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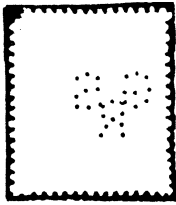
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EDITORIAL

A bumper illustrated issue this month. We do not intend to produce all future issues this way, but this is one of a series of experiments to see what can be done within the financial limits set. Future issues will, however, carry a few illustrations on the front page so contributors can take this into account when planning their submissions. No experiment is useful unless the results are monitored so please write to editorial address with your comments and suggestions for improvements. How about starting with a few more suggestions for a good name for the Bulletin?



THE RAILWAY PERFINS OF IRELAND

By Norah K. Wright

There is always a fascination about railways which arouses one's philatelic instinct to collect postmarks, T.P.O's, R.P.O's and covers. When collecting perfins it seems the natural thing to make a study of this branch of perfin collecting. The Irish railways are particularly interesting as one has many years of collecting Irish perfins first on U.K. Stamps used in Ireland. In 1916 the turbulence of the country during the rebellion period can be seen as one finds the skeleton hand-stamp of the rebellion period on King George V stamps with the GS/WR perfin. History takes us to another interesting period, that is the Irish overprinted stamps bearing the railway companies perfins. We pass on then to railway perfins on the first Irish definitive issue and all the commemoratives that followed. Here again history raises her head as during the war years the G.S.R. railway used what can only be termed as a provisional die.

Not all our railways used perfins. The following is a list of all the railways known to have used them.

- Belfast & Northern Counties Railways
- Cork Bandon & South Coast Railway
- Cork Blackrock & Passage Railway
- Great Southern Railway
- Great Western Railway
- Great Southern & Western Railway
- Ireland Great Northern Railway
- Midland Great Western Railway
- Waterford Limerick & Western Railway
- Coras Iompair Eireann

The Belfast & Northern Counties Railway

The Belfast & Ballymena Railway was incorporated in the mid 1840's and renamed Belfast & Northern Counties railway in 1960. In 1903 the B.N.C.R. was acquired by the Midland railway & became part of the London Midland & Scottish in 1923.

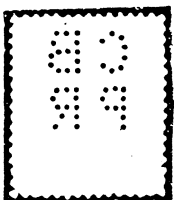


BNCR 14, 13, 8, 11, 4.

This perfin has only been found on 1d Red plate numbers.

The Cork Blackrock & Passage Railway

Incorporated in 1846. Extended to Crosshaven in 1896. Opened to Monkstown in 1902. Became part of the GSR in 1925. Closed in 1932.



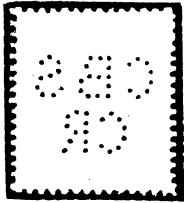
CB/PR 8,14/10,12. 5.

Found on King George V ½d, 1½d
1912 - 22 ½d, 1½d.

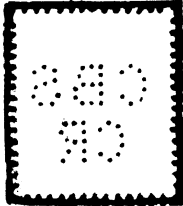
The Cork Bandon & South Coast Railway

Constituents: Bandon Railway, Cork Kinsale Jn Railway, West Cork Railway.

All were amalgamated in 1888 as the Cork Bandon & South Coast Railway and eventually became part of the GSR.



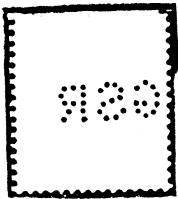
CBS/CR 8, 14, 10/8, 11. 5.
 Found on Queen Victoria 1d lilac
 Jubilee ½d
 King Edward VII ½d & 1d
 King George V ½d & 1d



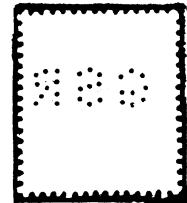
CBS/CR 8, 14, 10/8, 12. 5.
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The Great Southern Railway

The GSR was the result of the amalgamation of all the railways operating in the Irish Free State in 1925

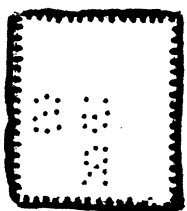
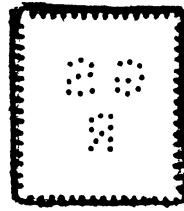
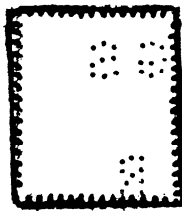
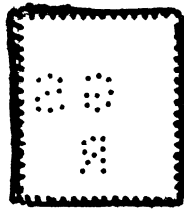
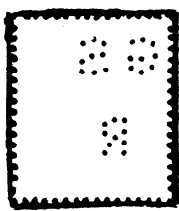
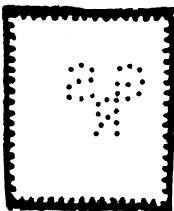


G S R 10, 11, 12, 4½.
 Found on Irish 1922 Definitives,
 and Irish Commemoratives 1929 - 1937.



G S R 9, 9, 10 4½
 Found on Definitives
 Commemoratives to 1941.

The Great Southern Railway Provisional Perfins



Selection of Provisional Perfins
 G S R 9, 9, 10, 4½
 Found on 1940 Definitives Commemoratives 1941 - 44.

During the second world war Slopers works were destroyed by enemy action and the dies lost. However very quickly and with ingenuity Sloper produced replacements, but these took the form of single letters and pairs with the result that the single letter R was unevenly spaced and appeared anywhere on the stamp.

The Great Western Railway

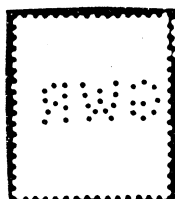
The GWR had offices at various Irish ports in connection with their cross steamer service, so that their perfin can be found on our Irish Stamps.



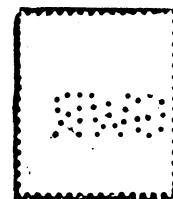
GWR 10, 14, 12. 4½.
Found on Queen Victoria 1d lilac
½d Jubilee



GWR 11, 14, 12. 4½.
Found on King George V ½d



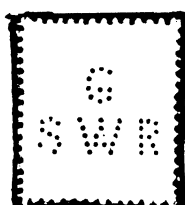
GWR 9, 12, 10. 5.
Found on Irish Definitives
" Commemoratives 1933-45



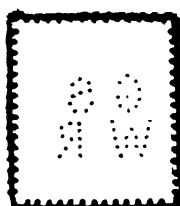
GWR 9, 12, 10. 5.
Found on 1d Map

The Great Southern & Western Railway

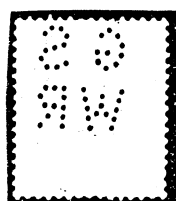
The GS & WR was the largest railway. It was completed in 1855. Its route ran from Dublin to Cork with many branches throughout the south and West. In 1925 it became part of the GSR.



