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INTRODUCTION.....

As is so often the case, when looking for one thing, another — more interesting — comes to light. This time it was a series of books which provide the postal historian with a wealth of information which, as far as can be ascertained, had not been published before. This is the first volume of the two L.P.H.G. propose to make available to members.

Each entry has been given a reference number, known as the "entry number". These entry numbers do not, of course, appear in the original. The page number of the original is shown in the left hand margin immediately above the entry number of the first item from the original page.

Where the one Editor has absentmindedly given the same entry number to more than one entry, the other Editor dealt with it by adding an alpha suffix!

The date of the entry is given first. The dating has been standardised to read DAY, MONTH, with the YEAR entered at the top of each page. Any stamp impressions are placed at the foot of the page with the entry number below the illustration. All stamps were struck in black unless an (R) follows the number, this indicating (R)ed ink was used.

Editorial changes have been made to the original text. At one period it appears the postal clerks were required to sign various notices as having been read. These signatures have been omitted, this being noted by (snr) = signatures not reproduced.

Some copies from the originals are included, either for convenience or to make a point. Tribute must be paid to the Archivist who took what were, clearly, badly damaged books and who managed to recover and preserve what would have otherwise been lost.

The original index is reprinted showing the page references of the original volume. A revised and, hopefully , rather more useful, version has been prepared. This new version may be incomplete but should be sufficient to meet most requirements. In the revised index the entry numbers given, not the page numbers.

Where the original is missing (...) appears but where a reasonable guess as to the word or phrase can be made this is shown in italics and between brackets to distinguish it from original text. Initials and abbreviations are given as they appear. Appendix I offers suggested interpretations for these.

The stamp identifying numbers or letters, from the base of the stamp, are listed with the entry number in Appendix II. As will be seen, the original text used a mixture of "back stamp", "obliterating stamps" and "hand stamps", apparently in an inconsistent manner. All stamp numbers/letters are, therefore, listed consecutively unless identified as "FS", these having their own tabulation.

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- 23 May: Nos 50 & 51 back stamps brought into use to day on E. Finck & Cos correspondence. No. 50 to be used on 7.30 am dely & 51 on 8.15 am dely. Instructions recd from Asst. Contrs Office through Mr Tearnan. 7 am 24th May 51 to shew 8.15 a/m time per Asst Controllers paper. Entry has "Cancelled" across, this undated.
- 2 23 May: No 1 Krag removed to F.S. to-day & replaced by No 2 (Krag) No 51 Columbia from F.S. to replace No 2 Krag.
- 3 24 May: Removable lines put in 51 Columbia machine for Back Stamping.
- 4 27 May: No 2 hand stamp out of order "A" put in use temporarily 18 July: No 2 brought (into) use again.
- p. 2
 5 29 May: Instructions were recd from Mr Whitehead to bring into use at 6 pm. 2 new self-locking stamps Nos 1 & 14 on Chief Office collections in place of 1 & 2.
- 6 30 May: Recd F Missort stamp (Brass) Krag No 2 broken & reported Eve Thro duty Friday June 14th
- 7 12 June: 2 new covers for machines recd; no papers with them; are not brought into use.
- 8 23? June: No 1 & 14 self locking stamps withdrawn to-day & 1 & 2 brought into use again. (see number 5 above)
- 9 8 July: This slip was received from Mr Pym Reg No 302826/07 Copy of slip: New electric stamping machine (German) to be installed shortly.
- p. 3
 10 20 July: In future the keys of the (...) drawers in the News Room (are) to be kept in the lobby. By order of Mr Pym.
- 11 24 July: Back Stamps 3.15.(17) and type complete sent away to be recut type to length of sample enclosed AW replaced temporarily by A official 13-& 16-(...)
 3.15.17 Returned & brought into use (this undated)
- 12 3 Aug. No. 151 obliterating stamp brought into use to-day, (...) in future be used at the Prudential Office Fridays (....)
- 7 Aug. Nos 1 2 3 & 4 F.S. stamps wi(th)drawn for the purpose of be(ing) recut; they have been substituted by Nos 60 61 62 & 6(3)





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- 15 28 Aug. No 41 Packet brought into use temporarily on Sorting Office to P.O. transfers 4.15 pm
- 16 29 Aug: No 58 Columbia cylinder with movable lines taken away by Engineers staff Solid cylinder (...) not available for back stamping until further notice Mr Rollo stated that the Supt had be (sic) informed AW
- 17 31 Aug. Patent stamp cleaning Ma(....) "German" tried here for one (....) returnd to Asst Controllers Office (...) today with EC Supt obse(rvations) thereon What oh! (this in another hand) AW

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18 2 Sepx The Controller / It is proposed, if the Controller approve, to use a stamp for the purpose of back stamping Express letters, as shewn on the attached sheet / (Signed) AR Reddrop / for Asst Contr EC & FS 28 Auq

The Asst Contr EC / Read - Your proposal is approved Signed CAW / for Controller LPS 30.8.07

The Supt EC / To see & arrange accordingly. The use of the stamp should commence forthwith / Signed HN / for Asst Controller / EC & FS 2 Sepr 07

The Overseer (Stamp Duty) / To note please / If practicable the stamps should be brought into use from midt to-night Signed JB / for Supt 2 Sept -

In the margin are references: Reg No 330530/07 and LPS 39353/07

Also in the (damaged) margin are the times and the stamp numbers. These, as far as possible, are reproduced below:

12 Mid to 2 am No 1 2 am to 4 am No 2 4 am to No 3 5 am 5 am 4 6 am 6 am 7 am 5 7 am 8 am 7 8 am 9 am 9 am 10 am 8 10 am 11 am 9 11 am 12 noon 10 12 noon 1 pm 11 1 pm 2 pm 12 2 pm 3 pm 13 3 pm 4 pm 14 4 pm 5 pm

5 pm 6 pm 16 6 pm 7 pm 17the rest of the times and numbers are missing; although nos 18 and 19 are visible there are no times attaching. Since the stamp impressions show No 1 and No 20 it might be assumed they represent the complete range with 18 being 7 to 8 pm; 19 being 8 to 10 pm and 20 being 10 pm to midnight, this mirroring the first three numbers. p. 4 entered in original out of date order

19 9 Sep: No 49 Packet brought into use (temp.....) today on packets arriving from (....) District Offices HJ



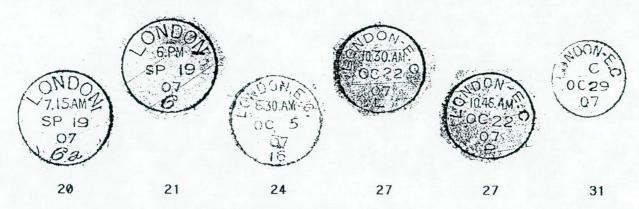






- p. 6
- 19 Sep: This stamp brought into use on missorts found in the Postmens Office in place of the Triangular stamps "A to M" from 1.15 am & 3.15 am Through duty 7.15 am to 8.30 pm delivery time throughout the day, after 9 pm 10.30 pm Midnight duty / Mr Dickinsons order.
- 21 19 Sepx This stamp brought into use on missorts found in sorting office in place of the Triangular Stamps "1 to 11" Times of use not definitely stated Mr Dickinsons order (in another hand) Midnight Duty 10.30 pm

 Through Duty 3.15 am Instructions from Mr Barnes
- 22 23 Sep: No 46 Columbia machine removed by Engineers at 12.30 pm this day & one roller on 25th Sept 07
- 23 25 Sep: No 46 Columbia Machine replaced (and) brought into use at 5.30 pm p.7
- 24 4 Oct: No 16 will be brought into use in place of No 3 (broken) tomorrow morning
- 8 Oct: * Nos 60.61.62.63 F.S. stamps replace 5.6.7.9 FS Sent to be recut/ No 13 back stamp in place of No 5 8.9.10.11.70.94 oblit stamp by German Hammer * Returned and brought into use (14 Nov 07 this in another hand)
- 26 19 Oct: 2 New type holders have been brought into use in place of 2 worn ones by Mr Rollo
- 27 22 Oct: These two stamps were brought into use today in place of B & D out of order AW
- 28 24 Oct: 15 pieces of 08 type for Columbia Machines recd from Engineer in Chief today placed in / reserve box / until required Viz 3(of each) 08°; 08°; 08°; 08°; 08°
- p. 8 29 29 Oct: No 52 Columbia from Postmans Office taken away at 9.0 am
- 30 30 Oct: The collections from Inland Section viz 2 am 3 am 4 am & 5 am should be stamped with window stamps with time of collection date before month by order of Asst Contr
- 30 Oct: This stamp to be used at the removals duty only; on correspondence retained under a pending order / Ass Controllers papers ref to 466677/07 29.10.07



- 32 1 Nov: No 52 Columbia machine brought into use for 11.15 am delivery
- 33 4 Nov. No 3 returned & placed into use at 8.30 am the 5th. Nov (Official Black)
- p. 9 34 undated in Papers LPS 50605 Nov 2nd 07 / Authority is given to use 3/4 obliterators of 6 lines in Columbia machines
- 36 13 Nov: No 3 Krag machine moved from No (space!) stamping table to No (space!) facing table. No 46 Columbia takes its place & 67 Machine used in place of 46 Machine for midday mail
- 37 20 Nov. No 42 rubber stamp brought into use temporarily on District ride packets.
- 28 Nov: * No 49 back stamp brought into use on callers correspondence missorted to the Aldergate St, Newgate St & Holborn Walks at the G.P. and second deliveries / vide Ass Contrs Papers
 (this has "Cancelled" across, undated but * refers to entry no. 104)
- p. 10
 39 4 Dec: New German Stamping Machine fixed at table No(space!) & is being tried in smaller B.O. & Pillar box Colls
- 40 12 Dec: Collections from I.S., amended note viz: 2 am; 3 am; 4.15 am; 4.45 am & 5.30 am; this is the actual time the collections are made and the clock time to be shewn in stamp vide instructions through The Desk Clerk for Supt (s.n.r.)
- 41 13 Dec: Taylor self inking pad withdrawn by Mr Pym. Vide papers L.P.S. 30.715 /7 Reg 294073/7
- 42 14 Dec: Instruction received from Book Room of Bankers collections on the 23rd. 24th. 30th & 31st Dec, for the issue of special stamps.
- 42A 19 Dec: Stamp no 152 brought into use on "advance dely" duty to-day, in place of No 59, broken.



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- 43 2 Jan: No 153 brought into use today on smaller B.O. collections 1.15 am, in place of XE broken.
- 3 Jan: No 154 brought into use today on collections from Town box at I.S. time 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4.15 \cdot 4.45 & 5.30 am in place of No 4 Chief Office Window Stamp AW
- 45 4 Jan: Nos 155 & 156 brought into use on Chief Office Late Fees (Country) in place of Nos 66 & 67 sent to be recut AW
- 46 4 Jan: No 157 in place of No 77 sent to be recut (No16) in place of No 18 back stamp (No 6) in place of No 5 L.B.O.
- p. 12
- 47 8 Jan: X brought into use on Letter bills & etc in place of the Square stamp worn out.
- 48 15 Jan: No 5 in place of 12 back stamp
- 49 15 Jan: A. B. D. reserve back stamps sent to be recut
- 17 Jan: F.S. Packet (No 4) issued for use on Dover Mail, time in stamp 7pm / per Supt Instns (time 5.30pm)
 (This entry deleted, presumably replaced by the following.)
- 51 17 Jan: Instructions have been recd from the Supt E.C. to issue, in future, a F.S.B.O. steel stamp, also a pkt (no time) for use on Dover Mail, on Friday evenings only.
- 52 1 Feb: No 52 back stamp brought into use today on Fgn Mail Corres in place of 34 (lost)
- 53 10 Feb: No 2 Kragg (sic) taken away for repair at 8.45 am this day.



