ESSAYS, PROOFS AND COLOUR TRIALS

1912-13 KING GEORGE V - DIE PROOFS

Between 24 January 1912 and 23 September 1913 a few die proofs were produced, all in black. Besides the undenominated designs, only the high values (3/- to £1) were produced.

3/- die proof in black on white paper, dated 27-3-12 on the back. (C)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

ESSAYS, PROOFS AND COLOUR TRIALS

1913 KING GEORGE V 1/2d. - PAPER TRIALS

These experimental paper trials were part of De La Rue's work to provide a source of coloured papers for the Crown Agents. Only the 1/2d. plate was used and it is known on white, yellow and blue surfaced papers with white backs.
1922 KING GEORGE V - PRINTERS SAMPLES

In 1922 De La Rue made up sample books for the use of their salesmen. The Falkland Islands stamps selected were the 2d. and 10/- values. The 2d. exists imperforate and overprinted SPECIMEN but also perforate and imperforate without Specimen overprint. The 10/- exists perforate and imperforate, both with SPECIMEN overprint.
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V
1912

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  Pl4

The design of the past two reigns was continued with the addition of the Crown and the words Postage and Revenue when it was adapted for the King George V issue. This issue was also printed by De La Rue & Co Ltd, values up to 1/- in sheets of 60 stamps (ten rows of six), higher values in sheets of 30 stamps (five rows of six).

HALFPENNY

First printing, 30.5.1912, and second printing, 10.12.1912, yellow-green on thick toned paper, comb perforated. (100 560 + 51 540 printed of which some 1500 were overprinted WAR STAMP in 1919)
KING GEORGE V

1914

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

During the first world war the paper on which the stamps were printed became thinner, whiter and of poorer quality, and the printings were all line perforated.

HALFPENNY

Third printing, 23.10 1914, deep yellow-green on thin toned paper, line perforation. (26 160 printed)
HALFPENNY

Fourth printing, 5.2.1918, pale green on thin white paper, line perforated. (100 560 printed of which 90 000 were overprinted WAR STAMP in 1918–19)
HALFPENNY - VARIETIES

FACE FLAW, a plate variety on stamp no. 4 in the sheet, which occurs in the 1918, 1919 and 1920 printings of this value.
KING GEORGE V 1919

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

HALFPENNY

Fifth printing, 21.2.1919, green on thin white paper, comb perforated. (312 420 printed of which 153 000 were overprinted WAR STAMP in 1919)
HALFPENNY - VARIETIES

FACE FLAW, a plate variety on stamp no.4 in the sheet, which occurs in the 1918, 1919 and 1920 printings of this value.
KING GEORGE V 1920

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

HALFPENNY

Sixth printing, 3.2.1920, green on thick grey paper, comb perforated. (100,560 printed of which 51,000 were overprinted WAR STAMP in 1920)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1920

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  Pl4

HALFPENNY - VARIETIES

FACE FLAW, a plate variety on stamp no. 4 in the sheet, which occurs in the 1918, 1919 and 1920 printings of this value.
KING GEORGE V 1912

Wmk Multiple Crown CA P14

ONE PENNY

First printing, 30.5.1912, and second printing, 10.12.1912, vermilion on thick toned paper, comb perforated. (98 820 + 102 300 printed)
KING GEORGE V 1914

Wmk Multiple Crown CA P14

ONE PENNY

Third printing, 23.10.1914, orange-vermilion on thin toned paper, line perforated. (52 080 printed)
FAKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V 1916

Wmk Multiple Crown CA P14

ONE PENNY

Fourth printing, 13.7.1916, orange-vermilion on thin white paper, line perforated. (104 820 printed of which some 1500 were overprinted WAR STAMP in 1919)
KING GEORGE V 1918

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

ONE PENNY

Fifth printing, 5.2.1918, pale scarlet on thin white paper, line perforated. (97,620 printed of which 90,000 were overprinted WAR STAMP in 1918-19)
KING GEORGE V

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

ONE PENNY

Sixth printing, 21.2.1919, scarlet on thin white paper, comb perforated. (306 900 printed of which 206 000 were overprinted WAR STAMP in 1919-20)
KING GEORGE V 1920

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

ONE PENNY

Seventh printing, 3.2.1920, scarlet on thick grey paper, comb perforated. (206 400 printed of which some 1500 were overprinted WAR STAMP in 1920)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V 1920

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

ONE PENNY - VARIETIES

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side. (120 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V 1912

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

TWO PENCE

First printing, 30.5.1912, and second printing, 10.12.1912, deep purple on thick toned paper, comb perforated.
(24 240 + 20 400 printed)
KING GEORGE V

