## SOUTH PACIFIC PERFIN BULLETIN

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Welcome back the South Pacific Perfin Bulletin. In this issue are a number of interesting articles albeit from the Australian area only.

David Dell rang me a few weeks ago to explain that he has been involved in a time consuming project which was to finish in a couple of weeks. We agreed that I should issue the next bulletin and he indicated that he would be able to continue producing the bulletin thereafter. In the next bulletin we should have more information about our Club organisation. Those that are owed money or material from the last auction should not have to wait much longer.

As there is no need to continue the Australasian Perfins Bulletin those who paid for copies in advance may use their payment to extend their subscription to the Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia. Should you prefer not to do this please let me know and I will return your payment by return mail. Most of us will be due for our next subscription payment in a couple of issues.

David Andersen

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# SYDPEX88 and Perfins

The PCNZA Meeting

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A successful meeting was held on 31/7/88 at Sydpex88 with a total of 18 members and interested collectors attending. Members present were John Amiet, Cliff Degoede, Enid Honiss, Stan Griffith, John & Jill Grant, Arthur Taylor, Dereck Pocock and David Andersen. An explanation as to the current situation of the PCNZA was provided and a discussion about Club activities and aspects of Perfins collecting was held. Dr. Pocock and Mr. Kott provided displays from their collections which were much appreciated. Matters raised A) Concern was expressed about the status of Perfins in exhibitions Often perfins are relegated to the Cinderella sections. It was felt that some judges do not appreciate the scarcity of perfins as they usually appear on common stamps. B) The need for a circuit book system was discussed. The Grants volunteered to run such a circuit. C) It was suggested that the Club acquire it's own perforator. A competition could be held to design a pattern. D) The need for a separate collection point in Australia for subscriptions was discussed. This will be looked into. E) Stan Griffiths (PHILAS) has offered to provide publicity for the club through his contacts.

# The Exhibits

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There were three exhibits at Sydpex88 entirely of perfins.

B Jarret 'N.S.W. Official punctured stamps' in Class 1-2 National Class-Australian States.

An impressive array of various New South Wales Government perfins including higher value Roos with OS/NSW perfin, a strip of three 11 Robes with G/NSW, two of the rare GSB/NSW pattern, numbers of the rare NSW 'OS'issues and blocks of the 5d on 4 1/2d KGV overprint with OS/NSW perfin mint.

Awarded a Large Silver medal

E Honiss 'Perfins of New Zealand companies operating overseas' in Class 9 Cinderellas.

A display showing many aspects of New Zealand perfins including the development of 'missing holes' in the W&T/W pattern, a number of proving covers and perfins used by companies associated with New Zealand in India, Britain and Australia. Very interesting. Awarded a Bronze medal

Jillian & John Grant 'Australian Private Perfins' in Class 9 Cinderellas.

A well constructed array of Australian Private Perfins sorted by industry. Most perfins had proving covers.

Awarded a Large Silver medal

Congratulations to these exhibitors for their awards.

#### The Dealers

Some perfins were available from dealers at the exhibition. found the New Zealand dealers most helpful for straight perfins while the Australian dealers tended to have more covers with perfins, available. Just a few examples:-

-Venezuelan GN perfin on cover(some toning) \$30

-Covers with OS and OS/NSW perfins on NSW state issues \$5-\$15 -Covers with Australian private perfins \$15

-Victorian lettercard with 1d red perf OS stamp-2 unpriced

identical covers, one sold for \$7, the other was offered to another collector for \$15 a few hours later. Thats inflation! -Canadian 4-hole OH/MS on \$1 Ferry used \$17

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WANTED: Perfins of the Malayan area, on or off cover/document. Have worldwide perfins to swap or will buy Peter Giffin

Baton R.D. 1 Motueka, Nelson NEW ZEALAND

WANTED: To exchange State Government Perfins on Colonial or Australian issues. A fair quantity of V.G. and a few G/NSW issues available for exchange. For detailed list write to: G.H. Wise

> c/o Flour Millers Council of Australia 143 Queen St. Melbourne, Vic 3000.

#### LITERATURE

ARTICLES NOTICED

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Pope,B 'Private perfin'GW/F' confirmed'<u>Black Swan</u> v.5 no.11 Sept 87 p.132. George Wills & Co. wrote to the Deputy Postmaster Perth on 8/7/02 for permission to perforate stamps. A reply was forwarded on 21/7/02.

