## 1d pale blue



Approved and numbered die proof for the 1d. These stamps predated De La Rue's introduction of the keyplate method, so each value had to be engraved separately.

## SPECIMEN

File specimen


Samuel type D1a ex Tucker



Samuel type D2

The stamps were printed in four panes se-tenant, the top 2 panes containing $1 d$ values, the lower left pane the $1 /$ - and the lower right pane the $6 d$, with gutter margins in the centre of each pane.

Mar 101869


Partial front prepaid 4d to Mississippi, 10 cents landing charge applied in New Orleans.
Ex Hart ex Brassler

## 1d deeper blue

File specimen


Samuel type D5 ex Melat


## 6d rose




## SPECIMEN

File specimen


Samuel type D2

Die proof struck in the before hardening state.
The only dated die proof recorded ex Montresor


6 Dec 1869


Prepaid 6 d to the US, so escaping the 10c steam ship charge on the 1d strip to the same address.
Note the red hand-stamp PAID applied in Belize - a rare mark.
ex Bass ex Hart


Br Honduras
1872 Watermark Crown CC perf 12 1/2


1874 Deep blue


Watermark inverted and reversed.

## 1872 Watermark Crown CC perf 12 1/2

## 6d Rose

## Imperf plate proofs



The Hart collection auctioned by Maresch in 1978 contained imperf blocks of the 3d, 6 d and $1 /$-. The two higher values were subsequently split into pairs, so the $3 d$ is the only surviving block.

## The issued stamps



1874 Bright rose-carmine


## 1/- Deep green

Imperf plate proofs


1872 Watermark Crown CC perf 12 1/2
1/- Green

Imperf plate proof


The issued stamps


Only used block recorded ex Hart



Watermark inverted. ex Barnstone


Watermark inverted

## Br Honduras

1877-9 Watermark Crown CC perf 14


Pr Belize 16 Apr Kingston 19 Apr Don 25 Apr
Plymouth 13 May



Backstamp

When Br Honduras joined the UPU on 1 January 1879 the charge for mail to UPU members fell to 4 d. The supply of $4 d$ stamps did not arrive for six months so other combinations were required. The only recorded rate from this period made up with 1d and 3d stamps ex Hart


Die proof on thick glazed card, without any markings.
ex Hart
6d Rose


1/- Green


1877-9 Watermark Crown CC perf 14
1879 4d Mauve

June 61879
AFTER IFARDENING


One of two die proofs in the after hardening state.
This stamp was printed in panes of 30 .
ex Tucker
Hand-stamped "Cancelled"


Watermark shows marginal letters from the CA dandy roll.

17 Aug 1881

## H. Edm. Os wall.




Backstamp

Registered to Germany via London. 4d for single UPU rate plus 4d registration at this early date.


Prices current to Philadelphia at the 1d printed matter rate
1 Jul 1884


1884 1d Rose


1887 1d Carmine


1887 1d Carmine


1882-7 Watermark Crown CA perf 14

ex Ferrari
One of two blocks recorded
There is a pair in the Royal Collection.


1887 1/- Grey


1882-7 Watermark Crown CA perf 14

## 1882 4d Mauve

Imperf plate proof


File specimen


## The issued stamps



Large O papermakers watermark
Watermark inverted



To London at the UPU double rate for a loz letter. No extra charge for transit via New Orleans.


Backstamp

13 Feb 1888


Front to Vera Cruz. Very early use of this stamp issued in January 1888.

1888 Local overprints perf $121 / 2$

## $2 c$ on $6 d$



Rose-carmine.



Rose.


Rose-carmine.
Rose.
ex Hart


Only 60 printed according to Robson Lowe. ex Hart

$2 c$ on $6 d$ bisect used to uprate a postcard to Vienna.

## Br Honduras

1888 Local overprints perf 14


Watermark inverted
Minor flaws plate this block as \#20, 21 26,27.
3 con $3 d$
ex Tucker


Only used block recorded
ex Hart 6 Jun 1889


Backstamp
Franked 20c to Munich, 12c for postage +8 c reg fee, showing early use of the red "Registered". ex Hart

\#5,6,11,12 positioned by the spacing of the 2 .


Surcharge inverted

(Positioned by the pane in the Royal Collection).
ex Duveen


Reserve stocks of the Id carmine were overprinted to supply the new denomination 2c stamps.

