

CARDIFF

MACHINE
CANCELLATIONS

1905 – 1952

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This attempt to identify and list the different machine marks and various combinations of dater die and obliterator that were used in Cardiff to 1952 was first published ten years ago, since then extension to dates have been recorded and new marks have come to light, necessitating this new second edition. The sequence of marks in Cardiff is mirrored in other towns and cities whose machine marks could be usefully researched in a similar way.

The author recognises that this record is incomplete and would be grateful if readers could email scans (600dpi or larger jpg files) to roger.gilbert@ntlworld.com of any item found that could expand this listing.

Images have been taken from actual marks wherever possible, ten marks are taken with kind permission from Collecting Slogan Postmarks by Parsons, Peachey and Pearson.

With grateful thanks to Paul Reynolds and Parsons, Peachey and Pearson for their authoritative works which contain much essential information for anyone wishing to explore the world of machine postmarks.

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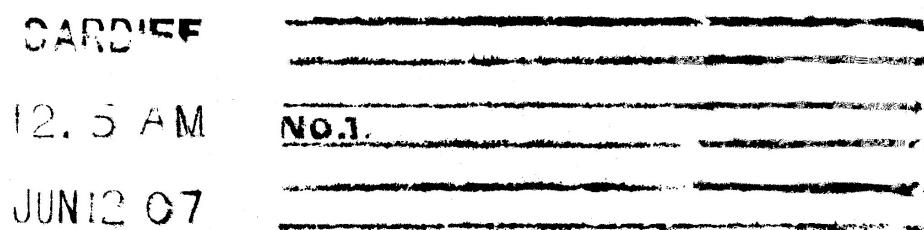
Abbreviations

c	Continuous impression
s	Single impression
B	Dater square in box
Cu ...	Single circle dater (Cardiff curved)
L.....	Obliteration part of cancel in straight lines
O	Official
P.....	Paquebot dater
Pd....	Paid dater
S.....	Obliteration part of cancel slogan
St.....	Straight line dater
W.....	Obliteration part of cancel in wavy lines
Δ.....	Triangular Printed Matter die in dater position
PPP...	Numbers from Parsons, Peachey and Pearson's Collecting Slogan Postmarks 1986
*	Dates taken from “Machine Cancellations of Wales 1905-2009” by Paul Reynolds ~ Published by lulu.com ID 6273625

CARDIFF MACHINE CANCELLATIONS

Between 1905 and 1952 three types of cancelling machine were used in Cardiff, Columbia, Krag and Universal.

The Columbia 1905-21 and Krag 1909-24 machines can easily be distinguished as they used a rectangular dater with CARDIFF, TIME and DATE in three lines often with a letter A after the DATE. The machines initially used a six straight line obliterator die and after 1914 a five wavy line obliterator die. The two earliest Columbia marks have 'No.1' between the central bars.



Early Columbia single impression mark showing a six straight line obliterator die and typical Columbia/Krag dater arrangement

The Columbia is a single impression as above whilst the Krag machine produces a continuous impression made by using two dater dies and two obliteration dies on a revolving cam.

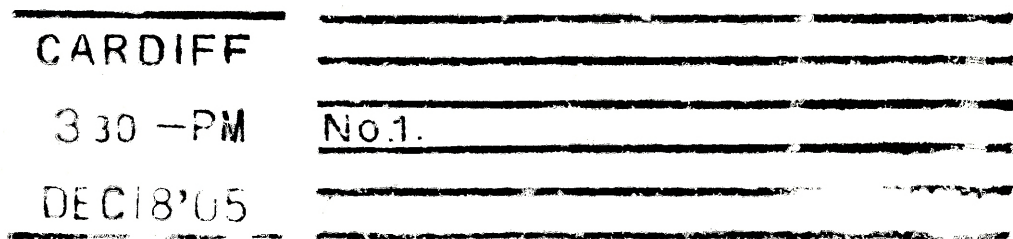


Typical Universal dater die with arc at base

The Universal machine cancellations between 1921-52 have a distinctive circular dater with varying sizes of lettering and arc in the base.

Columbia Machine

Machines from the Columbia Postal Supply Co, Silver Creek, New York were installed into London offices from 1901. The machines cost £144 had a speed of 500-600 letters a minute, with 5% misses, saving the time of three men and wages of £210 a year. These used a single impression with a circular dater die until 1904 when a rectangular dater die with lines above and below was introduced. By July 1916 a total of 58 Columbia machines were in use nationally. Shown is the style of the



Early Cardiff Columbia machine mark

first Cardiff Columbia machine mark used in 1905. This machine was the first and only Columbia to be used in Wales and was in use until 1921. The rectangular dater die was used with obliterator dies of six straight lines until 1914 when wavy lines were introduced. From 1918 slogan campaign postmarks were used. Two Columbia slogan postmarks are known used in Cardiff in 1917 and 1918 - BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS/NOW and FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS.

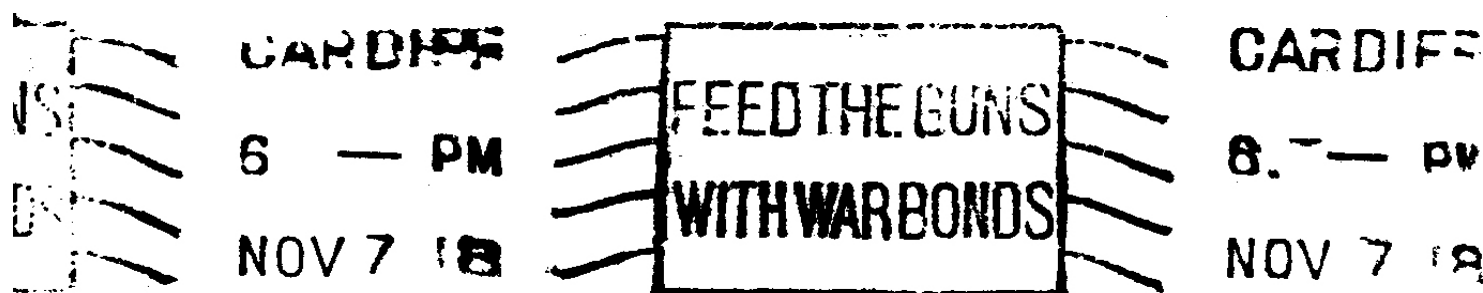
All Cardiff single impression marks up to 1921 were produced by the Columbia machine.

Krag Machines

Money was allocated for the purchase of Norwegian inventor Mr. Krag's machines by the Post Office in their 1908 budget, a total of 18 machines being purchased at a cost of £2,106 one of these being for Cardiff. All continuous impressions from Cardiff were produced by Krag machines one electric and one hand driven. The electric machine was in use between 1909 and 1924 using a rectangular dater die with a six straight line obliterator die 1909-1913, wavy line obliterator die 1913-1924 and slogan obliterator dies. The hand machine was in use between 1912 and 1914 had a distinctive 'cross' mark after CARDIFF and used a five wavy line obliterator die.

Krag impressions were made by two dater dies and two obliteration dies, in pairs on a cam, producing a cancellation which goes right across the width of the item, there are slight differences between the pairs of dies with 78-79mm between successive impressions. The public were not happy with this strike across the whole of the top of an item especially on postcards as it could obliterate part of the message.

Three Krag slogan postmarks are known from Cardiff BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS/NOW and FEED THE GUNS/ WITH WAR BONDS used in 1918 and BRITISH EMPIRE/ EXHIBITION 1924 used in 1923.



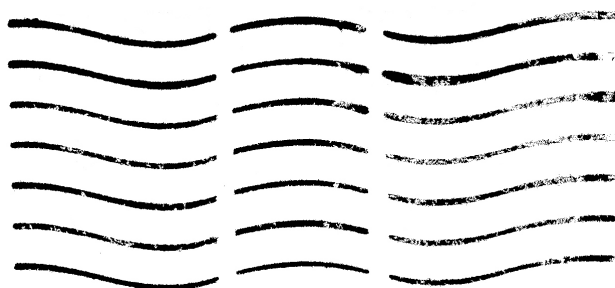
Feed the Guns with War Bonds Slogan

Universal Machine

Trials of a machine supplied by the Universal Machine Co. of New York were carried out in London during 1910. The machine cost £250 and cancelled 620 letters a minute, this was followed by trials of a cheaper machine at £200 which cancelled 400 letters a minute.

By June 1924 a total of 91 Universal machines in three model types were in use nationally. Their design was based on the 'Hey Dolphin' and 'Krag' patents acquired in Norway.

The Universal machine cancels are single impressions which were used in Cardiff from 1921, when it was issued with a Universal G machine, and are characterised by having circular dater dies with either five, six or seven wavy line and slogan obliterator dies.



Typical Universal dater and obliterator configuration

The circular dater dies are 21mm in diameter with varying size of lettering and degrees of arc in the lower part of the dater. Only one die (Type 13) has no arc.

Slogan Postmarks

Slogan postmarks incorporate words or words and graphics to promote campaigns and advertise or commemorate events.

The first slogan postmarks in Britain were used between December 1917 and November 1918 to promote the sale of War Bonds. Columbia single and Krag continuous impression BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS/NOW and FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS slogans have been found for Cardiff. There were then no slogan postmarks until 1922 when slogans made a comeback in a small number of offices. All slogans found used after 1923 are from the Universal machine using various circular dater dies. The number of dies produced nationally for each slogan varied greatly with only 12 for the Krag BRITISH EMPIRE/EXHIBITION 1924 issued in 1922 and 400 being issued for the Universal Victory Bells slogans of 1945, after this date a large number of slogans had 350 dies being issued to approximately 250 offices. Dies which were reused in successive campaigns were retained by the office, while ones which only had one period of use were returned to the supplies department as soon as they were withdrawn. In other offices the 1951 Festival of Britain slogan was used from 2-30 April however at Cardiff it was also used on the 3rd and 4th May. 3rd May was the Festival of Britain commemoratives (2) and the change of colour GVI definitives (5) first day of issue, these are known from Cardiff on first day cover with the Festival of Britain slogan (See page 41).



Postcard used in 1908 showing 'The General Post Office, Cardiff'. Built at a cost of £68,000 in 1897 this building on the corner of Westgate Street and Park Street would have housed cancelling machines whose marks are detailed here. In 1908 over 1,500,000 letters and 28,400 parcels were dealt with each week. The building still stands (2016) although it was closed as a Post Office on the 9th July 1983.

CARDIFF MACHINE CANCELLATIONS

Columbia Single Impression Machine.

