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NEW MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome another new member, one who is well known and respected in the U.S. Perfins Club,  
Mrs Dorothy L. Savage

OTHER MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

It is with regret that we learned of the death of MR A. MacKenzie in July.

Mr Soot Ryen has resigned.

Mr Peter Burgess has moved

FREE MEMBERSHIPS

For some years now complimentary bulletins have been going to two or three Perfins Club members and the Perfins Club have reciprocated in a like manner. This arrangement has meant, in effect, that both clubs have unofficially donated free memberships.

It is proposed now to regularise this arrangement and officially exchange three free memberships with the U.S. Perfins Club, these memberships to go to whomever the clubs nominate.

At present your Librarian, Brian Birch, your Editor, Ron Bowman and and Mr Jennings receive bulletins from the Perfins Club. If anyone has other nominations (perhaps the memberships should go to the Society Office rather than a named member) would they please write to Michael Rucklidge?

PERFIN ABSTRACTS

This is a new concept in information handling for members of the S.E.P.S. I hope to issue several pages with each issue of the bulletin. The first pages contain an introduction which is intended to explain the concept of and the philosophy behind Perfins Abstracts.

I shall be pleased to receive any comments and criticisms you may have. Please remember that I cannot include any articles I do not see so I am relying on members to let me know of any new perfin information. This is very important in the case of monographs not specifically relating to Perfins and specialised society publications.

Brian Birch.

MY PERFIN ENTRY STAMPEX 1975

By Norah Wright

A short while ago the Editor asked me to describe my entry to Stampex which, I am pleased to say, won a bronze award. The Judges' comments were "A very interesting entry".

In November of last year I gave a display of 60 pages of perfins to the Irish Philatelic Society. This display was so well received by members that I decided to make up a 36 page entry for Stampex.

In preparing this exhibit I used Mr Nelson's book "The Perfins of Great Britain" as a guide and inspiration. The entry was as follows,

- Pages 1,2,3 was headed 'The Forerunners' and displayed O.U.S over-prints on and off cover plus the protective underprints with suitable write-up.
- Page 4 displayed perfins on stamps of all reigns and gave the history of Sloper's invention.
- " 5 'The Purpose of Perfins'. The write-up told of the purpose and showed perfins used on Q.V. stamps to the present reign.
  - " 6&7 both pages were devoted to Arms and Trademarks on stamps of G.B. and Ireland, mostly Q.V. and K.VII stamps.
  - " 8 Full Names starting with ADAM on a 1d red.
  - " 9 Monograms
  - " 10 Numbers
  - " 11 Unusual Designs.
  - " 12 Crowns.
  - " 13 Positional variations of perfins.
  - " 14 Early 1d reds on which the perfin did not touch the Queen's head.
  - " 15 Later 1d reds on which the perfins pierced the Queen's head.
  - " 16 Perfins on the small ½d Q.V. issue of 1870
  - " 17 Stamps showing the firms' special postmark as well as perfin.
  - " 18 "High Values". Showing the use of perfins on high value stamps. This included the K.E.VII 2/6, 5/-, 10/- & £1 set.
  - " 19 'Commemoratives with Perfins". Starting with the 1d & 1½d 1924 Wembley issue.
  - " 20 'Combination Cover'. Postal Stationery cover with a perfined stamp added.
  - " 21 a Q.V. newspaper wrapper and postal stationery cover plus a K.E.VII postal stationery cover all perforated with firms' initials.
  - " 22 C of A perfins and special event perfins such as the Shepherds Bush Exhibition.
  - " 23 "The Corner Card". Showing the ideal way of collecting perfins with name of firm on cover. In this instance a ½d and 1d red on an old newspaper with a book post label of the sender.
  - " 24 "Official Perfins" Stationery Office die I
  - " 25 "Official Perfins" Stationery Office die II
  - " 26 "Official Perfins" D.S.I.R.
  - \* " 28 Official Perfins of World War I.
  - " 29 Provisional Perforations.
  - " 30 Ireland. Ireland quickly followed G.B. in the use of perfins. A page of Guinness perfins on 1d red plate nos.
  - " 31 Early Irish dies on 1d reds.

