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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I feel very flattered to be asked to become President of this group. As a group we have a lot to be proud of since our beginnings in 1986. I am conscious that Robert Samuel who was to accept this office, but whose health deteriorated so quickly was a very worthy holder of such an office with this Society or indeed any philatelic organisation. He was a consummate perfin scholar together with his other wide interests and philately has lost a great man.

In this situation therefore I feel I should try and justify my position as your President and to this end I want to push our activities both amongst ourselves and in our visibility to the rest of the philatelic community.

Firstly I would like to encourage our members to exhibit. This is the method par excellence by which to promote our interest and the perfins of the world are a subject for us all to have a go at - not just Australia. The relatively recent collecting of perfins, which were until a few years ago regarded as "damaged", means we are in an untapped field of possible research whereby good marks can be achieved in such a study. Rarity, as we well know, is exemplified by the scarcity of covers, whether proving or not, and both presentation and condition present a challenge to every one of us when mounting perfins.

As an initiation to this area I have put forward the idea that we have our own competition when we meet at National Exhibitions in Australia. Any member of the Club, whether able to attend or not, may submit up to 2 entries on perfins consisting each of 6 sheets on any subject in our specialty. Those present will assess each entry and all present will mark every entry (excluding their own) as to how they feel the 6 pages do the exhibitor credit. Note there will be no scores for any particular feature like presentation, research

etc., merely how good a job he/she has done. Marking 1st, 2nd, 3rd by each one present should give us a good idea of who has done best and I will initiate a "President's Cup" to be held by the winner until the next competition we hold when (hopefully) someone else can win and also have their name inscribed.

Now this trial competition is not written in stone and after the first go in Melbourne in October, we can review the way it has gone and make modifications where the meeting thinks necessary. Naturally entries can be submitted by anyone and there would be no need to fill in an entry form, or pay a fee (important that) but just turn up with your 6 sheets. If you can't get there just send your pages to the Secretary who will see that they are displayed with the rest.

Next I would like to see the Club develop a library which would include research papers by individuals before they may or may not get published. With this in mind and because I have always believed in books, I will list all the literature I have on perfins. It is really remarkable how many countries' perfins have been studied, but that by no means indicates that its all been done. Far from it and the Club should have these publications available. If anyone ever wants to borrow any of these books I own, they only have to ask and I'll send them out to them.

The Bulletin is probably our most important feature coupled with the regular auctions and I would ask every one of you to submit something to the editor, be it just a paragraph of even something you have or have seen that members would be interested in. Similarly do not hesitate to submit items of no use to yourself to the club auctioneer. Because by the sheer nature of collectors there is someone out there who wants it.

I think that is enough from me now and I hope to see as many as possible at our meeting in Melbourne and a good response to the initial "President's Cup". Happy hunting

Derek P.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new member since the previous issue:

- #209 Dennis Davis, New Mexico USA
- #210 Hubert van de Putte, Saint-Léger, BELGIUM

We regret to say that member Terry Griffiths died in April after a long illness.

SECRETARY'S NEW e-mail ADDRESS

Would members please note that John's new e-mail address is as on page 1, i.e.

JohnMa@ise.canberra.edu.au Messages are currently forwarded from the old address but this probably will not continue for long.

MEETING IN MELBOURNE, October 2002 (<http://www.apf.org.au/sm02.htm>)

Stampshow Melbourne will be held at the Melbourne Parks Multi-Purpose Venue from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 October 2002. We have asked the committee for a room for a Club meeting on the Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. As the October Bulletin will not be posted before this meeting, the Secretary will mail details to all Victorian members, and to those from other States and overseas who intend to be present. Would those planning to come from interstate and overseas please notify the Secretary by mail, e-mail, etc., by mid-September so that a mailing list can be prepared.

Derek Pocock has announced that we will hold a 6-sheet perfin competition among members in conjunction with the meeting at the exhibition in Melbourne in October (see President's message on page 1). If you would like to enter, but cannot get to the meeting, arrange for someone to bring it along for you, or let your Secretary know of your intention to submit an entry and he will arrange for someone to be the delivery point. We hope that this will "break the ice" for members to discover that exhibiting can be fun.

