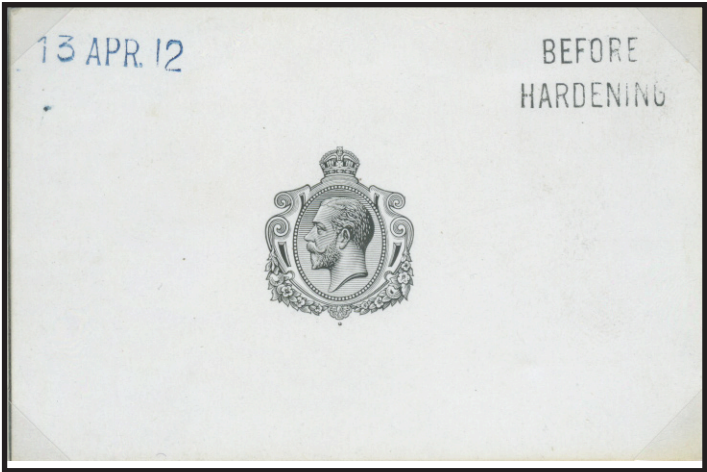


A Study of Bermuda King George V “key plates”

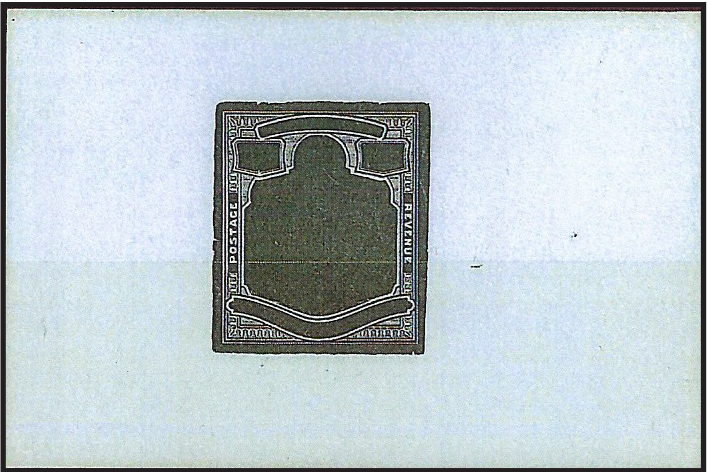
The purpose of this exhibit is to show the **printings** and the development of the **head** and frame **plate flaws** of the Bermuda high-value stamps issued during the reign of King George V (KGV) – the so-called “key plates.” The initial four values of 2s6d, 5s, 10s and £1, were printed in November 1917 (issued on 1st April 1918), and followed by the 2s and 4s printed in May 1920 with the 12s6d printed in July 1932. Although these stamps were primarily produced for revenue purposes, they were inscribed “POSTAGE / REVENUE” and thus could be and were used for postage. An additional 12s6d value printed in October 1936 was inscribed “REVENUE / REVENUE” and was reserved for fiscal use. Six other colonies adopted the same basic design in 60-stamp plates for their KGV high-value stamps: Ceylon, Leeward Islands, Malta, Nigeria, Nyasaland and Straits Settlements – a fact that had a major impact on flaw development.



X	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	X
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	
	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	
X	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	X

X represents location of plate numbers.

blue numbers are positions with flaws and red numbers are positions with major flaws .



Sheet layout

The Bermuda issue was printed by De La Rue in sheets of 60 stamps in five rows of 12. This 60-set was surrounded by a single “jubilee line” to help spread the pressure of the inking and printing across the plate and lessen any damage. and in part explains why there are only a few frame flaws. In addition, plate numbers (“1”) were inserted opposite positions 1, 12, 49 and 60.

Flaws

The 60-set key-plate design was used in nearly 170 printings for the seven colonies between 1912 and 1937. The head plate was common to all seven, and by the end of the King’s reign, 26 of the 60 positions had received some damage, mainly on the King’s head. These are the “head plate flaws” (HPF). Repairs were often made using lead solder that broke down in stages, resulting in different states of the same flaw in the same printing. The “duty” or frame plate, bearing the denomination and the colony’s name, was used in only 38 printings for Bermuda, and thus had less occasion to be damaged. Two new discoveries are flaw 58B and confirmation of the occurrence of FF40 on the February 1930 £1 value during the KGV reign. Each frame starts with the die proof and printings followed by the head plate flaws and finally frame plate flaws for each value.

Printings / Paper coatings

This was a time of austerity. It is believed that paper with different coatings that had been used on other issues was kept and recycled. Therefore there might have been one or two sheets in some printings on which the coating on the paper was different from the bulk of the paper used. This coating can lead to dramatically different perceived colours of the inks when compared to the rest of that printing. An extreme example is the June 1929 printing of the 2s6d stamp, where Dr. Glazer allocated four paper varieties to the one printing.

**Watermark.** From 1918 to 1922 the paper used had a Crown and CA watermark, from 1924 this was changed to paper with a Crown and script CA watermark. The exception was the £1 value which continued using the original watermarked paper.

Layout

- Frame 1. Preproduction, Printings and frame plate flaws 2s - 2s6d
- Frame 2. Printings and frame plate flaws 2s6d - 12s6d
- Frame 3. Printings and frame plate flaws £1, Head Plate Flaws 1 - 12
- Farne 4. Head Plate Flaws 12 - 49
- Frame 5. Head Plate Flaws 49 - 60



Jul 1931  
12Ari  
LEGEND: Jul 1931 - printing  
12 - stamp from position 12  
Air - flaw A, state I, r - repaired

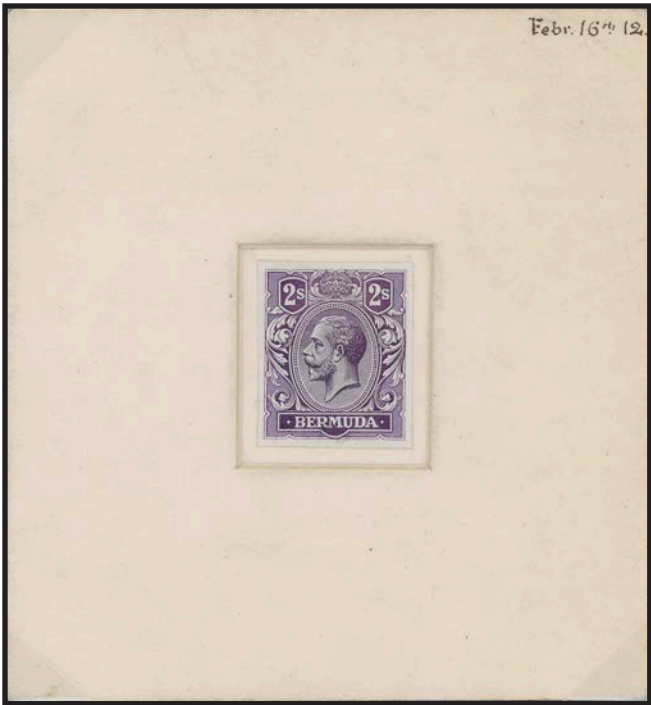
44	45
56	57

When a multiple is displayed a box shows the position of the stamps on the sheet, a blue fill shows a flaw occurs. A red fill shows a major flaw.

Further reading: The King George V High-Value Stamps of Bermuda, 1917-1938 by Myles Glazer; published by Calaby Publishers in 1994. The Postal History and Postage Stamps of Bermuda by Morris H Ludington; published by Quarterman in 1978.

Preproduction

Essay



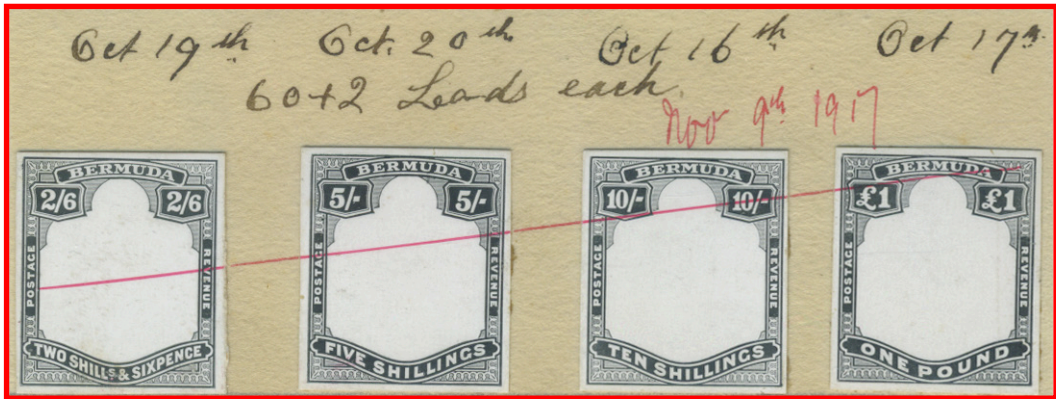
Unaccepted design  
Essay on thin glossy paper partially hand-painted.  
Two examples recorded



This design was first used for the Nyasaland KEVII high value stamps, however Straits Settlement was the first country to continue with the design for KGV, Therefore this Die Proof of King's head was prepared for Straits Settlement for stamps issued in 1912 and the head plate was used for other countries including Bermuda.

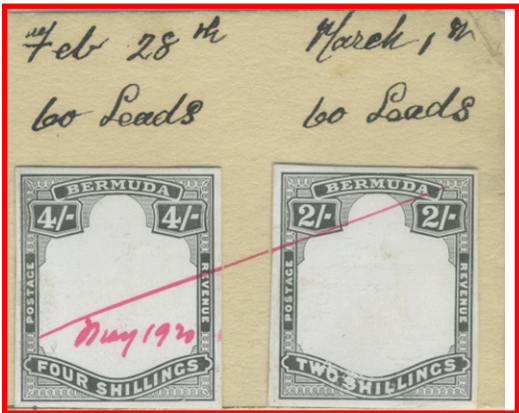
Die Proof of Duty Plates  
Proofs from the De La Rue day book

1917



Original four values made on the same card after striking the molds, although this is not specified: the notation '60+2 Leads each' signifies that 62 clichés (including two spares) were made for the four duty plates, with each plate consisting of 60 stamps in a 12 column 5 row format. The date shown above each proof (e.g. 'Oct 19th', 'Oct 17th' etc.) is believed to be that of when the proof was made and submitted to the Crown Agents for approval. The notation 'Nov 9th 1917' suggests that the duty plates of the four denominations were used on that day to print stamps in those values. The lines drawn through the proofs identify these as being from the De La Rue records.

1920



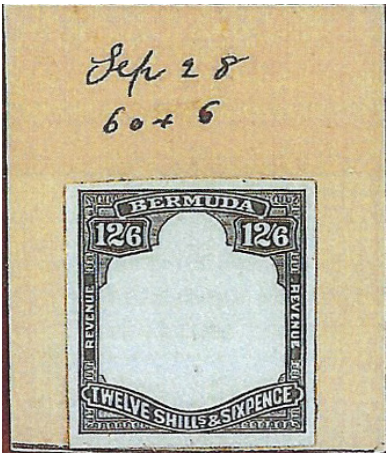
Two new values prepared in 1920

1932



12s6d value was issued in 1932 to pay the departure tax for passengers leaving Bermuda

1936



A revenue stamp was issued for the 12s6d stamp in October 1936

Specimen - Ex Madagascar archives

Six values produced on watermark paper with a multiple Crown and CA



Four values were produced on watermark paper with a multiple Crown and Script CA. The 12s6d which was produced in 1932 and perforated specimen is not recorded ex the Madagascan archives.



UPU distributed specimens in strips of three.  
Ex Madagascar Archives

Two Shillings



Before Striking  
6 examples recorded



After Striking  
4 examples recorded

May 1920 (497 sheets)  
Watermark Multiple Crown and CA



Specimen  
Samuel D12a



Reversed Wmk  
(less than 30  
recorded)



Philatelic cover to USA.  
Correct rate would be 3d for registration and 3d per 1/2 oz for surface  
delivery. One of five recorded covers with the first printing of the 2s.

Printings

1	2
13	14
25	26
37	38
49	50

Sheetlet of 6 vs full 12 columns showing  
the 4 plate plugs used on the KGV sheets

9	10	11	12
21	22	23	24
33	34	35	36
45	46	47	48
57	58	59	60



Largest recorded multiple  
of the 2s May 1920

Two Shillings

April 1927 (557 sheets)

Watermark Multiple Crown and Script CA

Printings



Specimen  
Samuel D16



A



B

Two paper types. A has a paler head and a dull frame while B has a deeper head and a brighter frame.

July 1931 (515 sheets)



A



B



C

Two paper types with the head of type A being blacker than type B. The frame on type B is paler than A. Type C is a chaneling of type A due to exposure to high humidity, producing a redder purple for the head and a lighter frame than A.



