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CLOSED ALBUMS

It is with regret that we have just learned that Member No 39 Mr H.E. Blackmore died last April. The Society's condolences will be passed on to Mrs Blackmore.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

One or two subscriptions are still outstanding and I would be pleased if the members concerned will let me have a remittance as soon as possible. Similarly, may I take this opportunity of reminding those whose subscriptions fall due in the next month or so. A cross alongside indicates that you are overdue, while a date will act as a reminder for the near future.

POSTAL AUCTION

It is proposed to hold our 5th postal auction early next year and we would like as many lots as possible. In view of the demand for single stamp lots in our last auction more of the same will be most welcome. High values and 'design' perfins are particularly in demand.

Closing date for the receipt of lots will be 14th January 1966 but the earlier they are sent in the better. Please send lots direct to Chris Carr and if you want an acknowledgement of receipt, enclose a stamped addressed envelope please.

EXCHANGE REQUEST

We have received a request from a non member Mr Jan C Prins for details of British perfins used by French companies in Britain. In addition he would like to exchange with anyone who has copies of these to spare, and is offering G.B. perfins,

IDENTITIES CATALOGUE

This month sees the start on the new listing and it may be as well to point out an apparent anomaly in the numbering. The perfin AC starts off at 101.5, and AB/&Co at 61.4. This is to allow for similar types which are known to exist but which have not yet been identified.

TELEGRAPH PERFINs

As a result of the notes published in a recent News-Sheet Mr Muggleton received a letter from our President giving further types which may be found. Also in the letter were some very interesting observations and we are publishing the relevant parts below.

- 1877 6d olive Plate 1 Spray watermark ---- J/P&C
- 1876 1/- green Plate 5 Watermark Spray ---- N&P (Nurdin and Peacock), block 4, postmarked "Picadilly Circus B.O. Dec 10. 77"
- 1876 1/- green Plate 5 Watermark Spray ---- B&L/H - block 4 Postmarked "Hull Dec 8. 77"
- 1876 5/- pale carmine Plate 1 Watermark Maltese Cross G&Co (Gruning & Co. Liverpool). Postmark "...ater St. Liverpool. Dec 14. 77"

The above are in Mr Jennings' collection and his letter went on to say, "As these Telegraph stamps were in use from February 1st 1876 to November 1st 1881, when fees were 1/- for 20 words and 3d for every additional 5 words, many of these were in the hands of firms who had frequent use for telegrams, and it is only natural that they should puncture these in the same way as their ordinary postage stamps to prevent them being purloined or wrongly used by their staffs.

However, they must be a good deal harder to come by today than postage stamps with punctures".

THIS MONTH'S CONTENTS

- Two pages of general interest (one sheet).
- Officials Catalogue pages 22 & 23 (two sheets)
- Identities Catalogue three pages of introduction and A1 (four sheets)
- Council Listing 12.7 - 12.10 "M" (one sheet). Previous pages for "M" were incorrectly numbered 13.1 etc.
- Library List, three pages (two sheets)

C. OFFICIAL BOARD OF THE POST OFFICE AND RAILWAY

B for BEAMTENRATE DER OBERPOST  
UND EISENBAHNDIREKTIONEN

1st April 1920 Bavarian stamps with overprint  
"Deutsches Reich"  
(S.G, numbers for Germany)

S.G.	117	5 pf.	bright green	C
	118	10 pf.	orange	B
	119	15 pf.	carmine	B
	120	20 pf.	purple	B
	121	30 pf.	deep blue	B
	122	40 pf.	bistre brown	E
	123	30 pf.	vermilion	H
	124	60 pf.	blue green	J
	125	80 pf.	deep blue	J

D. TRAFFIC

R for VORSTAND DES VERKEHRS  
PERSONALRATES MUNCHEN

July 1919 Bavarian stamps with overprint  
"Freistaat Bayern"  
(S.G. numbers for Bavaria)

S.G.	231	3 pf.	brown	H
	232	5 pf.	yellow-green	F
	234	10 pf.	crimson	H
	235	15 pf.	scarlet	F
	236	20 pf.	greenish blue	J
	237	25 pf.	grey	J
	238	30 pf.	orange	J

1st April 1920 Bavarian stamps with overprint  
"Deutsches Reich"  
(S.G, numbers for Germany)

S.G.	118	10 pf.	orange	E
	120	20 pf.	purple	J
	121	30 pf.	deep blue	H

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122	40 pf. bistre brown	J
123	50 pf. vermilion	J
124	60 pf. blue green	M

E. STATE BUS LINESLK for VERWALTUNG DES STAATLICHEN  
LASTKRAFTWAGENVERKEHRS

<u>July 1919</u>	Bavarian stamps overprinted "Freiestaat Bayern" (S.G. numbers for Bavaria)	
S.G.	232 5 pf. yellow-green	F
	234 10 pf. crimson	F
	235 15 pf. scarlet	H

F. STATE MINING AUTHORITY

## HAMMER &amp; MALLET

This has only been reported by one member who has an example on a German Official stamp, valid in Bavaria (Scott 049).

