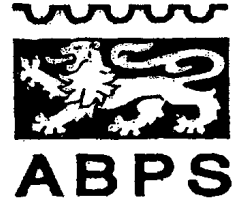


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## BULLETIN



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## To the Secretary, Dave Hill

### Resignation from the post as Society Auctioneer

Dr T A Llewellyn-Edwards

It is with some regret that I feel I must resign from the post of Auctioneer to the Perfin Society. We have previously discussed the problems I have been having with a few members of the Society, and I now feel that I no longer wish to continue with this task.

A point that a few members seem to miss is that I am not a paid Auctioneer and even less their employee. Rather I have been doing this work in line with the current Auction Rules, as part of the pleasure I receive from collecting and studying perfins. A small minority of members have been unpleasant (and some to the point of abuse) and because of this I no longer find this task a pleasure nor even something worth doing. Hence my resignation.

I stress that the problem seems to be only with a few members, and that I have had some pleasure from corresponding with the majority of our members who seem to see the matter in a more reasonable light. I will miss my contact with them, but taking all in all the task is not worth the effort.

Auction No 6 (1999) is due at the printers during the first week in December and it seems likely that a new auctioneer will not be up to speed in time to produce that one. In view of this I am willing to continue long enough to complete the typing of this auction, but would hope that the new auctioneer would be able to deal with bids and take over from there.

## SOCIETY INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES to November 1999 Total Members 365

### New Members

Correction to October Bulletin list - KENNETH KLOSS is PO BOX 1779

V CURRY

MELVYN GREEN

VAHE

VARJABEDIAN

WILLIAM SHIELDS

### Change of Address

ROY SOUTHAM

ANDY

DONALDSON

DR BRUCE

MARTIN

ALASTAIR

WALTER

OLAV HAKONSEN

### Reinstated

PETER MAY

### Resigned

L EXLEY

F CLEMENTS

D P JENKINS

T VAN DOORNEN

P DAY

AL MOORE

## **Post of Auctioneer**

Tony Llewellyn-Edwards has resigned as auctioneer. He received vociferous complaints from a few members over small matters. Others became abusive when he would not reveal the highest bid on lots before the auction closed. He was treated as though he was being paid to do the job when, like all the officers, he was doing it for the enjoyment of it. Obviously without that enjoyment he finds he cannot continue.

Thank you Tony for your efforts over the last year. Tony says he has enjoyed corresponding and dealing with the majority of members.

So, once again, we are looking for a UK member to take on this task. I trust members will be more tolerant when we find another auctioneer.

Auction 6 enclosed with this Bulletin may be the last you receive until we can find an auctioneer.

## **Egyptian Perfins Catalogue.**

Vahe Varjabedian, the author of the Catalogue of Egyptian Perfins, has joined the Society. He has sent a small stock of the Egyptian Catalogue for sale at £8. This includes a single page of additional information discovered since the catalogue's original publication. Orders to Dave, not John please. If anyone bought the catalogue and has not got the page of additions, S.A.E. to Dave as well.

## **News of Other Long-time Members**

I wrote last year with news of Founder members and said I would look out for other long term members whilst I was writing out membership cards this year.

**Patrick Fetta**, No 36, still actively collects in the US.

**Michael Rucklidge**, No 43, is enjoying retirement from his duties in the Society, and has more time for his own collection. He wrote the History of the Society last year of course.

**Jack Peach**, No 53, is still a member.

## Secretary/Treasurer's Comments Dave Hill

I have asked members who have credit but not quite enough to pay their subs, to pay what they owe plus next year's subs. Again this will cut down on cheques for small amounts.

### Basis of Subs

At the risk of boring you it is as well to spell out the basis of the subs.

UK subs are £5 and the Bulletin goes 2nd class. It is doubtful whether something this large would arrive next day even if sent 1st class.

£7 sub is airmail Europe and surface mail for the Rest of the World.

£8 is Rest of the World airmail as printed papers.

I think we have 250 members UK, 70 Europe + surface and 57 RoW airmail.

Obviously there is an imbalance here. The RoW airmail is over 3 times the UK postage rate. We may need to redress this in future years, but not next year. As explained above I have asked many members who owe small amounts to include next year's subs as well.

On the other hand about 40% of auction lots go abroad which helps to generate our surplus. However the foreign exchange does involve much extra work.

I would not advocate reducing the UK sub. £5 is surely not a hardship to anyone.

We have a large membership, most of whom enjoy the efforts of the few officers. Whilst we would not have it any other way, we would like more offers when an officer feels it's time to stand down.

**INCOME & EXPENSES for YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 1999**

<u>INCOME</u>	(£1998)	£1999	EXPENSES	(£1998)	£1999
Subscriptions	(1850)	1918	Bulletin	(2429)	2380
Auction	+£16537		Meetings	(314)	426
	-£13596(2450)	2941	Assoc. of British Philatelic Societies	(150)	150
Interest	(498)	501	Officers Expenses/ post/printing	(900)	652
Publications	+£1930		Corporation Tax	(58)	111
	-£2644 (-3256)	-714	Surplus	(-2281)	+943
Packet	(67)	16	Total	(1570)	<u>4462</u>
Photocopying	(-39)	0			
Total	(1570)	<u>4662</u>			

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31st AUGUST 1999**

<u>ASSETS</u>	(£1998)	£1999	<u>REPRESENTED BY</u>	(£1998)	£1999
Cash in Hand	(75)	0	Accumulated fund at 1st Sept. 1998	(13668)	11387
Bank	(3101)	4808	Surplus	(-2281)	+943
GIRO	(1167)	395	Members Credit	(5912)	7017
60DayA/C	(12339)	13746			
Premium Bonds	(150)	150			
Publications a/c	(467)	248			
Total	(17299)	12342	Total	(17299)	<u>19347</u>

## **Treasurer's Report as at 31st August 1999** Dave Hill

The auction surplus is high considering turnover is down and we have had less auctions. Harry was to some extent "clearing out" and Tony has not had so much good material to start with. The real reason is that Tony sent out Auction 3 lots late to buyers (he went on holiday) and whilst I have received payments I had not paid out to vendors at the time I closed the books. The auction is improving.

