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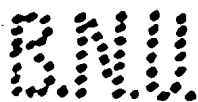
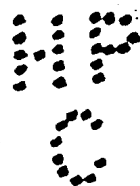
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EDITORIAL

We start the year with a very full issue, which reflects the active and energetic nature of our Society. In these pages are reported the introduction of a new numbering system for G.B. perfins (which should see us through to the end of the century) and the production of a new illustrated, identified catalogue of GB perfins. This catalogue will be published in parts by the Society and will be supported by the Bulletin in the form of news and enlargements of particular parts by members contributions regarding specific perfins and variations. Support your hobby and your Society by buying this publication part by part as it appears. Full details appear elsewhere in this issue.

COMPETITION

Member, Roy Everett, has been running a competition in his sales list for some months, but no one has yet mastered it. He is now throwing it open to all members. All (!!) you have to do is to identify the country of origin of the perfins illustrated below. The prize winner will be drawn by the Bulletin Editor from the correct solutions received, at the editorial address, before 10th March 1986. The prize is 1lb of GB perfins on paper plus a copy of Roy's 1984 listing of 1000 + illustrated identified perfins. The correct solution is the country of the stamp with the perfin illustrated which is held by Roy. The editors decision is final.



NEW NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR GB PERFINS by the Catalogue Editor

The current numbering system for GB Perfins originates from a system devised by members of the "Perfin Study Circle" (which developed into SEPS and later the Perfin Society). The members produced a "Simplified Catalogue of Perfins of GB" and numbered them in alphabetic sequence for each letter leaving spaces for later additions which were numbered out of alphabetic sequence. When McKee and Tomkins produced the Tillies catalogue they adopted the existing system and improved upon it. New discoveries were placed in the correct alphabetic sequence using upper case letters as suffixed to the original numbers, and a new system of decimal numbers were employed to identify variations of design showing different numbers of pins or other differences.

This system has withstood the test of time but is now showing signs of strain as large numbers of new designs have been discovered. Accordingly the Perfin Society has introduced a new numbering system to coincide with the production of "Y Catalog Bach Perffinau Cymraeg - The Catalogue of Welsh Perfins" and a new Illustrated, Identified Catalogue both of which use the new numbering system. Recognising that many collections and publications use the Tillies numbering it was necessary to ensure that the new system was easily translated from and to the old system. This has been done by basing the new system on a numbering system which is ten times the Tillies system, but retaining the Tillies classification for separating variations of the same letters. Thus A193.1a becomes A1930.01a (a leading zero is placed for convenience before the decimal .1) and the space between the numbers A1930 and A190 is to be used to insert new discoveries so A193A becomes A1935. Some confusion could occur if a reader does not know which system is used. For instance A190 could be from either system. To avoid this leading zeros are used to insure all numbers in the new system have four figures (no four figure numbers exist in the old system).

This all seems most complicated when written out, but a few examples should demonstrate just how simple it is to convert from one system to the other enabling collectors to use either or both.

<u>Old Number</u>	<u>Perfin</u>	<u>New Number</u>
160.6	C & C ^o /L ^d	1600.06
160A	C & C ^o ./L ^d	1605
160B	C & C ^o ../L ^d	1607
161	C & C ^o ./L ^k .	1610
162.1	C & C ^o /L ^{td}	1620.01
162.2	C & C ^o /L ^{td}	1620.02
162B	C & C ^o ./L ^{td} ..	1627
162D	C & C ^o /M	1629
163	C.C ^o ../N	1630

The new discovery C & Co./Ld. would be given the new series number 1606 avoiding the old system number 160AA and the perfin C & C°/Ld. would be 1602 in the new system. In a book or catalogue the number P41.1 must be an "old" number identified with the Petroleum Board because it does not have four digits. Its new number would be P0410.01 which has four digits and is easily identified with your catalogue or collection using the old system by deleting the two zeros.

