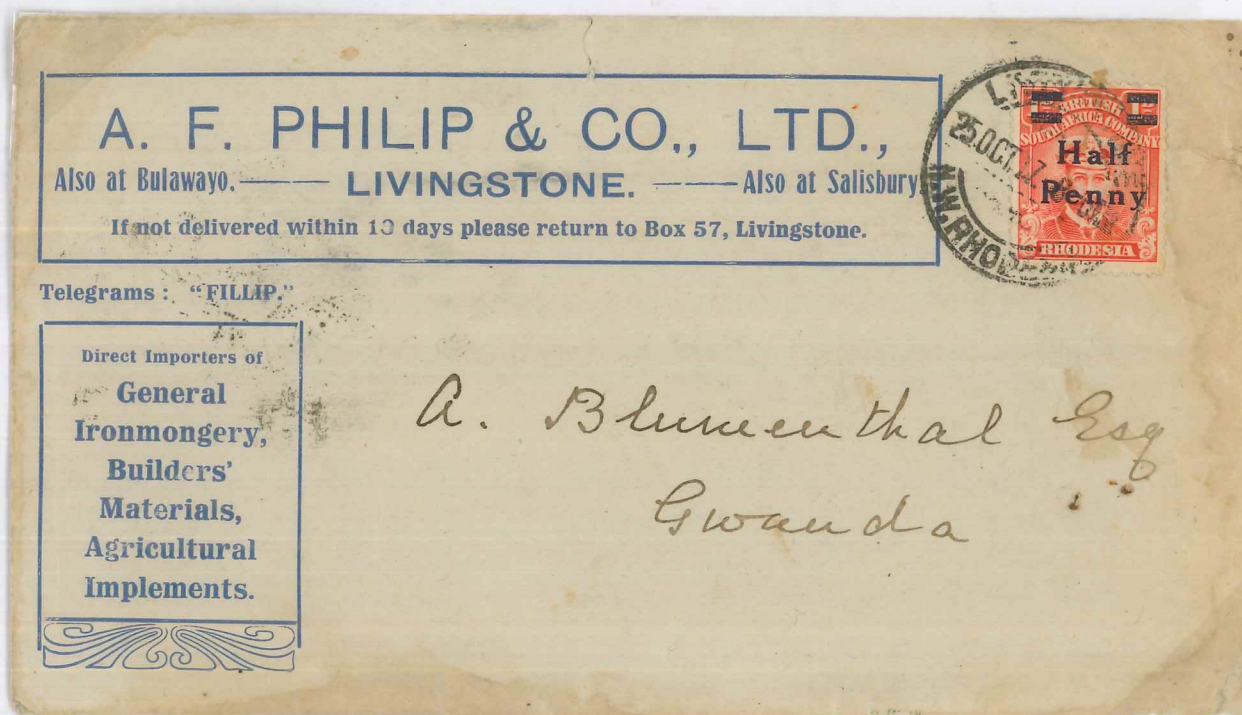


## "COMMERCIAL PAPERS: UNSEALED LETTERS" RATE 1890's-1965

This entry displays examples to establish the basic rate applied to unsealed, usually commercial, promotional or Christmas card mail for Southern and Northern Rhodesia. A few studies of these rates are published in philatelic literature (E. Proud 1997, J.B. Horne 2017), but examples seen do not always match their reports.

I have tried to find covers with an identified sender, applying a variety of stamps at the basic rate, for very different destinations (which usually excluded window envelopes) and thereby show the current rates. Examples seem relatively scarce, except during King George VI reign, and during the Federation. Some unsealed Postal Stationery is shown, some of that is rarely seen. The basic rate limit is usually 2 oz., so multiple rates for this class of mail are rare.



To indicate the importance of 2<sup>nd</sup> class mail to the Post Office, I commence with the Northern Rhodesia 1917 ½<sup>d</sup> Provisional, rarely found franking unsealed traders' mail. It was needed both to make up the War Tax Letter 1 ½<sup>d</sup> rate – and, importantly, to supply ½<sup>d</sup> stamps for "2<sup>nd</sup>" class mail for local businesses:- (Livingstone 25 OCT 17 to Gwanda, 29 OCT. 17.)

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

England



The Editor

St. James Gazette

Dorset Street,

London W.C.

1½d First Arms. MY 98 to UK

The Hon R. White

4 Theognaton Avenue

London E.C.



1½d. Large Arms DE 10 98 - to UK.

