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New Identities:- 4 Centre Pages.
Auction No.4 (1995) 12 Pages.

Editor's Comments

Nothing about the Bulletin but on a personal note - my husband and I are hoping to visit friends in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, late September-October time. If any U.S. members live within striking distance and wish to show off their collection, do write.

Publications Contact John Donner.

GAULT ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE

The last block of the "S" section is now ready. This is the "SP-SZ" with silhouettes plus details. (Correction to Bulletin 275/3-should read "SE-SO" section not "SE-SR" section.) The price for the "SP-SZ" section is £3-50 U.K.; £4-50 Europe; £6-00 rest of the world. The whole of the "S" section showing the silhouettes only is now available too. The price for this is £4-50 U.K.; £6-00 Europe; £7-00 rest of the world. All prices include postage.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES Contact Dave Hill.

NEW MEMBERS

KEITH MORRIS

DEREK IVE

HANS-GEORG PAHLEN

KEITH CASTLEY

DICK PITMAN

STEVE LEGG

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

M.P.ALEXANDER

PETER THORNTON

REINSTATED PETER MAYBURY.

REJOINED

BOB SWAN

Total Number 342.

LONDON MEETING - MAY '95

For the first time in many years there was a poor turn out of members. It would appear that this was mainly due to the VE day commemorations in London and elsewhere.

Five members brought display material to show how they mount/store/display their perfins. These were Burkhart Beer, Roy Gault, Margaret Harding, Capt. Marriner, John Nelson and David Scott. The winner, chosen by those present, was Capt. Marriner.

I, (Editor), was unable to be present as I was on holiday so I have no description of the winning display. If Capt. Marriner would like to send me a description, or photocopy of the sheets, I will include this in the next Bulletin as an example of good practice for displaying perfins.

Contact Dave Hill.

NOVEMBER MEETING - booked for November 4th - keep the date free.

RESEARCH IN OLD BULLETINS

Roy Gault and I have spoken about the information to be found in previous Bulletins which has not reached the catalogues. I had not realised how much there was until I came to look at the ones I obtained. This information takes all forms; from corrected spellings to possible identities.

A common 'dead-end' for useful information is the unanswered query. Often 90% was known but the member, getting no response to a query dropped the matter, or if the member did get an answer the information was not passed to the catalogue editor. The result -a possible lost identity. Many of the members are still with us, but have they still got the cover, answers etc?

All you need to help with this are old Bulletins, Tomkins, Illustrated Catalogue and time! Perhaps members who can help will contact me (Dave) and we will discuss what can be done. I have Bulletins 166-208 and 238 onwards myself.

(Editor:- since becoming Editor I have encouraged all answers to queries to be channelled through myself. I then publish all answers received so that all members have the benefit of the additional information. We should be like musketeers - all for one and one for all. Information should be common not exclusive.)

MORE FROM THE SLOPER LEDGERS From Stephen Steere

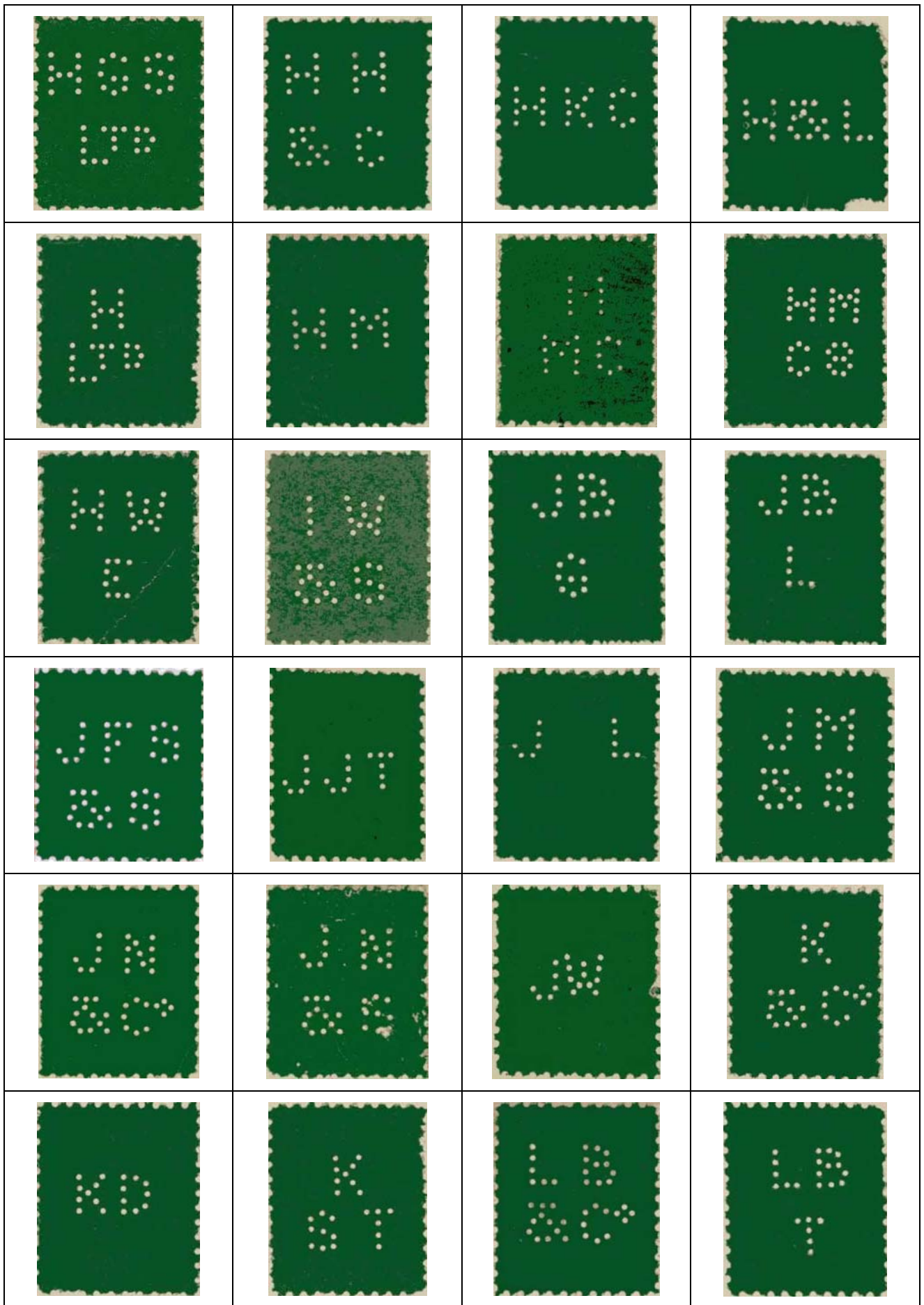
To continue the success from requests in previous Bulletins, Stephen has made up another page of these unproven Sloper dies for members to look for. They are most likely to be found on KGV light colours up to early QEII, and some may be amongst the "Provisionals". None of these dies shown are in either the old or new Illustrated Catalogues.

