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SOCIETY INFORMATION

EDITOR'S COMMENTS Rosemary Smith.

I am looking for more contributions to the Bulletin. I am aware that there is only so much new information but members find interest in the small anecdotes about individual covers or other items. Anything to do with the subject is welcome.

I have been gratified to receive more letters of appreciation for the Bulletin than I have ever had before. Your contributions make this an interesting publication. I was also pleased to note these words in The Perfins Club Bulletin.

"The Perfin Society's New Illustrated Catalogue of Great British Perfins, edited by Roy Gault, is several orders of magnitude improvement over previous catalogs. Roy Gault's prodigious and outstanding work as a cataloger continues to amaze and impress all".

If you are a serious collector of perfins, and have not yet subscribed to this latest catalogue, I urge you to look at the price list in this Bulletin and use the idea for your next birthday present from those who have no idea what to buy the 'person who has everything!'

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES Dave Hill March '96.

NEW MEMBERS

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GEOFF LONGBOTTOM

PAUL WREGLESWORTH

RESIGNED DAVID RABINOW. MOSHE BIALI.

LAPSED

ANDREOTTA BASS BENJAMIN BRUNELL CASLEY

ENTWISTLE FRANCOMBE GUNTON HAMILL HOUGHTON

LANE LOEVE LOYDELL MANDELID ROLFE

SOLWAY WISEMAN

NEWS FROM SECRETARY/ TREASURER Dave Hill.

17 lapsed members - a few more than last year but all have been written to and the above have not replied, but may yet. This represents about equal numbers of new members, whose interest in perfins has not been sustained, and old members who may have given up through illness or death.

Last call for our Spring Meeting on Saturday 27th April at Baden Powell House, Queens Gate, SW7 from 1:00pm to 5:pm. This is next to the Natural History Museum in Cromwell Road, between South Kensington and Gloucester Road Tube Stations. Usually there is plenty of meter parking.

There is no formal business for this meeting but if you have any burning issues let me know. We will have another competition at the meeting and the following has been suggested. Only one item - stamp or cover - which is "new" to your collection. The reasons for its interest may be many and varied. I have found that this idea at local club nights produces some very interesting results. There will again be a "Sloper Perforated Letterhead" as prize; winner decided by members present.

The Bowman Prize this year will be awarded to Rosemary Smith for her article on "Perfins, Partials or just Rubbish?". The Bowman Prize (£10 credit in club auction) was started by Michael after Ron's death, using Society funds. Unfortunately the appeal in the last Bulletin only resulted in one other response. It has been suggested that a voting form be included in the Bulletin but even if this doubled the response to four this would not be worthy of Ron Bowman's memory. I therefore propose that we drop the Bowman Prize altogether.

BRUCE BRUNKLL has still not paid the money he owes (see last Bulletin). He has told two US members he will pay sometime!!

I have contacted a recovery agency in the US but am loathe to pay their 30% (of money recovered) fee unless I absolutely have to.

If members have any ideas on recovering this money any other way or would like to put their point of view to Brunell, please let me know

LIBRARY/PUBLICATIONS John Donner.

Graphite Lined Wildings Bulletin 280 Page 16.

ROY GAULT made a study of these some years ago and Roy has now sent the full list of Graphite Lined stamps with perfin to the Library. If anyone is interested in these issues, write to me to request a copy. There are 5 pages, including front title page. All dies known on these stamps are illustrated.

DAVID ANDERSEN has added one more die to the list in Bulletin 280:- P&O P3460.01 4½d SG 594.

Perfins on the 46th Inter Parliamentary U.C. Stamp

Bulletin 266 etc. ROY GAULT has also produced a 3 page study of the 46th IPUC (1957) found with perfin. Again all 25 dies are illustrated. Write to me if you would like a copy - the charge will be for photocopying and postage. It would be as cheap to send for both the above at one time.

Publications Price List

On the following page is an updated publications price list. At this moment I am having to find a new firm to print the pages of the catalogue but if I can get a price for the first part of the 'J' section before the Bulletin dead-line, I will ask Rosemary to add it to the list.

I have had to change the overseas postage because I feel I need to send things airmail. There has been lots of instances lately where members have not received publications or when they were received, they were damaged. All these publications went surface mail. All those sent airmail have arrived safely.

If anyone has any objections to paying airmail and would rather it came surface mail, please let me know.

SEEN IN AUCTION

PHIL BOTCHER spotted another French 1930 EIPA mint perfin - 1f 50c - in the December Express Stamp Auctions. It was estimated at £1500 + Tax and went for £1200 + VAT. This was a margin stamp, with same size margin as stamp and the perfin was mirror duplicated in the margin.

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PERFIN SOCIETY PUBLICATION PRICE LIST			
PUBLICATION	HOME	EUROPE	OVERSEAS
TOMKINS IDENTITIES	9.00	10.50	12.00
TOMKINS UPDATES	3.00	4.50	6.00
EDWARDS/GAULT ILLUSTRATED	30.00	35.00	38.00
EDWARDS/GAULT UPDATES	5.00	6.50	8.00
SLOPERS HISTORY	3.00	4.00	5.00
WARTIME PROVISIONALS	8.00	9.50	11.00
HOSPITAL DIES	2.50	3.50	5.00
GB OFFICIAL PERFINS	3.00	4.00	5.00
HANDBOOK OF GB PERFINS	3.00	4.00	5.00
SILVER JUBILEES	2.50	3.50	5.00
BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION	2.50	3.50	5.00
AUSTRALIA UPDATES	0.50	1.00	1.50
GAULT O, Q DETAILS	3.50	4.50	6.00
GAULT O, Q SILHOUETTES	2.50	3.50	5.00
GAULT U, V, X DETAILS	3.50	4.50	6.00
GAULT U, V, X SILHOUETTES	2.50	3.50	5.00
GAULT Y, Z, DES DETAILS	3.50	4.50	6.00
GAULT Y, Z, DES SILHOUETTES	2.50	3.50	5.00
GAULT S PART ONE	3.50	4.50	6.00
GAULT S PART TWO	3.50	4.50	6.00
GAULT S PART THREE	3.50	4.50	6.00
GAULT S SILHOUETTES	3.00	4.00	5.50
GAULT I DETAILS	3.50	4.50	6.00
GAULT I SILHOUETTES	2.50	3.50	5.00
GAULT K DETAILS	3.50	4.50	6.00
GAULT K SILHOUETTES	2.50	3.50	5.00
GAULT J PART ONE	4.25	5.25	6.75

