

FDCs With "The Big Six Of Malaria" Art Craft Cachet

Background:

Art Craft created "The Big Six Of Malaria" cachet for the United Nations "World United Against Malaria" campaign stamps issued in 1962. This is one of three cachets created by Art Craft for the malaria campaign. Art Craft customers could purchase un-serviced cacheted covers and have them serviced with non U.N. stamps by other postal agencies. A few customers took advantage of this and created FDCs from some far off countries. James H. Sheaffer, in particular, purchased un-serviced cacheted covers from a few different FDC companies for the anti-malaria campaign and created FDCs. This cachet was used for the most countries than any other created for a malaria issue. This exhibit has the largest grouping of these Sheaffer FDCs and is only missing the Vietnam FDC. The Sheaffer and the Unknown International FDCs are displayed ordered by the cancellation date.

Exhibit Plan:

- (1) Preproduction material
- (2) United Nations FDCs
- (3) Combination FDCs
- (4) International (James H. Sheaffer) FDCs
- (5) International (Unknown Servicers) FDCs

Highlights:

- Proofs of the United Nations Malaria Stamps. (1 of 5 sets of proofs) (page 1).
- Unique Plate used for printing the cachet (page 2).
- Sole Proof Impression of the finished cachet from the Artcraft Archives (page 3).
- FDC with signature of the United Nations stamp designer (page 7).



Accepted Proofs of the United Nations Malaria issue. (1 of 5 sets of proofs)

The cachet was produced for this set as denoted in the middle of the cachet "United Nations Anti-Malaria Postage Stamps".