ZAR and Transvaal date-stamps until Union: a working catalogue. Part 1: AANGEWIJS to BISLEY.

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Purpose, approach and sources

The purpose of this catalogue is to provide a chronological listing of the date-stamps used by the postal authorities in Transvaal, from the beginnings until Union (31 May 1910). Handwritten cancellations are outside the scope of this catalogue even when dated.

The best listing of Transvaal date-stamps is found in Putzel's catalogue (Putzel and Visser 1992-2003; hereinafter referred to as Put) and Alex Visser's Addenda (Visser nd; referred to as Add). However these rarely give earliest and latest known dates of use, and are not easy to refer to because information is awkwardly divided between them as new postmarks are reported.

We are very conscious that this catalogue is a work in progress. New postmarks are still being frequently reported, and published information on dates of use is still often very sketchy. Part of the purpose of this catalogue is to encourage collectors to report new cancellations and new dates. If enough are reported, our intention is to make updates of sections of the published catalogue available on the internet.

Putzel's and Visser's numbering will be used for date-stamp types. While this can look a bit odd, since their numbering is sometimes not in chronological order, this will spare collectors the confusion of yet another numbering system, and make it easier to reorder this catalogue when new information changes the order of known first use of different instruments.

Other published sources on which this catalogue depends heavily are:

- Mathews' Transvaal Philately (Mathews 1986, hereinafter referred to as Mat),
- Putzel's Encyclopedia of post offices and agencies (Putzel 1986-90, (Ency)),
- the series of three articles on ZAR date-stamps published by Alan Drysdall and George van den Hurk in *The Transvaal Philatelist* (van den Hurk and Drysdall 1993 (vdH&D), van den Hurk 1993 (vdH), and Drysdall and van den Hurk 1994 (D&vdH)), and
- Aab's website (Aab nd).

For full details see bibliography.

Listing conventions and abbreviations:

Office information (follows Ency):

PAK Post Agent Kantoor (until 1900)

PA Postal Agency (after 1900)

PO Post Office

PWK Post Wissel Kantoor (post office and money order office, until 1900)

RO Rail Postal Agency

SO Sub Post Office

TO Telegraph Office, also T = Telegraph in combinations such as RTO and PTA

Types of cancellers, and measurements:

As an aid to searching, descriptions of date-stamp types start with a brief code indicating what kind of date-stamp it is, following the approach used by Frescura (2018) but adapted for the different kinds used in the ZAR and Transvaal:

DC double circle

DC.ICB double circle, inner broken

DC.IHM double circle, inner half moons DC.RO double circle, RO at bottom

DC.TRA double circle, TRANSVAAL at bottom

DC.TVL double circle, TVL at bottom DC.ZAR double circle, ZAR at bottom

DO double oval

RDR rectangular dated registration

SC single circle SC.R single circle relief

SC.ZAR single circle, ZAR at bottom

SO single oval SQC squared circle

SQC.ICB squared circle, inner circle broken

SQ.OCT squared octagon TC triple circle

TDC truncated double circle

Diameters are taken from the centre of the outer line of the cancellation on one side to the centre of the outer line on the other side – not as an overall maximum, which varies depending on inking. In most cases measurements taken in this way are reproducible to the nearest 1mm, but not with greater precision. The same basic approach is used for other measurements as appropriate. When measurement has have been estimated from an image, this has normally been done using the size of the stamp as a known dimension.

Details:

The detailed descriptions are mostly self-explanatory, starting with whatever appears at the top of the date-stamp – usually the office name, separated by / from whatever appears at the bottom of the date-stamp, and then a description of the side ornaments if present:

- asterisk is avoided as lacking precision
- 5-pointed and 6-pointed stars are frequently used as side ornaments in ZAR date-stamps
- x is frequently used as an ornament, especially in Transvaal date-stamps; because of wear and ink build-up, it is sometimes hard to distinguish from a large dot or a +-cut stop
- +-cut stop a stop cut vertically and horizontally, creating four smaller stops in an x
- hollow crosses, found in some ZAR date-stamps (e.g. BARBERTON Put 8 and Add 8x) are large cross-shaped stops with a cut (i.e. a white line) down the middle of each arm of the cross; these can fill with dried ink, and are subject to damage with use
- Maltese crosses are less often used in Transvaal than in the Cape; however
- x-cut stops a stop cut from top left to bottom right and from top right to bottom left, leaving four smaller stops in a cross-shaped pattern, which with wear and dried ink accumulation, can start to look like a small Maltese cross, especially when the stop that is cut is approximately square or rectangular.

The form in which dates are given varies in ZAR and Transvaal date-stamps. The day of the month is given as two digits (dd), followed or preceded by the month, usually abbreviated as two (e.g. OC (mm)) or three (e.g. OCT (mmm)) letters; the year is usually given as either two or four digits (e.g. 89 (yy) or 1907 (yyyy). Sometimes a "time code letter" (t) is included, usually between the month and the year (e.g. dd mmm tyy); sometimes the time is given in hours and minutes (thm), usually after the year (e.g. dd mmm yy thm) and followed by AM or PM. tcl: lists time code letters seen, including –, \blacksquare and blank where appropriate.

Images:

are of variable quality, as a result of the range of sources; they are reproduced as close to 1:1 as possible. The diameter of the image should be compared with the diameter given in the description before taking measurements from the images, or can be estimated using the size of any stamp as a known dimension.

Date ranges:

give the earliest known date and latest known date; where there is thought to be a significant change or gap, an earlier range may be followed by a later range.

