backstamps. The cover slightly foreshortened at left. Philatelically inspired, though the 10/- is rarely seen used on any postal matter. An excellent reference for genuine, overprinted stamps"

1900 "V.R. I." : ZAR



http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/MT62.jpg: "c1902 printed booklet 'COLLECTION de TIMBRES DU TRANSVAAL' numbered '63', the eight internal pages applied with the various reprints of the 'Disselboom' issue to £5 and 10/-, various surcharges, 'Vurtheim' issue to 2/6, 'V.R.I.' overprints to £5 and 'E.R.I.' to 2/6. Staples removed otherwise fine. Useful reference."



http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/lcgAAOSwtnpXngGU/s-I225.jpg: "MOMEN: TRANSVAAL VRI STAMPS #226d,228d-33d INVERTED MINT OG H £275 P1404R #4934"

<u>½ p</u>



http://kayatana.com/images/southafrica/SAF1900-226-s1-0.30-MM.jpg

http://zenius.kalnieciai.lt/africa/south/transvaal/vri.jpg

M84 grün: Y124 vert

<u>1p</u>



http://kayatana.com/images/southafrica/SAF1900-227-s1-0.30-MM.jpg



http://fep.up.pt/docentes/cpimenta/lazer/WebFilatelicamente/public html/r106/pictures/revista10 6 7 14.jpg: "Censored cover to S.J. Eloff, Prisoner of War, Greenpoint Camp, dated 31 December 1900. Sarel Johannes Eloff was a grandson of President S.J.P. Kruger. He was subsequently exiled to Deadwood Camp on St. Helena. As there were many attempts to escape from the South African camps about 5000 officers and men of the Boer forces were transferred as Prisoners of War to the island of St. Helena, in the South Atlantic."



http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1603.jpg: "1900 'V.R.I.' overprints. 1d rose-red and green, with unlisted variety 'V' OMITTED (proved by a faint albino 'V' rather than an 'E' of SG 239a). Very fine unused (without gum). PFSA certificate (2000). Very rare. SG 217 var."

M85 karmin/ grün; Y125 rose et vert

<u>2p</u>



http://kayatana.com/images/southafrica/SAF1900-228-s1-3.75-MM.jpg

M86 braun/ grün; Y126 brun et vert

<u>2 ½ p</u>



http://kayatana.com/images/southafrica/SAF1900-229-s1-1.00-MM.jpg

M87 hellblau/ grün; Y127 bleu et vert

<u>3p</u>



http://kayatana.com/images/southafrica/SAF1900-230-s1-1.00-MM-WL.jpg

M88 Lilarot/ grün; Y128 lilas et vert

<u>4p</u>



http://kayatana.com/images/southafrica/SAF(TVL)1900-231-s1-hp-7.00-MM.jpg

M89 olivgrün/ grün; Y129 violet et vert

<u>6p</u>



http://kayatana.com/images/southafrica/SAF1900-232-s1-3.50-MM.jpg

http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/sY4AAOSwd4tT93rX/s-l225.jpg



http://www.gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/TV-trio-1.jpg: "Army Telegraph cancel on other items. From the evidence, by the time the Army entered the Transvaal, they were low on stocks of all but the high values. When stocks ran out they used local stamps overprinted V. R. I. Later these stamps were overprinted "Telegraphs" and those items were listed by Hiscocks. Provisionally however the Army Telegraphs used this series for low values without the "Telegraphs" overprint. This trio, courtesy of Bram Leeflang. Although Hiscocks does not list them, they are documented in 'The Transvaal Philatelist' journal of the "Transvaal Study Circle" TP 150 (May 2004) page 41. These are normal postage stamps known used for telegraphic purposes from July 1900 to April 1901."

M90 lila/ grün; Y130 violet et vert



http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/7844.jpg: "TRANSVAAL - 1900 6d lilac 'VRI' adhesive mint block of four with INVERTED OVERPRINT. SG 232d. 1900 6d lilac and green 'V.R.I.' overprint issue in a fine mint block of four showing the variety INVERTED OVERPRINT. SG 232d."

