

probability, the standards would develop naturally and would be shaped by the exhibitors themselves in the light of their results at exhibitions and feedback from judges and other collectors.

It was agreed that to promote interest in perfins and to assist in demonstrating their importance to the philatelic world, members of the Society should all be encouraged to enter a perfins exhibit at Newcastle 91 (in June 1991). This will be a State level exhibition, although the Traditional Philately Section will have National Class Status. It was suggested that the Newcastle Philatelic Society might be encouraged to have a special perfins class. It was also suggested that the Society might wish to donate a special prize for the best perfins exhibit (this would need to be canvassed among members).

Australian Perfins Circuit Jill & John Grant apologised for the delays in the circuit caused by work pressures and their involvement with Austamp 90. Jill advised that there were 6 books currently in circulation and a further 2 waiting to be sent out.

Australian Commercial Perfins book John Grant advised that the book was nearing completion and showed a draft copy to the meeting.

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EXHIBITS AT AUSTAMP 90

Barry Jarrett displayed 4 frames of "NSW Official Mail, Stamps & Postal Stationery" and received a Large Silver medal, together with a Special Award by the Jury. Some highlights and rarities from this wonderful exhibit were :

- . Government Railways cover with 1d Shield pair with GR perfins, one upright the other inverted
- . 1901 Newspaper wrapper punctured GR
- . "OS/NSW" Type A (10 pin S) on cover
- . "GSB/NSW" on NSW 2d & GSB on cover
- . First Watermark Roos to £2 mint punctured OS/NSW
- . Pair of 1d red KGV die 3 punctured OS/NSW Type C
- . KGV 5d on 4 1/2d, block of 12 punctured OS/NSW, the top row double!
- . 3d 3rdwmk Roo with OS/NSW punctured on top of the Commonwealth OS
- . 6d 1stwmk Roo, OS/NSW inverted
- . 1/- Lyrebird with the 1933 NSW OS (previously existence unconfirmed)

Jill & John Grant displayed 5 frames of Australian Commercial perfins categorised (as before) by the occupation of the user companies. About 120 proving covers are included. This exhibit was awarded a Vermeil. They have increased the size of their exhibit one frame at each exhibition it has been entered into. Again a wonderful exhibit.

Congratulations also to the other Club members who exhibited in other areas also with considerable success.

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BRITISH MALAYA CATALOGUE RELEASED

Peter Giffen has released his catalogue "Perfins (Stamps with perforated initials) of British Malaya" that was mentioned in the last Bulletin.

This is an excellent publication, worth much more than the low price. Recommended. Peter has moved to 10 Trestrail Avenue, Roleystone WA, 6111 AUSTRALIA from NEW Zealand and still has copies available.

Perfin	Company Name	Application/Approval	
FJCo	Foggitt Jones & Co., Turbot St., Brisbane	27-7-1914	29-7-1914
HB&Co	Henry Berry & Co. Australia Ltd., 385-391 Adelaide St.,Brisbane	26-11-1945	29-11-1945
H	Harringtons Ltd 212-214 Queen St., Brisbane	2-2-1931	6-2-1931
HS	Howard Smith & Co. Ltd.,Brisbane	22-10-1914	30-10-1914
HSCo	Howard Smith & Co. Ltd.	2-9-1914	17-9-1914
IH	International Harvester Co.,200 Roma St.,Brisbane	1-8-1905 & again 28-5-1910	no record
JCH	J C Hutton Pty.Ltd.,Roma St., Brisbane	28-9-1908	12-10-1908
K	Kodak Australia Ltd.,250-252 Queen St.,Brisbane	12-10-1914	14-10-1914
BR	Baker Rose Pty Ltd(Sole agents for Kodak Australia Ltd)	3-11-1908	16-11-1908
K&C	Kennard & Cameron.,Toowoomba	9-12-1908	16-12-1908
L&L	Stewarts & Lloyds Australia Ltd., Earls Court,Ann & Marshall Sts., Brisbane	14-12-1911	16-12-1911
McD&E	McDonnel & East Ltd., 402-414 George St.,Brisbane	7-5-1921	12-5-1921
MCP	McPhie & Co.,Toowoomba	4-12-1905	14-12-1905
NICO	National Fire & Marine Insurance Co. of New Zealand,Norman Chambers Creek St.,Brisbane	18-4-1901	2-5-1901
NZL	New Zealand Loan & Merchantile Agency Co. Ltd.	8-3-1906	18-3-1906
ODV	Ostermeyer Dewez & Van Rompaey, Brisbane	26-1-1900	7-2-1900
QME	Queensland Meat Export & Agency Co. Ltd.,Mary St.,Brisbane	4-1-1912	12-1-1912
RICOLD	Royal Insurance Co Ltd.,355-357 Quuen St.,Brisbane	23-3-1912	28-3-1912
RICH	E H Rich & Co Ltd.,Brisbane	8-2-1902	13-2-1902
no sample	Robert Reid & Co. Ltd.,138-148 Edward St.,Brisbane	8-6-1911	19-6-1911
S>	Scholefield Godsall & Weaver, Toowoomba	21-11-1906	30-11-1906
TBS	Thomas Brown & Sons,Eagle St., Brisbane	6-10-1908	27-10-1908

