

"COX" PERFINS. PART 2. By Peter E.J. Cox

Following Part 1 in Bulletin 244, I can now report with the help of fellow member Mr. D. Collins, that C5680.03 COX Diagonal perfin, was NOT USED OR OWNED by Cox & Co. Bankers but COX BROTHERS of DUNDEE as I had suspected.

After finding a Cox & Co cheque, I find that Cox & Co. had not one but SIX branches in INDIA. With the help of Mr. M. Werner of Sweden, I am the proud owner of two Cox perfins on Indian stamps. Thinking that my hunt was at an end, I found a further Cox & Co. cheque, this time of 1919, only to find that added to the Indian branches there was now a COX & CO. (FRANCE) Ltd. with another FIVE branches in FRANCE. Roy Everett informed me that there were French COX perfins and with the help of R. Dedecker I now have a copy and a photocopy of a cover bearing a French COX perfin.

I now find that there were still further branches in Alexandria and Cairo in Egypt, and still another branch in Rangoon, Burma. Does this mean still further Cox perfins to find? Only time or other members will bring an answer. One thing has become clear: if you accept a challenge and want to make a study of a certain Perfin, you will have many allies, a fine Bulletin (Thanks Peter!!) and many helpful members.

I have found the experience both exciting and rewarding. If any members have any COX perfins on INDIAN, FRENCH, EGYPTIAN or BURMA stamps I shall be pleased to hear from them so that I may complete my study and add a last part to this story.

May I in closing add a poem published in BRITISH FORCES TIMES in 1917. It was supposed to have been written by a soldier in the trenches and addressed to Cox S Co. Their answer is also noted.

TO MELT A STONE.

Kindly manager of Cox,
I am sadly on the rocks,
For a time my warring ceases
My patella is in pieces.
Though in hospital I lie,

ALLEGED ANSWER FROM COX's.

Sir, the kindly heart of Cox
Cannot leave you on the rocks,
And he could not sleep in bed
Thinking you were underfed;
So if you will let us know

I am not about to die;
 Therefore let me overdraw
 Just a very little more.
 If you stick to your red tape
 I must go without my grape
 And my life must sadly fret
 With a cheaper cigarette,
 So pray be not hard upon
 A poor dejected Subaltern.
 This is all I have to say,
 'Impecunious' R.F.A.

The illustration is a reduced size copy of one of the Cox cheques mentioned in Peter's article. Any further information to 71, Runnymede Ave., Bearwood, Bournemouth BH11 9SG

Just how far you want to go,
 Your request will not be in vain
 Written from your bed of pain,
 We will make but one request—
 Keep this locked within
 your breast,
 For if others know, they'll say,
 'Good old Cox is sure to pay
 Only take him the right way'.