If you have an exact match or very similar one, can the actual stamp or a photocopy of it, be sent to Stephen

LETTERS DETAILS IN LEDGER

HGS/Ltd	H.G. Stephenson Ltd., Manchester
HH/&C	Holland Hannen & Cubitts Ltd., London
HKC	H. Kuhn & Co. Ltd., London
H&L	Hart & Levey Ltd., Leicester A London
H/Ltd	Hopewells Ltd., Nottingham
HM	Holt & Moseley Ltd., London & Manchester
H/M	R. & W. Paul, Ipswich
HM/C8	Cell Barnes H.M.C., St. Albans
HW/E	Hays Wharf Cartage Co. Ltd., (Engineers), Enfield
IW/&S	I. Warshaw & Sons Ltd., London
JB/G	Jewish Board of Guardians, London
JB/L	John Lawes Bennet & Co. Ltd., London
JFS/&S	John F. Shackleton & Son Ltd., Goole
JJT	J.J. Tatham, Todmorton
JL	J. Lyons & Co. Ltd., London
JM/&S	J. Matthews & Son (London) Ltd.
JN/&Co	John Naylor & Son Ltd., Worcs.
JN/&S	John Nicholson & Sons Ltd., Leeds
JW	John Wright & Co. Ltd., Birmingham
K/&C°	Kessler & Co. Ltd., Bradford
KD	Kellys Directories Ltd., London
K/ST	Kingston Steam Trawling Co. Ltd., Hull
LB/&C°	Lincoln Bennett & Co. Ltd., London
LB/T	Le Bas Tube Co. Ltd., London

If members can treat this with some urgency it will assist Roy who will soon be preparing the "I" and "K" sections of the new Illustrated Catalogue.



MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

Perfin 'Arms Type' Des.0160.01 Bulletin 274/20; 275/6.

JOHN NELSON writes:- "This perfin has fascinated me ever since Keith Rymer-Young sent me a tracing of it twenty or so years ago. The problem was to sort out what the design was supposed to be and I always suspected that it was some kind of deer with antlers but with a few pins missing somewhere at the bottom.

"At last Bob Schwerdt has come up with the brilliant suggestion that it might be a pair of crossed fancy "F's" and I think I can not only confirm this but also provide an almost certain identity.

"I have an 1891 trade directory which includes Dublin and after a short search have found in it a firm which used as their trademark a design comprised of crossed "F's" as in the tracing shown on the New Identities page N.I Pg. 11 in this issue of the Bulletin.

"The user of the trademark was FRANCIS FALKNER, Whiskey and Wine Merchant, 83 Grafton Street and 36 Dawson Street, Dublin and also at 2 Charing Cross Road, London SW."

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Perfins "RA" and "R/A" Bulletin 275 Pg.24.

JOHN NELSON makes the following comments:- "The difficulty here is that Philips is a Dutch company and its British subsidiaries are not listed in the Stock Exchange Official Year Book.

"What the letters 'RA' refer to I have no idea but the name of the British company, originally Philips Lamps Limited, was changed to Philips Electrical Limited at some time between 1933 and 1949. It would appear that their present full name is Philips Electronic and Associated Industries Limited. The spelling Phillips (where used) is incorrect.

"Mullard Limited, London Carriers Limited (the address should read WADDON) and Philips Mitcham Works Limited are, or were, certainly subsidiaries of the main company. I cannot be totally sure about Stella Radio but they probably were as their premises were next to those of London Carriers in Shaftesbury Avenue. I can find no record at all of Combined (or Amalgamated) Electrical (or Electronic) Services but they could well have been part of Philips at some time or other."

(Ed:- can any members from the Netherlands suggest an identity for "RA", as Philips is a Dutch concern?)

STEPHEN STEERE has looked in the Sloper Record Books and has found the following references - all for die RA - R0020.01.

Amalgamated Electrical Services, Waddon Factory Estate, Croydon.
Found in Book 2 - the oldest - and in A-K ledger.

Combined Electronic Services Ltd.

In Book 1 - the latest - no address. However in the late 1970's I (Stephen) went to them in Purley Way, Croydon. They were the service agents for Philips products.

Mitcham Works Ltd, Mitcham Junction, Surrey. Later moved to Commerce Way, Purley Way, Croydon, Surrey.

In Book 2 and L-Z ledger, refers to Philips Electrical Ltd.

Philips Electrical Limited, Century House, Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 and Cashiers Dept, City House, 420/430 London Road, Croydon.
In the Red Accounts Book.

Philips Lamps Limited, shows in brackets. Philips Electrical Co., Century House, Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2, branch in Croydon.
In L-Z ledger.

There is no other die or other related companies in the records.

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"CURRIE" Perfin Numerous Bulletins-latest- 274/14; 275/5.

From STEPHEN STEERE:- "An extra snippet on the Currie Perfin. I have just picked up a cover dated SP-7-1887, cancel Scottish Duplex 166, Grangetown, die C7980.03. The address on the back is REVACK LODGE. It's again addressed to Captain Wisely in London".

IAN BURNS has sent the following article which he found in the DUNDEE COURIER for 16th February 1995.

CURRIE LINE WEIGHS ANCHOR

Currie Line, one of Scotland's oldest and largest shipping, warehousing and haulage companies, has been acquired in a management buy-out from parent Anchor Line.

Currie Line was incorporated in the 1790's as the Hull and Leith Shipping Company and changed to its present name in 1940. Anchor Line acquired the company in 1968 and was in turn acquired by the Swedish company AVENA in 1990.

The opportunity for the buy-out follows Anchor Line's decision to concentrate on its core gas tanker business. Currie Line's operations account for 10% of all Scottish manufacturing exports."

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"RNB/WB" Perfin Bulletin 273 Pg. 10.

JACK BRANDT assumed this was a broken die - he has no covers or cancels - but has the full RNB/WB on a 4d & 5d Machin but as RNB/WD on a 6½p and 8½p Machin. (Ed.- I have a 2d Machin as RNB/WB. Is it only decimal machins which show the 'WD'?)

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"C&K" Perfin Bulletin 273 Pg. 12-13.

JACK BRANDT has sent a photocopy of the perfin 'C&K' - C4135.01 - but with only one stop - the one between the 'C and ampersand. It is a ½d orange Jubilee and has postmark SP-13-98 PENDLEBURY.

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Raphael Tuck Perforated Label Bulletins 246/2; 251/8; 270/6.

JOHN MATHEWS (Australia) spotted another of the 6d labels in a local "Cinderella" auction. The penscript notation on this latest example reads, "Miss C. M. Hindley/N° 6/7-3-89." As the date is the year prior to the Exhibition could it be that Miss Hindley's was entry number 6?

MIKE OXLEY tells me that the 6d label mentioned in Bulletin 246 is deep carmine red and the writing appears to read "Mrs Stroud". The 1d label from Bulletin 251 was sage green.

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1922 Irish Overprints Perfined Bulletin 272/14-15; 274/16.

There have now been 23 contributors to this survey. I am sure it is not too late to send further reports to Roy. I came across a copy last month and Roy tells me it is a new die - so added information is still out there waiting to be reported.

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1993 Netherlands Christmas Stamps Bulletin 275 Pg.22-23.

In the April edition of The South Pacific Perfin Bulletin (pub. by the Perfin Club of New Zealand & Australia) there is a further note on this particular stamp issue. John Mathews illustrated the reverse of the whole sheet of 20 stamps, showing the full perfin pattern. Over the whole sheet of 20 stamps there are only the two

different patterns as shown on page 22 Bulletin 275.

In the October 1994 Perfins Bulletin (US) the pattern was referred to as "snowflakes" in a random pattern. John thinks the two stamps together could form part of the Constellations Draco, Hercules, Ophiuchus and Scorpio which appear overhead in the Northern Hemisphere near midnight in December. He also thinks he might have an over-active imagination!!

What is the answer - Netherlands members?

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Humber/Hillman Bulletin 239 Pg.19; 240 Pg.10.

In Tilles, H4490.02 is identified with Hillman Motor Car Co. Ltd., Coventry. In Bulletin 239 Rosemary Smith sent in another identity for this perfin - namely Humber Ltd., London EC. The cover was dated 1900 and stamp a ½d green Jubilee. The question was asked, "Is this classed as the Hillman Company?"

In Bulletin 240, DAVE HILL wrote to say that Humber did not become part of Rootes group until 1930 and he believed Rootes had already acquired Hillman by 1930, so the 1900 cover must be a Humber Ltd., in its own right.

