

Stamp Booklets of Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia, the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland and Nyasaland (Pre UDI)

This presentation explores the development of recorded stamp booklets issued by the official postal authorities of the day in their various formats. It covers the reigns of King George V, King George VI, and Queen Elizabeth II up to the signing of the Unilateral Declaration of Independence (UDI) in 1965. For a short period thereafter, until 1967, Mardon Printers — a local printer in Salisbury — continued producing booklets containing stamps bearing the Queen's portrait.

The exhibit traces the continuing development of the stamp booklet as a public service at a time when the Post Office was a trusted organisation with a strong reputation for delivering letters reliably and faithfully. Stamp booklets provided customers with a convenient way to purchase and store several stamps together in a protective card cover. They were also widely used as a means of advertising, which undoubtedly helped support their production.

In Central Africa, hunters, explorers, farmers, miners, missionaries, and business people all depended heavily on postal services. These individuals maintained contact with friends, family, and commercial associates both within Central Africa and back "Home".

During the period covered by this exhibit, postal services generally operated on systems inherited from their respective colonial powers. In Rhodesia and Nyasaland, postal administration followed the traditions and practices of the British General Post Office (GPO). In keeping with this tradition, the stamps used in the booklets were generally taken from the current definitive series.

This exhibit focuses on the Central African territories extending northwards to the border with German East Africa, including the Rhodesias and Nyasaland.

Layout of the Exhibit Pages

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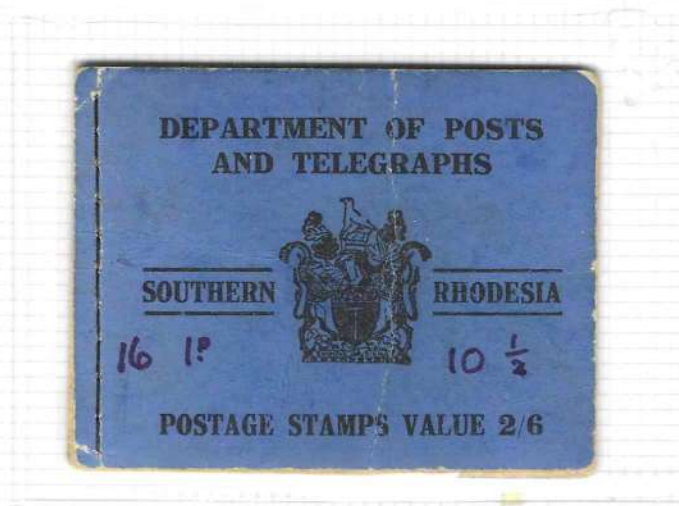
Pages 15–16: Northern Rhodesia, 1964

References

The principal references used were The Rhodesian Philatelist, Numbers 6, 7, and 8; the Stanley Gibbons Catalogue (2008 edition); and Guide to the Postage Stamps of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland published by the Mashonaland Philatelic Study Group. Additional useful material was found in the notes of the Rhodesian Study Circle (Gauteng Chapter), dated May 2002.

Stamp Booklets of Southern Rhodesia, King George V

This is the First Booklet of the region. It was a 2s6d Booklet Known as Type 1 – Thick Print printed by Waterlow. (The next and later booklets were printed at Bradbury, Wilkinson)



SG – SB1 1924 2/6 Booklet – King George V 1924 Issue Black on Blue stitched cover containing 12 halfpenny and 24 penny stamps SG 1 and SG 2



