

# The Perfin Society Bulletin

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## SOCIETY INFORMATION

### EDITOR'S COMMENTS Rosemary Smith.

I have heard from at least five people who were at the London meeting and each one - expressed their pleasure at the atmosphere that afternoon. There were quite a number of new faces and the noise at times was deafening. I did not manage to get round and have a real conversation with everyone present and this was echoed by others who have been in touch since.

It was nice to see people studying albums, covers and other items brought along to show; not necessarily for the competition but just for general 'looking at'. If you have never been to one of the London meetings and you can make it in November, I am sure you will have an enjoyable afternoon.

Roy has sent me the four pages of New Identities and for the first time since we began the centre sheet format, he says he was beginning to think he would not manage to fill four pages. This means that he has nothing in the pipe line and is looking to members to report any new identities. I know many members are not sure if a particular item has a new identity and feel that Roy has enough to do with the New Illustrated Catalogue without checking items, which may be known. If anyone would like to have items checked I would be happy to help out and the identity would be in the Bulletin under your name.

As you can see by the 24 pages in this issue, I have had quite a number of articles sent in. The more the merrier and the more chance there is of a diversity of topics. A couple of foreign items have crept in but they enhance the Bulletin rather than detract from it.

I have completed a task, which has been on my mind for some time: that is a cumulative index for the Bulletin. I have dovetailed all the information from my two previous indices, following the same four sections, and added all articles and items from Bulletins 262 (Feb'93) to 279 (Dec'95).

The new index is not as finely detailed as the 'Abstracts' produced many years ago by Brian Birch, but it does give a good indication of where to find a particular item which has been in the Bulletin. See 'Publications' for how to obtain a copy.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - to May 1996 - total members 339. Dave Hill.

NEW MEMBERS

GEORGE AYLING

JACK TAYLOR

DON DONNOVAN

KJELL LARSONN

REINSTATED/REJOINED

MIKE JEFFERY

IAN ENTWISTLE

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GRAHAM PERFETT

PETER DAY

DIED RONALD TOMLINSON

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT Dave Hill.

Brunnel has paid a little under half the money he owes. We hope to get the rest with the help of the American Perfins Club.

The Netherlands Perfin Club is 10 years old next year and has ambitious plans to celebrate with an international exhibition of perfins in the Hague Postal Museum. This will take place on 28, 29 & 30 March next year. It will be non-competitive and there will be a bourse. There will also be a programme for non-perfin partners. More details as they are known.

At our spring meeting in London we had a discussion on how we should celebrate our 40th anniversary next year. The first news-sheet of the GB Perfin Study Group appeared in July 1957.

It was decided that we will issue an 8th edition of the Tomkins Catalogue and a history of the Perfin Society. Commemorative covers and/or perfins and/or special handstamps were discussed but it was thought they did not represent good value for money. Some members were not happy with commemorative or personal perfins anyway. Please let us have your ideas if you can think of a fitting way to celebrate our 40th Anniversary.

The informal competition at the meeting, entitled "Something New", was won by John Marriner with a well written-up page showing at new perfin of Volkart Brothers through a postal stationery card. Our next meeting at Baden Powell House is 16th November.

One of our German members, Burkhart Beer, was at the meeting and he would arrange a 'perfin meeting' in Germany for members over there. If anyone is interested, drop him a line

Derek Muggleton used to arrange a meeting in the Midlands but is unable to do so now. David Scott, Michael Rucklidge and Rosemary Smith have also arranged meetings. If any members wish to meet up with others I can let them have addresses of members in their area.

I also take this opportunity to ask if any member has copies of Bulletins 122-165 and 209-237 which they no longer require? If so I would appreciate them being offered to myself to complete my full set of the Perfin Society Bulletin.

#### EXCHANGE PACKET Dave Hill.

I do not send out the Exchange Packet between May and September but it may be the right time for members to be thinking of getting material ready to send for the new season.

Stamps are best mounted in books or on stock cards; covers priced up in a larger envelope. I am prepared to catalogue and mount your stamps but not GVI or QEII as they do not repay my time or effort. Any contributions to Dave Hill.

#### PUBLICATIONS/LIBRARY John Donner.

I have produced a complete LIBRARY LIST of all items which may be borrowed from the Society. The list is 30 pages in an A5 size booklet - roughly the same size and weight as a Bulletin.

Rosemary has produced the CUMULATIVE INDEX for the Bulletins which will be a 24 page A5 booklet - again the same as a Bulletin.

Any member who wants either one or both of these useful publications, please send an A5 size S.A.E. to me, JOHN DONNER.

For one booklet a 1st class stamp should cover the postage but for both together, the postage will be the same as on this envelope with Bulletin and Auction - probably 29p if it goes 2nd class.

## PRIVATE PERFIN MACHINES Rosemary Smith

When perfin enthusiasts meet, the subject of owning a perfin machine is quite often discussed. Makers of these machines have been canvassed but to no avail. Now, through one of our own members, Chris Carr, and an article in the Perfins Bulletin, there is some possibility of obtaining one.

The following is the relevant information taken from the official publication of The Perfins Club (USA) - The Perfins Bulletin, Volume 50 - Number 1 - January 1996.

"The Perfins Club Bulletin editor, John Lyding, had been wanting a perforator for quite a while, but prices quoted were out of reach. Even British manufacturers, Sloper's and Baddeley Bros were approached. Sloper's (as we know) have gone out of business and Baddeley's no longer produce perforators. Finally in 1993 The Perfins Club started its own search for a perforator to use at their 40th Anniversary at VAPEX '93.

At this point, Chris Carr sent in details of a Chainstream Model FDS perforating device with a quote of £120, which included shipping and handling to the States. Chris was given the go ahead to order a device and a design was duly sent. (The Anchor Design die was illustrated in our Bulletin 276 Pg.12.)

The machine is heavy, well made and with the exception of a rubber cover on the operating lever is constructed entirely of metal. John is extremely well pleased with the device and the assistance that Chris provided. There is sufficient width for this to be a two or perhaps three head device; however, should he order another, he would probably go for a single head as he thinks the device will be more durable.

Because of the construction, he finds that coil stamps are easier to punch than sheet stamps. Single definitives are hard to punch without causing a split or partial.

Chris Carr has offered to assist other members to acquire a perforator.

If any of our own members are thinking of buying and using a perforator, please bear in mind the concerns of the serious perfin

postal historian. The origins and reason for perfins was security against theft, not for advertising. Only stamps issued after the perforator is made should be used: the die should be reported - with example - to the catalogue editor with date of purchase: serious thought should be given to the possible use to which the machine could be put when you no longer have need of it - in other words - will it fall into the hands of others who will perforate stamps from past issues?

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### MEMBERS' COLLECTING INTERESTS

Chris Carr now has 33 members on the list - members who have given details of the perfins they collect. Different countries, reigns, covers, pokos, provisionals etc are itemised.

The list will be sent automatically to those on the list but if anyone else would like a copy, send a S.A.E.

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### FREE OFFER

Dave Hill has some covers courtesy of member Keith Moore. They are QEII and bear the identity and the perfin of Leeds Corp.-

A non-member has also given Dave a quantity of the HMSO perfins on QEII stamps including Wilding and Machin high values and pairs. These illustrate the multi-die quite well. Also many poor strikes of the die 'L&B' L280.02a and a few L280.02.

A large S.A.E. to Dave if you want a cover, a smaller one do for the stamps.

