

MEMBERS COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

Channel Island Bisect Perfin - Bulletin 343/18

John Mathews writes,

“with regard to your interesting article on the KGVII bisect with perfin (Aug 2006 Bulletin 343, page 18), there are 3 patterns which have the use of that style of “&” as late as circa 1940 (which is unusual) plus pins in the right spot for the letter above it, which can only be ‘C’, ‘G’, ‘O’, ‘Q’ or ‘W’. In fact I think I can see another hole near the edge of the bisect along the King’s eyebrow, so that eliminates ‘W’.

The 3 patterns are CN/&C^O (C5310.04), CR/&C^O (C6480.06, – C6480.05 is too small), and OA/&S (O0100.02a). Of these, O0100.02a belongs to a set of such letter combinations, some of which have known London postmarks/users, and CN/&C^O has a pin missing from the top of the ‘&’. Therefore I think it is not likely to be either of these. That leaves CR/&C^O (C6480.06) as the prime suspect in my mind.”

Roy Gault adds that C6480.06 was identified in B305 - Charles Russell & Co, 37 Norfolk St, London E. The die is known dated as early as 29th August 1922, and appears on issue 'Q', so 'die-in-use' date range is now 1920-1939. But the question remains as to what is the link with Guernsey.