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KING GEORGE VI FULL NAMES



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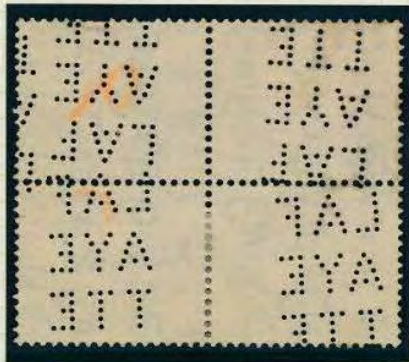
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Petroleum Co. Ltd.



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Lafayette
Galleries



CAR / TER
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J Carter
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The League
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Accident
Insurance Co. Ltd.



E W
E4960.02
Ellerman
Wilson Line



W H / Co L
W3560.02
W Hollins
& Co. Ltd.



SCW / S Ld
S1810.03
Scottish
CWS Ltd.



I L
I1510.01
Ilford Ltd.
London



R A
R0020.01
Stella Radio
& T.V. Co. Ltd.



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Bank

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HM / SO
H5200.01
His/Her Majesty's
Stationery Office



M C
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Moira
Colliery Ltd.



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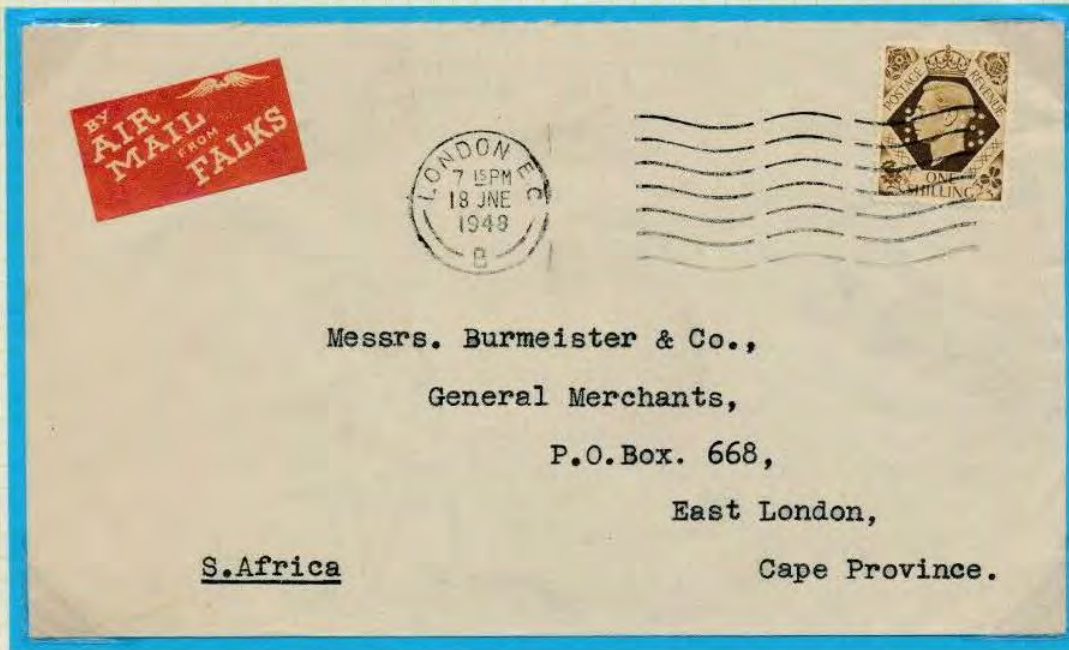
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AIR MAIL

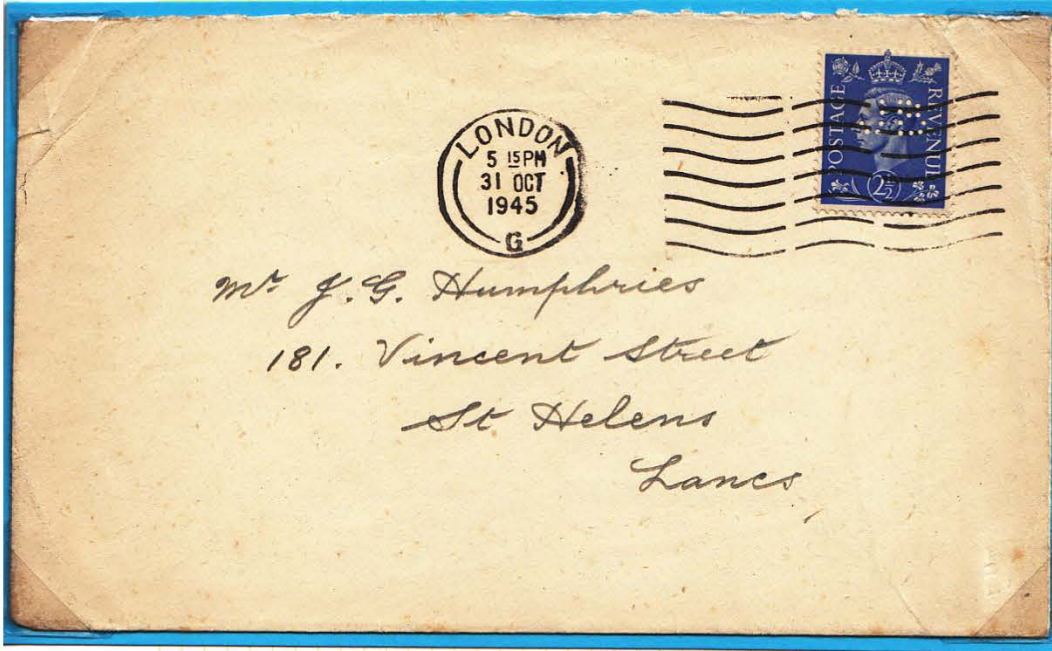


The two letters displayed here were sent to South Africa from the Falk company based at Farringdon Rd. in London. The postage is perfined F S and logically identifies the company as the user. Sent in June and July of 1948 to the same company in East London in the Cape Province. They would have travelled on the re-opened B.O.A.C. route down the Eastern side of Africa, set up pre-war by Imperial Airways. The difference to the normal airmail indicators is that they are company produced labels. I have never seen any other personalised labels (I know I must get out more !) so they appear to be fairly scarce.



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Internal mail



Another letter sent from John Bull in London to the same recipient in St. Helens, in this instance in October 1945. This time a Mr Humphries had won 2s 6d in the "bullets" competition. The postage is perfined J B and is identified to John Bull part of Odhams Press.

PAPER SAVING COMMUNICATION FROM "JOHN BULL" COMPETITION DEPARTMENT

B.P.S/7... **October 31st 1945**..

Dear Competitor,

Congratulations on capturing this prize of **2s.6d.** in our **1,499th** Contest with the neat "Bullet" quoted below. Your Postal Order is accompanied by a Receipt Card which I would ask you to post back at once.

Make the most of this spur to success, let its encouragement add to your keenness and determination and your name may soon be among the highest winners.

I should greatly appreciate a letter of acknowledgment with any details you may care to add concerning your experiences in "Bullets".

With good wishes for a speedy Joy Wire,

Yours faithfully,

The Competition Editor

YOUR
WINNING

"BULLET": *Burglar Bill*
Science Assists - And Detects!

WITH COMPLIMENTS FROM "JOHN BULL", LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.2.

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Internal mail



A letter from London to St Helens in Lancashire sent in October 1943. The postage is perfined J B and identified to "John Bull" part of Odhams press. The displayed enclosure is to tell of "an almost win" in the John Bull "bullets" competition.

"Bullets" 2-in-1 Merit Award

With Compliments from "John Bull,"  Competition Dept., Long Acre, London, W.C.2

Dear "Bulleter,"

October 6, 1943.

Congratulations on a successful effort in our 1,393rd Contest; with your *Bullet* quoted below you have captured the *John Bull* Merit Award which this page now brings you.

Although your effort was eventually beaten by a handful of others, this prize shows that your shot landed not far from the bull's-eye.

Now it's up to you to go one better, remembering that many a Merit Award winner has hit the First Prize mark in the very next Contest. Indeed, why should you not be the "Bulleter" to capture this week's doubled First Prize of £100?

Put your very best into those *Bullets* you prepare during the next few days, see that they are posted on or before Monday, October 18, and my Friday Joy Wire may well announce you the winner of that £100 cash.

With good wishes for a thrilling success,

P.S.—There's a big reason why you should slip in a *Laugh-Lines* coupon with your *Bullets* entry this week—the *Laugh-Lines* First has soared to £50!

The Competition Editor

YOUR SUCCESSFUL "BULLET"

*Tough Luck
Modest Britisher Wouldn't Admit!*

NEW PRIZE to HELP YOU WIN a BIG CHEQUE

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Internal mail

A copy of the Great Western Railway's magazine which was published during WW II. This edition in January 1944, I assume because of economy with paper, was folded, addressed and the postage affixed to the corner of the magazine, and sent from Shrewsbury to the addressee. The stamps are perforated GWR and identified to the sender. The front page depicts "Eton boys" doing their bit by cleaning the railway engines!!

GREAT RAILWAY



WESTERN MAGAZINE

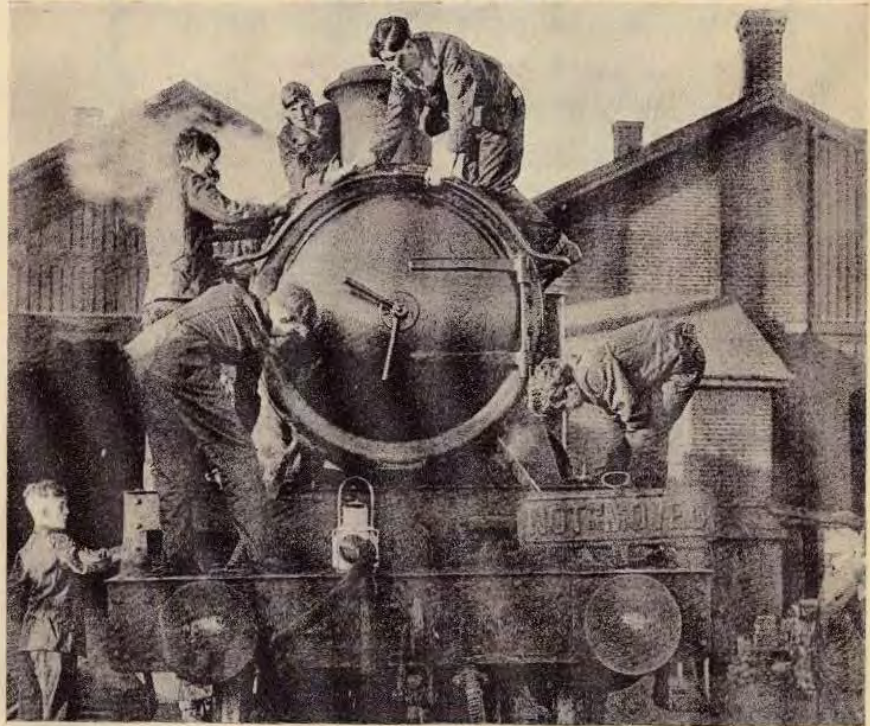
JANUARY · 1944

Vol. 56 · No. 1

INSURANCE EDITION

A Happy New Year to All!

PRICE TWO PENCE



PREPARING FOR A CLEAN START

Eton boys, who have volunteered to clean G.W.R. engines, make a shine at Slough

THE RAILWAY GAZETTE . . . Read wherever there are Railways

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY

GUEST KEEN BALDWIN
HEAD OFFICE
PORT T

STEEL R/
FLANGE
(in Light
FISH PLA
BEARING
SLEEPERS
(for Broad
PLATES
(in Bridge
BOILER I

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Postage affixed to the rear of the magazine.



Handwritten signature and address:
Mr. J. P. ...
Shrewsbury



GUEST KEEN BALDWIN'S IRON & STEEL Co. Ltd.

HEAD OFFICE :—
PORT TALBOT.

MANUFACTURERS OF:—

STEEL RAILS—F.B. & B.H.	FRAME PLATES	BULB ANGLES
FLANGE & BRIDGE RAILS (In Light and Heavy Sections)	NICKEL STEEL PLATES	COLLIERY ARCHES
FISH PLATES	COPPER BEARING STEEL PLATES	SHEET BARS
BEARING PLATES	SHIP PLATES	CARDIFF SPECIAL FOUNDRY PIG IRON
SLEEPERS (for Broad and Narrow Gauge)	BILLETS	HEMATITE PIG IRON
PLATES (in Bridge and Tank Quality)	ANGLES	BASIC PIG IRON
BOILER PLATES	CHANNELS	FOUNDRY & FURNACE COKE

On Admiralty, War Office and Air Ministry Lists

**PERFECT
PROFILE**

**FIRTH-BROWN
GROUND
THREAD TAPS**

THOS FIRTH & JOHN BROWN LIMITED

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AIR MAIL

Sent during WW II. This letter from the Midland Bank was to the Banque Mellie Iran, Teheran in Iran during December 1942. The postage is perfinned M B and is obviously identified for use by the bank. The three shillings and nine pence postage rate was to send it on its way during a difficult period for mail travelling to the Middle East. But at this time all the old direct routes from the U.K. (central Europe and North Africa) to that part of the world were under the control of the third Reich.

MIDLAND BANK LIMITED,
OVERSEAS BRANCH,
122, Old Broad Street,
LONDON, E.C.2.



BANQUE MELLIE IRAN,

TEHERAN,

IRAN.

So I assume this censored letter (as per the tombstone mark) had to travel by a circuitous route. From information to hand, it might have gone via Portugal, down to West Africa, then across central Africa connecting with the horseshoe route coming from the Cape, onto Cairo or Alexandria (still in Allied hands just) then onward to Iran via Iraq. A very nice war time piece of postal history, and perfinned to boot !!

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Internal mail

A window envelope used in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1937. The senders details are apparent by the name and address on the front of the envelope. The KG VI coronation commemorative stamp is perfinned J . B . Ld. and is identified to the Jebb Brothers. Early perfinned commemorative stamps on cover a quite collectable.



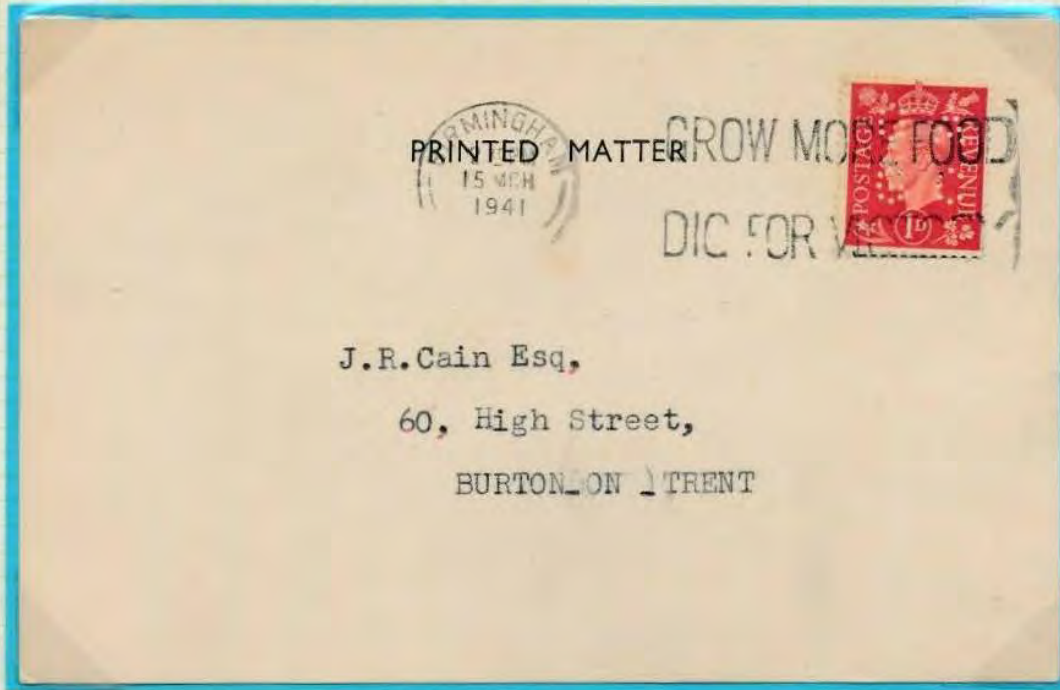
Business communication from the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company, from Burton on Trent in 1947. The postage is perfinned S S / W and is identified to the fore mentioned company. The stamp is cancelled by a machine cancel to commemorate the royal wedding (Elizabeth and Phillip)



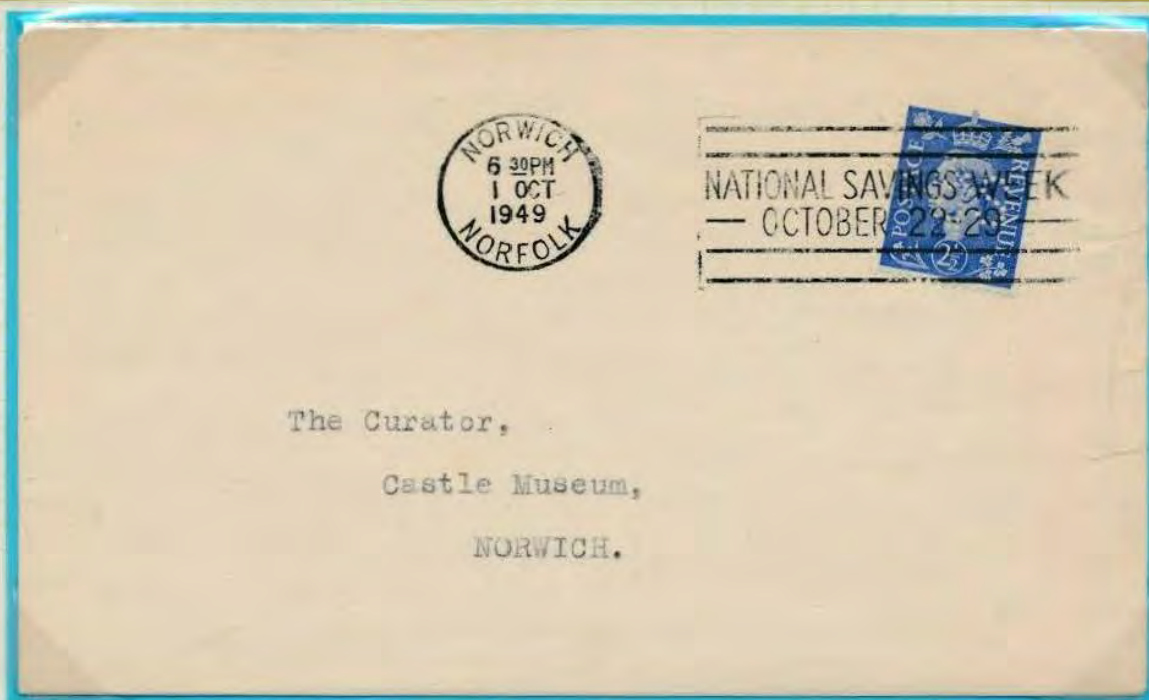
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Business reply card used from the local Birmingham office of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Ltd in 1941 to Burton-on-Trent (asking for a reply to a letter). The KG VI postage is perfined O A / G C and is identified to the user. The Birmingham machine cancel asks one to grow more food and dig for victory !!



KG VI cover sent internally within Norwich in 1949, from Jarrolds to the Castle Museum. The stamp is perfined J & S / N which identifies the user to that mentioned above. The slogan postmark informing everyone about National Savings Week.



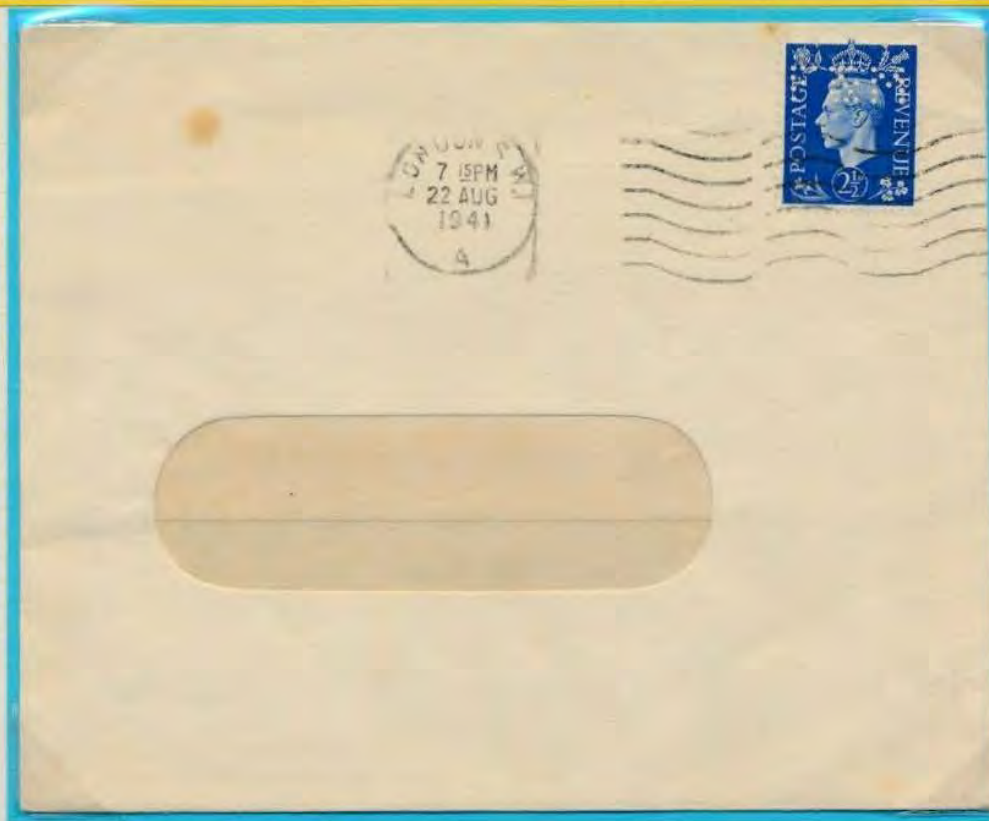
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Internal mail

J & R Smith from Liverpool sending a letter to a mill company in Skelmanthorpe nr. Huddersfield. (it conjures up memories of either Dickens or Last of the Summer Wine !!)
The KG VI postage is cancelled by a machine slogan postmark celebrating the victory of World War II in Europe. The KG VI two and a halfpenny stamp is perfinned J & R S and is attributed to J & R Smith of Liverpool.



