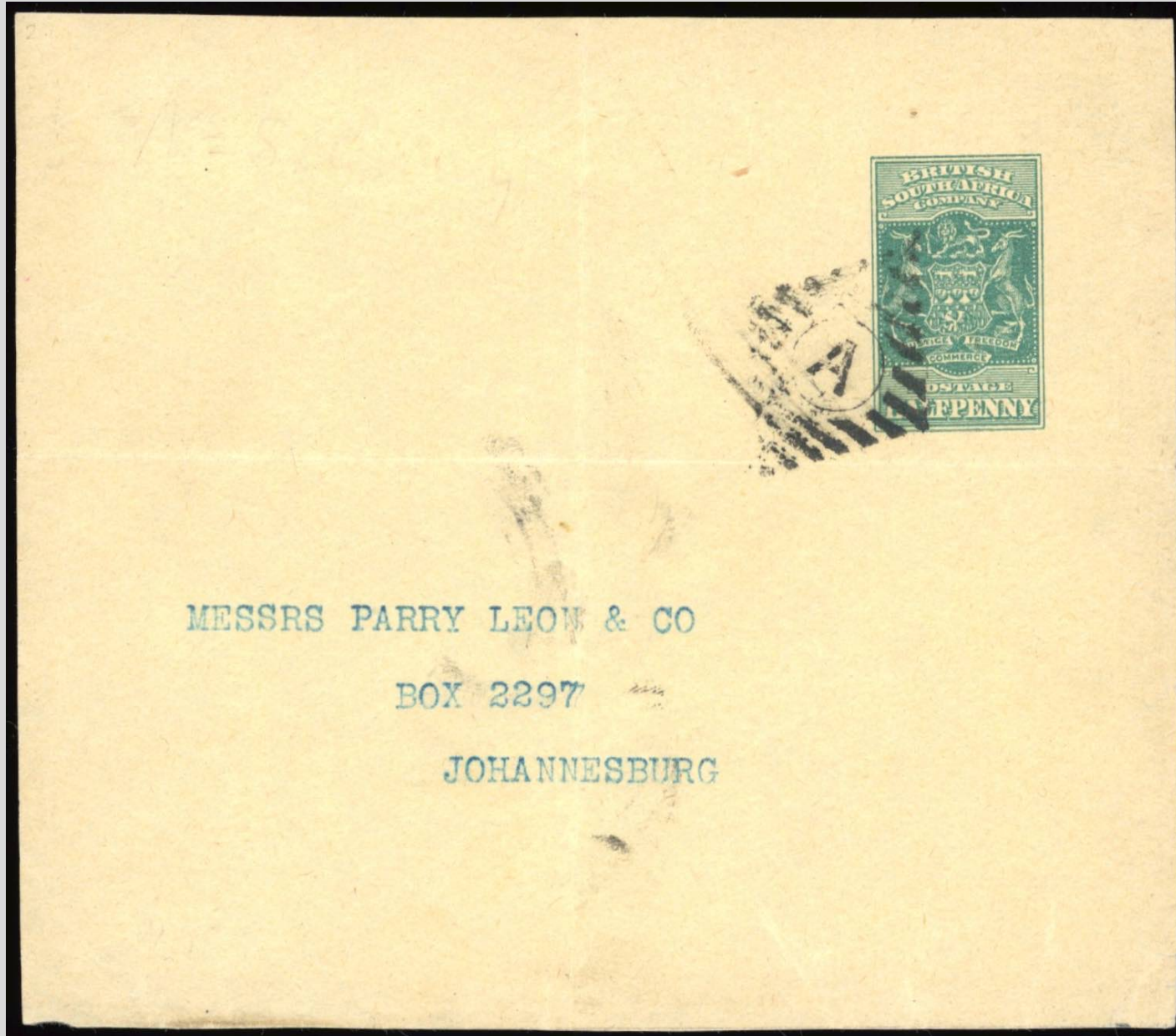


Barred Diamonds used on BSAC

Like the BONCs, in the early days the Barred Diamond marks were used to cancel the stamps on a cover with the datestamp appearing elsewhere, but on later issues it would seem they were mainly used on parcels and wrappers, as post 1900 covers seem to be very elusive. Letters from **A** to **K** are known, although no **J** has been recorded. Where some are used is definitely known, other use is more speculative, but current thinking has **A** used at Salisbury, **B** and **D** at Bulawayo, **C** and **G** at Umtali, **E** initially at Victoria, then Bulawayo, **F** at Victoria, **H** at Tuli, **I** at Kopje, and **K** initially at Hartley Hill, later Kopje (and possibly Salisbury). The only examples I have seen of confirmed post 1900 use are **A** used up to at least 1924, **D** on Double Head, **E** on the Falls issue and **I** on an Admiral, presumably Salisbury use as Kopje was not open at this time. **A** seems surprisingly scarce used on issues prior to 1910. There is also a **1** mentioned in Knight and Mitchell, a possible example is shown later. These cancels are very much scarcer on cover.



