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NEW MEMBERS

H.C. PAYNE
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B.P.A AFFILIATION

Opinion on affiliation to the B.P.A seems to be equally divided, some members agreeing that the facilities offered would make it worthwhile, whilst others think that since most of our membership also belong to other affiliated clubs it would be a waste of money. Some of the latter also argue that the money necessary for subscription to the B.P.A. could be better used in producing a larger bulletin. This, of course, may well be so and in view of the extra pages needed for the lists of Line Engraved issues which commence with this number, perhaps we should adopt the suggestion.

If anyone has further comments to make I shall be most pleased to receive them.

The Secretary.

EXCHANGE PACKET

The Exchange Superintendent requires more stamps to be able to keep the packets going. Any duplicate perfins which you may care to donate to the club will be most welcome and will be used to swell the funds. Alternatively, you can submit packets of perfins on your own behalf and the club will benefit by 10% of what is sold.

Whilst on the subject of the exchange packet two other points require mentioning. Firstly, would members please pass on the packets more quickly, at present it takes nearly twelve months for a packet to circulate, and please advise Mr West.

The second point is, do members think that there is a need for mixed packet containing other "sidelines" ? A short note to Mr West in this respect would be most welcome.

LINE ENGRAVED LISTS

Members possessing copies of Line-engraved issues with perforations not listed on the attached sheets, or with any other additions to these lists, are requested to contact Mr Jennings.

All such information received will be published from time to time as an addenda to the main lists.

NOTES ON PERFIN USERS

LONGMORES. (Solicitors)

L H 8 9½mm

Mr D Muggleton has sent us the following notes about the machine which is used to perforate the Stamps of Messrs Longmores, Solicitors, Hertford.

The machine is Longmores property but is kept at the G.P.O. in Hertford. When new supplies of stamps are needed a postal official perforates them and they are then collected from the GPO by one of the Longmores' staff.

I have been able to inspect the machine and to take a few trial perforations from it on to an album leaf. I enclose one for your collection. As you can see, only two stamps can normally be perforated at one strike. However, the postal official folds the sheet of 240 stamps in half horizontally, and then one double row on top of the next so that 8 stamps are perforated at once. After that double row has been dealt with, (six strikes are required for this) the next two rows are folded and the process repeated.

The machine is similar to those used by many private persons to emboss note-paper and is roughly of the following size, the base is 6½" x 2½" and the height from base to the top of the handle is 5¾".

The P.O. official told me that the machine had been at the post office in use for at least 33 years to his knowledge.

I have not yet had the opportunity of finding out from Messrs Longmores any further information, but I hope to determine how long the present machine has been in use and when the older machine, "S&L" - Sworder & Longmore - was employed. This latter machine was certainly in use 50 years ago for I have a few odd covers showing this, however I will try to get further information soon.

The present system of perforating gives normal, inverted and reversed strikes all on the same sheet.

I still have a few strikes from the machine and if any member is interested I shall be pleased to send him one plus a perforated stamp or two, (normal and abnormal), whilst they last, in exchange for an s.a.e. please.

DUN & BRADSTREET LTD

Issue No. 3. Nov-Dec. 1957, referred to Bradstreets British Limited suggesting that since, the company had changed their title to Dun & Bradstreet, they had discarded the use of perfins. However, it is now known that they use the puncture DB/Ltd shown on the attached list of "Additions".

Who Knows The Answer

In our last issue we listed a number of partly identified items but so far we have only received further information on one of them, No 3c. Messrs Eades & Tomkins both supplied the miss-word so that the full name of this company should be, PARKER, WINDER & ACHURCH LIMITED, makers of the IDEAL boiler.

By J.Nelson.

ABSTAINERS & GENERAL INSURANCE Co Ltd.

Type 1a			
A/&G	3H	10/12/10	4½/4/4½mm

Company registered on 5th September 1883 as the Blue Ribbon Life Accident Mutual & Industrial Insurance Company Limited.

The name was changed to Abstainers & General Insurance Co. in 1890, with head office at 142, Edmund Street, Birmingham and the London office at Insurance House, Kingsway, London. W.C.2.

On 20th November 1933, the name of the Company was again changed to BEACON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED, whose present head office is at 1301 Stratford Road, Birmingham.

This die is known on K.E.VII. and K.G.V issues.

AUSTRALIAN MUTIAL PROVIDENCE SOCIETY

A.M.P	S	10,15,10	5½mm.
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An Australian Society established in New South Wales in 1849, a mutual association which undertakes life and annuity business only. The United Kingdom office of the Company is at 73-76 King William Street, London. E.C.4.

So far this die has only been seen on KG VI dark colours.

BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED

1..	BBK	H	11,11,9	4½,4½,3½
2..	BBK	H	13,13,9	4¼,4¼,3¼
3..	B/BK	2H	11/11,9	4½/4½,3½
4..	B/BK	2H	14/14,9	5¼/5¼,3½

In 1896 Barclay, Bevan, Trittor, Ransom, Bouverie & Company, together with 19 other private banks amalgamated under the title of Barclay and Company Limited. In 1917 the name BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED was adopted and in 1918, the merger with the London, Provincial and South Western Bank Limited, raised the Bank to the status of one of the "Big Five" .

Dies 1 & 3 are to be found on most stamps from KG VI 1937 issue to the current issues. Dies 2 & 4 appear to have started during the KG V Light, Colours issue and finished, sometime after the 1937 issue.

BIRKBECK BANK LIMITED

A private bank established in 1851 which used the Union of London and Smiths Bank as a clearing Bank. On the 8th June 1911 an Order was made for the compulsory winding up of the Company. The offices of the Bank were at 329 High Holborn, London, W.C.1.

Only known on stamps of the KE VII issue.

BANK OF NEW ZEALAND

B.N.Z H 13,13,9 4¾mm.

Incorporated with limited liability on 29th July 1861 in New Zealand by Act of the General Assembly. Acquired the business of the Colonial Bank of New Zealand in 1895. The head office in the United Kingdom is at 1, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.4., with branch offices at 54, Regent.Streeu, London, W.1.

The die is known on Q.V. 1d Lilac and K.G. V Light Colours.

BANK OF WEST AFRICA LIMITED,

BW/A 2H 15,13/10 6/6mm.

Formed in 1894 under the name of Bank of British West Africa Limited to acquire the business carried on at Lagos by the African Banking Corporation Limited and Elder Dempster & Company. The name was changed to the above in 1957.

Acquired the undertaking of the Bank of Nigeria Limited, (registered as the Anglo African Bank Limited in 1912) and in 1925 transferred its Egyptian business to Lloyds Bank.

Carries on Banking business for the Governments of Ghana, Sierra Leone, Gambia and Nigeria.

The address of the Bank is 37, Gracechurch Street, London.

BRITISH GENERAL INSURANCE Co Ltd. _

BG/IC 2H 11,9/4,7 4½/4½mm.

Registered on 7th January 1904 for the purpose of carrying on all forms of insurance business, except life.

The Company, which is a subsidiary entirely owned by the Commercial Union Assurance Company Limited, formerly had offices at 66 Cheapside, London, E.C. and 23, Birchin Lane, London, E.C.3.

The present head office is now at 36-44 Moorgate, London.

This die can be found on most stamps of issues from 1937 to date.

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

1.. CU H 7,8 4½mm.
2.. CU/G 2H 7,8/9 4½/4½mm.

Established in 1861 as Commercial Union Assurance Copmany and registered as Limited on the 8th August 1885. Among the many smaller companies taken over was the Hand-in-Hand Fire & Life Assurance Society in 1905. The Company's offices have, for many years, been at 24, Cornhill, London, E.C.3.

Both dies are known on all issues, from 1937 to date.

ADDITIONS TO PERFIN LISTS

AC/Ld	2H	8,7/6,6	4½/4½,2¾	A C CARS LIMITED Thames Dytton.Surrey.
ADAM	D	10,11,10,15	4	J&J ADAM LIMITED London.
BP/M	2H	15,10/13	6,5½/5½	BIRMINGHAM POST AND MAIL
DB/Ltd	2H	9,11/6,5,6	4/4½,3,3	DUN & BRADSTREET LIMITED London.
J/B	2H	7/14	5½/5½	) JAMES BUCHANAN & COMPANY Ltd London.
JB	H	7/15	7/7	
Type Ia				
JB/&S	2H	6,11/12,9	4½/4½	JAMES BURNES AND SONS London.
Type Ia				
JL/&Co	2H	6,9/12,7,4	4½/4¼,4¼,1½	JOHN DONALDSON & Co Ltd. Edinburgh.
JF/P	2H	7,8/10	4½/4½	JOHN.F.POWER London.E.C.
JFS	H	7,8,10	5	JOHN.F.SEYFRIED & SONS Ltd. London.E.C.4.
J.S.	S	8,9	4¼	JOHN SMEDLEY LIMITED Matlock,Derbyshire.
Type 1				
JT/&Co	2H	5,6/14,7,4	4/4¼,4¼,2	) JOSEPH TETLEY & Co Ltd London.
Type Ia				
JT/Co	2H	6,6/12,7,4	4½/4½,4½,1¼	
Type Ia				
J&E/H	2H	5,14,9/10	4¾/4¼	J&E HALL London.
Type Ia				
J&I/B&C	2H	6,14,11/11,14,7	5½/3½	J&I BATTEN & COMPANY Ltd. London.E.C.
KB/L	2H	10,14/7	5/5	KEEP BROTHERS LIMITED London. E.C.3.
Type IIIa				
K&Co	H	13,14,11,7,	7,4½,7,2	H KUHN & COMPANY LIMITED. London.
LA/S	2H	8,10/9	5½/5½	LLOYD, ATHREE & SMITH Ltd. London E.8
Type Ia				
LB/&Co	2H	6,11/12,7,4	4½/4½,4½,2	THE CHESTERGATE HAT MANUFACTURING COMPANY Ltd.
Type III				
L/&Co/Ld	3H	7/13,8,6/7,6	5½/5½,5½,3/5½,3	LISTER & COMPANY Ltd Bradford.
Type III				
L&S	S	7,13,12	5,4½,4½	) LEPARD & SMITHS LIMITED London. W.C.2
L&S/Ld	2H	7,13,11/7,7	5½/5½,3)
LSC	S	6,9,7	5	LANGLEY SMITH AND COMPANY London.E.C.
LP	H	6,8	4¼	LEWIS AND PEAT LIMITED London. E.C.3.

