The Strangeness of Special Booklet Paper
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1925-55 Special Handling Issue

QE1 10 cent
Wet printing Special Paper yellow green *1928* [PB# 19553, 19554, 19555, 19556]
QE1a green, Wet printing *1940*
QE1b light green, dry printing 1955

QE2 15 cent
Wet printing Special Paper yellow green *1928* [PB# 19557, 19558, 19559, 19560]
QE2a green wet printing *1940*
QE2b light green, dry printing 1955

QE3 20 Cent
Wet printing Special Paper yellow green *1928* [PB# 19541, 19542, 19543, 19544]
QE3a green wet printing *1940*
QE3b light green, dry printing 1955

QE4 25 cent
Wet printing (deep green, *1925*) [PB# 17095, 17096, 17097, 17098, 17099, 17101, 17102, 17103]
QE4a Wet printing (yellow green, *1928*) [PB# 17095, 17096, 17097, 17098]

Distinguishing wet from dry printed flat plate stamps: Wet printed stamps of QE1a-QE3a and J78b are smaller than the dry printed stamps, usually in the horizontal dimension, but in some cases vertically. This is the result of greater paper shrinkage across the grain of the paper. On mint dry printings, and embossed image of the stamp is usually visible on the gum, which is whiter than on wet printings.
[Reference: *The United States Specialist*, November 2003, pp. 519-525]