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Report of the 2023 Meeting of the Belgian Congo Study Circle, held at "les six colonnes", Waterloo on the 11 March 2023

Part 1 AGM of the BCSC

Present:

Thierry Frennet (President), Ludo Achten, Laurent Bierny, Dominique Bilmans, Walter Dejnckens, Stefan Vanden Eynde, Jean Pierre Flamand, Filip Van der Haegen, Charles Henuzet, Michel Hopperets, Peter Momber, Marc Oblin, Bart Willekens.

Apologies:

Udo Elste, Charles Lloyd, Bruce Lockhart, Patrick Maselis, Vincent Schouberechts, Charles Stockmans, Rudi Louis, Yves Winand, Henk Slabbink.



From the left: Filip Van der Haegen, Laurent Bierny, Stefan Vanden Eynde, Bart Willekens (nearest camera), Ludo Achten, Charles Henuzet, Michel Hopperets, Thierry Frennet, Jean Pierre Flamand, Walter Dejnckens.



Peter Momber (left) and Stefan Vanden Eynde

Marc Oblin (left) and Ludo Achten



It was in the unusual setting of a brewery located in Waterloo that the BCSC established its *bivouac* for the day. A combination of circumstances had forced us at the last minute to find a different place to hold the AGM and we must thank our President, Thierry Frennet, who worked like a Trojan to find us this place which was full of charm. If we were concerned, for a brief moment, about not having enough privacy (the establishment not having a private meeting room) the “patron” reassured us by reserving a part of the room, a little apart from the other guests, for our exclusive use. In the end everything went very well. This facility, together with an excellent midday meal removed any lingering doubts on suitability and more than compensated for the last-minute upheaval. All who were present would be happy to meet there again!

Opening:

The President opened the meeting at 10:00 and warmly welcomed members to both the BCSC AGM and its Annual Meeting.

Thierry had a word of special thanks for all the collaborators who made the exhibition in Namur possible and very successful. Not only was there was a large influx of interested people, we recruited new members. It was a profitable activity from a financial point of view.

In 2026 the BCSC celebrates its 75th anniversary. To mark this milestone, we are planning to have an exhibition in le Hainaut (Belgium). No details yet.

The Study Circle had been notified of the deaths of three members – Anton Kropman (Malta), Gerard Borower (Belgium), David Norton (UK). Thierry invited all present to observe a minute of silence to their memory.

Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 16 October 2021

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were presented and approved as being a full and correct record.

Matters arising from these minutes not otherwise on the agenda

None

Officers Reports

General (Honorary) Secretary (Charles Lloyd)

Charles apologized that he could not be present this year.

The activities of civil society have been returning to normal as it emerges from the worst of the Covid pandemic, meets the challenges of war in Europe and an energy crisis. Our Study Circle is resuming normal activities.

Charles was pleased to report that our total membership is unchanged (at 121) and that we have welcomed our first member living in Czechia (Czech Republic). Our global distribution is maintained. As in previous years, three countries dominate

membership - Belgium, 59%; USA, 12%; & UK, 11%. (An increase in Belgian membership benefited from our Namur meeting.)

Our 70th anniversary celebration meeting held at Namur in October 2021 was enjoyed by all who attended. He echoed the President's appreciation for the work of BCSC officers and members in making it an outstanding success.

The BCSC held a well-supported and enjoyable *Zoom* meeting in May 2021, a first for the BCSC. As you will read later in this report, it is our intention to hold one, possibly two, *Zoom* meetings before the next AGM. We hope such meetings will become part of our regular activities.

He thanked all of our officers who had devoted much time and worked so diligently throughout the year to continue the success of the Study Circle.

Honorary Treasurer (Ludo Achten)

This is a summary of our financial position, reporting on the funds held in our Belgian and UK accounts at the end of this accounting year (28 February 2023). Funds held at the end of the previous accounting year (28 February 2022) are presented for information.

| Held in | At 28/2/22 | At 28/2/23 | Change |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Belgian based account at BNP Paribas Fortis | €11 320,12 | €13 564,64 | €2 244,52 |
| Belgian based account at PayPal | €1 744,86 | €2 760,42 | €1 015,56 |
| UK based account at the TSB¹ | €1 622,62 | €1 242,24 | - €380,38 |
| Overall position (at the end of the financial year) | €14 687,60 | €17 567,30 | €2 879,20 |

Note 1: The currency conversion rate: £1 = €1,1295.

The financial situation (stated above) is without the commission from Auction 2022-3 which closed too near the end of the accounting year to finalize its results. (Ludo will report the amount of its commission as soon as it is available.)

The reduction in the UK account balance resulted from using it for auction payments to a UK seller (€422).

With justification, we can conclude that the Namur exposition was well managed financially. Certainly, it was profitable and the BCSC still has a stock of 148 Belgian Congo Stationary catalogues and 63 sheets of Duo-stamps to sell.

The BCSC had no big or extraordinary expenses in the last financial year and so our financial situation is sound.

Subscription / Dues rates for 2024

Ludo proposed that the subscription rates for 2024 remain unchanged:

| Region | Subscription / Dues | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Belgium | €18 (postal) | (€18 for the Bulletin by e-mail only) |
| Other European countries | €24 (--- ---) | (€18 ----- -----) |
| UK | £20 (--- ---) | (£15 ----- -----) |
| USA | \$29 (--- ---) | (\$20 ----- -----) |
| Rest of the World | €30 (--- ---) | (€18 ----- -----) |

Note: Our PayPal account will accept payments in €, US\$ and GB£.

Members are responsible for the payment of all bank and PayPal charges.

The proposal to accept the accounts & 2024 subscription rates were approved, unanimously.

Auction Sales Secretary (Marc Oblin)

Four auctions had been held since the last AGM (sales 2021-2, 2021-3, 2022-1 and 2022-2. NB 2022-3 is still incomplete) with a total of **629 lots** offered by 12 different sellers (6 sellers for 1 auction, 3 for 2 auctions, 2 for 3 auctions, 1 for all 4 auctions).

Those 629 lots were bid for by about 25 buyers (in each auction).

333 of these lots (53%) were sold. The total amount of sales was **€9 495,15**. This amount is a new record, slightly higher than last year's record of €9 443,20.

Please note that some unsold lots are offered in following auctions, sometimes at a reduced reserve price, and it happens very often that they sell quite well at the second attempt.

Among the many excellent results, let us highlight a 1906 postal stationery card from the Lado enclave to Switzerland (sold at €1 110) and a cover with 3 stamps of the 1887 issue with a LUKUNGU cancellation, sent to Copenhagen, Denmark (sold at €2 360).

My conclusion is that our auctions still work very well. Sellers and buyers are satisfied and so are we as well (as the sales officers).

The Auction Sales Secretary is in need of a helping hand. Would volunteers please e-mail Marc at marc.oblin@hotmail.com .

A member asked if it would be appropriate to lower the seller's fee from 10% to 5% on collections that had belonged to deceased members. In reply, the Auction Secretary recalled that historically heirs had benefited from a reduced rate.

However, several years ago the AGM had approved ending this concession. He noted that commercial auction companies charge fees that are higher than 10%. At the end of a discussion, those members present confirmed (by a significant majority) to maintain the *status quo*.

Bulletin Editor (Charles Hénuzet)

Since his last report at the 2021 AGM (held in October that year) four bulletins (numbers 190, 191, 192 and 193) had been published. They contained a total of 106 pages, an average of 26.5 in each copy. There was an auction accompanying each of these bulletins.

He thanked all contributors.

