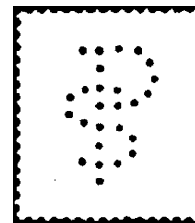


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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES to JUNE 2002

Total Members 360

New Members

NICOLE GODARD

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JURGEN SETTGAST

Reinstated

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SECRETARY/TREASURER COMMENTS

Dave Hill

This month's offers:-

I have some common perfin covers. If anyone wants any, send me a large stamped addressed envelope. Members abroad can send me IRC or unused GB stamps or whatever. The covers are PAC, councils of Camden, St.Helens, Hastings, Cardiff, Watford, Leeds (clips only) etc. I will try to

give you one of each but if you want to register your interest with me for the future, I do get accumulations of covers from members.

A member who has resigned has a Tomkins 8 (although Tomkins 9 is not dear!) He will post to a member who is interested, but I think you ought to send him some stamps, especially if abroad. Write to me in the first instance.

Secretary's Musings

Dave Hill

I often get enquiries from members about where to get perfins. I muse about this myself. When Roy finished the 'P' pages of the New Illustrated he wrote with some interesting findings which probably hold true for all GB perfins viz:

25% of perfin dies are common

25% are easily found

25% are rare, a difficult term to quantify but see below

25% are very rare -there being only 2 or 3 copies existing.

There are only a handful of collections which are 80% complete and even fewer 90% complete **IN THE WORLD.**

Instance my own collection. I've been a member for 13 years, yet I was disappointed to find when I counted a couple of letters that my collection is less than 25% of the total, although the blank spaces should have been a warning. I have NOT got all the perfins in the first category (I hate wading through piles of Machins just to find one) I have NOT got them all in the second category. I have a few in the third and probably none in the last

But perfins (like football) are a funny old game! I buy all different die lots in auction or swap with another member and can add a very few to my meagre collection. Then someone outside our- circle, say a stamp dealer, when he finds 1 collect perfins, very occasionally has offered me a pile of 10 or 20 of a die I have not got which may be uncommon or even rare! It seems some perfins are geographical, only appearing when some correspondence is broken up, the stamp dealer at a loss what to do with them until he finds a perfin collector, who adds them to his collection and then equally, is at a loss what to do with the duplicates.

I wonder if many of our members are hanging onto duplicates of uncommon dies. They can't be put into auction because there is too much duplication. A few could have been sold in the exchange packet before its demise. Some have been given to me for the "50 free" we give to new members. (I have enough at present)

A recent computer buzzword has been "networking" - matching one persons need to another's ability to fulfil that need. Of course this can be done without a computer. I wonder if I can do this "networking" by offering to buy these accumulations from members and then selling them, probably from an occasional list sent with the Bulletin. I intend to buy and sell fairly cheaply, with an erratic supply and an uncertain demand. Value of perfins is still very problematic and I won't be able to sell them all. If I could buy at a few pence each I could sell specific dies of Q.V. and E7 perfins from a list that gave catalogue number and simplified SG Nos. at 10 or 20p each. Small purchases can be paid for with mint GB stamps – I can always use them (eventually). What do you think, what can you offer me? Please no very common dies. I would avoid QEII at present unless on identifying cover, no damaged unsaleable stamps, trimmed or torn. You can send these for the "50 Free" for new members. If I get too many of

these I may make up another box for "Kids Korner" at the Stamp Exhibitions.

Perhaps I can match your duplicates to the gaps in other members' collections. I can't see any other way of finding a use for them.

More Musings but from the new 'P' Section of 'The New Illustrated'

I note from the 'P' pages of the New Illustrated Catalogue, recently issued, that Peek Frean did not use a perfin after W.W.II, but Peek Frean's Club did.

Arthur Carr revived this family firm after a feud amongst the Peeks. His father had trained in the family firm of biscuit makers - Carrs of Carlisle - until told by his older brothers that there was no place for him, so he moved south. Arthur, born 1855, died 1947 but retired from Peek Freans in 1927. In an unprecedented sales promotion in 1906 Carr sent out 200,000 postcards offering free biscuits to housewives. Were these perfined?

Carr was a Quaker and founded an employees sports club in 1902. Was this the Peek Frean Club, user of the PFC perfin? I had previously thought it might be a children's club like Ovaltineys or Cadbury Bournville. I belonged to the Cadbury Bournville children's club and still remember the chocolate bars on my birthday in an otherwise chocolate free post war period.

NOTES FROM THE LONDON MEETING - MAY 18th

Once again a very friendly, noisy and fruitful afternoon with about 20 in attendance. Perfins and covers were bought and sold; prized items shown; auction lots given to John for future auctions; new items for the Library passed to Alastair; discussions about matters affecting the Society and it's members.

The matters discussed were:-

- ❖ **Railway Worksheets.** Terry Comper brought along a bulging folder of returned material from the 'B' and 'C' worksheets. If Terry were then to send future worksheets only to those 30+ members who had responded, the cost to the Society in postage and duplicating would be greater than sending the worksheets to all members via the Bulletin. So, all members will now be issued with all the worksheets. You should find the 'L' worksheets in this Bulletin.
- ❖ **Stampshow 2000 Display.** Rosemary brought back the display (after using some of the sheets in her display of perfins to two Yorkshire P.S's) and handed it back to Roy. Enquiries had been made as to the cost of printing the 60+ sheets in colour, for sale as a complete publication. The pros and cons of colour to black and white were aired and it was voted that as the colour publication would be in the region of £16-£20 (inc.P&P) for a minimum of 50 copies, we should go ahead and order the colour edition. If you would like a copy of this publication saving for you, please let Jeff Turnbull know. It could be that we would need more than 50 copies as Vera Trinder and others may order more. The display covered most of the history, themes, by-ways and rarities in the GB perfin field with original material and little known or rarely seen items included. At any level of perfin knowledge, this is a must for the serious perfin collector.
- ❖ **Auction,** a] The auction lots have been appearing on the Internet and John has been getting bids from non-members in USA. **Only members may bid in our auction** - non-members are being ignored.
b] John needs more 'perfin stamp' lots as opposed to covers. Can you send your duplicates, any country not just GB, so there is variety in the auction.
- ❖ Rosemary mentioned in the last Bulletin that one dealer was advertising perfinned items, which would appear to have been authenticated by the

Perfin Society, without giving any credit to the Society. Now Rosemary has been appraised of another dealer selling one of the Royal Bank of Scotland covers with the perfined receiving mark on the Internet. At the side of the illustration on the Internet is a photocopy of the article about these covers taken from the Bulletin. The feeling of the meeting was that any use of information gained solely through the Society publications, should have acknowledgement of it's source. I would have thought common courtesy demanded this.

