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EDITORIAL

We are pleased to report that Frank Tully has agreed to join the production team as Assistant Bulletin Editor. For the time being Tony Edwards will deal with the reception and editing of articles while Frank will deal with the organisation and publication of the actual Bulletin pages. So for the present send articles to Tony (we still need them) and complaints to Frank !

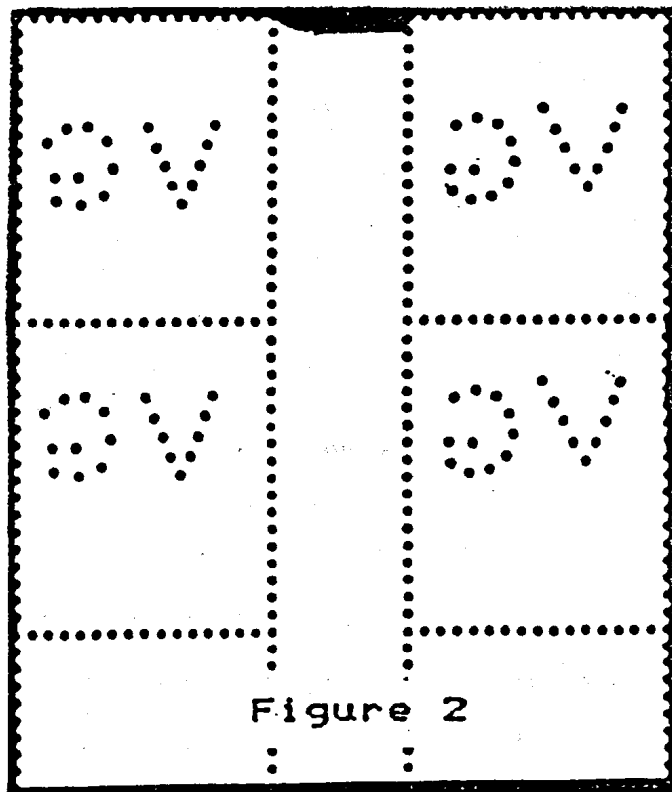


Figure 2

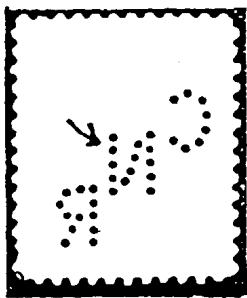


Figure 3

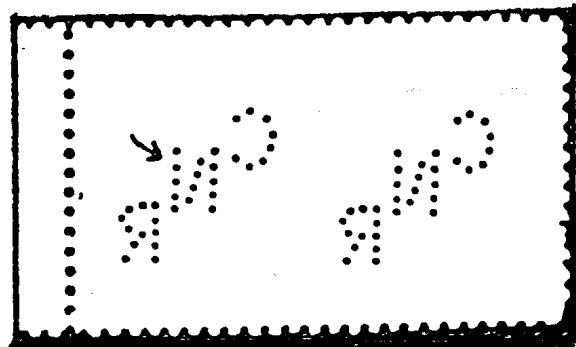


Figure 4

LOOKING FOR NEW PERFIN TYPES

by Jon Johnson

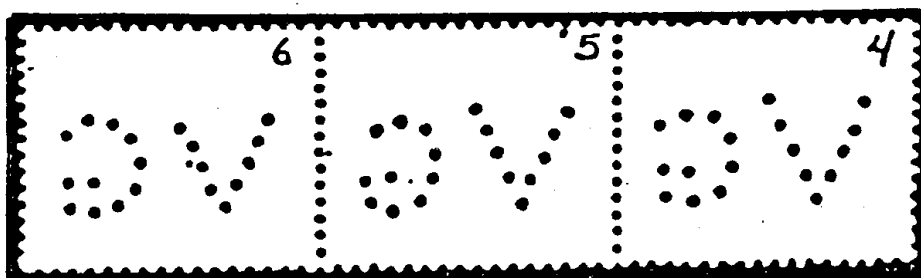
I have noted over the past few years an increase in the search for new perfin types (patterns) which appear to be quite similar. I heartily support this work as I think that it is an area that has been sadly overlooked in the past.

