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OVERPRINTED POSTAL STATIONERY - Further Remarks

(Communication from Jean-Marie FRENAY [av. Fond des Carpes 14,1380 Lasne, Belgium] to R.H. Keach. 5th July 1999 which in turn was submitted to your Editor for publication as the observations are most interesting.. Translated by Michael Round)

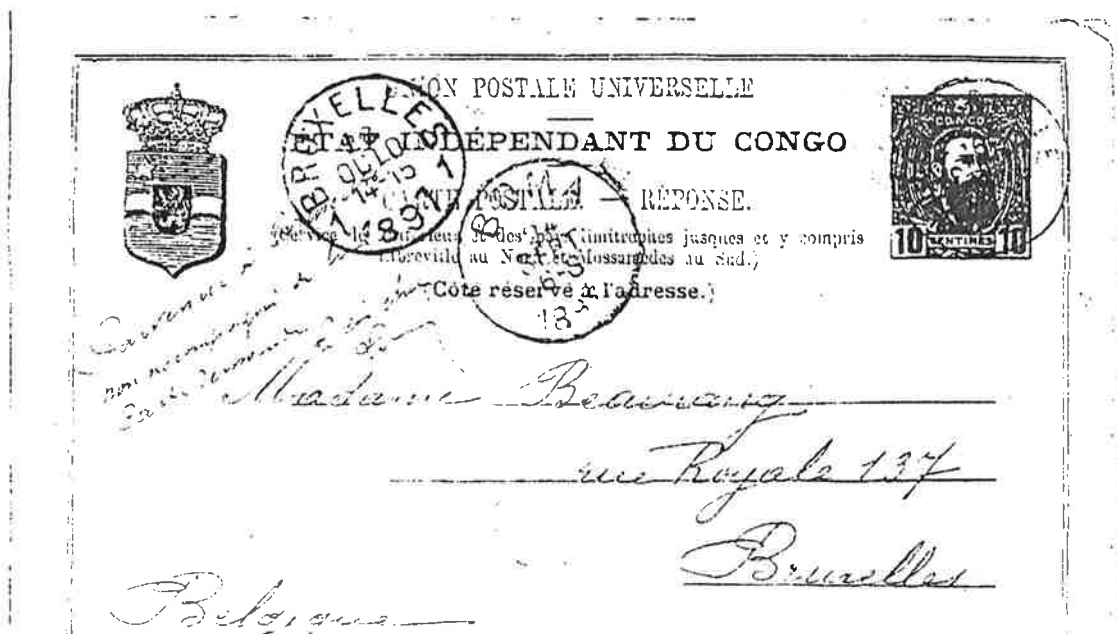
Following the article which appeared in BCSC Bulletin No. 112 concerning overprinted postal stationery, I would like to record the following comments.

1. I own the following handstamped items:

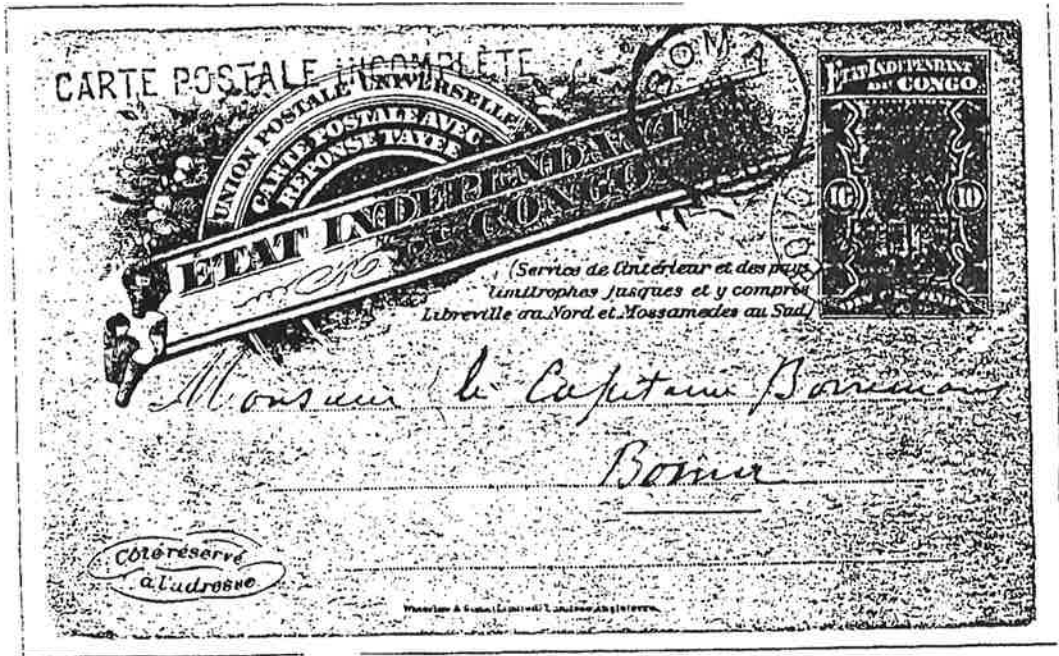
- A. An E.P.17 demand card dated 30 NOVE 1897 with the following text : "Carte deposee sans formulaire re*ponse" ("Card presented without reply portion");



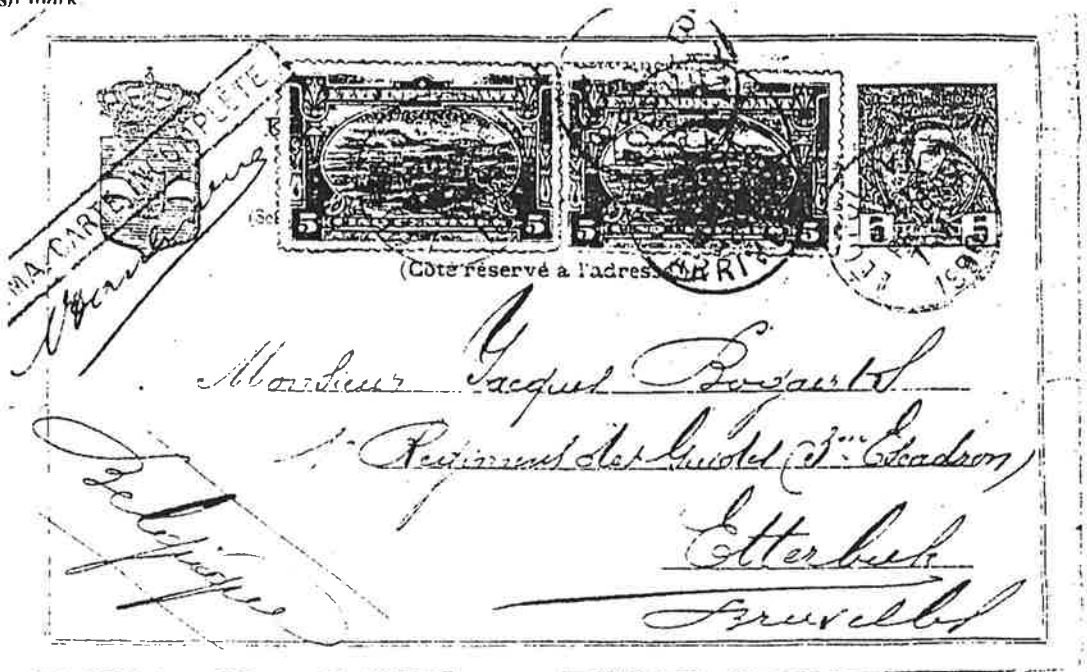
- B. An E.P.12 reply card dated 24 JUIL 1897 - thus much earlier than the recorded dates of usage 25 11 1897 to 20 1 1898 - and with the following [MS] annotation "Parvenu 'a Boma non accompagn6 de la. carte demande" ("No accompanying demand card on arrival at Boma"). I wonder why such annotations were thought necessary on unaccompanied reply halves, since this was normal procedure and gave no opportunity for fraud.



2. CARTE POSTALE INCOMPLETE 61mm [handstamp]. Shown below is an E.P.16 reply card from Leopoldville 23 JUIL 1905, a date much earlier than the 1909 given in the article.



3. Framed BOMA CARTE INCOMPLETE on an E.P.12 demand card with full signature, from Leopoldville 2 FEVR 1898 with Boma transit mark



NB. Postal stationery cards thus handstamped are usually found *without* signature [translator's italics] during the period 27 198 to 11 1198.

4. Framed BANANA CARTE INCOMPLETE with signature. Here is an E.P.17 reply card cancelled 29 DECE 1898, i.e. later than the recorded date 2 9 1898. [Illustrated on page 1 following original letter.]

Concerning the so-called Kambove overprint, [I record] an E.P.33 TY reply card cancelled Kambove 29 JUIL 1912, arriving from Lubudi. [Illustrated on page 2 following original letter.]
 [caption to illustrated item with UDEN arrival mark-]



No. 1. This is probably one of the two cards from the Du Four collection, for it is known that Jacques Du Four, son of the General, sold most of his postal stationery, keeping only those with postal history interest.
 [note below illustrated item with MS "Via Capetown"]



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Hoping that these few notes will add some extra clarification to these well-studied overprints, I send you my best wishes. (Signed) Frenay.
 (We are indebted to M. Frenay for adding new light to the interesting study of postal history. Ed.)

