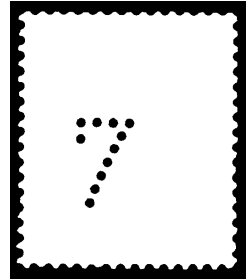


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Jan Brinkman of Holland reports more examples of the recently discovered batch of numerals on QEII decimal Machins, including a joined horizontal pair each with the figure “7”. This removes the possibility (admittedly remote) that the numbers were used across a strip of stamps.



This pair also has a part parcel cancel for Bridpo(rt) with what looks like 28 Nov 84 (or possibly 94) as the date. So I guess we’re looking for a Bridport (Dorset) user of Machins in the late 1970s and 1980s, perhaps even into the 1990s.

Chris Carr reports that the numerals reported by Steve Netten look similar to some Danish Perfins but that they are identical to “check writer perforations” found on the US 1888 Battleship revenue stamps. The numerals shown in the “Stars and Numbers” piece also seem to be the same as revenue stamps (the US revenue worksheets refer to them as cut-outs) so it could be that someone somewhere has obtained or has access to an American machine and is producing bogus items. The stars have appeared on US revenues over many years, at least 1882-1937, and on many South American revenues.