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Editorial :-

This issue includes the first "Perfin Crossword" made possible by the new method of production (and by Betty Lucas' efforts!). Also we report no less than three event dates for members to note in their diaries.

Short articles from Members are still required, so why not write me a few lines (typescript is not necessary) on some aspect of your interests.

MODIFIED PERFINS

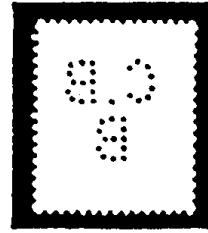
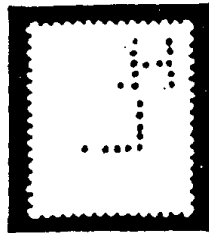
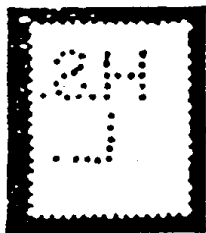
by J M Rucklidge

It is quite common for a perforator to lose one or more pins through breakage. If only one or a few pins are missing this is usually obvious and the perfin can still be read. In extreme cases there may be so many pins missing that it is unreadable.

There are a few letters which by the loss of a small number of pins can be misread as a different letter. Thus B can become P, E can become F, T can become I and so on. It is a matter of conjecture how many of these exist.

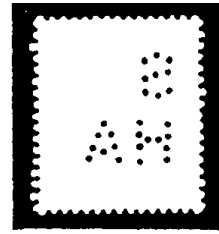
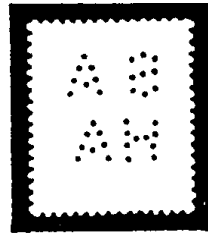
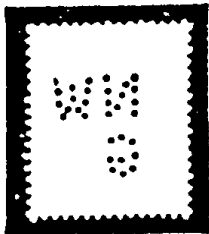
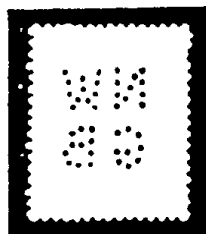
Recently I came across a perfin C/VC. I would have put this in my un-catalogued envelope had not the batch also contained several score of the perfin AC/C. I now believe that the C/VC is simply an AC/C with a single pin missing from the A. This possibility only arises when all the remaining letters are symmetrical about a horizontal axis (C, D, E, H, I, O and X). If one other letter is present such a misreading is not possible.

Of perhaps greater interest are perfins which have been modified intentionally. This is usually done because of a change of user or because the user changes the name of the concern. One example of this is our own perfin PS monogram (see Bulletin 209). Others of which I am aware are



Harrod's Stores Ltd dropped the stores and became Harrod's Ltd.

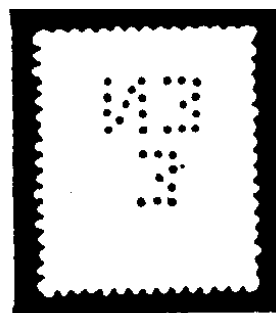
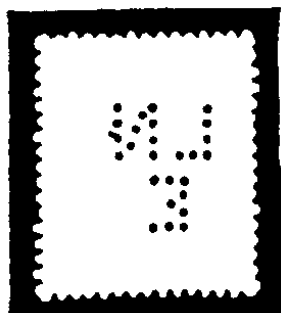
Cadbury's used the C.B/B perfin in several forms. When they amalgamated with Schweppes the first B was modified to a (mis-shapen) S.



North Western Gas Board was renamed NorWest Gas and removed the B.

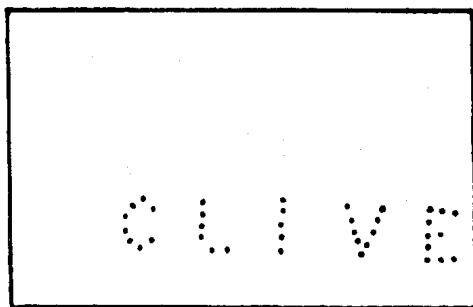
SA/HA was used by Sandwell Area Health Authority. The first A was apparently removed but I do not know why.

Finally I suspect that when the railways were nationalised in 1947 the L/NE perfin used by the London & North Eastern Railway was modified by the addition of three pins to read E/NE and was used by the Railway Executive Eastern Region. I have no proof of this but it seems possible (the Western Region produced a new die RE/WR so it would have been sore logical to use RE/ER).



