



PERFORATOR MAKES A TV APPEARANCE

Members in Australia and Britain and possibly some other countries may be familiar with the BBC television serial "All Creatures Great and Small" . The storyline set in the late 1930's deals with a veterinary practice in a British village.

If you have seen this show you may have noticed the stamp perforator in the background. On the right hand side of the mantelpiece, supporting some books, in the vets surgery is what appears to be a stamp perforator. If it is not a perforator what is it ?

Whats this perforators pattern , and why did the BBC decide that it was a suitable item for such a set? Will it appear in other BBC productions or has it found a safe home elsewhere?

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A PERFIN ON A 5/- BRIDGE !

In the Tasmanian Stamp Auctions Public Auction of 11th of June 1989 was an Australian 5/- Harbour Bridge stamp with a VOCCO perfin with a Rialto postmark. This item had an estimate of \$150 and apparently realised \$220. This is about the same price as for an unperforated copy of this stamp used.

Certainly there can't be too many perfins on this stamp.

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STAMPSHOW 89

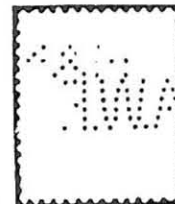
Quite a few members have indicated that they will be attending Stampshow 89 in Melbourne 18th to 22nd October 1989. A theatrette has been booked on Saturday 21st from 4-6pm to give perfin collectors a chance to meet each other. These occasional meetings give the members present a good chance to discuss the future directions of the Club as well as make useful contacts.

A number of members will be exhibiting their perfins. We wish them well in the endeavours.

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VICTORIAN WITH TWO PERFINS

Ian Rutherford reports a Victorian 2d issue postmarked December 18th 1896, Melbourne with two perfins in it, A.W.F. and B&N or B&M. A very interesting item.



PERFINS ON AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUTY STAMPS

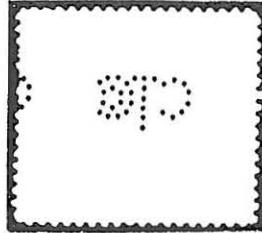
The only perfins on Commonwealth revenues that I have yet come across are those on the Australian Customs Duty stamps.

In 1909 customs duty stamps were introduced to allow prepayment of Customs Duty on commercial bulk mailings from outside of Australia addressed to Australian residents. Prior to 1909 this duty had been collected as a postage due, but many problems had been encountered including the lucky recipient being unwilling to pay the required duty.

The Customs Duty stamps were supplied by the Australian High Commission in London to bulk mailers and then applied to the mail before posting. This system of prepaying the Customs Duty was later extended to the United States, the same issues being used but overprinted in US currency.

Usage of this system was apparently discontinued in the 1960's.

Two patterns have been encountered.

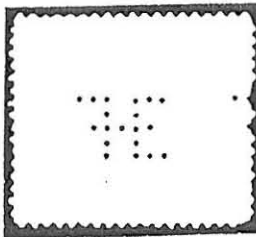


CTCo-used by the Caterpillar Tractor Co.

Issues in US Currency 1c on 1 1/2d  
3c on 2d

Issue in British Currency 2d

This CTCo pattern is also found on Canadian, Newfoundland and South African Customs Duty issues. It would be interesting to know if similar systems to the Australian one were used in these Territories.



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Issue in US Currency 2c on 1d

If you have come across further patterns on these issues please provide the details and a photocopy of the perfin to the Editor.

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THURSDAY ISLAND CANCEL ON PĀPUA

An interesting item that turned up a few years ago is a copy of a Papuan Lakatoi with a Thursday Island, Queensland cancel. Even though the item is damaged it is still a change from the normal postmarks on these issues.



A CLUB PERFORATOR ? a progress report.

When quite a few members met in 1988 at Sydpex the suggestion was made that we should obtain our own perforator. Some companies in the United States have been contacted to find out the cost of having a machine made. Two of these companies have replied.

The American Perforator Co. advises that they no longer manufacture relevant machines and that they produce no manual machines at all. They still produce electric machines suitable for invoice cancelling.

Cummins-Allison Corporation indicate that they discontinued manufacture of such perforators years ago and suggest that such machines are no longer available in the United States.

If any member knows of companies that still produce suitable machines please pass the information on. (I know of at least one organisation that wants a similar machine to puncture microfilm with an identifying mark. Such usage is not unknown- we have two machines at work used for this purpose ,both supplied years ago.)