Uncertainty and doubt:

Where a cancellation cannot be read, this is indicated by an asterisk, e.g. 2* JUN 190*; where a reading is uncertain, this is indicated by parentheses, e.g. 24 JUN 190(7); where a reading suggested by another source seems doubtful for some reason, this is indicated by square brackets, e.g. 24 JUN [1900].

Sources of images and dates:

These are given where possible. Many are from published sources (Aab, D&vdH, Put, vdH, vdH&D, Add (for full references see bibliography). Otherwise ATV = Alex Visser's collection; BP = Bas Payne's collection, MH = Michael Hamilton's website (http://www.michael-hamilton.com/). PC = private collection.

Corrections and additions:

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AANGEWIJS

approx. 25 km NW of Bethal (shown on 1898 Post Office Guide map)

PAK opened 01.01.1898, no longer appears In Post Office Guide for 07.1899 (Ency)

No date-stamps known.

ABELSKOP

approx. 60 km NW of Bloemhof

PA opened 23.11.1905, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 1 = Add 1*

25 mm DC.TRA

ABELSKOP / TRANSVAAL, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm yyyy

(4) DEC 190(7) Aab – 4 NOV 1910 Aab



Aab



BP: Date looks like 1903, but stamp not yet issued and office not open at that

ADAMONT

Head Office Standerton, so presumably in that area

PA listed 1909, probably short-lived (Ency)

No date-stamps known.

AFRIKANDER MINE

approx. 20 km W of Klerksdorp

PO opened 15.5.1910, open → Union (Ency)

Add 1

(29) mm DC.TRA

AFRIKANDER MINE / TRANSVAAL, date as dd mmm tyy

21 AUG 12 Aab

tcl: P seen.



Aab

AGATHA

presumably near Leydsdorp, W of Pietersburg

PO open 1887, ?transferred to LEIJDSDORP; PAK opened 1.5.1890 – closed 30.6.1892 (Ency)

Put 1, Add 1a

23 mm SC.ZAR

AGATHA / Z.A.R., dots at sides, date as t / mm dd / wy

22 JU 81 Put¹, AU 22 90 Aab - AU 22 91 Aab

tcl: blank, B seen

seen in blue ink.

¹ Example in Cultural Museum, probably not true date as well before opening and instrument type not known otherwise at that date; unusual also at that date in having dd mm rather than mm dd



BP



Aab

AIRLIE

approx. 55 km E of Belfast

SO transferred from Station 1908, PTA 1909, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1

25 mm DC .TVL

AIRLIE / TVL, date as dd mmm yy

25 SEP 07 Aab - 15 AUG 10 Put

EKD before date given by Ency for transfer



Aab

May have had a relief canceller: see Mat p. 163.

none seen

AIRLIE RAIL

approx. 55 km E of Belfast

(TO 1904); PTA (Rail) opened 1905, transferred to Airlie as SO 1908 (Ency)

No date-stamps known (it would appear that AIRLIE Put 1 was used at AIRLIE RAIL before transfer).

ALBASINI'S PLACE

presumably near Spelonken, E of Louis Trichardt private mail coach service 1850-1860 period; later reopened as SPELONKEN (Ency)

No date-stamps likely to be found.

ALBERTON

approx. 10 km S of Johannesburg

PA opened 1.6.1905, SO 1906, PO 1.9.1909, open → Union (Ency)

Put 2x

25 mm DC.TRA

ALBERTON / TRANSVAAL, xs at sides, date as dd mmm tvv

15 AUG 07 Aab - 2 FEB 42 ATV

tcl: A, P seen

Put says tcl changed to P between 1925 and 1935; however P now recorded in 1912, and A in 1942; probably A used for a.m. and P for p.m..



RΡ



Aab

ALEWIJNSKOP

approx. 80 km N of Zeerust

PAK opened 1.4.1892, (closed during Boer War), last listed 1904 (Ency)

Add 1

25 mm DC.ZAR

ALEWIJNSKOP / Z.A.R., 5pointed stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy

21 AUG 98 BP



ВР

ALKMAAR

approx.20 km W of Nelspruit

PA opened 7.1903, closed about 3.1906; PA reopened ca. 9.1909, open → Union (Ency)

Put 2

26 mm DC

ALKMAAR / x, Date as dd mm yyyy

27 APR 1910 Aab – 21 MAY 193* BP

Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.



Aab

ALKMAAR RAIL

RO opened 1893, closed 1895; PA Rail op. 15.10.1902, (TO 1.1903), (RTO 3.1904), PTA 9.1906, handed back to PO 9.1909 (Ency)

No date-stamps known.

ALLISONIA

Head Office Standerton, so presumably in that

area

PA opened 3.3.1905, (+TO 1.4.1905), SO 1906, PA 1910, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Add 1

(24) mm DC.TRA

ALLISONIA / TRANSVAAL, xs at sides, date as dd mmm tyy

** APR 07 PC

tcl: A seen.