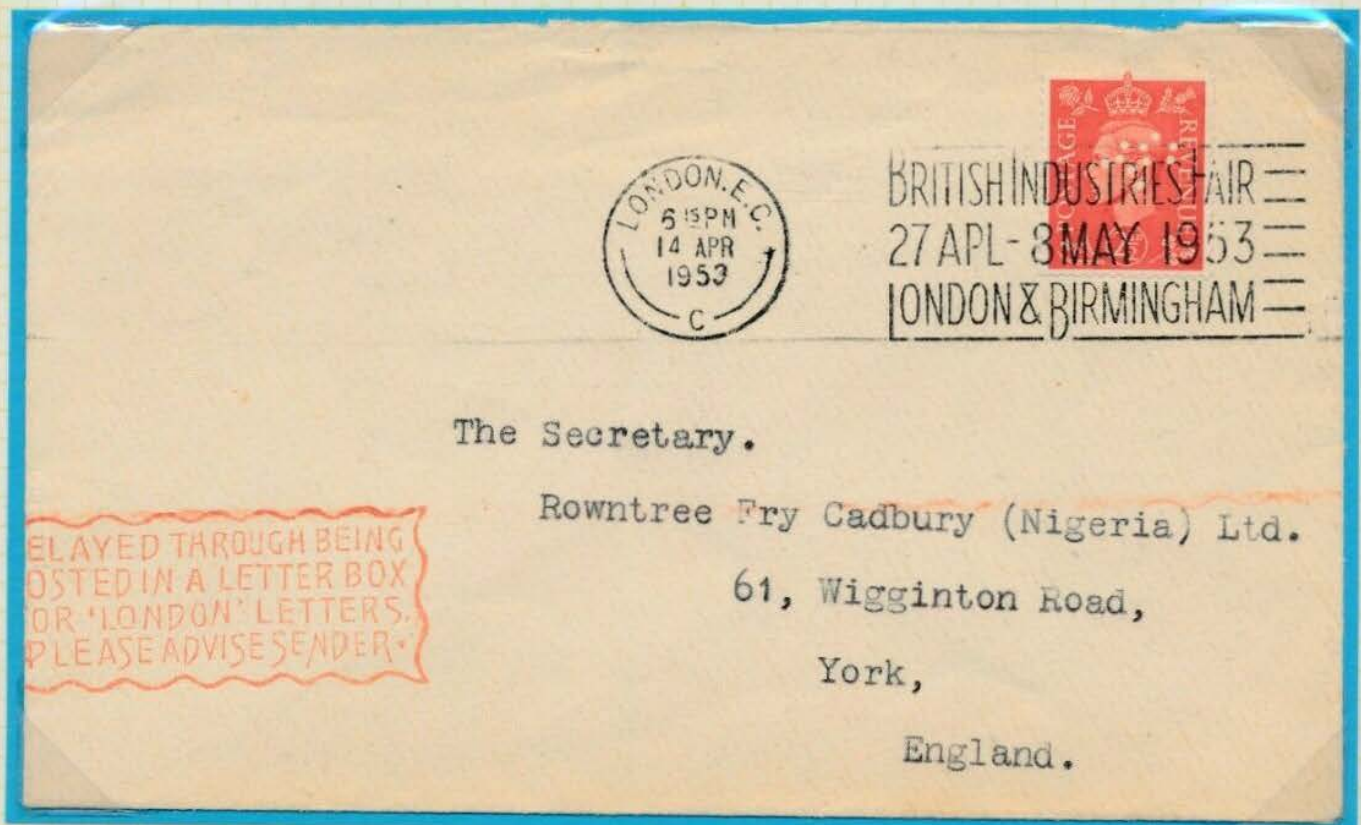
A simple letter, August 1941 used from London to ?? because of the window envelope. The KG VI postage is perfinned F & M and is identified to Fortnum and Mason the high class provisions merchants.



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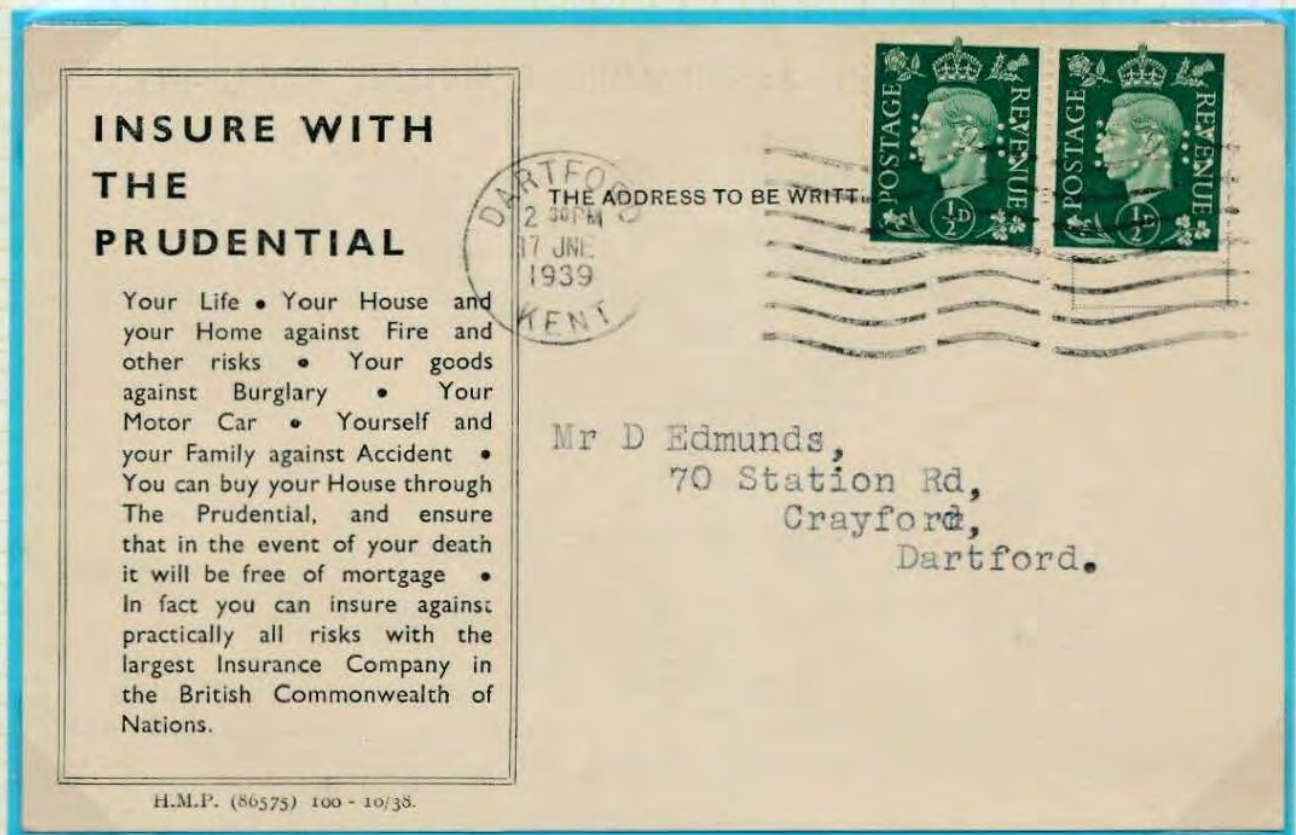
I obtained this cover because of the post Office instruction applied in red. It suggests that the sender was a bit "thick" in putting it in the wrong post box ! Sent from London to York in April 1953 (using up old stocks of stamps) to the Chocolate company of Rowntrees (now Nestle), who had previously taken over the firms of Fry and Cadbury . The postage has a "partial" perfin as we say in the business, but the identity of the sender is on the back flap of the envelope, in this instance The British Bank of West Africa, linking it very nicely with the Nigeria department of Rowntrees !!



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Pre WW II post card from the Prudential Insurance company, the object of the card to inform one of it's reps where to find a hotel in Torquay. Presumably to solicit insurance business. The card carries an advertisement of services offered by the company, including mortgages !! The two halfpenny stamps are perfinned P A C (one of the most common perfins found) and identifies it as belonging to the Prudential Insurance company. With the change from assurance to insurance, the company name may have changed but the perfin stayed as before to be P A C.



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Internal mail

A letter from Maidstone in Kent originally sent locally within the town, but then redirected to Margate. The addressee holding a position within the local Education Committee, which ties in nicely with the postage being perfinned K / E C and is identified to the Kent Education Committee.



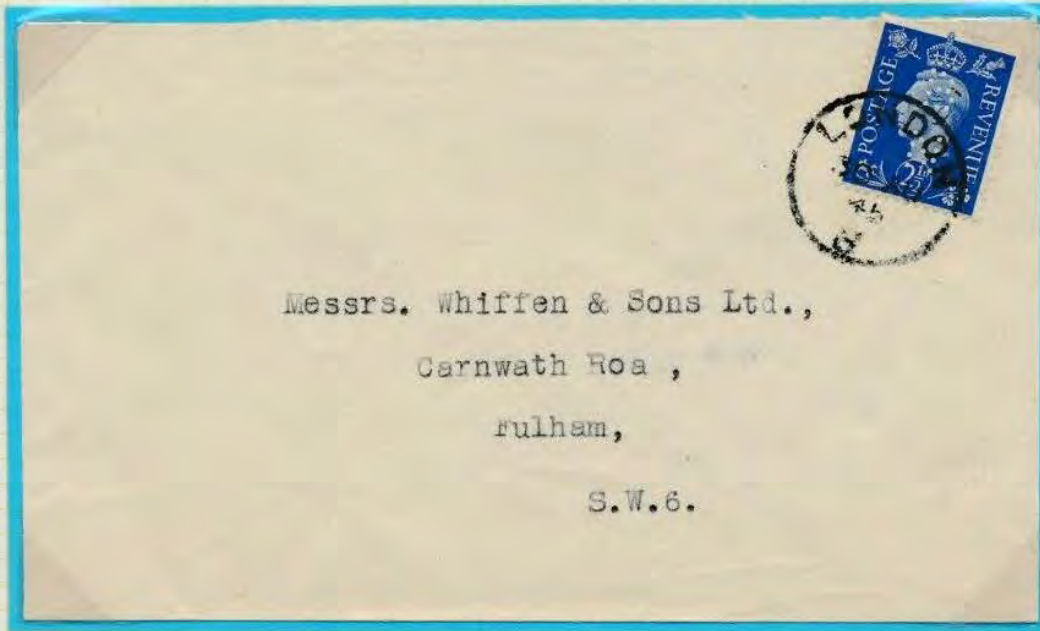
Some companies would often incorporate their place of business within the perfin that they used. In this case a letter from Bradleys of Chepstow Place in London sending a message to a Mrs Mackenzie, in 1938. The postage is perfinned B / C P and corresponds to the company and its place of business.



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Internal mail

A letter used internally within London to Messrs Wiffen & Co. of Fulham. The postage is cancelled by a London single ring handstamp of 1945. The perfin of B / N belongs to the British Northern Shipping Agency Ltd, who had a base in London.



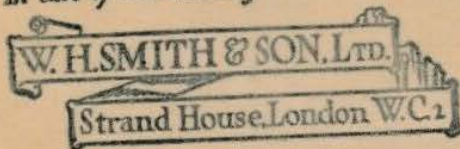
Another letter to the same recipient of Messrs Wiffen & Co. also from within London. The postage postmarked with a machine slogan promoting the British Industries Fair in 1947, cancels the stamp perfinned R / & Co. Unfortunately as there is no other conclusive evidence the letter could be from Herbert Reeves & Co, Roberts & Co or Richardson & Co. as they all used a similar perfin !!



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Internal mail

In case of non-delivery to be returned to



W. M. HUNT. ESQ.

Two further newspaper wrappers, the one above used by W H Smith and Son Ltd. The wrapper initially embossed at the prepaid 4d rate for KG VI but uprated by the addition of a QE II 2d perfined W H S, and identified to W H Smith & Son Ltd. The cancellation being by an undated London newspaper branch obliterator. The wrapper below was used by Sangers Ltd. of London in September 1938. The KG VI postage being perfined by the single letter "S" and attributed to Sangers Ltd. Just as a matter of interest why send something "Private and Important" in an open periodical wrapper for all to see ??.

⬅ Please Open Here

IF UNDELIVERED
please RETURN to

Sangers
LTD.

258, EUSTON RD.,
LONDON, N.W. 1.

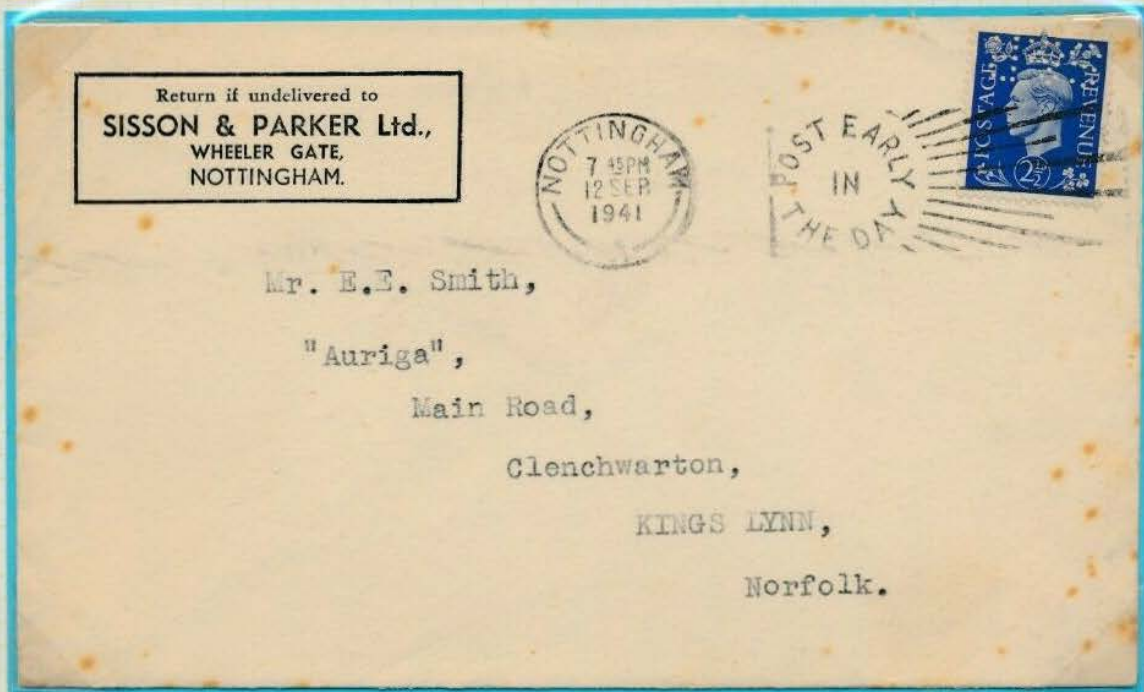
PRIVATE & IMPORTANT.



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Internal mail

A business letter sent in 1941 to Kings Lynn from the company Sissons and Parker in Nottingham. The KG VI postage is perfinned S & P and identifies to the company who's name is prominent on the front of the envelope. The stamp is cancelled by a "post early sunburst" type.

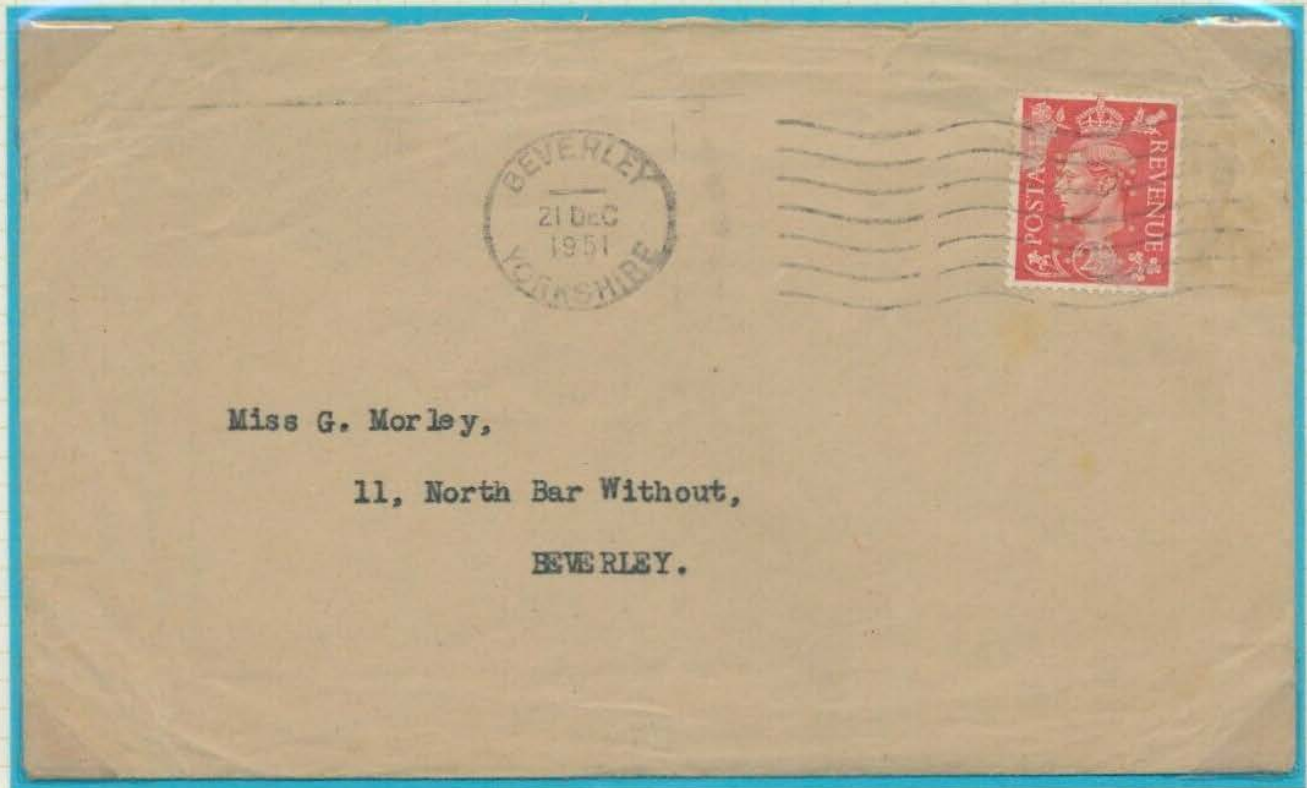


A business letter sent to whom I do not know because of the use of a window envelope. This was done in London in 1941. The KG VI postage is perfinned F . G and identifies the user as F Goringe Ltd.



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Internal mail



Miss G. Morley,
11, North Bar Without,
BEVERLEY.

The letter displayed only carried the receipt, which is also shown, to a Miss Morley of 11 North Bar Without, a quaint address in Beverley, then in the East Riding of Yorkshire. (It became North Humberside but now reverts back to East Yorkshire) The Beverley 1951 machine postmark cancels the KG VI two and a halfpenny stamp perfined E R / C C and is identified to the East Riding County Council.





AIR MAIL
AIR MAIL

THE MASTER.

Esso Buffalo
c/o M. M. Merritt
Esso Standard Oil Co.,
(Uruguay) S.A.
Casilla de Correo
235
Montevideo
Uruguay



Subdito
URGENTE

A superb cover, even though it is on the large size. From the Esso Oil Company headquarters in London to the Esso Oil Company in Uruguay. This via one of it's agents in Montevideo, to one of it's tankers the S.S. Buffalo.

The letter sent air mail in 1954 is using up stock of KG VI stamps, in this case 2s. 6d. high values, which are perfined with the full company name of ESSO. A nice cover to an unusual destination.

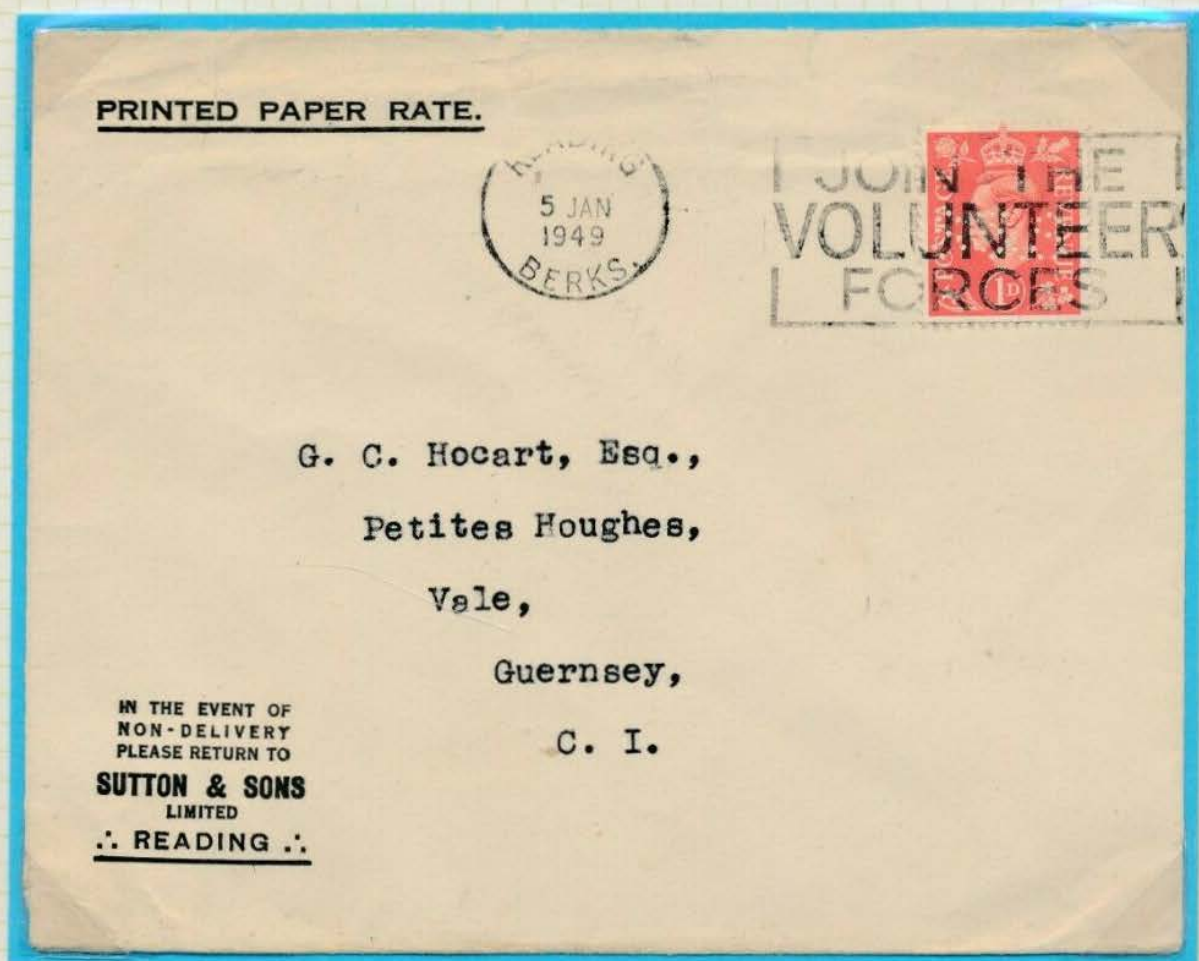
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AIR MAIL

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Internal mail

A letter sent in January 1949 from Reading to the Channel Islands. The KG VI postage perfined S & S (identifying the sender as Sutton & Sons seed merchants) also confirms the company details on the front of the envelope ! The cover carries the "printed paper rate" instruction, hence the postal rate of 1d. which is cancelled by a machine slogan mark urging one to join the volunteer forces.



