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*From all of us
to
All of you, world wide,
A Happy Christmas
and a
Prosperous, Peaceful,
and Philatelically Rewarding
Year Ahead*

N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

By Colin Hamilton

1946 Peace (i) The C.P. Catalogue lists a rare 2d variety 'Plate No. 6 Doubled' (S42aZ). I don't recall having seen this variety, but I presume it to be similar to another, which I have seen, on the Q.E. 2d definitive of 1954. In the latter case, the plate number 18 is distinctly and clearly doubled, although there is no sign of doubling anywhere else in the plate block. Curiously, and perhaps significantly, both of these mystery varieties emanated from the same printers (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd.).

Reverting to the 2d 'Peace', I recently came across two further varieties, both of which also involve the plate number 6, and which taken together also pose something of a mystery. The first was a plate block from plate 6, with a full offset of the plate number on the back (of itself this one, although unusual, and incidentally quite pretty, would be perfectly explicable). However, it's the second block that throws the cat among the pigeons. This was a plate block from plate 5, but it too had a full offset of the plate number 6 on the back!

Could there be some connection between these two offsets, and the doubled plate number? If so, I can't imagine what it might be.

1946 Peace (ii) We list the 8d (S47a) imprint block in two states, (a) with prominent red flaws on R8/8 and R8/9, and (b) without red flaws. I can now put on record a third state, with red flaw on R8/9 only (R8/8 in this case showing no trace of a red flaw).

Comb and Line Perforations Combined. My notes suggesting this phenomenon in some of the recent miniature sheets produced by Leigh, Mardon (September 1989 Bulletin) brought forth an interesting response from Mr. C.D. Rudd, of Christchurch, N.Z., which nicely confirms my observations. Mr. Rudd points out that this method of perforating miniature sheets is not particularly new, and cites the Anguilla 1974 U.P.U. Centenary sheet (of six stamps) and the Brunei 1984 Philakorea sheet (a single stamp sheet), as examples. The latter is particularly interesting, in that line heads of two different gauges (13 and 14) were used to perforate the left side of the stamp, in combination with a three-sided miniature comb head gauging 13, which perforated the remaining sides. Thus stamps exist perf. 13 all round, and perf. 13 x 13 x 13 x 14.

Since the Anguilla sheet was produced by the House of Questa, and the Brunei item by De La Rue, it is clear that at least three different security printers have employed "combination perfs." in their production of stamps.

Autumn Stampex, 1989. New Zealand entries at this annual exhibition (the successor to the old British Philatelic Exhibition) were few in number, but their quality was unusually good. Special congratulations to A.P. Berry, whose early Life Insurance Dept. entry was awarded a Large Silver Gilt Medal, and the R.A.G. Lee International Award. E.W. Leppard's 1d Universal Waterlow Trial Plates' exhibit also did exceptionally well for a highly specialised 'single design' entry, gaining a Small Silver Gilt Medal, and the Windsor Plate, while B.R. Peace was awarded a Silver Medal for his superb Early (1919-1922) Air Mails. In the Melville National Youth Competition, D.J. Armitage's 'Healthis' exhibit gained a Bronze-Silver Medal.

VARIETIES MISCELLANY

1201	K.G.VI Red. Unhinged mint block of 4, top right stamp with the prominent 'Medallion' flaw in its fully developed state (MV2a(g)). A superb naked-eye variety	£17.50
1202	Q.E. 9d. Superb used copy with the rare variety Frame Blurred Print (N9aY). Immediately recognisable by the distinctive shade, which is much paler and brighter than normal. Apart from blurring, which is not always evident, this marked shade difference is characteristic of 'Double Print, One Albino' varieties — the Second Pictorial 5d Cobalt, the K.G.VI 1/- Copper Brown, and the 3d, 5d and 6d Peace blurred centres are other examples	£60.00
1203(a)	Q.E. 1/-. The equally rare Frame Blurred Print variety on this value (N10aX). Again the striking shade is an obvious clue, in this case being a deep pink. Finest used	£60.00
	(b) As above. Mint unhinged copy with Double Centre Print, One Albino (N10aY). Not by any means as rare as the previous items, but quite scarce	£27.50
	(c) As above. The same variety, but used	£22.50
1204	Q.E. 2½d on 3d Provisional. A remarkable corner block of 20 (4 x 5) which includes ten examples each of the wide and narrow settings of the surcharge, thus providing numerous instances of 'wide-and-narrow settings se-tenant' (N42aZ and Y). The interesting block, superb unhinged mint	£85.00
1205	1970 Pictorial 2c Butterfly. Imprint/plate block of 10 (pl. 1B x 4) with variety Watermark Inverted (P3aZ). Mint unhinged	£32.50
1206	1970 Pictorial 3c Moth. Complete pane of six, with binding selvage, with Watermark Inverted, i.e. wmk. W8a, the normal wmk for this issue being W8b. A scarce variety pane (W10a(Xa)), Cat. \$ 250. Mint unhinged	£87.50
1207	1970 Pictorial 10c. Unwatermarked copy with error Red Colour Omitted (P12bZ). Mint unhinged, with normal stamp	£32.50
1208	4c on 2½d Provisional. Unhinged mint copy (London letterpress surcharge) with variety Double Impression of Surcharge, One Albino (P30bS). This is a particularly good example, the Albino impression being misplaced to the right, and heavily impressed	£47.50
1209	1946 Peace 8d. Set of three imprint blocks (of six stamps each) with respectively (i) no red flaws, (ii) one red flaw, (iii) two red flaws — see this month's Notes for further details. A lovely trio of blocks, superfine mint	£32.50
1210	1959 Red Cross. Superb unhinged mint pair of matching positional blocks including R13/6 in the original, flaw state (rare) and the later retouched state (SV84a(a) and (b))	£87.50
1211	1968 Maori Bible. Unhinged mint copy with Watermark Inverted (S108aZ). One of the better 'invert' varieties	£25.00

