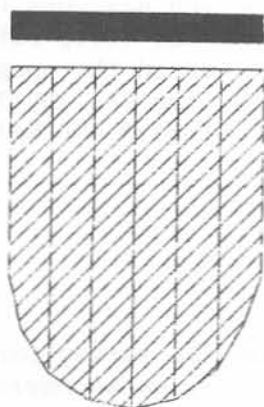


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1987 HALLOCK CARD AWARD WINNER

Harry Rickard

Harry Rickard, U.S. Catalog Editor, has been selected the winner of The Perfins Club's Hallock Card Award for 1987. Harry's many contributions to the Club in addition to his services as U.S. Catalog Editor were included in the reasons for his selection.

Paul Mistretta, last year's award recipient, headed the committee which made the selection. As is the club's custom, Harry will head next year's selection committee.

Harry, who celebrated his 80th birthday last year, is a retired stamp dealer. He lives in El Cajon, California with his wife and daughter. We are all familiar with his many contributions to the *Bulletin*; however, his main work for the Club has been as editor the U.S. Catalog. Harry took over this responsibility from Joseph J. and Dorothy Balough who had produced the 1979 edition of the *Catalog of United States PERFINS* and the first correction to that reference. Mr. Rickard has continued the work producing the 1985, 1986, and 1987 sets of Additions and Corrections Pages.

Harry's picture, shown here, was obtained from a visa that he used on a trip to Mexico. With his typical modesty, Harry made the following statement upon being notified of his selection:

To know that members would nominate me to receive this prestigious award, should encourage others to give of their time to help make the Perfins Club an outstanding organization worthy of world wide recognition from all philatelists. Active participants get to know more friendly members and this will help increase their knowledge. This usually will lead to enlarging your collecting sphere and having a larger, outstanding collection.

Do not be shy. Write to any Club officer and offer your services to do some Club work.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

U.S. C-RATED SURVEY PROGRESS

Our U.S. Catalog Editor, Harry Rickard reports that he received the first completed survey form a couple of days before he received his copy of the *Bulletin* containing the survey. While he is pleased with the early returns, he notes that, there are still a lot of you who have not returned the completed survey form. **PLEASE FILL IN YOUR SURVEY FORM REMEMBER TO ADD THE ADDITIONAL ITEMS LISTED ON PAGES 162 AND 182 OF THE NOV/DEC BULLETIN AND MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM TO:**

Harry Rickard
1887 Altozano Drive
El Cajon, CA 92020

Harry also reports that Steve Endicott suggested that he cut the survey form into vertical strips for use in filling out the tally sheets. By photocopying the forms and cutting them as Steve suggested, Harry has been able to put four to five times the number of pages he could previously use per tally sheet.

ARBED ESCH PERFINS

Willem Smetsers (LM101), Kastanjestra.39, 5922 Ca Venlo, The Netherlands wrote with regard to the articles about Luxembourg perfins (*TPB*, May 1987, page 65 and September 1987, page 128):

I have done some research in Luxembourg and confirmed that the ARBED ESCH perfin comes from a multi-head perforator. It was used by: ARBED WERK ESCH/SCHIFFLINGEN. It was used in the factory Schifflingen - part of the town Esch-sur-Alzette.

The multi-national company ARBED has more than 300 companies worldwide. In Luxembourg they owned: A.O. SIDMAR, SAARSTAHL, ESCHWEILER-BERGWERKSVEREIN, three steel and iron works in Esch-sur-Alzette.

NON-PERFIN PHILATELIC EVENT

Had a nice note and article from Ed Haack (#770) describing a Philatelic adventure mailing "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE" cards from all of the Post Offices in Clackamas County, Oregon. The cards were the 14 cent Historic Preservation for Timberline Lodge, OR

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FOLLOW UP ON FOR AUCTION WATCHERS

The following prices were realised in the Vance Auction of October 16, which was reported in *TPB* November/December 1987, page 163.

Lot	Description	Est.	Realized
16	CANADA OFFICIAL PERFIN SHEET	\$100.00	\$ 82.50
155	CANADA OFFICIAL PERFINS	\$ 85.00	\$ 60.00
201	CANADA PERFINS COLLECTION	\$ 60.00	\$ 85.00
202	CANADA PRIVATE PERFINS	\$130.00	"Unsold"
344	GR. BRITAIN PERFINS	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.00
518	GR. BRITAIN PERFINS	\$ 60.00	\$ 77.50
519	AUSTRALIA & STATES PERFINS	\$ 22.50	\$ 32.00
772	FOREIGN PERFINS COL./ACCUM.	\$120.00	\$105.00

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The following prices were realised in the S.H. JEMIK's Mail-Bid Sale #37 held on September 30, 1987 and reported in *TPB* October 1987, page 153.

Lot	Description	Est.	Realized
294	Postcard w/Perfin	\$ 10.00	\$ 7.50
310	Adverting postcards w/perfins	\$ 25.00	\$ 11.50
633	10 postcards most w/perfins	\$ 15.00	\$ 11.00

AUTOMATED INVENTORY/CATALOG

Steve Endicott (#2284) provided an article regarding automated inventory techniques for perfin collections. The article is fairly ambitious, in that near the end it may address many potential uses. There seems to be two projects here, an automated catalog and an automated inventory system. Steve and I are working on this one with Steve taking the lead. If you have any comments, suggestions or especially if you are willing to help, please contact Steve at: 80 Camino de Herrera, San Anselmo, CA 94960.

TO CORRECT A SMALL ERROR - P56.1

Harry Rickard, U.S. Catalog Editor,
1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

Pattern P56.1 stamps bear Baltimore MD precancels. All I have seen are on early perf. 12 through Scott Catalog Number 590. However, the catalog lists usage as from New Orleans.

Pattern P56.5. is precanceled New Orleans on precanceled copies. Their stamps are on similar usage period as the Baltimore precancels.

Both patterns are alike, other than an additional control hole on P56.5. The mistaken listing of P56.1 was apparently the result of a missing pin copy.

Please change your catalog to note that P56.1 is from Baltimore, MD.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For me, it is another term in office as President. I had not planned to run again for the position but when no one was found who wanted the job, I consented to take it on once again. I do not know if this is to be considered a complement or not, but I will do my best to do the job.

All appointments will remain the same and I wish to express my thanks to the officers and appointees who have worked so diligently to make the club a success. As with most organization today where work is done without pay, there are only a few who are actively engaged in the work of the organization, while the majority watches from the sidelines.

If there are any in the membership who have any interest in helping in the work of the club in any way, let me know and we will see if we can get you into the activities. I would like to see members develop their talents and interests to the advantage of all. Some of the jobs presently held by officers and committee chairmen really need help in the way of assistants or apprentices. I know that there are some who would really like some relief after serving in their positions for quite a long time. It will be very difficult to fill some of the jobs without developing some knowledge of them.

If you offer your help, I will be glad to try and find work that interests you and uses your talents. We can always use help in cataloging, typing, tabulating, article presentation and who knows what else. So drop me a line and we will see what pleases you.

Our club offers plenty of services to our members. We have a fine library, indicated by the Library Listing included in the last *Bulletin*. We have a sales department offering Perfin covers, stamps, and catalogs. We have our auctions. If you need help or information, feel free to contact any officer, committee chairman, or member for help. I am sure that you will find us all willing to do our best to help you.

A listing of officers and committee chairmen follows this message. Following that listing is a brief summary of the various positions for your use.

Richard L. Mewhinney
President, The Perfins Club
33 Carlton Avenue
Washington, NJ 07882

OFFICERS: The elected officers of the Club are a president, vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer. All terms of office are three years.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The executive committee consists of the elected officers, the *Bulletin* editor, the editor of the U.S. catalogs, the editor of foreign catalogs, the publisher, and the immediate past president. The executive committee controls the policies of the club.

PRESIDENT: The President is the head of the Executive Committee and subject to the approval of the Executive Committee makes appointments to working committees. The President also may make temporary appointment and in the event of a vacancy in an elective office he will fill that vacancy by appointment until the next regular election.

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SECRETARY: The Secretary handles the details of membership, acts as the recipient of correspondence directed to the Executive Committee, and is the official Club correspondent.

TREASURER: The Treasurer handles the Club's funds, pays bills, keeps the necessary records and makes applicable reports.

AUCTION CHAIRMAN: Holds auction sales periodically. The Club attempts to hold two auctions each year. Bidding rules are published in the Bulletin with each auction. Rules for submitting lots for auction are also published periodically.

LIBRARIAN: Maintains the Club library. See November/December 1987 edition for library rules and Library Listing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Provides news releases and recruiting material outside of the club.

CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE: Coordinates public relations and membership activities in Canada.

SALES DEPARTMENT:

Sales Manager: Provides for the sales of perfins. Currently, the sales manager has U.S. sales books of stamps with a rating of C or better, U.S. sales envelopes of D and E rated stamps and speciality items such as precancels, parcel post, etc. and sales envelopes of foreign perfins. To buy or sell material, please contact the sales manager directly.

Assistant Sales Manager - Covers. Handles sales of perfins on cover. If you want to see a selection please write indicating your interests. If you have covers to sell, please contact the sales manager - covers directly.

Assistant Sales Manager - Catalogs. Arranges for the sales and distribution of perfin catalogs and materials. See sales list elsewhere in this issue for current materials.

PERFIN PAMPHLET: See TPB May and June 1987

Chairman: Long term project preparing a publication containing a compendium of knowledge about perfins.

Critical Review: Ensures the accuracy and completeness of the project.

CATALOG EDITORS: U.S. and Foreign. Prepare and publish catalogs covering their particular area of responsibility. Maintains master catalogs for the Club for the use of their successors. Conduct and compile surveys to determine scarcity of designs. Most recent U.S. Catalog publication was the 1987 Additions and Corrections Pages to the U.S. Catalog. Foreign catalog editor has just completed the *Africa Perfins Catalog*. This will be published in the *Bulletin* several pages at a time. The first selection is in this issue. This is considered as a part of *The Perfins of the World: A Catalog/Album* which is being issued in parts. NB: The new *Railroad Catalog* published by the Club in 1987 was prepared by Robert F. Gray.

The Perfins Bulletin

Editor: Responsible for the content, style and makeup of this publication. Articles, illustrations, comments, etc. are actively being sought for publication. Manuscripts need not be typed. If you put it on paper, we will whip it into shape.

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U. S. CATALOG CORRECTION - K48.5

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

K. N. & K.
KNAUTH NACHOD AND KÜHNE
BANK DELIVERY, NEW YORK



Please correct your U.S. catalog to reflect the correct name: "Knauth, Nachod and Kuhne".

SCANDINAVIAN PERFIN MAGIC

Jacob Kisner (#2168), 254 Park Avenue South
Penthouse F, New York, NY 10010

Recently, I was checking out a number of Norwegian revenue stamps in the Catalog of Scandinavian Revenue Stamps, edited by Paul A. Nelson, 1983 when I came to a sudden and abrupt halt on page 60 of that respected work. To my surprise, a familiar sight greeted my eyes -- an illustration of a perfin with the pattern "NS/R" as illustrated. But the perfin was not on a Norwegian stamp, but on a common British stamp. It is listed as being found on Scott Catalogue Numbers 190, 213, and 238; however, since the front of the stamp was not evident, your guess is as good as mine as to which stamp was illustrated.



The "NS/R", as most collectors of British Perfins will tell you, represents the Norwegian State Railroad and according to the catalog, the pattern was used in London by the Norwegian State Railroad's Travel Bureau to pay British documentary duties and I would assume on regular postage also. The catalog states that

the "NS/R" pattern has been found on issues of "1931-39?" All three stamps listed with this perfin are 2 pence values -- the first two on George V orange 2d stamps and the last on the 2d George VI orange. It might also be noted that the Tilles Catalog lists N309 as: "NS/R" 11,9,10 4-1/2 with no user identified. This seems to match the Nelson illustration.

Now, it is one thing to find a perfin pattern right smack in the middle of a specialized catalog -- which most of us know is an anomaly in itself -- but what got my undivided attention was the high prices placed on these low value British stamps when found with the "NS/R" pattern. A quick check of Scott's 1988 Volume 1 gives used stamps catalog values of 5 cents (#190), 10 cents (#213) and 5 cents (#238). However, when these low valued stamps have "holes" in them -- that is "NS/R" -- they are suddenly worth \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$2.00 respectively. Now, if ever I have seen a case of perfin magic, this is it! That is not to say that I differ with the specialist-researchers and editor who placed these prices on the "NS/R" pattern used in Great Britain. In fact, I know that in Scandinavia-area philately perfins are ranked highly along with other specialized material. For example, in my own specialty, Finland, at least three of the ten known perfin patterns are worth well over \$10.00 each.

An now dear lady and fellow perfinners, I will allow you to rush to your accumulation of British perfins to see how many "NS/R" perfins you can turn up. Now, what was I really looking for in that Scandinavian revenue catalog ...?

THE PERFINS OF AFRICA

The first two pages of "THE PERFINS OF AFRICA" are presented following this page. The album/catalog pages are printed on one side to permit removal and use as a part of the World Catalog being produced under the direction of Bob Schwerdt. Page numbers are not printed on album/catalog pages in order to present a neat uncluttered appearance. However, as an integral portion of the *Bulletin* they are assigned consecutive page numbers even though these page numbers do not appear on the page bottom. Page numbers, upper right, refer to pages in *THE PERFINS OF AFRICA*.

JFL

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As usual, your foreign catalog editor has received help in preparing these British African pages from the customary standbys: J. Balough, J. Brandt (who checked copy for part of the work), E. Enschede, S. Guarini, R. Mewhinney, J. Needham, R. Roy, and H. Tilles, who gave permission to use material from the Egyptian and Sudan sections of his catalog *Perfins of the Middle East* (ME1 in the Perfins Club Library). Other contributors were C. Carr, H. Hagreen, M. Moll, R. Powell, J. Purcell, H. Smit, and M. Werner. Without the fine assistance of Richard Mewhinney and John Needham, who shared the final drafting and typing, this work would still be unfinished.

Two South African collectors and non-members are due special thanks: John Hodgson, whose investigations provided most of the identities of South African and province perfins, and Brian Dennis, who helped in amending the final copy of this section. Dealer M. Farrell provided cancellation information and loaned his South African perfin stock for examination.

Hopefully members will report additional information and submit better photo copies since this effort is only the beginning of the study of African perfins.

Bob Schwerdt
Foreign Catalog Editor

Ed. Note: Brian Dennis is now a member of the Perfins Club.

The tentative publication schedule through June is as follows:

February	Basutoland to East Africa	A5
	Gambia to Tanganyika	A7
March	Kenya, Uganda & Tanganyika (35 to 64)	A9
	Tanganyika (61)	
	Uganda (62) to Mauritius	A11
April	Mauritius (con.) to Independent State	A13
	Niger Territories and Nigeria	A15
May	Nigeria (con.) to Nyasaland Prot.	A17
	The Rhodesias	A19
June	The Rhodesias (con.)	A21
	Southern Rhodesia to Sierra Leone	A23

THE PERFINs OF AFRICA

FOREWORD

In this month's Bulletin you will find the first pages of African Perfins. The colonial perfin pages of Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal and Spain will precede the pages of independent nations. Because of political affiliations and geographical considerations, countries are not listed in alphabetical order. Hence, the perfin pages of South Africa and provinces will be found at the end of the British Colonial section. Some of the Portuguese Island Territories are arbitrarily grouped with Africa, though there are good reasons for grouping some of them with Portugal. Though some former British Colonies are now independent, they are listed in the colonial section. Blank spaces have been provided for the many British possessions whose stamps are found with SPECIMEN punches. The Waterlow hole punch with SPECIMEN overprint is not considered here.

Though not illustrated on these pages, punch cancels, CANCELLED, PAID, dated punches, Kodak type punches, and punch holes of various sizes and shapes have been found on the stamps of the following British affiliates and probably on others not listed here:

British South Africa Co.	Malawi	South West Africa
East Africa & Uganda	Mauritius	Swaziland
Ghana	Nigeria	Tanganyika
Gold Coast	Rhodesia	Transvaal
Kenya	Rhodesia & Nyasaland	Union of South Africa
Lesotho	Sierra Leone	Zanzibar

BRITISH OFFICES IN AFRICA: 1943-1951

No commercial perfins have been reported on stamps of the British occupied former Italian areas, though some issues of British Eritrea are found with partial punches in large size letters of "PAGATO" (paid).

PAGATO

Tracing

BRITISH OFFICES IN AFRICA: MOROCCO

Perfins are found on all four types of these agency stamps - differentiated by the three types of currency overprints and the international zone Tangier overprint. From the consistency of missing pins, it appears that the State Bank of Morocco perfin machine was used to punch stamps of several agencies.

BEM	1 <u>British Currency</u> A Banque d'Etat du Maroc Tangier Scott #213	BEM	1 <u>Spanish Currency</u> A Banque d'Etat du Maroc
		CM	2 <u>Spanish Currency</u> A Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris Tangier Scott #28,35
B.C.I	1 <u>French Currency</u> A Banca Commerciale Italiana Scott #414,416,418,421		
BEM	2 <u>French Currency</u> A Banque d'Etat du Maroc Tangier		
SM	3 <u>French Currency</u> A Société Marseillaise de Credit Scott #431	BEM	1 <u>International Zone</u> A Banque d'Etat du Maroc Tangier Scott #516

ASCENSION

Only SPECIMEN punches have been reported.

WANT ADS AND NOTICES

Want ads and notices are published without charge to Club members on a space available basis. Non-members' items are also published on a space available basis if they are considered of interest.

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GREAT BRITAIN - QV 1d Red Plates (Perfined)

The following details are required for a planned catalogue:

	Tilles No.	PERFIN			PLATE NOS.
		LETTERS	PINS	HEIGHT	
e.g.,	D22.1	D.B	11:15	4 1/2 mm.	148:205

For those of you who do not have a Tilles catalogue completion of the other details would suffice. Send this information to:

Mr. Harry Skinner
148 Darnley Road
Gravesend, Kent
DA11 OSN
United Kingdom

OR

Mr. Roy Gault
27 Marigold Drive
Burbage
Nr. Hinckley
Leics. LE10 2SJ
United Kingdom

Our intention is to update the Jennings listing of 1968 in which some 1000+ different perfins on 8300+ Plate Nos. are recorded. Jennings did not illustrate dies, we intend to where available.

Thank you in advance for your responses.

FOR SALE Gordon S. Veith, 932 Tavel Drive, Kenner, LA 70065 has a photocopy of The Great Britain Philatelic Society, "Perfin Catalog of Official Perfins," Compiled by Mary E. Thorton. Make offer or write for details.

SCARCE TANGANYIKA PERFINS! Jacob Kisner can supply sets of four of the scarce Tanganyika perfin "SB/SA" (i.e., The Standard Bank of South Africa at Dar-es-Salaam) in large-sized revenue stamps. King George VI (Barefoot #s 2,3, and 4) and Queen Elizabeth II (Barefoot #13) at \$5.00 plus SASE for the set. Overseas members add sufficient postage for airmail. Jack has about fourteen sets on hand, and it is first-come, first-served. The Tanganyika "SB/SA" perfin is obviously a scarce one as it never seems to turn up in collectors' or dealers' offerings. Send orders to: Jacob Kisner, 254 Park Avenue South, Penthouse F, New York, NY 10010.

NOTICE Regarding the offer of PERFIN PACKETS on page 133 of TPB the response was so overwhelming that I had to return a number of checks. I am sorry, but never expected such a large response. I am looking for replacement stock now.
/s/ Jacob Kisner

JAPANESE PATTERN #23 IN PERFINS CATALOG

Harry Rickard, U.S. Catalog Editor, 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

Recent correspondence with George A. Fisher, Jr., of the International Society for Japanese Philately and The Perfins Club, has resulted in the interesting information regarding the pattern illustrated.



Neither the Japanese society nor Perfins Club members have been able to locate the necessary identity cover to qualify for catalog authentication of this pattern. However, George, as a student of Japanese philately, does offer the following information:

As far as I know a positive ID cover for pattern #23 has not been found. However, until proven otherwise, I accept it as being the trademark of the Mitsui Company (Mitsui & Co., Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., and probably other versions), which had offices worldwide, including New York City, ever since the last century.

The design is a synthesis of two Japanese characters, *mitsu* (≡, meaning three) and *i* (井, meaning "[water] well"), the "three" being inside the "well." Mitsui is a Japanese surname, and is the name of what used to be called a *zaibatsu* (plutocratic) family in pre-WWII Japan. On Japanese stamps the Mitsui design (in several varieties) is probably the most common of all perfins.

George also mentions that *Mitsui* means "three wells" and not "three rivers" as some collectors have intimated. *Mitsubishi* means "three diamonds." The Perfins Club members thank you, George, for this very interesting information.

SOME ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM GEORGE A. FISHER, JR.

George A. Fisher, Jr. (#1152), 10749 W. Saratoga Place, Littleton, CO 80127

I have perfin Design #23 on U.S. 10-cent-yellow and 20-cent-blue Franklins and on a 15-cent parcel post. Two of these have the elliptical Madison Square Branch/N.Y. undated postmark killer. The perfin is horizontal on the 10-cent stamp and vertical on the other two stamps. Adachi illustrates a 1-cent 1903 Franklin with this perfin on page 65 of his Japanese perfin catalog, indicating, of course, that he too considers this a Japanese perfin.

The September 30, 1987, MSA Auction No. 130 in Nagoya, Japan, contained a group of 96 Japanese perfins identified by Adachi numbers. All were listed with minimum bids from 600 yen (\$4.23) to 2,000 yen (\$14.00), except Adachi No. G41, which carried a minimum bid of 25,000 yen against an Adachi value of 100,000 yen in 1980. Most minimums were 1,000 yen (\$7.00). The G41 and 14 other perfins did not sell. The 81 stamps that sold brought 109,505 yen, or \$765.77, for an average realization of \$9.45 for each Japanese perfin.

I have prepared a list of these perfins by Adachi Number (they were arranged chronologically by basic stamp in the auction catalog) showing Lot No., Adachi Value, Minimum Bid, Sold Price and U.S. \$ equivalent. If any member is interested in seeing if his or her Japanese perfin is on the list, send a buck to me at the address given above and you will get a copy.

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U.S. Catalog, 3rd. A/C 5 p., 1986, Rickard	\$2.00
U.S. Catalog, blank pages to mount perfins, order in quantities of 100	\$10.00
Great Britain Perfins, A Catalogue of. Pages will be available as they are received and will be announced in the Bulletin. Available at this time are: A,B,C,Q,T,U,V,X,Y,Z, Numbers, Patterns and Monograms	\$25.00
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Railroad Perfins, Catalog, 1987, 52 p., 1987, Gray	\$5.00
"THE PERFINS CLUB", lapel pin, white on silver (wear to club meetings)	\$2.00

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The Perfins Club does not intend to make a profit from the sale of these catalogs. The cost to you includes basic catalog costs, shipping to us, customs charges if applicable and postage costs to you. This is strictly a service to our members. All updates will be published in the Bulletin.

Send orders to: The Perfins Club, Catalog Sales and Distribution, 5109 A Street, Lincoln NE 68510

POSTAL HISTORY OF CHINA
Sinkiang Official Mail
1915-25? - 1943

Lee H. Hill, Jr., 31 Loumar Drive, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Stamps for use in Sinkiang were for many years (1915 to 1949) overprinted with Chinese characters meaning "for use in Sinkiang." This was necessary because the currency in circulation in Sinkiang was of a different value than the various currencies used in other parts of China during this period.

Small quantities of these stamps were perforated with four Chinese characters "Kung Wen T'ieh Yung" meaning literally "official papers sticker use" (or more meaningfully "for use on official documents").

Most if not all of the usage was in the first ten years of Sinkiang overprinted stamps -- predominantly the overprints on the first Peking print Junk, Reaper and Hall of Classics issues. In fact, this collector has never encountered a legible cancellation on a Sinkiang official "perfin" with a date later than 1925.

Chinese government records indicate that these perfins were applied "for accounting purposes only," presumably a euphemism for "to prevent theft or personal use by government employees." The stamps were not intended to be sold to the public. Unused examples are extremely rare and presumably all that exist were stolen or provided as favors by dishonest government employees.

This collector has reviewed many fine collections of China and finds that most do not include even a single example of a Sinkiang official perfin. Only a few collections are known to include more than a dozen items. Small specialized collections have appeared only infrequently at auction or in dealer stocks. It seems likely that a total of less than 1000 of these stamps of all denominations and printings remain in collections or in dealer stocks.

Perfins were applied in various positions -- "normal" ("little house" character - "kung" upper right, "inverted crown" character "yung" lower left when viewed from the front), "inverted", "reversed" and "reversed and inverted."

Examples of "missing pins" are sometimes encountered and provide interesting varieties for specialized collections.

The following tabulation is a checklist of items based on this collector's personal acquisitions and an informal "census" of observed or reported collections and dealer offerings. Figures given reflect relative "scarcity/value" for cancelled stamps.

1st. Regular Issue of Sinkiang (1915) - "Top character out of line on 1st. Peking Print"

Scott Catalog Number	Denom- ination	normal	reversed	inverted	reversed/ inverted
1	1/2 cent	R	R	-	-
2	1 cent	6.00	6.00	R	R
3	2 cent	9.00	R	R	-
4	3 cent	9.00	9.00	-	R
5	4 cent	12.00	12.00	-	-
6	5 cent	9.00	R	-	-

Scott Catalog Number	Denom- ination	normal	reversed	inverted	reversed/ inverted
7	6 cent	R	-	-	-
8	7 cent	R	R	-	-
9	8 cent	7.50	R	-	-
10	10 cent	7.50	R	-	-
11	15 cent	15.00	R	-	-
12	16 cent	R	R	-	-
13	20 cent	R	R	-	-
15	50 cent	R	R	-	-

2nd. Regular Issues of Sinkiang (1916-24) - "Top character in line on 1st. Peking Print

Scott Catalog Number	Denom- ination	normal	reversed	inverted	reversed/ inverted
17	1/2 cent	R	R	-	-
18	1 cent	4.00	5.00	R	R
19	1-1/2 ct.	R	R	-	R
20	2 cent	6.00	6.00	R	R
21	3 cent	5.00	4.00	R	R
22	4 cent	R	4.00	R	R
23	5 cent	5.00	8.00	R	R
24	6 cent	5.00	4.00	R	R
25	7 cent	12.00	15.00	R	R
26	8 cent	12.00	12.00	R	R
27	10 cent	12.00	8.00	R	R
28	13 cent	10.00	8.00	R	R
29	15 cent	R	R	-	R
30	16 cent	5.00	7.00	R	R
31	20 cent	7.00	10.00	R	R
32	30 cent	7.00	9.00	R	R
33	50 cent	6.00	9.00	R	R
34	\$1	15.00	R	R	R
35	\$2	R	R	-	-
36	\$5	R	R	-	-

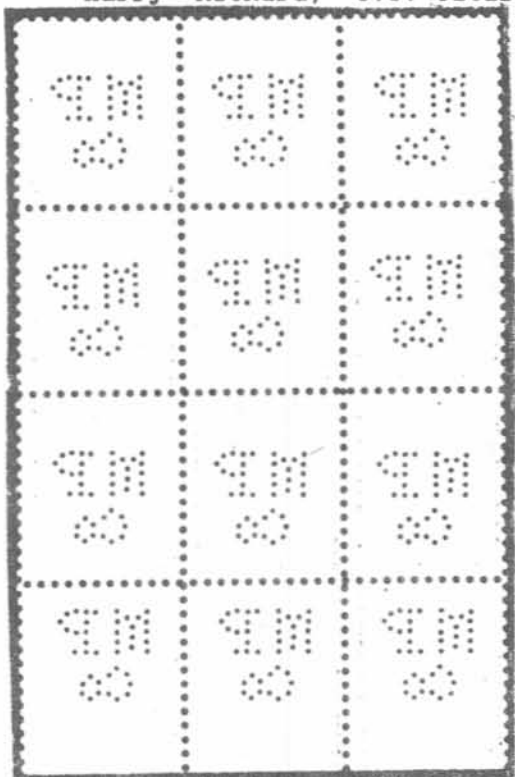
Later Issues - (1925-43)

Most denominations of the 3rd. regular issue of Sinkiang ("Top character in line on 2nd. Peking, Print -- Scott Catalogue Number SK 47-69 and 114) exist but are only very infrequently encountered. The \$1, \$2, and \$5 denominations are generally perfined horizontally rather than vertically. The \$10 and \$20 denominations have never been reported and presumably do not exist.

A few denominations of the London Print, Dr. Sun Yat Sen (double-ring and single-ring types) exist. Also Peking and Hongkong Martyrs and Hongkong Dr. Sun. All of the Dr. Sun and Martyrs items acquired or observed by this collector are unused -- raising serious question as to the legitimacy of these later issues since all were presumably stolen or provided as favors by dishonest government employees.

MOLINE PLOW COMPANY M205 IN 2 CENT ERROR BLOCK

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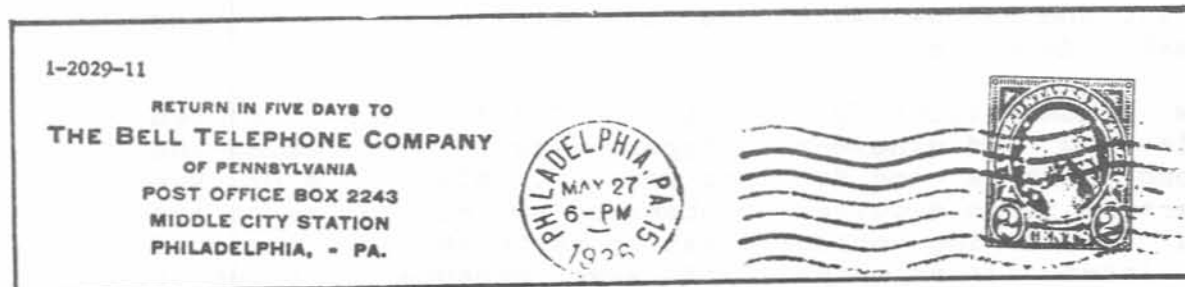
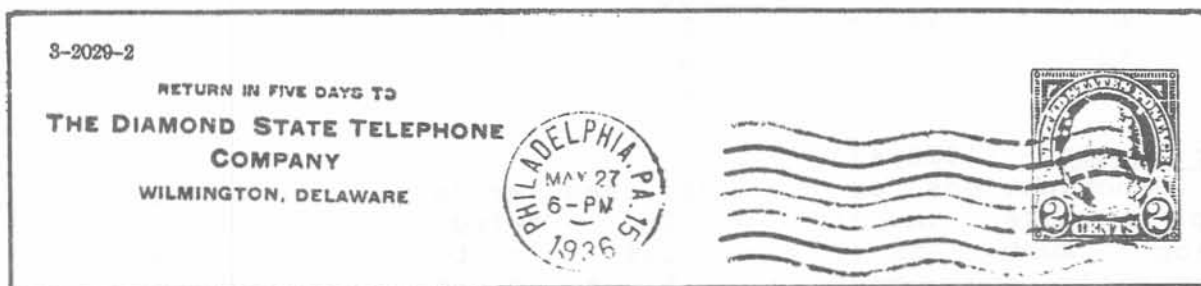
The illustration shown here is a block of twelve stamps illustrating pattern M205 "MP/Co" of the Moline Plow Company. What is interesting about this particular block of twelve, is that a pair of the stamps are Scott Catalog Number 505 (i.e., 5 cent rose error in plate of 2 cent). The owner of this rarity is interested in obtaining a cover with the corner card of the Moline Plow Company. If you have a cover available, please write to P.R. Beutel, P.O. Box 15964, Colorado Springs, CO 80935.

The Perfin M205 is known from The Moline Plow Company, Moline IL and The Moline Plow Company, Henry Buggy Branch, Freeport, IL.

DUAL USAGE D110

The Diamond State Telephone Company must have been taken over by the Bell Telephone Company. Note that both envelopes bearing D110 were postmarked on the same day, same time, and the same Post Office (i.e., Philadelphia, PA Station 15). Perhaps they used Diamond State Telephone Company envelopes for

Diamond State customers until the old envelopes were used up. You might also note that the corner card of the Diamond State cover gives Wilmington, DE rather than the catalog listed Dover, DE This is an additional city of use.



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At present there is a small backlog of articles and illustrations. One of these a series of articles on "Petro-PERFINS" may someday occupy an entire issue. However, as a former editor of this publication pointed out there is a dragon that devours articles. Writers are solicited. I will be glad to help. The last page is for nostalgia buffs, It is one of the last items produced by the old word processor/computer. JFL

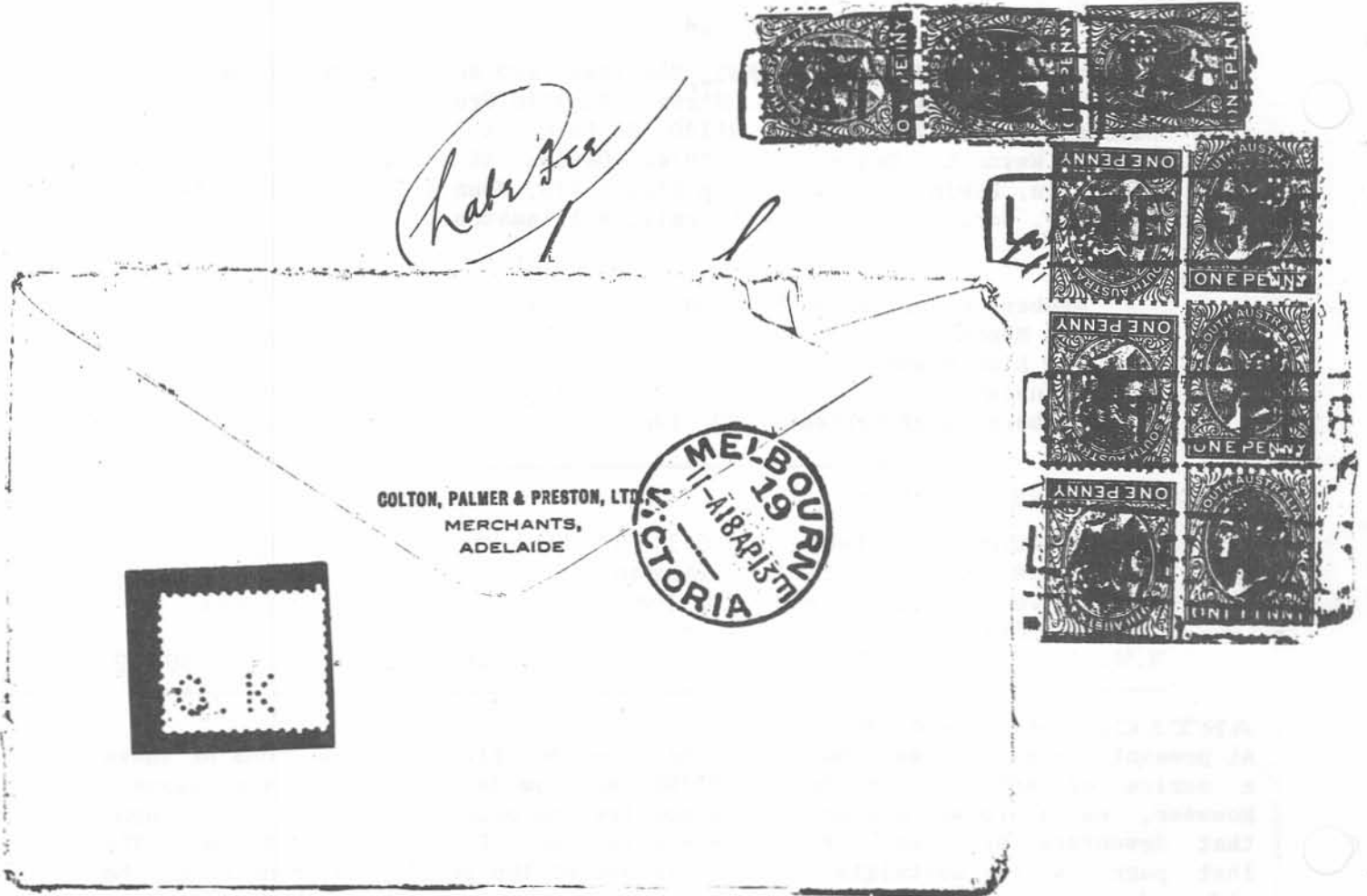
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O.K. OF OFFICIAL PUNCH

The "Late Fee" cancel on the illustrated cover was the result of an assessment for late mailing by the Alelaide Merchants. However, the stamps have been punched "O.K.". Was this an official punch or stamps prepared for COLTON, PALMER & PRESTON? If you know, tell W. Turney (#1538), 1309 Cottonwood Cr., North Vancouver, B.C., Canada V7P 1K9.