Packet surplus is down. I have had few books as it is so much easier to send material to auction.

There is no income from photocopying. I live outside town now and do not offer this service to the public. This income used to Offset the maintenance cost but this is added to officers expenses/post/printing now.

Deficit on publications is less, only one letter, 'W', was issued this year.

For these reasons this year we show a surplus and the accumulated fund continues to grow.

I still carry forward a large stock of stamps for postage. I accept for payment during the year almost as many as I use.

Again about half our members have prepaid their subs, reducing members credit shown by about £1000.

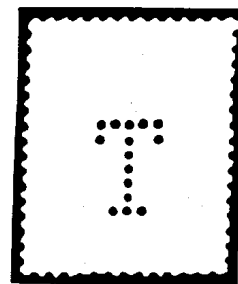
## **Bulletin Editor's Comments** Rosemary Smith

I have really been under pressure to get the Bulletin ready for the printer before we go away on November 19th.

I very much appreciate all the letters and contributions which have come in so quickly after the October Bulletin. For those whose article is in the Bulletin, please take that as your reply. To those whose contribution is not in this Bulletin and I have not written to you, please accept my apologise and be assured that I will get round to you in due course, possibly after Christmas now. Wishing you all a successful start to the new century.

## G.B. PERFIN CATALOGUES

While work on Section "T" of the New Illustrated Catalogue of G.B. Perfins progresses, albeit somewhat slowly, it is appropriate at the turn of the new millennium to issue a "state of the nation" report. The ambitious G.B. Catalogue project, started in 1994, set out to completely overhaul the old Edwards/Gault Illustrated Catalogue by publishing all known details of every perfin found on G.B. postage stamps.



The predecessors to the current Catalogue were Van Lint (illustrating 9,658 dies and published in the USA in 1959), Harvey Tilles (14,195 dies - USA 1975), and Edwards/Gault (21,452 - GB 1990), all of which make this the fourth version of such a Catalogue. The table at the end of this article shows the various individual totals involved, along with a final column speculating as to quite how many different G.B. perfins patterns there are ever likely to be found. It would seem that once a particular letter has been published in the New Catalogue, new perfin dies for that letter are reported only as a trickle, probably less than ½% per annum. For what it's worth, my personal prediction is that no more than 24,000 different dies will ever be found on G.B. stamps.

The contest for most prolific perfined stamp is between the 1d Lilac of Queen Victoria and the 1d Edward VII definitive. Current figures suggest an eventual win for the 1d Lilac with over 5,600 different dies, but I suspect that the Edward VII 1d will make more of a race of it and close up as more collectors report their stamp details.

Work has started on the new ninth edition of Tomkins which will be called Tomkins 2000. The cut-off date for entries is the December Bulletin. It must be stressed that "Tomkins" lists without illustration only those G.B. dies which have identified users. Currently barely 40% of known G.B. dies can be attributed to specific users. Plans to include illustrations in Tomkins have been shelved for the time being because that would virtually double the size of an already weighty Catalogue. The old Edwards/Gault and New Illustrated Catalogues must be referred to for the appropriate illustrations.



**The Current Status of Perfins found on the  
Postage Stamps of Great Britain.  
- Roy Gault, October 1999 -**

Letter	Dies in New Illus Catalogue	Waiting to be Published	Known with Idents	No. Hand Drawn	No. with NO Details	Average Die Life (Yrs)	No. of dies on 1d Lilac	No. of dies on 1d E7	No. Dies Van Lint 1959	No. Dies Tilles 1975	No. Dies Edw/Gilt 1990	Final Prediction No. Dies
A									604	700	1,132	1,270
B									806	1,193	1,883	2,110
C									822	1,199	1,868	2,095
D									440	550	872	980
E									371	535	843	945
F									337	528	801	900
G									448	681	982	1,100
H									662	940	1,506	1,690
I - '95	348	5	156	2	36	8.0	63	75	145	236	352	365
J - '96	1,644	26	481	29	130	10.8	512	439	654	1,047	1,506	1,715
K - '95	325	11	158	5	13	11.0	81	80	138	210	304	345
L									515	719	1,070	1,200
M									482	649	1,020	1,145
N - '97	568	3	296	11	40	9.7	86	100	247	350	610	590
O - '94	286	13	104	4	23	8.6	47	41	131	164	280	310
P									385	571	868	975
Q - '94	45	2	20	0	5	8.1	8	8	21	27	39	50
R - '97	1,057	8	432	27	47	11.6	316	288	427	649	987	1,095
S - '94/5	1,686	36	662	8	112	9.7	385	373	741	1,168	1,564	1,770
T									349	531	798	895
U - '94	209	9	110	5	22	6.8	26	23	89	141	194	225
V - '94	172	6	55	3	20	8.5	32	45	70	117	159	185
W - '99	1,689	0	683	32	93	10.9	433	412	655	1,109	1,544	1,735
X - '94	22	1	7	1	3	2.6	1	2	8	10	20	25
Y - '94	100	5	42	0	8	8.1	22	15	36	62	87	110
Z - '94	16	2	7	0	2	4.5	1	3	7	9	16	20
Des - '94	78	2	35	4	6	10.3	19	21	43	59	84	85
Nos - '94	62	4	26	0	14	6.6	8	6	25	41	63	70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,307</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>3,274</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>9,658</b>	<b>14,195</b>	<b>21,452</b>	<b>24,000</b>
		1.6%	39.4%	1.6%	6.9%		(5,604)	(5,305)	40.2%	59.1%	89.4%	100.0%

Predicted total for all letters - 24,000 Dies. 16 "Letters" issued to date - June 1999.