Jamieson,L 'Avis de reception' card perforated'OS' <u>Black Swan</u> v.6 no.1 March 1988 p.6 A number of Avis de reception cards perforated OS are reported used in 1937

Pope,B 'Imperial punctures,a contemporary account' Black Swan v.6 no.1 March 1988 p.7 A section of Meekels Weekly Stamp News 1902 is reprinted, providing an account of the usage of the 'telegraph' punctures of Western Australia.

Stockwell,I 'The history of the GW/F perforator' Black Swan
v.6 no.1 March 1988 p.10
A study on the usage of the GW/F and GW/P perforators on
Western Australian and Commonwealth issues.

When you come across articles on South Pacific perfins please write a quick review for the Bulletin or let the editor know that such an article exists.

Australian Official Perfins Supplement no.2(5 pages) is now available. If you need a copy send a SAE(overseas 1 IRC) to D.W. Andersen 260 Hawkesbury Road Winmalee NSW 2777 AUSTRALIA (This supplement supersedes Supplement no.1)

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM V.MAXA

The following publications were recently drawn to my attention. All are in Czech but are still useful catalogues. With the exception of the Czechoslovakian catalogue they are unbound. All are currently available from V.Maxa,P.S. 50,17021 Praha, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. Prices are in US\$ and payment by cash in US\$ is preferred. (Registered airmail postage on all 7 catalogues was an additional US\$6)

Katalog Svedskych Perfinu by L Bergman, T Lagerwell and S Swenson Praha, 1985 26 pages US\$2

Katalog Polskych Perfinu by V Maxa and A sekowski Praha,1984 29 pages US\$2

Katalog Madarskych Perfinu by V Maxa Praha, 1983 50 pages US\$3

Katalog Rumunskych Perfinu by V Maxa Praha,1981 42 pages + 7 supplementary pages US\$3

Katalog Perfinu Lucemburska by V Maxa Praha,1987 6 pages US\$2

Katalog Perfinu Balkanskych zemi by V Maxa Praha,1984 12 pages US\$2 (Covers Bulgaria,Greece,Turkey,Crete and Jugoslavia) Katalog Perfinu z uzemi Ceskoslovenska by V Maxa,V Fejtek and L Janecek 4th ed. Praha,1987 184 pages plus 2 pages English explanatory notes US\$5

A Norwegian catalogue is planned for later this year and a new edition of the Austrian catalogue in 2 or 3 years.

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WANTED Queensland perfins/on cover. Have State officials(G/NSW & VG,OS) available for exchanges. C de Goede

P.O. Box 112 Buderim QLD 4556 AUSTRALIA

OFFERS wanted for MGM perfin on NZ 1935 6d blue Airmail.Reserve NZ\$10. Offers to Lindsay Armstrong P.O. Box 14-440 Kilbirnie,Wellington 3 NEW ZEALAND

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#### CIRCUIT BOOKS PROPOSALS

At the Sydpex meeting one of the main topics discussed was the need for a circuit book system.

Jill and John Grant have offered to run such a circuit for the Club. The following rules and guidelines have been developed after some consultation. Your comments and suggestions would be appreciated.

In the initial stages of the circuit purchasers will need to be Australian residents, as there are higher costs involved in getting material to and from New Zealand and other countries. A similar circuit could be set up in New Zealand. Any volunteers ?

# VENDORS

 The exchange managers may refuse material that is unsuitable as to nature, condition or value. Only perfins and other security endorsements (e.g. overprints, underprints, telegraph punctures), mint or used of any country should be submitted for sale.
 Vendors must submit material in circuit books of the approved size. Empty books can be purchased from the circuit managers at 25c each or 12 for \$2.50 (plus postage). Vendors wishing to produce their own booklets should consult the circuit managers for details of size, no. of pages etc.

3) Vendors must price all material.

4) The Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia will charge a commission of 10% on material sold to defray costs of the circuit book system, with any surplus going to the Club's general revenue account.

5) It is anticipated that vendors will have unsold material returned to them and be paid for sold material within 30 days of the completion of a books circuit.

6) Vendors may resubmit unsold material.

7) Vendors need not be members of the Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia.

8) The Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia takes no responsibility for material submitted for sale nor for its safety while on a circuit.

### CIRCUIT BOOK PROPOSALS continued.

#### PURCHASERS

1) Purchasers must be members of the Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia.

2) Purchasers will need to fill out a purchase slip indicating what they have purchased from each book (book no.,page,price) and initial or otherwise mark the place the item(s) have been removed from the book. The circuit manager must be made aware of the initials or mark that you use.