Cont. French EIPA Perfin

In Bulletin 260 (Oct'92) Pg.10, a used margin block of 4, with exhibition cancel in the margin, was reported as going for £852-50p. Draw your own conclusions.

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PERFINS STILL IN CURRENT USE George Dyke.

See Bulletin 273/11; 275/14; 278/9; 279/9.

PAMELA DUKES and ROBERT ROWE have reported the following perfins in current use.

<u>PERFIN</u>	<u>CAT.NO.</u>	<u>STAMP</u>	<u>USER - Where known</u>
C/CC	C1260.01	1p, 19p, 25p	Cornwall County Council
C/HA	C3085.03	25p	Crewe Health Authority
COV/HA	C5647.01	25p	Coventry Health Authority
DC	D0560.02	1p	Various
R/HA	R2225.01M	25p	Riverside Health Authority
RH/A8	R2228.01	19p, 25p, NVI	Various
WT	W7310.01	19p	Allied Paper Merchants (London)

DEREK RANSON writes:- "With reference to the letters concerning the difficulty of getting stamps perfined (See Bulletin 280), it would appear that there have been improvements in the supply situation since the Post Office announced the availability of sheets of Non Value Indicator (NVI) stamps from Birmingham, Coventry, Falkirk and Milton Keynes in Sep'93 and from the Philatelic Bureau in Oct' 93.

I have acquired the following NVI stamps which show a more widespread use in the last year."

CB/H	C0775.01	2nd class	
C/CC	C1260.05M	2nd class	Canterbury Pmk, Sep'95
EH/MC	E2020.01	2nd class	
LC	L0960	2nd class	Leeds pmk, May'95
LCS	L1310.01	1st class	blunt pins
W/HA	W3455.02	2nd class	weak strike, pins sharp

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QEII COMMEMORATIVES REPORTED PERFINED Alastair Walter.

From previous lists, the following have now been reported with perfin. The majority are from the machine of the Bulletin Editor or the Society Perforator.

The first three are from lists in Bulletin 277 and the next two from the list in Bulletin 278. The last two begin a new list.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION & S.G. Nos.</u>	<u>VALUES</u>
1993	Xmas (SG 1792-3)	30p, 35p
1994	Summertime (SG 1834)	19p
1994	Europa - Medicine (SG 1839)	25p
1995	Peace and Freedom (SG 1877)	30p
1995	Shakespeare - The Globe (SG 1884)	25p
1995	Rugby (SG 1852)	25p
1995	Xmas (SG ??)	19p,25p,41p,60p

This survey is on going so continue to send details of perfin on commemoratives to Alastair. This is not just for current stamps but ALL QEII commemoratives.

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PERFIN OFFER

CHRIS CARR, in response to requests from perfin collectors for his personal perfin (C/..), designed and printed a stamp and F.D.C. This is the annual Temple Ewell Church Christmas charity stamp and the church runs a local post from 25th Nov. to mid Dec. to raise money for the Fabric Fund of this very old church.

He will supply mint stamps at 10p each and FDC at 30p each plus postage/packing 25p. This is probably the first perfin ever used on any of the GB Christmas charity post stamps.

At the same time perhaps you would like to ask Chris to add your name to the list of members who are willing to have their collecting interests circulated to other members. Chris has almost completed this list and 32 members have sent details of their perfin interests.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

ROBERTO EISSLER of Brazil won a Large Silver Medal at "LUBRAPEX" in Sao Paulo, Brazil last October. Lubrapex is a traditional stamp exhibition held every two years, alternately in Brazil and in Portugal.

Roberto's exhibit was a 64 page display of G.B. Perfins. The pages covered 1d Reds, Officials, Full Names, Monograms, Designs, lumbers and Letters. Initials divided into A-Z, with 'Co. Ltd' and

with ampersands. There were also separate sheets showing Banking, Navigation, Railway, Petroleum, Hospital and Educational perfins. These, with 5 or 6 pages of explanation form a very comprehensive exhibition. Our congratulations go to Roberto.

Back in 1975, NORAH WRIGHT won a Bronze Award at Spring Stampex and she described her exhibit in detail in Bulletin 158 (July/Aug 1975).'

Dave Hill would like to know what is the highest award to date of a perfin exhibit at National and also International level. In recent Bulletins we heard of two Swedish members who won awards in Scandinavian Exhibitions. If any other members have won medals or awards with perfin entries, don't keep the news to yourself - write to the Bulletin.

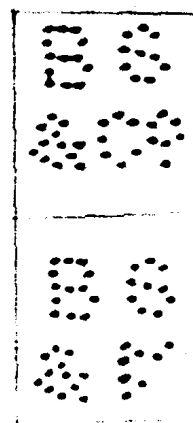
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MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

"BSC" PERFIN Bulletin 280 New Identities Page 27.

