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## EDITORIAL

This issue of the Bulletin has been more difficult to compile than is usually the case. For a normal issue, I review the articles submitted by readers, decide which to include (normally I include all submitted material) and then write further material myself to fill gaps and blank pages. For this issue, and for the first time, I have had more material than could fit into the 12 pages. My thanks to John Mathews, Derek Pocock, Tony Nobilo, Peter Parsons, Barry Clarke and Peter Wood.

Please keep up the supply of articles for future issues.

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## CLUB MEETING - NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION, SYDNEY, OCTOBER 1995

Several members have indicated their interest in attending a meeting of Club members at this Exhibition. The Secretary has written to the organising committee of the Exhibition requesting facilities for a meeting during the early part of the Saturday afternoon (21 October) which suited all respondents. Mid-morning on Sunday was nominated as an alternative time if Saturday afternoon was not available.

The Exhibition Committee have noted our request and will confirm our allocated time soon. The Secretary will pass on this advice to those who have already responded, and to any others who express interest, closer to the Exhibition date.

## PERFORATED COIL STAMPS ?

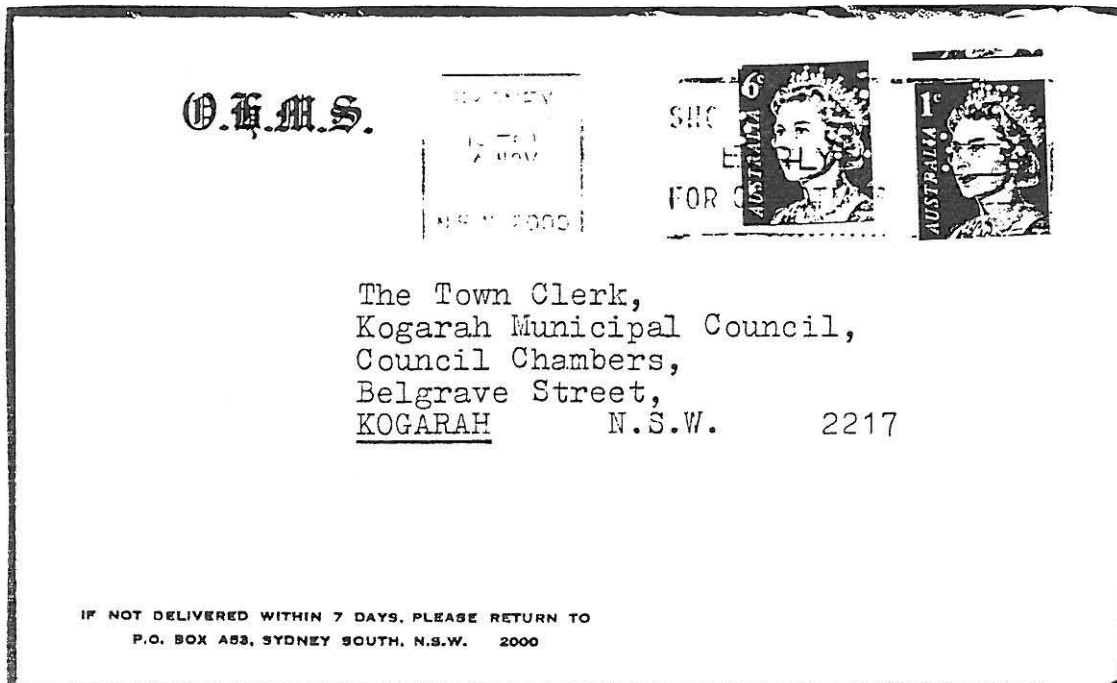
(John Mathews)

