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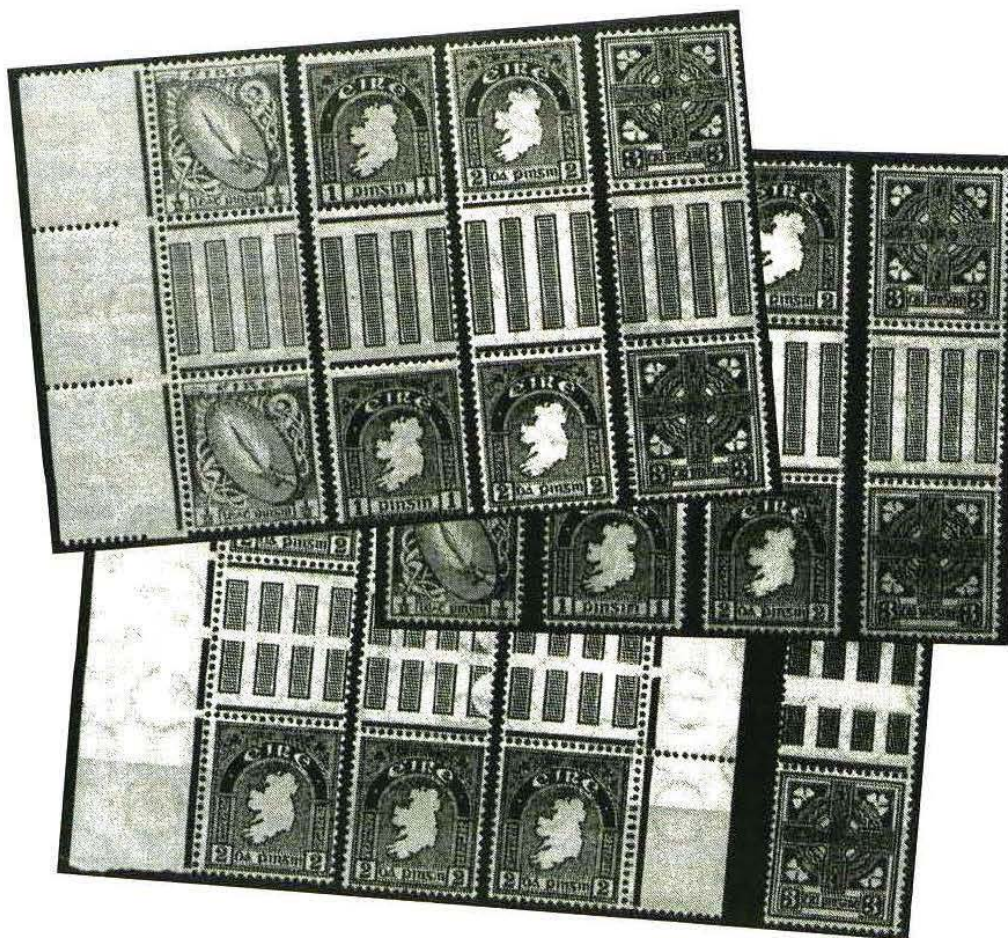
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President's Message

by William O'Connor

I am writing this message to the membership as the fires here in southern California continue to cause tremendous destruction. We in the Fallbrook area have been fine. The fires are concentrated in the east county, and have consumed over 10% of San Diego. Our prayers and thoughts go out to all those families who have lost lives and homes.

Our AGM meeting in Baltimore was a great success. Joe Foley and Patricia Walker did a superb job of planning for all aspects of our gathering. If you have not been to a recent annual meeting, please plan to come to our next meeting in Chicago next November, 2004. The exhibits, the camaraderie, the good food, and the tremendous hospitality by all were most enjoyable. Another of the convening societies at BALPEX was the Vatican Philatelic Society. I would like to thank Thomas Crimando their president, and member of the EPA, for his kindness and participation at this superb show.

One sad note at the beginning of the festivities concerned Joe Foley, our most immediate past president. He had to be hospitalized for an eye condition that required surgery. He came through the ordeal wonderfully, and actually was able to attend the end of our general meeting and par-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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ticipate in the awards dinner that Saturday evening. The Irish exhibits are discussed in a separate article, suffice to say, the exhibits were first-rate.

At the board meeting and the general meeting, both of which are open to all members, the reports indicate a healthy and vibrate group of collectors. We still have concerns with an aging membership, but let's remember to enjoy our hobby today. Pat Walker's presentation of her early ship letter rates after the general meeting was indicative of why she is the most knowledgeable practitioners of exhibiting this very difficult and scarce material.

I was helping with the local show here in San Diego called POWPEX over November 8th and 9th of this year. I was very much surprised to run into the Editor of the Irish Philatelic Circle. Eddy Dalton from Great Britain was on an extended vacation and stopped by our small venue and was able to find some early Irish covers with Maltese Cross and numeral cancellations from the 1840's. I have been a member of the Irish Philatelic Circle for quite some time and it was nice to place a face with an organization. Eddy was very gregarious and knowledgeable concerning our hobby. If any one is interested in our sister organization across the Atlantic, please send me a note or e-mail.

I would like to thank all those members who are actively involved in the administrative side of our hobby. A special thank you to Myron Hill and his wonderful wife for the effort and time put forth as secretary these many years. David Brennan will be taking over the responsibilities of the secretary, a big thanks to David. The election results for this year were recorded in the last edition of the Revealer. Thanks once again to Paul, the Michaels, Peter, Joseph, Robert, George, and Philip for your continued presence as stewards for our organization.

As always, the call for more articles for *The Revealer* is ever present. Send those articles to Pat Ryan, even if it is your first attempt at philatelic writing. As we look towards the New Year, I would like to wish all health and good cheer to the membership. ♣

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Secretary's note: The increase in membership is mainly due to the good press we received in Linn's and Stanley Gibbons Monthly on our "Overprint Identifier" and our webmaster's updating of our website. If any of these new members live in your area, drop them a note and invite them to your next chapter meeting when you have one. Maybe this is the time to consider forming one if you don't already have an active chapter. Contact me if you need help.

New e-mail address

George Nicholson gnicholson@cogeco.ca

Resignations

- 2483 Albert O'Connell, Florida
- 0640 James Reynolds, Jr., New Jersey
- 2379 Ronald Fitzgerald, Canada
- 2503 Edward Savage, England
- 1592 Larry Brennan, New York

Deceased

- 1108 Richard A. Lauster, Michigan

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- 0523 Terrence Dendy, Clune, Mill Green, Ingatstone Essex, CM4 0PT England
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Members as of September 1, 2003 489

New Members +13

Resignations -5

Deceased -1

Members as of December 1, 2003 496 ♣

BOOK REVIEW "Censorship of Mail in Ireland"

by Peter J. Foote, Sr.

If your Irish cover holdings contain "censor" marks, the author name Hans G. Moxter, of Oberjosbach, Germany is one you will have even more reason to respect. His new work, printed and distributed with the aid of the Civil Censorship Study Group, Somerset, England, and now available to members through EPA Special Offers, is exciting, very broad, and diverse in scope.

"Censorship of Mail in Ireland" is broad because it covers five areas: pre-1914; World War I; Civil Unrest I (1918-23); World War II (1939-1945); and Civil Unrest II (1957 -). And broad also, it is, because it displays and treats censored matter throughout the whole of Ireland including British, German, and – to a degree – American censorship.

I confess genuine excitement at the depth of Moxter's analysis of S.P. 1 Labels. I enjoyed a number of censorship tales and charts that seem to edge this work towards my coffee table and make it of more than casual interest. For example, as a backdrop to internment markings, Moxter has appended a broadly relevant and fascinating map of WWII Luftwaffe crashes/landings throughout neutral WW-II Éire, and documents thoroughly each crash and internee's name.

Table E lists the names, rank, aircraft type, nationality and arrival dates of Al-

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Scarce Irish Postal Card

by Wayne L. Youngblood

(Reprinted with permission from the author. Appeared in October 20, 2003 issue of "Stamp Collector".)

Although it was not done intentionally, An Post created a rather scarce item as it was gearing up to promote Pacific 97.

On Jan. 16, 1997, Ireland's postal service released a new set of stamps depict-

ing birds. The 52p value pictured a barn owl. The stamp paid the then-current overseas airmail rate. In addition to the stamp, An Post released a 52p postal card.

Several months later, to prepare for a mailing to collectors promoting its participation at Pacific 97, An Post created a new version of the 52p card with a black, printed cancel. The cancel reads "Baile Atha Cliath,

May 16, 1997."

The significance of this card lies not just with the printed cancel. Rather than overprinting existing cards, an entirely new printing plate was created for this mailing, an example of which is shown in the accompanying illustration. Under magnification, a slight misregistration shows evidence of this.

