

FLIGHT AND FIGHT

**A LISTING OF COMMEMORATIVE COVERS
ISSUED BY**

**South African Airways
South African Air Force
South African Defence Force
South African Army
South African Navy
Simon's Town Historical Society
Simon's Town Museum
South African Police Force**

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PREFACE

Whether you be a twitcher looking for a lifer or a collector looking for the elusive object missing from your collection, a check list is always a useful aid. This listing will, I hope, assist collectors of covers issued by South African Airways, South African Air Force, South African Army, South African Defence Force, South African Navy, Simon's Town Historical Society, Simon's Town Museum and the South African Police.

A listing of this kind can only be done if collectors are willing to open their collections for scrutiny. I am indebted to Philip Lehmann, Keith Scott and Marge Viljoen for allowing me access to their collections. I am also most grateful to Sgt Maj Alan Taylor for making the resources of the SAAF museum available to me.

Glen Carpendale has been a constant help and support. He undertook the onerous task of assigning a monetary value to official covers listed. Thank you very much Glen, without you there could not have been a listing.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the members of the Pretoria Philatelic Society for their help and support at all stages of this compilation.

This listing was never meant to be exhaustive, but rather to give the collector some idea of what is out there somewhere waiting to be found. I do not think it is possible to list every conceivable variable or signed cover and if it was then it would be too expensive to produce in printed form.

If, however, you do have a significant cover that I have missed I would be interested in knowing about it and even more interested in receiving a scanned image.

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Happy searching.

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NOTE on the values assigned to covers

Glen Carpendale advises that the prices he has assigned to covers are maximum retail prices that he believes should be paid by collectors. They do not represent recommended selling prices and should be considered a guide only.

Only official covers and officially signed covers are priced. Official signed covers are recognised by printed names and title/rank on the cover or occasionally by a cachet. Pricing is too risky on unofficial signed covers as the number of covers signed are unknown—sometimes only a single cover may exist. The demand for unofficial covers cannot be determined. Examples of unofficial covers have been included in this listing so that collectors may have some idea of what can be found. These may be fitted into the framework of priced covers to give some indication of possible market value. Many collectors believe that unofficial signed covers enhance their collections.

My own approach is, if I find it and like it I collect it.