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Report & Minutes of the AGM of the Belgian Congo Study Circle, held at the Université Libre de Bruxelles on March 12th 2016

Members of the BCSC gathered at The Université Libre de Bruxelles for the 2016 AGM, to repeat the enjoyable meeting we had last year. The meeting room was comfortable and spacious, and we ate a delicious midday meal. As was the case last year, this was a paperless meeting. Reports were projected from computer files. This is efficient and enabled the business part of the AGM to keep to its scheduled allocation of time. (A permanent record of reports is available by way of an e-mail attachment to all members, on request).



Members who attended the AGM

From the left:

Walter Deijnckens, Charles Stockmans, Thierry Frennet, Vincent Schoubrechts, Léo Tavano, Charles Hénuzet (hiding), Dominique Bilmans, Charles Lloyd, Bart Willekens, Yves Winand, Ludo Achten, Jean-Pierre Flamand, Michel Hopperets, Bruce Lockhart, Filip Van der Haegen, Marc Oblin, Rudi Louis, Laurent Bierny

(Taking the photograph: Christian Vandebossche)

Opening of the Meeting:

The AGM was opened at 10.00 by the President, Thierry Frennet, who welcomed us all

and hoped that we would have an enjoyable meeting. He thanked the committee for their excellent work last year. Finally, he wished all the best to members who will be taking part in the competitive exhibition in Roeselare in June 2016.

Adoption of the Agenda:

The agenda was adopted, as circulated. The General Secretary had not been notified of any matter to add under *Any Other Business*.

Present:

Ludo Achten, Laurent Bierny, Dominique Bilmans, Walter Deijnckens, Jean-Pierre Flamand, Thierry Frennet, Charles Hénuzet , Michael Hopperets, Charles Lloyd, Bruce Lockhart, Rudi Louis, Marc Oblin, Vincent Schoubrechts, Charles Stockmans, Léo Tavano, Christian Vandenbossche, Filip Van der Haegen, Luc Vander Marcken, Bart Willekens, Yves Winand (20 members were present.)

Apologies for Absence:

Bernie Harris, Hal Hoyte, Philippe Lindekens, Patrick Maselis.

Minutes of the AGM held on 28th March 2015:

These were accepted as a correct and complete record of the meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes:

None

Officers Reports:

General Secretary

At the time of the AGM, our membership was:

Country	2015	2016
Belgium	65	67
UK	23	26
USA	18	17
France	4	5
Germany	3	3
Australia	2	3
Denmark	2	2
South Africa	2	2
Sweden	2	2

Country	2015	2016
Malta	1	1
Poland	1	1
Portugal	1	1
Spain	1	1
Zimbabwe	1	1
Netherlands	0	1
Switzerland	1	0
Total	127	132

Membership had increased slightly (4%), which is heartening. Our global distribution has been maintained. As in previous years, three countries dominated membership - Belgium, 50%; UK, 20% & USA, 13%. We have welcomed new members and have been sorry to say goodbye to others. Although The General Secretary had not received notification of the death of any current member, he was informed of the death of a former UK member, Patrick Ellis, who had passed away two years ago.

Scanning of the bulletin archive has been completed. The files are with a company for CD duplication and the production run of 100 is expected to be completed in April. The CD will be available to all members at a low price. (*Note added after the AGM: Further information will be given in a future Bulletin*)

In September we will hold a joint meeting in London with the East Africa Study Circle. All members are invited to come and to bring material to display. We enjoyed a joint meeting with the East Africans a decade ago, at which the topic was *The Great War in East Africa*. This time it will be philatelic matters of mutual interest (which includes new discoveries concerning that war).

There was an important matter to raise at this AGM; the future of the Belgian Congo Study Circle library. An explanation about the problem and a recommendation on its solution would be presented in the librarians report (see below).

Report of the Librarian

Borrowings continued to be insignificant. Our Librarian recommended that a decision to close of the library should be considered. For more than a decade, the library has been little used. Walter, who had agreed to be the librarian for five years, had completed his term and appointing a replacement would not solve the problem of under use. The growth of the internet and digital storage has lessened the role of libraries as information resource centres. Our library is no longer an essential asset.

Several options were open and had been considered by the officers. The officers had accepted an offer from the Belgian Academy of Philately to house the library on permanent loan. This solution keeps the library intact and available for public use. It will be kept as an entity and members were reassured that it will remain available to them. Some books that are useful to the Experisation Committee will be kept and placed under the care of the secretary of that committee.

A proposal was put to the meeting, this being: "The Belgian Congo Study Circle library shall be transferred, on permanent loan, to the Belgian Academy of Philately". This was accepted, unanimously.

Report of the General Treasurer

The full details on activity in both the International Account (held in the UK) and the BNP Paribas Fortis and PayPal accounts (held in Belgium) were presented at the AGM. In this report, these accounts have been consolidated to give a clear and concise picture of our financial position. (At the time of the AGM the balance sheet for USA was not available. It will be made available in the near future.) In the following table the conversion rate applicable on the day of the AGM has been used (£1 = 1.27€). On the 29th February 2016:

	€	€
Income		
Auction	977	
Expertization	68	
Sale of Books	60	
Subscriptions	1285	
Other minor income sources	115	
Expenditure		
AGM		562
Bulletin printing & distribution (UK, Europe, Rest of the World)		124
Insurance		155
Postage & other minor costs		79
	2505	920
Surplus for 2014-5	1585	

The funds held in our four accounts (BNP Paribas Fortis, BNP Paribas Fortis Savings, PayPal, TSB) total 4414€. It is advisable to maintain a significant reserve.

An increasing number of members are using PayPal to pay subscriptions, auction purchases & book purchases. (It caters for small payments between countries, at low cost.) However, there are charges which are calculated from six factors! The calculation takes time and mistakes creep in. The General Treasurer proposed a simplification to help. PayPal charges can be paid by either the sender or the receiver. In the future, the Study Circle will accept the charges. (i.e. PayPal will take these charges from the money you send.) The member who chooses to pay using PayPal will be instructed to add 4½% to the invoice he is sent to cover these charges [For example, your auction purchase (including the buyer's premium) is 97€ with 3€ postage. You are invoiced 100€. Add 4.50€ (= 4½%). Send 104.5€.] The intention is to make life easier for everyone. The percentage was selected to break even. Ludo Achten has advised me that you can pay into the PayPal account in US dollars, GB pounds or Euros. The account holds money in these three currencies.

However, all members will still be able to pay into the BNP Paribas Fortis account. Also, for US members there is the option to pay David Schaubroeck.

An increase in the subscription rates was proposed. They had not been increased for a number of years. It is good practice to make modest increases periodically to offset inflation rather than waiting until there is a financial crisis before acting. Even after the proposed increase, our subscription rates will remain at the lower end of the range for comparable philatelic societies and study circles. The change was accepted.

