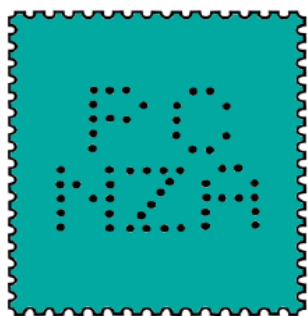


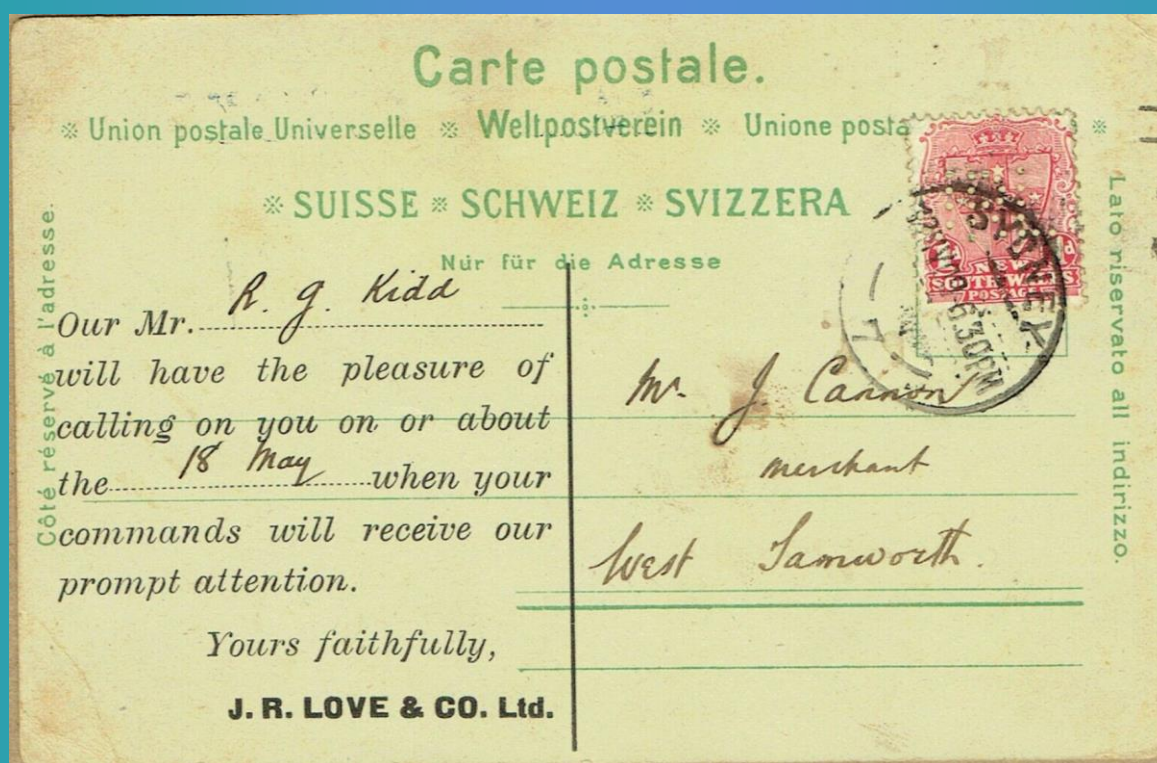


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Editors Comment

By David Coath

Welcome to the SPPB #127. Plenty of news about perfins and as always, more information than can fit into one Bulletin. Lots has had to be moved to the January Bulletin, including another great article by Jason Rowe on VG's that makes some "ground breaking" discoveries about the puncturing process for these patterns.

In this issue we have once again received some great input from Members, sharing their knowledge and new finds. Feel free to share whatever you like with me and I will include it in subsequent Bulletins.

I would like to thank Members who have sent postage to help defray our high mailing costs; they were John Amiet, a regular and generous donor, John Mullavey, John Tyson, Greg Howard, Les Vincent and Gordon Monk, who also donated postage.

Thanks also to our regular contributors in Greg Howard, Dave Elsmore, John Amiet, David Warren (NZ), Stephen Jones (NZ), Jason Rowe, Peter Simpfendorfer, Harold Waite (NZ), Andrew Murley (NZ), Jerry Austen, John Mathews, and Les Vincent.

Front Cover – JRL.1 is J R Love & Co Ltd

By Greg Howard, John Amiet and David Coath



This is another amazing report from Greg Howard, it is a clear strike of JRL.1 on a Postal Card, proving J R Love & Co Ltd of Sydney. See exploded view at left.

This not only proves a user for JRL.1, but the card has a clear postmark which shows a usage date of 1909. So, I recommend you read the article about this find that is included later in the Bulletin and make some pencil notations on your copy of HAPP, to reflect this new information.

This is one of two important Proving pieces that are included in this Bulletin. The other is a report from John Amiet, that proves G.13 to Gippsland & Northern Co-operative Co Ltd.

These reports show that there is still much to be discovered in our study and what is more, it does not necessarily carry a high price, as Greg's JRL.1 cover was found for only \$10 which included postage.

Puncture your Postage stamps with the PCNZA pattern

By David Coath

With Arthur Taylor's passing, I have taken over responsibility for the Club's PCNZA Perforator.

Arthur had left me a box of envelopes pre stamped and ready to mail the next few Bulletins, so I have not had a lot to perforate, as yet.

You can change that, by sending me postage stamps that you want to be perforated.

The rules are easy, they must be issues of Australia or New Zealand from 1998 onwards. Australian Territories are fine too. The device does not like the peel and stick stamps, so none of those please. Arthur managed them somehow, but it is beyond me how he did it. I suspect that he cleaned the device often with Shellite or White Spirit, but frankly it is easier to just not puncture the Peel and stick variety and avoid the machine becoming gummed up.

Send them to: David Coath, 4 Fleming Court, Research, Victoria, 3095, Australia, for a fast turnaround.

Club Auction – 2019

By David Coath and Les Vincent

The Club Auction for 2019 has now concluded and all Lots have been received by the successful bidders, paid for and all payment has been sent out to vendors.

There was a total of 407 lots and these attracted bids from over 40 Members.

The final results were excellent, with a 95% clearance rate and a total sales, (with postage) of over \$5200. The Club takes a Commission of 10% on gross sales so this represents a major revenue source.

Thanks to all who participated and made it such a great result for vendors, buyers and the Club. Particular thanks to long time Member, Colin Clark Hutchison from Scotland, who has sold his huge Australian perfin collection through the Club over the last few Auctions.

Also thanks to Les Vincent, who built an amazing spreadsheet to manage the process, as well as helping chase up payments and issue Vendor statements.

Club Auction – April 2020

By David Coath

The Auction, like the Circuit Books, is an important income for the Club and, as Members, I would encourage you to participate by both submitting lots and bidding.

Now if you have any material that you would like to make available for the April Auction in 2020, then now is the time to start. If so, please submit it to:

David Coath, 4 Fleming Court, Research, Victoria, 3095, Australia.

Please email me first, or give me a telephone call, to let me that it is coming. Email: davidcoath@onthe.net.au Telephone: 03 94370 366. If there are items of any real value, then I would recommend that you Register them or even use a Next Day satchel or envelope, such as the ones used in the Circuit. I am happy to help with lotting and suggesting reserves, but if you wish to do this, then that is fine.

All Perfin material is welcome and clearance rates are in the 95%+ range, so you can be confident that what you offer will most likely sell.

Remember you need to be a financial Member of the PCNZA to participate in the Auction as either a Vendor or a Bidder, so make sure your Subscription is up to date.

PCNZA – Election of Committee Members 2020–21

By David Coath

As stated in the By Laws (Section 4) the Election of Committee Members will occur at 2 year intervals, by the following process:

“The Secretary calls for Nominees in the October Bulletin.

If there is only one nominee for each Committee position, then they will be accepted and this will be notified in the January Bulletin. Subject to the nominee accepting the nomination. Existing Committee members are free to nominate.

If there is more than one nominee for a given position, then this will necessitate an Election for that position. In this case a Voting Form will be issued in the January Bulletin with Voting closing within 60 days of issuing that Bulletin and results will be notified in the April Bulletin.

The Committee positions are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 7 General Committee Members.”

If you wish to nominate yourself or another Member for a Committee position, then please advise David Coath by 31 December 2019.

Please note nomination, nominees and voting are restricted to current financial Members.

“Australian Perfin Group” on Facebook passes 150

By Dave Elsmore, Greg Howard and David Coath

The “Australian Perfin Group” on Facebook has exceeded the 150 Members mark. It can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ozperfins/>

It is a friendly, welcoming group for sharing information, images and knowledge about Australian Perfins.

All you need to do to join is to go onto the page, read the opening message from Dave Elsmore and agree to the purpose of the Group.

The group has only been operating since late November 2016 and it continues to grow quickly, so come and join in the fun. PCNZA Members are welcome.

PCNZA – Subscriptions 2019/20

By Les Vincent

Thank you to Members who have made their Subscription payments for the 2019/2020 Financial Year.

Most payments came in early and this is important as these Subscriptions are the backbone of our revenue and are vital in allowing us to meet key recurring expenditure, such as postage and printing.