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- 54 26 Feb: 158 & 159 Brought into use temporarily in place of 112 & 113 being recut.
- 55 undated: The Manchester Late Fee Pouch to this office due at 4.30 pm has been discontinued. November 1st 07.
- 7 Mar: New * complete set of type, die holder etc Recd Mar 7th 08 Old set taken away. * no number in lines
- 57 9 Mar: Conveyor placed out of use at 3 pm.
- 13 Mar: No 73 stamp (LBO) placed out of use owing to breakage (Reported) new stamp supplied 14.5.08
- 59 20 Mar: F.S. stamps 8. 10. 11. 12 withdrawn to be recut, substituted by Nos 60. 61. 62. 63
- 60 20 Mar: No 170 stamp forwarded to Secys Office for him(?) to examine. (Mr Smiths instructions) Returned March 25th 08.
- 61 21 Mar: Obliterating stamps 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115 withdrawn for recutting Substituted by reserve stamps 156. 7. 8. 9. 160 & 161. Also F.S. stamps 8. 10. 11. 12. Returnd 14.5.08 brought into use 15.5.08
- p. 14
 26 Mar: No 5 back stamp out of use to-day (broken) Substituted by No 16
- 8 Apr: No.17 Pkt stamp to be used only on correspondence from the Ldn & S.W. Bank until further instructions C.T. 7.45 & 8.30 M Dickinsons instructions
- 64 8 Apr: A new cylinder has been fitted today in No 67 Columbia machine with movable obliterating lines
- 65 10 Apr: German machine type taken away today / HSJS
- 66 15 Apr: One new and two ordinary (in general use) Felt die holders taken away by Mr Franzman
- p. 15
 67 4 May: The 4 remaining German Hammer stamps taken away to Asst Controllers Office Nos 1 . 3. 4. 6 /AW
- 68 4 May: No 165 brought into use today on long letters etc from SBOs etc.
- 69 6 May: Four surcharge stamps received here together with refaced packet stamps and handed to the Taxing office / HSJS
- 13 May: Hand Stamps Nos 163 & 164 brought into use today on S.B.Os T.S.O. & etc in place of Hammer Stamps withdrawn.







- 71 14 May: New stamp in place of broken one No 73 supplied
- 72 18 May: Fan quards fitted to Columbia machines Nos 67.51

put in course for repair. / (Signed) JEO / EC 16.5.08

- p. 16 73 18 May: The Inspector / Facing Duty /It is observed that some of the impressions in the stamp impression books indicate that stamps are sometimes used when badly in need of repair. /Care should, therefore, always be taken to draw attention to any such cases; and the overseers who check the impressions & the Stamp Officers, should be specially warned to see that imperfect or damaged stamps are not issued, but are
- 73A 22 May: Single Aperture Stamps 69 & 88 brought into use in place of 90 & 91 out of order.
- 74 22 May: "M" Sealing table stamp withdrawn for recutting Substituted by "M" reserve. No I used on unablit P Office do by No 11 No 16 Official Pd by No 13
- 75 4 Jun: The above stamps viz Nos 1·16 & M are unable to be recut. New stamps will be supplied (see entry no. 84.)
- p. 17
 76 2 Jun: German machine received here today, and fixed at No 85 table /JSJS
- 3 Jun: A new back stamp No 5 returned today in place of the one broken AW
- 78 15 Jun: German machine tried
- 79 30 Jun: Waste taken away today
- 80 1 Jul: " returned
- 81 30 Jun: Re complaint of supply of dirty waste/ The Supts / EC & FS. The Office of Works has been communicated with and has arranged to exchange the waste complained of (Signed) H L Jones / for Asst Contr. 29 June 08
- 82 no entry aginst this number
- 83 2 Jul: On several occasions the Supt has found it necessary to have the German machine used on correspondence from LBO's before any information is given, ref should be made to the impression book.
- p. 18
 84 15 Jul: Three new hand stamps received here today viz: Nos 1.16 and M together with three complete sets of type
 HLJS
- 85 14 Aug: No 2 "Krag" being under repair the new machine was used on Larger Branch Office collections in its stead from 12.15 pm to 12.30 pm on the 19th inst.
- 87 21 Aug. No 43 packet stamp to take place of No 28 pro tem. Used on midday and evening country colln's. (entry has short unclear overwriting)
- 88 7 Sep: No 3 Blackwell stamp received here in error, presumably for I.S. Returned to Supt. HLJS

- 89 11 Sep: No 162 (Steel Stamp) brought into use in place of No 112 Mark Lane stamp. No 112 damaged / Reverted to 112 on 11 Mch '09
- 90 Undated: Mr Franzmann gave verbal instructions that the rims of the packet pad trays should be painted white / HLJS
- 8 Oct: A tin of white paint was applied for, but later papers stated that the present method of identification of packet pads was to continue AW
- p. 19 92 *17 Sep*: No 5 to replace No 45 (broken) back stamp HLJS
- 93 2 Oct: Nos 13 & 14 offl stamps used in F.S. 7.45 pm per Mr Lake's instructions HLJS
- 6 Oct: E.C.O.B. It is found that in some cases Officers who change the figures or letters in a date stamp fail to do so in such a way as to make the type fit firmly & produce a clear & uniform impression. No spaces should ever be left in the type when the stamp is ready for use. If the actual letters or figures do not fill up the whole surface of the stamp the spacing blocks provided should in all cases be used.
- 95 8 Oct: No 167 brought into use today on "Late Fee" Country collections, in place of 67, broken.
- p. 20
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 9 Oct: A. B. & C early news stamps to be used on newspapers posted after 12 midnight / Mr Talyor's instructions HLJS
- 97 20 Oct: No 148 stamp brought into use to-day in place of B.C. on late fee correspondence at Leadenhall St B.O.
- 98 27 Oct: A piece of type of No 2 Krag lent to Electrician today as a specimen for new viz: the month of Sepr AW
- 7 Nov: A new stamp "45" in place of that broken received from Stores Dept 7.11.08 brought into use 3.15 pm 9.11.08 AW
- 24 Oct: On Satdy morning Oct 24 instructions were recd from Book Room for 2 obliterating stamps (Predated Mon 26th 1.15 am) to be made up and issued for use at News of the World Office, the papers had been returned to Asst Controllers Office and cannot be quoted, it was not stated how long this was to continue / AW
- p. 21 101 10 Nov: The Supt has decided that in future the German machine may be used on "Chief Office Country Collections" at 7. 45. 8.15 & 8.30 pm. The time is to be shown beneath the date, as is usual where a machine is used for Country Correspondence. (* see entry no. 103)





- 102 10 Nov: No 5 back stamp brought into use on Provincial mail letters & No 16 placed in reserve.
- 103 13 Nov. (* see entry no. 101) 302826 LPS 31456.087 / The Supt / To note please that the "Syble" machine is not to be used again.
- 104 18 Nov: The back stamp No 49 used on "Callers missorted to walks" has been withdrawn and placed in reserve, since the revision of duties and distribution of force * the stamp has not been issued, or required. Verbal instr. from Mr Hook Overseer Caller Duty * Oct 27th (entry no. 38)
- p. 22
 105 18 Nov. Attention is called to the stamps for the "Times" Newspapers i.e. A. B. C. are used, red for those copies posted before 4.15 am, black for the 5 am Collection, D.E.F. remain for use as before, "G" is to be used, red, for misposted copies at 5.30 am and black 6.30 am Vide Asst Controllers papers thro Desk Clerk Nov 16th 08
- 106 18 Nov: A new Fluid, Russian, was tried on a sheet of Postage Stamps up to the value of 1/- with the steel obliterating stamp No 94; with the same stamp Postage Stamps were also obliterated with the composition "black" now in use.
- 107 18 Nov: A new a.m. & p.m. piece each of clock time type was supplied for No 2 Krag, the old pieces are retained for emergencies.
- 108 19 Nov. No 2 Krag out of order at mid-day; on the Evening duty No 46 Columbia was used on the L.B.O. postings in its place die 08⁸
- 109 24 Nov. No 2 Krag put in working order & used 5.30 p.m.
- p. 23
 110 28 Nov: A new stamp No 67 in place of that No (i.e. "67") broken, was recd
- 3 Dec: No 3 Krag used on 8 pm Country collections to-day & until other instructions are received.
- 112 5 Dec: No 46 Columbia removed returned
- 113 8 Dec: German machine type handed to electrician today and the machine taken away
- 114 14 Dec: The following pieces of "Columbia" and "Krag" machine '09 type to hand today viz: 2 pieces each of 09^A ^B ^C; 5 pieces each of ^D ^E (Columbia); 2 pieces of 09 (Krag)
- p. 24 115 15 Dec: The stamp shewn in the margin will be brought into use tomorrow, in place of the Massey stamp now used on unpaid correspondence from the provinces. To distinguish the half-hourly clearances, the date and month to be reversed. ("Cancelled" across and "Revert to A stamp" entered, these undated)



- 116 15 Dec: No 41, E & F packet stamps were used on packets left behind from G.P. del'y (Date before month)
- 117 19 Dec: Mr White (Inspector P.O.) has given instructions that the 8.30 pm die used for back-stamping, will always be required first, with time in the centre for use on correspondence taken out with 8.30 pm delivery, & afterwards with the time below the date, to be used on rides &c which arrive too late to be included.
- 118 undated Stamps for the Banker's colln's will be required on the 23th (sic) & 24th 30th & 31st Inst.
- 119 21 Dec: Back stamping suspended
- p. 25 120 undated The stamp shewn in the margin brought into use on L.B.O. colln's in place of "O" Massey stamp (broken)
- 31 Dec: L.P.S. 50400/08 / The Secretary has agreed to an extended trial of flexible jointed stamps in the E.C. section and other London districts. Will you therefore send up a few more rigid pattern steel stamps and arrangements will be made with the Controller of Stores for their conversion ? (Signed) C.J.B. for Controller. (added note) No 101 102 & 103 recd 21.5.09
- 122 undated: Six steel obliterating stamps submitted for conversion Nos 98. 99. 100. 101 .102 & 103

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Referring to the Order of the 23 Novr '08 relating to the establishment of a collection from the Country Posting Boxes at the East & West windows at 11 pm daily, it should now be arranged for a general collection of Town, Foreign & Country correspondence to be made. It will thus be possible to post up to 11 pm on Saturdays for the Foreign Sunday Day Mails without a late fee.

A corresponding collection will be made at Mt Pleasant at 11.15 pm and the Town & Country correspondence will be included in the 11.45 pm transfer to EC. The Foreign will be entitled to inclusion in the Sunday Day Mails without a late fee.