Dater - CARDIFF/TIME/DATE in three straight lines.

a) Obliterator six straight lines

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Earliest</u>	<u>Latest</u>
StL/s	1) No.1 Code, lines above and below dater	08/02/05*	20/05/06*
	2) No.1 Code, no lines above and below dater	07/06/06*	18/07/07*
	3) No Code, no lines above and below dater	05/08/07*	31/12/07*
	4) No Code, no lines above and below dater A after date CARDIFF 17mm narrow 'C'	06/01/08*	04/04/08*
	5) Small A after date, CARDIFF 20mm D-F 3mm	18/04/08	28/11/08
	6) Small A after date, CARDIFF 20mm D-F 2½mm	24/12/08	
	7) Small underlined narrow <u>A</u> after date	02/01/09	17/08/09
	8) Small underlined <u>A</u> , with extended left tail, after date	20/08/09	21/10/10
	9) Large underlined <u>A</u> after date	14/01/11	19/12/11
	10) Large A after date, round 'C' CARDIFF 20mm, D-F 2½mm	23/12/11	06/04/12
	11) Large A after date, CARDIFF 17mm	19/05/12*	13/09/12*
	12) Larger A after date, squarish 'C' CARDIFF 20mm, D-F 2½mm	25/12/12	22/03/13
	13) Large A after date, CARDIFF 20mm, D-F 1¾, square 'C'	20/06/13	02/12/13
	14) No A after date Small letters D-F 1¾mm	17/01/14	
	15) No A after date Large letters D-F 2¼mm	19/03/14	11/06/14

CARDIFF	
3 30 -PM	No.1.
DEC18'05	

StL/s 1 – Lines above and below dater

CARDIFF	
12.5 AM	No.1.
JUN12 07	

StL/s 2 – No lines above and below dater
all later Columbia and all Krag dater dies have no lines

CARDIFF	CARDIFF	CARDIFF	CARDIFF
6.45 PM	8.30 PM	12.15 AM	8.35 PM
MAR1708A	MAY2508A	AUG2009A	APL 3 11A

StL/s 4
No code, no lines
A after date
CARDIFF 17mm
Narrow 'C'

StL/s 5
Small A after date
CARDIFF 20mm
D-F 2½mm

StL/s 8
Small underlined A
with extended left
tail after date
CARDIFF 20mm

StL/s 9
Large underlined A
after date

CARDIFF	CARDIFF	CARDIFF	CARDIFF
10. PM	12.15 AM		8.30 PM
APL 6 12A	JUN1812A	DEC2512A	SEP2013A

StL/s 10
Large A after date
Round 'C'
CARDIFF 20mm
D-F 2½mm

StL/s 11
Large A after date
CARDIFF 17mm

StL/s 12
Large A after date
CARDIFF 20mm
D-F 2½mm

StL/s 13
Large A after date
Square 'C'
CARDIFF 20mm
D-F 1¾mm

b) Obliterator five wavy lines

StW/s	1)	CARDIFF 20mm, D-F 2mm 5 wavy lines inclined down	01/07/14*	03/04/15*
	2)	CARDIFF 18mm 5 wavy lines inclined down	22/12/14*	05/03/16*
	3)	CARDIFF 20mm square C, D D-F 1½mm 5 wavy lines inclined down	02/06/16*	15/10/16
	4)	CARDIFF 20mm rounded D D-F 2mm 5 wavy lines inclined down	23/10/16*	29/07/17
	5)	CARDIFF 20mm square C, D D-F 2mm 5 wavy lines inclined down	29/09/17	23/10/17*
	6)	CARDIFF 20mm narrow C, D D-F 3mm 5 wavy lines inclined up	23/??/17	
	7)	CARDIFF 18mm rounded C 5 wavy lines inclined down	10/09/18*	25/12/19*
	8)	CARDIFF 20mm smaller letters square C, D 5 wavy lines inclined down	20/04/20	13/12/20*
	9)	CARDIFF 20mm smaller letters narrow C, D 5 wavy lines inclined down	12/11/20	22/08/21
CFW/s	CFΔ)	CF in triangle 5 wavy lines inclined down	C1914/21	



5 wavy lines inclined downward



5 wavy lines inclined upward



Columbia (StW/s 8) APL 20 20 with 3d 162 (Cardiff) postage due handstamp
3d Postage Due stamp cancelled with a Single Circle BRIGHTON thimble

c) Obliterator Slogan

Details of National Campaigns from
Collecting Slogan Postmarks - Parsons, Peachey & Pearson

StS/s 1) PPP 1 BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS/ NOW 1918

2) PPP 6 FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS 1918

BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS NOW

1917 December /1918 October

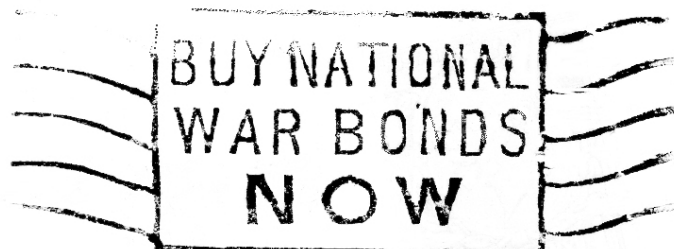
About 100 pairs of dies used nationally

(The first slogan cancellations in Great Britain 1917 -

1918 ~ R A Keneally 1991 reports use in Cardiff

21 December 1917 - 30 September 1918)

Observed use 24/12/17 - 30/09/18



StS/s 1

FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS

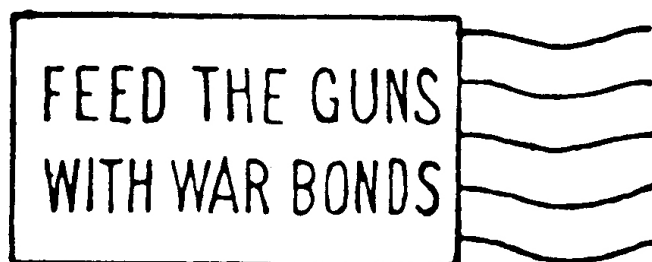
1918 1 October - November

About 30 pairs of dies used nationally

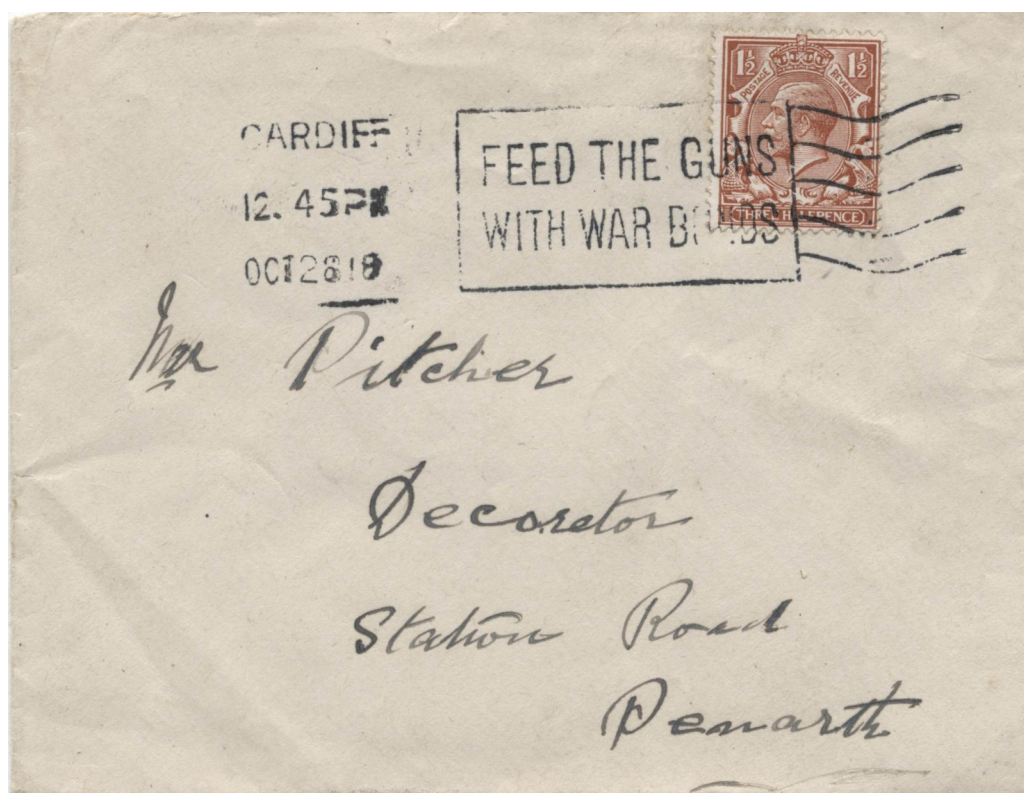
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1917 - 1918 ~ R A Keneally 1991 reports use in

Cardiff 7 October - 5 November 1918)



StS/s 2



Columbia FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS (StS/s 2)

Krag Continuous Impression Machines

Dater - CARDIFF/TIME/DATE in three straight lines.

a) Obliterator six straight lines

StL/c	1)	Time central	28/10/09	25/06/13
	2)	Time above date (error of placement ?)	15/11/09	
CFL/c	CFA)	CF in triangle	??/05/10	
PdL/c	Pd1d	CARDIFF/PAID 1d	12/07/10*	

CARDIFF
7. — PM
MAY 5 11

StL/c 1 -
Time central

CARDIFF
2. — PM
NOV 15 09

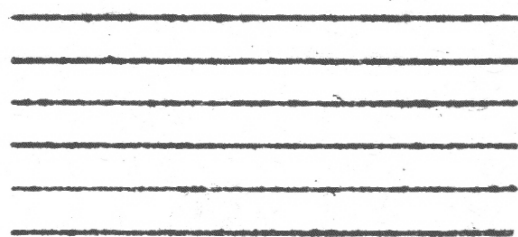
StL/c 2 -
Time above date

CARDIFF
PAID 1 D
AUG 4 17

PdW/c – Pd 1d
Paid 1d

CARDIFF
PAQUEBOT
3. — PM
JUL 20 14

PW/c 1
Paquebot (Page 17)