JOHN MATHEWS has sent a page (9) from "The South Pacific Perfin Bulletin", No 27, April 1994 which refers to the company concerned. The relevant paragraph from an article headed "Deliberate Modifications To Customised Perforators" is as follows:-

"One of the most ingenious modifications to a perforator took place as a result of the change from Beath, Schiess & Co., to Beath, Schiess and Felstead in 1909. (W. H. Felstead was listed as a member of the company in Sands' Melbourne Directory from 1885!) Four pins from the "C" and two from the "O" of BS/&Co were retained, the others from these letters removed and two new pins added, to form the slightly distorted "F" of BS/&F.



John says he can find no matching pairs of patterns in the GB and Australian catalogues for this company and can only conclude from this that the Australian devices were locally made.

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FRANK BRAHAM/BARCLAY FRY Bulletin 280 Page 18-19.

PHIL DAVEY writes that perfins are known on the Barclay and Fry printed issues of Shanghai. B&S/S of Butterfield & Swire, Shanghai is known on a mint pair and a used single of the ½c value.

These are the only ones he has recorded in years of correspondence with collectors of Chinese perfins all over the globe.

The perfin itself is known on stamps of China proper (Dowager to Waterlow dragon issues) and also on stamps of the French, German and Japanese PO's in Shanghai. For this reason he thinks it unlikely Braham did the perfins. Braham may have made the perforator - we may never know!

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CROSSE & BLACKWELL Bulletin 280 Pg.13-15.

STEPHEN STEERE extends the die C0960.02 (CSB/SOHO) with an E7 1d dated 2-8-02 and pre-dates the C0500.02 (CSB) with GVI dark colours ½d, 1½d and 1/-. He says there is no mention in the Sloper Wartime Ledger of a Crosse & Blackwell perfin die.

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RHODESIA PERFINS Bulletin 280 Pg.16.

DAVID ANDERSEN (Australia) has no information about the straight line perforations but does send information about other perfins for Mr. O. J. Peetoom..

David has perfins 'D.R/C^o', 'H&S' and 'LL' all postally used on Southern Rhodesia stamps: and 'S.R./G.' fiscally used for Southern Rhodesia.

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“INVENTION” PERFIN Bulletin 279 Pg.12.

JACK BRANDT has 2 x 1d lilacs with this perfin. One with "FB" cancel and one with GLASGOW 159 double arc cancel dated AP-11-88.

(The Glasgow postmark seems to throw a spanner in the works - Ed.)

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MUSEUM OF WORLD POSTAL SERVICES

This organisation is a member of the Perfin Society and the curator, Mr. D. R. Bremner (Bob), is offering its services to members of the Society.

The aim of the Museum was to tell the story of how information has been sent and stored over the years. A Public Museum was not feasible because of Local Council opposition to their plans so a Private Museum was started. This meant that displays had to be small and mobile, for as they say, if the public cannot come to you then you must go to them.

Their loan service of models and stamps go mainly to schools, but anyone can borrow items at no cost to them, so long as they are fully insured and they are kept in good condition. They also have a finder service for almost any item to do with the transport of and the servicing of mail in any country of the world.

On the retail side, they buy stamps from where ever they can at the lowest prices possible and sell them on at prices to cover the cost plus postage etc. Catalogues are only used for reference - not pricing. The object is to help genuine collectors and expand the pleasure of the hobby.

The Museum is also a member of The Postmark Club of America and have a finders service for their members. They are willing to provide the same service for any member of the Perfin Society, at a discounted price or a price fixed by the Council.

If you think Bob can help you in any way, write to him at "Museum of World Postal Services"

Bob has also reported seeing the following in a Private Treaty Sale of philatelic items.

SG 103 3d Plate 8 Block of 11; perfin H&P; CDS; Price £66.

SG 206 4½d; Rare u/m marginal block 4; Board of Trade perfin;

Price £100.

The most interesting line in the catalogue was NO VAT TO PAY! Bob says this applies with most dealers whether selling for home or abroad. None of my dealer acquaintances will acknowledge knowing anything about this change. Any comments?

MEMBERS' QUERIES

The first four queries come from the pen of Dave Hill.

1. "I am unsure whether the full name perfin POCHIN has been identified. I have a 1d lilac with a Manchester postmark: and a chemical manufacturer of this name is listed at Brookes Lane, Middlewich, Cheshire. It was founded by a Henry Davis Pochin who died in 1895. It was one of the many Manchester companies floated by the speculator; David Chadwick.

Are they the users of this perfin? Any comments?"

(I, Ed., have a 1d Plate 220 of this perfin but only Manchester Duplex number on the stamp - no date.)

2. "I have the full name PERCH on a 1d lilac with a Cardiff postmark. Can any member give a likely user in Cardiff?"

(Ed.- I note this is not recorded in Tony Edwards' Welsh Cat.)

3. "I was surprised to find that although the perfin dies LB/Ld/PS and LB/Ld/LH are identified with Lever Bros Ltd., Port Sunlight and Lever House (London), the very similar die LB/Ld/LP is not identified. What did the LP stand for? No guesses please!"

"You could do a small display on Lever Bros perfins. They had a POKO and a full name die as well as a single letter die. They were associated with the perfin users 'United Africa Co.' and 'Unilever House*. I believe they were involved in the infamous 'Ground Nuts Scheme' in the 1950's. This was a scheme to extract oil from ground nuts by planting on a large scale in Africa; the oil to be used for margarine. Unfortunately quite unsuitable land was chosen. I am attempting to research their history."

4. "Browsing through the catalogue, I find that the die B.B/ST.E is known used by The Borough of Bury St.Edmunds. The very similar die BB/STE is not identified so is this known with Bury St.Edmunds postmarks?"

The next set of queries also come from Dave but are based on his research through the Sloper Ledgers.