Figures reported at the A.G.M held in London 13th November 1999.

## Report from London Meeting - November 13<sup>th</sup>

Dave Hill

**Venue** Baden Powell House is becoming increasingly expensive. We have been offered a meeting at StampShow 2000 (22-28 May) at Earls Court. The date of our meeting is **Wednesday 24th May: 2.0pm** We will be having a display there anyway. For the Autumn meeting I will investigate another venue probably nearer the Main Line London stations where most members arrive when coming to London. Firm offers of venues near say Birmingham will be considered.

**StampShow 2000** We will provide the display of 4 frames with material borrowed from members. This will make a more cohesive display. It will be near the ABPS Information stand and the displays of other Societies. If you have time to help man this stand, even for a few hours of the 7 days of the exhibition please let me know: tickets will be provided. Also if you can help on the 3 days of the build-up or 2 days of takedown. An allowance is given for travel and meals. For all of these experience is not necessary but you should be reasonably fit.

**Auctioneer** We need to appoint a new auctioneer urgently: we will try to do so by the next Bulletin. We have the computer program which helps but space is required for storage of lots and time to compile the list and pack and despatch the lots, answer queries etc. If you have any queries about the work required, ring Tony.

I am prepared to continue to take payments for lots sold and pay vendors. In fact deal with all the money side as I do at present, although this does constitute half of my work. If I just had to deal with subs it would be an easy task!!

**Catalogues** For the newer members who have not got an old Edwards/Gault Illustrated Catalogue but who have bought the new Gault Illustrated with Details, John Donner is willing to run off the letters of Edwards which have not been updated by Gault. In this way, you can see if you have new dies to report to Roy as he comes to the remaining unpublished letters. I am told this will not be too expensive.

## MEMBER'S COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

DL/B and DL/Z perfins Bulletin 299 (New Id's); 300/9; 302/5

**MIKE OXLEY** adds the following information:-

A note to try and clear the confusion in the last two Bulletins about 'Zetland' in connection with Dorman Long perfins.

The patronym of the first Earl of Zetland, created in 1838, was Dundas. c.1750 his ancestor, a Francis Dundas, bought land at Upleatham near Redcar. He built Upleatham Hall and this was the family home until at least the early years of this century. The family were great benefactors in the area, hence the occurrence of the name, 'Zetland' in various streets, lifeboats etc. At the present time I cannot tell from where the name came, it was usual for the title to be chosen from somewhere in the locality.

**DAVE HILL** has a copy of the CD from Stepping Stones (Bull. 301/5) 1897 Street and Trades for North Yorkshire. It says that Dorman, Long's address is Brittonia and West Marsh Works. B for 'Brittonia'?

Bell Brothers had steelworks in Zetland Road at that time and in 1923 were amalgamated with Dorman, Long. So Z for 'Zetland'

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Lithuanian Perfin UBC/L Bulletin 302 Page 6.

Many thanks to **Kenneth Kloss, John Neefus, Mick Penfold, Dick Scheper, Gerald Soutar** and **Magnus Werner** for sending information about this perfin. I have sent copies of all your letters to Philip Robinson who will pass on the details to Antanus Jankanskas.

Composite data from all letters is as follows:-

UBC/L stands for United Baltic Corporation Ltd. It is located in Danzig with offices in the Baltic area. Its business was shipping, warehousing and transport of goods.