From the 1st January 2017 the subscription rates will be:

Global Area	Subscription 2017	
	A (see below)	B (see below)
UK	£20	£15
Belgium	18€	18€
Other European	24€	18€
USA	29\$	25\$
Rest of the World	30€	18€

A Rate for members who receive the Bulletin etc. by post

B Rate for members who receive the Bulletin etc. by e-mail attachment

Note that there has been a change for members living in the “Rest of the World”. For them, the subscription is in Euros, payable in Belgium into the PayPal or BNP Paribas Fortis accounts. (Offering the option to pay into the UK or Belgium has been difficult to administer. Payment into the UK is discontinued.)

Auction Sales Officer

Marc Oblin reported that there had been 3 auctions in 2015, with a total of 328 lots, 197 (60%) of which were sold at the first attempt. Many of the unsold lots were sold in the subsequent auction. The sales total amounted to 5084€. There were 10 sellers and more than 35 buyers. We may conclude that the auctions are still successful.

The Expertisation Committee

This year 35 certificates were issued of which 15 were free of charge (member’s entitlements). The income produced was 68 Euros. Members are reminded that they are entitled to two free expertisations each year. (A BCSC certificate ensures acceptance by others if, at a future date, the item is put up for sale. Also, the confirmation of genuineness of rare material contributes significantly to research and understanding.)

The Bulletin Editor

Three bulletins were published in the past year, each with an auction. To achieve the target of a quarterly publication, each with an adequate number of pages, depends upon members submitting suitable material. The editor urged all members to submit material (short or long) for publication and to share their knowledge. Charles added that because an auction accompanies the bulletin, the auctioneer must have the quality and quantity of lots for a sale when publication of the bulletin is due, to be able to publish on time.

Webmaster

The site has maintained the layout inherited, with minor improvements. In the past year it hosted three auctions which appeared to be popular. Now and again, our Webmaster tries to show some different extracts from the bulletins. Unfortunately, the deceased member list

is growing. The following traffic information from our host *One.com* is very little changed from last year.

	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits
2016 (2 months; average per month)	500	414	121	67
2015 (12 months; average per month)	585	436	116	50
2014 (7 months; average per month)	463	427	138	56

Note: This table originally contained values for each of the 21 months. The data are condensed for this report.

Considering specific hits on the site:

First 12 of 62 listed by the total duration of the view					
No.	Duration	%	Hits	Average	URL
1	02:04:03	8.65	477	00:00:15	/
2	01:31:49	6.41	67	00:01:22	/current auction.htm
3	01:17:13	5.39	35	00:02:01	/links.htm
4	00:58:38	4.12	15	00:03:55	/memoriam/Deneumostier-Saive.htm
5	00:50:39	3.54	16	00:03:09	/bulletins/160.htm
6	00:49:31	3.46	29	00:01:42	/bulletins/128.htm
7	00:45:47	3.20	32	00:01:25	/bid.htm
8	00:42:48	2.99	22	00:01:56	/bulletins/127.htm
9	00:42:49	2.98	27	00:01:34	/in_memoriam.htm
10	00:41:56	2.93	16	00:02:37	/memoriam/ellis.htm
11	00:41:18	2.88	19	00:02:10	/memoriam/dorisgreen.htm
12	00:40:36	2.84	25	00:01:27	/bulletins/134.htm

Note: This is an extract from the table reported. Bulletins and memoriam dominate that longer list; just they do for the first 12.

Officers for 2016-7

President
 General Secretary
 Regional Sec. – Belgium

Thierry Frennet
Charles Lloyd
Patrick Maselis

Regional Sec. – USA	<i>David A. Schaubroeck</i>
Regional Sec. – UK + R of W	<i>Charles Lloyd</i>
General Treasurer	<i>Charles Lloyd</i>
Financial Officer	<i>Ludo Achten</i>
Regional Treasurer – Belgium & R of W	<i>Ludo Achten</i>
Regional Treasurer – USA	<i>David Schaubroeck</i>
Regional Treasurer – UK	<i>Charles Lloyd</i>
Bulletin Editor	<i>Charles Henuzet</i>
Bulletin distribution – Belgium	<i>Patrick Maselis</i>
Bulletin distribution – USA	<i>Ken Goss</i>
Bulletin distribution – UK and R of W	<i>Charles Lloyd</i>
Web Master	<i>Bruce Lockhart</i>
Auction Secretaries	<i>Thierry Frennet, Marc Oblin, Charles Stockmans</i>
Auction Finance Officer	<i>Ludo Achten</i>
Expertisation Committee:	
- Secretary and Chair	<i>Charles Henuzet</i>
- Members	<i>Thierry Frennet, Marc Oblin, Filip Van der Haegen</i>
- Consultants	<i>Leo Tavano, Michel Hopperets, Jean Pierre Flamand, Luc Van der Marcken</i>

Our librarian, Walter Deijnckens, had tendered his resignation before the AGM. There is no need to seek a replacement. The office of librarian is redundant because the library will exist no longer, consequently the post is abolished.

The Secretary and membership of the Expertisation Committee are not subject to confirmation by the AGM. All other posts are. The AGM approved the continuance of all officers in their posts for 2016-7 (from the date of this AGM to that of the next AGM)

Conferment of Honorary Membership

In former days, The Belgian Congo Study Circle had honoured distinguished members by conferring honorary membership upon them. It is an honour that should be given rarely to senior long-time members who have made significant contributions to the Study Circle. The first honorary membership (Major Etienne Corbisier de Meaultsart) was created in 1953 and others followed in the next decade, but the practice has been neglected in recent years. The General Secretary proposed resurrecting honorary membership.

Conferment of Honorary Membership upon Hal Hoyte was proposed in recognition of the contribution he has made to the success of the Study Circle over many years. The Secretary noted that Hal's record is remarkable. He joined the Study Circle sixty years ago and has been a member without break since then. To celebrate a diamond jubilee as a member of a specialist philatelic group is indeed a great rarity! He was UK Packet Secretary for a decade and President from 2001 to 2003. In his first presidential message, Hal recalled that the first meeting he attended was in Laurence Green's house, in 1957. (At that time the size of the membership was such that a large room in a member's house

was quite adequate for a meeting attended by most members.) Hal has contributed to extending our knowledge and understanding of the philately of the Congo.

The proposal had the unanimous support of the Committee and the AGM confirmed this with the same degree of enthusiasm. The General Secretary added that it is the intention for the Committee to consider others for this honour in future years.

Date of the next AGM

18th March 2017

Closure of the business part of the AGM

No other business matters were tabled and business part of the AGM closed at 11:05. Following this, members enjoyed displays for the next four and a half hours with a mid-day break for an excellent luncheon.

Displays shown by members attending the 2016 AGM

We are indebted to Christian Vandebossche for photographing of members as they presented their displays.