3) Purchasers should send circuit books to the next person on the circuit within 3 working days of receipt and send the purchase slips plus payment (cheque or money order) to the circuit managers also within 3 working days of receipt. If you wish to establish credit with the circuit managers for your purchases contact the circuit managers for details.
4) If more than 80% of material in the batch of books on circuit has been sold the books should be returned to the circuit.
5) Books must be forwarded to other members of the circuit or the circuit managers by receipted certified mail.

6) Payments for purchases outstanding 4 weeks after the receipt of the book from which the purchase was made may attract interest charges of 2% per month.

7) In the event of loss or damage to books/stamps in the post members should contact the circuit managers as soon as possible so that compensation from Australia Post can be arranged. While material is in your possession it is your responsibility to pay for any loss or damage.

8) The circuit managers may exclude from the circuit any members who damage, substitute material, have outstanding payments or fail to forward material within a reasonable time.

Please contact Jill and John Grant if you wish to be part of this circuit, buying or selling or both.

J & J Grant P.O. Box 111 Weston Creek,ACT 2611

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AUSTRALIAN CATALOGUE PROJECT D.W. Andersen

With this issue we will have produced illustrated listings of the private perfins for the States of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania. Supplementary articles with additional information and corrections for these States will be published in this bulletin from time to time. Please keep sending this extra information about patterns, postmark dates and issues punctured.

Some information for Western Australia has been collected and a draft for this state is still available.

The two major areas to be covered are Victoria and Commonwealth issues. Over 1000 patterns of the former and about 700 of the latter are expected. There are a couple of problems in collecting the same information for these areas as for the other states due to their size.

1) Perfins on Australian Commonwealth issues are found on a very wide range of issues. Recording the different stamps on which

### AUSTRALIAN CATALOGUE PROJECT Continued.

each of these patterns is found would be an endless task. An alternative would be to record for each pattern the range of issues on which each perfin is found. This will give some indication of usage as a high percentage of perfins on Commonwealth issues have slogan postmarks and few legible dates.

Possible ranges of issues to be recorded could be

- A Kangaroo issues 1913-28 (1st to 3rd wmk)
- B Kangaroo issues 1929-45 (small multi & CofA wmk.)
- C KGV sideface issues 1914-25 (single, large multi and no wmk)
- D KGV sideface issues 1926-36 (small multi & Cof A wmk)
- E KGV commemoratives 1926-36

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- F KGVI issues 1937-52
  G QEII Predecimals 1953-65
- H QEII Decimals 1966+

2) There is a catagory of perfins found on Commonwealth and Victorian issues sometimes referred to as the pin punctures, though not all have very small holes, where the same sets of initials are found but the spacing between them varies quite significantly on different stamps e.g. CWG/&C, JC/&Co and MH We can record each variation or only record one of each set of initials much as the Sloper provisionals of the 1940's from Britain have been recorded in the new British catalogue. What do you think ?

Please give me your comments and suggestions over the next couple , of months as the drafts for these areas will be produced soon.

With this issue you will find a sheet "Census of New South Wales Private Perfins', a followup to the New South Wales listing published in this issue and the Australasian Perfin Bulletin. The greater the participation in this census the better the results. Naturally no information as to who took part nor individual collections will be published or made available.

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Noticed recently- a cover from the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Melbourne to the Broken Hill Mining Managers Association 18/12.1912 with a NSW 1d red shield issue perfinned .OS, and a cover from a private address in Narooma, NSW to a private Melbourne address with two VG perfins. The former an unusual usage , the latter possibly an illegal usage.

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RESULTS OF THE CENSUS OF QUEENSLAND PRIVATE PERFINS These ratings are indicative of relative scarcity rather than absolute scarcity. No. of items reported Ratings scale 1-5 А 6-15 В 16-50 С 51-100 D

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QUEENSLAND CENSUS cont.

The results were produced by totalling the number of copies of each pattern. Fourteen collectors contributed information and as some of these collectors have substantial collections the relative results should be a good indication of the relative scarcity of these perfins.