Remember your Subscriptions are very low, in fact they are below the basic costs of producing and distributing the Bulletin. Despite this the Committee achieves an annual surplus by astute management, but they also depend on revenue from Advertising, Donations of postage, as well as Commissions from the Circuit and Auction.

For any queries please note my email address Email: lesliejvincent@yahoo.com.au and my Telephone number is 0431 871 594.

Collecting the PCNZA pattern – Updated Catalogues

By Peter Simpfendorfer

Updated versions of some of the PCNZA Perfin Catalogues are now live on <http://perfins.com.au/> these are located under the Research Tab at: <https://www.perfins.com.au/tabs/t1.html>

The New versions include updates of both the Australian and Australian Territories stamps and a new listing of the New Zealand issues found with the PCNZA pattern.

If you have any new reports of issues carrying the PCNZA pattern, then let me know so I can update the Catalogues.

We now have a huge bank of used Australian and Australian Territories stamps carrying the clubs PCNZA pattern.

So, if you have a desire to collect these patterns, then all you need to do is contact me: Peter Simpfendorfer by email at: simp19@bigpond.com or write to me at PO Box 2099, WAGGA, NSW, 2650, and I will send you an envelope full for you to start with.

Changes to Payments in New Zealand

By Richard Smolnicki

New Zealand Members please note that Kiwibank have announced that they will be terminating the use of cheques from February 2020.

As a result, from 1 February 2020 the PCNZA will no longer accept any Kiwibank cheques.

The PCNZA accepts direct deposit payments and the details for the New Zealand Accounts are: ANZ Bank: PCNZA BSB 060493, Account No. 06 0493 0179108 00

It is possible that the lead taken by Kiwibank may be followed by other banks in the near future, so it might be a good idea to become familiar with the direct deposit process.

PCNZA Accounts at Year ending 30 June 2019

By Les Vincent

The Financial Accounts of the Club have been collected from the various arms of the Club such as Forgery Detection, Australian Circuit, and New Zealand Accounts and combined with the Main Account and submitted to Committee and Members (see July Bulletin). They have now been sent to Audit.

These have been given a positive report from the Auditor which is included below.

If any Member has any issues or questions regarding these, then please contact me or a Member of the Committee.

John van de Camp

76 Donovans Road

Warrnambool 3280

14th August 2019

AUDITORS REPORT TO THE PERFIN CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

To Committee Members,

I have audited the record keeping and financial Statements for 2018/2019 of the above Club and report my findings below.

My responsibility is to report my findings from conducting the procedures agreed and carried out in accordance with required auditing standards.

The audit was performed solely to assist the committee in assessing the accuracy of the accounts record keeping. The procedures involved and the findings obtained are as follows:

Accounts Record Keeping Function

1: I obtained and checked the addition of the income and expenses summary as at 30th June 2019 as prepared by the treasurer, Les Vincent, of the PCNZA and compared these with the general ledger.

I found the amounts to be in agreement.

No errors were identified.

2: I compared invoices and receipts provided by the PCNZA to the amounts summarized in the summary for each of the related items.

I found the amounts to be in agreement.

No errors were identified.

3: I compared such Financial Statements to the amounts referred to at procedure 2 above.

I found the amounts agreed.

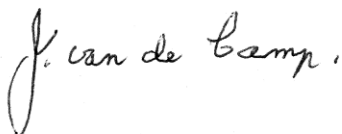
No errors were identified.

I Johannes (John) van de Camp have audited the books of the PCNZA for the financial year 2018/2019. I have found that these books show a full and true disclosure of all income and expenditure of the PCNZA. The books are of a very high standard, a credit to Mr Les Vincent and a pleasure to audit.

Yours sincerely

J. E. van de Camp Auditor 14th August 2019

M.N.I.A.



“Official Aussie Perfins – A Basic Guide”

By Dave Elsmore and David Coath

Dave Elsmore has produced a simple guide to collecting Australian Official Perfins.

It can be found here at perfins.com.au <http://www.perfins.com.au/Official-Aussie-Perfins-Dave-Elsmore.pdf>

Dave developed this for Members of the “Australian Perfin Group” on Facebook as few Members had the resources to do a basic sort of what they had in their accumulations of Official patterns. Dave has referenced David Andersen’s “Australian Official Perfins” AOP (2007) for further study.

Well done Dave, it is a useful tool and thanks to those Members that assisted you in finalising it, including, Tom Weir, Greg Howard and Jason Rowe.

“Australian Official Perfins” – by David Andersen

By David Coath

The Club still has many copies of “Australian Official Perfins” (Edition 2 – 2007) by David Andersen for sale and the Members price is just \$25 plus a discounted postage rate of just \$10 to anywhere in Australia or \$20 to anywhere in New Zealand. For other destinations arrangements can be made to send it cheaply, with your Bulletin, or direct as required.

If you do not have a copy of this essential reference, then send me an email or a telephone call and we can arrange the purchase and delivery.

“Australian Official Perfins” is a total of 236 pages in an A4 perfect bound format and is stand out value and it remains the best available reference for Commonwealth, State and semi Government patterns.

New Publications on GB Perfin Site

By David Coath and Dave Elsmore

PERFINS OF MAURITIUS



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The GB Society has been busy adding to its already impressive list of Perfin Publications.

Check out what they have on offer here:

<http://www.angelfire.com/pr/perfinsoc/>

The GB Society offer some Catalogues for sale but in addition to these, there are a series of free Catalogues which are in a pdf format and can easily be down loaded and printed out.

Titles of these free catalogues include GB specialist areas, such as “Perforated Postal Stationary”, “Sloper Experimental Cancellations”, “Newspaper and Parcel Delivery Perfins” as well as a Series of 6 separate catalogues on “Revenue and Telegraph Perfins”.

Most of these have been compiled by Jeff Turbull, but he has been assisted by co Authors Rosemary Smith and Maurice Harp.

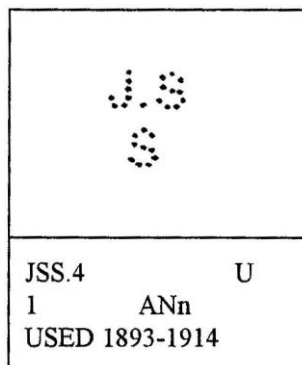
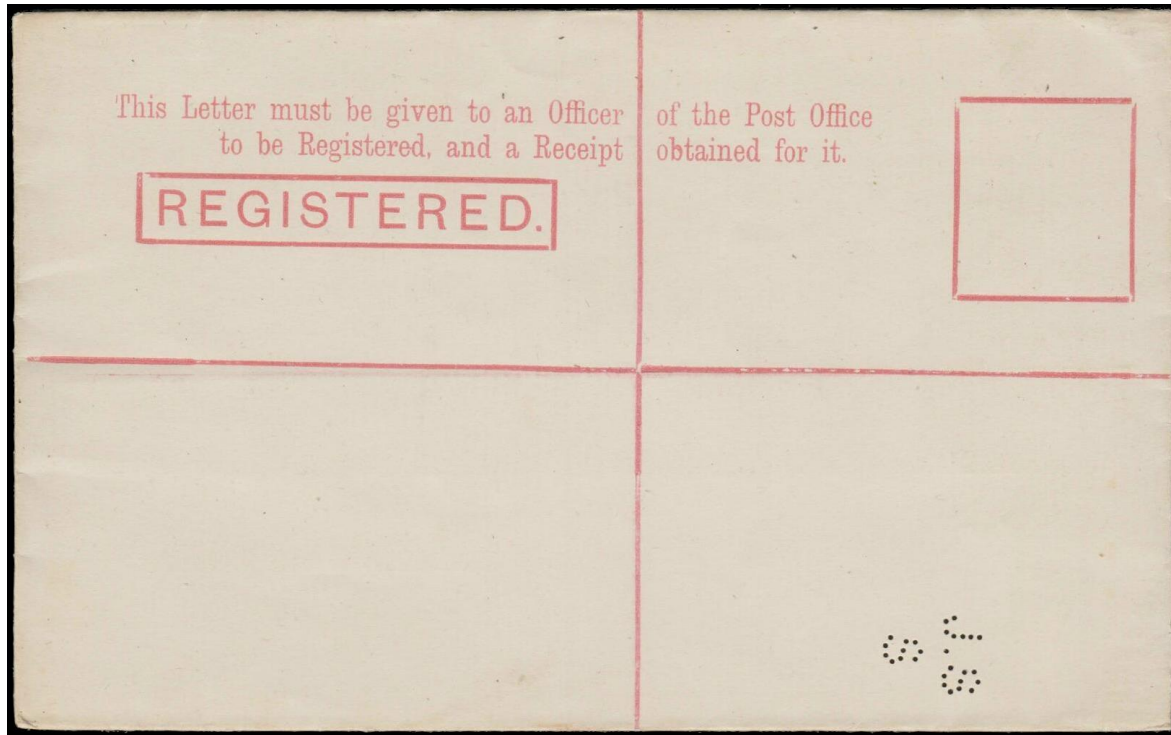
In addition, for the Foreign collectors, Jeff has updated the catalogues on various countries including, “Ceylon and Sri Lanka”, “India and States” and “Malaya”, as well as creating a catalogue of Mauritius.

