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EDITORIAL

Varieties of Supplement NO 16 are known to exist; were you unlucky enough to receive one with pages omitted or printed twice? If you were please return it to me and I will swap it for a correctly printed copy. Also an apology for a typing error on page 30. The last line should read Despatched 25/1/1934 not 1935 as printed.

This issue sees a continuation of John Attwoods Ascension Air Mails, which will be finalised in Supplement No 18 together with the final part on the British Library Requisition Books. Other items of interest are on Ascension Stamps and Postmarks; St. Helena overprints, the NY spaced surcharge, Boer Prisoner of War Mail to India and an unusual item of Military Mail.

A very good meeting was held in London on 19th October 1991 with a nice range of material shown. Although the turnout of members was small, what was lacking in quantity was more than made up for with quality. I personally found the material shown fascinating, and the afternoon ended all too soon for me. My thanks to Bob Deakin for organising the room etc, and I for one am certainly looking forward to our next meeting.

Please keep the articles and snippets of information coming, for without your help there would be no Supplement.

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous 1992. Best Wishes Bernard Mabbett.

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A NEW FORGED POSTMARK

by BERNARD HUGHES

At Stampex 1991, I was given an auction catalogue which showed a GB Edward VII 10/- stamp used on Ascension, estimated at £690 including VAT. Despite the description in the catalogue, it bore a forged postmark that I had not seen before. I wrote to the auctioneers, and I believe the lot was withdrawn, but Ascension collectors ought to beware, as the forger could try again!



I was involved in helping to rewrite the introduction to GB Used on Ascension for the 1989 edition of Gibbons British Commonwealth catalogue. The illustration now at T.Z5 is based on a model I supplied, but my calligraphy is far from perfect, and as there are two genuine postmarks (easily distinguished as one has A index, the other C index), it is in any case an amalgam of the two, following the precedent of what is now T.Z2, which used to be T.Z1 in editions up to 1988. For example, in both real registered postmarks, all three Es in REGISTERED are the same size, whilst on the A index letter postmark, the middle bar of the Es is shorter than the others, and the index letter A is no bigger than the A at the start of ASCENSION. It is the large A index letter on the forgery that most stands out as being wrong.



Z5

1. As Gibbons



2. Proof of first oval registered postmark (in use, had A index)



3. Proof of second oval registered postmark

The forgery bears a 1903 postmark identical to T.Z5, and hence NOT like the genuine postmark. Very few of any of the Registered postmarks (T.Z4/5) have survived (and certainly no 10/- stamps with these postmarks), and genuine examples do command a premium which could be attractive to forgers - for example in Gibbons Stamp Monthly (March 1991 edition), there is Gibbons Specialist Offer 346 of a genuine T.Z5 postmark on a piece cut from a 2d+1d registered envelope and a 1d stamp, price £175. I would have thought a forger would be more likely to use low value stamps than high values - the value of an ungummed unused 10/- Edward VII must still be £100 or more. However, the postmark on the 10/- did not (going by the auction illustration alone) look like the strike of a steel datestamp, which would give collectors a good chance of spotting such forgeries, as all genuine Ascension postmarks are steel, not rubber.

EXAMPLES OF REGISTERED POSTMARKS USED ON ASCENSION - neat clear postmarks are very much the exception!



Two thoughts flow from all this. First, with modern reproduction methods, are catalogue illustrations often used as models for forged postmarks - if so maybe it is better if illustrations are not too exact? Gibbons' other Ascension postmark illustrations are also imprecise - for example the second S in ASCENSION in T.Z3 is too small, while the model for what is now T.Z2, formerly T.Z1 (the illustration being unchanged) seems mainly to be the 1903-1907 20mm postmark, making the year slug "11" impossible - the shape of the A index letter is too rounded for the 1903-1907 type though.

Secondly, one of my main concerns with the pre-1989 catalogue Ascension illustrations was that the old T.Z2 (now T.Z3) showed an index letter, but all GB Used on Ascension (i.e up to 1922) bearing that particular type of postmark with an index letter are bogus - the catalogue seemed to be giving these fakes credibility. I didn't intend that the new illustrations would simply give credibility to a new forgery!

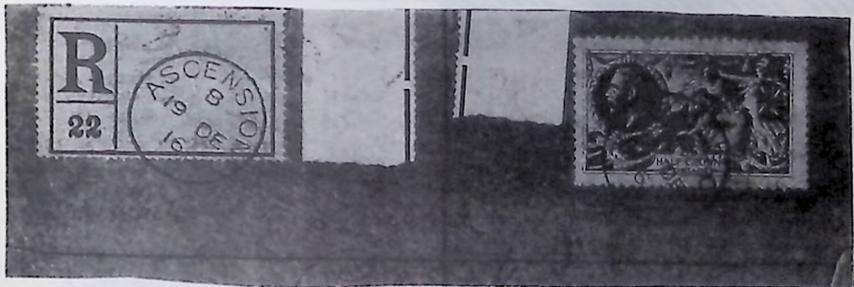
The message must be Caveat Emptor!

Edward VII high values can be found genuinely used on Ascension, and are now very highly catalogued. Unlike the fake 1903 postmark, they bear dates in August or September 1913, i.e. around the time they were replaced by the George V Seahorses, issued June-August 1913. They are purely philatelic, the stamps were never sold on the island. There exist perhaps 3-4 of each, almost all off piece. Those on piece bear the distinctive handwriting of W. E. Barker, better known for his bisects - he produced unlikely and dubious bisects from many parts of the world (e.g. Solomon Islands bisects "used" in Papua), including of course G.B. bisects "used" on Ascension - as ornaments, not to pay postage. His interest in Ascension (and also that of other philatelists such as Stamford and Layne Joynt) seems to have been spurred by philatelic rumours in 1911-13 that Ascension would be issuing its own stamps.



W. E. Barker

Barker also arranged to send a few Waterlow Seahorses to Ascension to be postmarked, these seem scarcer than the Edward VII high values, and are not listed in Gibbons now, though at one time the 2/6 and 5/- were listed.



The 1992 Gibbons catalogue lists the Bradbury Wilkinson 2/6 and 5/- (the latter a new addition). Again, there is no evidence that these were sold at Ascension post office. None seem to be known used on pieces that look to be cut from parcels. Only parcel rates could justify commercial use, but pieces cut from parcels in 1920-22 have multiples of the 1/- value. One slight possibility is that they were sold on Ascension for revenue purposes - certainly the high value Ascension Badge stamps can be found used for revenue purposes, especially with Passport markings. But were Seahorses valid for revenue use?