The bulletin editor depends upon members submitting suitable material to achieve the target of a quarterly publication, each with an adequate number of pages. He urged all members to submit material (short or long) for publication and to share their knowledge.

Secretary of the Expertisation Committee (Charles Hénuzet)

In 2021, 69 certificates were issued (a decrease from 99 issued in the previous year). 17 were free, being member’s entitlements, and 52 were paid for. In 2022, 44 certificates were issued, of which 7 were free and 37 were paid for.

While income is not of primary importance, expertisation created an income of €356 for the Study Circle in these years (€375 in the previous year).

Authentication of valuable and rare stamps by an accepted authority (in this case the BCSC) assures the owner (and any future buyer) that he has a good copy. A certificate is issued with the expertisation. In the past, rarer stamps have been the target of forgers and some of these fakes were expertly done (both the stamp and postmark). Members are encouraged to make full use of their entitlement.

Members are entitled to 2 free expertisations per year. The prices for additional expertisations remain unchanged:

| | € | £ | \$ |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|
| Single Stamp | 4.00 | 2.50 | 4.50 |
| Block of 4 | 5.00 | 3.50 | 6.00 |
| Postal Stationery | 6.00 | 5.00 | 9.00 |
| Cover | 6.00 | 5.00 | 9.00 |

Postage (at a specified level of coverage) is the responsibility of the member. Payments are to be made to our Paribas or PayPal accounts in Belgium. The stamps and certificates are always returned members only by registered letter.

He thanked the committee members and consultants for the time, care and effort they gave to our work this year.

Webmaster (Bruce Lockhart)

The web site has been maintained with some small improvements. Three auctions were hosted in 2022. There were 21 082 visits with an average time of 59 seconds. 80% of the connections were made from desk top computers and 20% with mobile or tablet devices. This year the most hits came from USA, Belgium and Ireland. Ukraine (previously ranked highly) was far down the list, as they have other priorities these days. In 2022 the total number of visits was down slightly from 21 193 recorded in 2021.

The time spent on the site: 1-60 secs (90.61%), 1-10 mins (6.70%), 10-30 mins (2.61%), 30+ mins (0.08%).

Virtual (Zoom) meetings

The Secretary had received a request that the AGM should consider the BCSC holding regular Zoom meetings. The President believed that holding Zoom meetings would be an interesting development. Thierry suggested an informal meeting every six months (say, in October or November, or whenever the members want) to be on a topic of choice. It might be a favorite cover, a special letter, a philatelic study, and so on. By holding these virtual meetings, all members can meet on a regular basis and this can be combined with zoom displays.

Officers 2023 – 2024

The Secretary had not received any nomination from a member to stand for office. No officer had indicated that he wanted to retire/resign from office. As a consequence, the Secretary recommended that our officers should remain unchanged. There was unanimous agreement.

The officers are:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| President | <i>Thierry Frennet</i> |
| General (Honorary) Secretary | <i>Charles Lloyd</i> |
| Regional Sec. – Belgium | <i>Patrick Maselis</i> |
| Honorary Treasurer | <i>Ludo Achten</i> |
| Regional Treasurer – UK | <i>Charles Lloyd</i> |
| Bulletin Editor | <i>Charles Henuzet</i> |
| Bulletin distribution – Belgium | <i>Patrick Maselis</i> |
| Bulletin distribution – USA | <i>Ken Goss</i> |
| Bulletin distribution – UK and R of W | <i>Charles Lloyd</i> |
| Web Master | <i>Bruce Lockhart</i> |
| Auctioneer | <i>Thierry Frennet</i> |
| Auction Secretary | <i>Marc Oblin,</i> |
| Auction Secretary | <i>Charles Stockmans</i> |
| Auction Finance Officer | <i>Ludo Achten</i> |

Membership of the Expertisation Committee was reported as a matter of record.

Expertisation Committee:

- Secretary / Chairman
- Members

- Consultants

*Charles Hénuzet
Thierry Frennet,
Marc Oblin,
Filip Van der Haegen
Marc Frevelhausen
Michel Hopperets,
Jean Pierre Flamand,
Luc Van der Marcken*

Date of AGM 2024

This will be on either the 16 or the 23 of March 2024. Members will be consulted to discover which is the more convenient date for the majority. The exact date and place will be published when they are known and will be available well in advance.

Any Other Business

Bart Willekens proposed opening a Facebook account next to the Internet account. After a full discussion, the members did not accept this proposal.

Bart Willekens proposed that from time to time articles in the bulletin should be focused exclusively on a single stamp.

Closure of the business part of the meeting

The President called the AGM to a close at 11:45. He thanked members for attending.

Part 2. Presentations by members

Charles Hénuzet

Charles presented three displays and described them in detail. They will be written-up in full and appear in the Bulletin. For this reason, here they are mentioned briefly to have a complete record of displays.

A letter with the Belgian Congo 20 Frs. blue Léopold II stamp

This is an extraordinary item: a letter with a Belgian Congo 20 Frs. blue Léopold II stamp! Obviously, it is fake but well done. The conclusion is that we must be very careful with special items.

A postcard sent from Lado on 30 September 1909

In all probability, this might be last postcard to leave Lado, sent on 30 September 1909. The card was written on this date. It also proves that there was an Englishman present in Lado at that time. A wonderful find.

A study on the 15 c. and 30 c. surcharges on Belgian Congo postcards.

All these postcards used in Belgian Congo are struck in black ink. Postcards struck in blue ink exist, but were produced in Belgium only on behalf of collectors.

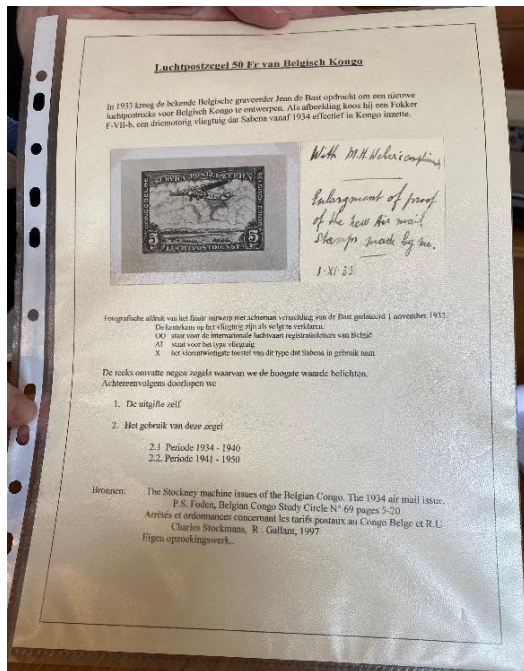
The 50 Frs. violet airmail stamp of 1934, COB PA15

Filip Vanderhaegen



Filip Van der Haegen had brought with him his magnificent collection devoted to the 50-francs airmail stamp (COB PA15). The members present were able to admire the mounted pages of his collection made up of essays, stamps, stamp sheets and airmail, ready to compete in an upcoming competition.

Filip's first sheet (with a translation to English)



In 1933, the famous Belgian engraver Jean de Blast was commissioned to design a new airmail series for the Belgian Congo. As an image, he chose a Fokker F-VII-b, a three-engine aircraft that Sabena deployed effectively in Congo from 1934 onwards.

(hand written note, in English)

With M.H. Weber's compliments

*Enlargement of proof
of the new Air mail
stamps made by me.*

I•XI•33

A photographic print of the final design with a mention of de Blast on the back, dated November 1, 1933.

The register number on the aircraft can be explained as follows:

- OO stands for the international aviation register letters for Belgium
- AJ stands for the aircraft type
- X was the twenty-fourth aircraft of this type that Sabena put into service.

