

Bermuda King George VI “key plates”

The King George VI high values are an area that I am unlikely to show as a standalone exhibit. In my younger days I collected these stamps as I could not afford the KGV high values that I now focus on. I primarily collect KGV in blocks in a semi attempt to reconstruct sheets by value, by printing. I believe this makes it more difficult to tell the story in an exhibit. I might eventually include the material in this display with my KGV to be able to show 8 frames at the international level.

Printings / Paper coatings

The paper and coating are more consistent than those for KGV. The paper used to print stamps until 1944 including a chalk coating, with improvements of paper quality this coating was not required after this date. It should be noted that the dates are the date dispatched to Bermuda, while the dates for the requisition of the head and frame plates and the issue of the paper the date that the stamps were printed is unknown.

Perforations

Except for emergency printing in 1941 following the bombing of the De la Rue plant the stamps from 1937 to 1949 were comb perforated 14 (13.9 x 13.8) and from 1949 to the final printings the perforation was reduced to 13 (13.2 x 13.0). The 1941 perforation (and printing) was performed by William Lea & Co using a line perforation of 14.1 and usually can be readily recognized by the imperfect shape of the perforation at the corners of the stamp and in examples with a bottom margin where the perforation runs through that margin

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 “jubilee line” for both the head and frame plates to help spread the pressure of the inking and printing across the plate and lessen any damage. In addition, plate numbers (“1”) were inserted opposite positions 2, and 59 for the first printings, however the plug below position 59 was replaced with that from above position 2. This plug was replace with another plug after 1938.



Showing part of a large cover which has the low and high values issued on the first day being January 20, 1938

Flaws

Unlike the flaws on the KGV stamps which were repaired using lead solder and therefor show various states even during a single printing run the flaws on the KGV stamps the repairs are stable so the flaw and state give great assistance in helping to determine the printing and the lack of the flaw also provides negative connotations to a printing. Major flaws are those which have catalogue status, significant flaws are ones that should deserve a premium to normal stamps or minor flaws..

Items of Note: I am particularly proud of completeness of the plate singles shown with the printings and plate blocks. All the major flaws are shown (except the ten shilling line perf with the 17a gash in chin flaw).

References The King George VI Large Key Plate Revenue and Postage High Value Stamps 1937-1953 by Eric Yendall, published by The Royal Philatelic Society London 2008

SPECIMEN

414 stamps were perforated SPECIMEN

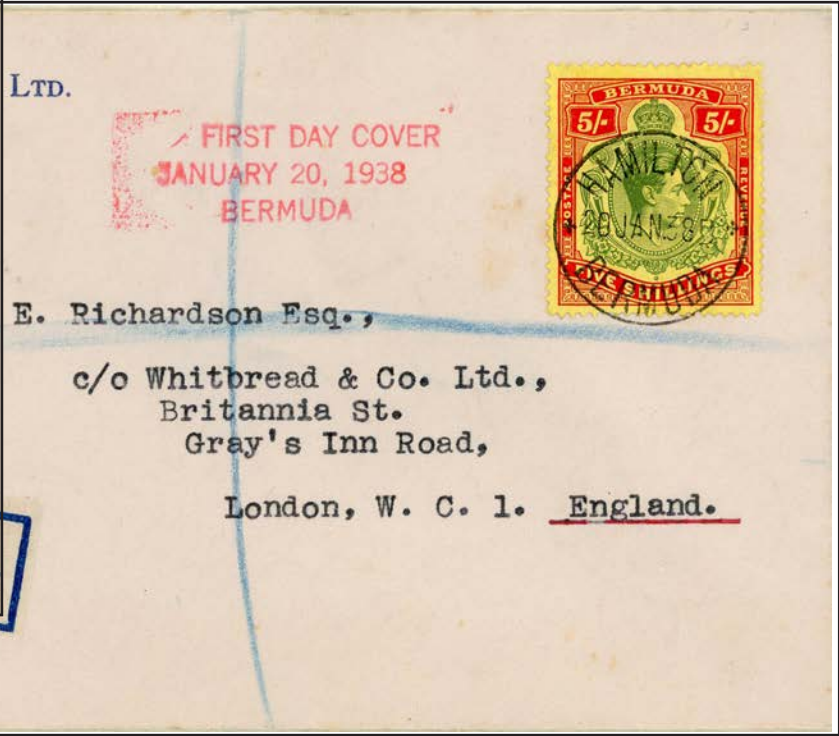
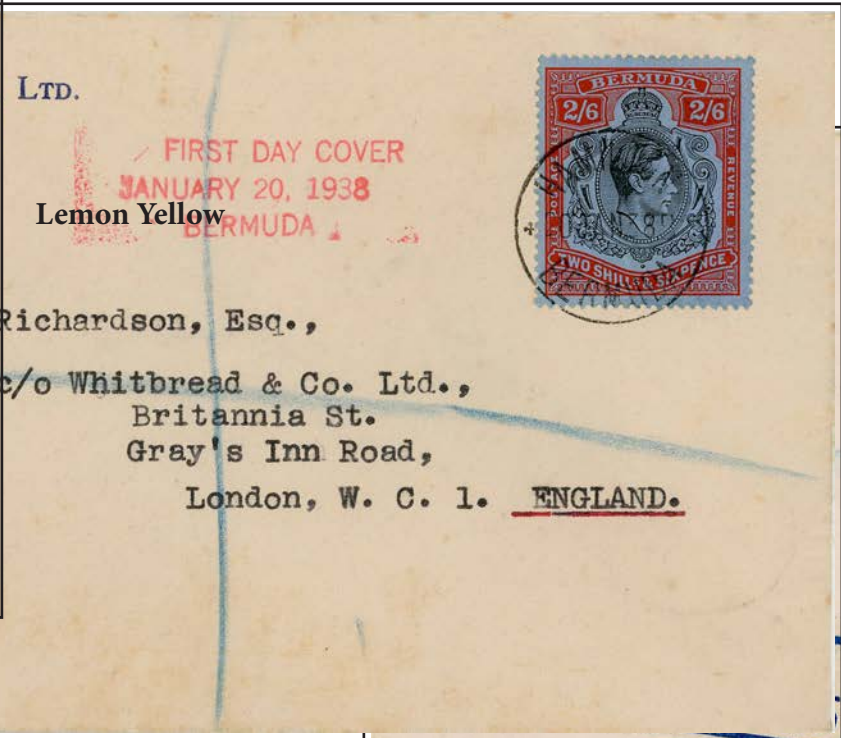
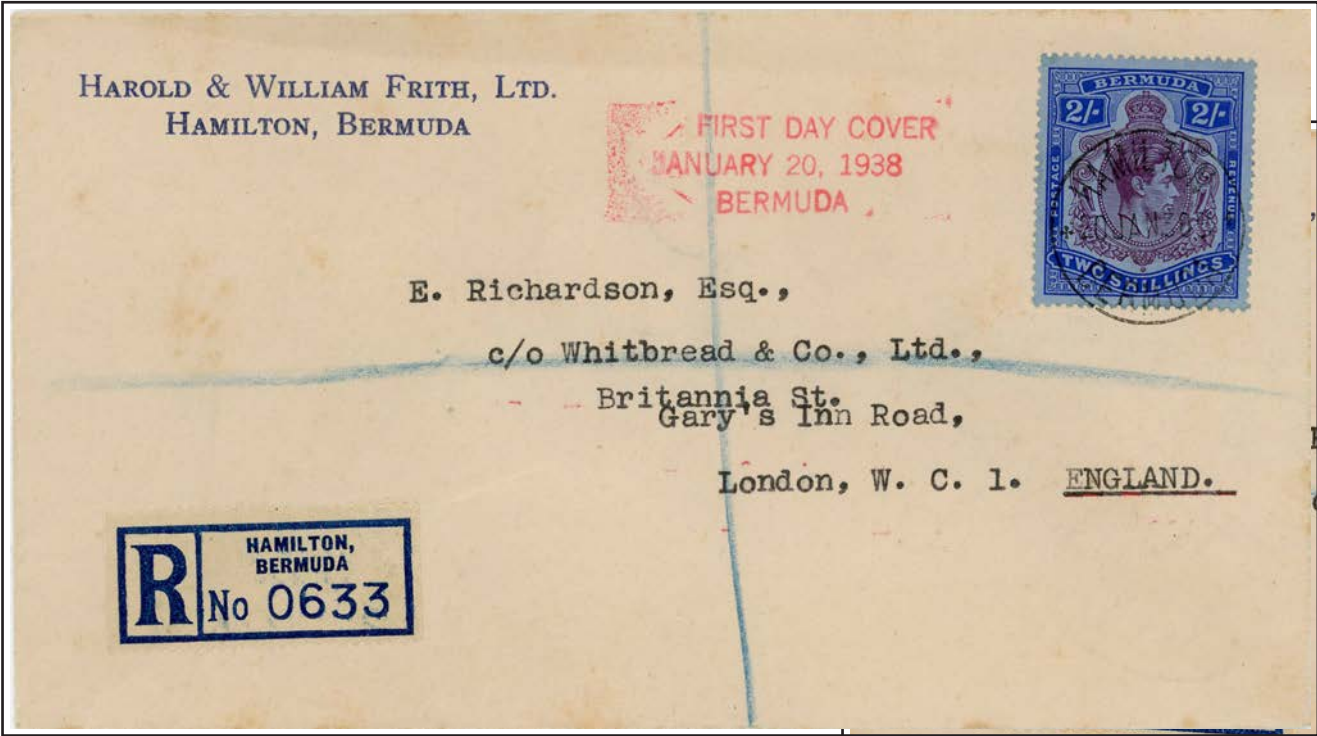


