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EDITORIAL

This issue is published very late, due to holidays, our apologies to all. We hope to catch up later in the year so the cover date remains August although you will not receive it until September.

We have not yet received any offers from members who are willing to take on the tasks of Auctioneer or Bulletin Editor. Consequently there is no auction with this issue. We will try to produce Bulletins at regular intervals but they may not be of full size. Due to increased work and other commitments we may only be able to produce a few pages for some issues but will produce something in an effort to hold the Society together. The Bulletins are the lifeblood of the Society so I hope some member is prepared to take on this task. We are still prepared to assist until any new editor finds his feet.

POSTCARD CANCELLATIONS

by Betty Lucas

The use of a Sloper perforating machine to cancel postcards is discussed in Chapter 14 of our book "GB Official Perfins". The usual design was of eight holes in the form of an arrowhead and this type is illustrated on page 5 of issue 221. However two other designs are known. One is a simple round hole of varying size, perhaps produced by a punch with a tapered pin, and the other is a design in the shape of an orb always (?) found inverted, i.e. with the cross pointing down. Has anyone any copies of these punches? If so the catalogue editor would be pleased to see photocopies of them.

GLC Die 1

by the Catalogue Editor

We have been shown a piece bearing both types of GLC perfin, i.e. the common die II one and the new one recorded (die I) in issue No 216. Consequently it can now be confirmed that die I is identified with the Greater London Council. It is still only known on the 2p value and high value denominations

The Federation and associated groups have issued perforated stamps to add to the commemorative aspect of their philatelic covers produced to mark various historical and philatelic events attached to their culture. To set the records straight on the actual reasons for the issuance of these perfins below are set the patterns and the relevant details. Members of the Perfin Club and Perfin Society can acquire these perfins at face value. (½p or 1p machines), directly from the Federation Secretary W.Z.J. Nowicki

To date 12 perfins have been issued, the dates and explanations of the patterns are as follows:

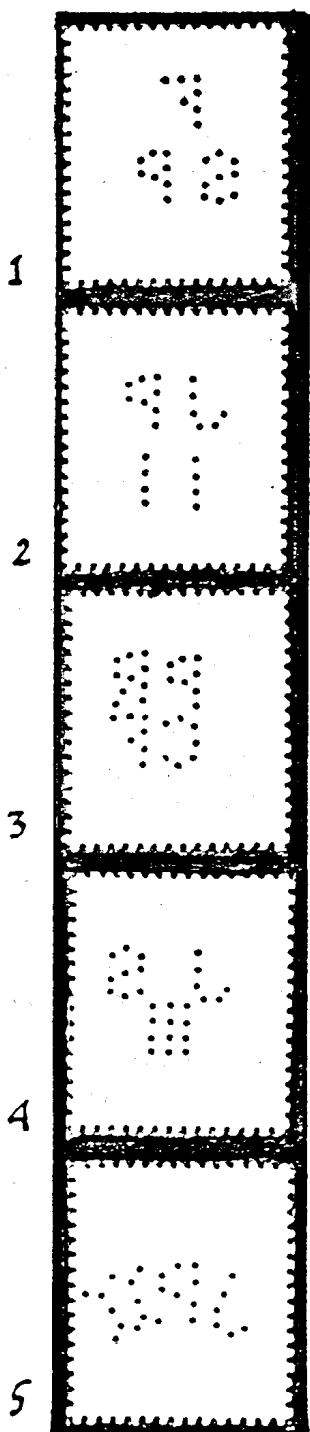


Fig.1. - Issued 4th July 1980 S/F/P 4½ 9/7/8 to commemorate the founding of the Polish Philatelic Society, the words in Polish being Stowarzyszenie Filatelistow Polskich. A series of covers for various events carried these perfins, also used by members on envelopes for ordinary postal purposes.

Fig.2. - Issued 28th May 1982 JP/II 4½ 6,8/4,4 to commemorate the United Kingdom visit of Pope John Paul II, various commemorative envelopes marking the events of the tour bore these perfins.

Fig.3. - Issued 13th August 1983 PR/CF 4½ 8,10/7,7 to commemorate the Polish Regimental Colours Foundation at the 'Annual Reunion Day' event. These perfins were used on commemorative postcards marking the occasion

Fig.4. - Issued 12th Sept. 1983 JS/III 4½ 6,9/4,4,4 to commemorate the part played by King Joannes III Sobieski in the Battle of Vienna in 1683. These perfins were used on philatelic covers produced to mark the exhibition on this event in London

Fig.5. - Issued 15th October 1983 JP/II 5½ 6,8,12 to commemorate the 5th anniversary of Pope John Paul II as Pontiff and utilised on commemorative philatelic material produced for the London exhibition to mark this event.