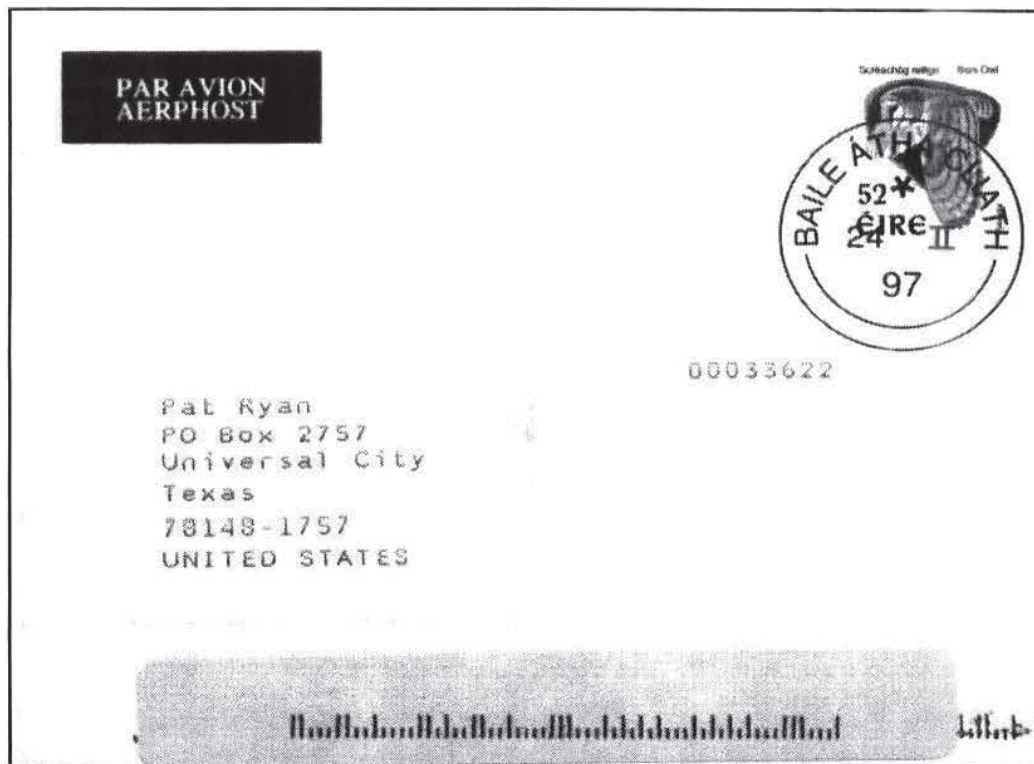
While a mailing sent specifically to collectors would, under normal circumstances, ensure a much higher survival rate than a normal commercial mailing, that was not the case.

The An Post mailing, presumably dropped May 16, asked collectors to stop by its booth sometime during the show and redeem the card for a free gift with any \$10 purchase. (The gift, as I recall, was a special stamp watch.)

Presumably, Pacific 97 ended, the collector address information was gleaned from the redeemed cards and then those cards were almost certainly destroyed.

Thus, the only surviving examples of this major postal card variety would be in the collections of those who either were not able to make it to the show, or chose not to redeem the postal card.

How many are out there? I don't know but I suspect the number is small. ♣



Irish Overprint Identifier Kit Available From ÉPA Special Offers

The Éire Philatelic Association is very pleased to announce that its Overprint Identifier Kit is once again available.

In 1922, stamps of Great Britain were overprinted in Gaelic "Provisional Government of Ireland 1922." There are eight different printings by three different printers. Later, the status of the nation changed and the overprint was modified to "Irish Free State 1922," again in Gaelic. There are seven different printings of this overprint by various private and government agencies. There is a considerable difference in value in what at first appears to be a very similar overprint. For example, the 2004 Scott catalog lists the 10/ Dollar (#14) printing in mint never hinged condition at \$250 while the almost identical Thom printing (#38) lists for \$1,650 in the same condition. Clearly one would want to be sure which is which.

The Overprint Kit consists of each of the different overprints accurately reproduced on a sheet of stable transparent plastic. When

placed over a stamp, its identity can be readily determined. Accompanying this is a text by Joseph E. Foley that first appeared in the American Philatelist. This explains in detail the distinguishing characteristics of these fascinating stamps. The illustrations were made by the late Adrien Boutrelle, photographer for the Collectors Club Philatelist. Appropriate filters were used to lighten the stamp design and enhance the clarity of the overprint.

The Overprint Identifier Kit may be obtained from Timothy O'Shea, 58 Porter St., Granby, MA 01033-9516 U.S.A. The price is \$7.00 postpaid (\$5.50 to members of the Association.)

The Éire Philatelic Association was founded in 1950 and serves the interests of collectors interested in the stamps and postal history of Ireland. It has a worldwide membership, an award-winning quarterly journal, a postal auction and a number of activities. Further information may be obtained from the secretary, David J. Brennan, Box 704, Bernardsville, NJ 07924. ♣

Worth a 2nd Look

by Joseph E. Foley, IRDP, FRPSL

At first glance, the franked cover shown here is a bit nondescript. It went from Dublin Castle (noted in manuscript at the top) to Coleraine. With a date of 1808, it certainly has a bit of age. At the top is a contracted town name stamp for Carrickmacross (i.e., C-MACROSS). This town lies about one-third the distance from Dublin to Coleraine.

The type of circular "FREE / DUB" date stamp was introduced around 1796 and is listed in Feldman & Kane as number 119, usually struck in red with a period of use from 1796 to 1807. Alcock & Holland provide similar information and assign the number 860 to this mark. Robson Lowe notes the same dates but records the strike in either purple or black and giving it catalog number 1658. This particular example is in black and used later than the period mentioned, although at January 5, 1808, not by very much.

The quality of the strikes leaves something to be desired. The wax seal on the reverse is a relatively poor impression. Its appearance suggests that something rested on it before the wax had fully set, flattening the impression. It appears to be the British Lion & Unicorn crest.

A nice cover, but certainly not a great one – "but" – take a second look at the signature at the lower left: Arthur Wellesley.

Arthur Wellesley was born in Dublin on April 29, 1769, the son of an Irish peer, the Earl of Mornington. He entered the Army in 1787, served as an aide-de-camp to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Wellesley went to India in 1796 as a young colonel where his brother was Governor General. He returned a major general in 1805. Politics as much, if not more than ability, influenced active military appointments. Lacking such an appointment, in March 1807, he accepted the position of Chief Secretary for Ireland at £6,566 a year, provided he could leave if there was an opportunity for active Army service. He, with his family, took up residence in the Chief Secretary's house in Phoenix Park. Sir

Arthur saw active military service in July 1807 in Denmark, then returned to his post in Ireland. This cover is from this period. Promoted to lieutenant general in April, he was appointed to command an invasion of Venezuela and an army of 9,000 troops was assembled in Cork for that purpose.

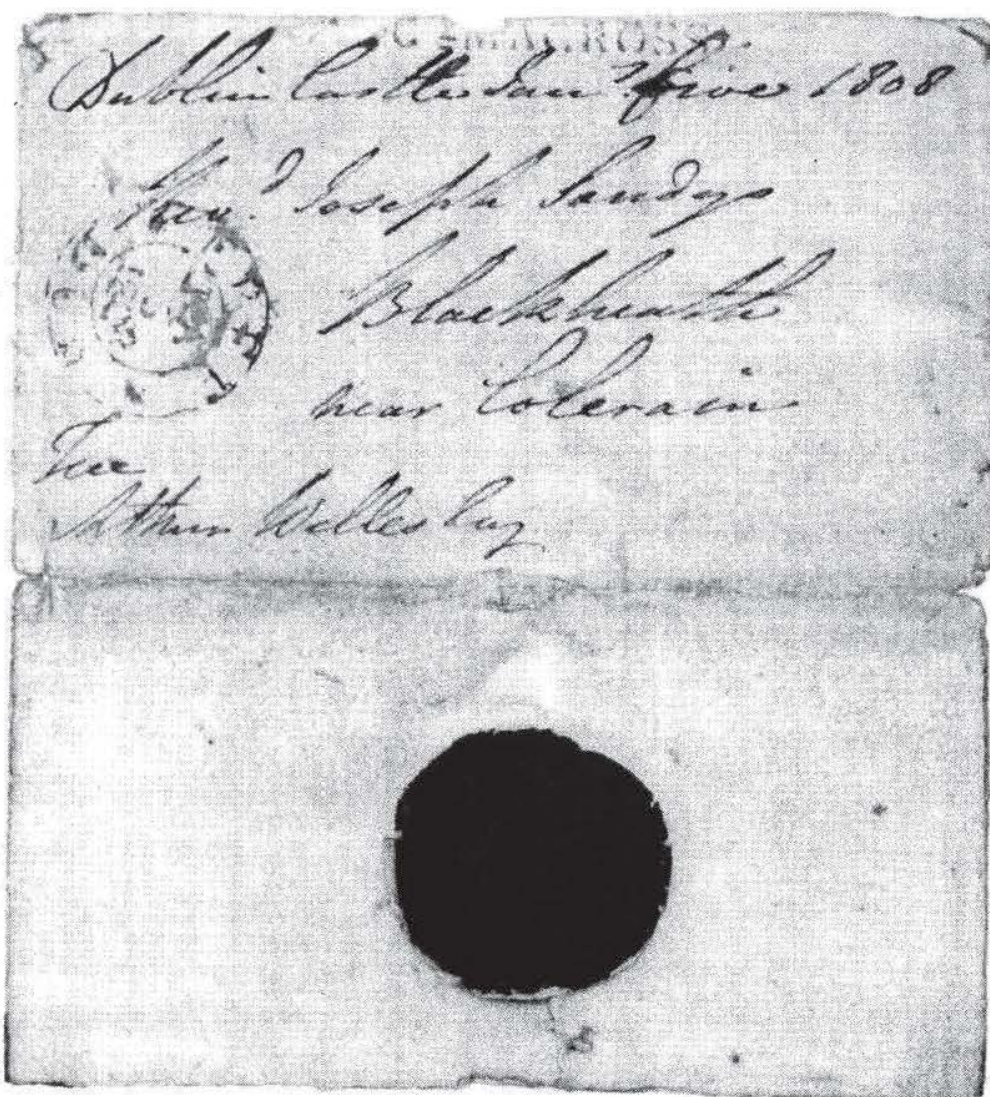
Learning of civil unrest in Spain, Sir Arthur convinced the cabinet to divert the troops in Cork for action in the Iberian peninsula. He landed with the troops in August 1808, but was superseded in command. After a successful battle that his superiors declined to pursue, he again returned to Dublin. Early in 1809, he took up his seat in the House of Commons in London and in April placed as chief in command of the army in the Iberian peninsula. He defeated King Joseph, brother of Napoleon, in the battle of Talavera de la Reina,

July 27-28, 1809 and, as a result, was created Baron Douro of Wellesley and Viscount Wellington of Talavera.

