

ZAR and Transvaal date-stamps until Union: a working catalogue. Part 2: BLAAUWBANK to BUSHMAN'S SPRUIT

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Running introduction:

A more detailed introduction to this catalogue is given at the beginning of Part 1 (TP 55: 26-28). Here, to assist readers, most of the listing conventions and abbreviations are repeated:

Office information (basically follows Ency):

PAK	Post Agent Kantoor (before 1900)
PA	Postal Agency (after 1900)
PK	Post Office (before 1900)
PO	Post Office (after 1900)
PWK	Post Wissel Kantoor (post office and money order office, until 1900)
RO	Rail Postal Agency
SO	Sub Post Office
TO	Telegraph Office
T	Telegraph in combinations such as RTO and PTA

Descriptions of cancellers, and measurements (adapted for Transvaal from Frescura (2018)):

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.TRA	single circle, TRANSVAAL at bottom
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

Measurements:

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. The same basic approach is used for other measurements as appropriate. When measurement has been estimated from an image, this has normally been done using the size of a stamp as a known dimension.

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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:

We are very aware that new postmarks are still being frequently reported, and that published information on dates of use is usually very sketchy. An important purpose of this catalogue is to encourage collectors to report new cancellations and new dates. If enough are reported, we plan to make updates available on the internet. We would be most grateful for details and scans of any previously-unreported date-stamps, earlier and later dates of use, better images, and any corrections and comments. Please send to bas.payne@gmail.com. If possible, scans should be 300 or 400 dpi, and saved as .jpg files.

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[Bremersdorp]




BLAAUWBANK / BLAUWBANK
 approx. 30 km W of Krugersdorp
 PAK opened 1.6.1887, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened by 1904, ? closed and re-opened 15.9.1906, PO 1907, no later entry (Ency)

Put 2
 SQ.OCT
 BLAAUWBANK / Z.A.R., date as t / dd mmm / yy
 7 MEI 90 PC – 7 FEB 94 vdH
 tcl: A seen




PC
 Aab

Add 3
 24 mm DC.ZAR
 BLAUWBANK / Z.A.R., date as dd mmm yy
 **MRT 96 PC – 19 APR 99 Add
 Often bluish and rather blotchy ink.
 Stop after yy in 1897, but not in 1898: number wheels probably transposed and then corrected.



PC
 Add


Add 4
 26 mm DC
 BLAAUWBANK / x-cut stop, date as dd mmm yy
 *1 MAY 05 Add
 PA evidently open in May 1905.



BP

BLAAUWBERG
 approx. 110 km NW of Pietersburg
 PAK opened 16.1.1894, closed 10.8.1894; PA opened 1.12.1904, open → Union (Ency)


Put 1, Add 1a
 27 mm DC.TVL
 BLAAUWBERG / TVL, small xs at sides, date as dd mm yyyy
 [28 MAR 94 Put¹]; 1 DEC 1909 BP – 18 JUN 1943 ATV
¹ Use of TVL in this way seems unlikely in a pre-Boer War ZAR canceller; date improbable.



BP
 BP

BLACKHILL
 approx. 20 km SW of Witbank
 (TO opened 1.2.1907), PO opened 1.3.1907, SO 1909, PO 1910, open → Union (Ency)


Put 2
 26 mm DC.TRA
 BLACKHILL / TRANSVAAL, small - s at sides, date as dd mmm yy
 14 APR 07 Aab – 4 SEP 23 Put








Aab
 BP

BLACKHILL RAIL
 approx. 20 km SW of Witbank
 RO opened 15.3.1907, no longer listed in 1908 (Ency)

Put 1
 26 mm DC.RO
 BLACKHILL / R.O., date as dd mmm yy
 19 MAY 09 BP – 12 NOV 17 Put
 Used when office not listed.











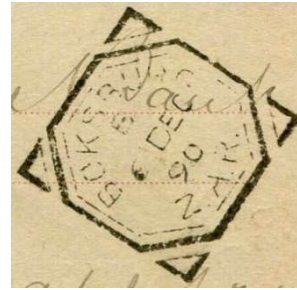




BP
 ATV ex Put

BLAUWBANK <i>see</i> BLAAUWBANK	
BLESBOKSPRUIT approx. 40 km NE of Standerton PA opened 18.3.1906, open → Union (Ency)	
Put 1 25 mm DC.TRA BLESBOKSPRUIT / TRANSVAAL, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm tyy 12 DEC 11 BP – 2 JUL 35 ATV tcl: A, P, ■ seen Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.	
BLOEMHOF approx. 345 km SW of Pretoria PAK opened 1868, PK before 1885, (closed during Boer War), PO re-opened 15.8.1902, open → Union (Ency) Became PWK by 1895 (Add 4x earliest recorded date).	
Put 3 27 mm SC.TRA BLOEMHOF / TRANSVAAL, date as mmm dd / yy MAY 20 84 PC – FEB 17 89 Put	
Put 4 SQ.OCT BLOEMHOF / Z.A.R., date as t / dd mmm / yy 16 JUN 89 vdH – 10 SEP 91 Aab tcl: A seen Seen in blue ink.	 
Put 5 SQC.ICB BLOEMHOF, date as dd / mmm / YYYY 15 OCT 1891 Put – 28 JAN 1892 PC Seen in blue ink (1892)	

