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The 1921-9 definitives

Although the Edwardian Arms definitives contained Latin inscriptions relating to King Edward, after he died it took no less than nine years before definitives with King George's head appeared.

Uncleared master die proof



On glazed card.

ex Bessemer

ex Toeg

Only example recorded

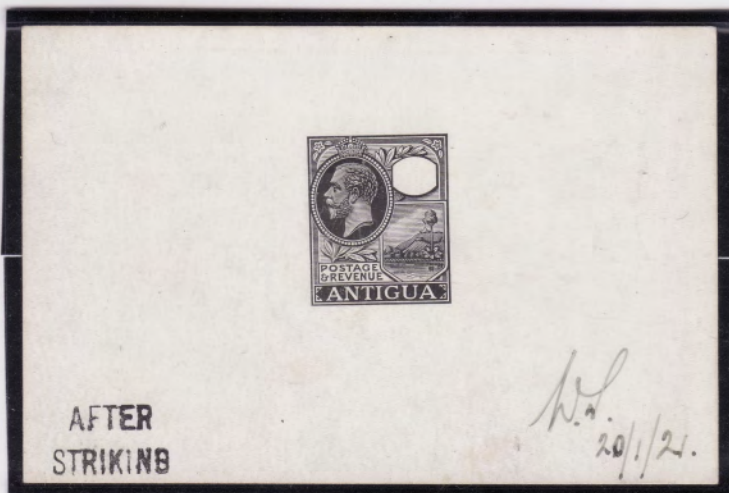
Cleared die proofs on thick glazed card

Before Hardening 17/1/21



This proof struck in the Before Striking state is dated 17/1/21.

After striking, initialed and dated 20/1/21



ex Toeg

ex Mayer

The De La Rue system was economical because the duty die proofs were cheap to engrave.

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The 1921-9 definitives with MSCA watermark

1921 1/2d Green

UPU specimens



Samuel type D12.



UPU circulation to Angola and additionally hand-stamped there.



About 420 circulated in strips of 3 during the GV period.

De La Rue still held stocks of red, yellow, green and blue paper watermarked MCA, but no more white MCA paper, so the stamps of this issue show a mixture of MSCA and MCA watermarks.



Deep green.

The issued stamps



Green.



Dull green.

682,410 from 9 printings.



Plate 1 was used for all the values.



New York arrival ship mark.



Used in Barbuda.

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The 1921-9 definitives with MSCA watermark

1921 1d Carmine

UPU specimens



Samuel type D12.



Tall thin I in specimen.



Angola P.O handstamp.



About 420 specimens were prepared at this date.

The issued stamps

Unusually the 9 printings dispatched in April 1921 were on a mixture of MCA and MSCA paper.

1926 Shades of rose



Rose-red.

481,710 from two printings.



Dull rose.



1921 Carmine.



Used in Barbuda.

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The 1921-9 definitives with MSCA watermark

1921 2d grey

UPU specimens



Tall thin I in specimen.



Samuel type D12.



Club foot to M of specimen (#17).



Angola P.O handstamp

The issued stamps

Shades of grey and slate



Grey.



Dark slate.



Greenish-slate.

Shifted decoupage



The 2d is doubled.

The slate shades were first printed in 1925.



Pale grey.



395,130 from five printings.



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The 1921-9 definitives with MSCA watermark

1921 2 1/2d bright blue

UPU specimens



Samuel type D12.



*Additional specimen
handstamp by Angola P.O.*

The issued stamps



18,586 from a single printing. Used in Barbuda.

1923 2 1/2d orange-yellow

UPU specimen



Samuel type D16.

61,200 from a single printing.

The issued stamps



Yellow-orange.



Orange-yellow.

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The 1921-9 definitives

1921 3d purple on pale yellow MCA paper

UPU Specimens



Samuel type D12.

At this date the UPU circulated specimens in strips of 3.

Broken M in specimen (#41)



Constant on the D12 overprint forme.



*Additional specimen
handstamp by Angolan PO.*



Club foot to M (#17).

Constant on the D12 overprint forme.

