

Rhodesian Air Training Group Cachets

The individual camp cachets were replaced by standard Rhodesian Air Training Group (RATG) cachets progressively during 1941-2. Although basically of a standard design they varied in size and whether they were double or triple ovals. Many were surmounted by a crown.

Some camps used a number of different RATG cachets which can be distinguished by their dimensions has shown in the table on the following page.

The cachets have been divided into groups: those used at individual camps those used at RATG Headquarters in Salisbury and specialist groups in Bulawayo.

Office	Double Oval (Typical size)	Generic Cachet Type	Length of "Official Free"	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Triple Oval (Typical size)	Generic Cachet Type	Length of "Official Free"	Earliest Date	Latest Date
Belvedere Camp	51x31	RATG 1	23/24	31-Oct-42	30-Aug-43	49x30	RATG 4	29	05-Jun-44	10-Aug-44
Belvedere Camp	60x35	RATG 3		14-Feb-42						
Cranbourne	50x30	RATG 1	24/26	07-Apr-42	07-Aug-42	49x31	RATG 4	29	04-Sep-44	11-Jun-45
Cranbourne	58x36	RATG 2	31	27-Nov-42	07-Jun-43					
Cranbourne	62x38	RATG 3	31/33	11-May-43						
Guinea Fowl	49x30	RATG 1	23	03-Feb-42	May-43					
Heany Camp	49x30	RATG 1	23	26-Nov-41	01-May-45	51x30	RATG 4	25		24-Jul-45
Induna	55x32	RATG 2	25	16-Aug-42	04-Mar-44					
Induna	49x30	RATG 1	24	25-May-42	22-Sep-42					
Induna	60x33	RATG 3	26	10-May-44						
Induna	53x31	RATG 1	23	04-Sep-42	31-Jul-45					
Initial Training Wing	49x30	RATG 1	23	17-Oct-41	02-Oct-42	50x30	RATG 4	29	22-Oct-42	30-Jan-45
Kumalo	50x30	RATG 1	23/24	08-Aug-42	14-Nov-44	51x31	RATG 4	31	21-Sep-45	
Moffat	50x30	RATG 1	24	01-Dec-41	04-Jan-43	51x31	RATG 4	30	10-Dec-42	
Moffat	55x32	RATG 2	?	14-Apr-42	09-Oct-42	60x39	RATG 6	33	08-Jul-44	
Moffat						60x33	RATG 6	34	29-Jun-43	15-Nov-44
Mount Hampden	50x30	RATG 1	24	11-Nov-42	04-Jan-43	50x30	RATG 4	30	1 Nov ?	
Mount Hampden	60x36	RATG 3	27	04-Jan-43	29-Sep-43	55x32	RATG 5	31	25-Jul-44	08-Aug-45
Norton	50x30	RATG 1	27	30-Dec-42	31-Jul-44					
Thornhill	49x30	RATG 1	23	12-Nov-41	12-Jul-42					
Thornhill	51x31	RATG 1	23	07-Jul-42	10-Jun-43	60x33	RATG 6	26	31-Jan-44	20-Aug-45
Thornhill	55x31	RATG 2	26	13-Aug-42	03-Nov-42					
Thornhill	55x36	RATG 2	27	04-Nov-42	13-Aug-43					
Thornhill	60x36	RATG 8	27	12-Dec-42	21-Dec-42					
Thornhill	62x38	RATG 9	34	01-Oct-43	09-Nov-43					
Bulawayo	49x30	RATG 1	23	17-Oct-41	25-Nov-42					
Salisbury	49x30	RATG 1	23	23-Dec-41	25-Nov-42					

*The Types of R.A.T.G cachet(s) used at each camp with first and last dates of recorded use.
(It must be stressed that Type Numbers are generic and sizes will vary)*

Rhodesian Air Training Group (General Usage)



DO with Crown
 "Rhodesian - Air Training Group"
 RATG 1 size range - 49x31mm to 53x31mm
 RATG 2 size range - 55x34mm to 58x36mm
 RATG 3 size range - 60x33mm to 62x38mm