The series included nine stamps, of which we highlight the highest value

1. The engraving itself
2. the use of this stamp
 - 2.1. Period 1934 – 1940
 - 2.2. Period 1941 - 1950

Thus, we were able to learn that there were indeed two different printing plates for this stamp. Filip presented album sheets with the design, the proof and final copies with the different sheet numbers. These were passed around and commented on.

Of special interest was the use of the 50 Frs. stamp. Letters were shown franked for amounts of more than 1,000 Frs., i.e. with more than 20 stamps of a 50 Frs. value, which was a lot of money at that time.

This was a very interesting and impressive presentation.

Bart Willekens

Varieties on the surcharge on Floors and Stanley stamps, COB 159, 162 & 163

Most of us know the particular interest Bart Willekens has for the Floors and Stanley overprinted stamps, both issued in 1931. Bart showed us some varieties on the overprints that he had discovered recently:

On the Floors 35 cents green stamp overprinted 40c (COB 159),
position 20 of the overprint has a dot between the two left strokes
position 4 of the overprint has a slanted nose.
position 25 has a chopped nose in position 26.

On the Stanley 35c green stamp overprinted 40c (COB162),
position 2 has the number 4 of the overprint with a split top.

On the Stanley 1fr red stamp overprinted 1.25 Fr (COB 163),
position 2 of the overprint has a missing part on the right part of the stroke.

His study shows us, once more, that that persistence and attention to detail will often result in new knowledge on stamps that are modestly priced. We look forward to this research appearing in full in the Bulletin.



COB 159, Position 25
Showing the 4 having a “slanted nose tip”, which one member referred to as a “scheve neus” (crooked nose) during the discussion.

Bart said that he would start a whatsapp group to share these images with any member who is interested. If you are, contact Bart on +32 477 69 77 88

Messages – Belgian Review

Charles Lloyd

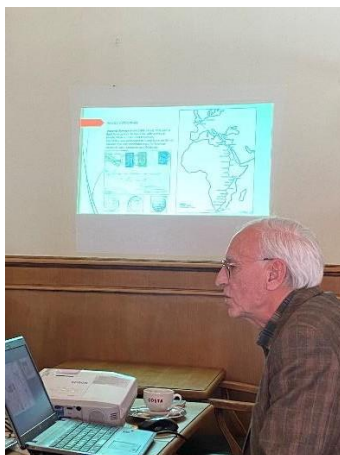


In absence of Charles Lloyd, Marc Oblin presented his study of the rationale for printing the “Message” blocs and distributing them in “Messages – Belgian Review”. (This will appear as an article in the next Bulletin.) An example of this magazine was passed around for members to inspect. For most of us it was the first time we had seen that magazine. Charles had found this copy for sale on the internet. This find spurred him on to enquire at the Scottish National Library in Edinburgh, if it owned any copies. It did, all issues in 3 bound volumes, but the library had never before received a request to read them!

Airmail Covers from Ruanda-Urundi: Period 1932 – 1945

Walter Deijnckens

Walter Deijnckens has collected stamps and covers of Ruanda-Urundi for decades. We all know the relative scarcity of these covers as colonists in the two mandated territories were far fewer in number than those in the Congo. Walter displayed examples from his airmail postal history collection. He showed a comprehensive set of covers, with these being carried by Imperial Airways, Air France and SABENA. Wartime censored mail was well represented and this part included a cover sent by the “Horseshoe Route” from Usumbura to New York, departing 30 November 1940. Walter included the carrier, routing and a breakdown of the franking for each of the 32 items displayed.



Left: Walter, fortified with coffee, presents his contribution

Right: Usumbura (8.7.33) to Brussels by Imperial Airways, then redirected to St. Gilgen in Austria. This resulted in non-philatelic franking for a colony, a mandated territory and the home country.

Can you help?

Wants



A member who is undertaking research is seeking information on this cancellation. Do you have an explanation and where was used?

If you can some help, please contact the editor. The member would like to thank you in advance.

Membership News

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to the following recently joined members and trust they will enjoy and benefit from their association with us.

| | | |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BELGIUM | Marcel Courtois | Marcel collects stamps in blocks of 4 and researches the "CONGO BELGE" overprints. |
| SWEDEN | Magnus Bernhardsen | Magnus is a lifelong stamp collector who has collected French and Italian colonies previously. Now, he has discovered the pleasure of Belgian colonial philately. |

My favourite cover:

An extraordinary item, 20 francs Léopold II

Ch. Hénuzet

This letter remained on the African continent

It is franked with one 20 francs Léopold II stamp of 1887 issue.



It originated from MATADI on 15 XI 1902 and arrived at MAKTAH in Tunisia on the 17 XI 1902. It had taken just 2 days for the letter to cover a distance of 7215 km!



Obviously, it is fake but well done.

The stamp has a good shade for blue. The perforation also shows a good result and is perforation 15, as is the genuine 1887 stamp issue. But, it is a line perforation and not comb perforation, as found on authentic stamps of this issue. This was a notable mistake by the forger



MATADI

15 XI (19)02 15

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This MATADI cancellation was commissioned in 1921 and used until 1928.

It is the Keach type 5D1- Dmyt

Transit mark

TUNIS R P 4:15 15=11 02

TUNISIE



Arrival mark

MAKTAR ★17-11 02

REGENCE DE TUNIS



Maktar is located to 163 km of Tunis and it “took” 2 days to make this distance.

Afrique Orientale Allemande - Occupation Belge: Karema Ch. Hénuzet on an idea by Léo Tavano (Cahier du Congo)

KAREMA

INTRODUCTION

In 1877, the first mission of the AIA (International Association for Africa), led by Major Ernest Cambier, crossed East Africa from Zanzibar. After arriving at Lake Tanganyika, a station was established at KAREMA. This episode is recounted in detail in the luxurious book by Patrick Maselis: *From the Azores to New Zealand*. (Roularta books, 2005).

DEUTSCH – OSTAFRIKA (D.O.A.)

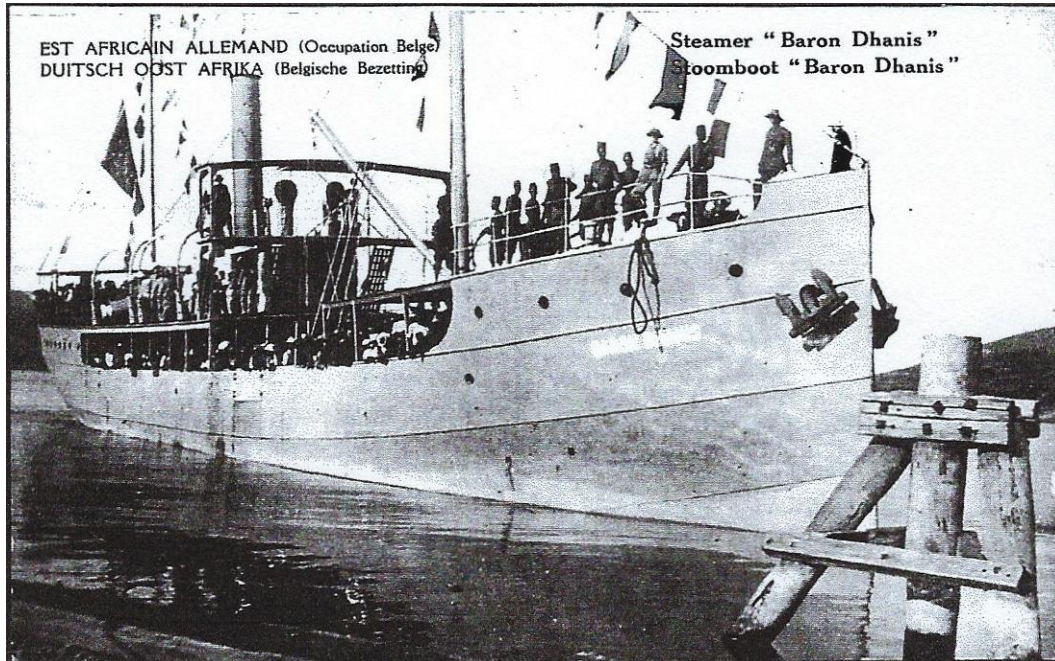
During the German colonial period from 1888 to 1916, there was no post office at KAREMA

BELGIAN OCCUPATION of D.O.A.- TANGANYKA

From 3 to 16 August 1916, the IV Brigade moved to KAREMA. It was reinforced on 9 August by the VI brigade, transported there by the " *Vengeur* ". From 21 August, these troops marched towards TABORA.