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EARLY AUSTRALIAN "PERFINS"

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This subject arose recently during a discussion on whether it would be possible to have the next issue of an Australian Masonic stamp so treated. "Perfins", the abbreviated form of "perforated initials" as commonly used by philatelists, are not common in this country, although the act of perforating a stamp is permitted by the Australia Post. They are no longer produced officially, but private persons, clubs and professional industries etc. can do so, provided a sample is submitted to Australia Post for approval.

The practice is used to personalise a quantity of stamps for use, say of a club and consists of its initials, logo or design, and similarly private businesses may perforate stamps for security reasons, and to prevent unauthorised usage by their employees.

Although this practice does not invalidate a stamp for use through the postal system, it is arguable whether or not such a defacement renders the stamp valueless from a philatelic collector's point of view.

The first use of a perforated stamp dates back to 1913 with the issue of the Kangaroo series, when a large OS was punctured in several denominations for use by State and Federal Government Departments - (see Figure 1). The letters were 14 mm or just over 1/2 inch high, weakening the stamps and causing them to fall apart.



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3

Apparently, it took 18 years for the authorities to establish this fact, or perhaps it was only then that the original stocks were exhausted, for in 1931, although a smaller perforation had been tried, (Figure 2), the system of puncturing was abandoned, and all Official Stamps were then over-printed as in Figure 3. Although listed as Official

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

U.S. C-RATED SURVEY PROGRESS

Our U.S. Catalog Editor, Harry Rickard reports that he has been receiving help in completing the survey tally from Arthiss Kliever (#2295). With this help, the survey will probably be completed by mid-January. Allowing time for cross checking and setting the information for the *Bulletin* a report will probably be ready for the March issue.

Commander Herb Lathan, handling philatelic offerings for the San Diego chapter of the V.F.W. has expressed his thanks to those members who sent in philatelic material in answer to our appeal. Herb had three operations and a number of other medical problems during 1987 and regrets that he has been unable to personally acknowledge gifts individually.

If you have some philatelic material gathering dust why not contribute it to one of our disabled veterans? Send to Herb Lathan, 631 Carla Street, Chula Vista, CA 92010.

The Africa Perfins Catalog continues in this issue with pages A-5 and A-7. The reverse of these pages are blank.

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Stamps, the letters OS were an abbreviation of O.H.M.S. - On His Majesty's Service - King George V was on the throne of England at that time, and stamps bearing his likeness, were concurrently in use, and all denominations from 1/2d - 1/4d (20 different values,) were also perforated as shown....¹



In February 1933 it was decided that no further stamps would be "over-printed" by Federal Departments, but each Commonwealth State Department continued the practice, and used a variety of separate perforations.

It is not known when the word "perfin" came into use, for although it applies to the above situation, it cannot, technically be applied to the use of a perforated logo or design, such as the 'square and compasses' as shown over the page.²

Stanley Gibbons, the World Stamp Catalog publishers do not recognize perfins and do not include them in their catalog.

Our investigations to date, have shown that no perforating machines capable of doing the such work are available in Australia. And that are in use have probably been imported, either from the U.K. or the U.S.A.

In the U.S., the production of perfins is quite popular almost to the point of 'ad absurdum' for not only current stamp issues, but also stamps issued many years are coming to hand bearing a 'perfin', which, in the latter case means that an apparent attempt is being made to turn the stamp into a rarity. As we stated earlier, it is doubtful whether this would make the stamp more valuable from a collector's point of view, or even on the open market, for as they are not, and cannot be, catalogued, no universal valuation could be determined.

The stamps received to date, have each bore a Masonic perfin, either in the form of initials or symbol. Some of these are reproduced on the opposite page, and with the exception of the U.K. 8p Queen perfined "G", all are from the U.S.³

The use of the initials 'GAOTU', (Great Architect of the Universe), is of recent origin, and its irreverent use on the Duke Ellington stamp (issued 29th. April 1986) defies understanding. Bro. Ellington, the famous jazz orchestra leader was initiated into Freemasonry on 5th. May 1932, and died 24th. May 1974. The combined use of the above stamp and perfin, could only lead to the practice becoming a gimmick.

On the other hand, the said perfin, when applied to the stamp of the 'Immortal Chaplains' is appropriate. The only Mason of the four is Bro. George Fox (left).

But here again, when we realise that the stamp was issued in 1948, and the perfin added some 37 odd years later, we wonder if the person so applying the perfin is really doing anything worthwhile for the hobby in general. As can be seen, our stamp is a mint issue!⁴

First Day Covers too, have been used to illustrate the perfin system as shown opposite⁵, but here a series of dots have been printed in lieu of the usual perforations.

At least one Perfin Club is in operation in the U.S. founded in 1943 - of course there may be others, but the sample letterhead shown⁶ is the only one we have.

A well-known Adelaide City stamp dealer, has affirmed that he knows of no Perfin Club in South Australia, and is unaware of any such club operating in the other States of Australia. Perhaps an interstate member may be able to ascertain if this is so. Unfortunately, none of the items illustrated in this article are available to members.

¹ Words deleted. "... on the previous page."

² Illustration not reproducible.

³ Illustration not reproducible.

⁴ Illustration not reproducible.

⁵ Illustration not reproducible.

⁶ The Perfins Club Letterhead.

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Editor's Comments.

There are several other "PERFIN Clubs", The Perfins Society (Great Britain), the Czechoslovakian Perfins Club, the Danish Perfins Study Group, the Perfins Study Group of BNAPS and Perfin Club Nederland (Netherlands). I am sure that I will be hearing from members of any perfins clubs that I have omitted.

The "GAOTU" perfin is the personal perfin of Perfins Club member John M. Cunningham.

The following "check list" of Australian Commonwealth stamps officially punctured or overprinted OS lists stamps that were used by federal (i.e., Commonwealth) government departments and it is simplified (i.e., watermark and perforation varieties were not considered).

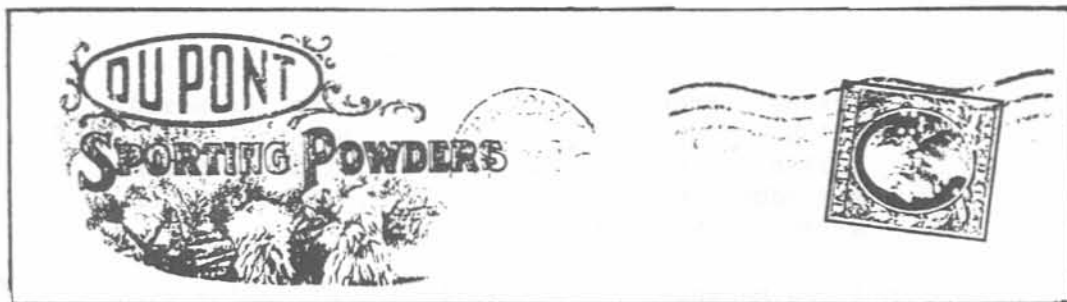
Punctured "OS"

Kangaroo Issues	King George V	Commemorative and Special Issues
1/2 d	1/2 d Green	1-1/2 d Canberra (1927)
1 d	1/2 d Orange	3 d Kookaburra (1928)
2 d	1 d Red	1-1/2 d W. Australia (1929)
2-1/2 d	1 d Violet	1-1/2 d Sturt (1930)
3 d	1 d Green	3 d Sturt (1930)
4 d	1-1/2 d Blk. & Br.	
5 d	1-1/2 d Brown	
6 d Blue	1-1/2 d Green	
6 d Brown	1-1/2 d Red	
9 d	2 d Red	
1/-	2 d Orange	
2/- Brown	2 d Brown	
2/- Claret	3 d Blue	
5/-	4 d Orange	
10/-	4 d Lemon	
L1 Gray	4 d Blue	
L2	4 d Olive	
	4-1/2 d Violet	
	5 d Brown	
	1/4 Brown	



In addition to the above, the following were overprinted "OS."

- 6 d Kangaroo (1929)
- 2 d King George V Red (1929)
- 4 d King George V Olive (1929)
- 2 d and 3 d Kingsford Smith (1931)
- 6 d Sepia Airmail (1931)
- 6 d Kangaroo (1932)
- 1/2 d King George V Orange (1932)
- 1 d King George V Green (1932)
- 2 d King George V Red (1932)
- 3 d King George V Blue (1932)
- 5 d King George V Brown (1932)
- 2 d and 3 d Bridge (1932)
- 1/- Large Lyre Bird



This cover strip of Joseph Laura (#1238), P.O. Box 249, West Wareham, MA 02576 is multi-colored with a DuPont corner card. Posted with D129 of "Du/Pont" of E.I. DuPont deNemours Co.

The postmark appears to be San Francisco, CA which is not listed as a city of usage for this particular perfin.

WANT ADS AND NOTICES

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WANTED PERFINS and covers associated with chemical companies, such as: A16, 17, 22; C91; D23, 24; E43; G192; H82; M3; N16; U10; W11; etc. Also wanted perfins in Scott Catalog numbers 1002 and 1685. Will purchase or trade perfins or other philatelic materials. John Funkhouser, 4555 Pioneer Trail, Okemos, MI 48864.

WANTED 1988 Dues payments. It is not too early to send in your 1988 Club dues payment. Membership dues is \$7.00 (U.S. and Canada) or \$105.00 for a life membership. Foreign membership is \$9.00 per year payable in U.S. funds. Make your dues payments to the secretary, Ralph W. Smith, The Perfins Club, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225.

SIMPLIFICATION OF N113 LISTINGS

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Whether it is the Catalog Editor, Auction Chairman, or anyone needing to list New York Life Insurance Company perfin patterns, it is no simple job for many patterns. Since it takes as many as ten figure and letters to identify some patterns, some simplification may be needed.

There are eleven basic control patterns and one without controls. Would it be much easier and simpler to use one capital letter to identify each of the eleven basic controls?

Each individual pattern is pictured in the catalog, so it is difficult to make a mistake whether a pattern is called N113BbDd1a or N113G1a. The BbDd would become G if a proposed change is made. Traveling holes would use the same identity as in the present method. Reducing two, three, or four letters to one would result in easier reference.

The original adoption of the multiple letters resulted because of one or two control positions and the lack of an illustrated catalog. With illustrations, as exist in the current catalog, the patterns are easily recognized without the extra letters as a guide. The present and proposed listings are shown in the table below.

Present	Proposed	Present	Proposed	Present	Proposed
N113A	N113A	N113B	N113E	N113Cc	N113J
N113Aa	N113B	N113Bb	N113F	N113D	N113K
N113AB	N113C	N113BdDb	N113G	N113Dd	N113L
N113ABb	N113D	N113C	N113H		

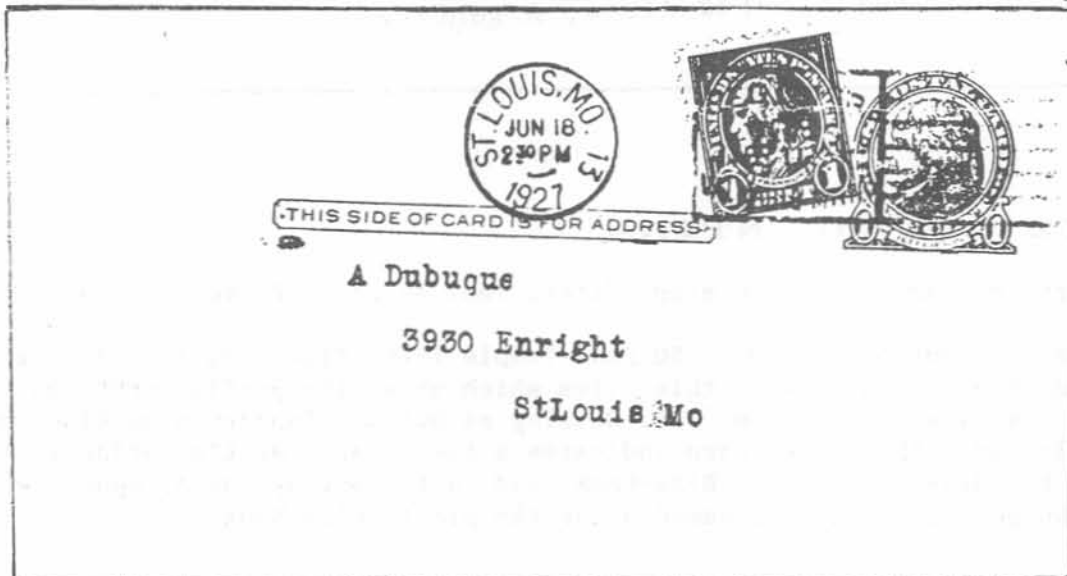
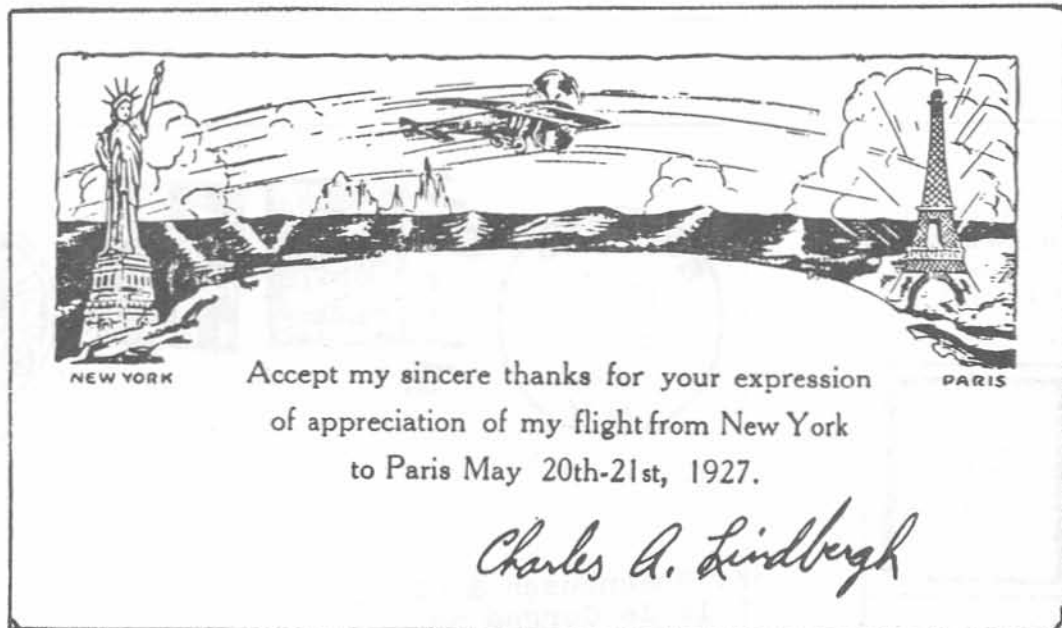
The letter "I" has not been included because of the possibility of confusion.

Prior to any changes being made, the opinions of the members will be taken into account as a guide to making a decision. Send me a card stating if you would like to see this proposed change made. Since few members have the occasion to write out these letters and figures as often as Editors, Catalog Editors, and the Auction Chairman, you may be indifferent. However, put yourself in their position and decide accordingly.

CATALOG AUTHENTICATION

Harry Rickard, U.S. Catalog Editor, 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

Western Union pattern W199-19 is now authenticated as being used from Saint Louis, MO on a very unique card. Evidently, Mr. Dubuque prepared some post cards as per the illustration and mailed this one to himself. He would have worked for Western Union, hence the perfin. If the signature is authentic, this is a prized item. If you have another theory, please let me know.

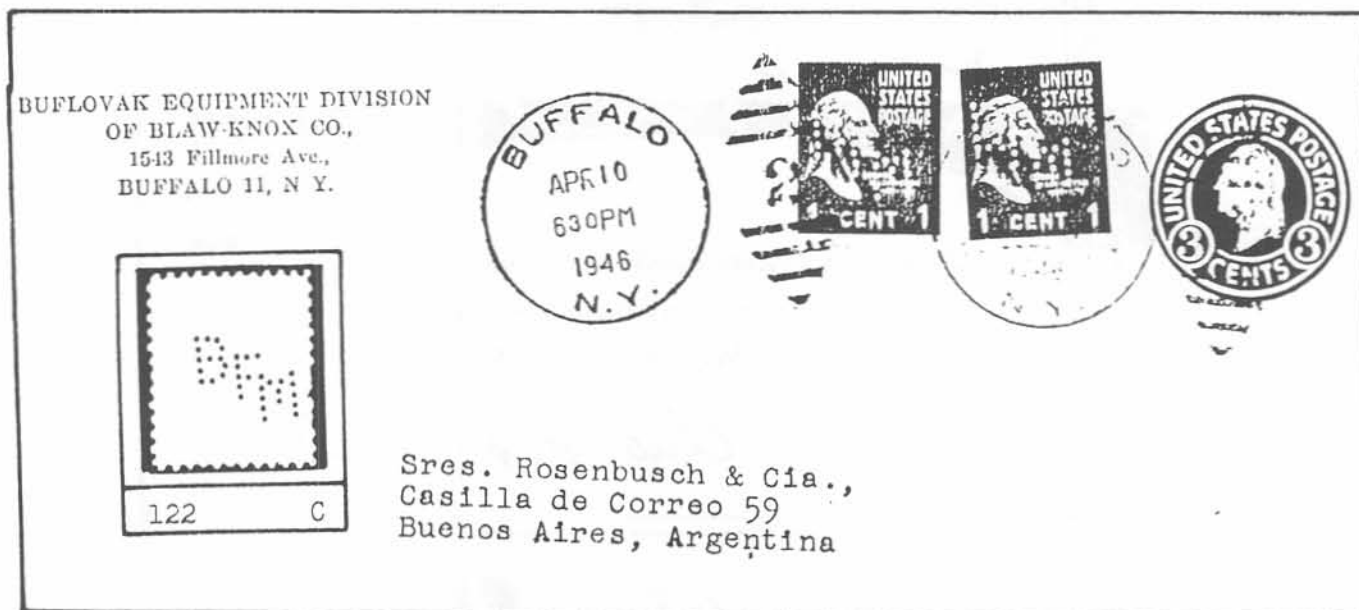


CAIN PERFINS RATINGS

The Cain perfin ratings have been in use for about twenty years. The rating concept is outlined below:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Explained</u>
A	Rare	- 5 or fewer copies are known.
B	Scarce	- Between 6 and 50 copies are known.
C	Difficult	- Found in collections of more than 2400 different patterns.
D	Average	- Found in collections of 1200 to 2400 patterns.
E	Common	- Make up the bulk of smaller collections.
F	Very Common	- Found everywhere.

It should be noted that ratings are based upon the scarcity of the pattern. The stamp in which the pattern appears does not enter into the rating.



MAIL TO ARGENTINA

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Joseph C. Murin (#2513), 50 East Temple 18th. Floor, Salt Lake City UT 84150
United States submitted this item which shows the perfin "BFM", pattern B122 which is listed in the U.S. Catalog as Buffalo Foundry & Machine Company of Buffalo, NY. The corner card indicates a take-over some time prior to April 10, 1946 by Blaw-Knox Co. Blaw-Knox had a factory by the Alleghney River near Pittsburgh. The town was named after the plant, Blaw-Knox.

BASUTOLAND
Only SPECIMEN punches have been reported.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND
Only one SPECIMEN type punch has been reported on Scott #30.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATES			
In addition to SPECIMEN punches, two perfins have been reported. A new classification is used for these items (F) because of the possibility of fraudulent overprints on British stamps.			
!..	1 (Gr. Britain, Tilles #14) Scott #52	F P. N.T	2 (Gr. Britain, Tilles #269) Scott #73

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA PROTECTORATES	
SP PW Tracing	1 Mombasa Scott #32 A

GAMBIA

Only SPECIMEN perfins have been reported.

GOLD COAST

In addition to SPECIMEN punches, only one commercial perfin has been reported.



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Konongo

KENYA AND UGANDA 1922-1933

Only one type of SPECIMEN punch has been reported for this period.

TANGANYIKA 1921-1935

Only one type of SPECIMEN punch has been reported for this period.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA
PERFINNED REVENUE

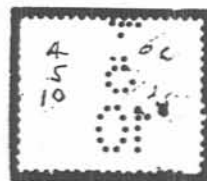
Irvin Burns (#1714), 17821 Lassen Street #312,
Northridge, CA 91325

The British South Africa Company (later Rhodesia) issued a 10 pound postage stamp as the high value in a set. This blue lilac stamp, Scott Catalogue #75, first appeared in 1901. I have the identical stamp in light brown, obviously a revenue stamp, with the punch cancel date 27-9-99 in vertical format, as is illustrated in Figure 1. I have three other stamps of that set and they run true to the colors listed in the Scott Catalogue. These stamps are perfinned as illustrated in Figure 2 and they are also revenue cancelled. Do any of our members have the 5 or 10 pound postage stamp perfinned? Scott lists these as being revenue cancelled only. No postally used copies are known.

Figure 1
punch cancel on
Rhodesia
Barefoot #2



Figure 2
Examples of perfins
and punch cancels
on Scott listed
postage stamps.



SIERRA LEONE *

by Philip O. Beale F.R.P.S.,L.

President John Marriott has shown us a splendid 1872 cover, again a very scarce item. A few local penny-rate covers are known from the 1870s addressed to T. A. Wall, who was Commandant on Sherbro Island. Covers to France paid a 7d rate that changed in 1887 to 7-1/2d and I showed examples of both those rates. It is in 1884 that we see the first of what Marcus Samuel designates the SL 1 local 'Specimen' overprint. As far as we know, only one or two examples of that exist on any particular stamp.

At this point in my display, I showed the first type of missent handstruck mark; it is the only recorded strike. The letter was addressed in 1864 to Carabane, which is just south of The Gambia. It went down to Loanda where it was endorsed by the British consul, and then was sent to Sierra Leone, where this handstamp was applied. Evidently it got to Carabane after travelling several thousands of extra miles. I also showed mail to Sierra Leone from Britain starting in 1856; a Soldier's concessionary letter of 1894 with a penny stamp; and a perfin on cover. This is a very unusual use of a military perfin, done for the Second West Indian Regiment (Figure 2).



Figure 2: The 2/WIR perfin used by the Second West Indian Regiment in Sierra Leone.

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FOR AUCTION WATCHERS

Vance Auctions, Smithville, Canada's 104th Mail Auction which closed on Friday, January 15, 1988 had the following lots of interest to Club members:

Lot 116 CANADA OFFICIAL PERFINs: O* 231/E11. A nearly all used collection of 4 hole OHMS perfins. Inc. mint Plate Block of 13 cent War Issue (selvedge back flt.), used \$1 Chateau, \$1

Destroyer, and \$1 Peace, doubled 2 cent War issue, various positions, a few pairs and blocks, etc. A few flts. but mainly F-VF. Scott Spec. \$275+ (92)
\$85.00

Lot 265 SPECIALIZED CANADA LOT: 0 Duplicated accumulation on stock cards of various precancels (mostly Centennials), perfin, RPO cancels, House of Commons cancels an a few meters (Few 100's)
Est 60.00

Lot 4164 CANADA OFFICIAL PERFINS: 0 231/E11, A good collection of 4 hole "OHMS" perfins. Incl 1938 defins to 50 cents, War and Peace to \$1, C6-9, CE1-4, Special Delivery, etc. A few flts but most seem sound and F-VF Retail \$340.00(43).
Est 75.00

Lot 4761 PERFINS: 0 Unsorted accumulation of worldwide perfins, all 20th. Century. Strength in Gr. Britain. Mostly VG-VF (295)
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The main entry in the U.S. Catalog lists Detroit, MI as the location for the Carter White Lead Company's perfin C6. Chicago is listed as a supplemental location in section V as attested to by the "West Pullman Station, Chicago, IL, April 16, 1910," on this advertising card.



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AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME INVOLVED

Richard L. Mewhinney, President, 33 Carlton Avenue,
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Two positions on the staff of the Perfins Club will soon become available to members of the club. I hope that someone will be interested in these jobs and will volunteer.

Our Librarian, Bob Ellwanger, has expectations of moving to smaller quarters in the near future and has asked that I attempt to find a replacement for him. The Club's Library is in excellent shape with all material in good order and it is well cataloged. A complete library listing was supplied to the membership in the November/December 1988 issue of the *Perfins Bulletin*.

The second position that will be available is that of U.S. Catalog Chairman. Our current chairman, Harry Rickard, has requested to have someone take over the job which he has held for a number of years. Harry is in his eighties and would like to make the transition to someone who he can assist in getting into the work. Once again, the work of this position is up to date with the 1987 Additions and Corrections pages having been published within the past six months and the Survey for the rating of U.S. perfins is completed.

How about chipping in an working toward the development of our hobby when these positions are available and the most easy to take over. Please drop me a note if you are interested in these jobs.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

EARLIEST U.S. PERFIN USAGE

Back in the May 1985 issue of the Bulletin, I offered a free years membership in the Perfins Club to any member who could locate a U.S. perfin cover that was dated earlier than a cover belonging to Joseph Laura that was illustrated in that issue. Joe's cover is of the Royal Insurance Company (R87) and it is dated July 23, 1908.

A cover, previously owned by the late Al Bartleson and canceled June 27, 1908 has not been located to the best of our knowledge.

To date, nearly three years after my offer, no one has claimed the prize offered. thus, I will renew my offer -- show me a cover having a U.S. perfined stamp and a cancellation earlier than July 23, 1908 and you will be awarded a year of club membership or the equivalent if you happen to be a life member. You will also perhaps go down in club history.

Richard L. Mewhinney, President
33 Carlton Avenue
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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

In addition to the two positions that are noted as being available on the front page of this issue, the Club also requires some volunteers for a short term project. Write to our president at the address given above if you can give us some time.

Just a reminder, it is income tax time. If I am a bit slow in answering your mail, please forgive me.

JFL

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Interest Income	2,871.73	27.2
U.S. Catalog Receipts	670.30	6.3
Foreign Catalog Receipts	362.16	3.4
Donations	21.00	.2
Total Income	\$10,574.01	100.0

EXPENSE		
ITEM	Amount	%
Bulletin Expense	\$7,219.23	68.3
Editor's Expense	76.13	.7
Publisher's Expense	1,032.23	9.8
Secretary's Expense	330.13	3.1
Library Expense	197.86	1.9
Membership Expense	29.67	.3
Foreign Catalog Expense	327.92	3.1
Other Officers' Expenses	206.49	2.0
Treasurer's Expenses	33.34	.3
U.S. Catalog Expense	289.15	2.7
R.R. Catalog Expense	1,104.01	10.4
Total Expenses	\$10,846.16	102.6
Net Income (Loss)	(272.15)	(2.6)

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$683.74
Life Member CD 1219	1,000.00
Life Member CD 5478	1,260.98
Life Member CD 6356	6,900.00
Life Member Pass Book	126.11

Total L.M. Savings	\$9,287.00
OP. Funds Pass Book	3,734.95
OP. Funds Cert. 5119	14,000.00
OP. Funds Cert. 5447	1,891.36
OP. Funds Cert. 5455	1,260.28
OP. Funds Cert. 5456	1,260.28

Total OP. Fund Savings \$22,146.87

Total Assets \$32,117.61

CAPITAL & LIABILITIES

Surplus	\$32,389.76
Year to Date P & L	(272.15)

Total Cap. & Liab. \$32,117.61

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FIRST DAY OF USE

NEW APPLE PERFIN



Shown to the left is the new Apple Design perfin of member Michael L. Collins. This replaces the perfin which appeared on page 137, *TPB* July/August 1986. The apple was chosen for the design because the Yakima Valley, where Mike lives, is a leading producer of apples in the United States.

The earlier version, with smaller holes, had its first day of use on December 6, 1985. Mike hopes that this new version will prove to be sturdier than the previous device. The first day of use for the new perfin was January 14, 1988 as shown by the accompanying cover. Our U.S. Catalog Editor, Harry Rickard, has noted that this perfin will be included in the next set of Additions & Correction (A&C) pages for the U.S. catalog.

Members desiring copies of this perfin may contact Mike at the address given below. Mike reports that he will perforate any contemporary stamps that members provide. Stamps will be returned within an SASE, on cover or both. Mike's address is:

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1987 PERFINS SURVEY

A special survey of perfins was conducted during 1987 by means of survey forms that were printed as the center four pages of the October issue of the *Bulletin*. This survey was intended to check on the accuracy of perfins that had been rated as "C", perfins that had appeared in "A&C" pages, Shermacks, and a few special cases. The returns were gratifying and the results are being published in this issue.

The ten high count collections reporting were:

10,000	Steve Endicott	4,450	Robert Schwerdt
6,500	Jean Jacoby	4,164	Charles Dailey
5,104	Robert Foley	3,478	Frank McCabe
4,957	Lou Ludwig	3,467	Helen Ratzer
4,837	Ed Hoyt	2,756	Ralph Smith

Sal Guarini has the largest collection of individual all different pattern including all of the "C" rated items surveyed. No other member had all of the "C" rated items.

Steve Endicott's collection consists of many speciality units.

LUCKY SURVEY WINNERS

Harry Rickard, U.S. Catalog Editor, 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

Thanks to a very active participation, the 1987 survey was a success. As was shown in *Bulletin* listings of current ratings, many former "C" rated patterns were either more common than their original ratings or very much under rated. It is possible that some "D" rated patterns are in the same situation to a smaller degree. A "D" survey could be considered.

Survey forms were received from Canada, Great Britain, Australia, and the Netherlands. Participants ranged all the way from brand new novices to large specialized collections. Specialized collecting is much in evidence.

Four "B" rated perfins were offered to randomly selected beginners and six to randomly selected advanced collectors. Sal Guarini and I each contributed five "B" rated copies. The beginners will no doubt need their "B" rated prize, we only hope that it is the same with the lucky six advanced collectors. Winners are:

Small Collections

Gerald Paulus
Mark Palowski
Robert Reese
C.F. Tomala

Large Collections

Virginia Fisher
F. Foucher
David Harding
Jean Jacoby
Ed. Linn
H. Smit

Congratulations to all

The below listed perfins have been rated "D" as a result of the Survey

LETTER A	LETTER D	LETTER I	LETTER O	LETTER S	LETTER U	BRANCHES
6	73.5	29	28	15	9	C152A-18
11	136	41	100	137	40	
17				180	85	G72-13
88	LETTER E	LETTER L	LETTER P	196	91.5	
111				212		I91-14
127	124	150	2	221	LETTER W	I91-16
158	126		17	224		
179		LETTER M	26	244	4	J96-4
	LETTER F		74	247	20	
LETTER B		13	126	268	158	L60-4
	42.5	23	203	274	160	
2	148	68	217	336		P55-11
11	163	72		349	LETTER Z	
79		277	LETTER Q	362		S2-31
118	LETTER G	301			5	
178			10	LETTER T		W72-14
193	14	LETTER N				DESIGNS
	19		LETTER R	43		
LETTER C	23	32		43.5	29	
	171.5	34	41	76	36	
9	210	59	43	86	39	
52		69	74	96		
183	LETTER H	76	77	97		BRANCHES
305		79	87.5	119		
338	42	80	103	121		A221-12
420	133	106	120			
428		108	161			B116-12
430		191				B116-21
		200				B116-26
		201				B116-44

SCHERMACK RATINGS

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There were few changes in this group. A few previously unrated items were reported and a few more copies of commoner patterns turned up. The scarcer items have made no change and probably never will.

PATTERN	RATE	PATTERN	RATE	PATTERN	RATE
25	L	50	K	76	K
38	K	57	K	EXP.	L
39	K	68	M		
40	K	75	K		

✓ = already

x = revised cat val.

N = New rating

Returned to prior rating

The following are ratings assigned to A&C page items.

