

Chapter 35

Plate Numbers 26000-26999

Plate number 26000 was assigned to the International Geophysical Year commemorative stamp in April, 1958 and plate 26999 to the 4c Lincoln regular issue sheet stamp in June, 1961. This three year period included some major events for stamp and plate number collectors. The postage rates increased on August 1, 1958. This produced new values in the Liberty Series (the 6th Bureau series) and shifted the emphasis from the 3c Liberty to the 4c Lincoln stamps. The Giori press added lots of color to the commemoratives and also produced the rarest commemorative plate number since the Pan-American series in 1901. The air mails were busy with the rate change and with commemoratives. After 29 years, the 3rd postage due series of the BEP was issued.

The Liberty series was assigned 495 plates with 473 going to press with a whopping 88 plates unreported, all 432 subject coil plates. All of the interim 384 subject plates were reported but production of the 432 subject coils seemed to be much more precise and when plate numbers were found, the percentage of the number showing was usually small. Perhaps many coil collectors were discouraged with the news of the efficiency of the coil processing equipment and stopped looking but, whatever the reason, reports of coil plate numbers dropped drastically. There are no rare numbers on any of the sheet plates. The 8c Liberty plate 26821 with 3554 impressions is scarce. I remember finding three sheets of this plate number in a small east Texas town and I really had to persuade the clerk to break three sheets for the plate blocks. It was my first instance of finding a scarce number in a post office and was quite a thrill! The 4c Lincoln booklet plate 26689 with 2917 impressions is a rarity and it is amazing any copies were found.

The commemoratives were quite active with 390 plates assigned and 298 to press. 297 of these plates are very easy but the plate number community was shocked when there was a report of two upper left plate blocks of the 4c St. Lawrence Seaway stamp plate 26343. All 689 impressions of this plate were supposedly destroyed but two were found. And more of these may be resting in collections with the owners unaware of their rarity. This plate, along with plate 1236 on the 1c Pan-American issue of 1901 are the two rarest commemorative plate numbers so far.

68 of the 107 assigned air mail plates went to press. Two of the 7c Jet coil plates are unreported. The 7c Jet air mail caused excitement for collectors when the post office announced a color change from blue to red and said that the same plates would be used to print both stamp varieties. It turned out that four sheet, two booklet, and two coil plates were used to print both colors. The booklets and coils are not easy but collectors found enough plate number copies of both colors of the sheet stamps.

The 1959 postage due series was started with eight plates. The same plates could be used to print all values and the denominations were applied using a precancel type

printing process. This gave collectors opportunity to collect combinations again. Postage dues were not easy to locate since the post office apparently thought national security would be violated if these were sold as mint copies to collectors. But some clerks were happy to sell these stamps and a determined collector could usually get what was needed. The 1/2c value was unexpectedly taken off sale before many collectors had supplies and the plates are scarce and expensive. Plus, two of the 6 plates used for this value are very scarce. My part time dealer friend in Port Arthur had two sheets of the 1/2c dues which he got from the philatelic agency and, since I needed the numbers, he ripped off the plate singles for me. I sure wish I had asked for plate blocks! One of the plates was the upper left position of plate number 26291 but no one knew of its scarcity at that time. Some of the values are very scarce on certain plate numbers.

The 26000 section saw 847 plates to press with 90 unreported. A high percentage of completion is difficult because of the 432 subject coil plates. Even if you found all plates but the unreported numbers, you would still have only 89.37% of the possible plates. Do not let this discourage anyone from collecting this section! This is a very colorful section when mounted in consecutive number order and makes a beautiful display even with the missing numbers.

The 27000 series has a lot of action and drama, but is it a tough section? Details to follow.