And . . . the rest is history.

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Notes on the 2002-2003 Interim Balance Sheet and Treasurer's Report

The ÉPA fiscal year is from September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003. This report covers activity through July 31, 2003.

Although the annual dues receipts did not cover the yearly expenses, member contributions, Auction receipts, Special Offers receipts and account interest continue to make up for the shortage.

The expenses were \$8,332 while dues receipts were \$5,613 (US & Foreign minus Prepaid Dues). The shortfall of \$2,719 was covered by \$3,061 of Other Income (Interest, Donations, Auction transfers, and Special Offers transfers)

There is a dramatic decrease (\$9,400) in our expenses for this year, mainly due to the major portion of the Golden Book expense occurring last year, as well as the large purchase of the Hibernian Catalog and the 9/11 donation.

Although we show a Net Income of \$1,336 for the fiscal year, it must be noted that almost \$1,000 of this amount is a paper transfer from the Life Member Reserve. Additionally, the AGM in Hunt Valley is in August but will not be processed until September. If

this cost (approximately \$1,250) was applied against this fiscal year, we would have had a loss for the year.

It should also be noted that the value of ÉPA Assets (\$50,746) includes a \$5,000 valuation for the Library rather than actual cash.

Other 'liquid/non liquid' assets are beyond the scope of this statement. They may be found in the Auction Manager's report and the Special Offers Manager's report. This statement only records monies transferred to the General Fund by these Divisions.

The ÉPA remains in a healthy, but somewhat diminished, cash position. Assuming that our normal annual income and expenses remain relatively constant for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, we should be able to function without use of the Merrill Lynch Account, but it will be close.

A significant reduction in any segment of Other Income will require transfers from the Merrill Lynch account.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard C. Clancy, Treasurer

ÉIRE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT (Interim Report)

INCOME AND EXPENSES: September 1, 2002 to July 31, 2003

INCOME:	09/01/02	08/31/03
Dues	\$5,410.92	\$4,935.00
Donations	\$768.00	\$951.00
Auction Transfers**	\$1,000.00	\$700.00
Book Receipts (Zeppelin Book only)	\$148.13	\$0.00
Special Offers Transfers***	\$1,589.50	\$995.00
SunTrust Account Interest	\$123.12	-\$44.00
Merrill Lynch Account Interest	\$2,882.91	\$459.00
Foreign Dues - €659.57 @ \$1.00*	\$659.57	
Foreign Dues - €818.13 @ \$1.13*		\$924.00
Transfer one year of Life Member obligation from reserve account	\$778.00	\$994.00
Prepaid dues	-\$441.00	-\$246.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,919.15	\$9,668.00
EXPENSES:		
Revealer Printing & Typesetting (4 issues)	\$4,579.00	\$5,110.00
Revealer Expenses (Postage, Supplies, Auction, Misc.)	\$2,047.65	\$1,633.00
Dues Notice Printing and Mailing	\$251.84	\$46.00
Awards	\$147.09	\$120.00
Donation to NY Police & Fire Widows' & Children's Benefit Fund	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2001 AGM Expense (Dublin, IR)	\$774.00	\$0.00
2002 AGM Expense (Atlantic City, NJ)	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
Misc. Expenses (Insurance, PO Boxes, Web)	\$468.00	\$405.00
2001-2002 Revealer Foreign Mailing (Ireland) - €88.46 @ \$1.00*	\$88.46	
2002-2003 Revealer Foreign Mailing (Ireland) - €220.00 @ \$1.13*		\$226.00
2001-2002 Revealer/Golden Book Mailing in Europe	\$158.24	
2002-2003 Revealer Foreign Mailing (Europe)		\$171.00
2001-2002 Foreign Account Fees - €17.07 @ \$1.00*	\$17.07	
2002-2003 Foreign Account Fees - €23.16 @ \$1.13*		\$26.00
2001-2002 Special Offers Book Purchases from BOI account €1,433.00 @ \$1.00*	\$1,433.00	\$0.00
Library Book Purchases	\$198.61	\$0.00
Book Publishing (Zeppelin Book in 2002)	\$363.63	\$0.00
Golden Book Production and Printing	\$5,187.15	\$295.00
Establish New Back Issues Account		\$50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$17,713.74	\$8,332.00
NET INCOME (Loss)	(\$4,794.59)	\$1,336.00

*These figures are Euros converted at the prevailing rate at the time.

** See Auction Manager's Report for details.

*** See Special Offers Manager's Report for details.

ÉIRE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET (Interim Report)**September 1, 2002 to July 31, 2003**

ASSETS:	09/01/02	07/31/03
Merrill Lynch Account	\$41,301.47 ...	\$41,761.00
SunTrust Money Market & Checking	\$3,302.71	\$2,762.00
Bank of Ireland (€339.17 @ \$1.00) - 8/31/02*	\$339.17	
Bank of Ireland (€949.95 @ \$1.13) - 7/31/03*		\$1,073.00
Library (estimated replacement value)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Auction Account	**	**
Special Offers Inventory (at retail)**	***	***
Special Offers Bank Account (New in 2001)	\$400.00	\$400.00
Library Bank Account	\$100.00	\$100.00
Back Issues Account	\$1.00	\$50.00
Total Assets	\$50,044.35 ...	\$50,746.00
LIABILITIES:		
Reserve Funds adjusted by transfer of annual amount to General Fund (Merrill Lynch Account)		
2002 Trust for Life Members - USA - 39 x \$12 x 20 years	\$9,360.00	
2002 Trust for Life Members - USA - 38 x \$12 x 20 years		\$8,652.00
Canada - 2 x \$15 x 20 years	\$600.00	\$570.00
Foreign - 14 x \$20 x 20 years	\$5,600.00	\$5,320.00
Transfer one year of life member obligation to General Fund ...	-\$778.00	-\$766.00
Removal of one USA life member obligation due to death		-\$228.00
Reserve for Revealer (4 Issues)	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Reserve for Book Publishing	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Total Liabilities	\$25,282.00 ...	\$24,048.00
Net Worth	\$24,762.35 ...	\$26,698.00

*These figures are Euros converted at the prevailing rate at the time.

**See Auction Manager's Report for account details. Only money transfers to the General Fund are shown as income.

***See Special Offers Manager's Report for account details. Only money transfers to the General Fund are shown as income.

BOOK REVIEW*(continued from page 47)*

lied Airman interned at Curragh Camp in Co. Kildare.

There is perhaps enough distance in time for the emergence of human stories of family life and travels, even of spies like John Francis O'Reilly, whom Himmler had parachute into Éire where, in 1944, O'Reilly's father turned him in for the 500-pound reward. And so, stories and covers to illustrate them are aplenty in Mr. Moxter's 125-page book.

The author does not fear to touch upon some of the more complex, difficult, and perhaps not yet entirely reported, censorship matters, providing at least new frames of reference and hypotheses to test. According to Moxter's charts, there may be nearly forty *unreported* S.P. 1 label numbers. If so, even this reviewer might have a small handful of them, and other members may too. It is hard to believe that quite a num-

ber of our ÉPA members would not own pink or deep pink labels, at least a few, though I suspect one or two may hold as many as twenty-five hundred S.P. 1's.

Moxter and his friends have actually sat down and tried to estimate the relative scarcity of TYPES of these labels. Daringly, these Moxter group friends have estimated the current worth of some twenty plus types in Euros, Sterling and US \$. Your John Blessington Memorial Library has a previous work by Charles Verge, former ÉPA president, noting eight types. Moxter may get a little debate on this side of the pond concerning the first use, the EKV of the S.P. 1 label. Though the author cites McManus in asserting September 1, 1939 (the *official* beginning of censorship) as the EKV, I have an August machine cancel of the 31st. Perhaps my cancel was affixed a day before the censor examined the letter.

A great deal of technical scrutiny lies behind the author's work. Nowhere was

Moxter's diligence more evident than in his discovery of a significant difference in the papers of the Pink S.P. 1 labels as distinguished from the Deep Pink labels. By passing the pink labels over ultra-violet light, Moxter has discovered salmon (4), red-orange (3), and dull gray types (15).

I suspect that the field of Ireland censorship is only beginning to open up. The fact that there are likely more than 200 different S.P. 1 numbers adds a huge complexity. Fortunately, still at most U.S. bourses, different numbers can be found in the table boxes of cover dealers. Some of these, as Moxter clearly explains, consist of varying serif and san-serif styles, different type sizes, fonts and, interestingly, hand-set mixed fonts. Or are hand-stamped, hand-written, or lacking a number at all. Fair to say, there is much to seek and, at present, due to Irish-American mortality, some WWII censored covers, postal stationery, and post cards are now becoming available.

I confess that I have not done justice to the other four areas of censorship that are much more even-handedly dealt with by Moxter. But it was easy to go out to *Office Max* and enlarge Moxter's charts, and to photocopy his type printings on transparencies for my personal cursory review.

As I was working with Moxter's materials, I was thinking often of Karl Winkelman's Webmaster efforts and of the transparency efforts of Ray Murphy. A few members can have much to say about this book. Around this work, your librarian hopes a censorship study group might form.