The perfin is found on the stamps of:-

DANZIG 1921-35

LITHUANIA (Kaunas) 1921-22

LATVIA (Riga & Liepaja) 21-24

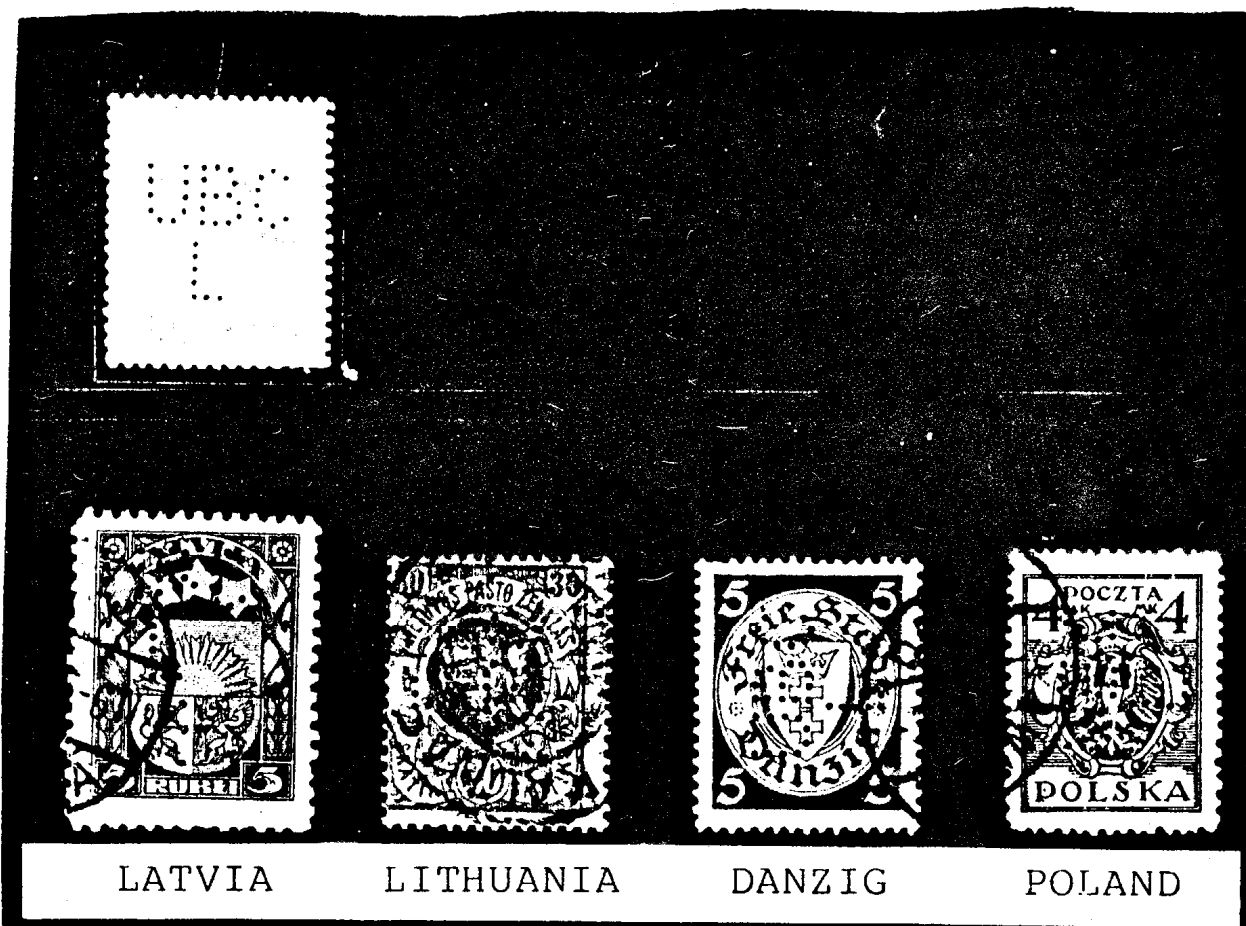
POLAND (Warsaw) 1921-39

The perfin is known in 5 of the 8 possible positions.

The company also used a perfin in the U.K. UB/C (U0230.01 - 0230.04p)  
The address was 158 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. The known dates of use in the U.K. are 1930-1957.

Two members mentioned that their source of information was Arge Lochungen Handbook (German).

Magnus Werner sent the illustration of the perfin used in four countries.



Whilst on the subject of Lithuanian perfins, John Neefus is aware of two other Lithuanian perfins:- [1] K.A. and [2] an anchor. Both are on Memel stamps. John has the K.A. in two positions. The anchor has been written up in the **Plebiscite, Memel and Saar Bulletin (USA)** by **Eugene Marshall**.

**John Mathews** wonders if the stamps mentioned in the original article were supplied to someone attached to the British Army in Shanghai for sending despatches back to England, knowing that the British stamps could be used in the Forces Post Office system?

Something similar was reported here (Australia) recently - "K" (Kodak) perfins postmarked at Army P.O's in the Pacific Islands at the end of World War II, on Australian stamps. It would seem a war correspondent may have taken a supply of these to send film back to Australia through the Army postal system for processing.

### QE II COMMEMORATIVES WTTTHOUT PERFIN

Alastair Walter

Since the last Bulletin, **Steve Bence** has reported the following stamps as being seen, used with perfin.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SG N°</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
1969	Anniversaries	794	1/6d
1970	Lit. Anniversaries (Micawber)	825	5d
	(Copperfield)	826	5d
1972	Xmas	914	3p
1973	Xmas (King outside)	946	3p
	(King at home)	947	3p

Also

1971	Christmas	896	7½p
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The list of these non-perfined commemoratives in Bulletin 302 stopped before 1976. The following are commemoratives which are still **NOT KNOWN** with perfin from that date. Please report any which you possess to Alastair

1976	Telephone Centenary	998-1000	10,11,13p
1976	Social Reforms	1002-4	10,11,13p
1976	American Independence	1005	11p
1976	Rose Society Centenary	1006-8	8½,10,11p
1976	Culture	1011-13	10,11,13p
1976	500 Years of Printing	1015-17	10,11,13p
1976	Christmas	1020-1	11,13p
1977	Racket Sports	1023-5	10,11,13p
1977	Chemistry	1030-32	10,11,13p
1977	Silver Jubilee	1035-37	10,11,13p
1977	Commonwealth Governments	1038	13p
1977	Wildlife (Hedgehog)	1039	9p
	(Squirrel, Otter, Badger)	1041-43	9p each
1977	Christmas (12 Lords a Leaping)	1048	7p
		1049	9p
1978	Energy Resources	1050-3	9,10½,11,13p
1978	Architecture	1055-7	10½,11,13p
1978	Anniv. of Coronation	1060-2	10½,11,13p
1978	Horses	1064-6	10½,11,13p
1978	Cycling	1067-70	9,10½,11,13p
1978	Christmas	1071	7p
		1073-4	11,13p
1979	Dogs	1076-8	10½,11,13p
1979	Flowers	1079-82	9,10½,11,13p
1979	Euro Elections	1084-6	10½,11,13p
1979	Horse Paintings	1088-90	10½,11,13p
1979	Year of the Child	1092-4	10½,11,13p
1979	Rowland Hill	1097-8	13,15p
1979	Metropolitan Police	1101-3	11½,13,15p
1979	Christmas	1106-8	11½,13,15p
1980	Wild Birds	1110-12	11½,13,15p
1980	London	1118	50p
1980	L'pool & Man. Railway		
	(Roofed Carriages)	1114	12p
	(Cattle & Carriage)	1115	12p
	(Goods & Mail Truck)	1117	12p
1980	London Landmarks	1120	10½p
		1122-4	13½,15,17½
1980	Famous Authoresses	1126-8	13½,15,17½

