
SOUTH PACIFIC PERFIN BULLETIN

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Welcome to Bulletin No 4. While there is no Auction in this Bulletin (due to very little material being received over the past 3 months) there are still some interesting articles. I wish you happy reading.

A COVER OF INTEREST
from the collection of Robert Samuel (NZ2)

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COMMENT FROM THE EDITOR

Bulletin No 4 - finally! It was planned for this edition to have been out a couple of months ago but this never quite eventuated. Why?

- 1: The lack of articles to publish (other than David Andersen's faithful Australian States sheets and a couple of letters).
- 2: A busy few months that have seen my spare-time reduced drastically.

Therefore I have come to the conclusion that in future, rather than trying to get out a bulletin every 2 months, they will appear whenever there is enough material to make it a worthwhile size.

This means that the more you support it with articles etc (and many of you offered to contribute articles when the club was founded) the more regularly the 'South Pacific Perfin Bulletin' will appear at your gate!

This also means that from now on, the subscription will be allocated for 'Six Bulletins' ie: not on a yearly basis. After every 6 Bulletins have been completed you will owe a further 'subscription fee'.

I hope that doesn't sound too drastic, but I simply don't have the time to write lots of interesting articles to fill the gaps.

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AUCTION NO 3 - THE RESULTS

With 12 of the members taking part in the second auction, nearly all the lots received at least one bid. The highest price (\$60.00) was paid for Lot 32. Most lots still went for well above the estimate price and the total of all lots sold reached \$324.14. PLEASE try to send your money AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The results are as follows: (N/S = Not sold)

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| Lot 1 = \$2.20 | Lot 2 = \$13.20 | Lot 3 = \$8.80 | Lot 4 = N/S |
| Lot 5 = N/S | Lot 6 = N/S | Lot 7 = N/S | Lot 8 = \$5.50 |
| Lot 9 = \$5.00 | Lot 10 = \$4.40 | Lot 11 = \$4.95 | Lot 12 = \$11.00 |
| Lot 13 = \$11.00 | Lot 14 = \$16.50 | Lot 15 = \$3.30 | Lot 16 = \$28.00 |
| Lot 17 = \$6.87 | Lot 18 = \$2.20 | Lot 19 = \$2.20 | Lot 20 = \$8.00 |
| Lot 21 = \$4.95 | Lot 22 = \$38.50 | Lot 23 = \$6.60 | Lot 24 = \$5.00 |
| Lot 25 = \$5.50 | Lot 26 = \$8.00 | Lot 27 = \$8.85 | Lot 28 = \$3.85 |
| Lot 29 = \$27.50 | Lot 30 = N/S | Lot 31 = \$5.77 | Lot 32 = \$60.00 |
| Lot 33 = \$11.00 | Lot 34 = \$5.50 | Lot 35 = N/S | END |

The members who were successful in Auction No 3 will find an invoice enclosed with this Bulletin. Please remember that payment must be made within 7 days of the invoice date (14 days for overseas bidders) or the lot will go to the second highest bidder. Prompt payment of your invoice will help us to pay-out to the vendors as quickly as possible.

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A CONFESSION!
from Barry Clarke (NZ12)

Hello!! I am one of the guilty ones who said "Yes, I am prepared to write the odd snippet for the Bulletin". I had a newly acquired volume on perfins. I had 30-40 perfins - I was an expert! WAS!!

- Now I humbly apologise. Among the members I find:
- Enid Honiss, who just happened to lecture to the Kerikeri/Whangarei Philatelic Clubs on perfins. I have a tape of the lecture - it's good.
 - Tony Nobilo who spoke to the Whangarei Group on Australian perfins - I missed that one.
 - Jon Johnson (Canada) who wrote the "newly acquired volume" referred to above.
 - David Dell, who writes fluently on mirror pairs and pin lengths. I've never even seen a pair, let alone a mirror pair.

Last Christmas I sent off a circular letter to 12 dealers around New Zealand asking for Canadian perfins. One dealer had 7 - the rest zilch. I wrote to Jon Johnson (via the club) and he sent me the address of the editor of "Perforator", the Canadian Perfin Study Group.

Fools rush in of course - I wrote. Jim Catterick replied, in a first day cover of Canada's new 72c stamp, saying "Send me a list of your Canadian perfins, I'm sure I have some duplicates that will fill in some of your blank spaces".