LETTER A	RATING	LETTER C	RATING	LETTER F	RATING	LETTER K	RATING	LETTER O	RATING	LETTER S	RATING
N 46A	A	N 127.5	A	N 164A	B	✓ 40A	A	x 1.5	E	x 195-61.5	B-A
✓ 55.5	A	x 149.5	D	x 203A	D	✓ 72.7	A	✓ 19.5	A	✓ 204A	B
<u>84.5</u> ?	B	N 152-8.5	B	. 214.5 C 351	A	.	.	✓ 34.5	A	μ 204B	A
✓ 121.7	A	x 152-9A	B	N 220	C	LETTER L	.	N 70.5	E	N 204C	B
N 157A	A	<u>152A13A</u> ?	B	.	N 1	N 1	A	N 81A	A	✓ 228A	A
✓ 176A	B	N 152C-8.5	B	LETTER G	N 13.5	N 13.5	A	.	.	✓ 272-8.5	A
✓ 184.5A	B	x 152C-14A	B	✓ 49B	B	✓ 14.5	A	LETTER P	.	x 273.5	B
✓ 190.5	A	x 152G-18.5	A	x 70A	B	N 21.5	B	x 24A	B	✓ 295A	B
✓ 220.5A	B	✓ 152H.5	A	x 72-1A	C	x 47A	C	x 53.3	A	N 336.5	A
✓ 221-2.5	A	x 214.5	A	N 72-1B	A	✓ 61.5	A	N 96A	B	✓ 338-7A	B
✓ 221-3A	A	x 214.7	A	N 72 2A	C	✓ 80A	B	✓ 102A	B	.	.
x 221-30.5A	A	x 216.5	B	N 72 6	A	N 92.5	A	N 121.3	A	.	.
N 221-30.7	A	N 219.5	C	✓ 72-12	B	✓ 116.5	B	N 136A	A	LETTER T	.
✓ 221-32.5	A	✓ 238.5	A	N 72-17A	A	✓ 128.5	A	✓ 167A	B	x 6A	C-D
✓ 231A	B	x 252A	B	✓ 72-29A	C	✓ 130A	C	✓ 170A	C	x 75A	B-C
✓ 243.5	B	N 252B	A	N 72-42A	A	N 156A	A	x 174A	B	x 81A	D-F
x 254.5	B	N 296.5	A	N 72-46A	C	x 158A	C	✓ 185A	E	x 81B	D-E
✓ 255.5	A	x 323A	C	✓ 97.7	A	N 187.6	A	x 208.5	C	x 81C	D-E
x 265.5	A	✓ 356P	A	x 132A	E	.	.	x 221A	B	✓ 81D	D
.	.	x 360.5	A	✓ 154.5	A	LETTER M	.	.	.	✓ 81E	D
LETTER B	.	N 385A	A	✓ 155B-5	C	N 30.8	A	LETTER R	.	x 97A	A-B
x 0.5	A	.	.	x 155G	B	N 40.5	A	✓ 2.1	A	✓ 98A	B
N 1.5	A	LETTER D	.	✓ 157.5	A	x 57A	C	x 3.5	E	✓ 118.3	A
N 3A	C	✓ 30A	B	x 165A	B	✓ 101A	B	N 66.3	A	.	.
✓ 31.6	A	x 33A	B	N 187A	B	✓ 111A	A	x 75A	E	LETTER U	.
46A	B	✓ 39.7	A	N 196.5	A	✓ 146A	B	✓ 86.5	B	N 41A	C
N 75	A	✓ 47.5	C	.	.	✓ 162.7 ? 167.7	A	✓ 144	A	N 53A	B
x 81.5	B	✓ 51.5	A	LETTER H	.	✓ 194A	B	.	.	N 55A	C
<u>87.5</u> 67.5?	A	✓ 72A	A	N 30.1	A	✓ 203.5	A	LETTER S	.	N 72A	B
✓ 100A	A	N 93.2	E	✓ 57A	A	✓ 218.5	A	✓ 2-1A	B	✓ 77.3	C
✓ 106.5	B	N 115.7 = D 25	C	x 97A	B	x 257A	C	✓ 2-13A	E	N 104.5	C
✓ 116-43A	A	✓ 119.5	A	✓ 109A	B	✓ 279.5	B	✓ 2-21A	A	.	.
✓ 149.5	A	.	.	✓ 117.5	A	✓ 284	A	x 50.5	A	LETTER V	.
x 153A	C	LETTER E	.	✓ 175A	A	✓ 289.5	B	✓ 51	B	N 20.5	A
x 181.5	C	N 13.95	E	✓ 183.5	A	✓ 300A	B	✓ 53.5	A	✓ 22.6	B
✓ 186A	A	✓ 36.5	A	✓ 185.5	A	✓ 304.5	A	x 84.5	A	.	.
✓ 187B	A	N 47A	B	x 206A	C	.	.	✓ 88.5	B	LETTER W	.
✓ 188A	A	✓ 51.5	A	✓ 218A	B	LETTER N	.	N 91.2	A	x 13A	B-C
✓ 192A	A	N 55.5	E	✓ 229.5	A	N 4	A	✓ 99A	B	✓ 16A	A
✓ 233.5	D	✓ 80	A	x 230.5	B	✓ 54A	C	✓ 110.5	A	N 38A	B
N 233A	B	x 84.5	A	.	A	x 54B	C	x 114.5	B	x 39.5	B-A
N 255	A	N 85.5	E	LETTER I	.	N 54C	A	✓ 114.5A	A	✓ 59A	E
x 260A	B	✓ 95.5	A	✓ 4.5	A	N 90.5C	B	x 144.3	B	✓ 72-38B	B
✓ 262	A	N 138.5	A	7	B	N 102.5	A	✓ 147A	A	x 85A	C-D
x 274-5A	B	.	.	x 44	A	x 113-BdD1a	B	✓ 154A	D	✓ 103.5	B
✓ 283.5	A	LETTER F	.	✓ 74.5	C	N 113-Cc1b	A	N 168	B	N 177A	B
x 287.7	B	✓ 20.5 ? 20.2	A	✓ 122.7	A	N 113-Dd1A	B	✓ 169A	A	.	.
.	.	✓ 32.5	A	.	.	✓ 119.5	A	N 170.7	A	LETTER Y	.
LETTER C	.	✓ 74.5	A	LETTER J	.	N 175	B	x 191.5	B	✓ 13	B
✓ 24G	B	✓ 99.7	B	N 3.5	F	✓ 175A	A	✓ 195-15A	B	.	.
28	A	x 110A	C	N 27	E	x 182A	C	x 195-19A	B	.	.
<u>31.5</u> 31.5A	A	✓ 122A	C	✓ 104A	A	N 204.5	C	x 195-36.5	A	.	.
✓ 86.3	A	✓ 125.5	E	✓ 110A	A	✓ 208.5	A	✓ 195-37A	A	.	.
✓ 105.5	B	✓ 132A	C	N 110.3	B	✓ 212.5	C	✓ 195-57A	B	.	.

✓ SURVEY ADDENDA SECTION

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This listing was chosen to test items that were suspected of being incorrectly rated in addition to some ratings that had previously been changed. Most of the latter were unaffected by this test. The biggest surprise was D89B which moved from a "D" rating to "A". Only new ratings are given below.

LETTER A	LETTER C	LETTER F	LETTER L
A140 <i>BC</i>	C138 <i>BD</i>	F62 <i>BC</i>	L52 <i>BD</i>
A141 <i>BC</i>	C152C5 <i>BD</i>		L128 <i>BD</i>
A221-28 <i>BC</i>	C324 <i>BD</i>	LETTER H	LETTER M
A270-10 <i>BD</i>	LETTER D	H172 <i>CD</i>	
LETTER B	D89B <i>AE</i>	H183 <i>BD</i>	M145 <i>BE</i>
B116-36 <i>BA</i>	LETTER E	H185 <i>GE</i>	LETTER P
B182 <i>BC</i>	E28A <i>BD</i>	H211 <i>ED</i>	P19 <i>DE</i>
B188 <i>AC</i>		LETTER I	
B194 <i>BC</i>		I35 <i>BE</i>	
B293.5 <i>BC</i>		I82 <i>BD</i>	

✓ OVERLOOKED ITEMS

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The below listed perfins should be changed to a "B" rating. This group includes a few items that were overlooked when listing, plus a few "W" items that were listed in the November/December 1988 *Bulletin*. Patterns that were previously changed to a "C" rating did not need a listing. They were counted in the 1981-82 survey and they were previously "A" and "B" rated having too high a count. Some of the so called missing items were listed in the ADDENDA section.






LETTER B	LETTER G	LETTER K	LETTER N	LETTER W
B137 <i>C</i>	G10 <i>C</i>	K59 <i>C</i>	N209 <i>C</i>	W79 <i>C</i>
B155 <i>C</i>	G155E <i>C</i>		N113-B2 <i>C</i>	W81 <i>C</i>
B116-22 <i>C</i>		LETTER L		W82 <i>C</i>
B116-46 <i>C</i>	LETTER H	L52 <i>see above</i>	LETTER P	W89 <i>C</i>
LETTER C	H101 <i>C</i>		P95.5 <i>C</i>	W96 <i>C</i>
C257 <i>C</i>	LETTER J	LETTER M		W97 <i>C</i>
		M40A <i>C</i>	LETTER S	W122.5 <i>C</i>
LETTER E	J29 <i>C</i>	M145 <i>see above</i>	S117 <i>C</i>	W137 <i>C</i>
	J79 <i>C</i>		<u>S272</u> <i>C</i>	
E28A <i>see above</i>	J139 <i>C</i>		<i>which one</i>	
E72 <i>C</i>	J182 <i>C</i>			

Survey results are continued on page 53 following the catalog pages.

KENYA, UGANDA, AND TANGANYIKA 1935-1964



In addition to the one type of SPECIMEN perfin, the Standard Bank of South Africa perfin is found on both postal and revenue stamps. The "S" of A2 has a rounder top than that of A3.

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	1 Standard Bank A		3 Standard Bank of South Africa Scott #101 A
	2 Standard Bank of South Africa Nanyuki, Nyeri A		1 Standard Bank of South Africa Overprinted "Revenue" Scott #104 B
			2 Standard Bank of South Africa Overprinted "Uganda Revenue" Scott #114 B


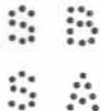
KENYA 1963

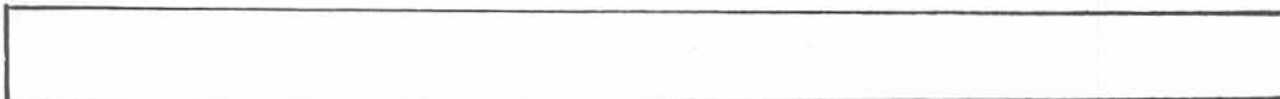
Perfins have been reported only on revenue stamps during this independent period.

	1 Standard Bank B		2 Standard Bank of South Africa B
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TANGANYIKA 1961



Perfins have been reported only on revenue stamps during this independent period.

	1 Standard Bank B		2 Standard Bank of South Africa B
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UGANDA 1962











Perfins have been reported only on Revenue stamps during this independent period.

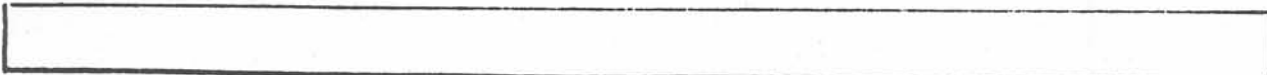
	<p>1 B</p> <p>Standard Bank</p>		<p>2 B</p> <p>Standard Bank of South Africa</p>
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MAURITIUS

Two types of SPECIMEN punches have been reported. Pattern A1 is found with two missing holes, resulting in a perfin that appears to be an incomplete "R". Patterns from this country were supplied by M.J. Burrows. See Article by P. Ibbotson in STAMP COLLECTING, 8 Sept. 1977.

	<p>1 A</p> <p>Barclays Bank</p> <p>Port Louis</p>		<p>6 A</p> <p>Colonial & Overseas Trading Company, Ltd.</p> <p>Port Louis</p>
	<p>2 A</p> <p>Blyth Brothers & Co. (Tentative Identification)</p>		<p>7 A</p> <p>Harel Mallac Co. (Tentative Identification)</p>
	<p>3 A</p> <p>Blyth Brothers & Co.</p> <p>Port Louis</p>		<p>8 A</p> <p>Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.</p>
	<p>4 A</p> <p>(Tentative Classification)</p>		<p>9 A</p> <p>Mauritius Commercial Bank</p> <p>Port Louis</p>
	<p>5 A</p>		<p>10 A</p>



The below listed perfins have been re-rated to "B" as a result of the survey.
 Perfins not listed have retained their "C" rating.
 Personal perfins are not survey rated.

LETTER A	LETTER A	LETTER B	LETTER C	LETTER C	LETTER D	LETTER E	LETTER F
.1A	.199	.86	.11.5	.206	.6	.5	.50
.8	.203	.87	.19	.221	.7	.14	.61
.9	.205	.99	.20	.222	.21.5	.17	.63.5
.14	.205.5	.104	.22	.224	.23	.18	.66
.19	.207	.105	.23	.230	.27	.23	.70
.21	.214	.106	.29	.232.5	.31	.26	.76
.25	.215	.110	.32	.239	.33.5	.29	.81
.26	.218	.115	.34	.241	.49.5	.30	.92
.31	.222	.119	.36	.242.5	.52	.37	.103
.42	.223	.123	.40	.244	.53	.38	.109
.43	.225	.127	.42	.249	.55	.47	.110.5
.45	.226	.128	.46	.260	.59	.48	.112
.53	.231	.133	.54	.266	.63	.51	.118
.56	.234	.136	.71	.283	.66	.56	.119
.71	.234.5 <i>prev done</i>	.140	.73.5 <i>prev done</i>	.289	.69	.62 <i>prev done</i>	.126.5 <i>prev done!</i>
.82.5	.236	.147	.80	.299	.71	.71	.135
.84	.248	.159	.82	.300	.73	.74	.136
.86	.250	.170	.87	.304	.74	.77	.140
.89	.256	.171	.90	.315	.74.5	.83	.150
.90	.259	.187	.91	.318	.75	.84	.155
.92	.261	.204	.96	.323	.76	.88	.179
.97	.273	.213	.99	.326	.79	.113	.188
.102B	.288	.217	.101	.328	.80	.121	.193
.112	.288.5	.222	.105	.335	.84	.123	.199
.115	.294	.235	.114	.339	.85	.127	.205
.121	.297	.235.5	.122	.344	.91	.131	.206
.124	.304	.242	.131	.346	.100	.136B	.207
.131	.305	.244	.134	.348	.103	.137	.208
.132	.306	.246	.134.5	.351	.107	.140	.211
.136		.247	.135	.354	.108		.215
.140	LETTER B	.250	.136	.355	.114	LETTER F	.222
.143		.253	.145	.359	.117A		.224
.144	.5.5	.256	.148	.365	.117B	.2	.226
.146	.6	.257	.152	.367	.118	.7	.228
.153	.12	.264	.157	.374	.123	.10	.231
.157	.13	.266	.159	.378	.126	.14	
.160	.19	.269	.160	.381	.135	.19	LETTER G
.163	.21	.270	.162	.385	.138	.24	
.164	.27	.271	.165.5	.392	.142	.25A	.3
.169	.37	.272	.169	.392.5	.143	.36	.13
.171	.38	.276	.173	.393	.147A	.37	.15
.175	.43	.284	.186	.401	.151	.38	.25
.179.5	.44		.191.5	.406	.152	.39	.26
.180	.48	LETTER C	.196	.413		.39.5	.27
.190	.56		.197	.426	LETTER E	.41	.35
.195	.62	.2	.202			.46	.40
.197	.69	.7	.203		.2	.49	.43

Continuation of the perfins that have been re-rated to "B".

LETTER G	LETTER H	LETTER J	LETTER K	LETTER L	LETTER M	LETTER N	LETTER R P
57	108	2	40	179	273	146	72
73	116	4	47	189	274	149	75
75	118	6	50	190	275	155	76
83	122	15	51		276	156	81
86	123	23	53	LETTER M	280	161	84
109	130	25	55		285	164	87
114	137	30	56	6	292	166	89
117	142	31	66	8	293	181	93
137	149	39		15	297	205	95
146	157	44	LETTER L	20	306	206.5	107
148	162	45		31	307		109
160	164	46	3	37		LETTER O	111
162	165	48	6	38	LETTER N		112
164	174	49	12	42		5	114
168	180	50	20.5	54	5	7	120
173	182	58	23	71	12	26	121.5
185	191	81	28	73	15	27	128
191	192	85	35	75	16	57	129
198	195.5	91	37	89	17	58	134
199	197	92	38	100	18	59	137
201	204	96.5	42	102	20	65	147
206	208	98	45	103	28	79	166
207	218	102	50	133	31	84	171
212	220	104	51	155	35	92	183
213	227	113	54	171	36	96	184
		114	56	176	38	99	194
LETTER H	LETTER I	117	62	177	39	103	195
		124	63	183.5	49	105	201
1	6	125	70	185	52		209
3	11	130	80	187	62	LETTER P	211
4	23	131	81	188.5	72		235
9	48	138	87	191	73	5	238
21	50	143	93	194	78	8	239
23	64 <i>already B</i>	148	94	196	81	12	253.5
24	70	149	97	197	84	13	259
31	71	156	101	203	96	23	261
33	73	168	104	210	102	28	
34	76	172	111	213	104	29	LETTER R
46	84		117	217	105	32	
60	101	LETTER K	129	239	112	34	10
63	102		142	242	115	44	12
67	107	20	143	244	120	49	16
70	108	22	145.5	245	124	61	17
72	111	25	155	256	127	62	18.5
75	112	35	162	258	132	65	31
78		37	171	263	134	69	32
90		38	177	265	141	71	42

Continuation of the perfins that have been re-rated to "B".

LETTER R	LETTER S	LETTER S	LETTER U	LETTER W	BRANCHES	BRANCHES	BRANCHES
.46	.96	.330	.7	.146	A221-18	C356-J	N113D13
.47A	.97	.332	.17	.146.5	A221-19	C356-L	P55-1
.50	.98	.334	.21	.157	A221-27		
.57	.109.5	.335	.42	.164	A221-30.5	I91-5	S2-14
.63	.112	.340	.45	.167	A221-34		S2-21
.66	.113	.342	.58	.177	A221-42	J96-10	S2-25A
.67	.114	.350	.64	.183			S2-27
.68	.125	.351	.67	.186	A270-5	L55-2	
.83	.130	.354	.78	.202	A270-6	L55-8	S195-6
.93	.136	.355	.84	.209	A270-13		S195-7
.99	.140	.360		.210	A270-16	L60-3	S195-8
.100	.149		LETTER V	.214	A270-19	L60-6	S195-9.5
.102	.153	LETTER T		.214.5		L60-11	S195-12
.107	.158		.4	.218	B116-9		S195-13
.108	.166	.1	.7	.219	B116-13	N104-1	S195-19B
.109	.177	.9	.11		B116-19	N104-6	S195-23
.122	.184	.10	.16	LETTER Y	B116-23	N104-7	S195-45
.124	.192	.16	.21		B116-24		S195-46
.134	.194	.21.5		.9	B116-29	N113-6	S195-54
.137	.199	.22	LETTER W	.10	B116-43	N113-10	S195-62
.169	.201	.39			B116-47		S195-63
.170	.211	.41	.3	LETTER Z		N205-1	
.171	.217	.45	.11		C152-8		S272-6
	.225	.46	.16	.2	C152-15	N113Aa2	
LETTER S	.228	.50	.17		C152A-2		S338-7
	.235	.51	.31	NUMERALS	C152A-5	N113AB-9	
.4	.236	.53	.35		C152A-6	N113AB-12	U82-7
.7	.237	.58	.51	.8	C152A-7	N113AB14	U82-15
.22	.246	.59	.53	2.5	C152A-21		U82-16
.23	.248	.60	.54		C152B-5	N113ABb5a	
.31	.250	.72	55.5	DESIGNS	C152B-23	N113ABb6a	W7B
.41	.253	75 already re-rated	.56		C152C-10	N113ABb7	
.45	.256	.79	.58	.2	C152C-13	N113ABb7a	W72-11
.47	.259	.83	.66	.4	C152C-14		W72-39
.49	.262B	.84	.70	.8	C152G-2	N113B	W72-42
.50	.263	.88	.100	.21	C152G-3		W72-43
.60	.265	.99	.105	.23	C152G-7	N113Bb2	W72-51A
.64	.272	.102	.110	.27	C152G-12	N113Bb2a	W72-52
.69	.279	.103	.113	.44	C152G-17	N113Bb4	W72-66A
.76	.282	.105A	.117		C152H-2	N113Bb4a	W72-68
.77	.283	.110	.127	BRANCHES	C152H-3	N113Bb5a	W72-75A
.79	.286	.111	.128		C152H-7		W72-81
.82	.290	.112	.134	.A221-4	C152H-10	N113BbDd3	W72-88
.83	.305	.115	.140	.A221-7	C152H-11	N113BbDd5	
.88	.306	.118	.141	.A221-8	C152M-1		W199-5
.91	.311	.123	.144	.A221-9		N113C6	W199-6
.92.5	.316		.145	.A221-18			W199-13
						N113Cc10	
						N113Cc11a	W203-9

FREE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR MEMBERS

A reminder, want ads and notices are printed in the *Bulletin* without charge for members. If you want to buy or sell perfins, covers, literature, etc., drop me a note. Non-members material may also be printed without charge on a space available basis if it is deemed to be of interest.

PRICE LIST Available Bob Murin, P.O. Box 10100, Saint Petersburg, FL, 33733-0100 has produced a two page price list offering world wide perfin mixtures, single stamps and covers. To get your copy, just write to Bob.

WANTED Perfins on cover with the appropriate corner card. Especially looking for the 1922 series, 1938 Prexies, the 1954 Liberty series and FAI covers. Will purchase or trade for other philatelic material. Ken Schoolmeester, P.O. Box 8465, Greensboro, NC 27419.

WANTED Perfins of Belgium 1893-1914 "SUNDAY TAB" issues, Scott Catalogue numbers 60-107, with tab attached (or without). Leroy L. Ross, P.O. Box 64, Columbus, KS 66725-0064.

A TIP OF OUR HAT TO ED FISHER

An exhibit by member Ed Fisher (#2220) entitled, "By Foot, By Horse, By Coach, or By Rail" was awarded the Grand Award at ConchoPex as well as the Medal on Philatelic Research. The exhibit shows postal history without covers, but with perfins.

PERFINS WATCH

In the fixed price list catalogue from Ed. BERCK, 6 Place de la Madeleine, 75008 Paris, France, Perfins Club member Jacob Kisner reports sighting a very expensive French cover with perfin "S" on Scott Catalogue numbers 359 and two number 362s. In the English language guide which accompanies the catalog, the cover is described this way:

FORERUNNERS of the SERVICE SET, 'Europa Council - UNESCO' stamp perforated "S" (Service du Senat), dated April 1940, 3 stamps on cover ... \$300.00.

The stated price is the price you pay, as this is a fixed price catalogue. In case anyone has an extra \$300.00 lying around, and would like to purchase this cover, it is illustrated in color on page 10 as item number 17 in the BERCK catalogue.

CLARIFICATION ON THE DUAL USE OF D110

Bob Henry (#2064), 15 Blades Run Drive, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

The dual use of the D110 pattern *TPB*, January 1988, page 18, is not the result of one company taking over another company, but rather the use of a

consolidated mailing by two subsidiaries of one parent company. Both the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and the Diamond State Telephone Company were part of the Bell System. That is, they were subsidiaries of AT&T prior to the divestiture in 1984. Diamond State was one of the smallest Bell companies and it shared many headquarters functions with Bell PA at different times.

Despite the corner card, the mailing was made for both companies out of Philadelphia -- which is a short distance from Wilmington. That is one way that the old Bell system used to save money. I suggest that Philadelphia (as per the postmark) is the additional city as the pattern was not mailed from Wilmington.

U. S. 1918 AIRMAIL PERFINS AN UPDATE

Joe R. Kirker (#1777), Box 360, Lansing, IL 60438

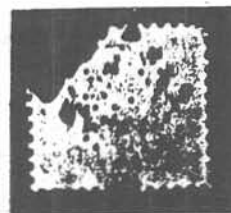
My recent article, "PERFINS ON THE FIRST U.S. AIRMAILS", *TPB*, 1987, p 166, on perfin varieties from my collection of the 1918 airmails prompted some most kind and rewarding responses from other members of the Perfins Club.

In addition to adding some new types to my collection, other new varieties in members collections were noted and the following table includes all known perfins on these early airmails.

PERFINS ON U.S. AIRMAIL ISSUE OF 1918

24 cent	16 cent	6 cent
Scott Cat. No.	Scott Cat. No.	Scott Cat. No.
C3	C2	C1
A65	A284	C139
C139	F165A	F170
C212	F166	G155D
E140	F170	H92
F170	H187	M106B
G155D	M106B	M164
L187.5	N113	N113
M15	075	076
M106B		P19
N113		S19
076		
P19		
S61		
S309		
U95		
W174		

I am still uncertain as to the perfin illustrated to the left on Scott Catalogue No. C2.



Thanks to the following members: Edwin C. Haack, Gerald W. Kendall, Robert L. Foley, Bob Murin, and Helen Hulse.

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U.S. Perfins Catalog 547 p., Balough. Four supplements included . . .	\$35.00
U.S. Catalog, 1st. A/C 14 p., 1982, Balough	\$2.50
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NEW LISTINGS ABOVE ARE: U.S. CATALOG, 4th. A/C and Great Britain letters G, O, and R. In addition, the price of the U.S. Catalog has been changed as a result of the incorporation of the 4th. A/C pages.

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The Secretary is Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden ME 04225

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General Beginner By: Smith
- 2594 Avalos, Joe; P.O. Box 696, Coconut Grove, FL 33133
U.S. and Great Britain By: APS
- 2595 Terrill, Wallace A.; 768 South Calvados Avenue, Covina, CA 91723
U.S. By: Smith
- 2596 Moose, L. Frederick; 7177 East Costilla Drive, Englewood, CO 80112
U.S. and Canada By: Walker
- 2597 Malec, Donna J.; 33 West 37 th. Street, Steger, IL 60475
General By: Ratzner
- 2598 Klouser, Herman A.; RD 2 Box 137, Hegins, PA 17938
Beginner By: Hoyt
- 2599 Howell, Samuel C.; 63 McCosh Circle, Princeton, NJ 08540
General By: Walker
- 2600 Hoch, James E.; 3 S. 476 Fourth Street, Warrenville, IL 60555
General By: Ratzner
- 2601 Ryan, Jackie F.; 301 South Hine Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53188
U.S., France Beginner By: Ratzner
- 2602 Lavin, Frank; 11 Dartford Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60194
U.S. and Great Britain By: Atkinson

RESIGNED

- 1648 Riendeau, J. Douglas; 3537 Gallagher Drive, Mississauga, Ontario,
Canada L5C 2N2

Address and Name Change

- 1451 Walker, Ila C. to Mrs. J.A. Chronister, 129 Gray Avenue, Chaffee,
MO 63740

Correction

- 2584 Holmes, Bruce; 64 Maple Circle, Dollard Des Ormeaux; Quebec, Canada
H9B 1E7. Name originally listed as "Homes"

Summary:

Members as of November 30, 1987	768
New Members	+10
Resigned	- 1
Members as of December 31, 1987	777

AN APOLOGY FROM THE EDITOR

A person's name is important and for that reason I send a copy of the page containing the Secretary's Report to Ralph Smith for his approval prior to printing that page. In preparing the October/November Secretary's Report I misspelled the name of one of the new members. Ralph corrected my error on the checking copy and returned it to me. Somehow, I did not get the correction into the report which appears on page 39 of the February issue.

Mr. Bruce Holmes, I am sorry.

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An Apology (continued)

Helen Ratzer and I are in the process of preparing a computerized membership list for publication in the *Bulletin*. This is a slow process and the results may not appear for several months. While we are attempting to make this listing 100 percent pure, some errors may creep into the results. I apologize for any such errors in advance. In the meantime, please continue to send address changes to our Secretary, Ralph W. Smith.

John F. Lyding

A TALE TO BE TOLD --

DID YOU KNOW?

Richard L Mewhinney, President, 33 Carlton Avenue, Washington, NJ 07882

One of the longest memberships held in the Club is that of the Martha Washington Stamp Club. This membership is held under the name of Mrs. Marion A. Methven as number 38L. The Springfield Massachusetts Stamp Club joined the Perfins Club in November of 1945 under the name of Mrs. George F. King and the membership was held by her until her death in 1952 when Mrs. Methven became the Club's representative.

In the fall of this year, the Martha Washington Stamp Club will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary. Mrs. Methven is a charter member of that club and in a recent letter she indicated that she is now ninety years young. We offer our congratulations to the Martha Washington Stamp Club and to our member, Marion Methven.

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WALTER FIELD Co.

Harry Rickard, U.S. Catalog Editor, 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020



The "WF" pattern of the Walter Field Company is well known to perfin collectors. Precancel collectors know it with precancels from Chicago, Honolulu and Puerto Rico that I am aware of. Seemingly, all perfin patterns seem to be the same. However, when the pictured copy on Scott Catalogue number 581 was examined, it turned out to be distinctly different than previously examined copies.

Presidential issues with the later Bureau print precancels, measure 11-1/2 at the top and 7 mm at the bottom, hole center to hole center. Our new one is quite different as it measures 12 mm at the top and 6-1/4 mm at the bottom, plus having slightly larger holes.

Anyone with a stock of "WF" patterns will want to look for this new one. Let's call it W85.5 for now.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF BREAKING?

Bob Murrin (LM2), P.O. Box 10100, St. Petersburg, FL 33733



Illustrated to the left is a "special" perfin. That black curve coming up out of the "E" of perfin pattern G72.1 may be the image of a pin caught in the act of breaking. Perhaps someone can shed some light on this anomaly on Scott Catalogue number C-12. If there were several sheets of stamps being perforated, then the break would be of varying thicknesses.

1902 SERIES REPORT

Harry Rickard, U.S. Catalog Editor, 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

It has been a while since there have been any new reported items for 1902 series perfins. Joe Laura has turned up a new denomination and pattern with a fifty-cent denomination of pattern H4 on a split.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

ROSTER

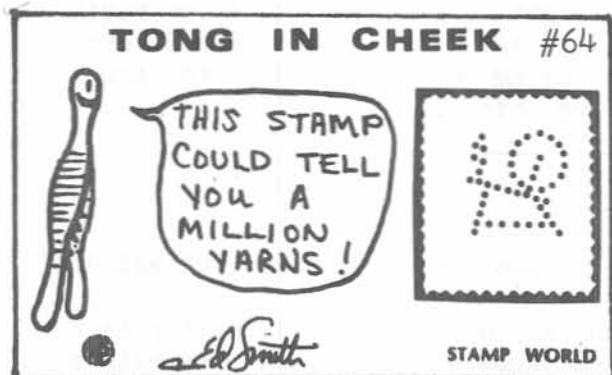
Helen Ratzer has completed her checking of the membership roster that is being prepared for printing in the *Bulletin*. I will be making the changes and adding the addresses of members who have joined since the roster was prepared. However, since this is income tax season this will not be completed until late April. The roster will probably be ready for the June issue. Don't make it in error by forgetting to pay your dues.

DUES

Membership in the Perfins Club is \$7.00 per July-June calendar year for U.S. and Canada. Foreign membership is \$9.00. Life membership is \$105.00. Send dues payments to the Secretary, Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME. Don't put it off, do it today.

AFRICA PERFINS CATALOG

The Africa Perfins Catalog continues in this issue with pages A-13 and A-15. The reverse of these pages is blank.



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2	0.25	47	1.40	92	0.70	137	2.35	182	1.20	227	1.40
3	NB	48	4.00	93	3.50	138	2.50	183	1.05	228	1.85
4	0.25	49	4.00	94	NB	139	2.00	184	0.50	229	0.50
5	1.20	50	0.70	95	0.70	140	1.25	185	0.70	230	1.05
6	0.70	51	NB	96	0.60	141	2.25	186	NB	231	0.50
7	0.35	52	0.55	97	0.10	142	NB	187	1.00	232	2.50
8	3.75	53	0.55	98	0.90	143	1.40	188	0.50	233	1.10
9	3.75	54	4.05	99	NB	144	0.50	189	3.75	234	1.50
10	4.00	55	0.55	100	4.10	145	0.55	190	NB	235	0.25
11	3.50	56	1.05	101	1.00	146	1.35	191	0.10	236	0.25
12	3.50	57	0.50	102	1.00	147	2.45	192	0.25	237	NB
13	4.50	58	0.50	103	0.30	148	1.40	193	0.60	238	NB
14	0.55	59	2.50	104	1.40	149	1.00	194	0.60	239	3.00
15	1.75	60	NB	105	1.40	150	1.00	195	1.00	240	4.25
16	3.00	61	1.40	106	0.60	151	0.80	196	NB	241	1.60
17	1.35	62	1.60	107	0.70	152	1.40	197	1.10	242	0.50
18	3.75	63	0.50	108	0.80	153	0.35	198	0.90	243	1.25
19	1.35	64	0.40	109	1.10	154	0.50	199	0.90	244	3.65
20	NB	65	0.65	110	1.60	155	0.20	200	1.20	245	1.15
21	NB	66	3.00	111	2.50	156	0.90	201	NB	246	0.60
22	10.45	67	0.60	112	0.35	157	1.35	202	1.40	247	0.50
23	2.75	68	3.35	113	4.00	158	2.50	203	3.25	248	0.60
24	0.80	69	NB	114	3.75	159	1.60	204	3.25	249	1.25
25	3.75	70	2.50	115	0.50	160	1.00	205	1.45	250	19.00
26	0.15	71	2.90	116	NB	161	3.75	206	0.20	251	12.10
27	NB	72	0.35	117	0.50	162	0.20	207	0.60	252	16.00
28	NB	73	0.50	118	0.50	163	1.10	208	0.85	253	3.35
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30	1.85	75	0.90	120	0.25	165	NB	210	3.75	255	0.75
31	NB	76	1.40	121	1.50	166	3.75	211	0.25	256	0.35
32	0.90	77	NB	122	2.75	167	0.40	212	NB	257	0.25
33	1.20	78	0.30	123	1.20	168	0.20	213	3.75	258	0.35
34	3.75	79	3.40	124	1.70	169	1.10	214	1.40	259	0.35
35	0.40	80	0.65	125	2.75	170	1.40	215	1.30	260	0.35
36	1.50	81	2.40	126	1.40	171	3.75	216	2.50	261	0.40
37	1.15	82	0.50	127	1.60	172	1.50	217	0.10	262	0.25
38	2.15	83	0.90	128	1.10	173	0.10	218	0.25	263	0.25
39	0.50	84	6.75	129	4.00	174	0.10	219	0.25	264	0.35
40	0.50	85	0.70	130	1.70	175	NB	220	0.60	265	0.30
41	1.20	86	1.60	131	0.80	176	NB	221	0.25	266	0.30
42	2.75	87	1.25	132	0.50	177	0.55	222	7.00	267	0.35
43	4.35	88	1.25	133	1.35	178	0.10	223	3.75	268	0.30
44	0.40	89	0.60	134	3.75	179	0.50	224	3.75	269	0.50
45	0.15	90	5.65	135	2.25	180	0.90	225	4.00	270	0.30

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272	0.30	317	NB	362	2.00	404	NB	449	NB	495	2.25
273	2.70	318	NB	363	8.25	405	NB	450	NB	496	2.00
274	2.70	319	1.10	364	2.25	406	NB	451	NB	497	3.75
275	0.85	320	0.90	365	2.25	407	NB	452	NB	498	2.60
276	5.00	321	0.90	366	0.35	408	0.40	453	NB	499	NB
277	5.00	322	0.75	367	0.50	409	NB	454	NB	500	NB
278	7.50	323	0.15	368	0.50	410	0.50	455	NB	501	6.20
279	0.90	324	0.75	369	1.60	411	0.50	456	NB	502	3.05
280	0.50	325	0.10	370	NB	412	NB	457	NB	503	1.00
281	0.50	326	0.10	371	NB	413	NB	458	NB	504	0.25
282	0.50	327	0.10	372	NB	414	NB	459	0.40	505	0.40
283	0.40	328	0.10	373	NB	415	NB	460	0.30	506	1.00
284	0.40	329	0.15	373A	5.50	416	NB	461	NB	507	2.25
285	0.40	330	0.10	374	0.35	417	NB	462	NB	508	NB
286	0.50	331	0.10	375	1.20	418	NB	463	NB	509	NB
287	0.80	332	0.20	376	MIS	419	NB	464	0.30	510	NB
288	0.50	333	0.10	377	1.10	420	NB	465	NB	511	NB
289	2.10	334	0.20	378	0.25	421	NB	466	1.20	512	4.40
290	2.35	335	1.75	379	NB	422	NB	467	5.80	513	3.25
291	2.10	336	9.10	380	0.40	423	0.50	468	2.75	514	0.90
292	3.30	337	12.20	381	NB	424	0.50	469	4.00	515	0.25
293	3.30	338	0.80	382	0.15	425	2.25	470	0.60	516	1.20
294	1.30	339	1.00	383	0.40	426	NB	471	3.25	517	5.50
295	3.30	340	3.05	384	0.90	427	NB	472	0.40	518	0.25
296	0.60	341	17.60	385	0.40	428	0.25	473	NB	519	1.10
297	0.20	342	13.25	386	NB	429	0.25	474	6.60	520	6.05
298	0.20	343	16.50	387	0.20	430	0.25	475	17.60	521	3.30
299	0.20	344	1.60	388	0.30	431	0.25	476	0.50	522	0.25
300	NB	345	0.60	389	NB	432	0.25	477	1.70	523	0.25
301	0.20	346	3.45	390	2.75	433	0.25	478	NB	524	0.25
302	0.20	347	1.30	391	2.60	434	NB	479	NB	525	1.10
303	NB	348	4.25	392	2.50	435	0.40	480	1.00	526	10.00
304	1.10	349	16.50	393	1.20	436	0.60	481	5.20		
305	0.20	350	4.30	394	1.00	437	0.30	482	NB	Abbreviations	
306	0.15	351	10.85	394A	2.25	438	0.30	483	1.60		
307	0.20	352	NB	395	0.90	439	NB	484	8.25 NB	No Bid	
308	0.15	353	NB	395A	1.60	440	NB	485	0.30 MIS	Misdescribed	
309	NB	354	0.80	396	3.25	441	0.30	486	1.00		
310	0.20	355	NB	397	11.30	442	0.30	487	0.40		
311	0.20	356	NB	398	0.30	443	NB	489	NB		
312	0.15	357	1.10	399	0.40	444	NB	490	1.15		
313	0.20	358	6.40	400	1.10	445	0.30	491	0.25		
314	NB	359	3.00	401	0.25	446	0.30	492	0.25		
315	NB	360	0.45	402	0.70	447	NB	493	NB		

Auction Chairman, Ed Linn, reports that he is assembling lots for Auction #41. If you have any material that you wish to place in a Club Auction, please forward it to: Ed Linn, 1211 Arroyo Grande Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864.