After the victorious campaign to take TABORA, most of the Belgians forces were evacuated to the Congo. However, a battalion remained on duty at KAREMA from 17 January 1917. Note the presence there of the VI Battalion on 21 March 1917, which was relieved by the X Battalion on 21 April 1917. These troops participated in the so-called Mahenge campaign.

On 23 October 1918 the I Battalion embarked for KAREMA aboard the "Baron Dhanis"



PROVISIONAL PERIOD: 1916 (August)

Commander HEENEN took the initiative to overprint stamps with the words "KAREMA". This overprint issue has no official status and the stamps are considered to be souvenirs. The overprint was carried out by means of a typewriter with a ribbon of purple ink.

There are typographic variations/errors: " KAREMM ", " KARMA ", " KARÉMA ", etc... They are found alone or isolated with cancellation of Albertville. We know of another overprint: "KAREMA September 9, 1916" in red ink. It is found with other dates. This red ink production is fanciful.

Overprinted with a typewriter



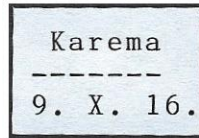
KAREMA in purple

Karema



Karema

9 . X . 16 .



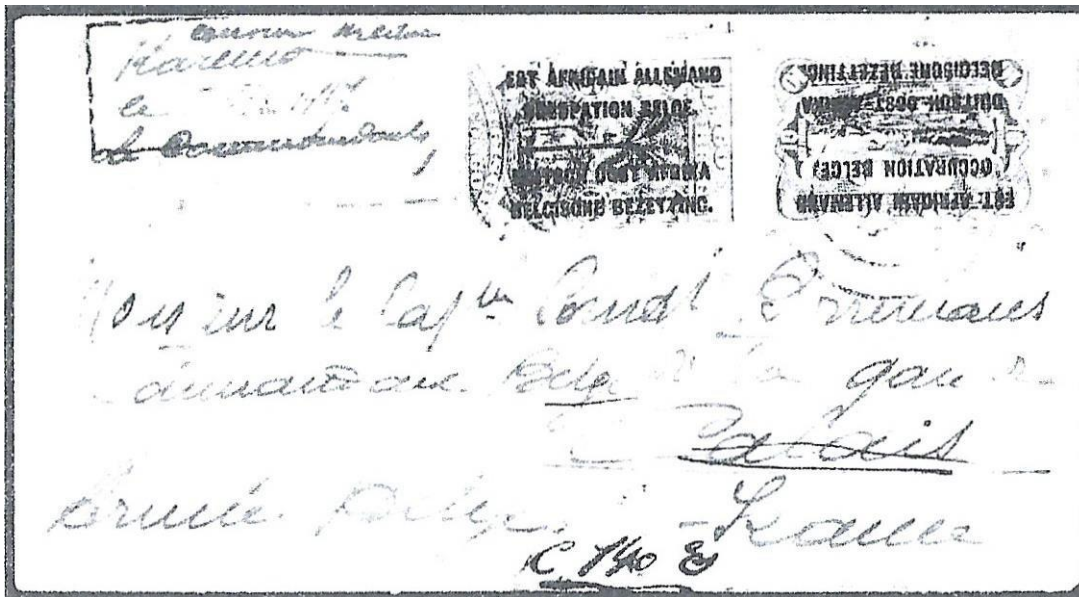
15 c. green stamp from plate V - C1 (pos. 12), the plate that presents this overprint. But, the stamps produced from this plate are known to be from September 1918.

This shows that this issue is fanciful.

YEAR 1917

In 1917, there was no post office, either military or civilian. Mail is purchased via KIGOMA.

Cover 1: A letter from KAREMA to the Belgian Army – CALAIS

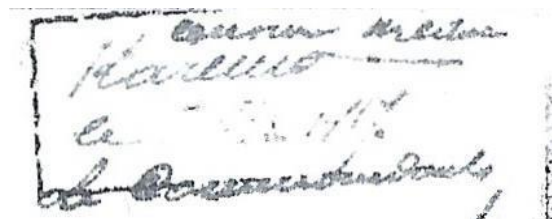


Censorship mark (at top left):

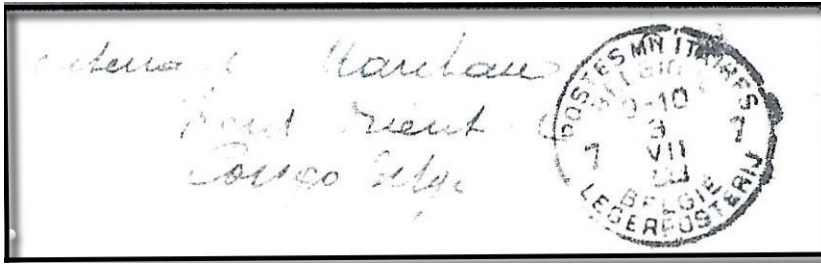
KAREMA

Le 24 APR. 1917

Le commandant HEENEN



The letter was cancelled in transit at KIGOMA on 3 MY 1917



Arrival postmark: Belgian Military Posts N°7: 3 VII

YEAR 1918, CIVILIAN POST OFFICE



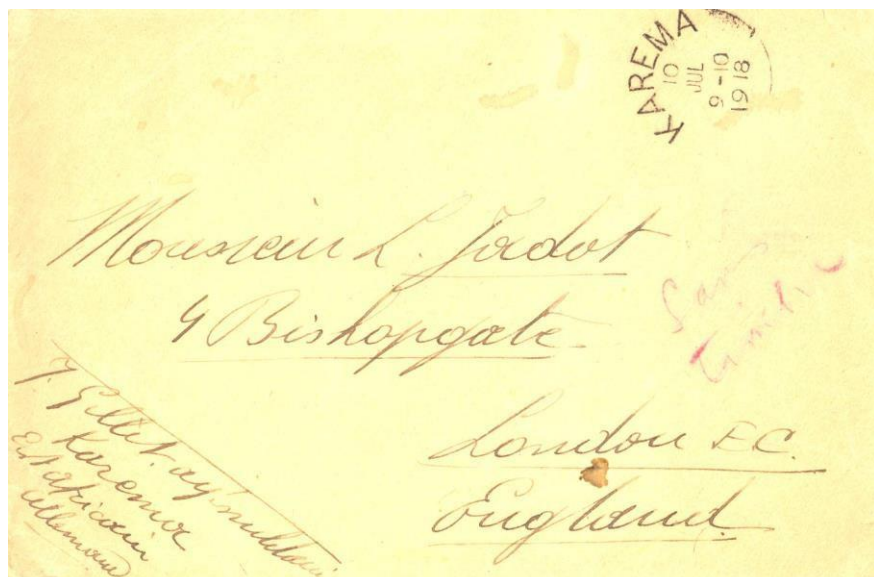
A civilian post office was opened in KAREMA. It received a semi-circular hand stamp of the curved type, with the month present in English. This office was taken over by the Belgian Occupation Government, probably in June 1917.