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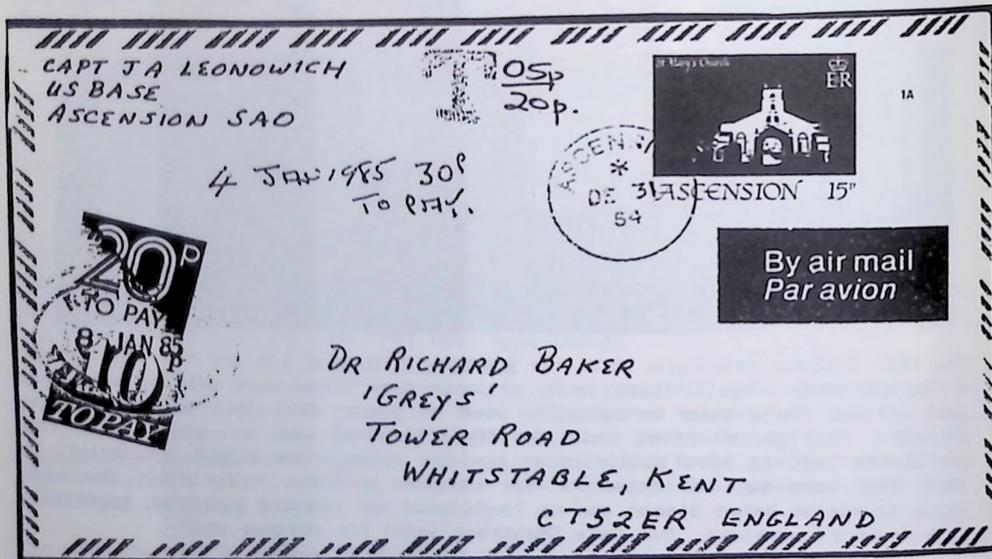
A STUDY OF ASCENSION AIRMAIL

BY JOHN ATTWOOD

CONTINUED FROM SUPPLEMENT NO 16

"POSTAGE DUE MAIL,"

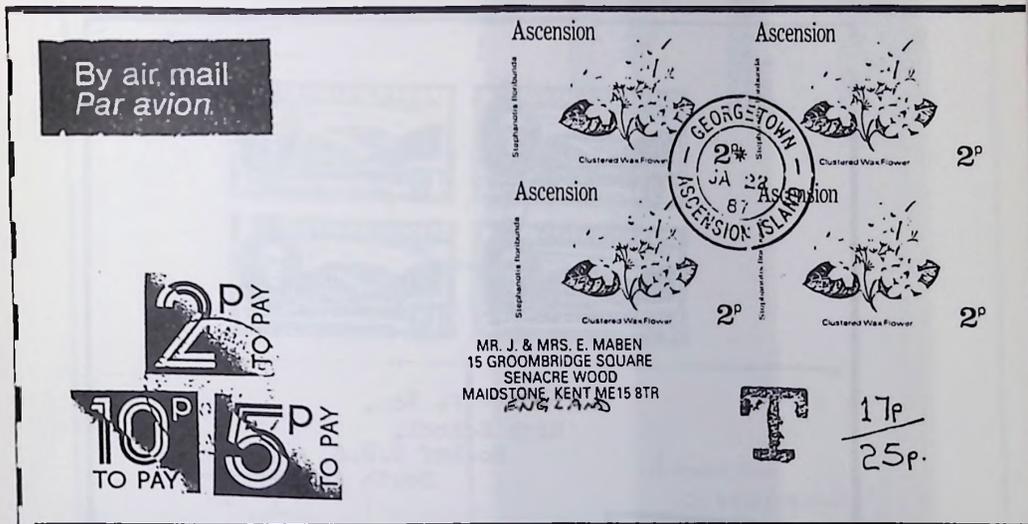
1. Postage Due Letter to Whitstable which was underpaid by 5p. Since from the 1st May 1982 until the 31st July, 1986 the U.K. Air Mail rate was 20p. for the first 10 grams. Why the Whitstable Post Office should have charged 30p. Postage Due rather than 10p. is not understood.



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The Air Mail service to and from Ascension via Miami ceased with effect from the 16th June, 1982. From the 17th June, 1982 onwards, Air Mail went on Military flights from Ascension and was delivered in London to the Forces Postal Depot for internal mailing to its destination.

2. Postage Due Letter to Maidstone which was underpaid by 17p. since from 1st August, 1986 the U. K. Air Mail rate was 25p. for the first 10 grams. Why the Medway and Maidstone Post Office did not charge Postage Due of twice the postage deficiency is not understood.



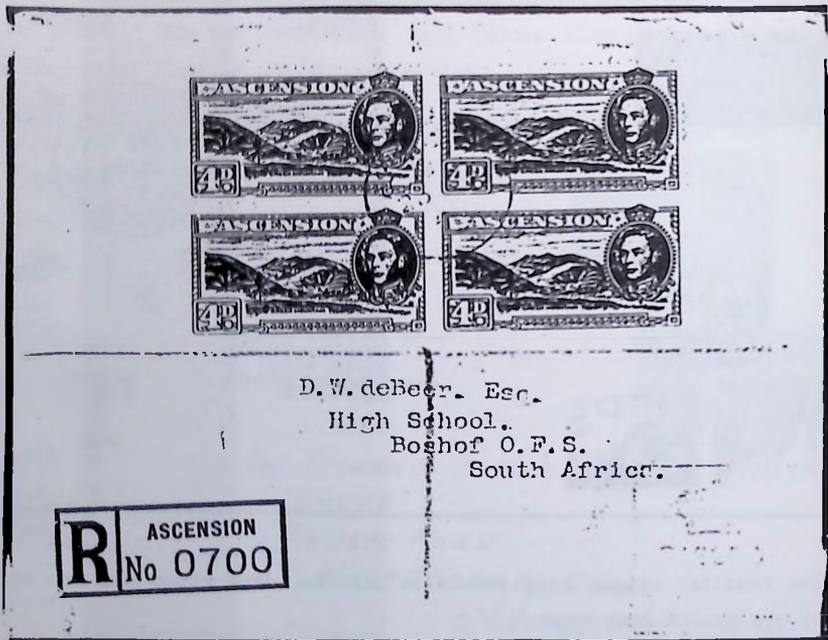
The familiar single ring Ascension circular date stamp has now been replaced by the double ring type.

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"CENSORED MAIL WORLD WAR 11"

Registered letter to South Africa and postmarked 25th April, 1945.
This letter was carried by Ship to the U.K. and then on by Air to its destination. The postal charge of 1/4d. for a letter weighing between a half and one ounce was made up as follows:-

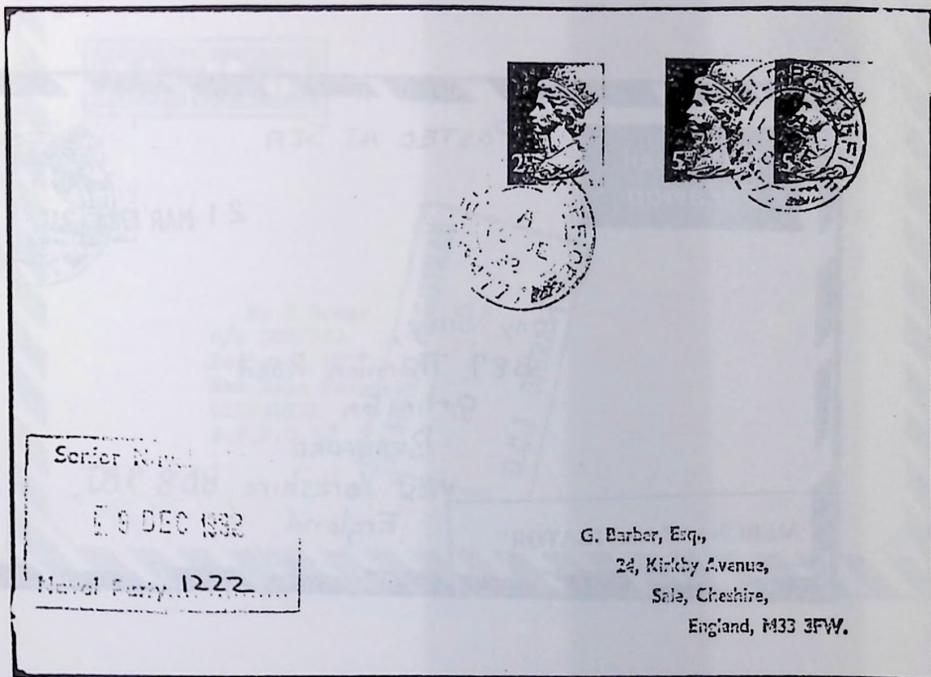
Combined Surface & Air charge 1/0d.
Registration fee 4d.