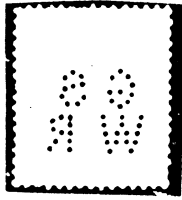
G/SWR 10/10, 16, 11.
Found on Queen Victoria 1d Red Plate Numbers
1880 ½d green
1881 1d lilac



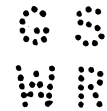
GS/WR 10, 10/15, 11. 4½
Found on Queen Victoria ½d Jubilee 1d lilac
King Edward VII ½d 1d 3d
King George V ½d 1d
Irish O/V prints 1d 2d



GS/WR 10, 11/14, 12 5
Found on King Edward VII ½d 1d 3d
King George V 1911-12 ½d
" " 1912-22 ½d 1½d 2d
Irish O/V Prints ½d 1d 2d
Definitives ½d 1d 2d



GS/WR 10. 10/16. 11 4½
 Found on King George V 1d & 1½d
 Ireland O/V prints 1d & 2d



GS/WR 10.10/15.11 4

The discovery of this new Sloper manufactured perforating machine which was brought to light last year by Michael Richards, editor of "Irish Philately", is a most interesting discovery and had not been previously recorded. This machine originally came from the old Broadstone Station in Dublin.

The machine perforates two stamps at a time and is in perfect working order having all the pins intact. There are minor differences between die 5 and die 6. The most interesting point is that these dies have never been reported on stamps and one wonders if this machine was ever put into operation.

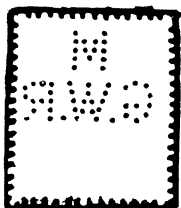
The Great Northern Railway (Ireland)

The company was formed by the amalgamation of several small companies in 1876.

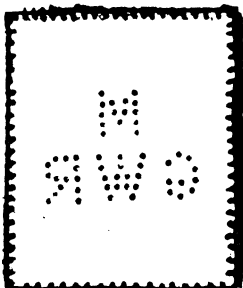
I/GNR 5/10, 13. 13. 5
 Found on Queen Victoria 1d Red plate 171.

Midland Great Western

The M G W R was incorporated in 1845. It ran from Dublin to Galway with numerous lines covering the centre of Ireland and the west coast. This railway retained its identity for 80 years until 1925 when it became part of the GSR.

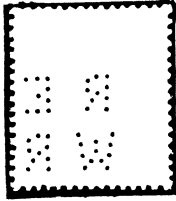


M/GWR 15/10, 16, 13 4½
 Found on Queen Victoria ½d & 1d Red Plate numbers
 2d Blue
 1d Venetian Red
 1d Lilac (14 & 16 dots)
 ½d Jubilee
 King Edward VII ½d & 1d
 King George V ½d & 1d
 Irish O/V prints ½d. 1d. 2d



M/GWR 15/10, 16, 14 5½

This die is known only on the 3d Railway parcel stamp.



Railway Executive Western Region

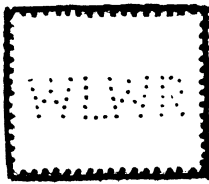
RE/WR 10, 9/12, 10.

In the same way as the GWR perfin is found on Irish stamps so also the perfin RE/WR appears on them.

Found on Irish 1940 definitives ½d 1d 1½d 2½d 3d.
Commemoratives 1949, 1952, 1954.

Waterford Limerick & Western Railway

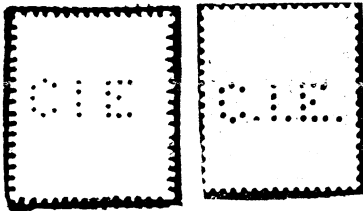
The railway opened in 1854 from Waterford to Limerick and gradually extended its network. It was amalgamated with GSWR.



WLWR 14, 7, 14, 11. 5
Found on Queen Victoria 1d lilac.

Corgis Iompair Eireann

CIE Ireland's transport company was formed in 1945 by the amalgamation of the GSR and the Dublin Transport Company.



CIE 7, 4, 9, 4½
Found on Ireland 1940 Definitive issue
Commemoratives 1943-48.

CIE 7, 4, 9. 4½
Found on Ireland definitive issues & commemoratives
from 1949 to the present day.

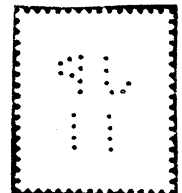
This die is prolific. In the 1980's it is still in use but the die has many broken pins and the letters appear with blind holes and are not collectable.

I would like to acknowledge all the information and help I have received from S.E.P.S and its members and also the books on Irish Railways by H.C. Casserley.



POLISH PHILATELISTS ASSOCIATION PERFINS

By Betty C Lucas



Patriotism and Catholic adherence are well known characteristics of the Polish nation so it is not surprising that when the visit of Pope Paul II to Great Britain was announced the Polish Philatelists Association in the United Kingdom made extensive plans to ensure it was justly commemorated for not only was he the first Polish Primate, he was also the first Pope to visit the United Kingdom.

The Polish Philatelists Association in the United Kingdom was formed in 1979 with just 20 founder members, their ranks now having swelled to around 60, mostly centred in London and the Home Counties. Monthly meetings are held at the Polish White Eagle Club in London with talks, displays and a yearly exhibition centred around a specific theme. One of their most important objectives is to promote Polish philately amongst British fellow-philatelists, they are affiliated to the British Philatelic Society and have close overseas contacts with other Polish philatelists exiled from their native land.

So far as "Polish" perfins are concerned, the Committee of the Association decided to distinguish and safeguard their efforts in the field of commemorative issues by a perforation of the Association's initials.- "S/towarzyszenie F/ilatelistow P/olskich". (F/SP: 7,/9,8: 4½)

Prior to the Papal visit four issues were perfined for the Association for the "Philapol 80" exhibition and that of 81, on postcards commemorating "Polish Community Day in Nottingham in June 1981" and at a special exhibition "40th Anniversary of the Resumption of the Polish Postal Service" actual anniversary date 15.12.1981 the date of the exhibition being 6.2.1982.