- ❖ **Society Information On Disk.** It had been suggested that the Society Catalogues be put onto disks for general sale. This was strenuously vetoed at the meeting and it was agreed that any publication of the Society which is being sold, or has been sold, should **NOT** be put onto a commercial disk. The Society, and this means you, the members, have spent a considerable amount of money and time producing these catalogues and information. Any monetary gain from this information should come back to the Society.
- ❖ **Bulletins On Disk.** However, it was agreed that the Bulletins, and cumulative Index to the Bulletins, could be put onto disk for general sale. Copies of the Bulletins are not kept for sale and back numbers are hard to come by. (Specific articles can be ordered through the Librarian) There is some valuable information contained in the Bulletin and for the new, serious collector, many questions can be answered by reference to back copies of the Bulletin.
- ❖ **Current Perfins.** Checkpoint, who took over Sloper's business interests in the early 90's no longer perforate the stamps for present users of perfins. We would like to know who does. If anyone has that information, please write in. (See "Current Perfin Users" elsewhere in this Bulletin.)
- ❖ **Society Page On The Internet.** In Bulletin 314 Page 4, Alastair Walter said he had set up a website for the Society. (www.angelfire.com/pr/perfinsoc) He asked for a volunteer to take over

the running of the site and John Evans has offered to do this. At the meeting it was agreed that one of the things which could go onto this website was an article from the current Bulletin, one nominated by the Editor. The article would not contravene the embargo on Catalogues or information which will be sold in future publications. No doubt John Evans will write about the website in the next Bulletin when he has had time to get it organised.

MEMBERS' WANTS

New member. **Bob Allard**

would be interested in a collection or quantity of GB perfins suitable for a beginner.

Michael Carey

has a range of British, British Commonwealth and Foreign perfins off cover which he would be willing to exchange for perfins (or postage and fiscal stamps of interest without perfin) from countries of the British Commonwealth in the Far East:- Malaya, North Borneo, Singapore, Sarawak, Brunei, Labuan, Hong Kong, Br, POs in China etc.

CURRENT PERFINS Derek Ransom

Only 4 new additions to the Current Perfins list this time. Two from Jack Dee and two from Dave Hill.

DT 4710.06 2nd, 1st

EH/MC 2020.01b 1st & 1stM

Please send and new dies or values seen to Derek

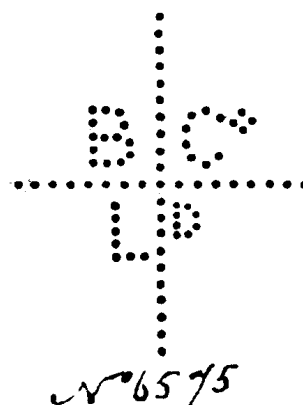
SURPRISES FROM THE SPRING MEETING!.

Roy Gault

In response to Dave Hill's request to 'take something interesting' to the Spring Meeting in London, I took the following two items.

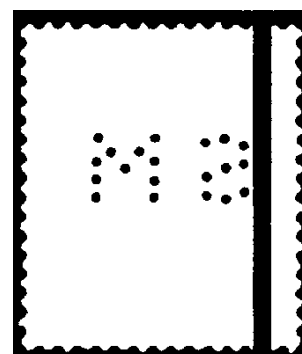
The first was the unusual "BC^o/L^d in a Cross" (B1565.01) that Bill Shields had recently reported to me on a QV ½d Slate (SGI 87), one postmarked London SW, 6th April 1886. I took Harry Skinner's copy *on piece* to be examined because the initialling process had gone through *both stamp and card*. Normally, this would exclude it from the Perfin Catalogue as the initials were probably applied *after* being postally used, and so probably applied as a receiving mark. Harry's piece also had a QV ½d Slate with the date 10th Jan 1886 in manuscript, and part post-town of ...ham'. By pure chance, John Marriner had his copy with him at the meeting, again on a QV ½d Slate, but postmarked with '801' for Wimbledon.

The die itself was single headed and fitted by J Sloper & Co to their machine No. 6575. The impression in the ledger is undated, but it is in amongst cancelling dies (which Slopers also made) with 1885 date slugs, so c1885 would be a reasonable date for its manufacture.



Can anyone provide any more details from examples they may hold as to stamp issues, values, and postmarks?

The other stamp was a potentially rare 2d Wilding phosphor-graphite with the initials "SM" (S4760.01M). The stamp appeared to have one graphite line on the back, and two phosphor bands (instead of one) on the front. The watermark would be expected to be Multiple Crowns.



Stephen Steere has inspected the stamp for me under his phosphor lamp and the bands fluoresce *violet* instead of green. The watermark is indeed Multiple Crowns but the graphite line has been applied by hand - in other words, it's a FAKE

PUBLICATIONS (Jeff Turnbull is the Publications Officer)

The list on the next page is the current price list for all publications obtainable from Jeff. Most overseas members keep a credit account with Dave Hill from which their wants are deducted. Some GB members do this too, but before Jeff can send publications, the account must be in credit. He would prefer GB members to send money directly to himself to pay for their publications, which saves checking with Dave every time.

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SEEN IN AUCTION

John Mathews saw these on eBay auctions.

? GB Q.V. 1891 £1 green with perfin DB (0210.02?) Sold for \$61-50

? GB Q.V. 1884 £1 brown with perfin HSB (6420.01?) wmk Crowns.
Sold for £205.