- 1212 1964 Health 3d + 1d.** Corner copy with variety Watermark Inverted (T36bZ). This one is *rare*, less than ten examples being known to us (all from miniature sheets). Mint unhinged (now Cat. \$ 200) £85.00
- 1213 1966 Health 4d + 1d.** Another very scarce Inverted Watermark variety (T38bZ) — we believe all known copies emanated from one large sheet. Mint unhinged £50.00

Q.E. DEFINITIVES

A continuation of last month's imprint/plate block listing. Again all blocks are of the sizes listed in our Catalogue, and all are superb unhinged mint, unless otherwise stated.

- 1214 (a) 1d Redrawn, Original Paper (N31a).** Complete set of four plate blocks, plate nos. 11, 12, 13 and 14 £11.50

- (b) As above.** Set of two plate blocks numbered 11. One is the great rarity, with R10/22 showing an extensive area of weak entry around the collar and the letters NEW ZE (only about ten examples of this original state have been recorded). The second block shows R10/22 with the weak entry corrected by an equally extensive retouch. Probably the best example of "flaw and retouch" in any N.Z. issue. The pair of plate blocks (NV31a(1) and (2))..... £480.00

- (c) As above.** Plate no. 11 block with R10/22 retouched, i.e. the usual form in which it exists £7.50

- (d) As above.** Plate nos. 13 or 14, each block £2.25

- 1215 (a) 1d Redrawn, Thick White Paper (N31b).** Plate nos. 13 or 14, each block .. £3.00

- (b) As above.** Set of two plate blocks (both pl. no. 13) in superb shades of deep orange and orange £6.50

- 1216 (a) 1½d Redrawn (N32a).** Complete set of four plates (blocks with plate nos. 7, 8 and 9 are in lake, while 10 is in a *brilliantly* contrasting brown-lake). A large quantity of this value was subsequently withdrawn and surcharged 2d to meet a change in postage rates, so the unsurcharged 1½d is less common than its fellows. The plate blocks set, Cat. \$ 66 £25.00

- (b) As above.** Plate nos. 7 or 9, each block £6.75

- 1217(a) 2d Redrawn, Original Paper (N33a).** Complete set of six blocks, including the scarcer plate numbers 3 and 5 *without* full stops. The '3 no stop' block is lightly hinged £20.00

- (b) As above.** Plate no. 3 with stop, 4, 5 with stop, or 6, each block £2.00

- 1218(a) 2d Redrawn, Thick White Paper (N33b).** Plate no. 3 with stop, 4, or 6, each block £3.50

- (b) As above.** Plate block (pl. no. 4) with very peculiar perforations in the corner of the selvage (due to a pre-perforating paper fold) £15.00