I would be very pleased to learn of any other dies which are known or suspected to have been modified in this way.

"CLIVE" confirmed



In Bulletin No. 2)3 Jack Brandt disclosed that perfin of CLI (C452.1) and IVE (C1261) were in fact partials of the un-catalogued perfin "CLIVE". Now Harry Skinner reports the discovery of a full strike of this design on a 2/6 Seahorse Issue (1913/18). He also suggests that in view of the dates of use and the size of the die it is only likely to be found in full use on these Seahorse issues

S.E.P.S. TRANS. 37

Bulletin de Liaison, Jan. 1979. No. 12

S.E.P.S. TRANS. 38

Bulletin de Liaison, Feb. 1979. No. 13

S.E.P.S. TRANS. 39

Perfimy, Dec. 1971, Vol. 1 No. 5.

S.E.P.S. TRANS. 40

Bavaria - Official stamps

Deutschland Netto-Katalog 1975/76, 45th edition,

Hans Grobe Verlag, Hannover, 1975. p. 383.

S.E.P.S. TRANS 41

MAXA, V.

Catalogue of perfins of the Czechoslovakian area -

Introduction Prague, 1976.

(0887)

S.E.P.S. TRANS. 42

VAN LINT, V.J.

Belgian stamps with perforated initials

Her Postzegel, Mar/Apr. 1957, 19, (27), 19-2)

(0579)

S.E.P.S. TRANS. 43

GIRSHMAN, P.

Perforations on postage stamps from pre-revolutionary Russia,
an addenda.

Filateliya SSSR, Feb. 1973, (2), 31

(0581)

S.E.P.S. TRANS. 44

JORGENSEN, A.

Firms perforations

Danish Filatelistisk Tidsskrift, Feb. 1951, 20, (2), 1-5

(0569)

S.E.P.S. TRANS. 45

LAGERWALL, T.

A little about protective perforations.

Svensk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift, Feb. 1979, (2), 101-105

(0872)

S.E.P.S. TRANS. 46
Bulletin de Liaison. April 1979 No. 14.

S.E.P.S. TRANS. 47
Perfins on Norwegian stamps
Norgeskatalogen 1978, Oslo Filatelistklubb, Oslo, 1977 pp. 205-210
(0683)

S.E.P.S. TRANS 48
Perfins, June 1971, 1, No. 1

S.E.P.S. TRANS. 49
Bulletin de Liaison, May, 1979, No. 15

S.E.P.S. TRANS 50
Bulletin de Liaison, June 1979, No. 16

S.E.P.S. TRANS 51
MAXA, V.
Unfamiliar facts about Czechoslovakian firms perforations.
Bibliographic details unknown: German periodical pp. 039/1- 039/3
(0883)

S.E.P.S. TRANS. 52
SEKOWSKI, A.
Private perfins used in Warsaw.
Bibliographic details unknown: Polish periodical pp. 10-12
(0702)

S.E.P.S. TRANS 53
Bulletin de Liaison, Sept. 1979, No. 17.

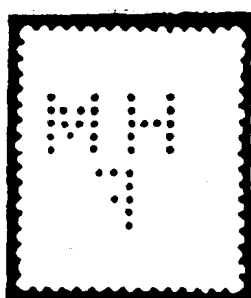
S.E.P.S. TRANS. 54
LARSEN, A.J.
Entires - corner
Posthistorisk Tidsskrift, Mar. 1971, 2, (1), 155

S.E.P.S. TRANS. 55
Bulletin de Liaison, Oct. 1979, No. 18.

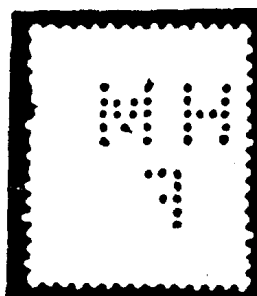
S.E.P.S. TRANS. 56
Catalogue of the perfins of France - Introduction
ANCOPER, France, 1979

S.E.P.S. TRANS. 57
Bulletin de Liaison, Nov. 1979, No. 19.