1/2d Perkins  
Large Arms  
JY 12 (9) 8 from  
Umtali-Local



The Salisbury Stock and Share Exchange Compa



Mr H L

UNCHECKED  
ADVERTISING

SALISBURY,  
RHODESIA



Waterlow  
li

1/2d. Waterlow  
1 JUN 99 Salisbury  
Local. Return L.B  
5 SEP 99

W. J. V. Lame  
Box 1593  
Johannesburg



1d. Large Arms MR 24 98  
to South Africa.

Printed matter.



Messrs.

Senf Bros.

Leipzig (Germany.)

Augustusplatz 8.

1d (ps<sup>d</sup>/<sub>2</sub> + <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) 10 OCT 04  
Gwelo to Germany.

Printed matter.



<sup>known</sup> Pastor H. Kreuzer

Ursprung

Bez. Chemnitz / Sa

Germany

C329A

445

2d 18 AUG 11 to Germany - a rare double rate.

1/2d, 2 JUN 09  
Bulawayo to  
Gwelo.

Contains printed form.

To: —



England.

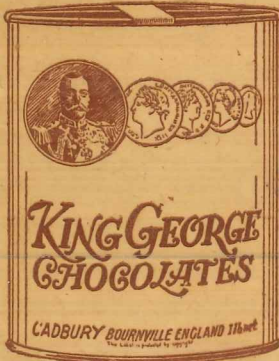
1d. 7 APR 1910 Eldorado  
Mine to U.K. - (MY 7)  
Overseas 1d ?

1d Admiral  
Umtali to  
Madeira,  
30 OCT 21,  
arr. 17 NOV 21

Return in 5 days if not delivered  
JOHN M. SPRINGER  
MUTAMBARA  
UMTLAI, RHODESIA, AFRICA



**EASTER EGGS**  
—AND NOVELTIES—  
ARRIVING SHORTLY FROM  
PASCALL'S, CALEY'S, ETC.  
**ORDER EARLY**



Miss H. C. Fisher

Kalene Hill



N.R

FROM  
**HADDON & SLY**  
BULAWAYO.

1/2d 1 MAR 21  
Bulawayo to  
(the source of  
the Zambezi)

$\frac{1}{2}$ d Admiral p.s.e. sized; Salisbury 24 DEC 19 to Durban.  
(sized rate: Spivack p.480)



Mrs Barry  
"Warrington"  
South Ridge Road  
Durban

LENNON LIMITED.  
Wholesale Druggists  
AND  
Manufacturing Chemists.  
SALISBURY



Mr. Wolf Ebert,  
P.O. Box 81,  
TETE P.E.A.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d S. Rhodesia  
Admiral 28 FEB 27  
to Portuguese  
East Africa.



$\frac{1}{2}$ d Field Marshall  
Salisbury 7.8.37  
to Zuma Radoka  
Rusape 9 AUG

$\frac{1}{2}$ d Field Marshal postal  
stationary envelope (pse)  
sent 25 April 1932 from  
Gwelo. - local by favour  
A pse. rarer than the  
Admiral size 'd' on p.6.



Commercial mail from Northern Rhodesia is much scarcer than Southern Rhodesia (as shown on the front piece on page 1), but are always franked  $\frac{1}{2}$ d until the early 1950s wherever they are sent; then it became 1d for most places. Finally, from the late 1950s it seems to have changed to 2d for overseas, but not for the Rhodesias or South Africa. I can find very little evidence of post office notices of unsealed letter rates, just a little in Proud. (for N.R.)

It was this lack of evidence that encouraged me to try to establish what the rates were from the evidence of my own collection. I was surprised by how infrequently the rates seemed to change. There is only one change, which is from the period during WWII in May 1943, when in Southern Rhodesia rates were doubled for three months, which must have caused outrage ~~by~~ traders for their postal charges to rise 100%, but they were reduced to the original rate after three months. There may have been a boycott as I have never seen an example.

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go.

