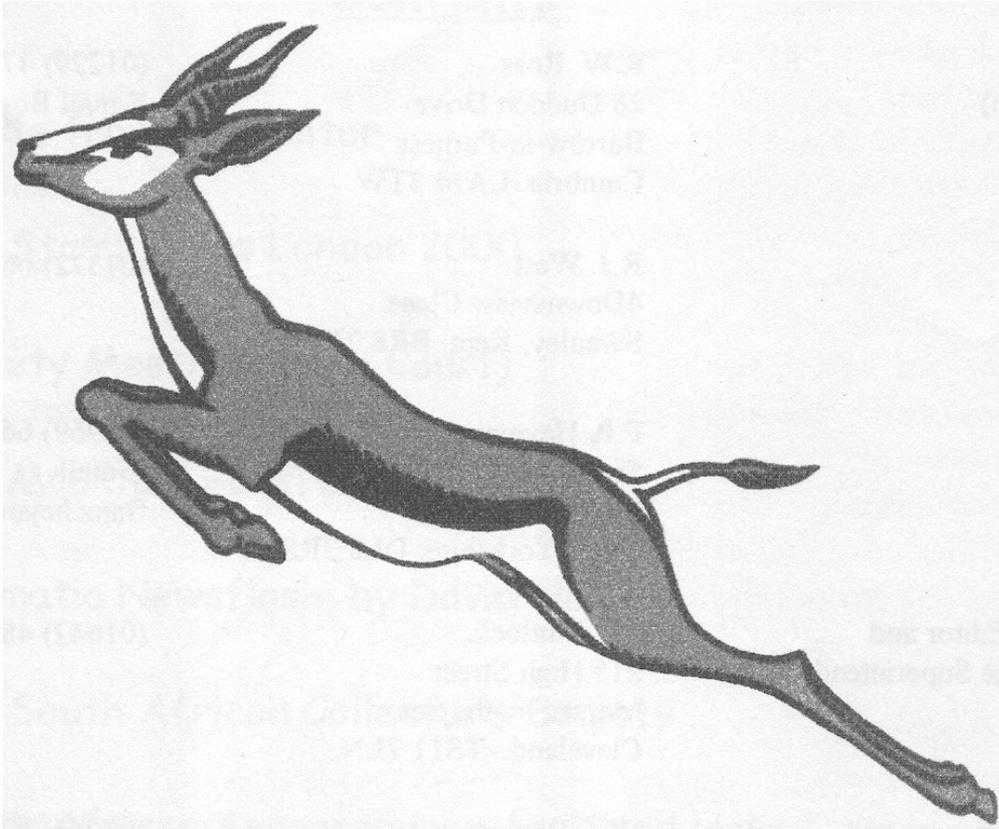


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Events for your Diary 2005/6

26th Nov. Joint Rhodesian Study Circle & SACS meeting, Manchester
3rd Dec.. SACS London meeting Subject: Revenues

London Meetings commence at 1.30 pm
Carlisle Meetings commence at 10.00 am

Other Events for 2005

22nd Oct. Hampex
27-29th Oct. Autumn Philatex, Royal Horticultural Halls, Vincent Sq. London

Events 2006

28th Jan. SACS London meeting Subject: Hyphenated Pictorials 1½d, 3d, 4d & 6d values
4th Mar. SACS joint meeting with Cinderella P.S. at B.P.T. offices in London. (all day meeting)
25th Mar. SACS Carlisle meeting Subject: Republic Revenues
6th May SACS London meeting Subject: Hyphenated Pictorials 1/-, 2/6, 5/- & 10/- values
2nd Sep. SACS London meeting Subject: Union Officials
16th Sep. SACS Carlisle meeting Subject: First 10 years of the Republic of S.A.
Abel Trophy Competition.

3-5th Nov. Southern African Societies Convention Falstaff Hotel Leamington Spa

Other Events for 2006

13-14th Jan. York Stamp and Coin Fair
22-26th Feb. Spring Stampex, Islington, London.

**For further details, please contact the secretary. We have several joint meetings in the year.
Please support these events.**

From the Editors Desk

It is again my sad duty to report the death of our President, Reg Allen in his 99th year. John Shaw has done a tribute to him on page 98. As a mark of respect, his position as President will remain vacant for a year.

Another year draws to a close and I sit here wondering where the time has gone. This issue, as the last, is late and I must offer my apologies. I know how you must feel, waiting for the next issue to arrive. I know that is how I felt before I became the Editor. I now sympathise with the previous Editors who continually had to find material and work to some sort of deadline. I can only try and make the editions appear more regularly next year! This is also my second year as the Editor and I have enjoyed doing **The Springbok**. I hope you have enjoyed reading the issues. If not, then you know what to do! Pick up a pen and write telling me what you want to see in **The Springbok**.

This year we have published 121 pages in total (134 pages in 2004). The slight drop in pages is the lack of a diverse range of articles. I need more articles from members, no matter how short or long.

I need to thank my Contributors, with out whom I would really struggle to fill the pages with out writing all the articles myself. A few members were real stalwarts in this respect. Fred Clark in helping with Book Reviews, Tony Howgrave-Graham for providing us with feedback on the Auction front, Giovanni Palazzo who has provided me with a steady stream of articles on South African Revenues. I have enough for the next four or five issues! Thanks also to Chris Oliver our Secretary who is doing a good job in keeping me informed about Membership Matters and also doing reports on the meetings he attends. Likewise to Malcolm Ridsdale for keeping us up to date on the Happenings at the Carlisle meetings.

The Springbok is still unfortunately heavily biased with Union period articles. I have made an appeal for someone to volunteer to do a regular feature on the Republican period. This can be feedback on the new issues and articles on earlier issues. I know many of our members collect Republic but unfortunately no one is willing to put pen to paper. The late Tony Chilton used to do a regular update on the booklet issues of the Republic. This listing is sorely missed as I know this is one area that many still collect.

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Attendance at meetings during the year has been variable. This is especially at the London Meetings. It is a pity that with many members living within striking distance still do not attend meetings. The displays have been superb during the year with some unique material being shown with much new information coming to the fore. The Carlisle meetings are the exception. These meetings have always been well attended and are becoming very popular. I note that some members living down South have also made the journey up to Carlisle from time to time. Keep it up fellows!

Membership is one of my pet subjects as mentioned in this column before. We have been more active in recruiting members, but unfortunately as fast as we recruit we are also losing to resignations and more regrettably, deaths. The net result is that we are almost standing still. The Society will only survive into the future if we grow our membership! We should all try and recruit one new member in the new year.

To maintain our current members we need to ensure the Journal has good quality articles, is professionally produced and keeps the membership informed as to what is going on. This issue has a lot of information on events and meetings with the result that not much in the form of articles are published. This will be the exception rather than the rule. To make up for this we will be distributing a listing of the Air mail rates as compiled by Bryan Stokoe as a separate monograph.

I also need to thank our advertisers, the numbers of which we are slowly increasing. With the increasing aim to improve the quality of the Journal, the costs have, unfortunately increased proportionately. Their contribution is greatly appreciated. If you are responding to an advert, please mention that you saw it in The Springbok.

All that remains for me is to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Get those pens to paper. I am waiting for the postie!

Eddie Bridges

LOOKING FOR THE UNUSUAL (OR THE USUAL)



1892-4 Cape of Good Hope 1/2d slate/white Postal Stationery Envelope with addit. 1d KEVII red tied by manuscript WALVIS BAY 5/7/09 in black pen, to Swakopmund, with very neat arrival postmark 12.7.09. a rare copy of this PO manuscript cancellation.