"By Air to Brindisi", Filip van der Haegen & Bart Willekens



Some early airmail covers sent using Imperial Airways bear the cachet "BY AIR TO BRINDISI". When the London – East Africa service began, the Italian government had refused Imperial Airways permission to fly over Italy and the Brindisi - Paris sector had to be travelled by train. Thus, the north bound carriage of mail by air to Belgium ended at Brindisi. (Later, overflying was permitted.) The purpose of the presentation was to provide more feedback on the use of this marking not only on covers originating from the Congo, but also from other countries like Madagascar and Kenya / Uganda / Tanganyika during the period 1933 - 1937.

"The Raid Guilbaud - Paris to Madagascar 1926-7"

Jean-Pierre Flamand

On 10th October 1926 Lt Guilbaud set out from Marseilles, leading two seaplanes to locate bases suitable for a French seaplane mail route to Madagascar. The outward flight path

was around West Africa, across Central Africa and then south-east to Majunga, Madagascar. The return flight retraced the route as far as Albertville, and then deviated northward along the Nile. After Aboukir (Egypt) the seaplanes separated to take different routes back to France and a heroes' reception. Of interest to us is the transit of the Congo on both flights. They flew from Lukoja (Nigeria) – Stanleyville – Albertville – Fort Johnston (Nyasaland) and returned Fort Johnston – Albertville – Mwanza (Tanganyika). Jean-Pierre showed two covers. The first (shown below), addressed to Majunga, carried a 75c Vloors and was postmarked Albertville, 14th November 1926. The second, addressed to Mwanza, carried a 50c Belgian Congo airmail stamp which was postmarked Albertville, 3rd February 1927. [Editorial comment: Captain Stern (The Airpost Journal, 1970) states that these were the only types of mail items flown from the Congo, both originating at Albertville.]



Top: The outward flight. A signed card posted at Albertville, 14th Nov. 1926

Right: The CAMS 37GR seaplane at Stanleyville (with Lt. Rene Guilbaud and co-pilot Rapin leaning on it).



“Permis de port d’armes avec le 10 Fr ochre”, Laurent Bierny



From 1892, the 10 Fr ochre stamp (COB 13) was used on arms permits (which required a 20 Fr franking). Guns were considered a prerequisite for living in the country and Laurent produced an estimate for the number of stamps used on these permits by considering the number of (new) European arrivals in the Congo and the average number of weapons recorded on permits. This produced a lower limit of 3200 10 Fr stamps used in this way. When permits for the indigenous population and others are considered, there is a theoretical upper limit of 5000. Both values greatly exceed the 3000 accepted at present as having been printed. Thus, a minimum print run of 6000 (40 sheets)

is likely. It is possible that even more might have been printed, ordered in batches of sheets for economy.

"5Fr Mols with the 1923 Surcharge of Boma", Léo Tavano



A detailed study of this provisional issue was presented. When issued in 1923, it was essential to fulfil a shortage of 25c stamps, pending the delivery of the Vloors stamp. (More details have been published in Bulletin 170, on pages 5-6.) Léo noted that there were two plate combinations for the stamp and three states for the overprint. He showed examples of differences in, and the positioning of the overprint in sheets. Fraudulent cancellations were shown and explained. Used on cover is a great rarity because of short period of issue and the limited number of overprinted stamps. We were treated to several very attractive examples on cover.

"Herr Hertwig's Jigsaw Puzzle", Charles Lloyd



Charles reported buying two Hertwig "labels" in England. (Homeward IAC COB1 & Inland IAC COB3). He was surprised to be told that they had not been sold in an auction (in which he had not bid) & was offered them at a reduced price. Hertwig labels are never seen in UK auctions & perhaps buyers were wary. He accepted the offer and then sent them to our Expertisation Committee for a decision on authenticity. At this point an amazing coincidence was discovered. On the reverse of the Homeward label was the pre-existing printing on the "scrap" paper used by Hertwig. In Charles Henuzet's collection there is the label that was printed next to it. (Lloyd left & Henuzet right. Note: the colour of the latter has changed on this scan). Can we reassemble the original sheet of paper using the printing on the

reverse? It is a jigsaw puzzle to solve, not our usual plating challenge! Can anyone help? (Please would you send scans of both sides to Charles Lloyd, for this unusual project?)

"Cancellations on the Second IAC Postcard (1886)", Charles Hénuzet



On 1st January 1886 three post offices were opened and received cancellation handstamps sometime later. Charles brought copies of the second postcard issue (Stibbe 2). Stibbe gives July 1886 as its date of issue. The first of Charles' cards (shown above) bears its first recorded day of use – Boma, 14th August 1886 (with a Banana transit mark for the 15th August 1886). His second card was cancelled on the 4th April 1900, the last known day of use.

"Zeppelin Mail from the Belgian Congo", Charles Hénuzet



To start, Charles acknowledged the contributions of others to his presentation on Zeppelin covers. Those originating in the Congo are not so uncommon, but are more desirable than others. Congo covers were posted to Germany for carriage on these airships to North America, South America and Germany. Each has a red cachet on which the departure point (in Germany) is identified by a lower font letter after LUFTPOST, which on this cover is, "e" for Friedrichshafen. Congolese mail was received in Brussels and given a BRUXELLES 1 mark with *** which indicates a special bag. From Brussels it was taken by

air to Frankfort and then by train to Friedrichshafen. Charles displayed a number of covers, identifying the flight number, departure point & details of routing.

End of the AGM

After seven displays presented and at least three more in waiting, our time had expired. It was 16:30, the scheduled time to finish. It is encouraging to have such enthusiasm to participate, though we must apologise to those members who were unable to show us their material. We hope that it will be brought to a future meeting. For a number of us this was not the end of the day. We met up again in the evening to enjoy a tasty meal in the relaxed ambience of the Portuguese Restaurant.

Summary plating of the National Parks 1.50 F sheet

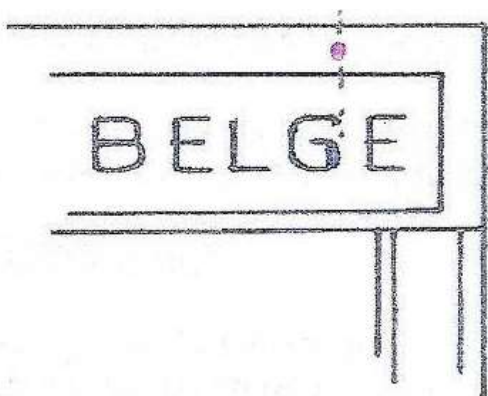
Charles Hénuzet

(first published in *Les Cahiers du Congo*)

The 1.50 F denomination sheet has been surcharged 5c. Before examining the surcharge in itself, it is essential to study the plating of this stamp to find the position of the stamp in the sheet which includes, in this case, two panes of 50 stamps. This is to locate with certainty the location of an overprint and to be certain that any inverted overprint is authentic. Most of the stamps on the sheet have different characteristics which makes it possible to differentiate between them.

a) A variety common in a large majority of the stamps

Found in the inter frame space above and at the far right of the letter "G" in BELGE, a red dot that is either barely visible or visible to the naked eye.