CUMMINS . . . 100 YEARS OF SECURITY

Douglas J. Cutler (#2113), R #2, 473 Rush Street, Pentwater, MI 49449

On July 27, 1987, Earl and Helen Ratzer and I had the good fortune to be given a tour of the manufacturing facilities of the CUMMINS-ALLISON Corporation, 891 Feehanville Drive, Mount Prospect, IL. You could almost feel the dust of history being brushed aside as we entered the Museum which had been set up to observe the company's one hundredth anniversary. There, on display, were arrayed an assortment of various "working" models of Cummins' perforators, assorted documents, canceled checks from 1887, electric tools, government encoding information, paper money cancelling equipment, check sorting and processing equipment. Also displayed were coin sorting and packaging equipment.

Walking through the factory we observed stacks of perforator parts neatly arranged and stacked on portable shelving units almost everywhere one looked. From large casings to small pins everything was arranged to facilitate rapid recovery. Workmen, busy at their stations, barely glanced up as we walked past. Stacks of blank perforator dies, waiting to be drilled, caused us to wonder about the possibility of new perfin patterns.

All of this sent shivers of excitement down my spine. The things that I had been reading about for years now were coming to life before my eyes. The cast iron and steel of yesteryear had been replaced by aluminum dies and castings with an attractive outer casing. The new perforator models would fit well into the decor of a modern business office just as the older models with their black paint fit well into older offices. This short visit would produce a wealth of information pertaining to different aspects of Security Endorsements and their usage.

After the tour was completed Mr. Mearkle, our guide, took us to a large conference room for a talk. Helen showed him our *U.S. Catalog* and a recent edition of the *Bulletin*. He seemed to be impressed with the Club's accomplishments and with our sincerity. He then demonstrated various aspects of the Cummins' perforators and their performance. After this demonstration, Helen and Earl had to leave.

Mr. Mearkle brought out a copy of the company's 1909 catalog (a photocopy has been presented to the Club library). The front and back covers are perforated with various words and insignia. Included in the catalog are some 70 pages describing various Models specifications and sample dies for different models are identifiable as to the user, such as: F. FREUND/33 FERRY ST/ NEW YORK; etc, others are not identified and present a new challenge and new fields to collect, such as Library perfins, hat band perfins, and shoe lining perfins.

I also was able to examine books which illustrated the obsolete models made by Cummins and described their specifications.

After a time, I was introduced to Mr. Jones, a Vice-President of the company and the son of the present owner. During lunch, I described what I was trying to accomplish and filled Mr. Jones in on the history of Joseph Sloper. After lunch, I was introduced to Mr. X---, the man who has been designing perforators for the last thirty years. I explained how contact prints are made for our catalog and we had a lengthy discussion about perforators. The most amazing fact that came out of our discussion was that the diameter of the pins used in

postage stamp perforators. The wire is .035 inch and not the .03125 inch permitted by postal regulations. It in fact is piano wire for the note Middle C.

The present model of perforator used to perforate postage stamps is a Cummins CA-385 SP. This has room for 15 dies in a 5 across by three down wide pattern. This particular model is presently being used by the State of New Jersey (N97.5), the State of Iowa (I7) and the University of Wisconsin (U104.5). In case you are interested the price, with one set of multiple fixed dies of two letters each, is \$4,770.00.

Another interesting piece of data was that sometimes a company would order more than one set of dies for its perforator. Then they could continue to use the device when repairs were required for a set of dies. This may give rise to the minute variations among some patterns and why complete patterns reappear after broken patterns are observed.

The following is a short history of the Cummins-Allison Corporation:

Benjamin Franklin Cummins, a lawyer, founded the B.F. Cummins Perforator Company in 1887 with the acquisition of the perforator patents and improvements from a Mr. C.C. Hill, a mechanical engineer of the Hill Manufacturing Company of Chicago. Basic patents covering "Independently Movable Punches" were obtained and Cummins thus became a pioneer in the manufacture of perforating machines "of this character." Cummins invented, designed and originally made every practical perforating machine of this nature ever used.

Noah Allison, founder of the Allison Coupon Company of Indianapolis, IN, originated Coupon Payment Books in 1888. These two companies, while evolving independently, were headed towards a common destiny.

Following the death of Cummins, C.A. Murray, a private group led by Paul Jones acquired Cummins in 1942. In 1973, Cummins-Chicago and Allison Coupon Co. merged to become Cummins-Allison Corp.

Cummins-Allison Corporation manufacture and markets three distinct product lines: office products, automated money systems, and coupon payment systems.

The office product line consists of paper handling and marking machines, including perforators. The primary functions are to improve document security and control as well as clerical productivity and efficiency.

There are, of course, some gaps in the history. More information is required on Mr. C.C. Hill and the Hill Manufacturing Company. Data about Cummins-New York is almost non-existent other than the address which was 32 Park Place, New York City. A third perforator company was mentioned by Cummins-Allison and American Perforator officials. The American Bank Equipment Company of either Chicago or Detroit.

A booklet entitled *The Whole Story of American Bank Checks* provides some background information about early security endorsements in the U.S. and development of ways used to cancel checks before the perforators. A photocopy of this booklet is in the Club's library.

It is requested that any members having information on the following please contact me:

Mr. C.C. Hill of Chicago, Il.
Hill Manufacturing Company of Chicago, Il.
Hill Publishing Company of New York, NY.
B.F. Cummins Company of New York, NY.
American Bank Equipment Company of Chicago or Detroit.
Allison Coupon Company of Indianapolis, IL.

In addition any early information on the formation of Pitney Bowes and the Mail-O-Meter Company including any connection that may have existed between these two organizations.

Early history of the American Perforator Company

Any information on perforator manufactures other than Cummins-Chicago, American Perforator, Sloper, or Braddy Brothers. I understand that there may have been manufactures in Australia, Japan and England as well as the U.S.

FOR AUCTION WATCHERS

Vance Auctions lots listed in *TPB*, February 1988, page 34 realized the following prices:

Lot	Description	Estimate	Realized. (\$ Canada)
116	Canada Official Perfins	\$85.00	\$84.00
265	Specialized Canada Lot	60.00	56.00
4164	Canada Official Perfins	75.00	86.00
4761	Perfins, Accumulation	25.00	34.00
4566	German Perfins	49.00	49.00

PERFORATOR SOURCES

Michael Collins (#2424) had his new apple perforator manufactured by a friend and that source is not available. However, Mike reports that he did discover the following potential sources:

Baddelely Brothers
92-94 Paul Street
London EC2A 4NN
Great Britain

Pryor Marking Products, Inc.
1006 S. Michigan Avenue.
Chicago, IL 60605
USA
(312) 786-1143

Single die devices will cost several hundred dollars depending on the design desired.

FREE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR MEMBERS

A reminder, want ads and notices are printed in the *Bulletin* without charge for members. If you want to buy or sell perfins, covers, literature, etc., drop me a note. Non-members material may also be printed without charge on a space available basis if it is deemed to be of interest.

OPEN INVITATIONS TO PERFIN COLLECTORS

FIRST INVITATION

Helen Ratzler reports that perfin collectors in the midwest are invited by the Illini Precancel Stamp Club to attend any or all of the club's functions. Two all day Sunday swap meets: April 17 at the Eckstein's in Streator, IL and May 8 at Jackie Ryan's in Waukeshaw, WI will find lots of material to swap. Also, the club's spring meeting is at the Executive Inn, Vincennes, IN on May 26-28. Last year some 13 Perfin Club members showed up in Vincennes. For additional information or directions write Helen Ratzler, 400 A Park Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035 or call her at (312) 433-2743.

SECOND INVITATION

Buy-Sell-Trade, April 21-23, 1988. The two precancel Clubs in California (Golden Gate and Southern California) meet for a Spring and Fall "Roundup" midway between the two at Paso Robles Inn, Paso Robles, CA. Several members collect both precancels and perfins. In a discussion between the presidents of both clubs it was decided to invite perfin collectors to the three day get together. Tables are free. Rates at the inn are resonable at \$36.00. Call in and reserve a room and mention the stamp club.





Submitted by Irvin Burns (#1714), 17821 Lassen Street #312, Northridge, CA 91325.

NOTICE Dick Mewhinney is acting as agent in the sale of the Barbara Kloss perfin collection. This is probably one of the largest accumulations of perfins in the world. It is being sold off mainly as country collections. The well known Jennings' penny red collection is just part of the British. The Victorian material is extensive. There are very many covers, both U.S. and foreign and numerous specialty items. There is at least one "EIPA" on a France C6 which is expertised. If there is any material that is of interest to you, please contact: Richard Mewhinney, 33 Carlton Avenue, Washington, NJ 07882 or call Dick at (201) 689-1266.

WANTED Perfins on Belgium 1893-1914 "SUNDAY TAB" issue. Scott Catalogue Numbers 60-107, with or without tab. Write to Leroy L. Ross, P.O. Box 64, Columbus, KS 66725-0064.


WANTED Perfins and covers with designs, such as the French cow - worldwide items in fine condition needed. Please send descriptions and prices to: Eileen Meier, P.O. Box 369, Palmyra, VA 22963

MAURITIUS

	<p>11 A Mauritius Publicity Port Louis</p>		<p>3 B Oriental Banking Corporation</p>
	<p>1 B Blyth Brothers & Co. Overprinted: "Bills only second of exchange" Forbin #53</p>		
	<p>2 B (Tentative Classification) Scott #70</p>		

MAURITIUS INDEPENDENT STATE 1968

To date, only one perfin has been reported.




	<p>6 A Colonial & Overseas Trading Company Ltd.</p>		


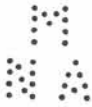


NIGER TERRITORIES AND NIGERIA

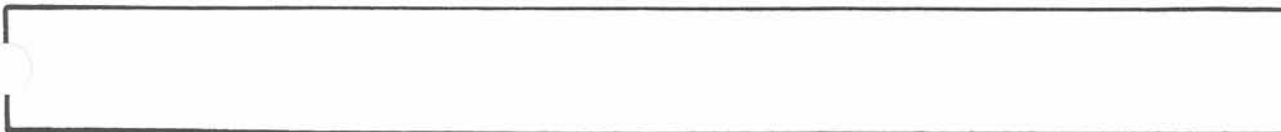
During the period between 1888 - 1899 stamps of Great Britain were used at various towns in the Niger coastal and river areas. The Christain Missionary Society perfin (Tilles #505) is found on British stamps with violet "AKASSA" rubber stamp. There is a possibility that the two Union Castle Mail Steamship Co. perfins (Tilles #142.1, 142.2) may have been used in the Niger Territories, though no corresponding cancel has been reported. See article "The Royal Niger Company Chartered and Limited" by M. J. Burrows (BE7, Perfins Club Library). SPECIMEN punches have been reported on colonial issues.

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Spaces have been provided for the Colonial, Federation, and Republic periods of Nigeria. A fiscally used South Nigeria stamp (Scott #52) is found with partial name, probably used as a cancel punch.

	1 AKASSA A Christian Missionary Soc. (British perfin #505) Scott #114, 11 Dec 95 Scott #114, 22 Jul 97 (first period missing) Scott #118, 24 July 96 (Second period missing)		3 AKASSA (Tentative) A Union Castle Mail Steamship Co. (British perfin #142.2) Scott #114, May 19, 87 Oxford St. BO. Southampton Cancel
	2 AKASSA (Tentative) A Union Castle Mail Steamship Co. (British perfin 142.1) Scott #89 Scott #114, 6 My 98 Oxford St. BO Southampton Cancel		

	1 NIGERIA COLONY A		3 NIGERIA COLONY A
	2 NIGERIA COLONY A Tiko		4 NIGERIA COLONY A Nigerian Railway Corporation Ebute - Metta, Lagos, Zaria



WANTED DUES. Your dues to the Club may be paid NOW!. Don't be left behind, mail your payment \$7.00 in U.S. funds (U.S. and Canadian members, \$9.00 U.S. funds elsewhere) to our Secretary. The Secretary is Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225. Or save your self some time, why not make it a check for \$105.00 for a LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP?

TRADES WANTED I have eight values (1,2,3,4,5,6,10 & 20 P) of Great Britain MACHINS (1970-78) decimal currency, all punched "B/BK". Some are in pairs with a few blocks. I will trade a set of 8 for Canadian perfins. Please write B. Holmes, 64 Maple Circle, Dollard Des Ormeaux, Canada, H9B 1E7.

FOR SALE Two for a penny! - An issue collector's U.S. duplicates, an accumulation of 40 years, all mixed together and ready for picking. Send \$1.00 or more with SASE and receive 200 perfins for every dollar. Total available weighs one pound off paper. As you would expect almost all E rated but with some D and C rated mixed in. Bob Dann, P.O. Box 575, Harrison, ME 04040.

FORM 15.

New Certificate of Registration N° 50893

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

Official No. of Certificate 2828
Location Keef
Official No. of Location 9269

Mining Commissioner's Office



Gwelo
29 Sept. 1899
R.D. Wood

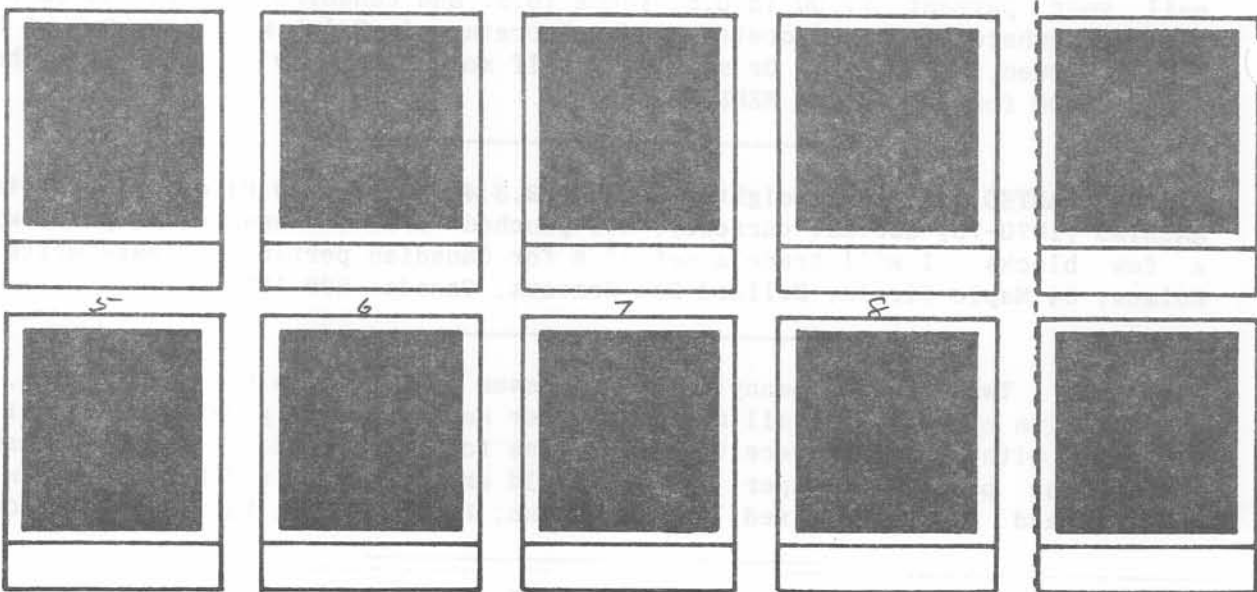
In the February 1988 issue of THE PERFINS BULLETIN, member Irvin Burns illustrates a copy of a British South Africa "ten pounds" stamp with punch cancel. In his text, he refers to it as Scott #75 "in light brown" and not in "blue lilac" as listed in Scott. Actually, what Irvin has is not Scott #75, but Scott #19 in its correct color of orange brown. He further asks if any other "members have the 5 or 10 pound postage stamps perfinned".

The above illustration is of a seldom-seen Certificate of Transfer from Gwelo, British South Africa Company for "ten claims" in the famous Robin Hood gold mine. The document is dated 29th Sept. 1899 (almost corresponding identically to Irvin's punch cancel date of 27-9-99!), and has the "five pounds" stamp Irvin is asking about. This rarely seen stamp is perfectly perfin cancelled "USED" as shown in Irvin's figure 2.

In an earlier issue of THE PERFINS BULLETIN, I illustrated a companion piece from the same gold mine using a pair of Scott #39. That important document is now in the collection of a Perfins Club member. The above choice document using the "five pounds" stamp is also for sale. Price is \$35.00 plus \$2.00 postage/insurance to the first member sending me a check. Address is JACOB KISNER, 254 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, PHF, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10010. Please enclose 22¢ stamp (reply coupons from foreign members) in case document is sold out.

CUT

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PAGE 2 - RAILROAD CAT.

PRESERVING YOUR RAILROAD CATALOG

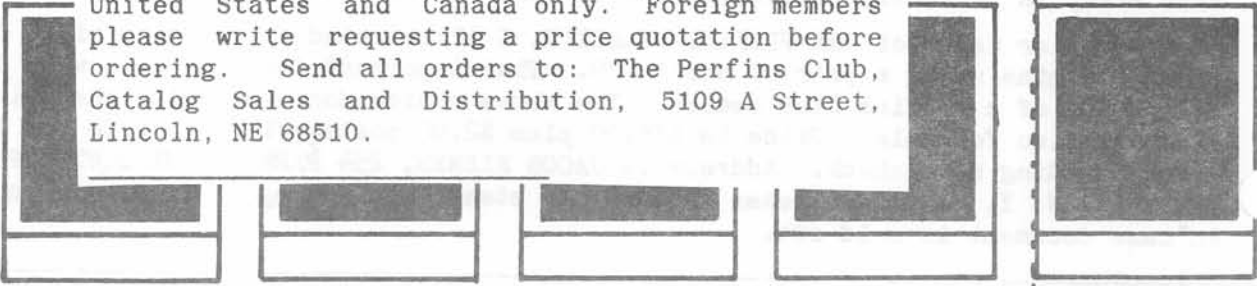
Edward S. Hoyt, (#292), 225 W. Coover (Rear) #2
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Each page of the Railroad Catalog contains eight rows of perfin illustrations and their identifications -- so -- To preserve my Railroad Catalog pages, I took some "blank" catalog pages (available from the sales department) and cut the "outer" row of spaces off of each sheet -- leaving six rows which are four spaces wide. Since two rows are required to accommodate one Railroad Catalog page each "prepared" blank page will handle three Railroad Catalog page. They may be entered after ever third page in the catalog. A total of sixteen blank pages are needed to fill the bill.

Ed. Note.

Blank pages to mount perfins are available at a cost of \$10.00 per hundred pages. The Railroad Catalog, 1987, 52 p., by Gray costs \$5.00. Both items are sent postage paid to addresses in the United States and Canada only. Foreign members please write requesting a price quotation before ordering. Send all orders to: The Perfins Club, Catalog Sales and Distribution, 5109 A Street, Lincoln, NE 68510.

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CUT

TEARING OUT AT THE HOLES

USE RE-INFORCEMENTS TO PREVENT

PORTUGUESE AND COLONIAL PERFINS

Roy Everett, 2 Coldnailhurst Avenue, Braintree, Essex CM7 7SJ, England

(Editors note: Mr. Everett, a frequent contributor to the *Bulletin*, is in the process of privately producing a catalog of PORTUGUESE and Colonial Perfins. This is a status report on that project. Mr. Everett has previously privately published a catalog of Spanish perfins and as a stamp dealer periodically mails perfins sales lists. It should be noted that these are not Perfin Club projects)

Thanks to Perfins Club librarian, Bob Ellwanger, the catalog on the Portuguese and Colonial perfins will soon be available. In the period intervening between my request for information and his reply, further information materialised. As of 1986 there were 15 authorisations for perfins renewed of which an unknown type "BO" (recorded to have been initially authorized in 1973 was reported. A letter to the user, Banco Borges and Irmao SARL, revealed that this banking business no longer uses perfins. This confirmed a report made by a collector who had asked for information while on vacation in Lisbon. However, since an authorization renewal was submitted I have sent a letter to the Bank's Marketing Manager requesting information regarding the intended use. It could be that perfins are intended solely for fiscal use, as the bank has used perfins in various forms practically right back to the inception of perfins in Portugal, however never before without two Bs in the pattern. No offense intended but, does any member have "BO" on cover?



Sociedad Industrial Farmaceutica SARL are still authorized to use the perfin "SIF". But a request submitted to them yielded a reply with unperfinned stamps, a pity. I still lack an example of this item on cover for the catalog. Also reported but as yet not discovered in the hands of collectors is another perfin of this society "S.I.F.". Does anyone have an example of this, loose or on cover?

Laboratories BIAL (Portela & C^a. L^{da}. still use "BIAL" and although they use a Pitney Bowes meter cancel on the envelope, they did send five examples of their perfin with a letter of current issues.



But by far the most intriguing item of the current users list was that of the Nortemar - Agencia Maritima do Norte L^{da}. who use the most elusive "NM" perfin. So far no collector has reported this perfin within their holdings, all that is known is that it is in use, possibly since the first authorization of February 22, 1972. However, no cover or item has surfaced to give the height and hole count of this perfin. Work is in hand to locate the address of this shipping company in order to permit a request for information to be forwarded.



As a sideline, the Ford Motor Company factory in Portugal is still authorized to use the perfin "FL". The address is: FORD Lusitana SARL, 149 Rua Castilhl, Lisboa, Portugal. A copy of a cover from this user would be appreciated.

A copy of the directive of April 5, 1984 with English translation is shown below:

DOS

CORREIOS, TELEGRAPHOS E PHAROES

CIRCULAR N.º 13

Serviço postal

Pelo ministerio das obras publicas, commercio e industria foi expedida a seguinte:

PORTARIA

Sua magestade el-rei, conformando-se com a proposta do conselheiro director geral dos correios, telegraphos e pharoes: ha por bem auctorisar o mesmo director geral para permittir, que a exemplo do que se pratica em diversos paizes estrangeiros, os particulares, que assim o solicitarem, marquem, por meio de perfuração, com um signal seu, particular, os sellos de franquia, que comprarem para franquear as suas correspondencias. As pessoas que pretenderem obter a auctorisação de que se trata, deverão re-

quere-la á direcção geral dos correios, telegraphos e pharoes, apresentando um specimen da marca ou signal que pretendem applicar aos sellos de franquia por meio de perfuração. A referida direcção geral terá a faculdade de retirar essa concessão quando as conveniencias publicas assim o aconselharem.

Paço, em 31 de março de 1884. — Antonio Augusto de Aguiar. — Para o conselheiro director geral dos correios, telegraphos e pharoes.

Deve-se ficar entendendo que aos sellos de franquia marcados pela fórma indicada na portaria acima transcripta não é applicavel a disposiçãõ do n.º 1.º do artigo 54.º do regulamento de 23 de setembro de 1880.

Direcção geral dos correios, telegraphos e pharoes, em 5 de abril de 1884.

O conselheiro director geral,

Guilhermino Augusto de Barros.

31 — IMPRENSA NACIONAL — 1884

GENERAL DIRECTORSHIP OF POSTS, TELEGRAPHS & LIGHTHOUSES,

Circular No. 13

Postal Service

The Ministry of Public Works, Commerce & Industry has promulgated the following:

DIRECTIVE

His Majesty the King, in compliance with a proposal by the counsellor director general of posts, telegraphs & lighthouses: considers it advisable to authorize the said director-general, following the practice of various foreign countries, to permit persons who so request, to mark postage stamps which they purchase for franking their own correspondence with a specific device by means of perforation. Persons who wish to obtain authority to do this should apply to the director generalship of posts, telegraphs and lighthouses presenting a specimen of the mark or symbol which they propose to apply to postage stamps by means of perforation. The general DIRECTORSHIP retains the right to withdraw this concession should it be in the public interest to do so.

The Palace, March 31, 1984 = Antonio Augusto de Aguiar = On behalf of the counsellor director-general of posts, telegraphs & lighthouses.

It must be understood that clause No. 1 of article 54 of the regulations of September 23, 1880 is not applicable to postage stamps marked by the method described in the above directive.

General directorship of posts, telegraphs & lighthouses, April 5, 1984.

The counsellor director general,
Cuilhermino Augusto de Barros

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I believe that the "understanding" applies to the buying back of mint stamps by the Postal service at face value. Perfinning negates this, which seems logical bearing in mind the original reason for perfinns, to deter pilfering of postage stamps by employees.

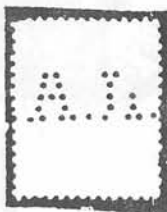


Does any reader have an identifying cover bearing the extremely rare perfin of Martins, Morais & Companhia Limitada of Lisbon. The earliest authorization known is October 21, 1915. Only one collector is known to have examples of this perfin and he is not a member of either the Perfin Club or the Perfin Society (UK). He was the fortunate recipient of a large box of perfinns, loose and on cover, from a Portuguese friend who was "fed up with them lying around."

If you would like a copy of the catalog when it is complete, drop me a line at the address given above.

P. E. VAURS SUCCESSEUR COVER IDENTIFIED

The origin of the two covers with P.E. Vaurs Successeur illustrated on page 184 *TPB* November/December 1987 have been identified by Robert Dedecker (#2157) and President de l'Assn. Nationale des Collectionneurs de PERfins. The user was Herery Lichtwitz, a wine merchant in Bordeaux. The society (company) used several patterns and many different corner cards. A relative (perhaps a brother) used the design A.L. (Bordeaux). Illustrations follow.



LIGHTWITZ & C^{ie}
BORDEAUX



Monsieur G. MCNGELARD,
Représentant,

N I M E S. (Gard.)



COLONIA
43. ALLÉES DE CHARTRES
= BORDEAUX =

P. E. VAURS SUCCESSEUR
NÉGOCIANT
LE BOUSCAT, PRÈS BORDEAUX



GOUTE
NOUVEAU
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LE BOUSCAT, PRÈS BORDEAUX
par AVION.



Par Avion

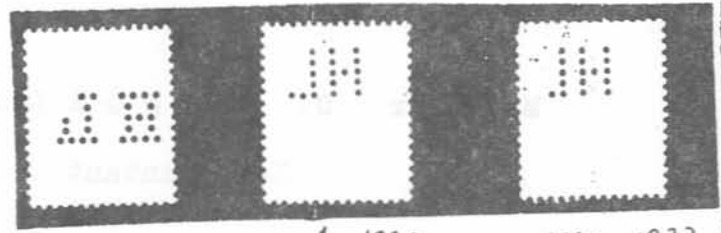


Monsieur M. DUBOIS

66 ter, Boulevard Gambetta,

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Members as of December 31, 1987	777
New Members	+ 9
New Life Member	+ 1
Re-Instated	+ 1
Resigned	- 1
Members as of January 31, 1988	787

MEMBERSHIP DUES

As this is written, in March, the snow is deep in Dryden Maine. However, by the time that it reaches you in April, that snow will more or less be gone. Our Secretary, Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225, will be able to get to his mail box without difficulty. If you pay your dues now you will not miss a single page of the Africa pages to the World Catalog, which is being published in installments. Dues are: \$7.00 (U.S. and Canada) and \$9.00 (all others). Please remit in U.S. funds.

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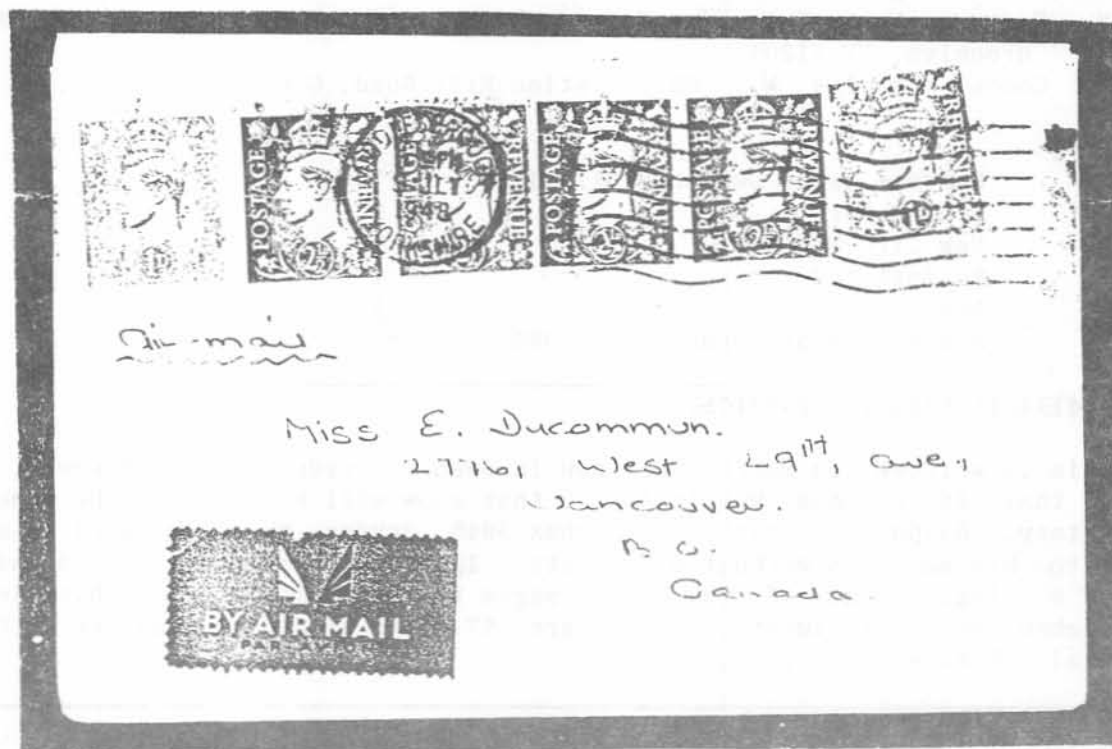
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PRIVATE USAGE?

Wm. Turney (#1538), 1306 Cottonwood Cr., North Vancouver,
B.C., V7P 1K9, Canada

The illustrated cover was a private mailing from Middlesbrough, Yorkshire,
Great Britain. All of the stamps are punched "CS/Co" - and look like *Tilles*
C690.



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COLNE VALLEY AND HALSTEAD RAILWAY

Roy Everett, 2 Coldnailhurst Avenue, Braintree, Essex CM7 7SJ, England

For the curious, when one finds a book on a subject close to one, *Railroad Perfins of Great Britain* by R. Bowman (Note 1) with details of a line and one possesses an early scale map depicting the line, one puts the two together to check out the details.

This little railway, the Colne Valley and Halstead, served nineteen miles of track when it was nationalised on the first of January 1923 becoming a part of the London and North Eastern Railway (LNER). The line had been incorporated under Acts 19 and 20 of Queen Victoria on June 30, 1856 with a later authorization of August 13, 1859. The principal reason for its establishment was that the Valley of the Colne was not serviced by the then existent Colchester and Stour Valley Railway, which went from Colchester through to Haverhill in a long loop which avoided the Colne Valley. At this time Halstead was a marketing center for farming produce, like neighbouring Braintree (where I live) and Blocking on the Blackwater. Additionally Halstead was a fabric weaving town with sites going back to 1066 as noted in the *Domesday Book*, the survey that William the Conqueror had produced for levying taxes. By agreement with the existing Colchester and Stour Valley line a spur line was built from the Chappel station line at Wakes Colne Green. This went west along the valley passing White Colne, Earls Colne, Clone Engaine and then to Halstead. This provided direct access to the main line at Marks Tey, and thence to the East Coast seaports and London opening up wider markets for the town. The Head Office was situated at Halstead. In later years, the line was extended fourteen miles passing through Whiteleash Green, Sible Hedington, Castle Hedingham, Great Yeldham, Stambourne, Ridgewell, and Birdbook ending at Haverhill. (See map on page 83) In this earlier age many small areas were only served by a raised stage for loading and offloading rather than the station with platforms that we have come to expect for railroads. Consequently many other small farming communities and large landed estates may well have been served in this fashion.

According to *Bradshaw's Railway Shareholders Guide and Manual* of 1921 the line's rolling stock consisted of 15 locomotives, 15 carriages 176 wagons and expenditures on the line as of the end of 1919 had totalled 516,245 pounds sterling for stations, track and rolling stock.

The line felt the heavy hand of the infamous Dr. Beeching, then Minister of Transport when he closed umpteen hundred miles of rail lines when I was a lad. However, today it flourishes again in the hands of the dedicated members of:

The Colne Valley Railway Company, Ltd.
Steam Railway Preservation, Castle Hedingham Station
Yeldham Road, Castle Hedingham
Essex, England

ROBERT F. GRAY
CLOSED ALBUM

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Robert F. Gray. Bob passed away on March 17, 1988 at the age of 87.

Bob joined the Perfins Club in the summer of 1946 as member #80. He was involved with the cataloging of Railroad Perfins from the very start of his membership. He was sub-chairman of the railroad catalog committee in 1952 and a driving force in forming the first listing of railroad perfins in 1957. His background and information assisted in the development of the printed photo catalog of railroad perfins in 1966. Bob's perfin work was culminated with the publication of the new Railroad Perfin Catalog in 1987. He had just completed three replacement sheets for the Railroad Catalog bringing it completely up to date.

DUES

It is time to send in your dues for the period July 1988-June 1989. Dues are \$7.00 for residents of the U.S. and Canada, \$9.00 for all others. Life membership is \$105.00. Send your dues to our Secretary, Ralph W. Smith at the address given in the right hand column of this page. **DO IT TODAY**

It is Easter Sunday as I write this column. The end of tax season on April 15th will provide me with the opportunity to catch up with the mail and continue working on the membership directory. Several interesting projects are in store for future issues.