A in barred diamond on a wrapper, issued 1903, but no clue as to precise date of use, this cancel was used right through to the 1920's, thought to have been used at Salisbury



Use on SR

Along with BONCs 827 and 941 this cancel is fairly often come across on SR



B used at Bulawayo cancelling a pair of the 3d/5/- during the Matabele Rebellion MY 18 1896



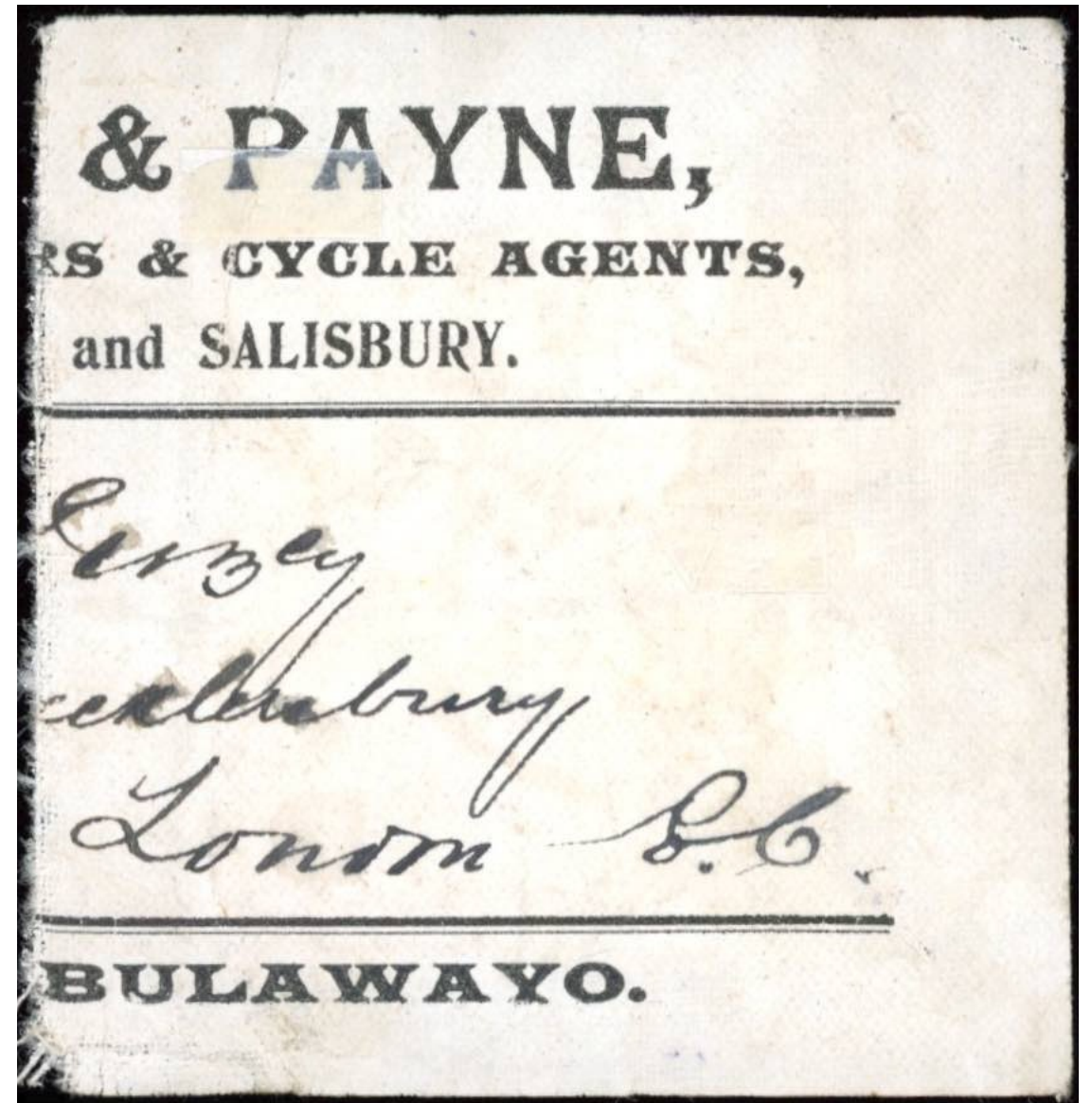
C on an early cover from Umtali with SC dumb cancel with C over date, JA 27 92 (not mine!)



D used on a registered cover from Bulawayo in 1898. There are supposed to be two different sizes of this mark but the ones I have all appear pretty similar (about 31mm).