	
Add 5u 22 mm DC BLOEMHOF / Z.A.R., date as dd / mmm / yyyy 23 OCT 1893 ATV – 12 JUL 1985 ATV	 
Add 4x 23 mm DC P.W.K. / BLOEMHOF Z.A.R., date as dd / mmm / yyyy blank JAN 1895 D&vdH – 26 AUG 1895 Add	 
Add 5w 24 mm DC.ZAR BLOEMHOF / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy **MRT 96 PC – 20 MRT 00 Aab	 
Add 6u 24 mm DC BLOEMHOF / ? damaged + -cut stop, ?5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy 24 SEP 02 ATV – 26 MAY 08 BP	









	 <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>
<p>Add 5y</p> <p>25 mm SC</p> <p>BLOEMHOF / TVL, date as dd mm / yy</p> <p>24 OC 08 Add</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Add</p>
<p>Put 6 = Put 7</p> <p>25 mm DC.TRA</p> <p>BLOEMHOF / TRANSVAAL, small stops at sides, date as dd mmm tyy</p> <p>6 MAY 09 PC -13 SEP 28 PC</p> <p>tcl: A, -, (blank) seen</p> <p>Stops at sides smaller at first, becoming larger with wear.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">PC</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">PC</p>
<p>Put 8, Add 8a</p> <p>29 mm DC.TRA</p> <p>BLOEMHOF / TRANSVAAL, no side ornaments, date as dd mmm tyy</p> <p>27 MAY 11 ATV – 21 JUL 24 ATV</p> <p>tcl: A, B, C, - seen</p> <p>Post-Union date, but possibly pre-Union instrument.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>
<p>BOKSBURG</p> <p>approx. 20 km E of Johannesburg</p> <p>PWK opened 1.1.1888, (closed during Boer War), PO re-opened to civilian traffic 15.10.1901, open → Union (Ency)</p>	

<p>Put 1</p> <p>(29) mm TDC</p> <p>BOKSBURG Z.A.R., date as dd mm yy, with heavy bars above and below date line, t above and 6-star below</p> <p>25 OCT 88 vdH – 1 FE 95 Put¹</p> <p>tcl: A seen</p> <p>¹ date in strike in museum; does not necessarily reflect real postal use.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>
<p>Add 1x</p> <p>SQ.OCT</p> <p>BOKSBURG / Z.A.R., date as t / dd mm / yy</p> <p>6 MEI 89 Aab – 24 JU* 91 BP</p> <p>tcl: A, B seen</p> <p>Seen with month inverted.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Add</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">PC</p>
<p>Add 3x</p> <p>? x ? mm SO</p> <p>BOKSBURG / (?), date probably as dd mm yy</p> <p>22 * * * Add</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Add</p>
<p>Put 2</p> <p>SQC.ICB</p> <p>BOKSBURG, date as dd / mmm / YYYY</p> <p>29 APR 1892 vdH – 5 DEC 1894 Aab</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Aab</p>
<p>Add 4x</p> <p>24 mm DC.ZAR</p> <p>BOKSBURG / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>13 APR 95 Add – 1 DEC 98 BP</p> <p>Lettering wider than in Put 4.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Add</p>




	 <p style="text-align: right;">PC</p>
<p>Put 4</p> <p>24 mm DC.ZAR</p> <p>BOKSBURG / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>7 MRT 99 BP – 20 FEB 01 PC</p> <p>See also Add 10x.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>
<p>D&vdH list a ZAR DC canceller with hollow crosses at sides, from 6 JAN 96 – 10 OCT 00; they note also that the side ornaments are not clear. No clear examples have been found; in their absence, it seems likely that these were misread examples of Put 4 and Add 4x.</p>	
<p>Add 10x</p> <p>24 mm DC</p> <p>BOKSBURG / blank, 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>25 MR 01 PC – 12 NOV 30 PC</p> <p>= Put 4 with Z.A.R. removed.</p> <p>MRT modified to MR (1901, 1909).</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">PC</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">PC</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">PC</p>

<p>Put 6</p> <p>29 mm DC.IHM</p> <p>BOKSBURG / +-cut stop, date as dd mmm yy thm</p> <p>3 OCT 01 Put – 24 SEP 07 BP</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Aab</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>
<p>Put 5</p> <p>25 mm DC.TRA</p> <p>BOKSBURG / TRANSVAAL, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm ty</p> <p>1* JAN 08 BP – *9 SEP 11 ATV</p> <p>tcl: A, C, F, G, H, I, J, K seen</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>
<p>Put 7</p> <p>29 mm DC.ICB</p> <p>BOKSBURG / TRANSVAAL, date as dd mmm yy thm</p> <p>11 APR 10 BP – *9 SEP 11 ATV</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">PC</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">PC</p>
<p>BOKSBURG NORTH</p> <p>approx. 20 km E of Johannesburg</p> <p>PA first listed 4.1907, PO 15.8.1908, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Put 2, Add 2a</p> <p>25 mm DC.TRA</p> <p>BOKSBURG NORTH / TRANSVAAL, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm ty</p> <p>4 JUN 10 MH – 2 SEP 35 ATV</p> <p>tcl: A, P, - seen</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">MH</p>




