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PHILATELIC FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA (PFSA)

From the seasoned collector through to beginners, you all will benefit from being a member of the PFSA. Click on *JOIN US* to become a member and share in all the benefits of PFSA membership.

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REVIEW/UPDATE OF THE UNION HANDBOOK

Readers are warmly called upon to consider making a donation to the Union Handbook Fund. This fund was established to assist with the significant printing costs of a long-overdue review of the Union Handbook - an extraordinary work that stands as the *magnum opus* of South Africa philately.

The Union Handbook is far more than a reference book. It is a testimony to the depth, research and heritage of South Africa's philately landscape, something of which we can all be justly proud! The revised publication represents an investment not only in a book, but in preserving and celebrating our philatelic legacy for current collectors and generations to come.

By contributing to this fund, you help ensure that this landmark publication continues to be a source of national pride and international respect for South African philately. Every contribution, regardless of size, plays a meaningful role in bringing this important work to fruition and will be greatly appreciated.



THE STAMPS OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, 1910 – 1961 (UNION HANDBOOK)



Organizations need adequate funding to deliver a meaningful **value proposition** to their members.

At the PFSA Congress held in Paarl in October 2025, the newly elected management team identified this value proposition as a core priority moving forward. PFSA members belong either directly or via affiliated philatelic societies, and sustained membership depends on clear, tangible benefits that also encourage recruitment.

Philately, like many fields, has evolved significantly. Information technology now connects collectors worldwide, enabling research, interaction, online auctions, digital journals, and even participation in virtual exhibitions through platforms such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams.

Many collectors have embraced this shift, and the PFSA fully supports and promotes this modern approach. However, there remains a strong preference among some members for traditional printed materials, many of which are now outdated, unavailable, or no longer relevant.

One such publication is the **Stamps of the Union of South Africa, 1910 – 1961 (Union Handbook)**, once a landmark work but now in need of modernization. The PFSA, in collaboration with the UK-based South African Collectors Society, proposes a revised edition featuring full-colour content, updated information, high-quality images, durable binding, and a comprehensive, searchable index, with digitization planned for the future.

The handbook will be co-authored and edited by a highly qualified, international team including Brian Trotter RDP FRPS (Hon) RDPSA, Simon Peetoom, Rob and Lyn Lester, Pat Flanagan RDPSA FRPSL and André du Plessis RDPSA. All contributors are unpaid and have no commercial or personal interest in the publication. The project will comply with all relevant editorial laws in both South Africa and the UK.

Funding will follow successful international models through donations to the PFSA Union Handbook Book Fund (anonymous if preferred) and through pre-orders, with or without additional donations. Costs are limited to printing and binding.

The independent Book Fund will be administered by PFSA Treasurer Derek Roth and used solely for this project. Donations should be made to the PFSA bank account using “UHB Stamp Fund” and the donor’s name as reference.

TIMELINES FOR THE FINAL PUBLICATION SEEM TO INDICATE THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2027

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FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK

The Editorial team has set a preliminary timeline for each chapter to monitor the progress of updating the Union Handbook. Currently, it appears the book could be ready for printing by May 2027.

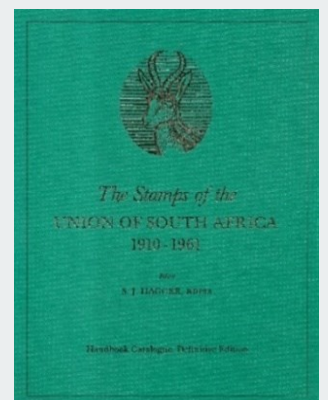
So far, the chapters covering the Union’s First Stamp, Interprovincial Usage, King’s Heads and Air Mail stamps are nearly finished, with about 95% completed.

Currently, the London Pictorials and Pretoria Typograph printings are underway. Completion is expected by the end of May 2026.

We welcome your comments, suggestions, amendments, or corrections regarding the Jack Hagger RDPSA publication *The Stamps of the Union of South Africa 1910 - 1961*. Please direct all correspondence to André du Plessis RDPSA at pfsastamps@gmail.com

Each contribution, be it a minor correction, a fresh perspective, or an in-depth suggestion, enhances the quality and reliability of this reference work. Your involvement is both appreciated and sincerely valued.

Brian Trotter RDP FRPS (Hon)



VIRTUAL SA POSTCARD INTEREST GROUP – ZOOM MEETINGS

Please join and participate by clicking on the link 5 to 10 minutes before the meeting.

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Tuesday 26 May 2026 – 18:00 (SA time) - To join the meeting click [here](#)

Tuesday 30 June 2026 – 18:00 (SA time) - To join the meeting click [here](#)

Meeting links are also available on the PFSA website

[PFSA Website](#)

STAMP SHOWS, SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL STAMP SHOW - 2026

Hosted by the Philatelic Federation of SA

9 to 12 September 2026

Venue: The Country Club Johannesburg, **Woodmead**
Lincoln St, Woodmead, Sandton, 2128

Entries close: 20 July 2026

Delivery of Exhibits: 8 September 2026 at 10:00

Congress: 11 September 2026

[Entry form](#)

[Prospectus](#)

Contact: André du Plessis RDPSA: pfsastamps@gmail.com



SAVPEX 2026

Celebrating the Eleventh South Africa Virtual Philatelic Exhibition

June 2026

15 May 2026: Receipt of Entry Form, Description and Payment.

25 May 2026: Receipt of Uploaded Exhibit.

July 2026: Announcement of Results. Exhibits will be available for viewing on the PFSA website.

[Entry form](#)

[Prospectus](#)

Contact: Emil Minnaar RDPSA - emil@minnaar.org

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[SAVPEX Exhibits
2020 to 2025](#)



Under the auspices of the PFSA

The competition has ended and was open to all Postal Administrations of Member Countries of the Universal Postal Union (UPU).

Stamps issued in 2025 qualified and was supported by 66 countries, with 195 stamps entered in the following five categories:

- 1) The Most Innovative Stamp Format
- 2) The Best Souvenir Sheet
- 3) The Best Intaglio Stamp
- 4) The Best Offset Stamp
- 5) The Best Mixed Printing Stamp

All the stamps entered and results can be viewed on the WBS website at

[Entries Received](#)

GAUTENG REGIONAL EXHIBITION 2026
Hosted by the Afrikaanse Filatelievereniging van Pretoria



24 to 26 September 2026.
Venue: Voortrekker Monument, Pretoria.
Contact: Louwrence Erasmus - louwrence@erasmus.org.za
André du Plessis RDPSA - pfsastamps@gmail.com

SASOLBURG MINI EXHIBITION 2026
Sasolburg Philatelic Society



27 to 31 July 2026.
Venue: Sasolburg Public Library.
Contact: Leon Jacobson - lj.heritage@gmail.com
André du Plessis RDPSA - pfsastamps@gmail.com



Over 100 Years of this popular stamp journal is available in the **MEMBERS AREA** on the PFSA website. All issues of 1923 to 2026 are now just a click away!

[PFSA Website \(SAP\)](#)

PFSA WEBSITES



[Stampssa.africa](#)

Index of RSA Stamp Articles published in the SA Philatelist, 1961 to 2025 by David Collins.

[Index](#)

[World's Best Stamp](#)

View the 195 stamps, issued in 2025, entered by 66 countries in this competition held under the auspices of the PFSA.

[WBS Entries](#)

[Philatelysa \(New\)](#)

SAVPEX exhibits from 2020 to 2025 have been moved from the Stampssa website to this **new** PFSA website *Philatelysa*. This website is still under development and will, inter alia, be utilised to show online exhibits and presentations by members.

View exhibits

[Exhibits](#)

View presentations

[Presentations](#)

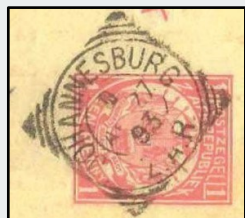
If you have received a Large Vermeil or higher award for an exhibit at a Stampshow and would like to display it on this website, please contact André du Plessis at pfsastamps@gmail.com

2026 World Stamp Championship Exhibition
20 - 25 November 2025
SA Commissioner: Joof van der Merwe RDPSA
josuav528@gmail.com

ZAR / TRANSVAAL POSTMARK CATALOGUE

Bas Payne and Alex Visser RDPSA have, for the past seven years, been publishing a catalogue of dated ZAR and Transvaal post-marks in parts, in The Transvaal Philatelist. For each post office and agency, each date-stamp type is described and illustrated, covering all reported date-stamps from the earliest date-stamps (1868) up to Union.

The catalogue is **now complete**, in 18 parts covering approximately 300 pages. It is freely available on the PFSA website (in the [RESOURCES](#) section), and on the Transvaal Study Circle (TSC) website.



Updates will be provided on an ongoing basis and made accessible through the same websites. Feedback, corrections, and additional/new information are welcome, particularly previously unreported date-stamps, extensions to existing date ranges, and higher-quality images than those currently published.

They are also considering making the catalogue available as a **printed book** - spiral-bound - as this would keep costs down and lie flat making it easier to work with. This would include a historical introduction,

maps, and a descriptive typology, and would probably cost around ZAR 600 (£30) per copy to print. They are seeking funding to help cover the printing cost and reduce the price of the book and are discussing this with PFSA and TSC.

Readers' views are invited and would be welcome.

They would be particularly interested to hear from people who might want to buy the book, and how much they might be willing to pay for it.

Please send any comments to bas.payne@gmail.com before **1 June 2026**.



FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE PHILATÉLIE (FIP) COMMISSIONS



Two virtual FIP commission meetings were held since January 2026 in which the PFSA were represented.

