

JARROW MARCH & "D.C." PERFIN

Towards the end of last year KEVIN PARKHILL was watching the T.V. programme about the JARROW MARCH. For overseas members who are perhaps not as familiar with this expression as we are, it was the march of many thousands of out-of-work men from the North East of England to London; there to try to open the eyes of Parliament to their plight in the ship yards, steel works and coal mines of Tyneside - Jarrow, Darlington, Durham etc.

Whilst on the march south, the marchers were sometimes housed overnight in village halls etc (if they were lucky). Many of these stops had been planned well ahead of time and the families in the North East could write to their men folk, care of the Post Office, at various towns along the route.

During the programme actual memorabilia was used at appropriate points and it was whilst the film showed men picking up their mail from a set pick-up point that Kevin noticed a letter on which was a perfin. Remember these were actual letters, which had been sent during that march in 1936. Whether this letter ever reached its owner we will never know but as Kevin was videoing the programme he was able to study the sequence when the programme finished.

The letter was to a MR CON SHEILS, G.P.O., JARROW MARCH, LUTON, BEDS. The perfin was D.C. 11,8 holes and a part post mark was TON YORKS. No doubt a Darlington Corporation perfin. Very well spotted, Kevin.

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