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




BP


Put 1, Put 1a
 29 mm DC.TRA
 BOKSBURG NORTH / TRANSVAAL, no side ornaments, date as dd mmm yy
 9 JUN 11 Put – 13 OCT 32 BP
 tcl: A, C, D, - seen
 Post-Union date, but possibly pre-Union instrument.



BP




BP



BP

BON ACCORD
 approx. 20 km N of Pretoria
 PA first listed 1907, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1
 24 mm DC
 BON ACCORD / PRETORIA, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm yy
 19 JUN 40 Put – 12 SEP 44 ATV
 Post-Union date, possibly pre-Union instrument.



Put drawing

Put 2
 24 mm DC
 BON ACCORD / blank, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm yy
 18 JUN 47 BP – ** AUG 57 Put
 Probably Put 1 with "PRETORIA" removed.



BP



Put

BONNEFOOI / BONNEFOI
 approx. 30 km SW of Belfast
 PAK opened 1.10.1888, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened by 30.6.1903, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1
 24 mm DC.ZAR
 BONNE FOOI / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy
 10 APR 95 D&vdH – 24 JUL 99 BP



Aab



BP

Put 2, Add 2*
 25 mm DC
 BONNEFOOI / +cut stop, date as dd mmm yy
 16 JAN 11 BP – 31 MAR 30 Put
 Also seen in violet ink; basal stop not evident in later strikes.
 Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.



BP

BONNEFOI STATION
 approx. 20 km SW of Belfast
 PA first listed 7.1909, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1
 24 mm DC.TRA
 BONNEFOI STATION / TRANSVAAL, date as dd mmm yy
 26 NOV 10 Put – ** ** ** 22 BP
 tcl: G seen
 Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.







BP

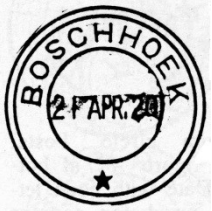



BOONS
 approx. 60 km W of Krugersdorp
 (TO opened 1.7.1908), PO opened 15.6.1909, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1, Add 1*
 28 mm DC.TRA
 BOONS / TRANSVAAL, xs at sides, date as dd mmm yy
 ** FEB 10 PC – 9 AUG 22 ATV

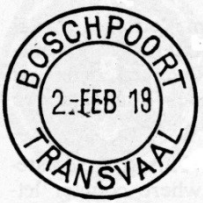




BP

<p>BOOYSENS</p> <p>approx. 2 km SW of Johannesburg (TSO opened 1.7.1905), SO 1909, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Put 1</p> <p>25 mm DC</p> <p>BOOYSENS T.S.O. / JOHANNESBURG, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>14 JAN 33 ATV – 8 JUL 37 PC</p> <p>Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.</p>	 <p>Put drawing</p>
<p>BOOYSENS RESERVE</p> <p>approx. 2 km SW of Johannesburg PA first listed 1909, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Put 1</p> <p>29 mm DC</p> <p>BOOYSENS RESERVE / T.S.O. JOHANNESBURG, date as dd mm ty</p> <p>25 JUN 36 Put</p> <p>tcl: - seen</p> <p>Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.</p>	 <p>Put</p>
<p>BOSCHFONTEIN</p> <p>approx. 20 km W of Lydenburg PA opened 12.1.1903, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Put 2, Add 2*</p> <p>25 mm DC</p> <p>BOSCHFONTEIN / x-cut stop, date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>12 DEC 04 BP – 24 MAY 35 Put</p>	 <p>BP</p>
<p>BOSCHHOEK</p> <p>approx. 25 km NW of Rustenburg PAK opened 1.8.1895, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened by 30.6.1903, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>BOSHOEK Add 1x</p> <p>24 mm DC.ZAR</p> <p>BOSCHHOEK / Z.A.R., (5-stars at sides), date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>1 JUL 96 D&vdH – 15 MEI 99 Add</p>	 <p>Add</p>