Add

ALMA

approx. 40 km W of Nylstroom

PA first listed 1909, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1, Add 1a

25 mm DC.TRA

ALMA / TRANSVAAL, (xs) at sides, date as dd mmm tyy

13 SEP 08 ATV - 24 JAN 55

ATV

tcl: (F) and – seen



Aab

AMERSFOORT

approx. 35 km N of Volksrust

PAK opened 1.6.96, (closed during Boer War), PO open in 1903, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 1 = Add 1*

24 mm DC .ZAR

AMERSFOORT / Z.A.R., 5pointed stars at sides, date as dd mmm vv

20 OCT 96 BP - 5 AUG 00 Aab



BP



ВР

Add 1x

SQC.ICB

AMERSFOORT, date as dd mmm yyyy

16 JUN 1900 BP



ВР

Add 2x

29 mm DC.IHM

AMERSFOORT / ?, date as dd mmm yy hh mm thm

*2 JAN 04 BP - 28 JUN 04 Aab



BP

Put 2 = Add 2*

25 mm DC

AMERSFOORT / x-cut rectangle, date as dd mmm yy

15 SEP 04 BP - *2 MAY 15 BP



PC



Add

AMSTERDAM

approx. 70 km E of Ermelo

PAK opened before 1881, last listed 1888

PWK opened 1.4.1892, (closed during Boer War), PO re-opened 1.11.1902, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Add 1x

25 mm SQC.ICB

AMSTERDAM, date as dd

** JU** 1894 PC - *6 AUG 1895 BP, 11 JUNI 1900 BP -4 JULI 1900 BP



ВР



Aab

Aab

Add 1v

SQ OCT

AMSTERDAM / Z.A.R., date as t / dd mmm / yy

A / ** JAN / 95

tcl: A seen



Add 1w

24 mm DC.ZAR

AMSTERDAM / Z.A.R., 5-pointed stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy

26 AUG 95 Aab – 27 APR 00 BP



3P



РС

Put 1

24 mm DC.TVL

AMSTERDAM / TVL, date as dd mmm yy

23 APR 98 Put

Use of TVL in this way has no known parallel in pre-Boer War ZAR cancellers; drawing seems likely to be a misreading. Included for completeness.



Put drawing

Add 1z

25 mm DC

AMSTERDAM / x, date as dd mmm yy

31 JUL 03 Add - 8 OCT 08 Aab



Add

Put 2

24 mm SC.R

AMSTER / DAM, date as dd mm / yy

30 AU 04 Put



Put drawing

Add 1y

24 mm DC.TRA

AMSTERDAM / TRANSVAAL, date as dd mmm yy

30 AUG 06 Aab – 23 JUN 09 ATV



Aab



PC

Put 4

28 mm DC.TRA

AMSTERDAM / TRANSVAAL, date as dd mmm tyy

2 OCT 09 Aab - 7 DEC 25 BP

tcl: A and P seen



ВР

ANGELO

approx. 20km E of Johannesburg
PA first listed 9.1909, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1

28 mm DC.TRA

ANGELO / TRANSVAAL, xs at sides, date as dd mm yyyy

11 OCT 1909 Aab – 24 SEP 1915 Put



Aab

ANGELO RAIL

(TO opened 15.10.1902), ?PO 1903- 1904, (then TO only), open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

No date-stamps known.

ANNYSSPRUIT

approx. 25 km W of Piet Retief

PA opened 18.1.1906, SO 1907, PA 1909, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 1, Add 1a

25 mm DC.TRA

ANNYSSPRUIT / TRANSVAAL,

xs at sides, date as dd mmm tyy (cont.)

(cont.)

14 OCT 08 Put – 23 NOV 25 ATV

tcl: A, ■ seen



ANSTRUTHER RAIL

Head Office not given, location unknown RTO listed 1903, 1904; may never have opened (Ency)

No date-stamps known.

APEX RAIL

approx. 30 km E of Johannesburg

(RTO listed 1.1903), renamed BENONI JUNCTION RAIL 26.5.1903 (Ency)

No date-stamps known.

ARDENTINNY

approx. 85 km NE of Ermelo

PA first listed 3.1909, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1

25 mm DC.TRA

ARDENTINNY / TRANSVAAL, date as dd mmm yy

7 DEC 10 Add - 30 NOV 11 Put

post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument



Add

ARGENT

approx. 55 km SW of Witbank

PTA first listed 3.1910, open → Union (Ency)

No date-stamps known.

ARISTON

approx. 5 km S of Klerksdorp

PA first listed 1909, open → Union (Ency)

Add 2

25 mm DC.TRA

ARISTON / TRANSVAAL,? at sides, date as dd mmm tyy

27 JAN 13 Add – 22 JAN 14 ATV

tcl: - seen

Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.



Add

ASHBURY RAIL

probably S of Pretoria

(RTO opened 10.6.1903, last listed 1904); (TO reopened 1912) (Ency)

Add 1

26 mm DC.RO

ASHBURY / R.O.,[asterisks] as side ornaments, date as dd mmm yyyy

6 AUG 1912 Add

Post-Union date, but possibly pre-Union instrument.

no image available

ATHALIA

approx. 5 km E of Piet Retief

PA first listed 3.1910, open → Union (Ency)

Add 1, Add 1a

(29) mm DC.TRA

ATHALIA / TRANSVAAL, date as dd mmm tyy

14 APR 10 Add – 25 APR 10 ATV

tcl: letter and - seen



Add

AUCKLAND PARK

approx. 5 km N of Johannesburg

PO opened 1/2.1904, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 1

26 mm DC

AUCKLAND PARK T.S.O. / JOHANNESBURG, (xs at sides), date as dd mmm yyyy

3 OCT 1917 Put

Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.



Put, partly drawn

AVOCA

approx. 20 km N of Barberton

PAK opened 1.2.1894, (closed during Boer War), re-opened by 1.9.1901, renamed EUREKA STA. 1.3.1903 (Ency)

Add 1

24 mm DC .ZAR

AVOCA / Z.A.R., 5-pointed stars at sides, date as dd mmm tyy

21 APR 96 PC - 16 FEB 00¹

¹ TP 19: 77-8



BP

(cont.)