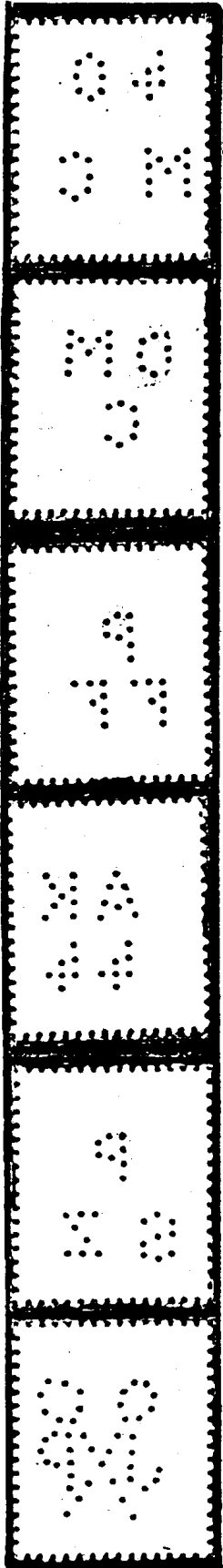


Fig.6. - Issued 18th May 1984 40/MC 4½ 7,8/11,7 to commemorate the participation of the Polish Army in the Battle for Monte Cassino 40 years on, a particularly hard battle which saw the monastery destroyed, people of many Allied nations killed and the bombing of which was so heavy that it set off the nearby volcano Vesuvius. Used on postcards to mark this event.

Fig.7. - Issued 9th June 1984 DM/C 4½ 9,11/7 to commemorate the 30th year of the Divine Mercy College in Henley and issued on postcards to mark the event.

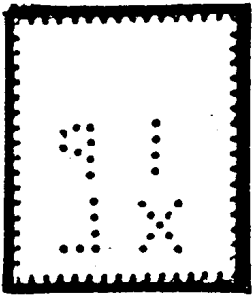
Fig. 8. - Issued 7th July 1984 P/FF 4½ 8/7,7 to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the philatelic group, Polska Federacja Filatelistyczna, and utilised on postcards produced to mark the event.

Fig.9. - Issued 1st August 1984 AK/40 4½ 8,9/7,7 to commemorate the Warsaw Uprising of the second, World War at the London exhibition to mark the event, the items being utilised on commemorative postcards and the actual words being Armia Krajowa 40th Anniversary.

Fig. 10 - Issued 15th August 1984 P/SZ 4½ 8/9,8 to commemorate the Polish Armed Forces, Polskie Siły Zbrojne, on postcards produced to mark the Annual Reunion Day for the Polish Regimental Colours Foundation.

Fig. 11 - Issued 11th May 1985 JYP 5½,14,5½ 10,27,7 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Death of Marshall of Poland Jozef Pilsudcki and issued on philatelic material produced to mark the event, the central design representing the crossed batons of a military serving Marshall

Fig.12 - Issued 15th August 1985 IP/XL 4½
4,8/9,6



to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Polish Institute, Instytut Polski XL, the XL representing in Roman numerals 40, and used on commemorative philatelic material produced to mark this occasion

Some of the philatelic covers and postcards may still be available from the address given above, why not ask when you write for the perfins? This is a brief outline of the perfins so far issued and the reasons for their issuance and is produced in this form to facilitate easy filing in members perfin information folders.

CAN ANYONE HELP

by Catalogue Editor



We have been shown the above example of a pair of perfins NE/TA struck on a 4d Wilding. The unusual point is that they have been struck through stamp and cover. The cover has been cut to a piece so no information is given by it, except the postmark "DARLINGTON 1967 (?) CO. DURHAM". Has anyone any information or ideas?

BOARD OF TRADE FAKES

by Tony Edwards

These fakes remain on the market, more due to the lack of knowledge of the dealers than with any attempt to defraud I am sure. Opposite is an illustration of a British Philatelic Association Certificate, which identified as genuine an example of what is obviously a type 3 fake. In view of this even items sold "with certificate" must be treated with caution. In this context it should be noted that the Expert Committee (in a note on the back of the Certificate) accepts no responsibility for opinion expressed as to the genuineness or otherwise of stamps submitted to them. Also dealers usually absolve themselves of any responsibility for stamps sold with certificates.

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

by Roy Everett

Since the publication, in issue 223, of 10 different varieties of design N3700 the pair shown below have turned up. So now we know that No. 5 is to the immediate left of No. 1. Does anyone else have any pairs (details to the Editor please).

FORGERIES

by Reg Powell

What about 'Forgeries' as a side-line to your Perfin collection? Forged perfin patterns exist for the few dies that in early days gained publicity through normal stamp catalogues, and those of the British Board of Trade and the Canadian Federal Officials are mentioned in recent publications (1) (2). But I am dealing with a forged overprint on a perfinned stamp, it is a KEVII ½d blue green with 'ARMY OFFICIAL' overprint and the 'H & L/L' perfin.