I suspect that some collectors do not really understand what they are looking for when they are reviewing piles of similar perfins. In Canada all of the perforations from a single machine are given one number. If there are differences between the perforations from a machine they are "varieties" of the same perfin pattern. For a dramatic example, see Figure 1. This is a strip of three of the common Australian State Official — VG. The varieties (dies) are numbered 4 through 6. The G in dies 4 and 5 each have 10 holes; die 6 has 11. Although die 6 is very different — it is only considered to be a die variety. Figure 2 shows a gutter block of the same pattern showing both types of G. As single stamps, these would appear to be different patterns, but using multiples they are seen to be from the same perforator.

In Canada, the C20 perfin is very common. However, it was only a few years ago that through die plating it was discovered that there were two equally common perfins. Figure 3 is the old listing for C20. An example of the new C20a is shown as Figure 4. The most notable difference is the height of the last hole in the N — with C20a showing a greater separation between the last two holes. Later searching turned up the actual C20a machine, verifying the conclusion derived from die plating.

So, when trying to determine if a perfin is a new type or simply a variety, you have to be careful and think about what you are doing. The easiest way to proceed is to gather as many pairs or multiples of the perfin as you can. Then by careful observation for EXACT match-up, you can plate the dies. Even without completing the plating, you may realize that all you have is a die variety of the perfin. Even though you are not interested in die plating -- PLEASE DO NOT SPLIT MULTIPLES since they may be very useful research tools in the future.

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THE PERFINS OP THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND MALAYA

by William Hall

I recently bought a quantity of Straits Settlements perfins at the Society's auction. I have compiled a list of all the different dies I found. I wondered if any other members could add to the list and provide some identities of them.

<u>Perfin</u>	<u>No. of holes</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Perfin</u>	<u>No. of holes</u>	<u>Height</u>
AC	10,8	5½	G&C°.L ^d	10,13,8,6/7,7	6/5½
A.G	10,10	5½	HBC°/P	12,14,8,4/10	4¾/4¾
A.P.C	10,9,8	4¼	HSB	9,10,12	4¼
A.P.C/S	10,9,9/10	4¼/4½	HS/BC (*)	11,10/13,9	6½/6½
B&C°	15,14,8,6	4½	HS/BC (*)	11,11/13,8	5½/5½
B&C°.	13,12,8,6	4¼	HB/SBC	11,13/14,13,8	5½/5½
B&C°.	15,13,8,6	6½	JL&CO/+	7,7,14,8,4/5	4½/4
B&C°./S	13,12,8,6/14	5¾/6	LP/L	7,10,7	5¼/5¼
B.C.L	13,8,8	5½	M°.A&C°./L ^d	15,6,10,13,8,6/7,7	5¼/4¾
B&K	13,13,10	5½	MBI (*)	15,14,5	8
B.M.C	15,19,12	6½	NCI	13,8,5	5
B.M.C	17,25,12	7	PS/&C°	10,10/14,8,4	5/5
CBI (*)	8,13,5	5¼	S.T.O.	11,7,8	5½
CBI (*)	7,11,4	4½	TC/&S (*)	7,8/14,10	4
F&N	7,12,10	4½	W.M/&C°.	15,15/13,8,6	5½/5½
G&C°.	10,13,8,6	4½	YS/B (*)	7,11/15	5¾/5¼

Identities are known for the perfins marked (*)

I would like to buy or swap any Straits Settlements perfins

An illustrated catalogue of these perfins has now been produced and is available from the above address on receipt of a large self-addressed envelope and postage (20p inland).

GLC PERFINS

Member Roy Everett informs us that the die I GLC (with GL close) has been found on 2p, 14p, 11½p Machins, 50p large blue Machin and £1 (decimal) Machin.

PERFIN CATALOGUES OF THE WORLD

by The Catalogue Editor

Members often ask me about catalogues of other countries. Although as Perfin Society Catalogue Editor I have no direct association with overseas catalogue I thought it would be useful to compile a list of published catalogues. Not all those listed are still available and many are not in the library, but you may be able to find one if you require.

The list does not include handbooks of United Kingdom specialist listings (that is to be published in our next issue....Editor), but if anyone has any information regarding any other national catalogue let us know at the editorial address and we will publish a supplement.