The issued stamps



Shades.

29,906 from a single printing.



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The 1921-9 definitives with MSCA watermark

1921 6d Dull and bright purple

Broken M in specimen (#41)

UPU specimens



Samuel type D12.

Club foot to M of specimen (#17).

Angola P.O handstamp.

The issued stamps



Major flaw in 6



90,446 from four printings.



Used in Barbuda.

20 Aug 1931



Carried on the Dornier flying boat to Miami, and thence to Belize.

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1921 1/- black on emerald MCA paper

UPU Specimens



Club foot to M (#17).

About 420 of each new value/colour were circulated to UPU members in strips of 3 at this date.



Additional specimen handstamp by Angolan PO.



Experimental specimen handstamp.

The issued stamps



13,066 from a single printing.



Watermark inverted and reversed.



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The 1921-9 definitives

1921 2/- Purple and blue on blue MCA paper

UPU specimens



*Additional specimen
handstamp by Angolan PO.*



Club foot to M (#17).

The issued stamps



Shades.



12,435 from a single printing.



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The 1921-9 definitives

1921 2/6d Black and red on blue MCA paper

UPU specimens

Broken M in specimen (#41)



About 420 specimens prepared at this date.



Experimental specimen handstamp.

Club foot to M (#17).



Double specimen handstamp by Angolan PO.

The issued stamps



Grey-black and red on blue-green.



Black and red on blue.



2/6 MCA 12,770 from a single printing.

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The 1921-9 definitives with MSCA watermark

1922 1 1/2d Dull orange

UPU specimens



Samuel type D12.



Broken M in specimen (#41)



Angola P.O. handstamp.

1 1/2d, 4d, 3/-, 4/- and 5/- values were added in November 1921, also on MCA or MSCA paper.



Orange-yellow.

The issued stamps



Used in Barbuda.



Yellow-orange.



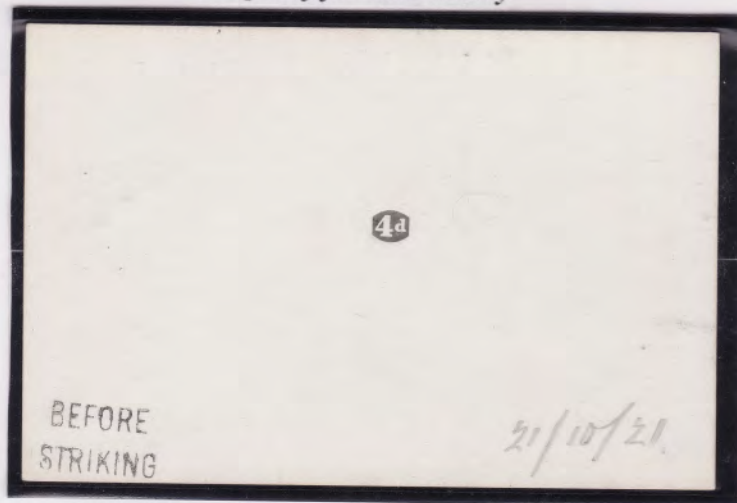
St Peters cds.

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1922 4d grey and red on yellow MCA paper

Die proof for the 4d duty



The 4d was not issued until 1922.

UPU specimens



Club foot to M (#17).

Broken M in specimen (#41)



61,166 from a single printing.

20 Jun 1933



Grey-black and red.



Grey and scarlet.



Local use from Parham.

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The 1921-9 definitives with MSCA watermark

1922 3/- Green and violet

1922 4/- Grey-black and red

UPU specimens



Samuel type D12.

Broken M in specimen (#41)

Club foot to M of specimen (#17.)

Club foot to M of specimen (#17.)

Broken M in specimen (#41)



Short right leg to N of specimen.

The issued stamps



24,120 from a single printing.



Used in Barbuda.



Used in Barbuda.

23,400 from a single printing.

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1922 5/- green and red on yellow MCA paper

UPU Specimens



Club foot to M (#17).



Broken M in specimen (#41)



Constant on the D12 overprint forme.