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WANTED

Bob Schwerdt would like to obtain quite a number of Australian States perfins. He is willing to purchase or trade for perfins of other countries or unperfinned US Stamps. Some of the items he would like to obtain are:-

Tasmania Postal issues - DS/&Co,DWM/LTD,McK/S/Mck Revenue issues- LL/G

Western Australia Postal issues- B&A,B&N,CD/&Co,HSCo,H.S/Co.,PWA, RI/Co/LD,TS/F Revenue issues- F&G,GDCc/P,PWA,VOCc, VOCc.,V.O/Co.,WS/&Co.

South Australia Postal issues- A&R/LTD,BS/&L/LTD,C&B,CM/F, E.S.W/&S,GB,GW/SCo,HSCo,MG/CoLD,NZ/IC,RI/Co/LD, RIGBY/ADELAIDE,TS/F,VOCc. Revenue issues-AWS,D&J/F, O.K,V.O/Co.

If you can help him please contact him at the following address  
R.J. Schwerdt  
9 Memory Lane,  
Poughkeepsie,NY 12603  
USA

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WANTED

Arthur Taylor wants '3rd,4th and 5th' grade Australian Roos with the OS perfins. He needs these for a study of the punctures so that as long as the perfin is OK he will be able to use them. Please send material to him with price wanted, at the following address:

A.R. Taylor  
19 Sundowner Ave.  
Berrara,NSW 2540.

LITERATURE

Ellis, Albert G.P. Alnis guide to the Perfins of Ceylon and Sri Lanka York, Glass Slipper 52 pages 1988 14cm x 21cm £4

available from Glass Slipper P.O. Box 62, York England YO1 1YL for £4 (surface mail)

This catalogue lists almost 100 private perfins types plus a few fiscal perfins. Details recorded for each perfin include identification, period of usage and a scarcity rating. It is printed on blue paper, a bit of a change from the usual white pages we normally find with perfin catalogues. A very useful publication.

(Editors note:- I've a couple of spare copies of this book available to the fastest requesters. If you want one let me know and I'll send the copies to those that get in first but please don't send payment until you get the book (this way there is no need to return your cheque if others have beaten you to them). Cost \$9 (including postage to Aust & NZ addresses) each ).

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NEW ZEALAND CIRCUIT

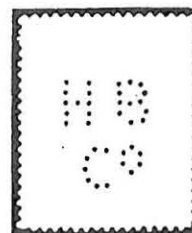
Barry Clarke has indicated that he is happy to run a circuit book system, similar to that running in Australia, for New Zealand members. Please contact Barry if you are interested in buying or selling perfins through the circuit.

Barry's address is 24 Spedding Rd., Whangarei, NZ.

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HB/Co ON 1D RED DIE 3 ISSUES

Check your copies of the Australian Commonwealth HB/Co. pattern on KGV 1d red issues. I've seen three and ALL were die 3 issues. Two of these have a blue Tasmanian postmark from 1919.



Good luck !

Private Perfins of New South Wales Part II: Revision Update 1981

The feedback from the article on NSW private perfins on revenue issues published in the September 88 issue of the Bulletin has been considerable. A considerable number of collectors have supplied additional information, all contributions being much appreciated. Please send any further information to the editor for future inclusion in the Bulletin.

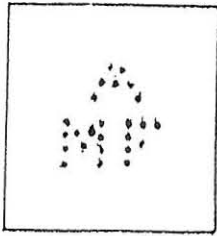
New Patterns

Pattern	User identification	Issues (Stamp Duty series A to F unless indicated)
AM/F		F
BA		E
BEA		F
BW/&Co	Burroughs, Wellcome & Co.	C
CEN		E
ED&Co.LD		E
F	Farmers Ltd	E
FG/&Co	Feldheim & Gotthelf & Co.	B
HB		C
HSLD		C D
JS/&Co		C
LLG Type 2	Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Co.	F
LR		
MMICo Type 2		C
McC/LTD		Railway Parcel Stamp 1st series
P.D/&Co.		D
PT/Co		E
RR/Y		E
SAC		E
S.H/&Co.	S Hoffnung & Co.	B
SH/&Co Type 1	S Hoffnung & Co.	B
SH/&Co Type 2	S Hoffnung & Co.	B
UIC		E
WG&Co		B D
WG/ Co.		C D
WILLS	WD & HO Wills	Railway Parcel Stamp 2nd series
WP/LD	Westons Pty Ltd	E
.		C

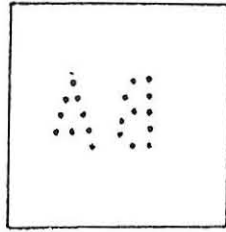
Additional identifications

M Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Ltd.  
R Royle & Co., Sydney

