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12 Pages.

If it does not sound too blasphemous I would like to say, "Bless you my children". After my plea in the last Bulletin for new material, I am delighted by the response. Some of the items, particularly 'Histories of Firms Using Perfins' will have to make copy for the December and February issues. If you had been toying with the idea of sending in an item and now think it is not needed remember that 24 pages each time needs a constant supply of contributions.

In the last Bulletin, just as a joke, I threatened to write my family history or about Sheffield in the blitz (I was only a tot at the time!!). I must admit this set me thinking and if you read through the Bulletin you will see references to the two items.

One of these articles is on Perforated Postal Stationery. It is a 7 page article and as I wrote it immediately after the August Bulletin went out, in case I did not receive any new items from members, I am pulling rank and taking up almost a third of the Bulletin for this research.

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SOCIETY INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES End of August 1996. Total members 343.

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SECRETARY'S COMMENTS Dave Hill.

Last call for our A.G.M. meeting on Saturday 16th November at 1:0pm until about 4:30pm. If you have anything to raise and cannot attend please write to one of the officers. The official business is soon over and there is a chance to have a chat.

John Donner brings publications to sell (saving you postage); there is news of the latest research; members often bring items to trade; Harry Skinner accepts lots for forthcoming auctions and YOU can bring along your latest finds.

The venue is BADEN POWELL HOUSE, CROMWELL ROAD, SW1 (next to the Natural History Museum) close to South Kensington or Grosvenor Road tube stations. There is usually plenty of meter parking nearby. Whilst air-conditioning is being fitted in the Library, we are meeting in SEMINAR ROOM D this time.

Members who have sent me their subs or have sufficient credit should receive their new membership cards with this Bulletin. If you have credit I make a note on the back of your membership card. If you have not sent your sub, please do so - rates are on the front page. I accept unused GB stamps.

PUBLICATIONS John Donner.

Please note my new address on front cover.

Part 3 "J" Section of the New Illustrated Catalogue with Details is now ready. Prices as for Part 1 and Part 2. That is:- HOME £4-25p; EUROPE £5-25p; OVERSEAS £6-75p including postage. The "J" Silhouettes are also available at £3; £4; and £5-50.

(Ed:- John has had to pack all the Library and Publications material prior to moving. It will take time for John and his wife to unpack their personal belongings, so allow for some delay when requesting from Library or Publications.)

INDEX Rosemary Smith.

No one has written in to say that I left anything out of the Index. I use it a great deal when writing for the Bulletin or answering members' letters. Recently I came across B1500.02 which has the extra hole under the B/&C^o. I knew Roy had written an article about these "Deliberate Pin Removal" and I wasted much

time trying to find it in the Index. It is missing. For those who use the Index add to Page 4 of the Cumulative or Page 3 of the Part 2 (Nos. 206-261) Modified Perfins: Missing Holes: Double Strikes: Partial - Bulletin 258.16-19.

STAMP FAIRS EXHIBITION Dave Hill.

An exhibition and stamp fair is being held at the Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne on Saturday November 30th and Sunday December 1st. This is mainly for the specialist collector so there are bound to be some perfins there!

WANTED

From member DICK SCHEPER:- I have made a hobby of filling the holes in my want list. That's why I pay good prices for perfins and perfin covers of all countries except GB and USA. So if your perfins are looking for a new home, please send details and price to me

Non-member Bob Lawes would like to buy 1d Victorian and Edwardian stamps with Official perfins.

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PERFINS STILL IN CURRENT USE George Dyke.

DEREK RANSOM reported quite a long list of current perfins. All but the following had been published in previous Bulletins. The MB/W was reported by BRIAN BIRCH.

<u>PERFIN</u>	<u>CAT.NO.</u>	<u>STAMP</u>	<u>USER - Where known</u>
G	G0010.11	25p	I suspect this is .06 of Glasgow
GC	G0760.01	25p	?Goldsmith's College?
HC/S	H1710.01	2nd class	2 possible - need postmarks
MB/W	M0820.05M	2nd class	Met. Borough of Wigan
NR	N2710.06	25p	Norton Rose Botterrell & Roche
SW/S	S8210	19p	Hole count needs checking
TM/BC	T3610.01	25p	?Tonbridge & Mailing BC? In Tomkins the only issue is GVI
WC	W1010.02	25p	Wandsworth BC

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MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

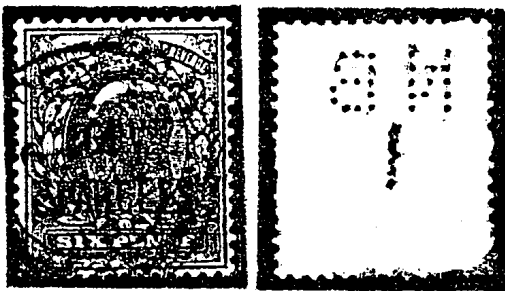
Official Overprint & Perfin Combined Bulletin 283 Pg.17.

From Tony Llewellyn-Edwards.

In issue 283, we saw the report of an Admiralty Official issue with perfin RA/T, and this caused me some doubt.

Why was this issue perfinned? Who could have perfinned it legally? Who would have wanted to perfin it? These stamps were issued for the use of the Admiralty and they were not available to the general public (except for a very short time at Somerset House). The possession of mint examples by the public was illegal until their use was discontinued. The Admiralty had no reason to perfin them - they had no monetary value - and no one else should have had access to mint examples. Often stamps were used to repay small debts and on receipt they were sometimes perfinned by the receiving company, but who would have paid a debt with an illegally held stamp?

I fear this may be a forgery, being a perfinned stamp overprinted at a later date with a faked overprint, by a forger who did not understand the impossibility of such an item. It is not possible to make a definite judgement from the illustration in the Bulletin, but the original should be carefully looked at. Genuine examples were very well overprinted using a metal die giving sharp even letters, whereas the illustration has the uneven look of a rubber stamp giving rough uneven letters.



It is not possible to be certain from the illustration, but as an example I am showing a similar item from my own collection which I am sure is a forgery. The colour of the stamp and the heavy pmk make it difficult to photocopy clearly.

It is a faked Government Parcels Official, with the perfin NB/I. Careful inspection of the overprint shows that it was produced by a rubber stamp. The letters are rough and uneven and the last few letters in each word are significantly larger than the first few indicating that the rubber stamp was applied with uneven pressure and distorted more on the right hand side so

increasing the apparent size of the letters.

This is an example of a faker who was not fully knowledgeable about the subject to be faked, being caught out by the use of a perfined stamp amongst the (presumably) many that were faked.

'FFd' - Ferodo Ltd Perfin Bulletin 283 N.I. Pg.37.

From Frank Summers.

I was surprised to see that no address was given in Tomkins for Ferodo Ltd and as I noted the information in the August Bulletin, I felt I must write something about Ferodo.

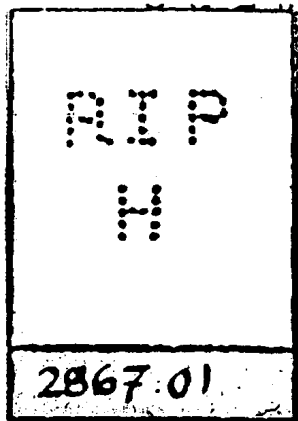
Ferodo Ltd are well known as manufacturers of Brake Linings. Their Head Office and Works are at Chapel-en-le-Frith and this is the address I feel sure should appear in the next edition of Tomkins.

Ian Burns is not incorrect, for Ferodo did have and perhaps still have an office in Glasgow, but it is one of many. The list in my 'Kelly' (1958) gives Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, Cardiff, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Manchester, Ipswich, Nottingham, Southampton, Exeter, Norwich and Sheffield.

It would be impossible to print all these in a catalogue and I think it would be misleading if the Glasgow address appeared, hence my contention that the catalogue entry should be Chapel-en-le-Frith. I do not know if there is a reason for the apparent haphazard order. Perhaps they are in order of importance or of dates of opening the offices.

Distinctive 'R' Shape Bulletin 282 Pg.17.

From Arthur Smith.



In anticipation of the next worksheets to be sent from Roy for the New Illustrated Catalogue, I was looking at my 'R' perfins and the die 'RIP/H' stood out clearly. It is R286B in Tilles and R2867.01 in later catalogues and the 'R' is similar to the three illustrated. I expect many other examples will be found but as 'R' is the next perfin to be worked on, it is opportune to report this one. It is on KEVII 1d and 1½d stamps.

Shepherd's Bush Exhibition Perfin-SB/Ex Bulletin 269/19;274/18; 282/9.

DEREK RANSOM reports having 2 KE7 1d stamps (SG219), both with Shepherd's Bush CDS, dated 15 May 09 and 22 Mar 10.

1ST/H.R.V/CORPS Perfin Bulletin 275/12.

Using references from "Pictorial History of the Territorial Battalions 1859-1988" by RAY WESTLAKE, Publisher Spellmount in 1986 - DEREK RANSOM offers the following information.

