



Philately South Africa: Stamping with Adél

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Stamp collecting, also known as philately, has been a cherished hobby for over a century. Each stamp holds a piece of history art and culture.

Stamping Spotlight:

Jamie Smith showing the first part of Iraq

From my Desk:

Mauritius Postal Stationery

Items of interest: East African QSL cards

From the Editor

This was a very busy but exciting month indeed. I attended EuroPhilEx in Birmingham, met up with quite a few ex-pats and attended various live society meetings. Whilst my fellow South Africans were shivering back home, I was basking in the glorious spring weather here in the UK.

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Philatelic Calendar

Internationals

EXHIBITION	DATE	PATRON AGE	LINK
EuroPhilEx Birmingham 2025	7-11 May 2025	FEPA	EuroPhilEx2025
Gauteng Regional Exhibition 2025	8-11 May 2025	AFVP	Afrikaans100
Great American Stamp Show Illinois	14-17 August 2025	APS	GASS 2025
National Stamp Show 2025 Paarl	3-6 Sep 2025	PFSA	PFSA
NORDIA 2025 Sweden	12-14 Sep 2025	FEPA	Nordia 2025
PHILAKOREA 2025	17-21 Sep 2025	FIP	Korea 2025
BOSTON 2026	23-30 May 2026	FEPA	Boston 2026

Virtual

EXHIBITION	DATE	PATRONA GE	LINK
SAVPEX 2025	June 2025	PFSA	PFSA
AUSVIPEX	Start 27 Nov 2025	APF	Ausvipex 2025

EuroPhilEx 2025

The South African Invasion of Birmingham

What a great event this was, and in the usual South African spirit, we took over: Danna Strydom, Jannie Hofmeyr, Keith Klugman, Clinton Hale & Les Glassman. We reminisced about home had a good old skinner as well. The exhibits were out of this world and it is interesting to note the various ways that people present their material. Then there were the dealer tables, plenty abound but also a few big names were not in attendance. The topic of most conversations was whether one should travel to the Boston 2026 Exhibition as a commissioner, as the import and export tariffs of the USA changes on a daily basis.



The South African Exhibits

- 1 Danna Strydom - Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek (Transvaal) The Second Republic 1881-1899 **Gold Medal (92 points)**
- 2) Les Glassman – Mocambique and Mocambique Company – **Gold (90 points)**
- 3) Jannie Hofmeyr - Philatelic Invention in the United States: 1861-1881– Grand Prix International class – **Large Gold (97 points)**
- 4) Keith Klugman - Victorian Postage Stamps of Natal 1857 - 1901, **FEPA Grand prix entry**

Herewith a link to all the results: [Results](#)



Rhodesia Study Circle - Conference

This was my first time attending the RSC Conference in the UK. It is well supported by members and the local dealers. The program for the 4 days was well planned and catered for all collecting areas and levels of expertise. The knowledge shared on at these conferences is invaluable. Don't miss the next one. A lot of preparation goes into arranging these events and they went smoothly as per usual thanks to Mike Hoffman and his team.



Reader Submissions

I believe in collaboration, and you are welcome to share you're your collection with us here: This month I received interesting material from **Richard Stroud** of an early OFS item that involves two reverend gentlemen: Hofmeyr and Louw

CAPE TOWN TO FAURESMITH, 1860

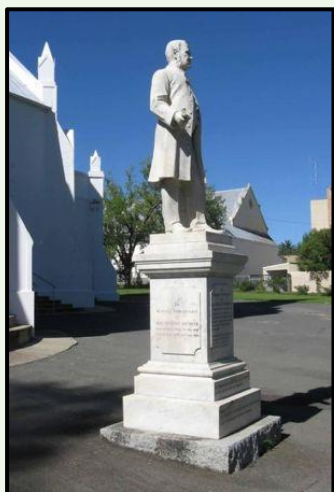
A small cover from Cape Town, backstamped CAPE TOWN AU 11 1860, is addressed to the Rev. J.H. Hofmeyr care of the Rev A.A. Louw, Fauresmith. Research into the two pastors revealed the inter-relationship between the prominent clerical families of the early days of Southern Africa: Louw, Hofmeyr and Murray. The letter was probably written from a family member in Cape Town to the Reverend Hofmeyer who was visiting the Reverend Louw in Fauresmith (the second oldest town in the Free State).



The cover has a Cape 4d triangular affixed (blue to deep blue on white paper – SG 6 or 6a) cancelled with a triangular barred postmark: the 4d (per half ounce) paid the Cape postage up to the border of the OFS¹. There is no other postal marking. Allison notes that the official postal route from the south into the OFS had been defined in 1857 as Colesberg to Bloemfontein via Fauresmith but modified in 1858 to Colesberg to Bloemfontein via Fauresmith and Bethany². Such routes can be found on postal history maps of the period³. Allison further notes that the lack of internal OFS postage of 6d on incoming mail was typical of the period and this appears to have been the case for all such mail. He assumes that addressees would collect their mail from the post office and pay the postage but notes that no incoming cover has been recorded showing any OFS postage having been paid⁴.

The following genealogical information has been obtained from various internet sources, mainly [wikitree.com](https://www.wikitree.com) to which acknowledgement is made⁵.

Reverend Jan Hendrik Hofmeyr (1835 - 1908)



Born 3 February 1835 in Waterhof, Cape Town.
Son of Arend Hermanus Hofmeyr and Susanna Maria Hofmeyer, née Louw.
Married Isabella Murray on 7 February 1861, in Dutch Reformed Church (DRC) at Graaff Reinet by Pastor A. Murray (her father).
Pastor of the DRC at Somerset-East for forty years.
Ordained his son J. M. Hofmeyr in Winburg on 18 February 1899.
Died 25 August 1908 at age 73 in Cape Town.
His statue is in front of the Somerset East DRC.

Reverend Andries Adriaan Louw (1827 - 1908)

Born 3 May 1827 in Paarl.
Son of Johannes Roedolf Louw and Johanna Fredrika Louw, née Auret.
Married Jemima Murray (1836 to 1904) on 9 September 1855 in Graaff-Reinet.
Was the first minister of the DRC church in Fauresmith for 12 years, then for 15 years at Murraysburg, then retired to North Paarl.
Died 24 June 1908 at age 81 in Paarl.



A son, Andries Adriaan (Andrew), born on 26 February 1862 in Fauresmith, became a pioneering DRC missionary.

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- 2 & 4. A.R. Allison RDPSA: The Postal History of the Orange Free State 1830-1900, pub 2015, pages 107 and 118.
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Last months ZOOM Experiences

This month I attended my zoom meetings from many different locations. In doing so, I experienced a few technical difficulties which made me appreciate my office setup back home all the more. Even with me traveling quite a bit this month I refused to miss out on the usual meetings.

STOCKPORT PS

Stephen Parkin is an excellent host who selects his presenters carefully to ensure a variety of topics and material to be covered throughout the year. We were entertained by **Jamie Smith** who displayed the Italian East African Campaign Part 2. Herewith the link to the presentation: [View Here](#)

Italian Military cover from Italian Somaliland.



3 x 50c - 1/50c on Air Mail Military Cover from Italian Somaliland to Casale Monte in Alessandria, Italy.



Italian Military No. 106.
14/5/36.



Casale Monte-24/5/36.
Alessandria - Italia - Receiving.



