

PERFINS 'WCR' of WATNEY COMBE & REID Dave Hill

These perfins, 12 in all (but not all positively identified with the firm) neatly occupy a page of the New Illustrated Catalogue. I have made the following analysis.

The 12 dies are used between 1910 and 1972. Of the ordinary sheet perfins, **W1480.04** was the first, a single die in use from 1910 to 1939. The multidie W1480.01M was in use from 1930 to 1940. Both of these were possibly destroyed in the 1941 Blitz.

W1480.03b was used from 1941 to 1952 and **W1480.03** from then, 1952, until 1972. Was this last a new machine or a repair? Was it multi-headed? the die configuration is not known.

Nothing is known of W1480.05 except it is the only one with a 9 pin 'R'. We have no record of values perforated or period of use.

There are 2 possible wartime provisionals, W1480.06p and W1485.01. They may be the same die but are not listed in Sloper's Ledger.

Of the 5 coil perfins, **W1480.02** is the first, used from 1929 to 1939. W1480.02a, found c1935, is perhaps a fault with this machine. W1480.03c was used for a short period from 1939 to 1941 followed by **W1480.03h** from 1941 to 1952. A different format W/C/R (vertical) W1420JLL was used from 1945 to 1957.

If you check your WCR dies and find any dates etc which differ from the above, please report to the Catalogue Editor. The die numbers which are in bold type and underlined are the known identified dies. If you have identified covers for any of the others, please report.