Now DAVE HILL adds the following:-

"In Bulletin 240 I expressed some doubt of a link between Humber Ltd and Hillman Cars Ltd., both reported as users of H/Ld-H4490.02. I have since found that Humber did have a controlling interest in Hillmans and also Sunbeam Talbot, another car maker. They also controlled lorry makers Kommer and Karrier; bodymakers, British Light Steel Pressings; and coachbuilders, Thrupp & Maberly.

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When Is A Perfin Not A Perfin Bulletin 268/22; 269/12; 271/7.

One of the answers seems to be, "When it is a Post Office Clip". In Bulletin 271 it was stated that there was mention of this clip or punch in a philatelic journal. Thanks to the stamp dealer Ken Knight, KEVIN PARKHILL has sent me a page from the November 1984 Stamp Monthly. The article is reprinted whole with permission from the editor of Gibbons Stamp Monthly.

NOT "RED CROSS" STAMPS

Reprinted from THE BRITISH PHILATELIST, November 1924.

Bulletin No. 276 (Jun '95) Pg. 9.

Some five years ago, the Higher Officials of the British Post-office came to a decision - and acted upon it! - which might have had a most serious effect upon philately, not to mention the Entente Cordiale, the 'status quo ante' and European politics generally.

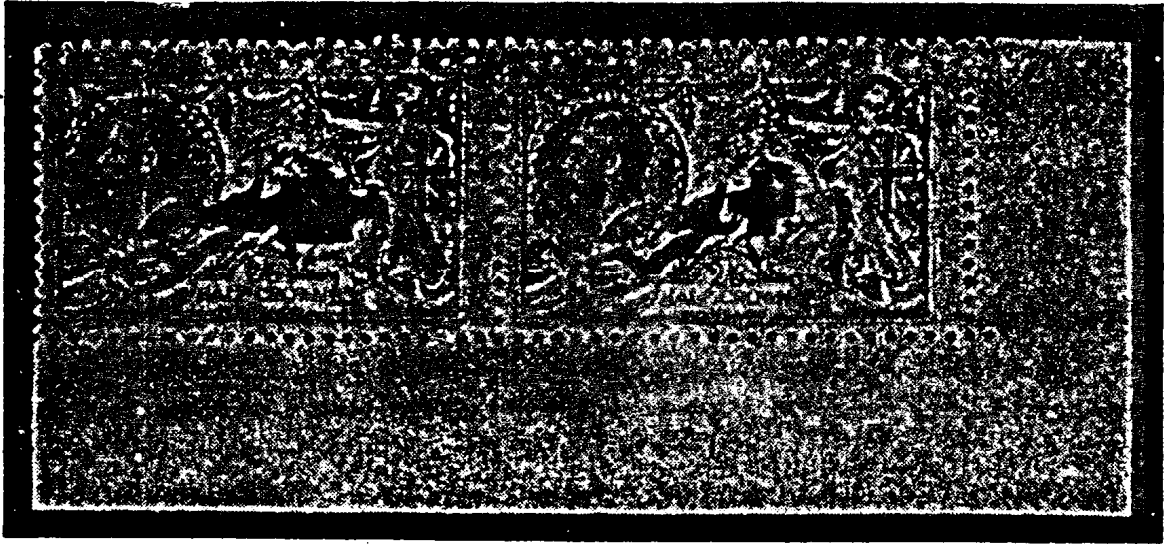
They got nervous - or shall we say, apprehensive? They certainly 'went off the deep end' in a red-tape round-about manner.

But why? Because some used high-value stamps had been taken off old telegraph forms, presumably to supply a philatelic demand: not a great matter to make a fuss about. But when the 'taking off is officially rendered as 'frequent surreptitious removals', the man in the street 'sits up' and feels that there is something very seriously wrong indeed.

The outcome of this important and terrible discovery was that an Official Notice emanated from the GPO, and was sent to certain chief Post Offices. Here it is, 'verbatim et literatim':-

In view of the frequent surreptitious removals of the high value Postage Stamps from Telegraph forms, it has been decided, after experiments at certain selected Offices, that stamps of 2/6d and upwards in value shall be clipped at Post Office counters by means of special appliances, in order to destroy the Philatelic value, before being issued to the Public to be affixed to the Telegraph forms. Two pairs of the appliance will shortly be issued. The stamp should be slightly folded before being clipped, in order that the perforation may be made about the middle of the stamp. 15th August, 1919.

Our informant, to whom we are much indebted for communicating the terms of this document, tells us that at Nottingham the high value stamps were, for a while, sold in this mutilated state for all postal purposes - letters, parcels, telegrams. What stock was supplied by the GPO, or made locally by a specially appointed official, there is no available record; but at Nottingham, the stock, whatever its size, was duly exhausted. And then, after all this trouble of issuing a Notice and making 'special appliances', the experiment turned out to be a failure, in so far that it had not the anticipated effect - though it spoiled the stamp; but in so doing, created a new and scarce variety!



The stamps illustrated above were purchased over the counter of a Nottingham Post Office on 8th September, 1919.

Ed:- This would appear to answer the question concerning KGV stamps; but what of the QEII Castles used on telegrams and noted in Bulletin 269? Hopefully someone will come up with a later Post Office directive about these 'clips' which occurred around 1964-65 time.

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SEEN IN AUCTION From Alastair Walter.

Embassy Philatelists Retail List April/May 1995.

Lot 309 SG 92 3d O.U.S. overprinted in red on front, faint strike but rare as UNRECORDED. Stamp V.F.U. "LONDON" CDS. Est.E35

(Alastair thought this was very "iffy" as only 1d values were overprinted O.U.S. although the stamp is of the right period. He wrote for a photocopy but was informed that it was already sold.)

Abbey Philatelic Co 6th June 1995.

Lot 142 Q.V. line engraved perfins used with duplication, varied condition. Comprising 1858-79 1d plates (29) inc. GWR (4) & GER (1); 1870 ½d (61) and 1½d (41). Cat. £1200+ Est. £90.

G.B. Postal Auction 30th March 1995.

Lot 504 1914 1d & 2½d pairs (perfinned) on PARCEL FRAGMENT with "Charing Cross" parcel post label ft KEVII 2R, 3R & 4As (India). Tatty but most unusual. Perfin is COX. Est.E95.

(Ed:- even if the India stamps were perf'd COX, the £95 is way out.)

G.B Postal Auctions

30th March 1995

Lot 360

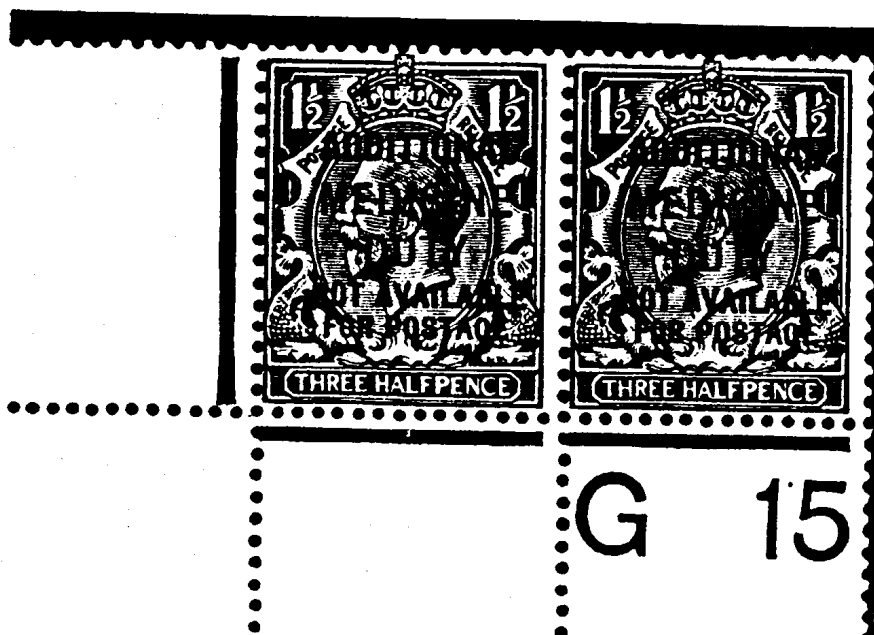
1912 1½d S.G. 362,

plate 2c

“ADDITIONAL
MEDICINE DUTY”

control G15 (P)

