KIMBERLEY

Frescura lists the following as his KIMBERLEY ER & LR.

	ER	LR
HC	5 JY 1888	27 MR 1900

The 124-day siege of Kimberley by Republican forces during the South African War was lifted on 15th February 1900 by cavalry led by Lieutenant-General John French, part of the Army commanded by Lord Roberts VC. After Kimberley's relief came the Battle Paardeberg in which the Republican General Piet Cronjé was defeated with fatal consequences for the 'Boer' cause. Presumably the Kimberley HCD was used during the siege and for some six weeks thereafter. Does Kimberley siege mail bears its HDC?
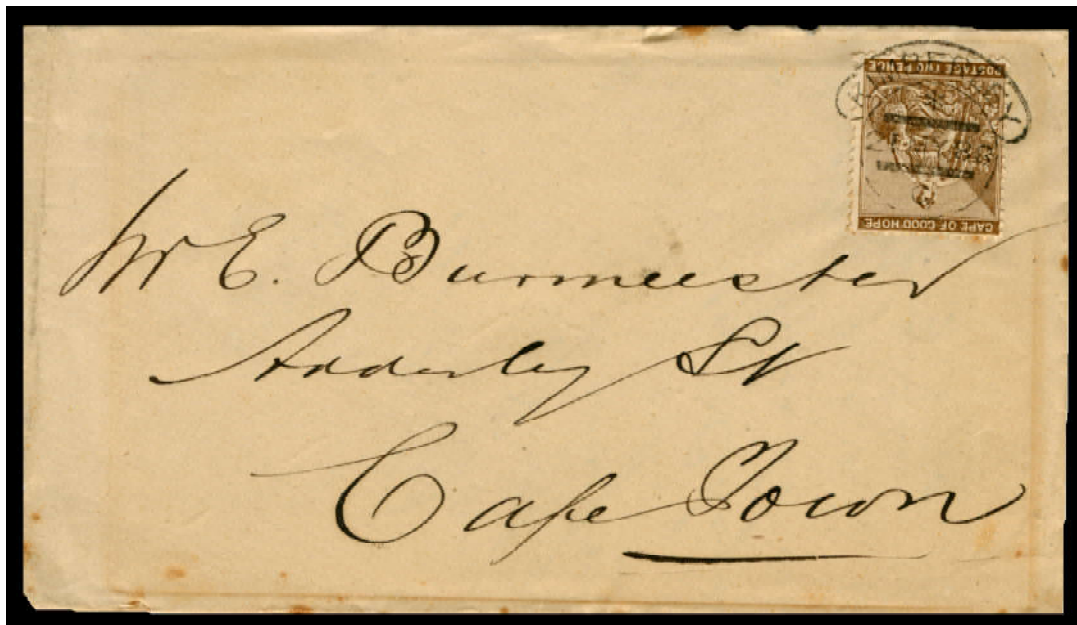
Frescura lists just one HC type based on his and Jurgens' flawed assumption. It would be good to see Frescura's ex-ER of '5 JY 1888' in order to confirm that its Date format is exactly as described by him. As the new ER below has a Date format of DD/MM/YY, we have no reason to think it is any different.

Putzel shows one example the KIMBERLEY HDC, his No. 11. We can see that it is dated '26 AP 89' in the format Asterisk top; DD/MM/YY centre; with Time Code letter 'C' below. This is not Jurgens' or Frescura's prescribed format. If they are correct, Putzel's example is a variety. If that is case, where is his example of the original KIMBERLEY HDC a la Jurgens/Frescura? Putzel's example conforms to other examples of HCDs from 1888, including the ER below. This is further evidence that Jurgens and Frescura are wrong.

Kelly adds little new to our understanding of the Kimberley HCD . He uses Frescura's ER information which is now out-of-date. See below. He also advises that by his measurements the Hood size is 18 x 23 x 26mm (Diameter of the Circle (18) x (Base of Circle to Top of Hood (23) x Width of Hood (26 mm).

Frescura's LR is 27 MR 1900. We only have HCDs up to 1890 ie. we are missing ten years of data! We have yet to find one MM/DD/YY example. Note that in our supplied examples the rotation of the Asterisk is Vertical until '6 JA 89' whereupon it is Horizontal until '30 JU 90'. Interesting?

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Cover. 1888. KIMBERLEY '21 MY 88' to Cape Town 'MY 23 88'.

EARLIEST RECORDED: 21 MY 88 ('88' inverted)
TOP: Asterisk - Vertical
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter C
USED: On dispatch.
SOURCE: S Hannath.

12 JY 88 ('88' inverted)
TOP: Asterisk - Vertical
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter E
USED: On dispatch
SOURCE: S. Kelly

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Cover. 1888. KIMBERLEY '6 AU 88' to MARKET RASEN, GB 'AU 27 88'.