<p>BOSHOEK Put 1, Add 1*</p> <p>26 mm TC</p> <p>BOSCHHOEK / large 5-star at bottom, date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>DEC 08 BP – 21 APR 20 Put</p>		 <p>Put drawing</p>  <p>BP</p>
<p>BOSCHJE ALLEEN</p> <p>Head Office Wakkerstroom, so presumably in that area</p> <p>PAK opened 1887, no longer listed 1889 (Ency)</p> <p>No date-stamp known</p>		
<p>BOSCHKOP</p> <p>Head Office Heidelberg, so presumably in that area</p> <p>PAK opened 28.5.1891, closed 1893 (Ency)</p>		
<p>Add 1</p> <p>24 mm DC.ZAR</p> <p>BOSCHKOP / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>29 MEI 9*1 Add</p> <p>¹ Several years later (96 or 98) than closing date given by Ency, and of a type unlikely to have been issued before 1894. Office not shown on July 1898 Postgids map.</p>	 <p>Add</p>	
<p>BOSCHPAN</p> <p>approx. 45 km NW of Wolmaransstad PA opened 6.3.1906, open → Union (Ency)</p>		
<p>Add 1</p> <p>24 mm TC</p> <p>BOSCHPAN / TRANSVAAL, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm ty</p> <p>** JAN 11 Add</p> <p>tcl: A seen</p> <p>Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.</p>	 <p>Add</p>	
<p>BOSCHPOORT</p> <p>approx. 60 km S of Lichtenburg PA opened 1.7.1903; renamed KANA 1906; changed back to BOSCHPOORT 1908, open → Union (Ency)</p>		




<p>Put 1, 1a, Add 1b = Put 2</p> <p>25 mm DC.TRA</p> <p>BOSCHPOORT / TRANSVAAL, no side ornaments, date as dd mmm tyy</p> <p>2 FEB 19 Put – 14 NOV 56 Put</p> <p>tcl: a, -, (blank) seen</p> <p>Post-Union date, but possibly pre-Union instrument.</p>	 <p>Put drawing</p>
<p>BOSHOEK <i>see</i> BOSCHHOEK</p>	
<p>BOSHOFF</p> <p>approx. 75 km SW of Middelburg</p> <p>PAK opened 1.9.1896, (closed during Boer War), ?date of PA re-opening, last listed 1904 (Ency)</p>	
<p>Add 1</p> <p>24 mm DC.ZAR</p> <p>BOSHOFF [BOSCHOFF according to D&vdH] / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>30 SEP 98 D&vdH</p>	<p>(no image available)</p>
<p>BOSKOP</p> <p>approx. 25 km N of Potchefstroom</p> <p>(TO opened 1.3.1907), PA first listed 9.1908, open → Union (Ency)</p> <p>see also BOSCHKOP (Heidelberg)</p>	
<p>Put 1, 1a</p> <p>25 mm DC.TRA</p> <p>BOSKOP / TRANSVAAL, stops at sides / date as dd mmm yyyy</p> <p>30 OCT 1916 ATV - ** SEP 1927 ATV</p> <p>Note MEI for MAY.</p> <p>Seen with last two year digits smaller.</p> <p>Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.</p>	 <p>ATV</p>
<p>BOSMANSFONTEIN</p> <p>approx. 60 km E of Heidelberg</p> <p>(possibly renamed from BUSHMAN'S SPRUIT q.v.); PAK first listed 1.3.1888, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened late 1905 or early 1906, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Add 2</p> <p>24 mm DC.ZAR</p> <p>BOSMANSFONTEIN / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm YY</p> <p>** SEP 94 BP – 12 JUN 99 PC</p>	 <p>Aab</p>

<p>BOSMANS PAN</p> <p>approx. 55 km SW of Middelburg</p> <p>PA opened 1.11.1903, open → Union (Ency)</p>	 <p>PC</p>
<p>Put 1</p> <p>26 mm DC.TVL</p> <p>BOSMANS PAN / TVL., small xs at sides, date as dd mmm yyyy</p> <p>17 NOV 1908 BP – 15 OCT 1912 Put</p>	 <p>BP</p>  <p>MH</p>
<p>BOSMANSRUST</p> <p>approx. 10 km NE of Wolmaransstad</p> <p>PA opened 23.3.1903, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Put 1</p> <p>26 mm DC</p> <p>BOSMANSRUST / x, date as dd mmm yyyy</p> <p>24 AUG 1906 ATV – 23 AUG 1953 ATV</p>	 <p>Put</p>
<p>BOSPOORT <i>see</i> BOSCHPOORT</p>	
<p>BOTHASKRAAL</p> <p>approx. 20 km SE of Heidelberg</p> <p>PAK, date of opening unknown, re-named KRAAL(q.v.) probably 1.1.1898 (Ency v.4:289: not listed in Ency v.1)</p> <p>Bothaskraal is shown on the July 1898 Postgids map.</p>	
<p>Add 1</p> <p>24 mm DC.ZAR</p> <p>BOTHASKRAAL / Z.A.R.(.), 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm [t]¹yy</p> <p>2 FEB 98 Add – 6 APR 00 BP²</p> <p>tcl: E reported (D&vdH)</p> <p>¹The drawing of the earlier example has a tcl; however the later specimen clearly does not.</p>	 <p>Add drawing</p>



Further examples are needed to resolve this.

² This has the date as "6e APR 00", and no tcl. The use of a lower case "e" in this way has not otherwise been seen.