? GB Q.V. SG 185 £1 brown-lilac with perfin CIH/&S. Sold for £127

Stephen Steere, again on eBay, saw a GB KGVI £1 Silver Wedding with ? perfin that sold for £52-50.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

I am pleased to hear that **TORD LAGERWALL** from Sweden has been awarded a Gold Award at Gothex 200 with a display of 'The Perfins of Sweden

LIBRARY REPORT

The following are new items in the library:

2714: Perfins of Malaysia

Mervyn Lavender, 2002. pp.88.

(500g / 1 lb approx)

A comprehensive illustrated catalogue of all known perfins of Malaysia with identities where known, includes a price guide.

With thanks to the author for donating this copy to the library.

2715 : CH Perfins - The Private Perfins of Switzerland

Martin Baer

Pub. Perfin Research Group, Swiss Postal Stationery Collectors Society, pp.240.

(350g/ 1 loz approx)

A comprehensive illustrated catalogue of all known perfins of Switzerland with identities where known, includes a scarcity guide.

In German. French and English.

2716 : The World Perfins Catalog - European Section

Robert J. Schwerdt, 1994

Pub. The Perfins Club, pp.70.

(200g / 6oz approx)

Illustrated catalogue, with identities where known, for all countries not covered by a separate catalogue at the time of publication.

2717 : The World Perfins Catalog - Asian Section

Robert J. Schwerdt, 1996

Pub. The Perfins Club, pp.56.

(200g / 6oz approx)

Illustrated catalogue, with identities where known, for all countries not covered by a separate catalogue at the time of publication.

2718 : The World Perfins Catalog - African Section

Robert J. Schwerdt, 1995

Pub. The Perfins Club, pp.50.

(200g / 6oz approx)

Illustrated catalogue, with identities where known, for all African countries, grouped by colonial power.

The library also holds a copy of the (South & Central) American section of The World Perfins Catalog (library number 1064).

EDITOR'S COMMENTS Rosemary Smith

Corrections and apologies for mistakes and omissions in the last Bulletin. I was working against time before going away on holiday - that my story and I'm sticking to it!

1] **Malaya Perfin Catalogue:** cheques should be payable to G.S.Lavender not G.S.Sterling. I hope this did not cause too many problems for Mervyn or members who sent for a catalogue. I was speaking to a member at Morley Stamp Fair today who was singing the praises of this publication.

2] **Railway Perfin Worksheet:** Terry Comper, besides thanking all the members who had returned worksheets or got in touch with him, had asked me to say that he had had an accident to his 'writing & typing' hand. This meant he could not write back to these members as quickly as he would have liked.

3] **King GV Silver Jubilee Catalogue:** the price quoted was at the original rate. Now there are more pages and printing and postage costs have increased, the price has had to be revised. If you are interested, see the new Publications list elsewhere in this Bulletin.

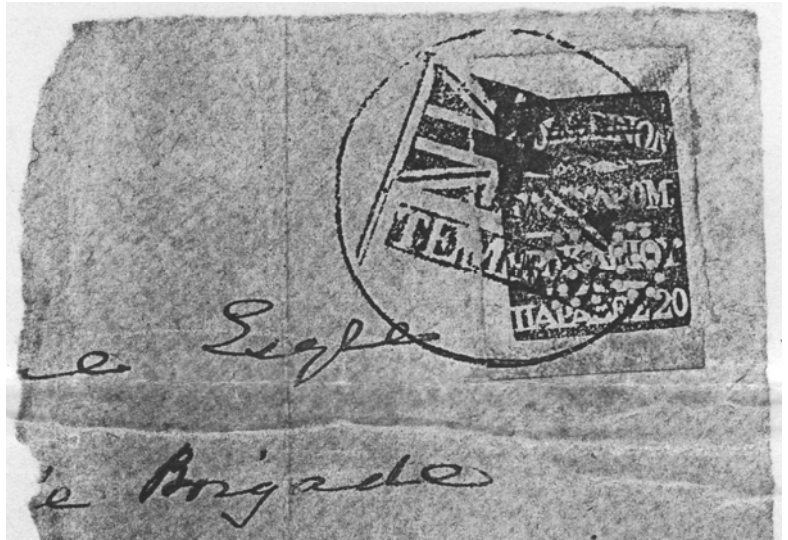
4] Bulletin 317 Page 16 mentioned that Gibbons published 'The Stamp Magazine'. This is NOT correct. On this subject, I am disappointed that no one had the article by Stan Hills which I was looking for.

This June Bulletin is likely to be late and this time I AM to blame. My computer printer decided that enough was enough after 6 years and gave up the ghost this week. I had to go and buy another printer this morning and hopefully I shall be on track for the master copy to go to the printing firm next week.

Keep sending in copy for the Bulletin. All articles etc gratefully accepted.

PERFIN WITH A CRETE CONNECTION

In April, MICHAEL CAREY wrote with a query about a 'perfin' on a Crete stamp on piece, illustrated along side.



Michael writes:- *"It appears to be (to my inexpert eye!) a good copy of the first 1898 issue of an imperforate 20 para "stamp" - locally handstruck in bright violet ink -for use within the British-administered Candia Province of Crete. It is on a fragment of envelope "front" apparently addressed to someone in an unspecified Brigade within the Province. It is "cancelled" with an equally bright violet hand stamp incorporating the Union Jack within a circle, with the word "TEMENOS" boxed under the flag.*

The stamp/label is perfined with the numerals "28". The perfin is approximately 8mm high and 12mm in width, in the format of 10,12.

If the item is genuine, the Stanley Gibbons Catalogue suggests that it is reasonably scarce/valuable - presumably without perfin. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who has more information on the stamp/label, the cancellation and/or the perfin numerals. "

Looking in the Bulletin Cumulative Index, there was one entry for Crete. When I turned to Bulletin 265 (Aug '93) Page 8, lo and behold, more about this very subject. As it will assist in going some way to answer this query, I will copy the article from Bulletin 265.

