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Editor's Message

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Dear Fellow Collectors,

The final issue of volume 42 is in front of you, marking the completion of my second year as Editor. Having not heard any complaints, I assume I will be in this role for a while longer.

While on my visit to the Netherlands, I visited the Hollandfila Beurs (exchange) in Barneveld. While the emphasis appeared to be on stamps, I was able to add to my postal history collection.

As you may know, there are no longer any post offices in the Netherlands. The picture shows how the mail is sorted in Garderen.





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Looking forward to those checks!

Ben Jansen, Secretary

### Great Britain Post Office Wrapper to Bandjermasin, Borneo—A Follow-Up

by Ben H. Jansen

Issue 42-5 had an article by John K. Courtis on the only Great Britain post office postal stationery wrapper that has been recorded mailed to Bandjermasin, Borneo. While much detail about the wrapper, the writer and the

addressee were uncovered, questions remained about the word

preceding '13258' in the address (see Figure 1).

Den heer Cecil H. S. Austin Sergeant schryner by het Wages Der artillerie Myhambro 13258 "Bandjermapine" Luid both Kust. "Borneo

Figure 1: Address of Borneo wrapper

I discovered that the National Archives of The Netherlands maintains the records of all soldiers and officers who served in the KNIL (Koninklijk Nederlands-Indies Leger = Royal Dutch Indies Army), and much of it is digitized.

By assuming that '13258' referred to some kind of regimental roll number, I was able to locate Cecil Austin in inventory num-

bers 2.10.50-1.2 -464, scan 137, which is shown

in Figure 2. From there we learn that Cecil Austin was born on Jamaica (British Indies) and arrived on the steamship 'Gelderland' from the Netherlands in 1881. Cecil's 'Algemeen Stamboek Nummer' (general regimental roll number) was indeed 13258. Since a common abbreviation would be 'Alg. stamb. no.' it appears that the unreadable word is just that, but without the periods.

The column 'Aanmerkingen' (remarks) contained the number S24059 (it took a while before I realized that the first character was 'S') which referred to inventory numbers 2.10.50-1.2-203. This concerns the 'Stamboek van Onder-Officieren en Manschappen' (Roll Call of Non-commissioned Officers and Enlist-

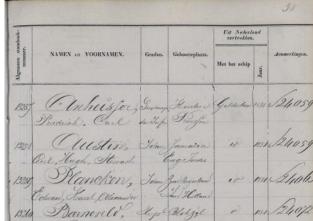


Figure 2: Regimental roll call of Cecil Austin

ed Men). Writing on the front page of this particular roll call (Figure 3) makes clear that it concerns the

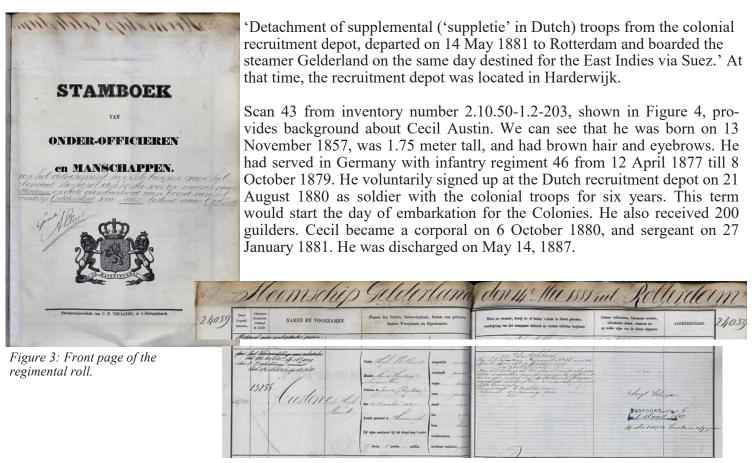


Figure 4: Austin's roll call information

#### 1936 D.E.I cover with Shanghai and US connections

by Hans Kremer



The cover shown in Figure 1 (a: front; b: back) was canceled with a December 3, 1936 Soerabaja marker and sent via the M. S. Tjinegara of the Java-China-Japan Lijn (Figure 2) to Irvington, New Jersey, USA. The sender is J.N. Lawrence with a Shanghai, China address.