"MILITARY MAIL"

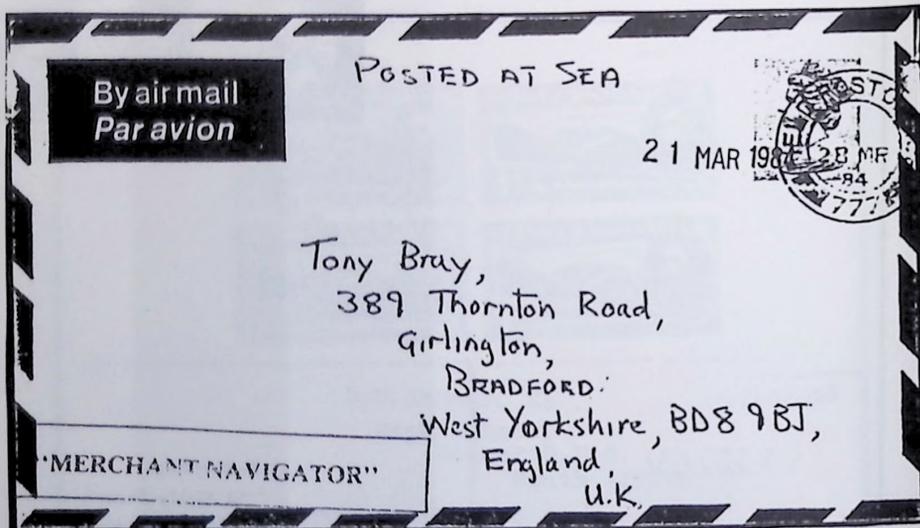
With the onset of the Falkland Islands conflict Ascension became a logistical supply base for the British Forces and was officially designated "FIELD POST OFFICE 777".

1. Since from the 17th June, 1982 onwards mail went on Military flights from Ascension to London this cover would have gone by Air even though it does not bear the appropriate label.

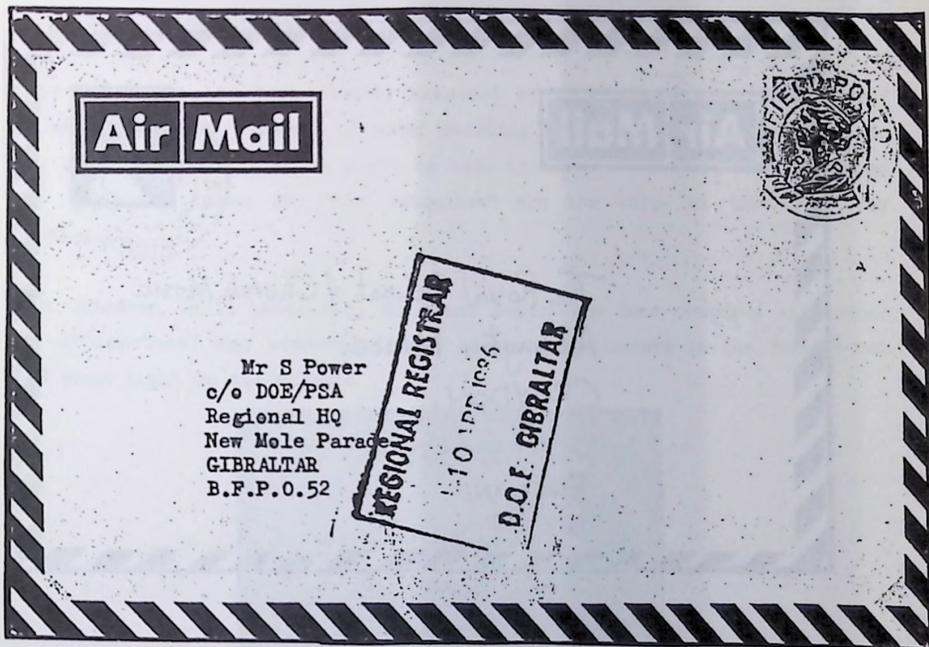


The postal rate paid conformed, under these war conditions, to the existing U.K. rates rather than to those prevailing in Ascension. Also British stamps were used and not the current Ascension definitives.

2. Airmail letter posted at sea aboard the "Merchant Navigator" on the 21st March, 1984 and the 16p. G.B. stamp further postmarked with the "F.P.O. 777" c.d.s. on the ship's arrival at Ascension.



3. Airmail letter to Gibraltar and postmarked the 8th April, 1986.
The postal rate then existing in the U.K. can be seen to have increased by an additional 1p. from that prevailing two years earlier.



4. Airmail letter, postmarked 29th July, 1988, to Croydon from the Rev. R.F. Cottingham, a R.A.F. Chaplain, based at Ascension.

The Field Post Office number "777" was changed to "998" sometime after the 9th April, 1986. The postal rate had risen a further 1p. since April, 1986.



From July 1982, R.A.F. Chaplains were assigned, on a rotational basis, to care for all those on the Island.

On the reverse, he gives his address as:- St. Mary's Vicarage,

RAF Ascension Island,

BFPO 677.

"BFPO 677" was the number of the British Forces Post Office on Ascension.

ASCENSION KGV1 - 3d. PICTORIAL DEFINITIVE

BY ANDREW DUNCAN

I have in my collection a copy of the 1938 3d. Ultramarine which has what appears to be a retouch in the sky to the Northwest of the King's Head, giving the very definite appearance of a "storm cloud" on the stamp itself.

Since the stamp has been closely examined by philatelists other than myself and we can find no evidence of water staining or surface dirt etc. I wrote to John Attwood hoping that he might be able to assist. However, John confirmed that the only known 3d. "sky retouches" are the three ex the 1950 Grey printing.

I am, however, still puzzled by my stamp (which has been compared with other 3d. ultramarines) and wondered if any Ascension collectors in the Society can shed some light on the subject.



If you can help in any way please write either direct to your editor or Andrew at PO Box 3936, Cape Town, 8000, South Africa.

ASCENSION 1st ISSUE
THE FORGED OVERPRINTS
BY ROY COASBY

At the meeting of the Ascension and St. Helena members held in London on 19th October I raised the question of the forged overprints on the 1922 issue. I have raised the question before without result and hope that the following may spark some correspondence.