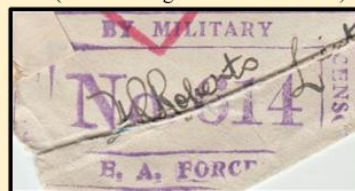
South African Forces in Italian Somaliland using East African Censor's Cachets.



Double censored, Postage Free, South African Forces 'Liberated', Fascist Party, Cover. Cancelled at Mogadishu, Italian Somaliland. Addressed to Port Elizabeth, South Africa. South African A.P.O. 21 was used at Mogadishu from 8/3/41. This being my last recorded date.



South African A.P.O. 21 -1/5/41.
(Used at Mogadishu from 8/3/41).



E.A. Force Censor's Cachet No. 614.



South African bilingual,
Passed by Sub-Base Censor,
'E.A. No. 05'.

KING’S LYNN PS

These meetings are popular and thus well attended.

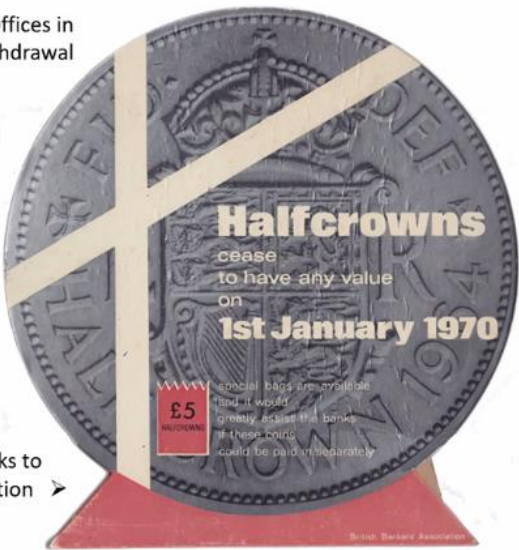
Maurice Buxton– ‘The GB decimalisation and the P.O’ was very well presented and the layout of the material was beautifully displayed. The research and the amount of material is extensive.

Demonetisation of the Halfpenny and Halfcrown

The old halfpenny was demonetised in 1969, having become very low in value (almost no postal rates still used it), and the halfcrown in 1970 (it did not fit well with decimal coinage)



Grille poster as shown in Post Offices in connection with halfpenny withdrawal



Prop-up counter sign used in banks to announce halfcrown demonetisation

The First Decimal Postage Stamps

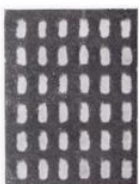
The first decimal stamps were issued some months in advance, to ease distribution pressure and aid familiarity. A new set of three Machin high values in the large size intaglio format of the existing types was issued on 17th June 1970, in £sd-compatible values of 10p, 20p, & 50p



Pre-decimal

New plates of the £1 were also made up as a single pane of 100, instead of 4 panes of 40

The dies were rolled in different directions, so creating two types



Decimal

SEEOPS

These meetings are hosted by Margaret Emerson, I learnt a lot from this meeting, join them if you can.

Malcolm Coe – ‘Cover Stories – Sudanese Postal Stationery 1897-1920’ This display was not done in a traditional way, but the story that was told was absolutely brilliant, I was left wanting more.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Arthur Thomas Sloggett.
Halfa to Alexandria 5m Pre-paid envelope EN3 (5 milliemes).
Posted 19 Nov 1897, arrived 26 Nov.

First Sudan cancel used at Halfa Proud D2

In the re-Conquest Campaign of 1896-8, he served as senior medical officer of British troops. Took part in the battle of Omdurman Sep 1898 where he was dangerously wounded – shot through the chest. He survived, and went on to be Honorary Surgeon to the King.

Letter to Capt George Starling Renny.
Sent from Khartoum to Gebeit.
Posted 6 Oct 1928, registered.

A life in Sudan 1928 – 1953.
Seconded from the British army to Sudan Defence Force. After WWII Police Inspector in Malkal.

Standard registration sticker (1922-48) on front, wax seal on reverse with arrival cancel.

GEBEIT was a major military base + large hospital & POW camp.

Only known photo of Renny [courtesy National Army Museum, London]

This was a well attended and fun meeting. Many different items were shown. Herewith is the link to view the link: [Recording](#)

Ted Roberts – Cinderellas and other pieces used as stamps in South Africa without it being taxed



Stamps used



2 Krb type 2 printed on
flourescent paper. May 1992

20 Krb type 3 overprinted on
Soviet stamp April
1992. Overprint inverted.

10 Krb definitive issued Feb 1992

CIVIL SERVICE PS

Margaret Emerson is the host and it was my pleasure to present my display on the Australian States. Herewith is a link to my display [Link](#)

Adél Bulpitt– Australian States

New South Wales

Internet images

Isaac Nichols



1959 GPO Advertising Poster



The first Sydney post office



This view of the Postal Hall in the GPO, Melbourne, was taken on St. Valentine's Day, February 14, 1871, and was published in the "Illustrated London News" later the same year. At that time, apparently, prior to the extensions, the hall was used as the mail room.



Postmen on Penny Farthing cycles fitted with training wheels

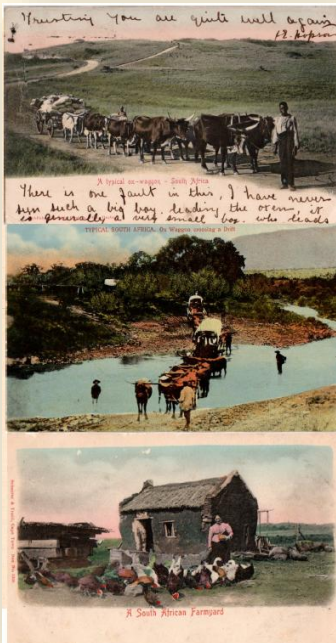


General Post Office, Melbourne, Victoria, circa 1880.

MUFFIN BREAK

This is an interesting gathering of friends in Canada, it is a relaxed meeting and all sorts are shared.

Victor Millard – This exhibit was showcased at the Voortrekker Monument to celebrate the 100 years of Afrikaans bin the South African Constitution. It is a well told and illustrated story incorporating more than just philatelic items. My favourite yet this year.

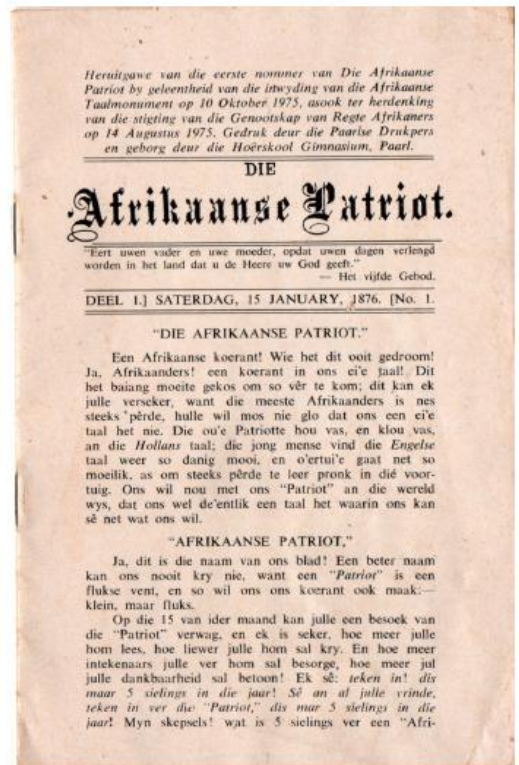


Die Patriot was die eerste Afrikaanse koerant, en het 'n belangrike rol gespeel in die ontwikkeling en erkenning van Afrikaans as 'n skryftaal. Die eerste uitgawe is op 15 Januarie 1876 in Paarl gepubliseer deur die Genootskap van Regte Afrikaners (GRA), met ds. S.J. du Toit as een van die hoofredakteurs agter die publikasie.

