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EDITORIAL

I have been overwhelmed by the response to the Philitex Exhibition Judges' critique of our Bulletin which I published in full in Bulletin 262 Page 2. Some of your comments are better than mine to convey the feeling of every member who wrote in.

A.M. (England)

"Despite what the judges said, I find the Bulletin entirely satisfactory".

T.B. (England)

"I enjoy the Bulletin and think it is a good job of work."

A.S. (California)

"I have done some 'serious' Philatelic writing and have some complex projects in mind for my other enthusiasm - G.B. line engraved - but I never see any philatelic literature I would prefer to your Bulletin. It may not meet "industry" standards, but it serves the hobby very well. Please do not change the format. If you get research articles, by all means put them in - as indeed you do now. In fact, I would think the search for new identities, the discovery of new dies, the basic exploratory stuff that fills our pages is basic research. The difference may be that other fields have already used up this aspect - one of the most exciting - of their research possibilities. All the same - congratulations for a medal."

D.A. (Australia)

"I cannot agree with the judges' comments.

1. The purpose of the Bulletin is to provide club information, pass on new discoveries, provide a market place (i.e. auctions etc) and to publish articles of both general and specialised natures. The strength of a Bulletin like the Perfin Society Bulletin lies in the Balance between these aspects. The Bulletin is not to publish primarily "in-depth articles", but a good range, for a variety of levels of collectors from beginners to advanced.

2. What is philatelic depth? Do they mean plate flaws, plating of stamps? I presume that the thrust they expect is to study the stamp itself rather than the perfin. If this is the case their statement displays an ignorance of what a perfin collector collects. We are interested first in the perfin, then the stamp, postmark etc. On the contrary if such articles on perfins of a

country were published in a 'main stream' "Royal Society" type of publication, it would be regarded as highly specialised and in depth.

3. It is important in any philatelic journal to publish all information about new discoveries quickly rather than publish larger articles after many years gestation. Shorter, more 'dis-jointed' published articles will enable a more complete coverage of an area in a shorter time frame than 'traditional' publication after many years of work. Certainly shorter, less complete articles lack prestige but this is not the purpose of the Bulletin.

4. Unlike other philatelic areas illustrations of perfin are usually not of the design of the stamp or cover. Quite adequate information is shown on photocopies. The extra expense of having better quality illustrations seems a waste of time and money as little information will show up any clearer in a photograph.

5. What I feel it comes down to is that if the Bulletin meets the needs of the club membership it should not be changed to allow a higher standard of medal to be achieved (if this does not improve' the Bulletin in meeting the needs of the members). I don't feel myself that a changed format, more blank paper and better illustrations are going to help members. So don't take too much notice of the critique."

S.S. (England)

"Now as to Philitex '92 comments, typical from those who only see things through 'philatelic' eyes. Personally I'm more than happy with the content and presentation of the Bulletin. I wouldn't mind some more pages but how many hours are there in a day!!"

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MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

Earliest Perfin Bulletin 253 Pg.7; 261 Pg.15; 262 Pg.7.

I have now seen a photocopy of C2087.01 C.D/&C^o on 4d & 1/- Victoria stamps on identified entire to Peru dated MARCH 6TH 1869.

I have also been sent a report of a cover with perfin GR/W dated MAY 6th 1869 but no photocopy.

Can we push the date beyond March 6th 1869?

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MEMBERS ' QUERIES

LEEWARD ISLANDS

ROY COOPER

asks if anyone can tell him anything about the Leeward Island 1d Victoria (SG2) with perfin M.C./A. There is a reference to this stamp in Bulletin 244 Pg.12-13 but there was no mention of the identity of this perfin. There were no replies to the article in Bulletin 244 so if you have acquired further information since that date, please let Roy Cooper and the Editor have your comment.

ITALIAN PERFIN

Non-member John Duggan has written to the Society asking for help with an Italian perfin. The perfin is S.S. 10,10 and from the photocopy appears to be 7mm high. The cover is dated 23/5/34; stamps are 4x1.75 lire and 1x1.25 lire; posted from Genoa to the General Superintence Co. Ltd., Rio-de-Janiro via Air Mail. There is no identity on the cover and John would be pleased to know the name and nature of the business of the sender. Answers to Editor.

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MEMBERS' WANTS

Small nice cover with perfins from the following firms:- ALFA-LAVAL LTD; ELECTROLUX; SWEDISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; SKF with all type of pins. Good price for top quality.

Also:- Portrait photo of Joseph Sloper and stamps and covers with the following perfins:- J6820.01 (JS Monogram); J6850.01 (J.S.) and J6970.03 (J.S./Co) Top price for top quality. Replies direct to Stellan Swenson

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Non-member Lr. R. J. Hammink

will exchange European perfins for G.B. perfins.

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Non-member T. Josefsson

wishes to purchase perfins - on or off cover - used by any manufacturer of cycles.

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SOCIETY INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

New Members

MERRY J.W.
WALTER A.D.
MILBURN B.
VANDERAERDENE.

Resignations

DANN FREDERICKS

Death

WORNUM

Lapsed

DIXON	GIFFEN	HAIGH	HOLT	KREPP
MILNE	RYAN	SWENSON	WILLIAMS	

Change of Address

TAYLOR MRS. S.

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CAMBRIDGE MEETING

Although only two members have expressed an interest in this I hope this is due to reluctance to put pen to paper rather than lack of interest. So we are arranging this for 6th June. For details of venue etc. please contact:-

Derrick Muggleton

LONDON MEETING

Last reminder for the London meeting.

Date:- Saturday 15 May

Time:- 1p.m. to 5p.m.

Place:- Baden Powell House, Queen's Gate, London SW7 5JS

TOMKINS IDENTITIES CATALOGUE

The seventh edition of the Tomkins Catalogue is currently being printed. The cost will be approximately £4-50 plus postage, so that commercially we would sell at, say, £6-00.

However, previously we have distributed the pages a few at a time free with the Bulletin. In view of this and the fact that we have a healthy financial position, we shall distribute this edition free to members.

LIBRARY

Due to the generosity of Herr Manfred Kinkel a number of gaps have been plugged in the society's holding of Lochungen. For those who don't already know, Lochungen is the excellent publication produced by the German Working Party on Perfins and is produced four times per year.

Although like our Bulletin, it concentrates on the perfins of the home country, the publication contains many interesting articles on perfins from the rest of the world. For instance articles on Belgium, Ceylon and Russia have recently appeared.