Figure 1a: Soerabaja to New Jersey, December 3, 1936



Figure 1b: Back of Soerabaja to New Jersey cover

From 1850 to 1865 the colonial government contracted with several local shipping companies.

Around 1900, the Dutch consul in Shanghai saw opportunities for a Dutch shipping company to operate a line of steamships from Java to East Asia with an extension to North America. In 1902 with the aid of the Dutch Government, three Dutch shipping companies (Stoomvaart Maatschappij Nederland (SMN), Koninklijke Nederlandsche Stoomboot Maatschappij (KNSM), and the Rotterdamsche Lloyd (RL), which had also close relations with the KPM, started a new service from Java to China and Japan as the Java China Japan Line (JCJL). It was subsidized by the Dutch Government and three steamships with limited passengers accommodation were ordered.

Since the letter appeared to be transported by the **Tjinegara** first a bit of information about it. The Tjinegara was owned by the Java-China-Japan Line (Figure 2).

In the Dutch East Indies the development of steam ships gave rise to inter-insular mail services (pakketvaart). Like its counterparts in other European empires, the pakketvaart owed its prominence to government mail contracts.



Figure 2: Java-China-Japan Lijn / M.S Tjinegara marker

In 1932 the fleet consisted of 13 ships, among them the Tjinegara (Figure 3), built in Amsterdam in 1931. In 1942 the Tjinegara was confiscated by the US War Shipping Administration for Animal Transport. On July 25 of



that year it was torpedoed N.E of Australia by a Japanese U-boat. Everybody on board survived but the 477 horses on board perished.

Figure 3: M.S. Tjinegara

What do we know about the sender of the letter: J.N. Lawrence?

According to the USCS Naval Cachet Maker Catalog: "Lawrence was a prolific and very good cachet maker from 1934 to 1945. He produced a wide variety of commemorative, anniversary, and patriotic cacheted envelopes – printed, thermographed, photo, and hand done for himself and jointly sponsored cacheted covers with Marshall Hall, and Louis Nix. During WWII, Lawrence issued a series of patriotic cachets identified "JNL-#". For the most part, Lawrence did not sign his cachets; however his covers may be identified by his name on the reverse, printed, stamped, or, most often, typewritten."

Greg Ciesielski writes: "Because of the statement on the back "only filler enclosed", I am thinking this is a philatelic inspired cover going to a maritime collector who was seeking to obtain the ships marking from the Java-China-Japan Lijn. John Lawrence did this 'service' for collectors on a regular basis and also created covers for collectors using postmarks he made. This was illegal but the covers were impressive looking! Also, the circled "T" meant there was postage due but I see no evidence there was any attempt to collect the tax". (The correct rate should have been 15 cent, but only a 10 cent stamp was applied [HK]).

Since the Tjinegara arrived in Soerabaja on December 3, 1936 (Figure 4) we must assume that the letter was in-

De scheepsbeweging onze haven. Aangekomen d.d. 3 Dec. '36: de s.s. Ophir (K.P.M.), Tjinegara, Tjikembang (J.C.J.L.).

ship that day. Since the postage due was not collected and there is no New Jersey arrival marker on the letter it is hard to believe that this letter arrived (if at all) at its destination the proper way.

deed put on or already aboard the

As can be seen from Figure 5, Mr. Lawrence's address is "Regimental Hospital, Fourth Marines, M.C.E.F, Shanghai, China.

Figure 4: Tjinegara arrived Soerabaja December 3, 1936 (De Indische Courant, 5 Dec. 1936)

In 1927, the 4th Marines packed up their gear from their home base in San Diego, and shipped out for Shanghai where it was assigned to the 3rd Marine Brigade. For the next 14 years, the 4th Marines would be the primary defense force (Marine Corps Expeditionary Forces [M.C.E.F]) in Shanghai, protecting the International Settlement and American interests in China. The "China Marines", as they became known, would become a popular duty station and a feared adversary. The 4th Marines enjoyed a relatively good life in Shanghai that bal- Figure 5: Address of J.N. Lawrence anced social events with military activities. The



4th had its own band and a Drum and Trumpet Corps. Athletics played a big part of their China experience with baseball in the spring and summer and football at Thanksgiving. It also had its own Regimental Hospital (Figure 6). Since the Marines were on expeditionary duty, the regiment was not in a central barracks. Barracks, headquarters, hospitals and other facilities were in converted schools. The regimental hospital was at 375 Seymour Road.