PERFIN WITH A CRETE CONNECTION from Mike Bavin

During the administration of Crete by France, Great Britain, Italy and Russia (1899-1908) stamps were issued for use in the British-controlled Province of Candia (now Heraklion). The first stamp, SG1, was handstruck in shades of violet with a face value of 20 parades. It is uncommon, currently valued by S.G. at £350 mint and £25 used (this was in 1993). The second part of the Dr. Maurice R. Friend collection, sold by Robson Lowe in Zurich on 23rd November 1982, contained an extraordinary cover. It was franked with no fewer than six of the above mentioned stamps, each perforated 28 (10,12) and cancelled by the TEMENOS Union Jack in violet. The cover was addressed to Lewis Hall Esq. and had an unidentified Regimental insignia on the flap. Lot No.370, valuation Swiss francs 4500, makes this one of the most valuable perfin covers in existence. The origin of the perfin, and details of other rare covers would be appreciated.

I, Rosemary Smith, was Editor at that time and there were no replies to this query. I have spoken to two of my postal history dealer acquaintances. One deals primarily with military postal history and the other world postal history. Both have seen quite a number of these stamps on, and off, cover but never with a perfin. They did tell me that all (c40) of the small garrisons on Crete at that time are mentioned in Barefoot's World Revenue book but there is no mention of them using a perfined stamp. Was there a 28th Regiment, Battalion or Brigade?

Can anyone add anything else to help solve this mystery?

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

Tonga 'Perfin' Bulletin 317 Page 23.

John Beard sent a card suggesting a possible solution was "Walsall Security Printers". His 1970 S.G.Part 1 gives the printers of Tonga issues as "Walsall Lithograph Ltd".

However, a most informative letter from **Bob Rowe**, gave a full answer.

'Specimen stamps are usually produced by overprinting or perforating. Walsall Security Printers chose to produce their specimen freeform self-adhesive stamps for the Kingdom of Tonga by use of a WSP/SPECIMEN in triangle' pin punch. There are 150 little pins in the punch. Walsall designed and printed special souvenir stamp albums, for the Kingdom of Tonga, to be presented to delegates who attended the annual congress of the Universal Postal Union. Each album contained the stamps that were current for use during the year of the Congress. The 'wsp specimen' pin punch was randomly applied to each freeform self-adhesive stamp in the album. I guess you could call the resulting holes from this pin punch a pseudoperfin as I do not believe Walsall had a true WSP'perfin.'

Many thanks to Bob Rowe for this information.

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Stamp Distribution (Parent) Company Ltd Rosemary Smith

I have had enough contributions to fill the Bulletin this month. My article on the above can always wait until I am short of copy. However, keep the perfin news items coming in.

JOHN MATHEWS found this information in the Melbourne Post Office Directories 1900-1955. *"The Stamp Emporium was run over a long period of time by well-known Melbourne stamp dealer, William Ackland, at addresses in Elizabeth Street and Collins Street at different times. Mathew noticed one of his catalogues offered recently on eBay. It dates (1930) from the time he was in Elizabeth Street. He sent a down loaded copy of the outside of this catalogue and two inside pages but unfortunately they are good enough to photocopy.*

Query re Die "O/&C" (O0500.01) Bulletin 317 Page 13

From The London Directories in the National Library (Australia) **John Mathews** again found good information. *OSLANDS was the telegraphic address of- Osman & Co., horticultural sundriesmen, importers of Russian mats, bamboo canes, manufacturers of artificial wreaths, water cans, all garden requisites. 157 Commercial St., EC. TA "Oslands", 77V 2950 London Wall. This was in the 1909 Directory.*

Private Overprint "F.H. Wenman" Bulletin 317 Page 11

In the earlier London Directories, **John Mathews** noted the following:-

- ❖ 1862 no entry
- ❖ 1865-67 Francis Heathcote Wenman, 19 Bishopsgate Within, EC (as page 11)
- ❖ 1868 Francis Heathcote Wenman, 20 St Helen's Place, EC
- ❖ 1869-71 Francis Heathcote Wenman & Co., Ship & Insurance Brokers, 20 St Helen's Place, EC (this one corresponds to the wording on the overprint)

- ❖ 1872 Wenman, White & Co., Shipping agents, 101 Leadenhall St., EC (had been a John Francis White & Co in previous years)
- ❖ 1873 Wenman & Co., 101 Leadenhall St., EC
- ❖ 1874-5 No entry
- ❖ 1876-?? Wenman & Co., 3 Suffolk Lane, EC (as on p. 11)

Frank Braham Advert Bulletin 314 Page 14 & 315 Page 8.

One of our members, Andy Donaldson, has written to say that he purchased this item in the Martin Townsend Sale. (It is nice to know that it is in the hands of a perfin collector) I wrote to Andy with a few questions about the advert. There is nothing on the advert to indicate a date. The proof stamp is indeed a loose stamp. He has no proof that the loose stamp is really linked to the advert and/or Braham. He enclosed a printout of the scanned advert (opened out flat), the back being blank.

This advert is almost identical to the one shown in Bulletin 314 Page 15 except the two examples at the bottom of the left hand side of the advert are misplaced. The RH/&/JP die covers the letters "BAN" of BANKERS and the AZ/&C⁰ die blacks out the "ET, E.C." of the address. The larger Id lilac at the top of the page is also out of alignment. This would indicate that the advert was static but the stamp dies used were printed on to these adverts at a second stage of printing. I have a very poor photocopy of another of these adverts, the Id lilac is the same, the stamp at bottom left is unrecognisable but the bottom right is for die ED/WJ which is not in any of our catalogues.

I am always grateful for any photocopy of perfin material. They are filed away and I can often add extra information to queries in the Bulletin by reference to these articles.

LANCASTER CHANCERY COURT

by Rosemary Smith

Taken from research by Frank Brown and illustrations from Jeff Turnbull.

Historical background from J Barefoot's "Great Britain Revenues".