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### NEWS OF MEMBERS

ROBERT DEDECKER

has won Vermeil and Large Vermeil awards in National Exhibitions and a Silver Bronze in a European Exhibition. Robert has large French and All World collections of perfins and would be interested in exchanging perfins with similarly interested collectors

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## MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

### RHODESIA PERFINS Bulletin 280 Pg. 19; 281 Pg. 9.

JOHN NELSON writes:- "The item in Bulletin 280 prompted me to look out my Rhodesian perfins. Predictably a number of these are of the large arms type perforated BSA/C, used or with a date in three lines. Most of them also bear bits of oval rubber stamps in purple with indications of various offices including that of the Registrar.

"Only one stamp with the BSA/C perfin looks as if it might have been postally used since it has a c.d.s. in black reading NATIVE D--- UMTALI but the figures in the middle are too faint to make sense.

"The suggestion that BSA/C is the only true Rhodesian perfin is not correct since I have one with the die A.A./T.C. The identity must be AFRICAN TRANSCONTINENTAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED who had a London office at 19 St Swithin's Lane, E.C. and who used the telegraphic address 'RHODESIAN'.

"I also have the first Southern Rhodesia ½d stamp with die 'LL' although I accept that this does not really count.

"As regards the straight line perforations, I have these not on a stamp of Rhodesia but on a postally used vertical pair of the ½d KE7 of NATAL. I have no suggestion to make as to what was the reason for them."

JACK BRANDT (Canada) adds that there are several BSA/C types and most of them were used on stamps that were used as revenues. He does have one clear postal cancel on the type as Fig. 1. Also from Rhodesia are known perfins A.A./T.C. as Fig.2 and HSS (Fig.3) used as postal stamps.

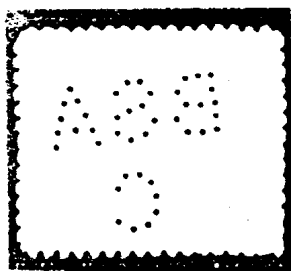


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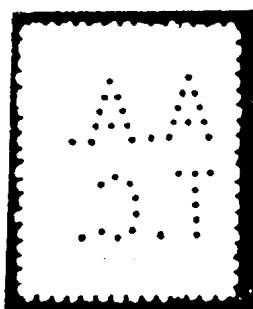


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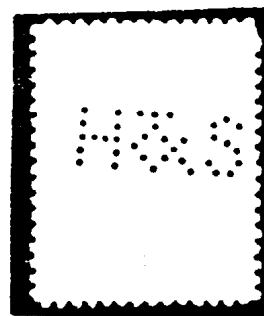


Fig. 3.

'BACL' PERFIN Bulletin 281 Pg.13.

JOHN NELSON has done some research into this company. In 1933 Kaybestos-Belaco Ltd (which was a partly owned subsidiary of Turner & Newall and made brake and clutch linings) had their address at Asbestos House, Southwark Street, London SE1. This was previously the address of Bell's Asbestos Co Ltd registered in 1888 and which changed its name in 1910 to Bell's United Asbestos Co Ltd. It went" into voluntary liquidation on 31st Dec 1928 and its assets were acquired by Turner & Newall.

He suggests that the British die 'BACL' (B0140.01) which was used by Raybestos-Belcaco Ltd originally belonged to Bell's Asbestos Co Ltd which had no connection with British Aluminium Company Limited.

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'L&S/B' PERFIN WITH ARROW-HEAD SHAPED HOLES Bulletin 280/11.

One member was rather sceptical about the holes really being arrowhead shaped but I (Ed.) can assure all members that every hole is distinctly triangular with slight curving sides.

JACK BRANDT says he has seen something similar to this before (but as happens to us all - he cannot find it) but wondered at the time if it was due to brittle paper.

As to how to drill such a shape, how do you drill Fig. 1 - 'IH' from South Australia, with small slots and squares; or Fig.2 - 'IBNN' - solid cuts on a Nicaragua revenue stamp?

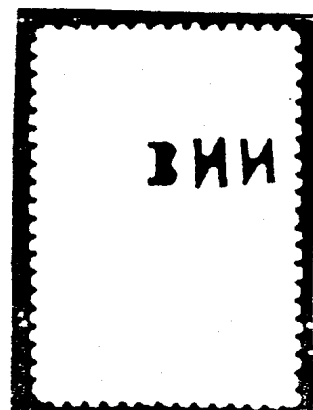
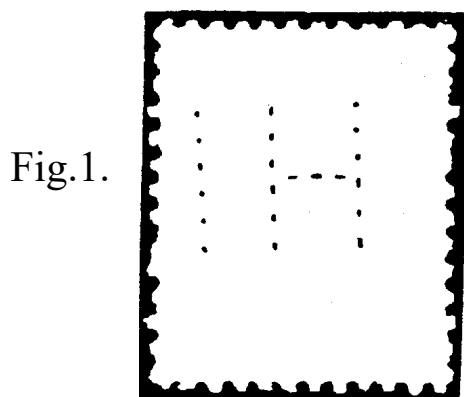


Fig.2.

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'JP/SS' PERFIN Bulletin 280 Pg. 11.

JACK BRANDT can only confirm that 2, 3 & 4 are in the correct order.



CROSSE & BLACKWELL PERFINS Bulletin 280/12-15; 281/9.

JACK BRANDT has a C0960.03 dated 14-10-03. He has this die on a KGV issue dated 1925 with second 'O' damaged (Fig. 1).

He quite rightly pointed out that C0500.06 is diagonal across the stamp. I take most of my illustrations from the Edward Catalogue and one of the drawbacks to this catalogue is that all the illustrations are horizontal and therefore even constant side-ways or diagonal dies are still shown as horizontal. He notes that there are two types of C0500.06. Fig.2 (identical to illustration in Bulletin 280 Pg.14 for C0500.06) he says ranges from KGV to QEII and Fig.3 from KGV to KGVII Dark Colours.

C0500.04 he has noted several minor types, probably from a multi-die head.

C0500.02 he has on KGVII Dark Colours ½d, 1d, 2d & 2½d. One stamp has a late cancel of 12-1-61.

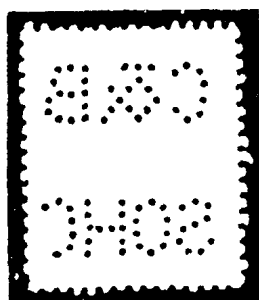


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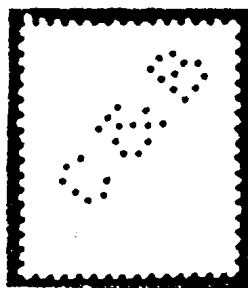


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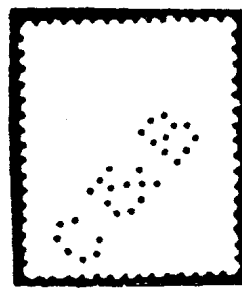


Fig. 3.

SHEPHERD'S BUSH EXHIBITION PERFIN Bulletin 269/19; 274/18-19

From John Nelson.

You may recall my short item on Shepherd's Bush Exhibition perfins which appeared on pages 18-19 of Bulletin 274. I had no immediate response at all to the item but have just received some interesting information from MAGNUS WERNER.

He has found and sent me a photocopy of a KGV 1d Downey Head stamp with a partial but clear Shepherd's Bush postmark dated 13th April 1912. This is the only SB/Ex perfin on a KGV stamp to be reported with a dated postmark and extends into a further calendar year the known period during which the perfin was in use.

(Ed.- see article on "Another Shepherd's Bush Perfin".)

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" CROWN/ST" PERFIN N.I.Pg.29 Bulletin 281.

STEPHEN STEERE says that in the SIDNEY ALLCHIN CUSTOMER LISTS c.1906 it shows "The Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot", Alton Towers, Cheadle, and Ingestone Hall, Staffordshire.

