

SAAF 1 Date: 27 7 1978
Price R350
First SAAF cover issued. It has no number on the cover. Back stamped cachet of 2 Squadron, Waterkloof. (As illustrated below.)
Pietersburg date stamp counter #1.
Size: 11 x 22 cm

Notes on Cover Designs: SAAF cover #1 was designed by Dave Becker. George van Rhyn designed and organized covers #4 to #17, #19 to #25 and #27. Cover #18 was designed by R.R. Belling. Covers #2 and #3 were designed by Tiro Vorster, a well known aviation artist.

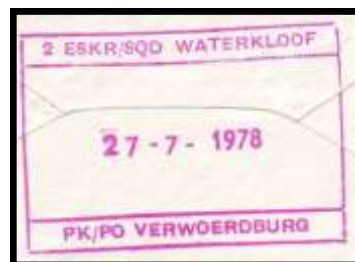
SAAF 1a
Price R450
Same as SAA 1 but signed by Pilot Maj D.A. Viljoen.
Back stamped with additional cachet of cover numbers as illustrated below.



SAAF 1b
Price R500
Same as SAA 1a but signed by the Chief of the Air Force.

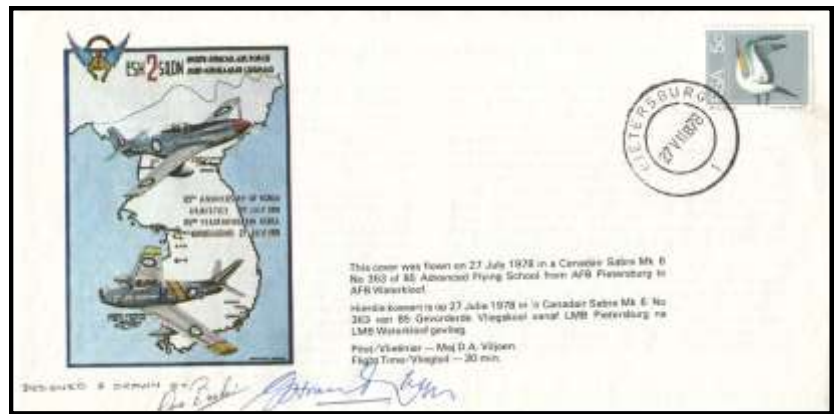


Illustrations of Back Stamps: Squadron and cover number cachets back stamped on covers and will be mentioned in the text following.



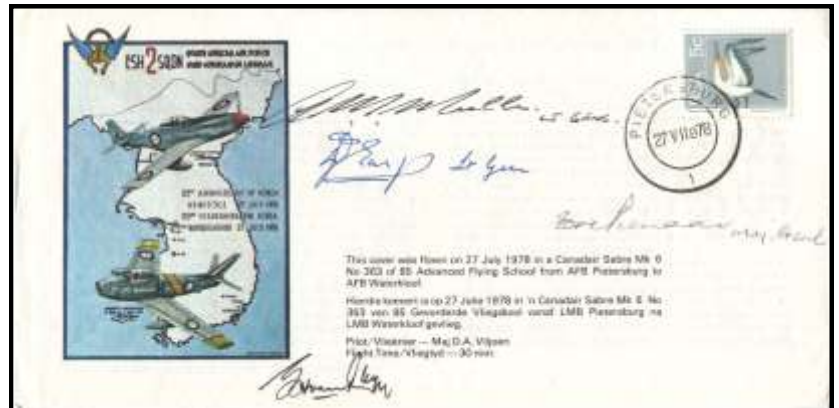
SAAF 1c

Same as SAA 1a but signed by Dave Becker and George van Rhyn.



SAAF 1d

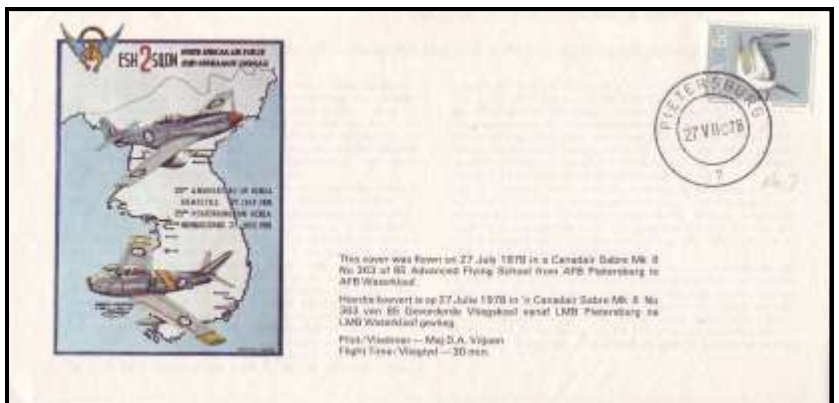
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SAAF 1e Date: 27 7 1978

Price R350

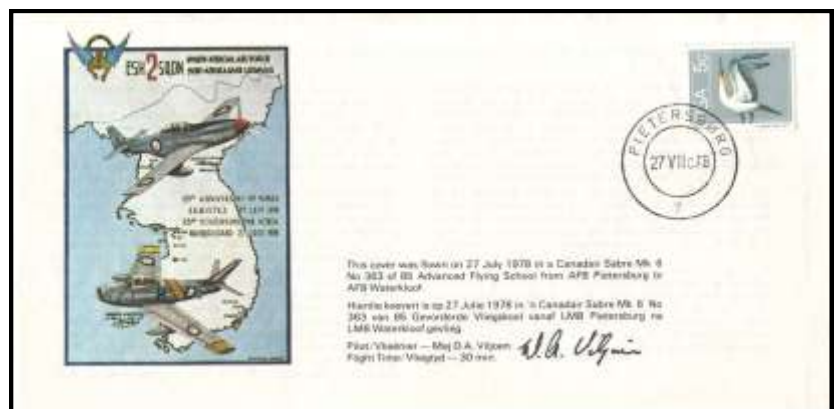
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SAAF 1f Date: 27 7 1978

