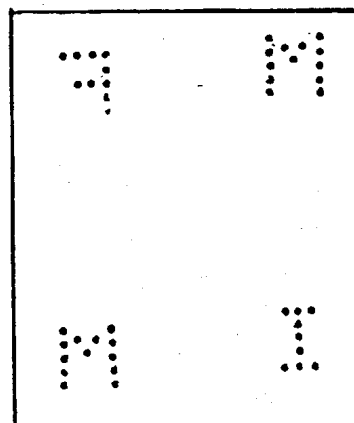
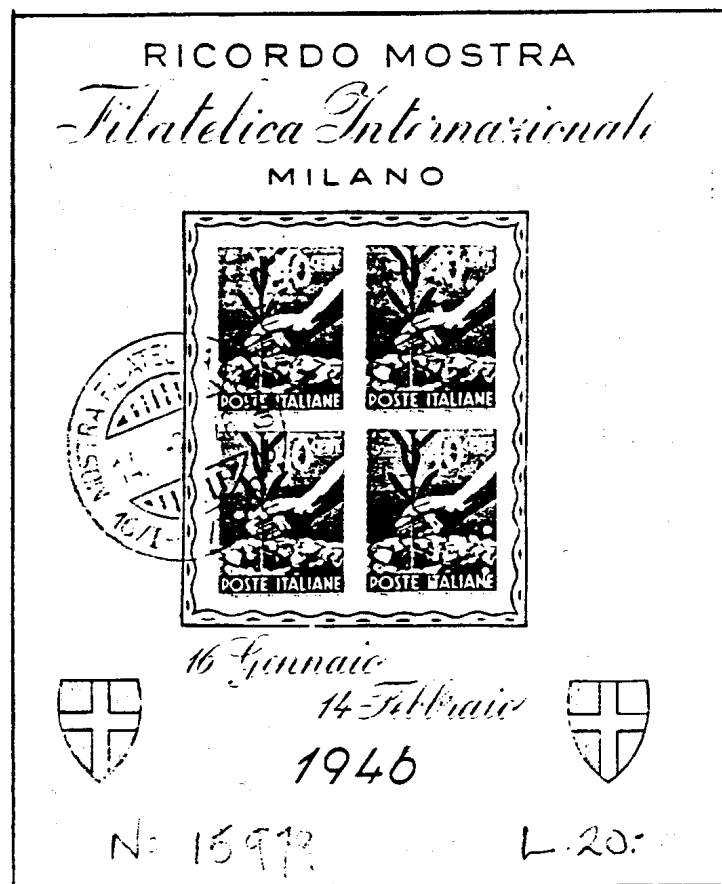


ITALIAN EXHIBITION PERFIN

GARY SHAYLER, 24 Broughton Mews, Skipton, N.Yorks BD23 1TN, has sent this illustration of an Italian card which was produced for an Italian International Philatelic Exhibition in Milan. The card is reduced in size, as is the illustration of the perfin.



The year was 1946 which seems to suggest that Italian philately got off the ground very quickly after the cessation of the war.

The card is perforated through the block of stamps from front to back and each stamp is perfined with one letter only. Knowing nothing about Italian perfins, I would have thought that if the block was separated, the odd stamps would appear to be complete as a single letter die. However, I am sure they are well documented. If anyone is interested in acquiring the card, drop a line to Gary. His particular interest is Japanese perfins.