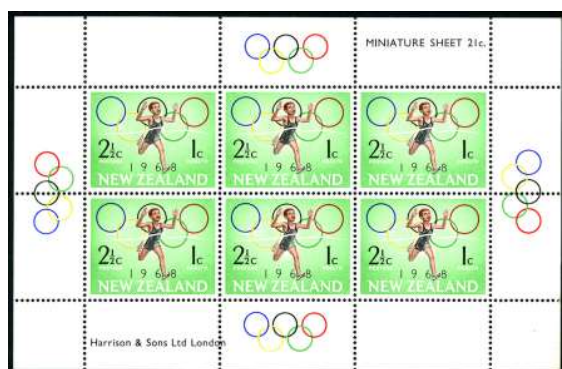


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Illustrating a plating exercise for the 1968 Health Stamps.

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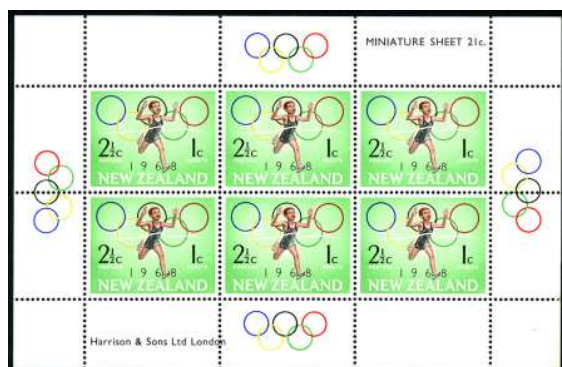
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INTRODUCTION

The theme of sport was again used as the basis for designs of the 1968 Health stamps. Being an Olympic year, Olympic sports were chosen. Pleasing designs resulted, featuring running and swimming, predominantly in green and blue respectively.

The use of photogravure printing by Harrison and Sons is a delight for the plating enthusiast and those who collect varieties, as there are many varieties to be found. Indeed, each stamp on both large and miniature sheets can be plated by reference to their individual characteristics.

Whilst major varieties are few, there are indeed some good retouches to be found, especially with the blue 3c+1c stamps. There is no reference to such retouched stamps being found in the original flawed state, which is a pity.

It is also a pity that there are only two different miniature sheets for each denomination. It is unusual to see that the master sheet for each denomination is constructed as a composite plate of a large sheet (on the right) with two miniature sheets arranged vertically (on the left). This is illustrated in the Postage Stamps of New Zealand, volume 4, page 232, and later here. Plating of miniature sheets therefore poses no challenge.

Given the amount of variety, the author has made the decision to take a page to describe each stamp from the main sheets and illustrate those prominent varieties for each plate position rather than just list them.

The Health stamps of 1968 offer a good introduction for collectors new to plating stamps or plate reconstruction, to try their hand. The source material is relatively easy to acquire, perhaps because of the Olympic association, and varieties relatively easy to locate under low magnification.

This research attempts to illustrate varieties on both the main sheet and miniature sheets where these exist, and helps to plate copies of individual miniature sheets. Some background information is included also, where this will help with an understanding of the production methods and source of varieties.

I hope you find this research useful.

Amend what is wrong and add what is new, for the benefit of collectors to come.

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1968, OLYMPICS

The Stamps

This year continued the theme of illustrating popular sports. 1967 (the first issue in decimal currently) saw rugby used as the main theme for the Health stamps of that year, an obvious choice for New Zealand. 1968 was an Olympic year and as such, the two most popular Olympic events, athletics and swimming, were chosen for representation this year. The Post Office suggested that one stamp should feature a boy running; whilst swimming should feature a girl. Each stamp should incorporate the Olympic logo of the five intertwined Olympic rings somewhere within the design.

Four artists were approached to produce designs that resulted in 24 essays being received by the Post Office. The two from L.C. Mitchell were considered most appropriate and were included in the tender for printing.

Harrison and Sons Ltd. London was successful for printing, using the photogravure process, each stamp using the five colours that comprised the Olympic rings. The colour of the 2½c+1c denomination, running, was predominantly green, whilst the predominant colour for the 3c+1c swimming was blue.

Harrisons produced composite plates for each denomination, that saw a large sheet of 50 stamps (10 rows of 5 stamps), sit alongside of two miniature sheets each of 6 stamps (2 rows of 3 stamps). Thus, once again, large and miniature sheets were printed at the same time. Perforations for both large and miniature sheets was done by a single comb machine that gauged 14½ x 14, working from the top of the composite plate downwards.

Plate numbers only appeared on the large sheets with numbers 1A1A1A1A1A for the 2½c+1c denomination and 1A1A1A1A1A for the 3c, being used. The printers imprint appeared under the first two stamps of the last row on both main and miniature sheet; similarly the sheet value appeared in the right side of the top selvage on both sheet types. Outwardly, there was nothing to distinguish stamps from large and miniature sheet; nor to differentiate between the two miniature sheets, without inspecting the detail.

Given the use of the photogravure process, there is enough variation to differentiate individual stamps to their plate position on both large and miniature sheet.

There were a number of 'firsts' for this issue. For the first time, the miniature sheets included motifs at the centre of each margin of the miniature sheet, that illustrated the Olympic logo of the five intertwined rings; but these did not appear on the large sheets. Harrison and Sons used their unwatermarked coated paper to which was applied PVA gum (as opposed to the gum Arabic that was common on previous issues).

The stamps were issued on the 7th August 1968 and withdrawn effective from the close of business on the 30th November.

The number of stamps produced was,

2½c+1c

2,600,000 from main sheets.

200,000 from miniature sheets.

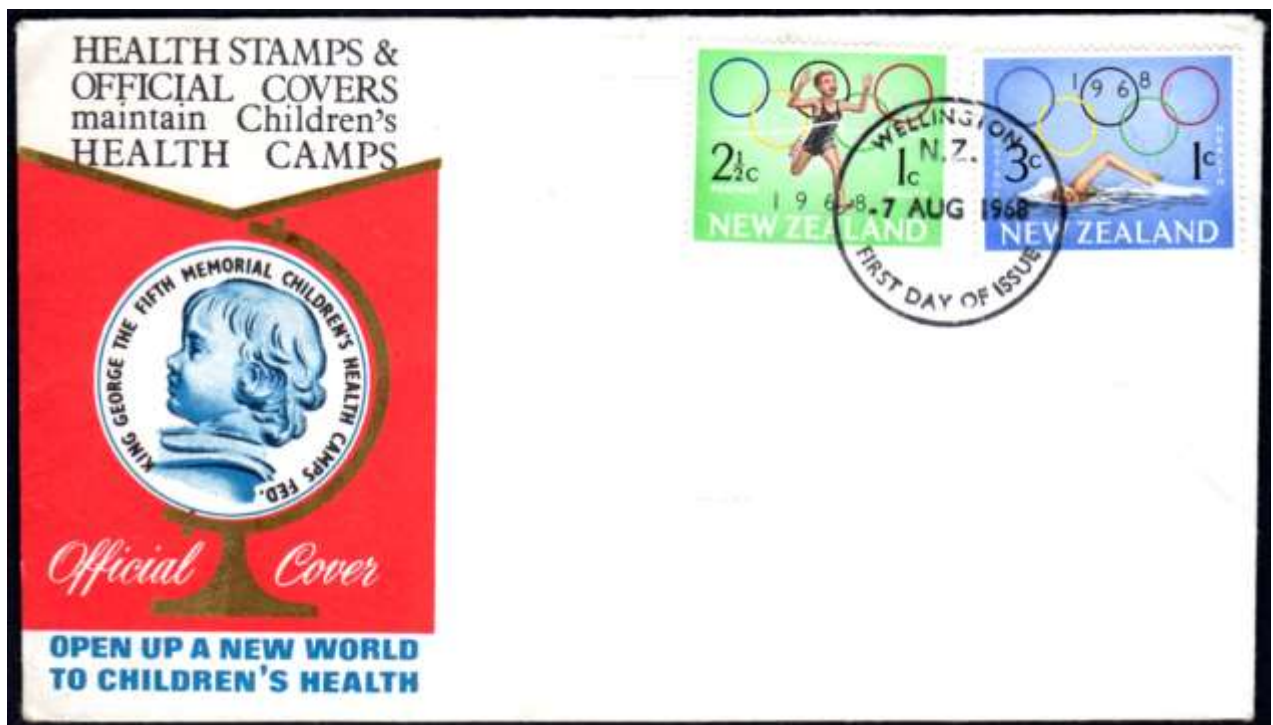
3c+1c

2,700,000 from main sheets.

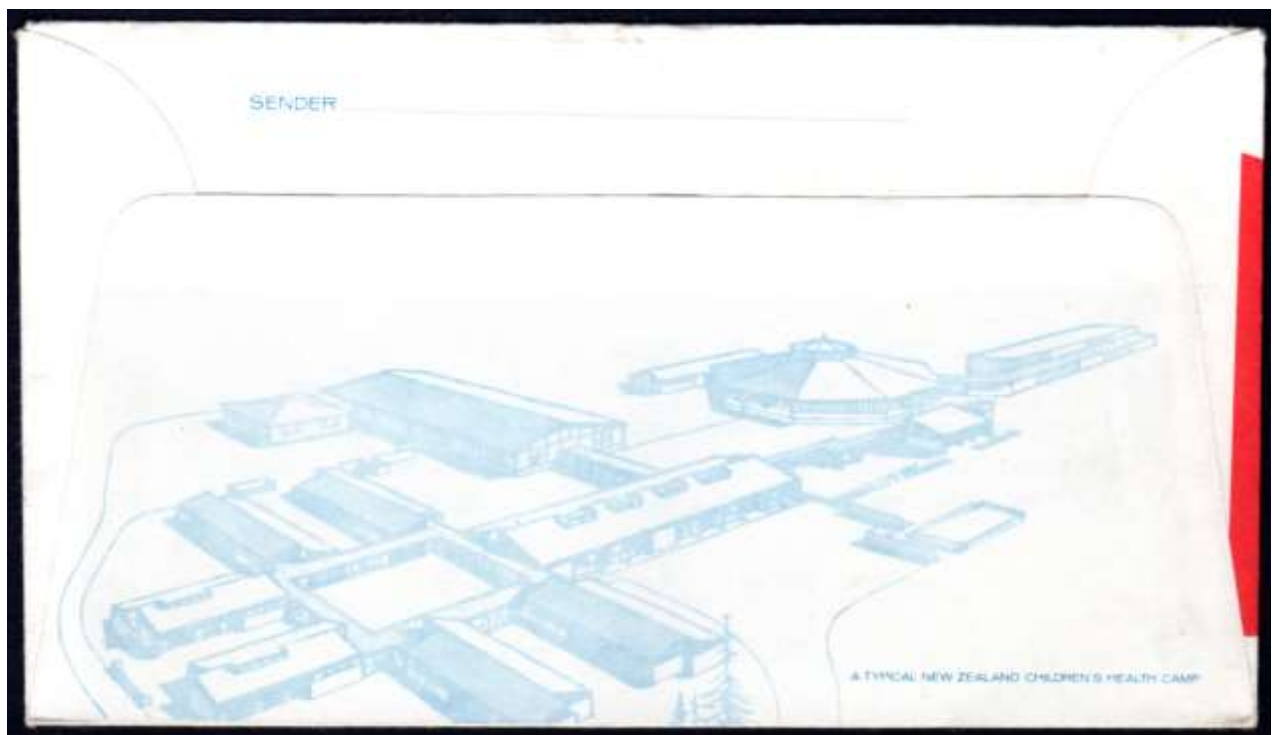
220,000 from miniature sheets.

First Day Covers

Official first day covers were prepared by the Health Camps Federation that included on the reverse an illustration of a typical Health Camp and were available for 3c. These were available, cancelled at each of the Health camps and at large post offices.



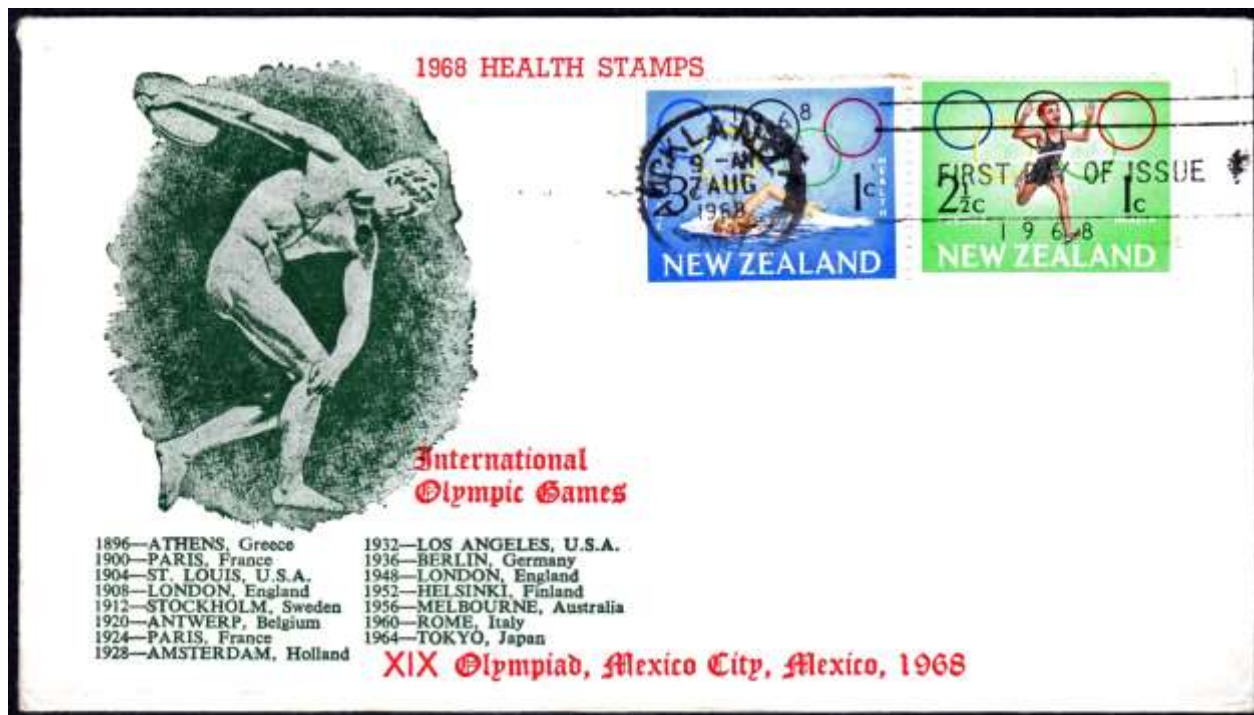
First Day Cover datestamped 'WELLINGTON -7 AUG 1968 FIRST DAY OF ISSUE'.



Reverse of the First Day Cover.

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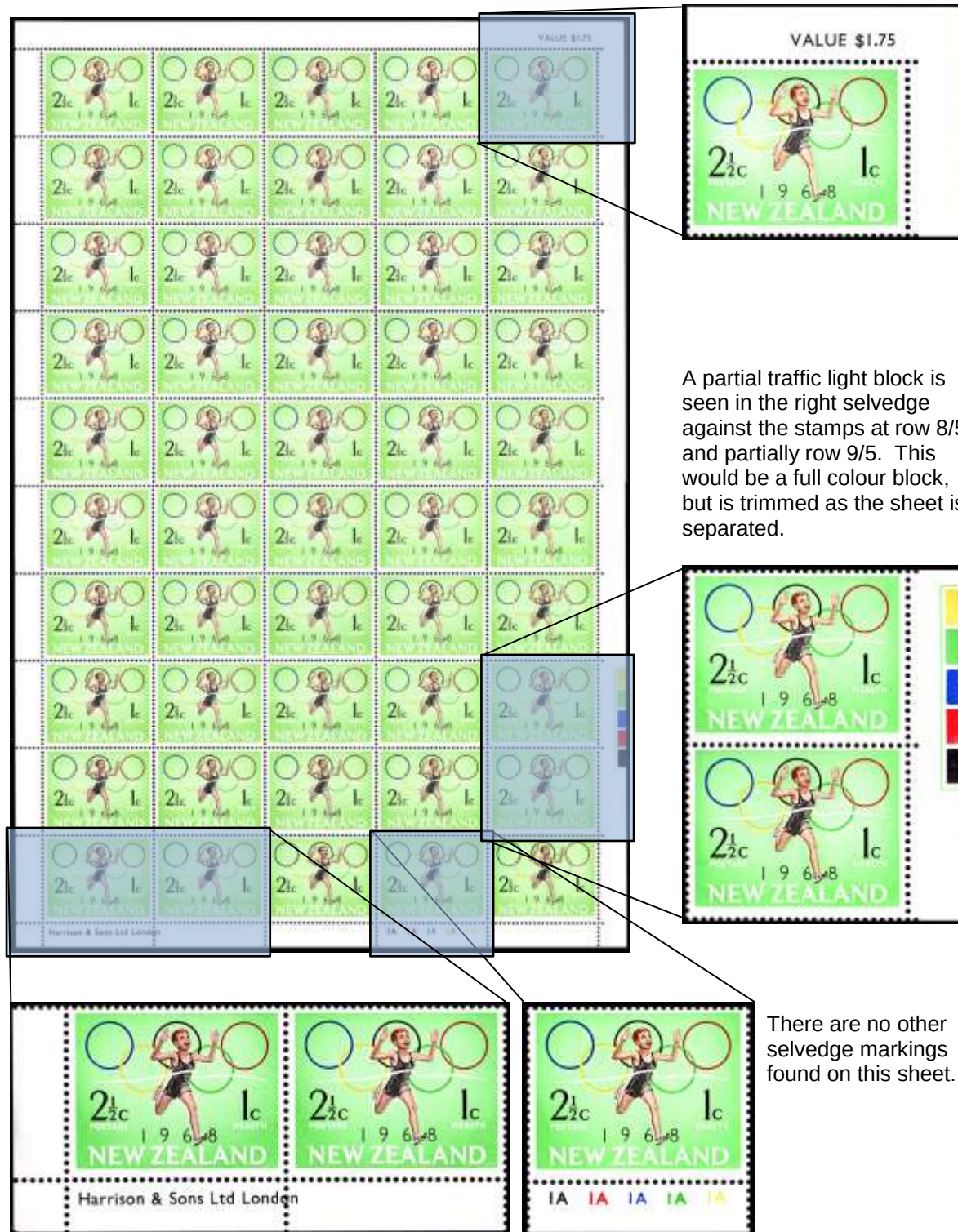
A further cover was privately issued that featured the design of the 5c USA stamp commemorating the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Games. This was designed by G Findrup and was printed by Masterprint Press Ltd. The reverse of the cover was plain.



First Day Cover dated 'AUCKLAND NZ 7 AUG 1968' with slogan 'FIRST DAY OF ISSUE'.

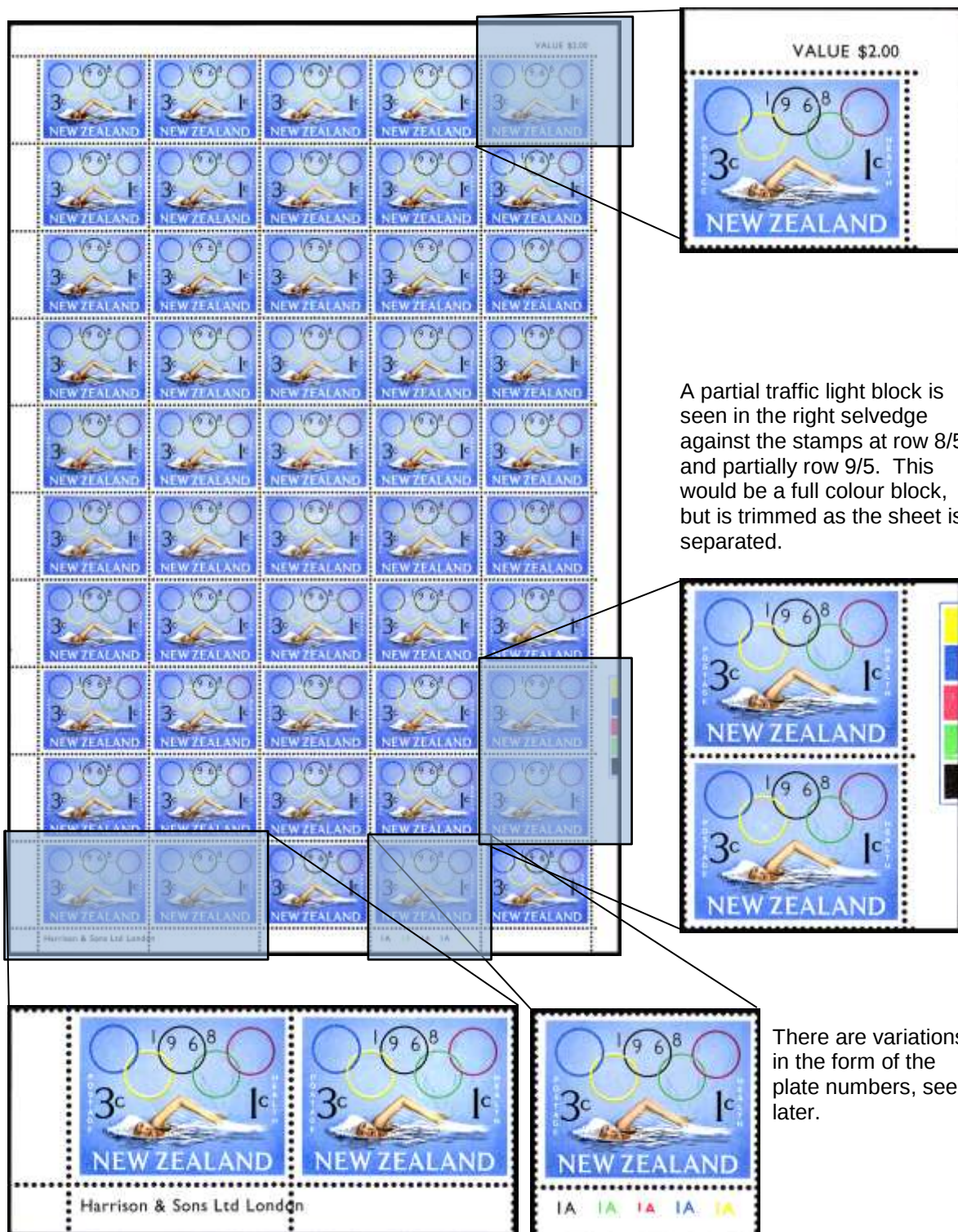
2½c+1c Sheet Layout

The main sheets comprised of 50 stamps in 10 rows of 5 stamps. The printers imprint appears in the lower selvedge under the stamp at row 10/1 just encroaching under row 10/2 for a few millimetres. The plate number 1A1A1A1A1A appears to the right, beneath stamps at row 10/4. The sheet value \$1.75 (2½c+1c) appears in the top selvedge above the stamp at row 1/5.



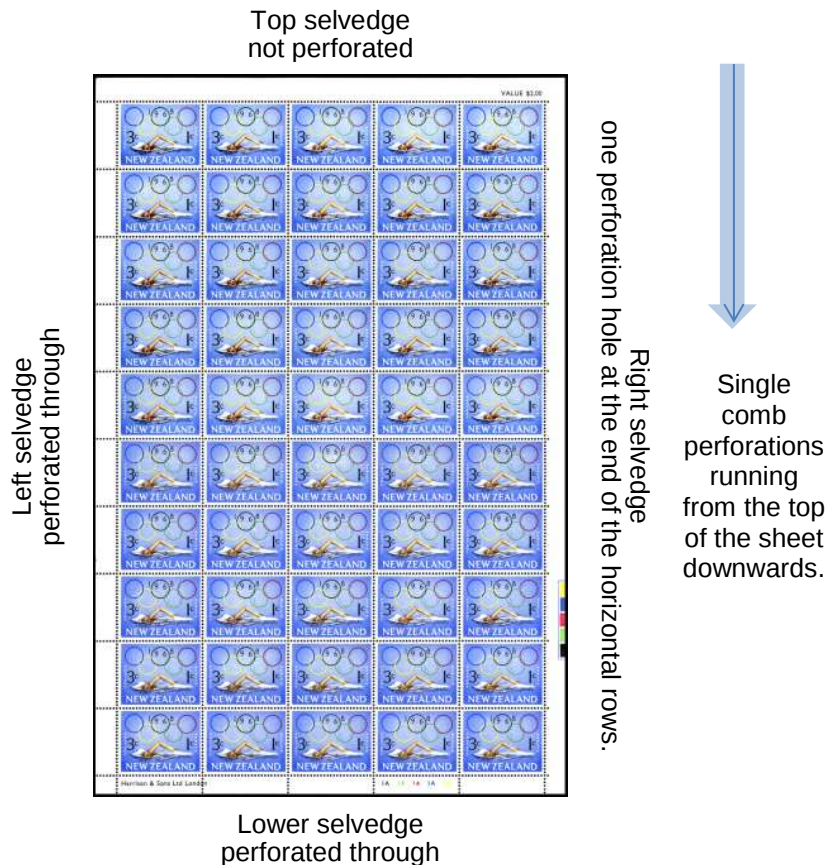
3c+1c Sheet Layout

The form of the 3c+1c large sheet is the same as seen for the 2½c+1c sheet seen earlier. The printers imprint appears in the lower selvedge under the stamp at row 10/1 just encroaching under row 10/2 for a few millimetres. The plate number 1A1A1A1A1A appears to the right, beneath stamps at row 10/4. The sheet value \$2.00 (3c+1c) appears in the top selvedge above the stamp at row 1/5.



Large sheet perforations

Perforations of the large sheets, for both values, were perforated using a single comb perforating head gauging $14\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ and applied from the top of the sheet, downwards.



In this manner, the large sheet has no perforations running through the top selvedge, whilst the left and lower selvedges are perforated through. The right selvedge has a single perf hole that extends the horizontal rows of perforations to the right. Normally, when single large sheets are perforated, the left selvedge would also have a single perf hole extending the horizontal rows to the left, but here, the master sheet has two miniature sheets arranged vertically on the left of the large sheet, that it must be assumed, are perforated at the same time, by the same machine, as the large sheet. (See the simulation below). Because of this, the left selvedge of the large sheet is perforated through.

To enable the perforating head to operate 'normally', the gap between miniature sheets and the large sheet on the master must be 'stamp size', otherwise separating, trimming and perforating become complicated and would add cost to production.

Trimming of the master sheet would separate the large sheet from the miniature sheets, with each retaining their own set of characteristics. As such, they are documented in this research in the chapters associated with large sheets and miniature sheets respectively, but the collector should have in mind that they were perforated as a single entity. Any major perforation variety on the large or miniature sheet will have an impact to the other.



The misplaced perforation error that is seen on the 3c+1c miniature sheet, will not be unique, there will be a second (at least), and will also affect the large sheet that will also show the same characteristics. Yet none has been reported, presumably found at the checking stage and removed to waste.

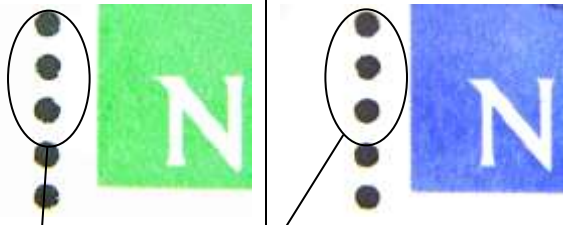
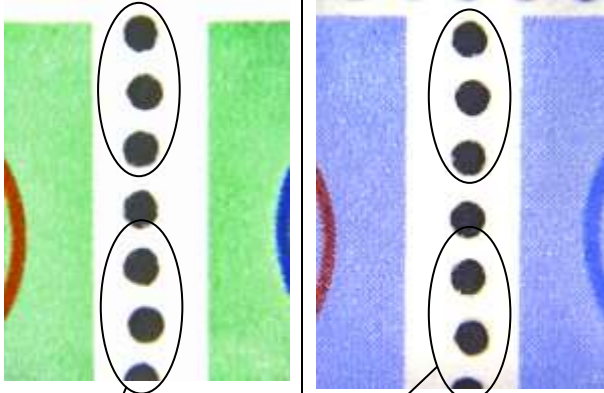
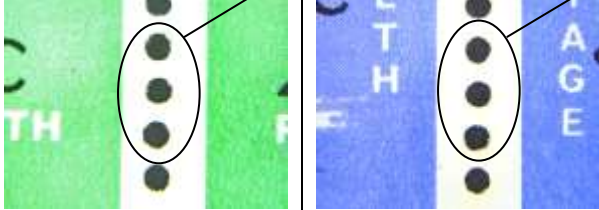
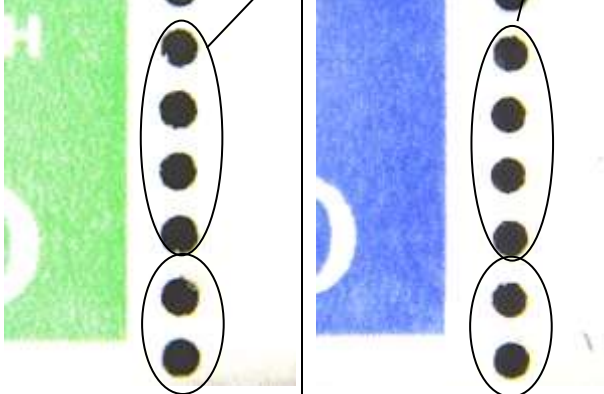
The master sheet once perforated may appear similar to the illustration below. This is simulated by the author and does not represent any proof copy held in any archive or collection.



Simulated master sheet perforated.

There are few, common, perforation displacements seen affecting the large sheets. Yet they are strong enough to enable the collector with a single example, to identify the column that stamps comes from. This is illustrated below.

