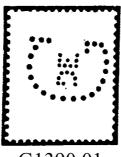
Many years ago now, in an attempt to introduce my daughter Alex to perfin collecting, I encouraged her to pick out the "Regionals" from my collection and, by treating them as her own, mount them up in her own way. Sadly, the project foundered after only a year or so and all that remains of this piece of family history trivia are her album pages housing around two dozen different dies. The discovery of these pages has led me to write this article as an encouragement to others.

When "Regionals" are mentioned in the context of G.B. postage stamps, the term is usually taken to mean the Wildings (and subsequent issues) first put on sale on 18th August 1958 specifically for use in the following regions:

Scotland (S) Jersey (J)
Northern Ireland (NI) Guernsey (G)
Wales and Monmouthshire (W&M) Isle of Man (IoM)

A small number of perfins are found on these issues, some are quite common whilst others are somewhat scarce. Of course, the islands of Guernsey & Jersey established their own postal administration and issued their own stamps on 1st October 1969, a trend later followed by the Isle of Man. These issues can also be found with perfins.







G1390.01

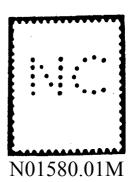
Guernsey and Jersey are of special interest because during the second World War they were supplied with "War Occupation Issues". After the war, a special commemorative set was produced in 1948 to celebrate the third anniversary of their liberation. The well-known perfin "de in G" (G1390.01) used by de Gruchy of Jersey, is recorded on both values of the "Channel Islands Liberation" issue and the 1d Jersey 1943 "War Occupation" issue.

The "Regional Issues" introduced in 1958 bore the Dorothy Wilding portrait of the Queen (our issue code "Y"), along with various devices and symbols to indicate the particular region. Typical examples are shown below for each of the six regions.



A list of perfins on G.B. Regionals reported to me over the years is shown on the next two pages. This list is not exhaustive, and additional perfins, issues, values, and dates are very much welcomed. Those identified with known users have been marked with an asterisk. As is to be expected, there is usually a link between the user and the particular Regional issue reported used.

There is, however, one notable exception that of NC (N0510.08M), the known user "Nottingham Corporation". being This particular perfin has been reported on Machin Regionals (issue code "Z") for Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.



Can anyone account for the use of these outside their regions?

Perfins on G.B. Regionals in the New Illustrated Catalogue.

Cat. No.		Letters	Region	Issues/values involved
J2780.01M	*	JF/&C?	S	Y 3d, 4d(B)
J4720.01	*	JK/&S	S	Y 3d
J6430.01		J/R	W&M	Y 6d
J6970.08	*	JS/&C	W&M	Z 5½p
K0440.01		KCS	S	Y 3d, 4d(B)
N0510.08M	*	NC	NI	Z 22p
"	*	NC	S	Z 13p, 17p, 19p
"	*	NC	W&M	Z 13p, 14p, 17p, 22p
N1230.01	*	NES	NI	Y 3d
O0060.01M	*	OA/BG	NI	Y 3d
"	*	OA/BG	S	Y 3d, 6d
"	*	OA/BG	W&M	Y 3d
R1140.01	*	RS/CL	S	Y 3d
R1960.01M	*	RG	S	Y 3d, 5d
"	*	RG	W&M	Y 3d
R2850.01	*	R.I.E.	S	Y 3d, 4d(B), 6d
R5280.01	*	RT/G	S	Y 3d, 6d
"	*	RT/G	W&M	Y 3d
S1210.01M	*	SC	W&M	Y 3d, 4d(BSV), 6d
"	*	SC	W&M	$Z 2\frac{1}{2}p, 3p, 3\frac{1}{2}p, 4\frac{1}{2}p, 5\frac{1}{2}p, 6\frac{1}{2}p, 7p, 7\frac{1}{2}p$
11	*	SC	W&M	Z 9p, 10p, 11½p, 12½p, 14p, 15½p
S1810.03M		SCW/SLd	S	Y 3d, 6d
S2630.01	*	SEP/./S	G	Y 2½d, 3d
"	*	SEP/.7S	IoM	Y 2½d, 3d
11	*	SEP/./S	J	Y 2½d, 3d
"	*	SEP/./S	NI	Y 3d
"	*	SEP/./S	S	Y 3d
"	*	SEP/./S	W&M	Y 3d
S4540.01M	*	SLO	S	Y 3d, 4d(B)
"	*	SLO	W&M	Y 4d(B), 6d
S4820.02	*	SMC	S	Y 3d
U0370.01	*	U.C.	W&M	Y 3d
Y0210.01	*	Y/&C	S	Y 3d, 6d
Num0110.01	*	129	W&M	Y3d

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Other perfins known used on "Regionals" include the following:

Cat. No.	Letters	Region	Issues/values involved
A0190.01M 3	AA/C°L ^d	S	Y 6d
A1730.01	* A&D/CS	W&M	Y 3d, 4d(B), 6d
B1630.01	BC°/SL ^d	S	Y 3d, 4d(B)
B5820.01	BP/M	W&M	Y 3d, 4d(B)
" *	BP/M	W&M	$Z 3\frac{1}{2}p, 6\frac{1}{2}p, 7p$
B7060.02	B.T	S	Y 3d, 4d(B), 6d
" *	B.T	S	$Z 2\frac{1}{2}p, 3p$
CU10.01M *	CC	W&M	Y 3d, 4d(BSV), 5d
" *	CC	W&M	$Z 2\frac{1}{2}p, 3p, 3\frac{1}{2}p, 5p, 7p, 8\frac{1}{2}p, 9p$
" *	CC	W&M	Z 12p, 12½p, 14p, 17p, 18p
C1250.02 *	CC/C	S	Y 3d
C1700.01 *	CCS.	S	Y 3d
C7920.01M *	CU/AG	NI	Y 4d(B)
D2510.01 *	D&I/E	W&M	Y 3d, 4d(B)
E4440.01M *	ESSO	W&M	Y 3d
G0010.16M *	G	S	Y 3d, 4d(BSV), 5d, 6d
!! *	G	S	$Z 2\frac{1}{2}p, 3p, 3\frac{1}{2}p, 4\frac{1}{2}p, 5p, 6\frac{1}{2}p, 7p, 9p$.
" *	G	S	Z 10p, 12p, 12½p, 13p, 14p, 15½p 17p
G1390.01 *	deinG		
H0010.01a *	Н	W&M	Z ?? :
H5000.01 *	HMC/6	W&M	Y ??
L0020.01b *	LA	NI	Y 3d
!! *	LA	W&M	Y 3d
P1080.02 *	PC/MS	S	Y 3d
P2720.01m *	PS mono	W&M	Z ??
W0500.01M *	WB/C	W&M	Y 3d, 6d

The 4d Wildings colours - Blue(B), Sepia(S), and Vermilion (V).

Please help to complete the list by sending me details of the perfins and stamp issues/values involved. Any clear dates would also be welcomed.