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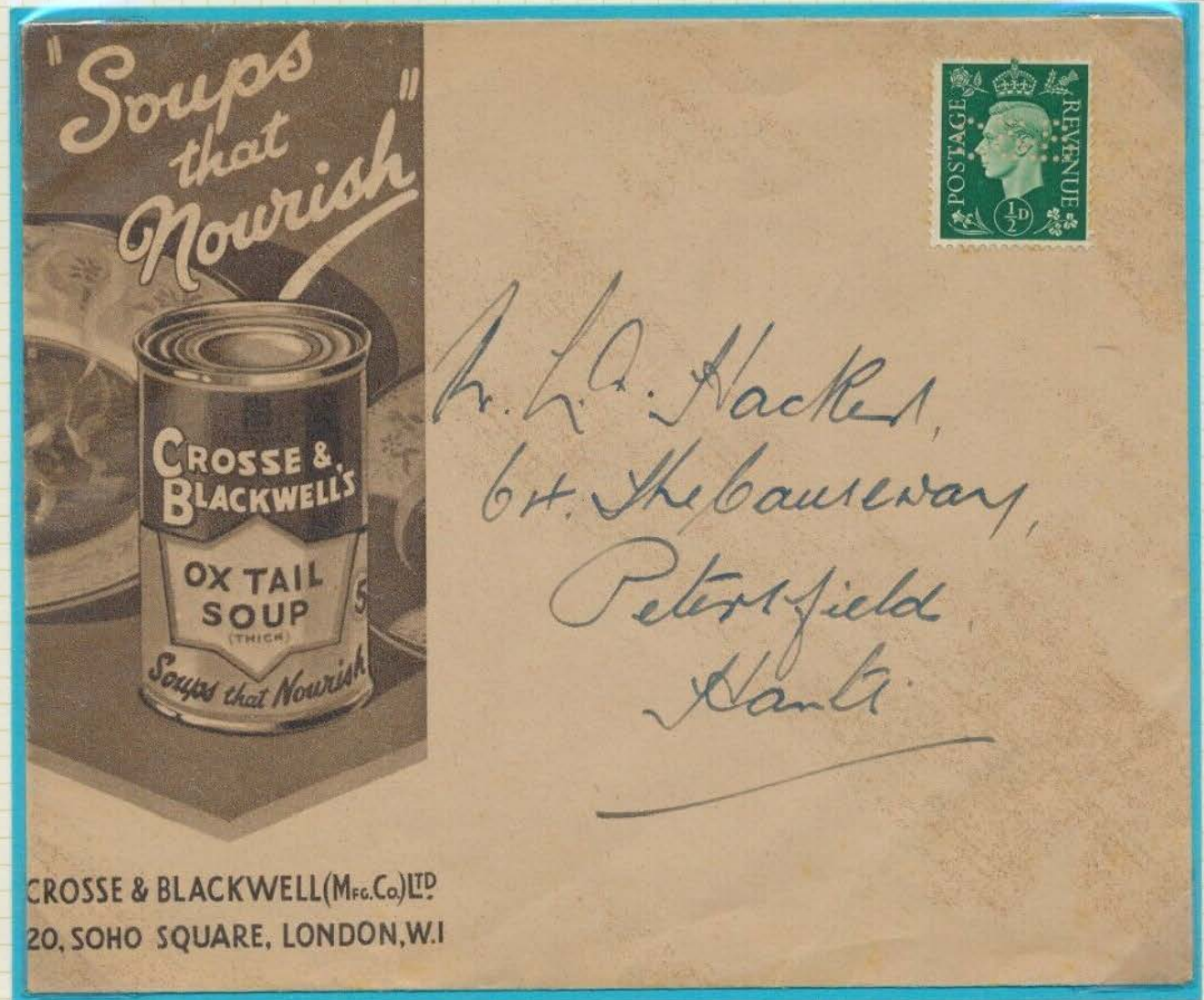
Foreign mail/air mail

Censored mail during WW II, in this instance used from London to the U.S.A. in 1942. The 1s. 3d. rate postage suggests by air mail, but under the prevailing circumstances one cannot be sure. It is also perfined C M which co-ordinates nicely with the company details on the letter of Charles Morgan & Co, paper makers. As previously stated the censors tape implies that big brother was watching !!



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Advertising

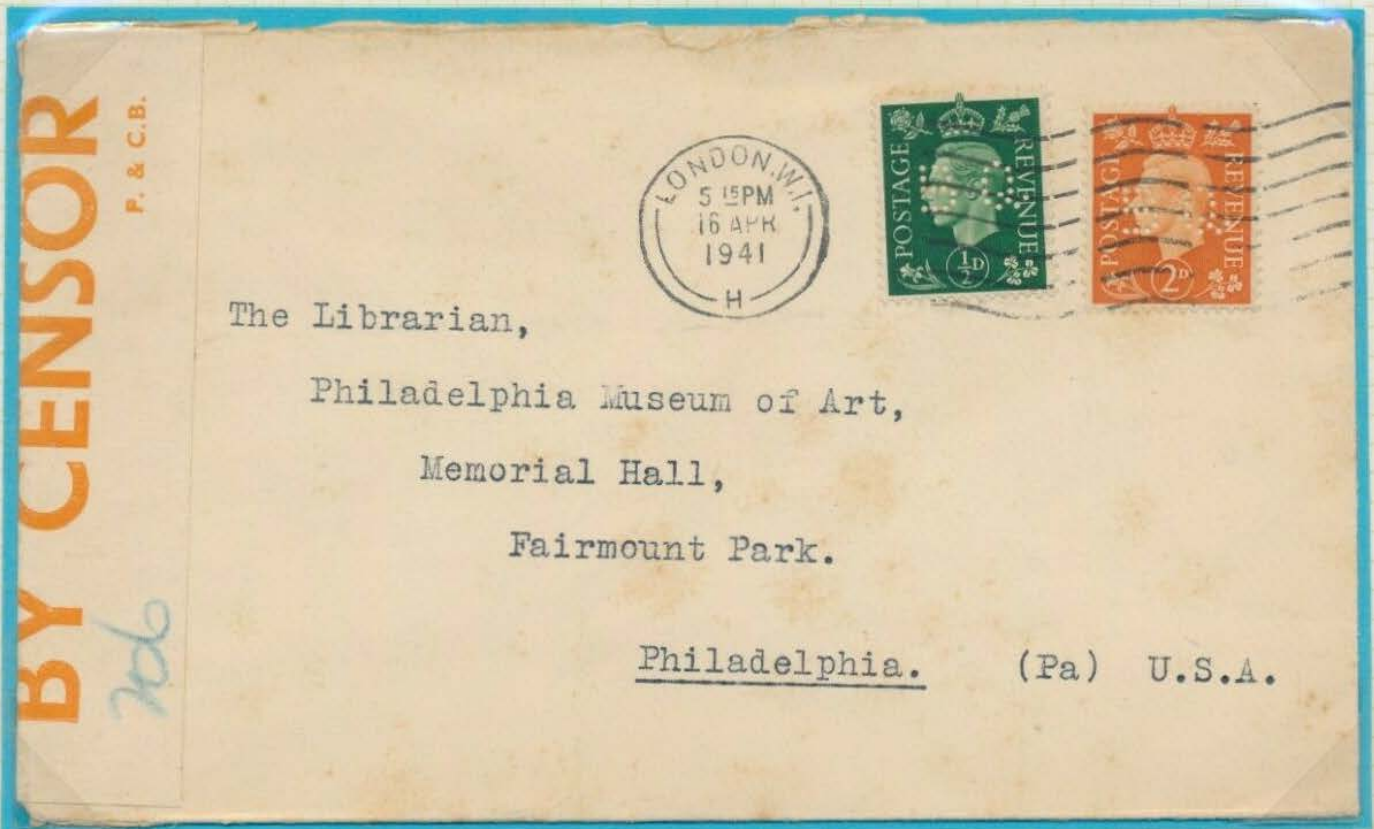


A very nice advertising envelope for Cross and Blackwell, promoting their ox tail soup. (Incidentally one of the original perfins used by the Cross and Blackwell company was C & B / SOHO), where the company still has it's headquarters. For some reason the KG VI postage has not been cancelled, I assume that the letter was sent out to illicit a reply, but to no avail. The stamp perfinned C & B identifies the user as Cross and Blackwell.

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Foreign mail

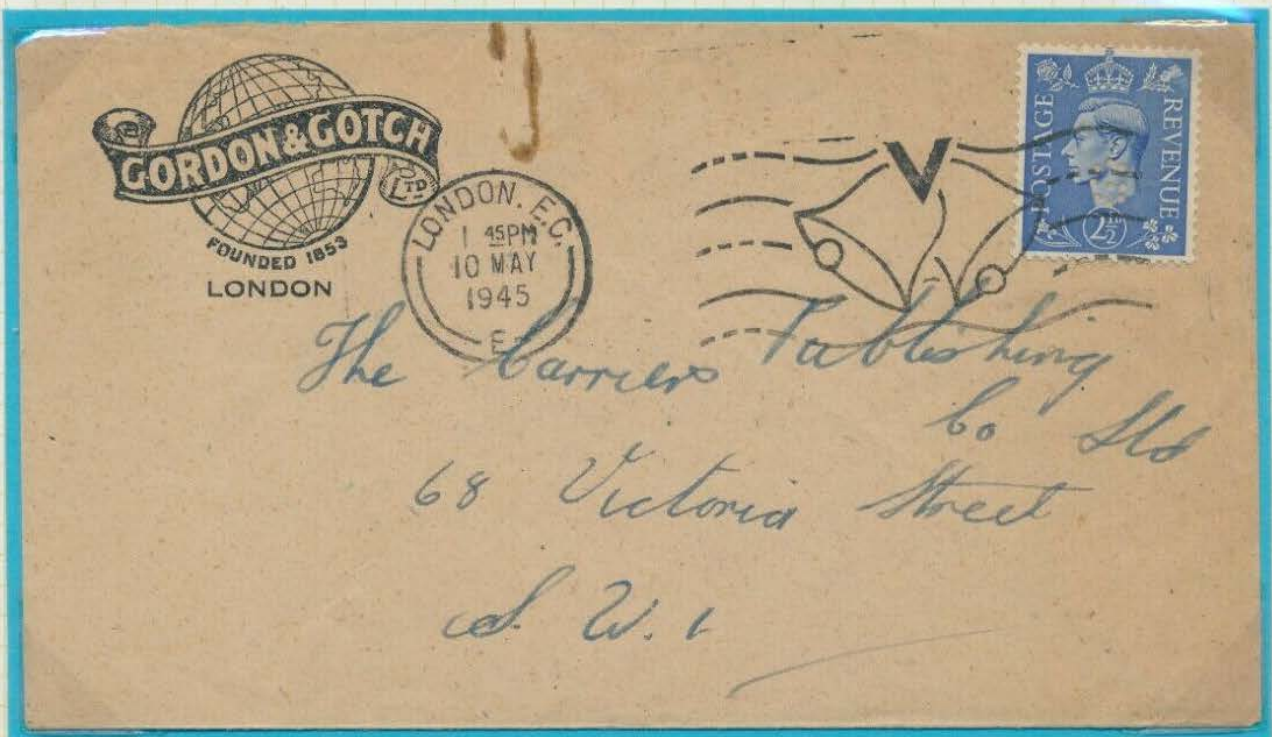
A WW II censored cover from the U.K. to the U.S.A in 1941. The sender a Bernard Quariton (a book dealer in London) is contacting the Librarian of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The KG VI stamps are perfined B Q and are identified to Mr B Quariton. (perfin with the letter "Q" are not as common as all the other alphabet, so are collectable.)



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Internal mail

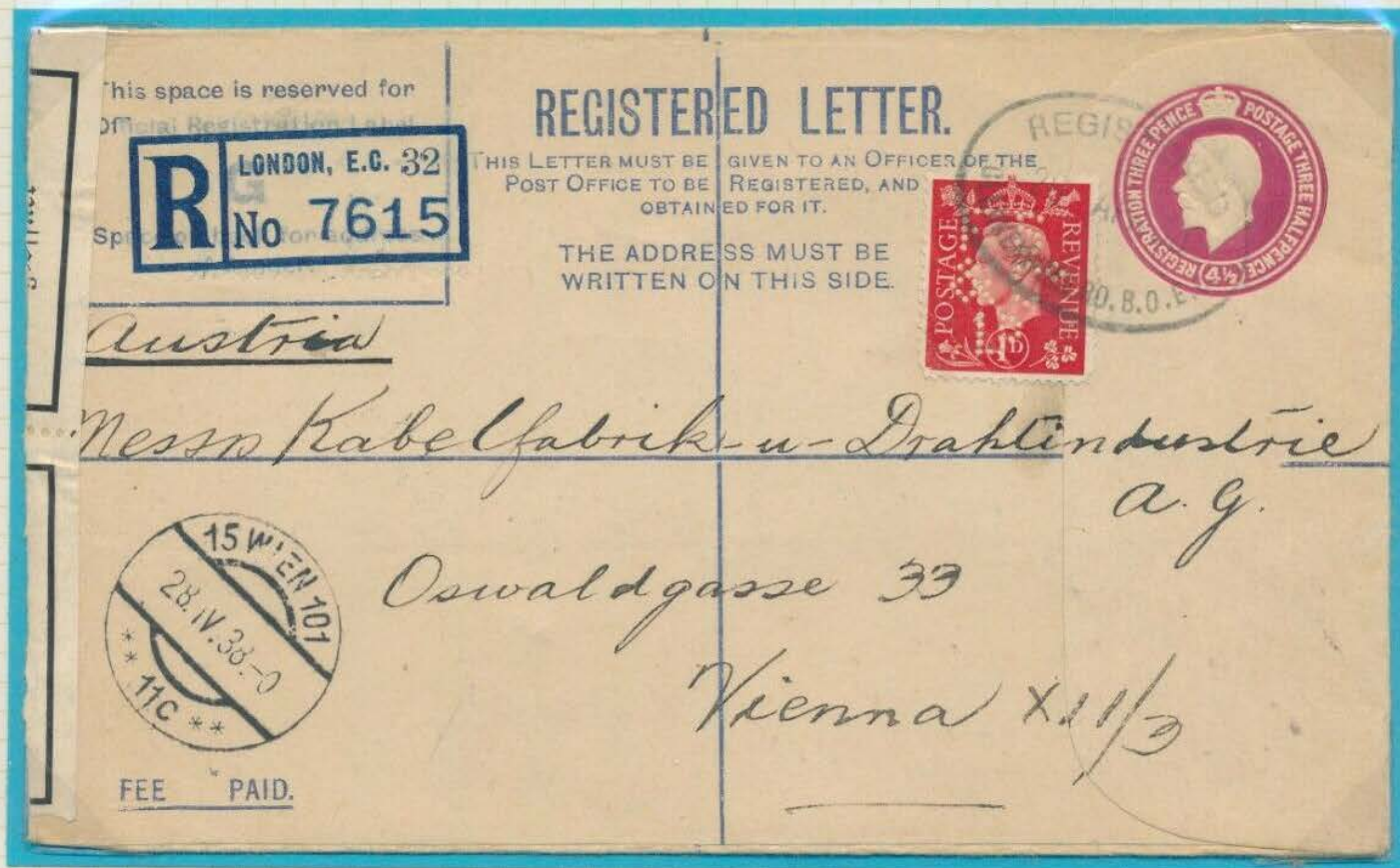
An advertising envelope from Gordon and Gotch Ltd. of London, used internally within London to the Carriers Publishing Co. Ltd. The London 1945 machine postmark of the victory slogan cancelling the KG VI postage which is perforated with the letter "G", this identifies to the company mentioned at the beginning.



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Foreign mail

Falk Stadelman and Co. using up old postal stationery, in that the KG V registered letter being used later in the reign of KG VI. The additional 1d postage perfinned F S / & Co / Ld is identified to the sender mentioned above. The letter was sent from London on the 26th April 1938, and received in Vienna, Austria, on the 28th. The letter has attracted a label "opened for customs purposes" whilst entering the Austrian postal system, I would suspect an early form of censorship under another name.



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Foreign mail

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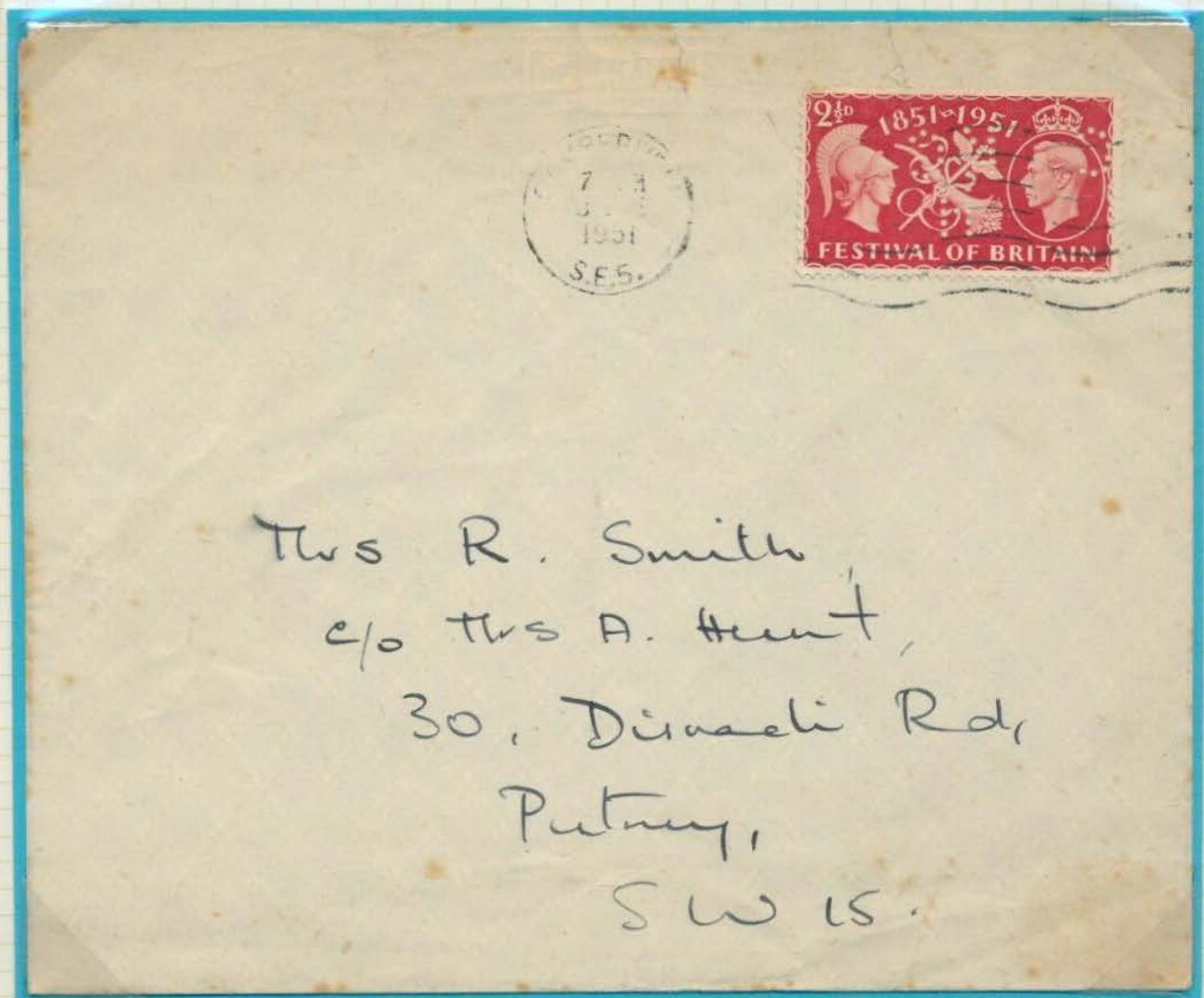


A WW II censored cover from the U.K. to Toronto in Canada in 1941. The KG VI postage is perforated B . R and identifies the sender as A Boake Roberts & Co Ltd. Their main premises being at Stratford in East London. On the reverse of the letter is a hand stamp informing the recipient to send all replies to Buckhurst Hill in Essex. I presume, because of the bombing suffered by London at that time, the company had temporarily moved out to Essex.

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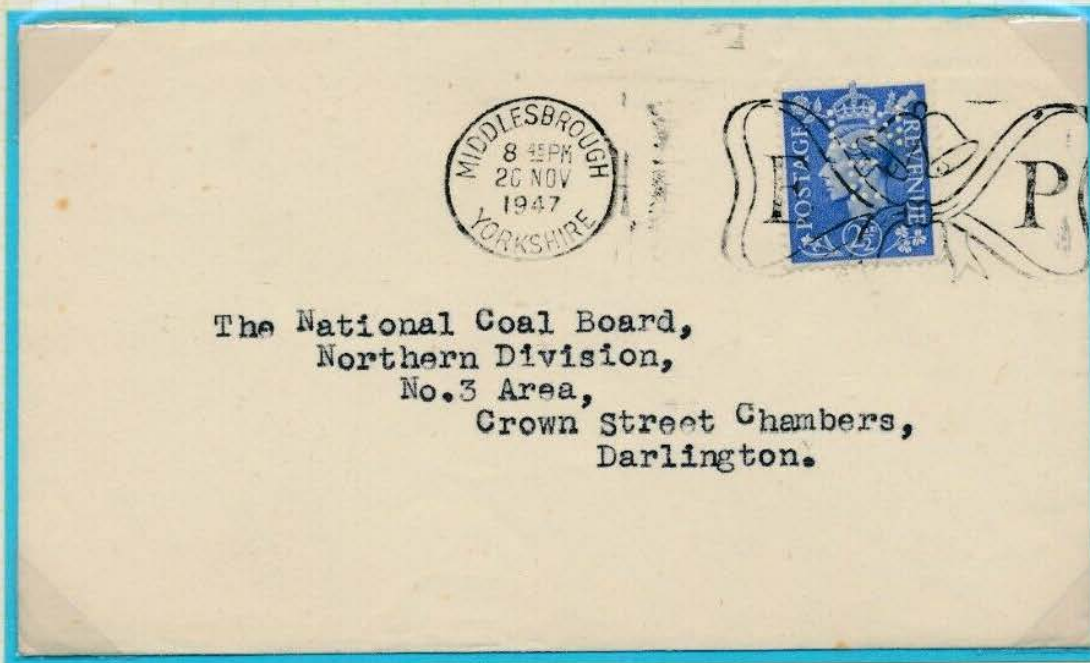
Internal mail

A KG VI period letter, sent internally within London in 1951. The postage being a commemorative stamp for the Festival of Britain held in 1951. The stamp is perfinned and unfortunately the letters H / K C have not yet been identified to a user. Perfined commemorative stamps prior to QE II are not too common, and much harder to find on cover.



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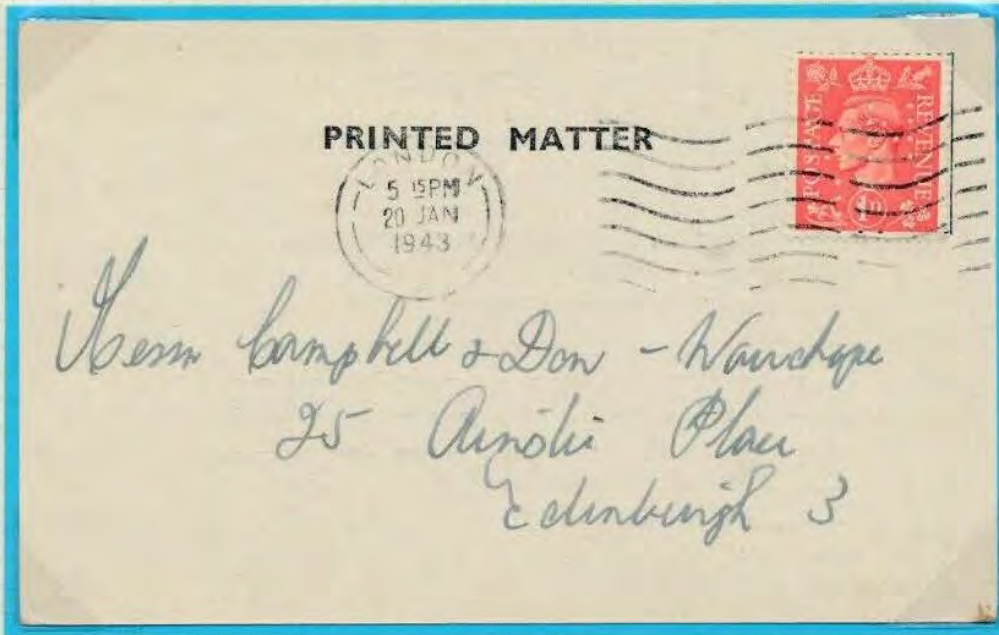


This pair of covers have the postage perfinned L N / E and is identified to the London and North Eastern Railway Company Ltd. Both covers were sent on the same day, one from Doncaster the other from Middlesbrough to the National Coal Board in Darlington. Both covers carry machine postmarks with slogan commemorating the royal wedding.



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Internal mail



KG VI post card from London to Edinburgh in January 1943, The card to confirm the transfer of stock in the railway company. The card originating from the London North Eastern Railway company carries a KG VI 1d postage stamp that is perfined L N / E and identified to the L.N.E.R. company.

Reverse of post card

LONDON & NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY R 10

Registration Office,
Hamilton Buildings,
Liverpool Street Station, E.C.2.
Date as Postmark

The Registrar begs to acknowledge receipt of the undermentioned,
which shall have attention :—

..........Transfer(s) in favour of
Edward A. Campbell

& another

.....Stock Certificate(s)
.....Dividend Mandate(s)
.....Registration Fee(s)

LNER 8167/11/41 20,000



A redirected KG VI letter used internally within London in 1945. The sender being the London Chamber of Commerce incorporated !!) The postage which is perfinned L C / C identifies one to the other. The postmark being a machine cancel with slogan showing the victory bells.

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THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, (Incorporated).

