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NEW MEMBERS

This month we are pleased to welcome three new members into the Society.

- 79. Mr W.G. Brewer
- 80. Mr W.R. Corliss
- 81. Mr W. Millar

LAPSED MEMBERSHIP

Despite repeated reminders we have heard nothing from the following member and we regret that his membership must be considered to have lapsed.

- 60. C.H. Van Why

IDENTITIES CATALOGUE

With this issue we are including a Worksheet containing all those identities, beginning with 'A', which require confirmation from members with covers etc. They are listed in our catalogue and are probably quite correct, but they can not be vouched for by the present committee. Please co-operate, and if you have any documentary proof put the details on the worksheet and return it to Mr Tomkins, but please, no guesses.

In any event these items will not be dropped from future editions of the catalogue but will be marked as 'probables' unless confirmed.

OVERSEAS VISITORS

Dave Stump, Editor of the American Perfins Club bulletin is planning a European tour and is spending the nights of May 28th, 29th, and 30th in London. He and his wife would welcome meeting any of our British members and they will be happy to set aside one evening for a 'get-together'. None of the three evenings have been firmly fixed for the gathering, but if anyone is interested in meeting Dave and his wife perhaps they would let the Secretary know, stating a preference if any. In due course, those members will be told of the arrangements individually.

EDITORIAL JOTTINGS

We recently received a letter from one of our long standing members, Mr Gordon Richardson, with the perfin shown alongside. The monogram looked very much like Mr Richardson's own initials and upon being pressed, he agreed that it is his own perfin, the die for which he made in the last war. Over twenty years ago this was made but apparently has not been much used.



There is very little else to report this month - we need to hear from members a little more with snippets which would be of general interest.

The instalment of Mr Jennings book mentioned in our February issue has not advanced very far I am afraid, and already we have received further instalments from Mr Jennings. Every endeavour will be made to get the stencils cut soon. Perhaps with our next issue we will be able to report them ready for publication.

THIS MONTHS CONTENTS

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Official Perfins - pages 15 and 16, two sheets.

ILLUSTRATING AND MOUNTING PERFINS

By Chris. J.T.Carr.

This article has been written to describe the fifth and most successful of my methods of mounting my perfins. To start with I will describe the method of illustrating my collection and follow with the details of mounting.

Illustrations Here I use what I consider are the most accurate of all copies - photographic ones. These are made by using document copying paper and placing the stamp, perfin right way up, on the sensitized side and exposing it to light. The paper is developed and fixed in the usual manner, dried, and cut to shape. The perf in shows as black dots on a white background with a black surround which I cut to 1/16" from the perforations. The perfin photograph is thus the same size as the original and can be used to identify other perfins by -placing stamps over it to see if the holes are in alignment.

Method of Printing, Step by Step I use a 25 watt bulb in a small box which has a frosted glass front to diffuse the light, and a switch on the side. This box is placed 18" above the printing surface which must be flat. On this surface I put a strip of paper as described above, and cover stamps and paper with a sheet of glass to prevent movement. The light is switched on for 8 seconds. The paper is then placed in a dish containing developer and the dish rocked gently. Gradually the perfin takes shape, and when it is a clear black and white it should be taken out of the developer and put in a dish containing fixative, not forgetting to rock the dish a little to help remove the developer. Alternatively, the paper can be washed in clean water between developing and fixing. Take care not to allow any fixative to get into the developer, or either to get on to stamps or clothes. When all work is finished the fixed print's should be left in a bowl, into which tap water is running slowly, for about 25 minutes to wash the prints clean. Allow to dry and flatten.

Materials

1. Developer : Johnsons MQ Developer) Or any other two
2. Fixative : Johnsons Fixadon) similar kinds. _
3. Paper : Document copying paper - Kodak, Ilford, Gevaert.
4. Two shallow dishes : Anything available at home will do, or you can buy from a phototgraphic shop. I use two Pyrex glass dishes (my wife's) and as they clean easily and do not stain or smell, they can be used for cooking purposes as well!
5. Suitable room : Preferably a kitchen because of the need for running water, and also because you are less likely to be in the way when doing this at night. It is not necessary to have a dark room or safety light as this paper can be used in subdued lighting. I found it convenient to have a shaded light away from the working area. It gives enough light to see to work but not

enough to harm the paper.