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RD ALLEN (“RDA”) 1906-2005

I first met RDA some 40 years ago when he was chairman of our society and one of a group of dedicated and expert philatelists I was privileged to know. The knowledge I gained from RDA and this group will stay with me forever – and I also gained a set of valued friends. The group included Eric Sherwood, our founder, Alec Page, Robert MacDougal, Bob Lawrence, Jim Nunnely and the inseparable twins, Merriman and Mason. Many of these will be just names to most of you but they were the greats of the 1950s and 1960s; Now they are gone and RDA was the last of this very special group. Always ready to share his knowledge, he gave much encouragement to the younger members, most of whom, with time, now have their bus passes and pension books.

RDA held office continuously in our society for 50 years and apart from chairman, served as secretary, editor of *The Springbok* and, on the death of Eric Sherwood some 20 years ago, became our president, in respect for his memory, this office will remain vacant for at least a year. A prolific writer, he wrote several books and major articles including those on postage due markings, maritime marks, coil stamps, and a major research work on the 2d Union Buildings. Attracted to a Union definitives article in the now defunct Stamp Collecting by one Alan Hardy; I did not know the name but recognised the style and, if you omit the “H” and turn the name round, you will see that “Ardy, Alan” becomes RDA, which was typical of his wit and sense of humour.

RDA started collecting stamps when he was given a bag of stamps (pre-Union!) in the orphanage where he was brought up, this being the first thing he had ever owned! His collecting continued during service in the Royal Irish Rifles and in the Metropolitan Police; he founded the flourishing Met Police Stamp Club, retiring as a sergeant 50 years ago. He sold his British Commonwealth collection many years ago to take up the challenge of Union

philately and, off duty from the Met, he was often seen in the Strand and Leicester Square stamp shops using his sharp eyes and expert knowledge to acquire otherwise unrecognised treasures. Having built up several specialised studies, he sold most of his collection in 1977 to members of the society, including the 2d Union buildings (which I bought), a silver medal airmail collection and wonderful shipping postmasters, which I admired but could not then afford. When asked why he was selling the collections he had so lovingly assembled he replied “Look John, if we now want to eat steak, we shall eat steak”, but added that he was keeping some studies, notably the coil stamps and revenues.

Whilst I was still in the RAF I wrote saying I had two meetings in London with a gap between them, and could I come and see him? By return he wrote “There is a bed for you here. Tea will be at four; don’t be late or you will upset mother”. This was typical of their hospitality and the start of a long and lasting friendship with both of them and which I cherish. Vera was a wonderful lady.

RDA was also a dedicated scouter, affectionately referred to as “Skip” or “Skipper” and, with the rest of his family, last attended scout camp at the age of 95. He insisted on playing his part there, except for an hour in the afternoon when his tent was off-limits during his afternoon nap.

Whilst the likes of Robbie Merson and Robert MacDougal were deep specialists in fairly narrow fields, RDA was a general Union specialist who could converse authoritatively over a wide range of topics. With a keen eye and a quizzical mind, and a host of learned publishings, he was a giant in Union philately and pivotal to the success of our society over half a century, keeping it together over some difficult times. A generous man, he frequently donated the remainders of his club booklets and other duplicates “to be sold for club funds”, raising many hundreds of pounds for the society. He served our society with distinction, a fact recognised by making him only our second life member, after Eric Sherwood our founder.

A warm hearted man, who sometimes displayed the crustiness of age, he was a good personal friend and mentor whom I was privileged to know; I shall miss him greatly. I was honoured to be asked to deliver a tribute to him at his memorial service. The society extends its condolences to his sons, Reg junior and Stan, and to their families. May he rest in peace re-united with his beloved Vera.

John Shaw

Members Exhibiting at Local Societies

If any members would like to attend any of the meetings where members are displaying, please contact the member displaying or the secretary for details of the venue etc.

If you are giving a display in the future and it is not listed, please let the editor know.

7 April 2006 **Godfrey Mellor** will be displaying South African Christmas and Easter Seals/stamps at Stockport Philatelic Society.

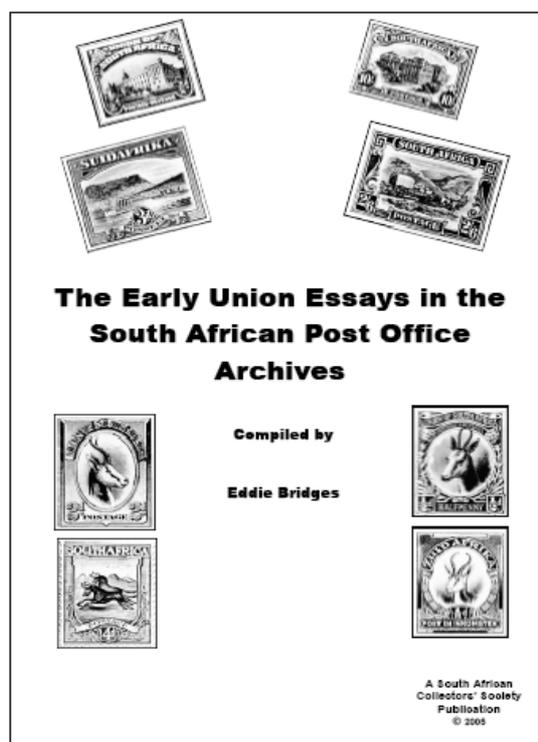
Transvaal Study Circle turns 40

Our sister Society, The Transvaal Study Circle turned 40 in November.
Our congratulations to them and may they prosper for many more years.



New Publication

A soft bound publication on the Early Union Essays in the South African Post Office Archives has been completed. This is in essence a reprint of the original text with a few additions originally done by Dr. H. J. Raubenheimer. Additional text from articles in the S.A. Philatelist and an article by D. Lamont Smith in the London Philatelist have all been brought together in one publication. All the accompanying photographs have been scanned in black and white (as per the original set provided with the notes in a photo album). Further articles and illustrations appeared in Setempe by Paul van Zeyl. This was also used for a booklet that was distributed at the Egoli 2001 National Exhibition in South Africa. It is hoped that this will form a reference work for the future. All the information is reproduced with due acknowledgement to The Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa, Setempe and Paul van Zeyl.
Copies available from The Editor at £5 each plus postage. Copies are limited and will be on a first come first served basis.