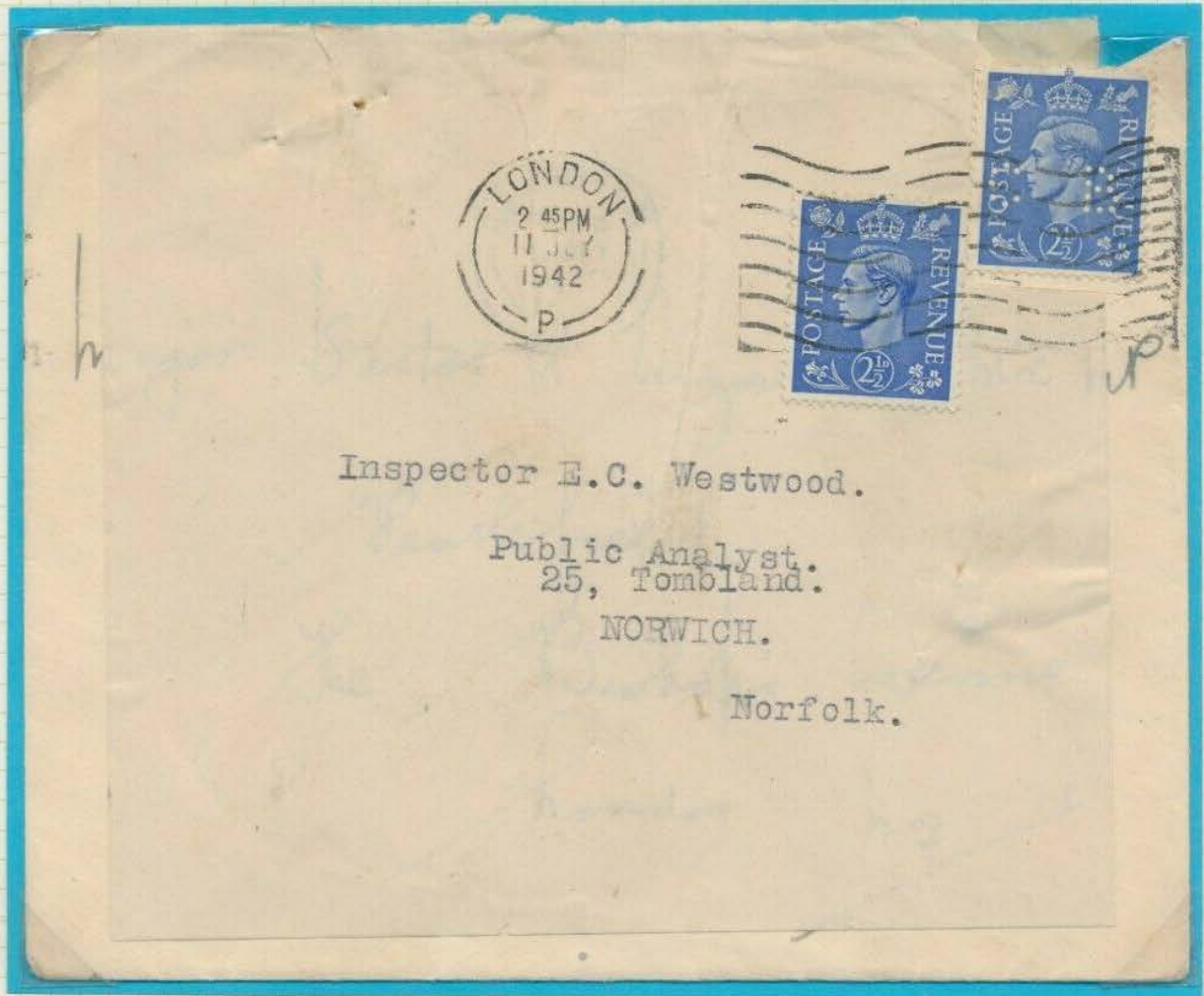


1 Bridge Place
SW1

The World's Carriers & Carrying
Trades' Review,
Bangor House,
68-9, Shoe Lane, E.C.4.

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Internal mail



Wartime re-use of envelopes, in that the original letter being sent by the Mayors Parlour Birmingham, this identified to the initial postage being perfinned C B and links the City of Birmingham. Once in London, the re-use of the envelope has sent it on it's way to Norwich, but why the original postage was left displayed I do not Know !!

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AIR MAIL

This item looks too clean to have been anywhere, but it has been to South America and back. Originating in Haywards Heath the letter with the correct postage rate of 3s 6d for Argentina and 3d for registration, has been perfinned G A and is identified as for use by the Casa Sol company. The date posted did not always mean the mail was flown shortly afterwards, as it was "collected" to await the next flight Westbound, so it could have been several days later leaving the U.K.



Sent on the 13th January 1943 the letter attracted censorship and was to be flown airmail across the North Atlantic. By 1943 B.O.A.C. under the supervision of the Air Ministry operated services to New York, often via Greenland Canada etc. Once in North America a mark of O.A.T. was often added but not in this case. The "onward air transmission" was undertaken because of the postage fee paid. It would have been flown in the U.S.A down to Panama, and then on down to Buenos Aires. Unfortunately no arrival mark has been added so no arrival date.

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Internal mail

A letter from G.E.C. the General Electric Company in Birmingham. To whom I do not know because of it being a window envelope. The postage is perfinned G E / C and fits very nicely to the above mentioned company. The cover carries a machine postmark with slogan promoting the British Industries Fair in Birmingham in 1950. This o keep rebuilding British industry after World War II.

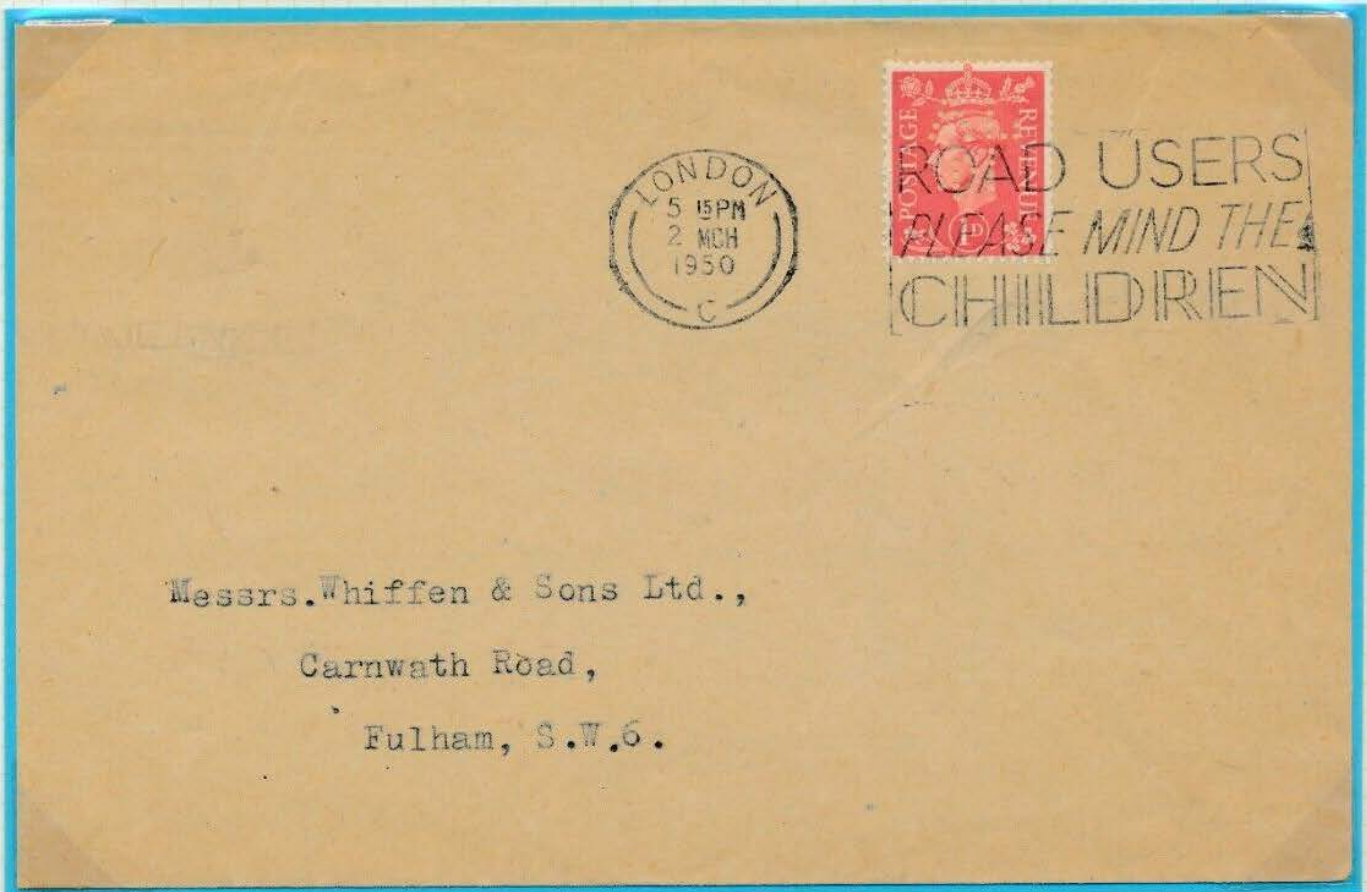


KG VI postal stationery window envelope prepared for Evans Medical Supplies Ltd. this sent from London to ?? in 1951. The halfpenny additional uprating postage is perfinned E M S and corresponds to the firm of Evans that initiated the mail.

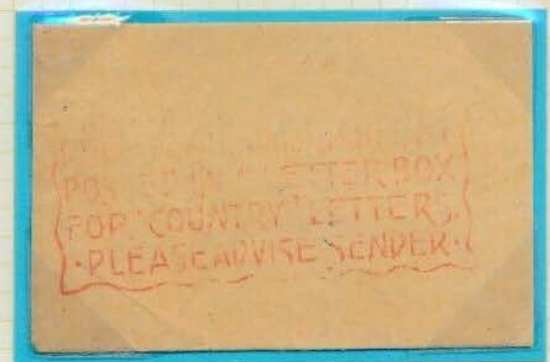


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Internal mail



Unfortunately the sender of this letter cannot be identified, even with the KG VI postage being perfinned AL/N. The letter used in 1950 carries the machine slogan postmark warning road users to mind the children. Also the envelope carries a handstamp informing the recipient that the sender was a bit dim, in that they posted the letter in a letter box for overseas mail !!

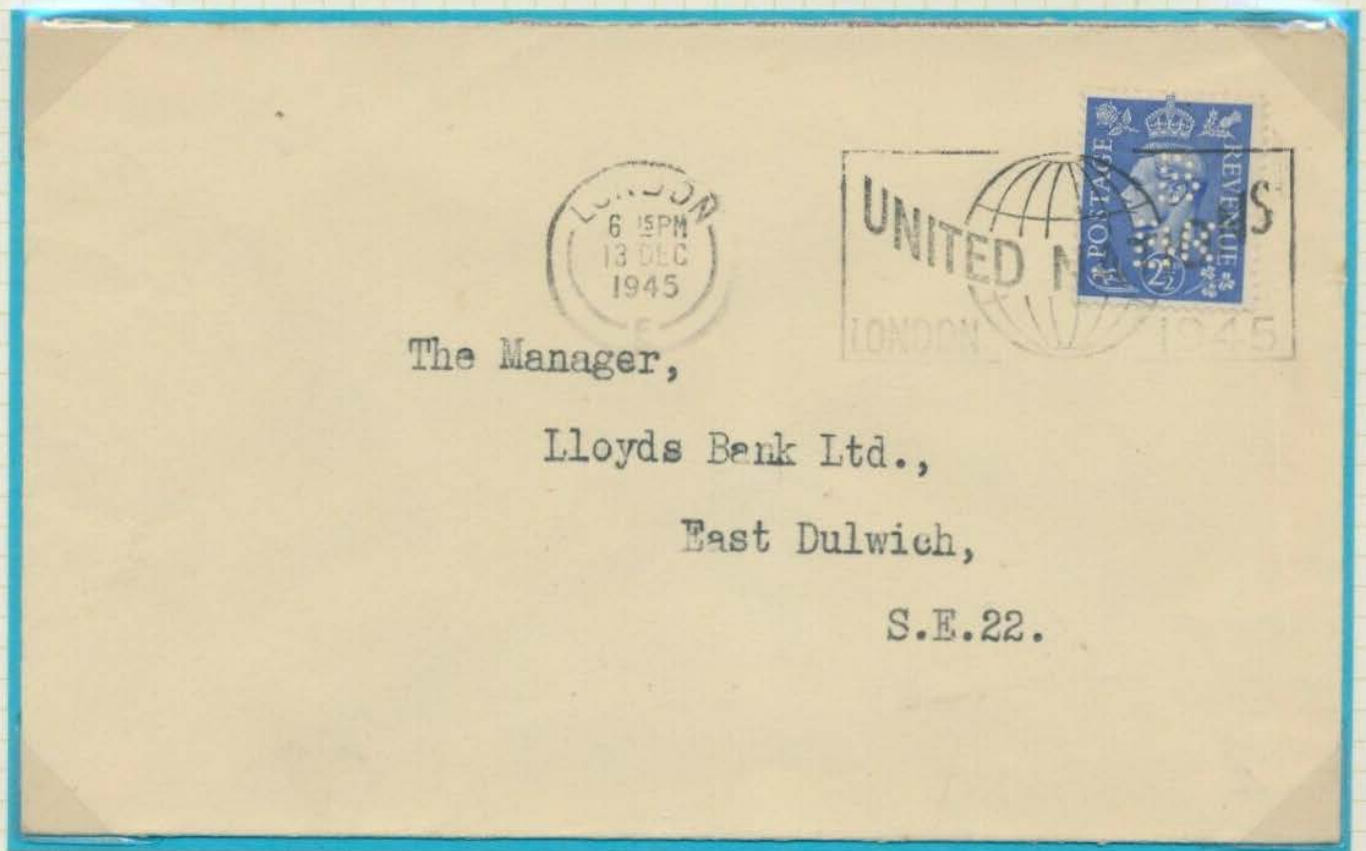


"Do not be so thick handstamp"

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

Letter from Barclays Bank Ltd. in London to one of their branches in East Dulwich. The perfin B / B k on the KG VI postage is identified to the bank, as well as the perfin B B k. The letter carries a machine postmark with slogan promoting the United Nations in 1945.



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

The perfin W D / & S as applied to the postage affixed to this letter, is identified to William Dawson and Son Ltd. The cover sent internally within London to a fellow publishing house. The postmark is of a machine cancel and slogan commemorating the victory within Europe during, or at the end of World War II.



A second letter from the firm of Bernard Quariton, the postage being perfinned B Q, this one being sent in 1937 from London to Malvern Wells in Worcestershire. The postage being cancelled by a "post early in the day sunburst" type.



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

POST CARD
THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



30 YEARS
NATIONAL SAVINGS
1916-1946

Reverse of post card

Miss Helen M. Gibson,
Nursted Farm,
Petersfield,
Hants.

**POULTRY
FARMER**

93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.
Miss Helen M. Gibson.

'Phone: Temple Bar 1525.
'Grams:
"Poulfarm," Westcent, London.
4th April 1946.

Dear Miss Gibson,

I acknowledge with many thanks the safe arrival of your articles which I shall be delighted to insert.

Yours sincerely,

M Alan Thompson
RHS.

Editor.

A business post card from the Poultry Farmer magazine to a Miss Gibson thanking her for her contribution of articles that would be published in the magazine. The KG VI postage being perfined O P and identified to the Oxford Press (one assumes that the Poultry Farmer magazine was part of their "empire") The postmark is a machine slogan promoting 30 years of National Savings.

Miss Helen Gibson,
Nursted Farm,
Petersfield,

54 St. John's Rd
Eastham

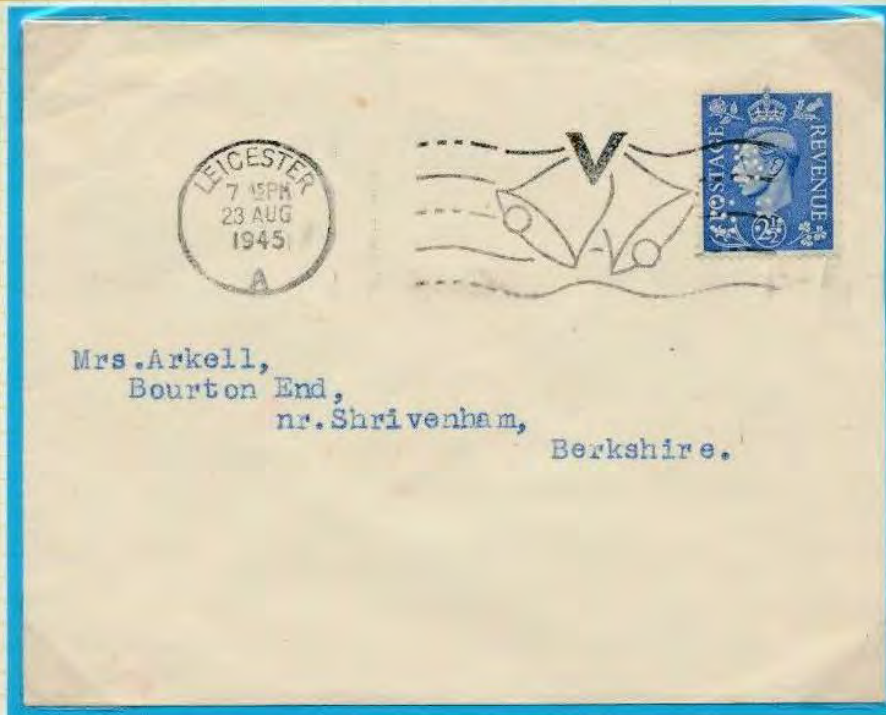


Another letter for a Miss Gibson, also from the Oxford Press (I suspect from the Poultry Farmer Magazine) but now in 1947. But she had vacated Nursted Farm in Petersfield Hampshire to pastures new in Cheshire, where the letter was redirected.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

Another ordinary KG VI period piece of mail sent in August 1945 to Berkshire, the postage cancelled by a victory bells machine is perfinned B / S S , but being sent from Leicester I cannot connect any of the known users who were, British Sailors Society, Booth Steamship Co Ltd of Liverpool and Burton Son and Sanders of Ipswich, all based on the "coast"!!!

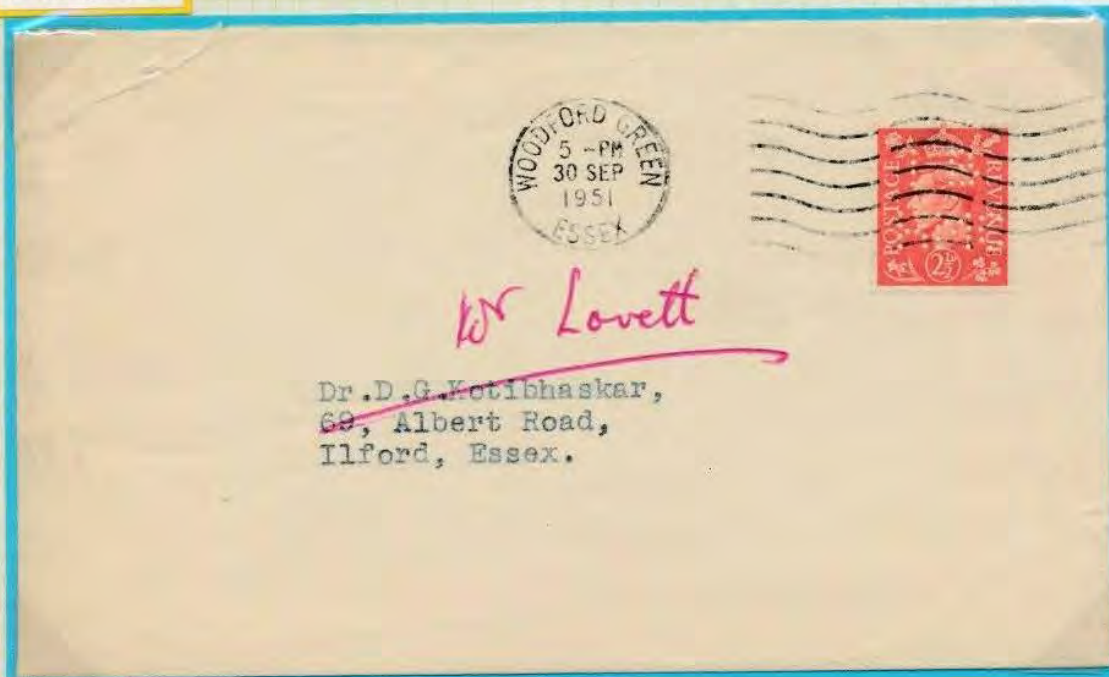


An ordinary piece of mail sent in 1954 to Thames Ditton in Surrey, the KG VI postage perfinned W F O and identifies the Westminster Fire Office as the user. I presume the W F O were using up old stocks of perfinned stamps as QE II had been the head of state by then.!!

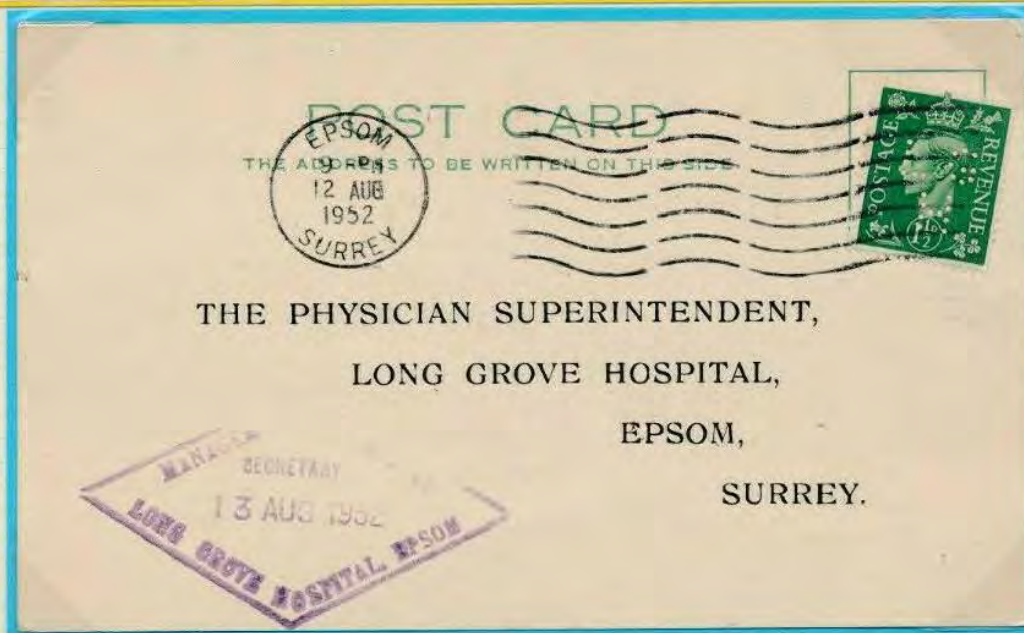


PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A letter from the Ilford and Barking Hospital Management Committee group of medical facilities. The letter from Woodford Green in Ilford to a Dr Kotibhaker (who presumably was in charge of a department), was redirected to another doctor who I assume took his place. The postage is perfinned I B / H M C and is attributed to the hospital area mentioned above.