If any member wishes to borrow copies of Lochungen, please contact the librarian, remembering they are in German, not English.

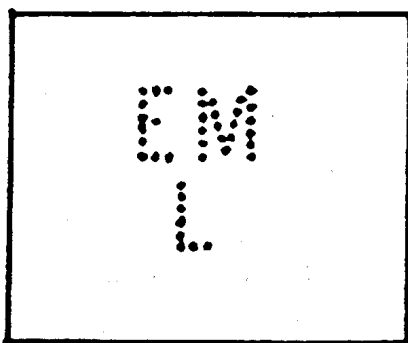
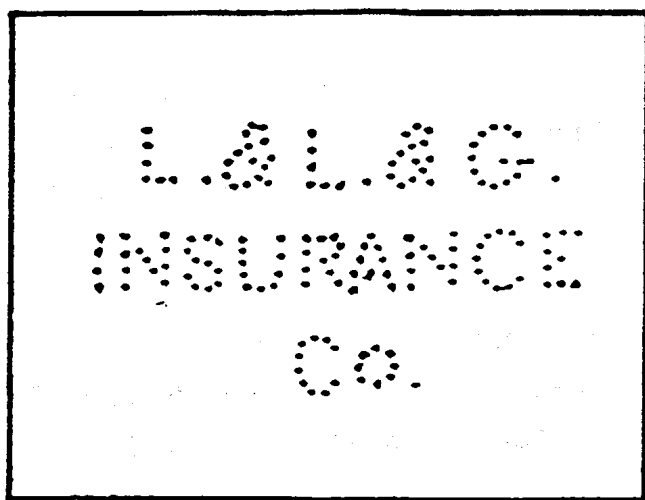
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PERFIN PINNACLES (OF AUSTRALIA) from John Mathews.

JOHN MATHEWS of Australia enjoyed Roy Gault's paper on this subject (Bulletin 260 Pg. 11) and it suggested to him the following Antipodean Perfin Pinnacles.

MOST HOLES

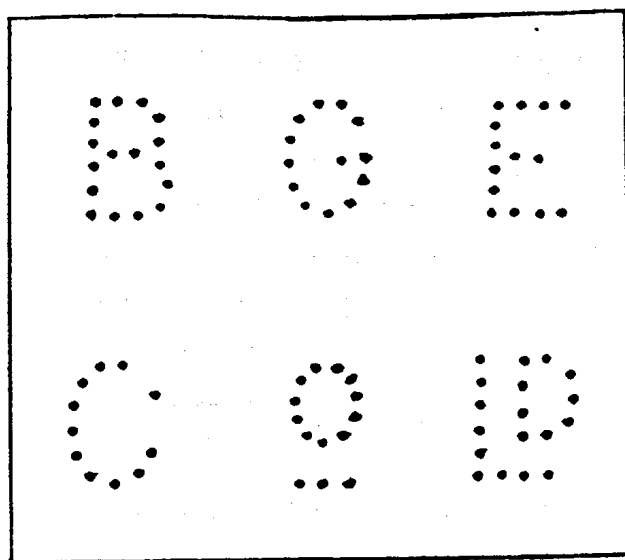
L. & L. & G./INSURANCE/C^o. has 166 holes (Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Co.) This perfin is known on both postage and revenue stamps, and its original purpose may have been for the latter. It would cover a block of 3x2 of the stamps in use at the time.



MOST REMOTE

EM/L (Edkins, Marsh & Co., stock & station agents of Longread, Queensland). Longread is 150 miles from the nearest part of the coastline and 625 miles from the nearest State capital (Brisbane). Lerwick, by comparison, is only 590 miles from London. A dated copy of "EM/L" shows the year 1908.

BIGGEST LETTERS (New category)

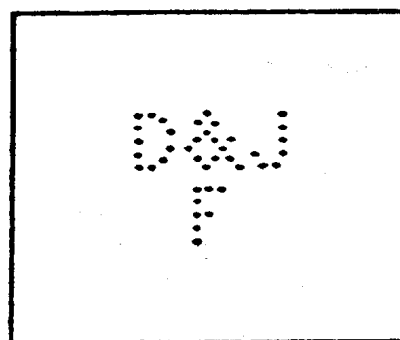


I offer BGE/CoLd of the British General Electric Co. Ltd. of Sydney(c.1925) which adequately covers 4 stamps. This is one of my personal favourites. I found the "BG/Co" part on a joined pair of used SG37 in one part of a dealer's stock book at a Fair, and a third copy loose (but obviously joined to the pair when on the envelope from the match-up of the post-

mark) in the back of the book! The loose one had the letters "Ld" A short illustrated article in our Australian Bulletin brought forth a "KGV Head" stamp which showed the "E" and part of the "G" which together with the other three stamps allowed the whole die to be seen. I presume this is what is meant by a 'carpet die'. The Roo and KGV Head stamps are the only known issues with BGE/CoLd perfin and thus no revenue or other non-postal usage.

LONGEST LIVED

D&J/F (D. & F. Fowler, Wholesale Grocers of Adelaide). Dated copies are known from 1884 to 1953, although G.P.O. archive records show permission was granted to them on 29/9/77. David Scott (Birm'ham) has already found the entry in the Sloper records for D&J/F - in Feb' 1880 - which we think is the earliest of the Australian ones even though that date is just over two years after they obtained 'Post Office' approval to perforate.



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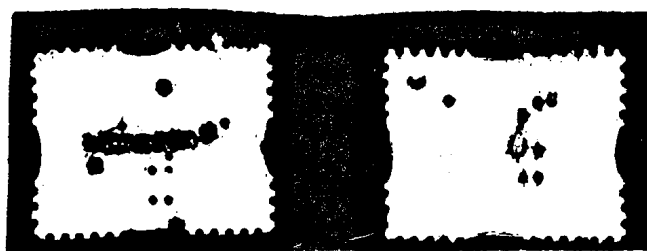
INSURANCE STAMP PERFORATIONS by DAVE HILL.

Sloper's records refer to the perforation of insurance stamps. In their earliest ledger there is a column set aside for this but there are few entries. In the second ledger there are many number perfins and ballot machine perfins. To explain, a ballot machine has a square of pins which are removable. Say there were 10 pins by 10 pins, this would I think, give 100 possible permutations of pin pattern. It is difficult to tell the difference between these ballot machine perfins. We can all identify the letters of the alphabet or numbers but meaningless patterns of pins are more difficult.