- Page 32 Unusual dies used in Ireland.  
 " 33 Selection of Irish firms on 1d reds.  
 " 34 1d lilac on cover (1889) with the perfin of the Irish Distillers BANDON and an amusing story about the founder.  
 " 35 Cork Bandon & South Coast Railway. Stamps of Q.V., K.E.VII, and K.G.V.

\* Page 27 The Patent Office.

In many cases I had photostat copies made of the perfins which I mounted on black paper and cut to just show a fine border of black.

I do hope other members will follow my display success and will enter their own perfin displays in National Exhibitions and thereby help to bring perfins into the limelight.

PERFIN PRICES

1. From "The Auctions Tell You" Philatelic Magazine, April 1975.  
 Great Britain - 1882-3 on blued paper 5/- EA - EC perfined strip. c.d,s. Liverpool Exchange £18  
 Great Britain - 1883-4 blued paper 10/- J F perfin "K" B.P.A. cert. £15
2. Cinderella Stamp Club Auction, March 1975  
 All world perfins 2-300. Estimated value £1. £3.50  
 G.B. perfins - a small selection used. Est. 50p £1.00  
 G.B. perfins on K.G.V. dark & light colours (200) Est.£1 £2.00
3. "The Auctions Tell You" Philatelic Magazine, July 1975.  
Bournemouth Stamp Auctions  
 Bavarian Railway Official 1914-15 50pf red-brown perf. "E", mint block. £14  
Phillips Auctions  
 Australia 1914-21 1d mint block of 12 perf "OS", 5th and 6th stamps the substituted cliches of die £160  
 2 and 1 respectively.

THE S.E.P.S PERFIN

Enclosed with this issue is an illustration showing the Society's perforator. Although I am now its custodian I know nothing of its maker, purchaser, cost, date of purchase etc. Would someone provide this information please?

(Editor's Note:- The perforator was purchased by Messrs Chris Carr & John Nelson on behalf of the Society in 1964 from Baddeley Brothers, at I believe, a price of £9 15s)

I will perforate any current British or American mint postage stamps free of charge. As it is a single die machine I cannot perforate blocks. Strips of stamps are simplest for me to handle, please send stamps in this form if possible.

Brian Birch

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER Subscriptions become due on 1st September please remit early and save Richard Husband some work.

THE BRIAN BIRCH CORNER

1. Exchange Packet Notes

Two packets have been taken out of circulation and broken up:-

Packet S	1863 items	value £27.03
	Sales 1162 items	value £16.79½

Packet T	2151 items	value £24.38
	Sales 847 items	value £ 8.92½

Packet V containing mostly foreign perfins has just been sent out. 2224 items value £28.18.

More booklets are required for the packet. It has been a quiet year, partly due to my other commitments but mostly due to a lack of material. A few stalwarts send in 90% of the material. If everyone sent just one booklet each, I could send out 10 packets.

It would also help me if members could include brief details of their collecting interests when returning an advice note. I can then try to ensure that they see items of interest to them.

2. Library Notes

Co-operation is rife between the S.E.P.S. and Perfins Club Librarians. Over the last few months, Floyd Walker has sent me quite a number of Perfins Club bulletins and other publications to build up S.E.P.S. holdings. In return, I have offered to send him back issues of our Bulletin.

If any member has copies of either the Perfins Club Bulletin or the S.E.P.S. bulletin which he no longer requires, I would be most grateful if they could donate them to our Library.

A copy of the "Norgeskatalogen 1975" Catalogue of Postage Stamps of Norway has been donated to the Library by Erling Dehli. It lists all Official Perfins including the issues on which they are found. Private perfins are also covered but in this case only the user and period of issue are given.

Jon M. Wilson of the Perfins Club has donated a copy of his checklist of Minnesota Perfins. Listing 119 perfins used in the State of Minnesota, it includes U.S. catalogue number, user, and rarity factor.

"Perfin Abstracts" (see elsewhere in this issue) is a new aid to the use of the Library and starts with this issue. All items are available from the Librarian by quoting the abstract number.

3. Indian Perfins

Following the article on Indian perfins we printed in the Bulletin earlier this year, several members sent me details of their collections, for which I am very grateful. These details have been passed on to Mr Bayanwala who has agreed to collate the information on behalf of the Society. It is hoped that Mr Bayanwala will shortly write a note for the bulletin detailing the extent of his coverage and in what detail he requires the information.

