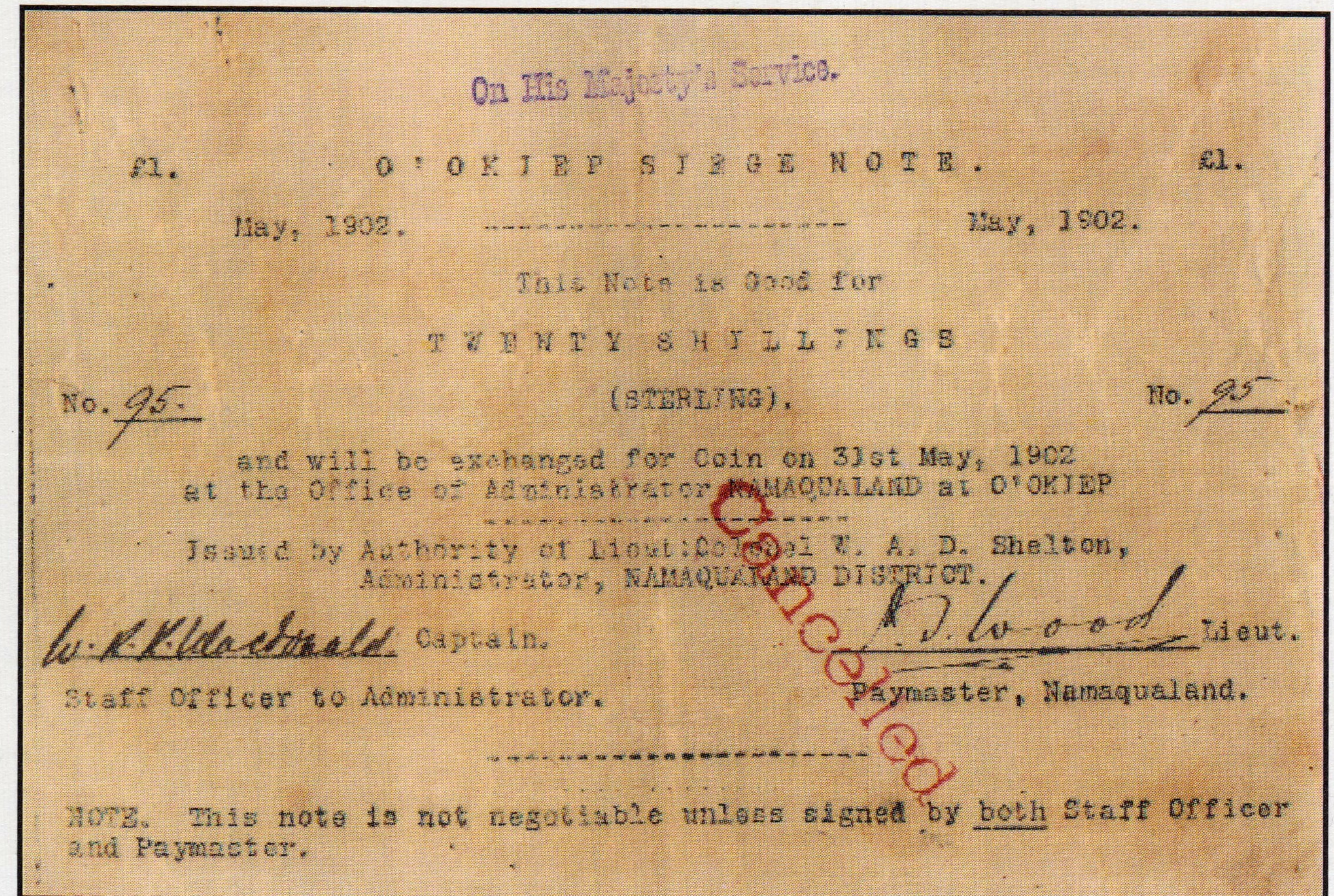
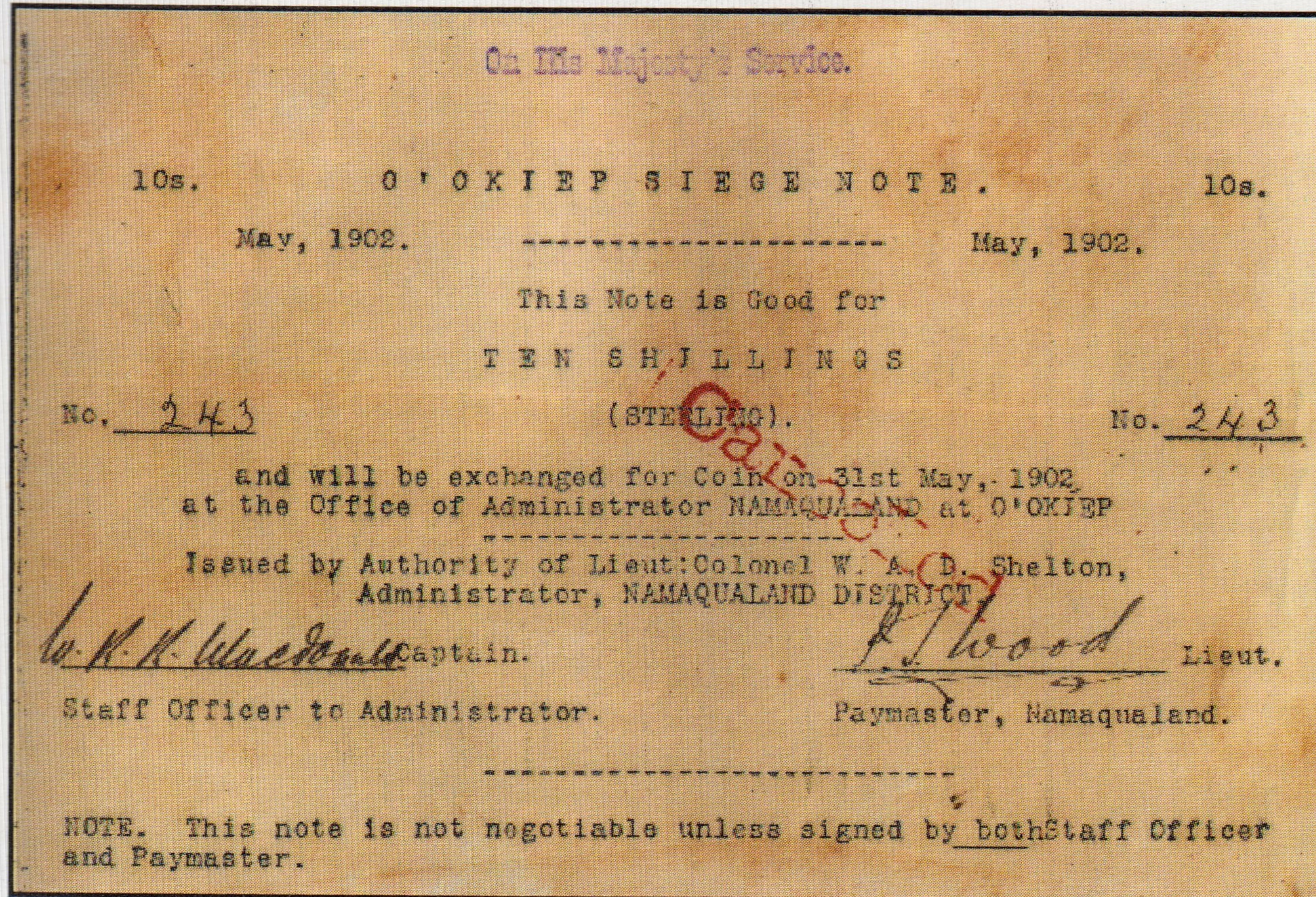