Addition to Address of Librarian

The complete address of our new librarian is: Mr. A. J. D. MacLaren, Moray, 43 Millar St. Angus Carnoustie DD7 7AT, Scotland UK. (Parenthetically, any mail sent to his post code would have been properly delivered, notwithstanding the omission of "Carnoustie"-a kudos to the Royal Mail-Ed.)

THE INTERNMENT CAMPS IN THE BELGIAN CONGO (1940-1945)

It is no secret one that numerous points about the postal history of the Belgian Congo for the period 1940-45 remain to be clarified. The existence and the history of the internment camps are certainly one of these points about which one knows nothing much, that is to say almost nothing.

According to recovered documents, only the camps of N'Gule and of Elizabethville are known, both in Katanga. There were perhaps others in the North. (northern region) of the Congo or at Leopoldville On this subject, the newspaper "Le Soir" of October 18, 1990 published a short excerpt from its edition of October 18, 1940 concerning the existence of an internment camp for Italians on a boat at Leopoldville, but it was a question of the "Soir volè" at the hands of the Germans. (see footnote 1)

With regard to the camps of Elizabethville and of N'Gule, the date go from March 30, 1942 (Fig. 2) to October 28, 1947 (Fig 9). According to the rare collected sources in the service of old colonialists, the Italians and the Germans residing in the Congo in 1940 were interned as civilians, including doctors, missionaries, and business representatives.

The copies of the following letters and documents which appear in the following pages give some references but also raise numerous questions.

Figure 1.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

One could read in the "Le Soir volè" of October 18, 1940: In the Belgian Congo". *Some serious complaints have been received in Rome concerning the treatment of the Italians in the Belgian Congo where Italian Citizens have been interned on a boat under unhealthful conditions. The women must tolerate, from part of the population, the worst abuses*

According to the "Popolo d'Italia"(People of Italy), this attitude of the Belgian authorities is inexcusable above all because there is no state of war between Belgium and Italy. But it is the British Consul in Leopoldville who gives his orders to the Belgian Governor-General

Let us recall that the printing office and the title of "Soir" were usurped by Nazi sympathizers throughout the war. (see footnote 2)

Figure 2

This letter to Florence, Italy emanates from the internment camp at Elizabethville on March 3, 1942 and received free franking (by airmail?) via Lisbon. The letter has been censored three times: in the Belgian Congo, in Great Britain, and in Italy. It is the only letter that I possess concerning the camp of Elisabethville.

Figure 3

This letter comes from the camp of N'Gule on May 5, 1942 to Switzerland. There is no censor's marking nor transit marking. The fee of eight francs does not correspond to the air mail rate of 1942 to Switzerland.

Figures 4 & 5

The internees could have, in conformity with international agreements and the Geneva Convention, used the messages of the Red Cross. The message above left Geneva December 5, 1943 to Ganyo Sake via Albertville and Bukama. It carries the censor's signature stamp of the

Belgian Congo. Having arrived at the destination, it is sent on to the camp of N'Gule. Let us note in the transit the unexpected use of the term "concentration" camp instead of internment camp. (I doubt very strongly that the existence of the German concentration camps had been known in the Belgian Congo in 1942).

The internee dispatched his reply on March 29, 1944 and an arrival stamp was affixed June 22, 1944.

One knows of no Red Cross message sent from one of the camps to foreign regions.

Figure 6

The same Italian internee wrote a memo to a missionary of Irumu in order to thank him for taking care of his son.

Figures 6-7 & 8-9

The last three letters are subsequent to the end of the war. The German civilians were apparently still internees in 1947 and the reason for it is unknown. The three letters bear the dates of January 7, 1947, March 17, 1947 and October 28, 1947. Two of the three letters have been censored by the British occupation authorities in Germany.

In spite of much research, no official information could be found concerning the camps. All the archives consulted have remained silent on the subject! If other collectors or elders of the Belgian Congo can give me information, it will be welcome, as well as copies of other similar covers.

Emile Hoorens

NOTE 1: The expression "Soir volè" literally means "the stolen Soir" and apparently refers to the fact that, as indicated in the last sentence of the excerpt the printing facilities and the title of "Le Soir" were usurped by Nazi sympathizers throughout the war. Anything published or reported, by "Soir" during the war years might therefore be expected to be biased toward the German cause.

Note 2: As discussed above, the term "Le Soir Volè" refers to "Le Soir" usurped by Nazi sympathizers during the war.

CATALOGUE OFFICIEL BELGE 2001

The 2001 edition of Catalogue Officiel is expected to be published in September 2000.

A kindly Belgian member has again offered to buy copies at a reduced price and dispatch them to members. The price is presently unknown but expected to be about 650 francs plus postage and the cost of a container.

Requests for copies should be sent to R. H. Keach, 25 Kingswood Road, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5EE, GB. Please send orders to be received before the end of July in order to save unnecessary correspondence.

The catalogue is published in both French and Flemish. The French edition will be sent unless the Flemish is specifically requested. The catalogue will be sent as printed matter, surface mail, unless air mail is requested.

Payments may be made in Belgian francs, US \$ or British £. Please send no money now; a bill will be enclosed with the catalogue and will state how payment may be paid.

RHK

IL Y A CINQUANTE ANS

On pouvait lire dans « Le Soir
voilé » du 18 octobre 1940 : « Au
Congo belge ».

Des plaintes graves ont été re-
çues à Rome concernant les trai-
tements des Italiens au Congo
belge, où ont été internés sur un
bateau, dans des conditions mal-
saines, des citoyens italiens.

Les femmes doivent supporter,
de la part de la population, les
pires injures.

D'après le « Popolo d'Italia » cette
attitude des autorités belges n'est
pas pardonnable, surtout qu'il n'y
a pas état de guerre entre la
Belgique et l'Italie. Mais, c'est le
consul britannique de Léopoldville
qui donne ses ordres au gouver-
neur général belge.

Rappelons que l'imprimerie et le
titre du « Soir » furent usurpés par
des sympathisants des nazis tout
au long de la guerre.

FIGURE 1

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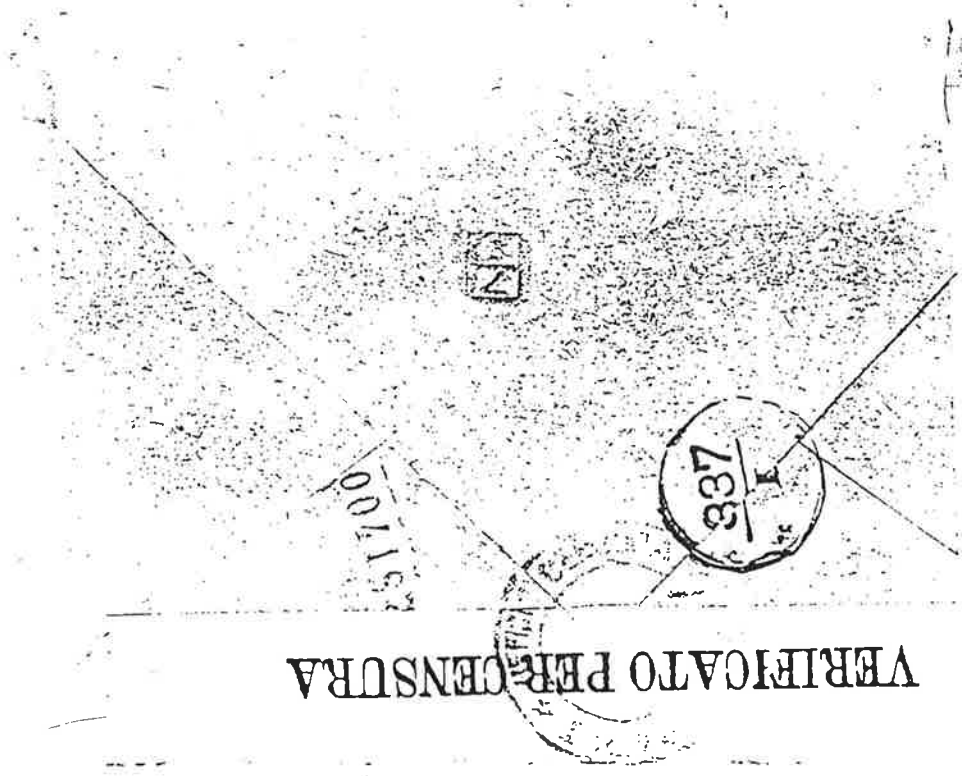
Air Services for interned civilians VIA LISBOA

EXAMINER 5742

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Trofimova Olga Kirchev
Via Cappuccini 11
Italia Firenze



