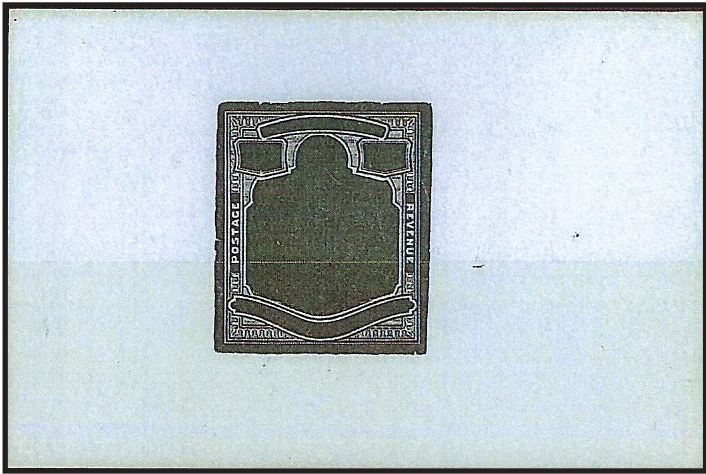


A Study of Bermuda King George V “key plates”

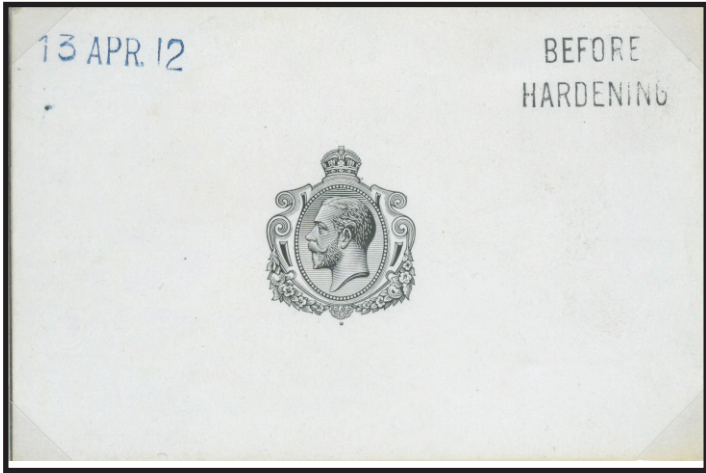
The purpose of this exhibit is to show the **printings** and the development of the **head** and frame **plate flaws** of the Bermuda high-value stamps issued during the reign of King George V (KGV) – the so-called “key plates.”

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.



Master die proof of the Frame



Die proof for the Head

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.

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
- Frame 4. Head Plate Flaws 12 - 49
- Frame 5. Head Plate Flaws 49 - 60

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| 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”, in the frame colour, 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.



Jul 1931
12Air
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.

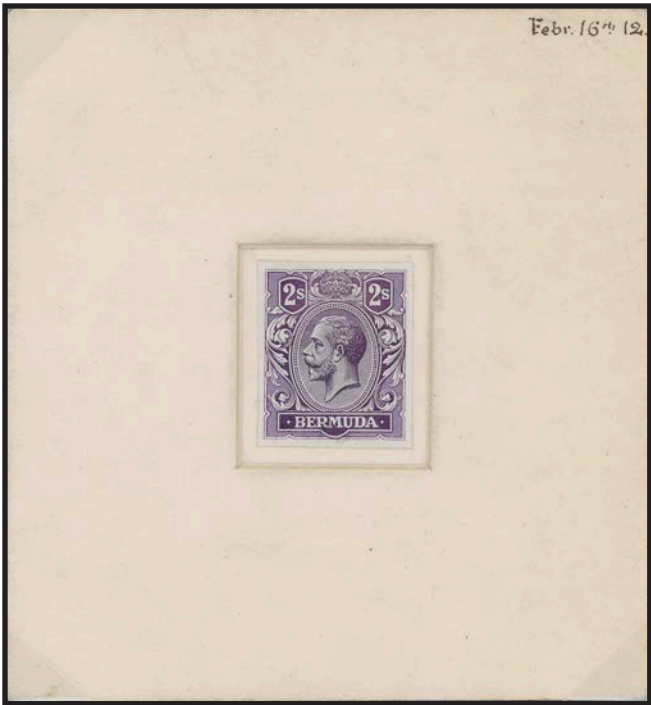
Flaws

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.

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



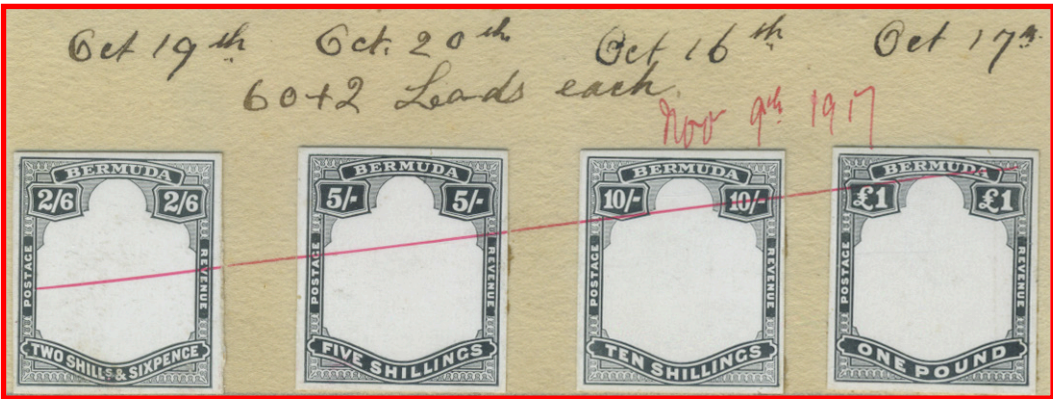
Unaccepted design
Essay on thin glossy paper partially hand-painted.
Two examples recorded



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 the King's head was prepared for Straits Settlement for stamps issued in 1912 and the head plate was used for other countries including Bermuda.

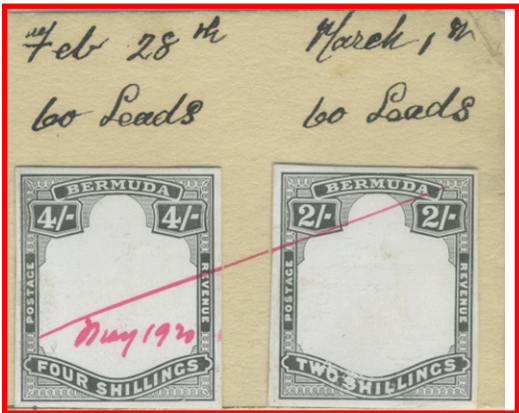
Die Proof of Duty Plates
Proofs from the De La Rue Striking Book

1917



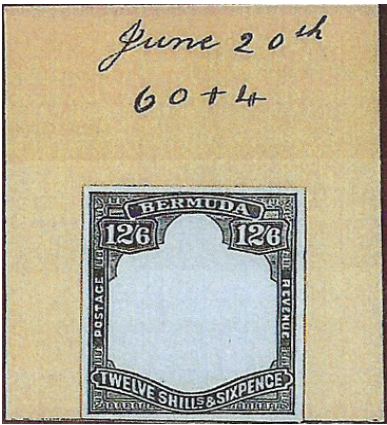
Original four values made on the same card after striking the molds, although this is not specified: the notation '60+2 Leads each' signifies that 62 clichés (including two spares) were made for the four duty plates, with each plate consisting of 60 stamps in a 12 column 5 row format. The date shown above each proof (e.g. 'Oct 19th', 'Oct 17th' etc.) is believed to be that of when the proof was struck and entered into the De la Rue striking book. 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 2½d 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.

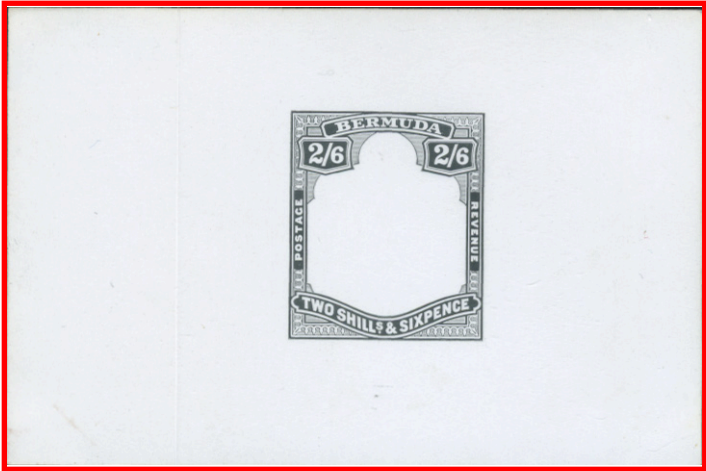
KGVI: this flaw reoccurred in the May 1941 to March 1943 printings.