When the book "G.B. Official Perfins" by Edwards & Lucas, was published in 1984 by The Perfin Society, none of this information was included. Frank Brown has brought to light much of this new data and if anyone is keen to get details of all stamp values cancelled by perfin for the different divisions of The Lancaster Chancery Court, get in touch with our Publications Officer, Jeff Turnbull.

In 1351 the Duke of Lancaster acquired powers so great that a separate system of Justice was established in the Palatinate of Lancaster (i.e. Lancashire, but not in other land owned by the Dukes of Lancaster in London or other parts of the country). Under Court of Chancery of Lancaster Acts of 1850, 1954 and 1890, the system of Justice was simplified and broadly brought in line with the rest of the country though retaining its special character.

The Fee Receipt stamps were usually cancelled by a circular date stamp and a perfin. Each stamp has a letter followed by a serial number.

There are four known perfin cancellation, used by four different districts within Lancashire.

The Preston & Blackburn District; The Preston District; The Manchester District; The Liverpool District.

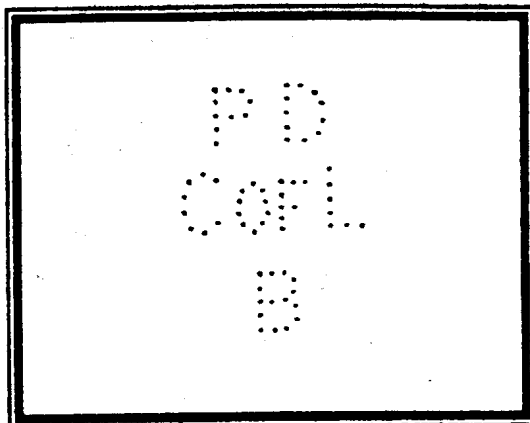
PD/C of L/B

The Preston & Blackburn District
Chancery of the County Palatine of
Lancaster. In use 1890s+

Dates 11-12-1897 1-6-1915

Perfin through document

Values 4d, 6d, 3/-, 5/-



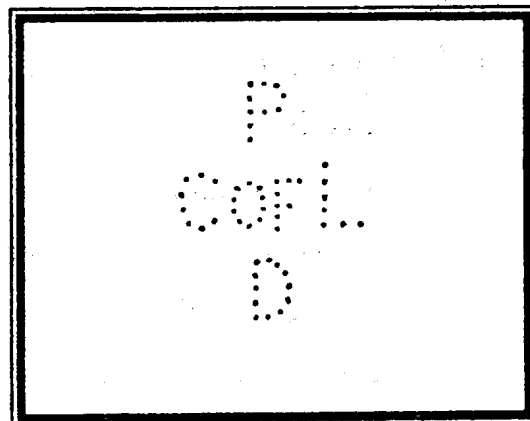
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The Preston District
Chancery of the County Palatine of
Lancaster. In use 1886 -

Dates

Perfin through document

Values



M/C of/D

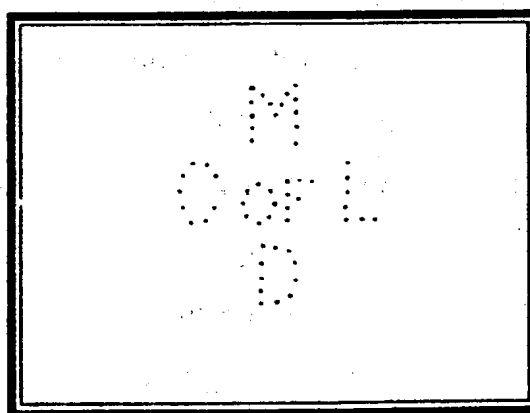
The Manchester District
Chancery of the County Palatine of
Lancaster. In use 1875-1929

Dates 20-11-1886 6-7-1970

Perfin through document

Values numerous

Recorded on 1970 document with
perfin through stamp only



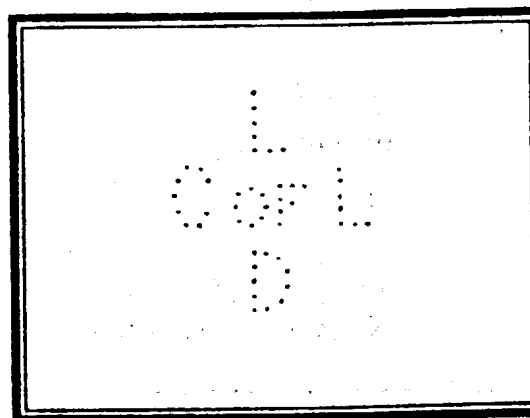
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The Liverpool District
Chancery of the County Palatine of
Lancaster. In use 1886

Dates 16-8-1886 21-5-1924

Perfin through document

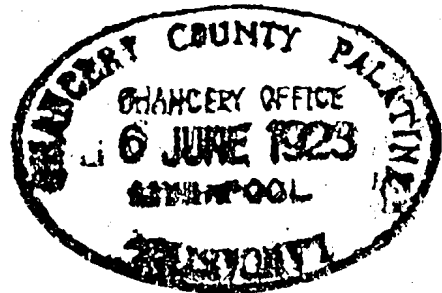
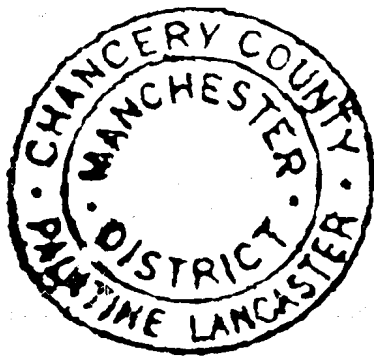
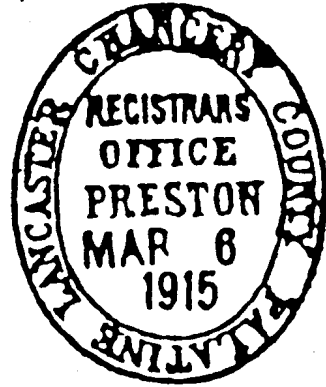
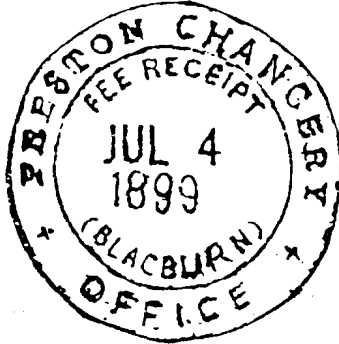
Values Numerous



LANCASTER CHANCERY COURT

Cancellations

These have been scanned from documents - hence the loss of clarity. Copy of the 1970 document is on the back of Auction No.3 (2002).



