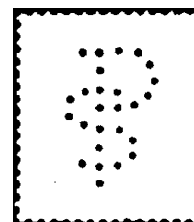


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DANISH NOTES

The following is taken from the June 2001 issue of *Scandinavian Contact*. It was written by Bob Johnson.

The Danish Perfin Society (Dansk Perfin Samlerklub) has produced a new catalogue of Danish perfins, eleven years after the earlier one and along similar lines, covering perfins found on postage stamps, railway stamps, cinderellas etc. The catalogue now details some 1055 perfins with 21 discovered since the earlier edition of the catalogue. There are also 27 sub types now placed immediately after the main entry allowing comparison more easily with the main type. The catalogue prices have been updated with some scarce ones up to DKK 2000. These are prices for a perfin in full on a stamp; generally for perfins on cover and with the identification of user they are regarded as some 2 to 10 times the value of the same perfin on a stamp alone.

The numbers run the same as in the previous edition, with the new additions slotted in order but given a sub-number. The binder is stated to be big enough to cater for a further section to be issued at some future date giving more details of perfins on other than postage stamps. As the present issue gives the same information on these as before it is not clear what the new section might provide. The catalogue costs DKK 275, plus postage to the UK, from DPS, Thomas Morkeberg

Thanks to John Luft for sending the information.

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FLOYD WALKER

Floyd Walker was the Perfins Club Bulletin and Foreign Catalogue Editor. Although Floyd died on November 14th last year, the news did not arrive until after the December Bulletin went to the printers. Bob Szymanski, President of the Perfins Club, says, "Floyd did an outstanding job in this most important position in our Club. You have received the last Bulletin he put to press dated November/December 2001. At this time we do not have a successor for the position of Bulletin Editor."

As Bulletin Editor of our own Society, I had some correspondence with Floyd and he was always ready to acknowledge the help which he received from the Perfin Society when he was preparing articles about GB perfin topics. Our sympathy is extended to his family and, hopefully, his position within the Perfins Club can be filled in the near future.

SECRETARY/TREASITRER'S COMMENTS Dave Hill

I am quite pleased with our new bank account with Giro/Alliance & Leicester. They are offering the Society £50 for each new client we introduce to them! So if you pay bank charges at present, please ask me (Dave Hill) for details.

The main advantages are that you can deposit 5 cheques for 65p, in effect 13p each. Ideal, if like us, you get lots of cheques. Writing cheques costs 65p but they are offering free banking for 6 months. They deal with dollar cheques giving a good rate and charging £10 each. Cash can be handled at the PO counter. Paying cheques in is by pre paid envelopes.

I, Dave, have heard from 'Stepping Stones' again. You may remember they put old directories on CD. Anyone interested might like to look at their web site for a list (more are promised this year). They are about £12 each - cheap compared to the real thing where even a 1950 Kelly's is about £30. Some are a little early for us (more for the family history buffs) but they do have an 1871 Sheffield. Like microfiche it takes a little getting used to, not being able to actually flick from page to page. If they have the directories at your local library you may prefer to use the real thing (and they are free). The web site is www.stepping-stones.co.uk

In early January about 40 members have not renewed their subscriptions, about average. In a few weeks I will write to each. (Ed:- my mistake in the December Bulletin, saying Dave will not write a reminder!)

SPRING MEETING IN LONDON

Saturday May 18th at Duchess House, 18-19 Warren Street, London W1 from 1:00pm onwards. Warren Street Tube Station is just round the corner. There was a good map in the October Bulletin showing the location of Duchess Street for anyone who has not been before. This is a good way to keep in touch with old friends, meet new ones and exchange/sell or buy perfins and covers. Many members bring along something of interest from their collection: why don't you do the same?

RAILWAY PERFINS RESEARCH

The centre page of this Bulletin is intended to be detached and used as a worksheet by as many members as possible. This first page of 'B' railway dies and the next section, 'C' dies, will go to everyone. After that it could be that only those who respond to these initial worksheets will receive subsequent ones. **Please report. It is just as important to say if you have no copies. This will give some indication of rarity.**

Thanks go this time to Brian Birch and Steve Steere for articles donated to the library.