When all the data is available it is hoped to publish a handbook of Indian Perfins.

Brian Birch.

A GERMAN STAMP PERFORATED "TOKIO 1964"

By Brian Birch

The only information I can find about this item is in "The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Stamp Collecting" by Otto Humunga. I quote the first paragraph of the section entitled, "MARIA 1, RULER OF SEDANG",

"The history of philately knows of many attempts to defraud stamp collectors. A group of enterprising dealers in West Germany bought large quantities of official stamp sets issue for the 18th Olympic Games in Tokyo. They had them perforated with the text "TOKIO 1964" and they even managed to find some postal officials at the Bonn Post Office who cancelled them large numbers of first-day covers with these forgeries.

They also obtained some declaration from an official of the German Olympic Committee authorising them to issue this set of perforated stamps. And they then started to sell their 'stamps' from Liechtenstein, at a handsome profit. According to private estimates the organisers made a profit of about 400,000 Deutschmarks (over £40,000)."

If anyone has any further information to add to the above would they please contact Brian Birch.

MEMBER'S QUERY

Bob Schwerdt of  
sends in the following queries, can anyone help?

"Recently I acquired G.B. Foreign Bill, Land Registry, Judicature, etc. perfins. Can you identify for me CBI, CB, BB, IBHL, CL. May I assume these are foreign perfins on British revenue stamps? When would the stamps have received the perfinning?

Has any article been published regarding these British revenue perfins?

WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER

The two queries posed in our last issue by Basil Tomkins have been answered as follows,

PJ Peter Jones Sloane Square, London W.1.

Answered by Mr E. Eades

R.H/&.S R Hovenden & Son Ltd. Berners Street, Oxford Street  
London.

Answered by Mr K. Rymer Young.

THIS ISSUE'S CONTENTS

Five pages of general interest - 5 sheets.

"Perfins of Western Australia" - 2 sheets.

Pages 31 & 32 of the Railways - 2 sheets.

Page 5 of the Full Names listing - 1 sheet.

S.E.P.S, perforator illustration - 1 sheet.

Perfin Abstracts - introduction & pages 1-5 - 5 sheets.

No identities catalogue pages this month-regretfully we have still not received the stencils from the member assisting with the typing. We expect to recommence the identities with our next issue. Nevertheless, thanks to Brian Birch there is plenty to digest in this number.

PERFINS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

By D.A. Pocock

Little seems to have been written about this subject: lists of the W.A. and O.S. have been printed but, to-date, the rest is silence. However, as a newcomer to this field I have the Temerity to put pen to paper if only to serve as a starting point for further research and discovery. Being "on the spot" with good historical records also helps although all postal information regarding licence and permits to private firms was destroyed during World War 2.

To-date, and after only 6-months searching, I have found 13 private perfins, the O.S. and W.A. which here I propose to ignore, and 1 further "Official" that could be confused with a private emission.

Western Australia in spite of its size, being nearly as large as Europe, is (and was) a small community as regards population. If we consider the population of the State at the turn of the century it amounted to some 200,000 persons of whom some  $\frac{3}{4}$  lived in the Perth-Freemantle metropolitan area. The same proportion applies today. It is, therefore, not surprising that a community the size of Plymouth or Dundee has not been as prolific as the U.K. or the U.S.A. in its perfin production!

Below are listed the known perfins of Western Australia together with the identities where I have proof or reasonable evidence of same. In some cases this evidence has come from the firms themselves, where current Managing Directors remember their start as office boys actually perforating the stamps. This in turn has lead to the discovery and, therefore, to the preservation, of the actual perforating machines.

As expected the perforation can exist in all possible positions resultant from single or multiple machines working on folded sheets of stamps. The practice began in the 1890's and examples have only been found (with the exception of the single 3mm and 4mm hole punctures) on the 1885, 1899, 1902 and 1905 series.

Other W.A. firms apart from those listed below have subsequently introduced the practice after 1913 but specific (State) identification is obviously more difficult on the Commonwealth issues.