Note: What the exact journey of this cover was we'll probably never know.



Figure 6: 4th Marines Regimental Hospital in Shanghai

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#### From Washington D.C. to the Netherlands in 1856 via New York, London and Ostend

by Erling Berger



The cover shown in Figure 1 was mailed from Washington, D.C. to Leiden in the Netherlands on February 6, 1856. It carries the endorsement 'Via Bremen,' but this letter was never in Bremen as will be shown here.

Figure 1: Cover to Leiden.

Figure 2 shows that the US steamer Hermann for Bremen had sailed on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1856 and the next con-

FROM NEW-YORK TO BREMEN-VIA SOUTHABILTON AND HAVRE.—The United States Mail steamship HERMANN, E. Higgins Commander, will sail for Bremen, touching at Southampton to land the mails and passengers for England and France, on SAT-UKDAY, Jan. 26, at 12 o'clock, M., from l'ier No. 37 North River.

All letters must pass through the Post-Office.

The steamer WASHINGTON will succeed the HER-MANN. and sail Feb. 23.

Figure 2: Message in New York Times of January 22, 1856

nection to Bremen was via the US steamer Washington which would sail on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Febru-

No mail would be accepted directly to the steamers, but had to go via the Post-Office.

There were no steamers to Bremen between 26<sup>th</sup> January and the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. The postal au-

thorities in New York decided that this was too long for the letter to wait, so they chose another US -steamer, namely the Fulton, which would leave for England on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1856. The Fulton would touch Southampton in the south of England (see Figure 3).

FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND HAVEE-The United States Mail steamer FULTON, J. A. WOTTEN, Commander, will leave for Havre, touching at Southampton, to land the mails and passengers, on SATURDAY, Feb. 9, at 12 o'clock M., from Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Beach-st.

For freight or passage, apply to M. LIVINGSTON, Agent, No. 53 Broadway. P. S .- The ARAGO will succeed the FULTON and sail March 8.

In fact the Fulton arrived Figure 3: Message in the New York Times of February 6, 1856

SOUTHAMPTON, FEB. 24.—The steamship Fulton, Captain J. A. Wotton, with the French and English mails, pas- noon of Sunday, February sengers, and 117,000 in specie, arrived off Cowes this 24 (see Figure 4). afternoon en route from New York to Havre.

The New York papers state that the following ports are so effectually closed by ice as to preclude the possibility of countered icebergs, causing any vessel either entering or clearing therefrom :- Phila- a delay by two days (Figure delphia, Richmond, Newark, Hartford, Providence, Wash- 5). ington, D.C., Portsmouth, N.H., Baltimore, Alexandria, Albany, New Haven, Amboy, and New London.

at the island of Cowes near Southampton in the after-

The Fulton had encountered lots of sea ice and had en-

Figure 4: Message in the Dublin Evening Post Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

AMERICA.-On Sunday, the mail steam-ship Fulton arrived off Cowes, with dates from New York to the 9th iust., and the Arabia, at Liverpool, on the same day, with advices to the 12th. The Fulton was delayed on her course two days by tremendous icebergs.

Figure 5: Message in the Worchester Chronicle, Wednesday 27th February

There was no reason to hurry to London, because the postal service there was closed on Sunday.

Starting December 15, 1853, the ordinary route to the Netherlands was via Dover, Ostend (Belgium) and Antwerp (Belgium).

Here the present letter was put aboard the Travelling Post Office (TPO) of EXP: Moerdijk.

The mail to the Netherlands was made up in London every evening except Sunday in time for the 8:30 pm departure of the mail train to Dover. A British or Belgian steamer was ready to sail just after the arrival of the train (typically at 11:15pm). The crossing took five hours in fine weather

The present letter was put in a mail bag for the Netherlands in the evening of Monday the 25th, arriving in Ostend in the morning of Tuesday the 26th.

Figure 6 shows that the letter arrived in Ostend on Tuesday 26th February onboard the Belgian steamer Diamant. No mails were made up in London Sunday evening the 24th so we cannot expect a mail-steamer to have arrive in Ostend on Monday the 25th.

