

FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND

Second definitive issue, 12 August, 1959 with additional 9d value issued 15 May, 1962:
featuring blocks and pairs

Introduction

'In 1958, a philatelic advisory committee was set up consisting of 11 members, representing philatelic societies at Salisbury, Bulawayo, Kitwe and Limbe, and various Government Departments. The committee decided that a new issue of Federal postage stamps was desirable, and that the designs should be pictorial and taken from selected photographs. The committee agreed that in order to obtain the maximum publicity for the Federation, designs should feature the country's development and attractions. Aspects favoured included agriculture, buildings, communications, fauna, flora, industry, scenery and transport.' R C Smith in his *Rhodesia – A Postal History* published by the author and distributed by Kingstons (Pvt) Ltd, Salisbury. Printed by Mardon Printers (Pvt) Ltd. 1967.

Smith's introduction to this issue indicated that the designs should be taken from "selected photographs", which seems to suggest that the photographs were selected before the printers were approached.

Some of the known photographs used were images held by the Federal Department of Information, including its regional offices. The photos identified are –

- 4d Lake Bangwelu
- 1sh3d Lake Nyasa
- 5sh Rhodes Statue



Above: a postcard from the Federal Department of Information series 'Visit Rhodesia and Nyasaland' used for the 5sh stamp.

In all of the designs the Queen's head was the same as for the first definitive issue; a three-quarter profile with the Queen's looking to her left and wearing a tiara

For some inexplicable reason the 9d value was omitted from the second definitive set of Federal postage stamps. This gave rise to difficulties in extending the validity of postal orders beyond 10d. with the maximum of two stamps being permitted for this purpose. There was also a need for this value on aerogrammes addressed to Europe and other places. The 9d value was therefore introduced on 15 May 1962.

The Printers

Unlike the first Federal definitive issue, this issue was printed initially by four printers, each of whom printed specified denominations : Waterlow & Sons Ltd ; Imprimerie Belge de Sécurité ; Thomas de la Rue & Company Ltd ; Bradbury ; Wilkinson & Company Ltd. Waterlow & Sons was bought by Thomas de la Rue in 1961, who then took on the printing of the four denominations. The values allocated to De la Rue, appear to have continued to be printed at the Waterlow premises. All four printers produced the stamps using the recess method of printing and comb perforations. This was to prove to be the last recess printed issue produced for any of the territories: the papers used are almost indistinguishable.

Two years afterwards, the Philatelic Advisory Committee decided that the new 9d. stamps should depict the Rhodesia Railways.

Numbers of stamps printed

Numbers of stamps printed have been listed in the *Encyclopaedia of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland* (RSC website, page 12.) There were six printings, though Otto Peetoom has suggested that there were further printings of the 3d, 1sh3d and 5sh values and most likely only two print runs of the 10sh and £1.

The exhibit that follows proposes a selection of (mostly mint) blocks and pairs from the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland Second Definitive issue originating from the six printings from 1959 to 1963.

RHODESIA AND NYASALAND

No wmk.

1959-62

Various perfs.

Recess Waterlow De La Rue and Bradbury Wilkinson



Coil P123x14



shade



shade



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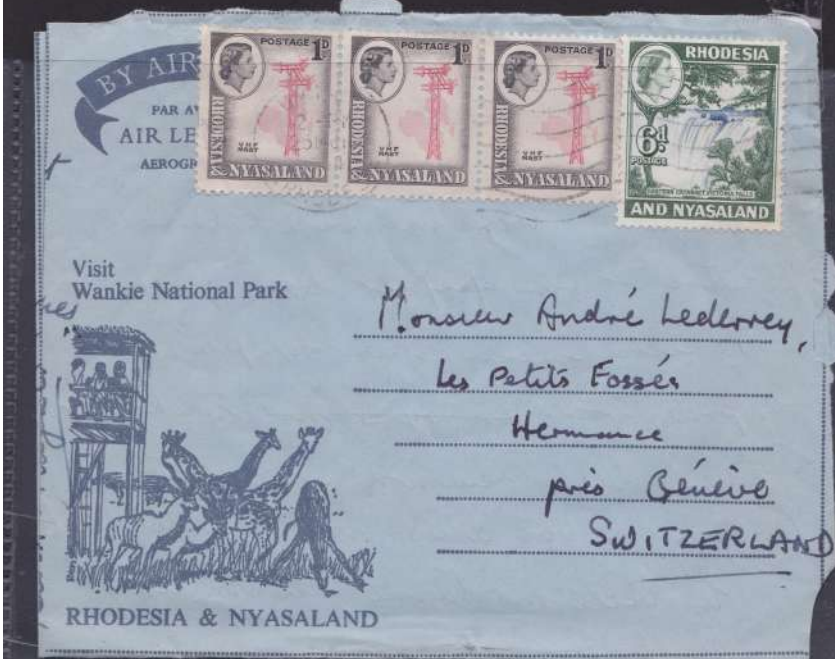
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L. HANSHYA
Ff
Prix 1963
Cote
Cat.
CLASSYVERT



N° 2121
Prix 4500
Cote VF4
Cat. 100
(quite rare)



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15th MAY, 1962

FIRST DAY COVER



TO: *Mr Van Der Straats*
Box 226
Bulawayo

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