

Jack Brandt had often thought that a single hole under a few letters might mean a modified machine - like HB/L with all but one of the pins of the 'L' being removed. In a few cases he seems to remember there having been an '& C' removed. Some of these may have been due to business reasons, and others may have been cleaning up a partial break.

DAVE HILL has this perfin, H0365.01, (36.3 in Tilles), on a 1d lilac postmarked Ma 1 96 (?year is rather unclear) and London E. He has looked for more obvious reasons for the extra hole but the position of the odd pin does not tie up with any similar HB/? perfin, i.e. it is not another perfin modified and the odd pin left in. An odd pin would, he thinks, be rather obvious in this position, the only other examples of odd pins being left in are usually amongst other pins and could go unnoticed. His stamp is cut on all sides and the HB itself is very similar to other HB dies, H0470.01 HB/C in particular.

ROSEMARY SMITH has this die on a 1d lilac with cut sides, dated JU 20 01, a EVII 1d and two trade cards with ½d vermilion Jubilee, both dated 1898. The user is Hollington Bros, Aldgate. London. She also points out that she has a GVI light blue 2½d with the HB/. perfin but a different die. Different hole count, different position of the odd pin. She has been given the number H0365.02 for this die.