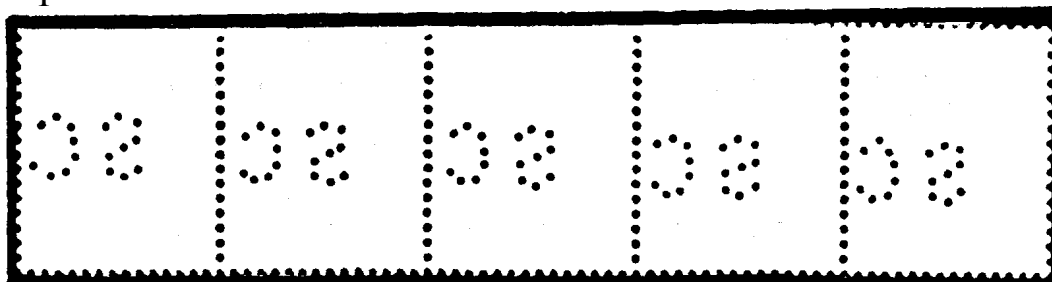
The Tillies system is very confusing in the case of single letter perfins as the assignment of the decimal part of the numbers is unregulated. To avoid this the decimal classification of single letter perfins (those numbered 0010 in the new system) has been redrawn. The decimals are assigned in order starting with the letter having the lowest hole count. Perfins with identical hole counts are ordered on height starting with the smallest. Standard letters are numbered first followed by seriffed letters, script letters and finally letters in designs. This unfortunately leaves no space for additions so these will have to be added in order of discovery at the end.

I hope that the change does not cause confusion, and that with the publication of the new GB Catalogue using this system will ensure it soon becomes familiar. In future all Society publications will use this new system, and as Catalogue Editor I will oversee the conversion of known numbered perfins and assign numbers to newly discovered perfin designs on request.

MULTIPLE DIES

by Catalogue Editor

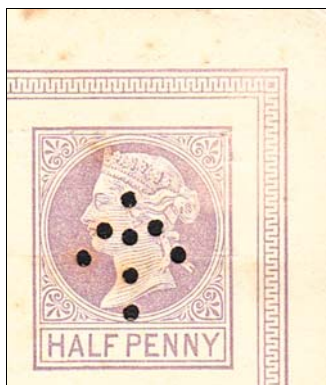
Users who wished to perforate large numbers of stamps often used machines containing a number of dies which perforate a strip of stamps in one strike. If these individual dies are not well made the resulting perfins are different in shape. This can lead to the reporting of "new" unrecorded dies. Member Roy Everett has recently shown us the strip illustrated below which highlights this problem. Seen separately these could have been reported as three or four different designs, but as a strip they are identifiable as examples of multi-die perfin, no. S 121.4, Identified with Salford Corporation. There must be many examples of different designs which are really different positions from a multiple die. Members are asked to report examples of multiple pieces showing "different" perfins.



SLOPERS ARROW MACHINE

•••••
••••• At a Meeting of the Postal History Society
• on 21st. November 1950, this card was cancelled
by a Sloper's perforating Arrow machine which
the G.P.O. Authorities had kindly allowed Mr.
H.C. Westley to exhibit at the meeting.

We have been shown the above card which was apparently given a strike of the patent cancelling machine produced by Sloper to cancel postcards in 1870. It seems that this machine was still in working condition in 1950. Does anyone know the history of this card or the whereabouts of this Machine?



Example of the official use of this machine.

Firstly I must admit an error in my previous article, which appeared in the February 1985 Bulletin. I identified my first example as Die I, No. 73.1, however it was Die 2, No. 73.2.

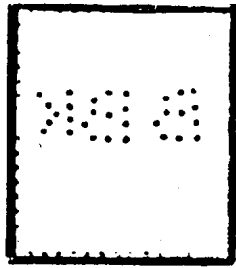
Following on from this mistake I have received some interesting information from another member, Mr. D. S. Trevillion. He has identified two separate types of No 73.2, he has proposed the second should be numbered No 73.2a. The first 73.2 (Fig 1.) has a width of 14½ mm, whereas 73.2a (Fig 2.) is 12½ mm. Also on 73.2 the "B"s are larger and further apart, additionally the diagonals of the "K" on 73.2 are further from the upright of the "K", than they are on 73.2a.

