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EDITORIAL

As you will see this issue is published in a new typeface. Betty will no longer be able to type our Bulletin so I have set up this issue on my computer. My printer is a graphics printer without a typeface so these letters are drawn rather than typed. I do not know how well this will turn out but I have done my best with this issue and elsewhere you will find a request for a new typist to help with future issues. Also due to the change some copy has gone missing so this issue is lacking the "New Identities" and "Tomkins Catalogue" pages. Sorry.

As ever I am still looking for items from members for the Bulletin pages. Keep them coming it is your publication.

PUBLICATIONS

by The Publications Officer

I have managed to obtain a discount from the publishers of the "Canadian Perfins Handbook" and can supply them to members at £6.00 post free. I should also remind members that the Society can provide other publications as follows :-

Bowmans Railway Perfins	£4.00
Nelsons Handbook	£2.00
GB Official Perfins	£3.00
ID Catalogue	£8.00
Abstracts	£8.00
Abstracts Index	£4.00
Jennings (part)	£4.00

All orders to me please at the address on page 1.

BNZ PERFINS

by Barry Pawson

Further to my note in the Bulletin Issue 211 (June 1984) regarding BNZ perfins I can produce a revised list :-

<u>Type I</u>	1881	1d lilac
	1883	2/6
	1887	Jubilee 2d, 4½d, 10d, 1/- (green)
<u>Type II</u>	1881	1d lilac
	1883	2/6, 5/-, 10/-
	1887	Jubilee ½d(green), 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 10d
	1902	½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d (green/brown), 5d, 6d, 9d, 10d, 1/-, 2/6, 5/-
	1912	½d(SG339), ½d (SG344), 1d (SG345)
	1912/22	½d, 1d, 2d, 6d, 7d, 9d(agate), 10d
	1913	Seahorse 2/6
	1924/26	½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d
	1934	Photogravure 2½d
	1935	Jubilee 1½d
	1937	2d
<u>Type III</u>	1883	10/-

May I express my thanks to all members who wrote to add to the list and especially to Reg Powell for the report of Type III. I will be pleased to receive any further information at my new address

STAMPS KNOWN PERFINNED

Members have added the following to the list of stamps known perfinned :-

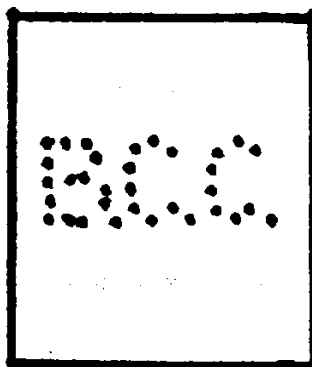
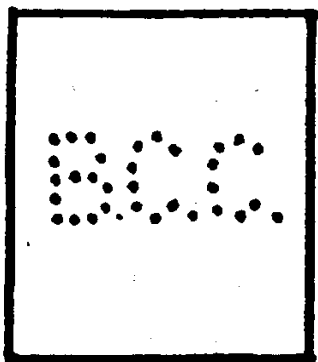
SG128	10/- grey-green "H&B"
SG589	6d Empire Games "U..C/Co"

AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION OFFICIALS

The perfin "C/of/A" has been seen on recent Machin issue of UK. This is later use than reported in "GB Official Officials" and we would be pleased to have details of any examples members may know of. Dated usage would be especially welcomed.

BATH CITY CORPORATION

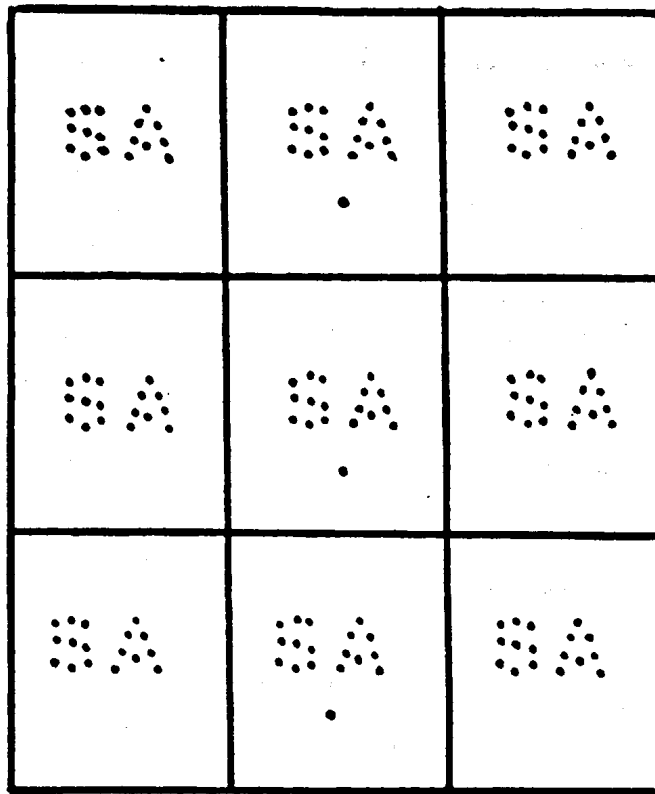
Member, Ron Harris has reported two types of "B.C.C." used by Bath City Corporation. They are shown below.