Private Perfins of New South Wales Part II:Revenues Update no.1



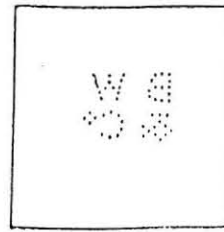
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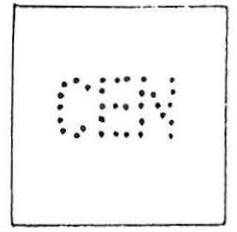
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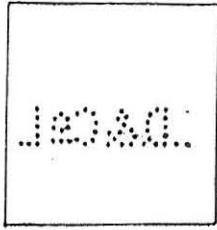
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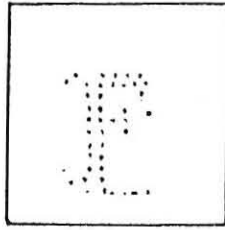
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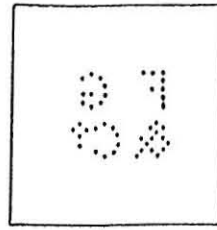
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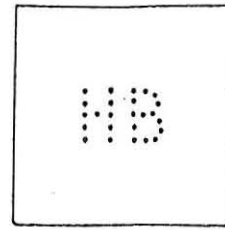
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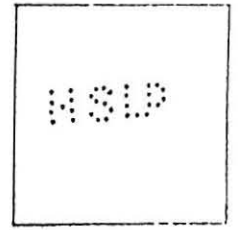
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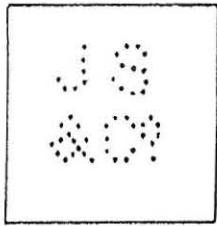
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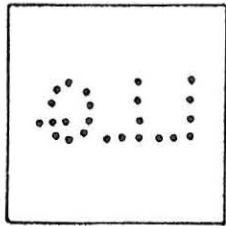
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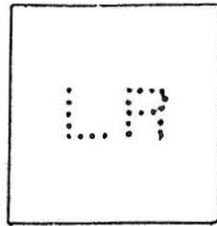
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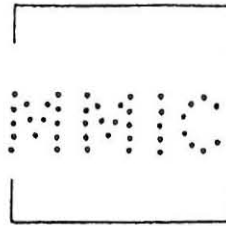
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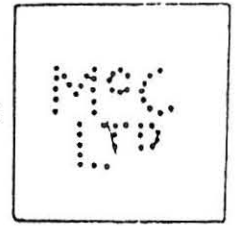
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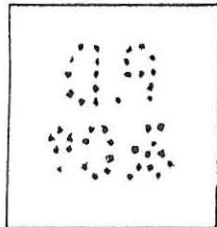
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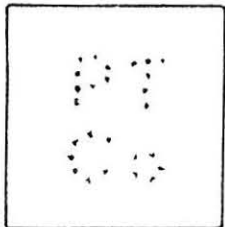
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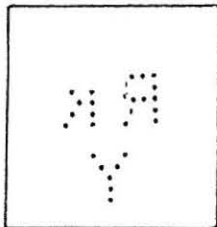
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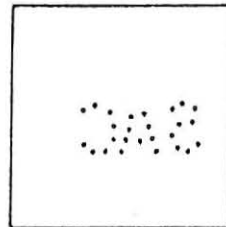
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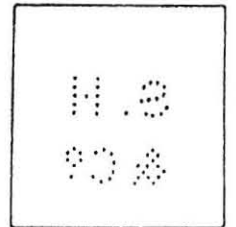
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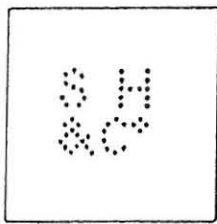
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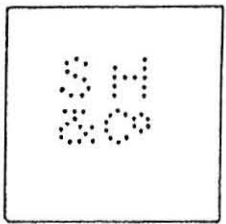
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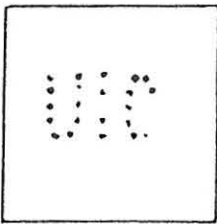
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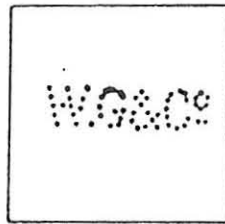
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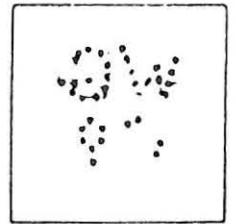
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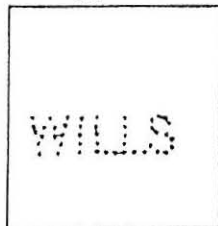
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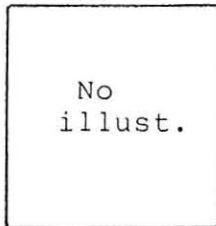
WG&Co