Commercial cover  
2s Apr 1927 and 2s6d Sep 1931  
paying the correct 4s6d airmail  
rate to South America, the 3d  
stamp paid the registration fee.



Commercial parcel tag  
2s July 1931 and 2s6d August 1930 paying the parcel rate for  
8.1lbs to 9 lbs. The additional 2 1/2d rate was for the inclusion of  
a letter within the parcel.

Frame Flaws

While the frame flaws eventually occur on a majority of the stamps in the sheet it is because the same head plate was just for all values and for a number of countries. However the value (frame) plate was only used for the one country and for each individual value and therefore flaws are far less frequent. In addition the same value plates were used for the high values stamps for King George VI so the majority of these flaws can also be found on the high value stamps for the next king.

2s FF12  
Row 1  
Column 12



Normal



FF 12

2s FF 12 ERD: May 1920 only.

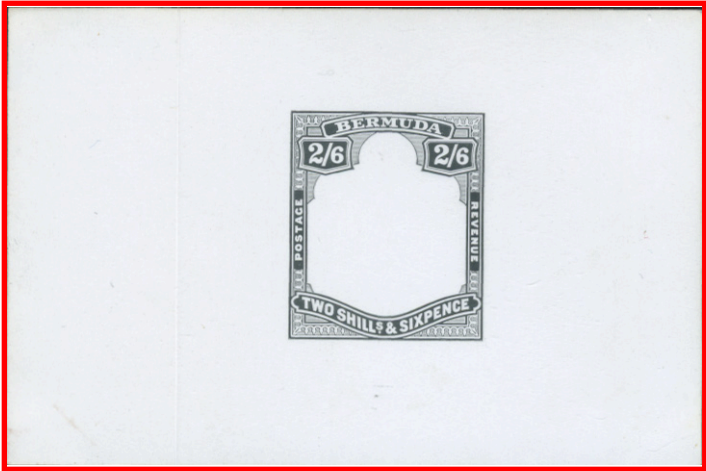
Colourless dots between the letters E and V of REVENUE also a small break in the frame between the R and E.

KGVI: this flaw reoccurred in the May 1941 to March 1943 printings.



Mar 1920

Two Shilling Six Pence



No Die proofs are known with markings.  
Believed between 3 and 5 examples

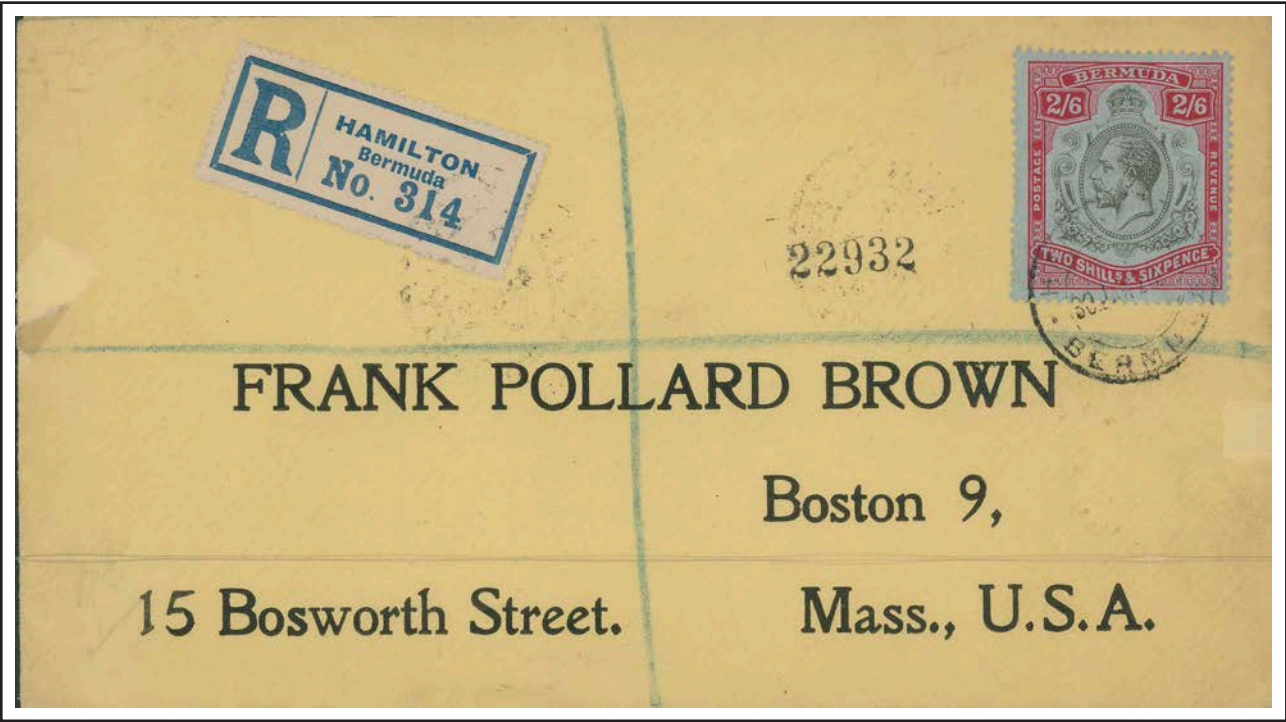
November 1917 (557 sheets)



Specimen  
Samuel D12a



One printing and  
one paper type



Philatelic cover to USA.  
Correct rate would be 3d for registration and 3d per 1/2 oz for surface delivery.  
One of three recorded covers with a single stamp from the first printing of the 2s6d.

Watermark Multiple Crown and CA

3	4	5	6
15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24
27	28	28	30

Printings



Largest block recorded of the 2/6 November 1917 printing.  
Both 4A and B originally occurred on the Nyasaland 4s, January 1913 printing and these flaws are reported on other Bermuda November 1917 printings, however the repairs must have held as neither flaw is visible in this block.

Two Shilling Six Pence  
Watermark Multiple Crown and Script CA

Printings

September 1926 (515 sheets)



Specimen  
Samuel D16



A

Lighter paper and frame colour than the other printings  
Type B shows as a browner colour than type A



B



Philatelic cover to England.  
Correct rate would be 3d for registration and 3d per 1/2 oz for surface delivery.  
One of nine recorded covers with a single stamp from the first printing of the 2s6d.

June 1929 (394 sheets)



A



B

According to Dr Myles Glazer there are four paper coatings that cause a dramatic variation in frame colour. These copies have been analyzed using x-ray fluorescence to verify that they indeed belong to the same printing. The heads all show a grey-black colour, the frames vary from a deep red carmine to the vivid rose colour shown on type C. Types C and D are very rare and rare respectively with very few examples of each are known.



C



D

November 1928 (371 sheets)



A



B

The distinguishing feature of the scarce November 1928 printing is the darker grey colour of the head. The paper is a darker blue than the September 1926 but less grey than later printings. Type B has a brighter frame than type A.



Philatelic cover to USA.  
Only recorded cover with 2s6d November 1928,  
One of two recorded covers with the 10s from the October 1929 print-

October 1929 (394 sheets)



A



B

This printing can be determined by the paper which appears brighter than most of the other printings along with the pale grey-black of the head. Type B is deeper than type A.

Two Shilling Six Pence

August 1930 (409 sheets)



A

B

C

The carmine red of the August 1930 printing is easy to separate from the other printings and is the third most common of the script CA printings. The type C is caused by uneven mixing of inks. Type B has a paler head and is deeper than type A.



Philatelic cover to USA.  
One of 4 covers recorded with 2s6d August 1930 printing,  
10s May 1928  
May 1931 (515 sheets)



A



B

A very rare printing with an extremely dark frame, scarcer than the Feb 1930 and July 1932 printings.

September 1931 (1,575 sheets)

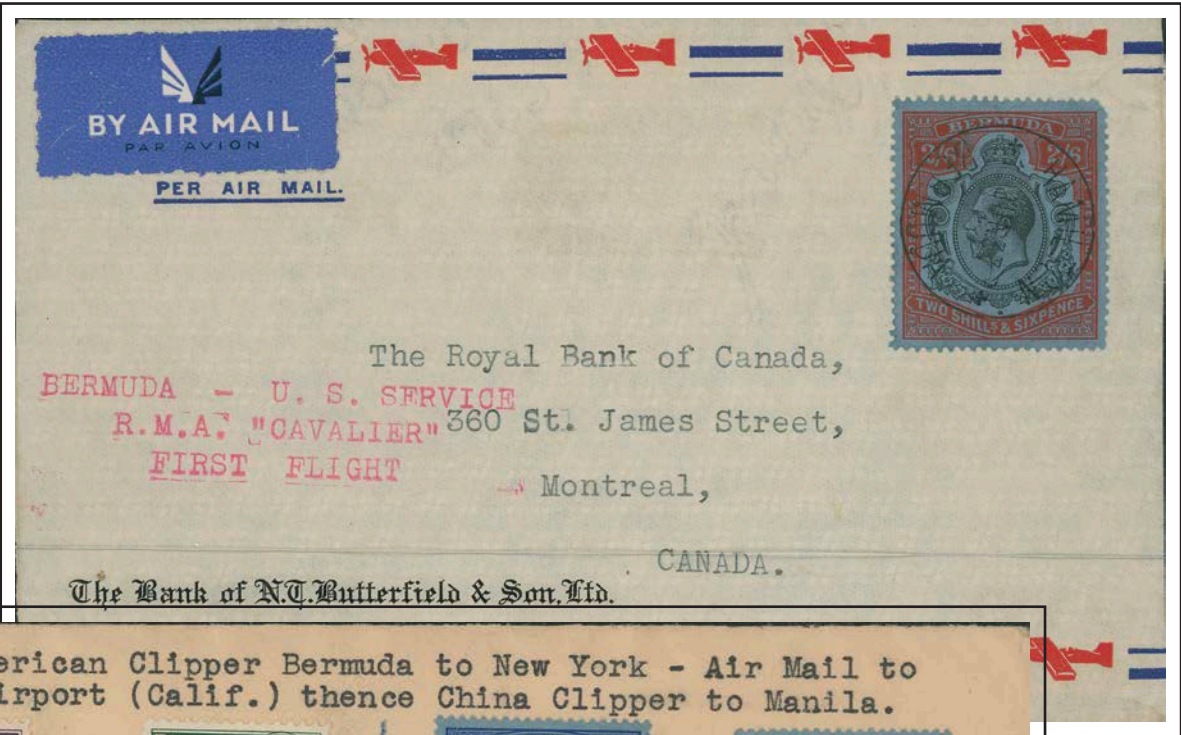


A

B

C

Scarlet vermilion frames varying from a brighter almost orange vermilion to the darker browner scarlet vermilion. The paper is a grey blue.



Cover paying the correct rate for an unregistered cover to Canada with airmail to New York and then from New York to Canada.



