FALKLAND ISLAND DEPENDENCIES

THIN MAP STAMPS
ISSUED 16th FEBRUARY 1948
The Full Set consists of nine separate values

1/2d OLIVE GREEN; 1d VIOLET; 2d CARMINE; 2 1/2d Blue; 3d BLUE; 4d CLARET; 6d YELLOW-ORANGE; 9d BROWN; 1/- PURPLE
The 2 1/2d Value has two vignettes and three shades CP2 and CP3.

The 2 1/2d Stamp was first issued on 6th December 1948 but was printed from two separate plates CP2 and CP3. None of the Group Transfer Flaws appear in either Plate. It has been suggested that CP2 leaves a weaker impression than CP3. CP2 has two shades – grey blue and deep grey blue CP3 has one shade blue black.
The 3d Value has two vignettes and two shades CP(1) and CP4

The 3d Stamp was first issued on 16th February 1948 and was printed from the first new (un-numbered) plate CP(1) but on 7th July 1949 it was reprinted with a new Centre Plate CP4 leaving a more intense black impression. None of the Group Transfer Flaws appear in the later Plate – but it does have its own Flaw – a break in the 0 meridian at about 73 S. It has been suggested that CP4 leaves a much heavier impression and is a less clear version than CP(1). CP(1) has one shade blue – CP4 has one shade violet blue.
GROUP TRANSFER FLAWS

• For some considerable time it was believed that unlike the ‘Thick’ 1946 Issue the ‘Thin’ 1948 Issue did not sub-divide into Groups. However it had been noticed that there was one Group Flaw – the ‘Dot on T of SOUTH’ Variety.

• New analysis of complete sheets and positional blocks suggests otherwise. Each sheet consists of Six (Horizontal) Rows of Ten stamps.

• In each Row there seem to be two separate flaws each flaw alternating with the other; each of the ‘pair’ repeated 5 times.

• No single row repeats the flaws contained in another row thus there are 12 different flaws per sheet.
GROUP TRANSFER FLAWS Row 1

GF-01;

Re-entry on up arm of ‘k’ in Falkland and Dot by 60 and ‘P’ of P. Stanley

GF-07;

White Dot on Cape Horn
GROUP TRANSFER FLAWS Row 2

GF-02; GF-08;

Dot o/s right frame at 38 E

Re-entry at 140 West
GROUP TRANSFER FLAWS Row 3

GF-03:
- Re-entry 60 S 33 W
- Dot on 70 S above 80 W
- 2 islands east of GRAHAM

GF-09:
- Dash on right frame
- Arch on 80 S and
- 2 islands east of GRAHAM
GROUP TRANSFER FLAWS Row 4

GF-04;

Dot 80 Lat 20 Long
Break in 70 S to right of Shetland Is

GF-10;

Re-entries on 80 W at 70 S and 80 S and Break in 70 S to right of Shetland Is
GROUP TRANSFER FLAWS Row 5

GF-05; Extra stop after Is of FALKLAND

GF-11; Dot on ‘T’ of SOUTH
GROUP TRANSFER FLAWS Row 6

GF-06;
Dash on 60 S above S Orkney and Dot in triangle on bottom frame

GF-12;
Re-entry at 50 Lat 53 Long and Short leg in ‘h’ of Shetland
OTHER GROUP TRANSFER FLAWS

• In the case of two individual rows however in addition to the Group Transfer Flaws there is another Group Transfer Flaw which persists for each stamp in the row (i.e. not alternately)
• These are in Rows 3 and 4
GROUP TRANSFER FLAWS Row 3a

GF-03a;GF-09a

Normal

2 islands east of GRAHAM

Single island east of GRAHAM
GROUP TRANSFER FLAWS Row 4a

GF-04a;GF-10a Normal

Break in 70 S to right of Shetland Is

No Break in 70 S to right of Shetland Is
Dot on T - 1

The Dot on T Variety

The right top bar of T fades
Dot on T - 2

The top of T starts to break

The top of T breaks
Dot on T - 3

The Dot has eroded

The left bar of T erodes