"I suspect 1ST/H.R.V/CORPS on ½d verm Jubilee is for one of the RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS that sprang up in the latter half of the 19th century.

The British Army was totally re-organised under the Cardwell reforms of 1881. Existing Regiments of Foot were paired to become the First and Second Battalions of a County Regiment, that recruited from a specific area, with a central Depot. Allied to the Regiment were the various Volunteer units which, up to this point, had a somewhat tenuous link with the Regulars. Many of these Volunteers were formed into Rifle Volunteer Corps.

According to Westlake there are 4 possibles for 1st HRV:-

1. 1860 1st (Admin) Battalion (Bn) HAMPSHIRE Rifle Volunteers
(area Winchester, Romsey, Andover & Basingstoke)
1880 1st HAMPSHIRE Rifle Volunteer Corps (RVC)
1885 1st (VOLUNTEER BN) THE HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT
2. 1880 1st HEREFORDSHIRE RVC
1881 1st (VOLUNTEER) BN, KINGS SHROPSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY
3. 1880 1st HERTFORDSHIRE RVC
1881 1st (VOLUNTEER) BN, THE BEDFOEDSHIRE REGIMENT
4. 1860 1st (Admin) BN, THE ROYAL SCOTS
1880 1st HADDINGTONSHIRE RVC
1888 7th BN THE ROYAL SCOTS

Since the Jubilee issue did not appear until 1887 the balance of probabilities points to 4.

Haddingtonshire is in the Lothians, between Edinburgh and Dunbar - is there any postmark evidence out there?"

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Sloper's Advertising Leaflet Bulletin 283 Page 3.

From. DAVID SCOTT:- Seeing the Sloper Advertising Leaflet reminds me once again of something which has always surprised me, and that is that the T/B&C which Sloper used on his leaflets, also illustrated on Pages 8 and 10 of John Nelson's book, is not shown in the Edwards Catalogue.

The Sloper T/B&C is not 0470.01 which is in Edwards, and which has four holes for the vertical leg of the 'T', not counting the top hole of the ampersand; whereas the Sloper 'T' has only 3 holes. I presume that the Sloper T/B&C^o has never been found on a stamp? Did he have this die specially made for his leaflets I wonder?

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(Ed:- the following article was sent in on almost the same day.)

NOT WHAT IT SEEMS T/B&C^o (T0470.01)
MAURICE HARP.

In auction No.8 Jan' 96 a new record was created with a block of 36 plate 118 T/B&C^o (T0470.01) being sold. The lot fetched £420 which is a record for our perfin auction and probably a world record for a single GB perfin item. This die is identified incorrectly in the Tomkins catalogue as being used by Thomas T Bonar & Co, London but rather should be Thomas (J), Bonar (T) & Co merchants of 57½ Old Broad Street, London EC. Rosemary has a confirming cover.

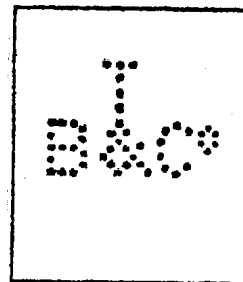
The lot was described as being the die used to illustrate Joseph Sloper's early advertising leaflets, which is almost correct. Sloper's earliest advertising leaflets had used real stamps to illustrate them and his earliest leaflets can be seen in Perfin Bulletins 272 & 273 with a GR/W (G4350.02) perfin being used for illustration.

Presumably the use of an actual stamp proved to be too expensive for Sloper so for his later advertising leaflets he used a line engraved block illustration of a penny red with a perfin die T/B&C^o. This illustration block was first reported and illustrated in Vallency's booklet in 1933 and was later illustrated in colour in Sloper's own publication in 1939 celebrating their work through five reigns. Illustrations of the die can also be seen on the actual leaflets in John Nelson's "Handbook of

British Perfins" and on a newly discovered Sloper advertising leaflet shown in the August Bulletin (283). All these illustrations show the same block with the same die and the lower corner letters 'KB'. Below are illustrated the two dies. The use of such an illustration block may well have contravened Post Office regulations of the time - limiting illustrations of stamps - and is a remarkably good facsimile of the penny red.



Illustration



T0470.01

Closer inspection of this die though shows that the illustrated die is not T0470.01 which has a six pin letter 'T' but another die with a rather squat five pin letter 'T'. So although this large block of early perfins is of high importance it is more likely that it has come from Thomas, Bonar & Co's archives. The die is known used on plates 111-184 which span the years 1868-1876 and the company is still recorded in Kelly's directory in 1877. Thomas, Bonar & Co must have been one of Sloper's earliest customers and the die has been recorded as early as March 30th 1871.

At some later stage the company ceased to trade but Sloper's continued to use their advertising die (with 3 hole leg 'T') up to the second world war. No obvious link between Sloper's and Thomas, Bonar & Co seems to exist so it is not clear why Sloper should have adopted this die for advertising.

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Footnote Rosemary Smith.

My cover - 30/3/71 - has a very faint brown-red handstamp on the front of the envelope. I still think it says Thomson ** Bonar & Co. The 'Bonar & Co' is quite clear but not the first part. There appears to be too many letters for Thomas and there is a fancy pattern between the two names. If anyone else has an identified cover, please send details.

MORE FROM THE SLOPER LEDGERS From Stephen Steere.

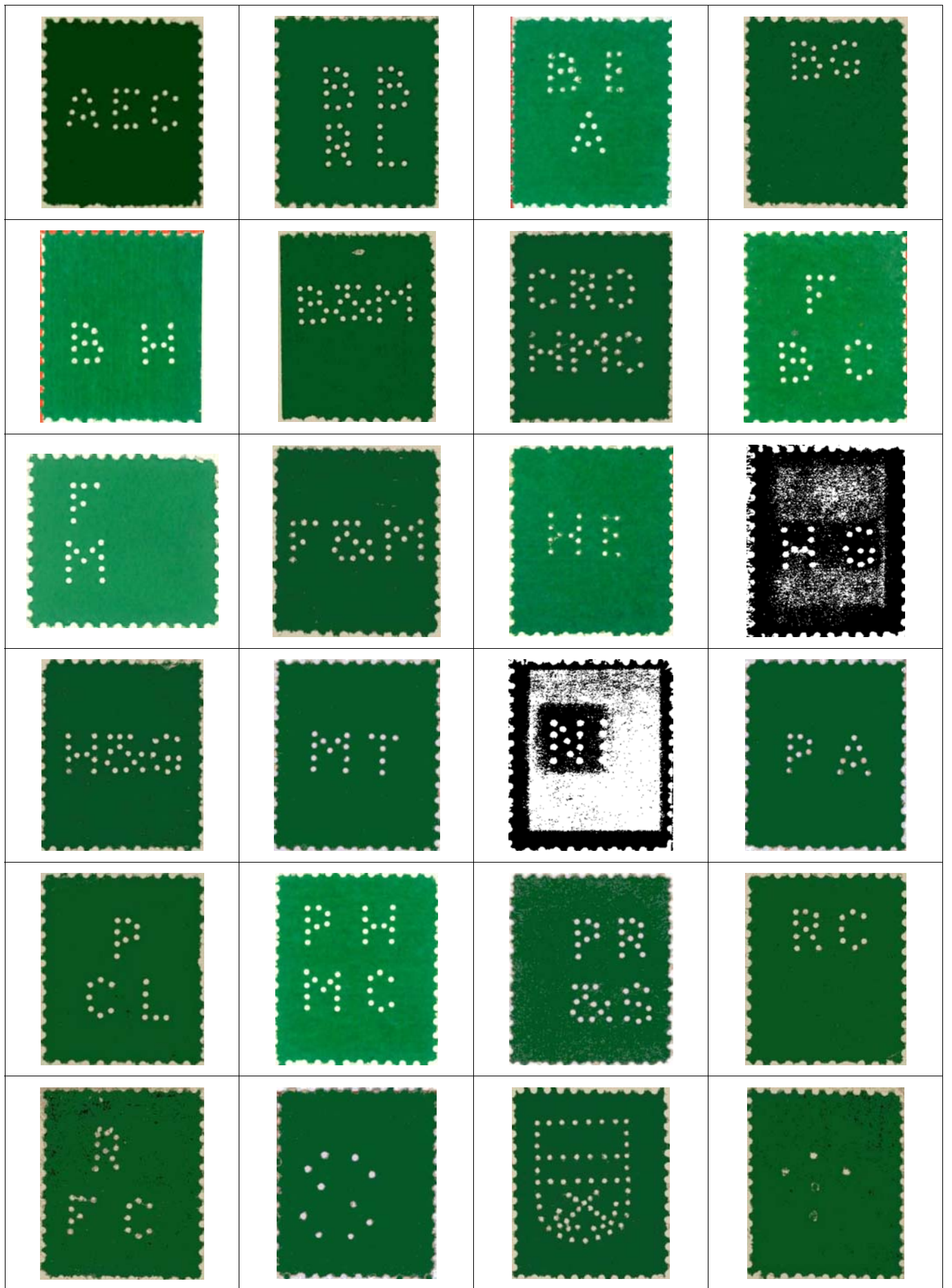
To continue the success from requests in previous Bulletins, Stephen has made up another page of these unproven Sloper dies for members to look for. They are most likely to be found on KGVI light colours up to QEII Wildings, and often found on high values. Some may be amongst dies thought to be "Provisionals". None of the dies shown are in the old or new Illustrated catalogues.

