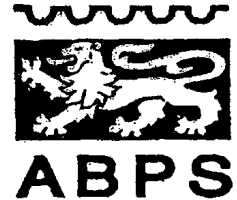


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### New Members

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**W E Cokayne**, or Bill as he was known to some of the Society Officers, was one of the last Directors of J S Sloper & Co. It was during the Society visits to Sloper's Works, prior to their closure, that we formed a very profitable friendship with Bill. It was he who allowed some of us to take away old, discarded perfin, and overprint, metal dies. It was due to Bill that we have the Sloper Record Books which are referred to on many occasions in research articles in this Bulletin.

The Society also has some very interesting documents relating to Sloper's original request to perforate stamps and the replies from the Postmaster General: there are some photographs showing Sloper's Shop in the same shot of Queen Victoria's Jubilee procession: the stock of Sloper's 5 Reigns Booklet: all these acquisitions are thanks to Bill. Bill spends much of his retirement painting in oils and not being a perfin collector he thinks it time to relinquish his honorary membership of the Society. He wishes success to our research, as we do to his painting, and acknowledge our debt of gratitude for his very practical interest in the past.

## **Secretary's Report**

Dave Hill

You may have noticed that three changes of name and address appear on the front of the Bulletin. John Donner is taking over the role of Honorary Auctioneer. John had previously been in charge of Publications and the Library. Jeff Turnbull is now taking over as Publications Officer and Alastair Walter will be in charge of the Library.

As I type this out, John has to deliver the vast stock of publications to Jeff in Anglesey and the equally vast stock of library material to Alastair in Sevenoaks. He has then to collect a car boot full of Auction material and paraphernalia from Tony in Tickhill.

With this in mind, there will be no auction going out with this Bulletin but, hopefully, service will be resumed in April. Please be patient until all three new 'incumbents' find their feet. Tony is still the contact person for **e-mail** addresses and his address is on the front of the previous year's Bulletins. Thanks go to all the above mentioned four members for their efforts, past and future, on behalf of the Society.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Dave Hill

This will take place on Wednesday 24th May 2000 in the Wellington Room 1 at Earls Court during Stampshow 2000. The time is 2:30 to 5:30.

## **STAMPSHOW 2000**

Dave Hill

John Marriner has given back-word about organising the Society Specialist Display at Stampshow 2000. Roy Gault and Rosemary Smith have 'been volunteered' to produce a display. The notes re members' offers of material have been passed on but in view of the short notice, Roy and Rosemary may not be able to take up all these offers. However, we thank those who did respond to the call. More about the display in the April Bulletin.

Offers of help for Stampshow 2000 are still being sought. Not only for our own display stand, but for general stewardship. Time is short - if you can help for a few hours, please get in touch with Dave.

## Auction No 5(1999) Results

1	£ 3.60	48	£ 1.00	96	£ 4.50	144	£ 4.60
2	£14.10	49	£ 4.30	97	£ 4.70	145	£ 3.10
3	£ 4.30	50	£25.00	98	u/s	146	£ 1.30
4	£ 4.10	51	£ 6.60	99	£ 5.70	147	£ 1.20
5	£ 3.30	52	£ 2.60	100	£ 3.50	148	£ 1.60
6	£ 3.70	53	£ 1.00	101	£ 3.50	149	£ 2.20
7	£ 4.10	54	£ 9.60	102	u/s	150	£ 2.60
8	£ 3.60	55	u/s	103	£ 6.60	151	£ 5.00
9	£ 3.00	56	£ 1.00	104	£ 6.60	152	£ 0.60
10	u/s	57	£ 4.60	105	£ 3.50	153	£ 1.70
11	£25.20	58	£15.10	106	£ 5.70	154	£ 4.10
12	£ 3.00	59	£ 6.60	107	£ 7.10	155	£ 4.70
13	£ 7.30	60	£ 7.10	108	£ 7.10	156	£ 3.60
14	£ 6.10	61	£ 4.50	109	£ 3.50	157	£ 3.20
15	£ 6.30	62	£ 3.50	110	£ 5.30	158	£ 3.10
16	£ 2.60	63	£ 3.50	111	£ 1.50	159	£ 2.20
17	£ 1.00	64	£ 3.50	112	u/s	160	£12.10
18	£ 6.10	65	£ 3.50	113	£ 4.10	161	£ 3.70
19	£ 7.20	66	£ 3.50	114	£ 5.60	162	£ 4.20
20	£ 7.60	67	£ 4.30	115	u/s	163	£ 7.10
21	£ 6.10	68	u/s	116	£ 5.10	164	£10.10
22	£48.10	69	u/s	117	£ 7.60	165	£14.10
23	£12.70	70	£ 3.50	118	£ 3.50	166	£ 1.00
24	£ 7.60	71	£ 4.50	119	£ 1.50	167	£ 3.10
25	£ 4.00	72	£ 6.60	120	u/s	168	£ 2.10
26	£ 1.00	73	£ 3.50	121	£ 1.50	169	£ 4.10
27	£ 3.10	74	£ 3.50	122	£ 1.00	170	£ 3.10
28	u/s	75	£ 3.50	123	£ 4.00	171	£ 6.10
29	£ 2.30	76	£ 6.60	124	u/s	172	£ 2.10
30	u/s	77	£ 3.50	125	£ 3.00	173	£ 2.70
31	£ 4.60	78	£ 3.50	126	£ 2.00	174	£ 5.00
32	£ 4.70	79	£ 3.50	127	u/s	175	£ 4.10
33	£ 6.60	80	u/s	128	£ 5.00	176	£ 2.90
34	£ 3.10	81	£ 3.50	129	£12.60	177	u/s
35	£16.30	82	£ 6.60	130	£ 3.00	178	u/s
36	£ 1.60	83	£ 6.60	131	£20.10	179	£ 1.90
37	£ 1.00	84	£ 3.50	132	£10.10	180	£ 1.30
38	£14.70	85	£11.20	133	£ 5.00	181	£ 2.80
39	£15.10	86	£ 6.60	134	£ 5.00	182	£ 2.80
40	£ 9.20	87	£ 6.60	135	£ 5.00	183	£ 1.00
41	£27.60	88	£ 4.30	136	£ 5.00	184	£ 1.10
42	£ 6.70	89	£ 7.10	137	£ 1.90	185	£151.3
43	£ 2.30	90	£ 7.10	138	£ 3.20	186	£ 2.10
44	£ 2.10	91	£ 7.10	139	£ 2.00	187	£ 1.30
45	£ 5.20	92	£ 6.60	140	£ 1.20	188	£ 5.90
46	£ 8.10	93	£ 5.30	141	£ 1.10	189	£ 4.30
47	£ 3.40	94	£ 6.60	142	£ 4.30	190	£ 1.30
		95	£ 4.50	143	£ 2.20	191	£ 1.60