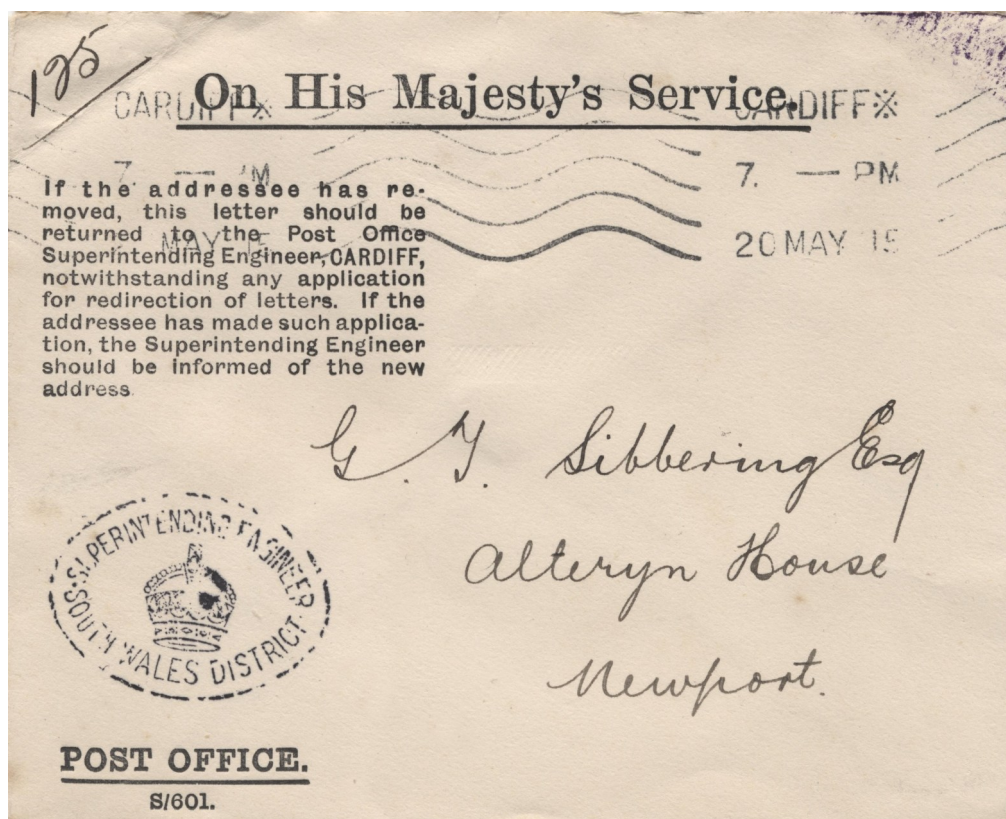


CFL/c - CF in triangle six straight line obliterator

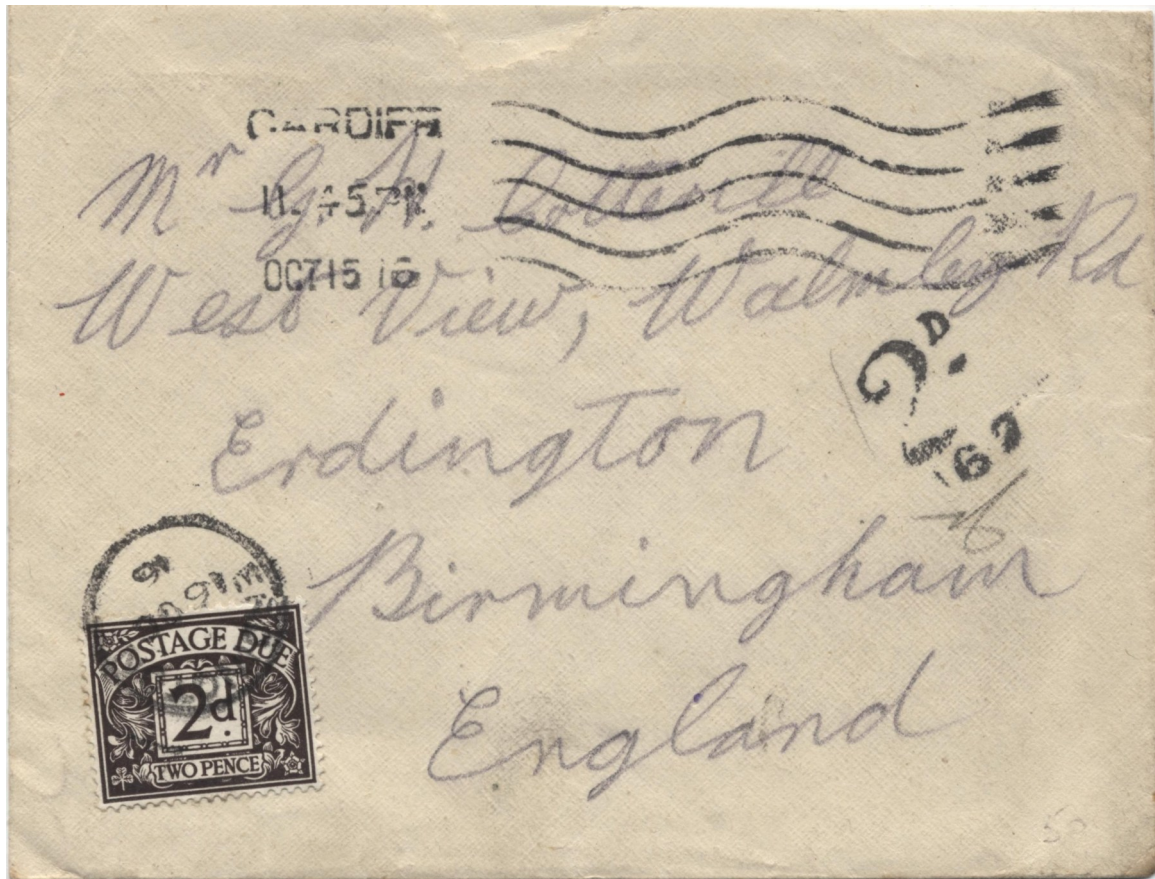
The two triangles differ in size one being 25mm at the base the other 23mm this is also true for the later Krag wavy line mark, it would seem that there was only one set of CF dies for the Krag machine.

b) Obliterator five wavy lines

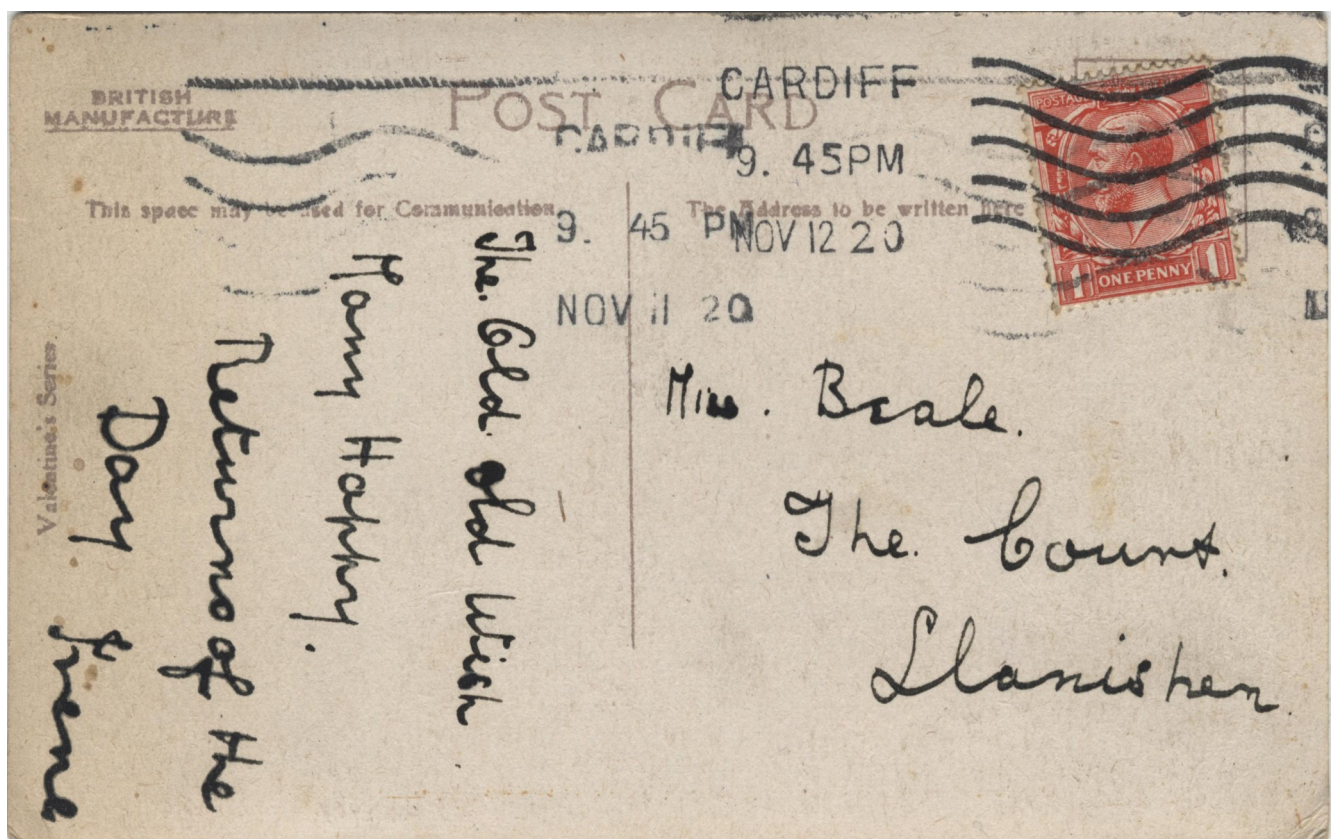
StW/c	1)	Day, Month, Year ✕ after CARDIFF	17/04/12*	19/09/15*
	2)	Month, Day, Year	24/09/13*	30/12/13
	3)	Month, Day, Year Large A after date - one dater section	04/02/14	19/06/14
	4)	Month, Day, Year Large A after date - both dater sections	04/07/14	
	5)	Month, Day, Year Round 'C', 'D' in CARDIFF	08/05/15	14/10/19
	6)	Month, Day, Year Square 'C', 'D' in CARDIFF	28/09/17	11/11/20
	7)	Day, Month, Year	17/05/21	05/08/24
CFW/c	CFΔ)	CF in triangle	C1913/24	
PdW/c	Pd½d	CARDIFF/PAID ½d	26/08/13*	
PdW/c	Pd 1d	CARDIFF/PAID 1d	04/08/17	



Krag Hand Operated Machine (StW/c 1) to G T Sibbering Chief Engineer at Taff Vale Railway and one of the founder members of Cardiff Philatelic Society in 1899.



Columbia OCT 15 16 (StW/s 3) with 2d 162 (Cardiff) postage due handstamp
2d Postage Due stamp cancelled with a Single Circle ERDINGTON thimble



Postcard used locally with both Krag (StW/c 5) NOV 11 20
and Columbia (StW/s 8) NOV 12 20

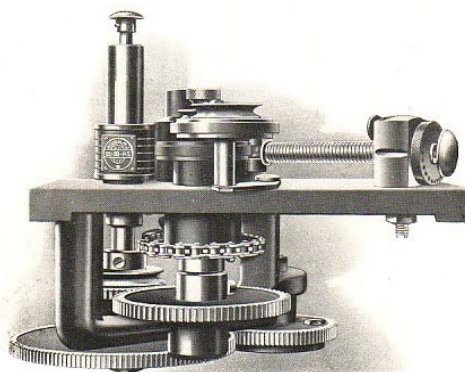
The
Krag Stamping Machine.
Motor driven.



Approximate weight 230 kg.
Motor mounted inside the stand. Directly coupled to the working gear.
Not exposed to dust.