Jim concluded "Do you know D A Pocock of Dalkeith - he is a member of our study group". I had never heard of Dalkeith, but I found it on the map after Bulletin #3 arrived. I knew then which country to look for!

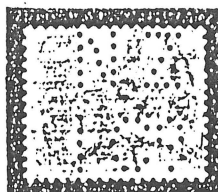
If this ever sees the light of day, I will have met Jim, taking with me a few perfins that Enid could spare, a few that Tony could spare, and half a dozen I scrounged in other places. I will have been to Capex and seen more of the world and hopefully gathered in a few more of my beloved Canadian perfins. But, even before I leave here, I am much humbler and wiser!

.. "Rank Amateur"

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NZICo - An Item Of Interest

Lindsay Armstrong (NZ11) of Wellington writes:
"I would like to report the 'NZICo' perfin on a UK stamp. It does not seem to have been recorded before."



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AUCTION COMMENT

The people who were successful in Auction 2 will find that their winning lots have been included with this Bulletin (also the vendors will find their payment cheques from Auction 2). Once again, I would have got these out sooner but I have been waiting for a couple of people to pay for their lots. Those people who have received an invoice with this Bulletin, please pay as quickly as possible to speed things up!

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NZ PERFIN SURVEY SHEETS

The first instalment of these was included with Bulletin No 3 (for those members who have intimated to me that they would be willing to fill in the survey). So far the return rate is fairly low (40%!) - could I have those back as soon as possible, as I can't compile the master sheet till they are all back. If there is anyone else who wishes to complete the forms then please let me know as soon as possible and I will send you out a set. Thanks, from the Editor.

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PRIVATE PERFINS OF QUEENSLAND

(the following 7 pages)
by David W Andersen

The first perfin usage in Queensland reported is 3rd August 1893 used by S Hoffnung & Co.. One pattern DJ/LTD found on Queensland issues was used and probably punctured in New South Wales.

This compilation has only been possible with much help from other collectors. In particular I would like to thank the following John Amiet, Don Cox, Bernard Crow, David Dell, Jon Johnson, Bob Scwerdt, Ivor Stockwell and Tom Weir.

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Additional information supplied will be submitted for publication in the South Pacific Perfin Bulletin.

As it would be useful to have some idea of the relative rarity of these perfins a census form will be included with this issue of the Bulletin. Those that have already supplied this information need not do so again.

REVENUES

| Pattern | User identification | Issues |
|-----------------|--|--|
| AMPS | Australian Mutual Provident Society | Adhesive Duty 6th series (1901-1919) |
| BCC | Brisbane City Council | Adhesive Duty 7th series (1920-1935) |
| BI/&QA/ CoLD | British India & Queensland Agency Co. Ltd. | Adhesive Duty |
| BMC | | Adhesive Duty 7th series (1920-1935) |
| BP | | |
| CEL | City Electric Light Co. | Adhesive Duty 8th series (1930's-1965) |
| EB/LTD | Elliot Brothers | Adhesive Duty 5th series (1893-1901) |
| ED | Edward Dunlop & Co. Ltd, | Railway Parcel 4th series (1901-1914) & Adhesive Duty 6th series (1901-1919) |
| FINNEYS | Finneys Dept Stores Ltd. | Adhesive Duty 5th series (1893-1901) |
| FJCo | | Adhesive Duty 7th series (1920-1935) |
| HB | Hawkes Brothers | Adhesive Duty 6th series (1901-1919) & 7th series (1920-1935) |
| HSCo | Howard Smith & Co. | Adhesive Duty 6th series (1901-1919) |
| L | | Railway Parcel 4th series (1901-1914) |
| LLG | Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Co. | Adhesive Duty 7th series (1920-1935) |
| N.I/Co | National Insurance Co. | Adhesive Duty 6th series (1901-1919) |
| N.Z./I.C. | New Zealand Insurance Co. | Adhesive Duty 6th series (1901-1919) |
| PBLTD. | | Adhesive Duty 6th series (1901-1919) & 7th series (1920-1935) |
| RI/Co/LD | Royal Insurance Co. Ltd. | Adhesive Duty 6th series (1901-1919) |
| SEA | | Adhesive Duty 8th series (1930's-1965) |
| S&H | Scott & Holladay | Adhesive Duty 6th series (1901-1919) |
| TBS Type 1 | Thomas Brown & Sons Ltd. | Railway Parcel 6th series (1927-1966) |
| TCB/&Co | T.C. Beirne & Co. | Adhesive Duty 7th series (1920-1935) |
| VOCo Type 1 | Vacuum Oil Co. | Adhesive Duty 8th series (1930's-1965) |
| VOCo Type 2 | Vacuum Oil Co. | Adhesive Duty |
| W&Co | | |