1924 First Definitive SG1



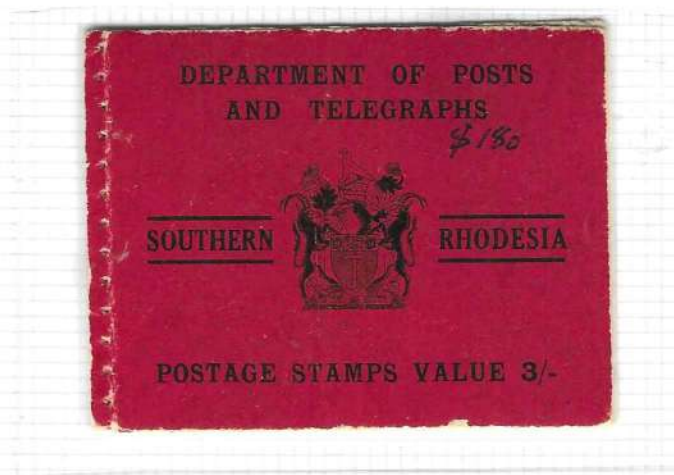
1924 First Definitive SG2

Booklet Panes contained in the Booklet SB1

Stamp Booklets of Southern Rhodesia, King George V Field Marshal

There were two printings of the Field Marshal booklet. The first 1931 printing had a blue cover and the second 1933 cover was red.

This second printing was made up using two panes of the ½d, two panes of the 1d and two panes of the newly introduced 1½d, making up 36p or 3 shillings.



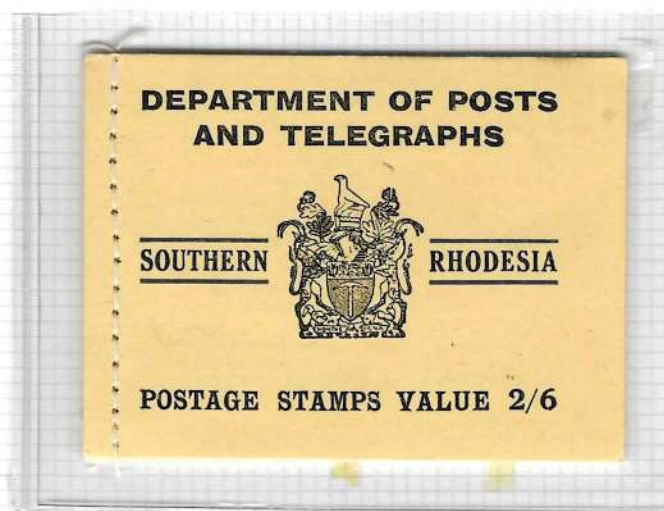
SG – SB3 1924 2/6 Booklet – King George V 1933 Issue Black on Red
stitched cover containing Remnants of 12 ½d, 12 1d and 12 1½d



Booklet Pane as contained in the Booklet SB3 – the
new 1½d Field Marshall KG V.

Stamp Booklets of Southern Rhodesia, King George VI

There were six printings of this booklet recorded in "The Rhodesian Philatelist" No 8 of June 1995. Shown here are third, fourth and fifth printings as identified by the boxed 2/6



SG – SB5 1938 2/6 Booklet -Third Printing – King George VI 1939 Issue black on buff stitched cover containing 24 halfpenny and 18 penny stamps SG 40 and SG 41



1937 Third Definitive SG40



1937 Third Definitive SG41

Booklet Panes contained in the Booklet SB4

Stamp Booklets of Southern Rhodesia, King George VI

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SG – SB4 1938 2/6 (non-seried "6" Booklet) -Type 2 cover - third or fourth printing – King George VI showing printed postage rates on inside front cover.



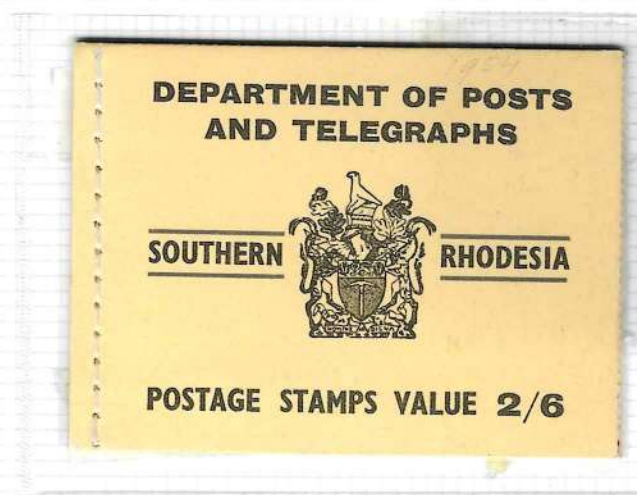
SG – SB4 c1944 2/6 (non-seried "6" Booklet) -Type 2 cover - third or fourth printing – King George VI showing old postage rates on inside front cover .