BP

BOTHSABELO
 approx. 15 km NW of Middelburg
 office listed 1868- 1872 (unlikely that date-stamps exist)
 PA first listed in 10.1909, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1
 28 mm DC.TRA
 BOTHSABELO / TRANSVAAL, no side ornament, date as dd mmm ty
 3 FEB 10 BP – ** **R 16 BP
 tcl: A, - seen



BP

BOVENLAGER
 approx. 150 km E of Pietersburg
 temporary PO on Great Letaba River, during Malaboch campaign, opened 17.8.1894, closed 30.9.1894 (Ency)
 It is unlikely that date-stamps exist.

BRAAMFONTEIN
 approx. 1 km N of central Johannesburg
 PK opened 1.9.1898, (closed during Boer War), PO re-opened before 1.7.1902, listed as BO 9.1908, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1
 24 mm DC.ZAR
 BRAAMFONTEIN / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm ty
 10 SEP 98 PC – 25 MEI 00 PC
 tcl: A, B, C seen




PC



BP

Put 2 ?= Put 4¹
 29 mm DC.ICB
 BRAAMFONTEIN / B.O.
 JOHANNESBURG, date as dd mmm yy thm
 ** MAY 02 ATV – 7 MAR 10 PC



Aab


In later examples (1907-1910) the letters appear to be slightly taller, and the stop after "the "O" in "B.O." appears to be stronger. There may have been two different instruments; but this could also possibly be the result of wear.

¹ Put 4 is illustrated by a drawing with the date 29 MAR 1911 (and no indication of time). The cancellation is otherwise very like Put 2; the date may have been misinterpreted.



BP

Add 3y
 25 mm DC.
 BRAAMFONTEIN / B.O.
 JOHANNESBURG, date as dd mmm ty
 24 OCT 04 ATV – 19 JUN 14 ATV
 tcl: - seen



PC


Year as yy, lettering taller than in Put 3, and inner circle relatively smaller.

MR. for MAR/MRT seen (n.d.).

In earlier examples, there appears to be what looks like a stop on the left side; however this is not present in later examples.




Aab














Add

Put 3 = Put 6
 26 mm DC
 BRAAMFONTEIN / B.O.
 JOHANNESBURG, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm yyyy
 17 MAR 1910 Put – 20 JAN 1937 BP
 xs at sides look like small rectangles later.



PC

	 <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>
<p>(Put 2a) = Add 2x</p> <p>29 mm DC.ICB</p> <p>BRAAMFONTEIN / JOHANNESBURG, date as dd mmm yy thm</p> <p>3 FEB 11 ATV – 2 AUG 13 PC</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>
<p>BRAKFRONTEIN</p> <p>approx. 25 km SW of Ermelo</p> <p>PA first listed 4.1907, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Put 1</p> <p>25 mm DC.TRA</p> <p>BRAKFRONTEIN / TRANSVAAL, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm ty</p> <p>23 AUG 07 ATV</p> <p>tcl: - seen</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Add</p>
<p>BRAKKLOOF</p> <p>approx. 45 km NW of Rustenburg</p> <p>PAK opened 1.6.1892, PA open → Union (Ency) [presumably closed during Boer War]</p>	
<p>Add 3</p> <p>24 mm DC.ZAR</p> <p>BRAKKLOOF / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>22 JUN 97 Add – 3 JUN 99 Add</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Add</p>
<p>Put 1 = Put 2, Add 2*</p> <p>25 mm DC</p> <p>BRAKKLOOF / blank, date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>29 MAR 03 Aab – 28 APR 71 ATV</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Aab</p>

	 <p style="text-align: right;">Aab</p>
<p>BRAKPAN, BRAKPAN RAIL</p> <p>approx. 10 km W of Springs</p> <p>(RO opened 10.1893), PAK opened 1.7.1896, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened 1.9.1901, transferred to RAIL before 15.12.1902; PO re-opened 5.3.1903, closed 1.12.1905; PO re-opened 1.6.1906, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Put 1x, Add 1xa</p> <p>24 mm DC.ZAR</p> <p>BRAKPAN / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>24 MEI 97 PC – 26 JUN 01 BP</p> <p>■1 for 1901 seen</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">PC</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>
<p>Add 1y</p> <p>24 mm DC</p> <p>BRAKPAN / blank, 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>17 SEP 01 PC – 12 FEB 03 PC</p> <p>= Put 1x with Z.A.R. removed</p> <p>■1 for 1901 and ■2 for 1902 seen</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">PC</p>  <p>(cleaned copy)</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>

Put 3, 3a
 30 mm DC.IHM
 BRAKPAN / x, date as dd mmm yy thm
 *7 APR 02 BP – 13 JUN 16 ATV
 Note figured example during period when PO closed acc Ency.