It is stated that forged overprints exist 1½mm instead of 1mm in the genuine overprint. The following points are noted:-

- (a) It was a special printing on Script watermarked paper, except 1/- which was on Mult Crown CA paper, they differ in shade, some considerable so.
- (b) Only the 1d., 1½d., and 3d. appear on Script Watermarked paper for St. Helena.
- (c) The ½d., 2d., 8d., 2/- and 3/- only appear on Mult Crown CA paper for St. Helena.
- (d) Who first brought the matter to light and was the alleged forged overprint said to exist on all values.
- (e) If answer to (d) is yes, those stamps mentioned in (c) must be on Mult Crown CA paper. Why has this not been mentioned? It is more important and noticeable than a difference of ½mm in height.
- (f) If in fact the 1½mm overprint on stamps at (c) they cannot be forgeries.

A TALE OF TWO STAMPS

BY CAPT ROGER MORGAN

For some twelve years or so I have had in my collection a copy of the St. Helena Halfpenny Double Surcharge (sg 35b). When I joined the Study Group and read the back numbers of the St. Helena Supplement I was thus particularly interested to read all Roger West's excellent articles on the Perkins Bacon Plate and the Surcharges; and on studying my copy of SG 35b more closely I was interested to find that on one of the surcharges the spacing of the N and Y was 1.2mm, whereas all other copies of SG 35 that I have showed a spacing of only 1mm.

A recently given expert opinion by the R.P.S.L. confirmed my view that this stamp could not be the "unique" SG 35ba (which was sold by Harmers on 3rd May 1984); but I also knew of Roger West's doubts about the uniqueness of the stamp (Supp. 3 page 7). However, there did not seem to be much I could do about it.



NORMAL



**DOUBLE
SURCHARGE**



NY SPACED

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I therefore thought no more about this until some months ago I bought at an S.G. Auction a stamp advertised as SG 34a. 'NY' spaced. This in fact turned out to be a copy of the emerald stamp (SG 35) and though the spacing of the 'NY' was 1.2mm I had doubts as to whether the stamp was a genuine copy of SG 35a-i.e. stamp 216 on the sheet. Roger West kindly agreed to look at both this stamp and my double surcharge and he (a) confirmed that the alleged 'spaced NY' was not the recognised variety because the stamp could not have come from Column 12 and (b) again expressed his doubts about the uniqueness of SG 35ba for the reasons already given in Supplement. 3/7. He was regrettably unable to plate either stamp; and though I do have a complete sheet of SG 36 I have not succeeded either.

The fact remains that I have in my possession a copy of SG 35b on which one of the surcharges shows an 'NY' spacing of 1.2mm and a copy of SG 35 which also shows the same spacing; and this must lead one to suspect that the loose type which caused this error existed elsewhere on the forme at the time the emerald stamps were surcharged. Thus it is possible that other copies exist.

It might be advantageous to recall at this stage that Gibbons catalogues both the emerald and green spaced 'NY' on the broad surcharge, but not on the narrow surcharge although this certainly exists (see Supp. 4/10). See also Hibbert Appendix 11. (It will be noted that on the halfpenny green variety the spacing of the 'NY' is 1.5mm and is thus much more evident to the naked eye than on the emerald stamps).

AS a result of further research I then noticed (as may be well known) that on all copies (admittedly only few) of the double surcharge of which I have seen photographs, as well as on my own stamp, the lower of the two surcharges is always displaced to the right.

I also noted the third paragraph on page 40 of Hibbert's book in which he states categorically that "the first verticle row of stamps was missed and consequently the last verticle row of surcharges was printed in the right hand margin of the sheet. The error was corrected by surcharging the sheet again in the correct position. The widely spaced 'NY' variety occurs on stamp No. 216 the last stamp in Row 18, so that when the sheet was surcharged the second time this stamp received its normal wide 'NY' surcharge as well as the surcharge normal to stamp 215." It does therefore seem possible that the printer not only got the first surcharge one column too far to the right but also that the surcharges he made on the stamps (as opposed to the margin) were also too far to the right on the individual stamps.

This view runs counter to Roger West's contention that "the whole of the D Section must have been printed a second time either up or down one row." (Supp. 3/7 - see also Supp. 4/13). If it could be shown that all the double surcharge halfpenny stamps have the same characteristic displacement of the lower surcharge to the right, this could indicate that all the halfpenny double surcharges occurred in one operation; and that this happened to the last five rows of the sheet, excluding the first column - 55 stamps in all. Stamp No. 216 would then have a unique double surcharge - but only if the loose type occurred on position 3/12 of the forme. My two stamps lead me to suspect that this might not be so; and I would like to hear from anyone who has in their possession (mint, used or on cover) any copy of SG 35 which also shows the 'NY' spaced at 1.2mm or so; but which cannot be identified as stamp 216 on the sheet. It would of course be ideal to find such a variety in a block; and I can only endorse Roger West's concluding sentence in his article on Double Surcharges (Supp. 4/13)- "It would be interesting if all plated copies of this and other double surcharges could be recorded and analysed in order to get the full picture and establish relative scarcities." But how? Any further comments on the broad surcharge and its varieties would be welcome.

THE ST. HELENA COLLECTIONS
IN THE BRITISH LIBRARY

THE REQUISITION BOOKS
CONTINUED FROM SUPPLEMENT NO 16.

BY B. MABBETT

1934 - CENTENARY

Requisition Number 1393

- 4d. 600 sheets-36,000 stamps despatched, 636 sheets printed.
- 1d. 600 sheets-36,000 stamps despatched, 660 sheets printed.
- 1½d. 200 sheets-12,000 stamps despatched, 220 sheets printed.
- 2d. 200 sheets-12,000 stamps despatched, 220 sheets printed.
- 3d. 200 sheets-12,000 stamps despatched, 220 sheets printed.
- 6d. 50 sheets- 3,000 stamps despatched, 55 sheets printed.
- 1/- 100 sheets- 6,000 stamps despatched, 110 sheets printed.
- 2/6d. 17 sheets- 1,020 stamps despatched, 18 sheets printed.

Due 11/10/1934 Despatched 15/10/1934

It is interesting to note that more sheets were printed than stamps actually despatched; what happened to the sheets not sent to the island. There is no mention of them in the despatch books: were they destroyed, or were they sold to dealers? If anyone knows the answer please drop me a line.

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SILVER JUBILEE

Requisition Number 1395/3

- 1½d. 300 sheets-18,000 stamps despatched, 330 sheets printed.
2d. 300 sheets-18,000 stamps despatched, 330 sheets printed.
6d. 200 sheets-12,000 stamps despatched, 220 sheets printed.
1/- 200 sheets-12,000 stamps despatched, 220 sheets printed.

Due 1/7/1935 Despatched 2/7/1935

1922-27

BADGE ISSUE

Requisition Number 1505

- ½d. 500 sheets-30,000 stamps despatched, 525 sheets printed.
5d. 100 sheets- 6,000 stamps despatched, 105 sheets printed.

