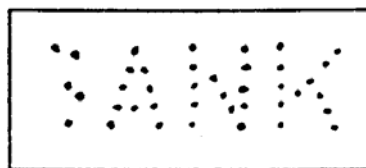


Two "gems" have been forwarded to me for inspection as a result of recent Bulletin articles regarding perfined overprints.

The first was a trio of covers from Norah Wright each with the Irish 1922 overprint (type T2) on a King George V 2d. All three have a pre-printed address to "The Manager, The Royal Bank of Ireland Limited", two are to Kingstown (one also has an impressed identity on the flap - The Royal Bank of Ireland Limited, Smithfield, Dublin) and the other to Dun Laoghaire. Postmark dates are for 24th July, 8th & 14th August, 1922.



Although the perfins were all partials, (two sideways, one upright), enough can be made out to establish the NEW DIE shown above, presumably 'BANK'. I would like very much to hear from anyone who has any similar covers and/or loose stamps, which could complete the perfin.

The other item came from Peter Tuckey and is a lovely example of an official overprint and perfin combined. The overprint involved is 'ADMIRALTY/OFFICIAL' (in black) and listed in Gibbons as type L10 (thicker type, printed in 1903), and known only on King Edward VII stamps (1/2d-3d). Peter's stamp is a 2d issue 'F' with perfin RA/T (R0190.01) and postmark FS/M.



The user of RA/T is as yet unknown, but examples in my own collection are all on issue 'E' (4 1/2d & 6d) and 'F' (1 1/2d-6d, 9d, 10d), with London SE, NPB (Newspaper Branch), and FS/M postmarks. The only date I have on record is 5th August 1903.