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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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Egypt postage stamp 1914:

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Kenya and Uganda

1922-25, George V

1c, 5c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 20c, 30c, 50c, 75c, 1Sh, 2Sh, 2.50Sh, 3Sh, 4Sh, 5Sh, 10Sh, 1£, 5£, 10£, 25£, 50£. (M Kenia und Uganda 1-21).



<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AA3620.jpg>: "KUT 1922 KGV set of 13 values complete to the 2/-. Very fine fresh mint. SG 76-88"



<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AA3622.jpg>: "KUT 1925 KGV 2s50, right marginal hinged on margin stamp superb and fresh unmounted. SG 89".

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<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AA3624.jpg>: "KUT 1922 KGV 5/-, very fine mint. SG 92".



<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AA3626.jpg>: "KUT 1922 KGV 10/-, very fine fresh mint. SG 94".

<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AA3419.jpg>: "KUT 1922 KGV £1, a deep shade. Right marginal on piece cancelled with perfect 'KISUMU 29 AP 35' sc datestamp. Exceptional. SG 95".

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1925-27, George V

5C, 10C, 7.50Sh, 2£, 3£, 4£, 20£, 75£, 100£ (M 22-30)

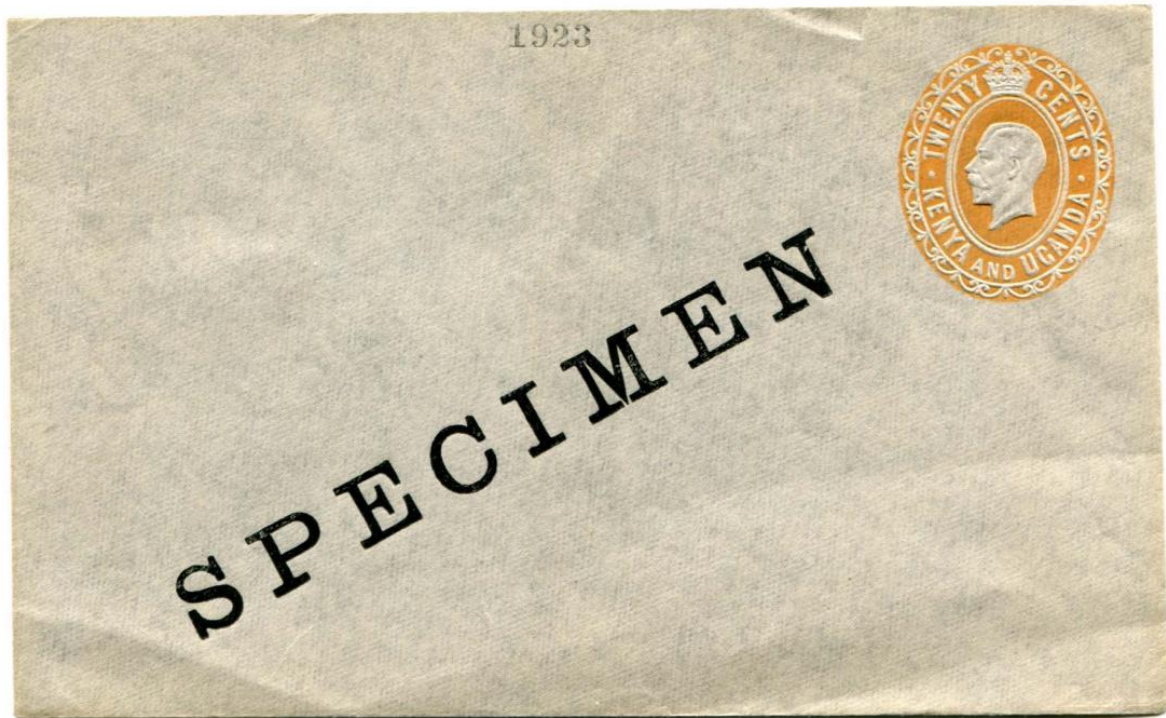


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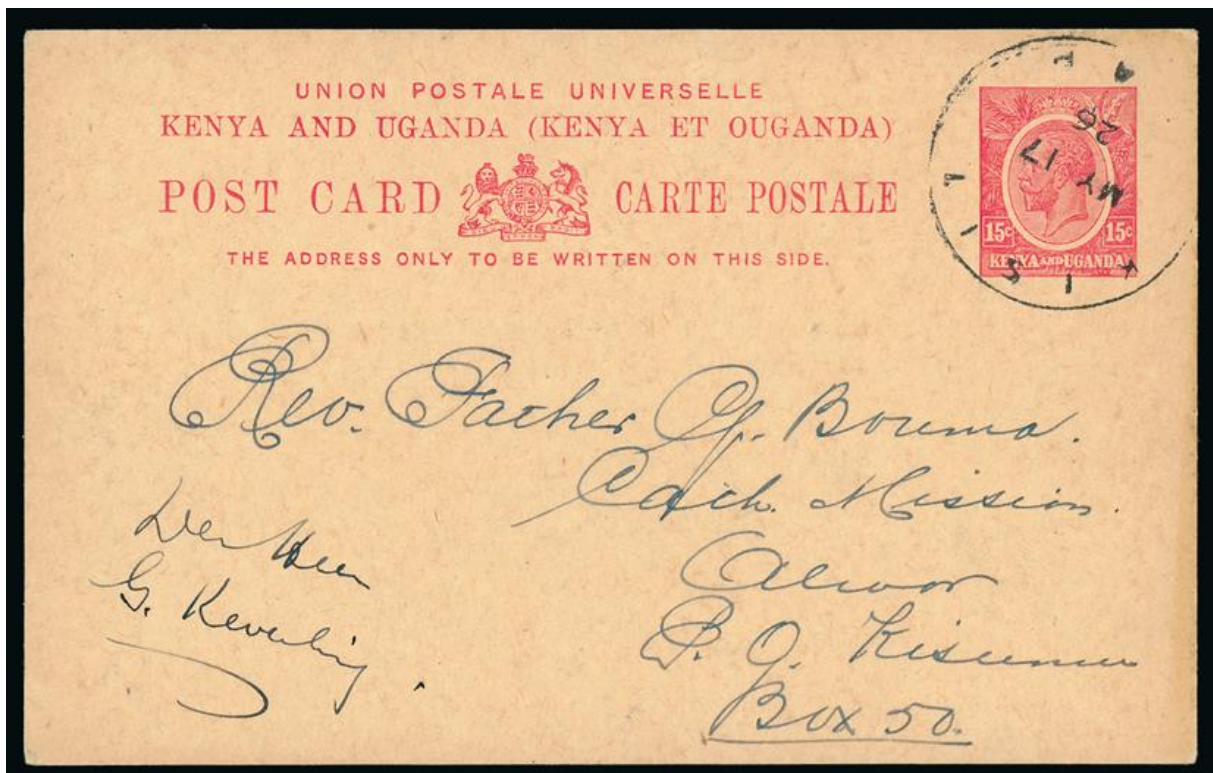


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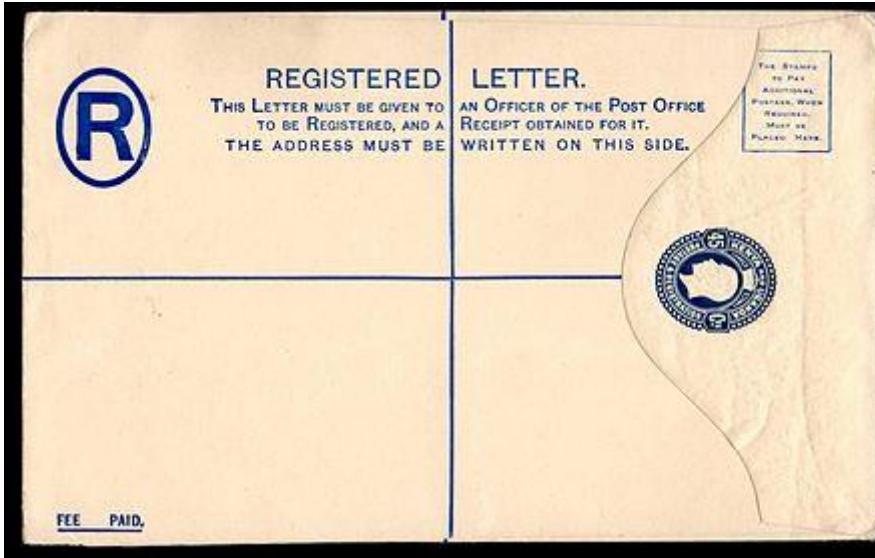
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<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AA3625.jpg>: "KUT 1925 KGV 7s50, very fine fresh mint. SG 93".