Price R450

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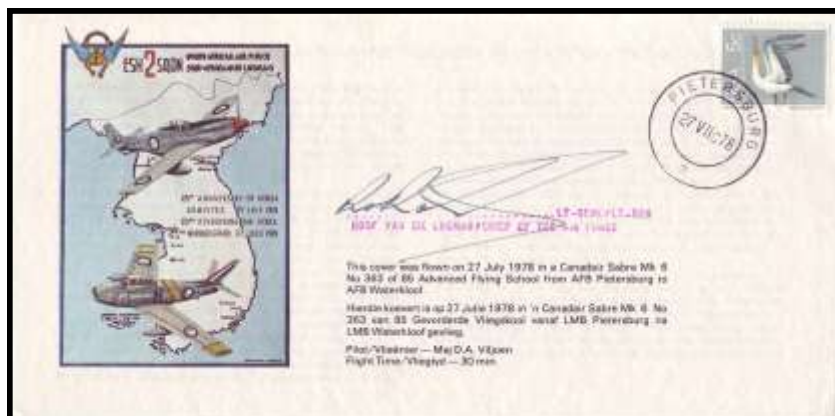


DATE STAMP RECOGNITION

Counter #1 and counter #7 date stamps as seen on and differentiating SAAF 1-1d from SAAF 1e-1g



SAAF 1g
 Price R500
 Same as SAAF 1b but Pietersburg
 date stamp counter #7.



SAAF 2 Date: 18 8 1978
 Price R400
 Shackleton 21 Years.
 Information of flight printed on back.
 Size: 11 x 22 cm

SAAF 2a
 Price R550
 Same as SAAF 2 but signed by
 pilot Maj. de Klerk.



SAAF 2b
 Price R550
 Same as SAAF 2 but signed by
 Kmdt. J.J. Kotze, OC 35 SQN.



SAAF 2c

Same as SAAF 2 but signed by the artist Tiro Vorster.



SAAF 3 Date: 14 3 1979
Price R50
Presentation of new colours by State President, Mr B.J. Vorster.
Information on Albatross formation printed on back.
Size: 11 x 22 cm

SAAF 3a
Price R100
Same as SAAF 3 but signed by the State President Mr B.J. Voster.



SAAF 3b
Price R70
Same as SAAF 3 but signed by the artist Tiro Voster.





SAAF 6 Date: 16 10 1980
 Price R15
 60th Anniversary of the SAAF.
 Nothing on back of cover.
 This cover is found with the picture tinted slightly green or slightly red.
 Size: 10 x 19 cm

SAAF 6a
 Price R30
 Same as SAAF 5 but signed by officer commanding 41 Squadron.
 Back stamped with cover number cachet. (See illustration with SAAF 1)



SAAF 7 Date: 4 4 1981
 Price R12
 50th Anniversary of the first flight of a South African built military plane.
 Information printed on back of cover.
 Size: 10 x 19 cm

SAAF 7a
 Price R25
 Same as SAAF 7 but signed on the back by officer commanding 4 Squadron.
 Back stamped with cover number cachet.





SAAF 8 Date: 17 10 1981
 Price R10
 Aviation Pioneers.
 Nothing on back of cover.
 Size: 10 x 19 cm

SAAF 8a
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 8 but signed by the officer commanding 21 Squadron.
 Back stamped with cover number cachet. (See illustration SAAF 1)



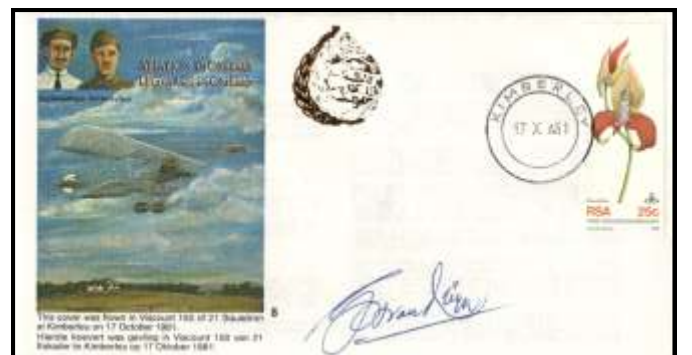
SAAF 8b
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 8 but signed by Maj. Gen. K.R. van der Spuy CBE MC.
 Back stamped with cover number cachet. (See illustration SAAF 1)



SAAF 8c
 Same as SAAF 8 but signed by Maj. Gen. K.R. van der Spuy CBE MC and George van Rhyn. Back stamped with cover number cachet. (See illustration SAAF 1)



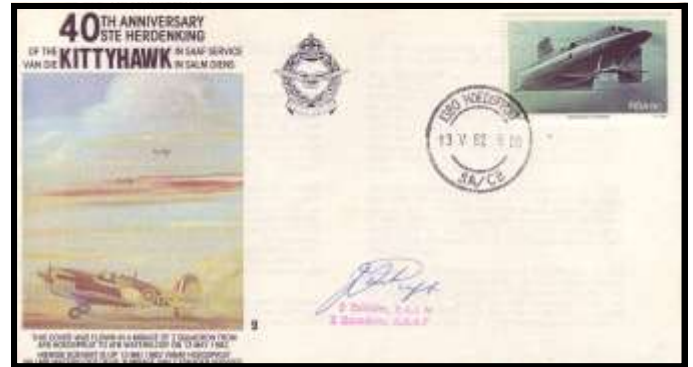
SAAF 8d
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SAAF 9 Date: 13 5 1982
 Price R10
 40th Anniversary of the Kittyhawk in SAAF service.
 Nothing on back of cover.
 Size: 10 x 19 cm

SAAF 9a
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 9 but signed by officer on front. Back stamped with cover number cachet. (See illustration SAAF 1)



SAAF 9b
 Same as SAAF 9a but co-signed by George van Rhyn. Back stamped with cover number cachet. (See illustration SAAF 1)



SAAF 10 Date: 16 7 1982
 Price R8
 40th Anniversary of the Boston Shuttle Service.
 Information printed on back of cover.
 Size: 10 x 19 cm

SAAF 10a
 Same as SAAF 10 but 2 signatures on front.