# <u>1 Sh</u>



http://images.bidorbuy.co.za/user\_images/628/472628 150711173946 VRI 1 Shilling.jpg

http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/TV-1s-4.jpg

M91 Olivgelb/ grün; Y131 bistre et vert

### 2Sh 6p



http://kayatana.com/images/southafrica/SAF1900-234-s1-4.50-MM-WL.jpg

M92 dunkelviolett/ grün; Y132 violet foncé et vert

<u>5Sh</u>



http://www.transvaalstamps.org.uk/v.r.i.specimen.jpg: "The Second Republic five shilling stamp overprinted V.R.I. (Victoria Regina Imperatrix) and handstamped 'SPECIMEN'."

M93 blauschiefer; Y133 ardoise

<u>10 Sh</u>



 $\underline{\text{http://images.bidorbuy.co.za/user\_images/534/2113534\_160311155258\_Lot7781.jpg}$ 

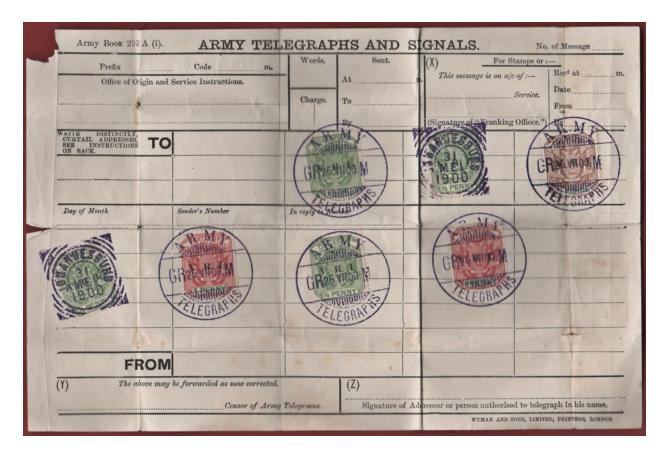
M94 braun; Y134 brun-jaune

Vijf pond



http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/L-kAAOxy2CZTbpsF/s-l225.jpg

M95 grün; Y135 vert



http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-AT-F-2-thm.jpg: "It has 5 stamps totalling 5d (2 x ½d, 2 x 1d, 2d) with GR 26.VII.oo.M Army Telegraph cancels.It also has another two ½d stamps cancelled with 31 MEI 1900 Johannesburg squared circles that appear to have been applied after the others despite the earlier date! Why else the odd spacing? All stamps are 'V.R.I.' but not telegraphic."



http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-AT-F-1.jpg: "Army Telegraph cancel on other items.

Apart from stamps shown so far, a number of items are found with Army Telegraph cancels that were either postal use or created for philatelic purposes. Precancelled ZAR Telegraph Form. This is an interesting item, an unused, though pre-cancelled ZAR Telegraph form cancelled with GR 27.VI.00 M-of Germiston. The stamps are overprinted V.R.I. but not 'Telegraphs' or 'TF' or 'AT' or any other Telegraphic marking."



http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/IK8AAOSwzJ5XaxPg/s-I225.jpg: "Transvaal 1900 VRI to 2/6 shillings all BRITISH ARMY FIELD POST OFFICE CDS w7715"



http://www.forpostalhistory.com/images/1262.jpg

**British Occupation Transvaal** 



https://2.bp.blogspot.com/zxyOmOXvrTk/VwbBsRkmfdI/AAAAAAAAb94/4MYWP4JLQykwzTH1Gup0NpfW1sjD1b48A/s400/Vers
kroeideAarde1.jpg

"Scorched Earth: Boer civilians watch their house as it is burned. The British had practiced a "scorched earth policy" during the Second Boer war, because of the Boer forces guerrilla tactics. And the British concentration camps for (mostly) Afrikaner women and children resulted in 26,000 dead from illness and starvation. The male Boer POW population (26,000) was sent overseas to Saint Helena, Ceylon, Bermuda, and India." <a href="http://bigblue1840-1940.blogspot.nl/2016/07/ClassicalStampsoftransvaal-south-african-republic.html">http://bigblue1840-1940.blogspot.nl/2016/07/ClassicalStampsoftransvaal-south-african-republic.html</a>



http://fep.up.pt/docentes/cpimenta/lazer/WebFilatelicamente/public html/r106/pictures/revista10 6 7 15.jpg: "Censored cover from Prisoner of War Camp, Bermuda, addressed to Johannesburg dated 28 September 1901 and subsequently returned "unclaimed". Six shiploads of Prisoners of War from South Africa were landed in the Bermudas. The majority of the 4600 men and boys, aged