1980	Conductors	1131-3	13½,15,17½
1980	Sports Centenary	1134-7	12,13½,15, 17½p
1980	Christmas	1140-42	13½,15,17½
1981	Folklore	1144-6	18,22,25p
1981	Year of the Disabled	1147-50	14,18,22,25
1981	Butterflies	1152-4	18,22,25
1981	National Trust	1156-9	18,20,22,25
1981	Royal Wedding	1161	25p
1981	Duke of Edinburgh Awards	1162-5	14,18,22,25
1981	Fishing	1167-9	18,22,25p
1981	Christmas	1172-4	18,22,25p
1982	Charles Darwin	1176-8	19½,26,29p
1982	Youth Organisations	1179-82	15½,19½, 26,29p
1982	Europa	1183-6	15½,19½, 26,29p
1982	Maritime Heritage	1188-91	19½,24,26, 29p
1982	British Textiles	1193-5	19½,26,29p
1982	Information Technology	1196-7	15½,26p
1982	Motor Cars	1198-1201	15½,19½, 26,29p
1982	Christmas	1203-6	12½,19½,26, 29p
1983	River Fishes	1208-10	19½,26,29p
1983	Commonwealth Day	1211-4	15½,19½,26, 29p
1983	Europa	1217	28p
1983	Army Uniforms	1219-22	20½,26,28, 31p
1983	British Gardens	1223-6	16,20½,28, 31p
1983	British Fairs	1228-30	20½,29,31p
1983	Christmas	1233-5	20½,28,31p
1984	College of Arms	1236-9	16,20½,28, 31p
1984	British Cattle	1241-4	20½,26,28, 31p

## PERFINED REVENUE STAMPS

Jeff Turnbull

Some years ago Kevin Parkhill began research into Revenue stamps which had been perfined. Unfortunately Kevin became ill and, despite his fighting spirit, he died last year.

Kevin's records of his research have now come into my hands and I would like to add to the lists and eventually make up a list (or catalogue) of perfined GB Revenues.

Through the Bulletin I would like to ask all members for information on any perfined Revenue stamp that they have in their possession.

I.E.:-       The Barefoot catalogue No.  
              Description of the stamp  
              Description of perfin  
              New illustrated catalogue No.  
              User identity if known.

If you do not know the Barefoot No. or our own catalogue No. it does not mean your input is worthless.

I have no doubt that members have been asked before by Kevin for this information but the more info the better, in order to collate a reference list.

I will collate this information and hopefully produce a small catalogue list similar in appearance to the New Illustrated Catalogue by Roy Gault.

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### Member's Wants

**BARRY SENIOR** is researching Newfoundland perfins and would appreciate a list of your holdings of these perfins.



## GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY PERFORATOR

By David Scott

In Bulletin 300 Page 21, Stephen Steere was trying to complete a GWR multi-die pattern. These were from 1d lilac and jubilee stamps.

When we visited Sloper's Works, prior to their closure, I was given a broken 6x1 GWR die, as shown in the following illustration. It is very difficult to make an impression, as one has to gently prise the die apart, insert a sheet of paper, and then hammer it together. Note that the 6th 'GWR' has only 2 of the original pins left in the bed.



This is G5610.06, which is Die 8 in Bowman, who gives its dates of use as May 1938 to August 1941. Obviously not the die which Stephen is researching.

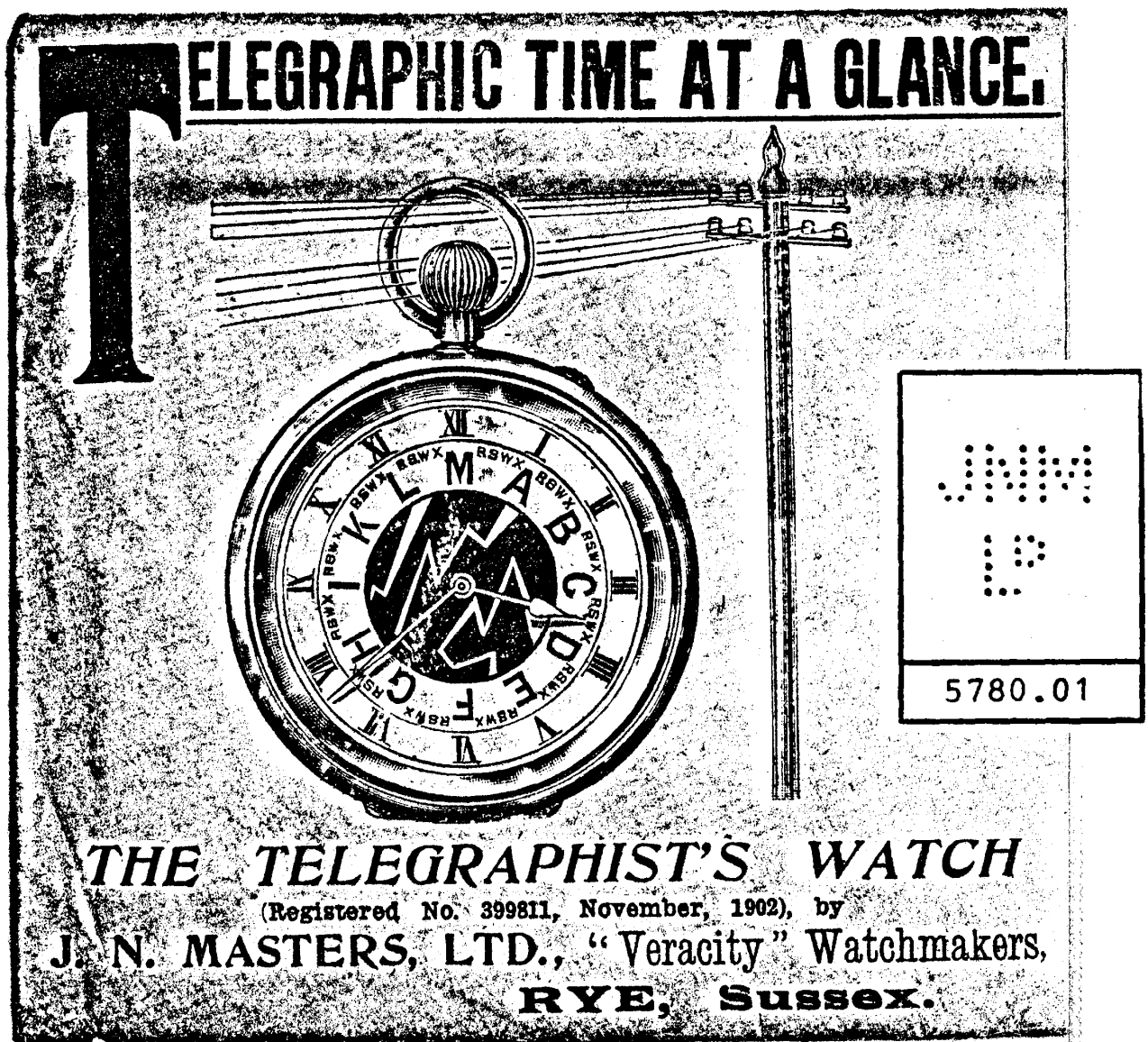
Other dies were also rescued and other members of the Society are holding these on behalf of the Society. I would like to know if these are now kept together, recorded and catalogued and impressions kept? I should be happy to donate this GWR die to the Society if this is so, or perhaps some keen member would like to have it to repair.