In this second ledger the patterns are mostly symmetrical but in Sloper's latest ledger there are more and they are less symmetrical. Incidentally in Sloper's records of employees there are some shown working solely on ballot machines, perhaps it was their job to produce these perfins.

When I first saw the latest ledger I was struck by the many numeral perfins in the insurance column and it was tempting to claim these as new identities even when most are unknown on postage stamps. I have now found examples of the ballot machine perfins on National Insurance Stamps from the 1970's although we have been unable to identify the user. I have also part of a stamped card which has been perforated all over to cancel it. Sloper's made similar machines or it may have been made by Grover of East London.

Another interesting sideline is the actual perforations used to separate the stamps. If you look closely you can see a crescent shaped gap in the perforation midway along each side, presumably this made them easier to separate. Apparently this type of perforation is used on the latest high value postage stamps.



I hope to obtain examples of the numeral perfins on earlier insurance stamps to complete our understanding of this part of the Sloper records.

Finally in Sloper's records of machines sold I have found what might be the original of these perfins. Machine number 65189 was supplied in 1932 to George Wimpey the builders and was a pattern of five pins in a dog leg. The book says "Specimen followed exactly as has been approved by the Ministry of Health. Holes not to be larger than those dividing sheets of Health stamps. Capable of perforating Health and Unemployment Stamps."

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL BACKGROUND TO JOSEPH SLOPER

This information is from an article by Michael Alpert entitled "West Hampstead's Railway Invasion". The 5 page article was published in 1979 and tells the whole story of the building of West Hampstead Station. I have a sincere apology to tender to the person who supplied me with this information - I have failed to keep a note of their name. Please write in and I will acknowledge in the next Bulletin.

For those who visited Sloper's Works, or know the area, you will recall that West Hampstead Underground Station is just round the corner from Blackburn Road, in which road is situated Sloper's Works.

One part of the article reads:-

"The land which the railway was to cross on its way from Finchley Road to West Hampstead was divided into fields. There were no buildings, except for odd sheds and piggeries lying where the line now curves after leaving Finchley Road. Most of the land was owned by the Lord of the Manor, Sir John Maryon-Wilson, though Blackburn Road, adjacent to the line, was occupied by Joseph Sloper.

Sloper owned the road which led to his engineering works, which still stands. He nagged the Vestry endlessly about encroachment and annoyance by the contractors for the line, the navvies and the vagabonds who camped out along the line of the works. He objected to West End Lane being raised for the bridge and refused the Vestry's offer to raise Blackburn Road and pay his

legal costs. Sloper's anger is puzzling. One would have thought that better transport could only be to his advantage as a factory-owner.

The only industrial buildings were Potter's Ironworks in West End, with West Cottages that were built for the workers, and Joseph Sloper's Works in Blackburn Road, probably est. in 1872".

There is a footnote in the original article that this information is from the Vestry of St. John, Minute 14 July 1881. The author comments that it might be interesting to investigate why Potter and Sloper opened factories in a semi-rural area.

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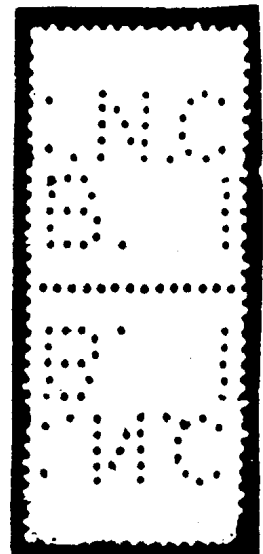
SHEETS OF STAMPS FOLDED BEFORE PERFORATING

TERENCE BARNES sent a copy of the pair of stamps illustrated.

They show two interesting features:-

- a) an example of rows of stamps folded before perforating
- b) a good example of how a misplaced die can give an entirely wrong perfin.

The real perfin here is C5240 C.N./B. of Newbury's Limited, Old Square, Birmingham.



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BP DESIGN PERFIN ON SCOUT STAMPS from Dave Hill

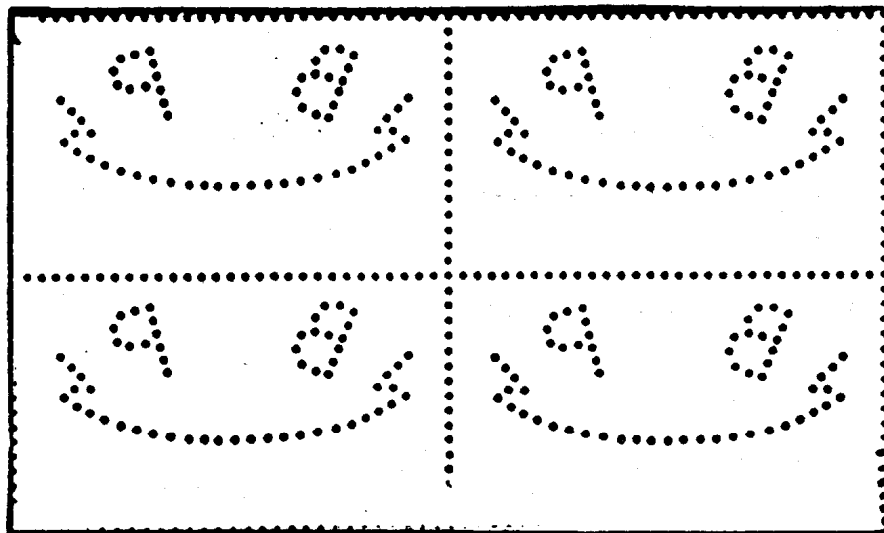
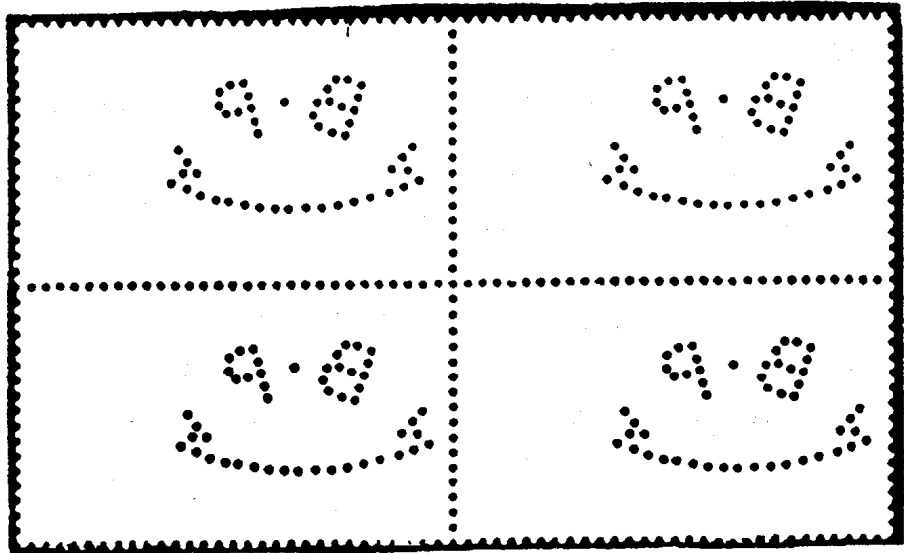
Has anyone any information about the dies shown on the next page? Are postmarked stamps or an identified cover too much to ask?