192	£15.60	222	£ 3.00	252	£ 2.30	282	£26.10
193	£15.60	223	u/s	253	u/s	283	£ 6.10
194	£55.10	224	£ 6.00	255	£ 2.30	285	£13.90
195	£12.60	225	£24.50	255	£ 2.30	285	£20.10
196	£ 3.50	226	£ 1.00	256	£ 2.00	286	£ 3.30
197	£ 6.00	227	£ 2.60	257	£ 0.90	287	£ 5.90
198	£ 6.10	228	£ 1.80	258	£ 1.50	288	£ 4.30
199	£ 2.70	229	£ 5.60	259	£ 2.50	289	£ 1.50
200	£18.10	230	£ 1.00	260	£ 2.00	290	£ 3.30
201	£ 5.60	231	£ 3.30	261	£ 7.30	291	w/d
202	£ 2.90	232	£ 2.30	262	£ 4.80	292	£ 2.10
203	£ 4.10	233	£ 2.20	263	£ 5.80	293	£ 1.10
204	£ 2.10	234	£ 4.30	264	£ 7.80	294	£ 1.10
205	£54.20	235	£ 4.70	265	£ 3.20	295	£ 1.60
206	£ 8.10	236	u/s	266	£ 6.00	296	u/s
207	£ 2.70	237	£ 2.10	267	£ 3.10	297	u/s
208	£ 5.10	238	£25.10	268	£12.40	298	£ 3.60
209	£ 2.50	239	£16.10	269	£10.30	299	£ 7.50
210	£ 2.00	240	£ 2.10	270	£ 4.00	300	£ 4.00
211	£ 5.10	241	£27.60	271	w/d	301	u/s
212	£ 1.50	242	£ 3.60	272	£ 0.70	302	£ 2.00
213	£ 3.10	243	£ 3.10	273	£ 0.70	303	£ 6.10
214	£ 8.10	244	£ 3.60	274	£ 0.70	304	£ 1.50
215	£ 8.90	245	£ 4.30	275	-----	305	£ 2.00
216	£ 8.10	246	u/s	276	£ 2.50	306	£ 2.90
217	£ 3.10	247	£ 3.30	277	£ 1.00	307	£ 3.20
218	£ 3.10	248	£ 3.20	278	£ 1.30	308	£ 2.90
219	£ 2.40	249	£ 3.30	279	£ 1.20		
220	£ 2.60	250	£ 2.20	280	£ 2.20		
221	£ 2.30	251	£ 2.60	281	£10.20		

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### **Bulletin Back Issues**

DAVE HILL needs Bulletins 114 to 120, 122 to 165 and 223 to complete his run of Bulletins. If anyone can help get in touch with Dave.

Whilst on the subject of back numbers of the Bulletin, Dave has some available from about Bulletin 240 but not complete sets. You can have them for the cost of postage (they weigh about 40g each) on a first come first served basis. Please note that the damp Cornwall climate causes the staples to rust.

The 'W Silhouettes Only' should be available when Jeff gets organised, there are only a few members who subscribe to this catalogue and I cannot understand why it is unpopular. It is much easier to find a die by looking through 36 dies to the page than it is looking through 12 to the page in the 'Illustrated With Details'. At the London meeting members were reluctant to allow Roy to waste his time on future 'Silhouettes Only', although now we have started we can hardly not continue. Roy of course holds all the masters and it is difficult to see how others could assist in producing 'Silhouettes Only'. We will discuss this in the future. The members realise what a tremendous amount of work is shouldered by Roy in the production of these catalogues.

Few new dies have been reported to Roy on the letters so far issued in 'New Illustrated'. (See Bulletin 303 Pg.9). Are members holding back?

The letter "F is now being researched and hopefully will be published this year. The next letter to be tackled will be 'P', completing the letters 'N' to 'Z' plus Designs and Numbers.

**A NEW "PERFIN"?** Dave Hill

I am always on the look out for new "perfin" and some time ago member Joe Dooley drew my attention to a 1998 'cut' on a USA stamp issue.

On the stamp commemorating the great film director, Alfred Hitchcock, there is , "die-cut" in the corner, his portly profile, which was his trademark. Whether this is just a gimmick or serves as a security measure (like a watermark) I am not sure.

It is interesting that stamp designers keep on coming back to "perfin". In recent years we have had the GB £10 stamp with indentations (a partial perfin!) and the Dutch Christmas stamp with holes all over.

What would Joseph Sloper think of it all?