It is important, as you realise, that dies like this do not get into the "wrong hands". "Bowman" is looking very out of date now - it would be nice if someone could up-date it: there must be a lot of additional information about, in members collections.

**J.N.MASTERS. LTD**  
**Perfin J5780.01     JNM/Ld**

This photocopy of an illustrated envelope came via DAVE HILL but belongs to Bill Glover, a non member. As the cover is A4 size, postmark is not readable and a common E7 ½d stamp with JNM/Ld perfin, I only show the illustrated part of the envelope and not true size.

Dave says, "*I have just realised that the watch shows the coded time that was used on some postmarks 1893-95, and even later in some places. Hours and intervals of 5 minutes were the letters A-M thus 1:05 was AA and LL = 11:55. A third letter A or P indicated AM or PM. Telegraphist had the extra letters R S W X to indicate individual minutes between the 5 minute intervals i.e. AAR was 1:06. These extra letters were never used on postmarks.*"



## Army & Navy Co-operative Society Ltd - Part 2

Rosemary Smith

In Bulletin 302 I gave a broad history of the Army & Navy Stores. One of the "auxiliary" supply companies which the parent body set up was "*The Army & Navy Auxiliary Co-operative Supply Ltd*". The 'Auxiliary Supply' was located at 1 Francis Street, adjoining the main premises in Victoria Street, Westminster. In Part 1 I wrote that the Auxiliary Supply was established to supply fresh provisions, boots, furniture and estate agency services.

However, the 'Supply' did use different perfins to those used by the 'Stores'. The perfin letters were AUX between parallel lines. There seems to have been 6 different variations of this format, 5 where the 'AUX' was the same but the number of holes in the lines were different. The sixth die has wider spaced letters and an odd hole behind the letter 'X' half way between the lines.

In the Sept/Oct Bulletin of 1981 Mary Thornton wrote an article about these dies. She wondered if the different dies were used at different addresses of the Auxiliary Supply. She had no covers to verify this. I do not think this is the answer. I have covers for 4 of the 6 dies and all originated at 1 Francis Street. My guess is that they were for the different departments.

I have 3 receipts with 3 different dies. There is no one named department on any receipt but the department names are down the side of each receipt.

The departments and services are as follows:-

**Miscellaneous** - Live Birds & Animals; Forage; Garden & Agricultural Implements; Manures etc; Coal; New Carriages; Sewing Machines; Photography:-Portraiture, Chemicals, Accessories and Appliances; Seeds; Bulbs; Bedding Plants.

**Provisions** - Meat; Fish; Ice; Poultry; Dairy Produce; Fruit; Flowers; Veg.  
**Furnishing, Etc.** - Furniture; Bedsteads; Bedding etc; Removals; Warehousing; Safe Deposit; Carpets; Furnishing Drapery; Building Work, Materials etc; Surveys; Sanitary Works; Electrical Engineering; Blinds; Church Furniture; Funerals.

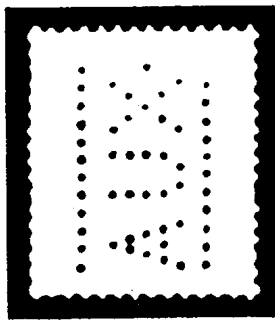
**Agencies** - Auctions; Estate; General; Scholastic; Governors; Tutorial; Servant's Registry; Fire & Life Insurance; Job Horses; Carriages; Live Stock.

**Dress, Toilet etc** - Boots & Shoes; Millinery etc; Costumes; Hairdressing; Toilet Requisites.

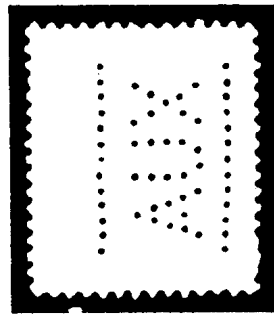
[Was there anything they did not provide?]

