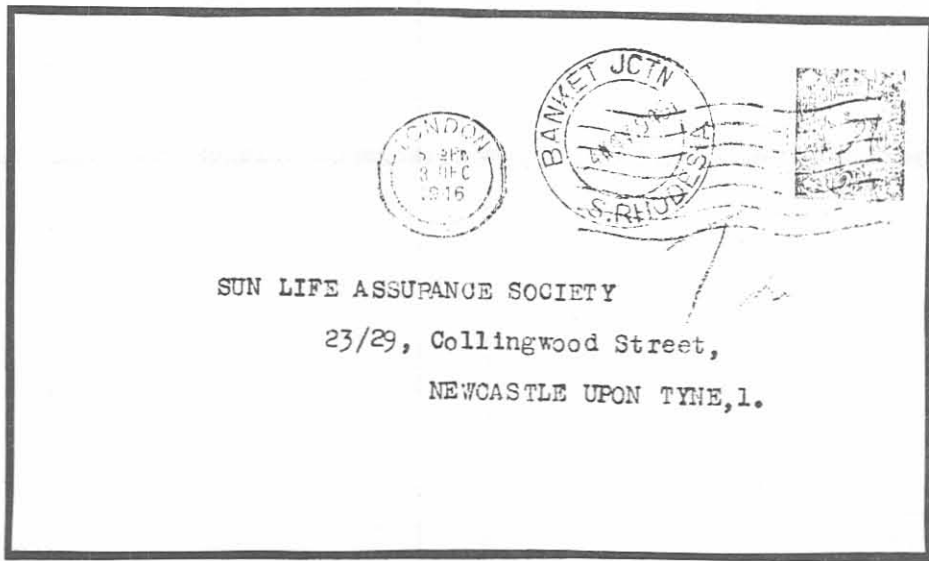


PERFIN COVER OF THE MONTH



The Perfin cover shown above seems completely orthodox as far as the Perfin usage is concerned. The 2½p stamp is perforated with the SLO Perfin of Sun Life Assurance Society, and the envelope bears Sun Life's inscription on the back. The interesting point is the "Banket Junction, S. Rhodesia" cancellation on the front. If there were Southern Rhodesia stamps on the front, one might assume that this is simply a reply envelope mailed back to Sun Life in London from a Southern Rhodesia customer or branch office. However, there is no stamp on the cover except for the 2½p British stamp. Moreover, the London postmark is dated 3 December 1946, whereas the Southern Rhodesia postmark bears the earlier date of 4 November 1946, which seems to further complicate the matter. If it were a U.S. cover, one might theorize that it came from Southern Rhodesia by diplomatic pouch and received a postmark when it was placed in the mails at the receiving office. Could the same be true of a British cover? Who can enlighten us?
(cover from collection of Jon Johnson)