Thematics, 14 February 2026: Attended by Robert Harm, the SA representative.

Open Philately, 25 April 2026: Attended by André du Plessis RDPSA, the SA representative.

In both instances the focus was to discuss changes to the FIP Exhibition Guidelines.

Proposed changes to the guidelines were circulated to members in advance for perusal and comments. These were discussed at the meetings, and the accepted changes will be presented to the FIP-AGM in June 2026 in Macau for discussion and acceptance.

The revised 2026 guidelines will be published via this media as soon as received.

SOUTH AFRICAN POST OFFICE (SAPO)



Philatelic Services has issued two 2026 product catalogues, one for previously issued commemorative envelopes and commemorative display cards and the other for value-added philatelic products, and mint and cancelled stamp sheets and miniature sheets Stamps. Both catalogues listed

products currently in stock and available for sale.

The catalogues are fully interactive, meaning that when you view it in Adobe Acrobat Reader, you'll be able to open the bookmarks pane where you can click on any section or product to directly go to the page on which it is displayed. You can also click on the item title in the table of contents to directly go to its page.

All items are available from Philatelic Services while stocks last.

Commemorative envelopes and commemorative display cards - view [here](#)

Value-added philatelic products, mint and cancelled stamp sheets and miniature sheets - view [here](#)

Customer Services: Tel: (012) 845 2815/2801/2904

Address: Private Bag X505, Pretoria, 0001

website: www.postoffice.co.za

e-mail: sa.stamps@postoffice.co.za

SOCIETY NEWS

JOHANNESBURG PHILATELIC SOCIETY



At the recent AGM of the Society, the following members were elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

President and Treasurer
Secretary
Co-opted Committee member
Co-opted Committee member
Independent Accounting Officer

Clive Carr
Vic Sorour RDPSA
Howard Green RDPSA
Gary Pienaar
Ray Hackworth

The Society Exchange Circuit has been stopped since the death of Robin Messenger during 2025.

STILBAAI PHILATELY ASSOCIATION



The Association consists of only seven elderly members who still enjoy the hobby tremendously. One of the Association's limiting factors is the lack of new members. This can be attributed to an absence of positive advertising and visibility in the community. The limited footprint also has the disadvantage of limited exposure to market stamps. To address this shortcoming it was decided to embark on a few actions below that will hopefully have positive results.

Members have put together small thematic displays in conventional picture/photo frames and donated them to various entities to hang on their walls for decoration, also serving as an advertisement for Philately. Donations were made to two restaurants, an old age home and a charity organisation.

Permission was obtained to place a two-exhibition frame display at the local Post Office on a semi-permanent basis. The theme of the first display is an overview of the Postal Project conducted in 2020.

Engagement with the local community radio, "Radio Fynbos", and local paper, the "South Cape Forum" will be ongoing. Members also utilised a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StilFil>

The Post Office building in Still Bay is deteriorating due to a lack of maintenance. The Association have engaged with the Post Office to seek and initiate a community project to do at least some cosmetic maintenance on the building. The project is still in its baby shoes and canvassing support from various community organisations and businesses has started



Karel Nel and Gaynor October – the local Postmaster

SASOLBURG PHILATELY ASSOCIATION



The March meeting mainly focused on planning for the Club Exhibition later in the year. The date has been set for 27 to 31 July 2026. A few provisional proposals were tabled and will be concluded in May 2026.

Johan van Wyk suggested an open philately club exhibit of one or two frames. Members can contribute one or two pages on a specific joint theme. This could encourage and motivate them to start displaying something from their collections.

Andre Nel and Koos de la Rey reported on their attendance at a Voortrekker Day for the youth. Hobbyists were invited to attend and display aspects of their hobbies. Judging by the number of visitors, the philatelic table and gun collector proved to be the most popular. In addition to stamps and FDCs, the tools of the hobby such as tweezers and catalogues were on display and their use explained. The stamps and covers were handed out, and hopefully new collectors were persuaded to continue.



André Nel and Hannes Drotskie

The meeting program continued with the letter competition C-G, stamps of Mexico and flags on stamps.

André surprised everyone with his new acquisitions of commemorative covers issued by the club in the 80's and 90's on occasion of the annual club exhibition. These had been quite forgotten about.



The Voortrekker day table

The meeting ended with a display by Jake Jacobson of P.O. Media Releases together with a couple of varieties and a quick auction organised by Trevor Harris.

EAST LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY



March 2026 saw another engaging and well-supported gathering, with ten members in attendance. The meeting was chaired by President Dave Preston and included lively discussions around the Society's social media presence, the proposed Union Handbook review, and the ever-popular circuit books.

There were two entries for the Three Page Competition. Carlos da Fonseca presented a striking display of Union King's Heads with cancellations from towns beginning with "C" and "D". The second entry featured D-Day commemorative issues from the Island of Jersey, along with related literature.

Carlos also kept everyone on their toes with another of his challenging (and always entertaining) quizzes on South African philately, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

As always, the social side of the meeting was well supported, making for a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. The Society looks forward to better fellowship and philatelic enjoyment in the months ahead.



Carlos da Fonseca



L to R: Eddy Lee, Inge Berndt, Trevor Steinke and Dave McWilliams right

POSBOOM FILATELIE VERENIGING, MOSSELBAAI



At the recent AGM of the Society, the following members were elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

Chair	Gerrie Conradie
Vice chair	Eugene de Beer
Secretary	Nico Els
Treasurer	Pieter Meyer
Additional member	Francois Conradie

HIGHWAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY



Owing to the Easter weekend, the scheduled monthly Society meeting on 4 April 2026 was cancelled. In its place, a stamp workshop for members was arranged on 11 April 2026, which proved to be highly successful.

Seven members attended and discussed and practically demonstrated various topics like stock cards, cleaning stamps, perforations, watermarks, soaking stamps off paper, preserving stamps in

albums, filing of stamps, colour guides etc.

Gordon Gove demonstrates to members how to detect watermarks and mold on stamps using a UV light.

A thank you to all members who attended and contributed to the discussions. Everyone has undoubtedly gained valuable knowledge about philately from this experience.

Special word of thanks to Gordon Gove for the office space and refreshments that he provided for this workshop



L to R: Bronwen Edwards, Gordon Gove with UV light and Peter Wilson



L to R: Barry Livsey, Frik Booyse, Robin Reeve and Delsie Sanders discussing the colour guide for stamps.

Some sad news is that one of our dedicated members, Ian Mc Donald, passed away in hospital on 12 April 2026. We at Highway Philatelic Society wishes our sincere condolences to his family and friends



OFS PHILATELIC SOCIETY



Meeting 28 February 2026 - the President, Neil Cronjé RDPSA, welcomed fourteen attendants and visitor André du Plessis RDPSA, COO of the Philatelic Federation of SA.

Following the presentation of various items of interest by members, André showcased selections from his St Helena exhibit, featuring postcards depicting individuals in exile on the island. These included Napoleon Bonaparte, Chief Dinizulu, General Piet Cronje, and Boer War Prisoners of War, alongside

details regarding their living conditions and historical context on St Helena.

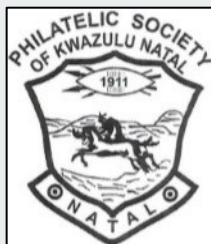
The auction table was half full and unfortunately not all items were sold.

The meeting ended with refreshments, and thanks to Franco Jacobs for a tasteful macaroni and cheese meal.



Neil Cronjé André du Plessis

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF KWAZULE NATAL



The Society held its 115th AGM on 28 March, and there were 14 members in attendance. The President and Treasurer tabled reports on the Society's progress in 2025 which was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

The 2025 Committee was re-elected by the members present. Zbigniew Kawecki will be the President, with Howard Lawson the Vice President. The President displayed the Society's Presidential chain of office, which has a long history. After that members were treated to excellent snacks provided by the Catering team.

Two exhibits were shown, and the exhibitors each gave a short talk about their stamps. The first was a Thematic display by Mike Olmesdahl, showing tropical fish stamps from various countries. The second was a Traditional one by Harald Deg, with stamps issued by Austria after the end of the war in 1945.

The Club will continue to hold auctions on the 2nd Saturday of every month. These are under the hammer of Zbigniew Kawecki, who ensures that every lot is interesting.

A second monthly meeting is held on the 4th Saturday of the month, where members display their chosen exhibits.

In months with five weekends the Society will host a Stamp Fair on the 5th Saturday, that is open to all.

Members at the 2026 AGM, from L to R; Mike Immelman, Dorota Kawecki, Howard Lawson, Genevieve Fitzpatrick, Zbigniew Kawecki, Visitor Ian Robinson, Eric Beyleveld, George Dombai, Fonda Sonitis, Mike Olmesdahl, Peter Williams, Cecil Smith, Peter Miller



GOLDFIELDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY, WELKOM



Meetings for March and April reverted to the Welkom Retirement Village. Attendance at both meetings was mostly limited to the older generation, as one member now works out of town.

Cobus Erasmus, one of the newer members who lives in a nearby town, drove through for a second time to attend meetings which is most welcome. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the flea market in March

was again attended where FDC packs and flyers were handed out.

The Society's visitors list increased and these people have been contacted to join the monthly meetings.

The market in Virginia was postponed to a later date and will be supported when it happens.

Philatelic material was received from Victor Millard of the Royal Philatelic Society of Cape Town which was very helpful and members are very thankful for that.

Presentations in the March meeting included the Victory stamps of southern Africa. Basutoland and early Australia featured in April.

Attempts to recruit new members and the youth are ongoing. To assist with this efforts, the chair has booked his seat to have an interview aired on the local radio station during May.