Stamps bearing official overprints would have needed no perfins, so do not feature in the book of reference (1). Nor were such Official stamps available for use by other agencies, so, I would expect this perfin of Hart and Levy Ltd., of Leicester to have been amongst the bunch of used stamps to which the overprint was applied. The overprint will be seen to differ markedly from either of the true types, so must be pronounced as a forgery. Indeed, the same pronouncement would have been made had the match been perfect, for the perfin truly serves as a security device.

Could this be the source of the perfinned overprints mentioned on p3 of issue 223?

(1) G.B. Official Perfins

by T. A. Edwards and B. C. Lucas, 1984.

(2) Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials

by J. C. Johnson and G. Tomasson 1985.

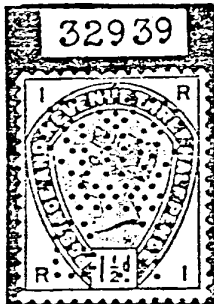
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THE BRITISH PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, LTD.
EXPERT COMMITTEE

3 BERNERS STREET,

LONDON, W.1.....5 FEB. 1958

The Committee is of the opinion that the
Great Britain Official Stamps 1883
1/2^d lilac perforated with the Crown
above the letters B.T. (for official use of
the Board of Trade) unused is genuine



[Handwritten signature]
T. H. E. Jones
A. L. Pennington
[Handwritten signature]

This opinion is given subject to the conditions printed on the back hereof

MEMBERS REQUESTS

Two requests for information.

- a) an article by Hugh Amooore entitled The Officials of the Cape of Good Hope was published in the April 86 issue of S A Philatelist p.93-5. Briefly summarized : the Cape of Good Hope Government Printing and Stationary Department used a perfin, consisting of 11 holes in the shape of two triangles. These are not common in South Africa as it would appear that they were used primarily on overseas mail. The following issues are recorded with this puncture: SG 62, 68-69, 71-72, 74-77. This same puncture was used to cancel some Union revenues. He raises a number of areas where information is needed.

Which Departments used these officials?

Are there proving covers?

Were any additional issues punctured?

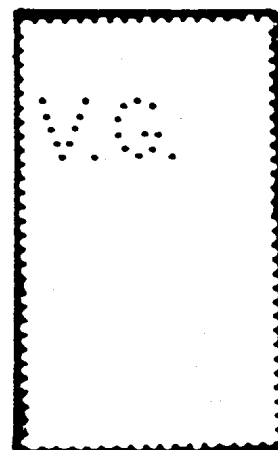
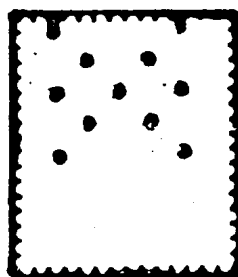
Dates of usage?

- b) the Agent General for Victoria used the perfin V.G. on British stamps. These are hence similar in status to the C OF A and C/OF/A patterns used by other Australian officials in London.

Any information about issues perforated, period of usage etc. would be appreciated.

I would also like to obtain copies of either of these perfins on any issues. Am willing to purchase or exchange Australian perfins (official or private) for them.

David Andersen



PRICES REALISED IN PERFIN SOCIETY AUCTION NO. 2 (1986)

LOT NO.	REALISED
1	1.20
2	0.55
3	0.20
4	0.30
5	u/s
6	0.30
7	0.25
8	2.10
9	0.80
10	0.80
11	3.60
12	2.10
13	0.90
14	2.10
15	3.00
16	2.00
17	1.40
18	u/s
19	1.90
20	2.80
21	1.70
22	0.50
23	u/s
24	0.95
25	1.40
26	2.10
27	1.90
28	0.95

LOT NO.	REALISED
29	2.20
30	0.95
31	0.35
32	1.00
33	u/s
34	1.10
35	1.60
36	0.50
37	u/s
38	2.70
39	1.60
40	1.75
41	0.95
42	1.60
43	0.50
44	1.10
45	0.50
46	1.20
47	0.95
48	1.20
49	0.95
50	0.95
51	1.20
52	1.10
53	1.70
54	0.95
55	1.70
56	1.90

LOT NO.	REALISED
57	1.60
58	0.95
59	0.80
60	0.65
61	0.65
62	1.10
63	0.25
64	2.40
65	3.60
66	3.70
67	2.80
68	1.50
69	1.20
70	1.20
71	4.10
72	1.20
73	7.80
74	8.10
75	7.70
76	2.80
77	10.60
78	12.60
79	14.20
80	10.50
81	1.50
82	4.30
83	u/s
84	2.20