THE BRITISH TRANSPORT COMMISSION.

Roy Gault

The 1947 Transport Act heralded the nationalisation of the Railways and other major transport operations including Road Haulage and the Canals and Inland Waterways of the United Kingdom, with effect from 1st January 1948. The state-owned "British Transport Commission", responsible to the Ministry of Transport (created in 1919), was set up specifically to administer general transport policy and financial control through 'Executives'. Of interest to us are the following, three of which are known to have used perfins:

Railway Executive (British Railways).

London Transport Executive.

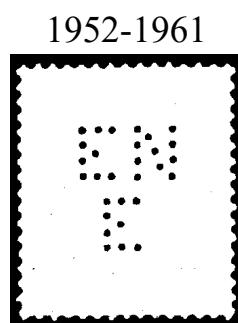
Docks & Inland Waterways Executive.

Road Haulage Executive. Road Passenger Executive.

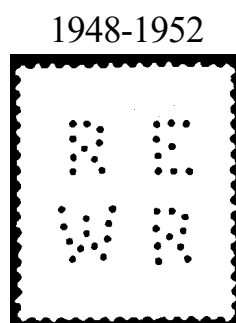
Under the control of the Railway Executive, The 'Big Four' Railway Companies originally set up on 1/1/1923, became British Railways.

The Great Western Railway (GWR). The London, Midland & Scottish Railway (LMS). The London & North Eastern Railway (LNER). The Southern Railway (SR).

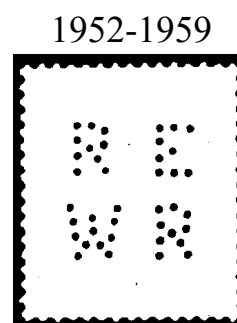
The Railway Executive - Eastern Region (formerly the LNER) used a die with the initials "EN/E", whereas the Western Region (formerly the GWR) used two dies with the initials "RE/WR". It is possible that the "EN/E" die is simply LNER's "LN/E" die (L4140.01M) modified by J Sloper & Co to read "EN/E" early on in 1952.



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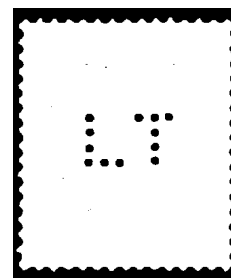


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The London Transport Executive.

1945-1985

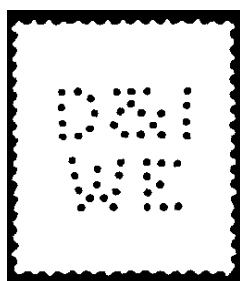
Responsible for running the fleet of London buses and the underground railway system, it used the perfin with the initials "LT". The use of these initials for "London Transport" first started in the 1930s.



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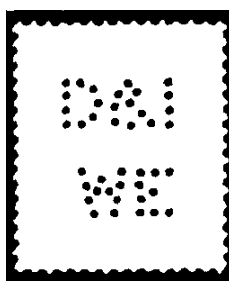
The Docks & Inland Waterways Executive - used two dies with the initials "D&I/WE".

1948-1952



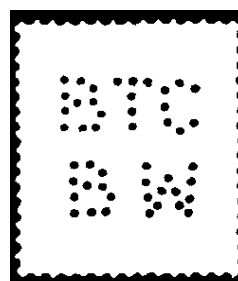
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1952-1962



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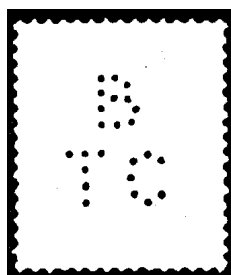
1953-1957



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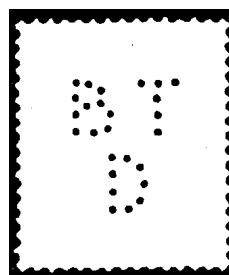
In 1953 the Inland Waterways interests were formed into a separate body called British Waterways, and used "BTC/BW". The 'Docks' portion appears to have continued using "D&I/WE" until the early 1960s when a new die "B/TC" was used at the Dock Offices, Goole.

1962-1963



B7110.01

1963-1975



B7150.02

The "BTC" was abolished in 1962 in favour of 'Boards', effective from 1st January 1963 - British Railways Board, British Transport Docks Board, British Waterways Board, and the London Transport Board. The British Transport Docks Board employed the perfin "BT/D" (B7150.02), known used at Grimsby & Goole

Way back in 1964 Mary Thornton first highlighted the opportunity for studying "Canal Perfins" and came up with a number of possibilities including:

The Bridgewater Navigation,
The Aire & Calder Navigation, and
The Manchester Ship Canal.

Since then very little has been added to the list, although an addition worthy of note is the "Leeds & Liverpool Canal" who used the perfin "L&L/C" (L3460.01) from around 1900 to 1915.

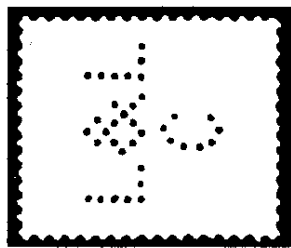
The "Leeds & Liverpool Canal" was constructed over an unusually long period of 46 years, having been begun in 1770 and not finished until 1816. At 127 miles, it was the longest single canal in Great Britain. The motivation behind its construction was to link the industrial city of Leeds with the major seaport of Liverpool by crossing the Pennines and in so doing also serve some of the main industrial areas of the north-west of England.