NEW: 26/10/2023

TOP: Asterisk - Vertical
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter E
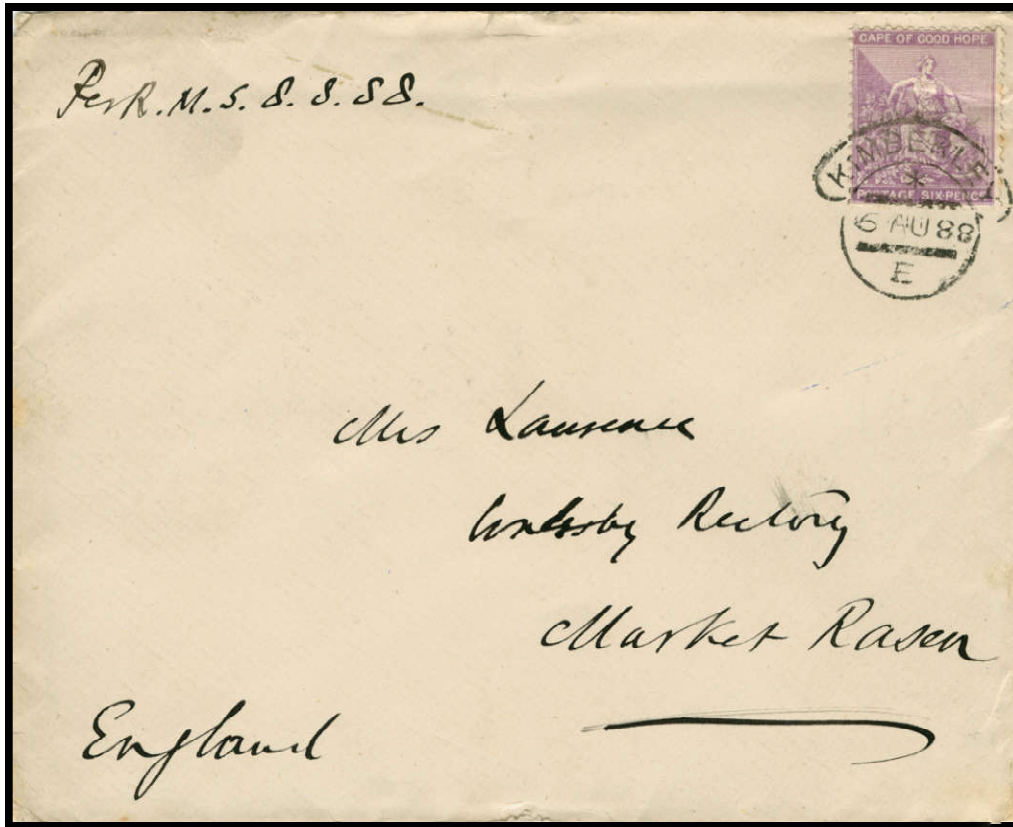**USED:** On dispatch.
SOURCE: S Hannath.

16 AU 88 ('88' inverted)
TOP: Asterisk - Vertical
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter H
USED: On dispatch
SOURCE: S. Kelly

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17 AU 88 ('88' inverted)
TOP: Asterisk - Vertical
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter F
USED: On dispatch
SOURCE: S. Kelly

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1 OC 88 ('88' inverted)
TOP: Asterisk - Vertical
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter C
USED: On dispatch
SOURCE: S. Kelly

S. Kelly.

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Cover. 1888. KIMBERLEY '1 OC 88' to PARIS, FRANCE.
NOTE: Same date as stamp above! See overleaf for description.

1 OC 88 ('88' inverted?)
TOP: Asterisk - Vertical
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter H
USED: On dispatch
SOURCE: S. Hannath.

7 DE 88 ('88' inverted?)
TOP: Asterisk - Vertical
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter F
USED: On dispatch
SOURCE: S. Kelly

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6 JA 89
TOP: Asterisk - Horizontal
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter D
USED: On dispatch
Source: S. Kelly

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4 MR 89
TOP: Asterisk - Horizontal
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter E or F
USED: On dispatch.
Source: S. Hannath.

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24 MR ??
TOP: Asterisk - Horizontal
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter E
USED: On dispatch.
Source: R. Hill

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No. 11
50/250

Hooded circular date-stamp. Star in upper segment. Time code letter below. Day before month.

26 AP 89
TOP: Asterisk - Horizontal
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter C
USED: On dispatch.
Source: R. Putzel.

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24 JU 89
TOP: Asterisk - Horizontal
BETWEEN BARS: Day.Month, Year
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter C
USED: On dispatch.
Source: Deverell Macgregor

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26 JU 89 ('8' inverted)
TOP: Asterisk - Horizontal
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter E
USED: On dispatch.
Source: R. Hill

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3 AU 89
TOP: Asterisk - Horizontal
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter E
USED: On dispatch.
Source: S. Hannath

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26 NO 89 ('8' inverted)
TOP: Asterisk - Horizontal
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter B
USED: On dispatch
Source: S. Kelly

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9 DE 89
TOP: Asterisk - Horizontal
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter H
USED: On dispatch.
Source: S. Kelly

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3 MR 90
TOP: Asterisk - Horizontal
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter H
USED: On dispatch
Source: S. Kelly

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3 JU 90
TOP: Asterisk - Horizontal
BETWEEN BARS: DAY MONTH YEAR
BOTTOM: Time Code Letter C
USED: On dispatch
Source: S. Kelly