The 6 dies in the catalogue are not in the order of probable use.

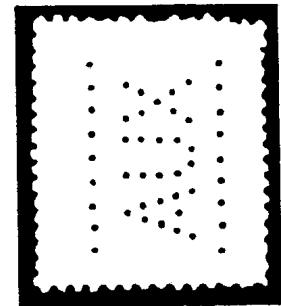
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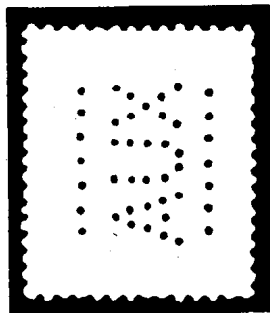
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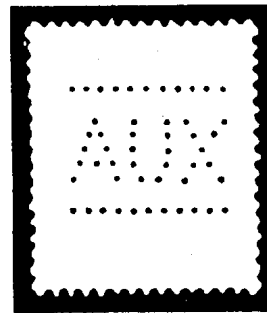
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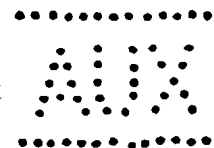
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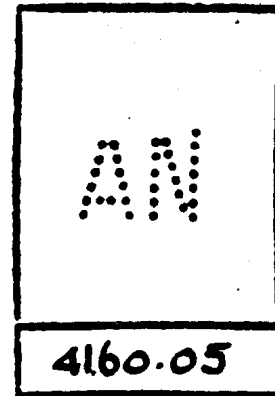


A5580.04a

5580.01 = 7 hole line    5580.02 = 9 hole line    5580.03 = 11 hole line  
 5580.04 = 13 hole line    5580.04a = 13 hole line    5585.01 = 11  
 holes named in Tomkins and Tilles but in Gault and my example there are  
 11 holes in the bottom line and 12 in the top line in the illustration & die.

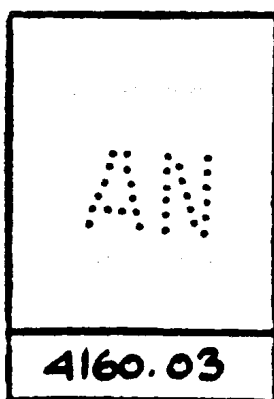
Although the name of the Army & Navy Co-operative Society Limited was changed to *Army & Navy Stores Limited* in 1934, the Society did begin using the perfin 'AN' c1915. Tomkins gives the dates for the first 'AN' die (A4160.05) as from 1915-20.

I have a letter and receipt from Army & Navy Co-operative Society, Limited dated 18th May 1917. The perfin is A4160.05. For historians the letter is quite enlightening. It begins:-



*"I beg to state that owing to the Government having commandeered all stock of Enamelled Slop Pails the Society is temporarily unable to execute your order".*

One would assume that many of these found their way into the trenches - if the Tommies were so lucky. (By coincidence, as I sit here at my computer it is Thursday November 11th



My second Card is dated 2nd Nov 1936, headed **Army & Navy Stores, Limited** but the same address, 105 Victoria Street. The perfin is A4160.03 on a KGV 1d Photogravure. Dates of use for this perfin are recorded as 1925-36

The card is to inform a Lt. Colonel that cleaning and restoring of an Oil Painting has now been completed. Was there nothing this Society did not tackle?

## RAILWAY NEWSPAPER STAMPS with B&S/L<sup>d</sup> PERFIN

Roger de Lacy-Spencer

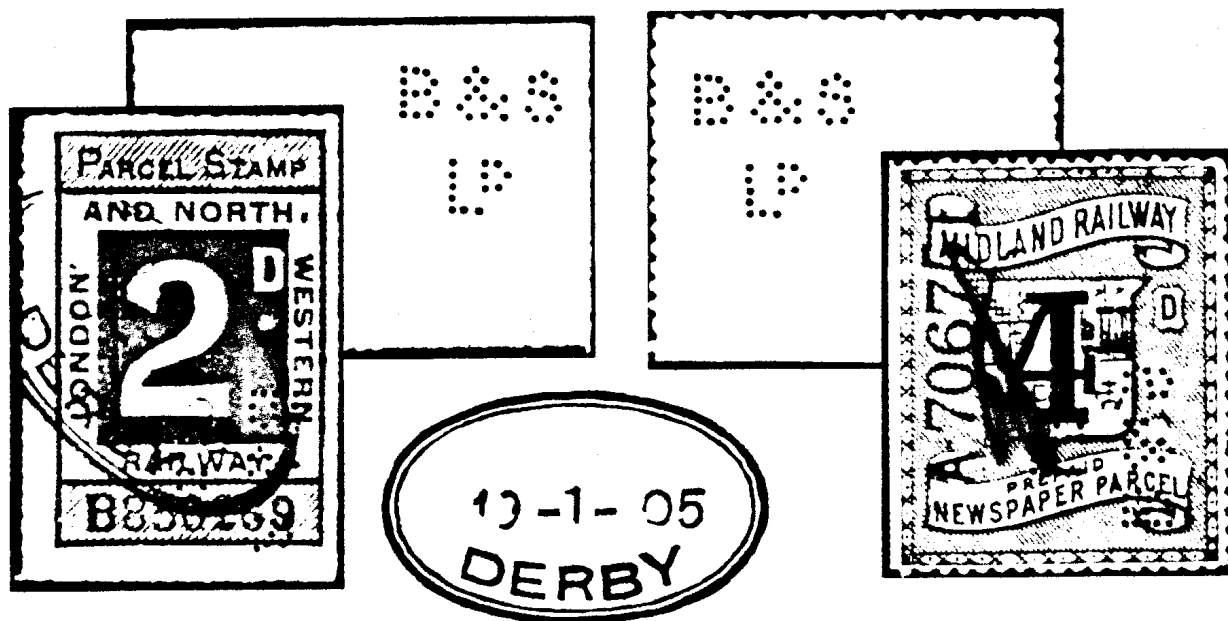
This is the second article taken from *RAILWAY PHILATELY*, Vol 33 No.4

Following discussions with the Editor (*Fred Taylor*) regarding Tony Goodbody's 'WHS/ & S' perfin on a Mersey Railway Newspaper stamp I have checked through my collection and unearthed some other railway newspaper and parcel stamps with non-railway security perforations.