P.C. 50

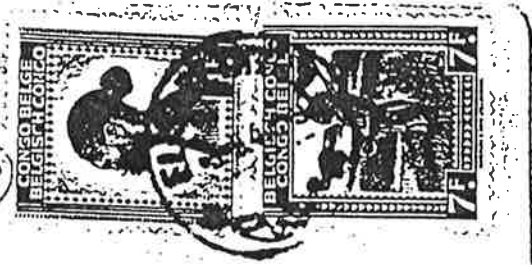
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FIGURE 2

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CAMP D'INTERNEMENT
DE N'GULÉ



Au den
Verein Christlicher Junger Männer



Genève
Suisse

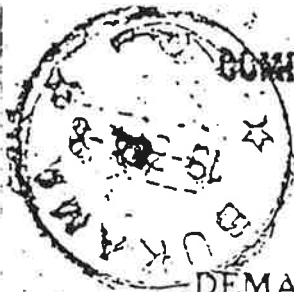
Alexander Bittner
Nyonle-Congo Belge



FIGURE 3

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

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Palais du Conseil Général
GENÈVE (Suisse)

DEMANDEUR — ANFRAGESTELLER — ENQUIRER

Nom - Name MERLO
 Prénom - Vorname - Christian name Cora
 Rue - Strasse - Street 56 quai Ador
 Localité - Ortschaft - Locality Genève
 Département - Provinz - County ~~Genève~~
 Pays - Land - Country Suisse

Message à transmettre — Mitteilung — Message
 (25 mots au maximum, nouvelles de caractère strictement personnel et familial) —
 (nicht über 25 Worte, nur persönliche Familiennachrichten) — (not over 25 words,
 family news of strictly personal character).

*Caro fratello - spero derti presto
 notizie di papà e d'Evilina.
 Le tue stentato pure a finire
 bene! Sarai costà? Settimanalmente
 Ti scrivo - Baci affettuosi
 Ugo*

Date - Datum 5 XII 1943

DESTINATAIRE — EMPFÄNGER — ADDRESSEE

Nom - Name MERLO
 Prénom - Vorname - Christian name Ugo
 Rue - Strasse - Street Camp de concentration
 Localité - Ortschaft - Locality ~~CANYO-SAKE~~
 Province - Provinz - County ~~Castellana Grotte~~
 Pays - Land - Country Congo Belge



116:10

RÉPONSE AU VERSO

ANTWORT UMSEITIG

REPLY OVERLEAF

Prière d'écrire très lisiblement

Bitte sehr deutlich schreiben

Please write very clearly

FIGURE 4

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fig 4

RÉPONSE

ANTWORT

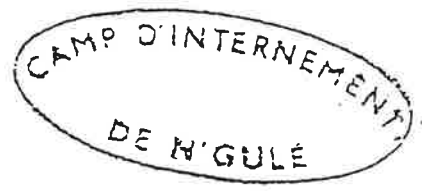
Message à renvoyer au demandeur — Mitteilung an den Anfrager
zurückzusenden — Message to be returned to enquirer
(25 mots au maximum, nouvelles de caractère strictement personnel et familial) —
(nicht über 25 Worte, nur persönliche Familiennachrichten) — (not over 25 words,
family news of strictly personal character).



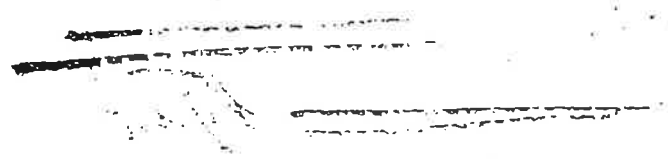
Ricevo tue lettere quasi regolarmente
e sono felice di potere sempre essere in
contatto con voi tutti. Ho pure affettuosamente
Suo immenso affetto tuo Hugo



Date: Ngule. 29 marzo 1944
Datum:



Formulaire-réponse envoyé de NGULE
à la Croix-Rouge de Genève, 22 JUIN 1944.



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22 JUIN 1944

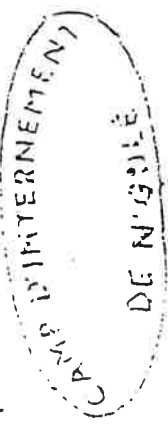
Prière d'écrire très lisiblement Bitte sehr deutlich schreiben Please write very clearly

FIGURE 5

Hugo

CONGO BELGE
Camp Internement
NGULE

Uzo Mepo



Monsieur Reverend Paul Garbault
Mission de Fumu - Tubembo

Angule - le 13 - X - 43

Cher Monsieur -

J'ai été pris par les braves nouvelles que
vous me donnez de Paris et pour le petit billet écrit de
la main de El août p. - Hier que j'avais l'aspect de lui
envoyer le post-bail qu'il desire.

Avez-vous reçu une caisse que j'ai expédié il
y a deux mois ?