Errol Trower, Cobus Erasmus, Jap van Vuuren, Andrzej Formanowicz and Gary Trower

EDENVALE PHILATELIC SOCIETY



The **February** meeting was held on the last day of the month, the 28th. In Items of Interest, Rowan Simmons showed what he termed "*the worst album ever seen*", with the bottom edge badly chewed by mice. Charles Kuhn showed a strip of 1c face-value virtual stamps (05 Feb 2005) promoting the World Cup, sold only at four South African post offices (Bryanston, Kempton Park, Jan Smuts and Menlyn) and available only until June 2005. Colin Bousfield showed a 1930 first flight cover from Saskatoon to Montreal with a "Use Airmail" slogan, and a WWII-era Madagascar to Durban airmail cover ranked with Free French stamps and opened by the British censor.

Sandy Robertson displayed Nagaland bogus labels produced by Clive Feigenbaum in the 1960s-70's and a 1936 Cinderella issue for Atlantic Coast Air Services (Barnstaple-Lundy Island). She also demonstrated a computer-connected handheld magnifier. Danny Khoury showed a 14c Frama label cover of 14 Aug 1986 that was reused in 2009 with assorted Homeland and SA stamps, and an upside-down Tshwane Mail slogan.

The theme, Bridges, included UK, African railway, and international bridges shown by Les Lotter, Jean Dulez, Alan Rigby and Danny Khoury. In Gemstones, Jean Dulez showed Botswana revenues with new currency overprints and Zambia precious-stone issues.

Continuing My Favourite Stamp, Jean Dulez displayed *Nyasaland George VI Commonwealth* key plates.

The **March** meeting, also on the 28th, featured varied Items of Interest. Val Mogg showed a Transvaal stamp booklet with reprints/forgeries, a redirected 1926 Brighton-Union Buildings cover, and Zimbabwe Covid printer's waste. Jean Dulez showed island royalty issues of Ascension, St Helena and Tristan da Cunha as well as a St Helena's 2021 Napoleon bicentenary set.

Danny Khoury showed the USA 1¼c Albert Gallatin definitive, the only "farthing" value American stamps. Alan Bird showed a 1974 Sprigton Philatelic Auctions of Rivonia catalogue with 347 worldwide items. Sandy Robertson had a complete 1967 telegram from Vryburg and Charles Kuhn showed *SA Railways weigh bills with the £ sign*, plus a Peruvian coin bearing the same symbol.

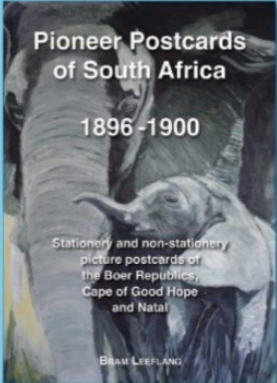
For the Theme Red Roses, Danny Khoury showed the 1979 SA World Rose Convention issue. All roses' names were of SA people/places. (Gary Player, Chris Barnard, Southern Sun and Soaring Wings).

In My Favourite Stamp, Charles Kuhn showed a Penny Black block with the £ symbol in the margin. In My Stamp Collection, Jean Dulez displayed *French Kings* from the 1849 Second Republic through to WWII.

Members are encouraged to continue sharing items in My Favourite Stamp and What I Collect.



Jean Dulez presenting the French Kings



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Directly available from the author, Bram Leeflang, at:
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(Request payment details and shipping rate to your destination)

IN MEMORIAM

Ian Mc Donald (12 April 2026), Highway Philatelic Society

MARITZBURG PHILATELIC SOCIETY



The meeting on Saturday 25 April was attended by 25 members. Two new members were welcomed, and the Society continues to grow, enjoying the hobby of stamp collecting.

Members were encouraged to display Easter or Religious themes, resulting in exhibits of Easter bunnies, eggs, and religious material. Easter was represented by South African Easter charity stamps from various years, while religion was covered by stained-glass windows and the birth of Christ.

The popular *Alphabet Show* has been slightly revised, with club exhibits now presented under *Anything Goes*, limited to one to five pages. This allows members greater freedom to show what interests them.

An exhibit on the Leipzig Trade Fair, trading since 1165 and still active today, evoked fond memories for Roger Porter, who attended a course there when it was part of East Germany. An interesting display on Matjiesfontein also brought back memories for members who had stayed at the historic hotel.



Dick Schuurman receiving the monthly mug from Aubrey Bowles

Under *Anything Goes*, Dick Schuurman presented "Two Charlies from Oz" and won the *mug of the month*. His exhibit covered the aviation achievements of Charles Kingsford Smith and Charles Ulm, including the first round-Australia flight in 1927 and the pioneering Trans-Pacific and Trans-Tasman flights of 1928 using the Southern Cross aircraft, which is on permanent display at Brisbane Airport. Kingsford Smith was honoured with commemorative stamps in 1931, while Australia later issued stamps in 1978 featuring both aviators. Tragically, both men were lost at sea in the mid-1930's. Sydney's main airport is named after Kingsford Smith.



Roger Porter RDPSA delivered an informative talk on Boer POW camps in Ceylon (Sri Lanka), illustrated with censored postcards. He explained the use of censorship markings and mourning cards, noting that over 3 000 prisoners of war were held there.

At least five members will be exhibiting at the National Stampshow in September 2026.

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CAPE TOWN (RPSCT)



The 27 April meeting of the Society saw exhibits marking the centenary of the 1926/1927 pictorial definitive stamps of South Africa.

Pride of place went to a small exhibit by visitor Hendrik Geyer in which were included: no fewer than nine 1 January 1926 FDCs showing the ½d, 1d, and 4d issues that went on sale that day; a cover with the Bradbury Wilkinson 4d (SG 35b) on cover dated 2 March 1927, the earliest known usage of any stamp from the 1927 issue; a selection of the **Harrison essays**, imperf and perf; **proofs** and trials of the ½d, 1d



Hendrik Geyer

and **6d** issues; a stunning selection of varieties including: the ½d with missing "1" in ½ (SG 6a) in a marginal positioned pair ([SAP Aug 1989 pg 195](#)) (the variety is Row 7/12); large panes with part or complete offsets on the reverse; and some spectacular examples of perforation varieties. Fakes and forgeries included the fake 6d pair purportedly tied to a (part) registered cover for which the forger/faker/thief Callard received a custodial sentence of four months with hard labour!



Hendrik's exhibit was complemented with a display by Hugh Amoore RDPSA FRPSL, among which were more 1 January 1926 FDC's, an example of each of the subsequent sheet



issue ½d stamps (there were 31 different sheet issues of the ½d between 1926 and 1951), most with arrow blocks, and examples from all the booklet issues. The display concluded with a selection of the other values of the pictorial series, starting with mint pairs of the 1927 Bradbury Wilkinson stamps.



OFFERS, WANTS & STAMP FAIRS

OFFER:

MNH complete issues from RSA and African countries for MNH Ukraine, Moldova, Poland and other countries, FDC, maxicards of Ukraine. Also, for sale. **From:** Dmytro Onyshchenko. **Email:** ua_stamps@yahoo.com

Dutch (Netherlands) and Germany (Bundespost/Berlin/Reich/DDR/other) stamps. **From:** Bart van Milligen. **Tel:** +27 82 857 9932. **Email:** bartvm61@gmail.com

Want to sell all collections, including South Africa and Israel. **From:** André Nel **Email:** asnel1949@gmail.com

Basic catalogue - The Post Offices of the Cape of Good Hope to 1910. Volume 1 and 2 by "STUDENT" - R250.00 plus postage. **From:** Trevor Nicholls. **Email:** etc.unltd@gmail.com

Stanley Gibbons World Catalogue 2013 edition for sale. The six volumes are offered individually for R250.00 each plus shipping. **From:** Danie van Zyl. **Email:** danman@iafrica.com

WANTED:

Stamps of Portuguese colonies (especially Mozambique and Angola), British Central Africa and British East Africa. **From:** Abrie van Staden. **Email:** caliphvs@gmail.com

Postcards of the Boer POW Camp in Cape Town. **From:** André du Plessis. **Email:** andredupfs@gmail.com

Full sheet of the first issue of the 1972 Interim Definitive 4c Sheep (Ram) stamp. **From:** Sam Lubbe. **Email:** SamL@stadio.ac.za

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German albums/collections. **From:** Bart van Milligen. **Email:** bartvm@gmail.com

Union King's head Postal History. **From:** Jeroen Wentink. **Email:** INFO@HOLISTIC.CC

Stamps from the USA of the last 25 years with a space theme. **From:** Sam Lubbe. **Email:** SamL@stadio.ac.za

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RSA stamp catalogue 37th edition or later, and Stanley Gibbons Colour Commonwealth & British Empire Stamps 1840-1970. **From:** Garth Johnson. **Email:** garth@vidal.co.za

First Postal Code booklet that were published by the SA Post Office. **From:** Trefon Katakuzinos
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Varieties of the Union of South Africa Unhyphenated Rotogravure Pictorial issue, all values.
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HISTORY & PHILATELY

The Voortrekker Monument



The **Great Trek** (1835-1854) was a mass movement of Dutch-speaking settlers who left the Cape Colony to escape British rule. Travelling inland by ox wagon (Fig. 1), the Voortrekkers established new settlements and republics, shaping the political and cultural history of South Africa

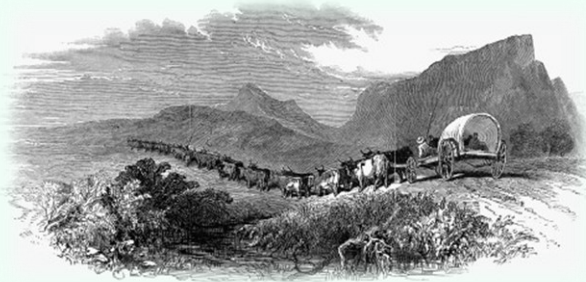


Fig. 1: The Great Trek

(Fig. 2), unfortunately often with bloodshed. The men, women and children who set out from the eastern frontier towns of Uitenhage, Grahamstown and Graaff-Reinet represented only a fraction of the Dutch-speaking inhabitants of the colony. The idea of erecting a national monument to honour the Voortrekkers was proposed as early as 1931. The *Sentrale Volksmonumente Komitee* (SVK) (Central Monuments Committee) was formed to drive the project, and architect Gerard Moerdyk was appointed to design the structure. Construction started in 1937. Progress was slowed by the WWII. A semi-postal set of four stamps was issued on 3 May 1933 to assist in raising funds (Fig.3). For this purpose, the stamps included a surcharge with the proceeds credited to the Memorial Fund. After these stamps, South Africa issued further commemorative stamps on different dates.

