

NEW ZEALAND POSTAGE STAMPS ERRORS AND VARIETIES

NEW ZEALAND 1959 HEALTH TETE and POAKA PLATING

Illustrating a plating exercise for the 1959 Health Stamps.

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INTRODUCTION

The 1959 Health issue started the series of 'Bird' designs. The stamps provide a traditional layout that collectors of plate blocks, and the like, will be familiar. Indeed, even the miniature sheets contained sheet value and plate blocks.

Harrison and Sons Ltd did a good job of printing and the design appeared to be acceptable to collectors, with the Post Office not receiving the criticism as in previous years. The photogravure process gives the collector ample opportunity to seek minor varieties to help plate the main sheets although this is a tedious and perhaps unrewarding exercise given that most varieties are very small indeed. It is possible to plate the miniature sheets to their correct position in the main sheet, and that is the main purpose of this research.

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1959, TETE AND POAKA ERRORS and VARIETIES

Issued: -----1959, September 16

The 1959 Health issue introduced the 'native bird' theme that ran from 1959 to 1966 interrupted only in 1963 by the Prince Andrew issue. To start the series, the Tete and Poaka were selected by a committee as the appropriate subjects and the issued stamps featured the Maori name for the birds rather than their European names Pied Stilt and Grey Teal respectively. The 'Tete' featured on the 2d+1d stamps, whilst the 'Poaka' featured on the 3d+1d stamp.

The stamps were issued on 16th September 1959, printed by Harrison and Sons Ltd, London using the photogravure process, designs from photographs provided by the New Zealand Post Office.

Production details are as follows:

Designers: Harrison and Sons Ltd from photographs provided by the Post Office

Printers: Harrison and Sons Ltd

Process: Photogravure printed in sheets of 120 (12x10)

Paper Type: Guard Bridge paper with sideways watermark, multiple NZ and Star.

Perforations: Main sheets perforated by a double comb head gauging 14x14½ moving sideways, left to right. A single perforation hole appeared at the top and bottom of each column of perfs, and both side selvages were perforated through. A number of sheets were printed with the paper inverted (with the star pointing to the right). Miniature sheets were also perforated gauge 14x14½ by a double comb producing a 'miniature' of the main sheet.

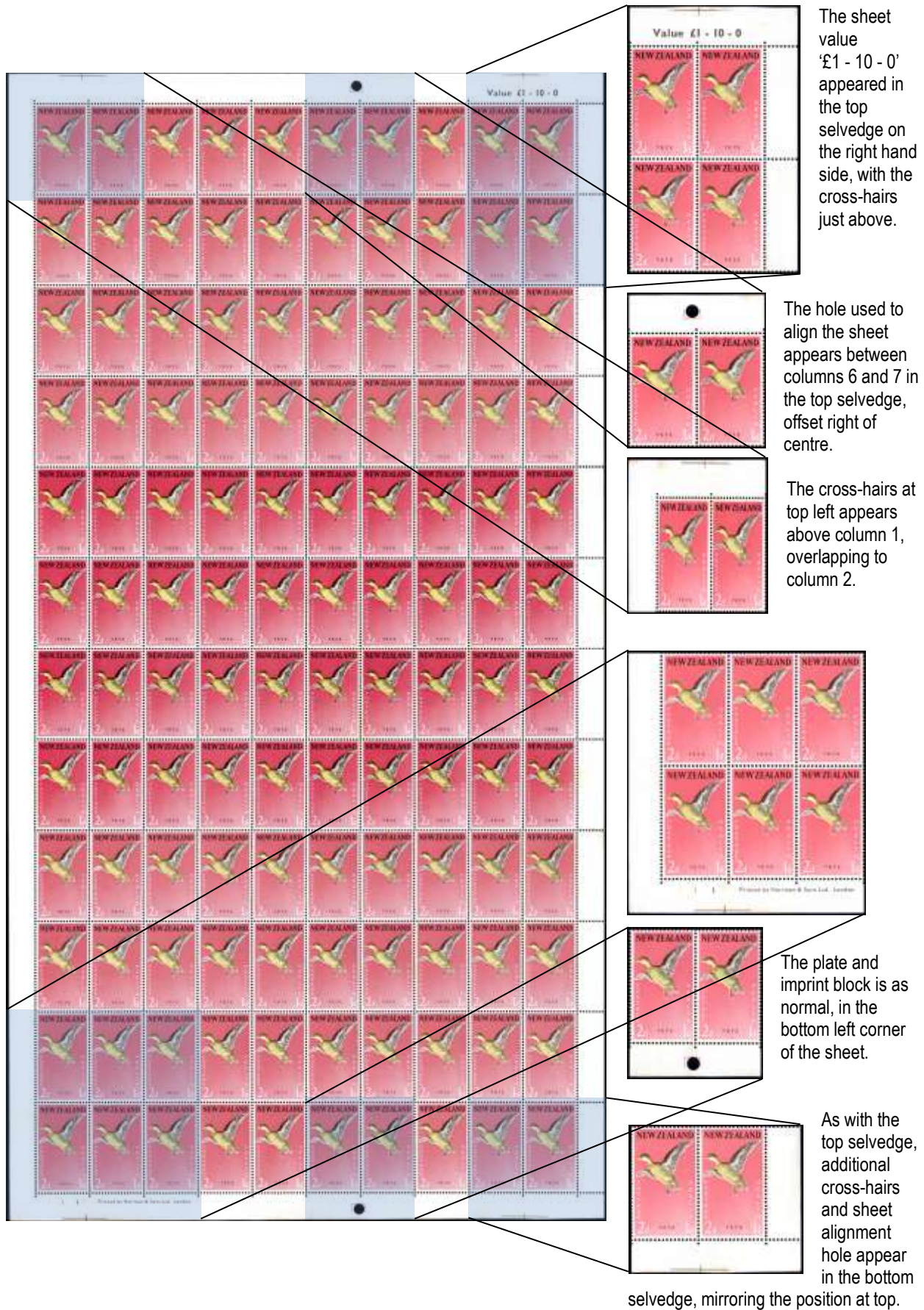
Not wishing to receive the criticism of previous years, the Post Office entrusted two employees to photograph native birds from various angles, from specimens held in the Dominion Museum. Selected photographs were sent to printing firms for them to produce proofs of a suggested stamp design, with Harrison and Sons Ltd winning the contract with a relatively simple design of the bird on a graduated plain background.

The layout of the main sheets is recognisable to plate block collectors and follows the normal Harrison and Sons layout (see later). Eight miniature sheets were laid down on the master sheet in four rows of two sheets. The space between the miniature sheets was equal to the width of two stamps (to enable a strike of the double comb printing head to be aligned correctly). The miniature sheets were guillotined and trimmed by the printers during production.

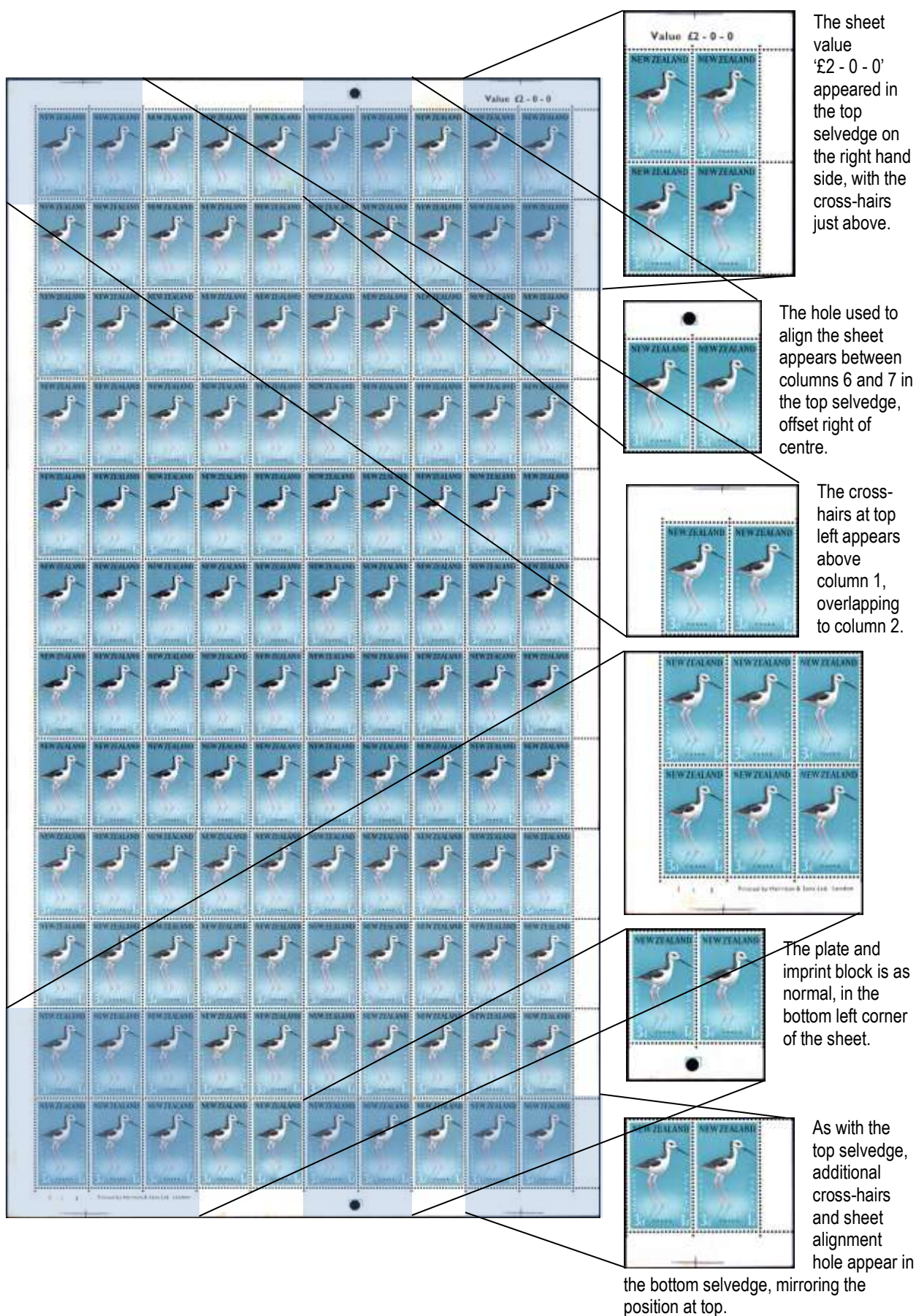
Although 1,500,000 stamps were printed for each of the miniature sheets, sales of miniature sheets were not differentiated from normal sheet stamps by the Post Office. The stamps were withdrawn from sale on 31 January 1960.

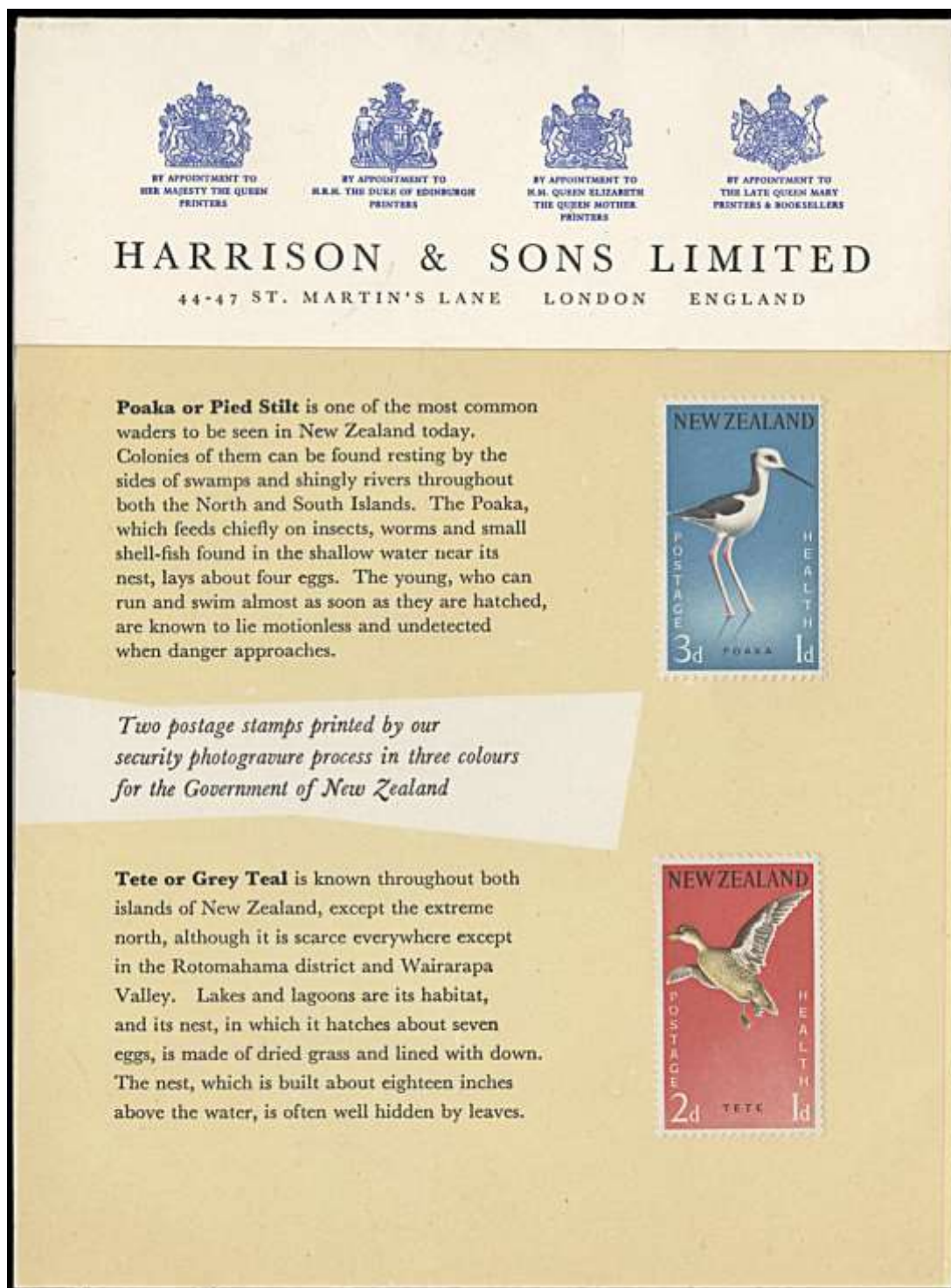
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2d+1d Sheet Layout



2d+1d Sheet Layout





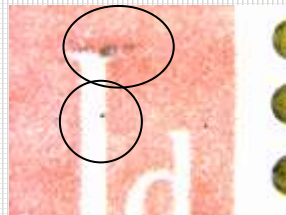
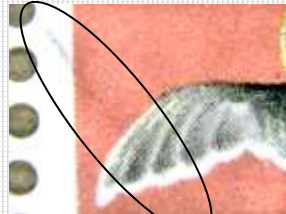
□	Presentation set	Pair affixed to Harrison presentation card. These presentation cards are scarce and not generally available, being given as trade samples to clients and customers.		£80	2016
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2d+1d Tete Main Sheet Errors and Varieties

☐	Double black	A shadow impression of the bird's wing is seen slightly displaced behind the original.	£8	1998
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Varieties affecting stamps from the main sheet

There are a significant number of transient black spots to be found on the 2d+1d stamp. It is usually the case that if there is a prominent black spot featured on the subject stamp, then that spot is highly likely to be transient. The constant black spots are typically tiny pinpoints, sometimes quite difficult to see without a good magnifying glass.

 R1/4 Short horizontal yellow line midway up the birds' leg on the right.	 R3/8 Prominent black spot on the join of the upper wing and body, halfway along the feather.	 R3/8 The left foot of the 'A' of 'HEALTH' is short.	 R4/6 Black spot in the top half of the 'I' of the value 'Id', with a black smudge at the top of the 'I'.
 R5/6 Large retouch to the middle set of feathers of the upper wing not far from the body.	 R7/8 White spot as a full stop after the 'S' of 'POSTAGE'.	 R7/10 White patch at the centre of the bird around a black spot, where the yellow is missing.	 R8/6 The top horizontal arm of the 'Z' of 'ZEAL' is blurred.
 R8/8 Large white patch to the right of the right edge of the upper wing, near the top, below the 'D' of 'LAND'.	 R8/9 There is a significant bite out of the lower left point of the 'W' of 'NEW', where the pink background shows through.	 R8/10 Pink spot on the left edge of the 3rd stroke of the 'W' of 'NEW'.	 R9/5 Transient scratch in the left margin, travelling diagonally through the pink background into the top of the small wing on the left.

			
R10/5 Prominent pink spot in the right margin alongside the 'A' of 'HEALTH'.	R10/5 Prominent black spot on the tail of the bird, near the lower edge, right of the foot on the right.	R11/5 Faint line of black spots on the upper wing, as a line through the white area between the line of leading feathers and inner feathers, below the 'L' of 'LAND'.	
			
R11/9 State 1: black spots in the background right of the 'E' of 'POSTAGE', top right of the '2' of the value.	R11/9 State 2: the black spots appear elongated to form short lines.		