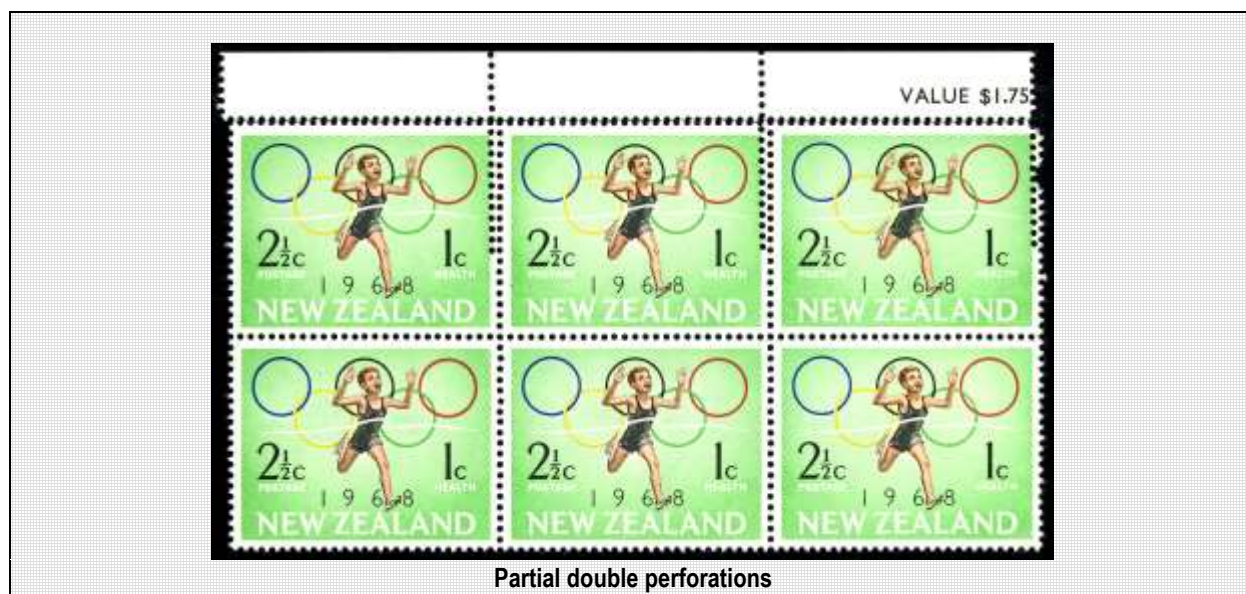
Perforation Varieties Row 1

The 4th perf pin from the bottom of the left side of the stamps from column 1 is biased slightly to the right.	Both the 3rd and 7th perf pins from the top of the vertical perfs between columns 3 and 4 are biased to the right. These shifts are quite visible.
On both denominations, the hole out of alignment is located just left of the top of the 'N' of 'NEW'. The displacement to the right is only slight. It is seen on all stamps with left selvage.	On both denominations, the affected perf holes appear between the red Olympic ring on the stamp on the left and blue Olympic ring for the stamp on the right. For this issue, these have the most pronounced perf shift.
	
	
 On the 2½c+1c stamp, this displaced hole is right of the base of the 'c' for the stamp on the left; and left of the base of the large '2' for the stamp on the right.	 On the 3c stamp, the displaced perf hole is right of the last 'H' of 'HEALTH' for the stamp on the left; and left of 'GE' of 'POSTAGE' for the stamp on the right. On both denominations, the displaced perf holes are seen close to the bottom right corner of the stamp, right of, and top right of, the 'D' of 'LAND'. These are slight, but best seen on the 3c+1c stamps.
The 5th perf hole up from the bottom of the vertical perfs between column 3 and column 4, is biased slightly to the right.	The 1st perf hole from the base of the right vertical perfs of stamps from the right side of the 5th column, is biased very slightly to the right. The 4th and 5th perf hole, just above, are both biased slightly left.

PLATING THE 1968 HEALTH MAIN SHEETS

Main Sheet Errors and Varieties

2½c+1c Runner



☐	Blue colour omitted	Only a few examples reported.	\$600	CP
☐	Partial double perforations	An extra strike of the perforating head affects the top selvedge and half way down the vertical perfs of the top row of stamps.	£240	TAH 2009

3c Swimmer

☐	Red colour omitted			CP
☐	Green colour omitted			CP
☐	Blue colour omitted			CP
☐	Yellow offset	The yellow colour appears offset on the reverse.	*	CP
☐	Double perforations	[4] Affecting the top row of stamps. Has the horizontal line of perforations in the top selvedge and the vertical perforations to about 75% of the depth of the stamp.	\$350 £125	CPNL July 2010 JMAC 02
☐	Major colour shifts	Green	In one sheet the green colour appear well below its normal position giving the impression of six Olympic rings, the sixth being white.	RPSNZ6

Flaws and Varieties

There are many varieties to be found on the stamps from main sheet, in both values. The photogravure process used by Harrison and Sons Ltd tends to deliver many fly speck varieties that will enable each stamp to be plated. There appears to be some form of retouching done to the plate, or it could be that varieties have been identified as having the appearance of being retouched. Yet no examples have been identified here, or in other philatelic literature, of those retouches being in their original unretouched form.

The Collector, armed with a good magnifying glass will be able to identify the varieties illustrated in this research without problem. There are many, but most are not constant. Only those varieties that are constant are listed here, others should be treated as dubious or ignored altogether.

This section lists those constant flaws for each stamp in the sheet. It will begin with a list of those deemed by the author to be significant. It is perhaps all that is needed for most collectors, to be able to find significant varieties for inclusion in their collection. Only those who are plating stamps or blocks will need to progress to the next section that illustrates each individual stamp and its characteristic.

In the text that follows, the varieties are described in tables whose columns have the following meanings:

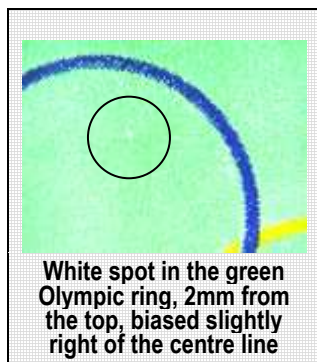
- Column 1: Circle that the collectors can fill in or tick if this variety is in their collection.
 - Column 2: The sheet row and column number for the stamp in which this variety is found.
 - Column 3: The colour of the plate to which this variety is associated.
 - Column 4: A description of the variety.
 - Column 5: A Thirkell grid reference to where the variety is seen on this stamp.
 - Column 6: A tick in this column indicates that the variety is illustrated in a thumbnail diagram.
- The whole row is bold if the author considers this variety of merit.

☐	R1/3	Brown	The brown spot is seen in the right selvedge, 2mm from the edge of the stamp.	G8	✓
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2½c+1c Main Sheet Stamps

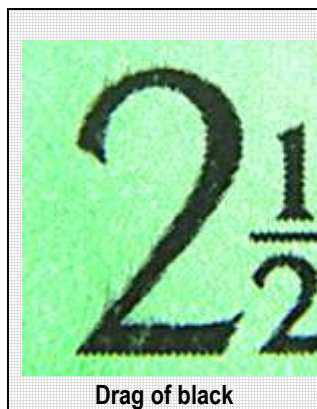
At the collector's first sight of either denomination of this issue, there is much that could confuse. It is appropriate to explain the variances that perhaps could be incorrectly considered to be varieties, when in fact they are part of the design, the process or effect of manufacture.

2½c+1c Main Sheet Constant Plate Varieties



There are few plate varieties that are constant to each stamp. These are trivial but can mislead.

2½c+1c Drag of the black colour



Many of the stamps show a vertical drag of the black colour upwards. Whilst this only detracts from the clarity of the printing, it does illustrate the direction of printing, bottom to top. The example shown here is typical, affecting the thicker areas of black, here it is from the foot and top curve of the large '2' of the value, ink dragged upwards.

Black wash



Here, the outline of the '1' and to some extent the 'c' has a smudged edge as if the black colour has seeped into the background.

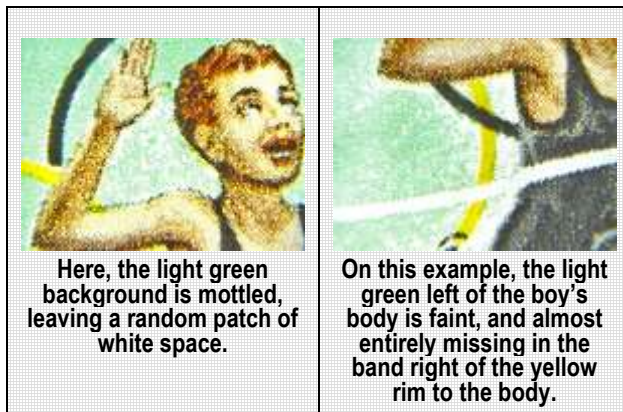


The black wash is seen best above the white ribbon on this stamp, illustrating the darkening effect it has on the stamp.

A significant number of stamps show a wash of black screen dots over the surface of the stamp, making the image look dirty. This is magnified in effect when using a good magnifying glass or microscope when viewing the stamp. It is not of an equal spread, with some stamps worse affected than others.

On the images used in this research, the author has tried to eliminate the black cast, as this tends to hide or lessen the effect of any variety being illustrated.

Green background fatigue

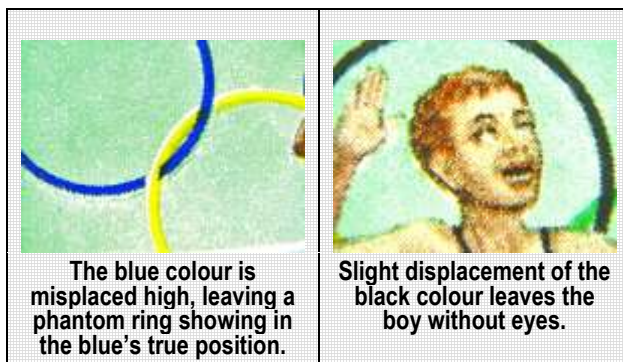


The green background has a tendency to break up, especially where it is of a light green, that causes irregular white patches to appear. These are seldom constant. They are seen especially around the boy at the top of the sheet where the light green may be missing, leaving quite large areas apparently unprinted.

This effect is not seen with the 3c+1c stamp, where the background is more regular.

The collector gains no information from these patchy green areas, other than passing interest.

Colour centring

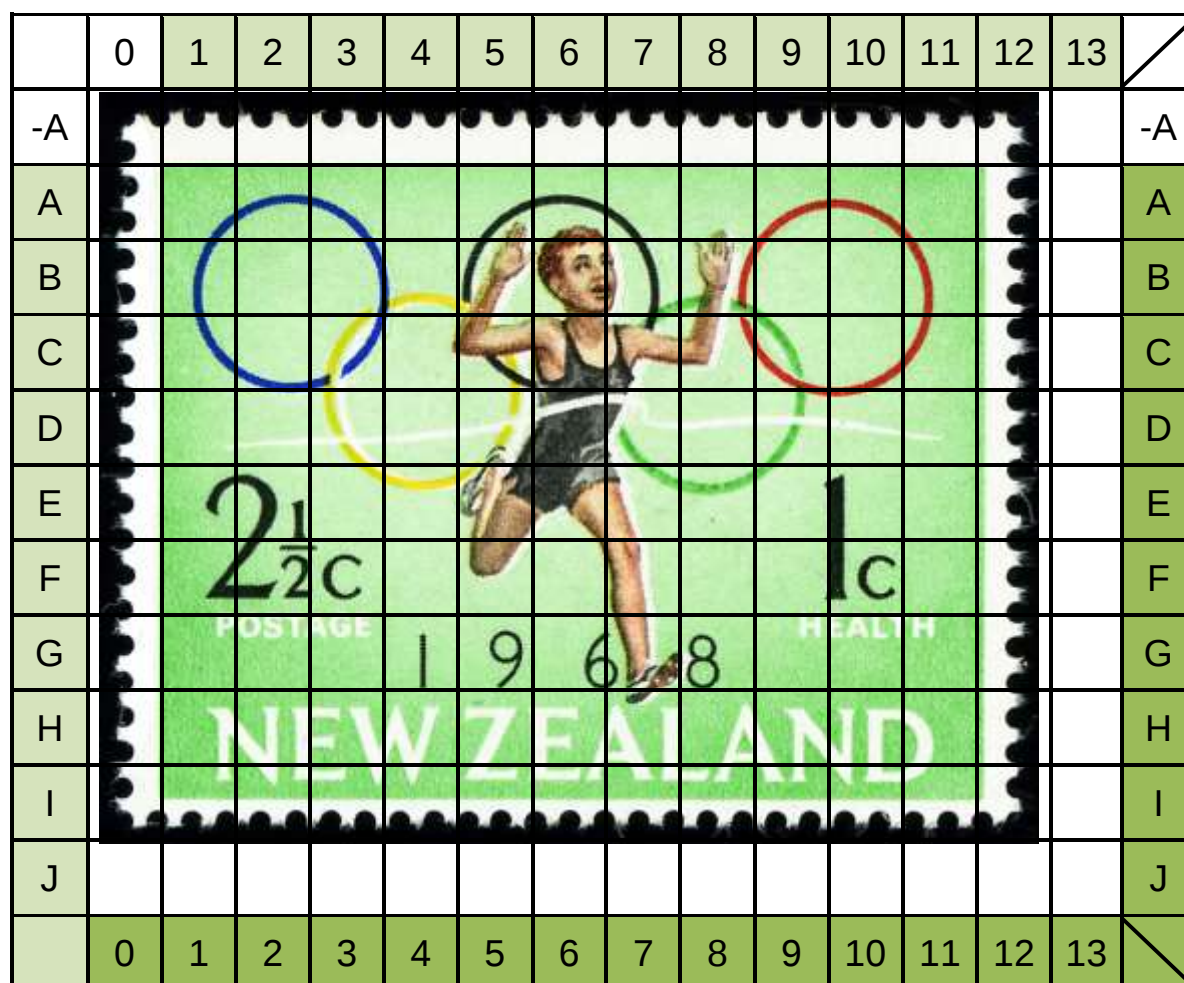


Centring of the five colours is not as accurate as it could be, and it is common to see phantom white rings in the green background, where the colour has been displaced slightly, not quite in its proper position. This shows that the colours do not overlay each other, with a white unprinted area revealed when the colours are misplaced.

It does not take much of a shift of the black colour to cause the boy to appear without eyes, certainly not what was intended by the designer.

Thirkell Positions

The following diagram will help the collector identify the location of those varieties that follow, using the standard Thirkell numbering system. The author has used the labels '0' and '-A' to identify the position of varieties that appear in the left and top margins that lie outside of the normal numbering system.

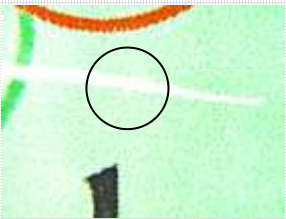
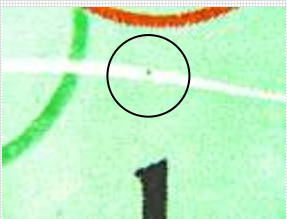


Aligning the grid position A1 against the outer frame will produce accurate placement for the horizontal lines associated with the frame plate. However, the centring of the colours, or the colour registration, is poor on this issue, and there is good degree of movement seen in the colour plates, resulting in Thirkell positions being less accurate for the position of the colours apart from green. The diagram can be used for both main and miniature sheet stamps.

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2½c+1c Plate Varieties

This section comprises a list of those stamps for which the author categories as significant.

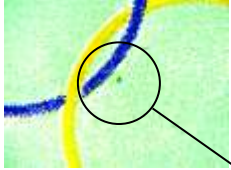
 R2/3 Black Prominent black spots inside of the yellow Olympic ring.	 R4/4 Green White bulge on top of the ribbon, inside of the green Olympic ring. (Similar to R5/2 but to the left).	 R5/2 Green White bulge on top of the ribbon, inside of the green Olympic ring (Similar to R4/4 but further to the right).	 R5/2 Green A further white bulge, down from the ribbon close to the right end.
 R5/3 Green Vertical ribbing right of the boy's leading leg, crossing the lower rim of the green Olympic ring.	 R7/3 Green Small patch of green obscuring the top left corner of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	 R7/4 Green Green spot inside the white ribbon, above the top of the '1c'.	 R8/1 Green Retouch to a flaw inside of the yellow Olympic ring by the boy's trailing foot.
 R8/2 Green Flaw inside of the green Olympic ring, by the rim at bottom left.	 R9/3 Black Large black spot just right of the '6' of '1968', with a smaller black spot right of the boy's ankle.	 R9/3 Black Small black oval across the middle of the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.	

○	R2/3	Black	Two prominent black spots are seen inside of the yellow Olympic ring, left of centre. The dots are placed vertically above each other.	C3, D3	✓
○	R4/4	Green	A white bulge is seen on top of the white ribbon inside of the green Olympic ring, below the boy's elbow. This is sometimes called the 'knot' flaw. This is similar to that seen on the stamp at row 5/2, but that is further to the right.	D8	✓
○	R5/2	Green	Further 'knot' flaw in the green Olympic ring, where a white bulge is seen on top of the white ribbon, 1.5mm from the rim on the right. See also row 4/4.	D8	✓
○	R5/2	Green	Another white bulge is seen this time below the white ribbon, towards the right and of the ribbon where it begins to narrow.	D10	✓

○	R5/3	Green	There is extensive ribbing of the green background vertically through a large area of this stamp, right of the boy's body, for the width of the green Olympic ring. Unusually, for this type of variety, this is constant. Some publications refer to this as a 'fingerprint' flaw. It is best seen against the darker background, right of the lower half of the boy.	C7-F5	✓
○	R7/3	Green	Small patch of green, as the colour of the background, on the top left corner of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH', as an extra green patch that thins the left arm. Some examples also show a short horizontal scratch right of the lower edge of the variety, crossing the 'H' to the left side of the 'E'.	G9	✓
○	R7/4	Green	Green spot inside of the white ribbon, directly above the top of the '1' of the health surcharge.	D10	✓
○	R8/1	Green	Extensive retouch to the green background inside of the yellow Olympic ring, between the white ribbon and the heel of the boy's trainer. It is likely to have been done to fill a large white area. It appears as a dark green clouds against a lighter background.	D5	✓
○	R8/2	Green	Flaw inside the green Olympic ring at 7 o'clock, close to the rim, appearing as a white patch with a dark green centre.	D E7	✓
○	R9/3	Black	Large black spot right of the '6' of '1968', left of the boy's ankle. This is quite significant, almost eye visible. There is a lesser black spot on the right side of the boy's ankle.	G7	✓
○	R9/3	Black	Two closely coupled small black spots appear diagonally across the 'P' of 'POSTAGE', separating the letter into two parts.	G1	✓

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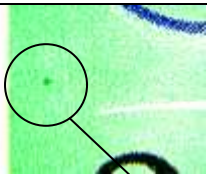
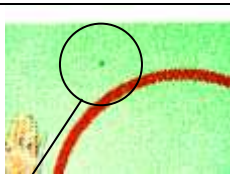
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 1/1

Dark green spot inside the yellow ring, right of the rim of the blue ring.	Green spot on the boy's upper arm on the left.			
				
				

○	R1/1	Green	Dark green spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, just outside of the rim of the blue ring.	C3	
○	R1/1	Green	Tiny green spot on the boy's arm just right of the elbow of the arm on the left. Where the yellow Olympic ring crosses in the background.	C5	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 1/2

Dark green spot close to the left edge of the stamp, top left of the white ribbon		Yellow patch between the hand and the rim of the black Olympic ring.	Dark green spot outside of the red Olympic ring, at top left.	
				
				

○	R1/2	Green	Dark green spot just top left of the red Olympic ring.	A9	
○	R1/2	Green	Dark green spot top left of the left end of the white ribbon, 1mm from the left edge of the stamp.	D1	
○	R1/2	Yellow	Tiny yellow spot between the boy's hand on the right and the black Olympic ring. Given that the extra colour is yellow, and light, it is sometimes hard to locate this variety.	B7 8	

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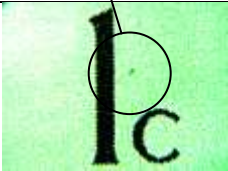
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 1/3

		Two tiny black spots: above, and to the left of, the eye on the left.		
				
				
				
			Tiny black spot midway between the 'EA' of 'HEALTH' and the right arm of the 'N'.	

○	R1/3	Black	Tiny black spot in the background, midway between the 'EA' of 'HEALTH' and the right arm of the 'N' of 'LAND'.	G10	
○	R1/3	Black	Tiny black spots on the boy's nose, bolder here than any other example. There are also a tiny black spots on the boy's forehead and left of his eye just below.	B6	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 1/4

	Prominent black spot close to the top edge of the stamp, top left of the black Olympic ring.			
				
				
				
			Dark green spot to the right of the '1' of '1c'.	

○	R1/4	Black	Pronounced black spot 1mm from the top edge of the stamp, between the blue and black Olympic rings.	A4	
○	R1/4	Green	Darker green spot in the background, right of the '1' of the health surcharge, 1.5mm down from the top of the '1'.	E10	

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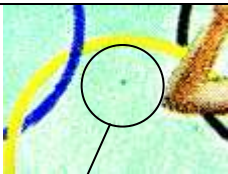
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 1/5

		Tiny black spot between the boy's hand and his head.	Dark green spot just below the white ribbon inside of the green Olympic ring.	
				
				
				
	Tiny black spot inside the top oval of the '9' of '1968'.		Tiny black spot just below the 'E' of 'HEALTH'.	

○	R1/5	Black	Tiny black spot in the background between the hand on the left and the boy's head.	B5 6	
○	R1/5	Green	Dark green spot just below the white ribbon in the green Olympic ring, biased to the bottom right.	D8	
○	R1/5	Black	Tiny black spot just inside the upper circle of the '9' of '1968' on the left side, close to the inside left edge.	G5	
○	R1/5	Black	Tiny black spot 0.5mm below the 'E' of 'HEALTH'.	G10	

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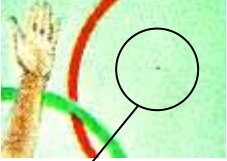
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 2/1

		Dark green spot inside the yellow Olympic ring, just below the top.		
				
				
		White spot on top of the 'E' of 'NEW'.		

○	R2/1	Green	Dark green spot close to the underside of the rim of the yellow Olympic ring, at 12 o'clock.	B4	
○	R2/1	Green	White spot on top of the upper edge of the 'E' of 'NEW' in the green background, directly above the vertical backbone. Almost as a spur.	H2	
○	R2/1	Green	Green spot just left of the calf of the boy's leg, 1.5mm above the '6' of '1968'.	F6 7	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 2/2

		Two tiny black spots in the background top left of the red Olympic ring.	Tiny black spot inside the red Olympic ring, far right of the boy's hand.	
				
				
				
	Tiny black spot just above the white ribbon, top left of the boy's foot.	Tiny black spot above the 'W' of 'NEW'.		

○	R2/2	Black	Two tiny black spots appear in the background, top left of the red Olympic ring.	A9	
○	R2/2	Black	Tiny black spot in the red Olympic ring, top left of centre.	B9	
○	R2/2	Black	Tiny black spot just above the white ribbon, inside of the yellow Olympic ring, bottom right of centre, top left of the boy's trailing foot.	D4	
○	R2/2	Black	Tiny black spot 0.5mm top right of the central arm of the 'W' of 'NEW'	H4	

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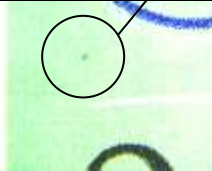
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 2/3

	Two tiny black spots vertically, in the yellow Olympic ring at left.	The area in the triangle between head, shoulder and arm, is weak.		
				
				
				
		Dark green spot just top left of the '6' of '1968'.	Tiny black spot in the background top right of the last 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	

○	R2/3	Green	The triangle of green background inside of the black Olympic ring between the boy's arm on the left and his head, is pitted with many white patches that the green fails to cover.	B5-B6	
○	R2/3	Black	Two prominent black spots are seen inside of the yellow Olympic ring, left of centre. The dots are placed vertically above each other.	C3, D3	✓
○	R2/3	Black	Tiny green spot in the green background, 1mm top right of the last 'H' of 'HEALTH', 2mm right of the 'c' of '1c'.	F11	
○	R2/3	Green	Dark green spot 1mm top left of the '6' of '1968'.	G6	

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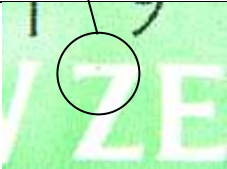
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 2/4

	Two close red spots inside the yellow Olympic ring, below the elbow.	Red spot on the boy's face.		
				
				
				
Dark green spot above the end of the white ribbon, towards the blue Olympic ring.	Dark green spot inside the yellow Olympic ring, below the ribbon.	Dark green spot below the boy's elbow on the right.	Tiny black spot left of '1c', top left of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	

○	R2/4	Red	Tiny red spot on the boy's cheek, on the left side of his face.	B6	
○	R2/4	Black	Tiny black spot in the green background, 2.5mm left of the '1' of '1c', level with the top of the 'c', top left of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	B9	
○	R2/4	Red	Two tiny red spots appear in the yellow Olympic ring, below the boy's elbow.	C4-C5	
○	R2/4	Green	Dark green spot just below the boy's elbow of the arm on the right. There is a tiny red spot just left of this.	C7-C8	
○	R2/4	Green	Dark green spot 1.5mm above the left end of the white ribbon, in the lighter green background.	D1	
○	R2/4	Green	Dark green spot in the yellow Olympic ring, just below the centre of the white ribbon within that ring.	D4	

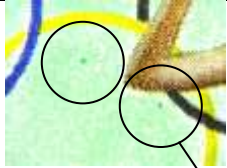
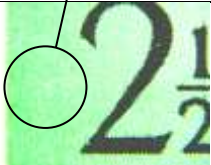
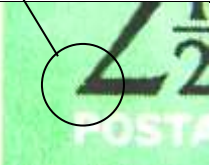
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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 2/5

		Dark green spot just above the head of the boy, and below the black rim.		
				
				
		 Green spot against the upper edge of the top bar of the 'Z' of 'ZEAL'.	 Tiny black spot immediately right of the lower jaw of the 'c' of '1c'.	

○	R2/5	Green	Dark green spot just above the boy's head, midway to the top rim of the black Olympic ring.	A6	
○	R2/5	Black	Tiny black spot very close to the lower jaw of the 'c' of '1c', just to the right.	F10 11	
○	R2/5	Green	Tiny green spot in the middle of the top bar of the 'Z' of 'ZEAL'.	H5	

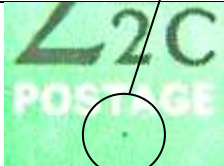
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 3/1

	Two dark green spots appear, one either side of the elbow on the left side of the boy.	Tiny black spot just top left of the rim of the black Olympic ring, above the boy's fingers.		
				
				
	 Tiny white spot in the green background, 1mm from the left edge of the stamp, left of the large '2'.	 Bite out of the diagonal of the large '2' at the foot.		

○	R3/1	Black	Tiny black spot just top left of the black Olympic ring, above the boy's little finger.	A5	
○	R3/1	Green	Two dark green spots are seen, one either side of the boy's elbow on the left side.	C4, C5	
○	R3/1	Green	Tiny white spot in the green background, 1mm from the left edge of the stamp, level with the centre of the large '2' of the value.	E F1	
○	R3/1	Black	There is a small bite taken out of the foot of the large '2' of the value, at the base of the diagonal body of the '2'.	F1	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 3/2

			Tiny black spot just outside of the rim of the green Olympic ring at 5 o'clock.	
				
				
				
	Tiny black spot close to the feet of the letters 'TA' of 'POSTAGE'.		Tiny black spot immediately below the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	

○	R3/2	Black	Tiny black spot just outside of the rim of the green Olympic ring, at 5 o'clock, level with the serif of the '1' of '1c'.	E8 9	
○	R3/2	Black	Tiny black spot 0.5mm below the 'TA' of 'POSTAGE'.	G2	
○	R3/2	Black	Tiny black spot just under the right leg of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	G9	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 3/3

		Dark green spot immediately above the boy's head.	Tiny black spot close to the rim of the black ring, left of the hand on the right.	Tiny black spot inside of the red Olympic ring, close to the rim of the green ring.
				
				
				
	Tiny green spot in the right arm of the 'W' of 'NEW' just above the middle.		Tiny white spot in the green background above the '1' of '1c' close to the ribbon.	

○	R3/3	Green	Dark green spot just above the boy's head.	A6	
○	R3/3	Black	Tiny black spot just right of the outer rim of the black Olympic ring, one third of the way to the boy's hand on the right.	B7	
○	R3/3	Black	Tiny black spot inside of the red Olympic ring, 0.5mm top right of the green rim.	C9	
○	R3/3	Green	Tiny white spot above the '1' of '1c', by the ribbon.	D9 10	
○	R3/3	Green	Tiny green spot inside the right arm of the 'W' of 'NEW', just above the middle.	H4	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 3/4

			Tiny black spot against the boy's little finger of the hand on the right.	
				
				
			 Multiple tiny black spots above the '1c'.	

○	R3/4	Black	Tiny black spot against the boy's little finger, of the hand on the right, close to the edge of the red Olympic ring.	B8	
○	R3/4	Black	Multiple tiny black spots above the '1c'. These are seen in a large area between the '1c', the green Olympic ring on the left and the ribbon above.	D9-D10	

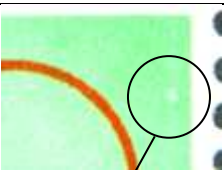
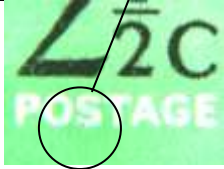
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 3/5

			Two tiny black spots on the boy's shoulder on the right.	
				