Typical cargoes included coal, limestone, wool, cotton, grain, beer and general goods. The canal company prospered on this diet of cargo and were even able to compete favourably when railway transport was introduced in the mid-late Victorian era. However, trade started to decline with the introduction of road haulage using lorries after World War I.

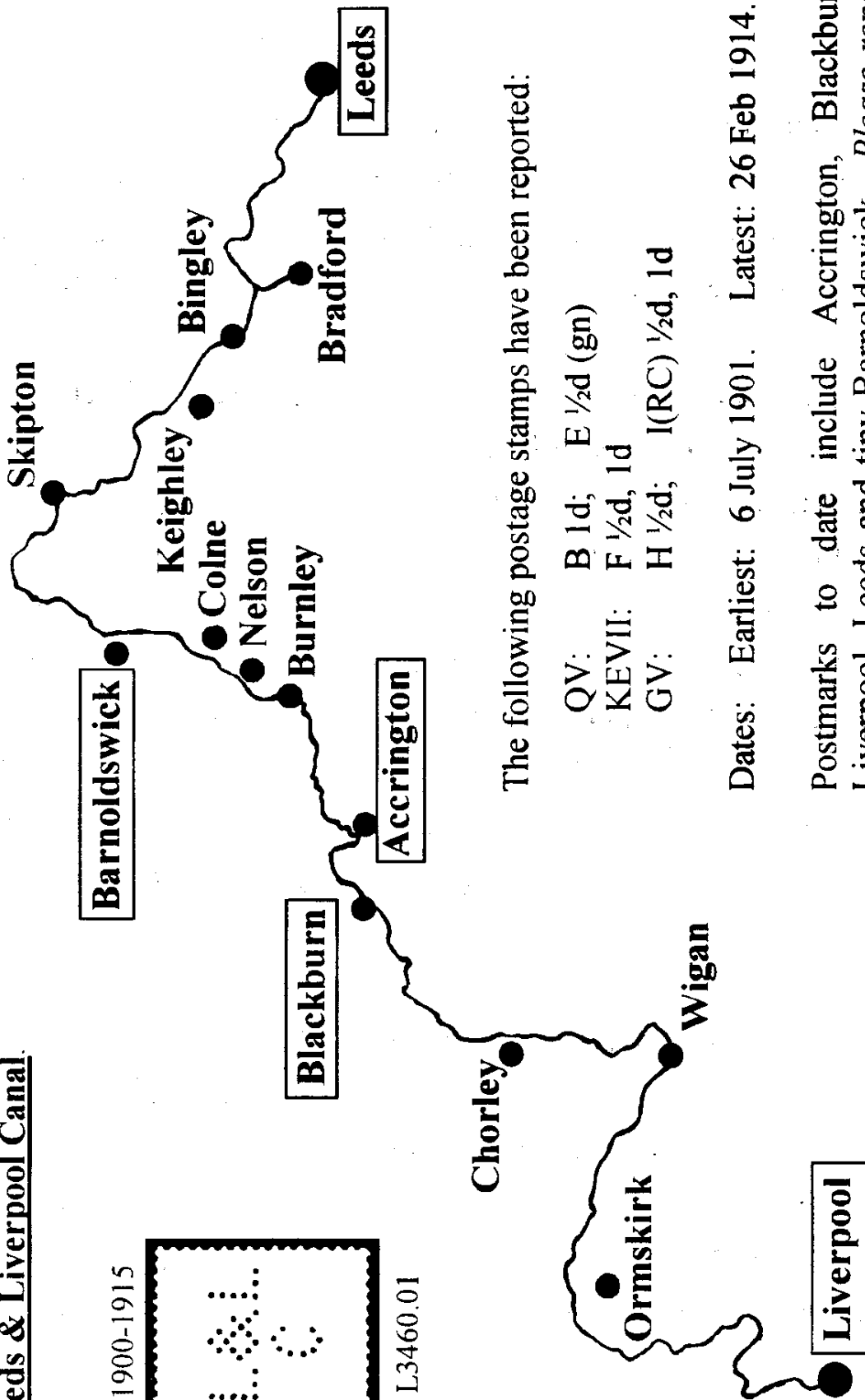
Although some branches of the canal closed in the 1920s, there was enough commercial traffic to ensure the canal survived to be part of the 1948 nationalisation. On the 1st January 1948 control of the canal passed to The British Transport Commission - Docks and Inland Waterways Executive. Regular trade on the canal stopped in 1972 when transportation of coal by canal from the Plank Lane Colliery to the power station at Wigan ceased. The canal is now used for leisure only.

The Leeds & Liverpool Canal.

1900-1915



L3460.01



The following postage stamps have been reported:

- QV: B 1d; E ½d (gn)
- KEVII: F ½d, 1d
- GV: H ½d; I(RC) ½d, 1d

Dates: Earliest: 6 July 1901. Latest: 26 Feb 1914.

Postmarks to date include Accrington, Blackburn, Liverpool, Leeds and tiny Barnoldswick. Please report any additional stamp details, dates and postmarks so they can be included in the *New Illustrated Catalogue*.