If you have an exact match or very similar one (photocopying can distort), can the actual stamp or a photocopy of it, be sent to Stephen

LETTERS DETAILS IN LEDGER

AEC	American Express Co., London SW1.
BB/RL	Brittain Bros (Rotherham) Ltd., Rotherham, Yorks.
BE/A	British Electricity Authority, Wolverhampton.
BG	British Glues & Chemicals Ltd., London WC2.
BH	Brompton Hospital for Consumption, London SW3.
B&M	Beach & Marsland, London EC2.
CRO/HMC	Croydon HMC, Surrey.
F/BC	Finsbury Borough Council, London.
F/M	Frasers (Maple) Ltd., Ipswich.
F&M	Fortnum & Mason Ltd., London W1.
HE	C & T Harris (Calne) Ltd., Wiltshire.
HG	Hatchette Gotch Ltd., London E16.
H&G	Holiday & Greenwood Ltd., London SW1.
MT	H E Moss & Co., London EC2.
NI	Needle Industries Ltd., Studley, Warwickshire.
PA	1. Press Association, London. 2. Pirie Appleton & Co., London.
P/CL	Pontexport Co. Ltd., London W1.
PH/MC	1. Peterborough HMC. 2. Plymouth HMC.
PR/&S	Pollard, Ray & Sampson Ltd., Hounslow, Middx.
RC	Ricket Cockerell & Co.Ltd., London EC3.
R/FC	Roll Film Co. Ltd., London SW19.
S	Smythe & Co. Ltd., London EC4.
Shield	Morley Borough Council (different to Des.0180.01)
5 pin design	Seager Evans & Co. Ltd., London SE8.

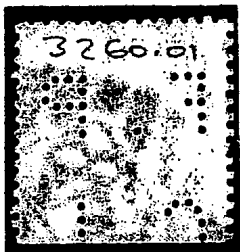
(One pin is blunt - situated in the vertical line just below the horizontal line)



WHAT IS IT?

From Dave Hill.

Illustrated is an interesting 'perfin' courtesy of member PADDY MURPHY. After much research I believe this to be a piece of Victorian stamp selvedge. It is printed with the value 2½d, has a Tooting duplex cancel and the perfin F.P/C.L, possibly of Foster, Porter & Co Ltd.



There were lots of other possibilities, amongst them a bleached out fiscal or overprinted foreign stamp.

If you can confirm what it is please let me know. It definitely provided lots of exercise for the little grey cells.



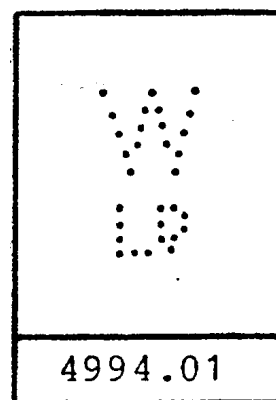
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W/Ld. Perfin

From Gary Shayler.

It is not very often that one gets blocks of perfins and the blocks illustrated are on a parcel label with senders name and address. It turns out to be a new identity of WELDONS LTD, the paper pattern publishers.

Gary has many more of these blocks and strips (not on identifying pieces). If anyone is interested to make an offer or do a swap his address is 24 Broughton Mews, Skipton, N.Yorks BD23 1TW. His main interest is Japan and China.



PERFORATED POSTAL STATIONERY

Rosemary Smith

It may be that some of you who were members in 1983 will remember that I put out an appeal for information about Perforated Postal Stationery. I produced a worksheet for those who expressed an interest and I received some useful information.

Unfortunately, my aging mother began to need far more of my care and time at that date and the research was shelved. After she died in 1985 I found out that I had MS and my spare energy was taken up with my teaching post. No sooner did I take early retirement in 1988 but Michael Rucklidge "persuaded" me to take on the position as Editor of the Society Bulletin. I now feel I ought to take out the notes from 1983 and resurrect the project.

By Perforated Postal Stationery we are talking about all pre stamped items with a perfin die perforated through the stamp printed on the cover. Perforated Postal Stationery falls into five (and a bit!) sections: Post Cards; Newspaper Wrappers; Air Letters; Registered Envelopes; Envelopes; (and Telegraph Forms). In this first article I will concentrate on Postal Stationery Cards but exclude the cards with Sloper Experimental Cancels as I covered this subject in December 1993 and 1994 Bulletins.

Many of the cards tabulated here are in my own collection or have been reported to me by members (often with photocopy) or I have seen photocopied details in magazine articles. I will ask for more details about specific dies in the appropriate place. February 1874 seems to be the earliest date and June 1912 the latest date for the cards.

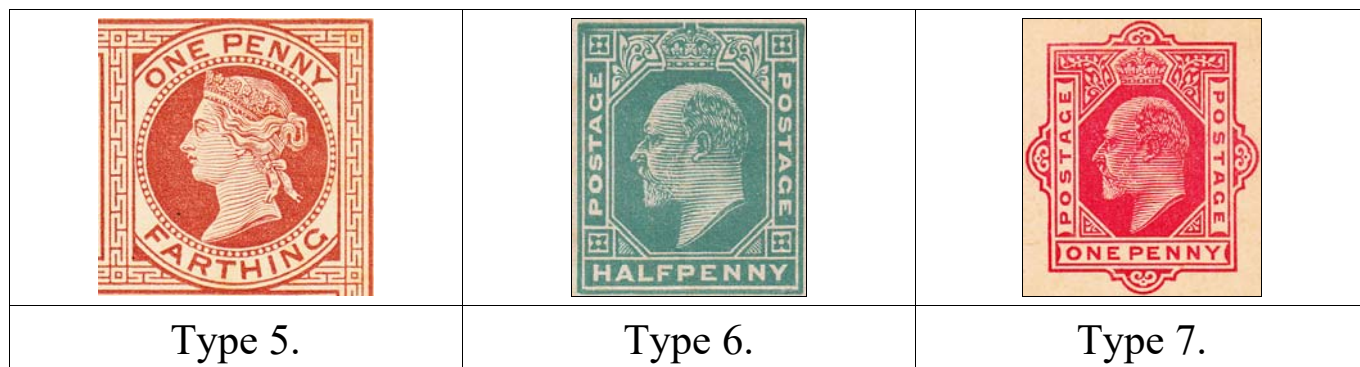
I have made a note of data collected by Mary Thornton and published in Bulletin 39 (1962); 42 (1962); 59 (1964): data taken from the Barbara Kloss collection, prior to it being sold, via Dick Mewhinney: data from articles on Taff Vale Railway cards by Tom Venables and Reg Powell in previous Bulletins: data from an article in the Perfins Bulletin Nov-Dec 1977 by Mike Burrows: data from The Cinderella Philatelist October 1965 and October 1966: data from 1983-1996 sent in by Arthur Smith, John Nelson, Reg Powell, Mr Enschede (further details required), Mr Hewlett, Boris Pritt, Bob Schwerdt, John Marriner, Brian Smith, Jack Brandt, Alan Briggs, Brian Birch and Roy Everett who all added some new facts.

If anyone knows of other articles on the subject I would appreciate a copy with provenance.

Now the available data is being tabulated, I would be grateful if any member who has postal stationery material could send similar details of items in that section as they are published. I intend to produce a complete booklet with all sections, similar to the Sloper Experimental Cancels Booklet. It would be useful to know which dies had the most common usage.