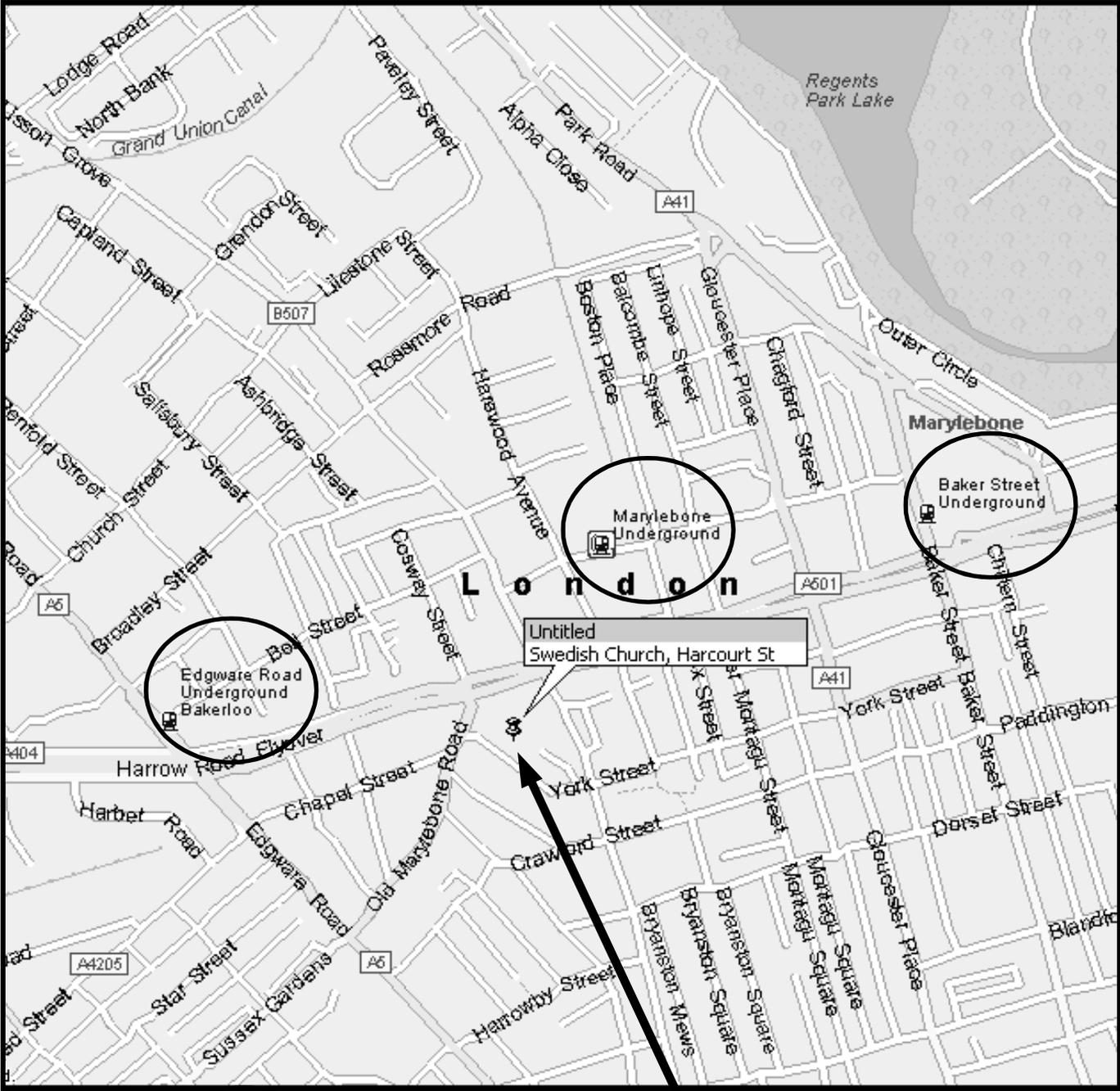


London Meeting Venue

We reproduce the map for the venue again in case you have misplaced the last issue of *The Springbok*.

Meetings in London start at 13:30. The address is **The Swedish Church, Harcourt Street, London W1.**

A corrected and clearer map is shown below.



Tube Stations

**Swedish Church
Harcourt Street**



Letters to the Editor

Please use this forum to advise me of your interests and what you would like to see in the Journal. I can only change, adapt or modify format, articles if you let me know what your thoughts are. Constructive criticism will always be taken onboard.

Ed.

The mail bag is empty! Please send me your views. *Ed.*



Members Queries and Feed Back

Queries

Members are urged to use this column to raise there queries and the Editor will publish all replies and feed back received in response to queries published. This column has led to some worthwhile information being uncovered by members in response to queries. *Ed.*

Chris Miller has sent in the following two South African labels which appeared in the July 2005 edition of the Cinderella Philatelist. These are reproduced here with due acknowledgement to the above publication. If anyone has any further information, please pass it on to your editor who will pass it on to the above publication as well as publishing it in the feedback column. The second illustration is on the next page.

World War 1

SOUTH AFRICA: 1d CAPE TOWN RED CROSS WAR FUND

From Charles Kiddle comes this war charity stamp that we had not seen before. Printed in red and perforated 12, it bears no date – so we are unsure of the year of issue although it is undoubtedly of First World War vintage. The “OUR DAY” tag appears on many World War One charity labels, both in Britain and in the colonies. It generally indicates that the stamp involved was designed to be sold as part of a one-day public street appeal. Both the symbol in the centre of this label and its colour make clear that the proceeds were intended for the benefit of the South African Red Cross. Can anyone tell us more about the Cape Town Insurance Institute? This label is probably quite rare.



World War 1

SOUTH AFRICA: 1915 ENLISTMENT PROPAGANDA

The illustration below has been taken from the December 1989 issue of the Australian journal *Stamp News*. We reproduce alongside it the description (written by Bill Hornadge) which accompanied it.



This interesting World War II Patriotic Label from South Africa is a reminder of the time when it was part of the mighty British Empire. The label has the wording SOUTH AFRICA 1915 - ROLL UP SPRINGBOKS - THE WEST IS SAFE - NOW FOR THE EAST. This was a reference to the fact that South African forces had seized the German territory of South West Africa (now Namibia) and were then turning their attention to the German colonies in East Africa. One by one these too fell so that long before the war ended Germany had lost all her African colonies. The label is a very rare one and was offered at a recent auction by the Glass Slipper of York, England, with an estimate of £30 sterling.

Unfortunately, the text makes no mention of the colour, the actual size, or the gauge of the perforations (if there were any). We have not seen an actual example, so cannot comment on any of these points. Can anyone show us an original?

The description in *Stamp News* requires some modification. There was only one German colony in East Africa (called, not surprisingly, German East Africa!) – the territory which is now largely Tanzania. A South African expeditionary force attacked German South West Africa very early in the war, but suffered setbacks, including the desertion of 11,000 Boer troops to the Germans. The German forces, largely local militia, surrendered on 9 July 1915, so this label would have appeared some time after that.

The course of events in East Africa was very different. A tiny German force of about 250 defended the territory. Their commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Erich von Lettow-Vorbeck, was an astute and resourceful man, and a brilliant strategist. With a corps of several thousand African troops (by 1916 he had a force of 20,000), he not only kept the British, South Africans, Rhodesians and Belgians at bay but took the fight to them, invading Uganda, Rhodesia and the Congo. He proceeded to conduct guerrilla warfare over a vast area and did it so successfully that his force did not surrender until 23 November 1918, 12 days after the European armistice! The delay was largely the result of the isolated location of the East African force and the difficult lines of communication. By this time, 150 of the German corps remained alive and 3000 of the Africans. The surrender occurred at the Northern Rhodesian town of Abercorn. By any standard, von Lettow-Vorbeck was one of the most successful commanders of World War One. After such an outstanding campaign over four years, he must have felt terribly let down when he realised the hopelessness of his position in November 1918!

Coincidentally, a detailed and very informative article by James Mackay on von Lettow-Vorbeck (and the philatelic ramifications of his activities) appeared recently in *Stamp Magazine* (pages 84-5 in the March 2005 issue). There, the number of German officers and NCOs in the East African force is given as 3000. Our figure of 300 was taken from the reference work *First World War* by Martin Gilbert. Who is right?

Nick Arrow writes:

I wonder if you can help me with a problem I have just acquired.

I have a cover endorsed "1st Midnight Motor Mail / STRAND to Cape Town / 12.10.36". I think that "Midnight" should actually read "Midnight"!

The cover was sent by the Aerophilatelist Park Smith to himself, and these guys did not usually muck about to make problems for idiots like me nearly 70 years later! I am sure that the cover was sent for a purpose, but I have not heard of "Midnight Motor Mail", however it should be spelt.

Do you have any knowledge on this - or perhaps any idea as to who I might approach?

Feedback

Mike Tonking writes:

With reference to the king's head plate varieties by Tony Howgrave-Graham which appeared in the April/June 2005 Springbok I can report the following :

Additional values which also have the right side notched plate circle on the upper right pane are 2/6,5/-,10/- and one pound.

I have an example of the 3d. black and orange which also exhibits the notch - see attached illustration.



Geoffrey Ford has sent some feedback on the elusive Springbok Letter Card:

I can't add anything about the origin of these letters, but I have recently acquired one of these elusive beasts. Commercially used in 1945. 3d postage paid - the correct rate for a letter to a member of the armed forces. The postmark (Isipingo Sta.) is rather indistinct but appears to be 7 April 1945. As the letter is dated internally by the writer 15 April, I think the postmark probably is actually a badly inked 17 April.