CLUB AUCTION

Another successful auction has now completed, with about 70% of lots selling, many well above the reserve (your auctioneer still has much to learn in the setting of reserves !). In particular, bidding was strong on Official perfins and on the good selections of European and World perfins. A list of prices realized is included with this issue of the Bulletin.

As a result, more material will be needed for the next auction ! Please send material, suitably packaged, to John by the end of September for inclusion in the catalogue.

PERFINNED AEROGRAM (John Mathews)

On eBay Internet auction recently, there was a bulk lot of perfins, mainly Government ones, which included the cutout from a 14c aerogram (October 1973 release date) with "G/NSW" perfin. As far as I can see, this value has not been reported previously.

EXCHANGE BOOKS WANTED

The NZ circuit manager is seeking exchange books with suitable perfin material for that circuit. This includes NZ perfins, perfins on World stamps which relate to NZ companies, bulk packets (say 50 or 100 per packet) of common GB and world perfins, and Australian perfins. Empty books may be obtained from John Mathews (address on front of Bulletin).

LIST OF MEMBERS' PERFIN COLLECTING INTERESTS

Only two responses have been received to date. Any list will be delayed until next issue to see if more members are interested in the idea

MEMBERS' CHOICE"

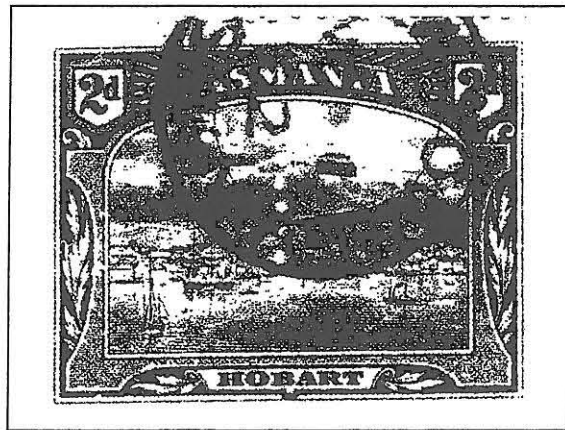
It is always gratifying to get feedback from members and thus to know that they read various articles in the Bulletin. To make these even more relevant, your Secretary invites members to let him know if there are any particular aspects of perfin, their history, their usage or their users, about which you would like to read. The National Capital is particularly blessed with a magnificent library (among others) which provides plenty of material for research.

Members are also invited to submit results of their own research into these aspects of perfin collecting. There must be many who have particular knowledge of various companies which used perfin, for example – not necessarily at the time the perforator was in use!

Likewise, if you have any questions about any perfin-related topic, this Bulletin provides a communication forum among our members to seek and share information. The Bulletin is only what the contributors make it.

PERFIN 'T' – FIRST DATE OF USE

David McNamee has found a Tasmanian 2d Pictorial with a postmark which appears to be that of the first day of use of the 'T' perfin, November 1, 1902. The item was used at New Town and the almost-complete date-stamp on this loose stamp is evenly and clearly struck, with virtually no possibility of error of reading the date. (The image has been lightened to reduce the stamp design intensity).



BNA PERFORATOR, May-June 2002

The most recent issue of the BNA Perforator v.23 number 3 #117 arrived recently. The contents included two short articles on Canadian perfin users:- Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company, and Ayre and Sons Limited. The majority of the issue consisted of Perfin Study Group Auction no.19 - mostly Canadian perfin from the Albert Aldrich perfin collection, many of which had not previously been seen.