TO with Crown
 "Rhodesian - Air Training Group"
 RATG 4 size range - 49x30 to 53x34
 RATG 5 size range - 55x32 to 55x32
 RATG 6 size range - 60x33 to 60x39



RATG 7 - DO with Crown
 "Rhodesian- Air Training Group"
 (crown offset)



RATG 20 - TO **without** Crown
 69mmx39.5mm
 "Rhodesian - Air Training Group"

Repairs to Thornhill Standard Cachets

All these repairs were carried out at Thornhill Camp. They were all done to different sized cachets.



RATG 8 - DO with Crown 55mmx36mm
 "Rhodesian - Air Training Group"
 Paper Clip Repair

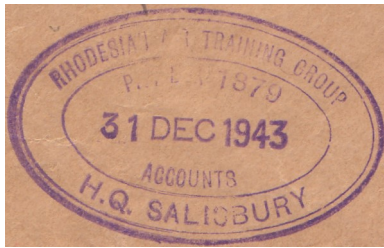


RATG 9 - DO with Crown 60mmx39mm
 "Rhodesian - Air Training Group"
 Wire Bound Repair



RATG 21 - DO with Crown 58mmx34mm
 "Rhodesian - Air Training Group"
 Single Wire Repair

Rhodesian Air Training Group H.Q. Salisbury Cachets



RATG 11 - Dated TO
"Rhodesian Air Training Group -
H.Q. Salisbury" "Accounts."



RATG 12 - TO
"Rhodesian Air Training Group -
H.Q. Salisbury"
This cachet is only known as a receiving mark.



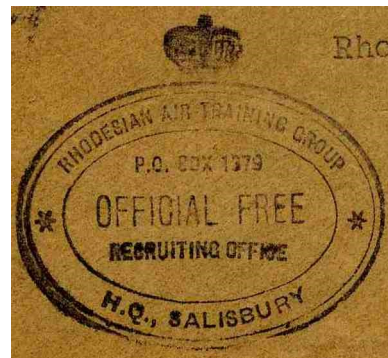
RATG 13 - TO
"Rhodesian Air Training Group -
H.Q. Salisbury"



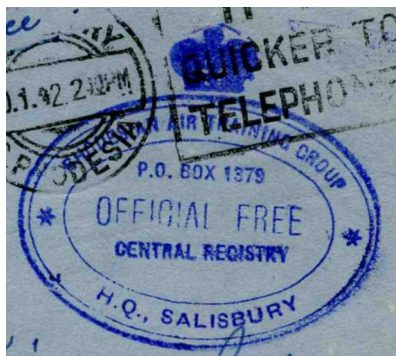
RATG 14 - TO with crown
"Rhodesian Air Training Group -
"Accounts Dept. - "H.Q. Salisbury"



RATG 15 - TO with Crown
"Rhodesian Air Training Group -
H.Q. Salisbury" "Accounts Dept."



RATG 16 - TO with Crown
"Rhodesian Air Training Group -
Recruiting Office - H.Q. Salisbury"



RATG 17 - TO with Crown
"Rhodesian Air Training Group -
H.Q. Salisbury"

Rhodesian Air Training Group H.Q. Salisbury Cachets



RATG 10 - Dated TO
Rhodesian Air Training Group - H.Q.
Salisbury "Orderly Room"
This cachet is found used at Thornhill Camp,
Gwelo between 17 March and 14 April 1941
(see page 51).



RATG 22 - TO
Rhodesian Air Training Group
Communications Squadron -
Salisbury



RATG 23 - TO
"Rhodesian Air Training Group -
H.Q. Salisbury"

Rhodesian Air Training Group Bulawayo Cachets



RATG 18 - Dated TO
"Central Maintenance Unit R.A.T.G. -
Bulawayo"



RATG 19 - Dated TO
"Rhodesian Air Training Group -
Meteorological Section"