(Series of Revenues from The Revenue Stamps of Queensland by W.D. Craig Sandy Bay, Revenue & Railstamp Publications 1982)

Reference

Collector 'Punctured stamps' Australian Stamp Monthly October 1937
 p.407 (list of Queensland punctures)

| ASC | A.E./Co | ALLEN | ALLEN | AMPS | A.W.F. | BI/&QA/CoLD | BMC | BW/L | DJ/LTD | EB/LTD | E&/Co | ED | EM/L | F.I&CoLTD | FINNEYS |
|---------------------------|---------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------------|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|----|------|-----------|---------|
| 1882-1895 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 5/- red | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1882-1895 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 1d orange | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 29 2d blue | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 30 2 1/2d red | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 32 4d yellow | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 34 1/- mauve | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 2/- brown | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1895-1896 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 1d orange | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - |
| 38 2d blue | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 39 2 1/2d. red | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 40 5d brown | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1896 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 1d orange | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1897-1905 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 1d red | X | X | - | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 44 2d blue | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | - | - | X | - | X | - | - | X |
| 45a 2 1/2d purple on blue | - | X | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 46 3d brown | - | X | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47 4d yellow | - | - | - | - | X | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47a 4d black | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48 5d brown | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 49 6d green | - | - | - | X | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X |
| 50 1/- mauve | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | X |
| 52 1/2d green | X | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - |
| 1903 -1912 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 55 9d brown & Blue | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X |

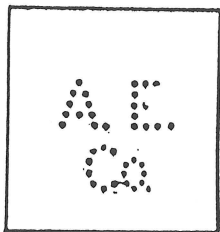
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| 1882-1886 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | 2/- blue | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | X | - | - |
| 23 | 2/6 vermillion | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - |
| 24 | 5/- red | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - |
| 25 | 10/- brown | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - |
| 1882-1895 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 1d orange | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - |
| 34 | 1/- mauve | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | X | - | - |
| 35 | 2/- brown | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - |
| 1895-1896 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | 1d orange | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - |
| 38 | 2d blue | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - |
| 39 | 2 1/2d red | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - |
| 40 | 5d brown | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1896 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | 1d orange | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - |
| 1897-1905 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 1d red | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 44 | 2d blue | - | - | X | X | X | - | X | - | X | X | - | X | X | X | X |
| 46 | 3d brown | - | - | - | X | X | - | - | - | X | X | - | X | - | X | - |
| 47 | 4d yellow | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - |
| 47a | 4d black | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 49 | 6d green | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | X | - |
| 50 | 1/- mauve | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 52 | 1/2d green | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | X | - | - | - | - | X | X |
| 1903-1912 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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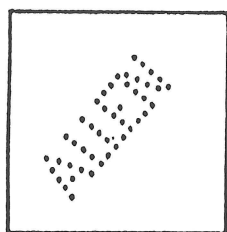
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one copy.