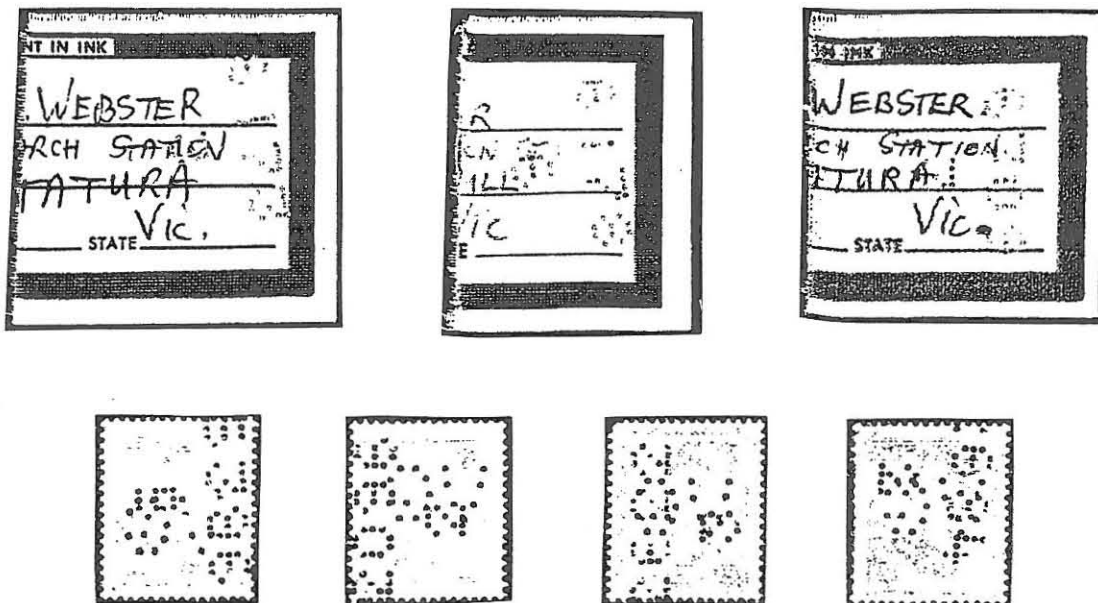
NEW "EARLIEST" PERFIN COVER REPORTED

In the April 2002 issue of the GB Perfin Society Bulletin, GB catalogue editor Roy Gault reports that one of their members has found a perfin cover dated 5 January 1869 – the earliest so far known. This cover has the perfin "SM/CO" (GB catalogue number S4920.01) which was used by Samuel, Montagu & Co., bankers, of 60 Old Broad Street, London EC. The previous early cover date was 19 February 1869, used by C. Devaux & Co., merchants and agents for La Vieille Montague Zinc Mining Company, 62 King William Street, London EC (pattern C.D/CO, catalogue number C2087.01).

Joseph Sloper was granted permission to apply his patented perforating process to postage stamps on 13 March 1868, and the search continues to find a cover used in 1868.

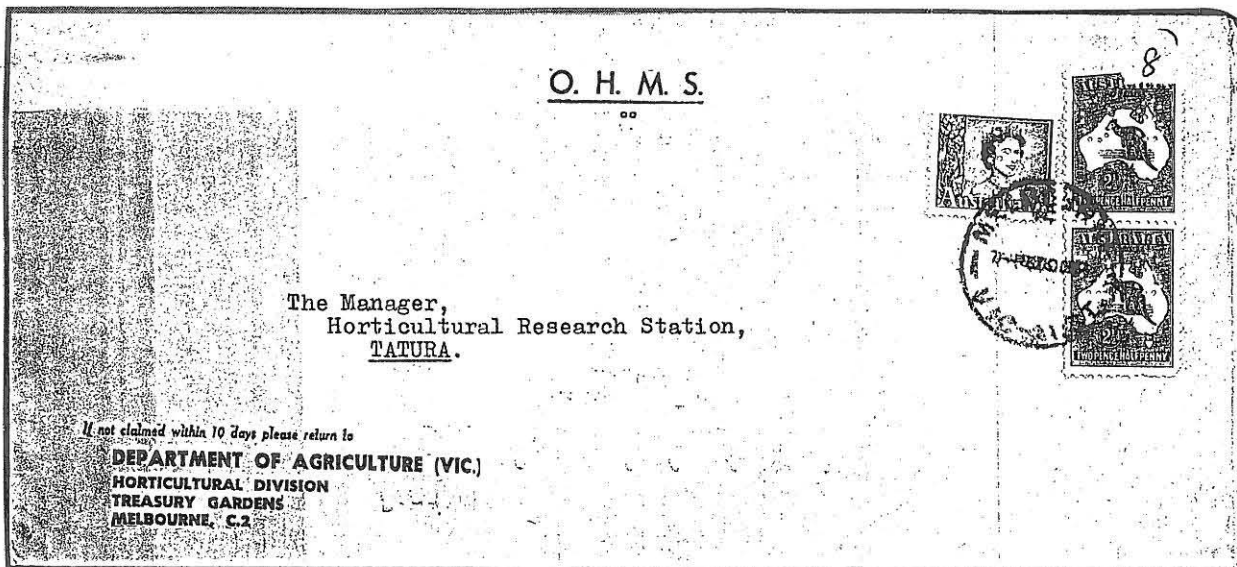
OFFICIAL PHOTOS FROM TATURA ?

