

Binda forgery: Churchill 5/-overprinted Independence on 'First day of issue'
17th January 1966 cover



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The cover was produced by printers R.J.Haussman's Marandellas Litho Co where Alexander Binda did his stamp forging. The cover is from Naomi Beinart's collection which was sold by Spinks in 2013 and later split up.

At Binda's trial Henry Edward Finch, Postmaster at Kingsway Post Office gave evidence that in June or July 1966 he 'serviced' about 4 'First Day Covers' for Binda who explained he had now been able to get some missing stamps and was anxious to complete the covers. Finch backdated 'First Day of Issue' cancels to 17th January 1966. This cover is one of the serviced covers.

Binda added the forged 5/- Churchill stamp to the cover, with the intentional error of the 'missing bars', to 'prove' to potential customers, that such errors were the work of printers Mardon. A clever play by Binda to deceive. Other forged 'errors' soon appeared on the market.