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ANSWERS TO MEMBERS' QUERIES Bulletin 281 Page 11.

JOHN NELSON has sent the following information:-

POCHIN - My 1918'Sell's Commercial Directory lists under Chemical Manufacturers, H D POCHIN & CO LTD with offices at 11 & 13 Worsley Street, Manchester. They are also listed as China Clay Producers with mines at Gothers, Halviggan, Leswidden and Halleswidden, Cornwall. .

PERCH - Might I suggest WILLIAM PERCH S CO, 128 & 129 Bate Street, Cardiff, listed under Coal Owners and Colliery Proprietors in my 1891 Jepson's Commercial Directory.

NS/NQ - Not the case of a new partner with the initial 'Q' but part of the firm's name. NEWMAN, SMITH & NEWMAN (QUILTS) LIMITED, down quilt manufacturers, who in 1933 had an address at 11-13 Baldwin's Gardens, London E.C.I.

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ANOTHER "SHEPHERD'S BUSH" PERFIN

Member JOHN FROST has sent the illustration on the next page which is a cover with a new identity for AA/E and a link with Shepherd's Bush.

John writes:- "Apart from S0720.01 (See Bulletin 274/18-19) SB/Ex there is (at least) one other perfin associated with one of the exhibitions held at the White City during the period 1908-14.

"This 'corner envelope' - typically American and almost certainly produced in the USA, reads, "Miller Bros/Arlington/101 Ranch/Real/Wild/West/Louis E. Cooke, General Representative/The Stadium/Anglo-American Exposition/London, Eng. " Addressed to the USA, it is franked by a GV 1d stamp, clearly cancelled by the large "Shepherd's Bush W/ Exhibition" double ring and dated 18 AU 14. Perfin is "AA/E" 10,10/10 5mm A0200.01."

Illustration and perfin die are actual size.



**WILD RANCH**  
REAL WILD WEST

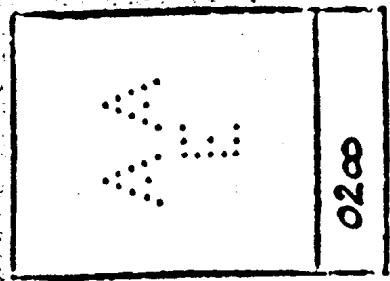
W. E. COOKE, General Representative.

**THE STADIUM**  
ANGLO-AMERICAN EXPOSITION  
LONDON, ENG.

*Mr & Mrs Chas Burger  
154 Franklin Street*

*Westfield*

*Massachusetts  
U. S. A.*



## PERFINS CLUE ON STOCK EXCHANGE FORGERY? By- Dave Hill.

In the April 1993 Bulletin, James Norris provided everyone with a copy of the Sloper Publicity Perfin from the machine in his possession. This perfin die was never used on stamps but what interested me was that it was a single die machine JS/SCo with a border of perforating pins which Sloper's used to produce a stamp-sized label on gummed paper for publicity purposes. The publicity label is perforated 15x14 and this size perforation was introduced on postage stamps in 1911.

My point is that there is one theory that the Stock Exchange Forgery of the 1/- green stamp (perf. 14) of 1873 was printed in this way. That is, it was printed one stamp at a time and perforated at the same time, because the stamp is always centred in the same place. The makers of the forgery were never identified, although the Post Office Clerks who used it were. However, when the forgeries were discovered many years later, only one of these Clerks was still alive and very old.

There were many engravers about who with skill and practice could have produced the die but fewer engineers with the knowledge and equipment to produce the perforations around the stamps. They took the trouble to copy the perforations of the current stamp but did not think to get the "check letters" correct in the corners of the stamp. Perforator pins are fairly special; how would they know what size the holes for them should be?

It is now too long ago to discover who made the forgeries but I think it would have been better at the time to have looked into who had the means of producing the perforations than just concentrating on the printing.

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## TWO MORE QUERIES FROM DAVE HILL

Sloper's first Ledger shows in manuscript 2 perfins against Leeds Corporation. We think the first may have been destroyed in the blitz. They are both 'LDS' with the 'DS' smaller than the 'L' as in the two unidentified perfins L1620.01 and .02. Are either of these known with Leeds postmarks?

A5780 = A.W/E.B. Part of a receipt shows "...e & Wilmslow Electricity Board, 1941'.' Is the 'e' the end of Alderley Edge?

## PERFINS STILL IN CURRENT USE

Last mention in Bulletin 281 Page 6.

DAVE HILL, DEREK RANSOM and ROSEMARY SMITH have reported the following perfins in current use.

<u>PERFIN</u>	<u>CAT.NO.</u>	<u>STAMP</u>	<u>USER - Where known</u>
18	Des.0132.02	19p	Sutton; Sutton & Cheam
AC/C	A1070.02	25p	Assoc'n of County Councils
BC	B1110.05	19p	Blackpool or Burnley Corp.
BG	B2910.02M	25p	Various
BH/A	B3275.01M	19p, 25p	Various
CSA	C0080.01M	25p	C 4 A Modes Ltd., Leicester
CB/H	C0775.01	25p, 2ndNVI	County Boro' of Hartlepool
CC	C1110.01	19p	Various
C/CC	C1260.01M	1p, 9p, 25p. 2ndNVI	Canterbury City Council
CP	C5760.01M	1p, 19p	Various
E.C/D	E0640.01	25p	Education Committee Durham
LB/B	L0315.01	19p	Various - London
LB/H	L0430.02M	19p, 25p	London Boro <sup>1</sup> of Hackney
NC	N0510.02M	19p	Various
RBC	R0140.01M	1p, 19p, 25p. 2ndNVI	Rotherham Boro' Council
RH/A	R2223.01	1p	Rochdale H A
R/HA	R2225.02M	1p, 19p	Rochdale H A
SB/C	S0590.01M	19p, 25p	Various

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## WANTS

Non-member PETER STREET

has a thematic collection of stamps and covers associated with CRICKET. He is asking if any member has any perfins, which have even the remotest connection to cricket; if so what are they and how can he obtain some?

Looking through the "Perfined QEII Commemoratives" list in our Bulletin, I note the 1980 17½p Sports and 1973 County Cricket stamps have never been reported with perfin. Please get in touch with Peter direct if you have any ideas for him.

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FRENCH "E.I.P.A" PERFIN

In Bulletin 281 we read of this perfin, mint margin stamp, going for £1200 + VAT; in Bulletin 260, a margin block of 4 with exhibition cancel in the margin, went for £852-50p.

