

In October 2002 I sent to Roy a possible partial identity on #0460.01 which had a hand stamped cancellation of

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suggesting "Arnerican Express" as the likely user. Since then I have not seen any further comments on this identity, other than it being published in Bulletin No.320.

As this pattern shares the same regular grid as the others listed in the table below (updated by Roy using the standard Perfin Society 'issue' codes), now would be a good time for members to inspect their holdings to try and confirm an identity for a relatively large group of patterns at one go. Dies marked * are all known used in Ipswich, but I wonder why Ipswich is the only plate reported.

Cat No.	Num	I(BC)	M	O	Q	R	U
0060.02	1					2½d	
0060.03	1			1½d	½d, 1d, 1½d	1d	
0160.01	2		½d, 1d		1½d		
0250.01	3		1d		½d, 1d, 1½d	2½d	
0250.01a	3					1d	
0340.01*	4	½d	½d		½d, 1d, 1½d	1d	
0400.01	5		1d		½d, 2½d	1d	
0460.01	6 or 9		???		½d, 1d, 1½d, 2½d	1d	2d
0460.02	:6 or 9:				1d		
0550.01*	7		1d		½d, 1d, 1½d		
0555.01	.7					1d	
0600.01*	8		½d		½d, 1d, 4d		1½d, 2½d
0610.01	8.						1½d, 2½d
0065.01*	10		???		½d, 1d	1d	
0070.01	10.						
0090.01*	11		½d, 1d		½d, 1½d	1d	
0097.01 *	12	1½d	½d	M	½d	1d, 2½d	
0097.02	12					1d	

The long standing idea that the numbers relate to months of the year is not entirely supported by known dates - e.g. "2" (#0160.01) known used 21 Mar 1938; "6" (or "9") 23 Sep 1936 and 8 Oct 1936; "8" (#0600.01) 26 Nov 1955; and "11" (#0090.01) 2 Dec 1935.

However, if one looks at them in tabular form (see below), there is an interesting relationship in that in 3 out of the 4 instances the month number is the same as or precedes the month of usage by one month. '8' is the odd man out but it is not impossibly out of synchronization.

Cat No.	Perrin Pattern	Month used
0160.01	2	3
0460.01	6 or more likely 9?	9,10
0600.01	8	11
0090.01	11	12

A theory that would perhaps fit the dates is that a certain number of stamps were perfined every month with that month's date, and the residue used until exhausted. More information from members may help sort this out or does any member have any other ideas?

Other questions I am raising.

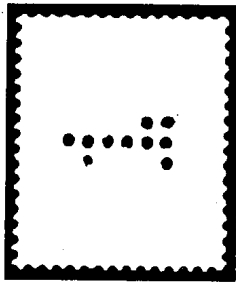
All values noted to date are low but not necessarily the relevant postage rate of that time, and the only possible identity was on a 2d (receipt) but no other 2d values appear. 2d in fact is noticeable by its absence and why no 'S' values, is that relevant?

Cat No.	Num	I(BC)	M	0	Q	R	U
0060.02	1					2½d	
0250.01a	3					1d	
0460.02	:6 or 9:				1d		
0555.01	.7					1d	
0610.01	8.						1½d, 2½d
0070.01	10.						
0097.02	12					1d	

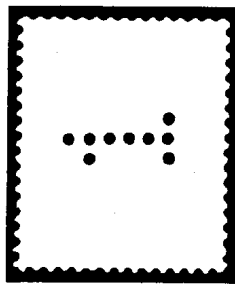
Finally, those extra holes - those items with additional (remote) hole(s) being 6, 7, 8, and 10 appear to be among the rarest and obviously do not fit the regular grid. Was there another grid with the extra holes? Also, the three patterns with an extra (incorporated) hole (1, 3 and 12), are also in this extremely rare category, generally much later usage and no known postmarks.

Again, any theories/comments on these points?