SAAF 10b

Same as SAAF 10 but signed on front.
Squadron emblem cachet and identification printed in red on front.
Back stamped with cover number cachet.
(See illustration SAAF 1)



SAAF 10c

Same as SAAF 10 but signed by various persons on front.



SAAF 11 Date: 8 10 1982
Price R8
25th Anniversary last SAAF
Sunderland flight.
Information printed on back.
Size 11 x 22 cm.

SAAF 11a

Price R15
Same as SAAF 11 but signed by
A.J. Cooney.
Back stamped with cover number
cachet. (See illustration SAAF 1)



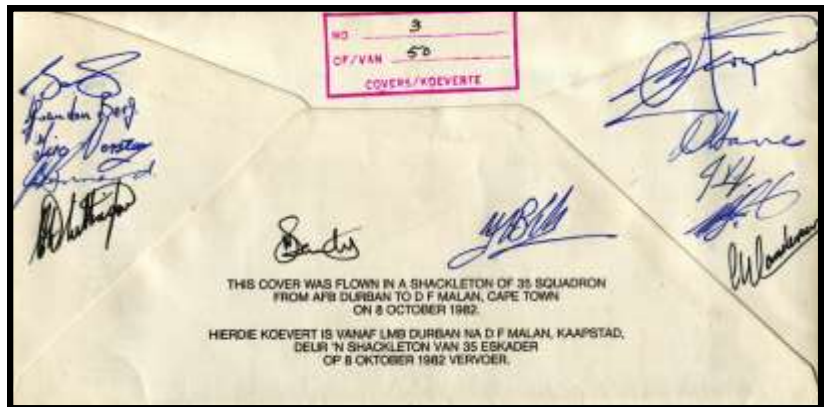
SAAF 11b

Same as SAAF 11 but signed by A.J. Cooney and another.
Back stamped with cover number cachet. (See illustration SAAF 1)



SAAF 11c

Same as SAAF 11 but signed on the back of the cover by the crew.



SAAF 12 Date: 4 2 1983

Price R8

40th Anniversary of the Mosquito in SAAF service.

Information printed on back.

Size 10 x 19 cm.

SAAF 12a

Price R15

Same as SAAF 12 but signed by Glynn Davies.

Note: Sometimes the signature is Glynn Davies and sometimes O.G. Davies



SAAF 12b

Same as SAAF 12 but signed by
O.G. Davies.



SAAF 12c

Same as SAAF 12 but signed by
various persons.



SAAF 12d

Same as SAAF 12 but signed by
George van Rhyn





SAAF 13 Date: 1 6 1983
Price R7
40th Anniversary of the formation of 28
Squadron.
Information printed on back.
Size 10 x 19 cm.

SAAF 13a

Same as SAAF 13 but signed, rank indicated below signatures.



SAAF 13b

Same as SAAF 11 but rank below one signature omitted. Signatures also in different order.



SAAF 13c

Same as SAAF 11 but signed by Cmdt E.E. Earp and the crew.





SAAF 14 Date: 14 6 1983
 Price R7
 40th Anniversary of the invasion of KOS.
 (Front inscription in Afrikaans only).
 Information printed on back.
 Size 10 x 19 cm.

SAAF 14a

Same as SAAF 14 but signed by
 Brig H. Kirby.



SAAF 14b

Same as SAAF 14 but signed.



SAAF 14c

Same as SAAF 14 but signed by the pilot,
 Major C. van Vliet and George van Rhyn.





SAAF 15 Date: 12 3 1984
 Price R7
 40th Anniversary of Squadron 43
 renumbered to Squadron 44.
 Information printed on back.
 Size 10 x 19 cm.

SAAF 15a

Same as SAAF 15 but signed by
 Capt D.B. Laas, Capt R. Heard and
 Sgt Avis.



SAAF 15b

Same as SAAF 15a but signed with
 different pens.





SAAF 16 Date: 18 6 1984
 Price R7
 The glorious First of June.
 Information printed on back.
 Size 10 x 19 cm.

SAAF 16a
 Price R15
 Same as SAAF 15 but signed by
 Col. C.S. Margo DSO DFC.
 Signature in blue ink.



SAAF 16b
 Same as SAAF 15a but signature in
 black ink.



SAAF 16c
 Same as SAAF 15a but signed by various
 officers.





SAAF 17 Date: 13 8 1984
 Price R7
 Warsaw 1944
 Information printed on back.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

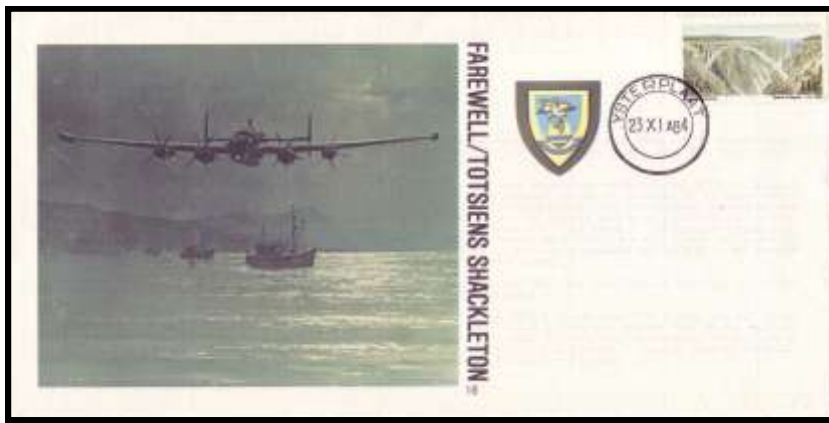
SAAF 17a
 Price R15
 Same as SAAF 17 but signed by
 Maj. J.L. van Eyssen DFC.



SAAF 17b
 Same as SAAF 17 but signed by
 Maj. J.L. van Eyssen DFC, the Pole
 B. Kowalski and George van Rhyn.