Acknowledgements

In the preparation of this section assistance was given by Mr M.O. Welch and reference made to the Mueller catalogue.



TABULATING PERFIN DESIGNS.Introduction.

For the purpose of recording perfin types in the best possible manner and without actually illustrating each individual type a system has been adopted which enables details of the letters comprising a design to be written down in catalogue form.

This system is based on the method used by the Perfin Club of U. S. A. but has been extended to cover the further differences which appear in the perfins of Great Britain.

Method Employed.

Perfin types are listed horizontally across the Catalogue page as follows:

- 1) Catalogue Number.
- 2) The letterd forming the Perfin.
- 3) The number of holes in each letter.
- 4) Height of the letters.
- 5) Type of ampersand, where necessary.
- 6) Name of the concern using the Perfin.

1. Catalogue Number.

This is the number given to a particular type of perfin in the Simplified Listing, which shows all recorded types, but neglects varying heights and differing numbers of holes. Where more than one perfin of similar lettering exists these are shown as follows:- 3.1 3.2 for two sizes of the perfin AA.

2. Letters.

The letters are written in one line with an oblique stroke separating the letters of any distinct rows. For example a perfin listed as HB/&Co would appear on the stamp in two lines with the HB directly above the "&Co". Fancy letters or those with serifs are underlined.

3. Number of Holes.

The number of holes comprising the letters are written down in a similar manner to the letters themselves.

4. Height.

The height of the first letter only is given, in most cases following the number of holes. The height is measured to the nearest  $\frac{1}{2}$  millimeter above, from the centre of the lowest hole to the centre of the topmost.

5. Type of Ampersand.

There are four different types of ampersand each having four possible sub-types:-

I	Straight top., square cut back
Ia	Straight top, rounded back
Ib	As type 1 with tail on foot
Iab	As type Ia with tail on foot
II	Triangular top, square cut back
IIa	Triangular top, rounded back.
IIb	As type II with tail.
IIab	As type IIa with tail.
III	Diamond top, square cut back.
IIIa	Diamond top, rounded hack
IIIb	As type III with tail.
IIIab	As type IIIa with tail.
IV	Rounded top, square cut back.
IVa	Rounded top, rounded back.
IVb	As type IV with tail.
IVab	As type IVa with tail.

The type of ampersand is shown after the heights (in brackets)

6. Name of Concern.

This is given in the final column.

Conclusion.

An asterisk \* in the Catalogue entry shows that this is a new identification not in the previous list and the sign Ø indicates that this identification although not supported by documentary evidence is thought to be correct as suggested by the postmark and date of use.

Thus the mythical concern HB/&Co given on the preceding page might appear in the catalogue as follows.

51.2 HB/&Co 12,13/13,8,6 5½ (IVab) Ø Harry Brown & Co  
London Z 11.

DISPLAYING PERFINS.

The ideal way of displaying perfins in the album is to make a photographic print of the perfin and to mount it together with the stamp in the album. However, an extremely good and inexpensive method is to make a tracing of the design. This can be done by placing the stand on a transparent surface with a source of light beneath, laying a piece of tracing paper over the top and picking out the dots with a pen dipped in Indian ink. This gives a fairly accurate representation of the design which can be mounted in the album to suit ones own inclination.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

10/65

3.1	AA	8,8	4½		Automobile Association.
3.2	AA	10,10	5½		" " " "
15	AA/Co..	10,10/8,6	5/5½		Alliance Assurance Co
19.1	AA/CoLd	8,8/7,4,6,6	4½	)	Alliance Assurance Co Ltd
19.2	AA/CoLd	10,10/8,4,7,7	5	)	
27.1	AAO/Co	8,8,8/7,4	4½	)	Anglo American
27.2	AAO/Co	10,10,10/8,4	5/4½	)	Oil Company.
27.3	AAO/Co	10,10,10/8,4	5	)	
31.2	AAT/CL	8,8,8/7,6	4½		Anglo American Telegraph Co, Ltd.
53.1	ABC	10,14,8	4½		A. B. C. Steamship Line, Yarmouth.
53.4	ABC	8,10,7	5½		The Aerated Bread Co Ltd, London N.W.1
*57	ABC/L	10,14,8/7	5½	Ø	Allan Brothers & Co Ltd Liverpool & London.
58	A.B/C.L	10,13/8,7	5½		Aerated Bread Co Ltd
61.4	AB/&Co	8,11/12,7,4	4½(Ia)		Arthur Brown & Co Ltd, London.
*67	AB/D	10,13/12	6	Ø	Aldrich Bros Ltd, Diss, Norfolk.
*68	AB/G	10,13/10	5½		Arrol Bros, Glasgow.
76	AB/Ltd..	16,13/7,5,7	6		Affleck & Brown Ltd, Manchester.
92	A&B/Y	10,12,12/7	5½(IIIa)		Aplin & Barratt, Yeovil, Somerset.
101.5	AC	10,7	5½		1. Accrington Corpn. Lancs. 2. Acton Corpn. London.
110	AC/Co	10,8/8,6	4½		The Ladridge Colliery Co, Walsall.
113	A.C/F	10,10/8	5½		A.C.Finken & Co,. London
120.1	AC/Ld	8,7/6,6	4½		A.C. Cars Ltd, Thames Ditton, Surrey.
*147	AC/&S	10,8/13,11	5½(III)		Alex Cowan & Sons Ltd, London E. C.
165	ADAM	10,11,10,15	4		J & J Adam Ltd., London.
*173	A&D/CS	8 12,9/7,9	4½(Ia)		Aberdare & District Co-operative Society.
191	AE	10,10	4½		Anglo Egyptian Bank Ltd
199.1	AEC	8,9,7	4½	)	American Express Co,
199.2	AEC	10,10,8	4	)	London S.W.1