Mar 1920

." I don't think this sentence ma
– frame flaws did not occur ...
the head plate was just for al

Two Shilling Six Pence



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

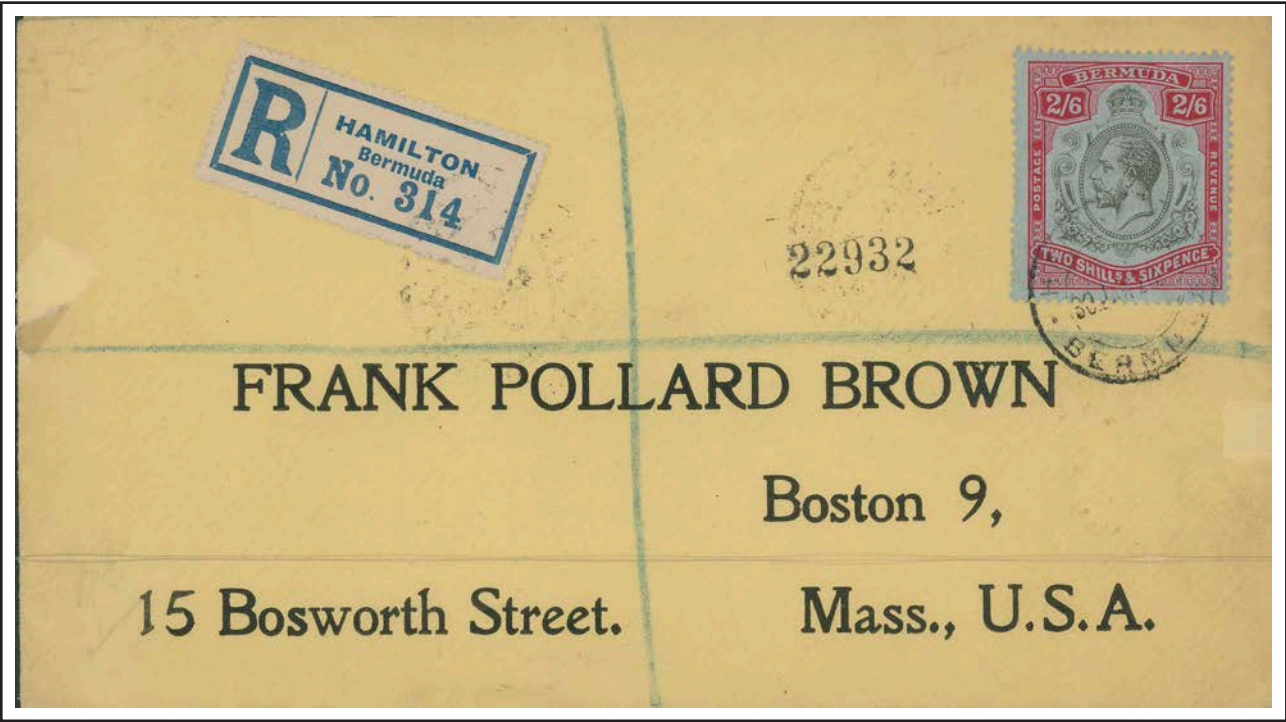
November 1917 (557 sheets)



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.

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 ½ 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



C



D

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.

November 1928 (371 sheets)

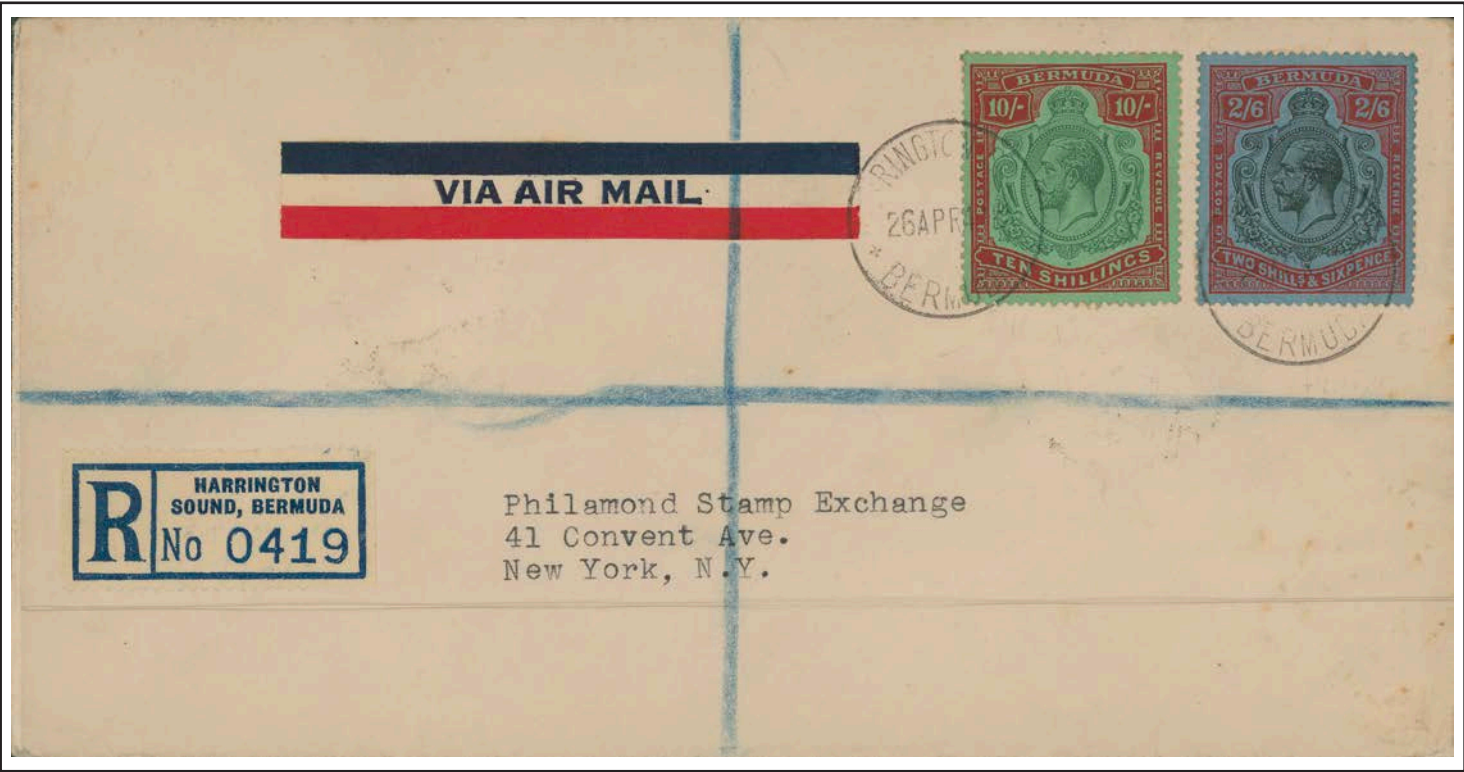


A



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 of November 1928.
One of two recorded covers with the 10s from the October 1929 printing

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.