1. Sloper's first Ledger lists the perfin NI/Co against Nico Light Engineering Co. A firm of this name had an office in Croydon and works in Summerhill Road, Birmingham. The only perfins

with these letters are N1970.01, .01a and .02, all very similar and possibly states of the same die or a multidie. Do members have these perfin with either Croydon or Birmingham postmarks?

2. The Ledger also lists a perfin NS/NQ against Newman Smith and Newman. In the last Bulletin an earlier perfin NS/SN was identified with this firm at Carey Lane, London EC. Who was the partner with the initial Q? Research in a London directory late 1930's early 1940's may give us the identity.

3. The Ledger also lists Saddleworth Council as one of the users of the perfin SU/DC. Have members this perfin with Saddleworth (Oldham/Manchester) postmarks? If so, which perfin as there are four different SU/DC dies?

4. British Industrial Plastics is noted as the user of BI/P. I have found an address for them at Oldbury, Wortley, Worcs. Have members this perfin with this postmark?

5. Mark Mayhew is recorded as the user of MMLd at Battersea Church Soad, SW11. Again, is this perfin known with this postmark?

6. Lastly, E H Booth is down as the user of EHB/Ld. They were at Fishergate, Preston. Again is this perfin known with this postmark?

Any information about any of these - to Dave please.

Query re perfin 'HLd' Bulletin 279/11 Dave Hill.

Only one member, JACK BRANDT, reported having the perfin HLd (joined) on an E8 1½d dated 16-9-36, postmarked Cornwall, so this does not help to link it with the engineers Harveys of Hayle, although Hayle is in Cornwall. However, I have spoken to a fellow member of the Penwith Philatelic Society who worked at Harveys for many years. All he can recall is a single letter 'H' being used.

Has any member an H0010 with Hayle postmark? If so, which particular 'H' die as there are many?

MEMBERS' WANTS

STELLAN SWENSON

wants:- "Receipt Stamps, Inland and Foreign Bill Stamps, Supplied free of charge for initialling" with 1d RED, perfin T/B&C^o (T0470.01). Very good price for top quality. (Ed.-this as received)

Member JOSEPH DOOLEY

is willing to pay £1-50p for perfined Id Reds between Plates 71 and 120, if in good condition; actual perfin die not important.

Member ROBERTO EISSLER

would like to obtain any information on firms or companies with the name EISLER or EISSLER. Eg. EISLER (Austria) and N.E. and N.E.K. of Nathan Eisler (Czechoslovakia) etc.

Non-member ALFRED NEUMANN wishes to exchange world perfins.

Non-member S. SIROFIN wants to correspond on, and swap Russian perfins.

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"BACL" PERFIN - INFORMATION WANTED

ROBERT J. SCHWERDT

is in need of some assistance to clarify the details of the user of the 'BACL' perfin. He is revising the Asian section of the World Perfins Catalogue, published by the Perfins Club.

There has been reported a 'BACL' perfin on a stamp of British Offices in Levant. The Edwards Catalogue gives the identity as The British Aluminium Cie Ltd of Istanbul; the 7th edition of the Tomkins Identities Catalogue gives the identity as Raybestos-Belaco Ltd., London SE1 and stamps from Id lilac to GV Typo.

Is there a conflict of identity or are they allied companies?

Bob is not 100% convinced that the 'BACL' perfin was ever used in Turkey because of the large number of known forgeries of Levant overprints.

If any member of the Perfin Society can help in ANY way, please write to Bob (or Ed.) as soon as possible.

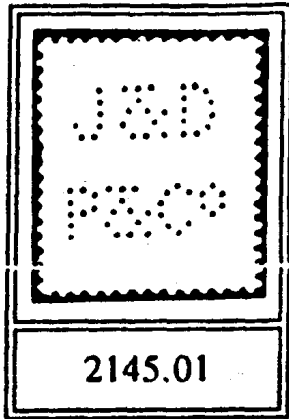
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HISTORY OF FIRMS USING PERFINS

J. & D. PATON & Co. Ltd.

By Ian C. Burns.

The following article is the result of a request from Roy Gault to try to identify the perfin J2145.01 – J&D/P&C°. Roy's information to me was that 4 examples had been seen, all with a Tillicoultry postmark between 1901 and 1907. As Tillicoultry is only about 15 miles from me I was the nearest member.



Tillicoultry is one of several towns along what is known locally as "The Hillfoots" - towns which lie at the foot of the Ochil Hills.

They are Menstrie, Alva, Tillicoultry and Dollar. Because of the streams coming from the hills, the towns grew up around them.

They supplied waterpower for the many woollen mills in the area. One of these being:--

J. & D. Paton a Co. Ltd. - James & David Paton & Co. Ltd.

They came to Tillicoultry from Alloa in 1824 and expanded during the 19th Century so that, by 1882, the works contained 17 sets of carding and spinning machinery and over 250 power and hand looms. In 1851 they were awarded the gold medal at the first Great Exhibition in London for their products.

In 1859 a report in the 'Stirling Journal and Advertiser' stated that they had "...commenced building a large fine mill, close to their other factory, and also a series of large weaving shops*. In the 1860's J. & D. Paton's mill was said to be the largest in Scotland and was the mainstay of the working population of Tillicoultry.

The original works were erected in 1825 and were powered by water. Later it was recorded, in 1880, that both steam and water power were used to drive the machinery, water provided approximately 25% of the requirements. A newspaper - report of 1868 indicated that the steam engine was in operation at the time with a large water wheel for supplementary power.

Paton's were involved in the manufacture of shawls, tartans and tweeds, having diversified in the 1850's after a period of recession in the trade. Their products were known worldwide and were worn by royalty on several occasions. Throughout their history Paton's showed enterprise in experimenting and developing new areas of manufacture and this was suggested as the reason for their continuing success.