Engraved forgery


Both the stamp and the overprint are bogus.
ex Harper

1 Jan 188810 cents on 4d mauve


The issued stamps


1,260 sheets of 60 units each printed.

16 Aug 1889


Single rate to Hampton Court Palace.

## Br Honduras

1888 Local overprints
$10 c$ on $4 d$

\#17 showing C with broken top.
The stamps were printed in sheets of $30(6 \times 5)$.

\#11-18; \#17 shows the constant flaw C with break at top.

\#4/5 to $5 / 6$, with the lower left stamp showing the constant flaw break in base of from \#5/4.

## Br Honduras

1888 Local overprints perf 14
$20 c$ on $6 d$


## Br Honduras

## 1888-91 London overprints

At the end of 1887 the fateful decision was taken to adopt a dollar currency with $2 c$ equivalent to 1d. It took three years to obtain definitives denominated in dollars and cents which resulted in a stream of provisional overprints made in Belize and then in London, using mostly unsold stocks.

1c on 1d green
No Id was issued in green, but the 1/2d (ie 1c) was allocated this colour in the UPU convention. 400 specimens supplied to the UPU.


UPU specimens


Broken M in specimen (\#41 in the overprint forme)

Imperf top margin


Apparent paper fold.
ex Snowden


6c foreign rate to Chicago with the short-lived double ring Belize cds.
The 1c keyplate definitive was not issued until 1895 so the 1c overprint Ic was still current.

## 1888-91 London overprints

1c on $1 d$ green Pane of 60


1888-91 London overprints

## July 1888 2c on 1d Carmine

120,000 invoiced 11 April 1888.


## Br Honduras

## 1888-91 London overprints

3 con $3 d$


Reserve stocks of the $3 d$ red-brown were overprinted to supply the new denomination 3 c stamps.
The issued stamps


119,640 stamps invoiced 11 April 1888.


1888-91 London overprints
6c on $3 d$ blue

UPU specimens


Samuel type D12.
$75,6006 c$ stamps were ordered on 13 January 1891 to meet demand for the new 3d Empire rate. De La Rue had printed stocks of 3 d stamps in blue but overprinted them for the decimal currency.


The sheets had De La Rue's unique current number 55 for this stamp


The surcharge was a stereo of six horizontal units; the second stamp shows a nick in the " $S$ ".

## Br Honduras

1888-91 London overprints
Approved essays for the $2 c, 3 c$ and $10 c$, the 3 cents imperforate


Initialled by a De La Rue official.
ex De La Rue archives

UPU specimen


Broken " $N$ " (\#3/2).
$10 c$ on $4 d$
75,600 10c on $4 d$ surcharges invoiced 11 April 1888.

UPU specimens


Bulge on $M$.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 30 ( $6 \times 5$ ).


14 Aug 1888


Registered cover to Germany via London, franked 30c (ie 1s 3d).

## Br Honduras

## 1888-91 London overprints

$20 c$ on $6 d$
UPU specimens


400 specimens supplied to the UPU.
30,000 20c invoiced 19 Feb 1889. 18731 remainders were subsequently destroyed.


Registered cover to Germany franked with the 1888 20c. 10c single rate plus 10c registration fee. Oval red Belize registration mark overstruck with the unusual Belize K65 killer.

## Br Honduras

## 1888-91 London overprints

50c on 1/-


400 specimens were supplied to the UPU.

The issued stamps


50 c stamps were ordered by the Crown Agents on 16 April 1888. 30,630 stamps were printed in sheets of 60 , of which 8411 were later remaindered.


One of two blocks recorded
In 1899 about 600050 c stamps from the unsold stock were overprint revenue.


12 Jun 1893


## Br Honduras

1888-91 Local overprints
The foreign letter rate was reduced to $6 c$ per $1 / 2$ oz in 1891. Pending the arrival of the $6 c$ definitives in July 1901 the now redundant 10c on $4 d$ was re-surcharged in black or red.

Two essays using the word SIX, one a bar obliterating the old value, were prepared but rejected.
Essay with bar


Three contemporary covers bearing the essay are known.

## Essay without bar

ex Jaffé


CA watermark also in lower margin.

The $4 d$ pane was an unusual $6 \times 5$ size, causing watermark misplacement.

## 1891 (Feb?) surcharged 10c on 4d re-surcharged 6 in red



Break in foot of 10 (\#5/4).

