

Chapter 31

Plate Numbers 23000-23999

Plate 23000 was assigned to the 2c United Nations stamp in January, 1943 and plate 23999 was assigned to the 2c Adams stamp in January, 1949. This period covered the end of World War II and the transition to peace. Most values in the 5th Bureau series had plates assigned but very few plates were needed for the values above 3c. The war special issues (1c Four Freedoms, 2c United Nations, and 3c Win the War) dominated until early 1945. There did not seem to be much in the way of technological changes at the BEP during the six years this section was current.

437 5th Bureau series plates were assigned and 419 went to press. Only 1 plate, a 3c Jefferson coil, was unreported and this is the only unreported plate in the entire section. Most of the sheet plates are very easy. There are a few scarcer plates on the 3c Jefferson but enough quantities exist for there to be plenty for all that are interested. Many collectors also sought the booklet and coil plates and most of these are common. Notable exceptions are plates 23847 and 23848 on the 3c Jefferson booklet. Two plates each of the frames and centers of both the \$2 Harding and the \$5 Coolidge stamps went to press to provide more combinations and these plates exist only without the arrows that were present on the initial printings of the dollar value stamps.

Commemoratives made a real comeback after the war ended. Issues honored the armed services and other war related events. 1947 saw a stamp and a souvenir sheet honor the centennial of US postage stamps. The souvenir sheet used 14 plates for the Franklin portion of the sheet and 14 plates for the Washington portion of the sheet. This was the first souvenir sheet without plate numbers and it would have been a lot of fun if the plate numbers had been left on the souvenir sheets with all the combinations. The 23000 section ended during the famous 1948 commemorative onslaught. 395 commem plates were assigned, 348 went to press and 320 are available to collectors. Most are very easy except for a few of the Win the War plates which had short runs but even these should not be real trouble to find.

The air mail stamps saw an 8c value added to the transport series. The rate changed to 5c in 1946 and a large 5c stamp was released only to be replaced the next year with a small version. Three new international air mail stamps were released in 1947. The rate went back to 6c in 1949 and a small 6c stamp was issued. 147 air mail plates were assigned and 126 went to press. Some of these plates are troublesome. The last two booklet plates on the large 6c transport stamp are really tough. There were some short runs on the 8c transport, the 5c large skymaster, and the 25c stamp, but today there should be plenty for those who want them.

1944 saw issuance of 13c and 17 special delivery stamps. Additional plates went to press for the 10c and 15c special delivery stamps. None of these plates is scarce even with the short runs of the two 10c special delivery plates.

9 postage due plates were assigned and 5 went to press and these are no problem to find.

The 23000 section saw 910 plates to press, 882 plates available to collectors, and 1 plate unreported. A very high percentage of completion is possible of this section. The sections of 1000 numbers seemed to speed by in the past. Now the rate has slowed to around 6 years per 1000 numbers. More big changes are on the horizon at the BEP and they start in the 24000 section which is next.

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		23000 Series Totals					
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	I Have
	(totals)		1000	910	882	1	
5th Bureau Series							
1938	0.5c Franklin	400R	4	4	4	0	
1938	1c Washington	400R	41	40	40	0	
1938	1c Washington book	360R	4	0	0		
1938	1c Washington coil	170R	24	24	24	0	
1938	1.5c M. Washington	400R	48	44	44	0	
1938	1.5c M. Washington coil	170R	8	8	8	0	
1938	2c Adams	400R	19	19	19	0	
1938	2c Adams coil	170R	6	4	4	0	
1938	3c Jefferson	400R	127	126	126	0	
1938	3c Jefferson book	360R	22	22	22	0	
1938	3c Jefferson coil	170R	80	79	79	1	
1938	5c Monroe	400R	2	2	2	0	
1938	5c Monroe coil	170R	2	2	2	0	
1938	6c J. Q. Adams	400R	4	4	4	0	
1938	8c van Buren	400R	3	3	3	0	
1938	9c Harrison	400R	2	2	2	0	
1938	10c Tyler	400R	4	4	4	0	
1938	11c Polk	400R	1	0	0		
1938	12c Taylor	400R	1	1	1	0	
1938	13c Fillmore	400R	1	1	1	0	
1938	14c Pierce	400R	1	1	1	0	
1938	15c Buchanan	400R	4	4	4	0	
1938	16c Lincoln	400R	2	2	2	0	
1938	17c Johnson	400R	1	1	1	0	
1938	18c Grant	400R	2	1	1	0	
1938	19c Hayes	400R	2	2	2	0	
1938	20c Garfield	400R	3	3	3	0	
1938	21c Arthur	400R	2	2	2	0	
1938	22c Cleveland	400R	2	1	1	0	
1938	24c Harrison	400R	2	0	0		
1938	25c McKinley	400R	3	3	3	0	
1938	30c Roosevelt	400R	2	2	2	0	
1938	\$2 Harding frame	100F	2	2	2	0	
1938	\$2 Harding center	100F	2	2	2	0	
1938	\$5 Coolidge frame	100F	2	2	2	0	
1938	\$5 Coolidge center	100F	2	2	2	0	
Commemorative							
1942	3c Win the War	400R	69	56	56	0	
1943	2c United Nations	400R	6	2	2	0	
1943	1c Four Freedoms	400R	22	14	14	0	
1944	3c Railroad	200R	3	2	2	0	
1944	3c Steamship	200R	3	2	2	0	
1944	3c Telegraph	200R	3	2	2	0	
1944	3c Corregidor	200R	3	2	2	0	

