

Falkland Islands Dependencies - 1946 Map Stamps

Oh! What a mess!

On the 1st of January 1946 it was announced to the public that a single set of stamps common to all the Falkland Island Dependencies would be produced to replace the over-printed issues released in 1944. The set, consisting of eight values depicting a map of the Falkland Islands and its four Dependencies, Graham Land, South Georgia, South Orkneys and South Shetlands was released on 11 February 1946 in sheets of 60.

The purpose of this exhibit is to show how a set of stamps, rushed through production, turned out to be one of the most flawed designs in all the British Colonies.

Ironically what is truly rare for this issue is a stamp with no flaw.

Background:- The original request was that the stamps should be ready by mid-September 1945 for delivery. They were designed by L J Newell, Admiralty, London. De La Rue was selected as the printer and the Crown Agents would produce the plates.

1/2d. plates 1, 2 & 3, 1d. plates 1 & 2, 2d plates 1, 3, & 4, 3d. plates 1 & 4, 4d. plates 2 & 4, 6d. plates 1 & 2, 9d. plates 2 & 4, 1/- plate 2. The plates were released to De La Rue on 26th and 30th of October. These were returned between 2nd and 14th November.

On the 11th of November the following numbers of sheets of 60 stamps were issued:-
 produced/ordered 1/2d. 6236/6668, 1d. 6485/6668, 2d. 6389/6668, 3d. 3988/4167,
 4d. 4396/4167, 6d. 3000/3000, 9d. 2924/3000, 1/- . 3000/3000.



Significant items included
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 border and *Blue Bold Print*

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