

KE7 EXPERIMENTAL COILS on the POKO MACHINE

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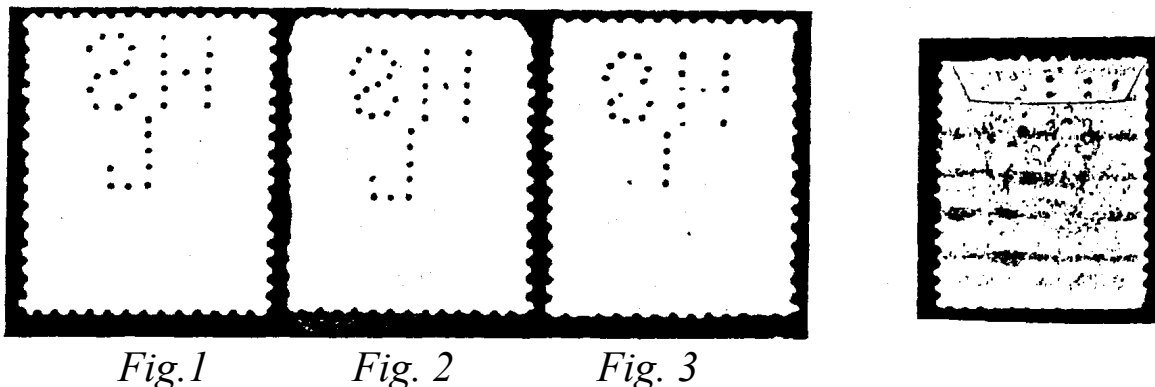
A similar article of the following was written in the GBJ following a series of articles on the subject, written by Messrs Homer-Woof and Jones in the same Journal.

In their article they describe and show an example of a POKO perfin HS/L - Harrods Store Ltd. As the illustration is larger than actual stamp size the dimensions are unknown, the number of holes however are 11, 12 (2 broken pins included) and 8. A 1d dated July 6 1911 was apparently known to the authors and was considered to be the earliest date for a POKO perfin. The position of the L is centred on the H with the top two holes almost in line with the lower holes of H.

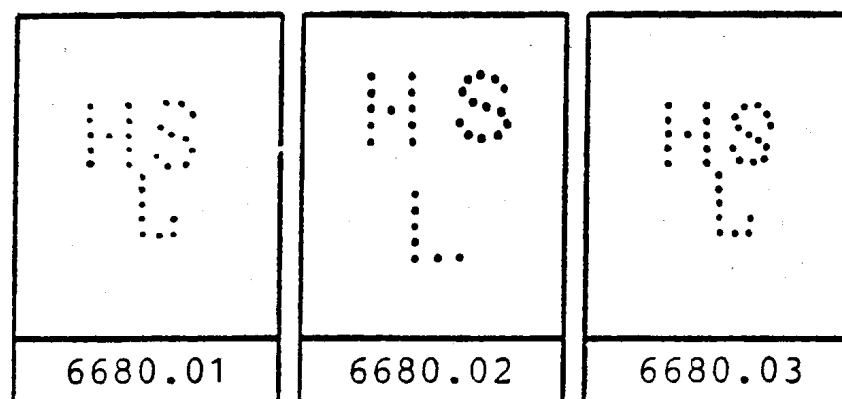
Six years after the series of articles appeared, I wrote a small article showing two different dies to that shown by Messrs Woof and Jones, one of which showed earlier dates than that described by the above authors. The question, 'Were these the earliest dates known?', met without any response. Not being a member of the Perfin Society at the time of the above it may be of interest to the Society to ask the question again.

Figure 1 11,11,8 6mm:	One undated copy
Figure 2 11,13,8 6mm	Two undated copies
Figure 3 as 2 but with missing pins	Nine copies - 3 dated

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[The following three dies are from the Illustrated Catalogue and I (Ed.) would suggest Figure 1 is H6680.01 and Figure 2 is H6680.03]



I understand these POKO types for Harrods are not as yet part of the Tomkins Catalogue of Identified GB Perfins.

A recent find is another undated copy of Figure 1 which was a marginal top copy and has the margin cut to shape, bent over and stuck to the gum side. A portion of the perfin has cut through both thickness'. (*See illustration after Figure 1-3*)

These early coil strips were formed out of sheet material, joined together by tape. This example is clearly not a join and I can only assume that it was the lead stamp on the made up roll. It implies it came out of the machine "head first".

Is this reasoning correct? I would welcome members views.

1. GBJ VOL 22: 1:4
2. GBJ VOL 16: 1:16

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