1914

Wmk Multiple Crown CA P14

TWO PENCE

Third printing, 23.10.1914, deep reddish purple on thin toned paper, line perforated. (10,200 printed)
FAKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1918

Wmk Multiple Crown CA    P14

TWO PENCE

Fourth printing, 5.2 1918, purple on thin white paper, line perforated. (11 880 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V 1919

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

TWO PENCE

Fifth printing, 21.2.1919, pale purple on thin white paper, comb perforated. (24 360 printed)
TWO PENCE - VARIETIES

PURPLE, a shade in the fifth printing caused by a fresh mixing of the ink.
TALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V  1912

Wmk Multiple Crown CA P14

TWO PENCE HALFPENY

First printing, 30.5.1912, and second printing, 10.12.1912, dark blue on thick toned paper, comb perforated.

(25 320 + 20 700 printed)
KING GEORGE V
1914

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY

Third printing, 23.10.1914, bright blue on thin toned paper, line perforated. (20 400 printed)
TWO PENCE HALFPENNY

Fourth printing, 13.7.1916, deep milky blue on thin white paper, line perforated. (12 840 printed)
TALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1916

Wmk Multiple Crown CA Pl4

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY

Fourth printing, 13.7.1916, and fifth printing, 5.2.1918, dark milky blue on thin white paper, line perforated.
(12840 + 23880 printed)
KING GEORGE V

1919

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY

Sixth printing, 21.2.1919, blue on thin white paper, comb perforated. (25 560 printed)
FAKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1912

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

SIX PENCE

First printing, 30.5.1912, and second printing, 10.12.1912, yellow-orange on thick toned paper, comb perforated. (10 380 + 10 260 printed)
KING GEORGE V 1912

Wmk Multiple Crown CA Pl4

SIX PENCE - VARIETIES

WATERMARK INVERTED, a variety caused by the paper having been put upside down when printed.
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1919

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

SIX PENCE

Third printing, 21.2.1919, brown-orange on thin white paper, comb perforated. (12 120 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1912

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

ONE SHILLING

First printing, 30.5.1912, and second printing, 10.12.1912, yellow-brown on thick toned paper, comb perforated.
(10 260 + 10 560 printed of which 5000 were overprinted WAR STAMP in 1918-19)
KING GEORGE V
1919

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

ONE SHILLING

Third printing, 21.2.1919, pale bistre-brown on thin white paper, comb perforated. (24,000 printed of which 16,500 were overprinted WAR STAMP in 1919)
FAKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1920

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

ONE SHILLING

Fourth printing, 3.2.1920, brown on thick grey paper, comb perforated. (23,940 printed of which 19,800 were overprinted WAR STAMP in 1920)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1920

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

ONE SHILLING - VARIETIES

DEEP BROWN, a shade in the fourth printing caused by a fresh mixing of the ink.
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1912

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

THREE SHILLINGS

First printing, 30.5.1912, and second printing, 10.12.1912, deep green, line perforated. (5 160 + 2 610 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1912

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

FIVE SHILLINGS

First printing, 30.5.1912, and second printing, 10.12.1912, red, line perforated. (4 890 + 2 550 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1914

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

FIVE SHILLINGS

Third printing, 23.10.1914, reddish maroon, line perforated. (3 210 printed)
FAKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V 1916

Wmk Multiple Crown CA P14

FIVE SHILLINGS

Fourth printing, 13.7.1916, maroon, line perforated.
(6 270 printed)
KING GEORGE V 1913

Wmk Multiple Crown CA  P14

TEN SHILLINGS

One printing only, 13.11.1913, red on green paper, line perforated. (6 300 printed)
One printing only, 13.11.1913, black on red paper, line perforated. (6 240 printed)
In 1921 the Multiple Script CA watermarked paper came into use and future printings were done on that paper, values up to 1/- in sheets of 60 stamps (ten rows of six) and the 3/- in sheets of 30 stamps (five rows of six), all comb perforated.

HALFPENNY

First printing, 14.6.1921, and fourth printing, 6.10.1928, bright yellow-green. (126 300 + 33 000 printed)
KING GEORGE V
1925-27

Wmk Multiple Script CA  P14

HALFPENNY

Second printing, 20.5.1925, and third printing, 7.1.1927, green. (132,000 + 61,200 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V 1924

Wmk Multiple Script CA  P14

ONE PENNY

First printing, 3.3.1924, dull vermilion. (121 200 printed)
ONE PENNY - VARIETIES

WATERMARK INVERTED AND REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed upside down on the wrong side. (60 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1925-28

Wmk Multiple Script CA P14

ONE PENNY

Second printing, 20.5.1925, and fourth printing, 18.1.1928, bright orange-vermilion. (134 160 + 117 480 printed)
KING GEORGE V