				
				
			Two prominent black spots at the top of the leg on the right.	

○	R3/5	Black	Two tiny black spots appear on the boy's shoulder on the right.	C7	
○	R3/5	Black	Two further black spots are seen at the top of the boy's leading leg, close to the edge of his shorts. Quite prominent.	E7	

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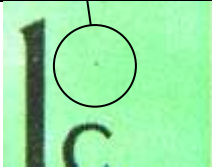
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 4/1

	Black spot top right of the large '2' of the value.		Light green area top right of the red Olympic ring.	
				
				
	 Tiny black spot on the lower edge of the 'S' of 'POSTAGE'.		 Black spot inside the lower oval of the '8' of '1968' close to the lower edge.	

○	R4/1	Green	Light green patch in the background, close to the right edge of the stamp, 2mm down from the top right corner. Could be a retouch to a white flaw.	A11	
○	R4/1	Black	Black spot above the value '2½c', top right of the large '2', quite close to a small white patch. .	E2	
○	R4/1	Black	Tiny black spot on the lower edge of the 'S' of 'POSTAGE'.	G2	
○	R4/1	Black	Black spot inside the lower oval of the '8' of '1968', close to the inner lower edge.	G8	

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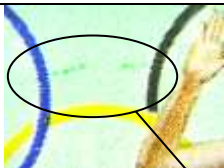
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 4/2

			Tiny green spot in the white ribbon below the red Olympic ring.	
				
				
				
		Tiny black spot just left of the apex of the 'A' of 'ZEAL'.	Tiny black spot in the background above the 'c' of '1c'.	

○	R4/2	Green	Tiny green spot on the upper, inner edge of the white ribbon, below the red Olympic ring.	D10	
○	R4/2	Black	Tiny black spot 2mm above the 'c' of '1c'.	E10	
○	R4/2	Black	Tiny black spot just left of the apex of the 'A' of 'ZEAL'.	H6 7	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 4/3

	Broken curve or smudge between the blue and black Olympic rings.	Tiny black spot on the boy's upper arm, on the left.		
				
				
				
		Tiny black spot just right of the top of the 'L' of 'LAND'.	Tiny green spot in the white ribbon, inside of the green Olympic ring.	

○	R4/3	Green	Dark green broken curve, as a smudge above the yellow Olympic ring, level with the boy's wrist, almost joining the blue and black Olympic rings. .	B4	
○	R4/3	Black	Tiny black spot at the centre of the boy's upper arm of that on the left.	C5	
○	R4/3	Black	Tiny black spot inside of the green Olympic ring, above the white ribbon, just right of centre of the portion of the ribbon within the ring.	D8	
○	R4/3	Black	Two tiny black spots top right of the 'L' of 'LAND', towards the '8' of '1968', the upper spot is faint.	H8	

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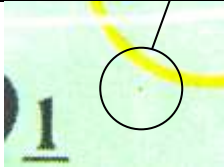
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 4/4

			White patch on the white ribbon within the green Olympic ring, biased left.	
				
				
				
	Tiny black spot inside the top arc of the small '2' of the value.			

○	R4/4	Green	A white bulge is seen on top of the white ribbon inside of the green Olympic ring, below the bow's elbow. This is sometimes called the 'knot' flaw. This is similar to that seen on the stamp at row 5/2, but that one is further to the right.	D8	✓
○	R4/4	Black	Tiny black spot inside of the top arc of the small '2' of the value.	F2	

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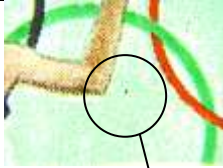
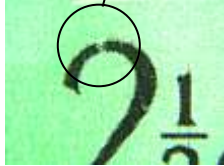
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 4/5

				
	 Dark green spot just outside of the yellow Olympic ring at bottom left.		 Dark green spot 0.5mm top right of the '1' of '1c'.	

○	R4/5	Green	Dark green spot is seen in the green background, top right of the '1' of '1c'.	D10	
○	R4/5	Green	Dark green spot appears 0.5mm bottom left of the yellow Olympic ring, at 7 o'clock.	E7	

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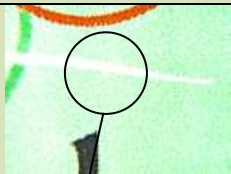
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 5/1

		Black spot just right of the boy's elbow on the right.	Two close dark green spots just right of the rim of the green ring inside the red Olympic ring.	
				
				
				
	The top arc of the large '2' has a grey patch.			

○	R5/1	Black	Tiny black spot just right of the elbow on the right, inside of the green Olympic ring.	C8	
○	R5/1	Green	There are two dark green spots inside of the red Olympic ring, just right of the outer rim of the green ring. They are close together, sitting in a lighter patch of green background.	C9	
○	R5/1	Black	Grey patch in the top arc of the large '2' of the value, as if it was washed out that almost separates the number.	E1 2	

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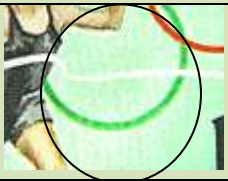
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 5/2

		Large 'knot' in the white ribbon inside the green Olympic ring, towards the right.	Smaller knot in the white ribbon, above the '1c'.	
				
				

○	R5/2	Green	Further 'knot' flaw in the green Olympic ring, where a white bulge is seen on top of the white ribbon, 1.5mm from the rim on the right. See also row 4/4.	D8	✓
○	R5/2	Green	Another white bulge is seen on the white ribbon, this time towards the right end of the ribbon where it begins to narrow.	D10	✓

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 5/3

		Ribbing of the green background, right of the boy, appearing as vertical waves.	This image is darkened to enhance the effect of the ribbing.	
				
				
				
	Dark green spot just below the yellow Olympic ring.		Black spot just right of the top of the '1' of '1c'. Further tiny black spot left of centre.	

○	R5/3	Green	There is extensive ribbing of the green background vertically through a large area of this stamp, right of the boy's body, for the width of the green Olympic ring. Unusually, for this type of variety, this is constant. Some publications refer to this as a 'fingerprint' flaw. It is best seen against the darker background, right of the lower half of the boy.	C7-F5	✓
○	R5/3	Green	Dark green spot in the background, 0.5mm below the yellow Olympic ring, left of the toe of the boy's shoe on his rear foot.	E4	
○	R5/3	Black	Tiny black spot just right of the '1' of '1c', 0.5mm down from the top of the '1'. There is a further tiny black spot just to the left of the '1' at its centre.	E9, E10	

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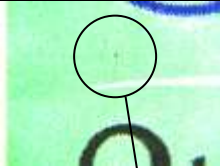
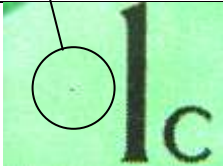
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 5/4

			Tiny black spot on the shoulder on the right.	
				
				
			 Tiny black spot above the top of the 'A' of 'LAND', right of the base of the '8'.	

○	R5/4	Black	Tiny black spot on the boy's shoulder on the right.	C7
○	R5/4	Green	Dark green spot 1mm above the apex of the 'A' of 'LAND', level with the base of the '8' of '1968'.	GJH8

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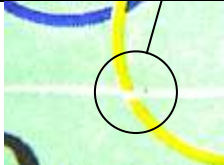
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 5/5

	Tiny black spot above the left end of the white ribbon, above the large '2'.	Dark green spot just above the white ribbon in the green Olympic ring.		
				
				
				
			Tiny black spot 1.5mm left of the centre of the '1c'.	

○	R5/5	Black	Tiny black spot 3mm above the top of the large '2' of the value, above the left end of the white ribbon.	D2	
○	R5/5	Green	Dark green spot inside of the green Olympic ring, against the white ribbon, bottom left of the boy's elbow.	D7 8	
○	R5/5	Black	Tiny black spot 1.5mm left of the centre of the '1' of '1c' health surcharge.	E F9	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 6/1

	White patches in the green background around the blue rim at top right.	Dark green spot inside the red Olympic ring, top right of the green rim.	Dark green spot inside the green Olympic ring, just above the ribbon, on the right.	
				
				
				
	Black and green spots appear in the white ribbon, as it crosses the yellow Olympic ring.	Tiny black spot inside the yellow Olympic ring, just below centre of the white ribbon.	Fuzzy black spot above the last 'H' of 'HEALTH', right of the 'c' of '1c'.	Tiny black spot 3mm left of the '1' of '1c', level with the top of the 'c'.

○	R6/1	Green	Prominent white spots against the outer edge of the blue Olympic ring at 2 o'clock.	A3	
○	R6/1	Green	Dark green spot inside of the red Olympic ring, just top right of where the green ring crosses over the red ring at top.	B8 9	
○	R6/1	Green	One tiny black spot and a fuzzy dark green spot appear in the white of the ribbon just as it crosses the left side of the yellow Olympic ring.	D3	
○	R6/1	Black	Tiny black spot 0.5mm below the white ribbon, inside of the yellow Olympic ring, just right of centre of that portion of the ribbon inside the ring.	D4	
○	R6/1	Green	Dark green spot inside of the green Olympic ring, on the far right, just above the white ribbon.	D9	
○	R6/1	Black	Fuzzy black spot 1mm above the last 'H' of 'HEALTH', level with the lower jaw of the 'c' of the health surcharge.	F11	
○	R6/1	Black	Tiny black spot 3mm left of the '1' of '1c', level with the top of the 'c'.	F9	

2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 6/2

		Tiny black spot in the background just right of the boy's mouth.	Tiny black spot just inside the rim of the green Olympic ring at bottom left.	
				
				
				
			Tiny black spot at the apex of the 'A' of 'LAND' by the top left edge.	

○	R6/2	Black	Tiny black spot in the green background just right of the boy's mouth inside of the black Olympic ring.	B7	
○	R6/2	Black	Tiny black spot just inside the rim of the green Olympic ring, at 7 o'clock.	D7	
○	R6/2	Black	Tiny black spot at the apex of the 'A' of 'LAND', slightly biased towards the left side.	H8	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 6/3

		Tiny black spot on the boy's shoulder on the right.		
				
				
				
			Tiny black spot just above the white ribbon, just right of the green Olympic ring.	

○	R6/3	Black	Tiny black spot on the boy's shoulder on the right.	C7	
○	R6/3	Black	Tiny black spot just above the white ribbon, right of the green Olympic ring.	D9	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 6/4

		Dark green spot in the background just right of the boy's mouth.	Dark green spot inside of the red Olympic ring, top left of centre.	
				
				

○	R6/4	Green	Dark green spot in the green background, right of centre of the boy's mouth.	B7	
○	R6/4	Green	Dark green spot top left of the centre of the red Olympic ring.	B9	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 6/5

	Prominent black spot top right of the small '1' of the value, midway to the white ribbon.			
				
				
				
	Prominent black spot left of the knee on the left.		Arc of small tiny black spots 1.5mm left of the '1c'.	

○	R6/5	Black	Black spot 1.5mm top right of the small '1' of the value '2½c', midway to the white ribbon. Quite prominent.	E3	
○	R6/5	Black	Black spot 1.5mm left of the boy's knee, on the left side. Again, quite prominent.	F4	
○	R6/5	Black	Row of tiny black spots 1.5mm left of the '1' of '1c', level with the top of the 'c'.	F9	

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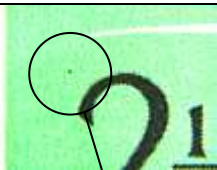
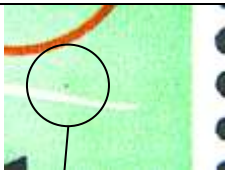
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 7/1

		Tiny black spot just outside of the rim of the black Olympic ring at top left.		
				
				
		 Dark green spot just left of the '6' of '1968'.	 Two tiny black spots top left of the 'N' of 'LAND'.	

○	R7/1	Black	Black spot just outside of the black Olympic ring, at top left, by the boy's hand on the left.	A5	
○	R7/1	Green	Dark green spot 0.5mm left of the '6' of '1968'.	G6	
○	R7/1	Black	Two tiny black spots, top left of the 'N' of 'LAND', each 1mm from the top of the left leg.	H9, G9	

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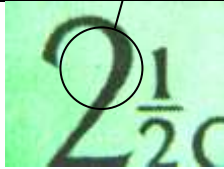
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 7/2

	Tiny black spot 1mm top left of the apex of the large '2' of the value.		Tiny black spot just above the white ribbon, 2mm from the end of the line.	
				
				
				
			Tiny black spot 3mm left of the '1c', bottom right of the green Olympic ring.	

○	R7/2	Black	Tiny black spot just above the white ribbon, 2mm from the right end of the finishing line.	D10	
○	R7/2	Black	Tiny black spot in the background, 1mm top left of the large '2' of the value.	E1	
○	R7/2	Black	Tiny black spot 3mm left of the centre of the '1' of the health surcharge, below the green Olympic ring.	E8 9	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 7/3

	Two white patches in the yellow Olympic ring, one either side of the white ribbon.	Dark green spot just right of the rim of the black Olympic ring, left of the hand.		
				
				
				
	Tiny black spot inside the arc of the large '2' of the value, opposite the small '1'.	Dark green spot between the '9' and '6' of the '1968'.	Small flaw on the top left arm of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH', that sees the arm partly filled.	

○	R7/3	Green	Dark green spot right of the rim of the black Olympic ring, between 2 and 3 o'clock, one third of the way to the boy's hand on the right.	B7	
○	R7/3	Green	Fuzzy white patches in the green background, just below the centre of the yellow Olympic ring, 1mm above and below the white ribbon.	D4	
○	R7/3	Black	Tiny black spot inside the top arc of the large '2' of the value, biased slightly right., level with the middle of the small '1'.	E2	
○	R7/3	Green	Dark green spot in the background, between the '9' and '6' of '1968'.	G6	
○	R7/3	Green	Small patch of green, as the colour of the background, on the top left corner of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH', as an extra green patch that thins the left arm. Some examples also show a short horizontal scratch right of the lower edge of the variety, crossing the 'H' to the left side of the 'E'.	G9	✓

2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 7/4

	Dark green spot inside the yellow Olympic ring, bottom left of the boy's elbow.	Tiny black spot above the boy's upper arm on the left.		
				
				
	 Tiny white spot midway between the 'N' of 'NEW' and the left edge of the stamp.		 Green spot in the white ribbon, directly above the '1' of '1c'.	

○	R7/4	Green	Dark green spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, above centre, 1.5mm bottom left of the boy's elbow.	C4	
○	R7/4	Black	Tiny black spot immediately above the middle of the boy's upper arm on the left.	C5	
○	R7/4	Green	Green spot inside of the white ribbon, directly above the top of the '1' of the health surcharge.	D10	✓
○	R7/4	Green	Tiny white spot in the bottom left corner of the stamp, midway between the left edge of the stamp and the 'N' of 'NEW'.	H1	

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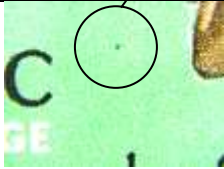
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 7/5

			Tiny black spot inside of the red Olympic ring, level with the tips of the fingers.	
				
				
				
		Tiny black spot close to the top of the boy's leading leg.		

○	R7/5	Black	Tiny black spot inside the red Olympic ring, at 10 o'clock, 1mm from the rim, level with the boy's fingers.	A B9	
○	R7/5	Black	Tiny black spot close to the top of the boy's leg on the right.	E6	

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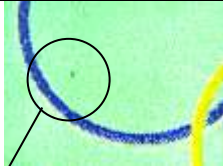
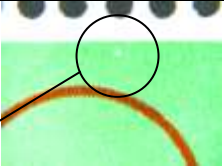
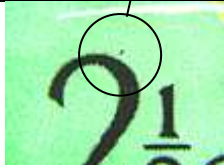
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 8/1

				
	 Dark green spot in the background between 'c' and the boy's knee.	 Retouch to the green by the boy's heel of his trailing leg.		

○	R8/1	Green	Extensive retouch to the green background inside of the yellow Olympic ring, between the white ribbon and the heel of the boy's trainer. It is likely to have been done to fill a large white area. It appears as a dark green cloud against a lighter background.	D5	✓
○	R8/1	Green	Dark green spot in the green background, midway between the top of the 'c' of the value, and the boy's knee.	F4	

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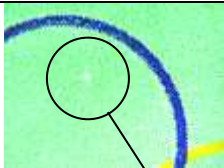
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 8/2

		Dark green spot close to the rim of the blue Olympic ring.	Tiny red spot between the boy's hand and the outer edge of the red Olympic ring at left.	White patch near the top edge of the stamp above the red Olympic ring.
				
				
				
	Fuzzy black spot top right of the large '2' of the value.		Small flaw in the green Olympic ring, at bottom left, by the inside of the rim.	

○	R8/2	Green	Light green patch close to the top edge of the stamp, above the red Olympic ring.	A10	
○	R8/2	Red	Tiny red spot between the boy's hand on the right and the outer rim of the red Olympic ring.	B8	
○	R8/2	Green	Dark green spot in side of the blue Olympic ring, between 8 and 9 o'clock, close to the rim of the ring.	C1-C2	
○	R8/2	Green	Flaw inside the green Olympic ring at 7 o'clock, close to the rim, appearing as a white patch with a dark green centre.	D E7	✓
○	R8/2	Black	Faint, fuzzy black spot against the top right outer edge of the large '2' of the value.	E2	

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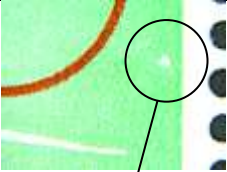
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 8/3

	White spot inside of the blue Olympic ring. 1.5mm from the rim at top right.		Two dark green spots in the red Olympic ring, one either side of the rim at bottom right.	
				
				
				 Two dark green spots top right of the right end of the white ribbon.

○	R8/3	Green	Tiny white spot inside of the blue Olympic ring, 1.5mm from the rim at 1 o'clock.	A B3	
○	R8/3	Green	Two dark green spots, one either side of the rim of the red Olympic ring at bottom right.	D10	
○	R8/3	Green	Two dark green spots top right of the red end of the white ribbon, close to the right edge of the stamp, one is faint.	D11	

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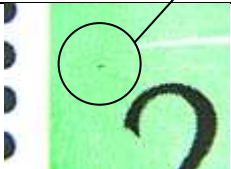
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 8/4

		Dark green spot by the bend in the white ribbon, close to the boy's chest.	White spot close to the right edge of the stamp, top right of the right end of the white ribbon.	
				
				

○	R8/4	Green	Light green patch close to the right edge of the stamp, bottom right of the red Olympic ring, at 4 o'clock.	C11	
○	R8/4	Green	Dark green spot at the bend of the white ribbon, inside of the green Olympic ring, just right of the boy's chest.	D7	

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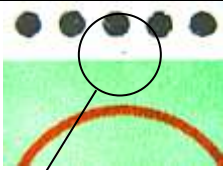
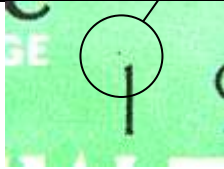
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 8/5

	Tiny black spot inside the yellow Olympic ring, left of the boy's elbow.		Tiny black spot close to the outer edge of the black rim, level with the boy's thumb.	
				
				
				
Two very close tiny black spots top left of the large '2' of the value.		White spot below the right end of the foot of the 'Z' of 'ZEAL'.		

○	R8/5	Black	Tiny black spot just outside of the rim of the black Olympic ring, at top right, level with the boy's thumb.	A7	
○	R8/5	Black	Tiny black spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, close to the top of the boy's elbow.	C4	
○	R8/5	Black	Two very close tiny black spots, top left of the large '2' of the value, bottom left of the left end of the white ribbon.	D E1	
○	R8/5	Green	Tiny white spot under the right end of the foot of the 'Z' of 'ZEAL'.	I5	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 9/1

		Dark green spot between the white ribbon and the boy's arm on the right.	Tiny green spot in the top margin, above the centre of the red Olympic ring.	
				
				
	 Tiny black spot just top left of the '1' of '1968'.	 Dark green spot above '96' of '1968'.		

○	R9/1	Black	Tiny black spot inside of the green Olympic ring, midway between the white ribbon and the boy's upper arm.	C D8	
○	R9/1	Green	Tiny green spot in the top margin, above the centre of the red Olympic ring.	-A10	
○	R9/1	Black	Tiny black spot just top left of the '1' of '1968'.	G4	
○	R9/1	Green	Dark green spot in the green background 1.5mm above the '96' of '1968' just down from the level of the boy's knee.	F6	

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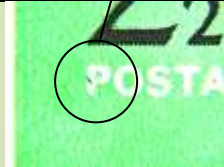
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 9/2

	Two tiny black spots either side of the white ribbon, above the large '2' of the value.			
				
				
		 Dark green spot inside of the green Olympic ring at bottom left, bottom right of the bend of the white ribbon.	 Tiny green spot inside the white ribbon, in the green Olympic ring.	

○	R9/2	Green	Dark green spot below the white ribbon, inside the green Olympic ring, bottom right of the bend of the ribbon.	D7	
○	R9/2	Green	Tiny green spot in the white ribbon, inside of the green Olympic ring, just right of the centre of the ribbon.	D8	
○	R9/2	Black	Tiny black spot 0.5mm above the apex of the large '2' of the value. There is a similar tiny black spot 1mm above this, just the other side of the white ribbon.	E2, D2	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 9/3

	Tiny black spot left of the black Olympic ring at top left.	Dark green spot above the black Olympic ring, pointed to by the boy's fingers on the left.		
				
				
	 Two close tiny black spots that bisect the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.	 Large black spot left of the boy's ankle, towards the '6'. Another smaller black spot appears right of the ankle.		

○	R9/3	Black	Tiny black spot left of the black Olympic ring, level with the tip of the boy's fingers on the right.	A5	
○	R9/3	Green	Dark green spot above the top of the black Olympic ring, left of centre, pointed to by the outstretched fingers of the boy of the hand on the left.	A6	
○	R9/3	Black	Two closely coupled small black spots appear diagonally across the 'P' of 'POSTAGE', separating the letter into two parts.	G1	✓
○	R9/3	Black	Large black spot right of the '6' of '1968', left of the boy's ankle. This is quite significant, almost eye visible. There is another, lesser, black spot on the other side of the ankle.	G7	✓

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 9/4

		Dark green spot just above the boy's fingers in the right side.		
				
				
				
		Tiny green spot in the 'W' of 'NEW' in the lower part of the 3 rd diagonal.	Tiny black spot bottom right of the green Olympic ring, left of the '1'.	

○	R9/4	Green	Dark green spot 0.5mm above the boy's fingers on the right side.	A8
○	R9/4	Black	Tiny black spot 1mm bottom right of the green Olympic ring, 2.5mm left of the '1' of the health surcharge.	E9
○	R9/4	Green	Tiny green spot in the white of the 'W' of 'NEW', close to the foot of the leg on the right.	H4

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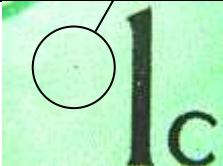
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 9/5

		Dark green spot right of the boy's mouth, by the black rim.	Dark green spot inside the green Olympic ring, below the elbow.	
				
				
		 Black spot on the rim of the green Olympic ring, just right of the boy's waist.	 Green spur into the white of the 'L' of 'HEALTH'.	

○	R9/5	Green	Dark green spot right of the boy's mouth, just before the rim of the black Olympic ring.	B7	
○	R9/5	Green	Dark green spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, midway between the boy's elbow and the white ribbon.	C D8	
○	R9/5	Black	Tiny black spot on the rim of the green Olympic ring, close to the boy's waist.	D7	
○	R9/5	Green	Tiny green bulge from the left side of the 'L' of 'HEALTH', tiny but in an interesting position.	G10	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 10/1

			Tiny black spot just above the rim of the green Olympic ring.	
				
				
				
		Tiny black spot 1.5mm left of the '1c'.	Tiny black spot inside the 'c' of '1c'.	

○	R10/1	Black	Tiny black spot tight above the top rim of the green Olympic ring, between the rim of the black ring and the boy's hand.	B7 8	
○	R10/1	Black	Tiny black spot 1.5mm left of the '1' of the health surcharge.	C9	
○	R10/1	Black	Tiny black spot inside of the 'c' of '1c'.	F10	

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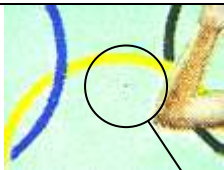
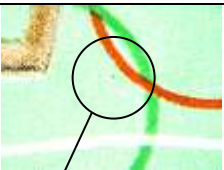
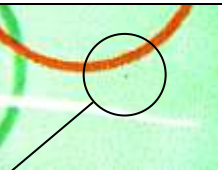
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 10/2

		Spur from the outside of the black Olympic ring, below the boy's elbow.		
				
				
		 Tiny red spot close above the toe of the boy's trainer on the leading foot.	 Dark green spot inside the green Olympic ring, just below the white ribbon	

○	R10/2	Black	Small black spot as a spur from the outer edge of the black Olympic ring, just underneath the boy's arm on the left.	C5	
○	R10/2	Green	Dark green spot inside of the green Olympic ring, at 7 o'clock 0.5mm below the white ribbon just left of centre.	D7 8	
○	R10/2	Red	Tiny red spot in the background 0.5mm above the toe of the trainer on the right.	G7 8	

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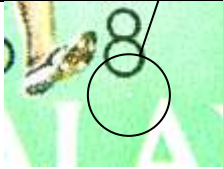
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 10/3

	Dark green spot inside the yellow Olympic ring, just below the top rim.	Dark green spot outside the green Olympic ring at bottom left.	Dark green spot inside the green Olympic ring, by the rim of the red ring.	Dark green spot outside of the red Olympic ring, at bottom right.
				
				
				
	Dark green spot just below the white ribbon in the yellow Olympic ring.	Tiny black spot on the boy's thigh of the leg on the right.	Dark green spot just top right of the '8' of '1968'.	

○	R10/3	Black	Tiny black spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, 0.5mm from its inside edge, close to the boy's elbow.	C4	
○	R10/3	Green	Dark green spot just outside of the rim of the red Olympic ring, level with the boy's elbow.	C8	
○	R10/3	Green	Dark green spot just outside of the rim of the red Olympic ring, on the right side at 5 o'clock.	C D10	
○	R10/3	Green	Dark green spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, below the centre of the white ribbon, left of the boy's trainer.	D4	
○	R10/3	Black	Tiny black spot at the centre of the boy's thigh on his leading leg.	E6 7	
○	R10/3	Green	Dark green spot just outside of the rim of the green Olympic ring, at 7 o'clock.	E7	
○	R10/3	Black	Tiny black spot 0.5mm top right of the '8' of '1968'.	G8	

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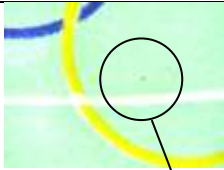
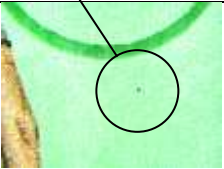
2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 10/4

			Dark green spot below the green Olympic ring.	
				
				
				
			Tiny white spot below the '8' of '1968' top left of the apex of the 'A' of 'LAND'.	

○	R10/4	Black	Tiny black spot 1mm below the green Olympic ring.	E8	
○	R10/4	Black	Tiny white spot 0.5mm below the '8' of '1968', top left of the 'A' of 'LAND'.	H8	

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2½c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 10/5

	Dark green spot inside the yellow Olympic ring, close to the left end of the white ribbon.	Tiny black spot inside the yellow Olympic ring, close to the dark green spot.	Dark green spot inside the yellow Olympic ring, above the white ribbon on the right.	
				
				
				
			Tiny black spot below the green Olympic ring, biased right of centre.	

○	R10/5	Green	Dark green spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, 0.5mm above the white ribbon, 2mm from the rim on the left.	D4	
○	R10/5	Black	Tiny black spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, 0.5mm right of the dark green spot.	D4	
○	R10/5	Green	Dark green spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, 0.5mm above the right end of the white ribbon, 0.5mm from the right rim.	D5	
○	R10/5	Black	Tiny black spot in the green background, 1mm below the rim of the green Olympic ring, biased slightly right of centre.	E8	

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3c+1c Main Sheet Stamps

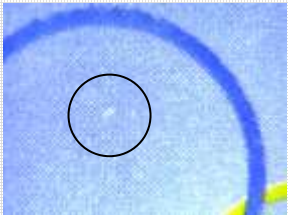
The type of variety that dominates plating of the 3c+1c sheet takes the form of small blue spots of a shade darker than the normal background of the stamp, that defuses into the background. This creates a fuzzy spot with no clear hard edges. Where these are seen in the darker shading of the stamp, these dark blue spots are harder to see.

There are many such dark blue spots affecting each and every stamp, almost haphazardly, not all of which are constant. The information included here only describes spots that are prominent and constant. Do not trust any other. The majority of these dark blue spots are seen in the top half of the stamp, in and amongst the Olympic rings.

The darker, lower half of the stamp also show patterns in the solid background around the country name. Often darker or lighter spots, but very few of these are constant.

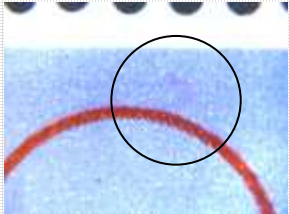
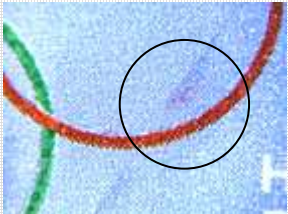
There are few good varieties found in other colours, those in blue are predominant.