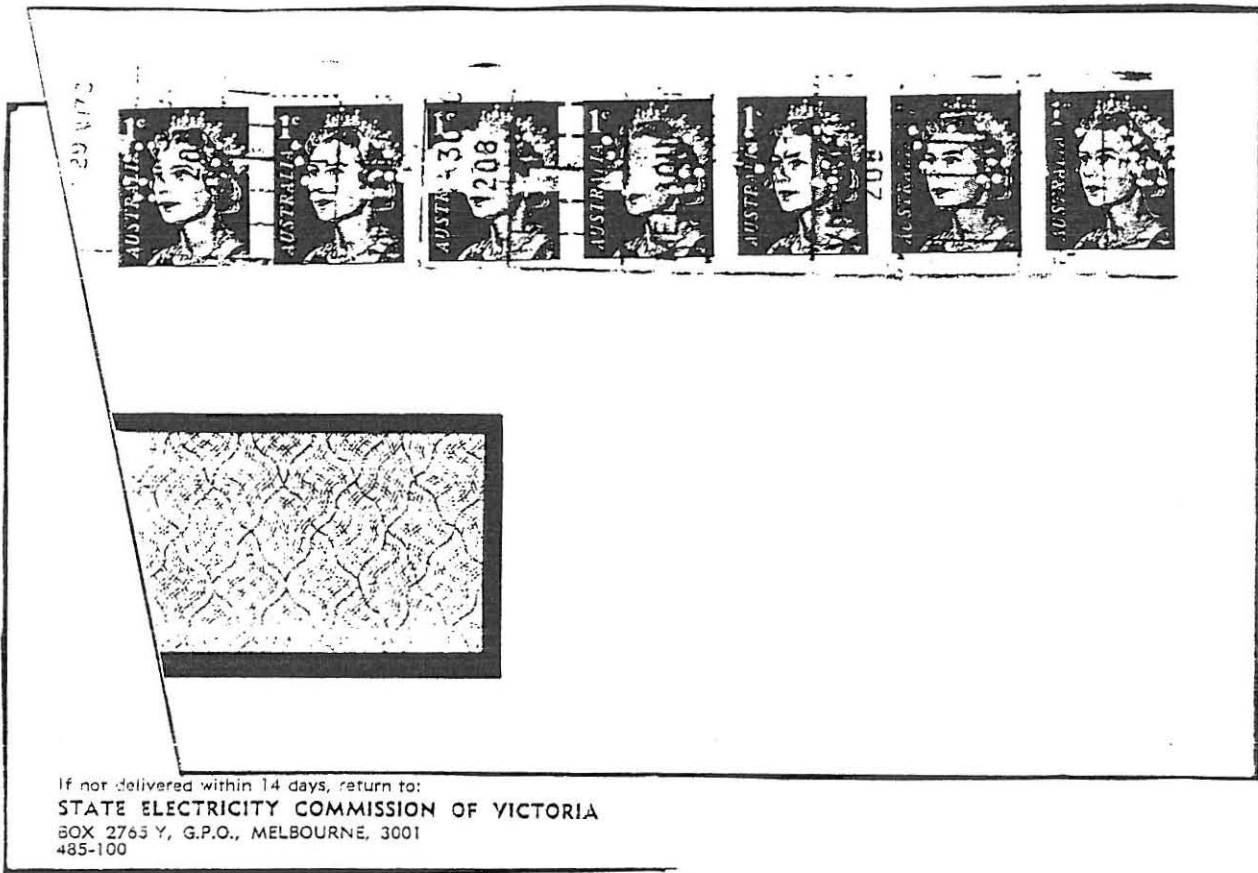
I recently found the two items illustrated and am hoping that a reader may be able to offer an explanation for the appearance of the stamps thereon.

The smaller envelope was used in 1971 by the Metropolitan Water Sewerage and Drainage Board (P.O. Box A53, Sydney South, NSW 2000) with 1 cent and 6 cent values from the 1966 definitive set affixed, each perforated "G/NSW". The 1 cent value has a most unusual appearance in that all four sides appear to have been cut. The lower edge has cut well into the stamp design and, correspondingly, the top edge is 1 to 1.5 mm into the design of the stamp above. Both these cuts have a distinct flattened inverted "V" shape. Down the right hand side, a cut extends at about 0.5 mm beyond the row of edge perforations (almost to the edge of the design of the stamp to the right) from the top to about halfway down the stamp, then jumps to about 1 mm beyond the perforations. Down the left hand side of the stamp, a cut extends from the top down to about the same level as the right hand "jump" and almost completely cutting off the edge perforations. Below that, the stamp appears to have separated from the stamp to its left by normal tearing.