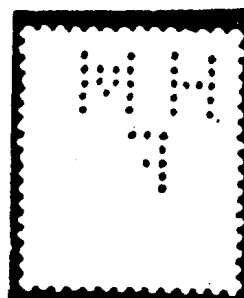
HIS MAJESTY'S FACTORY



Die I



Die II



Die III

From members reports we have now identified three dies of HM/F. Only two of which appear to originate from HM Factory. The first die has 2 mm between the upper and lower lines and the vertical of the F aligns with the vertical of the H. Die II is characterised by small misshapen holes and the distance between lines is 3 mm. the F and H do not align. Both these dies are known on low value KG V issues postmarked in CARLISLE and GRETNA in 1916/8 so are attributed to HM Factory. Die III has 2 mm spacing but the F and H do not align. It is known postmarked FOLKESTONE in 1902/5 and is consequently probably not official. The most likely user being the Hotel Metropole, Folkestone, which would have provided stamps for its patrons.

GRAPHITE ISSUES

More perfinned graphites have been reported:-

BE	(232.1)	on	SG 594)	
CWS	(853)	on	SG 561)	by I. C. Burns
WILLS	(437.1)	on	SG 577		by A.E. Smith

A member, who wishes to remain anonymous, reports :-

HM/SO on SG 599, 605 and 588

The latter is reported as having only one line (Spec. S18 c) and may solve a problem as these were from residual stock used up generally after the Southampton experiment was completed. Perhaps many of these non-Southampton area perfins come from these residual stocks.

E V E N T S

Perfin Bring & Buy Sale in Birmingham

A sell - buy - exchange meeting for members will be held at the home of David Scott

on Saturday, 22nd September, 1984 from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided.

It is hoped that many Midland Members will be able to attend and also some from further afield. The success of this meeting will depend on members bringing perfins to sell/exchange, but if you wish to come Just for a chat or to buy - you will be very welcome.

Those intending to come should write or phone David who will send directions.

History, Cinderella & Ephemera Auction at Buntingford

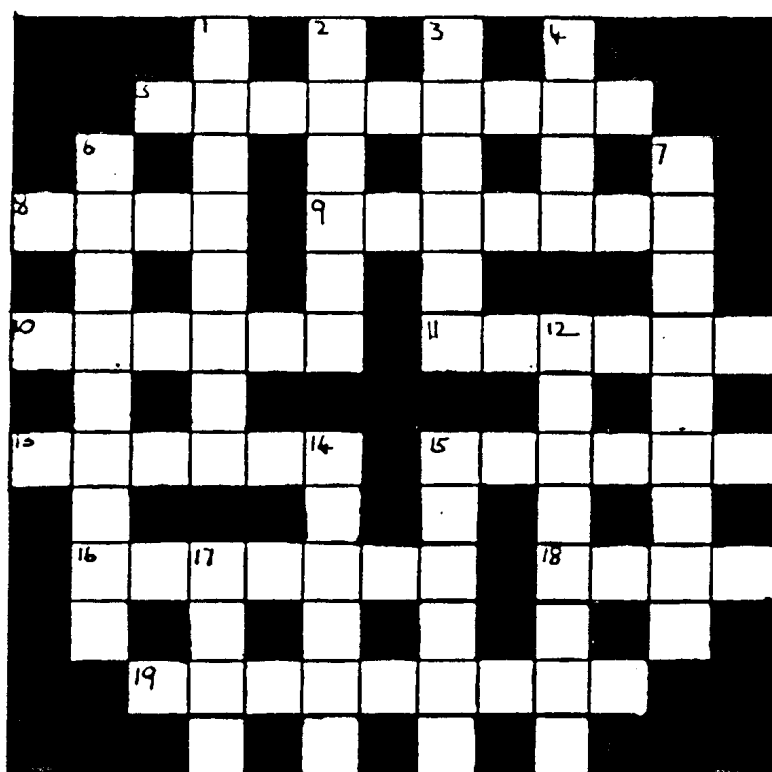
On 1st September, 1984 Derick Muggleton will be holding a Postal History, Cinderella and Ephemera Auction at the Club Room Chequers Inn, High Street, Buntingford, Herts, at 2.30 p.m. with viewing from 11 a.m. He tells us there will be several lots of perfins, on and off cover and some underprints included in the auction.

Members can receive a free catalogue if they contact Derick

London Meeting

Do not forget to note the date of the London Meeting in your diaries.

It is to be held at Baden Powell House, Queens Gate, London at 1 p.m. on Saturday 17th November, 1984.