The list of W.A. perfins is as follows,

1.	B.&A.	15/16/10	5mm		use 1895 - 1899
2.	C.D./Co.	8,10/14,12	5mm		use pre 1900
3.	D.&J./F.	11,12,7/8	7mm	) D&J	First recorded 1901
4.	D.J.F.	12,9,9	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm	) Fowler	First recorded 1911
5.	F.&G.	8,14,9	6mm	Foy and Gibson	First recorded 1911.
6.	G.W./S./&Co.	11,14/9/12,14	5mm	George Wood Son & Company,	First recorded 1908
7.	G.W./F	14,17/10	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm	George Wills, Freemantle.	First recorded 1905

8.	G.D.Co./P.	10,11,12/10	5mm	)	Goode, Durrant & Co.	1902
9.	G.D.Co.	10,11,12	5½mm	)	Perth	1904
10.	H.S./&Co.	9,9/9,10	6½mm		Harris Scarfs and Company.	
						First recorded 1911
11.	M.K.	22,15	14½mm			First recorded 1909
12.	V.O.Co.	9,10,16	7mm		Vacuum Oil Company.	
						First recorded 1908
13.	W.A./&Co.	14,10/14,12	5½mm		William Sandover & Company.	
						First recorded 1911

Whilst the potentially confusing perfin is:

P.W.D. which is (was) Public Works Department.

The machine producing type 4 is now in the author's possession and produces a block of 4 perforated at a time. Its use ceased before World War 2.

Types 3, 6 and 8 are recorded on South Australia with "A" for Adelaide instead of the "P" on the last.

Types 4, 5, 10, 12 and 13 are known on Commonwealth issues. In the case of type 12 there are three machine types used during the period and the last used in a single punch is also now in the author's possession. Type 12 is one of the few companies continuing the practice after World War 2,

May I conclude making no claim to completeness for this listing. I will be happy to hear of other types and also of stamps with the above dies in members, collections, especially if they extend the dates of usage.

Finally, I would like to hear of fellow collectors of other Australian States Perfine or Commonwealth types.

STOP PRESS : B&A is almost certainly BROWN & ALLEN - boot manufacturers who went out of business in 1898.  
 CD&Co was most probably COURTHOPE DRUMMOND & Co. - auctioneers and insurance agents who split, up in 1898.  
 W.A. Annual Directory & Guide is the source for these conclusions.

D.A. Pocock.

S.E.P.S.

W.A.2.

Die II	S E	10,10	4½mm	a = 4mm
	C R	8,11		b = 1½mm

Stamps Reported

Queen Victoria Jubilee issue; ½d blue-green, 1½d, 2½d, 3d, 4d.  
1d lilac

King Edward VII ½d blue-green, ½d yellow-green, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d.  
King George V 1d red lion

Postmarks

Only London reported.

Earliest date noted 1900

Latest date noted; 10:4:1911

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Die III	S E	11,10	4½mm	a = 31mm
	C R	8,11		b = 2mm

Stamps Reported

King Edward VII ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d

King George V 1911-12 ½d, 1d red lion, 1d white lion.  
1912-22 2d.

Postmarks

Rochester  
Ashford  
Adisham  
London

Earliest date recorded; 30th May 1910

Latest date recorded: October 1919

Die IV	S E	11,10	4½mm	a = 5½mm
	C R	8,12		b = 4 mm

Stamps Reported

King George V 1911-12 ½d, 1d  
1912-22 ½d, 1d, 2d.

Postmarks

Roberts Bridge  
Sandwich

Only date recorded; 2nd August 1913

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Die V	S E	11,10		a = 3½mm
	C R	8,11	4½mm	b = 7½mm

Messrs. Burrows and Enschede reported this variety.

Stamps Reported,

King George V 1912



Die VI     S E     10,10  
           C R     8,11     4½mm  
           B A     14,10

The "BA" stands for BRICK-LAYERS ARMS, the original terminus of one of the lines and one of the main goods depots. It is known

nowadays as NEW CROSS. Mr K. Rymer Young has a printed slip from the original Bein Collection, without stamps, reading, "In the event of non delivery please return to the Station Superintendent S.E.&C. Railway, Bricklayers Arms, S.E.

Stamps Reported

Queen Victoria Jubilee issue    ½d verm., ½d turq.  
    1d lilac.