Add 1 (cont.)



Add 2

(24) mm DC

AVOCA / (blank), (no side ornaments), date as dd mmm yyyy

** MR. 1902 Add

Letters of AVOCA wider than in Add 1.

MR. seen instead of MRT or MAR

Possibly same as AVOCA RAIL R.O. (NATAL) Put 2.



Add

Add 3

25 mm DC.RO

AVOCA / R.O., (6-pointed star at sides), date as dd mmm yy

7 MAY 02 Add – 4 JUN 0(2) Aab

Possibly same instrument as Add 2.



Add



Aab

BADFONTEIN

approx. 25 km S of Lydenburg

PAK opened 1.2.1896, (closed during Boer War), re-opened before 1.6.1903, open → Union (Ency)

Put 2

25 mm DC

BADFONTEIN / x-cut rectangle, date as dd mmm yy

15 OCT 04 ATV – 27 APR 66 Put



RΡ



Aab

Put 1

28 mm DC

(perhaps P.O. or P.O. deleted) BADFONTEIN / (blank), no side ornament, date as dd mmm tyy

2 AP(R) 12 Put

tcl: - seen



Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.

Put drawing

BADZIJNLOOP

approx. 25 km NE of Nylstroom

Office opened 1892, ?closed; (TO opened 24.12.1893), PAK opened 1.10.1895 (temporarily closed 1899), PA reopened 10.1900, probably closed soon after, last listed 1.1904 but may never have re-opened after 1902, (Ency).

No date-stamps known.

BALFOUR

approx. 35 km SW of Heidelberg

PO re-named from VLAKFONTEIN 1.6.1905, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 1, Put 1a

25 mm DC.TRA

BALFOUR / TRANSVAAL, xs at sides, date as dd mmm t yy

10 MAY 06 Put - 7 FEB 11 ATV

tcl: A, ■ seen



Aab

BALFOUR

approx. 35 km SW of Heidelberg

PO re-named from VLAKFONTEIN 1.6.1905, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1, Put 1a

25 mm DC.TRA

BALFOUR / TRANSVAAL, xs at sides, date as dd mmm t yy

10 MAY 06 Put - 7 FEB 11 ATV

tcl: A, ■ seen



Aab

BALFOUR RAIL

probably TO only, re-named from VLAKFONTEIN RAIL 6.1905, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Add 1

25 mm SC

RAILWAY TELEGRAPHS / BALFOUR, (no side ornaments), date unclear



Add

BALMORAL

approx. 35 km W of Middelburg

PAK opened 5.11.1894, (closed during Boer War),

PA re-opened 1.1.1901 and again 15.9.1902, PO 1903, SO 1907, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Add 1x

24 mm DC.ZAR

BALMORAL / Z.A.R., () at sides, date as dd mmm yy 2 FEB 96 BP – 3 APR 00 Aab



Aab

Put 3, Put 3a

25 mm DC

P.O. BALMORAL / +-cut stop, date as dd mmm yyyy (Put 3); later as dd mmm tyy (Put 3a)

25 APR 1902 Aab – 19 SEP 1910 BP (Put 3); 12 MAY (3)1 Put (Put 3a)

tcl: - seen (Put 3a)

seen in blue ink (1902)

MR. seen instead of MRT or MAR



Put 3, BP



Put 3, BP



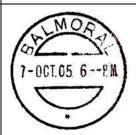
Put 3a, BP

Put 1, = Add 1*

29-30 mm DC.IHM

BALMORAL / small cross, date as dd mmm yy thm

** APR 03 ATV – 11 JUL 08 Aab



Add

Put 4

[24] mm SC.R

BALMORAL / TVL, date as dd mm / yy

7 FE 10 Put – 9 FE 10 Aab



Put

BALMORAL RAIL

RTO opened 1895, (closed during Boer War), reopened 15.10.1902, closed in 1907 (Ency)

No date-stamps known.

BANDOLIERKOP

approx. 35 km S of Louis Trichardt

PAK open before Boer War, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened late 1902, ?closed, PA re-opened 27.7.1906, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1a, Put 1

26 mm DC.TRA

BANDOLIER KOP / TRANSVAAL, +-cut stops at sides, date as dd mmm tyy (Put 1a); later as dd mmm yyyy (Put 1)

** *** *09 Put – 3 MAY 21 ATV(Put 1a), 11 OCT 1921 BP – 2 JUN 1928 Put (Put 1)

tcl: A seen



Put 1a. BP



Put 1, BP

BANK

approx. 10 km SW of Randfontein

PAK first listed 1897, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened 10.12.1900, PTA moved to railway station 15.10.1902.

Add 1x

24 mm DC.ZAR

BANK / Z.A.R., 5-pointed stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy

*8 JAN 00 Aab

only seen in blue ink



Aab

Put 1, Put 1a

25 mm DC

P.O. BANK / +-cut stop, date as dd mmm yyyy (Put 1); later dd mmm tyy (Put 1a)

3 JUL 1901 Aab – 14 SEP 1917 Put (Put 1); 5 OCT 27 Put (Put 1a)

tcl:- seen

MR. seen instead of MRT or MAR

seen in blue ink (1901-1902)

Presumably used at BANK RAIL.



Put 1, Aab



Put 1, BP

BANK RAIL

approx. 10 km SW of Randfontein

PTAR moved to railway station 15.10.1902, PA 3.1910, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 1

26 mm DC

BANK / R.O., xs at sides , date as dd mmm yyyy

13 JAN 1920 Put

tcl: A seen

May have been issued after Union.