between eight to eighty years, were captured while actually fighting against the British. During the war, Boer Prisoners of War were shipped overseas to Prisoner of War camps on St. Helena, Ceylon, India and Bermuda"



http://fep.up.pt/docentes/cpimenta/lazer/WebFilatelicamente/public html/r106/pictures/revista10 6 7 16.jpg: "Censored cover from Barberton to Peniche, one of the Boer camps in Portugal, September 1901. BOER REFUGEES INTERNED IN PORTUGAL. After the British capture of the Pretoria-Komatipoort railway line, a substantial number of Boers, some with families, sought refuge in what was then the neutral Portuguese territory of Mozambique. This was especially necessary for men who were Cape rebels, as they were often shot by the British after being captured. It was alleged that some of them recrossed the border from Lourenco Marques to fight the British as and when it suited them. Britain pressured Portugal to remove this menace; the outcome was the removal of Boer refugees to Portugal, where they were housed in so-called open internment camps. On the 27 March 1901, General Pienaar, eight of his staff officers and some 650 military personnel arrived in Lisbon on the vessel "Benguela". A week later the "Zaire" arrived, bringing Commandant H.P. Mostert, together with three of his family and a party of 56 women and 172 children. The following day the Portuguese corvette "Alfonzo de Albuquerque" landed ten more Boers. In all, 1260 adults and 173 children were landed at Lisbon for internment. On their arrival they were accommodated at Peniche (Fig.16), where 380 men were housed in an old castle; at Alcobaca, 376 men were housed in a monastery and at Caldas da Rainha, 320 men, women and children were accommodated. Families who could afford it, were allowed to rent houses in the vicinity. In addition small groups stayed at Abrantas, Tomar and S. Juliao da Barra. At all times freedom of movement between one camp and another was allowed, as well as exchange of accommodation if desired. The Boers were regarded as internees, but were not guarded or confined to their camps, but they had to report twice daily to their custodians. Shortly after the Peace Treaty on 31 May 1902 was signed between the British and the Boers, the internees were allowed to return home and by August 1902, most arrived back in Cape Town." http://fep.up.pt/docentes/cpimenta/lazer/WebFilatelicamente/public html/r106/artigo html/revist a106 8.html

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# **1900-1902 Telegraphs**

"V R I and Transvaal Telegraphs": Five shillings: 2£ (fiscal stamps)



http://www.gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-H20-1.jpg

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1572.jpg: "TELEGRAPHS 1902 ZAR £2 lake-brown revenue stamp (perf 11x11½) overprinted and surcharged 'V.R.I.' and 'Transvaal Telegraphs. / FIVE Shillings.' Very fine used with large part ARMY TELEGRAPHS double circle datestamp with code 'J- (date) HN' (allocated to Johannesburg Military). Very rare. TSC / Drysdall Issue 2c, SG T5"

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1641.jpg: "TELEGRAPHS 1902 ZAR £2 lake-brown revenue stamp (perf 11x11½) overprinted and surcharged 'V.R.I.' and 'Transvaal Telegraphs. / FIVE Shillings.' Very fine used with large part ARMY TELEGRAPHS (3 VII 02) double circle datestamp showing part part of code 'J-(HN)' (allocated to Johannesburg Military). Very rare. TSC / Drysdall 2c, SG T5"

Y-T6 violet-brun

1901-02 Postage stamps "E.R.I": ZAR

<u>½ p</u>



http://kayatana.com/images/southafrica/SAF1901-238-s1-0.50-MM.jpg

http://kayatana.com/images/southafrica/SAF(TVL)1901-238-s1-0.50-UM.jpg

M96 grün (July 1901); Y136 vert

<u>1p</u>



http://kayatana.com/images/southafrica/SAF1901-239-s1-0.50-MM.jpg

http://zenius.kalnieciai.lt/africa/south/transvaal/eri.jpg

M97 Karmin/ grün (20/3/1901); Y138 rose et vert



http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/sdoAAOSwARZXIJTa/s-I225.jpg



http://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/5m0AAOxydIFS20E~/s-l1600.jpg



http://i.imgur.com/36vq8ay.jpg

http://i.imgur.com/RGd4y9n.jpg



http://www.hellenicaworld.com/Stamps/Literature/FredJMelville/en/images/illus-019c.jpg: "Type 12 (Fig. 32). For fixed army post offices in Orange River Colony and Transvaal, used from about the end of 1901 and for a short time after the declaration of peace."

