

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

QUEEN ELIZABETH II PICTORIAL DEFINITIVE ISSUE - 1953

POSTAL NOTICE 15 of 1953

On the 31st August 1953, Southern Rhodesia issued the Queen Elizabeth II pictorial definitive set consisting of 14 stamps of the following denominations:

½d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 4½d, 6d, 9d, 1s, 2s, 2s6d, 5s, 10s and £1.

The introduction of the 4½d value was to cover the foreign letter rate whilst the addition of the 10s and £1 was required for air mail postage rates.

A 2s6d booklet was introduced in January 1954.

This pictorial design was a first for a Southern Rhodesian definitive issue and is considered one of the most attractive issues of Rhodesia. The designs were produced from photographs taken by Messrs. John Rau and D.K. Hadden of the Public Relations Department.

This definitive issue was short-lived due to the formation of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland in 1953 and was withdrawn on 1st July 1954 to coincide with the issue of the first Rhodesia and Nyasaland definitive series. The stamps were however only demonetized on 1st January 1959.

This one frame exhibit covers the issued stamps, imprints, sheet format of the ½d and 1d, the £1 die proof vignette, paper and other varieties, and selected usage.

Bibliography:

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A Guide to The Postage Stamps of Rhodesia and Nyasaland: *Published by The Mashonaland Philatelic Study Group*

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QUEEN ELIZABETH II PICTORIAL DEFINITIVE ISSUED STAMPS

Issued: 31 August 1953

Perforation:

Comb 14 x 13½: ½d, 1d, 3d, 4d, 4½d, 9d, 1s, 2s & 2s6d

Comb 13½ x 14: 2d, 6d & 5s

Comb 14: 10s & £1

Printing: Recess

½d & 1d - sheets of 240 (4 panes of 60 (6x10))

2d, 6d & 5s - sheets of 60 (6x10) - 2 panes top & bottom

3d, 4d, 4½d, 9d, 1s, 2s, & 2s6d - sheets of 60 (10x6) - 2 panes left & right

10s & £1 - sheets of 60 (5x12)

Printers: Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co Ltd, New Malden, Surrey, England

Withdrawn: 1 July 1954

Invalidated: 1 January 1959



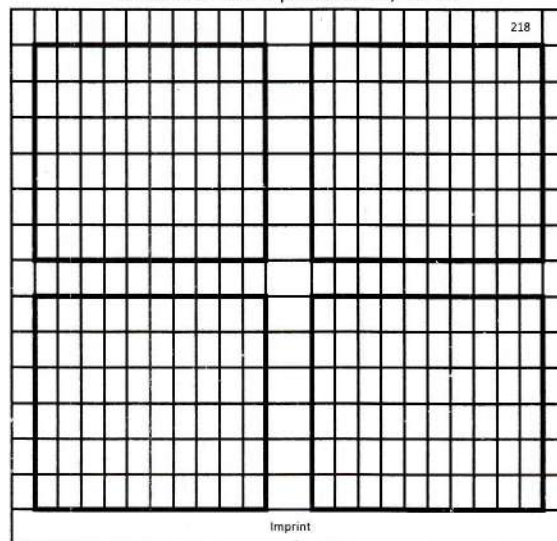
IMPRINTS

Imprint: ½d and 1d

Bottom margin under stamp 60 of bottom left pane extending across gutter to under stamp 51 of bottom right pane.



Sheets of 240: 4 panes of 60, 6 x 10





Imprint: 2d, 6d and 5s
 Top and Bottom Panes: Bottom margin under stamps 55 & 56

Top pane: Bottom margin perforated
 Bottom pane: Bottom margin imperforate
2d: Due to the volume of 2d stamps produced, 30m, it is possible that 2 complete printing plates were required (2 printings?) resulting in the top of the imprint being 6mm or 9mm from the base of the frame. In my opinion the imprint 6mm below the base of the frame is from the *first printing* as both the 6d and 5s imprints are 6mm below the base of the frame.

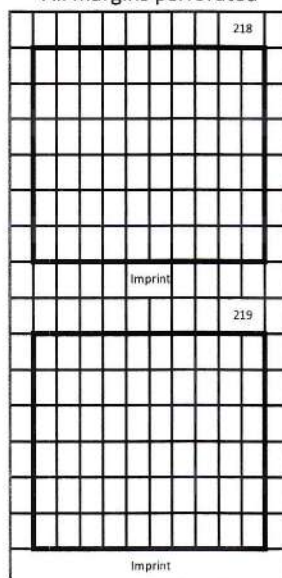


1st printing ?