Earliest-date noted: 4th June 1899

Latest date noted : 13th Feb. 1901

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Die VII    S E     10 10  
              CR     8,12  
              B A     14 10

Stamps Reported

Queen Victoria    ½d blue-green  
    1d lilac

King Edward VII    ½d, 1d

Earliest date noted: 5th June 1901

Latest date noted: 11th Sept 1905

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Die VIII   S E     10,10  
              CR     8,11     4½mm  
              B F     14, 8

"BF" = BLACKFRIARS the second London terminus and one which is still so named today.

Stamps Reported

Queen Victoria Jubilee ½d verm., ½d green.

Earliest date noted: 30th March 1900

Latest date noted : 18th May 1900

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Die IX     S E     10 10  
              CR     8,12  
              B F     14,8 8

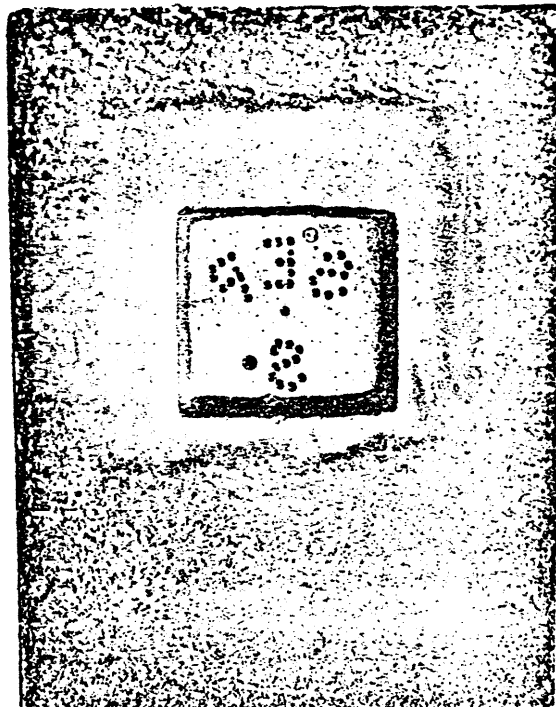
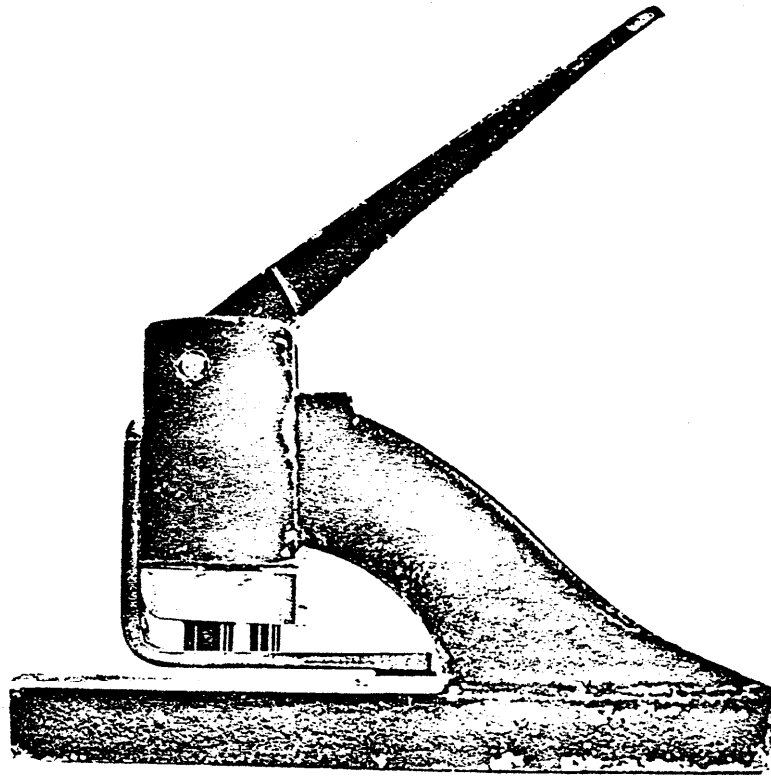
Stamps Reported

King Edward VII ½d (both colours)

Earliest date noted: 26th Feb. 1902

Latest date noted : 5th Feb. 1904





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F O R W A R D

Some four or five years ago I took over the position of Librarian for the SEPS. The library was in a very bad state and I set about restoring and enlarging it, at length issuing a hand-written and xeroxed library list. I was very dissatisfied with the state of the library and the fact that its facilities have only been used 19 times over the years showed that there was much room for improvement.