"6" distorted.

Both 6s double


Not listed.

Inverted surcharge


6 and bar inverted on red surcharge.
24 Feb 1899


Single foreign rate to New York.


Label on reverse.


Backstamp

1891 (Feb?) surcharged 10c on $4 d$ re-surcharged 6 in black


Break in bar (\#3/3).


Break in bar (\#3/3).

Inverted surcharge


Right hand stamp shows 6 and bar inverted.

## FIVE on $3 c$ on $3 d$

Issued on 23 October 1891, about 60,000 stamps were overprinted to supply the 5 c postcard rate

\#5, 6, 11 and 12, 12 with wide space between I and $V$.


Overprint double


One sheet sold.

\#5, 6, 11 and 12,12 with wide space between I and $V$.


Bar broken.
14 May 1897


A late use of this stamp to New Orleans rated 5c, the single foreign rate introduced in 1895.

## Br Honduras

## 1888-91 Local overprints

## 15 on $6 c$ on $3 d$

The pane of 60 was surcharged in two settings of 30 .


Broken bars on the first stamp in the top and bottom rows position this as the last six rows.
Issued on 23 October 1891, 13,556 examples were sold.

## Overprint double, one reversed



This catalogued variety looks like a kissprint.


## Br Honduras

1891-1901 definitives

In 1891 Br Honduras adopted De La Rue's keyplate process initially using the universal postage keyplate. $£ 12$ was charged for the five duty plates, but the postage keyplate was supplied free.

The five 1891 duty die proofs from the striking book

$2 c$ was the printed matter rate, $3 c$ the local letter rate and $6 c$ the single overseas letter rate.
ex De La Rue ex Harper.
Imperf plate proof


UPU specimens


400 specimens were printed in 1891, three for each UPU member.

## Br Honduras

## 1891-1901 definitives

In 1895 the foreign letter rate was reduced from $6 c$ to $5 c$, so a $5 c$ definitive became necessary. A 10c was needed for double rated letters and a lc for the printed matter rate.


Imperf in the issued colours with name and value tablets handpainted. ex De La Rue


In 1892 the UPU raised the numbers of specimens circulated to its members to five, making 750.

## Varieties on the 1c



Watermark inverted

ex Barnstone
Duty plate misplaced

Although the same colour was used for frame and duties, the 1c was printed in two operations.

## Br Honduras

## 1891-1901 definitives

The five values invoiced 16 June 1891


The five values issued in 1891 were printed from the universal postage Plate 2.


120,000 invoiced 12 Feb 1898 printed from the Postage keyplate.

11 Sep 1891


The five 1891 values on a registered philatelic cover to Hamburg.

Adoption of the universal keyplate
The 1899 Order-in-Council that official fees be paid in the form of stamps required new values marked Postage \&d Revenue. Four new high values used De La Rue's universal unified keyplate.


Taken from the Appendix Sheet dated 2 August 1899.
ex De La Rue


400 specimens supplied to the UPU.
The four values invoiced 12 Oct 1899 were issued in December.
The issued stamps



The unified keyplate was by 1899 on its third plate.

1891-1901 definitives

## 1901 New designs for the 5 c and 10 c

Imperf Colour Trials

ex De La Rue


From the Appendix Sheet dated 23 July 1900.
Imperf Colour Trial

ex de la Rue
UPU Specimens

Hand-stamped Ultramar


5 examples sent to the Portuguese colonies.

The issued stamps


## Br Honduras

## 1891-1901 definitives

## The defective "S" flaws on the left hand pane

A deformity in the "S" affected \#7/3 printed from the Postage keyplate. Research by the exhibitor has established the lifetime of the initial flaw from 25/6/97 to 6/1/98. The flaw was repaired but imperfectly so examples with the repair can be detected from 16/2/98 until the plate was replaced in June 1900. The flaws also appear on two of the revenue overprints of 1899 and on the issues of 3 other colonies (Gambia, Seychelles and Straits Settlements) that used the same colonial plate.

The malformed " $S$ "

June 1897 printing


1010 sheets printed.

October 1897 printing


375 sheets overprinted.

The repaired " $S$ "
February 1898 printing February 1899 printing


November 1897


Gambia used the same plate. 250 sheets printed.

July 1897


Seychelles used the same plate.
40 sheets remained unoverprinted.