Registered cover to Manila

Printings

Two Shilling Six Pence

Watermark Multiple Crown and Script CA

February 1930 (515 sheets)

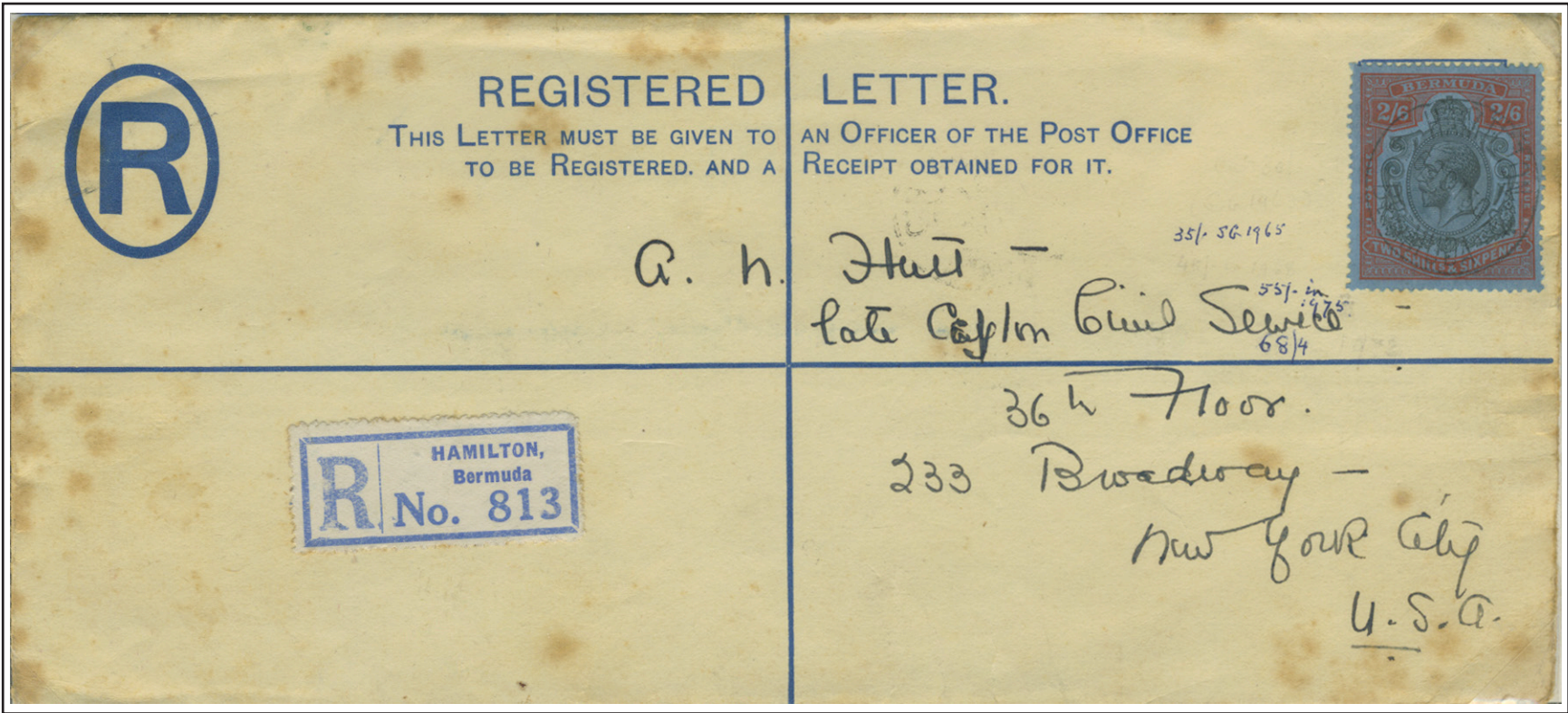


A

Rare printing of pale orange vermillion on a grey-blue paper, the second variety is paler and duller.



B



Two covers recorded with the February 1930 printing.

July 1932 (350 sheets)



A

Bright orange vermillion, another rare printing with less usage for travel tickets as the 12s6d value was released at the same time. Most of this printing was likely destroyed 6 years later when the stamps of King George VI were issued in January 1938. Type B is a paler, the pair above is the largest known multiple and one of 3 pairs recorded.

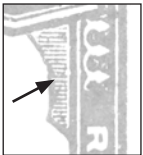


B

Printings

Frame Flaws

FF 6  
Row 1  
Column 6



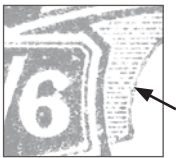
2s6d FF 6 ERD: November 1928.  
A break in the middle of the outline of the panel below the right value tablet, also a nick in the inner line above “REVENUE”

KGVI: this flaw occurred on all printings.



FF 6  
August 1930  
fiscal

FF43  
Row 4  
Column 7



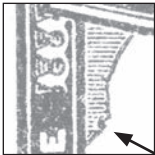
2s6d FF 43 ERD: September 1926.  
A break in a shading line to the right of the left hand value tablet.

KGVI: this flaw occurred on all printings.



FF 43  
October 1929

FF 25  
Row 3  
Column 1



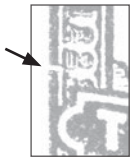
2s6d FF 25 ERD: September 1926.  
A break in the middle of the outline of the panel below the right value tablet, also a nick in the inner line above “REVENUE”

KGVI: this flaw occurred on all printings.



FF 25  
June 1929

FF48  
Row 4  
Column 12



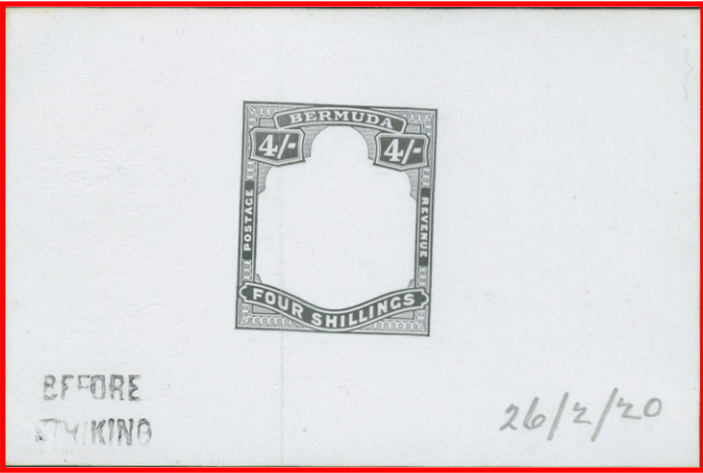
2s6d FF 48 ERD: September 1926.  
A break towards the bottom of the outer left frame line.

KGVI: this flaw occurs in some state throughout the KGVI printings.



FF 48  
August 1930

Four Shilling



Before Striking  
7 examples recorded

May 1920 (502 sheets)



Specimen  
Samuel D12a



A  
Two ink varieties, A has a darker head than B



B



May 1920  
FF12



Less than four covers recorded with the 4s  
Sent by sea to the USA in an unsuccessful attempt to catch the Zeppelin flight to Germany.

Printings

5	6	7	8
17	18	19	20
29	30	31	32
41	42	43	44
53	54	55	56



Largest recorded block of 4s



4s FF 12 ERD: March 1920.  
The outer right frame line shows  
varying thickness due to incorrect  
planning.

KGVI: no 4s value was issued in  
the KGVI reign..

Five Shillings

Printings



No Die proofs are known with markings.  
Believed between 3 and 5 examples

March 1920 (505 sheets)



A



B

Two paper varieties  
Type A has a deeper green head

June 1921 (1,029 sheets)

1	2
13	14

Inverted watermark  
Only recorded plate block  
Believed to be 3 sheets



Reversed watermark  
2 recorded examples



Inverted & Reversed  
watermark  
3 examples recorded

November 1917 (502 sheets)



Specimen  
Samuel D12a



A



B

Frames are deep red vs carmine-red for the later  
printings. Type A the frame is brighter than type B.



Frame Flaws

5s FF11  
Row 1



5s FF Pos 11 ERD: November 1917.  
A notch in the frame line of the  
lower value tablet above the “S” of  
“Shilling”.

KGVI: this flaw occurred in the  
1937 printing and intermittent  
throughout..



November 1917



March 1920



June 1921

5s FF39  
Row 4  
Column 3



5s FF 39 ERD: November 1917.  
Two small breaks A. is just  
above and to the left of the B of  
Bermuda and B. at the bottom  
of the inner frame line near the  
left 5/-.



Mar 1920

5s FF58  
Row 5  
Column 10



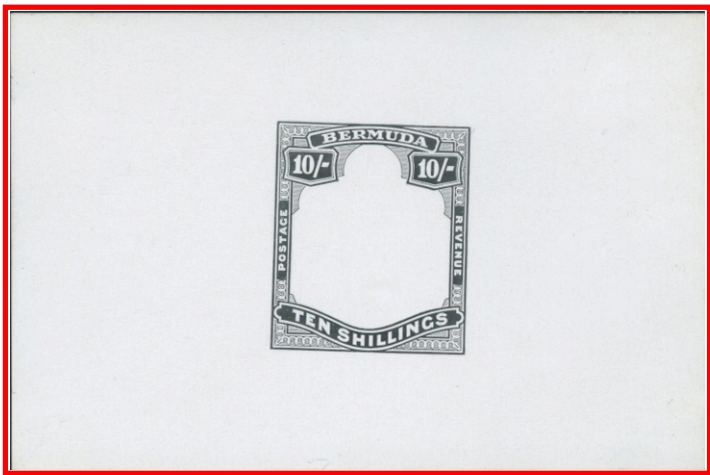
5s FF 58 ERD: November 1917  
Small irregular dot after the final  
“S” of SHILLINGS.

KGVI: this flaw occurs on the all  
KGVI printing.



Jun 1921

Ten Shillings



No Die proofs are known with markings.  
Believed between 3 and 5 examples

Printings



November 1917  
Few multiples of the 10s on Crown CA paper are recorded

Watermark Multiple Crown and CA

November 1917 (348 sheets)

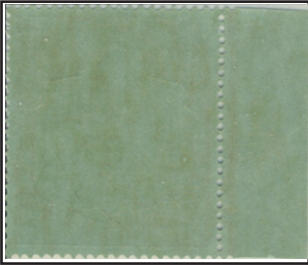


Specimen Samuel  
D12a



Blue-green back

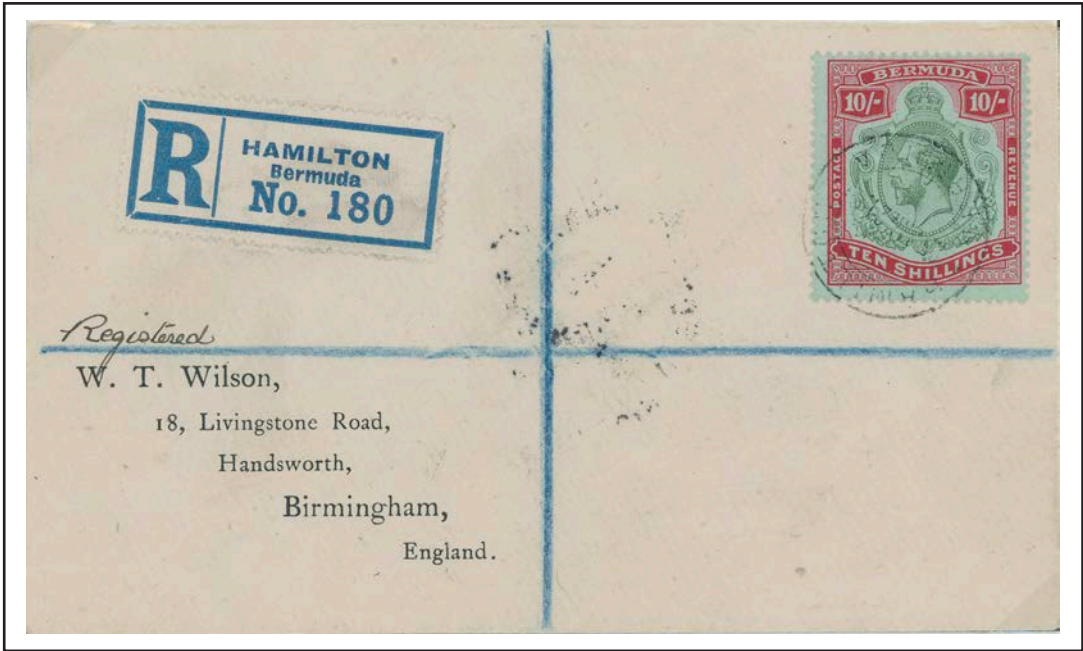
May 1922 (1,018 sheets)



Dull green back



Inverted Wmk Three  
copies recorded  
(only known fiscal)



November 1917  
One of two recorded crown and CA covers with the 10s value

Head tax payment for three passengers



The May 1922 printing is scarcer than the first printing as Bermuda raised the Head tax in 1922 to 10s. This rate was maintained until 1 December 1928.  
  
Hand stamp of John S. Darrell & Co dated Nov 14 1923. John S Darrell were agents for the Muson Steamship Co of New York



May 1922  
Position 3, 4 and 15,16. Flaw on position 4 proves 2nd printing

Ten Shillings

Printings

Watermark Multiple Crown and Script CA      Deep emerald paper

Pale emerald paper

July 1924 (1,029 sheets)



May 1928 (992 sheets)



A



B



C

Three paper varieties, they have a weak head impression in a pale yellow green colour. A has a deeper head and more brown in the frame. B has a darker frame than C.

October 1929 (1,009 sheets)



A



B

Two paper varieties, type A is a green head while type B has more yellow green, The frame in B is redder.



A



B

The October 1929 head is very distinctive compared to other printings. The B variety is ex Glazer Variety A has a darker frame and head than variety B

September 1926 (1,025 sheets)



One paper variety  
Deep green head

August 1930 (1,017 sheets)



A



B

The most common printing on the darker “emerald” paper. Variety A has a darker frame and head than variety B

September 1931 (1,007 sheets)



A



B


The number of 10s stamps destroyed when the stamps of King George VI came available in 1938 totaled more than the total printing of the July 1932, making this rarest of the 10s stamps, the September 1931 printing is also very scarce.

July 1932 (341 sheets)



Head tax payment for four passengers

10s October 1929



2s6d June 1929

The Head tax rate was raised to 12s6d on 1 December 1928. However as the 12s6d stamps were not issued until 1932 a combination of 2s6d and 10s stamps were used to pay the tax.