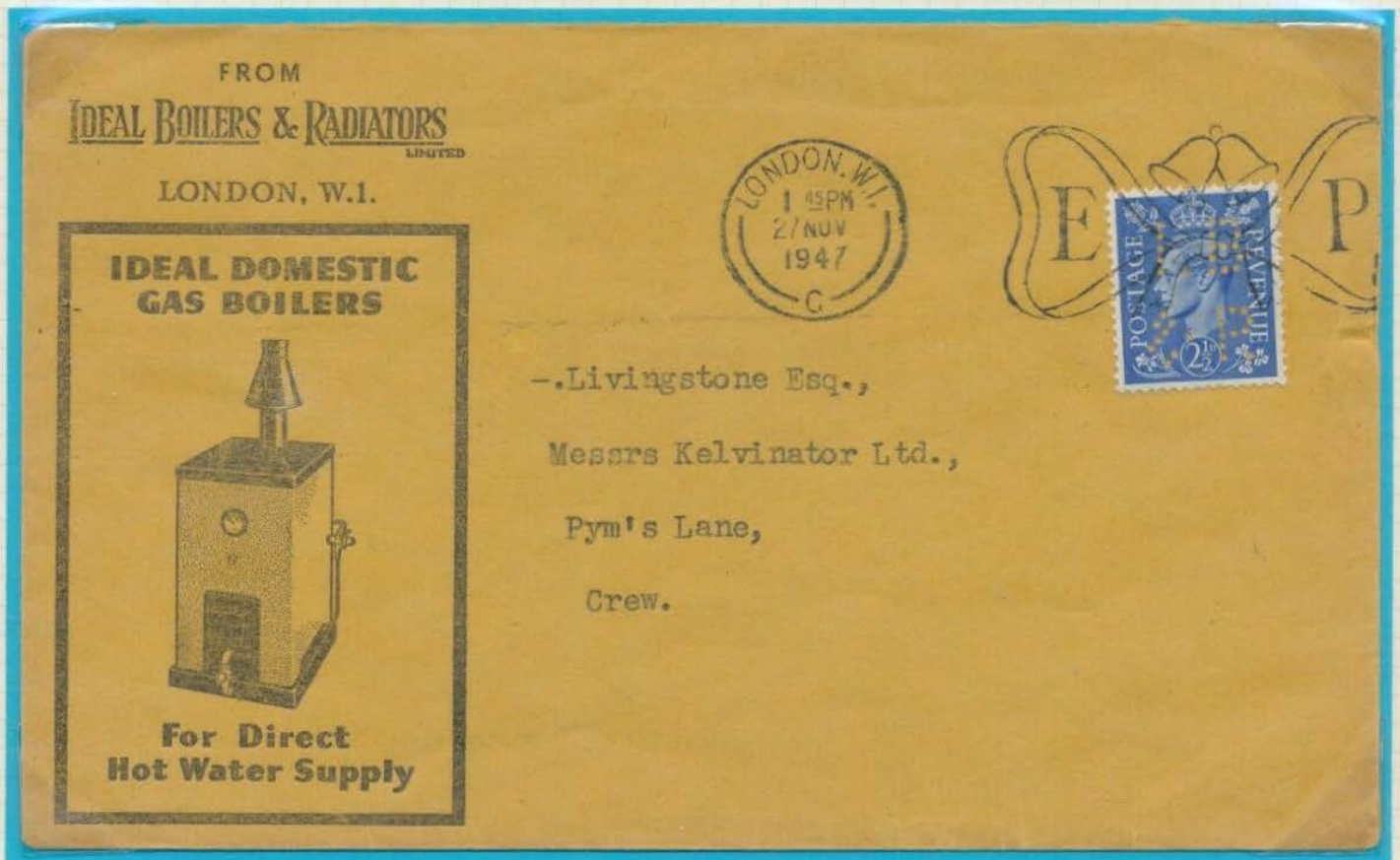


Macabre post card from the Epsom coroner to Long Grove Hospital in Epsom. This to confirm to the Hospital Management Committee that an inquest would not be carried out on a patient that had died in the hospital. The KG VI postage is perfinned L G / H and identifies to the Long Grove Hospital in this case also the recipient. As the coroner and the hospital were in the same Health Authority area the "official" postage would have all been perfinned L G / H.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising

Getting back to normal after the end of WW II, the Ideal Boilers and Radiators company sending a letter to Crewe from London, this in 1947. The perfin of I. B. / & R. on the KG VI postage identifies to the sender. The postage is cancelled by a machine slogan postmark commemorating the royal wedding.



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

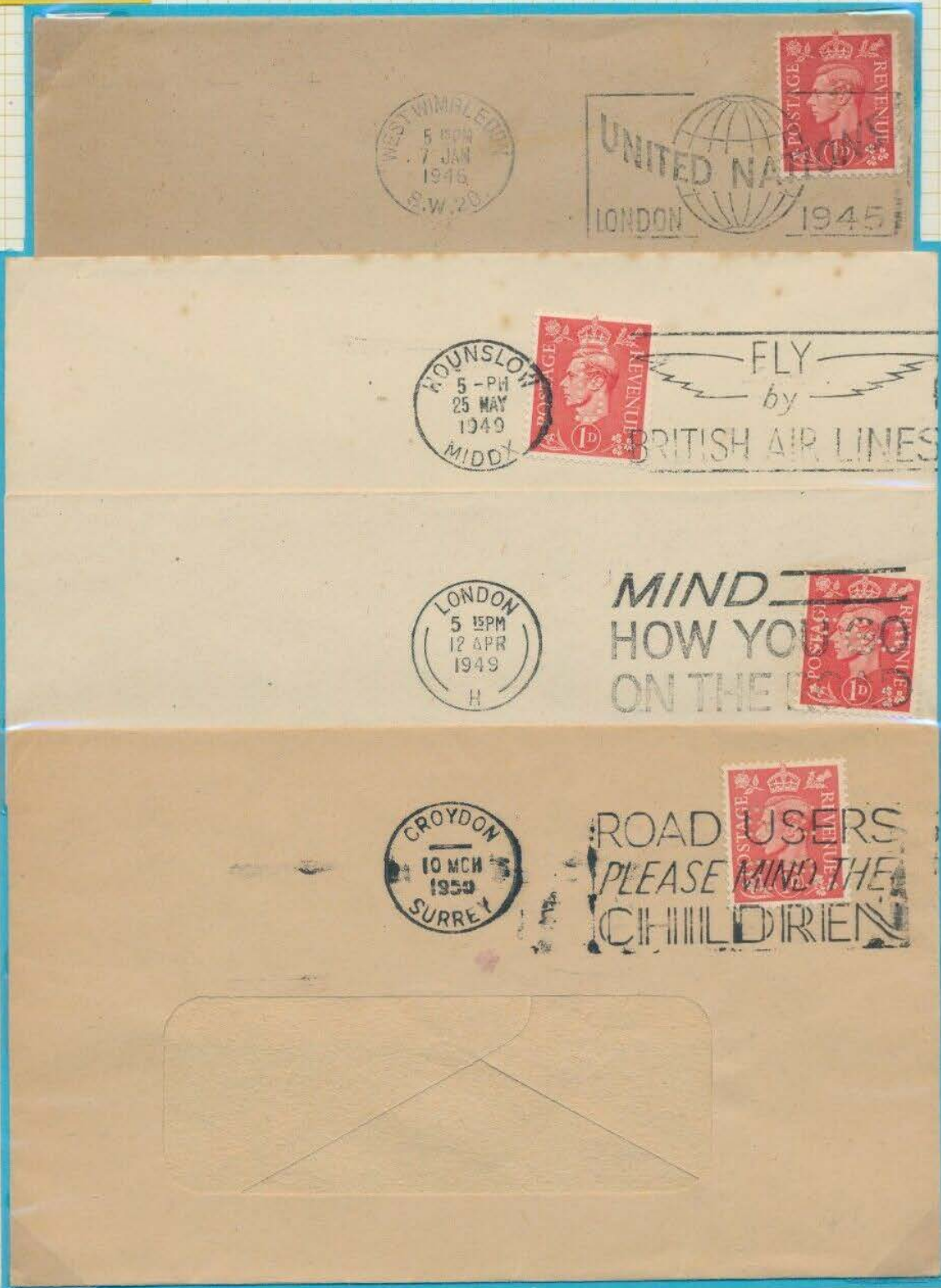
Internal mail

A KG VI period window envelope sent in 1949 from London to ??? the KG VI postage is cancelled by a London machine slogan cancel to remind one how to cross the road, The envelope depicts the sender as the Yardley perfumers (by appointment). The postage is perfinned Y Y and is identified to the above company.



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

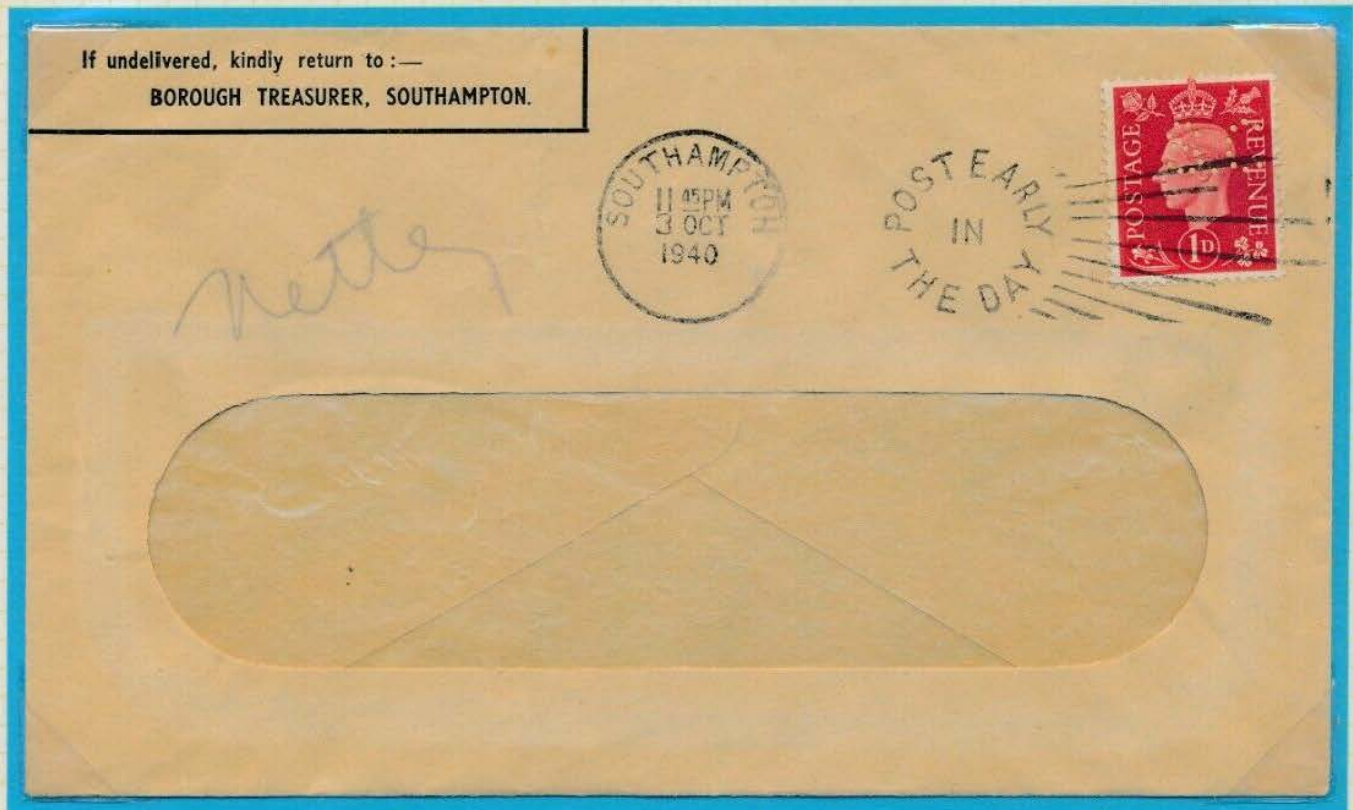
Internal mail



Four KG VI period window envelopes, all with slogan postmarks stemming from the late 1940's to the 1950's. They promote the growth of the nation after WW II, mentioning the United Nations, British Airlines and two indicating the increase in road traffic. From top to bottom, the stamps are perfined C, F & J, P/D and SE/E B. which identifies the senders as Carters Seeds, Fassett and Johnson Ltd, Parke Davis & Co (manufacturing chemists) and the South Eastern Electricity Board respectively.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



Life goes on as normal even though most of the world was at war ! I assume a rates bill or other account from the borough treasurers department of Southampton Corporation. Unfortunately due to the window envelope the recipients details are absent. The KG VI postage is perfined S. C . and ties in the user to the details printed on the cover. The postage is cancelled by a nice post early in the day sunburst for October 1940.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

FRAGILE

Coop Wholesale Society Ltd

Outfitting Dept

High Street

Sheerness
Kent



Used all over
the world



Onoto the Pen

Thomas De La Rue, apart from their printing services, retailed writing implements. In this case sending a fountain pen to Sheerness in Kent from their premises in London, this in 1937. The envelope is constructed similar in strength and design to a registered letter, but bears advertising for the "Onoto" pen. The cover, incidentally sent by registered post carries postage of KG V and KG VI, both perfined D L R, but of two different dies. The DLR perfin is identified to the De La Rue company.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

VERED PLEASE RETURN TO HENRY C. STEPHENS LTD., GILLESPIE ROAD, HIGHBURY, LONDON, N.5



Messrs. D & W. Rochfort,
21, Cherriton High St,
Folkestone, Kent.

Shown here are two invoices/receipts, dual used so to speak, in that they have been through the post twice. (wartime savings) They were sent by H C Stephens the ink manufacturers to Messrs. Rochfort in Kent. The one above in April/May 1942 and the other in November/December 1943. The stamps are perfinned (on the one above) H C / S and identifies to H C Stephens, the one below has the perfin H / S C . I assume wartime provisional perfin production (via Slopers) got the letters slightly mixed up, somewhat unusual to have two different perfins for the same company together !!



The best-known name in Ink

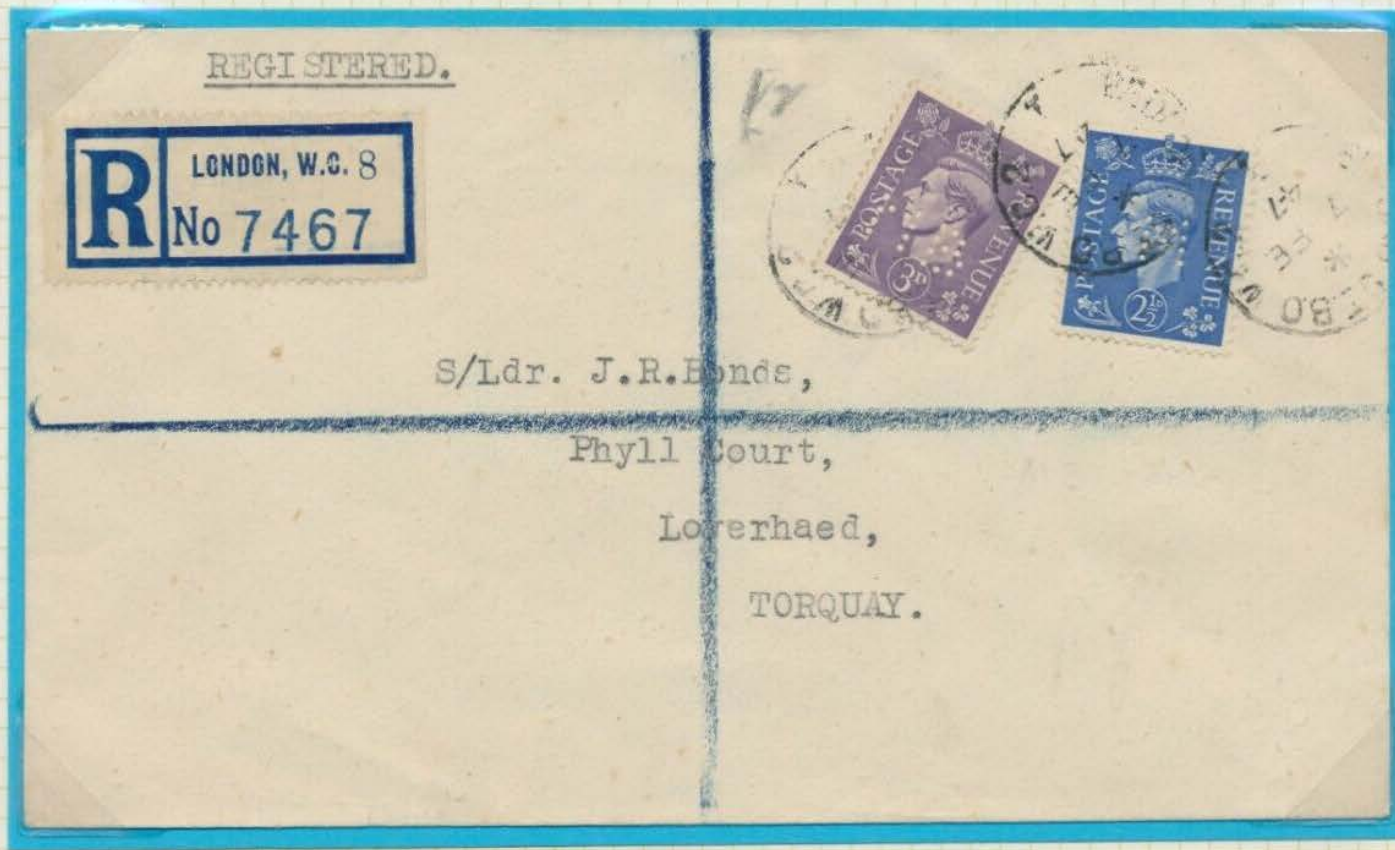
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21, Cherriton High St,
Folkestone, Kent.



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

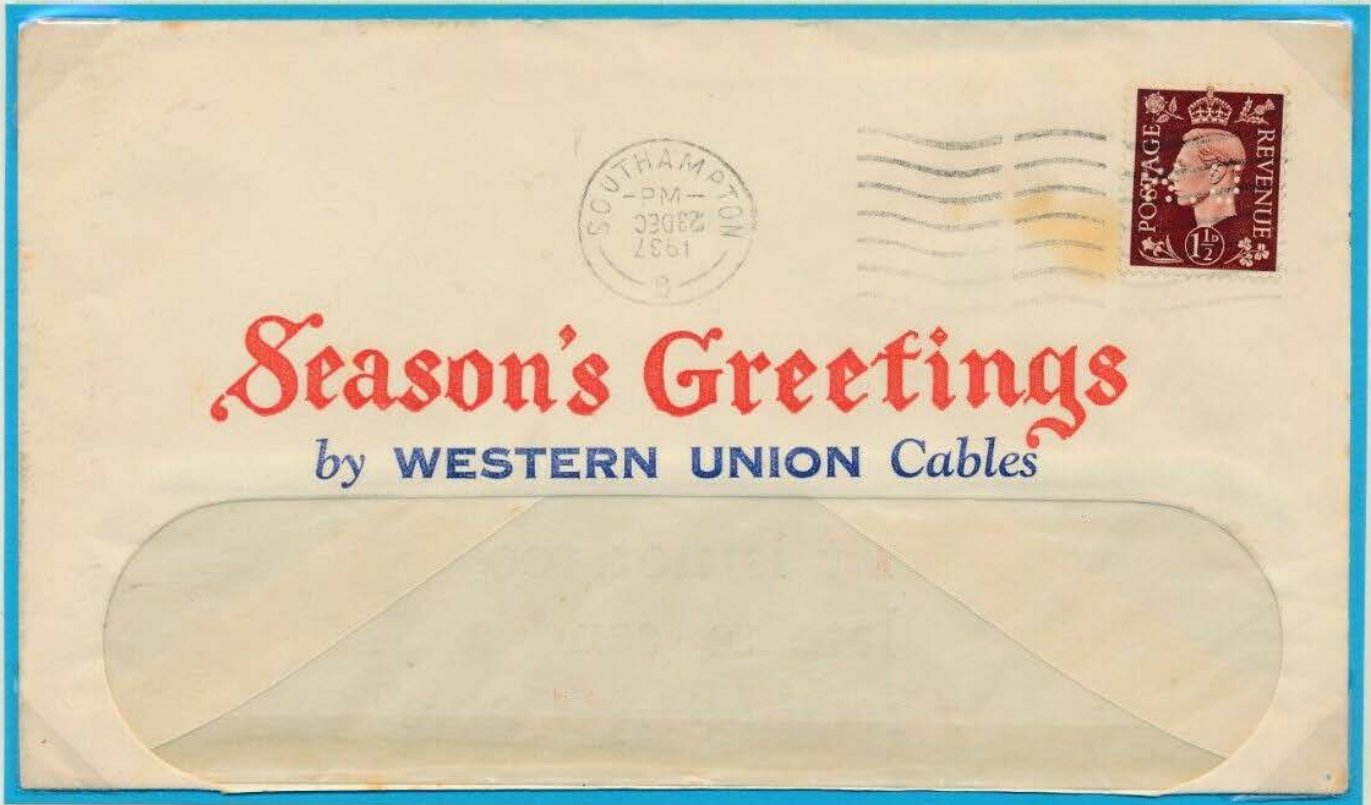
A simple registered letter sent from London to Torquay in February 1947. The normal manuscript, label and blue crossed lines on the envelope denote its position in life. The two KG VI postage stamps are perfined M on one stamp and M B on the other. Both perfins are attributed to the Midland Bank and Martins Bank so take a guess as to who sent the letter. But, to get two different perfins on one cover is quite collectable !!



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

The KG VI postage on this letter is perfinned W . U and it does not take a genius to work out that it is identified to Western Union, the originator of this letter. The envelope, would be more correctly described as a carrier envelope, in which a Christmas greetings cable had been enclosed, like a normal envelope really, only different !! Just an "ordinary" cover, but, on closer inspection, the date on the cancel, pm/23 Dec/1937 has been inserted upside down !!!



Reverse of letter

It is not too
late to send a
Greeting by Cable

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

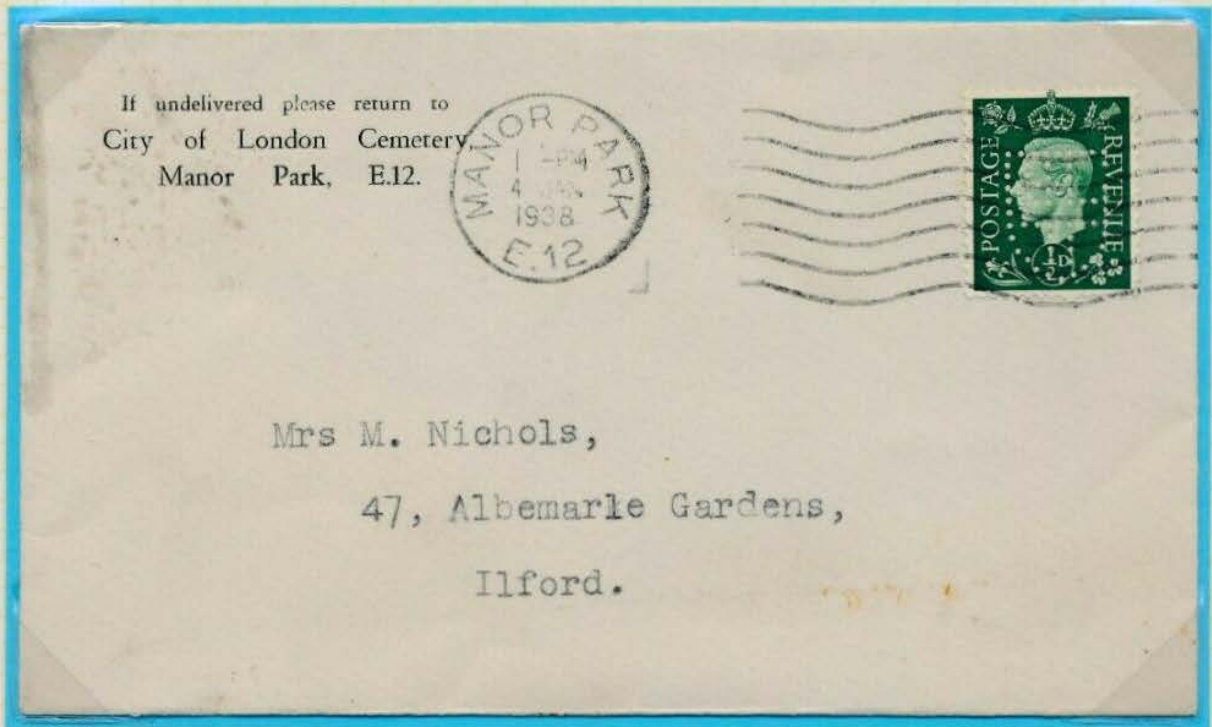
Internal mail

The Caxton Publishing Company Ltd. using the perfin C P / Co was sending mail to Sussex from their offices in London. Ironically, the cover dated 10th October 1949 was the first day of use for the U.P.U. anniversary issue of stamps (the lowest value being used here). The commemorative stamp is perfinned twice, normal practice as the perforating machine would be set up for multiple perforating (average 12 x 1) The office “ person ” must have been quick of the mark to use these stamps on the first day !! (Not very common for perfinned commemoratives to be found on cover)



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A simple envelope sent internally within North East London in January 1938. The postage is cancelled at Manor Park, addressed to Ilford and from the City of London cemetery and crematorium department at "little" Ilford, all within about 5 miles of each other. The postage is perfined with the design of a shield and is identified for use by the different departments of the City of London.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

A letter sent internally, from the Midland Bank to a branch of Lloyds Bank, within the London area. The postage (late use in 1954 of KG VI stamps, but using up old stocks) is perfinned M B and identified as used by the Midland Bank. Unfortunately, the postage was underpaid, (was it deliberate !!) and the 3d postage due stamps along with a suitable cancel requesting the 3d has been applied !!