Put drawing

BANKFONTEIN

Head Office Breyten, presumably N of Ermelo PA opened 14.1.1903, closed 29.2.1904 (Ency) No date-stamps known.

BANKOP

approx. 50 km E of Ermelo

PA opened 14.3.1905, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1

25 mm DC .TRA

BANKOP / TRANSVAAL, xs at sides, date as dd mmm tyy

12 DEC 08 Aab – ** *** 24 ATV

tcl: A, ■ seen



ВР

BANKPAN

Head Office Bethal, presumably in that area PAK first listed 7.1899, (closed during Boer War), re-opened 30.6.1903, closed 9.1905 (Ency)

Add 1x

25 mm DC

BANKPAN / ? , date as dd mmm yy

8 APR 05 Add



Add

BAPSFONTEIN

approx. 40 km NE of Johannesburg

PAK opened 1.5.1892, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened 30.6.1903, open → Union (Ency)

Add 1x

24 mm DC.ZAR

BAPSFONTEIN / Z.A.R. , 5-pointed stars, date as dd mmm yy

5 AUG 95 BP - 6 APR 99 D&vdH



Aah

Put 1

25 mm DC

BAPSFONTEIN / x-cut square, date as dd mmm yy 5 DEC 03 Aab – 9 JUL 11 Put



PC

BARBERSPAN

approx. 90 km SW of Lichtenburg

PA renamed from ZOUTPANNEN 1905, ?briefly closed, PA re-opened 1.5.1907 open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 1, Put 1a, Put 1b

24 mm DC.TRA

BARBERSPAN / TRANSVAAL, xs at sides, date as dd mmm tyy

10 JUN 05 Aab – 19 MAR 35 Put

tcl: blank, A, ■ seen



Aab

BARBERTON

approx. 310 km E of Johannesburg

PAK opened 23.9.1885, PO 1.10.(1896), (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened 26.11.1900 or 15.10.1901, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 1

21-22 mm SC.ZAR

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{BARBERTON } \ / \ \text{Z.A.R., date} \\ \text{as t } \ / \ \text{mm dd } \ / \ \text{yy} \end{array}$

SP 7 8(6) PC – SP 21 86 Aab - JU 4 88 BP, [DE 13 96 Aab]

tcl: A, B, C, D, E, G, H, K

Also forgeries, A NO.16 85, G NO 15 87, G OC 15 92, A NO.16 93: rather intense black, common.



Aab



ВР



(forgery) BP

Put 2

[46 x 30] mm SO

GEREGISTREERD / BARBERTON, ornaments at sides, date as dd mmm yy between wavy lines

11 AUG 87 Put

only seen in blue ink



Put drawing — ca. two thirds life size

Put 3

22 mm SC

BARBERTON / large dot, date as t / mm dd / yy, occasionally / dd mm / yy

AU 27 87 Aab - JY 26 89 BP

tcl: B seen

seen in blue ink (1887-1888)

Frequently on higher values (1/-, 2/6): possibly telegraphic use.



ВР

Add 2x

32 x 23 mm SO

BARBERTON / (emblem), date as dd mmm yy

** NOV 87 Aab – ** MAR 88 Aab, also *0 APR 8* Add

Only seen in blue ink, probably telegraphic use.



Add

30 mm TDC

BARBERTON Z.A.R., date as blank / mm dd yy / 6pointed star, occasionally dd mm yy

JU 12 88 BP - OC 5 95 Aab

"3" below date illustrated in drawing in Put, but seems unlikely.



Aab



PC

Add 2y

50 x 14 mm RDR

GEREGISTREERD / date as dd mmm yy / BARBERTON Z.A.R.

(28 SEP 91) BP - 31 DEC 91

blue ink seen



Put - ca. two-thirds life size

Put 4

SQC.ICB

BARBERTON, date as dd/mmmm / yyyy

27 SEPT 1892 Put - 25 AUG 1900 BP

only seen in blue ink, probably telegraphic use



BP

Put 6

22 mm DC.ZAR

BARBERTON / Z.A.R., date as / mm dd / yy

AP 4 94 PC – JY 5 94 PC – [OC 27 94 Put¹]

Smaller letters than Put 1, more widely set.

¹ vdD&H: struck from canceller in museum.



PC



Put

Add 8x

24 mm DC.ZAR

P.W.K. BARBERTON / Z.A.R., hollow crosses at sides, date as dd mmm yy

[11 JAN 90 Aab] 19 SEP 94 PC – 26 NOV 98 PC; 11 APR 00 Aab – 6 AUG 00 ***



Add



D&vdH

Put 8, Put 8a, Add 8w

24 mm DC.ZAR

BARBERTON / Z.A.R., hollow crosses at sides, date as dd mmm yy

29 SEP 94 PC - 19 JAN 01

Put and others have suggested that there are two instruments of this type; this seems likely as there is considerable variation in the strikes seen, especially in the appearance of the side ornaments; however no clear separation has yet been described.



ΒP



Aab



ВР

Add 10x

25 mm DC

BARBERTON / small x or +cut stop, date as dd mmm

9 MR 1901 ATV – 28 OCT 1919 ATV

MR. seen instead of MRT or MARLettering differs from Put 10 – wider-spaced, O narrower; also date format different.



ВР

30 mm DC.IHM

BARBERTON / x or +-cut stop, date as dd mmm yy thm

30 AUG 01 PC - 17 MAR 06



Aab

Put 11

25 mm DC

BARBERTON / blank, x-cut stops at sides, date as dd mmm yy

18 AUG 02 PC - 6 APR 14 ATV

Put 21 (later) is similar but has larger letters.



