

# A GLIMPSE INTO THE KING'S HEADS

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1920. Cover. One Penny half penny bisect cancelled KRUGERSDORP '3 JUN 20'.  
Received WEST KRUGERSDORP the same day. 1½d is the correct rate.  
The rate changed from 1d to 1½d on 10th May 1920 before a 1½d stamp became available.  
Unofficial bisects were accepted until 23rd August 1920 when a 1½d chestnut was issued.

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SOUTH AFRICA



1913 KING'S HEAD (GEORGE V) DEFINITIVES



green



rose red



chestnut



purple



bright blue



black orange



ultramarine



orange sage green



black violet



orange



violet

PERFORATION 14 X 14



purple green



purple blue



blue olive green



green red

coils



green



rose red



chestnut



purple

COIL STAMPS 14X IMPERFORATE



SPRINGBOK HEAD

21 msh



FIRST DEFINITIVE STAMP SERIES OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA  
"THE KINGS' HEADS"



The stamps were printed in Great Britain by Thomas De La Rue & Company  
in their printing works in Bunhill Row London

The stamps were surface printed from engraved plates produced from a  
design by Sir Bertram Mackennal

The stamps, first produced in 1913, were for both postal and revenue purposes  
the half penny, the penny and the one and half penny stamp were inscribed postage and revenue  
in English and Dutch. In all higher values the scrolls for Revenue and Inkomst were filled  
with spaced double lines

The initial issue was stamps of 1/2d, 1d, 1 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 6d,  
1/-, 2/6d, 5/-, 10/- values in September 1913 followed by the £1 in 1916

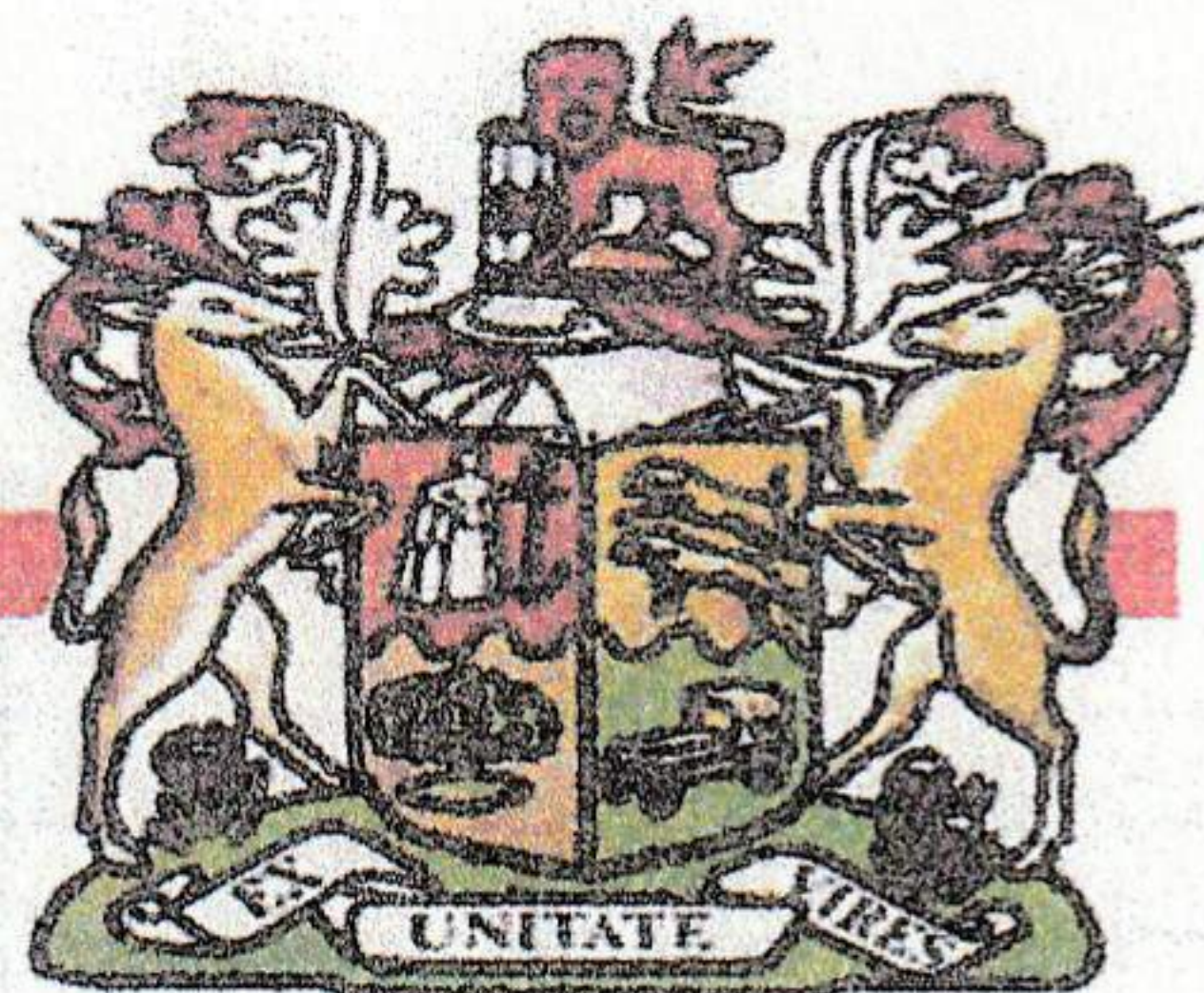
Further issues were a 3d in blue, in 1922, when international postal rate increased from  
2 1/2d to 3d because UPU requires international postage value stamp be in blue  
and a 1/3d, in 1920, when the telegraph rate was increased to 1/3d for 12 words

The first stamps were issued in September 1913

The last stamps were supplied to post offices in 1927  
the 1927 London pictorials took their place except the 1/3d  
value which was available until 1930



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When King George V became King on 6 May 1910 new photographs were needed as the basis for coins, medals and stamps. These were taken by W. & D. Downey, the Court Photographers. The King preferred a three-quarter profile for the stamps, which became known as the Downey head. This was engraved by J. A. C. Harrison and inserted into frames by Bertram Mackennal and George Eve. The stamps were printed by Harrison and Sons Ltd from plates produced by the Royal Mint. Neither had any experience of stamp printing and the process was rushed because the Postmaster General wanted the stamps ready for the Coronation in June 1911. Hence the first issued ½d and 1d stamps in 'Dolphin' and 'Lion' frames with the Downey head were of poor quality and greeted with derision. Nevertheless, work still continued on other values.

After much experimentation with engraving and printing, the King decided that the head needed to be replaced and suggested a true profile. Profiles were created from Mackennal's coinage and medal heads and inserted into existing frames by Mackennal and Eve, but with a new 'Oak and Laurel Leaves' frame by Mackennal for the 1d stamp. This profile of George V became his iconic image and stamps were issued from 1912 to 1913.

## George V



EF Minute wear in the following places: eyebrow, cheekbone, highest parts of hair in centre of head and above forehead, truncation, nose.

VF Top of ear beginning to flatten, edge of beard across cheek barely visible, hair above forehead and in centre of head slightly flattened, slight but obvious wear on eyebrow and cheekbone.

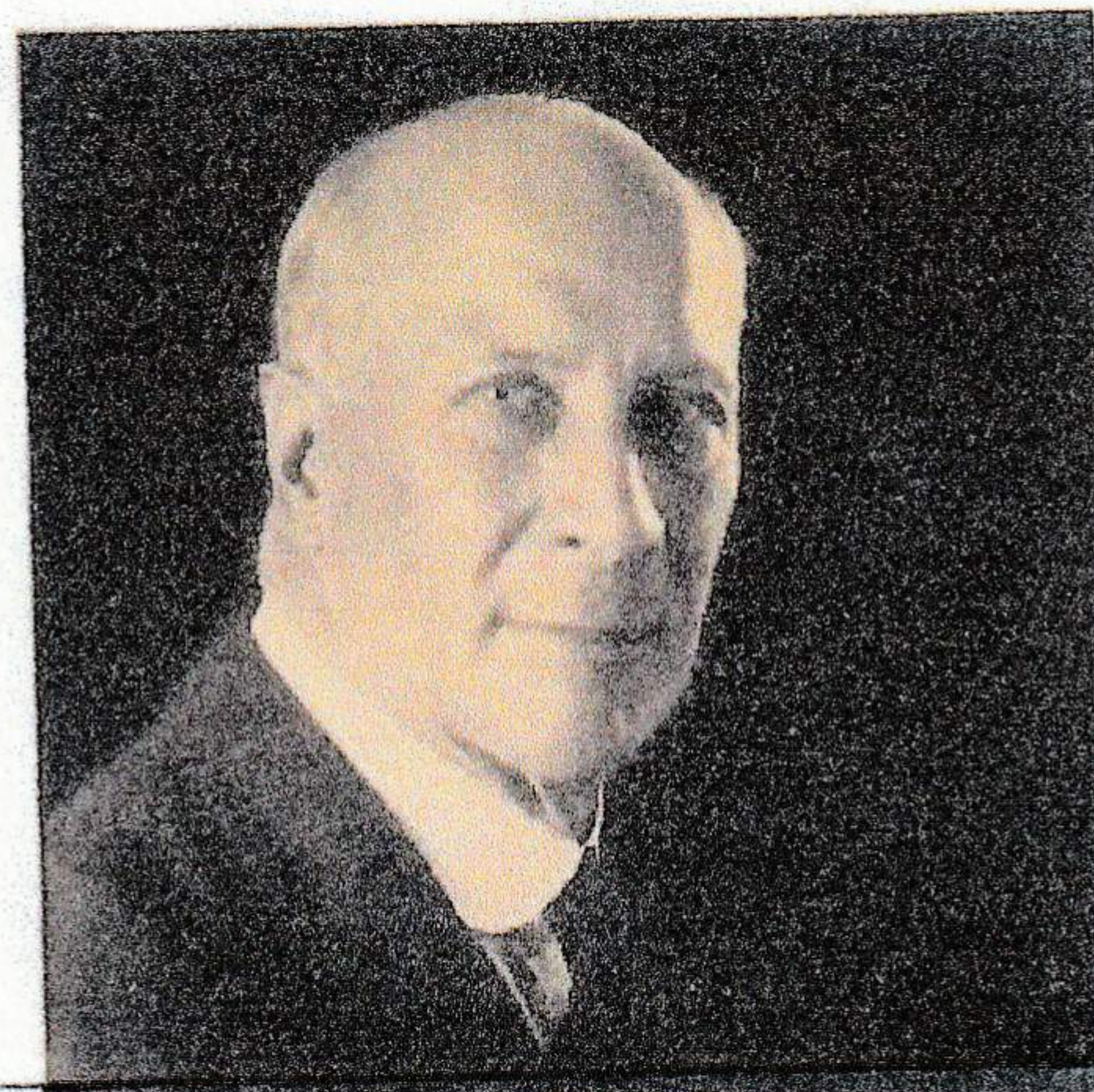


F Edge of hair above forehead still distinct, few hairlines still visible, wear on eyebrow and cheekbone very obvious.

VG Ear poorly defined, few, if any, hairlines visible, edge of hair above forehead is now indistinct.



## Sir Bertram Mackennal

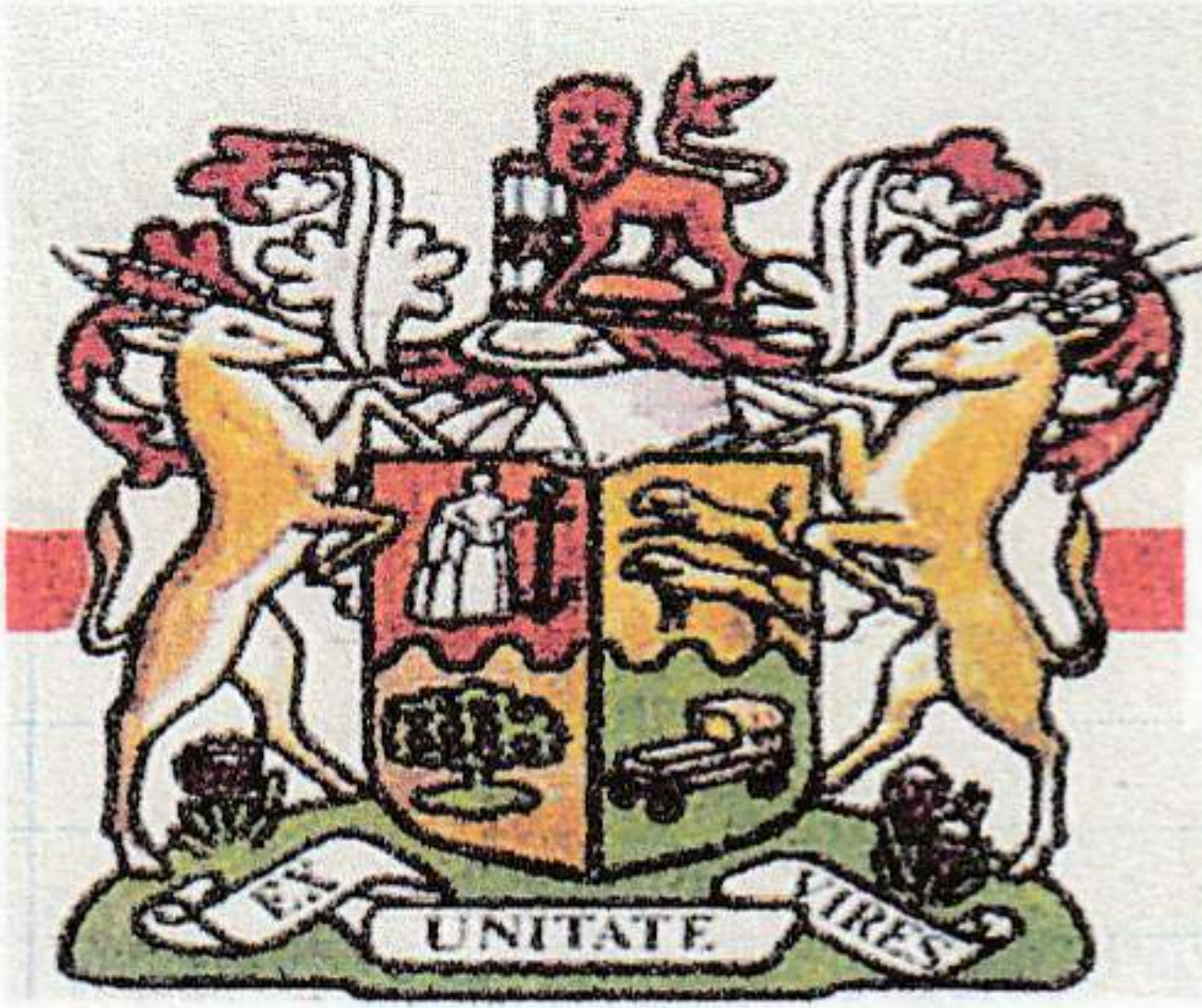


Sir Bertram Mackennal

- Born** Edgar Bertram Mackennal  
12 June 1863  
🇦🇺 - Melbourne, Australia
- Died** 10 October 1931 (aged 68)  
🇬🇧 - Watcombe Hall, near Torquay, UK<sup>[1]</sup>
- Nationality** 🇦🇺, Australian
- Education** Melbourne National Gallery
- Known for** Sculptor
- Awards** Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order in 1921