1898 or 1899


Straits Settlements used the same plate.
1212 sheets printed.
10 Nov 1902


The 1899 local Revenue overprints
Examples of the 11 mm overprints from the lower three rows
" $N$ " clearly doubled


The 1899 local Revenue overprints
An order in Council of 14 June 1899 required fees to be paid in "adhesive stamps used for postal. purposes". An amendment of 19 July ordered existing stocks of stamps to be overprinted revenue.

## Examples of 12 mm overprints from the upper seven rows



The setting consisted of sixty stereos in two sizes. In the top seven rows and \#2 in the $8^{\text {th }}$ row the overprint measures 12 mm in length, whereas in the remaining 17 positions it is 11 mm in length.


## Br Honduras

## July 1899 10c revenue overprint

The stamps in the 7 top rows received a 12 mm overprint, and rows 9 and 10 an 11 mm overprint. Row 8 had a mixture of the two sizes. While there are minor flaws in the overprint forme, the main interest lies in the right hand column where the final " $e$ " is missing from row 5 and weak in next four rows. The right hand selvedge confirms that two panes of 60 were printed se-tenant.


This pane does not show "Bevenue" on \#6/4 which was corrected early in the print run.

## Br Honduras

## The 1899 local Revenue overprints

## The Bevenue flaw



The flaw appears on \#6/4.


While not rare, the error was evidently repaired as the spelling is correct on some panes.


The tall narrow $\mathbf{U}$ flaw

The narrow " $U$ " in Revenue appears on $\# 1 / 5$ on both panes.


Right pane.


Right pane.


The fourth stamp on Row 3 has a constant broken top to the " $E$ ".
Left pane.

Sc revenue pair commercially used on a registered cover to Winch
17 May 1900


Carried to New Orleans on a US vessel. Winch did not usually overpay for postage so it must have been a heavy packet to rate $51 / 2 d$ shortly after the introduction of the Id Empire Rate.

Br Honduras

Postal fiscals commercially used


Single rate to San Francisco with address in Chinese reading down at left.


Registered to New York, rated 6 (cents) prepaid in red and Ac registration fee.


## Imperf colour trials

The colour approved by W. H. Mercer for the issued 20c

ex Hart
From the same Appendix sheet
ex De La Rue

ex Hart

## UPU specimens



Hand-stamped Ultramar


## Broken M in specimen



## Br Honduras

King Edward VII became king when his mother Queen Victoria died on 21 January 1901.


The 5c issued 10 October 1902


The 1c issued 28 April 1904


The $2 c$ issued 18 March 1903


The 20c issued 28 April 1904

The Large C variety

Watermark inverted



Watermark inverted

Row 1 stamp 4 has the constant large C variety.

The 10c issued 20 September 1907


Hand-stamped Ultramar


The 50c issued 20 September 1907


Hand-stamped Ultramar


The 25c issued 20 September 1907

Imperf colour trial


From the Appendix sheet dated 15 October 1906
ex De La Rue ex Harper


UPU Specimen


Hand-stamped Ultramar by the Portuguese P.O.


5 examples sent to the Portuguese colonies.

Spaven flaw


The flaw appears on \#1/3, left pane.

## Br Honduras

## 1907 King Edward VII definitives

The three high values issued 20 September 1907
UPU Specimens


Broken M (\#41 in the overprint forme)


The issued stamps


## Hand-stamped Ultramar



## Broken M in specimen




## Br Honduras

## 1908-11 King Edward VII definitives



In 1907 the numbers reverted to three per UPU member.

Angola security mark


Circular cancel applied by the Angola receiving PO.

The issued stamps


Spaven flaw


The flaw appears on \#1/3, left pani

UPU Specimens


Complete set with broken M in Specimen \#41 in the sheet.


Dot in M(\#23).

## 1913-21 George GV definitives

Presentation "specimen" set


Hand-stamped in the colony with Samuel type BH1.


The $\$ 5$ is from the deep red printing from plate 3 issued in 1921, which provides a rough date.

UPU Specimens


## Br Honduras

1913-21 George GV definitives
The keyplate was used by five colonies, namely Grenada, Malta, St Lucia and British Solomon Is. It inevitably experienced heavy use and 3 plates were needed.


Plate 2


Eight values (excluding the 5c and \$5) had later printings from Plate 2.
Plate 3


The master Die Proof struck for Plate 3


War Tax varieties

## The 1917-8 local War Tax

The local overprints were sent to the UPU without any specimen cancellation, usually applied by de La Rue. They can only be identified if the receiving authority applied its own obliteration.


