



Philatelic Review Bulletin



Wyong & Districts Philatelic Society

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Dear members,

The content of this bulletin aims at informing about items and topics relevant to our hobby and club.

It is hoped that errors and omissions are kept to a minimum.

All members are invited to submit articles that they like to share with others. Articles can be short or long and the editor will decide to publish those in one or more than one bulletin.

The editor

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Philas Connection

[Philatelic Association of NSW \(philas.org.au\)](http://philas.org.au)

Evening Meeting:

The **third Wednesday** of the month at
7.00 pm
(at Canton Beach Sports Club).

Daytime Meeting:

The **first Wednesday** of the month at 1.00 pm
(at Masonic Village Centre, Lakehaven).

George V Study Group

The **first Wednesday** of the month
following the daytime meeting.

2025 Meeting Dates

Evening meetings at Toukley 7.00 pm

20 August

Peter Myers, GB Millenium Issue

17 September

Richard Mahony, Mining Labels

22 October

Peter Kinninmont, Charity Stamps

19 November

Fair Preparation

20 December

All Members, 5 page display

Daytime meetings 2025 at Lakehaven 1.00 pm

Exchange and open discussions

2 July

6 August

3 September

8 October

5 November

3 December

Monthly Display

Mark Field displayed U.S.A. 1980 – 1982 using self-made album pages.

Circuit Books - Anniversary

Congratulations to Mark Field for organising the circuit books for the last twenty years.

Sydney Harbour Bridge – Part 4



2009

26 June 2009

Australia's Favourite Stamps; sheet stamps

Postmark: Sydney NSW 2000 Size: 32 mm x 27 mm



26 June 2009

Australia's Favourite Stamps – Peel & stick

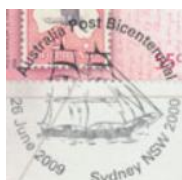


26 June 2009

Australia's Favourite Stamps – Sailing ship

A number of events were held to celebrate Australia Posts 200th anniversary, including a re-enactment of the first mail delivery on 26 Jun 2009. This commemorative cover was produced for this event and carried on the re-enactment. Technically it's a FDC as its postmarked is on the first day of issue

Postmark: Sydney NSW 2000; Diameter: 31 mm



28 June 2009

Australia's Favourite Stamps - Sydney GPO

A number of events were held to celebrate Australia Posts 200th anniversary, including free public concert and historical display at Darling Harbour on 27 & 28 Jun 2009. This commemorative cover was produced for this event.

Postmark: Sydney NSW 2000; Diameter: 31 mm



26 June 2009

Australia's Favourite Stamps

Cachet: Wesley Cover Service (WCS)



26 June 2009

Australia's Favourite Stamps – Prestige booklet

Cachet: Wesley Cover Service (WCS)



2011

31 March 2011

Sydney Stamp Expo

Sydney Stamp Expo Wesley Souvenir Cover with cachet of rabbit, Christmas Island miniature sheet overprinted Sydney Stamp Expo, stamps depict pictorial style rabbit and calligraphic style rabbit tied Sydney Stamp Expo pictorial postmark. Number of miniature sheet may vary from that displayed.



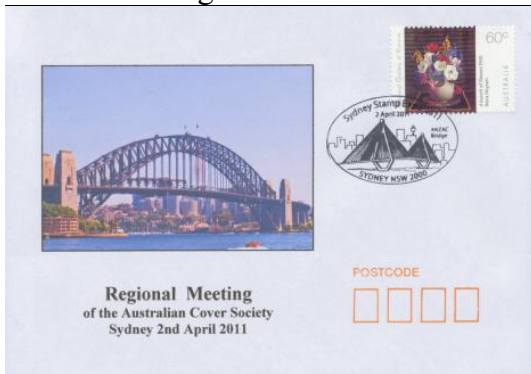
2 April 2011

Sydney Regional Meeting of the Australian Cover Society Inc.

Opening postmark of the Sydney Stamp Expo 2011:



Cachet: Arthur Bergen



2 April 2011

Sydney Regional Meeting of the Australian Cover Society Inc.