RP



BP

Put 10

26 mm DC

BARBERTON / x, date as dd mmm tyy

12 JAN 07 PC – 15 NOV 13 ATV

tcl: A, C, D, E, F, G, H, J seen



BP



Aab

BARBERTON RAIL

approx. 310 km E of Johannesburg

TO opened 12.1895, RTO first listed 15.10.1902, TAR from 4.1905, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

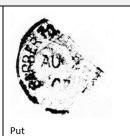
Put 1

[25] mm SC.?R

BARBERTON (*****) / (*), date as / mm dd / yy

AU 2 (07) Put

Put suggests this may be an early relief canceller.



BAVIAANSKRANS, BAVIAANSKRANTZ

Head Office Klerksdorp, presumably in that area

PA opened 7.11.1903, closed 30.9.1904. PA reopened 1909, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

No date-stamps known.

BECHWICK SIDING RAIL

? = Beechwick, approx. 20 km NW of Volksrust (RTO listed 1904, but may never have opened) (Ency)

No date-stamps known.

BEERLAAGTE

approx. 40 km S of Heidelberg

PA opened 16.05.1903, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 1

26 mm DC

BEERLAAGTE / (x), date as dd mmm yyyy

** MAR 1906 ATV – 11 MAR 1919 Put



Aab

BEGIN DER LIJN, BEGIN DER LYN

approx. 25 km S of Ermelo

PA opened 3.3.1891, (closed during Boer War), re-opened between 1.7.1902 and 30.6.1903, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Add 3

24 mm DC.ZAR

BEGIN DER LIJN / Z.A.R., 5-pointed stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy

24 JAN 94 D&vdH – 1 MEI 98 BP



ВР

Put 1

25 mm DC

BEGIN DER LYN / (blank), date as dd mmm yy

21 MEI 96 Put

Drawing only; probably Add 3, misread (LYN for LIJN).



Put drawing

Put 2 = Add 2*, Add

26 mm DC

BEGINDERLYN / ?, date as dd mmm yy (Put 2); later as dd.mmm.tyy (Add 2a)

** DEC 03 Aab – 19 MAY 08 Put (Put 2); ** AUG - 12 Put (Add 2a)

tcl: - seen (Add 2a)



Put 2, Aab



Add 2a, Put

BEIT STREET, JOHANNESBURG

approx. 2 km NE of Johannesburg

SO opened 1.12.1903, closed 1.2.1905. (Reopened 1.3.1905 as DOORNFONTEIN (Ency)

Add 1

26 mm DC

BEIT STREET T.S.O. / JOHANNESBURG, x at sides, date as dd mmm yyyy

xx xxx 190* Add



BELFAST

approx. 215 km E of Johannesburg.

BELFAST PWK opened 1.6.1893, (closed during Boer War), PO re-opened 1.4.1901, transferred to BELFAST RAIL 1902/3, transferred back to BELFAST about 1904, open → Union (Ency)

SQ.OCT

(BELFAST / Z.A.R., date as t / mm dd / yy)

Listed by vdH, no details.

none seen

Put 2

24 mm DC.ZAR

BELFAST / Z.A.R., 5-pointed stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy

2 MRT 95 BP – 28 MEI 00 D&vdH (cont.)

Put 2 (cont.)





Add 2x

SQC.ICB

BELFAST, date as dd mmm yyyy

6 JUN 1900 BP – 25 JUL 1900 BP



Add



Aab

Add 2y

25 mm DC

BELFAST / +-cut stop, date as dd mmm yyyy

29 AUG 1901 BP – 13 OCT 1919 ATV



Aab



Add 2z

30 mm DC.ICB

BELFAST / +-cut stop, date as dd mmm yy thm

29 DEC 02 BP



BP, Add

Put 3

29-30 mm DC.ICB

BELFAST / TVL, date as dd mmm yy thm

11 MAY 05 BP - 9 MAY 11 Put 12 19

ВР

Put 3 (cont.)



(25) mm DC.TVL
BELFAST / TVL, date as dd
mmm yyyy

10 AUG 1907 ATV – 20 JUN
1919 ATV



BP

BELFAST RAIL

PO transferred from BELFAST 1902/1903, transferred back about 1904;TO thereafter, open → Union (Ency)

No date-stamps known.

BELGRAVIA, JOHANNESBURG

approx. 1 km NW of Johannesburg

PA opened 1.5.1904, S.O. 1.7.1905, PO 1.8.1905, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 2

26 mm DC

BELGRAVIA / JOHANNESBURG, xs at sides, date as dd mmm yyyy

4 DEC 1911 Aab - ** *** 1937 Put

Post-Union date, but pre-Union type.



Aab



BP

BELLEVUE, JOHANNESBURG

approx.5 km NE of Johannesburg

PO opened 15.9.1908, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1 = Add 1*

24 mm DC BELLEVUE T.S.O. / JOHANNESBURG, ? at sides, date as dd mmm tyy

(cont.)

(cont.)



Add

10 JUN 10 Add -3 SEP 10 ATV

tcl: - seen

post-Union date, but pre-Union type

ATV

BENONI

approx. 30 km E of Johannesburg

PAK opened 12.5.1891, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened 1.8.1901, PO 1.2.1902, open → Union (Ency)

Add 1x

24 mm DC.ZAR
BENONI / Z.A.R., date as

dd mmm yy 5 MRT 94 BP – 22 JUL 99

5 MRT 94 BP – 22 JUL 99 Aab



BP

(Add 1x)



Aab

Put 2, Put 7 = Add 7*

24 mm DC

BENONI / blank, 5-pointed stars at sides, date as dd mmm tyy

** AUG 01 Put – 15 MAY 22 Put

MR. seen instead of MRT or MAR

Probably Add 1x modified.