NEW ZEALAND 1990

A meeting room has been booked at New Zealand 1990 (24th August - 2 September) so that our New Zealand members and any visiting 'foreign' members will have an opportunity to meet each other and discuss aspects of perfin collecting. It will be a good opportunity for New Zealand members to discuss what you expect from the Club and to focus on areas that could be developed. We have been allocated the 'Downstairs' Room on the Morning of Sunday 26th August. At present the time for the meeting has not been set.

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FRAMA WITH PERFIN

Recently I received a letter from Bob Murrin (P.O. Box 10100, St Petersburg FL 33733-6100 USA) with two 25c Washington Framas perforated R.J., his own pattern.

Bob issues sales lists of material including perfins now and then. If you are interested in foreign perfins his lists are a good source.

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WANTED

Joseph Laura writes 'that he his looking for various perfins on Argentina, Japan, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Switzerland. He collects perfins worldwide and is always interested in acquiring perfins in any amount from any country.' His address is P.O. Box 249, west Wareham, MA 02576 USA.

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NOTICED

New Zealand Stamp Auctions Postal Bid Sale no.114 Lot no.1174
1947 J Ballantye & Co. Ltd Invoice plus 2d Peace ovpt
J.B. & Co Ltd Interesting item Estimate \$20

Richard Juzwin Direct Order Price List Australasia 1990 Autumn/Winter
Selected item no.58
Kangaroo CofA wmk L1 MUH Superb perf WA -Scarce \$850

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REVENUE OVERPRINTS

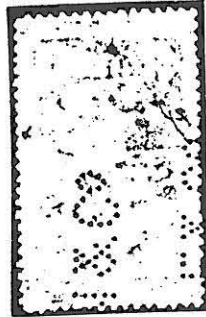
Noticed in an Australian Circuit booklet the following items with NSW stamp duties on Insurance Renewal notices.

AGL (in purple ink) used by Australian Gas Light Co. 11/9/47

NESCA (in purple ink) used by Shortland County Council Nesca House
King St ,Newcastle 13/2/67

AMP Society used by Australian Mutual Provident Society
87 Pitt St., Sydney.
2 types 3mm letters A.M.P. Society dated 26/9/33 and 21/10/34
2mm letters A.M.P. Society dated 21/4/47 and 21/7/47

The normal reason for perforating stamps with initials was to prevent office staff from stealing a firm's stamps and selling them back to the Post Office. But this was not the only application of Sloper's invention. Sloper had originally marketed his punch for cancelling cheques with the words "PAID" or "CANCELLED" and, at first glance, I