Note SAAF 17: Kowalski's house was ½ kilometer from Michelin and bordered on a nearby forest. When the plane piloted by Jack van Eyssen crashed Kowalski's was first on the scene and managed to rescue Jack van Eyssen and four other members of the crew. Three crew members died in the crash. Kowalski erected a wooden cross at the spot, then another memorial and finally a concrete structure. Every year flowers were laid at the memorial.

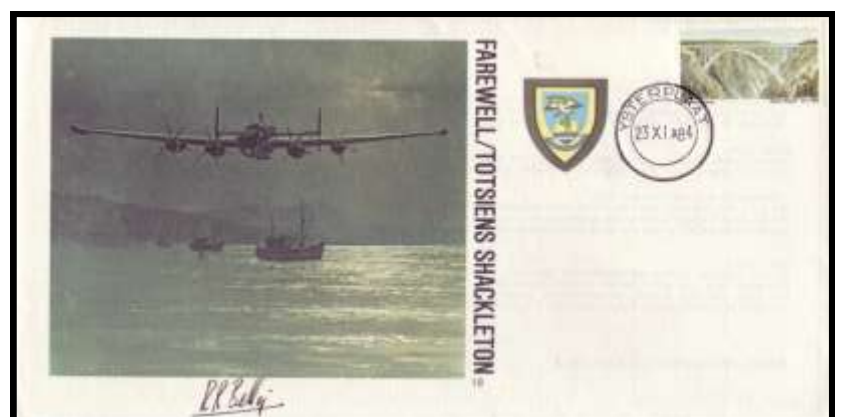


SAAF 18 Date: 23 11 1984
Price R7
Farewell Shackleton
Information printed on back.
Size 11 x 22 cm.

SAAF 18a
Price R15
Same as SAAF 18, but signed by
Brig. C. Lombard SM.



SAAF 18b
Same as SAAF 18, but signed by
the cover designer R.R. Belling.



SAAF 19 Date: 23 2 1985
Price R7
Edwin Swales VC, DFC.
Information printed on back.
Size 11 x 22 cm.

SAAF 19a
 Price R15
 Same as SAAF 19, but signed by
 Q.G.M. Smythe VC.



SAAF 19b
 Same as SAAF 19, but signed by
 Q.G.M. Smythe VC, Lt Gen D.J.
 Earp and George van Rhyn.



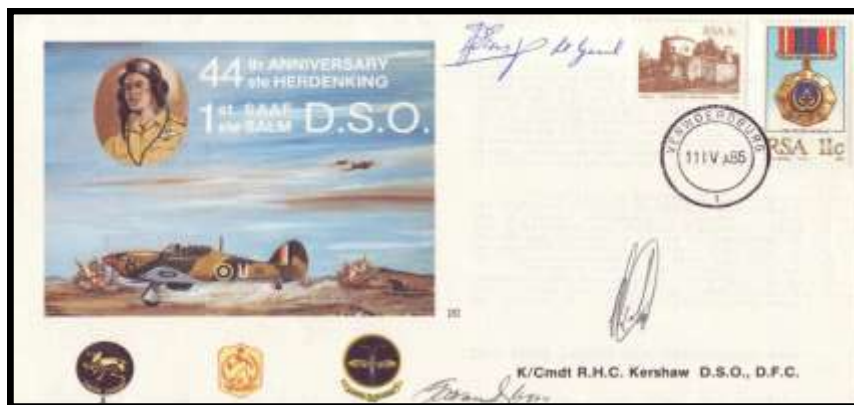
SAAF 20 Date: 11 4 1985
 Price R7
 44th Anniversary 1st SAAF D.S.O.
 Information printed on back of
 cover.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

SAAF 20a
 Price R15
 Same as SAAF 20, but signed by
 Cmdt. R.H.C. Kershaw DSO DFC.



SAAF 20b

Same as SAAF 20, but signed by
Cmdt. R.H.C. Kershaw DSO DFC
and two others.

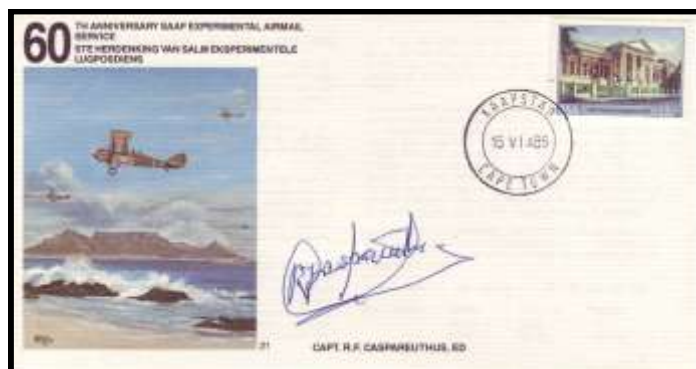


SAAF 21 Date: 1 6 1985
Price R7
60th Anniversary SAAF experimental Airmail
Service.
Information printed on back of cover.
Size 10 x 19 cm.

SAAF 21a

Price R15

Same as SAAF 21, but signed by
Capt. R.F. Caspareuthus, ED.



SAAF 21b

Same as SAAF 21, but signed by George
van Rhyn and the Postmaster.



SAAF 21c

Same as SAAF 21, but signed on the back.