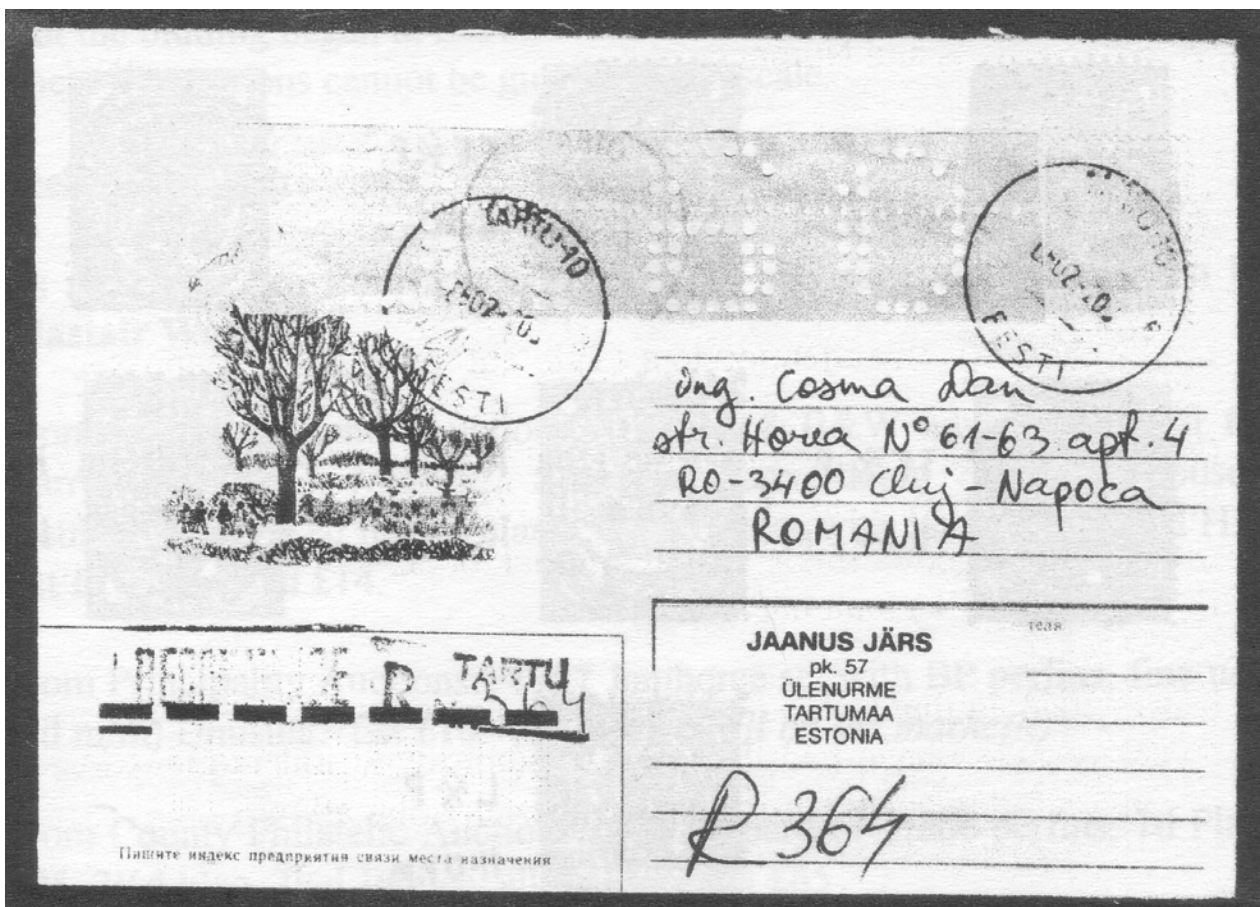
## Postage Stamps Superseded by Perfins

By Tony Llewellyn-Edwards

It had to happen. Postage stamps have been superseded by perfins - so all philatelists will have to become perfin collectors!

The illustration is of a registered cover from Estonia to Romania and it is franked with a perfin rather than a postage stamp! The perfin comes from an automatic vending machine, which provides a perfin of the value of the coins put into it. The machine dispenses a blue ribbon that has no design. It is perfined with the value requested by the purchaser, and is given a red postmarked town and country name - the faint postmark on the illustration. This cover also has a normal postage stamp to make up the postage rate. Illustration reduced to half size.

Is this the end of postage stamps as we knew them and will perfins without the stamp reign supreme? If so all us collectors who have been collecting 'holes' for so long will have been proved right.



## MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

Coded Time Bulletin 303/18

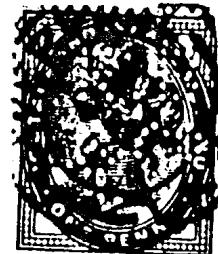
DAVID SCOTT has provided the following illustrations and comments. *Dave Hill's very interesting piece about Coded Time, reminded me that a few years ago I did a 9 sheet display on Coded Time, one page of which related to the perfins of Richard Balman & Co. In the photocopy the perfins stand quite clear but the postmarks are not so good. On the actual stamps they are very clear. What a lot of posting/collection times there were in those days! I thought that the die for these was R0470.01, but on double checking I now think that they are R0470.02 which has no identity as yet. Also checking again, the last example on the page is different - RB/&C- no stop after the R.. "*



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10.15 a.m.



D \* P  
4.0 p.m.



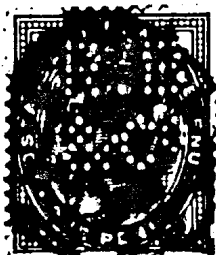
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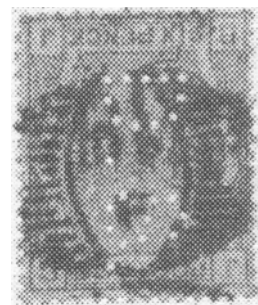


L \* P  
11.0 p.m.



## Postmark Proof of Perfin User Bulletin 300/24-25; 301/16-17; 302/5

**John Mathews** became aware of an auction on the Internet and trawling through the offers from eBay he came across this SG 162 6d on 6d with DS/F (Type 5) oval with fine lines. Perfin D.S. of William Dawson & Sons Ltd. Another to add to your list if you are making a note of this topic.



## Non-Perfined Stamps Bulletin 273/19

This item was also seen by John Mathews on the Internet. I do not think John realised it was a stamp on the list of values still to be found with perfin. According to the list in Bulletin 273 there are now only 29 stamps, from 1868 to 1971, that have not been reported with perfin. The stamp is the £1 brown, Plate 1, with Maltese Cross watermark. The perfin is 'HSB'. It was suggested that the bidding began at £250.



These illustrations cannot be guaranteed to scale.

## Seen In Auction

As the above are from auctions I will fill the page with items seen by Alastair Walter

From Somerset Stamp Auctions:- GB 1918 B&W advertising card for Harry Hebditch, Matock, Somerset, advertising chicken houses, incubators etc. used to Moorland, Bridgewater with ½d GV perfined HH. Est. £20 Realised £14.

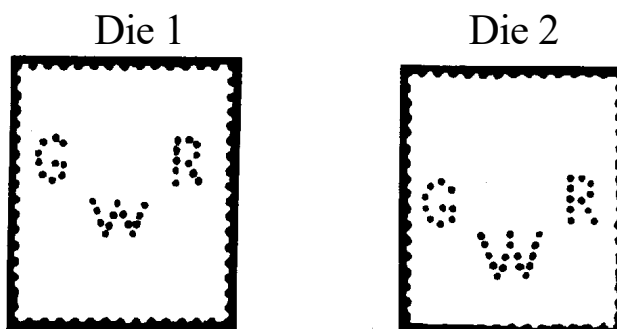
From Principality Auctions:- 1957 Jamboree set with BP perfins, fine u/m (4d m/m) Unusual. Est£10. (*These are still on the market!!*)

From County Philatelic Auctions:- 1883 Board of Trade perfins, 1d Plate 205, 2½d lilac, 2½d Jubilee, all unused. Est. £65  
1887 Board of Trade perfins, ½d verm, 5d, 10d used. Est. £25.

## MORE DISCOVERIES ON EARLY GWR DIES.

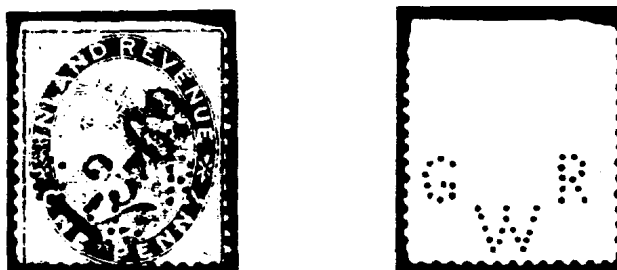
Roy Gault

The Great Western Railway was amongst the earliest users of Perfins to deter pilfering of their postage stamps. Two GWR dies are listed in Ron Bowman's "Railway Perfins of Great Britain" as having been used on the line engraved issues of Queen Victoria.