New items

- 2710 : Philatelic Literature by Subject No.5 - Perfins
C. Nieuwland, 2000, pp.8. (50g / 2oz approx)
*A basic listing without much detail, includes items not in the library.
(With thanks to Brian Birch for alerting me to the existence of this
publication.)*
- 2711: Advertising Rings
Richard Arundel, 2000, pp.40.
(100g/3oz approx)
Priced illustrated list of advertising rings on GB postal stationery.
- 2712: Security & Cancelling Overprints of Australia
Bryan Magee, 2000, pp.18.
(200g / 6oz approx)
*Illustrated catalogue of commercial overprints on postage and
revenue stamps of Australia.*
- 2713 : Katalog over danske firmaperforeringer 2001
(*Catalogue of Danish Perfins 2001*)
O. Koster-Kofod, O. Hansen, K. Mathiesen
Pub. Danish Perfin Society 2001, pp. 212.
(1kg/21b approx)
*Illustrated catalogue of Danish perfins with identities and dates
of use where known.
Written in Danish but with instructions for use also in English.
Includes a price guide in Danish Kroner.*

German Catalogue

There is an up to date catalogue of German perfins available, *Katalog der Deutschen Firmenlochungen*. Our library does not hold a copy, but a member has asked if we are planning to get one.

I have spoken to a couple of members who own a copy and it seems this catalogue is similar to our own New Illustrated catalogue. It is a large catalogue, taking up two lever arch binders. The cost is around £200, which is why I had not bought a copy earlier.

I brought up this subject at the London meeting in November. The feeling at the meeting was that we should **not** automatically pay out large sums for catalogues of foreign countries. In the time that I have been running the library, the most expensive foreign catalogue I have bought is the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, which cost around £50. This purchase was reported in the April 2001 Bulletin, but I have yet to receive a single request for it, despite the fact that US is probably the most popular country amongst our members after GB. Bearing this in mind, I think we should only buy the German catalogue if there is a prospect of it being reasonably well used.

So, if **you** collect German perfins and would be likely to use such a catalogue, please let me know. If I get a good response, I'll buy a copy for the library. Please bear in mind that I would have to send such a valuable book by registered post, which would probably cost an eye-watering £18.30 each way in the UK! (The book could also be used to answer queries, though).

Also, if you have an opinion about the wider issue of the library buying policy, I'd like to hear it.

Should we pursue completeness regardless of cost?

Should we even buy foreign catalogues at all?

NEW CATALOGUE - SECTION "P"

Roy Gault.

As I write this piece, the proof reading of section "P" of the New Illustrated Catalogue is proceeding apace and will have been 'done and dusted' by the time you read it. [Please order your copies from Jeff Turnbull, not me!] There are 1,007 different "P" dies listed, which is quite a giant leap from the 867 known after the 1993 Update. Also above average is the number of confirmed/suspected identities at just over half (52%).

Countless tens of thousands of perfined stamps have been looked at by dozens of collectors to help produce this latest catalogue - probably the most accurate and complete to date. Around 7,900 different stamps are itemised against the 1,007 different dies giving an average of 8 stamps/die. In perspective, the "Skinner-Gault G.B. Perfin Reference Collection" has 715 DD on 4,400 DDF.

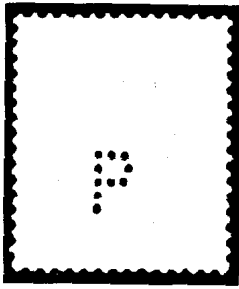
"P.H/C^o." (P2350.01M) has the greatest number of DDF at over 90, although I'm certain that one of the "PAC" dies should be regarded as the most common! While on the subject of numbers of stamps per die, the following table might prove interesting to collectors.

DDF Known	DD	%	Scarcity
10 or more	248	24.6%	Common
4-9	270	26.8%	Reasonable
2-3	248	24.6%	Scarce
0-1	241	24.0%	Rare
TOTAL	1,007		

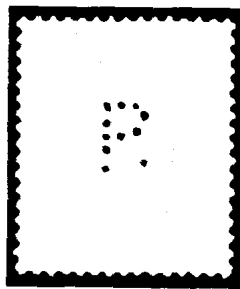
The longest lived of the "P" dies is "P&O/C^o." (P3500.02), known used 1885-1983. Thus the die was in use for around 98 years, a long life indeed compared to the average die life of 11.2 years.