<u>3p</u>



http://a3.tbn.bidorbuy.co.za/image/fetch/dpr 1.0,f auto,t btbnx/http://img.bidorbuy.co.za/image/upload/user images/033/1688033/1688033 150427132306 TVL 3.jpg

M98 lilarot/ grün (June 1902); Y139 lilas et vert

<u>4p</u>



http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/5854.jpg: "TRANSVAAL - 1901 4d sage green mint with 'ERI' overprint INVERTED. SG 241.1901-02 4d sage-green and green in fine mint condition overprinted E.R.I. but with major variety OVERPRINT INVERTED. This error is not listed and is thus not guaranteed but the overprint is impressed and looks identicle. Very unusual. SG 241."

M99 oliv grün/ grün (June 1902); Y140 vert-olive et vert

2Sh 6P



http://kayatana.com/images/southafrica/SAF1901-242-s1-12.00-MM-WL.jpg

M100 dunkelviolett/ grün(Oct 1902); Y141 violet foncé et vert

1901

"Half Penny": 2p



http://kayatana.com/images/southafrica/SAF1901-243-s1-0.65-MM.jpg

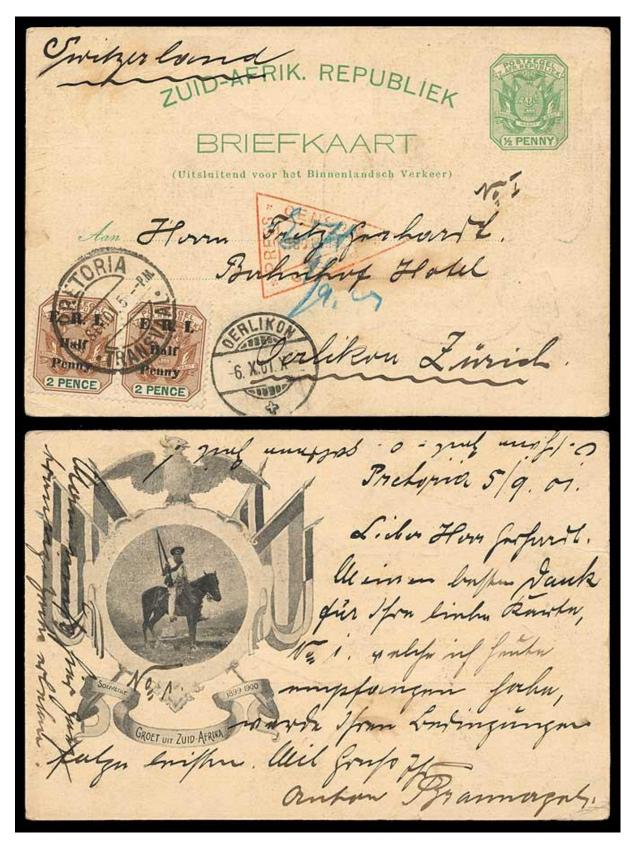
M101 Braun/ grün; Y137 brun et vert



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http://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/WTAAAOSwfZ1WYyjt/s-l1600.jpg: "TRANSVAAL (P0512B) 1898 1D PSC TAXED TO HOLLAND"



http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1188.jpg: "

T1188

GROET UIT ZUID AFRIKA 1901 (September), 1896 ½d green postal stationery card (H&G 3), the reverse with privately printed view of a Boer mounted on a horse surrounded by the Arms of the Republic with the caption below "Souvenir / GROET UIT ZUID AFRIKA / 1899-1900", all printed in black. Addressed to Switzerland and bearing a pair of ½d on 2d (SG 243) tied by Pretoria (9 Sep) double circle datestamp. Triangular Pretoria censor mark in red and Oerlikon (6 Oct) arrival datestamp. The ZAR stamp was left uncancelled, presumably as it was then invalid. Rare, especially used. Unrecorded by Quik & Jonkers, Leeflang 25."