Postmark:



Cachet: Arthur Bergen



31 March 2011

Sydney Stamp Expo

Postmark:

Cachet: WCS

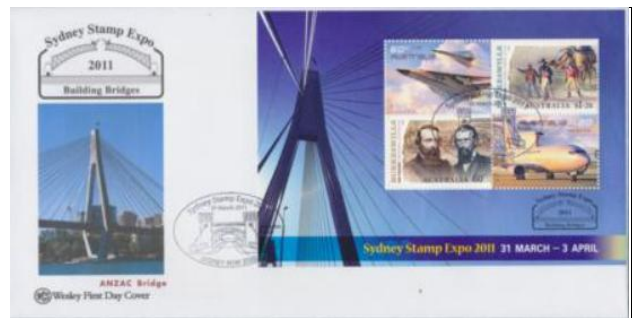


1 March 2011

Sydney Stamp Expo

Postmark:

Cachet: WCS



2013

2 July 2013

Road Trip Australia



2 July 2013

Road Trip Australia – Peel & stick



2 July 2013

Road Trip Australia – Miniature sheet

Postmark: Sydney NSW 2000



2014

1 October 2014

Sydney Harbour Bridge – Peel & stick – International

Postmark: Sydney NSW 2000



Cachet: WCS



Sydney Harbour Bridge – Peel & stick – International

Postmark: Sydney NSW 2000

Cachet: WCS



2016

1 March 2016

Sydney NSW 2000 – Harbour Bridge

Post Office: Sydney NSW 2000 (QVB)

Type: Permanent pictorial replacement

Design notes: recreated design based on the original

Postmark text: SYDNEY NSW 2000

Pictorial elements: Sydney Harbour Bridge
Date slug: moveable. Postmark size: 34mm diameter



No cover image available

2018

27 October 2018

End of World War I – coin – ANDA

100th Anniversary

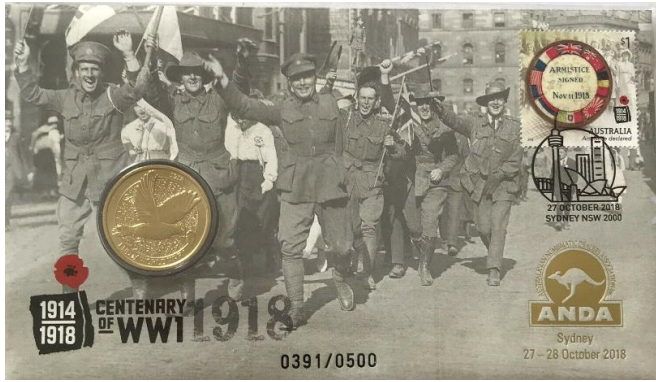
Exclusive overprint featuring the ANDA logo and the Sydney Money Expo date.

Each officially numbered.