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		26000 Series Totals					
Series	Subject	Plate Type	Assigned	To Press	Available	Unreported	I Have
	(totals)		1000	847	847	88	
6th Bureau Series (Liberty Series)							
1954	0.5c Franklin	400R	8	8	8	0	
1954	1c Washington	400R	26	26	26	0	
1954	1c Washington coil	384R	4	2	2	0	
1954	1c Washington coil	432R	4	4	4	0	
1954	1.25c Palace of Governors	400R	6	6	6	0	
1954	1.25c Palace of Governors coil	384R	2	2	2	0	
1954	1.25c Palace of Governors coil	432R	4	4	4	2	
1954	2c Jefferson coil	384R	2	2	2	0	
1954	2c Jefferson coil	432R	4	4	4	2	
1954	2.5c Bunker Hill	400R	9	4	4	0	
1954	2.5c Bunker Hill coil	384R	2	2	2	0	
1954	2.5c Bunker Hill coil	432R	4	4	4	4	
1954	3c Liberty	400R	20	19	19	0	
1954	3c Liberty coil	384R	6	4	4	0	
1954	4c Lincoln	400R	150	147	147	0	
1954	4c Lincoln book	360R	39	39	39	0	
1954	4c Lincoln coil	170R	2	0	0		
1954	4c Lincoln coil	384R	38	36	36	0	
1954	4c Lincoln coil	432R	104	104	104	74	
1954	4.5c Hermitage	400R	4	4	4	0	
1954	4.5c Hermitage coil	384R	2	2	2	0	
1954	4.5c Hermitage coil	432R	4	4	4	4	
1954	5c Monroe	400R	4	4	4	0	
1954	6c Roosevelt	400R	2	2	2	0	
1954	8c Liberty	400R	12	8	8	0	
1954	9c Alamo	400R	2	2	2	0	
1954	10c Independence Hall	400R	2	2	2	0	
1954	11c Liberty	400R	5	4	4	0	
1954	12c Harrison	400R	4	4	4	0	
1954	15c Jay	400R	4	4	4	0	
1954	20c Monticello	400R	6	6	6	0	
1954	30c Lee	400R	4	4	4	0	
1954	40c Marshall	400R	2	2	2	0	
1954	50c Anthony	400R	2	2	2	0	
1954	\$1 Henry	400R	2	2	2	0	
Commemorative							
1958	3c Geophysical Year	200R	3	1	1	0	
1958	8c Bolivar blue	288R	7	1	1	0	
1958	8c Bolivar gold	288R	2	2	2	0	
1958	8c Kossuth blue	288R	2	2	2	0	
1958	8c Kossuth gold	288R	5	4	4	0	
1958	8c Champion Series blue	288R	5	2	2	0	
1958	3c Gunston Hall	200R	4	4	4	0	
1958	4c Gunston Hall	200R	4	0	0		

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1958	3c Mackinac Bridge	200R	4	4	4	0
1958	4c Bolivar	280R	4	4	4	0
1958	4c Kossuth	280R	4	4	4	0
1958	4c Atlantic Cable	200R	4	4	4	0
1958	4c Webster	280R	4	4	4	0
1958	4c Debates	200R	4	4	4	0
1958	4c Freedom of the Press	200R	4	4	4	0
1958	4c Forest Conservation	200R	9	6	6	0
1958	4c Overland Mail	200R	4	4	4	0
1958	4c Fort Duquesne	200R	4	4	4	0
1959	4c San Martin	280R	4	4	4	0
1959	8c San Martin	288R	5	2	2	0
1959	4c Oregon	200R	5	4	4	0
1959	1c Lincoln	200R	4	4	4	0
1959	3c Lincoln	200R	4	4	4	0
1959	4c Lincoln	200R	4	4	4	0
1959	4c NATO	280R	4	4	4	0
1959	4c Artic Exploration	200R	4	4	4	0
1959	8c World Peace	200R	4	4	4	0
1959	4c Seaway	200R	9	6	6	0
1959	4c 49 Star Flag	200R	12	4	4	0
1959	4c Silver	200R	4	4	4	0
1959	4c Soil Conservation	200R	7	6	6	0
1959	4c Petroleum	200R	5	4	4	0
1959	4c Dental Health	200R	4	4	4	0
1959	4c Reuter	280R	4	4	4	0
1959	8c Reuter	288R	7	2	2	0
1960	4c Washington Credo	200R	6	5	5	0
1960	4c Franklin Credo	200R	10	4	4	0
1960	4c Kefferson Credo	200R	8	6	6	0
1960	4c Key Credo	200R	5	4	4	0
1960	4c Lincoln Credo	200R	5	4	4	0
1960	4c Henry Credo	200R	6	4	4	0
1960	4c McDowell	280R	4	4	4	0
1960	4c Boy Scouts	200R	7	4	4	0
1960	4c Masaryk	280R	4	4	4	0
1960	8c Masaryk	288R	6	2	2	0
1960	4c Winter Olympics	200R	5	4	4	0
1960	4c Water Conservation	200R	5	4	4	0
1960	4c Refugee Year	200R	4	4	4	0
1960	4c 50 Star Flag	200R	5	4	4	0
1960	4c Pony Express	200R	4	4	4	0
1960	4c SEATO	280R	5	4	4	0
1960	4c Women	200R	4	4	4	0
1960	4c Boy's Clubs	200R	5	4	4	0
1960	4c Carnegie	280R	4	4	4	0
1960	4c Hire the Handicapped	200R	4	4	4	0
1960	4c Forestry Congress	200R	4	4	4	0
1960	4c Mexican Independence	200R	5	4	4	0
1960	4c US-Japan	200R	5	4	4	0
1960	4c Campfire Girls	200R	10	6	6	0
1960	4c Paderewski	280R	4	4	4	0