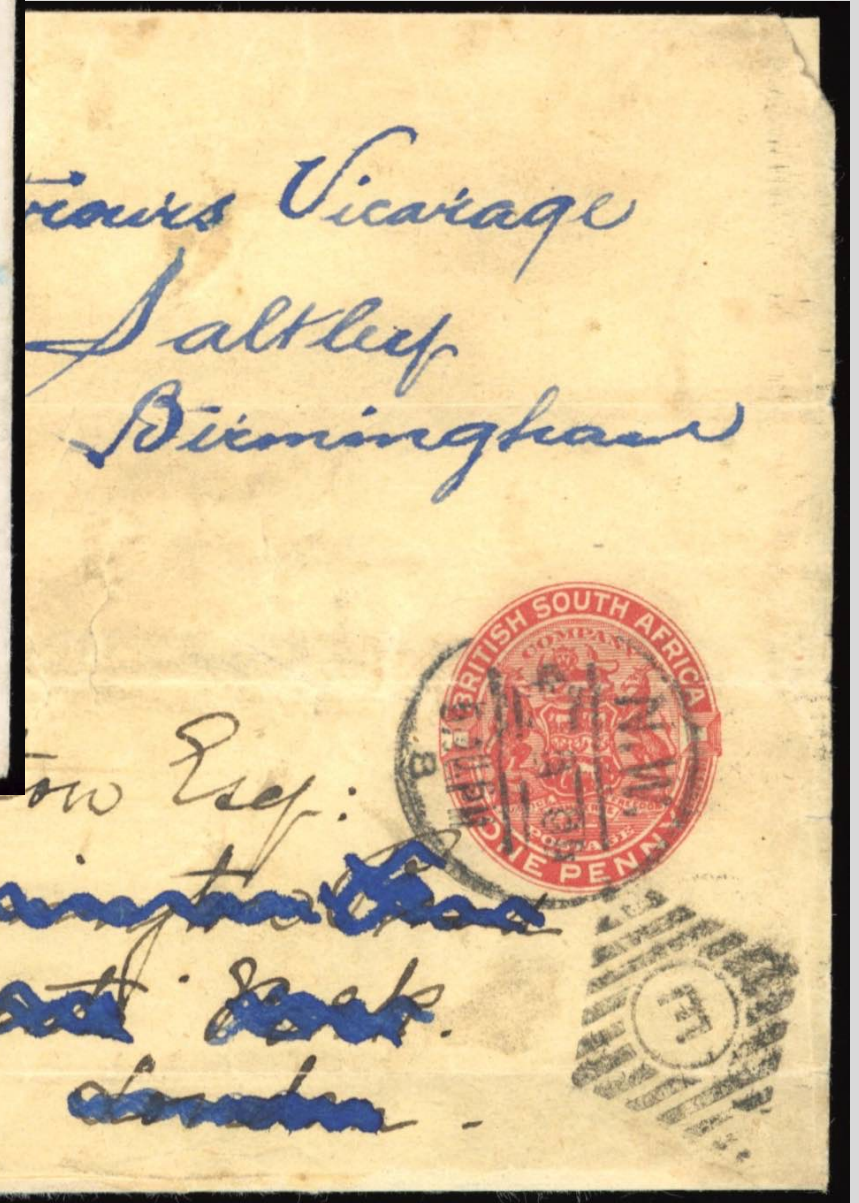
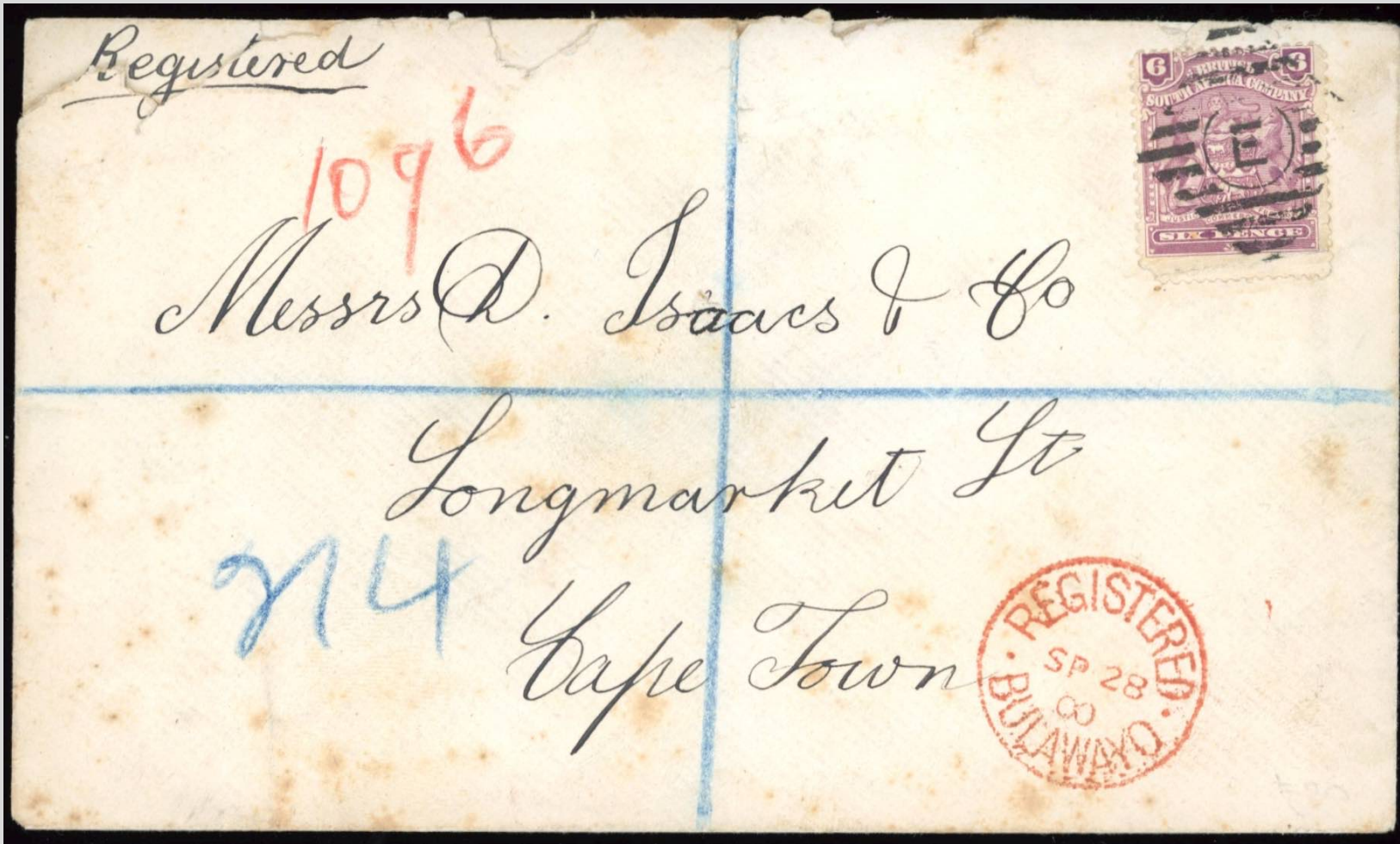