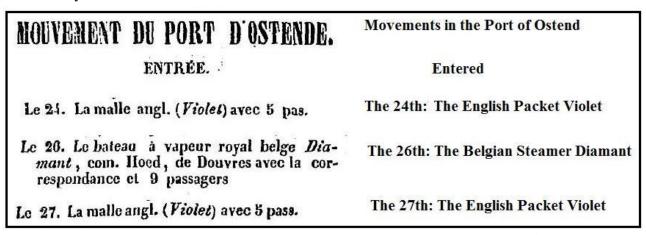


Figure 6: Ship movements in the port of Ostend as reported in the Feuille d'Ostende Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 1856

Figure 7 shows a report that in Ostend two trains were ready in the morning to convey the letter to Antwerp:

- 6:15am to the whole of Belgium
- 7:15am to Brussels, Antwerp, France and Germany



Figure 7: Train departures from Ostend (Feuille d'Ostende Thursday 28th February 1856)

The present letter was prepaid 21 US cent (marking in red), which would pay the postage to Bremen, but not further. The postage from Bremen to Leiden was 25 cent, and we would expect to see 2 Sgr for the German share. However, the handwritten 40 and a separate 4 suggest we have to look elsewhere. The 21 US cent also prepaid the stage to Great Britain. The postage from Britain to the Netherlands was 40 Dutch cents of which the British share was 4 pennies.

The presence of these two amounts are sufficient proof that the letter went via London and Ostend and not via Bremen.

#### **Highlights of Dutch Constitutions and Voting Rights**

by Hans Kremer

The current Dutch government model has its origin in 1794. In that year the French revolutionary troops ousted Stadholder William V and the Netherlands adhered to the French model. The country was 'renamed' as the 'Batavian Republic.' The French government model however was not a success and in 1801 the Netherlands came under direct French rule.

#### From republic to kingdom

After the expulsion of Napoleon in 1814, the Netherlands became a kingdom led by the son of Stadholder Wil-

liam V: King William I (Figure 1). With it came a new constitution, most of which was written by statesman G.K Hogendorp, making the King head of state. Figures 2 and 3 show a stamp with Mr. Hogendorp, and the statue which was the source for the stamp,





Figure 1: 2014: King William I; 200 Year Dutch Constitution



Figure 2: 1963 stamp showing Mr. Hogendorp at the left



Figure 3: Part of the Monument on Plein 1813 in The Hague.

The King had extensive power (which he used!), despite the fact that officially he had to rule together with the States-General. The States-General consisted of a First and Second 'House' (1e and 2e Kamer).

The First House (Senate) consisted mostly of aristocrats while the Second House (House of Representatives), was mainly made up of representatives of the provinces and cities, as well as large landowners. The Senate had a controlling function over the House, while the members of both Chambers were elected by the provinces, cities and nobles.

Relatively minor changes to the Constitution were made in 1815 and 1840, but major changes took place in 1848.

#### The 1848 Constitution.

In 1848 various revolutions erupted in Europe disrupting the existing political order. In France the king was ousted, in Austria protesters forced the emperor to give up part of his power and violent demonstrations broke out in

the streets of Berlin. The Netherlands remained fairly quiet but King William II, who in 1840 had succeeded his father, was afraid of unrest and gave in to the demands of center right politicians who demanded a constitutional monarchy. The Constitutional Reform of 1848 laid the basis for the present system of parliamentary democracy in the Netherlands. It is often described as the original version of the Dutch Constitution that is still in force today. The House of Representatives obtained much more influence, and was now directly elected (although still by a <u>restricted group of voters</u> within a system of single-winner electoral districts). The



Figure 4: 1998 stamp showing Thorbecke, who laid the foundation of the 1848 Dutch constitution

revision of the Constitution was virtually single-handedly drafted by Johan Rudolph Thorbecke (Figures 4 and 5).

The restricted group of voters represented a different group of people than what it currently does. The right to vote was rather limited and only applied to men who had paid at least a minimum amount of tax. For most areas the minimum was 20 guilders per year, but in cities like Amsterdam it was (in 1867) at least 112 guilders a year, leaving only 1.9 percent of the city's



Figure 5: Thorbeckeplein Amsterdam

residents eligible to vote. So only the well-to- do could vote while the general population, especially the lower income group, was excluded.