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FIGURE 6

FIGURE 7

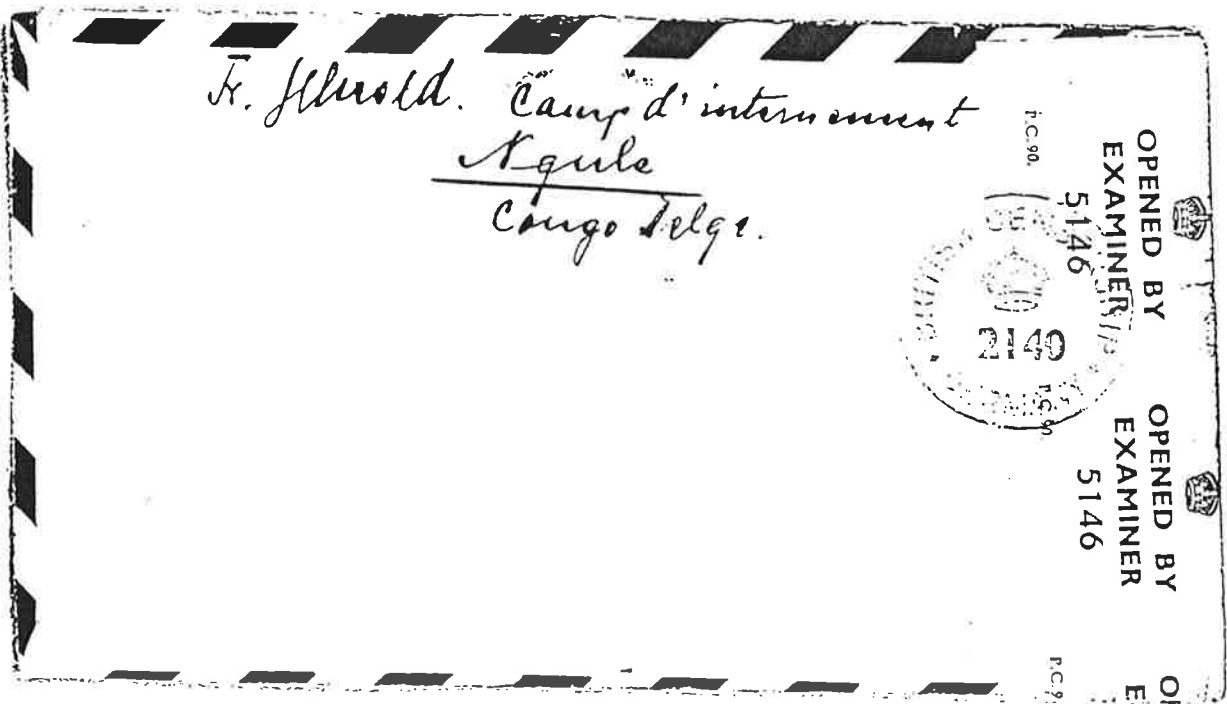


Fig 7

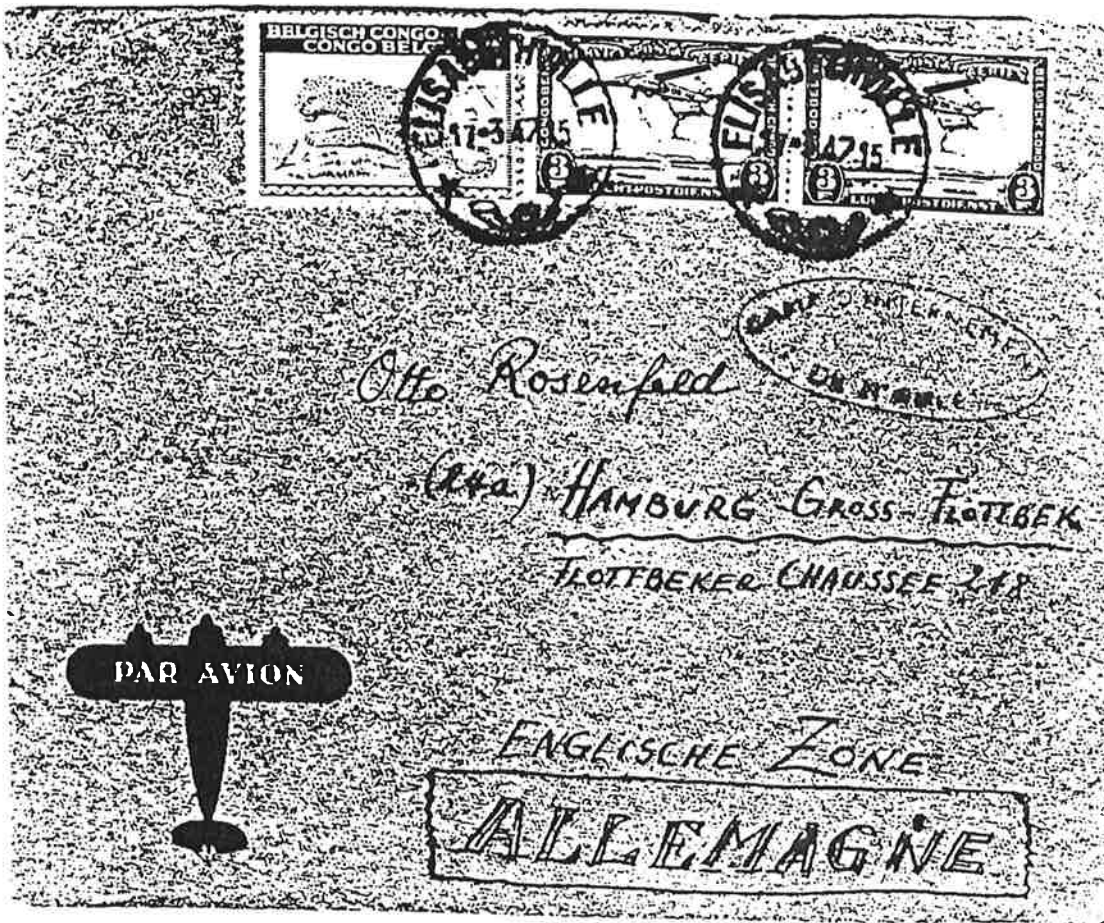


FIGURE 8



FIGURE 9

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EDITORS NOTES

As is indicated elsewhere in this Bulletin we are making a major change in its format. The editions originating in the United States and the United Kingdom will be published in English as in the past. Articles originally written in French or Flemish will be published in translation as before. However, thanks to the efforts of M. Hoorens, those articles will appear in their original language in the European publication. Articles originally written in English will be published in English. It is not presently contemplated translating these Articles into French for the Continental Edition.

It has been suggested that articles submitted for publication appear in the next issue of the Bulletin, after their submission. However this practice would create two problems—first- when there is a plethora of articles we would have a large and unwieldy publication and, second—there could very well be a dearth or complete lack of articles for subsequent publication which is not a 'happy' thought. Accordingly, reluctantly, your Editor has retained articles to "even out" the Bulletins as they are published.

We look forward to the publication of a most interesting railroad article by M. Hoorens, some comments on Paquebot marks, and a study of Censorship in the Second World War which, in itself, will take all the pages of an issue.

Notwithstanding these remarks PLEASE SEND ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR.

Lastly, please cooperate with our Auctioneers and send in your bids early.

EML

INQUIRY

For many post offices of Belgian Congo, a date of opening and a date of closing are known, referring to the official notes of the postal administration. Some books (De Cock, Avidon, Du Four and others) give us also dates of opening and closing which are not always the same .

One of our members, Mr. Charles Stockmans, proposes to do a study as to these dates, based on what all members have in their collections .

We publish in the following pages of this bulletin a list of all post offices which are of concern. Would each member check his collections for the first and last date which he has with respect to any of the post offices listed and forward any relevant information to Mr. Stockmans.

The answers are to be sent to Mr. Charles Stockmans, Avenue Helleveld, 27, 1180 Brussels, Belgium .(phone 32.2.374.23.93 for all information pertinent to this inquiry) Mr. Stockmans extends his thanks in advance.

We will all profit from his research Ed.

Bureaux de poste classés par localité.

Bureau	Province	ouvert	fermé	première	dernière
		dates officielles		oblitération	connue
Congo belge					
1 ABA	Orientale	01.03.1911			-----
2 AKETI	Orientale	25.01.1928			-----
3 ALBERTVILLE M'TOA TOA ALBERTVILLE ALBERTVILLE 1	Katanga	01.07.1896 22.07.1896 01.04.1898 18.01.1910 06.04.1955	22.07.1896 01.04.1898 18.01.1910 06.04.1955	1908	1899 1960
4 ALBERTVILLE 2	Katanga	06.04.1955			-----
5 ALBERTVILLE 3	Katanga	15.09.1956		1959	-----
6 AMADI	Orientale	01.09.1949			1953
7 ANGO	Orientale	01.09.1936			-----
8 ANKORO	Katanga	01.08.1936			-----
9 ARU	Orientale	01.05.1946			-----
10 AVAKUBI	Orientale	01.08.1908	03.10.1930		
11 BABONDE	Orientale	?? ?? 1951			-----
12 BAFWASENDE	Orientale	01.09.1936			-----
13 BAGATA	Léopoldville	16.12.1955			-----
14 BAGIRA	Kivu	01.04.1957			-----
15 BAKWANGA BAKWANGA 2	Kasaï	16.08.1948 04.03.1957	04.03.1957		-----
16 BAKWANGA 1	Kasaï	04.03.1957		1958	-----
17 BAMBESA	Orientale	01.01.1954			-----
18 BAMBILI	Orientale	15.05.1912 03.05.1923 01.04.1928 15.10.1936	11.07.1914 01.03.1927 23.03.1933		-----
19 BANALIA	Orientale	01.09.1936			-----
20 BANANA	Léopoldville	01.07.1886		-----	-----
21 BANDJOW-MOKE	Léopoldville	04.11.1957			-----
22 BANDUNDU BANNINGVILLE	Léopoldville	30.07.1912 14.05.1932	14.05.1932		-----
23 BANGA-CHELA BANGA-TSHELA TSHELA	Léopoldville	01.01.1922 ?? ?? 1935 15.05.1955	?? ?? 1935 15.05.1955		-----
24 BANZA-BOMA	Léopoldville	29.11.1902	28.10.1905		
25 BANZYVILLE	Equateur	25.01.1898 01.08.1936	15.09.1898		-----
26 BARAKA	Kivu	27.05.1958			-----
27 BASANKUSU	Equateur	01.02.1905			-----
28 BASOKO	Orientale	01.07.1896			-----
29 BASONGO	Kasaï	01.06.1901 15.08.1936	01.02.1909 19.10.1953		
30 BATA SIALA	Léopoldville	24.10.1956	15.02.1960		
31 BEFALE	Equateur	01.08.1936			-----
32 BÉLINGO	Léopoldville	04.12.1956			-----

Bureau	Province	ouvert	fermé	première	dernière
33 BENA-BENDI	Léopoldville	18.06.1898 04.12.1956	01.06.1901		-----
34 BENA-DIBELE	Kasaï	01.06.1914 01.03.1955	03.08.1914		-----
35 BENA TSHADI	Kasaï	04.12.1956			-----
36 BENDERA	Katanga	25.05.1957			-----
37 BENGAMISA	Orientale	01.09.1949			-----
38 BENI	Kivu	01.01.1906 15.09.1936	01.08.1908		-----
39 BIKORO	Equateur	21.09.1948			-----
40 BILI	Orientale	01.09.1949			-----
41 BILILI	Léopoldville	03.08.1956			-----
42 BINGA	Equateur	09.06.1956			-----
43 BISHUSHA	Kivu	02.05.1957			-----
44 BLUKWA	Orientale	15.09.1959			-----
45 BOENDE	Equateur	01.07.1913 10.03.1922	31.08.1915		-----
46 BOGA	Orientale	14.10.1911	01.02.1913		
47 BOGORO	Orientale	01.11.1913	23.08.1917		
48 BOKOTE	Equateur	09.08.1950			-----
49 BOKUNGU	Equateur	01.08.1936			-----
50 BOLIA	Léopoldville	02.12.1957			-----
51 BOLOBO	Léopoldville	25.01.1912			-----
52 BOLOMBA	Equateur	09.08.1950			-----
53 BOMA BOMA 1	Léopoldville	01.01.1886 04.12.1956	04.12.1956	-----	-----
54 BOMA 2	Léopoldville	04.12.1956			-----
55 BOMBOMA	Equateur	01.08.1936			-----
56 BOMILI	Orientale	01.09.1949			-----
57 BOMONGO	Equateur	25.02.1956			-----
58 BONDO	Orientale	10.04.1923			-----
59 BONGANDANGA	Equateur	09.08.1950			-----
60 BOSOBOLO	Equateur	01.08.1936			-----
61 BOZENE	Equateur	12.07.1956			-----
62 BUDJALA	Equateur	01.08.1936			-----
63 BUKAMA	Katanga	01.01.1913 03.10.1917	20.06.1916		-----
64 BUKAVU COSTERMANSVILLE BUKAVU BUKAVU 1	Kivu	09.03.1923 01.10.1927 01.01.1953 25.01.1955	01.10.1927 01.01.1953		-----
65 BUKAVU 2	Kivu	25.01.1955			-----
66 BUKAVU 3	Kivu	01.04.1957			-----
67 BULUNGU	Léopoldville	15.06.1924 02.01.1954	01.10.1944		-----
68 BUMBA	Equateur	01.07.1896			-----
69 BUNIA	Orientale	20.04.1921 21.04.1937	09.11.1929		-----
70 BUNYAKIRI	Kivu	24.11.1958			