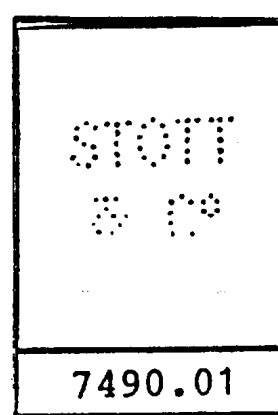
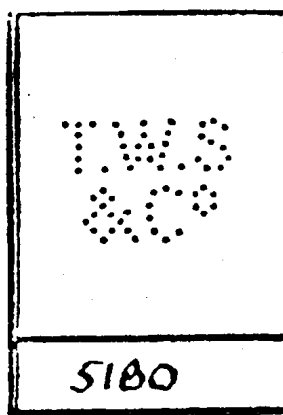
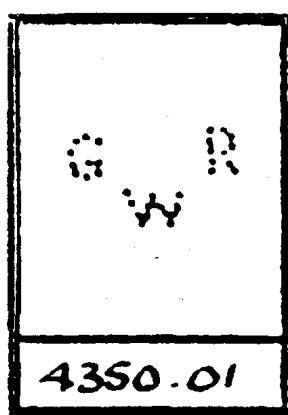
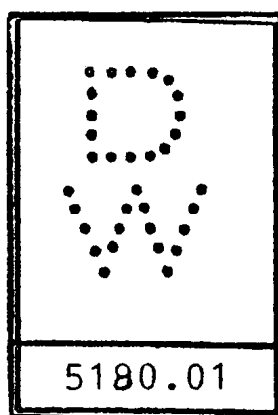
There are eight different pre-printed stamps on the known perforated cards. They are:-

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|----|--------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | Type 1 | QV ½d lilac | First issued 1-10-70 |
| 2. | Type 1 | QV ½d brown | First issued 1-2-75 |
| 3. | Type 2 | QV ½d brown | First issued 1-1-78 |
| 4. | Type 3 | QV 1d brown | First issued 1-4-79 |
| 5. | Type 4 | QV 1d red (full figure) | First issued 1-4-92 |
| 6. | Type 5 | QV 1½d brown | First issued 1-7-75 |
| 7. | Type 6 | EVII ½d green | First issued Jan' 02 |
| 8. | Type 7 | EVII 1d red | First issued Feb' 02 |



Known Data on Perforated Postal Stationery Cards at August 1996
Post Cards with Type 1 - QV ½d lilac – stamp

<u>Cat. No.</u>	<u>PERFIN</u>	<u>IDENTIFIED USER</u>	<u>EARLIEST</u>	<u>LATEST</u>
D5180.01	D/W	? Boston	1876	
G?	?	Great Western Railway		
(This is in Jennings's Book – no details)				
G4350.01	GR/W	Great Western Railway	3-4-77	29-10-77
T5180.01	T.W.S/°C	Thomas Wilson, Sons & Co., Hull	15-8-76	1-2-78
W7490.01	STOTT/°C	W H Stott & Co., Liv'l	2-2-74	1-1-78

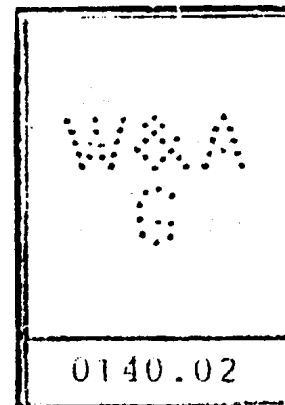
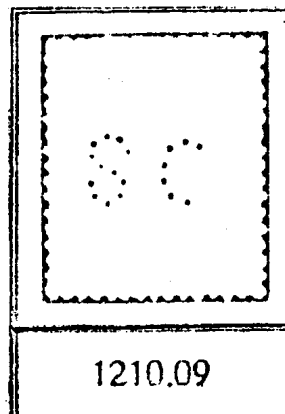
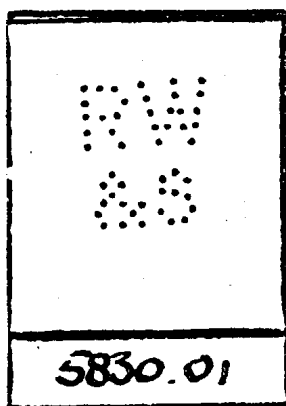
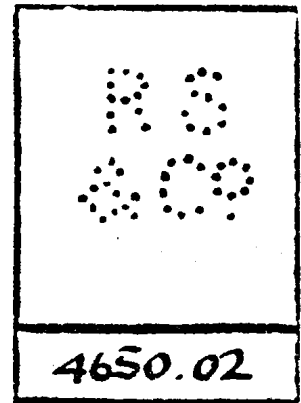
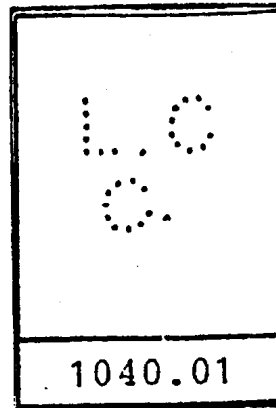
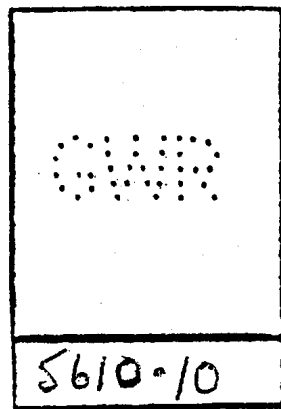
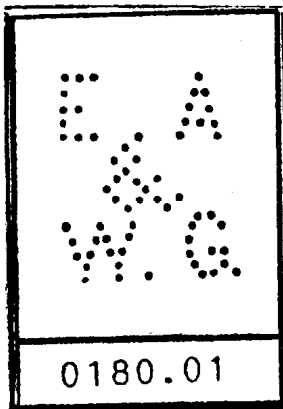
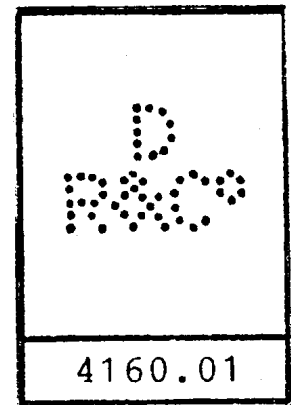
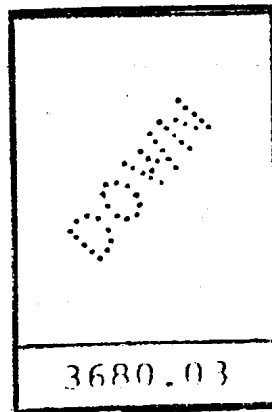
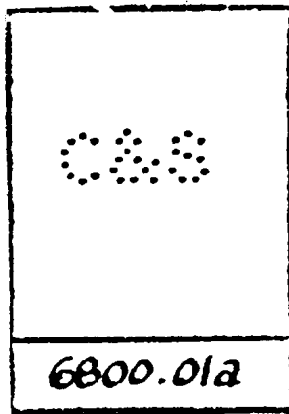
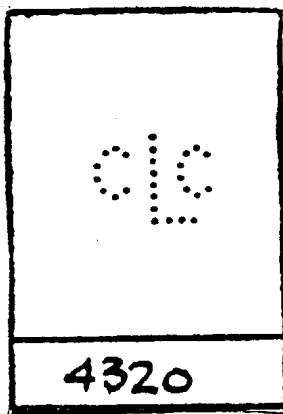


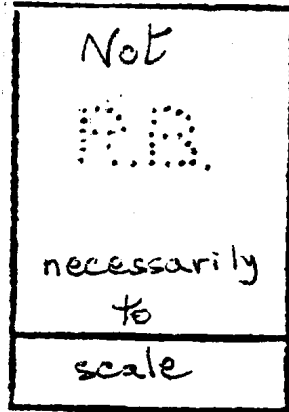
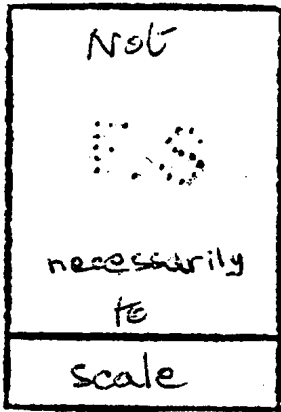
Post Cards with Type 1 or 2 – QV ½d brown - stamp

At this stage in my research I have no details, except from my own collection, if the cards in this group dated after 1875 are Type 1 or Type 2. Please look carefully at your holdings and advise.

C4320.01	cLc	London County Council		
(Again from Jennings's – I only have a cut-out)				
C6800.01a	C&S	? Mint-card		
D3680.03	DOWN	R Langdon-Down	19-7-99	
Normansfield, Hampton Wick, Kingston-on-Thames				
D4160.01	D/R&C°	D Radford & Co. London	21-06-76	
E0180.01	E.A/°W.G.	Edward Acraman & Wl'm	21-12-77	
Greenslade, Bristol				
F?New Die	F.S	Fred Sullivan, Salt	?	
Merchant, Grimsby				
G5610.01	GWR	Great Western Railway	12-1-86	15-9-86
L1040.01	L.C/C	London County Council?		
(Again from Jennings's)				

R?New Die	R.B.(14,17)	Robert Baker, Grays ? Inn Rd., London WC		
R4650.02	RS/&C°.	Richardson, Spence & Co	22-8-81	
		Water St., Liverpool		
R5830.01	RW/SS	Richard Wheen & Sons,	02-06-86	
		Deptford Creek		
S1210.09	SC	Salford Corporation	20-08-98	21-6-00
	(If you have this one, please advise of holes in 'C')			
S7490.01	STOTT/&C°	W H Stott & Co., Liv'l	06-11-76	
T5180.01	T.W.S/&C°	Thomas Wilson, Sons & Co	25-07-81	
W0140.02	W&A/G	W & A Gilbey, Oxford	02-02-86	22-5-88