UPU Specimens


The issued stamps


Surcharge inverted


Two sheets exist with War inverted, this one with War offcentre.

## Surcharge double



The 1918 De La Rue overprints
Thin A variety
Thin A variety


Watermark inverted and reversed.

One stamp in the upper row has a thin left leg to $A$.

## Br Honduras

## 1921 2c Peace issue

Engraved Master Die Proof


Engraved progress proof dated December 1920 "Peace" engraved on either side of the crown. The engraver L. V. Phillips' presentation copy.


## Br Honduras

## 1922 4c Commemorative

A new value was required when the Empire and US postage rate was raised to 4c. in 1922.
Approved Photographic Essay


Signed by a senior official in the Crown Agents.
The design used for the Peace stamp was retained for the 4c value, omitting the words "Peace".

## Engraved die proof

## UPU Specimen




On thin paper.
ex De La Rue

## UPU Specimen



Additional specimen handstamp applied by receiving authority.

Printers Samples


File specimens


Samuel type D9 and dated. ex De La Rue
ex Latto

## Presentation specimens

Hand-stamped Samuel BH1 for a local Official


These were the only 3 values issued on 1 August 1922. The 10c was issued on 1 December 1922.

## Br Honduras

## 1922-33 George GV definitives

UPU Specimen multiples


De La Rue changed the specimen format in 1922 from Samuel type D12 to type D16. Security concerns about fraudulent removal of the overprint occasioned a change to perforations in 1929.


Rejoined pair to form a block of four.


Rejoined pair to form a block of four.

## 1922-33 George GV definitives

## UPU Specimen multiples



Only present on the D12 overprint.

Rejoined pair to form a block of four.

ex Koh-i-Noor

## 1922－33 George GV definitive



Working proof On thick card


Struck to test the registration． ex Tucker


Imperf colour trial

ex De La Rue Archives
Imperf colour trial


## 1922-33 George GV definitives

The $\$ 5$ issued on 1 October 1924
Duty die proof


The duty plates were used in conjunction with the colonial head in a ring of pearls.

The issued stamps

A rejoined pair of UPU specimens


Samuel type D16.


The booklets were made up in the standard size with horizontal blocks of 6 stamps. However, in this case there were to be 10 panes of 10 stamps folded over to fit the cover so many came loose.

The front cover


A fragile booklet containing 100 2c stamps


Contents: ten panes of five $2 c$ stamps.


As the stamps were printed in two panes of $6 \times 10$ separated by a central selvedge, it was natural to remove the 50 outside stamps of each pane, leaving a central interpanneau pair to be sold.


A similar booklet consisting of $1003 c$ stamps was issued but none have been recorded.

The 1923 \$2 booklet


Typical clipped perfs from left margin.
Made from ten blocks of 10 of the $2 c$ brown.

The \$2 booklet issued in 1927
The issued stamps


Contents: ten panes of 2 c red stamps.

5 Dec 1931


First flight cover (86 flown) franked with a complete booklet pane of 10.

## Br Honduras

## The $1927 \$ 2$ Booklet

The De La Rue records contained two booklets of 100 2c values in which each stamp had been hand-stamped Specimen for file purposes. These have since been split into panes or smaller units.


One booklet was hand-stamped Samuel type D18 specimen.
Printed in October 1926.
ex the De La Rue archives
The issued stamps
Interpanneau block


The booklets were created from the ten outer rows of a sheet, leaving central interpanneau pairs.

## Br Honduras

2 cents booklets on cover

1923 2c brown booklet (10 panes of ten)
7 Jan 1925


Double rated registered envelope to Pittsburg. The block of 2 c is from a booklet pane of 10 units.

## 1926 2c rose (10 panes of ten)

5 Dec 1931


Backstamp


## Br Honduras

## UPU specimens

## 1935 Silver Jubilee



Bradbury Wilkinson perforations Samuel type B9.


1937 Coronation Issue


Perforated Samuel type D20 (circulated in strips of 3).


## 1923 Postage Dues

UPU specimen overprints in red


Samuel type D16.

The issued stamps


Varieties on the $4 c$


Watermark inverted.


Flat top to $C$.


Philatelically inspired usage from Bermuda to "Caye Corker"