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|-----------|-----------------|------|----------|--------------|-------|-----|--------|------------|------------|-------|---------|-------------|----|------|
| 1882-1886 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 2/6 vermillion | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1882-1895 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 1d orange | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 29 | 2d blue | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 31 | 3d brown | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 33 | 6d green | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1895-1896 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | 1d orange | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 38 | 2d blue | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 39 | 2 1/2d red | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | - |
| 1896 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | 1d orange | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | X* |
| 1897-1905 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 1d red | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 44 | 2d blue | X | - | X | X | X | X | - | - | - | X | X | - | X |
| 46 | 3d brown | - | - | - | - | X | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 48 | 5d brown | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | X |
| 49 | 6d green | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | X | - | - | - |
| 50 | 1/- mauve | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | X | - | - | - |
| 51 | 2/- green | - | - | - | - | X | X | - | - | - | X | - | - | - |
| 52 | 1/2d green | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - | - | - | X | - | - |
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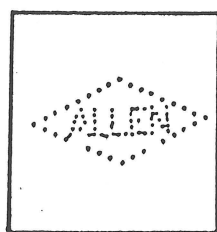
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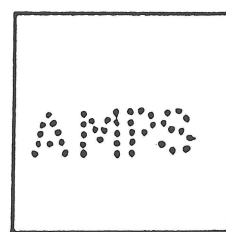
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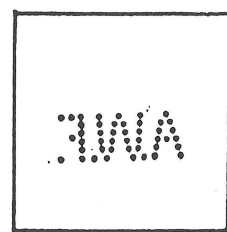
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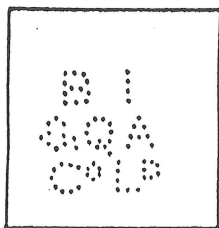
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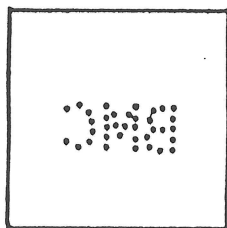
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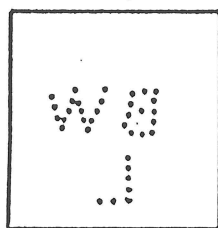
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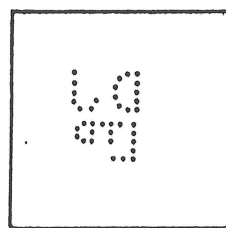
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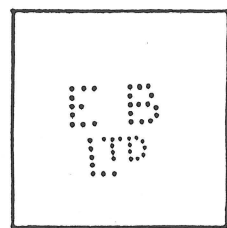
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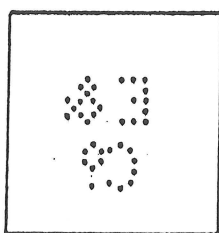
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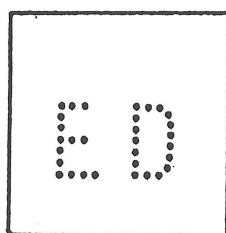
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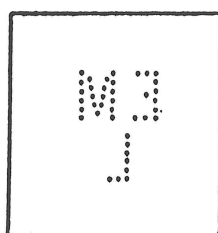
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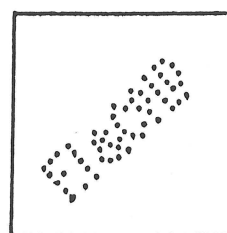
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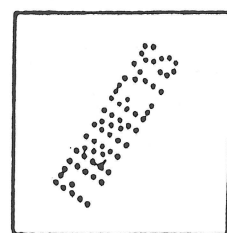
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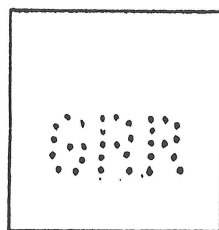
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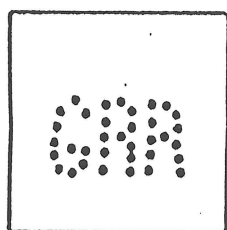
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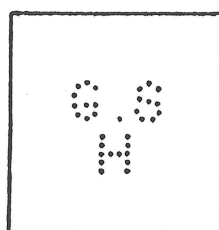
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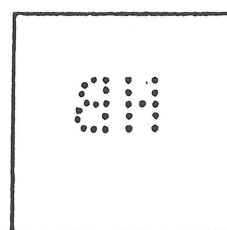
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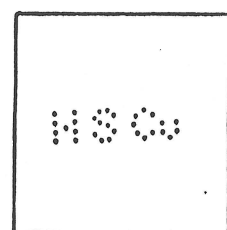
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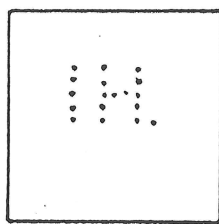
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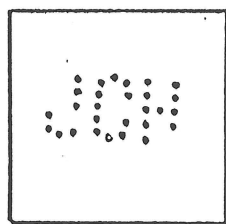
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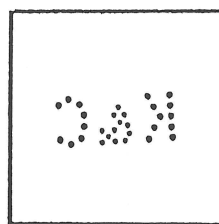
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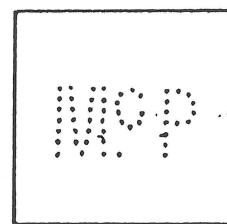
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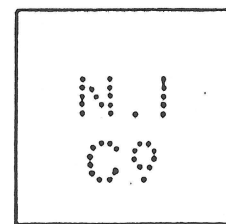
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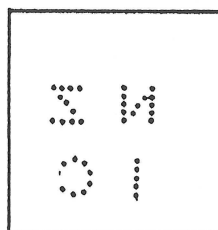
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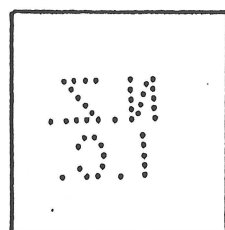
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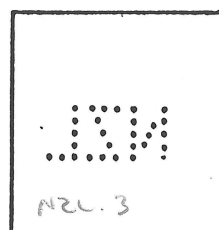
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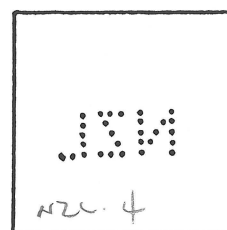
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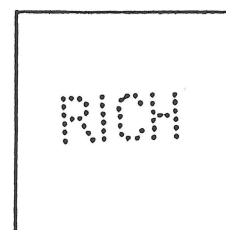
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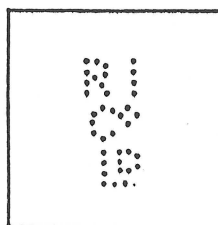
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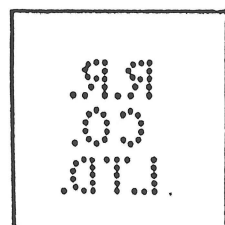
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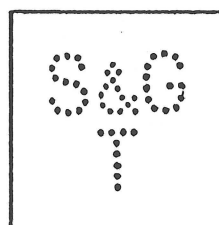
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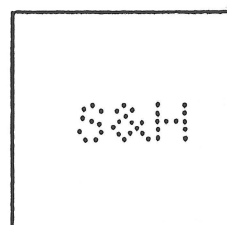
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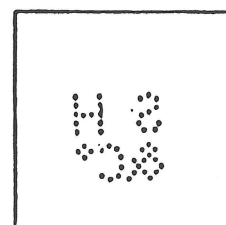
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S&H