Bureau	Province	ouvert	fermé	première	dernière
71 BUSINGA	Equateur	25.10.1951			-----
72 BUSU-DJANOA	Equateur	01.08.1936			-----
73 BUSU-SIMBA	Equateur	12.07.1956			-----
74 BUTA	Orientale	15.09.1907			-----
75 BUTEMBO	Kivu	27.05.1940			-----
76 CATTIER	Léopoldville	07.04.1955			-----
77 CHARLESVILLE	Kasaï	01.09.1925 04.12.1956	???.???.1934		-----
78 CHUTES FRANCOIS-JOSEPH	Léopoldville	15.07.1904	28.10.1905		
79 COQUILHATVILLE COQUILHATVILLE 1	Equateur	01.07.1896 22.09.1958	22.09.1958		-----
80 COQUILHATVILLE 2	Equateur	22.09.1958			-----
81 DAKWA	Orientale	01.09.1949			-----
82 DEKESE	Kasaï	15.08.1936			-----
83 DEMBA	Kasaï	30.10.1952			-----
84 DEMBIA	Orientale	01.03.1927	01.04.1928		
85 DIBAYA	Kasaï	15.08.1936	17.02.1942		
86 DIBAYA-LUBUE	Léopoldville	26.01.1950			-----
87 DILOLO	Katanga	01.01.1913 01.07.1931	23.10.1917		-----
88 DIMA	Léopoldville	01.02.1909	28.10.1931		
89 DIMBELENGE	Kasaï	15.09.1955			-----
90 DJALASIGA	Orientale	01.02.1952			-----
91 DJELO-BINZA (LEO)	Léopoldville	01.07.1959			-----
92 DJOLU	Equateur	01.08.1936			-----
93 DJUGU	Orientale	01.09.1936			-----
94 DONGO (UBANGI)	Equateur	08.08.1956			-----
95 DORUMA	Orientale	01.09.1949			-----
96 DUNGU	Orientale	01.07.1908 01.09.1936	11.04.1914		-----
97 ELISABETHA	Orientale	01.02.1955			-----
98 ELISABETHVILLE ELISABETHVILLE 1	Katanga	01.04.1910 06.06.1947	06.06.1947		-----
99 ELISABETHVILLE 2	Katanga	06.06.1947			-----
100 ELISABETHVILLE 3	Katanga	05.04.1951			-----
101 ELISABETHVILLE 4	Katanga	01.03.1956			-----
102 ELISABETHVILLE 5	Katanga	15.12.1957			-----
103 ELISABETHVILLE 6	Katanga	02.03.1959			-----
104 ETOILE DU CONGO	Katanga	01.01.1913	22.11.1917		
105 FARADJE	Orientale	01.09.1936			-----
106 FATUNDU SUR WAMBA	Léopoldville	04.10.1956			-----
107 FESHI	Léopoldville	01.08.1936			-----
108 FIZI	Kivu	15.09.1936			-----
109 GANDAJIKA	Kasaï	01.05.1955			-----
110 GEMENA	Equateur	01.08.1936			-----
111 GETI	Orientale	01.04.1954			
112 GOMA GOMA 1	Kivu	13.03.1936 16.08.1958	16.08.1958		-----

Bureau	Province	ouvert	fermé	première	dernière
113 GOMA 2	Kivu	16.08.1958			-----
114 GOMBARI	Orientale	01.11.1922 10.02.1948	06.03.1936		-----
115 GOMBE	Equateur	01.09.1915			-----
116 GOMBE-MATADI	Léopoldville	16.12.1955			-----
117 GUMBA-MOBEKA	Equateur	01.11.1928			-----
118 GUMBA (MONGALA)	Equateur	24.10.1956			-----
119 GUNGU	Léopoldville	01.08.1936			-----
120 IBEMBO	Orientale	31.03.1897	15.09.1907		
121 IDIOFA	Léopoldville	01.08.1936			-----
122 IKELA	Equateur	01.08.1936			-----
123 ILEBO PORT-FRANCQUI	Kasaï	15.08.1926 23.12.1926	23.12.1926		-----
124 INGA	Léopoldville	05.05.1958			-----
125 INGENDE	Equateur	01.08.1936			-----
126 INKISI	Léopoldville	01.01.1932			-----
127 INONGO	Léopoldville	01.01.1906 01.01.1912	01.01.1911		-----
128 IREBU	Equateur	01.02.1906 01.10.1928	01.09.1915		-----
129 IREKO	Léopoldville	04.11.1957			-----
130 IRUMU	Orientale	01.02.1913			-----
131 ISANGI	Orientale	01.09.1936			-----
132 JADOTVILLE 2	Katanga	04.01.1955			-----
133 KABALLA MALEMBA NKULU	Katanga	22.04.1922 01.05.1950	01.05.1950		-----
134 KABALO	Katanga	01.09.1914			-----
135 KABAMBARE	Kivu	15.09.1936			-----
136 KABARE	Kivu	15.09.1936			-----
137 KABINDA	Kasaï	01.06.1912			-----
138 KABONGO	Katanga	01.08.1936			-----
139 KABUNGA	Kivu	21.05.1953			-----
140 KAFAKUMBA	Katanga	01.01.1913	21.04.1916		
141 KAHEMBA	Léopoldville	01.08.1936			-----
142 KAILO	Kivu	01.07.1958			
143 KALEHE	Kivu	22.09.1952			
144 KALIMA	Kivu	02.05.1950			
145 KALOLE	Kivu	02.05.1957			
146 KALONGA	Katanga	06.01.1911	01.12.1916		
147 KAMANA	Kasaï	04.12.1956			
148 KAMBOVE	Katanga	01.10.1910 01.09.1957	???.?.1948		-----
149 KAMINA KAMINA 1	Katanga	01.05.1927 16.08.1959	16.08.1959		-----
150 KAMINA 2	Katanga	16.08.1959			-----
151 KAMINA-BASE MILITAIRE KAMINA-BASE MILITAIRE 2	Katanga	01.06.1951 10.11.1953	10.11.1953		-----
152 KAMINA-BASE MILITAIRE 1	Katanga	10.11.1953			-----
153 KAMITUGA	Kivu	17.03.1938			-----

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154 KAMPENE	Kivu	04.12.1956			-----
155 KAMUKISI	Katanga	18.04.1922	20.11.1922		
156 KAMUPINI	Katanga	19.07.1959			-----
157 KANGU	Léopoldville	03.08.1956			-----
158 KANIAMA	Katanga	02.11.1953			-----
159 KAPANGA	Katanga	17.11.1954			-----
160 KARAWA	Equateur	12.07.1956			-----
161 KASAJI	Katanga	17.05.1954			-----
162 KASANGULU	Léopoldville	01.08.1955			-----
163 KASENGA	Katanga	01.08.1936			-----
164 KASENYI	Orientale	13.06.1922 ?? ?? 1951	07.10.1933		-----
165 KASESE	Kivu	04.12.1956			-----
166 KASINDI	Kivu	01.05.1912	01.09.1914		
167 KASONGO KASONGO 1	Kivu	25.07.1910 25.03.1959	25.03.1959		-----
168 KASONGO 2	Kivu	25.03.1959			-----
169 KASONGO-LUNDA	Léopoldville	01.08.1936			-----
170 KATAKO-KOMBE	Kasaï	15.08.1936			-----
171 KATANA-LWIRO	Kivu	04.12.1956			-----
172 KATANDA	Kasaï	15.09.1955			-----
173 KATENGA	Katanga	04.12.1956			-----
174 KAYNA LUOFU	Kivu	17.05.1958			-----
175 KAZUMBA	Kasaï	01.09.1955			-----
176 KENGE KENGE 1	Léopoldville	01.04.1950 20.10.1958	20.10.1958		-----
177 KENGE 2	Léopoldville	20.10.1958			-----
178 KIAMBI	Katanga	01.06.1912	03.09.1923		
179 KIANZA	Léopoldville	04.12.1956			-----
180 KIBAMBI (INKISI)	Léopoldville	04.12.1956			-----
181 KIBOMBO	Kivu	15.09.1936	15.02.1960		
182 KIGULUBE	Kivu	02.05.1957			-----
183 KIHEMBWE	Kivu	15.09.1936	?? ?? 1946		
184 KIKONDJA	Katanga	15.11.1914 20.04.1959	22.04.1922		-----
185 KIKWIT KIKWIT 1	Léopoldville	07.07.1923 08.07.1957	08.07.1957		-----
186 KIKWIT 2	Léopoldville	08.07.1957			-----
187 KILEMBE	Léopoldville	12.12.1958			-----
188 KILO	Orientale	01.05.1917	20.01.1927		
189 KILOMINES	Orientale	15.09.1959			-----
190 KILWA	Katanga	20.05.1958			-----
191 KIMBAU	Léopoldville	01.05.1957			-----
192 KIMPANGU	Léopoldville	05.05.1955			-----
193 KIMPESE	Léopoldville	01.09.1959			-----
194 KINDA	Katanga	10.04.1959			-----