There are three different size dies, one for each value of the 1957 World Scout Jubilee Jamboree set - 2½d, 4d, 1/3d (SG 557/9)

A scouting stamp collector has spent time at Baden Powell House with their archivist but found no reference to them. British Petroleum did some promotional work with the scouts and this is a possible clue to the die.

2½d Value

SG 557

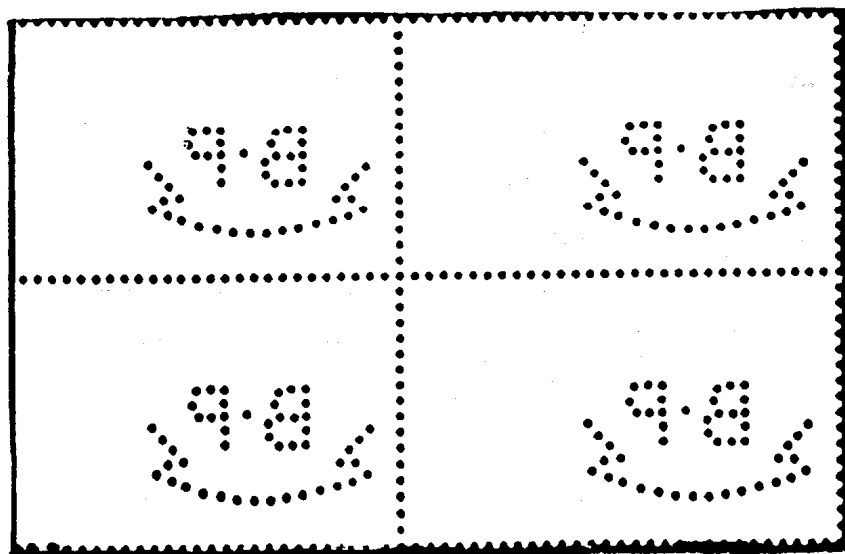


4d Value

SG 558

1/3d Value

SG 559



POST OFFICE ARCHIVE RECORDS RELATING TO PERFINs

Continuing DAVE HILL'S summary of these files. (Bulletin 262)

FILE SEVEN

A year later a surveyor reports the Post Master of Grantham for perforating stamps for Hornsby & Sons. An impression of a 12 over die R.H/&S accompanies the report. Strangely this is an unknown R2520 although the report reads as though stamps were perforated. A Post Master is a direct employee of the Post Office and it was pointed out that this would jeopardise his pension. The Post Master even offered to donate the income to the Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund or give the work to a junior. He pointed out that rural messengers were entitled to pensions but take work like mending boots and shoes for profit and he had paid £8.19.6d for the machine. However, he was advised to give it up.

When enquiries were made later he had given the machine to a local stationer, Mr. Palmer, to see whether he could make it pay but it seemed likely that he would not succeed and the Post Master's Clerk would take it back without using it.

FILE EIGHT

Reviewed the previous files and adopted the proposal to pay in advance for stamps for perforating but decided against the prohibition of perforating by Sub-Postmasters.

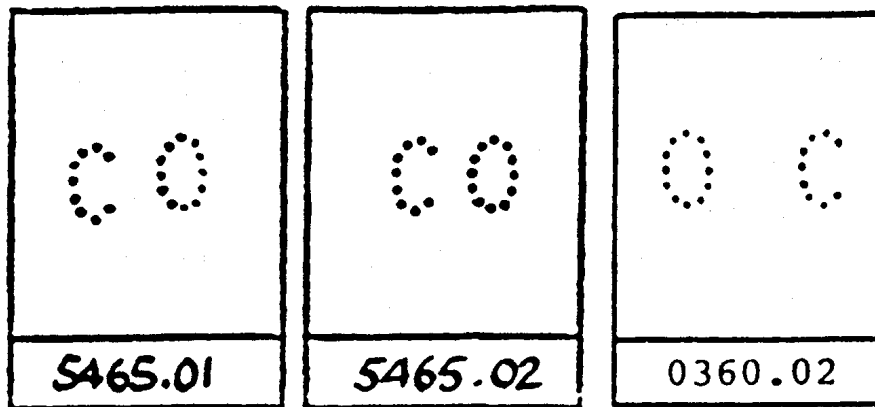
FILE NINE

The final file takes us to 1938 when it was found that part of the Sub-Postmasters' stock of stamps at Marchmont St., WC1, were perforated ED/CL for the Express Dairy Ltd. Apparently Express Dairy had wanted their stamps perforated and had made enquiries of Slopers. The Sub-Postmaster had not wished to lose their trade so had arranged to swap unperforated stamps for perforated.

It was pointed out that this contravened the Post Office Guide and the arrangement ceased. It is interesting to note that Slopers were referred to as "Sloper (Allchins)", having just taken over the latter.

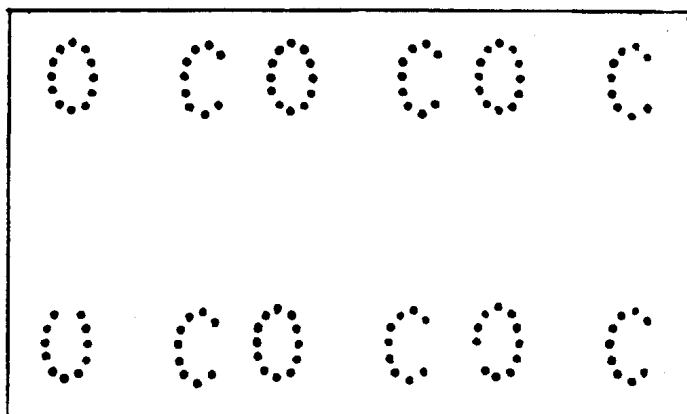
So ends the file on Sub-Postmaster perforators but it seems certain that other references to perfins remain to be found in the Post Office Archives.