Perched on a prominent hill overlooking Pretoria, the Voortrekker



Fig. 4: Designs show Voortrekker ploughing, Ox-wagon crossing Drakensberg, Signing of Dingaan -Retief treaty, Voortrekker Monument

and symbolic. Built from massive blocks of locally quarried granite, the structure stands approximately 40 metres high and has a commanding presence. Surrounding the monument is a granite laager of 64 ox wagons, representing the defensive formation used by the Voortrekkers at Blood River.



Fig. 5: Wagon wheel and Voortrekker Family

In the inside, the Upper Hall features the world's longest historical frieze panels (made of Italian marble), depicting scenes from the Great Trek.



Fig. 7: One of the tapestries - 21 Nov. 1988

An opening in the dome above, allows a beam of sunlight to shine directly onto the words *Ons vir jou, Suid-Afrika* (We for thee, South Africa) at exactly noon on 16 December each year (Fig. 8).

Monument is one of South Africa's most recognisable heritage sites and a familiar subject to many collectors of local philatelic material.



Fig. 3: The Designs include, Church of the Vow, trek symbolism. Voortrekker man and Voortrekker woman

To commemorate the centenary of the Great Trek, a Centenary Memorial Fund set of four, also with a surcharge, was issued on 14 December 1938 (Fig 4).

Architecturally, the monument is striking

A regular set of two stamps were issued on the same date, commemorating Voortrekkers (Fig.5).

Completed in 1949, it was officially inaugurated on 16 December 1949. A significant date chosen to coincide with the anniversary of the Battle of Blood River. The opening ceremony attracted over 175 000 people. The inauguration was marked philatelicly and a starting point was a set of three stamps issued on 1 December 1949 (Fig. 6). Many other philatelic items followed such as First Day Covers, official



Fig. 6: Ox Wagon, Monument, Voortrekkers, Bible and Candle

The lower Cenotaph Hall is decorated with flags of the different Voortrekker Republics and contains Wall Tapestries, depicting Voortrekker life during the Great Trek (Fig. 7) as well as several display cases with artefacts from the Great Trek.

One of the most remarkable features is the cenotaph.



Fig. 8: Cenotaph

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I collect...

The Kruger National Park

Derek Roth - Witwatersrand Philatelic Society

I had an interest in stamps as a schoolboy but only started collecting seriously from the age of 45, with an interest in Nature Conservation stamps.

The Kruger National Park (KNP), declared South Africa's first national park on 31 May 1926, symbolises the country's commitment to conserving its natural landscapes. As the largest and most famous national park in South Africa, it stretches across 20 000 square kilometres in the north-eastern region of the country, bordering both Mozambique and Zimbabwe (Fig. 1).



Fig. 1: Kruger Park

Origins: In the 19th century, the Lowveld region witnessed a significant reduction in wildlife populations because of unregulated hunting, ivory trade, expanding agriculture by European settlers, and the impact of various diseases. By the late 1800s, there was widespread acknowledgment that the area's wildlife faced substantial threats.

The Park is closely linked to Paul Kruger (Fig. 2), President of the Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek (ZAR). Concerned by the rapid disappearance of wildlife, Kruger supported the idea of setting aside protected land where animals could survive. On 26 March 1898, the government proclaimed the Sabie Game Reserve, also known as the



Fig. 2: Pres. Paul Kruger

Gouvernements Wildtuin (Governments Game Park), covering the area between the Sabie and Crocodile rivers. This proclamation marked the foundational moment in the creation of what would later become the Kruger National Park.

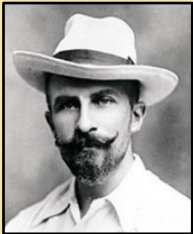


Fig. 3: James Stevenson-Hamilton

Following the British occupation of the ZAR after the Anglo Boer War in 1902, the new British administration appointed Scottish-born James Stevenson-Hamilton (Fig. 3) as warden in July 1902. His strict anti-poaching measures laid the groundwork for modern wildlife management. To help manage the reserve, he began selecting the first game rangers, assigning each one a specific section to oversee. In addition to Stevenson-Hamilton's role as Warden of the Sabie Game Reserve, he was also assigned administrative duties.

Passing of the National Parks Act by the South African Parliament on 31 May 1926, formally establishing Kruger National Park as the country's first national park, named in honour of Paul Kruger. The



Fig. 4: Camping in Kruger in the 1920s



Fig. 5: Publicity labels

National Parks Board also came into being. One year later, in 1927, tourists were permitted to travel along unpaved dirt roads for a modest fee, frequently camping beside their vehicles (Fig. 4).

In 1937, illustrated Kruger National Park publicity stamps were produced to promote the park. These were not official postage stamps but Cinderella stamps (Fig. 5). They were designed to travel the world on letters and postcards, spreading the image of wild South Africa beyond its borders.

Over the decades, Kruger evolved from a rough frontier reserve into one of the finest wildlife tourism destinations on Earth (Fig. 6). It became a model for conservation-based tourism worldwide.

The KNP paved the way for the creation of other national parks in South Africa, and by 1954, four additional parks had been established. This contributed to the Animal theme of the definitive series issued on 14 October 1954 featuring animals from KNP and other parks below, Fig 7.



Fig. 6: KNP tourism 1 November 1990



Warthog



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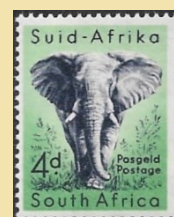
Leopard



Mountain Zebra



White Rhinoceros



Elephant



Hippopotamus



Lion



Kudu



Gemsbok



Springbok



Nyala



Giraffe



Sable Antelope

The stamps were re-issued in 1959 with a Coat of Arms watermark and some of the values forms part of the decimal definitives issued on 14 February 1961.

On 13 November 1975, a lion stamp with caption Kruger National Park (Fig. 8) was issued as part of a set of four Tourism in S.A. stamps.

A statue of Paul Kruger (Fig. 9) was officially erected and unveiled at the main gate to the park on 16 September 1976. The sculptor was Coert Steynberg.



Fig. 8: Tourism

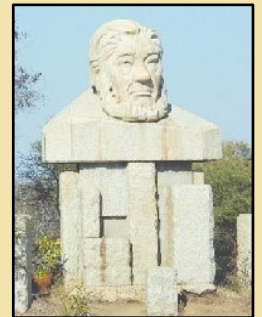


Fig. 9: Kruger statue



Fig. 10: Parks Board

On 5 June 1976, four stamps were issued to commemorate Nature Conservation Year and the half century celebrations of the National Parks Board. The caption of the 3c stamp read: Nasionale Parkeraad 50 National Parks Board (Fig. 10).

Thulamela, a world-famous stone-walled archaeological site, was constructed by the descendants of Mapungubwe. It is situated in the Northern part of the KNP and was discovered accidentally while doing an aerial game census survey in 1990. Discovery of Chinese porcelain, imported textiles and jewellery suggest that the people of Thulamela had extensive trade links.

On 27 July 1997, the SA Post Office issued a Thulamela booklet. It was populated with a row of se-tenant 'big five' Airmail postcard rate stamps with a row of five Thulamela labels below the stamps (Fig. 11).

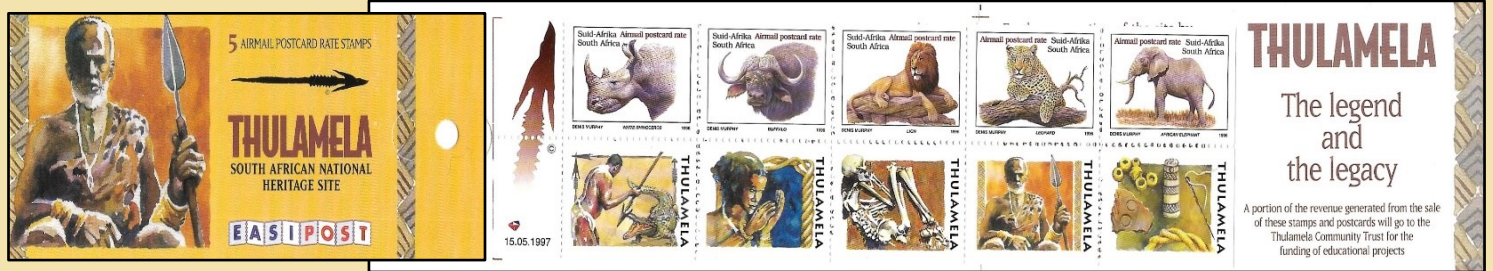


Fig. 11: Thulamela booklet - Outside front cover left and inside front and back cover with stamps

To mark the centenary since the Sabie Game Reserve, the SA Post Office issued different booklets for centenary celebrations on different dates during that year. The first of these booklets was released on 11 February 1998. All the booklets displayed the special KNP centenary emblem (Figs 12a and 12b). (STAMPSSA Nov. 2025 page 18 and STAMPSSA Jan. 2026 pages 21-24).