I have also come across a number of new missing pin varieties on Barclays Bank perfins. Firstly on 73.2 I have found seven new varieties: Figs 3, 4, 5 show missing pins on the first "B" in various positions; Fig 6 shows a missing pin on the second "B" ; Figs 7 and 8 show one and two missing pins on the "K" respectively; Fig 9 shows missing pins on all three letters of the perfin. Secondly on 74.1 I have discovered one other missing pin variety on the "K", Fig 10. Thirdly on 74.2 I have come across three more varieties; Fig 11 shows one missing pin from the second "B" and one missing pin from the "K"; Figs 12 and 13 show two varieties of missing pins on the "K" alone.

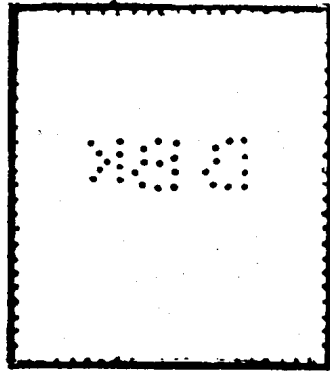
I hope that this article stirs up interest among members and I would be glad to hear of any other varieties. I would also be willing to buy any Barclays Bank perfins with or without missing pins. My address is: Mr. W. J. Hall

AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION

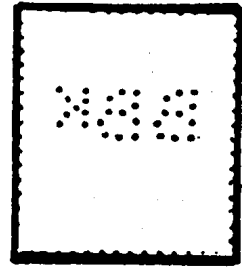
The office of the Australian High Commission tells us that the use of stamps perfinned "C/of/A" continued until 1968/9. However we have seen examples of this perfin on decimal Machins so this usage must have extended until at least 1971. If any members have dated examples of usage later than 1971 the editor would like to hear about them.



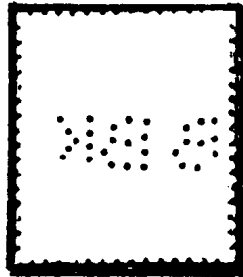
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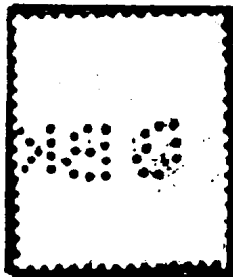
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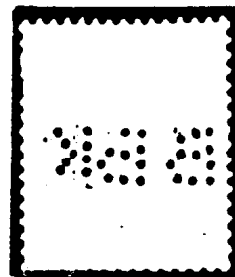
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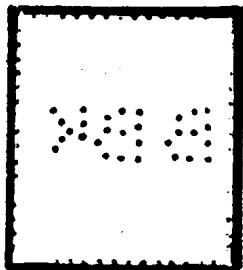
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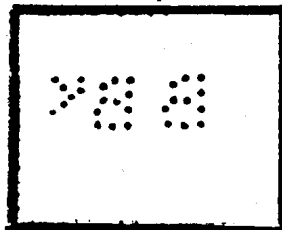
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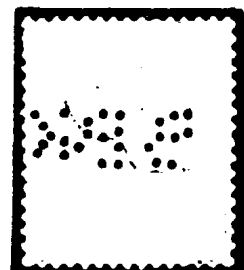
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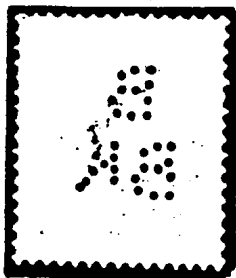
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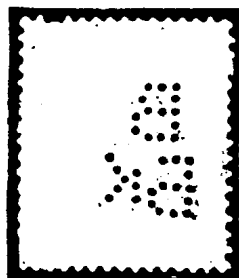
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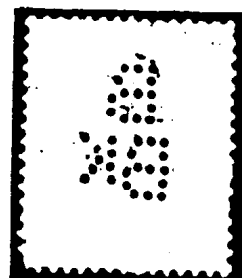
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ILLUSTRATED, IDENTIFIED CATALOGUE OF GB PERFINS.

by the Catalogue Editor.

At the London Meeting of the Society in November 1985 it was agreed that we should proceed with an illustrated and identified catalogue of GB perfins. The catalogue will be printed on one side only of A4 size sheets. Part of each sheet will contain a number of full size illustrations and the other part gives details of the users of identified designs.

