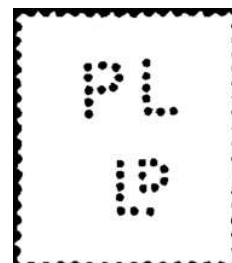


ALBERT LUFF - PERFORATOR

Maurice Harp

The advertisement below dating from 1906 is from one of the lesser known perforators – Albert Luff. Luff was originally recorded in our Bulletin as being at 26 Ivy Lane, EC but I have been unable to confirm this address. In directories that are available to me (1905/06/10/15) he is shown as being at 13 Paternoster Row, EC. Interestingly in the 1895 and 1899 directories I cannot find him recorded. However in all directory entries he describes himself simply as a “postage stamp perforator” with no mention of being a stationer. So he clearly regarded this as his primary business. **Dave Hill** found a survey in the P.O. archives of perforators, which included a note that Albert Luff made the perfins for Pawson & Leaf and Hitchcock Williams & Co. Also recorded in the PO archives is that he charged 1d per sheet or 1/- for £5 mixed denominations.



P2960.02
1895-1915

Pawson & Leaf and Hitchcock, Williams both used many dies over the years. Possible Luff dies may be P2960.02 or P2960.05, both of which were introduced around the start of Luff's business. As for the Hitchcock, Williams die it is purely speculation as to which might have been made by Luff as there are many HW/&Co dies.

ESTABLISHED 1896.

A. LUFF,
GENERAL PRINTER, STATIONER,
India Rubber Stamp Manufacturer,

POSTAGE AND OTHER STAMPS PERFORATED
With Initials of any Firm,

13, PATERNOSTER ROW, E.C.
AND AT
74, VERNEY ROAD, S.E.

Receipt Stamps Overprinted. Pens, Pencils, etc., a Speciality.