PC



BP (above and below)



Put 3, Put 31, (Add 3a)

30 mm DC.ICB

BENONI / cross-cut stop, date as dd mmm yy thm (Put 3); later as dd mmm tyy or dd mmm yyt (Put 31)

3 APR 02 Put – 7 SEP 03 PC (Put 3); 23 JUL 04 BP – 22 JAN 07 Put (Put 31)

tcl (Put 31): D (before yy) and E (after yy) seen



Put 3, PC



Put 31, BP

Add 26

25 mm SC.R

BENONI / TVL, date as dd mm / yy

16 NO 08 Aab



Aab

Put 1

24 mm DC.TRA

BENONI / TRANSVAAL, x at sides, date as dd mmm tyy $[11 \text{ JUL } 00 \text{ Put}]^1 - 19 \text{ APR}$

09 Aab – 30 NOV 15 PC tcl: B, F, G, H, - seen

As Put 4, but smaller side ornaments higher in relation to the date line.

¹improbably early date in Put drawing: ,seems likely to be a misreading



Aab



BP

Put 4

28 mm DC.TRA

BENONI / TRANSVAAL, x at sides, date as dd mmm tyy

xx JAN 10 BP – 2 DEC 12 BP

tcl: A, C, F, G, H, J, K seen



BENONI JUNCTION RAIL / STATION

RTO renamed from APEX STATION RAIL 26.5.1903, renamed BENONI RAIL 1.6.1905, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1

24 mm DC.TRA

BENONI STATION / TRANSVAAL, , date as dd mmm tyy

6 AUG 17 Put

tcl: - seen

Post-Union date, but pre-Union type.



Put

BERGEN

approx. 30 km S of Piet Retief

PAK opened 1.9.1894, (closed during Boer War), ?re-opened 1.7.1902 and then closed; PA re-opened 30.6.1903, closed 1.1.1905. PA re-opened again by 1908, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 1

29 mm DC.IHM

BERGEN / TRANSVAAL, date as (dd mmm yy)

10 MAR 10 ATV – 1.AUG 19 ATV – [2 DEC 35 Put]¹

¹Put 1 drawing: date oddly spread out; but possible as PA still open and no other canceller reported.



Aab

BERGENDAL

According to Ency, 140 km E of Pretoria on the Lourenço Marques railway, i.e. between Middelburg and Belfast.

PAK opened 1.2.1887, closed 1893 (Ency)

Add 1

SQ.OCT

BERGENDAL / Z.A.R., date as t / dd / yy

2* (SEP) 91 Add

tcl: A seen



Add

BERGPLAATS

approx. 55 km SE of Piet Retief
PA first listed 1909, open → Union (Ency)

28 mm DC.TRA

BERGPLAATS / TRANSVAAL, x at sides, date as dd mmm tvv

15 JUL 09 Aab – 19 SEP 14 Put

tcl: V, - reported



Aab

BERGVALLEI

PAK opened 1.4.1896, no later listing; perhaps same as BERGVLEI (Ency)

No date-stamps known

BERGVLEI

approx. 10 km NE of Johannesburg

PAK opened 1.1.1897, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened 30.6.1903, open → Union; perhaps same as BERGVALLEI (Ency)

Add 2

24-25 mm DC.ZAR

BERGVLEI / Z.A.R., 5pointed stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy

3 MRT 98 BP – 10 JUL 99 Add



PC, (Add)

Put 1 = Put 2 = Add 1*

25 mm DC

BERGVLEI / x, date as dd mmm yy

22 NOV 04 Aab – 26 NOV 28



Add



ВР

BERTRAMS

approx. 5 km E of Johannesburg

SO opened 1.3.1903, PO 1.10.1903, last listed 1905; PO re-opened 1.8.1908, ?closed and re-opened 1909, closed 1.9.1909; STO re-opened 1910, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 1 = Add 1

26 mm DC

BERTRAMS T.S.O. / JOHANNESBURG, xs at sides, date as dd mmm yyyy

24 DEC 1903 ATV – 18 MAR 08 Aab



Aab

BETHAL

approx. 155 km E of Johannesburg

PAK opened 1.2.1886, PWK 1.9.1896, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened by 15.9.1902, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 1

SQ.OCT

BETHAL / Z.A.R., date as t / dd mmm / yy

3 MEI 94 Put

tcl: A seen



Put drawing

Add 1x

24 mm DC.ZAR

BETHAL / Z.A.R., 5-pointed stars at sides, date as dd

2 JUN 96 BP - ** APR 00 Add

All examples seen with no stop after dd and stop after yy as in example illustrated. Canceller probably supplied with number wheels transposed.



ΒP



Aab

Add 1w

SQC.ICB

BETHAL, date as dd mmm yyyy

** JU* 19(00) BP



BP

Put 2 = Add 2*

25mm, SC.R

BETHAL / blank, date as dd mm / yyyy

17 VI 19[00]¹ Put

month in Roman numerals

¹ Included for completeness, but date



certainly in error: also seen dated 15 X / 1960, and month in Roman numerals otherwise not known for Transvaal pre-Union.