Clues Across

- 5. He keeps his stamps (9)
- 8 + 9 Named on 1st page
of every Bulletin (4,7)
- 10. Holds bulging
suitcases (6)
- 11. Inventor of the perfin (6)
- 13. Not perfect (6)
- 15. Our Society is just
made for it (6)
- 16. Postman's battering
ram (7)
- 18. The heart of our old
ships (4)
- 19. Keeps Society members
informed (1, 8)

Clues Down

- 1. Jimmy Saville's
advice (2, 2, 4)
- 2. He who cannot keep
awake (6)
- 3. Facial expressions on
losing Perfin Auction
bid (6)
- 4. Omar could find no
key to it (4)
- 6. Shows letters origins
(9)
- 7. A star to take note
of (9)
- 12. Hopefully 19 across
is (3, 5)
- 14. Old fashioned
Countrymen (6)
- 15. Bear high value
stamps (6)
- 17. Victorian watermarks (4)

The solution will appear in
the next issue.

G.B. only perfins took over my hobby time about three years ago. I collect any design to try and illustrate my copy of the Tomkins Catalogue. Also thematically I build up on the usual range and am working on my own idea which, at present, I call "A Chemist's Shop".

Besides a general interest in my hobby I have several aims. Firstly, to try and find a method of display (in Hagner leaves) that will interest a mixed audience of perfin collectors, stamp collectors, postcard collectors and any other viewers, without boring any one of them. Secondly, to try and convince anyone who will listen not to put cash values on perfins so that auctions and cheque-book collecting do not exclude the collectors and "swoppers" who consider the perfin designs and not the stamp carrying them. Thirdly, to correspond with anyone about anything (on a return S.A.E. basis) because, having actually met several members, I found their queries much the same as my own, but their ideas have sparked off solutions to my frustrations.

REQUEST FOR EXCHANGE

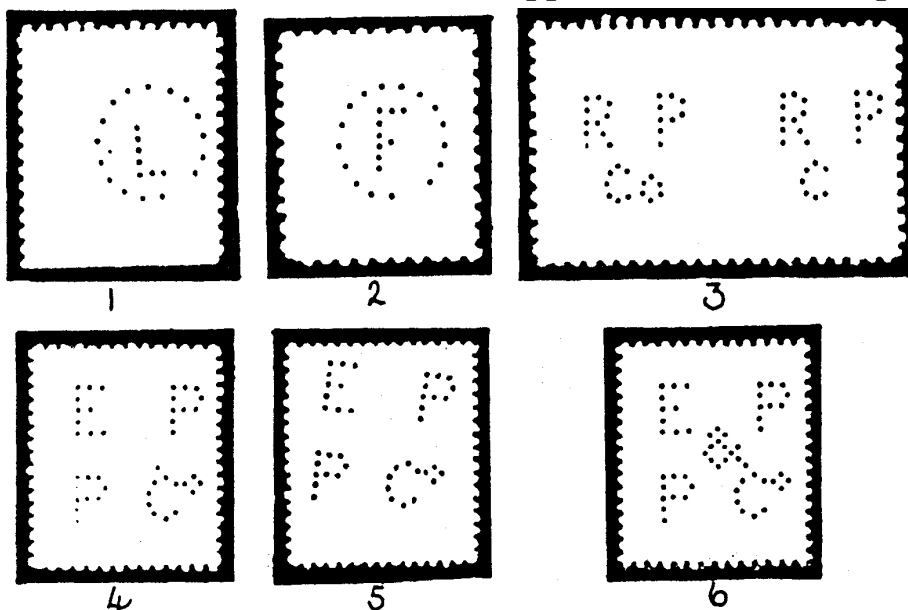
Member, Dr. Pot, is mainly interested in perfins of the Netherlands, but has collections of perfins from many other countries, amongst which are large collections of Great Britain, Belgium and Germany. He is trying to exchange these other perfins for Dutch ones. If any member would like to offer perfins of the Netherlands, he would be pleased to exchange.

His address is : - Dr. H. J. Pot.

MISSING HOLES

by Jack Brandt

Pins in perforating machines often break, and when there are only a few missing the machines are often not repaired. Hence, the stamps perforated show missing holes. Interesting ones to watch for are those which appear to create a new perfin.