- 125 19 Jan: No 13 Spare Pearson Hill machine to Mr Reddrop 11.30 a.m. today.
- 126 *20 Jan*: P.H. Standard supplied to Mr Franzman on this date





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127 25 Jan: The Supt E.C. / Will you please note the following dates on which the Chandlery requisitions should be forwarded from your Section during 1909.
Jan 25. March 8 April 19th May 31st July 12 August 23 Oct 4th Nov 15 Dec 7
Please inform all concerned Signd LF

- 128 25 Jan: X1 Unobliterated Stamp to be made up 1·15 am and 3·15 am instruction from Asst Supt II Thro duty
- 129 3 Feb: A P.H. Standard & collar sent to Asst Controllers Office
- 3 Feb: One piece of type "11 C.Time" supplied to F.S. on instructions from Supt mid-day (No 9 Size)

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- 132 13 Feb: A new cylinder has been fitted to Krag machine No 2 but having no No(?) in the lines the impression is identical with that of Krag No 3 & Mr Pym has given instructions that it is not to be used until some alteration has been made.
- 134 *18 Feb*: No 11 back stamp put in use in place of 29 "S.O. Transfers" withdrawn for recutting.
- 135 undated: No 14 Chargetakers Stamp withdrawn for recutting Substituted by No 16

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137 20 Feb: The Supt EC/ Additional stamping of the correspondence posted between 5 pm & 6 pm could be undertaken at Fenchurch St and Throgmorton Avenue BOs if the necessary stamps were supplied. / It is understood that the stamp officer can furnish the stamps. Will you please arrange to send two additional stamps to Fenchurch St. BO and one to Throgmorton Avenue BO on and from Monday next 22nd inst? / The clock time shewn should be 6 pm and a 6.45 pm piece should be sent loose for each stamp. The latter will be retained at the respective offices

Please give specimen impressions of the stamps sent to each office (signed) A.H.R. (?) for / Assist. Controller Throg Av B.O. (157) Fenchurch St B.O. (158 and 159)









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- 138 23 Feb: The Krag Machine used on correspondence from L.B.O.s is now distinguished by a (see below) on the die, the lines bearing No 3 have now been removed & plain ones substituted
- 139 27 Feb: 2 extra late fee stamps are required by the Fgn Sec 7 pm collec (1d) & LBOs. No 3 in reserve & No 6 on order will be put into use as soon as stamp & type are recd from Stores
- 140 undated: slip recd from Book Room & 2 stamps supplied as shewn in margin
- 141 10 Mar: The conveyor which feeds No 3 (Kra)g machine has been leng(thened) (to)day & was comp(leted) at .. (bottom of page torn away) p.31 (incorrectly appears as 32)
- 142 17 Mar: A new die has been brought into use to-day in Krag No 3. The index is "6"
- 143 19 Mar: Nos 14 & 29 back stamps/14 Official Paid/16 FS and type sent to be recut / Returned 26.4.09
- 144 24 Mar: No 60 FS issued in place of 21 FS
- 145 29 Mar: Pearson Hill machines put out of use. Supts' instructions.
- 146 30 Mar: No 161 to 166 obliterating stamps to be used on unobliterated corres out of 5.30, 6 & 7 pm collections in place of P.H. stamps.
- 147 31 Mar: The Krag machine No 3 could not be used at 1·15 am for colls, or for 7·15 am on French Mail, owing to the distinguishing letter .G. falling out of the Die. A spare plain holder was supplied at 10.30 am to be (u)seding the ..re adjustment ... (the rest of the page is torn away)
- p. 32
 148 16 Apr: No 3 Foreign Late Fee sent away to be fitted with Clock time type, that supplied viz 7 pm being too short
- 149 5 May: F. packet being used on Town collections from C.Office windows until a new (1) is received.
- 150 10 May: No 3 Foreign Late Fee stamp has now been fitted with clock time type 7 & pm and was brought into use this evening.
- 151 21 May: No 45 back stamp to be used at 10.15 am on "Second trial" corres in Pms' Office.







- 152 24 May: Nos 101 102 & 103 obliterating stamps after being converted in(to) flexible handle stamps were put into use for trial to-day. Withdrawn by midday Supt to-day 28.5.09 ("Withdrawn etc" endorsed "Cancelled")
- 153 28 May: No 52 "Columbia" die & type returned ... Engineers Office p. 33
- 154 7 Jun: A plain die is being used in Krag machine "G" until new indices are put into the proper die.
- 155 19 Jun. The Krag die "G" returned and brought into use on the 10.45 am Colls.
- 156 22 Jun: The Stamp Room pliers broken A new pair applied for / Supplied 29.6.09
- 157 22 Jun: 2 news stamps on trial with-drawn by Desk Clerk this evening
- 158 26 Jun: The Desk Clerk gave verbal instructions that stamps shewing time of the deliveries should not be prepared for the 2.15 pm 4.15 pm & 6.15pm deliveries on Saturdays. The preparation of the missort stamp 6a was cited as an irregularity.
- p. 34 159 *30 Jun*: F broken in L.B.O. die, but being used by Supts instructions
- 160 1 Jul: Broken Die "F" taken away for repair and a plain one substituted
- 161 6 Jul: 3 roller news stamps being used on misposted news which have been kept in News Room, transferred for keeping here to-day.
- 162 5 Aug. The L.B.O. Krag die "G" substituted by a plain die.
- 163 9 Aug. A hand "Krag" machine installed here to-day
- 164 10 Aug: The hand "Krag" used to-night on Ren. collec. 8.30 pm fitted with die out of "Krag G"
- 165 18 Aug. The Krag die "G" returned today
- 166 25 Aug. Three newspaper roller stamps withdrawn by Asst Controllers instructions and handed to Mr Kemp
- 167 25 Aug: The hand Krag used with the Die G on L.B.O. colls 2.30 7.30 pm
- 168 2 Sep: Flexible handle stamp No 102 lent to Controllers Office this day. Returned Sept 9th



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- 6 Sep: No 54 back stamp brought into use to-day in place of "P", used on private corres received with Official collections. "P" to be recut.
- 7 Sepx Owing to the insufficient number of blind duty stamps to meet the requirements of the increased number of men on that duty, the mid-day Asstt Supt has approved the use of a red pad when it is necessary to use a stamp a second time in the same day.
- 171 16 Sep: 9 Blackwell stamps of three different patterns handed for use this day, the indices are viz Nos 60, 61, 62
- 172 17 Sep: 3 packet stamps on trial brought into use to-day. No 60 on L.B.O. & 61 & 62 on S.B.O. correspondence Nos 4., 30 & 34 have been withdrawn

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- 173 17 Sep: Re Finks stamps the asst Contr has given instructions that the Supt may discontinue to use them if he thinks it desirable
- 174 18 Sep: The Supt has given instructions that the stamping of Finks corres is to be discontinued.
- 175 18 Sep: The hand "Krag" machine was removed this day
- 176 27 Sep: Instructions have been recd from the Asst Supt II on the Midt duty to bring into use a back stamp for stamping correspondence dealt with between 8 pm & midt. The impression is shewn in the margin.
- 177 1 Oct: The above submitted by the Supt II Midnight duty on the 28th Septr and approved Oct 1st & brought into use.

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- 178 5 Oct: A hand "Krag" machine installed here today
- 179 6 Oct: A plain die is being used in the above machine. & when working is being used on L.B.O. correspondence
- 180 9 Oct: 9 Packet stamps on trial were withdrawn today
- 181 12 Oct: Three back stamps Nos 25, 26, 27 sent to be recut & replaced by 16, 12, & 11 respectively
- 182 12 Oct: The hand "Krag" was used with a plain die on the 5.30 pm Smaller Branch Office correspondence of the above date.
- 183 19 Oct: No 94 stamp withdrawn as pattern for Stores Dept
- 184 20 Oct: A new steel back stamp & type in box came to hand today, no papers, No of stamp "57"



- 185 22 Oct: The stamping machine in the F.S. will be withdrawn for repairs on the 25 & 26 Oct and all available steel stamps will be removed on those dates

 Asst Con P.P.'s
- p. 38 186 26 Oct: Ref 370217/09 The Supt / It is proposed to introduce the use of dated stamps of spec pattern for the purpose of stamping Wages Dockets issued on & from the 29th. inst. / It is understood from your report of 1st inst that such stamps are available/(Signed) JE / for Asst Contr
- 27 Oct: The Asst Contl / Read / The dated stamps would be placed under lock & key when not in use & only handed out for the purpose of changing the date & stamping these dockets/ Each stamp will bear a distinctive number. It is found that 5 stamps will be necessary to meet the requirements. Signed J.E. Whitaker E.C.
- 188 27 Oct: 3 stamps are required for the same purpose in the Fgn.Sec / The Supt / Could the stamps for use in the Fgn Sec be spared from the EC Stamp Room please ? (Signed) Jas Ewing / for Asst Contr.
- p. 39 189 *28 Oct*: application for PM's to-day
- 190 29 Oct: X1 to X5 handed to Asst Supt II wages
 Bct (EC) & X6 to X8 " " " " " "
- 191 1 Nov. One piece of type (29) lent to Leadenhall St B.O. per Asst Controller's instructions (overwritten "Cancelled")
- 192 4 Nov: The hand "Krag" machine was used on the 5.30 pm. 6 pm. & 7 pm. SBO collns this evening
- 193 10 Nov: A new composition, Red & Black for Steel Stamps is being given a trial on the machines & hand stamps.
- 194 11 Nov: 1 Roller news stamp brought into use to day on 5.30 & 6 pm Circs &c
- 195 11 Nov: The Stand "Krag" Machine to be used on Country Window Collections at 8.15 & 8.30 pm. No 1 stamp to be used in place of No 12 after 8 pm
- p. 40
 196 16 Nov. The "Krag" die "F" to be repaired and a plain one substituted.
- 197 13 Nov. 3 steel stamps (predated) sent out for use at "News of the World" Office.
- 198 19 Nov: The "Krag" die "F" returned & brought into use this day at 6.45 pm



The rest of the page (p.40) has lost a substantial part. What remains is reproduced here. 26 Nov. A new stamp (55) is to be bro(ught into)/ use forthwith at the 199 special T...../ where it will be used on con..../with sh...../which the and it will trans...../ officer is to connect...../ The stamp must..../ undated A further...../was made on..... 200/ of correspond...../be 201 undated: On & from made...../Tuesdays..../ 5 pm & 7...../ undated: 47586...../LPS 497..... 202 p. 41 1 Dec: On and from the 16th inst preliminary despatch of correspondence 203 (including registered) for the W. Coast of Africa should be made up in a bag for "Post Office L'pool correspondence for W. Coast of Africa" And forwarded to the Inland Section for despatch to L'pool On Tuesdays at 5.5 pm for 5.55 pm train from Euston " 8.30 " " 7.35 " Fridays at 475.866 The torn page noted at 199 above also affects the following entries undated:r..relating to the altered clock times......tamp 204 enough/....the various "Times"/...impressed boop 205 ...be on/.... Instructions/.... EC 26.11.09 undated: ...nsiderably worn/....nd perhaps/....e new ones/....will no 206 doubt/....while the other Stamps are being attended to/ EC 29.11.09 Signd LF for AC p. 42 1 Dec: An Official Paid Packet stamp was asked for with clock time 6.15 207 am it was represented that 6 am was the clock time that should be shown for Parly Pros but the Asst Supt II Mr McCarthy gave verbal instructions to make it 6.15 time of application for the stamp was 5.45 am 2 Dec: Nos 5 Off 25 26 & 27 & P brought into use again to-day & 16 12 11 208 & 54 in reserve 9 Dec: No 24 Pkt stamp to be used with 3.15 am time in conjuction with 6a 209 on blind from PO until a proper one is received. Instructions from Asst Supt "Thro" duty 9 Dec: The "Times" Stamps / Instructions have been received for the Supt 210 to bring into use, D.E.F. stamps whilst A B & C are under repair. The extra stamp G to be used as reserve p. 43 6 Dec: The Supt / EC / The Stamp Officers should be instructed to make up 211

213 21 Dec: The Hand "Krag" taken away

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EC&FS (Signed) AHR for Asst Contr

the usual number of stamps for Bankers collec on 23, 24 & 31 inst.