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1944	3c Motion Pictures	200R	3	2	2	0
1945	3c Florida	200R	3	2	2	0
1945	5c UN Conference	200R	7	4	4	0
1945	3c Iwo Jima	200R	6	6	6	0
1945	1c Roosevelt	200R	6	6	6	0
1945	2c Roosevelt	200R	3	2	2	0
1945	3c Roosevelt	200R	6	6	6	0
1945	5c Roosevelt	200R	3	2	2	0
1945	3c Army	200R	4	4	4	0
1945	3c Coast Guard	200R	5	4	4	0
1945	3c Navy	200R	6	6	6	0
1945	3c Al Smith	200R	4	4	4	0
1945	3c Texas	200R	4	4	4	0
1945	3c Merchant Marine	200R	4	4	4	0
1946	3c Honorable Discharge	200R	6	6	6	0
1946	3c Tennessee	200R	4	4	4	0
1946	3c Smithsonian Institution	200R	6	6	6	0
1946	3c Iowa	200R	6	6	6	0
1946	3c Kearney	200R	8	8	8	0
1947	3c Edison	280R	6	6	6	0
1947	3c Carver	280R	5	4	4	0
1947	3c US Postage Centennial	200R	4	4	4	0
1947	15c CIPEX Sheet Franklin	8F	1	0	0	
1947	15c CIPEX Sheet Franklin	30F	15	14	0	
1947	15c CIPEX Sheet Washington	1F	1	0	0	
1947	15c CIPEX Sheet Washington	30F	15	14	0	
1947	3c Pulitzer	200R	6	6	6	0
1947	3c Doctor	200R	8	8	8	0
1947	3c Utah	200R	6	6	6	0
1947	3c USF Constitution	200R	6	6	6	0
1947	3c Everglades	200R	6	6	6	0
1948	3c Gold	200R	6	6	6	0
1948	3c Mississippi	200R	10	6	6	0
1948	3c Wisconsin	200R	5	4	4	0
1948	3c Four Chaplins	200R	6	6	6	0
1948	5c Swedish Pioneers	200R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Gold Star Mothers	200R	2	2	2	0
1948	3c F. S. Key	200R	2	2	2	0
1948	3c Progress of Women	200R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Canada	200R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c White	280R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Youth	200R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Oregon	200R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Harris	280R	2	2	2	0
1948	3c Palomar	280R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Stone	280R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Barton	200R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Poultry	200R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Fort Kearney	200R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Firemen	200R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Indian Centennial	200R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Fort Bliss	280R	4	4	4	0

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1948	3c American Turners	200R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Rogers	280R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Rough Riders	200R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c J. Low	200R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Gettysburg Address	200R	4	4	4	0
1948	3c Moira Michael	200R	4	4	4	0
	Special Purpose Issues					
1941	6c Transport	200R	32	32	32	0
1941	6c Transport book	180R	6	6	6	0
1944	8c Transport	200R	26	22	22	0
1946	5c Skymaster	200R	36	32	32	0
1946	5c Skymaster book	180R	4	0	0	
1947	5c Skymaster	400R	10	8	8	0
1947	5c Skymaster coil	170R	4	2	2	0
1947	10c Pan-Am Building	200R	3	2	2	0
1947	15c NY Skyline	200R	3	3	3	0
1947	25c Oakland Bay Bridge	200R	8	8	8	0
1948	5c NY City Air Mail	400R	5	2	2	0
1949	6c Skymaster	400R	10	9	9	0
1922	10c Special Delivery	200R	2	2	2	0
1925	15c Special Delivery	200R	2	2	2	0
1944	13c Special Delivery	200R	6	6	6	0
1944	17c Special Delivery	200R	2	2	2	0
1930	1c Postage Due	400R	2	0	0	
1930	2c Postage Due	400R	2	2	2	0
1930	3c Postage Due	400R	2	2	2	0
1930	5c Postage Due	400R	1	1	1	0
1930	10c Postage Due	400R	1	0	0	
1930	30c Postage Due	400R	1	0	0	



