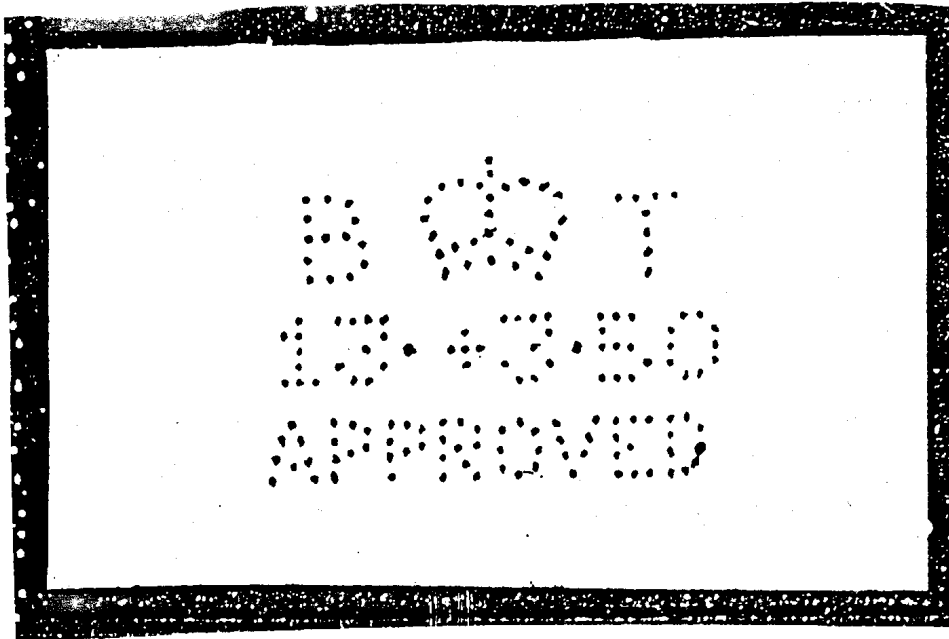


BOARD OF TRADE EXPORT LICENSES

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In the course of my Board of Trade enquiries, **TORD LAGERWALL** sent me a document bearing the impression of a non-philatelic perforator, illustrated below.

The document was a license issued by the Export Licensing Branch, Board of Trade, Regis House, King William Street, London EC4 to an electronics firm in West Norwood, London SE27 and postmarked 13 March 1950. The perforator which bears the same date clearly had a convenient facility for this to be changed on a daily basis.



[Ed:- When I received this information it reminded me that I had 3 of these licenses addressed to Arthur Balfour & Sons, Capital Steel Works in Sheffield: all are for 1954: the perforation is exactly the same. The issuing address is different - Export Licensing Branch, Board of Trade, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1. The steel items which were for export must have gone through Liverpool because two of the licenses are stamped in blue 'Customs & Excise Export Control (date) Custom House, Liverpool 3']