In December 1917, the postal inspector proposed adding an auxiliary postal office to facilitate the postal relations with the mission, Europeans attached to the mica mine and some traders. This is why, no doubt, a stamp similar to that of KIGALI, KITEGA or USUMBURA was ordered from the British in May/June 1918.

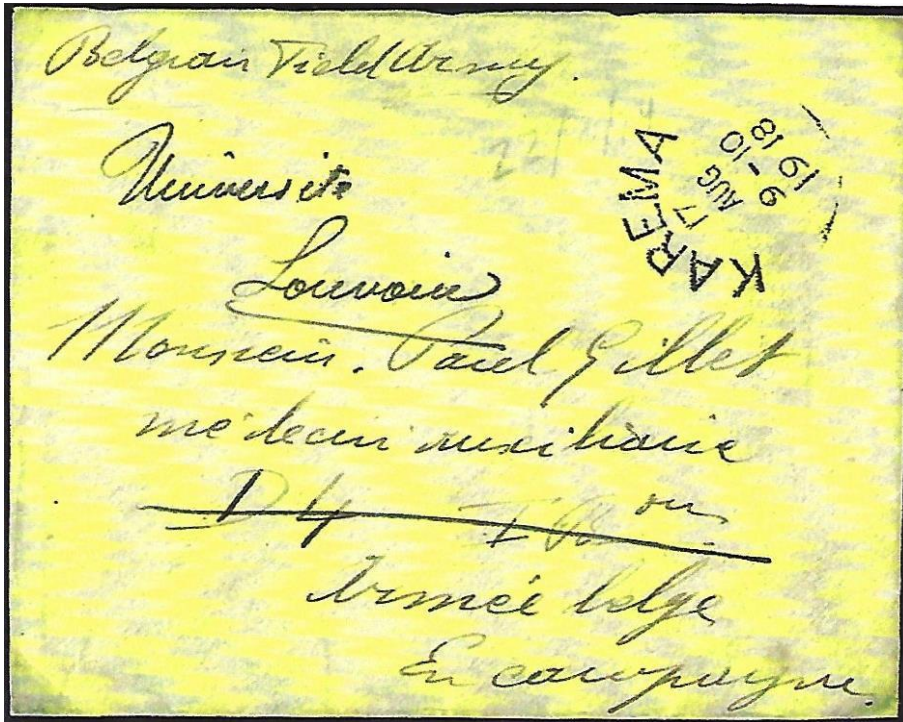
This hand-stamp is known, essentially, with the date of December 31 1918 as an obliteration of convenience on philatelic documents.

We know of its regular use:

Cover 2: 10 July (JY) 1918, military franchise letter (S.M.) of Gillet, military agent, posted from KAREMA



Cover 3: 17 August (AUG) 1918 to a military doctor of the Belgian army in the field, posted from KAREMA.



(In the collection of P Maselis)

There is, on the back, a Kigoma double circle transit hand stamp type B, 20 AUG 18

Cover 4: 20 December 1918, a post card addressed to Italy



Hand stamp without an outer circle KAREMA 1918

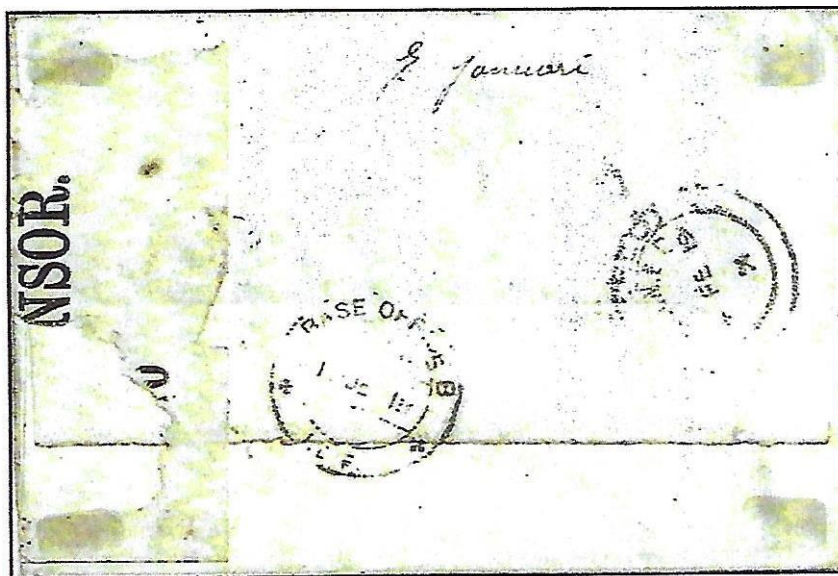
Cover 5: A letter sent to Antwerp by registered military duty-free mail. (i.e. On Active Service.) The 25c Belgian Congo stamp, used to pay the registration fee, is cancelled

KAREMA 3 DEC 1918. The Belgian Congo registration label has a handwritten inscription:

"Karema /EAA. Occupation Belge".



On the back, there is a transit hand stamp "Base Office B, 1 DE 18" and a London 4 FE 19 arrival mark. Examined and closed with British censorship closure tape.



Cover 6: Postal Stationery (SPB/BCSC Catalogue N°12) cancelled Karema 20 DEC 1918 to Mons.

Arrival hand stamp Mons 1 III 1919, from where the card was redirected to Hyon.

Hyon hand stamp 2 MARCH 1919



31 DECEMBER 1918

In 1918, the eastern coast of Lake Tanganyika was annexed by the British and attached to the TANGANYIKA TERRITORY. After that, the Belgian KAREMA Office was closed and we estimate the closing date to be 31 December. Probably, it was on this occasion that these memories were realized. Many philatelic souvenirs were made using the curved type civilian hand stamp, dated on December 31, 1918.

This hand-stamp is known:

1. On the eight values overprinted EAA-OB (German East Africa-Belgian Occupation)



5c green



15c green



10c carmine



25c blue



50c lilac brown

2. On the nine values of the issue " RED CROSS A. O." of May 1918



5c + 10c



10c + 15c



15c + 20c



25c + 25c



40c + 40c



50c + 50c



1Fr + 1Fr



5Fr + 5Fr



10Fr + 10Fr

3. On the eight "E.A.A.-O.B." values marked "TAXES" (type of TABORA).



TAXES



15 c green



5 Fr ochre



5 c green

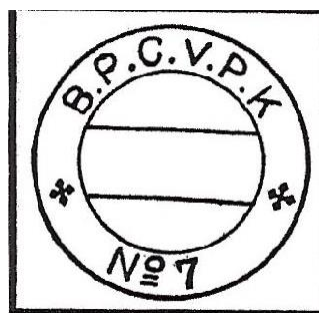


25 c blue



1 Fr olive

YEAR 1918, MILITARY POST OFFICE



B.P.C. – V.P.K. N°7

A military office operated from March (?) to November 1918.

This postmark is known on isolated stamps, dated 1 March and 6 December.

A recent discovery allows us to locate the use of military postmark B.P.C.-V.P.K. No.7 in KAREMA on April 20, 1918.

Harmonie den 17-4-1918
Beste Vriend, Joseph
Hoe is daar nog met u en je maat.