Printings



Registered cover to Manila

Two Shilling Six Pence

Watermark Multiple Crown and Script CA

February 1930 (515 sheets)

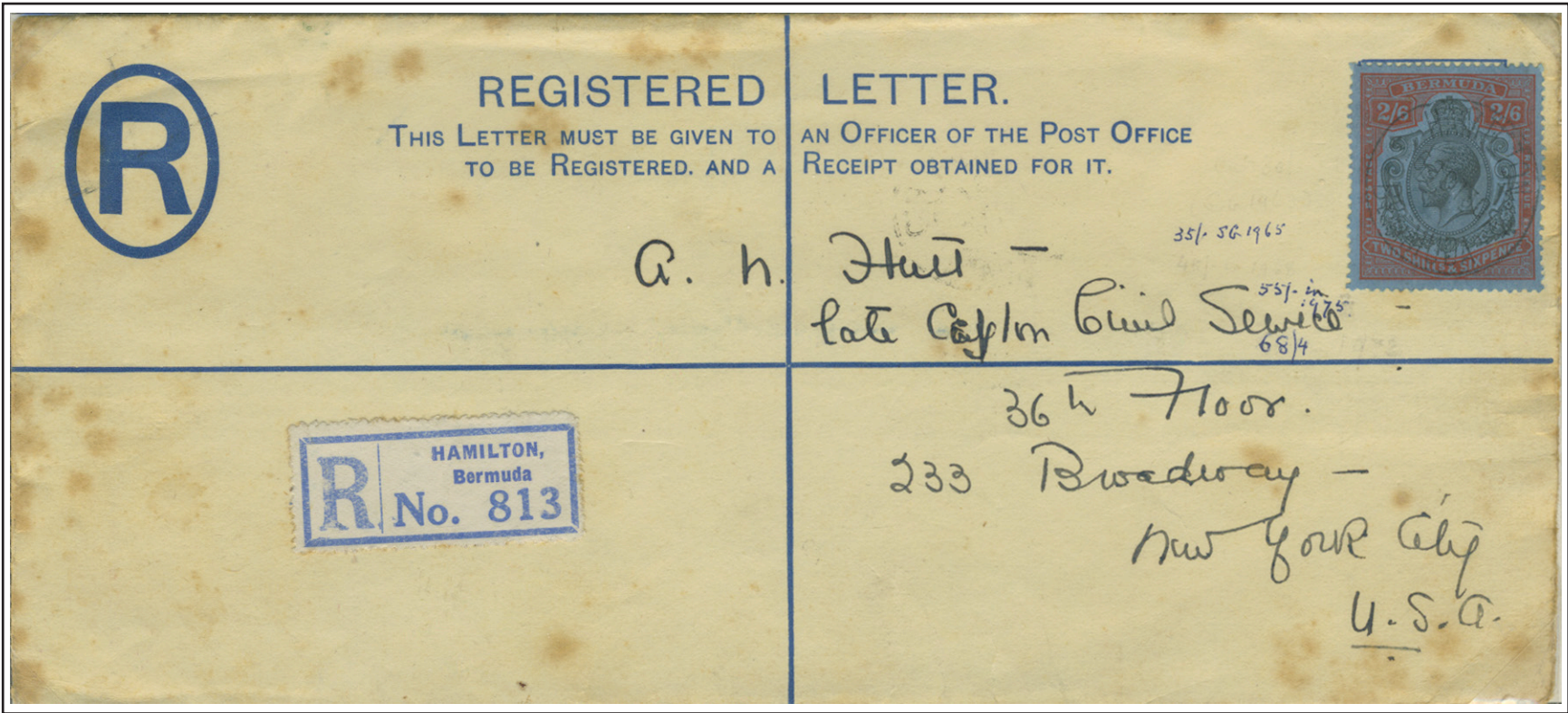


A



B

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



Two covers recorded with the February 1930 printing.

July 1932 (350 sheets)



A



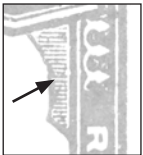
B

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 paler, the pair above is the largest known multiple and one of 3 pairs recorded.

Printings

Frame Flaws

FF 6
Row 1
Column 6



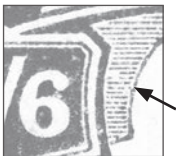
2s6d FF 6 ERD: November 1928.
A break in the middle of the outline of the panel below the right value tablet, also a nick in the inner line above "REVENUE"

KGVI: this flaw occurred on all printings.



FF 6
August 1930
fiscal

FF43
Row 4
Column 7



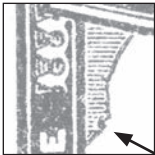
2s6d FF 43 ERD: September 1926.
A break in a shading line to the right of the left hand value tablet.

KGVI: this flaw occurred on all printings.



FF 43
October 1929

FF 25
Row 3
Column 1



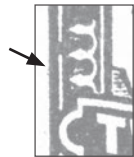
2s6d FF 25 ERD: September 1926.
A break in the middle of the outline of the panel below the right value tablet, also a nick in the inner line above "REVENUE"

KGVI: this flaw occurred on all printings.



FF 25
June 1929

FF48
Row 4
Column 12



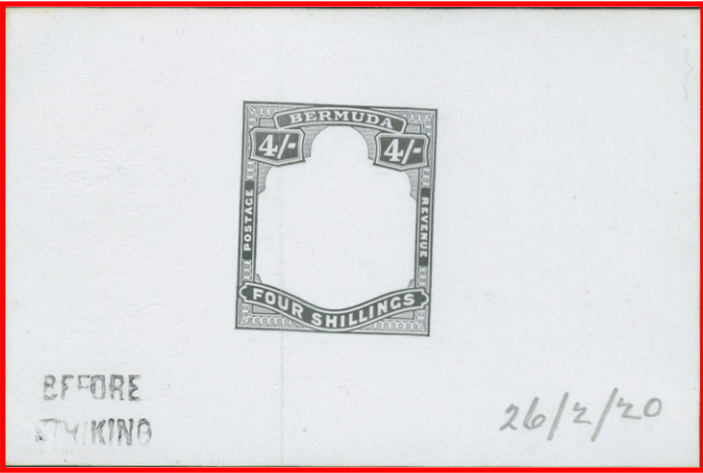
2s6d FF 48 ERD: September 1926.
A break towards the bottom of the outer left frame line.

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
planing.

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

Two paper varieties
Type A has a deeper green head



B

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

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



B



Frame Flaws

5s FF11
Row 1
Column 11



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



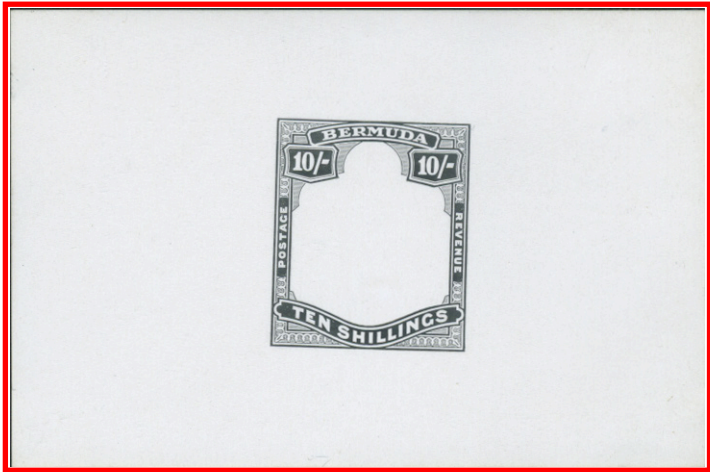
5s FF 58 ERD: November 1917
Small irregular dot after the final
"S" of SHILLINGS.

KGVI: this flaw occurs on the all
KGVI printing.



Jun1921

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)

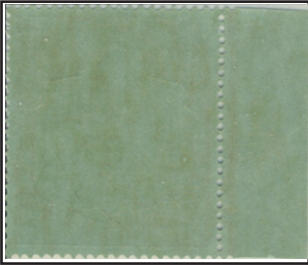


Specimen Samuel
D12a



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 totalled 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

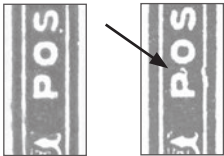


Normal FF8 repair



Aug 1930
FF8

10s FF13
Row 2
Column 1



Normal FF13

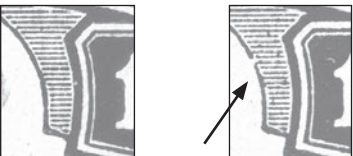


August 1930
FF13



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"

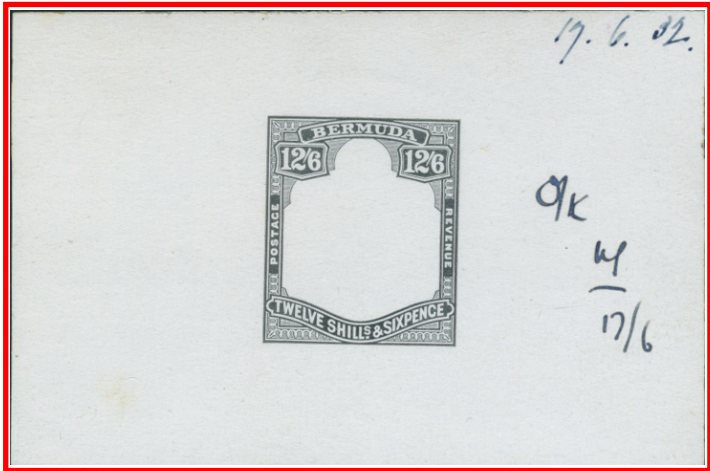
KGVI: this flaw occurs on the all KGVI printing.

