

Boer Invasion of Natal - Newcastle

Type 1, Cancellation #1
"DE 2799"

Cover addressed to
Durban. Should have
been 2½ p postage
since Natal was now
a 'foreign' country

No receiving mark

The Priest in Charge

of

The English Church

Durban



ZUID-AFRIK. REPUBLIEK



New Castle.

Z. A. R.

BRIEFKAART

23 Dec 1899.

(Uitsluitend voor het Binnenlandsch Verkeer)

Aan *Wm. Thos. Manning*
Gand Hotel
Belona

Batz

Type 4, Cancellation # 9, "23 DEC 1899"
Known from 11/20/99 to 1/2/00

Transvaal Postal Card to Pretoria, received "25 DEC 99"

Boer Invasion of Natal - Hattingsprail

C. Schwellenbach

Box 54.

Volkshuis



Canceller #4 "23 APR 1900"
on Cover to Volkshuis with 1d ZAR showing
the correct internal rate
Back stamped Volkshuis "23 APR 00"



Veld-Post
 G.F. FLEISCHER,
 1 APR 1900
 BOUTSCH & JOHANNESBURG
 ★ ★ ★
 COMMANDOS.



Griff v. T.

Ladysmith Siege - November 2, 1899 to Feb 28, 1900

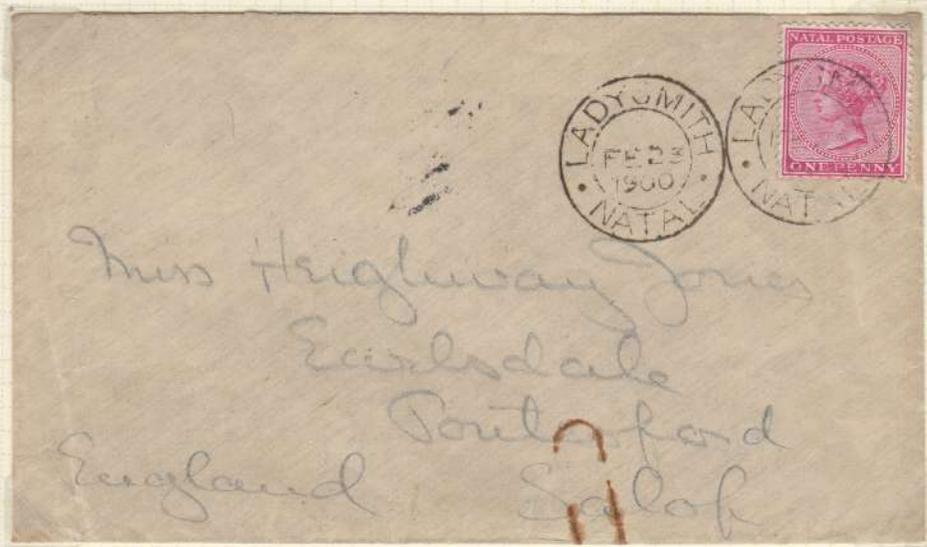
Mail to foreign destinations posted during siege. These were held until the siege was lifted and then delivered, some with considerable delay.



Posted "JA 10 1900"

"Stamps unobtainable"

Received (backstamp)
London "MR 26 00"
26 days after
siege was lifted



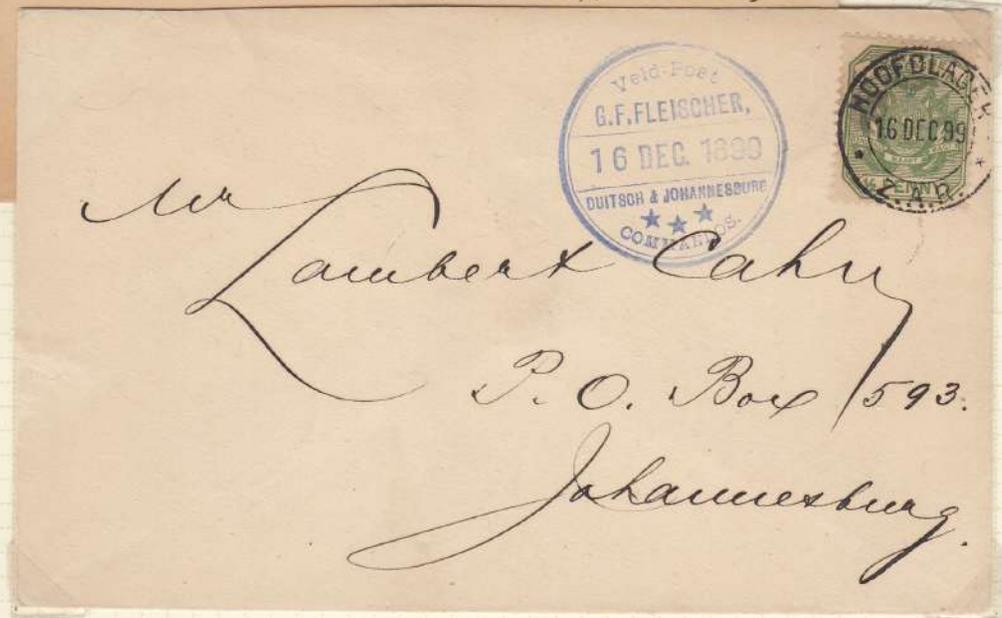
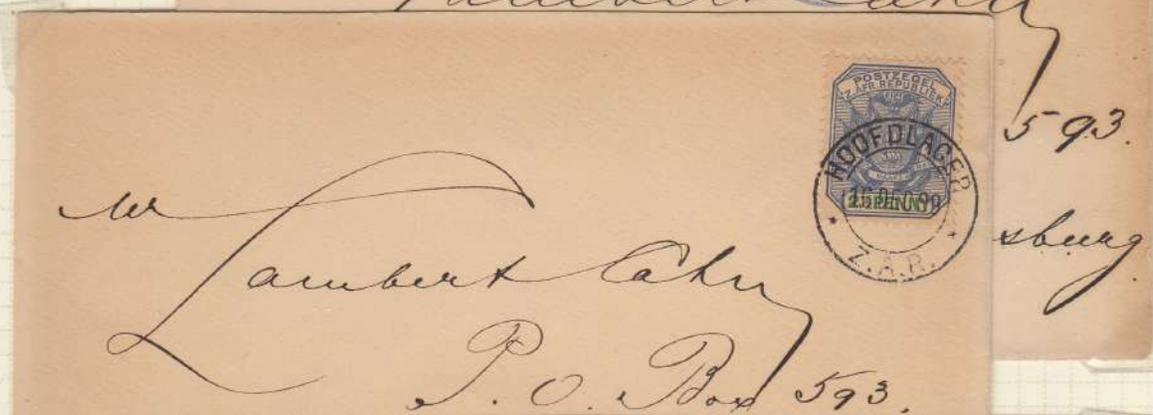
Posted "FE 23 1900", 5 days before siege was lifted
received Shrewsbury "MR 26 00" (backstamp)
Same 26 delivery delay following the lifting of the
siege as the above cover