1927-28

Wmk Multiple Script CA  Pl4

ONE PENNY

Third printing, 7.1.1927, and fifth printing, 6.10.1928, orange-vermilion. (60 000 + 65 820 printed)
KING GEORGE V

1923-28

Wmk Multiple Script CA Pl4

TWO PENCE

First printing, 30.4.1923, and fourth printing, 6.10.1928, reddish purple. (59 280 + 31 560 printed)
KING GEORGE V 1927

Wmk Multiple Script CA  P14

TWO PENCE

Second printing, 7.1.1927, purple. (31 380 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1928

Wmk Multiple Script CA   F14

TWO PENCE

Third printing, 18.1.1928, purple. (27 180 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1921

Wmk Multiple Script CA  P14

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY

First printing, 14.6.1921, indigo. (31 500 printed)
TWO PENCE HALFPENNY - VARIETIES

SWAN NECKED "2", a plate variety on stamp no. 31 in the sheet, which occurs in all printings of this value.
In 1926 the foreign postal rate reversed to 2 1/2d. and that value was printed in blue again.

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY

Fourth printing, 7.1.1927, dark blue. (30 000 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V 1927

Wmk Multiple Script CA P14

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY - VARIETIES

SWAN NECKED "2", a plate variety on stamp no. 31 in the sheet, which occurs in all printings of this value.
KING GEORGE V
1928

Wmk Multiple Script CA  P14

TWO PENCE HALFPENY

Fifth printing, 18.1.1928, and sixth printing, 6.10.1928, steel blue. (27 000 + 64 200 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1928

Wmk Multiple Script CA  P14

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY - VARIETIES

SCREW-MARKS IN MARGIN, the printing plate was re-surfaced before the 1928 printing and when it was remounted on its wooden frame it was fixed with additional screws in the bottom left and right hand corners. The marks made by the heads of the screws can sometimes be seen in the margins.
FAKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V 1928

Wmk Multiple Script CA  P14

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY - VARIETIES

PRUSSIAN BLUE, a shade in the sixth printing caused by a fresh mixing of the ink.
In 1922 the foreign postal rate increased from 2 1/2d. to 3d. so the colour of the 2 1/2d. value was changed to purple on yellow paper.

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY

Second printing, 30.4.1923, deep purple on yellow paper.
(30 000 printed)
TWO PENCE HALFPENNY - VARIETIES

SWAN NECKED "2", a plate variety on stamp no. 31 in the sheet, which occurs in all printings of this value.
TWO PENCE HALFPENNY - VARIETIES

PARTIAL OFFSET ON THE REVERSE SIDE, caused either by the press having been operated without a sheet; the following sheet would have picked up the wet ink on the reverse; or by the sheets having been stacked before the ink had dried.
KING GEORGE V
1925

Wmk Multiple Script CA  P14

TWO PENCE HALFPENY

Third printing, 20.5.1925, pale purple on yellow.
(30 180 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1925

Wmk Multiple Script CA  P14

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY - VARIETIES

SWAN NECKED "2", a plate variety on stamp no. 31 in the sheet, which occurs in all printings of this value.
KING GEORGE V
1925

Wmk Multiple Script CA   Pl4

SIX PENCE

One printing only, 20.5.1925, orange. (35 340 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V 1925

Wmk Multiple Script CA Pl4

SIX PENCE - VARIETIES

WATERMARK INVERTED, a variety caused by the paper having been put upside down when printed.
FAKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V 1921

Wmk Multiple Script CA Pl4

ONE SHILLING

One printing only, 14.6.1921, bistre-brown. (21 060 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

KING GEORGE V

1923

Wmk Multiple Script CA P14

THREE SHILLINGS

One printing only, 30.4.1923, green. (14 220 printed)
1928 (7-22 February) "2 1/2D" on Two Pence

Towards the end of January 1928, whilst whaling operations were in full swing, there was a sudden and unexpected demand on the part of at least one of the whaling factories for an unusually large quantity of 2 1/2d. stamps, which exhausted the current supply of that value, and decreased the 1/2d. stamps in stock to well below the margin of safety required for current use, eventually resulting in the exhaustion of the stock. As mail was shortly due to leave something had to be done, so authority was sought from Port Stanley to meet this emergency, and by telegram dated 25 January 1928 the surcharging of the current 2d. stamp was authorised from Stanley. (1 179 surcharged)
"2 1/2D" on Two Pence - VARIETIES

SURCHARGE PARTIALLY DOUBLE, the result of the difficulty in using the small surcharge handstamp.
A poor strike was applied first, showing parts of the surcharge only, so another complete strike had to be applied.