20 Dec: Reserve die for "Krag" machine returned with movable index letter

- 214, 25 Jan: Two new packets received index "6A" & brought into use on missort duty today.
 - 27 Jan: Off. 16* "M" & No 1** steel stamps withdrawn & replaced by Off 215 14.12 & 51 respectively * Reverted on 5.8.10 ** Reverted on 15.8.10
- p. 44 216 2 Feb: Chandlery should be requisitioned on the following dates: Jan 31st; Mar 14th; Apr 25th; June 6th; July 18th; Aug 29th; Oct 17th; Dec 5th
 - 3 Feb: Instructions have been received that the Stamp Room will be 217 supplied with small pieces of felt 17% in long for trial. Every effort must be made to bring them into use PWRW / Papers Signed AHR / for Assist
- 218 8 Feb: LPS 44529/9 / Supt EC/ Please withdraw the EC Stamps and bring them into use as required (8 pkt stamps) (Signed) JWS /AC
 - 219 19 Feb: A quantity of waste is now in the E.C. Store Room (Mr Bennetts) and is to be used in the E.C. Stamp Room this amount of waste to be considered when ordering Chandlery
 - p. 45 220 28 Feb: The Supt / The 16 machines (PH) should be forwarded to the Controller of Stores Studd St Depot marked pps, direct to Mr Morgan / (Signed) AHR
 - 221 3 Mar: Instructions to issue 3 extra stamps for use at Prudential Offices to-day have been received from Book Overseer (GJB) 90.91 & 151 sent
- 222 14 Mar: No 11 back stamp brought into use at 2.15 pm to-day in place of 6a to be recut / Reverted on 9.11.10 ac
- 223 18 Mar: Nos 1, 2, 3, 4 Window stamps with drawn & substituted by Nos 167, 168, 169 & 170 respectively; Also No 9 Off sub by 7 Off Reverted to original stamps today 5.8.10
 - 224 24 15 Apr: The stamps used on Caller Div midnight duty 18 & 19 withdrawn for recutting, substituted by 21 & 22 as per impressions. 18 & 19 brought into use again 18.5.10
 - p. 46 225 18 Apr: Pkt stamps Nos 60, 61 & 62 will be brought into use on pks recd from L.B.O.s
 - 22 Apr: One dozen block pads for use with rubber stamps recd to be brought into use immediately.
- 227 23 Apr: A "Berry" Stamp, as per margin, has been lent to Ass Controller (Mr Angus) papers LPS 12239 Sec 131413



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228 14 May:

Imperfect Date Stamping

With reference to the previous notices in the Post Office Circular on the subject of imperfect date stamping, the special attention of all Stamping Officers is again called to the necessity for taking the utmost care to ensure not only the effectual obliteration of the postage stamp upon correspondence, but also a clear and legible impression of the date stamp.

Care should be taken to keep the type used in the date stamps in proper condition. When it becomes worn it should at once be replaced. 19.4.10

- 229 1 Jun: One of the dates in G Krag broken off, a new one substituted as soon as discovered, note per Asst Supt Mr Smith
- p. 47
 230 3 Jun: The Single aperture stamps withdrawn for attention substituted by 4 from the reserve Nos 149-156 160-171
- 9 Jun: The following hand stamps (class: backstamps) are withdrawn for repair 18, 19, 21, 22 substituted by 49, 53, 54, 56. Reverted to 18, 19, 21, 22 on 2 Aug 10
- 232 undated: 5 withdrawn obliterating stamp substituted by 68
- 233 9 Jun: The "Spare" Krag Die was used at 9 pm in the Foreign Section (no time shewing) by permission of Mr W.D. Smith / Supt
- 234 11 Jun: Reg 165995/10 LPS 15300/10: The 2.30 FS late fee 1d stamp will in future be required for 3.15 c·time instead
- p. 48 235 13 Jun: Nos 101 & 103 obliterating stamps withdrawn (broken) also 94 for pattern to Stores Dept.
- 236 23 Jun: 3 tins of compo for use with steel stamps recd to-day (on trial)
- 237 28 Jun: "A" packet stamp used on foreign mail correspondence bearing 7.15 am c·time and date before month (Thro' duty)
- 239 18 Jul: Broken vice taken away this morning for despatch to Stores Dept.
- 240 19 Jul: No 16 Pearson Hill machine returned today from Asst. Cont. Office p. 49
- 241 19 Jul: No 89 steel stamp and a box of type (complete) sent to 202 Room
- 242 2 Aug. Nos 18, 19, 21, 22 Back Stamps, brought into use this day.
- 243 9 Aug: A new stamp "The Kings" as per specimen impression recd from Stores Dept & brought into use



- 244 19 Aug: One tin of specially prepared red composition ink received to day for use with steel stamps. Instructions given to bring into use on the 20th inst
- this appears at the bottom of page 48
- 245 23 Aug. Straight lines were adjusted to No 58 "Columbia" on the 6.0 pm colln.
- p. 49 continued
- 24 Aug. Nos 101 & 103 obliterating stamps returned from Stores Dept & brought into use this day
- 247 17 Sep: Waved Lines were fitted to no 67 Columbia Machine to night by Mr Pimms (should be "Pym") Instructions
- 23 Sep: No 6 LBO stamp out for repair 72 to be used in conjuction with No 71 on LBO Foreign Correspondence
- p. 50
- 249 12 Oct: Stamp shewn in margin brought into use today to replace Massey Stamp XN broken
- 250R 13 Oct: No 7 Official Packet Stamp brought into use today on Official Correspondence in the O.C.D.
- 251 15 Oct: The specimen impression is of the stamp to be used on "Consuls" correspondence in the Foreign Section "I" withdrawn
- 253 undated: Wavy lines taken away by mechanic per Supt permission
- p. 51 254 17 Oct: Regd No 585,672/09 / Read/ The Postmaster General finds that it is not the practice of Foreign Post Offices to date stamp correspondence arriving from places abroad, when for any reason the inward date stamping of inland correspondence is suspended. In these circumstances he feels justified in deciding that when at any office the inward date stamping of inland correspondence is suspended, either for all mails during seasons of exceptional pressure, or for particular mails at other times, it may in future also be suspended in the case of correspondence arriving from Foreign countries or the Colonies signed Matthew Nathan / Secretary
- 255 17 Oct: Re back stamping Fgn Mail corre/ The Supt / Please note Controller's Circ on this subject, under which you may cease to stamp Fgn & Colonial letters for the GP delivery (Signed) FS



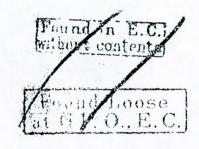
Transferred to Foreign Sections
her Asst Controlled instructions

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- 256 20 Oct: Four tins of red comp recd to-day for trial 2 tins No 1 & 2 No 3
- 257 21 Oct: The above mentioned ink brought into use this day
- 258 21 Oct: A new stamp (packet) "Postage Paid" as per specimen impression received and brought into use. A duplicate received May 24th 11
- 259R 25 Oct: "Postage Paid" packet stamp brought into use on the 21st inst
- 260 9 Nov: 6A steel stamp received from stores on the 8th and brought into use on the 9th
- 261 9 Nov. B Columbia die to be reserved for use on LBO's correspondence AC
- 262 10 Nov: The Supt / EC. The Stamp Room Officers should draw their supplies of Compo &c from the Store Room in future / Signed (JNS) / for Asst Contr.
- p. 53
- 263 15 Nov. An American Stamping machine set up on trial
- 264 15 Nov. No 46 "Columbia" removed to FS with box of type and type holder & triangular die
- 265 18 Nov: A second American machine is here on trial
- 25 Nov. No 52 "Columbia" machine used to back stamp 5.15 pm delivery with lines showing owing to No 58 breaking down Mr Mayes instruction. Also used on 8.30 pm delivery by Mr White's instructions
- 29 Nov: 3 lengths of rubber were supplied for use on the stamping duties and are to be retained in the stamp room when not in use / per Mr Whitaker's instructions
- p. 54
 268 30 Nov. The steel roller stamp sent to BB Controller Office through Asst Contr (PPS signed) JWB
- 269 8 Dec: The stamps shewn in the margin are no longer required for use on the Sorting Table, as printed forms are now used. (This overwritten "Cancelled")
- 270 12 Dec: Two wood block pads on trial this evening / Withdrawn Jan 17th 1911
- 271 undated: Bankers collections 1910 Dec 23rd 5.0 pm collin; 24th 2.0 pm; 30th 5.0 pm; 31st 2.0 pm







272 17 Dec: A piece of 12 clock-time lent to FS Krag Type

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273 20 Dec: All Postman's Office back stamps to be suspended until further notice Mr Gills instructions

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- 274 9 Jan: Six type written circular stamps lent to FS Mr Smith's (Asst Supt) Authority Nos 40-45 Returned same evening
- 275 14 Jan: Issued for use at "News of the World" Office
- 276 19 Jan: Wavy line obliterators fitted to Columbia & Krag machines are to have special pads provided & keep for these machines only. / The Engineer on the Sub-Ground Floor will supply new pads on application per Mr Pym's instruction.
- 277 20 Jan: Unable to use large "Universal" machine after 7.45 pm collection owing to spindle having broken
- 278 2 Feb: Columbia die C used with.....(rest of page missing)

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- 279 4 Feb: The Stamping Overseers / The four discs herewith, which are to be placed in the screw cup of the stamp, are to brought into use forthwith and given one month's trial, when a report should be made as to their usefulness/ Signed WEB / for Supt
- undated: The above were inserted in the stamps used on the C O window colln's viz Nos 1, 2, 3 & 4 commencing at 3.30 pm & on.
- 281 6 Feb: One piece of Krag P.M. lent to W.C. (Mr Dickinson's Authority)
- 282 8 Feb: Instructions have been recd from Asst Controller to bring into use a stamp for stamping bills on West Platform / The impression is shewn in the margin

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- 283 13 Feb: LPS 50980/10 / No 6a Missort Stamp returned to Stores to be recut owing to the Index being incorrectly cut, replaced by No 11 back stamp and brought into use at 8.30 am to-day /Reverted on 23.3.11
- 284 13 Feb: The wavy lines have been re-adjusted to No 67 Columbia AC
- 285 13 Feb: LPS 6321/11 Separate facing & stamping of correspondence received from L.B.O. is to cease (experimentally)





- 286 15 Feb: While stamping the 7.45 pm collection the die holder of the "H" Universal machine broke
- 287 16 Feb: Large Universal machine removed this day
- 288 16 Feb: A new Columbia machine No 187 was brought into use to day on the 5.30 pm collection
- 290 2 Mar: Instructions to issue 2 extra stamps for use at the Prudential Office today have been received from Book Overseer (GJB) No 91 & 151 sent with 6.45 pm clock time.
- 291 24 Mar: The stamp shewn in the margin was brought into use on "Blind" correspondence left over from the Midnight Duty to be dealt with on the "Through Duty" (crossed through and marked "Cancelled")
- 27 Mar: The following handstamps are withdrawn to be recut; No 41 Back stamp by No 56; No 42 back stamp by No 57; No 2 back stamp by No 16; No15 Official Paid stamp by No 14; No 72 Obliterating stamp by No 70; Nos 69, 74, 75 Obliterating stamp by Nos 168, 169, 170 /complete set of type for each / No 94 sent as pattern / Reverted to respective duties Sept 19
- p. 59
 293 ? Apr: A quantity of steel type of various (sizes), most of it antedated, sent to Stores
- ? Apr: The Universal machine was put out (of) use this day owing to both Dies being broken per Mr Pym's instructions
- 295 26 Apr: Two Universal Die holders taken to Engineers Office / Montague Bunn
- 27 Apr: A new die holder supplied to Universal machine & brought into use on 5.30 pm colln
- 297 3 May: LPS 16719 / The official stamps used on Parliamentary Debate to be made up at Times of Arrival Clock time to be

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6.0	am	11	6.15	am	6.15	am
6.15	am	**	6.30	am	6.30	am
6.30	am	to	6.45	am	6.45	am
6.45	am	to	7	am	7	am

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298 8 May: Another new Die Holder supplied to Universal machine, as a reserve to replace the die broken on April 25th. 1911