Ladysmith Siege Cards - Printed and used during Siege



Type 3 - Cross on flag on reverse
Posted to Pietermaritzburg "JA 30 1900"
Received "3 MR 1900" - 3 days after siege was lifted

Boer Invasion of Natal - Boer Headquarters, Hoofdlager
located near Ladysmith



Three covers, all posted "16 DEC 99" to the same addressee in the same hand writing. Two with G. F. Fleischer commandos hand stamp of the same date. All backstamped Johannesburg "20 DEC 99". They appear to have been created for philatelic interest.

Boer occupation of Barkley East



Cover franked with pair of 1/2p Orange River Colony stamps, posted "FE 17 19--" to Johannesburg, where Boer Type 3 censor seal was applied. Received "26 FEB 00"

Boer occupation of Colesburg



Den Welke Heer

K. R. Schuler

Bus 4298

Johannesburg

Cover franked with 1/2p Transvaal (ZAR) stamp posted "DE 3199"
to Johannesburg. Johannesburg receiving mark on reverse
" 7 JAN 00 "



William Marshall Esq.
Sect^y. Mutual Life Ass^{ce}
Darling Street
Capetown

Cover to Capetown, posted "JA 16 00", franked with 3p OFS postage appropriate for foreign mail. Routing and receiving marks on reverse: Bloemfontein "JA 19 00", Durban and Capetown "13 FEB 00". Oval "POSTMEESTER GENERAL" censor cocket applied at Bloemfontein and portion of British Type B censor seal on reverse, applied at Capetown



D. Guest Esq
c/o National Bank Ltd

O.F.S. Bloemfontein

Cover franked with Orange Free State Commando Brief
posted "FE 17 19--" to Bloemfontein.

Boer occupation of Vryburg



Mr. J. S. Schenk
Wolmaransstad
ZAR

Cover franked with Transvaal (ZAR) stamps, posed "21 OCT 99" to Wolmaransstad, Received "30 OCT 99". Before COGH stamps overprinted "ZAR" were produced.

Cover franked with
the set of COGH
stamps overprinted
"ZAR". Posted
"24 JA 1900" to
Johannesburg, with
transit and receiving
marks on reverse
Schweizer Renek
"25 JAN 00" and
Johannesburg
"29 JAN 00"

Posted after NOV 29, 1899
when the stamps were
no longer on sale



R No. 122

G. Koenigsberg Esq
Box 1395

Johannesburg

3482

Mafeking Siege Stamps

Large Letters

On Cape Stamps



On Bechuanaland Protectorate Stamps



On Bechuanaland Stamps



Small Letters



2/11/11

Baden-Powell



BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR HELD BY THE BOERS

A result of the early Boer triumphs in Natal was that a number of British soldiers were captured and taken as prisoners of war. They were moved to Pretoria, where initially some were held in the Pretoria jail until such time as the prisoner of war camp at Waterval, a short distance away, was established.

Pretoria Jail



The translation of the cachet “ONTVANGEN – CIPER GEVANGENIS” is “Received – Prison Warden.” It is unclear whether the addressee, Mr. G. Osborn, was a prisoner of war. He may also have been a British sympathizer who was imprisoned after the beginning of hostilities. The latter seems likely given that the letter was posted in the Transvaal.

This is the only recorded example of this cachet during the Anglo-Boer War.

While the British enlisted men were held at Waterval, the captured officers were housed in Pretoria.