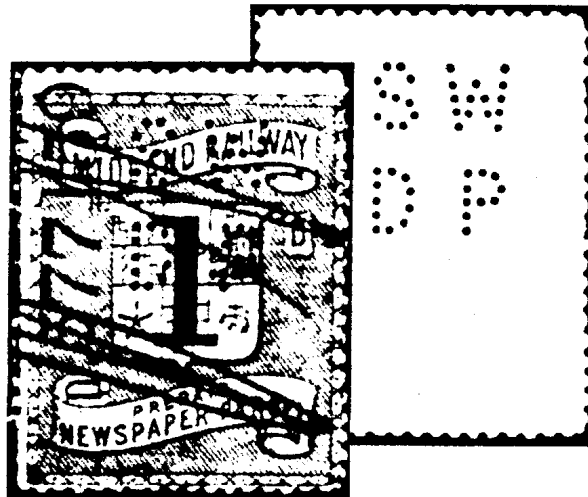
The London & North Western Railway 2d parcel stamp and the Midland Railway 4d newspaper stamp illustrated here have both been security perforated with the initials 'B&S/L<sup>d</sup>'. Luckily the L&NWR parcel stamp has been cancelled with an oval handstamp of 'DERBY' giving a likely location of the firm 'B&S/L<sup>d</sup>' and a date of use i.e. 19-1-05.

*[Ed.: - I would suggest that this die is B6730.01 - used by Bemrose & Sons Ltd, Midland Place, Derby. Known used 1890-1940. My 1906 cover tells me they were printers and stationers which would tally with the Newspaper & Parcel use.]*

Both stamps have the security perforations applied vertically but the Midland Railway newspaper stamp has been perforated from the back and thus appears in reverse. Both perfins have been rotated for easy comparison and appear to be from the same die.



I have another Midland Railway newspaper stamp which has non-railway security perforations but this example has the initials 'SW/DP'. Unfortunately the cancellation is the usual pencil scribble so often found on newspaper stamps and no date or location can be determined. Both of the Midland Railway newspaper stamps illustrated on this page have the background shading lines sloping down to the right and have the serial number without a letter prefix. These features are an aid to the period of use which was probably between 1890 and 1895.



*[Ed.: - This die does not appear in the New Illustrated Perfin Catalogue. It would seem that it was only used on these Newspaper Parcel Stamps. The author would welcome any additional information.]*

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### **Answers to Queries in Bulletin**

K/line/S in New Identities Bulletin 302 Page 126.

From Dave Hill:- In my 1965 *Who Owns Whom* J & T Sinclair are owned by Henry Denny & Sons (Ulster) Ltd and E M Denny (Holdings) Ltd, whereas Kingan is owned by Hygrade Food Products Corp (USA).

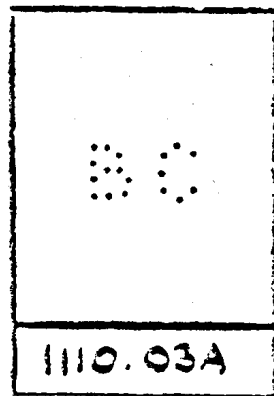
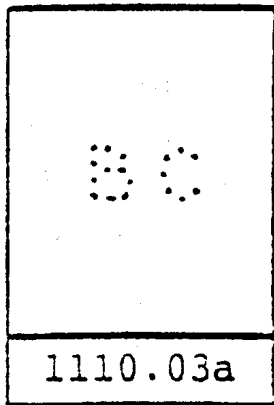
In the 1919 *Directory of Directors*, a Sinclair is a director of Kingan but neither J or T. A Kingan was a director of Kingans but no Dennys were directors of any of these. Can anyone, from their own cover collection, confirm K1570.01 (K/line/S) as being used by J & T Sinclair? Rosemary only has the Kingan identity.

## COUNCIL PERFIN RESEARCH

### Dies B1110.03a and B1110.03A

Stephen Steere

On first examination the two dies appear identical in spacing & height, but as you can see from the illustrations there is a difference in the shape of the 'C'.



While collating material for the Councils list I became aware that a growing number of identities were .03a as well as .03A, though not shown in Tomkins. It would appear that many identities that have been attributed to .03A may in fact be .03 a.

As the lists in Tomkins are probably inaccurate I have listed those councils that I have found with each die.

- .03a Bacup, Bangor, Barnes, Barnstaple, Battersea, Beckenham, Blackburn, Bootle, Bradford & Brighton.
- .03A Bacup, Bexley, Blackpool, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Bromley & Camberwell.

Can I ask that members check their identified covers/postcards/etc of die B1110.03A to see which die they have, and whether the identity is known in the list above.

To assist, .03a has only been found on KGVII issues, between the dates of 11/10/1945 and 27/6/1953, whereas .03A has only been found on QEII issues from 16/9/1955 onwards.

Please send information on identities, with date & stamp issue, to me  
If you have a problem identifying the dies then I am willing to do it for you.