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STUDY GROUP NEWS

We apologise for the quality of reproduction of our news sheets but we are doing all we can to rectify the matter. The machine possessed by the group is of the flat plate variety where the ink is applied by hand, by means of a roller. It is believed that a 'blind spot' on this roller has been the cause of our trouble and it has been returned to the manufacturer.

Our last issue was produced on an automatic machine whilst the boss was not looking and should not be taken as a sign of an improved standard - yet.

New Members

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Change of Address

Please note that the Secretary now resides in Scotland at,

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PERFIN ARTICLES

Mr Muggleton reports that he has had an article accepted for publication in "Stamp Collecting" but at the time of writing the copy in which it will appear is unknown.

As in past years the American Perfins Club are providing much material for a particular copy of "Linn's Weekly", and should prove of great interest. The date on which it is due to appear is 31st. December. Most of our American members will have seen a copy, but if anyone on this side of the Atlantic is interested perhaps they would contact the Secretary. There will be at least one article of an English flavour.

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This issue contains 3 sheets of perfin identities, study of Leeds Corporation types, a continuation of the Railway perfins and, a whole page under the heading of "Who Knows The Answer".

If anyone can follow up and confirm some of the types listed under the latter-heading we should most grateful.

1. The first of our two items which contain clues to the users identity is is the corner of a postcard bearing a Q.V. ½d. vermilion, Jubilee issue, punctured with the letters E&O as shown below. On the reverse side of the piece is an 'address, St. Andrew's Terrace, 8,9,10,11,12,13 & 14, Alfred Street, Bath, Somerset.

The second item is the type D&I/WE on a cover which has the name of the Great Western Railway deleted and the inscription, "British Railway.... W.R.", typed above. The postmark shows the cover to have originated from Barry in Glamorgan.

Type III				
E&O	S	10,12,10	4¼mm.	

Type Ia				
D&I/WE	2H	9,9,4/11,9	4/4mm.	

2 The following types are believed to be used by local corporations. Can anyone confirm this?

EB/C	2H	9/11,7	4½/4½	EDMONTON BOROUGH COUNCIL London.N.9.
RC	H	10,7	4½	ROTHERHAM CORPORATION
SB/C	2H	9,11/7	4½/4½	SWINDON & STOCKPORT BOROUGH COUNCILS
SB/C	2H	11,11/8	4¾/4¾	SOUTHEND, BOROUGH COUNCIL.
SC	H	9,7	4½	SOUTHAMPTON CORPORATION

3. These two types are obviously Hospital Management Committee perfins but can anybody confirm what the postmark indicates?

RH/MC	2H	10,10/11,7	4½/4½	Redhill, Surrey.
SFH/MC	2H	9,7,10/11,7	4½/4½	Bristol, Somerset

The AP/C puncture given in our last issue is now known to be the initials of the Automotive Products Co. Ltd., which together with the Lockheed Hydraulic Brake Co. is a subsidiary of the Automotive Products Association Ltd.

This group of companies manufactures hydraulic equipment such as filters pumps etc.

Since preparing this sheet Mr Nelson has sent in a more detailed answer to the queries raised with respect to the users of the perfin types, AP/C; JD; and CL/Co which were given in the Nov-Dec. issue. These answers will now be included in our next issue.

RAILWAY PERFINs OF GREAT BRITAIN Cont.CORK, BANDON & SOUTH COAST RAILWAY

CBS/CR 2H 8,14,10/8,12 5/5 mm.

From Cork the railway stretched westward along the southern coast of Eire to the coastal towns of Bantry and Baltimore.

This die has only been reported on stamps of K.G.V., 1912-22 issue.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAYS.

1/	CPR	H	8,10,11	5 mm.
2/	CPR	H	8,10,11	4½ mm.
3/	CPR	H	7,8,10	4¼ mm.
4/	CP/R	2H	7,8/10	4¼ mm.

These dies, of course, are to be found on covers emanating from the above company's offices in the British Isles - mainly London.

Die 1 is known on K.G.V. (dark colours), K.E.VIII, and K.G.VI. (dark colours), whilst die 3 has only been seen on K.G.V. (dark colours).

Die 2 appears to be the earliest type used, for I have it on Q.V. 1d Lilac and Jubilee issues, and the fourth die is the latest, this being found on K.G.VI. and Q.E.II. issues.

EASTERN & MIDLANDS RAILWAY

EMR H 10,15,11 4¾ mm.