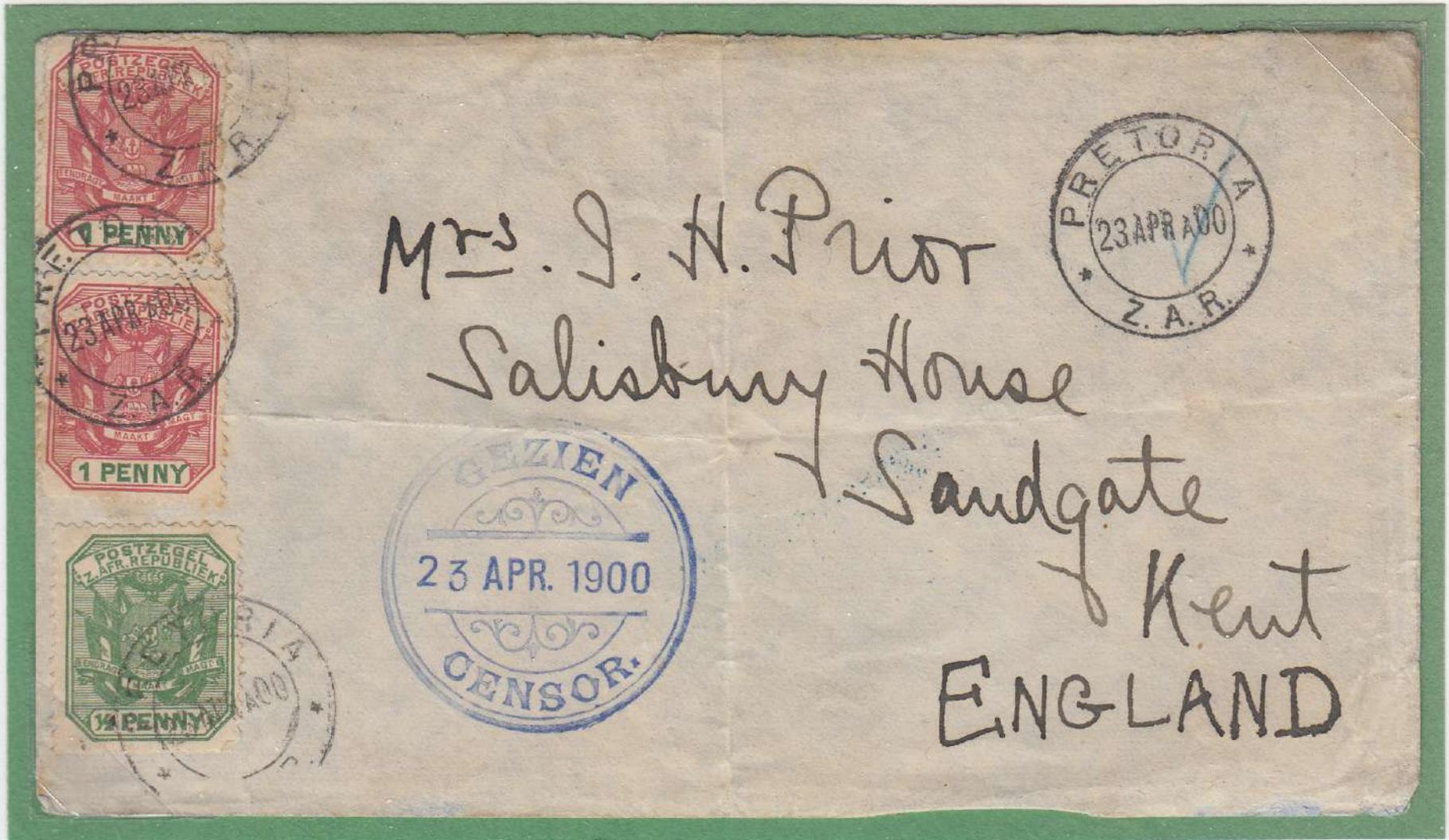
Captain Dick, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, was taken prisoner at Colenso, December 15, 1899. This is a letter back to his unit still active in Natal. The "Commandant General" cachet apparently was not sufficient to provide censoring, as the blue manuscript "G" (for Gezien or viewed) was applied to indicate censoring. The British triangular censor cachet (Type DBN1) was applied at Durban.



A similar cover to England, again showing both the manuscript "G" and the "Commandant General" cachet.

Circular GEZIEN - CENSOR cachet

This cachet apparently was used in Pretoria exclusively for POW mail. It had a very short usage life, recorded from April 6 to May 3, 1900, less than one month.



Outgoing mail. Cover to England franked with the correct 2 ½ penny postage for foreign mail, undoubtedly a letter home from a POW. Backstamps indicate it was routed through Lourenco Marques and received May 26, 1900. 31 days in transit.



Incoming Mail. Postcard from India to Captain C.H. Hicks, 2nd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers who was captured Jan 24, 1900 during the battle of Spion Kop. Additional franking and British censor cachet type PMB2 applied at Pietermaritzburg, Natal. USA consulate cachet indicates card was passed through the USA consulate from the British to the Boers.



A much travelled cover sent Captain W.J.R. Wickham, who appears to have been taken prisoner by the Boers, unbeknownst to the sender

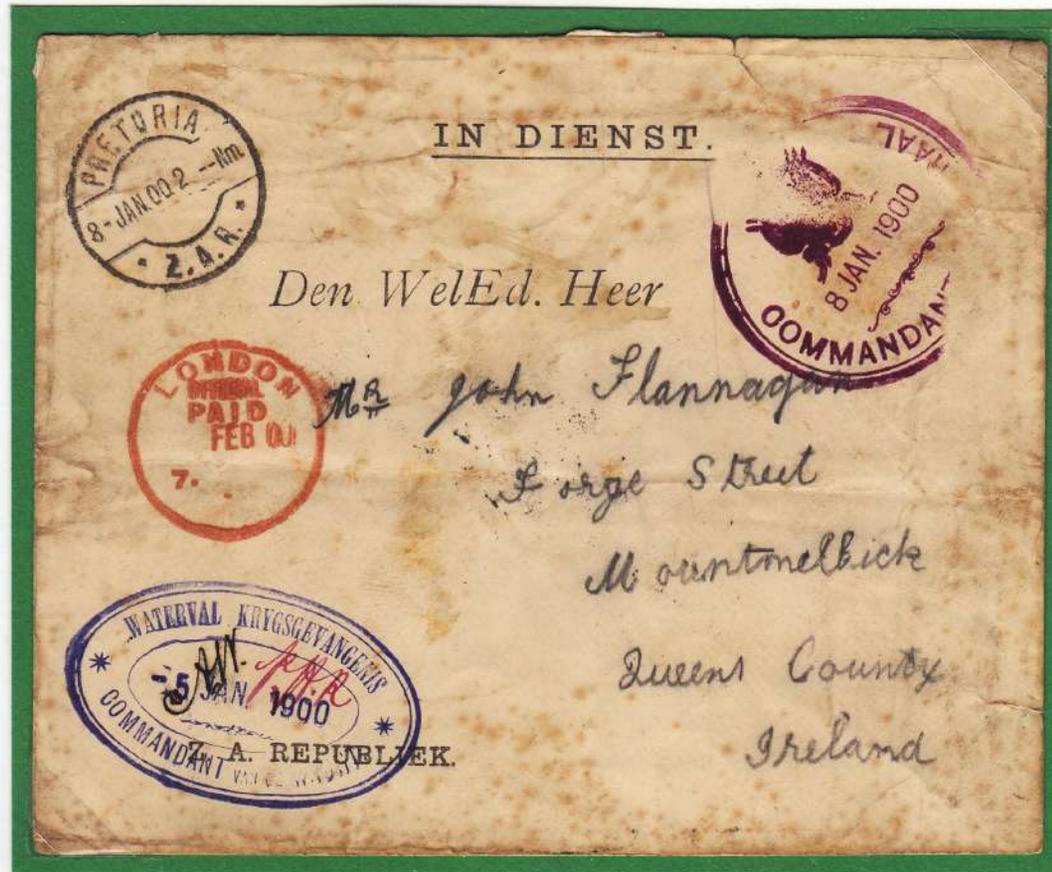
Routing:

- 1/3/1900 posted at Observatory Road, COGH
- 1/3/1900 backstamped G.P.O. Capetown, where Capetown censor cachet triangle (inked) was applied - CPTZ
- ? Redirect to Kimberley (not there)
- 3/16/1900 Sent to Durban, Natal (backstamp)
- ? Forwarded to Pretoria, where Capt. Wickham was a P.O.W. Letter passed to the Boers by the US consulate
- 4/11/1900 Boer "GEZIEN" censor cachet applied along with blue caxon initials

98 days in transit

Waterval POW Camp

While British POW's were initially housed in Pretoria, a primary POW camp was established at Waterval, some twelve miles from Pretoria. Stationery and envelopes were in short supply, so in many cases official "IN DIENST" envelopes from the Z.A.R. were made available to the prisoners for their correspondence.



The oval "WATERVAL KRYGSGEVANGENIS" (Waterval Prisoner of War Camp) Cachet was applied "5 JAN 1900", and the letter was sent to Pretoria where it was handled 3 days later. In some cases the delay in processing such letters over the 12 mile distance took fourteen days or longer.

The circular "COMMANDANT GENERAL" cachet, applied in Pretoria, is common to much early POW mail, and probably indicated censorship or approval of some type.

This is the earliest recorded example of the Waterval oval cachet and the only one recorded with initials added

Australian Contingency



Cover sent from Victoria to a Private at the front
(No arrival mark)

Canadian Contingent

THE WORK OF THE
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

With the Canadian Contingent in South Africa

THOMAS F. BEST, OFFICER IN CHARGE.



HOME OFFICE, 421 YONGE ST., TORONTO.

THOS. J. WILKIE, SECRETARY.

CANADIAN CONTINGENT
OCT 24 1900
SOUTH AFRICA



W. G. Bellroy Esq

Buyson

Que

Canada

YMCA cover posted FPO 21 "OC 15 00"
Oval cachet dated "OCT 24 1900"
Received Montreal "NO 19 00"

Indian Contingent

From No 4009 C. O. Harrison. I G. R.
Indian Contingent South Africa



Mrs W. Harrison.
Sundon House, Clifton Down
Bristol
⇒ ENGLAND ⇒

Front from Indian Contingent posted at
Lady Smith "MB 7 1900" to England

Base Post Offices

Type II : 27 mm, Square dot before "FIELD" and after "B.O."

R. Ford 1003 Transvaal Constabulary

320



Lieut. Col. A. S. Ford.

48 rue Caponillet 48

Bruxelles.

Belgium.

Posted "JA 24 01" to Brussels, Belgium
from R Ford at Transvaal Constabulary



REGISTERED LETTER

THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO AN OFFICER OF THE
TO BE REGISTERED, AND A RECEIPT OBTAIN
THE ADDRESS MUST BE WRITTEN ON



*33
3834*
Ave de Geo
to Mr J Smith

Gudtshoorn
Cape Colony

FEE PAID.

Registered PSE front posted "SP 13 00"
to Gudtshoorn (sp?)
Additional 1d and 6d GB franking

→ Stamps not available



Mr. Greated

Wormbridge

Tram Inn

England Herefordshire R. 5.0

Stampless Cover to England "JU 17 00"
London Paid "JY 20 00"
Backstamped Hereford "JY 21 00"

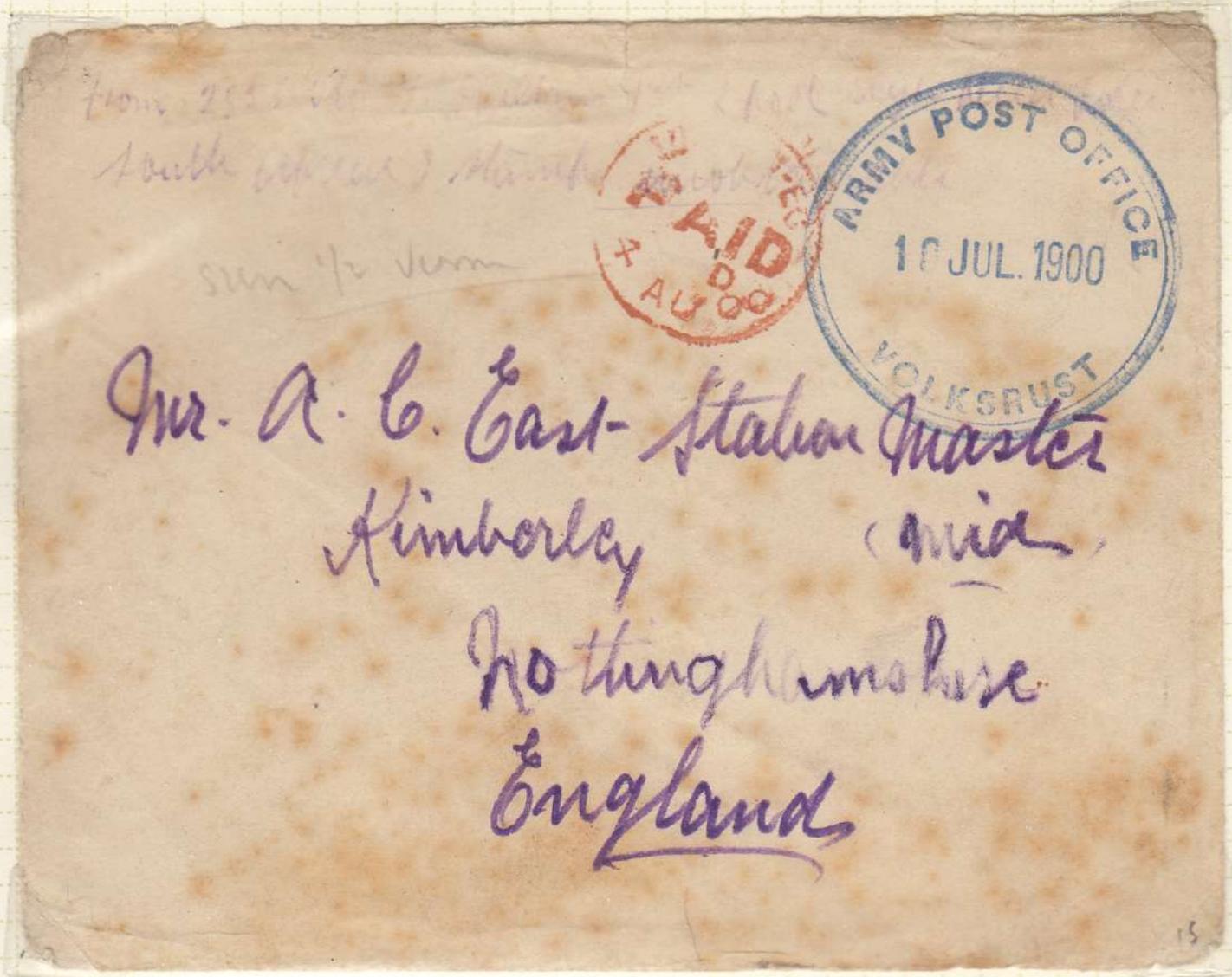
Wait till called for

ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE.



*Cut down official envelope, cancelled "AUG 1880"
No address or receiving marks*

APC Rubber Handstamp - Volkstrust



Stampless Cover
to England,
posted "18 JUL 1900"

London "PAID"
"4 AU 00"

Struck in Blue

Backstamped
Nottingham
"AU 4 00"

Mrs. F. Holly



103 Wood Lane

Chippenham

Wiltshire

England

IR 20 02 "Posted " A MY 21 02"
Backstamped Chippenham "JU 14 02"

BUITENGEWONE
STAATS-COURANT
ZUID-AFRIKAAN- SCHE REPUBLIEK.



DEEL XX. MACHADODORP, Z.A.R., 7 JUNI 1900. No. 1121.

PROCLAMATIE.

NADEMAAL de omstandigheden des Lands het noodig maken, dat de Regeeringszetel tijdelijk verplaatst worde, zoo is het, dat ik, STEPHANUS JOHANNES PAULUS KRUGER, Staatspresident der Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek, met advies en consent van den Uitvoerenden Raad, blijkens art. 89 zijner notulen, dd. 6 Juni 1900 en uit kracht van de machtiging aan de Regeering verleend bij Eerste Volksraadsbesluit, art. 1416a, dd. 28 September 1899, hiermede proclameer en vaststel,

dat de Regeeringszetel van af den 5den Juni 1900 tot nader order gevestigd is geweest en zal zijn te Machadodorp, in de Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek.

Aldus gegeven onder mijne hand en het Grootzegel van de Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek, op heden den zesden Juni 1900, te Machadodorp, Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek.

GOD BEHOEDE LAND EN VOLK.

S. J. P. KRUGER,
Staatspresident.
F. W. REITZ,
Staatssecretaris.

Staatsdrukkerij te velde, Machadodorp, Z.A.R.

ZUID-AFRIK. REPUBLIEK

BRIEFKAART

voor het Binnenlandsch Verkeer



The proclamation cards were printed on a press housed on a train. 1800 1/2d and 200 1d cards were produced, using the current Transvaal postal cards. The 1/2d cards were franked with an additional 1/2d stamp.

1190 1
Printed by
mobile press
at Machadodorp
by Z.A.R.
government
in retreat
from the British

ZUID-AFRIK. REPUBLIEK

RÉPUBLIQUE SUD-AFRICAINE

ALGEMEENE POST-VEREENIGING - (UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE)

BRIEFKAART

(CARTE POSTALE)

POSTZEGEL
Z.-A. REPUBLIEK



.. 1 PENNY ..

A

Staatsdrukkerij te velde, Machadodorp, Z.-A. R.



Written Sept 2, 1900
 by a British Soldier
 held in Barbenton
 by the Boers

Posted Barbenton
 "11 SEP 00"

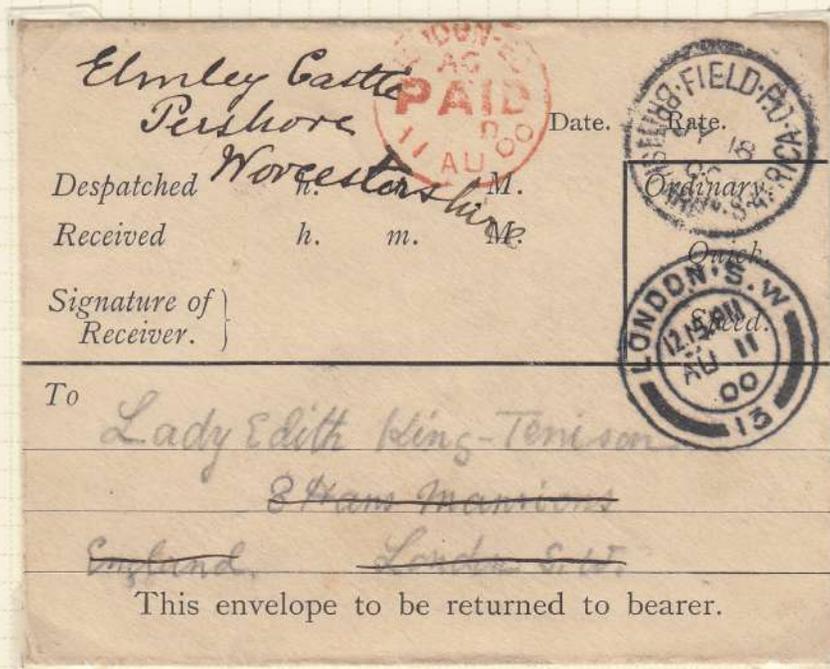
Lourenco Marques
 transit mark
 "15 SEP 00"

Detailed message
 on reverse

Soldier's letter to
 England, posted
 "17 18 00"

Single Circle FPO
 cancellation
 (no number)

Same addressee
 and sender as the
 above. Must have
 been captured by
 the Boers between
 7/18/00 and
 9/2/00



Message on reverse of of censored Machadorp card:

Barberton , Transvaal
Sep 2, 00

A postcard, but not alas from Pretoria. Still, it is a rather a curio, being printed on their field printing offices, a railway truck with a large red cross on it. They moved 18 officers and 50 men from Nooitgedacht here 24 hours before our troops came in. We have no servants. I am very uncomfortable. We are in the assembly rooms, which are at all events waterproof. It is a very bitter blow, being so near liberty, then being carried off, but even now I hope it won't be so long. I don't think they want to keep us long. I wonder if my letters reach. I have written several from Nooitgedacht. Au revoir.

Yrs
Wm Du Pre

Pretoriusburg

TRANSVAAL

Imperf



19-II



1st Printing of 1d - 4th overall printing - Perf - Vertically Only!

Pos 2
Dropped
"1" in "1901"



Pos 18
No stop after "AFR" at pt



Front from Leribe
CGH (FE 1901) to
P.O.W. at Green Point

Manuscript censor
probably applied at
Leribe

(Note use of OES
stamps from
CGH location)

Den Heer

J. J. vander Merwe. Comdt

Green Point
C. C.



Censored
H. H. H.

Wrygggevangene (genl. Pimslou)



Mr P J and Berne
Rustpontein



Ervene Post
Camp II Hud D. 3.



Posted Kimberley 10 10 01
Kimberley Censor Stamp "W. Elton - Capt"
(front only)

Cover to P.O.W.,
St. Helena

Commandant
Martiens
Prisoners of War
St Helena

ST-HELENA
JUL 11 01

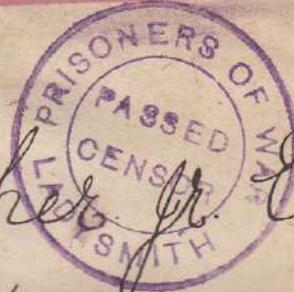
ENSOR
PRISONERS OF WAR
BELLE VUE



Posted Simons Town "1 MY 01"
Received St. Helena "JUL 11 01"

(front only)

please forward
to Mrs


C. E. Nixon, B. A.
 Prisoner of War.
~~Lieutenant~~
~~Lady Smith~~

Front posted
Pretoria "17 MRO1"

Redirected to
Ahmednagar
with large double
oval camp POW
Censor cachet
"CENIXON, B. A."

Portion of British
Type 26 Censor
Seal applied
at Ahmednagar

Cover to Bloemfontein
posted "FE 14 01"

Diyatalawa Camp
cancel

H. P. Y. Censor initials
applied at
Bloemfontein

Backstamped Durban,
Natal "MR 13 1901"
Bloemfontein
"MR 23 01"



Faustmann,
Bloemfontein,
O. R. C.,
South Africa 2

St. Helena Deadwood Camp Double Triangle

" PASSED BY CENSOR - DEADWOOD

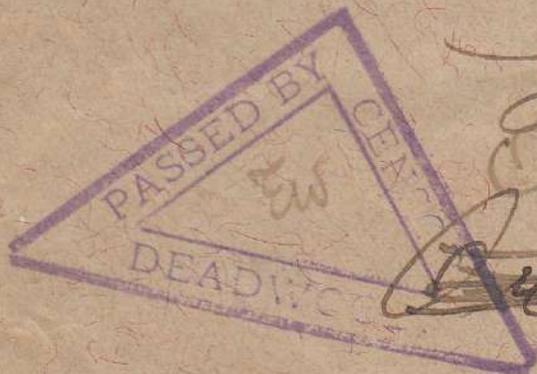


P.D.C.
Mrs. Sarah van Kesteren

Lay-ban
Orange Free Colony

~~Orange Free State~~

via Oritra
via Kaap Stroom



St. Helena - Broad Bottom Camp POW Censor Cachet



Cover Front to
Diyatalawa Camp,
Ceylon

Posted St Helena
"MY 16 01"

Initialled G. A. D. B.
(Mr. G. A. de Beer)

PRISONERS OF WAR
...PASSED CENSOR...
4
...BERMUDA...



Cover posted
Amsterdam
" 13 NET 02"
to P.O.W. at
Tucker's
Island
Hamilton,
Bermuda
receiving
mark on
reverse
" MR 26 02"

S. H. Bosch, Esq.

Tucker's Island.

Prisoners of War.

Special Enclosure.

Bermuda Isles.

January 28, 1901

Cover posted at
Beaufort West "JA 28 01"
to Cape Town. Cape
Town receiving mark
on reverse "JA 30 01".

Manuscript "Censored
Envelopes" suggests
this was the top
envelope in a bundle.



OPENED UNDER MARTIAL LAW

INITIALS OF CENSORING OFFICER:



Handwritten:
H
3/11

E.H. Bilse Esq.

Bethulie.



Handwritten signature: O.R.C.

Cover with same routing as above, posted Port Elisabeth, routed through Springfontein - "10 MR 01" backstamp and SPRI Censor cachet with initials
Bethulie B7H1 Censor cachet has initials with British Type 15 Censor Seal applied over cachet

Johannesburg Large Oval - F. A. Jones, Lieut - JHB 10 (con't)

Opened under Martial Law.

Theodore Fven,
WATCHMAKER JEWELER
FINE Watch Repairing a Specialty
1686 N. CLARK ST. CHICAGO, ILL.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
NEW YORK, N. Y.
No. 29651
EXCHANGE.



REGISTERED
MAR 3 1902

67430

LAKEVIEW STATION,
CHICAGO, ILL.

JANNESBURG.

PR 1902

Return Receipt
JONES, Lieut.

Mr. Emil C. C. Tamsen

645

Waterbury
South African Republic

Registered cover from Chicago, posted "MAR 3 1902" to Waterburg
Censor Cocket ties Type 36 Censor Seal on "4 APR 1902"
Backstamped: New York "3-5 1902" and "3-6 1902"
Pretoria "5 APR 02". Latest recorded date of use

Bloemfontein "PASSED CENSOR" with initials H.P.Y - BFN 6



Registered Cover Bloemfontein "11 DE 00" to London
Multiple franking probably philatelic
Received "5 JAN 01"



AANGETEELK

DEZE BRIEF DIEN, TER AANTEELK
VAN HET POSTKANTOOR
OVERHANDIGD



2/8
A.W. CAMACE LTD

3600

Holborn
London E.C.

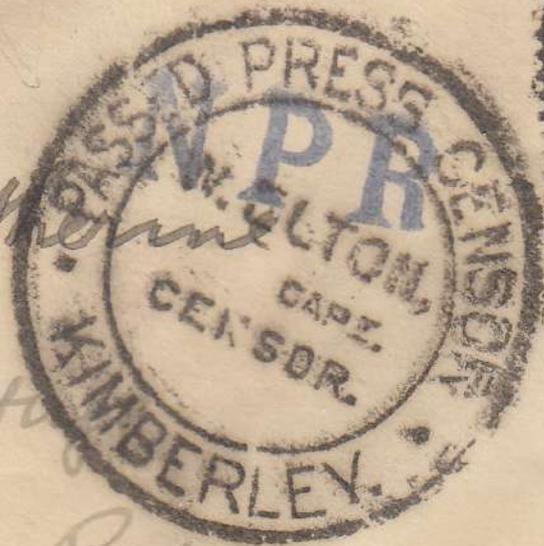


Registered PSE Johannesburg "18 JAN 02" to London



Mr Rd Treubath
24 North Parade
Penzance.
Cornwall.
England.

The Sister Catherine
Church Rectory
Balfontein Rel
Kimberley



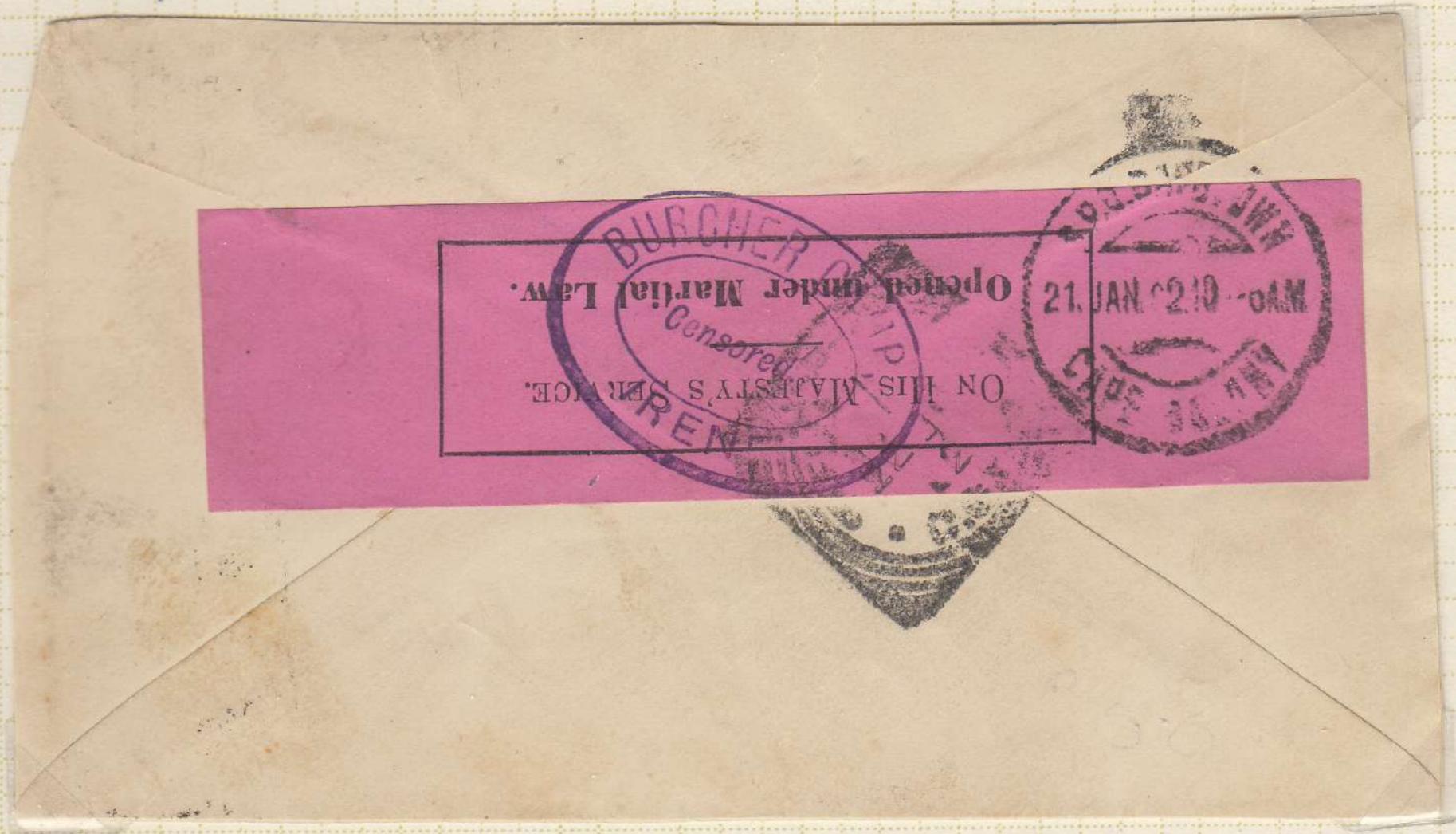
Cover posted Bloemfontein to Kimberley, with receiving mark on reverse "AV 1 01". Bloemfontein "NPR" initials censor cachet BFN 22

Belfast Barger Camp



Belfast double oval Barger Camp Cachet - 13 SEP. 1901
Passed Belfast - 13 SEP 1901
48 x 28 mm dumb censor triangle with initials - BEL 1
Pretoria Triangle Censor Cachet
(Front only)

Irene Burger Camp



Cover Irene Burger Camp to Kaapstad, redirected
to Stellenbosch
Posted and censored Irene "16 JAN 02" - Pretoria Posting
Rich's 10th type censor seal
GPO Capetown transit "21 JAN 02"
Receiving mark not legible

Kimberly Refugee Camp



Front from POW in Bermuda (Hamilton - NO 16 1901) to Beaconsfield,
redirected to Newton Refugee Camp, Kimberly
franked with 1d GB stamp

Double circle Bermuda POW censor cachet
ABWPS Type 7 Censor Seal

Rectangular Kimberly Censor Cachet - W. Elton, Capt.

Double Circle Kimberly Censor Cachet - W. Elton, Major

Received Beaconsfield "JA 20 02"

Probably one Kimberly cachet applied at Beaconsfield, other at Kimberly

Krugersdorp Burger camp - Serrated oval

Front from Krugersdorp
to Bellue Camp

Posted Krugersdorp "12 SEP 01"

Krugersdorp Burger Camp
toothed double oval
12 SEP 1901

Small Krugersdorp PBC
censor cachet

Oval Johannesburg
censor oval

Double Circle "Censor
POW" cachet



Krugersdorp Burgher Camp - P. H. Tomlinson Oval



Cover posted Krugersdorp "27 JAN 02", Backstamped Johannesburg
" 27 JAN 02 (additional 'offset Krugersdorp cancel')
Tomlinson Cachet applied over Type 36 Censor Seal
On front, Johannesburg Oval censor cachet with Center Line
and double circle dump P.O.W. censor cachet

Vereeniging Bargher Camp



Front Vereeniging Bargher Camp to Deadwood
Camp, St. Helena (24 MAY 02)

Fancy Vereeniging Bargher Camp Censor Cachet
Johannesburg Passed Press Censor Cachet JHB 16
Portion of Rich's 10th Type Censor Seal

The Boer war officially ended on May 31, 1902 with the signing of the peace treaty between the Boers and the British at Vereeniging. It would seem that the need for censorship was over, but there are examples of censor cachets used as much as a month later.

June 9, 1902



ORC reply card posted at Bethulie, "JU 9 02", with Bethulie triangle censor cachet BTH6 with initials. The Beaufort West BFW3a cachet was applied on receipt. Both cachets used after the end of the war.