Top pane: Sheets of 60 - 6 x 10

All margins perforated



2nd printing ?



Bottom pane: Sheets of 60 - 6 x 10
 Top, left and right margins perforated
 Bottom margin imperforate



Left & right panes: Bottom margin under stamps 57 & 58

Right pane: All margins perforated.



2 panes: Sheets of 60, 10 x 6

Right pane



It is not known if this occurs only on one plate or are guidelines with have not been excised.

Imprint: 1s, 2s and 2s6d

Left & right panes: Bottom margin under stamps 57 & 58

Left pane: Top, bottom and right margins perforated. Left margin imperforate.

Right pane: All margins perforated.



Blind perforations giving the impression of missing perforations.



Printer's mark "+" in colour of frame plate with horizontal line extended both sides of the vertical.

The vertical lines up with the left edge of the frame plate.

It is not known if this occurs E24 only on one plate or are guidelines which have not been excised.

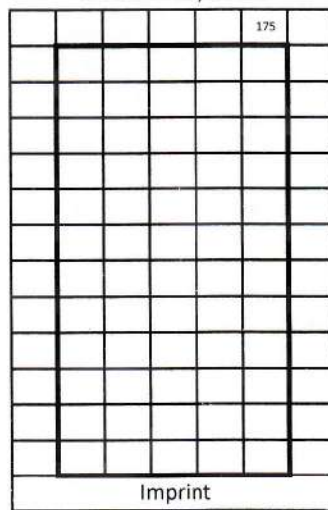
Imprint: 10s and £1

Bottom margin under stamps 57, 58 & 59

Top, left and right margins perforated. Bottom margin imperforate.



Sheets of 60, 12 x 5



SHEET FORMAT

Illustration of sheet format: ½d

Top, left and right margins perforated. Bottom margin imperforate
Vertical and horizontal gutter margins perforated



Sheets of 240: 4 panes of 60, 6 x 10

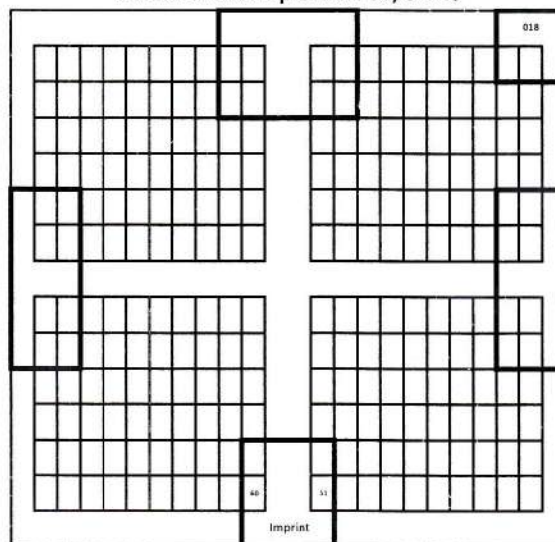
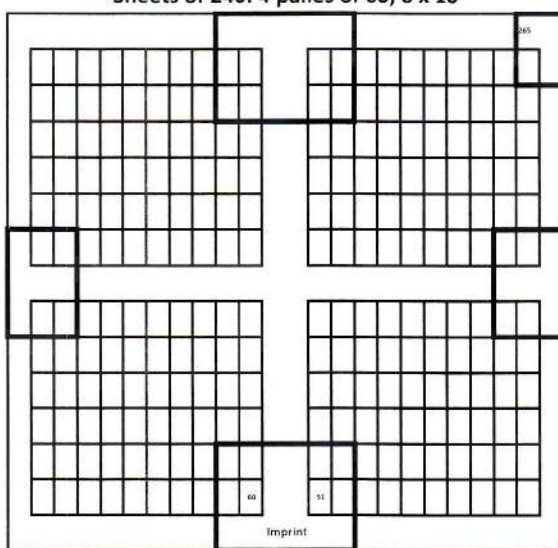


Illustration of sheet format: 1d

Top, left and right margins perforated. Bottom margin imperforate
Vertical and horizontal gutter margins perforated