A slightly later use of **D** on the back of a parcel label going to London, 1/9 postage

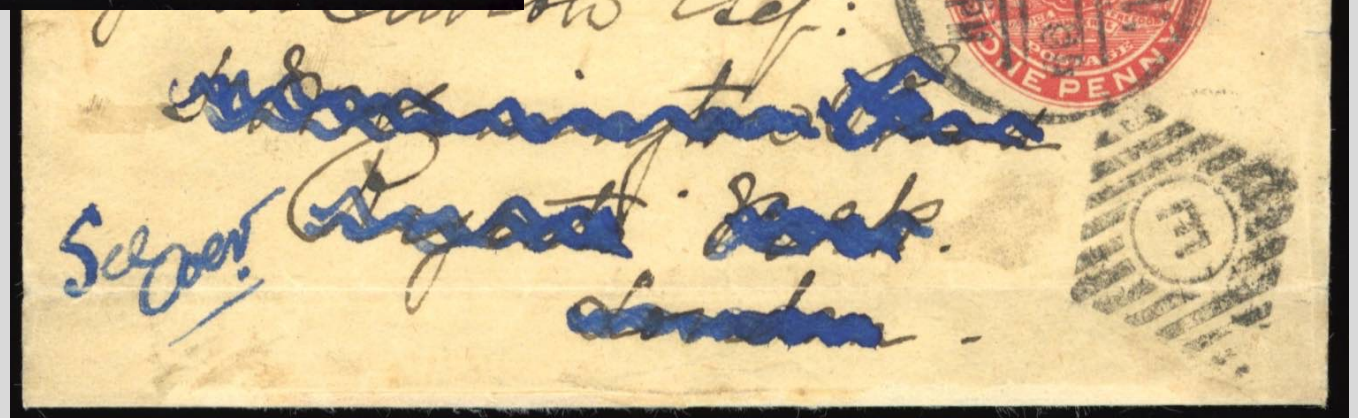


E used initially at Victoria, reply paid card posted JY 4 94 (from Alan Hanks BSAC display) This letter appears to be scarcer used here than F





E, later use on a registered cover from Bulawayo in 1900, and a wrapper presumably sent from Bulawayo as well, sent to London, year unclear (99?), and forwarded on to Birmingham.