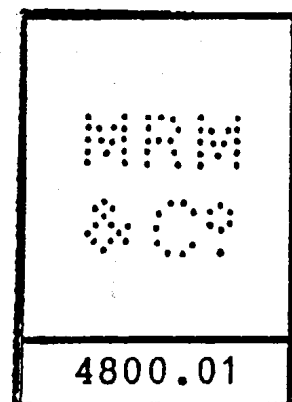
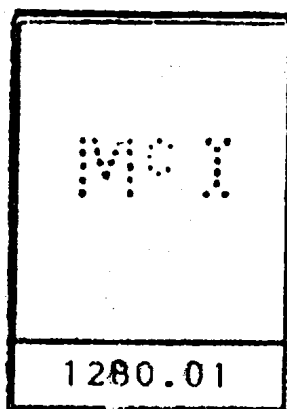
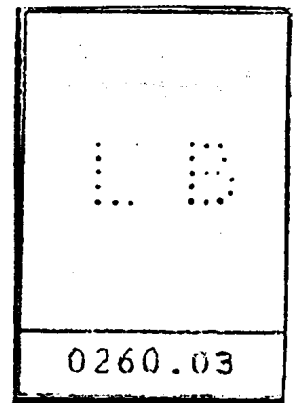
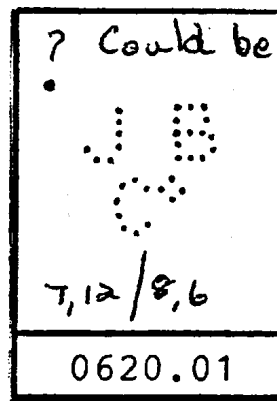
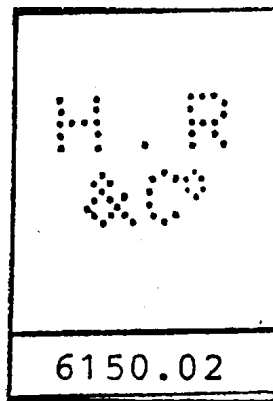
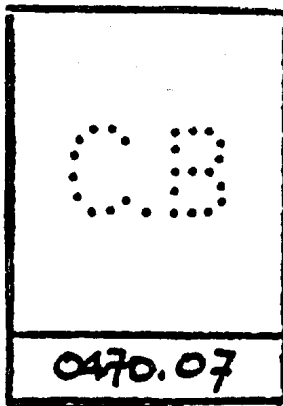


The two new dies were hand illustrated in The Cinderella Philatelist and I need help to locate these dies.

The 'R.B.' looks rather suspect.

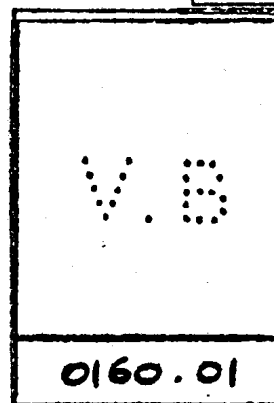
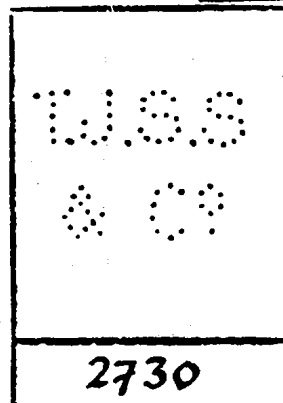
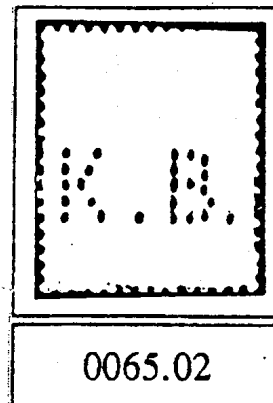
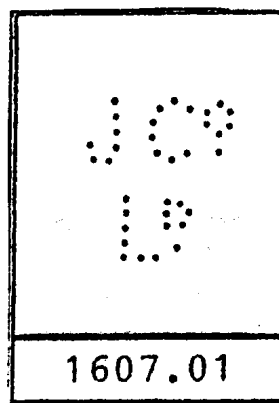
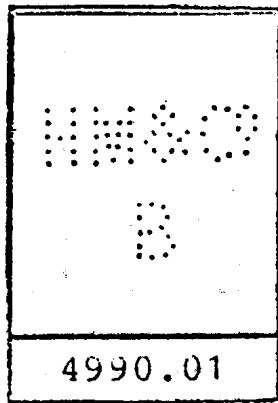
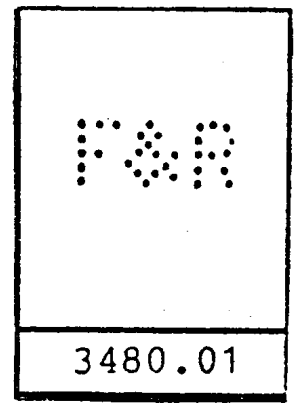
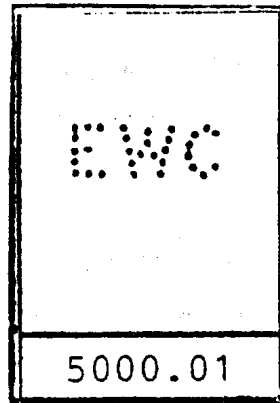
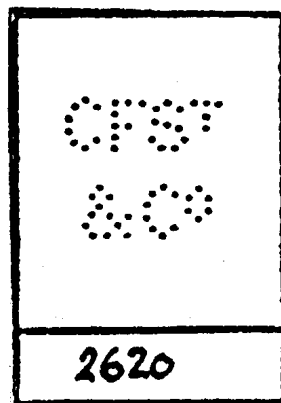
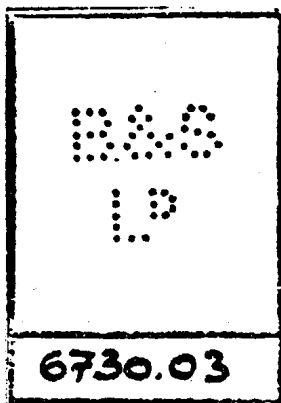
Post Cards with Type 3 - QV 1d brown - stamp

C0470.07	C.B	?	30-1-93	
H6150.02	H.R/&C°	Hayn Roman & Co. London	19-1-78	14-4-88
J0620.01?	JB/C°	James Booth & Co. Birm'm	5-2-89	
(Some doubt about the die - from Mr. Enschede)				
L0260.03	LB	Louis Behrens, Manch'r	19-2-81	
M1280.01	McI	Malcolm McIntyre & Co Liverpool	?	
M4800.01	MRM/&C°	M R Meyer & Co. Mincing Lane, London	31-3-86	
T5180.01	T.W.S/&C°	Thomas Wilson, Sons	8-6-82	



Post Cards with Type 4 - QV 1d red (Full Fig.) - stamp

B6730.03	B&S/Ld	Baches & Strauss, EC	15-8-92	
C2620.01	CFSt/&Co	C F Stahlecker & Co. EC	?	
E5000.01	EWC	E W Carling & Co. EC3	?	
F3480.01	F&R	Frost & Reed, Clare St Bristol,	?	
H4990.01	HM&CS/B	Hills, Menke & Co. Gt. Charles St., Birm'm	14-2-94	
J1607.01	JCo/Ld.	The Johannis Co Ltd, Regent St., London	23-11-92	
K0065.02	K.B.	Kuetgens Bros, Regent St., London	29-8-94	
T2730.01	T.J.S.S/&Co.	T J Smith, Son & Downes Q. Vic. St., London EC	17-11-92	
V0160.01	V.B	Volkart Brothers, EC	3-8-92	13-12-94



Post Cards with Type 5 - QV 1½d brown - stamp

(This rate was for foreign destinations within the UPU)

A5690.01	AW/B	Altendorf & Wright, Birmingham	19-9-77
T5180.01	T.W.S/&Co	Thomas Wilson, Sons	8-11-78

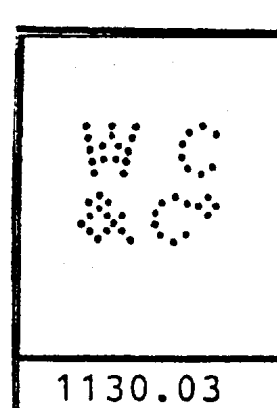
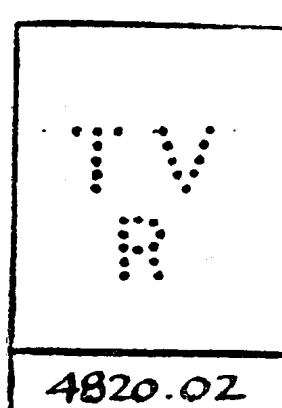
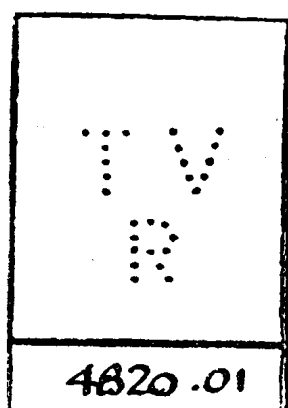
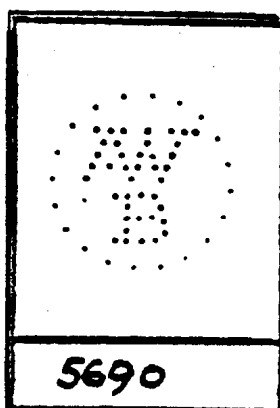
Post Cards with Type 6 - EVII ½d green – stamp

D3680.03	DOWN	R Langdon-Down, K-on-T	17-5-07
T4820.01	TV/R	Taff Vale Railway	1-6-06
T4820.02	TV/R	Taff Vale Railway	16-6-02 12-6-12

(There are many TV/R cards on the market.
Please advise the die and date.)