The long envelope has a strip of seven 1 cent 1966 definitives affixed and was used in 1973 by the State Electricity Commission of Victoria. The left-most stamp is perforated with "VG" type III position C, while the remainder have the perforation in position A. The right-most stamp also has part of a second strike of the perforation. All four sides of this strip are cut, the top and right hand sides being cut beyond the edge perforations, the lower side cut inside the perforations so that it appears "imperf" and the left hand side is cut through the line of perforations.

The questions which arise are, firstly, were the sheets intact when the "G/NSW" and "VG" perforations were applied and, secondly, how did the stamp and strip acquire their straight edge cuts - manually or by some dispensing device?





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## LITERATURE WATCH

Recent editions of the Bulletin of The Perfin Society of GB include:

- a. Bulletin No. 275, April 1995
  - Summer's "Typhoo Tea" Limited (David Scott)
  - A 1d red plate puzzle (James Norris)
  - Storing, mounting and displaying your perfins (Rosemary Smith)
  - The first Great British perfin die (Roy Gault)
  - 1993 Netherlands Christmas stamps (Dave Hill)
  
- b. Bulletin No. 276, June 1995
  - More from the Sloper ledgers (Stephen Steere)
  - When is a perfin not a perfin? (re the Post Office clip)
  - Telegraph, telephone and cable company perfins (WT Glover)
  - Storing and displaying perfins (Kim Bjarnt)
  - Ipswich perfins/perforators (Dave Hill)
  
- c. The Perfins Bulletin (USA)
  - A Postal card from Smyrna with Perfin (Wolf Dinslage)
  - Perfins of malay-Asia, Oceanic Islands
  - Katalog der Deutschen Firmenlochungen
  - Another Use for Perforators - "PAID" and "CHECK" perforators  
(Chuck Spaulding)

## AUCTION WATCH

It is not often that I see New Zealand perfin material in auction catalogues. My thanks to Tony Nobilo for providing the following information on perfin lots in New Zealand Stamp Auctions Postal Bid Sale No 144, which closed in May 1995. Apparently not all lots sold and some good material is still available from the auction house.

	Est (\$NZ)
4d 1900 Pictorial, perfin "W&T/Ld"	10
1d Universal perfin "AWF"	15
1d Universal perfin "EM/W"	10
1d Universal perfin "N.Z.F."	5
1d Universal perfin "N"	8
1d Universal perfin "S&S/W" upright	40
1d Universal perfin "S&S/W" on 1906 p14x14½ printing CP Cat \$85	50
1d Universal perfin "W&T/Ld Upright	12
1d Universal perfin "W&T/Ld" sideways	12
1d Universal perfin "W&T/W" normal and reversed (2)	10
1d Dominion perfin "HMC & Co" fine example of this scarce item	100
1d Dominion perfin "B.G.E.C." pair used on a small piece with rubber stamp cancels of British General Electric Coy (2)	75
1d Dominion perfin "R.G. N." upright	15
1d Dominion perfin "R.G. N." inverted	15
1d Dominion perfin "R.G. W." sideways	12
1d Dominion perfin "VOCo" one line	10
1d Dominion perfin "VO/Co" two lines	5
1d Dominion perfin "RI Co Ld" upright	4
1d Dominion perfin "RI Co Ld" inverted	4
1d Dominion perfin "RI Co Ld" sideways	4
1d Dominion perfin "RI Co Ld" upright with lower half omitted, only shows "RI" and part "Co"	10
1d Dominion perfin "W&TW" upright	4
1d Dominion perfin "W&TW" inverted	4
1d Dominion perfin "W&TW" sideways	4
1909 Edward VII ½d perfin "USSCo"	30
Perfin "RI Co Ld" on 1d Field Marshall	5

Australian Items of interest seen in auction catalogues since the last Bulletin include:

	Estimate (\$A)
Stanley Gibbons (Australia) Public Auction Sale, May 1995	
1. 1942-1947 three "proving" covers franked 2 1/2d KGV with perfins "JD&CO", "ED&CO" and scarce "H LTD" for Harringtons - cover with tear at top. Also 2/6 NSW Stamp Duty perfin "SBI" on South British Insurance receipt. Also 127 diff State and Commonwealth Commercial perfins.	200
"The Stamp Album" (Vic) Postal Bid Sale 24, May 1995	
£1 blue and gold NSW Stamp Duty (with perfin "NQICO")	18
Edlins of Canberra Auction June 1995	
1. Seln perfins on hagners incld States, KGV, roos (4d & 5d noted) through to dec. Some private.	50
2. Bundle used envs all bearing perfins inclds private issues (80+)	40
3. Accum of Aust and world perfins in pkt incld some high value defins, private and official on/off paper. (100s)	50
West Brisbane Stamp Sales Public Stamp Auction 95.5	
1. Sel used State perfins on Hagners with "OS", "G/NSW", "WA", "VG" and "T", inc 1/4 and other scarce items. (69)	200
2. Coll in album, range used, all wmk, most vals. OS opts (2 sets), perfins, etc. Noted 3d blue imprint block 4 perf "OS".	110
3. 2d red KGV sm mult wmk p. 13.5 x 12.5 perf large "OS" (12 holes). Quite scarce. Used.	60
4. 1932 6d typo Kooka with State type large "OS" (12 holes). V. scarce. Used.	70
John & Jan Fitzpatrick (NZ) Postal History Auction No. 19, June 95	
1. 1939, 1d Queen perfin "CMF" on neat Colonial Mutual Ins. env. Sydney m/c cancel.	22
2. 1957 souvenir envelope "Flying Doctor" to NZ, "Brisbane" on 2d "DJ&D" (DJLTD ?) perfin and 7d.	18
Status Auctions International 161st Public Auction, June 1995	
1. Great Britain. Small box full. All reigns represented, QV onwards, but mainly more modern. Dupl. (3000+)	40
PHILAS Stamp Auction no. 61, July 1995	
1. Small box cont Perfins, wide range private and official + few foreign	40
2. Wide range in 3 boxes - Revenues, Railway, Perfins, Stickers. Mainly Aust.	60
3. 15 5/- Roos commercially used, fair to "Z" grade, inc 3rd wmk "OS" and 2 private perfins.	80

## PERPETUAL TRUSTEE CO. OF SYDNEY

DEREK POCOCK writes: "The recent acquisition of a proving cover of PTCO.1 (Perpetual Trustee Co of Sydney) shows a different address printed on the rear flap of the envelope. Instead of "2-6 Spring St. Sydney" as given in the "Commercial Perfins of Australia", the address is 33-39 Hunter St. Sydney. Did the company have more than one office?"

The cover bears a 3d 'roo and is dated 16th July 1917: it is not registered but was presumably double weight. The envelope has a lovely watermark in the paper - the symbolism of the animal standing on its rear hooves is interesting to speculate upon (and also what it is carrying - a staff in the left hoof and scrolls (?) in the right)."



(Note added by John Mathews: I have a series of such envelopes of Perpetual Trustee Co and can narrow down the time when the company changed address. My cover used in October 1915 has the Spring St. address on the flap, and the next one (January 1917 usage) has the Hunter St. address. In "Commercial Perfins of Australia", we tried to show the address of user companies as it would have been at the beginning of the period of usage of the perfin. Derek's envelope may have been a special quality one for airmail usage, for one I have with a postmark date of 18 July 1917 - two days after Derek's - and addressed locally has only a series of lines as a watermark in the paper! One envelope used in 1924 shows the watermark "DEVON VALLEY / PARCHMENT", but again nowhere near the aesthetic appeal of Derek's.)