I am indebted to Mr Jennings for the identification of this type which he has on a Q.V. 1d Lilac with a sorting carriage postmark.

An identical die has been seen on issues of K.G.VI., but of course it could not have been used by the same company since it was no longer in existence when these stamps were issued.

EASTERN REGION of THE RAILWAY EXECUTIVE

EN/E 2H 9,11/9 4½/4½ mm.

Under nationalisation shortly after the end of the 1939-45 war the "Big Four", became regions of the national network, this being one of the two which are known to have used perfins.

It has been suggested that this die is the original London & North Eastern Railway's die with a few pins added. This is purely conjecture, but the holes do match and if the perforating was done by Slopers in both cases, then it is a possibility.

This die is to be found on most denominations of K.G.VI. (light colours) and current stamps.

LEEDS CORPORATION PUNCTURES

By.H. Clarkson.

Leeds, or in its earliest form Leidis, a latinised form of a Celtic or Saxon word, is situated in Yorkshire and is nowadays often called the "Industrial Capital of the West Riding", or the "City of 99 Industries".

Its first inhabitants were said to be a Celtic tribe which occupied part of Yorkshire, Lancashire, and Durham, although it is the Romans who have left the more apparent traces of their occupation with one of their roads which forded the river Aire.

A number of Charters have been bestowed upon the town throughout the years but it was Queen Victoria who, in 1893, finally conferred the title of "CITY" upon Leeds, and who again, in 1897 by Letters Patent created the Chief Magistrate the Lord Mayor.

Leeds has been the birthplace of a number of notable people among whom, to mention but a few, were, the builder of Eddystone Lighthouse, John Smeaton; the discoverer of oxygen, Dr Joseph Priestly; and the inventor of Portland Cement, Joseph Aspdin. It has also been the site of a number of experimental tryouts, for example, Leeds was the first town to introduce the system of a public water supply in 1693 and the first to try out the rack principle on which most modern mountain railways operate, at one of its collieries in 1811.

Postally, Leeds is something of a mystery. I have never seen a complete list of the Postmasters although, Thomas Woodrow, 1677, appears to be the earliest one recorded. The first permanent Post Office was opened in City Square during the year 1896.

Since Leeds is some 8 to 10 miles off the line of the Great North Road, the early mails had to be taken over at Ferrybridge, a petition to carry mails for Leeds from Fexrybridge having been made at the time of Ralph Allen's Cross & Bye Posts. Palmer ran a Mailcoach from London to Leeds, via Nottingham and Barnet.

At the time Leeds was created a County Borough we find perfins being adopted, Lcn being the first form that I have recorded. As far as it is known the perforating has always been done by Slopers but how, they will not, or cannot, say. I asked whether the process was of a rotary or flat bed form and how long they had been doing the work for Leeds, but to no avail. Perhaps in some respects their inability to supply the answers is understandable for all their earlier records were destroyed during an air raid in 1941.

I believe that the current die is becoming slightly worn. My reason, for suggesting this is that normally the puncture is placed centrally on the stamp and lately I have seen some which are to the top, bottom, or top right corner. I also have a copy in which a pin hole is missing the 3rd in from the top on the letter "C".

This type of thing is most unusual for Leeds and it would be interesting, to compare this contemporary type among all the other known users to see if the variety occurs on theirs also.

CHECK LIST OF LEEDS CORPORATION PUNCTURES

	<u>Types</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Die 1	LCn 7,9,8 4½,4½,3	Q.V. 1d Lilac	1881	Earliest recorded is postmarked, Jy.23, 1895 HOLBECK B.O.
Die II	LCn 7,8,13 5½,4¼,4¼	Q.V. 1d Lilac K.E.VII. ½d " 3d K.G.V. 2d	1881 1924	Postmarked, Sept. 4 1901 " Dec. 17 1904 " Jul. 29 1912 Used on Receipt.
Die III	Lcn 9,8,13 6½,4½,4¼	K.G.V. 1½d 2d 1½d 2d	1924 " 1934 "	Postally,used. Used on Receipts dated 1932-33 Postally used. Used on Receipt dated 10-7-1935
Die IV	LCN 7,8,13 4¼,4½,4¼	K.G.V. 2d	1924	Used on Receipt
Die V	LC 7,8 4¼	K.G.V. 1½d 2d K.E.VIII.1½d	1934 " 1936	Postally used Receipt dated 11.Dec.1935 Postally used 17.Oct.1936 Some slight differences on the overall width of LC can be noticed on this die.
Die VI	LC 7,8 5¾	K.G.V. 2d K.G.VI. ½d " 1d " 1½d " 2d " 2½d " 1d pale red	1934 Deep) Shades) ") " " "	Used on Receipt postally used various dates in 1940 Used on Receipt Postally used dated 31-12-41
Die VII	LC 6,7 4½	K.G,VI Pale Shades Q.E.II. All Values		This or a similar die is used by many other Corporations.