F on two stationery items sent from Victoria 1893/4 showing that both E and F were used here during this period



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C and **G** comparison. **C** seems to be very rare, but these two letters are easily confused; both are supposed to have been used at Umtali



H used at Tuli on 1895 cover to France franked with all the values up to 6d. The CDS is the rarer type 1A which is blank at base



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I on two cards sent from Kopje in 1894
also showing the dumb single circle
mark with '1' over date used at Kopje

on a registered cover sent from Kopje AP 29 95, showing all the values to 8d, and the 2/-



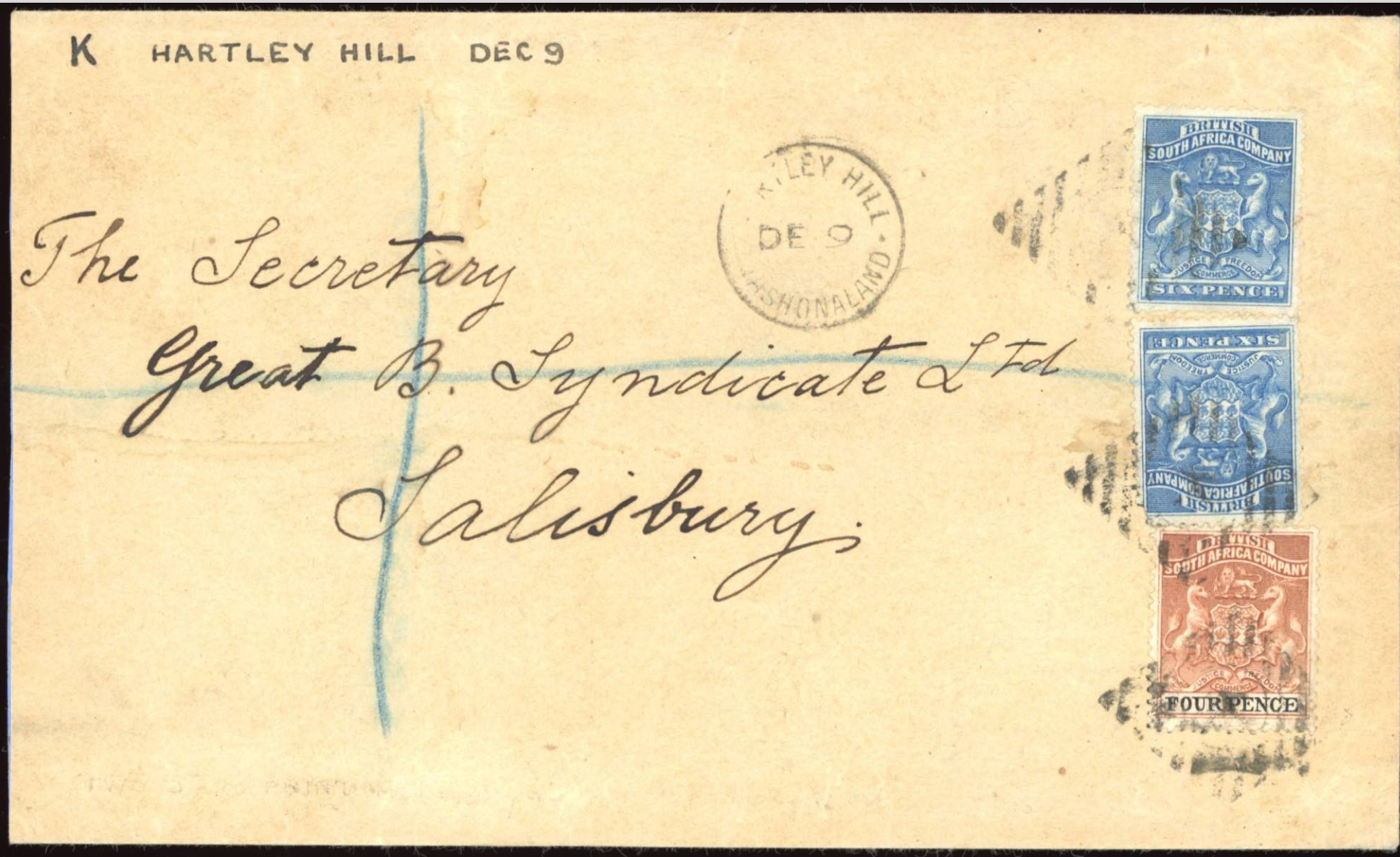
Use on an Admiral. At this stage there was no PO at Kopje, so this was probably used at Salisbury



1 in barred diamond, comparison with I. Curiously the second strike of I looks like a 1



K on a cut-down cover from Hartley Hill, no year on the cds, probably 1894 or 5.



Use on British
Bechuanaland



The shape of
the K here is
different to the
K appearing on
later issues

K used at Kopje 4 JAN 1900, note CDS has 19 for 1900. It is suggested this canceller may have ended up at Salisbury, but the strip shown here is also struck with a partial Kopje CDS



B in barred oval used on a wrapper, presumed sent from Bulawayo



Later use



Barred circles used on BCA

These were used in much the same way as the Barred Diamonds, i.e. cancelling the stamps, with the CDS appearing elsewhere on the cover. Letters from **A** to **O** (less **I**?) were originally made, and although where some of them were used is known, others have not yet been confirmed. Period of use goes into the GV period for some of the marks.