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12.7 MERTON (B) LONDON

The London Borough of Merton was formed on 1st April 1965 by amalgamation of the former areas governed by the Councils of Merton and Morden, Mitcham, and Wimbledon. See under separate headings for further details.

Perfin: LBM No other details

12.8 MERTON & MORDEN (UDC) SURREY

The early history of the district is not clear but some evidence of Roman occupation has been discovered. Merton parish church contains a seat which was used by Lord Nelson when he lived at Merton Place, a house which has since been demolished.

This authority ceased to exist on 1st April 1965 when it was enlarged and created a borough in the new Greater London Council.

Perfin: M&/MC 2H 11,12/11,7 (4½) 1a

Perfins were introduced about 1936 and were supplied by Slopers until 31st April 1965, although stocks in hand at that time were used to exhaustion.

12.9 MIDDLESBOROUGH (CB) YORKSHIRE

Prior to 1830, Middlesborough was a little known village of some 40 inhabitants. In 1830 the Stockton a Darlington Railway was extended to a new riverside quay site at Middlesborough, constructed for the shipment of coal from the South Durham coalfields.

By 1840 the population had risen to 5,000, then in 1851, iron ore was discovered in the Eston and Cleveland Hills and Middlesborough was converted from a coal town to an iron town of national importance.

In 1853 the town received its Charter of Incorporation and by 1872 had a population of 40,000. It became a County Borough in 1889 and today has a population of some 158,100.

Perfin: MC H 11,7 (4½)

Perfins have been in use since approximately 1924 and are obtained from Slopers.

12.10 MIDDLETON (B) LANCASHIRE

Middleton which received its Charter in 1886, has present day industries of, cotton spinning, calico printing and dyeing, chemical manufacture, engineering, and jam making to employ the major proportion of its 59,000 people.

Perfin: MC H 15,8 (5½)

Perfins are produced in the Council Offices on a single die machine of unknown make and age.

RULES

1. Requests for literature to be accompanied by a 1/- postal order to cover postage and "Recorded Behivery" fee, (large items excepted).
2. Literature may be retained for one month unless required by another member.
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.
3. Librarian to have the power to amend rules 1 and 2 for members outside the British Isles.
4. Rule 1 does not apply to heavy items (such as the Register of Defunct Companies. If members do not wish to pay, the postage on these, but desire information from them, the Librarian will supply the information on receipt of a 6d search fee and stamped addressed envelope.

SECTION 1 GENERAL

- 1.1 What Price 'Perfins'
- 1.2 Identification of Perfins.
- 1.3 Perfins, Spifs or Punchies.
- 1.4 How to use tables for the French Perfins 'CL' & 'CN' and the Italian Perfin 'CI'.
- 1.5 List of Countries Which Have Used Perfins.
- 1.6 Ideas on Mounting Perfins for Exhibition. By R. Pritchard.
- 1.7 Linns 'Weekly Stamp News, 30.12.57. (perfins featured).
- 1.8 Reproduction of Perfins.
- 1.9 "Holes". By R.J. Sutton. '(Stamp Magazine----January-1954)
- 1.10 "Spifs are Respectable". By Walt Taylor. (Philatelic Mag. 31.12.54) & "More About Spifs" By Slocombe (Phil Mag.14.1.54)
- 1.11 Register of Defunct & Other Companies (Removed from the Stock Exchange Register) 1957. (Approx weight---3 lbs.)
- 1.12 The Municipal Year Book & Public Utilities Directory 1955. \_  
(Approx weight ---6 lbs)
- 1.13 Linns Weekly Stamp News (featuring perfins) dated 28.2.55
- 1.14 Linns Weekly Stamp News (featuring perfins) dated 30.4.65

