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The Study Circle website
www.belgian-congo-study-circle.be

A display given by members of the Belgian Congo Study Circle to the Royal Philatelic Society of London on the 26th October 2017

Thursday the 26th October dawned, as Ira Gershwin described the weather, to be “a foggy day in London Town” when 17 members of the Study Circle met to fulfil an invitation from the Royal Philatelic Society of London to give a presentation of (Belgian) Congolese philately, from 1pm onwards. [Our founding members encountered far worse weather when they first met in London on the 10th February 1951 – The Meteorological Office recorded considerable fog (a “pea souper”) on that day, in the wettest February then to date!] In contrast to the weather, the atmosphere inside 41 Devonshire Place was both warm and welcoming.

The display had been organised by Vincent Schouberechts who found himself in the enviable position of being offered more material of the highest quality than there was space to display it! Fifteen members mounted sixteen displays, showing 750 sheets in total, containing stamps and postal history of considerable interest, beauty and rarity. This spanned the entire postal period for the territories that are within the purview of our Study Circle – from fore-runners to hyperinflation Zaire envelopes. In addition to our members ninety members of the Royal came to view the display. There is no need to report on the content in each display; already you have received a magnificent booklet created for the event by Vincent. In addition, Philippe Lindekens produced a special edition (number 30) of his magazine *Les Congolâtres* to commemorate the meeting. (Our thanks go to Patrick Maselis for facilitating the production and distribution of both.)

It is an understatement to report that everyone present was highly impressed by the BCSC display and more than a few members of the Royal commented that the philately of the Congo far exceeded their expectations. Clearly, we achieved our objectives, promoting the status of Congo philately and giving an enjoyable day to everyone. Those who were responsible; the host (the Royal) and organisers (Vincent Schouberechts and Patrick Maselis) are to be thanked and congratulated for this landmark event. Those who displayed must also be thanked for bringing fascinating items attractively mounted with concise informative texts.

The event closed at 5pm when the President of the Royal (Patrick Maselis) presented the Belgian Congo Study Circle with a commemorative engraved bronze plaque. Formalities completed, everyone adjourned to the main library to enjoy a glass of cold Belgian beer and snacks. For everyone who had displayed the enjoyment continued! At 6pm we assembled in the foyer of the Royal to be escorted by Patrick to a nearby highly regarded restaurant, The Orrery. There, Patrick hosted a superb dinner; high quality food, fine wines and good company. Once more, thank you Patrick. It was a wonderful way to end a memorable day!

Patrick Maselis (right), President of the RPSL, presents the Belgian Congo Study Circle with the commemorative plaque of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, which was accepted on its behalf by Charles Lloyd, Honorary Secretary of BCSC.



The commemorative plaque is inscribed on its reverse face:

**Display by
Belgian Congo
Study Circle
1PM - 26th October 2017**

The sheets, mounted in frames, being studied by members of the RPSL and the BCSC during their exhibition.



Our members enjoying their exhibition.





The day concluded with an excellent dinner on the invitation of the RPSL at THE ORRERY restaurant, Marylebone



Left ; G.Huybrechts, F. Van der Haegen, J.Ray (photographer of the RPSL), P. Maselis, G. Marriner, T. Schilderman, M.Oblin, S.Oblin,

Right : Mme F. Van der Haegen, C. Henuzet, B. Lockhart, C.Lloyd, Mme N.Martin, V.Schouberechts, N.Martin (President, Belgian Philatelic Study Circle), L.Van der Marcken.



From the left to right: J. SETCHFIELD, V. SCHOUBERETS, L. Van der MARCKEN, G.MARRINER, P.LINDEKENS, T.LINDEKENS, M.ROUND, P. JANSSENS, M.OBLIN, H. SLABBINK, C.LLOYD, T. SCHILDERMAN, F. Van der HAEGEN, P. MASELIS, B. LOCKHART, C. HENUZET.
(Also present but not photographed: L. ACHTEN, E. COULTON, B.WILLEKENS, G. HUYBRECHTS.)

Can you help ?

Wants

Our member, Théo Schilderman would like to find this postcard of Katanga (and buy it). He has searched for it for many years. Preferably he would like a used copy but one that is unused is acceptable.

“Mine de radium de Chinkolobwe or Shinkolobwe (Katanga)”



If you can help Théo, please send an e-mail to the bulletin editor.

Wants

Our member, Bart Willekens, is studying the “mask stamps” and after his presentation at the AGM in 2017, now seeks the help of other members to extend his work on this issue, starting with stamp numbered COB 286 (1,25 Fr).



He has identified the upper part of the white vertical line on the "E" in BELGISCH as being cut by a green horizontal line.



Does any member possess this stamp without the green line on the "E" of BELGISCH?

On this sheet we find a feature that would usually be classified as a “variety” / or “curiosity” on ALL its stamps.

A registered letter sent by airmail from Bukavu1, 27-3-(19)56 11am to St-Idenbald



This letter is franked with four copies the 1,25 Fr “mask stamp”, COB 286, which have the *curiosity* on all four stamps

If you have information, please contact the bulletin editor who will forward your this to Bart.

Membership News

Obituaries

(William Henry) Hal Hoyte (1932 - 2017) (UK)



Hal Hoyte died at Oswestry, England on the 18th October 2017 after a long illness. His passing is a great loss to our Study Circle and to the philately of Central Africa in general. Hal joined the Belgian Congo Study Circle in 1956 when he was at college in Birmingham. In its first decade membership of the Study Circle was low and consequently intimate. He recalled that the Hon. Secretary of the time, Ray Keach, travelled by train to Birmingham to welcome him and another new member to the Study Circle, over afternoon tea. At the 2016 AGM members agreed unanimously to mark the diamond anniversary of his membership by bestowing Honorary Membership upon Hal. He greatly appreciated this act of recognition by his fellow collectors of the Congo.

Hal enjoyed his boyhood, much of which was at Kalene in Northern Rhodesia where his father worked as a doctor at the mission hospital. It was in Africa where he fell in love with stamp collecting, concentrating upon the Belgian Congo (Katanga), Northern Rhodesia (Zambia), Angola and Nyassa.

Hal was UK Packet Secretary from 1998 until 2009 and BCSC President from 2001 until 2003. He was also a notable member of the Rhodesian Study Circle, joining it in 1966. From 1968 until 1971 he was a member of the RSC Council and editor of *The Journal of the Rhodesian Study Circle* from 1974 until 1978. He was made a Fellow of the RSC and in June 2016 made a Life Member.

His membership of the Belgian Congo Study Circle benefited the Rhodesians significantly. Influenced by Arthur Heim & Ray Keach's *Cancellations of the Normal Post Offices of the Belgian Congo 1886-1960, and Ruanda-Urundi 1917-1962* (published in 1975) Hal created a systematic listing of postmarks for neighbouring counties to the south, publishing *North of the Zambesi: The Postmarks of Northern Rhodesia and Zambia*, in 1983. This was followed in 2003 by *South of the Zambesi: The Post Offices and Agencies of Southern Rhodesia (Later Rhodesia) and Zimbabwe from 1888 to 2001 and Their Postmarks*. Both are regarded as the definitive reference works on the subject.

Hal's interest in philately was not all consuming. After retiring, he joined the U3A (the University of the Third Age – an association of people seeking intellectual stimulation in retirement), with philosophy as his field of study.