- 299 11 May: Copy / 6 pm Collection special treatment of correspondence brought in from Dowgate Hill P.B. A specimen impression of the stamp used is shown in margin. (Endorsed "Cancelled per Mr Kidsleys instructions May 18th")
- 300 16 May: The specimen impression is of the stamp to be used in place of No 15 back stamp which has been withdrawn for repair
- 301R *16 May*: Paid Charge rubber stamps brought in to use to day per Mr Kidsleys instructions AC
- 302 18 May: The specimen impression is of the stamp brought into use vice "L" which is broken. Used on correspondence (Private) received from Government Offices
- p. 61 303 29 May: The smaller "Universal" machine removed this day and a new "Krag" erected in its place and was brought into use on the 6 pm collection without an index letter on the 30th.
- 304 30 May: Another new "Krag" machine erected at No 14 Table
- 305 31 May: A third new "Krag" machine erected on No 17 Table and was brought into use on the 3.45 pm collection index letter "G"
- 306 1 Jun: Two sets of Universal type with dies taken away by Engineer
- 307 15 Jun: Three boxes of Type, Dies & Rings complete received today for use on the new "Krag" machines. Also one box of type, die & rings sent to F.S. The "dies" have not (sic) index letter
- 308 27 Jul: Mr Pymm gave instructions that the stamp 7J was to be used on letters found in News Bags French Night Mail
- p.62
 309 31 Jul: 4 pieces of rubber for stamping purposes and report. Returned
 August 6th
- 310 14 Aug. Three new boxes of "Krag" type received also an imitation type die for each.
- 311 15 Aug. Three complete boxes of "Krag" type handed to Engineer for the above
- 312 21 Aug. "Pick Up" table fitted up



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- 313 8 Sep: 598153/10 LPS 57027/10 / The Asst Controller / As the distinctive stamps now used in the E.C. District become unfit for use they should be replaced by stamps of the ordinary pattern / Snd A.H.R. / for Controller LPS 2.9.11
- 314 9 Sepx Three "Krag" dies for imitation type returned to have index letter afixed (sic) per Supt Instruction (Endorsed "received J. Rutherford for Supt 9.9.11)
- p.63
 315 18 Sep: Twelve pieces of 3½° Paid Charge type lent to W.C.D.O. per Desk Clerk's instructions
- 316 19 Sep: Above type returned per Desk Clerk
- 317 19 Sep: Twelve Liverpool pattern stamps to be recut. No 4 substituted by No 11; No 7 by No 6; No 95 by No 69; No L by 16 (reverted 3.30 pm Jan 15th, 12); Off Pd 4 by Off Pd 13; Off Pd 17 by Off Pd 14 / to new type sampl(sic) No 66; No 12 by No 9; No 76 by No 8; No 84 by No 72; No 85 by No 74; No 86 by No 75; No 87 by No 162 / to 9 type sample No 54; No 15 requires a new worm; No 58 requires a new index number (Recd 1.11.11) Recd 23.10.11
- 318 26 Sep: Three dies (Krag) for imitation type returned and may be used till new ones are provided with index numbers
- p. 64 319 24 Oct: Krag S.M. No 23 was removed and Columbia No 46 was erected in its position, a complete box of type was handed to engineer
- 320 24 Oct: (a triangular stamp appears in the margin but without any narrative)
- 321 3 Nov: A new stamping machine was erected this day and was used on the 6.0pm & 7.0pm collection showing 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm time respectively
- 322 18 Nov. Instructions have been received to keep the EC1 obliterating stamp in the Stamp Room. It is to be issued & returned only with the dated stamp (in margin "Padd 438/10")
- 323 21 Nov. In future all requisitions for chandlery are to be made to the Foreman of the cleansing staff
- 324 5 Dec: The Missort stamp 6a sent away for repair, No 11 as substitute. Reverted 8.30 pm Del Dec 27th 11
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 325 7 Dec: Stamps for Bankers Collections to be made up on Dec 22nd, 29th, 30th
- 326 8 Dec: The new stamping machine removed and No 58 Columbia erected in its place.

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- 328 13 Dec: The application for the supplies for the Stamp Room has been combined with that for the Cleansing Staff and in future the stores for the former should be kept with those of the latter and a combined requisition should be prepared henceforth. ("Copy" in margin)
- 329 15 Dec: No 89 steel stamp returned
- 330 20 Dec: Backstamping suspended per Mr Dickinson's instructions, recommenced 27th
- 331 21 Dec: Instructions were received to make up all obliterating stamps without clock time times replaced 25th

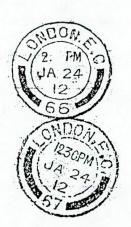
p. 66 332 30 Dec: Back stamping suspended per Mr Gills instructions resumed Jan 3rd

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- 333 18 Jan: 4 dies "Krag" for imitation type marked "KE" 1 to 4 received
- 24 Jan: The specimen impressions shewn in the margin is (sic) of two Liverpool pattern stamps brought into use to day to replace two Massey stamps X.A. & X.K. broken: to be used on letters misposted with Newspapers.

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- 335 5 Feb: Letters posted in Wilkinson Franking machine to be date stamped in red FB
- 336 *21 Feb*: No 92 Obliterating stamp and complete box of type sent to Stores Dept. AB
- 337 27 Feb: No 14 Back stamp used on Chargetakers put out of use No 49 as substitute AB
- 338 *24 Apr*: Massey stamp XB vice XF broken brought into use p. 67
- 339 4 May: A new type of pad received and to be used side by side of one of ordinary pattern and result to noted (sic) in one month AB
- 340 11 May: Impression in margin is of the stamp to be used at Throgmorton Ave vice "W" broken AB





341 undated: Original has feint endorsement "commencing 12 June 1912" (reduced to 70%)

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- 342 12 Jul: The stamp shewn in margin (it is represented by an X) which is used on correspondence for Press Association on G.P. Delivery to be withdrawn from today per Mr F. Bray's instructions
 LPS 51914 June 26th 12 AB (see 344 below)
- 343 25 Jul: No 92 stamp returned from Stores Dept with new adele (?)
- 344 15 Aug: The Maltese Cross stamp used on "Press Association" correspondence should be permanently discontinued / signed FB / Asst Controller / EC 15th August 12 (LPS 51914/12)
- 26 Aug: The following Liverpool pattern steel stamps were sent to be recut: Nos 49,50,1,2,3,4,5,6,8 replaced by Nos 173,4,5,6,7,8,9, specimen No 93; Official Pd 2 & 10 specimen No 87; No 14 Back stamp & Official Pd 7 to be replaced by new ones. A complete set of type required for each all received Oct 22nd with exception of Off Pd 7
- 346 2 Sepx No 3 back stamp out for repair No 16 in place of it
- 347 4 Seps (entry feint but appears to read: -) No 98 stamp to Krag
- p. 69 348 16 Sepx Instructions received from Mr Jones to make up the machine for the stamping of the 10 pm Coll from L.B.O.s 11 pm instead of 10-30 pm
- 349 26 Sep: New Krag machine erected at No 12 table index letter F
- 350 28 Sep: 13 pieces of type (new 9 & 4) & 1 piece of rubber type respectively lent to Goswell Rd BO / Returned: -
- 351 24 Oct: New Krag machine erected at No 13 Table index 12^H

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- 352 17 Dec: The stamp No 43 used on Correspondence rejected from the Callers Division is not to be issued for the second time unless for any particular circumstances at which time the date & month should be reversed and another impression placed in the book per Mr Bramwell's instructions
- 353 20 Dec: Back stamping to be suspended Mr Dickinson's instruction
- 354 21 Dec: Times omitted from all obliterating stamps
- 355 31 Dec: Back stamping resumed 12.15 pm Dely
- 356 31 Dec: Back stamping suspended 5.15 pm Dely

- 357 28 Jan: In future correspondence received in the S.O. (missent to A.G.D.) should be stamped with the distinctive stamp by the Postmen on duty at the time of transfer in the Stamp Room. / The Postmen stamping the correspondence must on all occasions sign for the stamp in the Stamp Impression Book / Inst: from Mr Dickinson
- p. 71
 358 undated: "A note to be made at the side of the stamp See Day Book"
 L.P.S. 64198/12 Sec 173481/12 / Extract from minute dated Jan 13.13
 approved by the Secretary. We should allow the present practice of omitting clock time from matter at the 1d rate, at the discretion of the Officer, in Charge of the Sorting Office on postings, known or considered to be unimportant
- 359 11 Feb: No 9 Steel stamp lent to Mr Pym shewing 6.45 pm Clock time & 11th inst for a few days Returned 6 May
- 360 26 Feb: Nos 3, 15, 17 Back stamps Official 5 & 17 Obliterating 7 & 65 be replaced by new stamps sample No 172 (15 and 17 replaced by 21 & 22 obliterators); Official Paid 16, Back stamp 6a Obliterating stamps 147, 164, 169 to be recut to sample No 94. Reverted to use July 28th 13
- 361 11 Apr: Lent to Controllers Office returned April 15th
- 362 15 Apr: Lent to Controllers Office ret 6 May



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- 362A 13 May: New stamping machine "Alma" erected No. 13 table, used on 4.45 pm coll.
- 362B 28 May: 4 Kraq screws lent to WCDO
- 362C 29 May: Two india rubber stamps one of the hammer type and the other with upright handle to be brought into use on and from today, for the long letters and packets received by the 11.45 am collections shewing 12.30 pm clock time and those sent out by the 2.15 pm delivery. L.P.S. 36.519/13
- 362D 10 Jun: On and from the 16th inst. the stamps issued for use on the Official correspondence division during the midday duty i.e. from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm inclusive should be set up to indicate the same clock time as is now shewn in the stamps used on London correspondence posted at this office by the public. L.P.S. 102302/12

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- 363 17 Jun: 109 steel stamp lent to Asst Controller for short period (Mr Buswick) Returned 18.6.13
- 364 17 Jun: With reference to order of the 29th May 13 the two rubber stamps have been returned to the Stores department

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Metal Date-Stamps showing Clock-Time. Discontinuance of issue of such Stamps of "single" pattern for use in impressing Postal Packets.

Arrangements for custody of Date-Stamps.

Hitherto it has been the practice to issue two patterns of metal date-stamps showing clock-time for use in impressing postal packets, viz., the "combined" date-stamp containing an inner and an outer ring, for obliterating postage stamps, and the "single" date-stamp, having no inner ring, for inward date-stamping. It has now been decided that the "combined" date-stamp, while securing more effective obliteration of postage stamps and affording better protection to the type than the "single" date-stamp, is equally suitable for inward date-stamping and may be used for that purpose. The issue of single metal date-stamps showing clock-time for impressing postal packets will therefore be discontinued, but any such date-stamps now in use should continue in use until they are worn out. No change will be made as regards the issue of date-stamps which do not show clock-time, for use at the counter only.

Attention has been called to a practice which prevails at some Officer of assigning permanently to each Officer engaged on stamping duties a particular date-stamp or set of date-stamps. Experience has shown that at large Offices a considerable saving in the number of date-stamps in use, and in the labour and cost of maintaining them, can be effected if they are placed primarily in the keeping of only two or three Officers, whose attendances should be such that one is always on duty while the date-stamps are required, and who will be held responsible for their safe custody, for their correction and issue to the proper Officers, and for their return in due course. The date-stamps would under this system be regarded as proper to particular duties rather than to particular Officers; and the same date-stamp could be used by different Officers succeeding each other on the same duty. Precautions should be taken to insure that date-stamps are not used by any unauthorised person or in any unauthorised way; and the arrangements should be such that it will be possible to ascertain, in the event of subsequent enquiry, what Officer was using a particular date-stamp at a particular time and date.