SG – SB4 c1945 2/6 (non-seried "6" Booklet) -Type 2 cover - third or fourth printing – King George VI showing blank inside front cover deleted with red crayon.

Stamp Booklets of Southern Rhodesia, Queen Elizabeth II

Issued in January 1954 from the 1953 Fourth Definitive Issue



SG – SB5 1954 2/6 Booklet – Queen Elizabeth II 1954 Issue black on buff stitched cover containing 12 halfpenny and 24 penny stamps SG 78 and SG 79



1953 Fourth Definitive SG78

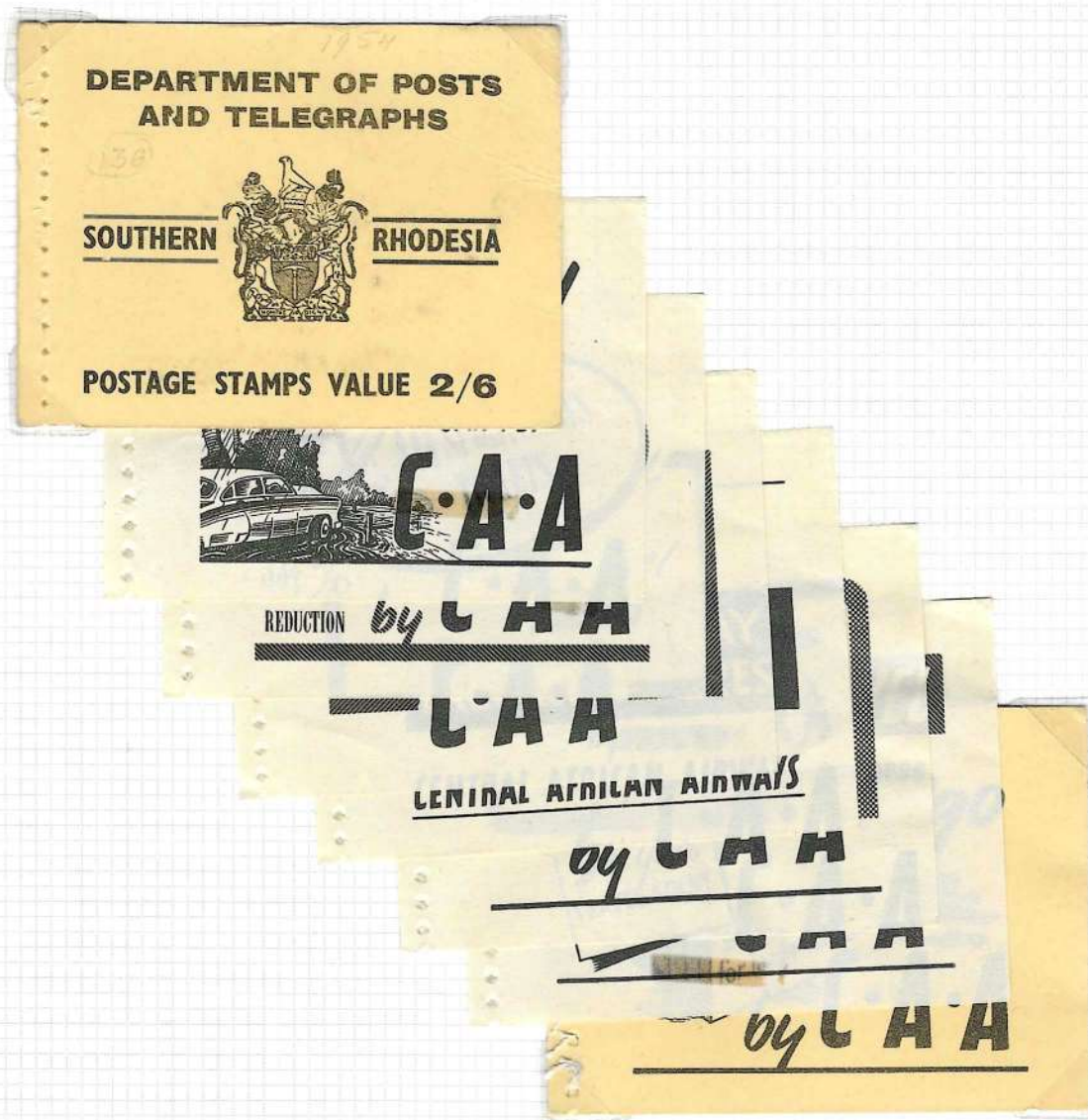


1953 Fourth Definitive SG79

Booklet Panes contained in the Booklet SB5

Stamp Booklets of Southern Rhodesia, Queen Elizabeth II

Issued in January 1954 from the 1953 Fourth Definitive Issue



SG – SB5 1954 2/6 Booklet – Queen Elizabeth II 1954 Issue black on buff stitched cover also containing 6 advertising pages and advertising on the inside front and back covers - all for CAA. There are 6 glassine pages behind stamp sheets to protect the stamp gum

Stamp Booklets of Southern Rhodesia, Queen Elizabeth II