Thanks to the GB Society, Jeff, Maurice and Rosemary for building these great resources for Perfin Collectors. Visit the site it is well worth it.

Victorian Perfinned Registered Envelope

By Maurice Harp and Jeff Turbull

This intriguing item, (shown below with part of reverse at the base of page) has recently come to light. This Australian registered envelope was issued by the state of Victoria in c1881 and bears a 4d pink registration embossed stamp (H&G #C4). It also has the perfin J.S/S (HAPP JSS.4) known to have been used by Justus Scharff of 18 York St, Sydney, New South Wales. (see below at left)



Immediately this raised the question as to why a cover from one state should have a perfin from a company in another state – so we contacted **John Mathews** and he offered the most plausible solution.

John first confirmed that Justus Scharff had no operation in Melbourne. However, he believes that someone known to the company, bought the registered envelope and had it perforated "per favor". He reported that he had seen postal stationery postcards of a couple of States (South Australia and Western Australia, as well as a mint NSW one) with the same perfin, always in the same position on the items, as on this envelope (alongside the long edge). And none of the items have been in used condition. [The WA card is illustrated in SPPB Jan. 2001, p.7, the NSW card in SPPB

Apr. 2004. p12 and the SA card is shown on the next page.] See also Editors Note at the conclusion of this article.



Looking through back copies of the South Pacific Perfin Bulletin, we found this South Australian mint postcard, with the J.S/S perfin – just as John had described.



We also found a history of Justus Scharff in the excellent website “Private Revenue Perfins of Australia” produced by Dave Elsmore, Greg Howard & David Coath. This is an extract from that site:

Justus Scharff Company History

Justus Scharff started business life as a wholesale ironmonger, advertising the sale of sewing machines in Sydney in the late 1870's. However, Justus Scharff & Co had become an Island Trader in the South Pacific by 1892 and was still trading in 1915. Justus was of German descent and this became, in time, an advantage and a disadvantage. References to the company after WWI indicate that it was a Limited liability company but also refer to its owners (shareholders) being German, so it is possible that the company was floated in German. This change from Justus Scharff & Co to Justus Scharff Ltd most likely occurred in the early 20th Century.

The company grew in the early 20th Century and trading was made easier by the increased presence of German settlers and businesses in Papua, Marshall Islands, Samoa and other areas of the South Pacific. However, the company's activities were not limited to trade with German interests, as they also traded into French Polynesia, New Caledonia, as well as the Solomon Islands and others.

The company's German links were to be its undoing, as when WWI broke out; matters of cargo coming from former German Colonies became a problem for importers. This came to a head in May 1915 when the 'Remonstrant' arrived in Sydney from the Marshall Islands, with a load of copra consigned to Justus Scharff Ltd. The vessel had left the Jaluit Atoll, Marshall Island, prior to the occupation by Great Britain and therefore was essentially a shipment from Germany, or at least German interests. The court decision was handed down on 3 June 1915 and required the Australian Government to make payments to both the master of the 'Remonstrant' as well as Justus Scharff Ltd. However, the tide of opinion was hardening towards German interests and in late 1915 Justus Scharff and many of his staff were interned for the duration of the war.

The J.S/S perfin was most likely produced by a single die device, as it was able to produce single central strikes on a range of stamp formats, including the larger format higher valued 'diadems' and 'Coin' postal issues of NSW. The strike on this registered envelope is also consistent with being a single die device. The perfin came into use in 1893 and was still in use in early 1915 and it is found used on the postage stamps of NSW as well as those of Australia. Sydney postmarks predominate.

Editor's Note

This article appeared in the GB Perfin Society Bulletin # 422 of October 2019 and Maurice and Jeff were happy to share it with our Members.

Maurice shared this article with me prior to its publication and I could not help but think that I had seen this pattern on other pieces of Postal Stationary. Just as I was pondering this Maurice emailed me back the references to past issues of the SPPB that had featured this same JSS.4 pattern on other Australian States Postal Stationary, they were:

SPPB # 52 of January 2001 (page 7) An article by John Mathews(?) regarding reports of 3 Western Australian pre printed Postcards that had surfaced at Auction. The Auction House/Site and the price were not stated, but the article rightly stated that the known user of JSS.4, (Justus Scharff (Sydney)), did not have offices in Western Australia and that reports of the pattern on postage stamps were limited to the issues of NSW and the early Commonwealth ones.

The images from this article are black and white and too blurry to be reproduced here, but the strikes of the pattern were in the right hand side of the card and about half way up, similar to the other examples. They were not punched through the image of the stamp as is found with other items of perforated Postal Stationary such as Official Cards with OSNSW and Private stationary with HJD.1 and 2.

SPPB # 65 of April 2004 (page 12) This article by John Mathews reported the pattern on a piece of mint NSW Stationary with a 2d Blue Emu printed on the card. John referred to the earlier 2001 article and also noted that the perfin was again struck on the side of the card, this time on the left hand side, but inverted.

At this point John made a very good case about the structure of the perforating device based on the strikes being made from the side in all cases stating "...the strikes from the same distance from the edges, suggests that the pin pattern was sideways in the perforator with the "stop" adjustment to the right side of the pin pattern."

SPPB # 106 of July 2014 (pages 17 – 18) This article reported an example of the JSS.4 pattern on a piece of South Australian Postal Stationary. The report came from Andrew Ballis and once again the item was mint.

I was intrigued by the piece and contacted South Australian expert Martin Walker who offered some possible explanations but nothing firm. He did add that the Stationary dated from 1893 so this places it at the start of the usage period of the device.

Conclusion

These examples of perforated Postal Stationary are certainly odd and as John Mathews has suggested, they are most likely done "per favor". A few elements point to this, firstly they are all mint, secondly, they are from various States and not likely to have been appropriate for use by Justus Scharff & Co and thirdly they are all punctured away from the image of the stamp on the Stationary.

We know that Justus Scharff & Co was a Germany company and Postal Stationary was popular in Germany. This has been shown by some excellent articles in the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria Bulletin that were authored by Bill Lloyd Smith.

As far as helping us learn more about the user of JSS.4, Justus Scharff & Co, they are a "red herring", but the positioning of the strikes on the stationary does tell us about the structure of the device. As John says in his article in **SPPB # 65** of April 2004 (page 12).

Thanks to Maurice Harp, Jeff Turnbull and John Mathews for sharing their finds and knowledge regarding this peculiar item and the similar examples that have been found.

Revised Circuit Procedures in Australia

By Greg Howard and David Coath

Recently the Circuit experienced a long delay with the circulation of a set of Books, owing to the ill health of a Member.

Such things are unavoidable, but they can cause delays and potential loss of Circuit books. To address this, we will be asking Members on the Circuit to nominate a second contact point, to ensure that books can be passed on, should there be any issue which delays processing. The second Contact will need to be aware of the rules regarding posting etc.. Greg will be contacting Members of the Circuit to discuss this.

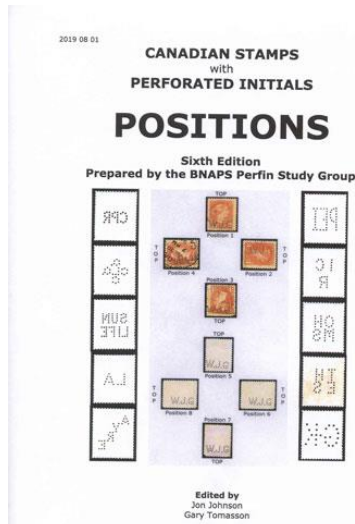
Revised Canadian Perfin Catalogue

By Jim Graham and David Coath

The 6th Edition of the Canadian Perfin Handbook is now available on the BNAPS (British North American Philatelic Society) website:

<http://www.bnaps.org/PerfinHandbook/PerfinHandbook.htm>

It is an excellent Perfin reference and it replaces the 5th Edition, that was issued in 2012. It is available free on line, as well as in a downloadable format.



The Catalogue clearly lists the patterns in alphabetic order, but most interestingly it also has a list of the issues that are found with each pattern.

As David Andersen said when reviewing the 5th Edition in SPPB # 99 of October 2012, "By providing free access to this catalogue BNAPS and the Editors have increased greatly the numbers of collectors with access to this work and it will no doubt increase participation in this aspect of Canadian collecting."

If you have new reports of patterns or positions, then please contact Jim Graham jdgraham2@gmail.com or Gary Tomasson tomasson@shaw.ca, so they can keep the Handbook current.

If you are keen to collect Canadian perfins then you could do no better than contact Jim and join the BNAPS. See their main web site: <http://www.bnaps.org/index.php> or search BNAPS

Members Wants

By Robert Dedecker, Peter Keeda, Gordon Monk, Michael Behm and Mike Hert

Robert Dedecker a PCNZA Member in France (our only one), and Author of the French Perfin Catalogue, is looking for a French Perfin cover sent to Australia. If you have one that you wish to sell then please contact Robert via email: dedeckerr@yahoo.fr or mail: 4 Les Gerioles, 60520, Pontarme, France.

Mike Hert is keen to build his collection of Lebanese perfins and is prepared to purchase spares that Members may have. Mike can be contacted by mail at PO Box 864, Bankstown, NSW, 2200 or by email at mikehert@hotmail.com or phone 0450 011172.