3c+1c Main Sheet Constant Plate Varieties

	
Blue	Blue
There are irregular white patches seen in the blue background right of the 'TA' of 'POSTAGE', left of the middle of the '3' of the value. These are normally faint, but can become more significant.	There is a semi-constant white spot inside of the blue Olympic ring, 2mm from the top rim. Most stamps show this to some degree.
E1-E2	B2

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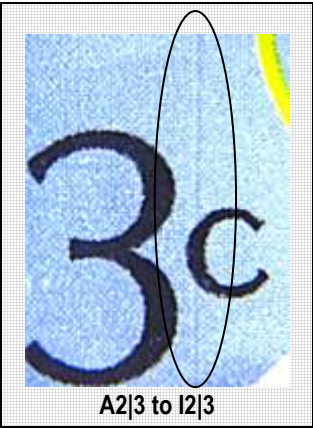
Transient red patches, column 3

	
Red patch just top right of the red Olympic ring.	Further red patch on the blue shading inside the red Olympic ring, at bottom right.
D10	C10-C11

One sheet has been seen with transient patches of red colour affecting all stamps from column 3 in the same manner. Here, there are irregular fuzzy red patches seen top right of the red Olympic ring; and round fuzzy red patches inside of the red Olympic ring, at bottom right overlaying the darker blue background. These two flaws affect all ten stamps in column 3 in the same places.

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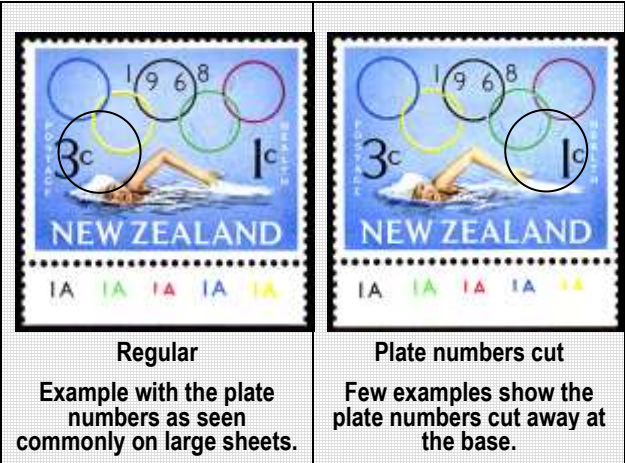
Transient blue scratch, column 3



There is a vertical blue scratch that runs through the blue background colour of all stamps from column 3, in the same sheet that has the extraneous red patches (noted above). The line travels through the blue Olympic ring just right of centre and through the ‘c’ of the value ‘3c’. It does not affect the gutter between stamps.

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Plate numbers



The form of the plate numbers for the 3c denomination is interesting. The majority of sheets seen have the black, green, red, blue and yellow plate numbers printed in a similar fashion. The red ‘1A’ has its feet below the bar of the ‘A’ missing, and for the blue ‘1A’ the right foot is shortened. This is ‘normal’ for this issue.

Yet there is an alternative form of these plate numbers, where the black and green ‘1A’ numbers remain full, but the red, blue and yellow all show the lower parts missing, in line with the red plate number that continues to be ‘short’.

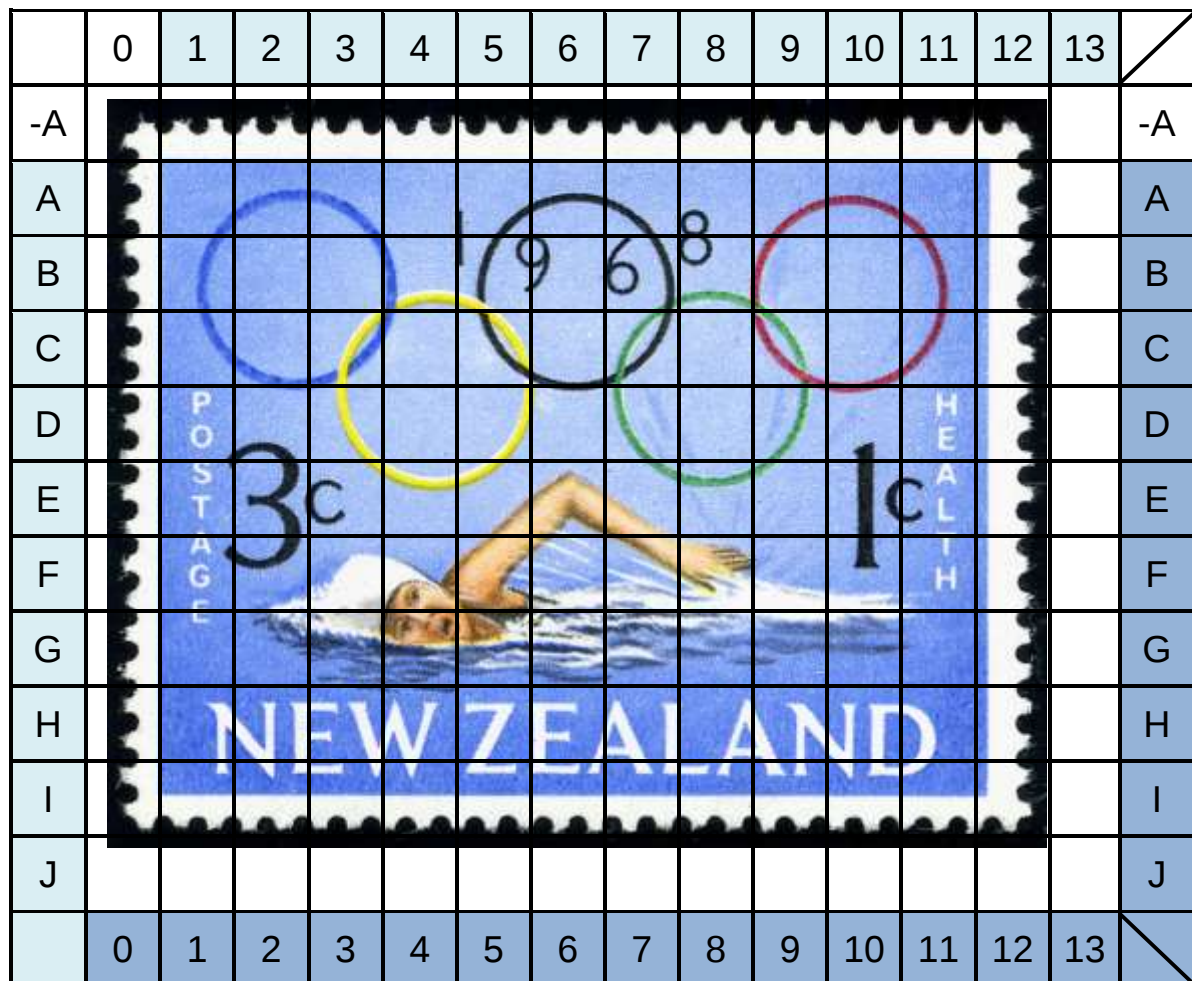
The open ends of the legs of those plate numbers shortened, show stranded screen dots as if the plate numbers are worn away, rather than straight edges appearing if the numbers were cut through or partly covered as if affected by a confetti type flaw. One could surmise that the shortened legs are from wearing of the plate and thereby be from a late printing of this denomination.

3c+1c sheet plate numbers as appear regularly on large sheets.				
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Plate numbers in a ‘worn’ state with legs shortened.				
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The worn state of the black plate number has its feet rounded, perhaps an early worn state.	The green plate numbers appear identical in both examples.	Ironically, the normal state of the red plate number appears to be worn greater than in the ‘worn’ state, with the ‘worn’ state having slightly longer legs.	The blue plate number has the legs becoming shorter as it moves to the ‘worn’ state. The right leg of the regular state begins short.	The yellow plate number follows the blue, having the legs shortened, lost from the horizontal bar downwards.

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Thirkell Positions

The following diagram will help the collector identify the location of those varieties that follow, using the standard Thirkell numbering system. The author has used the labels '0' and '-A' to identify the position of varieties that appear in the left and top margins that lie outside of the normal numbering system.

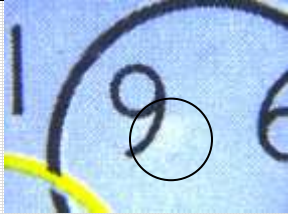
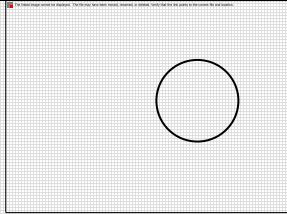
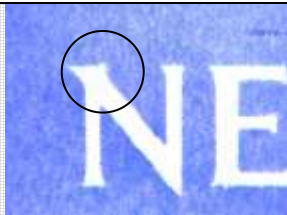
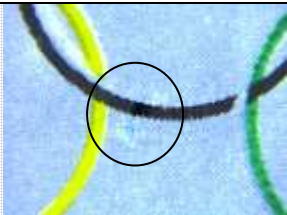
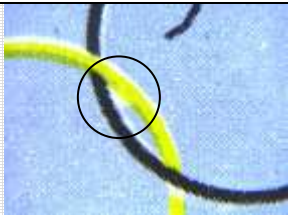
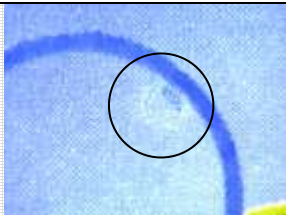
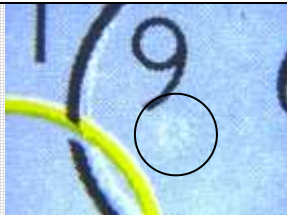
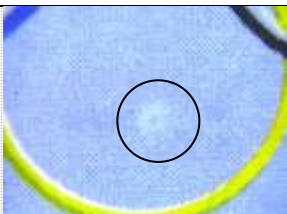
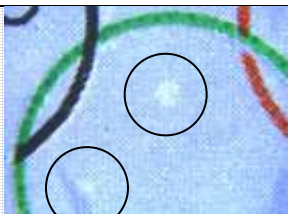
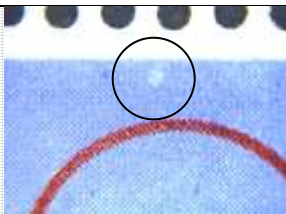


Aligning the grid position A1 against the outer frame will produce accurate placement for the horizontal lines associated with the frame plate. However, the centring of the colours, or the colour registration, is poor on this issue, and there is good degree of movement seen in the centre plates, resulting in Thirkell positions being less accurate for colours other than blue. This diagram can also be used for those stamps from miniature sheets.

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3c+1c Plate Varieties

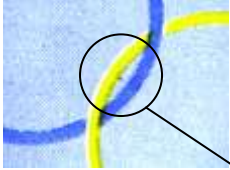
This section represents those stamps deemed by the author, to be most significant, perhaps those that are catalogue worthy.

 R1/1 Blue Flaw in yellow Olympic ring against the rim on the right side.	 R2/4 Blue Large white area just right of the '9' of '1968'.	 R4/5 Blue Small flaw in the background top left of the '1c'.	 R5/2 Black Black arc in the blue background between the 'c' of '3c' and the rim of the yellow Olympic ring.
 R5/2 Blue Three dark blue circles above the 'E' of 'ZEAL'.	 R6/2 Blue Scratches in the yellow Olympic ring, crossing by the centre.	 R7/1 Blue Prominent blue flaw in the right margin, right of the 'EA' of 'HEALTH'.	 R7/5 Blue The serif at the top of the left leg of the 'N' of 'NEW' bulges on the right side.
 R8/4 Blue Irregular blue patch across the lower rim of the black Olympic ring.	 R9/1 Blue White patch at the top of the intersection of the yellow and black Olympic rings.	 R9/3 Blue Flaw in the blue background inside the blue Olympic ring at top right.	 R9/3 Blue Circular blue flaw in the background below the '9' of '1968'.
 R9/5 Blue Disturbed light blue patch inside of the yellow Olympic ring, below centre.	 R9/5 Blue Light blue patch inside of the green Olympic ring, above centre.	 R10/5 Blue Light blue patch against the top edge of the stamp, above the red Olympic ring.	 R10/5 Blue Small circular hole in the blue background, left of the top of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.

○	R1/1	Blue	Large flaw inside of the yellow Olympic ring against the rim at 3 o'clock. Here, there is a white hole in the blue background surrounded by a white halo. The top of the white hole is outlined in dark blue.	C D5	✓
○	R2/4	Blue	There is a large white area in the background to the right of the lower arc of the '9' of '1968' to the top left of the centre of the black Olympic ring.	B6	✓
○	R4/5	Blue	Light blue circular patch in the background, midway between the top of the '1c' and the rim of the green Olympic ring. The white patch has dark blue spots above and below with which to frame it.	D9 10	✓
○	R5/2	Black	Small black arc in the background above the right side of the 'c' of '3c', midway to the rim of the yellow Olympic ring.	E3	✓
○	R5/2	Blue	Three large blue circles cross the background, above the 'E' of 'ZEAL' to the wake of the swimmer. These can be faint, the majority of examples are bold.	G6-H6	✓
○	R6/2	Blue	There are a number of scratches, most of which are faint, that run inside of the yellow Olympic ring, that cross about the centre. These are faint on most examples.	B4-D4	✓
○	R7/1	Blue	Significant blue smudge as excess ink in the right margin, right of the 'EA' of 'HEALTH'. This flaw is oval, with a white centre, often cut through by the vertical perforations.	D E12	✓
○	R7/5	Blue	The serif of the top of the left leg of the 'N' of 'NEW' has a white bulge on the right side.	H1	✓
○	R8/4	Blue	Flaw running in the background across the rim of the black Olympic ring, just passed 6 o'clock. This takes the form of an irregular light blue area, crudely filled.	C6-D6	✓
○	R9/1	Blue	Large triangular white area appears at the intersection of the yellow and black Olympic rings.	C5	✓
○	R9/3	Blue	Large flaw at the top right of the blue Olympic ring, against the inside of the rim. The flaw has a semi-circular light blue area with a dark centre, as if retouched.	A B3	✓
○	R9/3	Blue	Large light blue patch inside the black Olympic ring, at the foot of the '9' of '1968', where the blue screen dots are haphazard.	B6-C6	✓
○	R9/5	Blue	Large circular light blue patch inside of the yellow Olympic ring, biased slightly bottom right of centre. Here the screen dots are irregular and many are missing.	D4 5	✓
○	R9/5	Blue	Second light blue patch on this stamp, now seen in the green Olympic ring, above centre. This is similar to the light blue patch seen in the yellow ring but here it is smaller and lighter. There is a further light blue patch in the green ring, by the blue shading at 8 o'clock.	C8	✓
○	R10/5	Blue	Light blue patch against the top of the stamp, above the red Olympic ring, perhaps a retouch to a white flaw.	A10	✓
○	R10/5	Blue	Light blue patch, as a small circle. 0.5mm left of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH', midway to the red Olympic ring. Perhaps another small retouch.	D11	✓

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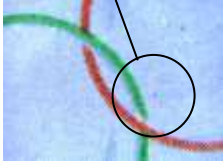
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 1/1

Dark blue spot in the union of the blue and yellow Olympic rings.	Flaw against the rim of the yellow Olympic ring at right.		White area left of the lower oval of the '6' of '1968'.	
				
				

○	R1/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the small area of the union of the blue and yellow Olympic rings, sitting against the yellow rim.	C3	
○	R1/1	Blue	Large flaw inside of the yellow Olympic ring against the rim at 3 o'clock. Here, there is a white hole in the blue background, surrounded by a white halo. The top of the white hole is outlined in dark blue.	C/D5	✓
○	R1/1	Blue	There is a white oval inside of the black Olympic ring, just left of the '6' of '1968'. There is a lesser white area just left of the '9', still inside of the blue ring.	B5	

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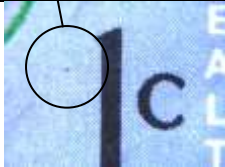
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Tiny blue spot in the left margin, left of the blue Olympic ring.			Dark blue spot inside of the red Olympic ring, left of centre.	
				
				
				
	Tiny black spot inside the yellow Olympic ring, below centre.	Two tiny blue spots in the right leg of the 'A' of 'ZEAL'.	Dark blue spot inside the red Olympic ring, just right of the green rim.	

○	R1/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the left margin, left of the blue Olympic ring.	B0	
○	R1/2	Blue	Dark blue spot in the red Olympic ring, just left of centre.	B9/10	
○	R1/2	Blue	Further dark blue spot in the red Olympic ring, next to the rim of the green ring at 7 o'clock.	C9	
○	R1/2	Black	Black spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, bottom right of centre. This spot is not seen on some sheets, but becomes bolder over time (or reduces over time?)	D4	
○	R1/2	Blue	Two tiny blue spots in the right leg of the 'A' of 'ZEAL', against the upper blue triangle.	H7	

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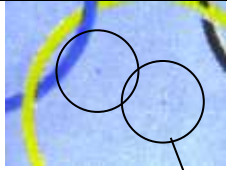
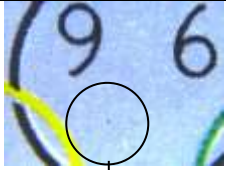
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 1/3

	Three tiny white spots left of the centre of the '3'.	Two dark blue spots, one either side of the '9' in the black Olympic ring.		
				
				
		 Dark blue spot between the swimmer's wrist and the green Olympic ring.	 Dark blue spot just left of the '1' of '1c', level with the top of the 'c'.	

○	R1/3	Blue	Two dark blue spots, one either side of the '9' of '1968', diagonally bottom left to top right, both still within the black Olympic ring.	A6, B5	
○	R1/3	Blue	Three tiny white spots appear in the background, between the 'T' of 'POSTAGE' and the middle of the '3' of the value.	E1 2	
○	R1/3	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background between the bottom of the green Olympic ring and the swimmer's wrist.	E7 8	
○	R1/3	Blue	Dark blue spot 1mm left of the '1' of '1c', level with the top of the 'c'.	E9 10	

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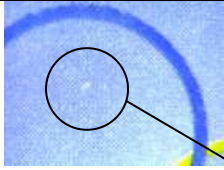
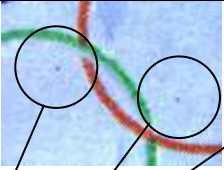
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 1/4

	Dark blue spots inside of the yellow Olympic ring, right of the blue rim, and above centre.	Dark blue spot inside the black Olympic ring, below the '9' of '1968'.		
				
				
	 Tiny blue spot in the lower margin below the 'E' of 'NEW'.		 Multiple tiny blue spots running across the top of the right leg of the 'N' of 'LAND'.	

○	R1/4	Blue	Two dark blue spots inside of the yellow Olympic ring, one just top right of centre; the other at 10 o'clock just right of the edge of the blue ring.	C4, C5	
○	R1/4	Blue	Dark blue spot inside the black Olympic ring, 1.5mm below the '9' of '1968', just top right of the rim of the yellow ring.	C6	
○	R1/4	Blue	There is a series of tiny blue spots across the top of the right leg of the 'N' of 'LAND', as a snail trail.	H10	
○	R1/4	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the lower margin, 0.75mm below the edge of the stamp, below the centre of the 'E' of 'NEW'.	I3	

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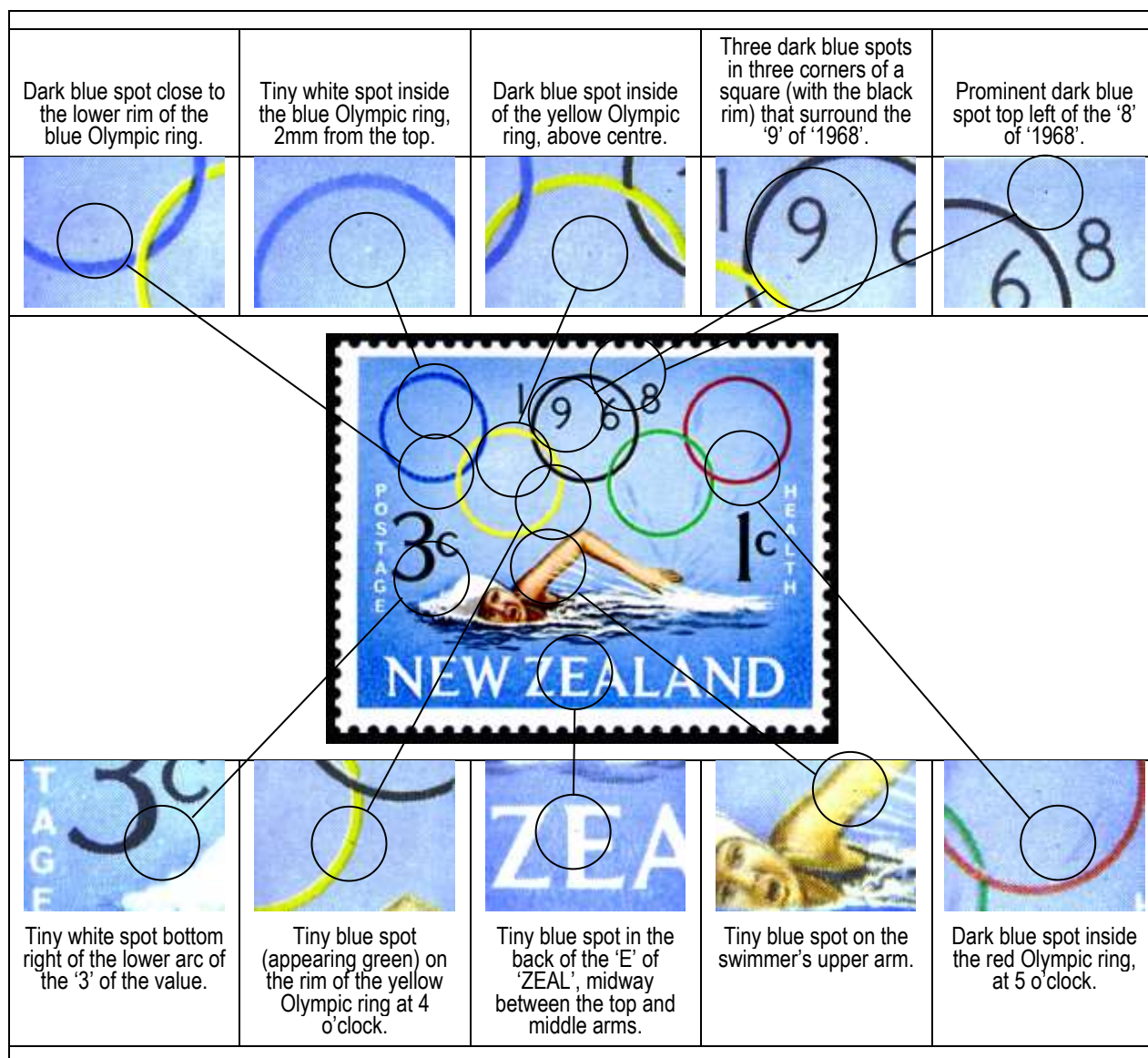
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 1/5

Tiny white spot inside of the blue Olympic ring 2mm from the top rim.	Trail of blue spots running across the yellow into the black Olympic rings.	Dark blue spot inside the green Olympic ring, by the black rim.	Dark blue spots inside the green Olympic ring at top right, by the red rim.	Three tiny blue spots inside the red Olympic ring at 7, 11 and 12 o'clock.
				
				
			 Dark blue spot just top right of the '1' of '1c'.	

○	R1/5	Blue	Three dark blue spots inside of the red Olympic ring, all close to the rim, at 12 o'clock, 7 o'clock and 11 o'clock.	A10, C9 10, A B9	
○	R1/5	Blue	Tiny white spot inside of the blue Olympic ring, 2mm from the top rim.	B2	
○	R1/5	Blue	Trail of tiny blue spots across the black Olympic ring, diagonally towards the centre from the bottom left side, encroaching on the rim of the yellow ring.	C5-C6	
○	R1/5	Blue	Dark blue spot inside the green Olympic ring, just right of the rim of the black ring.	C7	
○	R1/5	Blue	Further dark blue spot inside the green Olympic ring, 0.5mm below the rim at 1 o'clock, between the upper join of the green and red rings.	C8	
○	R1/5	Blue	Dark blue spot 0.5mm top right of the apex of the '1' of '1c'.	D10	

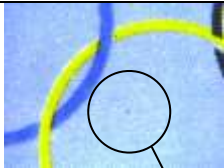
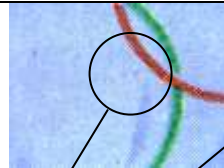
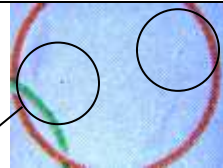
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3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 2/1



○	R2/1	Blue	Prominent dark blue spot top left of the '8' of '1968', 1mm from the top edge of the stamp.	A7	
○	R2/1	Blue	White spot in the blue Olympic ring, 2mm below the top rim.	B2	
○	R2/1	Blue	Three dark blue spots inside of the black Olympic ring, top right, bottom right and bottom left of the '9' of '1968'. The rim of the black ring at top left makes this into a square that surrounds the '9'.	B5-B6	
○	R2/1	Blue	Dark blue spot in the red Olympic ring, 1mm from the bottom right rim, at 5 o'clock.	C10	
○	R2/1	Blue	Dark blue spot 0.5mm from the bottom of the blue Olympic ring.	C2	
○	R2/1	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the yellow ring, 2.5mm below the top rim.	C4	
○	R2/1	Blue	There is a tiny blue spot, now appearing green, on the rim of the yellow Olympic ring at 4 o'clock, top left of the swimmer's raised elbow.	D5	
○	R2/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot at the centre of the swimmer's upper arm.	E F5	
○	R2/1	Blue	Tiny white spot just bottom right of the lowest arc of the '3' of the value.	F2	
○	R2/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the 'E' of 'ZEAL', in the upper half of the upright of the letter.	H6	

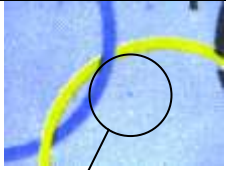
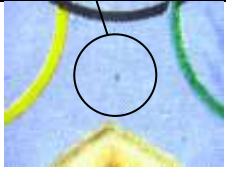
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 2/2

	Dark blue spot in the yellow Olympic ring, bottom right of the blue rim.	Dark blue spot bottom left of the '9'; and dark blue spot bottom right of the '6'.	Dark blue spot in the green Olympic ring, next to the red rim.	Two dark blue spots inside the red Olympic ring, at left and right.
				
				
	 Tiny black spot in the left margin top left of the 'N' of 'NEW'.			

○	R2/2	Blue	Inside of the black Olympic ring there are two dark blue spots; one bottom left of the '9'; the other bottom right of the '6'.	B5, B7	
○	R2/2	Blue	Two dark blue spots appear in the red Olympic ring; at 9 o'clock 2mm from the rim where the red and green rings meet; and at 1mm from the rim at 2 o'clock.	B9 10, B10 11	
○	R2/2	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, 1.25mm from the rim of the blue ring at top left.	C4	
○	R2/2	Blue	There is only one constant dark blue spot in the green Olympic ring on this stamp, and that is seen 0.5mm from the rim of the red ring, at 2 o'clock.	C9	
○	R2/2	Black	Tiny black spot adjacent to the left edge of this stamp, top left of the 'N' of 'NEW'.	H0	

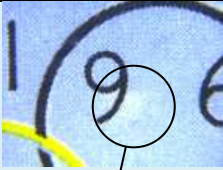
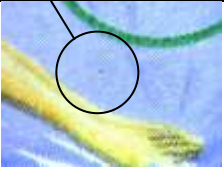
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	Fuzzy blue spot left of the bottom of the '1' of '1968', midway to the blue Olympic ring.	Dark blue spot in the yellow Olympic ring, by the blue rim.	Multiple tiny blue spots below the '8' of '1968', above and below the green rim.	
				
				
				
	Tiny blue spot 1.5mm above the middle of the 'N' of 'NEW'.	Dark blue spot in the background between the bottom of the black Olympic ring and the swimmer's elbow.	Missing screen dot on the lower edge of the '1' of '1c', causing a small indent.	

○	R2/3	Blue	Prominent dark blue spot midway between the base of the '1' of '1968' and the rim of the blue Olympic ring.	B4	
○	R2/3	Blue	At least seven dark blue spots below the '8' of '1968', 3 above and 4 below the upper green rim.	B8-D8	
○	R2/3	Blue	Dark blue spot in the yellow Olympic ring, 1mm bottom right of the upper join of the yellow and blue rings.	C4	
○	R2/3	Blue	Prominent dark blue spot below the black Olympic ring, midway between the rim and the elbow of the swimmer.	D6	
○	R2/3	Black	Missing screen dot on the lower edge of the '1' of '1c', as a small indent.	F10	
○	R2/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot 1.5mm above the 'N' of 'NEW'.	G2	

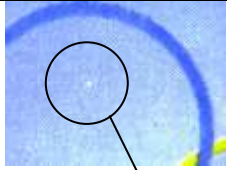
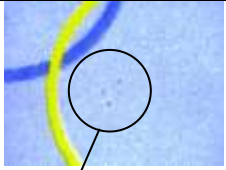
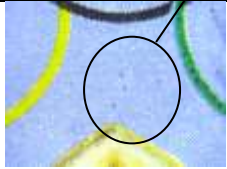
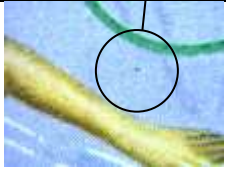
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 2/4

	Lesser light blue patch in the yellow Olympic ring, by the rim at right.	Large light blue patch right of the '9' of '1968'.		
				
				
				
		Dark blue spot between the swimmer's arm and the yellow rim.	Dark blue spot between the swimmer's wrist and the green ring.	Small spur into the right margin, alongside of the 'E' of 'HEALTH'.

