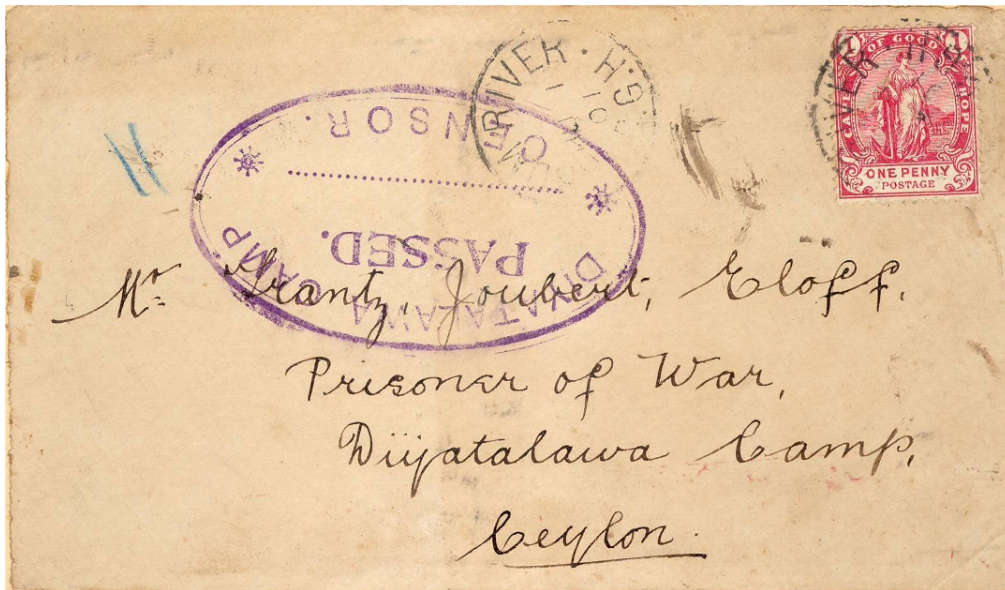


FRANCOIS JOHANNES JOUBERT ELOFF (1876-1927)

Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery ¹:

Philatelic Cover: a buff-coloured envelope addressed to Mr Frantz Joubert Eloff, Prisoner of War, Diyatalawa Camp, Ceylon. Cancelled Cape of Good Hope 1893 rose-red One Penny cds KROM RIVER ² JU 1 01; and marked with an oval DIYATALAWA CAMP PASSED. CENSOR. stamp.



Francois Jacobus Joubert Eloff ³ was born on 23 January 1876 in Reddersburg. He was christened on 2 July 1876 in the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk, Bloemfontein. He died on 17 March 1927 ⁴. He was buried in Main Cemetery, Dewetsdorp, Orange Free State, South Africa. He married Aletta Maria Magdalena Robbertse (Roberts); and together they had one child, Aletta Maria Magdalena Eloff born on 20 April 1919.

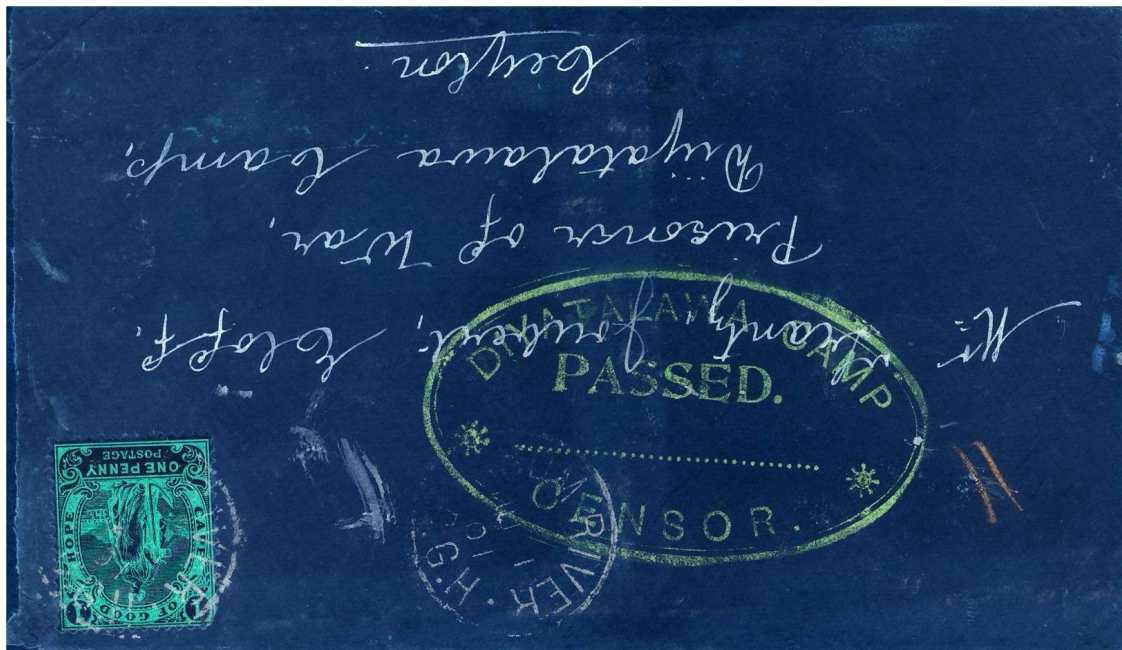
KROM RIVER: The Krom River Post Office, district Beaufort West, was opened in 1880, became a sub post-office in December 1898 and was transferred as a Rail Postal Agency in 1903. Putzel lists two cancellers, and examples such as this are likely to be extremely rare.

¹ This cover is pasted on verso of a card measuring 6.5 by 8.5 ins on which there is an original ink and watercolour composition with decorative foliage and grapes at top, ornamental device at foot of lettering block: "J J C Claasen. Souvenire. Van My. Gevangenschap, Diyatalawa. Ceylon, 30 November, 1901." Description: Richard Sawyer, Tonbridge, Kent.

² KROM RIVER (Cape) Putzel No. 1: 25mm single circle; C.G.H at base; no time code letter; month before day, and with year in date (No. 1a excludes the year)

³ His parents were Johannes Zacharias Eloff, born on 30 December 1848, died on 5 January 1924 and Aletta Jacoba Joubert, born on 24 December 1852, died on 20 November 1931.

⁴ VAB MHG Reference 19440 Description: Eloff, Francois Jacobus Joubert. Eggenote Aletta Maria Magdalena (Gebore Roberts). 1927



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