Barely visible	Requires a 12 X magnification glass	1
Visible	Requires a 2 X magnification glass	2
Clearly visible	Visible to the naked eye	3

Pane 1

1				5			8		
			14		16				
		23		25		27			
	32					37	38		
41		43	44		46	47			50

Pane 2

51	52	53		55		57	58		
61		63	64			67		69	
71		73	74		76		78		80
	82	83			86		88		90
	92				96		98	99	100

b) Varieties that are specific to particular stamps

We will study some stamps with these varieties, dividing this into two panes.

The feature(s) specific to each stamp in a particular position in Pane 1 is indicated with the stamps numbered 1 to 50. For Pane 2 the stamps are numbered 51 to 100.

Pane 1

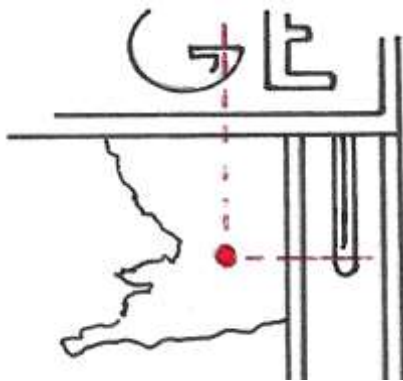
	2					7			10
						17		19	20
21				25	26	27			30
									40
	42					47		49	50

Position 2



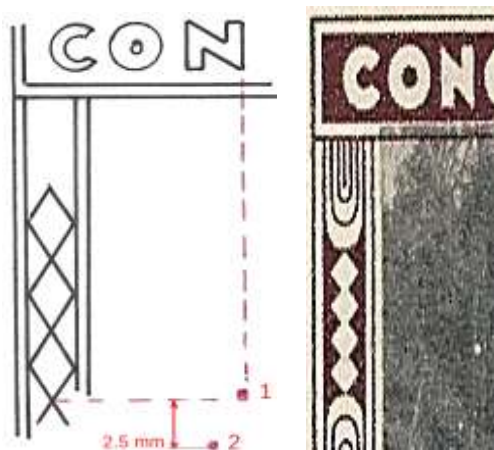
The framework is thinned between the letters 'L' and 'G' of BELGE

Position 7



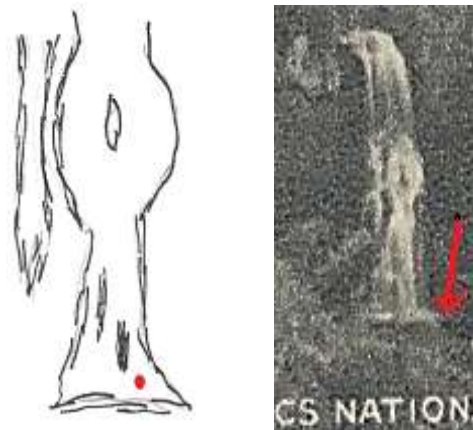
Big dot black, visible to the naked eye

Position 8



1) Big dot white 2) small dot white

Position 10



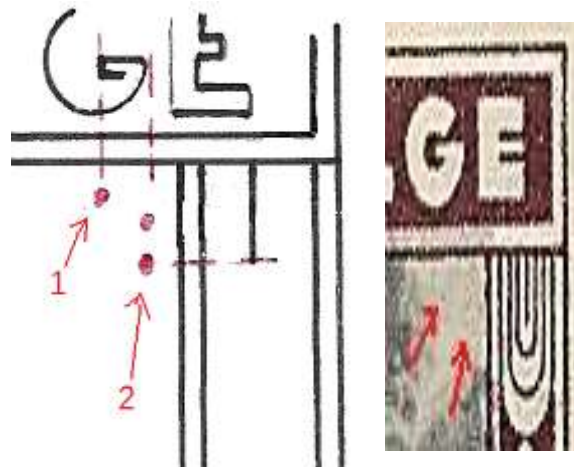
Black dot in the foot of the waterfall

Position 17



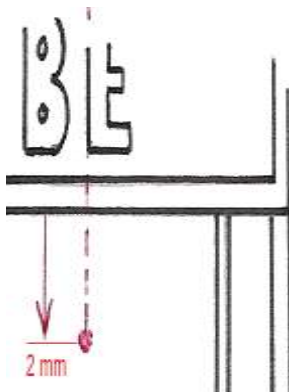
White point halfway up the waterfall

Position 19



1) coloured point 2) two small black dots

Position 20



Black dot

Position 21



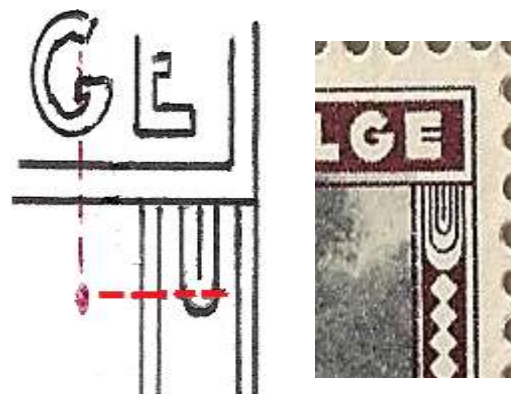
Black dot in the centre of the waterfall

