

B8a • Imperforate: Plate Numbers

"Fewer than 175 pieces scattered around the world in private collections bear tabs on which appear single numerals ranging from 1 through 9. [Numbers 4 to 9 are scarce to rare.] A very limited number in used condition have been reported. An article published in *Der Briefmarke*, Vienna, Austria, points out the differences that tend to prove that such numerals were not an integral part of the plates. Regardless of the method of producing these numerals, it is generally believed that they served to indicate the run-off. Since the 5 heller and the 10 heller were the most commonly used denominations, many more plates were used in the total production of those two denominations."

"The general procedure was to place the numeral above the guide dot in the top margin of the sheet. In some of the denominations numeral is not aligned but to the right of the dot. In the case of the 6 heller, the numeral is superimposed on the dot. Some tabs bear numbers that are devoid of [the engraved] guide dots."

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by E. C. Coleman • "Plate Number" Section Dated July 15, 1970

Plate Number "1"



3(H) Olive-yellow



30(H) Green



25(H) Deep Blue



35(H) Deep Green

B8a • 35(H) Imperforate: Plate Number "1"

35(H) Deep Green,
"Village and Lake, Jezero"

Perforated sheets normally were issued with the sheet margin selvage removed. Imperforate multiples with full selvage have the possibility of showing plate numbers like this example.

Plate numbers are usually above the stamp in position 3 of the sheet in the top margin. In the 1K, 2K and 5K, the number appears between stamps 5 and 6 of the sheet.

Note that this example has no engraved guide dot below the plate number!

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B8a • Imperforate: Plate Number "2"



3(H) Olive-yellow, Canceled "SARAJEVO"



1(H) Black



2(H) Violet

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1K Lake • Illustrated in the Unpublished *"Bosnia-Herzegovina Treatise"*
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1(H) Black



2(H) Violet



5K Grey-blue • Position 5



45(H) Red



45(H) Red

B8a • Imperforate: Plate Number "3"



3(H) Olive-yellow



30(H) Green



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5K Grey-blue • No Engraved Guide Dot

**A9 • Demone-
tized Remain-
der: Imperfo-
rate 30 Heller
Green Sheet
with Plate
Number "3"
in Margin**

Ungummed half
sheet of 25
invalidated with
security hole
punch. Red
printer's crayon
"X" as additional
invalidation.

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