Postal Issues

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Pattern 1	Rating	Patterns	Rating		Rating
A.E./Co	В	S&G/T	А	S&H	A
ALLEN	С	S&H	D	SH/&CO	С
ALLEN	A	SH/&Co	E	TBS Type 1	A
AMPS	D	TBS Type 1	С	TCB/&CO	В
A.W.F	В	TBS Type 2	A	VOCo Type 1	A
BI/&QA/COLD	Е	T.B.S	В	VOCo Type 2	A
BMC	С	TCB/&CO	С	W&CO	A
BW/L	А	TS/F	A		
DJ/LTD	А	VOCo	С		
EB/LTD	Е	WC	A		
E&/Co.	С	W&Co	D		
ED	D	Revenues			
EM/L	А	AMPS	В		
F.I.&CoLTD	В				
FINNEYS	в	BCC	A		
GRR Type 1	А	BI/&QA/CoLD	A		
GRR Type 2	A	BMC	A		
G.S./H	С	BP	A		
НВ	в	CEL	A		
HSCo	С	EB/LTD	A		
I.H	В	ED	A		
JCH	В	FINNEYS	A		
K&C	A	FJCo	A		
Mc.P	С	НВ	A		
N:I/Co	С	HSCo	A		
NZ/IC	В	L.	A		
NZL TYpe 1	С	LLG	A		
NZL Type 2	в	N.I/Co.	A		
RICH	D	N.Z/I.C.	В		
RI/CO/LD	А	PBLTD	A		
RR.CO/LTD	С	RI/CO/LD	A	4	
SB	A	SEA	В		

The scarcest Queensland perfins on postal issues are BW/L and DJ/LTD each with 1 copy only reported, probably both punctured and used outside of Queensland. The commonest postal perfin is SH/&Co with over 200 copies reported. Few copies of perfins on revenues were reported.

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There has been a good amount of additional information supplied by various collectors. In particular I would like to thank R Hammersley,I Stockwell and A Taylor for their help.

A very useful article was brought to my attention on Tasmanian private perfins, P.B Edwards'Tasmanian use of Commercial Perfins' <u>Philately from Australia</u> December 1983 p.93-98. Information on the use of postage stamps perfinned outside of Tasmania & used in Tasmania is also included. Much of the additional information on postmarks came from this source.

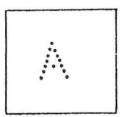
New Patterns

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- A Type 7 Very similar to the Type 6 pattern but differs in the placement of the top three holes. It appears to be concurrent with A Type 6. A two die head possibly? A Type 8 (no illustration) height 9mm 12 holes postmark 25/7/1899
- DJ/LTD (no illustration) David Jones Ltd Sydney 1912 postmark
- DJ/LTD (no illustration) David Jones Ltd Sydney 1912 postmark found on 1d Pictorial

Revenue DWM/LTD

David W Murray Ltd Found on stamp duty issues 2nd series(1907-1912)and on Railway Parcel stamps Third Garratt issues





A Type 7

DWM/LTD

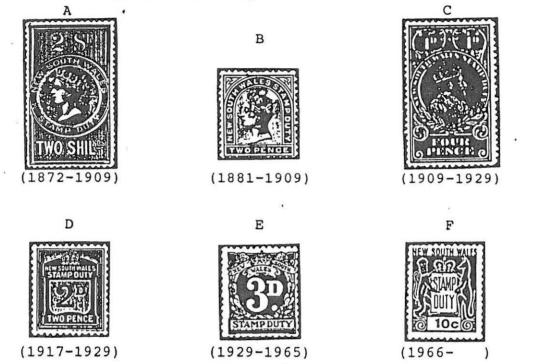
Additional Information

	postmarks
A Type 1	9/1899 to 7/7/1900
A Type 2	9/6/1899 to 8/7/1901
A Type 3	18/9/1901 to 29/3/1906
A Type 4	19/10/1906 to 22/4/1907
A Type 5	earlier date 22/4/1907
A.W.F	3/4/1900 to 21/1/1909
DWM/LTD	19/5/1912 to use on Commonwealth issues
IHC	25/1/1908 to use on Commonwealth issues
McK/S/McK	3/4/1900 to 10/8/1912

A Type 3 is found also on ASC39 4d Pictorial.

Private Perfins of New South Wales Part II : Revenues

The series of Stamp Duty issues on which the perfins are found are listed using the following scheme.



The record of the series of Stamp Duty issues on which the perfins are found provides a rough guide to the period of usage.