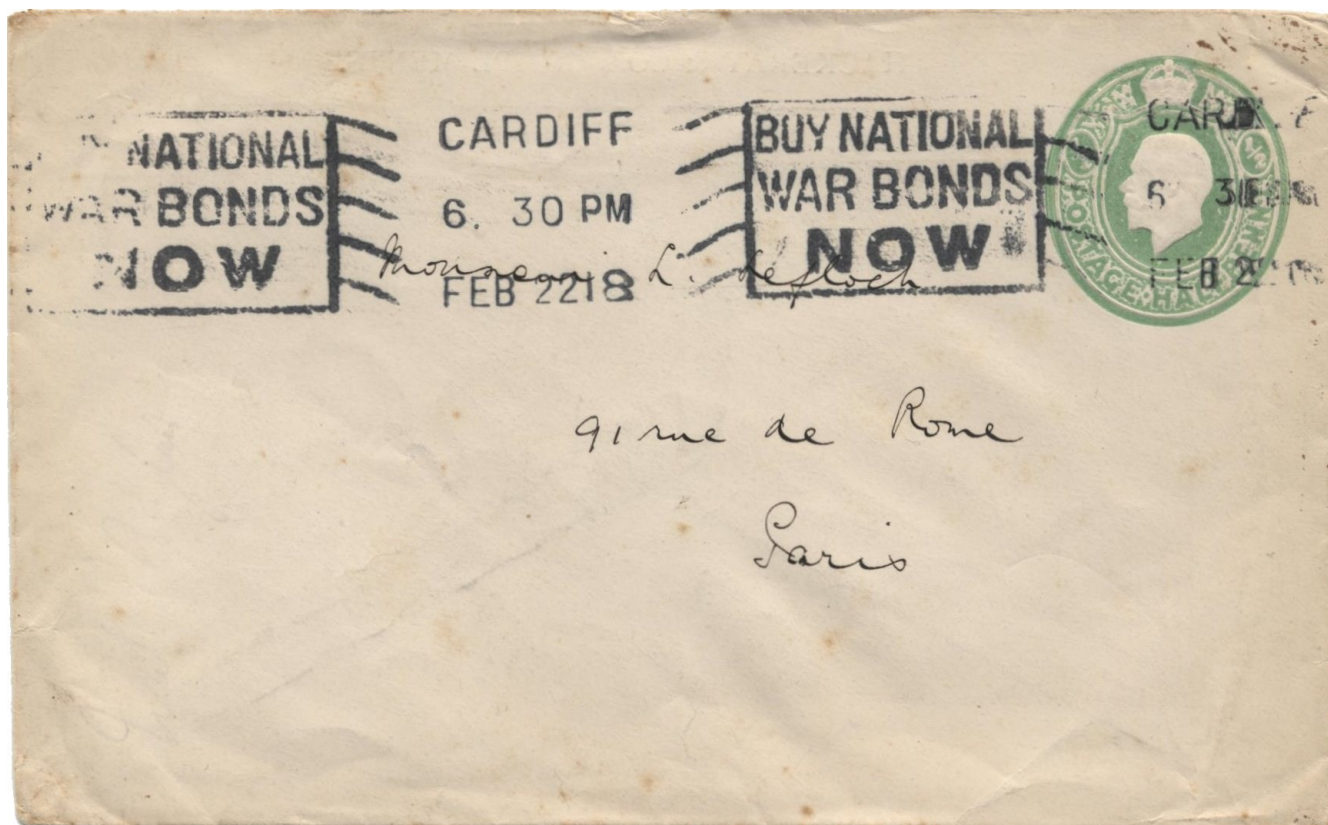
Capacity: 1000—1200 letters per minute.
This machine does the work of 10—12 hand stampers.

The
Krag Stamping Machine.
Spare Bedplate for Motor Machines.



All working parts of the mechanism fitted on the plate.
Can be replaced without delay.

Pages from Krag machine Promotional leaflet
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Krag (StS/c 1) BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS/NOW FEB 22 18

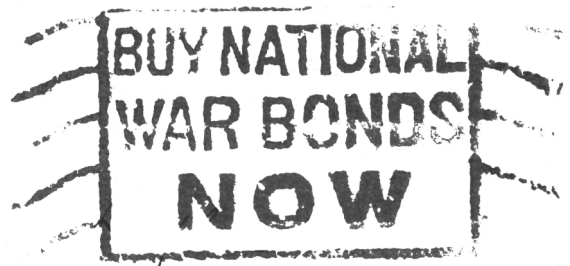
c) Obliterator Slogan

- StS/c 1) PPP 2 BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS/NOW 1917/18
- 2) PPP 7 FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS 1918
- 3) PPP 15 BRITISH EMPIRE/EXHIBITION 1924 1922/23

Krag slogan cancels

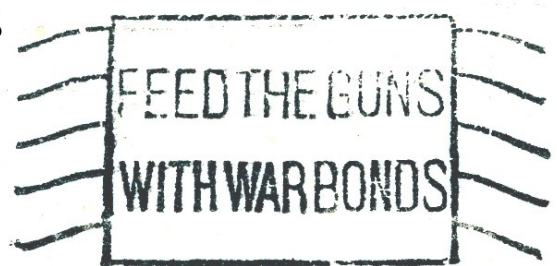
Details of National Campaigns from
Collecting Slogan Postmarks – Parsons, Peachey & Pearson

BUY NATIONAL/WAR BONDS/NOW
1917 December - October 1918
About 100 pairs of dies used nationally
(The first slogan cancellations in Great Britain
1917 - 1918 ~ R A Keneally 1991 reports use in
Cardiff 11 January 1918 – 28 February 1918)
Observed use 26 February 1918 - 28 April 1918



StS/c 1

FEED THE GUNS/WITH WAR BONDS
1918 October
About 130 pairs of dies used nationally
(The first slogan cancellations in Great Britain
1917 - 1918 ~ R A Keneally 1991 reports use in
Cardiff 2 October - 21 October 1918)
Observed use October 10 1918 - 7 November 1918



StS/c 2

**BRITISH EMPIRE/
EXHIBITION 1924**
1922 October - June 1924
12 pairs of dies used nationally



StS/c 3

Cardiff Paquebot (Krag machine)

Dater - CARDIFF/PAQUEBOT/TIME/DATE in four straight lines.

Between 1911 and 1914 mail landed at Fishguard from Cunard Trans-atlantic liners was brought by train to Cardiff where it was cancelled with a CARDIFF/PAQUEBOT/TIME/DATE krag machine cancellation. Fishguard was an important port because passengers embarking from the US could use the fast South Wales - London rail link and be in London in a few hours, Paris in 24 and Berlin in 36.

a) Obliterator six straight lines

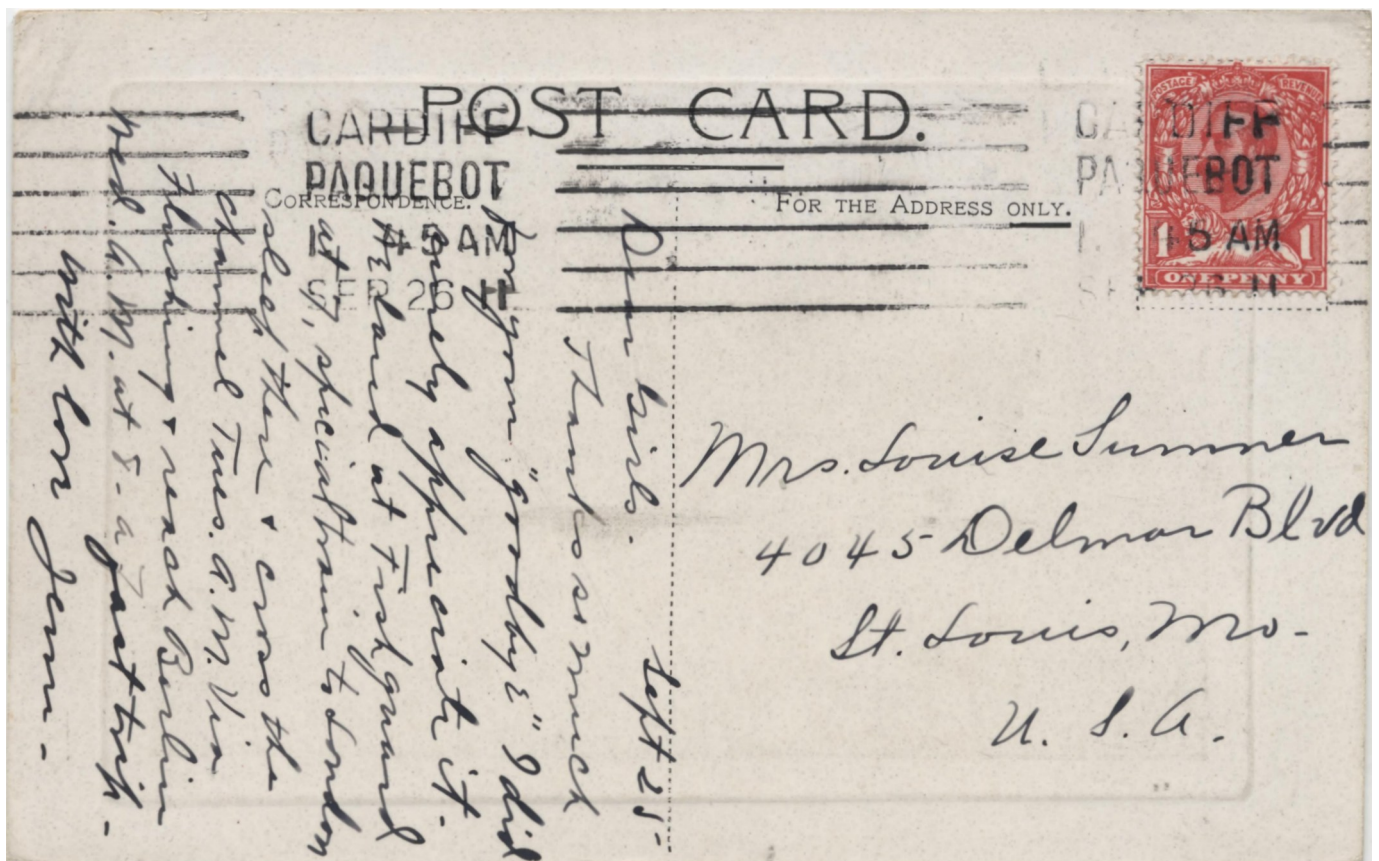
PS/c 1) Six straight lines 25/04/11* 08/07/13

b) Obliterator five wavy lines

PW/c 1) Five wavy lines inclined upwards 08/26/13 20/07/14
Large A after date - one dater section

CARDIFF/PAQUEBOT/1.45AM/SEP 26 11 (Tuesday)

'Sept 25 (Monday) Dear Girls, Thanks so much for your "goodbye" I did surely appreciate it. We land at Fishguard at 7, special train to London sleep then & cross the channel Tues. a.m. Via Flushing & reach Berlin Wed. a.m. at 8. a fast trip. With love Jim'



Universal Single Impression Machine.