I had always been uneasy over the separate catalogue entries of Oxford City Council, where stamps could be found with perfin 'CO' of C 5465.01 and .02; and 'OC' of O0360.02.



A letter to the council brought the reply that the Perforator had been transferred to Oxfordshire County Council in 1974 and was now in use by B. & H. Industries in Oxford.

Another letter to B. & H. Industries brought success, a copy of the die was provided; a 3x2 multi die of the letters 'OC'. Though the impression was poor it was still possible to match up all three perfins - C 5465.01, C 5465.02 and O 0360.02.



This photocopy shows the full multi-die received from B. & H. Industries.

Further enquiries reveal that B. & H. Industries, formerly named the Blind & Handicapped Workshops, are part of Oxfordshire County Council. They are provided postage stamps by the council which are then perforated. They tell me it receives little use now-days.

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STEWARTS AND LLOYDS, LIMITED From John Mathews

JOHN MATHEWS of Australia has produced a very convincing theory about S8360.01m – the SX monogram.

He writes:- “On 16th December 1911, Stewarts & Lloyd (Australia) Ltd., applied to the Queensland Post Office to use a perfin “L&L”. Frustratingly, no example has so far been found on Australian stamps. Curiosity about the non-matching of the perfin initials with the company name led me to discover that:-

- a) “L&L” was a trademark, and
- b) Stewarts and Lloyds was formed in 1903 by the merger of A & J Stewart with Lloyd and Lloyd of Birmingham, the latter having started the “L&L” trademark.

Recently in a second-hand bookshop, I found a book produced by the company in 1953 for their 50th anniversary which gave a comprehensive history from the mid 1800's. The illustrations from the book show two trademarks - the SX Stewarts (presumably the 'X' for the cross of St. Andrew, the name of one of the brothers), and the 'L&L' of Lloyds. It struck me that the SX looked very much like the G.B. perfin S8360.01m, and that the "L&L" could correspond to any, or all, of L 3430.01 to L 3430.07.

(Ed.:- L3430.05 is identified with Stewarts and Lloyds, Albion Tube Works, Birmingham.)

The Australian "L&L" perfin, if in fact it was ever produced, would probably look like one of the G.B. ones, as it most likely would have come from the same G.B. supplier."

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I think members will agree that this is a very good piece of detective work and I for one would class it as "original" and "depth of research". (See Critique - Bulletin 262 Page 2.)

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Space Filler - Rosemary Smith as Editor.

My 'pending file' is almost empty. Please send me anything related to perfins. Someone somewhere will be interested. I would feel guilty if I had to put out a 12 page Bulletin!!

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ALL PREVIOUS LISTS CANCELLED.

ANDREW & JAMES STEWART,
LIMITED.

**CLYDE TUBE WORKS,
GLASGOW & COATBRIDGE.**

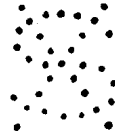
TELEGRAM ADDRESS.

TRADE MARK
LAPWELD. GLASGOW



Price List
OF
LAP-WELDED BOILER TUBES
AND
WROUGHT IRON GAS TUBES
AND FITTINGS.

April 1883.



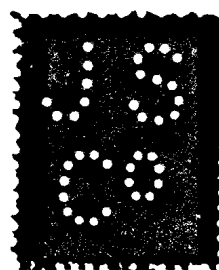
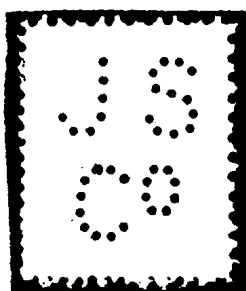
8360.01m



3430.05

A JOSEPH SLOPER PUBLICITY PERFORATOR

Information from JAMES NORRIS



These illustrations - JS/C° 7,12/10,8 6Smm - are from a perforating machine which James has had in his possession for a few years. It is formerly a Sloper machine which he rescued from an engineering firm who were associated with security marking of items other than documents.

He took it along to the last society visit to Sloper's Works in August 1991 and asked Bill Cokayne if he could advise him of its use, as the die incorporates an arrangement of pins around its periphery to form a perforating comb. It appears that this die was used to produce samples on coloured paper for prospective customers, the perforations around the die creating the equivalent to a stamp, or in this case, an adhesive label. Bill Cokayne very kindly repaired some of the pins which were broken and now the machine is once again in working order.

James has made the very generous offer to perforate a label for each of the members and, hopefully, you will find one in with this Bulletin. Our thanks go to James for his thought, time and effort.

Roy Gault has confirmed that it has no identity in the Tomkins, or die in the Edwards, catalogue as it was almost certainly not used on postage stamps.

Added thoughts from Rosemary Smith

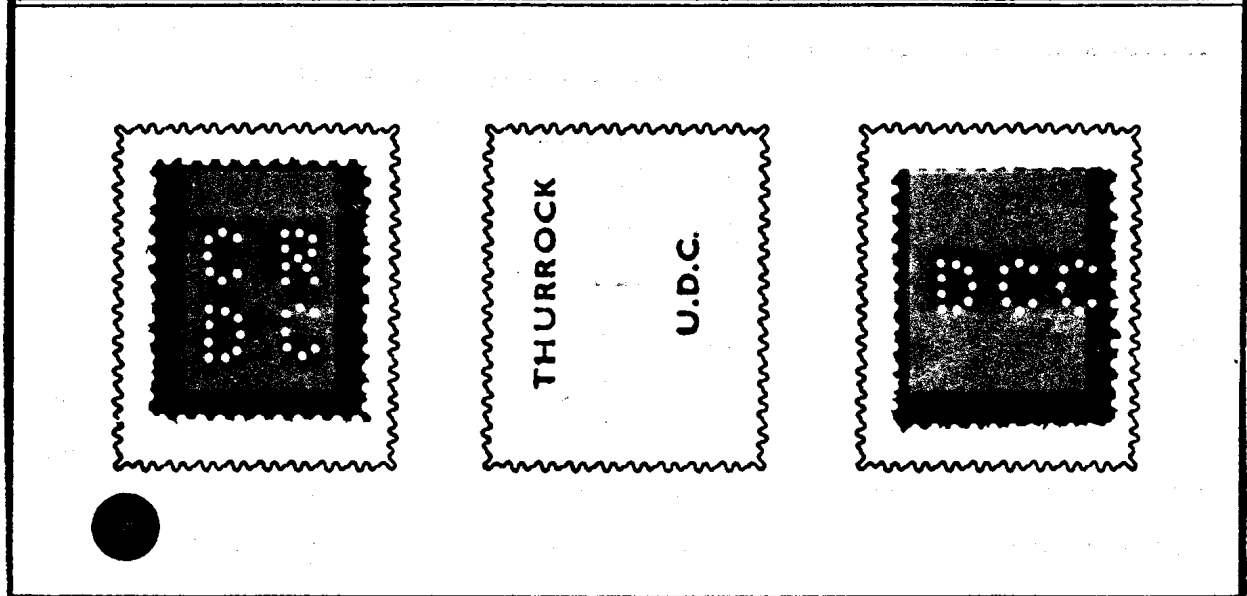
This article brought to mind the Sloper Advertising Card in Bulletin 229 Pg. 5 which was sent by Tony Edwards. I have a similar card but also the letter from Sloper's which accompanied the advertising card, illustrated on the next page.

