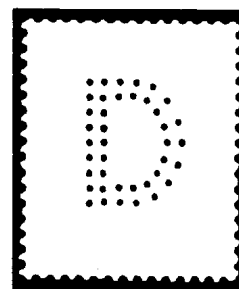


NEW CATALOGUE - SECTION "D".

Roy Gault

Again, as I write, the proof reading by Stephen Steere of section "D" of the New Illustrated Catalogue is virtually complete and will have been finished by the time you read this. The new section lists 880 different "D" dies, a somewhat disappointing increase of less than 1% on the 872 known after the April 1993 Update.



On a more positive note, the number of identified D's now stands at an impressive 491 (55.8%).

As with previous catalogues, many tens of thousands of perfined stamps have been inspected by fellow collectors contributing to this latest catalogue. Over 8,790 different stamps are itemised against the 880 different dies giving an average of 10 stamps/die.

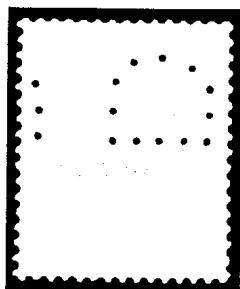
The *longest lived* of the "D" dies at 82 years is "D&C^o.." (D0850.01M), used 1875-1957 by Davies & Co, Advertising Agents, London EC. This is one of just three dies that can be found on stamps from all six reigns, including the Line Engraved issues. "DHE" (D2260.02aM) has the *greatest number of DDF* at 120 (on 15 different issues), and both "D&B/B" (D0290.01) and "D&C.." (D0850.01M) can be found on the *greatest number of issues* - 16.

The 'scarcity' table for the D's is as follows:

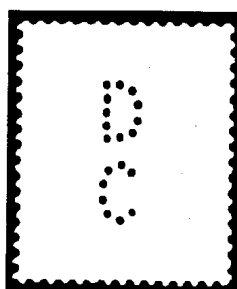
DDF Known	DD	%	Scarcity
10 or more	270	30.7%	Common
4-9	272	30.9%	Reasonable
2-3	197	22.4%	Scarce
0-1	141	16.0%	Rare
TOTAL	880		

As a result of the response by Gerry Soutar, Terry Wood and Jack Brandt to the "Missing D's" article in Bulletin No.335 (page 8), there are now only 5 'D' dies for which we have no stamp details, making section "D" of the catalogue over 99% 'complete'.

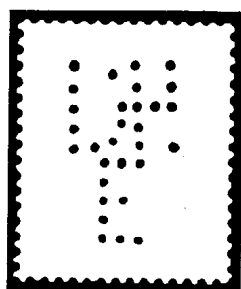
If you find you have any of the following five dies, (or suspect what some may be partials of), I would be pleased to receive any information regarding the stamp/postmark details to help provide accurate date ranges for the dies.



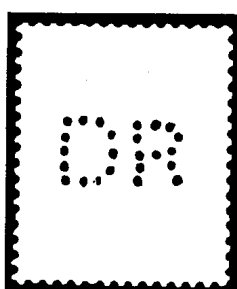
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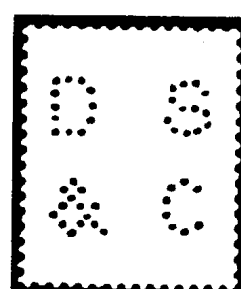
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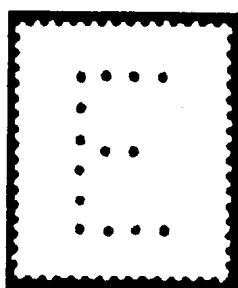
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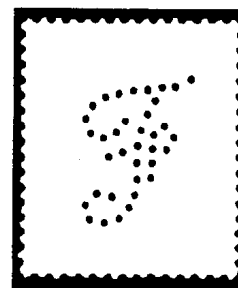
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G.B. Perfins commencing letter "D" with no known details.

Also if, when going through your perfins and comparing them against the catalogue, you have any additional information such as earlier/later dates, post-towns, new values and issues, *please let me know so that I can keep the catalogue up-to-date.*



This latest section of the 'New Illustrated Catalogue' brings it up to 60% complete. The next letters to be looked at in detail will be the letter "E" closely followed by "F".



Please send me details of any New D you think you hold (of either letter) along with a black & white scan or photocopy of the back of the stamp taken against a black background. I plan to complete the E's (around 875 dies) by late Autumn of this year, and the F's (825 dies expected) as early as possible in 2006. I will also slip in the 'Monograms' with one of these sections.