None of the above details of light, timing, materials etc., are critical, a little experimenting may provide you with more suitable factors.

This method of copying can also be used for perfins on cover but in this case the exposure time must be longer to allow for the light to penetrate the extra paper.

Mounting I use a small size loose leaf album - Rapkin NO. 25 Popular - size 7½" x 9½", and I mount the perfin photo' centrally at the top of the page with the name of the user and town of use below it. For this I first refer to the perfin catalogue and then check the details against various reference books that I have, e.g. Stock Exchange Year Book, Telephone Directories, Kelly's etc, to ensure that the name of user is correct. I am sorry to say that the perfin catalogue is not always accurate as a result of inaccurate reporting by members. The catalogue is now undergoing a major revision and it is hoped to check all identities and correct them where necessary.

Below the name of the user I arrange the stamps in order of issue to show the period of use. I do not normally use more than one page per perfin except in the case of railways, officials and certain big users, e.g. AA, B/Bk, CWS etc.

The above method is used for all identified perfins of all _ countries, and the perfins are arranged alphabetically with each country in alphabetical order except that, where countries have united, they are shown under the present country - thus Great Britain with Irish (Eire) postmarks are under Ireland, and Australian States appear under Australia.

For Great Britain I use the British system and ignore the ampersand, but for the rest of the world I use the American system and count the ampersand as the 27th letter following Z, __ thus for G.B. C&A would follow CA but elsewhere it would follow CZ.

Unidentified perfins I mount beside a photo copy but on separate pages, made by cutting to size Spicers Plus Fabric Duplicating Paper. The photograph is mounted at the left with the perfins across the page. At such time as they become identified, they can easily be removed and remounted as previously described.

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8.16 HOLBORN (B) LONDON, W.C.1.

The earliest reference to the district is in a charter dated 951, by which King Edgar granted land at HOLEBURNE to Westminster Abbey, but it is clear that the great highway of Holburn was one of the principal exits from Roman Londinium.

The name is derived from "river (burne) in the hollow", Holeburne. The little river still rises in Ken Wood, Highgate and still joins the Thames near Blackfriars Bridge but most of its journey is now completed underground.

Perfin: (i) Details unknown
(ii) HB/C 2H 10,11/7 (4½)

From 1944 stamps perforated with die (ii) have been supplied by Slopers. Prior to that date the Council perforated its own stamps but no details of the machine or die used are known. It has not been possible to ascertain the date when the use of perfins commenced except that it was prior to 1930.

8.17 HOLYWELL (RDC) FLINTSHIRE

Flintshire is one of the smaller counties of Wales and the Rural District covers approximately one third of it.

Essentially rural in character, Holywell contains some of the County's best pastureland but it does have some industry such as, the iron works at Mostyn and the County's last coalmine at Point of Ayr.

Perfin: H/RDC 2H 10/10,9,7 (4½)

Perfins were first introduced in 1961 but since 1963 they have not been used for postal purposes due to the installation of a franking machine.

8.18 HORNCHURCH (UDC) ESSEX

The derivation of the District's name is a little uncertain and is attributed by some authorities to the bulls horns which are attached to the wall of St Andrew's church.

The area had only a population of 1,331 in 1801 and was formerly a parish in the old Romford Rural District until it became an Urban District itself in 1926. It has a present day population of 133,400.

On 1st April 1965, Hornchurch was merged with Romford to form the borough of HAVERING in the newly created Greater London Council area.

Perfins: (i) HU/DC 2H 12,10 11,8 (4½)
(ii) HU/DC 2H 10,8/9,7 (4½)

The exact date when perfins were first adopted is not known but it is believed to have been about 1929.

Slopers supply the stamps in current values of 1½d, 2½d, 3d and 6d.

8.19 HORNSEY (B) LONDON, N.8.

The origin of the name Hornsey is open to dispute but it is without doubt another form of HARINGEY a place name which still survives. The most popular derivation is HERINGS HEGE "the enclosure of Hering".

Most of the district was forest land at the time of the Norman Conquest but the forests disappeared with land clearance in the 13th century and roads were opened up.

The district was incorporated as a borough in 1903 and on 1st April 1965 was merged with Wood Green and Tottenham to form the Borough of Haringey in the Greater London Council area.