<http://www.rhodesia.co.za/Images/large/AA2938.jpg> : "KUT 1925 KGV £2 green and purple. Superb and fresh unmounted. Very scarce as such. SG 96".

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Postage Due

1928



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Revenue



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/4059830.jpg?630>: "1922-27. King George V stamps inscribed Kenya and Uganda, with currency now in East African shillings instead of rupees. Perf 14. Watermark Multiple Script CA (sideways on shilling and pound values, with crown to the left of 'CA' when seen from the back of the stamp). R76. 1c pale brown; R77. 5c dull violet; R78. 5c green; R79. 10c green; R80. 10c black o. Overprinted ORIENTAL; R81. 12c jet-black; R82. 15c rose-carmine; R83. 20c dull orange-yellow; R84. 30c ultramarine; R85. 50c grey; R86. 75c olive; R87. 1s green; R88. 2s dull purple; R89. 2s50c brown; R90. 3s brownish grey - a. Jet-black. ; Note:

the ORIENTAL overprint was a security measure applied by the Oriental Assurance Company against pilfering by employees.



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/7469323.jpg?630> : “ R91. 4s grey; w. Wmk Crown to right of CA; R92. 5s carmine-red; R93. 7s50c orange-yellow; R94. 10s bright blue; w. Wmk Crown to right of CA; R95. £1 black and orange; R96. £2 green and purple; R97. £3 purple and yellow; R98. £4 black and magenta; R99w. £5 black and blue (wmk Crown to right of CA); R100. £10 black and green; R101. £20 red and green; R102. £25 black and red; R103. £50 black and brown; R104. £75 purple and grey; R105. £100 red and black”.



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/6501131.jpg?298>: "R91/w and R94/w".

1922-27 Revenue



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/1862293.jpg?636>: "c1922-27. King George V stamps inscribed Kenya and Uganda, with currency now in East African shillings instead of rupees. Two-line seriffed Uganda Revenue overprint similar to previous issue. Perf 14. Watermark Multiple

Script CA (sideways on shilling and pound values, with crown to the left of CA when seen from the back of the stamp).; a) Opt sideways (normally reading upwards), Uganda 15 x 3 mm, Revenue 22 x 4½ mm; R101. 1c deep brown; R102. 5c violet; R103. 10c green (red); a. Overprint reading downwards; R104. 10c black (red); a. Overprint reading downwards; R105. 12c jet-black (red); R105a. 15c rose-carmine; R106. 20c dull orange-yellow; a. Overprint reading downwards; R107. 50c grey (red); b) Opt upright, Uganda 19 x 4 mm, Revenue 27 x 5½ mm; R108. 1s green a. Overprint inverted; R109. 2s dull purple a. Wmk Crown to right of CA; R110. 3s brownish grey (red); R111. 5s carmine-red; R112. 10s bright blue (red); R113. £1 black and orange; R114. £5 black and blue (red); Note: Gibson lists a 12c with overprint reading downwards, but I have not seen this.”.



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/8319861.jpg?439>: “c1922-27. As previous issue but smaller sans-serif overprint on cents values, and shillings values overprinted in sans-serif capitals. Perf 14. Watermark Multiple Script CA (sideways on shilling values). a) Opt sideways (reading upwards), Uganda 12 x 3 mm, Revenue 15 x 3 mm; R122. 10c black (red); R123. 20c orange-yellow; b) Opt upright in capitals, UGANDA 15½ x 2½ mm, REVENUE 22 x 3 mm; R126. 1s green; R127. 2s dull purple; R128. 5s carmine-red; Note: Gibson lists a 10c green, but I have not seen this. Gibson also illustrates my R126 but fails to note that the shilling values are overprinted in capitals. This seems to have caused Barefoot to list (mistakenly) a 1s and 2s with the mixed-case overprint similar to R122/3.”.

