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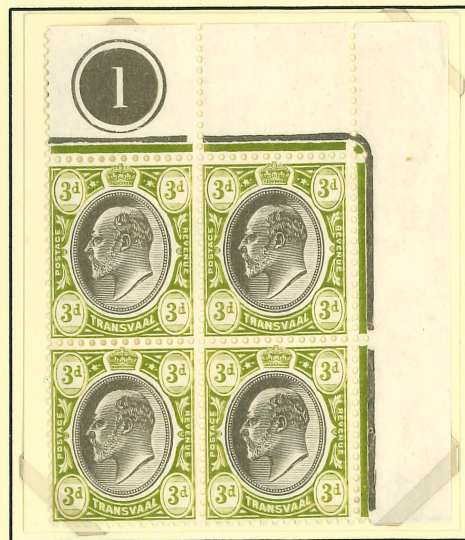
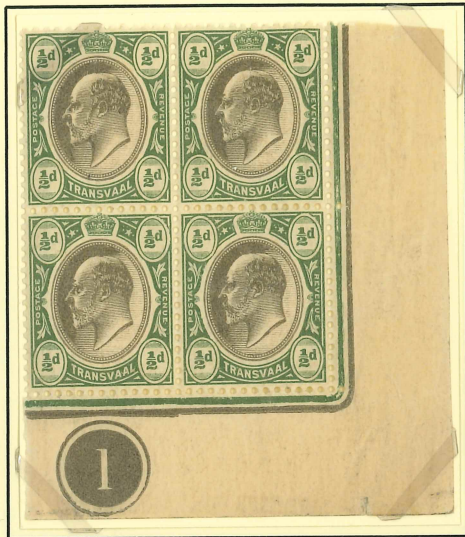
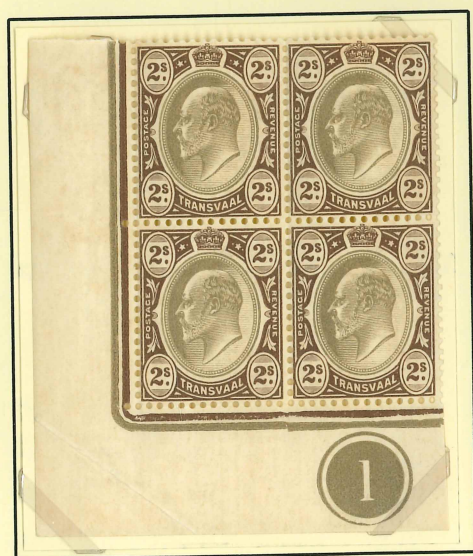
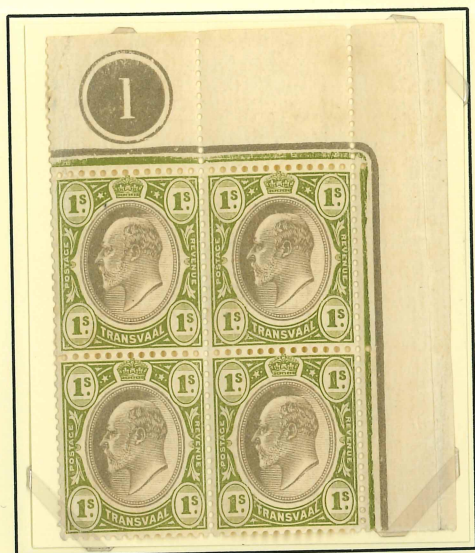


Plate blocks of some of the 1902-03 issue.