NOTES ON PERFIN USERS

English Brothers ; It has been reported that the die given in the list of identities was destroyed by fire in 1919 and, although a similar type is known to have existed much later, it is by no means certain that it was used by the same company.

The Company, who are timber importors, are now known as GABRIEL WADE & ENGLISH.

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

Mr Jennings points out that the Crosse & Blackwell type, C&B/SOHO is to be found on issues earlier than that already reported. In his collection he has examples on the following stamps.

1d red plates: 86,97,101-133,135-141,145,148-151,
158,160-165,167,169,170,172,173,
196,198,200,201,203,206,210,220.

6d Chestnut (Spray watermark) Plate 12
1881 5d indigo.

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The town of origin of the company of Brown & Polsen Ltd. whose perfin type was listed in our last issue should have read NORWICH. Unfortunately only the 'N' was decipherable on most copies.

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The following additions to our lists of identities have been sent in by the members whose names are included in brackets after each type or group of types.

B.B/Ld	2H	13,13/7,7	5½/5½,3	BROWN BROTHERS (AIRCRAFT) Ltd, London.E.C.3. (K.Rymer Young)
Type 1a B&J/M	2H	11,12,6/11	4½/4½	BARLOW & JONES Ltd Manchester, (A.Bartleson)
BX	H	11,9	4¾	SCINTILLEX. (division of Br. Xylonite Co. Ltd.) London.E.4. (C.Carr)
C	H	7	4½	CHARRINGTON, GARDENER, LOCKET (LONDON) LIMITED
CS	H	9,11	6	CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CWS/L	2H	8,14,10/7		CO-OPERATIVE WHOLESALE SOCIETY LIMITED, (P.Miilett)
C/square/HC	3H	10/14/10,10		COPESTAKE, MOORE, CRAMPTON & Co (K.Rymer Young)

"D" IDENTIFICATIONS

D	H	9	4½	1. DEBENHAM & FREEBODY Ltd. London. 2. W. T. DAVIES & SONS Chester. 3. THE DRAYTON PIPER WORKS Ltd. London. 4. IMPERIAL NEWS Co.Ltd. London.W.1.
DB	H	12,13	4¼	DEUTSCHE BANK
<u>DB</u>	H	14,16	6	(London Agency)
<u>DC</u>	H	12,10	5¾,5½	DUFAY CHROMAX Ltd. Elstree, Herts.
Type 1a				
D/Co	2H	9/12,7,4	4½/4½,2	1. DAWSON & Co. Ltd. London. S.W.11. 2. DOULTON & Co. Ltd. Tamworth. 3. DUDLEY & Co Ltd. London. N.7. 4. DRUCE & Co. Ltd. London.
DG	H	9,9	4½	DRAKE & GORMAN Ltd Plymouth, Devon.
Type 111				
D&G..	H	11,14,10	4¾,5¼,4¾	DE ZOETE & GORTON. London. E.C.2.
DHE	H	11,12,10	5¼	D. H. EVANS London.
D.L.O	H	11,7,10	4½,4½,5	DAVID. L. OWEN Cardiff.
DLR	H	9,6,10	4¼	THOMAS DE LA RUE & CO Ltd. London.
D.R/Co	2H	11,11/8,6	4½/4½,2½	DUNLOP RUBBER
DR/Co	2H	11,12/8,6	5¼/4¼,2¼	COMPANY.
DR/DC	2H	9,10/9,7	4¼/4¼	DONCASTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.
DrJ/Co	2H	11,7,7/8,4	4½,2½,4½/4½,1½	Dr JAEGER'S SANITARY WOOLLEN SYSTEM Co Ld.
DS/IR	2H	9,9/4,10	4½/4½	DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH.
D.S./S.	S	11,11/11	5½/5½	DRABBLE & SANDERSON Ltd. Sheffield.
DT	H	9,6	4¼	DAILY TELEGRAPH.
<u>DT</u>	H	12,10	5½	DERRY & TOMS Ltd.
Dv/CC	2H	9,5/7,7	4¼,2¾/4¼	DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL.
DWG	S	9,12,9	5¼	D&W GIBBS. Wapping, London.