Falk

poste restante

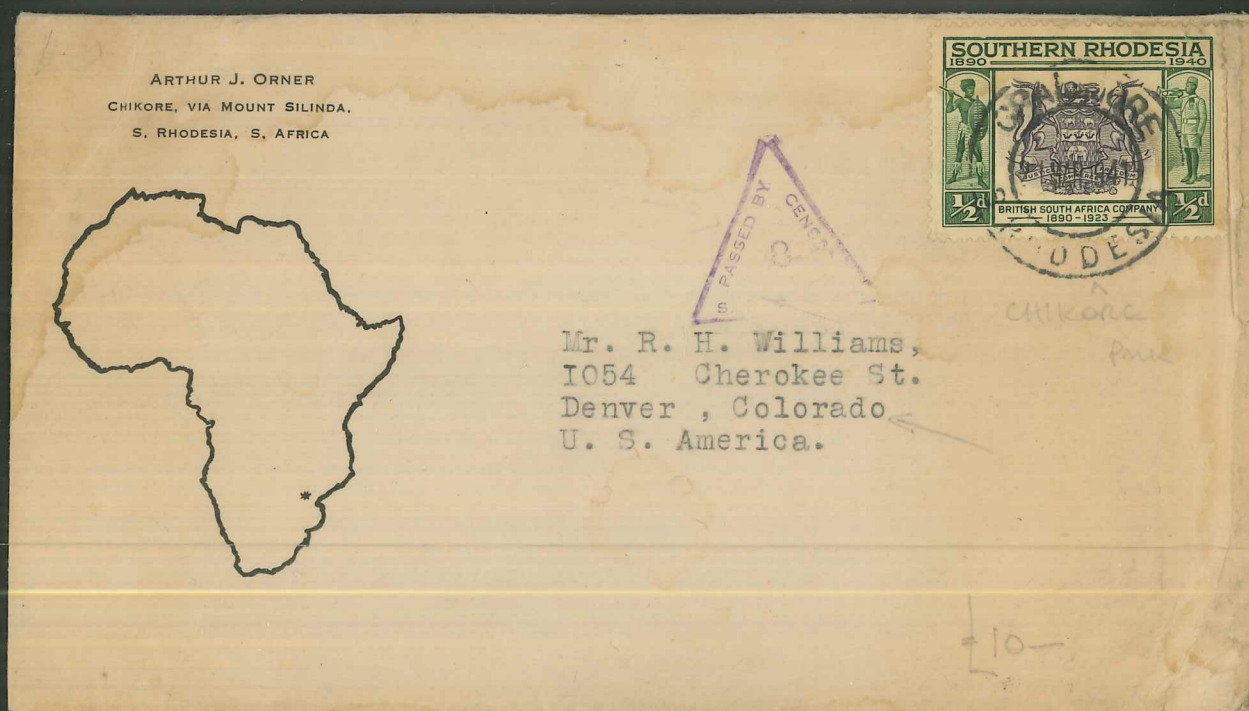
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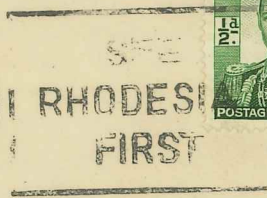
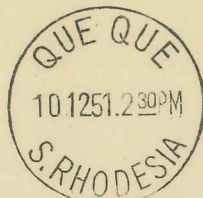
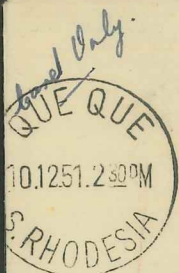
S. Rh.

1/2d. S.R. KG VI 30.11.37, to India: Karachi 27 DEC 37



1/2d. Jubilee 21 MAR 1941 Craigmore - to USA





Mr. & Mrs. Charles Heath, family,  
Zastrow Street.

Bloufontein

Orange Free State.

1d KGVI  
14 NOV 1951  
Salisbury  
to U.K.

1/2d KGVI  
10.12.51,  
Que Que to  
S. Africa

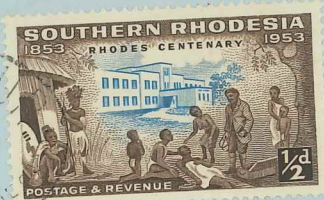
the Kent.  
N1)

IVY E. CRAIG  
MT. SILINDA, VIA CHIPINGA  
S. RHODESIA, AFRICA



Miss Helen Everett  
323 High St.  
Westwood, Mass.

1d KGVI Mount Selinda AU 22 50 to:  
USA



O. J. P. BOTHA,  
7B LITTIG ST.,  
ROODEPOORT.  
T. V. A.

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1/2d "Rhodes" 2 JUL 53. to Transvaal. } Indicate 1/2d  
1/2d QE2, SR definitive 9 OCT 53 Local } rate for APU  
- Southern Africa



PLAN  
DEVELOP  
CONSERVE



Mr. H. Webb

Dnr 1795

TS40/

VENT  
FIR



1d. SR. QE2. indicates  
a 1d rate for mail  
beyond S. Africa

yes.  
England.