PC



Aab


Put 2
 26 mm TC
 BRAKPAN / T, date as dd mmm yy
 4 JUN 05 BP – 1 FEB 41 PC



BP

BRAKSPRUIT
 approx. 50 km W of Rustenburg
 (TO opened 1.6.1905), PA opened 1.6.1906, PO 1.2.1909, open → Union (Ency)


Put 1
 25 mm DC.TRA
 BRAKSPRUIT / TRANSVAAL, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm tyt
 7 MAY 07 BP – 19 NOV 12 BP
 tcl B, ■, blank seen



BP

BRAMLEY
 approx. 5 km NE of Johannesburg
 SO opened 1906, open → Union (Ency)

Put 1, 1a, 1b
 25 mm DC.TRA
 BRAMLEY / TRANSVAAL, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm tyt (or yyt)
 23 DEC 07 Put v2: 171 – 30 SEP 54 ATV
 tcl: A, ■ seen




Aab

BRANDBOONTJESRIVIER
 location unknown
 Temporary PAK opened 10.8.1894, closed 30.9.1894 (Ency)
 Unlikely that date-stamps exist.

BRANDEWYNSKUIL
 approx. 20 km S of Wolmaransstad
 PAK opened 1.8.1897, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened between 7.1902 and 6.1903, closed 31.12.1904 (Ency)


Add 1
 24 mm DC.ZAR
 BRANDEWYNSKUIL / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy
 6 JUL 98 Add – 5 APR 00 (Birkhead and Groenewald 1999: 52, fig.)




AV

BRANDSPRUIT
 Head Office Standerton, so presumably in that area
 PA opened 2.1.1904, closed 30.9.1905 (Ency)

Add 1
 26 mm DC
 BRANDSPRUIT / [TVL], small xs at sides, date as dd mmm yyyy
 30 MAR 1904 Aab – 20 SEP 1905 Aab




Aab



Aab

BRANDVLEI
 approx. 15 km W of Krugersdorp
 PAK opened 1.6.1892, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened 1.10.1902, last listed 1.1904 (Ency)


Add 1
 24 mm DC.ZAR
 BRANDVLEI / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy
 22 APR ** Add



Add

BREE STREET, JOHANNESBURG
 approx. 1 km NW of central Johannesburg
 PA (BO) opened 30.6.1903; moved to von Brandis St. on 1.3.1906, and name changed to VON BRANDIS B.O. (q.v.) on 1.4.1906 (Ency)

Put 1, Add 1*
 25 mm DC
 BREE ST B.O / JOHANNESBURG, [x-cut stops] at sides, date as dd mmm yy
 29 SEP [03] Aab; 3 APR 05 Add – *9 FEB 06 PC



Aab





Add

PC

BREMERSDORP

approx. 80 km NE of Piet Retief

(In Swaziland): included here because postal services operated as part of ZAR and Transvaal postal services during the period covered by this catalogue, and Swaziland was incorporated into the ZAR between 1894 and 1902

PAK opened 7.10.1890¹, PO 1.2.1891, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened 1.7.1903¹, SO 1.2.1905, PO 7.1908, open → Union (Ency)

PWK from 1.1.1891 (Visser 2013).

¹ Visser 2013

Put 8

40 x 25 mm DO

BREMERSDORP / [blank], date as dd mmm yy

8 NOV 90 (Visser 2013) – 26 OCT 91 Put

Usually in purple ink.



Visser 2013 (reduced)



BP

Put 2 = Put 3

SQC

BREMERSDORP / SWAZIEL, date as dd mmm yy

26 OCT 91 (Visser 2013) – 7 MRT 95 (Visser 2013)

Seen in blue ink until mid-1892; black thereafter.

Put distinguishes two instruments on basis of differences at corners; no clear separation in material seen.



BP



PC

Put 4

SQC

BREMERSDORP / Z.A.R., date as dd mmm yy

[27 JUL 94 vdH]¹ 10 MEI 95 PC – 19 OCT 98 (Visser 2013)

¹ Seems unlikely as Put 2 still in use at that date; outside range given by Visser (2013).



PC

Put 5

24 mm DC.ZAR

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

21 SEP 95 (Visser 2013) – 28 SEP 99 (Visser 2013)



PC



PC

Put 7

24 mm DC

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

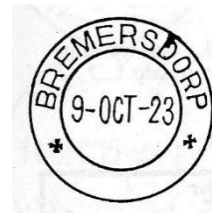
18 SEP 03 (Visser 2013) – 26 JUL 24 (Visser 2013)

tcl: -, blank seen

"B" missing in later strikes (Visser 2013).