Two years ago I became an information officer with a specialised technical information centre and received my first training in information science. "Perfins Abstracts;" is my attempt to apply my training to the literature on perfins in order to assist those requiring both particular and general information about perfins and security endorsements. The task I have set myself is very large indeed, in particular abstracting the older material. However, I intend to abstract all current literature as it is received and to add the older material when I have time.

I must acknowledge the help of Floyd Walker, Perfins Club Librarian, who has agreed to help with U.S. material and Alan Mackie whose researches have unearthed many very early papers.

17th March, 1975

BRIAN BIRCH

## PERFIN ABSTRACTS

### OBJECT

Perfin Abstracts will place on record details of all articles and books containing noteworthy information relevant to perfins and Security Endorsements. It will also act as an annotated list of the holdings of the SEPS Library.

### LAYOUT

- Number - This is the permanent filing number of the SEPS Library.
- Title - Usually the title of the item is given verbatim, but in those cases where no title or a misleading title is used - an alternative or amended title may be used.
- Name - Author's name where given. For items with no author but where an owner is mentioned (e.g. in the "Cover of the Month" feature of the Perfins Bulletin) the owner is listed in the authors place in brackets e.g. 0002
- Reference - Bibliographic details of the item abstracted. Title of journal. Date of issue, volume number, (issue number), pages.
- Abstract - A concise abstract of the perfin - related information. In some cases the information, though worth including in Perfin Abstracts is such a small amount that the whole may be included in the abstract so that reference to the original publication may not be necessary. This is particularly true of "Question Corner" of the Perfins Bulletin . In such cases, the abstract is annotated (Complete).

### INDEXES

Author and Subject indexes will be produced annually.

### HOW TO ORDER ITEMS FROM THE SEPS LIBRARY

Every item abstracted is available on loan, from the

SEPS Library, to members of the SEPS. By arrangement with the U.S. Perfins Club, all items in Perfins abstracts are available from the Perfins Club Library. Similarly all items in the Perfins Club Library will eventually appear in Perfins Abstracts.

To obtain an item from the SEPS Library, just mention the Perfins abstracts acquisition number. When the item is sent, details of the postage will be included. A borrowing period of one month is allowed after which the item must be returned together with a remittance to cover the librarians postage.

Photocopies are usually available at lp. per page and the librarian reserves the right to send a photocopy where a saving in postal charges will ensue. (Miint British or U.S. staaps may be used for remittances.)

#### CATALOGUES USED

Wherever possible, perfins are identified by a catalogue number. The following catalogues are used:-

U.S.A.      Catalogue of United States Perfins. First illustrated edition. 1966. Perfins Club

0001 Antarctica; Part I

Philatelist. Jan. 1974, 40, (4), 117-121

A brief commentary on some correspondence addressed to Sir Clements Markham and relating to the British National Antarctic Expedition of 1901. The earliest of the letters bears a Funchal 65r stamp which is perforated BBC (illustrated) Perfin is not identified.

0002 A Perfins Crash Cover

(Balough J.)

Perf. Bull., July/Aug. 1974, 27, (7), 1.

The damaged cover from the wreckage of an aeroplane which crashed in Upper Zion, VA. is illustrated and described. The cover bears the perfin of the Mine and Smelter Company of El Paso, TX (M & S : M 309)

0003 More T.H. Issues deported

Savage D.

Perf. Bull., July/Aug. 1974, 27, (7), 4.

Additions to list of US stamps which are found with the Territory of Hawaii perfin T.H. (T 47)

0004 A Salute to Elpex - 73

Perf. Bull., June 1973, 26, (6), 1

Details are given of the show ELPEX - `73, at which the El Paso Stamp Club will use its new perfin EL/PEX.

0005 The Perfins of Russia

Maxa V.

Perf. Bull., June 1973, 26, (6), 5 - 8

There are fewer than 30 different perfins from Russia if one excludes the perfin M /numeral, which has a number between one and sixty nine. Most of the article deals with conjecture as to the use of this latter series although all the others are dealt with. Correction (Perfins Bulletin, Oct. 1973, 26, (9), 4)