We will miss him. Our deepest condolences go to his widow Jean and their two sons, Tim and Jeremy.

Gordon Terry Chamberlain (UK)

Gordon was a collector of East Africa, African airmail and the post-independence secessionist Congolese states. In 2015, aged 93, he joined the BCSC. He told me that he was finding it difficult to be as active as he once was and the sale of his Congolese material was the main reason for joining. For many years he was also a member of the East African Study Circle. Both study circles lost contact with Gordon during 2016. After making enquiries, sadly, we discovered that he had passed away peacefully at Altrincham, England on the 7th February 2017, aged 95. Our sincere condolences go to his daughters Vicky, Steph and Katy

Resignation

Gene Adams (USA)

Gene returned to California several years ago after he retired. He admits that his collection of Katanga, South Kasai and related material has remained boxed since then. He has decided that in the light of the combination of increasing age and reduced interest in collecting, that it is time to resign. We wish him well for the future

Calling notice:

Annual General Meeting of the Belgian Congo Study Circle

The 2018 AGM for the BCSC will be held on Saturday 10th March 2018

at:

Union des Anciens Etudiants de l'ULB
Boulevard du Triomphe, 235
Acces (Gate) N° 2 (ULB 2)
1050 Ixelles
BRUXELLES



By Car

Take the N206 (Boulevard du Triomphe / Triomflaan). Enter the university grounds at entrance "ULB 2", at traffic lights where the Avenue Arnaud Fraiteur is to the west [NB see the Renault Car Dealer (★) on the north-west corner of this junction.] The carpark (P) is about 50m in from the gate. Park. Walk around the Physical Chemistry & Pharmacy buildings to the "Union des Anciens Etudiants de L'ULB" building that is behind these.

By Metro

From the centre of Brussels, take Metro Line 5 (yellow) in the direction Herrmann-Debroux until Delta. The station exit is on the N210, about 20m from the N206. Walk across the N206 and turn left. About 500m from here you will see entrance "ULB 2". Walk in and turn to the right. Walk around the Pharmacy & Physical Chemistry buildings, then you will see the "Union des Anciens Etudiants de L'ULB" that is behind these, about 400m from the entrance ULB 2.

Please Note: Construction work is underway at entrance ULB4, the entrance used in previous years. For this reason we must use entrance ULB2

The programme will be :

- 09.00 to 10.00 Welcome (coffee/tea and pastries)
- 10.00 to 11.00 AGM Business meeting
- 11.00 to 12.00 Member's displays*
- 12.00 to 13.30 Mid-day meal[†]
- 13.30 to 15.30 Member's displays*
- 15.30 to 16.30 Open session (including over-run time for displays)
- 20.30 onwards. Informal evening meal. [‡]

Please e-mail Thierry Frennet (hydro-services@skynet.be) if you are coming to the AGM and let him know, to ensure that the correct number of chairs are put out and the correct number of meals are ordered.

- † Mid-day meal: This will be a seated 3 course meal, similar to last year and the price will be about 40 € (pay IBAN BE97 1919 2969 5149)
- ‡ Evening dinner: Please would all the members who wish to join us at an informal evening dinner let Thierry Frennet know by e-mail, hydro-services@skynet.be He will let you know the cost. As the bulletin goes to press the cost is still to be finalized. (Payment to IBAN BE97 1919 2969 5149). Venue: *Brasserie de l'Ommegang on the Grand Place of Brussels*
- * Displays: If you want to present a display, please notify Thierry Frennet as soon as possible to enable him to add this to the program.

DISPLAYS

By scanning the sheets you intend for display and storing these scans on a memory stick as a Microsoft POWERPOINT (.PPT) or an Adobe ACROBAT (.PDF) file, the display can be projected for the presenter to point out important features and explanations to everyone at the same time. [The traditional practice, passing of sheets from member to member, leads to a disconnection between hearing the information and seeing the relevant sheet.] Presenters should bring both their sheets and scanned files because all philatelists enjoy examining the actual stamps/covers!

If you do not use a computer, please do not be put off. Traditional displaying of sheets will continue.

We have about 4 hours for displays. At past AGMs we were in the enviable position that more members wanted to display than there was time available! Please would members restrict their display time to a maximum of half an hour? (By doing this, I hope that everyone will be able to show their material.) If we have fewer than 8 members wanting to display, the time allowance for each will be increased.

You will be aware that as part of the report on the AGM published in the Bulletin, short (about $\frac{2}{3}$ of a page in length) summaries of the presentations are included. These enable members who cannot attend, to share the pleasure. For this, we require the following information from each person who gives a display:

- * Your name.
- * The title of your presentation.
- * A summary (a maximum of about 250 words).
- * A scanned image of one of the items you intend to display. It could be a particularly interesting piece or something that represents the display.

I hope we can take a photograph of you, as you give your display.

If you are more comfortable sending your title & summary in French or Flemish, please do – we will translate for the bulletin.

MENU FOR REFRESHMENTS AND THE MID-DAY AT THE AGM

Accueil café composé de café, thé, jus d'orange et d'un assortiment de viennoiserie

Buffet froid + chaud, composé de :

Assortiment de crudités et salade composée, salade de pâtes, taboulé,
Assortiment de sauces: cocktail, mayonnaise, tartare,
Assortiment de viandes froides: rôti de boeuf, jambon fumé, chorizo,
Assortiment de poissons: tomates crevettes, filets de harengs, truites fumées
Assortiment de desserts: crème brûlée, panacotta, bavarois, mousse chocolat

+ Filet de volaille
+ Dos de saumon à la crème de cresson
+ Accompagnement : pommes sautées aux herbes fraîches

Les desserts :

Pain perdu brioché, tombée de Pommes et sa glace Vanille
Mayonnaise au chocolat, crème anglaise, sablé au beurre
Tartelette, mousse de Pralin et Banane
Marquise Chocolat noir, coulis chocolat blanc
Ananas macéré aux épices, mousse de Mascarpone aux fruits confits
Tiramisu à la poudre de Spéculoos et cacao, crème anglaise

+1/2 de vin, rouge ou/et blanc par personne

From the editor

A very interesting year has just ended, one in which several members sent us articles that were one or more pages in length and we thank them.

