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NEW MEMBER

Another member has joined our ranks and we are pleased to welcome into our Society,

Mr A. Harris

PRESS RELEASE

An illustrated catalogue/album for the Perfins of Great Britain will soon become a reality.

That's the word from Dr. Harvey Tilles of the United States. Harvey Tilles, Basil Tomkins, and Robert McKee have been the guiding forces behind a project to produce a catalogue/album for British Perfins that rivals and even excels the U.S. Perfins Catalogue published in 1967.

The first instalment - totalling approximately 80 pages - will be released sometime in July. The balance of the catalogue, which will total nearly 1200 pages (600 leaves printed front and back) will be released over a period of several years.

The first instalment will include pages for the letters I, K, N, O, Q, U, V, X, Y, and Z. It will be printed on 8½ by 11 inch pages and punched to fit both 3-hole American and 4-hole British binders. The Catalogue will be fully illustrated and will include measurements, identities, and other pertinent data. The pages will be so arranged that the illustrations and catalogue numbers will appear on right-hand pages. Identifications and other pertinent data will appear on facing pages.

General Editor of the catalogue is Robert McKee. Basil Tomkins is co-ordinating efforts in Great Britain. The two men personally have viewed more than 3 million British Perfins in the last five years in their quest for completeness and accuracy. They estimate that the completed catalogue will list nearly 13,000 different Perfins which have appeared on British postage stamps.

The first section of the catalogue to be released will include an introduction to Perfins, their use in Great Britain, and their relationship to other forms of postal security endorsement. Floyd Walker, former Editor of the U.S.Perfins Club Bulletin is preparing the introduction.

The catalogue will sell for at least \$25 U.S., and because it will be prepared and released over a period of time, the eventual retail price may well be higher. However, collectors who wish to ensure a saving of at least \$5 may subscribe to the volume at a special pre-publication price of \$20 US, with guaranteed delivery of a completed catalogue at no increase in price. All orders for

the Catalogue at this special price should be sent direct to Dr. Harvey Tilles and timed to arrive by July 1st**. Payment should be made in U.S. funds.

The initial printing of the volume will be limited. Some extra copies may be available, but their price and their availability is questionable. Collectors who wish to ensure themselves a copy of the volume should place advance orders.

** The above notice was received from Harvey Tilles and is reproduced virtually unaltered. In view of the delay between receipt and publication it may not be possible for some of our members to comply with the 1st July deadline, and in this event we are sure that Harvey will stretch the date a little.

POSTMARK IDENTIFIES PERFIN

While identification of a perfin's user usually requires a cover with an appropriate return address, this is not always necessary. We recently encountered an example of the common Italian perfin "LT" used on a picture postcard (giving no direct clue as to the user) with the unusual cancellation:

P^{FO} HELOUAN . LLOYD TRIESTINO

In the brief message, the sender mentions he is en route to Cairo. This suggested that the "Lloyd Triestino" in the cancellation might in fact identify the "LT" of the perfin; Lloyd Triestino is apparently a large Italian shipping line carrying both passengers and freight. The "P^{FO} HELOUAN" portion of the cancellation was a bit more mysterious. Helouan is evidently the Italian equivalent for Helwan (now called, in Arabic, Hulwan), an Egyptian port on the Nile some miles south of Cairo, near the pyramids. One might suppose "P^{FO}" is "PTO" = Porto = Port, but the cancellation shows quite clearly "P^{FO}". Scanning an Italian-English dictionary suggested P^{FO} = Piroascafo = Steamer (or Steamship), so that "Helouan" would likely be the name of the ship, rather than the name of the city. This would obviously be an appropriate name for a craft travelling regularly to Cairo.

In summary, the postcard was evidently posted on board the steamer "Helouan" of the Lloyd Triestino lines, bound for Cairo; the stamp, purchased on board the ship, bears the identifying letters of the shipping line. Can our readers suggest other instances of perfin's whose users are identified by a postmark?

Kenneth & Barbara Kloss.

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- H.M.S.O. article - 1 sheet.
- Auction List, four pages on 2 sheets.

We apologise for the lack of Identities pages but despite delaying publication of the Bulletin for two weeks these were not ready on time.

WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER

1. Mrs Barbara Kloss
would like some help with a joined pair of 10 filler 1900 'Bird in Flight' definitive issue. One stamp has a large 'N' and the other a large 'F' perforated centrally on their respective stamps. Does anyone know whether there are other letters than these in the whole perfin, and what they stand for?
2. Basil Tomkins has the following perfins with the scraps of information of the user on piece. Can anyone fill in the missing details?
 - a. PJ 11,8 7½mm JONES
K.G.VI 1/- stamp SQUARE
. W.1.
. . . SLOANE 3434
 - b. R.H/ & .S 11,12/14,10 4½mm (I) 29/33 BERNE. . .
OXFO....
K.G.VI ½d dark
3. Mr K Rymer Young provides the following information regarding some of the queries in our last issue,
 - a. 'I have a strip with 2½d K.G.VI pale blue postmarked FINSBURY PARK 19th October 1945 and printed on it SECRETARY/ 86 GREEN LANES HARRINGAY N8., perfin details being ICV 4,7,7 4½mm. WEST GREEN P.S.A. DIVIDEND SOCIETY should read WEST GREEN P.S.A DIVIDING SOCIETY.
 - b. All the capital of FENDRAKE TRADING COMPANY is owned by KLEINWORTS LIMITED hence the 'K'.
 - c. K (Cat 1.11) were KYNOCH LIMITED registered in 1897. The name was changed to ICI (METALS) LIMITED in 1924 and then absorbed by ICI in December 1945.

EXHIBITION SUCCESS

One of our members, Miss Norah Wright of Ireland, won a Bronze Medal at STAMPEX in London this year. We believe that we are right in saying that this is the first medal awarded at a National Exhibition in the U.K. for a perfin exhibit, and Miss Wright is to be warmly congratulated for such a splendid achievement.

We have full details of the Exhibit and hope to publish them at an early date.

MEMBERS 'WANTS

Member, Bob Urdang, is trying to get together an exhibit of British Hospital Management Committee's perfins, and is looking for a list of all H.M.C's with their addresses so that he can write to them to obtain a stamp on cover. If anyone can help would they please write to Bob

ELPEX PERFIN

Elsewhere in this issue we have the few notes on the ELPEX Perfin provided by Brian Birch and which go with the illustration in our last issue.

Die IV SER 10,10,11 5mm. Sideways

Stamps Reported

Queen Victoria Jubilee ½d, 1½d, 2½d
1d lilac

Postmarks

All London with dates ranging between 30th Nov. 1895 and 9th Feb. 1899.

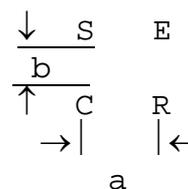
Die V S.E.R 13,10,? 4½mm Reported by Mr Burrows on Q.V.
1d lilac.

SOUTH EASTERN & CHATHAM RAILWAY

On 1st January 1899 the London Chatham & Dover Railway and the South Eastern & Chatham Railway were united under one 'Managing Committee'. This was sanctioned by Parliament on 5th Aug. 1899 and the undertaking was known as the South Eastern and Chatham and Dover Railways. The title was shortened to SECR in June 1900.

(Notes by Mr E. Eades)

A number of dies were used by this Company and, while for the most part they differ in the number of holes making some letters, there are two which have identical numbers of holes comprising letters and which have the same letter heights. They do, however, differ radically in the spacing between letters. In the absence of illustrations the dimensions of the spacings for each die will be given for 'a' and 'b' as above.



Die 1 S E 10,10 4½mm a = 4mm
C R 8,12 b = 1mm

Stamps Reported

Queen Victoria Jubilee issue; ½d verm., ½d green, 2½d, 3d
1d lilac

King Edward VII ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d.

Postmarks: Canterbury, Dover, London.

Dates: In view of Mr Eades notes above one would not expect to find dies with this lettering postmarked prior to June 1900. Two members, however, reported earlier dates viz.

Miss M.E. Thornton 10th Jan. 1900 (1d lilac)

Mr M. Burrows 24th May 1900 (1d lilac)

Latest usage reported: 6th March 1909

THE EL-PASO STAMP CLUB PERFIN EL/PEX

In June 1973 the first national Perfins Club Exhibition was held at ELPEX-73 in El Paso, Texas. To commemorate this event, the El Paso Stamp Club acquired a perfin EL/PEX. The first day of use was June 15th and the show continued until June 17th. Cachetted covers were prepared as illustrated on the following page.