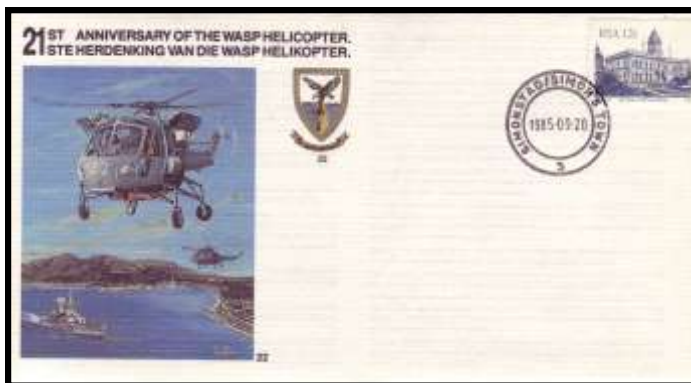
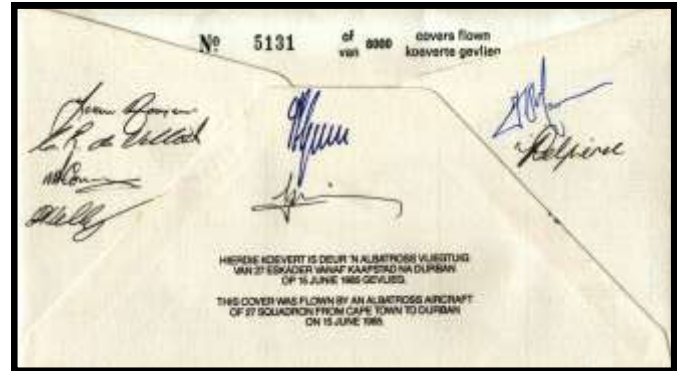
SAAF 21d

Same as SAAF 21, but signed by Captain Caspareuthus, Lt Gen D.J. Earp and George van Rhyn.



SAAF 21e

Same as SAAF 21, but signed on the back by group.



SAAF 22 Date: 20 9 1985

Price R7

21st Anniversary of the WASP Helicopter.

Information printed on back of cover.

Size 10 x 19 cm.

SAAF 22a

Price R15

Same as SAAF 22, but signed by Brig. V.R. Kruger, SM.



SAAF 22b

Same as SAAF 22, but signed by group.



SAAF 22c

Same as SAAF 22b, but with additional signature of Lt Gen D.J. Earp.



SAAF 23 Date: 17 12 1985

Price R7

Dakota 50 Golden Years.

Information printed on back of cover.

Size 10 x 19 cm.

SAAF 23a

Price R15

Same as SAAF 23, but signed by Maj. J.T. Slabbert, AFC.

Lt Gen H.J. Martin, SM, CBE, DFC.

Maj T.A. Hill.



SAAF 23b

Same as SAAF 23, but signed by five persons.



SAAF 23c

Same as SAAF 23, but signed on the back by a group.



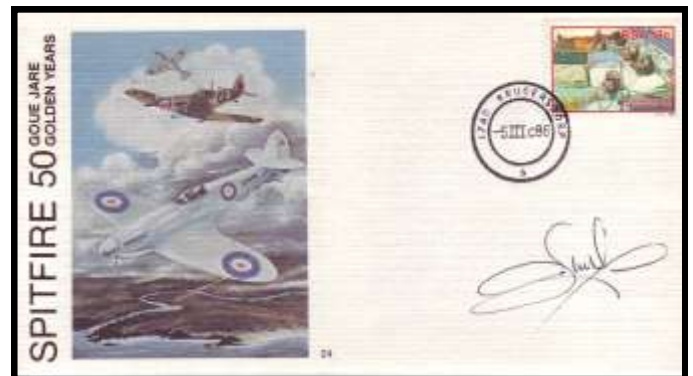


SAAF 24 Date: 5 3 1986
 Price R8
 Spitfire 50 Golden Years.
 Information printed on back of cover.
 Size 10 x 19 cm.

SAAF 24a
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 24, but signed by
 Lt. Col. J.P.M. Faure, DSO, DFC.

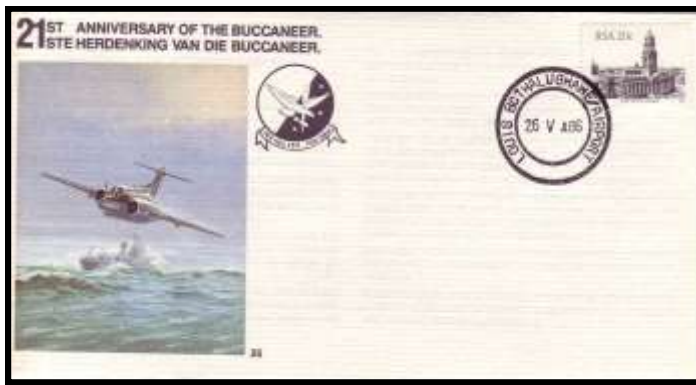


SAAF 24b
 Same as SAAF 24, but signed by
 Pilot, Alan Lurie.



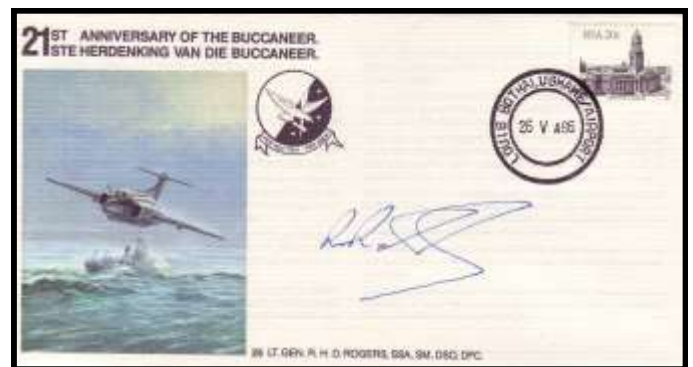
SAAF 24c
 Same as SAAF 24, but signed by
 Lt. Col. J.P.M. Faure, DSO, DFC and the
 pilot, Alan Lurie.





SAAF 25 Date: 26 5 1986
 Price R8
 21st Anniversary of the Buccaneer.
 Information printed on back of cover.
 Size 10 x 19 cm.

SAAF 25a
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 25, but signed by
 Lt. Gen. R.H.D. Rogers, SSA, SM, DSO, DFC.
 Signature in blue ink.



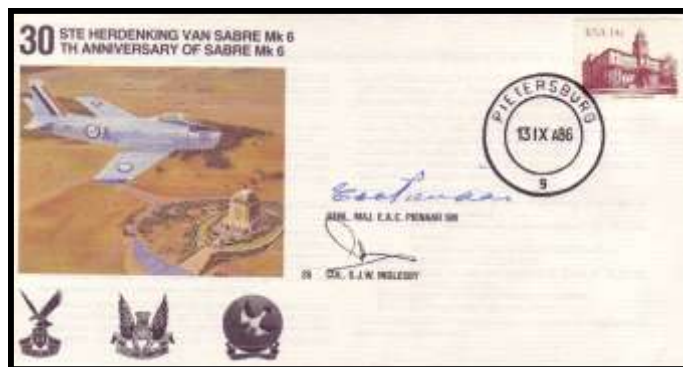
SAAF 25b
 Same as SAAF 25a, but signature in black ink.