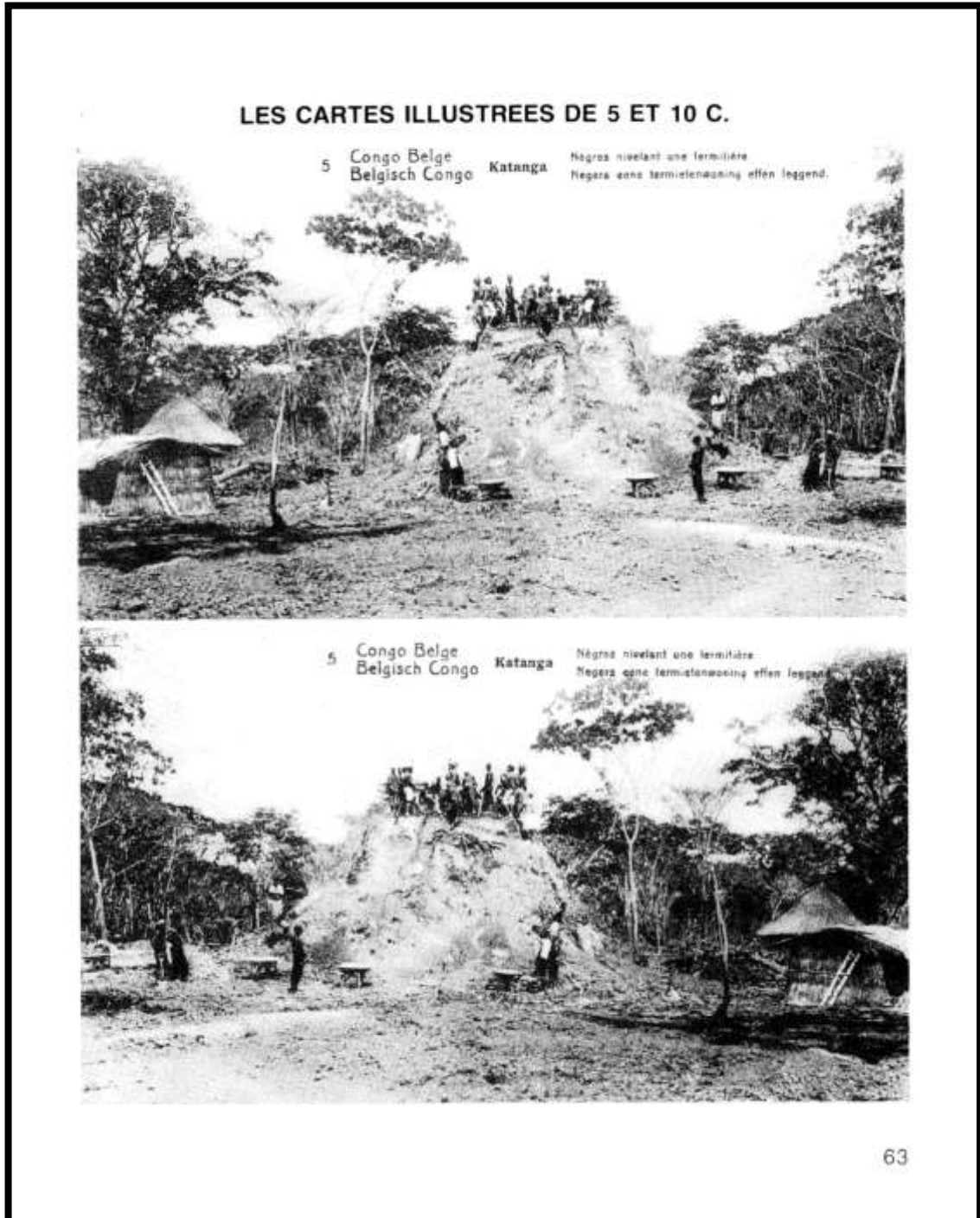
But, we continue to need articles from you for your bulletin. One or more pages are welcome.

As an alternative to PC files, it is possible to send me scans (or good quality colour photocopies) of illustrations with the draft for an article and we take care of producing the finalised article. Members who do not use computers can send us handwritten pieces to join us in sharing knowledge.

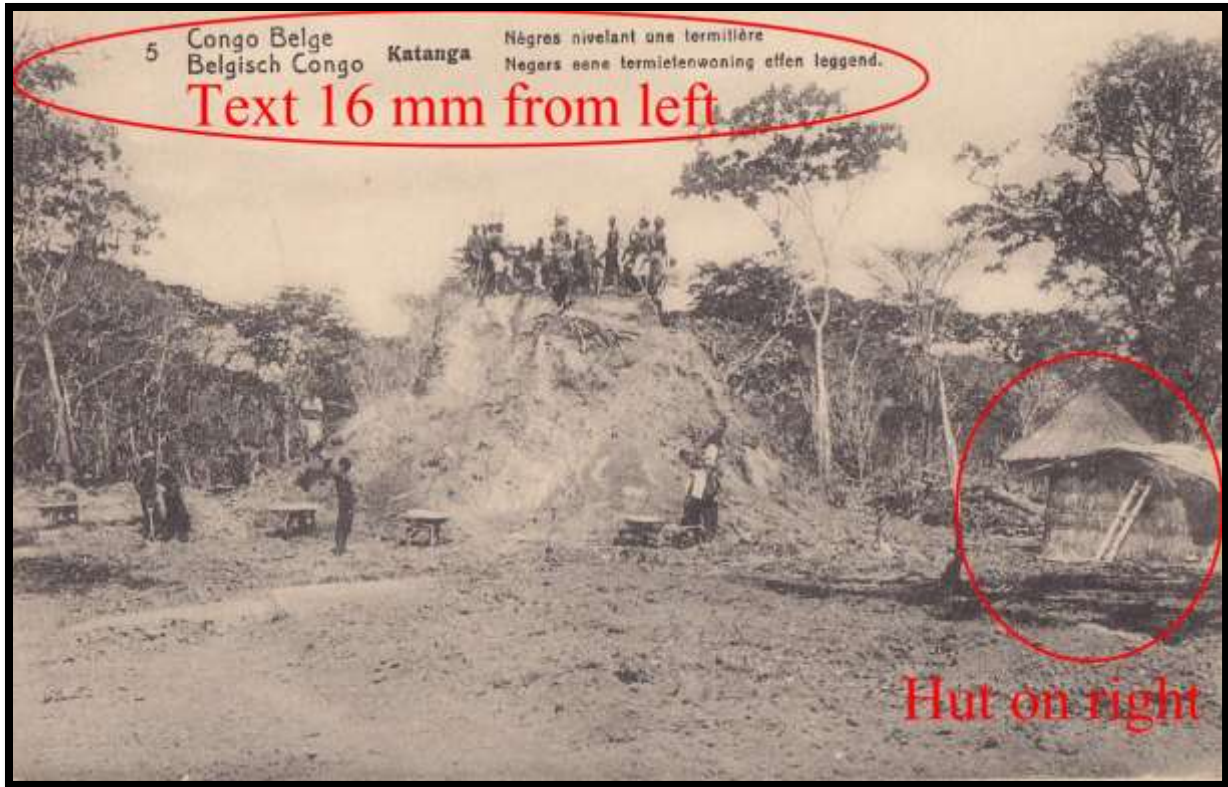
You can send your contribution in your own language even if it is not in English (of course) and we will translate it. In advance, thank you for your help.