BP



Put drawing








BRERETON

approx. 40 km W of Piet Retief






PAK opened 1.6.1895, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened between 7.1902 and 6.1903, open → Union (Ency)









<p>Add 1x</p> <p>24mm DC.ZAR</p> <p>BRERETON / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>23 MRT 98 Add</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Add</p>
<p>Put 1</p> <p>26 mm DC</p> <p>BRERETON / (x-cut stop), date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>11 FEB 08 Put – 2 OCT 14 BP</p> <p>Possibly the same as Put 2.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>
<p>BREYTEN</p> <p>approx. 25 km N of Ermelo</p> <p>PA opened 24.9.1905, SO 1.9.1906, PO 1907, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Put 1</p> <p>26 mm DC.TRA</p> <p>BREYTEN / TRANSVAAL, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm yyyy</p> <p>** *** 1908 BP – 25 OCT 1912 Put</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Aab</p>
<p>BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE 1905</p> <p>temporary PO at Technical Institute, Johannesburg</p> <p>PA opened 28.8.1905, closed 1.9.1905 (Ency)</p>	
<p>Put 2</p> <p>38 mm DC</p> <p>BRITISH ASSOCIATION / JOHANNESBURG, date as dd mmm yyyy</p> <p>30 AUG 1905 Put</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Put (reduced)</p>
<p>BRITS</p> <p>approx. 25 km W of Pretoria</p> <p>(TO opened 1.2.1907), PA opened before 6.1907, PO 1.9.1909, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Add 1w</p> <p>25 mm DC</p> <p>BRITS / ?, [no side ornaments], date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>9 FEB 12 Add</p> <p>Post-Union date, possibly pre-Union instrument.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">BP</p>

<p>Put 1</p> <p>27 mm DC.TRA</p> <p>BRITS / TRANSVAAL, no side ornaments, date as dd mmm yyyy</p> <p>28 NOV 1910 ATV – 1 OCT 1924 ATV</p> <p>Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">MH</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">MH</p>
<p>BRITTEN / BRITTEN RAIL</p> <p>approx. 30 km SW of Bloemhof</p> <p>PA first listed 10.1907, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>BRITTEN RAIL Put 1</p> <p>26 mm DC.RO</p> <p>BRITTEN / R.O., date as dd mmm yy</p> <p>12 SEP 08 Mat (p.165) – 1 JUL 28 ATV</p> <p>According to Ency, the PA was transferred to Britten Station in 1913; however the R.O canceller was already in use in 1908, and no 1907-1913 non-R.O cancellations have been reported.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Add</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Add</p>
<p>BRIXTON</p> <p>approx. 2 km NW of central Johannesburg</p> <p>SO first listed 4.1907, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Put 1, Put 2, 2a</p> <p>26 mm DC</p> <p>BRIXTON T.S.O. / JOHANNESBURG, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm yyyy, then as dd mm ty</p> <p>12 DEC 1914 Put – 15 JUN 36 Put</p> <p>tcl: - seen</p> <p>Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.</p> <p>Later (Put 2, 2a) modified by removal of T.S.O., 8 AUG 41 ATV - 29 SEP 93 ATV.</p>	   <p style="text-align: right;">Put</p>




<p>BROEDERSPUT approx. 90 km W of Wolmaransstad PA first listed 9.1909, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Add 1x 29 mm DC.TRA BROEDERSPUT / TRANSVAAL, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm tty 24 JUN 20 Add tcl: - seen Post-Union date, probably pre- Union instrument.</p>	 <p>PC</p>
<p>BRONKHORSTSPRUIT approx. 60 km E of Pretoria PAK opened 1.1.1895, (closed during Boer War), PA re- opened 1.1.1901, transferred to Station 1902-1904, returned before 10.1904, SO 10.5.1906, PO 1910, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Add 1w 25 mm DC.ZAR BRONKHORSTSPRUIT / Z.A.R., +-cut stops at sides, date as dd mmm yy 28 SEP 98 BP – ** ** 00 Add Seen in purple ink (1900)</p>	 <p>BP</p>  <p>Add</p>
<p>Add 1x 25 mm DC P. O BRONKHORSTSPRUIT / +- cut stop, date as dd mmm yyyy ** MEI 1901 PC – 18 AUG 1909 BP</p>	 <p>Aab</p>  <p>Add</p>
<p>BRONKHORSTSPRUIT R.O. approx. 60 km E of Pretoria</p>	

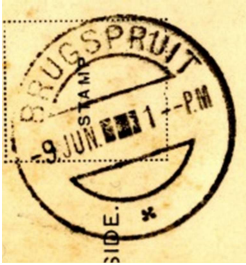
<p>TO opened 11.1894, (closed during Boer War), PA transferred from BRONKHORSTSPRUIT before 15.10.1902, RTO last listed 1.1904 (Ency) Date of Add 2 (below) indicates R.O. already open by 2.1901.</p>	
<p>Add 2 23 mm SC BRONKHORSTSPRUIT / R.O., date as dd mm / yy 18 FE 01 Add</p>	 <p>Add</p>
<p>Put 1 26 mm DC BRONKHORSTSPRUIT / R.O., date as dd mm yyyy 24 AUG 1906 Aab – 29 JUN 1913 PC Earlier date when office not listed (re-opened after Union).</p>	 <p>Aab</p>  <p>Aab</p>
<p>BRUGSPRUIT approx. 10 km W of Witbank PAK opened 4.8.1890, (closed during Boer War), PA re- opened 1.1.1901 ? at Station, PO 1906, at Station by 5.1907, open → Union (Ency, which comments that the entries are unclear and that this summary may need revision)</p>	
<p>Put 1, Add 1* 24 mm DC.ZAR BRUGSPRUIT / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy (** JAN 94 PC), 14 JUN 96 ATV – 28 FEB 98 PC Seen in blue ink (1897)</p>	 <p>BP</p>  <p>PC</p>
<p>Put 2 25 mm DC P.O. BRUGSPRUIT / +-cut stop, date as dd mmm yyyy 14 JUL 1903 Put</p>	 <p>Aab</p>