The perfin dies are CR/DC C6510.01 of Chanctonbury RDC but the DCC has never been reported on postage stamps. These two labels are on green paper and the THURROCK U.D.C. overprint is black on yellow paper (as was Tony's).

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NEW BRIDGE STREET,
LONDON, E.C. 4.**

TELEPHONE : 01-236 1351/2

TELEGRAMS : SLOPER, LONDON—E.C.4.



The letter which was sent with the card was to the Executive Council for Wiltshire and dated 13-3-68. It is interesting to note that the date is perforated with a typical large Sloper dating device and part of the letter heading has a JS/&C^o (J6970.08) die perforated through the paper. The letter reads:-

"Dear Sir,

May we bring to your notice our Security Service of supplying postage stamps perforated with initials. National Insurance stamps perforated with a Government registered design, 2d stamps overprinted for receipt purposes. Holiday With Pay and Holiday Credit stamps perforated with initials or registered number. A few specimens are enclosed herewith.

Stamps are forwarded by us in exchange for your cheque and a small charge, as outlined below, is made for our service.

Perforated postage stamps, 2/- per £10 and pro rata.

Overprinted receipt stamps, 3/- for the first £5 and 1s 6d each additional £5 per order.

Perforated National Insurance stamps, 2s 6d per £100 worth of stamps.;

Perforated Holiday With Pay and Holiday Credit stamps, 3s 6d per £100 worth of stamps.

We would also like to mention that we can undertake all kinds of perforating and can supply savings stamps, i.e. Xmas and Trading stamps etc., printed and perforated as required.

If you are interested please write to us and full particulars will be forwarded.

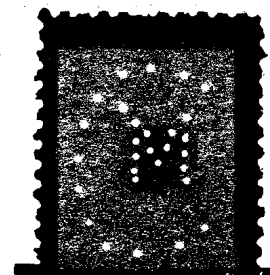
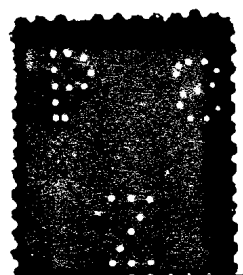
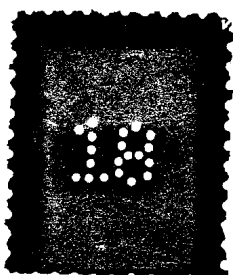
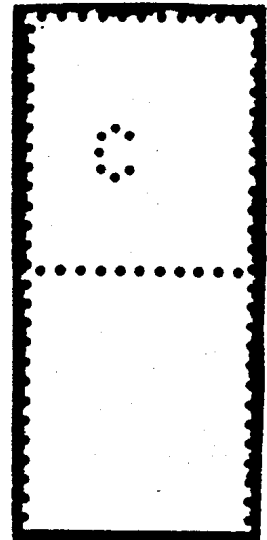
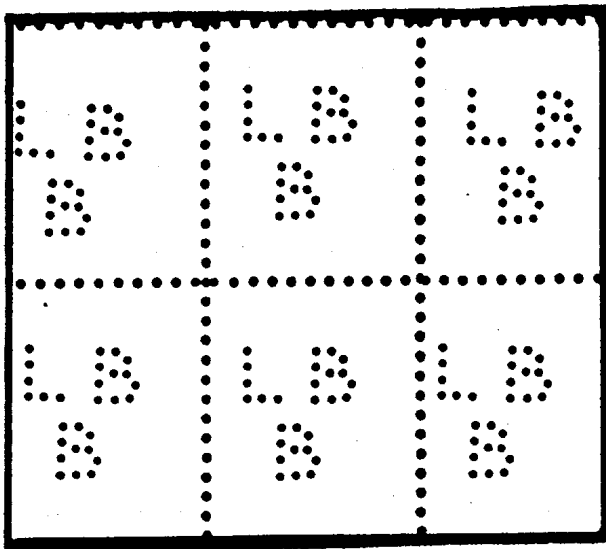
We are dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

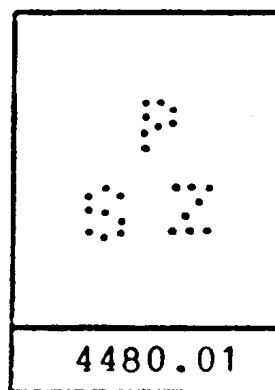
J. Sloper & Co. Ltd.

S. J. Durden - Director. "

During my visit to Sloper's Works I was allowed to take a few of these green and yellow perforated labels which were lying around the machine shop. The following are some of these. Unfortunately the green labels do not show as clearly as the yellow.



We were told that these labels were also used to test the new dies as they were made in the engineering workshop. They could also be used as templates if pins in the original die became damaged. It is interesting to see that the two dies 'PS/Z' were of different stages in the making of the die. One of the 'S's' is reversed and the other one is almost an '8'. The final die was 'P/SZ', (P4480.01), in the normal Sloper Alphabet/ issued on 15th August 1984 for the Polish Philatelists Association in the United Kingdom to commemorate the Polish Armed Forces - Annual Reunion Day - for the Polish Regimental Colours Fund.



I trust if we amateurs have not given the full facts about these labels, or indeed have made false assumptions or given wrong information Bill Cokayne will put pen to paper and put the matter right.