To commemorate the Papal visit the Association devised a perfin with the Pope's initials "J P II". (JP/II: 6,8/4,4: 4½)

The Association issued official souvenir postcards; 100 sets with 18 postcards in each set each being hand stamped on the actual day of the Pope's arrival at each destination. The first was to denote his arrival at Gatwick Airport on the 26th May, the second the first Papal Mass in the U.K. held at Westminster Cathedral on that same day. Further postcards were issued from Canterbury Cathedral, St. George's Cathedral Southwark, Coventry, Liverpool, Manchester, York, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Cardiff and Caldey Island. Perhaps the most interesting was the one which commemorated the Pope's visit to the Polish community in Great Britain at Crystal Palace on the 30th May. This was said to be the first time the British G.P.O. had issued a hand-stamp in the Polish language, though a number of Polish language postmarks are known on GB stamps connected with the Free Polish Forces in the last world war. A further postcard was produced for the Stamp Exhibition organised by the Union of Polish Philatelists in Great Britain at POSK which illustrates nine stamps depicting Papal visits to other countries since his inauguration.

Apart from the postcards, 7,000 stamps of the value of 15½d were perforated; 2,000 being used for the Crystal Palace on the 30th May, 2,500 for the Papal visit from 28th May to 2nd June, 1982, 2,000 for the Stamp Exhibition on 23rd July, 1982 the remaining 500 used for correspondence during the visit and Stamp Exhibition.

Fifty complete sets of stamps (from ½ pence value to £5 value) were also perforated 8 complete sets used for the special hand-stamps, 4 at Gatwick Airport, 3 at the Crystal Palace and 1 at the Stamp Exhibition. Thirty sets were used on Scottish perforated stamps, 13 in each set, (4 sets being hand stamped on 31st May in Edinburgh). Lastly 30 complete sets of Welsh stamps, 15 stamps in each (4 sets being hand-stamped on the 2nd June in Cardiff).

The Association published a booklet entitled "Pope John Paul visits in World Philately and Numismatics" which gives details of Papal visits throughout the world and illustrates all the postcards mentioned. It is recommended to all those interested in this particular aspect of philately. Should readers be interested in purchasing items from a small existing stock, the Honorary Secretary of the Association, Mr. W. Z. J. Nowicki has promised good discounts to all Perfin Society members. He is also willing to answer any queries relating to their preparations for the Papal Visit or any other aspect of Polish philately.

The Polish Philatelists Association in the United Kingdom may only be a small organisation but it cannot be denied they made a creditable and artistically pleasing contribution to the philatelic profession at this time, illustrating the pride and religious feeling they share regarding the contribution Pope John II is making in the realm of world peace and the brotherhood of man.

by Dr. R. W. Powell

The inclusion of ORR as a full name in one of the lots of the current Auction Sale by this Society, convinced me that an earlier article (1) should be updated and offered to the Editor of our Society.

The three letters ORR are certainly among the illustrations of both the Van Lint (2) and the McKee and Tomkins (3) Catalogues of G.B., Perfins, but it would seem that the Editors of the latter had not really decided how to treat a carpet die perfin such as those of the University Correspondence College. There are certainly four and probably five or more dies of the three - stamp - wide perfins of this organisation.

Such dies were named as "carpet dies" by Charles Jennings (4), and on page 138 in the full names section of this work, on reads "U1.Iniv/Corr/Coll Universal Correspondence College, London."

McKee and Tomkins have UNIV as pattern U144 and follow this with an unnumbered pattern V Co to suggest that the two are connected. Their facing page, which usually has number, perfin, holes, height and identity, where known, just has "144 UNIV/CORR/COLL", which no doubt was meant to indicate the carpet die, but nothing was said. Nor, when COLL and CORR were reported is there any indication of their being a part of the larger pattern. The use of a solidus between the sections is also unfortunate, for, as said in their foreword on page xix "The slashes indicate different lines of letters".

The accompanying illustrations have been compiled after careful examination of all catalogue illustrations and perfinned stamps. Five Dies are shown. Catalogue numbers are shown above, those from van Lint being deduced as the page, line and number, preceded by VL, whilst the lettered lines immediately below represent the stamps with perfins. These stamps and their cancellations are detailed below:

- a) SG 197 Face down, upright, high so top missing, CAMBRIDGE (158)
- b) 197 Face up, upright, CAMBRIDGE, -P 2 99, c.d.s.
- c) 172 Face up upright, CAMBRIDGE, FE -- 98, c.d.s,
- d) 172 Face down, upright, LONDON W.C. sq circle, NO 4 98
- 197 Face down, upright, LONDON, -- 2 98 NPB, 74 in upper section, presumably Bedford St.,

- e) SP 197 Face up, inverted, LONDON, 12 -- 9-, NPB, lower part only.
 197 Face up, inverted, CAMBRIDGE AU 17 98, duplex.
 197 Face down, inverted, CAMBRIDGE (158).
- f) 197 Face up, inverted, LONDON, 14 JA 9-, NPB, B.S in upper
 section, presumably BEDFORD STREET and not BRISTOL.
- g) 197 Face up, inverted, LONDON, 18 YET -, APB, S.M.P in upper
 section, St MARTIN'S PLACE.
- h) and i) From sketch sent by Mr. Jack Brandt of Canada.
- j) 219 Face up, inverted, CAMBRIDGE, FE 12 09
- k) 219 Face down, inverted, CAMBRIDGE, JA 28 08
- l) 215 Face down, inverted, CAMBRIDGE (CB in triangle)
- m) 221 Face up, upright, CAMBRIDGE, duplex.
- n) 351 Face up, inverted, wavy lines.
- o) 351 Face down, inverted, wavy lines.
- p) 351 Face down, upright, CAMBRIDGE, NO 9 12, cds,
- q) 267 Face up, inverted, CAMBRIDGE, (CB in triangle)
- r) 461 Face up, upright, POST EARLY etc.,
- s) 461 Face down, inverted, wavy lines.
- t) 351 Face down, upright, wavy lines, possibly another Die,
 shown separately to left.
- u) 422 Face down, sideways reading up, CAMBRIDGE, cds.,
 457 Face down, upright, wavy lines.
- v) 351 Face up, upright, CAMBRIDGE, cds., shown separately
 to right, but good match.
- w) 462 Face down, inverted, unreadable cds., a second, mirror
 like image is shown to left and raised. To read correctly
 stamp must be face up, inverted. If the same perforator
 was used, stamp must have been turned over sideways, or
 struck from opposite direction.
- x) 486 Face down, upright, CAMBRIDGE, 4 NO 43, cds.