Post Cards with Type 7 -EVII 1d red – stamp

W1130.03	WC/&Co	W Caudery & Co. Fenchurch Ave., EC	13-6-04
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At the time of writing, the longest user of Perforated Post Cards is The Great Western Railway from 3-4-77 to 15-9-86.

Thomas Wilson, Sons & Co. of Hull used more different types of cards - Types 1, 2, 3 and 5.

The TV/R, DOWN, H.R/SC^o, W&A/G and STOTT/&C^o are the front runners at the moment for the most common users.

I look forward to adding more of your information into the research.

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BORIS WOULD HAVE LIKED THESE !

Roy Gault

Like many others in the Society, I have a particular passion for perfins on Queen Victoria 1d Reds, thus it was a pleasant surprise to receive a letter from Phil Butcher enclosing three interesting examples for me to inspect (illustrated below).

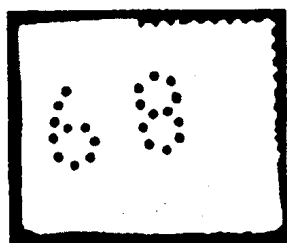


plate 136

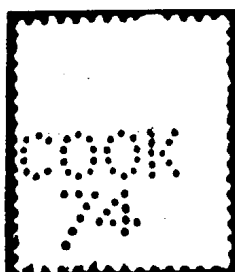


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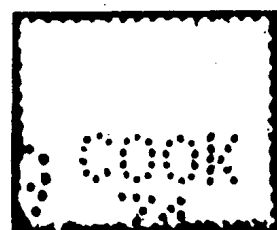


plate 120

Fortunately, paper still attached to the back of the stamps shows that the perforations had been applied through the envelope and after the stamp had been affixed - probably after having been postally used. Thus they are not 'true' perfins, but interesting none-the-less. In the case of the two examples with 'COOK' showing, it would appear that Slopers made a number of similar dies during 1874 and 1875 specifically for use as 'Coupon' dies. Illustrated below is the strike from their Impression Book for m/c No. 4186, dated 21/5/1874. Other similar machines were made for use abroad, 'America' being specifically mentioned.



The very next entry in the Impression Book is for COOKS/TOURS (m/c No. 4184), so it would be reasonable to assume that the particular Cook in question was Thomas Cook (1808-1892) of travel and tour fame and that the 'Coupons' were something to do with the ticketing arrangements. '74' clearly relates to the year 1874. However, the '68' (or '89') is more of an enigma because the plate involved is 136. As this was not put to press until 1870, it makes 1868 too early and 1889 too late!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

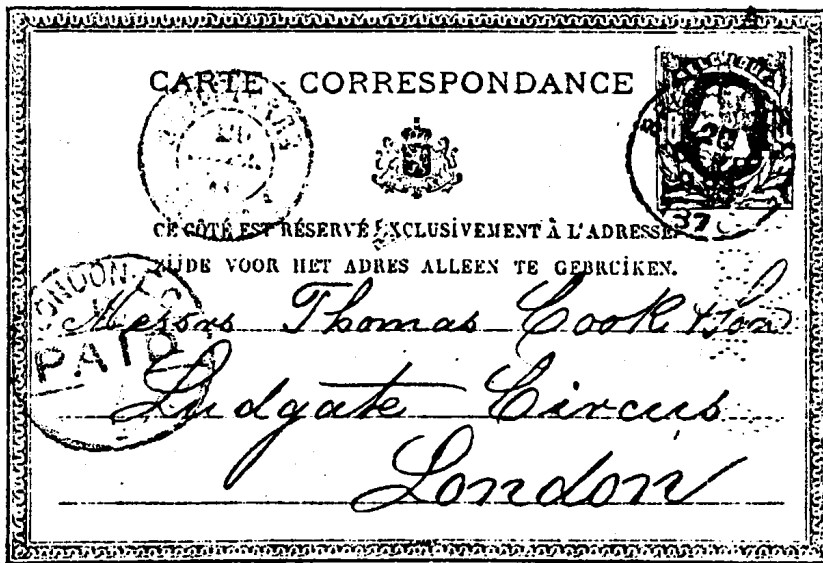
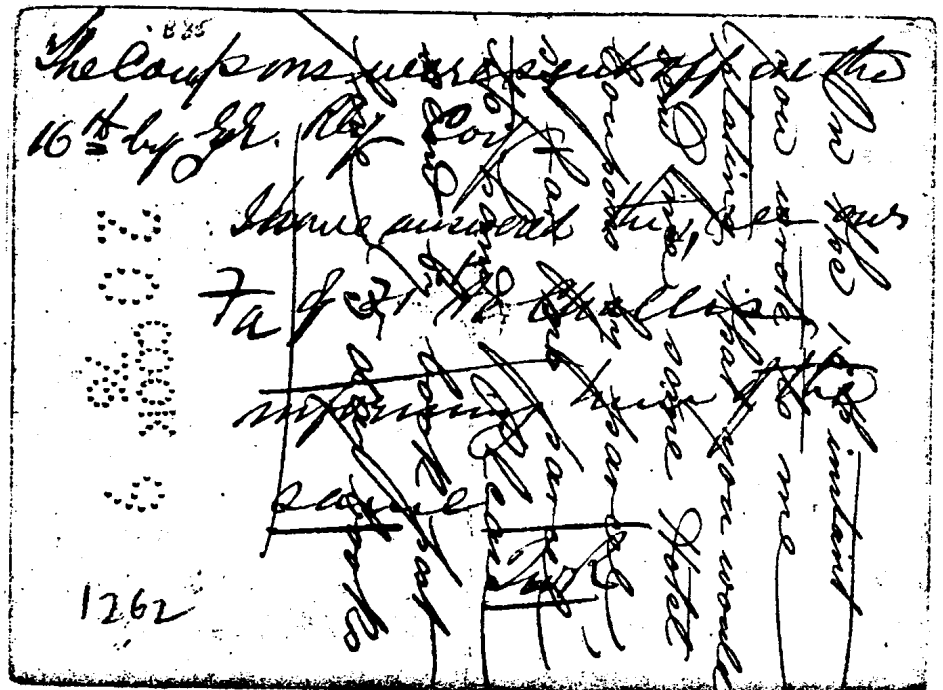
I have ceased to be amazed at the number of coincidences which happen whilst preparing these Bulletins. Already elsewhere, in this Bulletin are the two contributions about the T/B&C^o die used by Sloper in the early years and now another Thomas Cook item which came in by the same post as the previous article by Roy.

The two photocopies, which I have reduced to A5 size, were sent in by ROY MALTSON. They show the front and back of a card from Thomas Cook in Belgium to their London office and show an almost exact replica of the die shown by Roy.

The card was posted in Belgium on 20th September 1876.

The date of Thomas Cook's private date die is 20-9-76.

The London receiving date is 21-9-76.



These dates seem to prove conclusively that the Cook date machine used here was situated in their office in Brussels and it was not a receiving die in the London office.

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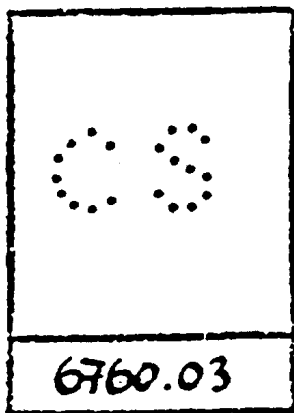
SHEFFIELD CORPORATION DIES

Rosemary Smith

In 1992 I bought a large batch of 'fronts' from returned pre stamped Valuation Forms sent out by Sheffield Corporation. Amongst them were some with a Sloper type die 'SC', which was not in the identities catalogue. I wrote up a three sheet article for display at Sheffield Philatelic Society, showing this new perfin die and the normal large 'CS' but before I had a chance to send it to Roy, I heard from Stephen Steere that during his research into the Sloper Record Books he had come across a reference to a small 'SC' die for Sheffield Corporation.

