


## 2 PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION

The information on postmarks and postal markings is presented by Office name in a standard format throughout, which is constructed as shown in an abbreviated example: **Additions since original print are shown in red.**

### Shown at right:

- Office Name and map reference on map given in Section 4.
- Reference number for this publication, with references given by Putzel, Proud and Harvey Pirie.
- If no number given, a 'tick' mark is used.
- If no reference is given then it is left blank.

<b>EMBABAAN</b> Map ref: D2		Op 1.9.1895 – 10.1899 (PA) 19.11.1902 – 1.12.1904 (PO), renamed Mbabane
		<b>Shown above:</b> Office history in terms of status and date of change including renaming; abbreviations used are given in Section 2.1. Telegraph and telephone offices are also listed as they could have cancelled stamps used to receipt services.
No. 1 PUT – 2 PD – D2 HP - √	25 mm SQ ER 3.11.1895 PM LR 9.5.1899 PD Rarity R/RRR	<b>Shown at left:</b> Canceller type, detailed in Section 2.2. – ER denotes earliest recorded date of use, with source code given in Section 2.3. – LR denotes latest recorded date of use, with source code. – Rarity ratings are defined in Section 2.4.

### 2.1 OFFICE HISTORY AND STATUS

Together with the name of a post office, its history in terms of status and date of change is given. Several post offices were renamed; 'Bremersdorp' was renamed 'Manzini' by Proclamation 51 of 1961, dated 30 June 1961, Government Gazette No.3247, and took effect on 1 September 1961.

The name changes that took place after Independence were proclaimed in Government Notice dated 11 May 1970 and came into force on 1 November 1970 as per Legal Notice No.48 of 1970, dated 17 September 1970. The following abbreviations, as denoted by Putzel in the Encyclopaedia, are used:

<b>PAK:</b> Post Agent Kantoor, during Z.A.R. period	<b>PA:</b> Postal Agency
<b>PO:</b> Post Office	<b>PWK:</b> Post Wissel Kantoor, during Z.A.R. period
<b>S.O. 2000:</b> Still Open in 2000	<b>SO:</b> Sub Post Office
<b>TtO/TtA:</b> Telegraph and Telephone Office or Agency only (no postal facilities)	<b>tO/tA:</b> Telephone Office or Agency (no postal facilities)

However, the Office designation systems used by the Postal Authorities did change several times and are given in the earlier chapters of this book dealing with each time period.

### 2.2 CANCELLER OR POSTAL MARKING DESCRIPTION

The postmark typology developed is to facilitate the extraction of common information, particularly in computer searches. The scheme is based on the one developed by Nethersole and presented by Frescura (2002) for Cape postmarks. A notable deviation is that since most cancellers are double circle, this indication is not used; only single circle (SC), squared circle (SQ) or oval (OV) are identified. The following descriptions are used:

<b>BAB:</b> Bare at base	<b>SB:</b> Swaziland at base
<b>BAR:</b> Curved bar at base	<b>SQ.S:</b> Squared circle, with 'Swaziland' at base
<b>BONC:</b> Barred Oval Numeral Canceller	<b>SQ.ZAR:</b> Squared circle, with 'ZAR' at base
<b>CACH:</b> Cachet	<b>TAX:</b> Tax mark
<b>PARC:</b> Parcel obliterator	<b>TR:</b> Coded barred triangular obliterator
<b>R.SK:</b> Relief canceller, skeleton type	<b>UG:</b> Underground type, segmented inner circle
<b>R.TIII:</b> Relief canceller, Type III, with thin curved bar across lower half	<b>X:</b> Cross at base
<b>REG:</b> Registration or Office cachet	<b>XE:</b> Cross at base, enclosed by curved bars
	<b>ZAR:</b> ZAR at base

### 2.3 EARLIEST AND LATEST RECORDED USAGE – ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Information was provided by a number of sources that are gratefully acknowledged. The information is referenced using the following abbreviations:

<b>AH:</b> Andrew Higson – UK	<b>HP:</b> Harvey Pirie (1955)	<b>AV:</b> Alex Visser – SA
<b>IM:</b> Ian Mathews et al (1986)	<b>BP:</b> Bas Payne – UK	<b>JK:</b> John Kaupe – UK
<b>BW:</b> Bill Wallace – USA	<b>JS:</b> Jan Stolk – Netherlands	<b>CR:</b> Cedric Roché – SA
<b>MF:</b> Morgan Farrell – USA	<b>EB:</b> Ebay Auctions	<b>MN:</b> Mike Nethersole – USA
<b>FC:</b> Fernando Couto – SA	<b>PD:</b> Proud (1996)	<b>FeS:</b> Ferdi Schoeman – SA
<b>PM:</b> Peter van der Molen – SA	<b>F&amp;N:</b> Frescura and Nethersole (1991)	<b>FF:</b> Franco Frescura – SA
<b>PvZ:</b> Paul van Zeyl – SA	<b>FH:</b> Frank Høgberg – Norway	<b>TC:</b> Talbot Cox – SA
<b>FS:</b> Felix Strydom – SA	<b>UN:</b> Unknown owner	<b>PR:</b> Paul Raynor – Canada
<b>PUT:</b> Putzel (1986/90) and (1992/2003)		

## 2.4 RARITY RATINGS

Based on the recorded period of usage a relative scarcity indication is given after "Rarity". The first symbol is on piece, or substantially on a stamp, and the second is on cover. The codes are:

**C:** Common, more than 50 known

**R:** Rare, less than 50 copies known

**RR:** Significantly rare, less than 20 copies known

**RRR:** Extremely rare, less than 10 copies known