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1960	8c Paderewski	288R	5	2	2	0
1960	4c Mannerheim	280R	4	4	4	0
1960	8c Mannerheim	288R	5	2	2	0
1960	4c Garibaldi	280R	4	4	4	0
1960	8c Garibaldi	288R	5	3	3	0
1960	4c Taft	280R	4	4	4	0
1960	4c Automated P.O.	200R	9	6	6	0
1960	4c Dulles	280R	4	4	4	0
1960	4c George	280R	4	4	4	0
1960	4c Wheels of Freedom	200R	4	4	4	0
1960	4c Echo I	200R	4	4	4	0
1961	4c Range Conservation	200R	8	6	6	0
1961	4c Gandhi	280R	4	4	4	0
1961	8c Gandhi	288R	5	2	2	0
1961	4c Greeley	280R	4	4	4	0
1961	4c Fort Sumter	200R	4	4	4	0
1961	4c Kansas	200R	7	4	4	0
1961	4c Norris	200R	5	4	4	0
Special Purpose Issues						
1947	10c Pan-Am Building	200R	2	0	0	
1947	25c Oakland Bay Bridge	200R	2	0	0	
1958	5c Eagle Air Mail	400R	4	4	4	0
1958	7c Jet	400R	18	16	16	0
1958	7c Jet book	360R	8	8	8	0
1958	7c Jet coil	384R	5	4	4	0
1958	7c Jet coil	432R	4	4	4	2
1958	7c Alaska	200R	8	4	4	0
1959	7c Jupiter	200R	5	4	4	0
1959	10c Pan-Am Games	200R	6	2	2	0
1959	7c Hawaii	200R	4	4	4	0
1959	10c Liberty Bell	200R	5	3	3	0
1959	15c Statue of Liberty	200R	8	4	4	0
1959	25c Lincoln	200R	6	3	3	0
1960	10c Inter-Amer. Conf.	200R	4	0	0	
1961	13c Liberty Bell	200R	5	4	4	0
1961	15c Statue of Liberty	200R	13	4	4	0
1959	Postage Due	400R	8	8	8	0