Put drawing

Put 5x = Add 5x*

24mm DC

BETHAL / short horizontal line, date as dd mmm yy

20 DEC 02 (Lundy) Aab - 29 JUN 15 ATV

MR. seen instead of MRT or MAR



PC

Put 4 = Put 5

28 mm DC.IHM

BETHAL / cross-cut stop, date as dd mmm yy thm

*8 M** 03 BP – 2 SEP 05 ATV, then ** *** 10 - 10 MR 15 Put

MR. seen instead of MRT or MAR



PC



РС

Put 3 = Add 3*

25 mm DC.TRA

BETHAL / TRANSVAAL, xs at sides, date as dd mmm tyy 10 APR 08 ATV – 14 JUN 09

ATV

tcl: A, P seen



ВР

Put 7 = Put 13

28 mm DC.TRA

BETHAL / TRANSVAAL, date as dd mmm tyy

16 DEC 09 PC – 2 OCT 51 Put

tcl: A, P, - seen



PC

Put 2

26 mm DC.RO

BETHAL / R.O., date as dd mmm yyyy

6 SEP 190(4) Put¹ – 7 JAN 1910 ATV

on ORC stamp, which is surprising given the date, but date seems clear



Put

Put 7

(26) mm DC

RAILWAY TELEGRAPHS / BETHAL, date as dd mmm vv

13 NOV (10) Put



Put

BETHANIE

approx. 45km NW of Pretoria

PAK opened 1.6.1892, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened by 30.6.1903, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Add 1x

24 mm DC.ZAR

BETHANIE / Z.A.R., 5pointed stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy

3 FEB 94 BP – 12 NOV 98 D&vdH



ВР

Put 1 = Add 1*

24 mm DC

BETHANIE / x-cut rectangle, date as dd mmm yy

17 MR 01 ATV – 22 DEC 13

MR. seen instead of MRT or MAR



PC



PC

BETHAL RAIL

TO opened 1.11.1905, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

26 mm DC.TRA

BETHANIE / TRANSVAAL, date as dd mmm yy; reused in 1970 with month in Roman numerals

17 OCT 11 ATV – 24 SEP13 ATV



Put drawing

BETTY STREET, JOHANNESBURG

approx. 2 km E of Johannesburg

SO opened 2.7.1906, PO 8.1906, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 1

24 mm DC

BETTY S^T (SO) / JOHANNESBURG, short bars at sides, date as dd mmm yyyy

** *** 08 ATV – xx DEC 19(12) Put



Aab

BEURS, JOHANNESBURG

central Johannesburg

PO opened 1.3.1891, closed 1899/1900 (Ency)

Renamed STOCK EXCHANGE after Boer War.

Add 3

24 mm SC

JOHANNESBURG / BEURS dots at sides, date as dd / mm yy

27 AP 91 ATV – 18 SP 94 vdH&D



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Add 1

SQC.ICB

JOHSBURG BEURS, date as dd mmm yyyy

10 JAN 1892 ATV – 30 SEP 1896 ATV

Add suggests that an attempt has been made to remove BEURS (12 DEC 95).



Aab



Add

Add 2

24-25 mm DC

GEREGISTREERD / JHBRG BEURS, fleurons at sides, date as dd mmm yy

22 JUL 95 BP – 2.MEI 97.ATV

seen in black and in blue ink

All examples seen with no stop after dd and stop after yy as in examples illustrated. Canceller probably supplied with number wheels transposed.



RP



ВP



ВР

DE BEURS Put 1

(24) mm DC

DE BEURS JOHANNESBURG / Z. A. R., date as dd mmm yy

10 JUL 97 D&vdH – 15 SEP 99 Aab



Put

BEZUIDENHOUT VALLEY

approx. 5 km E of Johannesburg

SO opened 1906/1907, open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Put 1 = Add 1*

27 mm DC

BEZUIDENHOUT VALLEY / JOHANNESBURG, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm yyyy

19 AUG 1907 Aab – 16 OCT 1924 Put

(Cont.)



BP

Put 1 = Add 1* (Cont.)



BIESJESLAAGTE

Head Office Bloemhof, so presumably in that

PAK opened 26.10.1903; closed 21.3.1905 (Ency) No date-stamps known.

BIESJESVLEI

approx. 30 km SW of Lichtenburg

PAK opened 1.9.1896 (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened by 30.6.1903; PTA 1906; open \rightarrow Union (Ency)

Add 1x

24 mm DC.ZAR

BIESJESVLEI / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy 9 SEP 97 D&vdH – 6 OCT 99 Aab



Aab

Put 2

25 mm DC

BIESJESVLEI / (x-cut stop), date as dd mmm yy

** APR 03 BP – 12 MAY 37 ATV

seen in blue (1903)





МН

Put 1

24 mm DC.TRA

BIESJESVLEI / TRANSVAAL, xs at sides, date as dd mmm tyy

19 APR 22 Put

tcl: ■ seen

Put drawing oddly asymmetrical.

Post-Union date, but pre-Union type.



Put drawing

BISLEY

Johannesburg area

Special PO for shooting competitions; annual event in Johannesburg area 1903-1912; special postmarks recorded 1904 and 1905 (Ency)

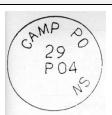
Put 1

(25) mm SC.R

CAMP PO / ******NS, date as dd / ?mm yy

29 (A)P 04

Ency suggests lower part may read "BOOYSENS"



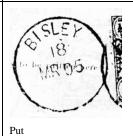
Put drawing

Put 2

(24) mm SC.R

BISLEY / blank, date as dd / mm yy

18 MR 05



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