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CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

35 A. Constantine M.D., Harrisville, Michigan, U.S.A. has resigned from the group.

NEW MEMBERS

For the second consecutive issue there are no new members, perhaps each member could advertise the Group amongst his associates and help to enlarge the numbers. Don't forget that every new member will more likely than not introduce new knowledge and perhaps be able to solve one or two of the "Who Knows" that are still outstanding.

NEWS ITEMS

Mr. G. Callisin of 21 Guest Road, Cambridge, has written to say that he has a quantity of G. B. Perfins on piece for disposal to any members who care to forward a STAMPED ADDRESSED envelope to him. The requests will be dealt with, by return of post, and must be taken AS THEY COME, NO SORTING!!!

GROUP NAME?

A letter was recently received from Mr. J. Peach of Staines sending a few additions to our identifications and he finished his letter with his comments on our discussion of a name for our Group. He states that we must all agree that the stamps we collect are marked or defaced for SECURITY purposes so surely this ought to appear in our title. He goes on to say... "So far four main methods have been used namely:

- (a) Overprints (b) Underprints under gum (c) Underprints over gum
- (d) Perforated initials and designs. . . .

Other methods may have been used or may be used in the future for instance embossing or the use of phosphor inks etc. Whatever the method they all result in the stamps being marked in some way, so why not 'Security Markings'. I feel quite strongly that the Society should not confine itself to only one method, i.e. perforating. One cannot imagine a Postmark Society limiting its field to Slogan Cancellations only. The whole subject is that of marking stamps for security purposes so let us look a little wider and embrace all those interested in this fascinating subject.

"Security Mark Society of Great Britain". Yes, I think that has philatelic dignity!"

DISCOVERY OF NEW G.B. OFFICIAL

The August issue of the Great Britain Philatelist illustrated three covers each bearing O.H.M.S, cachets and franked with Security Stamps - one, a K.G.V. 1911-1912 overprinted with the initials C.A. and two perforated with the initials CA. The Perfins being on K.G.V. 1911-1912 and 1912-1922 issues. Each cover was postmarked London, E.C.

The Editor stated that neither the Crown Agents nor Australia House were able to throw any light on the use of these, and asked if it was possible that they were used by the Church Army.

We have since been in correspondence with the Editor who tells us that a reader has 10 covers bearing these stamps, each with the embossed seal of the CROWN AGENTS on the flap. A note to this effect will be published in their next issue, due to appear in November. In the meantime he has given us permission to publish the discovery.

The overprinted version has rather heavy letters and stops, the letters being approximately 4½mm in overall height.

The Perfin in our method of cataloguing is:-

CA H 7,8 5½mm CROWN AGENTS

It is amazing that this discovery has only just been made.

REMINDERS

Last month all members were sent a copy of the Membership Form which it is hoped will give an overall picture of the Group as a whole. PLEASE help by completing and returning this as soon as possible together with your subscriptions if you have not already done so.

Miss E. Thornton of Rhyl wrote recently saying that she has in her possession a "TRAVERS" 20 m/m on a 2d. blue plate 12 and she wonders if this plate use has been recorded before.

Mr. E. Fades of Axminster, Devon, writes to say that two items in the July issue of 'L' identifications do not appear to be right as far as he can tell, they are

1 LMB the London Merchant Bank

2 LL/BC London and Liverpool Bank of Commerce

Mr. Eades says that "For his sins" he was in the world of Banking for nearly 45 years and he cannot call these names to mind. He goes on to say that they may be new-comers but they are definitely not in the Bankers Almanac for 1957. Has anyone any ideas on this?

WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER?

A Queen Victoria 1d, lilac on piece, dated May 25th 1886 and postmarked Newport, Mon. on the back can be read,ing Mater..../...N & BRIDG.....

Perfin = DB/N 2H 11,13/13 5½/5½

PERFINS ON POSTAL STATIONERY

The following types of Postal Stationery have been recorded with initials perforating the embossed or printed stamps. The earliest date is given of those examples that have been seen or reported for each reign.

1 ENVELOPES	Q.V.	1 penny pink	Ja 23 01.
	K.E.VII	1 penny red	Fe - 02
	K.G. V	1 penny red	23 Oct 14
2 REGISTERED ENVELOPES	Q.V.	2 pence blue.	Ap 9 00
3 POSTCARDS	Q.V.	½ penny lilac.	SP 15 86
4 WRAPPERS	Q.V.	½ penny brown	29 9 09
	K.E. VII	½ penny green	4 Ap 05
	K.G. V	½ penny green	no date

The following users are recorded.

A&N/C.S.L	10,14,13/8,10,7	4½/4½	Q.V envelope
A&N/C.S.L	" "	5/5	K.E.VII envelope
			K.G envelope
A&N/C.S.L	10/15,20/11		Q.V. Registered envelope
GWR	10,16,12		Q.V. Postcard
HP/CoLd	12,10/9,4,7,7		K.E. VII Wrapper
JW/Co ?	(NOT perfect)		K.E.VII Wrapper
LN/E	6,10/9		K.G.V Wrapper
STOTT/&Co			Q.V Postcard
UA (or OA, AU, AO) postmark St. Helens			K.E.VII Wrapper

When envelopes were perforated with firms initials it seems that the operation was carried out before the making up - certainly in the case of A&N/C.S.L, as example of those are reported on complete envelopes which show the perforation only through the embossed stamp and not through the back of the envelope.

Letters on this subject were received from Messrs. B. B. Coates, Manfred J. Marcuse, D. Muggleton, K. Rymer Young, R, Bowman and I would like to thank them againn for their help,

Miss M. E. Thornton