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PERFIN FRANKS THIS ISSUE

By kind permission of the Borough Treasurer of Folkestone Corporation, we have been able to purchase enough 2d stamps, perforated F/BC 2H 7/11,7 to frank this issue.

Stamps with this perfin are used by all departments of the Corporation (otherwise known as Folkestone Borough Council).

The perforating was originally done by Slopers but was changed later to Waterlows when it was found that their charges for overprinting (for receipt stamps) were lower. It was thought to be more convenient to have everything done by the same firm.

Perfins have been used for only about 5 years, prior to that ordinary stamps were purchased by each department from its petty cash.

Only the ½d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4½d, 6d, and 1/- values of QE II have been perforated.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

The E.H. EVANS Challenge Trophy awarded to the winner of an exhibition held annually by the Wallasey Philatelic Society has, this year, been won by Miss M.E. Thornton, one of our members,-- the subject - PERFINs.

Competition rules allowed only four pages to be submitted for each entry which set Miss Thornton a bit of a problem in showing perfins to their best advantage. However, she obviously made the entry interesting enough to catch the judges' eye and we now give brief details about how this entry was composed.

The first page was "historical" showing a few overprinted and underprinted initials together with a copy of the traditionally first perfin of T J ALLMAN. The second showed examples of the same perfin running through five reigns, e.g., perfins of City of London, Co-operative Wholesale Society, and the Army & Navy Stores etc. The third gave a few Railway perfins and the fourth some full names commencing with ADAM.

Our congratulations go to Miss Thornton for such a fine effort in winning the trophy which apparently has never been held by a woman before.

LIBRARY

A copy of the rules and items available is included with this

bulletin. The contents of this list shows how barren the field of perfih literature really is. Any donations to help build up our modest little library will be most gratefully received.

WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER?

1 The perfin CG mentioned in our last issue has now been positively identified by Mr Rucklidge himself as belonging to the CASTROL GROUP OF COMPANIES. Since this was used on the cover of a letter from C.C. Wakefield Company one must assume, we suppose that the CCW originally used by this company is now no longer in use.

2. O'N/&S 2H 10,13/14,10 5½/5½mm

A KE VII stamp with the above perfin has been found postmarked Castleton on a piece of postcard showing the Telegraphic Address "O'NEILL, CASTLETON" and telephone No. 92 Rochdale.

3 The following two items, both on QV ld lilac on cover have been submitted by Miss M.E. Thornton together with the possible identity of the user. Can anyone do a little research in the London area to cofirm these?

a/ G/&C°. 2H 10/14,9,8 5½/5½mm. GREGORY & COMPANY  
Letter dated 5th June 1886 with return address of  
1, Bedford Row, London W.C.

b/ R/&C°. 2H 13/14,9,8 5½/5½mm. ROWCLIFFES & Co.  
Letter dated 24th October 1899 contains the same return  
address of 1, Bedford Row with the trlegraphic address  
"Rowcliffes London" and the telephone No.759 Holborn.

4. Mr Eades who formerly lived in London before retiring to Devon, has put forward tne following suggestions for items contained in our last issue,

FS/&Co/Ld .... Falk, Stadelman & Co., Ltd.

LBH..... London Business Houses Association. An organ-  
isation for the promotion of sport to which  
firms such as Selfridges, D.H. Evans etc belong.  
He cannot, however, confirm that this Associat-  
ion were situated at the address given.

A.U/&C° ..... The full address in 1907 would be King William  
Street, London Bridge. E.C.

Can anyone take these a stage further?

LINE ENGRAVED LISTS

The Secretary has had one or two enquiries on the Availability of the earlier pages in the Line Engraved Lists. These have long been out of print but if enough members need the first dozen or so pages to warrent new stencils being cut, a further printing can be arranged. For a small charge, of course.

RULES

1. Requests for literature to be accompanied by a 1/- postal order to cover postage and 'Recorded Delivery' fee.
2. Literature to be returned within 2 weeks of dispatch.
3. Borrowers to be responsible for maintaining items in a reasonable condition (fair wear and tear excepted), and to pack them for, transit in such a manner to prevent accidental damage.
4. Librarian to have the power to amend rules 1 & 2 for members outside the British Isles.

Literature Available

The following items are reprints of articles by V.J. Van Lint.

- a/ Classification & Prices of Australian Official Perfins.
- b/ The Mysterious "T" Perfin of Tasmania.
- c/ "What Price Perfins"
- d/ Identification of Perfins
- e/ Perfins, Spifs or Punchies.
- f/ How to Use Tables for The French Perfins 'CL' & 'CN', And For The Italian Perfin 'CI'.

The following are extracts from the American Perfin Club's bulletin  
g/ Perfins of New Zealand.... 2 pages listing all known types.

By R. M. Startup.

- h/ List of Countries Which Have Used Perfins.
- i/ "Ideas on Mounting Perfins For Exhibition" by R. Pritchard.
- j/ Article entitled "Reproductions of Perfins"
- k/ Catalogue of U.S.A perfins (incomplete).NOTE. this may require more postage than is allowed for in Rule 1.
- l/ Copy of "Linn's Weekly Stamp News" for 30th December 1957 containing many articles on perfins.
- m/ List of G.B, pcrfins on the Line Engraved issues, by C. Jennings.
- n/ Simplified List of G.B. Perfins. (not yet complete)
- o/ Catalogue of Identified G.B. Perfins. (not yet complete)

Donations of additional literature for inclusion in the Library will be most gratefully received, and will be publicised in the Group's News-Sheet.

G.B. PERFIN STUDY GROUP - EXCHANGE PACKET RULES

A. SELLING MEMBERS

1. Members' duplicates (off paper) will be accepted and credit given at the following rates:
  - a. perfins sorted alphabetically according to first letter:

predominantly QV - KE VII	2/- per hundred
predominantly KG V - QE II	1/- per hundred
50-50 mixtures all reigns	1/6 per hundred
  - b. unsorted perfins: half the above rates.
2. Cash settlements will be made approximately every six months. If sales more than adequately cover credits plus running expenses, the surplus will be shared pro rata among selling members.
3. The packet Superintendent reserves the right to refuse any or all perfins offered by members, if in his opinion, they are likely to be unsaleable.

B. BUYING MEMBER'S

1. Approval books will be made up of all different perfins arranged alphabetically and priced individually according to their estimated rarity. In general, prices -vary from 1 to 10 points per perfin, 5 points being equal to a penny.
2. Books will be sent to members on request and should be returned within 7 days together with a remittance for perfins retained.

For amounts of 1/- or less, postage stamps of face value 3d or less each.

For amounts greater than 1/-, postal order.
3. Further books will be made up as new material is available and will be sent to buying members without further request unless the Superintendent is instructed otherwise.

Members wishing to participate in the exchange packet, either as selling members or buying members, should contact the Superintendent:

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