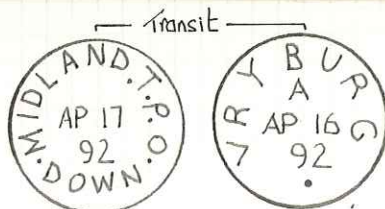


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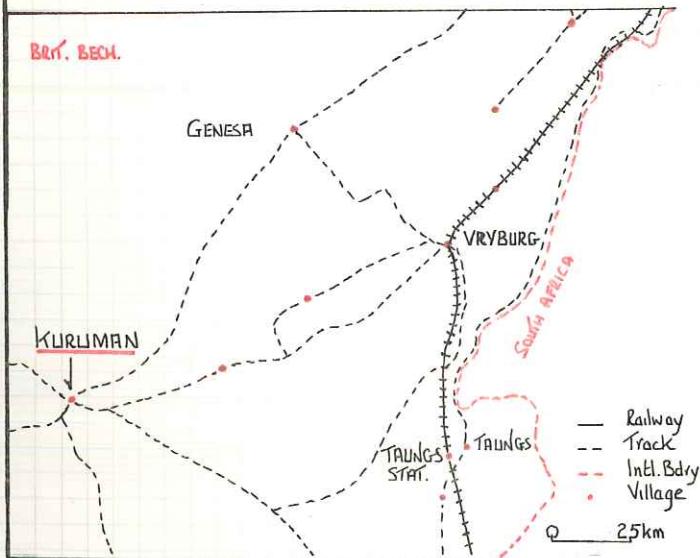
'MITSENHAGE. C.G.H. APR 17 92'

Cover to Mitsenhage Cape Colony
with KURUMAN numeral cancellor
'534' and CDS in blue.

Cover bears 1891 Provisional 2d
piste Ovpt. British Bechuanaland
in typeset print (SG.32).

The earliest usage for SG.32 was
JA 12 92 From VRYBURG. The
above cover bears the earliest
use of this stamp from Kuruman.

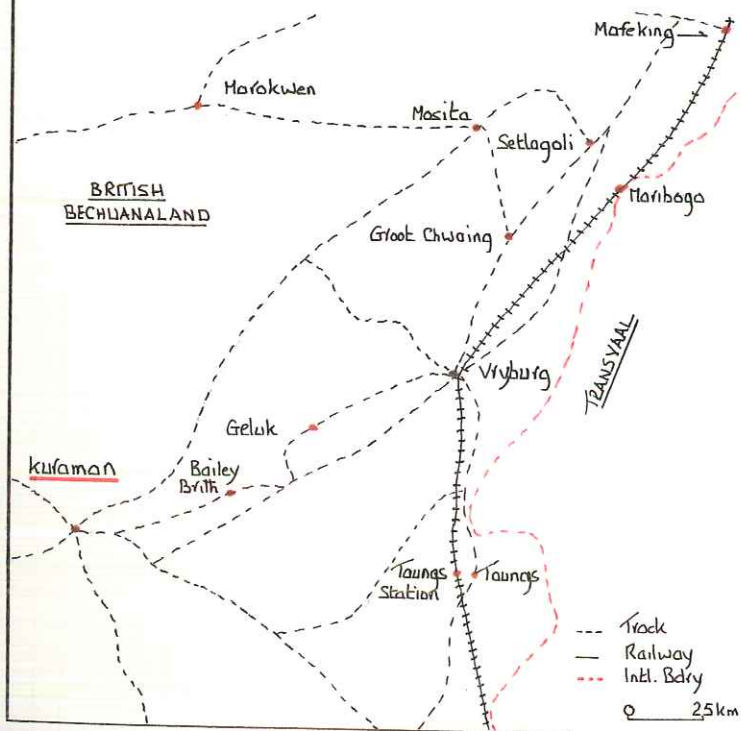
Backstamped VRYBURG APR 16 92
and the Train cancellation
'MIDLAND T.P.O. Down' (Travelling
Post Office).



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1888 (Jan.) 1d brown on buff card (G.B. 1883 issue) from A.J. Gould, Kuruman, with message in Tsuana. Transit VRYBURG 0C 16 91 and KIMBERLEY 0C 17 91. The railway had been opened to Vryburg in December 1890 and was under construction to Mafeking.



An office was opened at Kuruman on 28th May 1886. Miss Amy Willmore was appointed Postmistress on 9 June 1886 at a salary of £6 per annum. Halmes records the use of blue ink at this office.