Pair U/M Est. £30

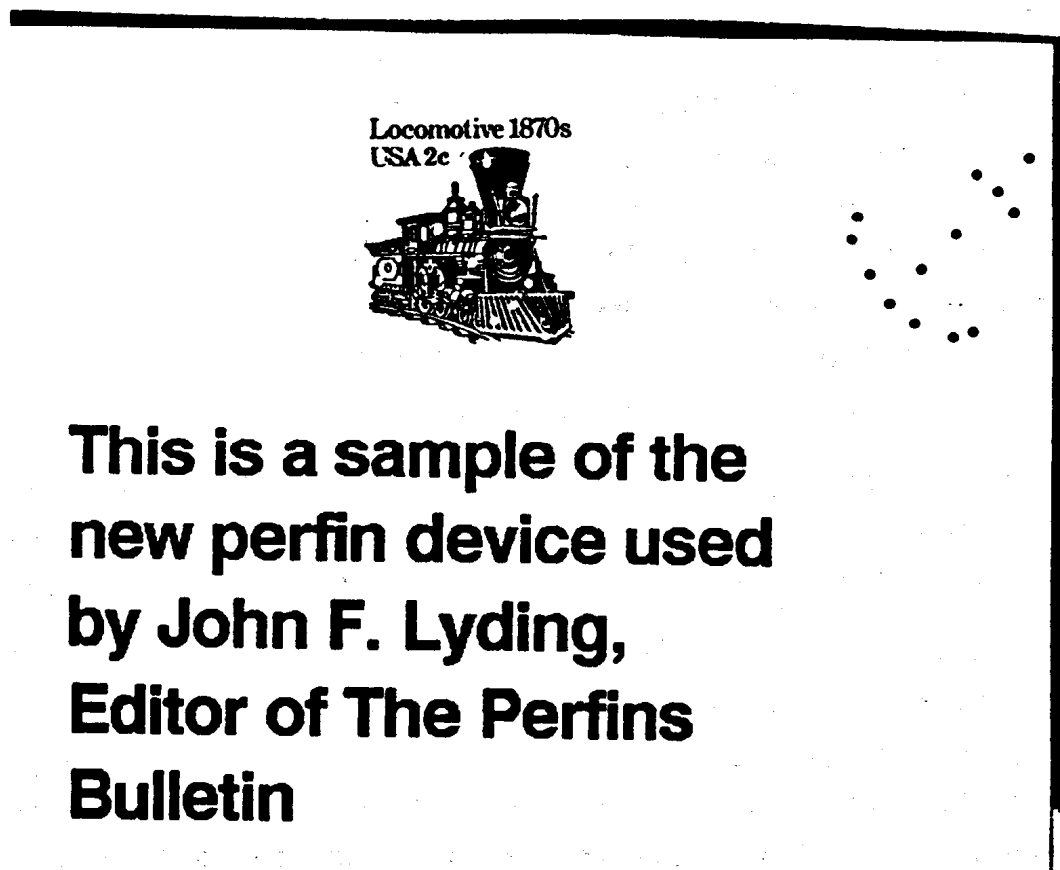


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NEW PERFIN FOR USE BY THE EDITOR OF THE PERFINS BULLETIN

On March 26th 1995, John Lyding, editor of the American "Perfins Bulletin", began to use a new perfin on his outgoing mail. The perfin is a design in the shape of an anchor. I should be interested to know if the anchor design has any special significance to John, or the Perfins Club.

The illustration below is actual size.



**This is a sample of the
new perfin device used
by John F. Lyding,
Editor of The Perfins
Bulletin**

TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE AND CABLE COMPANY PERFINs

A non member, MR.W.T.GLOVER, purchased some of our catalogues for his own research purposes and has provided the Society with a few potted histories of companies having connections with telegraph, telephone and cables.

1. Anglo American Telegraph Company Limited

A0310.02 AAT/CL stamp period not recorded.

This company was formed in 1865 to raise capital to try to lay a submarine cable across the Atlantic after the 1865 failure by the Atlantic Telegraph Company. This attempt succeeded in 1866. They also recovered the 1865 cable and completed it. Four more cables were laid for the company in 1873-4, 1894 and 1910. It took over the Atlantic Telegraph Company and the French Atlantic Telegraph Company in 1973. In 1911 the company came to an agreement with Western Union to lease its cables to Western Union. WU terminated this in 1963 paying Anglo American a substantial sum in compensation. This was paid out to shareholders and the Anglo American was liquidated on 10 December 1968.

I am not sure of their London office address but a reasonable guess would be EC2, around the Old Broad Street/Moorgate area, (known as Telegraph Alley).

2. Cable and Wireless

C8310.01 C&W stamps Q-U

C8310.04 C&W stamps M-Q

Cable and Wireless came into being in 1929 when the Eastern Telegraph Company and the Marconi Beam Wireless stations plus other cable companies merged into one company:- IMPERIAL & INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS LTD., with Cable and Wireless as the operating company. This had been brought about by the near bankruptcy of the cable companies by competition from Wireless. In 1934 the Imperial & International Communications Ltd name was dropped and Cable and Wireless became both the holding and operating company.

The head office was initially at ELECTRA HOUSE, MOORGATE, EC2. In 1933 it moved to ELECTRA HOUSE, VICTORIA EMBANKMENT, WC2. In November 1955 a further move was made to MERCURY HOUSE, THEOBOLDS ROAD, WC1.

Their principle telegraph station was at TOWER BUILDINGS, MOORGATE, EC2. In addition they had around two dozen telegraph stations in the London area including one at 18 Old Broad Street, EC2. They had a similar number of offices in the provinces, i.e.:- Birmingham, Leeds, Newcastle upon Tyne.

3. The Exchange Telegraph Company

E4670.01p E/T stamps Q-R Ø suspected identity only
E4700.01 ETC stamps Q-W
E4700.03 ETC stamps F
E4720.01 E/T/C stamps U

Formed in 1872, this was a news agency supplying information to newspapers, stockbrokers, radio and later television companies etc., who rented telegraph equipment direct from the company. They also supplied the wire service to bookmakers when bookies shops became legal. At no time did it provide a public service. Head office was at 17-18 Cornhill from 1872 until 1919; 64 Cannon Street from 1919 until 1965 (acquired 62 Cannon street in 1922); Extel House from 1956 onwards (address unknown but situated halfway between Fetter Lane and Shoe Lane 100 yards north of Fleet Street.)

Other premises used by this company were:-

8 Picadilly; 14-15 Panton St; Creechurch Lane; 36-8 Whitefriars Street; Newcomen Street; 22 Budge Row; 13-19 Curtain Road; 61 Knightrider Street; 15 Cannon Place; 85 Tooley St.; 17 Moorgate Street; 16 Fitzjohns Avenue; 21-24 Old Change; 36-7 Queen Street.

The above (3) is taken from EXTEL 100 The Centenary History of the Exchange and Telegraph Company by J. M. Scott published in 1972.