Covers reproduced in this book are, for reference alone, worth the price. So are Moxter's Tables. A bibliography and index are included.

In the present war-time, when many throughout the Coalition are making sacrifices and suffering inconvenience, we, here, now remember the Dial who unanimously self-imposed civil censorship so as to preserve the *Neutrality* that was to underlay the integrity of the future Éire Republic.

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FROM THE GUTTER Sword of Light Gutter Varieties

by Patrick J. Ryan, Sr.

I would like to discuss the 1st and 2nd Definitive series, more commonly known as the Sword of Light series. As we all know, both these series can be easily distinguished by their watermarks – SE and E. We also know that when studying the many paper varieties, we can come to the conclusion that over the many, many years that both these sets were doing their duty, serving the Irish public, by carrying the mail, there must have been several different print runs of both – SE from early 1920's to 1940's and the E from 1940 to 1968. In the attached illustrations, I have shown the SE watermark series as Illustration 1 and the E watermark as Illustration 2. In Illustration 3, I have shown the varieties I have in my collection. Earlier articles in *The Revealer* refer to these marks as 'Printers or Registration Marks' for lack of a better term.¹ Most Irish collectors are very familiar with the many paper varieties that exist with both of these series, no doubt, because of the length of service and many different print runs. But, how many of you are aware of these very different varieties of gutter pairs. (See Illustration 3.)

Now, I have found only these shown here, but I can certainly hold out that others in some different denominations could possibly exist. I would be pleased to publish any information to support this theory from any of you who might possess different ones, especially the SE watermark series. So please let me know and, also, send a photocopy.

As an aside, I found something very interesting when discussing the gutters of any of these early pairs: there is usually a solid line of color at the top and bottom of the gutter that also runs around the outside of the sheet. This line of color, broken, has been called "jubilee lines" because they first appeared on Queen Victoria's set of Jubilee stamps issued in England in 1876² – the jubilee year of her reign as the English monarch.

Next time, I will discuss some interesting commemorative gutter varieties.

NOTES:

1. Ralph Chaiet, "Gutter Pairs of Ireland," *The Revealer*, Vol. 32, No 3, Whole No 149, p. 38-42.
2. "British Varieties and Irish Overprints," *The Revealer*, Supplement 5, Mar-Apr 1962, Vol. 12, No 4, p.17. ♣

Foley Named Fellow

Past president Joe Foley was recently informed that the Council of The Royal Philatelic Society London, at their meeting of November 27, 2002, elected Joe as a Fellow of the Society. ♣



Illustration 1



Illustration 2



Illustration 3

A Letter from Dublin to London, January 30, 1826

by William O'Connor

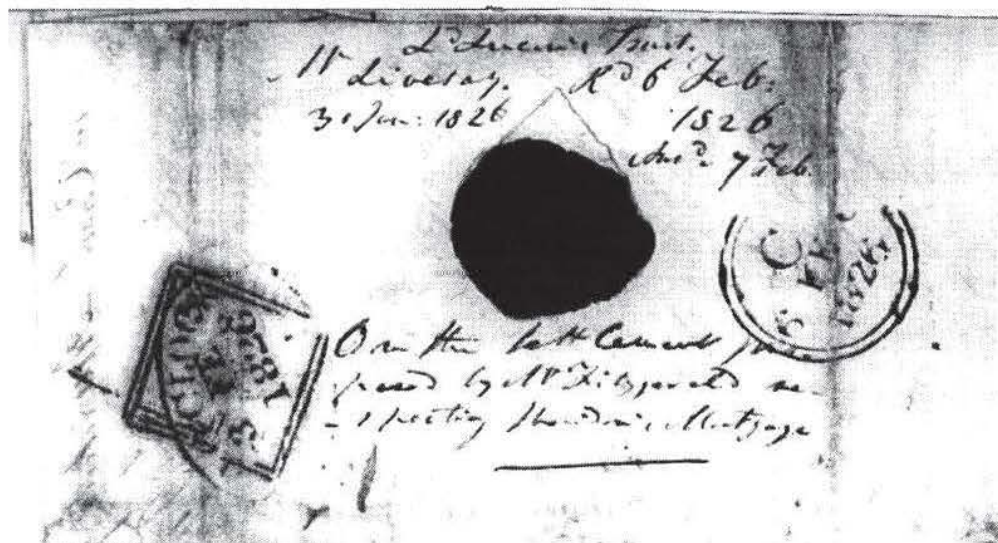
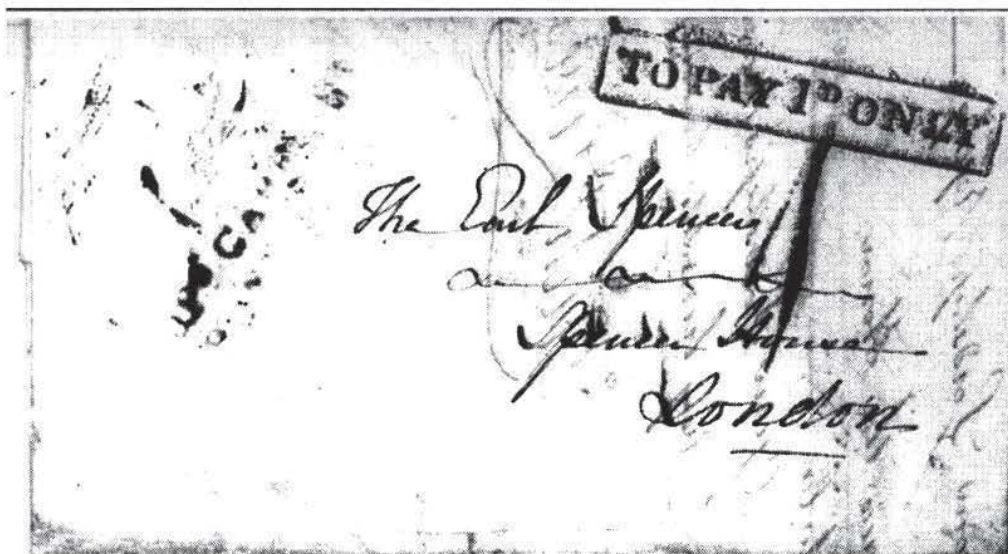
I purchased a small collection of English and Irish covers some time ago from a local dealer here in Southern California. Most of the envelopes were of the period 1840's to 1890's, with one interesting exception. One of the letters was written by a lawyer on January 30, 1826. Before the Éire Philatelic Association annual meeting in Maryland this last August, I made a further study of this intriguing letter. As the contents mentioned the estate of the Earl of Lucan, and dealt with property in Ireland, I hoped that this letter was sent to London via Ireland. Not being at all knowledgeable in this field of collecting I decided to bring this item to the annual meeting at BALPEX.

Joe Foley was the first expert to be encountered. His vast knowledge and library were made available for the inquiry. A red diamond back stamp indicated this letter was indeed sent from Ireland to London. A reference to Mountjoy Square in the heading of the letter seemed to indicate a possible Dublin address of the sender. A few minutes on the web showed a square of this name in Dublin.

A stamped TO PAY 1D ONLY in red on the front of the letter and a hand-stamped 1 going into the address was verified by Pat Walker as an Irish mark. There also appears to be a partial address on the left of the letter which seems to indicate Carr St.

The letter was addressed to the Earl Spencer, Spencer House, London. I would assume that this is the family of the late Diana, Princess of Wales. A mortgage mentioned in the letter indicated an amount of over 3000 pounds sterling. This would seem a hefty amount in the 1830's.

A huge thanks is in order to Joe Foley, Pat Walker, and Mike Connolly for all their help in unraveling this little mystery. ♣



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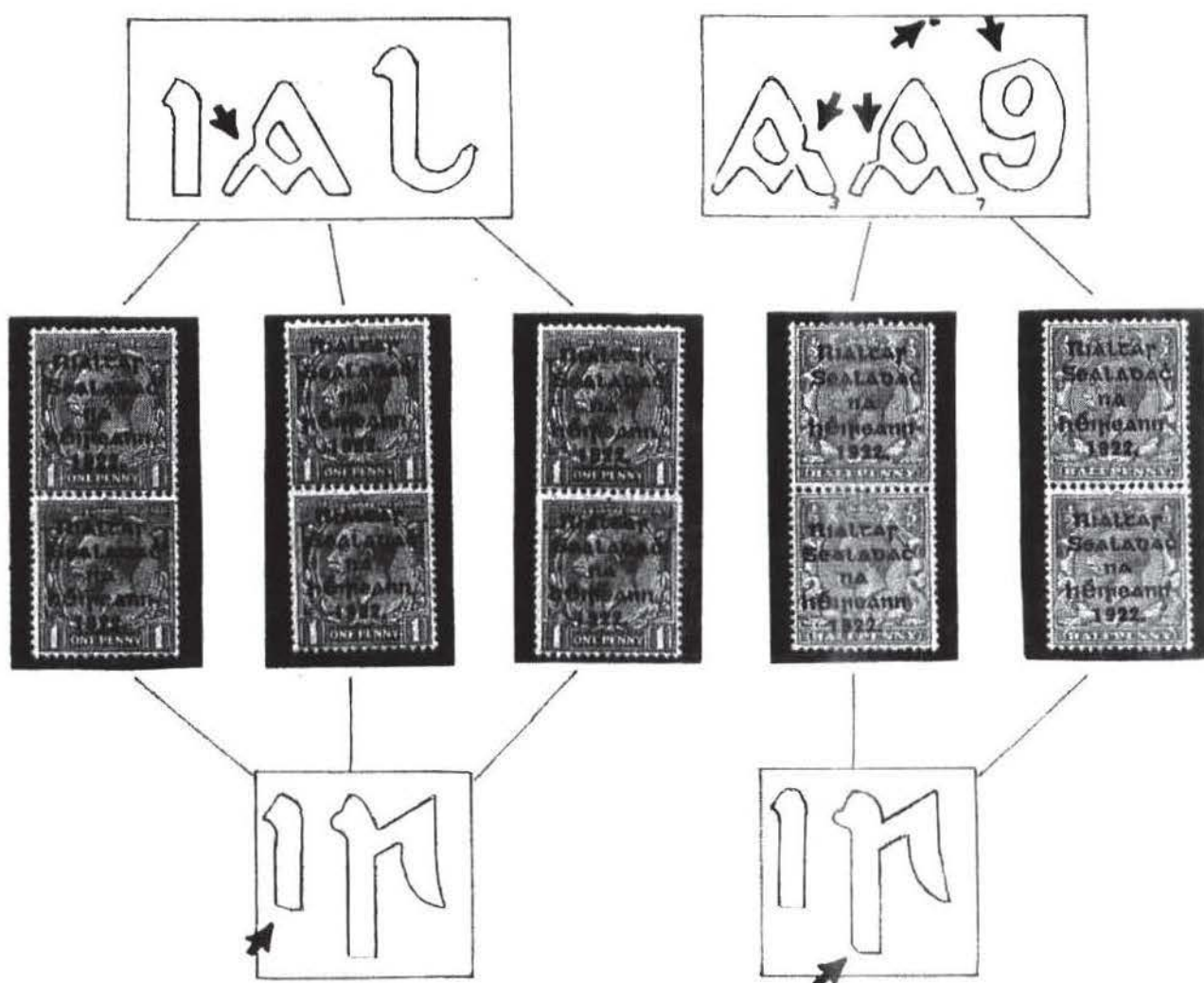
Harrison 5 Line Overprint Plate