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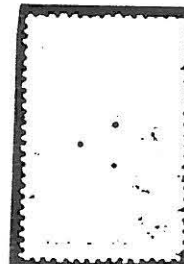
## THE HUNGARIAN TRIANGLE PERFIN

Peter Parsons has submitted two examples of this perfin, together with an explanation of its origin. He says "an interesting perforating experiment was tried by Hungary about 1921. It was an inflationary period, and the device was intended to overcome this problem. Four in each sheet of current stamps were perforated with three holes, arranged in a triangular pattern, these sheets being sold at the ordinary Post Offices. Purchasers wanting complete sheets without these punched holes had to obtain them

from the central Post Office, and pay a loading of 10 per cent."



The illustrations show the items submitted by Peter, one being an example of the "triangle" on its own, the other having a private perfin (H.B.T.) in addition to the "triangle".



## AUCTION SALE 1/1995 - PRICES REALISED

Auction 1/1995 was another very successful one, with only 14 lots were unsold out of 103. Few lots sold at the reserve, and again covers were particularly keenly sought. A couple of lots were decided by the "first received of two equal highest bids" rule. Prices realised for sold lots were:

Lot	\$A	Lot	\$A	Lot	\$A	Lot	\$A	Lot	\$A	Lot	\$A
1	7.50	21	2.25	37	4.25	53	5.50	69	17.00	85	8.00
2	2.50	23	8.50	38	12.00	54	5.50	70	15.00	86	25.00
4	W/D	24	11.00	39	5.50	55	2.00	71	6.50	87	5.00
9	6.00	25	6.00	40	6.00	56	5.50	72	6.50	89	13.00
10	5.00	26	6.00	41	2.00	58	6.50	73	6.50	90	3.00
11	25.00	27	4.25	42	6.00	59	6.00	74	4.00	91	10.00
12	25.00	28	45.00	43	2.50	60	4.50	75	2.25	92	2.00
13	30.00	29	10.00	44	12.00	61	6.00	76	1.50	93	3.00
14	2.00	30	6.50	46	4.25	62	7.00	78	4.25	94	10.00
15	6.00	31	6.00	47	4.25	63	7.00	79	1.00	96	8.50
16	2.75	32	6.00	48	5.00	64	6.00	80	16.00	97	15.00
17	3.25	33	2.20	49	5.50	65	5.50	81	5.00	98	2.00
18	3.75	34	27.00	50	15.00	66	4.00	82	5.50	100	6.50
19	2.25	35	38.00	51	6.50	67	14.00	83	35.00	101	6.50
20	1.75	36	3.25	52	4.50	68	4.00	84	10.00		

Material for the next auction is most welcome and should be received by John Mathews by 30 September to be included in the next catalogue.

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## SURVEY OF CONFIRMED USER IDENTITIES

(John Mathews)

I think the Editor has opened Pandora's box with this one! For any other country, this would be an unambiguous problem, but for Australian perfins, the existence of the Victorian Service Perfins raises the question of whether to count each variety of a given letter combination or not. My own thought is that each customised perfin should be counted and that where a group of the Victorian Service Perfins "obviously" belong to the same company then the group only gets counted as "one" - let the debate begin!

With those conditions, I counted a total of 837 patterns/groups of patterns of which 508 (61%) have now been positively identified, 83 (10%) have been assigned identities which are "very probable" and 246 (29%) remain without an identity, although many of the latter are covered by the list in Appendix 2 of the catalogue which gives possible users.

In a letter-by-letter breakdown of those letters with a reasonable number of patterns, the letter "I" patterns are most completely identified, and the "wooden spoon" goes to either "Y" patterns or (if you think their numbers are not statistically strong enough) to the letter "J" patterns.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Financial statements for the year ended 30 June 1995 have been supplied by Barry Clarke and Peter Wood and are reproduced below:

**New Zealand Account**

Receipts	\$NZ	Expenditure	\$NZ
Cash in bank 4 May 1994	439.25	Auction vendors	24.30
Subscriptions	201.24	Circuit vendors	123.30
Circuit Sales	180.50	Subs overpayment	7.00
Auction Sales	109.98	Transfer to Australian a/c	553.24
Bank Interest	23.78	Cash in bank 30 June 1995	246.71
	<u>954.75</u>		<u>954.75</u>