The following 18 dies have been reported over the years but no records survive regarding stamp details. Can I invite you all to have a look through your collections to see if you have any examples - they must be out there somewhere!

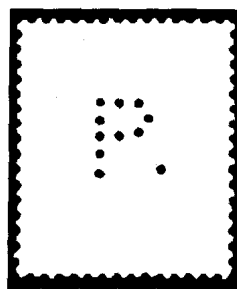
G.B. Perfins commencing letter "P" with no known details



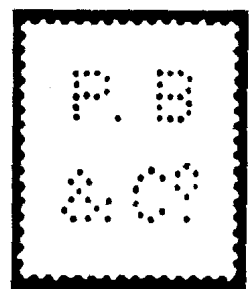
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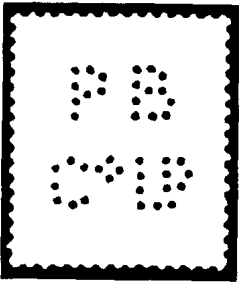
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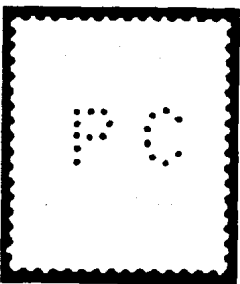
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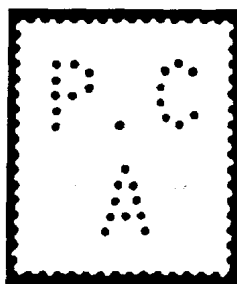
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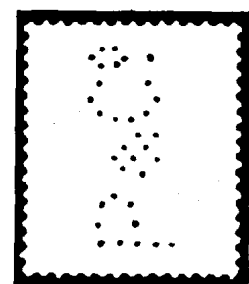
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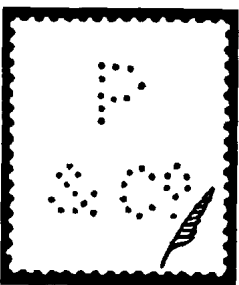
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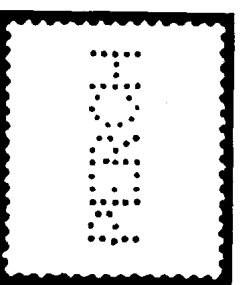
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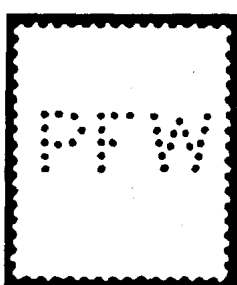
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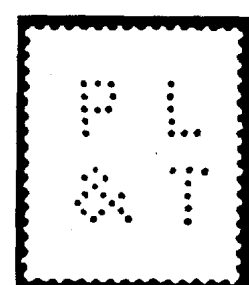
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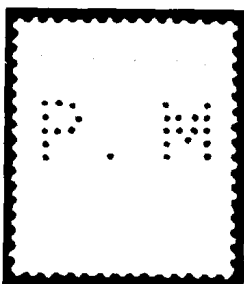
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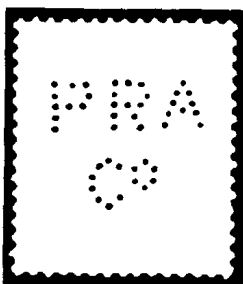
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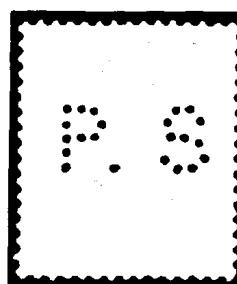
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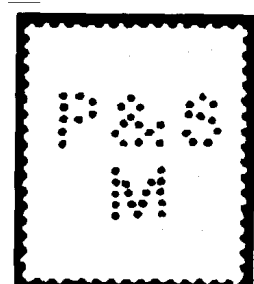
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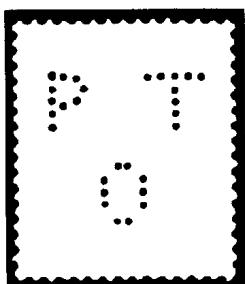
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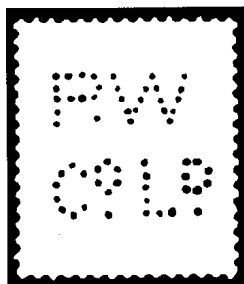
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P4340.01



P4725.01



P5130.01

I will be more than pleased to hear from you if you find anything to report.