Pattern

User identification

Issues (Stamp Duty series A to F unless indicated)

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Atlas Assurance Co. Ltd			С			
Australian Alliance Assurance Co.						
Arthur Cocks & Co. Ltd., Sydney	A		C			
Alliance Insurance Co.	Α	В	С		E	
Australian General Insurance Co.				3	E	
Anthony Horden & Sons Ltd., Sydney				D	E	
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Australian Widows Fund Life Assur.		В				
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Bankers & Traders					E	F
Constable & Co.					Е	F
				D		
					E	
	A	В	С			
Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Co.					E	F
		В				
Commercial Union Assurance Co.					F	F
	Australian Alliance Assurance Co. Arthur Cocks & Co. Ltd.,Sydney Alliance Insurance Co. Australian General Insurance Co. Anthony Horden & Sons Ltd.,Sydney Australian Widows Fund Life Assur. Bankers & Traders Constable & Co. Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Co.	Australian Alliance Assurance Co. Arthur Cocks & Co. Ltd.,Sydney A Alliance Insurance Co. Australian General Insurance Co. Anthony Horden & Sons Ltd.,Sydney Australian Widows Fund Life Assur. Bankers & Traders Constable & Co. A Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Co.	Australian Alliance Assurance Co. Arthur Cocks & Co. Ltd.,Sydney A Alliance Insurance Co. Australian General Insurance Co. Anthony Horden & Sons Ltd.,Sydney Australian Widows Fund Life Assur. B Bankers & Traders Constable & Co. A B Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Co. B	Australian Alliance Assurance Co. Arthur Cocks & Co. Ltd.,Sydney A C Alliance Insurance Co. Australian General Insurance Co. Anthony Horden & Sons Ltd.,Sydney Australian Widows Fund Life Assur. B Bankers & Traders Constable & Co. Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Co. B	Australian Alliance Assurance Co. Arthur Cocks & Co. Ltd.,Sydney A C Alliance Insurance Co. Australian General Insurance Co. Anthony Horden & Sons Ltd.,Sydney D Australian Widows Fund Life Assur. B Bankers & Traders Constable & Co. D A B C A B C	Atlas Assurance Co. LtdCAustralian Alliance Assurance Co. Arthur Cocks & Co. Ltd.,SydneyAAlliance Insurance Co. Australian General Insurance Co. Anthony Horden & Sons Ltd.,SydneyAAustralian Widows Fund Life Assur.BBankers & Traders Constable & Co.EColonial Mutual Fire Insurance Co. BB

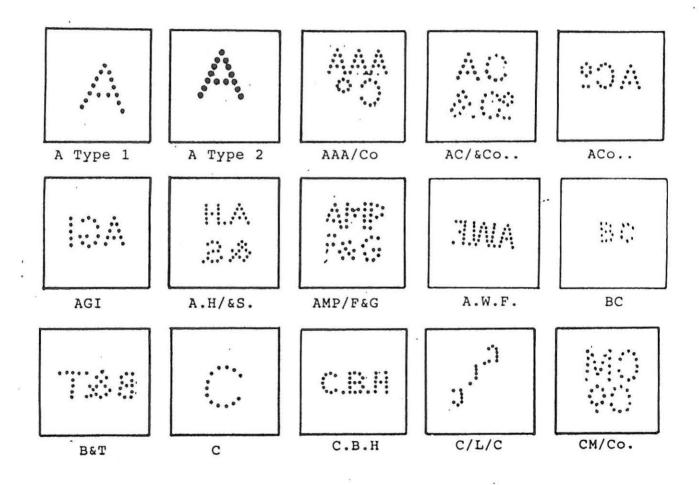
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HI HSCo IHC	Hartford Fire Insurance Co.	Ra	ai	lwa	ay	Par	cel	
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LG/A LL LLG	- Guardian, - ? London & Lancashire Insurance Co. Liverpool,London and Globe			c c		Е		
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L/S Type 2 M M&B	F Lassetter,Sydney Mutual Assurance Co.		В			E E F	r	
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NR/MA NS/GCo N.U.	NRMA Insurance Ltd. Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co.			С	D	ΕF	•	
NUF N.Z./I.C. NZ/I/Co	Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co. New Zealand Insurance Co. New Zealand Insurance Co.	A	В	С		E E		
OA O&M	Ocean & Accident Insurance Co.					EEE		
PA/C P.W Q.I/Co	Prudential Assurance Co. Queensland Assurance Co.		В	С		E E F	P	
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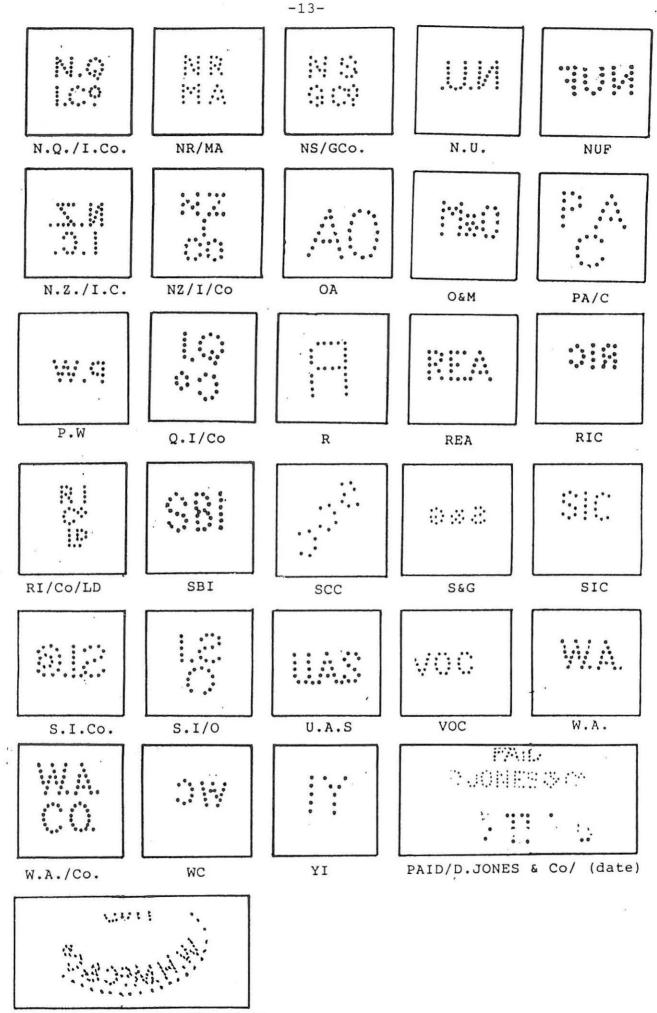
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Pattern	User identification	Issues (Stamp Duty series A to F unless indicated)
S&G SIC S.I.Co. S.I/O U.A.S	Security & General Insurance Co.	F E E E F E
VOC	Vacuum Oil Co.	D
W.A	Western Australian Insurance Co.	E
W.A./Co. WC	Western Australian Insurance Co.	E B
ΥI	Yorkshire Insurance Co.	EF
PAID/D.JONES & Co./ (date) PAID/W.H.Mc. & Co.(in oval)	David Jones & Co.	on postal issues used fiscally on postal issues used fiscally