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WILLS



WP/LD



Private perfins of NSW Part II Revenues cont.  
Patterns reported on additional range of issues

Pattern	Issues (Stamp Duty series)	Pattern	Issues (Stamp Duty series)
AAA/Co	A	M	E F
CNB/&Co	B	NZ/I/Co	F
GAC		S&G	E
B	A	UAS	C
LG		WC	C
LL	C		
L.&L.&G./			
INSURANCE/Co	B C		

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NEW SOUTH WALES REVENUE OVERPRINTS

One of the Club circuit books that was in circulation recently included a range of New South Wales revenues with overprints on receipts. These provided a bit of extra information as below.

AGL used by Australian Gas Light Co. 11/9/1947

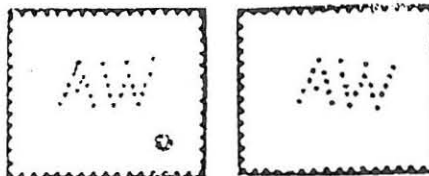
NESCA used by Shortland County Council, Nesca House, King St. Newcastle 12/2/1967

A.M.P. Society used by the Australian Mutual Provident Society  
Two different patterns encountered:  
Letters 3mm high used 26/9/1933, 21/10/1934  
Letters 2mm high used 21/4/1947, 21/7/1948

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WA PERFORATION OR CLOSE !

Willem Smetsers has come up with a couple of misshaped WA perfins on Western Australian issues. Both are on 2d yellow Swan issues. Does anybody have an explanation for these items.



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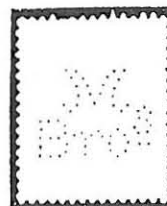


FROM YOUR COLLECTIONS

Ian Rutherford suggests that members may like to let others know about some of the interesting items in their collections. This seems like a good idea. Ian has penned the following notes.

Flipping through my collection of perforations recently I thought I would write a few notes on some of the items which I found of interest and that could be of interest to others. These may even inspire others to do similar jottings for our newsletter.

My early Great Britain stamps with perfins punctured in them are always a delight especially the 1d red, 2d blue and the 1d lilac issues. One of the most pleasing is that of Mander Brothers, Wolverhampton, however others on the same issue that deserve a look are the full word perforations of CURRIE, GRAPHIC and SUTTON/READING, all of which are nice clear items.



Recently I acquired two nice covers, one used by James Carter, Seed Merchants with the full perforated word CARTER, the other with K&S/L perforated in the stamp, and printed on the back of the envelope, Kelway & Sons, Wholesale Seed Growers Langport Somerset. Both these covers have Opened by Sensor stickers on them.

Another interesting pattern is the item illustrated, with a box between the letters C and CH. In an article on Sloper perfins published in the Perfins Bulletin June 1983 it is stated that Copestake, Moore, Crompton & Co. used an underprint on their stamps. When the partnership changed to Copestake, Hughes and Crompton the box was used to delete from the underprint the name of Moore.



The earliest Great Britain complete cover that I have is one of KJ/&Co, Koebel and Co., on a plate 2, 2 1/2d dated London August 17 1875.

With still many items to sort into some sort of presentable order I have been placing many of my American and Australian perfins into pockets of coin albums, therefore getting the benefit of the face of the stamps as well as the back, to check not only the perfins but other things such as watermarks.

The most recent New Zealand perfin I have been lucky enough to acquire is the VOCO pattern on the 1d green triangular health stamp.

## SCARCITY RATINGS FOR AUSTRALIAN STATE OFFICIALS

With the exception of the VG perfins there are to my knowledge no published scarcity ratings for Australian State official perfins. Certainly the more experienced collectors and dealers can provide a good indication as to the rare items and those that are quite common. For the rest of us an indication as to the scarcity of an issue would be useful.

Of course as soon as such a list becomes available the prices of the rarer items may increase, but it is also probable the price of more common items will be kept down. My impression is that a number of items considered to be rare are in fact a lot more common than is realised.

Some general observations can be made about the various State officials on Commonwealth issues. Please let me know if your observations differ.