- 1219(a) 3d Redrawn, Thick White Paper (N34b).** Set of four plate blocks (pl. nos. 17, 18, 19 and 20), complete. The plate 20 block has been once lightly hinged ... £15.00
- (b) As above.** Plate no. 17, 18 or 19, each block £2.75
- Note: The above 3d on original paper does not exist in plate block form, having been issued only in booklets.
- 1220(a) 4d Redrawn, Original Paper (N35a).** Plate no. 15 or 16, each block £13.50
- (b) As above.** Set of two plate blocks (both pl. no. 16), in brilliant shades of deep and bright ultramarine — the most extreme contrasts we have seen ... £32.50
- 1221 4d Redrawn, Thick White Paper (N35b).** Plate no. 15 or 16, each block £19.50
- 1222(a) 6d Redrawn (N36a).** This value exists only on the original thin coarse paper and our offer here is of a set of two blocks (plate nos. 1 and 2), specially selected for their attractive shade contrasts £30.00
- (b) As above.** Plate no. 1 or 2, each block £13.50
- 1223 8d Redrawn (N37a).** The only change of colour in the entire series (made because there had been complaints of confusion of the original colour 8d with the 3d, and a brown colour was selected as the 1½d had already been withdrawn for surcharging, due to a change in postage rates). This new 8d had a short life of only nine months, before it was superseded by the Pictorial 8d of 1960. Offered in plate block, pl. no. 21 £32.50
- 1224(a) 2d on 1½d Provisional (N40a).** Plate no. 9, large (4¼ mm) dot in surcharge .. £1.50
- (b) As above.** Normally, sheets of these Q.E. issues had no perforations appearing in the bottom selvage. But occasionally, difficulties were evidently experienced with the perforating, demonstrated to perfection by this very unusual set of eight plate blocks (all pl. 9, large surcharge dot, one block being of 4 stamps). One is normal, i.e. bottom selvage imperf., the others show respectively, one, two, three, four, five, six and eight extraneous perf. holes encroaching upwards from the bottom of the selvage. Not surprisingly, one set only! £27.50
- (c) As above.** Complete set of four plate blocks (pl. nos. 7, 8, 9, 10) with small surcharge dot (3¾ mm) £6.50
- (d) As above.** The scarcer 'small dot' plate no. 9, available individually at £3.00

1225

K.G.V 2/- OFFICIAL (KO20b)

Mint block of four—pristine, fresh and unhinged. Would qualify for the description perfection, but for one short perf. Very scarce in multiples of this quality. Now Cat. \$ 1300 as single stamps

£350.00

1960 PICTORIALS (Concluded)

- 1226 (a) 8d Rata (O10a).** Corner block of 4 with R1/1 petal flaw (OV10a) £6.75

(b) As above. Two corner sheet value blocks of eight, with the other (R1/9) petal flaw and retouch (OV10a and b)	£17.50
(c) As above. Complete top marginal strip of 12 stamps, including both R1/1 and 1/9 retouches	£12.50
1227 (a) 9d Flag (O11a). Two fine blue shades	£1.50
(b) As above. Mint single with red misplacement to left	£4.00
(c) As above. Sheet value block of 4 with red misplaced to right	£15.00
(d) As above. On R9/16 (blue plate 14) a flaw developed which was later removed. This set of three sheet value blocks shows all three states, pre-flaw, flaw and retouch. Lovely!	£45.00
1228 (a) 1/- Timber (O12a). Block of 4 stamps, from plate 9B9C with R5/11–12 brown flaw joining the two stamps (see Vol. 6)	£10.00
(b) As above. A similar block of 4, also with R5/11–12 flaw but this time including the additional R6/12 flaw found on some sheets only	£15.00
(c) As above. Top marginal block of 4 (from plate 9B9C), with erroneous part strike of the perforating head in the top selvage	£7.50
(d) As above. Block of 4 from plate 10B10C, with R7/7 flaw on I of Industry ..	£10.00
1229 (a) 1/3d Trout (O13a). Three blocks of 4 in the three listed shades of bright blue, deep blue and ultramarine	£22.50
(b) As above. Block of 4 with R2/6 variety, mentioned in Volume 6	£12.50
1230 1/6d Tiki (O14a). Three blocks of 4 — plate 6D6E, and two sheet value blocks with wide and close cut selvages	£15.00
1231 (a) 1/9d Bistre (O15a). Sheet value block of 4, stamps alone Catalogue \$80 ..	£22.50
(b) As above. Marginal block of 4 with R6/16 retouch (OV15a)	£22.50
1232 (a) 1/9d Multicolour (O15b). Sheet value block of 4	£12.50
(b) As above. Marginal block of 6 with R3/11 variety	£17.50
(c) As above. Small shift of the red plane downwards. Distinctive	£6.50
1233 (a) 2/- Maori Rock Drawing (O16a). Imprint block of 4	£10.00
(b) As above. Marginal block of 4 with the R2/12 variety	£11.50
1234 2/6 Butter (O17a). Sheet value block of 4	£10.00
1235 3/- Sepia-Black (O18a). Sheet value block of 4, the stamps Catalogue \$260.	£92.50