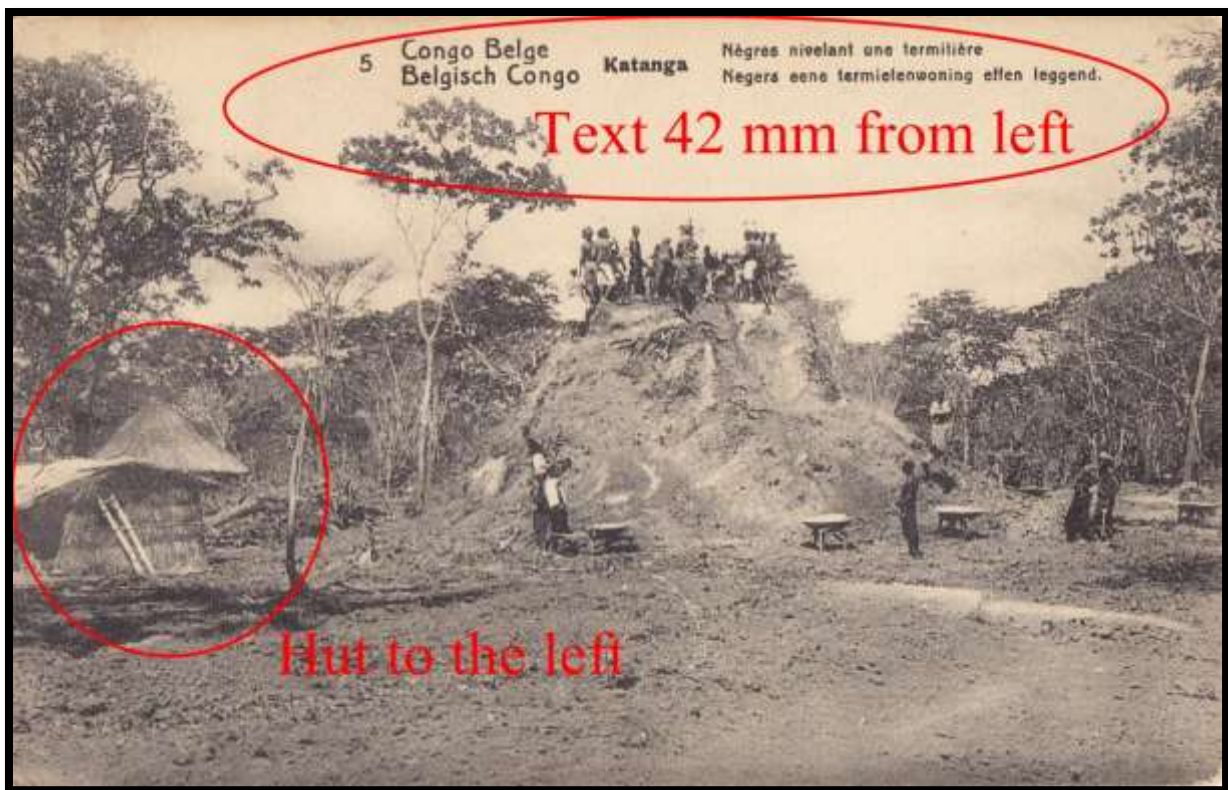
A study of Picture Post Card N° 5 from 1912 and later
Bruce Lockhart



The two views, as shown in the book *Congo Cinquante Ans d'Historie Postale* by Jean du Four and also in *Les Entiers Postaux du Congo et du Ruanda-Urundi* by Dr Stibbe.



With the text starting closer to the left and the hut on the right



With the text set further to the right and the hut on the left

Cards Found

5 Centimes, Stibbe 42

Hut to right	Text to left
Hut to left	Text to right

10 Centimes, Stibbe 43

Hut to right	Text to right
Hut to left	Text to right
Hut to right	Text to left

15 on 5 Centimes, Stibbe 52

Hut to right	Text to right
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15 on 10 Centimes, Stibbe 53

Hut to right	Text to right
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30 on 10 Centimes, Stibbe 54

Hut to right	Text to right
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Stibbe 42, View N° 5: Hut to the right, text to the left – 5 centimes



Stibbe 42, View N° 5: Hut to the left, text to the right – 5 centimes



Stibbe 43, View N° 5: Hut to the right, text to the right – 10 centimes



Stibbe 43, View N° 5; Hut to the left, text to the right – 10 centimes

Censorship marks on Ruanda-Urundi postal pieces: 1939-1945.
Part 2

Walter Deijnckens



Usumbura 29-3-45 to Namur via Leopoldville (3-4-45) with a French censorship cachet *Ouvert par les Autorités de contrôle LLY* of Lille and *Contrôlé* reseal label.

Kigali 19-4-45 to Ans with a Brussels arrival postmark, 6 V 1945.
 Franking: 2,50 Fr / 20 g letter + 6 Fr / 5 g.
 airmail = 8,50 Fr total.

No longer opened in Usumbura.



Kitega 15-5-45 to Namur via Leopoldville (24-5-45) with the single line censorship cachet of Usumbura and a hand-written instruction to be sent using the French air service.

Usumbura 21-5-45 to Cortessem via Leopoldville using the French aviation service.



A regular Air mail service by SABENA from Brussels to Leopoldville resumed on 28 July 1945.

To England.

At the end of the year 1939 there was still no censorship service in Ruanda-Urundi. Dar-es-Salaam, on the other hand, already had a censor's office a censorship hand-stamp was used: In a rectangle were the words "Passed by Censor" with a number from 1 up to 9.

Usumbura 4-12-39 to London with censorship, "Passed by censor No. 6" at Dar-es-Salaam. Franking : 2,50 Fr / 20 g letter (from 1/2/34 to 1/9/40) + 3,50 Fr / 5 g airmail (from 1/6/1935) = 6 Fr total.



Usumbura 28-3-41 to North Devon via Dar-es-Salaam (6 AP 1941) and London where the GPO (General Post Office) applied a diamond shaped handstamp on arrival (to be able to account for and track the letter after that). Franking: 2,75 Fr / 20g, letter from 1/9/41



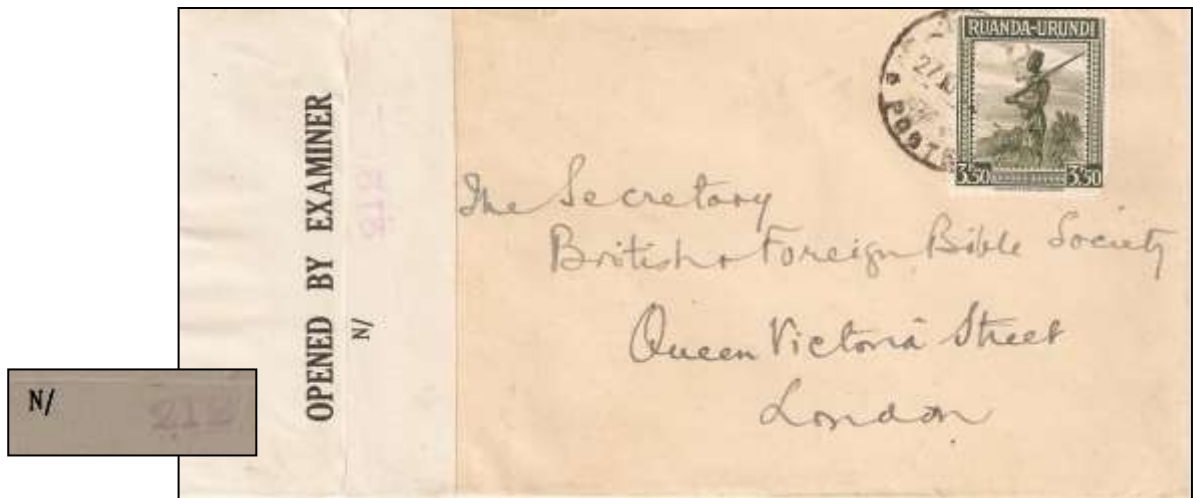
Printed matter - journal

Usumbura 3-6-41 to London via Dar-es-Salaam (16 JU 1941) where it was censored: "Passed by censor No 9". Franking: 0,20 Fr / 50 g





Usumbura 21-11-41 to Dorset via Albertville (28-11-41) and Elisabethville (8-12-41). British censorship label P.C. 90, opened and inspected by Examiner 6677. Franking: 2,75 Fr / 20 g. (applicable until 1/1/42)



Usumbura 27-10-42 to London via Uganda with British censorship label ““Opened By Examiner N/212””. Franking: 3,50 Fr / 20 g. (applicable from 1/1/42 to 1/7/49).