Issued: 500

Postmark: Sydney NSW 2000





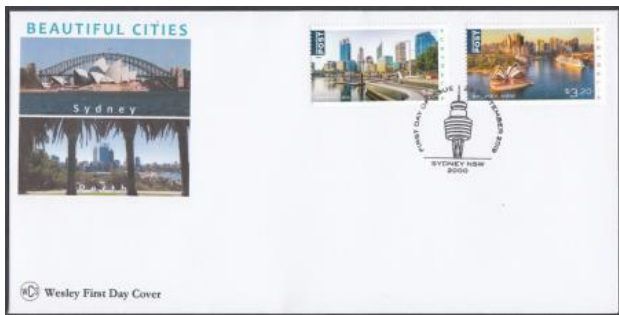
2019

23 September 2019

Beautiful Cities Part 2

Australia Beautiful Cities 2 International stamps

Postmark: Sydney NSW 2000



23 September 2019

Beautiful Cities Part 2 – sheetlet of 5



2021

10 May 2021

National Heritage Australia

Postmark: Capital Hill ACT 2600



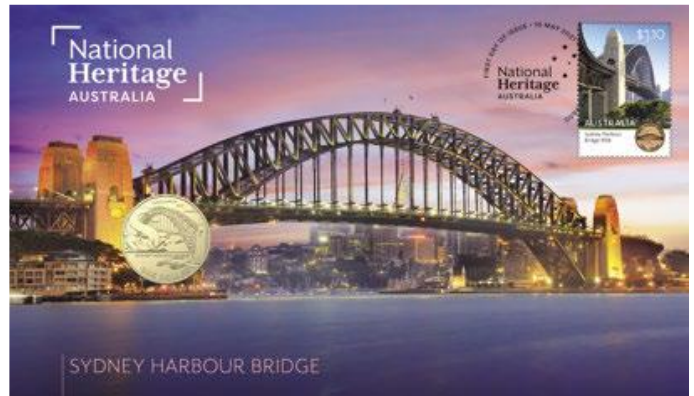
10 May 2021

National Heritage Australia– PNC – Sydney Harbour Bridge

Postmark: Capital Hill ACT 2600



Issued: 6 500



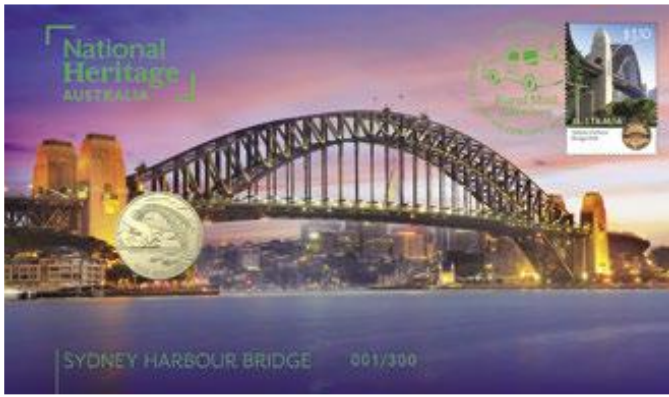
22 October 2021

Newcastle Stamp & Coin Expo 2021 - PNC

Issued: 300 (100 released daily)

Postmark: Newcastle NSW 2300; green ink





10 May 2021
PNC Issue 23, limited to 6500



2023
10 October 2023
50 Years Opera House



Medallion Cover



2025
20-23 March 2025
Sydney Stamp & Coin Exhibition
Postmark:



Issued: 150



21 March 2025
Sydney Stamp & Coin Exhibition
Postmark:



Issued: 150



22 March 2025
Sydney Stamp & Coin Exhibition
Postmark:



Issued: 150



15 September 2000

Olymphilex cancel (small letters used for date)
Postmark: OLYMPHILEX 2000 SYDNEY NSW 2000



Cache: Olymphilex Organising Committee at Olymphilex.

14 September 2000

Not possible as special OLYMPHILEX cachet for this day was stolen.



17 September 2000

Olymphilex – small letters in dateline
Postmark: OLYMPHILEX 2000 SYDNEY NSW 2000



Cachet: Australia Post



Cinderellas

Sydney Stamp Exhibition - 1911

Stamp News included in the June 2007 edition a sheetlet.



Sydney Harbour Bridge 1923 – 1932

55 mm x 28 mm

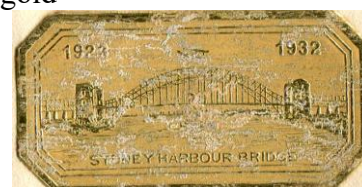
Green on silver



Black on gold



Black on gold



5th Australasian Philatelic Exhibition - 1932
 The 5th Australasian Philatelic Exhibition was held in the Farmer's Blaxland Galleries [George St. Entrance] from 22nd March to 1st April 1932



Envelope with label and green postmark



Back:



Postmark: Registered Sydne; Chadswood
 5TH AUST PHILATELIC EXHIBITION
 SYDNEY; 31 mm diameter; red ink



Invite card with red Exhibition label.



Postmark:

Green ink: Exhibition; 30 mm x 30mm
 (enhanced)



Red ink: 5TH AUST. PHILATELIC EXHIB. –
 SYDNEY; 31 mm diameter



Souvenir Stamp / Fifth Australasian Philatelic Exhibition Sydney March 1932.

The Harbour Bridge opening provided a perfect background for the fifth Australasian Philatelic Exhibition.

The exhibition organised by the Sydney Philatelic Club, Philatelic Society of Australia and Philatelic Society of N.S.W. was open from 22nd March to 1st April 1932 at Farmer's Blaxland Galleries. It was funded entirely by volunteer contributions.

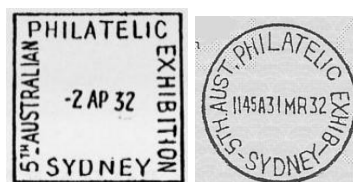


A commemorative label was available picturing the Harbour Bridge over an inscription scroll of flannel flowers.



Replicas of the original labels were produced in sheets of 20 and vary in colour from the originals.

Two special postmark's were used.



