

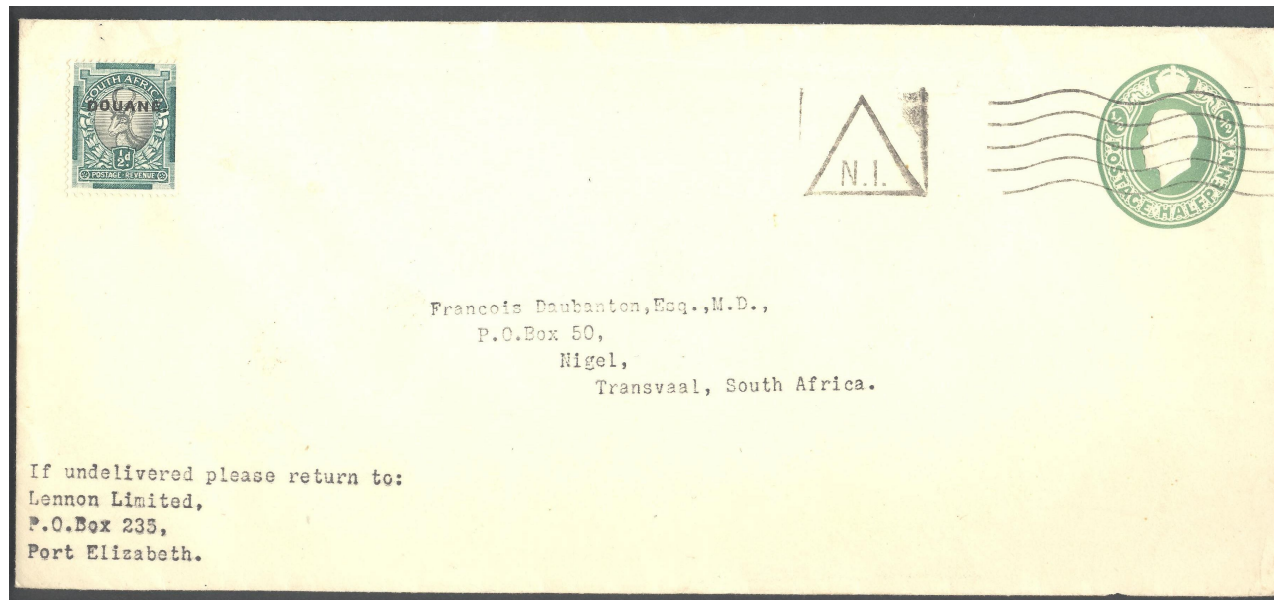
DR FRANCOIS DAUBENTON

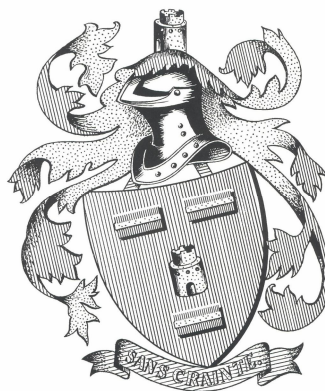
The CORRESPONDENCE SERIES is an investigation into the background of recipients of British pre-stamped postal stationery. The "collection" was purchased in South Africa in 1999 as a job lot, the which took me six months to sort and mount, creating a collection spanning 140 years. I have no idea of the provenance.

The Reference work is British Postal Stationery, A K Huggins.1970. The first date with catalogue number refers to the year when the pre-stamped envelope was first issued; the second, the year when the envelope was actually used.

Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery:

KING GEORGE V British Postal Stationery ½d green embossed (on cream)(HG B25C) FU with undated machine cancel (circa 1934), bearing ½d SA Roto single overprinted DOUANE in black affixed at NW (B&H 26 not tied as usual), posted to Nigel, Transvaal





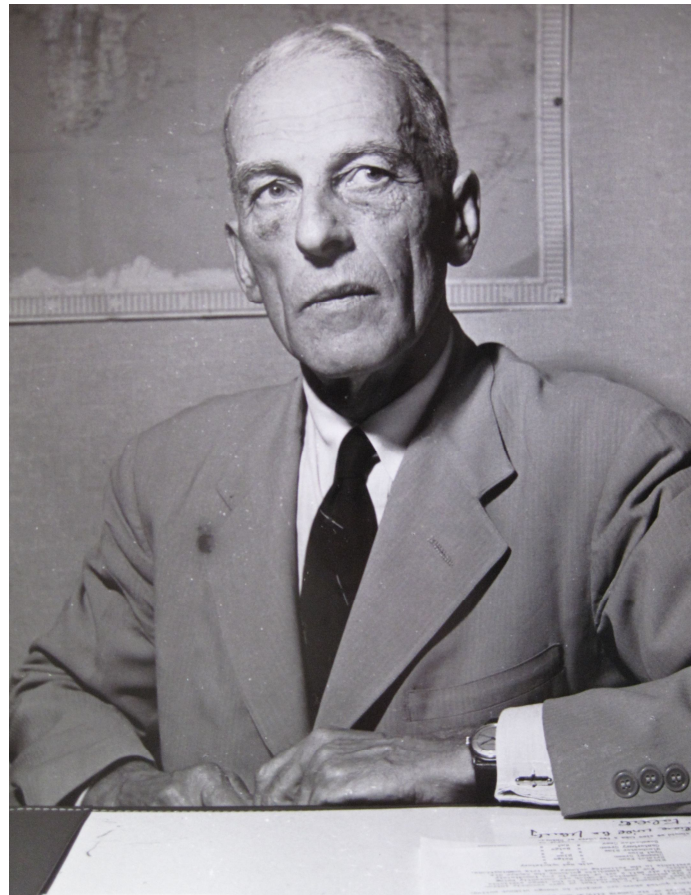
Daubenton Coat of Arms

General François Daubenton, C.B.E., former WHO Regional Director for Africa, died in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa, on 20 June 1965.

Born in Rotterdam in 1888, François Daubenton studied medicine at the Universities of Lausanne and Utrecht, obtaining his M.D. at the latter. He carried out postgraduate studies at St Bartholomew's Hospital (London), the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and the University of Johannesburg. After several years in private practice in the Transvaal, he became medical consultant to various South African mining companies. During the Second World War he was appointed Consul General for the Netherlands in Johannesburg and was a member of the Netherlands Military Mission to South Africa. In 1944, he joined the Public Health Division of UNRRA as Liaison Officer with the Netherlands Government, and helped organize public health services in the Netherlands following the liberation. In 1945 he was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff of the Netherlands Military Government and then Director-General of the Medical Services of the Royal Netherlands Army, from which he retired in 1948 with the rank of Lieutenant General. From 1945 to 1948 he was Vice-President of the Netherlands Red Cross Society.

On joining the staff of WHO in 1948, General Daubenton served first as Chief of the Organization's mission in Ethiopia and then as consultant in public health administration in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. In 1952 he was appointed Chief of the newly created WHO Office for Africa in Geneva. Two years later he became the first WHO Regional Director for Africa and established the new Regional Office in Brazzaville.

After his retirement from WHO in 1954, General Daubenton continued to take an active interest in international health work as Medico-Social Consultant and later Honorary Consultant of the League of Red Cross Societies. General Daubenton will be remembered as a man of many talents and wide culture. He loved Africa and had a deep knowledge and understanding of its problems, economic and social as well as medical ⁱ.



CURRICULUM V I T A E
Lt.Gen. FRANCOIS DAUBENTON. M.D.