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195 KINDU KINDU-PORT EMPAIN KINDU 1	Kivu	01.06.1913 16.05.1939 01.10.195	16.05.1939 01.10.1958		-----
196 KINDU 2	Kivu	01.10.1958			-----
197 KINGOMA	Léopoldville	01.08.1959			-----
198 KINSHASA LEOPOLDVILLE 1	Léopoldville	01.12.1908 01.07.1924	01.07.1924		-----
199 KINTAMBO (LEO)	Léopoldville	16.06.1958			-----
200 KIPAILA	Katanga	01.10.1910	06.01.1911		
201 KIPAKA-LUTSHI	Kivu	07.09.1959			-----
202 KIPUKU (IDIOFA)	Léopoldville	10.12.1958			-----
203 KIPUSHI	Katanga	15.05.1930			-----
204 KIRI	Léopoldville	01.10.1953			-----
205 KIROTSHE	Kivu	01.08.1948			-----
206 KIRUNDU	Orientale	01.04.1954			-----
207 KISENGE	Katanga	??.??.1955			-----
208 KIVUNDA	Léopoldville	21.01.1957			-----
209 KOLE (KASAI)	Kasai	15.09.1955			-----
210 KOLE (STAN)	Orientale	01.01.1954			-----
211 KOLOKOSO	Léopoldville	01.05.1957			-----
212 KOLWEZI	Katanga	10.07.1936			-----
213 KONGOLO	Katanga	01.09.1912			-----
214 KUESI	Orientale	01.11.1910	14.10.1911		
215 KUMA (MONGALA)	Equateur	08.08.1956			-----
216 KUNGU	Equateur	01.07.1956			-----
217 KUTU	Léopoldville	01.08.1936			-----
218 KWAMOUTH	Léopoldville	01.05.1914			-----
219 KWAYA	Léopoldville	04.10.1956			-----
220 LEMBA (MAYUMBE)	Léopoldville	01.06.1958			-----
221 LEOPOLDVILLE LEOPOLDVILLE 2	Léopoldville	01.05.1889 01.07.1924	01.07.1924		-----
222 LEOPOLDVILLE 3	Léopoldville	21.11.1946			-----
223 LEOPOLDVILLE 4	Léopoldville	01.12.1946			-----
224 LEOPOLDVILLE 5	Léopoldville	24.04.1954			-----
225 LEOPOLDVILLE 7	Léopoldville	16.07.1956			-----
226 LEOPOLDVILLE 8	Léopoldville	17.09.1956			-----
227 LEOPOLDVILLE 9	Léopoldville	16.02.1959			-----
228 LEOPOLDVILLE 10	Léopoldville	04.10.1956			-----
229 LEOPOLDVILLE 11 (LOVANUM)	Léopoldville	20.01.1958			-----
230 LEOPOLDVILLE-AEROGARE	Léopoldville	01.03.1950			-----
231 LEOPOLDVILLE GG Léopoldville - marché	Léopoldville	12.04.1955			-----
232 LEOPOLDVILLE-KALINA	Léopoldville	15.05.1929			
233 LEVERVILLE	Léopoldville	21.10.1931 16.10.1957	??.??.??		-----
234 LIBENGE	Equateur	15.09.1898			-----
235 LIGASA	Orientale	01.04.1954			-----

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236 LIKASI JADOTVILLE JADOTVILLE 1	Katanga	25.09.1918 21.06.1931 04.01.1955	21.06.1931 04.01.1955		-----
237 LIKATI	Orientale	01.09.1949			-----
238 LIMETE	Léopoldville	20.08.1956			-----
239 LISALA	Equateur	01.01.1905			-----
240 LOANGO-DUKULA	Léopoldville	01.01.1922	15.03.1926		
241 LODJA	Kasaï	15.08.1936			-----
242 LOKANDU	Kivu	03.11.1922			-----
243 LOKOLAMA	Léopoldville	04.12.1956			-----
244 LOKOLIA	Equateur	24.10.1956			-----
245 LOMELA	Kasaï	15.08.1936			-----
246 LOWA	Orientale	24.01.1949			-----
247 LUALI	Léopoldville	30.07.1898	19.08.1918		
248 LUBEFU	Kasaï	25.02.1955			-----
249 LUBERIZI	Kivu	24.02.1959			-----
250 LUBERO	Kivu	15.09.1936			-----
251 LUBUDI	Katanga	18.08.1952			-----
252 LUBUTU	Kivu	01.09.1936			-----
253 LUEBO	Kasaï	01.06.1914			-----
254 LUENA	Katanga	20.04.1936			-----
255 LUISA	Kasaï	15.08.1936			-----
256 LUISHIA	Katanga	01.08.1929 01.07.1938	30.04.1932 ?? ?? 1940		
257 LUKAFU	Katanga	01.07.1908	01.03.1912		
258 LUKALA	Léopoldville	03.07.1954			-----
259 LUKOLELA	Equateur	04.10.1922			-----
260 LUKULA	Léopoldville	01.06.1912			-----
261 LUKUNGU	Léopoldville	01 07.1896	25.11.1896		
262 LULINGU	Kivu	04.12.1956			-----
263 LULONGA	Equateur	08.08.1956			-----
264 LULUABOURG LULUABOURG 1	Kasaï	01.04.1914 01.06.1931 21.01.1957	25.04.1914 21.01.1957		-----
265 LULUABOURG 2	Kasaï	21.01.1957			-----
266 LULUABOURG 3	Kasaï	08.01.1959			-----
267 LUOZI	Léopoldville	18.03.1950			-----
268 LUPUTA	Kasaï	01.03.1933			-----
269 MADIMBA	Léopoldville	18.08.1911			-----
270 MAHAGI	Orientale	07.06.1921 01.09.1936	30.09.1921		-----
271 MALELE (INKISI)	Léopoldville	04.12.1956			-----
272 MALONGA	Katanga	01.08.1936	21.11.1952		
273 MAMBASA	Orientale	22.06.1949			-----
274 MANGAI	Léopoldville	01.08.1936			-----
275 MANONO	Katanga	01.01.1936			-----
276 MASI MANIMBA	Léopoldville	21.10.1941			-----
277 MASISI	Kivu	15.09.1936			-----

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278 MATADI MATADI 1	Léopoldville	01.03.1891 01.01.1950	01.01.1950		-----
279 MATADI 2	Léopoldville	01.01.1950			-----
280 MATEKO	Léopoldville	01.10.1957			-----
281 MATETE (LEO)	Léopoldville	09.06.1958			-----
282 MAYOKO (KWILU)	Léopoldville	03.08.1956			-----
283 MIKOLA M'BAYA BAYA	Katanga	20.03.1911 15.09.1911 05.03.1912	15.09.1911 05.03.1912 16.10.1914		
284 MIKWI	Léopoldville	01.07.1959			-----
285 MINOVA	Kivu	02.05.1957			-----
286 MITWABA	Katanga	21.01.1946			-----
287 MOANDA	Léopoldville	01.12.1953			-----
288 MOBA BAUDOINVILLE	Katanga	01.08.1936 22.07.1948	22.07.1948		-----
289 MOERBEKE (BAS-CONGO)	Léopoldville	15.01.1935			
290 MOKAMBO	Katanga	01.12.1930 15.10.1955	01.03.1932		-----
291 MOMPONO	Equateur	12.07.1956			-----
292 MONDOMBE	Equateur	08.08.1956			-----
293 MONGA	Orientale	01.09.1949			-----
294 MONGBWALU	Orientale	27.03.1942			-----
295 MONKOTO	Equateur	01.08.1936			-----
296 MONVEDA	Equateur	15.06.1911	01.07.1914		
297 MOTENGE-BOMA (UBANGI)	Equateur	08.08.1956			-----
298 MPO	Léopoldville	21.01.1957			-----
299 MPUTU	Léopoldville	15.02.1960			-----
300 MUFUKA	Kasai	04.12.1956	31.03.1960		
301 MUNGBERE	Orientale	21.01.1957			-----
302 MUSHIE	Léopoldville	01.01.1911 15.06.1924	01.01.1912		-----
303 MUSOFI	Katanga	01.07.1908	01.03.1910		
304 MUTSHATSHA	Katanga	21.06.1954			-----
305 MUTWANGA	Kivu	02.05.1957			-----
306 MUYUMBA	Katanga	06.06.1931	01.01.1936		
307 MWADINGUSHA	Katanga	12.07.1951	03.12.1951		
308 MWEKA	Kasai	10.07.1929			-----
309 MWENE-DITU	Kasai	20.03.1950			-----
310 MWENGA	Kivu	07.11.1952			-----
311 MWESO	Kivu	22.07.1959			-----
312 NANGOSIRA	Orientale	01.02.1955			-----
313 NDJILI (LEO)	Léopoldville	19.05.1958			-----
314 NDU	Orientale	01.01.1954			-----
315 N'GULE	Katanga	01.03.1922	20.04.1932		
316 NIANGARA	Orientale	15.06.1912			-----
317 NIA-NIA	Orientale	21.01.1957			-----
318 NIAPU	Orientale	01.09.1936	01.01.1939		
319 NIEMBA	Katanga	23.05.1922	01.04.1931		