Aanvanklik is Die Patriot in 'n ligte en informele styl geskryf, met 'n sterk fokus op Afrikaanse identiteit, taalbevordering, en die stryd teen Engelse dominansie in kultuur en onderwys. Die koerant het artikels, briewe en satire bevat, en het die gewone mense van die Kaapkolonie aangespreek in hul eie omgangstaal.

Die Patriot het gehelp om Afrikaans as 'n volwaardige taal te vestig en het taalbewustheid onder Afrikaners gekweek. Dit het ook 'n platform gebied vir debat oor politieke en sosiale kwessies van die tyd, insluitend selfbeskikking en kultuurbewaring.

Hoewel Die Patriot in 1904 gestaak het, was sy invloed verreikend. Die koerant het die weg gebaan vir latere Afrikaanse publikasies en vir die uiteindelijke erkenning van Afrikaans as amptelike taal in 1925. Vandag word Die Patriot beskou as 'n hoeksteen van Afrikaanse kultuur- en taalgeskiedenis.



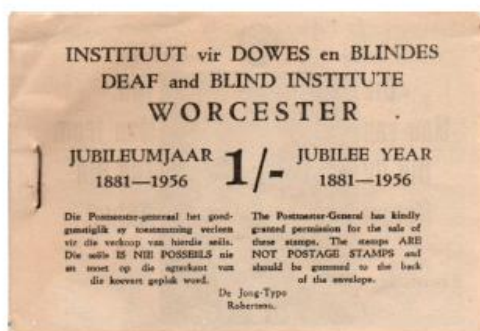
INSTELLINGS EN ORGANISASIES

Die Instituut vir Doves en Blindes in Suid-Afrika speel 'n belangrike rol in die opvoeding en ondersteuning van persone met gehoor- en siggestremdhede. Een van die oudste en bekendste instellings is die De la Bat-skool vir Doves, gestig in 1881 in Worcester, Wes-Kaap. Dit was die eerste skool in Suid-Afrika vir kinders met gehoorgestremdhede en het deur die jare gegroei tot 'n gespesialiseerde sentrum met 'n nasionale rol.

Vir blindes is die Pionierskool vir Blindes, ook in Worcester, in 1881 gestig. Hierdie skool het spesialis-onderwijs en rehabilitasiedienste verskaf, en fokus op akademiese sowel as praktiese opleiding, soos braille, mobiliteit en selfstandigheid.

Beide skole het baanbrekerswerk gedoen in die ontwikkeling van aanpassingsmateriaal, opvoedkundige tegnieke en tegnologie om gestremde leerders te help bereik en ontwikkel. Hulle werk nou saam met onderwysdepartemente en ander instansies om gelyke onderwysgeleenthede te bevorder.

Vandag word inklusiewe onderwys en menswaardigheid beklemtoon. Hierdie instellings bly 'n pilaar van hoop en geleentheid vir dove en blinde leerders en speel steeds 'n noodsaaklike rol in die Suid-Afrikaanse samelewing.



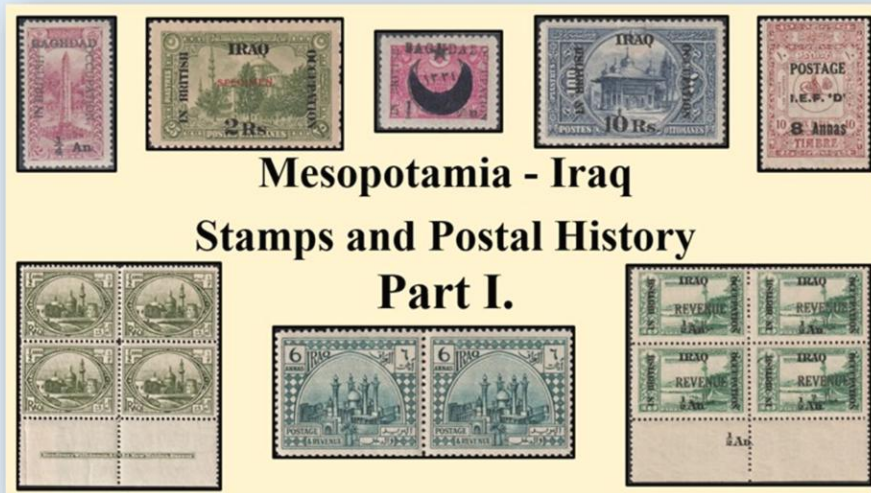
My Latest Acquisitions

We have 3 local auctions per month in the Gauteng area where I live. It is run by Kenny Napier and Clinton Goslin. These auctions are well attended and they have a healthy amount of international buyers as well. This is what I recently bought from them:

Trinidad and Tobago newspaper wrappers sent to the U.P.U. as samples. The dates are receiving dates



Jamie Smith

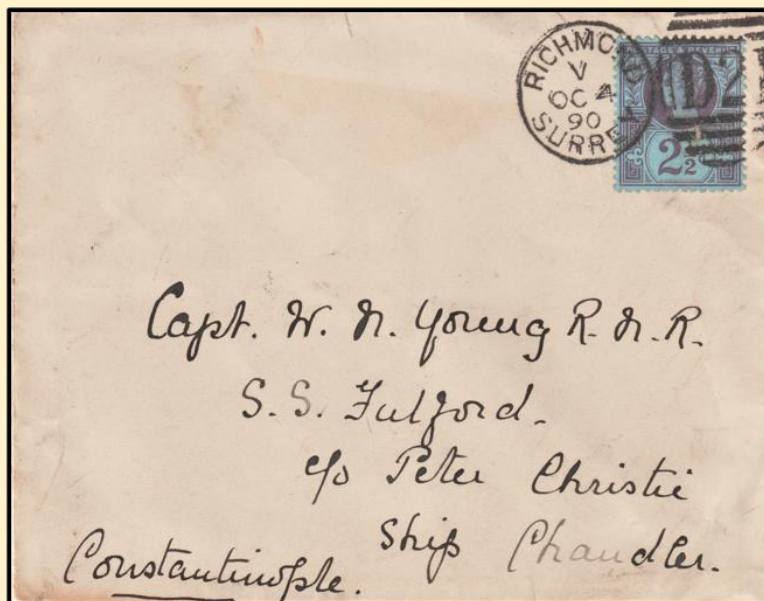


Iraq Part 1

Another excellent presentation by Jamie, I am always learning, and his knowledge of Africa constantly amazes me. I show a few extracts on the next few pages.

You can access the recording via the following link: [Link](#)

Great Britain's interests in Turkey.



British Post Office 8/10/1890.

S.S. Fulford was a cargo ship owned by Lennard John M. & Sons. She was sunk by a German submarine on 2/12/16 after being sold to Bilboa, a Spanish shipping company.

2½d Foreign Rate Cover from Richmond England to a retired naval officer, now Captain on S.S. Fulford in Constantinople, received at the British Post Office .