Only one full ship ticket is believed to exist. That majority of the stamps are known soaked or on a small piece such as these stamps.

Ten Shillings

Largest recorded multiple of the 10s value  
August 1930 printing with flaws



1	2	3	4	5	6
13	14	15	16	17	18
25	26	27	28	29	30
37	38	39	40	41	42
49	50	51	52	53	54

2nd largest multiple;  
adjoining strip of 10



7	8
19	20
31	32
43	44
55	56

Frame Flaws

10s FF8  
Row 1  
Column 8

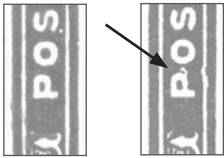


Normal FF6 repair



Aug 1930  
FF8

10s FF13  
Row 2  
Column 1



Normal FF 13



August 1930  
FF13



September 1931  
FF13

10s FF37  
Row 4  
Column 1



Normal FF37



August 1930  
FF37

10s FF 37 ERD: August 1930.  
A break in the inner line and bend in the outer line on either side of the "E" of "REVENUE"

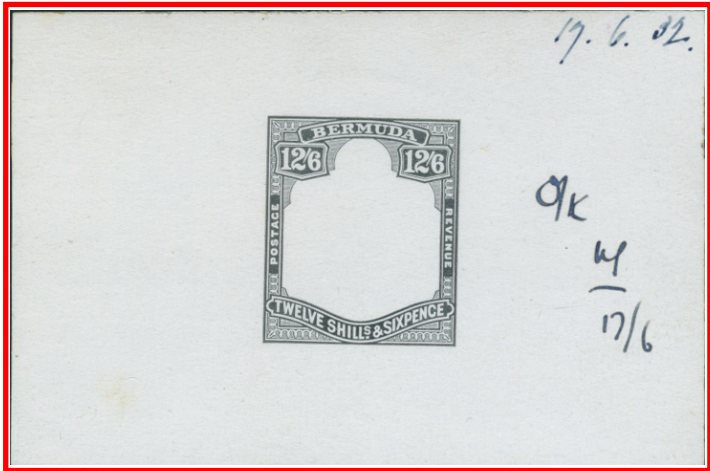
KGVI: this flaw occurs on the all KGVI printing.

Printings

Twelve Shillings Six Pence

Watermark Multiple Crown and Script CA

Printings



4 examples recorded



Plate Proof  
Flaw HPF 57



Plate Proof  
Flaw HPF 45

The 12s6d stamps were needed to pay the head tax for passengers after the tax was raised to this price in December 1928. According to Glazer of the approximately 302,000 stamps printed 278,000 were used to pay the tax, 29,000 were destroyed and just over 3,000 used for postage or sold to collectors.

The stamps are often overlaid

Other shipping lines had their own hand stamps such as this Hamburg Amerika Linie

July 1932  
(1,521 sheets)



Specimen  
Samuel D19



dull grey head  
dull orange

January 1934  
(512 sheets)



blue grey head

August 1934  
(488 sheets)



rarest of off Bermuda  
KGV printings

Note: The July 1932 and October 1936 (revenue) printings are reported with uncoated paper, however using X-ray fluorescence has shown large amounts of calcium from “chalk”. All examples are believed to be cleaned fiscal / re-gummed stamps for which the cleaning obscures signs of coating

Twelve Shillings Six Pence

Printings

May 1935  
(525 sheets)



light grey head

December 1935  
(525 sheets)



deep grey head



Airplane ticket - one of four recorded  
May 1935 printing

The May 1935 and June 1937 printings are similar but the later printing was dispatched at the end of the June with an estimated delivery of 4 weeks. So this must be the May 1935 printing.  
Note in Glazer, page 71, he estimates 40-60,000 people would have paid departure head tax during the life of the 12s6d stamp, which would account for the majority of the issuance.

February 1937  
(489 sheets)



pale grey head

June 1937  
(525 sheets)



deep grey head

October 1937  
(256 sheets)



grey head  
deeper orange frame

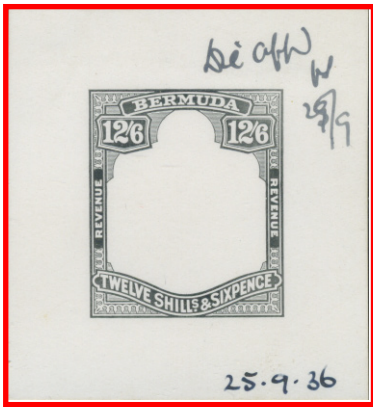


toned gum as  
KGVI key plates  
first printings

Twelve Shillings Six Pence  
Revenue-Revenue

October 1936 (201 sheets)

Printings



Die Proof  
3 examples recorded



SPECIMEN  
Samuel D19  
Unique



A  
light grey head  
deep orange frame



B  
pale slate black head  
very deep orange frame



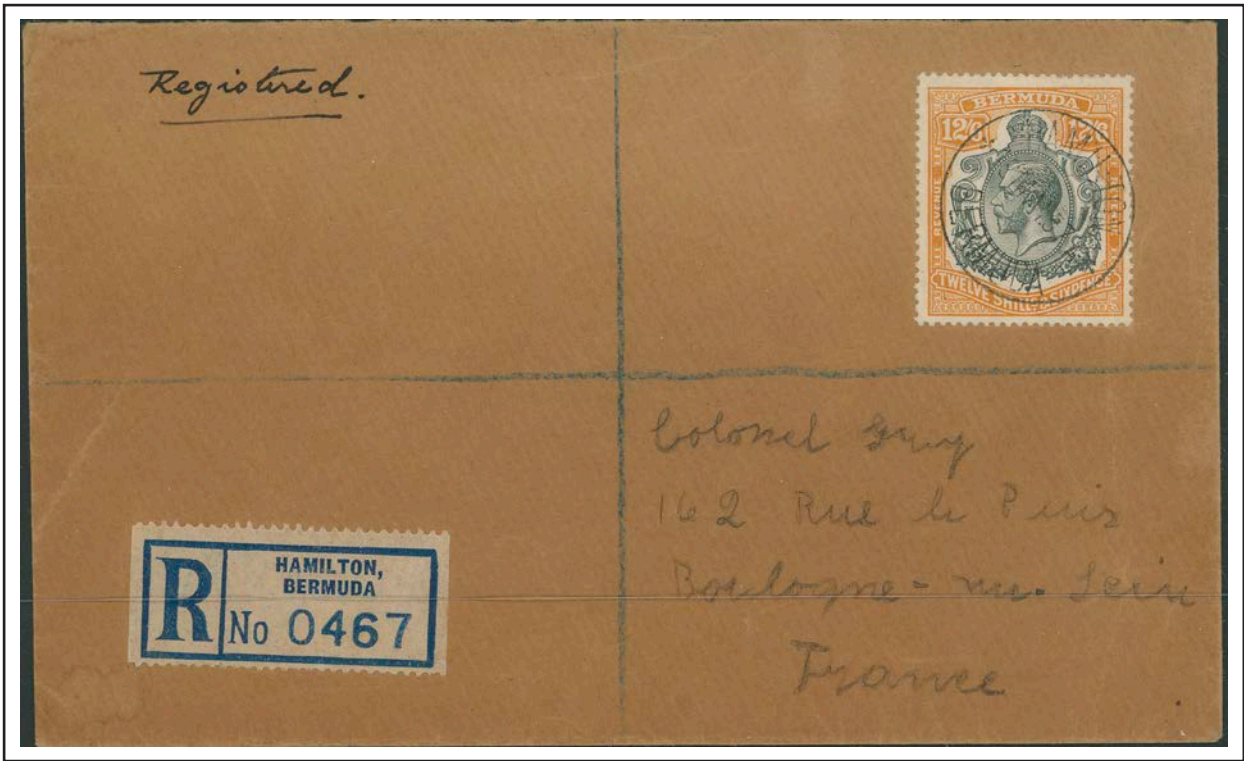
Plate of 60 images, an additional 6  
in case of damage to the original

do I use here or on page 2  
possibly acquiring full size  
die proof in May 2021

37	38
49	50



October 1936  
37, 49A, 50ii  
one of 6 recorded revenue-revenue blocks

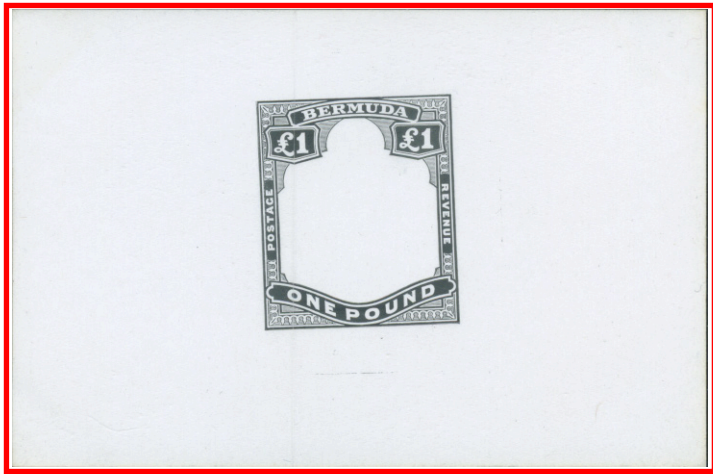


A number of 12s6d covers are recorded to Colonel Grey in France



partial "Watlington  
Conyers" revenue  
cancel. 3 examples  
recorded with a rev cancel

One Pound



No Die proofs are known with markings.  
Believed between 3 and 5 examples



November 1917  
Specimen  
Samuel D12a



November 1917 A  
lighter head and  
paper, orange paper  
under uv



November 1917 B  
lighter head and  
paper, orange paper  
under uv



November 1917 B  
inverted watermark



Only 5 covers are recorded with the £1 stamp. This cover is dated 1920 therefore must be the first printing.

**FF 40: ERD - new discovery** £1 FF 40 ERD February 1930  
Small break in the inner frame line and missing shading line. Known on the KGVI stamps but previously not recorded on KGV. Not recorded on the November 1917 or April 1927 printing.

Note proof of position from HPF 40A



FF40

November 1917  
(106 sheets)

April 1927  
(105 sheets)



April 1927  
reddish-purple head  
February 1930  
(100 sheets)



February 1930  
claret head  
redder paper

Position	9	12	24	36	45
Row	1	1	2	3	4
Column	9	12	12	12	9
Flaw	no	yes	no	yes	no

7	8	9	10	11	12
19	20	21	22	23	24
31	32	33	34	35	36
43	44	45	46	47	48
55	56	57	58	59	60

Printings



There was little or no need for the £1 value for postage and it was primarily used for fiscal purposes. Shown below is the right half of the sheet (on the reverse is the left half). With no Flaw on positions 9, 24 and 45 this must be the first printing November 1917.

Position 1  
Row 1  
Column 1

**1 ERD: November 1928**  
As the flaw did not occur until the November 1928 printing of the 2s6d stamp, this position can only be determined from the corner margins or by the plate number at the top of the left margin.



April 1927  
no flaw



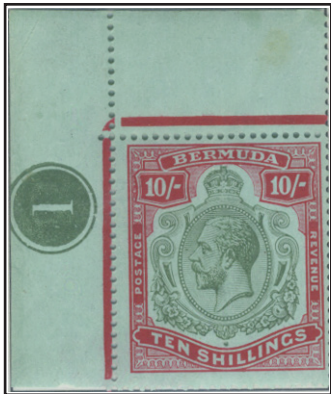
November 1917  
no flaw



November 1917  
no flaw



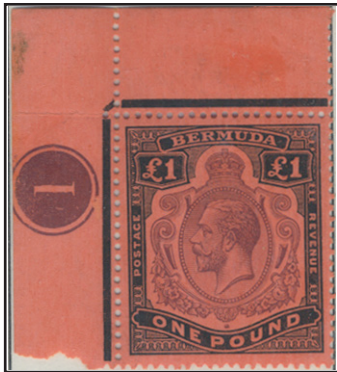
June 1921  
no flaw



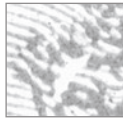
November 1917  
no flaw



June 1924  
no flaw



April 1927  
no flaw



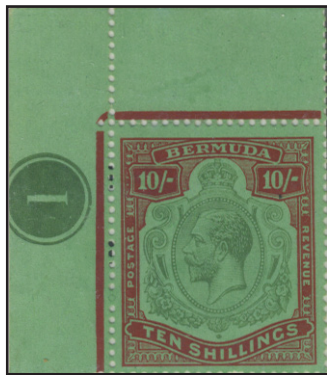
November 1928  
1 - earliest occurrence  
rare printing



July 1931  
1



August 1930  
1



May 1928  
1  
scarce printing



August 1930  
1  
partial repair



February 1930  
1 - star



July 1932  
1 repaired



January 1932  
1 repaired



February 1937  
1 repaired

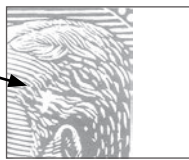


October 1937  
1 repaired

Position 1  
Row 1  
Column 1



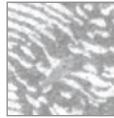
Normal



1

**1 ERD: November 1928**  
A colourless area at 11 o'clock above the King's ear, in some states appears as a star.

**Head Plate Flaws**



September 1931  
1  
repaired

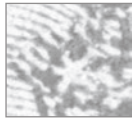


Plate blocks with positions 1, 2, 13 and 14 of which 1 and 14 develop flaws

Head Plate Flaws



May 1920  
no flaw



November 1917  
no flaw



May 1920  
no flaw



November 1917  
no flaw



June 1921  
no flaw

Position 14  
Row 2  
Column 2



Normal



14i



14ii

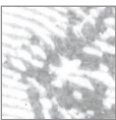
14 State i: ERD: July 1931. Large break in the outline of the upper right scroll, at the 4 o'clock position.  
State ii: ERD: May 1922. An inward curve in the outline at the state I site.

