

Western Mail and South Wales News, Cardiff. by Dr.R.W.Powell.

My collecting of Perfins and of G.B. Squared Circle Cancellations have merged with the above item.

The standard book, "COLLECTING BRITISH SQUARED CIRCLE POSTMARKS" by Stanley F. Cohen, Maurice Barette and Daniel G. Rosenblatt, published in 1987, was followed in October 1990 by Supplement No. 1. Here for the first time the Squared Circles of Cardiff are treated. Three blocks of six KGVI 1d stamps are shown that also have Tilles W.516.2 (Edwards 5160.02) WM Perfin 13,13 holes 7½mm high. The caption underneath reads, "The last Squared Circle in Great Britain: CARDIFF 11d-5, used as a precancel for "Western Mail and South Wales News", FE 10 33, JU 4 37 and OC 22 37".

I went straight to my perfin collection and found the same stamp in block of four with Perfin and Squared Circle, but with date of NO 25 37: which is 34 days later than the latest shown in this Supplement. What can be found in other Perfin collections? Write if you can beat this date for a Squared Circle pmk on the WM Perfin.