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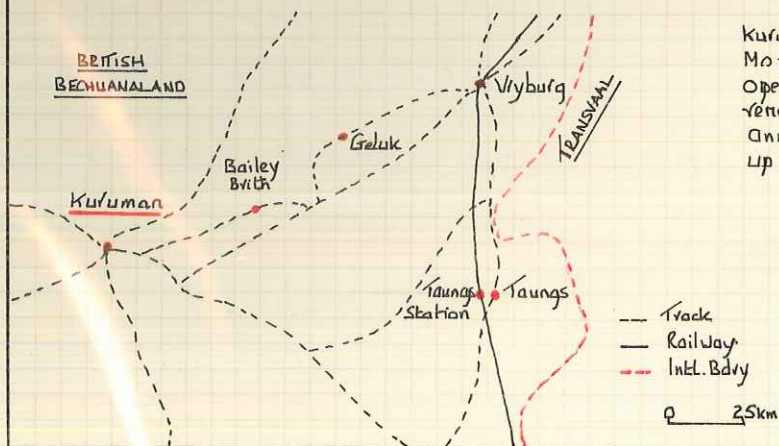
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Var: Broken Band
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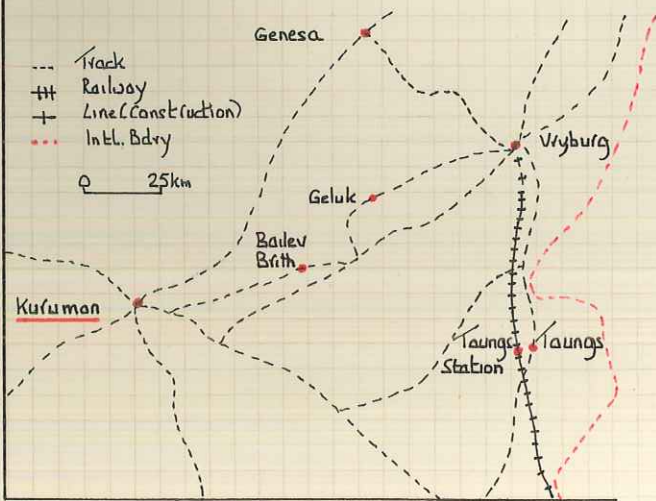
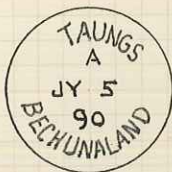
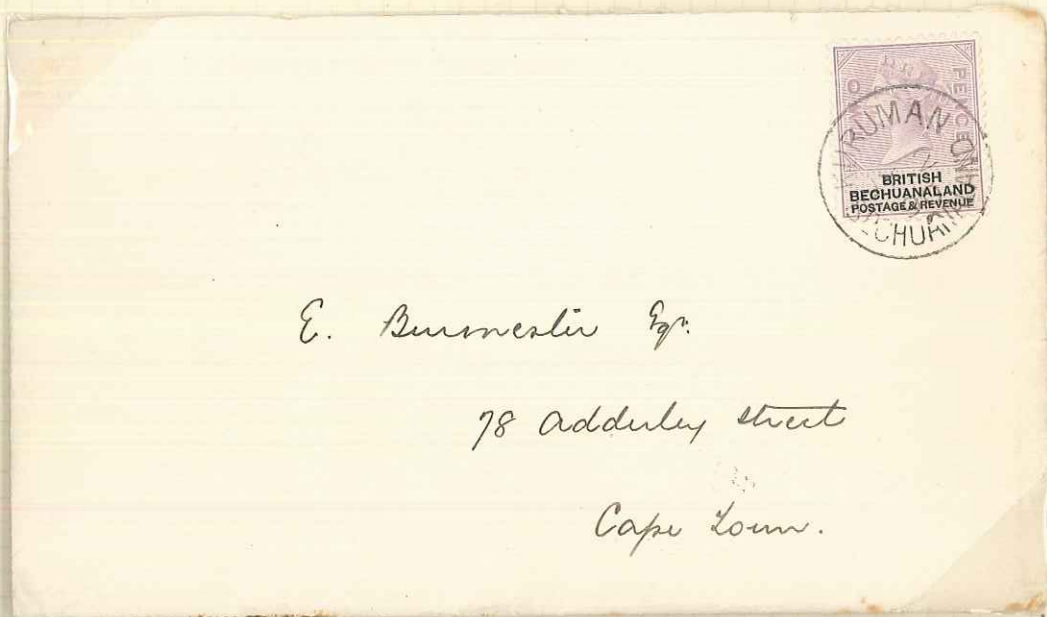


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JY 9 90



Kuruman was the headquarters of Robert Moffat from 1821. A post office was opened on 28th May 1886. The date stamp remained in use for several years after annexation in late 1895 and certainly up to the start of the Boer War in 1899.

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Cover from Kuruman dated JY 2 90 bearing 1887 Unappropriated Die 2d pale dull Lilac and black (SG. 11a) to Cape Town. TAUNGS (JY 5 90) and KIMBERLEY (JY 6 90) transit with Cape Town arrival. The letter was routed to the rail head at Taungs. The track to Vryburg was not opened until December 1890.

Enclosure: 'I enclose a money order for £1/- in payment for the making of a brooch and postage on same.'
Yours very sincerely
Bairville (May)