To Switzerland.



Usumbura 28-2-42 to Zürich via North Rhodesia (censorship O/5) and Leopoldville (18-8-41) and then Lisbon (4-12-42).
 Franking: 3,50 Fr / 20 g (applicable from 1/1/42). A 50 C tax stamp has been added to complete the tariff.



reverse

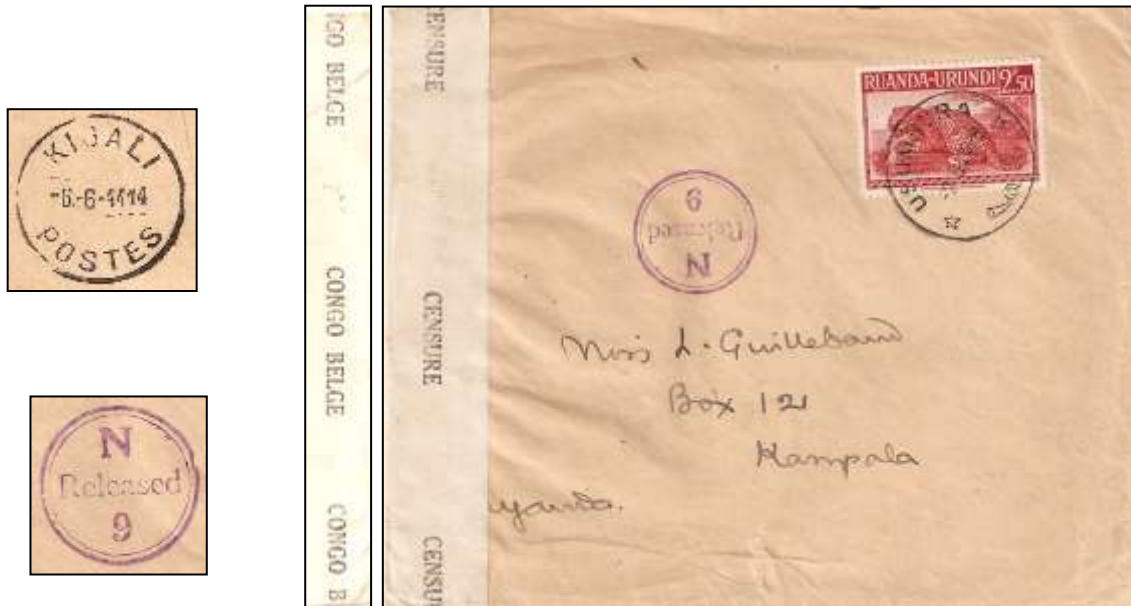
Kitega 13-1-43 to Ennet-Baden via Usumbura (15-1-43). Carried to London by BOAC and after that forwarded to Paris. "Geöffnet Ober Commando der Wehrmacht Geprüft X" after which it was delivered to Ennet-Baden.
 Franking: 3,50 Fr letter + 2 x 8,50 Fr / 5 g airmail = 20,50 Fr total.

Africa, Uganda.



Usumbura 17-7-42 to Kampala via Kigali (21-7-42). Censorship at Usumbura by Censor 2 who used a “Censure Congo Belge” resealing label, which is hidden under the censorship tape for Kampala: “Opened by Examiner N/244.” Such treatment to this destination is known only in 1942.

Franking: 2,50 Fr [applicable from 1/12/1940, being the tariff for countries affiliated to the African Postal Union (A.P.U.)]



Usumbura 2-6-44 to Kampala, via Kigali (6-6-44) with the Kampala censorship mark, a double circle within which there is “N released 9”. (In use between 31 May 1943 and June 1945.)

Franking: 2,50 Fr / 20 g, being the rate until 1 July 1949.

Africa, Tanganyika.

The censor at Dar-es-Salaam used a framed rectangular censorship cachet, 51 x 14 mm during the first years of the war. Within are the words “PASSED BY CENSOR” and a number from 1 to 19. On the letters exchanged with Ruanda-Urundi, only the numbers 6 and 9 are known. Earliest known date of use is 4-12-39 and the last date is 19-12-41.



Usumbura 31-3-41, registered to Dar-es-Salaam with the full Meulemans surcharge series. (Ordered by the Governor General, Head Postmaster Meulemans requested the authorization for their printing at the government printing works in Usumbura) These surcharged stamps were in use from 28-3-41 until 1-9-42 with a smaller print run of 9,000 copies for the highest value. Franking: 2,50 Fr /20 g. (Because Tanganyika was affiliated with APU.) + 3,50 Fr (Registration) = 6 Fr total. (Franked 6,40 Fr by using the full set.)



Two letters from the firm of “Kassam Jamal & Co.” sent to Dar-es-Salaam on the 11-2-42 and on the 24-3-42. Inspected at Dar-es-Salaam and resealed with “OPENED BY CENSOR” tapes P.C.2 and P.C.15. (P.C. 18 has been found also, being in use between February 1942 and June 1944.)



[An octagonal censorship stamp (33 x 28 mm) in which there is a crown, censor office number (in this case R/1 for Dar-es-Salaam) and “PASSED” was also in use in Tanganyika from 1942 until 1945.]

Usumbura 14-12-43 registered to Dar-es-Salaam with passed R/1 (Dar-es-Salaam). Franking: 2,50 Fr / 20 g. postage + 3,50 Fr registration = 6 Fr. total.



Usumbura 5-1-43 to Chunya via Kigoma (7-1-43) and Dodoma (9-1-43), arriving at Chunya on 10-1-43.

Franking: 2,50. Fr / 20 g postage + 3,50 Fr registration (from 1-1-42) = 6 Fr total.



Africa, Union of South Africa.

For resealing censored letters, the Union of South Africa used a bilingual tape (U.C. 8) which carried the wording “*Deur censor oopgemaak*” / “*Opened by censor*”. The tape (or label) was supplied in three sizes (small, medium and large), indicated on the tape. The censors used rubber cachets with the Union of South Africa coat of arms under which there is a letter. At Cape Town cachets with the letters A, E, M, P and R were used. On censored correspondence from Ruanda Urundi, only the letters A, B and C have been found.



Usumbura 21-3-42 to Durban with the censorship handstamps 1 of Usumbura and Union coat of arms with letter C of Durban.
 Franking: 2,50 Fr / 20 g. + 3 x 2,25 Fr / 15 g. (carried by South African Airways) = 9,25 Fr total. There are eleven 25 c stamps on the reverse side !



Kigali 19-6-42 to Johannesburg.
 Usumbura Censor 2

Usumbura 7-5-45 to Simonstown, Cape Province via Elisabethville 2 with Union of South Africa Censor mark B, Johannesburg

My favorite cover
Charles Hénuzet

Incoming letter sent from Matadi to Léopoldville/Kalina. At this date, only three issues existed for postage: the “Palmiers” issue (of 42 values), the “Spitfire” issue (of 2 values) and the “Palmiers with the Red-Cross overprint” issue (of 4 values).



This is an incoming registered letter sent from MATADI 9-8-44 at 17(00) [cancellation type 8A1]. It has an A/R (**A**ccusé de **R**éception) endorsement, indicated by the AR mark in black ink, and a registration label, **R** MATADI N° 816.