The first single letter that came to notice was the inverted S (S0010.01i), though not given provisional status at the time the Letter S was incorporated into the New Catalogue. This inverted S is found on many of the multiple letter provisionals that exist and has yet to be found on a standard die.

I have noticed that a few identities had a multiple letter die prior to the Second World War, and were then shown using a single letter die before changing back to a multiple letter die.

One example of this is William Dawson & Sons Ltd, who used various dies with the main one known being WD/&S (W2040.03). This was used to 07/02/1941 The earliest use for the next WD/&S die (W2040.02B) is 12/11/1943.

I had seen a cover for William Dawson & Sons Ltd on the eBay auction site using the letter D (D0010.02) dated 19/05/1942 and then purchased another dated 07/01/1943, again with the same letter die.

It would appear that after Slopers were bombed in May 1941 that they used standard single letter dies as provisionals in addition to the multiple letters. The known usage of the letter D for William Dawson was for only two years between 1942-1943 and this would seem to prove the single letter provisional theory.

Has anyone else any corroborating evidence or information on other single letter dies that could have been used as temporary provisionals?

MEMBERS' WANTS

WANTED:- Cover with Commercial Overprint **S.K.F.**, of **The Skefko Ball Bearing Company Limited**, Luton. Stellan Swenson,

MEMBERS' QUERIES

Part identity from Bulletin 303/p131

From Stephen Steere

A part identity of Whitwo(rth) for die CW/&N (C8490.01) was reported in Bulletin 303.

I have now found a QV 1d lilac with this die overprinted '18, Whit...'. It would appear that the identity is in fact an address. I suggest 18 Whitworth Street or Whitworth Street West, Manchester. There is a Whitworth Street in London but there are more known perfin users in Whitworth Street, Manchester than London that has just one.

Can anyone find the identity from this part address?

[Ed:- I have a 1d lilac and a 1d plate 214 with this perfin. The 1d Plate has a clear Duplex EC/70]

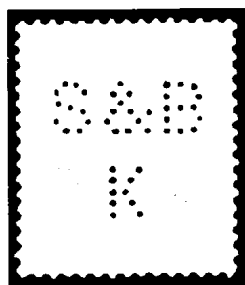
"Linoleum, the main component of which is Linseed Oil, was first patented in 1860 and for some reason or another Kirkcaldy had, by the latter years of the 19th century, become awash with firms engaged in its manufacture." These are John Nelson's words taken from a private letter he sent to me regarding the subject. His letter was also crammed full with the following company information.

On 20th September 1899 a new public company '*Barry, Ostlere & Shepherd Ltd*' was formed to acquire the following three businesses:

1. Shepherd & Beveridge
Kirkcaldy.

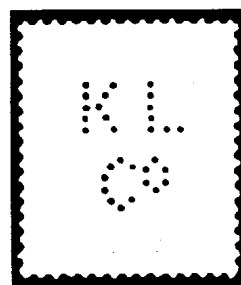
2. Kirkcaldy Linoleum Co Ltd,
Kirkcaldy.

1890-1899



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1890-1899



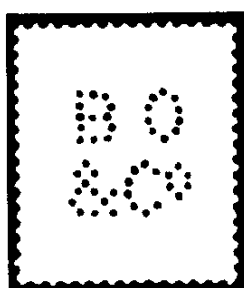
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Both companies also had offices at 151 Queen Victoria St, London EC.

3. John Barry, Ostlere & Co Ltd,

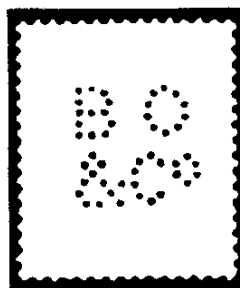
Forth, Caledonia, National and North British Works, Kirkcaldy,
and 51/52 Aldersgate St, London EC.