Perforated SPECIMEN, Samuels type D20

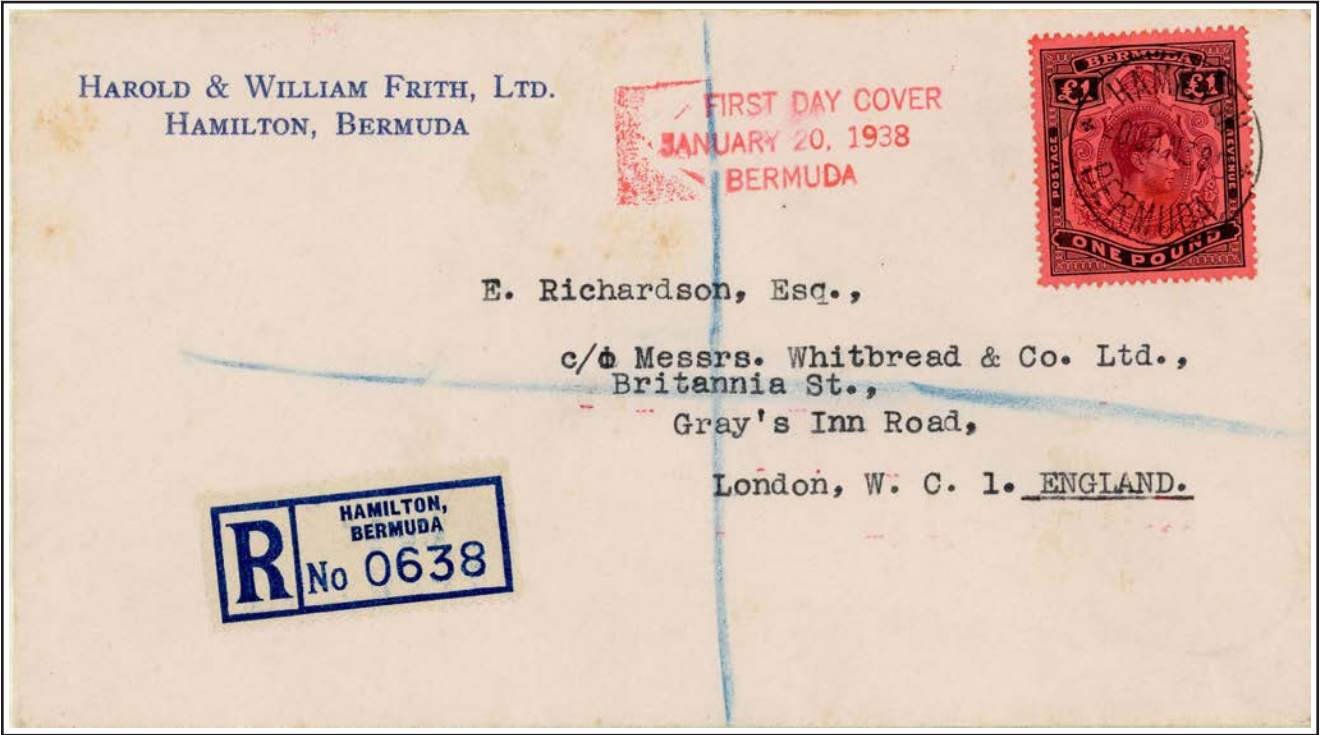
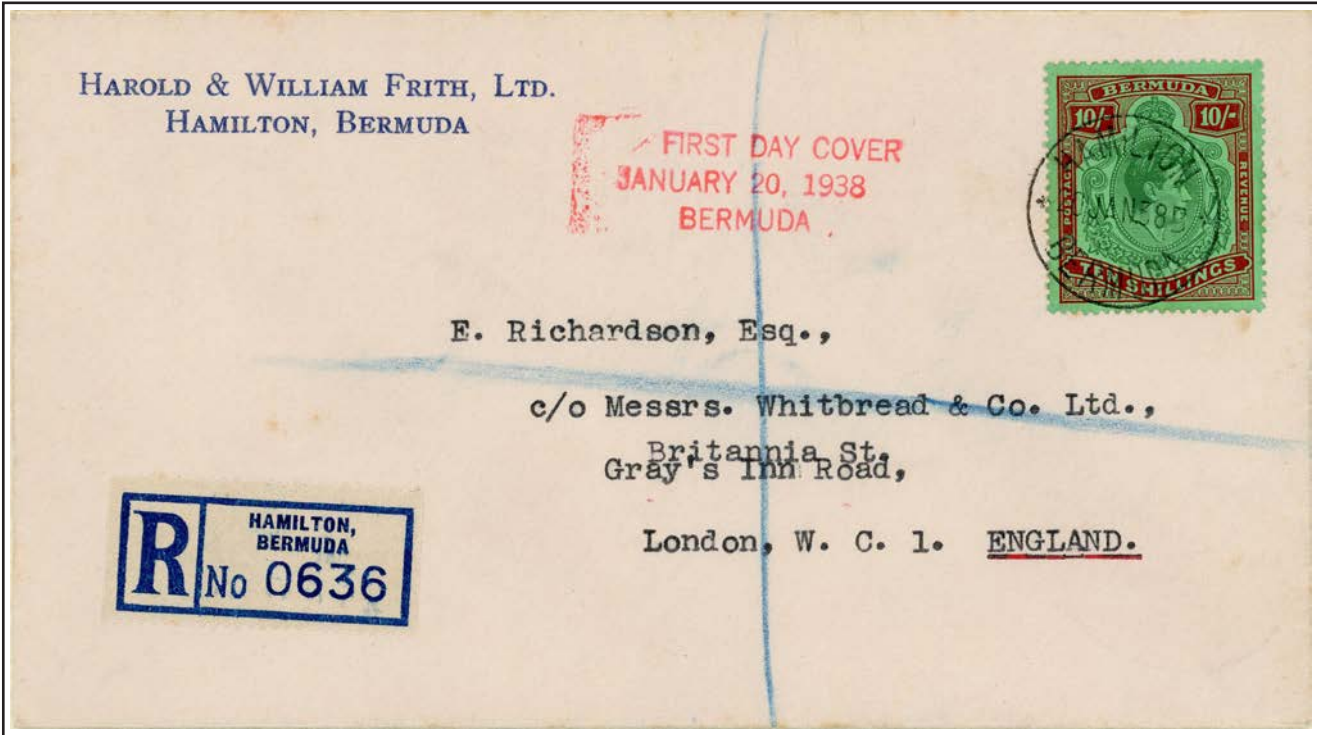
Cancelled H.M.B, (Home Mail Branch). They were issued to all UPU members to alert them to new issues

First Day Covers

A number of first day covers are recorded with some of the values, and some covers with the complete set. There are very few complete sets on separate covers.



The 12/6 cover was in the October 1990 Christies Robson Lowe sale of the Wilson Wong collection. I am unaware of its current whereabouts



Two Shillings

Perf 13.9 x 13.8 comb



Nov 1937
513 sheets
Position 2



Nov 1937
513 sheets
Position 59



Oct 1940
513 sheets



Oct 1940
513 sheets
reprint



May 1941
250 sheets
perf 14.1 line



Oct 1941
1,229 sheets



Mar 1943
326 sheets
(block)



Mar 1944
1,008 sheets



Jun 1945
552 sheets



Dec 1946
550 sheets
(block)



Jul 1947
493 sheets



Feb 1949
1,229 sheets

Perf 13.2 x 13.0 comb



Dec 1949
504 sheets



Aug 1951
1,518 sheets



Feb 1952
745 sheets

Printings

Due to the damage on the plug under stamp 59 the plug from above stamp 2 was moved after the first printing. The plug from above position 2 was moved to position 59 for the July 1938 printing of the 12s6d and then replace with a different plug. This plug, then suffers progressive damage from which printings can be ascertained by looking at the extent of the damage.

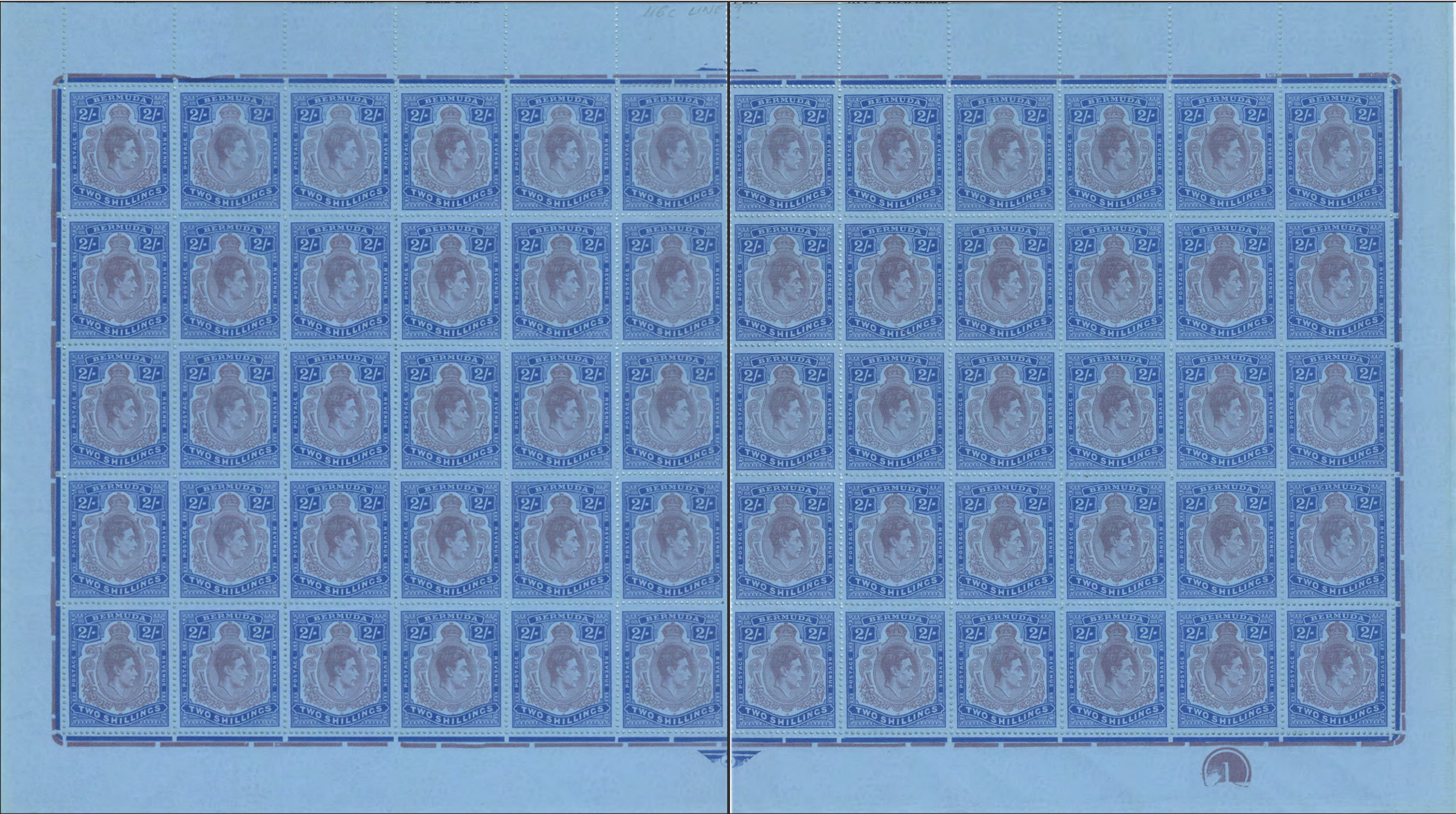
Two Shillings

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

Perf 13.2 x 13.0 comb, ordinary paper

13th printing
August 1950 - 1.518 sheets

Note the Jubilee lines on the King George VI plates are not uniform and therefore can be used to position any stamp with a margin



Two Shilling Six Pence

Perf 13.9 x 13.8 comb



Nov 1937
278 sheets
Position 2



Nov 1937
278 sheets
Position 59



Oct 1940
514 sheets



May 1941
200 sheets
perf 14.1 line



Dec 1941
254 sheets



Mar 1943
308 sheets



Dec 1946
unk sheets



Dec 1946
596 sheets
(reprint)