Although the stamps of this issue are only found in strips for coil machines, they were originally part of complete overprinted sheets.

The frequency of recurrent type flaws is a clue that the overprint plate was not formed from 240 separate overprints, but from a number of similar stereotypes, each consisting of a small number of overprints.

It is the purpose of this study to discover the size of these stereotypes and to identify the recurrent type flaws of each overprint within the stereo.

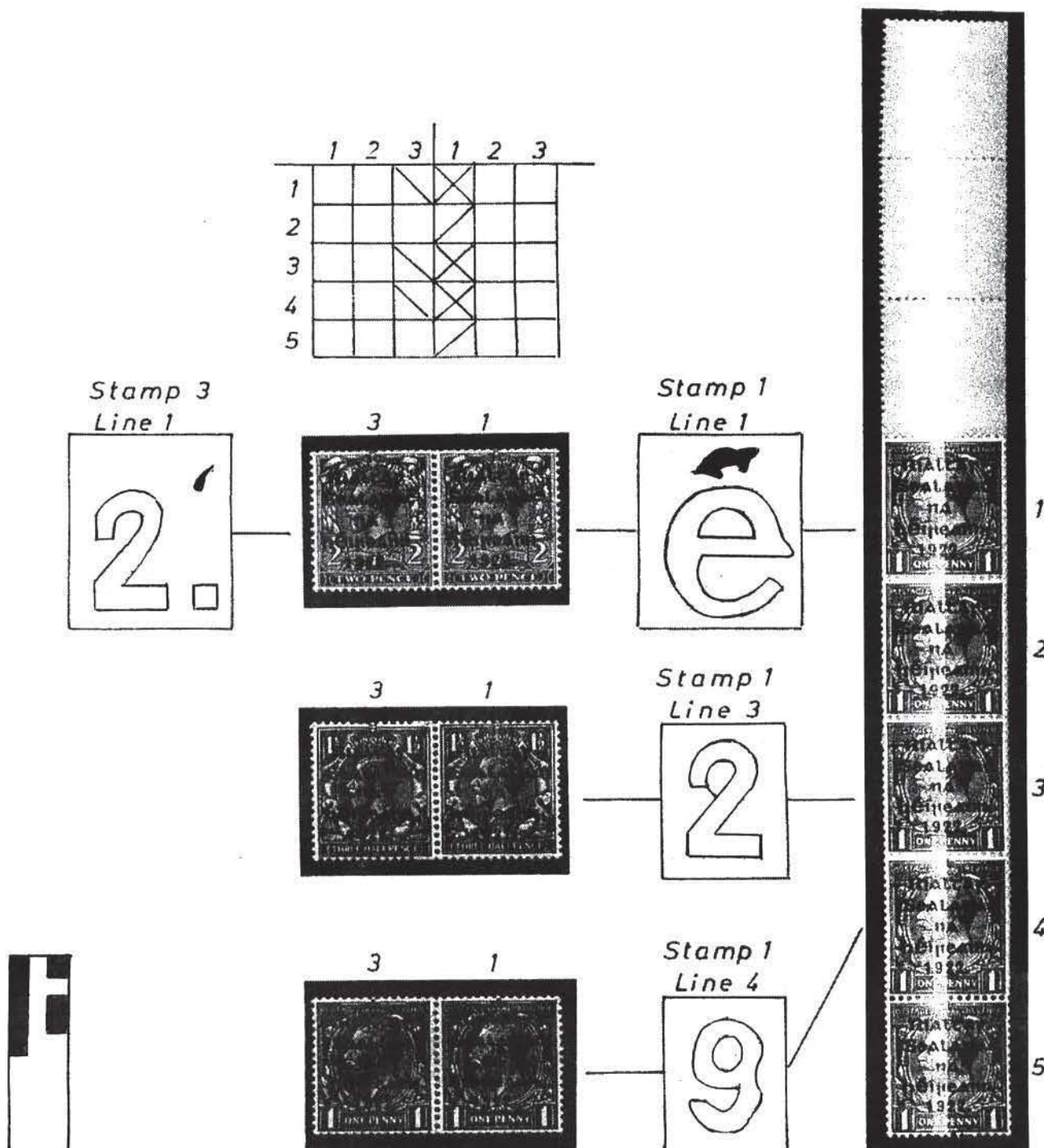
Examples of recurrent flaws:



Crossreferencing horizontal and vertical strips.

If the same flaw can be found on a horizontal and a vertical strip, and if both strips can then be related to a coil join marking the edge of the stereo, the stereo position of the strips can be located.

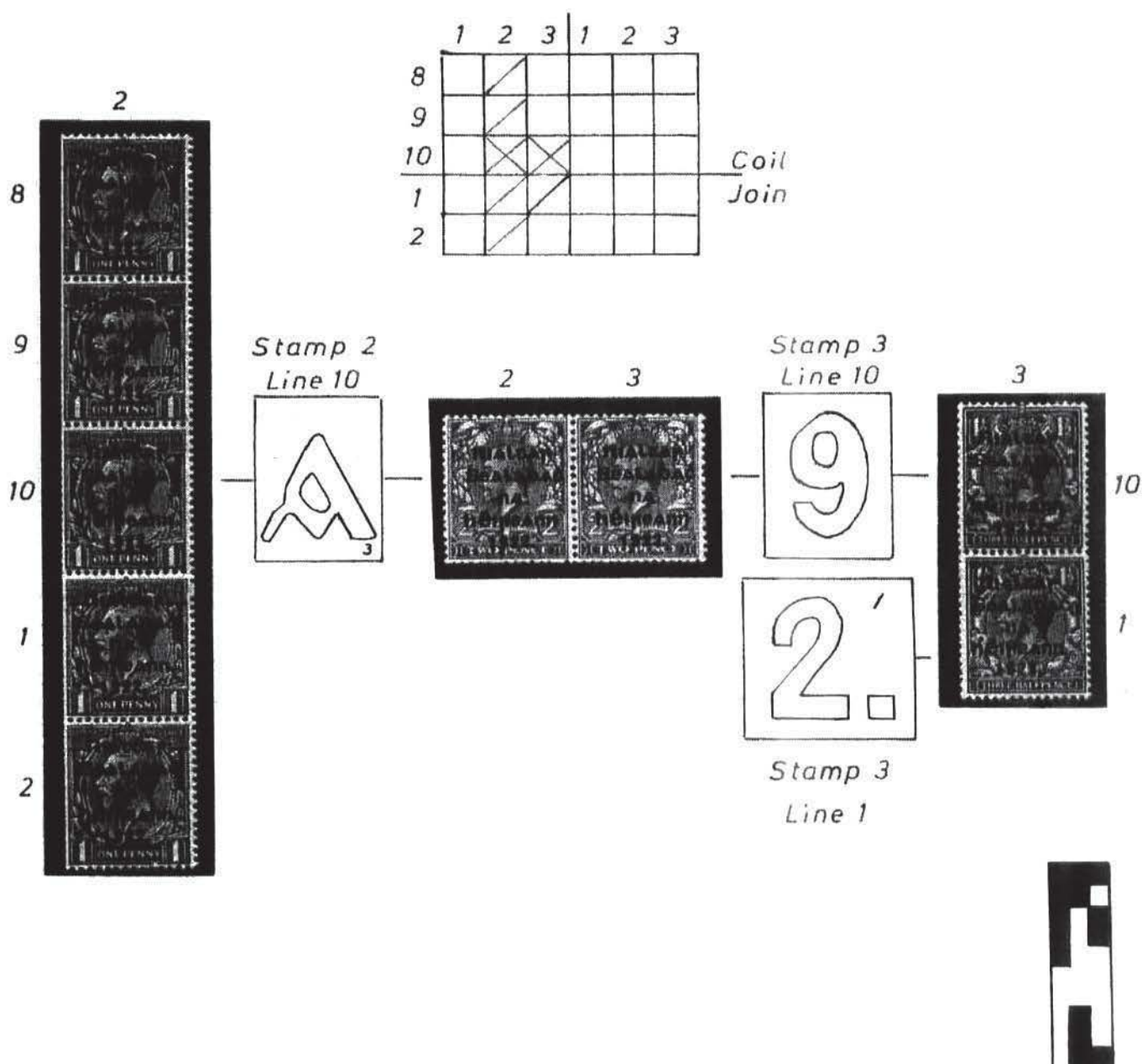
The corner chart shows which stereo positions have been confirmed.



