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The quantities are stamps printed not sheets

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Requisition 744/2 1937

The first requisition for the new King. Each value of the set was released over three dates. All the issue was to be shipped in time to reach Port Elizabeth by 15th November 1937.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
1/2d	744.2	28/10/37	395400	7200	467400
1/2d	744.2	4/11/37			
1d	744.2	28/10/37	1287000	48000	1335000
1d	744.2	4/11/37			
11/2d	744.2	4/11/37	672480	36000	708480
11/2d	744.2	11/11/37			
2d	744.2	4/11/37	162000	30000	192000
2d	744.2	11/11/37			
3d	744.2	4/11/37	126000	27000	153000
3d	744.2	11/11/37			
4d	744.2	4/11/37	93000	27000	120000
4d	744.2	11/11/37			
6d	744.2	4/11/37	90000	24000	114000
6d	744.2	11/11/37			
1/-	744.2	11/11/37	87000	21000	108000
2/6d	744.2	11/11/37	48000	15000	63000
5/-	744.2	11/11/37	42000	9000	51000
10/-	744.2	11/11/37	37500	6000	43500

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Requisition 881/1 1938

An urgently required requisition to reach Port Elizabeth by 15.11.38. This consisted of the 1/2d, 1d, 2d and 3d values.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
1/2d	881.1	14/10/38	211980		211980
1d	881.1	14/10/38	774480		774480
2d	881.1	14/10/38	159420		159420
3d	881.1	14/10/38	180000		180000

Requisition 1054/1 1940/41

The notes recorded that this issue was to reach Port Elizabeth by 31.12.39

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
1/2d	1054.1	23/12/40	250320		250320
1/2d	1054.1	13/1/41			
1d	1054.1	23/12/40	1262980		1261980
1d	1054.1	13/1/41			

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Requisition 1089/1 1941

Two values, the 1/2d and 11/2d constituted this order. Each value was despatched on 30th September followed by the remainder on 24th October.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
1/2d	1089.1	30/9/41	309840		309840
1/2d	1089.1	24/10/41			
11/2d	1089.1	30/9/41	635340		635340
11/2d	1089.1	29/10/41			

Requisition 1101/1 1942

The only requisition and stamp, the 1/-, printed that year it was noted that interleaving was not required.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
1/-	1101.1	15/6/42	42060	12000	54060

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Requisition 1119/1 and 1119/2 1943

As with the 1089/1 requisition 1119/1 was for a reprint of the 1/2d and 11/2d. And, as before, there were two despatch dates, 18th January and 22nd January. These stamps were very urgently required and were not to be interleaved with wax. The 11/2d had priority and was to be delivered in advance. Following on from this Part 2 of the order was a reprint of all the other values. They were required for dealers and delivered to A2 on 27th August 1943. Although the entry seems to show that the whole printing went into the Bureau, some 10% would have been sent to the territory. No date of despatch was given.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
1/2d	1119.1	18/1/43	842040	500000	1342040
1/2d	1119.1	22/1/43			
11/2d	1119.1	18/1/43	725520	100000	825520
11/2d	1119.1	22/1/43			
1d	1119.2	27/8/43		100020	100020
2d	1119.2	27/8/43		100020	100020
3d	1119.2	27/8/43		60780	60780
4d	1119.2	27/8/43		60000	60000
6d	1119.2	27/8/43		30000	30000
1/-	1119.2	27/8/43	12300		12300
2/6d	1119.2	27/8/43	10620		10620
5/-	1119.2	27/8/43	6840		6840
10/-	1119.2	27/8/43	6420		6420

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Requisition 1146/2 1943

This was the reprint of two values, the 2d and 6d. Again there were two despatch dates, 6th and 12th of October. However if we look at the notes for the 1944 Requisition 1194/2 it may be assumed that most of this printing went into the Bureau's stocks.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
2d	1146.2	6/10/43	634200		634200
2d	1146.2	12/10/43			
6d	1146.2	6/10/43	31320		31320
6d	1146.2	12/10/43			

Requisition 1163/1 1943

A reprint of the 1/- despatched on 25th November and 6 December. Interleaving was not required.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
1/-	1163.1	25/11/43	286680		286680
1/-	1163.1	25/11/43			

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Requisition 1194/2 1944

Just one stamp, the 2d despatched on two dates, 11th and 24th August. The former was the balance of the Bureau's stocks of previous printing posted 27th October 1944. Logically this release would be the stamps from the previous 1943 (1146/2) printing. The words of 'previous printing' indicates that the general rule, where under CA exchanged new stocks for old, may not have been followed here.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
2d	1194.2	11/8/44	606000		606000
2d	1194.2	24/8/44			

Requisition 1254/1 1945

Major Criddle poses a question about this requisition. He states that the notes say that A2's stocks were 49,000 (3.9.45).