○	R1/1	Pink	Tiny white spot between the 'E' of 'POSTAGE' and '2' of the value.	K1	
○	R1/2	Pink	Tiny white spot in the centre of the background below the feet of the bird, left of the 'L' of 'HEALTH'.	I J5	
○	R1/3	Pink	Small pink patch in the light pink in the bottom right corner, below the 'd' of 'ld'.	M8	
○	R1/3	Black	Tiny black spot left of the top of the birds' leg on the right.	G5	
○	R1/4	Black	Black spot at the centre of the birds' body.	F4	
○	R1/4	Black	Short horizontal yellow line midway up the birds' leg on the right.	G5	✓
○	R1/4	Pink	Tiny white spot in the background below the birds' body.	G4	
○	R1/5	Black	Tiny black spot in the lower margin below the '2' of the value.	M1	
○	R1/5	Black	Tiny black spot in the jaws of the upper arms of the 'E' of 'POSTAGE'.	K1	
○	R1/6	Black	Tiny black spot in the top margin above the 'E' of 'ZEAL'.	-A4	
○	R1/6	Black	Tiny black spot to the right of the midpoint of the right leg of the bird.	G5	
○	R1/7	Black	Tiny black spot in the background top right of the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.	F2	
○	R1/8	Black	Tiny black spot in the background above the last 'E' of 'TETE' and left of the last 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	K5	
○	R1/8	Black	Tiny black spot adjacent to the right side of the top of the leg on the right in the bird's body.	G5	
○	R1/9	Black	Tiny black spot in the left margin, left of the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.	G0	
○	R1/9	Black	Tiny black spot in front of the last 'E' of 'TETE'.	L5	
○	R1/9	Black	Additional yellow patch at the top left of the leg on the right.	G5	
○	R2/1	Black	Tiny black spot in the background above the last 'E' of 'TETE' and left of the base of the last 'H' of 'HEALTH', and a further black spot below that.	K5	
○	R2/3	Black	Black spot in the background top right of the '2' of the value.	K2	

○	R2/3	Pink	Group of three light pink spots as an inverted triangle above the 'l' of the value, left of the lowest 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	L7	
○	R2/3	Black	Tiny black spot half way up the leg on the left.	H4	
○	R2/4	Black	Tiny black spot to the right of the centre of the 'd' of 'ld'.	L7 8	
○	R2/4	Black	The black patch at the right end of the 8 th feather from the top of the upper wing is prominent.	C6	
○	R2/4	Black	Tiny black spot at the left end of the 3 rd feather from the body on the upper wing.	B C6	
○	R2/5	Black	The lower serif at the end of the middle arm of the 'E' of 'ZEAL' is broken.	B4	
○	R2/5	Pink	Tiny white spot in the area between the beak and wing on the left, near the left edge.	E1	
○	R2/5	Black	Tiny black spot in the lower margin below the left end of the '2' of the value.	M1	
○	R2/6	Pink	Tiny white spot between the '2' and 'd' of the value, above the 'd'.	L2	
○	R2/7	Black	Tiny black spot below the first 'T' of 'TETE'.	M4	
○	R2/8	Black	Tiny black spot in the lower margin on the left, one third of the way across.	M3	
○	R2/9	Black	Tiny black spot in the lower half of the 'l' of the value 'ld'.	M7	
○	R2/10	Black	Tiny black spot to the right of the 'E' of 'POSTAGE'.	K1 2	
○	R3/1	Black	Short horizontal black line above the 'd' of 'ld', later reduced to two black spots.	L7	
○	R3/1	Black	Faint black spot below the last 'E' of 'TETE'.	M5	
○	R3/2	Black	Tiny black spot at the left end of the lower margin, bottom left of the '2'.	M1	
○	R3/2	Black	Tiny black spot in the margin in the bottom right corner.	M8	
○	R3/3	Black	Tiny black spot at the centre of the left wing.	F2	
○	R3/4	Pink	Tiny white spot near the left edge, left of the 'A' of 'POSTAGE'.	J1	
○	R3/4	Pink	White spot in the bottom left corner by the foot of the '2'.	M1	
○	R3/4	Black	Tiny black spot right of the base of the 'E' of 'POSTAGE'.	L2	
○	R3/6	Black	Black spot in the right edge of the stamp level with the base of the 'T' of 'HEALTH'.	J8	
○	R3/7	Black	Tiny black spot in the lower margin under the 'd' of 'ld'.	M7	
○	R3/8	Black	Prominent black spot on the join of the upper wing and body, halfway along the feather.	E4	✓
○	R3/8	Pink	The left foot of the 'A' of 'HEALTH' is short.	I7	✓
○	R3/9	Black	Black spot in the lower margin below the first 'T' of 'TETE'.	M4	
○	R4/1	Black	Tiny black spot right of the '2d', level with the base of 'TETE'.	M3	
○	R4/1	Black	Tiny black spot above the left arm of the last 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	K7	
○	R4/1	Pink	Tiny white spot left of the top of the 'E' of 'HEALTH'.	H7	
○	R4/1	Black	Tiny black spot in the background top left of the 'H' of 'HEALTH' and right of the 3 rd feather of the upper wing.	F6	
○	R4/3	Black	Tiny black line near the left edge of the stamp below the top tip of the '2' of the value.	L1	
○	R4/3	Black	Additional black patch on the tail of the bird just right of the top of the foot.	G5	
○	R4/4	Black	Tiny black spot in the lower margin below the second 'T' of 'TETE'.	M4	
○	R4/5	Pink	White spot right of the back of the birds' head.	D2 3	
○	R4/6	Black	The lower serif of the middle arm of the 'E' of 'NEW' is broken.	A2	
○	R4/6	Black	Black spot in the top half of the 'l' of the value 'ld', with a black smudge at the top of the 'l'.	L7	✓
○	R4/7	Black	Tiny black spot at the centre of the birds' body.	F4	
○	R4/8	Pink	Tiny white spot top left of the 'N' of 'NEW' in the top left corner.	A1	
○	R4/8	Black	Tiny black spot on the middle of the 'S' of 'POSTAGE'.	H1	

○	R4/8	Black	Tiny black spot in the middle of the base of the '2' of the value.	M1	
○	R4/9	Pink	Tiny white spot in the background top right of the '2' of the value.	K L2	
○	R5/1	Black	Tiny black spot in the top margin above the 'D' of 'LAND'.	-A7 8	
○	R5/2	Black	Tiny black spot at the top of the left margin.	A0	
○	R5/2	Pink	Indent in the left frame line just above the level of the birds' beak.	C D1	
○	R5/3	Black	Tiny black spot right of the top wing just above half way, half way to the margin.	F1	
○	R5/4	Black	Black smudge at the top of the left margin alongside the centre of the 'N' of 'NEW'.	A0	
○	R5/4	Pink	Tiny white spot in the background bottom right of the left foot.	H I5	
○	R5/6	Black	Tiny black spot on the left wing on the centre of the 3 rd feather from the left.	F1	
○	R5/6	Black	Large retouch to the middle set of feathers of the upper wing not far from the body.	E5	✓
○	R5/10	Black	Tiny black spot on the upper right edge of the right leg of the 'N' of 'NEW', close as almost to be a spur.	A1 2	
○	R5/10	Pink	Small pink spot at the foot of the right margin alongside the middle of the 'd' of the value.	M8	
○	R5/10	Pink	Tiny pink spot in the left margin just below the top of the '2' of the value.	L0	
○	R6/6	Black	Tiny black spot just in front of the leading edge of the upper wing at centre, below the 'AL' of 'ZEAL'.	C5	
○	R7/1	Black	Tiny black spot just under the short left wing, top right of the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.	F1	
○	R7/3	Black	Tiny black spot in front of the leading edge of the upper wing, directly below the centre of the 'A' of 'ZEAL'.	C5	
○	R7/4	Black	Black spot in the lower vertical of the 'T' of 'POSTAGE'.	I1	
○	R7/5	Black	Tiny black spot near the top edge of the stamp, above the left arm of the 'W' of 'NEW'.	A2	
○	R7/5	Black	Tiny black spot in the left margin alongside the 'E' of 'POSTAGE'.	K0	
○	R7/6	Black	Tiny black spot to the right of the foot of the 'E' of 'POSTAGE', above the top of the '2' of the value.	K1	
○	R7/8	Pink	White spot as a full stop after the 'S' of 'POSTAGE'.	H I1	✓
○	R7/8	Black	Tiny black spot to the left of the foot on the right.	H5	
○	R7/9	Black	Tiny black spot in the background under the chin of the bird.	D1	
○	R7/9	Black	Tiny black spot near the left edge of the stamp alongside the 'O' of 'POSTAGE'.	H1	
○	R7/9	Black	Tiny black spot on the lower edge of the stamp below the '2' of the value.	M1	
○	R7/10	Black	Black spot in the background above the first 'TE' of 'TETE' level with the 'E' of 'POSTAGE'.	K4	
○	R7/10	Yellow	White patch at the centre of the bird around a black spot, where the yellow is missing.	F4	✓
○	R7/10	Black	Tiny black spot in the left margin bottom left of the 'G' of 'POSTAGE'.	J K0	
○	R7/10	Black	Tiny black spot top right of the '2' of the value.	K L2	
○	R8/2	Black	Tiny black spot at the top of the left margin, just below the level of the top edge.	A0	
○	R8/2	Pink	Tiny indent in the lower edge of the stamp, below the last 'E' of 'TETE'.	M5	
○	R8/5	Black	Tiny black spot at the centre of the birds' beak, in the yellow area.	D1	
○	R8/6	Black	The top horizontal arm of the 'Z' of 'ZEAL' is blurred.	A3-A4	✓
○	R8/7	Pink	Small white spot in the extreme bottom left corner.	M1	
○	R8/7	Pink	Darker pink patch just to the bottom left of the 2 nd 'T' of 'TETE'.	M4 5	
○	R8/7	Black	Small black spot on the birds' body, midway above the leg on the right and the edge of the upper wing (as it joins the body).	G4	

○	R8/8	Pink	Large white patch to the right of the right edge of the upper wing, near the top, below the 'D' of 'LAND'.	B C7	✓
○	R8/9	Black	There is a significant bite out of the lower left point of the 'W' of 'NEW', where the pink background shows through.	B3	✓
○	R8/9	Pink	White spot in the background below the right foot.	G6	
○	R8/10	Pink	Pink spot on the left edge of the 3 rd stroke of the 'W' of 'NEW'.	A3	✓
○	R9/2	Black	Tiny black spot on the upper wing at the top of the long white feather, third away from the body.	E5	
○	R9/5	Black	Transient scratch in the left margin, travelling diagonally through the pink background into the top of the small wing on the left.	E0-F2	✓
○	R9/6	Black	Tiny black spot on the upper wing on the lower point of the white shading between the leading line of feathers and the line of inner feathers.	E4	
○	R9/7	Black	Tiny black spot in the right margin, pointed to by the tip of the upper wing.	B8	
○	R9/8	Pink	White patch in the pink background directly above the 'd' of the value '2d' at the bottom left.	L2	
○	R9/10	Black	Tiny black spot near the top of the left margin near the tip of the 'N'.	A1	
○	R10/1	Pink	Light pink patch in the background between the 'ET' of 'TETE' at the centre.	L4	
○	R10/3	Black	Tiny black spot just above the end of the birds' tail (level with the base of the top of the 'H' of 'HEALTH') in the white edge of the bird.	G6	
○	R10/5	Pink	Prominent pink spot in the right margin alongside the 'A' of 'HEALTH'.	H I8	✓
○	R10/5	Black	Prominent black spot on the tail of the bird, near the lower edge, right of the foot on the right.	G6	✓
○	R10/6	Black	Black spot on the birds' body on the lower edge, just to the right of the lower edge of the small wing.	F G3 4	
○	R10/8	Black	Tiny black spot right of the 'T' of 'HEALTH' and left of the right edge.	J8	
○	R11/4	Pink	White spot top right of the 'L' of 'HEALTH', very close to the letter.	I7	
○	R11/4	Black	Tiny black spot in the white area of the upper wing, close to the body, between the outer and inner line of feathers.	E4	
○	R11/5	Black	Faint line of black spots on the upper wing, as a line through the white area between the line of leading feathers and inner feathers, below the 'L' of 'LAND'.	C5	✓
○	R11/5	Black	Tiny black spot on the upper wing midway along the long white feather, 3 rd feather from the body.	E5	
○	R11/7	Black	Tiny black spot in the left margin, bottom left of the 'N' of 'NEW'.	B1	
○	R11/9	Black	State 1: black spots in the background right of the 'E' of 'POSTAGE', top right of the '2' of the value.	K2	✓
○	R11/9	Black	State 2: the black spots appear elongated to form short lines.	K2	✓
○	R11/9	Black	Tiny black spot top left of the 'I' of the value at bottom right.	K L6	
○	R11/9	Black	Tiny black spot on the body on the lower edge, midway along the edge that joins with the small wing.	F3	
○	R11/10	Black	Tiny black spot bottom right of the 'S' of 'POSTAGE', close to the letter.	H I1	
○	R11/10	Black	Tiny black spot top left of the 'L' of 'HEALTH'.	I7	
○	R11/10	Black	Tiny black spot on the birds' body, midway between the top of the two legs.	G4	
○	R12/1	Black	Tiny black spot top right of the 'T' of 'POSTAGE'.	I1	
○	R12/1	Black	White spot at the right end of the first feather of the upper wing near the body.	F5	
○	R12/3	Black	Tiny black spur on the 'Z' of 'ZEAL' at the left end of the top horizontal bar.	A3	
○	R12/3	Black	Tiny black spot in the 'I' of the value at bottom right, near the bottom of the vertical white upright.	M7	
○	R12/5	Pink	Dark pink patch at the bottom left of the second 'T' of 'TETE'.	M5	
○	R12/9	Black	Black spot to the left of the foot of the 'I' of the value at bottom right.	M7	

3d+1d Poaka Main Sheet Errors and Varieties

 Red colour omitted	 Major colour shift – red 8mm bottom left.	 Major colour shift – red down by 2mm.	 Progressive colour shift in vertical strip.
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☐	Watermark inverted			£16	2016
☐	Red colour omitted	Causing the bird to have 'white legs'.		£100	2004
☐	Major colour shift	Red	The legs and eye of the bird are displaced down and to the left by 8mm. The displacement varies in distance down the sheet.	£30	2004
☐		Red	1mm shift of the red colour downwards. More common red shifts are to the side.	£5	2002
☐		Red	Legs and eye shifted 2mm south-east, giving the bird 'pink socks'.	£20	2004
☐		Red	Vertical strip of stamps showing the red legs in their correct position at the top of the strip but shifted to the left successively in the lower stamps.	£30	2005

Varieties affecting stamps from the main sheet

 R1/3 Horizontal blue line across the birds' face below the eye'.	 R1/4 Large retouch in the background top left of the '1' of the value in the bottom right corner.	 R2/9 Retouch to the background at lower right covering a large area to the right of the bird's leg.	 R3/2 Break in the black line of the beak near the eye.
 R4/6 Example of a transient dark blue spot.	 R5/6 Three blue spots as a triangle on the birds' neck.	 R9/7 Grey patch on the back of the birds' head in the dark grey shading.	 R10/5 There is a weakness in the black shading at the back of the birds' neck, where a number of white spots show through.
 R12/8 The left edge of the back of the birds' head is wavy, having a small number of indents.	 R12/10 Blue spot at the extreme right of the bottom margin, with a horizontal blue scratch as an extension to the bottom frame line.		

There are a significant number of white spots that appear in the background blue colour, many of these are transient and predominantly appear in the lighter blue areas of the stamp. There are only a few constant white spots to be seen.

There are a number of transient blue spots on the 3d+1d stamps, almost like flecks of foreign matter, in a darker blue than used on the stamp itself, looking like the point of a blue ball point pen. These appear randomly across the sheet. It is likely that these darker blue flecks are part of the pigment of the lighter blue colour of the background that has not mixed to form the uniform colour.