Die 1 has not been shown in either catalogue, and is distinguished by the line of holes above and below the abbreviated words. Two stamps had portions of another higher strike. The strike on stamp a) was raised, which caused the tops of letters UN to be missing. The van Lint catalogue did illustrate UNIV. with a taller 6-hole U, shown as Die 5 in the figure, but this, like Die 2 has stops after the abbreviations, and lacks the complete lines of dots. This might well be the first section of Die 2, which I still need to see on a stamp.

Is any reader able to help with information on the U of Die 1, and can say whether the bit that I provisionally labelled as Die 5 is distinct, or just the start of Die 2? Dated copies could help, notably for the dates of those from Die 1 to Die 3. With Die 4, however there are two ½d stamps with the King George V Royal Cypher watermark, whose perfins are shown separately to left and right. That to the left will be seen to differ slightly, so it is possible that these belong to another Die used between Die 3 and 4? Can this be established from seeing more perfins of the relevant period?

Now, I must come back to the name of this organization.

The Registry of Business Names could find nothing on their files, but a letter from the National Extension College, 18 Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge, CB2 2HN does help. Mrs. Davina Prince, Head of Student Services, wrote on 10 December 1981, "UCC stands for University Correspondence College. This flourished in Cambridge until 1963, when the National Extension College started, and at the same time took over its function. It offered correspondence tuition for the external degrees of London University. The last address I have of UCC is Burlington House, Cambridge".

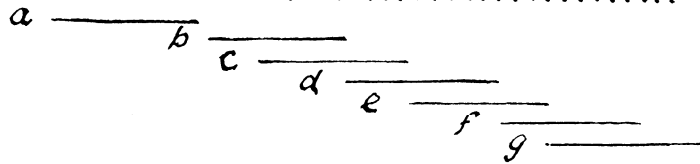
Neither the University of London nor the Council for the Accreditation of Correspondence Colleges, can assist with earlier information.

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Die 1.

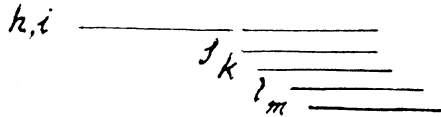
UNIV CORR COLL



Die 2

←C556→

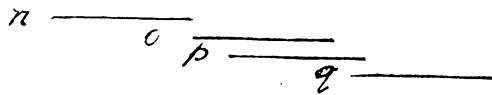
UNIV CORR COLL



Die 3

←VL10852→ ←VL108102→

UNIV CORR C



Die 4

←0.163→

←U.144 & Next→

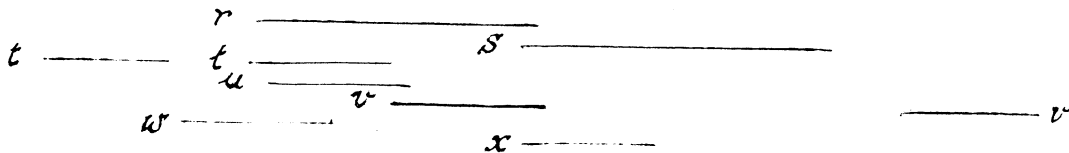
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←C559→

←VL23104→

←VL23101→

UNIV UNIV CORR COLL / COLL



Die 5 (or 2)?

←VL10853→

UNIV

PRICES REALISED

S.E.P.S. POSTAL AUCTION

DATE No 1 (1983)

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2	0.12	35	3.30	68	0.80		
3	1.50	36	1.80	69	2.10		
4	0.55	37	1.80	70	2.10		
5	0.55	38	3.20	71	1.60		
6	0.80	39	1.40	72	1.60		
7	0.65	40	2.60	73	1.60		
8	0.10	41	u/s	74	1.60		
9	1.60	42	1.50	75	1.60		
10	1.65	43	7.60	76	0.65		
11	1.60	44	3.55	77	1.30		
12	0.35	45	2.70	78	0.85		
13	1.10	46	2.60	79	1.60		
14	2.25	47	3.60	80	1.60		
15	1.70	48	0.64	81	3.60		
16	1.60	49	5.80	82	4.10		
17	3.20	50	4.70	83	14.10		
18	1.60	51	2.60	84	0.35		
19	0.95	52	0.65	85	0.55		
20	0.40	53	1.80	86	2.10		
21	0.55	54	1.80	87	66.10		
22	0.90	55	1.40	88	11.10		
23	0.55	56	1.90	89	6.60		
24	3.60	57	1.10	90	4.10		
25	1.20	58	1.20	91	2.55		
26	1.20	59	0.45	92	10.10		
27	2.60	60	1.10	93	105.10		
28	2.20	61	0.75	94	2.60		
29	3.00	62	1.40	95	8.60		
30	2.10	63	0.65	96	4.10		
31	3.00	64	1.10	97	8.10		
32	2.00	65	0.60	98	11.10		
33	2.60	66	1.80	99	2.60		

GRAND TOTAL £412.42

NEW MEMBERS

A cordial welcome is extended to the following

SMETRURST P.H.

KNAPP D.J.

ROBERTS S.G.C.

CODRINGTON Mrs C.D.

BOOT D.

LUCAS Mrs C.B.

ASHFORTH R.A.

SEARS K.

REYNOLDS B.R.

RE-INSTATEMENTS

The following members have now paid their dues and are therefore re-instated.

METZGER

WILLIAMS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SKINNER H.

STERCKX A.

REPRINT OF JOHN NELSON'S HANDBOOK

"The Handbook of British Perfins" by our President John Nelson was published in 1967 and has been unobtainable for a long time. It has now been reprinted and is available to members at £2.00 post paid from the SECRETARY. This book should be in the library of every serious perfin collector.