Jun 1948
525 sheets

Perf 13.2 x 13.0 comb



Aug 1950
778 sheets



Nov 1951
1,163 sheets



Feb 1952
693 sheets

1st printing
November 1937 - 200 sheets



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

Five Shillings

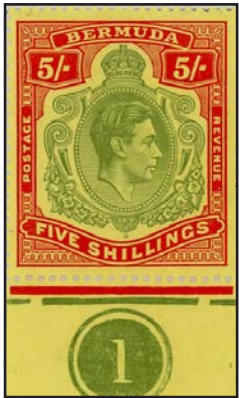
Perf 13.9 x 13.8 comb



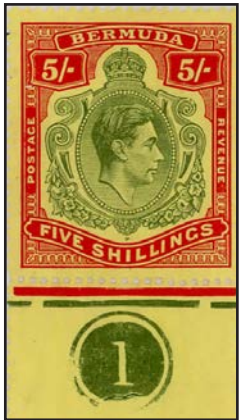
Nov 1937
505 sheets
Position 2



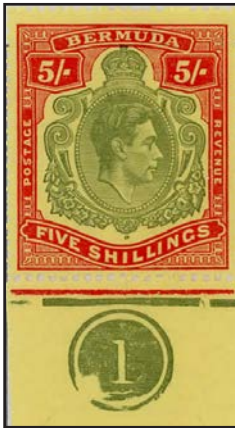
Nov 1937
505 sheets
Position 59



Jan 1939
204 sheets



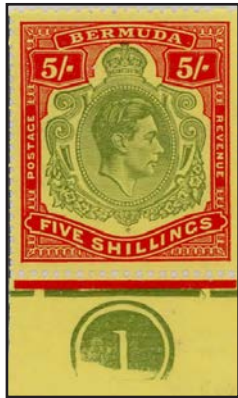
May 1941
200 sheets
perf 14.1 line



Nov 1941
111 sheets
1 of 2 pt singles



Mar 1943
246 sheets



Mar 1944
508 sheets

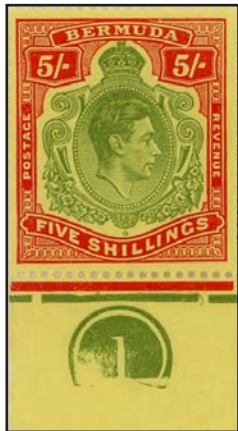


Dec 1946
600 sheets



Jun 1948
500 sheets

Perf 13.2 x 13.0 comb



Dec 1949
502 sheets



Aug 1950
1,541 sheets



Apr 1952
1,000 sheets



5s line perf paying the airmail rate to India plus 3d for the registration fee



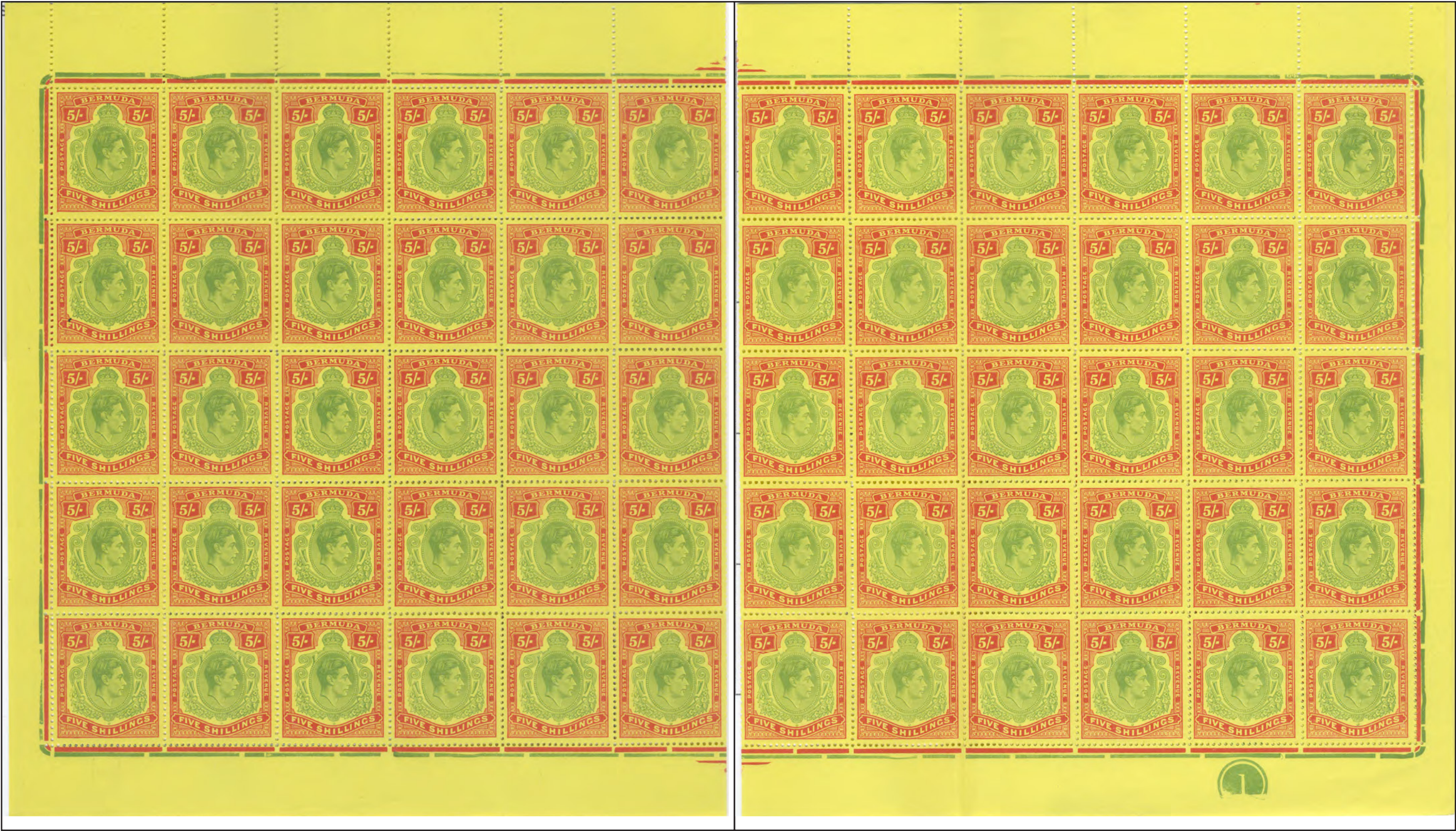
5s from the 7th printing dispatched to Bermuda in December 1946 paying the airmail rate to Southern Rhodesia plus 3d for the registration fee