☐	R1/3	Blue	Horizontal blue line across the birds' face below the eye.	C6	✓
☐	R1/3	Blue	Blue spot in the left margin, midway between the top of the stamp and the birds' tail.	C0	
☐	R1/4	Blue	Large retouch in the background top left of the '1' of the value in the bottom right corner.	K6	✓
☐	R1/9	Pink	Small pink spot in the background, below the feet, above the 'PO' of 'POAKA'.	K4	
☐	R1/10	Black	Small black spur upwards from the centre of the beak.	D7	
☐	R2/2	Black	Full stop after the 'O' of 'POAKA'.	L M4	

○	R2/4	Blue	White spot left of the left leg, level with the bottom of the 'A' of 'POSTAGE'.	J3	
○	R2/9	Blue	Short diagonal line in the margin top right of the end of the beak.	D8	
○	R2/9	Blue	Retouch to the background at lower right covering a large area to the right of the bird's leg.	I5	✓
○	R2/9	Pink	Pink spot in the background right of the leg on the right, just above the foot.	I J5	
○	R3/1	Black	Significant black spot in the background above the last 'A' of 'POAKA' level with the bottom 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	K5	
○	R3/2	Black	Break in the black line of the beak near the eye.	D6	✓
○	R3/4	Black	Significant black spot near the base of the right margin level with the top of the 'd' of '1d'.	L8	
○	R3/5	Blue	Blue spot at the top of the leg on the right at the edge of the pink shading.	G4	
○	R3/6	Black	Group of tiny black spots on the birds' chest, just into the grey shading directly below the neck.	F5	
○	R3/9	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the left margin alongside the top half of the 'E' of 'POSTAGE'.	K0	
○	R4/1	Black	Black spot on the birds' neck just below the chin.	D5	
○	R4/2	Black	Tiny black spot in the white area just right of the curve of the black wing.	F4	
○	R4/5	Black	Black spot on the edge of the curve of the birds' chest, at the top of the grey shading.	F5	
○	R4/6	Blue	Blue spot in the top margin above the centre of the 'W' of 'NEW'.	-A3	
○	R4/7	Pink	Tiny pink spot below the foot on the left.	K4	
○	R5/6	Blue	Three blue spots as a triangle on the birds' neck.	D5	✓
○	R7/1	Blue	Blue spot adjacent to the left frame at the bottom of the 'S' of 'POSTAGE'.	H I1	
○	R7/1	Pink	Pink spot at the top of the leg on the right, near the top of the pink shading.	G4	
○	R7/2	Blue	White spot at the bottom right corner of the 'E' of 'POSTAGE' above the top of the '3'.	K1	
○	R7/3	Black	Black spot at the centre of the bird above the top of the leg on the right.	F4	
○	R7/4	Blue	Small blue spot in the left margin about 3mm above the top of the birds' tail.	D0	
○	R7/6	Blue	Two blue spots at the left end of the bottom margin below the '3'. May be cut off by the perforations.	M1	
○	R7/7	Pink	White spot near the top of the pink shading in the leg on the left.	G3	
○	R7/9	Blue	Faint blue spot in the knee of the leg on the left.	H3	
○	R8/6	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the left margin level with the base of the 'A' of 'POSTAGE'.	J0	
○	R9/3	Blue	Blue spot in the top frame above the centre of the 'W' of 'NEW'.	-A3	
○	R9/3	Blue	Dark blue patch in the background about 3mm left of the 'T' of 'HEALTH'.	J6	
○	R9/7	Black	Grey patch on the back of the birds' head in the dark grey shading.	C5	✓
○	R10/2	Blue	Short vertical line (elongated spot) in the right margin, pointed to by the beak. May be cut off by the perforations.	D8	
○	R10/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot near the foot of the left margin, level with the base of the '3' of the value.	-M0	
○	R10/3	blue	Tiny blue spot near the top of the left margin level with the top of the 'N' of 'NEW'.	A0	
○	R10/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot on the chest of the bird just below the neck.	E5	
○	R10/5	Black	There is a weakness in the black shading at the back of the birds' neck, where a number of white spots show through.	D5	✓
○	R10/7	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the top margin above the 'L' of 'LAND'.	-A5	

○	R10/8	Blue	Two short diagonal blue lines in the margin in the top left corner of the stamp.	A0	
○	R10/10	Pink	Tiny pink spot just to the left of the bottom of the foot on the right.	J K4	
○	R10/10	Black	Tiny black spot between the top of the 'd' of 'Id' and the right frame.	L8	
○	R10/10	Black	Faint diagonal line on the birds' cheek bottom left of the eye.	C5	
○	R11/3	Pink	Tiny pink spot in the background below the 'A' of 'ZEAL' and above the birds' head.	B5	
○	R11/3	Pink	Tiny pink spot right of the top of the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.	G1	
○	R11/8	Blue	Tiny blue spot at the top of the left margin.	A0	
○	R11/8	Blue	Tiny blue spot near the top of the leg on the left.	G3	
○	R12/1	Black	Black spot on the bird between the grey areas at the top of the neck.	C D5	
○	R12/1	Black	Tiny black spot on the chest of the bird just above the light grey area.	E F5	
○	R12/2	Blue	Blue spot in the lower margin bottom left of the 'P' of 'POAKA'.	M3	
○	R12/7	Black	Tiny black spot at the top of the birds' head at the centre.	C5	
○	R12/8	Black	The left edge of the back of the birds' head is wavy, having a small number of indents.	C5	✓
○	R12/10	Blue	Blue spot at the extreme right of the bottom margin, with a horizontal blue scratch as an extension to the bottom frame line.	M8	✓

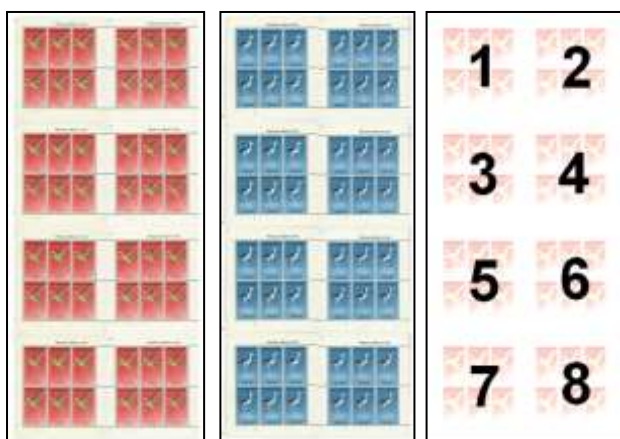


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PLATING THE 1959 HEALTH MINIATURE SHEETS

It is a relatively straightforward exercise to plate the individual sheets from the 1959 Health issue. There are enough distinguishing marks to differentiate each miniature sheet from its neighbour. Although the 'distinguishing marks' and varieties may not be that spectacular, the use of a small magnifying glass will make the process much easier.

This document attempts to illustrate those differentiating marks for each sheet, by showing the miniature sheet (at the centre of the page) and displaying the identified varieties around it by way of a small picture and description of the variety. In some cases the picture may show a number of what may be considered differentiating marks (especially spots), please use those circled to correctly link the illustration to the text.



The miniature sheets were cut from larger sheets that comprised eight miniature sheets arranged in four rows of two sheets. Each of the miniature sheets can therefore be given a number 1 through 8 to locate it to the 'uncut large master sheet' as shown alongside.

The odd numbered miniature sheets have their left selvages intact, whilst the even numbered sheets have their left selvages perforated through. The top and bottom selvages in each case are not perforated through.

The stamp position of the six stamps on the sheet is reference via the normal row/column format.

There are many transient black spots to be found on the face of these stamps that hinder the successful identification of the eight miniature sheets, and can confuse. However some of these spots are fixed in position and can be used (amongst other constant marks) to plate the miniature sheets. Where the black spots appear on the bird's body or wings, these tend to be more constant. The 2d+1d sheets are prone to having a large number of transient spots, in a greater degree to that from the 3d+1d that appears more uniform.

The pink background colour on the 2d+1d sheets has areas that are patchy, where it is thin causing white areas to show through, or darker as if retouched. On both values, there are a number of white spots to be found affecting the background colours. These spots are quite small as if a bubble has stopped the ink penetrating the paper. These do tend to be more consistent than the black spots.



Each of the miniature sheets carried the sheet value in the top selvage above stamps at row 1/2-3 and plate numbers ('1' for each of the three colours) in the lower selvage under stamp row 2/1. The sheet value and plate numbers can also be used to differentiate each miniature sheet, and a description of this features after the description of the stamps themselves.

Use the varieties found on the stamps, coupled with the sheet value and plate numbers to identify the miniature sheet position.

Note the perforations (or absence of them) in the left selvage. To reiterate, those not perforated are odd numbered sheets, those perforated through are even numbered sheets. This will aid initial sorting of the miniature sheets.

Varieties to note:

Many examples seen from the 2d+1d sheets 3 and 4 show a horizontal white scratch through the background on lower part of row 1, through the tops of the letters of the value '2' and '1' either side. It appears as if the plate was affected at some stage, causing a scratch across the plate at this point. (Note, in the illustrations below, the scratches have been emphasised for clarity)

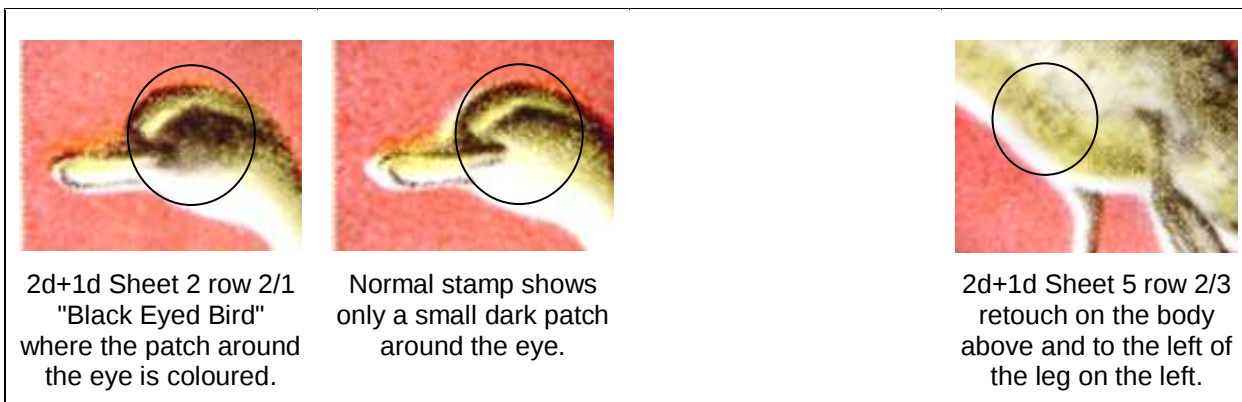


Figure 1 - sheet 3 scratch across tops of '2' and '1' on each stamp.



Figure 2 - sheet 4 has the scratch slightly lower narrowly missing the 'TETE'.

There are only two true retouches to the miniature sheets, both affecting the 2d+1d stamps.



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2d+1d Miniature Sheet 1



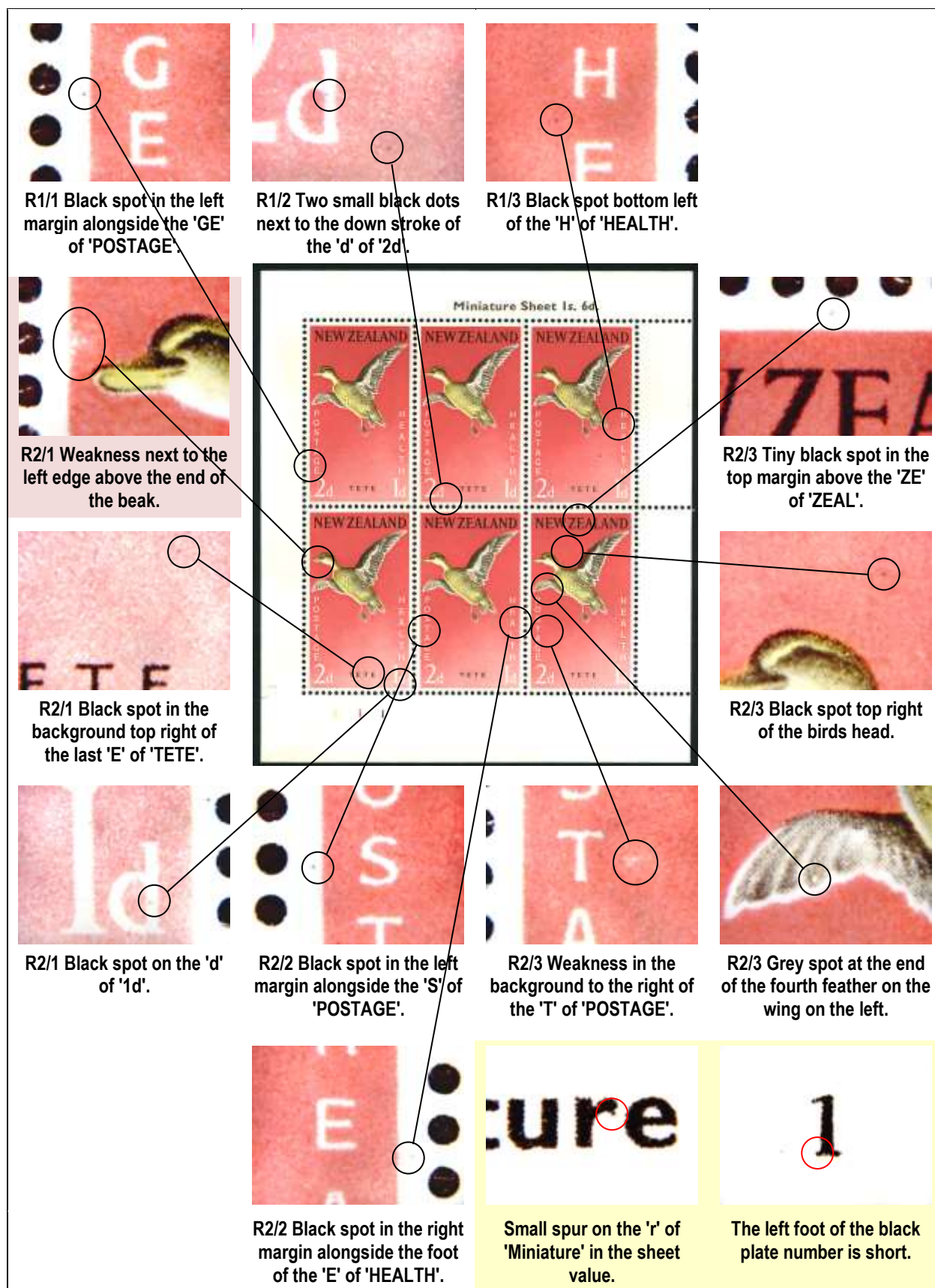
MINIATURE SHEET 2d+1d

M/S #1

There are many black spots to be found on this sheet that will aid identification, but use the weakness near the left margin above the bird's beak on stamp at row 2/1 to clearly identify this stamp.

○	R1/1	Black	Black spot in the left margin alongside the 'GE' of 'POSTAGE'.	K0	
○	R1/2	Black	Two small black dots next to the down stroke of the 'd' of '2d'.	M2	
○	R1/3	Black	Black spot bottom left of the 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	J7	
○	R2/1	Red	Weakness next to the left edge above the end of the beak.	C D1	✓
○	R2/1	Black	Black spot in the background top right of the last 'E' of 'TETE'.	K5	
○	R2/1	Black	Black spot on the 'd' of '1d'.	L7	
○	R2/2	Black	Black spot in the left margin alongside the 'S' of 'POSTAGE'.	H0	
○	R2/2	Black	Black spot in the right margin alongside the foot of the 'E' of 'HEALTH'.	H8	
○	R2/3	Black	Tiny black spot in the top margin above the 'ZE' of 'ZEAL'.	-A4	
○	R2/3	Black	Black spot top right of the birds head.	C2	
○	R2/3	Red	Weakness in the background to the right of the 'T' of 'POSTAGE'.	I J2	
○	R2/3	Black	Grey spot at the end of the fourth feather on the left wing.	F1	
○	Sheet	Black	Small spur on the 'r' of 'Miniature' in the sheet value.	-	
○	Plate	Black	The left foot of the black plate number is short.	-	

2d+1d Miniature Sheet 1 Map



2d+1d Miniature Sheet 2



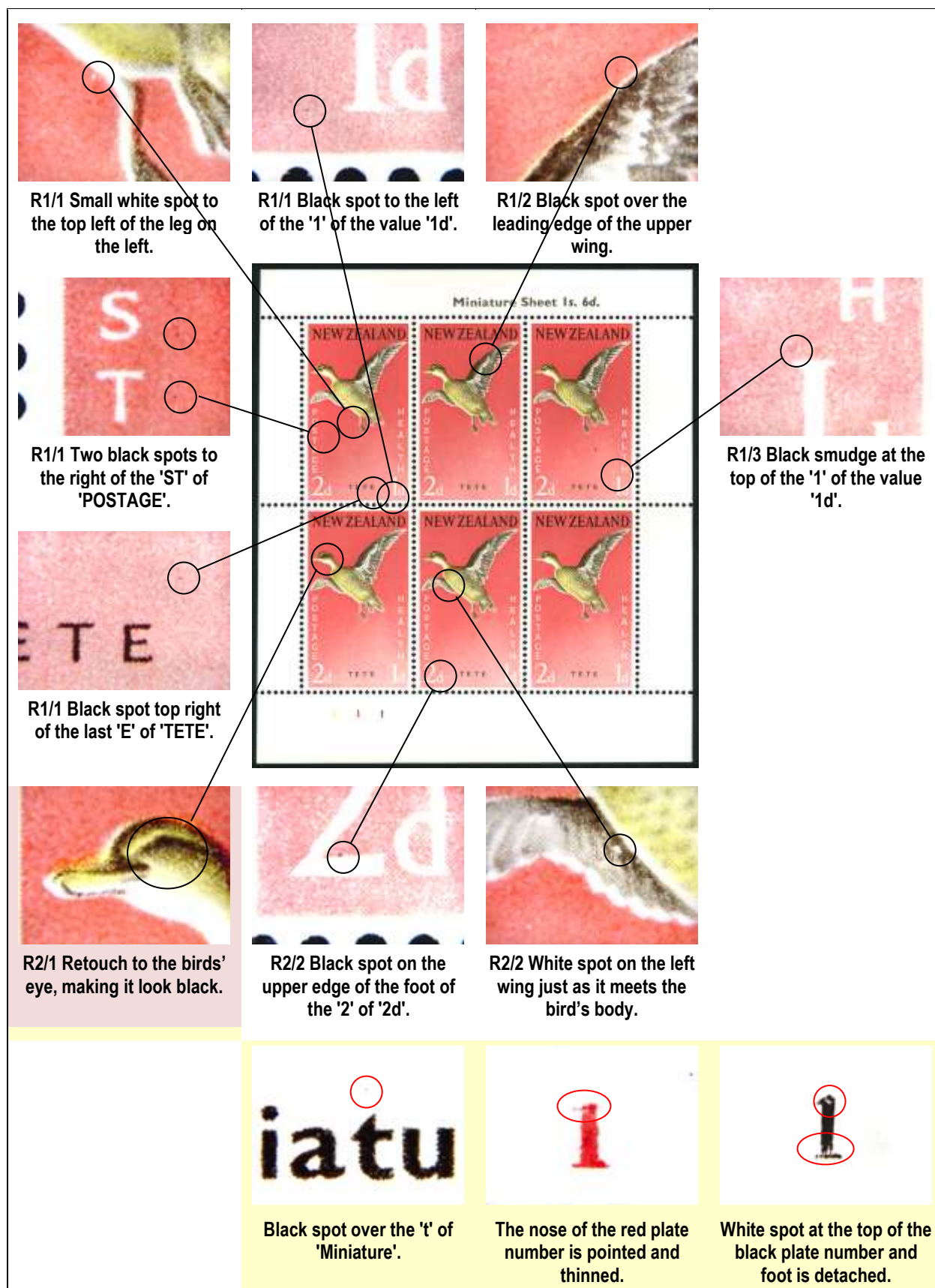
MINIATURE SHEET 2d+1d

M/S #2

This miniature sheet contains the famous 'black-eyed bird' variety at row 2/1. This stamp has the eye of the bird much darker than others on the miniature sheet, very noticeable with the naked eye. Other than the white spot on the edge of the lower wing on stamp at row 2/2, there is little to differentiate this sheet.