I sent Stephen a copy of my three-sheet display and we agreed it would be better put in the Bulletin when the new identity had been published. At that time, Stephen was sending to Roy batches of hundreds of identities, which were gleaned from the Sloper Record Books. It was impossible for them all to be put in the Bulletin and some appeared for the first time in the Tomkins Identities Catalogue. By this time it seemed too late to put the article in the Bulletin.

After getting the August '96 Bulletin off to the printer, I spent some time on my own collection. Looking through the 'S' section of the New Illustrated Catalogue with Details, and cross checking dates etc with my covers, I found another new identity in my Sheffield Corporation collection - but more of this in sequence after a rehash of my original three sheet display.

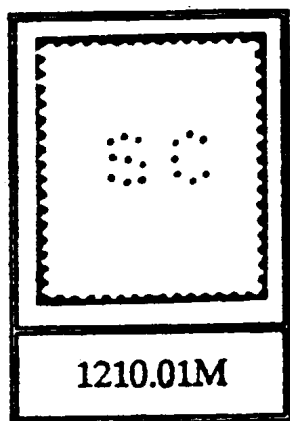


In the list of Council Perfin users, compiled in the 1960's by the Perfin Society, the City of Sheffield was credited with but one perfin:- C6760.03 CS 9,11 7mm.

The list also states that the perfins are produced by the Council's Printing & Stationery Department on a hand operated Jean Sauven 153/400 machine which perforates across 12 stamps at once. This I know to be correct as I visited the office in 1978 where the machine was used and a sheet of blank paper was perforated 'CS' for me to add to my collection.

The Society published the Council Perfin sheets a few at a time all during the 60's and no doubt the information obtained from Sheffield Corporation employees at that time would be correct AS FAR AS THEY WERE AWARE. The Jean-Sauven machine had been in use for over twenty years and the earlier perfins were only in use for less than two years.

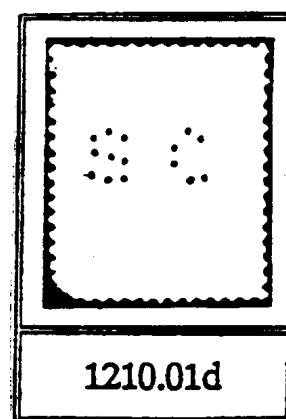
The City of Sheffield is said to have introduced perfins in 1941 but I query the use of the die C6760.03 as early as 1941. As far as I can discover, from dates seen on dozens of these perfins, the earliest use of this die is March 1942.



I have five fronts from the Valuation Forms, which have a different die to the large 'CS'. The perfin is S1210.01M SC 9,7 4½mm and is a typical Sloper style die. The values are ½d or 1d GVI dark colours and dates are from 19th Jun 1941 to 8th Nov 1941.

Sloper's Works in London were bombed in May 1941. Following that, many of the perfins coming out of Sloper's were on GVI light colours and were provisional dies, hastily put together until business could be resumed in a more professional way in new premises.

Two other Valuation Forms, dated 3-11-41 and 16-2-42 have another die, S1201.01d: SC-9,6-4½mm. The values are ½d GVI dark colours. The 'C' seems to be a deliberate pin removal from a 'B' to make the 'C'. Originally I had thought that it was a missing pin from a normal 'C' after Stephen had searched through the Sloper Ledger for this die and found it was not there. This is the new identity, which has not been reported for the New Illustrated Catalogue with Details, which now shows this die. A 2½d dark colour has been reported with this die but I have not seen one myself.



Sheffield was bombed on 12th and 13th December 1941. It could be argued that the first perfins used by the City of Sheffield were from Sloper's – i.e. S1210.01 - perforated before

Sloper's were blitzed. We are told that when the Council Perfin sheets were produced in the 60's, Sheffield used more than 500,000 perfins per year. Even in the early 1940's they must have been using many thousands of stamps and no doubt had quite a stock in hand when Sloper's were bombed, perhaps enough to last until the provisional issues came through. I am guessing that the die S1210.01d is a provisional die. Both my fronts with these dies have 2x½d stamps to make up the 1d rate at the time and no doubt Sloper's had to perforate whatever stamps they could get hold of after the blitz. 1d values would be used up very quickly as it was the general postage rate and so the ½d value would be pressed into service. The GVI light colour stamps were not issued until August and September 1941.

After the blitz of December 1941, much of the Sheffield Council equipment had to be renewed when the city centre received so much damage. Again I would guess that it was at this time that a perfin machine of their own was purchased - the Jean-Sauven - this time with the distinctive large letters. The Treasury Dept in Sheffield must have had considerations such as the continuous bombing of London, road and rail transport difficulties between Sheffield and the capital, money transfer etc and came to the conclusion that it would be safer and quicker to have a perfin machine of their own as they had already taken the decision in 1941 to perforate their postage stamps.

I have two values only of the C6760.03 (CS) in GVI dark colours - a 1d red and a 2½d blue value. All the other dozens of copies of GV2 stamps I have seen are in the light colours or 1950 changed colours.

I would be interested to hear of any relevant dates, issues or dies, which confirm or refute my theory.

For anyone with a special interest in different types of perforating machines, Ron Bowman wrote an article in Bulletin 39 (Dec'62), which mentioned the Jean-Sauven machine. There was an excellent illustration of the treadle-operated machine, which I saw at Sheffield. The large Sheffield die is also illustrated there as an example of a perfin die from that machine.

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NEW IDENTITIES submitted to the CATALOGUE EDITOR (Roy Gault) -11 Contributors.

Note: Underlined Catalogue Numbers are also New Dies and have been illustrated at the end.

Pole position this time goes to John Mathews who has been using various 19th & 20th century Trade Directories of Great Britain held on microfiche at the National Library in Australia to try and establish possible identities for some distinctive letter combinations linked to particular post-towns in Britain. Special attention has been paid to the known periods of use of the dies, all of which appear in the New Illustrated Catalogue.

From John Mathews.

G2983.01m GK(joined)/HH(joined) Ø George Kent, Inventor, Patentee &
46/27 9½/6 Manufacturer of the Rotary Knife
Cleaning Machine, Mangles, etc,
199-201 High Holborn, London WC.

Note: This was originally catalogued as a fancy K/HH(joined) - K0970.01m - which can now be deleted. Known on 1d Reds and 1d Lilacs (1873-1885).

I2400.01 IS/P 5,10/9 6 Ø Irvin & Sellers, Shuttle & Bobbin
Mfrs, Fletcher Rd, Preston.

Note: Issues 'E' & 'F' (1900-1905), postmarked Preston.

J0230.01 J.A.M 7,10,15 5½ Ø James Alfred Mew, Insurance Agent,
90 High St, Newport, Isle of Wight.

Note: One example known, c1871 - 1d Red (pl 149), Duplex 560 (Newport, IOW).

J0670.01 JB/&C^o/K 7,13/12,8,6/10 4½ IIIa Ø John Beach & Co, Yarn Agents,
Commercial Bldgs, Kidderminster.

Note: Known on 1d Lilac (c1890), with '415' Duplex of Kidderminster.

J0675.01 J.B/&C^o./K 8,14/14,8,6/12 5½ III Ø John Beach & Co, Yarn Agents,
Commercial Bldgs, Kidderminster.

Note: Known only on a Queen Victoria 1d Inland Revenue (Die 4, c1881), postally used with '415' Duplex of Kidderminster.

J1760.01 JCW/&S 7,8,14/12,10 4½ IIIa Ø J C Way & Sons, Cheddar Cheese
Factors, Market St, Wells, Somerset.

Note: Known on issues 'B', 'E' & 'F' (1890-1905), postmarked Wells, Somerset.

J2100.01 J.D.H/&C^o. 8,13,11/14,8,6 5 III Ø John Dalton Holmes & Co,
Timber & Insurance Agents,
Queen's Dock Side, Hull.

Note: Known on 1d Red plates, issues 'B' & 'E' (1875-1900), pmk Duplex '383' of Hull.

K0060.04 KB 14,16 9 König Bros, Merchants, 1 St Michael's
Alley, 42 Cornhill, London EC.

Note: Initial 'K' and address on a cachet from a cover dated 2/9/1914. Used 1905-1918.

O0180.03 O.B. 10,15 5½ Ø Edward O'Brien Ltd, Cycle Dealers,
Foleshill Rd, Coventry.

Note: Issues I(BC) and 'M' (1930-1935), postmarked Coventry.

O01850.01 O'B 8,11 5 Ø Edward O'Brien Ltd, Cycle. Dealers,
Foleshill Rd, Coventry.

Note: Issues I(BC) (c1930), postmarked 223 in a triangle (Coventry).

O0240.01 O'B/Ltd. 10,13/7,5,7 4½ Ø Edward O'Brien Ltd, Cycle Dealers,
Foleshill Rd, Coventry.

Note: Issues 'F' & I(RC) (1904-1918), Duplex '223' for Coventry.

O0763.01 O&G/C 10,12,10/9 4½ IIIa Ø Oakes & Griffiths, Silk Mercers &
General Merchants, Eastgate St,
Chester.

Note: Known from a 1d Lilac (c1890), pmk Duplex '180' of Chester.