Printings

Twelve Shillings Six Pence

Watermark Multiple Crown and Script CA

Printings



4 examples recorded



Plate Proof
Specimen
Unique



Plate Proof
Flaw HPF 57



Plate Proof on coated and gummed paper affixed to part of the De la Rue Record Book page. Dated only 11 days before the first dispatch.
Flaw HPF 45



Specimen
Samuel D19

July 1932
(1,521 sheets)



dull grey head
dull orange

January 1934
(512 sheets)




blue grey head

August 1934
(488 sheets)




rarest of off Bermuda
KGV printings


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.



Head tax on part Musson Steamship ticket with Johns S. Darrell & Agent handstamp



The stamps are often overlaid



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

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

October 1937
(256 sheets)



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



Die Proof
One full sized and two reduce example recorded

| | |
|----|----|
| 37 | 38 |
| 49 | 50 |



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

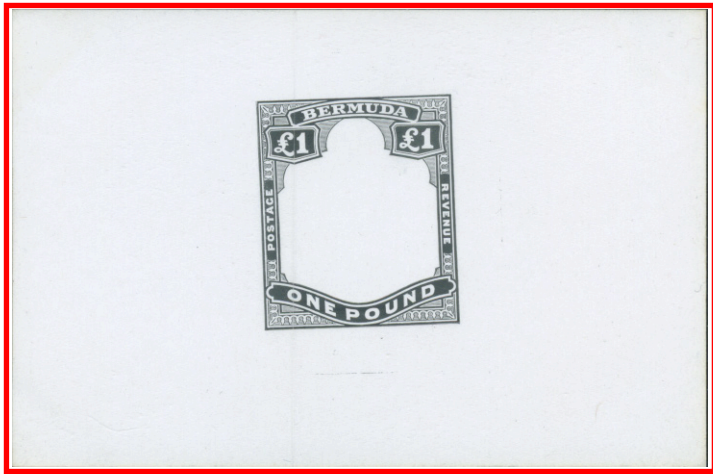


A number of 12s6d covers are recorded to Colonel Grey in France



Partial “Watlington Conyers” revenue cancel.
3 examples recorded with a revenue 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 above 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.



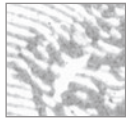
April 1927
no flaw



November 1917
no flaw



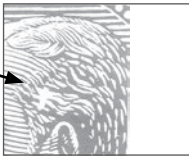
May 1920
no flaw



November 1928
1 - earliest occurrence
rare printing



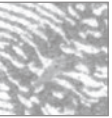
Normal



1

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

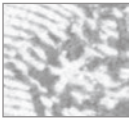
Head Plate Flaws



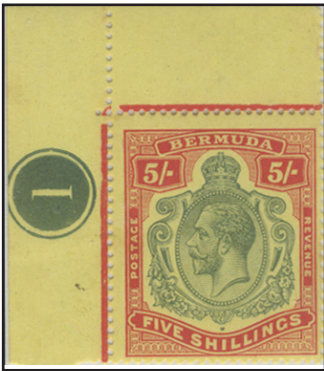
May 1931
1
rare printing



September 1931
1
repaired



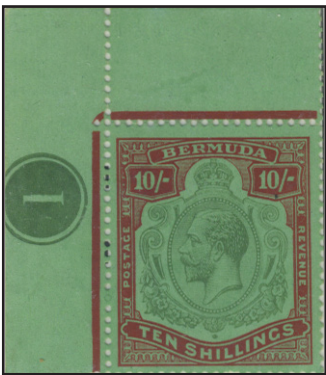
March 1920
no flaw



June 1921
no flaw



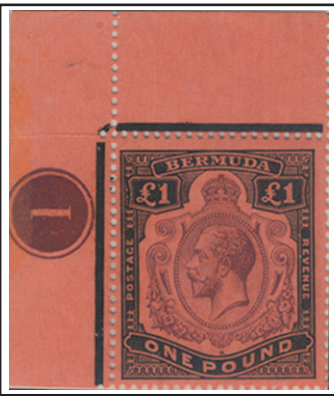
July 1931
1



May 1928
1
scarce printing



August 1930
1
partial repair



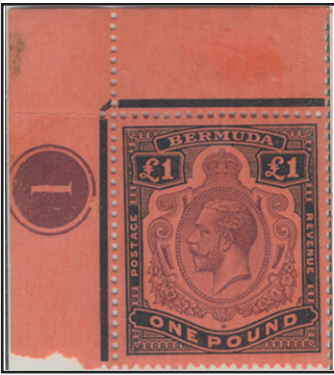
February 1930
1 - star



November 1917
no flaw



June 1924
no flaw



April 1927
no flaw



July 1932
1 repaired



January 1934
1 repaired



February 1937
1 repaired



October 1937
1 repaired

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

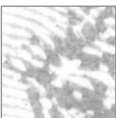
14 State i: ERD: July 1931. Large break in the outline of the upper right scroll, at the 4 o'clock position.
State ii: ERD: May 1922. An inward curve in the outline at the state I site.

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|----|----|
| 1 | 2 |
| 13 | 14 |

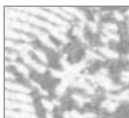
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| 1 | 2 |
| 13 | 14 |

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| 13 | 14 |

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| 1 | 2 |
| 13 | 14 |



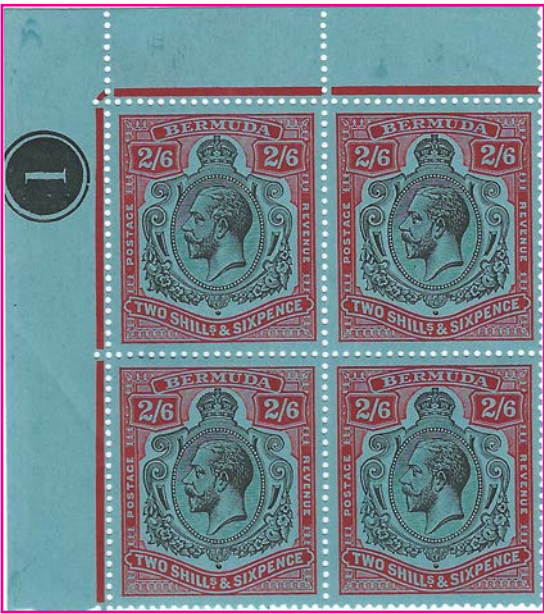
| | |
|----|----|
| 1 | 2 |
| 13 | 14 |



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

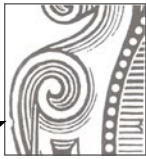


10s August 1930 Pos 55
12s6d October 1936 Revenue Revenue
Ex Tucker

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

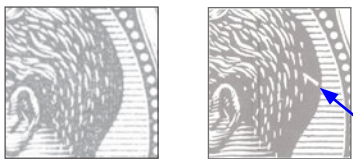
5B ERD: June 1937
A horizontal scratch on the left side, starting from the second outer leaf and extending through the middle stalk and the leaf leaf just above the fruit.