○	R1/1	Red	Small white spot to the top left of the leg on the left.	G4	
○	R1/1	Black	Black spot to the left of the foot of the '1' of the value '1d'.	M6	
○	R1/1	Black	Two black spots to the right of the 'ST' of 'POSTAGE'.	H1, I1	
○	R1/1	Black	Black spot top right of the last 'E' of 'TETE'.	L6	
○	R1/2	Black	Black spot over the leading edge of the upper wing.	C5	
○	R1/3	Black	Black smudge at the top of the '1' of the value '1d'.	K7	
○	R2/1	Black	Retouch to the birds' eye, making it look black.	D2	✓
○	R2/2	Black	Black spot on the acute angle of the '2' of '2d'.	M1	
○	R2/2	Black	White spot on the left wing just as it meets the birds' body.	F2 3	
○	Sheet	Black	Black spot over the 't' of 'Miniature'.	-	
○	Plate	Red	The nose of the red plate number is pointed and thinned.	-	
○	Plate	Black	White spot at the top of the black plate number and foot is detached.	-	

2d+1d Miniature Sheet 2 Map



2d+1d Miniature Sheet 3



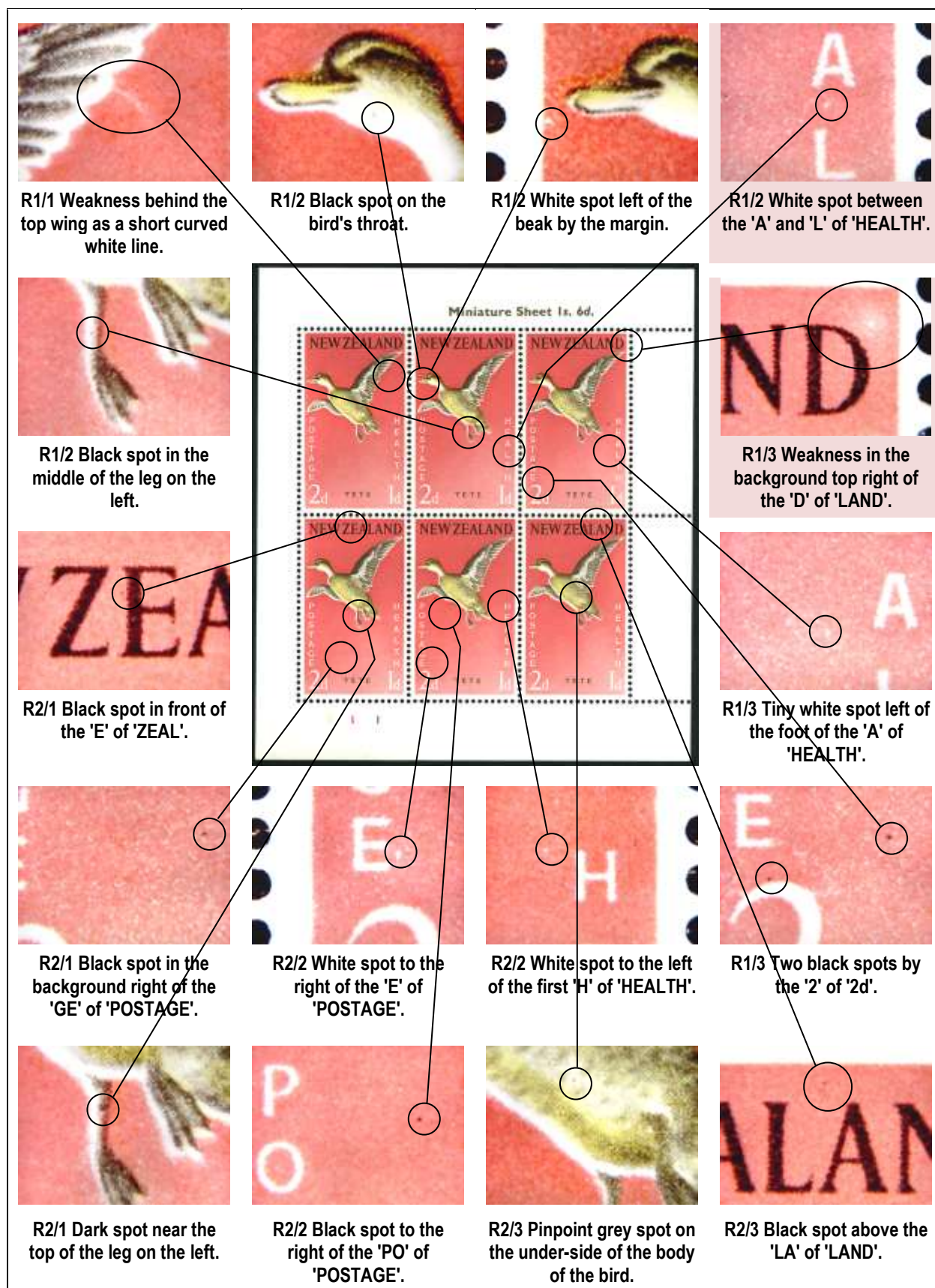
MINIATURE SHEET 2d+1d

M/S #3

Look for the weakness in the top right of the stamp on R1/3 to the top right of the 'D' of 'LAND' and the significant white spot between the 'A' and 'L' of 'HEALTH' on R1/2.

○	R1/1	Red	Weakness behind the top wing as a short curved white line.	C7	
○	R1/2	Black	Black spot on the bird's throat.	D2	
○	R1/2	Red	White spot left of the beak by the margin.	D1	
○	R1/2	Red	White spot between the 'A' and 'L' of 'HEALTH'.	I7	✓
○	R1/2	Black	Black spot in the middle of the leg on the left.	H4	
○	R1/3	Red	Weakness in the background top right of the 'D' of 'LAND'.	A8	✓
○	R1/3	Red	Tiny white spot left of the foot of the 'A' of 'HEALTH'.	I6	
○	R1/3	Black	Two black spots by the '2' of '2d'.	K2, L1	
○	R2/1	Black	Black spot in front of the 'E' of 'ZEAL'.	A4	
○	R2/1	Black	Black spot in the background right of the 'GE' of 'POSTAGE'.	K3	
○	R2/1	Black	Dark spot near the top of the leg on the left.	GJH4	
○	R2/2	Red	White spot to the right of the 'E' of 'POSTAGE'.	K1	
○	R2/2	Red	White spot to the left of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	G7	
○	R2/2	Black	Black spot to the right of the 'PO' of 'POSTAGE'.	G2	
○	R2/3	Black	Pinpoint grey spot on the under-side of the body of the bird.	G4	
○	R2/3	Black	Black spot above the 'LA' of 'LAND'.	A6	

2d+1d Miniature Sheet 3 Map



2d+1d Miniature Sheet 4



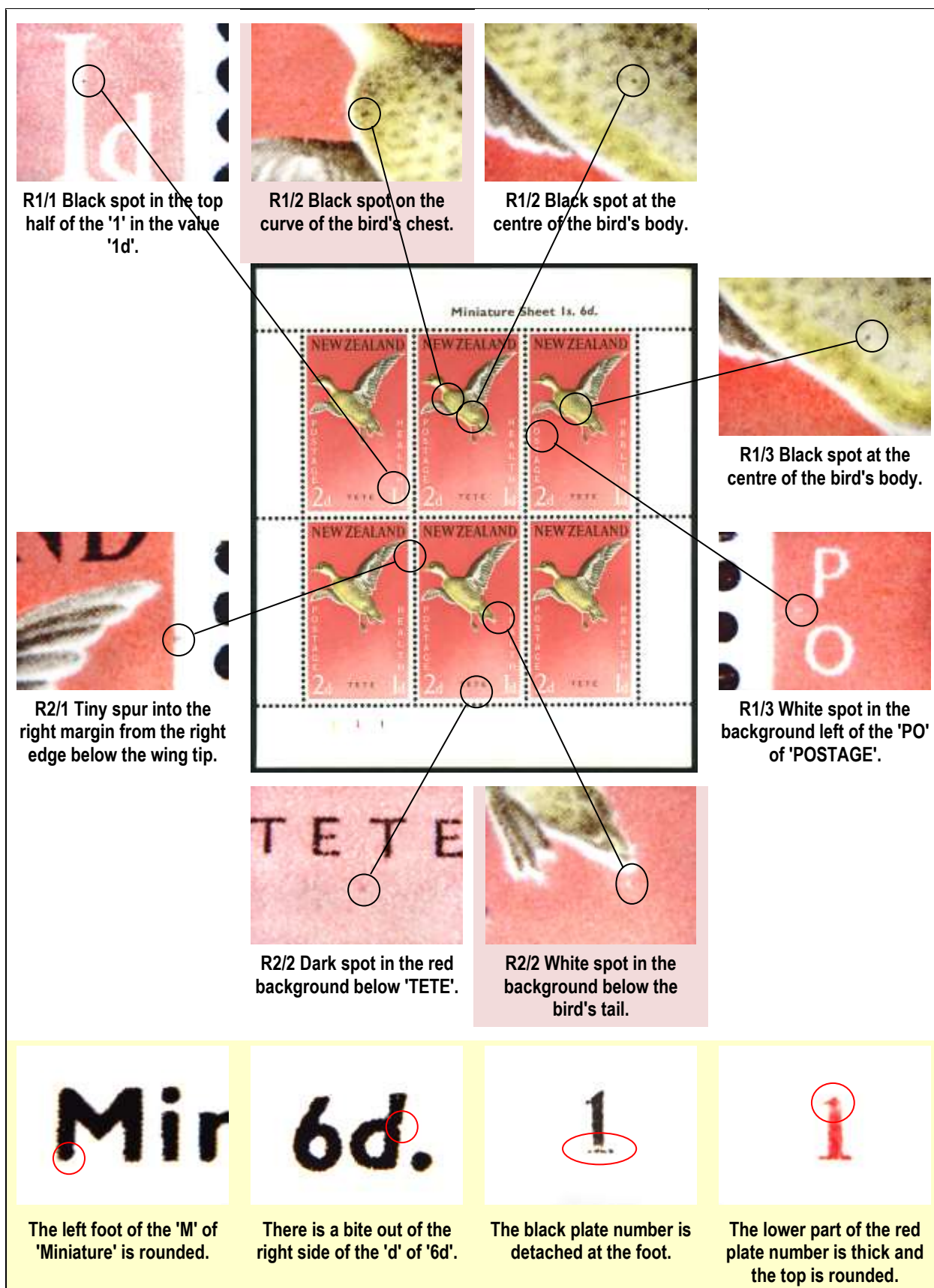
MINIATURE SHEET 2d+1d

M/S #4

The varieties on this miniature sheet are of a minor nature and there is nothing significant to make this sheet stand out from the others. By use of a magnifying glass, look for the dark spots on the curve of the bird's chest on stamp at row 1/2 and the white spot below the tail on row 2/2.

○	R1/1	Black	Black spot in the top half of the '1' in the value '1d'.	L7	
○	R1/2	Black	Black spot on the curve of the bird's chest.	E2	✓
○	R1/2	Black	Black spot at the centre of the bird's body.	F4	
○	R1/3	Black	Black spot at the centre of the bird's body.	F4	
○	R1/3	Red	White spot in the background left of the 'PO' of 'POSTAGE'.	G1	
○	R2/1	Red	Tiny spur into the right margin from the right edge below the wing tip.	B8	
○	R2/2	Red	Dark spot in the red background below 'TETE'.	M4 5	
○	R2/2	Red	White spot in the background below the bird's tail.	H6	✓
○	Sheet	Black	The left foot of the 'M' of 'Miniature' is rounded.	-	
○	Sheet	Black	There is a bite out of the right side of the 'd' of '6d'.	-	
○	Plate	Black	The black plate number is detached at the foot.	-	
○	Plate	Red	The lower part of the red plate number is thick and the top is rounded.	-	

2d+1d Miniature Sheet 4 Map



2d+1d Miniature Sheet 5



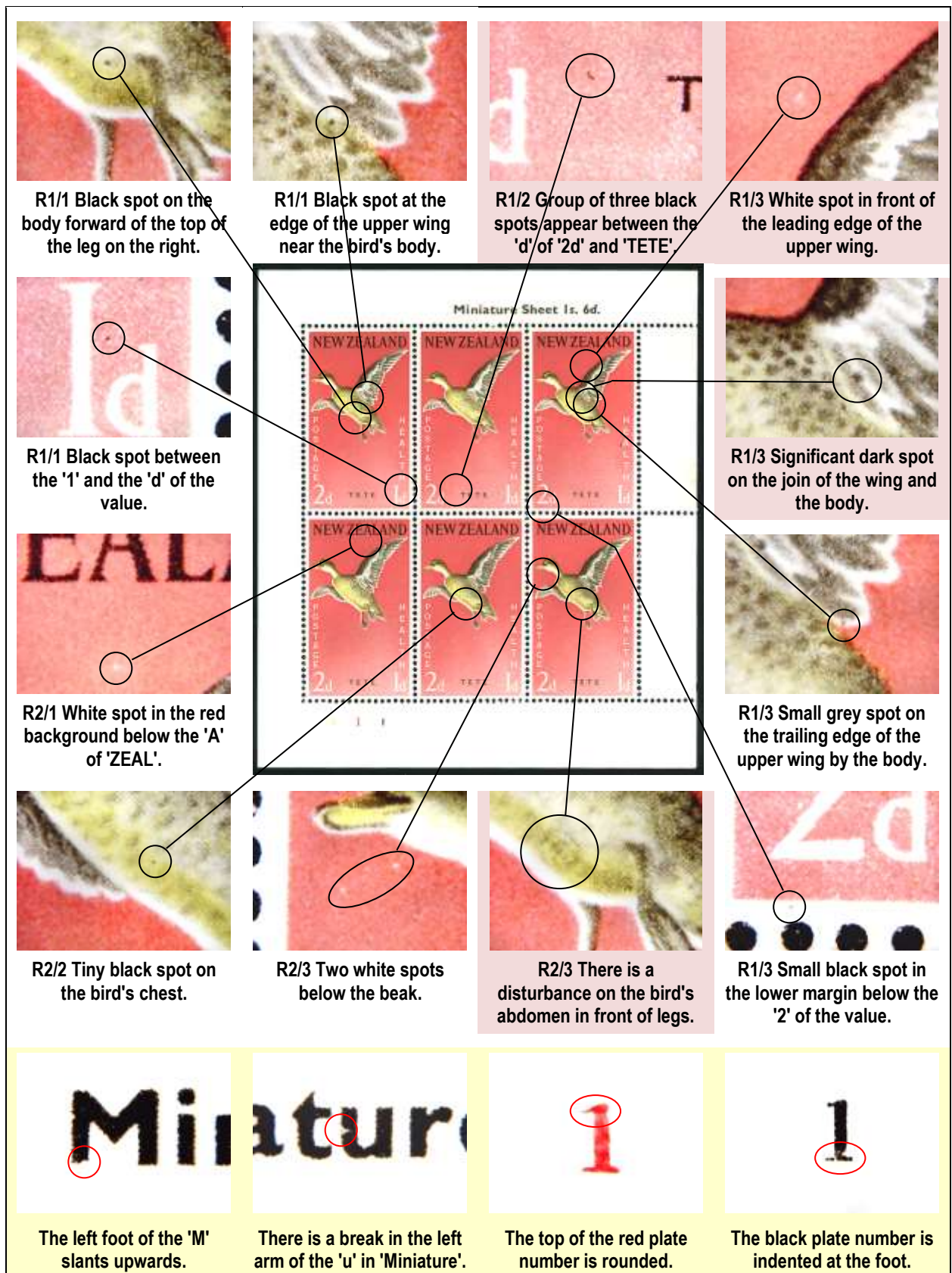
MINIATURE SHEET 2d+1d

M/S #5

Look to the stamp at row 1/3 and the large black spot on the inner edge of the upper wing (as it joins the body) that can be seen with the naked eye. Row 2/3 shows a significant disturbance on the birds body just in front of the legs where it appears an attempt has been made to erase part of the shading. On stamp at row 1/2 there are three black dots found between the '2d' and 'TETE' that on some examples merge into a small smudge.