Dater - Single circle CARDIFF curved TIME/DATE/YEAR

For illustrations of Dater and Obliterator dies see pages 20 – 23

a) Obliterator wavy lines

	<u>Dater</u> <u>Type</u>	<u>Obliterator Type</u>	<u>Dates</u>
CuW/s	1)	6 lines wide top line	1922/3
		6 lines thin 4 th and 6 th line	1923/5
	2)	6 lines thin 4 th and 6 th line	1927
	3)	6 lines thin 4 th and 6 th line	1928
		6 lines even	1928
		5 lines inclined down	1929/30
		5 lines inclined up	1929/30
	4)	5 lines inclined up	1930/31
	5)	5 lines inclined up	1934
	6)	5 lines inclined up	1934
		5 lines inclined down	1935
		7 lines inclined down	1935/36
	7)	7 lines inclined down	1936
	8)	7 lines split inclined down	1936/43
	9)	Only Slogan postmarks seen	
		Empire Exhibition 1938	1938
		Post Early in the Day (Sunburst)	1939
		Grow More Food Dig for Victory	1939
	10)	7 lines split inclined down	1937/39
	11)	Only Slogan postmarks seen	
		Post Early in the Day (Sunburst)	1940&41
		Help to Win on the Kitchen Front	1940
		Save Waste Paper Metal Bones and Rags	1940&41
	12)	7 lines split inclined down	1944/47
	13)	7 lines split inclined down	1946/47
	14)	7 lines split inclined down	1947
	14a)	7 lines split inclined down	1947

CuW/s	15)	7 lines split inclined down (Centre section inverted)	1948 26/04
		7 lines split inclined down	1949
		7 lines split inclined up (Obliterator inverted)	1949 28/09
	16)	7 lines split inclined down	1950/51
	17)	7 lines split inclined down	1951/52
	18)	7 lines split inclined down	1951
	19)	7 lines split inclined down	1952
CFW/s	CFΔ)	6 lines even	C1928
		5 lines inclined down	C1931
CFS/s		The Telephone Makes Life Easier	C1931/4
162S/s	162Δ a)	162 (large) - British Goods are Best slogan (small letters)	C1925/26
162S/s	162Δ b)	162 (small) - The Telephone Makes Life Easier	C1931/34
162W/s		162 (small) - 7 lines split	C1937/41
PdBW/s	Pd 1½d	5 lines inclined down / in fraction (in red)	1929
PdBW/s	Pd ½d a)	6 lines inclined down / in fraction (in red)	1927/28
		7 lines inclined down / in fraction (in red)	1927/34
		5 lines inclined down / in fraction (in red)	1929/34
		5 lines inclined up / in fraction (in red)	1930
PdBS/s		The Telephone Saves Time and Money (in red)	1932/33
		The Telephone Makes Life Easier (in red)	1933
PdW/s	Pd ½d b)	7 lines inclined down – in fraction (in red)	1935
GBW/s	GB)	7 lines split inclined down	
		OFFICIAL/PAID in centre section (in red)	1939/48
		2½d/PAID in centre section (in red)	1942
		1d/PAID in centre section (in red)	1943/49
		1½d/PAID in centre section (in red)	1952
GBS/s	GBT)	7 lines split inclined down	
	Superscript 'T'	OFFICIAL/PAID in centre section (in red)	1940
	Superscript 'T'	1d/PAID in centre section (in red)	1946
OW/s	O)	5 lines inclined down (in red)	1931
OS/s	O)	The Telephone Saves Time and Money (in red)	1932
		The Telephone Makes Life Easier (in red)	1933

b) Obliterator Slogan

PPP numbers from Parsons, Peachey and Pearson's excellent
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CuS/s	1)	PPP 12	POST/EARLY/IN THE/DAY	1924
	2)	PPP 21	PAGEANT OF EMPIRE/STADIUM WEMBLEY/21 JULY TO 30 AUGUST	1924
	3)	PPP 22	BRITISH EMPIRE/EXHIBITION/ MAY-1925- OCT	1925
	4)	PPP 32	BRITISH GOODS/ARE BEST (Small letters)	1925
	5)	PPP 31	BRITISH GOODS/ARE BEST (Large letters)	1926
	6)	PPP 32	BRITISH GOODS/ARE BEST (Small letters)	1926
	7)	PPP 38	SAY IT BY/TELEPHONE	1926
	8)	PPP 39	POST EARLY/-FOR-/CHRISTMAS	1926
	9)	PPP 43	POST EARLY/-FOR-/CHRISTMAS	1928
	10)	PPP 49	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1930
	11)	PPP 58	THE TELEPHONE/MAKES/LIFE EASIER ‡	1931
#		PPP 60	THE TELEPHONE/SAVES/ TIME AND MONEY	1931
	12)	PPP 58	THE TELEPHONE/MAKES/LIFE EASIER ‡ #	1932
	13)	PPP 60	THE TELEPHONE/SAVES/ TIME AND MONEY	1932
	14)	PPP 58	THE TELEPHONE/MAKES/LIFE EASIER ‡ #	1933
	15)	PPP 60	THE TELEPHONE/ SAVES/ TIME AND MONEY#	1933
	16)	PPP 73	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1933
	17)	PPP 77F	THE TELEPHONE/ MAKES/LIFE EASIER ‡	1934
#		PPP 80	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1934
	18)	PPP 84	POST EARLY/-FOR-/CHRISTMAS	1935
	19)	PPP 90	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1936

CuS/s	20)	PPP 93	POST EARLY IN THE DAY (Sunburst)	1937
	21)	PPP 99	POST EARLY IN THE DAY (Sunburst)	1938
	22)	PPP 100	EMPIRE/EXHIBITION/GLASGOW/ MAY-OCTOBER 1938 [#]	1938
	23)	PPP 106	POST EARLY IN THE DAY (Sunburst)	1939
	24)	PPP 107	ROAD USERS/TAKE CARE/ AVOID RISKS	1939
	25)	PPP 108	GROW MORE FOOD/ DIG FOR VICTORY	1939
	26)	PPP 111	POST EARLY IN THE DAY (Sunburst)	1940
	27)	PPP 112	GROW MORE FOOD/ DIG FOR VICTORY	1940
	28)	PPP 113	HELP TO WIN/ON THE/ KITCHEN FRONT	1940
	29)	PPP 114	SAVE WASTE/PAPER METALS/ BONES RAGS	1940
	30)	PPP 116	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1940
	31)	PPP 117	POST EARLY IN THE DAY (Sunburst)	1941
	32)	PPP 119	SAVE WASTE/PAPER METALS/ BONES RAGS	1941
	33)	PPP 120	GROW MORE FOOD/DIG FOR VICTORY	1941
	34)	PPP 122	POST EARLY IN THE DAY (Sunburst)	1942
	35)	PPP 123	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1942
	36)	PPP 125	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1943
	37)	PPP 127	POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS	1944
	38)	PPP 129	VICTORY (Bells) (EUROPE May/Jun)	1945

[#] Two types of dater

CuS/s	39)	PPP 130	VICTORY (Bells) (JAPAN Aug/Sept)	1945
	40)	PPP 132	POST EARLY/FOR CHRISTMAS (Holly)	1945
	41)	PPP 134	30 YEARS NATIONAL SAVINGS	1946
	42)	PPP 135	DON'T/WASTE BREAD/ OTHERS NEED IT	1946
	43)	PPP 136	TAKE NO CHANCES/ KEEP DEATH/OFF THE ROAD	1946
	44)	PPP 137	BRITAIN/CAN MAKE IT/ EXHIBITION - 1946	1946
#		PPP 139	POST EARLY/FOR CHRISTMAS (Holly)	1946
	45)	PPP 140	BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/ MAY 5TH-6TH 1947/ LONDON & BIRMINGHAM ☼	1947
	46)	PPP 141	STAGGERED/HOLIDAYS/ FOR COMFORT	1947
	47)	PPP 143	VOLUNTEER/ -FOR A- /FORCES CAREER	1947
	48)	PPP 144	BRITAIN FOR/HOLIDAYS/ -VISITEZ LA-/GRANDE BRETAGNE	1947
	49)	PPP 145	SAVE/FOR/THE/SILVER LINING	1947
#		PPP 146	E P (BELLS)	1947
#		PPP 148	POST EARLY/FOR CHRISTMAS (Holly)	1947
	50)	PPP 150	BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/ MAY 3RD-14TH 1948/ LONDON & BIRMINGHAM	1948
	51)	PPP 151	LEND A HAND/ON THE LAND	1948
	52)	PPP 153	A DISTINGUISHED/CAREER/NURSING	1948
	53)	PPP 156	ROYAL NATIONAL/EISTEDDFOD/ OF WALES/31 JULY - 7 AUG/ BRIDGEND · GLAM	1948
	54)	PPP 158	BLOOD DONORS/ARE STILL/ URGENTLY/NEEDED	1948 AUG

CuS/s	55)	PPP 159	SAVE YOUR/WASTE PAPER/ FOR SALVAGE	1948
	56)	PPP 162	POST EARLY/FOR CHRISTMAS (Redrawn)	1948
	57)	PPP 163	JOIN THE/VOLUNTEER/FORCES	1949
	58)	PPP 164	BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/ 2ND-13TH MAY 1949/ LONDON & BIRMINGHAM	1949
	59)	PPP 165	MIND/HOW YOU GO/ON THE ROAD	1949
#		PPP 167	FLY/BY/BRITISH AIR LINES	1949
	60)	PPP 169	IN LONDON/21ST JUNE-20TH JULY/ IS/COLONIAL MONTH	1949
	61)	PPP 170	BRITAIN SAYS/ THANK YOU FOR/FOOD GIFTS	1949
	62)	PPP 171	NATIONAL SAVINGS WEEK/ -OCTOBER 22-29-	1949
	63)	PPP 175	POST EARLY/FOR CHRISTMAS (Holly)	1949
	64)	PPP 176	BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/ 8TH-19TH MAY 1950/ LONDON & BIRMINGHAM	1950
	65)	PPP 177	ROAD USERS/ PLEASE MIND THE/CHILDREN	1950
	66)	PPP 178	THE INTERNATIONAL/STAMP EXHIBITION/GROSVENOR HOUSE/ LONDON MAY 6 – 13	1950
##		PPP 184	BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/ 30TH APRIL-11TH MAY 1951/ LONDON & BIRMINGHAM	1951
	67)	PPP 186	FESTIVAL/OF/BITAIN/MAY 3 - SEP 30	1951
###		PPP 189	POST EARLY/FOR CHRISTMAS (Holly)	1949
	68)	PPP 190	BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/ 5TH-16TH MAY 1952/ LONDON & BIRMINGHAM	1952
	69)	PPP 192	POSTAGE ON LETTERS/FOR/EUROPE 4D	1952