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320 NIOKA	Orientale	24.07.1944			-----
321 NIOKI	Léopoldville	19.05.1952			-----
322 NIZI	Orientale	20.01.1927			-----
323 NKARA	Léopoldville	03.08.1956			-----
324 NKAW	Léopoldville	04.12.1956			-----
325 NKOLO	Léopoldville	01.02.1960			-----
326 NOUVELLE-ANVERS	Equateur	01.07.1896 01.03.1939	01.04.1919		-----
327 NYA-LUKEMBA	Kivu	08.09.1947			-----
328 NYA NGEZI	Kivu	02.05.1957			-----
329 NYANGWE	Kivu	01.07.1896	25.07.1910		-----
330 NYAREMBE	Orientale	25.01.1960			-----
331 NYUNZU	Katanga	15.02.1955			-----
332 N'ZOBE ZOBE	Léopoldville	01.07.1889 01.04.1898	01.04.1898 30.07.1898		-----
333 OPALA	Orientale	01.09.1936			-----
334 OPIENGE	Orientale	21.01.1957			-----
335 OSHWE	Léopoldville	01.08.1936			-----
336 PANGA	Orientale	01.02.1955			-----
337 PANGI	Kivu	??.??.1946			-----
338 PANIA-MUTOMBO	Katanga	01.07.1908	01.03.1913		-----
339 PANZI	Léopoldville	03.08.1956			-----
340 PAULIS PAULIS 1	Orientale	15.06.1936 01.03.1958	01.03.1958		-----
341 PAULIS 2	Orientale	01.03.1958			-----
342 PAY-KONGILA	Léopoldville	04.10.1956			-----
343 PENA-KALENGE	Kivu	07.06.1921	01.01.1925		-----
344 PENDJUA	Léopoldville	01.09.1959			-----
345 PINGA	Kivu	01.01.1925	31.10.1930		-----
346 POKO	Orientale	01.09.1936			-----
347 PONTHERVILLE	Orientale	01.06.1911			-----
348 POPOCABACCA POPOKABAKA	Léopoldville	01.07.1896 25.01.1898 15.07.1898 15.07.1940	25.11.1896 15.07.1898 01.08.1925		-----
349 PUNIA	Kivu	01.06.1943			-----
350 PWETO	Katanga	08.07.1902 01.02.1955	12.09.1923		-----
351 RUNGU	Orientale	01.09.1949			-----
352 RUTSHURU	Kivu	01.09.1914			-----
353 RWINDI	Kivu	10.06.1958			-----
354 SAKANIA	Katanga	01.03.1910			-----
355 SAMBA (MANIEMA)	Kivu	01.10.1958			-----
356 SAMBILI	Orientale	01.09.1949			-----
357 SAMPWE	Katanga	01.08.1936	??.??.1940		-----
358 SANDOA	Katanga	21.04.1916			-----
359 SANKISHIA	Katanga	20.06.1916	03.10.1917		-----
360 SANKURU LUSAMBO	Kasai	01.07.1896 22.07.1896	22.07.1896		-----

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361 SEKE-BANZA	Léopoldville	04.10.1956			-----
362 SEMENDUA	Léopoldville	03.08.1956			-----
363 SENTERY	Kasaï	16.08.1955			-----
364 SHABUNDA	Kivu	15.09.1936			-----
365 SHINKOLOBWE	Katanga	16.11.1954			-----
366 SONGOLOLO	Léopoldville	20.08.1928 15.10.1955	01.03.1934		-----
367 STANLEY-FALLS STANLEYVILLE STANLEYVILLE 1	Orientale	01.07.1896 15.07.1898 02.01.1946	15.07.1898 02.01.1946		-----
368 STANLEYVILLE 2	Orientale	02.01.1946			-----
369 STANLEYVILLE 3	Orientale	15.03.1955			-----
370 STANLEYVILLE 4	Orientale	21.01.1957			-----
371 STANLEYVILLE 5	Orientale	01.04.1958			-----
372 STANLEYVILLE 6	Orientale	16.11.1959			-----
373 SUMBI	Léopoldville	15.02.1960			-----
374 TAPILI	Orientale	01.02.1955			-----
375 TENKE	Katanga	15.04.1935			-----
376 THYSVILLE THYSVILLE 1	Léopoldville	15.10.1905 04.10.1956	04.10.1956		-----
377 THYSVILLE 2	Léopoldville	04.10.1956	15.02.1960		-----
378 TITULE	Orientale	30.06.1945			-----
379 TOLO	Léopoldville	04.10.1956			-----
380 TSHIKAPA	Kasaï	01.11.1920			-----
381 TSHIMBULU	Kasaï	18.02.1942			-----
382 TSHOFA	Kasaï	15.08.1936			-----
383 TSUPU	Orientale	25.01.1960			-----
384 TUMBA	Léopoldville	25.11.1896	28.10.1905		-----
385 TUMBU-MANI TUMBA-MANI	Léopoldville	25.11.1896 25.01.1898	25.01.1898 05.12.1905		-----
386 UMANGI	Equateur	02.08.1899	28.10.1904		-----
387 UVIRA	Kivu	01.01.1906 09.02.1928	18.11.1922		-----
388 VISTA	Léopoldville	16.12.1955			-----
389 VIVI	Léopoldville	01.01.1886	18.05.1886	-----	-----
390 VUHOVI	Kivu	02.05.1957			-----
391 WALIKALE	Kivu	10.04.1957			-----
392 WALUNGU	Kivu	02.05.1957			-----
393 WAMBA	Orientale	07.06.1921 03.10.1930	07.11.1922		-----
394 WANIE-RUKULA	Orientale	01.02.1955			-----
395 WATSA	Orientale	07.06.1921			-----
396 WEMBO NYAMA	Kasaï	20.02.1959			-----
397 WOLTER	Léopoldville	15.10.1958			-----
398 YAHILA	Orientale	01.09.1949			-----
399 YAHUMA	Orientale	01.09.1936			-----
400 YAKOMA	Equateur	12.07.1956			-----
401 YANGAMBI YANGAMBI 2	Orientale	01.06.1945 01.02.1955	01.02.1955		-----

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402 YANGAMBI 1	Orientale	01.02.1955			-----
403 YANONGE	Orientale	01.02.1955			-----
404 YATOLEMA	Orientale	01.02.1952			-----
405 YUMBI	Kivu	02.07.1943			-----
406 YUMBI (BOLOBO)	Léopoldville	21.01.1957	01.02.1960		
407 ZOBIA	Orientale	01.09.1949			-----
408 ZONGO (UBANGI)	Equateur	08.08.1956			-----
Ruanda-Urundi					
409 ASTRIDA	Ruanda	01.03.1944			-----
410 BIUMBA	Ruanda	27.03.1951			-----
411 BUBANZA	Urundi	01.07.1957			-----
412 BURURI	Urundi	03.08.1953			-----
413 GITARAMA	Ruanda	20.12.1958			-----
414 KIBUNGU	Ruanda	14.07.1954			-----
415 KIBUYE	Ruanda	02.09.1957			-----
416 KIGALI	Ruanda	11.06.1916			-----
417 KIRUNDO (R. U.)	Urundi	27.03.1958			-----
418 KISENYI	Ruanda	23.10.1946			-----
419 KITEGA	Urundi	01.04.1921			-----
420 MUHINGA	Urundi	11.04.1952			-----
421 MURAMVYA	Ruanda	30.03.1955			-----
422 NGAGARA	Urundi	16.07.1958			-----
423 NGOZI	Urundi	23.10.1950			-----
424 NYANZA	Ruanda	29.05.1953			-----
425 RUHENGARI	Ruanda	17.01.1949			-----
426 RUTANA	Urundi	17.06.1954			-----
427 RUYIGI	Urundi	24.11.1955			-----
428 SHANGUGU	Ruanda	17.07.1952			-----
429 USUMBURA	Urundi	01.04.1921	?? ?? 1958		
USUMBURA 1		?? ?? 1958			-----
430 USUMBURA 2	Urundi	?? ?? 1958			-----

**Minutes of the Congo Study Circle AGM,
20th May 2000**

The Annual General Meeting was held in London at The Plumbers Arms, 14 Lower Belgrave Street, London SW1 on Saturday May 20th 2000. In attendance were Messrs E.Hoorens, L.G.Green, H.Hoyte, R.H.Keach, M.Round, P.Lindekens, M..St.J Wright, Dr.M.Oblin.