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Messrs. East Africa Ltd.,  
66 Great Russell Street,

21/10/-

The rate for 'unsealed' from early in the Federation (c. 1954?) appears to be 1d. - for local, Southern Africa, and the U.K. until after the break-up - and until 1964

lancs,  
U.K.

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Miss J. Fryer,  
White House,  
Maidstone Road,  
Stockbury Valley,  
Sittingbourne,  
Kent,  
ENGLAND.

5/96

Rainbow.

"MATO RASHANGU"

13/Dec/64

ea.

rare spelling of CAS

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2d 'Unsealed' rate for all destinations by 1965



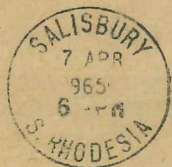
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POPPY  
DAY



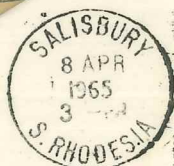
Sir Archibald Ross, K.C.M.G.,  
British Ambassador,  
British Embassy,  
Rua de San Domingos a Lapa 35-39,  
LISBON.  
Portugal.

The rate for mail  
to 'non-Empire'  
overseas rose  
to 2d in 1950s?

Salisbury  
7 APR 1965,  
franked 1d  
"TAX 2D" (x2)  
2d 'due' -  
Salisbury  
(type 16) 22?  
- showing  
the rate for  
local uls  
had risen  
to 2d by  
1965.



TAX 2D



The Chief Storekeeper.

Mufulira Copper Mines Ltd.,

P.O. Box 214,

MUFULIRA.

ZAMBIA.

2d to Zambia 1965

£1



*N.E. Rhodesia*

*Merrim Beaufort  
Jugye  
Fort Jameson*

# NORTHERN RHODESIA

North East and  
North West Rhodesia  
had separate rates  
until April 1911 and  
also from S. Rhodesia  
until 27 August 1954.  
(and from 1963?)

1/2d Kasama d??  
to Fort Jameson,  
7 JAN 07.

RETURN 5 DAYS  
GARDNER-DENVER COMPANY AFRICA (PTY.) LTD.  
P.O. Box 4207  
JOHANNESBURG  
SOUTH AFRICA



N. RHODESIA



N. RHODESIA



Miss L. B. Peterson  
Gardner-Denver Co.,  
Box 1020  
Denver, Colo. U.S.A.

1/2d KGVI,  
21 SEP 34  
Ndola  
to USA

## GLIMPSES OF AFRICA

Published by  
CHURCHES OF CHRIST MISSIONS  
Printed at  
KALOMO, NORTHERN RHODESIA  
SOUTH AFRICA



W.D. Watson,  
Waurika, Okla.

U.S.A.

CIRCULAR RATE



1/2d KGVI.  
6 FEB '46  
Kalomo  
to USA.



1/2d. 19x11.49 to S. Africa.

Mrs. Mrs. S. Slotboom

12 Derada Flats

Pretoria

Transvaal

y's Service.

VISIT BULAWAYO

THE EXHIBITION 1953



Talk Fils,  
les Paroissiens,  
russels  
Belgium

1/2d 24 MAY 1952 to 'Foreign'!

1<sup>st</sup> 10 NOV 1952 Kitwe to UK.



G. D. Jobie Esq.,

Castle Boleyn,

Salisbury,

S. Rhodesia



1/2d QE2  
18 DEC 1953  
NR to SR

From 1954, a 1<sup>2</sup> rate is apparent.

Kitwe 20 JULY  
1954 to Kitwe



DEATH  
MEANS DEATH

Mrs. S. Kelly  
Box 211,  
Kitwe



Lusaka 9 JUL  
57 to Toronto

Ontario CANADA

Mungwi  
10 DEC 1962  
to Sby S.R.



ZARIBA  
INDEPENDENCE  
24th OCTOBER

R. Phillpott, Esq., O.B.E.,  
P.O. Box 191,  
LUSAKA



Lusaka 12  
SEP 1964-local

32d overseas?

from  
Elizabeth



Mr & Mrs R. Mead & family,  
Whitley Wood,  
Cliff Drive,  
Canford Cliffs,  
Dorset,  
ENGLAND.

2d 18 NOV 57  
Luanshya-UK



Leona Farchette,  
102 Pinkerton Street  
Liverpool,  
New York  
U. S. A

2d 8 NOV 1961  
KitwetouSA