ARGENTINA	: Sellas Fostales Ferforados de la Republica Argentina	Bosa	1985
AUSTRIA	: Katalog Rakovskych Perfinú	Maxa/Moore	-
	: Dodatek ke Katalogu Rakovskych Perfinu	Maxa	1973
BALKANS	: Katalog Perfinu Balkánských Zemí	Maxa	1984
BULGARIA	: A Catalog of the Perfins of Bulgaria	Maxa	-
CANADA	: Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials	Johnson/Tomasson	1985
CHINA	: Perfins of China & French, German Offices Kiautschou	Tilles	1976
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	: Perfins of the Territory of Czechoslovakia	Maxa	1972
	: Katalog Perfinu z území Československa	Maxa/Fejtek	1981
	: Dodatek ke Katalogu Perfinu z území Československa	Maxa	1982
DENMARK	: Handbog over Danskefirma Perforeringer	Engelbrecht	1983
EGYPT	: The Perfins of the Middle East	Tilles	-
FRANCE	: Catalogue des Timbres Perfores France et Cols	Dedecker/Herbert/Janot	1984
GERMANY	: Deutsche Lochungen (in prep.)	Hillmann/Kinkel/Smetser	1986
GREAT BRITAIN	: Catalogue of Illustrations of British Perfins	Van Lunt	1959
	: The Perfins of Great Britain	McKee/Tomkins/Tilles	-
	: Illustrated Catalogue of GB perfins (in preparation)	Edwards	1986
	: Simplified Catalogue of Perfins	SEPS	1965/70
	: Tomkins Catalogue of Identified GB Perfins	Edwards	1986

HONG KONG	: Perfins of Hong Kong	Tilles	-
HUNGARY	: Perfins of Hungary : Katalog Madarskych Perfinu	Maxa/Malyon Maxa	1978 1983
INDIA	: Perfins of India	Bayanwala	1977
IRELAND	: Ireland: Catalog of Perfins	Mewhinney	1984
JAPAN	: Japanese Perfin Catalog	Adachi	1980
LEBANON	: The Perfins of the Middle East	Tilles	-
NETHERLAND	: List of Perfins of the Netherlands and Curacao Neth. Antilles and Neth. Indes	Enschede	1976
NEW ZEALAND	: NZ Stamps with Perforated Initials	Samuel	1968
PERSIA	: The Perfins of the Middle East	Tilles	-
ROMANIA	: Katalog Rumnskych Perfinu : Perfin Catalog of Romania	Maxa Eros	1981 1983
SPAIN	: A Catalogue of Spanish Perfins	Everett	1985
SUDAN	: The Perfins of the Middle East	Tilles	-
SWEDEN	: Svenska Skyddsperforeringer	Bergman/Lagenvall	1981
SWITZERLAND	: The Perfins of Switzerland	Hurlimarm/Ganz	1985
TASMANIA	: Perfins of Tasmania	Anderson	1985
TURKEY	: The Perfins of the Middle East	Tilles	-
WALES	: Y Catalog Bach Perffinau Cymraeg	Edwards	1985
YUGOSLAVIA	: Perfiny z Území Jugoclvavia	Maxa	-

U.D.Co of L Ld

A number of members reported that this carpet die is used by the Union Discount Company of London Ltd. Thank you all.

The Perfins Bulletin for June-August 1985 had an article by Donald Whitehead entitled "Perfins on British Coils" that should be brought to the notice of our members. After naming the issues from coils that had sideways watermarks he listed about thirty patterns of perfins he had found on these stamps. In the issue of January 1986, I agreed, and added that upright watermarks occasionally came with coils, as could be recognised from their overlapped joins. Two examples were shown, V/B (Tilles V 17) on the ½d K.G.V with Royal cypher watermark upright with the coil join of a vertical coil, and S/&S (Tilles S 646.1) on the 1½d 1934 photogravure with the coil join of a privately made horizontal delivery coil. Regarding the Q.E.II stamps without watermark a watch must be made for signs of coil use. I have the perfin NG/B (N156A in Tilles) on a 2d Machin with the leader marked T480 of a coil for sideways delivery.

Mention should have been made of another feature that serves to indicate that a stamp has come from a coil. A stamp having clipped perforations is likely to have been fed from a machine taking coils. Figure 1 shows the front and back of a most unusual perfined stamp that has clipped perforations. Indeed it is one of the dummy stamps prepared by the stamp printers Harrison and Sons for their original trials on coil stamps. I wonder, did those trials include tests with perfins? Or, in the early days, before August 1912, was one of their dummy coils supplied to another early worker on a machine that would deliver and affix stamps with his 'AN' perforation ?