Perfin: HB/C 2H 10,11/7 (4½)

Perfins have been supplied by J. Sloper since 1947.

½d, 1d, 1½d, 2½d, 3d, 4½d, 6d & 1/- values have been perforated but the use of the 1d and 1½d was discontinued in 1956.

8.20 HUDDERSFIELD (CB) YORKSHIRE

Traces of prehistoric and Roman occupation have been found in the area, and in the Domesday Book there is a reference to it as ODERESFELT, however the town only became important after the introduction of the woollen trade in the 17th century.

Wool still remains one of the chief industries of Huddersfield

Perfin: HC H 10,7 (4½)

The length of time perfins have been in use is not known but they have been supplied by Slopers.

8.21 HULL (C) YORKSHIRE

There was a trading settlement known as WYKE upon the Hull at the junction of the rivers Hull and Humber as early as 1160. It was acquired by King Edward I in 1293 and renamed KINGSTON UPON HULL which is its correct title today.

A Charter of Incorporation was granted in 1440, and in the same year the town and surrounding districts were created "a County of itself apart from the County of York".

The title 'City' was conferred upon the town in 1897 by Queen Victoria.

Perfins: (i) HC H 10,7 (4)
 (ii) HC H 11,8 (5½)
 (iii) HC H 10,7 (4½)

The three dies are given in our Identities Catalogue but it has only been possible to confirm the use of die (iii). Also, since the date given by the Council for the adoption of perfins was 1950, it seems unlikely that dies (i) and (ii) were used by this Corporation. Perfins have always been supplied by Slopers.

8.22 HUNSTANTON (UDC) NORFOLK

Hunstanton was originally a small fishing village known as Old Hunstanton and in about 1840 the Lord of the Manor decided to develop the place as a sea bathing resort.

There is little actual history attached to the town but according to legend, St. Edmund landed on the cliffs, now known as St. Edmund's Point, before being crowned as King of East Anglia at Bury St. Edmunds.

The chief industry of the town today is catering for holiday makers.

Perfin: HU/DC 2H 10,8/9,7 (4½)

Nothing is known of this Councils use of perfins but it is fairly obvious that supplies are obtained from Slopers.

V IDENTIFICATIONS.

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|-----------|----|-------------|---------|---|--|
| V | H | 9 | 5½ | | J.H.Vasseurs & Co Ltd London E.C.3 |
| *V.A. | S | 9,10 | 5½ | | Vickers Armstrong (Engineers Ltd. Newcastle-on-Tyne |
| VB/&Co | 2H | 9,15/14,8,4 | 5½(I) | | Victor Blagden & Co Ltd, London E.C.3 |
| VDB/J | 2H | 7,9,11/6 | 4½ | | Van Den Berghs & Jurgens Ltd Purfleet, Essex |
| VH/Ld | 2H | 9,12/7,7 | 5 | | Van Houten Ltd. London EC1. |
| V.I/Co | 2H | 9,7/8,6 | 5½ |) | The Vulcan Boiler & General Insurance Co. Ltd. |
| V.I/Co. | 2S | 9,5/8,6 | 5½ |) | |
| VI/CO | 2H | 9,5/8,10 | 5,6½/5½ |) | |
| <u>VL</u> | H | 9,8 | 5½ | | Venesta Ltd. London E.C.4 |
| *VP/&C | 2H | 9,10/13,10 | 5(III) |) | Viney Price & Goodyear, London E.C.1 |
| *VP/&C | 2H | 9,8/12,9 | 4½(Ia) |) | |