Most members will be familiar with the numeral perfins found on the stamps from numerous countries applied by the Kodak Laboratories in Melbourne to match films being processed with return addresses. A member has sent some photocopies of some VG perfins with these numeral perfins also applied that have not previously been noted. Most were postmarked Tatura, used in the early 1960's and a few were on "piece" with a partial return address of ??? Webster ????? earch Station Tatura Vic.



Also included in the same lot were a larger number of stamps with the normal 'Kodak numeral perfins' but without the VG perfins and with the same return address or Tatura postmarks. Evidently Mr Webster occasionally used VG perfins on the films he sent to Kodak to process. We may never know if the films were all on official business or a few VG perfins were used for personal mail.

Also in the same lot was an interesting cover that helps a little with this story. The cover bears two 2½d Kangaroo issues perfin OS plus a 3d QEII stamp perfin VG. That both of these perfins are found on the same envelope is not surprising as Victorian Government Departments were one of the heaviest users of OS perfins prior to 1931. Probably a few mint OS stamps were found lying around and utilised around 30 years later. The envelope is addressed to The Manager, Horticultural Research Station Tatura.



It is pretty clear that Mr Webster worked at the Horticultural Research Station Tatura; possibly he accumulated stamps and interesting usages on cover and certainly had lots of films developed by Kodak. Was he the only individual to use VG perfins on films addressed to Kodak? Have G/NSW or T perfins with added 'Kodak numeral perfins' been found ?

A MILESTONE REACHED (John Mathews)

(Yes, I know that in Australia we have gone metric, but "A Kilometre-Kilogram Reached" does not sound the same !!)

Recently, circuit book number 500 was sent out around the circuit. For a club of our size, this must rank very high in turnover of material. Each book consists of 10 A5 pages, each containing on average about 20 items. In 500 books, that means 100,000 perfin items have circulated since the first book in 1991. At present, about 75 – 80% of items are bought, with no apparent decreasing trend.

SEEING DOUBLE (David McNamee, FRPSL)

My collection of Tasmanian stamps with private and official perfins includes a small number of very special perfins -- those that are doubled. Owen Ingles first documented doubled "OS" perfins on Pictorials in his December 1967 article in *Philately from Australia*. He lists the 4d Wmk TAS, the ½d Wmk V-over-Crown and the 1d Wmk Crown-over-A. David Andersen illustrates a perfin "T" with a doubled vertical axis in his 1985 checklist, *Perfins of Tasmania*. These oddities are scarce to rare, and they provide additional interest to any collection. To try to determine how scarce these errors could be, I hope that readers will add to the following census (email or write to John Mathews):

Type A.1	2d Pictorial	inverted (2 copies) - Figs. 1 and 2.
Type A.2	1d Sideface	left - Fig. 3
Type A.2	1d Pictorial	one inverted and one inverted 45° - Fig. 4
Type A.8	5d Pictorial	upright - Fig. 5

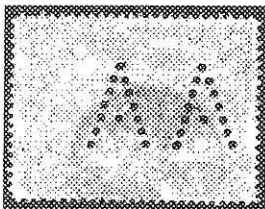


Figure 1
12mm offset

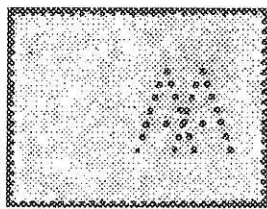


Figure 2
5mm offset



Figure 3
Offset 2mm left and 1mm down

Figure 4 shows evidence of a poor and incomplete punch (in the recent USA Presidential election, we called these "pregnant chads"). This could happen when a number of stamps were fed into the perforator in layers if the last layer was not punched all the way through. Upon discovery, the operator likely put the stamp back through in haste at an angle.