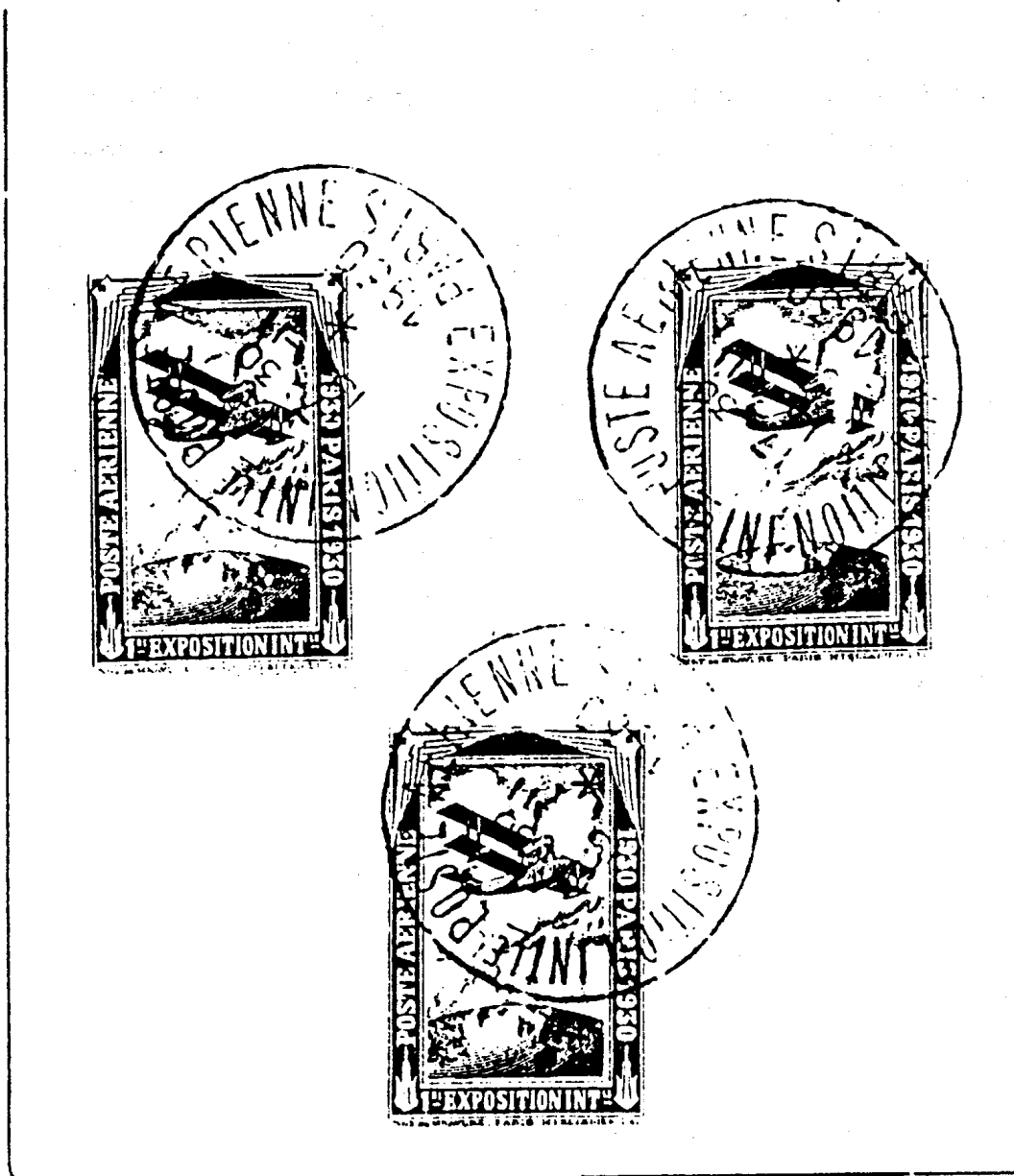
At the London meeting in April we were privileged to see a commemorative card from this 'First Exposition Internationale de Post Aerienne' which took place in Paris on November 13th 1930.



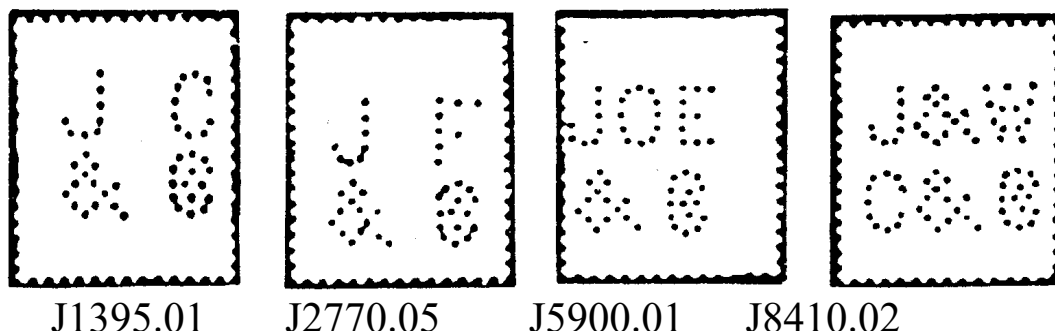
On the wing of each of the six aeroplanes shown on the front of the card is the name of a famous aviator. From right to left:- HAWKER: LINDBERGH: BYRD: COSTE: ROSS-SMITH: MERMOZ. The name of the designer of the card, CLAUDE TOLMER, appears in the lower left corner of the panel above 'ON' of L'AERONAUTIQUE. Unfortunately these names do not show on the photocopy.

The card bears the perfined 1f 50c stamp cancelled with the exhibition handstamp and the card is numbered, showing it was a limited issue.

The reverse of the card has three special exposition labels, each in a different colour - red, green and blue. Each one has the exhibition handstamp. A very colourful and attractive item, which loses much of its impact in a black and white photocopy.



As announced in recent Bulletins, the 'J' section of the New Illustrated Catalogue of GB Perfins is progressing well, with parts 1 & 2 already published and the 3rd and final part almost complete. This in-depth look at the J's has resulted in some interesting observations.



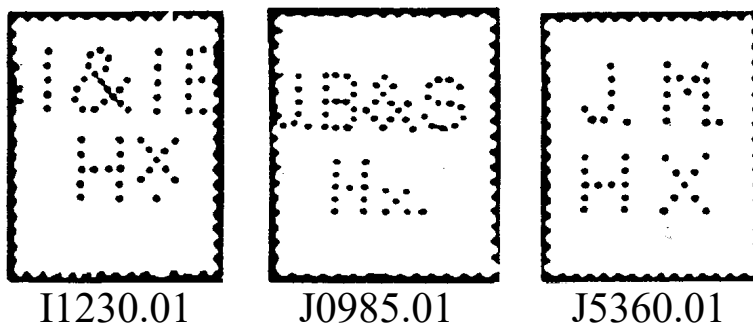
For example, although it is already known that perfins can be found which show 'Company' as an 'o' inside a 'C', a pattern is emerging in that the great majority of them have Glasgow (Duplex 159) postmarks. No less than seven examples occur in the J's, four of which have been illustrated above, along with a table below listing known details for all seven.

Cat No.	Letters	Issues	Die in use	Known Dates	Postmarks
J0640.06	JB/&C <sup>o</sup>	B,E	1895-1900	29/1/1897	Glasgow
J1395.01	JC/&C	A,B,D,E	1881-1895		Glasgow
J2770.05	JF/&C	B,E	1890-1895	23/5/1892- 11/11/1893	Glasgow
J4930.08	JL/&C <sup>o</sup>	A,B,F	1878-1904	23/6/1883 - 4/6/1904	Glasgow
J5900.01	JOE/&C <sup>o</sup>	B,E	1890-1895	13/11/1893	Glasgow
J6460.05	JR/&C <sup>o</sup>	B	1890-1895		Glasgow
J8410.02	J&W/C&C <sup>o</sup>	A,B,E	1880-1900	25/9/1895	Glasgow

No doubt many other examples can be found by scouring both the Old and New Illustrated Catalogues. Be aware though that not all examples will necessarily have Glasgow postmarks. However, it may well turn out that an alphabet can be established for this particular die maker, who for the moment I will simply call "Mr Oinco", who was working in or around Glasgow from the late 1870's through to the 1890's.



Also worthy of a mention is the practice for perfin users in Halifax to abbreviate their town name to 'fix'<sup>1</sup> rather than simply 'H'. Three examples are illustrated below.