Mike is also keen to improve his fledgling collection of New Zealand and would be keen to hear from Members who have spares that they wish to swap or sell.

Peter Keeda is interested in buying Australian covers of Jewish Perfin users as follows:

Benjamin Bros- BB/LD, David Cohen & Co- DC/&Co, F Aronson & Co- FA, FA/&Co
Feldheim Gotthelf Ltd- FG/&Co., J&B Sniders- J&B/S, Levy Bros - LB/&Co.,
Lazarus, Aronson- L&C, LC, Lazarus, Rosenfeld- LR, Michaelis, Hallenstrin- MH/&Co
Mayer, Meltzer & Jaden- MM/&J, (Rosenthal, Aronson & Co.- RA/&Co), S Cohen & Sons-
SC/&S. Also, non-Australian (preferably covers) of Palestine - APC, קקל (KKL) and
Portugal - A1, ZAGLO

Peter can be contacted by email: Peter Keeda keedad@gmail.com or by mail at: 56/22 Gadigal Ave, Zetland, NSW, 2017.

Gordon Monk is keen to get more PCNZA patterns on New Zealand stamps to fill out his Exhibit on the Club's pattern.

Gordon is also looking for AMP Security Overprints on South Australian Revenues. You can contact him via his son on: Andrew Monk acharman@sa.chariot.net.au or by mail to Gordon Monk, 4 Kinnear Cres, Rostrevor, SA, 5073. Gordon is happy to buy or swap as exchange.

Michael Behm is seeking "perfins from South-East Asia". His contact information is:
Michael Behm, 39 Roslin Ave S, Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 2G7, Canada email:
behmmj@gmail.com

JRL.1 is J R LOVE & Co Ltd

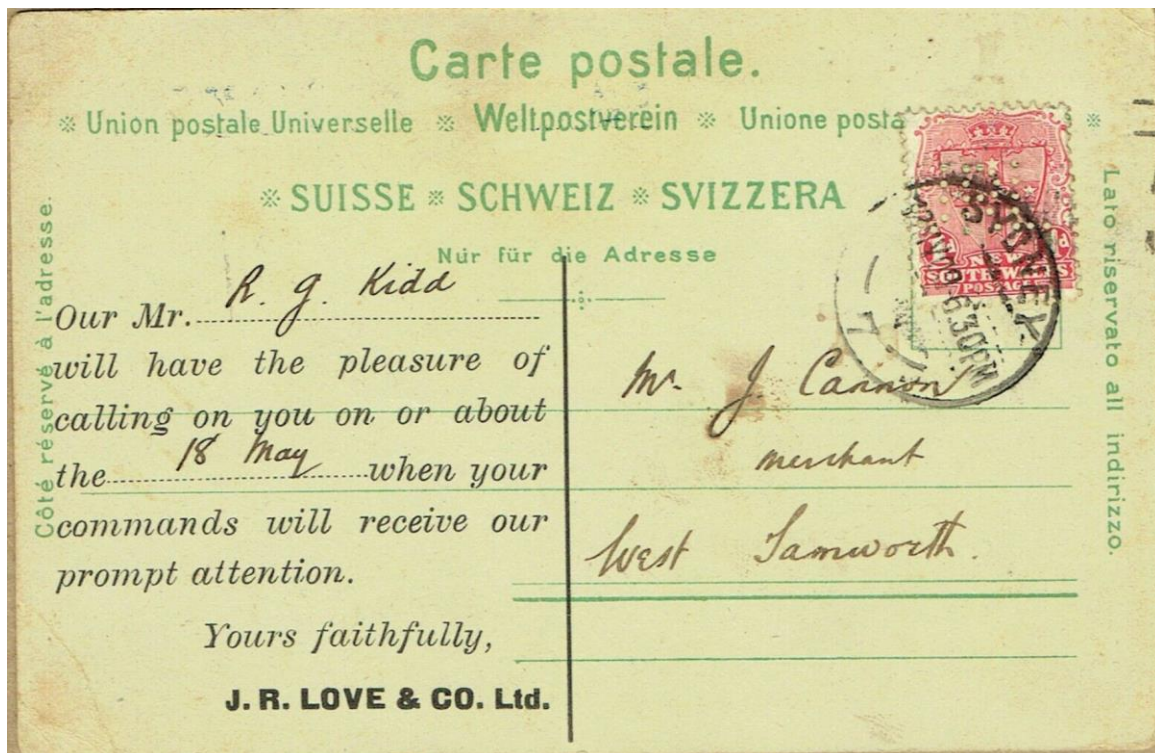
By Greg Howard and David Coath

What an amazing find and at under \$10, what a price. Now the JRL.1 is made from what is most likely a single die customised device. It is justifiably rated Rare and I have only seen a handful of these. This is surprising as patterns from customised devices tend to be more common, as the purchase price of the device represented a significant investment and therefore that device was likely to be used for as long as the user company was operating, and the device was serviceable. Furthermore, all the strikes that I have seen are clean and complete, which suggests that over the life of the device it was in good order.



The life of the device seems to have been a short one. The postmark from Greg's Postcard is clearly July 1909 and the rather smudged postmark from my example (enlarged at left) appears to be December 1909. In the absence of other evidence, the device seems to have only been in use for about 6 months. This would account for its Rare status.

From the history of the company (see below) we know that they remained in business for many years after this period, so it is difficult to imagine why they would not continue to use the perfin device.



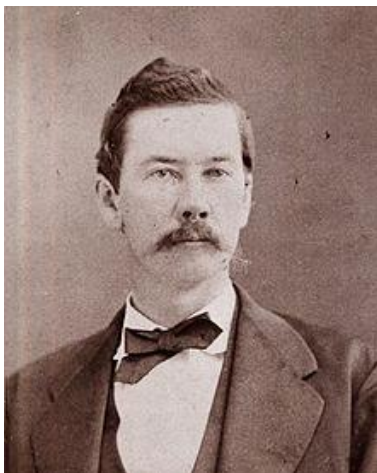
So, this Postcard has given us a user, J R Love for JRL.1 and a quick search in TROVE confirms that they were located at 97 - 99 Bathurst Street, Sydney, from about 1883, (see image below) and postmark evidence confirms that they device was in use in at least 1909.

History of J R Love & Co Ltd

Introduction

This is an edited version of an extract from an Article in Volume 5 of The Australian Dictionary of Biography by G P Walsh. By the way the Australian Dictionary of Biography is an amazing resource and has a huge array of well written histories of important Australians, as well as less well known ones like James Love. It is available online at <http://adb.anu.edu.au/> and is easily navigated. The website is based on the books which have been produced by The Australian National University in Canberra and a staggering 18 Volumes have been issued to date.

History of James R Love



James Robinson Love (1836–1914), merchant, was born on 22 June 1836 at Fintona, County Tyrone, Ireland, the younger son of William Love (1812–1885), shepherd, and his wife Ellen, née Robinson (1815–1882).

In March 1841 James arrived in Sydney with his parents and brother, as bounty immigrants (a Government sponsored scheme of assistant immigration 1828 – 42 with paid passage) in the ship named the “*Brothers*”.

The family settled on the Coppabella run at Tumbarumba (just south of Tumut), New South Wales, owned by William Love's father-in-law, James Robinson (d.1868). James's father William, failed on the land and in 1850 moved to Sydney, where he opened a retail grocery shop at 476 George Street and in 1860–64 represented West Sydney in the Legislative Assembly. James

was married in 1863 to Kassie Louise (1841–1910) and initially joined his father's business, but in October 1866 Love & Son became insolvent and it was finally wound up in 1875. On 1 September 1867 William was appointed police magistrate at Gundagai.

Meanwhile James, with £200 lent him by Frederick Lassetter, opened a wholesale grocery in a small warehouse near the corner of Park and George Streets, Sydney. Readers will know

Frederick Lassetter, Merchant, whose company F Lassetter & Co Ltd was the user of the Perfin Patterns LS.1 and .2, this may have later influenced James to use a perforator as well.

James first concentrated on the city trade, but in the 1870s sought country customers as well.

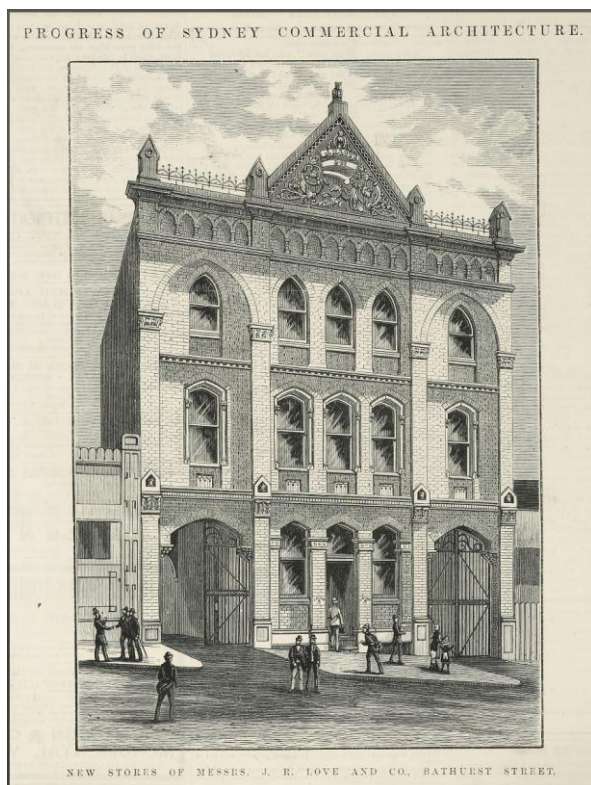
In 1882 he took his eldest son Frederick into partnership and moved to new premises in Bathurst Street (Circa 1883 Print showing 97 – 99 Bathurst St, Sydney New Premises at left) and appointed his first country traveller. In January 1888 he took his family back to England to live, leaving Frederick in charge of the business.