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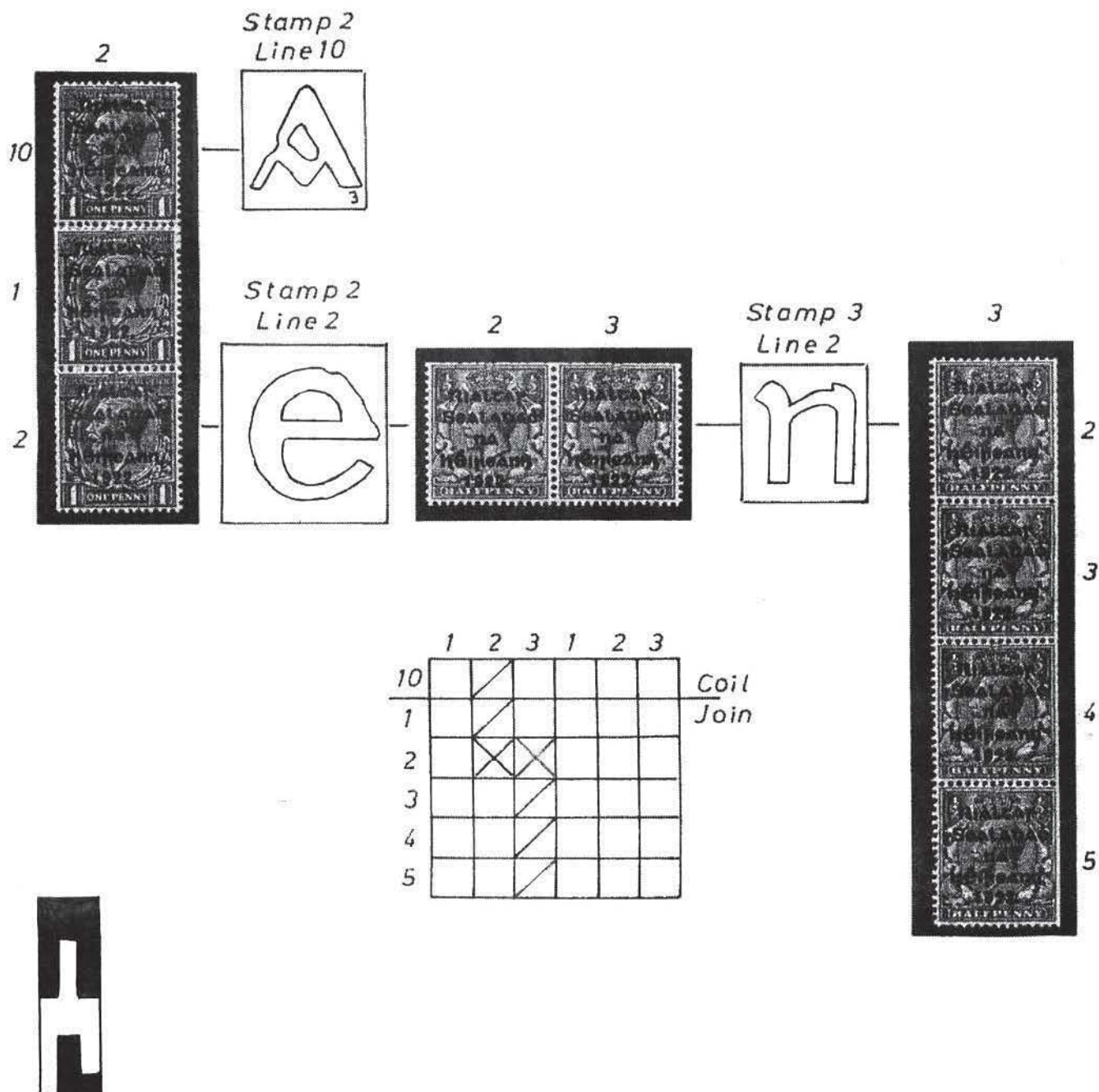
After identifying one of the stamps below as Stamp 3 Line 1 from the previous sheet because of the mark above the stop after 1922 other positions in the stereo can be identified.

In the chart new positions are shown in red. The corner diagram shows which have been confirmed so far.



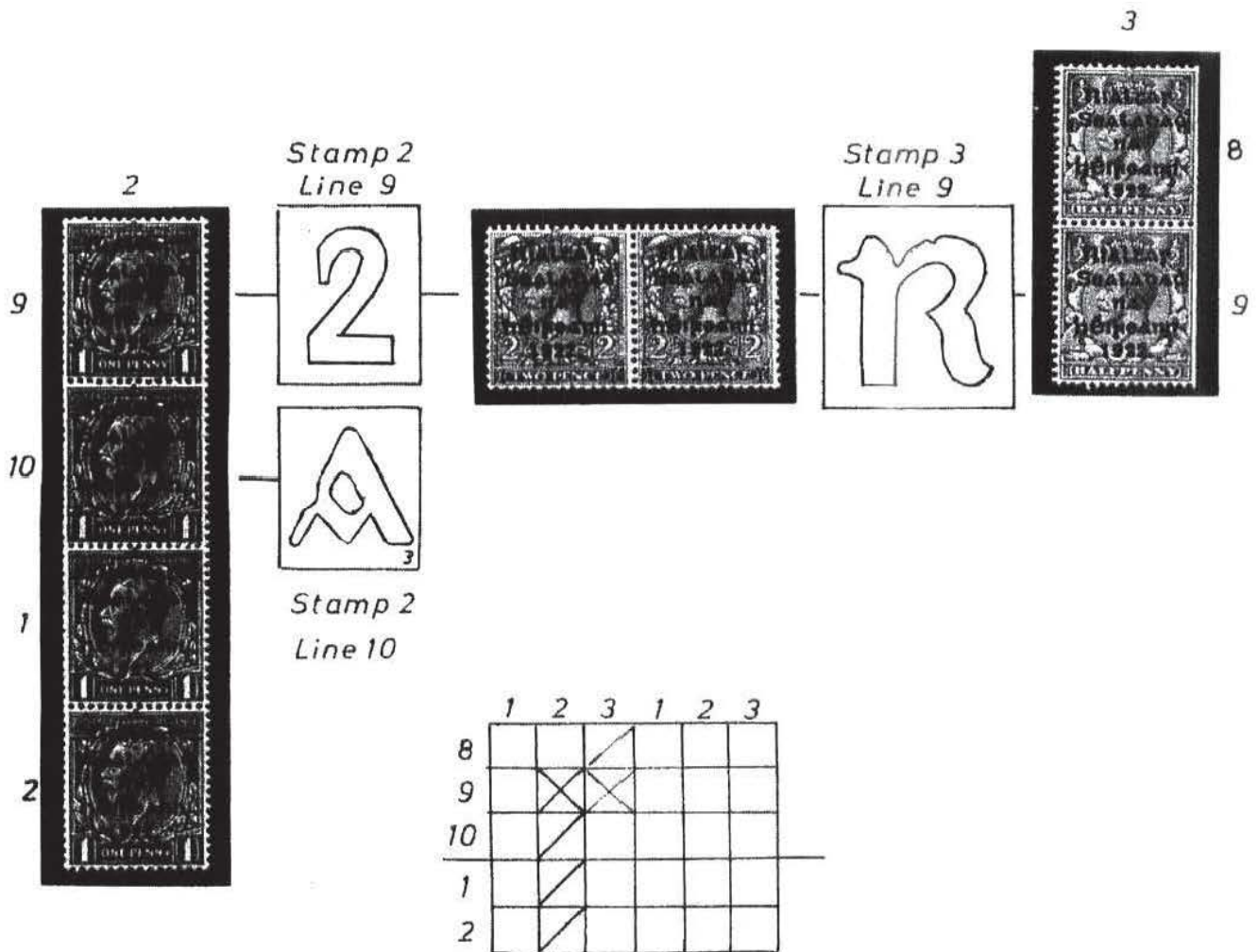
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Identification of the damaged first a in Sealadac of Stamp 2 Line 10 from the previous sheet provides a link to further stereo positions.