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

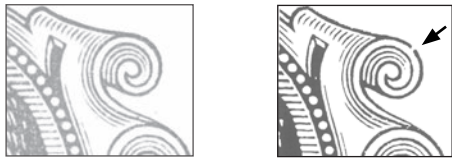


July 1932
6A
SPECIMEN



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



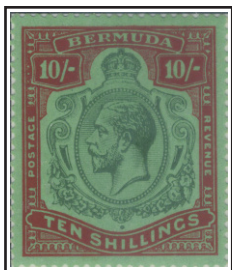
July 1931
9AB



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 |



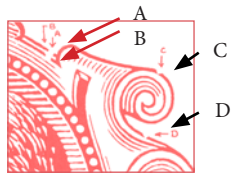
December 1935
9AB

Head Plate Flaws

Position 12
Row 1
Column 12

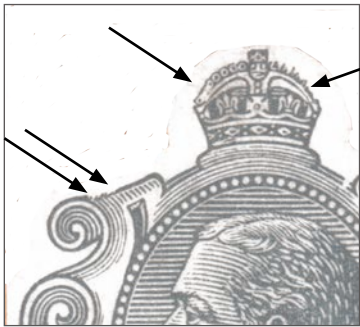


Normal



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



July 1932
12AB



March 1920
12AB



November 1917
12AB



May 1922
12AB



May 1928
12AB



August 1930
12AB



July 1932
12AB



July 1932
12ABCrDr



August 1934
12ABCD



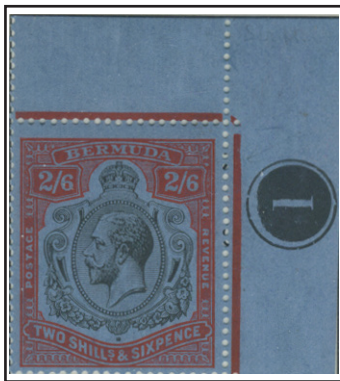
April 1927
12ArB



July 1931
12ArB



November 1917
12AB



August 1930
12ABC



June 1921
12AB



September 1926
12B



September 1926
12AB



May 1928(C)
12AB



July 1932
12ABCD
SPECIMEN



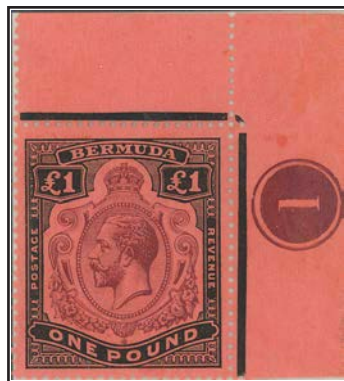
May 1935
12ABCrDr



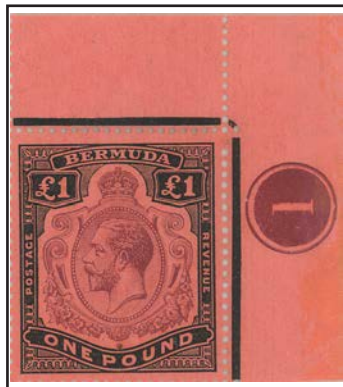
June 1937
12ABC



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



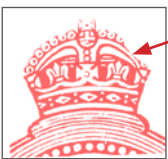
Normal



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

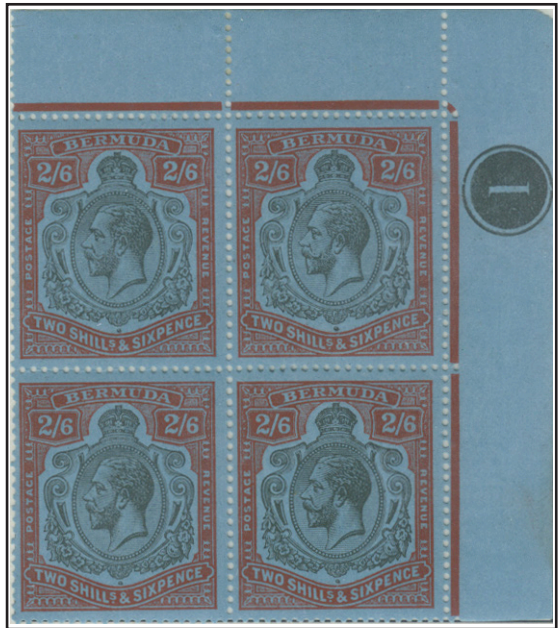


May 1922
24ArB



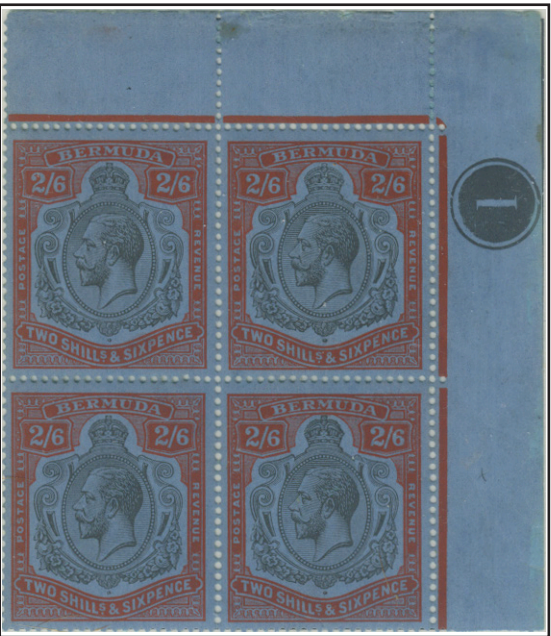
September 1926
24AB

| | |
|----|----|
| 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

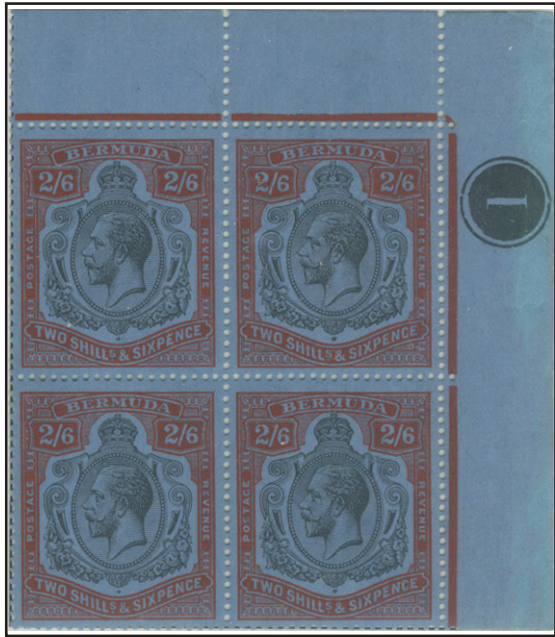


April 1927
24ArBr

Head Plate Flaws

Position 12 24
Row 1 2
Column 12 12

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|----|----|
| 11 | 12 |
| 23 | 24 |



September 1931
12BCD, 24AB

| | |
|----|----|
| 11 | 12 |
| 23 | 24 |



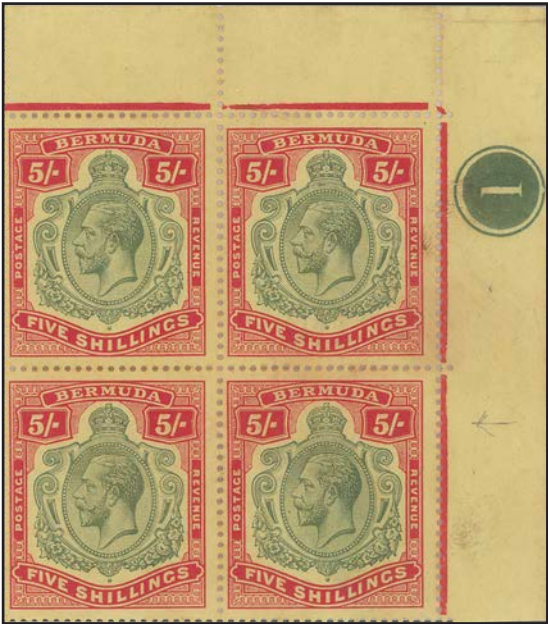
May 1920
12B, 24AB

| | |
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| 11 | 12 |
| 23 | 24 |



