

V Crown

Watermark inverted



Down



Up



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Sperati forgery

EMERGENCY HALF PENNY CROWN A PERF W.A. JUNE 1911

Bromfield noted "In June 1911... there being no OS available of the ½d... small supplies of the ½d Crown A... were perforated W.A." Kellow notes that 240,000 ½d stamps were punctured OS and "these were dispatched to Perth in May 1911."

Pair ½d Crown CA perf 14, Perth 12 May 1911, Meckering 13 May, Unclaimed, DLO 27 June



Mr. E. Chami
G.P.O.
Perth

~~MECKERING~~



½d Crown A
Perf 12 ½
Perth
12 July 1911



Appleton N° 19571911

On His Majesty's

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R PERTH.
61036

Mr Ernest Lawrence
1570A William Street
Perth

Office of Titles
20 June 1911

DLO
27 JUN 1911
PERTH.

½ d Crown A perf 12 ½, Perth 20 June 1911, Perth 24 June, Unclaimed, DLO 25 July

HEAD OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Not all official correspondence required the use of punctured official stamps. Public servants could write to their departmental Head Office using printing envelopes that did not require stamps to be affixed in order to be carried through the post to the GPO Perth. At the GPO such departmental mail was taxed, bundled, and delivered to a departmental messenger at the Poste Restante counter. Unpaid official mail in departmental envelopes was charged deficient postage but not fined. The deficient postage was marked on the top envelope of the bundle and postage due stamps affixed to indicate the amount accounted to the department.

Katanning 13 October 1905, indistinct Perth backstamp, mss 1/6, P R Perth WA 18 October

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

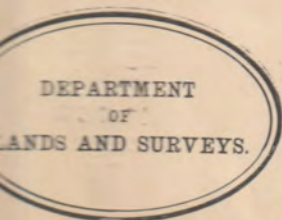
HEAD OFFICE
CORRESPONDENCE.



The Under Secretary for Lands,

Department of Lands and Surveys,

Perth.



Unlike the Lands and Surveys' returned to sender mail, which had to be retained, Head Office Correspondence envelopes were destroyed after opening. Those without postage due stamps had no philatelic value and few survive. Those with postage due stamps had philatelic value and some were taken to soak off the stamps. That is why so many of the currently available postage due stamps used in WA in this period have Poste Restante markings. That is also why so few Head Office Correspondence envelopes with postage due stamps survive.

SECTION C

COMMONWEALTH OS 1905 – 1913

MINT

The Government Printer, Melbourne produced Commonwealth OS perforated Western Australian stamps and included some remainders from earlier printings when issued in 1905. About 10,000,000 ½d Crown CA stamps were printed between first issue in 1885 and replacement with Crown A in 1911. How many Crown CA ½d OS is unknown.

Crown CA



W Crown A



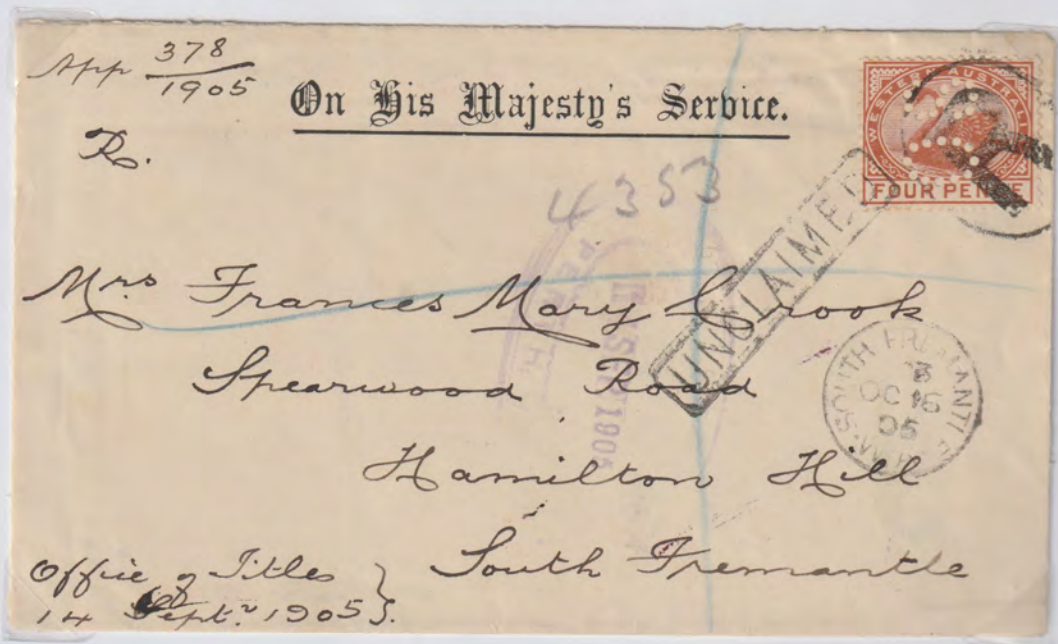
USED
Crown CA



Crown CA

The main official use for a halfpenny stamp was as a makeup for the 1½d overseas postcard and 2½d overseas letter rates.