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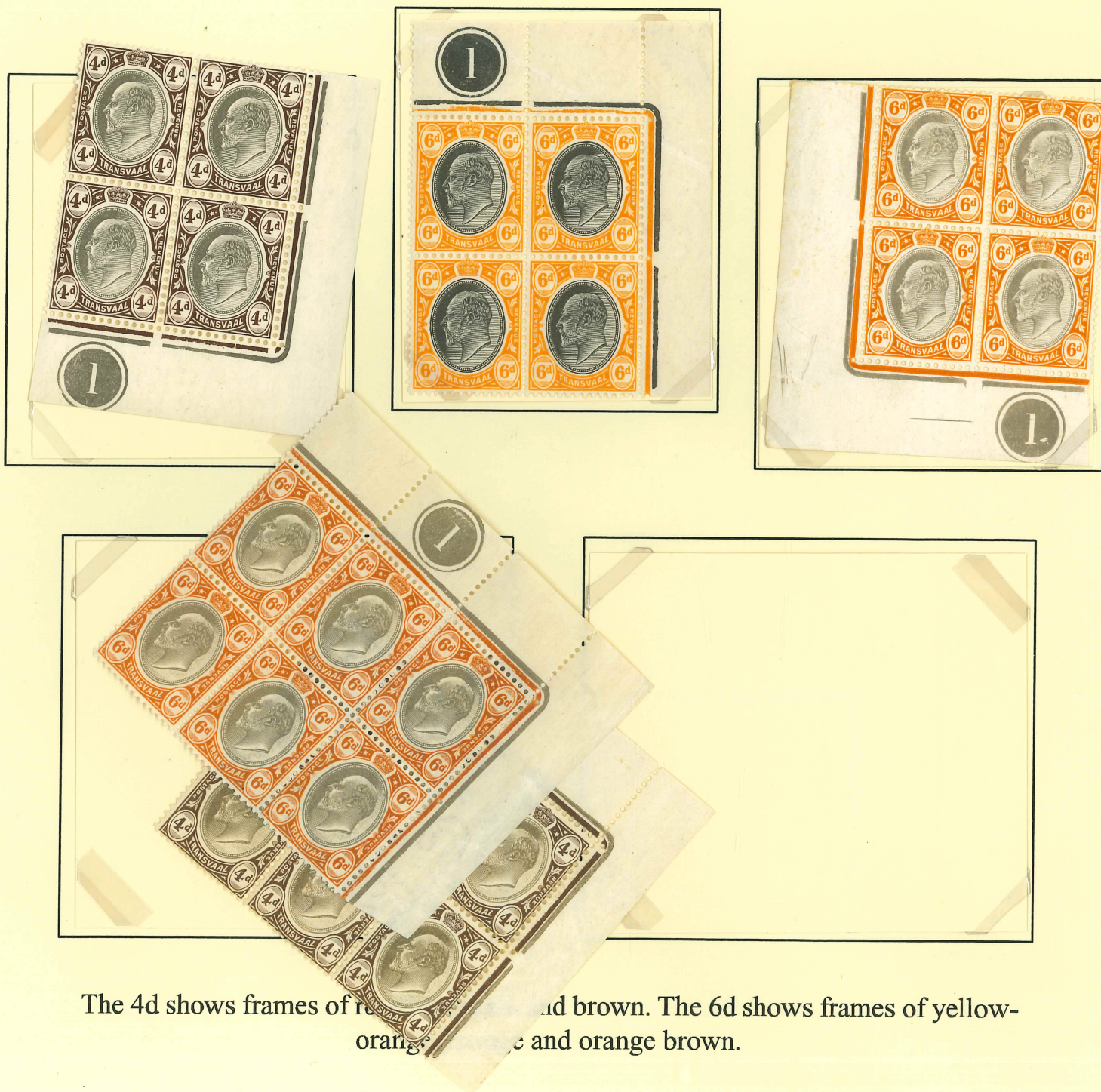
The initial 1902 1s and 2s postage and revenue stamps, and the 1903 postage only 1s and 2s denominations.



The initial head plate showed the bottom left pane plate number as unblemished, later a deposit developed, showing a growing fleck at the bottom right of the pane number. Also, some time early in the life of the head plate the marginal rule (or Jubilee line) was changed, becoming broken rather than continuous. This may have been to allow air to escape while printing, as air could have been entrapped in the space sealed off by the continuous marginal rule, resulting in some distortion during printing. An example is the initial 2s postage and revenue stamp with unblemished plate number and a continuous marginal rule, while the later 2s postage only stamp shows the well developed fleck and the broken marginal rule.

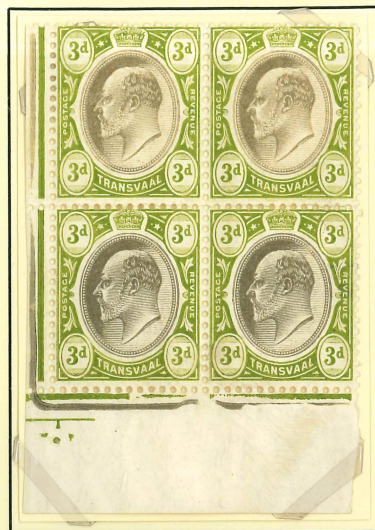
Colour Variations

Variations in colour occur in both the head plate and the frame plate of all stamps printed in two colours. Blocks of the 4d and 6d showing some of the variations.

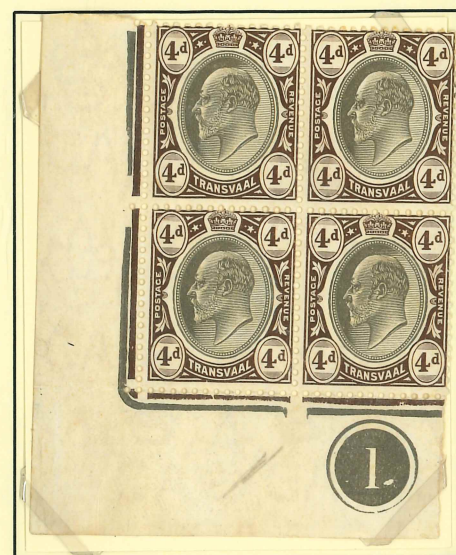
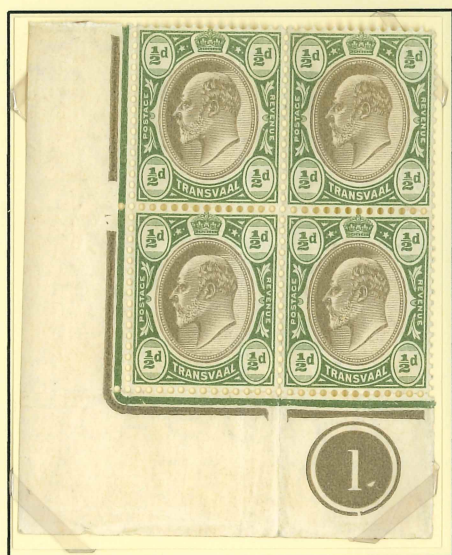


The 4d shows frames of red and brown. The 6d shows frames of yellow-orange and orange brown.

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The head on the upper two stamps is a distinctly lighter shade than the head on the lower two stamps.



All three denominations show the distinctive fleck that had developed on the plate number of the lower left pane. All three also show the broken marginal rule (or Jubilee line) of the head plate.