<u>WAR SHORTAGES?</u> by L. Balt - Netherlands.

Recently I bought 2 censored covers from England to Buenos Aires. Both originated from John Palmer John & Co, Imperial House, Dominion St., London E.C.2. Tomkins/Tilles J617.1 gives the Perfin for this firm as JPJ 5,8,5 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>mm. My covers show:-

- A. Date 19-8-41.  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. &  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. G6 Dark colours. Perforation on  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. JP 6,8 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Perforation on  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. P 8 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm.
- B. Date 6-2-42. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. & 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. G6 Light colours. Perforation on both is P 8 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>mm.

There is no sign of a missing or damaged J fore or aft. Perhaps John Palmer's had to 'make-do' as pins broke or wore. After all it was during the war!! Any comments??

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