A in barred circle used on a wrapper sent to London from Zomba SP 19 95

Curious fiscal use to cancel a
£50 revenue changed in
manuscript to £25 OC 1 91



B in barred circle used at Blantyre on a letter posted to England, DE 6 99

Use on a card to Quelimane JU 14 95.



Later use on EVII 2d

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C in barred circle

Sent AU 22 91 from
Ruo to Germany, this is
probably the earliest
known stamped cover



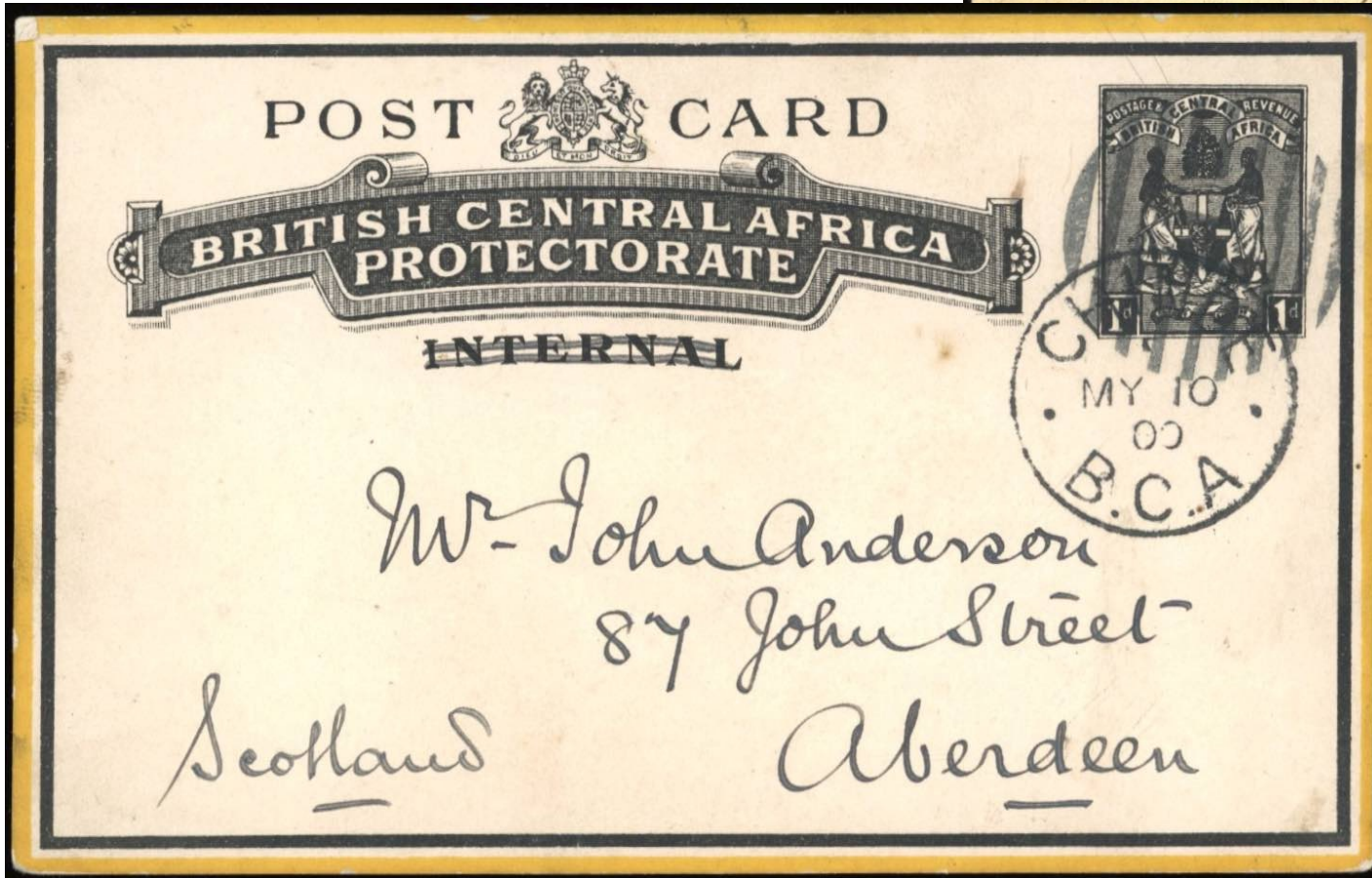
Commemorative cancel **C** used to mark the Diamond Jubilee of BCA/Nyasaland. The original **C** could not be found so the **O** in barred circle was modified to be used instead. The **O** was apparently never originally used unmutilated.



D, the only cancel on the front of a cover presumed sent from Deep Bay to Austria.