These restrictions remained in effect for close to 70 years. Although the amount of tax required to be allowed to vote was lowered, it still kept the ordinary worker outside the voting booth.

Originally it was the SDAP (labor party) who took the initiative, but it was not until 1917 that this culminated in a constitutional amendment under the leadership of prime minister Pieter Cort van der Linden (Fig. 6). The amendment guaranteed universal voting rights in the Netherlands, but for adult men only.



Figure 6: Prime Minister Cort van der Linden

This however still excluded a woman's voting right to vote, but under the leadership of Dr. Aletta Jacobs this too was achieved, but not until 1919. Aletta Jacobs led a life filled with firsts: she was the first female university student in the Netherlands, the first female doctor, and the operator of one of the first birth control clinics. She was also the driving force behind the Organization for Women's Rights (Figure 7).



Figure 7: Masthead of the Organization for Women's Rights. 'Women's Voting Rights are to everybody's advantage, not just women'.





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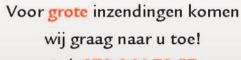
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Strangely enough Ms. Jacobs has never directly been honored with her own stamp, but on a stamp issued in



Figure 8: 1979: 60 Year women's voting rights



Fig. 9 1916 Demonstration for women's rights

Ms. Jacobs is the person at 1979 the far left on the stamp (Figure 8). The stamp shows a detail of a photo taken during a 1916 demonstration for women's rights (Figure 9). Ms. Jacobs however was honored with two personal se -tenant stamps, one showing her portrait and the other showing a scene from a 1914 demonstration (Figure 10).

Oddly enough Ms. Jacobs was not shown on the personal stamp on the right, although she can be seen on the original photograph (Figure 11, the third person from the left).



Figure 10: 10 Personal stamps honoring Aletta Jacobs and the women's right to vote



Figure 11: 1914 demonstration. Ms. Jacobs third from left

Women's' voting rights were once more recognized with a stamp issued in 1999 as part of a set of stamps commemorating 'Highlights of the 20th century' (Figure 12).



Figure 12: 1999 stamp honoring 80 year Women's Voting Rights

In 1977 a stamp encouraging people to vote was issued (Figure 13).

#### **Notes:**

1) The members of the Senate (1e Kamer) are not elected directly but by the members of the 'Provinciale Staten' (compare that to the State Assemblies in the U.S.).



Figure 13: 1977 stamp encouraging voting

2) Over the years the minimum voting age has been lowered. In 1917 it was 25 years, 23 years in 1946, 21 years in 1963 and in 1972 it reached its current minimum age limit of 18 years. What also changed is the mandatory voting law. From 1918 to 1970 one <u>had</u> to vote. If you didn't vote

you could be penalized, but that is no longer the case.

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#### Unknown in The Hague—a follow-up

by Ben H. Jansen

Article 14 of Circular 954, issued on May 1 in 1875 states that "Letters that are not deliverable within a district, will be marked 'unknown' and handed to the oldest serving deliverer of the next district, and subsequently from district to district." A deliverer mark had to be placed on the mail before it was handed over to the next deliverer. Since large cities had often more than twenty districts, there was not always enough space or there were complaints about the resulting appearance of the mail (see Figure 1).



To address this issue, several cities used forms that could be attached to undeliverable mail and on which the delivery marks could be placed. In Netherlands Philately 41-1 (page 13-15) I wrote about such forms used in The Hague. As mentioned in the article, a variety of such forms existed with space for 20, 24, 25 and 26 districts, and at the end of my article I asked if readers had seen similar forms. I also placed a request for information on the Po & Po web site.

I received several reactions. Hans Kremer e-mailed a scan of a form in his collection with 28 districts. He also pointed me to www.willempasterkamp.nl (Posthistorie Nederland) where additional forms were displayed, and he contacted Cees Janssen in the Netherlands to see if he knew more about the forms. Cees replied that he had also seen similar forms from Amsterdam, Haarlem and Utrecht, and that there could be many varieties given that in the past one often omitted the street name from the address.

Scans from forms used in The Hague and Rotterdam were also provided by Po & Po members Victor Badran, Michael Brekelmans (plus several more in his book [1]) and Ernst Flentge, but Ernst had one from Amsterdam (24 districts) as well. A form from Amsterdam with 25 districts is shown by Ot Louw in his book [2]. Michael Brekelmans also wrote that he had not seen any information in the PTT archives about these forms. This suggests that the forms were produced at the local initiative.

