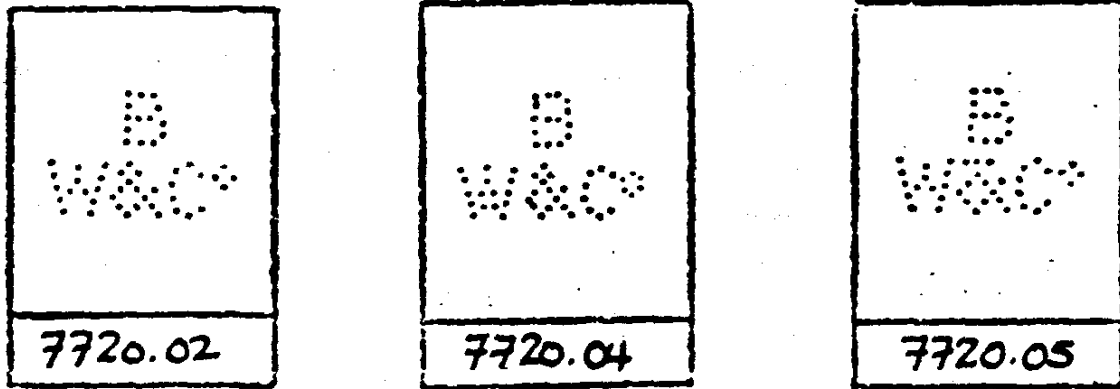


BESSLER. WAECHTER & Co.. Ltd.

Up to date, only 3 dies have been positively identified as emanating from Bessler, Waechter & Co., Ltd. W7720.02; W77720.04; W7720.05. They all have different forms of B/W&C°.



The respective addresses for these 3 positive identifications are:-

- W 7720.02      Newcastle - on - Tyne. (1906)
- W 7720.04      58 Lombard Street, London E.C (1880)
- W 7720.05      Glasgow. (1908)

Now Reg Powell has produced two more covers, both with variants of W7720.05. Below are illustrated the two dies. I have had to trace them, as they are on cover, but I have done this as faithfully as possible.



As can be seen, Fig. A shows the B leaning backwards to the left whereas 7720.05 leans forward to the right. Fig. B shows the upstroke of the B more central over the ampersand.

The address on the 'A' cover is Glasgow (½d GV/2 stamp)

The address on the 'B' cover is Salisbury House, Finsbury Circus,  
London E.C. (1911)

Reg wonders if this is an example of a firm having different Perfins for each of its branches. If anyone else has covers for this firm and could send an accurate tracing of the die plus the address and date, it may show a pattern.

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