SG SB6 1/- was issued on 19 February 1964 using a guillotined pane of four 3d **SG 95** stamps from the 1964 Definitive Issue. Covers printed in black on orange card (stitched) by Bradbury Wilkinson in London

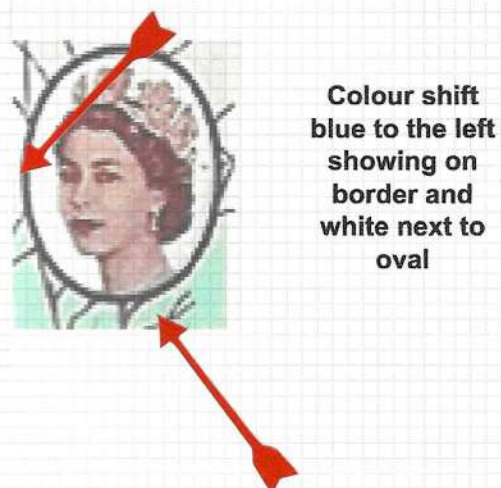
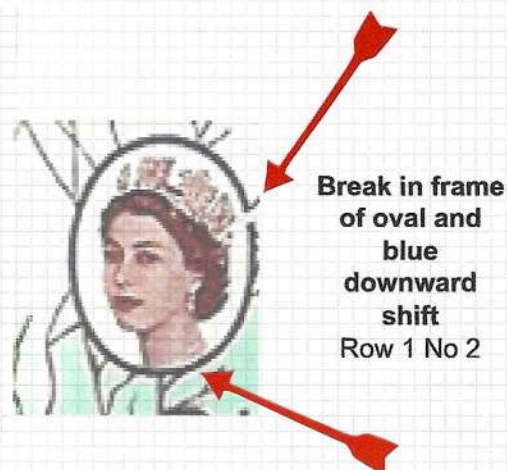


SG SB6 1/- Booklet showing contents, front and back covers.

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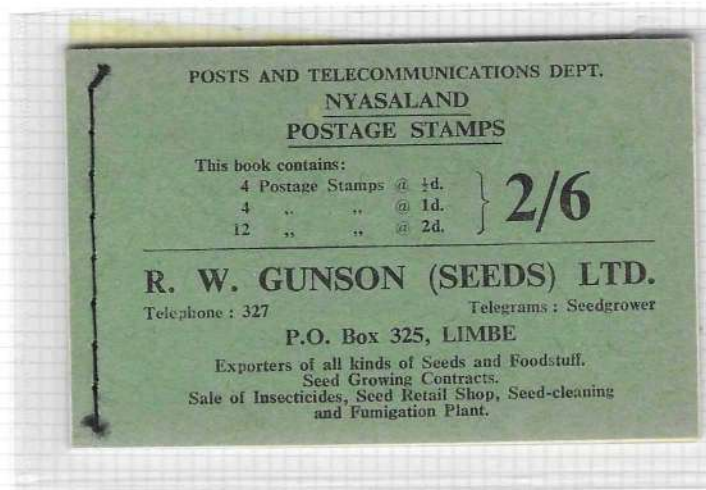
Varieties



Stamp Booklets of Nyasaland Protectorate Queen Elizabeth II

SG SB1 2/6 was Issued on 1 January 1954 and consisted of four 1/2d SG 173, four 1d SG 174, and twelve 2d SG 176 from the 1953 9th Definitive. Included in the booklet were five advertising panes and five glassine panes. Covers were printed black on green and guillotined. Printed by Bradbury Wilkinson. There were **two types** of this booklet depending on whether the stamp panes were guillotined from the left or right edge of the stamp sheet.