## 1901 Telegraph

# "E R I and Transvaal Telegraphs": 6p



http://www.gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-H21-1.jpg (H21 (Source: Andrew Higson)

http://www.gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-H21-2.jpg (H21 (Source: SandaFayre.com)

Y-T5 violet et vert

### **British Occupation; Military stamps**

Michel: Ausgaben der britischen Militärbehörden während des Bürgerkrieges (1899-1902). Michel Katalog p. 936)

## Volksrust



http://www.compustamp.com/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/4/6/46-3395.jpg: "Boer War 1899 Volksrust ZAR Env ex Boer Contingent > Johannesburg Over-franked w/ 2½d Adhesive Tied 3-Line "Veldpost Z.A.R. / Glencoe / 20 Nov. 1899."



http://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/images/g/Fb4AAOSw2xRYTopX/s-I225.jpg: "STAMPS 1900 ENVELOPE VOLKSRUST TO LONDON FROM BOER WAR PERIOD COLLECTION".



http://www.corbitts.com/auctions/stamps/142/images/1105.jpg: "BOER WAR: trio of covers incl. (1900) 1d lilac cover (tone spots) to UK with fine scarce large rubber APO VOLKSRUST cds, CGH 1d cover to Diyatawala POW Camp ...".



http://thumbs2.picclick.com/d/l400/pict/131950510565 /BB160901-PO-VOLKSRUST-30-May1901-Transvaal-Boer.jpg: "BB160901 PO VOLKSRUST = 30 May1901 Transvaal Boer War cover to UK =reused".



http://www.forpostalhistory.com/images/2657.jpg: "1901 Boer War - 1901 registered envelope to Diyatalawa P.O.W. Camp bearing two Transvaal 2½d cancelled



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ran sign vrouw. Eke l Man.

Chitran gt vele hart groth van

jo en mig, en vele kerspen van

jo en aan allen bleerder Christien.

http://www.compustamp.com/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d 27136e95/4/6/46-06837.jpg: "Boer War 1902 Volksrust 1d PC Triple Censored > POW @ Ahmednagar > Satara, via Durban & Tuticorn; Ahmednagar Censor Hand-stamp Stroud Type 3 & Satara Censor HANDSTAMPS; RARE & VERY FINE ...".

1902 March Volksrust: "V.R.I." on Fiscal Stamps

<u>1p</u>



http://www.stampcommunity.org/uploaded/duncanvr/20150127\_Stamp.jpg: "South Africa Boer War Era Stamp 1902".

http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-H1-1.jpg

M33 blau

<u>6p</u>

Not yet included

M34 rosa

<u>1 Sh</u>



http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-H3-1.jpg

M35 braunoliv

# <u>1sh6p</u>



http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-H4-1.jpg

M36 braun

<u>2sh</u>



http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ebay-370655683222.jpg

M37 violett [?; this one is orange]

<u>5 sh</u>



http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-5s-1.jpg; not in Michel Katalog.

## 10 Shs



http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-H8-1.jpg; not in Michel Katalog

## 1 pound



http://gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/ZAR-20s-1.jpg: not in Michel Katalog

### 1901-02 Revenue stamp



http://www.gb-precancels.org/Telegraphs/images/TV-6d-1.jpg

http://www.southafricanstamps.net/Pre\_Union/Transvaal/1902\_1s\_Revenue.jpg

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T829.jpg: "REVENUES 1901 Cape of Good Hope QV 'Hope Standing' 2/- dull purple and chestnut revenue stamp overprinted 'TRANSVAAL'. Very fine used. A rare and underrated stamp. TSC / Drysdall Issue 4"



http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1470.jpg: "REVENUES 1902 Cape of Good Hope QV 1/-purple-brown revenue stamp overprinted 'TRANSVAAL'. With 4mm tear at upper right just into the design, otherwise very fine and fresh mint. A very rare and underrated stamp, especially mint. TSC / Drysdall Issue 5"

http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/T1471.jpg: "REVENUES 1902 Cape of Good Hope QV 1/-purple-brown revenue overprinted 'TRANSVAAL'. Very fine used with 'F. Le Roux, Legal Practitioner' cachet struck in violet. A very rare and underrated stamp. TSC / Drysdall Issue 5"

Annex: additional Spink Auction 2014 Anglo-Boer War

## Mail by British forces; colonial contingents



Nr 95: "1900 (11 Sept.) envelope to Melbourne and attributed to Lieut. William Forbes Clark of the 5th. Victorian [Australia] Mounted Rifles, bearing G.B. 1/2d. vermilion (10) cancelled by four strikes of the "ARMy POST OFFICE/VOLKSRuST" double-ring datestamp in violet, Durban and Melbourne (17.10) c.d.s. on reverse; some creasing and other minor imperfections though most unusual. Photo".