**Australian Account**

	\$A		\$A
Bank Balance at 1.7.94	1448.59	Preparation & Despatch of four Bulletins	653.10
Subscriptions including \$193.62 in advance & \$500 from New Zealand A/c	1308.36	Bank & Government Charges	29.56
Bank interest	48.09	Postage & Stationery	130.30
Bulletin sales	166.48	Term Deposit Increase	1000.00
Exchange Branch	6908.48	Exchange Branch	5287.43
Auction 1/94	919.35	Auction 1/94	875.55
Auction 2/94	472.61	Auction 2/94	397.00
Interest on fixed deposit to 6.4.95	65.25	Bank Balance 30.6.95	2964.27
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**Bank Reconciliation:**

Balance as per statement	3390.30
Deduct unrepresented cheque 69	415.58
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	<u>2964.27</u>
Balance as per Cash Book	2964.27

**Fixed Deposit A/c:**

\$2500.00 @ 6% for 12 months due 6 April 1996

Many thanks to Barry and Peter for their work on behalf of the Club.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Included with the April 1995 Bulletin was the final alphabetic section of the first Supplement of new patterns to "Commercial Perfins of Australia", together with Update Number 5 of new usage dates, identities and other relevant information on all known patterns. We would like to thank the following people who have forwarded such information since the catalogue was published in 1992.

J.Amiet	J.Garner	D.Pocock
D.Andersen	B.Giddins	D.Richards
C.Beech	W.Harley	C.Salt
R.Bradford	P.Haynes	(England)
D.Brennan	B.Jeffries	N.Scott
R.Broderick	J.Johnson	G.Soutar
C.Clark Hutchison	(Canada)	(Germany)
(Scotland)	J.Laura jr.	I.Stockwell
B.Clarke	(USA)	A.Taylor
(New Zealand)	B.Magee	J.Van der Hoorn
R.Coath	P.Magi	(Netherlands)
L.Cooley	R.Mewhinney	D.Warren
D.Dell	(USA)	(New Zealand)
(New Zealand)	B.Mulholland	M.Watson
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J.Fordham	B.Pawson	
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(Austria)	E.Pirchan	

Any further contributions will of course be most welcome at any time. Please forward them to the Secretary.

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## PHOTOGRAPHIC PERFINS

Paul Burega of Ontario, Canada, wishes to acquire perfins and perfin covers for the following firms:

B&R	Baker & Rouse	KL	Kodak (Australasia) Ltd
H	Messrs Harrington Ltd	KLD	Kodak (Australasia) Ltd
H	Harrington Pty Ltd	KLTD	Kodak (Australasia) Ltd
HL	Harringtons Ltd	WE	Western Electric Co
HLTD	Harringtons Ltd		Famous Lasky Film
K *	Kodak (Australasia) Ltd		Service

\* all types of "K" are required.

Paul also would like to find a photographic film carton of the sort used by Kodak. Any member able to assist Paul could get in touch with him at 16 Aldgate Crescent, Nepean Ontario, Canada K2J2G4.

## ANTHONY HORDERN AND SONS' PERFORATORS

(John Mathews)

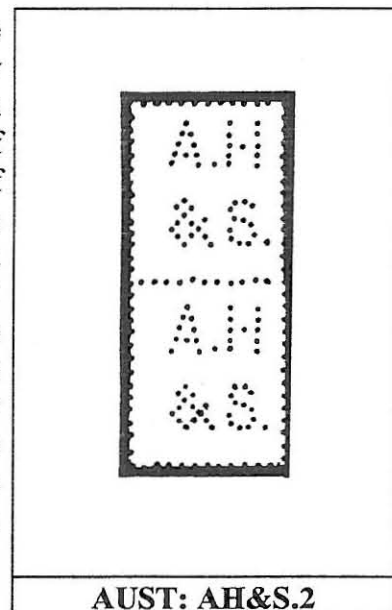
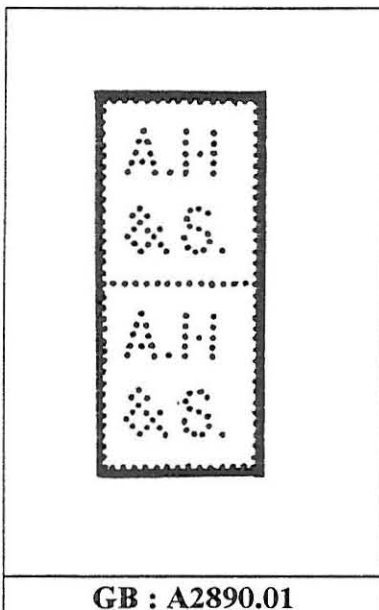
A recent acquisition has rekindled doubts I have had for some time about usages attributed to the Anthony Hordern and Sons' AH&S.1 die. I seek members' help to try to establish an earliest date of use for this die, and a usage period for their earlier die (AH&S.2).