Great Britain's interests in the Middle East which included Turkey were trade and, 'Showing the flag'. The main rival was Russia who wanted to expand into the area. After the Crimean War, the main tool was diplomacy, and this became known as the 'Great Game'.

Kaiser Wilhelm and the Central Powers – Early German interest in Turkey and her Empire.

Kaiser Wilhelm depicted on a cigarette card and a photograph of him as a British Field Marshall.

(It was customary when visiting a foreign country to wear the uniform of that country).



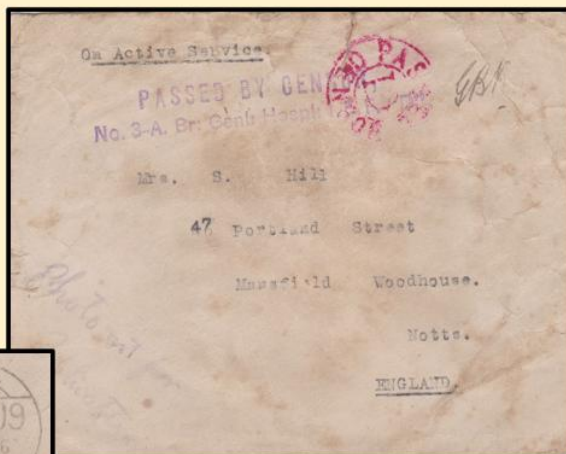
Pre-War 'Cinderella' stamps depicting the intended members of the Central Powers, Germany, Austria- Hungary, Italy, Bulgaria and Turkey. Turkey joined 28/10/14, Bulgaria in 1915 but Italy joined the Entente.



In 1888, Kaiser Wilhelm sailed up the Dardanelles in his Yacht to meet Sultan Mehmed V. He promised to be a friend and protector of the Ottoman Empire and to do the same for the Muslim faith. By this promise he hoped to control the Middle East, the Suez Canal eventually India. This after making sure that Germans and Austrian-Hungarians were Honorary Muslims.

Kaiser Wilhelm depicted on a cigarette card in German Uniform and as a British Field Marshal on a Post Card, also the Royal Yacht – S.M Hohenzollern.

British Troops On Active Service in Mesopotamia.



Censored, 'On Active Service, Postage Free cover from the No 3-A British General Hospital at Basrah and addressed to England. Cover handled by the Indian F.P.O. 309 in Basrah. 30/10/16.



Identical cachet from a second cover in the same correspondence.



Tuck Postcard depicting, The British Military Hospital at Basrah.

French Troops in Baghdad using the Indian F.P.O. 85 12/10/17.



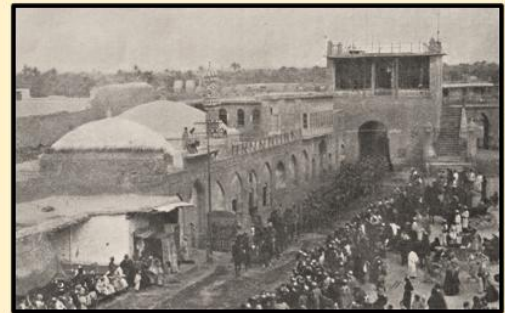
Censored, Postage Free Cover marked Poste Militaire and On active service from Baghdad to Marseille France.



British.
Passed by Censor
cachet.



F.P.O. 85 – 12/10/17.
Indian F.P.O. in Baghdad.



The British (and French) military
enter Baghdad 11/3/17.
Photograph from a magazine of the period.

The Taking of Baghdad & the first provisional stamp issues.



British patriotic postcard
with an inset of Baghdad.



Baghdad fell 11/3/17. The first stamps issued were Turkish stamps overprinted Baghdad.
There are many forgeries.

British Occupation.



Post Card depicting Indian troops in Mesopotamia.

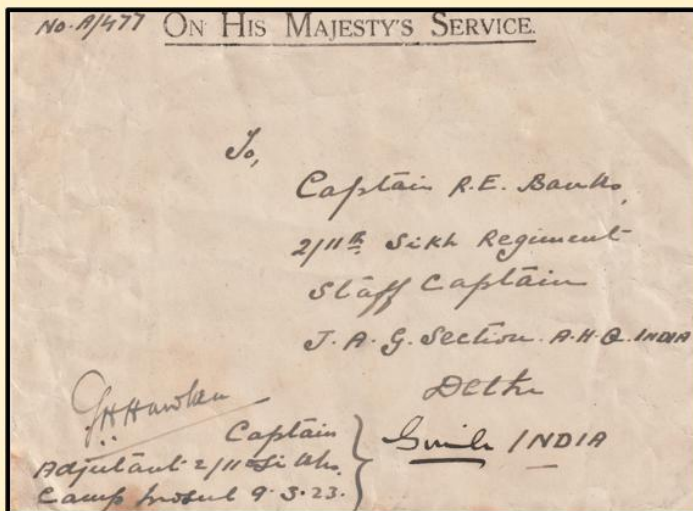


25/10/19.

Block of 1 Anna stamps used at the Indian F.P.O. (Field Post Office) 401 which was in Mesopotamia in 1919 and Mosul from 1920.

British Occupation.

Cancellation not to be confused with Busra in Syria.



O.H.M.S. Cover with 2a on reverse to pay postage from Busra (Basrah) to Delhi, India.
From an Indian Army adjutant to a captain with a Sikh Regiment.

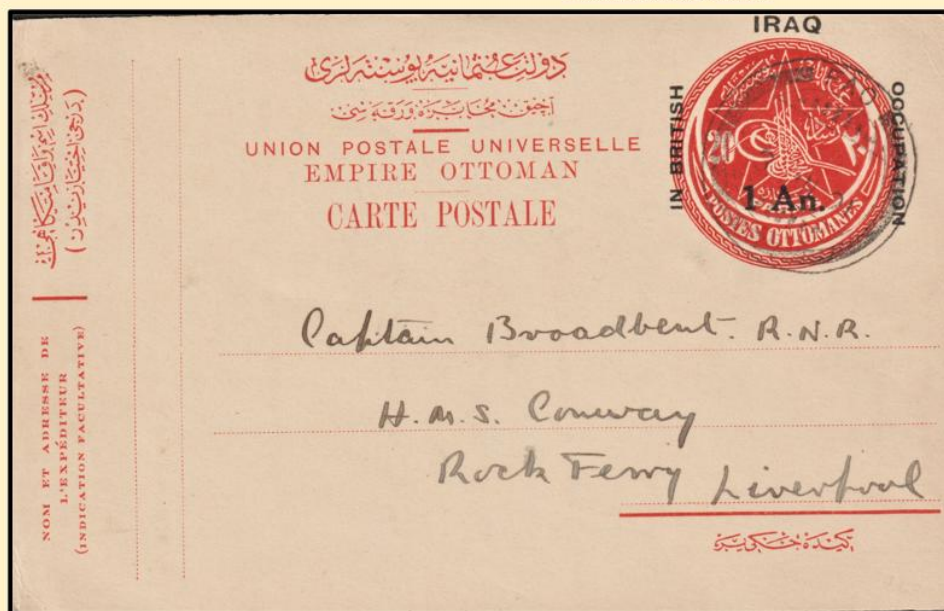


Reverse of cover.



Busra O (S) – 14/3/23.
O.S. – On Service.