Judiciary stamps, Kenya



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<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/8245187.jpg?622>: "1928-30 (earliest and latest recorded usage). King George V postage stamps inscribed Kenya and Uganda, overprinted Kenya Judicial. Perf 14. Watermark Multiple Script CA (sideways on shilling and pound values, with crown to the left of 'CA' when seen from the back of the stamp). Overprinted locally by unknown printer. Kenya in capitals on all values, Judicial in mixed case (cents values) or capitals (others). (For similar stamps with slightly different overprints, see J21ff).a) KENYA 12½ x 2 mm, Judicial 12 x 2 mm; J1. 1c deep brown; J2. 5c green; J3. 15c rose-carmine; J4. 20c bright orange; J5. 30c ultramarine; J6. 50c grey; J7. 75c olive;b) KENYA 12½ x 2 mm, JUDICIAL 17½ x 2 mm, vertical spacing 14 mm between lines; J11. 1s green; J12. 2s dull purple; a. Thin letters; J13. 3s brownish grey and jet-black; a. Red overprint; J14. 4s grey (wmk Crown to right of CA); J15. 5s carmine-red; J16. 10s bright blue; J17. £1 black and orange; J18. £5 black and blue (wmk Crown to right of CA); J19. £10 black and green (wmk Crown to right of CA); J20. £50 black and brown; Notes: 1. J12a is very similar to J12, the overprint having the same overall dimensions but using thinner letters with less pronounced serifs (see enlarged illustration above right).; 2. Koeppel additionally lists the 2s50c, 7s50c and £2 overprinted KENYA JUDICIAL, though he does not distinguish between the local overprint and the De La Rue type. I have not seen any of these values with either type of overprint."



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/6728864.jpg>: “Enlargement showing J12 (left) and J12a (right)”



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/4662244.jpg?521>: “1928-30 (earliest and latest recorded usage). As previous issue but overprinted in capitals by De La Rue in London.; a) KENYA 8½ x 1½ mm, JUDICIAL 9½ x 1½ mm; J21. 1c deep brown; J22. 5c green; J23. 10c black (red); J24. 15c rose-carmine; J26. 30c ultramarine; b) KENYA 12½ x 2 mm, JUDICIAL 16 x 2 mm, vertical spacing 16 mm between lines; J32. 2s dull purple; J33. 3s brownish grey (red); J34. 4s grey (red); J35. 5s carmine-red; J36. 10s bright blue (red); J37. £1 black and orange”.



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/5899268.jpg?347>: “Note: illustrated at right (low-definition image – no other available) is a set consisting of all the values listed above (J21/37) plus the 20c, 50c, 75c and 1s, opt Specimen. These last four values are not known as issued stamps and it is possible that they were not sent to the Colony, though the 50c and 1s are listed by Barefoot. He also lists the £5, £10 and £50 with similar overprint, but I have only seen these values with the local overprint (see J1ff).”.

Motor driver's licence Uganda



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/2551074.jpg?303> : “1933 (earliest recorded example). King George V stamp inscribed Kenya and Uganda, with two-line seriffed Uganda Revenue overprint (Uganda 19 x 4 mm, Revenue 27 x 5½ mm), further overprinted Motor Driver's Licence in mixed case, 29 x 2 mm, at top of stamp. Perf 14. Watermark Multiple Script CA (sideways). ; M1. 5s carmine-red; a. Motor Driver's Licence opt at foot of stamp;



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/8380237.jpg?148>: “1935 (earliest recorded example). Same Motor Driver's Licence overprint (at foot) on same Kenya and Uganda stamp, but