Because the two dies are so similar, I suspect that there may have been some mis-identification previously. The later die (AH&S.1) has a wider 'A', a narrower 'H', a flattened ampersand, and an 11-hole 'S'. This die was made by Joseph Sloper and Co. Ltd. of London on 23 March 1925 according to that company's workshop impression books. My earliest dated copy has a 30 March 1927 postmark - does anyone have an earlier postmark date for this (or manuscript cancel on a duty stamp) ? I suspect the 'N' usage reported for this die was really for die AH&S.2.

My recent acquisition, referred to above, was a vertical pair of GB stamps each of which has an A.H/&S. perforation listed as A2890.01 in the GB Perfin catalogue. I also have a vertical pair of New South Wales stamps with AH&S.2 - the two pairs of perfin patterns are identical, including the spacing between the 2 strikes. So, were there 2 identical perforators made, or is this another case of a perforator starting its service in England, then being sent to Australia (see SPPB July 1994, page 10)? This die does not appear in the Sloper records and its manufacturer (and their records) may never be known. My other examples on New South Wales stamps have "killer"

parcel cancels with no

dates. Does anyone have any dated copies? Are any copies known on Commonwealth issues (if so, any dates)? One of Anthony Hordern's large emporiums was destroyed in a fire on 10 July 1901 and as the AH&S.2 is known used well after this time the perforator either was not in use at the time of the fire or time the perforator either was not in use at the time of the fire or else survived that event.



The editor of the GB catalogue tells me that his latest dated copy of A2890.01 is postmarked "London 26 FEB 1915". Do any GB collectors have a later date of use on GB issues? What is the earliest date of use on GB issues? The user of the GB perfin has not yet been identified. In the Kelly's Post Office London Directories for the latter half of the 1890s, Anthony Hordern and Sons are listed as "Australian Merchants" with offices near Cripplegate in London's EC postal district.

## INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER

(Barry Clarke and John Mathews)

This article is based on a display compiled by Barry Clarke using company perfins and other philatelic material to illustrate the company's history.

In 1831, Cyrus Hall McCormick invented the reaper, igniting a revolution in American agriculture that changed forever the farming methods of a growing nation. McCormick stood out among competing inventors as a business visionary who devised ingenious ways of marketing his invention and built the world's largest manufacturer of harvesting machinery. In 1902, the inventor's company merged with four other leading agricultural machinery manufacturers to form INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY. In 1909, "Harvester" ranked as fourth largest corporation in the U.S.A. and the largest farm equipment monopoly in the world.

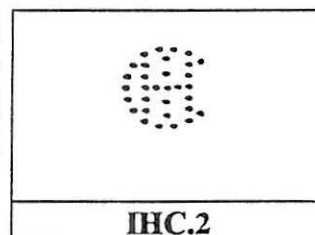
"The Reaper" which McCormick invented was a horse-drawn device which cost \$100 and which could reap 10 acres a day, compared with the 3-4 acres per day capability of a man with a scythe.

He demonstrated his machines at the 1851 World Fair in London and won the Grand Gold Medal of Honour at the Paris International Exposition in 1855. By 1856, his Chicago factory produced 4,000 machines a year, but this was totally destroyed in the "Great Chicago Fire" of 1871 and it took two years to re-establish the production line. In 1852, the first "Harvester" products were distributed in Australia. From 1877 to 1880, their biggest off-shore customers were Australia/New Zealand where 3,500 harvester/binders and 400 mowers were sold per year.

