

King for 326 Days.

1936 was a unique year for the British realm in that three kings were enthroned during the year.

George V, who had reigned for some 26 years, died on 20th January, when his eldest son ascended to the throne as Edward VIII. However, he abdicated to marry Wallis Simpson, an American divorcee, on 10th December and his younger brother became King George VI, thus Edward VIII was king for only 326 days.

The Stamps.

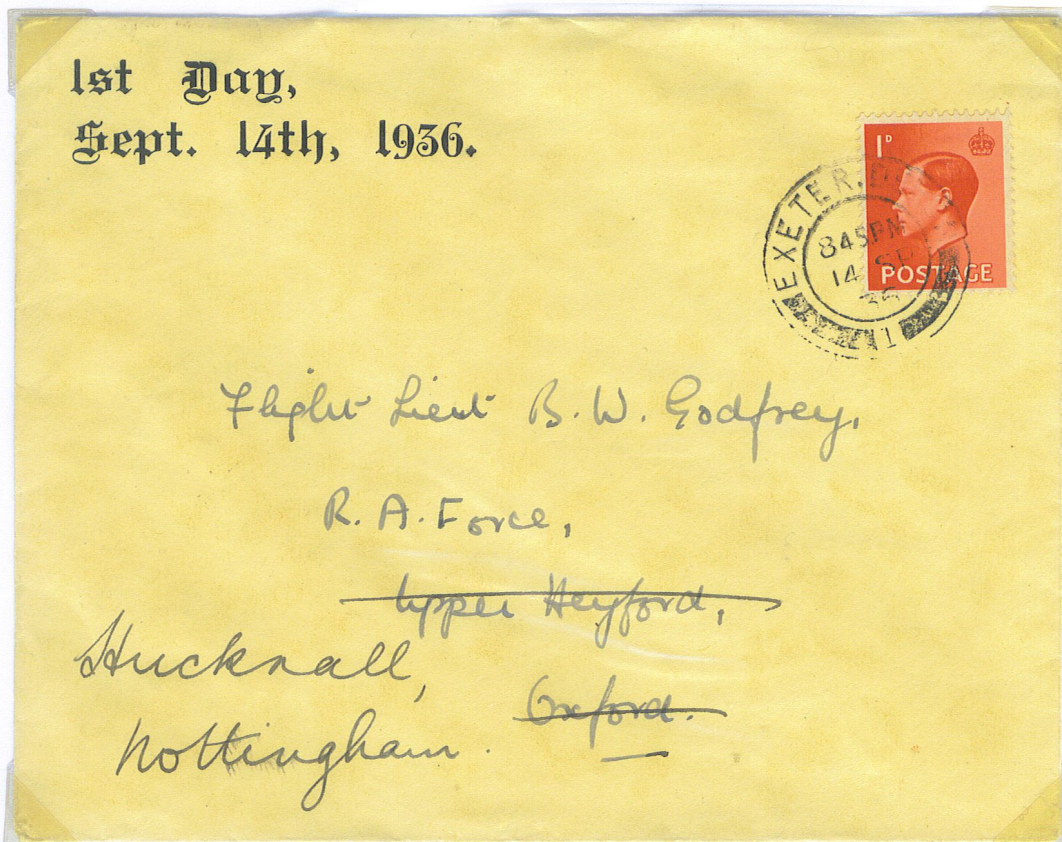
Only Great Britain issued postage stamps carrying the image of King Edward VIII, and even then there were only the four lowest values of the planned new definitive series. Various overprints of these stamps were made, but only for the British Post Office Agencies in Morocco and Tangier.



The first three values were issued on 1st September, 1936.



Composition of the first three values to make the one shilling and three pence airmail rate to Australia.



1d value issued two weeks later on 14th September, 1936.



Airmail rate, including stamps from preceding and succeeding monarchs.



4d rate to Germany, including an earlier 2d stamp, there being no 2d Edward VIII stamp.



10 x three halfpence value, each with the perfin Q I Co Ld for Queensland Insurance Co Ltd.



Stamps issued 1936, still validated and used in 1965.



Two covers, each posted in Tangier, carrying each of the Postal Agencies' stamps for Morocco and Tangier.