Gert Radstaat shows a form used in The Hague with 18 districts on his website (www.gradstaat.nl). This website also repeats a statement made by Vellinga [3] that forms from Utrecht exist, but Gert wrote me that he had never seen one. He also e-mailed scans from three forms used in The Hague and one from Rotterdam.

A form from The Hague with 26 districts is shown in Goldhoorn [4] and a form from Rotterdam is shown on the website of the Netherlands Academy for Philately (poststempels.nedacademievoorfilatelie.nl).

Combining these response with several acquisitions, I now have (scans of) 21 forms used in The Hague, 18 forms used in Rotterdam and two forms from Amsterdam. Tables 1 through 3 list pertinent information about these forms from The Hague, Rotterdam and Amsterdam, respectively.

Table 1: Date of use, number of districts, header and footer type, size of form and header, plus source of forms used in The Hague.

The Hague						
				dimension (	mm)	
date	districts	header	footer	form	header	source
form only	18	D1		94 x 144	41	Radstaat
9/8/1912	18	D1		95 x 144	41	Radstaat
3/4/1913	18	D1		90 x 145 <sup>1</sup>	41	Radstaat
6/23/1915	20	D2		95 x 146	49	Jansen
11/3/1915	20	D2				Pasterkamp
6/29/1916	20	D3		92 x 144	53	Jansen
10/25/1916	20	D3				Brekelmans
3/23/1917	20	D3				Pasterkamp
4/4/1917	20	D3				Pasterkamp
1/7/1918	20	D4				Brekelmans
1/7/1918	20	D4		92 x 142	51	Jansen
7/21/1918	20	D4				Pasterkamp
7/23/1918	20	D4				Delcampe
11/20/1918	24	D4		94 x 143	52	Jansen
9/22/1919	25	D4				Pasterkamp
12/9/1919	25	D4		92 x 143	52	Jansen
8/18/1920	25	D4				Flentge
unknown	26	D4				Goldhoorn
4/1/1925	28	D5-a		114 x 156	38	Jansen
8/?/1925	28	D5-b				Kremer
9/13/1928	28	D5-c	No. U.5514			Hillesum/Badran

Table 2: Date of use, number of districts, header and footer type, size of form and header, plus source of forms used in Rotterdam.

Rotterdam						
				dimension	(mm)	
date	districts	header	footer	form	header	source
7/16/1904	14	R1		70 x 132	39	Jansen
7/6/1905	14	R2		68 x 133	43	Jansen
5/22/1906	15	R3		84 x 134	41	Jansen
9/22/1910	15	R3				Ned. Ac. Fil.
11/6/1911	20	R3	10000. Jan. 1911.	87 x 145	41	Jansen
9/9/1912	20	R4	20000 Juli 1912	86 x 146	40	Jansen
2/4/1913	20	R4	20.000 Nov. 1912			Flentge
3/29/1915	20	R5	A 2819-14-205-15-20.000			Brekelmans
5/12/1916	20	R5	205-5091-5-20.000	89 x 152	48	Jansen
1/23/1917	20	R5	40.000-2835-5563-6.	88 x 153	48	Jansen
3/3/1917	20	R5	40.000-2835-5563-6.			Brekelmans
11/3/1917	20	R5	40.000-2835 5563-6.			Pasterkamp
1/25/1918	20	R6a	40 000-5563-6-101-8	89 x 149	48	Jansen
5/23/1918	20	R6b	40 000-5563-6-101-8			Flentge
2/19/1919	20	R6c	40.000-101-4260-8	92 x 151	48	Jansen
6/10/1919	20	R7	10.000 - 6-'19	93 x 141	61	Radstaat
1/21/1922	20	R7	50.000 - 3-'21	87 x 143	60	Jansen
1/17/1925	27	R8	25000-6-25	94 x 147	54	Jansen
5/21/1926	27	R9	NO.U1273.	94 x 157	38	Jansen

Table 3: Date of use, number of districts, header and footer type, size of form and header, plus source of forms used in Amsterdam.