Werner Stering-Krugheim writes that he collects stamps of many countries of Europe and elsewhere, including the very earliest issues in some cases. Perfins being just one of the many aspects of his collection. He only started collecting perfins a few years ago and until now he has been in the acquiring phase and has not yet specialised in a particular period. He does not restrict himself to GB perfins although the bulk of his collection comes from GB. He also has stamps perfined in Austria, Germany, Hungary, Denmark and the USA.

MEMBERS QUERIES

from Jack Brandt

VCD

Do you have a VCD perfin (V32 McKee-Tomkins)? Well, I got a couple the other day, both with a hole missing in the C, and it made me wonder if there were more holes missing. Later in the same lot I found some ACD(A111) and tried the VCD on it and it fits perfectly, with the A bar hole also missing. This is just another case where a little more research has to be done: Does anyone have the 'VCD' with no holes missing, as illustrated in the catalogue?

HT/W

Working through a lot of GB perfins I found some HT/W (T with serifs, H727.2 McKee-Tomkins, reported used by W.T. Henley's Telegraph Works Company Ltd, of London). Some of them had the upper two holes of the W missing. This is not an unusual occurrence, since pins do break, and I thought little of it until I looked at the issues. The ones with missing pins I have only on the 1924-26 set (S.G.#'s 418, 420, 421, 422). The no missing pins I have on 418 cancelled 1930, and issues to 1941 (S.G.#'s 439, 441, 457, 462, 463, 464, 466, 486). So, this does not appear to be a simple case of broken pins, but what is the story. This perfin appears to have been from a POKO machine, which has only one perforating die, so it would suggest either two machines, or more likely a modification of the machine before 1930. Who knows the whole story?

SOCIETY NEWS,

No not that Society, but this Society. We have not started to publish a gossip column. This regular feature will in future issues contain all the news of your Society so send in your news.

THE EXCHANGE PACKET

Since my circular to members telling them that I had taken over from Brian Birch, things have been happening and I thought that members would like to know the current situation. At the moment only 2 members have requested that their names be taken from the receiver's list and over 10 members have requested to be included. The circulation list now consists of around 50 members. If one works on 15 members for each packet, this means that more than 3 packets need to be sent out before all members see at least one. Each packet has around 18 booklets ... and you can carry on with the arithmetic.

At the end of April two packets were sent out, and it has given me much pleasure to see the returns coming back. This does mean, however that 20 members have not their names on the lists and will not receive packets at least in the near future. I am anxious to put this matter right and am looking forward to making up more packets when I can.

I have had a good collection of covers in booklets sent to me enough for another two packets, but only 6 booklets (some of these are excellent) containing simply stamps. I need several such booklets before any more packets are sent out as I like to make up 'mixed' packets of both covers and stamps. The plea is still the same; -- 'More contributors Please'. The buyers are there, I need material with which to satisfy wants. Please try, I know it takes time, but the Society exists for interested members to share information and to help one another this one way.

JOHN LUFT

THE SOCIETY PERFORATOR

Members will be interested to note that the Society has, for some time, had a perforating machine. The new Packet Superintendent, John Luft, holds this machine and will apply the Society's own perfin to mint stamps free of charge. Return postage for items perforated will be taken from the stamps submitted.

Only current mint stamps of the following countries have been authorised to receive this perfin:-

Great Britain	Eire
Sweden	Australia
United States	

Canada has refused permission for its stamps to be perfined. Members interested in obtaining the Society's perfin on stamps of any other country should write to the Postal Authority of the country concerned enclosing a sample stamp with the perfin as an example and seek permission.

John tells me that this perforator is difficult to use on normal size stamps and needs practice before a well centred perfin can be obtained. For this reason he would appreciate being sent larger format commemorative stamps in the near future.

T.A.E.

BELGIAN PERFINS

Mr A G Wood, Secretary of the Belgian Study Circle would be glad to contact any members with knowledge of Belgian Perfins. If you can help please contact him direct He has given the Society a listing of Belgian Perfins which has been added to the library.

J.M.R.

TELEGRAPH PERFINS.

The editor is interested in perfins of telegraph companies on postage stamps and in anyone's perfins on telegraph stamps. He would be pleased to receive any information or purchase any such material.

T.A.E.

CAMBRIDGE MEETING

The Cambridge meeting was duly held as announced on Saturday 7th May thanks to the hospitality of founder-member Derrick Muggleton to whom we are very grateful. It was most unfortunate that at least five members who intended coming were prevented from doing so for various reasons, so that in the end only six members attended (plus three wives part-time). Nevertheless I can say that the meeting was a great success and we are very grateful to Derrick.

Derrick showed a small (!) selection of some 50 or 60 sheets of mouth-watering material from his collection. The other members also showed (with some trepidation) something of their own.

Perhaps the most useful part of these meetings is the opportunity they afford for suggestions as to what we should, or should not, be doing. The chief point that emerged was that it would be good to include in the catalogues an indication of the period of use of each perfin. We shall certainly bear this in mind but there are very great difficulties. Obviously it would necessitate at least the majority of members co-operating in the amassing of the basic information and since there are at least 14000 plus known perfins this would be an immense task. Then the information would need collating. It would (probably) add materially to the bulk of the catalogues and finally constant updating would be necessary.

Another desirable addition was thought to be the type of business of each user. Again a good idea but difficult to accomplish.

I am sure the Editor would welcome as a regular feature of the bulletin such information with perhaps a brief history - as has been done by various members in the past.

J M R

This, the third Auction of the year, carries a wide ranging assortment of lots both big and small, with hopefully something to suit all tastes.

The Auctioneer is seeking lots for the next auction and prospective vendors are invited to send them to the address below enclosing a S.A.E, if they require acknowledgement of receipt. The opportunity is taken once again to gratefully thank all the vendors who make the auctioneers task so much easier by sending clear description and reserves with all lots submitted.

Revised auction rules were distributed with the last Bulletin, but should you require further copies the auctioneer will be pleased to oblige. Remember also that PRICES REALISED can be obtained immediately after the closing date by including an S.A.E, with your bids. To the member who took one of the auction rules literally i.e. "bids must be submitted in writing" - typing is acceptable and indeed preferable to some of the longhand received!!!

Closing date for this auction is 31st July 1983 and overseas members are advised to bid by airmail. Please address all bids to.