Part I of the catalogue will contain illustrations of all perfins known to the Society in alphabetic order, but it is assumed that the very publication of the catalogue will lead to the discovery of many "new" designs which have not been hitherto reported. As soon as Part I is complete it is hoped that Part 2 will be started and this will be an addendum to Part I containing those "new" designs notified to the catalogue editor following the publication of the catalogue.

The cost of the catalogue will be 15p/page and the first pages are now available from Michael Rucklidge (address on page 1) to whom requests should be made with payment of £2 which will cover the cost (including postage) of the first two sections covering designs and monograms, further sections will be produced as soon as possible until the full alphabetic sequence is complete. Further sections will be announced in these pages, but collectors may if they wish order in advance by making a deposit with Michael.

This catalogue is to be produced by the Catalogue Editor assisted by Betty Lucas, but we are hoping to receive help from members. Any members who would be prepared to organize the production of a single letter should contact the Catalogue Editor. Members will be supplied with illustrations of all recorded perfins of their letter and will be asked to sort them into alphabetic order discarding duplicates and partials. They will then prepare illustrations to send to the editor who will add identities and organize reproduction and publication. The success of this project depends on your support in helping the production if you can and more importantly your buying the completed catalogue.

Information Wanted

Non-member would like to contact members with information on perfins from any country relating to motor cycling. Contact :- Francis Hournon,

SPANISH CATALOGUE

by Roy Everett

A subject I freely admit that I knew not one jot about six months ago but since have put together a catalogue on. Detail from various sources was provided, firstly Ken Gibson sent his list of users, with additional notes from his collection, and then the Perfin Club chipped in their fact sheets free to illustrate the work, and a catalogue was born. The marrying of the two complimentary sets of detail went through a few drafts, a few amendments, some additions and gives 365 perfins with 193 users, that's 52% - if only we were that far on with GB identities eh!

As with all catalogues it comes down to what can be usefully included and what must be excluded. In this instance any known usage detail is included, but some items considered partials of listed items have been excluded, as have the KODAK letters/numbers perfins. The Spanish wording of the users is retained so that the relevance to the perfin is maintained.

For collectors with additional detail to hand would they please send clear actual size photocopies or brief clear letters to the Perfin Club Foreign Catalogue Editor who can be contacted

It would seem that the perfins are mainly to be found on the early to middle period issues so take note of this should the market suddenly become flooded with perfined current issues - notify the PC Foreign Cat. Ed. of the issues and patterns and postmarks of any Spanish perfins you have - thanks.

Anyhow the catalogue is now available by post from:

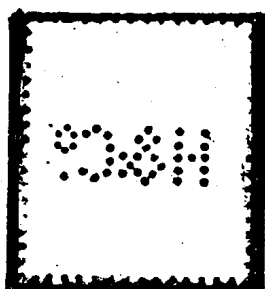
R. Everett

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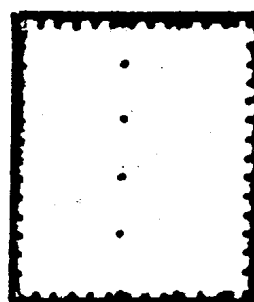
SPANISH CATALOGUE UPDATE

Add the following to the Spanish Catalogue

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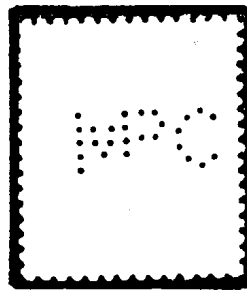
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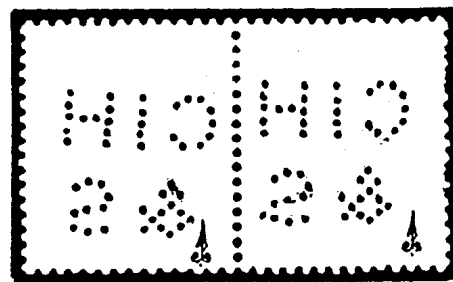
By Jack Brandt

The illustration below is recorded as 'MPC', with the vertical line of the P sharing with the M, but is it an McC with the small 'c' reversed? Looking at it more closely one notes that the loop holes of the 'P' are quite a distance from the vertical line so now I think, it is an 'McC'. The stamp is a 1d lilac, with an illegible cancel. This is not listed in either GB catalogue in either form. However both do list McC types, and no MPC's. So, which is it, who used it, and why was the 'c' reversed? If it was.