1890-1895



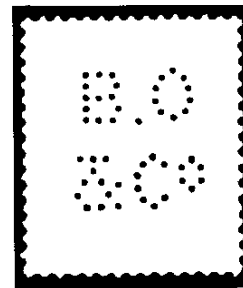
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c1895



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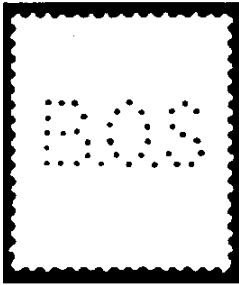
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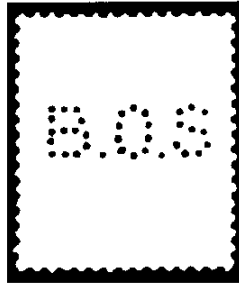
There are no less than eight perfins known (or suspected) to have been used over the years by *Barry, Ostlere & Shepherd Ltd* .

1899-1905



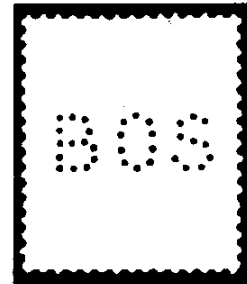
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1905-1915



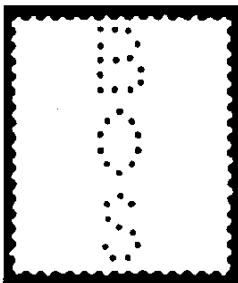
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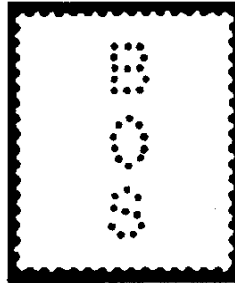
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1913-1939



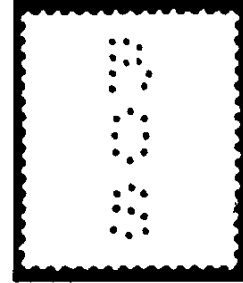
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c1939



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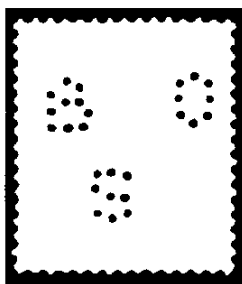
1939-1941



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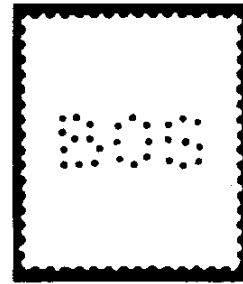
"B/O/S" (B5460.01) was a Sloper single headed die, believed lost in the blitz on their premises in May 1941. The emergency die B5455.01p and its replacement B5450.01 are quite scarce

1941-1950



B5455.01p

1955-1957



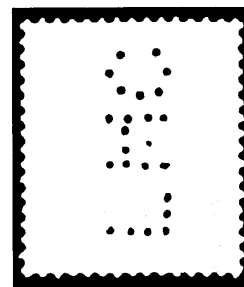
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Sadly, during 1963/4 the flooring company *Barry, Ostlere and Shepherd* succumbed to a downturn in the linoleum business and folded, causing the loss of around 1,500 jobs

There is, however, a little bit more to add to the story.

1912-1915

In February 1930 a company called *Linoleum Manufacturing Co Ltd* with works at Staines, Middlesex, and offices at 6 Old Bailey, London EC4, (which had been registered 3rd June 1864), changed its name to *Barry and Staines Linoleum Ltd*.

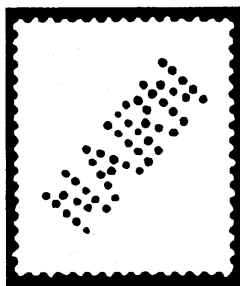


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In December 1930, *Barry, Ostlere & Shepherd Ltd* converted into a private company and Barry and Staines Linoleum Ltd then acquired all its assets. Although Barry and Staines Linoleum Ltd was the parent company, the two companies continued to trade under their original names.