○	R1/1	Black	Black spot on the body forward of the top of the leg on the right.	G4	
○	R1/1	Black	Black spot at the edge of the upper wing near the bird's body.	F5	
○	R1/1	Black	Black spot between the '1' and the 'd' of the value.	L7	
○	R1/2	Black	Group of three black spots appear between the 'd' of '2d' and 'TETE'.	L2-L3	✓
○	R1/3	Red	White spot in front of the leading edge of the upper wing.	C4	✓
○	R1/3	Black	Significant dark spot on the join of the wing and the body.	E4	✓
○	R1/3	Black	Small grey spot on the trailing edge of the upper wing by the body.	F5	
○	R1/3	Black	Small black spot in the lower margin below the '2' of the value.	M1	
○	R2/1	Red	White spot in the red background below the 'A' of 'ZEAL'.	B C5	
○	R2/2	Black	Tiny black spot on the bird's chest.	F3 4	
○	R2/3	Red	Two white spots below the beak.	E1	
○	R2/3	Black	There is a disturbance on the bird's abdomen in front of legs.	G4	✓
○	Sheet	Black	The left foot of the 'M' slants upwards.	-	
○	Sheet	Black	There is a break in the left arm of the 'u' in 'Miniature'.	-	
○	Plate	Red	The top of the red plate number is rounded.	-	
○	Plate	Black	The black plate number is indented at the foot.	-	

2d+1d Miniature Sheet 5 Map



2d+1d Miniature Sheet 6



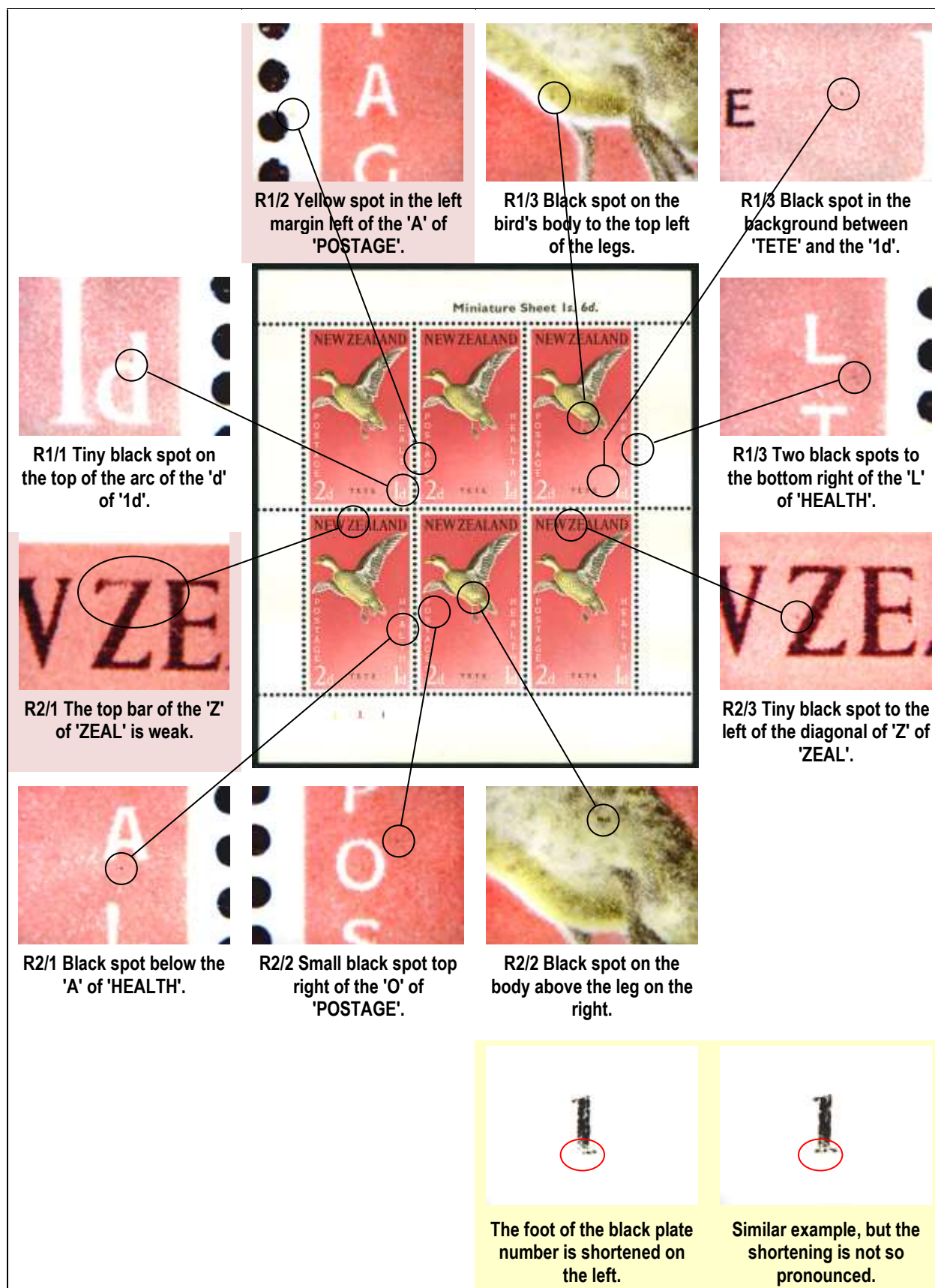
MINIATURE SHEET 2d+1d

M/S #6

The stamp at row 2/1 has the top line of the 'Z' of 'ZEALAND' quite weak. Even on those examples with a heavy print of the black colour, the top line of the 'Z' is thinned. Also look for the yellow spot in the left margin on row 1/2. It appears left of the 'A' of 'POSTAGE', note there is also a smaller yellow spot left of the 'S' of 'POSTAGE'.

○	R1/1	Black	Tiny black spot on the top of the arc of the 'd' of '1d'.	L7	
○	R1/2	Yellow	Yellow spot in the left margin left of the 'A' of 'POSTAGE'.	J0	✓
○	R1/3	Black	Black spot on the bird's body to the top left of the legs.	G4	
○	R1/3	Black	Black spot in the background between 'TETE' and the '1d'.	L6	
○	R1/3	Black	Two black spots to the bottom right of the 'L' of 'HEALTH'.	J8	
○	R2/1	Black	The top bar of the 'Z' of 'ZEAL' is weak.	A3-A4	✓
○	R2/1	Black	Black spot below the 'A' of 'HEALTH'.	I7	
○	R2/2	Black	Small black spot top right of the 'O' of 'POSTAGE'.	G1	
○	R2/2	Black	Black spot on the body above the leg on the right.	F5	
○	R2/3	Black	Tiny black spot to the left of the diagonal of 'Z' of 'ZEAL'.	A3	
○	Plate	Black	The foot of the black plate number is shortened on the left.	-	

2d+1d Miniature Sheet 6 Map



2d+1d Miniature Sheet 7



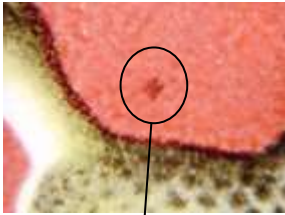
MINIATURE SHEET 2d+1d

M/S #7

There is little to distinguish this miniature sheet. The large black smudge above the bird's neck on row 1/1 is probably transient as its appearance is faint. The scratch across the tips of the feathers on row 1/3 is perhaps the most notable variety. Look to the black plate number, there are two short horizontal lines at the top right and a further two at bottom right of the figure '1'.

○	R1/1	Black	There is a large black smudge in the background by the neck of the bird.	D3	
○	R1/1	Black	Black spot on the upper wing at the tip of the first feather near the body.	E4	
○	R1/3	Black	Faint black scratch across the tips of the feather at top right.	C7-B7	✓
○	R1/3	Black	Grey spot in the birds foot on the left.	H4 5	
○	R2/2	Red	Small white spot between the top two lines of the 'E' of 'HEALTH'.	H7	
○	Sheet	Black	The left foot of the 'M' is shortened.	-	
○	Sheet	Black	The 'r' of 'Miniature' is indented more than most.	-	
○	Plate	Red	The foot of the red plate number slants upwards.	-	
○	Plate	Black	Black bars appear at the top right and bottom right of the black plate number.	-	✓

2d+1d Miniature Sheet 7 Map



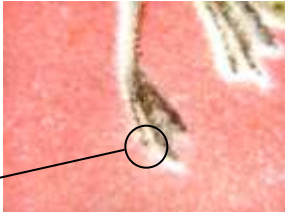
R1/1 There is a large black smudge in the background by the neck of the bird.



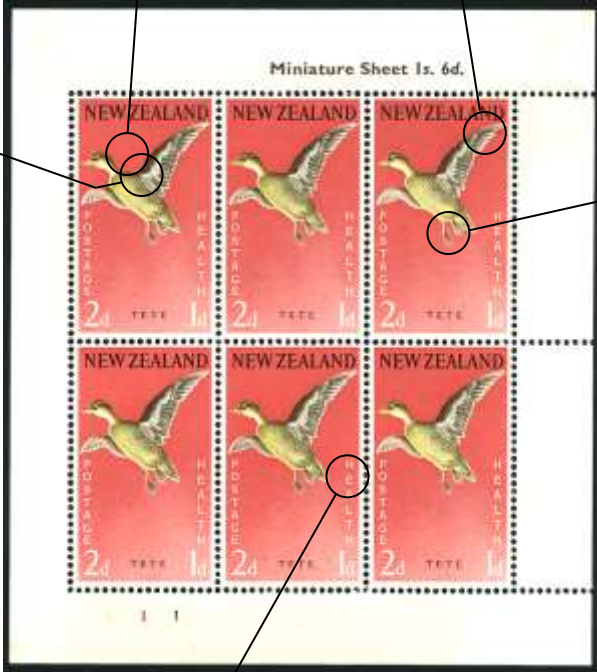
R1/3 Faint black scratch across the tips of the feathers at top right.



R1/1 Black spot on the upper wing at the tip of the first feather near the body.



R1/3 Grey spot in the bird's foot on the left.

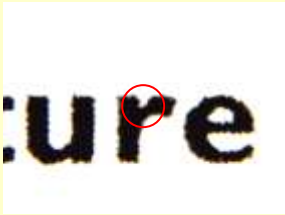




R2/2 Small white spot between the top two lines of the 'E' of 'HEALTH'.



The left foot of the 'M' is shortened.



The 'r' of 'Miniature' is indented more than most.



The foot of the red plate number slants upwards.



Black bars appear at the top right and bottom right of the black plate number.

2d+1d Miniature Sheet 8



MINIATURE SHEET 2d+1d

M/S #8

As with most stamps, this miniature sheet has multiple black spots to aid identification. In this case look for the bold spot in the background to the left of the bird's foot on the left on stamp at row 1/2. Also on the same stamp, there are two additional spots affecting the foot on the left, one that gives the bird a black toe-nail. On row 1/1 look for the white spot between the 'N' and 'D' of 'LAND'.

○	R1/1	Red	White spot before the 'D' of 'LAND'.	A7	✓
○	R1/1	Black	Black spot top right of the 'd' of '1d'.	L8	
○	R1/2	Black	Black spot in the background, to the left of the left foot.	H3	✓
○	R1/2	Black	Spot on the bird's breast midway along the edge of the lower wing.	F3	
○	R1/2	Black	Black spot above the foot on the left and a black claw on the upper toe.	H5	✓
○	R1/3	Black	Tiny black spot at the centre of the upper wing.	E5	
○	R1/3	Black	Black spot to the right of the foot of the 'T' of 'HEALTH'.	J8	
○	R2/1	Black	Tiny black spot in front of the bird's breast, above the left wing.	E2	
○	R2/1	Black	Black spot to the right of the top of the 'G' of 'POSTAGE'.	J1 2	
○	R2/1	Black	Tiny black spot on the upper wing at the edge of the 2 nd feather.	E5	
○	R2/1	Black	Small spot at the centre of the bird's body.	F3	
○	R2/1	Black	Black spot on the right edge just below the level of the beak.	D8	
○	R2/2	Black	The serif of the 'D' of 'LAND' is severely broken, bigger gap than most.	A7	✓
○	R2/3	Black	Dark spot along the centre line of the upper wing near the top.	C5	
○	Plate	Yellow	There is a diagonal yellow line through the yellow plate number.	-	✓
○	Plate	Red	The red plate number is extremely blurred.	-	✓

2d+1d Miniature Sheet 8 Map



3d+1d Miniature Sheet 1



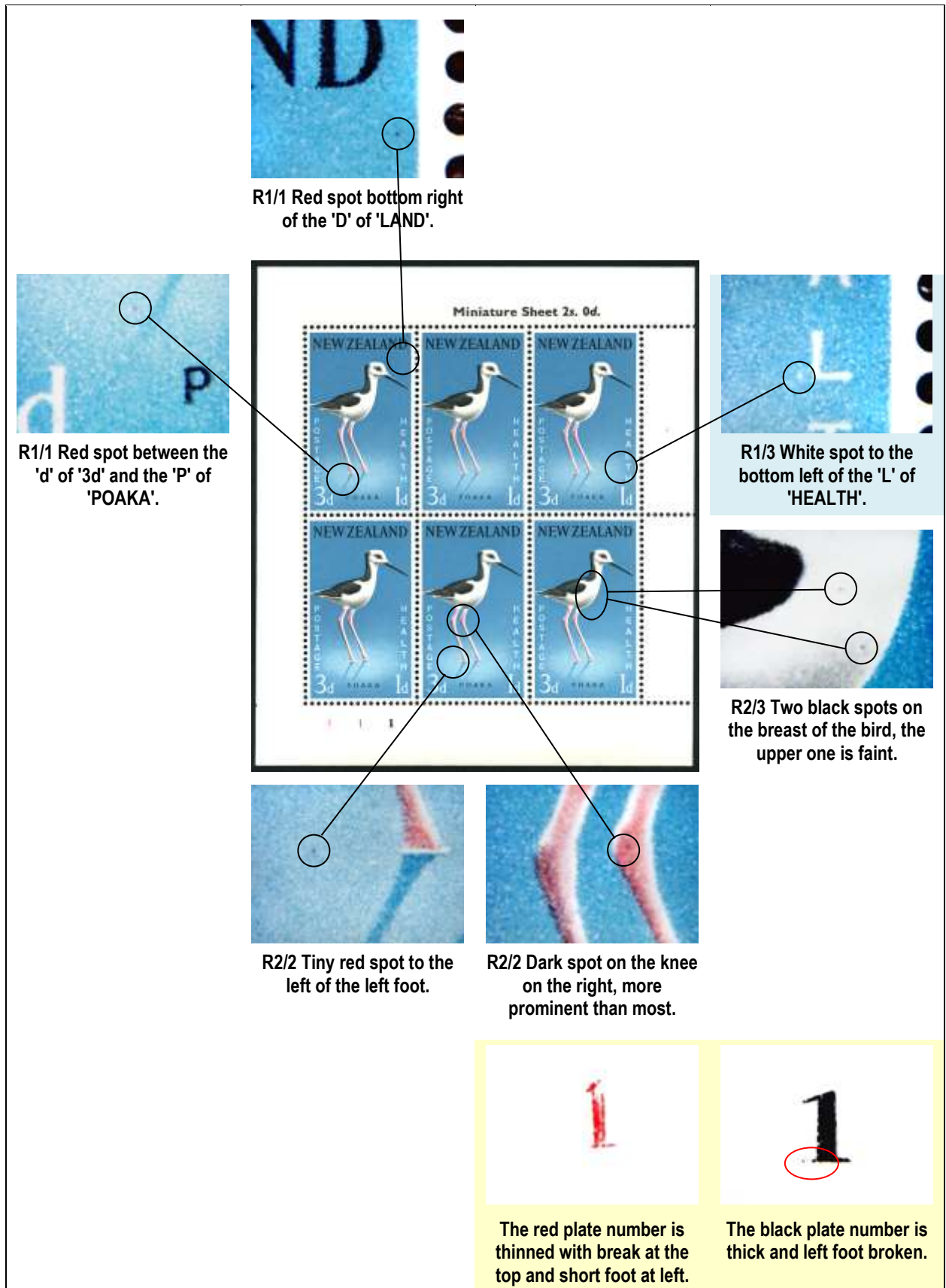
MINIATURE SHEET 3d+1d

M/S #1

There is little to differentiate this miniature sheet, but look for the constant white spot on row 1/3 that appears to the bottom left of the 'L' of 'HEALTH' (on some sheets with the blue colour blurring into the background, this may be difficult to spot).