A NEW UNDERPRINT

by Tony Edwards



Illustrated above is a pair of 5d. Dull Green G.B. stamps of 1884 (SG. 193) which are perfined with the 'CIH/&S ' of C. J. Hambro & Son. However, they also both have what appear to be underprinted "arrow heads" in their corners. Is this a new security underprint? Does this particular design of arrow relate to Hambro in anyway?

SOCIETY NEWS

New Members

Chard G. A.

Wibier J.

Tripp W.2

Change of Address

Hider T. Point Clear Road, not Acar.

Nicol R. Not Nichol.

Lapsed

Askey	Ball	Bergman	Beveridge	Bispham
Brandt	Broekmeijer	Brooks	Brown L.	W. Burrington
Burrows P.C.	Butt	Classey	Cobbold	Codrington
Coles	Cooper	Corrall	Cox	Ehreich
Finnegan	Gibson	Hadley	Harper-Scott	Hudson
Ingram	James	Jones	Kloss	Lardner-Coles
Metzger	Parker	Pritt	Redmond	R.A.E. Farnborough
Ritter	Rowe	Sanders	Saville	Shaw
Stewart	Summers	Swan	Topham	Whitehead

LONDON MEETING

The Society's Annual London meeting, its AGM, took place as arranged on the 30th November and was as usual well attended. A good discussion took place regarding the proposal to produce an Illustrated Catalogue of GB Perfins and it was decided to proceed immediately with this project (details elsewhere in this issue). The Society also agreed to adopt the new numbering system (effectively ten times the Tillies number) which had been proposed by the Catalogue Editor (details also elsewhere in this issue).

Some concern was voiced regarding the non-circulation of the sales packets, which members acknowledged as being a useful way of obtaining material. The Officers agreed to see if these packets could be re-activated.

The Bowman Memorial Prize for 1985 was awarded to Tony Edwards. It is not usual to make this award to Society Officers, but this year the officers agreed that an exception could be made.

NEW IDENTITIES

<u>Cat. No.</u>	<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Holes</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>User</u>
<u>From: Mr A. E. Smith.</u>				
306A	C&H	7,12,10	4½	Chapman & Hall Ltd., 11 Henrietta St., WC2
411.3	CK	9,11	6	S.P.C.K. 1698, Northumberland Ave., SW1.
166.2	JCS	5,7,9	4½	John Carter & Son Ltd., Kingsland Rd, London NE
213	L/F&S	7/8,14,10	4½	Livett Frank & Son Ltd., 15, Canute Rd, Southampton
476.6	SM	10,15	7	Simpkin Marshall Ltd., Hall Court, London EC4
182.4	T&G	7,12,10	5½,4½,5½	Tyrrell & Green Ltd., Southampton
-	V&Z	9,13,9	5½	B H Vos & Zonen, Bradford
<u>From Mr Harry Skinner</u>				
136.1	RE	11,10	5	Richard, Evans & Co. Ltd., London EC4
445	J.J.S/ &Co.Ld	7,7,10/ 11,8,6,7,6	4	J & J Simpson & Co. Ltd., London EC4
358.1	D&C	11,12,10	4½	Duke & Ockenden Ltd., Littlehampton & London
436	C/LCo	10/10,10,6	6½	The Crown Linoleum Co., London SE
1.2	S	10	4½	Richd. Evans & Co. Ltd., London EC4
15.1	WAH	15,10,11	6	W A Hudson Ltd., London EC
481.4	CM	8,15	5½	City Mission, London
258.1	AG/&Co/L	10,10/ 12,8,6,6	4½/ 4½,3	A Goslett & Co. Ltd., London WC2

London, Brighton & South Coast Railway

Confirmation of Die 10 (Bowman Page 40)

On cover with identity embossed on flap. Dated 25th July, 1918 (Earliest)

610.5	BR	14,12	6	
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