



L4: 2d WHARE, TYPE (Recess) Timeline of Blitz Issues

The Blitz refers to the strategic bombing campaign conducted by the Germans against London and other cities in England from September of 1940 through May of 1941, targeting populated areas, factories and dock yards.

Sep 1940

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

1941

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Dec 29

In London, on the night of December 29/30, the Germans dropped incendiaries resulting in a fire storm that devastated the area between St. Paul's Cathedral and the Guildhall, destroying several historic churches. Other famous landmarks damaged during the Blitz included Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, and the Chamber of the House of Commons. De La Rue were burnt out resulting in a shipment of pictorial stamps that were ready were destroyed as well as stock of watermarked paper

Sep 11

The De La Rue and Company Burnhill factories are destroyed in the Blitz

Feb 1941

May 1941

Jun 18

L4d is perforated at Harrisons - 14 * 15 Line
The Blitz climaxed in May of 1941, leaving 375,000 Londoners homeless.

L4c is perforated at De La Rue - 14 Line
Wartime Issues 4c, 4d, 4e Issued in New Zealand

L4e is perforated at Waterlow - 12 1/2 line

Jan 1941

The plates and dies of the pictorial were intact. De La Rue continued to print all supplies of the 2d but perforation was carried out at Harrison & Sons and Waterlow & Sons.

Sixty Thousand sheets were lost when the SS Norfork was torpedoed. The cargo ship was torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic Ocean with the loss of one of her 71 crew. Survivors were rescued by HMS Skate.