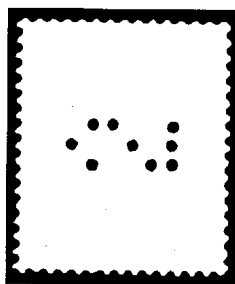
G.B. Perfins numbered "1 to 12"



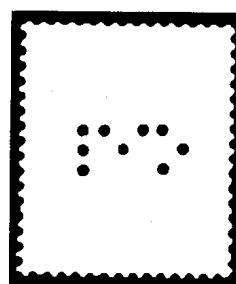
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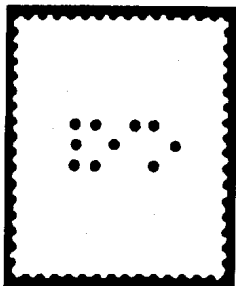
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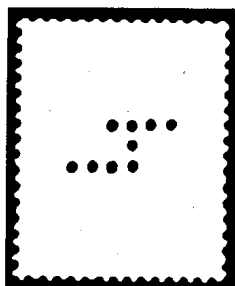
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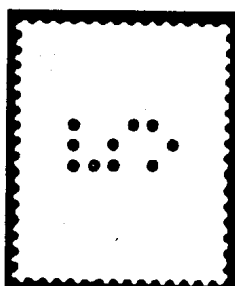
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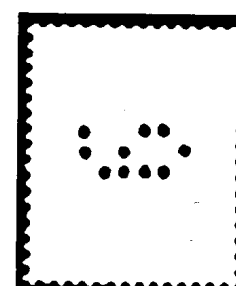
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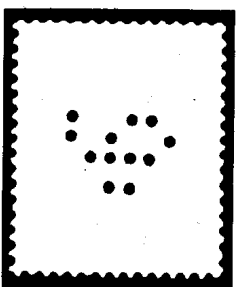
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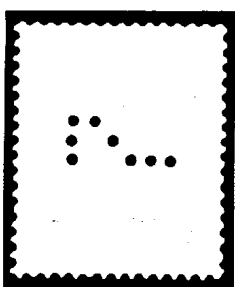
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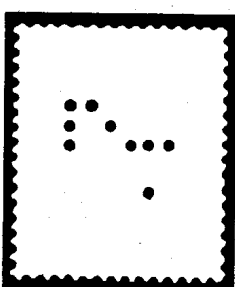
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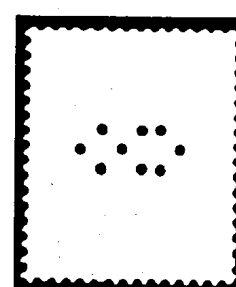
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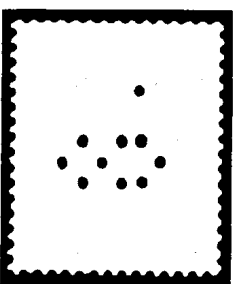
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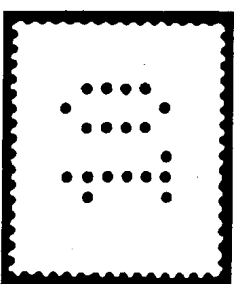
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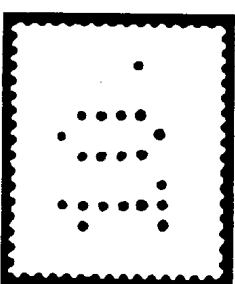
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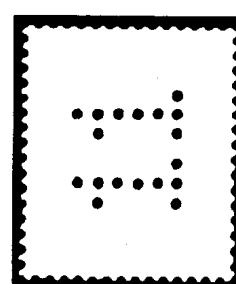
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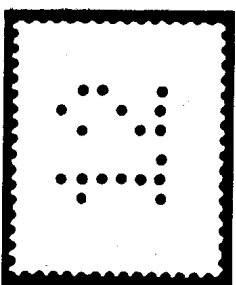
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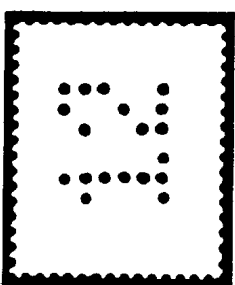
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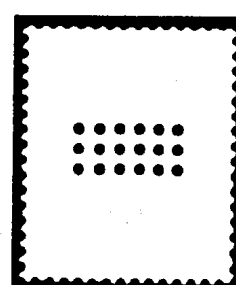


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Note:
All perfins
are sideways
on the stamp
but can point
left or right.



Regular Grid