British Occupation.



Fao – 3/1/21



H.M.S. Conway.
Naval Training Ship. (From Internet).

1 Anna Post Card from Fao to H.M.S. Conway, Rock Ferry, Liverpool.

Note, HMS Conway was a naval training school, founded in 1859 and housed aboard a 19th-century wooden ship of the line.

The ship was originally stationed on the Mersey near Liverpool, then moved to the Menai Strait during World War II.

While being towed back to Birkenhead for a refit in 1953, she ran aground and was wrecked and later burned.

The school moved to purpose-built premises on Anglesey where it continued until 1974.

1923 Definitive Issue.



Lower Baghdad – 13/7/28.



Kazimain Mosque – Baghdad.

2 Annas on a Photographic Post Card sent Air Mail from Baghdad to London.

Note, From 1927 Imperial Airways took over the Cairo – Baghdad route from the Royal Air Force.

The black and yellow Air Mail Etiquette was also introduced in 1927.

Book Review

The South West Africa Official Stamps- 1926 to 1955 Danie van Zyl

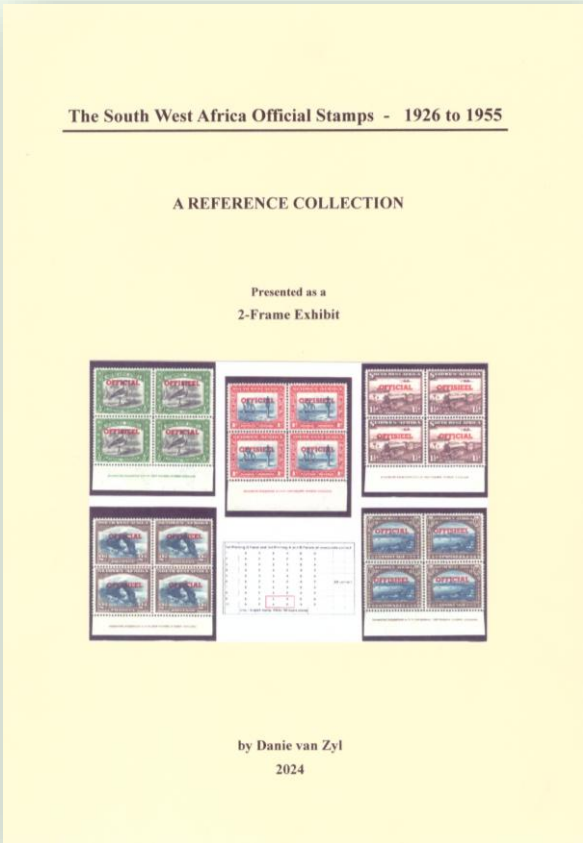
This publication, authored by Danie van Zyl and published in 2024, is presented as a printed version of a 2-Frame Exhibit. The author's motivation for turning the exhibit into a book stems from the observation that a significant amount of valuable philatelic information gathered for exhibits displayed at national exhibitions remains unrecorded, often seen only momentarily before disappearing into albums or boxes. The printed word is highlighted as a permanent and highly accessible method for distributing such information.

The book focuses specifically on the South West Africa Official Stamps issued between 1926 and 1955. Within this scope, the author examines 27 stamps in total. These comprise 10 stamps overprinted "OFFICIAL" and "OFFISIEEL," 5 Union of South Africa stamps, and 5 SWA stamps (resulting in 27 stamps overall after accounting for variations and possibly pairs/blocks counted as single "stamps" in the exhibit context). Beyond identifying the stamps themselves, the book delves into their numerous variations and illustrates examples of their postal usage. Official stamps were designated for official mail purposes.

The author draws upon various established sources in philately, including the South African Philatelist journal (spanning 1926 to 1956), the Net Catalogue of the Stamps of South Africa & South West Africa (1971), Nati Becker's authoritative book The Overprinted Stamps of South West Africa to 1930, among others. Interaction with dealers and collectors is also acknowledged

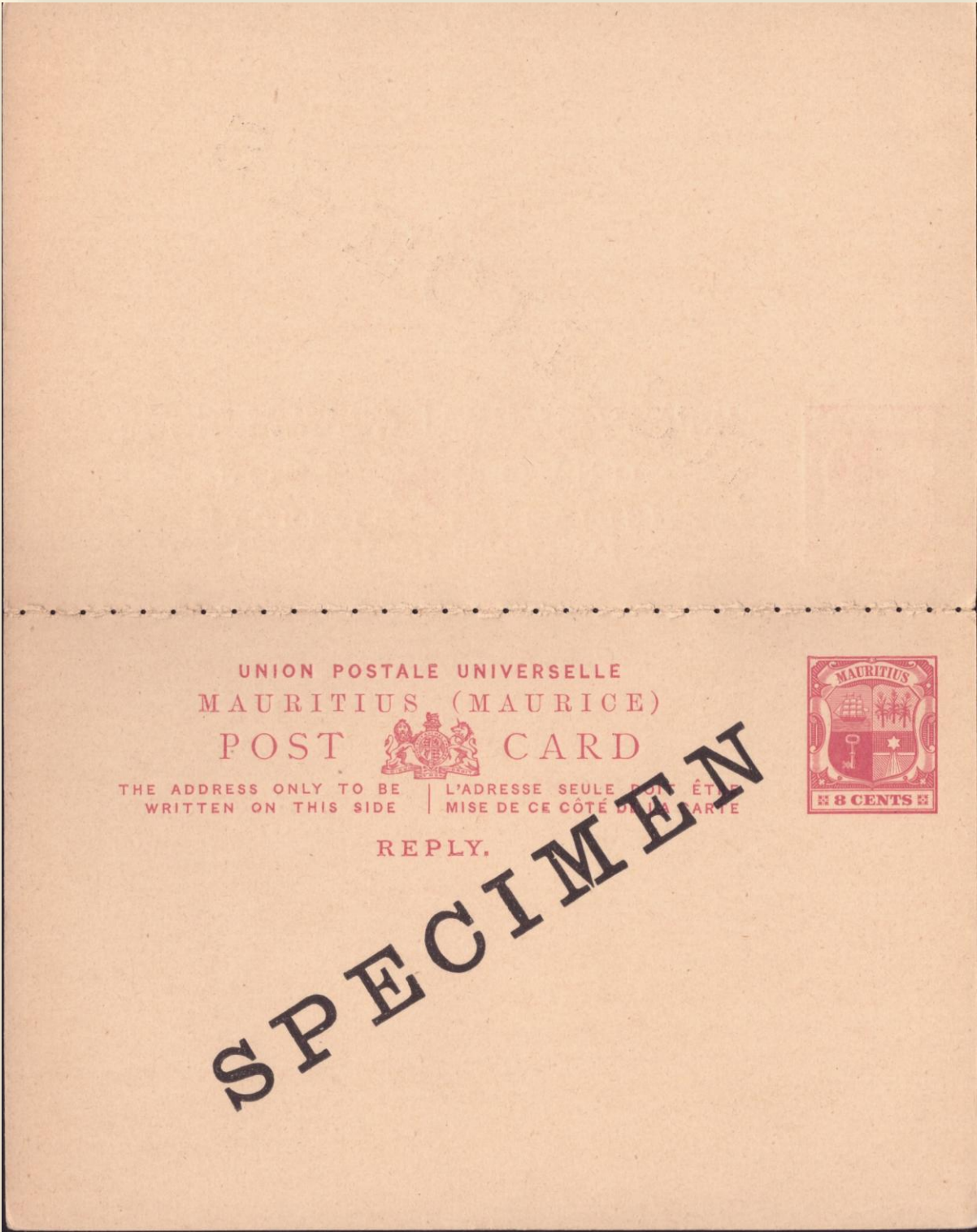
The book concludes by noting the discontinuation of both Union and South West Africa Official Stamps in 1955. It touches upon the historical philatelic debate regarding these overprinted stamps, referencing differing opinions published in the South African Philatelist, where some saw the numerous varieties as a "hardship" for collectors, while others viewed it as an "exciting adventure". By presenting this detailed collection, the author provides a valuable record and insight into this specific area of philately.