SAAF 26 Date: 13 11 1986
 Price R10
 30th Anniversary of Sabre Mk 6.
 Information printed on back of cover.
 Size 10 x 19 cm.

SAAF 26a
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 26, but signed by
 Gen. Maj. E.A.C. Pienaar, SM and
 Col S.J.W. Inglesby.



SAAF 26b
 Same as SAAF 26, but signed by
 Gen. Maj. E.A.C. Pienaar, SM,
 Col S.J.W. Inglesby and the pilot, Norman
 Bruton.



SAAF 27 Date: 15 11 1986
 Price R10
 21st Anniversary: NADS.
 Information printed on back of cover.
 Size 10 x 19 cm.

SAAF 27a
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 27, but signed by
 Major General T.G.E. Cockbain, SSAS, SM.





SAAF 28 Date: 23 1 1987
 Price R10
 42nd Anniversary of 42 Squadron.
 Information printed on back of cover.
 Size 10 x 19 cm.

SAAF 28a
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 28, but signed by
 Major E.L. Brereton-Stiles and
 Kommandant D.F. Spolander.



SAAF 29a Date: 2 5 1987
 Price R10
 Joint Training Scheme 1940-1945
 Information printed on back of
 cover. Back stamped Waterkloof
 Pretoria.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

SAAF 29aa
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 29a, but signed by
 Lt. Col. Mrs Doreen Dunning,
 OC WAAFS 1940-1943.





SAAF 29b Date: 2 5 1987
 Price R10
 Joint Air Training Scheme
 1940-1945.
 Information printed on back of
 cover. Back stamped Waterkloof
 Pretoria.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

SAAF 29ba
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 29b but signed by
 Group Captain N.F. Curtiss, OBE
 (RAF Retd).
 Representing RAF in J.A.T.S.



SAAF 29bb
 Same as SAAF 29ba but signed in
 black ink.





SAAF 29c Date: 2 5 1987
 Price R10
 Joint Air Training Scheme
 1940-1945.
 Information printed on back of
 cover. Back stamped Waterkloof
 Pretoria.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

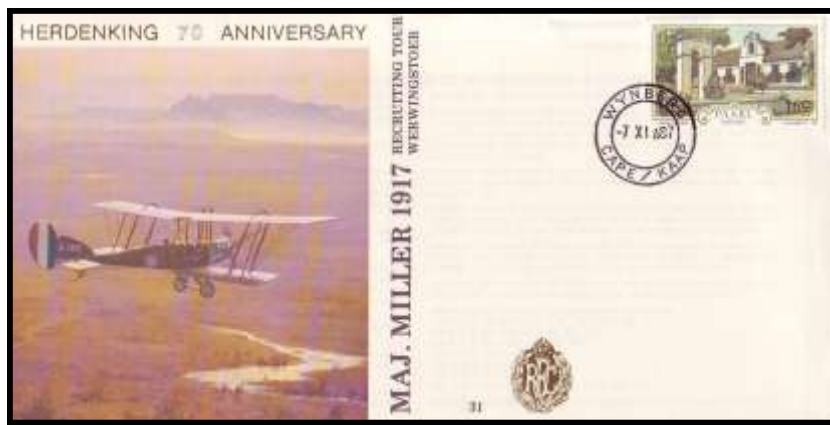
SAAF 29ca
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 29c but signed by
 Col. Lewis E. Lang, AFC.
 Ex Training Officer 24 GP HQ.



SAAF 30 Date: 25 6 1987
 Price R10
 1st SA Built Hawker Hartbees.
 Information printed on back of
 cover.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

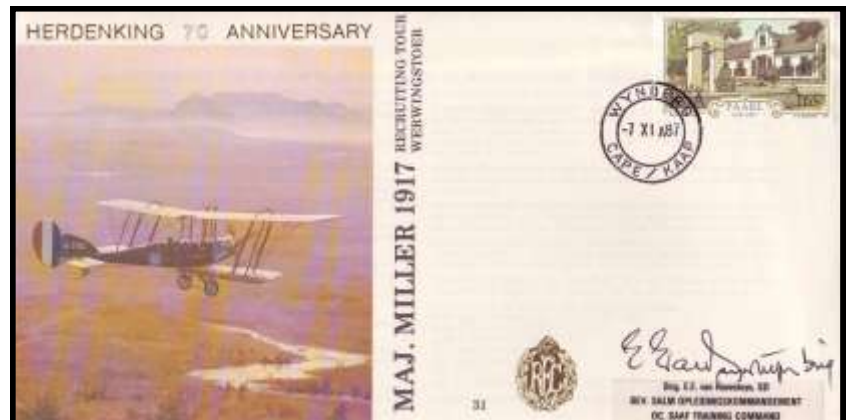
SAAF 30a
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 30 but signed by
 Brig. H.J. Bronkhorst SAAF Rtd.