W. IDENTIFICATIONS.

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|-----------------|----|---------------|----------|---|
| W | H | 12 | 4½ | 1.J. Wippell & Co Ltd, Exeter 2.J. Weiner Ltd. London W.C.1 3.Willings Press Service, London. 4.Waltons Ltd. Exeter. 5.Wedlakes (Builders), Dawlish. 6.Hiram Long. London W.C.1 |
| *W | H | 14 | 6½ | W.D. & H.O. Wills Ltd. Bristol. |
| *W | H | 37 | 13½ | Worthington & Co Ltd, Burton on Trent. |
| *W (in diamond) | H | 11 | 4½ | F.W. Woolworth & Co Ltd. |
| W&/AC | 2H | 14,12/10,8 | 4½(IIIa) | W & A Churchman Ltd |
| W&/AC | 2H | 12,12/8,7 | 4½(Ia) | " " " |
| *WADE | H | 16,10,11,10 | 4½ | Ø Richard Wade Sons & Co Ltd Hull. |
| *W&A/G | 2H | 16,14,10/10 | 4 | Ø) |
| *W&A/G | 2H | 16,14,10/10 | 4½ | Ø) W & A Gilbey |
| *W&A/G | 2H | 14,14,10/10 | 5 |) London W.1 |
| WAH | S | 17,18,11 | 6 | W.A.Hachson Ltd, London E.C.2 |
| *WA/IC | 2H | 14,10/5,8 | 5 | Ø Western Australia Insurance Co. Ltd. |
| *WAS/&Co | 2H | 12,8,9/12,7,4 | 4½ (Ia) | W.A.Sparrow & Co Ltd, London E.C.1 |
| WB | H | 12,11 | 4½ | 1. Wallach Brothers Ltd, London E.C.2 2. Walsh & Co Ltd. Bristol. |
| *WB | H | 14,14 | 5 | Warrick Bros Ltd, London N.1 |
| WBC | H | 16,13,8 | 6 | Woolwich Borough Council. |
| WB/C | 2H | 12,11/7 | 4½ | 1. Woolwich Borough Council. 2. West Bromwich Corporation Staffordshire. 3. Wandsworth Borough Council. |
| *W/BC | 2H | 12/11,7 | 4½ | Wembley Borough Council. |
| WB/AMC | 2H | 12,11/10,11,7 | 4½ | West Bromwich Hospital Management Committee. |
| WB/L | 2H | 14,14/7 | 5 | Waterlow Brothers & Layton Ltd London. |

1.7 THE MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS NATIONAL FACTORIES

The Ministry of Munitions was created in 1915, and dealt with the supplies of munitions of all kinds needed during the period of World War 1. It was renamed the Ministry of Supply in 1918

A number of "National Factories" were in production during the war years; there were the great factories under the direct ownership of the Ministry, such as those at Gretna and Queensferry - His Majesty's Factories; there were others which acted as Agents to the Ministry during the emergency period.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica gives the following information about the Gretna Green factory:

"During World War 1, a temporary manufacturing township for the provision of cordite was created on a tract of land some 10 miles long and from 1 to 2 miles wide, with Gretna Green in its centre. The buildings fell largely into two groups, one at Dornach to the West and one 7 miles East at Mossband and Longtown. The whole undertaking cost over 19,000,000, and employed at one time 24,700 persons. It was sold in 1924".

The National Factory perfins listed below have all been reported by Mr Rymer Young, who has examples of them from a collection formed by the late Dr. Gordon Ward. No further information has been received from members.

These perfins must be fairly scarce, but it is not possible to suggest comparative ratings at present.

All the stamps listed are those of K.G.V 1912-22 issue.

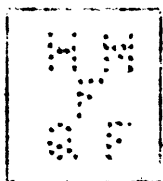
HIS MAJESTY'S FACTORIES



½d green
1d red
2d orange
2½d blue

Postmarks :- Gretna/Carlisle,
Gretna/Dumfriesshire.

HIS MAJESTY'S FACTORY QUEENSFERRY



½d green
1d red
1½d brown

Postmarks :- Chester and
Queensferry/Chester.

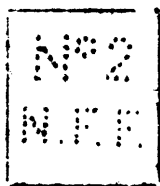
NATIONAL SHELL FILLING FACTORY



½d green
1d red
1½d brown

Postmark :- Beeston/Nottingham.

No.2 NATIONAL FILLING FACTORY



½d green
1d red

Postmarks :- Fazakerly/Liverpool,
Rice Lane/Liverpool.

CATALOGUE WORKSHEET No. 1

Confirmed by. Evidence.

