

7.2 - THE KGV DEFINITIVE ISSUE (CONT'D)



11 PRINTINGS
TOT 5,601,960
STAMPS



8 PRINTINGS
TOT 887,640
STAMPS



9 PRINTINGS
TOT 659,400
STAMPS



13 PRINTINGS TOT 871,320 STAMPS



13 PRINTINGS
TOT 1,093,220
STAMPS



7 PRINTINGS
TOT 242,040
STAMPS



8 PRINTINGS
TOT 180,060
STAMPS



7 PRINTINGS TOT 126,116 STAMPS

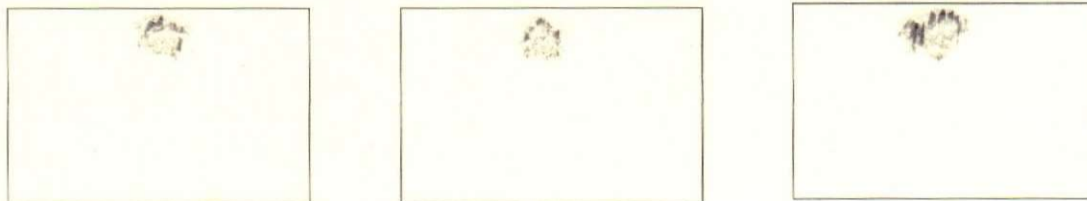
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PERIOD 7 - 1938 TO 1955 - THE KING GEORGE VI ISSUES

During the short reign of King Edward VIII, philatelically for Swaziland only a few proofs are known of the country's name intended for a key-type issue to be released for his Coronation. The Coronation date for Edward VIII was set for 12 May 1937 but on his unexpected abdication on 10 December 1936, he was succeeded by his younger brother Albert who took the title of King George VI. The Coronation date of 12 May 1937 was maintained for the new King and it was deemed appropriate that a Colonial Coronation Commemorative stamp issue should be made. Although the lead time was short, by sharing the printing work between De La Rue and Bradbury Wilkinson this objective was met.

7.1 - THE KING GEORGE VI CORONATION ISSUE

Issued 12 May 1937, Recess printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd., in sheets of 60, P11x11½.



A TOTAL OF 416 SETS WERE PERFORATED 'SPECIMEN' DENOTED BY SAMUEL AS 'B9' (67 HOLES)

7.2 - THE KING GEORGE VI DEFINITIVE ISSUE

Having produced a Coronation issue in a short time, the British stamp printing firms were now faced with pressure to produce definitive issues with the portrait of the new monarch. The Colonial Office gave Administrations under their control a choice: if new designs were desired then detailed design proposals had to be submitted, otherwise the existing definitive designs could be updated with a portrait of the new monarch. The Swaziland Administration elected to have the portrait update, hoping that this would lead to a speedier result.

In practice there were significant delays and it was not until 1 April 1938 that the King George VI definitive was released in Swaziland. The delays were largely due to two factors: De La Rue had difficulty to produce acceptable portrait engravings of the King, and late in the day the Colonial Office recalled that the designation of Swaziland as a 'Protectorate' was not correct and asked for it to be deleted.



**PROOF OF 'LARGE'
¼ PROFILE PORTRAIT**
Engraved by Bohumil
Heinz of De La Rue - was
not approved.



**PROOF OF 'LARGE'
¼ PROFILE PORTRAIT**
finally approved but used
for 1938 Kenya issue.

Issued 1 April 1938, Recess by Thos De La Rue & Co. Ltd. In sheets of 10 x 6, all Plates '1', WMK Multiple Script 'CA', Perf 13½ x 13. A total of 409 sets perforated 'SPECIMEN' (Samuel D20: 65 holes).

THE COMPLETE DEFINITIVE SET IN STRIPS OF THREE, EACH PERFORATED 'SPECIMEN'



**9 PRINTINGS
TOT 4,074,380 STAMPS**

**10 PRINTINGS
TOT 5,528,760 STAMPS**

6 PRINTINGS TOT 3,993,040 STAMPS