From John Mathews - continued....

S1675.07 S/&C^o. 13/14,10,8 6 III Ø Samuel Sutton & Co, Woollen Cloth Mfrs, Home & Duke St Mills, Trowbridge, Wilts.

Note: 1d Red (pl 148) - c1871 - postmarked Duplex '813' of Trowbridge.

Y0510.01 YH&B/E 7,11,13,13/10 5½ III Ø Yollard, Husson & Birkett, Woollen Merchants & Manchester Warehousemen, 257-258 High St, Exeter.

Note: Issues 'E' & 'F' (1900-1905), postmarked Duplex '285' of Exeter.

From Rosemary Smith.

B1500.02 B/&C^o 13/12,8,6 4½ IIIa Benetfink & Co Ltd, Cheapside, London EC. Cover dated 11/9/1911. H

B5700.01 B.P/C^o 14,10/8,4 5½ Entry in Tomkins should read – Burns, Philp & Co Ltd, London.

C0010.05 C 8 5 Cooke, Sons & Co Ltd, 12 Friday St, London EC. Cover dated 10/6/22. I

Note: Die upright on cover mentioned above, appears to be from a sideways coil. The perfin is usually found sideways on stamps from sideways delivery coils with sideways watermarks.

G4580.04 GS/&C^o 9,11/13,7,6 5/5½ III George Siggs & Co, Provisions Merchant, 113, 115 Borough, London E. Item dated 25/9/1888. B

J4432.01 JJ/&RW 7,7/12/12,14 4½ IIIa Ø J J & R Walker & Co, 1 Muscovy Ct, London EC. B

Note: Identified cover (seen only) dated 16/5/1890. Loose stamp ('E' ½d verm) also known postmarked London, 24/4/1890.

N2810.01 NR/&S 13,12/14, 10 5 I Noah Rees & Sons, Cardiff. Agent for 'Bovine Ltd', Cattle Feed Mfrs. Item dated 28/8/1910. F

S0010.04 S 9 4½ Sangers Ltd, Tolmers Square, Hampstead Rd, London NW1. M-Q

S0460.03bM SB 10,14 5½ Confirm identity - Somervell Bros Ltd.

S1540.01b S/CLC/S 9/7,6,7/9 4 Confirm identity - Civil Service Co-operative Society Ltd.

S5200.03 SMS/&S 9,11,9/12,9 4½ Ia Address ... 7-12 Aldersgate St, EC1.

From Norman Hewerdine.

G4763.01 GSN/L 10,11,13/7 4½ The General Steam Navigation Co Ltd, Exchange Buildings, Leith. Receipt dated 19/8/1938. Q

From Dave Hill.

B0210.03b B.A/R 13,10/13 6 County Borough of Reading, Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Reading. Acknowledgement card pmk 29/6/23. I

J0220.01 J&/AL 7,12/10,7 4½ IIIa J & A Lawson, Caledonia Mills, Leith. TC pmk Edinburgh, 12/10/1894. E

From Peter Burn. Additional information in bold.

B3975.01	B ^k /BANK	13,9/13,10,13,10	4½	Birkbeck Bank, Southampton Buildings, London WC. Entire dated 15/12/1883.	
B4890.01	BM/I	11,11/4	4½	Address ... 32 Lime St, London EC3. Cover pmk London, 30/7/1964.	U
B7640.01	B.W.B	19,23,19	7	Additional details - Foreign Bankers, 55/56 Threadneedle St, London EC. Entire dated 28/11/1883.	B
C5630.02	CORY/L	8,10,11,8/7	4½	Additional ... Cory Bros & Co Ltd, Colliery Proprietors, 3 Fenchurch Ave, London EC. Entire dated 10/10/1883.	B
D3500.01	DNS	9,10,9	4½	D Napier & Son Ltd, Engineers, Acton Vale, London W3. TC pink Acton, 21/7/1924.	I
H1590.02	HC ^o /L ^d	12,8,4/7,7	4½/5	Hall & Co (Croydon) Ltd, Coal, Gravel & Building Material Merchants, Horley (TC pmk Horley, 30/7/1903). Also L B & S C Rly, Crowborough & Jarvis Brook, near Tunbridge Wells. TC pmk Tunbridge Wells, 17/4/1906.	F
<u>J2585.02</u>	JEW	8,10,15	5½	Edward Wood, Builder, Derby.	
Note:	Cover with 1d Inland Revenue postally used - pmk Derby, 6/12/1881.				
J4940.06	J.L.&C ^o .	8,7/14,8,6	5 III	Lovering & Co, China Clay & Stone Works, St Austell, Cornwall. Unused envelope with 2½d issue 'D', both stops and other pins missing.	
L3180.01	LINE(Diag)	7,5,13,10	4½	Address ... 163 Aldersgate St, London EC. TC dated 11/4/1902.	F
L6065.01	LYON/&/HALL	6,8,8,10/12/9,8,6,6	4½ IIIa	Lyon & Hall, Musical Instrument Dealers, Warwick Mansion, East St, Brighton. TC pmk Brighton 4/11/1905.	F
M0010.05	M	13	5½	2. I Miller & Co Ltd, Milgola House, 108/114 Golden Ln, London EC1. Cover pmk London 10/6/1937.	M
Note:	Perfin comes from a vertical delivery coil used in a POKO affixing machine. It is not known whether Miller's was a second user of the POKO machine already identified in Tomkins with John Mowlem or a quite separate machine.				
M3920.01	MMC	13,13,8	5	Murdoch, Murdoch & Co, The Great Piano House, 461/463 Oxford St, London W1. (Inc with John G Murdoch & Co Ltd). Entire pink London W1, 2/8/1932.	I

From Ian Burns - Additional information in bold.

A0030.02	AA	10,10	5	Automobile Association, Glasgow. Cover pmk Glasgow 30/9/1932.	I
G0795.01	G&C	13,12,11	6½ IIIa	North British Daily Mail. Newspaper wrapper pmk NPB Glasgow, 22/6/81.	A
Note:	Ian reports that 'The North British Daily Mail' was published in Glasgow, and established on 14 April 1847 as the first daily paper to be started in Scotland. In 1881 its proprietors were Gunn & Cameron (Sir Charles Cameron MP, one of the MPs for Glasgow), hence the initials. Incorporated with the Daily Record in 1901.				

From Donald Farnborough - Additional information in **bold>.**

S6210.03	SR	10,11	5	Slatter & Rose Ltd , Publishers and Wholesale & Retail Booksellers and Stationers, Mitre House, 16 High St , Oxford. TC dated 24/6/1918.	I
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From Gerry Soutar.

R5710.01	RW/C ^o L ^d	12,14/8,4,7,7	5	Ridley, Whitley & Co Ltd, 46 & 47 Newgate St, London EC. TC pmk London 27/7/1906.	F
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From Gary Shayler.

C1430.01	C&C/L ^d .	8,13,8/7,7	5½ III	Christy & Co Ltd, Stockport. Cover dated 29/9/1922.	I
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From Maurice Tainton.

C0460.04	CB	8,14	5½	Borough of Camberwell, London.	B
S1210.01M	SC	9,7	4½	Additional user - Swansea College of Technology. Cover pmk Swansea 15/5/1967.	

From Tony Cornforth.

B7590.01	B/W	14/15	4½	Burroughs Wellcome & Co, Snow Hill Buildings, London EC1. Postal statement dated 6/3/1922.	I
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Note: Stamp torn from a sheet. No sign of any FIXO affixing marks.

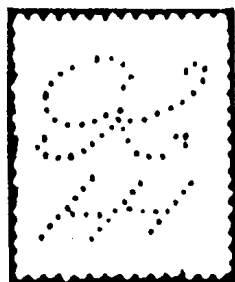
H5170.02	HM/&S	11,15/14,12	5½ IIIa	Henry Milward & Sons Ltd, Washford Mills, Redditch. Postal receipts dated 28/3/1922 - 3/12/1923.	I
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M4730.02c	MR/C ^o L ^d	15,12/8,6,7,7	4½	May, Roberts & Co Ltd, 7, 9, 11 & 13 Clerkenwell Rd, London EC 1. TCs dated 15/4/1921 - 13 Oct 1921.	I
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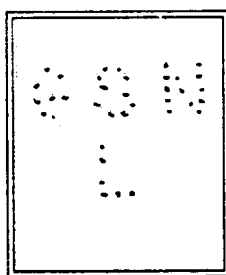
S0010.29	S	11	5½	Sangers Ltd, 258 Euston Rd, London NW 1. Postal invoices dated 16/12/1921 - 24/6/1925.	I
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Note: Nine items inspected, each postally used with a stamp from a sideways delivery coil.

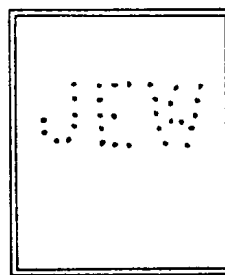
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G2983.01m



G4763.01



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