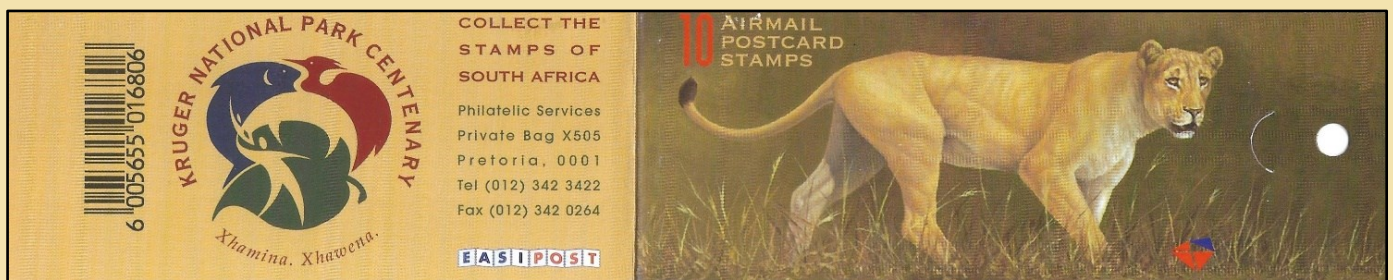


Fig. 13a & b: First KNP Centenary booklet issue - Outside back and front cover (top) and inside front and back covers with stamps

In 2002, KNP, Limpopo National Park (Mozambique) and Gonarezhou National Park (Zimbabwe) join to form the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park, one of the world's largest conservation areas across three countries.

Edited by André du Plessis RDPSA

Easipost LIONESSE (Kruger National Park Centenary) Booklet (SSA#51)

Different booklets were issued for the Kruger National Park Centenary in 1998 on different dates. Booklet stamps were also available as uncut sheets.

Booklet SSA#51 - Issued 2 November 1998 (Fig. 1).

Stamps: Booklet Sheets, two panes of 10 X 5 redrawn Big Five design printed se-tenant in two rows, Airmail Postcard rate, perforated 13¾ x 14 between stamps. Every second row perforated and each alternate row imperforate for guillotining, binding margin left (Fig. 2).

Sheet division: Ten stamps per pane in two rows of five. In the selvedge, every even row depicts a red and blue Post Office envelope logo with date 07.08.1998 and an orange House of Questa logo (Fig. 2). As a result of poor cutting, discrepancies between the centre and the side ends exist of up to 1,2mm. The cutting marks are sometimes visible at the top, the bottom or both top and bottom while some show no cutting marks at all (see sheetlet in Fig. 2).

Real size folded: 110 x 46mm.

Print: 300 000 Covers by The House of Questa, London.

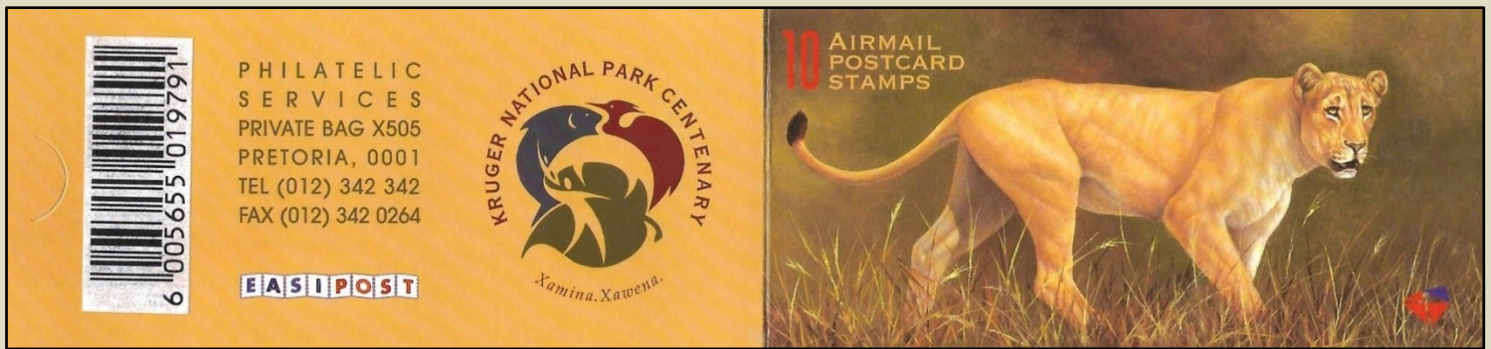


Fig. 1: Outside Back and Front cover, booklet SSA#51

Outside front cover: Lioness with ten Airmail Postcard Stamps above and red and blue Post Office envelope logo below, 8mm narrower than the back cover (Fig. 1).

Outside back cover: Contact particulars of Philatelic Services and EASIPOST with Kruger National Park Centenary logo and barcode printed on a white background pasted onto a yellow panel (Fig. 1). Barcode, 600565017063, that of the Dik Dik booklet, SSA#59, which was printed on the same day, was erroneously printed in black on the outside back cover of booklet SSA#51. This was corrected by pasted a white label printed with the correct barcode, 6005655019791 over the incorrect barcode. Covers of the incorrect barcode seem to have been released too (Fig. 3).

Inside front cover: No fold over flap, date code or station numbers (Fig. 2).

Inside back cover: Kruger logo reduced and partially obscured. (Fig. 2).



Fig. 2: Booklet SSA#51 - Showing no Date code, no Station numbers and Kruger National Park Centenary logo

Booklet SSA#51a (Fig 3).

Barcode 600565017063 printed in black on the yellow outside back cover with missing white label with correct barcode 6005655019791. All other details are the same as for SSA#51.

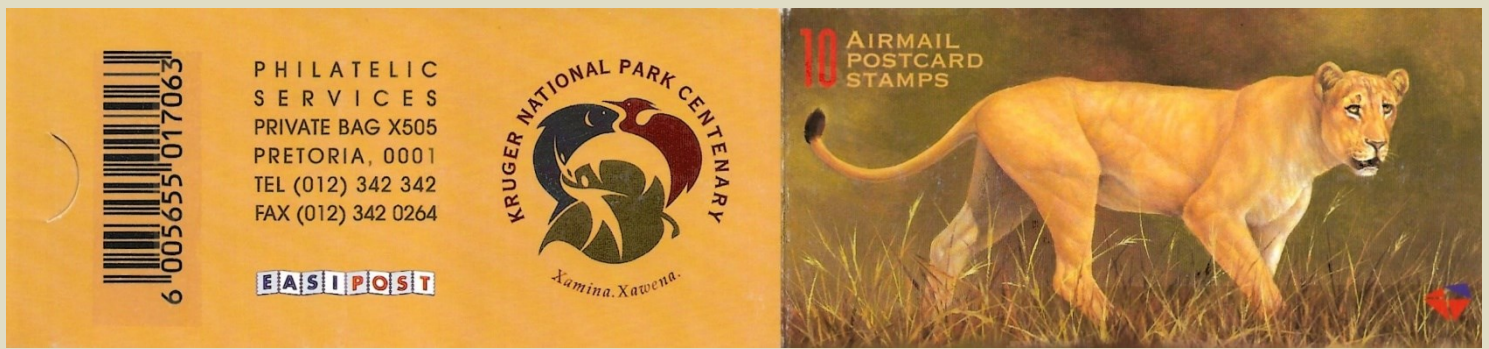


Fig. 3: Booklet SSA#51a – without white barcode label showing wrong barcode

Blue Train Booklet (SSA#52)

Booklet SSA#52 - Issued 2 November 1998 (Fig. 4).

Stamps: Perforated sheetlets of ten Airmail Postcard rate Blue Train stamps, issued on 16 August 1998. Perforated 14¾ x 14 (Fig. 4). Note the following to distinguish between the regular stamps and booklet stamps: **Regular stamps:** Issued on 1 August 1998 with Vertical Security Punch Hole (VSPH) perforation. Imprinted 1997 with incorrect spelling incorrect spelling of Hutchison for Hutchinson; **Booklet:** Normal perforation, imprinted 1998 with Hutchinson spelling corrected.

Sheet division: Five stamps depicting different locomotives of the Blue Train printed vertical se-tenant per pane in two rows. In the bottom right selvedge, a red and blue Post Office envelope logo with date 1998.06.01 and an orange decorative circular image (Fig. 5).

Print: Covers by The House of Questa, London.

Real size folded: 146 x 81 mm.

Outside front cover: The Blue Train written above with below a Blue Train logo and picture of a Blue Train steam locomotive printed on a light brown panel, 6mm narrower than the back cover (Fig. 4).

Outside back cover: “COLLECT SOUTH AFRICAN STAMPS” and contact details of Philatelic Services with Blue Train logo in brown and blue Post Office envelope logo with South African Post Office and Blue Train coaches printed on a light brown panel (Fig. 4).

Inside front and back covers: Watermark of the same Blue Train image with the Blue Train logo and remarks on the Blue Train on the inside front cover obscured by the stamps (Fig. 5).



Fig. 4: Outside back and front cover, booklet SSA#52



Fig. 5: Booklet SSA#52 - Showing no Date code, no Station numbers

Easipost DIK DIK and SABLE Antelope (Kruger National Park Centenary) Booklet (SSA#53)

Booklet SSA#53 - Issued 2 November 1998 (Fig. 6).

