

# LASSCO

[www.lassco.co.uk](http://www.lassco.co.uk)

THREE PIGEONS

LASSCO Three Pigeons

Milton Common,

Oxfordshire OX9 2JN

+44 (0)1844 277188

[3pigeons@lassco.co.uk](mailto:3pigeons@lassco.co.uk)

BRUNSWICK HOUSE

30 Wandsworth Road,

London SW8 2LG

+44 (0) 20 7394 2100

[brunswick@lassco.co.uk](mailto:brunswick@lassco.co.uk)

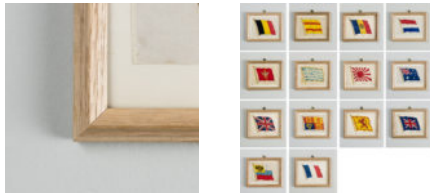


# SILK FLAGS PUBLISHED CIRCA 1918,

Produced during the First World War for B.D.V. cigarettes,  
Silk collectors flags, original chromolithographs. 'Russia',

DIMENSIONS: 19cm (7½") High, 23cm (9") Wide, 2cm (0¾") Deep

STOCK CODE: P01081 Russia



## HISTORY

Godfrey Philips Ltd introduced B.D.V cigarettes in the early 1900's and was a popular brand up until 1948 when it was dropped.

The name B.D.V originated from BOYD & Dibrell Virginia who were the US suppliers of their tobacco. Another explanation is that it originates from a court case in 1901 when a member of the Philips family stated in court that the B.D.V brand was an abbreviation of the Latin words "Benedictus dominus vobiscum" meaning the pipe of peace.