P.G. DAY,

Abbreviations used in this auction:

*	= no. of defective stamps	Pl.	= plate number
diff.	= different	pmk.	= postmark
PC	= postcard		

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RESERVE
1	RAILWAYS: pre-QE II including 11 x QV, All diff. dies. GWR (x7); GER, GER (x3); NER; SER; LT/SR; LS/WR (x4); SE/CR; GS/WR; LB/SC (x3); BR; CPR (x2); LN/E (x2) and EN/E.	29	£2.50
2	QV 1d lilac. Full name dies... WETZMANN; PEARS; C+B/SOHO; BC/YORKS; E + T/PINK; GRAPHIC; BASS; PANTIN and SUTTON/READING.	9	£1
3	QV 2½d Jubilee. Full name dies. CORY/L; CORY/C; LEAF; MAZA and HUTH,	5	50p
4	QV 1d Reds with full names. C + B/SOHO and LACY.	2	50p
5	QV Jubilee 1d (x2) and 1½d with full names. MOSS; LINE; GLYN; & QE II dies FR/Y; HEAL and OYEZ.	6	30p
6	KE VII 1d red full name dies. AUX; DRUCE; GIDDY; PAUL; ROCK and STORY.	6	50p
7	KEV Full name dies. BUTT; FORD; PAUL; PEARS and WILLS.	5	30p

<u>LOT No.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>RESERVE</u>
8	KG VI Full name dies. EMU; DRAY; PAGE; CAR/TER; ESSO; CORY; BASS and OYEZ.	8	40p
9	Full names, all stamps damaged. KEW; KENT; NAIRN; POLY; CORY; MAZA; HUTH; and GARDINER & CO.	8(*8)	20p
10	QV 1d red, p1,171 on small piece with Falmouth duplex pmk. Perfin FOX.	1	75p
11	Single letter dies, all post KE VII excluding I, U and Y.	23	50P
12	QV values to 1/- green, all different dies.	15(*3)	60p
13	KG V values to 1/-, all different dies.	33(*4)	45P
14	KG VI, all different dies.	32(*2)	25P
15	QE II Wildings, all different dies.	41(*3)	30p
16	Full names, QV to date incl. ADAM; BIRK/BECK; CZAR; GRAPHIC; SILVA; etc.	16(*5)	£1.50
17	Monograms, etc., all different dies, QV to date.	10(*3)	75P
18	RAILWAYS. QV to date, representing 9 different companies & 17 different dies	17(*4)	£1.75
19	KG V 'Seahorse' 5/- (1913-18 type) perfin I&R/M. Circular parcel pmk. & small tear in one edge.	1	£2.50
20	Hospitals, H.M.C's, A.H,A's, and HD's etc. all diff.	25	20p
21	Local Government dies, QV to date & incl. 2 overprints.	53(*3)	60p
22	Small stock-book containing QV (8); KE VII (12), KE VIII (6); KG V(24); KG VI (7); QE II Wildings (13); (?E II Machins (44) and Foreign (22) and commonwealth (21).	227(*32)	£3.50
23	Cinderella lot but mainly Perfins incl. duplication. Approx 30% defective.	520	75p
24	CANADA. KG V to date incl. 10 diff. dies.	15(*3)	35p
25	Perfin BM/I identified on cover for British Merchants Incorporated Limited, London (1940).	1	35p
26	Perfin G & S/LD on identity cover of GEDYE & SONS LTD. Bristol (1940).	1	35p
27	Perfin G.J.E. on identity P/C for Evesons (Coal) Ltd., of Birmingham (1927).	1	25p
28	Perfin E & E/LD on identity P/C of ELLIS & EVERARD LTD. Stamford (1925).	1	25p

<u>LOT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>RESERVE</u>
29	Perfin JHS/&S on identity P/C of J.H. SANKEY & SON LIMITED, LONDON (1927).	1	25p
30	Perfin JE/&/S on identity P/C of Joseph Ellis & Sons Limited, Coalvill, Leics. (1930)	1	25p
31	The London Corporation coat of arms perfin on identity cover (1972).	1	10p
32	Germany -- 100 perfins off paper, unsorted in sealed packet - appear mainly earlier material.	100	£1
33	QV 1d red P1. 192 perfin S.S (die 642.3) uncanceled on an envelope with printed address STUBBS' MERCANTILE OFFICES, 21 St. Vincent Place, GLASGOW. Would appear to be new identity even though not tied with a postmark. Cover rather dusty but would clean up.	1	50p
34	QE II mainly on paper with much duplication. From a non-perfin charity source and unsorted.	1000+	£1
35	As previous lot.		
36	As previous lot.		
37	As previous lot.		
38	As previous lot.		
39	KE VII collection, all different dies off paper & sound.	275	£10
40	KG V & KE VIII collection, all different dies off paper & sound.	650	£20
41	QV ½d orange Jubilee issue with a complete strike of the scarce perfin INVENTION in a curve (Die No-185) of the Patents Office.	1	50P
42	RAILWAY, QV 1d lilac perfin B.D/&R of BARRY DOCKS RAILWAY CO.	1	25P
43	RAILWAYS: Vertical pair of KE VII 1d stamps both perfin TV/R of TAFF VALE RAILWAY'. Pmk Cardiff.	2	50p
44	RAILWAY- Pair of KE VII 2d green (reinforced by hinge down centre perfs.) Perfin LS/WR but postmarked GUERNSEY in 1910.	2	25P
45	Designs based on the coats of Arms of CARLISLE, LONDON, LEICESTER, CAMBRIDGE, DUBLIN, CARDIFF + CHELTENHAM. All different & nice set. Some minor faults.	7(*1)	£1