In August 1944, the tariff for a letter was 2,50 Fr / 10 g with 0,75 Fr for each successive 10g increment in weight or part thereof. The registration fee was 3,50 Fr and the A/R fee 3,50 Fr.

In 1944, a letter that was delivered as “Incoming Mail” was exempt “air tax” (Ordonnance n°5/P.T. du 9 January 1941). The letter is over-franked by 1 Fr, because the sender thought he had to pay air tax!

Received at LEOPOLDVILLE1 11-8-44 at 5(00) [cancellation type 8A5] and then forwarded to LEOPOLDVILLE/KALINA 11-8-44.10(00) [cancellation type 7C1].



The officers of the BCSC, hope that you have enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

POSTAL AUCTION SALE 2017-3

PRICES REALISED

LOT	PRICE	LOT	PRICE	LOT	PRICE	LOT	PRICE
1	29,00	37		73	121,00	109	
2	23,00	38		74		110	
3	48,00	39		75		111	15,50
4		40		76	10,25	112	28,00
5		41		77	12,50	113	15,50
6		42		78	12,00	114	24,00
7	41,00	43	1,00	79	1,00	115	
8		44		80		116	11,50
9		45	5,50	81		117	4,50
10		46		82	4,00	118	
11	34,00	47		83	11,75	119	5,50
12	22,00	48		84	21,00	120	25,00
13		49	23,00	85	10,25	121	
14	51,00	50		86		122	
15	22,00	51		87	20,00	123	1,75
16	22,00	52	13,00	88	18,00	124	
17	9,25	53	20,00	89	6,00	125	
18		54		90		126	
19	16,50	55	5,50	91		127	128,00
20	15,50	56	13,00	92	8,00	128	121,00
21		57	10,50	93		129	
22		58	26,00	94	4,00	130	18,25
23		59	8,00	95	3,75	131	2,00
24	50,00	60		96		132	
25	7,75	61	4,00	97		133	
26	218,00	62	32,00	98	4,25	134	
27	1,00	63		99	21,00	135	6,00
28		64		100	55,00	136	
29	41,00	65	3,50	101		137	
30		66	2,00	102		138	1,00
31		67		103		139	
32		68	7,75	104		141	
33		69		105		142	12,50
34		70	280,00	106	18,50	143	
35	4,50	71		107			
36	10,25	72	15,25	108			

BID FORM (BCSC 2018-1)

To be sent to

Th.FRENNET – Rue la rue 17 – B-1420 Braine-l'alleud – Belgique/Europe

Or by E-mail at : hydro-services@skynet.be

CLOSING DATE FOR BIDS – 28th FEBRUARY 2018

Name :

Date :

FULL ADDRESS :

Signature :

Auction's rules

Abbreviations used

UM	= unmounted mint – unused with original gum in Post Office state, never hinged.	
LH	= lightly hinged – unused with original gum, mounted with a possible hinge	
OG	= original gum – unused with original gum slightly disturbed or alternatively having a previous hinge	
Part OG	= part original gum – unused with original gum – large hinge remnants may or may not be present	

CS= CONGO BELGE; COB=Catalogue Officiel Belge number; RU=Ruande Urundi;
Designations of cancellations are in accordance with the Heim&Kersch classification.

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Lot	Date	Description	COB number or Stibbe number	Min. bid €
		Ruanda-Urundi		
1	1925	40c lilac + 75c blue-grey , blocks of four, UM, with specimen overprint in red. Rare in block of 4.	65 + 69	35
2	1925	1925 issue type Vloors, from 20c green to 1,75Fr blue, UM, with specimen overprint in red. Rare.	62/75	80
		Belgian Congo		
3	1937/38	Miniature sheets 1 & 2, UM	BL1 + BL2	29,50
4	1923	1923 issue full set with specimen overprint, UM, Rare.	106/17	85
5	1925	1925 issue type Vloors, full set with specimen overprint in red, UM. Rare.	118/19/ 21/23/25/2 7/28	60
6	1931	1931 issue, full set LH	168/83	2
7	1931	1931 issue, full set LH & UM	168/83	2,50
8	1923	Vloors stamps : 1923 issue full set, a few stamps have some tiny defects but 10Fr black is in very good condition + some stamps from the 1925 issue, all LH	106/17 + 119, 121, 123, 125, 127	9
9	1923	lot of 11 stamps from 1923 and 1925 Vloors issues, all with specimen red overprint : 5c orange, 30c olive, 75c orange-red (2), 3Fr grey-brown (4, included 1 pair), 5 Fr grey (3) all UM except 5c orange, which is LH.	106, 113, 115, 116, 119	28
10	1958	1958 issue "Five Kings", 50th anniversary of Belgian Congo, full set, UM	344/9	1,25
11	1956	1956 issue "Mozart bicentennial" full set, 2 stamps, UM	339/40	2,50
12	1938	1938 issue National Parks, three full sets, LH (1) & UM (2). Pristine condition	197/202	2
13	1941	1941 issue, 5c/1,50Fr & 2,50Fr/2,40Fr normal type + inverted surcharge, LH	226/27 + 226 Cu+ 227 Cu	8,50
		Belgian Congo - Postal Stationery		
14	1922	view postcard 30c red-brown, view # 78 (golf) written but not cancelled + view # 96 cancelled Niangara	Stibbe 62	3
		Congo Republic		
15	1963	Red Cross centenary. Imperforated Luxe miniature sheet, UM. COB: 55 euros.	LX499	5
16	1963	Red Cross centenary. Imperforated Luxe miniature sheet, LH. COB: 55 euros.	LX499	2
17	1961 + 1963	1961 issue full set LH + 1963 issue (human rights issue, with overprint), full set UM.	415/17 + 520/3	0,25

18	1970	1970 UNO, UIT, President Mobutu issues, three full sets, imperfected , some stamps with sheet margin or sheet corner. UM. Rare	722/4 + 725/6 + 745/7	3
19	1961	South Kasai 1961 flowers set (nearly full set: only 6Fr/25c is missing), UM, with surcharge variety on 10/25c: ï missing in Kasai # 3V in COB. Included some good duplicates.	1-9, 9, 11-12, 12-13, 3V	8
20	1962	Burundi lot of 4 full sets + 2 miniature sheets, UM	41/2 ,49- 51, 112/7, 161/7, BL9, BL9A	2
		Postal Stationery - Congo free State, Belgian Congo, Ruanda-Urundi		
21	1889	1889 postcard issue. Lot of 3 double postcard. Palmtree 5c brown and 15c c black. (2 included, 1 cancelled to order). New or cancelled to order.	Stibbe 6 & 7	2
22	1892	1892 postcard issue. King Leopold 15c blue. New. Very good condition.	Stibbe 11,	0,50
23	1910	1910 postcard issue, double postcard 15c blue + 15 c brown, new.	Stibbe 31LT (A?)	4
24	1910	1910 postcard issue, double postcard palmtree 15c blue + 15c brown, new. (surcharge L3).	Stibbe 31LL	3,50
25	1910	1910 postcard issue, double postcard 15c blue + 15c brown, new. (+ idem, only first part, new)	Stibbe 31TT	1
26	1910	1910 postcard issue, 2nd half of a double postcard palmtree 15c brown New with handstruck mark "CARTE POSTALE INCOMPLETE". Very good condition.	Stibbe 31TT	1,25
27	1910	1910 postcard issue, palmtree 5c/10c red. New, very good condition	Stibbe 34T	1,50
28	1911	1911 postcard issue, palmtree 5c green. Used, sent from Kinshasa to Sheffield, England. Additional adhesive stamp 5c green bilingual issue. Very good condition	Stibbe 38	1,50
29	1912	1912 issue, view postcard 10c carmine, view #71, used. (Rather stained)	Stibbe 43	0,75
30	1921	1921 issue, palmtree 30c+30c/10c+10c, double postcard, new, very good condition	Stibbe 51a	1,25
31	1922	1922 issue, palmtree 15c/5c green, new	Stibbe 55	1,50
32	1922	1922 issue, palmtree 30c+30c/10c+10c red, cancelled to order (Stanleyville 14-II-23). Very good condition	Stibbe 60	2,50
33	1922	1922 issue, palmtree 30c carmine, view postcard, view #93, used, cancellation Luebo, to Belgium.	Stibbe 62	2,75
34	1924	1924 issue, palmtree 45c red on blue-green, new	Stibbe 65	1,25
35	1927	1927 issue, 45c green view postcard, used view #28	Stibbe 66	2
36	1931	1931 issue 60c/45c carmine red on green-blue , new	Stibbe 68	2