Nr 98: "1900 (6 July) unstamped soldier's envelope "From No. 8 Sargt. Slater" to Kingston, Ont., countersigned by handstamp with signature of the Commanding Officer of ""C" Bty R.C.A." and showing a fair strike of the "CANADIAN CONTINGENT/SOuTH AFRICA." oval-framed datestamp and Zeerust transit c.d.s. (26.7). Photo".

Nr 99: "1900 (31 Oct.) Transvaal 1/2d. green card from Pretoria to Coatiwoke with message in French on reverse, cancelled by Army P.O. 55 c.d.s. and showing a good strike of the "CANADIAN"

CONTINGENT/SOUTH AFRICA" oval datestamp in violet for 7 November. Photo. PROVENANCE: Bill Hart, June 1993".

Nr 101: "1900 (1 Sept.) soldier's envelope "From No. 2240 Corporal H.H.S. Fletcher" at Mafeking to Auckland [New Zealand], marked "No stamps obtainable On Active Service", countersigned by the Commanding Officer and bearing Postage Due 1d. alongside 1d. To Pay handstamp, Wellington flag machine datestamp (26.10) on reverse. Photo".

Nr 103: "1900 (14 Sept.) soldier's envelope from Trooper Sheldon "On Active Service 4th. Regiment" to Balfour, Southland [New Zealand] and redirected to Lumsden, countersigned by the Commanding Officer and with a charge mark of "21/2" (the "1/2" added in blue crayon) for redirection, Wellington flag machine datestamp (26.10) and Balfour c.d.s. (29.10) on reverse. Photo".

Nr 104: "1900 (3 Sept.) unstamped envelope from Lieut. Thomson at Ottoshop to Auckland [New Zealand], showing F.P.O. 4 c.d.s. and with "TO PAy/1D/DOuBLE DEFICIENT POSTAGE" h.s. alongside Postage Due 1d. cancelled on arrival (12.10). Photo. PROVENANCE: John Woolfe, October 2006".

## A note on the Spink Auction of March 2104.

This was an auction in honour of Harry Birkhead. "Harry Birkhead RDPSA FRPSL (1931-2013), Honorary Life President of the Philatelic Federation of South Africa, honorary life member of the Anglo-Boer War Philatelic Society and a handful of other philatelic organisations, was a top collector, researcher and exhibitor of Anglo-Boer War philately and postal history.

He formed the finest and most comprehensive collection of mail relating to the sieges of the Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902) and the local or 'town' stamp issues of the war ever brought together.

Many of the covers and stamps in the Birkhead collection are the only ones recorded – and the philatelic recording of these items started more than a century ago, while the war in South Africa was still on.

Indeed, the provenance of some of these elusive items can be traced back a hundred years.

Harry Birkhead himself contributed immensely to our knowledge of Anglo-Boer War philately. He was the coauthor of a series of 'definitive' works published by the Philatelic Federation of South Africa: The Wherewithal of Wolmaransstad (1999), The Pseudo-Siege of Scheizer-Reneke (2005), The Riddle of Rustenburg (2007) and The Legacy of Lydenburg (2008).

A fifth book co-authored by him is due for publication during 2014. This deals with the 'Kuruman Besieged' stamps, the Vryburg 'VR Special Post' issue and the Zeerust Revenues.

Rare items from the Birkhead collection also feature in other books published by the Philatelic Federation, on the Machadodorp cards, the ZAR's last stamps (Pietersburg) and the first stamps of the war (the Vryburg ZAR overprints).

The collection was awarded several international gold medals, the most recent being at London 2010. Harry Birkhead has the distinction of having exhibited at London in 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010, a record five times.

Joh Groenewald".