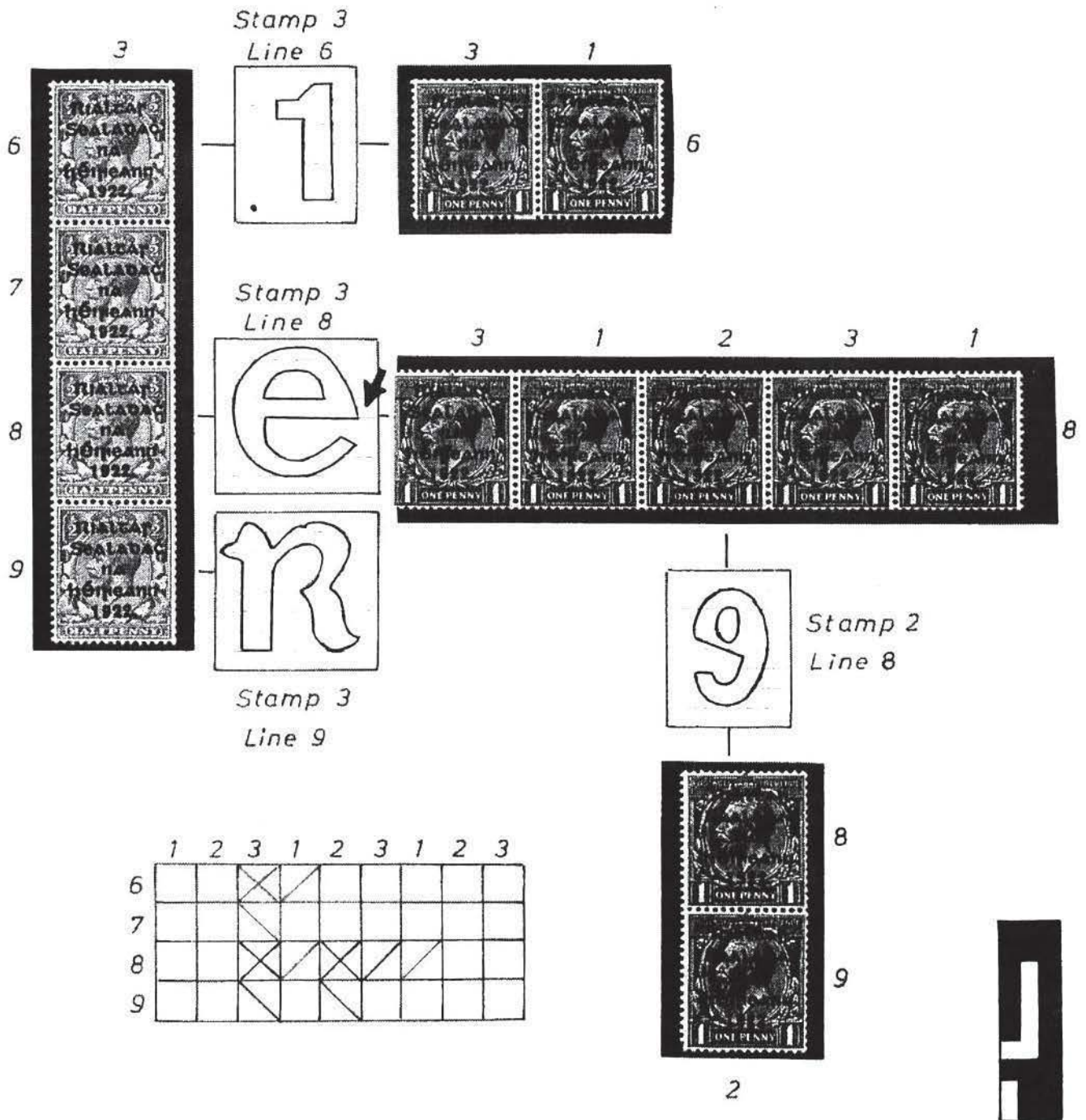
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The damaged first a in Sealadac in Stamp 2 Line 10 again allows more stereo positions to be identified.



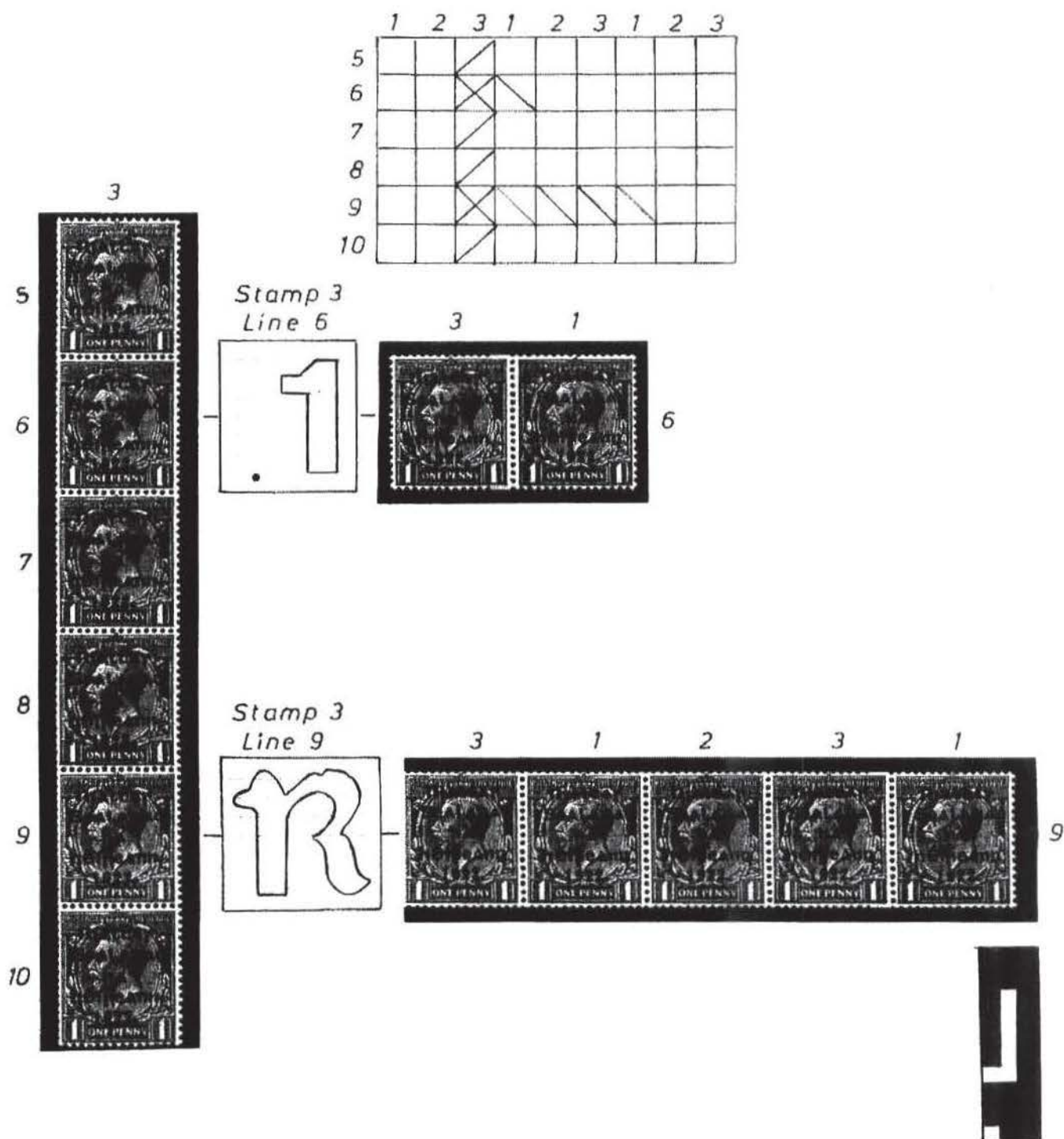
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Here the nick in the R of Rialtas seen on the previous sheet in Stamp 3 Line 9 provides the link to new stereo positions marked in red.



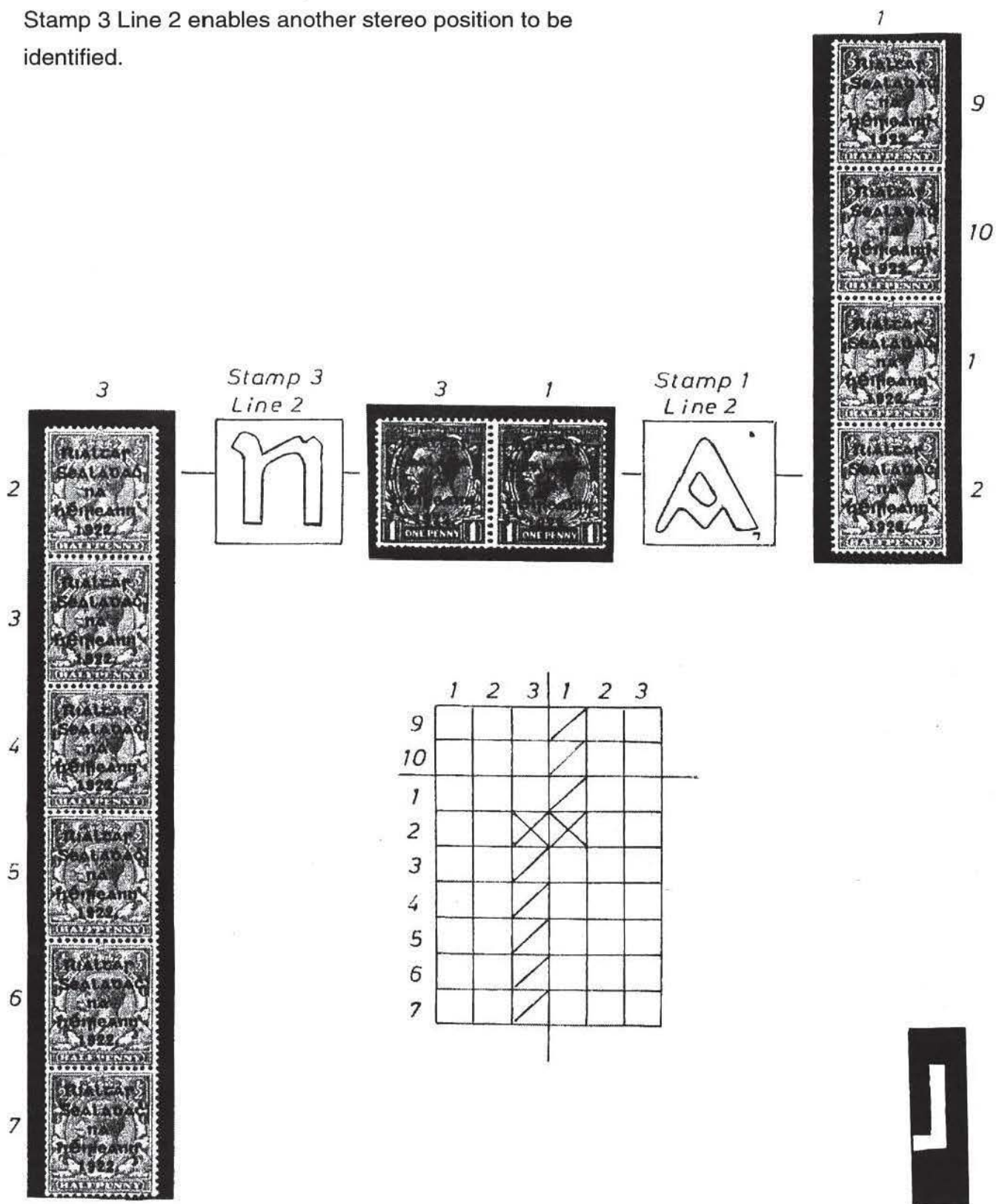
Crossreferencing horizontal and vertical strips.