BOARD OF TRADE PERFINS

by John Nelson

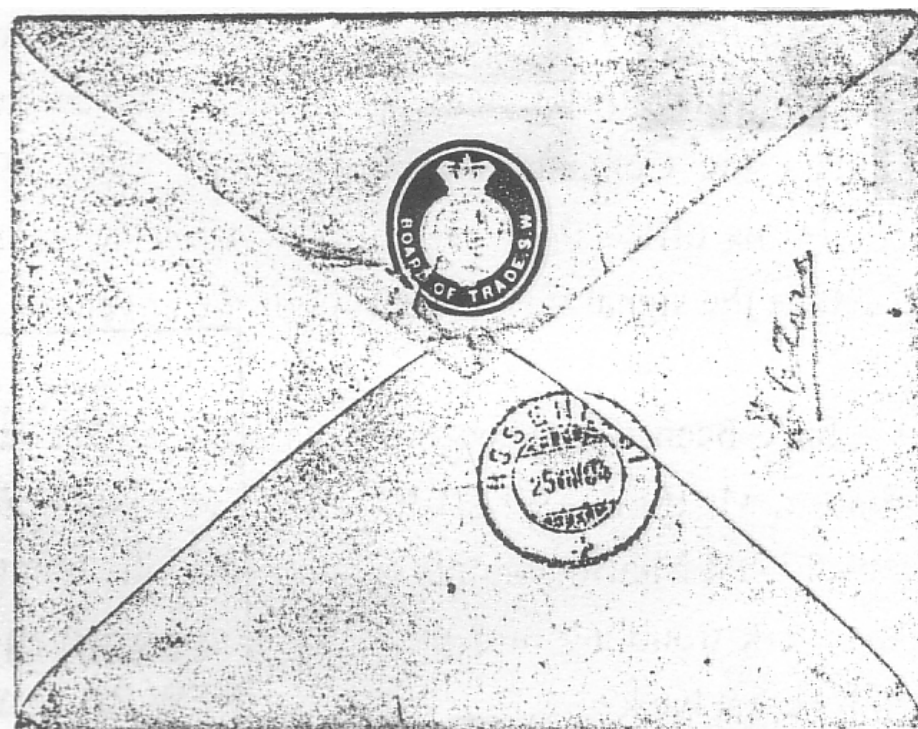
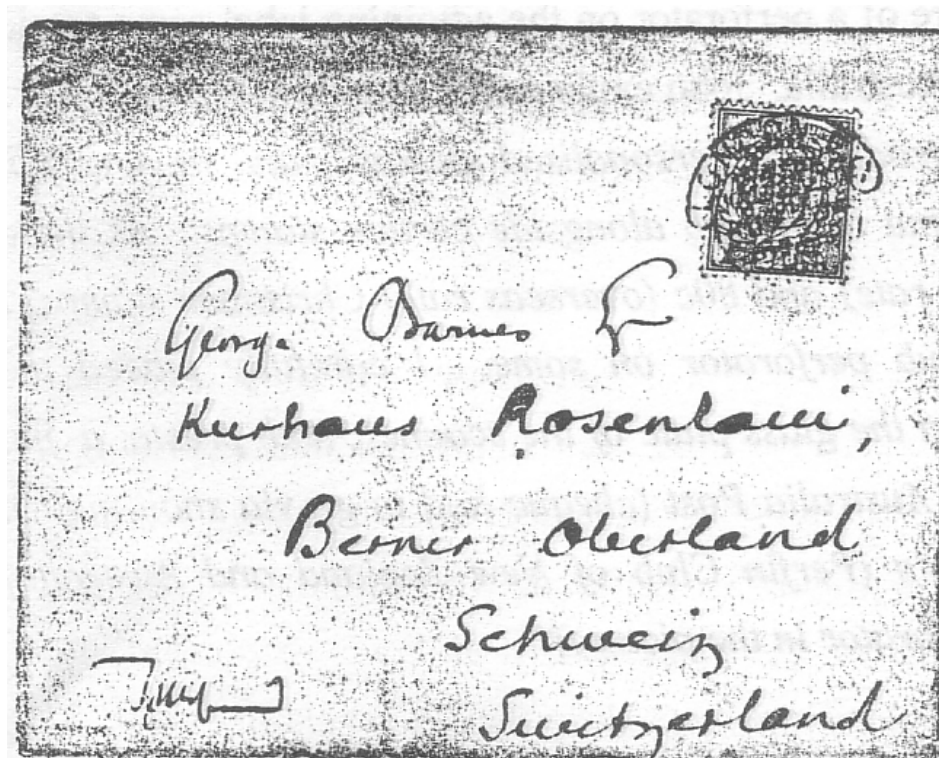
The trail to establish the facts about the forgery of Board of Trade perfins has for the time being gone cold but I have received from Frank Summers details of an interesting cover which he bought for a modest outlay at a local auction several years ago.

The cover (illustrated) is a white 5"x 4" envelope with flap embossed Board of Trade. It bears a K.EVII 2½d blue stamp postmarked London E.C. AU 22 04, and is addressed to George Barnes Esq. at Kurhaus Rosenlauri in the Berner Oberland, Switzerland. In the bottom left hand corner is the signature of the officer of the Board of Trade responsible for despatching the letter. The envelope is backstamped Rosenlauri 25 VIII 04 and there is a pencilled signature possibly reading E. Ostara.

Records show that in 1904 the holder of an important position in the Board of Trade with the title of Senior Official Receiver attached to the High Court under the Companies (Winding Up) Act, 1890 was Mr. George Barnes. In his office there was a clerk with the name Wreford and his could well be the signature on the front of the envelope.

Could it have been that when the Courts closed for the long vacation on 13th August, Mr Barnes set off for a spell of walking in the Alps between Grindelwald and Meiringen only to have his holiday interrupted by a letter from the clerk troubling him for a decision on a matter which could not wait until he got back?

Conjecture of course, but what is certain is that the cover is genuine and that the postmark, 22nd August 1904, is further confirmation that the Board of Trade did not discontinue the use of perfin on 14th May 1904 as was formerly believed.



Illustrations slightly reduced.

PERFIN CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND & AUSTRALIA PERFIN

from Stephen Steere

The stamp with a picture of a perforator on the adjoining label came to me from John Mathews in Australia. John explained it as follows:-*"Australia Post has introduced "Personalised stamps", and anyone can send in a photo to be put in the tab alongside certain stamps. As these included the 40c (local rate) and 80c (overseas rate) Christmas stamps, I decided to get our club perforator on some. I carefully placed the perforator on its side on the glass plate of the scanner, and, presto, a jpg file which I emailed to Australia Post (cheque had to go via snail-mail!). The perfin is the Club's (Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia) pattern done by the perforator in the picture!"*