Type 1 – Left side of sheet



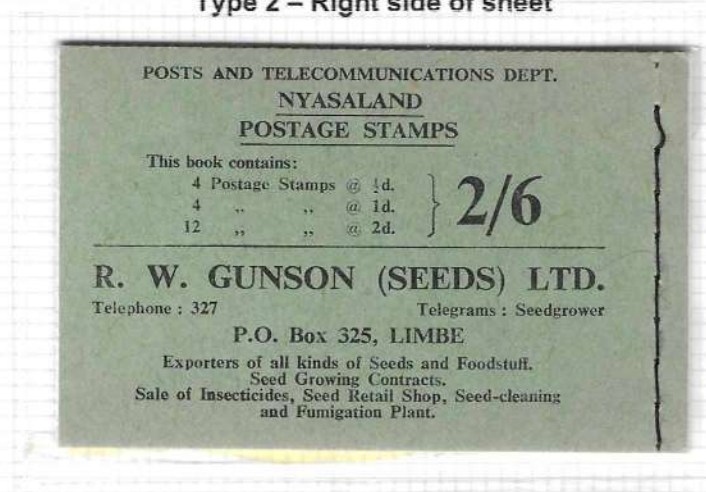
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1/2d SG 173, 1d SG 174, and 2d SG 176 from the 1953 9th Definitive.

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Type 2 – Right side of sheet



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1/2d SG 173, 1d SG 174, and 2d SG 176 from the 1953 9th Definitive.

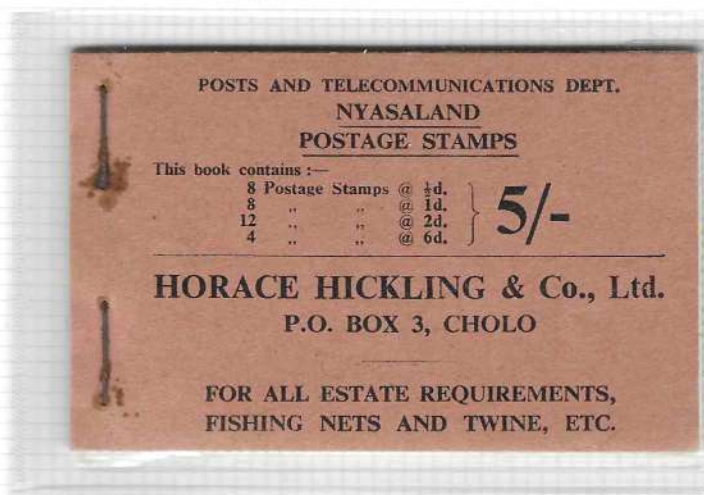
Stamp Booklets of Nyasaland Protectorate

Queen Elizabeth II

SG SB2 5/- was Issued on 1 January 1954 and consisted of eight 1/2d SG 173, eight 1d SG 174, twelve 2d SG 176 and four 6d SG 180 from the 1953 9th Definitive. Included in the booklet were nine advertising panes and eight glassine panes. Covers were printed black on buff card and guillotined. Printed by Bradbury Wilkinson.