37	1922	1922 view postcard issue, view #15, overprint 15c/5c green, mint	Stibbe 52	3
38	1922	Ruanda-Urundi 1922 view postcard issue, view #49, overprint 15c/5c green, mint (stained). Bargain	Stibbe 17	1
		Covers		
39	1956	Ruanda-Urundi 1956 issue, Mozart, full set on First Day Cover 10-10-56	200/1	7
40	1960/70	Congo Republic , lot of 19 covers, beautiful and varied frankings, between 1960 & 1970, mostly to Sweden or Denmark, included exprès (1).		9
41	1960/70	Congo Republic (18) and Katanga (1), lot of 19 covers, beautiful and varied frankings, between 1960 & 1970, mostly to Sweden or Denmark.		9
42	1942	1942 Palmtrees issue, lot of 6 covers, included 4 airmail covers. Some spectacular frankings		10
43	1953	1953 Flowers issue, lot of 14 items (11 covers + 3 picture postcards). Beautiful and varied frankings, included blocks of four, printed matter, internal mail, registered cover, etc		18
44	1948	1948 issue, lot of 13 items (12 covers + 1 front of a cover). Beautiful and varied frankings, included internal mail, registered covers, etc. Mostly to Denmark, Switzerland, Italy		19
45	1923/5	1923/25 Vloors issues, lot of 5 covers, beautiful and varied frankings, included internal mail		18
46	1931	1931 issue, lot of 3 covers + front of a registered cover + 1 picture postcard (5 items), beautiful and varied frankings, to Sweden, USA, Switzerland etc.		8,50
47	1937	Airmail cover, first flight Air Afrique. Kabalo-Stanleyville, internal airmail		1
48	1941	Airmail cover, first flight Congo-USA Dec. 1941. From Leopoldville to the USA		7
49	1935	Airmail cover, first flight Brussels-Elisabethville by SABENA, very good condition		20
50	1938 & 1953	lot of two airmail covers: 100th flight Belgium-Congo by Sabena and 1st flight Brussels-Rome-Athens-Cairo-Entebbe-Stanleyville-Elisabethville by Sabena, cover from Stanley ville to Entebbe (on return flight)		2,50
51	1927/30	1923 & 1925 Vloors issues, lot of 3 items: 2 covers and a front of registered letter. To England, Denmark & internal mail		3,50
52	1938	1938 issue National Parks 4,50Fr + 1,50Fr on airmail cover. From NIZI 9-2-40 to Zurich (Switzerland). Transit mark Aba on reverse. Very good condition.		4
53	1907	Picture postcard with 1894 issue 5c green type II (2). Boma cancellations 1907		5
54	1910	1910 issue, 5c green, 15c ochre (2) , 25c blue on 4 picture postcards, to Denmark (3) or to Brazzaville (Afrique		7

		Equatoriale Française) (1)		
		Congo - Postal Stationery		
55	1889	1889 issue 15c red, used Boma 9 Nov 1899, to Denmark, used	Stibbe 5	4,50
56	1922	1922 issue, lot of 3 postcards, palmtree 15c green, used with additional stamps, view # 73, 100, 102	Stibbe 61	4,50
57	1922	1922 issue, lot of 3 postcards, palmtree 30c carmine brown, used, view # 75, 86, 93	Stibbe 62	7
58	1922	1922 issue, lot of 3 postcards, palmtree 15c/10c carmine, new (2 - view# 3 & 70) & used (1 - view # 32). Very good condition	Stibbe 53	7
59	1912	1912 issue, lot of 2 view postcards 5c green, view # 35 & 48, used	Stibbe 42	3
60	1912	1912 issue, view postcard 10c carmine, view # 64, used, with additional stamp	Stibbe 43	1.50
61	1915	postcard 15c/5c yellow-green, new	Stibbe 55	1.50
62	1915	double postcard 5c green+5c green, new, very good condition	Stibbe 46	2.50
63	1915	double postcard 10c red+10c red, new, very good condition	Stibbe 47	2
64	1897	postcard 15c blue, with boxed hand-struck mark BOMA CARTE INCOMPLETE, used, Boma Cancellation 1898 + card 17 (only "réponse")	Stibbe 17b	4
65	1897	Double postcard 10c red brown+10c green, used, Boma cancellation 1890	Stibbe 16b	6
66	1897	lot of 3 postcards 15c orange, used (2) & new (1)	Stibbe 15	0.75
67	1897	lot of 2 postcards 10c orange, used with additional stamp (1), CTO (1)	Stibbe 14 B	5
68	1927	lot of 5 postcards, 45c green, view # 1, 23, 25, 45, 49, used	Stibbe 66	9.50
69	1918	Ruanda-Urundi , lot of 5 postcards, 5c green with overprint, new, view # 5, 10, 16, 22, 34	Stibbe 11	5
70	1922	Ruanda-Urundi , lot of 3 postcards, 15c/10c red-brown with overprint & surcharge 15, new, view # 3, 42, 44	Stibbe 14B	4
		Congo Picture postcards with stamps		
71	1894	1894 issue, lot of 6 picture postcards with 10c carmine, included curiosity <i>marée blanche</i> (white tide)	19	10
72	1894	1894 issue, picture postcard with 5c green, type 2	16a	2
73	1894	1894 issue, picture postcard with 5c green + 10c carmine	16 + 19	2
74	1894	1894 issue, picture postcard with 5c green + 10c carmine	16 + 19	2
75	1910	1910 unilingual issue, 10c carmine on a picture postcard, to Belgium	51	2.50
76	1915	1915 issue, 10c carmine on picture postcard (picture = elephants herd)	65a	3
77	1921	1921 issue, 50c/25c blue on picture postcard	90	2.50
78	1948	1948 issue, 2,50 Fr sheet corner, UM + postcard with picture of a similar railway. Pristine condition &	296	4