<u>LOT NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>RESERVE</u>
46	Pair of QV 1 d lilac each with the die CITY/TREAS ^r / N/C of the City Treasurers Office, Newcastle on Tyne. Nice pair with squared circle pmk:	2	50p
47	Fancy dies or monograms, all different including trade marks and geometric designs. Includes 1d red Pl-174 used on Jersey by De Gruchy. (few trimmed perfs.)	17(*2)	£2
48	Full names on QV 1d red plate nos. - BASS; CORY/C; COX, and FOX. Two have part trimmed perfs, on one corner.	4(*2)	£1
49	Full Names on QV issues-- HUTH; KEEN; GLYN; OYEZ; BIRK/BECK and LYON/&/HALL.	6	£1
50	Full names, KE VII to QE II, all difft. including H/LEBUS; LAF/AYE/TTE and SINGER. Values to 9d.	12	£1
51	RAILWAY : MS&L, perfin die 1 on 1d red plate 198 on cover with Manchester duplex. Identity of MANCHESTER, SHEFFIELD & LINCOLNSHIRE RAILWAY embossed on reverse. Rare item.	1	£5
52	LITERATURE: Catalogue of official Perfins by Mary Thornton. Published 1967 by the Great Britain Philatelic Society. Original staples removed. Out of print handbook.	1	£3
53	QV 1½d line engraved pl. 1 (SG 51) unused but no gum. Good centreing, fresh colour and only two partly pulled perfs. Perfin GLYN. Attractive item.	1	£4
54	'S & S' of SHAW & SONS, Local Govt. Stationers. A collection of 15 difft, stamps (1902-41), values to 6d, on 3 covers, 1 part cover, 4 pieces & 6 receipt forms. Some usual off centre perfins but only the pieces lack an identity.	15	£1.40
55	Wartime identity cover of Birmingham Co-op Society with 1d perfin BCS. Re-used for economy with partly over-stamped non-perfin 2½d.	1	50P
56	INDIA. 1½d anna (SG 163) perfin B & Co, on 1919 cover, but no identity. Pmk. Calcutta.	1	20p
57	OVERPRINT: Unauthorised postal use of 2d (SG543) on cover overprinted SURRIDGE/DAWSCN/&CO. Ltd.	1	35P
58	QV 1883 6d (SG 194) perfin R.S. fine used on tiny piece. Original colour.	1	£1.75
59	QV 1883 4d (SG 192) perfin H.P/&S and M.B/Co. (some foxing). Good used but washed colours.	2	50P
60	QV 1883 lilacs: 'H' on 2d with nice C.D.S, pmk, but slight soiling, DT/FB on 2½d. Quite good for these issues.	2	80P

<u>LOT No.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>RESERVE</u>
61	QEII covers, mainly wildings all with different Local Authority Identities. Foolscap envelopes.	24	80p
62	Similar lot to no. 61 but small envelopes & believed all different identities also.	24	£1
63	QE II covers, mainly Wildings, all with a different identity of commercial & industrial companies.	15	50p
64	QE II covers of LCC (x10) and GLC (x15) each posted in a different part of the Authorities Area.	25	50p
65	QE II covers, mainly Wildings, all different perfins of Power Industry or Official Bodies.	8	40p
66	CWS perfins on QE II covers each with a different Branch Identity.	6	50p
67	S.E.P.S. perfins on q4 different early QE II commemoratives and 4 different definitives.	8	20p
68	Queen Victoria ½d vermillion and 1d lilac 9 diff. dits.	10	25p
69	S & L on identified cover of Stewarts & Lloyds Ltd., (new identity) with 1½d QE II stamp + 2 off cover.	3	50p
70	S & L on identified cover of John Spencer Ltd., (new identity) see lot 69 - is this a subsidiary?	1	50p
71	Imperial Chemical industries. Identified covers with perfins "K" and BM/& CO on QE II 2½d plus BM/& CO off cover on KG VI 3d.	3	50p
72	"B" unused but attached to meter stamped cover with identity of Brotherton & Co. Ltd., to make up ½d meter stamp to 2½d sealed letter iste. On KG V 1d. New Identity.	1	50p
73	DC/L on identified cover of Dermatine Co. Ltd., on 1½d. QE II + one similar off cover.	2	50p
74	Mixed cover with pair of NW/GB 1d KG VI and M/C on ½ KG VI with identity North Western Gas Board.	3	50p
75	"WHS" on two identified part wrappers of W.H. Smith & Son with QE II stamps. One cover also has two embossed KGV stamps. Also two QE II stamps with same perfin off cover	6	50p
76	RAILWAYS RE/WR and M/E on separate identified covers plus five off cover (all QE II).	7	50p
77	Collection of Gas Board Perfins, incl. 12 identified covers and new dies (some duplication) QEII and KG VI stamps including multiplies. A fine starting collection.	125	£5.

<u>LOT NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>RESERVE</u>
78	Leeds Corporation -- Identified covers and off cover (QE II stamps) some duplication (includes blocks of 6 & 12).	30	£1
79	Collection of Local Government covers and off cover examples: Glasgow; Bradford; Huddersfield; and Birmingham. A good starting collection.	100 approx	£1
80	Collection of 45 different identified covers of private firms (QE II and KG VI stamps) plus approx 100 off cover examples of same perfins. A good starting point.	150	£5
81	Eight different perfins on QE II Coronation Issue.	8	£5
82	Miscellaneous Foreign - not classified.	30	£1
83	AUSTRALIA SG 31 and SG 77. Perfinned "OS" used.	2	£1
84	Miscellaneous Great Britain QE, II and KG VI all diff.	21	10p
85	LG/&SLd Fine block of 12 QE II 2½ld.	12	50p
86	Miscellaneous identified GB pre QE II issues (all Diff.)	11	25P
87	Various Insurance company incl. 5 identified covers plus some duplicates and loose items.	20	50p
88	GB mixture off paper from an overseas vendor comp. 65 x QV; 105 x KE VII; 200 x KG V; 30 x KE VIII and 125 x KG VI. Condition appears very good with many better values evident, otherwise unchecked.	525	£4
89	GB mixture from same source as previous lot but all reigns represented. Vendor states 5% defective, otherwise unchecked.	1090	£6.50
90	KE VII 5/- carmine perfin SB/SA. Stamp has full perfs and light registered hooded circle mxk of 1912.	1	£1.50
91	GB identified covers (x3), fronts (x3) and a PC including S CROWN O and HM/SO economy labels to Sweden. Nice lot from foreign vendor, and all different.	7	£1
92	AUSTRIA: all different off paper.	110(*15)	£1.25
93	BAVARIA: All different off paper.	27(*6)	50p
94	BELGIUM: All different off paper.	165(*25)	£2
95	CZECHOSLOVAKIA (*28) and HUNGARY (x31): All diff. off paper.	59(*11)	£1
96	EIRE: Good mixture off paper.	50	50p
97	GERMANY: 5 different pre-war covers, all with identities.	5	£2

<u>LOT NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>RESERVE</u>
98	ITALY: Mixture off paper with 35 different dies,	170(*10%)	£1
99	NETHERLANDS: All different off paper.	137(*15)	£1.50
100	PORTUGAL.- including 27 different perfins, off paper. Good condition.	75	£1
101	SPAIN. all different off paper.	40(*3)	50P
102	SWEDEN: all different off paper.	68(*5)	£2
103	SWEDEN: 4 early covers, all different with identities.	4	£1.50
104	SWITZERLAND: all different off paper.	57(*6)	£1

EXCHANGE PACKET.