SUN ALLIANCE PERFINS

by Ron Harris

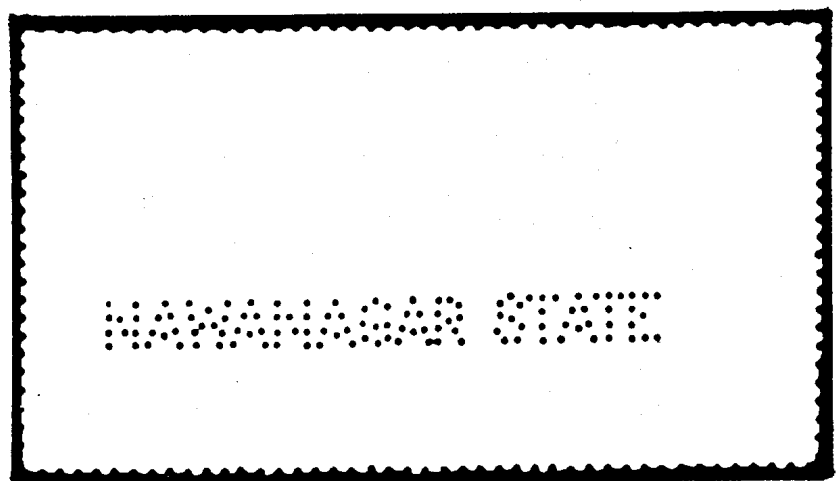
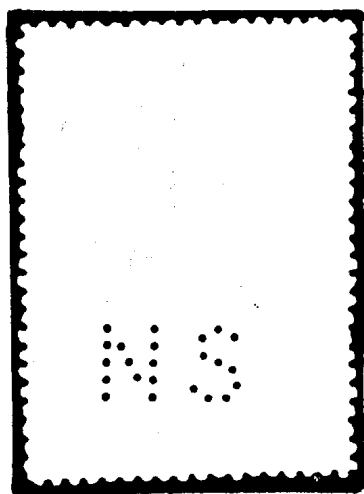
Illustrated opposite is a block of perfins cancelled "Alliance Assurance Co. Ltd. You will see that the two outside rows are perfined "SA" (recorded as Sun Alliance & Insurance Group while the centre row is perfined "SA/." (recorded as Alliance Assurance Co. This is a multi-head perfining machine with differing heads used by the whole group it would seem.



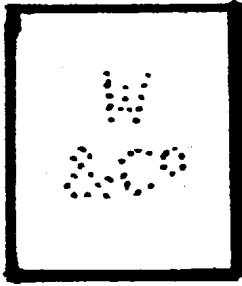
Most of you have probably never heard of Nawanagar, even though they did once issue postal stamps. Nawanagar was one of the Indian states, and used postal issues until the end of 1894. So far, no perfins are known on them. The perfins are on revenue issues of which there are quite a few issues. Court fee revenues are a long rectangle shape issued from 1917 to 1948. They are all perfined NAWANAGER STATE and are relatively easy to find. Other revenues are Hundis (Bill of Exchange) which are in various shapes. One long rectangular one issued in 1918 has the perfin shown below and is uncommon. Upright rectangles, issued from 1922 to 1948 have an NS perfin. They are much less common than the other, but are obtainable with a little digging. So, look for two types to complete a country.

Dates mentioned above are from the recently published book "The Court Fee and Revenue Stamps of the Princely States of India", 1983 by A. Koepfel and R.D. Manners. This book also mentions a Sikkim perfin to watch for. The perfin is COURT/FEES, which changed a general revenue issue to a court fee issue. The catalogue lists it at \$100. US.