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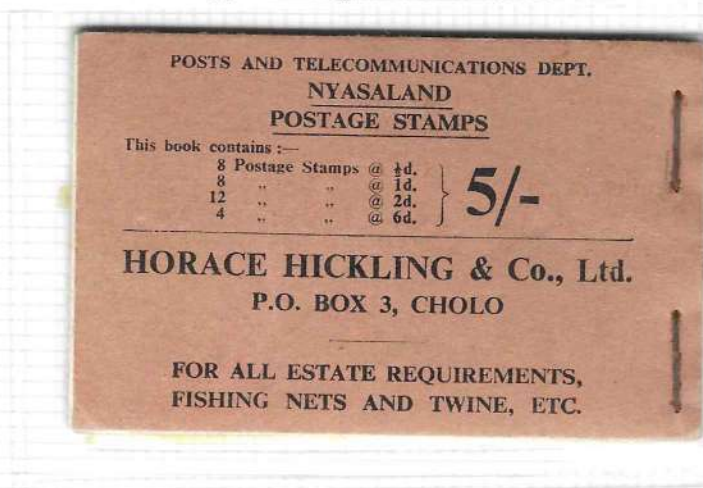
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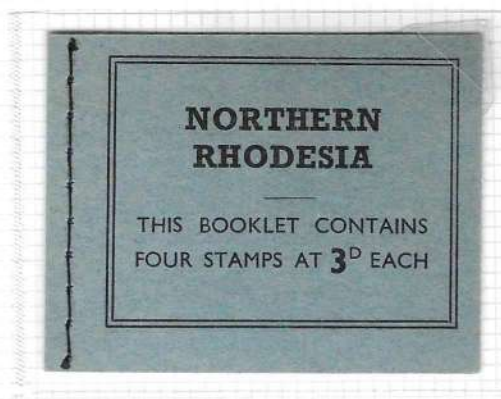


Type 2 – Right side of sheet

1/2d SG 173, 1d SG 174, and 2d SG 176 from the 1953 9th Definitive.

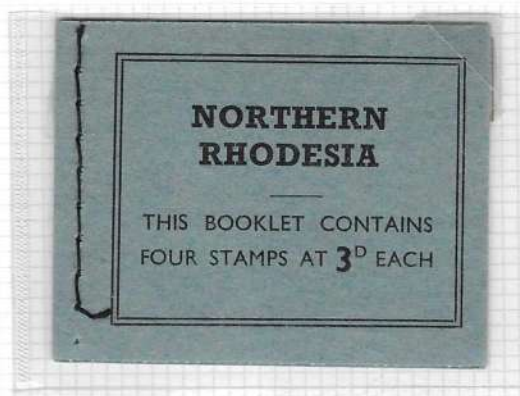
Stamp Booklets of Northern Rhodesia Queen Elizabeth II

SG SB1 was Issued in 1964 and consisted of four 3d SG 78 stamps from the 1963 4th Definitive. Black printing on a blue card cover. This is the only booklet produced by Northern Rhodesia and was available in two distinct types depending on which side of the sheet was used to guillotine the panes.



Type 1

Stitched left and pane upright. Marginal stamps have a black tramline evident parallel to the margin

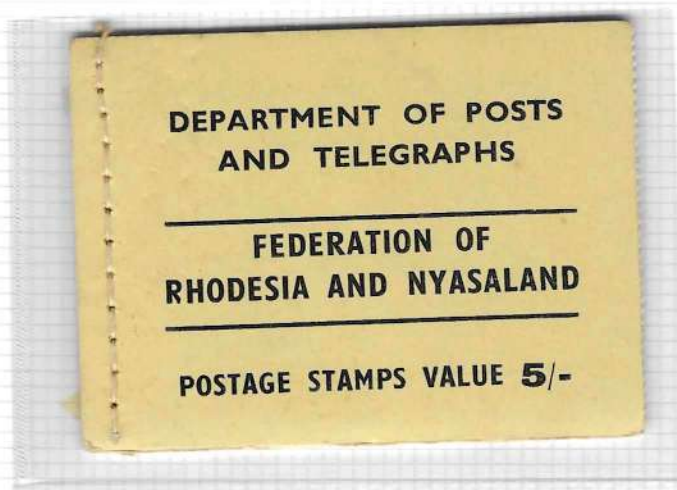


Type 2

Stitched left and pane inverted Marginal stamps have a black tramline evident parallel to the margin

Stamp Booklets of Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Queen Elizabeth II

5/- **SG SB1** was Issued on 1 January 1955 and consisted of 12x 1/2d (SG1), 18x 1d (SG2), 18x 2d (SG4) from 1954 First Definitive, 8x advert pages and 8 clear interleaves. Stitched and printed black on yellow card by Waterlow. 20000 printed