Amsterdam						
				dimen	sion (mm)	
date	districts	header	footer	form	header	source
3/30/1910	24	A1	40000, 3-10.			Flentge
4/13/1925	25	A2	10000-3-24			Louw

On the basis of the information provided in Tables 1 through 3, the forms have been in used from 1904 (starting in Rotterdam) through 1928 (The Hague).

Figures 2 through 4 show the varieties of the form 'headers' for The Hague, Rotterdam and Amsterdam, respectively. Several of the forms used in Rotterdam also have a marking at the bottom ('footer') which are shown in Figure 5, while only one of the forms used in The Hague has such a feature.

The forms used in The Hague are fairly consistent in size, except the ones used in 1925, which are larger. Also, the 1925 forms seem to have been produced using a mimeograph machine (see Figure 2), while all the others are printed. The headers from The Hague differ with regard to font (D2 versus D1), adding the text "te 's- Gravenhage" (at The Hague) with the introduction of D4, and D5 uses stencils. The double underscore in D5 is perfectly aligned left and right for variant D5-b but uneven for D5-a. Also, D5-b has a period after "ONBEKEND," and D5-c uses a capital 'T' in 'te.' The number of districts in The Hague increases from 20 in 1915 to 28 in 1925, which coincides with a population almost doubling (270,000 in 1909 to 470,000 in 1933 [2]).

Rotterdam seemed to have introduced the forms ten years before The Hague, and their dimensions are more variable. The form with 14 districts has only one column, while subsequent forms have two columns, explaining the increase in width. Also, the 14-district form refers to the districts using "1. Wijk" rather than "1° wijk" etc. in contrast to the later forms (and the ones used in The Hague). Headers R2 through R4 use the same font, but R3 is smaller than R2 and R4 has no period. The city name plus the word 'te' are added to header R5, but 'te' is dropped on R6 and



Figure 2: Headers of forms used in The Hague

subsequent headers. The underlining of R6 shows sometimes a gap at different locations. R7 and R8 have differ-

R1 R6-b ROTTERDAM ONBEKEND ONBEKEND. ONBEKEND. R2 ROTTERDAM R6-c ONBEKEND R3 ONBEKEND. R7 ONBEKEND R4 ROTTERDAM ONBEKENT R5 TE ROTTERDAM R8 ONBEKEND ROTTERDAM R9 R6-a ROTTERDAM ROTTERDAM ONBEKEND RESEND

Figure 3: Headers seen on forms from Rotterdam

ent fonts and R9 appears to have been produced using a mimeograph.

Many of the forms used in Rotterdam have a set of numbers and letters at the bottom-left corner (see Figure 5), possibly identifying when the forms were printed and how many were produced. For example 10.000-6'19 could refer to a printing size of 10,000 forms produced in June 1919, and 40.000-2835-5563-6. probably refers to 40,000 forms printed in 1916 if the final '6' refers to the year.

Only two Amsterdam form have been found so far (Figures 6 and 7), but neither of the forms was used as intended. Both forms have footers (see Table 3), again probably indicating printing size and date.

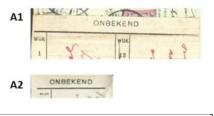


Figure 4: Headers seen on forms from Amsterdam



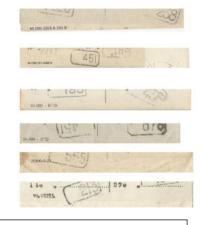


Figure 5: Footers seen on forms from Rotterdam



Figure 6: Form used in Amsterdam on card from Leeuwarden, mailed March 30, 1910.

Brekelmans [1, page 211] reports that for unknown reason the use of these forms was halted after 1922. Tables 1 through 3 show that this interruption of their use must have been temporary with both Rotterdam and The Hague using the forms again in 1925 and as late as 1926 (Rotterdam) and 1928 (The Hague). However, it probably explains why Table 1 and 2 lack entries for 1923 and 1924.

It is curious that the forms used in in The Hague and Rotterdam in 1925 (and later) have been produced on a mimeograph and both have a 'printer' number starting with 'U' (see Figures 8 and 9, respectively).

I doubt that that the lists with varieties of the forms from Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague shown here are complete. Also, I have yet to find the Haarlem and Utrecht forms mentioned by Cees Janssen. If you have any of these forms, please let me know.