**SOUTH**



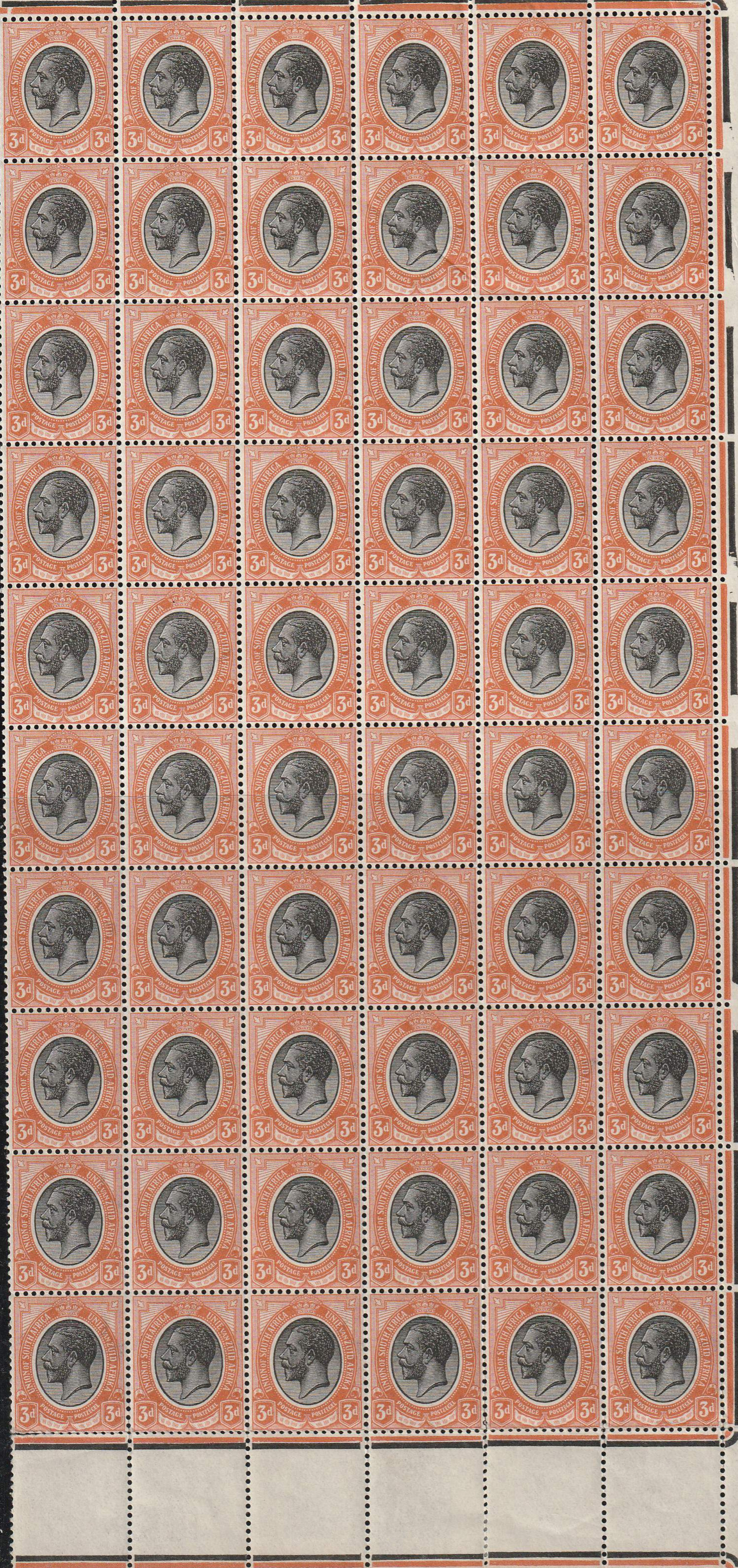
**AFRICA**

**SHEET LAYOUT FOR 240 STAMPS OF THE  
KING'S HEAD (GEORGE V) DEFINITIVE ISSUES**





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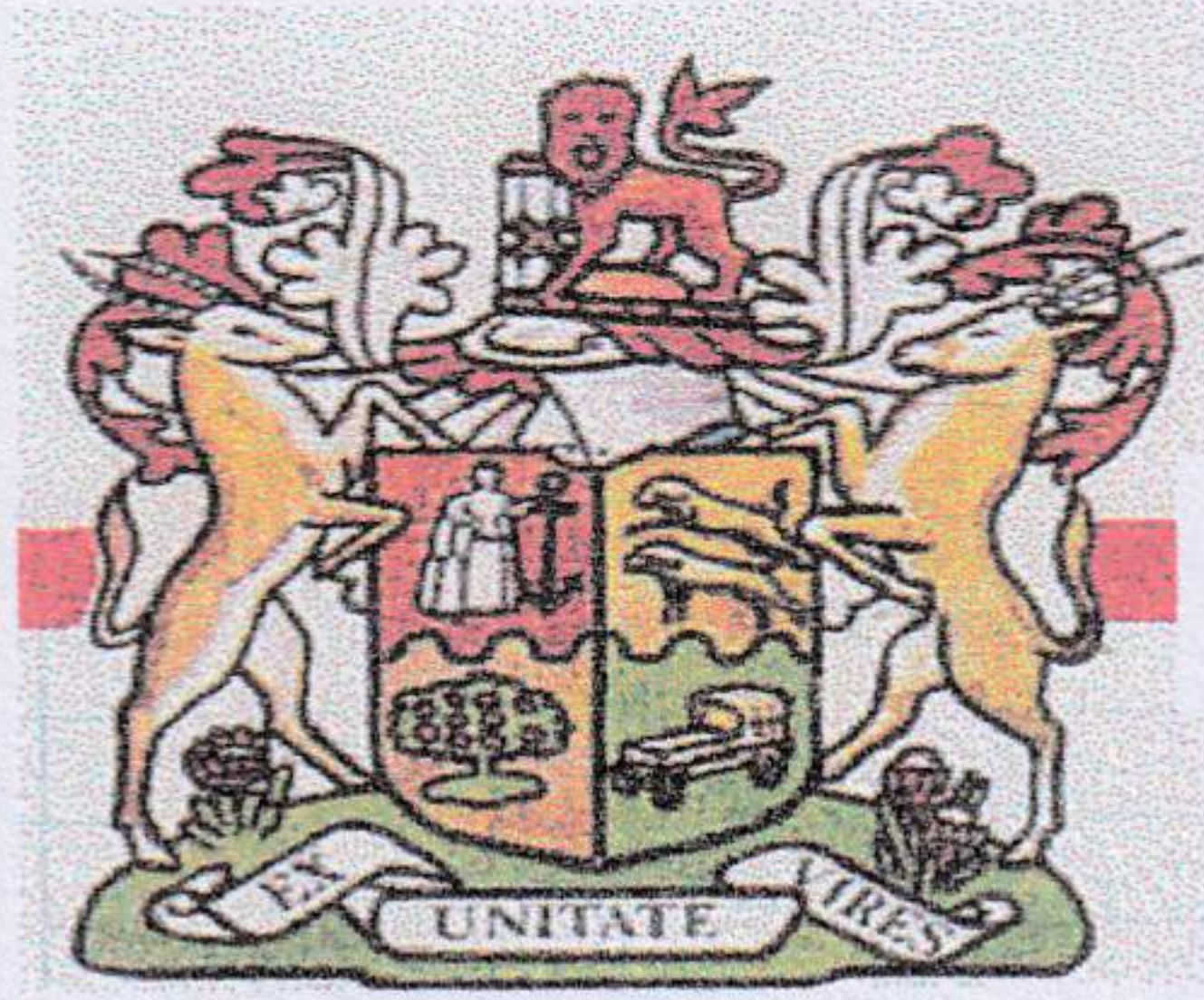


UNION of SOUTH AFRICA  
Date of issue: 1<sup>st</sup> September 1913

3d Dull Orange & Black  
Right hand pane from Plate 1  
showing the horizontal gutter  
which would normally separate  
the panes.



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1913 KINGS HEAD (GEORGE V) DEFINITIVE WATERMARKS



UPRIGHT SPRINGBOK HEAD



INVERTED SPRINGBOK HEAD



INVERTED & VERTICALLY SHIFTED SPRINGBOK HEAD



UPRIGHT PART SPRINGBOK HEAD



INVERTED & VERTICALLY SHIFTED SPRINGBOK HEAD



UPRIGHT & VERTICALLY SHIFTED SPRINGBOK HEAD



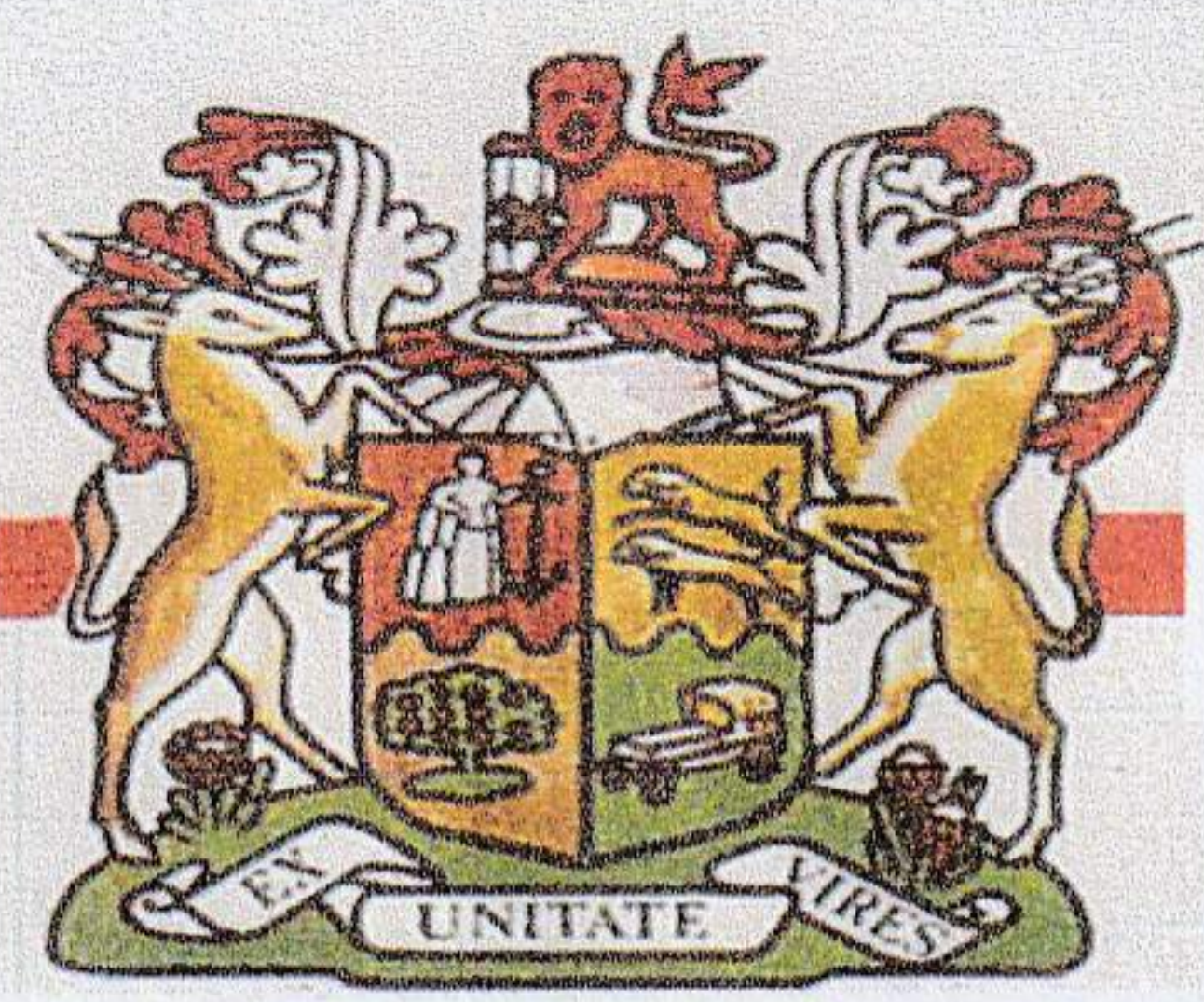
BROWN HORN



UPRIGHT & HORIZONTALLY SHIFTED SPRINGBOK HEAD

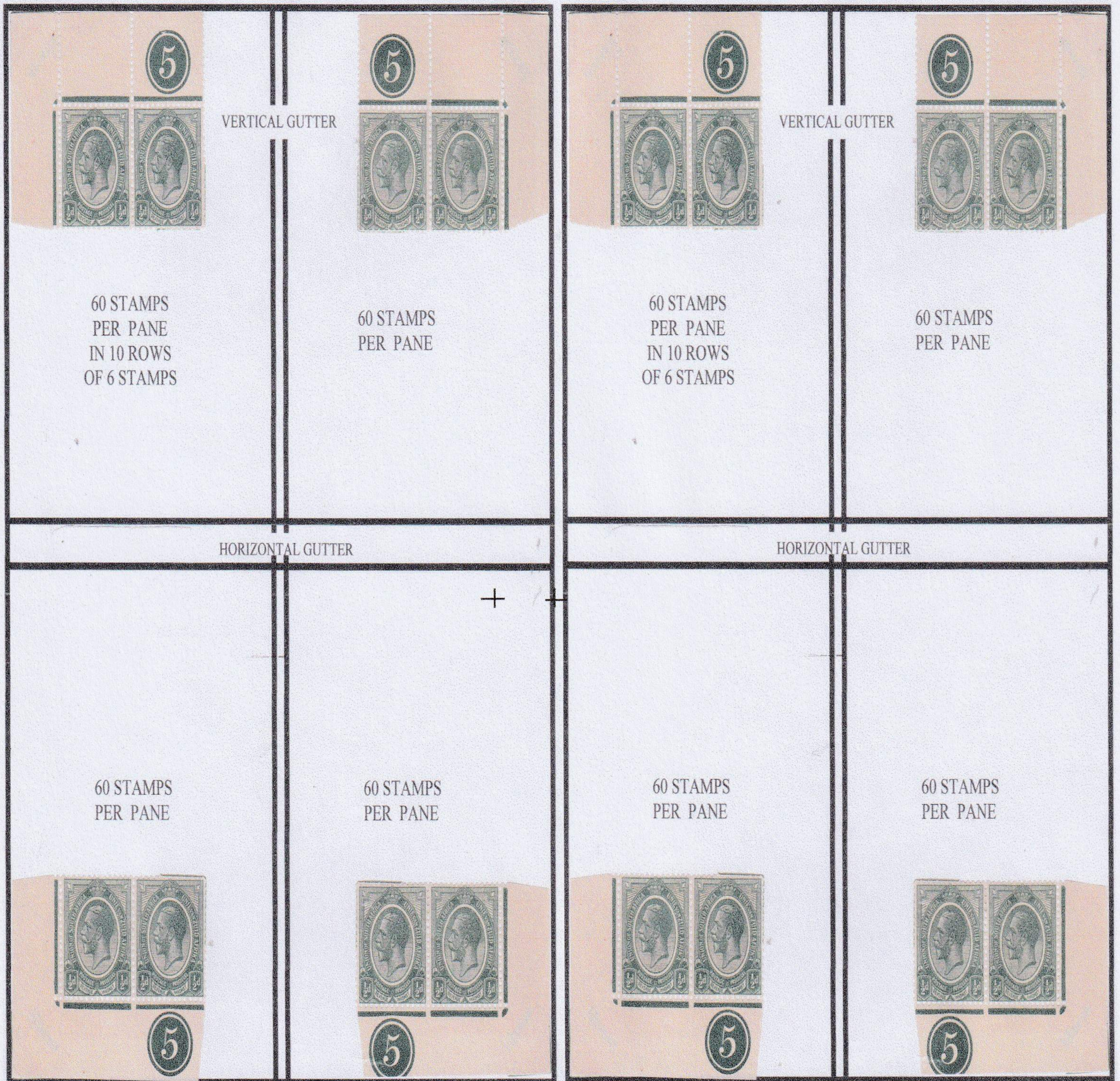


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**LAYOUT TO PRINT 480 STAMPS FROM 2 PLATES (SIDE BY SIDE) OF THE 1/2d, 1d , 1 1/2d and 2d VALUES SPLIT INTO 8 PANES OF 60 STAMPS EACH FOR DISTRIBUTION TO POST OFFICES**





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## KINGS HEAD PLATE NUMBERS & JUBILEE LINES

ALL PLATE NUMBERS WERE FOR THE HEAD PLATE  
VALUE (DUTY) PLATES WERE NOT NUMBERED

ALL BICOLOUR VALUES WERE PRODUCED FROM THE SAME HEAD PLATE  
PLATE ONE



THE JUBILEE LINES WERE OF THE STAMP COLOURS THE  
OUTSIDE COLOUR BEING THAT OF THE HEAD PLATE  
THE INSIDE BEING THE COLOUR OF THE VALUE PLATE



6



UNION of SOUTH AFRICA  
Date of issue: 1<sup>st</sup> September 1913

½ d Yellow Green

All of the sheets that follow are perforated 14 & have the Springbok watermark common to all values. Top left pane with plate 6 in upper margin, central vertical gutter with ornament above and horizontal gutter showing the so called "pillars"



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1913 KINGS HEAD DEFINITIVES

COLOUR/SHADE VARIATIONS





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1913 KINGS HEAD DEFINITIVES

COLOUR/SHADE VARIATIONS





1



UNION of SOUTH AFRICA  
Date of issue: 1<sup>st</sup> September 1913  
  
2d Reddish Purple  
Top left pane with vertical central  
gutter with ornament above. Centre  
horizontal gutter trimmed with  
plate 1 at upper left.



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KINGS HEAD DEFINITIVES

COLOUR VARIATION OF THE 2D



Grey lilac



Red Purple

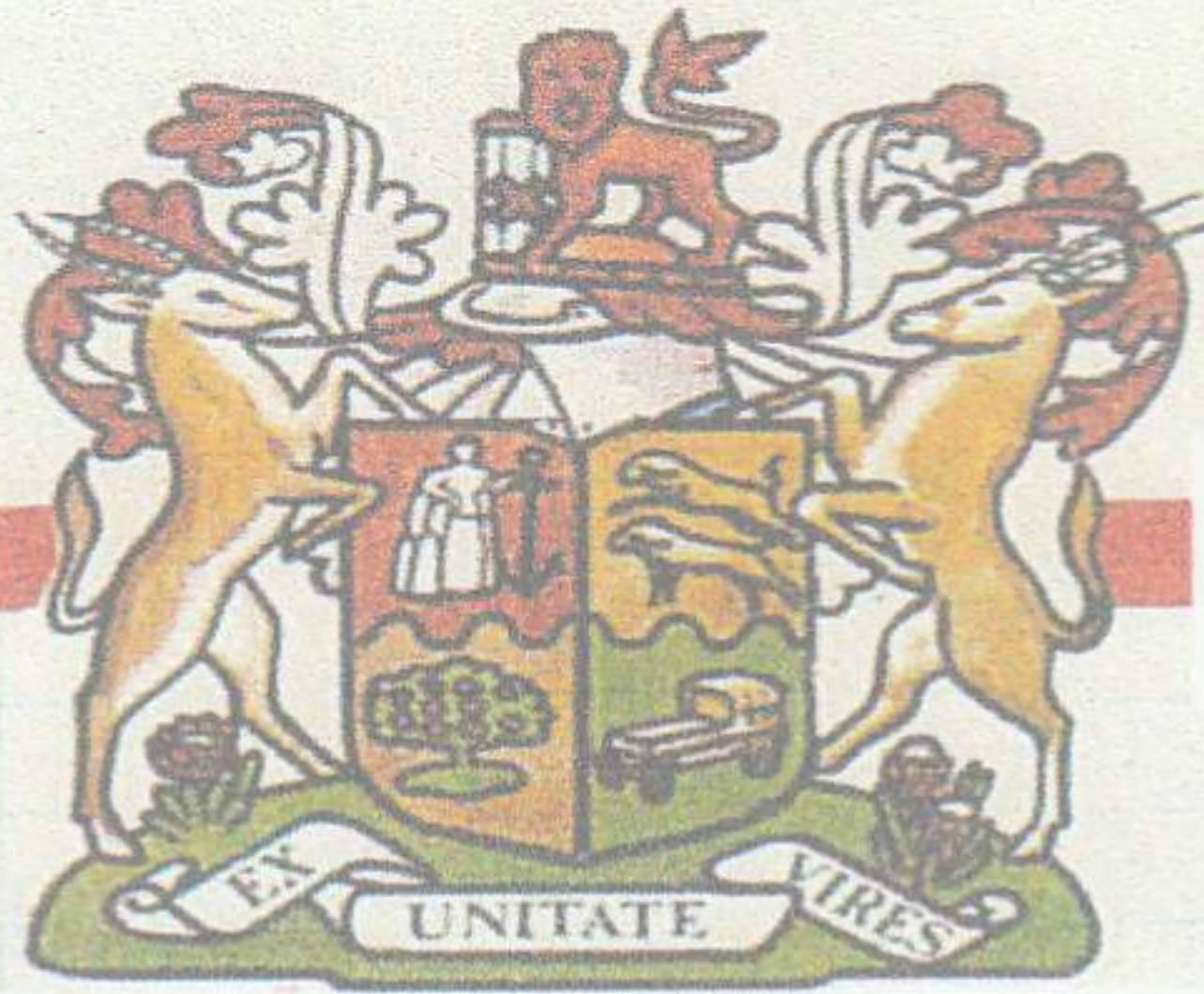


Purple





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KINGS HEAD DEFINITIVES  
overprinted for use in  
SOUTH WEST AFRICA

OVERPRINTS FROM JANUARY 1923



FINAL OVERPRINTS 1930





## UPU 'Specimen' stamps

Prior to the 1874 Berne Universal Postal Union Congress most stamp issuing authorities only sent out information regarding postal rates or new stamp issues to their own post offices. These were generally ordinary examples of current or new issues affixed to information sheets. In some cases they would be overprinted "Specimen" to prevent the recipient selling on the stamps for personal gain, as was the case with the original Great Britain 1d Black and 2d Blue attached to the "Notice to all Postmasters" sheet.