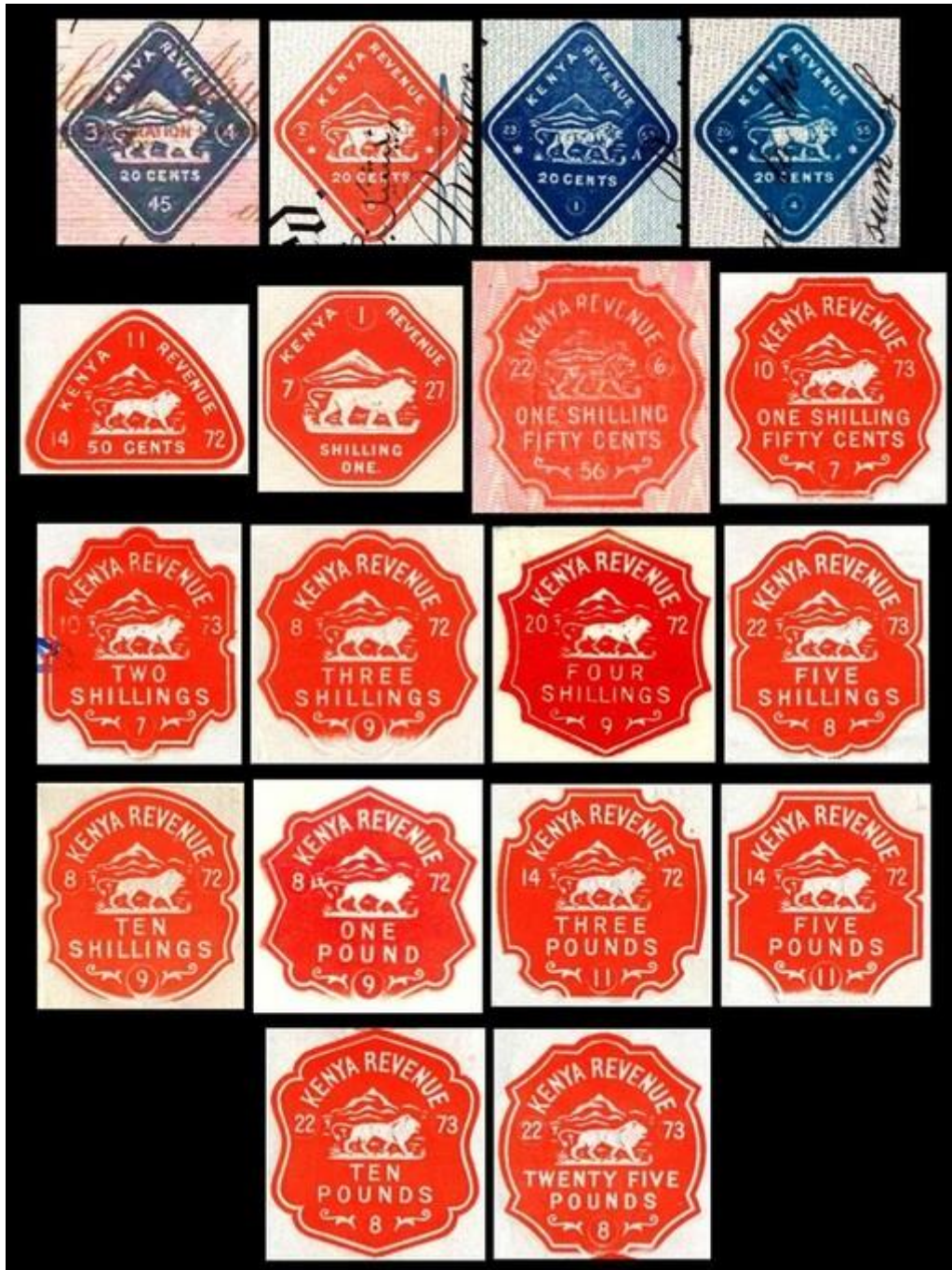
with UGANDA REVENUE overprint in sans-serif capitals (UGANDA 15½ x 2½ mm, REVENUE 22 x 3 mm) as R128; M6. 5s carmine-red”.