March 1920
12B, 24AB

| | |
|----|----|
| 11 | 12 |
| 23 | 24 |



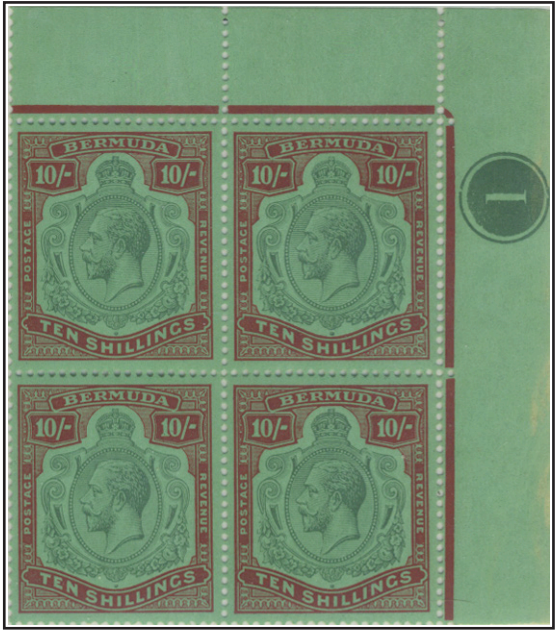
June 1921
12B, 24AB

| | |
|----|----|
| 11 | 12 |
| 23 | 24 |



June 1924
12BC, 24ArBr

| | |
|----|----|
| 11 | 12 |
| 23 | 24 |



August 1930
12ABC, 24AB

| |
|----|
| 12 |
| 24 |



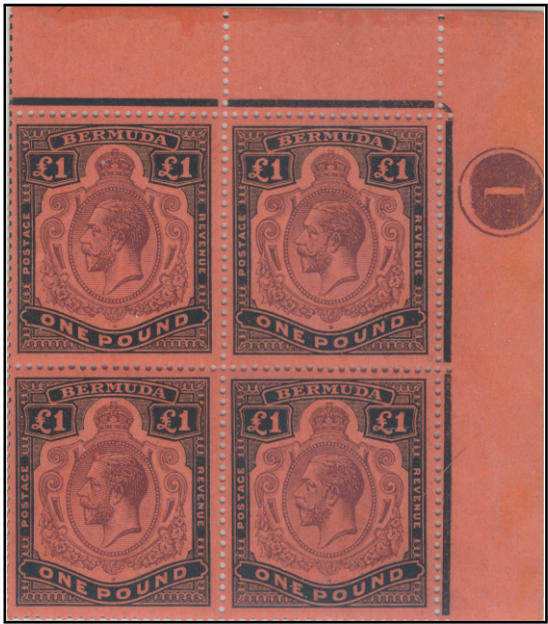
January 1934
12ABCD, 24ArBr

| | |
|----|----|
| 11 | 12 |
| 23 | 24 |



May 1935
12ABCD, 24AB

| | |
|----|----|
| 11 | 12 |
| 23 | 24 |



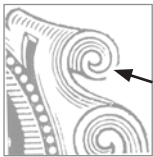
February 1930
12ABC 24ArB

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



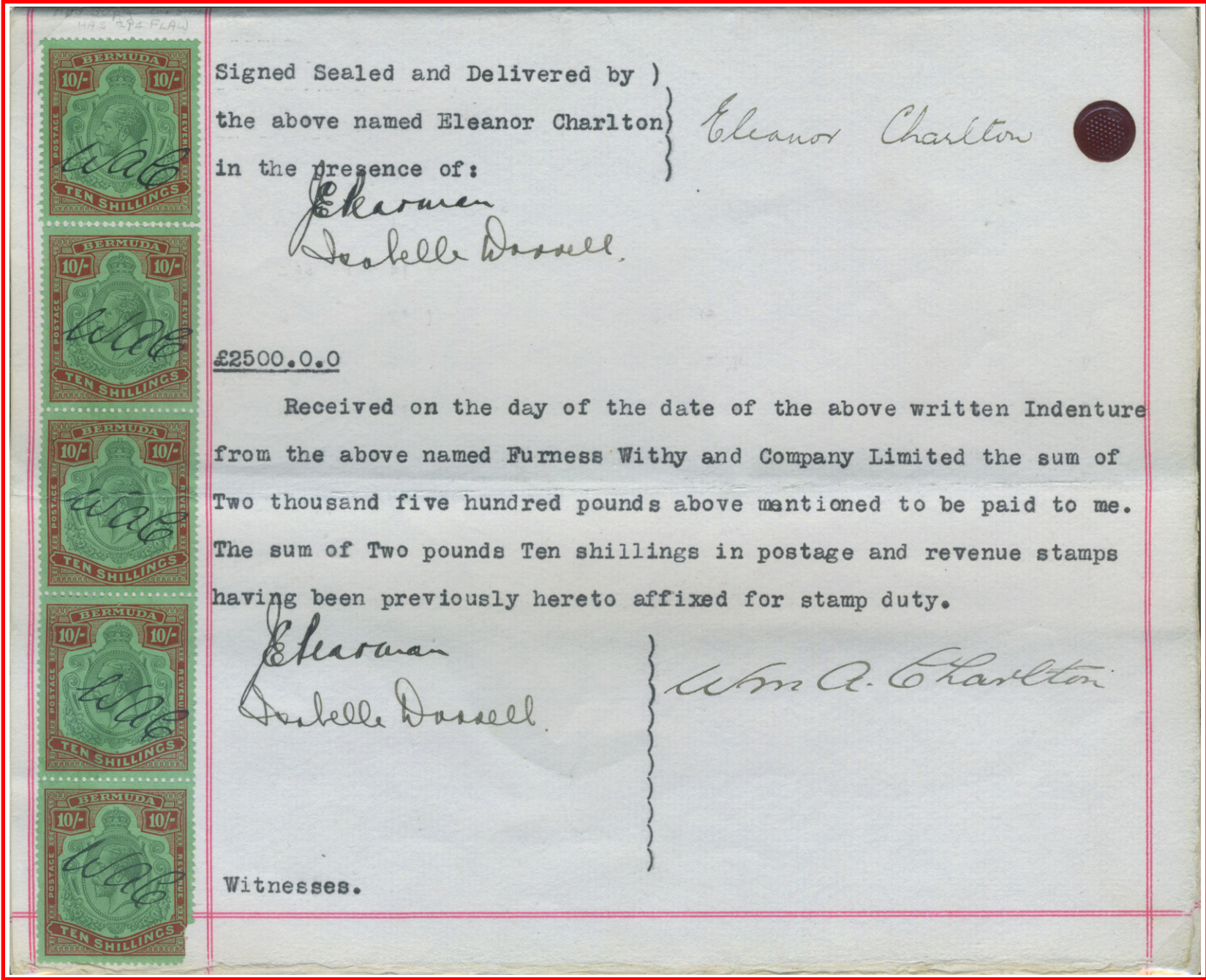
October 1936
14ii
Revenue - Revenue



June 1937
14ii

Head Plate Flaws

- 2
- 14
- 26
- 38
- 50

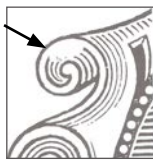


- 14
- 26

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.

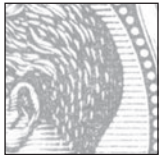


October 1936
16B
Revenue-Revenue

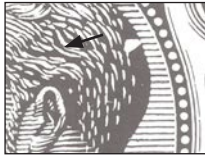


February 1937
16B

Position 34
Row 3
Column 10



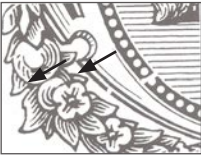
Normal



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

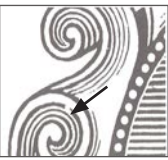


June 1937
34A

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



November 1917
36AiB



March 1920
36Ai



June 1921
36Ai



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
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



45ai



45aii

Head Plate Flaws

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



May 1920
45i



April 1927
45i
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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 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 printing