○	R2/4	Blue	There is a large white area in the background to the right of the lower arc of the '9' of '1968' to the top left of the centre of the black Olympic ring.	B6	✓
○	R2/4	Blue	There is a lesser white patch in the yellow Olympic ring, at 4 o'clock, 0.5mm from the rim.	D5	
○	R2/4	Blue	Small spur from the right edge of the stamp, alongside of the 'E' of 'HEALTH'.	D12	
○	R2/4	Blue	Dark blue spot just left of the swimmer's elbow, bottom right of the yellow Olympic ring.	E5	
○	R2/4	Blue	Dark blue spot midway between the swimmer's wrist and the bottom left of the green Olympic ring.	E7 8	

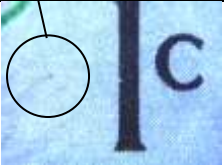
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3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 2/5

	Tiny white spot in the blue Olympic ring, 2mm from the top rim.	Two dark blue spots inside of the yellow Olympic ring, on the left.	Dark blue spot on the rim of the red Olympic ring, left of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	
				
				
	Blue bulge in the body of then 'G' of 'POSTAGE'.			

○	R2/5	Blue	Tiny white spot 2mm below the top rim of the blue Olympic ring.	B2	
○	R2/5	Blue	Two dark blue spots inside of the yellow Olympic ring, left of centre.	C/D3	
○	R2/5	Blue	Dark blue spot on the rim of the red Olympic ring at bottom right, in line with the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	C11	
○	R2/5	Blue	Prominent dark blue spot (amongst lesser spots) midway between the swimmer's elbow and the lower rim of the black Olympic ring.	D6	
○	R2/5	Blue	Dark blue spot 1mm bottom left of the green Olympic ring, towards the swimmer's wrist.	E7	
○	R2/5	Blue	Bulge in the white body of the 'G' of 'POSTAGE'.	F1	
○	R2/5	Blue	Tiny blue spot inside of the top left corner of the 'N' of 'LAND'. Another tiny blue spot in the right leg of the 'A' of 'LAND', in the middle of the right edge.	H9	

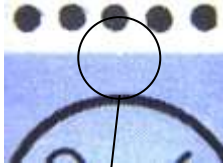
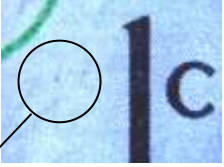
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 3/1

	Two dark blue spots either side of the centre of the yellow Olympic ring.	Dark blue spot on the top edge of the stamp above the '1' of '1968'.	Fuzzy dark blue spot just top left of the '1' of '1c'.	
				
				
				
	Black spot on the swimmer's nose.	Tiny blue spot in the right foot of the 'A' of 'LAND'.	Dark blue spots 2mm left of the '1' of '1c'.	Indent in the left side of the '1' of '1c', due to a missing screen dot.

○	R3/1	Blue	Dark blue spot at the top edge of the stamp, directly above the '1' of '1968'.	A4 5
○	R3/1	Blue	Dark blue spot just top left of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	C D11
○	R3/1	Blue	Two dark blue spots either side of the centre of the yellow Olympic ring.	D3, D4
○	R3/1	Black	Missing screen dots at the middle of the left side of the '1' of '1c'.	E10
○	R3/1	Blue	Two dark blue spots, 2mm left of the centre of the '1' of '1c'.	E9
○	R3/1	Black	Tiny black spot on the swimmer's nose.	G4
○	R3/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot inside of the 'A' of 'LAND', at the foot of the right leg.	H I9

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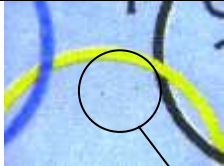
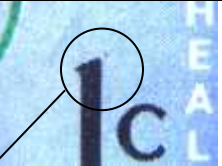
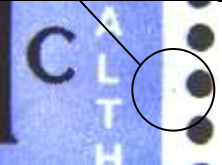
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 3/2

	Tiny blue spot in the top margin, top left of the '1' of '1968'.	Indent in the top edge of the stamp above the black Olympic ring.	Dark blue spot inside of the red Olympic ring, down from the top rim.	Dark blue spot left of the centre of the '1c'.
				
				
				
		Dark blue spot left of the upper arm of the swimmer.		

○	R3/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the top margin, top left of the '1' of '1968'.	-A4	
○	R3/2	Blue	Missing blue screen dot on the top edge of the stamp, causing a small indent to the edge directly above the black Olympic ring.	A6	
○	R3/2	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the red Olympic ring, 1.5mm down from the rim at 12 o'clock.	B10	
○	R3/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot 0.5 left of the middle of the swimmer's upper arm.	E5	
○	R3/2	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, left of the centre of the '1' of '1c'.	E9	

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3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 3/3

Two tiny white spots inside of the blue Olympic ring, 2mm from the top rim.	Two dark blue spots in the yellow Olympic ring at top.	Dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, below the '9' of '1968'.	Dark blue spot inside the black Olympic ring, bottom right of the '6'.	Dark blue spot just top right of the apex of the '1' of '1c'.
				
				
				
		Tiny blue spot in the lower margin below the 'ZE' of 'ZEAL'.	Dark blue spot inside the green Olympic ring, just below centre.	Tiny blue spot in the right margin, right of the base of the 'L' of 'HEALTH'.

○	R3/3	Blue	Two tiny white spots in the blue Olympic ring 2mm down from the top rim.	B2	
○	R3/3	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, 0.5mm below the '9' of '1968'.	B6	
○	R3/3	Blue	Further dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, on the right side, midway between the '6' of '1968' and the outer rim of the green ring.	B7	
○	R3/3	Blue	Two dark blue spots at the top of the yellow Olympic ring, at 12 o'clock and 1 o'clock at 1mm and 0.5mm from the upper rim.	C4, C5	
○	R3/3	Blue	Dark blue spot just top right of the '1' of '1c'.	D10	
○	R3/3	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the green Olympic ring, just below centre.	D8	
○	R3/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the right margin, right of the base of the 'L' of 'HEALTH'.	E12	
○	R3/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the lower margin, below the 'ZE' of 'ZEAL'.	I5	

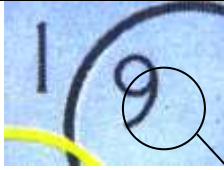
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 3/4

	Dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring at bottom right of centre.	Dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, close to the rim at the base.	Two dark blue spots inside of the green Olympic ring at top, between black and red rings.	
				
				
		 Tiny blue spot at the top of the white diagonal of the 'N' of 'LAND'.	 Tiny blue spot inside of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	

○	R3/4	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, 1.5mm from the rim at 5 o'clock.	C6	
○	R3/4	Blue	Two dark blue spots inside of the green Olympic ring; bottom right of the rim of the black ring; and 2mm from the rim of the green ring at top right.	C7, C8	
○	R3/4	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, 2mm from the rim at bottom right.	D5	
○	R3/4	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the white of the left arm of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	D11	
○	R3/4	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the white diagonal of the 'N' of 'LAND'.	H9	

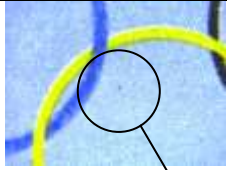
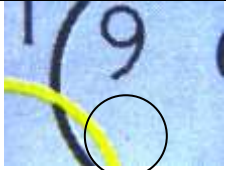
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	Dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, just right of the '9' of '1968'.	Three dark blue spots in a line vertically, left of the '6' of '1968'.	Dark blue spot just above the green Olympic ring, below the '8'.	
				
				
				
	Group of three dark blue spots in the yellow Olympic ring, close to the rim of the black ring.	Dark blue spot in the green Olympic ring, by the black rim at top left.	Tiny blue spot inside the 'A' of 'LAND', on the right side of the horizontal bar.	Two tiny white spots; inside the 'c' of '1c'; and right of the 'A' of 'HEALTH'.

○	R3/5	Blue	Dark blue spot in the black Olympic ring, just right of the '9' of '1968'.	B6	
○	R3/5	Blue	A line of dark blue spots is seen in the black Olympic ring, in a line diagonally, left of the '6' of '1968'.	B6	
○	R3/5	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, below the '8' of '1968'.	B8	
○	R3/5	Blue	Three closely placed dark blue spots inside of the yellow Olympic ring, at 2 o'clock, just bottom left of the rim of the black Olympic ring.	C5	
○	R3/5	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the green Olympic ring, at top left, close to the rim of the black ring.	C7	
○	R3/5	Blue	Two tiny white spots on the right side of the stamp; inside the 'c' of '1c'; and right of the 'A' of 'HEALTH'.	E11	
○	R3/5	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the horizontal bar of the 'A' of 'LAND'.	H8	

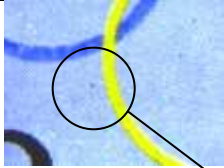
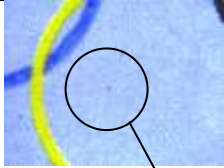
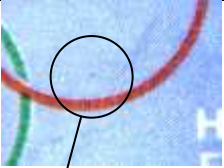
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 4/1

	Dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, close to the blue rim.	Dark blue spot way below the '9' inside of the black Olympic ring.	Dark blue spot just right of the lower oval of the '8' of '1968'.	
				
				
 Tiny blue spot in the left margin, top left of the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.	 Tiny blue spot in the 'W' of 'NEW', at the base of the left foot.			

○	R4/1	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, just right of the lower oval of the '8' of '1968'.	B8	
○	R4/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the left margin, top left of the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.	C D0	
○	R4/1	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, at 11 o'clock, 0.5mm from the rim of the blue Olympic ring.	C4	
○	R4/1	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, directly below the '9' of '1968', close to the rim of the yellow ring.	C5 6	
○	R4/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot inside the left foot of the 'W' of 'NEW'.	H I3	

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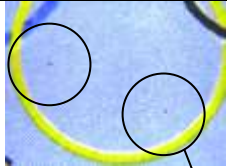
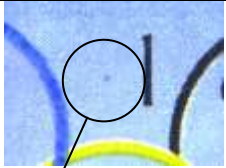
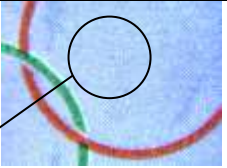
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 4/2

Dark blue spot just outside of the yellow Olympic ring, on the left, below the blue rim.	Dark blue spot inside the yellow Olympic ring, left of centre	Dark blue spot inside the black Olympic ring just below the '6'.	Dark blue spot just inside of the red Olympic ring, by the lower rim.	
				
				
			 Tiny white spot in the background, below the 'c' of '1c'.	

○	R4/2	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, just below the '6' of '1968'.	B7	
○	R4/2	Blue	Dark blue spot in the yellow Olympic ring, just left of centre.	C D4	
○	R4/2	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the red Olympic ring, at 6 o'clock, 1mm from the rim at the base.	C10	
○	R4/2	Blue	Dark blue spot just to the left of the left rim of the yellow Olympic ring, way above the 'c' of '3c'.	D3	
○	R4/2	Blue	Tiny white spot below the 'c' of '1c', level with the foot of the '1'.	F11	

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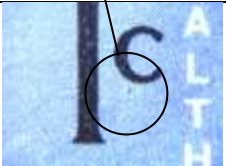
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 4/3

	Two dark blue spots inside the yellow Olympic ring, at 5 and 9 o'clock.	Dark blue spot 1mm left of the '1' of '1968'.	Dark blue spot inside of the green Olympic ring, top left of centre.	Dark blue spot inside of the red Olympic ring, bottom left of centre.
				
				

○	R4/3	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, 1mm left of the '1' of '1968'.	A B4	
○	R4/3	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the red Olympic ring, just bottom left of centre.	B C 9 10	
○	R4/3	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the green Olympic ring, towards the top left, 1.5mm from the middle of the arc of the black Olympic ring.	C7	
○	R4/3	Blue	Two dark blue spots inside of the yellow Olympic ring; at 9 o'clock; and at 5 o'clock, each 1mm from the inside of the rim.	D3, D4	

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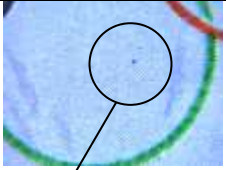
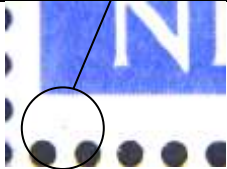
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 4/4

Dark blue spot adjacent to the left edge of the stamp, opposite the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.	White spot in the background above the '3' of the value.	Dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, below centre.	Dark blue spot left of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH', below the red rim.	
				
				
				
			Dark blue spot in the background, just below the 'c' of '1c'.	

○	R4/4	Blue	Dark blue spot adjacent to the left edge of the stamp, left of the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.	D1
○	R4/4	Blue	White spot 1mm above the '3' of the value.	D2
○	R4/4	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, at 5 o'clock 2mm from the rim of the ring.	D4 5
○	R4/4	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, 1.5mm left of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH', way above the 'c' of '1c'.	D10 11
○	R4/4	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background immediately below the 'c' of '1c'.	E10 11

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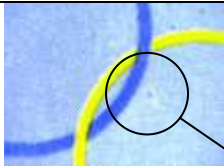
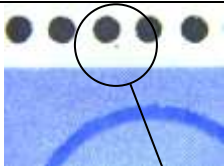
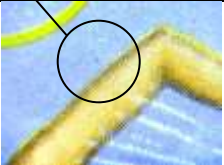
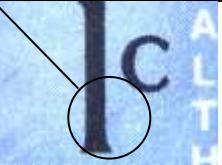
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 4/5

	Two dark blue spots inside of the yellow Olympic ring, right of the top of the blue rim.		Prominent dark blue spot inside of the green Olympic ring, right of centre.	
				
				
	 Tiny blue spot in the bottom margin at the left end, bottom left of the 'N' of 'NEW'.		 Light blue patch between the green Olympic ring and the top of the '1c'.	

○	R4/5	Blue	Two dark blue spots in a line towards the top of the yellow Olympic ring, one at 12 o'clock, 2.5mm from the top rim; the second 0.5mm from the rim of the blue ring at top left.	C4	
○	R4/5	Blue	Prominent dark blue spot in the green ring, at bottom right of centre, still some 2.5mm from the outer rim.	D8	
○	R4/5	Blue	Light blue circular patch in the background, midway between the top of the '1c' and the rim of the green Olympic ring. The white patch has dark blue spots above and below with which to frame it.	D9 10	✓
○	R4/5	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the bottom margin on the left side, bottom left of the 'N' of 'NEW'.	I1	

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3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 5/1

Dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, by the blue rim at top left.	Tiny blue spot in the top margin, top left of the apex of the blue Olympic ring.	Two dark blue spots by the '6' of '1968'; one close to the left side; another below.	Dark blue spot right of the lower oval of the '8' of '1968'.	
				
				
				
Two dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, at bottom right.	Dark blue spot midway between the elbow and the black Olympic ring.		Dark blue spot adjacent to the top edge of the swimmer's upper arm.	Dark blue spot close to the left edge of the '1' of '1c' by its foot.

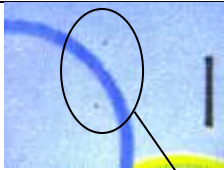
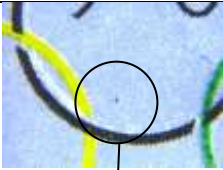
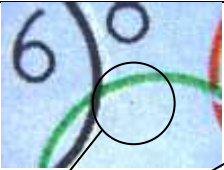
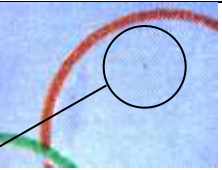
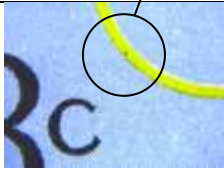
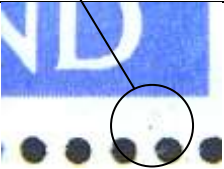
○	R5/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the top margin, above the blue Olympic ring, close, if not cut off by, the upper horizontal perforations.	-A2	
○	R5/1	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, 0.5mm below the '6' of '1968'. Another dark blue spot sits close by, immediately left of the '6', but may be covered by the '6' if the black is centred awkwardly..	B C6, B6 7	
○	R5/1	Blue	Dark blue spot just right of the lower circle of the '8' of '1968'.	B8	
○	R5/1	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, 0.5mm from the rim of the blue ring.	C4	
○	R5/1	Blue	Two dark blue spots also in the yellow Olympic ring, vertically aligned on the lower right side of the ring.	D5	
○	R5/1	Blue	Dark blue spot midway between the swimmer's elbow and the black Olympic ring.	D6	
○	R5/1	Blue	Dark blue spot just above the top edge of the swimmer's upper arm.	E5	
○	R5/1	Blue	Dark blue spot against the right edge of the '1' of the value '1c', close to the foot of the number.	F10	

3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 5/2

		Dark blue spot between the foot of the '1' of '1968' and the blue Olympic ring.	Tiny red spot inside of the green Olympic ring, by the black rim.	
				
				
				
	Small black arc midway between the 'c' of '3c' and the rim of the yellow Olympic ring.	Three blue circular patches directly above the 'E' of 'ZEAL' in the light blue background.	Tiny black spot at the right end of the horizontal bar of the 'A' of 'ZEAL'.	Dark blue spot 2mm left of the centre of the '1' of '1c'.

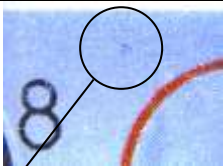
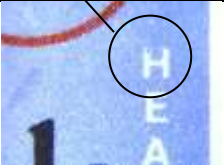
○	R5/2	Blue	Dark blue spot between the '1' of '1968' and the rim of the blue Olympic ring.	B4	
○	R5/2	Red	Tiny red spot inside of the green Olympic ring, just right of the outer rim of the black ring, just above the dark shading on the left side of the green ring.	C7	
○	R5/2	Black	Small black arc in the background above the right side of the 'c' of '3c', midway to the rim of the yellow Olympic ring.	E3	✓
○	R5/2	Blue	Dark blue spot 2mm left of the centre of the '1' of '1c'.	E9	
○	R5/2	Blue	Three large blue circles cross the background, above the 'E' of 'ZEAL' to the wake of the swimmer. These can be faint, the majority of examples are bold.	G6-H6	✓
○	R5/2	Black	Tiny black spot inside of the right leg of the 'A' of 'ZEAL', at the right end of the horizontal bar.	H7	

3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 5/3

	Two dark blue spots one inside, one outside of the blue Olympic ring at top right.	Dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, right of the rim of the yellow ring.	Dark blue spot near the top of the green Olympic ring, below the '8'.	Dark blue spot inside the red Olympic ring, between 11 and 12 o'clock.
				
				
	 Dark blue spot on the rim of the yellow Olympic ring at bottom left.		 Blue spot in the lower margin, bottom right of the 'D' of 'LAND'.	

○	R5/3	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the blue Olympic ring, close to the rim at 2 o'clock. There is also a dark blue spot just outside of the rim of the blue Olympic ring, at top right, above the previously mentioned dark blue spot.	A3	
○	R5/3	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the red Olympic ring, at top left, between 11 and 12 o'clock, 1mm below the rim.	A9/10	
○	R5/3	Black	Tiny black spot just inside of the green Olympic ring, below the '8' of '1968'.	B C8	
○	R5/3	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, between 6 and 7 o'clock, close to the lower rim, right of the yellow rim.	C6	
○	R5/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot, now green, on the rim of the yellow Olympic ring, at bottom left, top right of the 'c' of '3c'.	D E3	
○	R5/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the lower margin, bottom right of the 'D' of 'LAND', close to the horizontal perforations.	I11	

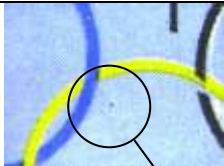
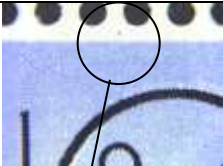
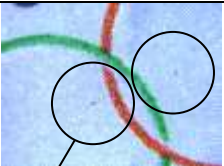
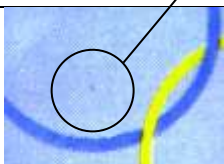
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 5/4

		Large blue spot in the black Olympic ring, by the green rim.	Dark blue spot top right of the '8' of '1968', top left of the red Olympic ring.	
				
				
				
	Dark blue spot in the blue triangle under the swimmer's arm.	Dark blue spot midway between the swimmer's wrist and the green Olympic ring.	White spot 1mm above the swimmer's hand, towards the base of the green Olympic ring.	Dark blue spot in the top left arm of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.

○	R5/4	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, top left of the red Olympic ring, top right of the '8' of '1968'.	A8 9	
○	R5/4	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, at 5 o'clock, just outside of the green ring. This is large and fuzzy, may even be a small retouch.	C7	
○	R5/4	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the top left arm of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	D11	
○	R5/4	Blue	Tiny white spot in the background, 1mm above the swimmer's hand.	E8	
○	R5/4	Blue	Dark blue spot 1mm above the swimmer's wrist, left of the white spot.	E8	
○	R5/4	Blue	Dark blue spot amongst the water splashes, below the elbow of the swimmer.	F6	

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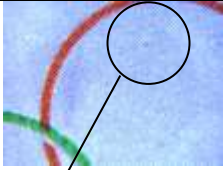
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 5/5

Smudged dark blue spot in the blue Olympic ring, just above centre.	Dark blue spot inside the yellow Olympic ring, by the blue rim.	Tiny black spot in the top margin, way above the '9' of '1968'.	Two dark blue spots, one in each of the green and red Olympic rings.	
				
				
				
Dark blue spot in the blue Olympic ring, 2mm from the lower rim.	Dark blue spot just top right of the 'c' of '3c'.			

○	R5/5	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the top margin, way above the '9' of '1968'.	-A5 6	
○	R5/5	Blue	Smudged dark blue spot inside of the blue Olympic ring, 2mm below the top rim.	B2	
○	R5/5	Blue	Further dark blue spot inside of the blue Olympic ring, in a similar vertical position to that as above, but 2mm from the bottom rim.	C2	
○	R5/5	Blue	Blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, at 11 o'clock, close to the outside of the blue rim.	C4	
○	R5/5	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the green Olympic ring, at top right, next to the rim of the red ring. Dark blue spot inside of the red Olympic ring, 1.5mm bottom left of centre, close to the green rim.	C8 9	
○	R5/5	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, 0.5mm top right of the 'c' of '3c'.	E3	

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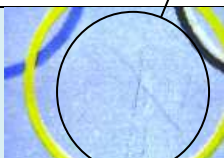
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 6/1

			Dark blue spot in the red Olympic ring, 1.5mm from the rim at top left.	Tiny blue spot in the right margin, top right of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.
				
				
				
Dark blue spot just above the head of the swimmer.	Tiny blue spot in the lower margin, below the 'E' of 'NEW'.	Black spot on the edge of the swimmer's elbow.	Dark blue spot amongst the dark blue shading in the green Olympic ring.	

○	R6/1	Blue	Dark blue spot in the red Olympic ring, at 10 o'clock, 1.5mm from the rim.	B9	
○	R6/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the right margin, top right of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	C12	
○	R6/1	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the green Olympic ring, amongst the shading at the bottom left.	D7	
○	R6/1	Black	Tiny black spot on the bend of the swimmer's elbow, along its outer edge.	E6	
○	R6/1	Blue	Dark blue spot immediately above the swimmer's head.	F4	
○	R6/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the lower margin, below the right side of the 'E' of 'NEW'.	I3	

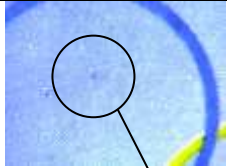
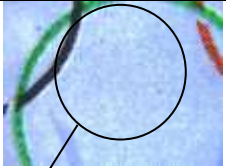
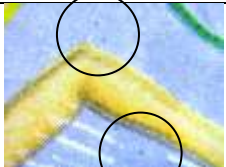
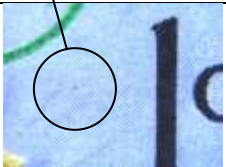
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3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 6/2

	Two spots by the top of the '1' of '1968'. Tiny black spot left of the top; and tiny blue spot just above.	Dark blue spot inside the black Olympic ring, below centre.	Dark blue spot just top left of the '8' of '1968'.	
				
				
				
	Dark blue scratches in the yellow Olympic ring that cross at the centre.	Dark blue spot (now green) on the lower rim of the yellow Olympic ring.	Three dark blue spots in the green Olympic ring, at 10, 12 and 1 o'clock.	Tiny white spot just left of the top 'H' of 'HEALTH'.

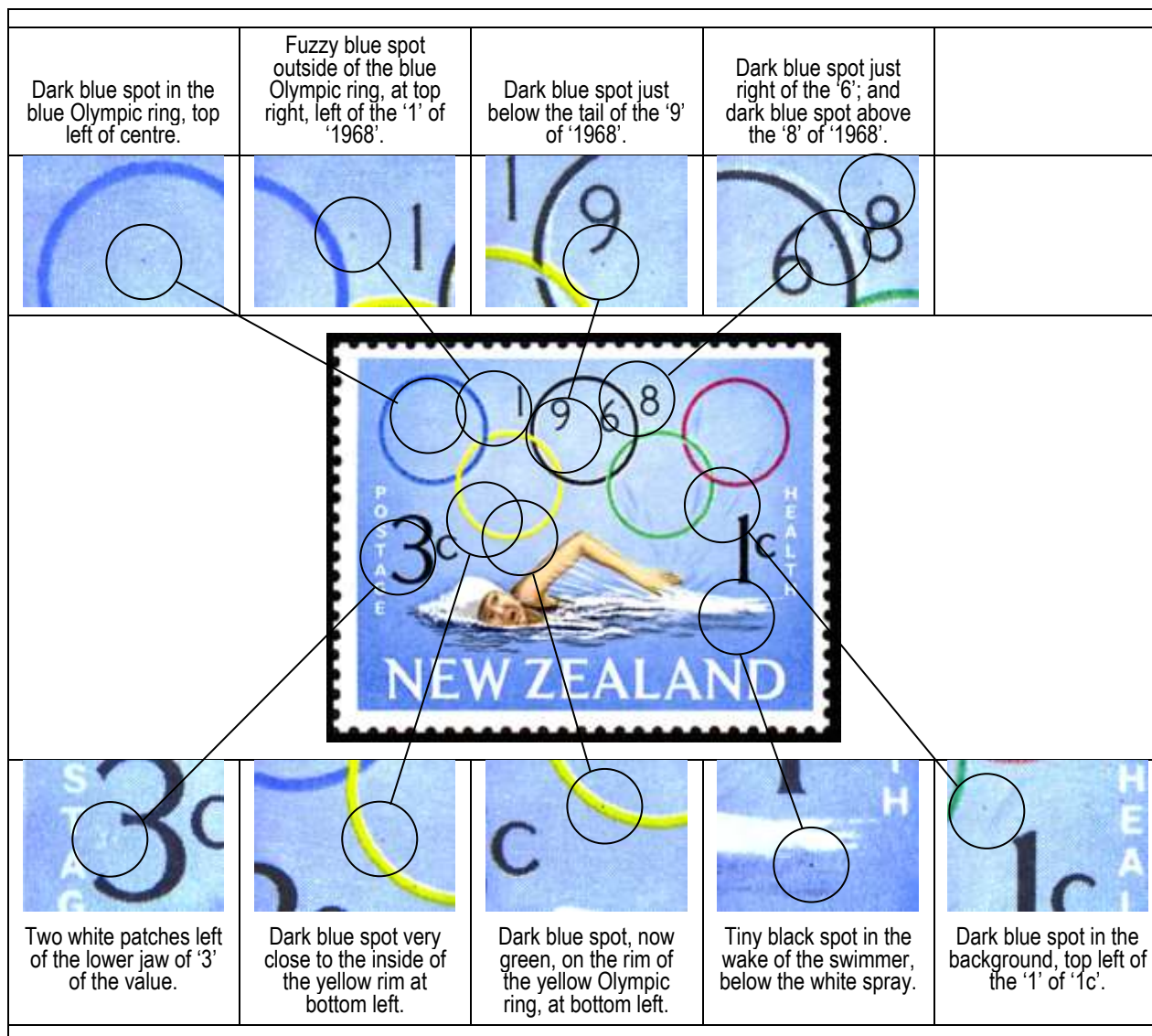
○	R6/2	Blue, black	Tiny black spot in the background, 1.5mm left from the top of the '1' of '1968'. This is very close to a dark blue spot 0.75mm above the '1'.	A4 5	
○	R6/2	Blue	Dark blue spot just top right of the '8' of '1968'.	A7 8	
○	R6/2	Blue	There are a number of scratches, most of which are faint, that run inside of the yellow Olympic ring, that cross about the centre. These are faint on most examples.	B4-D4	✓
○	R6/2	Blue	Prominent dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, 1.5mm from the lower rim, at 6 o'clock.	C6	
○	R6/2	Blue	There are three dark blue spots inside of the green Olympic ring, at 10, 12 and 1 o'clock, all close to the rim of the ring.	C7-C8	
○	R6/2	Blue	Tiny white spot 0.5mm left of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	D11	
○	R6/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot, now green, just to the left of the lowest point of the yellow rim.	E4	

3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 6/3

	Dark blue spot in the blue Olympic ring, 2.5mm below the top rim.	Dark blue spot in the black Olympic ring, close to the rim of the green ring.	Three dark blue spots in the green Olympic ring, all above centre.	
				
				
		 Two dark blue spots just above and just below the swimmer's elbow.	 Tiny black spot in the background 2.5mm left of the centre of '1c'.	