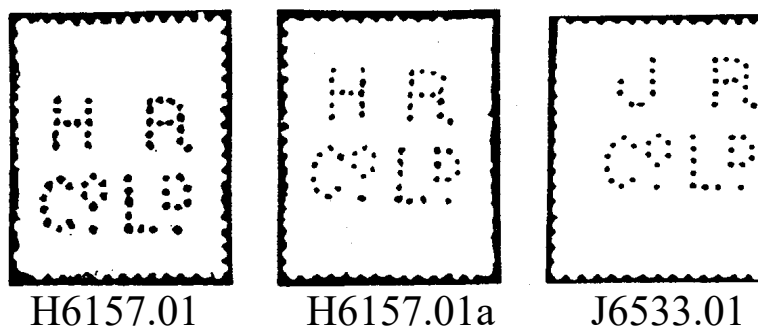


I1230.01

J0985.01

J5360.01

Every now and again a distinctive letter shape crops up, this time it was the 'R' in JR/C9L<sup>1</sup>? (J6533.01) that took my eye. Fortunately I had made a note of the last time I had seen it which lead me to the two variations shown for HR/C?L.



H6157.01

H6157.01a

J6533.01

And finally, another Official Overprint has been found with a perfin - J.L/&C? (J4940.06) on I.R./OFFICIAL dated 3 June 1885. Stanley Gibbons records that these Official stamps were on sale to the public for a short time at Somerset House.



J4940.06

Interestingly, Arthur Smith tells me that he reported two similar examples ten years ago in Bulletin No.223 - D.S. (D4370.01) with I.R./OFFICIAL, and NS/PCC (N3080.03) with BOARD/OF/EDUCATION - but are there any more out there?

This is a very common perfin, in use for over 70 years but still no identification. Someone out there must have a cover!

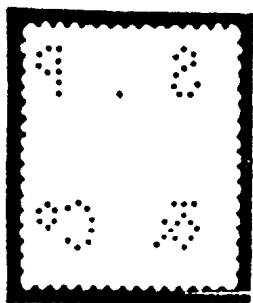


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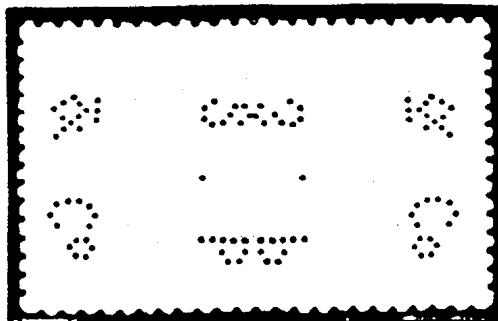


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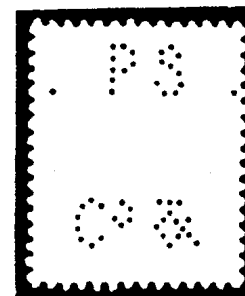


Fig. 2.

Fig. 1 shows the die as it was made; Fig. 2 shows a perfect split; Fig. 3 shows an interesting double.

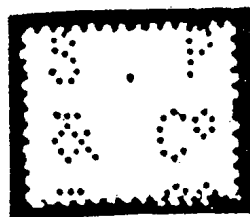


Fig. 4.

Fig. 4 – on a ½d Plate – shows what I first thought was a new type, made for the ½d stamp. On looking closer I see it is a carefully spaced double strike.

The first '&C°' is mainly off the bottom of the stamp and the second 'S.P' is totally off the top of the stamp. The result is a total 'S.P/&C°' on the one stamp but half from one strike and half from another.

An interesting procedure - which probably perfinned strips of stamps so each had the full 'S.P/&C°' on each stamp.

Such great care in the early days but much less care in later years.

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TOO MANY S's. By Jack Brandt.

"S.S" (Fig. 1) used to be listed as S6420.01 but in The New Illustrated Catalogue it has been relegated to a footnote of S.S/S.S (S6810.01) saying, "Half of this perfin (i.e. S.S) may be found on QV ½d (SG 48)."

This is very probable true in that half the machine punched on the small ½d stamps. The question remains - if it was done this way intentionally, should it not still have its own number?

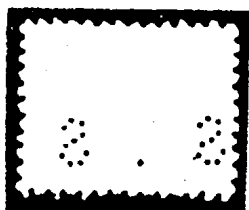


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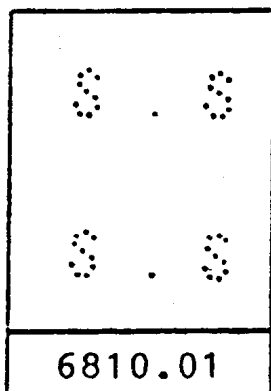


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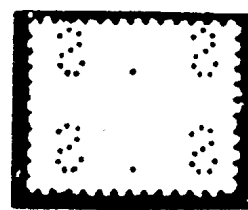


Fig.2.

"S.S/S.S" (Fig.2) is S6910.02 in the latest catalogue. The question is - is this real, or two carefully spaced punchings of S6810.01 (Fig.3)? I know it was listed because two copies were found with exact same spacing: but one still wonders. My copy is Plate 5 for the record.

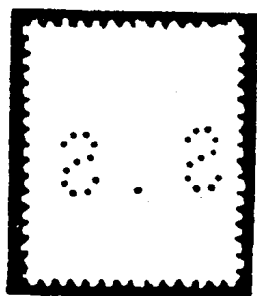


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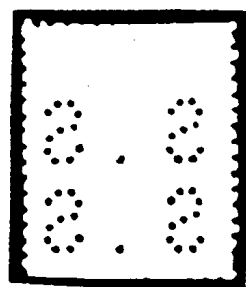


Fig. 5

"S.S" (Fig.4) is S6420.03. "S.S/S.S" (Fig.5) is not in the catalogue and is probably a double strike, but again, one wonders. Does anyone else have a match for it?

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## THE PERFINS OF JAPAN

By Gary Shayler

I first became interested in perfins when I acquired a Japanese stamp with perfin for my Japanese collection of Postage Stamps. This was many years ago and I found that Japanese perfins, although not common, were easier to find than as the majority of perfin collectors were looking for G.B. perfins.

During the "years I have been collecting Japanese stamps I have built up quite a few contacts in that country. One of these contacts acquired the "Adachi" Japanese Perfin Catalogue for me, and indeed it was through this same contact that the Perfin Society purchased a copy. I, and the Society, were given English translations of the catalogue by various members of the Society the need was made known.

From stamp fairs and the afore-mentioned contacts, I got most of my perfins and have built up an impressive collection over the years. I have around 2,000 Japanese perfins and hope that these notes will stimulate more interest in the perfins of Japan. Collectors in the U.S. seem to be keen on Japanese perfins, but I know of only one other serious collector in this country. With lots of British companies trading out of Japan and using perfins prior to 1939, maybe some added interest will throw up more information about the perfins and their users.

Japanese perfins can be found with the ordinary (Roman) alphabetical letters and also with Japanese characters and symbols. The Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd used both types. The Japanese character in Fig.2 is for "SHO" (in Shokin) meaning Specie or Gold. There are variants of this character for dies used in Tokio, Kobe, Nagoya, Osaka, Otaru and Dairen bank offices.