Five Shillings

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

Perf 13.2 x 13.0 comb, ordinary paper

11th printing
April 1952 - 1,000 sheets



Only recorded sheet of this printing

Ten Shillings

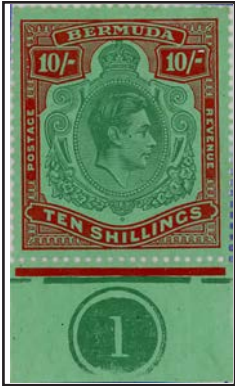
Perf 13.9 x 13.8 comb



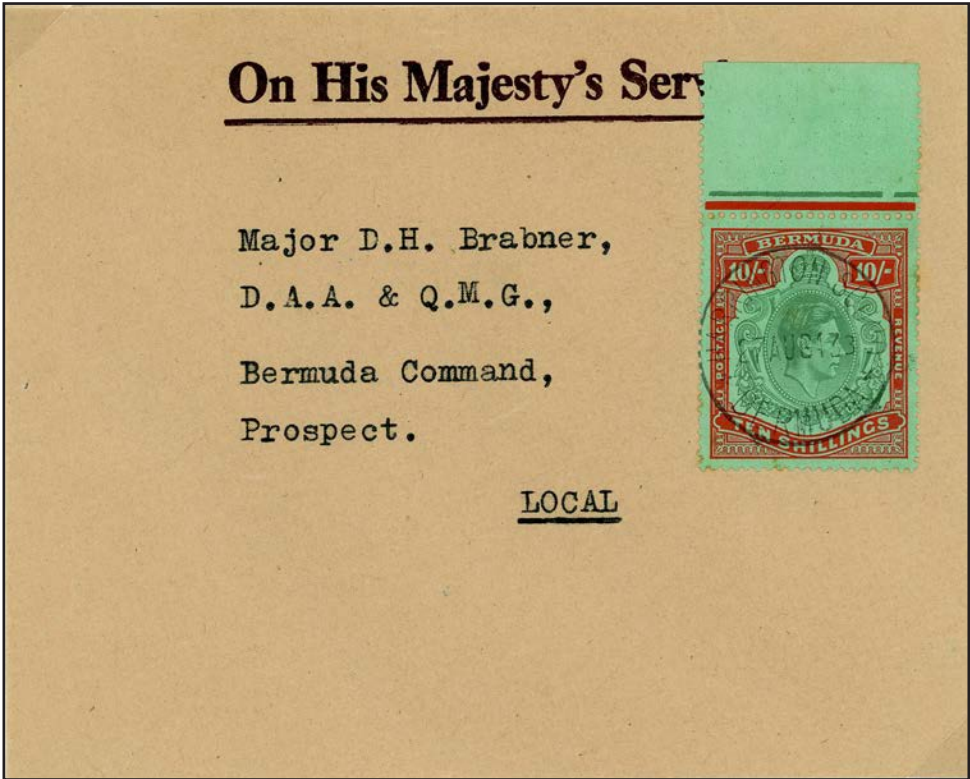
Nov 1937
338 sheets
Position 2



Nov 1937
338 sheets
Position 59



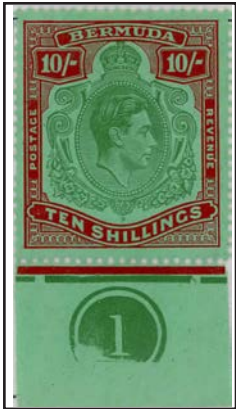
Jan 1939
200 sheets



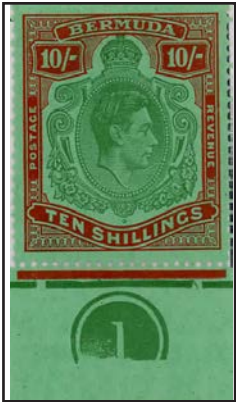
Philatelic cover with January 1939



Sep 1941
190 sheets
perf 14.1 line



Mar 1943
86 sheets

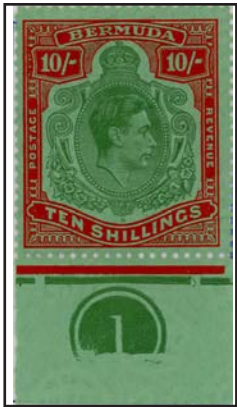


Nov 1944
250 sheets



Dec 1946
496 sheets

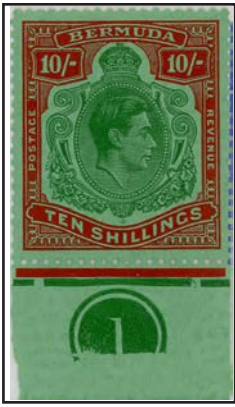
Perf 13.2 x 13.0 comb



Jun 1951
520 sheets



Blue-green
back



Jan 1953
625 sheets



Philatelic cover with September 1941

Twelve Shillings Six Pence

Perf 13.9 x 13.8 comb



Nov 1937
1,983 sheets



Jul 1938
513 sheets
two plate single
recorded
Ex Wong



Aug 1938
510 sheets
only recorded
plate plug
Ex Wong



Jul 1939
494 sheets



Oct 1940
1,023 sheets



Mar 1943
91 sheets



Jun 1946
1,113 sheets
Lemon



Dec 1946
999 sheets



Jun 1948
1,020 sheets

Perf 13.2 x 13.0 comb



Aug 1950
1,085 sheets

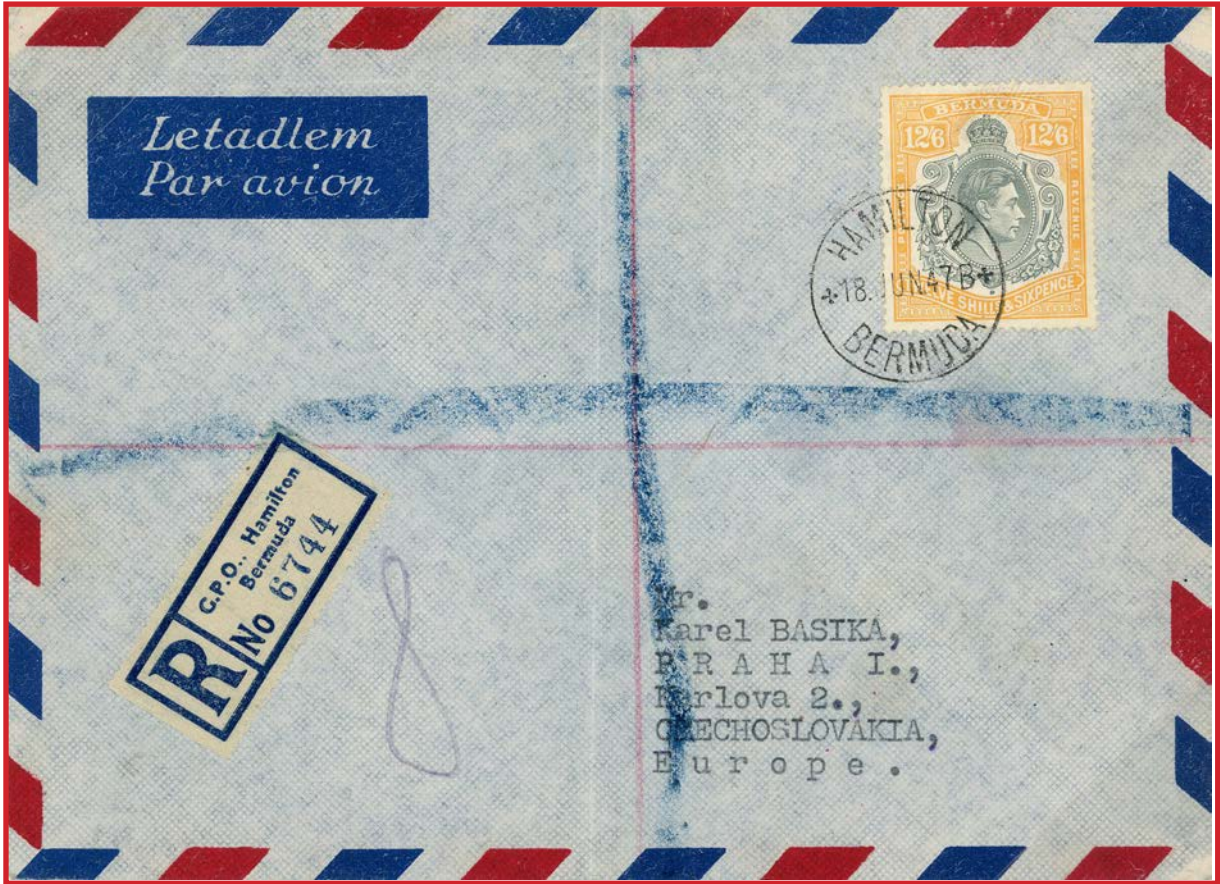


Jun 1951
2,775 sheets



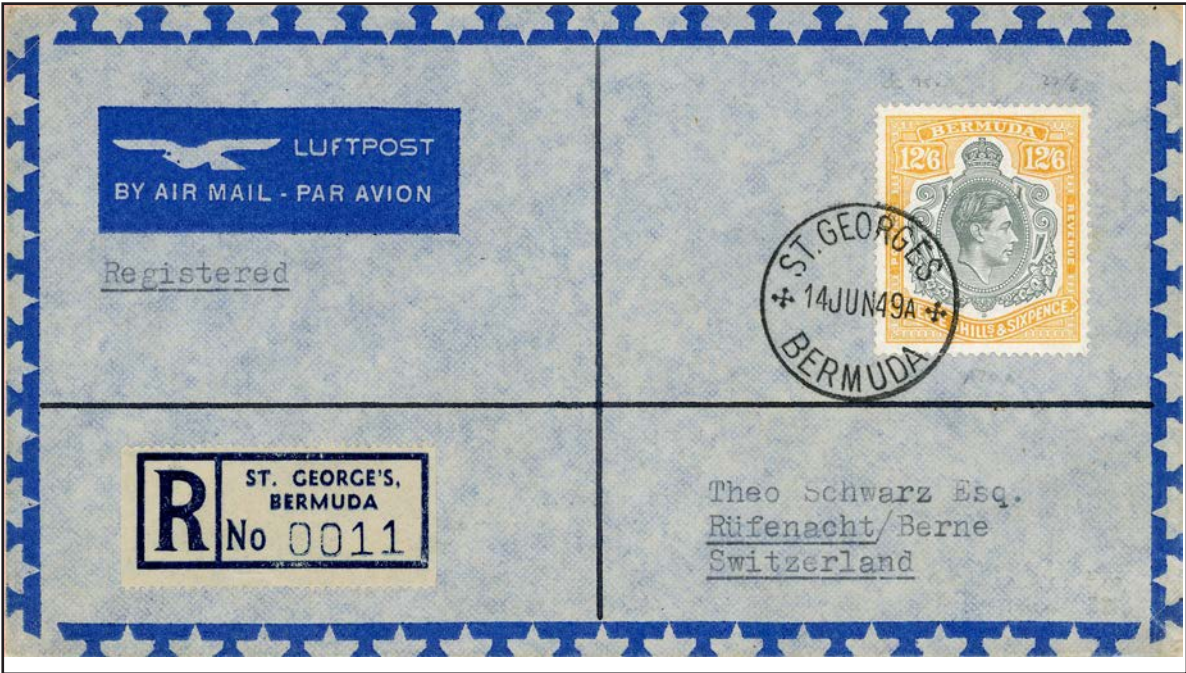
Sep 1952
2,282 sheets

Prague cover



One of 7 recorded covers sent to Prague, Czechoslovakia. The stamp appears to be a unrecorded printing. This cover was researched at the Postal Museum at the Smithsonian using the Foster VSC and no sign of prior use of the stamp or alteration was observed.

Lemon Yellow



Reputedly other covers with the June 1946 “lemon”yellow printing were seen in the 1970s, however this is the only such cover that I have recorded

One Pound

Perf 13.9 x 13.8 comb

7th printing
Aug 1951 - 1.518 sheets



Nov 1937
338 sheets
Position 2



Nov 1937
338 sheets
Position 59

Crimson Paper

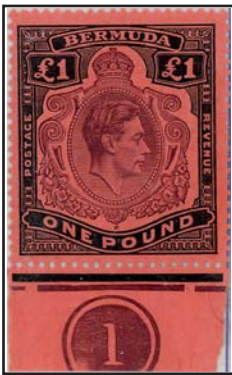
Originally listed in the Four Kings catalogue as CW14aa, testing using the Smithsonian's Bruker X-Ray fluorescence machine counts per second at 40Kv

	Chromium	Iron	Lead
1937 red paper	82	80	379
1937 crimson paper	8	110	51
1951 perf 13	14	85	81

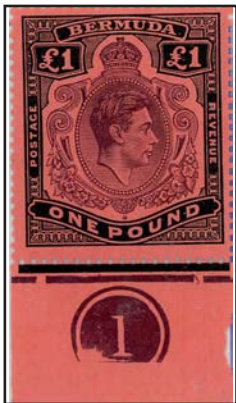
Readings are from the back of the stamps to more accurately show the elements in the paper. These results appear to prove there is a physical difference on the paper used confirming a or a couple of sheets of a different paper stock.



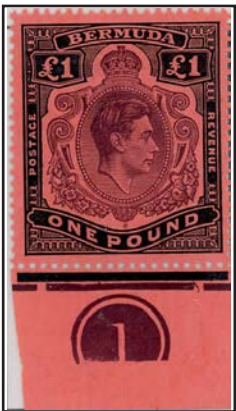
3rd printing



Mar 1943
326 sheets



Mar 1944
1,008 sheets

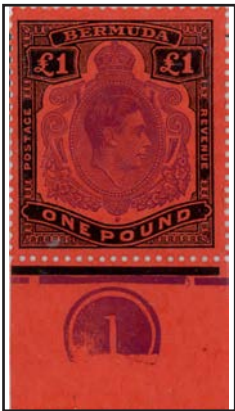


Jun 1945
552 sheets

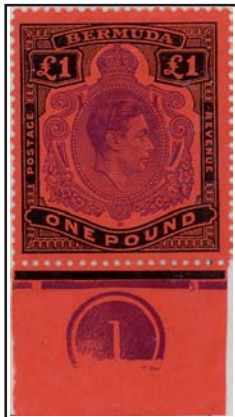


Dec 1946
550 sheets

Perf 13.2 x 13.0 comb



Dec 1949
504 sheets



Aug 1951
1,518 sheets



Feb 1952
745 sheets



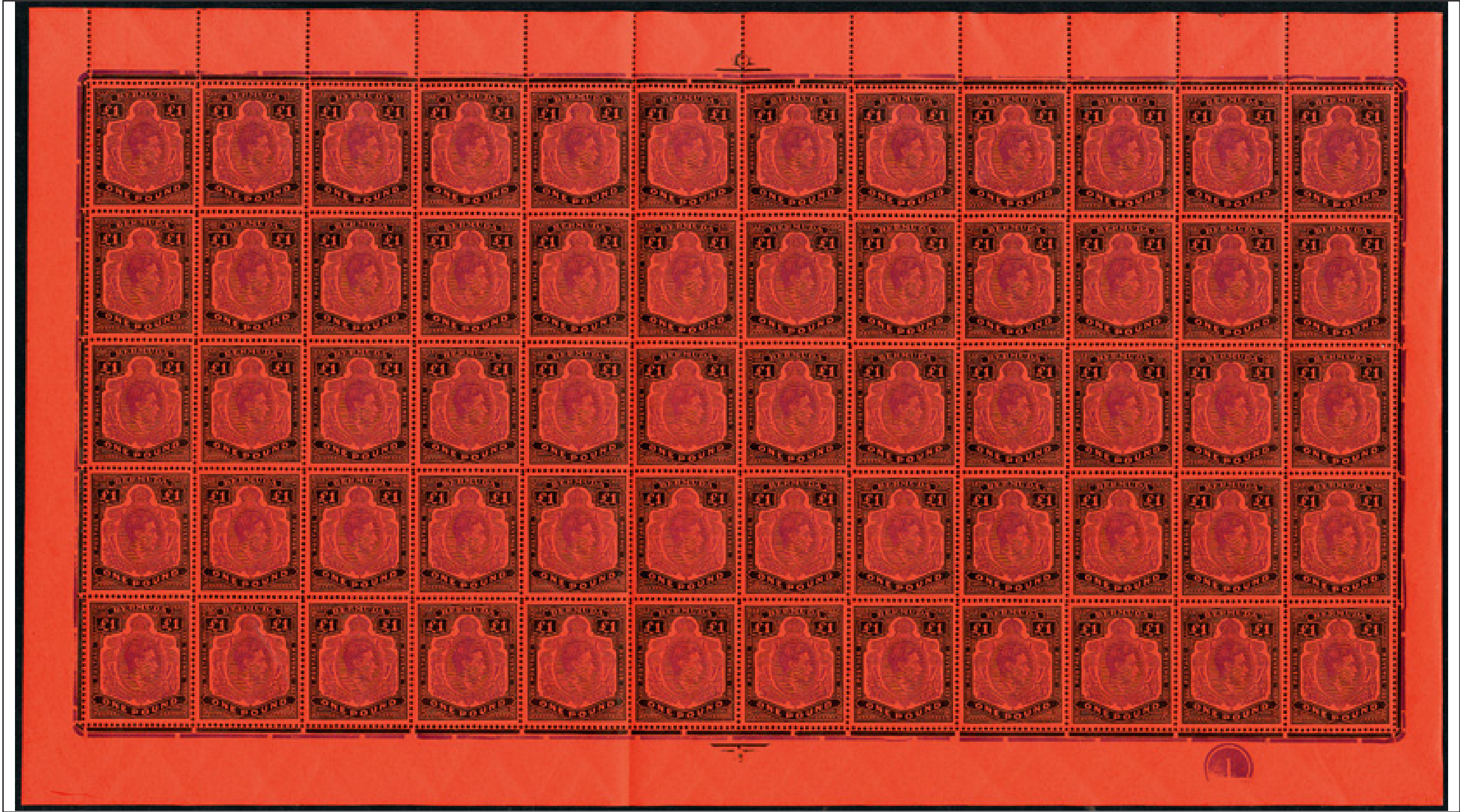
6th printing dispatched in December 1948 to Bermuda

