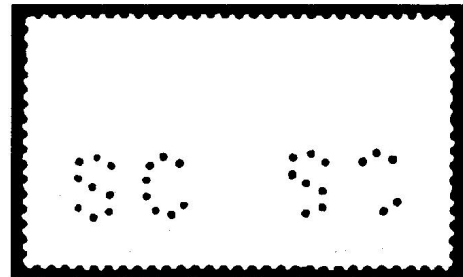


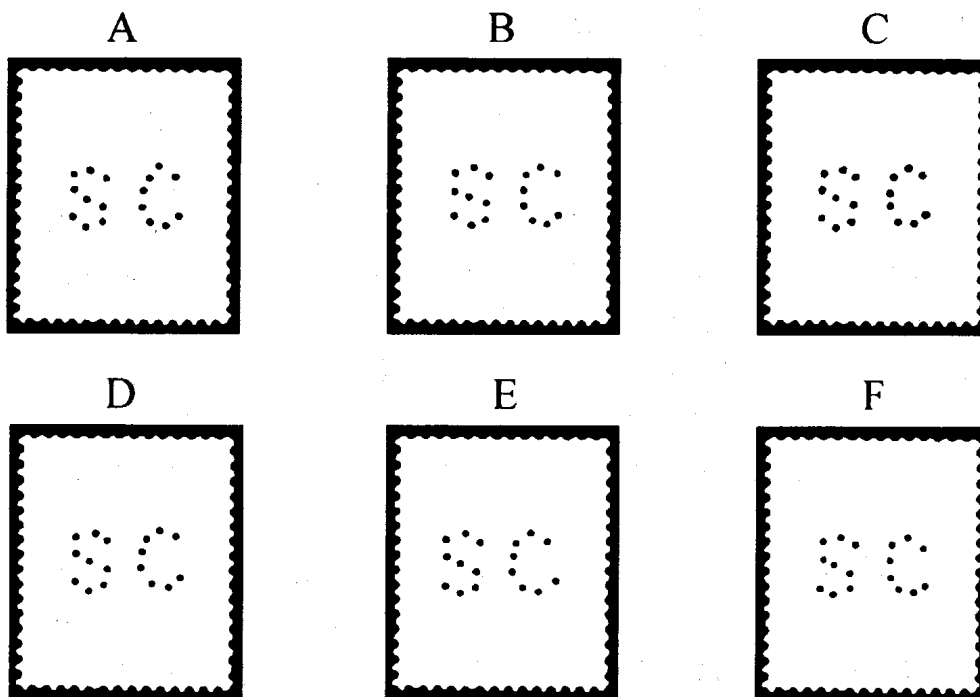
Salford Corporation's "SC"

In **Bulletin** No.323 I recorded Salford Corporation's perfin "SC" (S1210.04M) as the longest lived die with at least 101 years usage. This has now increased to *at least 107 years* by Jack Brandt's reporting of a Id Lilac dated 15 June 1888!

Early examples of "SC" (S1210.04M) appear with 'regular' letters. Note that the die is thought to have been multiheaded based on impressions on large format stamps with missing pins.



However, it would appear that the heads became progressively choked, and sometime in the early 1960's they were either refurbished or replaced. The resulting letters are distinctively 'irregular' and can be easily differentiated. *Six different patterns* can be recognised (A to F below) so the thought is that the original die would have been six patterns probably arranged 6x1.



Does anyone have any strips or blocks to help place the 'refurbished' patterns in their correct position in the die, or perhaps dated examples to help pinpoint when the refurbishment took place?