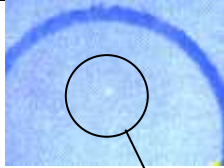
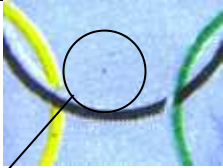
○	R6/3	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the blue Olympic ring, above centre, 2.5mm down from the top rim. There are several other lesser dark blue spots seen inside of this ring, but they are transient.	B2	
○	R6/3	Blue	Dark blue spot inside the black Olympic ring, very close to the rim of the green ring on the right, below the '6'.	C7	
○	R6/3	Blue	There are three tiny black spots inside of the green Olympic ring, all above centre.	C8	
○	R6/3	Blue	Two dark blue spots under the swimmer's arm, bottom right of the elbow and a further two dark blue spots just above the elbow.	E6-F7	
○	R6/3	Black	Tiny black spot in the background, 2.5mm left of the '1' of '1c', level with the middle of the 'c'.	E9	

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3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 6/4

○	R6/4	Blue	There is a fuzzy dark blue spot, large in some examples, left of the '1' of '1968', just right of the rim of the blue ring.	A B4	
○	R6/4	Blue	Prominent dark blue spot just top left of the centre of the blue Olympic ring, heading towards 11 o'clock.	B2	
○	R6/4	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the black ring, just below the '9' of '1968'.	B6	
○	R6/4	Blue	Dark blue spot close to the rim of the black Olympic ring, right of the '6' of '1968'. There is also a dark blue spot in the background, immediately above the '8' of '1968'.	B7, A8	
○	R6/4	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, at 7 o'clock, very close to the inside of the rim.	D3	
○	R6/4	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, 1.5mm top left of the '1' of '1c', closer to the rim of the green Olympic ring.	D9	
○	R6/4	Blue	There are two tiny white patches, left of the middle jaw of the '3'.	E1/2	
○	R6/4	Blue	There is a blue, now green, spot on the rim of the yellow Olympic ring, at 7 to 8 o'clock.	E3 4	
○	R6/4	Black	Tiny black spot hidden in the wake of the swimmer, 3mm above the 'D' of 'LAND'. There is a tiny blue spot just above this, that appears at the right end of the last white wave, prominent, that can be used to locate this black spot.	G10	

3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 6/5

	White spot inside of the blue Olympic ring, 2mm below the top rim.	Dark blue spot, now green, on the rim of the yellow Olympic ring, below the black rim.	Dark blue spot in the black Olympic ring, close to the lower rim.	
				
				
	 Two dark blue spots outside of the rim of the yellow Olympic ring at bottom left.			

○	R6/5	Blue	White spot inside of the blue Olympic ring, just above centre.	B2	
○	R6/5	Blue	Dark blue spot in the black Olympic ring, 1.5mm from the rim at 6 o'clock.	C6	
○	R6/5	Blue	There is a tiny blue spot, now green, on the rim of the yellow Olympic ring, at 3 o'clock, just below the black rim.	D5	
○	R6/5	Blue	There are two dark blue spots in the background, close to the outer rim of the yellow Olympic ring, top right of the 'c' of '3c'.	E3	

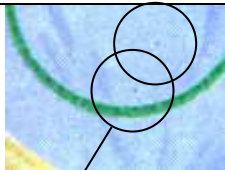
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3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 7/1

Fuzzy white patch close to the centre of the blue Olympic ring.	Dark blue spot in the yellow Olympic ring, by the blue rim.	Dark blue spot just right of the top oval of the '9' of '1968'.	Tiny blue spot in the top margin, above the centre of the black Olympic ring.	Dark blue spot just top right of the '1' of '1c'.
				
				
				
	Dark blue spot just above the nose at centre of the '3' of the value.	Multiple dark blue spots by the lower rim of the yellow Olympic ring.	Tiny blue spot at the centre of the left leg of the 'A' of 'LAND'.	Blue smudge by the vertical perfs, right of the 'EA' of 'HEALTH'.

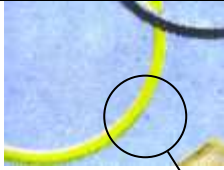
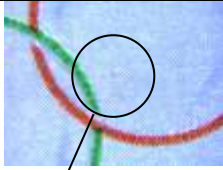
○	R7/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the top margin, top right of the highest point of the black Olympic ring.	-A6	
○	R7/1	Blue	Fuzzy white area just bottom right of the centre of the blue Olympic ring.	B2	
○	R7/1	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, just right of the upper circle of the '9' of '1968'.	B6	
○	R7/1	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, at top left, very close to the rim of the blue ring. There are also a few other dark blue spot of a lesser nature close by.	C4	
○	R7/1	Blue	Significant blue smudge as excess ink in the right margin, right of the 'EA' of 'HEALTH'. This flaw is oval, with a white centre, often cut through by the vertical perforations.	D E12	✓
○	R7/1	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, 1mm top right of the '1' of '1c', level with the middle of the 'E' of 'HEALTH'.	D10 11	
○	R7/1	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, just above the middle jaw of the '3' of the value.	E2	
○	R7/1	Blue	There are three very close dark blue spots near the rim of the yellow ring, between 5 and 6 o'clock.	E4-E5	
○	R7/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot inside of the left leg of the 'A' of 'LAND', just above where the horizontal bar joins.	H8	

3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 7/2

	Tiny blue spot in the top margin, way above the '9' of '1968'. Spots close by are transient.	Two dark blue spots in the green Olympic ring, close to the black rim.	Two dark blue spots in the green Olympic ring, at bottom right.	
				
				
				
	Tiny blue spot at the left end of the lower margin, bottom left of the 'N' of 'NEW'.	Dark blue spot in the background above the 'c' of '3c'.		

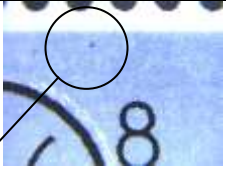
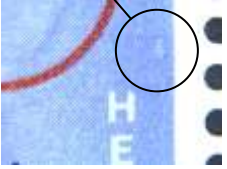
○	R7/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the top margin, directly above the left side of the '9' of '1968'. There may be other tiny blue spots in the vicinity, but they are transient.	-A5	
○	R7/2	Blue	Two dark blue spots inside of the green Olympic ring, both close to the rim of the black ring at top left.	C7	
○	R7/2	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, level with the top of the '3' of '3c' above the middle of the 'c'.	D3	
○	R7/2	Blue	There are two further dark blue spots inside of the green Olympic ring; one at 6 o'clock 0.5mm from the rim; the other heading towards 5 o'clock 1.5mm from the rim.	D8, E8	
○	R7/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the lower margin, below the 'N' of 'NEW'. Likely to be cut off by the horizontal perforations, unless they are shifted slightly.	I2	

3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 7/3

	Dark blue spot just outside of the rim at bottom right of the yellow Olympic ring.		Dark blue spot inside the red Olympic ring, right of the green rim.	
				
				
				
	Tiny black spot on the lower rim of the yellow Olympic ring.	Dark blue spot midway between the swimmer's elbow and the black Olympic ring.	Tiny blue spot at the base of the right leg of the 'N' of 'LAND'.	Dark blue spot just top left of the '1' of '1c' above the serif.

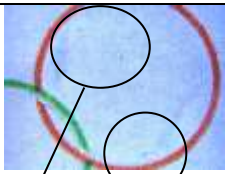
○	R7/3	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the red Olympic ring, 1mm from the green rim, between 7 and 8 o'clock.	C9	
○	R7/3	Blue	Three dark blue spots at bottom right of the yellow Olympic ring, two inside below the black rim; the third outside of the yellow rim towards the swimmer's elbow.	D5	
○	R7/3	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, midway between the bottom of the black ring and the swimmer's elbow.	D6	
○	R7/3	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, just left of the serif of the '1' of '1c'.	D10	
○	R7/3	Black	Tiny black spot on the lower rim of the yellow Olympic ring, at 6 o'clock.	E4	
○	R7/3	Blue	Tiny black spot inside of the right leg of the 'N' of 'LAND', towards the foot of the letter, where the diagonal joins.	H10	

3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 7/4

	Dark blue spot inside the blue Olympic ring, at top right.	Two close dark blue spots between the '9' and the black rim to the left.	Dark blue spot close to the top edge of the stamp, top left of the '8' of '1968'.	
				
				
				
Dark blue spot just below the rim of the yellow Olympic ring, at bottom left.	Tiny blue spot in the lower margin below the 'E' of 'NEW'.		Dark blue spot amongst the spray, right of the swimmer's hand.	Light blue patch very close to the right edge of the stamp, top right of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.

○	R7/4	Blue	Dark blue spot against the top edge of the stamp, top left of the '8' of '1968'.	A7	
○	R7/4	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the blue Olympic ring, at top right, 1.5mm from the rim.	B2	
○	R7/4	Blue	Two very close dark blue spots inside of the black Olympic ring, between the '9' of '1968' and the rim at left.	B5	
○	R7/4	Blue	Faint light blue patch top right of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH', at the right edge of the stamp. Perhaps a small retouch to a white flaw?	C12	
○	R7/4	Blue	Dark blue spot just outside of the lower rim of the yellow Olympic ring, just passed 6 o'clock.	E4	
○	R7/4	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, 1.5mm right of the trailing fingers of the swimmer.	F9	
○	R7/4	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the lower margin, below the 'E' of 'NEW'.	I3	

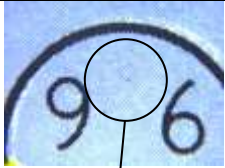
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 7/5

			Three dark blue spots inside the red Olympic ring, at top left and bottom right.	
				
				
				
	The top of the left leg of the 'N' of 'NEW' bulges out at top right.	Two dark blue spots in a horizontal line right of the 'c' of '3c'.		

○	R7/5	Blue	Three dark blue spots inside of the red Olympic ring; the top spot is found very close to the rim at top left between 10 and 11 o'clock; the second just top left of centre towards 11 o'clock; the lower and most prominent just right of 6 o'clock.	A/B9; B10; C10	
○	R7/5	Blue	Two dark blue spots in the background, in a horizontal line right of the 'c' of '3c'.	E3	
○	R7/5	Blue	The serif of the top of the left leg of the 'N' of 'NEW' has a white bulge on the right side.	H1	✓

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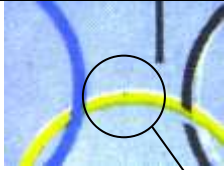
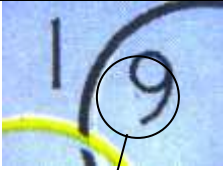
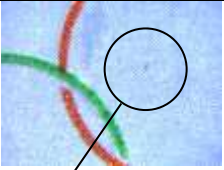
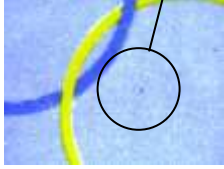
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 8/1

		Dark blue spot between the tops of the '9' and '6' in the black Olympic ring.	Two dark blue spots in a vertical line below the '6' of '1968'.	
				
				
				
		Two dark blue spots in a diagonal, above the swimmer's elbow, midway to the black Olympic ring.	Blue spot in the lower margin at the right end, close to the edge bottom right of the 'D' of 'LAND'.	

○	R8/1	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, between the tops of the '9' and '6' of '1968'.	B6	
○	R8/1	Blue	Two dark blue spots inside of the black Olympic ring, in a vertical line, directly below the '6' of '1968'.	B7-C7	
○	R8/1	Blue	Two dark blue spots in the background, in a diagonal above the elbow of the swimmer.	D6	
○	R8/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the lower margin, bottom right of the 'D' of 'LAND'.	I11	

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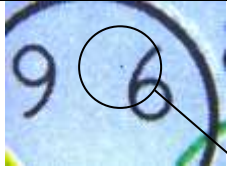
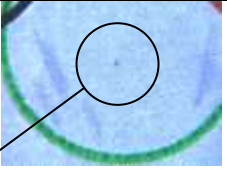
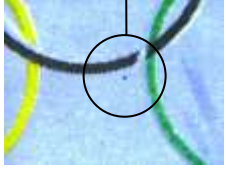
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	Dark blue spot in the rim of the yellow Olympic ring, at top.	Prominent blue spot just below the '9' of '1968'.	Dark blue spot in the red Olympic ring, midway between the centre and 9 o'clock.	
				
				
				
	Dark blue spot in the yellow Olympic ring,	Dark blue spot in the background, just below the rim of the yellow Olympic ring.	Dark blue spot in the yellow Olympic ring, towards 3 o'clock.	

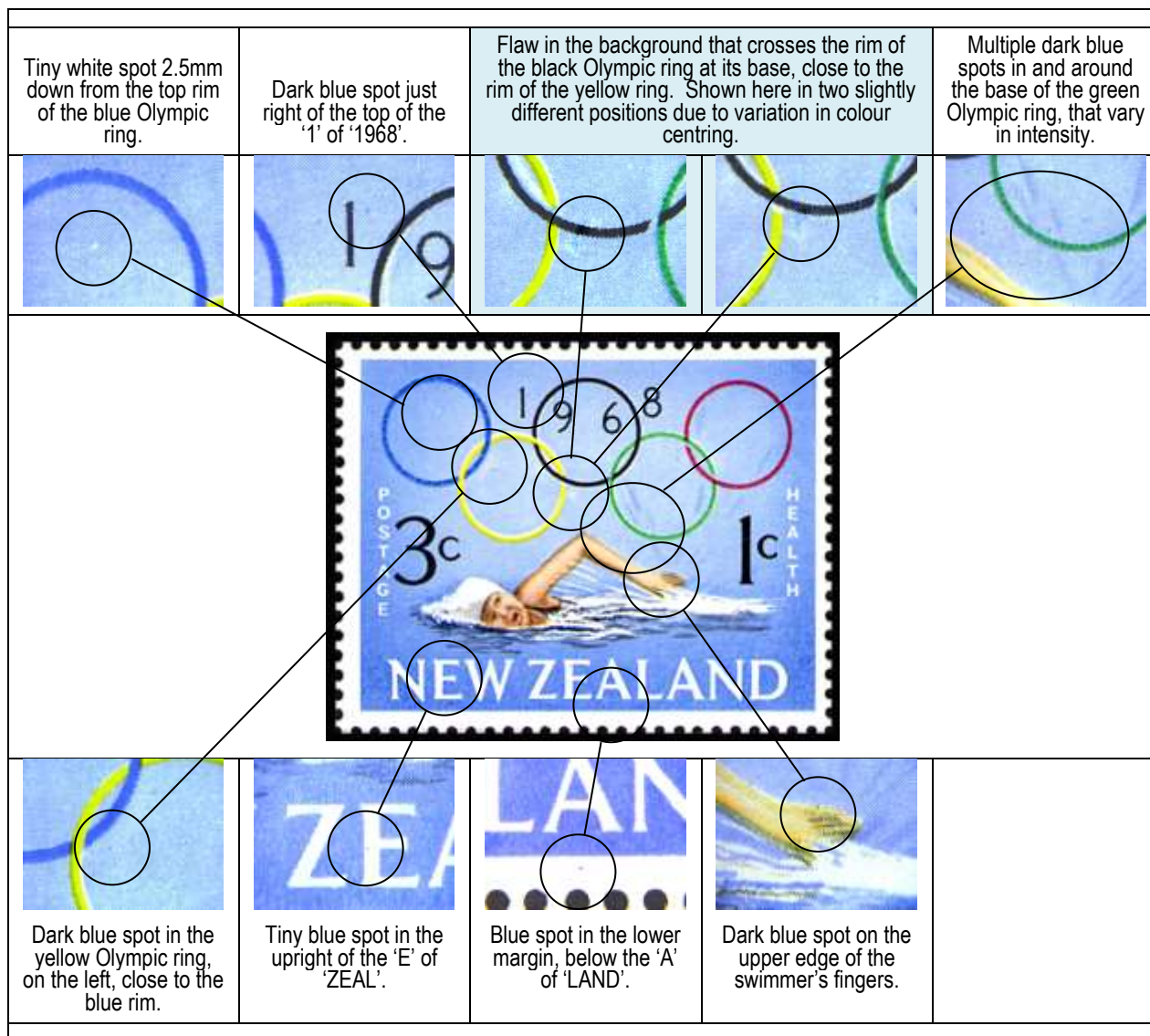
○	R8/2	Blue	Dark blue spot, now green, on the top rim of the yellow Olympic ring.	B4
○	R8/2	Blue	Prominent oval dark blue spot inside of the black Olympic ring, below the top circle of the '9' of '1968'.	B5/6
○	R8/2	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the red Olympic ring, left of centre, still 3mm from the 9 o'clock position.	B9
○	R8/2	Black	Tiny black spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, towards 10 o'clock, 1.5mm from the rim of the blue ring.	C4
○	R8/2	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, towards 3 o'clock.	D5
○	R8/2	Blue	Dark blue spot just below the lower rim of the yellow Olympic ring.	E4

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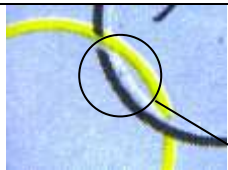
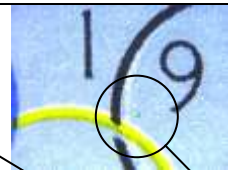
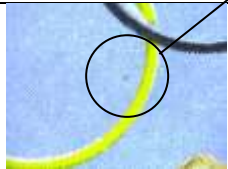
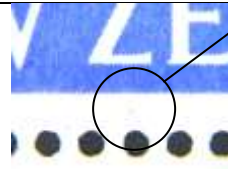
	Tint black spot in the black Olympic ring, just left of the back of the '6'.	Dark blue spot between the bottom left of the '8' of '1968' and the black rim.	Dark blue spot in the green Olympic ring, 1.5mm from the top.	Dark blue spot in the green Olympic ring, below centre.
				
				
				
Tiny blue spot in the 'W' of 'NEW', biased left of the top middle arm.	Tiny blue spot in the 'Z' of 'ZEAL', just above centre of the diagonal.	Dark blue spot just below the rim of the black Olympic ring, next to the green rim.	Tiny white spot 1mm above the left leg of the 'N' of 'LAND'.	

○	R8/3	Black	Tiny black spot 0.5mm left of the '6' of '1968'.	B6 7	
○	R8/3	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, on the edge of the '8' of '1968', may be behind the black on some examples.	B8	
○	R8/3	Blue	Prominent dark blue spot in the green Olympic ring, 1.5mm from below the top rim.	C8	
○	R8/3	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, very close to the lower junction of the black and green rings.	D6 7	
○	R8/3	Blue	Further dark blue spot inside of the green Olympic ring, just below the centre.	D8	
○	R8/3	Blue	White spot in the blue background, 1mm above the left leg of the 'N' of 'LAND'.	G9	
○	R8/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot inside the white of the 'W' of 'NEW', just left of the centre apex.	H4	
○	R8/3	Blue	Blue spot in the white diagonal of the 'Z' of 'ZEAL', midway along its length.	H5	

3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 8/4

○	R8/4	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, 0.5mm right of the top of the '1' of '1968'.	A5	
○	R8/4	Blue	Tiny white spot in the blue Olympic ring, 2.5mm below the 12 o'clock position.	B2	
○	R8/4	Blue	Faint dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, towards the 9 o'clock position, close to the rim of the blue ring.	C4	
○	R8/4	Blue	Flaw running in the background across the rim of the black Olympic ring, just passed 6 o'clock. This takes the form of an irregular light blue area, crudely filled.	C6-D6	✓
○	R8/4	Blue	Multiple dark blue spots around the outside of the rim of the green Olympic ring at 6, 7, 7-8 and 9 o'clock. There is also a dark blue spot inside of the green Olympic ring, between 6 and 7 o'clock. Two further dark blue spots are seen in the background right of the swimmer's elbow, midway to the green ring. Lastly for this area, two further dark blue spots appear above the middle of the swimmer's lower arm.	E7	
○	R8/4	Blue	Dark blue spot on the upper edge of the swimmer's fingers.	F8	
○	R8/4	Blue	Blue spot in the upright of the 'E' of 'ZEAL', just below centre.	H6	
○	R8/4	Blue	Blue spot in the lower margin, below the centre of the 'A' of 'LAND'.	I8	

3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 8/5

Dark blue spot in the oval area intersected by the yellow and black Olympic rings.	Tiny black spot in the black Olympic ring, just above the crossing of the yellow rim.	Fuzzy blue spot in the black Olympic ring, between the feet of the '9' and '6' of '1968'.	Dark blue spot in the green Olympic ring, at the intersection with the red ring.	
				
				
				
Fuzzy blue spot in the yellow Olympic ring, at right, close to the rim.	Tiny black spot in the lower margin, below the 'Z' of 'ZEAL'.	Tiny blue spot in the 'L' of 'LAND' close to the foot of the upright.	Tiny blue spot in the 'A' of 'LAND', middle of the top segment of the left side.	

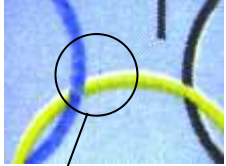
○	R8/5	Black	Black spot inside of the black Olympic ring, just right of the intersection of the black and yellow rings.	B5	
○	R8/5	Blue	Prominent dark blue spot at the centre of the black Olympic ring,	C/D8	
○	R8/5	Blue	Dark blue spot in the green Olympic ring, just bottom left of the upper intersection of the green and red rings.	C8	
○	R8/5	Blue	Fuzzy dark blue spot very close to the edge of the yellow rim, at 4 o'clock.	D5	
○	R8/5	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the lower angle of the 'L' of 'LAND'.	H7	
○	R8/5	Blue	Tiny blue spot inside of the 'A' of 'LAND', at the centre of the upper part of the left side.	H8	
○	R8/5	Black	Tiny black spot in the lower margin, below the 'Z' of 'ZEAL'.	I5	
○	R8/5	Blue	Dark blue spot in the oval intersection of the yellow and black Olympic rings.	C5	

3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 9/1

There is a patch of missing blue in the area stranded the intersection of the yellow and black Olympic rings, at the top end.	Black spot below the '1' of '1968' and a further blue spot left of the rim of the '9'.	Two tiny white spots appear in the black Olympic ring, both bottom left of the '6'.	Fuzzy dark blue spot in the green Olympic ring, 2mm from the top.
White spot in the yellow Olympic ring, that has a dark blue spot at its centre.	Three tiny blue spots appear in the bottom left corner; one in the left leg of the 'N' of 'NEW'; two appear in the lower margin.	Dark blue spot between the upper arm of the swimmer, and the yellow Olympic ring.	Three dark blue spots in the green Olympic ring at bottom right.

○	R9/1	Black	Tiny black spot on the rim of the top circle of the '9' of '1968', on the left side. And a further spot below the '1'.	B5	
○	R9/1	Blue	Two white spots inside of the black Olympic ring, bottom left of the '6' of '1968'.	B6-C7	
○	R9/1	Blue	Bullseye style spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, top left of centre, appearing as a white circle with a dark blue centre, as if an attempt has been made to correct it.	C4	
○	R9/1	Blue	Large triangular white area appears at the intersection of the yellow and black Olympic rings.	C5	✓
○	R9/1	Blue	Fuzzy dark blue spot inside the green Olympic ring, 2mm from the top rim towards the point between the 11 and 12 o'clock	C8	
○	R9/1	Blue	Two dark blue spots below the yellow Olympic ring, above the swimmer's arm and a third spot outside of the yellow ring at 4 o'clock.	D E5	
○	R9/1	Blue	Further dark blue spot in the green Olympic ring, 2.5mm from the rim at 4 o'clock.	D8 9	
○	R9/1	Blue	Two dark blue spots in the lower margin below the 'N' of 'NEW' biased towards the right of centre. Also a blue spot appears in the left leg of the 'N' of 'NEW', below centre.	I2, H1	

3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 9/2

	Dark blue spot in the background top right of the blue Olympic ring.	Dark blue spot on the rim of the yellow Olympic ring, just right of the top intersection with the blue ring.		
				
				
				
Two very close dark blue spots just right of the 'c' of '2c'.	Tiny blue spot in the 'W' of 'NEW', in the middle of the 2 nd diagonal, with a lighter fuzzy spot appearing just above.	Dark blue spot on the back of the swimmer's hand.	Dark blue spot in the background, bottom right of the green Olympic ring, top left of the fingers.	

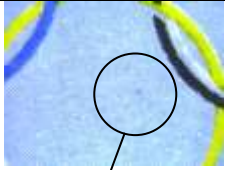
○	R9/2	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, top right of the blue Olympic ring, 1.5mm from the blue rim.	A4	
○	R9/2	Blue	Dark blue spot in the upper rim of the yellow Olympic ring, between 11 and 12 o'clock, next to the edge of the blue ring.	B4	
○	R9/2	Blue	Two close dark blue spots in the background, 0.5mm right of the middle of the 'c' of '3c'.	E3	
○	R9/2	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, 2mm top right of the swimmer's fingers bottom right of the green Olympic ring.	E9	
○	R9/2	Blue	Dark blue spot on the back of the swimmer's hand.	F8	
○	R9/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the white of the 'W' of 'NEW', left of the apex of the middle point. There is a fuzzy tiny blue spot at the top of the middle point also.	H4	

3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 9/3

	Large blue flaw on the rim of the blue Olympic ring at top right.	Flaw in the black Olympic ring, below the '9', appearing as a white circle.	Two dark blue spots in the red Olympic ring, both at bottom left.	
				
				
		 Tiny blue spot in the 'L' of 'LAND', towards the base of the upright.	 Dark blue spot inside the green Olympic ring, bottom left of centre (the upper spot is transient).	

○	R9/3	Blue	Large flaw at the top right of the blue Olympic ring, against the inside of the rim. The flaw has a semi-circular light blue area with a dark centre, as if retouched.	A B3	✓
○	R9/3	Blue	Large light blue patch inside the black Olympic ring, at the foot of the '9' of '1968', where the blue screen dots are haphazard.	B6-C6	✓
○	R9/3	Blue	Two dark blue spots inside of the red Olympic ring; at 1mm from the lower rim between 6 and 7 o'clock; and at 1mm from the green rim at 8 o'clock.	C10, C9	
○	R9/3	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the green Olympic ring, 2mm towards the point between 6 and 7 o'clock. There are other dark blue spots close by, but these are transient.	D8	
○	R9/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot inside of the 'L' of 'LAND', close to the bottom of the vertical arm.	H7	

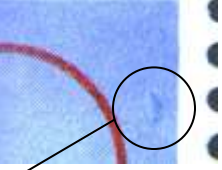
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 9/4

		Dark blue spot in the yellow Olympic ring, 1mm from the black rim.		
				
				
				
	Tiny white spot in the background just under the middle arm of the 'E' of 'NEW'.	Dark blue spot 1.5mm top right of the 'L' of 'LAND'.		

○	R9/4	Blue	Dark blue spot just top right of the centre of the yellow Olympic ring, 1mm from the rim of the black ring.	C5	
○	R9/4	Blue	Dark blue spot 1.5mm top right of the 'L' of 'LAND', partly hidden in the wake of the swimmer.	G8	
○	R9/4	Blue	Tiny white spot in the background, below the middle bar of the 'E' of 'NEW'.	H3	

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3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 9/5

	Flaw in the yellow Olympic ring, below centre, appearing as a white circle.	Dark blue spot in the background, just right of the centre of the '1' of '1968'.	Two white flaws appear the green Olympic ring, above centre and left of centre.	Dark blue patch in the background, close to the right edge of the stamp, right of the red Olympic ring.
				
				
				
			Tiny blue spot in the 'N' of 'LAND' towards the top of the diagonal.	

○	R9/5	Blue	Dark blue spot just right of the '1' of '1968', close to the rim of the black ring.	A B5	
○	R9/5	Blue	Dark blue patch in the background, close to the right edge of the stamp, right of the top segment of the red Olympic ring. Unlike most dark blue patches seen on other stamps, this one is constant.	A11-B11	
○	R9/5	Blue	Second light blue patch on this stamp, now seen in the green Olympic ring, above centre. This is similar to the light blue patch seen in the yellow ring but here it is smaller and lighter. There is a further light blue patch in the green ring, by the blue shading at 8 o'clock.	C8	✓
○	R9/5	Blue	Large circular light blue patch inside of the yellow Olympic ring, biased slightly bottom right of centre. Here the screen dots are irregular and many are missing.	D4 5	✓
○	R9/5	Blue	Tiny blue spot at the upper end of the diagonal of the 'N' of 'LAND'.	H9	

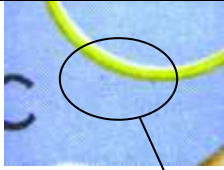
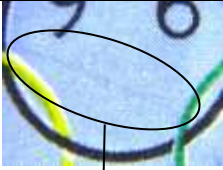
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 10/1

	Two dark blue spot inside the yellow Olympic ring, close to the blue rim.	Dark blue spot on the rim of the yellow Olympic ring, just below the crossing of the black rim.	Dark blue spot in the green Olympic ring, below centre.	
				
				
				
		Tiny blue spot in the right leg of the 'A' of 'ZEAL', by the foot.		

○	R10/1	Blue	Two dark blue spots in a line diagonally from the centre of the yellow Olympic ring, towards 10 o'clock at 0.5mm and 1.5mm from the rim of the blue ring.	C4	
○	R10/1	Blue	Dark blue spot on the rim of the yellow Olympic ring, on the right, immediately below where the black ring crosses over the yellow and may be hidden by it when the colours are not aligned.	C D5	
○	R10/1	Blue	Dark blue spot in the green Olympic ring, just bottom right of centre.	D8	
○	R10/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the white of the foot of the 'A' of 'ZEAL'.	H I7	

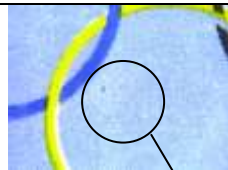
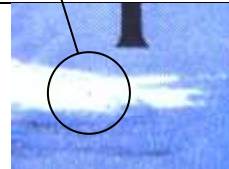
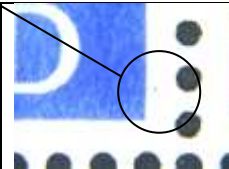
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3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 10/2

	Two dark blue spots at below the yellow Olympic ring, close to the lower rim.	Transient blue smudge through the black Olympic ring, below '98'.	Dark blue spot in the green Olympic ring, close to the left rim at 9 o'clock.	Dark blue spot below the 'c' of '1c', left of 'TH' of 'HEALTH'.
				