Impressed Uganda



The use of impressed stamps was authorised in 1918 by Uganda Government Ordinance No 90 and presumably began around that date. Illustrated below is a set of 22 proofs in vermilion from 1c to 500r, including apparently odd denominations which correspond to sixteenths of a rupee (Indian annas, eg 37c=6 annas and 62c=10 annas). The vast majority of these values are not known as issued stamps.

Impressed Kenya



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/7600563.jpg?513>: “1927-73 (recorded usage). Lion and Mount Kenya in frames of different shapes, all 25 to 30 mm across. All designs incorporate date plugs, with the year plug normally on the right. The earliest recorded usage of each type is shown in brackets; 50c and 1s50c essays dated 1933; Z1. 20c slate-blue (year plug at foot) (1945); Z2. 20c vermilion (year plug at right) (1950); Z3. 20c slate-blue (year plug at right) (Die A) (1953); a. No letter die (1954); Z6. 50c vermilion (1964); Z7. 1s vermilion (1927); Z8. 1s50c vermilion (year plug at foot) (1956); Z9. 1s50c vermilion (year plug at right) (1972); Z10. 2s vermilion (1973); Z12. 3s vermilion (1972); Z13. 4s vermilion (1964); Z14. 5s vermilion (1973); Z15. 10s vermilion (1964); Z16. £1 vermilion (1964); Z17. £3 vermilion (1972); Z18. £5 vermilion (1972); Z19. £10 vermilion (1973); Z20. £25 vermilion (1973). Notes: (1) The two types of the 1s50c differ from each other in size, Z9 being slightly smaller than Z8. The design of the later type is also coarser, with less detail

visible on the lion and the mountains. The 1s50c essay shown above right is a different type again, though this is not currently known as an issued stamp. (2). Barber illustrates proofs of a complete set of values including a 2s50c and £100, but I have not seen these two values as issued stamps. (3). Barber also lists a 30c value in both blue and red, but I have not seen these.(4). I have seen an example of the 20c vermilion with year plug at foot, used in 1954, but I am unable to illustrate this at present.”.

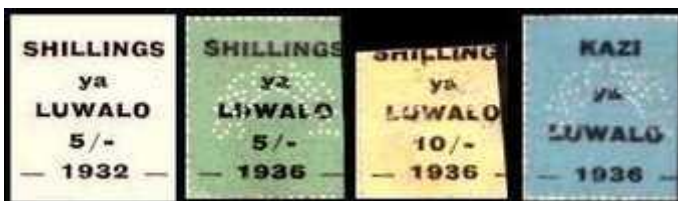


<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/3874223.jpg?144>: “50c and 1s50c essays dated 1933”.



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/6634962.jpg?379>: “Illustrated here are proofs (ex De La Rue archive) for impressed stamps denominated 2s and 5s inscribed Registration of Domestic Servants. It is not known when they were prepared, or whether they were ever issued. No other examples have been recorded to date.”.

Uganda Luwalo proofs for poll tax



<http://www.revrevd.com/uploads/3/2/2/0/3220955/5686527.jpg?342> : “The *Luwalo* proofs and specimen stamps (illustrated at right) may represent a precursor to the Poll Tax issues bearing the King's portrait. *Luwalo* was a kind of labour-related tax imposed during the

Colonial era, but the details are hard to ascertain. According to the Crown Agents records, Luwalo stamps denominated 5s, 10s and *Kazi* (=work, ie tax paid in kind by manual labour) were printed each year from 1932 to 1937, then 4s, 8s and *Kazi* in 1938. All stamps share a common design consisting of plain text printed in black, the 4s and 5s values being printed on green paper, the 8s and 10s on buff and the *Kazi* stamps on blue. A complete set of these stamps can be found in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office collection in the British Library, but no issued examples are known to have survived”.

From 1935 onwards the postal area became ‘Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika’. Tanganyika became independent in 1961, and - together with Zanzibar – formed Tanzania from 1962 onwards; Uganda became independent in 1962; Kenya in 1963. They issued separate postage stamps, but - until 1976 – also postage stamps for the joint postal territory [in 1963 for Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika, in 1964 for Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Zanzibar, from 1965 onwards for Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania].