

Check List of Bechuanaland and Botswana Postal Stationery

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This checklist is based on the book by Peter Thy and John Inglefield-Watson: The Postal Stationery of the Bechuanalands and Botswana (British Philatelic Trust, 2004). The listing is simplified giving only major- and subnumbers. The first column is the BBS number proposed by Thy and Inglefield-Watson. The second column is the approximate Higgins and Gage number. The following columns are identifying characteristics used by this compiler. The 'S' in column 7 notes the existence of UPU specimen. Empty columns can be used for record keepings and wantlists.

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Postcards										
British Bechuanaland										
PC 1	1	QV	1d	Cape	Bold capitals					
PC 2	1a	QV	1d	Cape	Lower-cases, without stop, 15 mm					
PC 3a	4	QV	1d	British	Long overprint bar	S				
PC 3b	4	QV	1d	British	Short overprint bar	S				
PC 4	1b	QV	1d	Cape	Lower-cases, with stop, 17.5 mm					
PC 5	1c	QV	1d	Cape	Thin non-serif capitals					
PC 6	7	QV	1d+1d	Cape						
PC 7a	6a	QV	1½d	Cape	With stop					
PC 7b	6	QV	1½d	Cape	Without stop					
PC 8	5	QV	1d	Cape	Fancy serif capitals (Grecian)					
PC 9	2	QV	½d	British	Thin card, Die 2 (thin white rim)					
PC 10a	3	QV	½d	British	Thick card, Die 2 (thin white rim)					
PC 10b	3	QV	½d	British	Thick card, Die 3 (broad white rim)					
PC 11	9	QV	1d+1d	British	Angeli, carmine					
PC 12	8	QV	1½d	British	Angeli, carmine					
Bechuanaland Protectorate										
PC 13	2	QV	1d	British	Angeli, carmine	S				
PC 14a	1	QV	½d	British	Green, Die 2 (thin white rim)	S				
PC 14b	1	QV	½d	British	Green, Die 3 (broad white rim)	S				
PC 15	3	KEVII	½d	British	Green	S				
PC 16	4	KEVII	1d	British	Carmine	S				
PC 17a	5	KGV	½d	British	Downey, Type 2A (shading incomplete)					
PC 17b	5	KGV	½d	British	Downey, Type 2B (shading complete)					
PC 18	6	KGV	½d	British	Profile					
PC 19	7	KGV	½d	British	Cattle, green	S				
PC 20	8	KGVI	½d	British	Cattle, green	S				
PC 21a	9	KGVI	1d	British	Cattle, red, buff card	S				
PC 21b	9	KGVI	1d	British	Cattle, red, cream card					
PC 22	10	QEII	1½d	British	Cattle, red & green, 1d+½d					
PC 23	11	QEII	2c		Hoopoe					
Botswana										
PC 24	1		2c		Hoopoe					
PC 25			50t		Metrological Session					
PC 26			50t		Youth football					
PC 27			35t		World Post Day					

Wrappers

British Bechuanaland

WR 1	E 1	QV	½d	Cape	Green, without stop, 14 mm				
WR 2	E 2	QV	1d	Cape	Brown, without stop, 14 mm				
WR 3a	E 3	QV	½d	British	5 lines, bar cut perpendicular length				
WR 3b	E 3	QV	½d	British	5 lines, bars cut parallel text				
WR 4	E 4	QV	1d	British		S			
WR 5	E 5	QV	½d	Cape	Green, with stop, 17.5 mm				
WR 6	E 6	QV	1d	Cape	Brown, with stop, 17.5 mm				
WR 7a	E 7	QV	½d	British	4 lines pale yellowish paper				
WR 7b	E 7	QV	½d	British	4 lines, buff paper	S			

Registration Envelopes

British Bechuanaland

RE 1	C 1	QV	4d	Cape	G, bold capitals				
RE 2a	C 1a	QV	4d	Cape	I, bold capitals, text 182 mm				
RE 2b	C 1a	QV	4d	Cape	I, bold capitals, text 212 mm				
RE 3	C 1b	QV	4d	Cape	K, bold capitals				
RE 4	C 2	QV	4d	Cape	G, large non-serif, lower-cases				
RE 5a	C 5a	QV	4d	British	G, slope 55°				
RE 5b	C 5	QV	4d	British	G, slope 70°				
RE 6a	C 5c	QV	4d	British	I, slope 55°				
RE 6b	C 5b	QV	4d	British	I, slope 70°				
RE 7a	C 5e	QV	4d	British	K, slope 55°				
RE 7b	C 5d	QV	4d	British	K, slope 70°				
RE 8	C 3	QV	4d	Cape	G, lower-cases, without stop				
RE 9a	C 3a	QV	4d	Cape	I, lower-cases, w/o stop, text 182 mm				
RE 9b	C 3a	QV	4d	Cape	I, lower-cases, w/o stop, text 212 mm				
RE 10	C 3b	QV	4d	Cape	K, lower-cases, without stop				
RE 11a	C 4	QV	4d	Cape	F, CONTRACTORS, 2..5 mm				
RE 11b	C 4	QV	4d	Cape	F, PATENT, 2.5 mm				
RE 11c	C 4a	QV	4d	Cape	F, PATENT, 1.5 mm				
RE 12	C 6	QV	4d	Cape	G, green, serif, DLR				
RE 13	C 6a	QV	4d	Cape	H, green, serif, DLR				
RE 14	C 6b	QV	4d	Cape	K, green, serif, McC, text 184 mm				
RE 15a	C 7	QV	4d	British	G, vermilion, 28.2.89	S			
RE 15b	C 7	QV	4d	British	G, vermilion, 2.3.89				

RE 15c	C 7	QV	4d	British	G, vermilion, 28.4.90	S				
RE 16a	C 7a	QV	4d	British	H, vermilion, 28.3.89	S				
RE 16b	C 7a	QV	4d	British	H, vermilion, 1.3.89	S				
RE 16c	C 7a	QV	4d	British	H, vermilion, 28.4.90					
RE 17a	C 7b	QV	4d	British	K, vermilion, 1.3.89	S				
RE 17b	C 7b	QV	4d	British	K, vermilion, 28.4.90					
Bechuanaland Protectorate										
RE 18	C 2	QV	4d	Cape	G, sans-serif capitals, DLR					
RE 19	C 1	QV	4d	Cape	I, sans-serif capitals, 182 mm					
RE 20	C 1a	QV	4d	Cape	K, sans-serif capitals					
RE 21	C 3	QV	4d	Cape	H, green, serif capitals, DLR					
RE 22	C 4	QV	4d	Cape	K, green, serif capitals					
RE 23	C 5	QV	4d	Cape	F, bold capitals, DLR					
RE 24	C 6	QV	4d	Cape	G, bold capitals, DLR					
RE 25	C 7	QV	4d		F, Antilles	S				
RE 26	C 7b	QV	4d		G, Antilles					
RE 27	C 8	KEVII	4d	British	F, INLAND REG, -o-	S				
RE 28	C 8b	KEVII	4d	British	G, INLAND REG, -o-	S				
RE 29a	C 9	KEVII	4d	British	F, INLAND REG, -0-, EA					
RE 29b	C 9	KEVII	4d	British	F, INLAND REG, -0-, FA					
RE 29c	C 9	KEVII	4d	British	F, INLAND REG, -0-, BB					
RE 29d	C 9	KEVII	4d	British	F, INLAND REG, -0-, CB					
RE 30a	C 9a	KEVII	4d	British	G, INLAND REG, -0-, EA					
RE 30b	C 9a	KEVII	4d	British	G, INLAND REG, -0-, FA					
RE 30c	C 9a	KEVII	4d	British	G, INLAND REG, -0-, CB					
RE 31a	C 10	KEVII	4d	British	F, 2-line, INLAND REG, -o-, EA					
RE 31b	C 10	KEVII	4d	British	F, 2-line, INLAND REG, -o-, FA					
RE 32a	C 11	KGV	4d	British	F, REG, 3, GF					
RE 32b	C 11	KGV	4d	British	F, REG, 3, KF					
RE 32c	C 11	KGV	4d	British	F, REG, 3, EG					
RE 33a	C 11a	KGV	4d	British	G, REG, 3, KF					
RE 33b	C 11a	KGV	4d	British	G, REG, 3, LF					
RE 33c	C 11a	KGV	4d	British	G, REG, 3, DG					
RE 33d	C 11a	KGV	4d	British	G, REG, 3, EG					
RE 33e	C 11a	KGV	4d	British	G, REG, 3, LK					
RE 33f	C 11a	KGV	4d	British	G, REG, 3, LK, Litho					
RE 33g	C 11a	KGV	4d	British	G, REG, 3, MK					

RE 34a	C 12	KGV	4d	British	G, REG, 3, EM, straight flap					
RE 34b	C 12	KGV	4d	British	G, REG, 3, EM, straight flap, Litho					
RE 35	C 13	KGV	4d	British	F, blue, 3 1/2, CO, straight flap					
RE 36	C 13a	KGV	4d	British	G, blue, 3 1/2, EM, straight flap					
RE 37a	C 14	KGV	5 1/2 d	British	F, green, 4, AP, straight flap					
RE 37b	C 14	KGV	5 1/2 d	British	F, green, 4, BP, straight flap					
RE 38a	C 14a	KGV	5 1/2 d	British	G, green, 4, CO, straight flap					
RE 38b	C 14a	KGV	5 1/2 d	British	G, green, 4, DO, straight flap					
RE 38c	C 14a	KGV	5 1/2 d	British	G, green, 4, EO, straight flap					
RE 38d	C 14a	KGV	5 1/2 d	British	G, green, 4, FO, straight flap					
RE 39	C 15	KGV	5 1/2 d	British	G, vermilion, 5, BQ, straight flap					
RE 40a	C 16	KGV	4 1/2 d	British	G, carmine. 2 vertical lines, 4 1/2, ET					
RE 40b	C 16	KGV	4 1/2 d	British	G, carmine. 2 vertical lines, 4 1/2, BU					
RE 40c	C 16	KGV	4 1/2 d	British	G, carmine. 2 vertical lines, 4 1/2, EU					
RE 40d	C 16	KGV	4 1/2 d	British	G, carmine. 2 vertical lines, 4 1/2, HU					
RE 40e	C 16	KGV	4 1/2 d	British	G, carmine. 2 vertical lines, 4 1/2, none					
RE 41	C 17	KGV	4d		G, carmine	S				
RE 42a	C 18b	KGVI	4d		G, carmine, T1 (THOS. PATENT)	S				
RE 42b	C 18a	KGVI	4d		G, carmine, T2A (THOMAS LTD. PATENT)					
RE 42c	C 18a	KGVI	4d		G, carmine, T2B (THOMAS LTD PATENT)					
RE 42d	C 18	KGVI	4d		G, carmine, T3 (THOS. LTD.)					
RE 42e	C 18a	KGVI	4d		G, carmine, T4 (THOMAS LIMITED)					
RE 43	C 18c	KGVI	4d		H2, carmine					
RE 44	C 19	QEII	6d		G, carmine					
RE 45	C 19a	QEII	6d		H2, carmine					
RE 46	C 20	QEII	5c		G, carmine					
RE 47	C 20a	QEII	5c		H, carmine					
RE 48	C 21a	QEII	5c		H2, carmine, manually surcharged					
RE 49	C 21b	QEII	5c		H, red, McC, buff					
Botswana										
RE 50					G', British style					
RE 51a					H, British style					
RE 51b					H', British style					
RE 52					G', blue lining, British style					
RE 53					H', blue lining, British style					
RE 54					Top opening, small R in circle					
RE 55					Top opening, R in oval					

AE 15			15t		Baobab					
AE 16			10t		Baobab, blue trees/ochre aircraft					
AE 17			20t		Baobab					
AE 18			35t		Baobab					
AE 19			10t		Baobab, pale turquoise paper					
AE 20			20t		Baobab, pale turquoise paper					
AE 21			35t		Baobab, pale turquoise paper					
AE 22a			10t		Air Botswana, light brown					
AE 22b			10t		Air Botswana, dark brown					
AE 23a			20t		Air Botswana, light brown					
AE 23b			20t		Air Botswana, dark brown					
AE 24a			35t		Air Botswana, light brown					
AE 24b			35t		Air Botswana, dark brown					
AE 25			10t		Tourist landscapes					
AE 26a			20t		Tourist landscapes					
AE 26b			20t		Tourist landscapes, laid paper					
AE 27a			30t		Tourist landscapes					
AE 27b			30t		Tourist landscapes, laid paper					
AE 28			40t		Tourist landscapes					
AE 29a			50t		Tourist landscapes					
AE 29b			50t		Tourist landscapes, laid paper					
AE 30			15t		Railways					
AE 31			30t		Touist animals					
AE 32			40t		Touist animals					
AE 33			70t		Touist animals					
AE 34			80t		Touist animals					
AE 35			90t		Touist animals					
AE 36			P1.40		Touist animals					
AE 37			P2.25		Touist animals					
Express Envelopes										
Botswana										
EX 1					Paper, 22x11 cm					
EX 2					Paper, 23x16 cm					
EX 3					Paper, 32.5x23 cm					
EX 4					Paper, 40.5x30.5 cm					
EX 5					Card, 24x31.5 cm					

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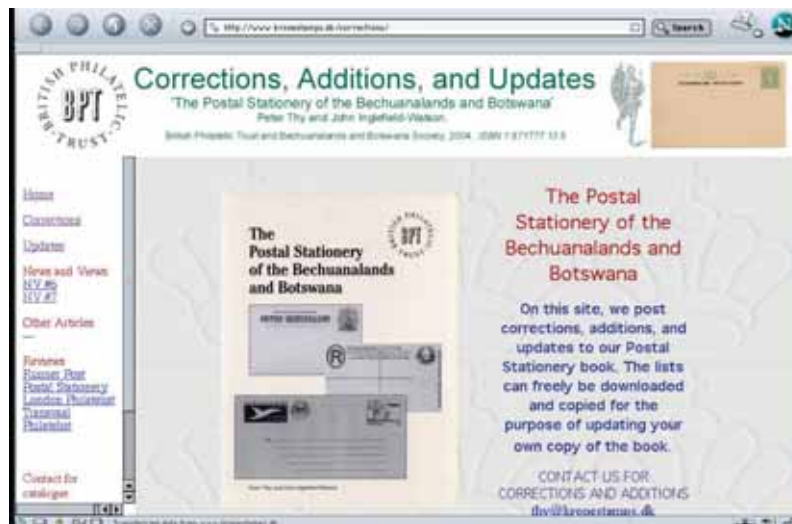
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