Due 24/4/1936 Despatched 7/4/1936

1922-27
BADGE ISSUE

Requisition Number 1517

- 4d. 500 sheets-30,000 stamps despatched, 500 sheets printed.
2d. 500 sheets-30,000 stamps despatched, 500 sheets printed.
5d. 250 sheets-15,000 stamps despatched, 250 sheets + 50/60.
50 5d. stamps for R. Davis dealer. This must have meant that 251 sheets
would have had to be printed leaving 10 odd 5d. stamps.

Due 16/6/36 Despatched 12/6/36

1922-27
BADGE ISSUE

Requisition Number 1565

- 4d. 1,000 sheets-60,000 stamps despatched, 1,050 sheets printed.

Despatched 9/10/36

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1922-27

BADGE ISSUE

Requisition Number 1575

- 4d. 1,000 sheets-60,000 stamps despatched, 999 sheets printed?
- 1d. 500 sheets-30,000 stamps despatched, 515 sheets printed.

Despatched 17/12/1936

EDV111

ORDER CANCELLED

Requisition Number 1564/1

- 1d. 1,750 sheets-210,000 stamps.
 - 2d. 1,500 sheets-180,000 stamps.
 - 3d. 1,250 sheets-150,000 stamps.
-

1922-27

BADGE ISSUE

Requisition Number 1585/1

- 4d. 1,500 sheets-90,000 stamps despatched, 1,469 sheets printed.
- 1d. 1,000 sheets-60,000 stamps despatched, 1,001 sheets printed.
- 14d. 750 sheets-45,000 stamps despatched, 736 sheets printed.
- 2d. 500 sheets-30,000 stamps despatched, 474 sheets printed.

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Due 22/1/37 Despatched 11/2/37

It is extremely possible that this order was made up from the additional sheets printed from requisitions 1395/3,1505 and 1565.

CORONATION

Requisition Number 1564/2

- 1d. 5,666 + 40/60 sheets-340,000 stamps despatched, 220,000 to dealers.
- 2d. 5,000 sheets-300,000 stamps despatched, 192,000 to dealers.
- 3d. 4,500 sheets-270,000 stamps despatched, 180,000 to dealers.

Despatched 8/4/1937

1922-27

BADGE ISSUE

Requisition Number 1615/1

- 7/6d. 100 sheets-6,000 stamps despatched, 89 sheets printed.
 - 60 stamps reserved for Mr. Hillis dealer.
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CORONATION

Requisition Number 1564/3

- 1d. 3,398 sheets-203,880 stamps.
- 2d. 2,302 + 40/60-138,160 stamps. DEALERS ONLY
- 3d. 2,487 + 40/60-149,260 stamps.

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KGVI
COLONY'S BADGE

Requisition Number 1584

½d.	7,000 sheets-420,000 stamps despatched, 7,320 sheets printed.
1d.	3,300 sheets-198,000 stamps despatched, 3,550 sheets printed.
1½d.	3,300 sheets-198,000 stamps despatched, 3,471 sheets printed.
2d.	2,700 sheets-162,000 stamps despatched, 2,742 sheets printed.
3d.	2,100 sheets-126,000 stamps despatched, 2,250 sheets printed.
6d.	1,500 sheets- 90,000 stamps despatched, 1,600 sheets printed.
1/-	1,050 sheets- 63,000 stamps despatched, 1,110 sheets printed.
2/6d.	600 sheets- 36,000 stamps despatched, 595 sheets printed.
5/-	400 sheets- 24,000 stamps despatched, 422 sheets printed.
10/-	230 sheets- 13,800 stamps despatched, 245 sheets printed.

DEALERS:- ½d. 60,000, 1d. 48,000, 1½d. 48,000, 2d. 42,000, 3d. 36,000, 6d. 30,000,
1/- 27,000, 2/6d. 18,000, 5/- 12,000 and 10/- 4,800.

Due 2/7/1937 Despatched 13/1/38

KGVI
BADGE ISSUE

Requisition Number 1982/1

1d. Colour change and 4d. New Duty.

1d. 2,166+40/60 sheets-130,000 stamps printed,40,000 to dealers.

4d. 1,833+20/60 sheets-110,000 stamps printed,20,000 to dealers.

Due end of April 1940. Despatched 19th April 1940.

KGVI
BADGE ISSUE

Requisition Number 1982/3

3d. Colour change and 8d. New Duty.

3d. 2,833+20/60 sheets-170,000 stamps printed,20,000 to dealers.

8d. 1,250 sheets-75,000 stamps printed,15,000 to dealers.

Due end of April 1940. Despatched 3d. 20th March 1940, 8d. 19th April 1940.

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SCHEDULE 1991/2/3

RMS "ST HELENA"

Voyage Number	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
CARDIFF	d Fri 18 Oct	Tue 17 Dec	Fri 21 Feb	Tue 21 Apr	Fri 19 Jun	Tue 18 Aug	Fri 23 Oct	Tue 22 Dec	Fri 05
TENERIFE	c Wed 23 Oct	Sun 22 Dec	Wed 26 Feb	Sun 26 Apr	Wed 24 Jun	Sun 23 Aug	Wed 28 Oct	Sun 27 Dec	Wed 1
ST HELENA	a d Thu 31 Oct Sat 02 Nov	Mon 30 Dec Thu 02 Jan	Thu 05 Mar Sat 07 Mar	Mon 04 May Wed 06 May	Thu 02 Jul Sat 04 Jul	Mon 31 Aug Wed 02 Sep	Thu 05 Nov Sat 07 Nov	1993 Mon 04 Jan Wed 06 Jan	Thu 18 Sat 20
ASCENSION	a d Mon 04 Nov Tue 05 Nov	1992 Sat 04 Jan Sat 04 Jan	Mon 09 Mar Tue 10 Mar	Fri 08 May Sat 09 May	Mon 06 Jul Tue 07 Jul	Fri 04 Sep Sat 05 Sep	Mon 09 Nov Tue 10 Nov	Fri 08 Jan Sat 09 Jan	Mon 2 Tue 2
ST HELENA	a d Thu 07 Nov Fri 08 Nov	Mon 06 Jan Wed 08 Jan	Thu 12 Mar Fri 13 Mar	Mon 11 May Wed 13 May	Thu 09 Jul Fri 10 Jul	Mon 07 Sep Wed 09 Sep	Thu 12 Nov Fri 13 Nov	Mon 11 Jan Wed 13 Jan	Thu 2 Fri 26
TRISTAN DA CUNHA	a d	Sun 12 Jan Tue 14 Jan						NOTE X	
CAPE TOWN	a d Wed 13 Nov Sat 16 Nov	Sun 19 Jan Wed 22 Jan	Wed 18 Mar Sat 21 Mar	Mon 18 May Thu 21 May	Wed 15 Jul Sat 18 Jul	Mon 14 Sep Thu 17 Sep	Wed 18 Nov Sat 21 Nov	Mon 01 Feb Thu 04 Feb	Wed 2 Sat 0
ST HELENA	a d Thu 21 Nov Sat 23 Nov	Mon 27 Jan Wed 29 Jan	Thu 26 Mar Sat 28 Mar	Tue 26 May Thu 28 May	Thu 23 Jul Sat 25 Jul	Tue 22 Sep Thu 24 Sep	Thu 26 Nov Sat 28 Nov	Tue 09 Feb Thu 11 Feb	Thu 1 Sat 1
ASCENSION	a d Mon 25 Nov Tue 26 Nov	Fri 31 Jan Sat 01 Feb	Mon 30 Mar Tue 31 Mar	Sat 30 May Sat 30 May	Mon 27 Jul Tue 28 Jul	Sat 26 Sep Sat 26 Sep	Mon 30 Nov Tue 01 Dec	Sat 13 Feb Sat 13 Feb	Mon Tue
ST HELENA	a d Thu 28 Nov Sat 30 Nov	Mon 03 Feb Wed 05 Feb	Thu 02 Apr Fri 03 Apr	Mon 01 Jun Wed 03 Jun	Thu 30 Jul Sat 01 Aug	Mon 28 Sep Wed 30 Sep	Thu 03 Dec Sat 05 Dec	Mon 15 Feb Wed 17 Feb	Thu Sat
TENERIFE	c Sun 08 Dec	Thu 13 Feb	Sat 11 Apr	Thu 11 Jun	Sun 09 Aug	Thu 08 Oct	Sun 13 Dec	Thu 25 Feb	Sun
CARDIFF	a Fri 13 Dec	Tue 18 Feb	Thu 16 Apr	Tue 16 Jun	Fri 14 Aug	Tue 13 Oct Wet Dock	Fri 18 Dec	Tue 02 Mar	Fri 3