At the Berne Conference it was agreed that the participating nations would create a single "postal union" which would regulate international mail, including registration and insurance and deal with the transfer of delivery fees between nations.

The founding of the International Union, led to a rapid standardisation of mail services throughout Europe and their ever expanding overseas territories. This expansion of the overseas postal system into far flung corners of the world required that postal employees be able to both recognise bona fide "postage labels" and to be able to calculate that the correct rate of postage to be paid and collected.

How was this seemingly momentous task achieved? The Second UPU Congress held in Paris in 1878 provided the solution and a procedure adopted by the Members that has been adhered to ever since. Clause 2 of Article XXIX of the Treaty requires Members to send to the International Bureau 70 copies of each of the 'documents' that would be required for distribution by the Bureau. The 'documents' referred to include a collection of the postage stamps and philatelic stationery of each Member. By definition, this includes new issues. The stamps and other philatelic material are overprinted or perforated with the word 'Specimen' by the Member country.

The collections were originally prepared by the individual postal administrations, though in more modern times they are sent directly to the Bureau by the printers. The Bureau then assembles sets for circulation, retaining its own copies, with sheets broken down and separated to single or strips of stamps according to the individual requirements of UPU Members. Once received, sets are then distributed within the country to the relevant postal administrations. In effect every UPU Member would possess a complete portfolio of all the stamps issued by other Members. Many early issues are now to be found in Philatelic Museums. In some cases individual countries would receive un-overprinted stamps of member countries and affix them to reference pages. Many Portuguese Colonial offices cancelled them with "ultramar" handstamps, Spanish offices with "muestra" overprints and French and British offices used "Specimen" handstamps in various colours and some were perforated. As the stamps have no postal value many postal administrations have reduced the size of their archives and many have found their way to collectors and dealers.

Some of the most attractive are those 'Specimen' stamps were issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the 19th and early 20th Century British Colonies, including amongst them the many territories that make up modern day South Africa including Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal.



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SPECIMENS  
ISSUED BY THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION  
OF THE  
KINGS HEAD DEFINITIVES



SPECIMENS OF THE INITIAL ISSUE SEPTEMBER 1 1913



SPECIMENS OF ADDITIONAL ISSUES DUE TO POSTAL RATE & TELEGRAPH RATE CHANGES & NEED FOR HIGHER VALUE



23 AUGUST 1920

1 OCTOBER 1920

JULY 1916

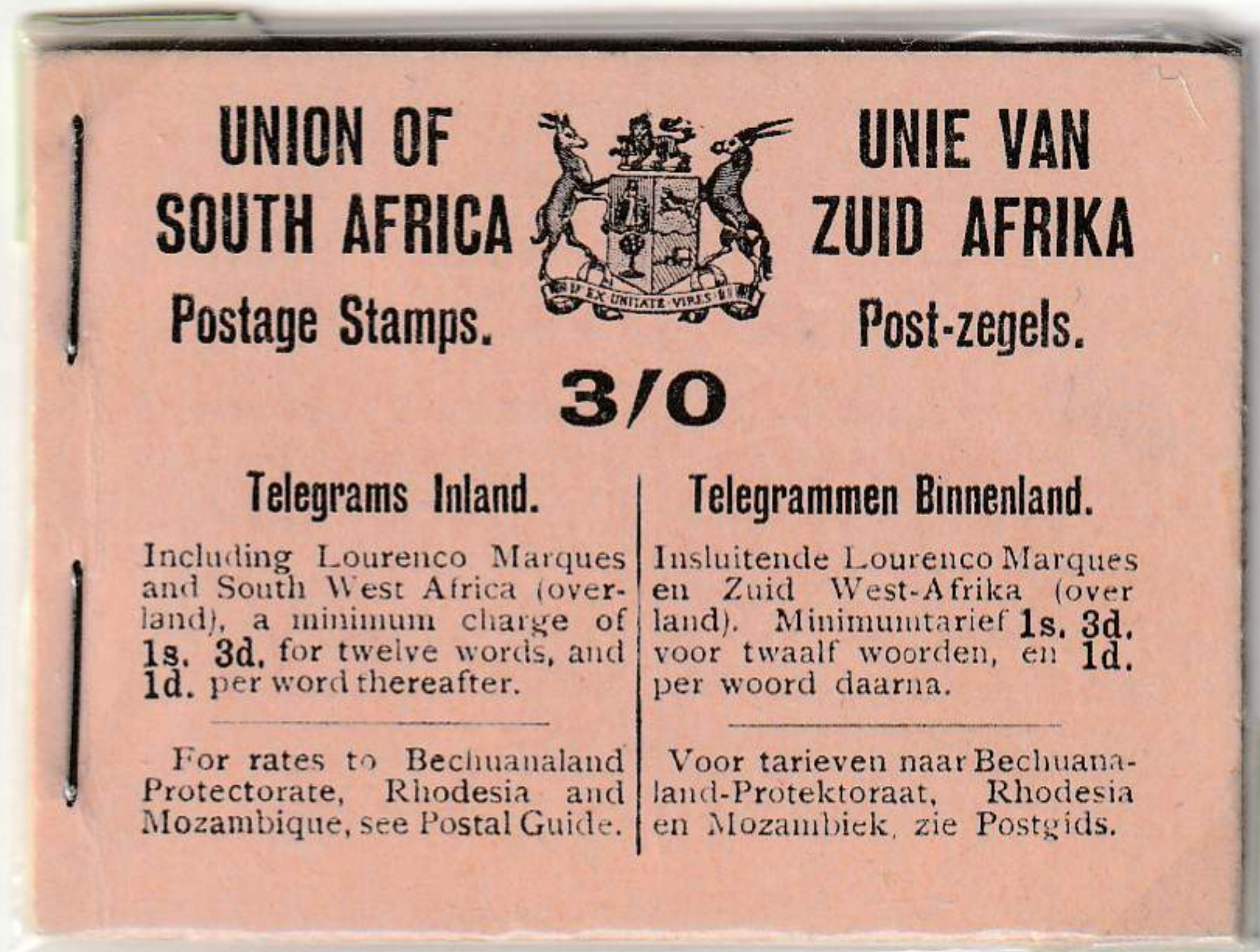


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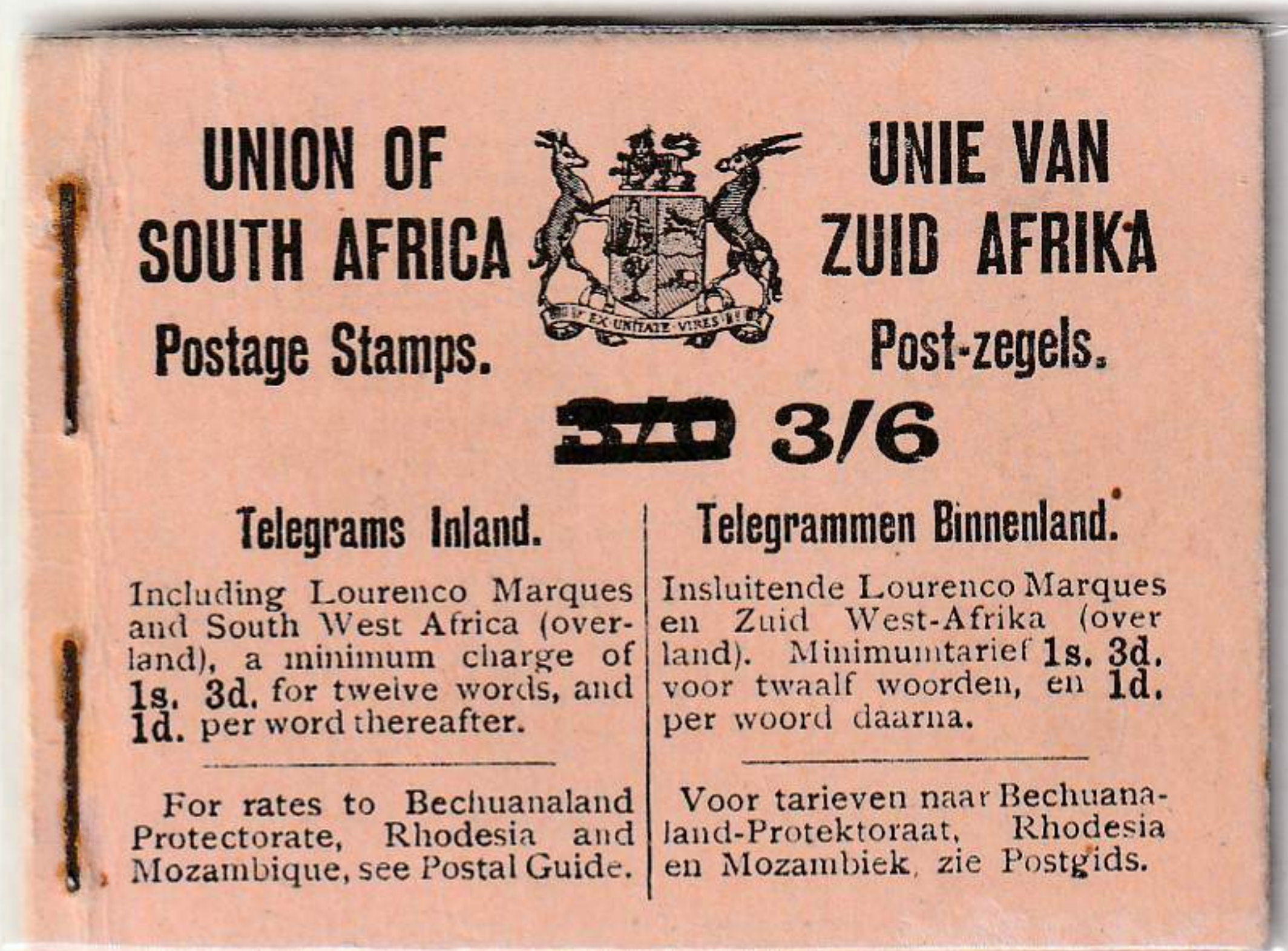
AFRICA

## KINGS HEAD (GEORGE V) DEFINITIVES USED IN BOOKLETS B4 AND B5 1921 AND 1922



BOOKLET B4 ISSUED IN 1921  
CONTAINED  
2 PANES OF 6 X 1/2d STAMPS  
2 PANES OF 6 X 1d STAMPS  
2 PANES OF 6 X 1 1/2d STAMPS

EACH PANE INTERLEAVED BY AN  
ADVERTISEMENT PAGE



BOOKLET B5 ISSUED IN 1922  
CONTAINED  
2 PANES OF 6 X 1/2d STAMPS  
2 PANES OF 6 X 1d STAMPS  
2 PANES OF 6 X 2d STAMPS

EACH PANE INTERLEAVED BY AN  
ADVERTISEMENT PAGE


A CHANGE IN INLAND POSTAL RATE FROM 1 1/2d to 2d brought about the issue of B5 so close after the issue of B4 . This left the Post Office with many ~~used~~ sheets of the tete beche Penny half penny stamps. To dispose of these they were sold over the counter at post offices.

The stock of front pages was solved by deleting and overprinting the value, the overprint was in different styles



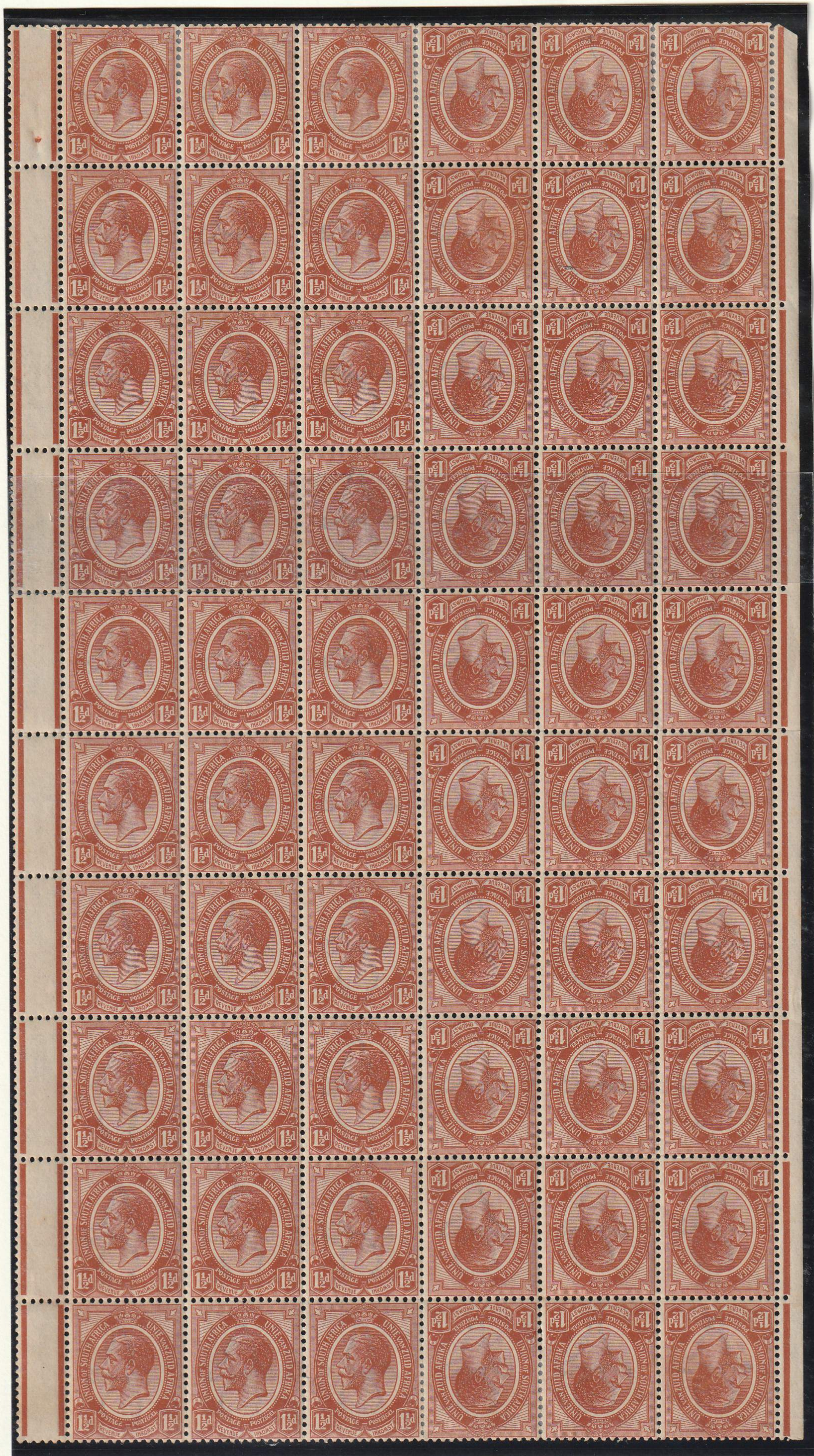


# 1921 KING'S HEAD BOOKLET B4 EXPLODED

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UNION of SOUTH AFRICA

Date of issue: 23 August 1923

1 ½ d Deep Chestnut

Right hand pane of 60 stamps showing  
the Tete-Beche printing format with  
central vertical gutter at left with  
narrow side margin at right.



1921 KING'S HEAD  
 BOOKLET B4 EXPLODED  
 ADVERTISEMENT INTERLEAVES

The name "Lever" on Soap  
 is a Guarantee of Purity and  
 Excellence.



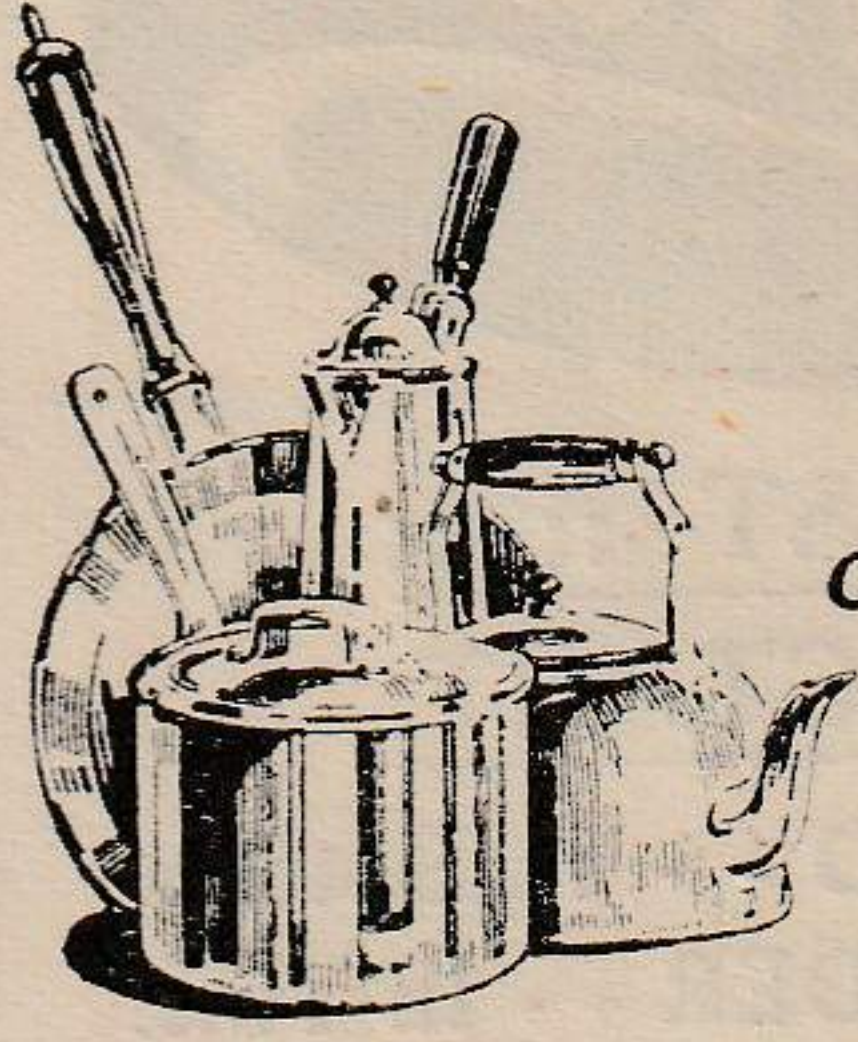
**ROYAL  
 VINOLIA  
 SHAVING  
 STICK**

THE IDEAL  
 SOAP FOR  
 A PERFECT  
 SHAVE.