Contact the author to buy your copy:
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Mauritius Postal Stationery

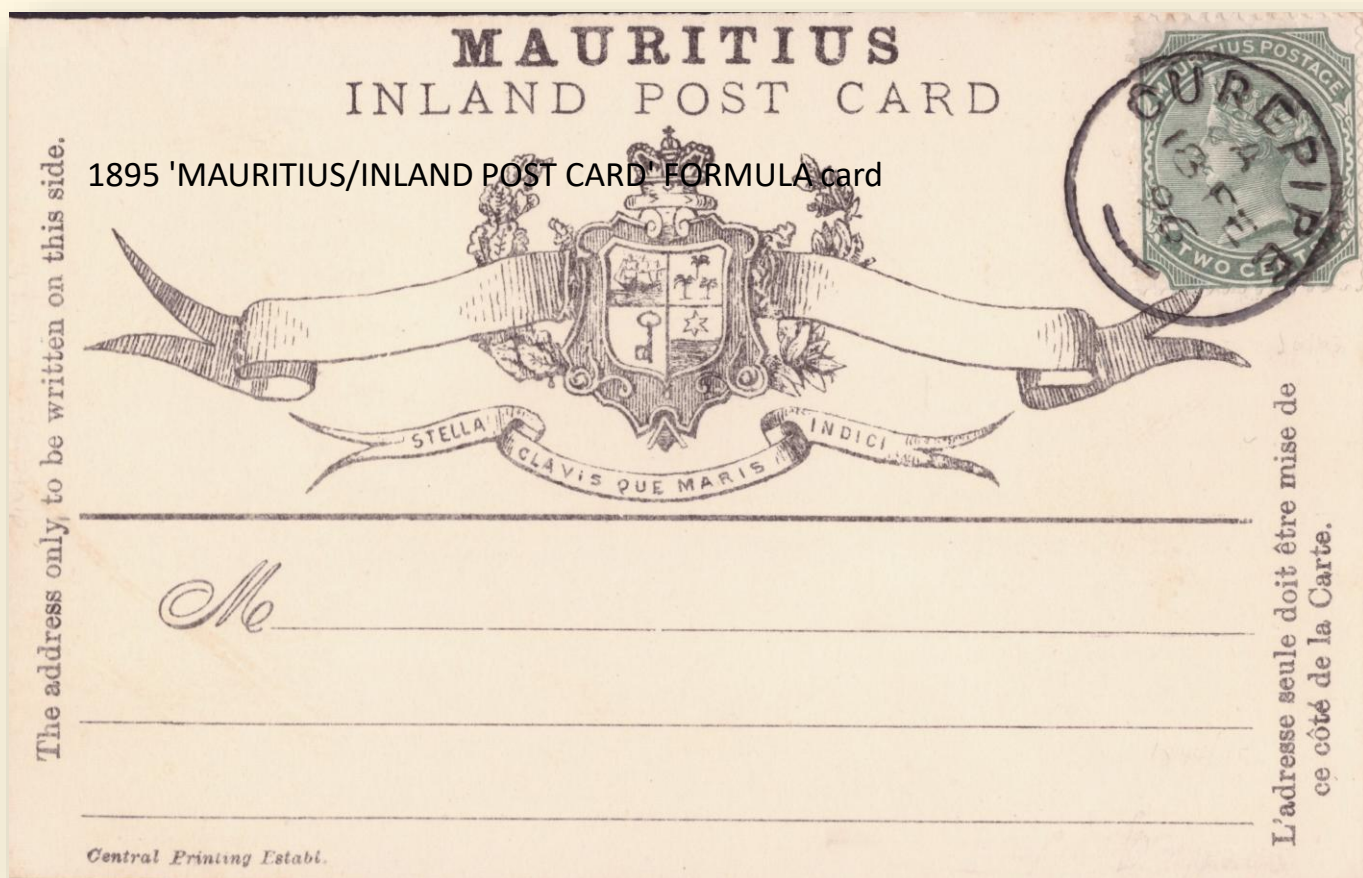
Gerald M King produced fantasy stamps in 1965 depicting Alice in wonderland to Commemorate the character from the Lewis Carroll books to celebrate the centenary of Alice’s character. He did this due to the fact that the UK didn’t produce stamps to commemorate this event. It started out as a set of 34, but it was well received, and more were produced.



1896 8c+8c Rose on buff postal stationery reply type postcard in fine unused condition with diagonal SPECIMEN h/s.



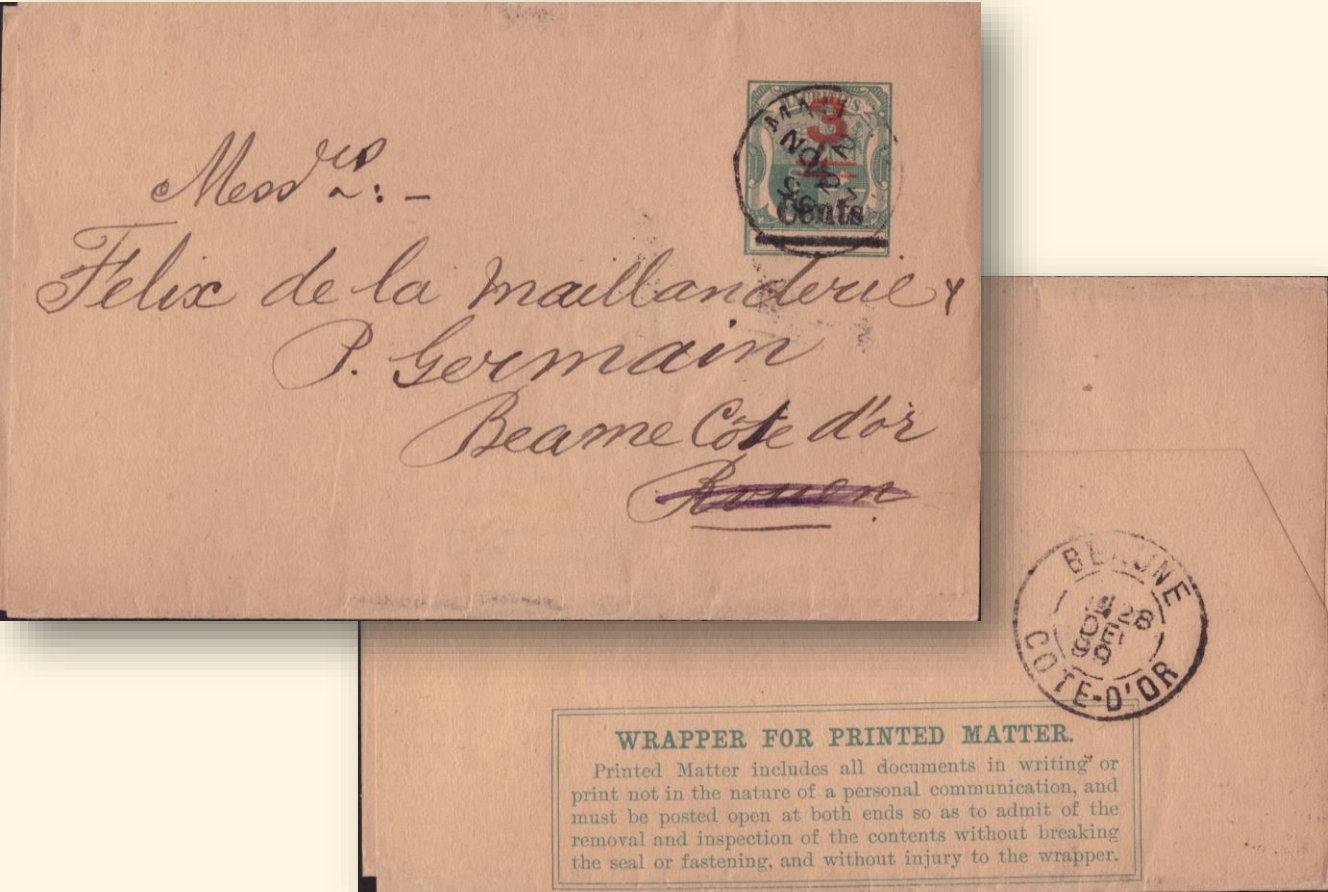
1896 36c Brown on glossy cream laid paper postal stationery envelope (type G) in fine unused condition with diagonal SPECIMEN h/s.