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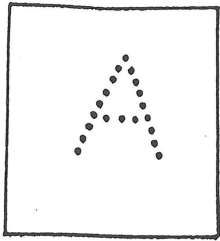
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| HB | Hawkes Brothers | 3/3/1890 to 18/5/1895 |
| HB/&Co. | Henry Berry & Co. Ltd. | 19/5/1903 |
| HSCo | Howard Smith & Co.. | Adelaide 1904 to 2/1909 |
| HS/&Co. | Howard Smith & Co. | Adelaide 10/1907 to 5/1913 |
| JM&Co | | Adelaide 9/5/1902 to 1/1905 |
| JRS/A | John Reid & Sons Ltd. | Adelaide 4/7/1901 to to 20/7/1910 |
| MG/CoLD | Matthew Goode & Co. | Adelaide |
| NZ/IC | | 26/9/1901 |
| O.K | OK Jam Co. ? | Adelaide 9/1890 to 5/1909 |
| RI/Co/LD | Royal Insurance Co. Ltd. | Adelaide 1/1912 |
| RIGBY/ADELAIDE | | Adelaide 1893 |
| TS/F | | Melbourne |
| VOCo. | Vacuum Oil Co. | 6/1904 to 8/1909 |
| VO/Co. | Vacuum Oil Co. | |
| &Co/A | Wilkinson & Co. | Adelaide 18/7/1901 to 9/1912 |
| W.C./R | | Adelaide 15/2/1896 to 25/12/1907 |