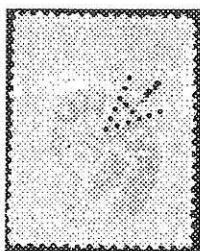


Figure 4
Inverted + Inverted
and slanted 45°

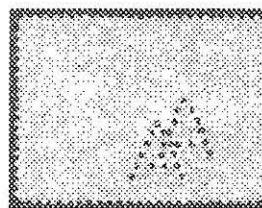


Figure 5
Offset 4mm left and 3mm down

Type T 2d Pictorial 7x6 (2) and 3d Pictorial 6x6 (2) - Figs. 6 and 7.

The line perforator used to create the perfin "T" with two passes, rotating the sheet between the pass to "cross the T." It is easy to imagine how these two vertical axis errors were made.

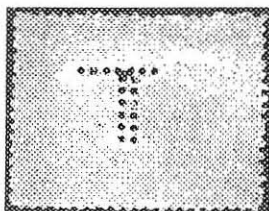


Figure 6 7x6(2)
1.5mm offset

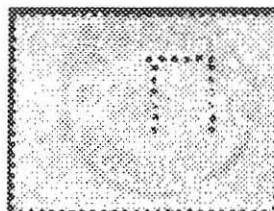


Figure 7 6x6(2)
7mm offset

Type OS ½d Pictorial mint vertical pair with complete offset - Fig. 8
Type OS ½d Pictorial mint with 1mm offset - Fig. 9

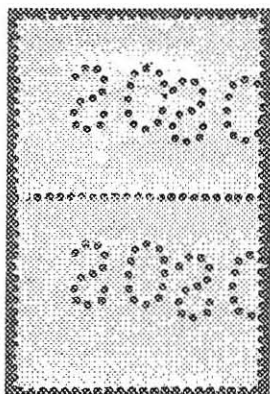


Figure 8
Offset 14mm right and 3mm down

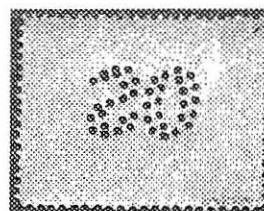


Figure 9
1.5mm offset

Because these are mint copies, it is likely that these are from spoiled sheets smuggled out of the Government Printer's shop.

Type LLG.3 3d Stamp Duty right reversed - Fig. 10

To date, no one else has reported a doubled perfin on Tasmanian revenue stamps, although it is quite logical to assume there are more of these due to the hand-operated perforators in use.

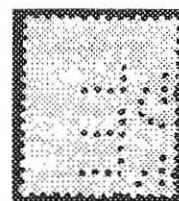


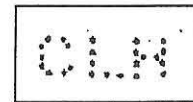
Figure 10
12mm offset

MISSES I. AND R. CRISP – PERFORATORS OF POSTAGE STAMPS
(John Mathews)

In October 1909, R. Crisp of 418 Chancery Lane¹, Melbourne, applied to the Postmaster-General's Department in Melbourne for permission for Messrs Thompson, Ramsay, Fraser Ltd to use perforated stamps.

Misses I. & R. Crisp, "Type Writers and Stamps", occupied premises at 418 Little Collins Street in 1895. Their occupation over the period 1896-1909 was recorded as "Type and Shorthand Writers", but from 1901, listings indicate that only Miss R. Crisp worked in the business. From 1910 to 1933, only "Miss R. Crisp, Typiste" is listed in the Melbourne Directory.

In June 2002, a perfin of the Victorian Service Puncture style was discovered with the letters "CLH" on a Victorian 1d brown stamp of 1897.