Early this century, new plants were opened in Hamilton (Ontario, Canada), Norrkoping (Sweden), Lubertsky (Russia), Croix (France) and Neuss (Germany).

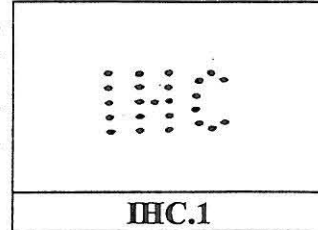
International Harvester (Australia) Pty Ltd was formed in 1912, but remained as a distributor until 1939 when the first Australian production plant was completed at Geelong in Victoria. Soon afterwards, World War II intervened and this plant was required to scale back its production of farm equipment in order to manufacture items for the war effort. After the war, production returned to normal and the output was diversified to include tractors and domestic refrigerators. During these post-war years, Australia's motor vehicle manufacturing industry commenced and International Harvester became part of this with the establishment of a truck assembly division at Dandenong (south-east of Melbourne) at the end of the 1940s. In 1958, another factory was bought in Port Melbourne for the expansion of the manufacture of construction equipment.

International Harvester were extensive users of perforated stamps. For example, the 1987 U.S. Perfins Catalog lists 129 perfins of IH within C, the pattern used in Tasmania and listed in "Commercial Perfins of Australia" as IHC.2. This was used throughout the U.S. and Canada with one or more extra pins around the periphery of the "C" in different positions for each

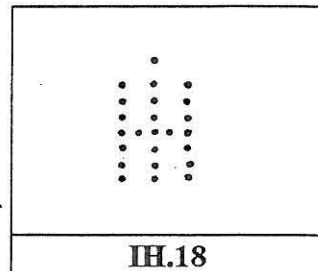


of the branches of the company. IHC.2 does not have any such extra pins. Ironically, the company's Australian activities were centred on Melbourne, yet this office seems to have been a customer of the perforating services offered in Melbourne and did not use a customised perforator. Perhaps, the IHC.2 perforator was originally sent to the Melbourne office who, because of the local service available for their use, preferred to pass the IHC.2 device on to the Tasmanian branch.

Soon after International Harvester (Australia) Pty Ltd was formed, the perfin pattern used in Melbourne changed from I.H. (sometimes without the dots between the letters) to IH within C but produced as a Victorian Service Puncture still. One of these, IHC.3, was in use over the period 1915-1945, suggesting that this may have in fact been a device custom-built for the company by the provider of the perforating service, following several batches using similar styles. Another custom-built device used by the company was IHC.1, known with Fremantle, West Australia postmarks.



In 1945, the company changed its logo to simply I on H as shown. This coincides with the end of the recorded use of IHC.3 and shortly afterwards the three head device IH.18 was produced. The design of the pattern of IH.18 reflected the



style of the new logo. Both IH.18 and IHC.1 appear to have ceased being used in 1970 - perhaps readers can recall if this is when International Harvester ceased trading under that name in Australia.

In Germany, Denmark, Belgium and Russia, perfins based on the "IH within C" are also known. The Durban, South Africa, office used a straight line "I.H.C." perfin, and other straight line perfins were used by offices of the company in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

### THE GEORGE ADAMS "A" PERFINS

Since the last edition of the Bulletin went to print, three copies of these perfins have been seen with postmark dates in months not previously recorded in articles in this Bulletin (SPPB October 1994, page 6, and April 1995, page 4).

Pattern A.2 was seen with an October 1902 postmark, bringing the number of months of use in 1902 to seven for this perfin. (There are still no reports of use in February, May, July, August or November 1902). It has also recently been seen with a 3 December 1908 postmark, the latest date of use so far recorded.

Pattern A.6 has been seen with a June 1902 postmark. The main period of use of this perfin is now from October 1901 to January 1903 inclusive except for November 1901 and September 1902.