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MEMBERS' WANTS

Our Exchange Packet Secretary, DAVE HILL, wishes to acquire the following:-

- a) Any Perfin Society Bulletins prior to No. 238 (December 1988)
- b) Any American Perfins Club Bulletins.

He would be willing to pay postage plus a reasonable something. Address on the front page.

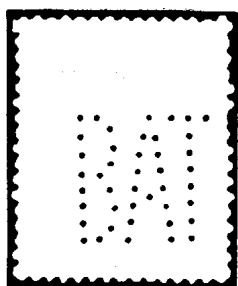
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MORE TOBACCO COMPANY PERFINS

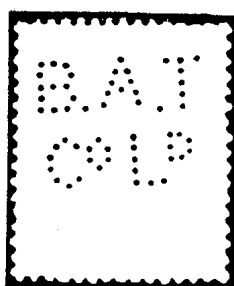
Roy Gault

In his original article, Dave Hill mentioned the 'Tobacco War' of 1901-1902, sparked off when James Duke and his American Tobacco Company set their sights on the British market. The outcome of this short skirmish was three separate companies.

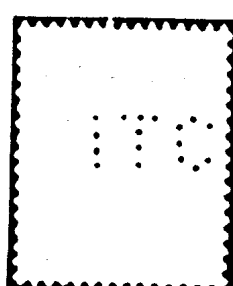
- American Tobacco Co (founded in 1890) controlling the American and Cuban markets.
- Imperial Tobacco Co Ltd (founded 2 Nov 1901) handling the British market.
- British American Tobacco Co Ltd (founded 29 Sep 1902) dealing specifically with the export interests of both the ATC and ITC.



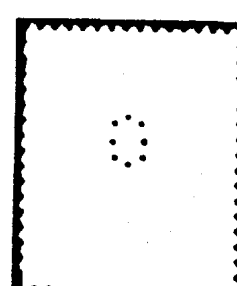
B0240.01



B0280.01



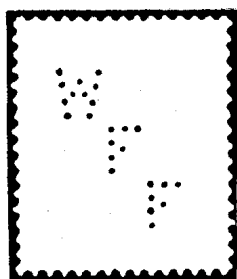
I2460.01



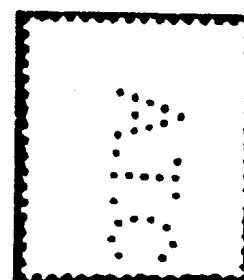
O0010.02M

Two perfins identified with this new company are B0240.01 and B0280.01, and along with the dies illustrated in Dave's article, the Imperial Tobacco Company also used stamps perforated 'ITC' by Slopers during WWII and later. It is known that Slopers perforated stamps with a single letter 'O' for a variety of users, but one of them was Ogdens (founded 1860) who found themselves at the centre of the struggle in 1901.

Another ITC member known to have used perfins is W & F Faulkner, London. Established in 1828, they became a limited company in 1896 and joined the ITC in 1902. The London firm, The Ardath Tobacco Co Ltd (founded 1896), famous for its 'State Express' brand name, is also known as a perfin user.

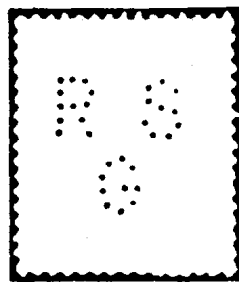


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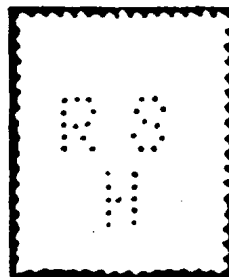


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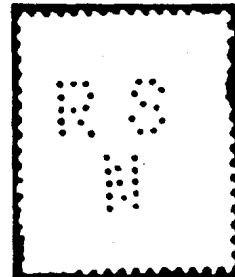
In an update in Bulletin 262, Dave shows an interesting sequence from Sloper's m/s ledger for the Robert Sinclair Tobacco Co Ltd. This Newcastle-on-Tyne based company was founded in 1856 but did not have any association with the ITC until the 1930's. Although not yet positively identified, the original Sloper dies for RS/G, RS/H and RS/N were probably R4720.02, R4740.02 and R4910.02 - note in particular the identical spacing of RS/H and RS/N. Presumably these dies were destroyed in the bombing of Slopers in 1941 and replaced by dies using 4 pin high letters. The new 'one over die' shown in the ledger for RS/Y is almost certainly R4990.01.



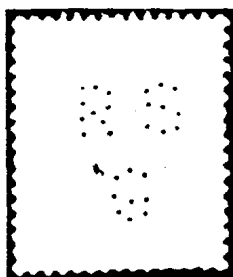
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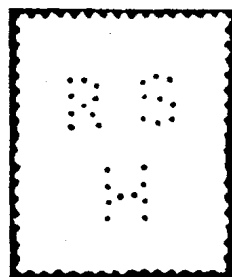
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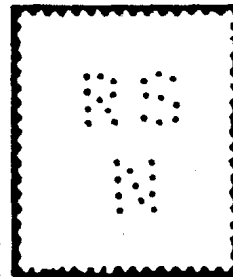
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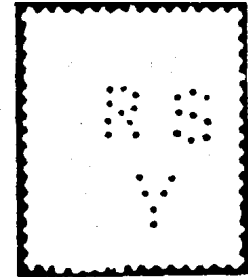
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R4740.01



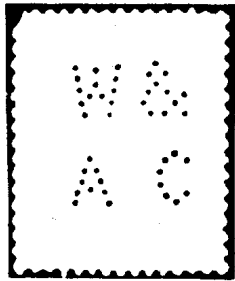
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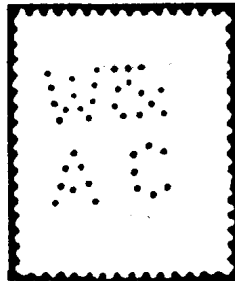
R4990.01

The user of the Sloper perfin CL/&R (C4580.01M) is known to be Churchman, Lambert & Ringer Ltd, and brings together in one perfin three famous names from the tobacco world. The Churchman part is from W. A. & A. C. Churchman of Ipswich (founded in 1790, and joined the ITC in 1902), and known to have used at least two perfins, lettered W&/AC. The Lambert portion is from Lambert & Butler, London (founded 1634, limited in 1896, and a founder member of the ITC In 1901). They are also known to have used at least two perfins, lettered L&B. The third part to the name has its roots in Edwards, Ringer & Bigg, Bristol (founded 1813, and a founder member of the ITC).