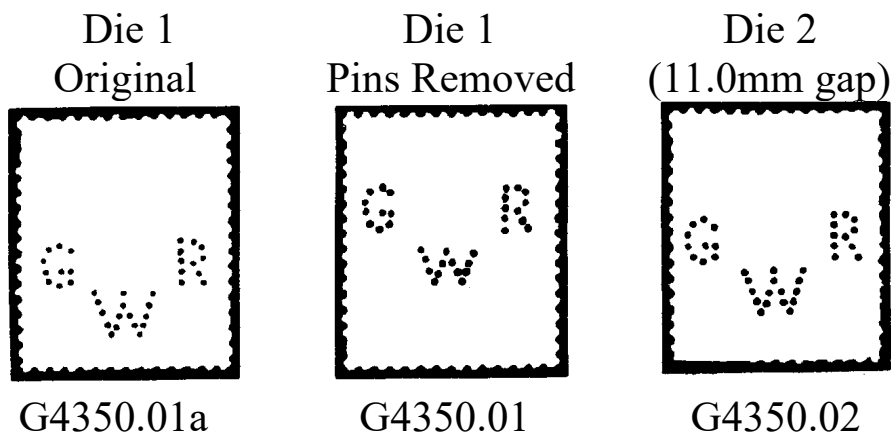
Die 1 shows an 'ugly' 13 pin 'W', whereas Die 2 shows a conventional 16 pin version. However, the situation is further complicated because two (Paul Redmond reports three) distinct variations in overall widths have been reported on Die 2 - 10.0mm and 11.0mm spacing between the letters 'G' and 'R'.

I have long suspected that the 10.0mm version of Die 2 is, in reality, the original condition of Die 1, which also has a 10.0mm gap. Then, at some point in time, pins were removed from the 'W' to leave a rather short 13 pin 'W'. This suspicion has taken on more weight recently by the reporting of an early dated example by Gerry Soutar on an Inland Revenue 1d (Die 1 - SG F19), illustrated below.



I have a horizontal joined pair of Die 1 showing the 13 pin 'W', postmarked "118" Dunkeld 18 June 1871, in which minor differences indicate a multi-headed die. The earliest recorded date for Die 1 in Bowman is 1 Jan 1870 so presumably pin removal took place sometime between March and December 1869. The pins are noticeably finer in Die 1 compared to those in Die 2, which may have contributed to possible pin damage necessitating removal.

I've allocated the catalogue number G4350.01a to the original condition of Die 1, i.e. with a 10.0mm gap between the letters 'G' and 'R' but with a 16 pin 'W'. All three 'dies' are illustrated below.



Die 1 has been reported on 53 different Id Red plates in the range 94-213, whereas Die 2 is recorded on 134 plates, ranging between 72 and 225. However, in light of the above discovery, it is highly likely that many of the low plate numbers reported as Die 2 (say prior to plate 136) should now be re-assessed. Collectors are invited to send me details of their holdings of these particular dies especially where dated examples are involved. This kind of information would help to confirm (or demolish!) my belief that G4350.01/01a are different conditions of the same die. We may even be lucky and pinpoint the "conversion" date more precisely than "sometime during 1869". To start the ball rolling I can report the following:

**Die 1** (G4350.01a - 16 pin 'W' and 10.0mm gap)  
Plates 76, 111, 114, 118, 119

**Die 1** (G4350.01 - 13 pin 'W' and 10.0mm gap)  
Plates 109, 112 (18 June 1871), 135, 155

**Die 2** (G4350.02 - 16 pin 'W' and 11.0mm gap)  
Plates 124, 135 (8 Apr 1872), 138, 145, 148, 155, 158, 163, 186

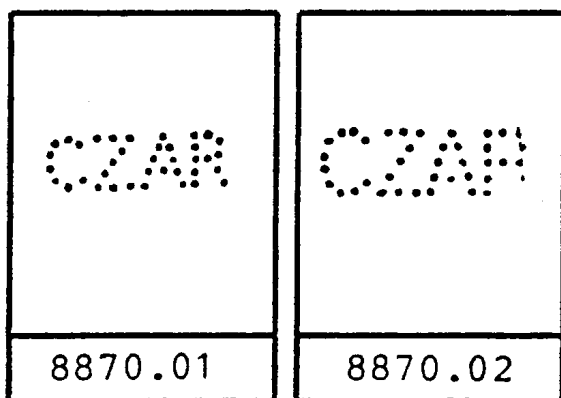
Finally, both dies would have been made c 1868/9 by Joseph Sloper & Co (during his monopoly period 1868-1872) to initial stamps on their own premises on behalf of the Great Western Railway. No mention of either die has yet been found in the Sloper records.

## HISTORY OF FIRMS USING PERFINS

### C CZARNIKOW LTD. LONDON

By Dave Hill (taken from Butterworths Dictionary of Business Biography)

Julius Caesar Czarnikow (he preferred Caesar) was born in Germany in 1838. His father was court agent to the Prince of Sonderhausen.



In 1854 he came to London as a clerk in a City brokers' firm. He took British nationality and became a "sworn broker". In 1861 he opened an office in Philpot Lane as Czarnikow & Co, Colonial Broker and later moved to Mincing Lane. He primarily dealt in cane sugar but later became the first to import European beet sugar.

He opened offices in Glasgow in 1871, Liverpool in 1881 and New York in 1888. From 1863 he issued a "*Weekly Prices Current*" known as "*Czarnikow's Circular*". No doubt when perfins were introduced they were used to frank this as copies are known postmarked Mark Lane which is next to Mincing Lane.

He also dealt in cotton in Liverpool. He helped found the London Produce Clearing House which became the International Commodity Clearing House, the first "futures market". He became the first chairman of Sena Sugar Factory Ltd in 1906, the company having sugar estates in Mozambique.

Most of his time was spent on business. He was impulsive and short tempered, dominated decision making in his companies and fired and rehired employees on the same day. He gave £1000 for a new aviary at London Zoo and had his own collection of exotic animals. He died in 1909: neither of his children followed him into the business.

## PERFORATORS OF POSTAGE STAMPS

From Dilwyn Chambers

Dilwyn Spotted this entry for **Frank Braham** in a book by J Gavin Scott, published in 1975 by Spink & Son Ltd, called **British Countermarks on Copper and Bronze Coins**.

In the *List of Countermarks etc on European Bronze Coins* the name of Braham appears and there is a further reference to the *Notes on the Issuers of Pieces Listed in Table 2*. The following, taken from those notes, may fill in gaps in our knowledge of Braham as a perforator of stamps.

Frank Braham was the Postmaster at Tabernacle Square Post Office, E.C., and made machinery for perforating the initials of firms and others on all kinds of revenue and postage stamps as a safe-guard against theft. Such perforations also served as advertisements. Cost was 1d per sheet. Perforating of postage stamps to prevent theft was recommended by the Post Office in the Post Office Guide and is still practised to a limited extent. Braham's advertisement appears 1882-5; similar advertisements, slightly earlier, appear for Francis A Hancock of Wood Street Post Office and Steam Printing Works, Moor Lane E.C.