c - calls; a - arrives; d - departs

NOTE X CAPE TOWN

TRISTAN DA CUNHA

Schedules subject to alteration without notice and at Government directions; cargo commitments and/or Government requirements might result in alterations to these schedules taking place.

Whilst the managers seek to operate the service in accordance with this published schedule they cannot be responsible for changes caused by circumstances beyond their control.

Once again Trevor Hearl has come up with some snippets of St. Helena information. First illustrated above is an up to date sailing schedule for the R.M.S. St. Helena; a boon for those of us who correspond with the island from time to time. Overleaf is a list of Postal statistics from 1984 to 1991.

9 Transport, shipping and tourism

9.4 Postal statistics

1984-1991

number

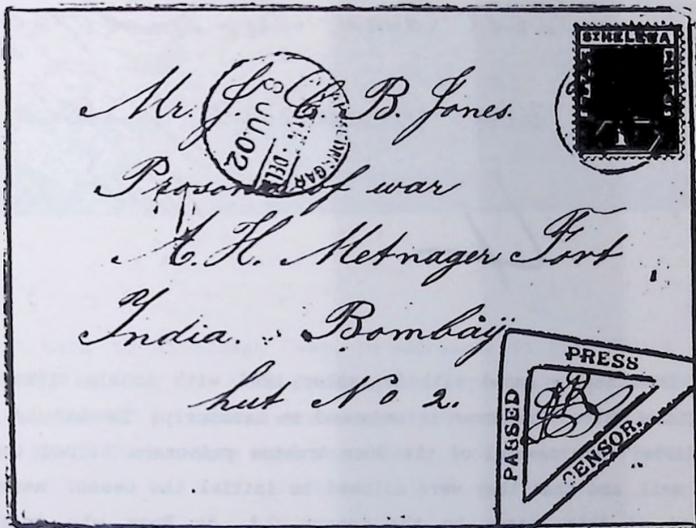
	Mail received			Mail despatched			Stamp issues	
	Letters	Parcels	Other	Letters	Parcels	Other		
1984	40,965	2,883	17,238	52,813	65	14,228	6	
1985	31,426	4,248	19,239	40,096	89	10,683	4	
1986	30,950	4,064	15,959	40,367	133	16,354	5	
1987	35,536	2,381	19,591	35,440	135	22,503	4	
1988	33,726	2,833	18,620	35,250	146	14,912	3	
1989	42,277	2,263	19,800	42,476	138	10,980	5	
1990	44,658	2,070	19,157	35,412	95	18,123	6	
1987	Qtr 1	12,600	814	5,774	5,511	15	3,588	1
	Qtr 2	5,200	803	3,517	9,331	39	4,510	-
	Qtr 3	6,386	389	5,659	7,065	27	3,284	1
	Qtr 4	11,350	375	4,641	13,533	54	11,121	2
1988	Qtr 1	8,850	807	5,435	7,173	18	3,353	1
	Qtr 2	5,800	392	4,031	9,686	60	3,957	-
	Qtr 3	5,300	556	2,794	2,527	11	1,706	-
	Qtr 4	13,776	1,078	6,360	15,864	57	5,896	2
1989	Qtr 1	7,615	251	2,735	5,829	20	2,142	1
	Qtr 2	11,650	925	6,759	10,760	34	5,006	1
	Qtr 3	6,203	237	3,394	9,049	22	1,180	1
	Qtr 4	16,809	850	6,912	16,838	62	2,652	2
1990	Qtr 1	10,826	614	5,240	5,104	17	2,384	1
	Qtr 2	5,633	480	2,762	6,789	20	3,562	1
	Qtr 3	5,151	225	3,762	5,084	6	1,542	2
	Qtr 4	23,048	751	7,393	18,435	52	10,635	2
1991	Qtr 1	4,985	105	2,261	5,666	7	3,419	-
	Qtr 2	12,567	551	6,769	11,443	30	4,936	1

Source: Post Office

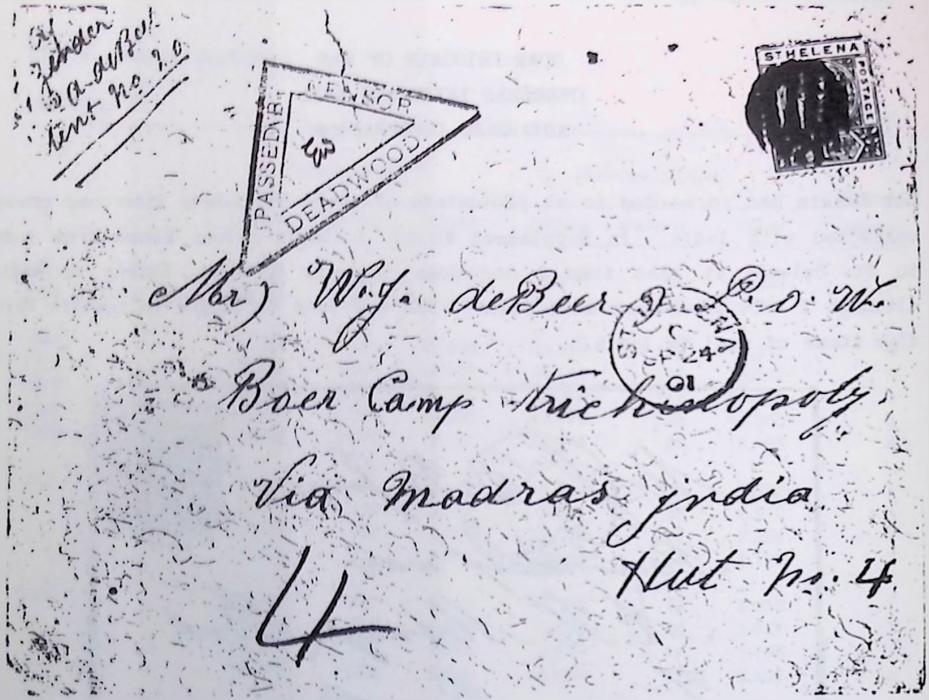
ST HELENA & ASCENSION SUPPLEMENT NO 17

BOER PRISONER OF WAR
OVERSEAS INTERCAMP MAIL
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bob Deakin has forwarded to me photostats of three St. Helena Intercamp covers connected with India. In Supplement No 10. I listed covers known from India to St. Helena: at that time I had seen no mail from St. Helena to India, although I felt sure some must exist. Bob has been fortunate to acquire three fine items of mail to India.



