

## Chapter 14

### Plate Numbers 9000-9999

Plate 9000 was assigned to the 3c offset Washington sheet stamp (type IV) in August, 1918, and plate 9999 was assigned to the 1c Washington offset sheet stamp in February, 1919. Only six months for 1000 plates to be assigned and this was a new record. Plates were assigned at the rate of almost 7 a day if a six day work week is assumed. 982 plates were assigned to the third Bureau series and 784 of those were offset plates. Around 20% of these offset plates were either not finished or not used. 829 plates went to press and nine are unreported. In the midst of all of this furious activity, the BEP did find time to print the 6c air mail stamp of 1918 and the 1919 3c Victory commemorative stamp.

Many 1c stamps were required and this stamp was shifted to offset production. Only 5 intaglio sheet and 4 booklet plates went to press on the 1c. 17 1c coils went to press, all are reported, and all of these are available as coil waste. 216 1c offset plates went to press. Six of these are unreported. Some of these 1c offset plates exist imperforate. Locating a large percentage of these 1c offset plates is very difficult.

The 2c stamp saw 119 plates to press and none are really difficult. Imperforates exist on some of these 2c plates. Seventeen 2c coil plates went to press and all but 1 are reported thanks to coil waste. The four 2c booklet plates are easy to locate.

More than half the plates in the 9000 section were devoted to the 3c offset. 404 plates went to press and all are reported. However, just try to find all 404! Many of these plates are quite rare. Imperfs do exist on some of these plate numbers. Two of the 3c coil plates are unreported but the other 12 exist thanks to coil waste. But these plates are still not easy and many of the coil waste plates are rare, not only on this stamp, but also the 1c and 2c coil waste issues.

A BIA member in my hometown was a part time dealer and he had a huge stock of plate number singles. It was frustrating to try and find anything because his stock was total chaos. When I was home during the summer of 1962, I offered to sort his stock because I wanted to find as many different plate numbers as possible. A couple of days later, he drove up to my parents' house with two large trunks full of stamps. I was in plate number heaven as I sorted through this mess. Most of the stuff was commemoratives of the 1940s and I remember hundreds of Famous American plate singles. But someone had used scissors and cut off most of the margins, leaving only enough room in the margin for the plate number. I still wonder what possessed that person to mutilate these plates. It took two months but I finally got the job done. I found a few hundred plates I needed with quite a few being from the 3rd and 4th Bureau series. Two or three years later, as a BIA member, I bought bound volumes of the *SPECIALIST* and read about the BIA plate number survey and I checked my collection. What a surprise to find that I had a used plate single of the 3c offset plate 9044 which

was unreported! There were some other goodies in the hoard which I will relate at the appropriate time. The lesson I learned was to never stop looking. There are probably many unrecognized rare numbers awaiting discovery. After all these years, new finds are still being made.

Four plates each went to press on the 5c Washington and 13c Franklin stamps and all are easy.

The 3c Victory stamp required 16 plates with none being difficult. And finally the 6c air mail of 1918 made its debut with one plate being used.

The 9000 section is difficult but, with patience, those pesky offsets will gradually accumulate. Their ugliness is actually fascinating and there seems to be no end to the crude entries of the plate numbers. This is one section that can grow on you. Plate numbers finally enter the familiar 5 digit territory and the offset plates continue their rampage as we next look at the 10000 section.

## Chapter 14-9000

		9000 Series Totals					
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	I Have
	(totals)		1000	829	829	9	
3rd Bureau Series							
1911	1c Washington	400F	5	5	5	0	
1911	1c Washington book	360F	4	4	4	0	
1911	1c Washington coil	170R	17	17	17	0	
1918	1c Washington offset	400	252	214	214	6	
1918	1c Washington offset	1600	3	2	2	0	
1911	2c Washington	400F	119	119	119	0	
1911	2c Washington	400R	2	0	0	0	
1911	2c Washington book	360F	4	4	4	0	
1911	2c Washington coil	170R	17	17	17	1	
1908	3c Washington offset Type IV	400	525	404	404	0	
1918	3c Washington offset Type IV	1600	4	0	0		
1908	3c Washington book type II	360F	4	4	4	0	
1908	3c Washington coil	150R	2	0	0		
1908	3c Washington coil	170R	16	14	14	2	
1908	5c Washington	400F	4	4	4	0	
1918	13c Franklin	400F	4	4	4	0	
Commemorative							
1919	3c Victory	400F	16	16	16	0	
Special Purpose Issues							
1918	6c Air Mail	100F	2	1	1	0	