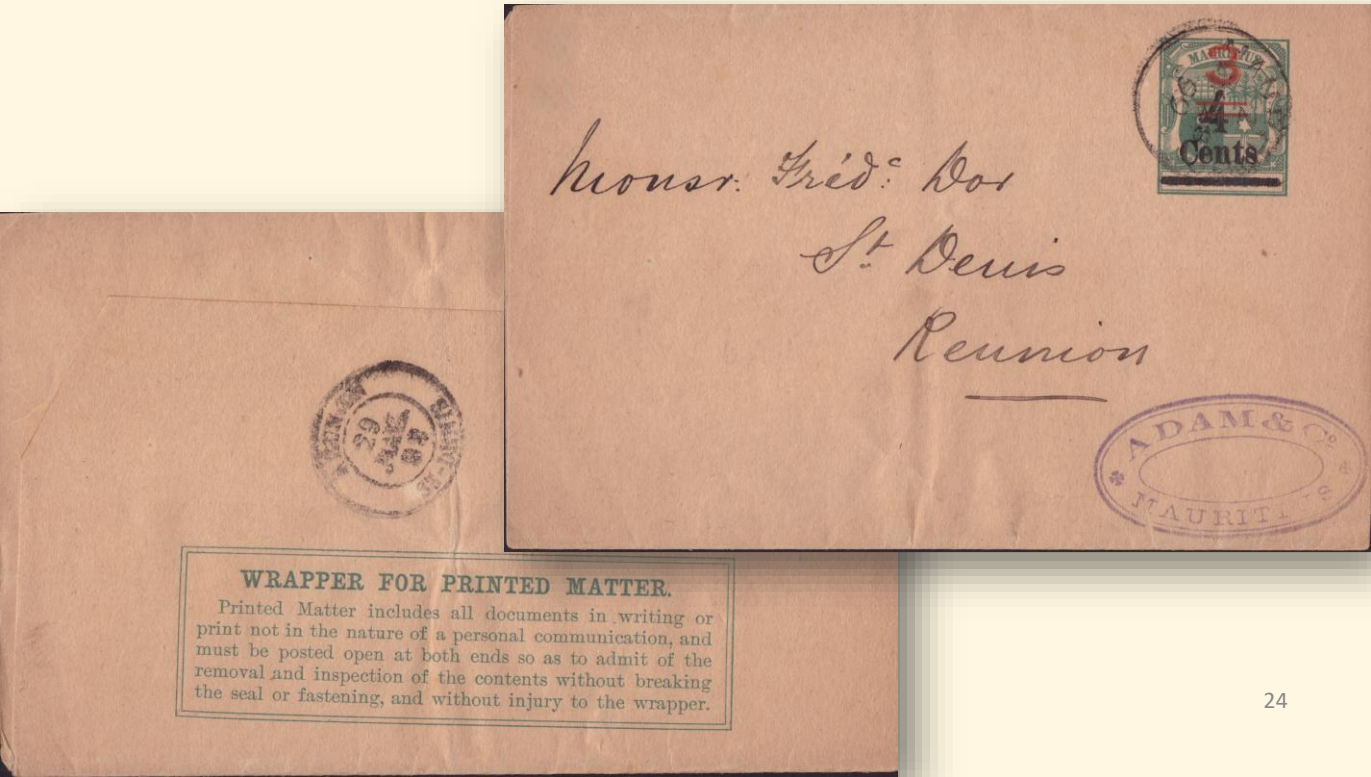
1895 'MAURITIUS/INLAND POST CARD' FORMULA card

1895 'MAURITIUS/INLAND POST CARD' FORMULA card

1899 3c red on 4c black on 3c green on buff postal stationery wrapper addressed to Ivory Coast



1899 3c red on 4c black on 3c green on buff postal stationery wrapper addressed to Reunion





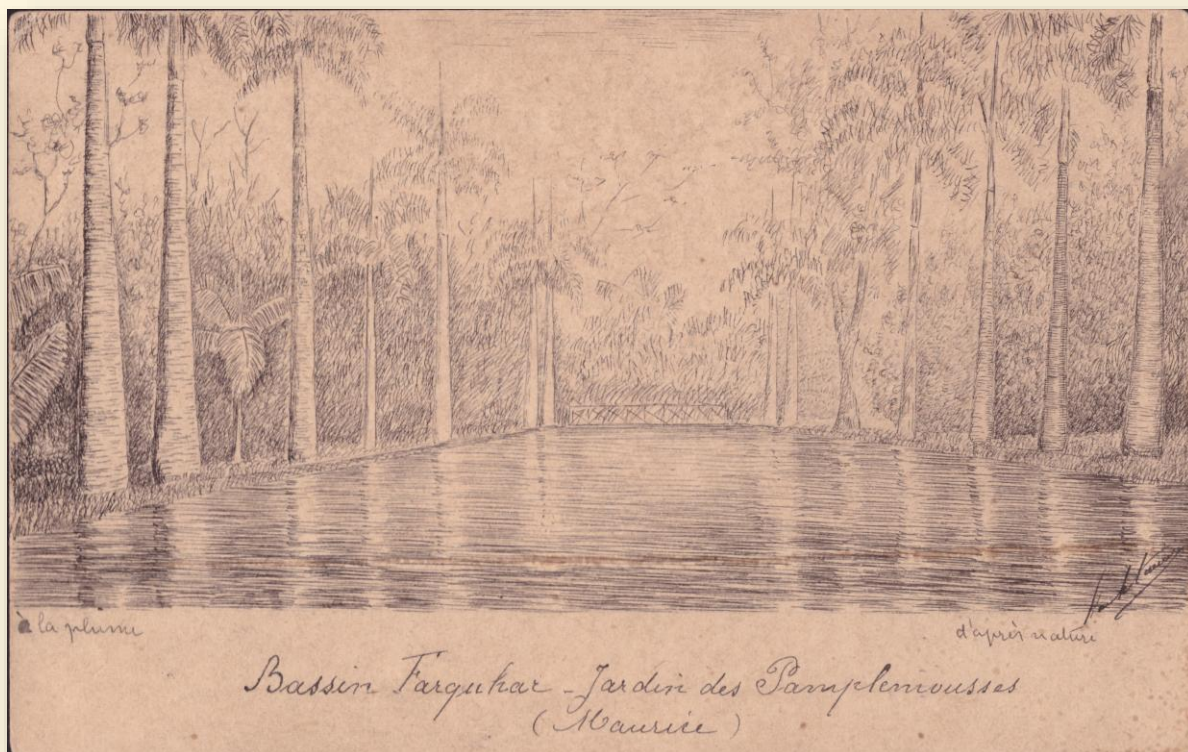
1900 2c black on 8c red postal stationery postcard (size d)