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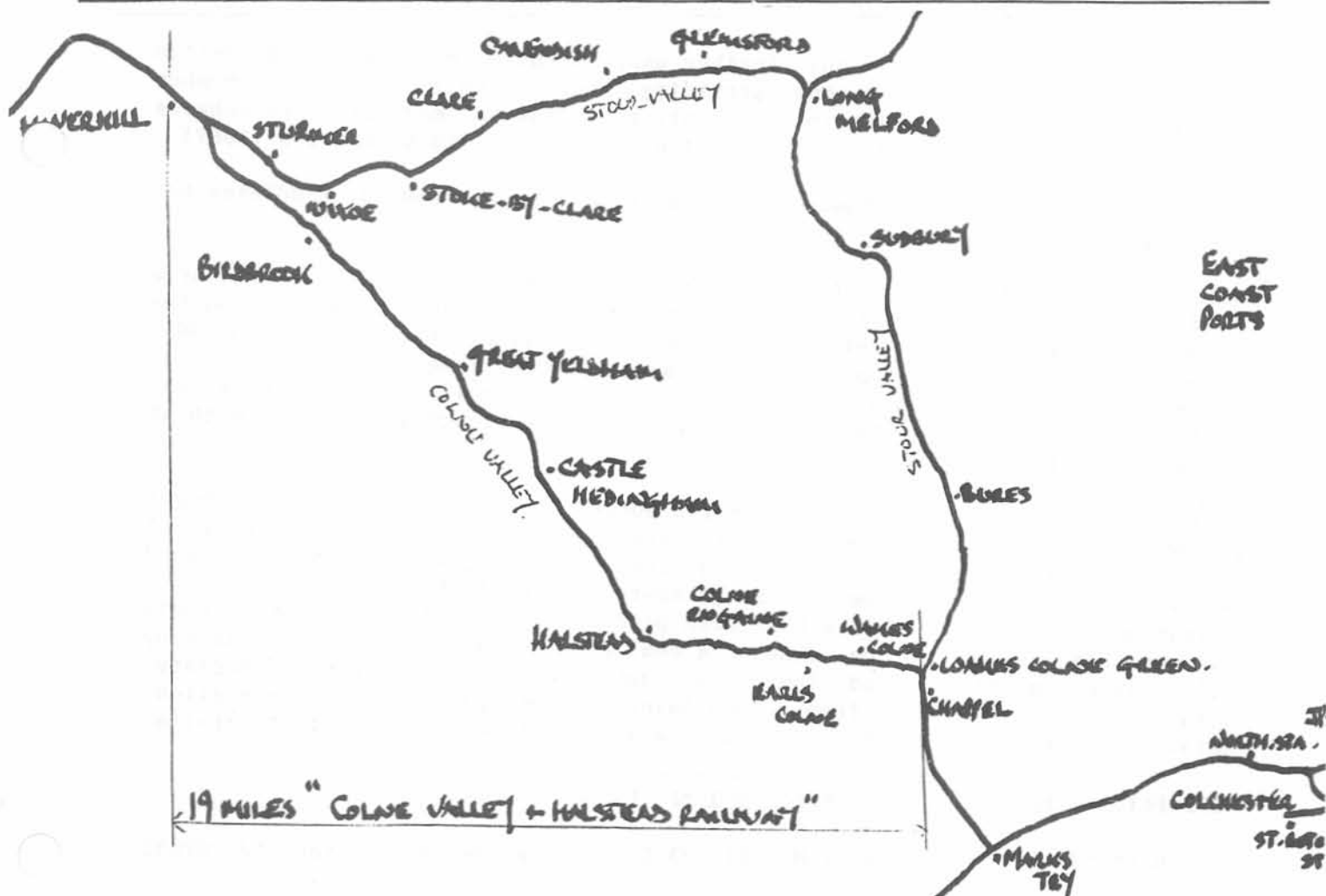
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But the line no longer reaches Halstead as the station there was demolished to make way for housing years ago. I believe that the line operates year around under private control carrying passengers and freight and providing carriage classrooms so that children of infant and primary school age may take day trips, dressing up in period costume, and learning about the railway and history as they travel through the Essex countryside.

At the present time a member of the Perfin Society, E.W. Francombe, 70 Salisbury Road, Reading, Berkshire RG3 2BL, England, is updating the Bowman work by issuing worksheets. The line used the rare perfin illustrated to the left. Bowman knew of only six copies all bearing the postmark of Halstead. The latest one being marked "Trinity Street, Halstead" which is on the main road through Halstead. The station was at the base of a long steep hill with the Post Office halfway up the hill, opposite the bus station. Only three stamps are known with this perfin:



King Edward VII 1/2 d and 1 d.
King George V 1d "McKenna".

Colne Valley & Halstead Railway
Catalogue Nos. C.818 5 8,9/12
Postmarks: Earliest 24 October 1904
Latest 27 March 1913

Any member that can add any further usage details relating to this perfin should write to Mr. Francombe providing those details. Also an member interested in participating in the updating of "Bowman" may obtain worksheets from him. These were 1-3 (1984), 1-6 (1985), 1-3 (1986) and 1-5 (1987).

Note 1. Available from T. Edwards, 23 Foxfield Close, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 3NU, England.

Note 2. Another member of the Perfin Society, Mrs. M.R. Smith, 17 Victoria Road, Stocksbridge, Sheffield, Yorkshire S30 5FW, England, is working on the formulation of a text relating to "Perfined Postal Stationery of the UK". Members with such envelopes or cards may well feel free that they can be of assistance to her by providing information from their collections. A worksheet setting out the information per item is available directly from Ms. Smith at the address indicated.

Note 3. The establishment of a Perfin Society in Australia has been brought to my attention. The intention is to catalogue the issues of the country. A fee is involved, a *Bulletin* is being circulated among members, and published works on the perfins of Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales have been produced. It would seem that Victoria is the next state to be done, "a real nut to crack as there were so many multi-headed machines used there" to quote my contact within the Society. Details may be obtained from: John Amiet, c/o Westpack Banking Corporation, Retail Delivery Systems, P.O. Box H258, Australia Square, NSW 2001, Australia.

EARLIEST U. S. PERFIN USE

Richard L. Mewhinney (LM 60), 33 Carlton Avenue, Washington, NJ, 07882

In *TPB* March 1988, page 42, I offered a prize for a U.S. perfin cover with a postmark earlier than Joe Laura's cover which is postmarked July 23, 1908.

Bob Schwerdt (#505), our foreign catalog editor, has come up with a cover dated June 30, 1908. This cover bears the corner card of the Bond & Mortgage Guarantee Company and perfin T44. However, shortly after Bob's discovery I received a letter from Sal Guarini (#1220), our sales manager, indicating that the earlier "cover" from the Bartleson collection had been relocated.

Please return, if not called for in TEN DAYS, to

KEUFFEL & ESSER CO.,

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HOBOKEN, N. J.

JUNE 27, 1908

Mr. Florence Sullivan,

K+E/CU-2H-5,4 $\frac{1}{2}$,5/5,4



Pictured on the preceding page is an identification strip postmarked June 27, 1908 that was previously believed to have been "lost". Sal Guarini found this among his accumulation and it is the originally reported cover from the Bartleson collection. The cover with perfin K69 of the Keuffel & Esser Company.

Both Bob and Sal have been presented with a years membership or equivalent in the Perfins Club.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Robert T. Dann (#2464), P.O. Box 575, Harrison ME 04040 wrote to let me know that he is interested in writing an article on perfin sources. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or comments please drop him a line. He also noted that he is not really an issue collector, but he has been saving U.S. perfins that came to hand as if he was. The idea is to someday arrange the perfins of individual companies so as to show the earliest and latest issues of particular relevance to that company, along with the best example of their design that he can locate. For example, most railroad companies seemed to have perfinned the three cent "golden spike" issue, which is certainly relevant to their business.

Ralph W. Smith's (LM- 87) in a letter to the editor commenting on an article in the *American Philatelist* noted that, "The death of Sumner H. Needham, Company I, Sixth Infantry Regiments, Volunteer Militia, in Baltimore, Maryland,..." was the first death of the American Civil War (or War Between the States). That's keeping us aware of our history in the Free State.

By the way, how about sending Ralph your dues of \$7.00 (U.S. and Canada \$9.00 elsewhere) to stay current. The address is R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225.

RETIRED - NOT LIKELY

Joseph Laura, Jr. (#1238), P.O. Box 249, West Wareham, MA 02576

I am a retired stamp dealer and for forty years, I threw perfins into a box. When I sold my business, I retained the perfins with the permission of the buyer and about a year and a half ago I started sorting and mounting as boredom from retirement finally got to me. Now I am like a kid with a room full of new toys and I am having a ball with these perfins and collecting for the fun of it for the first time in a great many years.

The process has yielded about thirty new pieces of information to the club's U.S. Catalog editor and also led to the discovery of five new perfin patterns.

I am collecting everything perfinned, no matter on what kind of stamp or from which country. If you have duplicate material of any kind or collections which you do not want, would you please send them to me with your price, as I need new material.

FREE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR MEMBERS

A reminder, want ads and notices are printed in the *Bulletin* without charge for members. If you want to buy or sell perfins, covers, literature, etc., drop me a note. Non-members material may also be printed without charge on a space available basis if it is deemed to be of interest.

TRADE - Will give three B's from your want list for a good copy for each of the following C's.: A102, B188, C152A-13, G155B, J139, L47, S2-25, W7Ea, W72-78. Will give 2 B's FOR D's: A221-1B, C152B-16, H97, N129, W38A. Will give 1 B FOR E's: N113D-12, W38. Write Bob Foley, 9 Haig Place, Apt 604, Dunedin, Florida, 34698.

DANISH PERFIN ACTIVITIES

John Møller (#2564), Grøfthøjparken 165/31, DK 8260 Viby J, Denmark

In April 1987 we started a new perfin club in Denmark. The club is named, "Danish Perfins Society" and it has about fifty members from Denmark, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. The club consists mainly of people interested in Danish perfins, but we also try to do a little about perfins of other countries. We are running a club magazine with four numbers a year, will have two meetings a year, and we have a small but growing library.

The Perfinisten and *The Handbook of Danish Perfins* by Peter Engelbrecht have been taken over by our editor, Mr. Jan Kristiansen, Tranebanken 3, DK 4681 Herfølge, Denmark. You may write to him if you wish to buy the catalog or supplements. Or if you have any questions you may write to me.

If you desire a trading connection in Denmark, we are offering a free advertisement of twenty words plus address in our club magazine.

AN INTRODUCTION TO AUSTRIAN PERFINS

John J. Nussbickel (#2002), P.O. Box 569, St. James City, FL 33956

The authorization permitting the perforating of postage stamps with letters, numerals or designs was established by the following official decrees; - *Post Verordnungsblatt* No. 23 dated 13 April 1877 and *Post u. Telegraf Verordnungsblatt* No. 87 dated 8 August 1886.

These decrees permitted perfins to be placed on any postage stamp, special delivery stamp and newspaper stamp for the purpose of control. The decrees were effective throughout the fifteen provinces of Austria, Austrian Levant (including Crete), Bosnia & Herzegovina, and Liechtenstein.

As one can see, these perfins are not something recently thought of, but a long neglected phase of Austrian philately. In the past these stamps with holes punched in them were considered as damaged and discarded by collectors and dealers alike. Now they are a much sought after philatelic item.

The purpose of the perfin was to establish a control over a firm's postage stamps and to try to prevent pilfering by employees. The design of the perfin

and the type of perforator used was entirely up to the user. Perforators were constructed with from one to ten perforating heads and they were capable of perforating several thicknesses of stamps. It was a custom to fold a strip or sheet of stamps and perforate many stamps at one time. By doing this there were always at least two positions of the perforation. Figures 1 and 2 illustrate the ways that stamps could be folded. It is possible to perforate the stamps in as many as eight positions depending upon how they are inserted in the device. As a general rule, it is seldom that a firm's perfin is found in more than four positions. Figure 3 shows the result of two stamps being folded right to left and then inserted in the perforator top first and of stamps being folded right to left and then being put in the perforator bottom first making four positions. Four other positions could be made by inserting the stamps in the perforator sideways from the left and right.

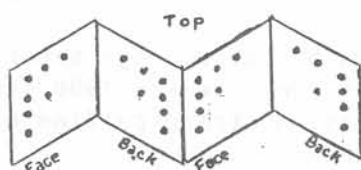


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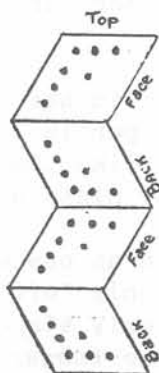


Figure 2



Stamps folded right to left placed in perforator top first.

Stamps folded right to left placed in perforator bottom first.

Figure 3

Austrian perfins have been designed in many forms as is illustrated by Figure 4. Some perfin patterns consist only of numerals, some have only letters, and others have a design. In addition, all possible combinations of numerals, letters and designs also exist.



Figure 4



Perforator made for this format

Multiple head perforator used on a stamp of a different format.

Multi-head devices were built to perforate stamps of a certain size. Figure 5 illustrates the results when a stamp of the 1908 issue and a 1915 semi-postal being punched by the same multi-head device. As the perforator was made for the 1908 issue, it has a nice perfin. When the much wider 1915 semi-postal was used the result was a split perfin. Of course, there is always the possibility of inattention to detail by the clerk using the machine.

Figure 5

There was only one Austrian government agency that used perfins, *K.K. Handelsministerium*. These are not recognized as official stamps. There is also the possibility that this was done by an individual without proper authority. This pattern, see Figure 6, appears only on the 1890 and 1896 issues. (*Die Postmarken von Osterreich*, Edwins Meuller, p. 252).

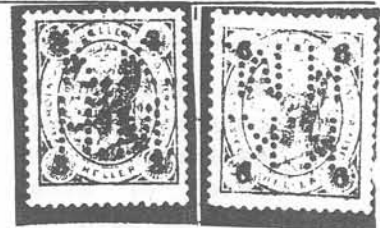


Figure 6



Tiller Perforation
Figure 7

An other interesting Austrian perfin consists of a line perforated 11-1/2 horizontally through the middle of the stamp. For years this was considered a misplaced perforation until it was determined that it was used by the firm of Moritz Tiller a manufacture of uniforms located in Vienna. This perfin is known on the issue of 1890. (*Handbook of Austrian Stamps: 1850 - 1918*, Dr. Ulrich Ferchenbauer). This issue has a value of 250 Austrian shillings on piece and 500 Austrian shillings on cover. See Figure 7.

As in the United States, the perfin has been replaced by the postage meter in Austria. The latest Austrian perfin that I have seen was a 1958 issue postmarked in 1960. An also like the United States, Austrian perfins also exist in partial patterns, missing pins, and double punches.

The collecting of perfins has been an obscure phase of philately for many years and perhaps this is because only "official" perfins are listed in standard postage stamp catalogs. The only standard postage stamp catalog to mention perfins that I know of is the *Hungarian Handbook and Catalog* by Gondolat, 1986, pp 480-1.

Figure 8 illustrates how perfins are general measured for identification, but first several definitions:

Pattern -- The formation of punched holes in the stamp (i.e., letters, numbers, or design)

Coding system -- h - single horizontal line of letters or single letter

2h - double horizontal line of letters.

v - single vertical line of letters or single letter

S - script letter(s)

D - diagonal letter(s)

M - monogram

Des. - design

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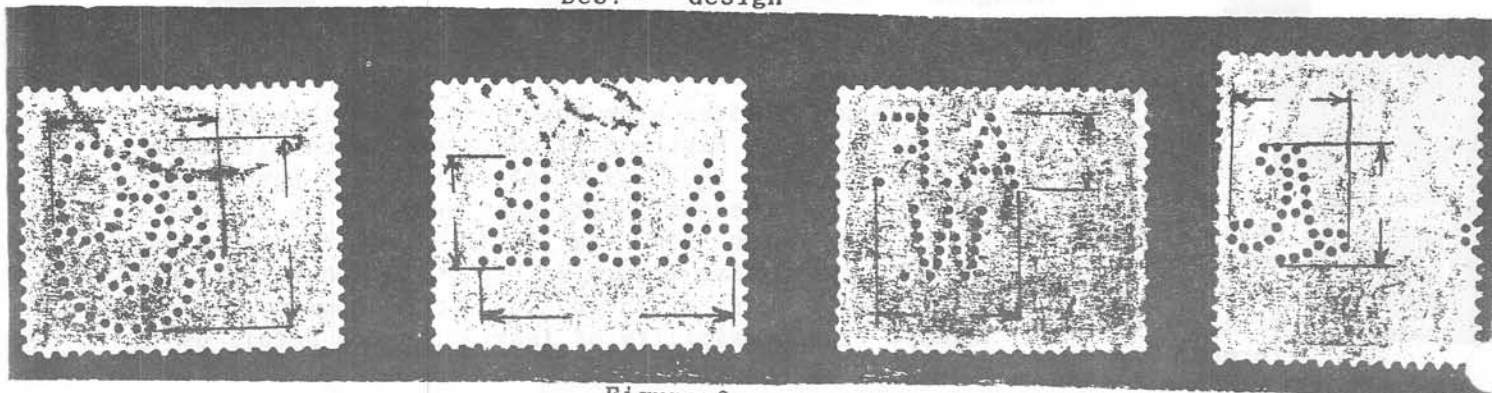






Figure 8

NIGERIA			
	5 Nigeria Federation A		4 Nigeria Federation A Nigerian Railway Corporation Clifford, Zaria

	4 Nigeria Republic A Nigerian Railway Corporation		
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SOUTHERN NIGERIA			
Only a partial perfin, perhaps fiscal or municipal, has been reported.			
	1 (Tentative Classification) Green crayon cancel Scott #52	C	

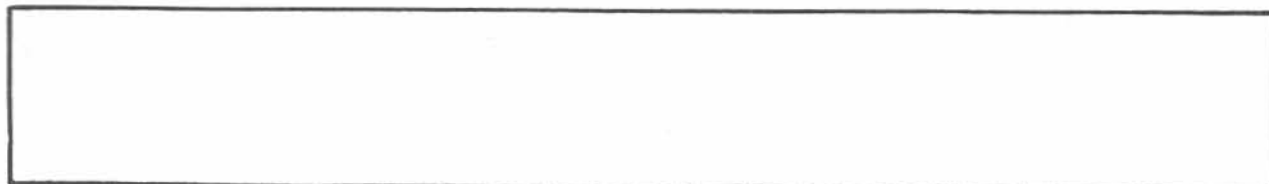
NYASALAND PROTECTORATE			
Only SPECIMEN punches have been reported.			

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THE RHODESIAS: RHODESIA-BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA Co. 1890-1917

There is considerable variety in the BSA/C perfin. Three types are illustrated here with spaces for additional varieties. Vertical dated cancel punches, both two and three tier numerals, show variations in spacing between the numbers. Hole punch and Kodak type punches have been used on stamps of these areas. Only one type of SPECIMEN punch has been reported. See M. J. Burrows' article "South African Revenue Cancels" in PERFINS BULLETIN No. 1977.

	1 A Salisbury		
	2 A Bulawayo		
	1a B British South Africa Company		2 B
	1b B British South Africa Company		3a B Period 1898-1923
	1c B British South Africa Company		3b B



The pattern is further identified by measuring: First the height of the letters and then the length of the line of letters. In the case of a monogram, the height and width are measured. Finally, the number of punch holes are counted.

Fifteen perfins patterns are known to have been used in the Austrian Levant. Of these, I know of only one being used on the centime value stamp issues for Crete. Twenty two perfin patterns are known to have been used in Bosnia and Herzegovina. I have not seen perfins on either stamps of Austria used in Liechtenstein or on the Liechtenstein stamp series of 1912 to 1920.

Dr. Moore's study of Austrian perfins reported more than 1100 patterns. This catalog was published in a *Bulletin* of the Austrian Philatelic Society of New York, Inc. Dr Moore noted that he has seen a perfin of the 1867 Franz Josef issue canceled as early as 1881, the perfin consisting of the letters "M.T.S."

V. Maxa, a member of the Perfins Club who resides in Czechoslovakia, has published a *Catalog of Austrian Perfins* which lists more than 2500 patterns.

BAG.	C.D.	EZ.	HFS	K.	KB
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7	8	9	10	11	12
PLB.	Richter no copy	SBM CBM	SNB CHB	SR no copy	SRP
13	14	15	16	17	18
S.T.	TBS TBW	TI	VB B BΦ no copy		
19	20	21	22	23	24

Bosnia and Herzegovina

MFC	B.H.	BIO	G	CL	EOB
1	2	3	4	5	6
GC.	G.S.	HC.	KB.	OCM.	O&M.
7	8	9	10	11	12
PM.	WBV	WBV			
13	14	15	16	17	18

Austrian Offices in the Levant

DUES - NOTICE

It is time to send your \$7.00 annual membership dues to Secretary Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden ME 04225. Foreign dues except Canada \$9.00. Beat the deadline and save the club some money and time.



NEW YORK LIFE PATTERNS

Harry Rickard, U.S. Catalog Editor Emeritus, 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

After several years of trying to fit some of the complicated catalog numbers of the New York Life Insurance Company patterns into the normal spaces of Addition and Corrections Pages and Survey forms, I wondered if there might be a better system.

The recent inquiry article (*TPB*, February 1988, page 26) produced a number of responses, all but one of whom agreed that an improvement was necessary. The lone dissenter was our *Bulletin* editor, John Lyding. Only one person offered a numbering system. It was nice to know that so many members agreed that a change was needed.

However, any change would involve some inconvenience to members. As a consequence, I worked out several possibilities. Unfortunately each of these alternatives had some drawbacks.

In making a change, one must remember that when you check a NYL perfin it is necessary to either leaf through the NYL pages, 309-332, and all of the A&C pages looking for a match or you may use the Figure on page 334 and some knowledge of the numbering system to determine the probable identity. Final identification using the second method is confirmed by the identification printed below the catalog photo.

Every change I could think of involved some altering of the current system and would be an inconvenience to all. That put me on the track of using a system that does not involve changing the current letters, but which would provide a simpler system. This system is as follows:

- o Retain all current catalog identities as references as many copies will still be identified in that manner.
- o ✓ Pages 309/310 will retain its current listing: N113.
- o ✓ Pages 311/312 will retain its current listing: N113A.
- o ✓ Pages 313/314 become: N113B. - former 113Aa
- o ✓ Pages 315/316 become: N113C. - former 113AB
- o ✓ Pages 317/318 become: N113D. - former 113ABb
- o ✓ Pages 319/320 become: N113E. - former 113B
- o ✓ Pages 321/322 become: N113F. - former 113Bb
- o ✓ Pages 323/324 become: N113G. - former 113BbDd
- o ✓ Pages 325/326 become: N113H. - former 113C
- o ✓ Pages 327/328 become: N113I. - former 113Cc
- o ✓ Pages 329/330 become: N113J. - former 113D
- o ✓ Pages 331/332 become: N113K. - former 113Dd
- o ✓ Page 334 remains unchanged.
- o Change to take place when this notice is published in the *Bulletin*.

CUTLER SELECTED AS U. S. CATALOG EDITOR

Many of the articles in the *Bulletin* were headed with a "HEADLINE" and then, "Harry Rickard, U.S. Catalog Editor, 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon California." If you glance back at the preceding page you will notice in that article Harry is referred to as U.S. Catalog Editor Emeritus. This signals a change in the editor of the U.S. Catalog. I have a backlog of articles written by Harry and will continue to use them listing him as "Editor Emeritus" until the supply is depleted. Harry has promised to continue writing *Bulletin* articles and you will recognize the new ones when he is no longer referred to by the honorary title "Editor Emeritus".

However, the purpose of this club news item is to announce the appointment of Douglas Cutler by President Richard Mewhinney and the approval of that appointment by the club's executive board. Future correspondence concerning U.S. catalog items should be sent directly to: Douglas J. Cutler, U.S. Catalog Editor, R#2, 473 North Rush Street, Pentwater, MI 49449.

Doug has previously been in charge of the "Perfins Pamphlet" project and he has contributed several articles to the *Bulletin*. I will not describe our new catalog editor in detail, but refer you to the following article.

Welcome aboard, Doug.

Harry, you will be missed.

JFL

THUMB NAIL SKETCH

Douglas J. Cutler (#2113), R#2, 473 North Rush Street, Pentwater, MI 49449

I am 34, married, with two children (one of each). Collected worldwide stamps since 1961, but gave this up in 1980, sold my forty-two volumes of Scott's International and decided to collect Perfins and Precancels. I have since enlarged this to include all types of Security Endorsements, except "Specimens" Perfins and Overprints. No reason, just don't. I work for the U.S. Postal Service as an Auxiliary Rural Carrier and have hopes of getting a full-time position.

This leaves me with lots of time to pursue my various hobbies, which include stamps, chess, scuba diving, astronomy, reading (everything from ancient history to zoology), working on cars, electronics and wood projects. Since the future is going to include computers, I am working on this in hopes of keeping up with my children. Present projects include the Perfins Pamphlet, German Catalog, a correlation of the facts pertaining to ancient Phoenician settlements in the North and South American continents during 2,000 and 1,000 B.C., and assimilating catastrophes which seem to plague our planet. I also collect anecdotes about perfins, such as:

A stamp is what holds a perfin together.

We may not be the most religious of stamp collectors, but I think we are the most wholesome.

When companies perfined their date-precancels, it was like trying to hold up your pants with buttons, belts, and suspenders, but it still didn't do what it was intended to do.

Did you hear the story about the the stolen perfinned postage meters?
 It's a story full of
 holes, imprinting and suspensions.

Editors Note: In the past "THUMB NAIL SKETCHES" were a regular feature of the
Bulletin. If you would like to be next, write it out and send it to me. JFL

PERFINS AND PRECANCELS

Harry Rickard, U.S. Catalog Editor Emeritus, 1887 Altozano, El Cajon, CA 92020

The following is a precancel perfin count submitted by Joseph Laura,
 Jr. (#1238), P.O. Box 249, W. Wareham, MA 02576. Other collectors may
 want to use it to check their counts.

Letter	Perfin Precancels #			Perfin Precancels #			Perfin Precancels				
	Types	Types	Diff	Types	Types	Diff	Types	Types	Diff		
A	44	84	260	L	36	78	389	W	36	74	281
B	57	109	423	M	38	67	293	X			0
C	73	155	654	N	37	77	362	Y	5	10	43
D	20	43	226	O	6	10	30	z			0
E	21	39	122	P	53	123	459	D	4	7	31
F	26	63	271	Q	3	9	17	GE	30	66	312
G	24	59	236	R	20	38	211	IH	45	64	203
H	30	88	400	S	58	113	405	SO	30	54	194
I	22	46	120	T	21	45	268	WE	27	52	209
J	31	59	180	U	29	57	285	OF			111
K	6	14	31	V	7	14	66	RO			69

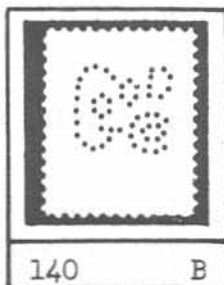
Abbreviations:

DE - Designs
 GE - General Electric
 SO - Standard Oil
 OF - Offset (1-2-3)
 RO - Rotary (Scott # 538-543)

This represents 7081 different precanceled perfins.

GOOD BUT NOT PERFECT

Walter P. LaForce (#2151), 7 Wishing Well Circle, Penfield, NY 14526



An interesting copy of Good Manufacturing Company's pattern G140 is illustrated to the right. Twenty seven of the fifty three pins in the pattern are missing. Most of the missing pins are from the upper half of the pattern.



GOOD MANUFACTURING CO.

303-305 E. 134th ST.

MAIL ORDER DEPT.

NEW YORK CITY.

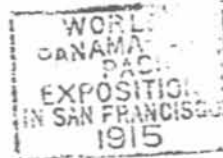
THE L11 STORY

Harry Rickard, U.S. Catalog Editor Emeritus, 1887 Alton Drive, El Cajon, CA
92020



Mrs. Fay Tolingworth.
700 East 6th St. City.

*N.E. Hollingsworth,
511 Virginia Place,
Tropico, Cal.*



*Guy & Sophie Hollingsworth,
Box 141,*

Des Moines, Iowa.

Member Rhodes Scherer (#2037) contributed the two covers which show improper perfin usage. The Des Moines cover has a copy of R75. The Los Angeles cover uses pattern L11. The receipt of two improper use perfins within a four day period is most unusual; however, the Los Angeles cover has an interesting background story.

Although pattern L11 is credited to Los Angeles, all copies that I have seen are postmarked, "INDEPENDENCE." This is a small town in Inyo county, between Death Valley and Sequoia National Park, which is quite a distance from the "city of the angels." However, the ultimate reason for the use of perfins in Independence, began in Los Angeles.

A far-seeing official in Los Angeles, named Mullholland, arranged for the purchase of a large amount of property in the Owens River valley of distant Inyo county. The purpose was to obtain control of the vast water runoff from the melting mountain snow. The aqueduct project headquarters was located at the source, Independence, while executive control was retained in Los Angeles.

Were it not for this important source of water, Los Angeles would never have become the metropolitan city that it is today. Although the officials and money came from Los Angeles the perforator was located in Independence.

An examination of L11 patterns leaves no doubt in my mind that the small Independence office used a single die device. Even though it was purchased as a deterrent to misuse of postage stamps, Mr. Scheer's cover shows that it had little effect when an employee decided to use perforated stamps for their personal use.

Patterns come with punches from the front and rear, and also in vertical and horizontal format. A prime example of single die usage is evident in the angled pattern which also has punch holes on the upper margin. This copy is any early two cent issue. The latest available is on a ten cent Scott Catalogue number 668. That was probably part of the postage on a bulky report.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary is Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden ME 04225

NEW MEMBERS

- 2612 Langone, Kenneth V.; PSC Box 1399, APO New York, NY 09132
Germany Beginner By: Ratzer
- 2613 Rummel, Ronald L., Sr.; 149 Avon Belden Road, Avon Lake, OH 44012
U.S. By: Smith
- 2614 Nowicki, W.Z.J.; 40 Ansell Road, London SW17 7LS, England
Poland - England By: Lyding
- 2615 Sastre, Eduardo; Zafiro D-79, Golden Gate, P.R. 00920
Worldwide By: Rickard
- 2616 Cohen, Lawrence H.; 28 Sargent Street, Newton, MA 02158
U.S. - Vending Machines By: Smith

Address Change

- 2086 Belasco, Steven R.; 247 Evandale Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583

Summary:

Members as of January 31, 1988	787
New Members	+ 5
Members as of February 29, 1988	<u>792</u>

POSTAGE RATE INCREASE

On April 3, 1988 the U.S. Postal Service increased postal rates. The increase for domestic first class service from 22 to 25 cents was accompanied by increases in foreign and second class mail rates. These increases affect the club's finances. If you forward your dues check now, you will save the club the postage plus the cost of the envelope and stationary. In addition, our Secretary, Ralph W. Smith will appreciate the savings in his time and effort.

Annual dues are \$7.00 (U.S. and Canada), \$9.00 elsewhere. Please remit in U.S. funds.

Why not head off future increases in membership dues? Mail Ralph a check for \$105.00 and he will award you with a life membership. In addition you will receive a Life Member Certificate which is suitable for framing by "return of post."

Send checks and money orders to: Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225, U.S.A.

REMINDER

The April issue of *TPB* contained a notice that President Dick Mewhinney is acting as the agent for the sale of the Barbara Kloss perfin collection. I have just received the first two sheet listing from Dick. It lists country collections in almost unbelievable quantities. Dick's address is on page 2.

THE PERFINS BULLETIN
400-A Park Avenue
Highland Park, IL 60035


Second Class
Postage Paid
at HIGHLAND PARK, IL
USPS No. 120-490

P-L1111/412/N
P.A. MISTRETTA
722 INDIAN MANOR COURT
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30083




DEPRESSION DAYS COVERS

Beginning with the 1929 crash and well into the recover in the late 1930's, bankruptcies, closures and business consolidations were commonplace. These two items, courtesy of Jim Catterick (#2094) may have that explanation.

Form Z-1941 5M 10-34




THE ZAPON COMPANY
STAMFORD, CONN.






General Electric Company,
1 River Road,
Scheneectady, N. Y.

Did Zapon acquire Atlas or just the perforator as used equipment?
Information regarding Zapon would shed light on use of Atlas pattern.

271 E



DAYTON RUBBER MFG. COMPANY,
MECHANICAL SALES DEPT
Export Division—30 Water St.
NEW YORK, N. Y.



154 C



General Electric Co.

Pattern B154 is credited to Lincoln Export Co of New York. Dayton Rubber Co. office shows use is from the Export Division. Might Dayton Rubber have taken over and consolidated their export business with Lincoln?

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ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG

From <i>Mrs. E. W. Green</i>	 
Street <i>4964 Lux. St. W.</i>	
City <i>Canton, 7</i>	
State <i>Ohio</i>	
VERNON ARMOUR	
57th Street at Eighth Avenue	
Subscription Department of Accounts Cosmopolitan Good Housekeeping	New York 19, N. Y.

Richard L. Mewhinney (LM60), 33 Carlton Avenue, Washington, NJ 07882

The illustrated cover is only one out of a batch of 250. These all were pre-printed return envelopes mailed in by people renewing subscriptions. All 250 of these envelopes had perfinned stamps on them including many different designs. Isn't it interesting how great the theft of postage really is? The perfins indicate that the stamps were from railroads, states, colleges, manufacturing companies, and banks. I do not know who collected these covers, but I suspect that it was a postmark collector. The pattern on this cover is W120 "W/LE" of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway, Cleveland OH.

NEW CLUB LIBRARIAN MARVIN MECH

Club Secretary, Ralph W. Smith announced the approval of the Club's Executive Board to the appointment of Marvin Mech (#2431) as Club Librarian. Marvin replaces Bob Ellwanger of Pittsburgh in this position.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY ALL LIBRARY ORDERS AND RETURNS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

Mr. Marvin Mech
119 A West Ash
Lombard, IL 60148

(Continued on page 103)

NOTES FROM THE
EDITOR'S DESK

We all appreciate the excellent job that Bob Ellwanger did as Club Librarian. I know that Marvin Mech has a big pair of shoes to fill so lets all get behind him and help.

Talking about the library, our local mail mill seems to change the rules every time that I try to mail something library rate. The last time I was there to return something to our library, I was told that only publishers may use library rate to mail items to libraries!

I believe in going to the top, so I wrote a letter to the Postmaster General requesting a ruling. Using the KISS principle, I asked: 1. May anyone use "Library Rate" to return material to a library? 2. May I include miscellaneous matter (i.e., personal note, order for additional materials, etc.) in the package as is permitted for forth class mail? 3. May I please have a copy of the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) articles which apply?

Thus far, my only response has been a postcard with a rubber stamp signature asking for "continued patience while a response for your communication is being prepared." My only hope is that this is not a response to a complaint submitted several months ago that the new U.S. Post Office in Crofton would not accept personal checks. That occurred when our contract station was replaced by a U.S. post office. The check problem has been solved, now let us see how long it takes to solve the "Forth Class Mail - Special Library Rate" problem. I will keep you informed.