Love sent three of his sons to Dulwich College and Arthur, the second son, went on to Christ's College, Cambridge (M.A., 1904).

In the early 1890s competition increased in the grocery trade and the company had to employ more country travellers. In 1895 Love returned to Sydney to resume control. He visited England again in 1896 and returned permanently to Sydney in 1899 when his sons Arthur and Kenneth joined the business.

Love's firm had begun blending and marketing packet tea under the trade name “Kinkara”, a corruption of Kincora, a tea estate in Ceylon. In 1897 “Kinkara tea” and “Mother's Choice flour” were registered as brand names and became widely known. (See reproduced Building sign from Portland NSW at right)

Love's reconstruction of the firm was seriously set back in 1900 when his warehouse, insured for only half its value of £44,000, was destroyed by fire. He suffered a further set-back when several employees left the firm and opened in opposition and later in the drought of 1900–02, the company had to close its branch offices in Newcastle and Brisbane. In 1907 J. R. Love & Co. became a limited company.



James Love was interested in charitable work, he was a board member and vice-president of the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, a committee member of the City Night Refuge and Soup Kitchen and an energetic helper of the Boys' Brigade. He belonged to the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. From 1903 he acted as Greek consul in Sydney and consul-general for Greece in New South Wales.

James died at his home, Theulda, Wahroonga, on 25 August 1914 and was buried in the Anglican section of South Head cemetery. Probate of his will was sworn at £33,200. Predeceased by his wife Kassie Louise (1841–1910), he was survived by four sons and a daughter.

Editors note

Notably one of the sources that G P Walsh used for his piece was a book by R. Brampton, entitled, "*J. R. Love and Co. Pty. Ltd. A Centenary History 1862–1962* (Syd, 1962)". This suggests that the business continued well after the death of James and this is supported by evidence from TROVE showing the companies "flagship" brands, in particular "Kinkara tea", appearing in advertisements in Newspapers and Magazines through the 1920's – 40's

References:

Image of Building Courtesy of the "Antique Print and Map room".

Australian Dictionary of Biography

Portland NSW "Signs of Yesteryear"

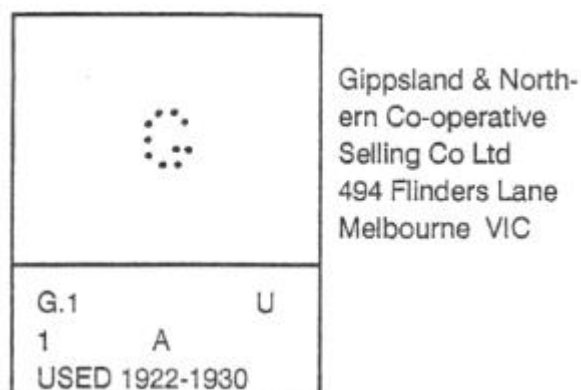
G.13 is GIPPSLAND & NORTHERN CO – OPERATIVE Co Ltd

By Greg Howard, John Amiet and David Coath



This report comes from John Amiet. John is a regular source of amazing new reports and he has the next 2 front cover items slated for January and April 2020. This is G.13 on a part envelope that proves the user as Gippsland and Northern Co – Operative Pty Ltd. It is nearly as important as our cover item of JRL.1, but it was pipped for the cover because Greg's report was a complete cover.

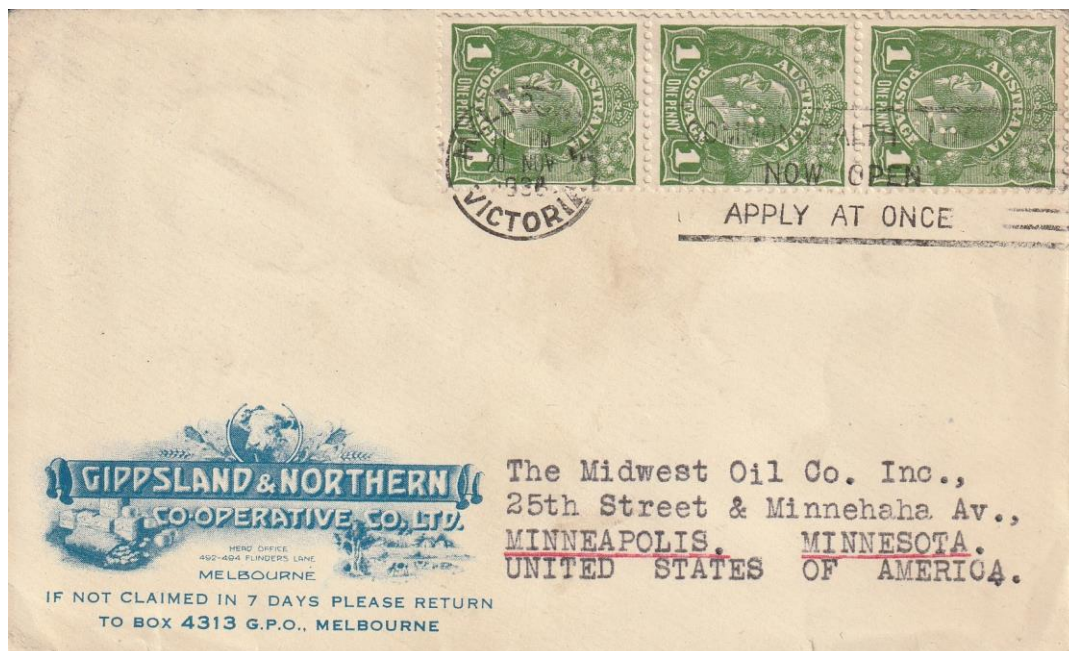
Now the story of the single "G"'s is quite interesting. There were 3 in Commercial Perfins of Australia (CPA) 1992, as follows:



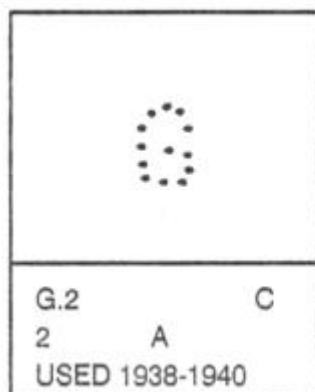
This is most likely a single die customised device. The usage period is stated as 1922 – 30 and this was repeated in HAPP (2003). The



actual usage is slightly longer with examples (see left) with postmarks in 1920. The actual usage could start in 1919 as the pattern is found on 1 ½ d Browns with Large Multi watermarks which were mainly used in 1919.



This cover is from Greg Howard, it is certainly G.1 and it proves Gippsland & Northern. The postmark is interesting as it expands the usage period again, this time extending it into the 1930's. It is hard to read but it is either 1933, 35 or 36.

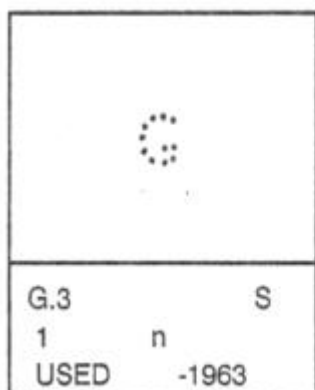


Gippsland & Northern Co-operative Selling Co Ltd
494 Flinders Lane
Melbourne VIC

Note

This is G.2 and it is part of a 2 die device in a vertical array. The other die is listed as G.8 in HAPP. See the front cover of SPPB # 112 of January 2016, as well as SPPB # 100 which proved the relationship between G.2 and .8, as well as the patterns relationship to GM.1 and .2. See also the Note in HAPP on page G 18 that explains this as well.

The true usage is 1937 - 40. The pattern was incorrectly "proved" to Gippsland & Northern in CPA, but this was corrected in HAPP. The true user is Goldsbrough Mort & Co Ltd, for details see Revenue Perfin of South Australia.



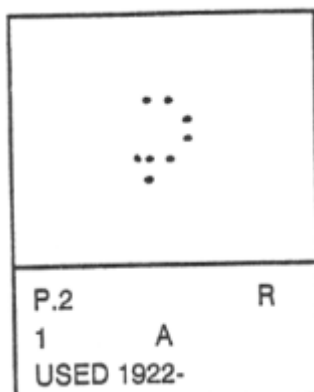
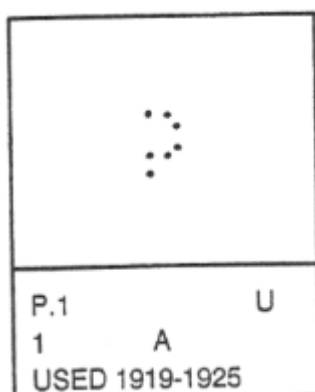
Gresham Fire & Accident Insurance
Cnr Bent & Bligh St
Sydney NSW

Insurance

This was correctly identified as Gresham Fire & Accident Insurance. The usage period was extended in HAPP to 1955 - 1966.