1904 20c blue Envelope with SPECIMEN



Rear of Postcard



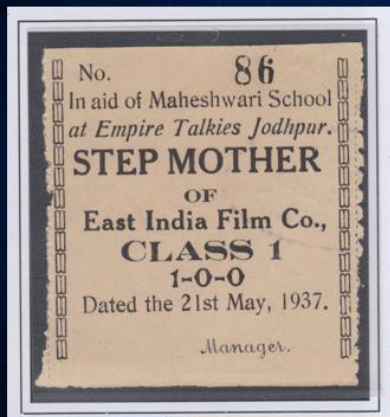
Front of Postcard

Local Club Meetings

I like to visit as many societies as possible, and if time and budget allows I try and attend international exhibitions where I can. I am sharing my experiences with you in the hopes that you will join me in my philatelic journey and come and say hi.

WITWATERSRAND PS – WOODMEAD

Ian Matheson – Showed ‘The common letter’ which is excellent indeed. The way that Ian tells a story leaves one wanting more. The recording can be viewed here: [Link](#)

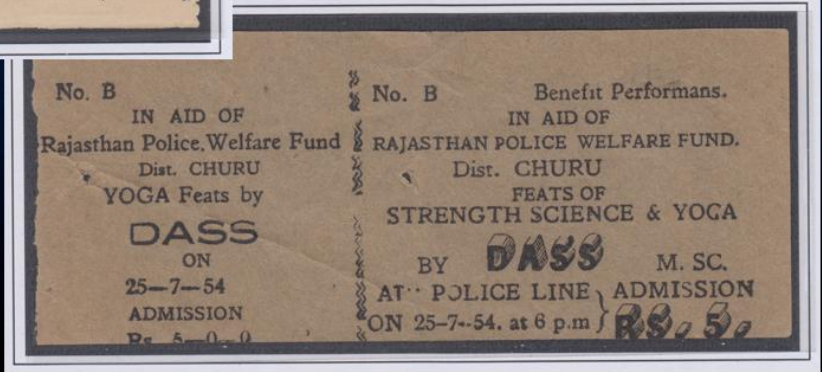


CHARITY SHOWS

**No entertainment tax payable.
Beneficiary must be indicated
on the ticket.**

25 July 1954

21 May 1937



ENTERTAINMENT TAX STAMPS.

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN.

Colour proofs for Approval.

Dark Blue

Deep Plum

via Security Press, Nasir Road.

Items of Interest

QSL Cards

A QSL card is a postcard-sized card exchanged between radio amateurs to confirm a radio connection. It acts as a written confirmation of a two-way radio communication, serving as proof of the contact for various purposes, including awards and collections. The exchange of QSL cards has a long tradition in amateur radio, dating back to the early days of radio communication in the 1920s. While still used, the practice of exchanging QSL cards is less common than it used to be, with many hams now opting for digital confirmations or using QSL bureaus to send and receive cards.

TO RADIO ZS6DL Date 3. 11. 38
This confirms our Q.S.O. dated 23/10/38 on 14 Meg.
Ths fer Rept. dated.....on Mi Sigs.
Ur Sigs on S Recd Hr 5.35 pm R.S.T QS R6
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RECEIVER HALLICRAFTERS. S.X.15.	VQ2FJ NORTHERN RHODESIA	XMTR Circuit <u>6L6 - 10</u> Power <u>50 w.</u> Freq. <u>14.134</u> Ant. <u>5 A 30 ft.</u>
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REMARKS I recd QSL on 23.10.38
He is got the Xtal I sent
down. Looking about a swal
have u got a spare pair

QRA.
C. F. JONES,
P.O. LUANSHYA,
N. RHODESIA.
S.A.R.R.L.

PSE QSL OM, UR CARD WILL FIND A HOME ON MI WALL.

1938 Northern Rhodesia QSL Card

NYASALAND

ZD6HJ

To RADIO ZS6NM

Confirming our QSO of 31:12:50 at 1605 GMT
on 14 Mc/s Band. Conditions Good.
Ur CW/Fone Sigs were RST Q 5 R 9+
RX Eddy stone h.c. TX h.c. h.c. h.c. P.P. 807
Input 50 Watts. Ant C. F. Hertz.

Vy 73
HARRY H. JONES.
P.O. MLANJE

PSE QSL.
Print—A.B. ELLAND.




N.R.A.R.S.

1950 Nyasaland QSL Card

Jamie Smith's Book Signing

On 14th May 2025, in a quiet community room of Stockport's Bredbury Library an historical literary meeting took place. They had gathered to attend an extraordinary event where Jamie Richard Smith, now from Stockport was Tabeing not 1 but 6 books, 2 being Fantasy novels the others containing about 500 pieces of poetry all with AI generated drawing all of which he had created to enhance his works. What was extraordinary was that Jamie is a 90-year-old R.A.F. veteran and that it had taken 65 years of writing to produce the books. As he talked, he leaned forward and the audience leaned forward to listen to him as he went on to talk about Africa, where he had lived for over 40 years, being charged by thirst-crazed elephants, chased by a roaring lion, being followed by the poisonous spitting cobra and the beauty of Africa's snowcapped mountains. The purpose of these stories was that his writings are based on his life and the experiences gained in his 90 years of life. The dream - to see these books adapted and made into action packed films. The event finished with a lively period where books were bought, signed and discussed. There are more books to follow within the next 6 months.



Travel with me

I like to visit as many societies as possible, and if time and budget allows I try and attend international exhibitions where I can. I am sharing my calendar with you in the hopes that you will join me in my philatelic journey and come and say hi. I love tea and biscuits.



EuroPhilEx Birmingham 2025
European Philatelic Exhibition 7-11 May 2025



Jamie Smith - Manchester
The **book signing is on 14 May 2025** at the **Bredbury Library** in Stockport. Please attend if you can, he would appreciate it.



RSC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

2025 Rhodesian Study Circle Conference
Thursday 22 – Sunday 25 May, 2025
Holiday Inn, Kenilworth, Warwick



NATIONAL STAMP SHOW 2025

3 to 6 September 2025

Hosted by the Paarlse Filateliste Vereniging
Venue: Paarl Golf Club, Boschenmeer Golf Estate, Paarl