**MONKEY BRAND**

THE UNIVERSAL  
 CLEANSER AND  
 POLISHER.



Cleans and Polishes  
 Metals, Marble,  
 Cooking Utensils,  
 Glassware, etc.

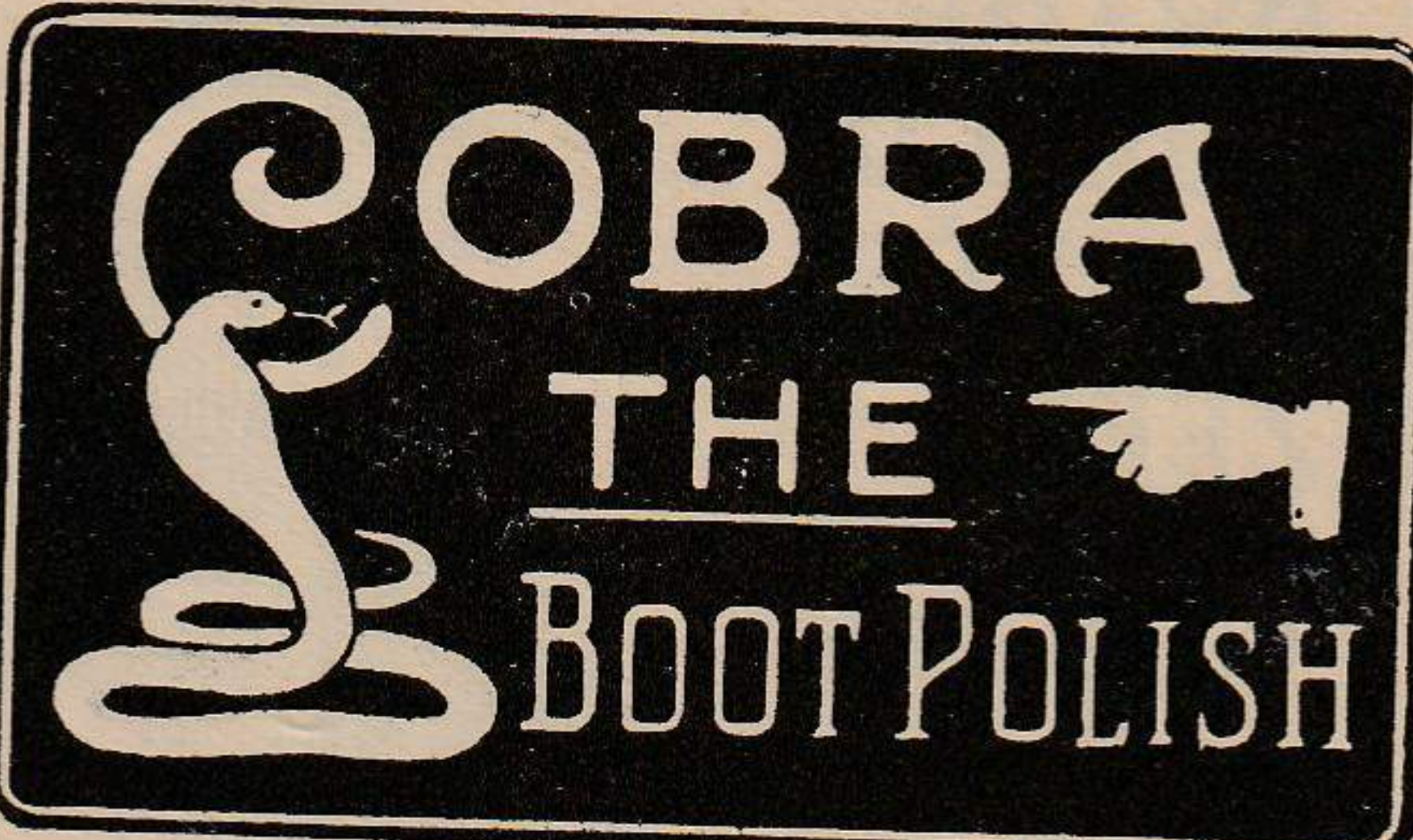
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Cleans Cutlery, Chinaware,  
 Glassware, Enamelware, :: ::  
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MOTORISTS will find Vim the Handiest  
 Cleanser for Soiled Hands.

**COBRA**  
 THE  
 BOOT POLISH



**LUX**

VOORKOMT KRIMPEN VAN  
 WOLLEN GOEDEREN.





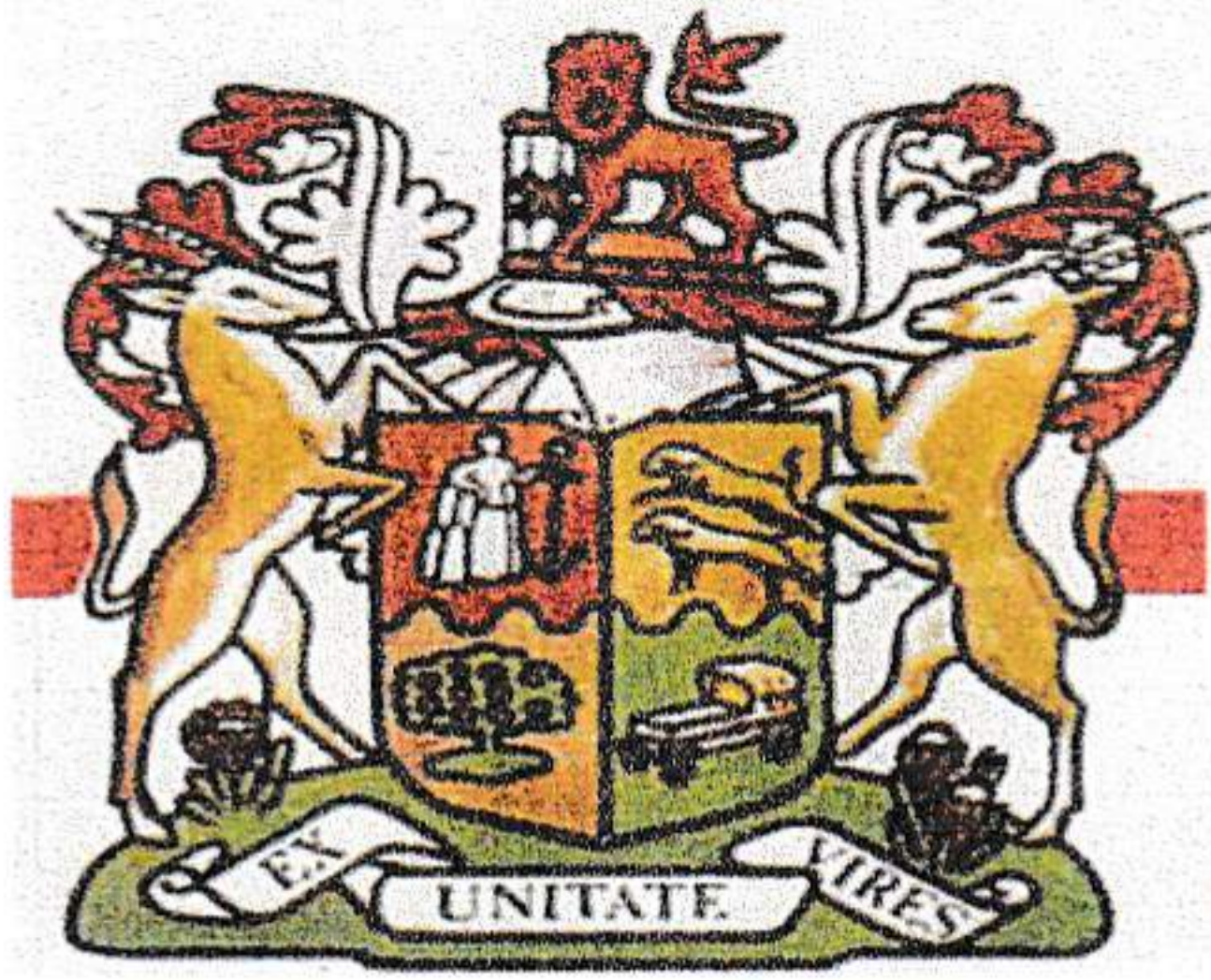
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## COIL/ROLL STAMPS

FOUR VALUES OF COIL STAMPS WERE PRODUCED  
1/2d 1d 1 1/2d and 2d in 1913 1914 1920 1921 respectively.

The sheets were produced as normal by Da La Rue but imperforate vertically. The process of guillotining the stamps into strips was fraught with problems initially and resulting in defects such as uneven width of strips, and cuts into stamps. Eventually the process was perfected using a vertical perforation hole to anchor the strips in the joining process. Thus resulting in the isolated perforation stamps.

The rolls had start and ending blank tabs

The rolls consisted of strips of stamps joined together to create the 500 or 1200 stamp rolls.

These joins were made from parts of the sheets i.e blank, pillar or control number depending from where in the sheet the strip was joined.

The stamps were produced in rolls of 500 stamps for across the counter sales and 1200 stamps intended to be used in a dispensing machine "penny in the slot type".

When the penny half penny and the two penny stamps were sold they could only be sold over the counter as the dispensing machines could not be modified to take other than one penny thus vending machine dispensing cut errors are not seen on these values.



## 1913 KING GEORGE V: COIL STAMPS

On the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1913 and 14<sup>th</sup> February 1914, the ½d and 1d stamps respectively, perforated 14 and imperforate, were dispensed in vending machines at post offices in larger cities and over the counter in coils of 500 and 1200. When the inland letter rate was increased to 1½d on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1920 coils of the 1½d were issued on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 1920, but not sold through vending machines. On 1 June 1921 the inland letter rate was increased to 2d and 2d coil stamps were issued on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 1921.

### Mint set with paper joins



½d Green      1d Red      1½d Chestnut      2d Purple

Each coil consisted of a series of 50 or 120 joined strips of 10 stamps each. Strips were joined by leaving about 6mm of sheet or gutter margin attached to the top stamp of each strip and pasting this to the gummed side of the bottom stamp of another strip at its lower edge.

### Used set



½d Green    1d Red    1½d Chestnut    2d Purple

### ENDWISE COIL VARIETY:

After much speculation about the reason for the perforation hole in endwise coil stamps, Messrs De La Rue provided the explanation in 1942. 2 Extra punches were put in the perforation die in addition to the single straight line of perforations to coincide with the outer vertical edges of each of the panes. It provided a means for holding a sheet of stamps in position when trimming and cutting it into panes from which to make the coils.

Perforation hole  
in endwise coil stamp





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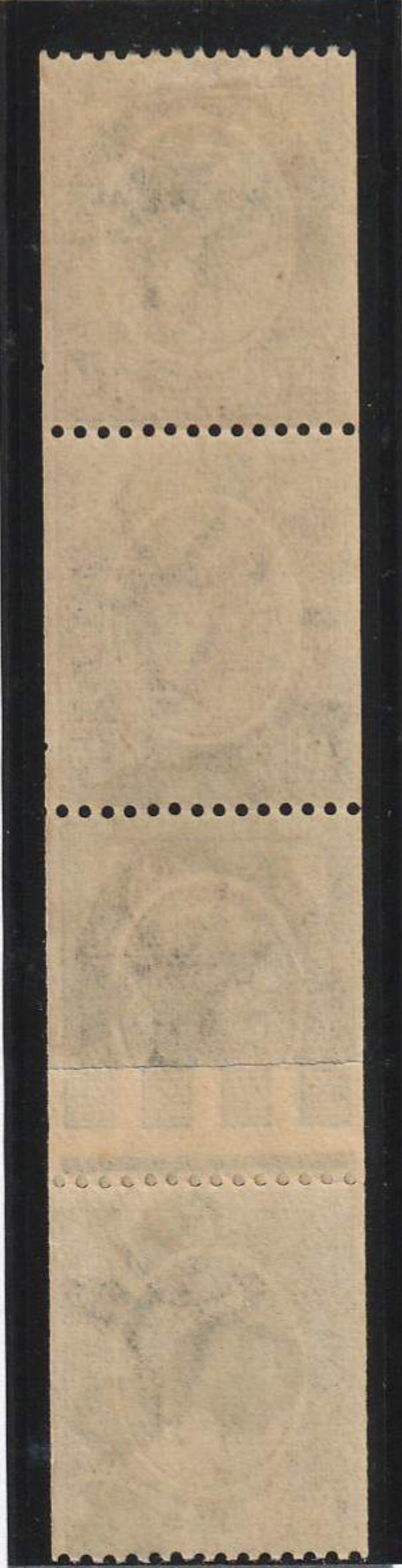


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# HALF PENNY COIL STAMPS PREPARED FOR MACHINE DISPENSATION SHOWING JOINS TABS AND ISOLATED PERFORATIONS



JOIN LAST STAMP



PILLAR MARGIN JOIN STAMPS 3 & 4



PERFECT STRIP



JOIN STAMPS 1 & 2 5 ISOLATED PERF HOLES



PALE BUFF TAB AND JOIN



JOIN TWO DIFFERENT SHADES



PALE BLUE TAB



ISOLATED PERF LEFT



NO ISOLATED PERFORATION



ISOLATED PERF RIGHT



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TOP TAB JOIN  
WITH CONTROL STUB

PENNY COIL STAMPS PREPARED  
FOR MACHINE DISPENSATION  
SHOWING JOINS TABS AND  
ISOLATED PERFORATIONS



UNEVEN JOIN LEFT



PERFECT JOIN



UNEVEN JOIN RIGHT



VERY BADLY  
CUT INTO  
ADJACENT  
STAMP



JOIN WITH  
PILLAR MARGIN



JOIN TWO  
DIFFERENT SHADES



JOIN LAST STAMP  
SPOT ON NECK 1ST



ISOLATED PERF  
LEFT



NO ISOLATED  
PERFORATION



ISOLATED PERF  
RIGHT



INK FILLED ISOLATED  
PERFORATION

PLAIN BOTTOM  
TAB



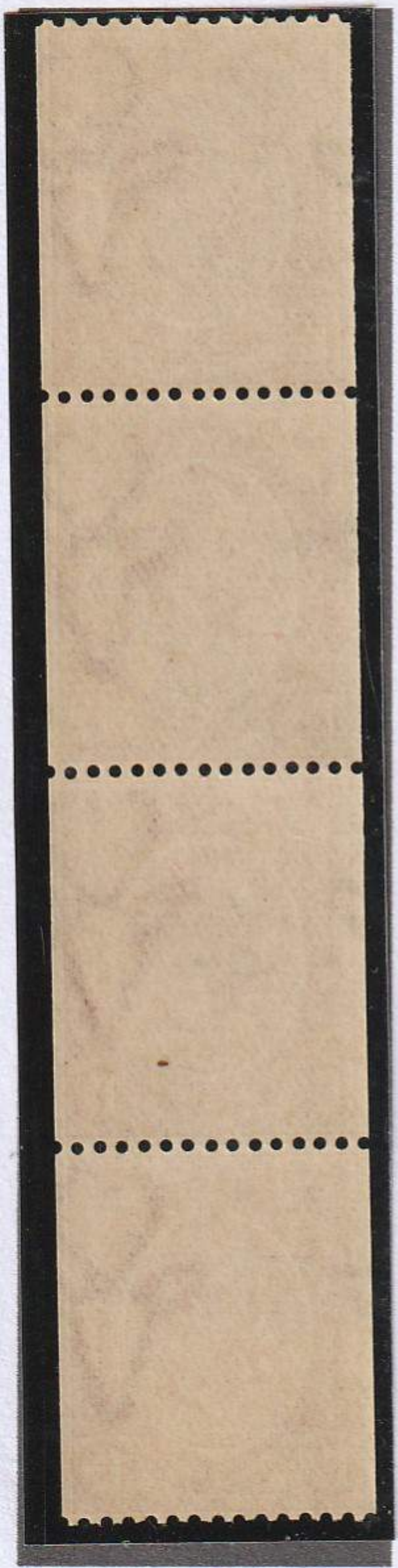
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PENNY HA'PENNY

