



## L13: 2/- CAPTAIN COOK LANDING, TYPE L13 (Recess) Official Issues



LO13c



LO13d



LO13e



LO13g

The varieties of the ordinary stamps are, of course, also to be found in the officials. No important varieties have been noted in the overprint.

The first printing was made available at the Stamps Branch, G.P.O., Wellington, in May, 1937. The supplies of May and September, 1937, were on the paper with multiple watermark, perf 13-14 x 13 1/2, and comprised 800 half sheets which, less the copies damaged, represented a total of 47,340 stamps.

The supplies received from May, 1939, to May 1941, were on the paper with multiple watermark and perf. 13 1/2 x 14. They comprised 1828 half sheets and, deducting the 27 half sheets damaged, the total was 108,060 stamps.

The supply of March, 1942, was on the esparto paper, perf 12 1/2, and the number issued was only 11,700. This supply was issued at the Stamps Branch in April.

The next issue, which also appeared in 1942, was on the "Royal Cypher" grade paper, perf. 12 1/2. It would seem from the records that this issue comprised the supplies of May, June, and November, 1942, that is 3000 half sheets or a net total of 179,100. A small quantity of this issue was in the olive-green colour with the distinct yellow tint.

Printings on the "Royal Cypher" grade paper, perf 14 x 13 1/2 were issued in 1944. These included sheets printed from plates 1, 2, and 3 unfortunately, no record was kept of the respective quantities of each plate but, because of the scarcity of the stamp from plate 1, it is obvious that the number overprinted was very small.