LOT NO.	REALISED
85	2.00
86	2.10
87	2.10
88	17.60
89	16.20
90	6.10
91	0.80
92	3.80
93	4.60
94	3.60
95	1.00
96	1.90
97	5.10
98	3.20
99	1.50
100	0.75
101	0.75
102	2.60
103	u/s
104	6.10
105	5.10
106	4.60
107	-
108	-
109	-
110	-
111	-
112	-

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NEW IDENTITIES

by Catalogue Editor

From Mrs Rosemary Smith

C0530.03	C.B/B	8,15/15	4½,5/5	Cadbury Brothers, Birmingham.	B
-	H	15	9	R. S. Hudson, Liverpool.	
B7070.05	B&T	13,13,7	5½(III)	Butler & Tanner, Selwood Printing Works, Frome.	H
S1620.02	S&C°	11,12,8,6	4½ (IIIa)	Stubbs & Co. Ltd., Corn merchants & millers, Stone, Staffs.	S
-	RB/&Co..	13,14/15,10,8	5½(IIIb)	Robert Baelz & C., St. Mary Axe, London E.C.	E
M4700	M.R/C	15,12/8	5½	Midland Rubber Co. Ltd., Birmingham.	F
B7390.02	B.C/L	13,8/6	5½/4½	Burgis & Colbourne Ltd., Leamington.	
G3700.02a	GNR	9,10,10(wide N)	5	Great Northern Railway	I
P1010.01	PCL	10,8,7	5	Prices Patent Candle Co. Ltd., Bromborough Pool Works, Nr. Birkenhead	F
S4330	S Crown J	12,59,9	4,18½,4	Ø Spear & Jackson, Sheffield	A
H0360.09	HB	12,15	6	Ø Hunter Barry & Co. Ltd. , Glasgow.	D
F1305	FEPCo./L ^d	8,10,10,8,6/7,7	5½	Frictionless Engine Packing Co. Ltd., Hendham Vale Works, Manchester.	F
-	S	11	7½	Arthur Smart & Sons, Ltd. , Rockcliffe Mills, Manchester.	I
C3770	CIS/Ltd	8,5,10/7,5,7	4½	Co-operative Insurance Soc. Ltd, Corporation St, Manchester.	I
F3100	FORD	8,10,12,11	5½	Ford Motor Co. Ltd., Trafford Park, Manchester,	I
-	T&C	7,15,8	4½,5½,4½	Thomson & Carlisle, London EC.	
-	J.L/&Co.	7,7/13,7,6	5½(III)	J. Lohden & Co. W.Hartlepool.	F
H6530.02	HS/Co	12,10/8,4	5	Hines, Stroud & Co. Ltd., 13, Friday St., EC4.	H
J4720.03	JK/&S	7,10/14,10	5(III)	J Keeves & Sons Ltd., Shoreditch, E2	I

E4360	E.S/Ltd	10,11/7,5,7	5½	Correction to Tilles. Should Stop between E & S in text	
B2940.01	B&G	13,13,10	5½(III)14½(wide)	Brown & Glegg Ltd., Edinburgh	I
L3440.01	LLA	7,7,10	4½	The London Life Association Ltd., London EC	B
E0520	E.C.	10,8	5½	County Borough of Eastbourne	I
P0570	PB/Co	10,13/8,6	4	The Produce Brokers Co. Ltd., London EC	F
N -	N/&Co.	14/13,9,6	6	Nuttal & Co., St. Helens.	H
H1300.02	HC/&Co	10,7/12,7,4	4½(Ia)	Chethams, 23 Sentinel St., London W1	W
I0520.01	I/CS	5/8,10	5	International Correspondence Schools, Ltd., WC2	M
S -	SF/Co	10,8/8,4	5	Sandycroft Foundry Co. Ltd., Chester	F
S -	SCF	9,7,7	4½	Sporting Club Francais, Jersey.	W
C -	CT/B	8,7/13	4½	Charles Taylor (Birmingham) Ltd., Birmingham	I
F -	<u>F</u>	13	6½	H. & C. J. Feist, Crutched Friars, London EC	F
J7150.01	J&S/M	7,13,10/15	4½(Ia)	Jaffe & Sons, Manchester.	I
B0640	(Name is BLESSIG not BLESSING)				

From Michael Rucklidge.

P0605.01	PB/&Co.	11,14/14,10,8	4½/5½(III)	Peck Brothers & Co. London EC	
G3400	GM/&G	10,15/14,10	4½(III)	Ginner, Morton & Goddard.	

Correction

G2790	GJECo	(Monogram) should obviously be:			
O -	OE&Co (monogram)	72 in all	17	Orme Evans & Co. Ltd., Wolverhampton	