It is most likely a customised single die device, but it could be a multi die device and if so, it is most likely a 3 die horizontal device, similar to many others used by Insurance companies in Sydney during the same period.

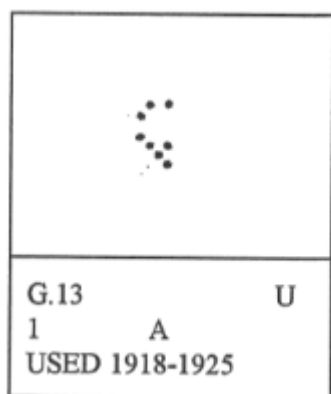
For details on this company see Revenue Perfin of New South Wales.



Now these patterns, P.1 and P.2, also appeared in CPA. The confusion is understandable as they both look like P's. They were corrected in HAPP and listed as G.13 and G.14

They are temporary dies

The usage for P.1 is interesting as it dates from 1919 which is possible given the issues it is found on.



(was P.1)

Now this is G.13 from HAPP. It is the same as P.1 in CPA, but flipped over, except it has a new pin near the base of the "G". I have many of these, but I have never seen one with the extra pin.

In any case a pattern with an extra pin in this location would essentially be the same pattern as G.13 but a Type.

This transfer from P.1 and P.2 to G.13 and G.14 was part of a huge influx of single "G" patterns that were included in HAPP. They numbered all the way to G.20 and I have a page of other ones numbered to G.24 and beyond.

Yes, HAPP had more than twice the number of patterns that were listed in CPA, but an expansion from 3 (CPA) to 20 (HAPP), plus more, is exceptional.

Can this new proving piece have more to tell us than just the user of G.13? Perhaps so, let's look at this group of single "G"s, as a whole:

- G.1 Customised device, Melbourne postmark used 1920 – 30 Gippsland & Northern
- G.2 Customised device, Adelaide postmarks used 1937 – 40 Goldsborough Mort
- G.3 Customised device, Sydney revenue use 1955 – 65 Gresham Insurance
- G.4 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used 1914 ** Unknown
- G.5 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used 1912 Unknown
- G.6 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used 1922 *** Unknown
- G.7 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used 1918 Unknown
- G.8 Customised device, part of device with G.2 used 1937 – 40 Goldsborough Mort
- G.9 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used 1928 Provisionally Gippsland & Northern
- G.10 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used C 1918 *** Unknown
- G.11 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used 1911* Unknown
- G.12 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used C 1914 Gippsland & Northern
- G.13 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used 1918 – 26 *** Unknown
- G.14 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used 1918 – 22(?) Unknown
- G.15 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used 1919 – 22 * Unknown
- G.16 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used 1918 *** Unknown
- G.17 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used 1918 Unknown
- G.18 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used 1918 Unknown
- G.19 Temporary device, Melbourne postmark used C1918*** Unknown
- G.20 Customised device part of larger "blanket" pattern BGECOLD.1
- G.21 – G.24 Temporary devices, Melbourne postmark used 1918 *** Unknown

This is a bit of a mess of data, but if we summarise it, it tells us the following:

- 1 There were 5 "G" patterns from Customised devices in the study period, but only one in Melbourne and that was proved to Gippsland & Northern.
- 2 Between 1911 and 1922 there were more than 15 Temporary "G" patterns with usage mainly around 1918. They all have Melbourne postmarks.
- 3 2 of these Temporary patterns are proved to Gippsland & Northern, that is G.12 and now G.13 and G.9 is provisionally attributed to Gippsland & Northern.
- 4 Add to this (reading below), the Gippsland & Northern Co – Op was established in about 1905 and came to Melbourne in about 1910 and this fits the usage period of the Melbourne based devices/patterns.

It is a “ghost” of an argument that these Melbourne G’s are all Gippsland & Northern, but it improves as we shift from looking at what might be, to what cannot be, in terms of other possible users.

Gresham Fire and Accident. They came to Australia in 1912 but in the study of the Revenue Perfins of NSW, we could not find any activity outside Sydney.

Goldsbrough Mort They were a huge company with offices in most States, but they only used perfins in South Australia. This most likely arose as a result of their takeover of perfin users Bagot, Shanks & Lewis (BS&LLTD.1). They did use Commercial overprints, but these were limited to the post WW2 period.

Other possible Users One of the features of both CPA and later HAPP, is the very useful “Possible User Identities” Section. In CPA it is at the back of the book on pages 277 – 288 and in HAPP it is at the front, in Appendix 1, pages 13 – 27. Neither lists a possible user for the single “G” patterns.

Conclusion

We now have 3 of these Melbourne “G” patterns proved to Gippsland & Northern and the remaining ones are within the period of the company’s time in Melbourne. Furthermore, there are no reported alternatives, therefore, I believe, on the balance of probabilities, that the remaining “G” Melbourne patterns can be provisionally attributed to Gippsland & Northern Co Operative.

*See Update to HAPP #2 October 2005

**See Update to HAPP #2 February 2012

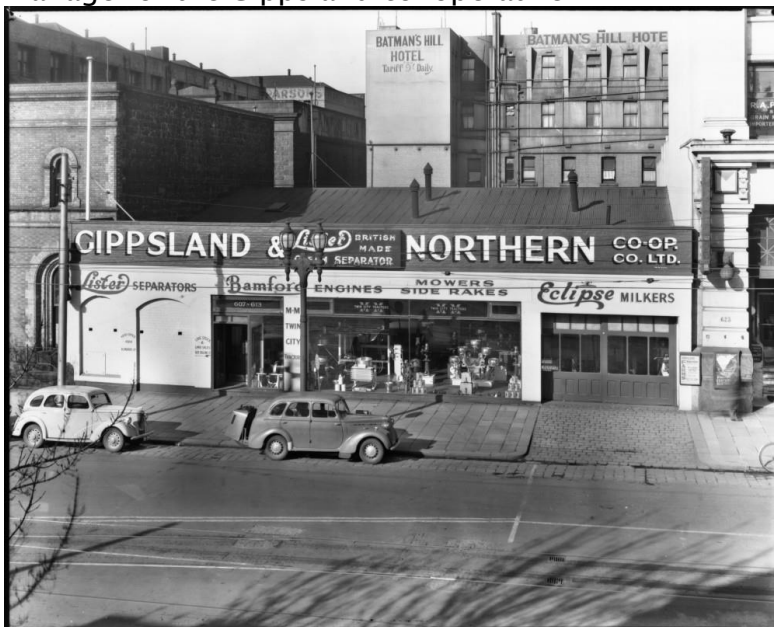
*** David Coath collection

The Gippsland & Northern Co – Operative story

One of the founding members of the Gippsland & Northern Co – Operative was Alexander William Wilson (1870–1949). Wilson was born in Lancefield (VIC) in March 1870 and after finishing school at Scotch College, Melbourne, he spent a year at the Bank of Victoria before joining the Colonial Bank in 1899, where he was soon appointed accountant at its Camperdown branch.

Shortly afterwards he resigned to take up a dairy farm named, “Glenora”, which was a 314–acre (127 ha) property at Mirboo North (Gippsland). In 1901 he became secretary of the Mirboo North Dairy Co. Ltd, a small co–operative butter factory, and later he served as a member of the Mirboo Shire Council.

Wilson represented the Mirboo North co–operative before the Royal Commission on the butter industry (1904–05), which exposed unscrupulous practices by marketing agents. As a result, Wilson became an advocate of a co–operative selling and was appointed Secretary of the Gippsland Butter Factories Co–operative Produce Co. Ltd (later Gippsland and Northern Co–operative Co. Ltd), when it was formed in 1905. In 1908 he became General Manager of the Gippsland co–operative.



Under Wilson, the company expanded to encompass the sale of grain, seed, livestock and land; it established its own butter–box factory, its own insurance company and, after 1920, its own weekly newspaper, “The G & N Co–Operator”.

This rapid expansion and diversification explains the variety of names that the Co – Operative had over time, including, “Gippsland Dairy Co – Operative”, “Gippsland & Northern Selling Co Ltd” (merged/absorbed the North Eastern (Victoria) Co – Operative in 1910 – 11), as well as “Gippsland & Northern Selling and Insurance Co

Ltd" (from 1918). The company acted as a Stock and Station Agent, as well as selling a range of Diary equipment such as separators etc.. You can see these in the window of their Showrooms at 607 – 613 Collins St (pictured on the previous page) which they occupied from the 1940's. It looks like a converted old Motor Garage.

The company had premises at 492 – 494 Flinders Lane as well as offices at 527 Collins St and they were still in the Collins St premise when they were taken over by Dalgety's in the mid 1960's.

Auction Watch

By David Coath, Greg Howard, Bob Szymanski, John Amiet, David Wood and Dave Elsmore



The first report is an amazing lot that was featured in Phoenix "The Goldmine Sale" (Part 1 of Auction 74) that will take place on 15 November 2019.

It is an amazing Sale of Kangaroo items and this item is Lot 31 and it has an estimate of \$500.