26000-26001
3c Geophysical Year
not used



26011-26012
8c Bolivar
not finished



26015-26016
4c Lincoln
side coil
rare, not in collection



26022-26025
4c Gunston Hall
not finished



26027
8c Bolivar
not used





26034-26035
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

26036
8c Bolivar
not used

26037
8c Liberty





26049
7c Air Mail
side coil
not finished

26050-26051
8c Bolivar
not finished







26070-26071
8c Bolivar Kossuth
not used



* 26080-26081
8c Bolivar Kossuth
not used





26096-26097
4c Lincoln
side coil
not finished







26128-26129
4c Forest Conservation
master plates
not used





26148
4c Forest Conservation
not finished









26182
4c Lincoln
not finished



26193-26194
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

26195-26196
10c Air Mail
not finished





26201-26202
25c Air Mail
not used



26211-26214
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



26217-26218
7c Alaska Airmail
not used

26219-26220
7c Air Mail
not finished



26222-26223
7c Alaska Airmail
not used





26229
8c San Martin
master plate
not used



26234
4c Oregon
not finished





26250
8c San Martin
not used



26255
8c San Martin
not used





26275-26278
2.5c Bunker Hill
not finished





26289
Postage Due
5c: rare
10c: scarce
30c: rare



26289
8c Postage Due
unreported



26289
30c Postage Due
rare, not in collection



26289
\$1 Postage Due
unreported

26289
\$5 Postage Due
unreported

26290
Postage Due
30c: rare



26290
8c Postage Due
unreported



26290
\$5 Postage Due
unreported

26291
Postage Due
.5c: rare
4c: scarce
50c: very rare



26291
3c Postage Due
unreported





26291
50c Postage Due
very rare



26292
Postage Due
.5c: rare
4c: scarce



26292
3c Postage Due
unreported



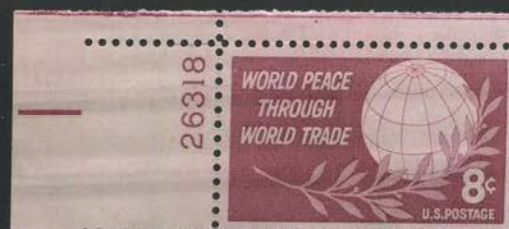
26292
50c Postage Due
unreported







26307
2.5c Bunker Hill
not finished



26321
4c St. Lawrence
master plate
not used



26323
4c St. Lawrence
master plate
not used



26329
4c Lincoln
not finished



26337
4c Flag
master plate
not used



26342
4c St. Lawrence
not finished

26343
4c St. Lawrence
rare, 2 copies known
not in collection



26345
4c Flag
not finished



26350-26351
4c Flag
not finished

26352-26353
4c Lincoln
side coil
rare, not in collection



26355
4c Flag
not finished





26360-26361
2c Jefferson
side coil
unreported



26367
4c Flag
not finished



26371
4c Flag
not finished



26374-26375
4.5c Hermitage
side coil
unreported

26376
4c Flag
not used

26377
7c Jupiter airmail
master plate
not used



26381-26382
4.5c Hermitage
side coil
unreported

26383
4c Lincoln
side coil
(missing)



26387
4c Soil Conservation
master plate
not used





26398
10c Pan Am Games
master plate
not used







26418
4c Petroleum
not finished



26420
10c Pan Am Games
not used



26424
10c Pan Am Games
not used



26428
10c Pan Am Games
not used





26434



26435

26436-26437
2.5c Bunker Hill
side coil
unreported



26438



26439



26440



26441



26444



26444



26445



26445

26446-26447
7c Air Mail
side coil
unreported

26448
8c Reuter
master plate
not used

26449-26450
2.5c Bunker Hill
side coil
unreported



26455-26456
7c Air Mail
side coil
unreported

26457
8c Reuter
not used





26465
8c Reuter
not used



26467
8c Reuter
not used



26470
15c Liberty airmail
master plate
not used

26471
8c Reuter
not used

26472
15c Liberty airmail
master plate
not used



26477
4c Washington Credo
master plate
not used

26478-26479
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



26481
3c Liberty
not finished



26484-26485
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



26492-26493
4c Lincoln
side coil
rare, not in collection





26502
15c Liberty airmail
not used



26505-26506
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

26507
15c Liberty airmail
not used



26511-26512
1c Washington
side coil
not used

26513-26514
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported





26517
4c Boy Scouts
master plate
not used



26522
4c Franklin Credo
master plate
not used

26523
4c Boy Scouts
master plate
not used



26532
4c Boy Scouts
not used

26533
8c Masaryk
master plate
not used

26534
4c Franklin Credo
not used



26537
4c Franklin Credo
not used

26538-26539
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



26543
4c Winter Olympics
not finished

26544
4c Franklin Credo
not used



26547-26548
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

26549
4c Franklin Credo
not used



26551
25c Lincoln airmail
master plate
not used



26556
4c Henry Credo
master plate
not used



26558
8c Masaryk
not used



26561
4c Water Conservation
master plate
not used



26564-26567
10c Interamerican Air
never issued



What amounts to a U.S. essay is this stamp design released for a planned 10c airmail value in 1960-61; after a number of delays, no such stamp was ever issued.