○	R1/1	Red	Red spot bottom right of the 'D' of 'LAND'.	B8	
○	R1/1	Red	Red spot between the 'd' of '3d' and the 'P' of 'POAKA'.	L3	
○	R1/3	Blue	White spot to the bottom left of the 'L' of 'HEALTH'.	I J7	✓
○	R2/2	Red	Tiny red spot to the left of the left foot.	K3	
○	R2/2	Blue	Dark spot on the knee on the right, more prominent than most.	H3	
○	R2/3	Black	Two black spots on the breast of the bird, the upper one is faint.	F5	
○	Plate	Red	The red plate number is thinned with break at the top and short foot at left.	-	
○	Plate	Black	The black plate number is thick and left foot broken.	-	

3d+1d Miniature Sheet 1 Map



3d+1d Miniature Sheet 2



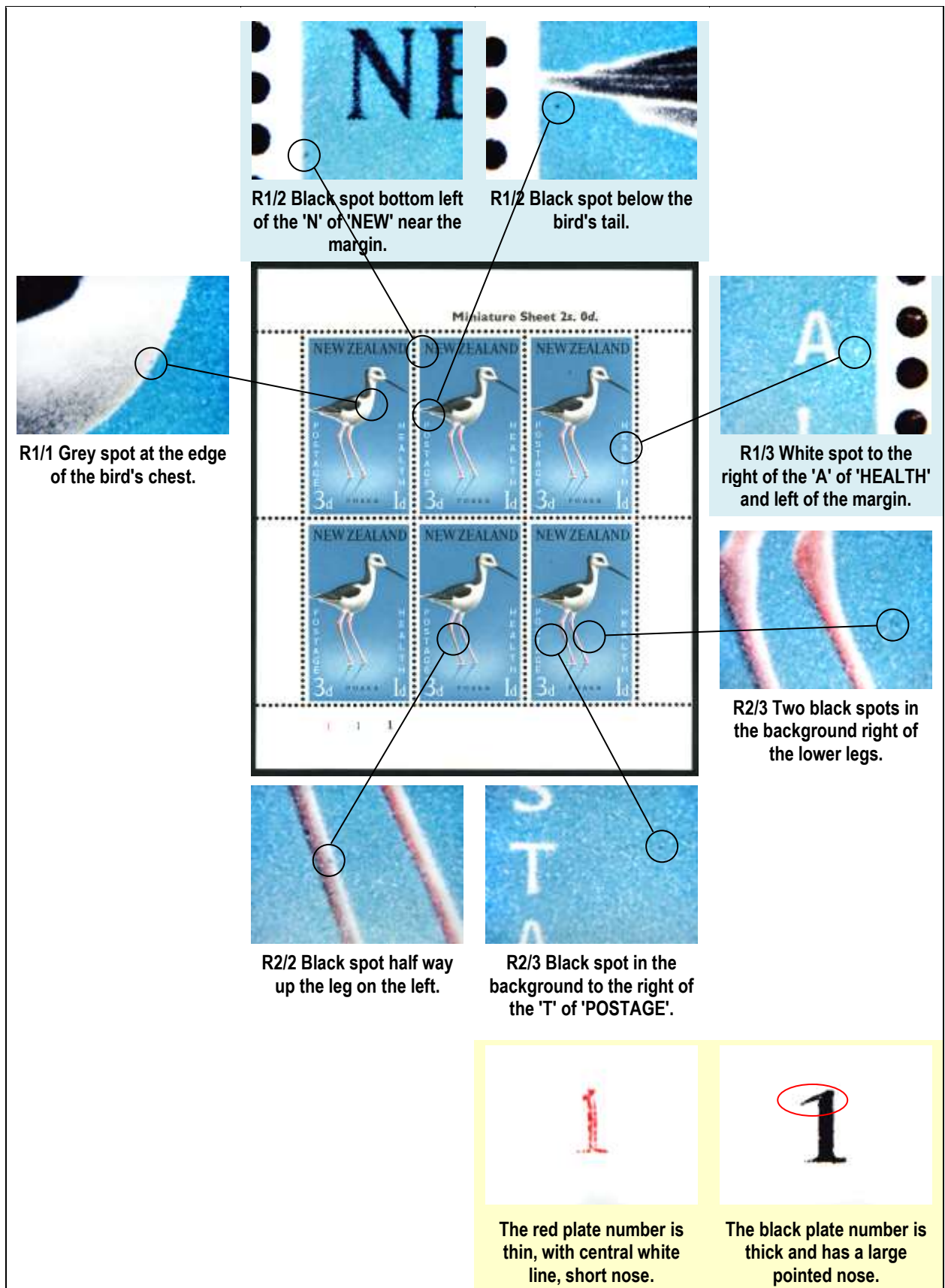
MINIATURE SHEET 3d+1d

M/S #2

The two black spots on row 1/2 are significant enough to identify this stamp. Unlike many of the other constant spots these are quite pronounced. Both are near the left margin, one below the 'N' and the other below the tail. Also, look for the white spot to the right of the 'A' of 'LAND' on row 1/3.

○	R1/1	Black	Grey spot at the edge of the bird's chest.	F5	
○	R1/2	Black	Black spot bottom left of the 'N' of 'NEW' near the margin.	B1	✓
○	R1/2	Black	Black spot below the bird's tail.	F1	✓
○	R1/3	Blue	White spot to the right of the 'A' of 'HEALTH' and left of the margin.	I8	✓
○	R2/2	Black	Black spot half way up the leg on the left.	I3	
○	R2/3	Black	Two black spots in the background right of the lower legs.	H4	
○	R2/3	Black	Black spot in the background to the right of the 'T' of 'POSTAGE'.	I2	
○	Plate	Red	The red plate number is thin, with central white line, short nose.	-	
○	Plate	Black	The black plate number is thick and has a large pointed nose.	-	

3d+1d Miniature Sheet 2 Map



3d+1d Miniature Sheet 3



MINIATURE SHEET 3d+1d

M/S #3

There is a faint black line running horizontally across the sheet, through the white area on the body of the bird. It is seen in all stamps on row 2 albeit faint (but not the side selvages). Look for the prominent spot on row 1/3 between the 'O' and 'S' of 'POSTAGE'.

○	R1/1	Blue	Tiny spur into the right margin alongside the 'T' of 'HEALTH'.	J8	
○	R1/3	Black	Black spot seen between the 'O' and 'S' of 'POSTAGE'.	H1	✓
○	R1/3	Black	Two black spots appear in the background above the head.	B5	
○	R1/3	Black	Two black spots in the top right corner.	A8	
○	Row 2	Black	A faint horizontal black line runs through all stamps on row 2.	-	
○	R2/2	Blue	White spot below the 'KA' of 'POAKA'.	M5	
○	R2/3	Black	Two grey spots at the back of the bird's throat.	D5	✓
○	R2/3	Black	Black spot bottom right of the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.	G1	
○	R2/3	Black	Two grey spots appear on the bird's chest.	F4, F5	
○	Sheet	Black	Black spot in the 'n' of 'Miniature'.	-	
○	Plate	Red	The red plate number is thinned and has a short nose.	-	
○	Plate	Black	The black plate number is uniformly thick and has a straight nose.	-	

3d+1d Miniature Sheet 3 Map

R1/3 Black spot seen between the 'O' and 'S' of 'POSTAGE'.

R1/3 Two black spots appear in the background above the head.

R1/3 Two black spots in the top right corner.

R1/1 Tiny spur into the right margin alongside the 'T' of 'HEALTH'.

A faint horizontal black line runs through all stamps on row 2.

R2/3 Two grey spots at the back of the bird's throat.

R2/2 White spot below the 'KA' of 'POAKA'.

R2/3 Black spot bottom right of the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.

R2/3 Two grey spots appear on the bird's chest.

Black spot in the 'n' of 'Miniature'.

The red plate number is thinned and has a short nose.

The black plate number is uniformly thick and has a straight nose.

3d+1d Miniature Sheet 4



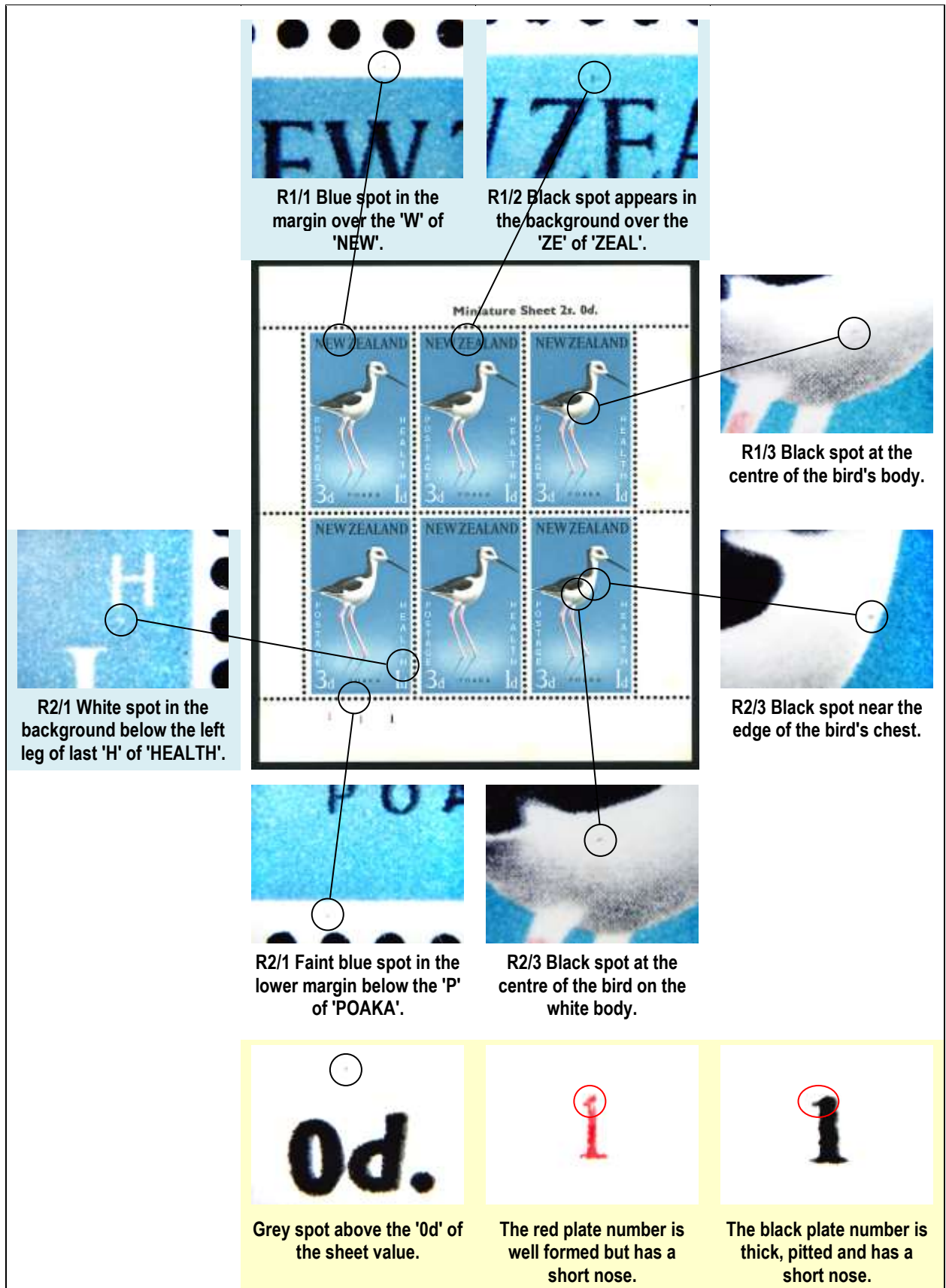
MINIATURE SHEET 3d+1d

M/S #4

On stamp at row 1/1 there is a blue spot in the top margin over the 'W' of 'NEW'. This spot can be quite prominent on some printings. Also look for the black spot above the 'ZE' on row 1/2 that may be a short vertical line or 'apostrophe'. Row 2/1 shows another white spot in the background below the last 'H' of 'HEALTH'.

○	R1/1	Blue	Blue spot in the margin over the 'W' of 'NEW'.	-A3	✓
○	R1/2	Black	Black spot appears in the background over the 'ZE' of 'ZEAL'.	A4	✓
○	R1/3	Black	Black spot at the centre of the bird's body.	F4	
○	R2/1	Blue	White spot in the background below the left leg of last 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	K7	✓
○	R2/1	Blue	Faint blue spot in the lower margin below the 'P' of 'POAKA'.	M3	
○	R2/3	Black	Black spot near the edge of the bird's chest.	F5	
○	R2/3	Black	Black spot at the centre of the bird on the white body.	F4	
○	Sheet	Black	Grey spot above the '0d' of the sheet value.	-	
○	Plate	Red	The red plate number is well formed but has a short nose.	-	
○	Plate	Black	The black plate number is thick, pitted and has a short nose.	-	

3d+1d Miniature Sheet 4 Map



3d+1d Miniature Sheet 5



MINIATURE SHEET 3d+1d

M/S #5

There is a significant number of red spots that affect this sheet in comparison to the numbers found on others in this plating. Look to the stamp at row 1/1 and the line of red spots that appear bottom left of the bird's eye. There is also a red spot just above the end of the beak on the same stamp.

○	R1/1	Red	Line of red spots appears on the birds' cheek.	C5	✓
○	R1/1	Red	Red spot on the right edge of the stamp above the tip of the beak.	D8	✓
○	R1/1	Black	Black spot appears in the background between the top of the legs.	G3	
○	R1/1	Blue	White spot in the background bottom right of the 'A' of 'HEALTH'.	I8	
○	R1/2	Blue	Tiny white spot bottom right of the foot of the 'E' of 'POSTAGE'.	K1	
○	R1/2	Red	Tiny red spot below the 'L' of 'LAND'.	B5 6	
○	R1/2	Black	Tiny hole at the top of the first 'A' of 'POAKA'.	L4 5	
○	R1/3	Black	Small black spot on the white area of the bird's chest.	F4 5	
○	R2/1	Black	Small black line and spot on the grey area of the bird's body.	F4, F5	
○	Sheet	Blue	Blue spot below the 'M' of 'Miniature'.	-	
○	Plate	Red	The red plate number slants forward and has a dominant central line.	-	
○	Plate	Blue	Blue plate number is rounded at the top and has a central line of white spots.	-	
○	Plate	Black	The black plate number is uniform with a short spur at the top.	-	

3d+1d Miniature Sheet 5 Map

R1/1 Line of red spots appears on the birds' cheek.

R1/1 Red spot on the right edge of the stamp above the tip of the beak.

R1/2 Tiny white spot bottom right of the foot of the 'E' of 'POSTAGE'.

R1/2 Tiny red spot below the 'L' of 'LAND'.

R1/1 Black spot appears in the background between the top of the legs.

R1/2 Tiny hole at the top of the first 'A' of 'POAKA'.

R1/1 White spot in the background bottom right of the 'A' of 'HEALTH'.

R1/3 Small black spot on the white area of the bird's chest.

R2/1 Small black line and spot on the grey area of the bird's body.

Blue spot below the 'M' of 'Miniature'.

The red plate number slants forward and has a dominant central line.

Blue plate number is rounded at the top and has a central line of white spots.

The black plate number is uniform with a short spur at the top.