One other Linoleum company is known to have had works in Kirkcaldy, namely *Michael Nairn & Co Ltd*. They also had offices at 131 Aldersgate St, London EC, Manchester, Glasgow and Paris.

1905-1939



N0100.01

John reports that in 1922 *Michael Nairn & Co Ltd* joined up with the *Greenwich Inlaid Linoleum Co Ltd* to form *Michael Nairn & Greenwich Ltd*. The Kirkcaldy works continued to use the original "NAIRN" die but it is not known if the Greenwich Inlaid Linoleum Company ever used perfins.

My thanks to John Nelson, Ian Burns, Stephen Steere and Rosemary Smith for providing invaluable information to 'flesh out' the article.

J Sloper & Co Ltd - the date 'Blitzed'

Stephen Steere

The month of May in 1941 is always shown as being when Slopers premises in Budge Row, London, EC4 was 'Blitzed'.

As I am one for the full dates I have asked what day in May, but no one has been able to give me firm evidence. I spent much time at the City of London Guildhall Library and Archives trying to find out, as well as visiting the Public Record Centre in Kew. I even found a picture of a damaged Budge Row after the raids but found the photographer had his back to Slopers premises!

The evidence pointed to the 10th & 11th of May 1941, when that part of London suffered heavily from damage after raids, but I could not pinpoint the day that Slopers were bombed.

In 1991 when the Society was able to purchase records from Slopers I found amongst them three company account ledger books that were locked. As this only listed financial expenditure they were not thought important and a suggestion was made that they should be destroyed. As I am a 'squirrel' I kept them until such time they could be opened and inspected.

One of our Society members recently found a key that would open the book and I had a brief look through but saw nothing much of interest. However with the recent audit by the Society of records and items held by members, it made me have a more thorough look as, again, it was suggested these books may not be worth keeping.

Tucked away on one page of the book that commenced 1 October 1941 was a subject previously missed, occupying one line on a page and titled "**Office War Damage Claim Account**". Written in pencil at the top of the page was "For replacement of stamps destroyed 10/5/41 see stamps A/C To: 94 Old Ledger".

To me this is the proof that Slopers were bombed on the 10th May 1941

COUNCIL PERFINS

Stephen Steere

I am still collating information on Councils towards the final goal of achieving a published list.

I would be grateful if anyone who has a proving cover of a Council could let me have dates of usage where this has not already been shown in the New Catalogue. In addition there are dies that are already shared by more than one user and I need to be able to specify the dates for the individual user.

I am hoping to be able to show each councils coat of arms, not a small task, so if you have an illustration I would be grateful for a copy or send it to me and I will copy it and return.

If anyone would like an up to date draft listing of the councils known so far then please contact me. I can send it via E-mail; my address is :-
by post, (address in "Single Letter Provisionals" article) but please enclose 50p in stamps/perfins to cover the postage and printing. I can put the list in a straightforward alphabetical list or in County order whatever is your preference.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS FROM PREVIOUS ARTICLES

Perfin T&G/P.I Bulletin 314 Page 24

Maurice Harp has had a look at London Directories from 1862 to 1885, and all the ones he looked at (1862, 1869, 1877, 1880, 1885) list the company as "United Kingdom Temperance & General Provident Institution" with no mention of a "Life Office". Perhaps that was a 'generic' name for this office. He noted that Thomas Cash was Secretary from at least 1869 to 1885!

Perfin from the Isle of Scilly Bulletin 315 pg. 13

I [Ed.], suggested to Gaille Ellis that the card, details and photocopy of which appeared in Bulletin 315, should be sent to our catalogue editor for his inspection. This is Roy's comment after examining the card.

"I am certain the perfin is a 'Wartime provisional' and would be covered by the catalogue number A5170.01 p. The "AS" portion is rather ragged and the "P" has clean cut holes, a sure sign that the initialling was done in two stages -first with a somewhat worn "AS" die followed by a newer, and certainly sharper, single letter "P" die. Another pointer to it being a 'Wartime Provisional' is the asymmetric layout of the letters, with the "P" being off to the right. Admittedly, the date is a little late for a 'Wartime Provisional', being almost 10 years after Sloper's premises were bombed in May 1941, but presumably the volume of stamps initialled with the letters "AS/P" was too small/infrequent to warrant the expense of making a 'regular' die. I know of another 'Wartime Provisional' with a particularly late date, "RT/F" used 9 Sep 1951, but no doubt there are more out there waiting to be discovered/reported.