1	2
13	14

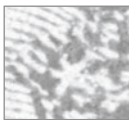
1	2
13	14

1	2
13	14

1	2
13	14



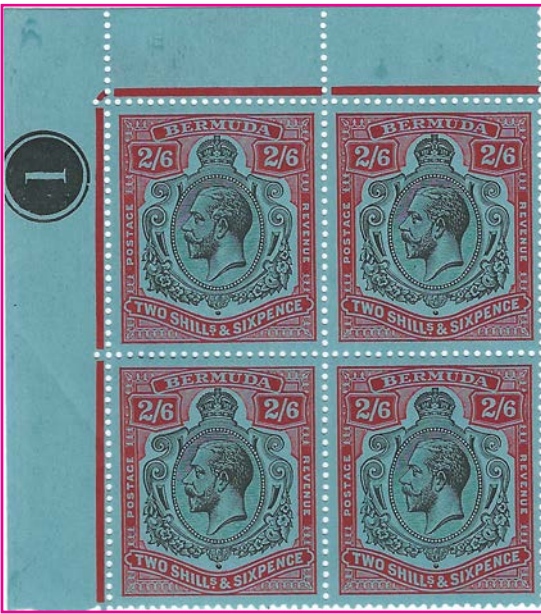
1	2
13	14



September 1926  
14ii



April 1927  
14ii



November 1928  
1, 14ii  
rare printing



July 1931  
1 - star 14i



February 1930  
1 star, 14ii

Position 1  
Row 1  
Column 1

1	2
13	14



May 1935  
1 repaired 14 state ii



10s August 1930 Pos 55  
12s6d October 1936 Revenue Revenue  
Ex Tucker

Position 3  
Row 1  
Column 3



Normal



3A

3A ERD: 2s May 1920

A small indent in the outline of the lower left scroll, about level with the tip of the King's nose. According to Glazer this flaw was repaired after Sept 1926 and only reappeared after Aug 1930 / Sep 1931. However, the stamp above clearly show the indent occurred on intervening printings, and due to the small size a repair would be unlikely. Note: The similar flaw at position 58 occurs in 1928 and later printings and slightly higher on the curve.

Head Plate Flaws



April 1927  
3A



May 1922  
3A



June 1924  
3A



October 1929  
3A  
scarce printing



August 1930  
3A



Normal



3B

3B ERD: only on some stamps of the September 1931 2s6d printing  
Long diagonal scratch across the Kings face.



September 1926  
3A



August 1930  
3A



September 1931  
3AB



September 1931  
3AB  
Less than 10  
examples recorded



Normal



3C

3C ERD: July 1932  
Breaks in the top and bottom scrolls on the right.



July 1932  
3ABrC  
shaved lines at top  
of lower right scroll



January 1934  
3ABrC  
scarce printing



December 1935  
3ABrC



October 1937  
3ABrC  
rare printing

Position 4  
Row 1  
Column 4



Normal 4A 4B

4A & B ERD: November 1917 printings.  
Small break in leaf outlines

Position 5  
Row 1  
Column 5



Normal 5A

5A: ERD: March 1920.  
Break in the outline of the second outer leaf below the lower right scroll. According Glazer it was repaired after the May 1920 printings, however the 10s June 1924 shows the flaw. 5B did not occur on 2s6d values ERD Jun 1937

Head Plate Flaws



April 1927  
4A(B trace)



October 1929  
4A



August 1930  
4A



September 1931  
4A



October 1929  
5A  
rare printing



August 1930  
5A



September 1931  
5A



June 1924  
5A



July 1932  
5A  
rare printing



March 1920  
4A(B trace)



June 1921  
4A



June 1924  
4AB  
SPECIMEN



January 1932  
4ABrC  
SPECIMEN



Normal



5B



June 1937  
5AB

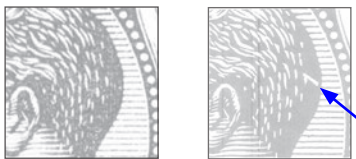
5B ERD: June 1937  
A horizontal scratch on the left side, starting from the second outer leaf and extending through the middle stalk and the leaf leaf just above the fruit.

Position 6  
Row 1  
Column 6



Normal 6A

6A ERD: March 1920.  
Break in the outline of the third outer leaf below the lower right scroll, near the tip of the leaf.  
6B did not occur on 2s6d values ERD Dec 1935



Normal 6B

6B ERD: December 1935.  
Large gash in the King's hair, at the back of his head, level with the top of the ear.



August 1930  
6A



September 1931  
6A



March 1920  
6A



June 1921  
6A



June 1924  
6A  
fiscal



August 1930  
6A

6 7

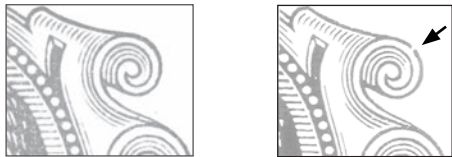


July 1932  
6A  
SPECIMEN



December 1935  
6AB

Position 9  
Row 1  
Column 9



Normal 9A

**9A: ERD April 1927**  
A small break in the outline of the upper right scroll at the 2 o'clock position



April 1927  
9A



Normal 9B

**9B ERD: June 1929**  
Large diagonal gash in the upper right scroll from the center to the outer line at 4 o'clock.



November 1928  
9AB



June 1929  
9AB  
fiscal



October 1929  
9AB



August 1930  
9AB



May 1931  
9AB



July 1931  
9AB



October 1929  
9AB



August 1930  
9B



July 1932  
9B



July 1932  
9AB



October 1937  
9AB  
very rare printing



February 1930  
9AB

8	9
20	21



April 1927  
9A

9	10
21	22



September 1931  
9AB

9	10
21	22



May 1935  
9AB

9	10
21	22



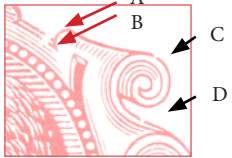
December 1935  
9AB

Head Plate Flaws

Position 12  
Row 1  
Column 12

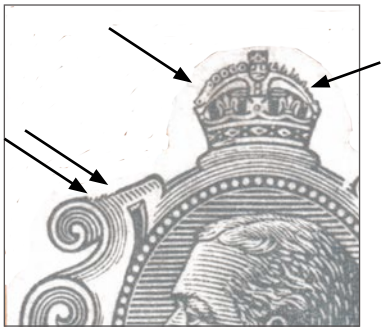


Normal



12ABCD

**12A, 12B ERD: November 1917,**  
A: Break in the top line, B: break in the bottom line, joining the upper right scroll to the crown.  
**12C, 12D ERD: June 1924**  
C: Break on the top of the upper right scroll,  
D: Break in the line joining the right top and bottom scrolls.



**12E ERD: October 1936**  
E: New discovery, damage to top of left scroll and damage to both sides of crown.



October 1936  
12ABCDE



February 1937  
12ABCDE  
very rare printing



May 1920  
12AB  
SPECIMEN



June 1929  
12AB



June 1929B  
12AB



November 1917  
12AB



November 1917  
12AB



May 1922  
12AB



May 1928  
12AB



August 1930  
12AB



July 1932  
12AB



July 1932  
12ABCrDr



August 1934  
12ABCD



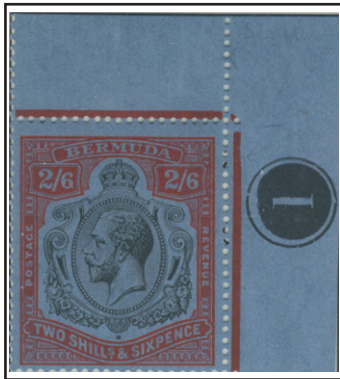
April 1927  
12ArB



July 1931  
12ArB



November 1917  
12AB



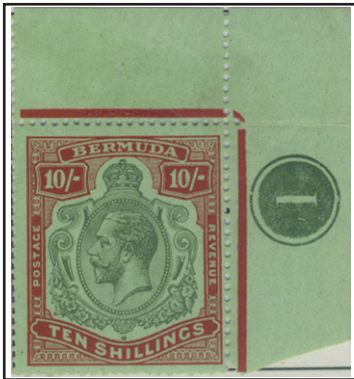
August 1930  
12ABC



August 1930  
12AB



September 1926  
12B



September 1926  
12AB



May 1928(C)  
12AB



July 1932  
12ABCD  
SPECIMEN



May 1935  
12ABCrDr



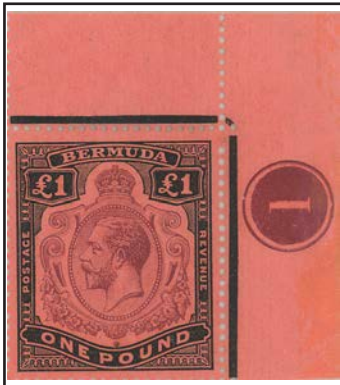
June 1937  
12ABC



November 1917  
12AB



April 1927  
12AB



February 1930  
12AB

Position 12  
Row 1  
Column 12

Head Plate Flaws



Registered cover to South Africa with  
2s6d September 1931 Flaw 12ArB  
Correct rate 4d plus 2d registration.



May 1935  
12ABCD  
philatelic registered cover to France

Position 24  
Row 2  
Column 12

Registered cover to Scotland with 2s  
April 1927 Flaw 24AB  
Correct rate 1d plus 2d registration



Registered cover to England with 12s6d  
April 1937 Flaw 24AB  
Correct rate 1d plus 2d registration



Position 24  
Row 2  
Column 12



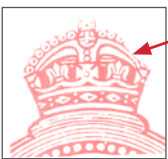
Normal



24A



Normal



24B

Position 12 24  
Row 1 2  
Column 12 12

11	12
23	24

**24A ERD: March 1920**  
A break in the centre of the top line leading to the upper right scroll with additional breakage of some shading lines below the break.