Sheets of 240: 4 panes of 60, 6 x 10



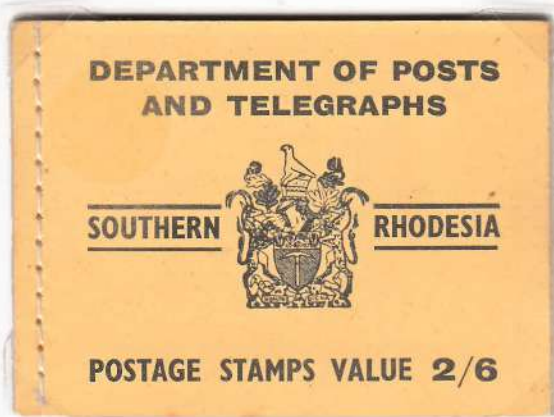
2s6d BOOKLET

Issued: January 1954

Perforation: Comb 14 x 13½

Printers: Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co Ltd, New Malden, Surrey, England

Contents: ½d - 2 x panes of 6; 1d - 4 x panes of 6



Back cover - photocopy



There are glassine interleaving pages between each pane of stamps and a C•A•A• advertisement.
Each booklet has 9 different C•A•A• advertisements.



Front inside cover

Back inside cover

FLOATING "FOLIAGE" OF LILY Left pane: Left margin imperforate



Stamp position 1 row 1: The base of the foliage is situated about 1¼ mm above the "D" of Rhodesia resulting in the left flower clear of any foliage and the foliage intruding on the remaining 2 flowers.

Stamp position 46 row 8: The base of the foliage is situated above the "O" of Rhodesia and extends below the bottom line of the frame plate resulting in the foliage aligning with the flowers with a gap between.



PAPER CREASE



white/creamish paper



Purplish coloured paper



The colours of the vignette, Queen's head, and the frame plate printed on the purplish paper are darker than the colours on the stamps printed on the white/creamish paper.

Chocolate and brown-olive



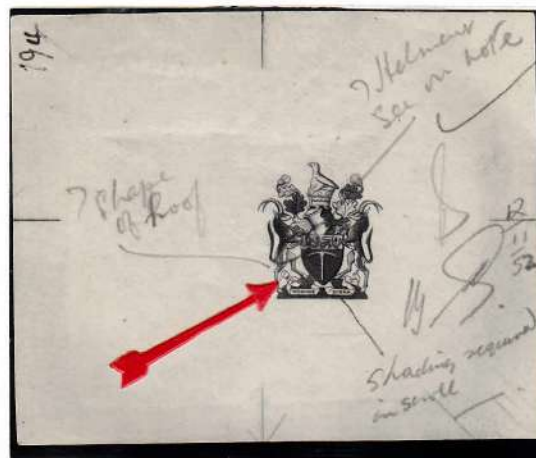
Red-brown and yellow-olive



Broken frame



Die proof vignette for the £1 value



Annotation in pencil on the die proof reads "shading required in scroll".
The instruction on the die proof does not appear to have been followed as the issued £1 value has no shading in the scroll.

The die proof shown underwent further changes before printing as is illustrated by the curl of the left side of the scroll.



USAGE

POSTAL NOTICE 20 of 1950

FOREIGN LETTER RATE: 1.5.1950 - 30.6.1959

Foreign surface mail letter rate: 4½d for the first oz and 3d thereafter.



AIRMAIL LETTER RATE: 14 OCT 1953

The airmail letter rate to Israel: 1s3d per ½ oz.

Registration fee: 4d



3d per article (worldwide)

Item No. C-292 P-C.P.O.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIPT.

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION

M. CLERK OF THE COURT

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3d

FARM WORKER

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

1. Nature of the article (letter, sample, print, etc.).

2. Office of origin; date of posting at that office; No. of registration at that office.

3. Note—This acknowledgment must be signed by the addressee, or, if the regulations of the country of destination permit, by the delivering officer, and then returned directly by the first mail to the address shown hereon.

4. Note—Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le comportent, par l'agent du bureau distributeur et renvoyé en suite par le premier courrier directement à l'adresse indiquée au recto.

The surface letter rate within Southern Rhodesia: 2d per 1oz.

First Day Cover.

GATOOMA (1)
No 7110

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6d
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31 AUG 53
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Mrs. A. E. PAGE,
No. 1. PARK LANE,
SALISBURY.

First day of issue