The Show was proclaimed to be the best in the Perfin Club's history and is turning into an annual event. ELPEX-74 was held at the Hilton Inn at the El Paso, Texas, International Airport on August 10th and 11th, The EL/PEX Perfin being used again. A joint meeting was arranged between the Perfins Club and the Polar Society so the Perfins Club's cachet featured a Penguin picked out in dots in the Polar Society's honour.



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HOW S/CROWN/O BECAME HM/SO

By John Nelson.

On the 29th June 1948, Mr H. Shore, a philatelist writing from P.O. Box 1655, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, asked the General Post Office in London for certain information concerning the denominations of British postage stamps issued to British Army Post Offices and having B.M.A. overprints.

As an apparent afterthought he added the following paragraph, "I see British stamps are being perforated "Crown S O" and used by the Stationery Office. As no perforated stamps are shown in the Gibbons Catalogue I cannot obtain the following information from them. Please let me know therefore if any other Government Department perforates stamps similarly."

The G.P.O. in an attempt to find the answers to this query, spoke on the telephone with the Stationery Office and were advised that the bulk of the perforated stamps were used on letters which were sent to foreign countries. The perforating was done by the Stationery Office and this work was not performed for any other departments.

At this point, however, someone in the Post Office checked up on the regulations governing the use of perforated stamps and pointed out that the use of the crown was not in accordance with those regulations. Following a preliminary telephone discussion, an official letter was sent by the G.P.O, to the Stationery Office saying that the Postmaster General wished to inform them that his attention had been drawn to British stamps perforated Crown S O being used on correspondence to foreign countries. With reference to Page 23 of the Post Office Guide would they please arrange for their department to use initials only in accordance with the regulations. This letter was dated 17th August 1948.

It would seem that the Stationery Office made no objection to the G.P.O's request and took steps to have new perforating machinery made to replace the S/Crown/O dies.

This took about six months and on the 23rd February 1949. The Stationery Office advised the G.P.O. that arrangements had been made to perforate stamps HM/SO only. Existing stocks of S/Crown/O valued at approximately £1000 were expected to be exhausted in the Duplicating and Distributing Division within one month, and in other branches and offices within two months.

The G.P.O. replied on the 28th February 1949 to the effect that they were very pleased to hear that in future the regulations would be complied with.

S.E.P.S. POSTAL AUCTION - SUMMER 1975

Auction containing 103 lots of Great Britain, Colonial and Foreign perfins including single stamps, covers, two small, collections and many mixed lots (all in used condition).

Please send all bids to Ted Francombe

Closing date for bids is 15th Aug. 1975. Members living outside of Europe are recommended to send their bids by airmail.

KEY:- * = Number of stamps with defects, Def = definitive, Comm. = Commemorative, Cld. = Cancelled, R= Reserve.

GREAT BRITAIN - Line Engraved

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Plate No.</u>	<u>Description/Remarks</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>
1	A.Co	167	Trimmed & lower-left corner missing	1	5p
2	Bass	205	Perf pulled at bottom	1	10
3	-do-	170,174 & 197		3	30 R
4	B&Co/M	174	trimmed top right	1	5
5	CAM/RYS	222	trimmed two sides	1	10
6	-do-	190	trimmed on all sides	1	10 R
7	C&B/SOHO	127 (10½mm)		1	20
8	COX	190	diagonal crease	1	10 R
9	C/S&T	152		1	20
10	EU'PN/MAIL	123 (small letters)	Perfin partially blind		15
11	FOX	174		1	15
12	-do-	206		1	10 R
13	G E R	104	Slightly trimmed at top	1	20
14	GER	215		1	25
15	GLYN	174 & 175		2	20 R
16	H..B	219		1	15
17	H/C&Co	190		1	15
18	HEAL	195, 201 & 204		3	30 R
19	KEEN/&Co	134, 174 & 186		3	45 R
20	MAW	191		1	10 R
21	Rose/& Co	170	Trimmed one side	1	10 R
22	TRAVERS	114 & 117 (diagonal)		2	20 R
23	533/T.H	123	Trimmed four sides	1	15 R
24	Various	'Full names', some duplication but different plates lus C/anchor/C (all with defects))))	49	£2.00 R
25	B&Co/B&L	x 2 Plates 184 & 192, FRY Plate 179? (creased), WP/&Co Plate 107 or 117		4	15 R