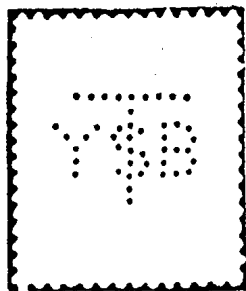


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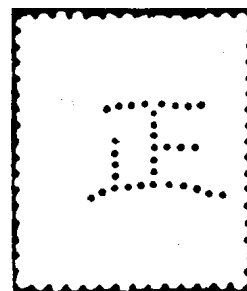
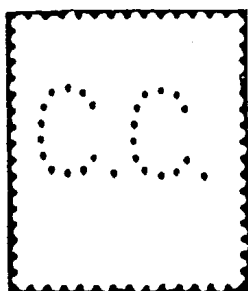


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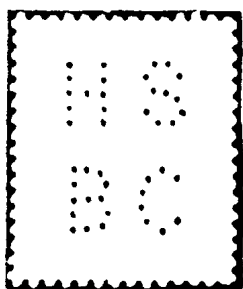
The users of perfins on Japanese stamps included banks, shipping agents, cotton/seed/plant/silk merchants, and foreign companies trading out of Japan. The perfins first appeared in the late 1870's - shortly after the first issue of Japanese stamps - without government sanction. Previous to the official use of perfins, stamps were embossed - eg. National City Bank - but they are very difficult to see and therefore extremely scarce. Private markings, applied as overprints, are known from 1893 to 1909.



Some firms used the same perfin as others, even down to the same die. I have noted six firms doing this in the 1920's. Cohen & Co., Carlowitz & Co., Chin & Co., Dai-Itachi Trading Co., Rotteldam Co., and The Standard Blade & Produce Co of Japan all used the "C.C." perfin. It is probable they are all in the same ownership.

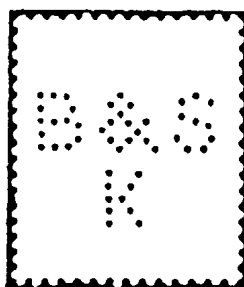
The most common of the Japanese perfins are those used by BANKS (eg. Hong Kong & Shanghai; Yokohama Specie; Deutsch Asia); SHIPPING AGENCIES (e.g. P & O; Butterfield-Swire of Kobe; Jardine Mathieson & Co. Ltd); AGRICULTURAL COMPANIES (e.g. Ashai Silk Co.; Tokyo Cotton Company).

BANKS



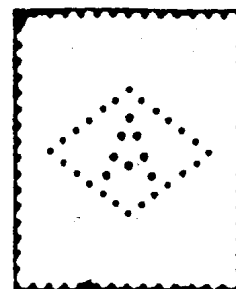
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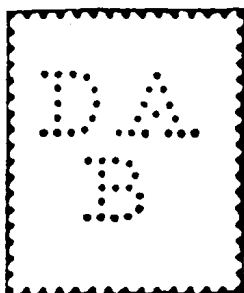


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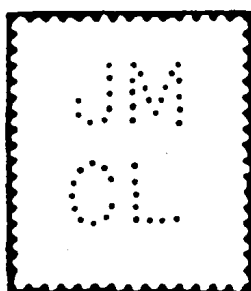
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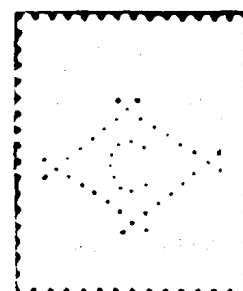
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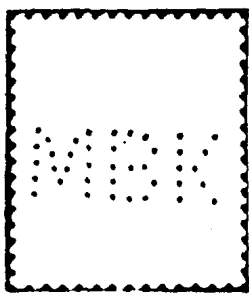
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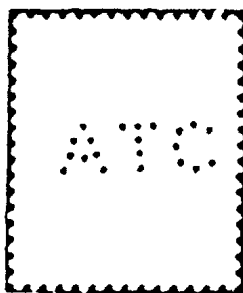
Tokyo Cotton  
Company

Some of the better-known companies trading out of Japan were

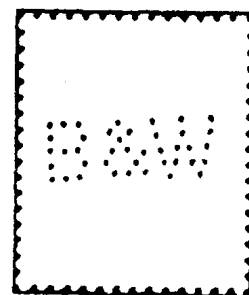
Mitsui Trading Co.  
Yokohama



American Trading Co.  
Kobe, Osaka, Hiogo



Babcock & Wilcox Ld  
Tokyo



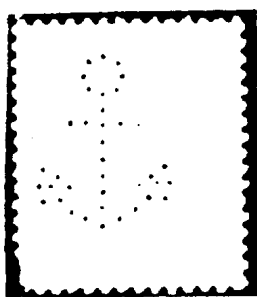
The Japanese Naval Department also used various perfin dies.

Type 1 was for general use in the Offices, Dockyards, Schools and the Naval Academy. The hospitals and Air Force Bases attached to the Navy also used this perfin.

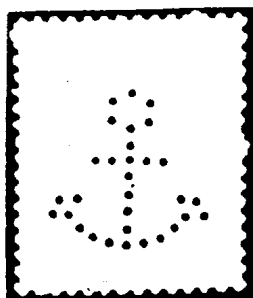
Type 3 - short sized anchor - was also used at the same establishments.

Type 4 - small head anchor - was used by the Navy Engineering School and Technical H.Q.

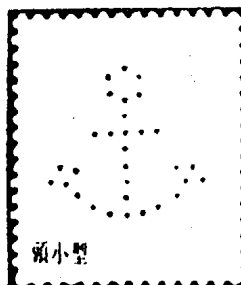
Type 5 - which has three Syllables above the anchor which, reading from right to left, say SASEBO - was used by the SASEBO Naval Port H.Q., the Dockyard, and the Hospital there too.



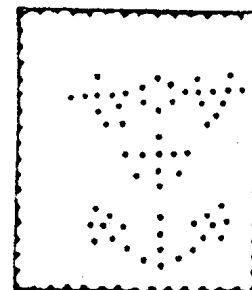
Type 1



Type 3



Type 4



Type 5

At the end of World War II the use of perfins began to disappear. Previously users had had to renew the Government contract to use perfins but after the war, as pins on the perfin machines began to wear out, users no longer applied for permits to replace their machines. No doubt the shortage of materials made this, an expensive undertaking and many contracts were refused. One, which was allowed on August 10th 1946, was that of the National City Bank. On June 1st 1961 no more new, or renewal, contracts for the use of perfins was accepted.

## W.W.II POLISH ARMY IN PARIS PERFINS By Alan Crozier

When Poland was occupied by Germany in 1939 many members of the Polish Forces escaped to various adjacent countries. It is of course well known that many operated as part of the British Army or Air Force but initially some sections of the Forces reached France and a Polish 'War Office' was established in Paris.

Official stamps were needed for this Office in early 1940. They were introduced on May 3rd and discontinued on June 10th 1940 when they, in line with other troops, were evacuated at the time of 'Dunkirk'.

To provide identifiable stamps without delay for printing or overprinting, they produced perfins using the initials "W.P." = Wojsko Polskie = Polish Army, using current French stamps. It is not recorded where the perforator came from.

Those so treated were:-

<u>STAMP</u>	<u>S.G. Cat .No.</u>	<u>No. Perforated</u>
Sower	415, 498, 499, 505b	100 of each
Mercury	620, 621	500 of each
	625, 626, 627a	400 of each
	629	100
Peace	508	2800
	511b	500
Irir	643, 644	300 of each
Ceres	591c	250
	591e	750
Languedoc	657 (a commemorative)	100
Lyon	658 (a commemorative)	100

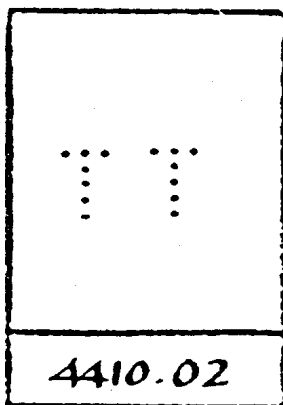
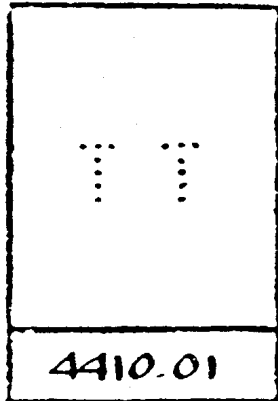
As this totals some 8300 stamps, they are very scarce.