← KAREMA



Op uw Home-Vriend
à Vanden Kerkhof
Sous-officier Télégraphiste
C.O. Est. Afrique allemand

←
 Sous-officier
 Télégraphiste
 C.O. Est Africa
 allemand

In a private collection



B.P.C.-V.P.K. N°7, 6 NOV 18

FANTASY CANCELLATION

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Simple circle: KAREMA 23 NOV 1916 on stamps with faked overprints of the "Tombeur" URUNDI production,



KAREMA : Fantasy mark

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Stamp 5c green

plate VI – F, 1921 issue !!!

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Charles Stockmans www.congoposte.be

Unknown Kenya censorship with number "N Released 4" in a double ring.

W. Deijnckens

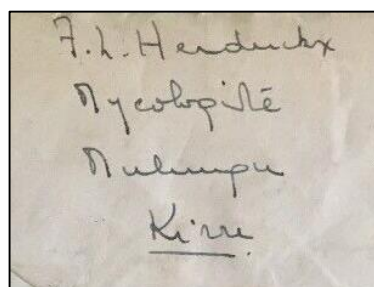
Both Kenya and Uganda used the letter N in their censorship mark. Until now, I had seen a censorship mark "N Released 9" in a double ring, in the work of J. Oth. He attributed this to Uganda.



The letter below was offered for sale on e-bay in September 2022, sent from Costermansville to Nairobi, Kenya in 1943 and has a double ring censorship "N Released 4" stamp. To date, this has not been reported.

Unfortunately, there was no image of the back of the letter. Normally, the censorship label *Opened by examiner* has a "N/" with a number under the *Opened by examiner* text to distinguish the location of the censorship agency.

F.H. Hendrickx was a mycologist who probably stayed in Muhinga (Urundi).



POSTAL AUCTION SALE 2022-3 REALISED PRICES

| LOT | PRICE | LOT | PRICE | LOT | PRICE | LOT | PRICE |
|-----|-------|-----|--------|-----|-------|-----|--------|
| 1 | 2,50 | 45 | | 89 | 3,50 | 133 | |
| 2 | | 46 | | 90 | | 134 | 6,00 |
| 3 | | 47 | | 91 | | 135 | |
| 4 | 9,00 | 48 | | 92 | 29,00 | 136 | 7,00 |
| 5 | | 49 | | 93 | 31,00 | 137 | 12,25 |
| 6 | 3,00 | 50 | | 94 | | 138 | |
| 7 | 3,00 | 51 | | 95 | | 139 | 10,25 |
| 8 | 3,00 | 52 | 4,50 | 96 | 21,00 | 140 | 8,25 |
| 9 | 3,00 | 53 | 7,00 | 97 | 4,00 | 141 | 0,75 |
| 10 | | 54 | | 98 | | 142 | 0,75 |
| 11 | | 55 | | 99 | | 143 | |
| 12 | | 56 | | 100 | 22,00 | 144 | 52,00 |
| 13 | | 57 | 99,00 | 101 | | 145 | 6,25 |
| 14 | 31,00 | 58 | 595,00 | 102 | | 146 | 2,05 |
| 15 | 9,25 | 59 | | 103 | | 147 | 8,25 |
| 16 | 4,25 | 60 | | 104 | | 148 | 16,00 |
| 17 | 5,00 | 61 | | 105 | | 149 | 8,50 |
| 18 | 5,25 | 62 | 9,50 | 106 | | 150 | 7,00 |
| 19 | 4,50 | 63 | 3,25 | 107 | | 151 | |
| 20 | 4,50 | 64 | | 108 | | 152 | |
| 21 | 6,25 | 65 | | 109 | | 153 | |
| 22 | 6,25 | 66 | | 110 | 2,75 | 154 | |
| 23 | 6,25 | 67 | | 111 | | 155 | 5,75 |
| 24 | | 68 | | 112 | 0,75 | 156 | 22,00 |
| 25 | | 69 | | 113 | 31,00 | 157 | 16,00 |
| 26 | 0,50 | 70 | | 114 | | 158 | |
| 27 | | 71 | 385,00 | 115 | | 159 | |
| 28 | 0,75 | 72 | 5,50 | 116 | | 160 | |
| 29 | | 73 | 1,50 | 117 | | 161 | 410,00 |
| 30 | | 74 | | 118 | 8,00 | 162 | 29,00 |
| 31 | | 75 | | 119 | | 163 | 29,00 |
| 32 | | 76 | | 120 | | 164 | |
| 33 | 12,50 | 77 | | 121 | 27,00 | 165 | 9,50 |
| 34 | 3,00 | 78 | | 122 | 19,50 | 166 | 4,00 |
| 35 | 3,00 | 79 | | 123 | | 167 | 3,00 |
| 36 | 5,50 | 80 | | 124 | | 168 | 5,00 |
| 37 | 20,00 | 81 | 0,80 | 125 | 4,00 | 169 | 42,00 |
| 38 | 3,75 | 82 | | 126 | 9,00 | 170 | 26,00 |
| 39 | 5,75 | 83 | 29,00 | 127 | 5,00 | 171 | |
| 40 | 15,25 | 84 | 114,00 | 128 | | 172 | 19,50 |
| 41 | 2,25 | 85 | 21,00 | 129 | | 173 | 8,50 |
| 42 | 5,25 | 86 | 52,00 | 130 | 2,00 | | |
| 43 | 5,00 | 87 | 27,00 | 131 | | | |
| 44 | | 88 | | 132 | | | |

Bidding form - BCSC 2023-1

To be sent to

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CLOSING DATE FOR BIDS – 15th MAY 2023

Name: Date:

Full Address: Signature:

Auction Rules

Abbreviations used

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|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| U.M. | = unmounted mint – unused with original gum in Post Office state, never hinged. | <div style="text-align: center;">GUM</div> |
| L.M. | = lightly hinged - unused with original gum, mounted with a peelable hinge. | |
| O.G. | = original gum - unused with gum slightly disturbed or alternatively having a previous hinge | |
| Part O.G. | = part original gum – unused with original gum. Large hinge remnants may or may not be present. | |

CB – Congo Belge; COB – Catalogue Officiel Belge number; RU – Ruanda-Urundi;

Designation of cancellations are in accordance with the Heim & Keach classification

Postal stationery: According to Postal Stationery from Congo & Ruanda-Urundi (2021) Winand

Bidding steps

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|------|------|-------|-----|---------|
| 0 | to | 5 € | per | 0.05 € |
| 5€ | to | 25 € | per | 0.25 € |
| 25€ | to | 50 € | per | 1.00 € |
| 50€ | to | 250 € | per | 2.00 € |
| 250€ | to | 500 € | per | 5.00 € |
| | over | 500 € | per | 10.00 € |

Postage on lots will be charged to buyers

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| <u>Lot No.</u> | <u>Limit (Euros)</u> | <u>Lot No.</u> | <u>Limit (Euros)</u> | <u>Lot No.</u> | <u>Limit (Euros)</u> |
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To submit more bids, please send them entered on a 2nd (& more) copy/copies of this bidding form.