"N" IDENTITIES

N	H	11	4½	1.S.G. NORRIS & COMPANY LIMITED Dagenham, Essex. 2.SWAN,HUNTER & WIGHAM RICHARDSON Neptune Works, Newcastle
NB (Joined)		21	10	NATHANIEL BERRY & SONS Ltd. London.
NC	H	13,9	7	NOTTINGHAM CORPORATION
Type IIIa NC/&S	S	13,8/12,11	5¼/5¼	N. CORAH AND SONS LIMITED Leicester.
NE/GB	2H	11,9/9,11	4¼/4¼	NORTH EASTERN GAS BOARD
NE/R Type Ia N&G	2H	14,10/13	5½/5½	NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
	H	11,12,9	4¼	NORTON AND GREGORY LIMITED London. S.W.1.
NL	H	11,6	4¼	NOVADEL LIMITED London.
NR	H	11,10	4½	NORTON, ROSE, GREENWELL & Co. London.E.C.2.
NR/C	2H	14,12/8	5½/5½	NORTHERN RUBBER COMPANY Retford, Nottinghamshire.
NS/L	2H	11,9/6	4¼/4¼	NETTLEFOLD & SONS LIMITED
NS/PCC	2H	13,10/10,8,8	4¾/4¾	) NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE
NS/PCC	2H	13,10/10,8,8	4¼/4¼	) PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO
NS/PCC	2H	11,9/8,7,7	4½/4½	) CHILDREN
N/SS/U	3H	13/11,11/9	4¼	NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION London.
NUL	H	11,8,6	4¼	NATIONAL UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY LIMITED
NW/EB	2H	11,12/9,11	4¼/4¼	NORTH WESTERN ELECTRICITY BOARD
NW/GB	2H	11,12/9,11	4½/4½	NORTH WESTERN GAS BOARD
NZ	H	11,8	4½	HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND London.

"O" IDENTITIES

O	H	8	4½		ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL Lancashire
OA/BG	2H	8,8/11,9	4½/4½		OCEAN ACCIDENT & GUARANTEE CORPORATION - BRITISH GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
OA/GC	2H	10,10/10,8	4½/4½		OCEAN
OA/GC	2H	10,10/10,8	5/5	(12¾mm high)	ACCIDENT
OA/GC	2H	10,10/10,8	4¾/4¾	(11 mm high)	AND
OA/GC	2H	8,8/9,7	4¼/4¼	(12¾mm high)	GUARANTEE
OA/GC	2H	8,8/9,7	4½/4½	(11¾mm high)	CORPORATION
OB/T	H	8,11/6	4½/4½		O'BRIEN THOMAS LIMITED London.
OC	H	12,9	6½		OXFORD CITY
O/H	H	8/10	4¼/4¼		WILLIAM O'HANLON & COMPANY Ld. Manchester.
OHG	H	8,10,9	4½		GIDDY AND GIDDY Windsor.
Type III O&M	S	10,14,15	4½		OSBORN AND MERCER London.W.1
O.O/L	2H	10,10/7	4½/4½	)	OWEN AND OWEN LIMITED
O.O./L	2H	10,10/7	5¾/5½	)	Liverpool.
OP	H	8,8	4½		ODHAMS PRESS London.
Type Ia OS/&Co	2H	8,9/12,7,4	4¼/4¾,4¼,1¾		OPPENHEIMER SONS & Co Ld
OU/DC	2H	8,8/9,7	4½/4½		ORPINGTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL Kent.
OYEZ	H	10,8,10,9	4¼	)	THE SOLICITORS
OYEZ	H	8,6,8,8	4¼	)	LAW STATIONERY
OYEZ	S	10,8,10,9	4¼	)	SOCIETY