Present Residence	3, Donegal Avenue, Parkview, Johannesburg, South Africa.
	Alternative address:
	c/o J.D. Daubenton, 38 B, Avenue Concordia, Rotterdam 16, Holland.
Birth	Rotterdam, 16 September, 1888
Nationality	Netherlands

Education	1901-1907	Gymnasium Rotterdam. Matriculation, University of Utrecht
	1907-1916	Med.Poet. State exam. (arts). University of Lausanne
	1909-1910	Medical student. University of London (St. Bartholomew's Hosp.)
	1919-1920	Licentiate in Medicine & Surgery of the Society of Apothecaries, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.
	1932	Certificate in Epidemiology & Vital Statistics. University of Johannesburg (later Witwatersrand University)
	1935-1936	Diploma Public Health. Witwatersrand University

Professional Societies	Fellow Royal Statistical Society. London
	Member: Royal African Society.
	Member: International African Institute.
	Member: South African Medical Association.
	Member: Société des Africanistes (Paris).
	Honorary member (ex President) Transvaal Mine Medical Officers Association

Employment Record	1914-1919	Private to 1st Lieutenant Royal Netherlands Army Medical Corps
	1920-1927	Private medical practice (Nigel), Transvaal
	1927-1934	Senior Medical Officer, Sub. Nigel Gold Mine, Transvaal
	1934-1939	Consultant Medical Officer East Rand Mining Group, Johannesburg
	1939-1940	Consul General for the Netherlands South West Africa (Windhoek)
	1940	Attaché: Social Affairs, Netherlands Legation, Pretoria ⁱⁱ
	1941-44	Consul General for the Netherlands, Johannesburg ⁱⁱⁱ . Medical Officer to the Netherlands Military Mission for Africa
	1944	Liaison Officer UNRRA and Netherlands Government. London. Officer-in-charge Transports undernourished Netherlands children to United Kingdom.
	1945 (March-Sept)	Colonel. Deputy Chief of Staff Netherlands Military Government (Brussels, Breda, The Hague) in charge of: Public Health, social affairs, education, repatriation
	1945-1948	Major General. Director of General Medical Services Royal Netherlands Army. Vice-President Netherlands Red Cross.
	1946-1948	Chief Delegate, Netherlands Government at Red Cross Conferences, Geneva
	1948	Lieut-General D.G.M.S. Chief of Mission. WHO. Ethiopia.
	1949	Consultant Public Health Administration, Regional WHO Office, Alexandria.
	1950 1951-1954	Chief African Office WHO., Geneva Director Regional Office for Africa. WHO (Geneva-Brazzaville)

1954	Delegate of League of Red Cross Societies. Missions: Czechoslovakia, Poland, Fed. Republic of Germany
1955-1958	Medico Social Consultant, League of Red Cross Societies
1959-62	Honorary Consultant League of Red Cross Societies
Decorations	"Ridder" of the Order of the Netherlands Lion (Netherlands) Officer of the Order of the Orange Nassau (Netherlands) Royal Netherlands Red Cross Medal (Netherlands) Red Cross Remembrance Cross 1940-1945 (Netherlands) War Remembrance Cross 1940-1945 (Netherlands) Mobilisation Cross 1914-1918 (Netherlands) Hon. Commander of the Order of the British Empire (Military) Officer Legion of Merit (U.S.A.) Gold Cross of Honor (U.S.A.) Commander of the Star of Africa (Liberia)
Authored	F. Daubenton, Johannesburg 20th May 1965
Death ^{iv}	1965 Johannesburg 20th June 1965

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General Daubenton's decorations (in miniature)

ⁱ REFERENCE: General François Daubenton (Obituary) WHO Chronicle 1965.19 (10).419

ⁱⁱ DEPOT SAB

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REMARKS SURVIVING SON: B F. DAUBENTON, J.P., J.C.D., B.Sc., M.B. B.CH., F.R.C.O.G., F.I.C.S., HON. F.A.C.P., P.C.M.S.A., later to be Dean Emeritus, Faculty of Medicine, University of Witwatersrand; Professor Emeritus of Obstetricians and Gynaecologist, President, South African Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and South African College of Medicine