The only firm listed in the Melbourne Directory of that time with those initials was "Crisp, Lewis and Hedderwick, solicitors, notaries, &c." of 414 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria. The "Crisp" of that firm was Thomas Crisp, as shown in Directories from 1880 to 1888, and his private address was Wellington Street, Brighton. Probate records show that Thomas Crisp, solicitor of Melbourne West, died on 18 September 1889. Research into the Victorian birth, death and marriage records reveals that Thomas and Jessie Crisp of Brighton had ten children between 1857 and 1878 – Laura, Blanche, Winifred, Isabel Mary, Olive, Rosina Mabel, Frances, Ida May, Samuel, and Thomas Reginald.

The two sisters who set up their business adjacent to their late father's legal firm would have been Isabel and Rosina, with the elder one's initial appearing first in their business name. This is confirmed by Isabel's marriage in 1898, after which she and her husband moved to Adelaide where their son was born in 1900.

The 1903 Electoral Roll for the Caulfield (Victoria) polling place lists the widow Jessie Crisp living at Malakoff Street, Caulfield, with children Ida, Rosina, Thomas Reginald and Winifred. Only Rosina (shorthand writer) and Thomas Reginald (clerk) have occupations shown; the other three females are listed as "home duties".

One further surprise was to be revealed regarding this story. The perfin "CLH" is the same style as those of many Victorian Service Punctures, which have been attributed quite confidently to Edward T. Moulden, stamp vendor, printer and stationer, of 98 Queen Street and later 323 Collins Street. In the 1900 Melbourne Directory, the occupant of the office next to Edward T. Moulden at 323 Collins Street is listed as Miss Frances Crisp, "scholastic agency"! No other reference could be found to this scholastic agency

¹ Chancery lane was the name given to that block of Little Collins Street between Queen Street and William Street.

business, so it must have been a temporary one. However, no doubt it was Frances who told her older sister Rosina of Moulden's perforating service. One can only wonder if any other of Edward Moulden's clients were introduced through being clients of the Misses Crisp's typewriting business.

Isabel Mary Gribble (nee Crisp) died in Adelaide, South Australia, on 31 July 1948 aged 83 years, Rosina Mabel Crisp died at St. Kilda, Melbourne, on 13 February 1955 aged 84 years, and Frances Crisp died at Elsternwick, Melbourne, in 1946 aged 76 years.

LIBRARY LIST (Dr D.A. POCOCK)

If you wish to borrow any of these books just drop me a line (address on front page).

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| Argentina | - <i>Perfins of Argentina</i> Bose Howat & Tilles |
| Australia | - <i>Australian Official Perfins</i> Andersen 1987 |
| | - <i>Commercial Perfins of Australia</i> Grant & Mathews 1992 (but you've ALL got this one !) |
| | - <i>Perfins of Tasmania</i> Andersen 1987 |
| | - <i>Victorian Government Perfins</i> Scott & Toop 1993 |
| Austria | - <i>Austria Perfins</i> Nussbickel 1991 |
| Belgium | - <i>Catalog of Belgian Perfins</i> Smetsers & Smit 1985 |
| Canada | - <i>Canadian Stamps with perforated initials</i> 4 th ed Johnson & Tomasson |
| Ceylon | - <i>Perfins of Ceylon & Sri Lanka</i> Ellis 1988 |
| China | - <i>The Perfins of China</i> Davey 1991 |
| Czechoslovakia | - <i>Perfins for the Territory of Czechoslovakia</i> Maxa 1972 |
| Denmark | - <i>Denmark Perfins</i> Andersen & Hansen 1980 |
| Egypt | - <i>Perfins on Egyptian Stamps</i> Varjabedian 1999 |
| Germany | - <i>Catalog of Bavarian Perfins</i> Needham 1990 |
| | - <i>Privatepostmarken mit Lochungen Heft 4</i> Muller 1987 (in German) |
| Great Britain | - <i>GB Perfins- Hospital dies</i> Hamill et al 1993 |
| | - <i>Perfins of Great Britain</i> Tilles (2 very heavy volumes) |
| | - <i>Railway Perfins of Great Britain</i> Bowman 1976 |
| | - <i>Tomkins Catalogue of Identified GB Perfins</i> 7 th ed 1993 |
| Hong Kong | - <i>The Perfins of Hong Kong</i> Tilles c.1965 |
| India | - <i>The Perfins of India and Indian States</i> Werner 1990 |
| Ireland | - <i>Catalog of Perfins of Ireland</i> Mewhinney 1984 |
| Japan | - <i>Perfins of Japan</i> Adachi 1972 (in Japanese) |
| Malaya | - <i>Perfins of Malaya</i> P. Giffen 1989 |
| Middle East | - <i>The Perfins of the Middle East</i> Tilles 1975 |
| Netherlands | - <i>Cat of the Perfins of Nederland en OG</i> Verheoven 1991 (English & Dutch) |
| | - <i>Perfins of the Netherlands & Colonies</i> E.J. Enschede |
| New Zealand | - <i>The Tasman Catalogue of New Zealand Perfins</i> Franks 1970 |
| Portugal | - <i>A Catalog of the Perfins of Portugal & Overseas Provinces</i> Everett 1988 |
| Romania | - <i>Catalog of Romanian Perfins</i> Eros 1989 |
| Spain | - <i>A Catalog of Spanish Perfins</i> Evertett 1985 |