A newspaper report of 6th Nov. 1868 gives details of a "Destructive Fire at Messrs Paton's Woollen Manufactory". Apparently the fire originated in the attic floor of what was known as the Old Mill and which ran in an east-west direction forming the north side of the long square building lying nearest the village. The fire was prevented from spreading to the adjacent buildings by the thick gable walls. As a result several hundreds were thrown out of employment.

The company ceased trading in 1980, still being run by Mr. Paton (Sen), a great, great grandson of the original founders. One of the directors was one Graham Paton, son of the above Mr. Paton (Sen). When J.& D. Paton & Co. Ltd. went into voluntary liquidation he started Paton & Sons (Tillicoultry) Ltd. in June 1981 to carry on the same business. By December of that year a further injection of capital was required. This, however, did not work out and the company went into the hands of the receivers on 6th Oct. 1982. A report in the "Alloa and Hillfoot Advertiser" of Wed.17th Nov.1982 is headed "Fraser Lifeline for Tilly Mill?" - "Sir High Fraser is ready to throw a lifeline to a company with just 27 workers which is in the hands of the receiver". Under his plan the company, Paton's Scottish Knitwear Limited of Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire, would not only be saved but the workforce trebled. Sir Hugh Fraser's company making the takeover was Glen Gordan Knitwear. This took place, officially on 1st Jan.1983 but unofficially it started in early December 1982. This lasted until approximately 1987 when the mill finally closed.

The building remained empty for some years but has now been converted into flats, leaving the facade of the building as it had been originally. This conversion occurred during the early 1990's. Thus ends a long association between the company and Tillicoultry. Unfortunately we still have no proving cover for J. & D. Paton & Co. Ltd.

SIERRA LEONE 2/WIR PERFIN

Rosemary Smith.

One of the members of Sheffield Philatelic Society, FRANK WALTON, is also a member of the West African Study Circle and has a special interest in Sierra Leone. After mentioning to him that we have had at least three copies of the 2/WIR perfin through our auction, he has furnished me with the following information.

This first extract is from the West African Study Circle journal "Cameo" Volume 2, Page 179, July 1983 and is written by P. O. Beale.

"The only perfin known to me from Sierra Leone in the nineteenth century is that showing 2/WIR or Second West Indian Regiment. I have seen it on SG 28, the 1d stamp first issued in 1884; on SG 31, the 2½d first issued in 1891; on SG 49, the 6d issued in 1897; and on SG74, the 1d issued in 1903. It was clearly intended for security purposes to prevent the theft of stamps from the Regimental Office and their subsequent usage. I have seen three covers all bearing the 2½d value and addressed to a Mrs Duggan.

"After Sierra Leone became a Crown Colony in January 1808 the military presence consisted of The Royal Africa Corps composed almost entirely of white troops. Their severe mortality rate led to their replacement by a detachment of the West Indian Regiment which came from Barbados in April 1812 and which used Bunce Island as a recruiting depot. The men of the R.A.C. went to The Cape of Good Hope and in May 1819 five companies of the Second West Indian Regiment arrived from Jamaica to garrison Sierra Leone, the Isles of Los and The Gambia.

"The troops were supplemented for civil purposes by the Sierra Leone Police Corps founded in 1929 and later by the Frontier Police Force of 1890 formed before the Protectorate was established in 1896. This force was incorporated into the West African Frontier Force as the Sierra Leone Battalion in 1901. The need for troops in the Protectorate led to the formation of yet another military unit, the first battalion West African Regiment, which in its turn was incorporated into The West African Frontier Force. This WAFF eventually included all military units in British West Africa.

"The perfins show that the Second West Indian Regiment maintained its separate identity in Sierra Leone until the turn of this century. I would be interested to hear of any other stamps known with the perfin and of any other covers."

In the next issue of "Cameo" (June'96?), Frank Walton is going to include this additional information.

"Rosemary Smith, a member of the Perfin Society, showed me recently extracts from that society's auction lists which included an example of the ½d value from each of the two Victorian key-plates (i.e. SG 27 and SG 41), both of which are previously unrecorded by the West African Study Circle. To my knowledge there are now eight values, but details of the actual dates of use is sparse. Any further information regarding these stamps would be most welcomed."

<u>SG</u>	<u>STAMP</u>	<u>DATES RECORDED</u>
27	½d Green	
28	1d Carmine	
31	2½d Ultramarine	04 May 1896
41	½d Dull mauve & green	20 Oct 1897
45	2½d Dull mauve & ultramarine	
46	3d Dull mauve & slate	
49	6d Dull mauve	
74	1d Dull purple & rosine	

The above table is the most up-to-date listing of the known stamps of Sierra Leone perfined 2/WIR. PLEASE, if you have any of these perfins and can extend either issues or dates, do let me. Editor, know and I can pass on the information to Frank Walton. It would also help if we knew how many of these stamps are in circulation. I suspect there will be more in the hands of perfin collectors than in the hands of Sierra Leone specialists.

I know very little about the 'perfining' of these colonial stamps. I do know that the issues in question were printed typo' by De La Rue & Co. Who would perforate the 2/WIR die?

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"BP" DESIGN PERFIN ON 1957 SCOUT STAMPS Rosemary Smith.

Bulletins 263/10-11; 279/14-15; 280/10.

In Bulletin 263 Dave Hill brought to our attention the three different dies of "BP & Scroll": each value of the 1957 Scout Jamboree stamps showing one of the three dies. At that time ('93) Dave was asking for information.