**24B ERD: Mar 1920**  
Large amount of damage on the right side to the pearls at the top of the crown.



April 1927  
24ArB  
SPECIMEN



April 1927  
24ArB



September 1926  
24AB  
SPECIMEN



September 1926  
24AB



November 1928  
24AB



May 1920  
12AB, 24AB



July 1931  
12AB, 24AB



June 1929  
24ArB



August 1930  
24AB



May 1922  
24ArB

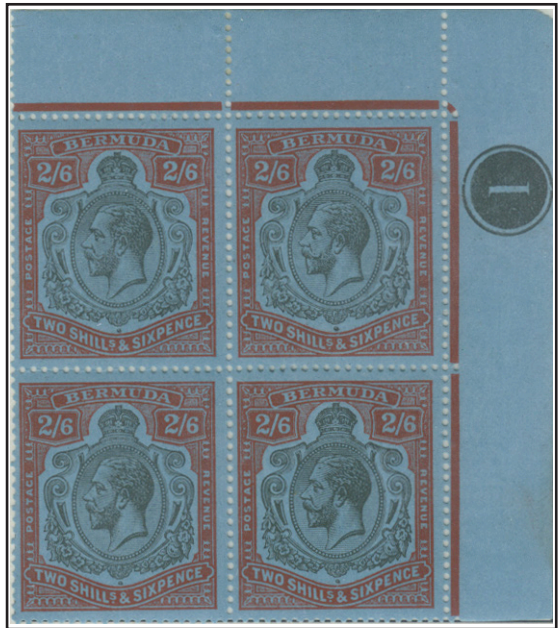


May 1922  
24ArB



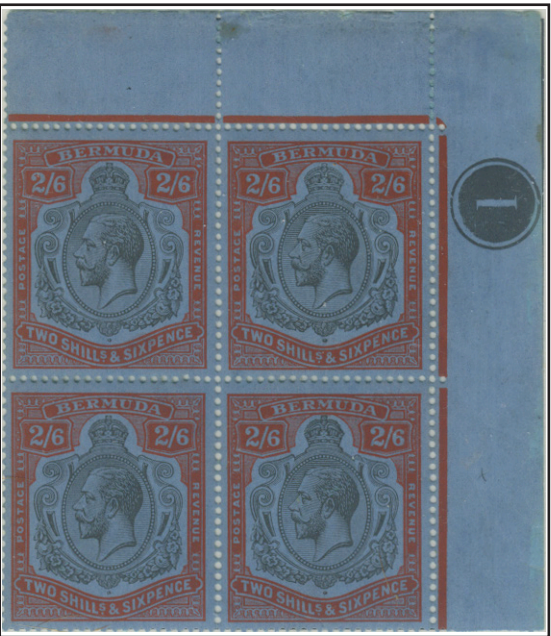
September 1926  
24AB

11	12
23	24



October 1929  
12C, 24ArBr  
rare printing

11	12
23	24



May 1931  
12C, 24AB  
rare printing



October 1929  
24AB



May 1935  
24ArBr



December 1935  
24ArBr

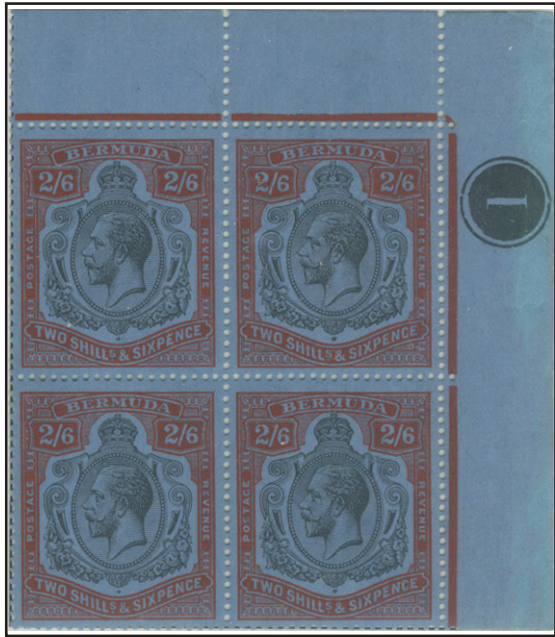


April 1927  
24ArBr

Head Plate Flaws

Position 12 24  
Row 1 2  
Column 12 12

11	12
23	24



September 19311  
12BCD, 24AB

11	12
23	24



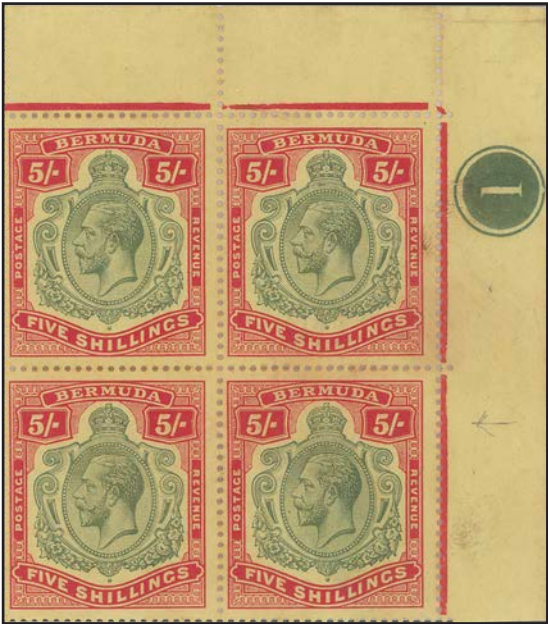
May 1920  
12B, 24AB

11	12
23	24



March 1920  
12B, 24AB

11	12
23	24



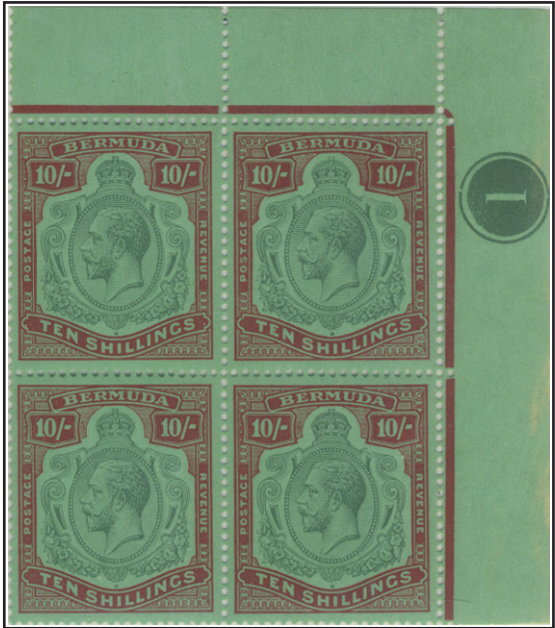
June 1921  
12B, 24AB

11	12
23	24



June 1924  
12BC, 24ArBr

11	12
23	24



August 1930  
12ABC, 24AB

12
24



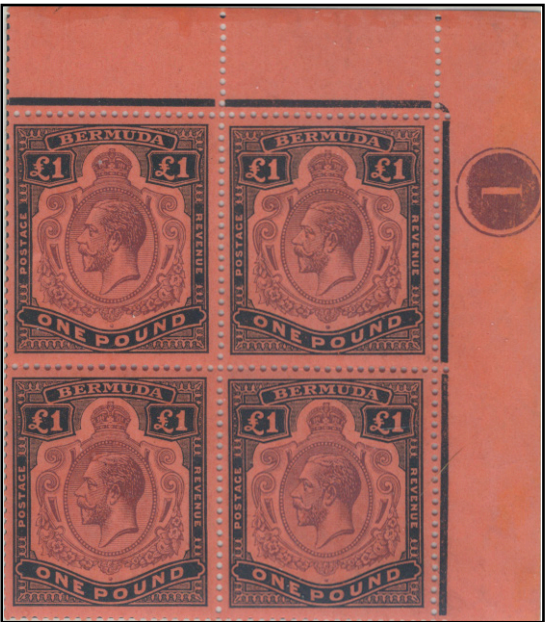
January 1934  
12ABCD, 24ArBr

11	12
23	24



May 1935  
12ABCD, 24AB

11	12
23	24



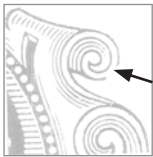
February 1930  
12ABC 24ArB

Head Plate Flaws

Position 14  
Row 2  
Column 2



Normal



14i



14ii

14 State i: ERD: July 1931. Large break in the outline of the upper right scroll, at the 4 o'clock position.

14 State ii: ERD: May 1922. An inward curve in the outline at the state i site.



August 1930  
14i



September 1931  
14ii



July 1932  
14ii  
rare printing



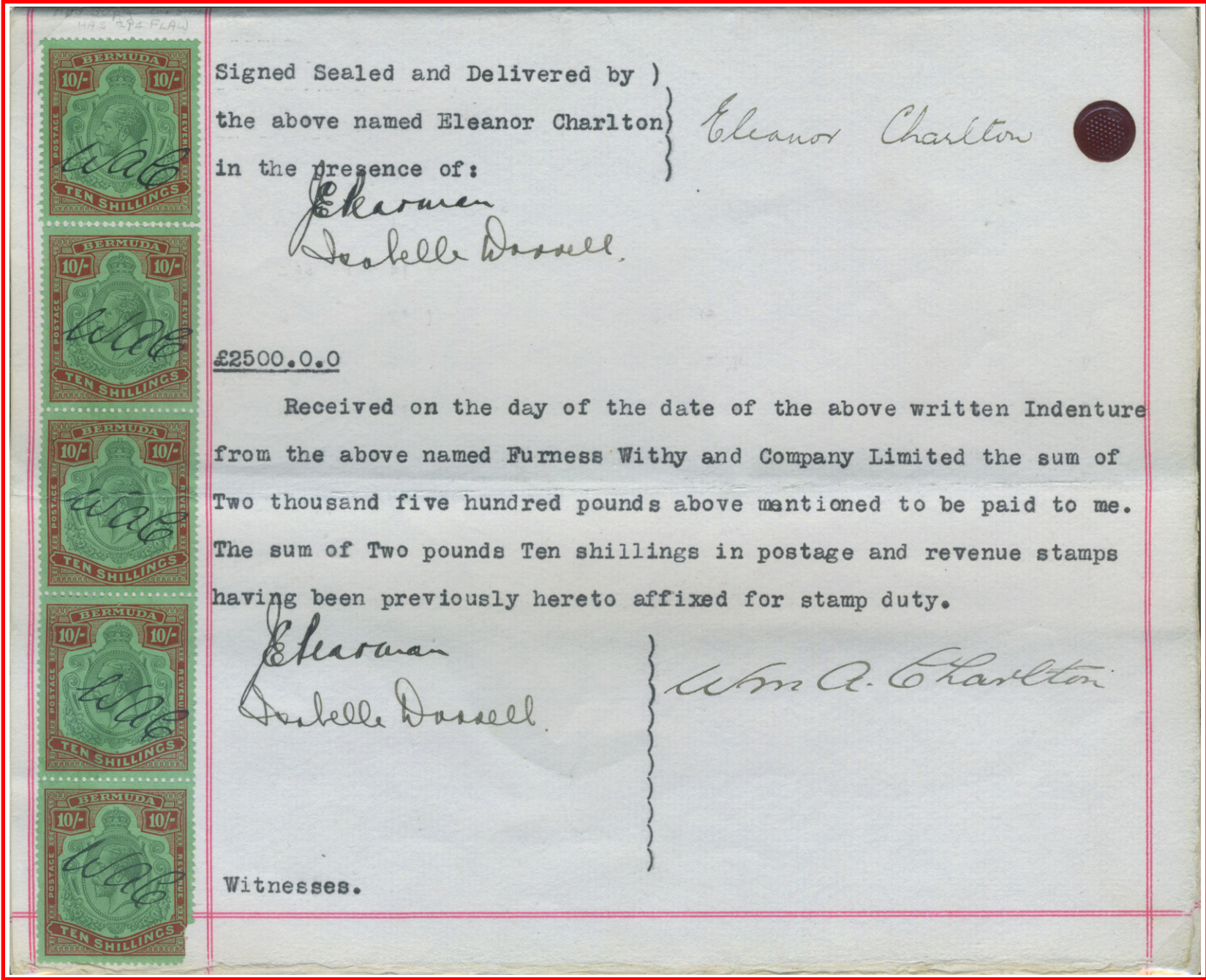
October 1936  
14ii  
revenue - revenue



June 1937  
14ii

Head Plate Flaws

2
14
26
38
50



14
26

Position 16  
Row 2  
Column 4



Normal



16B

16A – not found on Bermuda stamps

16B ERD: October 1936.

A large colorless area affecting the shading lines of the upper left scroll, only seen on the last 3 printings of the 12s6d value.

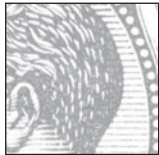


October 1936  
16B  
revenue-revenue

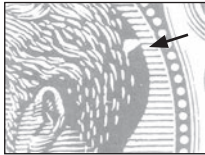


February 1937  
16B

Position 34  
Row 3  
Column 10



Normal



34A



Normal



34B 34C

34A EKD: November 1917.

Triangular flaw at the back of the King's head, level with the top of the lower right scroll.

34B EKD: June 1928

Break in the shield lines at lower left, level with the first flower.

34C: ERD: December 1935 (some stamps).

Break across the ring of pearls on the left, affecting the pearl nearest HPF 34B.



July 1931  
34A



September 1926  
34A



August 1930  
34AB



July 1932  
34A



July 1932  
34A



January 1934  
34A

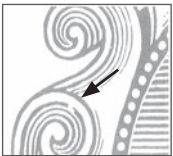


June 1937  
34A

Position 40  
Row 4  
Column 4



Normal



40A



40B

Head Plate Flaws

40A: ERD: July 1924

A break in the inner outline of the lower left scroll at the 1 o'clock position.

40B: ERD: May 1931.

Scratch through background shading lines from the bridge of the nose to eyebrows.