PENNY HA'PENNY COIL STAMPS WITH JOINS  
THESE STAMPS WERE NOT SOLD VIA VENDING  
MACHINES BUT OVER THE COUNTER



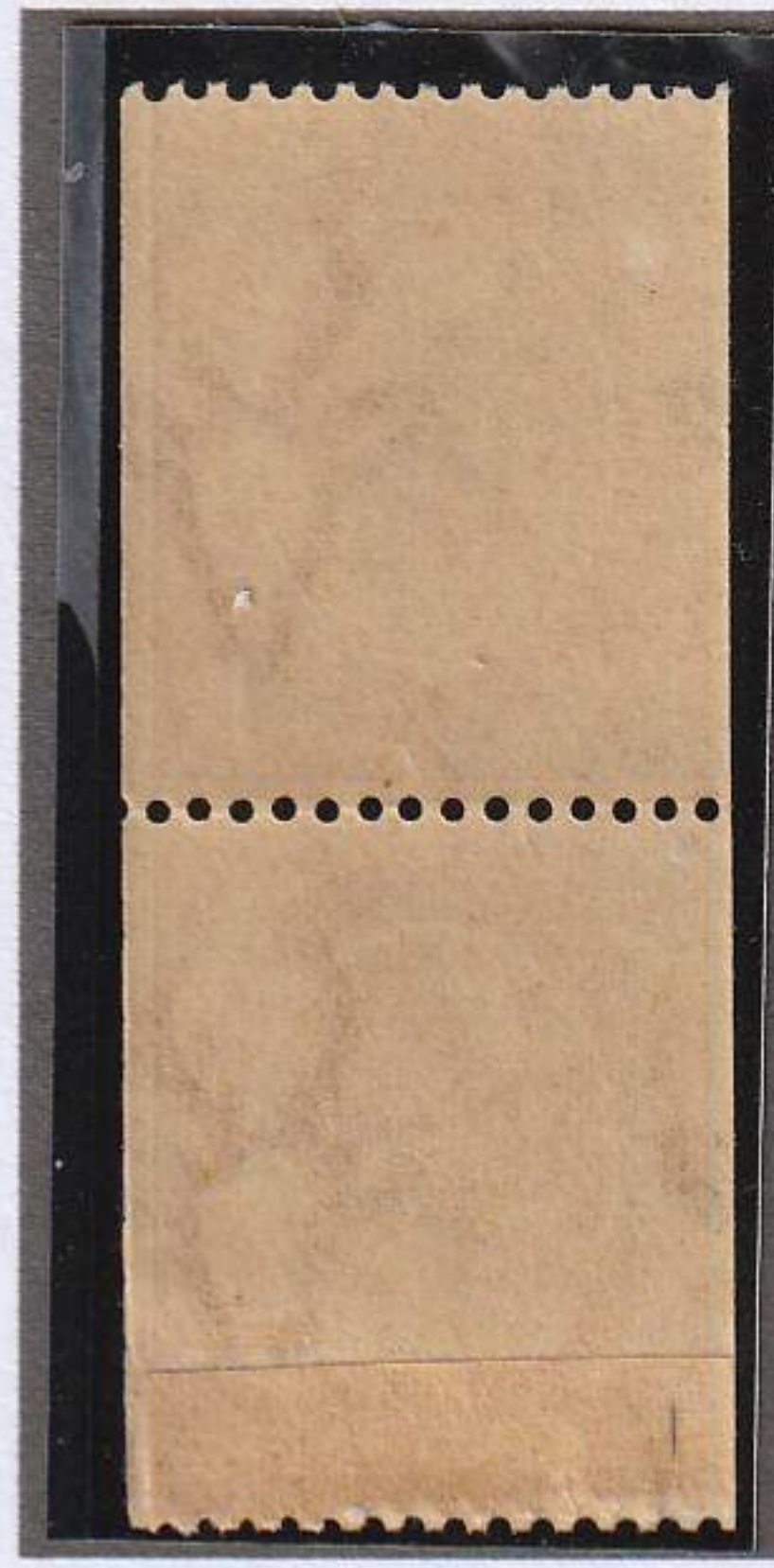
Misplaced wmk  
to the left



Offset to left



Control join  
between stamps  
5 and 6



Jubilee line join



Jubilee line join



Control join





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TWO PENNY COIL STAMPS WITH JOINS AND SHADES AND ISOLATED PERFORATIONS THESE STAMPS WERE NOT SOLD VIA VENDING MACHINES BUT OVER THE COUNTER



Join last stamp



Isolated Perforation



Join of different shade stamps



Isolated Perforation



Misplaced guillotine cut  
Cut into frame of  
adjaccant stamp



Join & isolated perf hole



Control join



Pillar join



Jubilee line join



# 1913 KING GEORGE V: PLATE VARIETIES



KGV 1d carmine (Standard printing) KGV 1d carmine ("Z" Plate varieties)



ZUID

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KGV 6d violet (strip of 3)  
"SOUTH AIRICA"



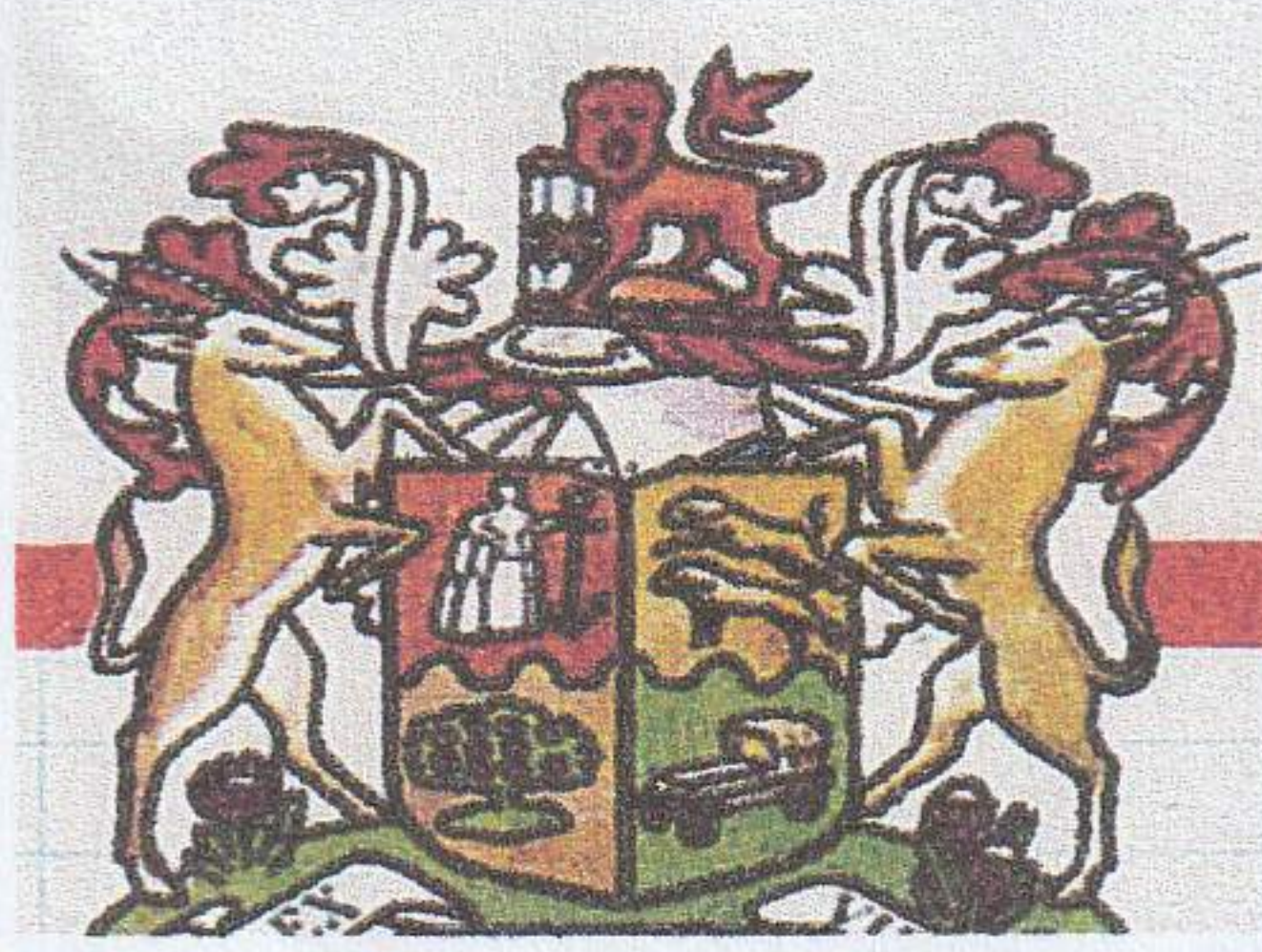
ZUID



KGV 6d black & reddish-violet  
"ZUID" (Partially missing Z)



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**THE OVERINKING IN THE PRINTING PROCESS  
OF THE 1913 KINGS HEAD VALUES  
RESULTED IN MISSING LETTERS AND FRAME PARTS FROM  
THE STAMP**

**THE MOST AFFECTED VALUE WAS THE 6D**

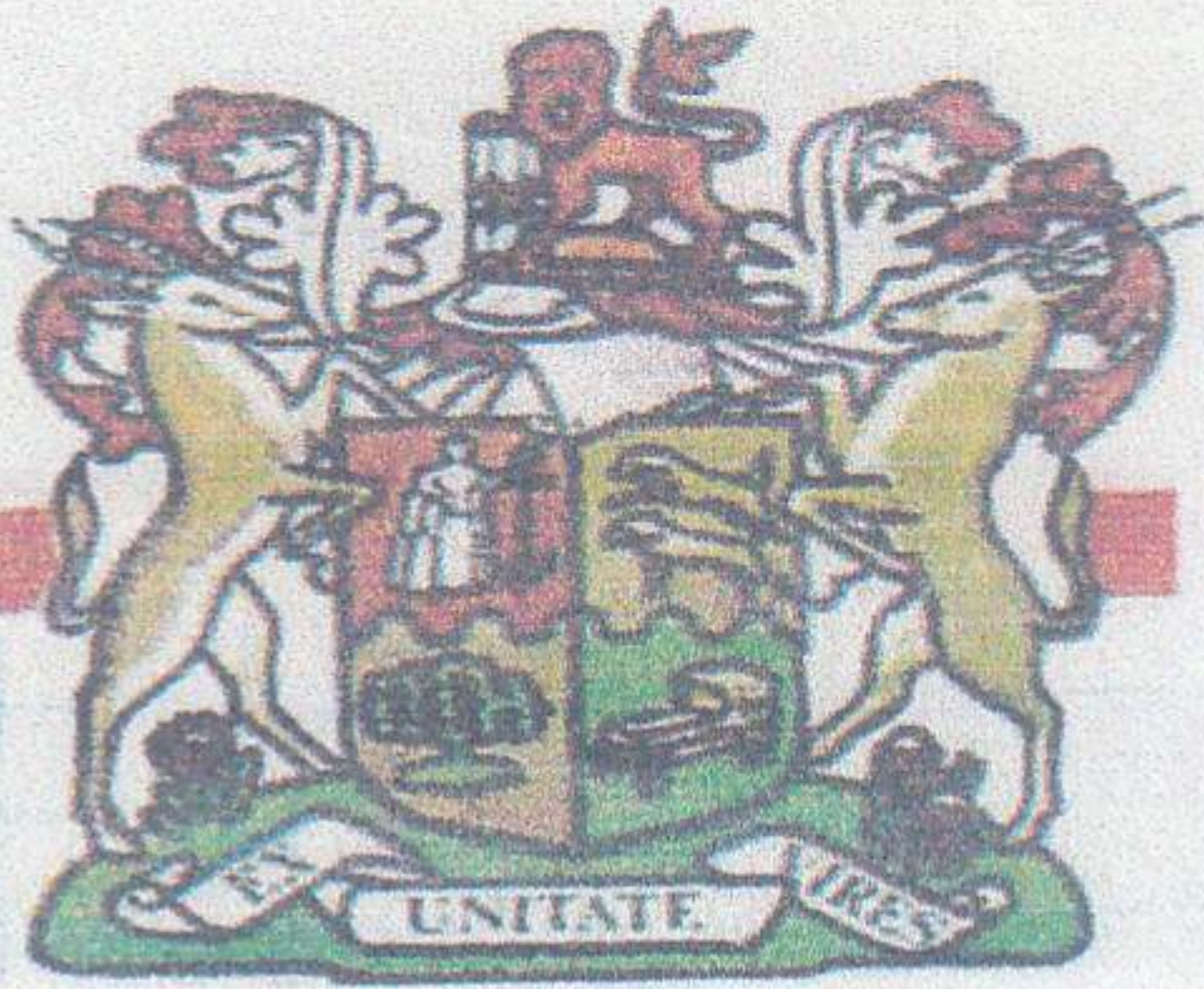


**RESULTING IN THE "MISSING Z"**





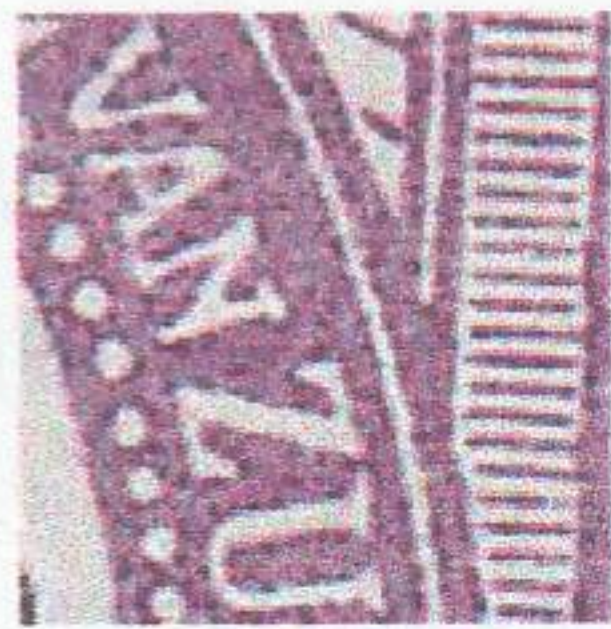
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# PROGRESSION OF THE MISSING "Z" ON 6D KINGS HEAD

## CAUSED BY OVER INKING



ORIGINAL NO OBSTRUCTION



INK BUILD UP BEGINS



INK CLOTTING NEW AREA



MOST OF "Z" COVERED



FURTHER INK BUILD UP



JUST 2 SMALL DOTS LEFT UNCOVERED



# 1913 KING GEORGE V: MEDALLION VARIETIES

## RIM "SLUR" OR PARTIAL DOUBLING:

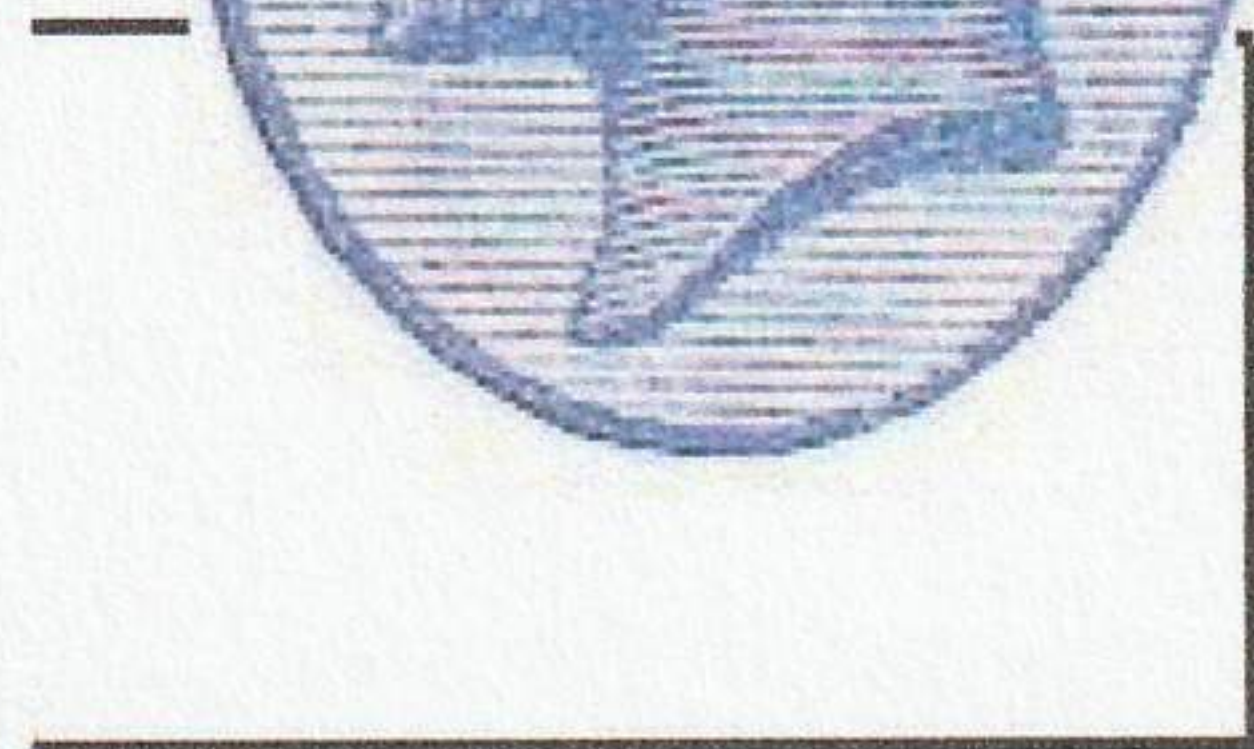


KGV 2½ blue mint pair

DOUBLE LINE



NORMAL LINE



## RIM THIN OR WEAK STRIKE:

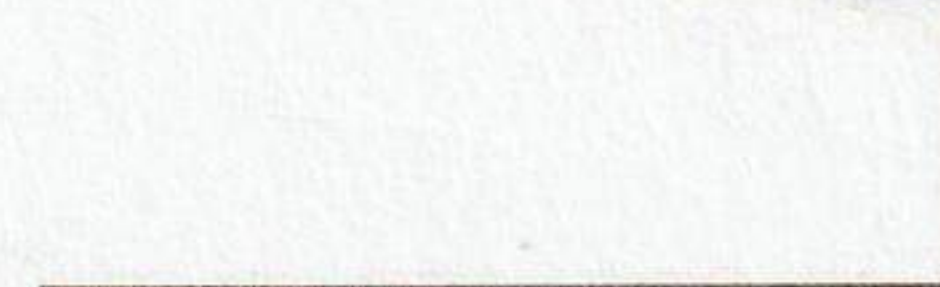


KGV 3d blue mint

THINNED  
BROKEN LINE



NORMAL LINE



KGV 3d blue used

NORMAL LINE



THINNED  
BROKEN LINE





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**SHIFTED MEDALLION FLAW  
AND NEW MOON VARIETY  
OF KINGS HEAD 1913 DEFINITIVE ISSUE**



THE MEDALLION SHIFT FLAW OCCURS WHEN THE MEDALLION PLATE PRINT DOES NOT LINE UP WITH THE FRAME PLATE AND AN UNEVEN SPACE AROUND THE MEDALLION OCCURS



THE NEW MOON VARIETY OCCURS WHEN THE MEDALLION PLATE PRINT DOES NOT LINE UP WITH THE FRAME PLATE AND AN UNEVEN SPACE AROUND THE MEDALLION OCCURS SUCH THAT IN ONE AREA NO SPACE EXISTS



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### MEDALLION SHIFT

The medallion shift was caused by imperfect registration of the head-plate and frame-plate clichés and is known in the 2½d, 3d in both colours, 4d, 6d, 2/6, 5/- and 10/- as shown in the following sequence:



2½d Blue

3d Blue

3d Black & orange-red

3d Black & orange-red



4d Orange & olive-green

4d Orange & green

6d Black & violet

2/6 Purple & green



2/6 Purple & green: Complete sequence



5/- Purple & blue 10/- Blue & green



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1913 KINGS HEAD (GEORGE V) DEFINITIVE  
OVERPRINTED FOR USE IN SOUTH AFRICA



OFFICIAL



CUSTOMS DUTY

**FORGED OVERPRINTS**  
THE CENTRAL SOUTH AFRICAN  
RAILWAYS CEASED TO EXIST AT  
UNION IN 1910 AND BECAME  
PART OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
RAILWAYS THE S.A.R.