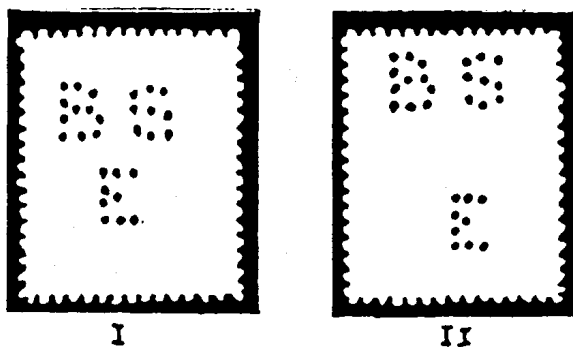
A US example is an apparent L in a circle (1). There are three types of L in a circle, but this is not one of them. All examples I have seen are pre-cancelled PIQUA, OHIO, and this helped me to identify it. Some years ago the Perfins Club (US) published a list of pre-cancelled perfins, in order of state and city of the pre-cancel. So, I checked Piqua and found only two types, one of which was an F in a circle. Checking this one (2), I found the L was actually an F, with two missing holes.

Another US example is the RP/Co perfin (3). In this case there is no problem in identification since they are both on one stamp and the change is the letter 'o' is missing, creating the perfin RP/C. I have the RP/C also on a small stamp, on an early issue, and it makes me wonder if the 'o' was missing right from the beginning

A Great Britain example showed up when I got an EP/PCo perfin (4) with an extra hole over the C. Except for this hole it is the same as the McKee-Tomkins #357 (5). At first I thought this extra hole might be a code hole, but later I thought to try it on the EP/&/PCo (#358 [6]) and it fitted perfectly, with the extra hole being the bottom right hole of the ampersand. So, there appear to be three states. First, the EP/&/PCo, which I have on issues from the 1d lilac to Edward VII issues. Then the one with the only one hole left of the & on Edward VII issues. That leaves the one with only one hole left of the & on Edward VII and George V (Gibbons #341) The EP/PCo state I have on George V issues or the 1912-22 set. Thus it would appear that about 1911 the & pins were all removed except one. This may have been a break, or may have been intentional. Then, probably a year later, someone noticed one of the 4 pins was left, and it was then removed. Does anyone know the user of this perfin and any history of the company? My cancels are all from London. Some of the Victorian issues have the newspaper pre-cancel cancel.

PERFIN OF BURY ST EDMUNDS

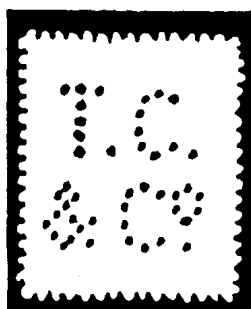
by R. Harris



The BS/E perfin of Bury St. Edmunds generally known, is in fact Die II. This was used from 1941 until they switched to a franking machine in 1968. The Die I was also first used in 1941 but was apparently only used on two values, the 1d light blue (SG504) and the 2½d pale red (SG507).

MEMBER QUERIES

from R. Harris



In the list of identified dies there is only one perfin TC which is the well known Thomas Cook die. However, I have in my collection two stamps perfined T.C./ & Co. which I think are connected with the Tea Clearing Co. of London. Can any member give further information regarding this die?

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

New Members:

GAULT, W.R.

GIBSON, K.E.

JOHANSSON, K.

BURRINGTON, M.

Change of Address:

HARRIS, A.J.

NORTH, P.F.

MALLET, D.W.J.

We are pleased to announce that the above book is now published and the authors wish to place on record their thanks to all members who helped in its production by providing information and examples.

The book covers all perfinned stamps used by Government Departments in Great Britain for postal purposes, as well as those used fiscally within such Departments. It also includes a number of quasi-official bodies and Overseas Governments who used perfinned GB postage stamps.

The book is more than just a catalogue, although it lists all known users and all stamps known to have been perfinned. Its coverage is intended to give reasons for each usage, details of perforating machines and perfin varieties. The forgeries of the well known Board of Trade perfins are particularly well covered.

It is illustrated with 125 black and white silhouettes showing the different perfin designs.

The book is published by the Perfin Society. It provides worthwhile reading for anyone interested in G B Officials or with a general interest in perfins.

The book is available to Perfin Society Members at £3, post free and can be obtained from
The price to non-members
is £4.50 post free .

