

Dates:

The form in which dates are given varies in ZAR and Transvaal date-stamps. The day of the month is given as two digits (dd), followed or preceded by the month, usually abbreviated as two (e.g. OC (mm)) or three (e.g. OCT (mmm)) letters; the year is usually given as either two or four digits (e.g. 89 (yy) or 1907 (yyyy)). Sometimes a “time code letter” (t) is included, usually between the month and the year (e.g. dd mmm tyy); sometimes the time is given in hours and minutes (thm), usually after the year (e.g. dd mmm yy thm) and followed by AM or PM. tcl: lists time code letters seen, including –, ■ and blank where appropriate. Date ranges give the earliest known date and latest known date; where there is thought to be a significant change or gap, an earlier range may be followed by a later range.