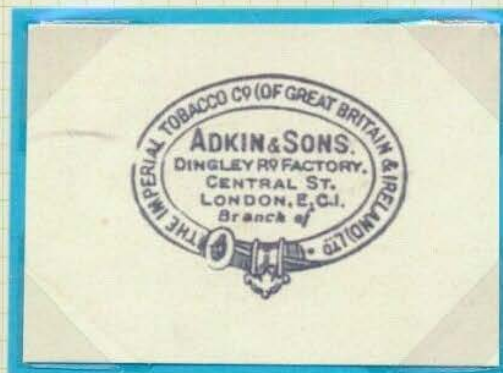


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Internal mail



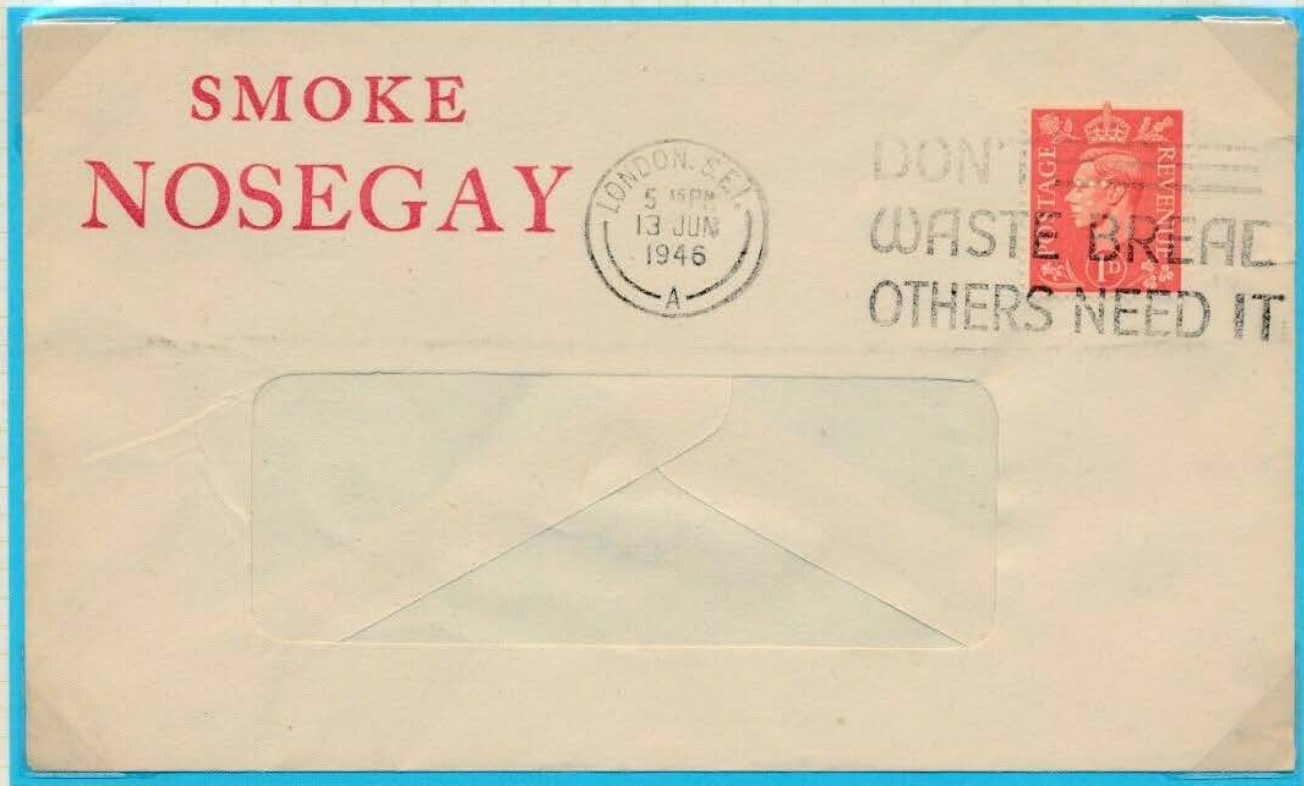
A KG VI period window envelope used in May 1946, the postage perfinned I T C is cancelled by a machine slogan for victory in WW II. The perfin I T C is identified to the Imperial Tobacco Company Ltd, but in this instance, as is shown by the reverse of the envelope, the sender was Adkin & Sons, a branch of Imperial Tobacco.



Reverse of letter

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



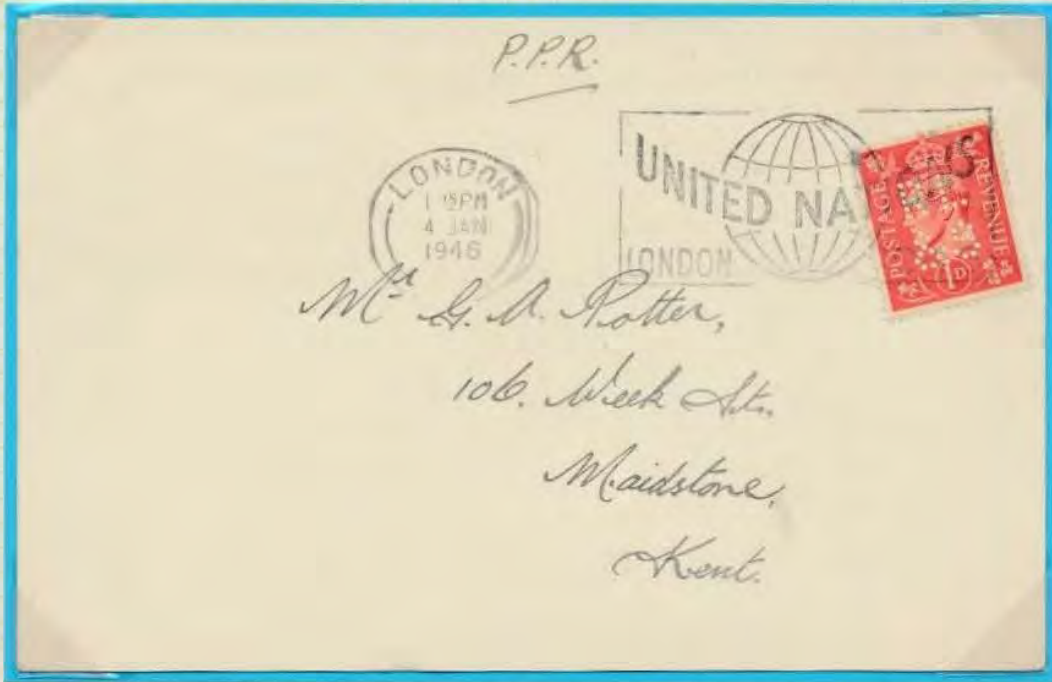
A KG VI period window envelope used in June 1946, the postage, perfinned "F" is cancelled by a machine slogan urging one not to waste bread, as rationing was still in effect in the aftermath of WW II. The envelope carries an advert for one to smoke Nosegay tobacco, the manufacturers of which, W & F Faulkner of London, a branch of Imperial Tobacco, is nicely "tied" to the identity of the perfin "F".



Reverse of letter

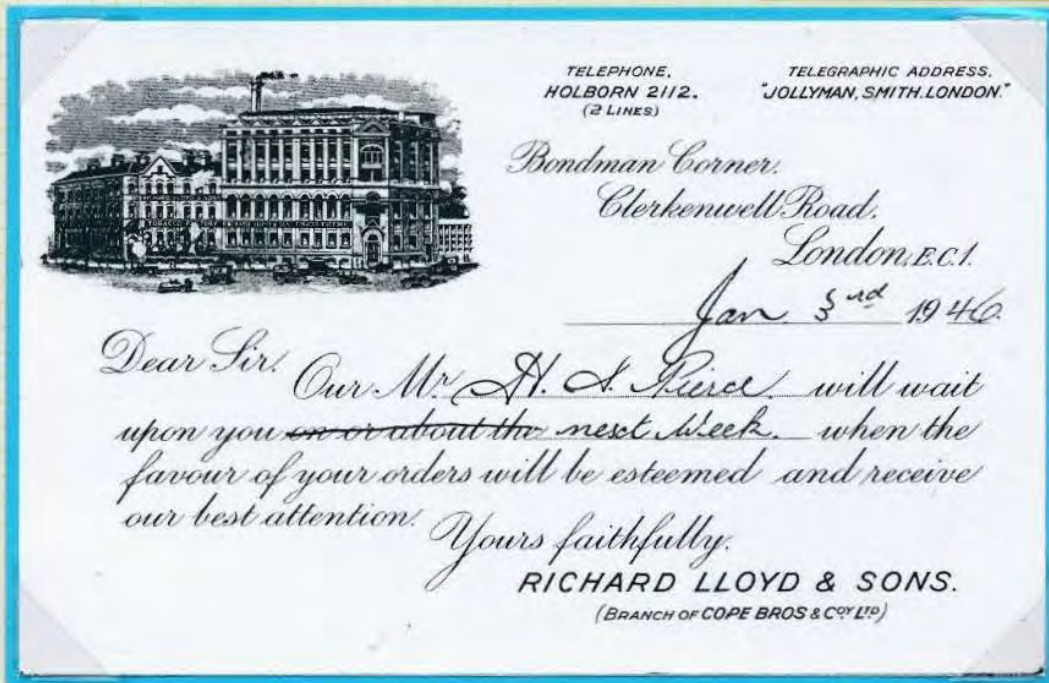
PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



Another "smoking" related piece of mail, in that this post card sent in January 1946 from London to Maidstone in Kent, and the KG VI postage is perfined R L / & S identifies to the company of R Lloyd & Sons who were manufacturers of tobacco products. The card was to let the recipient know that one of the Lloyd company reps would call in the coming week, "when the favour of your orders will be esteemed and receive our best attention" !!

Reverse of post card



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



On His Majesty's Service.

In the event of any correspondence respecting this parcel, please quote

No. D.....22.....

From THE DIRECTOR (Duplicating & Distributing Division), H.M. STATIONERY OFFICE, SHEPHERDESS WALK, LONDON, N. 1.

NR4
NR5 -9
Comm Paks -9
Comm Indro -9

Y. Booth Esq.
Nat. Regⁿ offices
Yourn Hall
Wallington
Surrey

NRO. 39/4

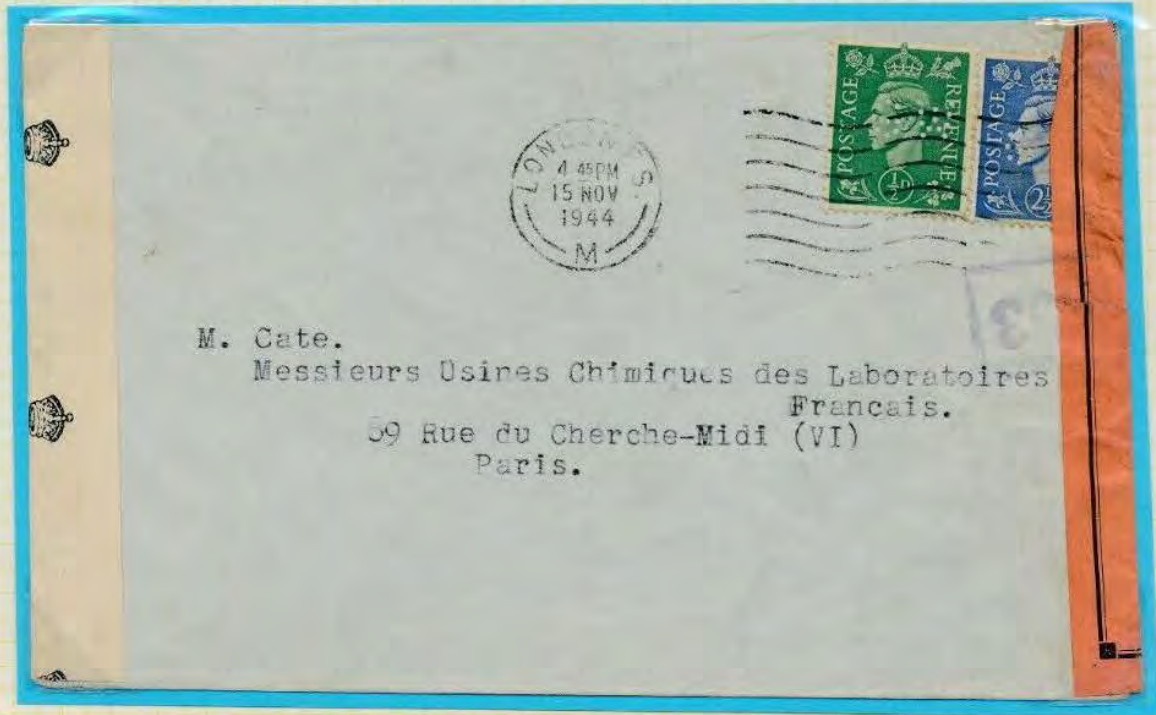
(1285) Wt31449/276 11/38 400,000 JC&SLtd Gp644,224

A piece from a parcel, despatched from a H.M.S.O. department in London to Surrey, in March 1939. The KG VI postage is perfinned S (crown) O and is identified to His Majesty's Stationery Office.



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



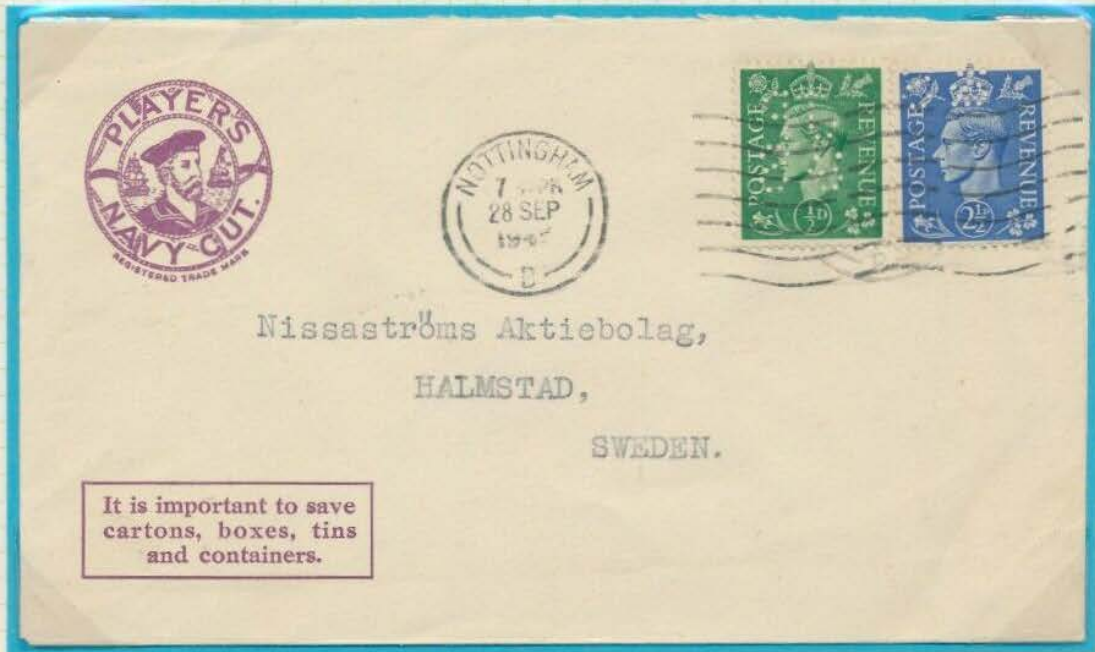
A letter sent from London to France, the postage being perfinned G W , but I cannot see the connection between the G W perfin and the firm of Riddle Sawyer & Co Ltd, as indicated on the back flap of the envelope as the sender !! unless this company was owned by another. The letter has dual censorship tapes, English and French. Paris was not "liberated" until late August 1944, so this company was quick of the mark either resuming business or soliciting new ones, sending this communication to France in November 1944, in all a nice little item !!

Reverse of letter



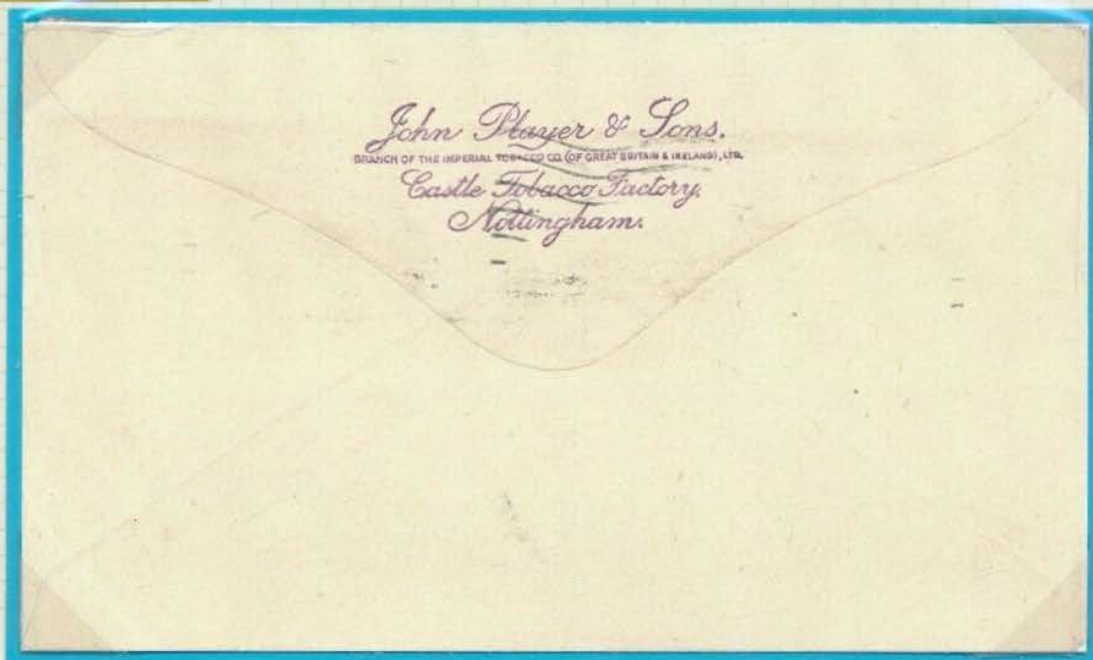
PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



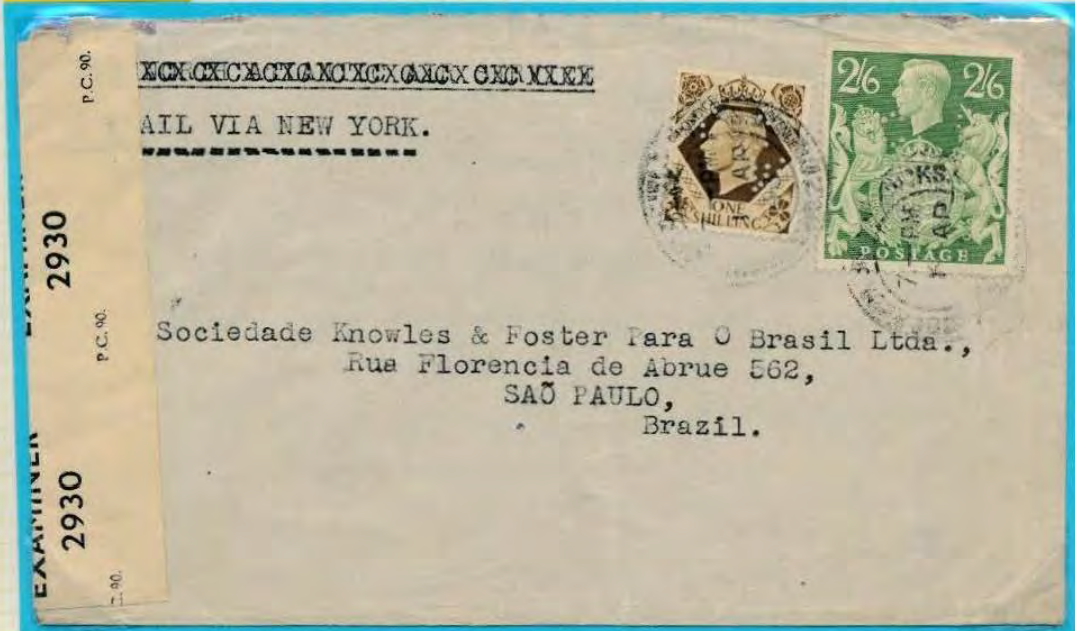
A part advertising letter from the Players Tobacco company in Nottingham, sent to Halmstad in Sweden. One of the KG VI postage stamps is perfinned J P . & S and identifies the sender as mentioned, also as depicted on the reverse of the letter. The letter shows the familiar trade mark of the seaman within a life belt, denoting Players Navy Cut. The letter also urges one to recycle containers of any description, I assume that materials were still very scarce so shortly after WW II.