Publication will no doubt lead to the authors being informed of additions and corrections. In view of this, updates will be published in the Bulletin from time to time.

QUERIES ANSWERED

In our April issue (No. 210) Peter Day wrote an article "NEW IDENTITY, BUT WHOSE?" which referred to the perfin LP/LD used on a publisher's advertisement card. After reading the article, member Reg Powell showed me another example of the same perfin. It was off cover but the most interesting thing about it was the piece the stamp had been floated off, which provides a clue to the user.



By inspection of the London Street Directory we discovered a possible user, The London Property Recovery & Accident Assurance Co. This fits well with the fragment illustrated above, except for the "E" at the end of the second line. Another difficulty is that this company's address is in London SW rather than EC, but they may have had sub-offices Insurance Companies with EC addresses included :-

London Phoenix of Paris Life Co.,
London Plate Glass Co. Ltd.,
London & Provincial Marine & General Ltd.
and London & Provincial Assurance Co. Ltd.

The original suggestion was that the perfin belonged to a publishing house, so the possibilities should include :-

Laundry Press Ltd.,
Lindley Percy ,
Locomotive Publishing Co. Ltd.
and London & Provincial Publishing Co. Ltd.

Has any reader any further ideas ?

FRAMA LABELS

With the introduction into this country of FRAMA labels, the inevitable has happened and we now have perfinned FRAMA labels. Peter Day has recently shown us such a label perforated with the Society's Perfin.

NEW IDENTITIES RECEIVED.

<u>From Mrs C. Print.</u>				423
671.1A	B&S/L	13,12,10/9	4½ IIIa	Bartle & Streuss Ltd, Holborn Viaduct, London.
<u>From Mrs D. Trevillion</u>				416
91	IFO	7,11,10	5	Imperial Fire Office, London SW.
537.2	H.N/&Co.	11,11/13,8,6	5½ III	Ø Hurst Nelson & Co Ltd Motherwell.
27	S&A/Ltd..	11,12,10/7,5,6	4½ IIIa	Stewart & Arden Ltd, London W1.
375.3	JH/M	7,12/15	6, 6½/6½	John Heywood Ltd, Manchester.
<u>From Mr R. J. McKee</u>				424
118.8	B&C	14,16,8	5 II	Barclay & Comp Ltd, London EC.
558.2	SO	10,10	5	The Stoll Offices, London WC2.
401.3	TS	7,10	4½	Thomas Skinner & Co London WC2.
562.1	LW/Co	6,11/7,4	4½	The Liverpool Ware- housing Co Liverpool
435.1a	RR/&Co	11,11/21,8,6	4½ IIIa	Robert Rannsey & Co Glasgow
271 2	W.F.O	15,8,10	5½	Westminster Fire Office London WC
457	LP/&SW	7,10/12/11,14	4½ IIIa	London & South Western Railway
156	RE	11,10	5	Rich ^d Evans & Comp London EC.
668.16	W&S	15,12,11	6 IIIa	Waterlow & Sons Ltd, London EC2
441A	J&J/M	7,13,7/15	5½ III	J&J Morison, Commercial Brewery. Edinburgh
845.1	JW/&Co/Ld	7,14/12,8,6/7,7	4 IIIa	John Wilson & Co. Ltd, Leith.
492.3a	SM/&Co	10,15/14,8,4	4½ I	Samuel Montagu & Co London.
492.7	SM/&Co	11,15/15,10,5	6 IVa	do. do.
9.2	J&A/A	8,14,10/10	5½ III	James Alexander Allan, Glasgow
1.8	M	10 (5mm wide)	5½	Macqueen & Co, London EC,

NEW IDENTITIES RECEIVED

From Mrs M. Smith

314A	C. H. Co.	8,11,8,6	5	The "Cannon" Holloware Co Ltd. Bilston, Staffs.
440.1	FWCo/Ld	8,14,8,4/7,7	4½	Furness Withy & Co. Ltd London EC3
671.4	B&S/L	15,14,10/7	5 III	James Budgett & Sons London.
368	CI/&/CoLd	8,5/12/8,6,7,7	4½ IIIa	Cayzer Irvine & Co. Ltd. Glasgow.
100.1	G/&Co.	10/12,8,6	5/4½ IIIa	Gjemre & Co. Newcastle-on-Tyne
421.2	GRAPHIC	9,10,8,8,10,4,7	4	The Graphic. Tallis House. Whitefriars, EC4
205.1	M.D/Co	15,11/8,6	4½	Maypole Dairy Co Ltd, City Rd, London EC.
363.4	P&P	10,14,10	5 III	Price & Parker Ltd, Bristol.
189.1	TG/&Co	7,10/12,8,6	4½ IIIa	Thurbers Gaytes & Co, London EC.