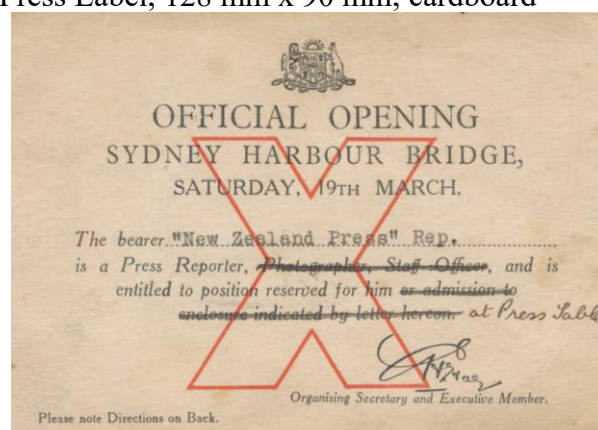
Green ink?

The labels were printed in deep red and light blue in sheets of 24 (6 rows of 4). Both type perforated 11. Designer: A. J. Shearsby, a well-known NSW artist.

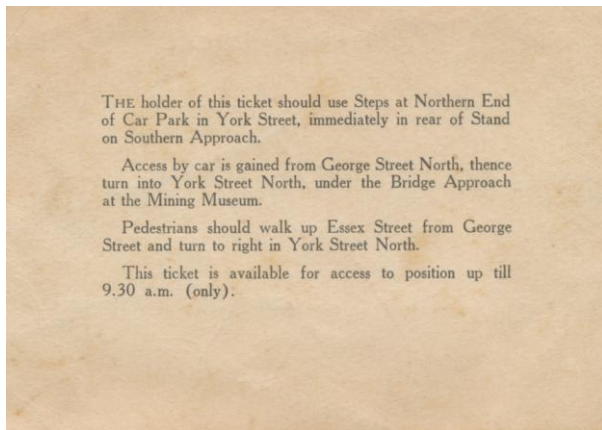


Original

Opening Sydney Harbour Bridge - Ticket Press Label; 128 mm x 90 mm; cardboard



¹ Dennis Sonter



W.A.S.P. Vignettes - 1935

In the 1930's Western and Southern Provincial Airlines (WASP) conducted a network of air services in New South Wales, mainly in the western districts. On March 25, 1935 the company issued the vignette illustrated below for attaching to mail carried on the inaugural Sydney Narromine service. The vignettes were approved by the Post Office and were printed in blue, black and grey and depict a plane flying over Sydney Harbour Bridge. The vignettes were designed by E. A. Crome and were printed in small sheets of six.

Issue: 865 sheets



Although designed and introduced for a specific flight (Sydney-Narromine), the company distributed them for some time after this flight and

they are found on many airmail letters carried over various routes in the late 1930's.



ANPEX 1972

ANPEX 72 was held at the Hotel Australia from 22nd to 27th August 1972 in Adelaide, South Australia. The exhibition was opened by the Postmaster-General, Sir Alan Hulme.

Three similar souvenir sheets were issued. The first printing used black for the inscription, the second red and the last one blue.

ANPEX 1972



Overprint in red



Commemorative postmark in blue



C7/R7 Sydney Harbour Bridge



Overprint in blue



Overprint in black

Australia's 150th Anniversary - 1938

This set of 49 labels (1938) is printed in various colours with gold frame and inscribed 'AUSTRALIA'S 150th ANNIVERSARY'. Photographs courtesy of Australian National Travel Association & NSW Government Printer. Printed in Australia by BLOXHAM & CHAMBERS PTY LTD. Featuring Animals / Scenes / Buildings / Prominent People.



Sheet layout

Australia's Most Famous Stamps

The numbered sheet contains five of the most famous or valuable Australian stamps.



Size: 140 mm x 82 mm. Highest Number seen: 61754.

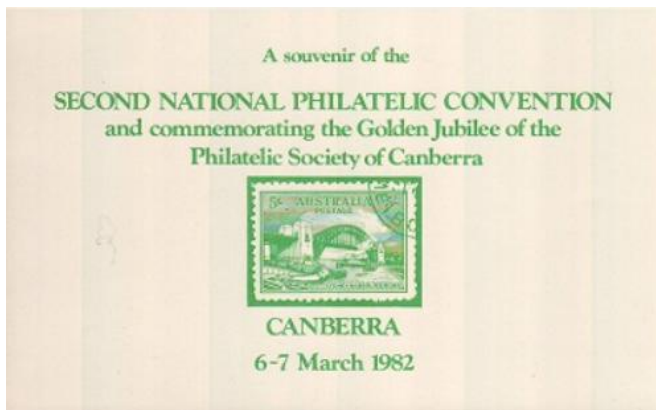
The Sydney view stamp (upper left) in pale brown and dark brown (two print run?).