				
				
Dark blue spot in the background, just top right of the '3' of the value.	Small white spur from the lower arm downwards, near the right end.	Dark blue spot in the background midway between the yellow Olympic ring and the swimmer's elbow.	Dark blue spot in the background, top right of the fingers, below the green Olympic ring.	Tiny blue spot in the vertical back of the 'D' of 'LAND' just below centre.

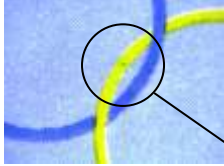
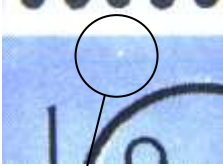
○	R10/2	Blue	Transient curved scratch through the black Olympic ring, from left to bottom right, exiting the ring in a line of shading by the green ring.	B5-C7
○	R10/2	Blue	Dark blue spot 0.1mm top right of the '3' of '3c'.	D2
○	R10/2	Blue	Dark blue spot between the swimmer's elbow and the bottom right of the yellow Olympic ring.	D E 5 6
○	R10/2	Blue	Dark blue spot against the rim of the green Olympic ring, on the left side, just below 9 o'clock.	D7
○	R10/2	Blue	Two dark blue spots just below the yellow Olympic ring; one sitting against the rim; the second 1.5mm to the left at 6 o'clock.	E4
○	R10/2	Blue	Dark blue spot in the background, 0.5mm below the centre of the lower rim of the green Olympic ring.	E8
○	R10/2	Blue	Further dark blue spot in the background, 1.5mm below the 'c' of '1c'.	F11
○	R10/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the vertical back of the 'D' of 'LAND', just below centre.	H10
○	R10/2	Blue	Tiny white spur from the lower edge of the 'E' of 'NEW', 0.25mm from the right end of the lower arm.	I3

3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 10/3

Tiny white spot in the blue Olympic ring, 2mm from the top rim.	Dark blue spot in the yellow Olympic ring, very close to the blue rim.	Dark blue spot very close to the outer edge of the green rim at bottom right.		
				
				
				
Tiny blue spot in the left margin, level with the 'A' of 'POSTAGE'.	White spot in the background, between the lower arm of the 'E' of 'ZEAL' and the lower edge.	Dark blue spot 1mm bottom right of the green Olympic ring; left of the '1c'.	Dark blue spot in the wake of the swimmer, way above the 'N' of 'LAND'.	Two close tiny blue spots at the lower end of the right margin, level with the foot of the 'D' of 'LAND'.

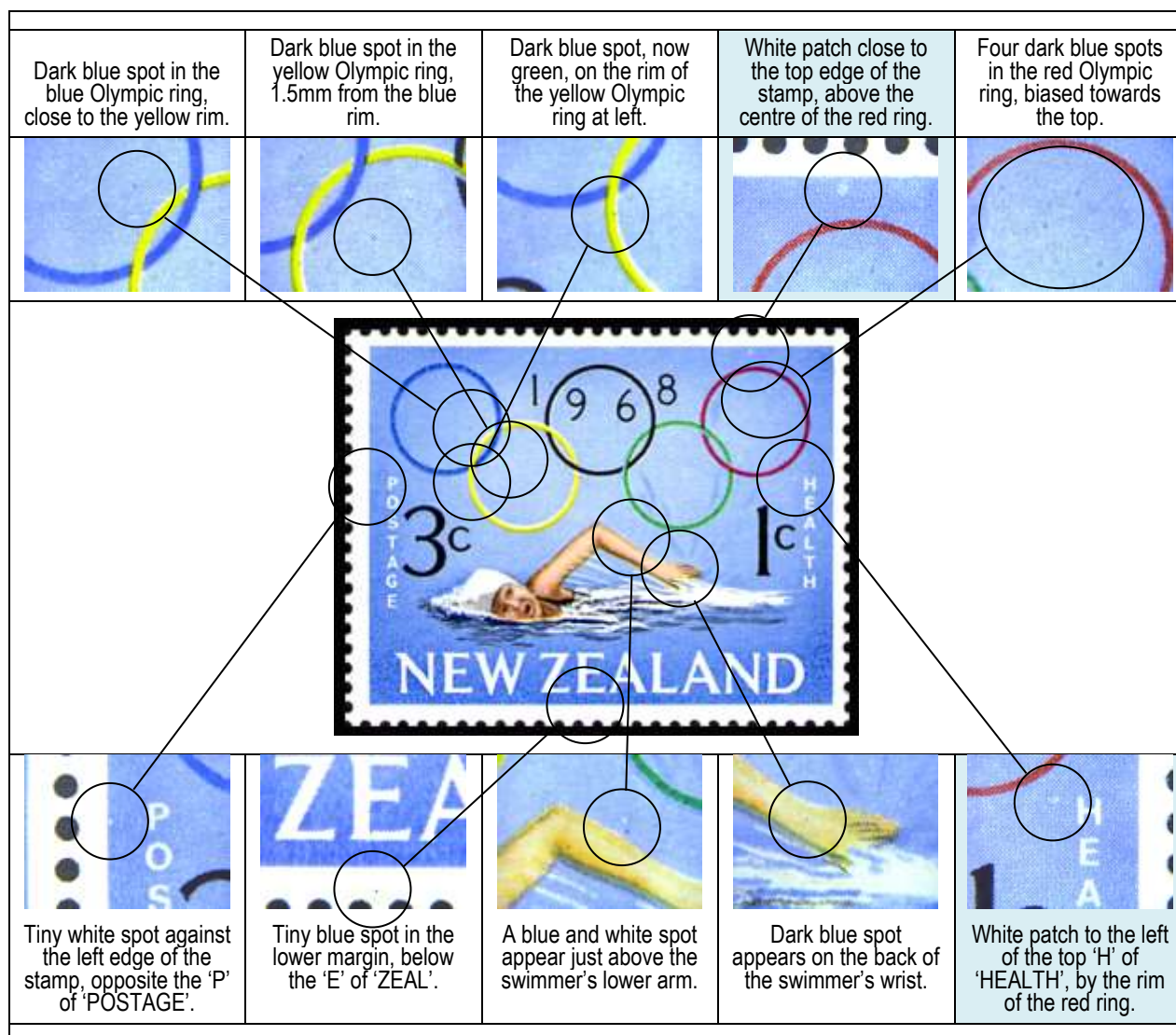
○	R10/3	Blue	Tiny white spot in the blue Olympic ring, 2mm down from the centre of the top rim.	B2	
○	R10/3	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, very close to the blue rim at 10 o'clock. There is also a tiny white spot just bottom right of this.	C3 4	
○	R10/3	Blue	Dark blue spot against the rim of the green Olympic ring, at the outside at 4 o'clock.	D9	
○	R10/3	Blue	Dark blue spot just 1mm outside of the green Olympic ring, at 5 o'clock, left of the '1c'.	E9	
○	R10/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the white spray, above the 'N' of 'LAND'. (Similar to a black spot seen on the stamp at row 10/4).	F G 9 10	
○	R10/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the left margin, left of the 'A' of 'POSTAGE'.	F0	
○	R10/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot close to the foot of the right margin; and a number of tiny blue spot below the vertical back of the 'D' of 'LAND'.	I12, I10	
○	R10/3	Blue	Tiny white spot in the small blue gap below the 'E' of 'ZEAL' and the lower edge of the stamp.	I6	

3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 10/4

Dark blue spot, now green, on the rim of the yellow Olympic ring at top left.	White spot in the yellow Olympic ring, close to the black rim.	White spot in the background, close to the top edge of the stamp, top right of the '1' of '1968'.		
				
				
				
Tiny black spot in the left margin, left of the 'GE' of 'POSTAGE'.		Dark blue spot in the green Olympic ring, bottom left of centre.	Tiny black spot in the wake of the swimmer, way above the 'N' of 'LAND'.	Tiny white spot in the background, top right of the '1' of '1c'.

○	R10/4	Blue	White patch close to the top of the stamp, top right of the '1' of '1968'.	A5	
○	R10/4	Blue	Dark blue spot on the rim of the yellow Olympic ring, on the left side, where the yellow rim crosses the blue rim.	C3	
○	R10/4	Blue	White patch inside of the yellow Olympic ring, 1mm from the rim of the black ring, towards 1 o'clock.	C5	
○	R10/4	Blue	Tiny white spot just top right of the '1' of '1c'.	D10	
○	R10/4	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the green Olympic ring, towards the rim at bottom left, between 7 and 8 o'clock.	D7	
○	R10/4	Black	Black spot in the white wake of the swimmer, at the right end, above the 'N' of 'LAND', similar position to a blue spot on row 10/3, but prominent here.	F G 8 10	
○	R10/4	Black	Tiny black spot in the left margin, left of the 'GE' of 'POSTAGE', faint on some examples.	F0	

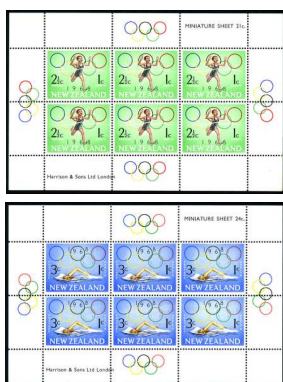
3c+1c Main Sheet Plate Varieties – Row 10/5



○	R10/5	Blue	Light blue patch against the top of the stamp, above the red Olympic ring, perhaps a retouch to a white flaw.	A10	✓
○	R10/5	Blue	Four dark blue spots inside of the red Olympic ring, all at top right; 2 in a line 10 o'clock towards 4 o'clock; the 4 th at a tangent to 1 o'clock.	B8-B19	
○	R10/5	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the blue Olympic ring, 1mm from the yellow rim at 4 o'clock.	C3	
○	R10/5	Blue	Dark blue spot inside of the yellow Olympic ring, 1.5mm from the blue rim at top left, towards 10 o'clock.	C4	
○	R10/5	Blue	Tiny white spot against the left edge of the stamp, level with the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.	D0	
○	R10/5	Blue	Light blue patch, as a small circle. 0.5mm left of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH', midway to the red Olympic ring. Perhaps another small retouch.	D11	✓
○	R10/5	Blue	Dark blue spot, now green, on the rim of the yellow Olympic ring, at 9 o'clock.	D3	
○	R10/5	Blue	Dark blue spot just above the swimmer's lower arm, just below a white spot.	E7	
○	R10/5	Blue	Tiny blue spot on the back of the swimmer's wrist.	F8	
○	R10/5	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the lower margin, way below the 'E' of 'ZEAL' amongst the horizontal perforations.	I6	

PLATING THE 1968 HEALTH MINIATURE SHEETS

As seen previously, a composite master sheet was used for each denomination that contained both the large sheet and two miniature sheets (as illustrated below). The large sheet and two miniature sheets were printed and perforated before being separated into individual components. Consequently, no great effort is needed to differentiate between the two miniature sheets that were issued and these can be identified by reference to the many flaws each contain.



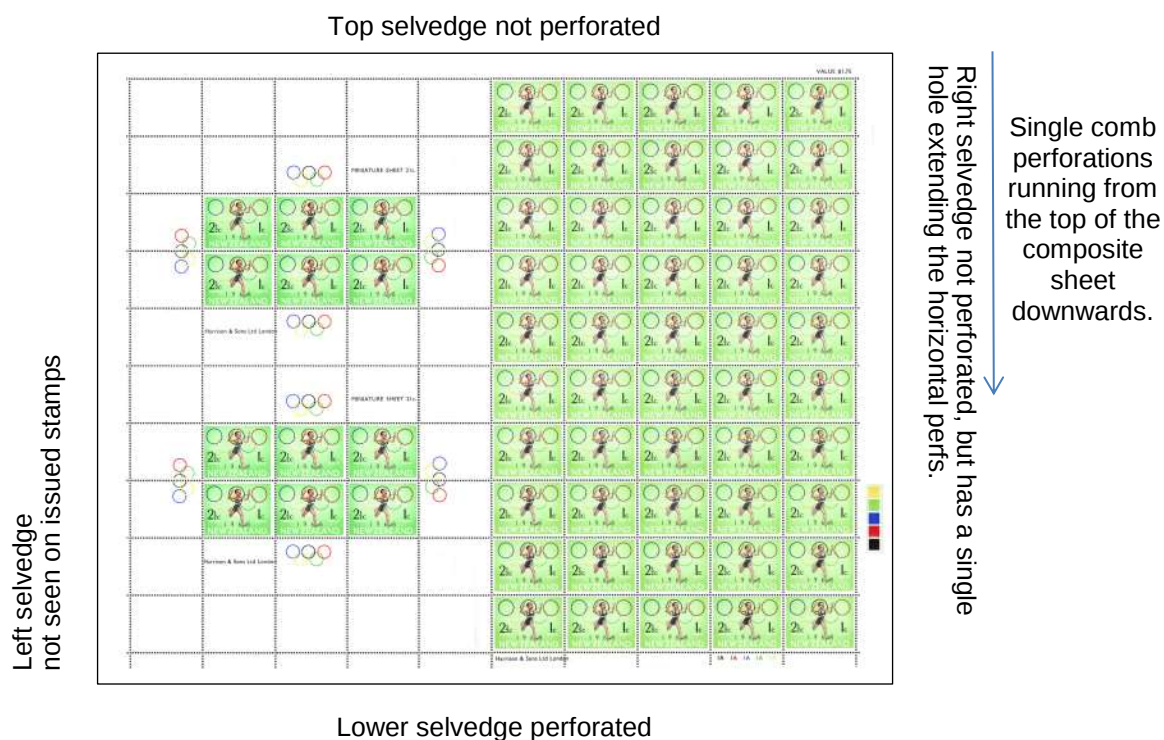
Each miniature sheet contained six stamps arranged in two rows of three stamps, with the stamp positions labelled by the normal row/column convention. For the first time, the centre of each selvage contained printed adornments that featured the five rings of the Olympic logo. There was no symbolism behind the presence of this logo, other than for artistic appeal. Sheet value was printed on each miniature sheet in black above stamp at row 1/3 in the right of the top selvage; whilst the printers imprint appeared in the lower selvage below the stamp at row 2/1.

With only two miniature sheets for each value, they can be differentiated by comparison alone with minimal effort, and there is no problem with a lack of variety with which to do so.

There does not appear to be any notable difference between stamps printed from large sheets and those from miniature sheets. Having been printed from the same composite sheet, presumably the designs for both were laid down on the plate at the same time by the same process.

Miniature sheet perforations

The two miniature sheets from the composite master sheet were perforated at the same time as the main sheet, using a single comb head working from the top of the sheet downwards that gauged $14\frac{1}{2} \times 14$.



The two miniature sheets from the composite master are arranged vertically. As the perforations are also applied from the top downwards by a single comb, both of the two miniature sheets have the same perforation characteristics. Therefore perforations will not help to differentiate between the two sheets.

Examinations of the perforations of both miniature sheets show that there are no significant perf variations to be found. This is not unexpected, as there are few variations seen across the large sheet. But this examination confirms that the perf characteristics of the large sheet are not repeated across the miniature sheets; the composite master sheet was not separated into large and miniature sheets prior to perforating.

The collector will need to rely upon printing varieties to differentiate between the two miniature sheets.

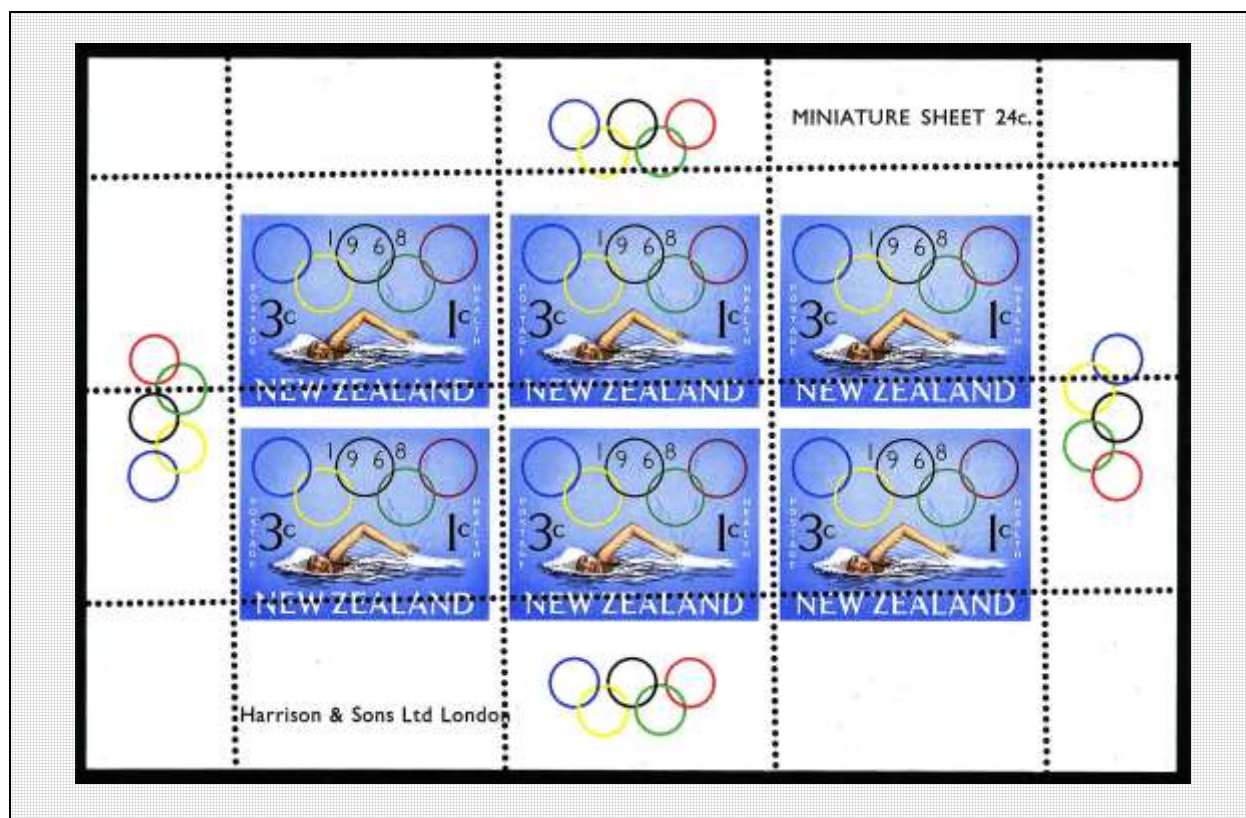
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2½c+1c Miniature Sheet, Errors and Varieties

☐	Miscut	One M/S has been found miscut so that it is 6 inches deep, so that there is an extra wide selvedge at the top and bottom (equivalent to one and a half stamps).		RPSNZ6
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3c+1c Miniature Sheet, Errors and Varieties



☐	Red colour omitted		*	CP
☐	Blue colour omitted		*	CP
☐	M/S miscut, 3c+1c	A miniature sheet has been found with perforations grossly misplaced resulting in the upper row of stamps lacking the country name and the lower row with the country name at the top.	£125	TAH

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PLATING THE 1968 HEALTH MINIATURE SHEETS

There are multiple spots that affect both miniature sheets, green spots for the 2½c+1c stamp and blue spots for the 3c+1c miniature sheet, in the background colours of the stamps respectively. Care must be exercised to differentiate between constant and transient spots, the latter are numerous and can confuse.

The RPSNZ Handbooks illustrates that the main sheets and miniature sheets for this printing were produced in one composite large sheets, one main sheet and two miniature sheets (the latter arranged vertically on the left of the main sheet). This was repeated for each value. Therefore there are only two different miniature sheets that require plating.



In this research it is not apparent which position each miniature sheet takes on the master sheet and numbers 1 through 2 have been allocated arbitrarily.

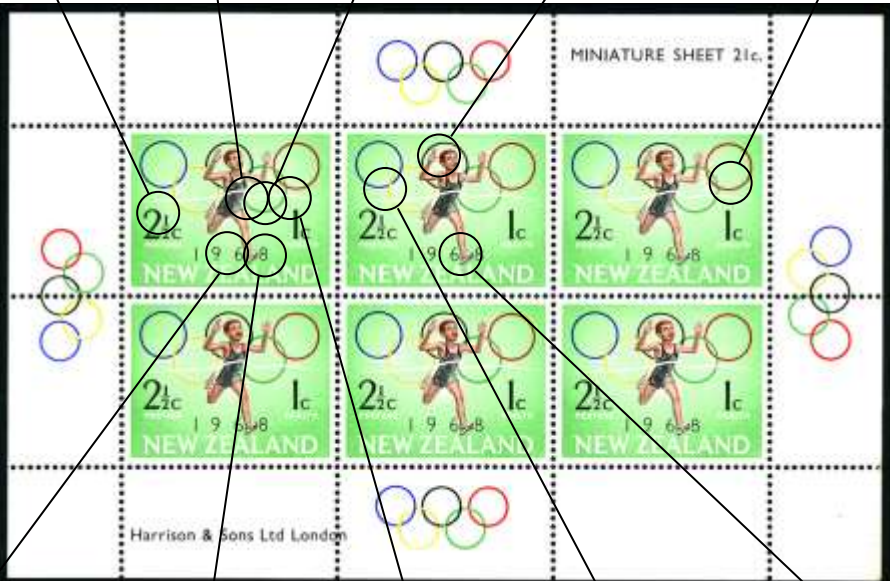
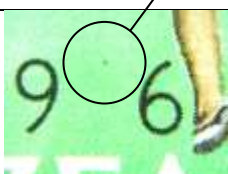
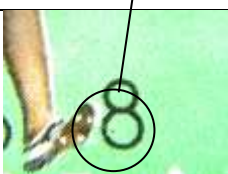
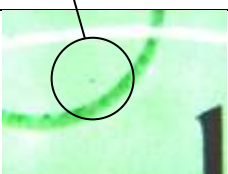
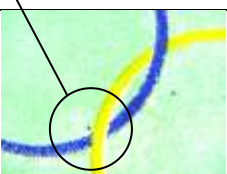
2½c+1c Plating Miniature Sheet #1

○	R1/1	Green	Tiny green spot top right of the large '2' of the value.	D E2	✓
○	R1/1	Green	Tiny white patch at 7 o'clock inside the green Olympic ring.	D7	✓
○	R1/1	Green	Tiny green spot on the finishing line below the elbow on the right.	D8	✓
○	R1/1	Black	Tiny black spot at 5 o'clock near the inside edge of the green Olympic ring.	D8	✓
○	R1/1	Red	Tiny red spot between the tops of the '9' and '6' of '1968'.	G6	✓
○	R1/1	Red	Tiny red spot inside the lower circle of the '8' of '1968'.	G8	✓
○	R2/1	Black	Two tiny black spots inside the green ring, one bottom right of the elbow, one near the white ribbon.	D7-D8	✓
○	R2/1	Green	Tiny green spot right of the small 'c' of the value.	F3 4	✓
○	R1/2	Green	Tiny green spot immediately top the left of the boy's hand on the left, inside the black ring.	B5	✓
○	R1/2	Green	Tiny green spot at the lower intersection of the blue and yellow Olympic rings, inside the blue ring.	C3	✓
○	R1/2	Green	White patch to the left of the '6' of '1968'.	G6	✓
○	R2/2	Green	Tiny green spot near the inside edge of the yellow Olympic ring left of the boy's elbow.	B C4	✓
○	R2/2	Green	Green spot in the background below the green Olympic ring, right of the boy's knee.	F8	✓
○	R1/3	Green	Large white circular patch inside the red Olympic ring, above the white ribbon on the right.	C10	✓
○	R2/3	Green	Tiny white spot at 1 o'clock inside the blue Olympic ring.	B3	✓
○	R2/3	Green	White spot adjacent to the boy's knee on the left, above the '9' of '1968'.	F5	✓

2½c+1c Plating Miniature Sheet #1 Map

Row 1

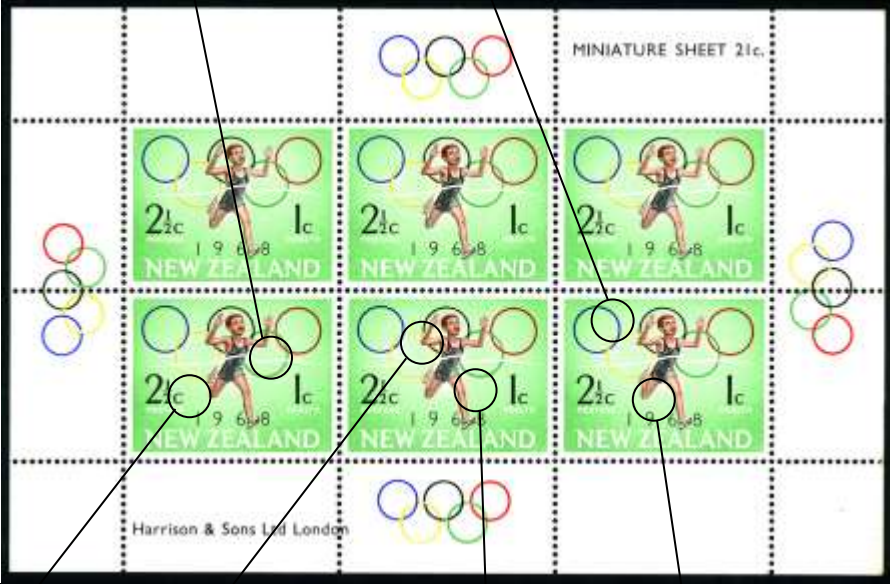
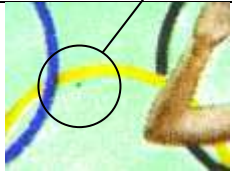
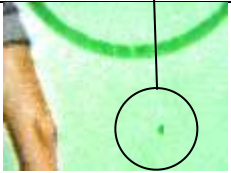
On stamp at R1/3 there is a large white patch in the background above the white ribbon inside the green ring. This is quite noticeable. There are many smaller white patches and green dots to confirm this sheet.

 R1/1 Tiny green spot top right of the large '2' of the value.	 R1/1 Tiny white patch at 7 o'clock inside the green Olympic ring.	 R1/1 Tiny green spot on the finishing line below the elbow.	 R1/2 Tiny green spot between boy's hand and the black rim.	 R1/3 Large white circular patch above the white ribbon.
				
 R1/1 Tiny red spot between the tops of the '9' and '6' of '1968'.	 R1/1 Tiny red spot inside the lower circle of the '8' of '1968'.	 R1/1 Tiny black spot at 5 o'clock near the inside edge of the green Olympic ring.	 R1/2 Tiny green spot at the lower join of the blue and yellow Olympic rings.	 R1/2 White patch to the left of the '6' of '1968'.

2½c+1c Plating Miniature Sheet #1 Map

Row 2

Look for the white patch on the boy's knee on the stamp at R2/3.

	R2/1 Two tiny black spots inside the green Olympic ring.	R2/3 Tiny white spot at 1 o'clock inside the blue Olympic ring.		
				
				
				
R2/1 Tiny green spot right of the small 'c' of the value.	R2/2 Tiny green spot near the inside edge of the yellow Olympic ring left of the boy's elbow.	R2/2 Green spot in the background below the green Olympic ring, right of the boy's knee.	R2/3 White spot adjacent to the boy's knee on the left, above the '9' of '1968'.	