CENTRAL SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS




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**1913 KING'S HEAD (GEORGE V) DEFINITIVES**



green



rose red



chestnut



purple



bright blue



black orange



ultramarine



orange sage green



black violet



orange



violet



purple green



purple blue



blue olive green



green red

**coils**



green



rose red



chestnut



purple



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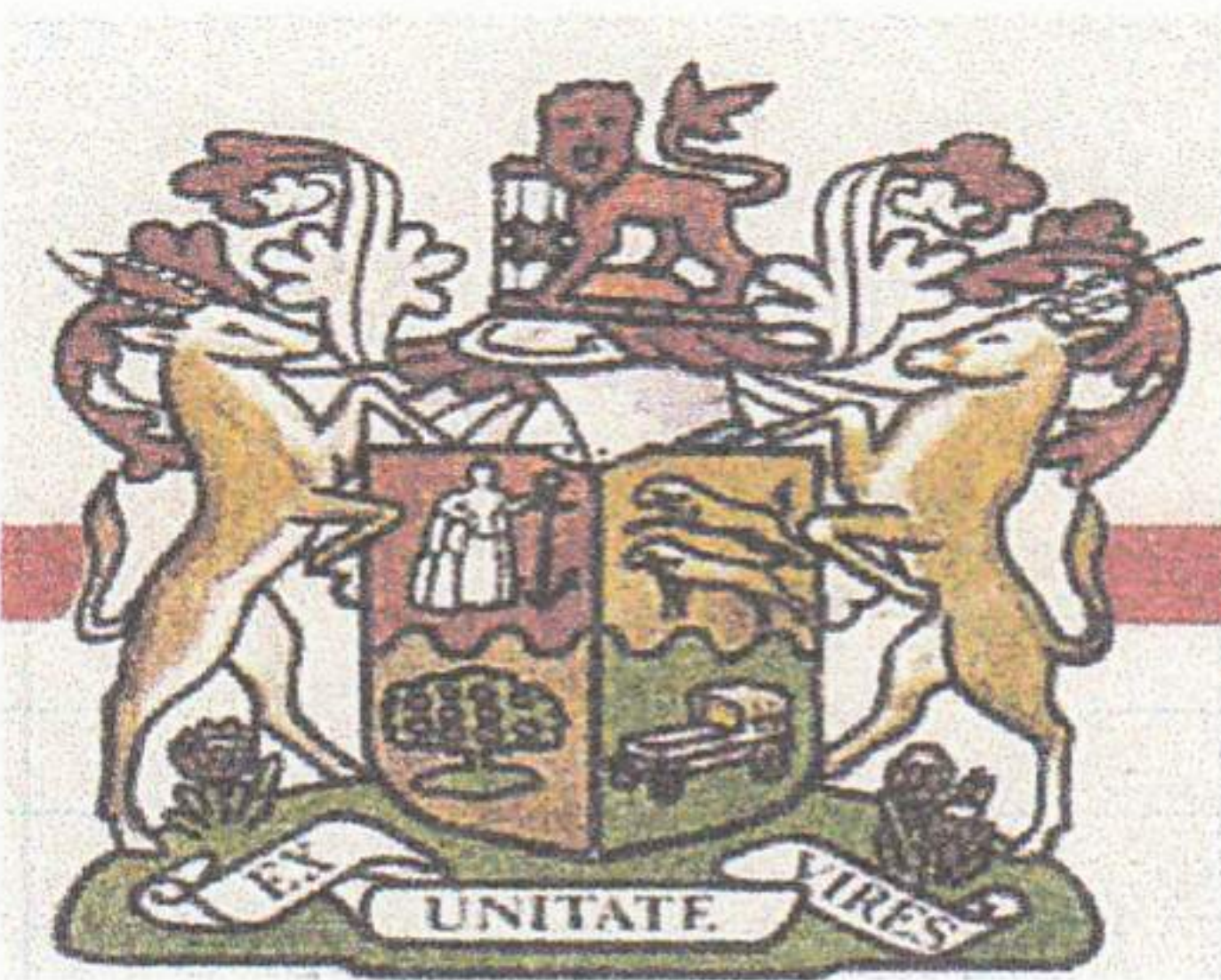


## KING'S HEAD DEFINITIVES 1913

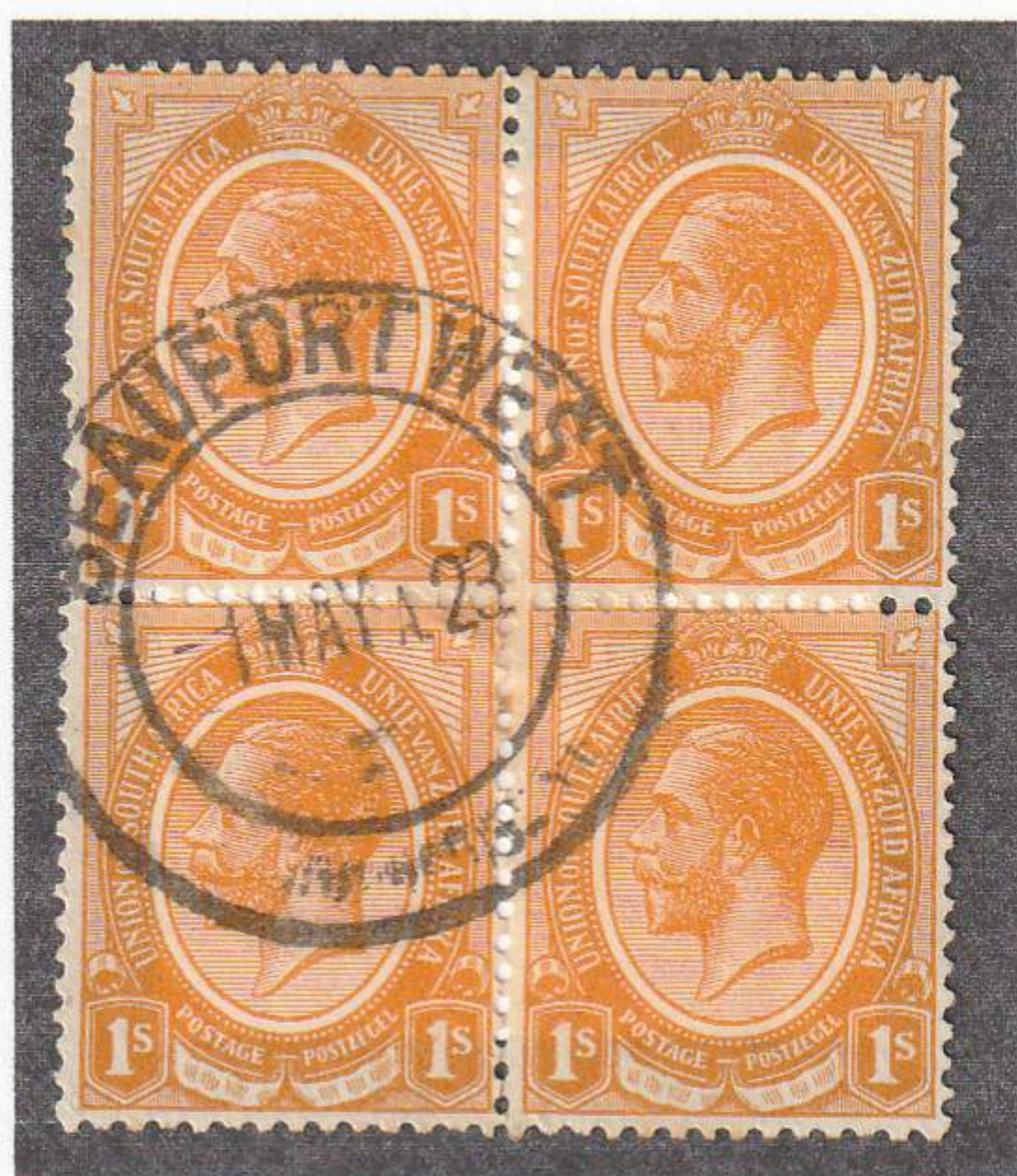




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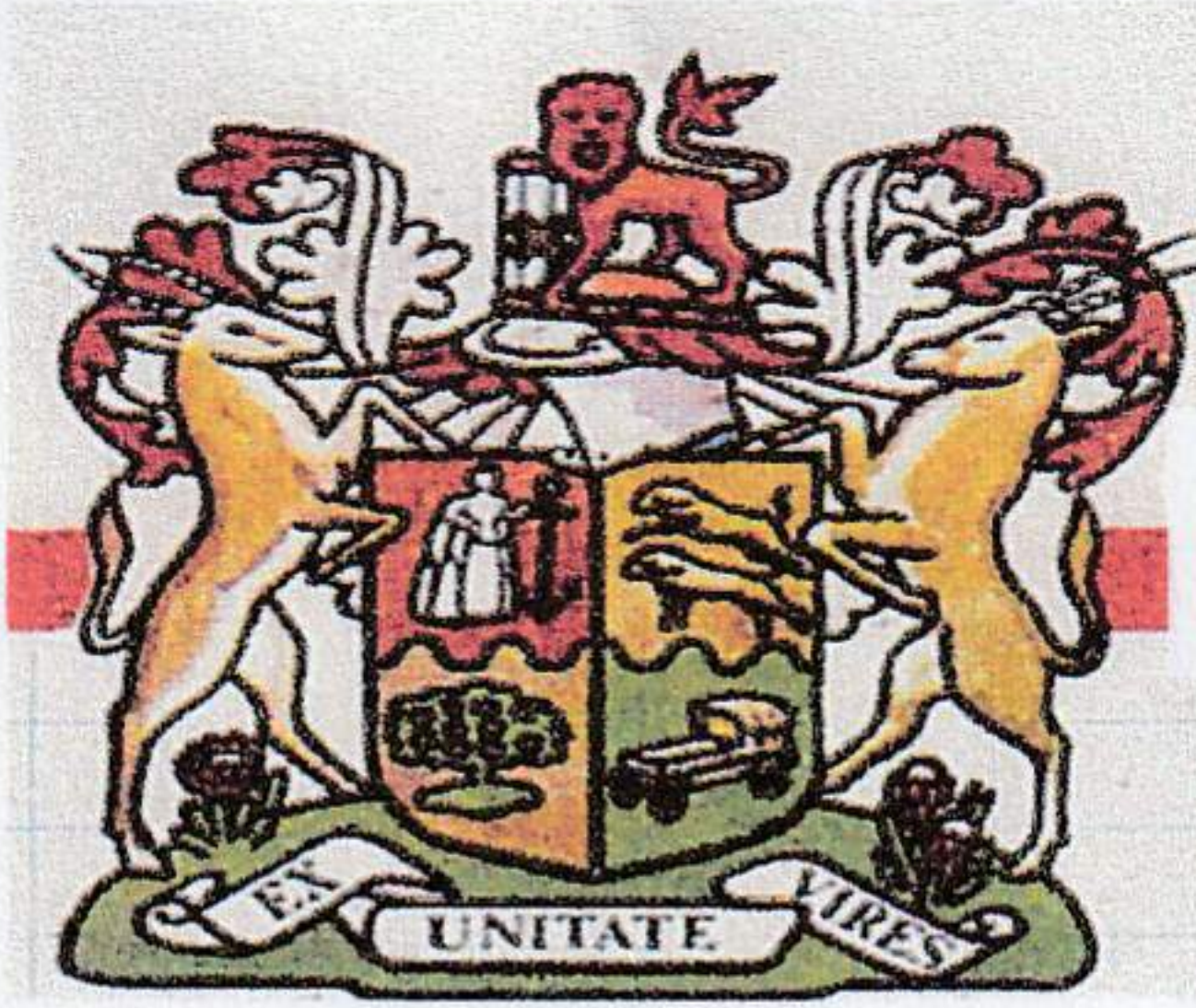


KING'S HEAD DEFINITIVES 1913





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KINGS HEAD DEFINITIVES USED  
ABROAD



WALVIS BAY 1922  
SOUTH AFRICA  
WITHIN SOUTH WEST  
AFRICA



MBABANE 1922  
SWAZILAND



SETLAGOLE 1918  
BECHUANALAND



KALKFELD  
SOUTH WEST AFRICA .



OTJIWARONGO  
SOUTH WEST AFRICA



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KINGS HEAD DEFINITIVES USED IN  
SOUTH WEST AFRICA



Windhoek 30 Sept. 1922  
S.W.A



Swakopmund 30 June 1921



Kalfeld 9 Aug. 1922  
S. W. AFRICA



Luderitz 2 Dec. 1921  
S.W.A.



Mariental 14 Dec. 1920



Luderitz 20 Nov. 1922  
S.W.A.



Windhoek



Usakos 29 May 1922  
S.W.AFRICA



Luderitz 21 Dec. 1922



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KINGS HEADS VALUES USED FOR REVENUE PURPOSES

ON RECEIPTS FOR PAYMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED

FOLIO H. 62.

Malmesbury.

Dec 20 1918

Mr. Martin Smit

mt Pleasant St.

Dr. to  
Debet aan H. J. Bruwer,  
M.B., Ch.B. (Edin).

For Professional Services & Medicines.

Voor Seneeskundige Hulp en Medicynen.

*Pl with thanks*



£ 2 . 2 : 6 . .

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"Roseknowe,"

Malmesbury.

31st Dec. 1917.

9.1.19.

Mr. Martin Smit

Go. de Groot + Visser

Malmesbury.

Dr. to A. J. T. ROUX,

M.B., C.M., Edin.

For Professional Services: 1918



*Handwritten notes:*  
paid  
20/1/19  
£ 1 : 2 : 0

£ 1 : 2 : 0

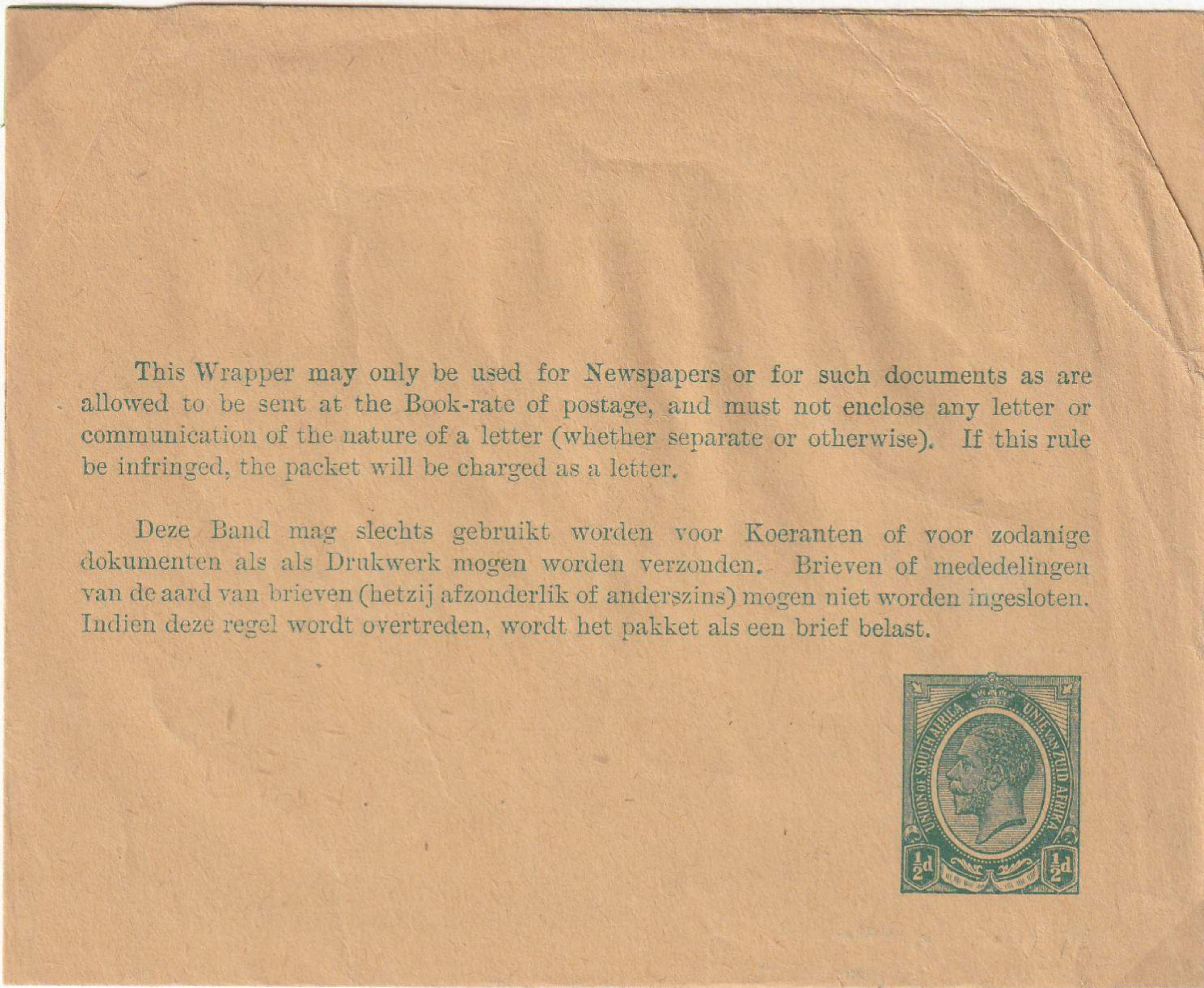


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**KINGS HEAD POSTAL STATIONERY**