Reverse of letter

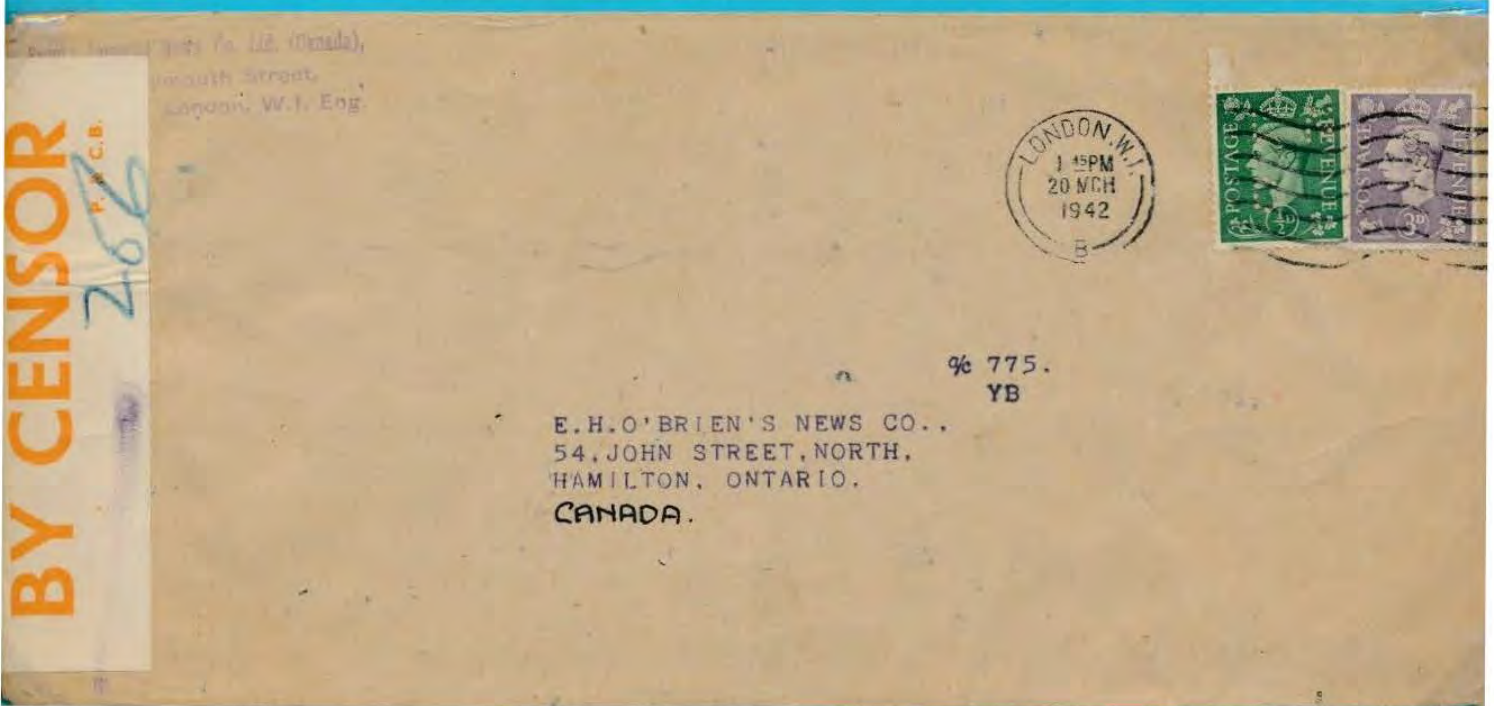


PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



Two letters sent during WW II to North and South America. The one above with postage perfinned C C / W (one correct and one provisional die) and identified to C C Wakefield, was initially endorsed to be sent via "The North Atlantic Air Service", but altered to being mail sent via New York, this on it's way down to Brazil. The letter below, sent a year earlier in 1942 was only destined for Canada, this with postage perfinned I N / C (both provisional dies) and identified to the Imperial News Co Ltd (Canada) but in this instance the letter was to the E H O'Briens news office in Hamilton Ontario. As is obvious, because of the hostilities taking place at the time both covers carry censor tape where they have been examined.



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

Two covers sent during WW II from the U.K. to Portugal, the first on March 1st 1944, the second two days later on the 3rd. Both letters I assume are to the same person, although details on name and address have variations. The KG VI postage on both letter is perfinned W D / & S and identifies to Wm. Dawson and Sons Ltd (as defined on the reverse of each letter) Both letters have been censored by examiner number 1876, and the second letter also by examiner number 3279 ??



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



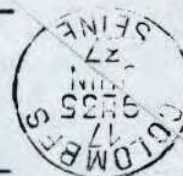
17 *au* *Jude Gormand*
 Monsieur J. Vigneau,
Amères
 51, rue de l'Agriculture,
 Colombes (Seine),
 France.

A letter redirected on receipt in France, from London in 1937. The sender being Kellys Directories Ltd. The organisation who were the forerunners of Thompsons/Yellow pages type of publications. The KG VI postage is perfined K D / Ld and identified to the sender, Kellys Directories Ltd (the oldest and largest directory publishers in the world !!)

Reverse of letter



KELLY'S DIRECTORIES LTD.
 THE OLDEST AND LARGEST
 DIRECTORY PUBLISHERS
 IN THE WORLD
 186 STRAND
 W.C.2



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



A letter sent in January 1939 from the U. K. to Latvia. The postage is cancelled by a machine cancel from Sheffield, but as there is no arrival mark I cannot say how long the letter took to be delivered to Riga. The postage is perfined S . J / S and is identified to Spear and Jackson tool makers (we all have some form of garden equipment made by them) of the Aetna works in Sheffield. This is one of the perfins that also designates the town as well as the company's initials.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

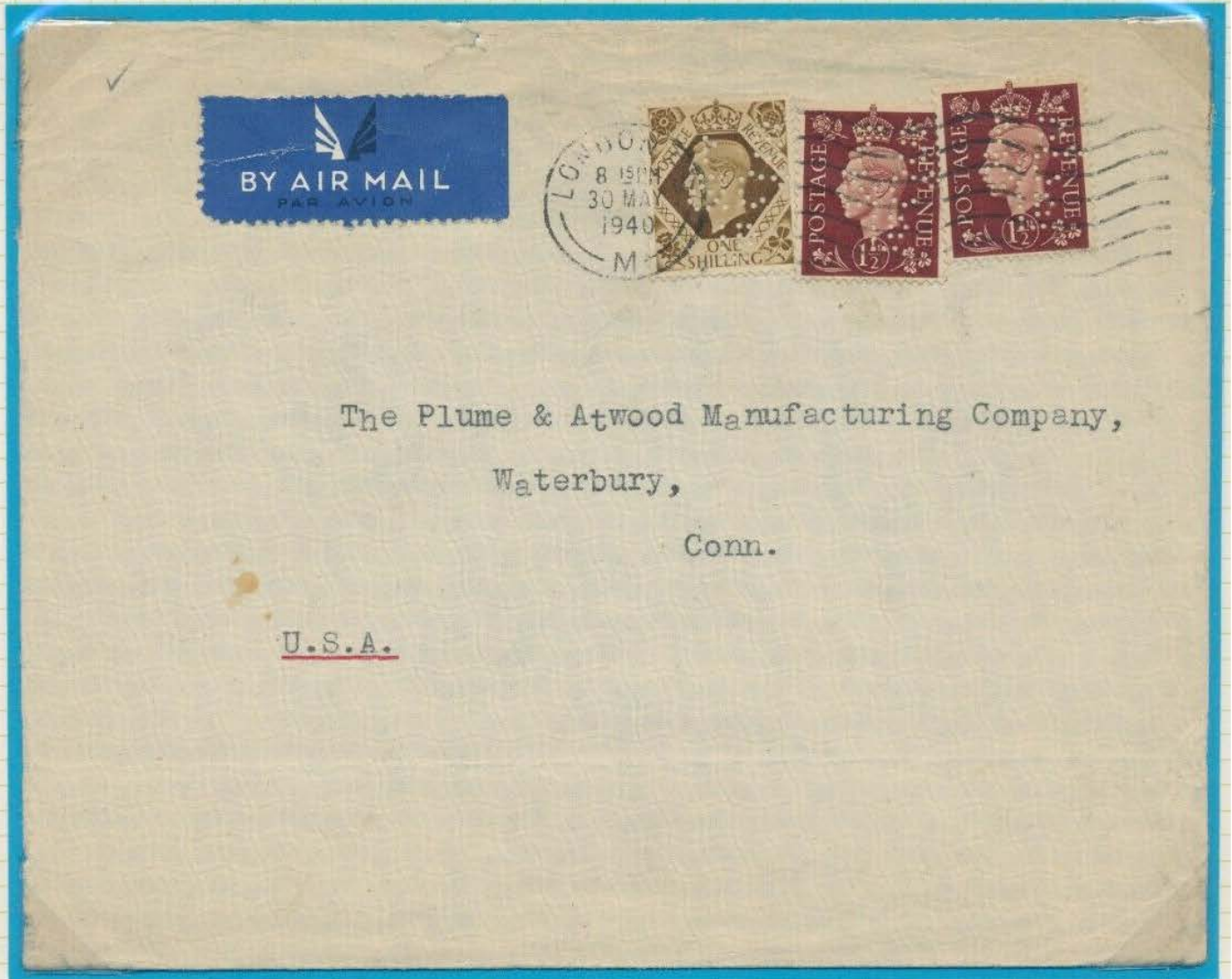
Foreign mail

Oxford City Council, I assume twinned with Bonn in West Germany, sending seasonal greetings from one Mayor to another. The late use of the KG VI (old stock) postage is perfined O C and identified to Oxford City Council as the user. The letter sent of the 9th December 1952 was not received until the 22nd. I assume both British and German postal authorities blamed the Christmas rush for the delay, even though it has been embellished with a "cheery" Christmas seal. !!



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



A Wartime uncensored cover from London to the U.S.A. on the 30th May 1940. Apart from the date of the initial cancellation there are no other markings, so the date of arrival is unknown. I am not fully conversant with the North Atlantic air services at that time, but I assume, because of the air mail label and the amount of postage the letter was flown as directly as possible. The KG VI postage is perfined F S / & Co / Ld and as yet no confirming identity as to the user is known, but suspected to be Falk and Stadelman & Co Ltd of London and Glasgow.

EXAMINER 3556

GOODYEAR TYRE & RUBBER CO.,
GREAT BRITAIN LTD.,
WOLVERHAMPTON.



Interplant Relations Department.
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.
NEW TORONTO.
Ontario.
CANADA.

Foreign mail

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

A WW II censored cover sent from Wolverhampton to Ontario in Canada during the hostilities in 1941. The sender's details are printed on the front of the letter, in this instance the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Co. corresponding with one of its plants in North America. The KG V postage is perfined G/T/C and is identified to the sender (without the rubber bit !!) If one notes the address it is sent to "New Toronto", whatever happened to the old one ??

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Invoices

Although used fiscally, this KG VI postage stamp perfined P B and identified by the headed invoice as for use by the Petroleum Board. Even though somewhat grubby, this perfin on identification is very handy. This government department was created to control fuel supplies during WW II. (the invoice dated new years eve 1943) As noted on the invoice only burning oil and vaporising oil was delivered to the corner bakery at Maud, a small village about 15 miles to the west of Peterhead in Scotland. Even the civilians had to have their bread during wartime !!

D 27

DELIVERY NOTE G 341917

THE PETROLEUM BOARD

SM 7236

DELIVERING DEPOT Maud DATE OF DELIVERY 31-12-1943

DELIVERED TO M H. G. Chalmers

D

C.C.

POOL GRADE	GALLONS	PRICE	£	S.	D.
BURNING OIL	20	1/4	1	1	3
VAPORISING OIL	50	1/11	2	14	2
MOTOR SPIRIT					
D.E.R.V. FUEL					

PACKAGES	CANS	STEELS	WOODS		£	S.	D.
	@	@	No.	PRICE			
DELIVERED					3	15	5
RETURNED					-	-	-
ADD NETT DELIVERIES							
DEDUCT NETT RETURNS							

STORAGE TANK WATER DIP AGREED BY CUSTOMER	ACTUAL VALUE OF DELIVERY	3	15	5
	AMOUNT ACTUALLY RECEIVED	3	15	5

COLLECTED (DRIVER'S SIGNATURE) _____ SHORT PAYMENT _____

REFUNDED (CUSTOMER'S SIGNATURE) _____ OVER PAYMENT _____

WE CERTIFY THAT NO DUTY DEBATE HAS BEEN ALLOWED IN RESPECT OF D.E.R.V. FUEL FOR THE PETROLEUM BOARD

E. & O. E.

GOODS RECEIVED H. G. Chalmers


RECEIPT

RECEIVED FROM M H. G. Chalmers

IN RESPECT OF ABOVE DELIVERY FOR THE PETROLEUM BOARD

£ 3 15 5

DEPOT Maud DATE _____



CUSTOMERS ARE REQUESTED TO READ THE CONDITIONS OF SALE PRINTED ON BACK

CUSTOMERS COPY

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Mint KG VI stamps



O A / G C
O 0080.01a
Ocean Accident &
Guarantee Corp`n Ltd

As shown here the perfin O A / G C has been applied to all the KG VI mint stamps, very nice but why ? I can only assume that someone who worked in one of the offices of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Ltd, was either a philatelist or knew someone who was. I expect that a person in the post room selected the stamps with the cylinder/plate numbers and were "borrowed" to be put to one side. I must belatedly thank this unknown person for the material on display here.



Mint KG VI
low value
stamps

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



Messrs. W. D. & H. O. WILLS,

Branch of

The Imperial Tobacco Co. (of Great Britain & Ireland), Limited.

Imperial Buildings,

Tobago Street, Calton,

GLASGOW, S. E.

Shown are two tobacco related items, the one above being a printed and stamped reply envelope (unused) from the Wills tobacco company in Glasgow. The KGV postage is perfinned WILLS and is obviously attributed to that company. The item below is a KGVII period (wartime) label for the reuse of envelopes. The KGVII postage is perfinned W & / A C and is identified to the labels addressee of W A & A C Churchman of Ipswich. Both companies were operating branches of the Imperial Tobacco Co (of Great Britain and Ireland) Ltd.

Re-use the envelope in which this reached you by affixing
this label.



W. A. & A. C. CHURCHMAN

Branch of The Imperial Tobacco Company
(of Great Britain and Ireland), Limited.

IPSWICH

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

A reply envelope sent out by J Sloper and Co Ltd, the “godfather” of the perforating machine, to a customer for their response, and maybe an order. As is plain to see it is in “mint” condition other than the paper clip stain, so no order this time !! The address is for their works in Bridge Street in London, and the KG VI postage is perfinned J S / & Co and is identified to the Sloper company. Although somewhat “modern” (mid 20th century) this is a fine item relating to the founding father of perforating machines.



Messrs. J. SLOPER & Co., Ltd.,

New Bridge Street House,

New Bridge Street,

LONDON, E.C. 4.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

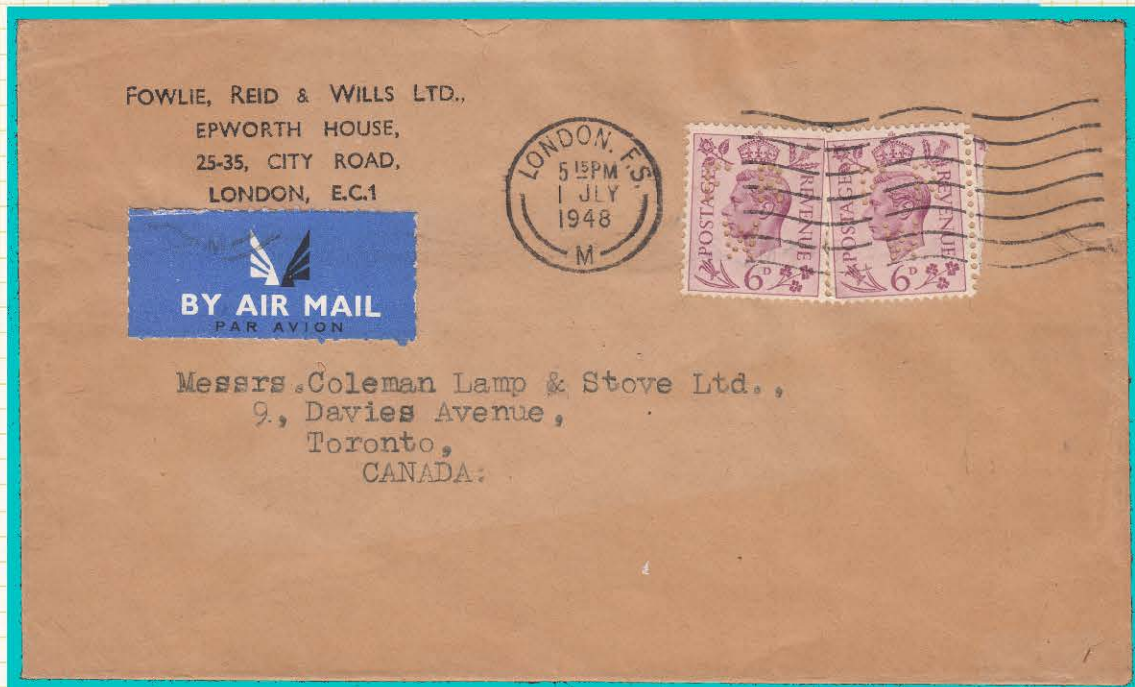
AIR MAIL



By the end of 1944 a limited air mail service was in operation between the UK and the USA. This letter as per the manuscript endorsement was sent this way for onward transmission by a US carrier to the Canal Zone. Posted in Liverpool on the 14th November 1944 and the 2/- postage which is perfined P S / N C received a Liverpool machine cancel. As is shown by the copy of the reverse, the envelope was used by the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, and the letter was also censored by examiner 494.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

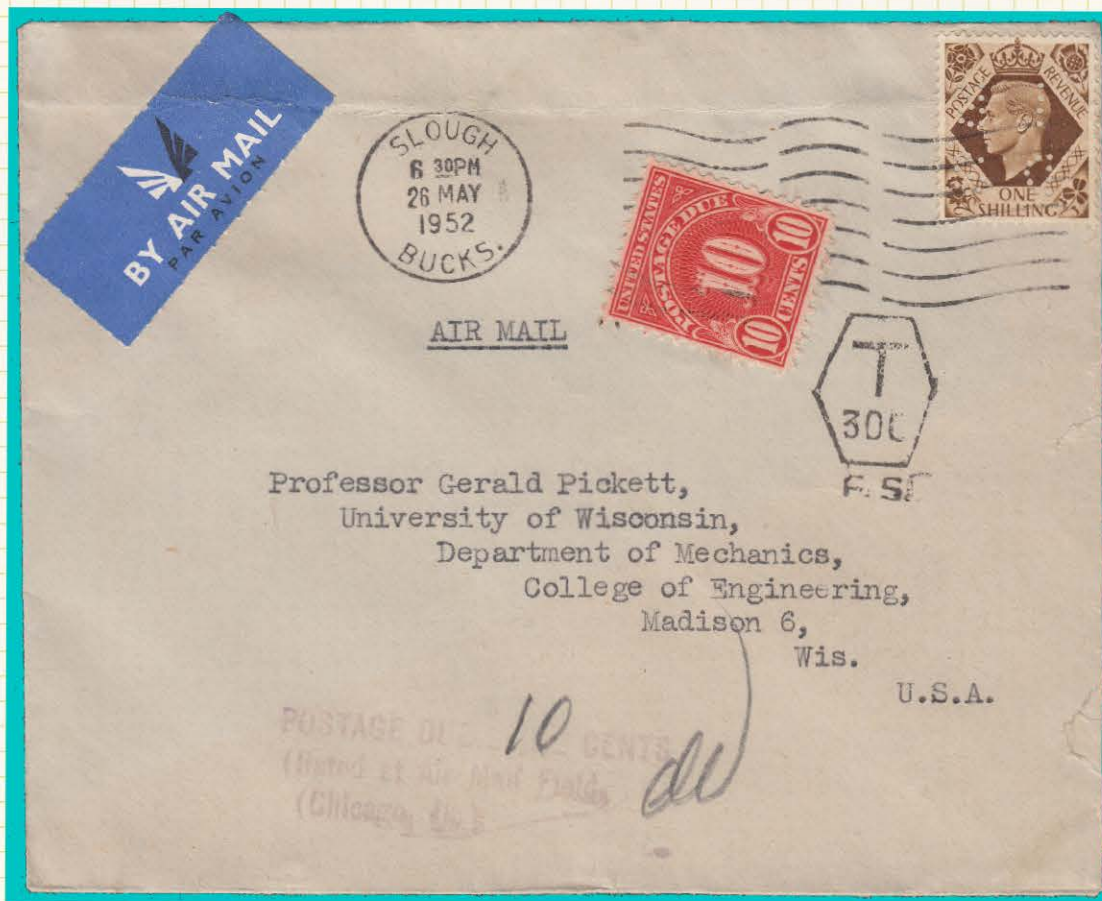
AIR MAIL



This letter, was posted in London and received a cancel for the 1st July 1948. The KG VI postage is perfinned F R / W and as per the "letterhead" on the envelope belongs to Fowlie Reid and Wills Ltd. Transported by air mail across the North Atlantic. And as per the company receiving mark it arrived on the 5th July 1948.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

AIR MAIL



The government Department of Scientific and Industrial Research sent this letter to a professor in the US. The KG VI postage bearing a perfin D S / I R and used by the government department above. The letter was posted in Slough on the 26th May 1952 and travelled by air mail to the USA. Once there at the Chicago Ill. Air mail field post office it attracted a pair of hand stamps to denote a postage due charge of 10 cents was applicable. As is obvious by the 10 cent postage due stamp added. This whilst in transit to the university of Wisconsin.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

AIR MAIL



An ordinary letter from one bank to another, in this instance from Barclays to the Zivnostenska Banka. Sent from London on the 20th June 1946 with a London foreign section machine cancel over the KG VI perfinned postage B Bk. No arrival or transit marks applied on its way to Czechoslovakia.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

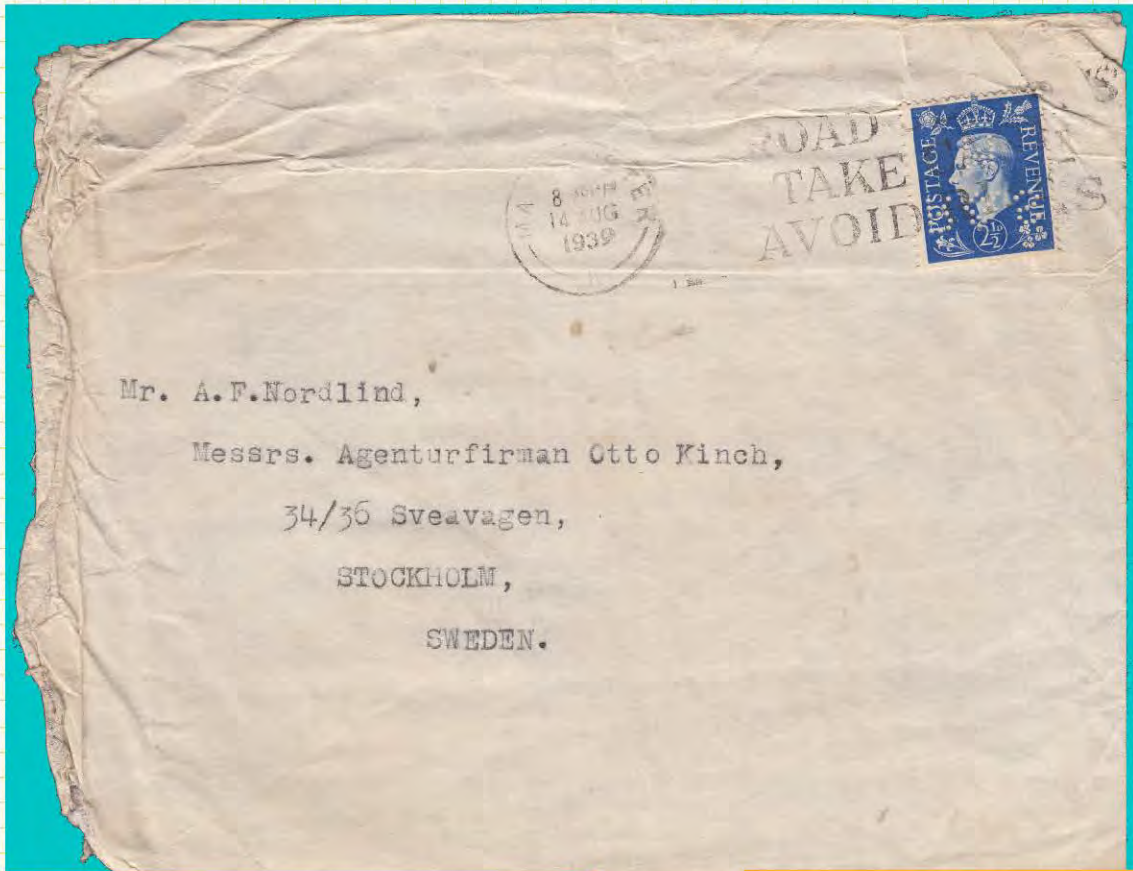
AIR MAIL



Originally posted at Port Taifik (Port said) in Egypt in February 1951 and being sent to London for a member of the Anglo Saxon Petroleum Co. c/o their offices in the marine staff department. But, I assume, the chap had travelled onwards by the 5th of February 1951 (the company receiving mark) so the letter was re-directed with additional postage added perfinned A S / P Co. this used by the above company. It was addressed to one of their agents in New York.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

AIR MAIL



Swedish Label reading

Malmö in August 1939

Enclosed remittance has been received in Sweden among mail which has been rescued from the English plane G-AESY which crashed on the 15th of this month near Vordingborg, Denmark Postdirectory of the Southern district.

Malmö 1 augusti 1939.