Position 49
Row 5
Column 1

Head Plate Flaws



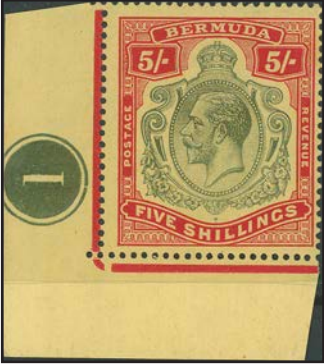
May 1920
no flaw



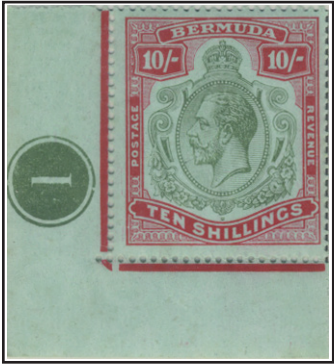
November 1917
no flaw



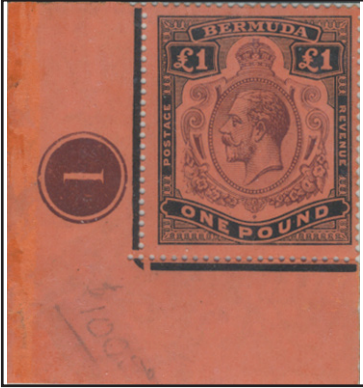
March 1920
no flaw



June 1921
no flaw
inverted wml



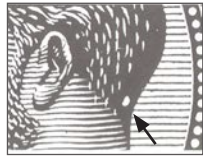
November 1917
no flaw



November 1917
no flaw



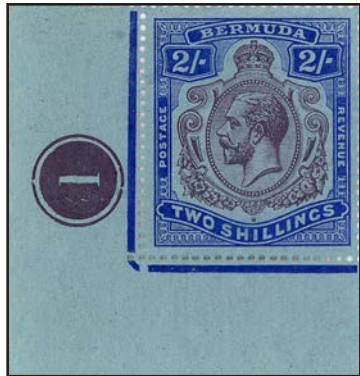
Normal



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



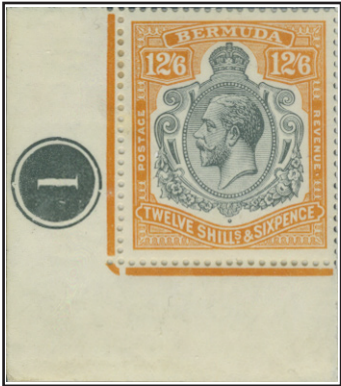
August 1930
49A



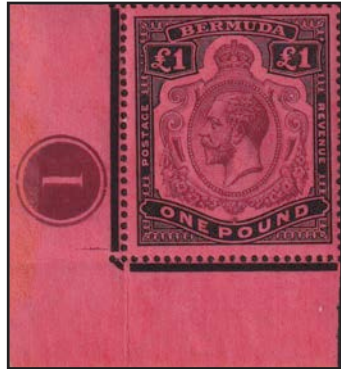
September 1931
49A



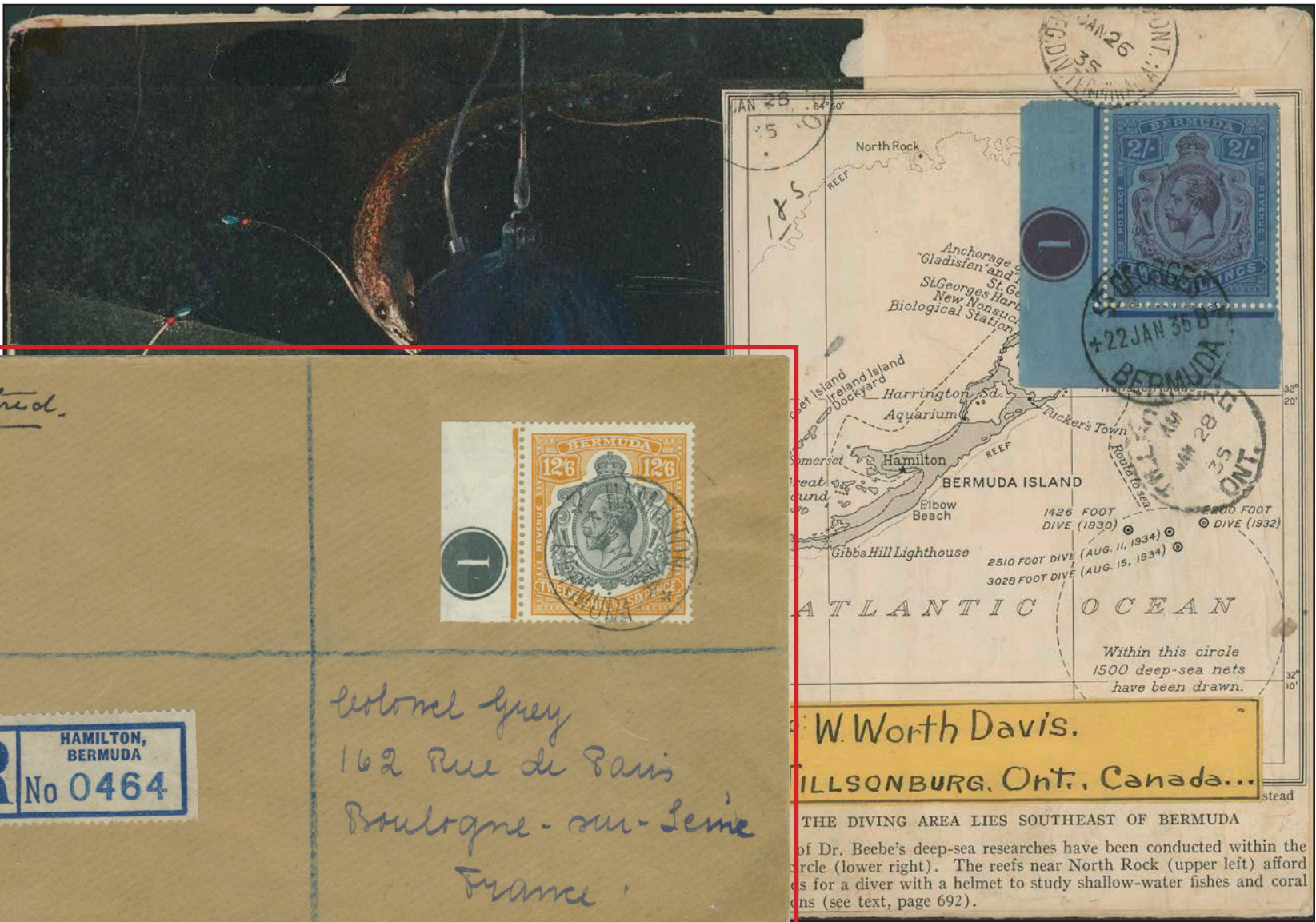
June 1924
49A



December 1935
49A



April 1927
49A



July 1931
49A

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

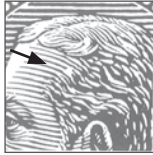
Position 50
Row 5
Column 2



Normal



50i



50ii

50 State i: ERD: June 1937

The “bullet flaw”, also known as the “Assassin 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 |

Head Plate Flaws



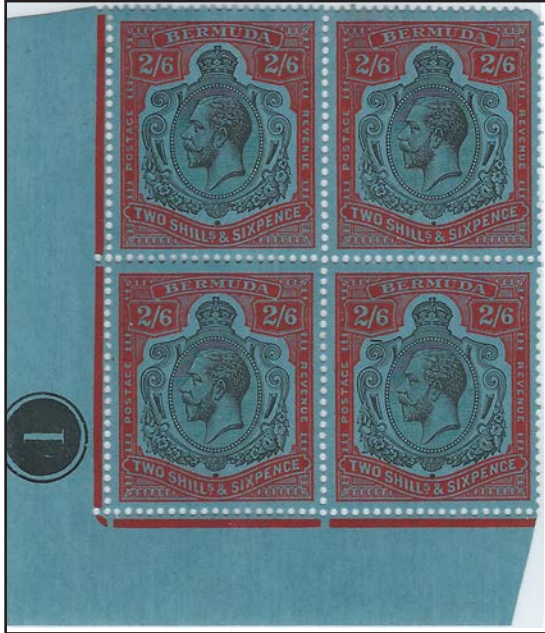
May 1920
49A, 50ii
classic dot of 49 flaw, 6 years early!!

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|----|----|
| 37 | 38 |
| 49 | 50 |