The perfin 'AN' was not in Tilles, but is number A 0560.02 in the most recent Society catalogue. Mr. Harry Skinner, who provided this data, says he has just one stamp with this perfin, which is an undated K.G.V 1d, watermarked Royal cypher, the issue of 1912. Furthermore, the stamp's perforations show evidence of having been fed from a machine, so, the user of AN's trials with the dummy stamp would seem to have been successful. The 'A' with its high centre hole is most unusual, and certainly differs from that of the Poko affixing machine, as does the 'N', see The GB Journal 16 17 1978. Messrs. Harrison and Sons were unable to help, but I wonder if any reader knows the identity of the perfin 'AN', or of the machine that was used?

Finally, are other perfins known on similar stamps that were produced for neither postal nor revenue use ?



When I send out the Edwards Catalogue parts to home members I enclose a statement indicating how much is owed or what credit stands. As, for reasons of economy, I send foreign members' parts as printed matter I cannot do this. Some of you in this category have a credit, others do not. I must ask these members to keep their own accounts. The cost of each part will be given in the bulletin : "C" costs £2.50, "T" £1.50 for surface mailing and £1.00 more in each case for air mailing.

In view of the change of format (ommission of identities) it is desirable that the relevant pages be amended to the new format. This has been done. Some purchasers may be willing to keep the old format so I ask those who wish to receive the new format pages to let me know as soon as possible. The pages are the first of the introduction and A, Q, U, V, X, Y, Z, numbers, patterns and monograms, a total of 42 pages. Total cost will be £3.00.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

We can look back on a very successful year. Membership has increased and now stands at about 230. Some 50 members joined in the financial year which much more than offset the wastage due to the deaths, resignations and lapsings.

The new Edwards catalogue has gone very well. With the Tilles catalogue experience in mind (it sold very poorly in this country) we were not too optimistic initially and set a figure of 20 for minimum sales, any less than this would not have made it worthwhile. At present we have 76 and most have been pleased with it, many to the extent of "voting with their cheque-books" by sending money in advance.

There have been three changes in officials. Harry Skinner has taken over as auctioneer from Peter Day. David Scott has taken over the sales packet from John Luft. Mike Hankin has had to resign as librarian due to illness and so far we have not got a replacement. Our thanks are due to all these, plus of course those who remain in their posts.

J. M. Rucklidge

Hon. Secretary

THE PERFIN SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Account for Year ended 31st August 1986

<u>84/85</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>84/85</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£</u>
663	Subscriptions	950	770	Bulletin	953
	Auction 3285		42	Printing & postage	251
367	3099	186	-	Library	80
866	Publications	458	25	Meetings	49
4	GIRO interest	7	15	BPF subscription	20
25	Abb. Nat. B.S. interest	29	-	Bowman prize	10
2	Donations	-	650	Officials book	-
-	Catalogue sales	693	-	Catalogue cost	815
			425	Surplus	145
<u>1927</u>		<u>£2323</u>	<u>1927</u>		<u>£2323</u>

Balance Sheet 31st August 1986

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>£</u>
Balance 1.9.85	2306	Bank, GIRO, Cash	2990
Surplus	145	Premium bonds	150
Members' balances	1094	Abb. Nat. B. S.	405
	<u>£3545</u>		<u>£3545</u>

NOTES

1. Auction has some £80 due.

2. Publications for 84/85 was in fact for two years.

3. Catalogue shows a paper loss of £122, but we have paid the major part of producing the masters and we have some 48 copies in hand. It is almost certain that the Perfins Club will buy some if not all of these.

4. Printing and postage includes officers expenses and the supply of note paper, various Literature etc. which will last for some time yet.

5. Library is principally the cost of moving it; unfortunately Mike Hankin cannot continue so this cost will be incurred again.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

New Members

VON POLENZ W.

RAYNER D.S.

PHILLIPS S.H.

MITCHELL R. S.

SANDY A.

CUTLER D. J.

DELL D. R. S.

MILNE G. R. D.

Resignations

COLTON SMITH N. RADNOR.

Lapsed

KNAPP NAGLE WHITFIELD.

Change of address

COLCHESTER P. S.

BEARD J. M.

TARRANT R. J.

SUBSCRIPTIONS by Hon. Treasurer.