It is the largest multiple of the OSNSW Type A that I have seen and it clearly shows the Dies 1 – 6. What is more it is early usage being on the Kangaroo issue, that was replaced by the KGV issue in about 1915.

You can tell this is a punch head that is in a horizontal array, it is actually a 12 die Head with 2 banks of 6 dies and a gap for the central gutter. See Australian Official Perfin (AOP) 2nd Edition 2007 pages 90 –92. This is confirmed by the missing pin variations, note the column of the 2nd Die and that they are all missing pins in both the S's. Likewise, the column of Die 5 are all missing the last pin at the end of the S. Also, there is a missing pin in the bottom S of Die 6 and one in the bottom S of Die 1.

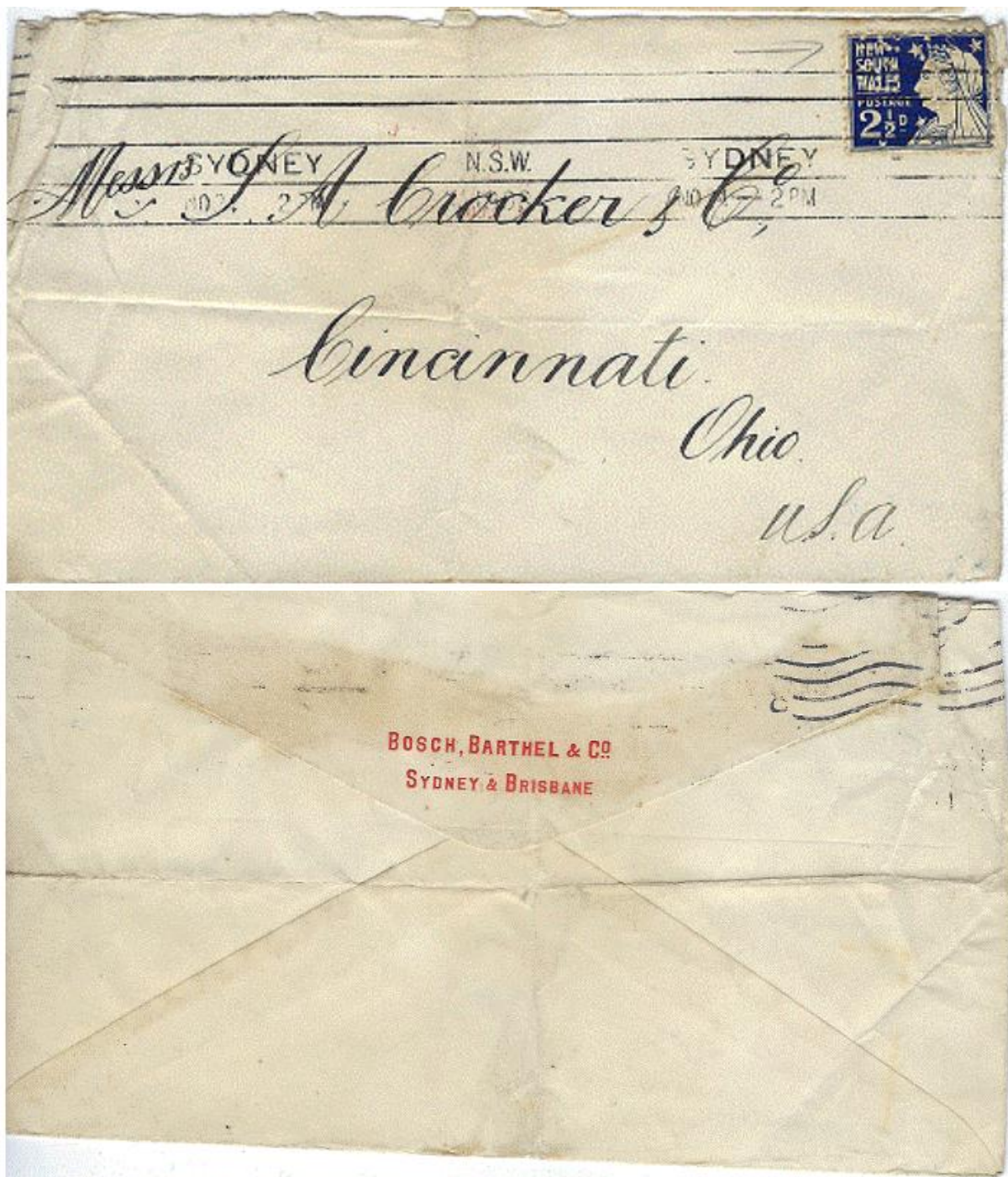
Now compare it to the diagram of the 12 Dies that I shared on pages 27 of SPPB # 125 of April 2019. Note the same pins are missing in my diagram with the addition of missing pins in the S as well as the W of Die 3. In the Phoenix example only the pin in the W is missing. My diagram was built up using multiples over a greater period of time and will tend to show missing pins that developed later in the usage period of the device.

An amazing multiple and would be a great Exhibition item.

The report is not a current or past Auction, but rather a future one. It comes from Bob Szymanski, who Members would be aware, runs a Monthly Perfin Auction. Anyone can register to be a bidder and Bob can be contacted at: perfinman@comcast.net or by mail at: Bob Szymanski, 10 Clarridge Circle, MILFORD, MA, 01757 - 1371 USA.

Bob advises that he has three Australian covers coming up for sale in the January, 2020 auction.

They are GGT.1, ODC.2, and most importantly BB&CO.1, which is featured below:



The pattern is hard to see from the front scan, but I can confirm that it is BB&CO.1. As can be seen from the reverse of the cover, it proves the user of BB&CO.1 as Bosch Barthel & Co. This user was only recently confirmed and is reported in HAPP Update #2 of February 2012. HAPP states the usage as 1905 - 1924, but that is in some ways misleading. Firstly, the device comes into service in 1902 (see image on following page), but the usage is not contiguous. Usage starts at 1902 but by about 1905 the device is showing signs of wear and the pattern becomes a little indistinct, with incomplete strikes becoming more common. Around this time the device appears to have been withdrawn from use and it does not come back into service again until at least 1924.



1902 use Pattern in 1902 1905 1924-26 BBCO.2 1926

When usage restarts in 1924, the ampersand and the C are still generally poorly struck, which indicates that the device was returned to service without being repaired. The timing of the reintroduction of the device is interesting as it seems to coincide with Bosch's retirement and may have been an additional security measure applied by Bosch himself, but that is speculation.

There is a related pattern listed in HAPP as BBCO.2 (see above at right). The image of BBCO.2 in HAPP is slightly distorted and suggests that the B's have characteristics different to the B's in BB&CO.1. This is not the case and BBCO.2 is exactly the same as the BB&CO.1 pattern, with the exception that the ampersand is missing. The BBCO.2 pattern is rare and the examples we have seen date from around late 1926 to 1928. They have been reported on KGV issues with Small Multi Watermark in the Perf 14 as well as the later Perf 12½ x 13½.

This suggests that the BBCO.2 pattern is merely a result of a repair to the BB&CO.1 device, perhaps involving the relocation of the few remaining working pins in the ampersand to replace the pins missing in the C and O.

This means that we can confidently assign both BB&CO.1 and BBCO.2 to Bosch Barthel & Co.

The following Company history can be found in the "Revenue Perfin of New South Wales":

History of Bosch, Barthel & Co

George Bosch was born on 18 February 1861 at Osborne's Flat (near Yackandandah), Victoria, the son of German parents who had emigrated to Australia. After leaving school he was apprenticed to a Melbourne watchmaker, but in 1881 he went into partnership in Sydney with his father George, as Bosch & Son, importing watch materials and tools.

In 1885 he was joined by Emil Barthel and the business gradually expanded into dental and optical supplies and diamonds. Bosch made his first business visit to Europe in 1885, and being of German descent, speaking German well and with connections to the Hansa Trading network through his mothers' family, he was well placed to establish some sound business relationships and agencies. In 1894 he bought out Barthel but kept the name, Bosch Barthel & Co. and established branches in Melbourne and Brisbane.

The business flourished much as a result of Bosch's efforts, he was an efficient manager and worked long hours, to the eventual detriment of his health. Bosch also built his wealth through successful investments in stocks and real estate. He shared his wealth with huge contributions to charitable and educational institutions.

Bosch retired in 1924 and in retirement he continued his philanthropic activities, including a gift of £200,000 in property and securities to the University of Sydney. He also travelled extensively, including trips to Europe the USA and Asia. After a visit to East Asia in 1928 his health failed, but he was nursed back to good health and on 11 October 1929 (at Beechworth, Victoria), he married 28-year-old Gwendoline Jupp, who had nursed him.

Bosch died on 31 August 1934 following a heart attack and was survived by his wife and two sons.



This is CNB&CO.1 which is rated Uncommon.

Greg Howard found this example on a characteristically grubby looking 5/- NSW Map, for just \$10 with delivery. It was listed on EBay, showing that this popular site can still manage to surprise us now and then.

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Certificate No. **101585** is held in the company's office against this transfer for **850** shares on Melbourne Register - Valid for 42 days from **11 JAN 1965**

The Colonial Sugar Refining Company Ltd.