April 1927  
40A  
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April 1927  
40A



August 1930  
40A



September 1931  
40A



June 1924  
40A



August 1930  
40A



July 1932  
40AB



December 1935  
40AB



February 1937  
40AB

Position 36  
Row 3  
Column 12



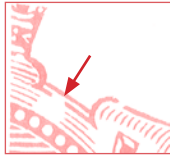
Normal



36i



36Aii



36B

**36A state I: ERD: November 1917**

Complete break in the outline of the upper right scroll edge, near the left end of the scroll.

**36A State II: ERD: November 1917**

State I repair leaving a notch in the frame line.

**36B: ERD: November 1917 (5s some stamps)**

Damage to the shading lines leaving a large colourless area.

**Head Plate Flaws**



May 1920  
36Aii



May 1920  
36Ai



November 1917  
36Ai



June 1924  
36Aii



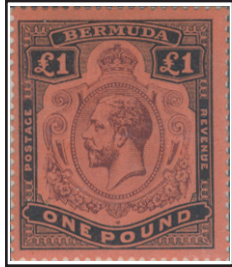
September 1926  
36Aii



September 1926  
36Aii



August 1930  
36Ai



November 1917  
36Ai



November 1917  
36AiB



March 1920  
36Ai



June 1921  
36Ai



November 1917  
36Ai



November 1917  
36Aii



November 1928  
36Ai



February 1937  
36Ai



2/6 November 1928, 10s October 1929, 12/6 June 1937 36ii  
WWII registered and censored



June 1929  
36Aii



August 1930  
36Ai



September 1931  
36Ai



June 1937  
36Ai

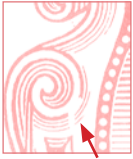
Position 45  
Row 4  
Column 9



Normal



45i



45ii

45A State I: ERD: May 1920.  
Vertical break in shading lines and break in the outline of the lower left scroll.  
State II ERD: Dec 1935. Therefore state II doesn't exist on the 2s value

Head Plate Flaws



May 1920  
45i



April 1927  
45i  
SPECIMEN



April 1927  
45i



July 1931  
45i



September 1926  
45i



June 1929  
45i

45A State ii: ERD: December 1935 (some stamps only).  
Additional development of the break in the in the outline of scroll towards the 3 o'clock position.



February 1930  
45i



May 1931 (A)  
45i



May 1922  
45i  
fiscal



June 1924  
45i  
SPECIMEN



September 1926  
45i



July 1932  
45i



January 1934  
45i



December 1935  
45ii



October 1936  
45ii  
revenue-revenue



April 1927  
45i



February 1930  
45i

45	46
57	58



August 1930  
45i, 57

44	45
56	57



May 1931 (B)  
45i, 57

45	46
57	58



May 1920  
45

45	46
57	58



March 1920  
45i

44	45
56	57



September 1931  
45i, 57

45	46
57	58



October 1938  
45ii, 57AB, 58'  
rare pprinting

Position 49  
Row 5  
Column 1

Head Plate Flaws



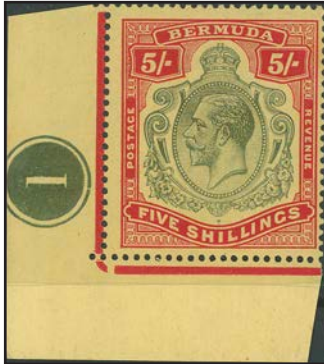
May 1920  
no flaw



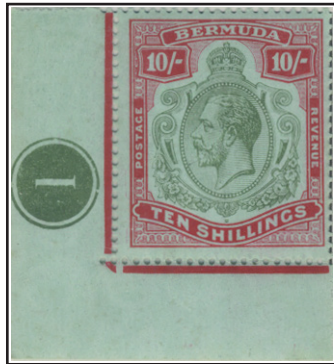
November 1917  
no flaw



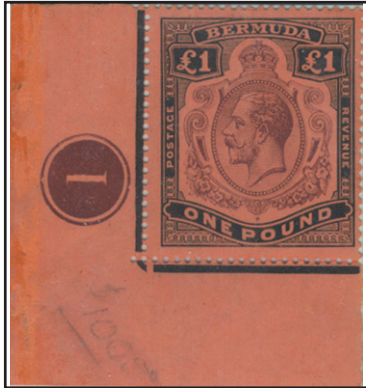
March 1920  
no flaw



June 1921  
no flaw  
inverted wml



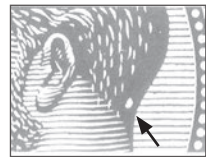
November 1917  
no flaw



November 1917  
no flaw



Normal



49A

49A: ERD: May 1920 (Glazer has September 1926)  
Dot at the bottom rear of the King's head.

49B: does not occur on the 2s value



April 1927  
49A



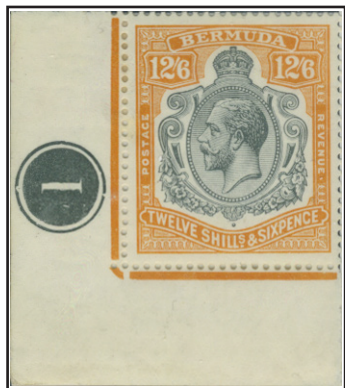
August 1930  
49A



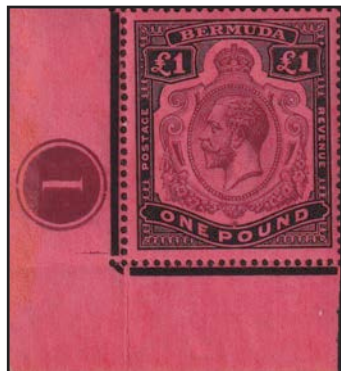
September 1931  
49A



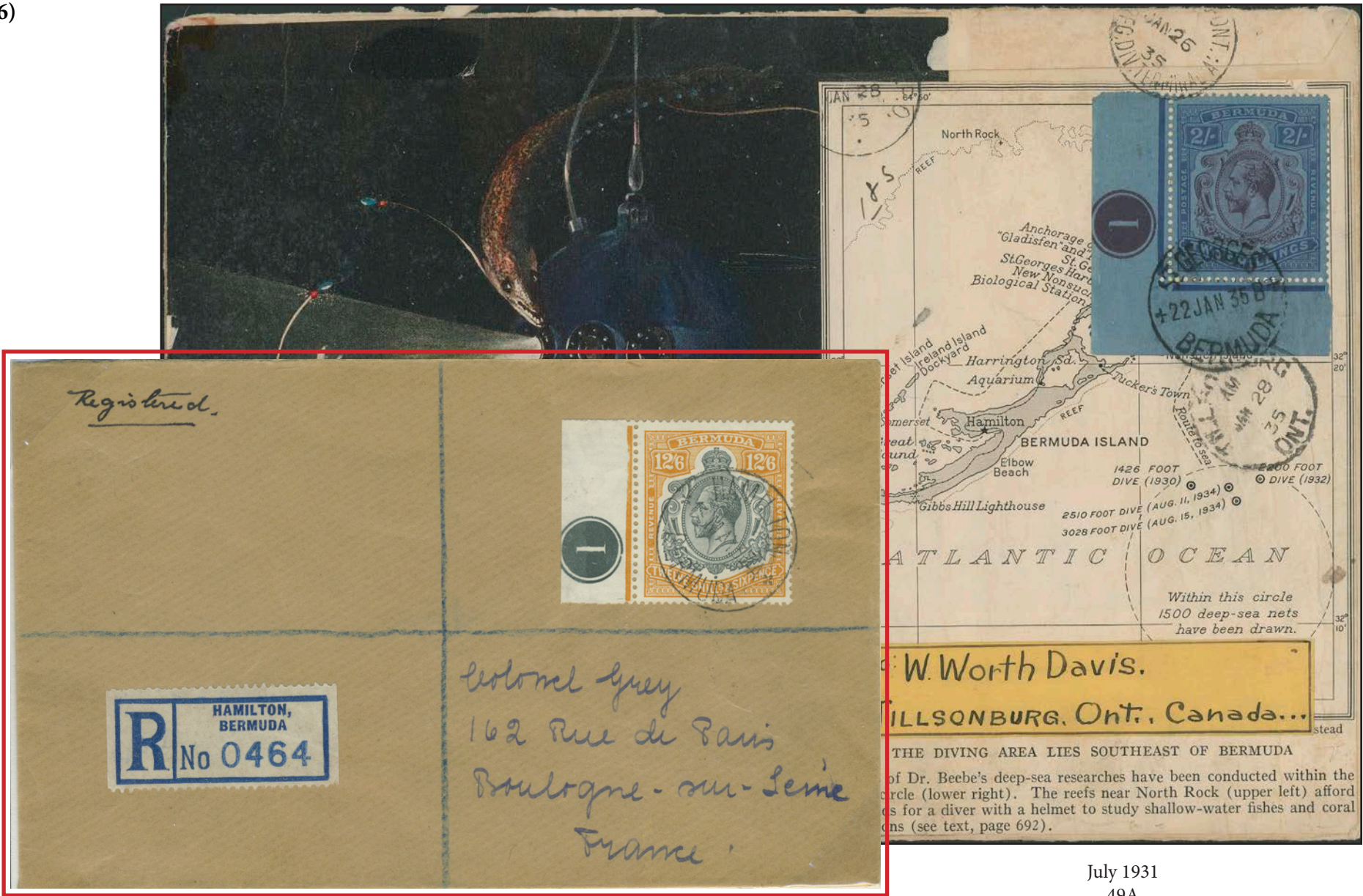
June 1924  
49A



December 1935  
49A



April 1927  
49A

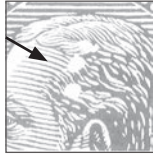


October 1936  
49AB  
6 recorded revenue-revenue covers  
Illustrated in Glazer page 67

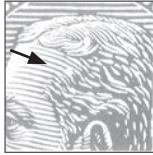
Position 50  
Row 5  
Column 2



Normal



50i



50ii

50 State i: ERD: June 1937

The “bullet”flaw comprising of a number of blank areas in the King’s hair. This flaw was repaired before the March 1920 printing of the Bermuda 5s and only reappears due to a breakdown of the repairs in the last of the 12s6d printings.

50 State ii: ERD: March 1920

A couple of small colorless areas from incomplete repairs to the two upper faults in state I.

37	38
49	50



May 1920  
50ii

37	38
49	50



April 1927  
49A, 50ii

37	38
49	50



July 1931  
49Ai, 50ii

37	38
49	50

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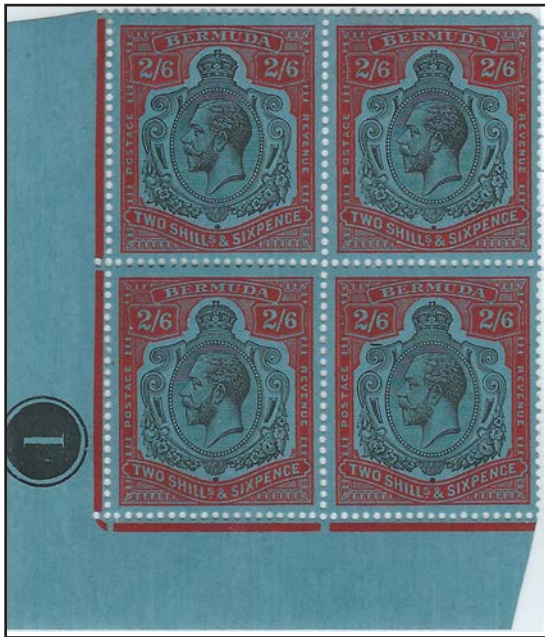
May 1920  
49A, 50ii  
classic dot of 49 flaw, 6 years early!!