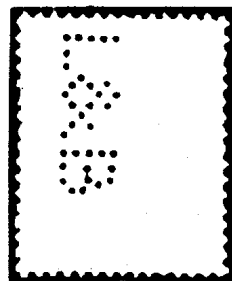
Tantalisingly, this company was known in the trade simply as "E.R.B.", so were they the user of the known perfin with those particular initials? Sadly, the postmark evidence for E.R.B indicates a Manchester user rather than one from Bristol.



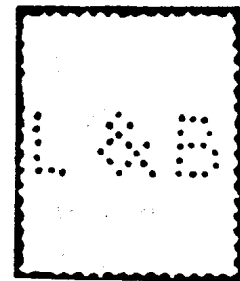
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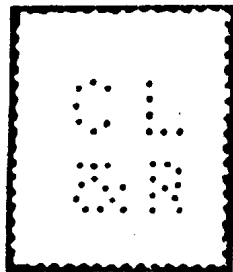
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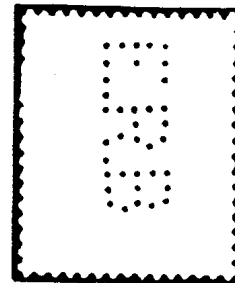
L0280.02



L0280.03

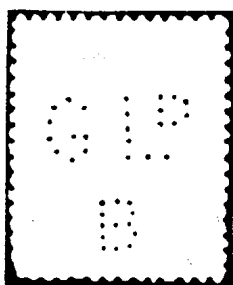


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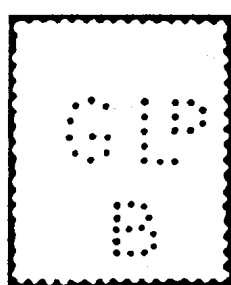


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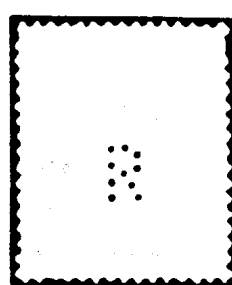
Two perfins with the initials GL^d/B and identified with Gallaher Ltd, Belfast almost certainly belong to the famous tobacco company (founded in 1857) of Gallaher Ltd, Belfast



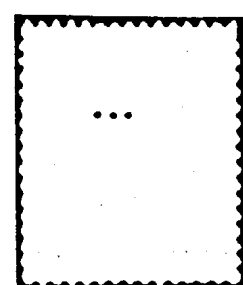
G3160.01



G3160.02



R0010.02M



Des0620.01M

Finally we have Rothmans Ltd, founded in London in 1888. At least two perfins have been identified with Rothmans, but do they refer to the tobacco company? These final illustrations serve to show the necessity to record trades and postmarks wherever possible along with the identities to help lift the veil of uncertainty.

Note: Underlined Catalogue Numbers are new dies – Illustrations at the end.

From Kevin Parkhill

T0310.11a TB 6,10 5 Todd Brothers, Iron and Steel
Merchants, Makers of Chains...
Widnes. (PC dated 10 Oct 1932). I

From Rosemary Smith

F3110.01b FOX 8,10,13 5½,6,6 A & GW Fox, Solicitors and
Notaries, 53 Princess St,
Manchester. (Dated 30/6/1905) F

Note: The same pins are missing as in the Illustrated Catalogue

F3350.03 FP/&S 8,11/14,13 4½III F Primavegi & Sons, Swansea A
J6830.01 J.S. 8,9 4½ Confirm John Smedley, mfr of
Underwear, outerwear & Swimsuits,
Lea Mills, Matlock, Derbyshire
and Brook St, London W1 Q
P5050.03 P.W. 9,15 6 Peek Bros & Winch Ltd, London EC I
W4930.04 W/L 12/6 4½/4 W H Willcox & Co Ltd
Mfrs, Merchants & Shippers,
32-38 Southwark St, London SE1
(S/W Wmk – Cover dated 1/11/32) I

From Tord Lagerwall

P0600.01 P.B./&C°. 14,15/12,8,6 4½ IIIa Pyman Bell 4 Co, Swedish
Steamers Dept, Newcastle-on-Tyne E

From Gary Shayler

C8177.01 C.V./D.C. 8,9/11,8 5½ The Colne Vale Dye & Chemical Co
Ltd, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.
(PC dated 14 June 1917) I
J5830.02 JN/&S/Ld 7,13/12,11/7,7 4½ Ia John Nicholson & Sons Ltd,
St Ann's Chemical Works, Heaton
Junction, Newcastle-on-Tyne,
(Head Office – Leeds). I
W4690.01 WJT/Co 16,7,7,6/8,6 4½ Wm J Turney & Co Ltd
Stourbridge I

From Bert Johnson

J6190.01 J.P/R.L 7,10/12,7 6 The J P Restaurant Ltd,
H/O 55 Farringdon Rd, London EC
(PPC dated 6 Aug 1912) H

P1090/07a P&C°. 9,12,8,6 4½ IIIa Partington & Co,
Advertising Contractors,
47 Lwr Belgrave St, London SW
(Pmk Reading, 27 Oct 83) B

W3640.02 WHH/&C°. 15,12,12/16,9,6 4½ Iia Walter H Hindley & Co, London
(Pmk London EC, 13 Feb 1891)B&E

From Dave Hill

H0010.41 H 12 11½ Personal perfin of David Higgs.

Dave also reports three perfins on QEII Jubilee Jamboree Scouting stamps of 1957. They are all from a scouting source so do the initials BP stand for Baden Powell?

B5616.01 BP(curved)/scroll 15,12/33 5 Known on 4d value

B5617.01 B.P(curved)/scroll 14,10/25 4 Known on 2½d value

B5617.02 B.P/Scroll 14,10/24 4 Known on 1/3d value.

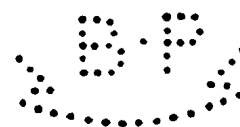
The following is a trial showing illustrations for the new dies identified above. As these items are usually known only from their identifying cover, the illustrations will often be hand drawn rather than photocopies of actual stamps.



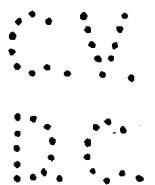
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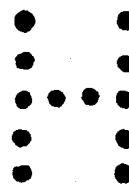
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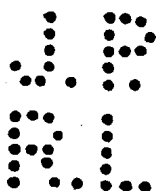
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C8177.01



H0010.41



J6190.01



P1090.07



W4930.04