Important notice.

47 Brookside Glen,
Chesterfield. S40 3PG.

Dear Member,

Perfin S/T/C

SEA HORSES.

I have just received from a long-time member 3 fascinating booklets which are not really suitable for a general packet but which could be of interest to some members.

All of the stamps are of the high value 'sea-horses' issue. The three values of 2/6, 5/-, and 10/- are represented in singles, strips and blocks - there is even one block of 8! Prices range from 65pence to many pounds. These booklets may be of interest to GB collectors or perfin only collectors who wish to enhance their collection.

It must be emphasised that there is only one perfin, S/T/C (both dies), and that the booklets are valuable.

If you would like to view, please write to me, at least by the end of June; and I will arrange a special circuit. I will not reply to your request but your name will be entered on this 'one-off' circuit in the order in which replies are received.

J.N. Luft.

- 0887 Catalogue of the perfins of the Czechoslovakian area
Maxa, V.
2nd edn., Vydal KF 00-65, Prague, 1976, pp.121 (Includes
an addenda dated 1977 pp.7)
Translation: S.E.P.S. TRANS. 41
Czechoslovakian perfins are of particular interest since
they can be found on the stamps of many other countries as the
political tide ebbed and flowed across Europe in the last
hundred years. So, not only does this catalogue include an
illustration, the city of use and the user of each perfin, but
also an indication of the user's occupation and details of the
countries on whose stamps it is to be found.
- 0888 Australia - Official stamps
Munk, H.
Kohl-Briefmarken Handbuch, 2nd edn., Verein der Freunde
des Kohl-Briefmarken Handbuch, Berlin, Vol. 1, 1926,
p.140
Translation: S.E.P.S. TRANS. 58
An early catalogue, with valuations, of the official
OS perfins of Australia.
- 0889 Similar CNR perfins
Johnson, J.C.
BNA Perf., Nov. 1980, 1, (10), 1
The CNR perfin was originally used by the Canadian
Northern Railway and was later taken over by the Canadian
National Railways. Two similar CNR perfins are included in
the BNAPS catalogue - C20 and C21, both of which have sub-types
- C20a and C21a. Clear illustrations are used to indicate
how to differentiate between them.
- 0890 Report from BNAPEX-' 80
BNA Perf. , Nov. 1980, 1, (10), 2
During the AGM of the BNAPS Perfin Study Group,
discussions were held regarding fake OH/MS perfins. It
was thought that about 809/c of 5-hole perfins are fakes which
are very difficult to separate from the real 5-hole perfins.
- 0891 Intercolonia 1 railway of Canada
Hanes, A.D.
BNA Perf., Nov. 1980, 1, (10), 3-4
The Intercolonial railway was projected as a means of
welding together the various states into the Confederation
(later Dominion) of Canada and promoting settlement and trade.
It was eventually completed in 1876. The railway used the
perfin IC/R, the earliest known use being 1893.
- 0892 Completed questionnaires - CH & CHI
BNA Perf., Nov. 1980, 1, (10) , 5-10
Completed questionnaires cover the perfins CH
(catalogue number C11) and CHI (C12 - C12K) of the Customs
House, St. John's, Newfoundland (only found on Newfoundland
stamps) and International Harvester Company, respectively.
They provide a summary of all the information collected on
these perfins to date.

- 0893 Perforation of postage stamps
Post Office Guide, General Post Office, London 1903, 36
In 1903, the Post Office actively recommended that perfins be used to safeguard companies stamps from theft. Perforations through revenue stamps were not to be considered cancellations and such stamps had to be written across to cancel them.
- 0894 United States perfins used by: automobile manufacturers, dealers and associated companies Swenson, C.M.
The Perfins Club, U.S.A., 1968, pp. 2
This is a simple alphabetical list of U.S. perfins used by companies associated with motoring.
- 0895 Perforation EIPA30 - what is this really?
Burlereaux, J. & Herhert, M.
Bull. Liaison, Feb. 1979, (13), 3
Translation: S.E.P.S. TRANS. 38
Using three sources of information regarding the French perfin EIPA 30, it is shown that the information given is very conflicting.
- 0896 United States perfins used by schools, colleges, universities and allied institutions
Swensen, C.M.
The Perfins Club, U.S.A., pp.2
This is a simple alphabetical list of U.S. perfins used by educational institutions.
- 0897 Perfins on the 14c. American Indian
Wilson, J.M.
Jon M. Wilson, pp-9
All perfins known on the 14c Indian Chief stamp of the 1922 U.S.A. definitive set are listed in alphabetical order.
- 0898 Pairs, strips, blocks
Vonhoff, E.
Bundesarb. Firmend. Rundbr., Oct. 1963, (2), 1
Translation: S.E.P.S. TRANS. 66
The largest used perfined block of stamps known is a block of 50 German stamps with partial lower selvedge, perforated A.B./C. of the firm of Adolf Bleichert & Co. The stamp is an 800 thousand m. on 400 m. green and is postmarked Leipzig - Gohlis - 25th October 1923. (Complete)
- 0899 Gutersloh: Report and presentation (19.6.63)
Vonhoff, E.
Bundesarb. Firmend. Rundbr., Oct. 1963, (2), 4
Translation: S.E.P.S. TRANS. 66
A V.d.B perfin on an unused 10 pf. Durer (from the West German definitive series - famous Germans) was apparently purchased over the counter at a Post Office. Queries to the authorities proved negative. The perfin K on a picture postcard of Amsterdam, dated 1962, led to this perfin being ascribed by Mr. Gold to the station kiosk at Amsterdam although the same perfin is also known on a postcard from Rotterdam dated 1901. (Complete)