Position 25



Tab to the left of C of CONGO on the inner frame

Position 26



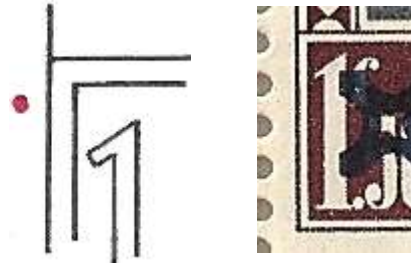
Black dot, very light

Position 27



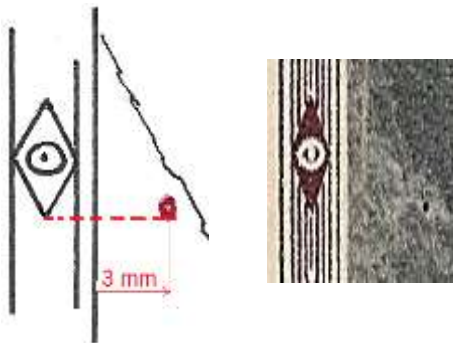
Dot of colour

Position 28



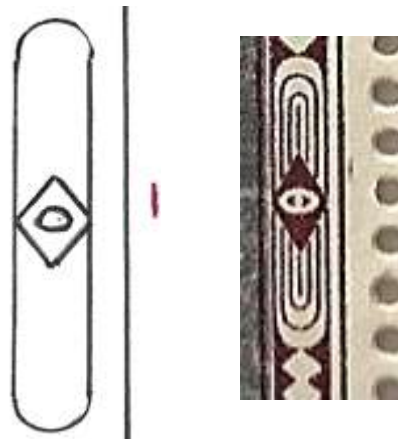
Dot of colour

Position 30



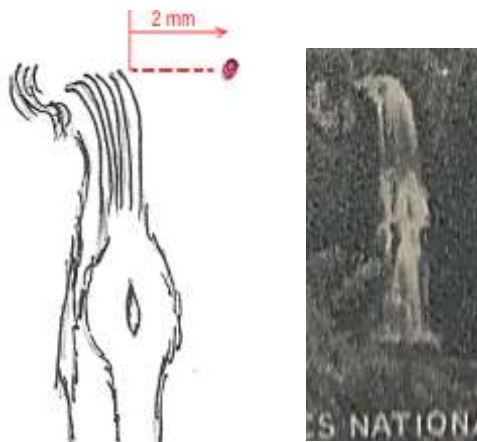
Big black dot

Position 31



Vertical color line the outside of the frame

Position 40



White dot to the right of the waterfall, which is barely visible with surcharge

Position 42



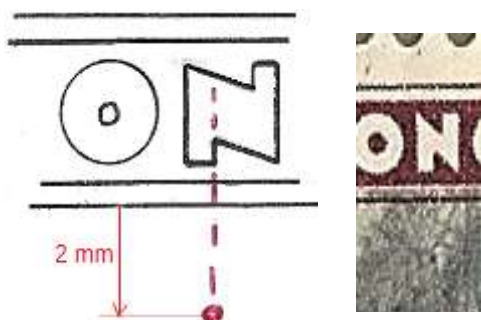
Small "Lake" + white spot

Position 47



Dot of colour. It appears smaller on the 1938 issue

Position 49



Position 50

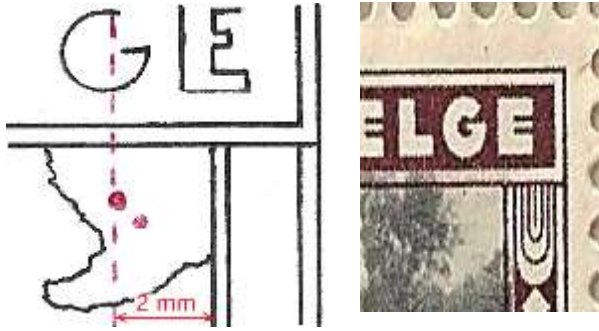


Black dot 2 mm below the "N" in CONGO Dot of colour at the top of "L" in BELGE

Pane 2

	52						58		
		63	64				68		
81									90
91	92		94					99	

Position 52



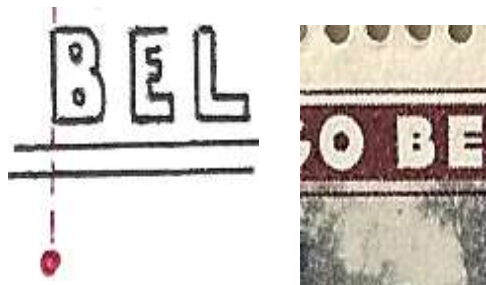
Big dot of colour and right, little inclined

Position 58



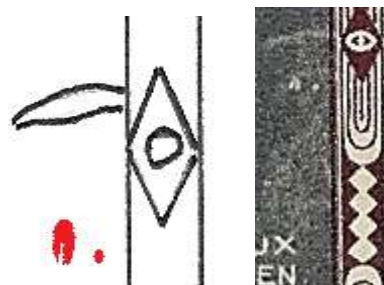
Dot of colour below the "N" in CONGO

Position 63



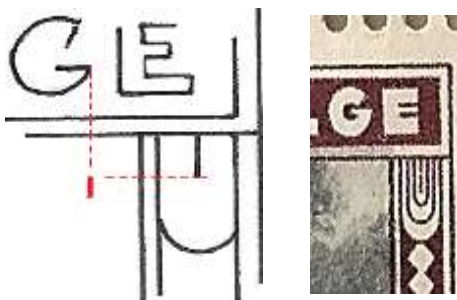
Black dot below the "B" in BELGE

Position 64



A large white dot with split and a smaller dot to the right of it

Position 68



Short vertical stroke of colour below the "G" in BELGE

Position 81



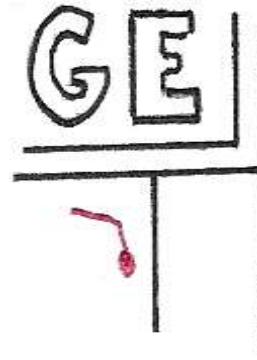
Centre left lower corner breaks

Position 90



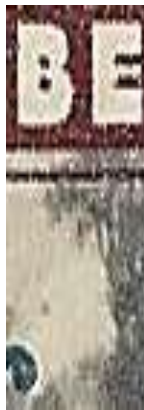
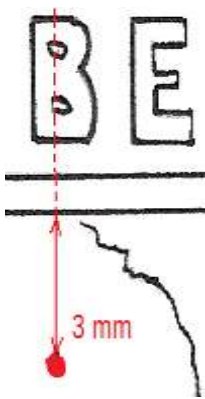
Frame broken in the lower right corner

Position 91



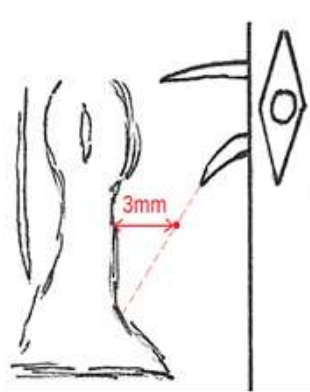
A "comet", black in colour

Position 92



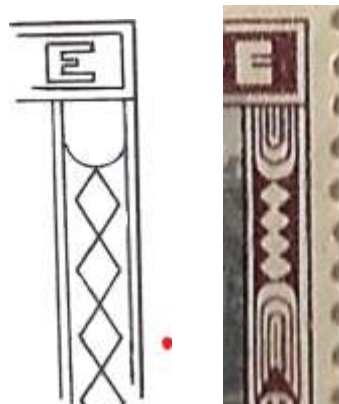
Black dot in the axis and below the "B" in BELGE

Position 94



White dot 2,5mm to right of the waterfall

Position 99



Dot of colour to the right and outside the frame

My favorite cover

Léo Tavano

Fake overprint on genuine stamps to fool collectors

At times in the past, counterfeiters have copied or produced materials to meet the demand of collectors who were eager to get items that were not on the market, to enhance their collections.