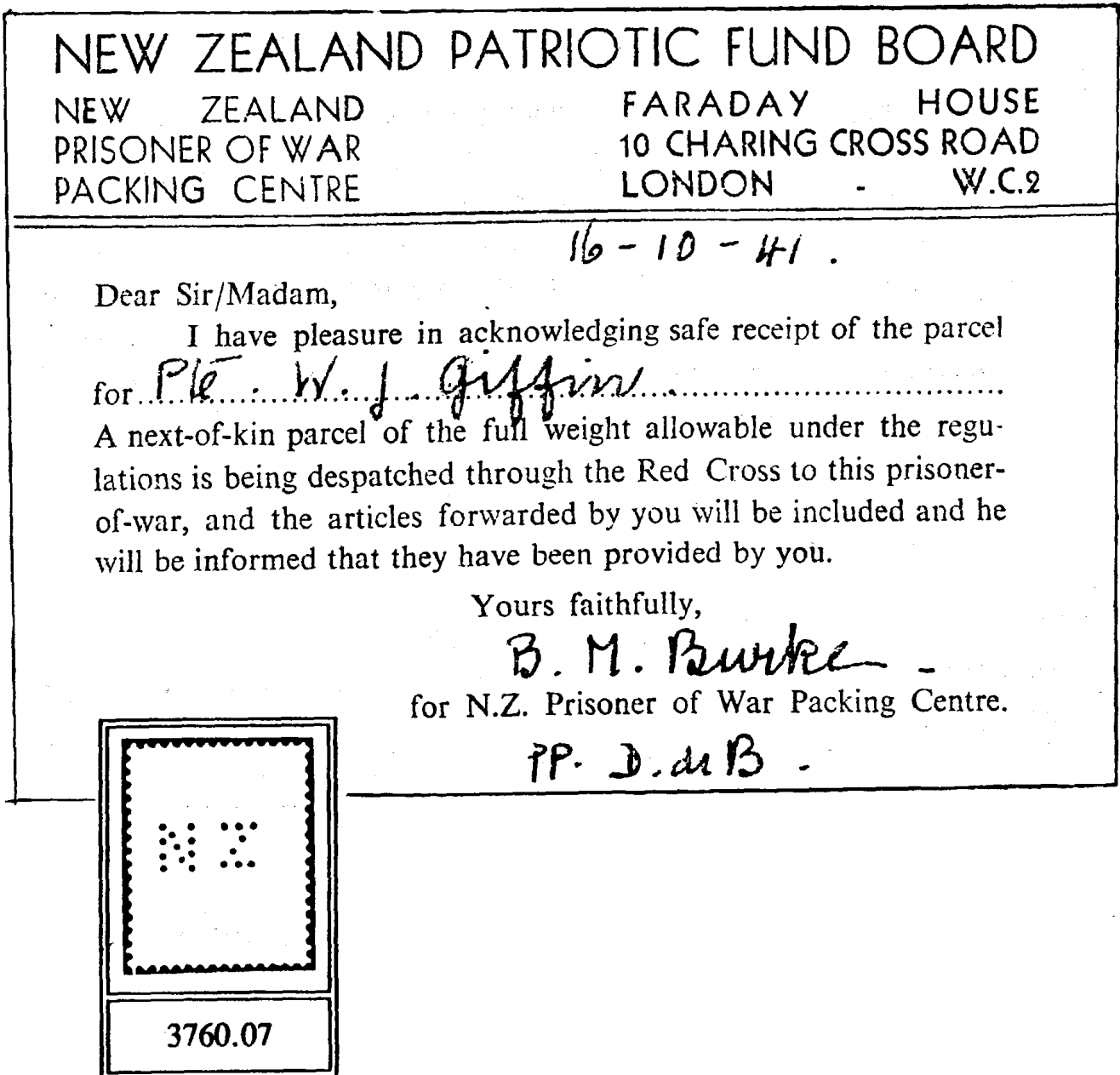
In the London street directories, Frank Braham appears as follows; perforated press maker, 51 Hoxton Square, N. (1882), 51 Hoxton Square and 8 Tabernacle Square, E.C. (1883-4), 51 Hoxton Square and 142 Tabernacle Street, E.C. (1885); perforating press maker and perforator (initials) of postage stamps, 51 Hoxton Square, N. and 93 Tabernacle Street (1886-90) (91 Tabernacle Street in 1891); 91 Tabernacle Street and 47 Rivington Street, E.C. (1892-4), 91 Tabernacle Street and 11 Rivington Street (1895-8), 91 Tabernacle Street and works, Rivington Street (1899-1901).

NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS POSTCARDS


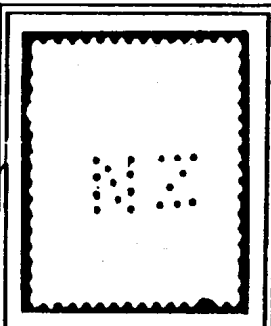
From Barry Pawson

These 2 cards were amongst the correspondence of a Mrs D K Griffiths of 4 France Street, Oamaru, N.Z. They came from a large accumulation of correspondence kept by the family since the war. It was acquired by a stamp dealer and it is thought these were the only two cards found with perfin.

The first is dated 18 OCT 1941 with perfin N3760.07 on 2d orange (light or dark?).



The second is dated 9 FEB 1945 with perfin 3760.01a on a 1d pale red. The cards give one or two new pieces of information for our records.

<b>NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS</b> N.Z. Prisoner of War Packing Centre, 10 CHARING CROSS ROAD, LONDON, W.C.2	
Dear Sir/Madam,	9 2 45
I have pleasure in acknowledging safe receipt of parcel for <u>22948 P/O W. J. Griffin</u>	
This has been readdressed and despatched to him. <del>This will be despatched to him as soon as his address is received here.</del>	
Yours faithfully, <i>D. M. Jarvis</i>  for N.Z. Prisoner of War Packing Centre.	
	
3760.01a	

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### EARLY ADVERTS FOR PERFORATORS

At an antique and collectors fair **GRAHAM FORTEY** picked up a page which had been torn out of a Trade Directory. Once again there was no actual date on the page.

This page was printed both sides with adverts for Francis A Hancock of Wood Street Post Office. In Bulletin 297/22 and 285/13 (to point out but 2) there are excerpts from this advert. Graham thought the whole advert may be of interest to members. The following two pages are reduced from A4 to A5 in size so can be increased back to normal quite easily. As I mentioned in Bulletin 297, the 'GLOBE' perfin had been distorted.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
 To large Consumers of  
**POSTAGE STAMPS.**  
**FRANCIS A. HANCOCK,**  
 PRINTER AND STATIONER,

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EXTRACT FROM "POST OFFICE GUIDE," page 14.