On evacuation it is suggested that the unused stamps and the perforator were dumped in the Bay of Biscay from an overloaded ship en route to England.

The main part of this information is taken from a book "Polish Post, 7 Year War, 1939-1945", published 1945 by H M Smith. It is a story of the various special Polish issues including camps and ghettos.

## "THE TIMES" - NEWSPAPER

In November 1995, TERENCE BARNES sent me photocopies of some pages from a book entitled, "LONDON AS IT IS TODAY: WHERE TO GO, AND WHAT TO SEE, DURING THE GREAT EXHIBITION." The book is dated 1851 and the few pages I have seen are quite fascinating. Terence was linking the pages with possible perfin users and I find that with an odd Bulletin page to fill, I can use one example.



### THE TIMES

"Printing House Square, Blackfriars - Est.1788. The Times has long enjoyed the proud distinction of being the leading journal in Europe, an appellation to which it is fully entitled, as well from the accuracy and copiousness of its information, as from the vigour and originality of its leading articles, and the unparalleled extent of its daily circulation, now verging on 40,000. From its commencement its course has been one of entire self-reliance and of thorough independence, and it may with truth be said to be the only paper which men of all parties, and of all classes, read and speak of, for although in turn abused by all, it is still read and feared by all.

This celebrated paper, which finds daily employment on the premises for nearly three hundred persons, was the first newspaper printed by steam. A machine has recently been erected, by a Mr Applegarth, which throws off 10,000 sheets an hour. A visit to this establishment will afford high gratification to the admirers of mechanical skill.

In order to give the reader some idea of the commercial magnitude of this establishment, we may state that the taxes paid annually by the proprietors of The Times, amount to rather more than £16,000 for the paper; £60,000 for the stamps; and £19,000 for advertisements; being a total of £95,000 a year; an enormous sum truly, and a highly interesting illustration of the extent to which successful enterprise is taxed, in a country professing to adopt the principles of Free Trade.

The charge for a column of advertisements is £18, and during railway mania in 1845, a newspaper and double supplement contained no less than 1,706 advertisements."

(You must admit we get educated in The Perfin Society!)



**NEW IDENTITIES submitted to the CATALOGUE EDITOR (Roy Gault) - 12 Contributors.**

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

From Rosemary Smith.

B1110.08	BC	15,10	5½		The Butterley Co Ltd, Butterley Ironworks, Nr Derby. POKO - Cover postmarked 11/9/1953.	S
B2910.03	BG	14,10	5		Borough of Guildford. Receipt dated 4/1/1924.	I
B7470.02	B.V./C <sup>o</sup> .L <sup>d</sup> .	12,9/8,6,7,7	5		Bolckow, Vaughan & Co Ltd, Middlesbrough. TC dated 5/8/1919.	I
E0010.05	E	10	5		Eldrid, Ottaway & Co, 48 Whitecross St, and 1, 2, & 3 Silk St, Cripplegate, London. Receipt dated 5/11/1912.	I
F3520.03	FR/&C <sup>o</sup>	8,12/13,8,6	4½	Ia	Fletcher, Russell & Co Ltd, Thymne St, Warrington. Cover postmarked 10/7/1896.	E
H1300.02	HC/&C <sup>o</sup>	10,7/12,7,4	4½	Ia	3. Harris, Chetham & Co Ltd, 6 Stratford Place, London W 1. Posted letter sheet dated 14/5/58.	U

Note: The above details for identity No.3 replace those currently in Tomkins.

J6220.02M	J.P/S	7,10/12	6		John Perkins Sons, Nursery and Seedsmen, 52 Market St, Northampton. Receipt dated 27/2/1908.	F
R0540.01	R/BL	12/14,7	5		The Bar-Lock Typewriter Co Ltd, "Bar-Lock" Buildings, Southwark St, London SE1. Receipt dated 21/11/18.	I
S4330.02	S/L	9/6	4½		The Solicitors' Law Stationery Society Ltd, Agency Dept, 18 Trinity Square, Llandudno, North Wales. Posted letter sheet dated 22/2/1944.	R

From Dave Hill.

C1160.04	C/C	7/7	4½		The Borough Accountant, Town Hall, Croydon. Cover dated 10/12/1930.	I
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Note: The stamp has curved cut sides - a characteristic of the Multipost Affixing Machine - and would have come from a sideways delivery coil with s/w watermark.

D1550.01	deJ/&C <sup>o</sup> .	9,8,8/13,8,6	5½/4½	III	Ø de Jersey & Co Ltd, Manchester.	E&F
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Note: Identity suspected from the unusual initials and Manchester postmarks.

Q0080.02a	QAL	10,8,6	4½		Ø Queen Alexandra League of Service, Alton, Hants.	Q
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Note: Identity suspected from Alto(n), Hants) postmark on 1d 'Q'.

W0600.02	W.B/C <sup>o</sup> .L	15,13/8,6,7	5½		Wm Briggs & Co Ltd, 34 Cannon St. Manchester 4.	U
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W8105.01	W.W/L	14,14/7	5		Correction: <u>Wilkinson</u> & Warburton Ltd, Caressa House, King St, Leeds 1. Cover pink Leeds, 14/4/1962.	U
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From John Nelson.

J4810.01A	JL	7,7	4½	John Loveys & Co Ltd, Boot & Shoe Factors, 64, 65, 67a, 68a & 69 Cow Cross St, London EC1. Cover dated 11/6/1924.	I
Note: Die appears to be JL/&C <sup>o</sup> (14930.10) with the '&C <sup>o</sup> ' portion removed c1900.					
<u>J5090.01</u>	J. L.T/&Sons	8,7,7/14,13,8,11,10	5/4½ III	Ø Joseph L Thompson & Sons Ltd, North Sando Shipbuilding Yard, Sunderland.	B&E
Note: Identity suspected from Sunderland (Duplex 761) postmarks. The perfin was wrongly allocated 15050.01, the full die is illustrated at the end of the list.					
J5290.04	JM/&C <sup>o</sup>	7,15/12,8,6	5½/4½ Ia	Ø John Moreton & Co Ltd, Hardware Merchants, Birmingham, London, Sheffield & Wolverhampton.	F-L
Note: Identity suspected from stamp used as receipt with ... Moreton portion visible. All legible postmarks seen so far have been from Wolverhampton.					
<u>J5293.02</u>	JM/&C <sup>o</sup> .	8,15/14,8,6	4½ III	Johnson, Matthey & Co, Precious Metals Mfrs and Dealers, London.	B
Note: Identity comes from a contract note with Id Lilac used as a receipt stamp - Johnson, Matthey in manuscript. They were registered as a Limited company 11 April 1891.					
J8810.01	J. N.S	7,13,11	5	Joseph Newsome & Sons Ltd, Woollen Mfrs, Victoria Mills, Batley Carr, Batley, Yorks.	B&E
Note: Identity from piece. Duplex '253' Dewsbury also noted on loose stamps.					
J5910.02	JOL/&C <sup>o</sup>	7,10,7/12,8,6	4½ IIIa	Ø J O Lambert & Co, Corn & Seed Merchants, The Avenue, High St, Hull.	BEF
Note: Identity suspected from loose stamps with Hull and 'HU' in triangle postmarks. Trade directory evidence - no other contenders matching these initials.					

From Steve Netten.