Confirmations.

356	TP/BS	7,10/13,11	4½	Temperance Permanent Building Society
435	A&O/B	10,14,10/14	5 III	Alldays & Onions Co Ltd Birmingham.
395.3	FS/W	8,10/14	5	Fore Street Warehouse Co Ltd.
113.1	McC	15,7,8	5	McCorquodale & Co Ltd London NW.

From Mr E.W.Francombe

419

459.3	CLS	8,6,10	5½	County of London Electric Supply Co Ltd, Broad St London EC 2.
600.2.	CPF	8,8,7	5	City Parochial Foundation. London EC 4
3	R&A 9 diagonal)	12,14,10	5 III	Rimell & Allsop, Ltd New Bond St., London W1

From Mr A. E. Smith

420

583B	GY/&/SLd	10,7/13/11,7,6	5½ III	George Younger & Son Ltd. Brewers. Alloa.
1.10	H	12	9	2. Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp: Lond0n.

From Dr R. W. Powell.

421

554	J.M/&/S.Ltd..	7,15/13/7,5,7	5½ III	James Milne & Son, Ltd. London E.C .
605.1	WP/&S	14,9/12,10	4½ IIIa	W. Pretty & Son Ltd, Ipswich.

NEW IDENTITIES RECEIVED.

<u>From Mr A. E. Smith</u>				411
158A.2	JCo (Monogram)	24,26,4	16,10, 2½	Ernst Jan Noks. London N
370.1	L/Ltd	6/6,5,6	4½	Lissen Ltd. Edmonton N18.
158	UP/PC	10,10/10,8	5	Union Petroleum Pro- ducts Co Ltd. London EC
<u>From Mr F. Summers</u>				412
308A	C/HA (C to left. A removed from CA/HA)	7,10/8	4½	Crewe Health Athy:
308B	C/HA (C central)	7,10/8	4½	do. do.
<u>From Dr R.W. Powell</u>				413
346	L&L/C	7,14,7/8	5 III	Leeds & Liverpool Canal Co. Leeds.
299	DL/Z	12,8/14	5½	Dorman Long & Co Ltd, Middlesborough
12.4	<u>Correction.</u> PAC	10,10.9	5	Should be Pearl Ass- urance Co Ltd. London
<u>From Mrs N. A. Barrowclough</u>				414
77	A.B./Ltd..	10,13/7,5,7	5½	Affleck & Brown Ltd, Manchester.
234.2	HERTZ	11,10,11,7,9	4½	Thomas Labatt & Sons. Chapel St, Bradford.
131.3	W&Co.	15,13,8,6	5½ III	Whitbread & Co Ltd
389	ROWN/TREES	10.8,12,10/6,10,9,9,9	3½	Rowntrees Ltd. York.
658	H&S/E	11,13,11/10	5½ III	J. Hewitt & Sons Ltd, Edinburgh 1.
366.2	L ^L OYDS	11,7.10,8,11,10	5½	Lloyds Bank.
<u>From Dr R. W. Powell.</u>				415
142.1	Un/Co	11,10/10,4	5,3½/4½	Union Steam Ship Co Ltd London EC.
<u>From Mrs M. R. Smith</u>				417, 418
357	AL/&Co	10,7/12,8,6	4 IIIa	Arbuthnot & Latham & Co
496.2	WL/&Co	13,7/12,8,6	4½ IIIa,	Welter Lawrie & Co, Glasgow.
206.2	JD/&Co	7,11/14.13,4	4 I	John Donaldson & Co. Edinburgh.
772.5	B/W&Co	14/14.14,8,4	4½ I	Bessler, Waechter & Co Ltd. Glasgow.
532	A.T.	10,7	5½	Arthur Tate & Co Ltd. Newcastle on Tyne.
165.1	B/CP	14/8,10	5	Bradleys, Chepstow Place, London W.