JFL

Membership in The Perfins Club is \$7.00 per July-June calendar year, \$6.00 of which is for a subscription to *The Perfins Bulletin*.

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New Librarian (Continued from page 101)

Marvin was born in Chicago, but at an early age moved to Green Bay Wisconsin where among other things he became a Packer fan. After WWII he started working for Kraft and that brought him to Lombard, a suburb of Chicago. His retirement in 1987 gave him more time to devote to his hobbies and the chance to participate more actively in Club affairs. In addition to the Perfins Club, Marv is a member of the Precancel Stamp Society, the Ohio Precancel Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Welcome aboard and looking forward to continued excellent library services.

To Bob Ellwanger: I know that all of the Club's members will want to join me in saying thank you for your years of service to the Club as Librarian. I know that without your assistance the new Club Library List would not have been produced in as timely a fashion.

JFL

The Perfins Club - Library List

THE PERFINS CLUB LIBRARY may be used by any member, * (with the exception of members outside the United States and Canada), in good standing who agrees to these conditions:

- o All requests for library material must be signed, have PC membership number and a legible address.
- o Materials may be borrowed for up to 30 days; returns must be made promptly.
- o Borrowers must pay all shipping charges. The librarian will pay postage on shipments to borrowers, borrowers must include that amount of postage when returning the material plus 25 cents for the cost of the mailer.
- o Borrowers must take every precaution to protect library material while it is in their possession, and must pack it securely for the return trip to the library.

A CODE NUMBER is assigned to each item in the library. Please use the code number when requesting material.

CLIP FILES includes miscellaneous clippings about a particular topic or country.

WORKSHEETS are drafts of potential catalogs. They are not final listings. They are constantly subject to change. If you have material not included on a worksheet, please contact: Robert J. Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

REQUESTS will be filled as rapidly as possible. Obviously, some volumes are more popular than others and there are waiting lists for them. That's why it is so important that you return material promptly.

SPECIAL LIBRARY RATE may be used to return material to the library, but the package must be clearly addressed to the Perfins Club Library, 119A West Ash, Lombard, IL 60148.

SUGGESTIONS that will keep you in good standing with the Librarian and the post office:

- o Don't include personal notes when you return material by library rates. The USPS frowns on such and they do check. One member got stunned for \$4.75 postage due on a six-line note.

- o Please make sure you return the library charge sheet included with the shipment when it is sent to you. That's how the Librarian keeps up with things.
- o Please make sure to reimburse the Librarian for the postage used on the shipment to you. Reimbursement in U.S. funds or stamps only, please...no foreign stamps

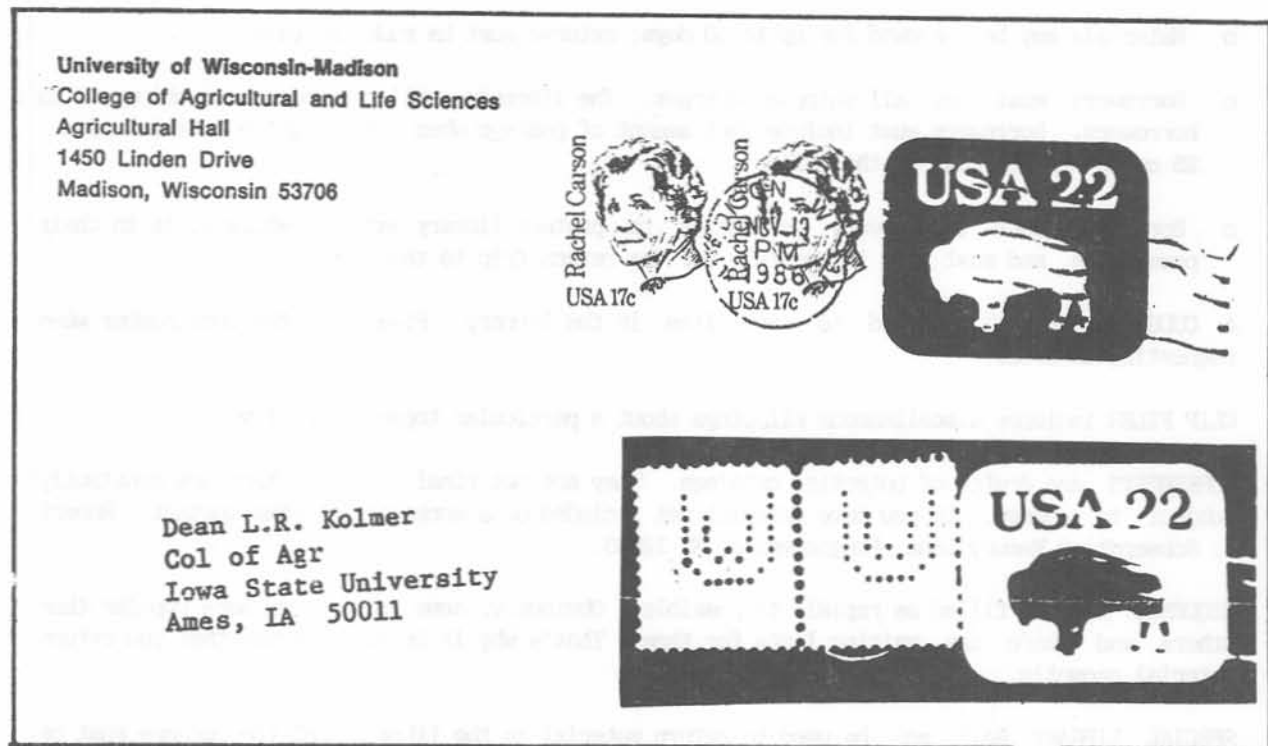
Other than a small charge for the cost of mailers used, The Perfins Club does not make a service charge for use of the Library. Your help in making sure that the library material is packed carefully, returned promptly, and protected while in your possession is appreciated.

(*) - The reason is a result of the tremendous increase in international postage rates. The Library will; however, provide copies of any library material to any member anywhere in the world at the rate of \$.15 per page plus the cost of postage.

ADDRESS ALL REQUESTS AND CORRESPONDENCE concerning the library to THE PERFINS CLUB LIBRARY, MARVIN MECH, LIBRARIAN, 119A WEST ASH, LOMBARD, IL 601148.

CONTACT PRINTING EXAMPLE

Harry Rickard, U.S. Catalog Editor Emeritus,
1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020



Member Rhodes Scherer (#2037) had previously sent the identification cover of the new University of Wisconsin pattern, U104.5 but, it was not shown in the *Bulletin* as the pattern was unclear. So, Rhodes tried his hand at making a contact print. The venture was a success as you can see.

**THE PERFINS CLUB
LIST OF AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS**

U.S. Perfins Catalog 547 p., Balough. Four supplements included . . .	\$35.00
U.S. Catalog, 1st. A/C 14 p., 1982, Balough	\$2.50
U.S. Catalog, 2nd. A/C 10 p., 1985, Rickard	\$2.50
U.S. Catalog, 3rd. A/C 5 p., 1986, Rickard	\$2.00
U.S. Catalog, 4th. A/C 3 p., 1986, Rickard	\$1.50
U.S. Catalog, blank pages to mount perfins, order in quantities of 100	\$10.00
Great Britain Perfins, A Catalogue of. Pages will be available as they are received and will be announced in the Bulletin. Available at this time are: A,B,C,Q,T,U,V,X,Y,Z, Numbers, Patterns and Monograms	
Great Britain, letter "H"	\$9.50
Great Britain, letters "G, O and R"	\$8.00
Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials, 124 p., 1985, Johnson, Tomasson	\$8.00
Danish Perfins, List of, 98 p., 1980, Stump	\$4.00
Ireland, Catalog of Perfins, 34 p., 1984, +5 p. supp., Mewhinney . .	\$4.00
Railroad Perfins, Catalog, 1987, 52 p., 1987, Gray	\$5.00
"THE PERFINS CLUB", lapel pin, white on silver (wear to club meetings)	\$2.00

The above prices listed are PREPAID and could be subject to change without notice, for delivery in the U.S. and Canada only. Foreign prices will be quoted on request, specify air or surface mail in your quotation request. Foreign catalogs available only while the supply lasts and may not be reordered. Please do not send cash. Please remit in U.S. \$'s.

There is always an additional cost if you request air mail over surface. If you request airmail please be prepared for the additional costs.

The Perfins Club does not intend to make a profit from the sale of these catalogs. The cost to you includes basic catalog costs, shipping to us, customs charges if applicable and postage costs to you. This is strictly a service to our members. All updates will be published in the Bulletin.

Send orders to: The Perfins Club, Catalog Sales and Distribution, 5109 A Street, Lincoln NE 68510

BRIEFLY NOTED The Perfins Club Railroad Catalog (2nd. ed.) is written up and offered for NLG 15 in *PHILABOOK INTERNATIONAL*, March 1988. The publication is published 5 times a year and lists world wide philatelic publications for sale. Subscription price is NLG 15 for overseas airmail or NLG 10 for Europe. The address is P.O. Box 8042, 3009 AA Rotterdam, Holland.

De: FEDERICO BONET, S. A.
A:

Madrid, December 10, 1940

Hoja
N.º

Mr. W. ALVIN SCHAFFNER
c/o Messrs. H. N. Elterich Inc.
205 East, 42nd. Street
NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Schaffner.-

About a year ago, when you were here, I had the pleasure to meet you several times, specially once at the Palace Hotel where we had a for me most interesting conversation.

Trusting to your remembering me, I am going to request from you a small favour for which I am quite ready to reciprocate. I wonder if you would be so kind as to book a subscription for me with the Saturday Evening Post for 1941. This, I must say, is a purely personal matter and has nothing to do with Messrs. Federico Bonet, S. A. with whom I still am, anyway.

Should you be so kind as to do it, please tell me which one of the Spanish Magazines may be of interest to you and I will gladly have it sent you at once. My private address is:

Sr D. Eduardo Toda Valcárcel
Hotel del Carmen
Pl. de Stª Bárbara 1. MADRID (Spain)

With many anticipated thanks and wishing you a very happy Xmas. and a no less prosperous New Year, I am dear Mr. Schaffner,

Very truly yours,

Toda



Mr. W. ALVIN SCHAFFNER

c/o Messrs. H. N. Elterich, Inc.

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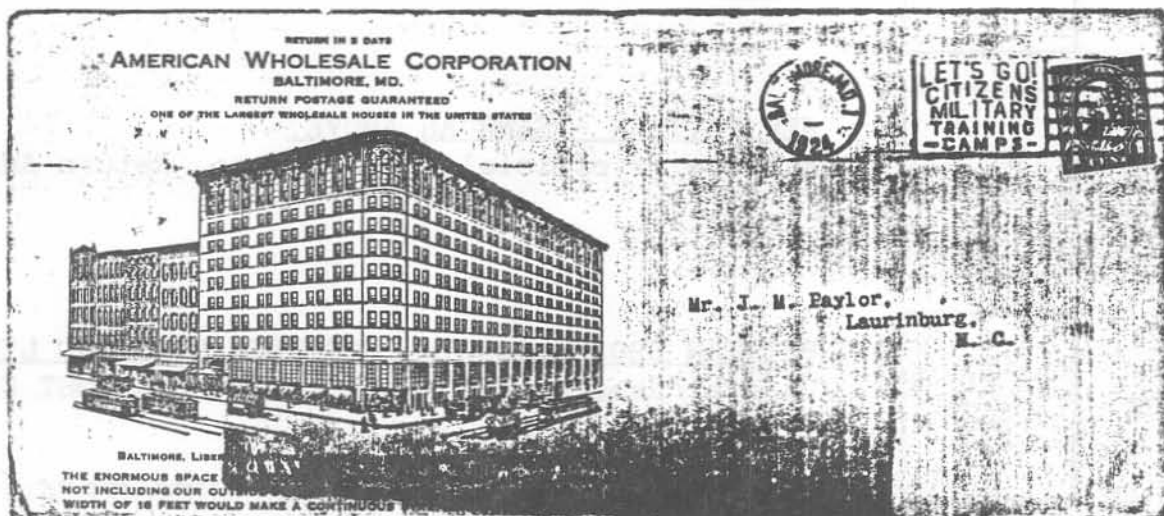
Wm. Turney (#1538), 1306 Cottonwood Cr., North Vancouver,
B.C., V7P 1K9, Canada

I found the letter enclosed in the Spanish cover as illustrated on the preceding page rather amusing -- particularly the admission provided in the last sentence of the second paragraph! The writer used the "F.B." punched stamps and company letterhead for "...a purely personal matter...".

FREE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR MEMBERS

A reminder, want ads and notices are printed in the *Bulletin* without charge for members. If you want to buy or sell perfins, covers, literature, etc., drop me a note. Non-members material may also be printed without charge on a space available basis if it is deemed to be of interest.

TRADE or SELL - Recently I acquired 122 Perfin Covers - mostly 1908-1936 vintage. A photocopy of one of these is shown below and a descriptive sheet of seven of the items are also shown. As I do not particularly collect covers, I will consider selling any of those listed to the highest bidder that can provide me with a single perfin stamp with the pattern of the bid item. Bids will close two weeks after receipt of this issue of the *Bulletin*. William F Polzin, 1007 Dennis Drive, Hanahan, SC 29406.



Patterns shown below are Hand Printed for example only!
(Not accurate as to size, spacing, etc.).

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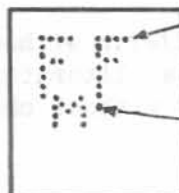
PATTERN A277 - AW/C - AMERICAN WHOLESALE CORP.
Interest Item - Building was previously the
BALTIMORE BARGAIN HOUSE - Pattern A53 - BBH.
See September '87 Bulletin, page 146.

B



PATTERN C271 - CPC - COLLINS PLOW COMPANY.
Unlisted Company and City - Quincy, Illinois.
Pattern is split and inc. (2 Perfs of P missing).

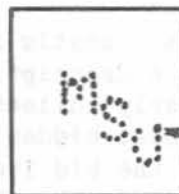
C



HOLE OUT AT RIGHT MARGIN, ONE (1) HOLE

PATTERN F76 - FF/M - FIREMANS FUND INS. CO.
Pattern Variety & Unlisted City (Macon, Georgia).
Extra Perf at bottom of the F. Flag Cancel.
(F76 = 7 VERT. HOLES; COVER STAMP = 8 VERT. HOLES)

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PATTERN M253 - MSU - MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Variety - Middle stamp (left Liberty) has extra
Perf in U. See Pattern at left.

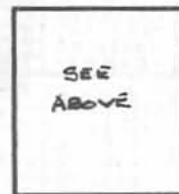
EXTRA HOLE - M253 = 8 HOLES IN U
COVER STAMP = 9 HOLES!

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NEW PATTERN - REDMOND & CO. (AS SHOWN).
Unlisted Company and City - New York.
R = 12mm High!

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NEW PATTERN - SAME AS ABOVE.
Private or official usage? No co. Return Address.

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PATTERN S203 - SO/Ry - SOUTHERN RAILROAD LINES.
Unusual usage - Railroad Claim Check POST CARD


POLZIN ILLUSTRATIONS (CON)

THE RHODESIAS: NORTHERN RHODESIA 1925-1964

Three types of SPECIMEN punches have been reported.









THE RHODESIAS: RHODESIA AND NYASALAND 1954-1963


The municipal perfin is the same as the one found on the stamps of Southern Rhodesia #C1.

	<p>1 C</p> <p>Umtali Municipality</p> <p>Scott #141,142,144,158</p>		
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THE RHODESIAS: SOUTHERN RHODESIA 1924-1964



See Rhodesia and Nyassaland for identical municipal perfin #C1.

	<p>1 A</p> <p>Bulawayo</p>		<p>1 B</p>
	<p>2 A</p> <p>Bulawayo</p>		<p>2 B</p>
	<p>3 A</p> <p>Some postal issues show revenue use.</p>		<p>3 B</p> <p>Period 1925-1927</p>
	<p>4 A</p> <p>Some postal issues show revenue use.</p>		<p>4 B</p> <p>Umtali Municipality</p>

SOUTHERN RHODESIA			
	1	C	
	Untali Municipality Scott #31		

ST. HELENA			
Three types of SPECIMEN punches have been reported.			

SEYCHELLES			
Only SPECIMEN punches have been reported.			

SIERRA LEONE			
Three types of SPECIMEN punches have been reported.			
	1	A	
	Scott #104		
	1	C	
	Second West Indian Army Regiment Freetown Scott #34, 65		

MITSUI TO MITSUI

Jim Shew (#2607), 5317 Dunsmore Road, Alexandria VA 22310

The cover illustrated is correspondence from Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd. of Kobe, Japan to Mitsui & Co. Ltd. in New York, NY. Two conjectures, how many copies of this perfin never made it into the philatelic world and did a response use pattern 23?

These covers were purchased as part of a much larger lot about 1974-75. The lot was described as the remains of an accumulation of "a lot of things." There were 50 covers to Messieurs. Mitsui and Company Ltd., 350 5th Avenue New York City. As best as I can tell these were all mailed and received between July 1932 and December 1933. All of the covers were from Mitsui Bussan Kaisha branch offices. As such, I suspect that they represent a small portion of the incoming mail to the New York office of Mitsui. Table 1 below indicates the number of covers by place of origin.

Table 1. Number and Origin of Covers

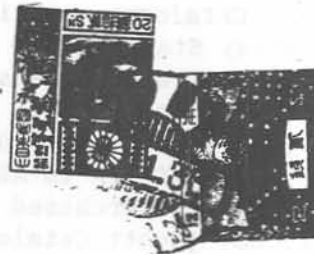
With Mitsui Perfin.		Without Perfin	
Tokyo	24	Yokohama	3
Darien, Manchuria	8	Hakodate	1
Moji	5	Canton (Note 1)	1
Kobe			
Osaka			
Otaru			
Shanghai (Note 2)			

Note 1: Chinese stamps.

Note 2: Chinese stamps, perfin is a smaller pattern than the one used on Japanese stamps.

Per S. S.

or First Mail.



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BOOK REVIEW

Polish Perfins in Great Britain: Volume 4., W.Z.J. Nowicki, 1987, Copernicana Ltd., 40 Ansell Road, London, SW17 7LS, 48 pages, plastic clip binding, soft covers, 8.4 x 11.6 inches, L3.50 includes postage and packaging in Great Britain.

This is the fourth volume of a series describing and cataloging the use of perfins to commemorate events of Polish heritage associated with Great Britain. In this case, the event is the "First Visit" of Pope John Paul II to Great Britain. The combination of a "Polish" Pope and the first visit of a Catholic prelate to Great Britain is the tie-in used in this connection.

Volume IV lists and illustrates the use of perfins on postcards with definitive regional issues for Wales for the Pope's visit to Cardiff, Wales and with regular issues, "posted during a stamp exhibition" at Westminster Cathedral Hall. A number of stamps listed were sold to members of The Polish Philatelists Association for their use and collections.

As noted in previous reviews of this series, it contains the only authoritative data on these particular perfins and their use. A reproduction of the patterns (e.g., the back of the stamp or on a blank sheet of paper) would have been a nice touch.

JFL

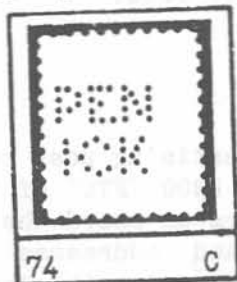
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From: Jim Shew (#2607), 5317 Dunsmore Road, Alexandria VA 22310

On the Australian perfins in *TPB* February 1988, pp. 20, 22-25, the *Australiasian Stamp Catalogue* published by Seven Seas Stamps of Durebo, NSW (available from Subway Stamp Shop @ \$9.60) mentions the one poun Brown/Black Kangaroo and 1929 3d airmail as also been perfined with "OS". Quantities of the Commonwealth and the one airmail are noted as small ranging from 48,000 to 18,000. Prices are given for the "OS" punctured Kangroos ranging from A\$10.00 to A\$3,000.00 mint and A\$2.00 to A\$1,500.00 used. A marker on the prices of these stamps is that I purchased a mint copy of the 10/ bright grey-pink Kangeroo with small "OS" (Scott Catalogue Number 55) from E.P.L. Apfelbaum in a December 1987 mail auction for \$40.00. The catalog published by Seven Seas notes this stamp at A\$300.00 (about \$210.00 U.S.).



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Srs. Luis Aischmann & Ca.,
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Joseph C. Murin (#2513) submitted this cover showing S.B. Penick & Company, Inc. with a New York address. The U.S. Catalog lists the city as Jersey City, NJ. Were there two simultaneous offices or did a change of location occur. Harry Rickart reports that his copy with a possible NJ cancel matches the illustrated cover nicely.

FREE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR MEMBERS

A reminder, want ads and notices are printed in the *Bulletin* without charge for members. If you want to buy or sell perfins, covers, literature, etc., drop me a note. Non-members material may also be printed without charge on a space available basis if it is deemed to be of interest.

TRADE - I have eight values (1,2,3,4,5,6,10, & 20 P) of Great Britain Machins (1970-78) decimal currency, all punched "B/BK". Some are in pairs with a few blocks. I will trade a set of eight for Canadian perfins. Please write: B. Holmes, 64 Maple Circle, Dollard Des Ormeaux, Quebec, Canada H9B 1E7.

FOR SALE - A mix of 100 non-PC perfins for \$2.00. Fully legible types. SASE please. CP Philatelics, P.O. Box 317611, Cincinnati, OH 45231-7611.

WANTED Perfins on cover with the appropriate corner card. Especially looking for the 1922 series, 1938 Prexies, the 1954 Liberty series and FA1 covers. Will purchase or trade for other philatelic material. Ken Schoolmeester, P.O. Box 8465, Greensboro, NC 27419. CF

EXCHANGE Will exchange 25 South and Central America * 110 Italy * 40 Denmark * 60 France. Wanted * Romania * Portugal * Spain & Japan. W. L. Turney, 1306 Cottonwood Crescent, North Vancouver DC, V7P 1K9, Canada.

Polly Woodside (#224L) Collection FOR SALE After much consideration, I have decided to dispose of my perfin collection and accumulation of many years. I have asked Dick Mewhinney to act as my agent in this matter as he has made contact with a large number of members who might be interested. If you have any requests, please contact him either by mail: Richard Mewhinney, 33 Carton Avenue, Washington, NJ 07882. Or by telephone: (201) 689-1266.

A FRANK TOURIST PERFIN

Marlyne Valencia (#2182) provided the illustrated advertising post card which was mailed with a two cent red Washington with pattern F200 "FTC" of the Frank Tourist Company of New York City. Apparently passengers on board the Holland-American Line's ship *Veendam* provided the names and addresses of their friends. This list was cabled from La Guayra, the port city for Caracas Venezuela, to New York where the address was added to a preprinted postcard and dropped into the mail as an advertising gimmick. Note that La Guaira is an alternative spelling for this Caribbean port. You might also note the addressee is identified by name, city and state only.

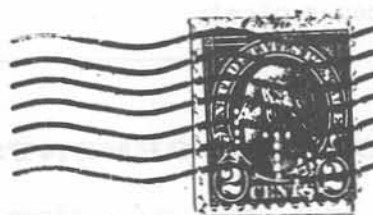
POST CARD

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We are pleased to inform you that cable advice has just been received of the arrival to-day at La Guayra of steamer "Veendam."

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**RARITY FACTOR SURVEY OF PERFINS:
AUSTRIAN LEVANT AND BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA**

John J. Nussbickel (#2002), P.O. Box 596, Saint James City, FL 33956

After a year of study and compiling data from various sources, the results of my analysis are ready for publication. The patterns shown in the survey (Figures 1 & 2) are listed in Vojtech Maxa's *Catalog of Austrian Perfins* or other authoritative philatelic publications. Even though all of these patterns are known to exist some were not reported in the survey. They are therefore listed on the report forms (Tables 1 through 3) as "0". I believe that this is due in part to an inability to contact European perfin collectors who are not members of our Club. However, if I receive additional reports it is my intention to issue periodic updates.

I wish to extend my thanks to all Club members who submitted reports as requested in *TPB* June, 1987. Special thanks are due to Foreign Catalog Editor Bob Schwerdt, for his help and support.

Figure 1. Perfins included in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

BAG.	C.D.	E.Z.	HFS	K.	KB
1	2	3	4	5	6
L.B. F.M.	L.H.	L.L.H.	ЯКИМ	MT no copy	PAKB
7	8	9	10	11	12
P.L.B.	Richter no copy	СБМ	СНБ СНБ	S.R. no copy	SRP
13	14	15	16	17	18
S.T.	TBS ТБШ	ТТ	VB B БФ no copy		
19	20	21	22	23	24

Patterns marked "NO Copy" have been authenticated but the stamps or photocopies were not available when this form was produced.

Note patterns have been reduced to conserve space.

Figure 2. Perfins included in Austrian Offices in the Levant.

APC	B.H.	BIO	€	CL J	EOB
1	2	3	4	5	6
GC	G.S.	H.C.	K.B.	OCM.	O&M.
7	8	9	10	11	12
P.M.	WBV	WBV			
13	14	15	16	17	18

Reported

Table 1. Austrian Offices in Turkey

issue	1867	1883	1886	1888	1890	1891	1896	1900	1901	1903	1906	1907	1908	1914	Total
1 APC													1	3	4
2 BH													4		4
3 BIO								5	2	4	3		8		22
4 €								3		8	7		38		56
5 CL J													10		10
6 EOB								5		3	2	1	5		16
7 GC								1					2		3
8 GS															0
9 HC													4		4
10 KB					9	4		2		2	2				19
11 OCM											1		4		5
12 O&M					2			1							3
13 PM					7	1		1							9
14 WBV								1		1	7		48	6	63
15 WBV													4		4

Rarity Factors: a. 1-5, b. 6-15, c. 16-50, d. 51-100, e. 101+.

Table 2. Austrian Offices in Crete

Reported

=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	1903-4	1904	1906	1907	1908	1914	Total
1	KB									1						1

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Rarity Factors... (Continued from page 118)

Table 3. Bosnia & Herzegovina Reported

Rarity Factors: a. 1-5, b. 6-15, c. 16-50, d. 51-100, e. 100+

issue	1875	1894	1900	1901-5	1906	1910	1912	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	Total
1 BAG							1						1
2 CD				1	3								4
3 EZ			8	3	19		6				3		39
4 HFS													-0-
5 K													-0-
6 KB													-0-
7 LB/FM			2		6								8
8 LH					2		2				1		5
9 LLH							3						3
10 MKR						2							2
11 MT													-0-
12 PAKB			2		16	5	11				2		35
13 PLB	17	7	42	13	16		33			4	6		138
14 Richter													-0-
15 CBM					7	1	4						12
16 CHF													-0-
17 SR					1								1
18 SRP	4	6	25	3	30	3	5			1			77
19 ST					10		9						19
20 T5W			2		1								3
21 TT						1							1
22 6 ^B Φ													-0-

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HELP WANTED

Art Atkinson, our Sales Manager, Catalogs has asked that we find a replacement for his position for personal reasons. Art has done a "bang up" job in this position for a long time and this is a chance for you to help the Club. If you are interested, please write or call President Dick Mewhinney. Dick's address is 33 Carlton, Avenue, Washington, NJ 07882. His telephone number is (201) 689-1266.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The membership list published in this issue was made up from our mailing list. It lists the Name, Membership Number, Address and Country of the Club's members as of June 1, 1988. I appreciate the help that I received in compiling and correcting this list. Ms. Helen Ratzer, The Perfin's Bulletin Publisher and our Club's Secretary, Mr. Ralph W. Smith.

Life Member's numbers are printed in up to six spaces. They appear as follows:

- LM-999 A member who originally joined as a life member and in many cases those members who converted from regular membership to life membership prior to life member number 100.
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Please check the entry for your name, if a correction is required, please notify the Secretary, Mr. Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225. But, don't blame Ralph for the errors. Some errors exist though the fault of your editor and I apologize for those. On the other hand, some errors are the result of member's not submitting change of address information. Consider this, if you don't tell us about an address change it costs the club 30 cents when your Bulletin is returned, plus 65 cents to mail you the Bulletin. Since the Club had already paid the second class postage on that issue, the tab runs up rapidly.

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE MEMBERSHIP LIST ACCURATE

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NOTES FROM THE
EDITOR'S DESK

Crofton, Maryland, June 11, 1988

In my video catalog there is an entry for, "The Never Ending Story." Perhaps that may be the saga of

our tale with the U.S. Postal Service. As you may remember, in our last chapter, our intrepid editor had reported receiving a rubber stamp signature on a postal card implying that some major functionary would attend to our questions. My apology to purists, I used the term, "post card" when I meant "postal card."

In today's chapter we find our dauntless editor reading the response, which arrived in a penalty envelope bearing the corner card of the, "United States Postal Service, Washington, DC 20260-7720." The editor's lips move ever so slightly as he reads: This is in reply to your letter requesting information about the special library rate.

In response to your question; yes, individuals can mail certain articles at the Library rate. The mail must show in the address or return address the name of a school, college, university, public library, etc. I have enclosed the appropriate postal regulation concerning this matter.

I hope this information will be helpful. Thank you for writing.

The enclosure, Article 725 of the *Domestic Mail Manual* gives a complete listing including educational and fraternal organizations (i.e., us). So the next time they give you trouble at your local mail mill, ask for someone in authority and refer them to the article listed above.

Next, why did the USPS fail to answer my second question?

JFL

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Lamers, Frans G.	2378 Post Perfo Club, Postbus 2151	5500 BD Veldhoven Netherlands
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Leech, Hugh B.	2624 1435 Howell Mountain Road N.	Angwin, CA 94508 USA
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Leugs, John	2478 6138 Ormada	Kalamazoo, MI 49004 USA
Levich, Eva B.	2611 POB 546	Pentwater, MI 49449 USA
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Lewis, Robert A.	2066 105 Lamp Road RR #3	Amherstburg Ontario Canada N9V 3R3
Lienhardt, Paul M.	2458 1527 High Knolls Drive	Pittsburgh, PA 15241 USA
Lientz Jr., S.D.	1587 621 Horsepen Road	Richmond VA 23229 USA
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Light, A.J.	932 4083 Orleans Lane	Sarasota, FL 33582 USA
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Lohman, G.F.	1822 1541 Sacramento Street #3	San Francisco, CA 94109 USA
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Ludwig, L.G.	294 L 2354-28 Via Mariposa West	Laguna Hills, CA 92653 USA
Lutz, Arnold D.	2503 2000 Valley Forge Cr. Apt.336	King of Prussia, PA 19406-1120 USA

SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE

Two types of SPECIMEN perfins have been reported.

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS-UNITED KINGDOM TRUST TERRITORY

Only one perfin has been reported from the UKTT, the same as #A2 of Nigeria Colony.



	<p>1 A</p> <p>Tiko Scott #70,72,73</p>	
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SWAZILAND




Only SPECIMEN punches have been reported.

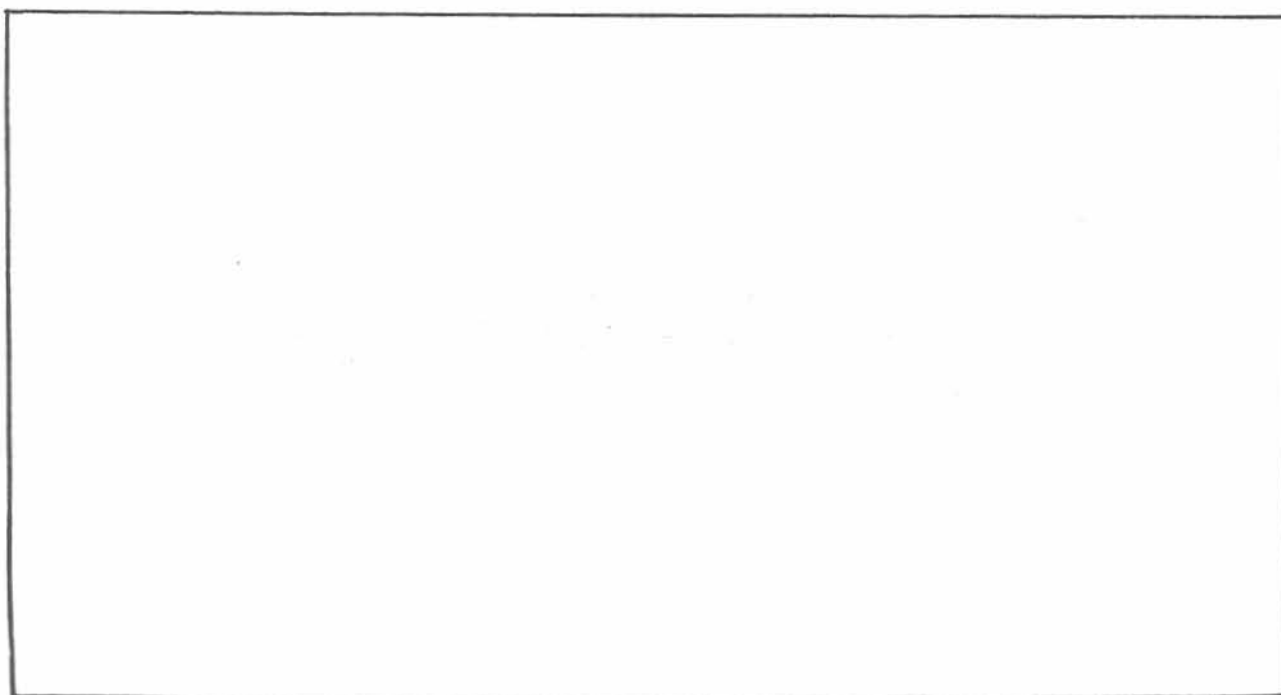
ZANZIBAR

See Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika for similar bank perfins. Two perfins on overprinted Indian stamps are given tentative fraudulent classifications. One SPECIMEN punch type exists.

	<p>1 A</p> <p>Standard Bank</p> <p>Scott #269</p>		<p>2 A</p> <p>Standard Bank of South Africa</p> <p>Scott #250,258</p>
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ZANZIBAR		
	1 Scott #12	F
	2 Scott #11a	F









ZULULAND			
All three perfins from Zululand appear on British Stamps with various overprints. These are listed tentatively as fraudulent and illustrated for the record.			
	1 (Great Britain Tilles#495)		3 (Great Britain unlisted) Charing Cross Cancel Scott #111
	2 (Similar to Great Britain Tilles #635.5A but Narrower) Grace Church St. Cancel Scott #33, Plate 218		

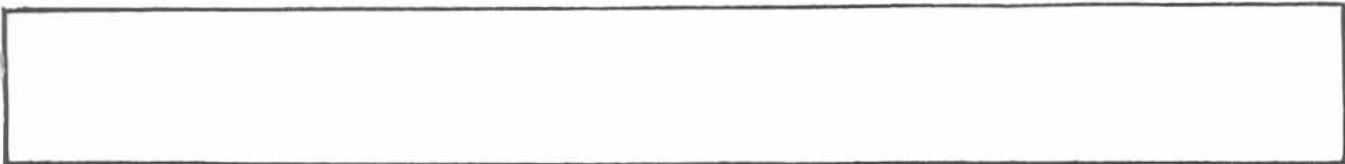


ARGENTINA



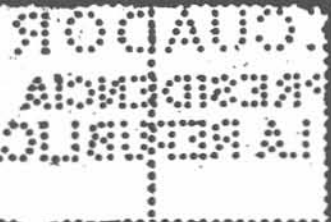
Patterns A16-A21 are probably from a multi-head die since types A16 and A18, and A16 and A17 have been found as pairs, and A16, A17, A18 have been reported on a strip of three. Change A66.5 to C3, an official: National Direction of Road Construction and Maintenance.