THE COLONIAL SUGAR REFINING CO. LTD.
(INCORPORATED IN NEW SOUTH WALES)

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I/We A.N.Z. NOMINEES LIMITED of P.O. BOX 8378, MELBOURNE
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of _____ (FULL NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS)

of _____ (SHORT ADDRESS) (hereinafter called

"the transferor") in consideration of the sum of £ 3038-15 paid to me/us by

Mr. _____
Mrs. _____
Miss _____

STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE (QUEENSLAND)
BRISBANE

This report comes from John Amiet. It is hard to see but the stamps all carry the perfin C.5(HAPP) (E/C C.a) of Constable & Co of Sydney, which is only found on Revenue stamps. It is most often found on the NSW Numeral issues, but is also found on a variety of revenue issues of Victoria, as well as being very rarely found on revenue issues of Queensland.

However, finding it on an issue like a £10 is extremely rare. This one was listed by Status International in September 2013 and sold for \$130 plus commissions etc. and would have cost the buyer about \$200 in the finish.

The document is complete but has been folded so as to reduce the space it takes up. These Share Transfers for Colonial Sugar Refining (CSR) are quite common as a Stamp Dealer, I think it was Rod Perry, came upon a huge quantity of them. They are quite often found with perfins as perfin using Stock Brokers handled many of the shares, these include, Constable & Co, Charles A Ord & Minnett and A D Meares & Bishop.

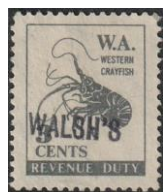
New Reports

By Greg Howard, Dave Elsmore, Richard Smolnicki, and David Coath



This report is another from Greg Howard. It is GSH.1 which was reported on a Queensland Revenue in Update to HAPP #1 of October 2005, but had not been sighted by Greg, Dave and me when we did the "Revenue Perfins of Queensland"

It is now included as GSH.a



Another Greg Howard report this is a completely different "Walsh's" to all other reports of this Security Overprint.

It is now included in the "Commercial Security Overprints of Australia" in the Western Australian chapter.

Walsh's were a Menswear retailer.

See: <https://www.perfins.com.au/OZ-Revenue-Perfins/WA-Revenue-ZW-Perfins.html>



Dave Elsmore found this at "Hamilton for Stamps", it was previously a part of a lot of Railway stamps sold at a recent Abacus auction.

It was \$30, but it is new value for the L.a (Lowood Creamery) (HAPP L.2)

Hamilton's for Stamps offer an excellent range of items on their website, see:

<https://www.ham4stamps.com/rhome1d.asp>

The Lowood Creamery is a very interesting user and the story of the creation of this perfin at the Queensland Government Printer is also worth reading about. All this information can be found on "Private Revenue Perfins of Queensland, here:

<https://www.perfins.com.au/OZ-Revenue-Perfins/Queensland-Revenue-L-Perfins.html>



Richard Smolnicki reports these interesting embossed pieces. They are from the Norwich Union/Fire Office. The embossed name seems to have performed the function of a Security Overprint. It is unlikely that they are a Cancelling device as the stamps

both carry Company cancelling cachets that are unrelated to the embossing. They have been reported before, but this report was limited to a 2/- issue. It was listed in the Other Page of the "Private Revenue Perfins of NSW". See:

<https://www.perfins.com.au/OZ-Revenue-Perfins/nsw-Revenue-Z-Perfins.html>

Norwich Union were perfin users and are proved to NU.a, 1911 – 14 (HAPP NU.1) and NUF.a, 1914 – 64 (HAPP NUF.1). But the usage periods for these 2 devices post date these Embossed "patterns". The Embossed ones seem to date from the 1890's with Richard's from June 1899 and the one on the Revenue site dated March 1895. In any case an interesting extension of our study.

New Zealand Reports

By Richard Smolnicki, David Warren and David Coath

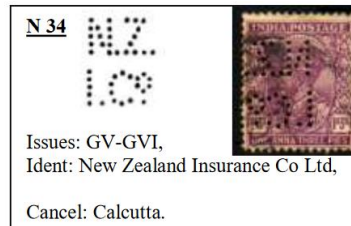
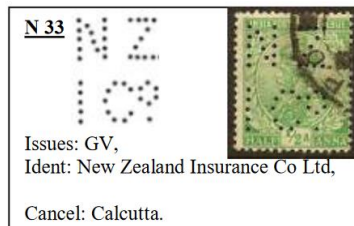
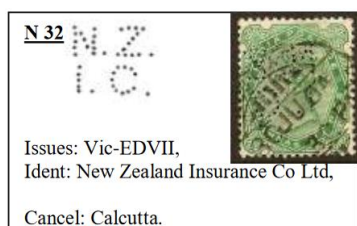
In the last SPPB, David Warren shared some reports of NZICO patterns on the issues of Great Britain and India. David was using the Samuel Catalogue as his reference for these and made a very good point that they were not as rare as Samuel had rated them.

Following this article, I received emails from Steve Steere (UK) and Richard Smolnicki (NZ) suggesting that the better reference in all these cases would be the Primary catalogue, that is as follows:

GB Patterns: "[The Gault Catalogue of Great British Perfins 2018](#)"

India: "The Perfin Stamps of India", (Original Catalogue by Magnus Werner (1990) Updated 2018 By Jeff Turnbull, published UK Perfin Society) See the article on Page 7 of this Bulletin.

The Indian issues are reported as follows:



The "Perfin Stamps of India" (PSofI) and Samuel's (2nd Edition 2010) both list 3 NZIC patterns, see below, and I have added in some usage dates from my examples, please feel free to share with me what you have found from your collections:

(PSofI) N32 – Samuel NZIC 8. Similar letter size to the Samuel NZIC 1 (HAPP NZIC.1) used in Brisbane and later Adelaide. This is understandable as they are contemporary devices dating from Circa 1901. I have NZIC 8 with postmarks 1902 – 07

(PSofI) N33 – Samuel NZIC 9. This pattern is found with the pin under the O as well as no pin and may be due to degradation of the device. I have NZIC 9 with postmarks 1924 – 25

(PSofI) N34 – Samuel NZIC 10. I have this NZIC 10 on issues Circa 1931 and other postmarked to 1936 – 37.

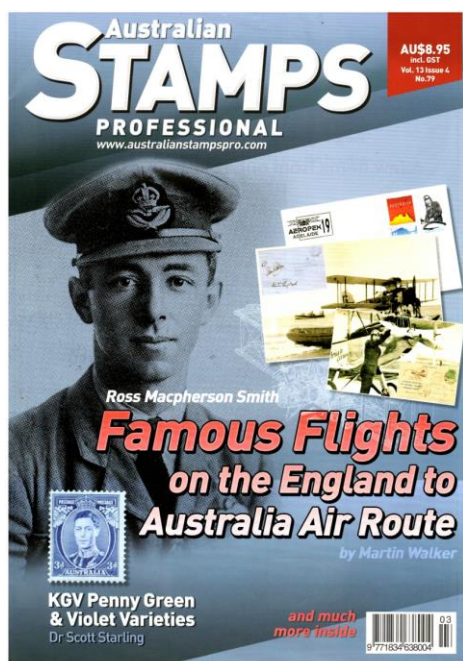
With more examples we will be able to get a clearer picture of the usage of these NZIC patterns at the Calcutta office. Overall these patterns spread from 1902 to at least 1937 and it would be reasonable to assume that the devices were more contiguous than my splintered usages show.

I look forward to sharing the dates that you report.

Next Bulletin January 2020

By Jason Rowe and David Coath

The Next Bulletin is already taking shape and it will contain a further article by Jason Rowe on the VG's. The same article was featured in "Australian Stamp Professional" Volume 13, Issue 4, # 79 (see at left), that came out a few months ago. It was Part 5 of Jason's VG articles and as we go to print the latest issue of "Australian Stamp Professional" carries Part 6 in the series.



In these articles Jason has refreshed our knowledge of this important area of Australian Perfin Study, and further he has used his growing understanding of the VG device and how it operated, to better define the possible pattern positions. This combined with his, and Neale Scott's, continued work on suspect and forged VG patterns has demystified areas of study.

On a lighter note I see that Jason does not work alone. As you can



see from the image at right, he has taken on a Research Assistant to help with sorting.

In addition to more from Jason, the next Bulletin will feature:

"The South Australian OS and SA dies on small format Issues" by Jerry Austen and David Coath

"Amazing New Zealand Reports" by Stephen Jones

"Excitement at the Sydney Stamp Show" by Andrew Turnbull, Jerry Austen and David Coath

"The Elephant in the Room – Temporary patterns in the collecting of Australian Perfins" by David Coath

I will be in Europe with the family in late December and early January visiting my daughter who is working in Hamburg, so the January issue will be late.

Best wishes to all of you for Christmas and the march into 2020. – *David*

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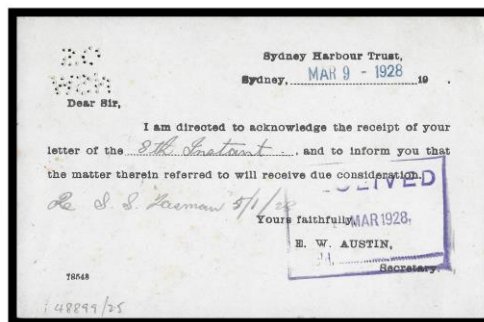
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