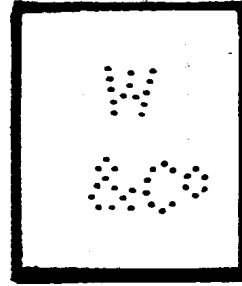
A perfin is also known on Gwalior revenue stamped paper, but that is another story.



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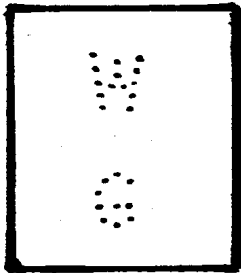


On QV 1d lilac and
EdVII

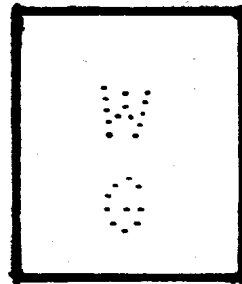


On QV Jubilees

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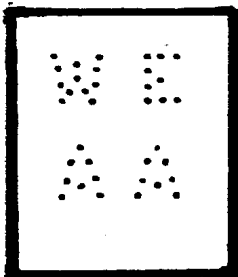


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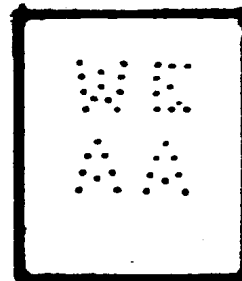


On GV (1924/26)

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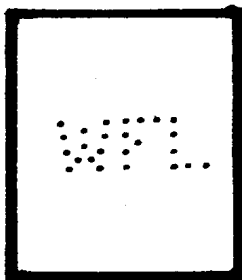


On GVI And
QE Wildings

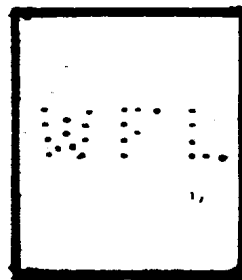


On QE Wildings

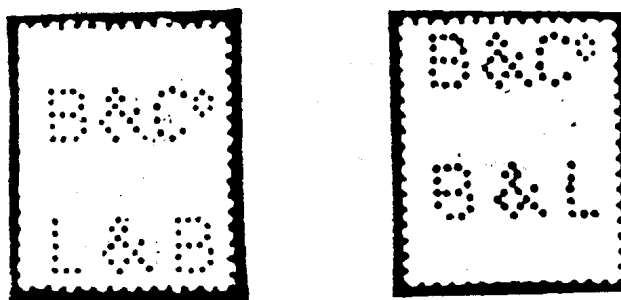
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On QE Machins



On QE Machins



The perfins "B&Co/B&L" and "B&Co/L&B" are quite similar and are recorded in McKee as B154.1 and B156, both without a user being listed. The "B&Co" part of both is nearly identical, as is the "&". The rest is also identical except that the "L" and "B" are interchanged. One would think that these are both the perfins of a firm with offices at two locations. My "B&L" has a postmark numeral 134 which is Bristol, and probably identifies one end. I have no postmark on "L&B" but one naturally thinks of London or of Liverpool. I expect that it is too much to hope that a member has an identity, but maybe we can find a postmark which identifies the other office. What do your cancels tell us ?

This is not in Advert !

Due to the loss of our typist and the computer setting of this issue you will notice a number of different type-faces use in this months Bulletin. We have arranged this on purpose to see which reproduce the best. This is a spare space so we have used an unusual tiny type-face produced at this site directly by the computer. We are wondering if you can read it. Advertisements are not usually carried by the Bulletin hut we are often asked about suppliers so on this test printing we will give the details of three members who sell perfins

*Roy Everett
2 Coldnailhurst Av
Braintree
Essex CH7 7SJ
United Kingdom*

*D&R Perfin Auction
116 Ladywood Rd
Hertford
Herts
United Kingdom*

*John Lardner-Coles
The Post Office
129 Burwell Dr
Witney OX8 7LP
United Kingdom*

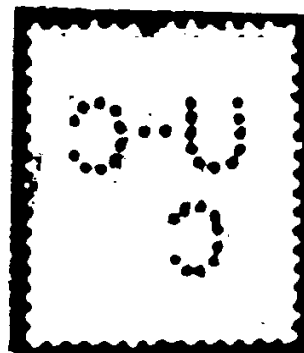
INTERNATIONAL PERFINS

by Tony Edwards

Perfin collecting is an international hobby, but perfins too are international. A number of perfins are known on the stamps of more than one country. Foremost amongst these are the perfins of Thos. Cook which are known on the stamps of 16 different countries (see issues 215 & 217) but collectors can look for a number of others. Our own monogram perfin is found on the stamps of at least six countries plus a number of local issues. The earlier "SEP//S" must also have been used on the stamps of different countries.