Reverse

This letter is franked with stamps bearing fake **CONGO BELGE** overprints.

On the 10 centimes stamps, the fake **CONGO BELGE** overprint is a typograph Type 2 which is also misplaced.

On the 50 centimes it is also a typograph Type 2 which is also inverted.

On the 40 centimes the fake overprint is a Brussels 5.

At this date, the tariff for a registered letter having a weight of 6 grams was 50 centimes postage + 50 centimes registration fee. Thus, the total tariff was 1 franc. It has been over-franked by 20 centimes.

We know the counterfeiter was a Belgian man named Lucian Smeets ("production Smeets").

The cancellations are genuine: Léopoldville 17 juillet 1909 type 1.9 DMtY.

We know of some other letters with fake typograph overprints – Brussels or local. Having forged the overprint, the postal system was the next unwitting participant in this deception. Smeets sent the fake stamps to a friend in the Congo who applied them to an envelope which he then posted, in the normal mail, to Smeets in Belgium. Consequently, the envelope received a genuine postmark.

WEST FILA 2016



This year, the National Competitive Exhibition will be held at Roeselare from the 10 to the 12 June. During the meeting, a special salon is reserved for the collection on the Kings of Belgium

Membership News

We extend a warm welcome to these recently joined members and trust that they will enjoy and benefit from their association with us:

New Members

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Tony's collecting interests are: Airmails to and from Africa until 1939 plus internal airmails for the same period; travelling post offices within certain West and Central African countries. He sold his stamp collections several years ago to concentrate upon postal history which he finds far more interesting.

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Fred's collecting interest is: Cancellations to Belgian Congo, with a particular interest in

postmarks up to 1960

Can you help ?

Wants

Fred Busch would like to add some interesting postmarks of Belgian Congo up to 1960 to his collection. Please would members who can help contact Fred directly? (Details above)

From the editor



A number of members participate in exhibitions by displaying or entering competitions. Such activities and successes should be reported in the Bulletin. Please would members report these to the Editor. (Brief details should be sent.)



Joint Meeting of the Belgian Congo Study Circle and the East Africa Study Circle.



This will take place at "The Union Jack Club", Sandell Street, London SE1 8UJ on the 17th September 2016, starting at 2pm. (The meeting will end between 4 and 5pm.) All BCSC members are invited to attend and present material from their collections. NB Members of both Study Groups will display and in the time available, the amount of time that can be allowed for each individual must be limited. If you intend to display it is important to contact the General Secretary (Charles.lloyd@blueyonder.co.uk) to give your title and number of sheets. (A limit of 16 sheets has been set. Shorter displays, up to 8 sheets on a single board, are welcome to allow as many attenders as possible to show us interesting items.)

This will be our second joint meeting. The previous one was held at the same venue in November 2006 and had WW1 in East Africa as its topic. This time the subject will be "Displays of mutually interesting material, but avoiding too much 'standard' WW1 material (because of the last meeting)". Although, WW1 is to be avoided, this is *not* a prohibition! It has been a decade since the last joint meeting and new discoveries and re-interpretations will be welcome. Also, the Belgian flag was raised over Tabora on the 19th September 1916, a centenary to mark! Do you have interesting material from Belgian occupation

period of September 1916 to February 1917?

The date of this meeting has been set to coincide with the Autumn Stampex which, I should explain to non-UK members, is a large dealer's fair. (This is held at *The Business Design Centre*, Islington, London N1 0QH from the 14th to 17th September.)

The Union Jack Club is centrally located, being next Waterloo Station (<http://www.ujclub.co.uk> for more information).

Sandell Street is directly opposite Waterloo Station ticket hall for the Jubilee underground railway line. Cross the Waterloo Road at the (pedestrian) traffic lights and Sandell Street is 10m to your left. The entrance to the club is 15m down Sandell Street on the right hand side.

[Note: Travelling by underground (*The Tube*) in London is convenient. Waterloo underground station is to the west side of the mainline British Rail station and about 200m from the Waterloo Road to its east. It is served by the Bakerloo Line (colour code brown), the Northern Line (black), the Jubilee line (silver) and the Waterloo & City Line (pale greenish blue)]

Books held by the General Secretary and available for members to buy:

Title	Price EURO	P & P Cost Code	Number of copies available
<i>EIC: Le 5F de 1886, Authentique et Faux (Groupe d'Etude des Falsifications)</i> E Denumostier (1991)	10,00€	A	4
<i>Étude du 5 Francs Mols, Etat Indépendant du Congo</i> J-M Frenay (1988)	10,00€	C	13
<i>Mailboat Services from Europe to the Belgian Congo (1879 – 1922)</i> Cockrill Series #41 Abbé G Gudenkauf	7,00€	B	16
<i>Mailboat steamers on Congo rivers and lakes, postal history and cancellations (1896 – 1940)</i> Cockrill Series #43 Abbé G Gudenkauf	7,00€	B	14
<i>Postal history of the Lado enclave 1897–1910</i> Cockrill Series #44. Abbé G Gudenkauf	12,50€	B	17
<i>Service des postes du Congo Belge et du Ruanda-Urundi.</i> <i>Rapports annuels 1908 – 1958</i>	12,50€	E	4

C Stockmans and R Gallant (1998)			
Arretes et ordonnances concernant le service des colis postaux au Congo Belge et au Ruanda-Urundi. 1 Janvier 1886-30 Juin 1962. 1. Colis Postaux Ordinaires. 2. Colis Postaux par Avion C Stockmans and R Gallant (1997)	12,50€	E	4
Arretes et ordonnances concernant les tarifs postaux au Congo Belge et au Ruanda-Urundi. 1 Janvier 1886 - 30 Juin 1962. 1. Service postal intérieur et international. 2. Service postal aérien 3. Service des petits paquets postaux. C Stockmans and R Gallant (1997)	12,50€	E	5
The cancellations of the normal post offices of the Belgian Congo 1886 – 1960 and Ruanda-Urundi 1917 – 1962, including telegraphic cancellations. A I Heim and R H Keach. 3rd Ed (2004)	5,00€*	C	10
Wall Map (104 x 84 cm): Congo Belge et Ruanda-Urundi. Organisation du Service des Postes au 30 Juin 1960 R Gallant (This map is sent unfolded in a tube)	10,00€	F	2

*. Members are offered Heim & Keach at 5,00€. The normal price (the price that non-members pay) is 12,50€

The cost of postage & packaging depends upon the weight and size of the item as well as the destination. All of these will be sent by the lowest cost mail service. For addresses within the UK, 2nd Class post is used. For items sent elsewhere, Royal Mail International Economy is used. Fortunately, Royal Mail has a simple pricing policy for International Economy – the price is the same everywhere. Delivery time to destinations within Europe is less than 2 weeks and elsewhere less than 8 weeks. (If requested, I can send by Royal Mail International Standard service, but this is nearly double the price.)