Put 3, 3a
 29 mm DC.IHM
 BRUGSPRUIT / x, date as dd mmm yy thm
 19 OCT 03 Put – 27 AUG 10 ATV
 Seen with yy as ■■

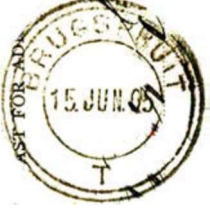


MH




BP

Add 3x
 26 mm TC
 BRUGSPRUIT / T, date as dd mmm yy
 15 JUN 05 Add – 8 MAR 07 PC




Add




Aab

BUFFELS
 approx. 80 km NE of Pietersburg
 PAK opened 1.11.1890, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened between 7.1902 and 6.1903, open → Union (Ency)

Add 1
 24 mm DC.ZAR
 BUFFELS / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy
 4 MRT 94 PC – 2 NOV 99 Add




PC




Add

Add 2
 25mm DC
 BUFFELS +-cut stop, date as dd mmm yyyy
 ** DEC 1904 Aab – 17 MAR 191* Add




Aab



Add

BUFFELSDOORN
 approx. 30 km W of Potchefstroom
 PAK opened 1.7.1893, (closed during Boer War), PA re-opened after 7.1902, last listed 1.1904 (Ency)

Put 1, Add 1*
 24 mm DC.ZAR
 BUFFELSDOORN / Z.A.R., 5-stars at sides, date as dd mmm yy
 [1 JUL 93 D&vdH¹], 23 OCT 95 PC – 1 MEI 98 BP [** FEB 07 BP]²




PC


Stop after yy seen in 1896 and 1897, indicating transposed dating wheels

¹Improbable as this canceller type probably first introduced in January 1894; perhaps confusion with date of opening of PAK.

²Presumably PAK error.




PC



BP

BUFFELSVLEI
 approx. 25 km NW of Lydenburg
 PAK first listed 1899, open → Union (Ency) [presumably closed during Boer War]




Put 1
 25 mm DC.TRA
 BUFFELSVLEI / TRANSVAAL, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm tyy
 15 MAR 09 PC – 31 JAN 75 Put
 tcl: A, P seen





PC

BUHRMANS DRIFT
 approx. 45 km SW of Zeerust
 (TO opened 1.4.1905); PA opened 1905, PTA 4.1909, open → Union (Ency)



<p>Put 1, Add 1*</p> <p>26 mm DC.TVL</p> <p>BUHRMANS DRIFT / TVL, x-cut stops at sides, date as dd mmm yyyy; then yyt</p> <p>2 JUL 1905 BP – 28 DEC 1914</p> <p>Put, then 13 NOV 28 ATV</p> <p>tcl: G seen</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Add</p>
<p>BURGHERSHOOP</p> <p>approx. 1 km W of central Krugersdorp</p> <p>Office listed 1853 (very unlikely that date-stamps exist); PA opened 1.8.1906, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Put 1, 1a</p> <p>28 mm DC</p> <p>BURGHERSHOOP / KRUGERSDORP, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm yyyy</p> <p>4 DEC 1914 PC – 3 FEB 1933 ATV</p> <p>Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">PC</p>
<p>BUSHBUCK RIDGE</p> <p>approx. 65 km N of Nelspruit</p> <p>PA opened 1.10.1906, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Put 1, Add 1a</p> <p>27 mm DC.TRA</p> <p>BUSHBUCK RIDGE / TRANSVAAL, small xs at sides, date as dd mmm ty, later dd mmm yyyy</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">PC</p>

<p>4 DEC 12 Add; 3 SEP1935 – 14 OCT 1939 ATV</p> <p>tcl: A, blank seen</p> <p>Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Put</p>
<p>BUSHMANSKRANTZ</p> <p>approx. 60 km W of Piet Retief</p> <p>PA opened before 6.1907, open → Union (Ency)</p>	
<p>Put 1</p> <p>26 mm DC.TRA</p> <p>BUSHMANSKRANTZ / TRANSVAAL, date as dd mmm YY</p> <p>20 JUL 11 ATV – 23 SEP 14 Put</p> <p>Post-Union date, but probably pre-Union instrument.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Put drawing</p>
<p>BUSHMAN'S SPRUIT</p> <p>Head Office Heidelberg, so presumably in that area</p> <p>PAK opened 2.9.1874, last listed 1881, possibly renamed as BOSMANSFONTEIN (q.v.) (Ency)</p>	

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