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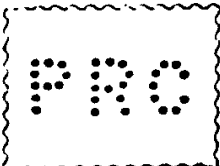
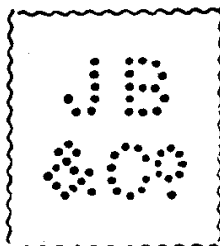
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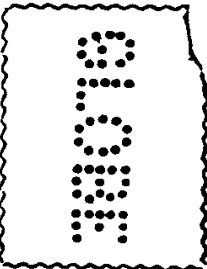
THE POST OFFICE, 37 & 38, WOOD ST., CHEAPSIDE, E.C.

From "THE DAILY TELEGRAPH," March 23rd, 1880.



**MANSION HOUSE.—SALE OF POSTAGE STAMPS.**—*George Barrett*, clerk, 14, Victoria-place, Stoke Newington, was charged before Alderman Sir Benjamin Phillips on suspicion of stealing a quantity of postage stamps, the property of Messrs. Blandy Brothers, wine merchants, 4, New London-street, Fenchurch-street.—Mr. B. Wontner prosecuted.—At Christmas last the prosecutors purchased £200 worth of postage stamps. They were placed in a safe, over which a brother-in-law of the prisoner, named Stevens, who was in the employ of the prosecutors, had charge. When examined last week £17 of the stamps were missing. The prisoner had been in the habit of visiting his brother-in-law, and when arrested by Detective Harding, he said the stamps he had sold were given to him by Stevens, to dispose of. This was denied by the prisoner's brother-in-law. In reply to Sir Benjamin Phillips, a postmaster named Fairry, who had purchased £1 worth of stamps from the prisoner, said that firms purchasing stamps could have them perforated with their own initials free, and then they would not be purchased at any post office.—Sir Benjamin—That is a piece of information not known to myself.—Mr. Wontner—Nor is it generally known, or the prosecutors would have availed themselves of it.—Sir Benjamin—I think it most important that it should be as widely known as possible, as the perforation of the stamps would stop persons stealing them.—The prisoner was remanded.

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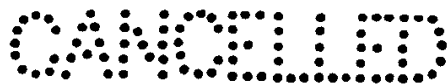
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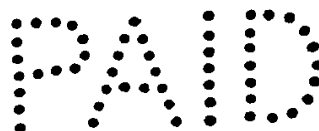
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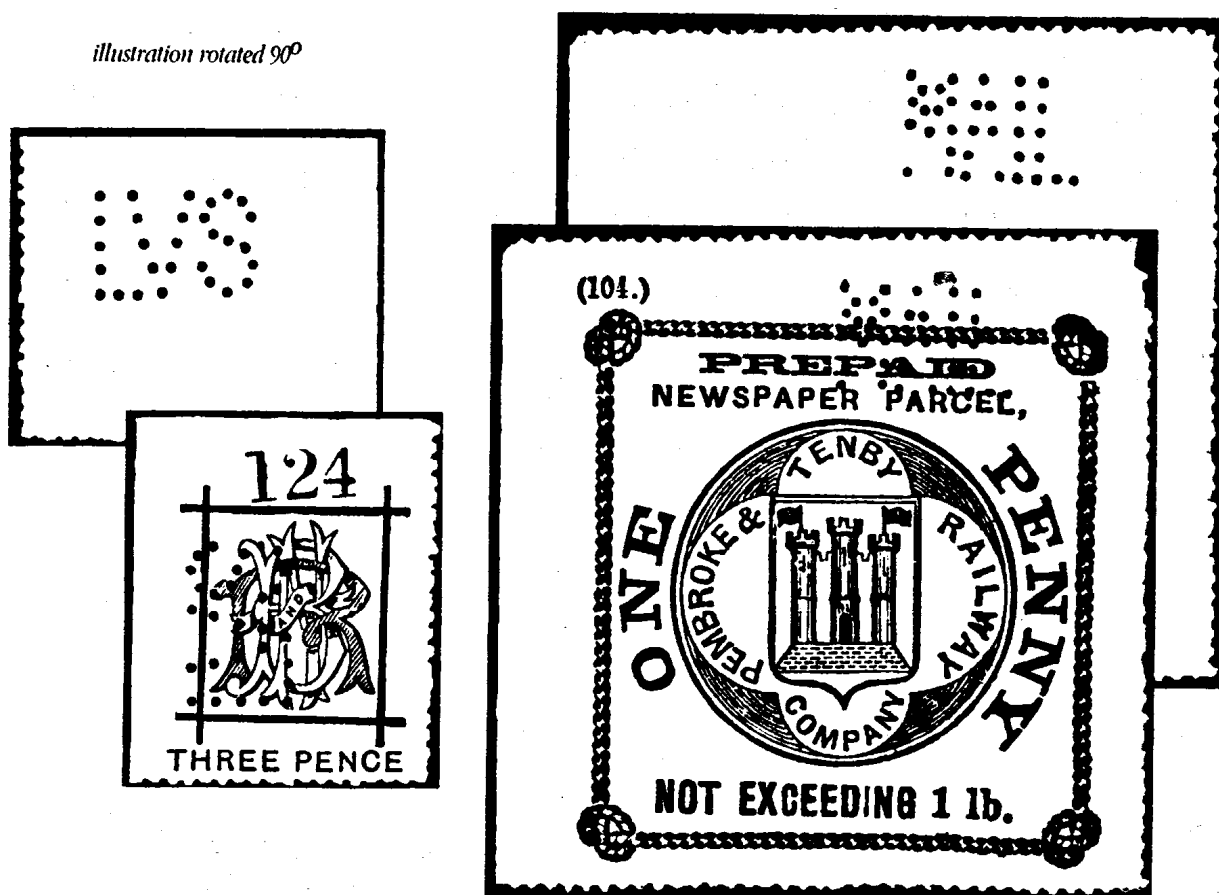
## WELSH RAILWAY NEWSPAPER STAMPS WITH PERFIN

Roger de Lacy-Spencer

This article is from *Railway Philately*, Vol 34 No 1 December 1999.

The following illustrations show two newspaper parcel stamps in my collection which were issued by small Welsh Railway companies and were security perforated.

The small stamp was issued by the Neath & Brecon Railway, a line which only had 9 intermediary stations between Neath and Brecon. The stamp was perforated vertically with 'LVS' reading upwards. Although this railway opened in 1864 the period of issue and use of the four values of newspaper stamps are unknown.



The large newspaper parcel stamp illustrated was issued by the Pembroke & Tenby Railway and was security perforated with 'MAIL'. The Pembroke & Tenby Railway was a very short line and only had 5 stations between Tenby and Pembroke Docks.