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B	2,00€	6,00€

C	2,80€	8,00€
D	3,25€	9,50€
E	4,50€	12,00€
F	6,50€**	5,25€

** This is correct. The UK postage is greater! The length of the tube results in an extra cost.

To buy any of these, please contact Charles Lloyd (charles.lloyd@blueyonder.co.uk or 18 Linefield Road, Carnoustie, Scotland DD7 6DP, United Kingdom). Whereas the items will be posted from the UK, we ask for payments to be made in Belgium, either into our PayPal or Paribas Fortis Bank accounts. (For UK buyers, an arrangement can be made to pay in Sterling directly to me).

Postal Auction Sale 2015 - 3

Realised Prices

Lot	€	Lot	€	Lot	€	Lot	€
1		21		41		61	20.00
2	40.00	22		42	20.00	62	25.00
3	140.00	23	34.00	43		63	24.00
4		24	40.00	44		64	
5		25	54.00	45	16.25	65	
6		26	11.00	46		66	
7		27	8.50	47		67	
8	22.25	28	47.00	48	13.00	68	7.75
9	28.00	29		49	15.75	69	9.50
10		30	47.00	50	46.00	70	
11		31	10.00	51	13.25	71	10.00
12		32	12.00	52		72	9.50
13	53.00	33	18.25	53	10.25	73	5.25
14		34	12.00	54		74	4.75
15		35	31.00	55		75	
16		36	19.00	56		76	
17	8.25	37		57	10.25	77	
18	7.00	38	23.00	58		78	
19		39		59		79	16.25
20		40		60		80	8.00

Lot	Date	Description	#COB	Min. Bid
Belgian Congo - Mols stamps and varieties				
1	1894	1894 issue, 5c blue, full reconstruction of plate I1 + A1, 50 stamps (29 LH/OG and 21 used). Bargain !	14	95
2	1909	1909 issue, 50c olive, typo overprint, full reconstruction of plate I2 + A2, 50 stamps, 8 LH, 42 used), included tax. Ex-Keach	45	14
3	1894	1894 issue, 10 F green perf 12, partial reconstruction of plate I2 + A1, 32 stamps (1 LH and 31 used). Ex-Keach. High value. Some tax and telegraphic cancellations.	29a	200
4	1894	1894 issue, 5 F carmine, <u>full</u> reconstruction of plate I1 + A1, 50 stamps (6 LH, 44 used). Ex-Keach. High value.	28	210
5	1894	1894 issue, 10c brown red, <u>full</u> reconstruction of plate I1 + A1/2, 50 stamps (30 LH, 20 used). Ex-Keach. High value.	17	100
6	1894	1894 issue, 5c green, <u>full</u> reconstruction of two plates I1 + B1 and I2 + B2, 100 stamps (47 LH, 53 used). Ex-Keach.	16 + 16a	15
7	1909	1909 issue, 5c green, typo overprint, nearly full reconstruction of plate I2 + B2, 49 stamps (45 LH, 4 used, #33 is missing), included tax. Ex-Keach	40	38
8	1909	1909 Unilingual issue, <u>full reconstruction</u> of all 4 sheets of the set. 200 stamps (94 LH, 106 used), included block of 4, telegraphic cancellations, etc. Ex-Keach. Real bargain !	50/53	150
9	1909	1909 issue, 5F carmine, typo overprint, nearly full reconstruction of plate I1 + A1, 46 stamps (7 LH, 39 used), some T2 overprints. High value. Ex-Keach	48	180
10	1894	1894 issue, 5c green, two half-sheets = full plate I1 + B1, 50 stamps (40 UM, 10 LH)	16	20
11	1909	Unilingual issue, 10 c carmine, two half-sheets = plate II+ A5 reconstructed, 50 stamps (48 UM, 2LH). Some tiny rust spots. Bargain !	51	12
12	1909	1909 issue, 5c green, typo overprint, <u>full sheet</u> combination I2 + B2	40	75
13	1915	1915 issue, 40c carmine brown, two full sheets of 50, plate combinations II + A2 and II + A3, 100 stamps (94 UM, 6LH)	68	150
14	1894	1894 issue, 10c carmine, full sheet, plate combination I2 + A4, 50 stamps (40 UM, 10 LH), some oxidation on a few stamps but beautiful sheet	19	28
15	1909	1909 Princes Issue, 10 c carmine, I4-A5, typo overprint, pos 25, used, a few short perfs	41PT	7,50
16	1909	1909 Princes Issue, 5 F red, I1-A2, typo overprint, pos 10, used	48PT	15
17	1909	1909 Princes Issue, 5 F red, I1-A2, typo overprint, pos 30, used, Matadi cancellation, one short perf	48PT	15
18	1909	1909 Princes Issue, 5 F red, I1-A2, typo overprint, pos 35, used	48PT	15
19	1909	1909 Princes Issue, 5 F red, I1-A2, typo overprint, pos 45, used	48PT	15
20	1909	1909 Princes Issue, 10 F green, I2-A1, typo overprint, pos 2, used, Matadi telegraphic cancellation, one short perf	49PT	10

21	1909	1909 Princes Issue, 10 F green, I2-A1, typo overprint, pos3, used, Matadi cancellation	49PT	12
22	1909	1909 Princes Issue, 10 F green, I2-A1, typo overprint, pos 14, used, Boma cancellation	49PT	12
23	1909	1909 Princes Issue, 10 F green, I2-A1, typo overprint, pos 22, used, Matadi cancellation	49PT	12
24	1910	1910 issue, 5 F carmine, beautiful Matadi cancellation	62	7
25	1921	1921 issue, full set, LH/UM (3 F is UM), very good condition. Bargain !	85/94	7,50
26	1894	10c red-brown,used, combination I1 +A2, position 13	17	4
27	1894	10c red-brown, used, combination I1 +A2, position 15	17	4
28	1894	10c red-brown, used, combination I1 +A2, position 20	17	4
29	1894	10c red-brown, used, combination I1 +A2, position 45	17	4
30	1894	10F green, used, plate combination I1 +A1, position 7	29	9
31	1894	10F green, used, plate combination I1 +A1, position 12	29	9
32	1894	10F green, used, plate combination I1 +A1, position 16	29	8
33	1894	10F green, used,plate combination I1 +A1, position 17	29	8
34	1894	10F green, used,plate combination I1 +A1, position 39	29	8
35	1894	10F green, used, plate combination I1 +A1, position 40	29	8
36	1894	10F green, used, plate combination I1 +A1, position 44	29	8
37	1894	10F green, used, plate combination I1 +A1, position 49	29	8
38	1894	10F green, used, plate combination I1 +A1, position 10, variety "white water", "eau blanche"	29	11
39	1894	5 F carmine, used, position 4	28	8
40	1909	1 F carmine, typo overprint, plate combination I2 + A2, position 3, LH, perforation16	46b	10
41	1894	1 F violet, cancellation LUKUNGU, variety "double tusks" (re-entry)	26A	7
42	1894	1 F violet, cancellation Boma, variety "double tusks" (re-entry)	26A	6
43	1909	1 F carmine, typo overprint, LH,variety "double tusks" (re-entry)	46	10
44	1909	5 c green, typo overprint, UM, position 17	40	8
45	1909	5 c green, typo overprint, plate combination I2 + A2, position 50, sheet corner, UM	40	9
46	1909	10 c carmine, typo overprint, plate combination I4 + A5, position 18, UM	41	14
47	1894	5 c green (small circle, BOC # 16a), plate combination I2 + B2, positions 12-17-22, vertical strip of 3, UM	16a	10
Congo Free State first issues				
48	1886	1886 issue, 25c blue, well-centered, LH	3	13
49	1886	1886 issue, 25c blue, position 12, used	3	8
50	1887	1887 issue, 50c red-brown, LH (almost UM)	9	23
51	1887	1887 issue, 50c red-brown, used	9	8
Belgian Congo issues				
52	1921	Airmail 1921 issue, 50c + 1F + 2F in blocks of four, 5 F green, all with sheet margin and marginal inscriptions, UM	PA1/4	7