Cover to Ahmednaga Fort, India dated 1902. The cover shows St. Helena 'PASSED PRESS CENSOR' double triangle initialed "PR" and Ahmednaga arrival c.d.s. for 8th June 1902.



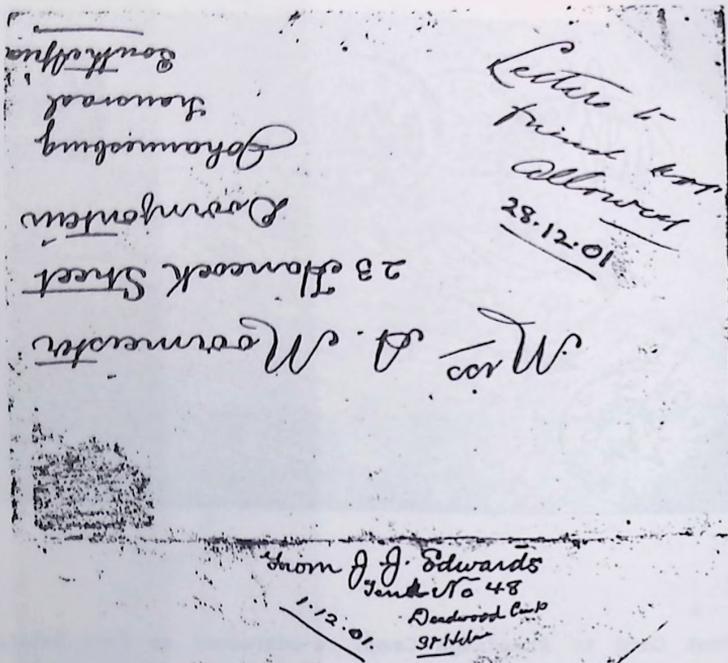
Cover to Trichinopoly dated 24th September 1901 with double triangle censor mark initialed "EW". The cover is endorsed in manuscript "Sender G.A. de Beer". It is believed that several of the Boer trustee prisoners helped the censors with the mail, and that they were allowed to initial the censor marks. Could the sender of this letter be the censor G.A. de Beer who became Staff Interpreter at Broadbottom Camp.



Nice Post Card to Ahmednaga Camp, re-addressed to Fort Satara dated 20th January 1902 showing the 30mm Broadbottom Camp censor mark initialed "GADB". A small number of prisoners were removed on parole from Ahmednaga to Fort Satara in March 1902. This card was finally forwarded from Ahmednaga on 11th May 1902.

FOR THE RECORD

BY BOB DEAKIN



A most unusual cover from J.J. Edwards, Deadwood Camp. The front of the cover was endorsed by the censor "Letters to friends not allowed 28.12.01". It is hard to understand why letters to friends were not allowed when you think of the amount of philatelic mail and also mail sent to Boer Symperthizers etc. If you know the answer to this one please get in touch with either Bob or myself.



CERTIFIED OFFICIAL
W.C. Gibson ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE
ADJUTANT

ST. HELENA COMMAND

Open by cutting the label. Re-use by affixing fresh label.

OIC Records
Royal Fusiliers
Stanwell rd school
A.S.L. Road
~~Kent~~ *Medley House*
P/O 22/45
dtd 23 Dec 45

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

FOR ECONOMY LABEL.
TO FASTEN. Fold this label along
so as to seal it and cover the old
OPEN by slitting along this edge.

A recent addition to my collection is an O.H.M.S. cover with a two line handstamp 'CERTIFIED OFFICIAL/ST HELENA COMMAND' signed by the Adjutant. The cover also has a single circle handstamp with the wording 'O.C. TROOPS - ST HELENA' with the date '5 JAN 1946'. Have any of our members seen or got copies of these handstamps in their collections?

1898

POSTAL.

Ordinance No. 1 of 1899.

RATES OF POSTAGE TO PLACES ABROAD.

Prepayment must be effected by means of St. Helena postage Stamp.

To.	For a Letter per Loc.	For a Single Post Card.	For a Reply Post Card.	For Newspapers or other Printed Papers, per An.	Registration Fee.	For Commercial Papers.	For Pat. terns.
THE UNDERMEN-TIONED BRITISH POSSESSIONS AND PROTECTORATE RATES, viz:	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.		
Aden, Ascension, Ba-hamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Central Africa, British East Africa, British Guinea, British Honduras, Canada, Ceylon, Cyprus, Falk-land Islands, Fiji, Gambia, Gibraltar, Gold Coast, Hong Kong, British India, Johore, Lagos, Leeward Islands, St. Antigua, St. Kitts, Nevis, Dominica, Montserrat, and the Virgin Islands, Malay States (Protected), viz: Perak, Selangor, Nigri-Sembilan, and Pahang, Malta, Natal, New-foundland, NIGER Coast, Protectorate, Niger Territory, East-wak, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Straits Settle-ments, Tobago, Trini-dad, Turks Islands, Uganda, Windward Islands, viz: Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Zanzibar, and Cape of Good Hope.	1	1	2	4	2		
ALL OTHER PLACES WHICH ARE IN THE POSTAL UNION.	2½	1	2	4	2		
COUNTRIES AND COLO-NIES NOT IN THE POS-TAL UNION viz:—							
ABYSSINIA (see note) ..	c 2½	1	2	4	none.		
<p>The delivery of Registered Articles for Abyssinia can be effected only at the Poste Restante at Jibouti. They should be addressed "via Jibouti."</p>							
AFGHANISTAN							
AFRICA (West Coast Native Possessions) ..	c 2½	1	2	4	in 2		
ARABIA	c 2½	1	2	4	in 2		
BECHUANALAND							
PROTECTORATE							
CHINA	2½	1	2	4	2		
FRIENDLY ISLANDS							
MORITTO (see note) ..	c 2½	1	2	4	none		
<p>Prepayment to Morocco is compulsory, with the exception of Casablanca, El-Kear-el-Kbir, Fez, Larache, Mazagan, Agador, Rabat, Saffi, Tangier, and Tetuan, to which places only Registration extends. To these places (at each of which the Gibraltar P.O. or French P.O.) correspondence can be sent under the Postal Union regulations) to Gibraltar, except as regards the rate of postage for Letters.</p>							
NAVIGATORS ISLANDS } (SAMOA)	2½	1	2	4	2		
Other parts	c 2½	1	2	4	in 2		

Same as for Printed Papers, except that the lowest charge is 2½d.

Same as for Printed Papers, except that the lowest charge is 1d.