Illustrated below are two more internationals. The diminutive "CL" of Credit Lyonnais is known on UK (overprinted Levant), Belgian and French issues and could exist on the German, Austrian and Turkish issues used in Beyrout. The other is used by the Union Castle Mail Steamship Co. Ltd. and I have seen it on the stamps of UK, Transvaal, Cape of Good Hope, Angola and S. Africa. An interesting point regarding the latter design is that it is apparently identical on stamps from each country. Were stamps brought to a central office for perfinning and redistribution ?

I am preparing some exhibition pages of "international" perfins and would be pleased to purchase or exchange examples.



MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

New Members

Shalman YN

Andersen D

Champion A

Tremblay CM

Reinstatements

Field HW,

Resignation

Batten JR

Changes of Address

Allwright DJ

Gough MC

Tully FS

Nagle BH

Stevenson JW

Pawson B

LONDON MEETING

Last reminder - The London meeting takes place at Baden Powell House, Queens Gate, LONDON SW7 on 30th November 1985. Starting at 2 pm and finishing about 5 pm. We hope to see you all there.

Subscriptions

As treasurer I am delighted that the subscriptions are coming in. They are due on September 1st and are now £4-00 or £7-00 for air-mail despatch overseas. Please pay soon - it makes my job easier. If you have paid you should have your membership card with this bulletin. Some of you paid this years subscription in advance hoping it would remain the same as last years. Alas we have had to increase it by £1-00 so you owe this as is indicated on your card. Again it will help if you send this soon.

Bulletin Typist

Unfortunately, Betty Lucas will no longer be able to type the Bulletin for us so we are looking for a new typist to take over the job. This issue has been computer set by the editor and this method of production will continue for future issues. This means that the work load of the typist will be much lower and will mainly involve the typing of New Identities and the Tomkins Catalogue pages. About six A4 pages every two months. Would any kind member be prepared to help? Offers direct to the editor please. Our thanks go to Betty for the good work she has done in the last two years.

Members Requests

Member, Coral Pritt is collecting perfins of the London Boroughs and asks if anyone has knowledge of perfins from the Boroughs of Haringay, Harrow, Havering, or Hillingdon.

Member, Ron Brown

has several hundred very fine QV KEVIII and QE perfins for exchange. Contact him direct at the above address.

PRICES REALISED IN PERFIN SOCIETY AUCTION NO. 4 (1985)

LOT NO.	REAL ISED
1	11.70
2	3.30
3	U/s
4	4.30
5	0.95
6	4.20
7	0.65
8	2.10
9	2.50
10	0.75
11	3.10
12	4.10
13	4.30
14	2.10
15	15.10
16	0.45
17	0.65
18	1.10
19	0.30
20	1.10
21	1.30
22	2.10
23	1.75
24	U/s
25	3.60
26	1.80
27	1.00
28	2.10

LOT NO	REAL ISED
29	1.70
30	2.90
31	4.10
32	2.60
33	3.20
34	1.60
35	10.70
36	2.60
37	1.30
38	U/s
39	2.00
40	4.10
41	10.10
42	12.20
43	5.10
44	4.80
45	2.10
46	5.60
47	2.30
48	4.30
49	0.80
50	2.60
51	1.20
52	0.55
53	1.00
54	U/s
55	4.70
56	2.00

LOT NO.	REAL ISED
57	15.10
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61	3.70
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64	3.10
65	0.85
66	0.30
67	3.20
68	3.40
69	U/s
70	2.10
71	3.10
72	3.10
73	3.10
74	1.20
75	1.20
76	7.30
77	U/s
78	1.30
79	3.10
80	3.10
81	3.10
82	1.60
83	3.00
84	1.10

LOT NO.	REAL ISED
85	3.30
86	3.30
87	3.10
88	0.50
89	0.50
90	0.60
91	2.30
92	2.30
93	5.10
94	6.00
95	0.30
96	U/s
97	3.00
98	7.50
99	0.40
100	10.60
101	7.30
102	27.10
103	2.00
104	1.60
105	1.70
106	1.10
107	1.20
108	2.10
109	2.20
110	1.10
111	0.95
112	15.30

GRAND TOTAL = £362.75