Canberra National Philatelic Convention 1982

The second national philatelic Convention was held in Canberra on the 6th and 2nd March 1982.



C7/R3 Building the Sydney Harbour Bridge 1930



To commemorate this event the Philatelic Society of Canberra issued a souvenir sheet also used as admission ticket. The sheet was printed (quantity 2000) in green by Koomarri Printers and Industries, Canberra.

At the convention a catalogue was launched providing details of all exhibits as well as the story of the 1927 Canberra stamp. A black print was included in each catalogue but was not available separately. Quantity stated as 500.

The Collector - 1977

To promote a new stamp magazine published in Sydney in 1977, a souvenir sheet was given for free at the press conference launch:



Numbered in black; not perforated; 5/- green Sydney Harbour Bridge, the 6d engraved Kookaburra, the 1£ Robes stamps, rouletted and the 1£ Kangaroo, sheet fixed to folder with Complimentary Copy at top.



Unfolded: 169 mm x 117 mm



Free promotion copies for Volume 1, No 1.

Printed on white ungummed paper; labels **not** rouletted, 111 mm x 81 mm; **not** numbered



From memory, only four issues were made before the journal folded. It is not known if the last three issues also included free sheetlets.

Printed on white ungummed paper; labels rouletted, 111 mm x 81 mm; numbered



Sydney Harbour Bridge 50th Anniversary -1982

A souvenir sheet was issued to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the opening of the Sydney Harbor Bridge.



Sydney Harbour Bridge Facsimile - 1972

The following single facsimile was removed from the ANPEX 1972 souvenir sheet which also contained two Kangaroo stamps:



Image size: 31 mm x 21 mm; no indication on the back that it is a facsimile. Imitating recess printed issue

The next image is similar but larger.



Image size: 31.5 mm x 22 mm; perforation: 8 x 8 1/2. Imitating Lithographed issue



The back reveals a clear FACSIMILE imprint (copies have been noted without imprint on back).

Sydney Harbour Bridge Souvenir – Letterette 6 colour scenes (2 showing Cook) (1930s)



In collection:

Sydney Stamp Exhibition 1982

The N.S.W. Tramways Historical Society issued a souvenir sheet to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.



Quantity issued was 5000 inserted in a protective envelope.



MS may have been attached to cover to add value
 Note: MS not tied by postmark

Furniture Show Sydney 1998

Don't forget to visit us at the Sydney International Furniture Show



Harbour Bridge Airmail Label - 2007

Stamp News advised in their September Edition 2007 Vol. 54 No 9 that they were giving: "Free to subscribers in September: Harbour Bridge Airmail Label Sheets faithfully reproduced in original colours".



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106 mm x 149 mm

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Forgeries

1932. SYDNEY HARBOR BRIDGE. 2d

Genuine vs. Forgery



Genuine



Forgery

2d Letterpress Postal Forgery ACSC 149c with manuscript pen cross, quite well-centred, a tiny gum skip at the base but unmounted, Cat \$3000 for 'used'. The ACSC states that "The authorities defaced a portion of the seized stock with manuscript pen lines (used price quoted is for these)". It is believed that the racket was exposed before any of the 2d Bridge forgeries were postally used. The ACSC states "All used examples seen of the 2d Bridge forgery, including covers, are dated **after** the arrest of the gang".



Forgery



Forgery; perforation 10 1/2²

2d red BW #149c horizontal pair from the lower-left corner of the sheet, both units defaced with manuscript "X", a few split/rejoined perfs between the units, large-part o.g., Cat \$4000+. [Arthur's marginal strip of 3 sold for \$4998]



Forgery

² Australia Post Bulletin #140 April 1979 page 13

Typographed 2d scarlet Perf 11 **Postal Forgery** on gummed unwatermarked paper ACSC 149c, excellent centring, lightly mounted, Cat \$2750. One of the finest 'mint' singles we have seen. Much scarcer than the similar KGV 2d postal forgeries: see Lot 297. [Better centred & of better quality than *Arthur Gray's* corner example - unmounted, but with minor gum-spotting



Forgery

2d red BW #149c corner example from the upper-left of the sheet, very well centred, minor gum-spotting & a small gum-skip but unmounted, Cat \$3000.