53	1909	3,50F vermillion, Brussels overprint B2, with certificate	37B	90
54	1915	5 F ochre, Balasse catalogue variety V 5,"comma near the spear", LH	71	3
55	1921	15c/50C ochre unilingual,block of four, UM,	87B	36
56	1921	15c/50C ochre unilingual, slightly displaced surcharge,one tiny rust spot UM,	87B	7,50
57	1915	1F olive, re-entry base of frame, curiosity : ink dot over head of the elephant, UM	70	1,50
Katanga - South Kasai- Rwanda				
58	1960	Katanga, 1960 issue, 50 F inverted overprint, UM	21Cu	15
59	1960	Katanga, 1960 issue, 1 and 2 F, inverted overprint, UM	2Cu + 3Cu	2,50
60	1960	South Kasai, 1960 issue, flowers 6F/25c, error with overprint "no dot on I of Kasai", UM	10	8
61	1960	South Kasai, 1960 issue, flowers 6, 50F/40c, error with overprint "no dot on I of Kasai", LH	11	6
62	1970	Rwanda, miniature sheet 21 (2) with errors of perforation (and inferior right corner cut) - 2 different items, UM, some tiny brown spots on gum	BF 21	6
Ruanda-Urundi - stamps				
63	1922	50c/25c blue, plate combination III1 - B, position 2, perf 14, used, variety "large T"	49V1	1,50
64	1922	50c/25c blue, plate combination III1 - B, position 7, perf 14, LH, variety "large T", some rust spots	49V1	1,50
65	1922	50c/25c blue, plate combination III1 - C, position 11, perf 14, UM, variety "truncated L of BELGE" (L has the shape of an I),one very tiny rust spot	49V2	3
66	1922	1922 issue 25c/40c, LH	47	0,50
67	1924	Vloors issue 5 F blue-gray, LH, broken letters in overprint (curiosity)	60	3
68	1925	1925 issue vertical pair, imperforated on left side (no warranty), UM	78A	1
Congo/Zaire/Rwanda/Burundi issues				
69	1963	Congo, Type I and II attached to one another, block of 4, sheet corner, full set,UM, rare ! (catalog value 120 euros)	520/23	25
70	1980	Zaire, non-issued bloc 41 (Moskow Olympic games), UM, catalog value 150 euros	BL 41	25
71	1965	Rwanda,(10c) green Lincoln without value, UM	92V	4
72	1965	Rwanda,(40c) blue Lincoln without value, UM, catalog value 300 euros, rare	95 V	50
73	1965	Rwanda,(9F) orange-brown Lincoln without value, UM, catalog value 300 euros, rare	96 V	50
74	1972	Rwanda, 600 F, Apollo, embossed on gold, UM, catalog value 150 euros,rare	450A	25
75	1987	Rwanda, 5 F, 25 th anniversary of independance, UM, non issued value, perforated & imperforated, sheet corners, catalog value 320 euros, rare	1300A & B	55

76	1990	Rwanda, World Cup of football, full set, UM, catalog value 75 euros	1371/76	12
77	1990	Rwanda, World Cup of football, full set, UM, catalog value 75 euros	1371/76	12
78	1964	Burundi, Olympic games, imperforated full set, catalog value 80 euros, UM	75/79	15
79	1977	Burundi, African animals, full set, catalog value 120 euros, UM	PA 445/68	25
Covers & Postcards				
80	1954/60	lot of 10 covers with stamps of the 1952 flowers issue (and a few others), all from Elisabethville (different dated postmarks), included 3 registered covers & 5 airmail covers		10
81	1928/48	lot of 3 airmail covers + a front of a cover		3
82	1937	airmail cover from Beni (Kivu) to Belgium. On reverse : transit marks of Rutshuru and Kampala (Uganda)		4
83	1952	airmail cover from Leopoldville-Kalina to Belgium.		3,50
84	ca 1947	lot of 6 airmail covers + 1 postcard with stamps of the 1942 issue, to Belgium.		7
85	1947/55	lot of 4 airmail covers, included a registered one, with stamps of the 1947 issue, to Belgium or France		6
86	1959/60	lot of 2 covers, included a registered one, with stamps of the 1958 issue (kings)		4
87	1955	lot of 3 covers, included 2 registered covers with stamps of the 1954 issue		4
88	1939	1931 issue 1,50 F gray on cover from Elisabethville to Leuven (Belgium)		1,50
89	ca 1929	Vloors issue 10 C green + 40 c violet on cover from Libenge to Belgium. Uncommon franking.		5
90	1924	postal stationery, 15 c green, used, Stibbe catalog # 63		7
91	1921	postal stationery, 10 c red-brown, additional stamp 10/5c green (1921 issue), Stibbe catalog # 43 view 42, with Uvira cancellation 31 DEC 1921, to Belgium		8
92	1894	illustrated postcard, with strip of 3 of 5c green (type1), cancellation Basankusu (1905?) to Belgium		6
93	1894	illustrated postcard, with 5c green (type2) x2, to Belgium		9
94	1909	registered cover cancellation Léopoldville 17.07.1909 to Belgium <u>forged</u> Typo overprint (type 2) on 10c green (strip of 3) and 50c olive (<u>forged</u> reversed overprint) and forged Brussels type 5 overprint on 40c blue-green		100
95	1894	10 c blue-green, position 28, rare shade, LH, included some explanation in French		15
96	1894	15c Lemon-yellow, rare shade, I-A1b, position 28, used, cancellation Matadi 16-III-1903		15

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