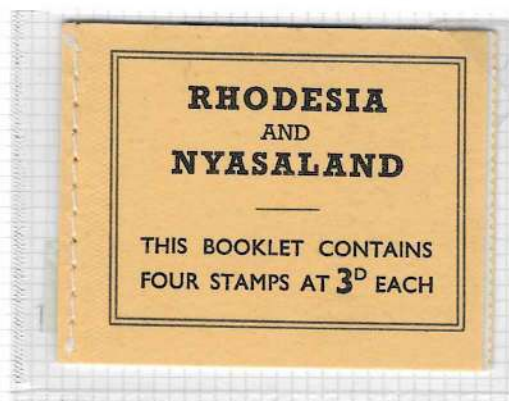
SG – SB1 1955 5/- Booklet Queen Elizabeth II



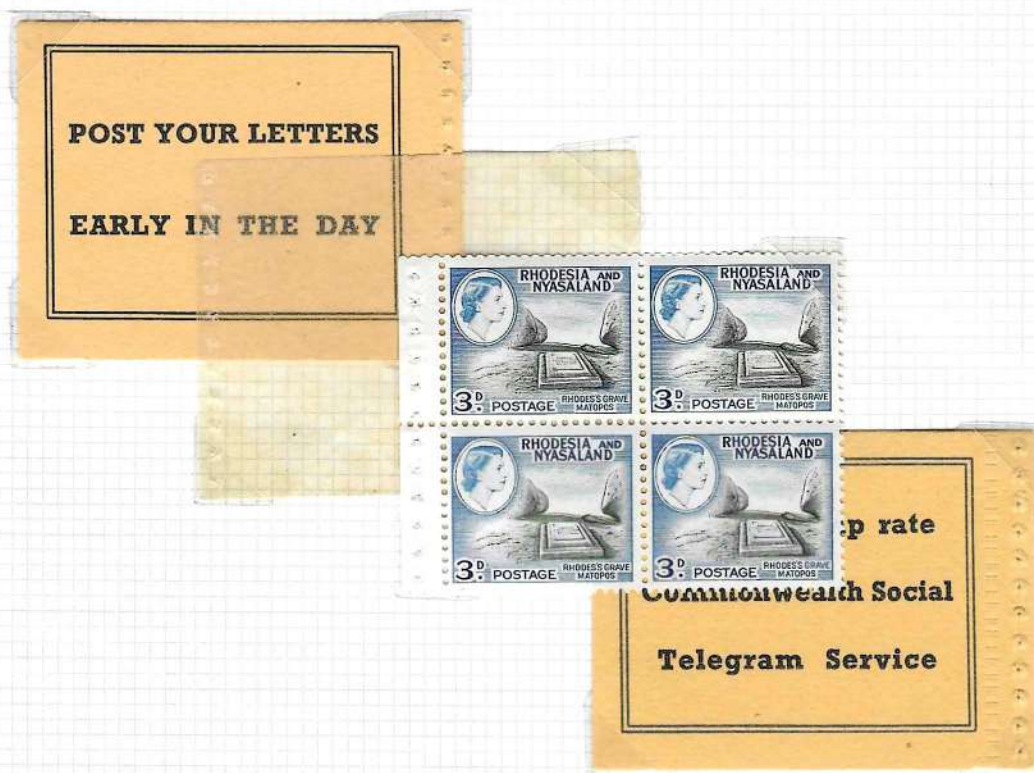
1954 First Definitive SG1, SG2, and SG4 Booklet Panes

Stamp Booklets of Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Queen Elizabeth II

1/- **SG SB2** was issued on 4 April 1963 and consisted of four 3d SG22 (1959) from the Second Definitive. Stitched and printed black on yellow card by Bradbury Wilkinson. This was the second and final booklet printed by the Federation. An Archive booklet shows a date of 5 May 1962 which was probably the date of printing.



SG – SB2 1963 1/- complete booklet Queen Elizabeth II



SG – SB2 1963 1/- booklet Queen Elizabeth II - Exploded