| Lot | SALE 2023/1 Description | COB # | Min. Bid € |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Katanga 10/1960 issue, overprint "etat du Katanga", 20c (230) + 50c (130), all UM and in blocks of 10 or strips of 5 | 40/41 | 1,00 |
| 2 | Burundi 1975 issue African Animals, # COB 672/95 + PA 368/91, full sets in sheets (8 series), used, COB value 80 € | 672/95 + PA 368/91 | 8,00 |
| 3 | Katanga 03/1961 issue, 10c (1130), all UM and in full sheets, half-sheets or large blocks | 52 | 3,00 |
| 4 | Katanga 03/1961 issue, 20c (485), all UM and in half-sheets or large blocks | 53 | 2,00 |
| 5 | Katanga 09/1960 issue, Flowers with overprint Katanga 10c (297) + 40c (75), all UM, in large blocks (of 10, 20 or 25) | 23 + 27 | 1,50 |
| 6 | Belgian Congo 1952 Flowers issue, 10c (74), 15c (55), 20c (50), 40c (25), 50c (50), 60c (50), UM, in large blocks or half-sheet, COB value over 90 € | 302/8 | 3,75 |
| 7 | Belgian Congo 1952 Flowers issue, 10c to 50c in full sheets of 100 stamps, UM, COB value 120 € | 302/7 | 6,00 |
| 8 | Belgian Congo 1952 Flowers issue, 10c and 15c in full sheets of 100 stamps, UM, COB value 20 € | 302/3 | 1,00 |
| 9 | Belgian Congo 1959 African Animals issue, 20c, 40c and 50c in full sheets of 100 stamps, UM, COB value 70 € | 351/3 | 3,50 |
| 10 | Ruanda-Urundi 1953 Flowers issue, 10c (125), 15c (50), 20c (75), 25c (25), 40c (75), 50c (200), UM, in large blocks of 25 or 50 stamps | | 2,50 |
| 11 | Ruanda-Urundi 1953 Flowers issue, 10c, 25c, 40c, 50c, UM, in 4 large blocks of 25 stamps | | 0,75 |
| 12 | Ruanda-Urundi 1953 Flowers issue, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 40c, UM, each in full sheet of 100 stamps | | 6,00 |
| 13 | Ruanda-Urundi 1959 African Animals issue, 10c, 20c, 40c, 50c, UM, each in full sheet of 100 stamps | | 3,75 |
| 14 | Ruanda-Urundi 1959 African Animals issue, 10c & 20c, UM, each in full sheet of 100 stamps | | 1,50 |
| Belgian Congo stamps | | | |
| 15 | Interesting information sheet about the delivery of money by means of money order from Sweden to the Congo State (8 august 1893). <i>In Swedish</i> | | 1,25 |
| 16 | 1918 Red Cross issue, full set, LH | 72/80 | 60,00 |
| 17 | 1909 issue local overprint L1, 5c green, no gum + 10 c carmine, LH, both L1 | 30L + 31L | 1,50 |
| 18 | 1889 issue 5F violet surcharge "Colis postaux 3,50 Fr" Cancellation Boma 16 AVRIL ?890. <i>Repaired. With BCSC certificate</i> | CP4 | 85,00 |
| 19 | 1889 issue 5F violet surcharge "Colis postaux 3,50 Fr" <i>Regummed. With BCSC certificate</i> | CP4 | 210,00 |
| 20 | 1889 issue 5F violet surcharge "Colis postaux 3,50 Fr" Cancellation Boma 20 AOUT 1891. <i>Repaired right upper corner. With BCSC certificate</i> | CP4 | 95,00 |
| 21 | 1918 Red Cross issue, full set UM or LH | 72/80 | 45,00 |
| 22 | 1921 issue 10c/5c green of the 1915 issue , block of 4, UM (2) and LH (2) | 86A | 60,00 |
| 23 | 1894 issue 3F50 vermilion, used, Boma 1903 | 27 | 32,00 |
| Ruanda Urundi stamps | | | |
| 24 | 1930 issue, full set, LH | 81/89 | 14,00 |
| 25 | 1941 issue, full set, 1,75 F & 2,75 F with surcharge, LH (nearly UM) | 122/3 | 2,00 |
| 26 | 1960 issue, two full sets on 2 FDC's | 217/8 | 0,50 |
| 27 | 1922 issue full set LH | 45/49 | 1,25 |

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| 28 | 1936 issue full set UM | 108/10 | 1,50 |
| 29 | 1918 Red Cross issue, 1F olive (2), perf 14, LH and OG | 42 | 1,00 |
| 30 | 1925 Vloors issue 1,75/1,50 blue, block of four, UM/LH | 76 | 1,00 |
| 31 | 1925 Colonial Campaigns issue, block of four, UM | 77/8 | 1,25 |
| 32 | 1931 Vloors w/surcharge issue, full set, UM | 90/1 | 4,00 |
| 33 | 1929 Vloors issue full set (pair) UM | 79/80 | 1,00 |
| 34 | 1941 issue 5c/40c green UM | 114 + 95 | 5,50 |
| 35 | 1942 issue full set UM in blocks of four with sheet margin | 148/9 | 8,00 |
| 36 | 1955 issue full set UM | 196/9 | 5,50 |
| Belgian Congo – stamps & covers | | | |
| 37 | Airmail cover from Costermansville 13-5-1948 to Brussels | 252 (2), PA 17(4) | 2,75 |
| 38 | 1909 typo overprint issue, 40c blue-green (3) used | 44 | 1,50 |
| 39 | 1909 typo overprint issue, 15c ochre, typo 2 overprint, used | 42 | 1,75 |
| 40 | 1894 issue 10c carmine, UM (but "tropical gum"), perf 14 | 19 | 5,00 |
| 41 | 1909 typo overprint issue, 50c olive (6), used, <i>included are Basoko & Luali cancellations</i> | 45 | 3,50 |
| 42 | 1894 issue 10c carmine, UM (but " <i>interleaving tissue adhering</i> "), block of ten (pos. 16 to 25, unknown plate), perf 14 | 19 | 10,00 |
| 43 | 1910 issue, 5c green, 10c carmine, 15c ochre, UM, blocks of four, sheet corners | 54/56 | 4,00 |
| 44 | 1909 typo overprint issue, 1F carmine (7), used, included are good cancellations & Kwamouth telegraphic cancellation | 46 | 9,50 |
| 45 | 1910 issue, 5c to 50c, used, in blocks of four | 54/9 | 5,00 |
| 46 | 1910 issue 40c blue-green + 1F carmine, blocks of four, UM or LH | 58+60 | 11,50 |
| 47 | 1915 issue 1F olive in block of four sheet corner UM | 70 | 9,00 |
| 48 | 1910 issue 1F carmine, UM | 60 | 3,00 |
| 49 | 1910 issue 1F carmine, cancellation PANIA-MUTOMBO (2) | 60 | 1,50 |
| 50 | Air mail 1921 issue, small study with full set LH, full set UM in blocks of four, 50c block of four UM with antenna variety, 2F in bloc of 8 UM, 1F in bloc of 10 UM + 19 used stamps | PA1/4 | 38,00 |
| 51 | 1949 UPU miniature sheets (quantity printed 300), Congo (8 miniature sheets) & Ruanda-Urundi (4 miniature sheets), UM. Rare, pristine condition. | BL3A/10A + BLU1A/4A | 1150,00 |
| Belgian Congo postage due stamps. Without absolute guarantee of the authenticity of all overprints | | | |
| 52 | Postage due stamps, 1908 issue, 10c carmine with overprint T & MATADI linear hand-struck mark, no gum | TX2 | 3,00 |
| 53 | Postage due stamps, 1908 issue, 5c green, LH + 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, 1F carmine, used | TX1/4 +6+6Aa | 3,50 |
| 54 | Postage due stamps, 1909 issue typo overprint, 25c blue, 40c blue-green, 50c olive (2) LH or no gum | TX20/22 | 9,00 |
| 55 | Postage due stamps, 1909 issue typo overprint, 40c blue-green in pair, no gum | TX21 | 2,00 |
| 56 | Postage due stamps, 1909 issue typo overprint, 15c olive, used | TX19 | 2,25 |
| 57 | Postage due stamps, 1909 issue typo overprint, 3F50 red, LH, one short perf on upper side | TX24 | 11,00 |
| 58 | Postage due stamps, 1909 unilingual issue, 5c, 10c, 50c (2) LH or no gum | TX27/8, 30 | 4,00 |
| 59 | Postage due stamps, 1910 issue, 5c to 1F, LH or no gum | TX31/37 | 6,00 |
| 60 | Postage due stamps, 1915 issue, full set except 40c, used | TX41/8 | 2,00 |
| 61 | Postage due stamps, 1915 issue, 1F olive, used, in block of four | TX47 | 1,25 |
| Belgian Congo stamps | | | |

