MISSING PIN VARIETIES

It is not uncommon for a perfin to have one or more missing holes. Usually this is due a pin being that to bent SO when perforating it is forced against the bed-plate instead of into the hole. This will cause the pin to break sufficient pressure is applied. There few are a cases where intentially because removed of change the pins a user designation of the (see my note the August 1984 in Bulletin and Ted Smiths in this issue).

hole is obviously missing, it is regarded as being present and the perfin is so recorded. There is no problem except when so many holes missing that the perfin here, are is unreadable.

missing holes Problems arise when the do those which are readable, but different, perfin. For example, if the forming the cross-stroke of the A perfin AC in the is read VC when inverted missing it can be as and reversed. When the perfin is piece or cover with user's identity. on the usually obvious, but such this is is no always by means case.

situation is when Perhaps trickier the missing even holes an lettering not change the but only the recorded details. obvious examples, but Missing full-stops are others occur. of opinion whether these "varieties" It is a matter should be different catalogue included in the as dies. Mypersonal view is they should not be included unless, that of course, different concerns can be shown to be used by (and hence to have come from a different perforator).

As an example, we have the following perfins, all believed to have been used by the School Board of London:-



first is the "parent" die and is recorded in The Tilles The S.811A. has catalogue as second lost the recorded. The third has lost and not both the full-stop the foot of the L, and is recorded and a hole from as super-position all three dies identical By are in both Therefore, in my view, only the shape spacing. and first should recorded and the other two should be regarded variants. The views of other members are invited.

It is a matter of conjecture how many other such examples exist in the catalogue. If it is decided only to record the "parent" die, the existence of variants could be denoted by the letter "v" after, say, the serial number.