		interesting		
		Covers		
79	1953/5	Two curious airmail covers from France to Congo and back, with some explanations		6
80	1949	Airmail cover from Jadotville 26-9-49 to Brussels, with 2 Belgian postage due stamps		5
81	1941	Registered airmail cover, with spectacular franking, from Léopoldville 8-11-41 to BUEA, British Cameroon. Censor hand-struck mark <i>Censure Congo Belge</i> , Nigerian Censor mark and censor tape, censor mark of French Cameroun. Definitely rare and unusual.		30
82	1949/52	Lot of 3 airmail covers + 1 postcard, each with boxed hand-struck mark, AVION		5
83	1931	Airmail cover from Elisabethville 12-02-31, to Brussels. Very good condition	165 + PA 2/3	10
84	1936	Airmail cover, special flight SABENA, from Brussels 23-10-36 to Elisabethville 29-10-36, and back from Elisabethville 30-10-36 to Brussels 05-11-36. Belgian & Congolese stamps. Very good condition.	194/6 + Belgian stamps	9
85	1960	Two airmail covers (first flights by SABENA with Boeing Jets) Elisabethville - Johannesburg (South-Africa) & Elisabethville- Brussels, beautiful hand cancellations Elisabethville 3-4-60		1.50
86	1962	Airmail cover (first flight by SABENA with Boeing Jet) Athens- Leopoldville. Commemorative violet mark. Cancellation Athens 14-XII-62 on a Greek stamp, to Leopoldville. Incoming mail.		0.75
87	1954	Commemorative airmail cover from Leopoldville to Palermo, Sicily, Italy. This cover went from Léopoldville (cancellation 28-05-54) to make the "aerial tour of Sicily". Italian stamps for the Italian part of the journey, cancelled by special handmark 12-6-54. Arrival Palermo mechanical cachet on reverse. Commemorative mark in green. Very good condition and definitely unusual.		9
		Mols stamps		
88	1921	1921 issue, lot of 23 stamps: 50c/25c blue (15, used, a few surcharges with no point under c), 30c/10c carmine (2, LH ; one stamp surcharge with no point under c), 1Fr carmine (6, used). Good condition. For searchers of shades, cancellations, perforations etc.		3
89		Lot of 9 postage due stamps, LH (8) or OG (1), all type IX (Elisabethville)		5
90	1942	19 Waterlow & Sons proofs , imperforated with hole. Some sheet margins (4) or sheet corner (1). Flemish predominant except for 2,50Fr carmine.	229/46	95
91	1909	1909 unilingual issue, lot of 8 stamps : 5c green LH, 10c carmine LH (2), 50c olive UM (1), LH (2), 50c dark olive used (2)	50,51,53, 53a	3.75

92	1943	Ruanda-Urundi postage due stamps, red surcharge, perf 14 x14 1/2, full set, UM	Tx 15b/19b	0.50
93	1886/87	Congo free State, 1886 issue 5c green LH, 50c olive used + 1887 issue 50c grey LH + 1894 1Fr violet OG	1,4,10, 26A	6.50
94	1894	1894 issue 15c ochre & 50c olive UM	20, 25	6
95	1921	1921 issue, 10c/5c green LH (3), 15c/50c olive LH (3) & UM (1), 25c/15c ochre used (4), 50c/25c blue LH, 3Fr LH (2), 5Fr LH, 10Fr LH (2)	between 85/94	5
96	1921	1921 issue 3F red UM & 5Fr carmine LH	92-93	5
97	1921	1921 issue 10c/5c green of the 1915 issue , block of 4, UM (2) and LH (2). Rare	86A	85
98	1921	1921 issue 30c/10c carmine of the 1915 issue UM. Rare	89A	28
99	1921	1921 issue 50c/25c blue of the 1915 issue , block of 4, UM (2) and LH (2). Rare	90A	85
100	1921	1921 issue 5c/40c blue-green, block of 10 (upper part of sheet) UM	85	2
101	1921	1921 issue, 50c/25 c blue, used (57), included pairs (7), strips of 3 (3), strip of 4 (1). Some displaced surcharges, shades, cancellations, varieties etc.	90	12
102	1910	1910 issue 10c rose-carmine & red-carmine (shades), blocks of four UM	55	2
103	1909	1909 unilingual issue 5c green LH (2), each with a variety: <i>balloon above the mountains</i> (the stamp is thinned) & <i>long vertical black line</i> .	50	7
104	1909	1909 unilingual issue 5c green LH (2) or used (3)	50	0.75
105	1922	1922 issue Mechelen surcharges, 5c/50c red-brown block of 10, UM	95	2.50
106	1909	1909 unilingual issue, 10c carmine block of 12, UM	51	10
107	1909	1909 unilingual issue, full set, used	50/53	6
108	1894	1894 issue 5c blue, used (4)	14	9.50
109	1909	1909 unilingual issue 5c green + 10c carmine on a picture postcard	50/1	4
110	1909	1909 unilingual issue 15c ochre on a picture postcard to Brussels, beautiful cancellation DIMA, 25 October 1909	52	12
111	1918	1918 Red Cross issue, full set UM or LH	72/80	55
		Books - philatelic literature (all books are in very good condition)		
112		"Histoire postale du service Postal au Congo Belge 1886-1960, tome I" (<i>in French</i>), by Roger Gallant, 557 pages, March 2005. <i>A history of the Postal service in the Belgian Congo. (A definitive book)</i>		25
113		"Arrêtés et ordonnances concernant les tarifs postaux au Congo Belge et au Ruanda-Urundi, 1886-1962" (<i>in French</i>), by Charles Stockmans and Roger Gallant, 135 pages, 1997.		10

114		"La philatélie de transition, du Congo Belge au Congo et du Ruanda-Urundi au Rwanda-Burundi" (in French), by Georges Celis, 1st edition 1981. A definitive book on the years just after the independence, (i.e. ca 1960-1964)		12
115		"Afrique Orientale Allemande, Occupation belge 1916-1922, Emission de Londres", by Léo Tavano, 45 pages (in French), 2001. A definitive book on Mols stamps in this period, with black and white and colour illustrations.		12
116		"Congo Belge, Emissions Mols-Van Engelen "bilingue 1910" et "recuperation" " by Léo Tavano, 86 pages (in French), 2002. A definitive book on Mols stamps of the 1910 and 1921 issues, with black and white or colour illustrations.		15
117		"Postal history of the enclave LADO" (in English and in French), by Patrick Maselis, Vincent Schouberechts, Léo Tavano, foreword by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, 401 pages, 2009. A masterpiece !!! <i>The definitive bilingual book on the Lado enclave and its postal history, with many illustrations or pictures in full colour.</i>		35
118		Official Belgian former Colonies stamps Catalogue, 2016 edition. "Catalogue Officiel des Timbres des Anciennes Colonies Belges, édition 2016". "Officiële Postzegels Catalogus, Belgische ex-Koloniën, 2016 editie".		5
		Covers - Airmail		
119	1923	1923/25 Vloors issues: lot of 6 covers + 1 picture postcard with Vloors stamps, with different frankings		8.50
120	1945/46	Two airmail covers with 1942 issue and airmail stamps.		4.50
121	1930	Airmail cover from Boende to Brussels, 27-12-30. Boxed handstruck mark Avion	130 + 141	3
122	1928	Registered airmail cover, from Bandundu 11-8-28, transit via Leopoldville 14-8-28 to Lyon 2-9-28, then forwarded to Marseille 4-9-28. Stamps of the Stanley 1928 issue and airmail stamps	138, 141 (2), 143, PA 1-2	5
123	1929	Registered airmail cover, from Léopoldville 12-6-29 to Brussels.	131 + 141	4