The technique Slopers used (i.e. using more than one die to create the necessary initials) was in use prior to the loss of their dies in the "Blitz", and continued well into the 1960's - see "SR" (S6210.02v) used by Sam Robbins Ltd, The Austin depot, Coventry & Rugby. "

This comment to Gaille about the perfin on her card shows how much information can be gathered by the expert. Being a modest sort of chap, Roy would say he does not have all the answers but I think he has most.

Perfin "R" (R0010.26) Bulletin 314 Pg.13 & 315 Pg.10/11

I have had two letters regarding this perfin, both written before the December (315) Bulletin came out. This comment from **John Marriner** would appear to confirm the text in Bulletin 315.

John sent the following photocopy of the three high value Machin stamps.



His observations are:-

"The three stamps look as though they have been taken from a "local" F.D.C. and then perfined. The cancels are from Thetford in Norfolk, similar geographically to those mentioned in the article, and are in the V.F.U. category. But, when one places the stamps on top of each

other the perfin "lines up" as though they were all done together, not too unusual if the stamps were perfined by a reputable source. But again, when one examines the reverse of the stamps the "swarf/residue" from the pins passing through the stamps is still "proud". This would have disappeared if the stamps had been perfined and then stuck onto an envelope, making the reverse of the stamp "flat", even after soaking off.

So I suspect, for what reason I do not know, that they were done for ulterior motives, not for any large financial gain, but, I bought them, so someone benefited somewhere!"

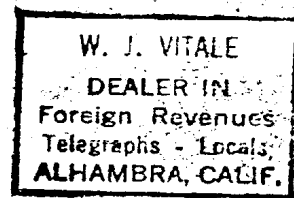
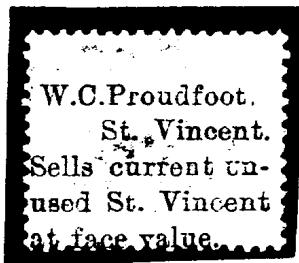
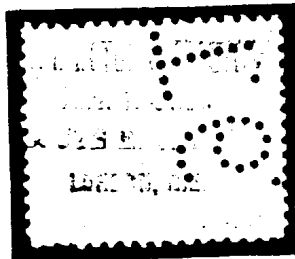
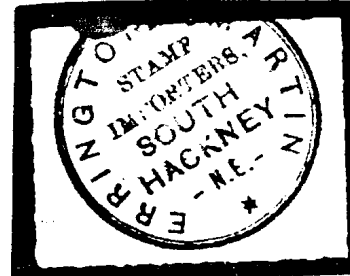
Jack Brandt also took the time to check his collection. He found a cover which has a 3p (crimson) and 2 vertical pairs of 3½p (light brown), all with this perfin. The perfins are all upright from the front and because the pairs are not in a block of 4, possibly the construction of the machine is such that it only allows the stamps to be perforated one in from the side. In the pairs, the perfins are at a slight angle to each other and not in line. The cancel is Bury-St-Edmunds of 18 Oct 1984. The address is written by hand.

Unusual Underprints Bulletin 313 Pg.6, 11 & 24; 314Pg.8

JACK BRANDT has the "UNITED/BAKERS/BREAD" underprint, in violet, on a 1½d KGV perfin - A/&C (A1300.02). He suspects this was an advertising technique of the company but, although the underprint looks the same, he doubts if the same rubber stamp would have been used from 1892 to 1912 or later. It also begs the question - why printed on a perfin of a different company?



Jack also has similar underprints, but from stamp dealers. The "ERRINGTON AND MARTIN" had many types of underprints (3 shown) and they put them on worldwide stamps, including perfins. The 'T.6.' is from Spain and the 'J&C' from Roumania.



The other two, "W.C. PROUDFOOT" and "W.J.VITALE", are from Canada and US Revenues.

The 'NFB' is on an early Canadian (cancel 1898) and needs more research.