Below are illustrations of some new Patterns and Variations of existing types. See#4 A&C page of WPC for additional examples of B2.

	<p style="text-align: right;">A30.1</p> <p>Banco de Italia y Rio de la Plata</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">A150.6</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;">A93.5</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">A189</p> <p>(Better Photo)</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;">A106.1</p> <p>Internat. Harvester Company of Argentina</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">B2</p> <p>Union Discount Co. of London, Ltd.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Fiscal Stamp</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;">A121.1</p>		
	<p style="text-align: right;">A149.1</p>		



ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS TO THE WORLD PERFIN CATALOG

	<p>TRINIDAD A0.5 (Probable complete perfin of B1) Scott #88</p>		<p>MEXICO A10 (Replace Photo)</p>
<p>B. & C.</p>	<p>BRAZIL A2.1 Bromberg & Co. (Formerly listed as A4.5) Porto Alegre</p>		
	<p>ECUADOR C2 Scott #166</p>		

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Palmer, E.J.	2070 411 South First	Oskaloosa, IA 52577 USA
Palmer, H.M.	1703 6208 West Sespe Street	Las Vegas, NV 89108 USA
Paquette, Marcel	2487 C.P. 21; Succursale Ste-Rose	Laval Quebec Canada H7L 1K7
Parrish, P.H.	1771 3875 Sheppard Avenue E #606	Agincourt Ontario Canada M1T 3L6
Parsons, Mrs. V.S.	1868 10415-D Hayford Street	Bellflower, CA 90706 USA
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Pearson, Charles T.	2300 1004 Pinehollow Lane	Cincinnati, OH 45231 USA
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Penfold, M.	1779 24 Springfields, Poringland	Norwich, Norfolk NR14 7RG England
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Prahar, L.B.	2013 Route 1 Box 620	Bandon, OR 97411 USA
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Randall, J.M.	1336 2540 Carquinez Avenue	El Cerrito, CA 94530 USA
Randolph, V.	1922 2121 H. Street NW	Washington, DC 20037 USA
Ratzer, E.M./Helen Q.	LM- 47 400-A Park Avenue	Highland Park, IL 60035 USA
Reed, Hubert C.	2507 40 Graham Street	Gardner, MA 01440 USA
Rees, R.W.	LM- 79 P.O. Box 221	Amherst, OH 44001 USA
Reese, R.W.	1989 3510 Ben Garza Lane	Austin, TX 78749 USA
Reeves Jr., R.V.	1500 2350 Lakeside Place	Green Bay, WI 54302 USA
Regan, T.A.	2042 90 Kimball Hill Road #49	Hudson, NH 03051 USA
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Rehm, L.H.	808 1734 Leisure World	Mesa, AZ 85206 USA
Reineke, F.W.	2056 2308 9th. Avenue	Watervliet, NY 12189 USA
Repeta, L.E.	1481 76 Biltmore Avenue	Oakdale, NY 11769 USA
Rhodes III, L.	1764 1045 Gaviota Drive	Laguna Beach, CA 92651 USA
Rich, C.A.	2028 50 Station Road	Papatoetoe, Auckland New Zealand
Richards, Robert G.	2491 31 King Street	Pottstown, PA 19464 USA
Rickard, Harry	1802 1887 Altozano Drive	El Cajon, CA 92020 USA
Ridson Sr., Alfred E.	2421 Oliver Drive	Wintersville, OH 43952 USA
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Roberts, Harry C.	2570 2208 NE 60th. Street	Kansas City, MO 64118 USA
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Rogers, P.F.	2169 56 Conyers Way, Gt. Barton Bury	St. Edmunds Suffolk IP3 1 25W England
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Ruby, Ronald B.	2379 618 Fishing Creek Road	New Cumberland, PA 17070 USA
Rucinski, Walter V.	2372 4115 East Catalina Avenue	Mesa, AZ 85206 USA
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Rueger, C.C.	1834 Rotbuchenstr. 4	D-8500 Nurnberg 60 West Germany
Rummel, Ronald L., Sr.	2613 149 Avon Belden Road	Avon Lake, OH 44012 USA
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Shively, Frank L.	2375 415 Far Hills Avenue	Dayton, OH 45409 USA
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Smallwood, J.D	LM- 29 100 Pelican Drive	Satellite Beach, FL 32937 USA
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Stephens, Edith A.	2298 22077 Beech Apt 719	Dearborn, MI 48124 USA
Stephens, Walter T.	2276 4680-7 Dewey Avenue	Rochester, NY 14612 USA
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	Timmerman, B.L. LM- 93 P.O. Box 6011	Sherwood, AR 72116 USA
	Todd, E.R. 1313 2290 Hilldale Circle	Boulder, CO 80303 USA
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	Tomlinson, Ronald 2576 79 Thorton Road	Morecambe Lancs. LA4 5PG England
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Wojcikowski, R.J.	2045	P.O. Box 1455	Poulsbo, WA 98370	USA
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SOME STATISTICS

There are no Club members in Alaska or North Dakota. The following US jurisdictions each have one member: Arkansas, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Wyoming, and Puerto Rico. There are eleven members with either Army (APO) or Navy (FPO) Post Office addresses. Of these six are in New York, three are in San Francisco, one is Miami, and one is Seattle.

There are Club members in twenty foreign countries. In alphabetical order, these are:

Argentina	1	Australia	10	Belgium	1
Canada	60	Czechoslovakia	1	Denmark	3
England	19	Finland	1	France	1
Israel	1	Japan	4	Mexico	1
Netherlands	15	New Zealand	5	Norway	1
Philippines	1	South Africa	1	Spain	2
Sweden	4	West Germany	6		

I found it interesting to note that there are 31 members who live within 50 miles of Crofton. I have met two of these, in both cases we were friends before I joined the Perfins Club.

WANT ADS AND NOTICES

Want ads and notices are published without charge to Club members on a space available basis. Non-member's items are also published on a space available basis if they are considered of interest. While the Perfins Club makes every effort to insure that ads are accurate we can assume no responsibility for these want ads and notices.

WANTED - Fugitives from Netherlands Indies collection: DHS (monogram), G.&S., H.B., K, NIS, R.S./S.Z., SIE DNIAN HO (complete or any part), and W.E. Have worldwide to swap or will pay reward. Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

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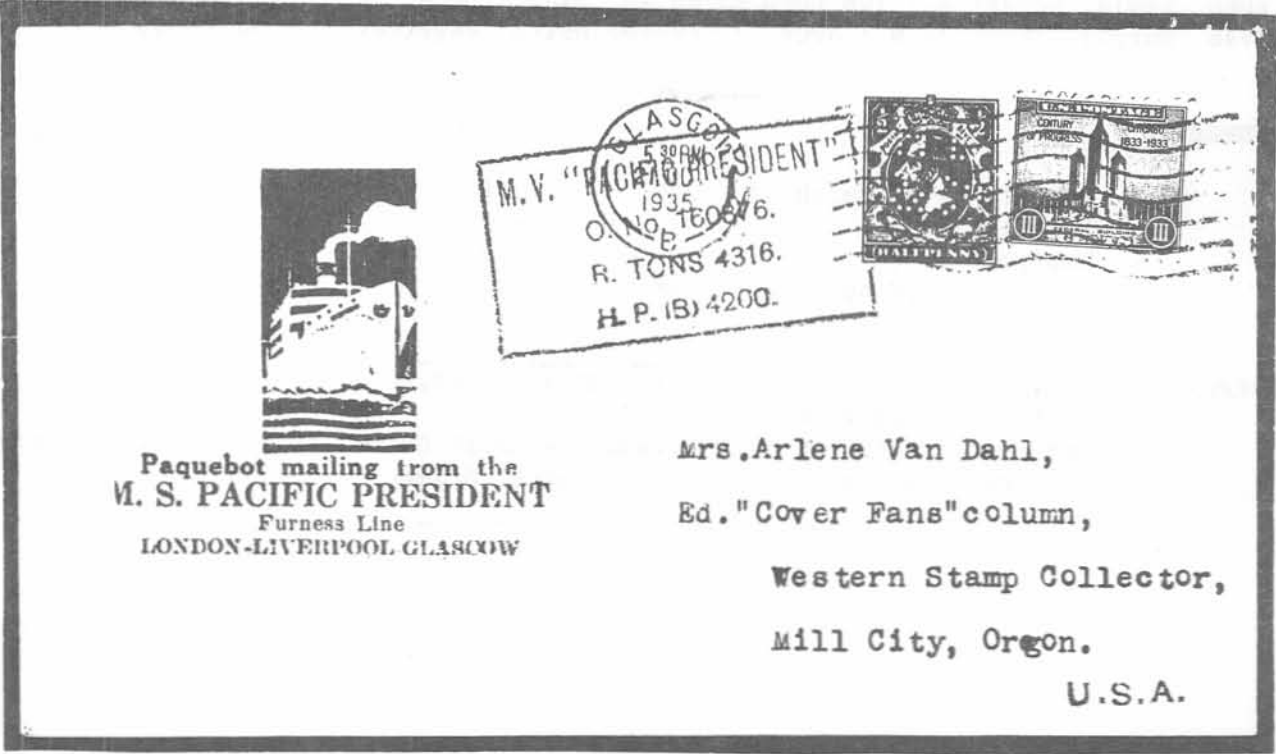
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NOTICE - STOP PRESS Lots of perfin collectors will be at the National Stamp Convention which is being held at the Ramada Hotel Northeast (I-71 & Pfeiffer Road) in Cincinnati, August 9th to 13th. Any perfin collector in the area should stop in. Ask anyone for our publisher, Helen Ratzer, and she will introduce you to the other perfin collectors and to the dealers who have perfins.

US/UK STAMPS ON PAQUEBOT COVER

Wm. Turney (#1538), 1306 Cottonwood Cr., North Vancouver,
B.C., V7P 1K9, Canada

The halfpenny stamp is punched "HB&Co" and it appears to be *Tilles* number H53.4. The cover appears to have been privately mailed from Glassgow.



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SEASON OPENER

CONTAINS AUCTION #41

NEW SALES MANAGER SELECTED

Jackie Ryan (#2601) of 301 South Hine Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53188 has been appointed as Sales Manager, Catalogs. Jackie is replacing Art Atkinson in this capacity. Thank you Art, from all of the Club members for the great service over the years.

A listing of catalog items currently in stock is found elsewhere in this issue.

MEET JACKIE RYAN

Since the 50's, Joe and I have collected France, Canada and U.S. mint. That was not quite enough action for me, so, on occasion I would buy accumulations and I would have a great time sorting stamps and putting them into neat boxes. I came across perfins, did not know what they were, but put them into a cigar box. Then, one day last fall, I found a small article about the Perfins Club with Helen Ratzler's name and telephone number. In my rush to call, I bumped into two doorways. Here I am now, perfectly delighted by each new perfin. I collect almost everything in my beginner's fury. My trading partners have been generous with their time, information and perfin.

I taught Bridge, for twenty years at the Y, also the County Technical School, City of Waukesha Park-Rec, Women's Clubs, Country Clubs and privately.

Joe and I are miniaturists. That is dollhouses, room boxes, furniture and accessories. It took us seven years to make a copy of a house in Waukesha that is not quite finished. The original was built in 1875. It is listed in the National Registry and has lots of nooks, crannies and intricate woodwork. Our model is 1 to 12 scale (1 inch to the foot). In displaying miniatures, my Wedding Room Box took a best of show and Joe's miniature chairs were purchased by and are on display in a Miniature Museum.

Our family consists of four children, four grandchildren, three sons-in-law and my 88 year old mother.

I hope to be able to do as good a job as Art did for the Club.

Jackie Ryan

NOTES FROM THE
EDITOR'S DESK

Crofton, Maryland, August 15, 1988

We have good news and bad news this month. The good news is that the U.S. Postal Service finally (with prompting) answered our question about library rate. The bad news is, well to quote the answer:

...according to postal regulations if you enclose a personal note in your package, you will have to pay the additional amount of postage at the First-Class rate.

Order forms can be mailed at the library rate but a book must also be enclosed in the package.

I have forwarded a copy of the postal regulations to our librarian. To sum up: You can use library rate to mail library materials back to the Perfins Club Library. Cite article 725 of the Domestic Mail Manual to the uncooperative postal clerk. Indicate Perfins Club Library in the address. If you include any personal material, you are subject to the first class rate.

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The page numbering on the July/August may have thrown you for a loop. The extra 4 pages must have overloaded my brain circuits. It should have been numbered pages 121 through 144. Please mark the page starting with member Finger 126, the one starting with member Harp 127 and 128. The page starting with member Lyding is pp 137/138. Member Poole starts pp 139/140. Member A.D. Thomas starts pp 141/142, the Secretary's report starts pp 143/144. Sorry, for the inconvenience, I will try to do better. This issue's first page is numbered page 145 which will hopefully put me back on the right track.

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U. S. CATALOG TOPICS

Douglas J. Cutler, U.S. Catalog Editor
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Dear Members:

I would like to thank the Executive Board for accepting my nomination for the job of U.S. Perfins Catalog Editor. I will do all I can to fill the position that Harry Rickard has left to me. Thank you Harry, for all the work that you have done in the past (and the help that you have given me) and I hope that you will continue to help the Club and me as time and health permits in the future.

First, I must apologize to the members who contacted me in March, April and May. I was involved in some local politics, which consumed most of my time. Thank the stars that I did not get elected to the School Board, now I can settle down and get back to the perfin projects that I love so much. I also started a new job as a full-time Rural Carrier with the Shelby, Michigan Post Office. My wife, Janna, was having some health problems, but this turned out to be wonderful as she is pregnant with our third child rather than being ill. On top of everything else, we are buying our first home and have all the little things associated with that to contend with.

So now that things have cleared up a bit, I hope to clear out the backlog and get to your inquiries. But, if I seem to take a little long, please be patient, I will get to you.

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I have a number of things that I would like to cover with you, so here goes.

When you send patterns to be checked, please send them unmounted. Enclose some sort of inventory sheet with your notations about each stamp. This can be done as follows:

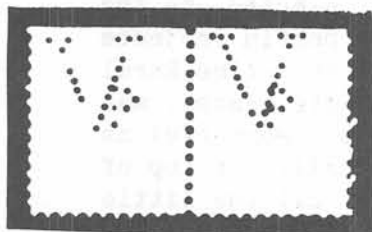
- o Place individual stamps in separate glassines, with notes concerning the stamps on a piece of paper, or
- o Send the stamps on a stock card, with an inventory sheet containing your notes.

Please remember to enclose an SASE, as this will help the Club. If possible send a contact-print, but this is not necessary as I have the equipment to do this.

If you use them, there are some good one-to-one photocopiers available; however, I still will need to see the stamps, to make sure that the measurements are correct, for comparisons of similar patterns.

Concerning the patterns V22.5, V22.6 and V22.7: V22.6 and V22.7 are actually the same pattern. The problem here is that two perforating machines were used to make the complete pattern. There are an number of conjectures that could be made, but I will wait until all the facts are in. Both perforating machines used are multi-pattern dies. The "V's" appear to be pretty uniform and are similar to pattern V1. The "P's" have differences and appear to be either homemade or the result of a hastily made perforating machine. In V22.5, the "P" is 2½ mm wide. In V22.7 and V22.6, the "P" is 3 mm wide. The stamps were probably used by the same firm as V1, Vitaphone, but by a different department (i.e., President, Personnel, Parts, etc.). In any event, the "P" can appear in any position in relation to the "V". So, V22.6 will be deleted from the catalog for now, unless some evidence is forthcoming proving that the position of the "P" is relative to another department.

Here are some photos for you to consider, note the pair of stamps.



V22.5



V22.7

This will add a new category of perfin type, which I have entitled, "H,H", to the Lougee Chart. This differs from the "EX" and "EN" types due to the use of two perforating machines.

Thanks to President Dick Mewhinney for the evidence.

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Another area of concern has to do with the size of the perfin. Although the U.S. Postal Service has a regulation governing the size and intent of the use of perforated initials, and the Perfins Club, has adopted this intent, without actually making it a By-Law, the question is: Should illegally sized perfins be listed and given appropriate catalog numbers?

With the knowledge that the Cummins Perforator Company has always used pins that were larger than is permitted by the regulation, 0.035 inches rather than the 0.03125 inches as allowed, and since some patterns do not meet the ½ square inch area allowed, I believe that we should list them. Your comments are invited on the subject. Please send your comments to the Bulletin editor, for publication, so that other members can see your opinions expressed.

My own thoughts are that any perfin, whether or not it was a security endorsement, appearing on regular, airmail, special delivery, parcel post, or registration postage stamps, should be listed and given a U.S. Perfins Catalog number. This could also include postal stationary, envelopes, postal cards, and letter sheets.

All perfin and punch-cancellations used on revenue stamps, regardless of size, should be listed and numbered in their own revenue perfin catalog with a number, even though some perfins used on revenue stamps also appear on postage stamps. Some revenue perfins were used as security endorsements to prove ownership.

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Another area that I would like to see expanded is die plating. Possibly some kind of catalog that would picture the various perfin pattern varieties of a die. This would have to be a very large format do to the logistics of horizontal and vertical formats of dies and the numbers of patterns per die: One, two, five, ten, fifteen, twenty, etc.

Here is the horizontal die of ten patterns of catalog number H179. As you can see, there are small differences among the various patterns. Pattern H179 evidently was not made with a template. If it was, there had to be an awful lot of resistance in the die material or the drill was pretty dull. Or the drill operator was under somekind of stress, or it was his first attempt at drilling a perforating machine die.

Whatever the reason for the difference the question remains, should these small differences be given regular catalog numbers?

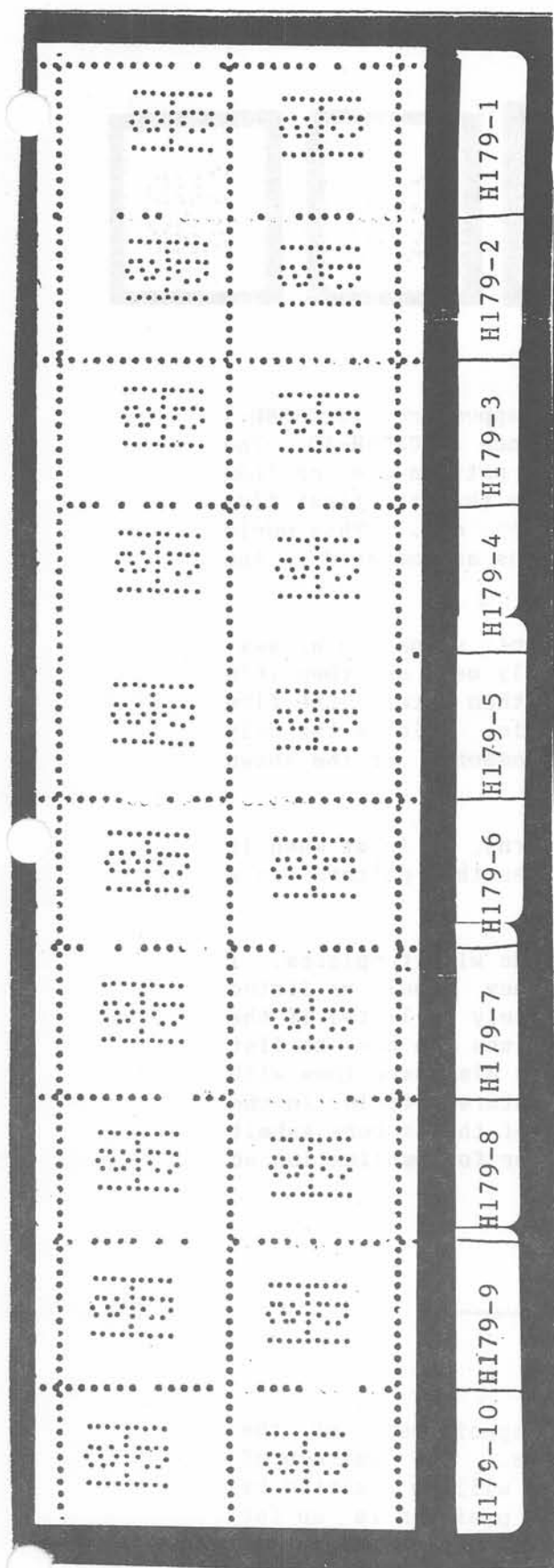
Here are some prints of C356H. You will have to match your perfins to these to note the differences, but some of them are quite large. The question here is, are these pattern from the same die or from other dies? I have identified two of the positions from the prints, but if it is a ten pattern die, I still need to locate two more patterns.



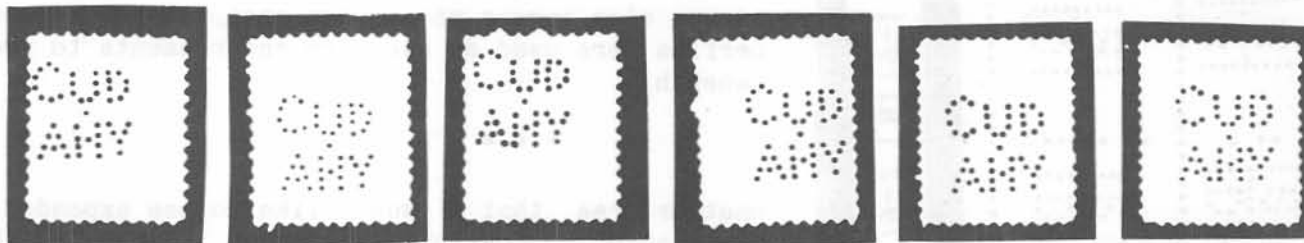
C356H-1



C356H-10



Here are six more patterns that have some differences. I have not identified their positions as yet.



You will note that the first three have a similar appearance to C356H-1 and that the second three have a similar appearance to C356H-10. The question that arises here is, are these from a ten pattern die or from two different five pattern dies? It is possible that the first five pattern die was used to make the second five pattern die. This would account for the similar conditions of four patterns as compared to the other four patterns.

In W85, W85A and W85B, a completely different situation arises. Apparently, a one or two pattern die was originally used and then it's template was used to make a five pattern die and then later, the five pattern template was used to make a ten pattern die. This is the only way that I can manage to explain the differing amounts of the known varieties.

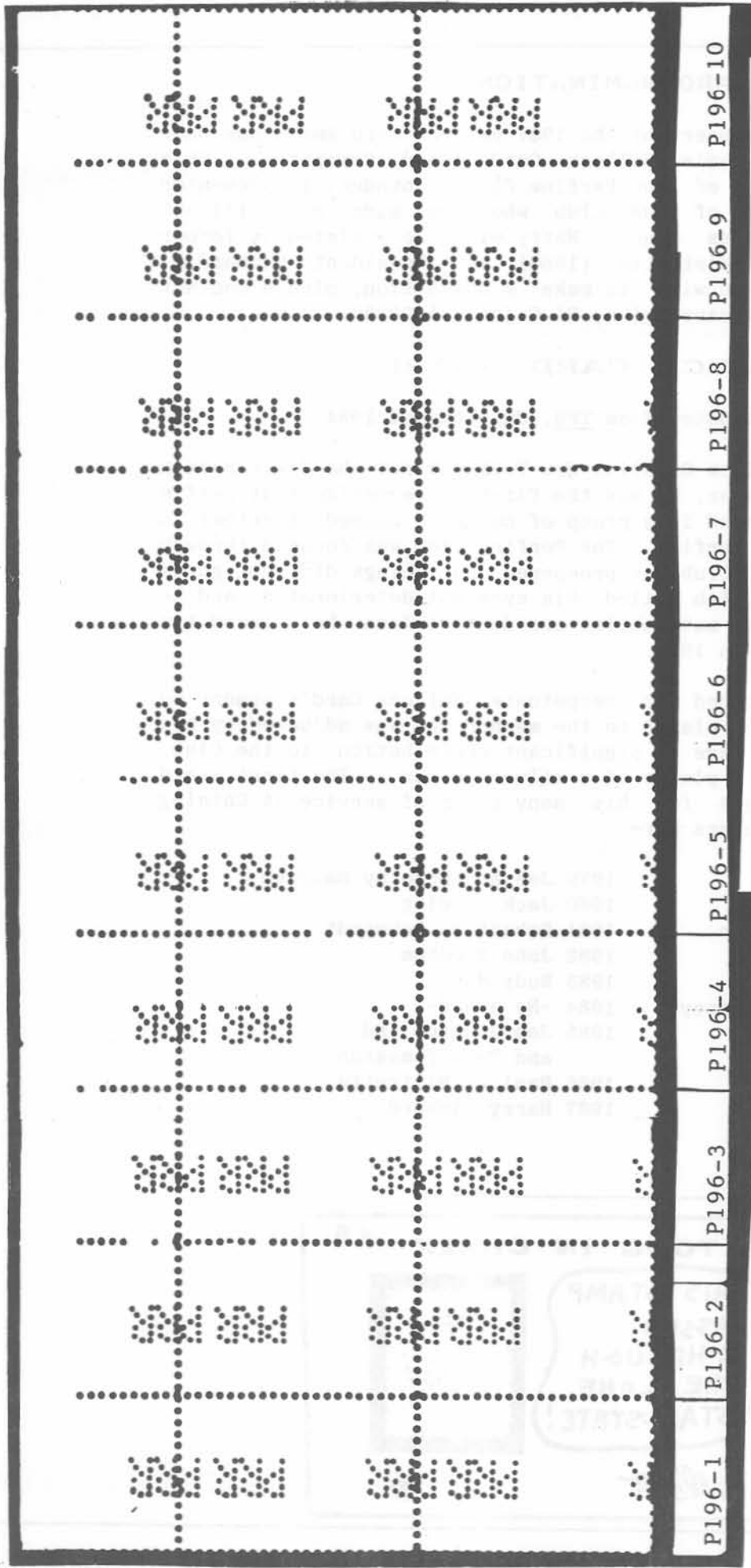
The pattern W85 is a horizontal die of ten patterns, at least when it appears on Scott Catalogue number 653. I will cover this pattern in a future article.

As you can see not all pattern dies have been made with templates. I believe that even though differences are small, they should be listed and assigned catalog numbers. They should definitely be listed if the patterns have large differences. The question arises on how to list them? I have some thoughts on this and have discussed them with President Dick Mewhinney. I will list them in a future article in the Bulletin, in the meantime why don't the rest of the members submit their thoughts on the subject to the Bulletin editor for publication so a consensus can be developed.

See pattern P196 on the following page:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Dick Mewhinney has announced the appointment of the nominating committee for the selection of officers. The chairman of the nominating committee is Robert J. Schwerdt, who will be assisted by Martin O'Grady and J.M. Randall. The treasurers position is up for nomination and election this year, the incumbent is Jack Gooding. If you wish to make a nomination, please contact Bob Schwerdt at 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.



P196

Just so you don't think it is completely impossible to list the differing patterns, here is a pattern that the differences are so small that they are very hard to detect. P196 is a ten pattern vertical die and here is a print to show that a template was used to drill the holes of the die.

You can see how the pattern falls horizontally, but in an uneven punch. When you compare the vertical patterns of the die you can see the uniformity of the pattern spacing as well as the holes of each pattern.

So, all ten patterns of this die would receive the catalog number of P196 and no additional numbers would be needed, except when one die plater was corresponding with another die plater.

HALLOCK CARD AWARD NOMINATIONS

Harry Rickard (#1802), winner of the 1987 Hallock Card Award has been named chairman of this year's Hallock Card Award Committee. This award, named in memory of the Perfins Club's founder, is presented annually to the member of the club who has made a significant contribution to the Perfins Club. Harry will be assisted by former award winners Paul A. Mistretta (1986) and President Richard L. Mewhinney (1973). If you wish to make a nomination, please contact Harry Rickard at 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020.

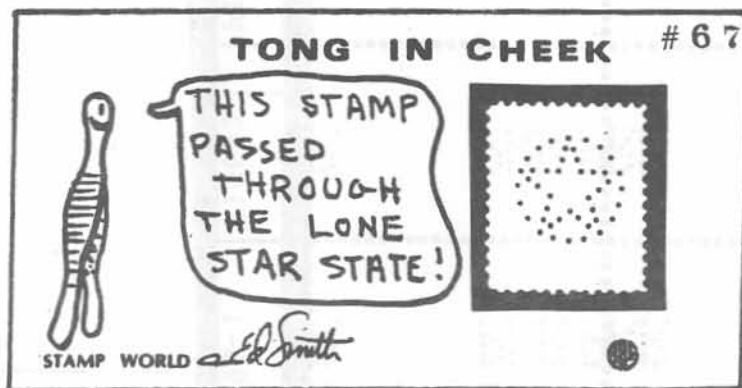
THE HALLOCK CARD AWARD

Edited and updated from TPB, July/August 1984

Hallock Card, a printer from Otselic, New York was not the first person to collect perfins; however, he was the first to recognize that perfin collecting could be enhanced if a group of collectors banded together to exchange information on perfins. The Perfins Club was founded through his efforts in 1943. The Club has prospered, but things did not go as well for Hallock. His health failed, his eyesight deteriorated, and he was involved in a serious automobile accident before he closed his albums for the last time in 1956.

In 1967, the Club decided to perpetuate, Hallock Card's memory by annually awarding a silver plaque to the member who was adjudged by his fellow members to have made a significant contribution to the Club. This was later change to a plaque of a silver color. The first award was made to K.F. Lougee for his many years of service as Catalog Chairman. Subsequent winners were:

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| 1969 Leonard H. Paul | 1980 Jack Gooding |
| 1970 Dorothy L. Savage | 1981 Robert J. Schwerdt |
| 1971 James P. Harris | 1982 John Needham |
| 1972 L.R. Murray | 1983 Rudy Roy |
| 1973 Richard L. Mewhinney | 1984 -No award- |
| 1974 Vojtech Maxa | 1985 Jon Johnson and
and Gary Tomasson |
| 1975 Ivan Ley | 1986 Paul A. Mistretta |
| 1976 Floyd A. Walker | 1987 Harry Rickard |
| 1977 Robert J. Wolley | |
| 1978 -No award- | |



K&E COVERS

Vice President, Edward S. Hoyt (# 292) reports that he also has an early Keuffel & Esser Co. cover (See TPB, May 1988, p. 84). This one is postmarked October 16, 1909 at 2:30PM from Hoboken, New Jersey. Backstamps on this cover are:

HARRISBURG, PA / TRANSIT. (OCT / 17 / 1 AM / 1909),
EPHRATA, PA / REC'D. (OCT / 18 / 8 AM / 1909), and
LINCOLN, PA / REC'D. (OCT / 18 / 10AM / 1909)

OF NOTE

President Dick Mewhinney brought my attention to the excellent article in the May 1988 issue of American Philatelist, journal of the American Philatelic Society, by our member Albert E. Spenser (#1261). Of particular interest to Dick was the fact that five of the twenty illustrations refer to piano and organ companies in the town in which he lives, a community of less than ten thousand people.

Jacob Kissner (#2168) letter to the editor in the August 1988 issue of American Philatelist comments on "interesting finds" in mixtures that he has purchased. But, a moth the size of a bat???

WANT ADS AND NOTICES

Want ads and notices are published without charge to Club members on a space available basis. Non-member's items are also published on a space available basis if they are considered of interest. While the Perfins Club makes every effort to insure that ads are accurate we can assume no responsibility for these want ads and notices.

If you want to place an ad or notice in the Bulletin, please mail it to the editor. If you desire a checking copy, please enclose an SASE.

CASH REWARD - Cash reward for 5 escaped Chinese Bandits: A/P/Co, CN/LI, K&W, PC/A, H.S/B.C (note identifying bullet holes.) Informants are urged to contact: Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

FOR SALE - Design Number 10 is one of the more interesting patterns. It has been previously shown relative to an unusual circumstance. Member Charles Squire (#2578) sent in this photo block of twelve which he wants to sell. As you may perceive, it is uncanceled and Charles says that it is mint, Never Hinged (* NH). For perfins collectors that is not too important. If you want to buy it send \$20.00 to Charles Squire, 17222 North Central Avenue #178, Phoenix, AZ 85022.



Partial illustration of block 12 Design #10.

WANTED - Perfins of Jewish persons and firms (world wide). Dr. S. Dagoni, 34643 Haifa, 58 Hanassi Avenue, Israel.

FOR SALE - The Perfin collection of the late Robert Gray is being offered for sale by Mrs. Gray. Any members interested in purchasing this collection should contact her. She will accept offers until two months following the publication of this Bulletin (November 1, 1988). This is an issues collection consisting of 4,560 perfins in 5 notebooks listed by railroad. Interested parties should contact Mrs. Robert Gray, 1721 11th. Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060.

WANTED - Japanese perfins and private control overprints, on or off cover; duplicate patterns OK. Will purchase or try to find other country perfins for trade. Eugene D. Alpern, 3030 Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026.

SWAP WANTED - As an Australian Perfin collector, I have many 1,000's of common Australian issues duplicated, including "G.N.S.W., V.G., and T." I would like to swap these on a one-to-one basis with any other collectors common duplication of their country. Arthur R. Taylor, 19 Sundowner Avenue, BERRARA 2540, N.S.W., Australia.

COLLECTOR WITH LIMITED INTERESTS - Being new to perfins, I am trying to expand my collection of French Indochina and Offices in China into this area. Although there are only a few types, I wish to buy/trade for stamps and covers in duplicate. Ron Bentley, 2600 North 24th. Street, Arlington, VA 22207.

FOR SALE - Perfins Bulletins - Complete 1972 through 1988 - 50 cents each/ \$5.00 a year plus postage. H.J. Burkhalter, 28 Fleming Street, Auburn, NY 13021.

WANTED - Covers with perfined air mail stamps, especially Mexico, Columbia, Canal Zone, but also worldwide. J.C. Boonshaft, P.O. Box 531, Huntington Valley, PA 19006

SOUTH AFRICAN PERFINS

The four British Colonies-Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Orange River Colony and Transvaal-united on May 31, 1910 to form the Union of South Africa. From that date until September 1, 1913-the Inter-Provincial period-colonial stamps were valid for postage in all of the colonies without restriction to the colony in which the company was situated. Consequently, identical perfin patterns can sometimes be found on stamps of the four colonies and on stamps of the Union.

Union of South African stamps were in use in South-West Africa from 1916 until 1923 and in Basutoland until 1933. The possibility exists that perfins on Union stamps may be found with cancellations from these two places.

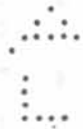





Because of the perfin complexity of this area, all five collecting areas are grouped together and an alphabetical numbering system has been used for the catalog pages. Spaces with designs or with X's indicate that perfins are known to exist. At the end of the private (commercial) perfin section will be found the fiscal and official sections, which have comparable catalog numbers to the private perfins except where certain dies, at present, are found only for fiscal or official use. It is probable that many more unreported fiscal perfin types exist with the same dies as those of the private sector. The municipal government perfins are listed in the official section.

