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REPLACEMENT

**Railway Worksheets
for 1988 : 4 pages.**

Auction No. 6 (1988)

EDITORIAL

More apologies - this time to our Railway Enthusiasts for my error in distributing their Worksheets without the Dies being illustrated. I am sorry to cause so much bother. Please destroy those sheets and use the replacement Worksheets enclosed with this Edition.

Most of this edition had been typed up (thanks to Bob) before the Postal Strike, so now things are starting to move slowly, it was decided to cut the number of pages to 8. This decision was really controlled by the fact that there are not enough contributions to make it much bigger. So it appears that if more do not arrive there will be more slim Editions.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions were due on September 1st. Thanks to those who have paid, and a gentle reminder to those who have not. If you have paid you will have received a membership card with this bulletin. So if you haven't got one you probably haven't paid.

Subscriptions are	£4.00 for U.K. members.
	£6.00 for overseas members with bulletin sent surface mail.
	£7.00 for overseas members with bulletin sent airmail.

HH/A - MULTIPLE DIE HEAD ?

by Roy Everett.

Further to my article in Edition 235: page 6.

I have acquired two stripe which must have been used on the same package as they appear to have been tied in by the postmarks which are '12 JAN 1984 HASTINGS EAST SUSSEX' in a Circle 3 cms diameter.

One strip is of 10 stamps and the other 8.

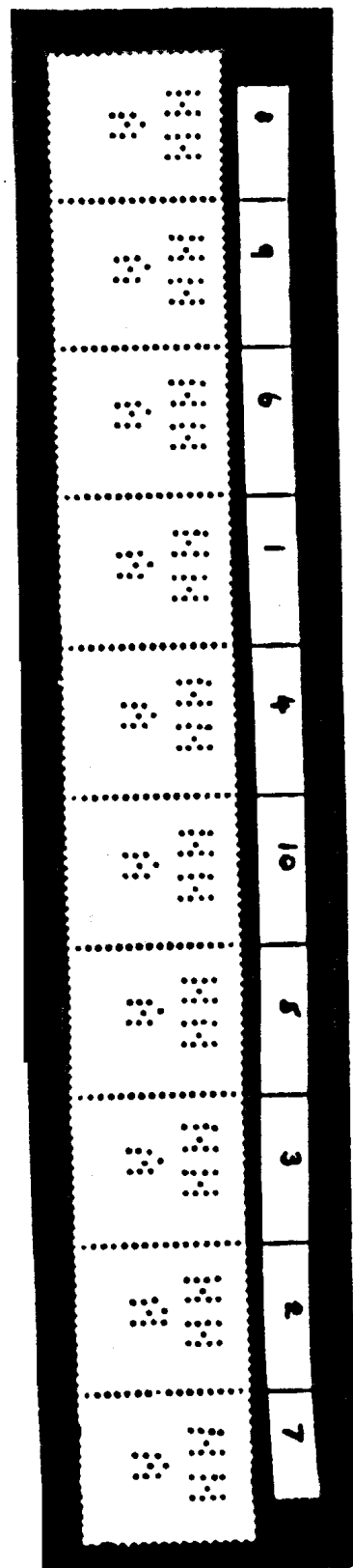
These confirm that the perfinning is made vertically.

Using the numbers of the provisional die placements given in the illustration from Edition 235, it appears that the exact position is now:-

8. 9. 6. 1. 4. 10. 5. 3. 2. 7.

All these patterns are viewed from the back, so the 'head' placement would be the reverse of this.

Editors It is regretted that the material supplied for illustration cannot be presented in full size - as is usual - owing to lack of space.



POLISH PERFINs

Information has been received that the Polish Philatelic Federation is staging a special stamps exhibition in which special hand-stamps and some of their perfined stamps will be used.

The Exhibition will be held at the 'Polish Social and Cultural Association Ltd.' 238/246 King Street, London, W6 ORF.

Dates:- 14th October 1988 until 18th October 1988.

Times:- 11.30 a.m. until 8.00 p.m.

Entitled:- "10th Anniversary of His Holiness Pope John Paul II Pontificate."

Further detailed Information may be obtained directly from:-
The Hon. Secretary, P.P.F. Exhibition Committee '88, Polish Philatelic Federation, 40 Ansell Road, London, SW17 71S.

AUTUMN MEETING

Final reminder that our autumn meeting is on
Saturday 12th November from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Baden-Powell House, Queen's Gate,
London.

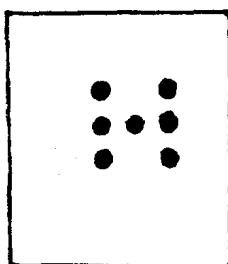
Do try to come - you are sure to find it
interesting.