Cardiff Bute Docks

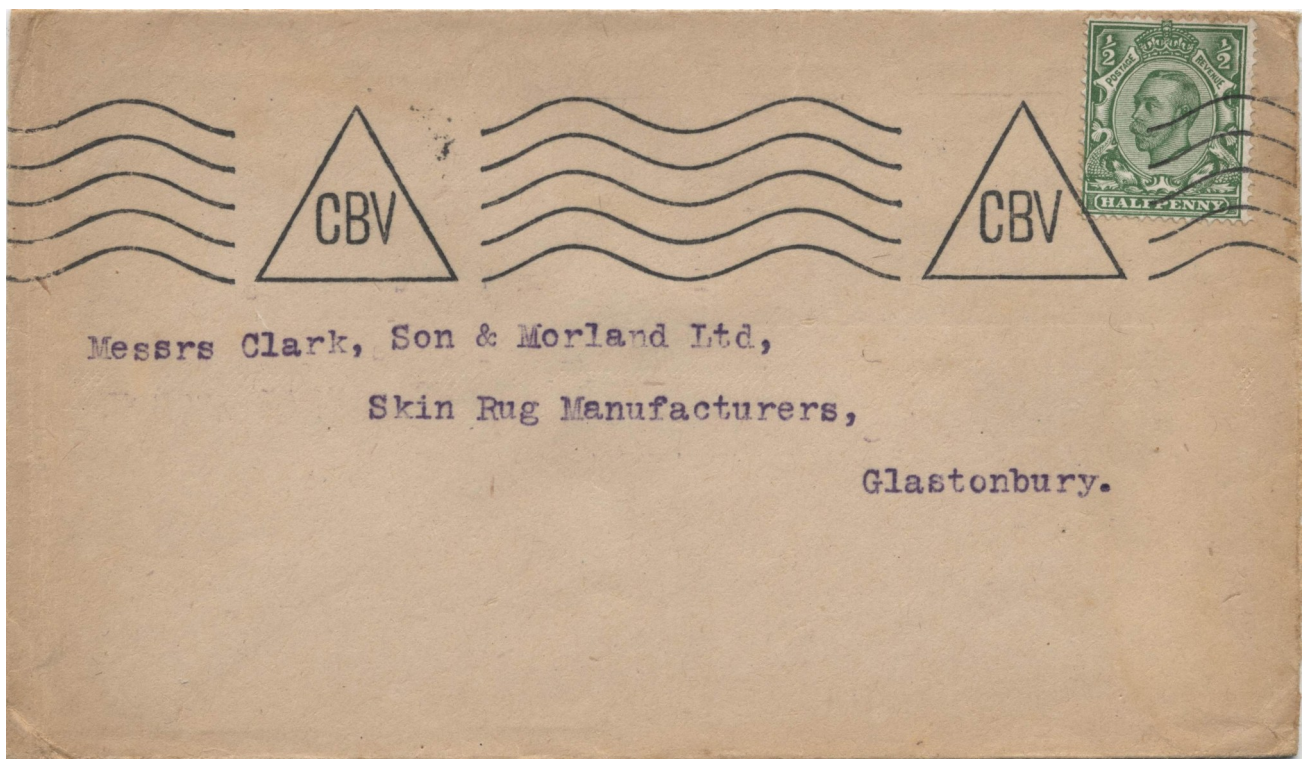
Krag Continuous Impression Machines

a) CBV in triangle in place of dater

CBVL/c CBVΔ) CBV in triangle^û

C1912

^û Although CBV is the code for Bute Docks it would seem that there was no Krag machine in that office, this mark was probably used in one of the Krag at Westgate Street.



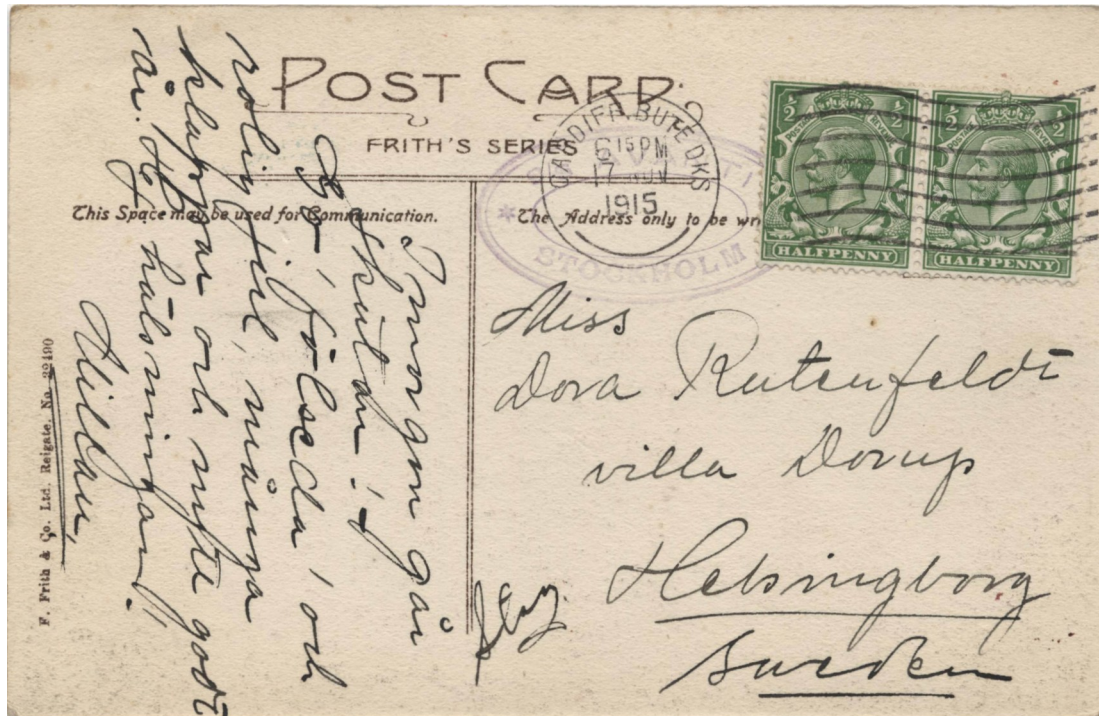
Krag (CBVΔ) Cardiff Bute Docks CBV in triangle

Universal Single Impression Machine.

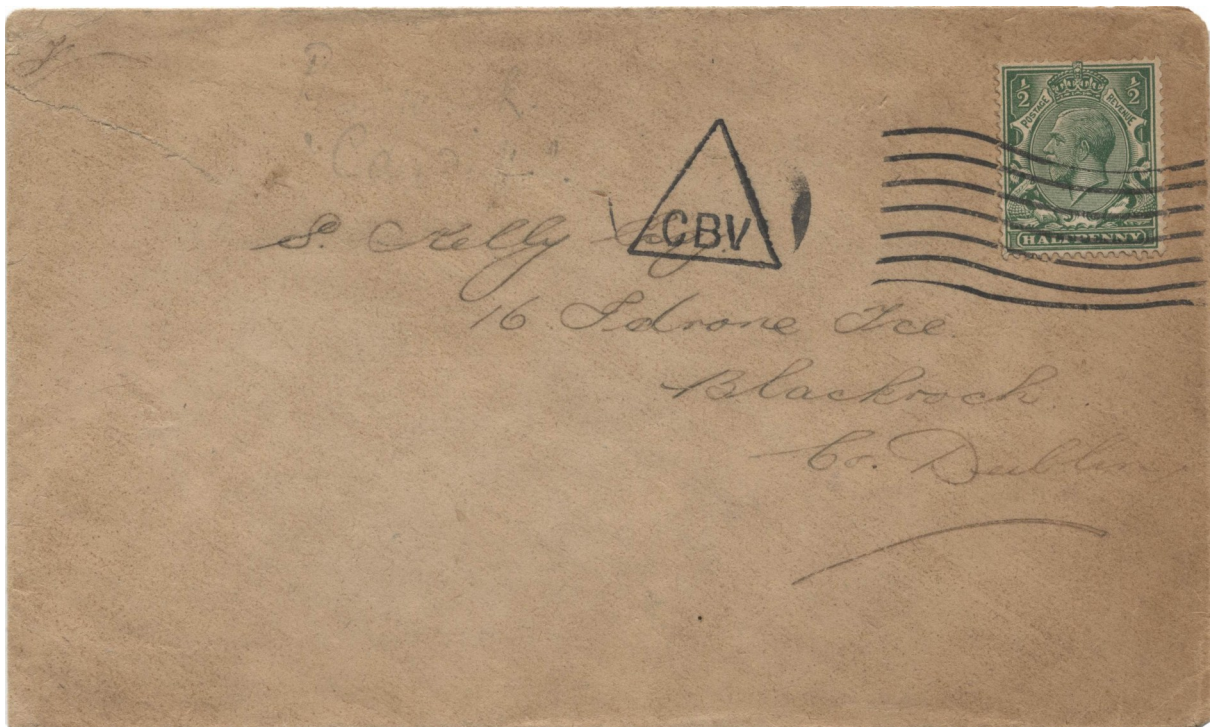
Dater - Single circle CARDIFF. BUTE DKS/-

a) Obliterator wavy lines

CuW/s 1) Seven wavy lines inclined upwards 26/07/15* 16/03/20*
 CBVΔW/s CBVΔ) Seven wavy lines inclined upwards C1915/20



Universal (CUW/s 1) Cardiff Bute Docks CARDIFF. BUTE DKS/-

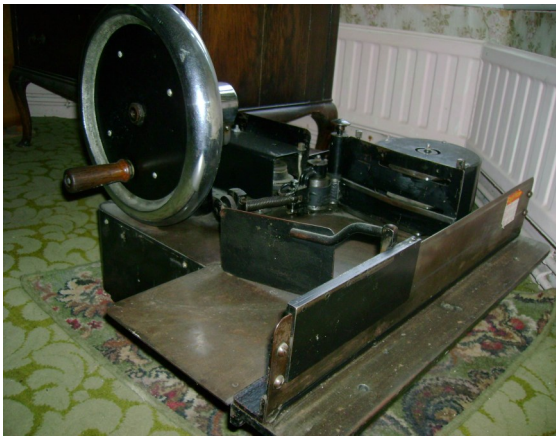


Universal (CBVΔ) Cardiff Bute Docks CBV in triangle



These postcards of Bute Docks Post Office, Cardiff were sent to Highbridge (1903) and St Davids (1907). The building on Bute Place housed a Universal Machine between 1915 and 1920 which used a single circle CARDIFF. BUTE DKS/- dater.