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| 62 | Vloors 1923, 1925, 1927 issues : collection of 55 stamps with chosen cancellations, included Thysville (4) and Likasi (2) octagonal cancellations, Bukama, Lusambo, Dima, Kilo, Niangara, Kindu, Lukolela, Basankusu, Dima, etc | among 106/17, 118/31, 134 | 23,00 |
| 63 | Vloors 1923 issue 5F slate-coloured, used, in block of four | 116 | 8,00 |
| 64 | Vloors 1923 issue 10F black, beautiful cancellation of Elisabethville + cancellation Bumba, block of four, used | 117 | 25,00 |
| 65 | Vloors 1925 issue, 1,50 blue with large T mark (postage due stamps mark), no gum | 130 | 0,50 |
| 66 | 1931 Vloors with surcharge issue 50/45c violet, block of four, used | 160 | 3,75 |
| 67 | Vloors 1925 issue, 1,75 blue, block of four, used | 131 | 6,00 |
| 68 | 1930 issue, full set, used | 150/8 | 19,00 |
| 69 | 1931 Stanley with surcharge issue, full set LH or UM + 1F25 pink-carmine in both formats + 2F slate-colored, strip of 3 (large format), used | 162/7 | 14,00 |
| 70 | 1931 issue miniature sheet of 8 stamps (from booklet) 75c carmine-red, UM (tropical gum) | 175 | 2,00 |
| 71 | 1931 issue miniature sheet of 8 stamps (from booklet) 75c carmine-red, used | 175 | 1,00 |
| 72 | 1931 issue miniature sheet of 8 stamps (from booklet) 2,50F blue, UM | 178A | 4,00 |
| 73 | 1931 issue, collection of 96 stamps, included 7 pairs, all with chosen cancellations : Kamituga, Moerbeke, Niangara, Nizi, Luebo, Lusambo, Buta, Libenge, Kalina, Paquebot Thysville, etc | 168/182 | 6,50 |
| 74 | 1931 issue 5F violet-brown with boxed "TAXES" overprint (used as postage due stamp), used | 181 | 1,00 |
| 75 | 1931 issue 20F sepia-brown, UM, block of four | 183 | 7,00 |
| 76 | 1941 issue, full set (75c pink in pair), used | 214/24 | 4,00 |
| Belgian Congo. Covers & postal stationery | | | |
| 77 | Aerogram type 2H from Elisabethville to Brighton, England. Additional stamps 2x 1F of 1958 issue | 2H | 3,50 |
| 78 | Aerogram type 2V from Leopoldville to Brussels, Belgium | 2V | 3,00 |
| 79 | Registered airmail cover from Leopoldville 23-2-42 to Durban, South Africa. South African Censor tape | | 12,00 |
| 80 | Airmail cover from Coquilhatville 13-3-41 to Durban, South Africa. Belgian Congo censor linear mark "Censure Congo Belge". Elisabethville transit cachet 16-3-41. South African Censor tape. On both sides of the cover is a 3 lines linear mark who reads "14.3.41 - 1r départ-Liaison Aérienne Congo Belge-Afrique du Sud" | | 20,00 |
| 81 | Internal airmail cover from Basankusu 12-9-36 to Leopoldville | | 18,00 |
| 82 | Internal airmail cover from Stanleyville 12-3-38 to Leopoldville (one stamp is damaged) | | 18,00 |
| 83 | Picture postcard (Kinshasa, Grand Hôtel), with, on back side, Ruanda-Urundi 1942 issue stamps from 5c to 30c, cancellation Usumbura 4-7-46, CTO | 126/31 | 1,00 |
| 84 | Postcard from Brussels 25-2-38 to Coquilhatville (cancellation Coquilhatville ?-3-38) and back to Belgium. | | 4,00 |
| Miscellaneous books | | | |
| 85 | Road Map of Belgian Congo & Ruanda-Urundi, by Touring Club du Congo Belge, in French | | 8,00 |
| 86 | 10 photographs of subjects and paintings used on Mols-Van Engelen stamps (1894) | | 15,00 |
| 87 | Old photocopies of 3 books by Compagnie Maritime Belge du Congo, bound in one book, : "Le service postal rapide entre Anvers et le Congo" + "le voyage d'Anvers au Congo" + "Notre colonie", in French | | 2,50 |
| 88 | Catalogue Willy Balasse 1949 , tome III : Congo Belge. Very good condition. In French | | 17,50 |
| 89 | Mail boat Services from Europe to the Belgian Congo (1879-1922) by Abbe G. Gudenkauff, Belgian Congo Study Circle. Cockrill Series Booklet N°41 | | 12,00 |

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| 90 | Belgian Congo : Postal history of the Lado enclave 1897-1910, by Abbe G. Gudenkauff, Belgian Congo Study Circle. Cockrill Series Booklet N°44 | | 14,00 |
| 91 | Mail boat Steamers on Congo Rivers & lakes (1896-1940); Postal history and cancellations, by Abbe G. Gudenkauff, Belgian Congo Study Circle. Cockrill Series Booklet N°43 | | 12,00 |
| 92 | The Congo Free State 1653-1909, by Patrick Maselis (2010), Collectors Club New York | | 4,00 |
| Miscellaneous : stamps, postal stationery & covers | | | |
| 93 | Zaire, 1980 issue, Belgian Kings, full set, UM | 1066/70 | 2,50 |
| 94 | Zaire, 1979 issue, Zaire River expedition, full set, used (Kinshasa first day cancellation), in 2 miniature sheets | BL30A/B | 2,50 |
| 95 | Burundi 07/1970 issue, African Animals and Nile River, full set of 4 miniature sheets, UM, perforated and imperforated. Pristine condition. COB 200 € | BL39B,C,D & E | 25,00 |
| 96 | Burundi 03/1973 issue, Stanley & Livingstone, miniature sheet, UM, perforated. Pristine condition | BL66 | 0,50 |
| 97 | Burundi 03/1973 issue, Stanley & Livingstone, three airmail covers to Sweden with (1) full set, (2) 5F & 13F, (3)27F | 555/7 + PA265/7 | 1,00 |
| 98 | Belgian Congo 1930 issue, full set, LH | 150/8 | 19,00 |
| 99 | Belgian Congo, Paquebot Thysville cancellations on 4 Vloors stamps (5c green thinned) | | 1,50 |
| 100 | Belgian Congo Postal Stationery, postcard palm tree 5c yellow-green, #42, view 29, used with additional stamp, cancellation Kabinda 4 FEVR 1919, to Belgium | #42 | 2,50 |
| 101 | Belgian Congo Postal Stationery, postcard palm tree 10c brown + 15c blue, #17 (2 parts), written and CTO | #17 | 1,00 |
| 102 | Belgian Congo, cover from KASENYI to Plainfield, New Jersey, USA, in bad condition, but the content is quite interesting & consists on about ten sheets over life in Belgian Congo in 1932 | | 0,25 |
| 103 | Congo Republic 1960 African Animals issue + 1963 Red Cross issue, full sets on FDC's | 400/11 + 495/02 | 2,00 |