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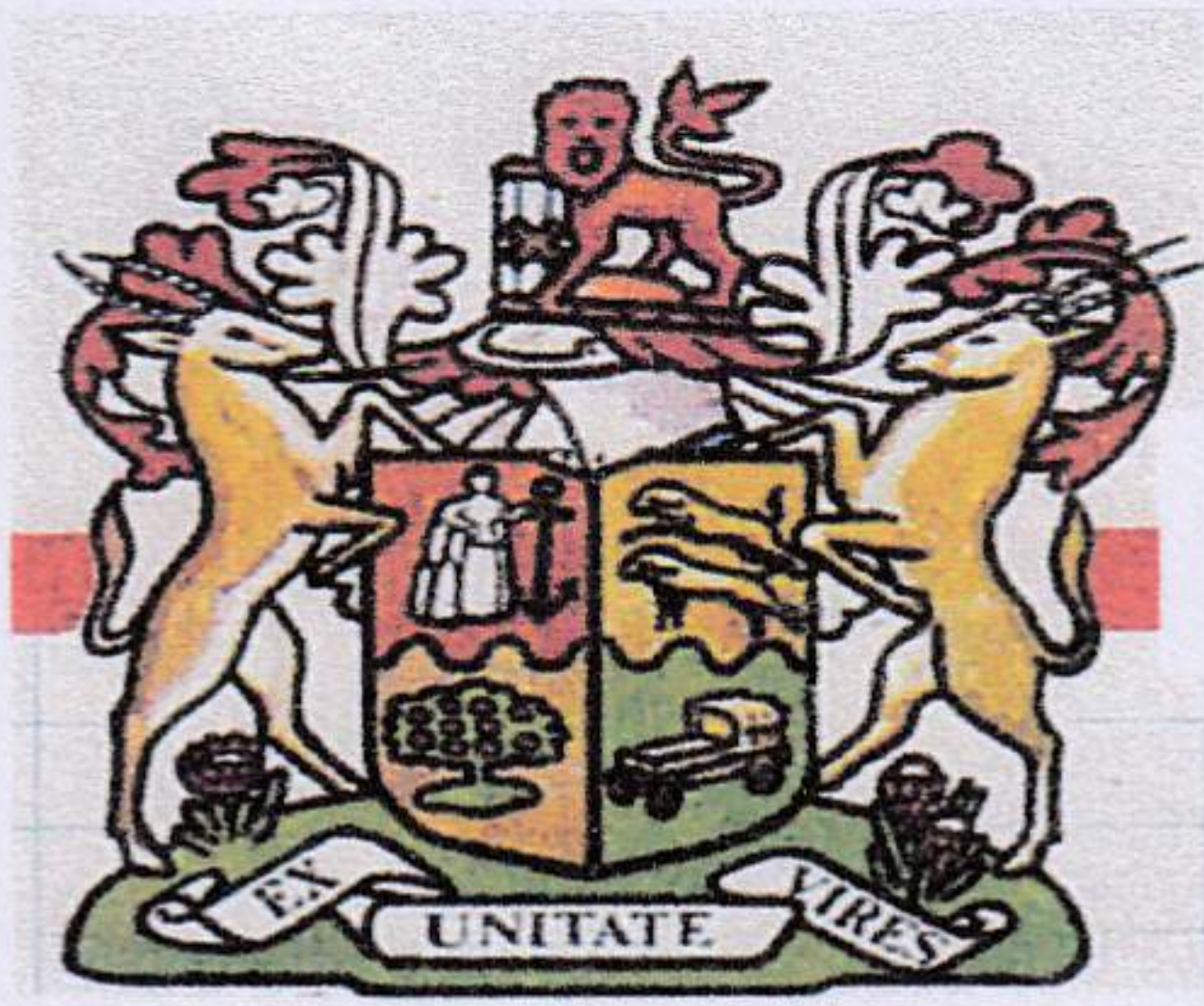


For address only  
Slechts voor 't adres.

P. Fulk  
Kerstman  
Gwelo  
Rhodesia



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POST CARD  POSTKAART

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.  
DEZE ZIJDE IS VOOR HET ADRES ALLEEN.



*A. Dieckmann Esq.*

*No. Malcomess Road  
Local*

PREPRINTED POST CARD INTERNAL USE KING WILLIAMSTOWN

14860

POST CARD  POSTKAA

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE  
DEZE ZIJDE IS VOOR HET ADRES ALLEEN.



*Mr. George Bridel  
Lausanne  
Switzerland.*



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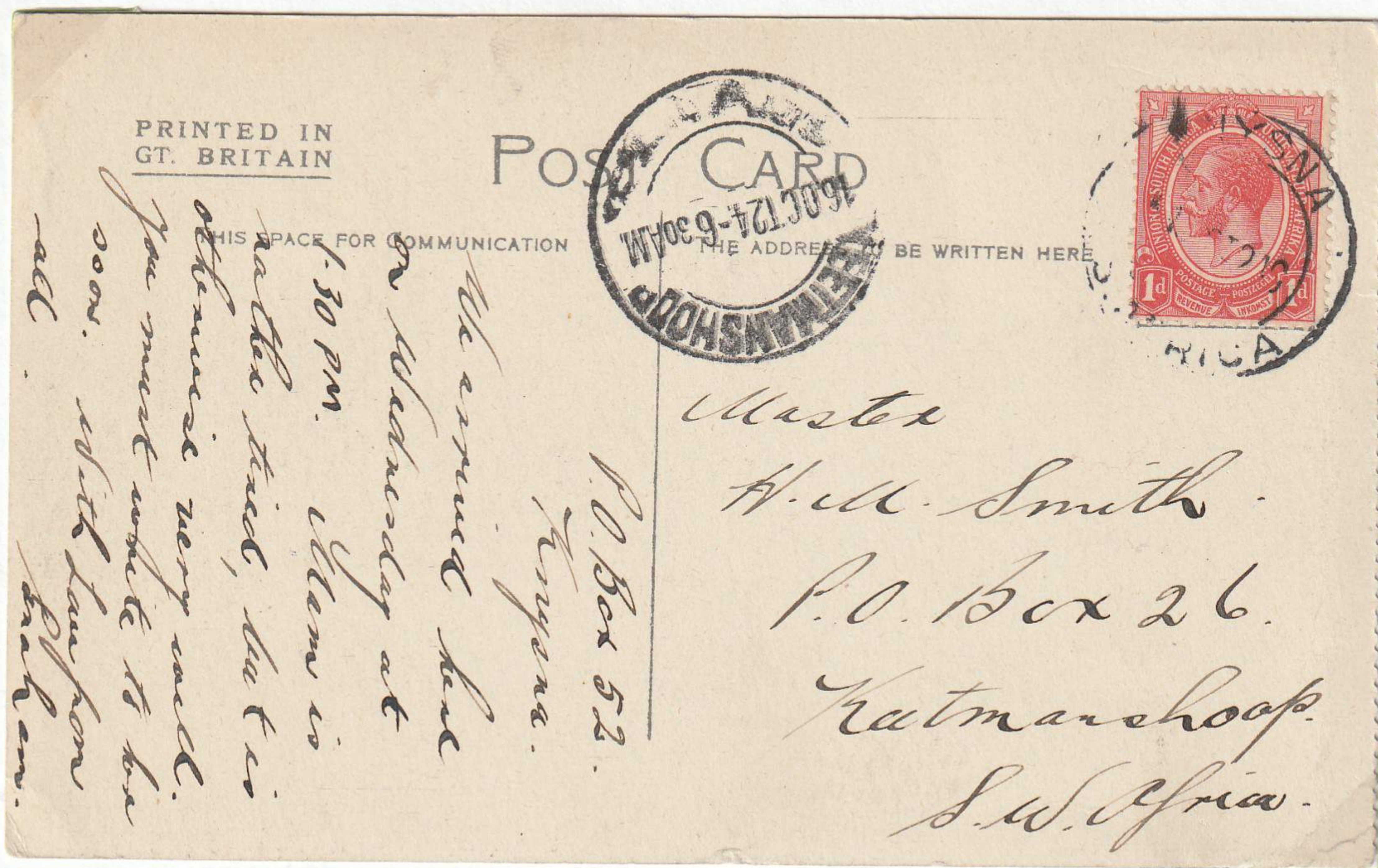
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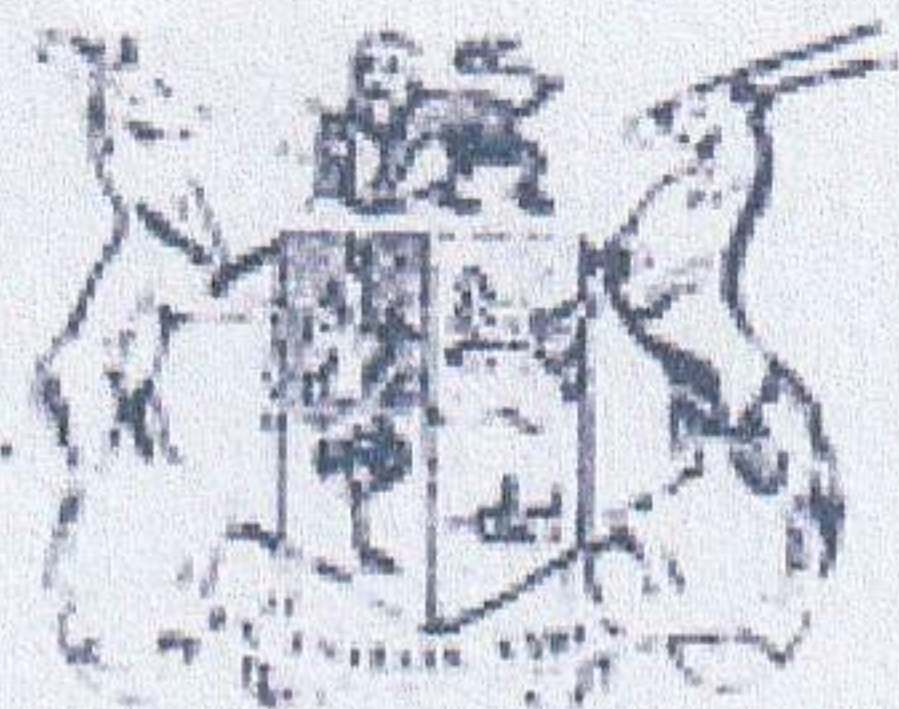
POSTCARD CAPE TOWN RUYTER ST TO HANOVER ST 24 DEC 1919



POSTCARD KNYSNA W. CAPE TO KEETMANSHOOP S.W.A. 16 OCT. 1924



*Amendments Made:  
O.W.H.  
20.8.20*



**UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**POST OFFICE CIRCULAR**

( No. 119 )

1ST JUNE, 1920.

This Circular should be filed at each office and be available for prompt reference. Postmasters and other Supervising Officers are required to read its contents carefully, to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the sections affecting the work of their offices, to see that the necessary additions and amendments to their Books of Instructions, Post and Telegraph Guide, and other records are made, and to advise the public by means of bilingual notices exhibited on the notice board of any changes affecting public business. An acknowledgment from the members of the staff should be obtained indicating that they have read and noted its contents.

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**13. Amendments to Post Office Guide No. 12.**—The following revised postal and telegraph rates are published for general information:—

Postage rates.....	Amend tariff appearing on cover of Post Office Guide under heading "Principal Post Office Charges."
For delivery within the Union of South Africa, Bechuana-land Protectorate, South-West Africa Protectorate, Rhodesia, the Province of Mozambique, the United Kingdom, Egypt, and British Possessions.....	Letters, 1½d. per oz. Post cards (single), 1d. each. Post cards (reply), 2d. each.

**SECTION I.—GENERAL.**

Page 2.—Sale price of post cards:—

SINGLE.		REPLY.	
1 for Os.	1½d.	1 for Os.	2½d.
2 .. Os.	2½d.	2 .. Os.	4½d.
3 .. Os.	4d.	3 .. Os.	7d.
4 .. Os.	5d.	4 .. Os.	9d.
5 .. Os.	6½d.	5 .. Os.	11½d.
6 .. Os.	7½d.	6 .. 1s.	1½d.
7 .. Os.	9d.	7 .. 1s.	4d.
8 .. Os.	10d.	8 .. 1s.	6d.
9 .. Os.	11½d.	9 .. 1s.	8½d.
10 .. 1s.	0½d.	10 .. 1s.	10½d.
11 .. 1s.	2d.	11 .. 2s.	1d.
12 .. 1s.	3d.	12 .. 2s.	3d.

**SECTION III.—INLAND POST.**

- Paragraph 1, page 16. Amend 4th line to read: "1½d. for each ounce," etc.
- Page 17. Letter Cards: Substitute "three half-pence" and "three half-penny" respectively for "one penny" and "1d."
- Paragraph 1, page 17. Post Cards, 2nd and 11th line: Amend "half-penny" to "penny."
- Paragraph 1 (a), page 46. 2nd line. Read: "£1. 10s. to £3. 10s."  
3rd line. Read: "£1. 5s. to £3. 5s."

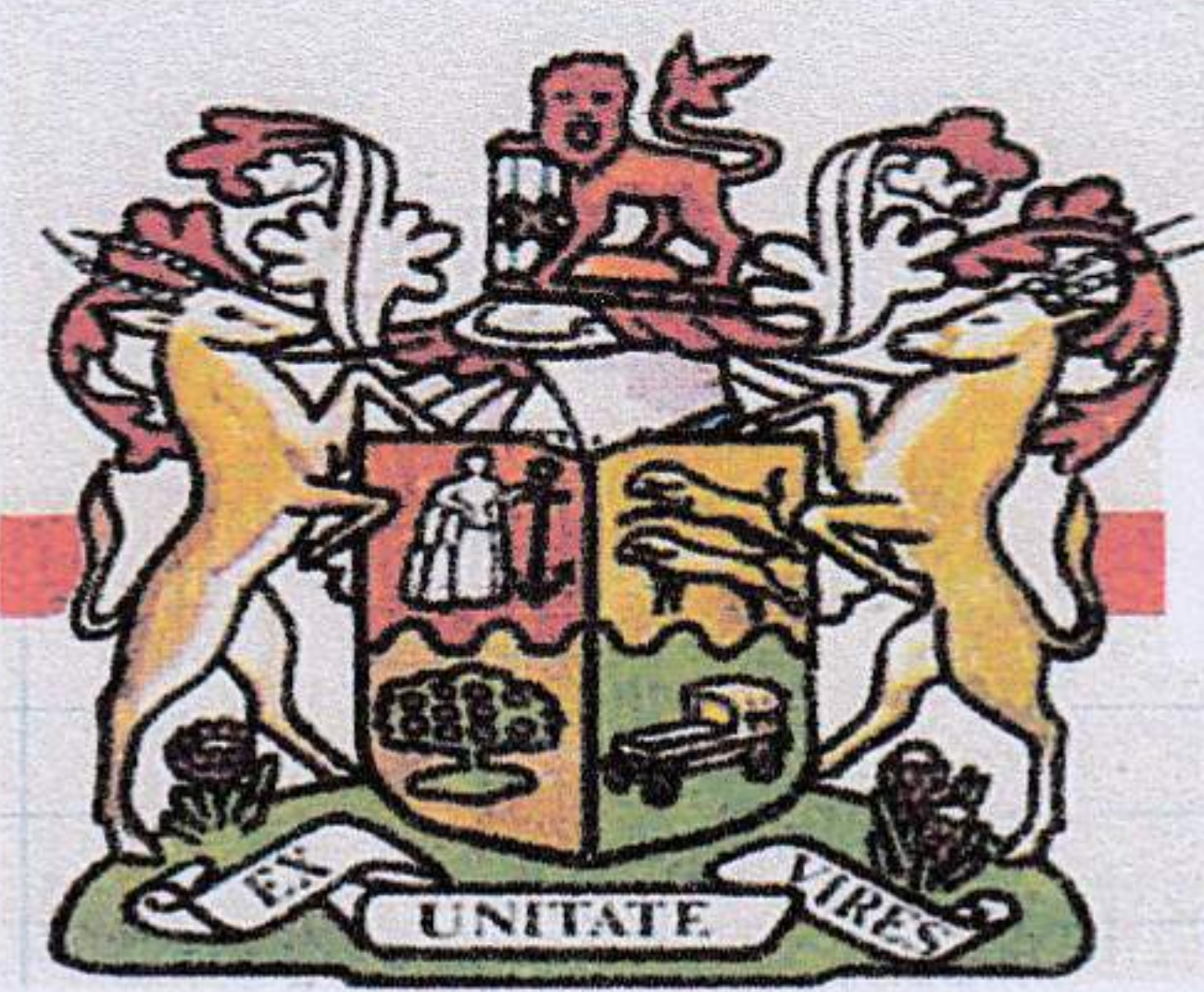
**SECTION IV.—FOREIGN POST.**

- Page 61. Substitute "1½d." for "1d." in second column and "1 oz." for "½ oz." in heading of same column.
- Page 66. Sea Post Offices, second column of table. Letters: Substitute "1½d." for "1d." and "1 oz." for "½ oz." Post Cards: Substitute "1d." for "½d."
- Paragraph 1, page 70. In 4th line substitute "1½d." for "1d." and "1 oz." for "½ oz." and in the inverted sentence "1½d." for "1d."
- Paragraph 5, page 70. 10th line. Read: "1½d. per 1 oz."
- Page 7. Letter Cards: See page 17 and amend accordingly. Insert "Inland" before "Letter cards" and in the 2nd line after "postage" insert "rate."

