

# Imperial Tobacco Company

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In *Ireland: Catalog of Perfins*, 2nd. ed., 1994, compiled by Richard L. Mewhinney and published by the Perfins Club, pattern I12 is listed as: IT/C, 2H, 5½, I,B, Imperial Tobacco Co., (9,10, 10). The underlining on the letters "IT" indicate serifs and the "I,B" indicates the pattern is known on stamps of Eire and Britain. It is listed in the *Edwards Catalog* as I2470.01 on British Stamps.

Dick Mewhinney and Paddy Murphy (Dublin) have only seen this stamp punched on a ½d "Sword of Light" (*Scott Catalogue* number 65). I also have this perfin on singles from a booklet pane of the same stamp (*Scott Catalog* number 65A). After looking through thousands of Irish perfins, I have only found this pattern on one stamp and a booklet pane of the same stamp.

I would appreciate members looking through their Irish perfins and letting me know if they have this pattern on any other stamp than *Scott Catalogue* number 65 or 65A. Does anyone have it on a British stamp? I will answer all responses. William Shields, 4214 Longshore Ave. #312, Philadelphia, PA 19135-2140.