4. The Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company

T1000.01 T.C.&/M.Co.L Stamps A-B Ø suspected 1d only

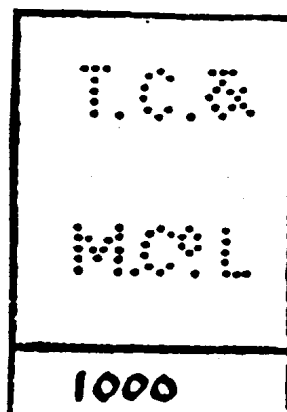
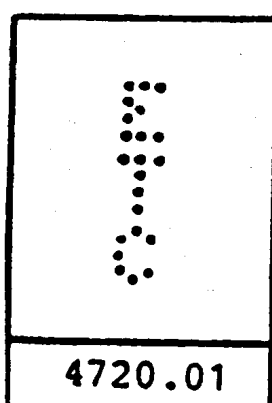
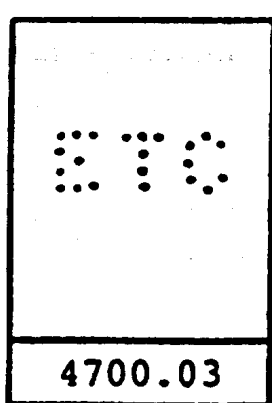
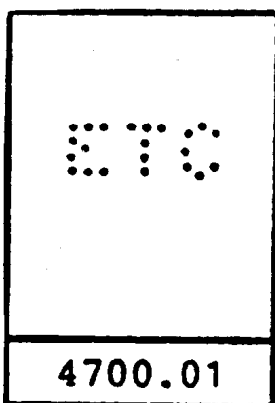
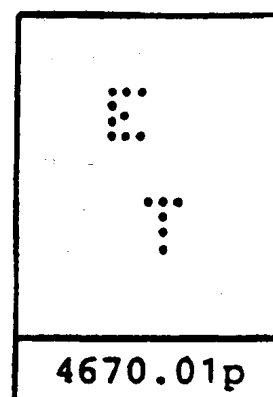
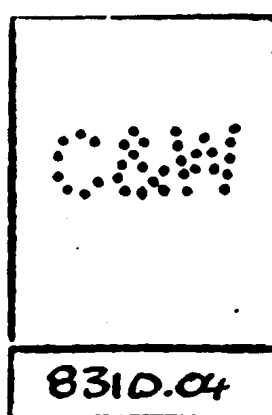
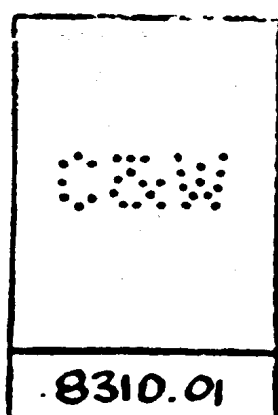
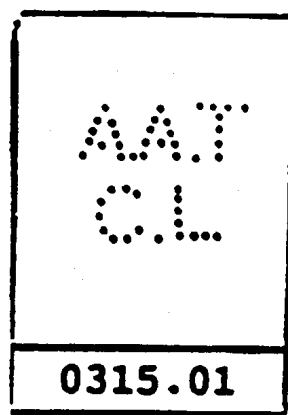
Formed on 7 April 1864 by the merger of The Gutta Percha Coy and Glass, Elliot and Company. Their first registered office was 54 Old Broad Street, London EC2. In 1869 they moved to 38 Old Broad Street and remained there until 1936 when they moved to 22 Old Broad Street. The trade name of the company was TELCON. The main cable making factory was at Enderby's Wharf, Greenwich. It is still used by STC today but not for cable manufacture.

Their principle trade was that of submarine cable manufacturers and installers, becoming the largest such company in the world. In the period of their existence they manufactured in excess of 500,000 miles of submarine telegraph and telephone cables.

In 1935, Telecon and Siemens Brothers merged their submarine cable businesses and called the new company Submarine Cables Limited. Each company holding 50% of the shares.

On 9th February 1959 British Insulated Callenders Cables acquired the share capital of Telcon and split the company up retaining those parts it required and abandoning others. Effectively from that date Telcon ceased to exist. Submarine Cables Ltd continued as before but with BICC owning 50% shares.

In November 1966 BICC sold its holding in Submarine Cables Ltd to AEI, who having already taken over Siemens Bros., now owned the whole of Submarine Cables Ltd. On 4th November 1970 they sold Submarine Cables Ltd to Standard Telephone and Cables Ltd and the firm ceased to exist as a separate company from that date.



Further companies in the next Bulletin.

MEMBERS' QUERIES

STEEPHEN STEERE writes that he has a picture postcard with the unidentified die of RBC/B (R0423.01) on it. It is on a KEVII ½d (dark), cancelled Birmingham February 20 1903. The sender is a L.RANDALL with an address of Park Road, Moseley. Moseley is now part of Birmingham. Is - or was - there a Randall Bros Company of Birmingham based in Moseley? Could anyone confirm this or assist with further information please?

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Sloper's "Tower Royal Works"

JOHN MATHEWS wishes to know why Sloper's premises in West Hampstead were called "Tower Royal Works". From Post Office London Directories, this name seems to have been used for those works from the very early days of Sloper's perforating business. John wonders if any of the company material which is in the possession of the Society gives a clue to the origin of the "Tower Royal Works" name.

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From ROBERT SCHWERDT

He is preparing a revised edition of the African section of the WORLD PERFIN'S CATALOG and he has a few questions which he hopes fellow 'perfinists' can answer.

1. There is a note in Scott's catalogue for the MEF overprints in British Offices Abroad sections, namely, in 1950 the 15 stamps (1942-7) were declared valid for use in Great Britain. There is no corresponding note for E.A.F. Somalia, Tripolitania or Morocco. Bob wonders if these latter overprinted issues were also valid in G.B. The reason he asks is that a 2/6d item overprinted TANGIER is reported with R&S/M perfin and Manchester cancel dated c1950.

(Ed:- Looking in my "The Commonwealth Catalogue of King George VI Stamps" 8th Edition 1960-61; at the beginning of the British Offices Abroad section it states, "Overprinted G.B. stamps (un-surcharged) can be used in the U.K." The important words I would think are the "UN-SURCHARGED". This means that A.E.F. Somalia and Morocco were valid in the U.K. for a period of time as there was no local currency surcharge on the stamps for certain issues but not Tripolitania as all stamps overprinted for use in Tripolitania were surcharged too.

E.A.F. Somalia 1943-46 stamps were valid in the U.K. and E.A.F. Morocco overprinted TANGIER from 1950 onwards. Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalogue for the Commonwealth also makes mention of these issues being valid in the U.K. It could be that members who specialise in the Postal History of these territories can give Bob far more precise dates than those quoted by myself.)

2. Bob has another question:- he is trying to determine if for British Offices in Morocco - French currency - BEM perfin - there were two varieties of this perfin. The perfin catalogue lists two but he is unsure if there really are two different BEM's, or if some distortion occurred in the printing of the catalogue since one type is listed in a supplement to the catalogue.

If you can help Bob, please send your replies direct to the address at the beginning of the article.

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MEMBERS' WANTS

NEV HAYWARD

is wanting to put together a collection of the G.B. ½d plate, SG 48/49. This is not intended to be a collection of perfins but the collection would not be complete without showing a few examples of security, even on this low value stamp of its day. Offers of underprints, overprints and perfins would be welcomed; if any members have anything to spare, details and price will receive a prompt reply from the above address.

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DAVE HILL - address on front page - would be interested to hear of members' experiences with exhibiting perfins. He is thinking of putting together an exhibit for the National traditional class, even if he only enters it in the Spring Stampex appraisal scheme. He intends basing his exhibit on Barclays Bank perfins and illustrating the history of the perfin dies with the different stamp issues. An ex-member who has given up collecting has given him an accumulation of Barclay Bank perfins. There are plenty of examples of B740.01M and 740.05 but not of the earlier dies; especially that which is perhaps the first, 740.06. Can members provide him with examples of the earlier dies? Multiples would be appreciated to show the make-up of the die.