Stamps: Booklet Sheets, two panes of 10 X 5 redrawn Antelope stamps printed vertical se-tenant per pane in two rows, Standard Postage, perforated $13\frac{3}{4} \times 14$ between stamps with broad L-shaped phosphor band. Every second row perforated and each alternate row imperforate for guillotining, binding left margin (Fig. 7).

Sheet division: Ten stamps per pane in two rows of five. The top selvedge depicted a red and blue Post Office envelope logo with date 1998.06.07 and an orange House of Questa logo (Fig. 7). Sheetlets exist with small cutting marks at the top, bottom, top and bottom or absent in the right margin. Cutting of the booklets was done correctly and is not the same as booklet SSA#51.

Real size folded: 110 x 46mm.

Print: Covers by The House of Questa, London.

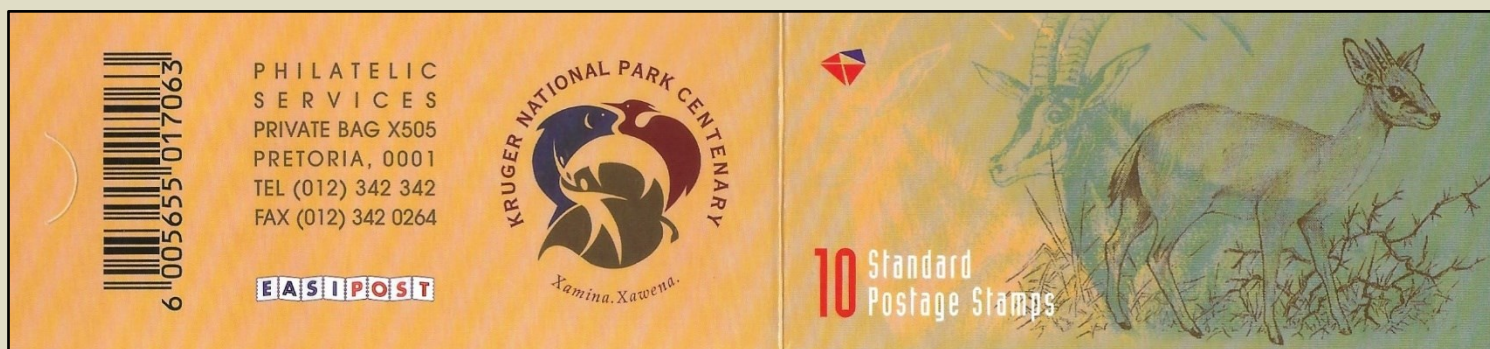


Fig. 6: Outside back and front cover, booklet SSA#53

Outside front cover: Red and blue Post Office envelope label and 10 Standard Rate Stamps in English with Duiker and Sable antelopes against a green background printed on a yellow panel, 9mm narrower than the back cover (Fig. 6).

Outside back cover: Contact particulars of Philatelic Services and EASIPOST with Kruger National Park Centenary logo printed on a yellow panel (Fig. 6).

Inside front and back covers: No fold over flap with no date code and station numbers with remarks about the Kruger National Park obscured by the stamps with Kruger National Park Centenary logo right (Fig. 7).

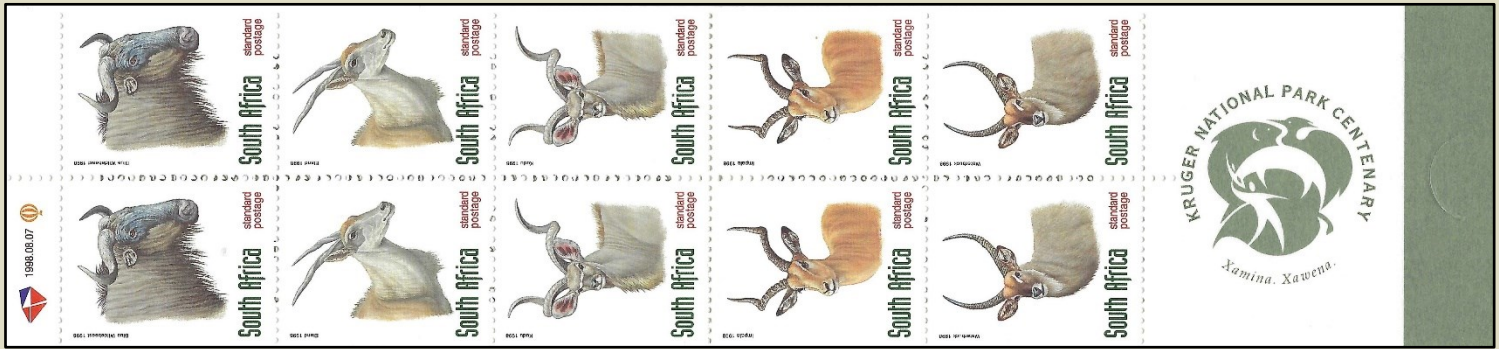


Fig. 7: Booklet SSA#53 - Showing no Date code, no Station numbers and Kruger National Park Centenary logo

Booklet SSA#53a.

Outside and inside covers: The same as for booklet SSA#53.

Stamps: Two strips of five imperforate between vertical strips.

Easipost AIDS AWARENESS Booklet (SSA#54)

Booklet SSA#54 - Issued 1 April 1999 (Fig. 8).

Stamps: Booklet Sheets, vertical pane of ten Aids Awareness stamps printed se-tenant, Standard Postage rate, perforated 14¼ x 14¾ between stamps. Every second row perforated and each alternate row imperforate for guillotining, binding left margin, phosphor band left hand side. Stamps depict Nguni beadwork 'love letter' pin in two different background colours, blue or green (Fig. 9).

Sheet division: Ten stamps per pane in two rows of five. The left selvedge depicted a red and blue Post Office envelope logo with date 1999.01.15 and an orange House of Questa logo (Fig. 9).

Real size folded: 110 x 47mm.

Print: 200 000 Covers by The House of Questa, London.

Outside front cover: Human figures with red Aids awareness ribbon with 10 Standard Rate Stamps and white Post Office envelope logo printed on left. *Support our CHILDREN in a WORLD with AIDS* printed on right on a blue and green panel (Fig. 8).

Outside back cover: Red Aids awareness ribbon, Aids helpline and *Call the AIDS helpline* with information of the AIDS helpline with *Collect the Stamps of South Africa* and *EASIPOST* printed in a red square on a green and blue panel (Fig. 8).

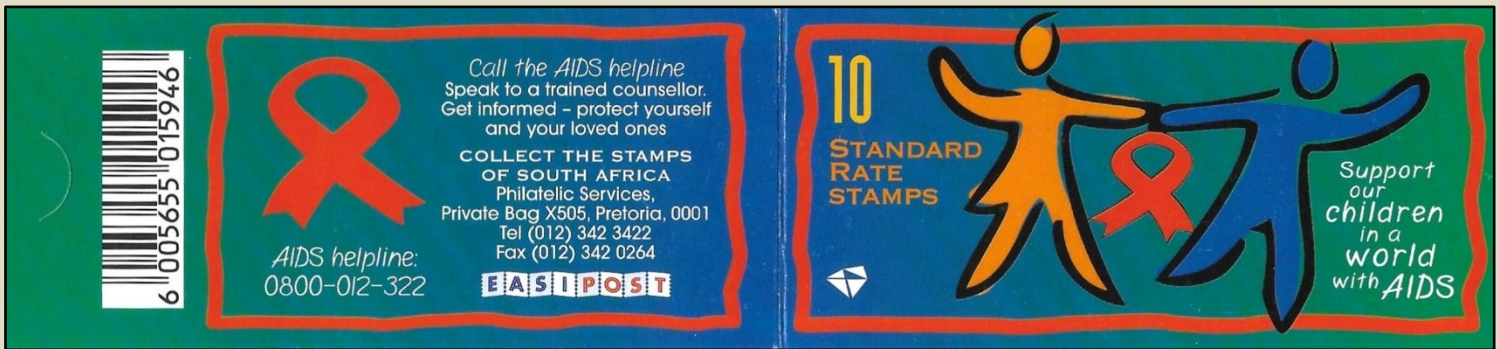


Fig. 8: Outside back and front cover, booklet SSA#54

Inside front and back covers: No fold over flap with no date code and station numbers with information about AIDS and the AIDS helpline obscured by the stamps with AIDS logo and AIDS helpline telephone number on right (Fig. 9).



Fig. 9: Booklet SSA#54 - Showing no Date code, no Station numbers. First stamp with blue background and Aids ribbon and helpline tel. number

Easipost Explore South Africa Booklet - Mpumalanga & Northern Province (SSA#55)

Booklet SSA#55 – Issued 6 August 1999 (Fig. 10).

Stamps: Pane of ten Airmail Postcard rate stamps (2 x 5) depicting five different Mpumalanga/Northern Province (Limpopo) tourist attractions printed Setenant with phosphor bars top and bottom (Fig. 11).

Sheet division: Ten stamps per pane in two vertical rows of five. A Buffalo and Yellow-billed Hornbill is illustrated in the top margin with below an orange House of Questa logo, red and blue PO envelope logo, 1999.04.06 and artist name (Alan Ainslie). Perforated 14¾ x 14 between stamps and two vertical sides, left and right, guillotined (Fig. 11).

Print: 200 000 Covers by The House of Questa, London.

Real size folded: 115 x 80 mm.

Inside front and back covers: Short overview of Mpumalanga/Northern Province (Limpopo) tourism with map of South Africa obscured by the stamps and contact details of Mpumalanga/Northern Province (Limpopo) Tourism Boards (Fig.11).

Outside front cover: Image of buildings in Pilgrim’s Rest printed against a light green background with 10 Airmail Postcard Rate Stamps and red and blue PO envelope logo printed on top with Explore South Africa below (Fig. 10).