Perth 25 May 1906, San Jose 9 July, San Jose 10 July, Mt Hamilton 11 July



Land Titles Office 14 September 1905, oval R cancel, oval telegraph office South Fremantle 15 September (not recorded PMI), Unclaimed, South Fremantle 16 October, DLO 17 October

W Crown A

When it was decided in 1898 to change to W Crown A watermark paper and introduce new designs for some values, there were sufficient quantities of the Crown CA 6d and 1/- that they were not released until 1906 and 1907 respectively.



"Departments are hereby notified that the Commonwealth postal authorities have approved of the acceptance of perforated (OS) Stamps in payment for "Collect" telegrams and deficient postage."
Government Gazette, 2 June 1905, p. 1448

COMMONWEALTH OS 1905 – 1913

MINT
V CROWN



USED
V Crown

Watermark upright



Greenbushes 1 June 1907, Unclaimed, Greenbushes 4 July, DLO 6 July,



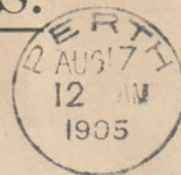
V Crown

As the two pence Crown A stamp was not issued until 15 November 1905, these stamps must be watermark V Crown.

Perth 17 August 1905, Brown Hill 81 (sic) August

IF NOT CLAIMED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS
TO BE RETURNED TO THE
COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS,
PERTH.

O. H. M. S.

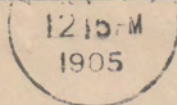


The Manager

*The London & Hamburg Gold
Recovery Co Ltd (1905)*

Brown Hill

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.



*Mr J Robinson
Rangeman*

Perth 11 November 1905

V Crown

Kellow (p. 1/349) notes of the 5d "There were two despatches of OS stamps – 60,000 stamps in November 1905, 12,000 stamps in October 1910.... There must have been a further consignment, since OS stamps in pale greenish yellow also exist. OS stamps in olive-green are rare."

Kellow assumed the first despatch included some V Crown from reject sheets. An alternative explanation is that the 12,000 despatch comprised some current Crown A olive-green and some reject V Crown sheets. This is supported by the 1911 dates on V Crown OS 5d.

Original research



perf 11

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

934A 20 MAY 1911

PERTH
22302



MR. STANLEY HOBART SMITH,
LABOURER,

UNCLAIMED

~~PINGELLY.~~
Joy Co Bell Bros
E. Nanogin



Perth 24 January 1911, Pingelly 25 January, Unclaimed, Wickepin 6 May, DLO 17 May

Reference: Kellow, G. (Ed). (2004). *Kangaroos and the Early Federal Period 1901 – 1912: Sections 1 and 2 of the Australian Commonwealth Specialists Catalogue*, (Fourth Edition), Sydney, Brusden-White

V Crown

Higher value OS stamps are difficult to find on cover as they were used for 'collect' telegrams from officials, postage to be collected on unfranked departmental mail, and parcels – particularly from a State Battery to the Royal Mint.

January 1909 (12,000)



November 1905 (60,000)



No archival record



Probably 21 August 1905

June 1907+ (36,000)



January 1908, May 1911 (24,000)

No archival record



January 1908 (12,000)



December 1911 (6,000 Orange)



Numbers despatched and dates are from Kellow (2004) based on incomplete archival records.

MINT
Crown A



Rose-red shade - see Title page



Kellow (p. 1/332) "Punctures do not seem to exist in the rose-pink shade."



Perf. 11



USED
Crown A

Printings of the ½ d Crown A were made in February 1910 and June 1910 but 240,000 perforated OS were not despatched until May 1911 so necessitating the emergency WA ½d Crown A issue.



3 July 1911

21 May 1914



Crown A

The first of 17 printings of the Crown A 1d was in September 1905 in the rose-red shade. Watermark upright



Kellow (p. 1/332) indicated that the rose-pink shade was issued about May 1909.
23 March 1909 10 April 1909



Carmine shade issued from mid-1909

Watermark Upright

Watermark Inverted



Carmine red in 1912



Crown A

Cue 14 June 1906, Cuddingwarra 16 June, boxed Unclaimed, Dead Letter Office, Perth
12 September



Greenbushes 1 June 1907, Unclaimed, Greenbushes 1 July, Dead Letter Office Perth
6 July