Apologies were received from H.V.Maulding, E.M.Lavitt, Dr.C.Llloyd, and S.S.Smith - the Hon.Secretary/Treasurer. The Hon.Sec. had asked Mr.L.G.Green to stand in for him for the meeting and this was accepted.

President Monsier E.M.Hoorens chaired the meeting and the minutes of the previous AGM 8th May 1999 were approved.

Membership of the Circle has remained fairly static and is recorded as follows.

	1998	1999
Belgium	36	38
Britain	30	28
U.S.A.	34	(35 unconfirmed)
Australia	3	2
Denmark	5	6
France	0	1
Germany	0	1
Netherlands	1	1
South Africa	1	1
Spain	3	2
Sweden	1	1

Report of the President

"It is always difficult to be the President of an international club or organization and specifically a stamp collectors club with approximately a third of its membership in the U.S.A., a third in the U.K., a third in Belgium

and neighbouring European countries along with a few in Australia and South Africa.

Only occasional meetings can be organised like the one we had in Belgium in 1999 with 20 plus members attending the meeting at the Bruphila 99 stamp show.

The membership in Belgium is presently 42 members - rising from 35 in 1997. For the year 2000 we have 4 new members whilst 5 did not pay their subscription in 1999 and are considered as having resigned. If we want to increase our numbers and especially reach younger collectors we have to consider advertising in philatelic publications in the U.S.A., U.K. or Belgium. I am sure that we reach only a few of the collectors of Belgian Congo stamps or postal history.

The only way we have to communicate with our members is our Bulletin and we have, I think, to improve not only the content of our Bulletin but also the lay-out and presentation. The articles must cover as far as possible all collecting aspects including postal history. I am also sure that some articles could be published in French without the need of an English translation. Every member is able to understand and read some French - if necessary with the help of a dictionary. The Belgian members have been doing this for over 25 years. Finally, English and French are the two official languages of the Universal Postal Union and General Du Four's book (our bible) was never translated !!

With regard to our quarterly auctions, Mr.Philippe Lindekens took the job over at the end of 1999 and a new computer program was set up to run these auctions. I know Philippe is doing his best with administration help from Charles Stockmans. I wish to thank these two members for their efforts in helping our club.

We have to ask our members to send more material for these auctions. Every collector has duplicates or other material for sale.

Improvements to our Bulletin and our quarterly auctions must be our principal priorities during the next 12 months to ensure we reach new members.

Finally I want to thank Edwin Lavitt for the Bulletin, Ray Keach and Stuart Smith for all their work on behalf of the Study Circle."

Emile Hoorens.

Discussion -

* It was agreed that articles written in French should be published in that language in future Bulletins.

* It was agreed at the Presidents suggestion that it was now time for a new list of members with addresses and telephone numbers (where known).

* It was agreed that the Secretary be asked to obtain details of members interests in the stamps and postal history of the Congo. In due course this should be published in a future Bulletin. Any member who did not wish to disclose any of these details could of course opt out.

* It was agreed that we should make greater efforts to recruit more younger members and that consideration be given to advertising in Philatelic Journals. By way of promotion we should approach the 'Belgian Study Circle' (and others) to allow us to insert details of the BCSC in their periodicals. Mr.Hoyte agreed to report to the Secretary the costs of a BCSC stall at MIDPEX for this purpose. The President would contact Mr.V.Schouberechts to see if he had any suggestions re advertising.

Post AGM comment from the Hon.Secretary re the suggested Publicity strategy.

"As Hon.Sec. I can confirm that the Circle is regularly approached and offered facilities of promoting itself by attendance at British exhibitions or taking advertising space in support of such exhibitions. In my short period

as Secretary I have adopted, upto now, the view that there is no likelihood of taking a stand as there is no realistic possibility of getting membership support to man it.

However it might be advantageous, and would not be unreasonable, to take advertising space in carefully selected publications. To enable us to do the latter it is fundamentally necessary, at either the AGM or an extraordinary General Meeting, to approve an annual budget for this expenditure and agree a format for our advertisement.

Treasurers Report

The accounts for the year to 31 December 1999, as published in Bulletin 115 were presented and approved. It was agreed that the rates of subscription and commission for 2001 should remain unchanged from those presently in force as follows:-

Members please note that for the year commencing 1st January 2001 the following subscriptions will continue to apply :-

<i>Region</i>	<i>Subscription</i>
U.K.	£8.00
Belgium	B.F. 300
Rest of Europe	£8
USA & Canada	\$15
Rest of World	£10

There are a few subscriptions for 2000 still outstanding.

Expert Committee

Ray Keach reported "an interesting and active year, issuing 280 certificates to a total of 18 members. It is a pity that so few make use of the service.

It is pleasing to note British, Belgian and now Spanish auctioneers mentioning BCSC certificates in their catalogues, There is no doubt that a certificate increases the market

value of a scarce or interesting stamp or cover.

The present committee comprises Abbé G.Gudenkauf, Philippe Lindekens and Ray Keach its secretary, but we make good use of other specialists in particular fields. We are very grateful to these gentlemen for their help."

R.H.Keach

Discussion - It was agreed that it was urgent to appoint to the Committee some new younger members to build up experience for the future. The President had one or two members in mind whom he would contact.

Bulletin Editor

"In the past year, in addition to our four auctions, we published articles by the late Dr.Celis, Peter Storm van Leeuwen; the Stibbe Study of Incomplete Postal Stationery cards; the Ingels study of the Congo Belge overprints with the Hudson catalogue of perforation varieties; discoveries of various items; the Laurence Green study of varieties in the classic stamps of the Etat issues, and in Mr.Keach's Vice Presidential column many reports on cancellations, varieties, warnings of forgeries etc.

The new format created by Ph.Lindekens for the auction has been most successful and we are indebted to our President Emile Hoorens for translations of articles written in French. We also report that our new member Don Campbell has presently undertaken the translation of two articles which will appear in future Bulletins.

As usual (refer also to the President's report) we still seek a continual supply of new articles. Some members, known to have written most interesting material in Flemish, are requested to let us have such as we can have them translated."

Your Editor also said hopefully ! - *"As is evident we will continue to have articles in French translated for publication also."*

Ed.Lavitt

Comment - As a result of the decision made at this AGM - the Editor has subsequently agreed to publish articles in French as well as English.

Librarian

"Sales of books to members have continued throughout the year and more titles (i.e. books written by our members) have been added to our stock.

All those that we stock are veritable mines of information on the stamps and/or history of the Congo. Printing is expensive and books therefore costly but it is difficult to see how any serious collector can manage without them.

Our thanks are due to Danny Van der Hauwaert who has continued to hold our stock of the Heim-Keach cancellations book and to distribute it when requested."

R.H.Keach

Comment - The duties of librarian have now been passed over to Allan D. MacLaren - 'Moray', 43 Millar Street, Carnoustie, Angus DD7 7AT, Scotland. Thank you Allan for taking on this task.

Packet Secretary

"After what was generally agreed to be a successful Packet in 1998-99, I have to report that no Packet was circulated in this last year. Unfortunately no appeal for material was made and only one contribution was received. Another problem was that of insurance which has now become uneconomic for a small packet with a limited circuit."

One idea proposed is that each member on the circuit insures the packet when posting to the next on the list, subsequently claiming back that insurance cost from the Circle, Enquiries with the Post Office indicated that the only service available with insurance is 'Special Delivery'. The consequence would be that for a Packet weighing just under 1kg and in value less than £1000, the member pays £5.40 to post it to the next on the circuit and claims the difference between that and '1st Class Post' (£3.32), back from the Study Circle (i.e. £5.40 less £3.32 = £2.08). Alternatively and to save unnecessary paperwork that sum could be deducted from the total sum of purchases made.

It is hoped that the success of the last Packet will not be too distant in memory and that all those who contributed both as buyers and sellers will do so again. Hopefully others will be encouraged to join for the first time!"

Hal Hoyte

Discussion - The Exchange Packet Secretary's Report was discussed at length and it was eventually agreed that members should pay the full cost of sending Packets by 'Special Delivery' but recover £1.00 from the BCSC, either by deducting the £1.00 from the cost of

purchases or by a direct claim to the Exchange Packet Secretary.

Officers of the Study Circle

The following were elected -

President	Emile Hoorens
Secretary/Treasurer	Stuart S. Smith
Regional Sec. - Belgium	Emile Hoorens
Regional Sec.- USA	Ed Lavitt
Bulletin Editor	Ed Lavitt
Auction Secretary	Ph. Lindekens/ C. Stockmans
Librarian	A.D. MacLaren
Packet Sec. - U.K.	W.H. Hoyte
Expert Committee	R.H. Keach, Abbé Gudenkauf, P. Lindekens + others in support

Future Meetings - AGM, Saturday April 29 2001 at The Plumbers Arms, 14 Lower Belgrave St., London SW1

N.B. Next year, 2001 will be the 50th year of existence of the Belgian Congo Study Circle and by way of celebration the President will try to find a meeting place in Brussels between June 9th and 15th.