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United States	- <i>Perfins of the United States</i> Tilles (2 very heavy volumes)
	- <i>Railway Perfins of the United States</i> Murray 1966
World	- <i>Catalogue of Official Perfins</i> Mary Thornton 1967
	- <i>Index of the Library of the Perfin Society of Great Britain</i> Walter 2000

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2002

New Zealand Account (NZ\$)

Receipts		Expenditure	
Bank balance, 1.7.2001	851.90	Sales	11.25
Circuits	625.62	Auction sales	6.30
Subscriptions	200.75	NORTHPEX (prize)	75.00
Auction payments (buyers)	254.50	Miscellaneous	15.00
Interest	12.81	Trans. to Aust. A/c	1407.78
		Bank balance, 30.6.2002	430.25
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Total	1945.58		1945.58
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Australian Account (A\$)

Receipts		Expenditure	
Balance at bank, 1.7.2001	7381.59	Bulletins	1557.10
Subscriptions (Note 1)	1602.48	Bank & Govt charges	57.07
Bank interest	1.69	Post & stationery	111.65
Exchange branch	12730.40	Exchange branch	11304.75
Auction 1/01	2114.90	Auction 1/01	2176.25
Auction 2/01	1461.65	Auction 2/01	1565.60
Transfer from NZ a/c	1150.00	Xfer to Term Dep.	1000.00
Interest Term Deposit	314.40	Miscellaneous (Note 2)	948.20
Bulletin sales	127.50		
Miscellaneous (Note 3)	17.81	Bank balance, 30.6.2002	8181.80
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Total	26902.42	Total	26902.42
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- Notes: 1. includes \$1167.39 in advance and credit.
 2. includes \$688.00 stamps for souvenir cover.
 3. includes sale of souvenir covers.

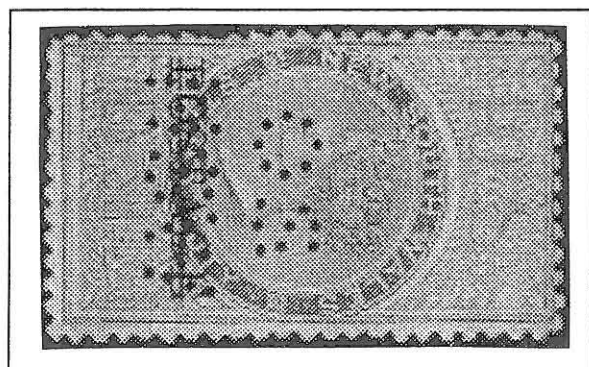
Term Deposit - \$9000 @ 4.00% due 6 April 2004

Our grateful thanks go to Peter and Richard for their splendid work in keeping our accounts in such good shape.