"E" IDENTIFICATIONS

E	H	9	4½		1. EVANS BROTHERS London.W.C.1.
					2.J. EWING & Co Ltd. London.E.C.2.
E.B.C	H	10,13,8	5½		EASTBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL.
EB/W	2H	10,13/15	5¾/5½		ENGLISH BROTHERS Wisbech.
EC	H	9,7	4½		1.EXETER CITY. Devon.
					2.EALING CORPORATION London.
					3.ECCLES CO-OPERATIVE Manchester.
E.C.	H	10,8	5½)	
EC	H	10,8	5¼)	EASTBOURNE COUNCIL
EC	H	10,10	7¾)	EXETER CITY.
EC	H	10,10	8,7¾)	Devon.
ECC	H	9,7,7	4¼		ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
E.C/D	2H	10,8/10	5¾/5¾		EDUCATION COMMITTEE DURHAM.
E&Co../Ltd..	2H	10,13,10,6/7,5,6	4½/4½		EVERITT & Co. LTD. Liverpool.
EDC	H	10,12,8	4¼		EDGWARE DISTRICT COUNCIL. London.
EDL	H	9,9,6	4¼		ELDER DEMPSTER LINES.
EDS	H	9,9,9	4¼		E.D. SASSOON BANTING Co. Ltd. London.W.1.
EE/Co	2H	10,10/8,4	4¾/4¾,1¾		ENGLISH ELECTRIC Co. Rugby.
EF/L	2H	9,7/6	4¼/4¼		ELDERS & FYFFES.
E/G	2H	9/9	4¼/4½		EVANS, GADD & CO.LTD. Exeter.
E/GB	2H	9/9,11	4½/4½		EASTERN GAS BOARD.
EG/HMC	2H	9,9/10,11,7	4½/4½		EDMONTON GROUP HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.
EHC	H	9,10,7	4½		EASTHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL.
EL	H	9,6	4½		ELECTROLUX LIMITED Luton, Beds.

ELEY	H	10,7,10,8	4¼	ELEY CARTRIDGES Ltd.
ELEY	S	10,7,10,8	5½	London.
EM/EB	2H	9,11/9,11	4½/4½	EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY BOARD.
EM/GB	2H	9,11/9,11	4¼/4¼	EAST MIDLANDS GAS BOARD.
EMR	H	10,15,11	4¾	EASTERN & MIDLAND RAILWAY.
EMS	H	9,11,9	4½	EVANS MEDICAL SUPPLIES Ltd. London.
EMU	H	9,11,8	4¼	THE EMU WINE Co. Ltd. London.E.3.
EN/E	2H	9,11/9	4½/4½	THE RAILWAY EXECUTIVE EASTERN REGION.
EP Type 111	H	10,10	5½	E.POLLARD & Co. Ltd.
E.P./&C	2H	10,10/13,8	5½/5½	E.POSSELT & Co. Bradford.
ER	H	9,10	4¼	EVANS & REID COAL Co. Ltd. Cardiff.
ER/CC	2H	10,12/8,8	4/4	EAST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL
ER/CC	2H	9,10,7	4¼/4½	
ERCo	S	9,10,7,4	4½,4½,4½,1¾	EDINBURGH RUBBER Co. Edinburgh.
E.R./Co.	2H	10,12/8,6	5½/5½	
ERH/MC	2H	9,10,10/11,7	4½/4½	EAST RIDING HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.
ES	H	10,9	5¾,3¾	EHRMANN'S LIMITED. London.W.1.
ES	H	9,9	4¼	EYRE & SPOTTISWOODE Ltd London. W.C.2.
E&S Type III	H	10,14,10	4¾	ELLIOTT & SONS Ltd. Barnet, Herts.
Type Ia	H	9,12,9	4¾	
Type III ES/&AR	3H	10,11/13/14,12	5½/5½/5½	E.S.& A ROBINSON Ltd. Bristol. 1.
ESSO	H	9,9,9,8	4½	ESSO PETROLEUM Co.
ES/WC	2H	13,13/16,10	5¾/5¾	EAST SURREY WATER Co. Red Hill, Surrey.
ES/WC	2H	10,10/14,8	5/5	
EU/DC	2H	9,8/9,7	4¼/4¼	EASTWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL Nottingham.