Nothing more came to my attention until the end of 1995 when member IAN BURNS' letter appeared in Bulletin 279 saying that these stamps were on sale from Avon Stamps. That Bulletin article carried the information that Ian had written to The British Philatelic Bulletin, in whose Sept '95 magazine Avon Stamps were advertising the BP & Scroll perfin (and the same advert was again in the Oct'95 issue), and to Avon Stamps themselves.

Both letters stated that enquiries had been made with Scout Headquarters and British Petroleum and as nothing was known in either archive, the stamps should be regarded as bogus.

In Bulletin 280 I published the letter from JOHN MATHEWS, who had also made his own enquiries in Australia, as there appeared to be some link down under.

Dave Hill has shown me a letter dated 6-10-95 from Leslie 'J. Buddie, M.B.E., one time Secretary to Greater London N.W. Scouts, to the Editor of The British Philatelic Bulletin. This too states that there is no foundation whatsoever to link these stamps to either the Scouts or British Petroleum. Dave thinks the matter should now be dropped as "least said the better". I do not agree and think that if nothing more is said, there is more likelihood of collectors not being aware of the forgery and will buy copies thinking they are genuine perfin.

I have had another letter from Ian Burns with copies of all the correspondence mentioned in previous Bulletins. He also enclosed copies of pages 21-23 from the SOSSI Journal, Jan/Feb 1996. (Scouts On Stamps Society International?) The following is from these pages.

"The Journal received an article from David Jefferies about perfin and new opinions on the newly (?) discovered B-P perfin on the 1957 Jubilee Jamboree set."

Article by David Jefferies

“Perfins were invented by Joseph Sloper and applied to British postage stamps in 1868. Incidentally the first U.S. perfin was applied in 1908 by the B.F. Cummins Company of Chicago.

Sloper's firm lasted until the late eighties when it was taken over by a company at Reading, England, dealing in computerised check writing technology. Some of Sloper's perforating machines were taken over but others were sold to private buyers, and this is where the problem starts.

The early British perfins (Scout associated) were used from the early twenties to the early fifties. They were supplied to those members of Imperial Headquarters, The Boy Scouts Association, whose duties took them away from the office and who had to deal with correspondence and submit reports. The most notable was Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, Headquarters Commissioners, the Camp Chief at Gilwell Park (the International Training Centre near London) and Travelling Commissioners (an early type of Field Commissioners) were also involved. Perfins were also used to send out Scouters Warrants in cardboard rolls, possibly by overworked staff who had to take work home with them!

The Boy Scouts Association stopped using perfins in the early fifties but the Sutton Coldfield World Jamboree stamps were not issued until 19 57. The 19 57 Scout Stamps with the three types of B-P perfin and a scroll resembling those on some British Scout badges, were not used at Imperial Headquarters. Furthermore those surviving senior members of the staff to whom I have spoken have no knowledge of any approach (19 57) trying to sell perfins to the Association.

The perfins on 1957 Scout stamps first appeared in 1993 and I suspect that they were produced on one of the Sloper machines sold privately. There is no doubt to me that they are bogus and I urge all Scout Stamp collectors not to waste their money on them."

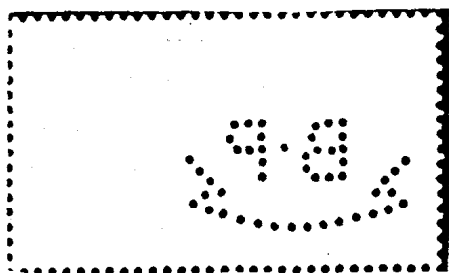
"David Jefferies is a former Vice President of our society. He served as Executive Commissioner for Scotland with the Scout Association of the United Kingdom until his retirement. He holds the post of Secretary of the Association of the Scottish Philatelic Societies and Curator of Forgeries for The Scottish Philatelic Society."

Ian Burns gave a photocopy of John Mathews' notes in the Feb '96 issue of our Bulletin to David Jefferies for his comments. His response was to the effect that even the British Petroleum idea could also be a false lead. Ian and David Jefferies are both quite friendly with Tom Rielly from Edinburgh. Tom has just retired from a senior position in ICI and he has been in contact with the BP Archivist who can find no trace of their ever sponsoring any perfin of the types mentioned. Thus it seems more and more likely that David Jefferies is correct and the perfin is completely fake, designed to totally mislead collectors.

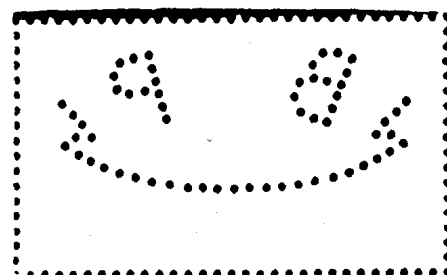
One last item of information which is rather odd. All stamps mentioned to date seem to be mint copies - blocks in particular from Avon Stamps! However, David Andersen from Australia says he has a 4d value, which is used but the postmark is just two wavy lines. He thinks it turned up a few years ago but cannot remember the source. Again that Australian connection.

For members who joined the Society after April 1993 the perfins are again illustrated below. I shall be passing the word to my dealer acquaintances that these are not to be trusted as genuine perfins and it is more than likely they were produced in the 1990's as a speculation.

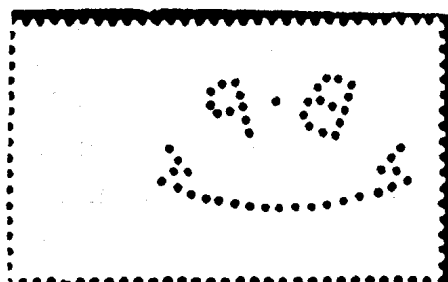
2½d Value



4d Value



1/3d Value



NEW IDENTITIES submitted to the CATALOGUE EDITOR (Roy Gault) - 11 Contributors.