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- p. 74 366 24 Jun: While the "Alma" stamping machine was being used on the 11.45 am collection a piece of mineral got inserted and broke two cogs thus putting the machine out of action.
- 367 5 Jul: The above mentioned machine was repaired and brought into use on the 9.45 am Collection
- 368 8 Jul: No 10 packet stamp to be used on letters and packets, misposted, and found in News Room, per Mr Snow.
- 369 6 Aug: Ten Liverpool pattern steel stamps Nos 161, 162, 163, 165, 166, 168 & No. 1 Off Pd 18, 19, 20 to be recut to sample P a set of time type for each 1 to 12, 15, 30, 45, AM, PM. also an additional dozen PMs No 85 for repair. Recd October 4th 13
- 370 17 Nov. No 85 Steel stamp returned with complete set of 4 type
- 371 19 Nov. No 85 Steel stamp to Mr Baskeville returned Nov 21st
- p. 75 372 22 Nov: Three "Krag" Imitation Type dies marked E.C. handed to Electrician Mr Bunn as obsolete.
- 373 26 Nov. Krag machine No 45 with complete box of type and pads removed to Foreign Section transferred to 1.5. 17.3.14
- 374 3 Dec: To be placed on correspondence recd for Press Association for the Final Coll at 8.30 am / LPS 90467 / 22150
- 375 6 Dec: A new "Universal" stamping machine erected this day at end of "Pick Up" Table
- 376 6 Dec: Stamps to be made up for Bankers Colln's on Dec 23, 24, 30, 31
- 377 19 Dec: Back stamping suspended by Mr Dickinson's orders
- 378 *19 Dec*: Back stamping recommenced per Mr Jones instruction 4.15 PM Dely p.76
- 379 22 Dec: Times omitted from all obliterating date stamps till 24th inclusive
- 380 27 Dec: Back stamping renewed
- 381 27 Dec: 536 pieces of steel type received
- 382 30 Dec: Back stamping was suspended on 2nd Dely only, resumed 10-15 am Dely till 2.15 pm Dely inclusive, then suspended for rest of the day
- 383 31 Dec: Back stamping resumed on 2nd Dely by Mr Jones' instructions
- 384 31 Dec: Back stamping suspended on 5-15 pm, 6-15 pm, 8-30 pm Deliveries

- 385 1 Jan. Back stamping suspended all day
- 386 2 Jan: Back stamping resumed 8.30 am Dely

- p. 76A
- 387 3 Jan: Four Columbia imitation type dies K E. received and four S.M. dies returned
- 388 13 Jan: A new stamping machine the "Michelius" erected at No 11 Table and the "Columbia" transferred to News Room.
- 389 21 Jan: The "Alma" stamping machine has been removed for repair. The "Columbia" machine from News Room erected in its place
- 390 27 Jan: P.O.C. 2141 Date Stamps Order of date type / On and after the 1st proximo, the order in which the month and day are now usually shewn in hand date-stamp impressions, viz: month first then day of month, should be reversed. Thus the 3rd of December should be shown " 3 DE" instead of "DE 3"
- 391 12 Febx This stamp to be used on Night and Week End Cable Letters received for the 10.15 am to 4.15 pm deliveries / The Letters will be brought to the Stamp Room by Lobby messenger and should be stamped & signed for by the Stamp Officers / J. Watts / Asst Supt II/ EC Midday
- p. 76B 392 18 Feb: Cable letters from E.C. Branch Offices including Chief Office Counter should be impressed with the appropriate collection stamp only / All others letters should be impressed with the special Delivery stamp set up from 12 inst / per Mr Jones
- 393 9 Mar: The "Michelius" stamping machine removed to News Room and Columbia machine No 157 erected in its place
- 394 11 Mar: "Michelius" stamping machine taken away
- 17 Mar: Extract from P.O. Circular March 17th 14

 In future the set of clock time supplied with new or recut Steel Date Stamps, will include, in place of the two pieces of blank type hitherto provided, a piece to show a dash or hyphen. The dash should invariably be used when minute figures are not required thus 6 PM. The blank pieces should, however, continue to be used in existing stamps till the latter require recutting. They should be inserted one on each side of the type: thus in showing 6 PM one should be inserted before "6" and the other after "M"
- p. 77 396 *27 Mar*: Krag machine SM 32 and a complete set of type to Foreign Section
- 397 undated: The stamp shewn in the margin is to be brought into use on Monday April 20th 1914 for the purpose of obliterating the new charge stamps. Time in stamp to correspond with the deliveries, 7·15 am and on



000 6 iq 15, AM 10 FE (2:0)



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- 398 20 May: A new stamping pad brought in to use this day. To be used by the side of those at present in use
- 399 26 Jun: One complete box of type received this day for "B" machines
- 400 3 Dec (?) (unclear): One Krag type box & die complete to FS / W West

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401 16 Jun (?): The Stamp Room Officers / The new "Honan Revolving Stamp" should be brought into use on and from today. ...correspo... brought in with the following collec... -: am 8.45; 9.45; 10.45; 11.45; pm 12.45; 1.45; 2.45; 3.45; 4.45; 6.0; 7.0; 8.0 / J Mayes for Supt EC 16

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- 402 7 Aug.ser Rubber Hammer Stamp to be (used) on the following Collections until (fur)ther notice: 1.45 pm 2.45 pm 3.45 & 4.45 pm
- 403 31 Aug. The speciman(sic) impression to be used on correspondence from the Expeditionary Forces to denote postage free (very poor original)
- 404 15 Sep: A "Paid Die" Krag loaned to Foreign Section
- 405 undated: the specimen impression is of the stamp lent to Foreign Section for inward military correspondence until further orders (poor original)
- 406 undated: Papers 200680/14 : Paid stamp No 23 withdrawn Supt EC
- 18 Dec: The omission of clock time from obliterating date stamps from Dec 22 to Dec 24 .. inclusive & from Dec 21st to Dec 26th clock time from stamps used on inwar(d) mails is to be omitted

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- 408 22 Dec: Back Stamping was suspended per Mr Dickinson's instructions
- 409 28 Dec: Back Stamping resumed as per circular
- 410 31 Dec: Back stamping suspended per Mr Dickinson's instructions

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- 411 4 Jan: Back Stamping resumed 10.15 am Dely
- 412 16 Jan: 30 leather discs received for steel stamps
- 413

 16 Mar: Ten steel stamps to be treated as follows: No 67 requires new worm; No 9 Official Pd, 92, 149, 156 to be recut to No 95, a complete set of type will be required for each one dozen extra PMs; Nos 3 & 5 Off Pd 2, 18, 76 to be replaced by new stamps to pattern No 178, eighteen pieces of PM only required. Two pieces of Steel type Nos 34 to 44 inclusive sample enclosed No 33

(return notes feint but include April
?; June 18; Oct 2)



p. 81	25 44	12	f steel typ	a racaivad	"New Pattern"	for Universal
414						
	Machine,	1 - 31 date,	type (only	eleven mont	hs received Ap	ril missing)

- 415 21 Jul: Four steel stamps "R" to Mr Preston for use in Foreign Registered Section
- 416 15 Sep: Set of date type only received for "B" machine
- 17 Sepx A new stamping machine "Bee" erected at No 14 table and brought into use on 3-45 pm Colln, Krag removed and box of type handed to electrician
- 418 21 Sep: Another new "Bee" stamping machine erected at No 10 table, "Krag" removed and box of type handed to electrician.
- 419 20 Oct: Back stamping suspended all day
- p. 82
 420 6(?) Nov. Instructions received from Mr Mayes Asst Supt Midday Duty that the Midday Mail is to be suspended after this date
- p.83 transferred to put into date order
- 11 Nov: 154328/58247 Paid charge corresp'ce from New Zealand
 General Post Office / Wellington / 11th Nov 1915
 Sir/ I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 28th Aug last
 No. 154328 regarding this Department's request that your Administration
 accept as fully prepaid correspondence from New Zealand stamped with
 impressions of the automatic stamping machine and with a "Paid" stamp in
 blue ink instead of in red ink as originally arranged and to inform you
 that the impressions of the "paid" shall continue to be in red ink.
 W R Morris / for the Postmaster General / The Secretary/ General Post
 Office/ London
- p. 82 422 27 Nov: A new 'Bee' stamping machine erected at No 13 table
- p.83
 423
 8 Dec: 4259/8/15 ? Circ 184/ The Secretary has now authorized the suspension of inward date stamping during the period of the war at the discretion of Surveyor/ Inward date stamping may therefore now be suspended at all deliveries in London and letters need no longer be back stamped on arrival at London offices. Registereded and missort letters and packets should however continue to be date stamped as at present. / (signed) R Bruce / Controller
- p. 82
 424
 16 Dec: P.O. Circular / From the 21st to the 24th December inclusive clock time should be omitted from all obliterating stamps at Head Offices

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425
8 Jan: The Asst Controller / In connection with the suspension of the 9.45 am and 10.45 am(?) collections on and from the 17th in(st) no mention is made of the Chief Offic(e) postings and presumably these are to be cleared as usual These posting(s) are now stamped with other collection... matter and it is asked whether they are to bear the clock time now in use or the new time - 11.30 am / H.W. Pym/ Supt E.C.

426 undated: Mr Pym / The 9.45 am - 10.30 am collections from KEB which are now stamped "10.30 am" should be made as usual and should be still stamped "10.30 am" / (Intd) FLN / for AC

p. 85

427 15 (?) Jan: The proceeds of the new 10.30 am 10.45 am Collection should be clock timed 11.30 am / Asst Contr Instructions

428 29 Feb: The Late Fee postings at the 47 Cannon St, Eastcheap, Gracechurch St and Leadenhall St BOs for the Country collections will in future be dealt with at 6.30 pm at those offices / The 7.45 pm clock time in the Late Fee stamps of these offices should continue to be used. Extract from papers signed by / "F.L.N." 29.2.16

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429 29 Feb: (right hand edge of page is missing) In connection with the alteration in the times ... posting to be made on and from 1st March i... should be noted that clock times in the date st... should be used in accordance with the table given..

Times of Postings (all PM) 4-30 5-30 6-0 6-30 7-0 * 4 Larger BOs 7-30 4-30 5-30 6-30 7-30 All other BOs & TSOs 1 Pillar Box etc 1 7-45 8-0 5-30 6-0 7-0 8-30 K. E. B. 6-45 7-45 7-45 8-30 Clock time 5-30 6-0 No alteration in Official times * Fen Lom Ludgate Throg

430 28 Mar: LPS Custody of date stamps / Two cases have recently occurred in which date stamps in use (1) at the counter of a Branch Office and (2) in the Sorting Office, have been lost. Special notice should be directed to the necessity of carefully guarding again(st) such losses and Officers in Charge of Branch offices should be instructed (to) see that rule 46 in the book of Instruct(ions) for Officers in Charge is strictly ob(served) by the staff under their control (Sgnd) A H Red(drop) for Contr

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431 6 Apr: The Controller directs that clock time be shewn on certain Evening collections as follows

5-30 pm & 6-0 pm Colin 6-15 pm Time 6-30 pm " 7-0 pm " 7-15 " " 7-30 pm " 8-0 pm " 8-15 " "

also that the final collection hitherto made at this office (A) for the last delivery in London at 6.45 pm and (B) for the last local delivery at 7.45 pm be discontinued and that the final times here be made 6.0 pm & 7.0 pm respectively and 8.0 pm for the 7.30 / 8.0 pm Collection Memo / the new arrangement was commenced on the 7th April 16 by order issued from the Asst Controllers Office 7-4-16 / LPS 39687/16

432 10 Apr: The Superintendent / EC Section / The following Town collections from the KEB boxes are at present stamped showing the clock time of collection and, as they are relief collections only, it is thought they might in future, be clock timed as proposed;

Collection	Present Clock Time	Proposed Clock Time
8.15 am	8.15 am	8.30 am
8. 45 "	8. 45 "	9.0"
4.45 pm	4. 45 pm	5.30 pm
10. 45 "	10. 45 "	11.0 "

If you see no objection, please ar(range) accordingly (Initd) / FS / for AC / LPS, EC, 10 4 16

- p. 88 433
- 7 Jul: In connection with the altered times of E.C. Collections on and from the 10th inst, it should be noted that the clock time 12-30 pm should be used for the new 11.30 / 11.45 AM Coll'n and 12.15 AM for the new collections at that time (s.n.r.)

