

FAROESE PERFINS: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION — by James H. Baker

Earliest reported usage of a Perfin in the Faroe Islands is that of D.D.P.A. used at Thorshavn from 1928 to 1935 (Bergman, 1977). The Perfin represents Det Danske Petroleum A/S (The Danish Petroleum Co., Ltd.) and was used by their agent, Valdemar Lützen A/S. After 1935 the V.L. Perfin of the agent was used instead of D.D.P.A.

The V.L. Perfin appears to be the same as that illustrated by Bergman (n.d.) and recently reported by Baker (1976). However, perforations shown by Bergman (n.d.) measure 0.5 mm and those illustrated by Baker measure 0.75 mm. The Danish stamps on which the Perfins D.D.P.A. and V.L. (perforation 0.5 mm) occurred were not listed (Bergman, n.d.; 1977).

Bergman (1977) also mentioned that he had seen the V.L. (no information on perforation diameter) Perfin used in 1944 on the first issue Barnahjalpin (children's welfare) seal on cover.

Danam Stamp Co. (1976a,b) offered for auction two Faroese Perfin lots (Nos. 818 and 819) accompanied by photos. Lot No. 818 consisted of Denmark Scott No. 274 (two copies), No. 224 (two copies), and No. 192 (one copy). Lot No. 819 consisted of No. 274 (seven copies) and No. 224 (one copy). Both lots were on piece with stamps tied by Thorshavn postmarks 12.12.40 and 4.11.40 respectively. Danam (1976) again offered for auction one Faroese Perfin lot (No. 599) with accompanying photo. Lot No. 599 consisted of three copies of Denmark Scott No. 274 tied to piece by a Thorshavn postmark 11.12.40.

All stamps in each lot had the V.L. Perfin which is identical to that reported by Baker (1976), even to the diameter of the perforations. Since only part of the covers were present, it can be assumed that these Perfins were used by Valdemar Lützen A/S with the date of usage corresponding closely to those reported by Bergman (1977).

This does extend the documented usage of the V.L. perforation back to 4 November 1940 and its use on three Danish stamps. Scott No. 274 was surcharged for use only in the Faroe Islands and Van Lint, Van Lint, and Enschede (1956) does not list the Perfin. Therefore, a catalog listing of Faroese Perfins is presented in Figure 1.

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	D.D.P.A. H	1 xx	Det Danske Petroleum A/S (Agent in Faroes: Valdemar Lützen A/S) Thorshavn Use: 1928 to 1935
	V.L. H	2 xx	Valdemar Lützen A/S (Agent for Det Dabske Petroleum A/S) Thorshavn Use: 1935 to ?
	V.L. H	3 xx	P.F. Valdemar Lützen Post Box 20 3800 Torshavn Tórshavn Use: ? to Present

FIGURE 1.

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