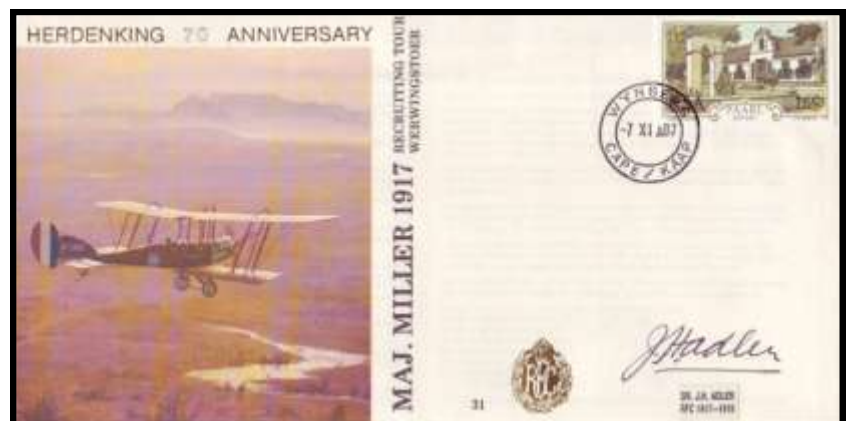


SAAF 31 Date: 7 11 1987
 Price R10
 Maj. Miller 1917 Recruiting Tour.
 Information printed on back of cover.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

SAAF 31a
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 31 but signed by
 Brig. E.E. van Ravesteyn, SD.
 OC SAAF Training Command.



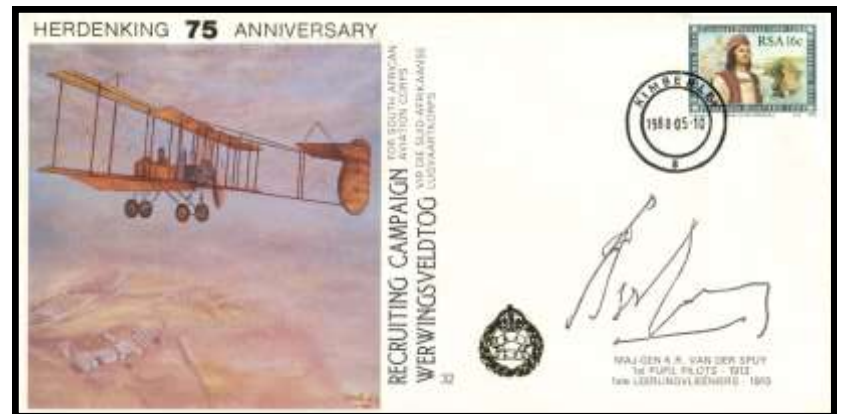
SAAF 31b
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 31 but signed by
 Dr J.H. Adler RFC 1917-1919.





SAAF 32 Date: 10 5 1988
 Price R10
 Recruiting Campaign for
 SA Aviation Corps.
 Information printed on back of
 cover.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

SAAF 32a
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 32 but signed by
 Maj. Gen. K.R. van der Spuy
 1st Pupil Pilot—1913



Note: Since this cover was produced Major-General Kenny van der Spuy CBE MC made his last Flight. At the age of 99 years he passed away peacefully on 26 May 1991 at his home "Old Nectar" at Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch.



SAAF 33 Date: 1 8 1988
 Price R10
 50th Anniversary Waterkloof.
 Information printed on back of
 cover.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

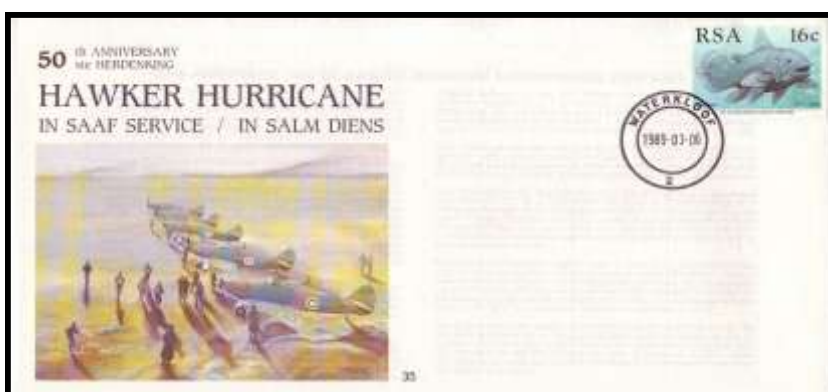
SAAF 33a
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 33 but signed by
 Gen. Maj. H.G. Willmot, CBE and
 Brig. G.J. Coetzee, SDSM.





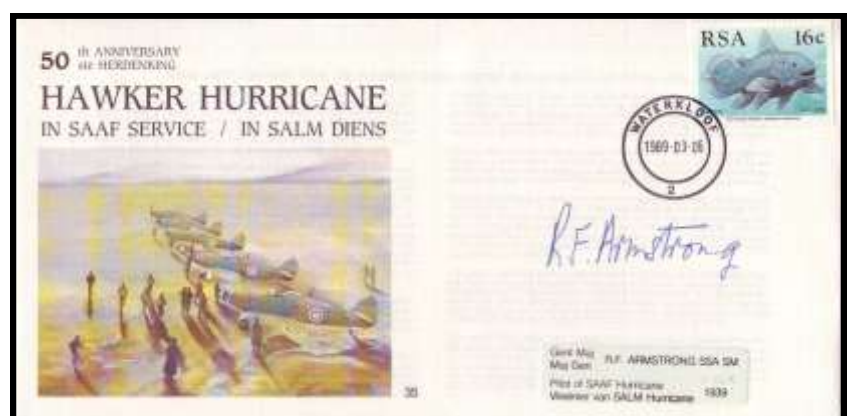
SAAF 34 Date: 6 12 1988
 Price R10
 50th Anniversary SA Womens Aviation Association.
 Information printed on back of cover.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

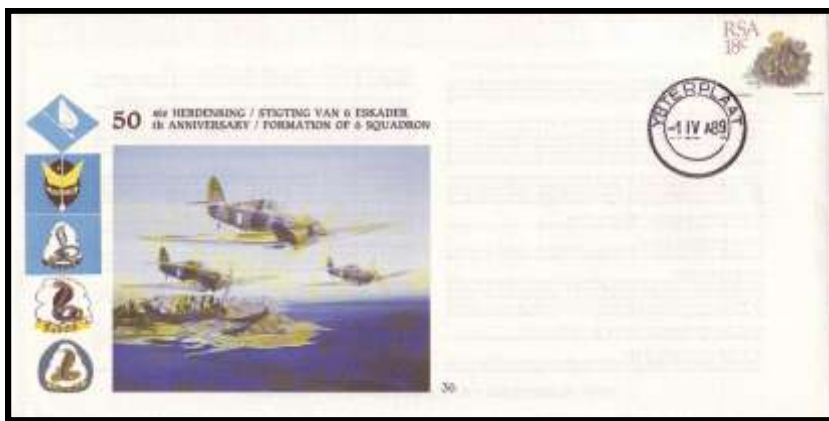
SAAF 34a
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 34 but signed by
 Lt. Col. (Mrs) E.K. Dunning.
 First OC of SA WAAF.