One Pound

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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
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

Perf 13.2 x 13.0 comb, ordinary paper

7th printing
August 1951 - 1,518 sheets



Upper left - positions 1 - 30

1	2	3	4	5	6
13	14	15	16	17	18
25	26	27	28	29	30

November 1937 1st printings



HPF 13c

Occurs on all printings. Small break just above left jewel on band below crown

1	2
13	14

1	2
13	14



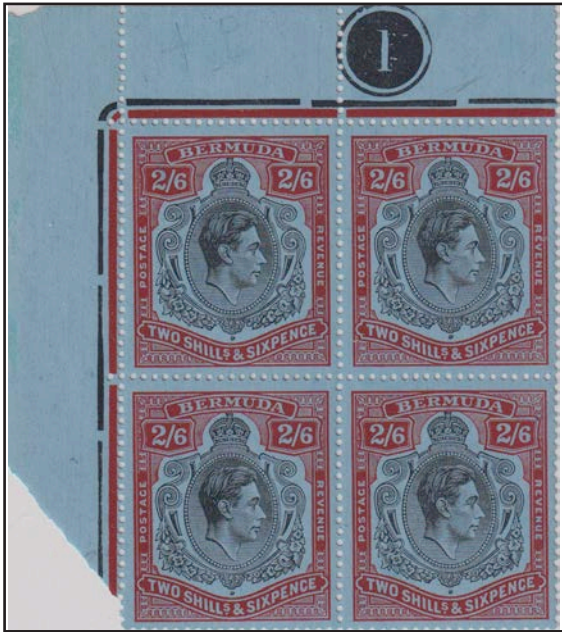
1	2
13	14



One of two recorded plate blocks

Positions from the top left quarter of the sheet i.e. positions 1 to 30 include major flaws 1 showing the blank scroll on the 1943 printing, position 17 with the gash in chin that occurred from 1941 to 1944

1	2
13	14



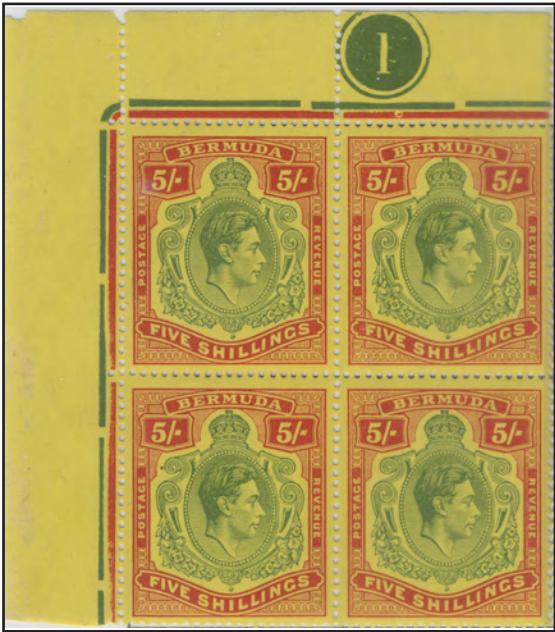
1	2
13	14



One of four recorded plate blocks

Flaws on stamp 1, 1a occurs on all printings stamp 2 the first flaws doesn't occur until Mar 1944, stamp 13 - flaw 13c occurs on all printings, stamp 14 the first flaws also occurs in the Mar 1944 printing.

1	2
13	14



1938/9 printings

1	2
13	14



July 1938
1a, 13c

1	2
13	14



January 1939
1a, 13c

ER
This frame flaw occurs on position 2 of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd printings of the £1. The complete extent is only seen on the 1st printing



Upper left - positions 1 - 30

1	2
13	14



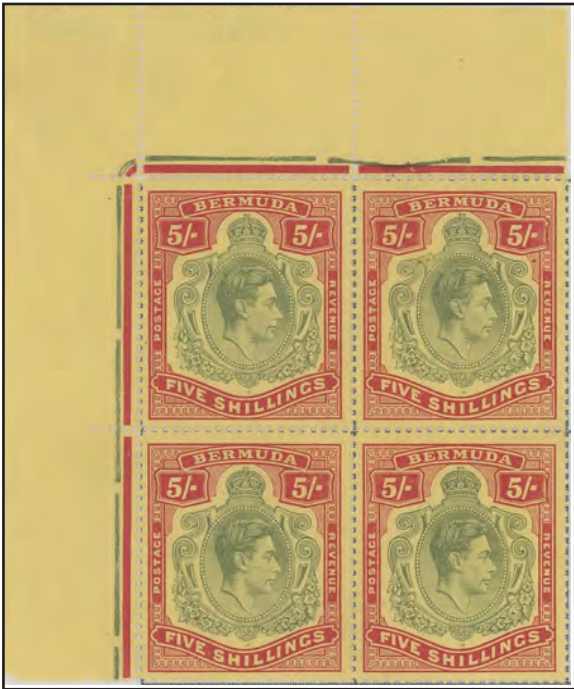
October 1940
13c

1	2
13	14



May 1941
1aFF, 13bc

1	2
13	14



May 1941
1a, 13c

1	2
13	14



September 1941
1a, 13cFF

3	4
15	16



December 1946
3, 4, 15abc, 16a



FF 1a
FF1a, break in outer frame line near E of Postage, FF1b break in right value tablet.



1941

FF2, 1941 line between ER is still long but fainter. 1943 only shows a small line attached to the R. repaired after 1943.



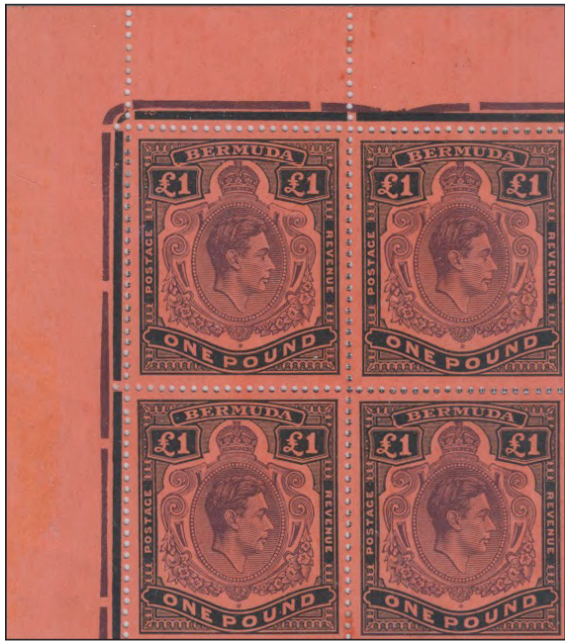
1943

1	2
13	14



July 1941
1abcFFAFFB, 2eFF, 13ac

1	2
13	14



March 1943
1abcFFAFFB, 2eFF, 13ac



HPF 1b

Blank scroll, only occurs on the 2s and £1 of the 1943 printings

1	2
13	14



March 1943
1abc, 2e, 13ac



March 1943
1ac, 2e, 13ac

Upper left - positions 1 - 30

3	4
15	16



5	6
17	18



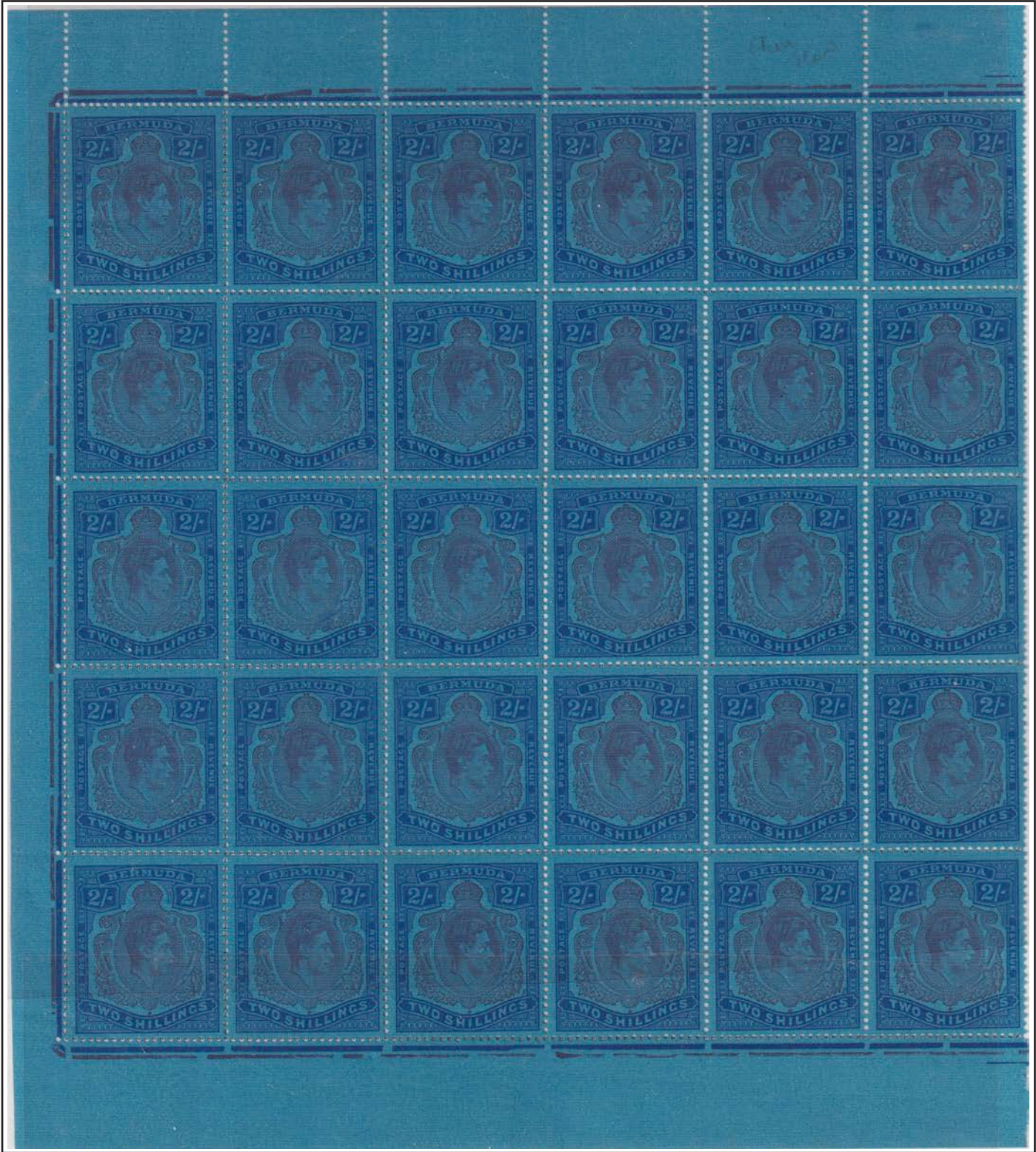
November 1937
FF 6

5	6
17	18



July 1939
no 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



October 1941

5	6
17	18



May 1941
17a



May 1941
17a



May 1941
17a



Major flaw 17a - gash in chin first occurs on the 1941 line perforated printings and continues through the 1943 printings

Upper left - positions 1 - 30
Major Flaw 17a

March 1943 printings

1	2	3	4	5	6
13	14	15	16	17	18



1	2	3	4	5	6
13	14	15	16	17	18



5	6
17	18



5	6
17	18



4	5	6
16	17	18
28	29	30
40	41	42
52	53	54



Upper right - positions 7 - 36
March 1943 printings



The March 1943 printing does not have the listed flaw 22a as this only occurs on the 1941 line perf. However, a number of other flaws that are considered significant occur in this quadrant and are: 12a, 12c, (21d, 23 and 24 which do not occur on this printing), 34 and 36



12a, July 1939 to March 1943
- damage on 2nd and 3rd leaf



12c, 1941 LP to March 1943
- damage to shading on pearls in crown



34, 1941 LP to March 1943
and December 1946 -
broken crown



36, Oct 1941 to 1943 -
deformation to the upper
right scroll

7	8	9	10	11	12
19	20	21	22	23	24
31	32	33	34	35	36

2s6d - 12a small break
remaining on top leaf, some
repairs to 12c.
5s 12a mostly repaired,
12c shows repair, 34 not
showing, 36 shows scallop
but no spur
10s 12a full flaw, 12c partial
repair, 34 shows break, 36
shows scallop
£1, 12a shows break on top
leaf but not on the bottom,
12c shows repairs, 34 break
is visible, 36 shows scallop
and no spur.



