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## NEW MEMBERS

Rather belatedly, in most cases, we have seven new members to welcome into the Society this month, they are:-

Mr D.G. Myall
Mr J.N. Luft
Mr J.W. Scarber
Mr A. Pritt
Mr J. Rowlands
Mr K.D. Aws
Mr R.J. McKee
CHANGE OF ADDRESS
Mr P.L. Allsop

## APOLOGY

We apologise for having to combine two issuess into one again and to be late with it also. Many factors have combined to force this situation upon us once more. The major of these being a shortage of spare time due to business commitments and a shortage of material. We will endeavour to get back to a monthly issue, but this may not be possible for a month or so until the holiday period is finished and our contributors are able to resume sending material.

One or two of our members, both here and in the U.S.A., are already in touch with Mr V Maxa of Praha who is engaged on the preparation of a catalogue of Czechoslovakian perfins.

Would any other members who have Czech perfins to exchange for those of other European countries and elsewhere, or who would be prepared to supply tracings of Czech perfin dies in their collections, like to write to Mr Maxa

Mr Maxa, is able to correspond in excellent English.

## FROM THE SECRETARY

Presentation to the Retired Secretary
Although it is not thought desirable that retiring officials of the Society should automatically receive a presentation, your Committee feels very strongly that the immense amount of work done by Ron Bowman over the years deserves recognition.

As "elder" members know, Ron has been the back-bone of the Society since its inception. It is hardly too much to say that without him the Society would not exist today and certainly not in its present flourishing form.

It is therefore proposed to make a suitable presentation to Ron. Will those wishing to be associated with this please send their contributions to me? Cheques etc., made out to me, not to the Society.

J.M. Rucklidge<br>Hon. Secretary

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In this issue we have:- Two pages of general interest, Pages 115, 116 a 117 of the Official
Catalogue.
Page VI of the Identities Cat.
Pages 87 \& 88 of the Simplified Cat.

## SUESCRIPTIONS

May we remind members that it will soon be September and time once again to renew your subscription. Please help to reduce the Treasurers work by renewing early.

# SECTION 5. THE FAR FAST 

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 5.1. Japan } \\ \text { 5.2. } & \\ \text { Sinkiang (Chinese Turkestan) }\end{array}$

The earliest reported Official Perfin seems to have been used in Japan in 1912 by the Patent Bureau, and examples of this appear to be scarce. It was only discovered a few years ago - the example being on a registered postcard from the Patent Bureau. The stamps perforated were the $1 \frac{1}{2}, 21 / 2$ \& $5 s$ of the Chrysanthemum, issue. The item was dated 1912.

PATENT BUREAU perfin (enlarged).


Between 1914 and 1945, the Japanese Navy and associated offices made extensive use of perfins in the shape of an anchor, and it is said that at least seven major types are known, with many minor varieties, such as differences in the size, number, and position of the holes. However, I have no information giving details, or lists of stamps used.

NAVY MINISTRY some of the perfins used. The first is normal size, the others are enlarged.


Most types show only the anchor, but the Sasebo Naval Base used a variation with three Characters for "SA", "SF" and "BO" - the character for BO also serves as the crosspiece and part of the anchor - see 4th illustration.

Only one type of perfin seems to have been used by the Army, from February 1942. As it was in use for less than four years it will be scarcer than the Navy perfins. The Army device used comes from one of the traditional insignia though its significance is not known.

MINISTRY OF WAR (Tokyo) parfin.

Another perfin comes from the Communications Bureau of the Japanese Government General of Taiwan (Formosa).

However, this is unknown on mail, and it was used as an obliteration on stamps affixed to postal-savings deposit forms, and was punched into the stamps after use.

POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF TAIWAN perfin.


The information in this part is taken from an article in Linn's Weekly Stamp News, April 29, 1963., and also from information provided by some of our members.

| *1.2 | V | 7 | $41 / 2$ | J.W.Vickers \& Co.Ltd., London E.C.2. |
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| 1.3 | V | 9 | 5 | J.H.Vosseurs \& Co.Ltd., London E.C. 3 |
| 8. | V.A. | 9,10 | 51/2 | Vickers Armstrong (Engs) <br> Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne |
| 18. | VB/\&Co | 9,14/14, 8, 4 | 41⁄2/5 ( I ) | Victor Blagden \& Co.Ltd., London E.C. 3. |
| 51. | VDB/J | 7,9,11/6 | $41 / 2$ | Van Den Berghs \& Jurgens Ltd., Purfleet, Essex |
| 84. | VH/Ld | 9,12/7,7 | 5 | Van Houten Ltd., London ECl |
| 92. | VI/CO | 9,5/8,10 | $5,6112 / 5^{1 / 2}$ | The Vulcan Boiler \& Genl. Insurance Co.Ltd. |
| 93.1 | V.I/Co | 9,7/8,6 | 5 | ditto. |
| 93.2 | V.I/Co. | 9,5/8,6 | 51/2 | ditto. |
| 101.2 | VL | 9, 8 | 51/2 | Venesta Ltd., London EC4 |
| 144.1 | VP/\&G | 7,8/12,9 | 41⁄2 ( Ia) | Viney Price R. Goodyear London E.C.1. |
| 144.2 | VP/\&G | 9,10/13,10 | 5 (III) | ditto. |
| *160.1 | VS/C | 7,10/7 | 4 | Vyse Sons \& Co.Ltd. |


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| 4 |  | 54 |  | 104 | V/Ltd ++4 |
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| 6 | VA | 56 |  | 106 |  |
| 7 | V.A | 57 |  | 107 |  |
| 8 | V.A. | 58 |  | 108 |  |
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| 16 | V.B | 66 |  | 116 | V.M/\&C |
| 17 | V/B | 67 |  | 117 | V.M.Co |
| 18 | VB/\&Co | 68 |  | 118 | VM/Co |
| 19 | V.B/P. | 69 |  | 119 |  |
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| 26 | VC | 76 |  | 126 | VNG |
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