The manuscript annotations on the front are 5.5.45 in ink: Possibly the date received by the addressee.

16 in pencil: looks to be in the same hand as the date, possibly the 16th letter in a series.

6/3 in red pencil: possibly a postal delivery marking.

This makes it the third known copy. Are there any more out there? Please let the editor know.



THE THIRD U.K. CONGRESS OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETIES

by Chris Oliver

The meeting held at The Falstaff Hotel, Leamington Spa on 4th to 6th November was another success. Members gathered on Friday evening and having settled in were treated to the Major Mathews Memorial Lecture given, this year, by Alan Drysdall R.D.P., F.R.P.S.L. entitled Transvaal –The First Republic and First British Occupation. Alan explained that much of this display was being auctioned in the near future and so this could be the last occasion that it would be viewed as an entity. The material had been collected for Alan's research, which would be published in due course. During this turbulent political period the routes and rates of mail from the Transvaal were subject to disturbance and fluctuation. Alan was as erudite as ever, adding local colour to an interesting display.

On the following morning, Bob Allison gave the first display, showing the early postal development of the Orange Free State (1848 – 1880). His presentation commenced with some informative correspondence from Lt. Whittle en-route to South Africa via Madeira. On landing, Whittle, after bartering for supplies, was involved in fighting the Zulu. Bob then showed some exceptional material illustrating how the postal system improved, particularly under the third president J.H. Brand. This display was amplified by Bob's knowledge of the political changes occurring in the O.F.S. at that time.

Kevin Ashworth then displayed Rhodesian material from the time of The Matabele rebellion period (1885), The Warren Expedition in 1895, The Rhodesian Field force in 1900, Southern Rhodesia 1924-53, U.D.I. material and Rhodesia 1965-80. All admirably illustrated with correspondence, rates and stamps of the period.

The subject of Tony Howgrave-Graham's display was S.A. The War Effort Issue. He began by asking whether these should be considered definitive or commemorative? The large format set was produced in dribs and drabs. A cinderella issue where the 1/3 corporal Wagner stamp was only issued in 1943. The second printing was darker than the first, particularly on the 1d value. The various printings of the bantams were shown, including the revenue bantams. Tony's display finished with the Gerlach correspondence from Indonesia.

The rates and postal markings used on mail to and from the Cape of Good Hope between 1864 and 1899 formed the display by Robert Johnson. Robert also showed P.O. telegraph forms and telegrams of 1889, 1892 and 1897.

Brian Hurst's display was very informative showing how overprinting procedures were achieved on a particular issue of stamps. The sheets of stamps were displayed together with scaled up versions showing the progression of the overprint with the stamp shown only in silhouette. An ingenious way to illustrate the subject.

The South African airmails display by Bryan Stokoe showed attendees an amazing collection of many of the rare early covers produced. South Africa had been one of the first countries to realise the potential of air transportation of mail. Bryan's presentation included Kenilworth/Muizenburg covers, Red Cross issues and a 1919 pigeon-gramme. Material from Cobham's flight in 1925, Casparethus' record flight and that of Oscar Garden in April 1932 was also shown with emergency flood mail dated March 1937 and much more. A truly memorable display.

Votes had been cast, by those present, for the best invited display. Bob Allison received most votes and, during dinner, we were advised that the Tony Chilton Memorial Trophy for 2005 had been awarded to him. The actual presentation took place on the following morning.

On Sunday more displays were enjoyed. This time short displays from members present rather than from invited speakers.

John Shaw showed S.A. air-letters of W.W.II, both military and then civil, indicating the changes in design size and cut. John also explained that the contents of many of these had a human interest. (*The SACS publication on this subject accompanied the display*)

Fred Clark displayed dumb paquebot marks and censors used between 1927 & 1977. The boxed paquebot mark being used to most parts from S.A. Rubber cancellers showed deformation after use.

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SA Congress cont....

Paul van Zeyl's display was an open class presentation showing brotherhood between South Africans and the Irish 1881-1923. This included Irish comment on the first Anglo-Boer War and correspondence relating to Irish fighting the British in the second Anglo-Boer War. Other illustrations and anecdotes accompanied Paul's display.

Chris Cooksey showed Rhodesian Revenues including a prospecting license, a game license, mining certificates, import licenses and quit rent certificates.

Robert Johnson displayed low value Cape marks between 1896-1903.

Early Cape postal stationery cards formed part of Dr. Chris Board's display, including the 1d value introduced in 1878 with 50,000 produced by Solomon & Son, printers. Chris explained the mid 19th C economic decline in the Cape. Also shown was a Mashonaland card and a Harrison wrapper design used on a card of 1881. Lastly Chris displayed a blued picture added onto a postal card seemingly by a similar process to that used on the Goodyear bicycle stamp.

Tony Howgrave-Graham showed the 1d typographical stamp from the 1923 Harrison essay to the Pretoria printing trials and including three different printings, all of which produce varieties.

The Rhodesian Admiral 1913 —23 issue was ably described and presented by Eric Day showing printing varieties and Die II varieties.

Denis Firth displayed some interesting and unusual material from Basutoland. This consisted of mail associated with troop movement in Basutoland 1900/01; a Cape postal-card used in Maseru; Interprovincial use; definitive stamps; train mail; airgraphs and air covers; postage dues and more.

We were then treated to some Zululand material from Tony Stanford, including overprints to Natal key-types and a forgery of the £20 stamp which had the correct watermark and perforation but had been bleached and surprinted.

Dr. Andrew Higson presented Philatelic Aspects of Army Telegraphs in the Boer War. An informative and comprehensive handout, showing how the development of the telegraph, in the 1890's, had made communications more effective accompanied this. Stamps were used for standardisation of pre-payment both by the military administration and later for civil use.

Godfrey Mellor has amassed a large amount of South African Christmas Charity Seals from various sources, over the years, both on and off cover and in booklets. We were able to view part of this vast and interesting collection spread over five frames. For those who are seal addicts, Godfrey had brought along other volumes of the material.

Chris Oliver showed S.A. internal commemorative postmarks 1927-52.

Alan Drysdall bookended the displays by showing a Transvaal 1869-85 interpanneau pair with mirrored perforating occurring after folding. He then thanked Brian and Eddie and congratulated them on their hard work. This was seconded by all present. It was resolved that another congress would be held at the same venue on 3rd – 5th November 2006. We trust that they will organize it with similar expertise and that more members will take the opportunity to attend.

During the afternoon Eddie Bridges conducted his fourth, highly successful auction, although our company was greatly reduced by then.

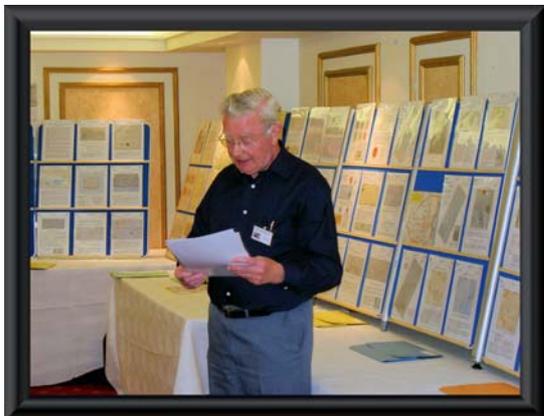
Over the weekend brisk business had taken place between those present and the dealers, Paul van Zeyl, Alan Macgregor and Michael Deverill, who were thanked for their contribution to another excellent congress.

Leamington Congress 2005 Photo Gallery

Photo's by
Eddie Bridges

The Invited Displays

On the Saturday, six invited displays were shown and these also competed for the Tony Chilton Memorial Trophy.