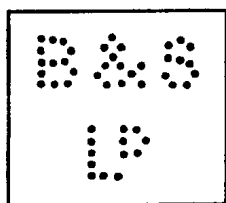
This is a rare security perforation and is believed to be only the second example recorded. As can be seen in the illustration of the perfin, two, possibly three, pins are missing. The second pin up on the left leg of the 'NT' and the second pin up on the right leg of the 'A' are both missing. A pin representing the horizontal bar of the 'A' also appears to be missing.

The first newspaper stamps issued by the 'P & T' were used between 1866 and 1890 and the type shown above were later issued with control numbers. As the railway was taken over by the GWR in 1896 the period of use of this stamp must have been very short. Ewen even suggested stamps without serial numbers were possibly proofs but this perfin rules out that idea.

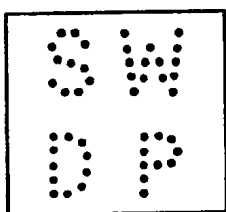
### Perfined Railway Newspaper /Parcel Stamps Update

Taken from *Railway Philately Vol.34 No. 1 December 1999*

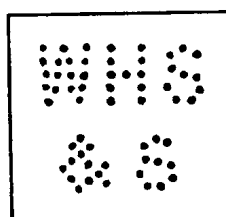
Roy Gault, the perfin catalogue editor, has seen the perfins shown in the last issue of *Railway Philately* as well as the examples on the next page. He has been able to confirm the identity of two of them and supply some extra details of others



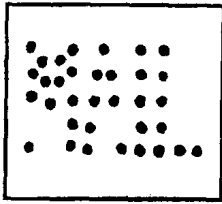
The die producing 'B&S/Ld' on two different railway companies parcel stamps, of which one was cancelled 'DERBY', is confirmed as being used by Bemrose & Sons Ltd, Midland Place, Derby. (Cat.No.B6730.01)



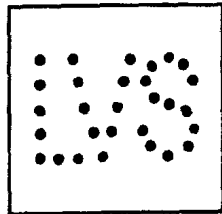
This is a rare die which has just been reported to the Perfin Society having been seen on a QV Jubilee ½d vermilion stamp postmarked Swansea, 19 AP 1899. User unknown (Cat.No.S8087.01)



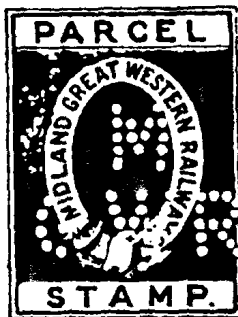
Although this die was long lived (1885-1939) and is thought to have been used by W H Smith & Sons, the Perfin Society has not seen an example on a piece or cover to confirm this identity. (Cat.No.W3890.01)



Another rare die with only one other example known on a QV 1d red (pl. 191) postmarked Cardiff. All the holes are present on the 1d red except the one missing in the leg of the 'A'. It is possible that 'MAIL' was used by Western Mail (& South Wales News) of Cardiff. (Cat. No. M0220.01)



This is a very rare perfin, user unknown, and has not been recorded on a postage stamp. (Cat. No. L5700.01)



This is a parcel stamp of the Midland & Great Western Railway in Ireland which is illustrated and listed in Ewen's 1906 catalogue. The stamp shows the security perforation 'M/GWR' of the railway company and Ewen lists it as being issued with this perfin. This rare perfin is catalogued by the Perfin Society as M2775.01 and is only known on this railway parcel stamp.

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**QE II COMMEMORATIVES WITHOUT PERFIN**

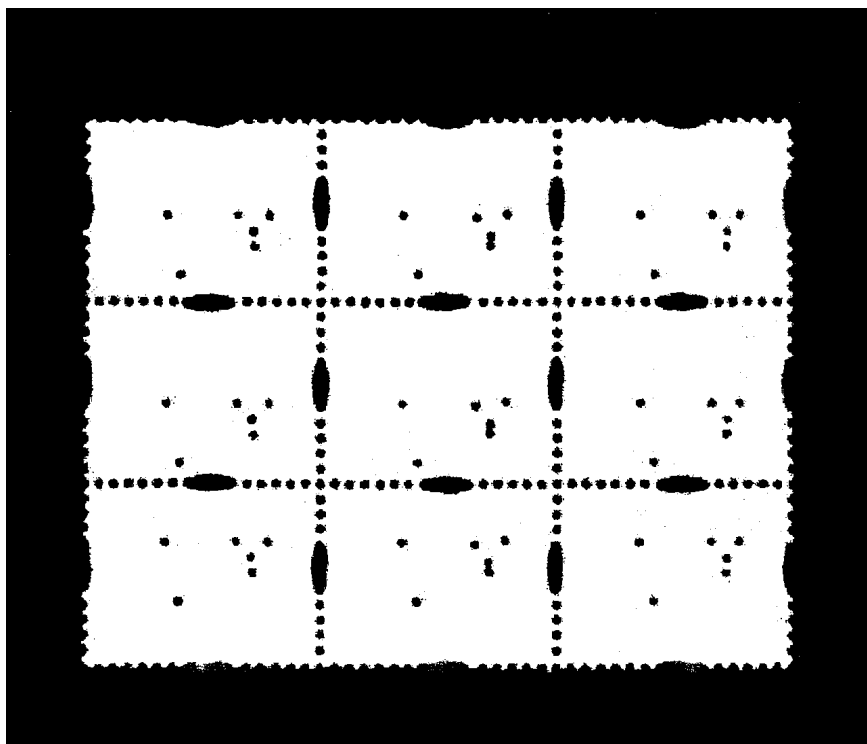
Alastair Walter

Steve Bence has reported the following commemoratives found with perfin which can be deleted from your lists in Bulletin 303.

1981 Year of Disabled	SG1147	14p
1982 Xmas	SG1204	19½p
1983 Europa	SG1217	28p
1983 British Gardens	SG1223	16p
1983 British Fairs	SG1229	28p
1983 Xmas	SG1233	20½p

## PERFORATED INSURANCE STAMPS

**Gaille Ellis** sent this illustration of a block of 9 £3-75p National Insurance Stamps. She thought the holes may have been an incomplete perfin.



In **Bulletin 263 Pg.8-9** there was quite a long article by Dave Hill about Ballot Paper perforations and National Insurance Stamp perforations.;;

In **Bulletin 264 Pg.6** there was a very useful reply from Bill Cokayne (see resignations and tribute in Society Information) with corroborating, and new, information about the work done at Sloper's for the appropriate Government Ministry.

The holes in the illustrated Insurance Stamps are not incomplete perfins but a series of holes in a set pattern used solely by one particular employer. Dave mentioned that in some of the Sloper Record Books there is a column showing the die, and machine number, of the pattern used by various firm. He mentions that in 1932 there was a machine supplied to George Wimpey, the builders. The book has the remark, "*Specimen followed exactly as has been approved by the Ministry of Health. Holes not to be larger than those dividing sheets of Health stamps. Capable of perforating Health and Unemployment Stamps*".