REVENUES

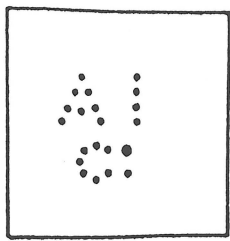
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| D&J/F | D&J Fowler, Adelaide | Duty stamp c1920 series |
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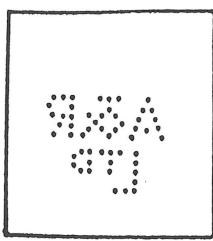
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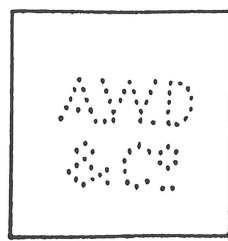
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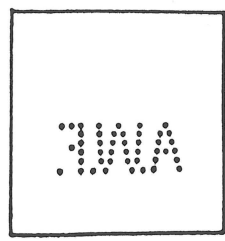
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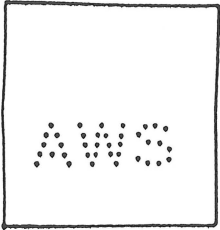
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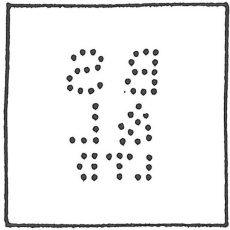
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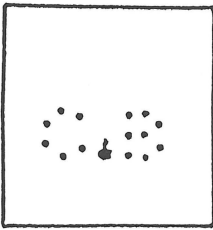
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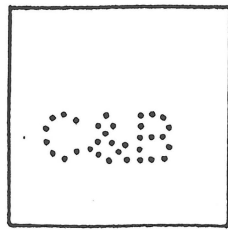
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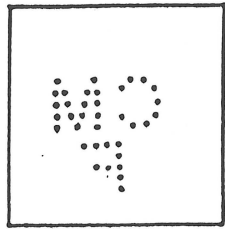
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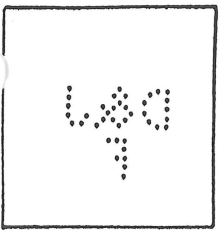
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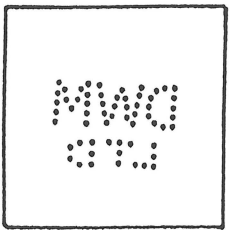
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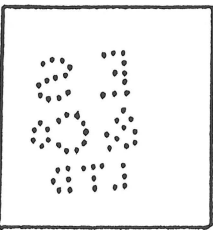
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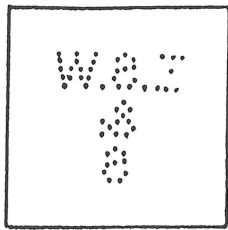
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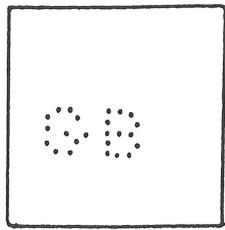
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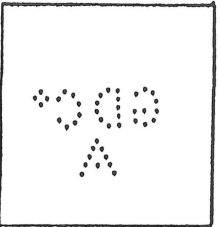
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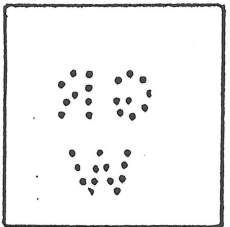
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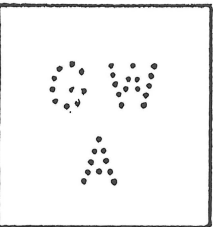
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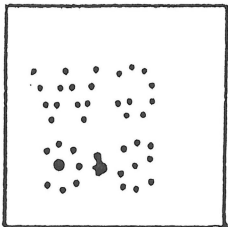
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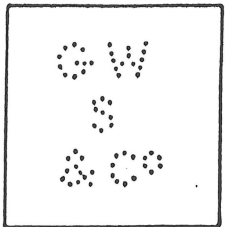
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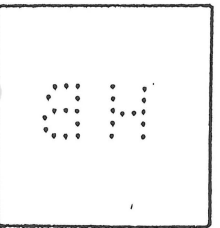
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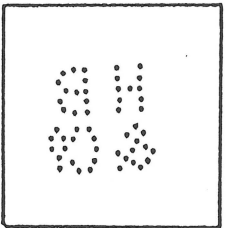
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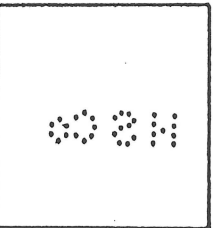
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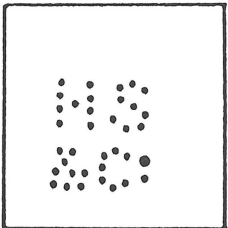
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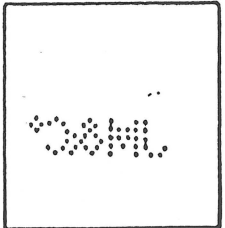
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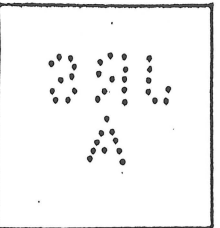
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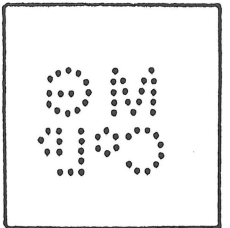
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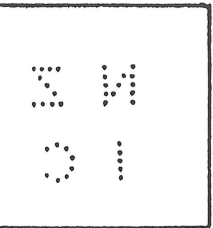