Närslutna försändelse har ingått till Sverige bland post, som bärgats från det den 15 dennes i närheten av Vordingborg, Danmark, störtade engelska trafikflygplanet G-AESY.

Postdirektionen i Södra distriktet.

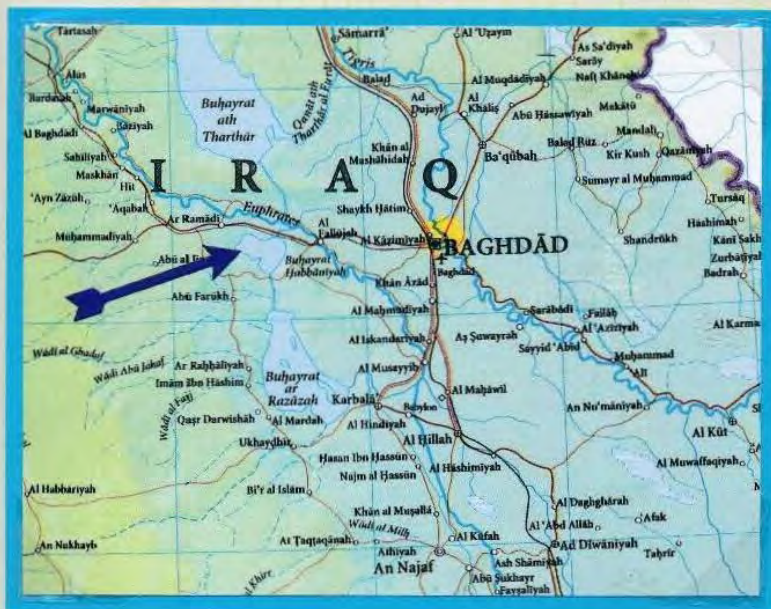
A tatty cover, but if you had been involved in an aircraft crash you might be a bit tatty round the edges. This letter was sent from the UK to Stockholm in Sweden via air mail and was posted on the 14th August 1939. Sent from Rylands and sons exporters based in Manchester, hence the KG VI postage being perfined R & S / M. The aeroplane. A Lockheed Electra G-AESY was on the flight to Sweden on the 15th August but crashed near Vordingborg in Denmark. The note below from the Swedish postal authorities (and the English translation) as to why the mail was in such a state and was late !!

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

AIR MAIL

Addressee
Mr McCaig Esq.
C/o Messrs. Richardson & Co
430 Noisy Place
Dunedin
New Zealand

The London Assurance Co sent a letter to a client in New Zealand. The latest and fastest way was to send it via Imperial Airways on their empire route operated by flying boats. The letter left Glasgow on the 22nd November 1938 and was on board the flying boat G-AETW Calpurnica when it left Southampton on the 23rd November. Unfortunately, in transit the aircraft crashed in a sandstorm at night at lake Ramadi, which was 12 miles from lake Habbaniyah where it should have landed in Iraq on the 27th November 1938. The four flight crew were killed, but three other airways staff survived.



The mail, after being scattered all over the lake was salvaged and dried out, but not in the correct manner according to Post Office officials who berated the R.A.F. personnel helping them !! Eventually, the mail was put onto another aircraft and reached Dunedin New Zealand on the 11th January 1939. The common violet cachet regarding the crash has been applied. Normally with a window envelope it was difficult to find the addressee and destination, but because of immersion in water the address has been imprinted onto the inside back of the envelope.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising



CROSSE & BLACKWELL LTD.
20, SOHO SQUARE, LONDON, W.1

The KG VI and QE II postage is perfinned C & B and as aforementioned belongs to the Crosse and Blackwell company.



CROSSE & BLACKWELL LTD.
20, SOHO SQUARE, LONDON, W.1



H. M. COBBAN,
51, COLEBURN RD.,
NORWICH.

As previously described, another pair of "advertising" envelopes promoting the Crosse and Blackwell company, in this instance their salad cream. This in competition with that well known brand of Heinz.



H. M. COBBAN,
51, COLEBURN RD.,
NORWICH.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Invoices

OLD SWAN L'POOL

IF NOT DELIVERED RETURN TO MECCANO LTD.,
BINNS ROAD, LIVERPOOL, 13.

OPEN HERE

SEP 40

OLD SWAN L'POOL

1. 15 PM

28 SEP 40



The "MP"
(Regd.) Postal Form
No. 524047

Registered Design
557664

Messrs W. Ballantyne Sons
Departmental Stores,
St. Boswells
Roxburg

DO NOT CUT

DR. TO

MECCANO LTD

TELEPHONE:—
STONEYCROFT 2701
(6 LINES)

BINNS ROAD,

LIVERPOOL, 13.

TELEGRAMS:—
MECCANO.
LIVERPOOL

10

25 SEP 1940

31 AUG 1940

ANS'D

SUBJECT

NETT

TO ACCOUNT RENDERED

Aug 18 TO INVOICE 866/4

AMOUNT SUBJECT TO 2 1/2% DISCOUNT

5 4 8	2
5 4 8	
5 6 8	
9 134 3	2
5 4 8	
2 8	
5 2	
balance	2 8

DISCOUNT

May we draw your special attention to the balance shown on the accompanying statement. We regret that we are unable to pass the deduction, as the account is now past due for discount and payable nett. Will you please arrange for the inclusion of the amount in your next payment.

Meccano Limited

No. **D 7353** MECCANO LTD 25 SEP 1940

LIVERPOOL

Received from *W. Ballantyne*
ON ACCOUNT

the sum of £ 5 2

For MECCANO LTD.



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PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Invoices

As there was insufficient space on the preceding page this write up, along with a credit note from the invoice is explained here.

Invoice between Meccano Ltd. Liverpool and W Balantyne and Son , department stores at St. Boswells in Roxburgh. The "entire bill" was first used on the 10th September 1940 and the postage being paid by the use of a franking machine. It was re-used on the 28th September 1940 with the postage of KG VI 1d perfined M L / L. No prizes for guessing that the identification is Meccano Ltd. Liverpool. During it's travels the "entire" has acquired receipts etcetera appended to it.

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MECCANO LTD No. 1343
BINNS ROAD, LIVERPOOL 13

CREDIT NOTE FOR EMPTIES

Messrs *W. Ballantyne & Son*
Departmental Stores
St Boswells
Roxburgh

27. 9. 1940

.....1.....CARTONS CHARGED AT 1/-	2
.....CASE(S) No. AT.....	
.....CASE(S) No. AT.....	
CHARGED ON INVOICES:—	£ 2

ALLOWED FROM SETTLEMENT DATED 25.9.40
8664

N.B. This credit note has been retained for issue with the monthly statement from which it is allowed.

Credit note to accompany the invoice shown opposite.

The account had the prompt payment discount deducted, because alas, as explained in the discount label the allowed time had elapsed to qualify, so Messrs Ballantyne had to pay up a further 2s. 8d. !!

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

AIR MAIL



This letter, originating in Iran and sent to the Anglo Saxon Petroleum Co in England is a rare item of postal history (I think so anyway !!) Out of Iran in 1949, complete with censor cachet and censor tape sent this missive on its way to the U.K. via airmail. But, on reaching England the chap who was the recipient had moved on. So the Anglo Saxon Petroleum Co as confirmed by the additional postage having the A S / P perfin sent the letter on to Mr J O'Donnell in Port Tewifik in Suez in Egypt. I assume he was an "oil worker" for the Anglo Saxon Petroleum Co, but how long did he stay there when the Suez crisis broke out ??



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Paper folding error



SE / EB
S2480.01
South Eastern
Electricity Board

A common or garden QE II 3d stamp, but, as is obvious a paper fold during printing has caused this simple error. During the process of creating this postage label, a small fold in the paper went un-noticed, and the printing, gum application and being perfinned was done before the fold was "opened out".



Stamp with
paper fold
21 mm wide
"wow"



"normal"
stamp for
comparison
20 mm wide

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Letter contents within the cover
shown on the previous page.

INTER-PLANETARY SPACE MAIL

From H.Q., C.C.I.P.P.U. Satellite Space Station L.B.L.I

Earthmen - Greetings!



This spacegram will reach you - if our experiment is successful - by the first Interplanetary Space Mail to Earth. My department is already operating Interplanetary Space Mail services between Mars and Venus, with a central sorting office on this Satellite Space Station, and it gives me pleasure to announce the extension of this service to your Planet.

We intend to open negotiations with Earth postal authorities but in the meantime the regulations of the Interplanetary Postal Union require all spacegrams to bear stamps of both the Planet of origin and the Planet of destination.

A few minor difficulties have yet to be overcome: at present, for example, Space Mail is handled on Earth by local postal authorities but I hope to be able to arrange very shortly for direct delivery from Mars and Venus by our own Space-personnel.

Although this service is still in its experimental stages Interplanetary Space Stamps will soon be generally available by a unique earth distribution service, and we in Space look forward to inaugurating in the near future a long period of Interplanetary co-operation with Earth.

I am enclosing some first issue specimens of current Interplanetary stamps.

Yours spacefully,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Val Star". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font and is followed by a long horizontal line.

Chief Comptroller,
Inter-Planetary Postal Union.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perfined space mail !!!

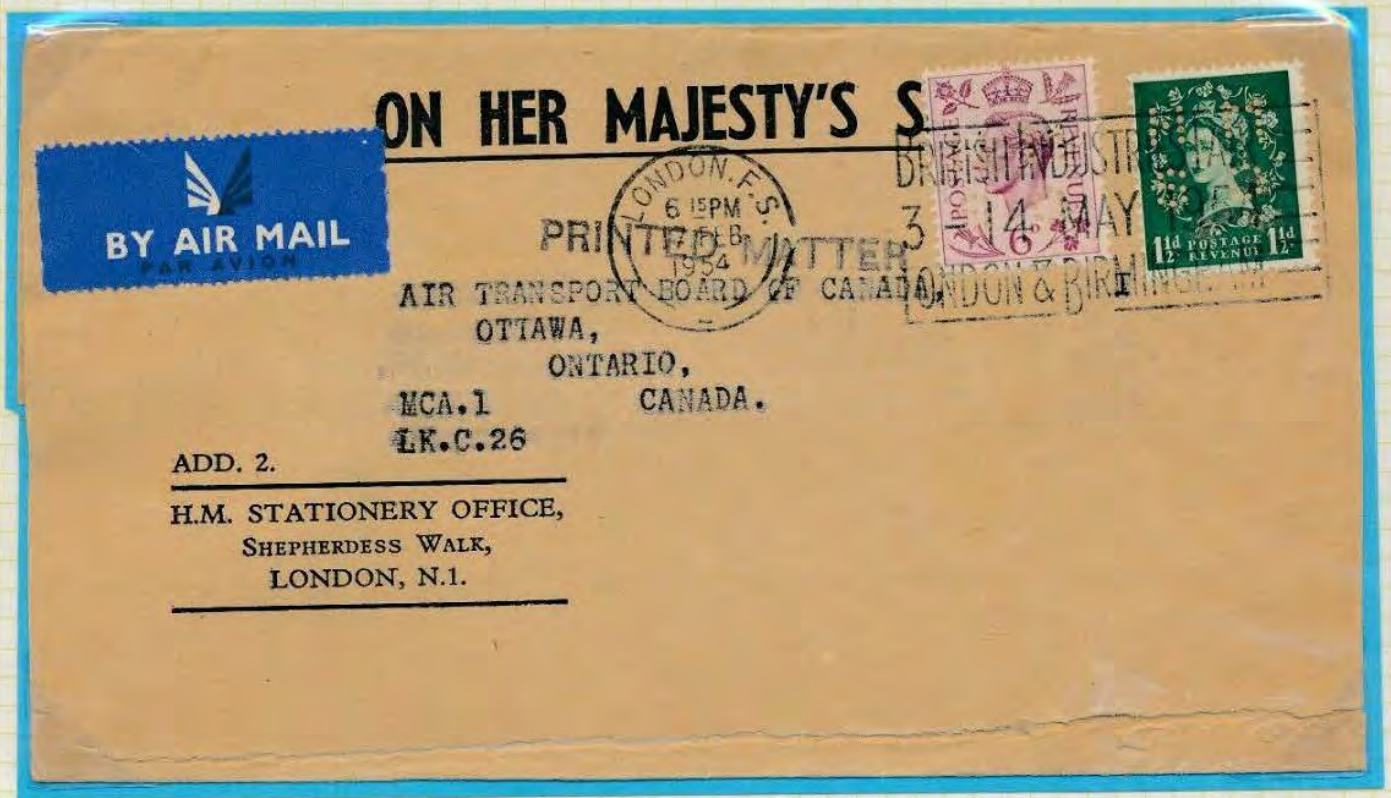
Attention all earthlings !! Lowe Robson Ltd. Is in contact with aliens, and to prove it the aliens sent them a letter using interplanetary space mail. (with a little help from the QE II wilding also affixed) But, as the following letter states, all interplanetary mail has to carry the postage from the senders and receivers country of origin.



The message also had a helping hand from Unilever Ltd. In that the QE II postage is perfined U H and is identified to this earthly business. I cannot see that this company would sanction such a letter from within their company, so I assume that some employee has "borrowed" the stamp. The perfinning of postage stamps was started in 1869 to prevent staff from stealing postage stamps, yet 84 years later it still is happening !!

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



A periodical/newspaper wrapper used in February 1954 to send material from H.M. Stationery Office in London to Ottawa in Canada. The OHMS wrapper has the usual air mail label and a printed matter hand-stamp applied. The postage is perfined O H / M S and it does not take a genius to work out to whom it is identified to. The postage rate is a combination of KG VI and QE II stamps, the KG VI postage being the using up of old stock. The postage is cancelled by a London foreign section advertising machine slogan promoting the British Industries fair to be held in London and Birmingham of that year.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

A rather nice parcel piece, initiating from the services central book depot (c/o W H Smith & Son Ltd.) The QE II postage stamps, unfortunately not cancelled, but perfinned W H S and identified to the above mentioned book company. It does not take a genius to interpret the perfinned initials of WHS to represent W H Smith. The label was used for sending G.B. newspapers to British forces stationed overseas, in this case to BFPO 12, which was allocated to the British Honduras Garrison.

Parcel label

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

591

SERVICES CENTRAL BOOK DEPOT

591

(W H SMITH & SON LTD)

CLOCKTOWER ROAD, OFF WORTON RD., ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX

SAILOR'S SOLDIER'S OR AIRMAN'S PARCEL: NEWSPAPERS

FORCES NEWSPAPERS

2nd CLASS AIR MAIL

**CAMP COMMANDANT
BRITISH HONDURAS
GARRISON**

B.F.P.O. 12



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GREAT YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL



GY/T C
G5840.01
Great Yarmouth
Town Council



GY/C
G5830.01
Great Yarmouth
Corporation



Stamps were being perforated
as recently as 1988

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

QUEEN ELIZABETH II HIGH VALUES



B.B.B.
B050.01
Bennet Bros.
Ltd. Bristol



C & A
C0080.01
C & A Modes
Ltd.



UC/L
U0470.02
University College
London



C & W
C8310.01
Cable &
Wireless Ltd.



B / Bk
B0470.03
Barclays
Bank Ltd.



H
H0010.21
Hong Kong & Shanghai
Banking Corporation



B / Bk
B0740.03
Barclays
Bank Ltd.



HM / SO
H5200.01
His/Her Majesty's
Stationery Office

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising



MGN
M 2755.01
Mirror Group
Newspapers Ltd

A Daily Mirror newspaper derived post card, as stated on the card it was complimentary from the newspaper. Number 8 in a series, as one collects one keeps buying the paper ! The picture shows a group of ladies "relaxing", all showing unclad legs. This was in the days before the Sun newspaper was invented !!

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising



The pair of covers shown here, although only one depicts the company name of Crosse and Blackwell, are both from that company, as they also owned the brand of Chefs tomato ketchup. The envelopes, unused, were from a local wholesaler to local merchants/shops dealing in C & B products, and were for replies/orders.



Both the KG VI and the QE II postage stamps are perfined C & B, and are identified to Crosse and Blackwell of Soho London. As they were sent as "SAEs" they show a vertical crease from being enclosed in the original envelopes, but, as dealers are oft to say, "does not detract" !!

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



The “outward” half of a “reply” business post card, originally printed for use by the London and North Eastern Railway Company. But, by 1954 the railway depot at Newark, from where the card was sent, was part of British Transport Carriers, a sub-division of British Railways, and was using up old stock of printed business stationery. The QE II postage is perfinned E N / E and is identified to the Railway Executive Eastern Region. Just as a matter of interest, not only was the stationery being used up, but the actual perfin of E N / E was a derivative from the old L N / E perfin. The die has had extra pins fitted to create an “E” from the “L” to make the new perfin.



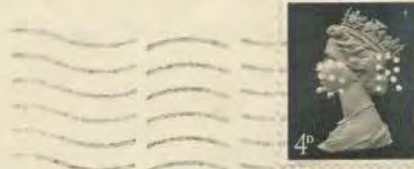
PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

A "set" of four QE II covers, all from a Sam Robbins Ltd. a motor engineer, with depots in Rugby and Coventry. The stamps are perfinned S R and identify to the aforesaid motor engineers. The "variety" is in the positioning of the perfinned letters which vary considerably in relation to each other. One can only assume that the head of the perforating machine used in the office was assembled differently every time stamps had to be perfinned.



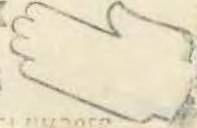
IF UNDELIVERED PLEASE RETURN TO:
SAM ROBBINS LTD.
MOTOR ENGINEERS
BILTON ROAD, RUGBY.



IF UNDELIVERED PLEASE RETURN TO:
SAM ROBBINS LTD.
MOTOR ENGINEERS
BILTON ROAD, RUGBY.



CHECK
YOUR
TYRES



IF UNDELIVERED PLEASE RETURN TO:
SAM ROBBINS LTD.
MOTOR ENGINEERS
BILTON ROAD, RUGBY.



I'm
backing
Britain



SAM ROBBINS LTD.
TEL. 28-20X STREET
COVENTRY 3304

THE AUSTIN DEPOT



Messrs Marshalls of Coventry Ltd.,
41, Warwick Road,
COVENTRY.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Suspect perforations !!

I came across these stamps at a local stamp fair, all are perfinned with a large letter "R" and as yet no identity as to the user. But, after closer examination and much deliberation within Society circles they remain a mystery.



All are of the very fine used variety, all appear to have been cancelled at Thetford as would have emanated from a F.D.C. I suspect that was where they originally came from. When one aligns the stamps on top of each other all the letter "R"s line up as though they were perfinned simultaneously. Not unusual as many office boys of yesteryear did the same, but, on closer inspection of the rear of the stamps the "swarf" or a slight raised impression around the edge of the pin holes stands "proud". This would not be the case if the stamps had been perfinned first and then affixed to an envelope. So one deduces they were produced/perfined "to order" after being removed from a F.D.C.. For what purpose I do not know, but I bought them !!!

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



QE II souvenir letter card to commemorate the Queen's silver jubilee in 1977. This card published by the Stamp Collecting Promotional Council of Great Britain. The specially prepared card carries a special hand stamp of the Stamp Collecting Promotional Council., the postage, of a QE II commemorative silver jubilee eight and a half pence stamp is perfinned S C P C and is identified to the Stamp Collecting Promotional Council.

inside of souvenir letter card



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

NSD / 1977
N2957.01
Nation stamp
day 1977



The stamp collecting promotional council doing their bit for philately, on national stamp day at the Royal Festival hall in London arranged for these souvenir cards to be produced. They also incorporate the Queens silver jubilee in 1977 as outlined on the card with a special cancel. The postage is perfined NSD / 1977 and ties in nicely with the stamp collecting promotional councils intentions in promoting the event as well as philately.



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



The Perfin Society monogram of the letters "P" on "S" is shown on the letter above. Below are various stamps depicting the same.



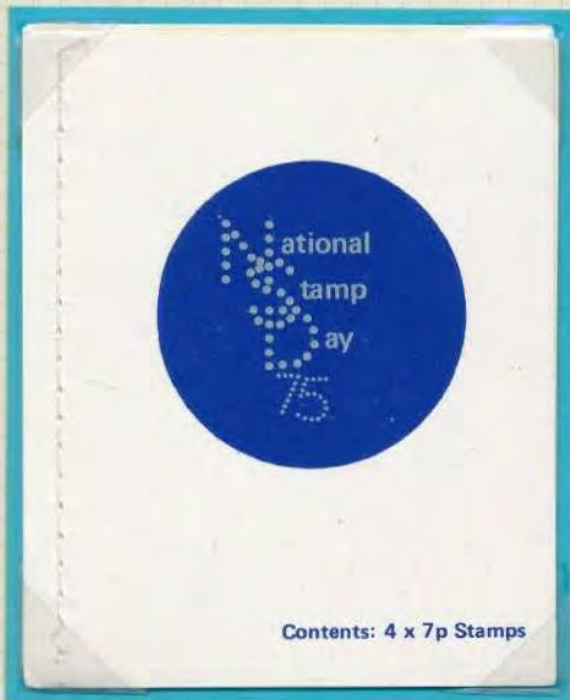
PERFORATED INSIGNIA

NATIONAL STAMP DAY



Mint "booklet" pane from within the specially produced booklet, perfinned NSD / 1975

National Stamp Day is celebrated (or was !) each year on May the 6th, the date when the first postage stamp was issued in 1840. This booklet was issued by the Stamp Collecting Promotional Council of Great Britain to commemorate National Stamp Day on the 6th May 1975. This event was held in the Royal Festival Hall in London.



NSD / 1975
N2955.01
National Stamp
Day 1975

NSD 1975
"Booklet"

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

AIR MAIL

When posted on the 23rd December 1954, at the Horseferry Road post office in London, this letter from the Esso Oil company's office in London to one of their foreign Depots in Trinidad, it did not occur to anyone what might befall it on its journey, sent by registered air mail it was to be as safe as any form of transit. But, unfortunately, it was on board the B.O.A.C. aeroplane that crashed on take off from Prestwick airport in Scotland the next day.



The subsequently applied cachet states that the mail was salvaged from the crashed aeroplane on Christmas day 1954. Eventually, this letter arrived in Trinidad on the 5th January 1955. The postage is perfined ESSO, and as previously stated it is identified to the sender, the Esso Oil Company. Apart from the macabre subject of "crash and wreck mail" and the aero-philatelic aspect of this cover, it is a very nice item of perfined postal history.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

QUEEN ELIZABETH II
HIGH VALUES



I / P C
I2032.01
International
Publishing Co.



B / Bk
B0740.03
Barclays
Bank Ltd.



B / Bk
B0740.03
Barclays
Bank Ltd.



L B / R
L0630.01
London B' ough
of Redbridge



J S / & Co
J6970.03c
J Sears
& Co. Ltd.



L B / R
L0630.01
London B' ough
of Redbridge

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Private "perfin" in use today

FROM THE PERFIN SOCIETY
BULLETIN EDITOR

COLDS

CALL FREE 0800 2

NO-ONE



JOHN D MARRINER

5 BLYTH ROAD
CAISTER on SEA
GREAT YARMOUTH
NORFOLK

NR 30 5 TG

As other alternative methods of post and postage have become more widespread, the use of perforated stamps has almost ceased. Perfins were also used by private individuals, and shown here are two of the current users of a private perfin. All are individuals, and as might be expected all belong to the Perfin Society. I have declined to give an identity (to protect the innocent !!)

Illustration of the perfins shown on the covers



J. D. MARRINER

5 BLYTH ROAD
CAISTER on SEA
GREAT YARMOUTH
NORFOLK

NR 30 5 TG



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Private "perfin" in use today



A further pair of covers
Showing private perfin users

Illustration of the perfin
Shown on the covers



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Private "perfins" in use today

CHRIS & PHYL CARR
27 LOWER ROAD
TEMPLE EWELL
DOVER
KENT CT16 3DX



Captain J. D Marriner

**5 Blyth Road
Caister on Sea
Great Yarmouth
Norfolk**

NR 30 5 TG



A further pair of covers
Showing private perfin users

Illustration of the perfins
shown on the covers



Captain J. D Marriner

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