3d+1d Miniature Sheet 6



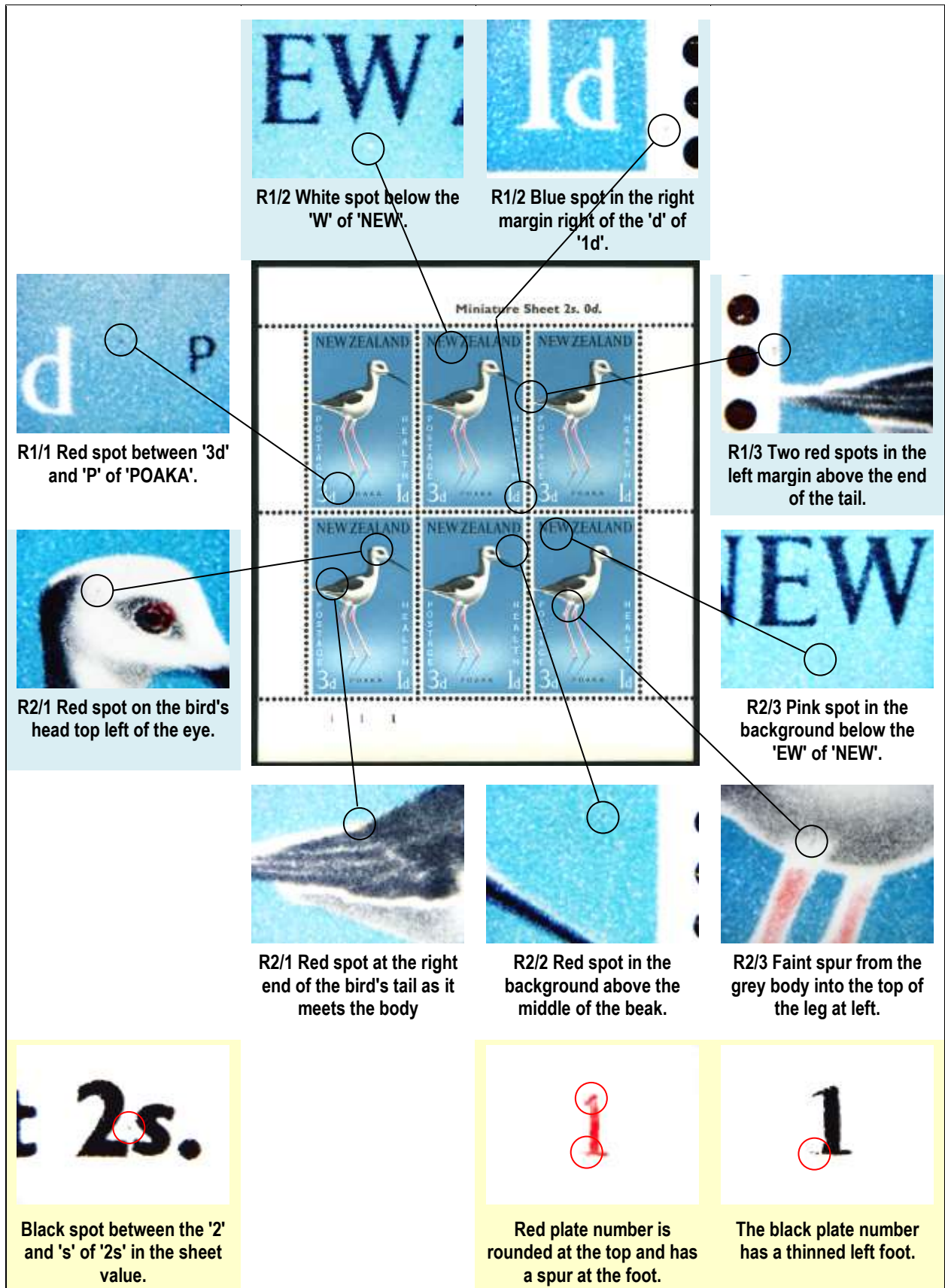
MINIATURE SHEET 3d+1d

M/S #6

As with sheet 5 there are a number of red spots on this stamp. Look for the red spot on row 2/1 on the bird's head top left of the eye. There are also two red spots in the left margin by the bird's tail on row 1/3. As with most sheets there is a white spot to be seen, this time below the 'W' on row 1/2.

○	R1/1	Red	Red spot between '3d' and 'P' of 'POAKA'.	L3	
○	R1/2	Blue	White spot below the 'W' of 'NEW'.	B2 3	✓
○	R1/2	Blue	Blue spot in the right margin right of the 'd' of '1d'.	M8	✓
○	R1/3	Red	Two red spots in the left margin above the end of the tail. Depending upon the centring of the colours, the spots may appear in the blue background and become lost.	E1	✓
○	R2/1	Red	Red spot on the bird's head top left of the eye.	C5	✓
○	R2/1	Red	Red spot at the right end of the bird's tail as it meets the body	E F2	
○	R2/2	Red	Red spot in the background above the middle of the beak.	C7	
○	R2/3	Black	Faint spur from the grey body into the top of the leg at left.	G3	
○	R2/3	Red	Pink spot in the background below the 'EW' of 'NEW'.	B2	
○	Sheet	Black	Black spot between the '2' and 's' of '2s' in the sheet value.	-	
○	Plate	Red	Red plate number is rounded at the top and has a spur at the foot.	-	
○	Plate	Black	The black plate number has a thinned left foot.	-	

3d+1d Miniature Sheet 6 Map



3d+1d Miniature Sheet 7



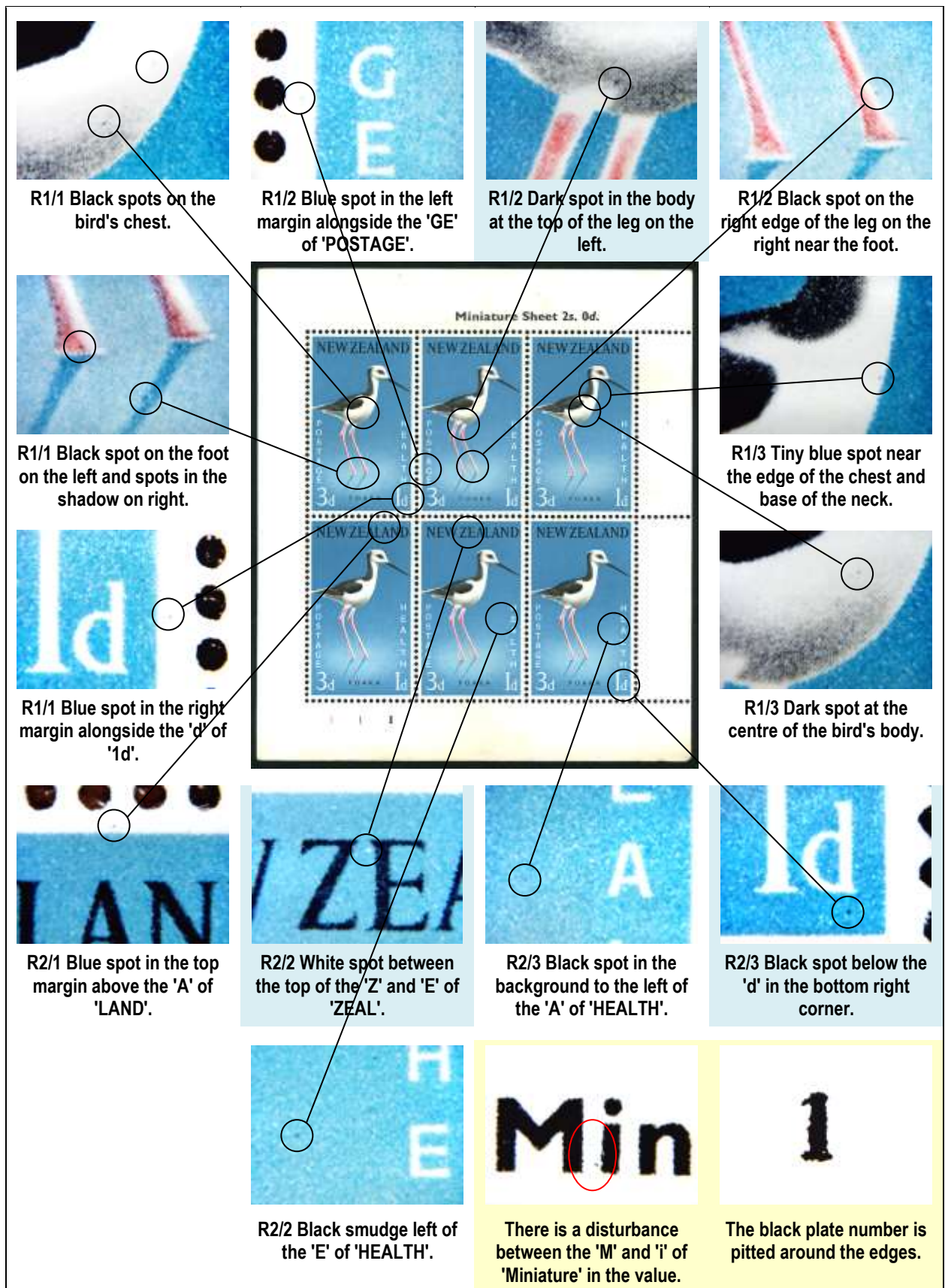
MINIATURE SHEET 3d+1d

M/S #7

There are many spots in this stamp, the most prominent of which are found on stamps at row 1/2 at the top of the leg; row 2/3 in the bottom right corner below the 'd' of '1d'. The white spot can be found between the 'ZE' of 'ZEAL' on stamp row 2/2.

○	R1/1	Black	Black spots on the bird's chest.	F4, F5	
○	R1/1	Blue	Blue spot in the right margin alongside the 'd' of '1d'.	L M8	
○	R1/1	Black	Black spot on the foot on the left and spots in the shadow on right.	K4	
○	R1/2	Blue	Blue spot in the left margin alongside the 'GE' of 'POSTAGE'.	J K1	
○	R1/2	Black	Dark spot in the body at the top of the leg on the left.	G3 4	✓
○	R1/2	Black	Black spot on the right edge of the leg on the right near the foot.	J4 5	
○	R1/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot near the edge of the chest and base of the neck.	E5	
○	R1/3	Black	Dark spot at the centre of the bird's body.	F5	
○	R2/1	Blue	Blue spot in the top margin above the 'A' of 'LAND'.	A6	
○	R2/2	Blue	White spot between the top of the 'Z' and 'E' of 'ZEAL'.	A4	✓
○	R2/2	Black	Black smudge left of the 'E' of 'HEALTH'.	H6	
○	R2/3	Black	Black spot below the 'd' in the bottom right corner.	M8	✓
○	R2/3	Black	Black spot in the background to the left of the 'A' of 'HEALTH'.	I7	
○	Sheet	Black	There is a disturbance between the 'M' and 'i' of 'Miniature' in the value.	-	
○	Plate	Black	The black plate number is pitted around the edges.	-	

3d+1d Miniature Sheet 7 Map



3d+1d Miniature Sheet 8



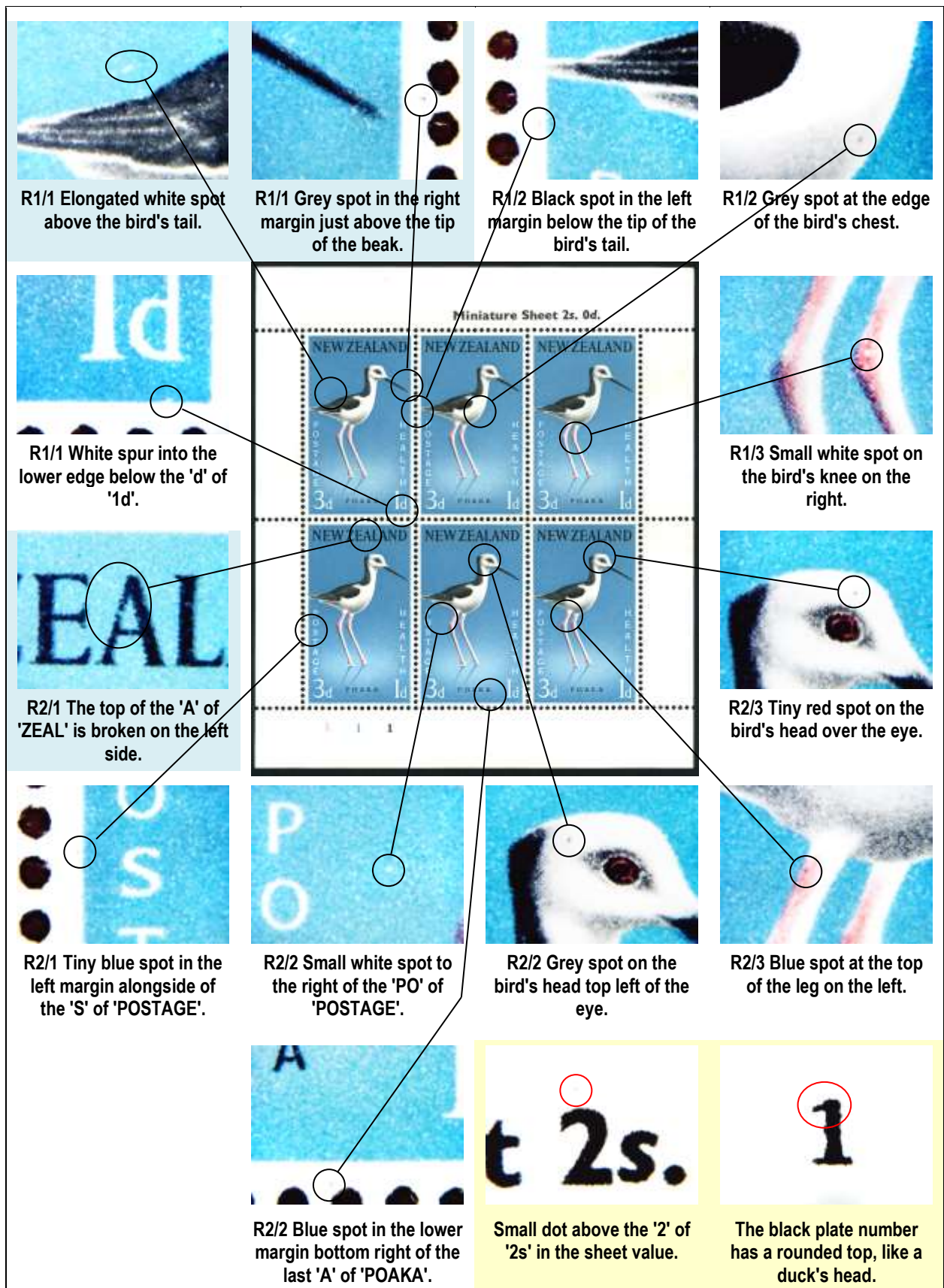
MINIATURE SHEET 3d+1d

M/S #8

Once again look for tiny spots to identify this miniature sheet. The most prominent is the grey spot in the right margin just above the tip of the beak on stamp row 1/1. A white spot can also be found on row 1/1 just above the bird's body where it meets the tail. On stamp row 2/1, the left arm of the 'A' of 'ZEAL' is thinned and broken.

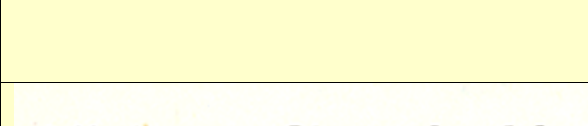
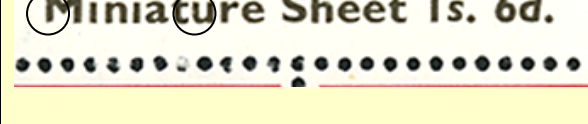
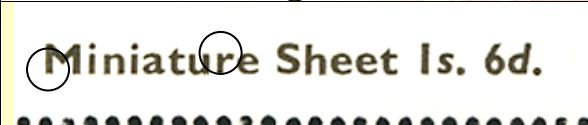
○	R1/1	Blue	Elongated white spot above the bird's tail.	E2	✓
○	R1/1	Black	Grey spot in the right margin just above the tip of the beak.	D8	✓
○	R1/1	Blue	White spur into the lower edge below the 'd' of '1d'.	L7	
○	R1/2	Black	Black spot in the left margin below the tip of the bird's tail.	F1	
○	R1/2	Black	Grey spot at the edge of the bird's chest.	F5	
○	R1/3	Red	Small white spot on the bird's knee on the right.	H3	
○	R2/1	Black	The top of the 'A' of 'ZEAL' is broken on the left side.	A5	✓
○	R2/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the left margin alongside of the 'S' of 'POSTAGE'.	H1	
○	R2/2	Blue	Small white spot to the right of the 'PO' of 'POSTAGE'.	G2	
○	R2/2	Black	Grey spot on the bird's head top left of the eye.	C5	
○	R2/2	Blue	Blue spot in the lower margin bottom right of the last 'A' of 'POAKA'.	M6	
○	R2/3	Red	Tiny red spot on the bird's head over the eye.	C6	
○	R2/3	Blue	Blue spot at the top of the leg on the left.	G3	
○	Sheet	Black	Small dot above the '2' of '2s' in the sheet value.	-	
○	Plate	Black	The black plate number has a rounded top, like a duck's head.	-	

