

The Queen Elizabeth 1966 Definitives

Plate Numbers and Other Varieties

Considering the huge numbers printed, particularly of the 4c denomination, there are few printing flaws found. Most are minor retouches which require a magnifying glass to see.

Initially, plate numbers were positioned close to the top or bottom stamp, and sometimes missed being guillotined off. Plate numbers 16, 17, and 19-28 are known to exist.



Example of plate 26



4c coil stamp with variety 'pale lips'

The 4c Booklet

These were originally issued with three panes of five stamps, the top left position of each pane containing an advertising slogan. There were six different slogans (see page 5 for examples of each), with each booklet containing the same slogan on each pane.



One of six slogan booklet panes



A cover sent from Gerringong, NSW to New York on 16 May 1966, using a booklet pane to pay the 20c airmail rate