OKIEP NOTES

The Okiep notes are among the rarest issues of paper money in South Africa. Only three sets are thought to exist according to ABSA Bank Museum. These two were recently bought at the London IBNS browse.

The copper mining town of Okiep in the Northern Cape was placed under siege by the commandos of General J.C. Smuts from 4 April to 4 May 1902 when the Anglo Boer war was virtually ended.

Lt Col W.A.D. Shelton, the Officer Commanding of the troops in the town and Administrator of the Namaqualand District, faced with the additional problem of a shortage of paper money, authorised the issue of three notes or 'good fors' with a value of 10/-, £1, and £5. The notes were signed by Captain W.R.K. MacDonald, Staff Officer to the Administrator, and Lt P.T. Wood, Paymaster Namaqualand, and could be redeemed for coin on 31 May 1902 at the office of the Administrator at Okiep, Namaqualand.



On His Majesty's Service.

£5.

O'OKIEP SIEGE NOTE.

£5.

May, 1902.

May, 1902.

This Note is Good for

FIVE POUNDS

No. 7

(STERLING).

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and will be exchanged for Coin on 31st May, 1902
at the Office of Administrator NAMAQUALAND at O'OKIEP

Issued by Authority of Lieut:Colonel W. A. D. Shelton,
Administrator, NAMAQUALAND DISTRICT.

W. H. H. Wood Captain.

Staff Officer to Administrator.

W. A. D. Shelton Lieut.
Paymaster, Namaqualand.

NOTE. This note is not negotiable unless signed by both Staff Officer
and Paymaster.