Bob Allison with his magnificent Orange Free State display



Kevin Ashworth with his most informative Rhodesian display



Tony Howgrave-Graham with his Union of South Africa War Issues



Robert Johnson with his Cape of Good Hope display in conversation with Richard Stroud on the left



A truly entertaining display by Brian Hurst on the methods he used to plate overprints on the Cape of Good Hope stamps



Brian Stokoe with his magnificent display of Union Air Mails



The eventual winner was by popular vote. Bob Allison was given the vote for the best display by a short head in a very strong list of invited displays.

Here Bob (on the left) is presented with the Tony Chilton Memorial Trophy by John Shaw, Hon. Chairman of the South African Collectors' Society.

The South African Collectors' Society is the donor and sponsor of this award in memory of the Late Tony Chilton who was a member of most of the Societies present at the Convention.

Another Congress has come to an end and a good time was had by all. The dinners were followed in the evenings by a few convivial drinks in the bar and philatelic conversations went on till late into the night!.

The popularity of this event is growing and is sure to be even better next year. Mark it in your calendar now.

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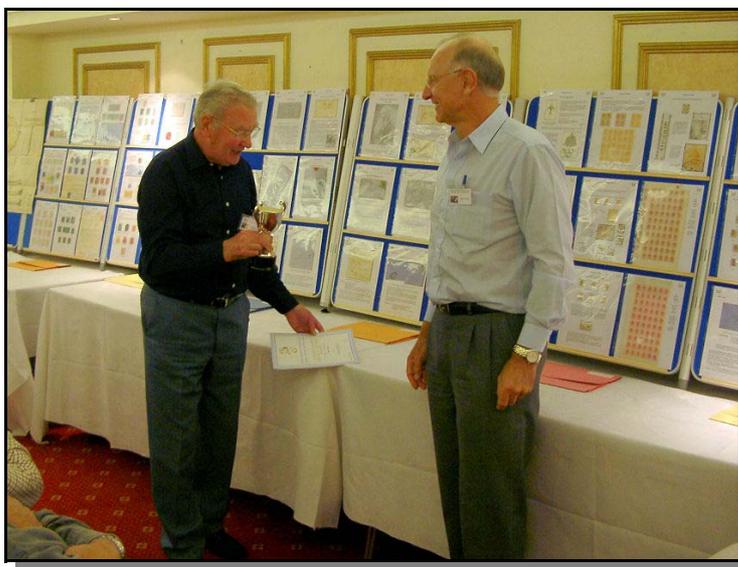


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Other awards made at the Leamington Convention

Brian Trotter who attended the Cape stamp Show and the Federation Conference in South Africa, brought back some awards made by Federation to UK members. Our congratulations to these two and especially Richard Stroud who is also a member of the South African Collectors' Society

These were the W E Lee Cup to Bob Allison for his major contribution to South African Philately, most notably through his research, writing and exhibits relating to OFS philately. Brian presented Bob with the Cup at the Leamington Convention.



Bob Allison receiving the W E Lee Cup from Brian Trotter

The Manfred Weinstein Medallion was awarded to Richard Stroud for his regular research and publication on the Anglo Boer War. Brian Trotter used the occasion to present Richard his medallion on behalf of Federation.



Richard Stroud being presented with the Manfred Weinstein Medallion by Brian Trotter

A record of the A.G.M. of the South African Collectors' Society held at The Falstaff Hotel, Leamington Spa at 17.00hrs on 5th November 2005.

Chris Oliver Hon. Secretary

Twelve members were present.

The Chairman, John Shaw, welcomed all.

Apologies were given for our Treasurer D. Osborn, W Branney, Max Whitlock, Lewis Warren, Nick Arrow, Ian Shapiro, Adam Cooke, Malcolm Ridsdale and for Paul van Zeyl and Alan Macgregor who were engaged elsewhere.

1. The Report of the last A.G.M.

This had been held at 17.00hrs on 6th November 2004 at The Falstaff Hotel Leamington Spa. It was agreed that the report was a true report of the matters discussed at that time.

2. Matters arising from that meeting and are not covered by the agenda.

No matters arising.

3. The Hon. Chairman's report.

Significant events were, sadly, the deaths of four of our members, two of whom, Prof Franz Heymann and our President R.D.A., were stalwarts of the Society. Two other stalwarts, Roy Ross and Bill Branney, have been ill but now seem to be recovering.

We have enjoyed some fine meetings, Carlisle, Regionals and London. For the latter, I am grateful to Christopher Oliver for organising new premises at the Swedish Church in Marylebone, after the trials and tribulations with Hawkstone Hall and Charterhouse Street.

The publication of Eddie Bridges' air letter book was well received and it is also Eddie's second year as Editor of the Springbok. Excellent production and improved articles - favourable comments have been received. It was agreed, by those present, that the Society should donate £100 to R.D. Allen's fund, in his memory.

4. The Hon. Secretary & Membership Secretary's report.

Seventeen new members have joined the Society since the A.G.M. last year. Two more than in the previous year. This is offset by nine non-renewals, seven resignations and four deaths, Prof. Franz Heymann, Fred Wallace, Don Todd and our President R.D.A.

The four who died were, or had been active members of the Society, and I know that more details of this will have been included in the report from our Chairman. Four resignations occurred because of age or infirmity after having been members for some time. One other had ceased to collect South African material.

Three new members joined as a result of The Society organising provincial meetings and having a table at provincial shows. We must continue this. Membership now stands at 166.

Our editor is a great help in introducing potential new members and his efforts in producing The Springbok as a worthy vehicle for our activities must aid that. Eddie achieves great things in producing a quality magazine for us whilst holding down a high powered job, extending his own philatelic activities and being a family man. Well done. In addition to our usual six meetings in London and Carlisle we held successful meetings in Portishead and Cambridge. The former was organised by Nick Arrow and supported by others in the area. Thanks again Nick. Another meeting in the West Country is intended for next year and we will endeavour to hold a further meeting in Arbury either in 2006 or 2007. The Society was represented at Southern Africa meetings at Spring Philatex and at Swinpex. Our most recent venture was to have a table and standing display at Hampex. This was organised by David Painter and we were pleased to have Sebastian Payne to help with the manning. Thanks to them both.

A Southern Africa meeting has been convened for 25th February 2006 at 16.15hrs. at Philatex. Attendance at the Worpex show at Worcester 13th May 2006 and at the A.B.P.S. show in Torquay on 24 & 25 November 2006, will be considered. Some of us are intending to visit the International Exhibition in Washington D.C. on 27th May – 3rd June 2006 where we may meet some of our North American colleagues. Details of all 2006 meetings will be included on the S.A.C.S. programme card.

My thanks to Bill Branney and Max Whitlock who beaver away behind the scenes to ensure that auctions and exchange packets are a success, amongst other tasks. Both have advised me that they require more material from the rest of us, to enable sales to run more smoothly. We get an income from this to help the finances of the Society.

I must not forget to thank the other members of our committee and general members, all of whom keep me on the straight and narrow. Thank you all for your support.

The last note of appreciation must be for Brian Trotter and Eddie Bridges who have organised another excellent weekend for us.

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5. The Hon. Treasurer's report.

The financial statement for 2004 with additions to show the extent of transactions for the year 2005, so far, was circulated.

The year has been interesting in that there has been a large expenditure on the air-letter book. This is an exciting prospect, I believe, for the Society. We will have to await the outcome of sales but it is also about the Society using its funds to promote South African Philately.

The rest of the general income and expenditure shows a surplus of £280, which equates to the interest. This current year the interest will be reduced to a figure probably in the region of £180 plus the auction support from Bill Branney which has not arrived this year, so the subscription increase has come at the right time.

The Independent Examiner had audited the 2005 accounts to date and these will be presented for inclusion in The Springbok early in the New Year.