"In the light of the 1163 Requisition notes how did A2 have this quantity? They must have retained an unspecified quantity of 1146/2 until 27th October 1944."

Interleaving was not required.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
2d	1254.1	26/11/45	632160	12000	644160

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Requisition 1299/1 1946

Three values, the 1d, 2d and 6d were despatched. The former two with two despatch dates, 13th and 22nd August. Residue of A2 stocks were to be exchanged. 46,000 were exchanged for the 2d, 12,000 for the 6d.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
1d	1299.1	13/8/46	642780	18000	660780
1d	1299.1	22/8/46			
2d	1299.1	13/8/46	1236000		1236000
2d	1299.1	22/8/46			
6d	1299.1	13/8/46	44280	3000	47280

Requisition 1299/2 1946

It must have been decided belatedly that the 5/- was required hence the part 2 Requisition with the same despatch date. 3,000 were exchanged.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
5/-	1299.2	13/8/46	12840	3000	15840

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Requisition 1387/1 1947

An issue of eight values, the 1/2d, 1d, 11/2d, 3d, 6d, 2/6d, 5/- and 10/-. The residue of A2 stocks (i.e. the Bureau) were to be exchanged in due course. No quantity was given for any value. Interestingly the first part of 11/2d was despatched two months earlier than the rest on 17th September.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
1/2d	1387.1	7/11/47	307740		307740
1d	1387.1	7/11/47	626100		626100
11/2d	1387.1	17/9/47	1040580	15000	1055580
11/2d	1387.1	7/11/47			
3d	1387.1	7/11/47	70020	3000	73020
6d	1387.1	7/11/47	35280		35280
2/6d	1387.1	7/11/47	15900	3000	18900
5/-	1387.1	7/11/47	12000		12000
10/-	1387.1	7/11/47	13800	3000	16800

Requisition 1466/1 1948

The 1/2d was to have 26,000 exchanged from A2, while the 11/2d was to have 17,000 exchanged from A2. The latter was urgently required and 1000 sheets were to be despatched by post to reach Pretoria by not later than the end of September, hence the first installment of this value sent 21st September.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
1/2d	1466.1	30/11/48	481200	180000	661200
11/2d	1466.1	21/9/48	992220	90000	1082220
11/2d	1466.1	30/11/48			

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Requisition 1530/1 1949

Delivery for 11/2d and 4d was required before the end of September 1949 with the residue of Bureau stocks, 103,000, to be exchanged. 17,000 were to be exchanged for the 4d and 9,000 for the 6d.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
11/2d	1530.1	18/10/49	601200		601200
4d	1530.1	18/10/49	29580		29580
6d	1530.1	18/10/49	39000	6000	45000

Requisition 1647/1 1950

Just one value, the 2d. From the notes presumably there were no stocks in the Bureau. 28,000 to the Exchange

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
2d	1647.1	2/10/50	614220		614200

Requisition 1716/1 1952

Three values were required, 2d, 6d and 1/-. The 2d to Exchange 26,300, the 6d Exchange 13,400 and the 1/- Exchange 8,600.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
2d	1716.1	10/4/52	1207500	12000	1219500
2d	1716.1	17/4/52			
6d	1716.1	10/4/52	64020		64020
6d	1716.1	17/4/52			
1/-	1716.1	10/4/52	58200	3000	61200
1/-	1716.1	17/4/52			

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Requisition 1793/1 1952/1953

Coming towards the end of the printings for this reign this requisition had three values, 4d, 2/6d and 5/-. For the 4d 13,500 went in Exchange, The first despatch of 30,000 was sent by post, the rest, presumably, by sea. The 2/6d had a just 800 to the exchange and the 5/- 4,700 to the Exchange.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
4d	1793.1	30/10/52	74880	15000	89880
4d	1793.1	6/11/52			
2/6d	1793.1	14/1/53	39000	12000	51000
5/-	1793.1	6/11/52	38100	6000	44100

Requisition 1929/1 1953

The last requisition of the reign had 4 values, 1d, 2d, 3d and 6d. The 1d had 44,000, the 2d 32,000, the 3d 7,000 and the 6d 10,000 to the Exchange.

Value	Req No.	Despatched	Quantity	Specs/CA	Total
1d	1929.1	30/11/53	325980	30000	355980
2d	1929.1	30/11/53	624900	30000	654900
3d	1929.1	30/11/53	76440	4500	121440
6d	1929.1	30/11/53	48000	15000	63000