Figure 7: Postcard mailed on April 13, 1925 from Alphen to Amsterdam (from [2]).

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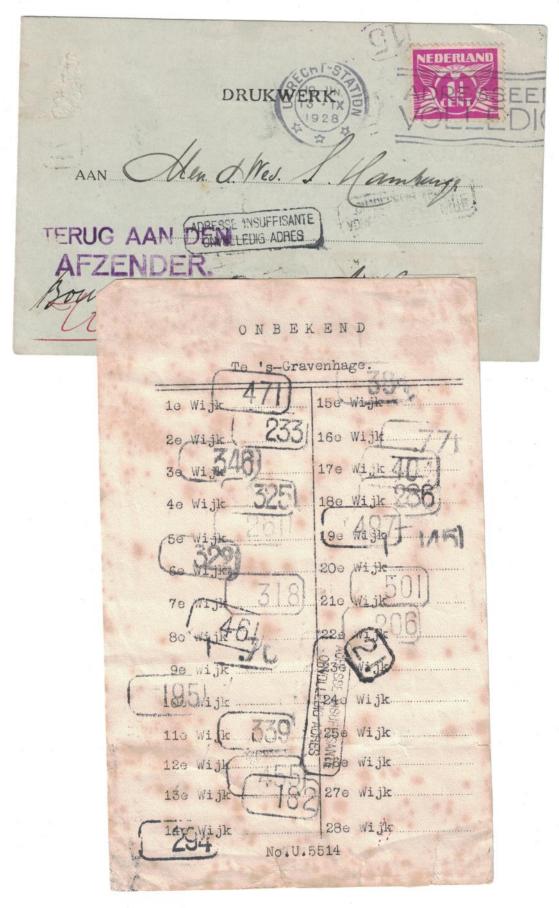
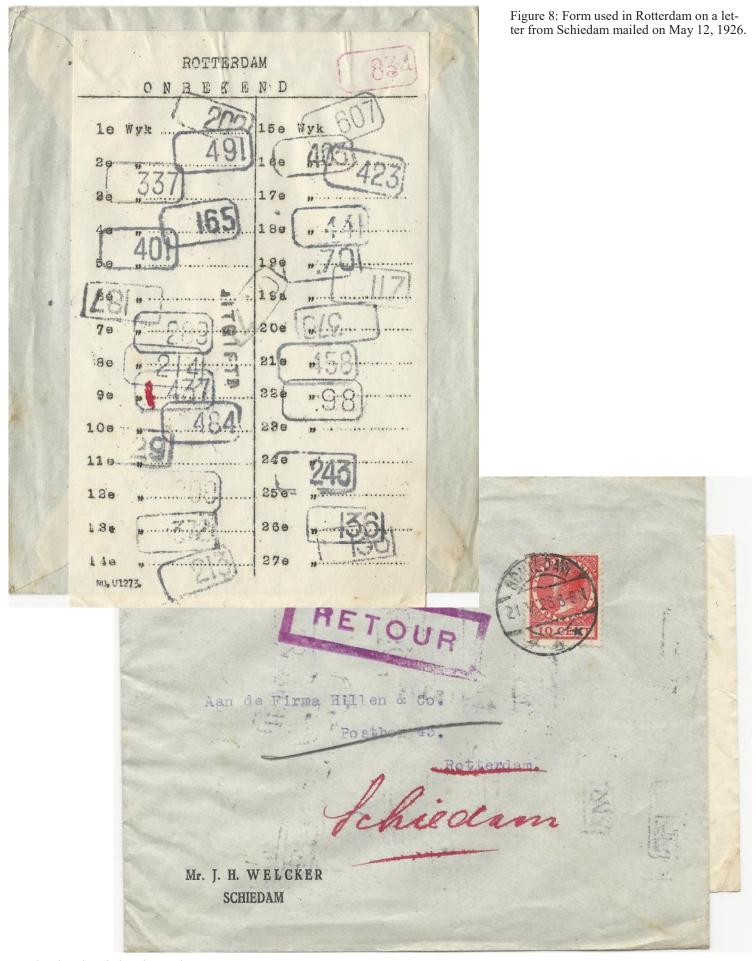


Figure 8: Form used in The Hague on a letter from Utrecht mailed on September 13, 1928 (Badran collection).



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