3d+1d Miniature Sheet 8 Map

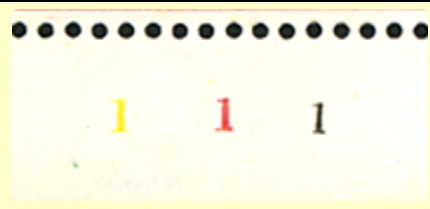
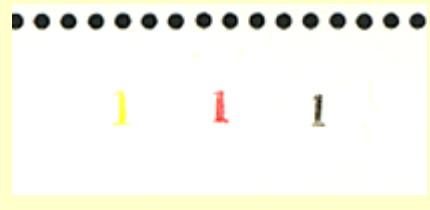
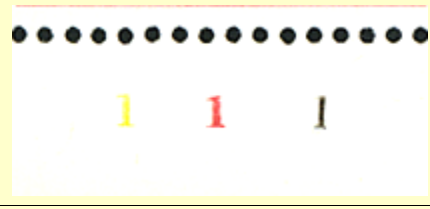
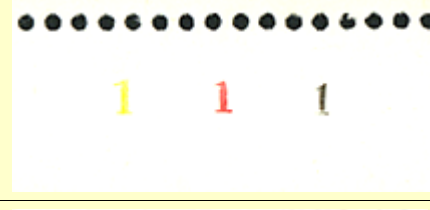
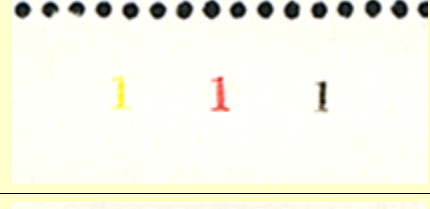
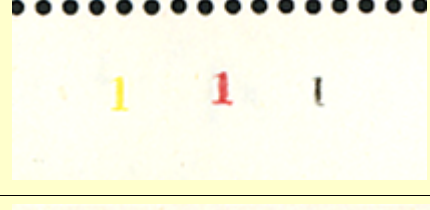
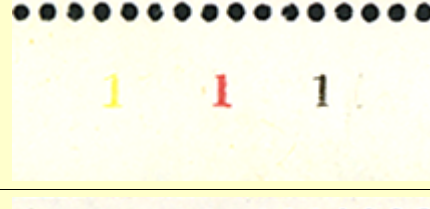
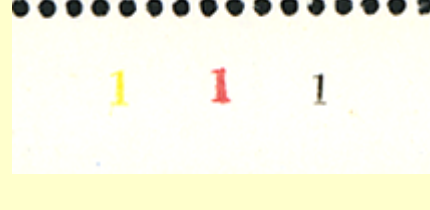


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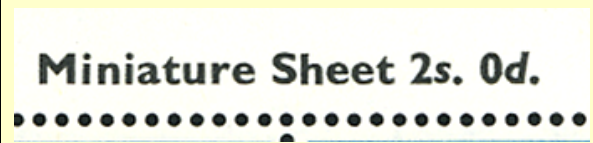
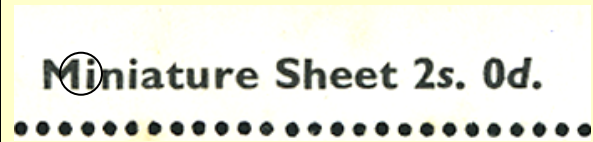
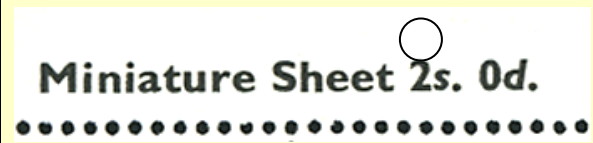
2d+1d Miniature Sheets Value Wording

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2		There is a small spot over the 't' of 'Miniature'. This spot on some examples appears as two separate spots whilst on others they join to form a larger spot
3		There are no distinguishing features about this sheet value.
4		The right foot of the 'M' of 'Miniature' is rounded and not square as normal. There is a black spot high above the 'a' of 'Miniature'. There is a small bite out of the right side of the 'd' of '6d' approximately half way up.
5		The left foot of the 'M' of 'Miniature' slants upwards at the right end. There is a break in the left leg of the 'U' of 'Miniature'.
6		There are no distinct varieties to be found here.
7		The left leg of the 'M' of 'Miniature' appears shortened. The 'r' of 'Miniature' appear indented to a greater degree than normal where the rounded top meets the down stroke.
8		There is a bite out of the inside of the 'h' of 'Sheet' where the curve meets the down stroke.

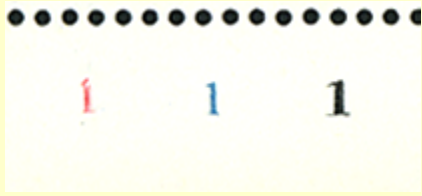
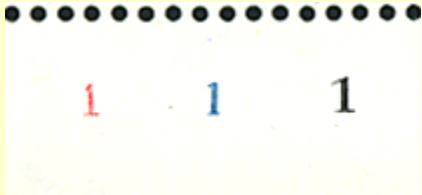
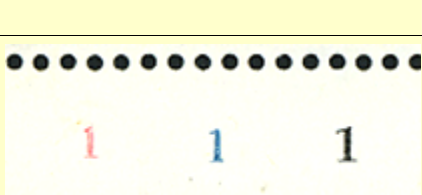
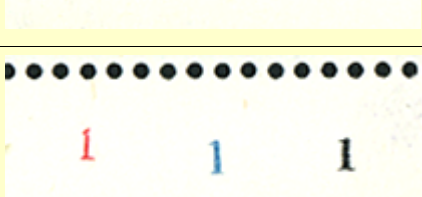
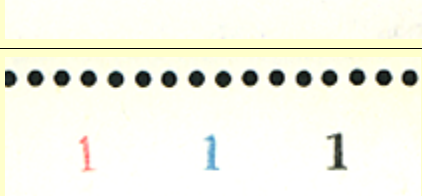
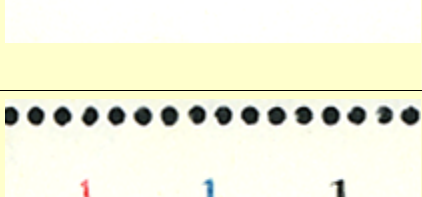
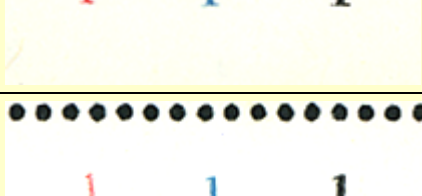
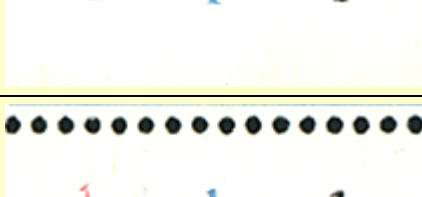
2d+1d Miniature Sheets Plate Numbers

1		The red plate number is quite uniform, with straight edges. The foot on the right is shortened. The black plate number has the foot shortened on the left side, and has a long serif at the top. The figure is angled slightly to the right.
2		The red '1' is thick, with a short serif at the top. On most examples the serif is thinned and broken. There is a small white spot at the top of the black plate number and where the downward stroke splits into two as it joins the base.
3		The red plate number deteriorates over time losing the left foot and the nose becomes pitted. The black plate number has a distinct lean towards the right. The top of the black number becomes pitted and almost detached in some instances.
4		The red plate number is thick but has a short pointed top in a peak, with the right side of the top slanting downwards (normally straight). The black plate number is detached from the foot with a clear gap developing.
5		The top of the red plate number is rounded, resembling a ducks head. The black plate number has a rounded nose and is almost flat at the top when compared with others that slant at a good angle. There is also a bite out of the right side near the foot.
6		The red plate number is blurred on the vertical edges, whilst the top is smooth. Progressive flaw on the foot of the '1' for the black plate, the left foot becomes worn and indistinct being largely omitted on the left side.
7		The right horizontal bar of the foot of the red plate number is thickened, and the whole foot slants upwards. The left horizontal bar of the black plate number is short. Also, there are two short horizontal lines at the top and bottom of the black plate number. Overall the black plate number is much larger than others.
8		The yellow plate number has a diagonal line from the centre through the left foot and into the selvage. The red plate number is extremely blurred as if the colour has spilled into the paper. Sheet 6 also has this characteristic but in this example the top is also blurred, and in some instances the serif is reduced to a sharp point. The black plate number is thinned at the centre and narrows even more as it joins the foot. The '1' has a definite lean backward.

3d+1d Miniature Sheets Value Wording

1		There are no significant varieties found here.
2		There are no significant varieties found here.
3		Black spot in the 'n' of 'Miniature'.
4		Grey spot above the '0d' in the sheet value.
5		Tiny blue spot 0.5mm under the first stroke of the 'M' of 'Miniature' in the sheet value.
6		There is a grey smudge between the '2' and 's' of the value.
7		There is a disturbance between the 'M' and 'i' of 'Miniature' with a spur from the foot of the 'i'.
8		Dot above the '2' of '2s' in the sheet value.

3d+1d Miniature Sheets Plate Numbers

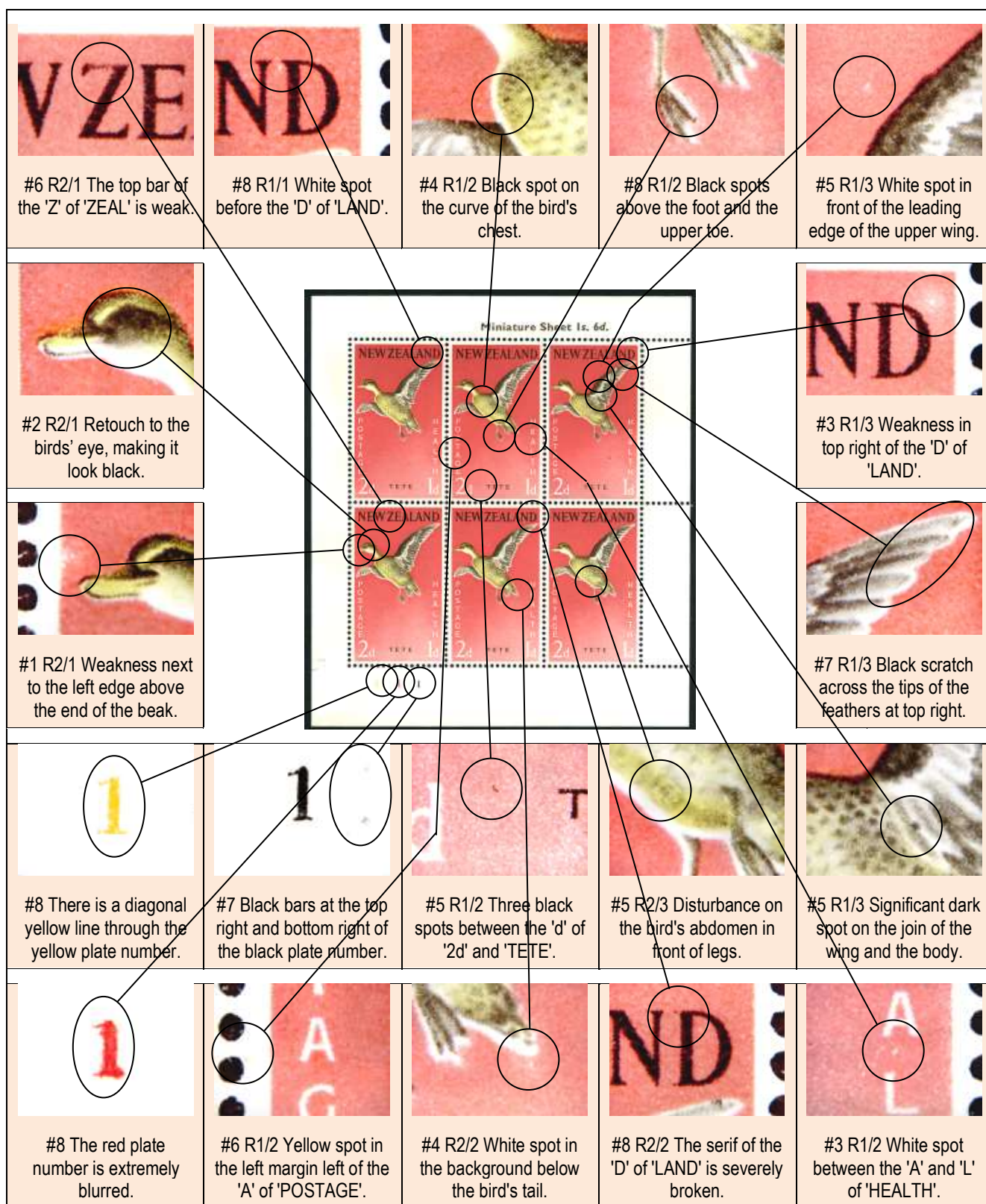
1		In comparison to other red plate numbers, this example is thicker than most. There is a hole at the top right and the left foot is missing. There is a prominent cap at the top. The black plate number is unusually thick. The left edge of the upright is indented at regular intervals and in some examples the left foot is broken.
2		The red plate number leans forward more than other examples. The cap is short and bold. The number is also quite faint, with many white spots and a central white line. The blue plate leans backwards slightly. The black plate number is thick but even, there is an extended serif at top left, that tends to be broken with short vertical lines.
3		The red plate number is weak, with a wide central white stripe down the middle of the number. The left foot is short and broken. The blue plate is rounded on the top right side. The black plate number is bold and has a long top serif and wide but thin base, which is broken at the left end.
4		The red plate number is well defined but has the nose shortened. The blue plate number has a short base. The black number has pitted sides and a short serif at the top that leads to a rounded head (rather than straight).
5		The red plate number leans heavily forward and is distinctly separated into two halves by the central white line. The blue number has a rounded top and a central body that has numerous white spots. The black plate number is thick and has a small spur upwards from the top.
6		The red plate number is thin especially the left foot and at the top. There is a small spur downwards from the base. The black plate number is thick, has a rounded top, with the left foot thinned and sometimes broken.
7		The red plate number leans forward and appears bent. The black plate number is thick and all edges are extremely pitted unlike any other example. The nose is quite short.
8		The red plate number is faint with some examples having a hole below the cap. It has a distinctly wide foot unlike any other miniature sheet. The blue plate number is straight, with a short serif at top. The black plate is wide and bold, especially the foot that is thick. The head is curved and appears like a duck.

Variety Map 2d+1d Miniature Sheets

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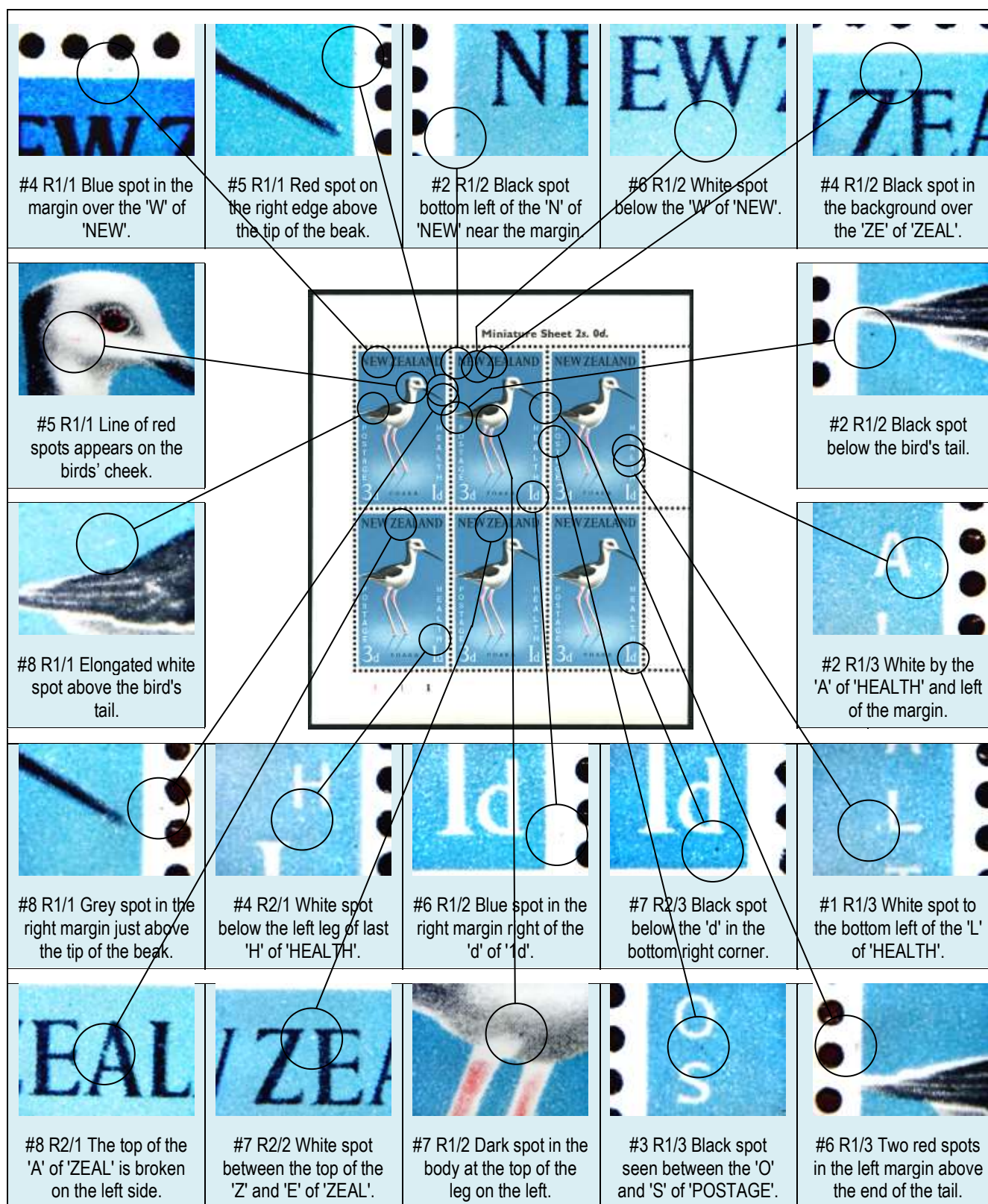


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