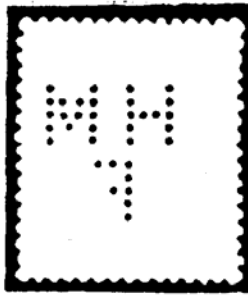
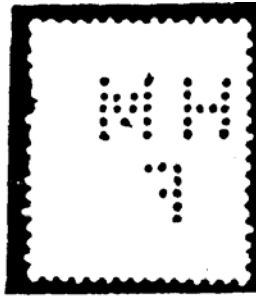


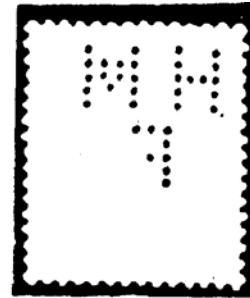
## HIS MAJESTY'S FACTORY



Die I



Die II



Die III

From members reports we have now identified three dies of HM/F. Only two of which appear to originate from HM Factory. The first die has 2 mm between the upper and lower lines and the vertical of the F aligns with the vertical of the H. Die II is characterised by small misshapen holes and the distance between lines is 3 mm. the F and H do not align. Both these dies are known on low value KG V issues postmarked in CARLISLE and GRETNA in 1916/8 so are attributed to HM Factory. Die III has 2 mm spacing but the F and H do not align. It is known postmarked FOLKESTONE in 1902/5 and is consequently probably not official. The most likely user being the Hotel Metropole, Folkestone, which would have provided stamps for its patrons.

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