

Tip 176 – You can show layers of postal history on a cover

Some philatelic material, especially postal history, can have layers: stamps, labels or attachments of various kinds can be stacked atop one another or over the cover itself. The top layer is what we see but the layers underneath can provide valuable information. Michael Dixon faced, and successfully addressed, the challenge of showing two layers of postal history on the back of one of his covers in his gold medal exhibit *Boer POW Camps in Ceylon 1900-1902*. Figure 176-1 is a page from his exhibit. On the top of the page the front of a cover is shown. At the bottom of the page there are two scans. One scan shows the reverse of the cover as it appears with a censor label covering most of the envelope. The other scan is the same side of the cover but with the censor label lifted to show the postmarks on the reverse. Showing the information on each layer of a multi-layered postal history item makes the exhibit more complete.



Figure 176-1