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PAID/W.H.Mc.C&Co(in oval)

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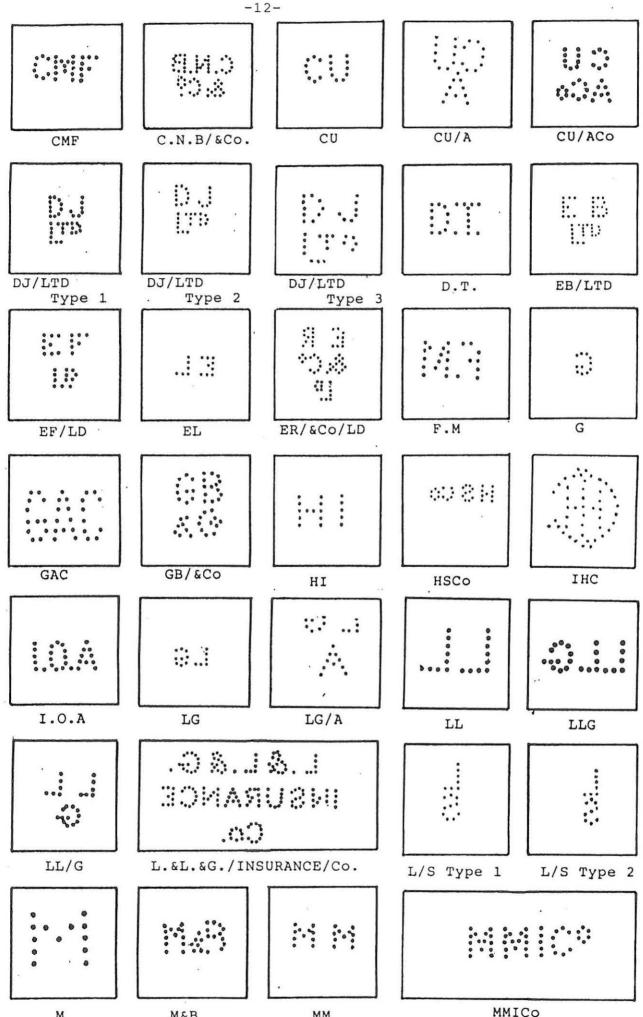
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