The adoption of the Treasurer's report was proposed by Dr. Chris Board and seconded by Eddie Bridges.

The points raised at the last A.G.M. have already been answered at the time of publication of the annual account, for 2004, in The Springbok.

We have, traditionally, operated an income and expenditure method of accounting but this is to be reviewed for future years. Should the accounting year be changed to produce examined accounts for the A.G.M.

6. The subscription for 2006.

In 2006 will be £10.00 for U.K. and Europe and £12.00 for overseas members.

Cedric Roche has agreed to be our agent in South Africa with a subscription for Southern African members at R130, which could be paid to him.

7. Reports from other officers of the Society.

The Hon Auctioneer & Stamp Packet Superintendent and the Hon Cover Packet Superintendent both report that things are going well but more material is needed from members

Hon. Librarian & webmaster will need to update the web-site shortly.

The Hon. Editor. Requires more articles. Printing costs for the magazine have risen slightly but these should easily be offset by the increase in subscriptions.

He will be binding The Springbok in annual or bi-annual increments for the Library. Will consider binding these for other members, subject to cost and availability.

The Society should continue to plan for the Union centennial show and celebrations in 2010. Eddie intends to produce a bumper issue of The Springbok.

8. Ratification of Officers of the Society.

All Officers & Committee are willing to stand for re-election.

Godfrey Mellor proposed that they should be elected en bloc. This was seconded by Fred Clark and agreed.

9. S.A.C.S. Insurance.

a) Material on display other than at Society meetings.

After discussion, it was agreed that The Society will only insure by specific request from a member who is displaying. When manning stands where material is on show members are to ensure that the frames are secure and that someone can keep watch on them for the duration of the show.

b) Public Liability.

Premium costs have risen considerably this year. The S.A.C.S. has, traditionally, not insured for their meetings, believing it to be the responsibility of the hirer of the venue.

It should be borne in mind that the hirer would only be responsible for the premises and furniture & fittings provided by them and not for items brought in by others. In most claim situations it would be necessary to prove negligence. After discussion it was confirmed that The Society will continue with its intent not to take out insurance but would ask all members to be aware that this is the case and not to take undue risks.

10. Society meetings and events :

a) A brief report on those held. Was made in the Secretary' report.

b) A.B.P.S. Exhibition at Torquay 2006. To be held on 24/25th November at the Riviera Centre. The S.A.C.S. are hoping to have a stand there. Can volunteers to man it please advise Chris Oliver before a firm booking is made by mid February 2006. No help – No show.

c) 2010 Spring Stampex Display by S.A.C.S. Eddie has made an informal enquiry to the organisers to see if the "village green" would be available for a centennial display by the S.A.C.S. It was agreed that this request should be made firm. All members with good material to make a note of this.

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d) 2006 Worpex at Worcester. No details of availability or hiring charges have yet been received for this meeting to be held on 13th May. An alternative venue in this area would be the Redditch fair on 11th November. This would make November rather full. Committee to decide on whether to attend either.

e) 2006 Swinpex }

f) 2006 Hampex. } As we would hope to support Torquay, attendance at these two venues would be deferred until 2007.

g) Any others in 2006.

The Southern Africa Societies joint meetings at Spring Philatex on 25th February. More support from members would be welcomed.

As an alternative to Portishead, Richard Stroud would be willing to hold a meeting at his house.

John Shaw reported that The Cinderella Stamp Club have asked us to attend a joint meeting with them at 107, Charterhouse Street, London EC1M 6PT on 4th March 2006, which we have accepted.

11. S.A.C.S. support for Youth Philately.

Agreed that this was a worthy cause and that, subject to agreement with the Treasurer, up to £100 should be donated to the N.Y.S.G. Proposed by Godfrey Mellor and seconded by Eddie Bridges.

12. The Club Rule Book

Rules for the Tony Chilton Memorial Cup were agreed by all constituent Societies of Southern Africa, early in the year. Max Whitlock is going to prepare the new rule book using a Desk Top Publishing programme.

A new rule for the cover packet is to be introduced so that those members who send the packet to another country can claim back the cost in excess of what they would have paid to post it within their own country. This is a small amount, but it will greatly simplify the making up of the circulation list. Proposed by Godfrey Mellor, seconded by Tony Howgrave-Graham, and agreed by those present.

It was also agreed that the position of President should not be filled until the next A.G.M.

13. A.O.B.

A member of the Society was concerned that dealer members were allowed to bid in the Society auctions. It was the view of the committee that all members should be allowed to bid in the auction as a privilege of their membership.

The next A.G.M. will be held at the same venue on 4th November 2006.

The meeting finished at 18.40hrs after the Chairman had thanked those present for attending.

The meeting had earlier been interrupted by the Chairman for the pleasurable interlude of presenting the Wicks Medal which, this year, was awarded to Tony Howgrave-Graham for, in the opinion of the panel, contributing the best article in The Springbok during 2004. [Registration marks of S.W.A.] Well done Tony.



**Tony Howgrave-Graham (right)
receiving the Wicks Medal from our
Hon. Chairman, John Shaw.
Well done Tony.**

Report on the Regional meeting held in Arbury, Cambridge on the afternoon of Saturday, 8th October.

Chris Oliver Hon. Secretary

At the commencement we had four members present and felt that further meetings at this venue would not be worth while. A fifth member appeared by 3pm. followed by two visitors, one of which has joined the Society.

Displays were by:

David Osborn – an extensive collection of philatelic material and ephemera relating to the Royal Visit of 1947. David is intending to develop this into a Social Philatelic display.

John Archer – More developments in his studies of the first definitives of the Republic.

Chris Oliver – Airgramme issue of 1971 and one or two airmail items.

Eddie Bridges – An excellent study of Union Booklets 1921 until 1937.



Members and visitors enjoying the displays at the Regional meeting held at the Arbury Community Centre in Cambridge.

It is a pity that we do not have more of our members who live in the region, attend this meeting.



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Membership Matters

Information supplied by Chris Oliver

We welcome new members:

1101	R. Turnell	Leicester
1102	D. Ackermann	Cambridge
1103	R. Hill	Hitchin
1104	M. Lacey	Winchester
1105	Carlo Sonni	Arezzo, Italy

The following member has resigned:

1034	J.C. Mottram	Bebbington
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Some of our members from the U.K. are intending to visit the international exhibition in Washington D.C. next year (27th May to 3rd June).
It would be good if we could meet some of our colleagues from North America and elsewhere, who may also be attending.
Make contact with Chris Oliver if you hope to be there.
[e-mail & address etc. inside the front cover.]

Should members in North America wish to bid in the S.A.C.S. auctions, their remittance can be paid through Morgan Farrell.
This will make payment of small amounts easier.

Cedric Roche has agreed to be our representative in South Africa.

Members in Southern Africa, who wish to pay their subscription in Rand, may make their remittance (R130 in 2006) to "C Roche" and send with the invoice to "Box 11058, Hatfield, 0028".

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Union of South Africa: The Pictorial Definitives of 1926-54

How to distinguish the Major Printings

Eddie Bridges

Part 2

The 1½d Gold Mine

The 1½d Gold Mine issue only appeared in the Hyphenated format. Three groups of this design made its appearance from November 1936 to 1949. First they appeared in the large format (27 x 21.5 mm) then in the medium format (22 x 18 mm) and finally in the bantam format (22.5 x 12.5 mm). These are relatively easy to identify.

Large Format: (27 x 21.5 mm)



There were three basic issues of this printing issued for the first time in November 1936.

Only the exterior cylinders were screened. There is very little to choose between these issues apart from the latter part of second printing the gold colour was increasingly mixed with an orange pigment with the result that the stamps lost the gold shine completely. This was also the case for the third printing. Printed in sheets of 120 (20 x 6)

Medium Format: (22 x 18 mm)



These reduced size stamps were produced from screened cylinders and were printed in a 240 stamp sheet format. (12 x 20) Again there is very little to choose between pairs of these stamps and are best collected with marginal identification to distinguish the printings. There were 7 printings in total of this format.