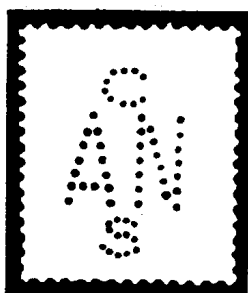
## Army & Navy Co-operative Society Ltd. - Part 3

Rosemary Smith

In the October 1999 Bulletin (303) I said that I would cover the C/AN/S dies in the December Bulletin. To answer the members who have asked "where were these dies?", I found that the coverage of the AUX and AN perfins took three pages of the December Bulletin and if I had added the C/AN/S dies it would take too many pages from other contributors. I always give preference to members' articles before my own.

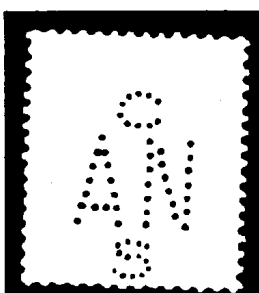
My thanks again to Roy Gault for the up-to-date illustrations of these dies and apologies for the extra work I caused him by mislaying the first batch he sent. Roy remarks that, like everyone else, he is "knee deep" in C0270.02M but has very few of the others.

For accuracy of information about these dies, I will display them exactly as Roy has sent them. My observations I will leave until the end.



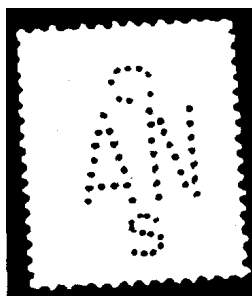
C/AN/S (C0270.01) -13 pin 'S' and 7 pin high 'N'.  
Listed in Tilles as C270.01

May be multi-headed die involving .01a/b below



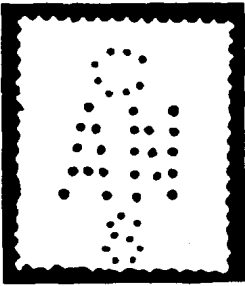
c1905

C/AN/S (C0270.01a) - Update C2.3 - 1d issue 'F'



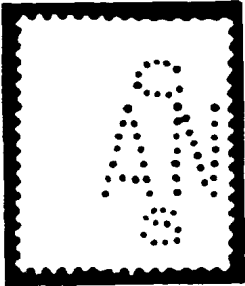
1895-1900

C/AN/S (C0270.01b) - Update C2.3 - 1d Lilac.



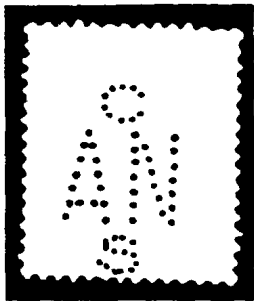
C/AN/S (C0270.02M) - 9 pin 'S' and 5 pin high 'N'  
Listed in Van Lint & Tilles (C270.2).  
Issues 'B','E','F','H','T','M','N'\*','O','Q','R'.  
Die uses 1895-1945.

\*Shows slight differences, hence multi-headed



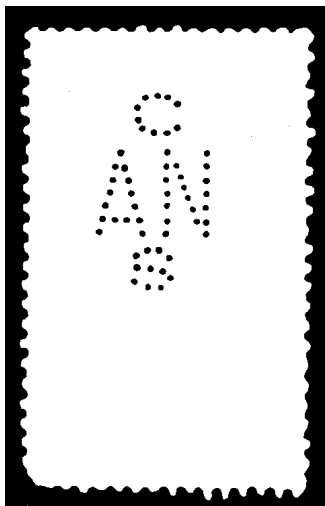
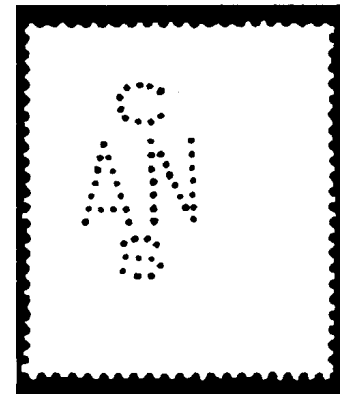
C/AN/S (C0270.03) -11 pin 'S' and 7 pin high 'N'  
Listed in Tilles as C270.3.

See also C0270.05 for same spec 'S' and 'N'.



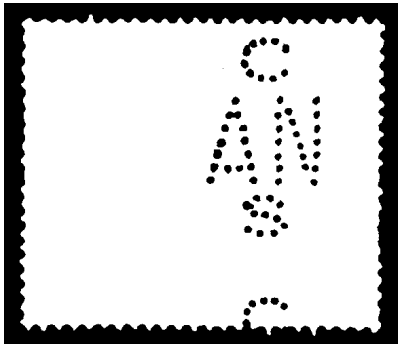
C/AN/S (C0270.04) -14 pin 'S' and 7 pin high  
Illustrated in Van Lint.  
Known on issues 'B' through to 'H'.

C/AN/S (C0270.05) -11 pin 'S' and 7 pin high 'N'.  
Update cl.3-5/-issue'C

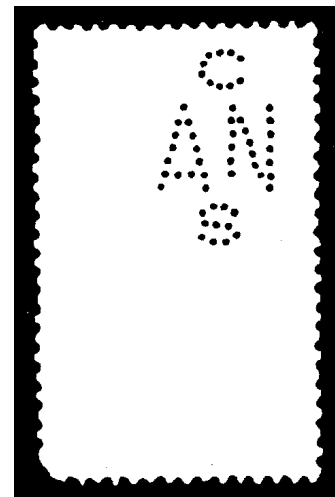


C0270.05a

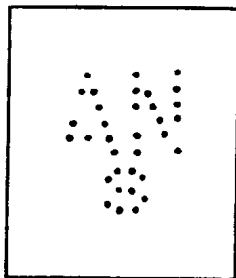
C/AN/S (C0270.05a) - 2/6d & 5/- GV Seahorses



C/AN/S (C0270.05b) - 5/- issue 'Q'.



C/AN/S (C0270.05C) - 2/6d Seahorse.



AN/S (A4270.01) on issue 'I', became C/AN/S (C0270.06) 6 pin high 'N' with 10 pin 'S'.  
Die in poor shape judging by the number of blind/missing pins.

c1925

Roy comments that he does not know where the identities for C0270.01A/01B/03A came from in Tomkins<sup>8</sup>. He has no illustrations for these and they are likely to be deleted when the C's are studied in detail.

C0270.02M is noted as being used from 1895 to 1945. Roy has an idea that this die has been seen on Wilding stamps. Please report in if you have this die on GV changed colours or QEII.

I have a Registered envelope, QV Two Pence Blue on flap, from Jerry Soutar. It is perfined through the embossed stamp on the flap with C0270.03 [New to my research into Perforated Postal Stationery] and has an additional 2½d Jubilee perfined C0270.02M, dated 21-5-97.