The issued stamps



Shades.



24,960 from a single printing.

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The 1921-9 definitives with MSCA watermark

1923 1d bright violet

UPU specimens



The small D16 overprint was introduced in 1922 after the D12 overprint wore out.

The issued stamps



246,600 from a single printing.



Used in Barbuda.

1926 Mauve



Mauve.



*Used in Barbuda.
Bright violet.*

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The 1921-9 definitives

1922 £1 purple and black on red MCA paper

UPU specimens



At this date the UPU circulated specimens in strips of 3.

Broken M in specimen (#41)



The issued stamps

4,800 from two printings.



Barbuda cancel.

The £1 was not issued until 1922.

ex Mayer

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The 1921-9 definitives with MSCA watermark

1926 1 1/2d Carmine-red

UPU specimens



Samuel type D16.



Angola P.O handstamp.

The issued stamps



Scarlet.



Used in Barbuda.



363,600 from 2 printings.



Carmine.



1926 Rosine.

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1927 2 1/2d ultramarine

UPU specimens



Samuel type D16. Angola P.O handstamp.

The issued stamps



158,520 from five printings.



Used in Barbuda.

1925 3d purple on yellow

UPU Specimen



Purple-brown on yellow.



Samuel type D16.



Purple-brown on yellow.

The issued stamps

106,320 from two printings.



Used in Barbuda.



3d purple on yellow.



Purple-brown on yellow.

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The 1921-9 definitives with MSCA watermark

1927 2/- Purple and blue on blue

UPU specimen



Samuel type D16.

The issued stamps



Purple and blue on blue.



Slate-purple and blue on blue.



Used in Barbuda.

18,000 from a single printing.

1927 2/6 Black and red on blue

UPU specimen



Samuel type D16.



12,240 from a single printing.



Used in Barbuda.

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The 1921-9 definitives with MSCA watermark

1929 1d Scarlet

UPU specimens



De La Rue started perforating specimens amid fears that forgers would remove the overprints and use the stamps on letters. But the perforated types have been forged to defraud collectors.



Samuel type D19.



Angola P.O handstamp.

The issued stamps



561,120 from 8 printings.



Scarlet.



Rose-red.



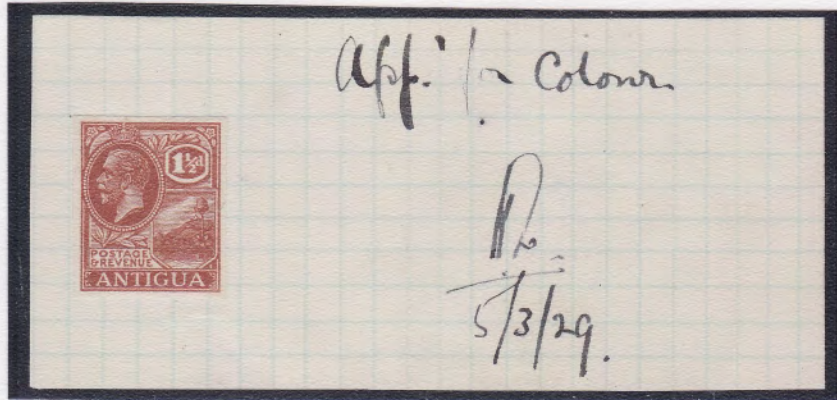
Used in Barbuda.

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1929 1 1/2d red-brown

Imperf colour trial



Dated and approved on piece of records book

One other example recorded

UPU specimens

ex De La Rue archives



From 1929 specimens were perforated and not overprinted for security reasons.



Additional specimen handstamp by Angolan PO.

The stamps were printed in two panes of 60 separated by an interpanneau margin.

The issued stamps



358,200 from a single printing.



Barbuda cancel.

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The 1921-9 definitives with MSCA watermark

1929 1/- black on emerald

UPU specimens



Samuel type D19.



Angola P.O handstamp.

The issued stamps



85,920 from three printings.



Used in Barbuda.

20 Aug 1931



Carried on the Dornier flying boat to Miami, and thence to the UK.