Bantam Format: (22.5 x 12.5 mm)



There was only one printing of this size from screened cylinders. This was done to conserve paper during a paper shortage during the war. These stamps were printed in sheets of 240 stamps (12 x 20). The stamps were perforated 14 in vertical pairs with the pairs separated by a roulette gauge 7. These are best collected in blocks of four.

Note:

I have discontinued using SG numbers as the SG catalogues do not differentiate sufficiently between the various printings. Only Union Handbook Numbers will be used from now on.

Summary of the 1½d Issues

Hyphenated Rotogravure printings	UHB#	Issue	Plates/cylinder numbers	Date
Large Format (27 x 21.5 mm)	46	1	6933 and 62	Nov. 1936
	46A	2	62 and 15	Aug. 1940
	46A	3	6930 and 15	Dec. 1940
Medium Format (22 x 18 mm)	46B	4	(1) and (1x)	?
	46C	5	(2) and (2x)	Aug. 1941
	46D	6	31 and 6924	Sep. 1941
	46E	6A	31 and 33	Dec. 1947
	46E	7	5 and 33	Dec. 1947
Bantam Format (22.5 x 12.5)	46F	8	28 and 6	Apr. 1948
Medium Format (22 x 18 mm)	46E	9	6919A/6919B	Jul. 1948
	46E	10	6931A/6931B	Feb. 1949

The 2d Union Buildings Issue

This is a complex issue if you want to collect all the printings and issues. However these stamps can be broken down into a few basic sets as follows:

Recess Printing (London)

Unhyphenated Rotogravure Several distinct shades were printed.

Hyphenated Rotogravure. Again several distinct shades were printed.

Hyphenated Rotogravure in reduced format (21.75 x 17.5 mm)

} All in a large format

Recess Printings



Recess Printing by Bradbury Wilkinson-London 1927 These also were issued with various perforation groups These stamps are easily distinguished from those of the unhyphenated Rotogravure issues, by their crisp plum colour and quality of printing. The Union Buildings are also without the Delville Wood war memorial.

Unhyphenated Rotogravure Printings



Unhyphenated Rotogravure printings 1931-1938 The design is now redrawn to include the Delville Wood war memorial.

The 1931/2 issues were in a grey and mauve colour which changed to grey and purple in the later issues.

The last printing of this group in 1938 had a distinctive blue and violet colour.

Recess printing without the Delville Wood war memorial



Roto printing with the Delville Wood war memorial



Hyphenated Rotogravure Printings (Unscreened vignette)

Apart from the introduction of the Hyphen in SUID-AFRIKA there was little difference between these issues and those from the unhyphenated issue. First the stamps appeared in the same blue and violet as its predecessors and later printings the colours changed to grey and lilac. A point not always mentioned is that the English language stamps have slimmer lettering than those that followed.

Lettering slimmer than those that follow.



Hyphenated Rotogravure Printings (Screened vignette)

The vignette has now been redrawn and screened. There is a slight change in the view of the Union Buildings. There are a large number of different shades and colours during the 9 printings in this group.

Change in the design of the Union Buildings



Reduced format Rotogravure Printings.

The stamps in this group were reduced in size as a paper saving measure. There were 4 issues in this group. There is very little difference between these stamps and if all printings are sought, then it is best to collect positional blocks. These issues continued till they were replaced by the Animal definitive stamps in 1954.



Reduced Format 21.75 x 17.5 mm
All screened cylinders used

Summary of all Issues on the next page.

Summary of the 2d Issues

	UHB#	Issue	Plates/cylinder numbers	Date	Perf. Group	
Recess Printings-London	24	1	(1) and (1x)	Mar. 1927	1	
	24A	2	(1) and (2x)	Jan. 1928	1	
	24B	3	(2) and (3x)	Apr. 1928	1	
	24C	4	(2) and (4x)	Sep. 1929	1	
	24D	4	(2) and (4x)	Feb. 1930	3	
	24E	4	(2) and (4x)	Sep. 1930	2	
	24E	4	(2) and (4x)*	Jan. 1931	2	
					Colour	
Unhyphenated Roto. Printings	38	1	(1) and (1x)	Apr. 1931	grey/mauve	
	38	1a	(1) and (1ax)	early 1931	grey/mauve	
	38	2	(2) and (2x)	early 1931	grey/purple	
	37	2a	(2) and (2ax)	late 1930	grey/purple	
	37	3	34 and 42	Sep 1930	grey/purple	
	38A	3	34 and 42	Jun 1931	blue/violet	
Hyphenated Roto. Printings	47	4	29 and 43	Nov. 1938	blue/violet	
	47A	4	29 and 43	May 1941	grey/lilac	
	47B	5	6913 and 10	Mar. 1945	grey-black/violet	
	47C	6	6913 and 64	Oct. 1946	grey/violet	
	47C	7	8 and 21	Dec. 1946	grey/violet	
	47D	7A	(3) and 21	Feb. 1947	grey-black/violet	
	47C	8	(4) and 21	Dec. 1946	grey/violet	
	47C	9	4 and (3x)	Jan. 1947	grey/violet	
	47E	10	(5) and (3x)	Feb. 1947	grey/bright-violet	
	47C	11	(4) and (4x)	Oct. 1947	grey/violet	
	47C	12	(6) and (4x)	May 1948	grey/violet	
	-all screened	47F	13	2 and 37	Mar. 1950	slate-blue/plum
	Reduced Format	47G	14	6927/50	Apr. 1950	slate-blue/plum
47G		15	30/18	Nov. 1952	slate-blue/plum	
47G		16	27/46	Dec. 1952	slate-blue/plum	
47G		17	27/18	Dec. 1952	slate-blue/plum	

To be continued in part 3

For the Bookshelf

Book Review by Fred Clark

Airmail routes around the world were well established by the year 1939 but the outbreak of World War II in Europe and its extension in the far east in late 1941 played havoc with most international routes and time schedules. Some services were initially stopped and practically all at some time during the war suffered sudden time schedule alterations and drastic re-routing. As the war spread these effects became even more drastic and philatelists collecting air mail covers have found it frustrating to understand what happened and how it affected the delivery of war time air mails.

A new book recently published however, will be of considerable help in this respect, the details of the book as follows:

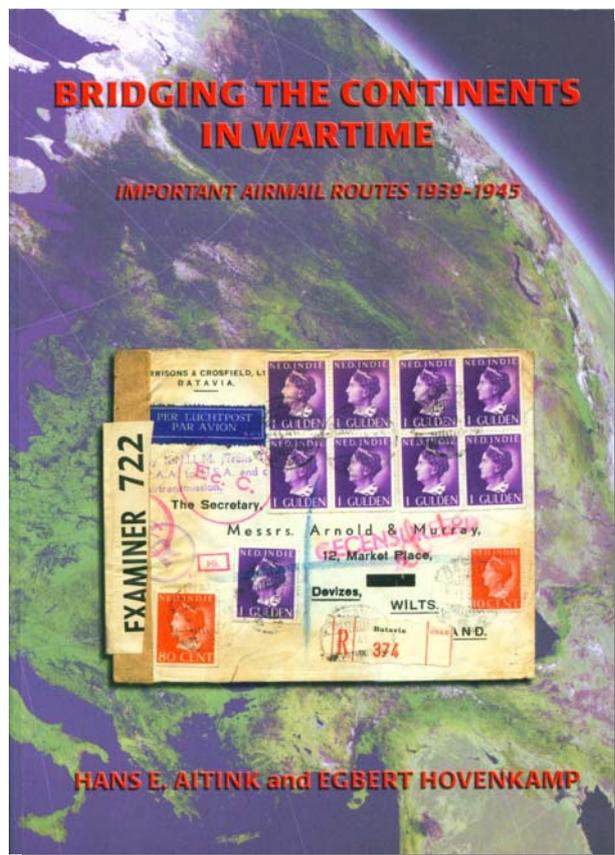
Title: Bridging the Continents in Wartime
-Important Airmail Routes 1939-1945.
Authors: Hans E. Aitink and Egbert Hoevenkamp.
Publisher: de Stichting Luchtpostgeschiedenis Tweede Wereld Oorlog,
Brassehorst 11, 7531 KH Enschede,
The Netherlands.
Ref. ISBN 90-809628-1-3.
Price. Approx £25
Paper back -soft bound -A4 size.
Available from Vera Trinder, London

