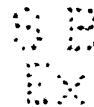


SHEPHERDS BUSH EXHIBITION

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Whilst checking information on the SB/Ex perfin and its relationship with the Shepherds Bush Exhibitions, I turned to the article published nearly 20 years ago in the second issue of the Bulletin (at that time known as the G.B. Perfin Study Group News-Sheet).



In this brief article (author unknown) it is stated,

'One presumes that their use was restricted to mail sent by Exhibition Officials and that they were not available to the general public, even though they are known to have been posted in the Exhibition buildings. The first of the Exhibitions was the British Empire Exhibition held at Shepherds Bush, London in 1911 to mark the occasion of the coronation of King George V. The perfin used was:-

SB/Ex      2H      10,14/10,9      5/4¼, 3¼

Some time ago I acquired two copies of this perfin on K.E.V11, both of which are cancelled with partial strikes of the ordinary Shepherds Bush postmark. One is clearly dated 12.15 AM MY 13 10 which could well have been a late collection from the Exhibition Site. The perfin on this stamp has a missing pin at the bottom of the left leg of the 'X'. The other stamp (the year used is not clear) has a complete perf in.

Several questions arise:

How many years was the perfin in use?

Does it exist on the issues of K.G.V.?

Is it a single or multiple die?

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