Great Britain - Q.V. Surface Printed to Q.E.11

26	CL	1883-84 QV	2/6d Small indelible marks on reverse		30
27	HSB	-do-	10/-	1	75
28	L/C&S	-do-	10/-	1	75
29	R.B	-do-	2/6d minor tear, stain lower left		20
30	GR&Co	1881 QV	ld Lilac (14 dots) on entire. Left side out into by 'G' of perfin,)1	entire 25
31	A/Co	1913-18 GV	5/- Few perfs pulled. Rubbed on surface	1	20
32	AWG	-do-	5/- Surface a little grubby	1	25
33	B. W.	1934	2/6d Corner missing top right, perfin offset	1	5

Lot					
34	B. W.	1934	10/-	Block 4	£1.00R
35	SUTTON				
	READING	1913-18	2/6d Slight corner crease	1	25
			lower right		
36	GER, GWR9	LB/SC, LS/WR	on Q.V, 1d lilacs (16 DOT)	4	20
37	AE	1902 K.E.VII	2/6 x 2 & 1/- x 1; also JS/&Co		
			on 9d. and JW/&Co on 10d. 2/6 x 1 minor	5	20
			stain and crease, 1/- minor tear.		
38	C/AN/S	1913-18 and 1934	K.G.V. 2/6d. minute thin	2	20
			on 1913-18		

THE FOLLOWING 14 LOTS (To Lot 52) ARE MOUNTED ON POSTCARDS WITH IDENTITY AND A XEROX COPY OF PERFIN ILLUSTRATED ON ALL BUT FOUR.

31	BBK	1913-18	KGV 2/6d.- Small tear at bottom	1	10R
40	CPA	1934	2/6 & 5/-, 2/6 faint crease, both		
			heavy parcel cancellations	2	20 R
41	"		2/6 & 5/- Heavy parcel cancellations	2	20 R
42	G&Co	1913-18	KGV 2/6d Few pulled perfs	1	10 R
43	I&R/M	-do-	2/6d Some staining & pulled perfs.	1	10 R
44	JD	1934	2/6d Perfin offset. Heavy parcel cancel.	1	8 R
45	MB/&CoLd		5/- Corner crease. Heavy parcel cancel.	1	14 R
46	MCo	1913-18	2/6d	1	10 R
47	R&S/L	-do-	2/6d. Little discoloured with		
			minor stains	1	10 R
48	S&S	1913-18 & 1934	2/6's. 1913 has piece of	2	18 R
			stamp missing lower left		
49	"	1934	2/6d x 2-	2	20 R
50	"		2/6 & 5/-. £3- has several pulled perfs.	2	18 R
51	W/H	1934	5/- Diagonal crease	1	14 R
52	W.M/M	"	5/- Perfin partly offset, heavy	1	14 R
			parcel cancellation.		
53	LS/WR	Die 3 1902 K.E.VII	½d on company post card.		
			Cld Havant Duplex 344 Sept 9th 1905. Stamp		75 R
			has tear at top although well tied.		
54	LT/SR	Die 3 1902 K.E,VII	1d on foolscap cover		
			with embossed crest of "Secretary's" office		95 R
			on flap. Old. London Jan 13th 1909.		
55	NE/R	1881 QV 1a	lilac (14 dots) on cover with		
			embossed crest of Secretary's office on		95 R
			reverse. Old York Duplex 936 Dec 31st 1881		
			also inside is a printed un-used 'NER' envelope		
56	NE/R	1902 K.E.VII	1d omgrubby and torn foolscap		
			envelope with embossed crest of 'Chief Goods		45 R
			Manager's_ office on. flap		
57	T&WF		on QV 1d-liaac-(16 dots) tied to and receipted		
			to invoice in favour of T&W Farmiloe Ltd of		20 R
			Westminster May 1900		
58	PAC		on QV 1d lilac (16 dot), W&S on ½d and M&S,		
			on 1½d Jubilees (1*)	3	15 R
59	HUTH		QV Revenues x 2, also DB & SS/&Co, both		
			stained, one with pinhole, also K.E.VII	5	25
			B.M, on small revenue =(*3)		
60	W&S	1913-18	K.G.V, 2/6d x 4 generally rather		
			poor (2*)	4	30