Subscriptions were due on September 1st. At the time of writing there are some 82 outstanding. Membership cards are sent out with the bulletin. So if you have not yet received one you probably have not paid. It is unfair to members who have paid to continue sending bulletins to those who have not. Consequently If I do not receive subscriptions by December 31st I must reluctantly assume that you do not wish to continue as a member. Those who are thus "lapsed" must pay a re-joining fee of £2.00 plus the outstanding subscription if they rejoin subsequently. I am sorry if I sound dictatorial, but I have a duty to the Society to maintain financial stability.

NEW IDENTITIES

by Catalogue Editor

From H. Dobson

C3923	* Monogram			Orme Evans & Co. Ltd., Wolverhampton	I
O1205	O&M/Ld			Osman & Matthews Ltd, London EC	I
H6320.01	H.S			Hermann Schurhoff & Co. Ltd., Birmingham	I
B3820.03	BJ/&B			Bayliss, Jones & Bayliss, Wolverhampton	I

From Reg Powell

W6750.02	WSC			Warren Sons & Co, London	B-F
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From Rosemary Smith.

M5390.02	MSW			Midland & South Western Junc. Railway	F
N2310.01	NO....			Newport Education Committee, Mons	I
S1210.01	SC			Ø Stockport Council	W
M0010	M			Maple & Co. London W1	I-M
A2250.02	A.F/B.			Anglo-Foreign Bankng Co. Ltd	

From Arthur Smith

-	V&Z	9,13,9	5½ (III)	B.H. Vos & Zonen, Bradford	Q
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From unknown.

P0605.01	PB/&Co			Peek Bros. & Co. London EC	D
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From A.J. Johnson

-	AE (Monogram)	25	6	Allen Everitt & Co. Birmingham	D
-	S.S/&Co		6 (III)	Schuster Son & Co, London	D

From Frank Tully

-	MC	11,7	5½,5	Ø Margate Council	
-	MC	11,7	5½	Ø Margate Council	
-	MC	15,9	6½	Ø Margate Council	
-	LV/FS	6,7/7,8	4½	Ø Liverpool Victoria Friendly & Approved Society. WC1	
-	F	7	4½	Ø W.N. Froy & Sons, Ltd. W6	

* This has been incorrectly assigned to the C group but the letters are in fact O & E Co, its new no. is O 0605.

from Reg Powell.

C7520	C/T	8/7	5½	Carpet Trades Ltd., Kidderminster	W
W3250	W.G./&S	15,10/13,11	5½(III)	William Gossage & Sons, Ltd. Widnes. (Confirm-removes Ø)	W
B5630.07	B&P	13.13,10	5½(III)	Boulton & Paul ltd. Norwich.	I
P1810	P.E.C ⁰	11,10,8,4	4½	Pritchard Englefield & Co., London EC.	B
M0770	M.B.S	15.14,10	5	Municipal Building Society, London EC.	B
F4260	FU/DC	7.8/9.7	4½	Farnham Urban District Council, Surrey.	V
N0540.01	N&C	13.13.8	4½(IIIa)	Nicholls & Clarke Ltd., London El.	F
B1110.03	BC	11.7	4½	Bootle Council, Lanes.	W
F4370	F.W./&Co.	8.14/12,8,6	5¼½(IIIa)	F Warren & Co., London	F
T0770.01	T.C	7,8	5½	Borough of Todmorton.	W
E4910.01	EU/DC	9,8/9,7	4½	Esher UDC.	W
-	CC	7,7	4½x9½	The Council House, Coventry.	W
C0460.15	CB	11,15	8	Collier & Co., Plymouth.	-
W6750.02	WSC			Warren Son & Co., London.	B-F

from G. G . Palmer.

L3430.02	L&L	7,12,7	4	Lake & Co., London and Lake & Lake, London	B B
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From W.J. Hall

-	T.C	7,8	5½	Ø Todmorton Corporation	V
B1110.04	BC	14,8	4½	Ø Blackburn Corporation	M

From Mrs M.R. Smith

C1010.05	CB/WH	7,11/13,10	4½	Confirmation – County Borough of West Hartlepool	
C3620	CICo	8,5,8,4	5	Caledonian Insurance Co., London EC2	Q
T0415	T/BC	6/11,7	4½	Thamesdown Boro. Council	V
J1450	JC/DB	7,8/11,13	4½	James Carter & Co. London	F