1953 QUEEN ELIZABETH II CORONATION SERIES

The coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place on the 2nd of June 1953 at Westminster Abbey. The Crown Agents' Offices in London coordinated a worldwide issue of coronation stamps from the Commonwealth and Crown Colonies throughout the world. There were no computers, no internet, no faxes, and many of the territories were only accessible by ship. Despite the difficulties, every territory's post office needed to be communicated with and shipped to, all in time for Coronation Day.

In total, 78 countries and territories participated, issuing 106 stamps. For 62 of the countries, a classic portrait of the young Queen by Dorothy Wilding, a noted English society photographer, was selected as the "key plate" design and a "duty plate" was used to alter the country name and denomination. These were called the 'Omnibus' series. The British Postal Agencies in Eastern Arabia (Bahrain, Kuwait, and Oman) and the British Post Offices in Morocco (Tangier) utilized the stamps of Great Britain, and just overprinted the country name and denomination of the stamp. Finally, to complete this impressive collection, 11 countries - including Canada, Australia and New Zealand - commissioned their own designs to commemorate this historic Royal occasion.

ADEN



ADEN
Kathiri State of Seiyun



ADEN
Qu'aiti State of Shihr & Mukalla



ANTIGUA



ASCENSION



BAHAMAS



BARBADOS



BASUTOLAND



BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE



BERMUDA



BRITISH GUIANA



BRITISH HONDURAS



1953 QUEEN ELIZABETH II CORONATION SERIES

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS



CAYMAN ISLANDS



CYPRUS



DOMINICA



FALKLAND ISLANDS



FALKLAND ISLANDS DEPENDENCIES



FIGI



GAMBIA



GIBRALTAR



GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS



GOLD COAST



GRENADA



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HONG KONG



JAMAICA



KENYA, UGANDA, TANGANYIKA



LEEWARD ISLANDS



MALAYA
Johore



MALAYA
Kedah



MALAYA
Kelantan



MALAYA
Malacca



MALAYA
Negri Sembilan



MALAYA
Pehang



MALAYA
Penang



MALAYA
Perak



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MALAYA
Perlis



MALAYA
Selangor



MALAYA
Singapore



MALAYA
Trengganu



MALTA



MAURITIUS



MONTSERRAT



NEW HEBRIDES
Condominium



NIGERIA



NORTH BORNEO



NORTHERN RHODESIA



NYASALAND



1953 QUEEN ELIZABETH II CORONATION SERIES

PITCAIRN ISLANDS



ST. CHRISTOPHER NEVUS ANQUILLA



SAINT HELENA



SAINT LUCIA



SAINT VINCENT



SARAWAK



SEYCHELLES



SIERRA LEONE



SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE



SWAZILAND



TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



TRISTAN DA CUNHA



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TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS



VIRGIN ISLANDS



GREAT BRITAIN issued its own design rather than utilize the "Omnibus" design









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BAHRAIN (The British Postal Agencies in Eastern Arabia) overprinted the issues by Great Britian









KUWAIT (The British Postal Agencies in Eastern Arabia) overprinted the issues by Great Britian









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OMAN (The British Postal Agencies in Eastern Arabia) overprinted the issues by Great Britian









TANGIER (the British Post Offices in Morocco) overprinted the issues by Great Britian









1953 QUEEN ELIZABETH II CORONATION SERIES

AUSTRALIA chose to issue its own designs







CANADA and CEYLON chose to issue their own designs

CANADA



CEYLON



THE COOK ISLANDS chose to issue their own designs





1953 QUEEN ELIZABETH II CORONATION SERIES

NEW ZEALAND chose to issue its own designs











NIUE and WESTERN SAMOA chose to issue their own designs

NIUE



NIUE



WESTERN SAMOA



WESTERN SAMOA



SOUTH AFRICA and SOUTHERN RHODESIA chose to issue their own designs

SOUTH AFRICA



SOUTHERN RHODESIA



1953 QUEEN ELIZABETH II CORONATION SERIES

SOUTHWEST AFRICA Chose to issue its own designs











TOKELAU ISLANDS chose to issue their own design