Outside back cover: Discover Mpumalanga/Northern Province (Limpopo) through Stamps and contact details of Philatelic Services, Tourism month logo and EASIPOST printed on a light green panel (Fig. 10).

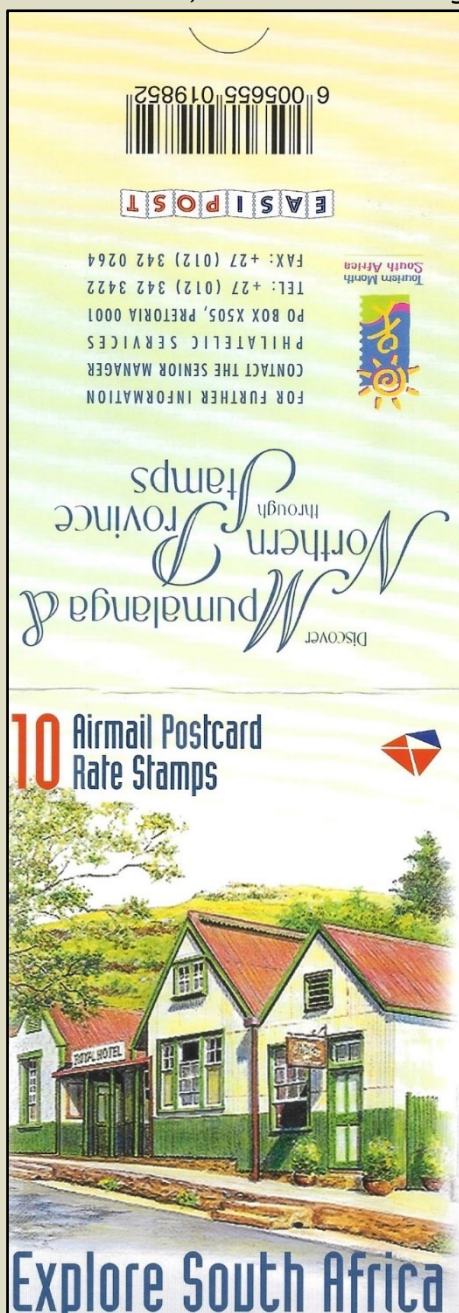


Fig. 10: Outside front and back covers, booklet SSA#55



Fig. 11 Inside front and back covers with sheetlet of ten stamps with Mpumalanga and Northern Province Tourism Boards details visible, booklet SSA#55

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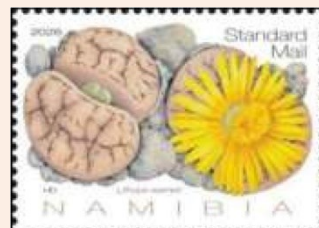
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Lithops of Namibia – 15 April 2026



Lithops are known as stone plants or flowering stones.
They are tiny and well-camouflaged and when not flowering, they look like small stones.

First Day Cover is available

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21 April 2026 - Centenary of the birth of the late Queen Elizabeth



The main set of eight stamps commemorates the life and work of the late Queen Elizabeth and features photographs from throughout her life, from early childhood until late in her reign.

A further four stamps, presented in a miniature sheet, reflect her lifelong love of horses and dogs.



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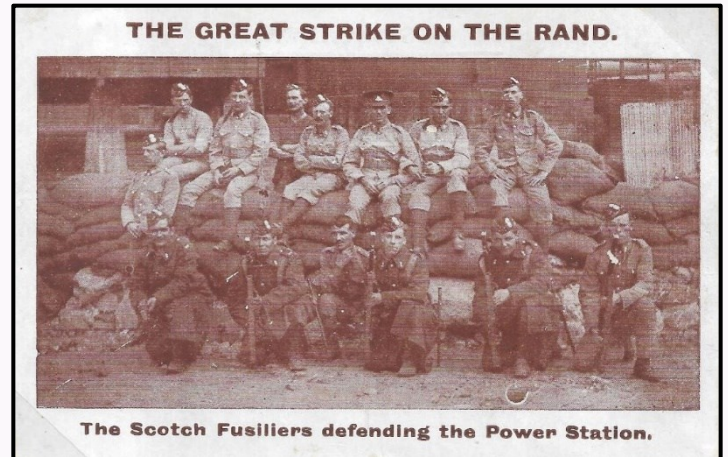
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Meeting 31 March 2026 - Disorder on the Rand, 1913/14
 André du Plessis RDPSA, Pretoria Philatelic Society

In May 1913, white mine workers at **New Kleinfontein** in Benoni protested changes to working hours. After five mechanics were dismissed for refusing the changes, a strike began on 26 May and quickly spread across the Rand, leading to violence. By July, about 19,000 workers joined the strike, culminating in the 'Black Friday' demonstration on 4 July.



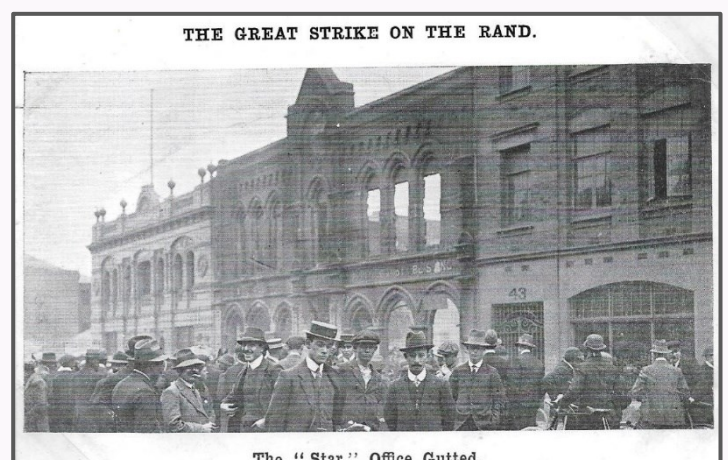
Mounted troops patrolling in the streets of Johannesburg
 Publisher, photographer, or printer unknown, Blank back



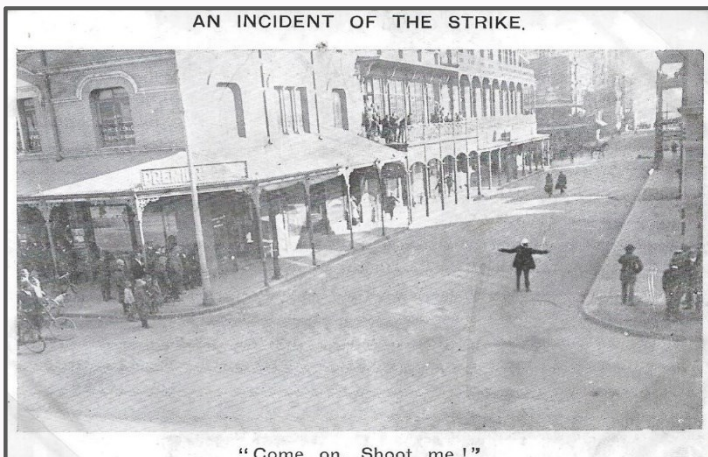
Further duties after putting the Power station back to work
 Publisher, photographer, or printer unknown, DB in brown



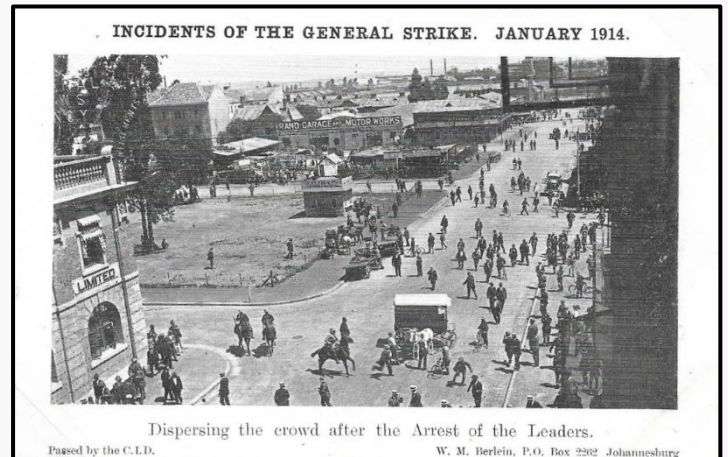
View of the ruined Railway goods shed
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Ruins of the Star Newspaper office
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An unfortunate incident
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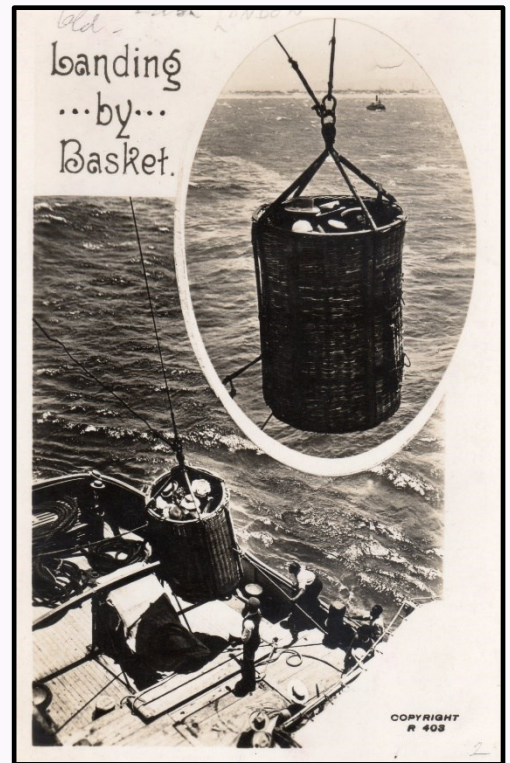