Upper right - positions 7 - 36

7	8
19	20

7	8	9	10	11	12
19	20	21	22	23	24
31	32	33	34	35	36

7	8
19	20

Positions from the top right quarter of the sheet ie positions 7 to 36 include major flaws
22a with damage to the bottom of the right hand scroll but this only occurs on the line perf stamps. However a number of stamps have significant flaws as shown in the table on the left

11	12
23	24

11	12
23	24

A sheet number is only recorded on the
10s line perf value; about 6 numbers are
recorded

11	12
23	24



July 1939
no flaws



September 1952
7bc, 8abc, 20abc



October 1940
11, 12a



January 1939
11, 12 FFA



FF12A: scratch
below E or
REVENUE



FF12B:



10s September 1941 line perf
11a, 11FFA, 12ac, 12 FFA



11a, Nov 1937 to March
1943 small dot on base
of neck



12a 12/6 July 39 to
1943: scallop out
of 2nd and into 3rd
leaf on the left

11	12
23	24



May 1941 line perf
11, 12ac, 12FF

11	12
23	24

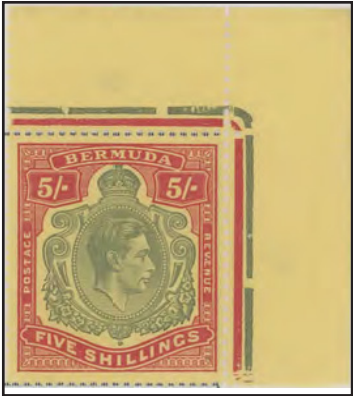


October 1941
11, 12ac

11	12
23	24



January 1939
11, 11FF



November 1941
12ac

11	12
23	24



November 1937
11a

Upper right - positions 7 - 36

11	12
23	24



March 1943
11, 12ac

11	12
23	24



June 1946
lemon yellow
12b

11	12
23	24



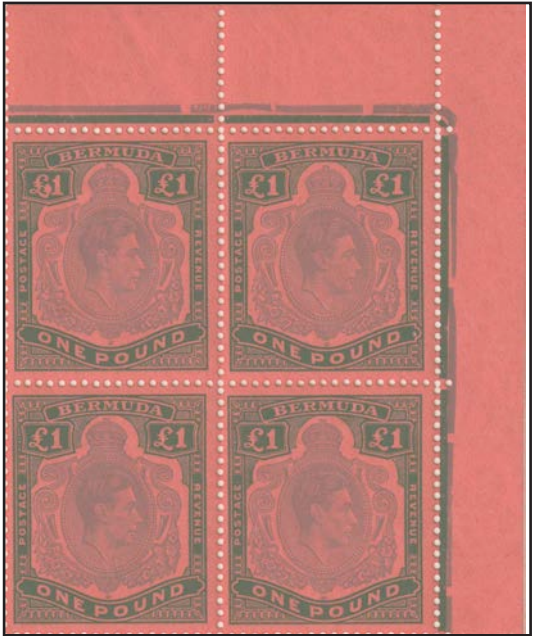
December 1946
12b,



Frame flaw 11
"White island"
December 1946 printing,
appears to be a precursor to
the white island flaw



11	12
23	24

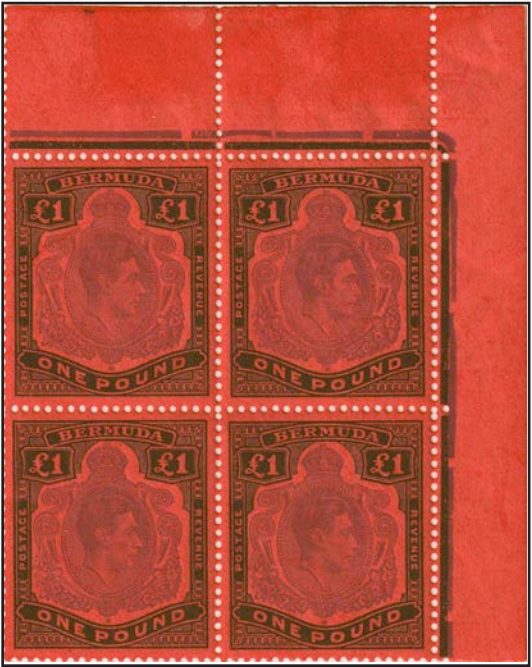


November 1951
FF11, 12b, 24cd



Major flaw 11
"White island"
only occurs on the £1 on
some of the November
1951 printing.

11	12
23	24



November 1951
12b, 24cd

Upper left - positions 1 - 36
Major flaw 22a

7	8	9	10	11	12
19	20	21	22	23	24
31	32	33	34	35	36

	Paper issued	Date dispatched
10s	14 March 1941	25 September 1941
5s	17 March 1941	16 May 1941
2s	26 March 1941	16 May 1941
2s6d	26 March 1941	16 May 1941



Major flaw 21d
Two chips in outline of
upper left scroll. Occurs
July 1939 and traces on
line perf printings



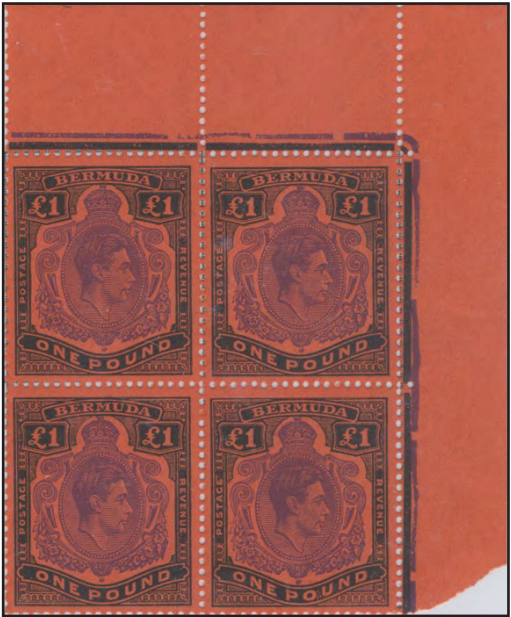
Major flaw 22a, only on 1941 line perf: break in the outer scroll line on the right hand side and break in the top leaf.
Yendal states that this flaw was likely repaired during the 10s printing as this value is known with and without the flaw. However, based on the date the papers were issued it is likely the 10s value was printed first, the flaw occurred during the printing, and was repaired after all the line perf stamps were printed



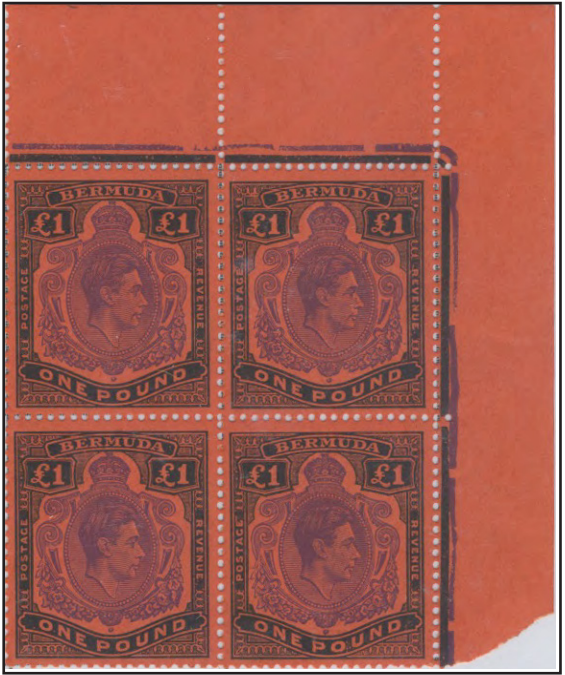
May 1941
21ade



This flaw only occurs on the line perf printings, the 2/6 value is known in a top marginal block and the 10s in an internal block, these are the only multiples with this flaw that have been recorded.



April 1952
12b, 24cd



October 1952
12b, 24cd
bright violet

Lower left - positions 37 - 54

Positions from the bottom left quarter of the sheet i.e. positions 37 to 54 includes one major flaw, that of the missing pearl 49b, that only occurs on the 5s march 1944 printing, significant flaws are 49a and 49d and 52d

37	38	39	40	41	42
49	50	51	52	53	54

37	38
49	50



August 1938
no flaws



March 1943
49a



49a damage to lower left outline of lower right scroll. Occurs from the May 1941 line perf to the final printings.

37	38
49	50



May 1941
line perf
49a

May 1941
line perf
49a

37	38
49	50



49d major damage to the bottom right of the crown. Only occurs on the March 1943 12s6d



52d Cracked crown are marked in Yendall as occurring on all line perfs but believed to only occur on the 10s Sep 1941 lp



54 indentation in outer left side on lower left scroll, Fist occurs on the line perf printings



October 1941
49a



March 1943
49ad



40	41
52	53

May 1941 lp
No flaws



May 1941
54



September 1941
54

Lower left - positions 37 - 54



Major flaw 49b
“missing pearl”
only occurs on the 5s
March 1944 printing

37	38
49	50



March 1944
37, 49b
“missing pearl”