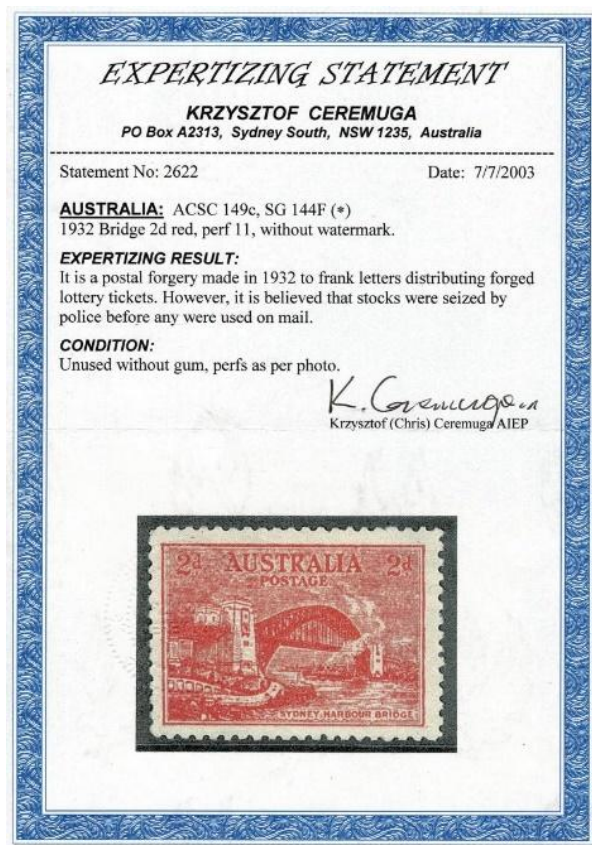


Forgery

1932 Sydney Harbour Bridge 'Typographed' 2d red Postal Forgery ACSC 149c, unused without gum

The forgeries were created in Sydney as part of an elaborate fraud involving the mailing of a

faked prospectus for the *Irish Sweepstakes*, and for forwarding tickets to unwitting subscribers. An Adelaide doctor who received an example of the KGV 2d forgery in his mail, noticed differences from the normal stamps, and contacted the *Postmaster-General's Department* requesting details of the "new issue". The subsequent official investigation resulted in the arrest of two persons, one the process engraver who had created the printing plates for the forgeries. Both men were sentenced to a year in jail.



1932 Sydney Harbour Bridge Typographed' 2d red Postal Forgery ACSC 149c horizontal pair

from the L/L corner of the sheet both units with manuscript "X" cancellation, the second unit with minor imperfections, central hinge reinforcing still large-part e.g., Cat \$5000+ for two used singles.

Much scarcer than the KGV 2d postal forgery from the same source. The forgeries were created in Sydney as part of an elaborate fraud involving the mailing of a faked prospectus for the *Irish Sweepstakes*, and for forwarding tickets to unwitting subscribers. An Adelaide doctor who received an example of the KGV 2d forgery in his mail, noticed differences from the normal stamps, and contacted the *Postmaster-General's Department* requesting details of the "new issue". The subsequent official investigation resulted in the arrest of two persons, one the process engraver who had created the printing plates for the forgeries. Both men were sentenced to a year in jail.



2d red BW #149c marginal horizontal strip from the left of the sheet, all units defaced with horizontal & vertical pen-lines, large-part o.g., Cat \$5250+. *Ex Maurice Williams*. The defacing was done in connection with the prosecution of the perpetrators.



Forgery

2d Letterpress *Postal Forgery* ACSC 149c marginal corner block of 4 from the lower-left of the sheet with a perforation guideline (?) dot to the left of the lower-left unit, reasonably well-

centred, a couple of very minor aging marks on the reverse of the upper-left unit and between a couple of perfs in the margin, unmounted, Cat \$16,000+ for singles. Much scarcer than the KGV 2d red *Postal Forgery* from the same source: *Ex Maurice Williams*; sold for \$8625.

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Forgery