Again the nick in the R of Rialtas in Stamp 3 Line 9 provides the link to another stereo position.



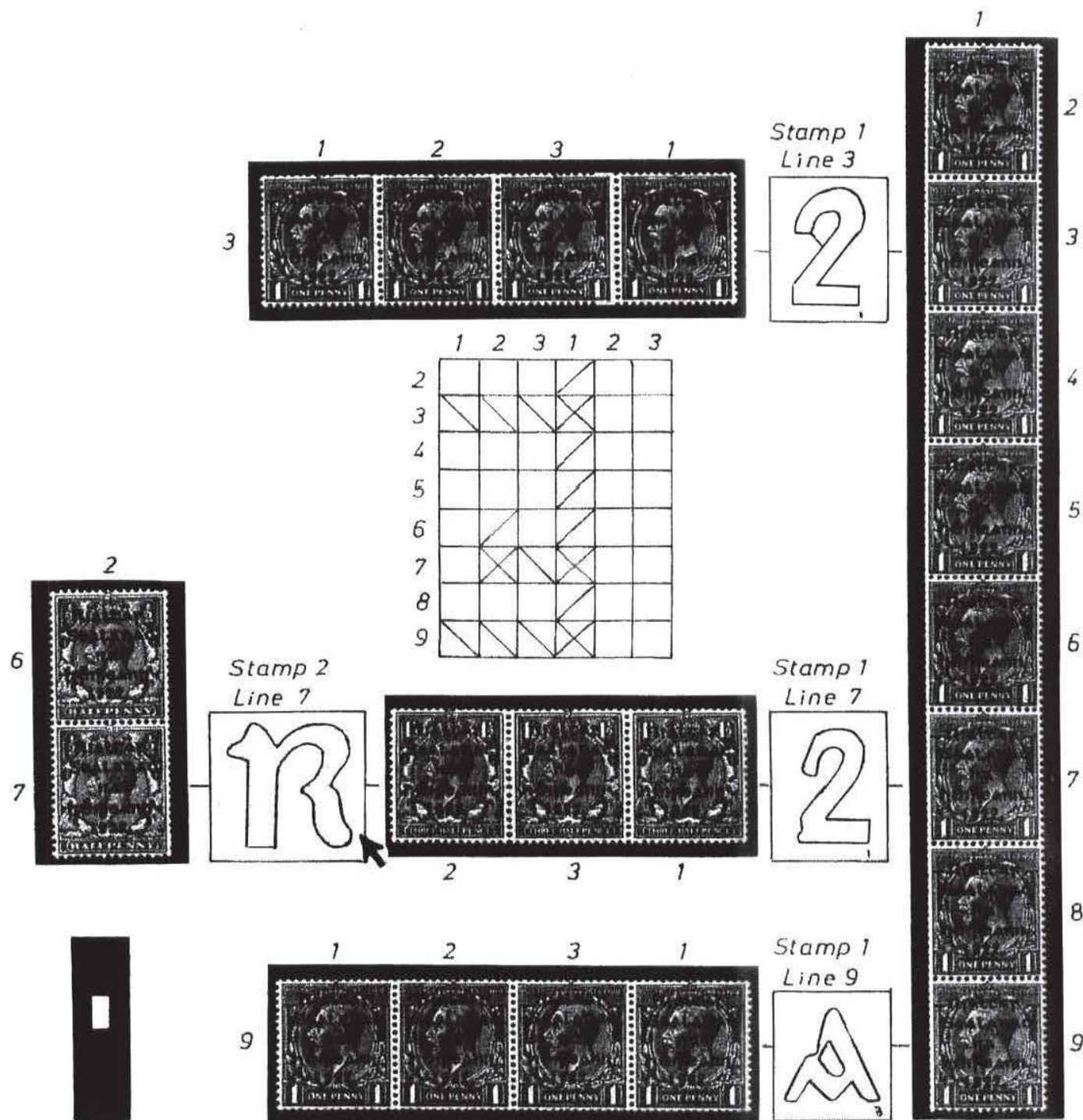
Crossreferencing horizontal and vertical strips.

The characteristic damaged second n of heireann of Stamp 3 Line 2 enables another stereo position to be identified.



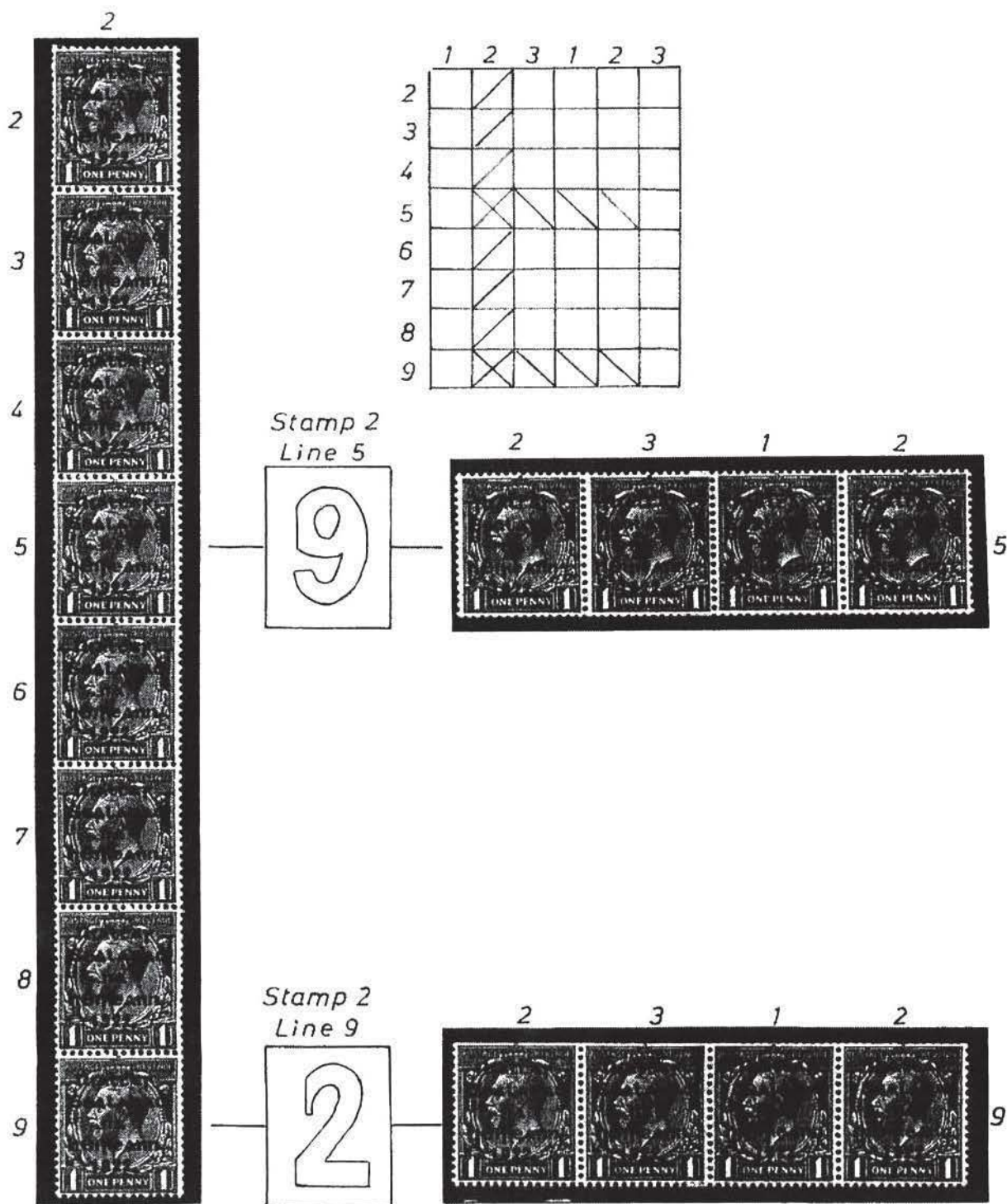
Crossreferencing horizontal and vertical strips.

Recognizing Stamp 1 Line 3 allows several more stereo positions to be located.



Crossreferencing horizontal and vertical strips.

The last two positions of the stereo are identified in red below, Stamp 2 Line 9 providing the link to previous strips.



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