

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

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JOHN NELSON writes:- "The item in Bulletin 280 prompted me to look out my Rhodesian perfins. Predictably a number of these are of the large arms type perforated BSA/C, used or with a date in three lines. Most of them also bear bits of oval rubber stamps in purple with indications of various offices including that of the Registrar.

"Only one stamp with the BSA/C perfin looks as if it might have been postally used since it has a c.d.s. in black reading NATIVE D--- UMTALI but the figures in the middle are too faint to make sense.

"The suggestion that BSA/C is the only true Rhodesian perfin is not correct since I have one with the die A.A./T.C. The identity must be AFRICAN TRANSCONTINENTAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED who had a London office at 19 St Swithin's Lane, E.C. and who used the telegraphic address 'RHODESIAN'.

"I also have the first Southern Rhodesia ½d stamp with die 'LL' although I accept that this does not really count.

"As regards the straight line perforations, I have these not on a stamp of Rhodesia but on a postally used vertical pair of the ½d KE7 of NATAL. I have no suggestion to make as to what was the reason for them."

JACK BRANDT (Canada) adds that there are several BSA/C types and most of them were used on stamps that were used as revenues. He does have one clear postal cancel on the type as Fig. 1. Also from Rhodesia are known perfins A.A./T.C. as Fig.2 and HSS (Fig.3) used as postal stamps.

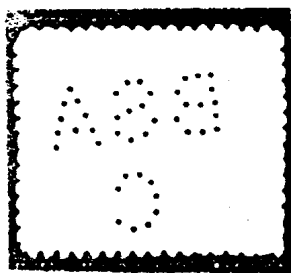


Fig. 1.

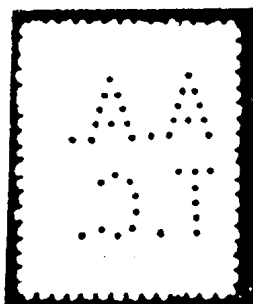


Fig. 2.

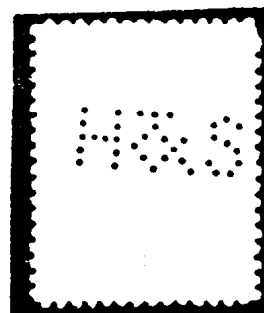


Fig. 3.