Contents of the book comprise 199 pages in English, an 18 page summary in Dutch and two appendices detailing abbreviations and war time calendars 1938-1946. The book has 18 sections, each concerning the war time history of a particular airmail service These range from KLM services to the Far East, IA/BOAC services to Egypt, India, South Africa, Australia etc. Air France services to Hong Kong and South America, PAN-AM services to England and New Zealand etc. and many more. Each section also contains a relevant bibliography.

Considerable research has been done to explain events that affected each air mail service, with maps and detailed schedules of flights and arrival dates at intermediate stops. Examples of mail carried are illustrated in each section with explanation of date, route taken, postage rate etc.

Section 4 is of particular interest to collectors of South African Air Mail items and although only comprising a small portion of the book, much useful information is given for the period 1939-1940.

A useful addition to an air mail collectors library.



Wanted

Volunteer required to provide the Springbok with updates and news on new releases for Republican Issues. This will cover the stamps, booklets and postal stationary. This is not a huge task but needs someone who is an enthusiast on the RSA period. There is much of interest in this period and needs a willing contributor.

Apply to the Editor!

We also require more items on the Republican issues. Please put pen to paper.

More Airmail Information

Brian Stokoe gave a marvellous display on South African Airmails at the Leamington Conference. As a result he has forwarded a listing of the Air Mail Rates that he has compiled over the years. These have mainly been compiled from Post Office leaflets. He has been very modest about putting it into *The Springbok*.

After reading through the list I have decided that it will be well worth distributing to enable other collectors access to the information and hopefully where information is still lacking, that these gaps (if any) can be filled in. This listing is being distributed with this issue of *The Springbok* with the Editors compliments.

Please let us know if you have any additional information. I am sure Brian will be very grateful. I will publish here and possibly do an update if this required.

Ed.

Roy Ross sent the following information which he thought might be useful to members. He took this CD along to the October meeting in Carlisle which had Airmails as the days topic.

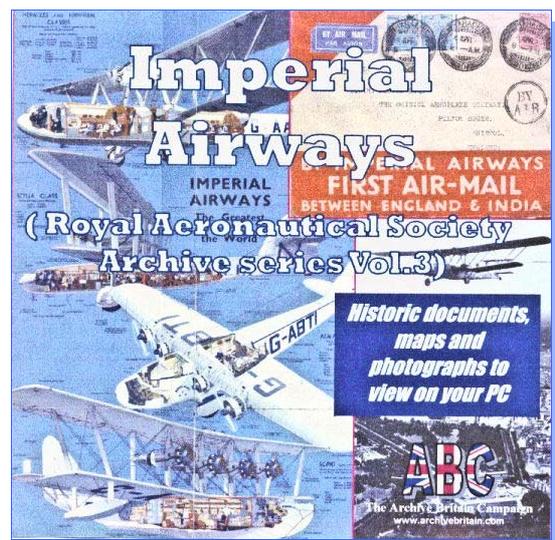
CD Title: Imperial Airways

This CD-ROM visually traces the development of Imperial Airways, its air routes and aircraft during the 1920's and 1930's-via numerous contemporary photographs, cutaway diagrams, route maps, timetables, brochures and philatelic covers carried on the first air mail flights.

Some of the material that can be found on the CD

- Map of the air route Cairo-Cape Town 1934-35
- Airmail covers from the first flight between England and South Africa 1931
- Air route map and timetable of Imperial Airways flights from London to Cape Town 1931
- Plus many more items.

It is available from the Archive Britain website www.archivebritain.com or www.archivebritain.co.uk and the cost was £9.95 some years ago.
Tel: 023 9275 6275



Advertisers needed

If you are a dealer, part time dealer or know of a dealer, please look at the opportunities in advertising in *The Springbok*.

We have an active membership who are always on the lookout for material to add to their collections.

The rising costs to produce the journal can only be absorbed if we have a few more advertisers.
The alternative is increased membership fees.



Impressions of the Cape Stamp Show 2006

by

Eric Hammond

Venue: Goodwood Civic Centre Opening Day: 20 th October

The venue proved to be quite difficult to find as I only saw one "Coca Cola Stamp Show" sign tied to a lamp post and eventually joined up with a Durbanite equally lost.

The Civic Centre had extensive free car parking with one "security" waving frantically to bring me into his financial area. The centre, obviously a relic from less favourable times boasted a toilet in which at least one tap could not be turned off, no paper towels and a hand dryer that did not work.

We were made welcome by the Mayor of Cape Town and then addressed by Johan van Wyk, Senior Manager Philatelic Services of the SAPO. Subjects covered included present and future issues. Special mention was made of the Braille "Hello" stamp, training of new artist/designers and promotion of young collectors. Although the number of releases and cost made the latter questionable.

Mr. van Wyk declared the show open at 10.55. Entry was by a R10 Exhibition Catalogue, but this included a welcome tea or coffee and biscuits, scones and other hand made goodies. Nice touch. Also on sale was a limited series of 8 postcards (150) depicting Cape mail delivery 1845-1925. At approx. R4 a set it was a most pleasurable item.

The exhibits were quite superb and a list of awards is included with this review. A surprising number of frames covering postcards were on view and also receiving prizes. Anglo Boer War featured very strongly.

The dealers in two smaller anterooms seemed to divide in local (SA) dealers who were doing brisk trade and the "Big Boys" Bonham, Argyll Etkin etc. who looked very smart if a little lonely.

I saw a number of local people trying unsuccessfully to sell their treasures, my wife's collection of 200 modern FDC's, my collection all displayed under a sheet in a photograph album, etc., etc.

The big boys having little interest in me, or me in them, meant that I was all done and dusted in about 4½hrs. I made some interesting purchases for SACS members back home and a few for myself. A great thrill for me was finding an u/m strip of 3 of the 4d upright wmk. SACC 47 at Cape Philatelics' (Clinton Hale) shop.

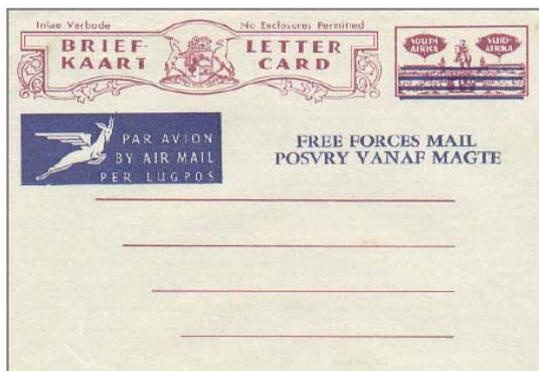
As mentioned above, Eric supplied the awards list and from this I have extracted the known SACS members and their awards. Well done to all these. If I have missed anyone, please accept my apologies and let me know. **Ed.**

Large Gold	Dr. I. Matheson	Union of South Africa Official Overprints 1926-1936
Large Gold	Mike Tonking	The De La Rue Georgians of SWA
Gold	Dr. I. Matheson	Trengganu
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