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DAVE HILL - address as before - is appealing for members to send him tracings, photocopies, or even the examples, of pairs, strips or blocks of the following dies.

C7140.04 or .05 - CS/L/SA

R4870.03 or .04 or .05 or .06 or .07-R&S/M

This is to try to establish the make up of these obviously multiple dies.

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STORING AND DISPLAYING PERFINS



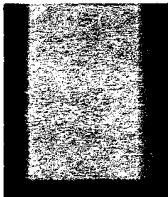
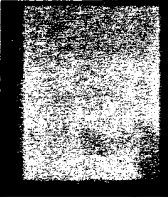
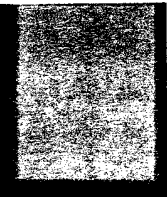
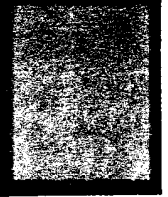
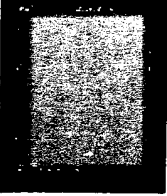
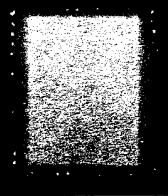
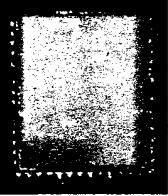
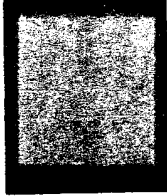
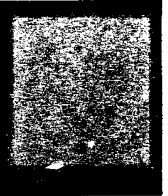

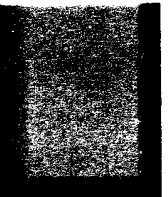
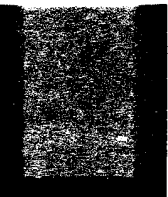
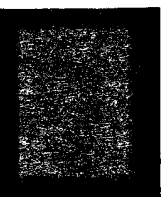


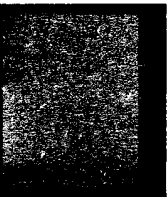
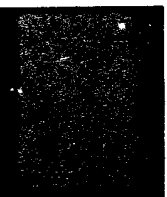



One of our members, KIM BJARNT of Denmark, could not attend the London meeting and, wishing to participate in the competition, sent me photocopies of how he stores his perfins. Unfortunately, his packet arrived whilst I was on holiday so his entry did not get to the meeting. I found his way of storing perfins very interesting, so by way of apology to Kim for missing out on the competition, I am including in this Bulletin part of his entry. It may be a possible blueprint for others to follow.

He decided to make up his own sheets - as illustrated on the next page - the framework of which is Xeroxed on 80g copy paper. At the top is a header where he writes catalogue number, user and period of use. The page also has a footer where he notes any covers he has. Just below the header are 5 squares; in the first he puts the perfin die, using the reverse of the stamp in a black mount; the other 4 squares are used for variations of the die e.g. Provisionals, inverted dies etc.

The rest of the page is divided into 25 squares and is used to mount perfined stamps with picture side up, with SG Nos. below. All values of any particular issue can be accommodated.

All sheets are kept in plastic sleeves, open at top and left side for easy access and stored in a 40mm 4 ring binder. He calculates around 110 binders will be necessary for a complete collection. Perfin covers are stored in A5 sleeves/binders with a small sticker on the sleeve for notes.

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QEII COMMEMORATIVES REPORTED PERFINED Alastair Walter.

Below is the list of the quantities of commemorative stamps reported as existing perfined for issues 1981-1985. This is probably the 'thinnest' period of all for perfined commemoratives.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION & S.G. Nos.</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>No. of</u>
1981	Folklore (SG 1143-46)	14p	1
		18,22,25p	*0*
1981	Year of the Disabled (SG 1147-50)	14,18,22,25p	*0*
1981	Butterflies (SG 1151-54)	14p	1
		18,22,25p	*0*
1981	National Trust (SG 1155-59)	14p	1
		18,20,22,25p	*0*
1981	Royal Wedding (SG 1160-1)	14p	3
		25p	*0*
1981	Duke of Edinburgh Awards (SG 1162-5)	14,18,22,25p	*0*
1981	Fishing (SG 1166-9)	14p	1
		18,22,25p	*0*
1981	Xmas (SG 1170-4)	11½,14p	1
		18,22,25p	*0*
1982	Charles Darwin (SG 1175-8)	15½p	1
1982	Youth Organisations (SG 1179-82)	15½,19½,26,29p	*0*
1982	Europa (SG 1183-6)	15½,19½,26,29p	*0*
1982	Maritime Heritage (SG 1187-91)	15½p	1
		19½,24,26,29p	*0*
1982	British Textiles (SG 1192-5)	15½p	2
		19½,26,29p	*0*
1982	Information Technology (SG 1196-7)	15½,26p	*0*
1982	Motor Cars (SG 1198-1201)	15½,19½,26, 29p	*0*
1982	Xmas (SG 1202-6)	15½p	2
		12½,19½,26, 29p	*0*
1982	River Fishes (SG 1207-10)	15½p	1
		19½,26,29p	*0*
1983	Commonwealth Day (SG 1211-4)	15½,19½, 26, 29p	*0*
1983	Europa (SG 1215-7)	16p	7
		20½p	6
		28p	*0*
1983	Army Uniforms (SG 1218-22)	16p	2
		20½,26,28,31p	*0*

1983	British Gardens (SG 1223-6)	16,20½,28,31p	*0*
1983	British Fairs (SG 1227-30)	16p	4
		20½,28,31p	*0*
1983	Xmas (SG 1231-5)	12½p	4
		16p	1
		20½,28,31p	*0*
1984	College of Arms (SG 1236-9)	16,20½,28,31p	*0*
1984	British Cattle (SG 1240-4)	16p	1
		20½,26,28,31p	*0*
1984	Urban Renewal (SG 1245-8)	16,20½,28,31p	*0*
1984	CEPT/European Elections (SG 1249-52)	(Bridge) 16p	1
		(Horse) 16p	*0*
		20p (both)	*0*
1984	Economic Summit (SG 1253)	31p	*0*
1984	Greenwich Meridian (SG 1254-7)	16p	1
		20½,28,31p	*0*
1984	Mail Coach Bicentenary (SG 1258-62)	16p (all)	*0*
1984	British Council (SG 1263-6)	17,22,31,34p	*0*
1984	Xmas (SG 1267-71)	13p	4
		17p	1
		22,31,34p	*0*
1985	Famous Trains (SG 1272-6)	17,22,29,31,34p	*0*
1985	Insects (SG 1277-81)	17,22,29,31,34p	*0*
1985	Europa (SG 1282-5)	17p	1
		22,31,34p	*0*
1985	Safety at Sea (SG 1286-9)	17p	2
		22,31,34p	*0*
1985	350th Ann. of Royal Mail (SG 1290-3)	17,22,31,34p	*0*
1985	Arthurian Legends (SG 1294-7)	17p	1
		22,31,34p	*0*
1985	British Film Year (SG 1298-1302)	17,22,29,31,34p	*0*
1985	Xmas (SG 1303-7)	12p	3
		17p	1
		22,31,34p	*0*

If you have any more perfined commemoratives which you have not reported, please send details to Alastair

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IPSWICH PERFINS/PERFORATORS By Dave Hill.

The Archives start with the case of Braham, a sub-postmaster in East London who perforated stamps in competition with Sloper. Braham went bankrupt and was replaced by W.L. Kenny who had perforated stamps in Ipswich. I referred to this in Bulletin 274 when talking about Fison's perfins.