A0560.01	A./B.C.	10/13,8	5½	The African Banking Corporation Ltd, 63 London Wall, London. PC 23/3/06.	
A3310.02	AJ/R	10,7/12	5	Alan J Ridge & Co Ltd, Coffee Specialists, 41 Eastcheap, London EC3. PC dated 17/2/1937.	O
D4760.02	DT/&C <sup>o</sup>	11,7/14,8,4	5 III	Davies Turner, 4 Lower Belgrave St, London SW 1. Cover dated 26/4/1940.	Q
<u>F4370.05</u>	FW/&C <sup>o</sup>	8,14/12,8,6	4½ IIIa	Fergusson, Wild & Co Ltd, 15 St Helen's Place, London EC. Registered cover dated 29/12/1927.	I
H0060.02	HA	12,10	5	H Aufran Ltd, 4 George Lane, Eastcheap, London EC3. PC dated 14/9/1925.	I
J2910.04	JFW	6,8,15	5½	J F Waters, 19 Lawrence Lane, London EC. Reg letter - 12/6/1891.	E
K1470.01	KP	10,10	5½_	Kinning Park Co-operative Society Ltd, Bridle Street Drapery.	F
N1910.01	N&K	13,13,10	5½_ III	Nickoll & Knight, London.	I
T1100.06	TC/&S	7,8/14,10	5 III	Thomas Cook & Son, London. Registered letter dated 11/4/1907.	

From Stephen Steere - More identities from the Sloper Ledgers. The die composition is given alongside where known.

H2890.01b	HG/ & C <sup>o</sup>	10,9/12,7,4	4½ Ia	Henry Greenwood & Co Ltd.	[S1]
H3320.01a	HH/DC	10,10/9,7	4½	Hemel Hempstead Development Corpn, Westbrook Hay, Hemel Hempstead.	
H3760.0lp	HI/C	10,4/7	4½	Heston & Isleworth Borough Council, Council House, Hounslow, Middx.	
H3820.03a	H&I/O	10,12,4/8	4½ Ia	Hardman & Ingham, Bankside Mill, Oldham, Lancs. Die replaced by H&I/R when company moved to Royton, Lancs.	
H5020.02	HMC/14	10,11,7/7,8	4½	South Warwickshire HMC, South Warwickshire Hospital, 87 Radford Rd, Leamington Spa.	
H5310.01	HN	10,11	4½	Entry in Tomkins should read - _ Harefield & Northwood HMC, Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middx. Ledger entry reads "Stamps to be sent to Harrow General Hospital".	
H6180.02	H/RDC	10/10,9,7	4½	4. Hertford RDC, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford.	[S1]
H6500.01	H/SC	10/9,7	4½	2. Great Ormond Street - Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond St, London WC1.	[S1]
H6730.02	HS/L <sup>d</sup>	10,9/6,6	4½	2. Henry Spokes Ltd, 1/17 Lower Clapton Rd, E5.	[S1]
Note: Delete [S1] and 2nd identity currently in Tomkins for H6730.01.					
H7090.01p	H/T	10/6	4½	Heaton & Taylor Ltd, Crooked Lane, Birmingham. Wartime provisional die replaced by HT (H7060.01).	
H7710.03dM	HW/ & C <sup>o</sup>	10,12/12,8,4	4½ Ia	Hitchcock Williams & Co Ltd, 72 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4.	[S12x1]
J6970.03c	JS/ & C <sup>o</sup>	6,9/12,7,4	4½ Ia	J Sears & Co Ltd, 285 Pentonville Rd, London N 1.	
L0010.20	L	10	9	Lauritzen Boiler Co Ltd - Waterlow die.	[S1]
L0680.01b	LB/ & S	6,11/12,9	4½ Ia	Lewis Berger & Sons Ltd, Morning Lane, London E9.	
L2160.01	LF	6,7	4½	Langridge & Freeman, 5 Vale Rd, Tunbridge Wells.	[S1]
L2230.01	LF/C <sup>o</sup> L <sup>d</sup>	6,7/7,4,6,6	4½	The Leeds Fireclay Co Ltd, Wortley, Leeds. Beck & Inchbold are believed to have been agents for a number of firms including the Leeds Fireclay Co.	[S1]
L2550.01	LG/HMC	6,9/10,11,7	4½	Lambeth HMC, Renfrew Rd, SE11. Previously Brook Drive, London SE11.	
L3810.01	LM	6,11	4½	Lincoln Mill, Washington St, Bolton.	
<u>From John Frost.</u>					
A0200.01	AA/E	10,10/10	5	Anglo-American Exposition, London. Pmk Shepherds Bush, 18/8/1914.	I

From Peter Burn.

A2530.02 AG/&Co 10,10/12,8,6 5/4½ IIIa Alfred Goslett & Co Ltd,  
25 Soho Sq, London W.  
TC pmk London, 25/11/1896. E

From Terence Wood.

C2510.07 CF 8,8 5½ Companie Francaise, London Branch,  
69 Bermondsey New Rd, London. E

D0860.03 D/&C° 9/14,7,4 4½ I J A Davis & Co,  
26, & 94-104 Denmark Hill,  
Camberwell, London SE5. I

H0240.01 H&A/N 12,14,10/13 5 III Heymann & Alexander, Merchants,  
Nottingham. Cover dated 19/1/1907. F

From Ed Shales.

C6920.01 CS/&C° 7,9/12,7,4 4 Ia 2. Chas Southwell & Co Ltd,  
Fruit Preservers & Confectioners,  
H/O & Works, Dockhead, SE1.  
West End Depot, 10 Dufours Place,  
Golden Square, London W1.  
Receipt dated 4/11/1939. Q

R4560.02 RSB 12,10, 14 4½ R Salmon Backhouse & Co,  
St Andrews Chambers, Park Row,  
Leeds. Receipt dated 25/11/1907. F

From Maurice Tainton.

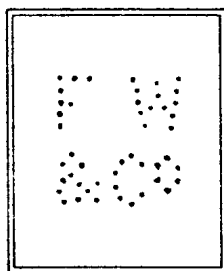
L0480.01 LB<sup>k</sup> 9,14,9 9,5,3½ Ø Lloyds Bank, Lombard St, EC. F  
Note: Identity suspected from stamps postmarked 'Lombard St' or 'London EC'. By 1902  
Lloyds Bank (and Barclays) had absorbed most of the small banks in London EC.

The following dies have come from the collections of Robert Dedecker and Paul Redmond  
and confirm dies which appear in the Sloper Ledgers.

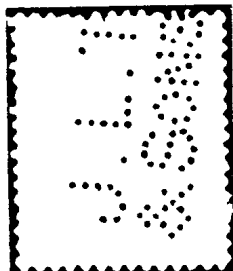
J5290.02b JM/&C° 6,11/12,7,4 4½ Ia John Mowlem & Co Ltd,  
91 Ebury Bridge Rd, London SW1 R  
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J5820.05 JN/&S 6,11/12,9 4½ Ia John Nicholson & Sons Ltd,  
Chemical Works, Hunslett, Leeds 10. R&S

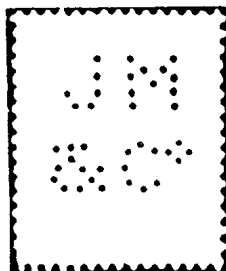
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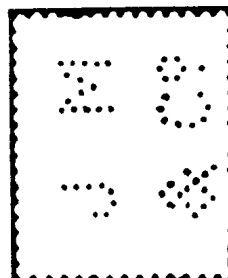
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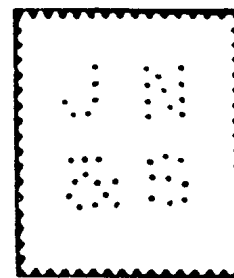
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J5293.02



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