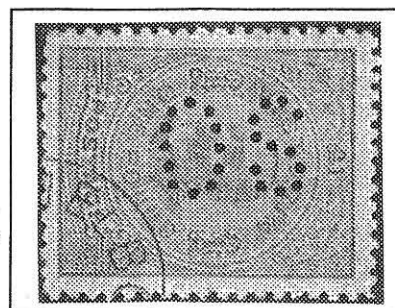
AUCTION WATCH

Items of perfin interest from auctions/direct sales since the last Bulletin include the following. Thanks to Tony Nobilo for passing on his spotting of perfin lots in the NZ auctions. Prices in A\$ unless indicated.

		Est.
a.	New South Wales QV 10/- Stamp Duty overprint "POSTAGE" perf "OS/NSW" type B, Mint hinged (eBay, May 02) sold for	US \$ 18
b.	OHMS "postage paid" newspaper wrapper of Govt Printing Office, Hobart, Tas., with extra 3d QE2 perf 'T' affixed. Used to USA (eBay, May 02) sold for	US \$ 6.50
c.	NZ "AC/S" s/w on 1d SSF (Stirling & Co Auction, May 02)	NZ \$ 8
d.	NZ "DB/&/CO" [doesn't say which one-jm] s/w on 1d SSF (Stirling & Co Auction, May 02)	NZ \$ 40
e.	NZ "AC&S" mirror pair on 1d SSF (Len Jury Ltd Auction, June 02)	NZ \$ 16
f.	NZ "C&G" on ½d SSF s/w (Stirling & Co Auction, June 02)	NZ \$ 15
g.	CofA perfin on UK Military pre printed cover (some staining) (eBay, July 02) sold for	US \$ 18
h.	NZ 49 KGV period stamps inc Arms Type and HV Admirals with "DUTY PAID/date" punctures. (eBay, May 02) sold for	US \$ 72
i.	NZ "AWF" on 4d SSF. (eBay, May 02) sold for	US \$ 6.50
j.	Victoria £1 red KEVII perf "OS" CTO. (eBay, May 02) sold for	US \$ 76
k.	"WILLS" perfin on cover Melbourne to Tasmania, return GPO Box number but no identity (eBay, May 02) sold for	US \$ 23+
l.	South Aust. 5/- pink "Long Tom" Postage & Revenue perfin "GW/A" (eBay, May 02) unsold at	US \$ 9.50
m.	South Aust ½d green Railway Stamp with perfin WCR.1 (Tasmanian Stamp Auctions, Jun 02)	\$ 10
n.	½d brown postal card H&G #1 with J.S./S. perfin on lower right edge. Unused. (Tasmanian Stamp Auctions, Jun 02)	\$ 50
o.	NZ 1940 2d Health with VOCO perfin. FU. (Stirling & Co Sale, Jun 02)	NZ \$ 40 – 60
p.	NZ pr 1½d 1954 Health with RI perfin. FU. (Stirling & Co Sale, Jun 02)	NZ \$ 40 – 60
q.	"NZ" on GB 2/6 QV (Stirling & Co Auction, Jul 02)	NZ \$ 25
r.	1917 OHMS registered cover of Office of Titles, Perth, "UNCLAIMED" at address (Northam) (Ashford Stamps Auction, Jul 02)	NZ \$200
s.	1941 cover from Spain to USA with Spanish and British censor tapes, 3 stamps with perfin "USMC". Flap printed "United Shoe Machinery Company, Barcelona". (Ashford Stamps Auction, Jul 02)	NZ \$ 45
t.	NZ "W.T." perfin on 1d SSF with advert on back. (eBay, Jun 02) sold for	US \$ 3.25
u.	OHMS envelope of NZ High Commission. London, to Germany 1938 with KGVI 2 1/2d dk blue perf "NZ" (eBay, Jul 02) sold for	US \$ 20.50
v.	"Commercial Perfins of Australia" (Premier Philatelic Auctions, Jul 02)	\$120
w.	1966 cover of The Water Research Laboratory, The University of New South Wales, with a pair of 2/- Flannel Flower perf "U/NSW". (eBay, Jul 02) sold for	US \$ 21.50
x.	Victorian KEVIII 1 pound perf "OS" (s/ways), light hinged Mint (eBay, Jul 02) sold for	GBP 25



Item a.



Item j.