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| AA | H 10,10 | 5 | Automobile Association |
| AAO/Co | 2H 10,10,10/8,4 | 5) | Anglo-American Oil |
| AAO/Co | 2H 10,10,10/8,4 | 5/4½) | Company |
| AAT/CL | 2H 8,8,8/7,6 | 4½ | Anglo-American Telegraph Co Ltd |
| ABC | H 8,10,7 | 5½ | The Aerated Bread Co Ltd London N. W. 1 |
| A.B/C.L | 2H 10,13/8,7 | 5½ | " " " " |
| AB/&Co | 2H 8,11/12,7,4 | 4½(Ia) | Arthur Brown & Co Ltd London |
| AB/Ltd.. | 2H 10,13/7,5,7 | 6 | Affleck & Brown Ltd Manchester. |
| A&B/Y | 2H 10,12,12/7 | 5½ (IIIa) | Aplin & Barrett Ltd, Yeovil, Somerset. |
| AC/Co | 2H 10,8/8,6 | 4½ | The Aldridge Colliery Co Walsall |
| ADAM | D 10,11,10,15 | 4 | J&J Adam Ltd, London. |
| ABC | H 10,10,8 | 4 | American Express Co London S.W.1 |
| A/EI | 2H 10/10,5 | 7 | Associated Electrical Industries. |
| A&E/TCL | 2H 10,12,10/7,8,7 | 4½ (IIIa) | Africa & Eastern Trade Corporation.Ltd, Liverpool, |
| A/&G | 3H 10/12/10 | 4½/4/4½ (Ia) | Abstainers & General Insurance Co Ltd. |
| AG/&Co/L | 3H 10,10/14,8,7/7 | 5 | A. Gagniere & Co Ltd London W.1 |
| AG/S | 2H 8,9/9 | 4½ | Arthur Guinness & Son & Co Ltd. Dublin. |
| A.G.S/&Co./Ltd | 3H 10,11,12/13,10,8/7,6,9 | 6/6/5½ | IIIa do. do. |
| A.G.S/Co. | 2H 10,10,13/15,10,8 | 6/5½ (IIIb) | do. do |
| A/&H | 3H 8/12/10 | 4½ | Arding & Hobbs Ltd London S. W. |

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| AH/H | 2H 8,10/10 | 4½ | Angel, H. Hart & Co London |
| A.I.R. | S 10,5,12 | 5½ | Avon India Rubber Co Ltd Melksham, Wilts. |
| A...M/Ltd | 2H 8,11/6,5,6 | 4½ | Addressograph Multigraph Ltd London N.W.2 |
| A.M.P | H 10,15,10 | 5½ | Australian Mutual Provident Soc. |
| A&N/CSL | 2H 10,12,13/8,10,74½ (IIIa) | | Army & Navy Civil Service Supply Ltd. |
| AN/S | 2H 10,13/9 | 7½/4½ | Army & Navy Stores Ltd. |
| AO/&Co | 2H 10,10/14,8,4 | 5 (I) | A. Oppenheimer & Co London E.C.3 |
| A&P | H 10,14,11 | 4½ | Aveling & Porter, Rochester. |
| AP/C | 2H 10,10/10 | 5½ | Automotive Products Associated Ltd., Leamington Spa. |
| A&R/T | 2H 10,13,11/7 | 6½ (III) | A & R Tod Ltd |
| ASC | H 10,11,8 | 6 | A. Sanderson & Co Ltd.Hull |
| A.S./H. | 2H 10,10/12 | 4½ | Amos & Smith Ltd,Hull. |
| AS/PCo | 2H 8,9/8,7,4 | 5 |) Anglo-Saxon Petroleum. |
| AS/PCo | 2H 10,10/10,8,4 | 5½ |) Co. Ltd. London E.C.3 |
| A.T.C. | H 10,7,8 | 5½ | Ardath Tobacco Co. London. |
| AT/MLd | 2H 8,6/11,6,6 | 4½ | A. T.Noffatt Ltd. Manchester. |
| <u>AUX</u> | H 10,10,9 | 5½ | Armor Auxiliary Co-operative Society, London |
| Three variations with the lines formed by 7, 9, & 11 dots. | | | |
| AW/&Co | 2H 10,16/15,10,6 | 5½ | Sir T. Armstrong Whitworth & Co. (Eng.) Ltd. Newcastle. |
| AWG | H 10,13,10 | 6 | A.W.Gamage Ltd London E.C.1 |
| AW/SL | 2H 8,12/9,6 | 4½ | Associated Weavers (Sales) Ltd London W.1 |
| AY | H 10,7 | 5½ | Alexander Young(London) Ltd |

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