Backstamps include Zomba JA 23 05

Card written at Livingstonia,
cancelled in transit at Chinde MY 10
09. 'Internal' crossed out, but no
penalty incurred



What looks like
the same mark on
a Double Head 1d



F used to cancel the stamp on
a cover also cancelled by the
type 2 dumb cancel with F over
date, MY 8 92 from Fife



CTO card also
cancelled Fife type 5,
FE 4 95

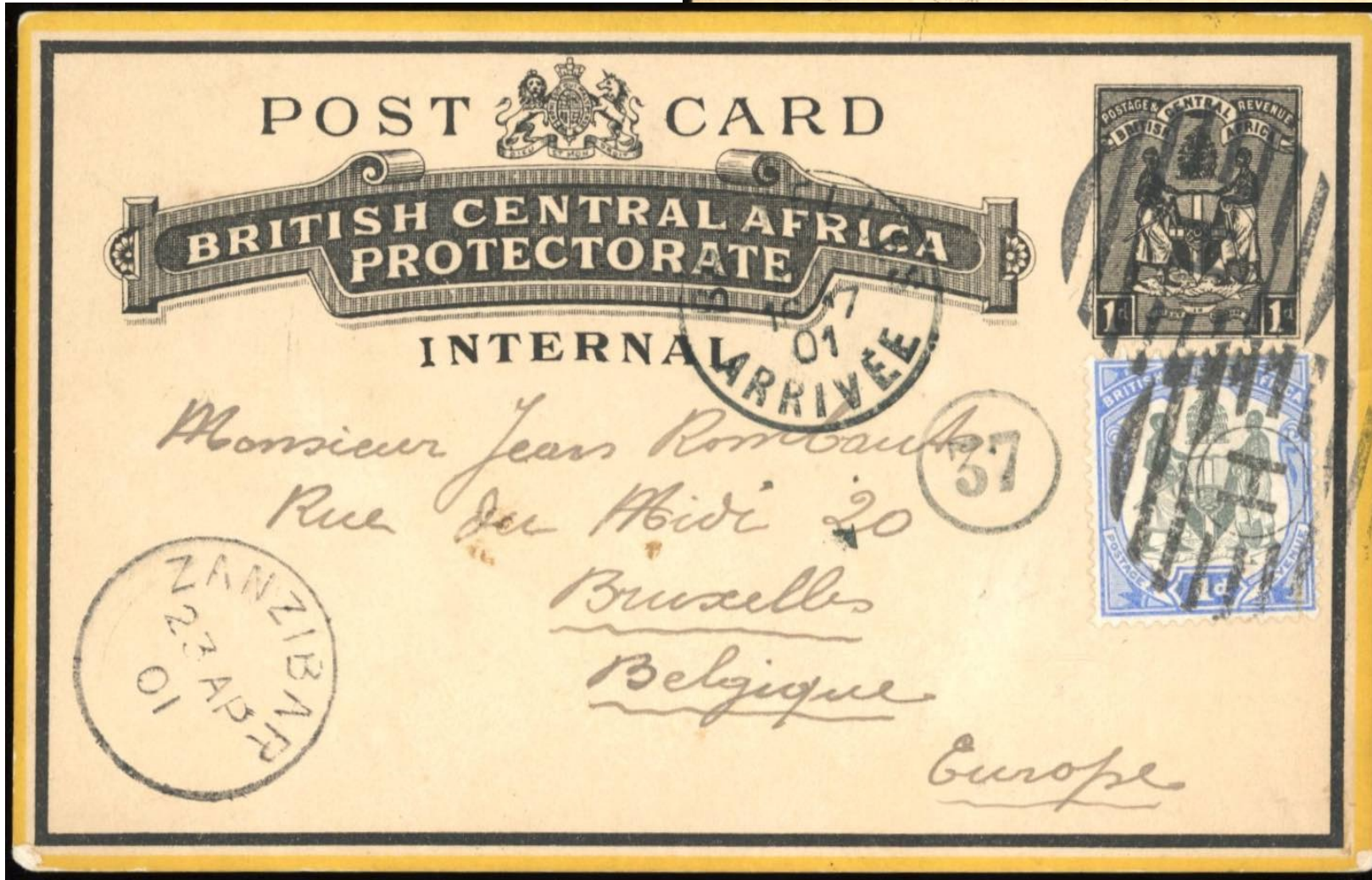
G on cover going to England from Zomba backstamped Tshinde 28 OCT 95. As there is no Zomba datestamp on the cover, it is possible the mark was applied at Tshinde, but thought unlikely



Later use on GV



H used at Fort Johnston, the card MR 25 01, and the letter DE 11 00, both with type 2 backstamps