9022  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9025  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished

9026  
3c Washington  
offset  
scarce, not in collection



9030  
3c Washington  
offset  
scarce, not in collection

9031-9032  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished





9040-9041  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9043  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished

9044  
3c Washington  
offset  
rare, discovery copy



9049  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9053-9054  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9060  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9067-9068  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9070  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9076  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9097  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished

























9181-9182  
3c Washington  
side coil  
unreported



9193-9194  
3c Washington  
side coil  
not finished

9195-9196  
3c Washington  
end coil  
not finished















9243-9244  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9246  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9262  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9264  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9269  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9271-9273  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9276-9277  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9282  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9299  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9315-9317  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9319  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9329  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



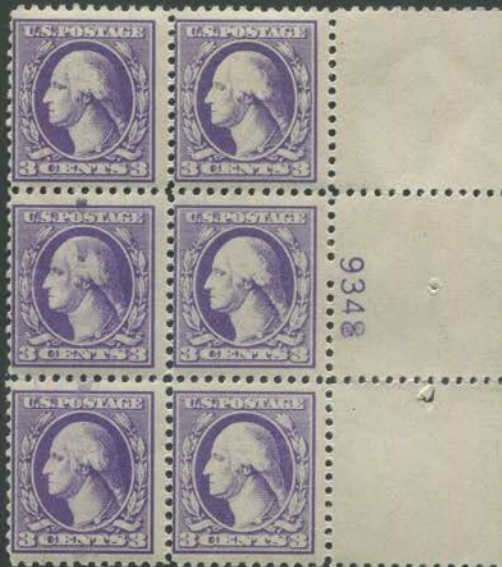
9335  
3c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection



9345  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished











9364  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9370  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9387  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9397  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9400-9401  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9404  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9409  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished















9457  
2c Washington  
side coil  
unreported

9458  
2c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection







9469  
2c Washington  
coil waste  
(missing)



9475-9476  
2c Washington  
rotary press  
not finished











9520  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished





9528  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9541  
1c Washington  
coil waste  
not in collection

9542  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9551-9552  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9560  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9563-9565  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished

9566  
3c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection

9567-9571  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9582  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9584  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9610  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9633  
3c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection







9642  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9644-9645  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9663-9665  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9678  
1c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection







9683-9684  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9690  
3c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection



9694  
1c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection



9699  
3c Washington  
side coil  
rare, not in collection





9701-9702  
1c Washington  
offset  
not used



9709  
1c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection



9718  
1c Washington  
offset  
unreported



9719  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished

9720  
1c Washington  
offset  
unreported



9721

9722  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9723



9724



9725



9725



9726



9727



9728



9729



9730



9731



9732



9733

9734-9752  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9753



9754



9755





9757-9762  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9769-9771  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9775-9777  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished

9778  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9782

9783  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9784

9785



9786



9787



9788



9789



9790

9791  
1c Washington  
offset  
unreported



9792

9793-9798  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9799



9800





9803  
1c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection



9808  
1c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection







9823  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9826-9827  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9831  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9833-9836  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9840  
1c Washington  
offset  
unreported







9850  
3c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection





9862  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9869  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9872-9873  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9875  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9877  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9880-9881  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9890-9892  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9902  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished







9906  
1c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection



9908  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9914-9915  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9919  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9921  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished





9922



9923



9924



9925



9926



9927

9928-9929  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9930

9931-9932  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9933

9934-9948  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9949



9950



9951

9952  
1c Washington  
offset  
scarce, not in collection



9953



9954



9955-9964  
3c Washington  
offset  
not finished



9976  
1c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection





9978  
1c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection

9979  
1c Washington  
offset  
unreported



9981  
1c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection



9990  
1c Washington  
offset  
rare, not in collection





9992  
1c Washington  
offset  
unreported



9994  
1c Washington  
offset  
not finished