(c) denotes that prepayment is compulsory, if being in other cases optional (a) that an additional charge is made on delivery; (b) that the Registration is through, not extending beyond Port of Arrival; and (d) that the

Money Orders for the United Kingdom, Cape, Natal, and Foreign Countries for £10 and under at the following scale of Commission, viz:—

				s.	d.
For sums not exceeding £2	...	...	...	0	6
Above £2 " " £5	...	...	...	1	0
Above £5 " " £7	...	...	...	1	6
Above £7 " " £10	...	...	...	2	0

Money Orders may be obtained at any time except the date advertised for closing the Mail.

PARCEL POST.

The rates of Postage on Parcels exchanged between the United Kingdom and St. Helena are as follows:—

A Parcel weighing not over 3lbs.	...	...	...	1	0
Over 3lbs. but not over 7lbs.	...	...	...	2	0
Over 7lbs. but not over 11lbs.	...	...	...	3	0

South Africa.

Cape Town per lb.	...	...	...	0	8
British Bechuanaland and Mashonaland per lb.	...	...	...	2	11
Johannesburg " "	...	...	...	1	4
Port Nolloth " "	...	...	...	0	8
Port Natal " "	...	...	...	0	8
British Central Africa	...	...	...	1	5
Mauritius	...	...	...	1	2

Barbados	} Not over 3lbs. ...	...	{	2	4	
Jamaica		Over 3lbs. but not over 7lbs.		...	4	8
St. Lucia		Over 7lbs. but not over 11lbs.		...	7	0
Russia	} Not over 3lbs. ...	...	{	3	4	
		Over 3lbs. but not over 7lbs.		...	4	8
		" 7lbs. " " 11lbs.		...	5	0

Parcels to other Foreign Countries various rates.

	Not over 3lbs.	3lbs. and not over 7lbs.	7lbs. to 11lbs.
	s.	d.	s.
Guatemala	...	4 10	6 11
Bolivia	...	5 6	6 3
			Limit.

Parcels received in the Colony, if containing Wines, Spirits, Beer, Tobacco, are subject to Customs Dues, and all Parcels are liable to be opened for Customs examination in accordance with the "Customs Ordinance 1900."

The rate of Postage to be prepaid on Printed Papers and Commercial Papers for all places abroad is ½d. per 2 oz. If not fully prepaid double the deficiency, will be charged on delivery. For Commercial papers the lowest charge is 2½d. for which sum however 10 ozs. may be sent. If there be any mixture of Commercial and other Papers in the same packet the whole is treated as Commercial Papers.

1926

No. 16.

RULES.

Order of His Excellency the Governor-in-Council No. 1 of 1926.

C. H. HARPER,

Governor.

In exercise of the powers vested in him by the Post Office Ordinance (No. 1 of 1896), and otherwise, and with the advice of the Executive Council, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to make and hereby makes the following Rules fixing the rates of postage to be charged on postal packets sent from the Post Office of this Colony:—

1. These Rules may be cited for all purposes at the Post Office (Rates) Rules 1926.
2. The following rates shall be charged on postal packets sent from the St. Helena Post Office:—

(1.) For Despatch to United Kingdom and British Possessions.

(a) Letters:—	s. d.
For the first ounce or fractional part thereof	0 2
For every additional ounce or part thereof	0 1½
(Maximum weight 4 lbs.)	
(b) Post Cards	0 1
(c) Printed Matter. For each 2 ozs. or part thereof	0 0½
(d) Samples:—	
For first 4 ozs. or part thereof	0 1
For every additional 2 ozs. or part thereof	0 0½
(Maximum weight 5 lbs.)	
(e) Registration Fee, per packet	0 3
(f) Insurance Premiums, Letters:—	
For first £12 or part thereof	0 5
For every additional £12 or part thereof	0 2½
(Maximum Insurable Amount: £120).	

(g) Parcels:—

(1) For United Kingdom and Ascension.

Weight not exceeding 3 lbs	1 8
" " exceeding 3 lbs. but not exceeding 7 lbs.	3 0
" " " 7 lbs. " " 11 lbs.	4 3
" " " 11 lbs. " " 22 lbs.	6 6

Insurance Premiums (Parcels)

For every £5 or part thereof	0 6
(Maximum insurable amount £50).	

(2) For Union of South Africa:—

For every pound weight or part thereof	0 9
(Maximum weight 14 lbs.)	

(2.) For Despatch to Foreign Countries.

(a) Letters:—	
For the first ounce or part thereof	0 3
For each additional ounce or part thereof	0 1½
(b) Post Cards	0 1½
(c) Printed Matter, for every 2 ounces or part thereof	0 1
(d) Samples:—	
For the first 4 ounces or part thereof	0 2
For each additional 2 ounces or part thereof	0 1
(Maximum weight varies according to Country).	
(e) Registration Fees per packet	0 3

3. All previous rates fixed by the Governor in Council are hereby repealed.
4. These rules shall come into operation on the 1st day of April 1926.

Given under the hand of the Governor and the Public Seal of the Colony of St. Helena at Jamestown this 22nd day of March 1926

LESLIE LEA,
Acting Clerk of Council,

Instruction No. 11, 1851, with reference to Instructions No. 42, 1850.

*The Post to St. Helena
From and Forwarded to
Thence to 4th April 1857*

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By Command of the Postmaster General.

NOTICE to the PUBLIC,

AND

Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters
and Letter Receivers.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

March, 1851.

A Mail for *St. Helena*, will in future be forwarded by the Contract Screw Steam Packet, leaving Plymouth for the Cape of Good Hope, on the 15th of each Month, to be conveyed from the Cape as opportunity may offer by Ships proceeding to *St. Helena*.

This Mail will contain such Letters and Newspapers only *as may be specially addressed to be forwarded* "By Packet, via the Cape of Good Hope."

Letters for *St. Helena* sent by this route, will be liable to the Packet-rate of One Shilling the half ounce, and Newspapers will be transmitted free of charge.



By Command of the Postmaster General.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC,

Instructions to all Postmasters.

Cape of Good Hope, &c. MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
April, 1864.

THE General Screw Steam Shipping Company having abandoned their Contract with Her Majesty's Government for the monthly conveyance of Mails to and from the Cape of Good Hope and India, the following arrangements will be made for the transmission of the correspondence hitherto conveyed by those Packets.

The correspondence for India and Ceylon will be sent by the Overland Route, *via* Egypt.

All Letters and Newspapers addressed to the Cape of Good Hope, St. Helena, and Ascension will, for the present, be forwarded by *Private Ship*, as opportunities offer; and such Letters and Newspapers will be liable to the Ship Letter rates of postage, *viz*:-

8d. the half ounce for Letters, and
1d. each for Newspapers,

which rates must, in all cases, be paid in advance. The transmission of printed Books to Cape Town and St. Helena, at a low rate of postage, is for the present suspended.

Letters, &c., for Mauritius also, will for the present be forwarded by *Private Ship*, unless specially addressed to be forwarded by the Overland Mail, in which case they will be left at Ceylon for conveyance to their destination by any opportunity that may offer.

By the discontinuance of the Cape Packets, Mails for the Cape de Verd Islands can be forwarded only once a month, *viz.*, by the Brazil Packets leaving Southampton on the 6th of each month.