New delivery times also to be brought into force on and from the above mentioned date are as follows: 7.15 AM, 10.15 AM; 1.10 PM; 3.15 PM and 7.0PM

- 434 13 Jul: Two pieces of each "16" "16M" "16N" "16P" steel type for "Bee" machines supplied and brought into use.
- 435 26 Aug. On and from this date stamps No 112.113.158.159 used at Fenchurch St BO will no longer be required. (s.n.r.)
- p. 89
- 21 Sepx EC / The Asst Supts II / Facing Duty and Sorting Office / Midnight Duty and The Asst Supt I / Through Duty / With reference to the instructions in the Post Office Circular dates (sic) 5th September relating to precautions to be taken particularly in the case of date stamps used for letter bills, will you be good enough to arrange for all bills used by road offices to be taken to the Stamp Room for date stamping by the Stamp Officer: each officer will of course take his own letter bills. This arrangement will replace that at present in force whereby each road officer uses a stamp for which he does not sign, should be an effectual safeguard against its use for any improper purpose / (signed) WD Smith / Supt (s.n.r.)
- p. 90
- 437 4 Oct: In future the M.P. Coll: at 3.0 am & 4.45 am will be 3.15 am & 5 o'clock
- 3 Nov: Extract from P.O. Circular of Feb. 26th 1907. Stamping of substitute Letter or Parcel Bills. To avoid the necessity for changing a date-stamp at the Office of Despatch in order to complete a substitute Letter or Parcel Bill prepared in connection with an irregularity report, the name of the Office & the date of despatch should, in future, be written on the Bill (s.n.r.)

439 27 Nov: Town etc Official Postings / Statement showing the times at which the collections of Town etc postings from Governments Offices, Post Office Depts etc are due at E.C.O. & the clock times shown in the cancelling stamps used (a) at present & (B) as proposed, to bring the clock times into line with those shown on ordinary postings collected from the Chief Office (K.E.B.) Posting boxes at times corresponding to the times when Official Postings are due at E.C.O. throughout the day. (left hand edge torn and missing)

Times due at E. (C. O. of	(a)	(b)
(T)own Etc Offic	cial Postings	At present	Proposed
From	То		
previous day			
	12. 5 am	12.15 am	12.15 am
	4. 15 "	4. 15 am	1. 0 "
5.50 "		7. 15 "	6. 0 "
8. 0 "	-	8. 30 "	8. 0 "
8, 55 "	-	9.30 "	9. 0 "
9. 40 "	10. "	10. 0 ")	10.30 "
10.40 "	11. "	10.30 ")	
11. 15 "	-	11. 0 ")	11.30 "
11.40 "	12. 15 pm	11.30 ")	
12. 16 pm	12. 23 "	12.15 pm)	12.30 pm
12. 40 "	1. 0 "	12.30 ")	
1. 5 "	1.30 "	1. 0 ")	1.30 "
1.40 "	2. 0 "	1.30 ")	
2. 4 "	2. 23 "	2. 0 ")	2.30 "
2. 40 "	3. 0 "	2.30 ")	
3. 4 "	3. 25 "	3. 0 ")	3.30 "
3. 40 "	4. 0 "	3.30 ")	
4. 10 "	4. 20 "	4. 0 ")	4. 30 "
4. 40 "	5. 0 "	4.30 ")	
5. 5 "	5. 30 "	5. 0 "	5. 30 "
5. 35 "	6. 0 "	6. 0 "	6. 15 "
0.00			
6. 3 "	6. 29 "		
6. 33 "	6. 52 "	6. 45 "	7. 15 "
7. 5 "	7. 15 "	0. 10	7.15
7. 5	71.13		
7. 20 "	7.30 ")	7. 45 "	8, 15 "
7. 31 "	7. 47 ")		0, 13.
7. 31	,, ,,		
7. 48 "	7.59 ")	9. 0 "	9. 0 "
8. 5 "	8.35 ")"	,. v	,. v
0. 3	0.00		
9. 5 "	9.50 "	10. 0 "	10. 0 "
, J	7. 30		10. 0

(n.b. the original is confusing from 7.30 pm but the above appears to be correct)

Brought into use 27/11/16

P. S. E. C. (s. n. r.)

p. 92 440	<i>8 Dec</i> : On	and from	today the	following	times	will	be shewn	in	official
	stamps use	d from 12 r	midnight to	5.0 am					
	From 10.	0 pm to 2	2.30 am:-	12.15 am					
	11 2	30 am to 3	3 30 "	3. 15 am					

- " 2.30 am to 3.30 " 3.15 am 3.30 am to 4.30 " 4.15 am
- " 4.30 am to 5.0" 5.0 am PG Ball
- 441 15 Dec: From the 21st to the 24th Dec inclusive all clock time should be omitted (s.n.r.)
- 28 Dec: Clock Time to be omitted from the Collect(ion) Stamps by order of the Supt also on the 29 J. H. Moore

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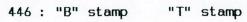
		1317		
p. 93				
443	9 Jan: Copy of order	received dated Jan 9th	1917 / (this appears	to have
	one note overwriting	another and very uncle	ar for two lines)	
	Times shewn in	Official stamps / and	used on collections as	follows
	2.31	4. 15	4. 15	
	collections from 10.	0 pm to 12.15 am:	12.15 clock	time
	12	16 am 11 2 30 am	2 30 am "	tt

collections	from	10.	0	pm	to	12.	15	am :	12	. 15	C	lock	time
		12.	16	am	11	2.	30	am	2	. 30	am	11	
		2.	31	am	tt	4.	15	am	4	. 15	am	"	11
		4.	16	am	**	5.	0	am	5	. 0	am	11	II .
		5.	1	am	**	6.	0	am	6	. 0	am	**	"

A P Alexander

- 1 Feb: Six pieces of steel type lent to Smithfield B.O. by order H.J. Moore(2) Above returned Feb 2 GE Ball
- 446 11 Apr: The following stamps to be taken into use week ending 20/4/17 as Postal Draft Stamps / "B" For use on Postal Draft sent from ECDO / "T" For use on Post Drafts sent from B.O.'s (A Roberts)
- 447 12 Apr: One machine die holder received AE Ball
- p. 95
 448 7 Jun: 1 new Reg pkt stamp Recd (poor impression in original) AE Ball This stamp has been transferred to F.S./ Recd WG file
- 449 9 Aug. The stamp in the margin to be used in place of No 3 Stamp (Broken) on "unobliterated found in Postman's Office"
 AE Ball
- 450 (undated): 1 Type holder lent to Asst Controller
- 9 Nov. Pending further instructions the "Pick up" table is to be used on the 5.30 pm collection every evening Supt instructions (s.n.r.)







- 1917 p. 96 15 Dec: Extract from P.O. Circular from the 21st to 24th inclusive all 452 clock times to be omitted (s.n.r.) 17 Dec: One Kragg(sic) sleeve lent to Supts Clerk (s.n.r) 453 454 18 Dec: Kraq sleeve returned this day 18 Dec: National War Bonds fitted to No 12 machine "Krag" 455 27 Dec: "2 Kraq" War Loan dies withdrawn by Asst Cont Dept this day A E 456 Ball The following entries predate the above but appear in this order in the original. p. 97 10 Nov: In future only 1 stamp will be made .. (tornpage) Censor Duty 457 instead of 2 (The Current Date) (s. n. r.) 10 Dec: 2 National War Loans fitted to Nos 11 & 15 machines today. 458 14 Dec: Official Paid stamp No 12 brought into use today in place of 459 official Pd No 16 "broken" used on Sealing Table (s.n.r) 14 Dec: National War Bonds fitted to No 16 machine this day (s.n.r.) 460 15 Dec: National War Bond fitted to machine in Official Div this day 461 (s. n. r.) (undated): National War Bond fitted to Mach... No 17 ... this day 462 p. 98 28 Dec: War Bonds f.... No 13 Machine "B" 463 1918 5 Jan: The following Reg. Stamps to be put in use for Through Duty not 464 later than 11.30 PM Satur.... commencing on Jan 5th 18 Through Duty Sunday / Tables Nos 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 one Packet & Official Paid ? Jan: National War Bonds fitted to ... 14 machine "Bee" (final entry at foot of page lost) p. 99 ? Jan: Reposted stamp No 164 "Broken" & ... replaced by No 163 (s.n.r) 466 19 Feb: On & from Wed 20th inst the present collecting services at 467
- 19 Feb: On & from Wed 20th inst the present collecting services at 10.30am & 11.30am 12.45pm & 1.45pm will cease & a new service created at 10.45am; 12.15pm (page torn) & 1.30pm / The Correspondence should be clock timed .. follows 10.45 AM Colln Clock time 11.30 AM

12. 15 PM Colln Clock time 1. 30 PM 1. 30 PM Colln Clock time 2. 30 PM

Care should be taken that the clock time 1.30PM ... still retained for Chief Office postings made time. No 15 table should be used for that (pu)rpose. (s.n.r.)

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25 Feb: "National War Bond" Die fitted...Machine on 9 Table & taken into use ... 5.30 PM Collection. All Stamping Machin... are now fitted with "National War Bonds D... with exception of Universal Machine on "Pick up"
Table
A Roberts (3)

- 7 Mar: In future No 1 Table Steel Stamp R.L.D. will be used instead of Rubber Stamp, as at present on the Through Duty, the Indicator being left out, as is usual on the Through Duty (s.n.r.)
- 8 Mar: For the future the King of Belgains(sic!) are to be stamped in the Stamp Room by the Supt with an ordinary "paid" stamp (s.n.r)
- p. 101
- 9 Apr: Letter broken, replaced by 166 (s.n.r.)
- 472 very feint record not reproduced
- 473 19 Apr: In future a special stamp will be set up for ... purpose of stamping the "Thro Duty Wages Dockets" acting ... Mr Gill's instructions / stamp will be "Ja" The impression is shown in The Officer who uses the stamp signs for it (s.n.r.)
- p. 102
- 474 23 Apr. On & after the 24th April 1918 the clock time (thro') Duty collection will be 1.15 am instead of (s.n.r.)
- 475 2 May: No 6 Official Paid substituted for No 18 thread (worn) (s.n.r.)
- 476 17 May: On 7 after May 17th 1918 the Smithfield market X.H. will be 6.30 am instead 7 am clock time, acting the Overseers instructions (s.n.r.)
- 477 27 Sept On and from today G. Reg Rubber Stamp to be issued for Reg Insured Duty only / per Supts Instr... (s.n.r.)
- 478 30 Sep: Received die : (Feed the Guns) Two for Krag Machines. One for.... Columbia machine. Instructions to as much as...... (feint and missing parts)
- p. 103
- 479 3 Oct: ... Krag die borrowed by Mr Bunn
- 480 3 Oct: ... Krag Die Transferred to S.E.D.O. per Mr Baskeville instructions (s.n.r.) Recd M.J.Bunn ELDP (?) Section
- 481 4 Oct: 1 new Die (Feed the Guns) fitted to No 11 machine this day (s.n.r.)
- 482 4 Oct: 1 (Feed the Guns Die) fitted to No 13 machine this day
- 483 9 Oct: 1 "Feed the Guns" Die fitted this day to Official Machine
- p. 104
- 484 entry at top of original page mainly missing but appears to relate to fitting a "Feed the Guns" die to several machines including "No 16"
- 485 18 Oct: 2 "Feed the Guns" dies "Bee" received this day
 1 " " die fitted to No 14 machine this day
 1 " " " No 10 " " "
- 486 24 Oct: 1 "Feed the Guns" die fitted to No 9 this day
- 487 13 Nov: All "Feed the Guns" dies removed this day per Mr Pym's instructions (s. n. r.)
- p. 105
 488 20 Nov. In accordance with instructions from Engineering Chief 18(?)
 "Feed the Guns" and "Buy National War Bonds" dies have been removed to
 stores this day (s. n. r.)

