Chapter 10

Plate Numbers 6000-6999

Plate number 6000 was assigned to the 2c Washington sheet stamp in May, 1912 and plate 6999 was assigned to the 2c Washington sheet stamp in March, 1914. 710 plates were assigned to stamps of the third Bureau series, 704 plates were used and 8 of these (all coil stamp plates) are unreported. The Panama-Pacific commemorative stamps were printed by 6000 series plates. The entire parcel post series of stamps is embedded in the 6000 section. During the life of many of these plates, a change was made from perf 12 to perf 10 so many of these plates exist with both perforation types. Imperfs continue on the low values. The Shanghai overprints exist on some of the higher value plates.

211 plates were used to print the 1c Washington sheet stamp and 19 plates to print the 1c Washington booklet. None of these plates is rare. Four 1c 400 subject flat plates were made for the production of vertical coil stamps. The words "COIL STAMPS" were placed in the sheet margin of these plates on the upper right and the lower left panes and plate strips or blocks from coil waste from these plates make really attractive additions to a collection. Collectors were quick to save these plate strips with the "COIL STAMPS" wording and it is ironic that plates from the upper left and the lower right panes which do not show the wording are very rare since they did not appear so interesting to collectors.

The 2c Washington stamp required 352 plates and the 2c booklet used 32 plates. There are no great rarities among these plates. Eight 2c 400 subject flat plates were made to print vertical coils and were inscribed "COIL STAMPS" in the same manner as the 1c plates. All 8 went to press but only four were later issued as coil waste and saved by collectors. Plate 5990 was a 2c Washington plate used as a master plate to produce 3 electrolytic plates in the 6000 series. Only one of these electrolytic plates (6023) went to press and it is the rarest 2c Washington sheet plate in the 6000 series. Only 2,591 impressions were made from this plate and the BIA plate number survey shows only 2 collectors reporting this plate number. The rotary press makes its appearance in this section with two plates for the 2c endwise coil and 2 plates for the sidewise coil. All four of these plates are unreported. The coil plate numbers were trimmed off during production and plate number examples were possible only on miscut coils. I am sure that collectors were unaware that plate numbers were possible on these early coils and these early coil plates now replace the early booklet plates as the great rarities of this time.

Third Bureau series high values were produced in this series and many of these plates were used over a considerable period of time. As a result, the same plate can appear on many varieties such as the perforation changes and the change to unwatermarked paper. There are no really difficult plates in the high values in the 6000 series.

The Panama-Pacific commemorative series starts in the 6000 section. The original 2c stamp was intended to show the Gatun Locks of the Panama Canal and 16 plates were started with 8 being finished and sent to press, but all printed sheets were destroyed because someone noticed that the design actually depicted the Pedro Miguel Locks. This design inscription was changed to read "Panama Canal" and 23 other plates were made and sent to press. This set of stamps was in use over a year and the change from perf 12 to perf 10 occurs on all four values. Many of the plates are known with both perforation types. Some of the early 1c and 2c plates are known only perf 12 and some of the late 1c and 2c plates are perf 10 only.

Three special delivery plates and 6 postage dues plates were made and used in the 6000 series and none present the collector with a problem.

The entire range of plate numbers of the parcel post issue is contained within the 6000 section. This issue is one of my favorites and will be the subject of the next chapter. The 6000 section is one of the great sections for plate number collectors with many interesting stamp issues. There are few unreported plates and most of the plates are relatively easy to get. Like the 5000 section, a high percentage of completion is possible. At this point, collecting the third Bureau series looks great. But dark clouds are on the horizon when we get to the 7000 section.

		6000 Series Totals					
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	l Hava
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3rd Bur	reau Series						
-	1c Washington	400F	211	211	211	0	
	1c Washington book	360F	19	19	19	0	
	1c Washington (Coil Stamps)	400F	4	4	4	0	
	2c Washington	400F	352	352	352	0	
	2c Washington book	360F	32	32	32	0	
	2c Washington coil	150R	2	2	2	2	
	2c Washington coil Type I	170R	6	2	2	2	
	2c Washington (Coil Stamps)	400F	8	8	8	4	
1911	2c Washington (Electrolytic)	400F	3	1	1	0	
1908	3c Washington	400F	12	12	12	0	
1908	4c Washington	400F	8	8	8	0	
1908	5c Washington	400F	8	8	8	0	
	7c Washington	400F	8	8	8	0	
1914	9c Franklin	400F	8	8	8	0	
1911	10c Franklin	400F	4	4	4	0	
1914	12c Franklin	400F	6	6	6	0	
1911	15c Franklin	400F	4	4	4	0	
1914	20c Franklin	400F	7	7	7	0	
1914	30c Franklin	400F	8	8	8	0	
Comme	emorative						
	1c Panama-Pacific	280F	16	16	16	0	
	2c Panama-Pacific (Gatun Locks)	280F	16	8	0	0	
	2c Panama-Pacific	280F	23	23	23	0	
	5c Panama-Pacific	280F	8	4	4	0	-
	10c Panama-Pacific	280F	4	4	4	0	
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Special	Purpose Issues						
	10c Special Delivery	200F	3	3	3	0	
1894	2c Postage Due	400F	4	4	4	0	
1894	10c Postage Due	400F	2	2	2	0	
1912	1c Parcel Post	180F	32	25	25	0	
	2c Parcel Post	180F	35	24	24	0	
	3c Parcel Post	180F	4	4	4	0	
	4c Parcel Post	180F	16	13	13	0	
	5c Parcel Post	180F	21	20	20	0	
	10c Parcel Post	180F	9	8	8	0	
	15c Parcel Post	180F	8	4	4	0	
	20c Parcel Post	180F	8	4	4	0	
	25c Parcel Post	180F	12	6	6	0	
	50c Parcel Post 1st design	180F	4	1	0		
	50c Parcel Post 2nd design	180F	4	4	4	0	
1912	75c Parcel Post	180F	8	4	4	0	

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1912	\$1 Parcel Post	180F	4	4	4	0	
1912	1c Parcel Postage Due	180F	8	4	4	0	
1912	2c Parcel Postage Due	180F	5	4	4	0	
1912	5c Parcel Postage Due	180F	8	6	6	0	
1912	10c Parcel Postage Due	180F	4	4	4	0	
1912	25c Parcel Postage Due	180F	4	4	4	0	
1913	1c Parcel Post	400F	8	0	0		
1913	2c Parcel Post	400F	8	0	0		
1913	5c Parcel Post	400F	4	0	0		















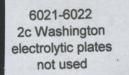


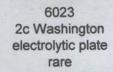










































































6056 2c Washington rotary coil plate not used





































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6123-6126 2c Panama Pacific design error not issued

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6136-6137 2c Panama Pacific design error not issued







6145 2c Panama Pacific design error not issued







6149 2c Panama Pacific design error not issued





6152 2c Panama Pacific design error not issued







6160 2c Panama Pacific design error not issued











6166 10c Parcel Post not finished

































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6237-6328 5c Parcel Post Due not used























































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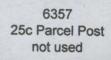




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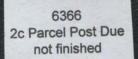




















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6382-6383 1c Parcel Post not used



6385-6386 20c Parcel Post not used







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6409 2c Parcel Post not used 6410 15c Parcel Post not used



6412 75c Parcel Post not used







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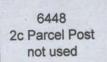


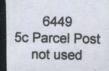


















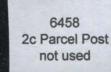
















































































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6557-6558 5c Panama Pacific not used















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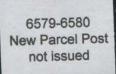
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6590-6599 New Parcel Post not issued





























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