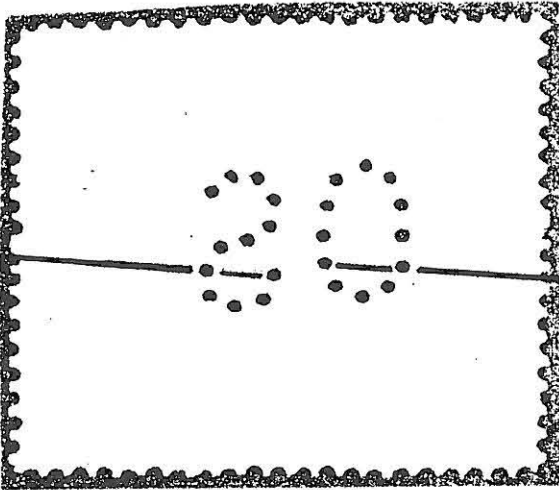
was of the opinion that the perforated initials may have been applied to the 6d fiscal stamp as some form of cancellation. It was reasonable to theorise that two firms of solicitors, as parties to a deed or agreement, had cancelled the stamp in such a way that the perforated initials tied the stamp to the document. But this theory foundered when I realised that the initials were reversed (when viewed from the front of the stamp) and that it would have been necessary to apply the perforation from the back of the document for this effect to have been achieved. While this could have happened it seems more logical to conclude that the stamp was perforated, face down, before being attached to the document.

It is not unreasonable to surmise that two solicitors emigrated to New Zealand about 1868 or 1869, bringing with them the very latest in office equipment — a punch or punches for the perforation of stamps with initials. The solicitors may well have set up practice in the same town, even in adjoining rooms in the same office block. Unfortunately, I have been unable to find any record of any Dunedin legal firms or even individual solicitors which would account for the abbreviations N, E or F & Company. But of course documents from anywhere in Otago would have been stamped at Dunedin and it could well be that my mysterious solicitors were located at some other centre in this gold-rich province.

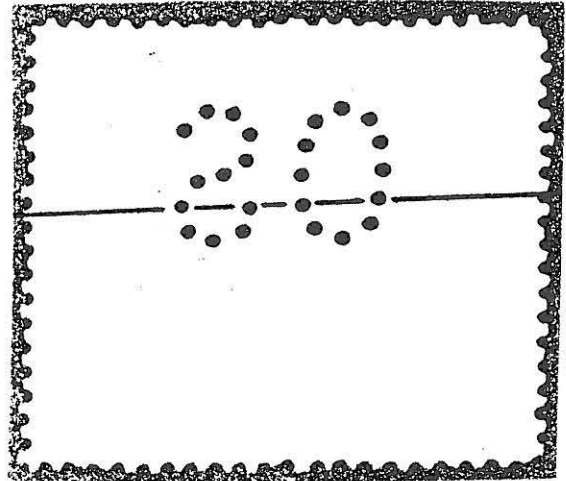
In the meantime the mystery remains. The users of the two different but similar, perfins remain unknown, the reason for the perforation of the stamp (was it a cancellation or was it a security measure?) is still but a matter of conjecture, and why should there be two different sets of initials on the one stamp? Was either perfin applied to postage stamps? Who knows, we may yet discover a Full-face Queen perfin.

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First OS pattern
(1908-1912)



Second OS pattern
(Melbourne puncture
1912-31)

Check your issues to see if your findings agree.

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5/- Bridge Perfin

In the following article there is a mention of a 5/- Bridge with a perfin !

K Humphreys "5/- Bridge Duty Stamp" Cinderellas Australasia
v.8 no.1 Feb 1990 p.13

The author mentions that he once had a perfinned 5/- Bridge badly mutilated by a Sydney GPO Parcel Post roller cancel. It was sold for \$45 some years ago to a hobby dealer in Northern NSW and he thinks the perfin was for David Jones.

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DOES IT EXIST

Perfins crop up in quite a few publications these days. In the December 89 issue of Philately from Australia p.100-101 is a request by C L Steig for readers to confirm the existence of a range of Australian States Postal Stationary.

One of the items he would like to have confirmed is a Victorian issue Higgins & Gage DE2 1d vermilion on Brownish paper perforated OS. Can you help him ? He would like a photocopy of this item if possible.

If you can help please contact C L Steig
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