Late use on
GV 1d

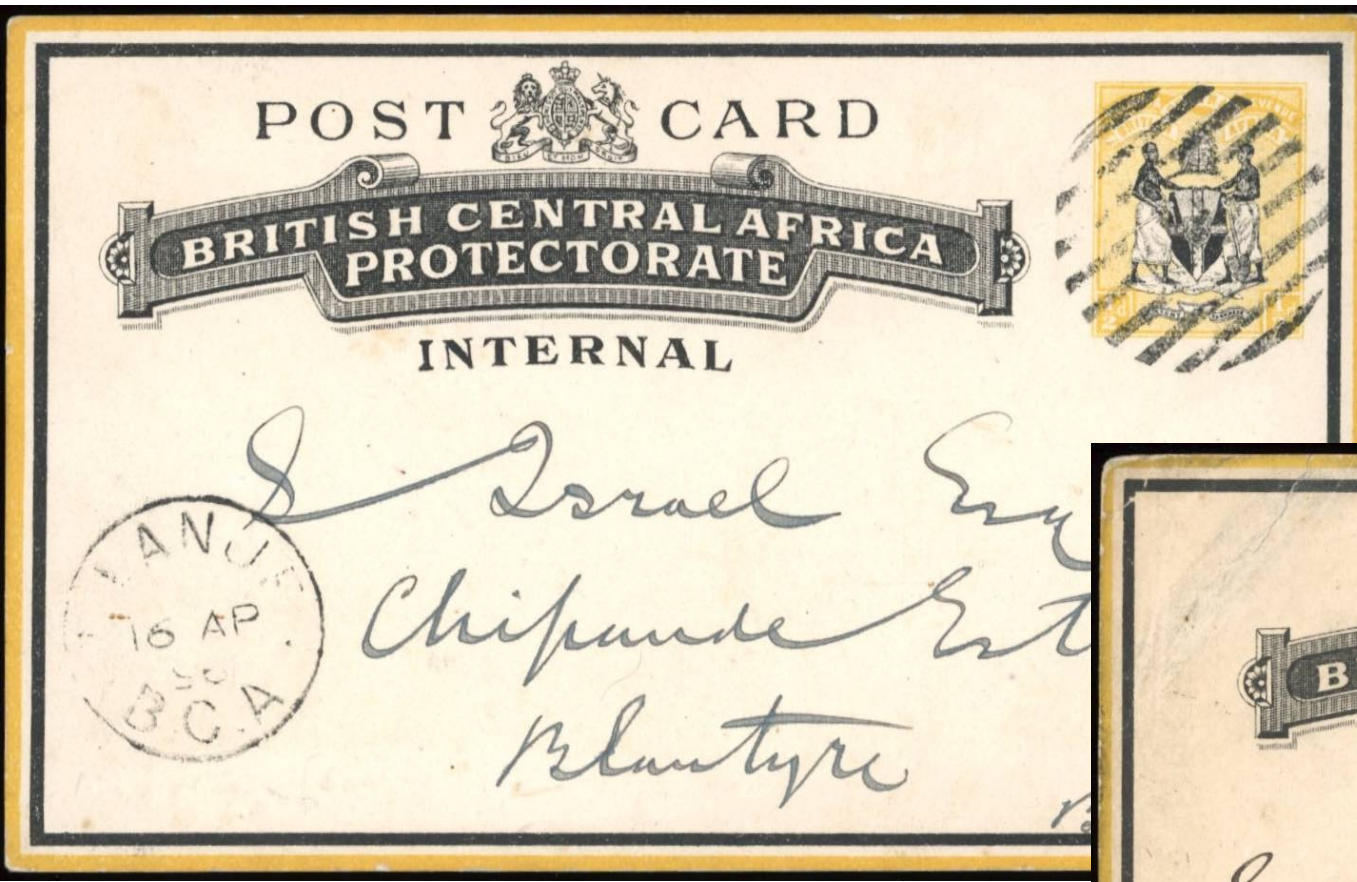




The later Mlanje postmark on a card sent JY 6 95 to Scotland, with the stamp cancelled by K



A cover showing the very rare Milanji postmark, AU 29 93, the stamps cancelled K in barred circle, from Ian Cubbin's collection



In 1896 the Mlanje office moved to Fort Anderson, and initially used that name, these cards show both names. Although the cancel on the later card is not very clear, it is likely to also be K. This later location was renamed Mlanje in 1910.

M from a cover in a Colin Fraser BCA display, showing use at Bandawe, AP 25 95. There is a note written on the cover that this is an **M** in barred circle, but the letter is not very clear

A loose stamp with a clearer example of this mark



N used at Tshiromo on a cover to Scotland cancelled SP 22 93,
acquired from Paul Peggie's collection



Later use
on EVII 2d
pair



Missing letters:

E, possibly used at Karonga



There are no proof strikes of **I**, **L**, **M**, **N** or **O** in the archives at Harare, although **M** and **N** are known to have been used postally, and **O** was later mutilated for the Diamond Jubilee; there is however a **J** in the archives, this has not been seen used. Nodder and Twynam reported seeing **L** on a stamp also cancelled Rhodesia BCA, which they suggested might have been applied at either Abercorn/Kawimbe or Karonga, as Rhodesia itself would have been unlikely to have had one of these marks