I have obtained some old Bulletins and find that Mike Burrows wrote about Ipswich perfins in Bulletin 190, November 1980. Mike was a frequent and very readable contributor to the Bulletin. His information takes the story back further and shows another link between Braham and Ipswich. I apologise for telling the story backwards and suggest members read this and then read page 11 in Bulletin 274 to get it in the right order.

It would seem that W.L. Kenny's partner or boss was a W. Day as he is listed as proprietor of the sub-post office at 46 St. Nicholas Street. Braham produced stamp requisition forms (one is illustrated on Page 12 of John Nelson's Handbook) for the convenience of clients and some bore an impression of a perfin. They must have also been sent to prospective clients as amongst the 100 or so known are some perfins as yet not recorded on stamps. One such is the perfin "W.DAY", which Mike presumed was more of a sample than an actual perfin to be used on a stamp. Amongst the ones known used are at least two from firms within yards of the Ipswich Post Office of Day and Kenny.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the Braham perfin requisitions I refer to in the above article - an example as in John Nelson's Book. John Nelson says they were offered some years ago by an auction house. Did a member buy them or does someone know who did? With copies of these it may be possible to establish a Braham "alphabet".

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Editor:- This seems to be a good time to repeat the article by Mike Burrows which Dave mentions in the above article.

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER By Mike Burrows.

About ten years ago (now 25!!)/ whilst chatting to members of a local philatelic society after a meeting, the subject was turned around to perfins. During the course of the conversation someone said that they had heard from someone else, that many years ago

it was possible to buy perfined postage stamps from an Ipswich Post Office.

At the time this was regarded as just a piece of gossip without any foundation whatsoever. But in the belief that all bits of perfin information should be recorded, even if somewhat dubious, a note was made of the conversation and forgotten until now.

To have an interest in more than one branch of philately can sometimes be an advantage. A recent piece of research that involved the identity of sub-postmasters of Ipswich in the late Victorian era, brought to light a possible clue to help substantiate the rumour first heard all those years ago.

As both the port and town of the Capital of Suffolk grew it became necessary to open more sub-post offices or branch receiving offices. In the early 1850s there was only one sub-post office. This was situated near the docks and had its own circular date stamp - WET DOCK/IPSWICH. A very popular postmark with local collectors. In addition to this Ipswich also boasted two branch receiving offices.

By the 1880's several more offices were opened. One of which was at 46 St. Nicholas Street. This office was located in the premises of William Day, a grocer and provision dealer.

On page 12 of John Nelson's book "The Handbook of British Perfins" can be found an illustration of a Frank Braham Stamp Requisition Form. Attached to the form is a perfin DSF/G on the centre margin of either a ½d vermilion or a 1d lilac.

Also in existence is a small collection of a hundred or so of these so-called 'Braham Proofs', several of which have had a reference number added in ink. Some of these proofs are of perfins known to have been used on postage stamps by companies in the Suffolk area. Whilst some are not as yet recorded in the catalogue at all.

Reference was made in another article "Ipswich Firm's Philatelic Links" (published Sept/Oct 1980 SEPS Bulletin) to the perfin,

341.1 SHC 10,12,8 4½mm

Known with Ipswich postmarks of 1896-98, this perfin is number 2042 in the 'Braham Proof series.

No.2040 in the same series is:-

143 RD/F/JB 11,11/13/7,13 4½/7½/4½mm

and is identified with R.D. & J.D. Fraser of Ipswich and Felixstowe.

In the middle of those two perfin is 'Braham Proof No.2041. Not listed in the catalogue, the configuration of this perfin is:-

W-DAY 13,11,10,8 4½mm

The stop is not level between the W and D but is equidistant between the bottom two pins of each of the two letters.

The obvious conjecture to all this is that the sub-postmaster, William Day, acted as agent for Frank Braham and, therefore, the rumour was partially true. The possible correct explanation being that companies in Ipswich requiring perforated postage stamps could order them from William Day. The 'Braham Proof No.2041 being in the nature of a sample of the kind of work Braham could produce, rather than a required security perfin for William Day's grocery and provisions business.

If the perfin SHC does prove to belong to S. H. Cowell (Ed.:- at the present time, 1995, no proving cover has been found but the die is known on 1d lilacs and Jubilee stamps with dates ranging from 1893 to 1899) this would add weight to the theory. Especially as both S. H. Cowell and R.D.S J.B. Fraser were located within a few hundred yards of William Day's sub-post office and grocery business.

Admittedly it is all theory, but can we be sure that we have heard the last from sub-postmaster William Day?

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Continuing this theme, Dave Hill adds the following:-

Sidney Allchin, another perforator of postage stamps, produced a list of users for a publicity leaflet; we think about 1910. The list is a bit short and it is not possible to be sure which dies are Allchin's from just a list of users. I did come to the tentative conclusion however that they might use an alphabet which had lots of small pins (like Sloper's at the same date) but with rather untidy "squarish" corners where there should be nice curves.

I would be pleased to hear the comments of any other "alphabet seekers", or anything else that would help to determine the maker of individual perfins.

NEW IDENTITIES submitted to the CATALOGUE EDITOR - 11 Contributors. ROY GAULT.

Note: Underlined Catalogue Numbers are also New Dies and have been illustrated at the end.

From Ian Burns.

A0030.06p	AA	8,8	4½		Automobile Association. Cover pmk Glasgow 10/05/1945.	R
B0010.74	B	14	6½		Boddington's Breweries Ltd, Strangeways Brewery (Eat 1778), Manchester. TC pmk Manchester 27/10/1902.	F
C0170.01	C.A/G	8,10/10	5½		Confirm - Central Agency, 89 Wellington St, Glasgow.	
C1290.04	CC/&C ^o	8,8/14,8,4	4½	I	Copestake, Crampton & Co Ltd, 5 Bow Churchyard. London EC4.	
Notes: Above die was in combination with CC/CoLd (C1300.01) on a Registered cover dated 8/6/1927.						I
L3550.01a	L&L/&G	6,12,6/12,9	4½	Ia	London & Liverpool & Globe Ins Co, 25 Bridge St. Hawick. Receipt dated 5/9/1940.	Q
M0010.09	M	15	5½		2. McCorquodale & Co Ltd, Caxton Works, Glasgow. Cover pmk Glasgow 2/3/1922.	I
<u>M13625.01</u>	M.L.	15,7	5½		Mullen Ltd, 91 Adelphi St. Glasgow S.S. Pmk 19/7/1922.	I
N2420.01	N.O.W	11,8,11	4½		The "News of the World" 30 Bouverie St. London EC4. Newspaper wrapper, pmk 10/8/56.	M
R1990.01	R/G	10,9	4½		Redline-Glico Ltd, Redline Hse, 16 Charles St, Haymarket, SW1.	M
S8043.01	S\&W	9\12\12	4½	Ia	Smith & Wellstood Ltd, Stove, Range & Boiler Makers, 11 Ludgate Circus, London EC4. Also 63 Conduit St, London W1. Head Office and Foundries at Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire, Scotland. (TC dated 2817/36).	M
<u>T3205.01</u>	T&M ^c I/Ld	7,11,15,7,5/7,7	5	IIIa	Train & McIntyre Ltd, Baltic Chambers, 60 Wellington St, Glasgow. Agents for: Robert Younger Ltd, St Ann's Brewery, Edinburgh, and Truman, Hanbury, Buxton & Co Ltd, London Stout.	

Note: Unused TC - The expected 'T' is missing and the '&' is mainly blunt.
Can anyone provide a better illustration?

W2050.01	WDS/E	14,11,10/10	4½		William Dickson & Son, Edinburgh. Cover dated 5/1/1923.	I
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From Rosemary Smith.