37	38
49	50



September 1926  
49A, 50ii

37	38
49	50



May 1931  
49A, 50ii

37	38
49	50



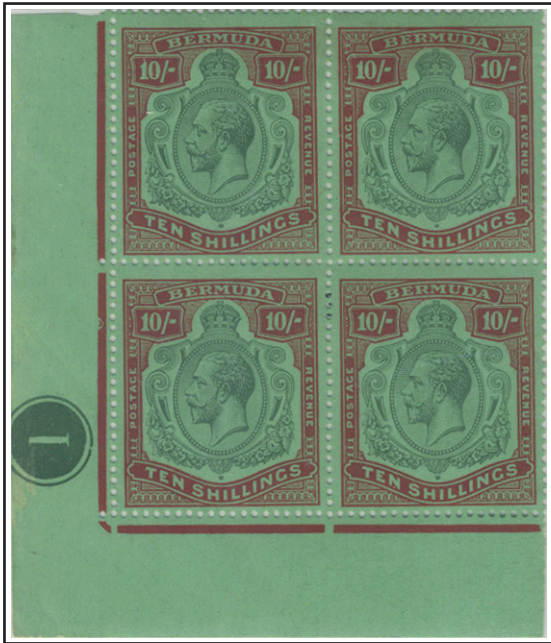
September 1931  
49A, 50ii

37	38
49	50



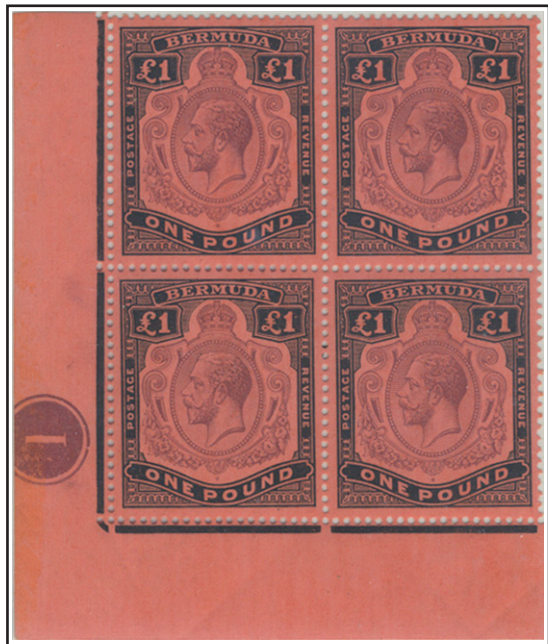
November 1917  
no flaw

37	38
49	50



August 1930  
49A, 50ii

Position 49  
Row 5  
Column 1



37	38
49	50

April 1927  
49A, 50ii



Normal 49B

**49B: ERD: May 1935 (some stamps only).**  
Curved scratch through the leaf between the fruit and the third leaf on the right side, breaking the outline of the fruit.

37	38
49	50



May 1935  
37, 49AB, 50ii

37	38
49	50



October 1937  
37, 49AB, 50ii

Position 51  
Row 5  
Column 3



Normal



51i



51ii

**51 State i: ERD: 2s6d and 10s, November 1917.**  
Break in the fourth pearl from the bottom on the right.

**51 State ii: ERD: Bermuda 5s and £1, November 1917.**  
A repair of state I, where a dot of ink shows from the repair material.



April 1927  
51ii



July 1931  
51ii



November 1917  
51i



September 1926  
51ir



November 1928  
51ii



August 1930  
51



September 1931  
51ii



May 1920  
51



March 1920  
51



June 1921  
51



November 1917  
51ii



May 1922  
51ii



August 1930  
51ii

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Position 52  
Row 5  
Column 4



Normal



52B

52B: ERD: May 1920.  
Number if clear areas  
behind the King's ear.



May 1920  
52B



May 1920  
52B



Normal

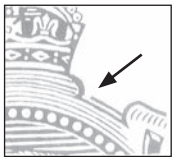


52C

52C: ERD: October 1929.  
Small break in a shading line on  
the King's cheek, near the base  
of his nose.



Normal



52A

52A: ERD: July 1924  
Break in the upper line that connects  
the upper right scroll with the crown,  
occurring where the line joins the  
base of the crown.



July 1931  
52ABC



October 1929  
52ABC



February 1930  
52ABC



May 1931  
52ABC



July 1932  
52ABC  
fiscal



July 1932  
52ABC



October 1936  
52ABC  
Revenue-Revenue



February 1937  
52ABC

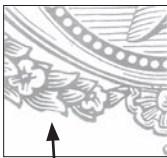


June 1937  
52ABC

Position 53  
Row 5  
Column 5



Normal



53Ai  
Nov 1917



53Aii  
Apr 1927

53A: ERD: November 1917  
Shaving of the outline of the  
bottom outline of the second  
leaf on the left from the scallop.  
Various states exist.



April 1927  
53Aiii  
SPECIMEN



April 1927  
53Aiii



July 1931  
53Aii



November 1917  
53Ai



June 1929  
53Aiii



August 1930  
53Aii



August 1930  
53Aiii



April 1927  
53Aiii

53B: ERD:  
Scratch from left side of upper left  
scroll to pearl just below the cutout.



August 1934  
53Aiii  
rarest printing



October 1937  
53AiiBr  
rare printing



53Aiv  
Dec 1935

Position 54  
Row 5  
Column 6

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June 1922  
54Ai



Normal



54A

**54A: ERD: March 1920**  
**State i:** Wide horizontal line across fourth leaf on right side.  
**State ii:** Line breaks the outline.



May 1920  
54Ai



September 1926  
54AiB



Mar 1920  
54Ai



June 1921  
54Ai



July 1924  
54Ai



September 1926  
54Ai



**54B: ERD: April 1927**  
Wide line crosses leaf into fruit on right side



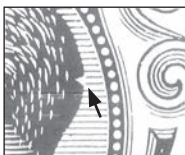
April 1927  
54AiB  
SPECIMEN



May 1928  
54AiB



54C



54D



54E

**54CDE: ERD: November 1928**  
C: Break in line at top of flower. D: Notch in back of head. E: Blunt tip to leaf to right of flower.



August 1930  
54AirBCEr



**54F: ERD: September 1931**  
Break in edge of shield

41	42
53	54



September 1931  
53A, 54AiBCDEF

41	42
53	54

42	43
54	55

41	42
53	54



April 1927  
53Aiii, 54AiiB



July 1931  
53Ai, 54AiBC



May 1931  
54AiBCE, 55DEF



August 1930  
53Ai, 54AirBCErF



September 1931  
54AiiBCEF



July 1932  
54AiiBCDEF  
Specimen



December 1935  
54AiBC



October 1936  
54AiBCE  
Revenue-Revenue

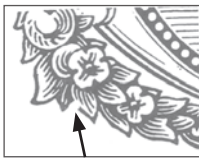
Position 55  
Row 5  
Column 7



Normal



55A



55B



55C



55E

55E: ERD: April 1927  
A break in the right outline of the vertical stem holding the garland of leaves, flowers, and fruits on the left.



55F

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55F: ERD: April 1927  
Companion flaw to 55E, showing a break in the left outline of the stem.

55A: ERD: November 1917.  
A break in the right outline of the sixth outer leaf below the lower left scroll.



November 1917  
55AB

55B: ERD: November 1917.  
A break in the outline of the seventh outer leaf below the lower left scroll, very close to flaw 55A.



May 1920  
55AB

55C: ERD: 2s6d (some stamps only) and 10s, November 1917  
A break in the outline of the eighth outer leaf below the lower left scroll.



March 1920  
55AB



April 1927  
55ADE



August 1930  
55ABCD



November 1928  
55AD



February 1930  
55AD



June 1921  
55AB



November 1917  
55AB



November 1917  
55AB



May 1928  
55ABDEF



August 1930  
55ADE



September 1931  
55DEF



May 1935  
55ABDEF



February 1937  
55ABDEF



55D

55D: ERD: July 1924  
A large break in the outer line of the fifth outer leaf below the lower left scroll.



September 1926  
55ABCD



July 1924  
55AD

43	44
55	56

May 1935  
55ABDEF



April 1927  
55D

February 1930  
none  
heavily inked

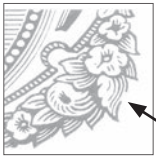


September 1931 (B)  
55DE

Position 57  
Row 5  
Column 9



Normal



57A



57B

57A: ERD: July 1924  
Break in the outline of the fourth outer leaf below the lower right scroll.

57B: ERD: May 1928  
Breaks in the outlines of the second and third leaves below the lower right scroll.



April 1927  
57A



September 1926  
57A



June 1929 (C)  
57AB



September 1931  
57AB



July 1924  
57A  
just forming



May 1928 (B)  
57AB



August 1930  
57AB



September 1931  
57AB



July 1924  
57A  
just forming



May 1928 (B)  
57AB



April 1927  
57AB



February 1930  
57AB

Position 58  
Row 5  
Column 10



58A

58A: ERD: May 1928.  
A small nick in the outline of the lower left scroll, above an imaginary line extending from the tip of the King's nose; this flaw is higher than flaw 3A.

**HPF 58B: ERD - new discovery**  
Break in the outer line of the frame around the head and level with 58A but on the right hand side.



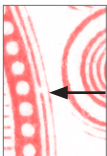
September 1931  
58AB



August 1930  
58AB



July 1932  
58AB



Companion flaw.  
small break in outside line. Occurs on all stamps with 58



October 1936  
58AB

Position 59  
Row 5  
Column 11



Normal



59

59: ERD April 1935.  
Breaks in the shading lines in the background, to the left of the King's nose.

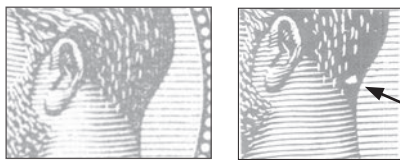


August 1934  
59



August 1934  
59

Position 60  
Row 5  
Column 12



Normal 60A

47	48
59	60



May 1920  
60A

47	48
59	60



November 1917  
60A



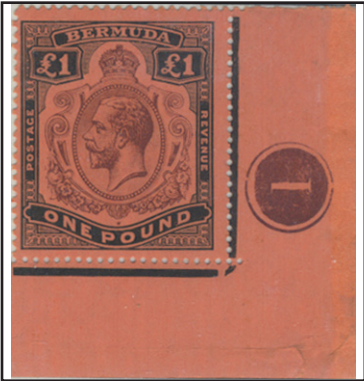
Nov 1917  
60A



Jul 1921  
60A



Mar 1920  
60A



November 1917  
60A



Normal 60B

47	48
59	60



June 1924  
60AB



June 1924  
60A

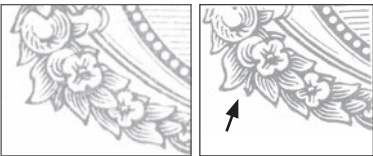


Normal 60C

**60C: ERD: September 1926**  
Break in the shading line of the smaller leaf to the right of the right apple.



September 1926  
60AB



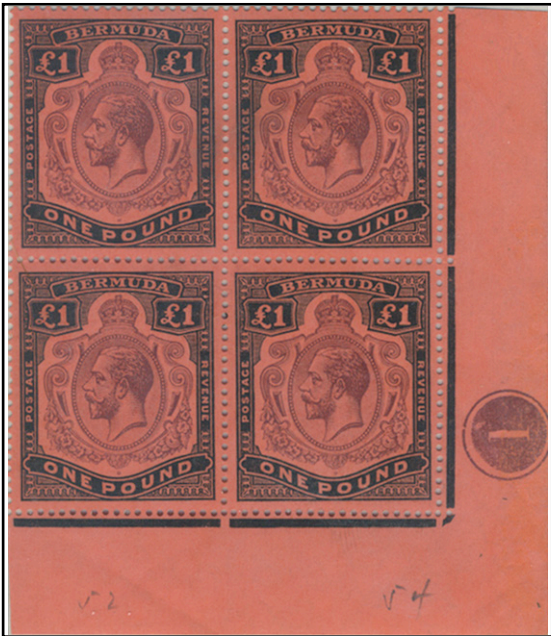
Normal 60D

47	48
59	60



April 1927  
60ABD

47	48
59	60



April 1927  
60AD

**60D: ERD: April 1927**  
A very small break in the outline of the sixth outer leaf below the left scroll.



Normal



60E

**HPF 60E:State I: ERD: June 1929**  
Largel gash starting in the large fruit on the right and extending into the leaf below; the outline of the leaf is mainly intact.

47	48
59	60



July 1931  
60BrE

47	48
59	60

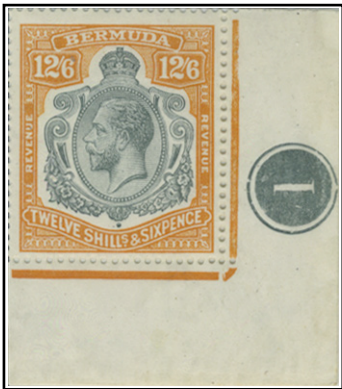


October 1929  
60ACE

47	48
59	60



May 1931  
60ABEi



October 1936  
ABCDEiFiFi  
revenue - revenue



June 1937  
60ABDEiFiFi

47	48
59	60

47	48
59	60



August 1930  
60ABDE

47	48
59	60

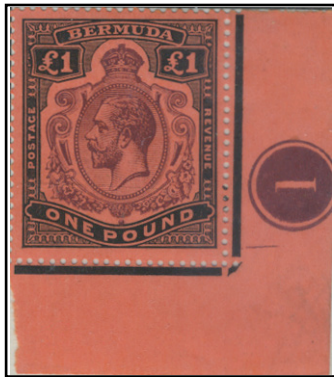


December 1935  
59, 60ABCDEiFi

47	48
59	60



June 1937  
59, 60ABCDEiFiFi



February 1930  
60ABC



October 1929  
60BD

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