26568
8c Masaryk
not used

26569
25c Lincoln airmail
not finished



26575
4c Jefferson Credo
master plate
not used



26577
8c Masaryk
not used

26578
4c Franklin Credo
master plate
not used

26579
25c Lincoln Airmail
not finished



26585-26586
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported







26601
10c Liberty Bell Airmail
master plate
not used



26609
4c Flag
master plate
not used

26610
4c Jefferson Credo
not finished





26621-26622
1.25c Palace Gov.
see next page



26631
4c Seato
not finished





26637
10c Liberty Bell Airmail
not used





26649
4c Boys' Clubs
master plate
not used



26656-26657
1.25c Palace Gov.
side coil
unreported



26660
Postage Due
7c: scarce



26660
8c Postage Due
unreported



26661
Postage Due
7c: scarce





26661
8c Postage Due
unreported







26678
4c Key Credo
master plate
not used



26684
4c Henry Credo
master plate
not used





6
26289
4c Lincoln book
rare, copy here
is not verified



26692
4c Lincoln
not used



26694
4c Mexican Indep.
master plate
not used



26697-26698
4c Lincoln
side coil
not used





26703-26704
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

26705-26706
3c Liberty
side coil
not used



26712
4c U.S. - Japan
master plate
not used



36716
4c Camp Fire Girls
master plate
not used



26718-26719
4c Lincoln
side coil
(missing)



26723
4c Camp Fire Girls
master plate
not used



26732-26733
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

26734
8c Paderewski
master plate
not used

26735-26736
4c Camp Fire Girls
not used

26737
8c Mannerheim
master plate
not used



26739
8c Garibaldi
master plate
not used





26748-26749
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

26750
4c Lincoln Credo
master plate
not used





26767
4c Automated P.O.
master plate
not used

26768
8c Paderewski
not used





26778
8c Paderewski
not used



26784
8c Mannerheim
not used

26785

4c FIRST AUTOMATED POST OFFICE
IN THE UNITED STATES26786
8c Mannerheim
not used

26787

4c FIRST AUTOMATED POST OFFICE
IN THE UNITED STATES

26788

26789
4c Automated P.O.
not used

26790

26791
4c Automated P.O.
not used

26792



26793



26794



26795

26796
15c Liberty airmail
master plate
not used

26797

4c FIRST AUTOMATED POST OFFICE
IN THE UNITED STATES

26798

4c FIRST AUTOMATED POST OFFICE
IN THE UNITED STATES

26799

26800
8c Garibaldi
not used

26801-26802
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



26812-26813
4c Lincoln
side coil
rare, not in collection

26814-26815
15c Liberty airmail
not used





26820
15c Liberty airmail
not used



26827
8c Liberty
not used

26828
15c Liberty airmail
not used



26831
4c Range Conservation
master plate
not used

26832
8c Gandhi
master plate
not used

26833
Postage Due
7c: rare
30c: rare
50c: rare





26833
8c Postage Due
unreported



26833
30c Postage Due
rare



26833
\$1 Postage Due
unreported

26833
\$5 Postage Due
unreported

26834
Postage Due
8c: rare
50c: very rare





26834
6c Postage Due
unreported



26834
30c Postage Due
unreported

26834
50c Postage Due
very rare



26834
\$5 Postage Due
unreported

26835-26836
4c Lincoln
side coil
rare, not in collection



26839-26840
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



26842-26856
4c Lincoln
side coil



26873-26843
4c Lincoln
side coil





26852
8c Gandhi
not used

26853
15c Liberty airmail
not used



26856
4c Lincoln
side coil
see plate 26842

26857
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

26858
15c Liberty airmail
not used

26859
8c Gandhi
not used



26861-26862
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

26863
15c Liberty Airmail
not used





26871
15c Liberty airmail
master plate
not used

26872
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

26873
4c Lincoln
side coil
see plate 26843



26876-26877
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



26879-26882
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported





26891-26894
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



26902-26903
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



26905
4c Range Conservation
not used



26908-26909
4c Lincoln
side coil
rare, not in collection

26910
8c Liberty
not used



26917
8c Liberty
not used

26918-26919
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



26922-26925
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

26926
4c Kansas
master plate
not used





26933-26934
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



26941-26942
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

26943-26944
4c Kansas
not used



26947-26950
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



26953-26954
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported





26957-26958
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

26959
13c Liberty Bell Airmail
master plate
not used



26962-26963
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported

26964
11c Liberty
master plate
not used



26968-26969
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



26973-26974
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported





26984-26985
4c Lincoln
side coil
unreported



26989
4c Norris
not finished