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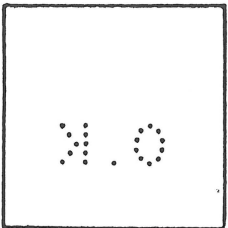
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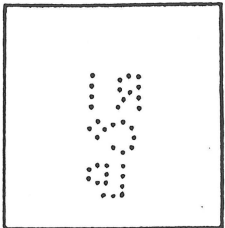
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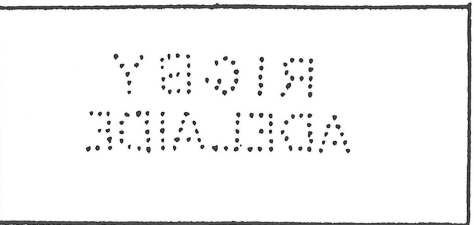
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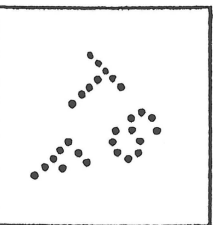
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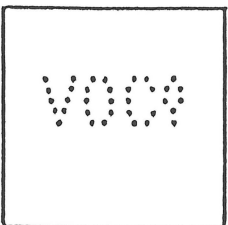
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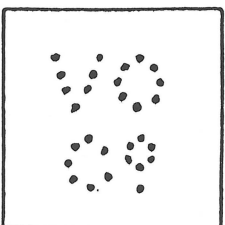
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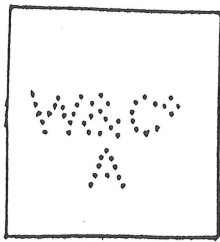
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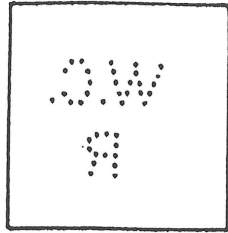
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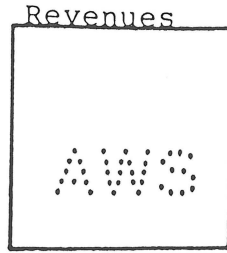
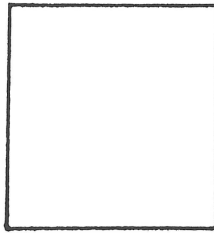
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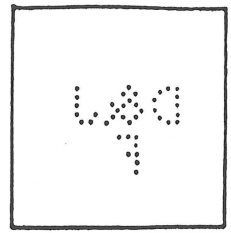
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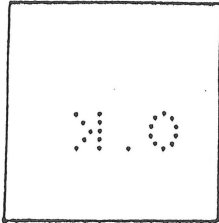
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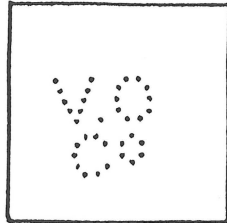
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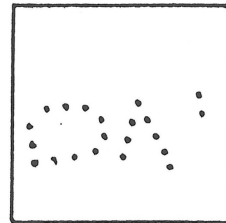
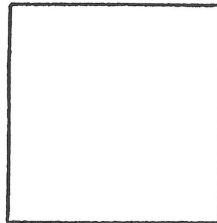
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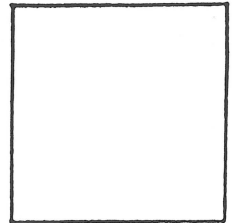
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V.O/Co



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OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that I must report to the club members that one of our founding members has died. Michael Ballentine died on March the 19th (at 38 years of age).

Although I had only met Michael through the 'mail', I enjoyed the opportunity to correspond with someone who was obviously very involved in his hobby. Michael was one of the people who came up with the idea that the Bulletin could be called the 'South Pacific Perfin Bulletin'.

Elizabeth Ballentine (Michael's wife) writes:

"Mike had been an avid stamp collector for many years and was able to continue this interest throughout his illness.

"I know that Mike was particularly interested in 'Perfins' and he was excited to become a member of 'The Perfins Club of NZ and AUST'. I regret that Mike did not enjoy a longer membership."

I extend to you Mrs Ballentine (on behalf of the club) our condolences, and I pray that God will bless and encourage you through this time of loss.

David R S Dell

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