1236 (a) 3/- Multicolour (O18b). Sheet value block of 4 with, of course, the R1/6 sky retouch (OV18b) – stamps are brown-bistre (shade 1)	£17.50
(b) As above. Similar sheet value block of 4, also with the R1/6 retouch, this time the yellow-bistre (shade 2)	£17.50
1237 5/- Sutherland Falls (O19a). Sheet value block of 4 on original ordinary paper. Stamps Cat. \$ 80	£22.50
1238 (a) 10/- Tasman Glacier. Sheet value block of 4 on the original paper (O20a). Stamps Cat. \$ 120	£40.00
(b) As above. Similar sheet value block of 4 on the later chalky paper (O20b) ..	£40.00
1239 (a) £1 Geyser (O21a). Sheet value block of 4. Stamps Cat. \$ 160	£57.50
(b) As above. Finally, a used imprint/plate block of 6. Stamps Cat. \$ 300, needless to say only one available !	£100.00

1962 – 1964 HEALTHS

1240 (a) 1962 Kakariki and Tieke (T34a/b). Imprint/plate blocks of 8 complete, plus sheet value blocks of 4. The six blocks	£10.00
(b) As above. Two 2½d sheet value blocks, top selvedge perforated and not perforated through	£3.00
(c) As above. Two 3d stamps with distinctly different gums, (i) thin and white; (ii) thick toned and doubly-gummed	£2.50
(d) As above. Sheet value corner strip of 3 with the doubly-gummed variety. The cut off point for the second coat of gum shows clearly in the selvedge. Unusual	£17.50
(e) As above. Set in used blocks of 4 with first day cancels	£3.00
(f) As above. Miniature sheet of each value (S.G. MS 813b)	£14.50
(g) As above. Official Health Camp Federation F.D.C.	£1.25
(h) As above. Three Official F.D.C.'s, posted at Maunu, Glenelg and Otaki Health Camps	£15.00
(i) As above. The set in blocks of four, on two covers posted at Otaki Health Camp	£7.50
1241 (a) 1963 Prince Andrew (T35a/b). One imprint/plate block each value, plate 1B.	£3.00
(b) As above. Two shades of each value, lovely contrasts	£3.50
(c) As above. Used block of 4 of each value	£3.00

(d) As above.	2½d marginal block of 6 with R5/8 retouch (Volume 6 listed-variety) .	£7.50
(e) As above.	The same R5/8 variety, but in used pair	£5.00
(f) As above.	Corner block of 6 with R10/10 and 11/10 retouches (details in Vol. 6)	£7.50
(g) As above.	Two 3d corner blocks of 15, showing the R3/5 bloodstained finger flaw, and subsequent removal from the sheet itself (T35bZ and Y). Superb and not often seen in positional blocks	£50.00
(h) As above.	Miniature sheet of each value (S.G. MS816a)	£14.50
(i) As above.	Health Camp Federation Official F.D.C.	£1.25
(j) As above.	Similar F.D.C. posted at Glenelg Health Camp	£5.00
1242	1964 Tarapunga and Korora (T36a/b). Each value in imprint/plate block of 8, sheet value block of 4 and colour code block of 4. The six blocks	£9.00
(b) As above.	2½d marginal blocks of 4 with superb black shades. Nice	£5.00
(c) As above.	Used block of 4 of each value, contemporary 1964 c.d.s. cancels ..	£3.00
(d) As above.	Red misplacements on the 2½d value give rise to an attractive "four-legged bird" variety:—	
	(i) unmounted single	£3.50
	(ii) marginal block of 4 (one only)	£12.50
	(iii) used single	£3.50
	(iv) on F.D.C. posted at Otaki Health Camp	£7.50
(e) As above.	Official Illustrated F.D.C. — this cover features a map of N.Z. upon which are detailed seven Health Camps (the 'normal' six with annual postal facilities, and Nelson)	£1.25
(f) As above.	Set of six F.D.C.'s posted at the six Health Camps	£30.00
(g) As above.	Miniature Sheets (Cat. \$ 130):—	
	(i) One each value with top selvage not perforated	£50.00
	(ii) Similar, but top selvage perforated	£50.00
	(iii) 3d m/s (top selvage not perf'd) with R1/2 white flaw to left of '3'	£25.00

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EXTRA SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFER

A superb lot of 90 (yes, ninety) different King George VI definitive plate blocks. All values from ½d to 3/-, including provisionals, are represented (although there are no blocks of the ½d, 1d or 1½d original colours). Each block is of the size listed in the C.P. Catalogue, i.e. of 4, 6 or 8 stamps. Unhinged mint throughout, and a magnificent introduction to this interesting, and still reasonably accessible, issue. Cat. around \$ 1,300 (£565), our Christmas gift to a lucky someone at, only

£295.00