B6750.01	BS/M	10,9/11	4½		Boro' of St Marylebone. Receipt from Electricity Dept - 30/9/21.	I
H6570.01	HS/&C ^o .L ^d	11,11/13/8,6,7	5½	III	George P Harris Scarfe & Co Ltd, Lloyd's Ave, London EC. Cover dated 12/2/1909.	F
J6810.01	JS	7,10	5		Julian Stephens Ltd, 19a Coleman St, London EC. Cover dated 19/1/1912.	F
N1540.03	N&G	10,14,10	4½	I	Norton & Gregory Ltd, Castle Ln, Westminster, London SW1. Cover dated 3/7/1924.	I
P0600.02	P.B/&Co	11,15/14,8,6	4½	IIIa	Pyman, Bell & Co, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Cover dated 27/5/1880 (SG142)	A
R5690.01A	RW/&Co	11,14/12,8,6	4	IIIa	Ridley, Whitely & Co, 46-47 New Gate St, London. Cover to Beyrou, pmk 22/8/1890.	E
S7160.03	S.T/&B	11,8/16,15	5½	II	Spencer, Turner & Boldero, NW1. Cover date 17/1/70, ld (pl 113).	A

From Jon Stevenson.

The following identities are suspected from a combination of Postmark evidence and the fact that they all appear to have come from the same source which included the known dies MAR (M0090.01) - Metropolitan Asylums Board, and CHA (C3070.01) - Cane Hill Asylum, Coulsden, Surrey.

C3080.01	C.H.A	8,11,10	5½	Ø	Colney Hatch Asylum, New Southgate. Pmk New Southgate, ../3/1901.	B
C5567.01	C.O.L/M.A	8,10,7/15,10	5½	Ø	City of London Metropolitan Asylum - a group of 5 asylums built on the outskirts of Epsom at the end of the 19th century. Pmk Epsom, .../1/1901.	B
H0080.01	H.A.	11,10	5½	Ø	Hanwell Asylum. Pmk Hanwell, .../7/1901.	B

From Ed Shales.

B5615.01	B.P	14,10	5		John Bradbury & Co, Peterborough. Receipt dated 8/5/1912.	H
W3950.01	WH/H	12,10/12	4½		Whitworth, Hillyard & Wade (Tea & Coffee) Ltd. Receipt dated 21/5/1946.	R

From John Frost.

F2440.01	F.L/&Co	8,7/14,8,4	4	I	F Lenders & Co, London. Cover pmk London EC, 12/04/1901.	E
W6355.01	W.R./I.C.	15,12/5,8	5½		West Riding Insurance Committee, 6 Bond St, Wakefield. Cover pmk Wakefield, 8/11/1920.	I

From Paddy Murphy.

N2870.02 N&S 13,14,10 5 I Ø Newsom & Son Ltd, Wholesale Tea & Foreign Produce Stores, French Church St. Cork. F

Note: Suspected identity from postmark evidence.

From Alastair Walter.

F3850.01M F^s..L^d.. 9,9,8,9 8½ Finnigans Ltd, 123/125 Deansgate, Manchester 3. PC pmk Manchester, 10/6/1936. M

Note: The joined horizontal pair of stamps show detail differences in the perfin strikes, most noticeably the s's, indicating a multiheaded die. F3850.02 is probably part of the same die and can now be deleted.

H4530.02 H/LEBUS 12/6,9,12,8,9 4½/3½ Ø Harris Lebus Ltd, London. Item pink London, 24/9/1896. E

Note: Identity suspected from London pinks and combination of letters.

L0560.01 LB/L^d/PS 7,14/7,6/10,10 4 Ø Lever Brothers, Port Sunlight. Duplex Pink 74 - Birkenhead. E

Note: Identity suspected from pink evidence. In all probability, all GB perfins with this particular lettering were used by the same user.

From Brian Dennis.

D5420.02 DY/Co 11,8/8,4 5½ Douglas Young & Co, Surveyors & Auctioneers. Pmk London, May 1914. I

H7650.01 HWB 12,14,14 4½ H W Brake, Lynchford House, Farnborough, Hants. Postmark date 10/3/1910. F

N2000.01 NLF 10,6,7 4½ User unknown, but the address is 42 Parliament St, London SW. Cover pack London, 7/1/1910. F

Note: Can anyone supply the user's name from the above address?

From John Nelson.

In response to Bob Schwerdt's query in Bulletin No.275, John has found a trade mark (taken from an 1891 trade directory and illustrated alongside) which confirms the suggestion that Des 0160.01 is indeed a pair of crossed F's. Des 0160.01 (known with Dublin pmks on issues E-F) has now been renumbered to F1406.01m. On the strength that monogram F1405.01m is known in Irish collections and appears on issue 'H', it too will be assigned the same suspected identity.

F1405.01m Crossed F's 45 pins 13½ Ø Francis Falkner, Malt Whiskey Distiller, 83 Grafton St and 36 Dawson St. Dublin. Also 2 Charing Cross Rd. London SW.

F1406.01m Crossed F's in shield 57 (in 40) 12 (19½) Ø Francis Falkner, Malt Whiskey Distiller, address as above.

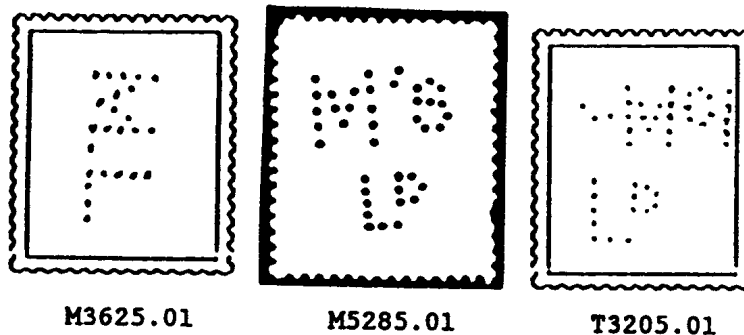
From Dave Hill.

B0010.02	B	10	5½	Noted in 1980 Bulletin (3&4) - reported by Reg Powell - Bengal & North Western Railway Ltd. Cover prank London EC, 1/5/1919.	I
C6480.01	CR/&Co	8,11/12,8,6	4½ IIIa	Cock Russell & Co, 36 Gt Tower St, London EC.	B
L4980.01p	L/SC	6/9,7	4½	Confirmed - The Lancashire Steel Corporation Ltd, Warrington. Pmk Warrington, 31/8/1945.	R
P0220.01	PAM	10.10,15	4½	Josef Pam & Co, Fore St Avenue, London EC. Registered cover pmk Fore St, London EC, 13/5/1908.	F
P0410.09	PB	10,13	5½	Noted in 1980 Bulletin (7&8) – reported by Arthur Smith - cover addressed to The Inspector of the Poor, Parish of Dalkeith. Perhaps the initials are for Poor Board. Cover pmk Glasgow, 29/5/1894.	E
W0490.01	V.B.C	15,13,8	5½	Woolwich Borough Council, Town Hall, Woolwich, London SE18. Pmk Woolwich SE18, 17/12/1926.	I

From Stephen Steere

E3230.01	EN/FT - Initials of the "English Needle & (Fine?) Thread Co Ltd".				
<u>K5285.01</u>	M's/Ld	15,10/7,6	6/4½	Maignen's "Filtre Rapide" & "Anti-Calcaire" Co Ltd, 15 Gt Marlborough St. London W. TC pmk London W, 28/11/1914.	I

NEH DIE/IDENTITY ILLUSTRATIONS.



Typographical errors noted in the New Identities section of recent Bulletins:

G0820.01	G.C.C	Pin count should read 10,8,8	B274
H3720.02	H.B./L ^d .	Should read H0720.02	B273
I0205.01	I.B/&.R.	Pin count should read 5,13/13,12	B274
H0675.01	MNL ^d /C	Should read MBL ^d /C	B274



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