September 1926
49A, 50ii

| | |
|----|----|
| 37 | 38 |
| 49 | 50 |



May 1931
49A, 50ii

| | |
|----|----|
| 37 | 38 |
| 49 | 50 |



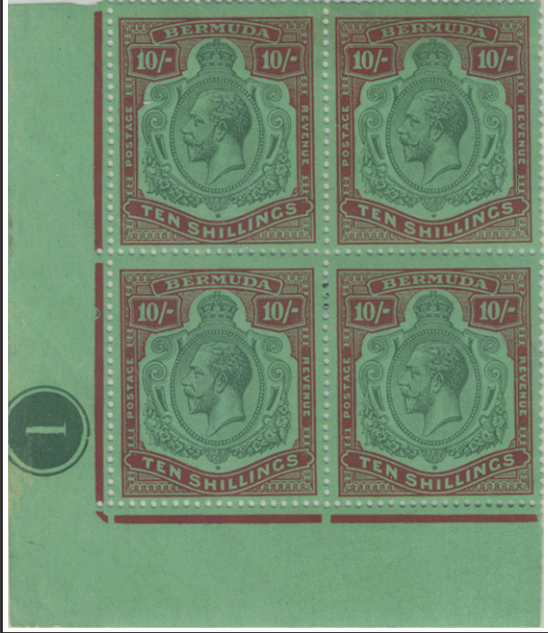
September 1931
49A, 50ii

| | |
|----|----|
| 37 | 38 |
| 49 | 50 |



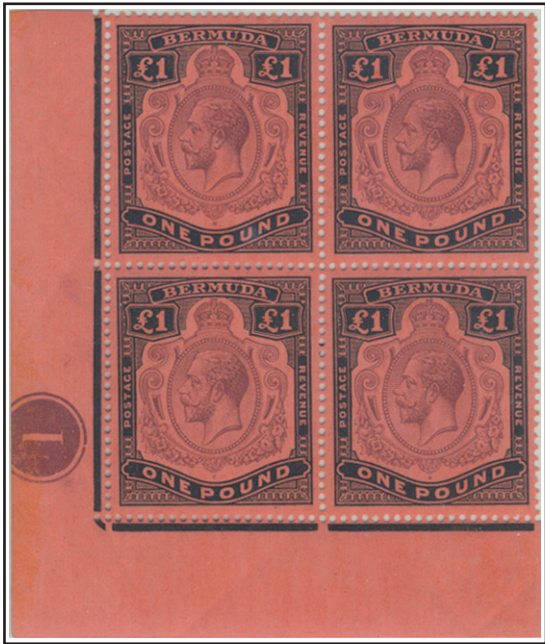
November 1917
no flaw

| | |
|----|----|
| 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.

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|----|----|
| 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

Head Plate Flaws

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

Position 52
Row 5
Column 4



Normal



52B

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



May 1920
52B



May 1920
52B



Normal

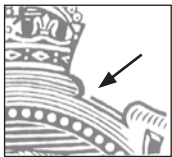


52C

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

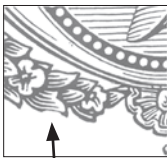


June 1937
52ABC

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



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



May 1920
54Ai



June 1922
54Ai



September 1926
54AiB



Mar 1920
54Ai



June 1921
54Ai



July 1924
54Ai



September 1926
54Ai

Head Plate Flaws



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



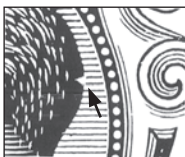
April 1927
54AiB
SPECIMEN



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



April 1927
53Aiii, 54AiB



July 1931
53Ai, 54AiBC



May 1931
54AiBCE, 55DEF



August 1930
53Ai, 54AirBCErF



September 1931
54AiBCDEF



July 1932
54AiBCDEF
Specimen



December 1935
54AiBC

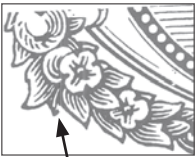


October 1936
54AiBC
Revenue-Revenue

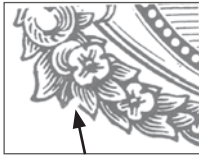
Position 55
Row 5
Column 7



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

Head Plate Flaws

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 eight 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



February 1930
none
heavily inked



April 1927
55D



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

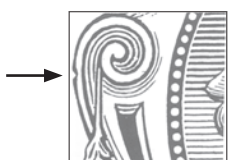


April 1927
57AB

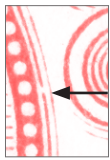


February 1930
57AB

Position 58
Row 5
Column 10



58A



58B

Head Plate Flaws

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.

58B: ERD: May 1928. - new discovery
Break in the outer line of the frame around the head and level with 58A but on the right hand side.

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



September 1931
58AB



August 1930
58AB



July 1932
58AB

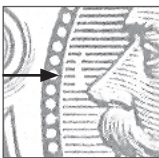


October 1936
58AB

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.

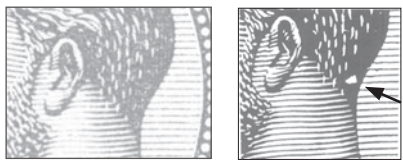


August 1934
59



August 1934
59

Position 60
Row 5
Column 12



Normal 60A

| | |
|----|----|
| 47 | 48 |
| 59 | 60 |



May 1920
60A



November 1917
60A



November 1917
60A



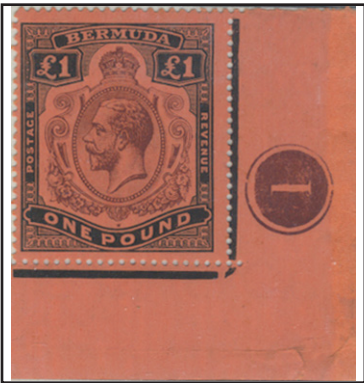
Nov 1917
60A



Jul 1921
60A



Mar 1920
60A

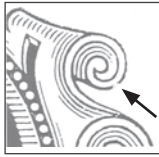


November 1917
60A

60A: ERD: November 1917.
Small colorless dot in the King's hair at the nape of the neck.



Normal



60B

60B: ERD: May 1922
A break itowards the bottom of the outline of the upper right scroll.



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

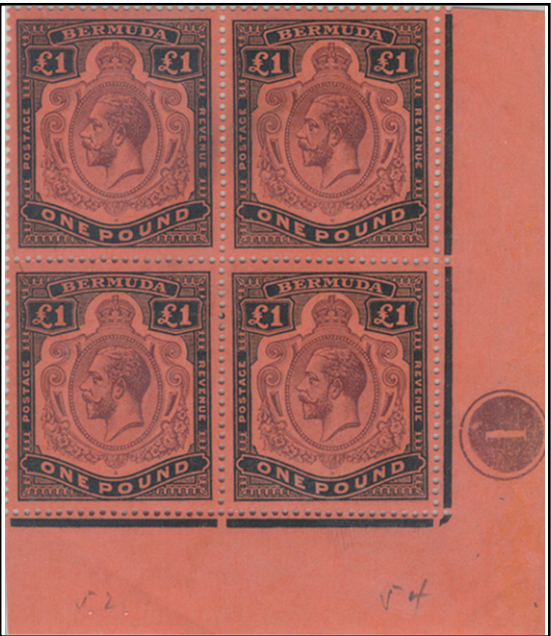
60D: ERD: April 1927
A very small break in the outline of the sixth outer leaf below the left scroll.

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|----|----|
| 47 | 48 |
| 59 | 60 |



April 1927
60ABD

| | |
|----|----|
| 47 | 48 |
| 59 | 60 |



April 1927
60AD



Normal

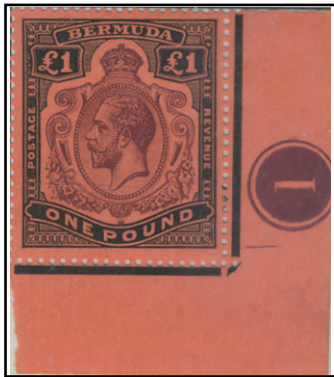


60E

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



August 1930
60ABC



February 1930
60ABC



July 1932
60ABCDE

| | |
|----|----|
| 47 | 48 |
| 59 | 60 |



July 1931
60BrE

| | |
|----|----|
| 47 | 48 |
| 59 | 60 |



October 1929
60ACE

| | |
|----|----|
| 47 | 48 |
| 59 | 60 |



May 1931
60ABEi

Head Plate Flaws

| | |
|----|----|
| 47 | 48 |
| 59 | 60 |



October 1929
60BD

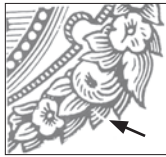
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| 47 | 48 |
| 59 | 60 |



August 1930
60ABDE



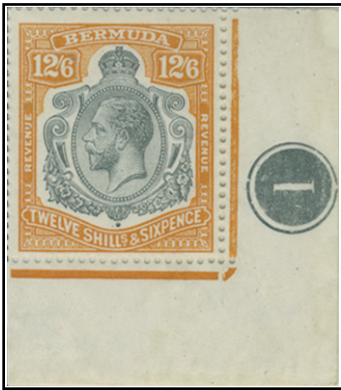
Normal



60Ei



60Eii



October 1936
ABCDEiFiFi
Revenue - Revenue



June 1937
60ABDEiFiFi

HPF 60F:State I: ERD: Aug 1934
Scratch in leaf beneath fruit on right. State (EKD Mat 1935) is a second scratch beneath the first.

| | |
|----|----|
| 47 | 48 |
| 59 | 60 |



December 1935
59, 60ABCDEiFi

| | |
|----|----|
| 47 | 48 |
| 59 | 60 |



June 1937
59, 60ABCDEiFiFi