Lot

61	DT	on PUC ½d, ES and UL on 1948 Olympic Games 1/-`s FLd on 1961 P.O.S. Minor creasing on DT & FLd	4	15
62	SB	on QE II £1 and Y/EB on 2/6d x 2 Castles. SB has few pulled perfs.	3	20
63	DT	on QE 10/- Castle few pulled perfs.	1	20 R
64	MB	on QE £1 Castle	1	20 R
65	MB	on QE £1 Castle	1	20 R
66	MB	on QE £1 Castle	1	20 R

PERFIN COLLECTIONS ACCUMULATIONS & MIXED LOTS

67	Pieces with identities all on KGV1 values	(4*)	25	25
68	" " " QE except 1 commem + 5 GV1	(3*)	31	25
69	Collection containing 12 pieces with identities plus 158 stamps representing approx. 20 different Insurance Companies with the various dies for each company hand.drawn. Neatly mounted on 25 pages with card covers. (27*)			£1.25
70	Collection mounted on loose sheets 4"x5" with 110 stamps representing 31 different Hospitals plus hand drawn dies for each. (23*)			£1.10
71	Mixed lot off paper, including 26 QV (16*), 132 KEV11 (61*), KGV 23 (4*), KEV111 6(2*), KGV1 67 (32*), QE 250 (79*)		504	£1.00
72	Old Club Books priced to sell at 77p containing 128 stamps, mostly KGV1 & QE. Few earlier. (42*)	3 Books		35
73	Old Club Book priced to sell at £1.16½p containing 28 stamps including 1934 KGV 5/-, 1 Book offset - mostly QE.	"40 perfin		
74	Old Club Book priced to sell at 71p containing 101 stamps, mostly QE but few earlier. (38*)	1 Book		35
75	Old Club Book priced to sell at 95½p containing 87 stamps, mostly QE but few earlier. (37*)	1 Book		45
76	Old Club Book priced to sell at £1.04p containing 121 stamps, few KGV1, mostly QE but few earlier. (31*)	1 Book		40
77	Mixed lot off paper QV to QE	(84*)	168	65
78	QE 2/6d Castles all different	(1*)	5	15 R
79	KEVII 1d values all different.	(3*)	10	10 R

See overleaf for Lots 80 to 103.

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COLONIAL & FOREIGN MIXED LOTS

<u>Lot</u>			<u>Qty</u>	<u>Est. Value</u>
80	Argentina, some duplication	(5*)	6	5p
81	Australia plus 1 Queensland, including 'Officials' and with some duplication.	(3*)	19	15p
82	Australia plus 1 Victoria, mostly 'Officials' (16*)		32	40p
83	Austria including 2 Hungary, some duplication, (10*)		32	20p
84	Belgium, some duplication	(7*)	15	5p
85	Ceylon including comm. & def., mostly diff. (3*)		9	10p
86	Czechoslovakia do. do. do. (3*)		9	10p
87	Denmark, def only, some duplication	(6*)	14	10p
88	France def. & comm. some duplication	(31*)	72	40p
89	Germany do. do. do. 1 non perfin (18*)		36	25p
90	India def. only, Q.V. to-date	(7*)	17	15p
91	Ireland including comm. and def.	(1*)	13	15p
92	Italy def, only with some duplication.	(5*)	17	10p
93	Morocco all "BEM" perfins and all comm.	(2*)	8	10p
94	Netherlands all def except 1	(1*)	11	10p
95	Switzerland all def. except 1	(4*)	12	10p
96	U.S.A. plus 1 Canal Zone all def. except 1	(5*)	17	5p
97	U.S.A. three booklets mainly low value defs. (87*)		330	65p
98	Straits Settlements K.E. Y11 and. K.G.V., 6 fiscally used including \$2 and \$5 values	(4*)	12	25p
99	Colonial including Canada HMSO, Gold Coast, Sudan etc.,	(4*)	18	25p
100	Foreign including Egypt, Japan, Portugal	(8*)	38	25p
101	Foreign including Hungary, Germany, U.S.A.	(16*)	32	25p
102	Foreign & Colonial x 3, including Belgium, U.S.A, etc.	(13*)	44	30p
103	Colonial including India & Ceylon	(4*)	12	15p

End of Auction.

Good luck with your bids!

p.s. Due to an alteration on page 1 the closing date may not have printed legibly on some copies, it should be 15th August 1975.