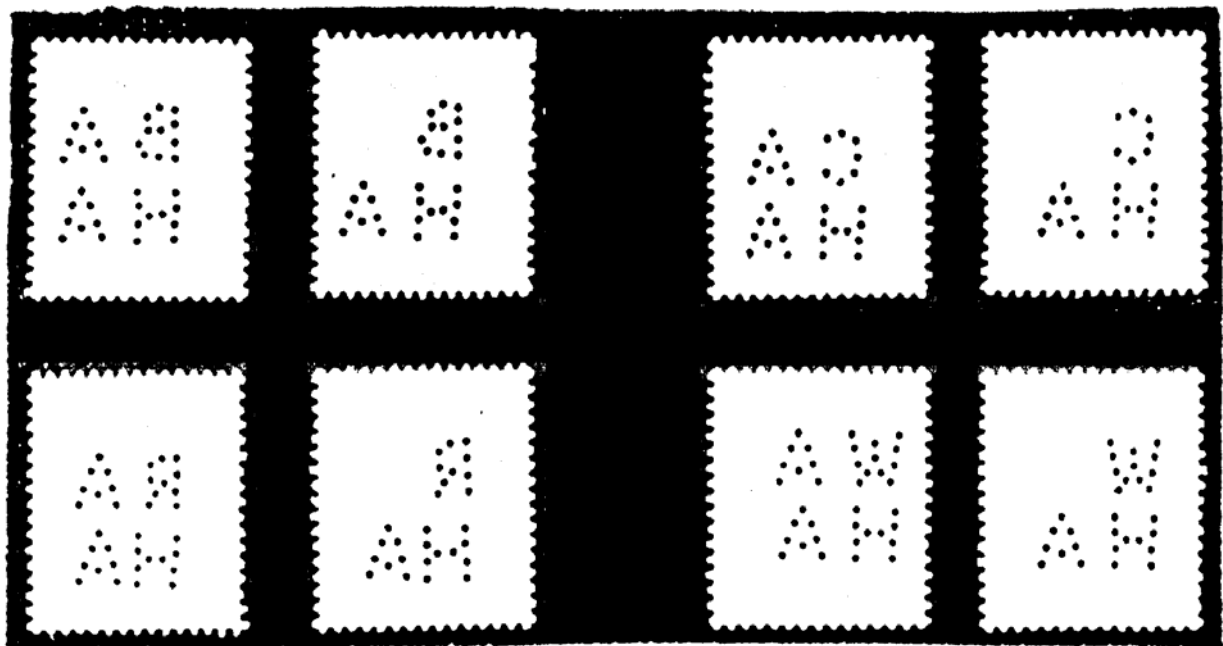


Reading again the article on modified perfins by Michael Rucklidge in the Perfin Society Bulletin No. 212 (Aug 1984), I was sure much more information on the subject is available for the interest of fellow members.

Sorting through my sheets of missing letter specimens, I find that a number of Health Authority dies have the first 'A' missing, as in the case of SA/HA in that article. The following pattern dies are found to also have the 'A' missing:-



This would suggest that either the 'A' had been removed as a matter of policy to delete reference to "Area" or that the first 'A' has in some way suffered metal fatigue. (It's happened in aircraft!) Perhaps a member with a friend in one of the Health Authorities could find the answer for us.

Another die that has a complete letter missing is MS/T. No sign of the ampersand on the stamp can be seen so it is another case of either deliberate removal, or failure. I offer no other suggestion at this stage.



In the case of a single missing hole, numerous examples can be found which at first sight suggests a new die. Measurements usually indicate that a single pin must have broken off the die stamp. Examples follow:-