New South Wales -In general the scarcer items are found on the higher face value commemoratives and definitives 10/- or \$2 and above. Some exceptions that are scarce are the OS issues of 1933, the OS/NSW issues of the same period and the issues with the small G/NSW pattern found on Kangaroo issues among others.

Tasmania -All higher face value items appear to be scarce which is scarcely surprising.

Western Australia -The scarcer items include the higher face value items and most commemorative issues even those with low face values.

There are of course many exceptions to these generalisations.

It would be nice to have a listing of the scarcity of all the State Official perfins, though such a project will entail a great deal of work not only by the compilers but by those surveying their collections. No doubt such an undertaking will eventuate at some stage. However at present it may be useful to concentrate on one of the most widely collected groups, the KGV side-face issues.

With this issue of the Bulletin you should find a copy of the survey form for the KGV issues with Australian State officials. If you are able to fill it in please return it to the Editor by March 1990. The more people that participate the more useful the results are likely to be. If you have friends who would be interested in taking part either photocopy the form or let me know and I will send you more copies.

There is no need to put your name on the form if you prefer not to do so. Regardless all reports of individual collectors will be confidential. The number of copies of each issue will be totalled and the results published in the Bulletin. The form is very easy to fill in, just note the number of copies of each issue with each perfin that you have, including duplicates, in the appropriate column.

Please count both mint and used copies together. To some it may appear strange to lump mint and used copies together as in most cases the mint copies of perfins are scarcer than used copies.

The reason for counting mint and used together is that the majority of mint copies available, and they are quite numerous, should not have been available to the public or collectors. Indeed it was to prevent the widespread fraudulent release of stamps perforated or overprinted 'OS' that the Commonwealth ceased to produce such issues. At the time it was thought that any stamps so treated for State Government usage were of no philatelic value (Mr Parkhill, Postmaster General at the Premiers Conference 13th June 1933).

The 'Federal OS' issues have been included in the survey along with the issues of New South Wales, Tasmania and Western Australia. We already have scarcity ratings for Victorian issues from Bryan Toop so there should be no need to repeat these. The 'Federal OS' issues have been included as they will act as a standard against which to measure the scarcity of the State issues and to enable some comparison between prices, which are known, and the scarcity of the issues. There could be a few interesting results from this aspect of the survey.

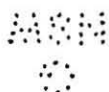
There are a few items of information that you will need to know to fill out the survey.

Position - Most of the official state perfins are found with the initials reading from left to right when viewed from the front of the stamp. However a number of copies of these perfins occur where the pattern has been inverted or reversed. In general these issues where found are quite scarce, so that these are differentiated in the survey.

The three positions found are illustrated below:



Position 1  
Normal



Position 3  
Inverted

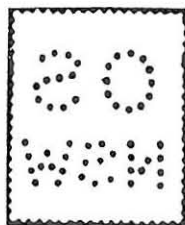


Position 5  
Reversed

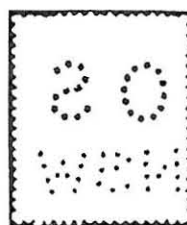
The following perfins are those being surveyed.



OS (A)  
Federal OS



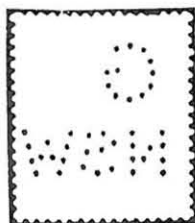
OS/NSW (A)  
normal issue



OS/NSW (B)  
Amalgamation of Federal OS and NSW of the normal OS/NSW



OS (B)  
NSW issue 1933



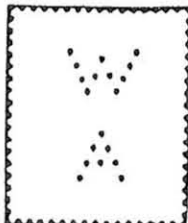
G/NSW



SCC  
Sydney County  
Council



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W/A

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FOR SALE

KGV sideface issues suitable for detailed research. All Small Multi  
wmk.perf 13 1/2 x 12 1/2 (or at least I think they are).  
1d green (75), 1 1/2d red (100), 2d red (150). All good sound copies,  
most with slogan cancels or 'bar' cancels - not much postmark  
interest. Any takers? Best offer by 1st December 1989.  
Please contact David Andersen  
260 Hawkesbury Rd.  
Winmalee, NSW 2777  
AUSTRALIA

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WITH AND WITHOUT

The HS/&Co. pattern used by Harris Scarfe and Co., Perth and Adelaide over a considerable period of time lost the &C . part of the pattern and issues are also seen with the HS part of the pattern only intact, though frequently with missing pins. The block of four illustrated shows that the HS and HS. patterns are definitely from the same machine and that the machine had several dies. There must be an interesting story relating to this perforator if someone has time to research it.