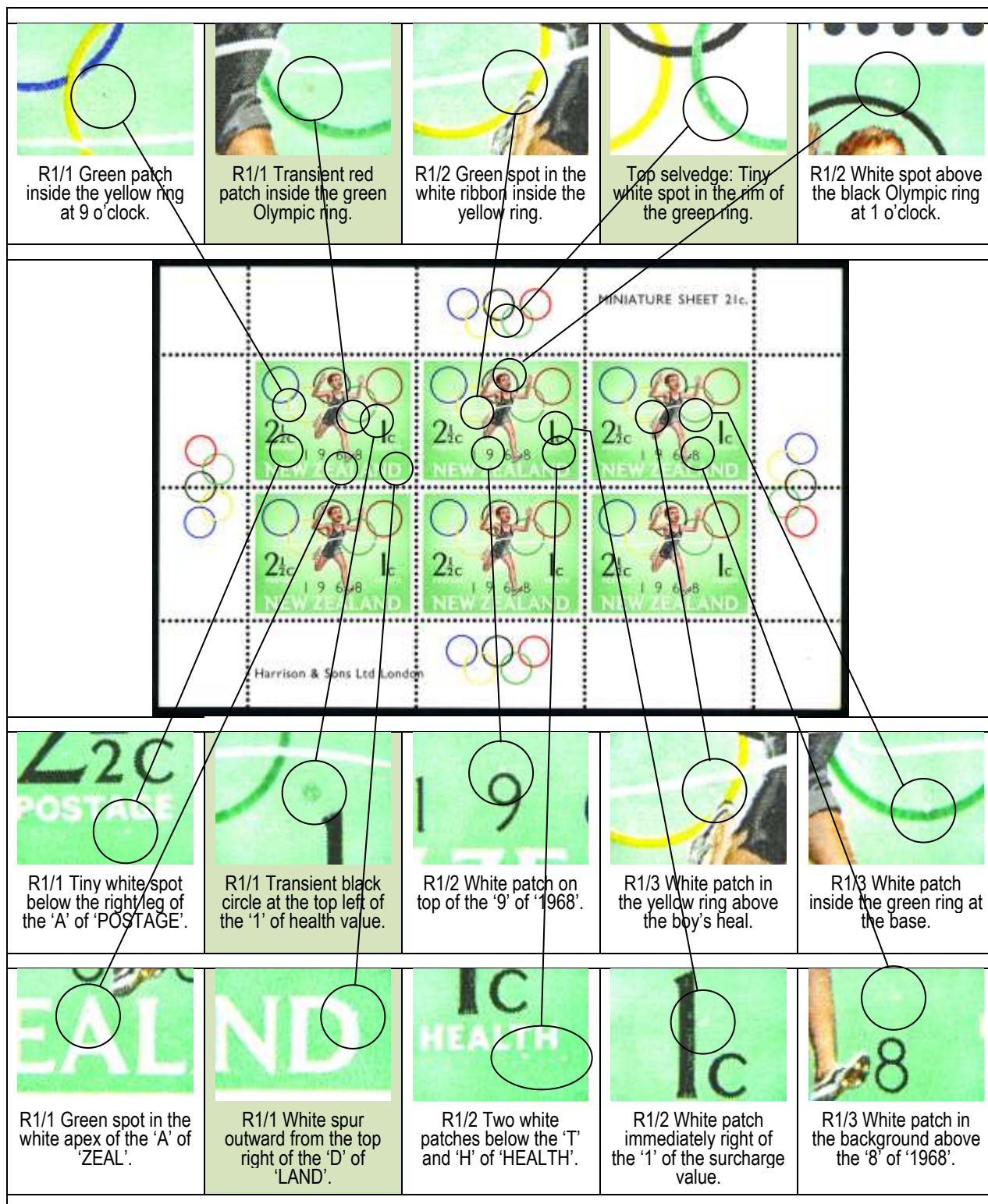
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○	Imprint	Black	Black spur on the right side of the 'd' of 'Ltd'.	-	✓
○	R1/1	Green	Green patch inside the yellow Olympic ring at 9 o'clock.	D3	✓
○	R1/1	Red	Transient red patch inside the green Olympic ring, below the white ribbon.	D7	✓
○	R1/1	Black	Transient black circle at the top left of the '1' of the charity surcharge.	D E9	✓
○	R1/1	Green	White spur outward from the top right of the 'D' of 'LAND'.	H11	✓
○	R1/1	Green	Green spot in the white apex of the 'A' of 'ZEAL'.	H7	✓
○	R1/1	Green	Tiny white spot below the right leg of the 'A' of 'POSTAGE'.	G3	✓
○	R1/2	Green	Green spot in the white ribbon inside the yellow Olympic ring.	D4	✓
○	R1/2	Green	White spot above the black Olympic ring at 1 o'clock.	A6	✓
○	R1/2	Green	White patch immediately right of the '1' of the surcharge value.	E10	✓
○	R1/2	Green	Two white patches below the 'T' and 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	G10-G11	✓
○	R1/2	Green	White patch on top of the '9' of '1968'.	G5	✓
○	R1/3	Green	White patch in the yellow Olympic ring above the boy's heel.	D5	✓
○	R1/3	Green	White patch inside the green Olympic ring at the base.	E8	✓
○	R1/3	Green	White patch in the background above the '8' of '1968'.	F8	✓
○	R2/1	Green	Tiny green spot in the left margin level with the base of the blue ring.	C D0	✓
○	R2/1	Green	Tiny white spot bottom left of the base of the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.	G1	✓
○	R2/2	Green	Two white patches on the left edge, one left of the large '2'.	E F1	✓
○	R2/2	Green	The second white patch left of the white ribbon.	D1	✓
○	R2/2	Black	There is a light black patch on the base of the large '2' of the value above the 'O' of 'POSTAGE'.	F2	✓
○	R2/2	Green	Green patch in the background, above the '19' of '1968', below the boy's knee.	F4 5	✓
○	R2/3	Black	Tiny black spot in the yellow Olympic ring below the white ribbon.	D4	✓
○	R2/3	Green	Green patch below the boy's thigh on the left.	F5	✓
○	R2/3	Green	White patch to the right of the top of the '1' of the surcharge value.	E10	✓
○	R2/3	Green	White patch left of the first 'H' of 'HEALTH'.	G9	✓
○	R2/3	Black	Tiny black spot top right of the small '1' of the value.	E3	✓
○	R2/3	Black	Two tiny black spots right of the 'E' of 'POSTAGE'.	G4	✓
○	R2/3	Green	White patch in the blue Olympic ring at 1 o'clock.	B2 3	✓
○	Top selvage	Green	Tiny white spot in the rim of the green Olympic ring at 8 o'clock.	-	✓

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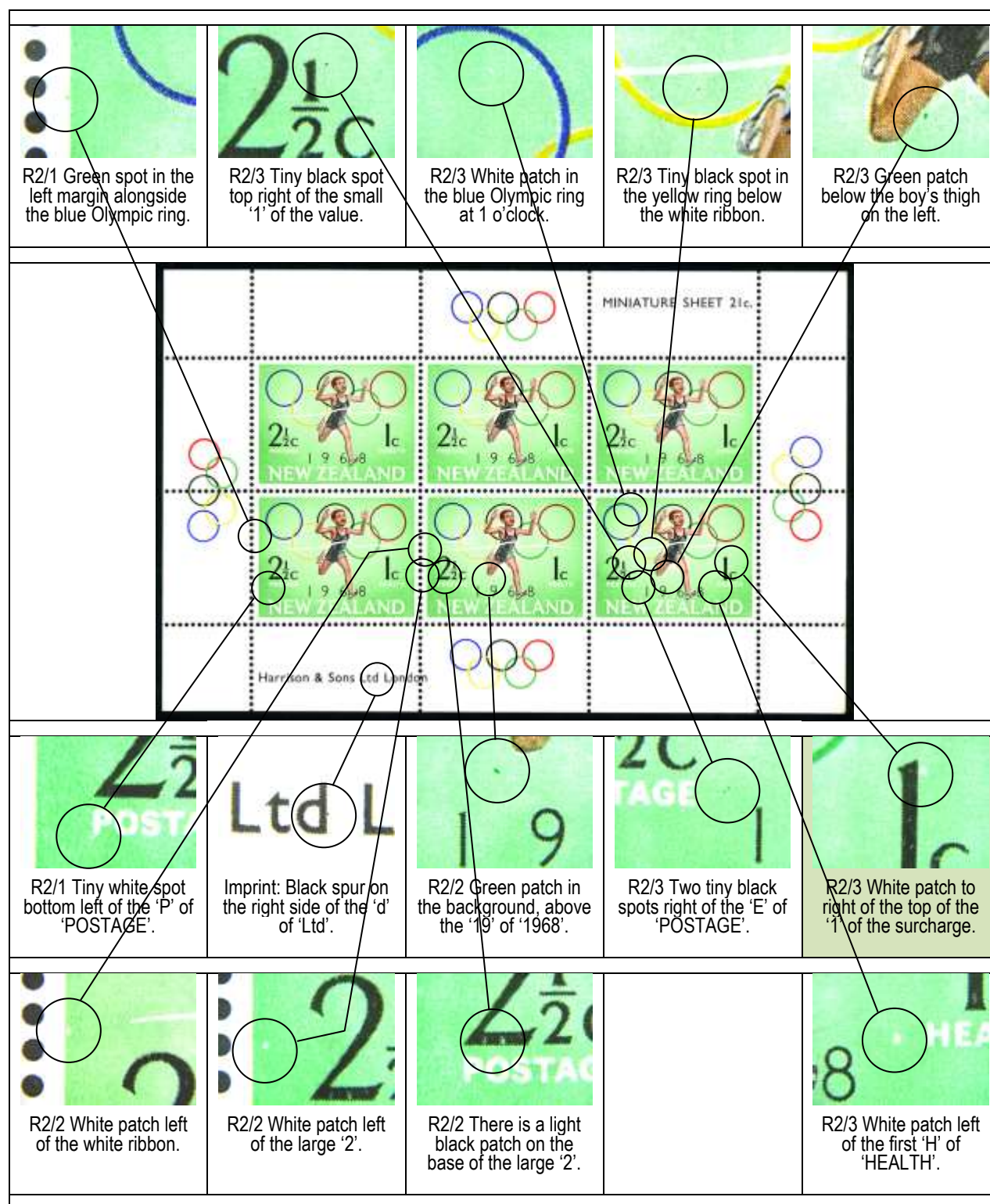
Row 1

There are two significant transient varieties to be found on this sheet. Look to the Olympic logo in the top selvedge where there is a white spot in the rim of the green Olympic ring.



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There is a white patch to the top right of the '1' of the surcharge value.

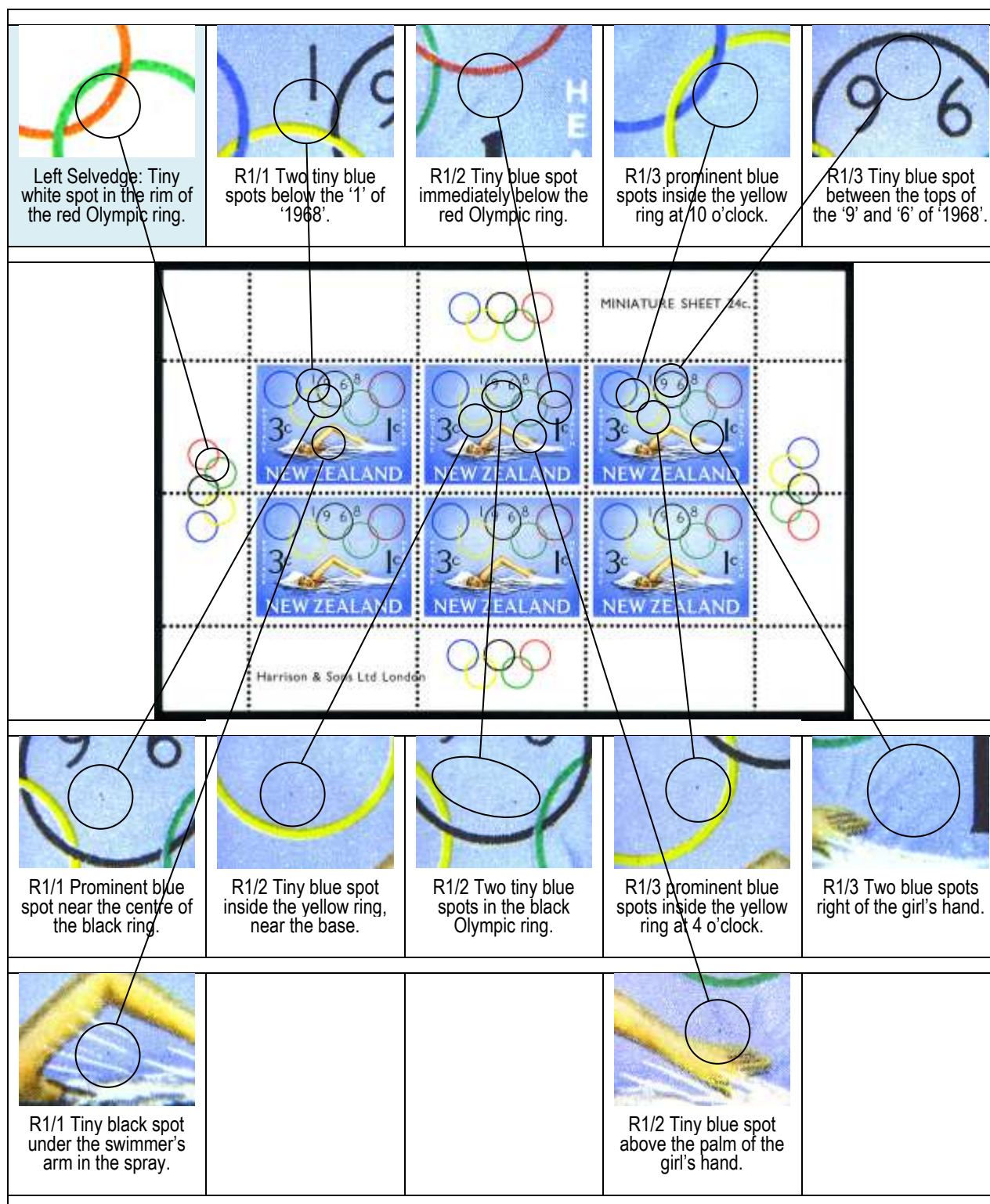


3c+1c Plating Miniature Sheet #1

○	Left selvedge	Red	Tiny white spot in the rim of the red Olympic ring at 4 o'clock.	-	✓
○	R1/1	Blue	Two tiny blue spots below the '1' of '1968'.	B4	✓
○	R1/1	Blue	Prominent blue spot near the centre of the black Olympic ring bottom right of the '1' of '1968'.	C6	✓
○	R1/1	Black	Tiny black spot under the girl's arm amongst the diagonal white streaks.	F6	✓
○	R1/2	Blue	Two tiny blue spots in the black Olympic ring, one below the '9' the other at 5 o'clock.	C6	✓
○	R1/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot immediately below the red Olympic ring.	D10	✓
○	R1/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot inside the yellow ring, near the base.	D4	✓
○	R1/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot above the palm of the girl's hand.	E F8	✓
○	R1/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the black ring, between the tops of the '9' and '6' of '1968'.	A6	✓
○	R1/3	Blue	Two prominent blue spots inside the yellow Olympic ring, one at 10 o'clock.	C4	✓
○	R1/3	Blue	The second spot at 4 o'clock.	D5	✓
○	R1/3	Blue	Two blue spots right of the girl's hand.	E9	✓
○	R2/1	Blue	Three tiny blue spots in the margin at top right.	-A11, A12	✓
○	R2/1	Blue	Two blue spots in the red Olympic ring, one just above and the other just below the centre.	B10, C10	✓
○	R2/1	Blue	Faint blue patch in the left margin, top left of the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.	C0	✓
○	R2/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot inside the yellow Olympic ring at 1 o'clock, next to the black ring.	C5	✓
○	R2/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the green ring at the top.	C8	✓
○	R2/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot right of the '6' of '1968' in the black Olympic ring.	B7	✓
○	R2/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the green Olympic ring at 3 o'clock.	D9	✓
○	R2/2	Blue	Tiny white spot in the background, above the right leg of the 'N' of 'NEW'.	G2	✓
○	R2/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot left of the blue Olympic ring, near the edge of the stamp.	C1	✓
○	R2/3	Blue	Three faint blue spots in the yellow Olympic ring top left of the centre.	C4	✓

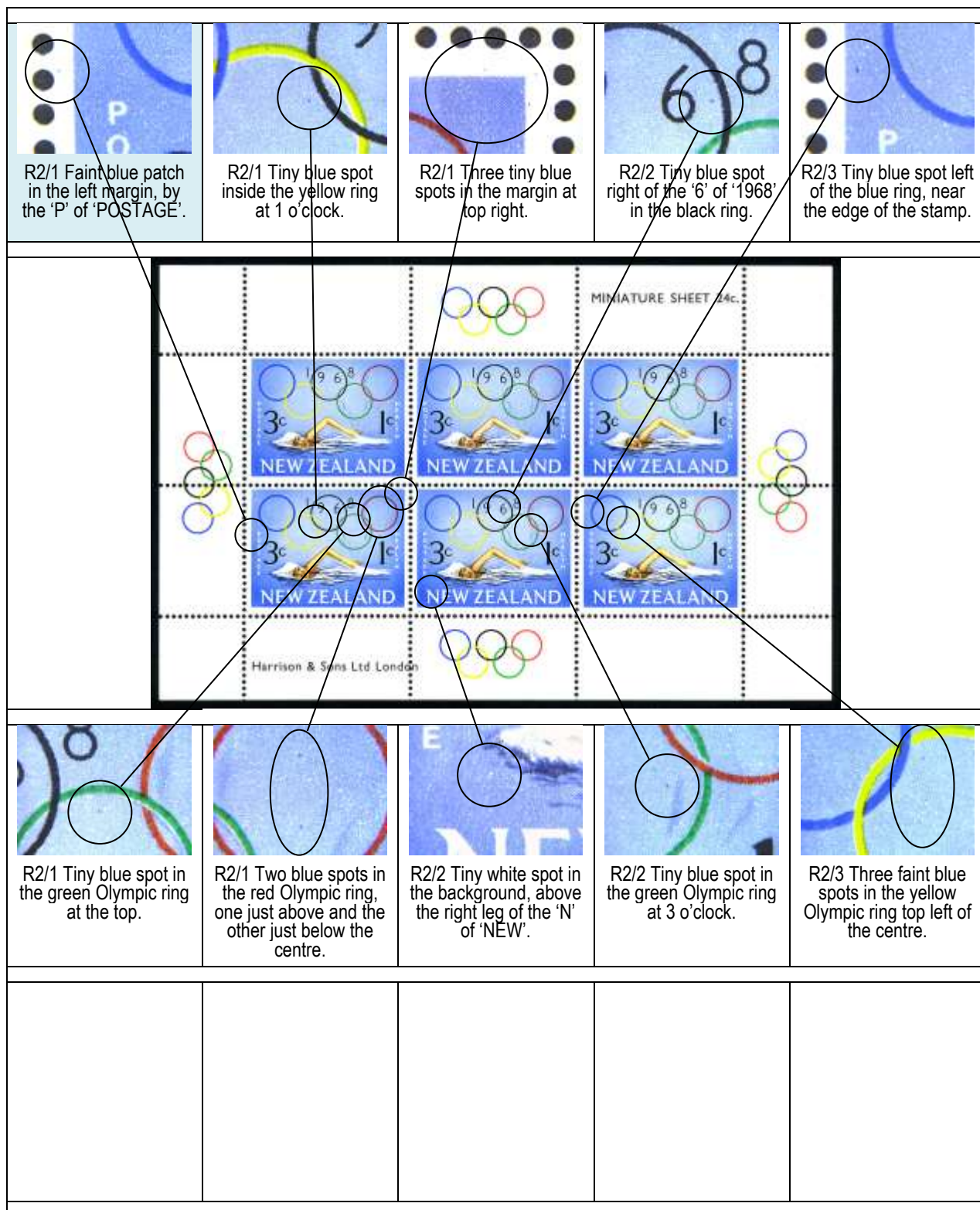
3c+1c Plating Miniature Sheet #1 Map Row 1

Initially look for the tiny white spot in the red ring in the left selvedge. This appears at bottom right. There are many blue spots to be found that will aid identification.



3c+1c Plating Miniature Sheet #1 Map Row 2

There are few significant varieties on this part of the sheet. Look to the left margin of the stamp at R2/1 where there is a blue patch top left of the 'P' of 'POSTAGE'.

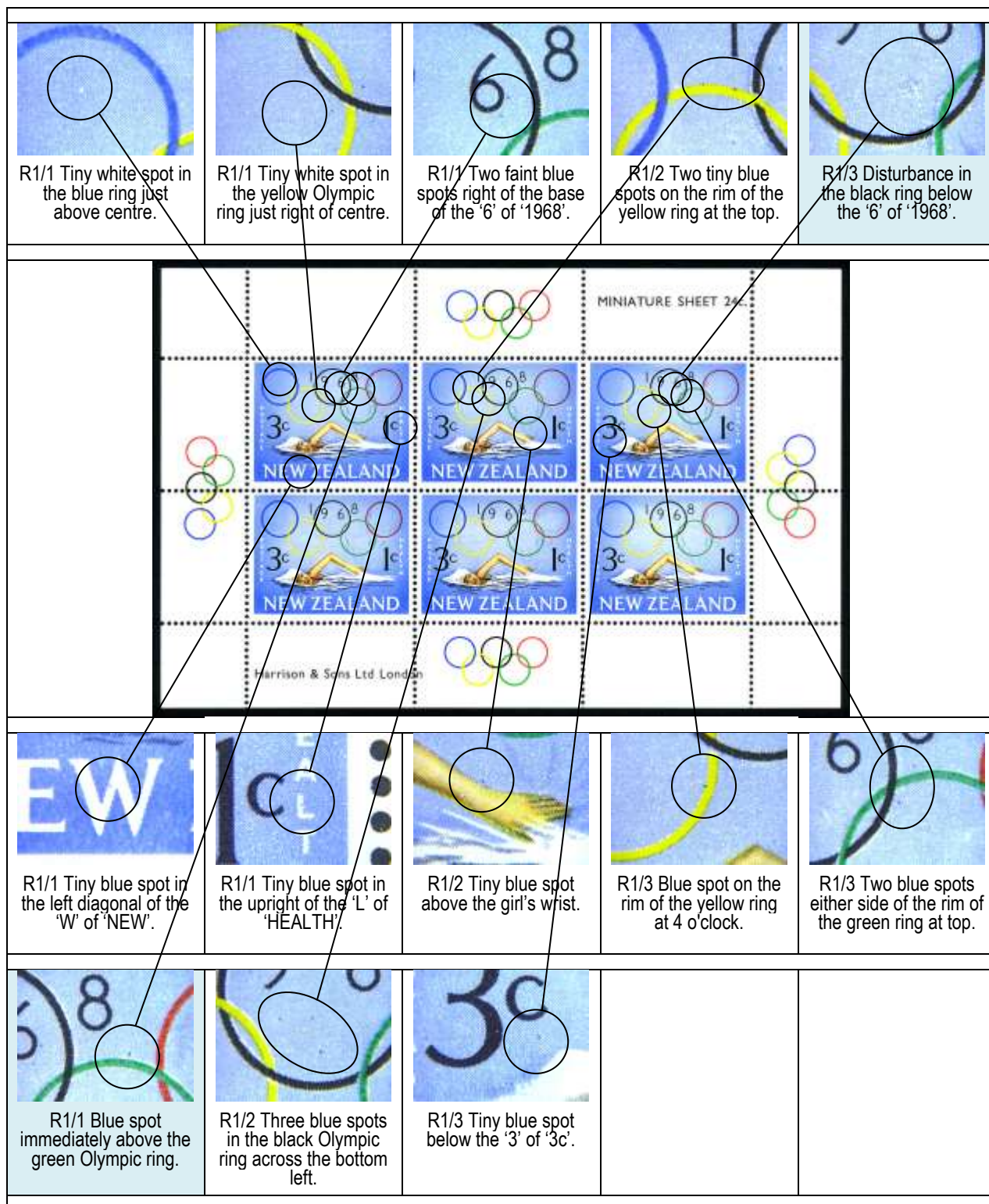


3c+1c Plating Miniature Sheet #2

○	R1/1	Blue	Tiny white spot in the blue Olympic ring just above centre.	B2	✓
○	R1/1	Blue	Two faint blue spots right of the base of the '6' of '1968', in the black ring.	B7	✓
○	R1/1	Blue	Prominent blue spot immediately above the green Olympic ring.	B8	✓
○	R1/1	Blue	Tiny white spot in the yellow Olympic ring just right of centre.	D5	✓
○	R1/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the upright of the 'L' of 'HEALTH'.	E11	✓
○	R1/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the left diagonal of the 'W' of 'NEW'.	H4	✓
○	R1/2	Blue	Two tiny blue spots on the rim of the yellow Olympic ring at the top.	B4-B5	✓
○	R1/2	Blue	There are three tiny blue spots in the black Olympic ring diagonally across the bottom left, and a further two blue spots below the ring.	B5-B6	✓
○	R1/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot above the girl's wrist.	E F7	✓
○	R1/3	Blue	Disturbance in the black Olympic ring below the '6' of '1968' as a patchy blue smudge.	C6-C7	✓
○	R1/3	Blue	Two blue spots one either side of the rim of the green Olympic ring at 11 o'clock.	C7, B8	✓
○	R1/3	Blue	Blue spot on the rim of the yellow Olympic ring at 4 o'clock.	D5	✓
○	R1/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot below the '3' of '3c'.	E F3	✓
○	R2/1	Blue	Dark blue patch in the top left corner of the stamp.	A1	✓
○	R2/1	Blue	Four tiny blue spots in a diagonal line bottom left of the '1' of '1968'.	A4-B4	✓
○	R2/1	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the black Olympic ring at 5 o'clock.	C6	X
○	R2/1	Blue	Three tiny blue spots in a flat triangle in the green Olympic ring at top right.	C8-C9	✓
○	R2/1	Blue	Blue spot left of the top of the '1' of the charity surcharge.	D E9	X
○	R2/1	Blue	Blue spot above the 'c' of '1c' of the health surcharge.	D10 11	X
○	R2/1	Blue	Two blue spots and a black spot above the girl's head.	E3-F4	✓
○	R2/1	Black	Black spot above the 'E' of 'NEW' by the waves.	G H3	✓
○	R2/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the blue Olympic ring bottom right of centre.	C2	X
○	R2/2	Blue	Three tiny blue spots near the top of the yellow Olympic ring.	C4	✓
○	R2/2	Blue	Two tiny blue spots at the base of the black Olympic ring, one below the '9' of '1968', the other at 5 o'clock.	C6	✓
○	R2/2	Blue	Dark blue band horizontally across the stamp, most notably above the '3c' and in the yellow Olympic ring.	D3-D5	✓
○	R2/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot in the green Olympic ring right of centre.	D8	X
○	R2/2	Blue	Prominent blue spot above the girl's head.	E F3	✓
○	R2/2	Blue	Tiny blue spot right of the top of the '1' of the charity surcharge.	E10	X
○	R2/2	Blue	Two blue spots in the white spray above the left leg of the 'N' of 'LAND'.	F9-G9	✓
○	R2/3	Blue	Two close blue spots in the green Olympic ring, just to the left of the upper intersection of the red ring.	B C8	✓
○	R2/3	Blue	Blue and black spots in the rim of the yellow Olympic ring at the top.	B4	✓
○	R2/3	Blue	Two tiny blue spots in the red Olympic ring, one at 10 o'clock and the other top right of centre.	B9	✓
○	R2/3	Blue	Flaw, as a disturbance in the red Olympic ring at 7 o'clock.	C10	✓
○	R2/3	Blue	Tiny blue spot below the red Olympic ring.	D10	X
○	R2/3	Blue	Four tiny blue spots in a wavy line at the bottom of the green Olympic ring.	D7-D8	✓

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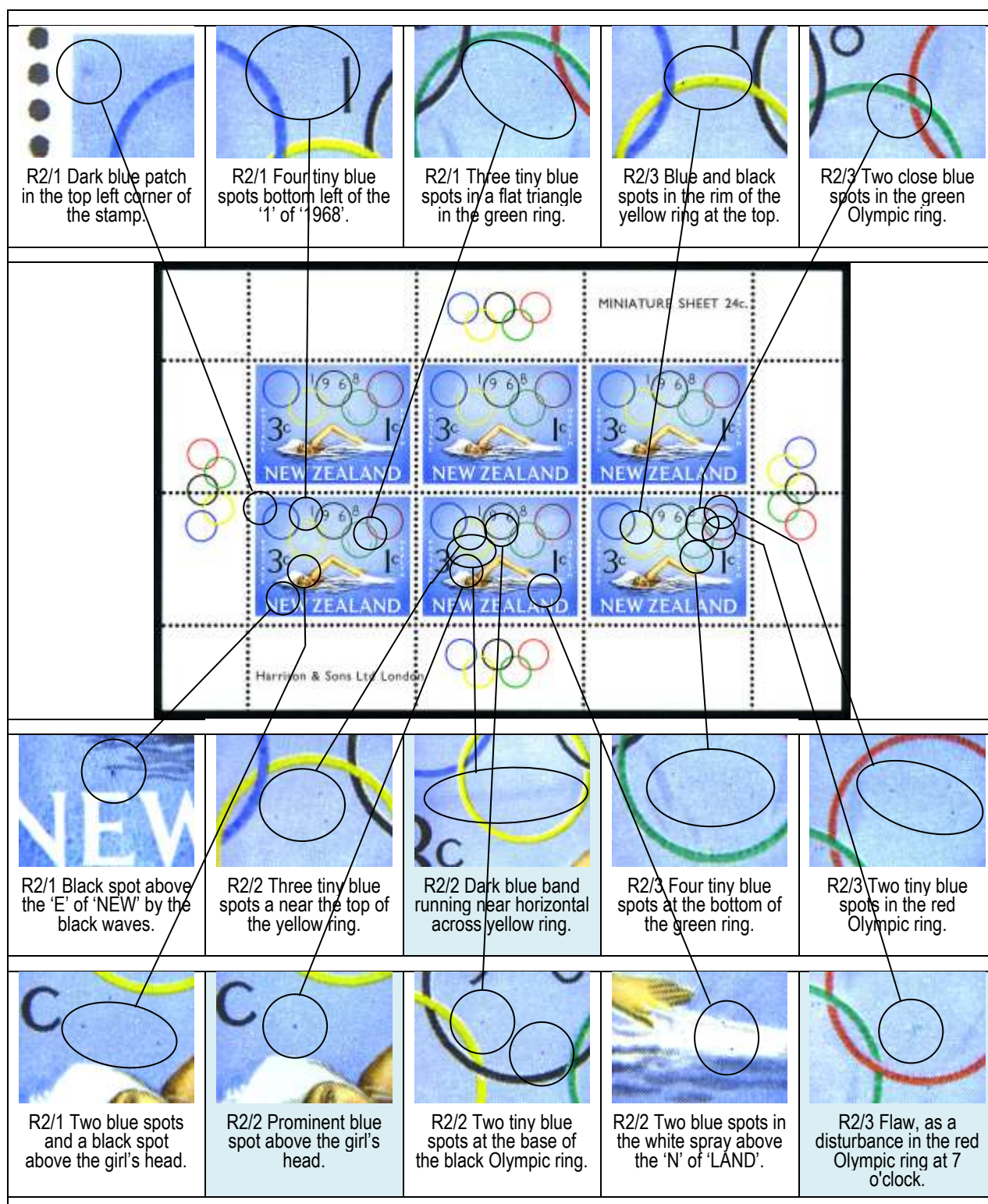
Once again there are multiple blue spots on all stamps. Look to R1/3 where there is a disturbance in the blue colour below the '6' of '1968'. To confirm, look for the prominent blue spot above the green ring on R1/1.



3c+1c Plating Miniature Sheet #2 Map

Row 2

On the bottom of this sheet, there is a prominent blue spot above the swimmer's head on row 2/2, with a blue flaw in the lower part of the red Olympic ring on stamp row 2/3. This is the only flaw seen on these miniature sheets. Also, look to the stamp at row 2/2 where there is a blue band running near horizontally across the top of the '3c' and across the yellow Olympic ring below centre. There are many areas of shading of blue on these stamps, this may be overlooked as one of them, but it only affects this stamp.



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