Krag hand operated machine and die box with two of each item needed for the two dater dies used to produce the distinctive continuous impression



Krag printed matter and dater dies



Krag dater die opened



Universal die box



Both sides of a Universal cam showing the dater die and 7 Wavy line split obliterator in place



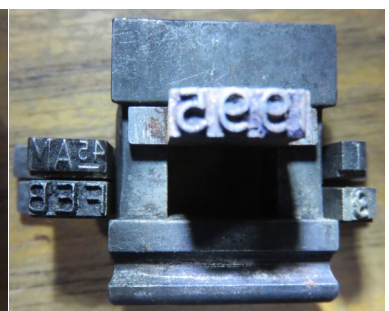
Cam, bolts for fitting obliterator, spring to hold dater die and central pin



Wavy line obliterator and 2 1/2 PAID slug & back



Back of dater die showing year, time and date slugs in place, and alongside. The groove locates with the spring affixed using one of the bolts



Universal Dater Dies - no code letters **1921 - 1952**

1) arc 80°



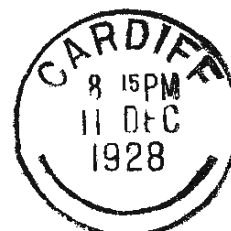
01-10-21*
01-05-25*

2) arc 110°



16-05-25*
05-09-27

3) arc 140°



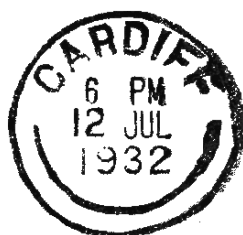
14-11-27*
31-07-30

4) arc 170°



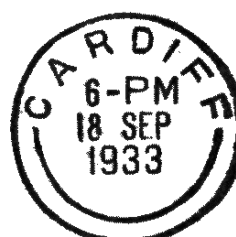
22-08-30*
07-03-32

5) arc 180°



03-04-32
20-08-34

6) arc 180°



02-01-33*
09-08-36*

7) arc 170°



16-11-35*
11-12-36*

8) arc 210°

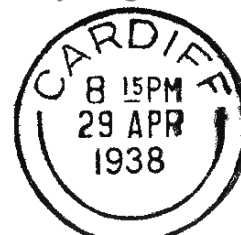
1935 - 37 & 1940 - 43



25-11-35*
31-08-43

9) arc 210°

Only Slogans seen



22-02-38*
24-12-39*

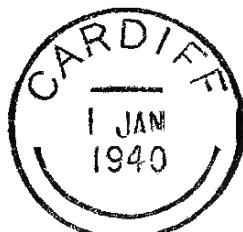
10) arc 160°



24-12-36
27-12-39*

11) arc 155°

Only Slogans seen



31-12-39*
06-02-43*

12) arc 235°



09-02-42
27-03-47*

Later worn use of type 7

13) no arc



12-12-46
21-04-47

14) arc 170°



16-05-47
18-07-47

14a) arc 170°

Break in arc



18-08-47
16-09-48

15) arc 210°



02-09-47*
10-05-50*

16) arc 235°



30-07-50
09-07-51

O

17) arc 220°



21-09-50
18-09-52

PdB

18) arc 200°



31-07-51

GB

19) arc 200°



17-08-52
23-08-52

GBT
Superscript 'T'



21-11-29*
15-12-33*



1927/35



15-04-37*
27-02-92*



1940/46

Used on Printed Matter letters in dater position

CFA



C1928/31

162Δa



C1925/26

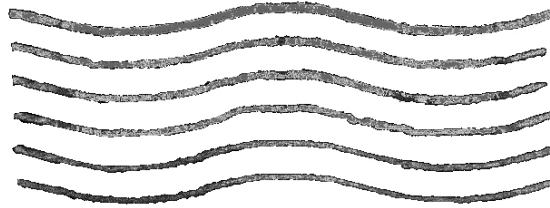
162Δb



C1931/41

Universal Machine Wavy Line obliterator dies

Six lines inclined downward
(Thick top line)



13-10-21 ~ 16-08-23

Six lines inclined downward
(Thin 4th & 6th line)



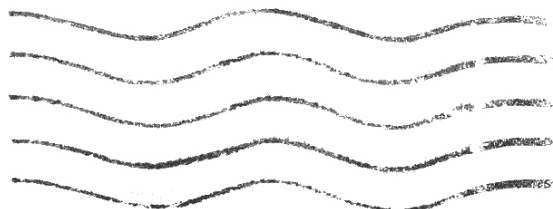
17-12-23 ~ 05-09-27

Six lines inclined downward
(Even lines)



17-09-28

Five lines inclined downward



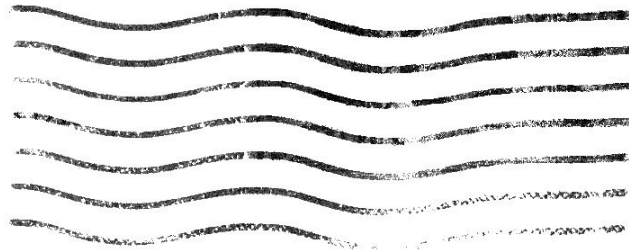
09-07-29 ~ 22-08-35

Five lines inclined upward



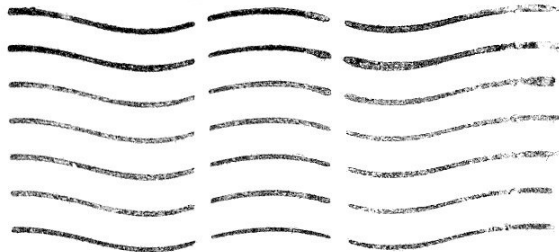
09-08-29 ~ 30-09-34

Seven lines inclined downward



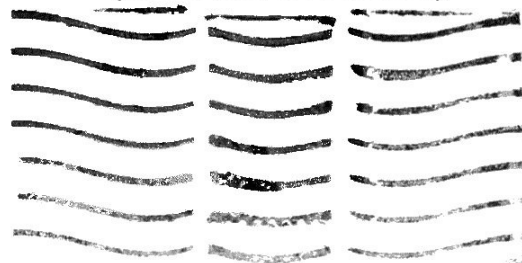
07-10-34 ~ 17-08-36

Seven lines split inclined downward



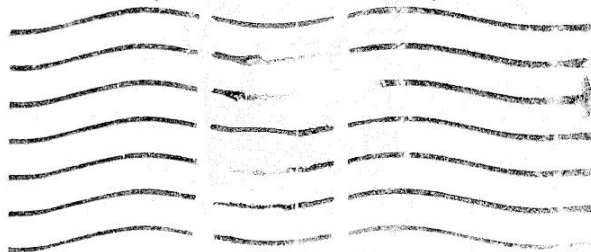
24-03-37 ~ 23-08-52

**Seven lines split inclined downward
(center section inverted)**



26-04-48

**Seven lines split inclined upward
(inverted obliterator)**



28-09-49

**Seven lines split inclined downward
(OFFICAL/PAID)**

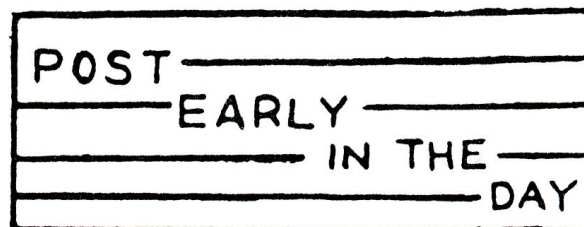


09-08-29 ~ 30-09-34

Universal slogan cancels

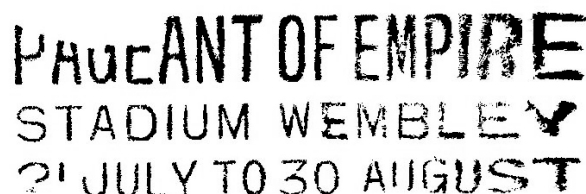
Details of National Campaigns from
Collecting Slogan Postmarks – Parsons, Peachey & Pearson

POST/EARLY/IN THE/DAY
1922 July – 1923 July
until 1926 at a few offices
About 25 dies used nationally



In this style with larger letters,
image Parsons, Peachey & Pearson

PAGEANT OF EMPIRE/
STADIUM WEMBLEY/
21 JULY TO 30 AUGUST 1924
July – August
About 30 dies used nationally



Damaged 'PAGE' in die

BRITISH EMPIRE/
EXHIBITION/
MAY-1925- OCT
1925 March – August
About 30 dies used nationally

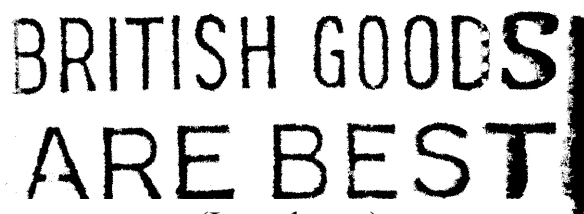


BRITISH GOODS/ARE BEST
1925 July – 1926 (Small letters)
until Jan 1927 at a few offices,
Cardiff?
About 15 dies used nationally



(Small letters)

BRITISH GOODS/ARE BEST
1925 July – 1926 (Large letters)
until Jan 1927 at a few offices,
Cardiff?
About 200 dies used nationally



(Large letters)

POST EARLY/-FOR-/CHRISTMAS
POST EARLY/FOR/CHRISTMAS
1925 - 1950

Up to 150 dies used nationally
in Dec each year.

Phased out 1946 – 1950

By 1937 most of the ‘-FOR-’ dies
had been replaced by the ‘FOR’
version. Successor 1945 ‘Holly’ die.

POST EARLY
— FOR —
CHRISTMAS

POST EARLY
FOR
CHRISTMAS

SAY IT BY/TELEPHONE
1926 September – 1927 January
About 125 dies used nationally

SAY IT BY
TELEPHONE

THE TELEPHONE/MAKES/
LIFE EASIER
1931 September – 1934
The same die with a broken cross
bar to ‘T’ was used in Cardiff
during 1931, 32, 33 & 34
25 Dies used nationally

THE TELEPHONE
MAKES
LIFE EASIER

THE TELEPHONE/SAVES/
TIME AND MONEY
1931 September – 1934
Used in campaigns in Cardiff
during 1931, 32, 33 & 34
25 Dies used nationally

THE TELEPHONE
SAVES
TIME AND MONEY

POST EARLY IN THE DAY
(Sunburst)
1937 – 1945
Used generally throughout the year
when not displaced by other slogans
200 dies - phased out 1943-45

POST EARLY
IN
THE DAY

EMPIRE/EXHIBITION
GLASGOW/MAY-OCTOBER 1938
1938 February – October
About 150 dies used nationally



ROAD USERS/TAKE CARE/
AVOID RISKS
1939 August – September
About 100 dies used nationally

ROAD USERS
TAKE CARE
AVOID RISKS

GROW MORE FOOD/
DIG FOR VICTORY
1939 20 November – 29 December
1940 March & December mainly
1941 March mainly
50 – 75 dies used nationally

GROW MORE FOOD
DIG FOR VICTORY

HELP TO WIN/ON THE/
KITCHEN FRONT
1940 June & July
50 dies used nationally


HELP TO WIN
ON THE
KITCHEN FRONT

SAVE WASTE/PAPER METALS/
BONES RAGS
1940 July & August and
1941 January & February
With later dates at some offices
About 50 dies used nationally

SAVE WASTE
PAPER METALS
BONES RAGS

VICTORY (Bells)
1945 8 May – 9 June
(Victory in Europe)
15 August– 15 September
(Victory over Japan)
400 dies used nationally



The 'dot dot dot dash' 
represents 'V' in Morse Code

POST EARLY/FOR CHRISTMAS
(Holly)
1945 – 1952 in Dec each year.
100 – 350 dies used nationally.