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

From Rosemary Smith

A4460.02b	AP	8,8(12mm wide)	4½		The Associated Press of Great Britain Ltd, 20 Tudor St, London EC4. Cover dated 23/11/1940.	Q
B0625.02	B.B/&C ^o .	13,13/13,8,6	5½	III	The Dunlop Rubber Co Ltd, (formerly The Byrne Bros India Rubber Co Ltd), Manor Rubber Mills, Aston, B'ham. (Final stop missing. Dated 18/8/01.	B&E
B2340.03	BE/A	14,10/11	5		The British Engineers Association, 32 Victoria St, London SW1. Cover dated 9/1/1925.	I
C0750.01	CBG	8,14,10	5		Correct name is Chester, Broome & Griffithes, 36 Bedford Row, London W1.	
C2290.01a	CEC	7,9,7	4		Croydon Education Committee. Item dated 19/11/1908.	F
C4210.04	CL	8,7	5½		Address is 140 Leadenhall St, EC3.	
D0570.02a	D.C	11,8	5½		Derby Corporation. Dated 15/6/1917.	I
D0860.02M	D/&C ^o	9/12,7,4	4½	Ia	1. Add address Mendip Wharf, Battersea, London SW 11. Item dated 10/5/1949.	Q
D4150.01	DR/&C ^o	11,12/14,8,4	5		Durant Radford & Co, 5 & 6 Billister Ave, London EC.	
F1320.01	F.E/S	8,10/11	5½		F & E Stoneham Ltd, Booksellers, London EC, WC & SE. (17/2/1910)	F
G2870.01	GJ/&S	10,7/14,10	5½	I	George Jackman & Son, Woking Nurseries, Surrey. TC dated 26/11/1919.	I
G5160.01	GTS/C ^o	9,6,9/7,4	4½		G T Symons & Co Ltd, 4 Lloyd's Ave, London EC. Cover dated 14/4/1948.	R
<u>J1380.024</u>	JC/C ^o	7,8/8,4	5		James Capel & Co, Stockbrokers, 10 Old Broad St, London EC. Letter sheet dated 12/3/1935.	M
J8460.01	JW/&C ^o /L ^{td}	7,15/13,8,6/7,5,7	5/4/4	Ia	John Wilson & Co Ltd, Swanfield Flour Mills, Leith. (TC 21/10/1927).	I
M4800.01	MRM/&C ^o	.15,12,15/13,9,6	4½	III	M R Meyer & Co, 37 Mincing Lane, London. (Postal Stationery 31/3/1886).	
P3120.01	PM/&C ^o	10,15/14,8,4	5	I	Phillips, Mills & Co Ltd, Waste Paper Merchants, Battersea, London SW 11. TC dated 4/9/1919.	I
R2400.01	R.H/L	12,11/7	5½		Ritz Hotel, London. (25/12/1908).	F
S7050.01	Crown/ST	30/14,8	6½/6½,5½		Perfined stamp used on a receipt for a year's rent due to 'The Right Honourable The Earl of Shrewsbury & Talbot. Dated 28/8/1895.	B
T5010.01	T.W./&C ^o .	7,17/13,10,8	5	III	T Wighton & Co, Dundee. (2/4/1912).	H

From John Nelson.

J0550.01	JB/∞B	7,13/12,13	4½ IIIa ∅	J Brook & Bros, Sewing Cotton Manufacturers, Meltham Mills, Near Huddersfield.	EFH
Note:	Identity suspected from loose stamps showing Meltham and Duplex 387 (Huddersfield) postmarks, with dates between 22/11/1905 and ... 1913.				
J0710.01	J.B.D.	7,13,11	5½ ∅	John B Dent & Sons, Watchmakers, 189 Blackfriars Rd, London SE.	B,E
Note:	Identity suspected from loose stamps showing Blackfriars Rd, London postmarks, with dates between 12 Dec 1892 and 24 Apr 1899.				
J1330.01	JC/∞B	8,10/12,17	6 IIIa	James Chadwick & Brother Ltd, Sewing Cotton Mfrs, Eagley, Bolton.	B-I
Note:	Identity from perfined stamp from a receipt showing "...s Chadwick ...", along with duplex 92 (Bolton), and Bromley Cross (Near Bolton) postmarks.				

From Kim Bjarnt.

I2360.02	IS/L	7,10/10	5½	Irvin & Sellers, Timber Merchants, Bootle, (Near Liverpool), Lancs. Cover pmk Bootle L'pool, 24/2/1916.	I
J0960.01	JB/∞S	7,13/12,10	4½ IIIa	2. J Beardshaw & Son, Baltic Steel Works, Sheffield. Cover pmk Sheffield, 13/3/1899.	E

From Pamela Dukes.

J2570.01M	JE/∞S	6,9/12/9	4½ Ia	Joseph Ellis & Sons Ltd - Addition. 19 The Parade, Leamington Spa. Cover dated 21/6/195 1.	S
Note:	The Sloper ledgers also record 140 New Walk, (formerly 10 East St), Leicester.				
J2570.01a	JE/∞S	6,9/12/9	4½ Ia	Joseph Ellis & Sons Ltd, 19 The Parade, Leamington Spa. (Unused piece)	S

From Ed Shales.

R4560.01	RSB	10,9,11	4½ ∅	R Salmon Backhouse & Co, St Andrews Chambers, Park Row, Leeds.	
Note:	Identity suspected from Leeds postmarks dated between 24/10/1931 & Nov 1938 on issues I(BC), M, O and Q. See identity for R4560.03 below.				
R4560.03	RSB	12,11,13	4½	R Salmon Backhouse & Co, St Andrews Chambers, Park Row, Leeds. Ident from receipt, but also known postmarked Leeds, 3/10/1899.	E

From Norman Hewerdine.