37	38
49	50



June 1946
lemon yellow
37, 49ac

37	38
49	50



August 1950
37, 49ac

40	41	42	43
52	53	54	55



June 1946
lemon yellow
40ab, 41, 52, 54

37	38
49	50



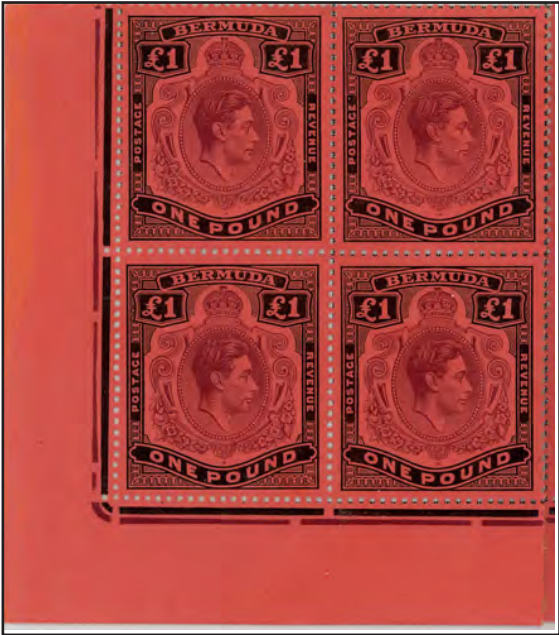
March 1943
37FF, 49a

37	38
49	50



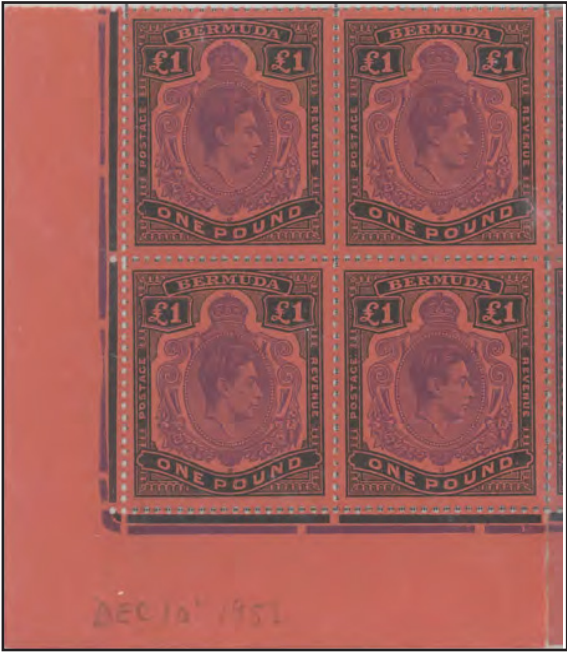
November 1944
37, 37FF, 49ac

37	38
49	50



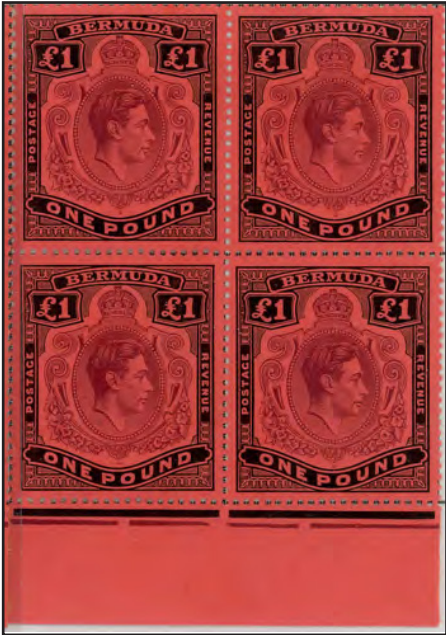
November 1937
No flaw

37	38
49	50



October 1952
37, 38, 49ac

39	40
51	52



November 1937
39, 40FF

Lower right - positions 43 - 60
43 - 56

43	44	45	46	47	48
55	56	57	58	59	60

Positions from the bottom right quarter of the sheet i.e. positions 43 to 60 includes the two most recognized flaws being 59 damage to the top right scroll and 60 damage to the bottom right scroll



2s Frame Flaw 43
Break in outline below the upper right value tablet. Recorded from Oct 40 to Apr 52



October 1940
FF43



October 1941
33a, FF43, 44, 45ab, 45FF

31	32	33
43	44	45
55	56	57



Flaw 44
Slight indent slice of the outer scroll outline of the lower right scroll. Recorded Oct 41 to Dec 49. May occur earlier.



March 1943
43FF, 44



March 1944
43FF, 44

43	44
55	56



43	44
55	56

August 50
56

43	44
55	56

43	44
55	56



2s6d Frame Flaw 43
Part of sharding line is missing. Recorded from Nov 37 to Apr 52



May 1941
FF43



March 1943
FF43

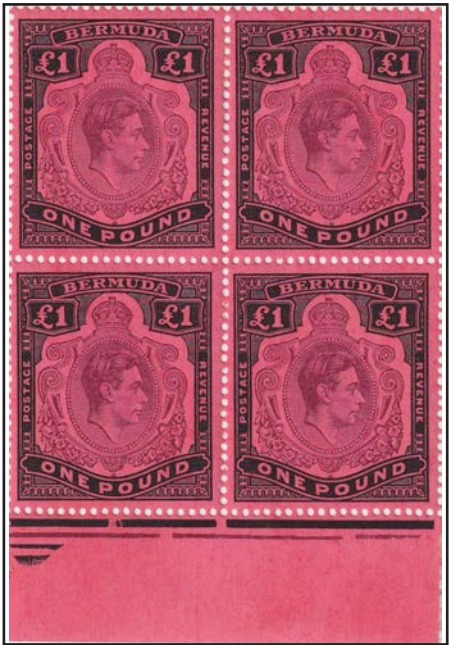


March 1943
44



March 1943
44

43	44
55	56



March 1943
44

43	44
55	56



Flaw 56
Slight indent slice of the outer scroll outline of the lower right scroll. Recorded June 45 to Dec 49. May occur earlier.

Lower right - positions 43 - 60
45 - 58

45	46
57	58



November 1937
no flaw



2s Frame Flaw 45
Wedge shaped
indent above the H
of shilling. Recorded
from Oct 40 to Dec 46



October 1940
45FF

45	46
57	58



March 1943
45FF

45	46
57	58



March 1944
45FF

45	46
57	58



July 1939
no flaws

45	46
57	58



March 1943
No flaw

45	46
57	58



October 1940
no flaw

45	46
57	58



September 1941
45ab

5s November 1941
45a,
Ephraim Lines, a
Bermudian, is know for
a number of high value
covers

45	46
57	58



September 1952
45a

Lower right - positions 47 - 60

47	48
59	60



November 1937
no flaws

47	48
59	60



November 1937
no flaws

1939 printings

47	48
59	60



January 1939
47a

47	48
59	60



January 1939
47a

47	48
59	60



July 1939
47a

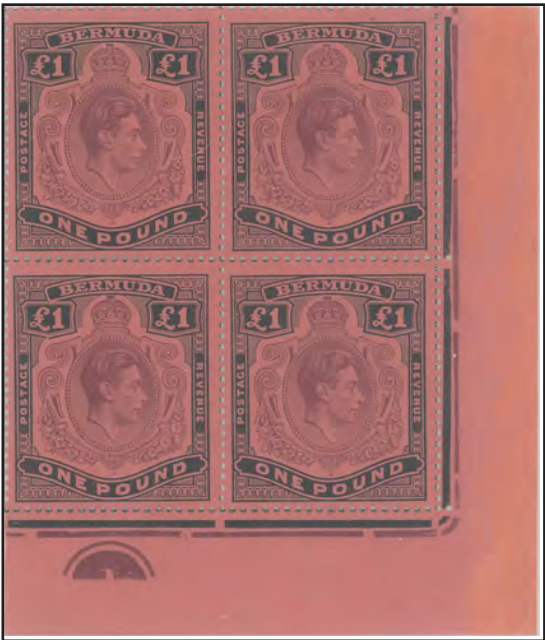
1940 printings

47	48
59	60



November 1937
no flaws

47	48
59	60



November 1937
no flaws

47	48
59	60



October 1940
47a

47	48
59	60



October 1940 reprint
47a
One of two recorded plate blocks

47	48
59	60



October 1940
47a , 48FF



47A: ERD: July 1938 to end
break in outline of third leaf
on left

Lower right - positions 47 - 60

1941 printings



47b

Flaw 47b
Very small break on second leaf on right. Occurs from May 1941 to 1944



59i

Major flaw 59
Major damage to the upper right scroll. Only occurs on the 1941 line perf printings,



60

Major flaw 60
Massive damage to the lower right scroll. First occurs on the May 1941 line perf printings, continues through the March 1943

Line Perf printings

47	48
59	60



May 1941
47a, 59i, 60

Three recorded plate blocks

47	48
59	60



May 1941
47ab, 48FF, 59i, 60

47	48
59	60



May 1941
47a, 59i, 60

based on the plate plug the 10s appears to have been printed before the other line perf stamps

47	48
59	60



September 1941
47a, 59i, 60

The papers used for the line perf printings were all requisitioned in March/April 1941 and the four values must have been printed at approximately the same time even though the 10s value was not dispatched to Bermuda until September. The flaw 59 was almost completely retouched as shown on the £1 value that must have been printed in June and dispatched in July, however it is surprising that stamp 60 was not retouched to a better extent until after the 1943 printings



59ii



60

20	21	22	23	24
32	33	34	35	36
44	45	46	47	48
56	57	58	59	60



July 1941
47a, 59ii, 60

Lower right - positions 47 - 60

47	48
59	60



October 1941
47ab, 48FF, 59ii, 60

47	48
59	60



March 1943
47a, 59ii, 60

47	48
59	60



December 1941
47ab, 48FF, 59ii, 60

47	48
59	60



March 1943
47a, 59ii, 60

47	48
59	60



March 1943
47a, 59ii, 60

47	48
59	60



November 1941
47ab, 59ii, 60

Bronze Green
only plate block
with full margins
ex Ludington

47	48
59	60



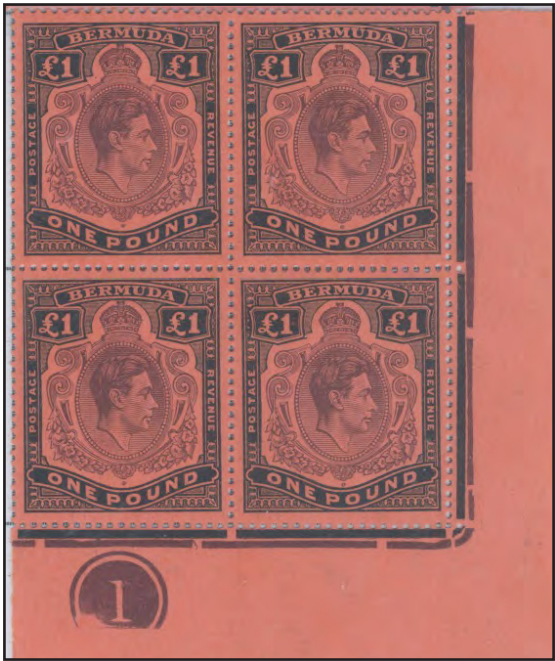
March 1943
47a, 59ii, 60

47	48
59	60



March 1943
47a, 59ii, 60

47	48
59	60



March 1943
47a, 59ii, 60

59



November 1941
59ii

Lower right - positions 47 - 60

1944 - 1949 printings

47	48
59	60



March 1944
47ab, 59b

47	48
59	60



June 1945
47ab, 59b, 60c

47	48
59	60



December 1946
47ab, 59b, 60c

47	48
59	60



July 1947
47ab, 48, 59b, 60c

47	48
59	60



February 1949
47ab, 48, 59b, 60bc

47	48
59	60



December 1946
47ab, 48FF, 59b, 60c

47	48
59	60



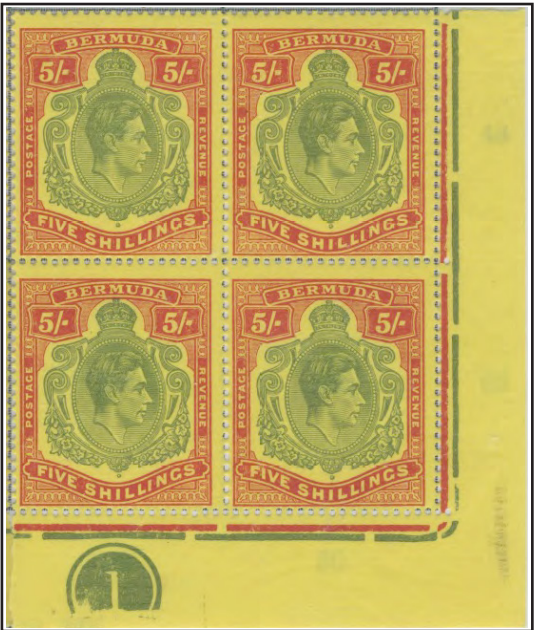
June 1948
47ab, 48FF, 59b, 60c

47	48
59	60



March 1944
47a, 59b

47	48
59	60



December 1946
47ab, 59b, 60c

47	48
59	60



June 1948
47ab, 48, 59b, 60bc

Both major flaws 59 and 60 are fully repaired

Lower right - positions 47 - 60

1944 - 1949 printings

47	48
59	60



November 1944
59b

47	48
59	60



December 1946
47ab, 59b, 60c

47	48
59	60



June 1946
47ab, 59b, 60c
lemon yellow

47	48
59	60



December 1946
47ab, 59b, 60c

47	48
59	60



June 1948
47ab, 48, 59b, 60c

59	60
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November 1944
59b, 60c