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- 489 19 Nov: On & from today J Reg Pkt stamp will be used only on Reporting duty per instructions from Asst Comt per Mr Cooke (s.n.r.)

 490 19 Nov: Please arrange for the "!" rubber (Reg) stamp to be again issued
- 19 Nov: Please arrange for the "J" rubber (Reg) stamp to be again issued regularly for this duty J.E. Reporting Duty & instruct the stamp officer that he must not depart from standing working without proper authority (s.n.r.)
- p. 106
- 491 29 Nov. Columbia machine removed from No 11 Table and replaced by Universal machine from the Pick up Table this day
- 492 3 Dec: 1 complete set of Columbia type withdrawn from use by Mr Bunn
- 493 3 Dec: All clock times to be removed from obliterating stamps from Dec 21st to 24th inclusive (s.n.r.)

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495 23 Dec: 6 pieces of "Bee" type each for 19^L; 19^M; 19^N; 19^P Universal PM 1919 2 pieces

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- 496 1 Jan: Received 1 piece 1½D Paid type for Columbia die
- 497 1 Jan: For Asst Cont 7 8 pieces of year "19" type No 9 lent to Gracechurch St BO
- 498 entry mainly missing reading "of year 19 rubber type"

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- 499 3 Jan: One piece of year type 19 line type lent to Albermanbury B.O. per Asst Cont request
- 500 11 Jan: IS NPB 64 In future predated stamps for Lancet will bear open time (s.n.r.)
- 501 14 Jan: Two pieces 1½D paid Bee type supplied this day
- 502 15 Jan: (entry mainly missing) St..... replace No 6(?) "Broken"

p. 109

- 3 May: Will you please instruct the Stamping Officers to bring under notice any failures to return stamps (signed) NSB Acting Supt (s.n.r.)



- 505 15 May: No 67 steel stamp broken out of use and substituted by No 63
- p. 110
 506 16 May: On & after Monday 19th May all letters for deliveries must be backstamped except those for G.P. Auth LPS Cir 50 May 1 19 (s.n.r.)
- 507 28 May: Special wavy lines fixed in Krag machine for test purposes this day
- 508 undated: Foreign Posting Boxes / In future special collections from K.E.B. & Newgate St clock times 6.45 am & 10.45 am / Controller's orders (s.n.r.)
- p. 111 509 1 Jul: Instructions received this day from Comptr to the effect that the following revised list of Collections will come into force with the reconstruction of Duties

Hour of	Col 8. 45	am	stamps	to	bear	9.30	a	C	time	
	10.45	am				11.30	a			
	11.45	am				12.30	pm			
	12. 45	pm				1.30	pm			
	1. 45	pm				2.30	pm			
	2.45	pm				3.30	pm			
	3. 45	pm				4.30	pm			
	4.30	pm				5.30				
	5.30	pm				6. 15	pm			
	6.30	pm				7. 15				
	7. 30	pm				8. 15	pm			
further	instructions	re	Clock	time	e awai	ted (s. n	r.)	

510 18 Jul: Set of further instruction re above order received this day JE Ball (Chief Engineer)

the following entry appears on p. 110

- 511 26 Jul: The collections from the K.E.B. boxes at 12 45 pm & 1.10 pm should now be regarded as relief collections to the 1.30 pm collection & the clock-timed 1.30 pm accordingly (signed WJ for Assist Con) (s.n.r.)
- p. 112 512 *25 Aug*: Straight lines fitted in Krag machine Asst Con orders via Desk Clerk H W Patrick
- 1 Sep: No 43 Packet stamp brought into use on Caller Duty to be issued with No 43 steel stamp Asst Cont orders HW Patrick EC 627
- 514 25 Sep: In future the Maltese X will be used on callers Cors addressed to Drapers Ag Co Gresham Street HD for Supt (stamp in the margin does not appear to relate but is shown)
- 515 undated: To be used on Aerial Mail correspondence only. Supt orders



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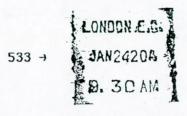
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p. 113 516	14 Oct: In consequence of No 5 stamp used on unobliterated found in P Office being no longer fit for use No 46 stamp is placed as substitute E. Walters EC 522					
517	12 Nov: Thick obliterating lines to be fitted to No 12 machine (Krag) Instructions from Supt Facing Duty 12.11.29					
518	31 Oct: No 4 stamp is replacing No 46 used on unobliterated found in P.O. bad fitting of 46 the cause of change					
519	No entry					
520	12 Nov: Wavy lines fitted in Krag machine by Engineer Brown					
521	12 Nov. G Foreign Section Reg stamp lent to Mr Basset Room 3 Controllers office as a specimen HW Patrick					
522	20 Nov: Repaired motor fitted to No 20 machine H.W. Patrick					
p. 114 523	1 Dec: A stamp shewing 4.15 am clock time was demanded by Mr Brooks Nature of posting & source unknown information refused (in another hand) No 167 issued To be made up every morning till Dec 6th Special Lobby Posting for Members of Parliament ("3.30 am Dec 2nd" entered above and below the stamp impression)					
524	3 Dec w.e.f.: Heydolphin machine fitted to No 11 Table. Instructions given on (account of Type) that clock time was to be 6.30 7.30 8.30 Supt orders					
525	undated: This stamp was taken out of use owing to thread being worn out HW Patrick					
526	18 Dec: In future Blind Duty stamp will be required every evening about 10.30 pm Instructions from Supt EC this stamp is to be issued as required (s.n.r.)					
p. 115 527	19 Dec: Extract from P.O. Circular from 21st to 24th inclusive all Clock Times to be omitted $(s.n.r.)$					
528	22 Dec: Back stamping suspended from Dec 20th to Dec 26th, Dec 30th to Jan 2nd Supt permission W G Jeffery					
529	29 Dec: Received this day 24 pieces of "Bee" Type & 16 pieces of Columbia for machines					
530	30 Dec: Back stamping to be used again today Asst Supt inst H W 415 AM Patrick 1 DE					
531	undated; Type re - 1920 front page of book 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19					

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533 24 Jan: In future No 20 machine will be required to back stamp all correspondence left over from G.P. Dely. The type should be set as per specimen

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19 Apr: (a) Late fee correspondence Leadenhall St B.O. (b) Late fee correspondence Lombard St B.O. (c) Late fee correspondence Fenchurch St B.O. (c) entry marked "Cancelled" and fresh specimen stamps shewn in the margin, marked (d) below) Mr Mc Carthy / Supt Instructions (s.n.r.)











534(a)

534(b)









534(c)

534 (d)

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21 Apr: Issued to Taxing Duty to replace similar one sent for repair or replacement.



536 22 Apr: (a) Late fee correspondence Lombard St B.O. (b) These stamps have been altered for late fee correspondence at Throg Ave 7.45 pm clock time in place of 6.15 pm (c) Late fee correspondence Throgmorton Avenue B.O. Mr McCarthy Supt instructions.



536(a)



536(b)

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536(c)

23 Apr: Brought into use in place of X for use at Lombard St B.O. late fee correspondence





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- 538 undated: In future 12 stamps to be made up for Sunday Duty for Registered Branch instead of 9 as hitherto Mr Barker's orders Reg Branch
- 7 May: Brought into use for use at Eastcheap B.O. Late fee correspondence instructions Assist Controller. By Mr Coulson Act. Assist.Supt (this written above stamp no. 61)
- p. 120
 540 1 Jun: In future all stamps & pads are to be taken to the EC Regd Letter Branch at 4.45 am
- 21 Jun: This machine was made up and used on 1 empty envelope Authority WR Bird Supt of Floor (the stamp LONDON EC/53 is shewn but reason not apparent)
- 542 23 Jul: To all Officers employed in the Stamp Enclosure. It must be understood that an impression of all stamps issued for use at the Branch Offices must be submitted to the Overseer in charge of the stamping duties, to be checked before being brought into use. (s. n. r.)
- p. 121
 543 ? Aug. Lent to Wrapper Duty Asst Controllers Orders (see p. 46)
- 17 Sepx for Special Attention. A rubber packet stamp should be set aside for special use of the Postmens' Office Blind Duty. The stamp is to be issued daily together with the steel stamp now issued bearing the same clock times ("No 43 steel" entered in margin and deleted by a single vertical line) (s.n.r.)
- 546 22 Oct: No 89 stamp found in stamp room basket at 7.10 this evening The Supt attention has been drawn to the matter P.S. stamp withdraw from use for the present by Desk Clerk, who has been left with same

1921

- 6 Jan: M stamp brought into use for Expr.... stamp H Box on 7.1.21, H for recutting
- p. not numbered
- 548 undated: a sequence of numbers, the purpose of these not apparent

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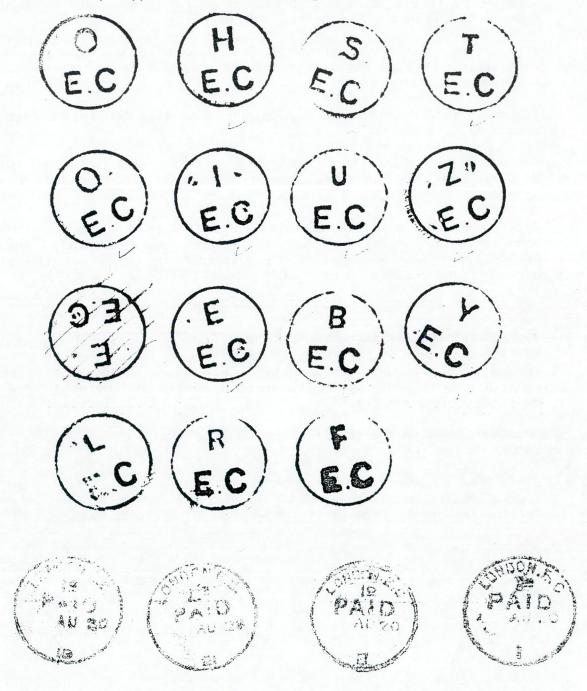
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Initials and Abbreviations

The explanation of the initials and abbreviations in the main text is the Editors'. Where no explanation is offered the entry number is shown in the expectation a reader will be able to provide one.

Ass	Assistant
В. О.	Branch Office
Bct	? 190
DCL	: 170
C. O.	Chief Office
C. Office	
	Chief Office
Colln	Collection
Colls	Collections
Compo	Composition
Cont (rs)	Controller(s)
Corres	Correspondence
C. T.	Clear Time
Dely	Delivery
Div	Division
E. C. O.	East Central Office
E. C. O. B.	? 124
Fgn	Foreign
F. S.	Foreign Section
F. S. B. O.	Foreign Section Branch Office
G. P	? General Post
I.S.	Inland Section
K. E. B.	King Edward Branch (= Chief Office)
L. B. O.	Large(r) Branch Office(s)
L. P. S.	London Postal Service
Ldn	London
Midt	Midnight
Mt	Mount (Pleasant)
No.	Number
Oblit	Obliterating/obliterator
oc	o'clock
Offl	Official
Parly Pros	Parliamentary Proceedings
PB	Pillar Box
PH	Pearson Hill
Pks	Packets
Pkt	Packet (s)
Pms'	? 151
PM	
111	? 189 (post meridian ?)

PO Post Office P Office Post Office pps ? 220

PS (546) Post Script

Recd Received

Reg No Registry / Register Number

Ren ? 164

R.L.D. ? 469 (Returned Letter Division?)

Satdy Saturday

S.B.O. Small(er) Branch Office(s)

Sec Section
Secy(s0 Secretary('s)

S. M. ? 387

s.n.r. Signatures not reproduced

Supt Superintendent

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T.S.O. Town Sub Office

W.C. West Central

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STAMP IDENTIFYING LETTERS AND NUMBERS

The entry numbers against the identifying letters and numbers contained in the stamps take no account of whether the stamp is identified as back stamp, obliterating stamp, packet stamp or with any other designation.

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