MACHIN PERFIN QUERY

from Bob Putman.

My wife works in the Public Health Services Laboratory at Colindale (London N.W.9) and some of her colleagues share with her the stamps received on incoming mail. Recently she brought home a stamp with the perforation I illustrate below. Unfortunately there is no indication of the user or location of origin. (My wife is keeping an eye open in case a further example arrives).

It may be intended to be a letter 'H' but this is not definite. Also unusual is the size of the perforations. To be on the safe side I have included it in my "design" section. It is a Machin 18p value, and I can only assume that it originated somewhere in the public health organization. Has any member knowledge of this perfin?



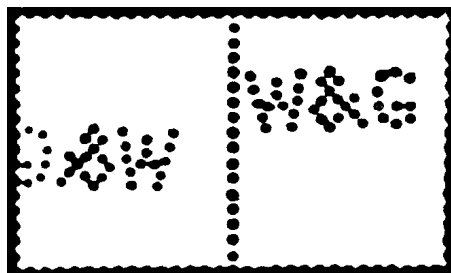
HOW OR WHY ?

by F. Seymour.

Illustrated below is a horizontal pair of perforated stamps: 2d Lt. Brown, 2 band, Wilding (S.G. 613a), postally used.

When viewed from the front the dies are inverted and reversed in relation to each other.

So in making this photocopy the stamps were inverted to make a reading of the patterns less troublesome and are viewed from the front.



Because the patterns are not horizontally in line I assume these stamps have come from a sheet, or strip, which was not folded.

My request is for any information as to why, or how, this perforating might have been done ?

Please send any replies to the Bulletin Editor to be forwarded.

The study of perfins on revenue stamps can be particularly rewarding. This is for several reasons - In some cases special dies were used for revenue stamps, and there are some users who did not put perfins through their postage stamps at all, so that only revenues are available to us for that particular user. An interesting example of the former is this 12/- Building and Civil Engineering Holiday Scheme stamp with SA/McA (must be McAlpine) perfin.



I have seen about five examples, all perfectly centred. Had this been done with a die designed for postage stamp format issues, perfect centring on all stamps would have been impossible. As an example of the latter, one has only to look at the Spanish document in the following article.

In revenue philately there is also a large number of official perfin cancels - many of them large and attractive, such as the Crown over R.C.J in circle or Crown and PROBATE, or the large fancy MC used on GB revenues. The existence of documents with supporting and identifying information adds interest to this particular area, and helps in the study of perfin usage.

This brings me to an important difference between postage and revenue stamps. Most postage stamps are cancelled by the Post Office, and a postmark, even if it does fall on a stamp and is legible, seldom does more than give a slight clue as to the user. Most revenues are cancelled by the user, and one not infrequently encounters revenues with a nice clear strike of the perfin as well as a hand-stamped cancel identifying the user. I believe that the study of usage should not be done in isolation - both postage and revenue stamps, with perfins, security endorsements, fiscal hand-stamps, on and off document and cover, all add to the study of the use of stamps, and are part of that great all-embracing world which is philately.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

by J. M. Rucklidge.

New members

RYAN MRS. JACKIE

DYE G.E.

BALT L.

HARRINGTON T. B.

WREGLESNORTH P.

BROWN A.F.

Resignation

GOSSAGE R.E.

Lapsed

AYLETT HOOVER

Changes of Address

BIRCH B.

HIGGS D.H.

SANDY A.

GLERUM J.

NEW IDENTITIES

from W. J. Hanson.

A&B	10,12,13	4½ (IIIa)	Arghi Bianchi & Co Ltd, Commercial Road, Macclesfield.	F
B.R.	14,11	5	A Boake Roberts & co, Ltd, Stratford, London E.	
CR/&S	8,12/14,10	5 (I)	C Richards & Sons, Imperial Works, Darlaston.	O
M	15	10	David Moseley & Sons Ltd, Chapel Field Works, Ardwick, Manchester.	O
J.C.M	7,8,15	5½	Richard Johnson, Clapham & Morris Ltd. 24 & 26 Lever Street, Manchester.	
JH/&S	7,12/14,10	4½ (I)	John Harwood & Son Ltd, Woodside Mills, Bolton.	
MB/&C ^o .	17,16/11,8	5½	Harsh Brothers Co, Ponds Steel Works, Sheffield.	O
RP	12,7	5½	Richard Fitton, Shaw Side Mills, Near Oldham.	O
R&S	12,12,11	5½ (IIIa)	Shaw & Sons, Fetter Lane, London.	
TM/&C ^o ./A	6,11/13,9,6/8	4½ (III)	T Middleton & Co, Adlington, Near Rochdale, Lancs.	

Please remember the
AUTUMN LONDON MEETING
12th November 1988