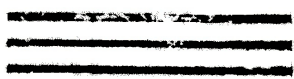
POST EARLY

for CHRISTMAS

30 YEARS/NATIONAL SAVINGS/
1916-1946
1946 1 – 30th April
350 dies used nationally.

30 YEARS
NATIONAL SAVINGS
1916-1946

DON'T/WASTE BREAD/
OTHERS NEED IT
1946 20 May – 15 June
350 dies issued nationally

DON'T 
WASTE BREAD
OTHERS NEED IT

TAKE NO CHANCES/
KEEP DEATH/OFF THE ROAD
1946 1 – 31 July
350 dies issued nationally

TAKE NO CHANCES
KEEP DEATH
OFF THE ROAD

Image Parsons, Peachey & Pearson

BRITAIN/CAN MAKE IT/
EXHIBITION - 1946
1946 9 September – 8 October
350 dies issued nationally

BRITAIN
— CAN MAKE IT
EXHIBITION — 1946

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/
MAY 5TH-16TH 1947/
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM
1947 20 January – 14 May
350 dies issued nationally

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR
MAY 5TH-16TH 1947
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM

Damaged 'DUSTRIE' in die

STAGGERED/HOLIDAYS/
FOR COMFORT
1947 24 February – 24 March
350 dies issued nationally

STAGGERED
HOLIDAYS
FOR COMFORT

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VOLUNTEER/-FOR A-/
FORCES CAREER
1947 23 May – 21 June
350 dies issued nationally

VOLUNTEER
— FOR A —
FORCES CAREER

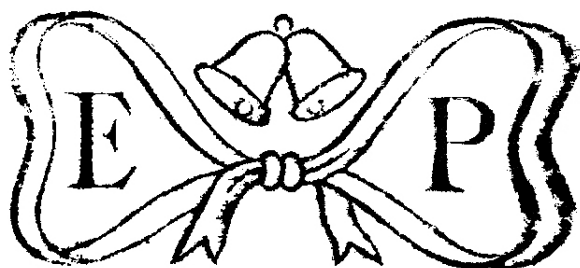
BRITAIN FOR/HOLIDAYS..../
-VISITEZ LA-/
GRANDE BRETAGNE
1947 2 – 28 June
350 dies issued nationally

Britain for
Holidays....
— VISITEZ LA —
GRANDE BRETAGNE

SAVE/FOR/THE/SILVER LINING
1947 29 September – 27 October
350 dies issued nationally

SAVE FOR THE
SILVER LINING

EP (Bells)
1947 20 – 30 November
Used in every single-impression
cancelling machine



BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/
MAY 3RD-14TH 1948/
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM
1948 20 January – 14 May
50 dies issued nationally

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR
MAY 3RD-14TH 1948
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM

Image Parsons, Peachey & Pearson

LEND A HAND/ON THE LAND
1948 1 – 30 March
350 dies issued nationally

LEND A HAND
ON THE LAND

Image Parsons, Peachey & Pearson

A DISTINGUISHED/CAREER/
NURSING
1948 3 – 27 May
350 dies issued nationally

A DISTINGUISHED
CAREER ———
NURSING

ROYAL NATIONAL
EISTEDDFOD/
OF WALES/31 JULY - 7 AUG/
BRIDGEND · GLAM
1948 14 June – 9 July
12 dies issued in Wales

ROYAL NATIONAL
EISTEDDFOD
OF WALES
31 JULY - 7 AUG
BRIDGEND · GLAM

Image Parsons, Peachey & Pearson

BLOOD DONORS/ARE STILL/
URGENTLY/NEEDED
1947 – 1949 & 1951
23 May – 21 June
350 dies issued nationally

BLOOD DONORS
ARE STILL
URGENTLY ———
NEEDED

SAVE YOUR/WASTE PAPER/
FOR SALVAGE
1948 6 – 30 September
350 dies issued nationally

SAVE YOUR
WASTE PAPER
FOR SALVAGE

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JOIN THE/VOLUNTEER/
FORCES
1949 3 – 31 January
350 dies issued nationally

JOIN THE
VOLUNTEER
FORCES

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/
MAY 2ND-13TH 1949/
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM
1949 1 February – 7 May
50 dies issued nationally

MIND/HOW YOU GO/
ON THE ROAD
1949 1 – 29 April
350 dies issued nationally

IN LONDON/21ST JUNE-20TH
JULY/IS/COLONIAL MONTH
1949 21 June – 19 July
100 dies issued nationally

BRITAIN SAYS/THANK YOU
FOR/FOOD GIFTS
1949 2 – 31 August
50 dies issued nationally

NATIONAL SAVINGS WEEK/
-OCTOBER 22-29-
1949 30 September – 7 October
& 24 – 31 October
300 dies issued nationally

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/
8TH-19TH MAY 1950/
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM
1950 20 Jan – 15 May
50 dies issued nationally

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR
2ND-13TH MAY 1949
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM

MIND
HOW YOU GO
ON THE ROAD

Image Parsons, Peachey & Pearson

IN LONDON
21ST JUNE-20 JULY
IS
COLONIAL MONTH

BRITAIN SAYS
THANK YOU FOR
FOOD GIFTS

Image Parsons, Peachey & Pearson

NATIONAL SAVINGS WEEK
OCTOBER 22-29

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR
8TH-19TH MAY 1950
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM
Damaged 'DUSTRIE' in die

ROAD USERS/PLEASE MIND
THE/CHILDREN
1950 1st – 31st March
350 dies issued nationally

ROAD USERS
PLEASE MIND THE
CHILDREN

THE INTERNATIONAL/STAMP
EXHIBITION/GROSVENOR
HOUSE/LONDON MAY 6 – 13
1950 31st March 1st May
50 dies issued nationally

THE INTERNATIONAL
STAMP EXHIBITION

GROSVENOR HOUSE
LONDON MAY 6 13

FESTIVAL/OF/BITRAIN/
MAY 3 - SEP 30
1951 2 – 30 April
40 dies issued nationally
Late use in Cardiff 3 & 4 May



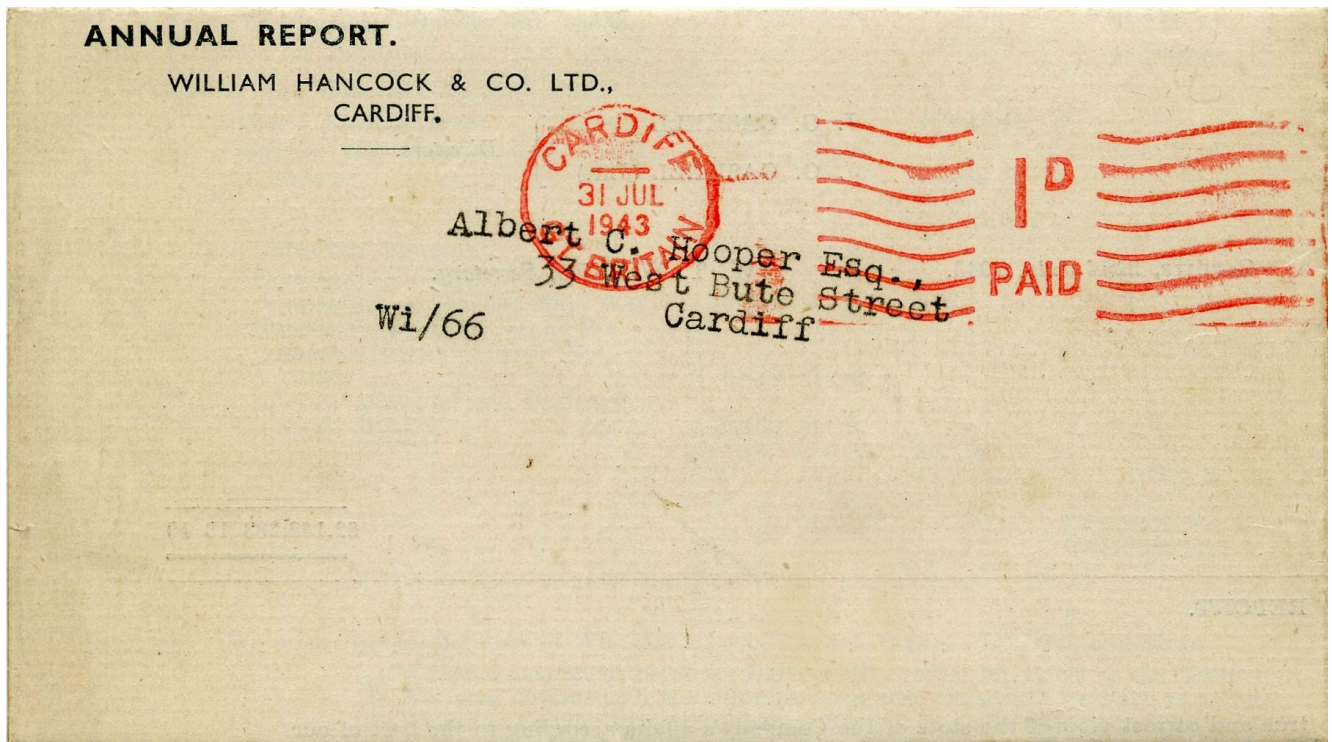
BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR/
5 - 16 MAY 1952/
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM
1952 14 January – 15 May
50 dies issued nationally

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR
5-16 MAY 1952
LONDON & BIRMINGHAM

Image Parsons, Peachey & Pearson

POSTAGE ON LETTERS/FOR/
EUROPE 4D
1952 – 1954
1 – 30 September
350 dies issued nationally

POSTAGE ON LETTERS
for
EUROPE 4^D



Universal (GBW/s GB) 1943 CARDIFF/GT. BRITAIN 1d PAID
7 lines split inclined down (1d/PAID in centre section)



Universal OFFICIAL/PAID obliterator with CARDIFF/GT. BRITAIN 8 SEP
1943 (GBW/s GB). Envelope reused using an OHMS wartime economy label
and GENERAL REGISTER OF SHIPPING AND SEAMEN free frank in purple



1940 POST EARLY IN THE DAY (Sunburst) Dater Type 11 16 SEP 1940 on censored cover to USA with OPENED BY EXAMINER 4053 label and water colour portrait



GVI 1951 change of colour used on first day of issue with Festival slogan on home-made FDC

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