SAAF 35 Date: 6 3 1989
 Price R10
 50th Anniversary Hawker Hurricane in SAAF Service.
 Information printed on back of cover.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

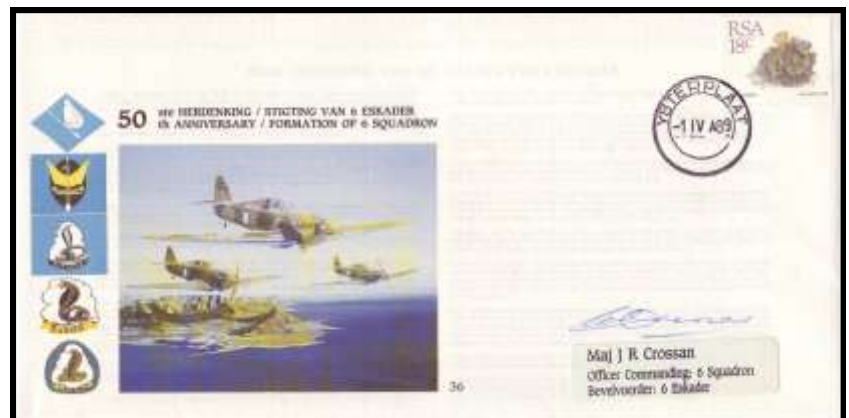
SAAF 35a
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 35 but signed by
 Gen. Maj. R.F. Armstrong, SSA, SM.
 Pilot of SAAF Hurricane 1939.



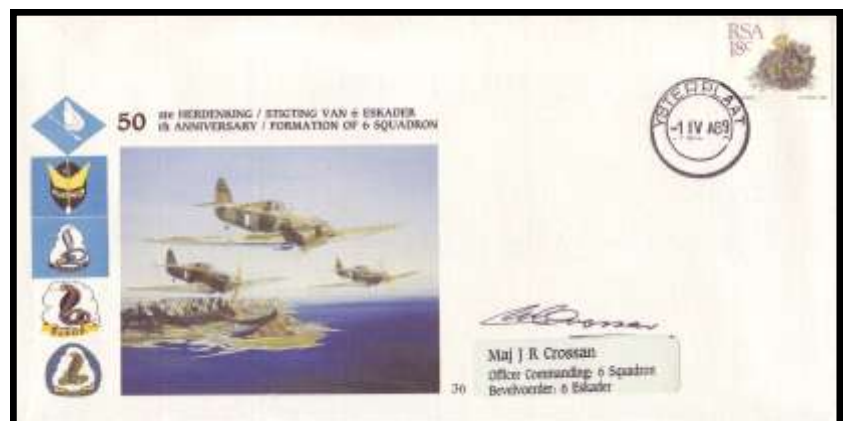


SAAF 36 Date: 1 4 1989
 Price R10
 50th Anniversary Formation of
 6 Squadron.
 Information printed on back of
 cover.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

SAAF 36a
 Price R20
 Same as SAAF 36 but signed by
 Maj. J.R. Crossan, OC 6 Squadron.



SAAF 36b
 Same as SAAF 36a but signed in
 black ink.





SAAF 37 Date: 15 3 1990
 Price R12
 70th Anniversary of the Founding
 of the SAAF—
 The Imperial Gift 1920.
 Information printed on back of
 cover.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

SAAF 37a
 Price R22
 Same as SAAF 37 but signed by
 Lt. Gen D.J. Earp,
 Chief of the Air Force 1984-1988.



SAAF 38 Date: 30 7 1990
 Price R12
 70th Anniversary: Attestation of
 the First SAAF Recruit.
 Information printed on back of
 cover.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

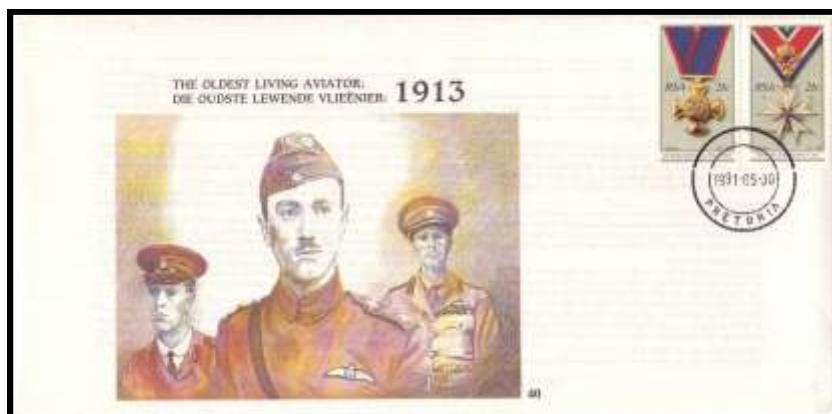
SAAF 38a
 Price R22
 Same as SAAF 38 but signed by
 Brig C.B. Lombard.
 OC SAAF Training Command.





SAAF 39 Date: 17 5 1991
 Price R12
 70th Anniversary: Establishment of First SAAF Flying Station 1921.
 Only cover number printed on back.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

SAAF 39b
 Price R22
 Same as SAAF 39 but signed by Col D. Badenhorst
 OC Air Force Base Swartkop



SAAF 40 Date: 30 5 1991
 Price R12
 The Oldest Living Aviator (Died before cover was issued.)
 Only cover number printed on back.
 Size 11 x 22 cm.

SAAF 40a
 Price R22
 Same as SAAF 40 but signed by Lt. K. Mittendorf. Best student:
 Pilots Course No 2/89 : 1990.