- 1.15 "Perforated Initials". By George H. Harnden.  
(Weekly Stamp Gossip - 1.8.36)
- 1.16 "Perforated Identifications of Perfins". By John W. Dow.
- 1.17 "How The Illustrated Perfin Catalog Was Born". By Van Lint.
- 1.18 "The Orphans of Philately". By C.I.Bull (Philately-4.11.46)
- 1.19 "First Spifs or Perfins". By Hibernicus.  
(Green Isle Philately - Jan.1955)
- 1.19 "Mounting Perfins". By James Lambert. (Stamps - 30.3.57)
- 1.21 "The Specialised Phases of Perfin Collecting". By Jo Ro Jung  
(Linns Weekly Stamp News-Jan. 1947)
- 1.22 Linns Weekly Stamp NewS (featuring perfins) dated 29:1.62

#### SECTION 11. GREAT BRITAIN

- 2.1 List of G.B. Perfins on Line Engraved Issues. By C.Jennings
- 2.2 Simplified List of G.B. Perfins.
- 2.3 Catalogue of Identified G.B. Perfins.
- 2.4 British Stamps Perforated With Firm's Initials. By Vallancey
- 2.5 "G.B. Perforated Official Stamps''. By J.H. Chandler  
(Stamp Collecting - 30.10.56)
- 2.6 "Security Endorsements of G.B." By C.Jennings  
(Stamp Collecting)
- 2.7 "Detective Work in Philately"--"Clues Submitted by D.J. Muggleton and Solutions by J.S.Nelson". (Stamp Collecting):
- 2.8 G.B. Line Engraved Stamps - Melville.
- 2.9 "The Perforated Officials of G.B." By Capt. H. Jackson.  
(The Philatelic Adviser-July, Sept., Oct., Nov., 1950)
- 2.10 "Bundles of 1d Lilacs". By A.E. Gould. (Gibbons Stamp  
Monthly - January 1961)
- 2.11 "Official 'Punsts' of The United Kingdom" By F.E. Dixon  
(Stamp Collecting - 24.5.63)
- 2.12 "Overprinted & Underprinted Stamps of G.B." A.M. Beatson.  
(Stamp Collecting-26.7.47, 2.8.47, 9.8.47)
- 2.13 "Sloper & Stamp Security". By J. Nelson.  
(Stamp Collecting - 3.4.64)

SECTION III. OTHER COUNTRIES

- 3.1 "Argentine Stamp Errors". By C.L. Pack  
(Philatelic Gazette- 1.1.1912)
- 3.2 Classification and Prices of Australian Official Perfins.
- 3.3 "An Interesting Variety of 'O.S/N.S.W' Punctures Stamps"  
By H. Rostran & G.E.Ewan. (Australian Stamp Monthly-2.2.48)
- 3.4 Australian Commonwealth--The First Punctured 'OS' Stamps.  
(From Commonwealth of Australia Philatelic Bulletin)
- 3.5 The Mysterious 'T' Perfins of Tasmania.
- 3.6 "Canal Zone, Uncatalogued Officials" By L.W. Charlat.  
(The Aero Philatelists Annual.- April 1955)
- 3.7 Canal Zone Official Perfins.
- 3.8 "Canadian Officials" By T.F. Daggs (Stamp Review-July 1938)
- 3.9 "Perforated & Overprinted Canada Officials". By Wrigley.  
2 copies - (Philatelic Magazine 13.7.62)
- 3.10 List of Danish Perfins. By the Van Lints and Enschede.
- 3.11 'Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsrrift' June 1954. Article by  
Van Lint in Danish, entitled, "Firms Perforeringer"
- 3.12 'Het Postzegel'. Article by Van Lint in Flemish, entitled,  
"Belgische Postzegels Met Firmaperaties".
- 3.13 "The 1930 Air Mail Issue of France". By Rauol Lesger.  
(France & Colonies Philatelist-Jan/Feb. 1955)
- 3.14 'Mijn Stokpardje'. June 1954. Article by Van Lint, in  
Dutch, entitled, "Firms Perforates".
- 3.15 Territorial and State Perfins. (Sloanes Column in 'Stamps'  
9.4.55)
- 3.16 "Perforatie Henny". (Article in Dutch from 'Mijn.  
Stokpsardje)
- 3.11 Perfins of the Netherlands.
- 3.12 Perfins of New Zealand.
- 3.13 "New Zealand's Most Neglected 'Official' Stam ". By R.D.  
Samuel. (Stanley Gibbons Monthly - April 1961 2 copies.
- 3.14 List of New Zealand Perfins and Notes on Users. Startup.
- 3.15 Catalogue of U.S.A. Perfins. (Incomplete)
- 3.16 Venezuela's Official Airmails. By Henry Kraemer.