*O.W.H.  
15.5.20*



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**KINGS HEAD PENNY BISECT**

**3 JUNE 1920**

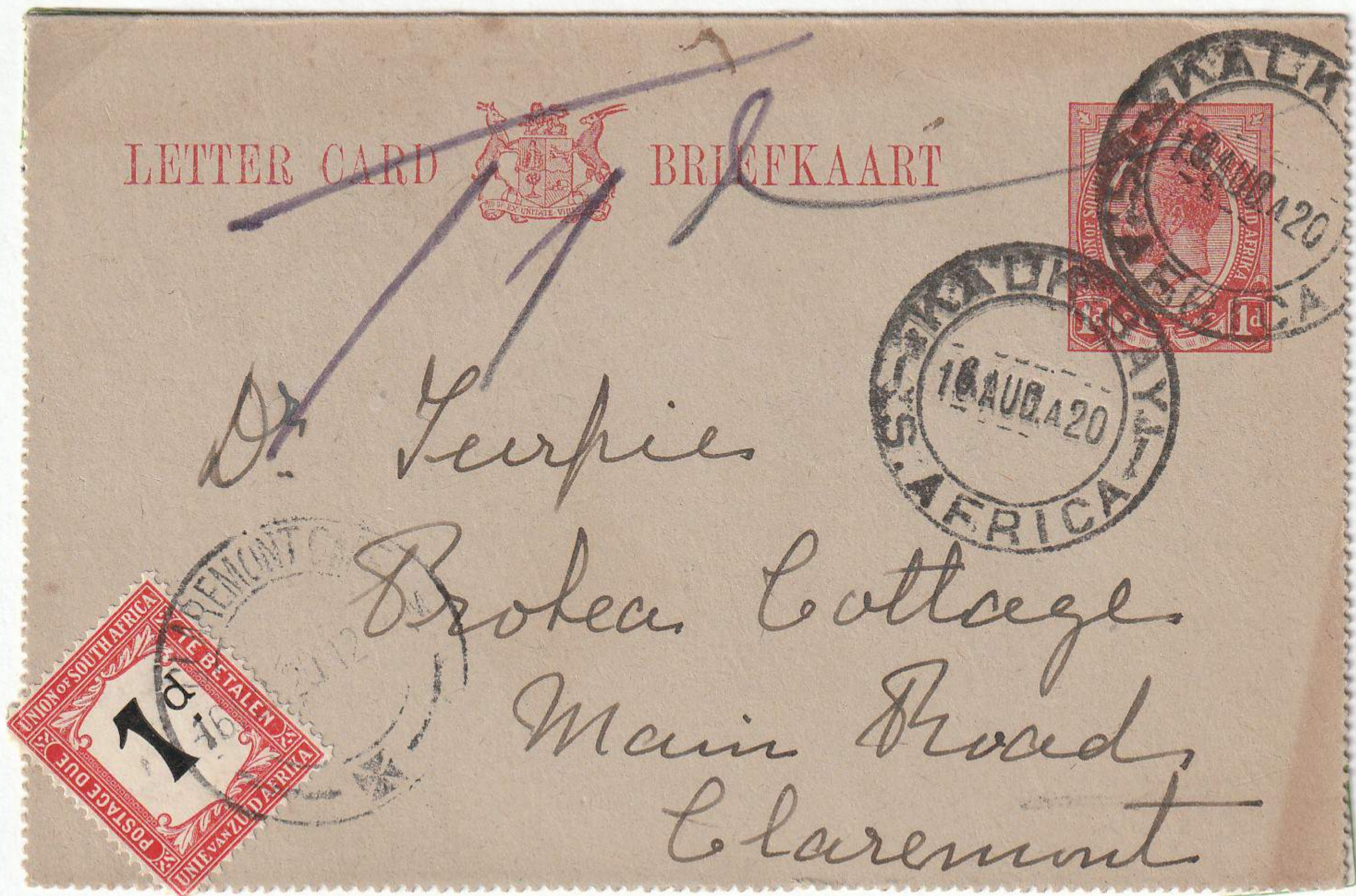
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PENALTY UNTIL 23 AUGUST 1920



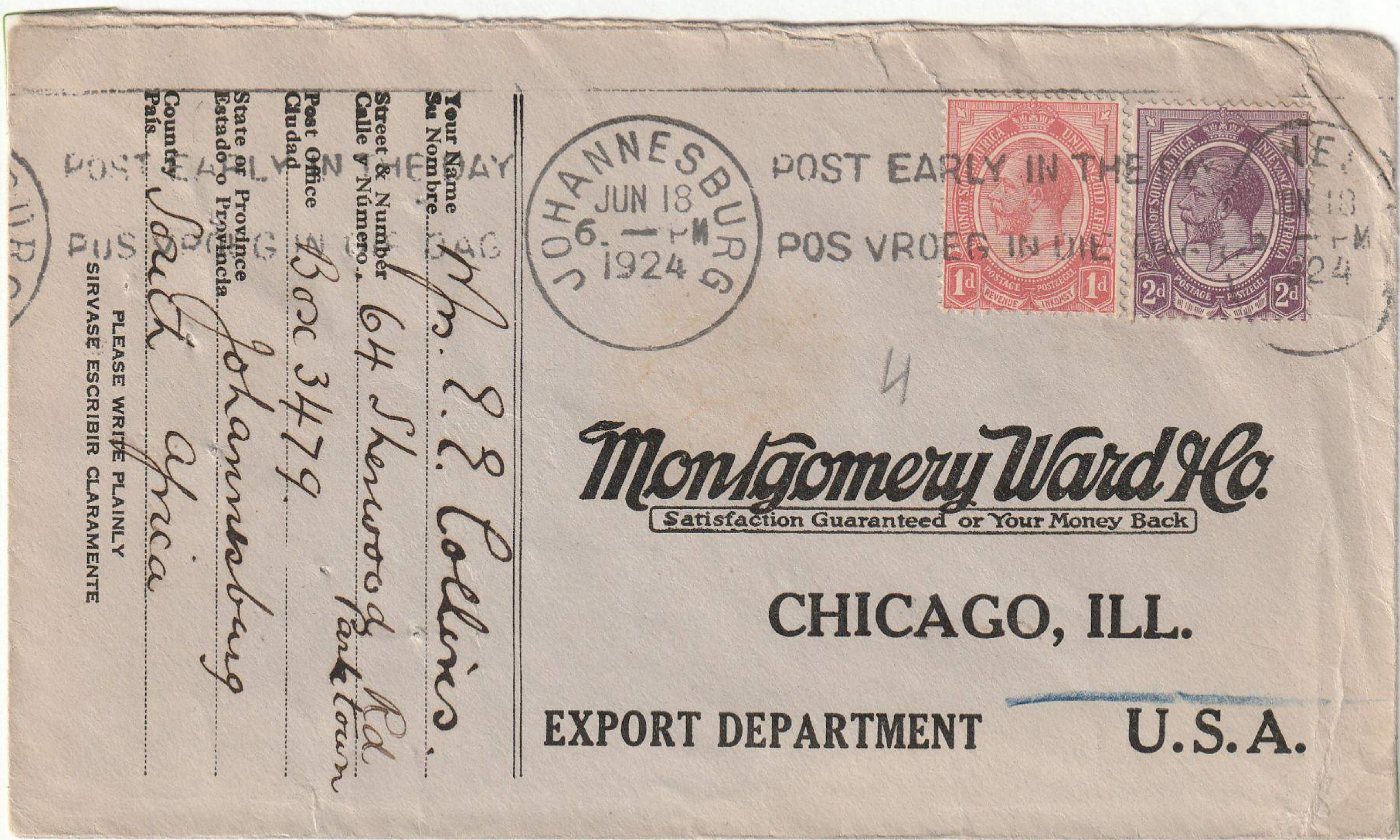
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LETTERCARD KALK BAY TO CLAREMONT 1920 PENALTY 1D



LETTER JOHANNESBURG TO CHICAGO USA JUNE 18 1924



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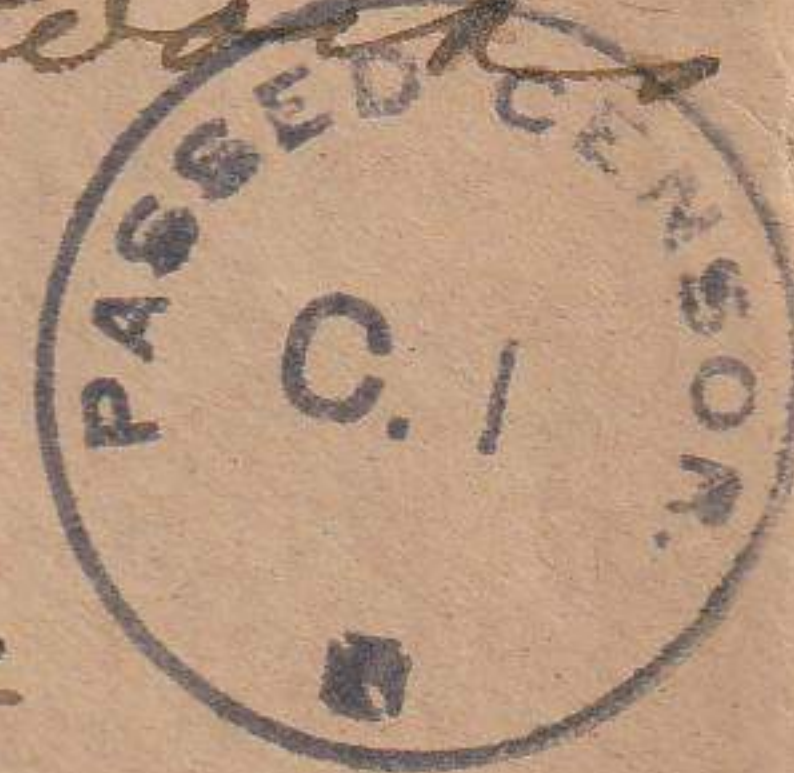
*6 Wall Street*  
P.O. Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

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*to S.A.*

COVER TO NEW YORK AT THE FOREIGN POSTAL RATE  
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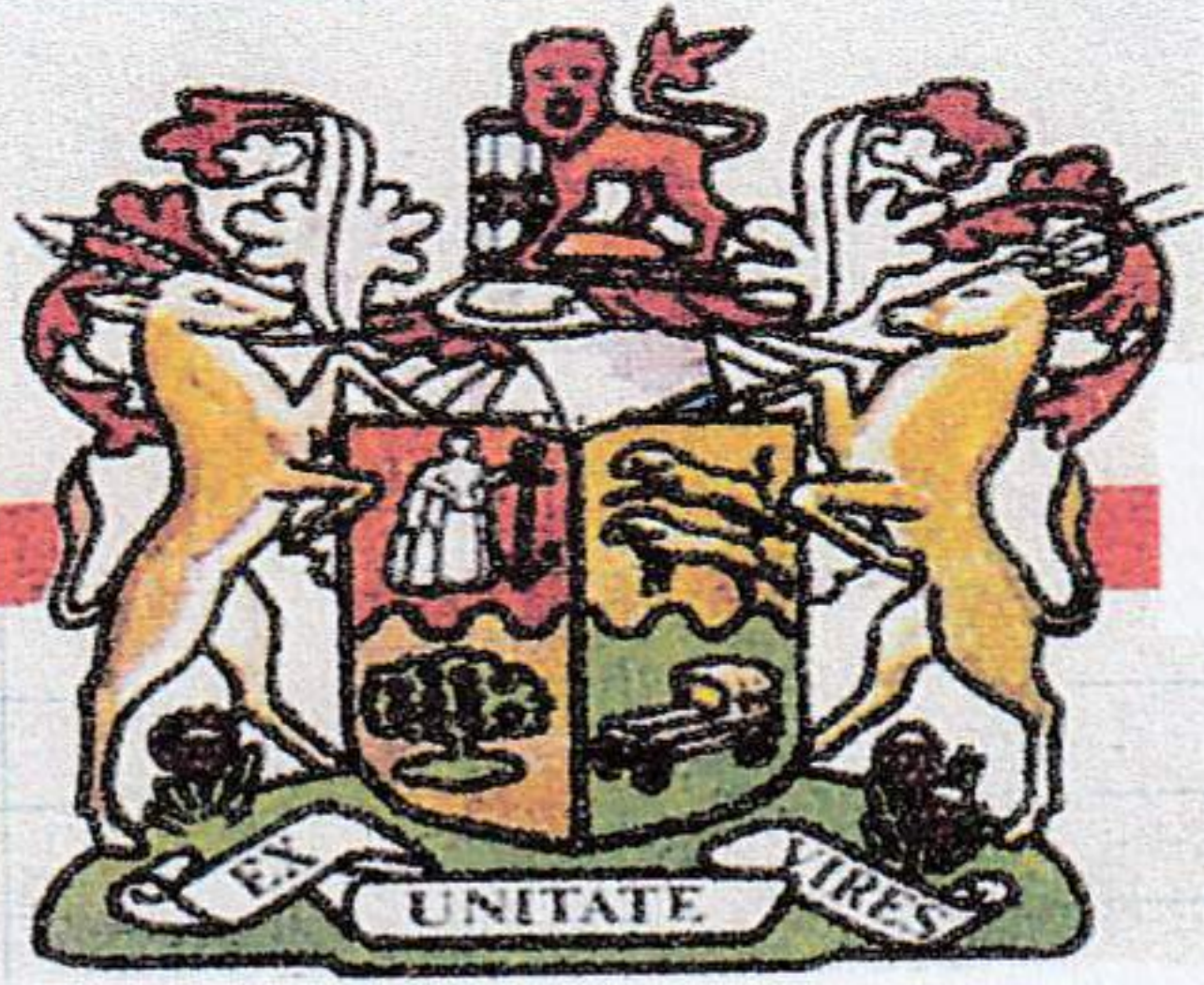
*Rep. The Acme White Lead*  
*Color works*  
*Detroit.*  
*Michigan*  
*U.S.A.*



COVER TO DETROIT AT THE FOREIGN POSTAL RATE  
10 NOVEMBER 1915 PASSED BY CENSOR



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Messrs. The "Barr" Rubber. Products. Co.

Sandusky.

Ohio.

U.S.A.

18 x 3 = 18.75

3 X PENNY COILS (MISCUT BY VENDING MACHINE)  
CORRECT RATE TO USA\

*27/6/24*

*Coil*



V. C. Whitehorn Esq.,

Southern Star Insurance Co.,

315-317, Collins Street,

MELBOURNE.

Australia.

TWOPENNY COIL  
CORRECT RATE TO AUSTRALIA

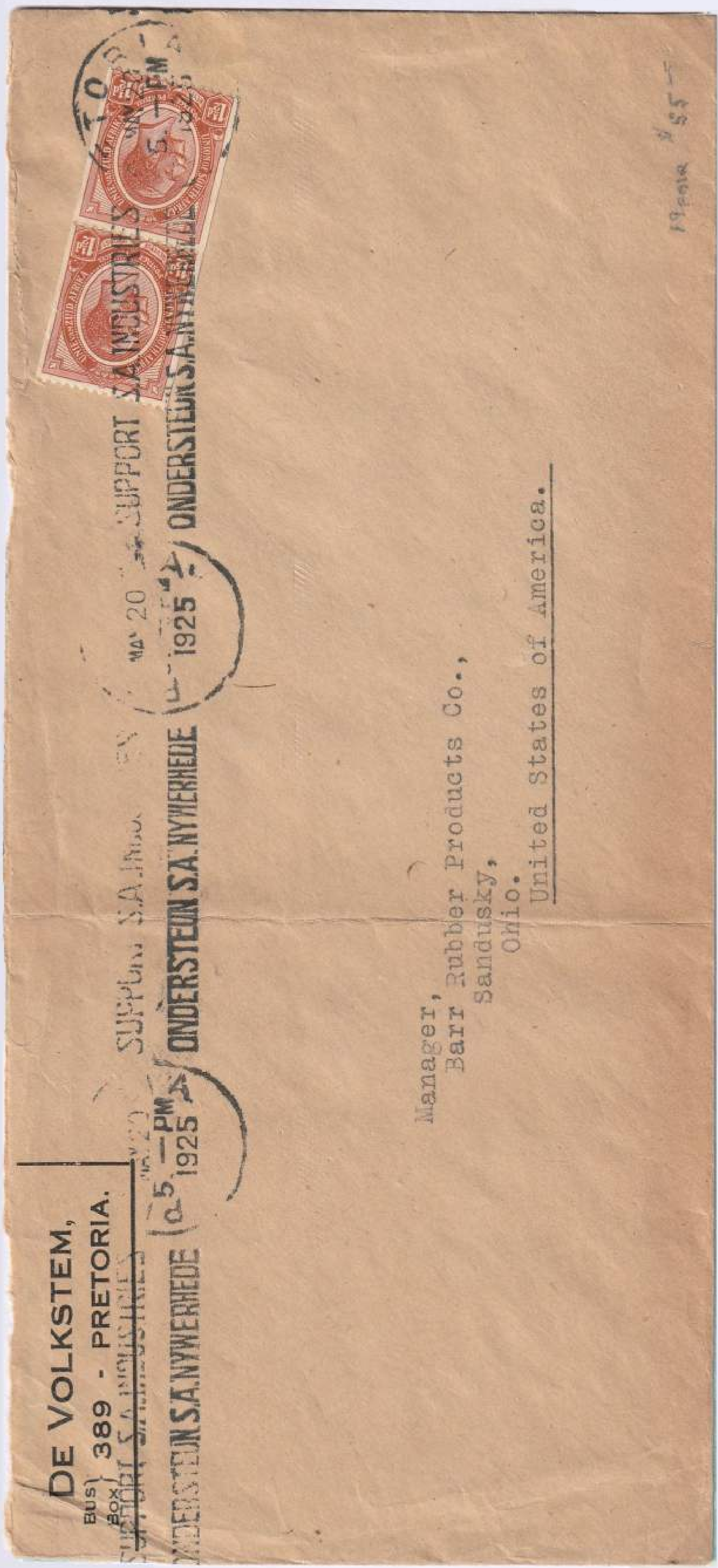




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**KINGS HEAD 2 TIMES PENNY HALF-  
PENNY COIL STAMPS USED ON  
COVER TO THE U.S.A**



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BUS BOX 389 - PRETORIA.  
SUPPORT SA INDUSTRIES  
ONDERSTEIN S.A. NYWERHEDE

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Manager,  
Barr Rubber Products Co.,  
Sandusky,  
Ohio.  
United States of America.

BACK OF COVER

**GEE ONS GOEIE PAAIE  
GIVE US GOOD ROADS**

1925 55





## TELEGRAPHIC USE OF KINGS HEAD VALUES

A Mr G Reynolds wrote an article in the S A Philatelist in 1929 about the quantity of high value Kings Heads that were for sale considering that very few could have been postally used. He states that he doubts if 1% of the 1 pound stamps available from dealers had been genuinely postally used !!!

He stated that at the parcel of 11 lb sent to and 9 pence Who would 10/- are therefore available, he maintains, from Post offices that do use the same date stamp



ruling postal rates the maximum would be for a Northern Rhodesia and would cost 13 shillings use a 1 pound stamp when 13/9 would do !! possible but rare. The 1 pound stamps that are have been removed from telegraph forms not have dedicated Telegraph counters and for telegraphic as well as postal material.

The big centres such as Johannesburg, Cape Town, Pretoria, and Bloemfontein had separate Telegraphic counters together with telegraphic cancellers, therefore normal postal date stamps were not used for tigrams at these offices.

These telegraphic cancellations, according to H. E. Lobdell, can be any of the following:-

- a. Circle with a numeral in the centre, (counter clerk numbers)
- b. Dated cancel with C.T.O. in the centre (Central Telegraph Office)
- c. Date stamp with "Controller" in the circle (Controller of the Central Telegraph Office)
- d. Small numerals being the consecutive number attached to telegram when handed in
- e. A 5 pointed star punched through the stamp ( used for cables)
- f. Small hole perforations, part of a pattern spelling "cancelled"





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TELEGRAPHIC CANCELS USED ON KINGS HEAD VALUES

COUNTER CLERK CANCELS



COUNTER CLERK CANCELS



DATED C.T.O. CANCEL



DATED CONTROLLER



5 POINTED STAR CANCEL



SMALL HOLE PERFORATION CANCEL







# The End

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