Spectators observing the arrest of strike leaders - 1914
 W. M. Berlein, Johannesburg. Passed by CID. Blank back

Meeting 31 March 2026 – The 'Basket Trick'
 Mark Finningan, SA Postcard Interest Group



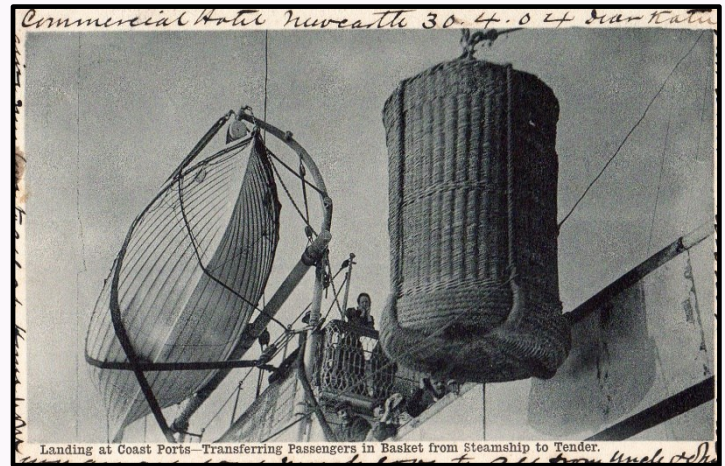
Tugboat on its way to assist the incoming steamer
 Publisher unknown



Postcard from a passenger, Bella, to her father
 SAPSCO Real Photo, PO Box 5792, Johannesburg - DB



Entering the Basket - The notice above the door reads LADIES, CHILDREN FIRST
 Publisher unknown - DB



Landing at Coast Ports - Transferring Passengers in Basket from Steamship to Tender.
 G.W.W. Series. (George Washington Wilson) Posted E.L. to Lancashire 1904 - UB



Posted from Durban on 16 July 1904 to Bergen, Norway
 Sallo Epstein & Co. Durban - UB



Hallis & Co. Port Elizabeth - DB



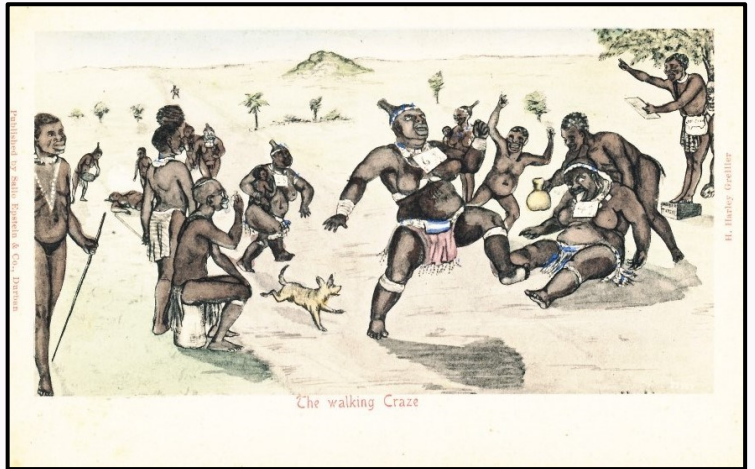
Tender identified as "Stork", Scuttled near Durban 1958
 Built Leith, Scotland - DB

Meeting 28 April 2026 – Henry Harvey Grellier postcards produced by Sallo Epstein, Durban Leigh Hen-Boisen, Pinelands Stamp Circle

Henry Harvey Grellier (1879 - 1943), a sculptor (most famous work the Dick King equestrian statue, unveiled in 1915) and a satirical artist. Between 1903 and 1906, whilst in Durban, he gained fame mainly to produce a series of Divided Back satirical postcards published by Sallo Epstein and Co. The series included depictions of the Zulu, Boer and British often focussing on traditional attire or stereotypical behaviour of the era. The postcards are examples of colonial ephemera. Whilst collectable, they are also studied by historians to understand the racial biases, social hierarchies and propaganda used to justify colonial rule.



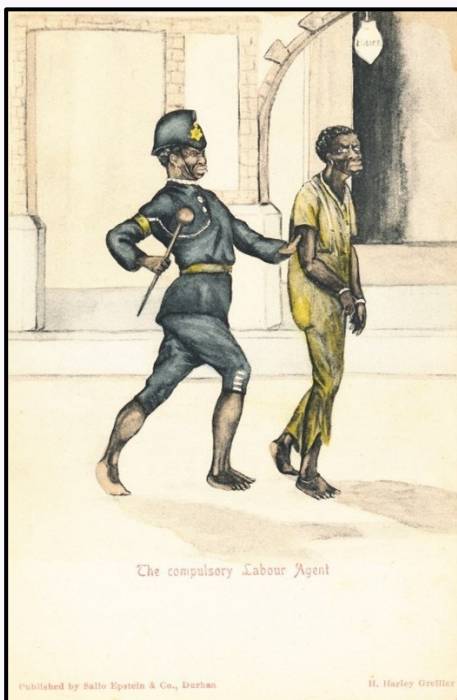
Where are the Boos?



The walking Craze



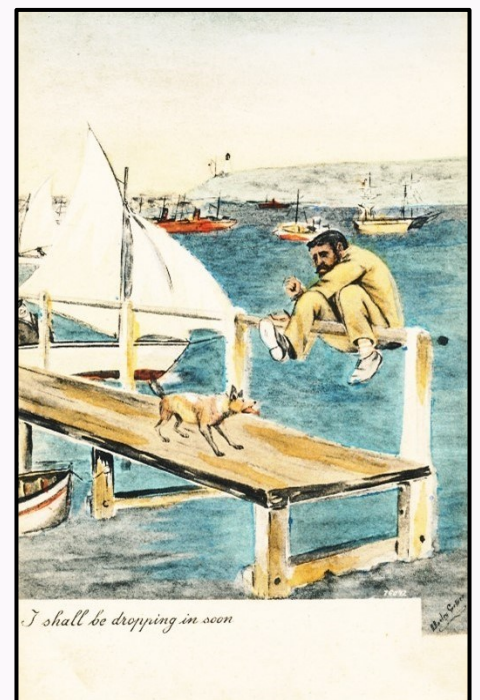
The great event



The compulsory Labour Agent



I'm having a jolly time



I shall be dropping in soon

Meeting 28 April 2026 – The Bambatha Rebellion, 1906
 John Handman, Maritzburg Philatelic Society

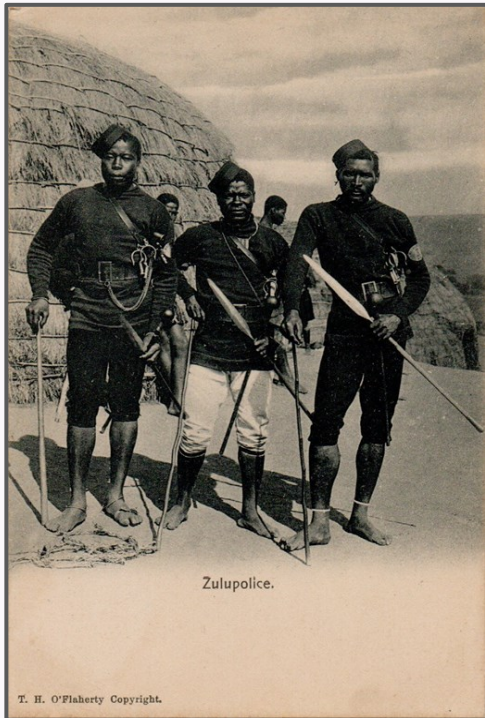
The Bambatha Rebellion began in February of 1906 and was essentially a refusal to pay an annual One Pound Poll Tax which had been imposed on all adult unmarried men. A series of uprisings and armed resistance by Zulu leaders and communities in northern Natal against British Colonial Rule followed before the rebellion was quailed.



During the first skirmishes that happened in Richmond there was a general mobilisation of troops and volunteers in the Colony
 Publisher unknown - DB



Following the first confrontation - The image depicting the loading of condemned men to be taken for execution
 Sallo Epstein & Co, Durban - DB



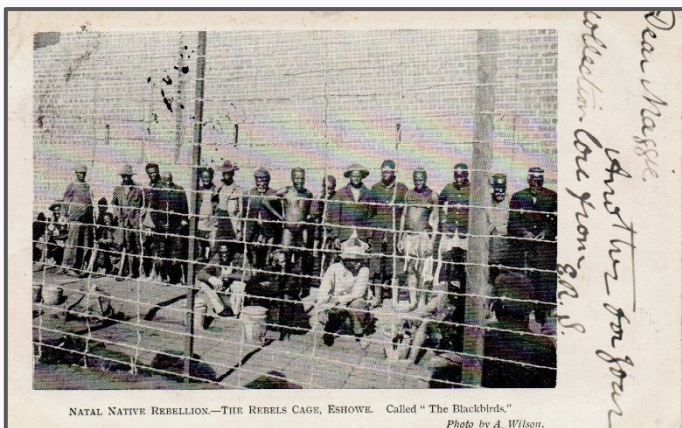
Zulu Policemen who were stationed throughout Natal armed with knobkerries and spears
 Published by T.H. O'Flaherty - DB



Rebel prisoners escorted to the Eshowe Jail Durban Light Infantry
 Published by Hallis & Co, Port Elizabeth.



Eshowe Jail
 Published by Hallis & Co, Port Elizabeth - DB



Rebel prisoners nicknamed the "The Blackbirds" in the Eshowe jail
 Photo by A Wilson, publisher unknown - UB

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