G2230.01a	GHL	10,12,7	5	George Henry Lee & Co Ltd, Basnett St & Houghton St, Liverpool. Receipt dated 5/3/1936.	M
L2560.01	LGI	8,11/9	5½	The Licenses & General Insurance Co Ltd, London. Dated 27/4/1938.	Q

From Maurice Tainton.

B6760.01 B/SM 14/10,15 5½ Ø Borough of St Marylebone. F
 Note: Identity suspected from 'London W' postmarks, one stamp dated 17/10/1910.
 The borough offices were located in Marylebone Lane (London W), before moving
 in 1914 to their 'palatial' building (now almost empty) in Marylebone Road.

The following identities are from Stephen Steere and have been taken from the Sloper Ledgers.
 All are single headed dies except those with the suffix 'M' which are multiheaded 12x1.

F0290.01p	F/BC	7/11,7	4½	2. Frien Barnet UDC, Council House, Barnet London N 11.	
F1160.02	F/D/J	7/9/6	4½	Fairclough, Dodd & Jones Ltd, 46 St Mary Axe, London EC3.	
F2330.01a	F&K	7,12,9	4½ Ia	Fulham & Kensington HMC, 5 Collingham Gardens, London SW5. Previously Marloes Rd, London W8.	
F2650.01a	FMB	7,11,11	4½	F M Barshall Ltd, 35 Chiswell St, EC1	
G1410.01a	GD/ HM	9,9/10,11	4½	Greenwich & Deptford HMC, St Alfge's Hospital, Vanburgh Hill, London SE10.	S
G1740.01	G/FA	9/7,8	4½	Gresham Fire & Accident Ins. Co Ltd, 188 Fleet St, London EC4.	
G1990.01	GG/S	9,9/9	4½	G G Sandeman & Sons & Co Ltd, 20 St Swithins Lane, London EC4.	
G2620.01	GI/&S/CL	9,4/12,9/7,6	4½ Ia	Glasgow Iron & Steel Co Ltd, Wishaw, Glasgow. (Recorded under McCorquodale & Co Ltd).	
G3970.01aM	GP/C ^o	9,8/7,4	4½	George Payne & Co Ltd.	U
G4460.01M	GS	9,9	4½	9. Gaumont British Picture Corp'n Ltd, 123 Regent St, London W1. Found under die GB (G0360.01a).	
H0010.05M	H	10	4½	21. James Hare Ltd, 72 Wellington St, Leeds 1. Trace of die found under JH/L ^d (J3720.03). 22. Hatch, Mansfield & Co Ltd, 5 Pall Mall, London SW1. 23. Hornchurch UDC, Essex.	
H0470.02M	HB/C	10,11/7	4½	11. J Hobson & Co Ltd, 121 Princess St, Manchester 1.	
H0530.02aM	HB/&C ^o	10,11/12,7,4	4½ Ia	Houlder Bros & Co Ltd, 53 Leadenhall St, London EC3.	
H0760.02	HB/MC	10,11/11,7	4½	Houghton Butcher Mfg Co Ltd, Ensign Works, Fairbourne Rd, Walthamstow, London E17.	
H1160.02aM	HC	10,7	4½	5. Hastings Corporation.	
H2330.02a	HE/O	7,5/4	4	Harrods Ltd (Estate Agents & Auctioneers), Brompton Rd, SW1. Known on coil stamps. Trace of die found under HE/O (H2330.01a).	R

Also from Stephen Steere.

G3000.01	G.K/&S	10,10/13,11	5½ III	George Kenning & Son, 1, 2, 3, 3A, 3B & 4 Little Britain, London EC4. Postal invoice dated 7/4/1924.	I
M0630.01	MB/G	15,14/10	5½	Greenwich BC. Cover date 29/7/1927.	I
P0410.06	PB	10,14	5½	Piggott Brothers & Co Ltd, Bunting Mfrs & Contractors, 220,222,224 & 226 Bishopsgate, London EC2. TC dated 15/3/1920 (Also 12/4/1926).	I

From Bill Hanson.

B5430.01	BORWICK (Diag) 11,8,10,13,4,7,9		3½	George Borwick & Co Ltd, , Baking Powder Mfrs, 24 Chiswell St, & 1 Burnhill Place, London EC. Receipt dated 18/6/1918.	I
C5910.01	CPC ^o	7,8,7,4	4½	The Chiswick Polish Co Ltd, Chiswick, London W4. Receipt dated 11/11/1918.	I
T1945.01	TGL (in arc)7,10,7		5½	2. The 'Oak Tree' Hosiery Co Ltd, 25 & 27 Dale St, Manchester. Formerly Thomas Grimshaw & Sons.	

Receipt dated 25/8/1919. I

From Ian C Burns.

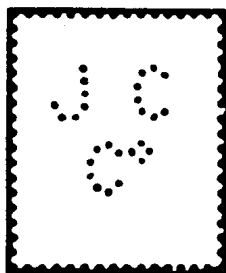
J2145.01	J&D/P&C ^o 7,12,11/9,12,8,6		4½ Ia	Ø James & David Paton & Co Ltd, Mfrs of Woollen Shawls, Tartans and Tweeds, Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire, Scotland.	E&F
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Note: Identity suspected from Tillicoultry pmks dated between 7/5/1901 & Sep 1907.

From Peter Maybury

E3230.02	EN/FT	10,13/8,7	6	Henry Milward & Sons, Redditch. Initials thought to stand for English Needle & Fine? Thread Co Ltd See also Bulletin No. 274 (NI page 3). Cover pmk Redditch, June 1940.	Q
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NEW DIE/IDENTITY ILLUSTRATIONS



J1380.02a