23002-23005
2c United Nations
not used



23012-23014
1c Four Freedoms
not used



23023-23027
1c Four Freedoms
not used





23033
3c Win the War
not used



23038
18c Grant
not used



23045
19c Hayes
(missing)



23054
22c Cleveland
not used

23055
24c Harrison
not used





23070-23071
2c Adams
side coil
not used





23102
1c Washington
not finished

23103-23104
1c Washington book
not used







23134
3c Jefferson
side coil
not finished



23140-23141
1c Postage Due
not used



23144
3c Railroad
not used



23147
3c Steamship
not used



23149
10c Postage Due
not used

23150
30c Postage Due
not used



23153
3c Telegraph
not used



23164
3c Corregidor
not used





23179
3c Win the War
not finished



23182
3c Motion Pictures
not used



23190
3c Win the War
not finished



23197
3c Win the War
not finished



23211-23212
3c Win the War
not finished





23220
3c Win the War
not finished



23230-23231
1c Washington book
not used





23238
3c Florida
not used





23256-23257
3c Win the War
not used

23258
6c Airmail book
rare, not in collection

23259
6c Airmail book
rare, not in collection

23260-23261
3c Win the War
not used

23262-23264
5c United Nations
not finished









23299-23300
3c Win the War
not finished





23315
2c Roosevelt
not used





23328
8c Airmail
(missing)

23329
8c Airmail
(missing)







23350
3c Coast Guard
not used







23383
5c Roosevelt
not used





23394
3c Jefferson
side coil
unreported









23431-23432
8c Transport Airmail
not used



23441-23442
8c Transport Airmail
not finished













23499-23502
5c Air Mail book
never issued









23533-23536
5c Air Mail
not finished





23553
3c Jefferson
not finished





23578
1.5c M. Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection

23579
1.5c M. Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection



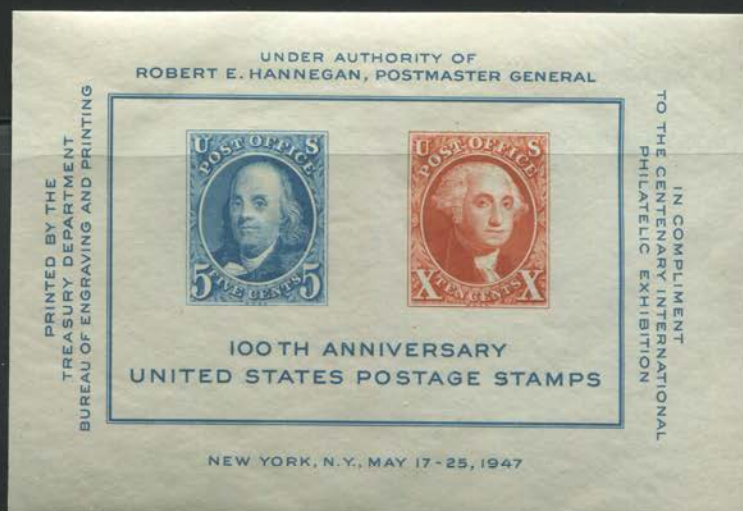
23587
5c Air Mail
not finished



23589
5c Air Mail
not finished



23592-23593
15c CIPEX
souvenir sheet
not available





23600-23612
15c CIPEX
souvenir sheet
not available



23617-23621
15c CIPEX
souvenir sheet
not available



23628-23631
15c CIPEX
souvenir sheet
not available



23636-23643
15c CIPEX
souvenir sheet
not available





23652
3c Carver
not finished









23692
10c Air Mail
not finished







23718-23719
5c Air Mail
side coil
not used









23768
1.5c M. Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection

23769
1.5c M. Washington
side coil
rare, not in collection





23798-23801
3c Mississippi
not finished







23815
3c Wisconsin
not finished







23845
5c New York Air Mail
not finished



23847
3c Jefferson book
rare, not in collection

23848
3c Jefferson book
rare, not in collection





23852
5c New York Air Mail
not used



23861
5c New York Air Mail
not used





23863



23864



23865



23866



23867



23868



23869



23870



23871



23872



23873



23874



23875



23876



23877



23878





23905
24c Harrison
not used





23909
11c Polk
not used











23957-23958
1.5c M. Washington
not finished



23969-23970
1.5c M. Washington
not finished



23980
6c Airmail
not finished