47	48
59	60



June 1945
47ab, 59b, 60c



December 1946
47ab, 59b, 60c

1949 - 1952 printings

Lower right - positions 43 - 60

47	48
59	60



December 1949
47ab, 48, 59b, 60bc

Perf 13.2 x 13.0 comb, ordinary paper

47	48
59	60



August 1950
47ab, 48, 59b, 60bc

47	48
59	60



September 1952
47ab, 48, 59b, 60bc



December 1949
47ab, 48, 59b, 60bc

47	48
59	60



August 1950
47ab, 48, 48FF, 59b, 60bc

47	48
59	60



November 1951
47ab, 48, 48FF, 59b, 60bc

47	48
59	60



September 1952
47ab, 48, 48FF, 59b, 60bc

47	48
59	60



August 1950
47ab, 48, 59b, 60bc

Lower right - positions 43 - 60

1949 - 1952 printings

47	48
59	60



June 1951
47a, 48, 59b, 60ab

47	48
59	60



January 1953
47a, 48, 59b, 60ab

47	48
59	60



August 1950
47ab, 48, 59b, 60bc

47	48
59	60



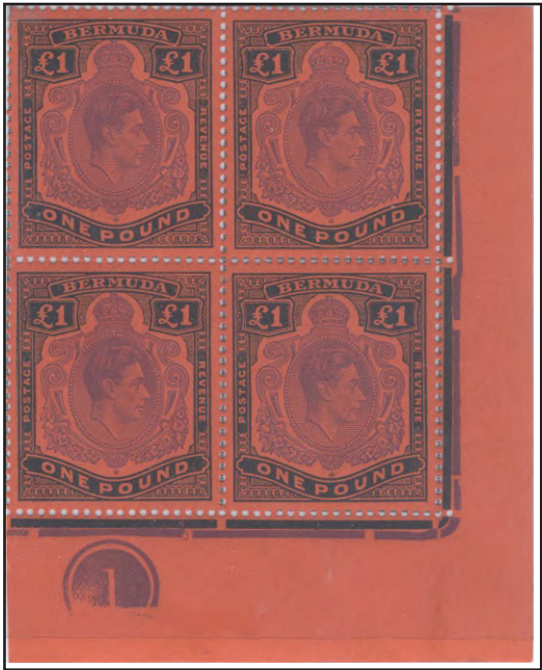
June 1951
47ab, 48, 59b, 60bc

47	48
59	60



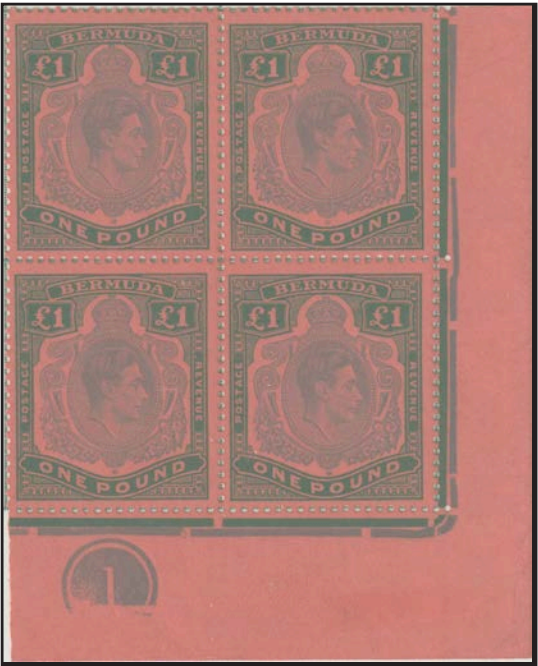
September 1952
47ab, 48, 59b, 60c

47	48
59	60



November 1951
47ab, 48, 59b, 60bc

47	48
59	60



April 1952
47ab, 48, 59b, 60bc

47	48
59	60



October 1952
47ab, 48, 59b, 60bc

Commercial destination mail



BRAZIL
4s6d double rate plus
3d registration

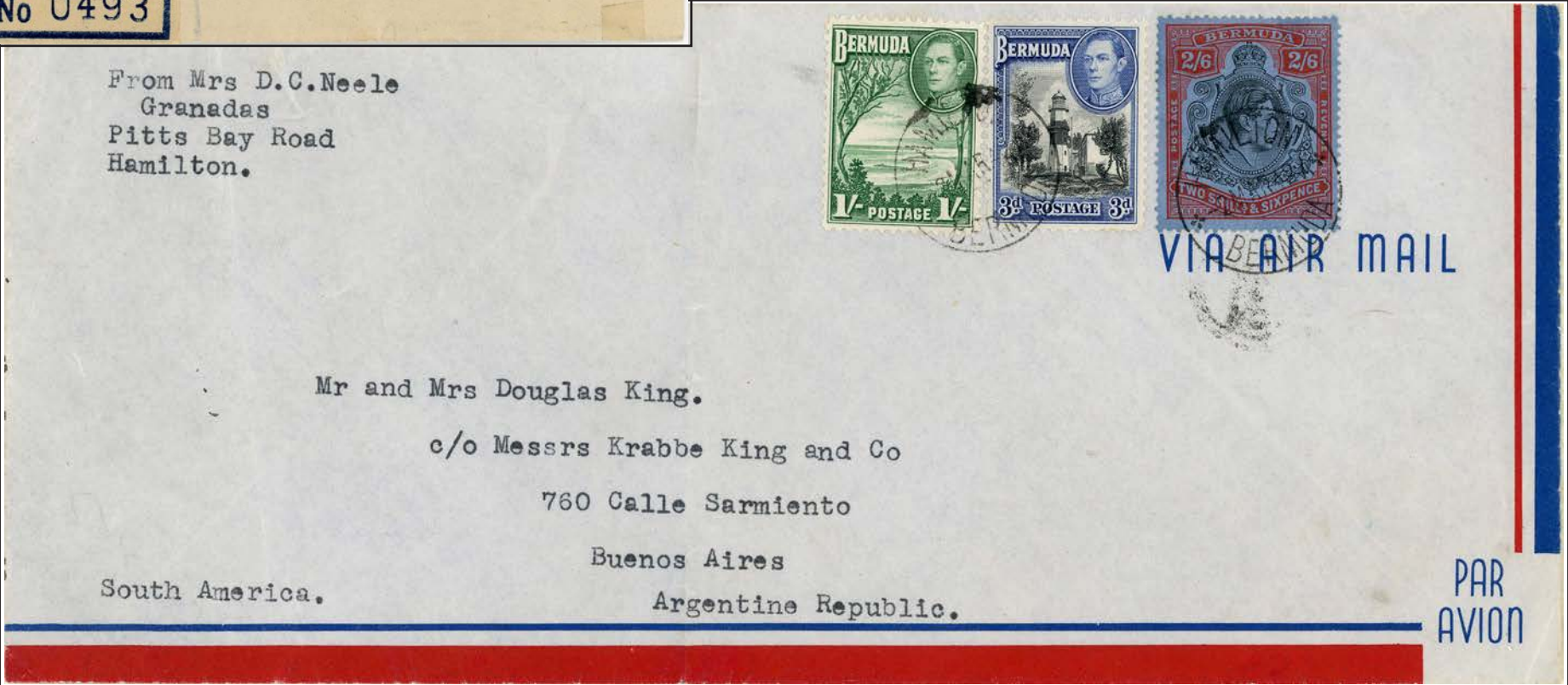
ARGENTINA
2s single (air mail) rate
plus 3d registration



SWITZERLAND
2s single rate

ARGENTINA
3s9d triple surface rate

SOUTH AFRICA
4s9d single (air mail) rate



Fiscal usages

A large number of the 12/6 stamps were used to pay head tax on passengers leaving Bermuda by ship or later by plane. The tax was raised to 12/6 in 1932 and to £1 from November 1952



January 1939
Harnett Richardson
Shipping agent



August 1938
Lady Rodney



GRACE LINE
January 1940



June 1946
lemon



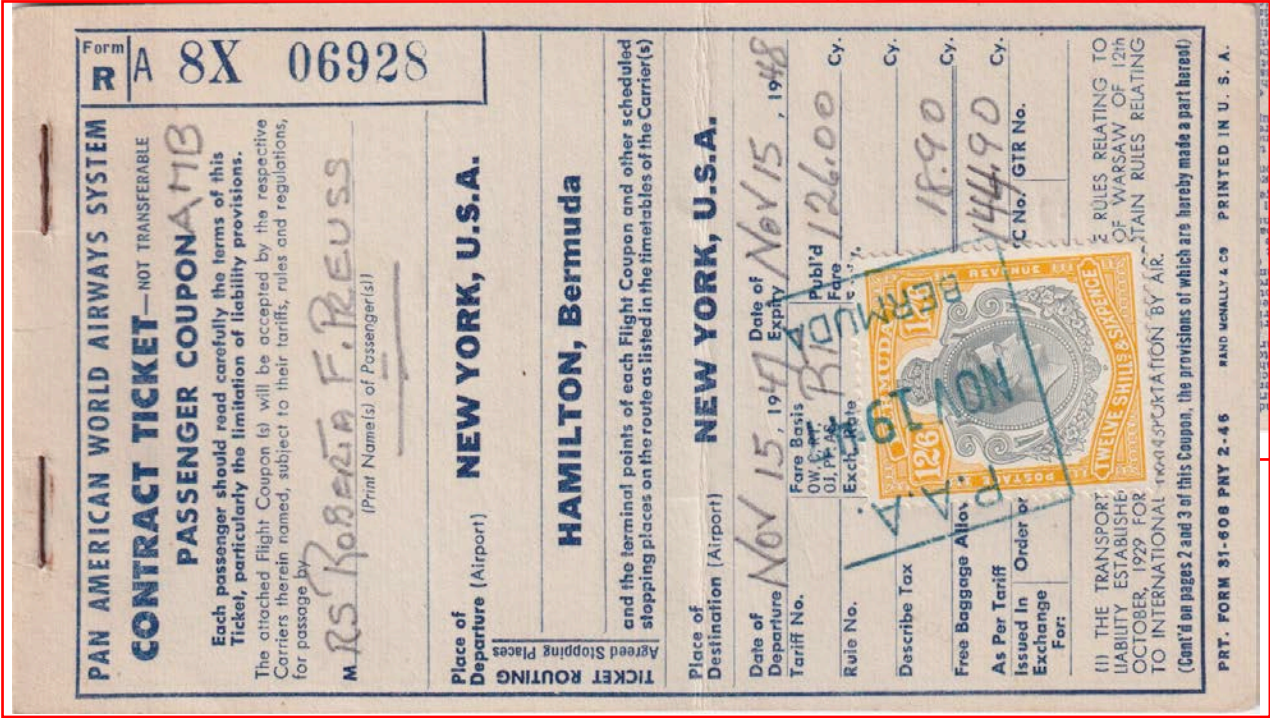
November 1937
grey and brownish orange



July 1938
deep grey and deep
brownish orange



July 1952
bright violet



June 1946
lemon yellow



June 1948