Various punch cancelling devices: PAID, CANCELLED in large letters, and "Star" and other punch holes are found on colonial and union postal and revenue stamps. Partials of BETAALD (meaning paid) plus date are found on stamps of the Republic of South Africa. Kodak punch cancels are not listed, but are found on stamps of the Republic period.

- KEY:**
- 1 Cape Of Good Hope
 - 2 Natal
 - 3 Orange Free State [OFS], British Occupation [BO], Orange River Colony [ORC]
 - 4 Transvaal
 - 5 Union Of South Africa [UN], Republic Of South Africa [REP]

<u>Cat. #</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Key</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
A1	A/L	5		Johannesburg
A2	A&B.A./?	1,4		Johannesburg
B1	BB	1,5		Capetown
B2	BB	4,5		
B3	B.B	5		Durban
B4	BB	5		

NOTES:

1 CAPE OF G.H.	2 NATAL	3 ORANGE FS BO RC	4 TRANSVAAL	5 SOUTH AFRICA UN REP
				 A1 UN
A88A  A2			X	
 B1				X
			X	 B2 UN
				 B3 UN
				 B4 UN

A. Commercials

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<u>Cat. #</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Key</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
B5	BB/&C ^o	1,3	Baker, Baker & Co.	Kingwilliamstown
B6	BB/&C ^o	1	Baker, Baker & Co.	Kingwilliamstown
B7	BB/PE	1	Baker, Baker & Co.	Port Elizabeth
B8	BGL	1	Bagshaw, Gibaud & Co. LTD.	Port Elizabeth
B9	B.G.L	1	Bagshaw, Gibaud & Co. LTD.	Port Elizabeth
B10	B.K.	3,5	Baker, King & Co.	East London

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WANT ADS (con.)

NOTICE - William F. Baekers, Secretary of Perfin Club Nederland has written to inform us that effective 1 August 1988 his address is P.O. Box 3052, 5003 DB TILBURG, Netherlands.

BELGIAN PRECANCEL STUDY - Thanks to Albert B. De Lisle (#1684), Editor/Publisher of THE BELGIOPHILE, we learned that the American Belgian Philatelic Society is starting a study of Belgian Precancels. If the many precancel collectors among our members wish additional information about the study or the society, please write to Albert at 15433 Boswell Boulevard, Sun City, AZ 85351-1275.

KATALOG PERFINU

Katalog Perfinu z území Československa (Catalogue of perfins from the Territory of Czechoslovakia), Prague, Czechoslovakia, 1987, Vojtěch Maxa, Václav Fejtech, and Ladislav Janecek, hardbound: 5-7/8 x 8-3/8 inches, 184 pages with two page English introduction.

As we have known, Vojtěch Maxa is the ultimate source of knowledge concerning the perfins of Czechoslovakia. This new publication will only serve to enhance that image. The catalog, written in Czechoslovakian, lists all perfins used by firms, companies, private collectors and stamp clubs operating in the territory of present day Czechoslovakia from the time of their introduction until their disappearance about 1950. Because of the layout and introduction of new materials a new numbering system is introduced. For example perfin B 14,5 has been added between perfin B 14 and B 15.

The catalog provides basic data about perfin user, the validity of data (i.e., direct or indirect identification), the year of the company's founding or incorporation is given as is data addressing the post offices used by the firm.

The fact that the catalog is printed in Czechoslovakian did not present any problems to us because of the excellent two page English language introduction provided with the book. This is the definitive catalog of Czechoslovakian perfins and Czechoslovakian perfins that may be found on stamps of Austria, Hungary, Poland, Germany, Bohemia and Moravia, Slovakia as well as Czechoslovakia.

Queries, questions may be addressed to Vojtěch Maxa, P.S.50, 170 21 PRAHA 7 Czechoslovakia. Correspondence may be in English, French, German or Czechoslovakian. NB: I have written requesting information about availability and how to purchase a copy. The answer will be printed in the BULLETIN, when received. JFL

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Where to mail it:

Advertisements, news items, and articles should be mailed to the Bulletin editor, John F. Lyding, P.O. Box 3342, Crofton, MD 21114-3342. Dues and changes of address should be mailed to the Secretary, Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 1, Dryden, ME 04225.

**AUCTION 41
CLOSES - NOVEMBER 1, 1988**

PLEASE READ THESE RULES BEFORE BIDDING: Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next highest bidder: Under \$1, a \$.05 advance; \$1 to \$2, a \$.10 advance; \$2 to \$5, a \$.25 advance; and over \$5 a 10% advance.

No unlimited bids will be accepted. No single bids for groups of lots will be accepted. Please make your bids in multiples of \$.05. In case of tie bids, the first bid received will be accepted. Cash deposits on bids are not required. All single perfins are complete and in good condition unless otherwise specified. Straightedges are not considered damaged. In larger lots, mixes, etc., incomplete perfins, splits and duplicates are to be expected.

BID BY LOT NUMBER NOT BY CATALOG NUMBER:

U.S. regular stamps between Scott Catalogue numbers 331 and 546 are listed "as is" and are not returnable. Lots are returnable if the Perfins Catalog number is incorrect. **HOWEVER, LOTS MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN THREE DAYS OF RECEIPT!** All lots are to be paid for within three days of receipt. Foreign Catalog numbers are those of recognized catalogs available to members through the Perfin Club Library. **LOTS ARE TO BE PAID FOR WITHIN THREE DAYS OF RECEIPT!**

ABBREVIATIONS:

blk -	block	ho -	hole out at	pr -	pair of stamps
blk4 -	block of 4		margin, not	prov -	provisional
cc -	corner card		complete	pp(s) -	pulled perf(s)
cd -	post card	inc -	incomplete	sc -	scuff of stp face
cl -	clipped	iss -	issues	se -	straight edge
co -	company	LL -	large letters	sl -	small letters
cp -	clipped corner	lp -	light punch; hole	sp -	split perfin pat
cr -	creased stp		barely seen	stp -	stamp
cv -	cover	m -	mint	str -	strip of stamps
dam -	slight damage	mb -	minimum bid	st -	stock transfer
	such as tear;	mg -	monogram	th -	thinned stamp(s)
	corner off	mx -	mix	tp -	triple punch
diag -	diagonal pat	nr -	no rating	tr -	tear in stamp
dif -	different	off -	official	unl -	unlisted
dp -	double punched	ovpt -	overprint	v -	variety; 1 or more
dup -	duplicate	pat -	pattern(s)		holes do not match
h, 1h-	perf pat inc	pb -	plate block		the catalog
	by # of holes	pc -	precancel		illustration

MAIL YOUR BIDS TO THE AUCTION CHAIRMAN:

**ED Linn
1211 Arroyo Grande Drive
Sacramento, CA 95864**

R A T STAMP				R A T STAMP				R A T STAMP			
Lot No.	Description	E SCOTT #	Lot No.	Description	E SCOTT #	Lot No.	Description	E SCOTT #			
1	A120	F 1035	31	Des #2 bottom	B 375	66	B119	B 510			
2	C84	E 1035		stp tr, cover window soiled		67	B131 se	B 425			
3	C85	E 1213		soiled, sc		68	B143 hi	C 586			
	C85	F 1285	32	Des#46,First Day D	1393	69	B151 se	B 375			
4	F68A inc puts	E 1209,1283		Des#46,First Day D	1338	70	B154	C 553			
5	N113J11 se	E 528	33	Des#50,First Day D	1605	71	B129	C 375			
6	U23	E 1035 (x2)		U.S. ENVELOPES	C	72	B233A	A 807			
	U.S. PERFINs ON PIECE		34	40 - MIXTURE		73	B242	B 634			
7	30 (20 diff)with date stamp			BELGIUM		74	B242 se, h	B 499			
	U.S. POSTAL CARD		35	T.R.	69(x2)	75	B261	C 504			
8	B3	F 804, UX28		CHINA		76	B261 se	C 504			
	U.S. POST CARDS		36	HCB (diag)	396	77	B290	C 375			
9	H18 se	D 331		CURACAO		78	B's 9 dif w faults	mb \$2			
10	T81	F 424	37	MB inc pat	C9	79	C19	B 554			
	(Picture Traveler's Tower corners worn)			FRANCE		80	C19	B 558			
11	U54	E 543	38	C/&S cr tr	711,712	81	C74	C 406			
	(Commercial Card)		39	C.N.E. registered	340(x2)	82	C96	B 376			
	U.S BROCHURE - P.F. COLLIER & SON & SON			fm Comptior National	364	83	C104	B 425			
				D'escompte		84	C122 se	B 375			
				GERMANY		85	C125	C 302			
12	C360	E 421	40	FH	69	86	C125 se	C 304			
	U.S. COMMERCIAL ENVELOPES		41	DB registered	130,134&138	87	C129.5	B 398			
13	A76 tr on cv	E 638(x2) & U436	42	DB registered	134&138	88	C133	C 499			
				CATALOG		89	C136 sp	B 499			
14	A91 3h	D 690	43	Spanish Perfin	mb \$11	90	C152C-15	C 428			
15	B116-33 torn open on side, letter enclosed	D 131		U.S. PERFINs		91	C154	A 570			
15.5	B229	D 331	44	A3	C 375	92	C154 5ho	A 555			
16	C24 torn open side, stained	E 319 (x2)	45	A46A	A 416	93	C186	B 416			
17	C84 se, both dp	E 425 (x2)	46	A115	B 499	94	C203 se, 5 ho	B 424			
18	C152-4 sm cv tr	D 499	47	A115 se	B 425	95	C221 se, pp's	B 503			
19	C353 torn open on side, tr	E 1033 (x2) U536	48	A116A se	C 375	96	C231 pp	C 506			
20	M259 1/2 top open	E 720	49	A117	C 375	97	C238	E 470			
21	M295 sp	D 554	50	A161 se	C 559	98	C248.5 hI	B 332			
22	N113-J11 torn open at side, letter encl.	E 720	51	A162	C 378	99	C250	B 504			
23	P80.1-80.5 (SESCAL-77)	E Various	52	A182 se, hi	C 427	100	C253 hI	B 503			
24	P127	D 426	53	A193 (pc Hawaii 1778-1928)	D 647	101	C257 torn corner	B 503			
25	P240 stained	E 1035	54	A203	B 375	102	C265.5	C 555			
26	R159 tear, rough open 3 sides	C 405(x4) U406tr MB \$15.00	55	A236	B 499	103	C265.5	C 566			
27	S203 letter enc	E * 425	56	A237	C 583	104	C271	B 433			
28	U36 cvr&stp tr	E 425	57	A270-16	B 398	105	C316 2 se	C 406			
29	V8	C 558	58	A270-16 pp	B 399	106	C316 se	C 375			
30	Des #1, corner	D 375	59	A275.5 cr, pp's	B 516	107	C320 2 ho	B 557			
			60	A289	C 499	108	C322	B 332			
			61	A's 11 dif w faults	all B'S mb \$2	109	C336	C 504			
			62	B12.7 2se	B 406	110	C337 hi	B 556			
			63	B16	B 338	111	C337 cr	B 556			
			64	B26	C 562	112	C340 pc	C E12			
			65	B27 h0	B 406	113	C349 se, hi	B 414			
						114	C354	B 378			
						115	C356H	D 331			

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		T STAMP			T STAMP			T STAMP	
		E SCOTT #			E SCOTT #			E SCOTT #	
116	C358	C	332	164 G155B	C	814	213 L169.5	B	586
117	C381	B	406	165 G155B.5	C	807	214 L172 se	B	332
118	C386 pp's	C	512	166 G160 pp	B	Q6	215 M39 ho, se	B	499
119	C386 pp's	C	512	167 G170clipped side C		375	216 M44	A	499
120	C398 se	B	527	168 G193	B	375	217 M51	C	553
121	C405	C	642	169 H4 se	B	405	218 M122	B	557
122	C407	C	585	170 H21	B	499	219 M129	C	406
123	C407 se	C	510	171 H23	B	375	220 M129 cl, cp	C	374
124	C408	C	463	172 H52	B	377	221 M132	C	428
125	C's 13 dif w faults, all B's MB \$2.00			173 H52	B	424	222 M147 oc	B	406
				174 H64 se	B	425	223 M204	B	375
126	D51.5 hi	A	374	175 H77	B	425	224 M215 se	C	375
127	D54 pp	C	376	176 H78	B	Q6	225 M264 ho pp's	C	555
128	D55 2 ho	B	375	177 H113 pp's	B	498	226 M272.5	B	503
129	D55 pp's	B	375	178 H117	B	406	227 M273	B	499
130	D62 se, sp, 2 h	B	332	179 H153	C	424	228 M273	B	429
131	D92, sc	C	377	180 H206	C	813	229 M275	B	332
132	D107 se, cl	B	499	181 H227	B	567	230 M287 2 h	D	Q1
133	D117b	b	642	182 I17 pr, imp	C	346	231 N22	C	377
134	D152 pc	b	632	183 I18	C	425	232 N22 se	C	406
135	E8 se	B	414	184 I48 sp	B	562	233 N22	c	504
136	E9	C	510	185 I91 pp, se	E	Q9	234 N51	B	501
137	E20 cl	C	332	186 I92A cr	C	1047	235 N71 cr	C	416
138	E47A	B	499	187 I97	C	406	236 N88	C	552
139	E62	B	499	188 I107	B	498	237 N88	C	378
140	E84 sp	B	375	189 I107 4 ho, pc	B	569	238 N88	C	560
141	E101.5 pp	B	695	190 I107 se	B	Q2	239 N93	B	554
142	E122	C	Q7	191 I107	B	Q5	240 N93	B	554
143	F39.5	B	503	192 J19 se	C	498	241 N94	C	499
144	F56	C	424	193 J31 3 ho	B	499	242 N113D12	C	705
145	F155 se, clipped side			194 J66 clipped side B		374	243 N113G3	B	807
		B	456	se, hi			244 N113H7	C	708
146	F174clipped side C		559	195 J78	C	405	245 N113 9 dif (4 D's & 5 E's)		
147	F211 2se	B	375	196 J113	B	376	246 N113 6 diff E's		
148	F223	C	374	197 J137	C	426	247 N126 2 se, ho	B	501
149	F226 se	B	425	198 J140	C	406	248 N175A ho, sc	A	600
150	G21 se	B	406	199 J146 se	B	375	249 N182A	C	398
151	G27 hi	B	379	200 J156	B	370	250 N190	C	375
152	G28	C	634	201 J168 pc	B	503	251 N192 2 se, pp's	B	375
153	G45	C	549	202 K23	B	406	252 O20	B	504
154	G47	D	300	203 K35 h	B	506	253 O92	B	Q1
155	G47 se	D	304	204 K66 se	B	332	254 O93	C	Q1
156	G47	D	319	205 K67 se	B	499	255 P11 se	C	375
157	G64 clipped side B		501	206 L10 se	B	406	256 P20 se	C	425
158	G83	B	406	207 L55 4 dif pats			257 P24 se	C	425
159	G111se	B	406	208 L75	C	501	258 P35 se	B	499
160	G127 se	C	567	209 L89	C	499	259 P69 hi	B	406
161	G125 blk 4, 2oc	C	555	210 L142	B	557	260 P88 se	C	425
162	G125 pr	C	567	211 L145	B	332	261 P111	B	375
163	G134 se	B	375	212 L148	C	499	262 P137.5 pc	B	557

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263	P162	B	566	313 U74	C	820	AUSTRALIA	
264	P185A	B	425	314 U104.5	C	1584	358 ES	116
265	P214 3 se	C	375	315 V3 se	B	501	359 B	103
266	P230	C	425	316 V7	B	425	360 G/NSW 11 dif stps	
267	P242	C	510	317 V9 se	B	501	361 OS, LL	37
268	P253 cl	C	426	318 V20	C	510	362 OS, LL 4 dif stps	
269	R32	B	504	319 W45 hi	B	406	363 J.C./+Co/Ltd (x3), PL/+B (x3)	
270	R33	B	527	320 W51 se	B	503	364 VG 27 dif stps	
271	R33	B	557	321 W66 2h	B	406	365 22 stps, 13 pats	
272	R75A	D	E14	322 W113 clipped side		425	AUSTRIA	
273	R99 hi	B	406	323 W122.5	B	633	366 C63 (SEE PHOTO)	115
274	R116	B	406	324 W133	C	375	367 WBV Office in Turkey	39
275	R151 se	C	425	325 W133 pp's	C	Q4	368 WBV Office in Turkey	47
276	R173 se	B	375	326 W157 4 ho, se	B	375	BELGIUM	
277	S13 se	B	375	327 W188 se	B	375	369 AB/+C, A18	87
278	S23 ho	B	557	328 W192 se	B	426	370 B.F., B56	65
279	S38 pp's	C	720	329 W203.3	C	499	371 C.B., C107	119
280	S54 2 h	B	406	330 W200 h	E	C10	372 CL, C74	138
281	S71	B	375	331 #2 hi	C	503	373 K/LTD, K8	227
282	S79	B	463	332 Des 10	C	499	374 S.C., S46, cr	147
283	S114	C	499	333 Des 40.5 hi	B	558	375 Walques, W3	56
284	S120, S121 pblk	E	1036	334 Shermack 21	O	344	376 Triangle, des 8	809
285	S124 se	B	499	335 C's 27 dif			377 5 pt star, des 12	68
286	S160 se	A	374	336 D's 15 dif			378 5 pt star, des 12	73
287	S161 se	B	499	337 D's 13 dif			379 #6, of 7	489
288	S171 se	B	425	338 D's 100 mixed			German Occupation	
289	S174	C	554	339 E's 25 dif			380 DFC, des 25	N3
290	S174	C	557	340 E's 300 + mixed			BOLIVIA	
291	S207	C	375	341 F's 54 dif			381 Cancela (do missing) 10+20E	
292	S207	C	504	342 Precancels,perfins 70+ dif			BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	
293	S225	B	406	343 Precancels,perfins 75 mix			382 A.T., unl	13
294	S236	B	375	344 105 dif pats			383 P.L.B	35
295	S267	C	378	345 11 mixed pats			384 P.L.B sp	91
296	S272	B	374	346 Blks of 4, 6 dif			BRAZIL	
297	S272	B	378	347 100 railroad perfins mix			385 US/MC, #10	526
298	S292 2 h	C	406	348 400 mixed			386 US/MC, #10	583
299	S292 2 h	C	425	349 550 mixed			BRITISH COLONIES	
300	S292	C	610	350 1000 mixed			387 Mix 7 Countries 23 Stamps	
301	S297	C	515	FOREGN			BRITISH SOUTH AFRICAN CO	
302	S301 se	C	378	ALGERIA			388 USED	39
303	S301 hi	C	504	351 CL 2 dif pats		28, 94	BURMA	
304	S316	B	807	352 CL 2 dif pats		27, 104	389 HS/&/CoLd inc punc	4
305	S322 hi	NV	711	ANGOLA			CANADA	
306	S330 se	B	374	353 B.A		257	390 CBC, C6	G 249
307	S333	B	406	354 B.A		365, 376	391 CCC (diag), C8	F 108
308	S365 se	C	375	355 M.O.		373, 377	392 C25	G 232
309	S366 se, pp's	B	425	ARGENTINA			393 CNR (diag)	I 232
310	T1	B	504	356 E.A., 68		729	394 CW/C, C61	F 341
311	T95	B	499	357 E.A., 68		C-89	395 LSC (diag)	F 118
312	U48	D	Q1					

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396	OH/MS, 07	F 119	438	D.D./S.F., D27	B 294	481	C.L (period in center)	3
397	OH/MS, 07	F 232	439	D34	C 321	482	CL, mg	34
398	OH/MS, 08	I 244	440	D35	E 216		FRENCH MOROCCO	
399	M5	F 263	441	DT, D81 3 dif stamps		483	BEM	53
400	PT/L, P17 CAPE OF GOOD HOPE	G 108	442	EM, E16 4 dif stamps		484	BEM sm+large pat	111, 113
401	NGR inc punch CHINA	64	443	F.A.S., f3	B 77	485	Lb	53
402	HS/BC., H5 COLUMBIA	293	444	FM, F29	C 122	486	R.W	159A
403	A.H. COSTA RICO	383	445	H.K., H40	D 238A		FUNCHAL	
404	Des star	071	446	H.R., H55	B 122	487	BB/C	20
405	Des star	071	447	H75	D 266	488	BB/C	23
406	Des star	085	448	IAG, I1	B 158		GERMANY	
407	Des star CUBA	088	449	J.V., J40	B 45	489	AA/U, A53	355
408	BNC	268	450	K.H., K30	C 125	490	AB, A57	357
409	BNC	253, 254, 257	451	L., L2	D 462	491	AC/H	331
410	ENC (diag)	265	452	L.D., L20	D 104	492	AE/G, A222 hi	84
411	GE	356	453	LL, L43	E 227A	493	AEG	200
412	NCB (diag)	265	454	M.N., M21	A 194	494	AF/A, A257	83
413	NCB (diag)	C7	455	N.A., N4	B 157	495	AG, A280	406
414	NCB (diag)	265, 268, 270	456	O11	D 62	496	AH, A323	356
415	PD	356	457	Rx, R23	E 335	497	AH/O, A362	332
416	RV/&/Co	270, 357	458	S.&M., S61	E 304	498	AK, A395	392
417	SA/RRA	265, 268	459	T10	E 28	499	AL, h	46
418	SA/RRA	C5	460	TORM, T25	D 437	500	AL, A449 cp	83
419	SEC (diag) CZECHOSLOVAKIA	265	461	Des #8	C 113	501	AL, h	334
420	AEG, A14	73	462	Sym 17	C 62	502	Allianz	334
421	G.G.V, C14	155		ECUADOR		503	AL/A, A466 h	324
422	D.F.C, D8	186	463	BDE Large B+E small D	210	504	AM, A486 cr	357
423	E22 (SEE PHOTO)	83		EUROPE		505	AP, A576	370
424	ES&S, E30 3 h	97	464	11 Countries 41 stamps mix		506	AR, A569	357
425	F. &B., F7	73		FINLAND		507	AR/D, A617	395
426	G.N., G17 sp	29	465	FORD	172	508	AS/B, A660 cp's	360
427	K.C.M., K14	170	466	S.	79	509	AV/M, A755	119
428	K.O.E., K30	73	467	S. pr	80	510	AW, A763 se	355
429	N., N2	97	468	W	205	511	A.Z., A823	81
430	JO, J58 sp	P2		FIUME		512	B, B5	181
431	P., P5	318	469	B.I.S.	168	513	B, B23	146
432	S.D., S16 DANZIG	42	470	B.M. sp	173	514	BB, B67	374
433	UBC/L	87		FRANCE		515	B.B., B73	82
434	UBC/L DENMARK	184	471	HRC scarce gutter pair	162	516	B.B.V., B115 h	186
435	A.A, A6 h	E 318	472	PAIX	540	517	BB/V, B121 sc	368
436	AG., A25	B 238	473	Des COCK	139	518	BB/Z, B126	376
437	B, B4	B 64	474	Des COW	191	519	B.C., B141	368
				FRENCH OFFICES IN EGYPT		520	BD, B164 cl & cp	187
			475	CL	22	521	B.D./&C, B185	187
			476	CL/A	56	522	B.E., B197	357
			477	CL/A	81	523	BF/L h	331
				FRENCH OFFICES IN TURKEY		524	B.G.F., B265	81
			478	BIO	25	525	BHG, B299	332
			479	CL	4	526	BK, B339	355
			480	C.L (period in center)	2	527	B.L.A, B393	83

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528	B&C, B648	82	577	B&S/L cl	33		INDIA - COCHIN	
529	B.&C., B655	370	578	Letter B, 50 types139series		622	D	24
530	B&C, B659	376	579	CAR/TER, C30.1	239		INDO-CHINA	
531	B&R, B722	172	580	CR/&Co, C648.6 bl 4	190	623	B.I. sp	C-8
532	CA, C20 cr	99	581	C/S SCo, C726.1a 3 h	126	624	G.M.R.	45
533	CB, C52	392	582	Letter C, 62 types179 series		625	HS/BC	98, 100
534	CC, C92	406	583	Letter D, 18 types 66 series		626	HS/BC	167
535	CH, C238 cl, cp	359	584	Letter E, 26 types 78 series			IRELAND	
536	C.K., C288 cp	86	585	Letter F, 17 types 31 series		627	GSR, G18	99
537	C.L.	82	586	Letter G, 17 types 58 series		628	J&Co, J-2	70
538	C.M., C337	81	587	HEAL	507	629	Castle. des #2	99
539	CP/B, C373	326	588	H.S./L.	187		ITALY	
540	CR, C387 hi	332	589	Letter H, 34 types111 issue		630	B.C.I.	221
541	CS, C403, 2 sides cl	358	590	Letter I, 8 types,10 issues		631	B.N.A	216
542	C/S&S, C454 4 ho	83	591	Letter J, 19 types 42 series		632	9 dif stps & pats	
543	CT/C	81	592	Letter K, 13 types 48 issue			ITALIAN OFFICES IN TURKEY	
544	C.Z., C520	413	593	LOC	236	633	LC, mg	2
545	D, D3	332	594	Letter L, 30 types103 issue			JAPAN	
546	DB, D28	404	595	Letter M, 26 types 86 issue		634	C12, R	107
547	D.B., D46	348	596	Letter N, 19 types 43 series		635	D21, 2 ho	196
548	DB/D, D63	227	597	PAC	238	636	E8, C.C.	172A
549	DB/E, D67 h	177	598	Paul	161	637	E33, KB	105
550	DB/W, D82	124	599	Letter P, 31 types 89 issue		638	E82, OT	142
551	D.C., D84	355	600	Letter R, 21 types 59 issue		639	FG	436, 566, C-17
552	DD/B, D101	391	601	Letter S, 51 types161 issue		640	G15, CBI	172
553	DE, D107	331	602	TRAVERS	33	641	G17, CH.T.	130
554	DIEN, D117	47	603	Letter T, 7 types 14 series		642	G17, CH.T.	131
555	DES, D121	87	604	Letter U, 7 types 11 series		643	G18, CIC	103
556	D.F./D.B, D129	84	605	Letter W, 35 type 92 series		644	G21, DEK	584
557	DG, D133	377	606	Crown, des #41	128	645	G21, DEK pr	558
558	D.G.A., D142	83	607	A (SCRIPT)	230	646	G58, SWC	137
559	D.H., D158	185	608	100+ dif pats		647	G58, SWC	175
560	DN/V, D256	150	609	72 stamps, mix		648	G69, YNC	132
561	D.O., D258	82	610	175 stamps, mix		649	G69, YNC	263
562	Dr.B, D294	381		BRITISH OFFICES IN TURKEY		650	G73, YSB	96
563	Dun. D376.5	356	611	BIO	5	651	G73, YSB	103
564	D/V, dp	414	612	LC, mg	46	652	H8, C.R.&C.	99
565	D&C, D431	378		GUATEMALA		653	H26, NIHB	142
566	D&CO, D437	82	613	Oficial	119	654	H26, NIHB	194
567	D&L, D443	357	614	Oficial	116, 119	655	H34, W&Co	97
568	K.V.	374	615	Oficial	117, 119	656	M2	131
569	VA	352		HUNGARY		657	N11	103
570	Castle and S, S41	46	616	EST (SCRIPT)	406	658	Q27	142
571	Anchor, des #8	422	617	3 hole triangle	371	659	Q27	141
572	Anchor, des #9	53	618	30 dif pats		660	Q29	131
573	Heart, des #71	151	619	3 h triangle, 24 dif stamps		661	Q29	141
574	Posthorn, des #84	68		INDIA		662	W69	98
	GREAT BRITAIN		620	ACL, sc	51	663	W80	131
575	AN/J/SL	128	621	SB	61	664	W80	196
576	Letter A, 19 types51 series					665	W81	131

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666	W82, 1 ho	131		NEW ZEALAND			SPANISH MOROCCO	
667	W85	175	703	WT, of #39	62	737	B.E.M	159
668	W86	175		PAKISTAN			SWEDEEN	
669	X1	271	704	DB, h	135	738	A11, AHA	145
	LATVIA		705	LF	129	739	A25, A/SY	170
670	S&L	205		PERSIA		740	B3, BK	179
	LEBANON		706	I.B.P	450		SWITZERLAND	
671	A.P.C... A-1	129	707	Grill perfin (16x14 mm)	457	741	B&C/E inc punch	140
672	B.R., B-1	140		PERU		742	CI	159
	LUXEMBOURG		708	EM/AP	209	743	DECO	164
673	Official	73	709	EM/AP	A49 2 c GRN	744	E.M.	72
	MADAGASCAR		710	B.A./T 3 dif stmps fiscal?		745	FRL/C mg Fis backward	149
674	C.N	276		POLAND		746	G.R.	164
675	C.N	103	711	AEG	230	747	I.D.E./&Co cp 2 ho	128
	MAURITUS		712	AS, mg	250	748	U.G.F	B33
676	BB/&CO	187	713	B.H	125	749	des, circle w diag line	133
677	MCB/M	218	714	HFS, hi	232	750	des 3 circles oo/o	137
	MEXICO		715	L.K.	250	751	des (see photo)	180
678	omega design	297	716	P.B.K.	317		SUDAN	
679	Cia/F.M.	315	717	UBC/L	165	752	SG, S-1	22
680	G.L./&Cia/SU.CS	308		PORTUGAL			Sudan Military Telegraph	
681	JF&Co	315	718	BES	621		Bisected Revenue	
682	M.M./S.S./C, 5 ho	307		ROMANIA		753	Yvert 7,8,10,14,15 MB \$2.	
683	R.B./&C.	307	719	ADEYERUL, A8	120		THAILAND	
	MONACCO		720	ADEYER(UL missing) A8	121	754	CBI	160
684	B.B	55	721	BCIR, B30	326	755	HS/BC	167, 190
685	B.C.I	161	722	BdR, B59	250		TRIESTE	
686	CL	26		RUSSIA		756	F.G.	EY4
687	C.N.	23	723	See photo	104	757	F.P.	9
688	C.N.	125	724	See photo	81	758	LT mg	18
	NETHERLANDS		725	See photo	81		TUNISIA	
689	Poko A-17, AL	177a	726	See photo	81	759	B.I.F.C	132
690	Poko A-30, DE/B	78	727	See photo	83	760	C.L.	107, 113a
691	Poko A-23	166a	728	See photo	83	761	C.N.	32, 102
692	NASM		729	See photo	81	762	SM	160
693	Poko N-5, NB/A	149a	730	See photo	81	763	T large holes	1
694	Poko N-5, NB/A	151a	731	See photo	81	764	T large holes	28
695	Poko N-5, NB/A	177a		SINGAPORE			TURKEY	
696	Poko R-14, RK/H	175a	732	SIT	89	765	B.C.I., B-2 pp's	612
697	Poko S-40a, SZ	173c		ST. VINCENT		766	B.C.I., B-3	638
698	Poko T-8, TB/E	181b	733	PAID/(cor?) EA&Co	182	767	BIO, B-4	103
699	Poko T-10, TD	166a		SOUTH AFRICA		768	FORD, F-1	742
700	Des #7, 2 charity perfins (red cross) 24 hole large cross, obv "Prus 15 cent Toeslag Ten hate Ned. Roade Kruis" (See Photo)		734	MIX 15 stamps		769	G.C., G-1	128
				SOUTHERN RHODESIA		770	G.C., G-1	130
701	8 stamps, 8 dif pats NEWFOUNDLAND		735	H&S	1	771	CL, C-3 mg	614
				SPAIN			FOREIGN	
702	A9, AYRE (diag)	256	736	12 pats, 13 stps Spanish Catalog See lot #43		772	MIX 460	

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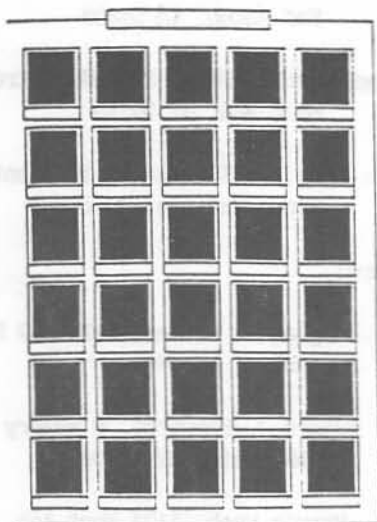
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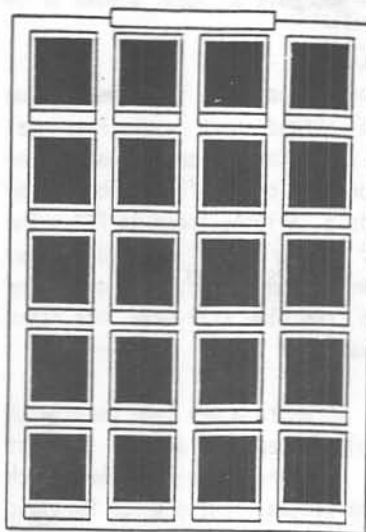
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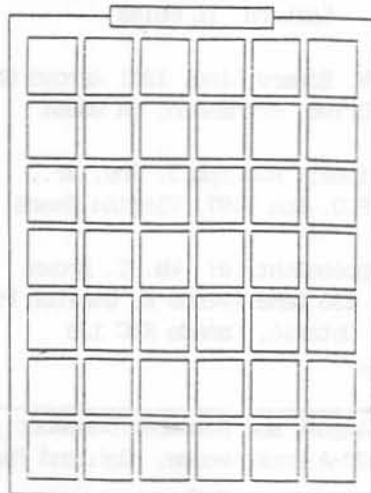
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As many of you know, I write this column last. This gives me a chance to comment on the current edition, a chance to comment on the previous edition and correct any errors that I may have made, and perhaps a chance to comment on the world in general.

This month, our new Catalog Sales and Distribution Manager, Jackie Ryan, has introduced three new types of album pages. Congratulations, on this innovation, which will assist those members that mount their stamps on blank pages. We have long needed the flexibility that these new items will provide. Jackie has noted that she is open to suggestions, if you have an idea, please write to her.

Elsewhere in this issue there is an invitation for the Club to attend next years Precancel Stamp Society (PSS) Convention. Helen Ratzer is a driving force in the Perfins Club and her husband Earl is a driving force in PSS. The combination of members (or should I say overlap) is well documented. By accepting this invitation, the Club will have its first meeting since early in 1987.

The Washington, DC Beltway has been beset with overturned gasoline tankers during the past several weeks. There have been three such accidents on the beltway and one on Maryland route 3 which runs past Crofton. In fact, it is between Crofton and the Crofton Post Office. I get to pick up my box mail about twice a week. If I have a package to mail, it usually goes out during one of the pickups. That limitation coupled with my regular job, which involves a number of trips, sometimes causes me to be slow in answering mail. However, thanks to Helen Ratzer and my sticking fairly close to the 15th of the month deadline she and I set almost two years ago, every issue of the Bulletin has been in the mail on schedule. JFL

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NOTES

I don't know how many members read Stamp Collector, but Jacob Kisner (#2168) and James Kingman, author of "Precancel Ramblings", have been having a go at each other over Kingman's statement that precanceled perfins are "doubly unloved." I have a problem with precanceled perfins (or is it perfined precancels) only when I am faced with a single copy. Does it go into the precancel collection or into the perfin collection? For more, see the next note.

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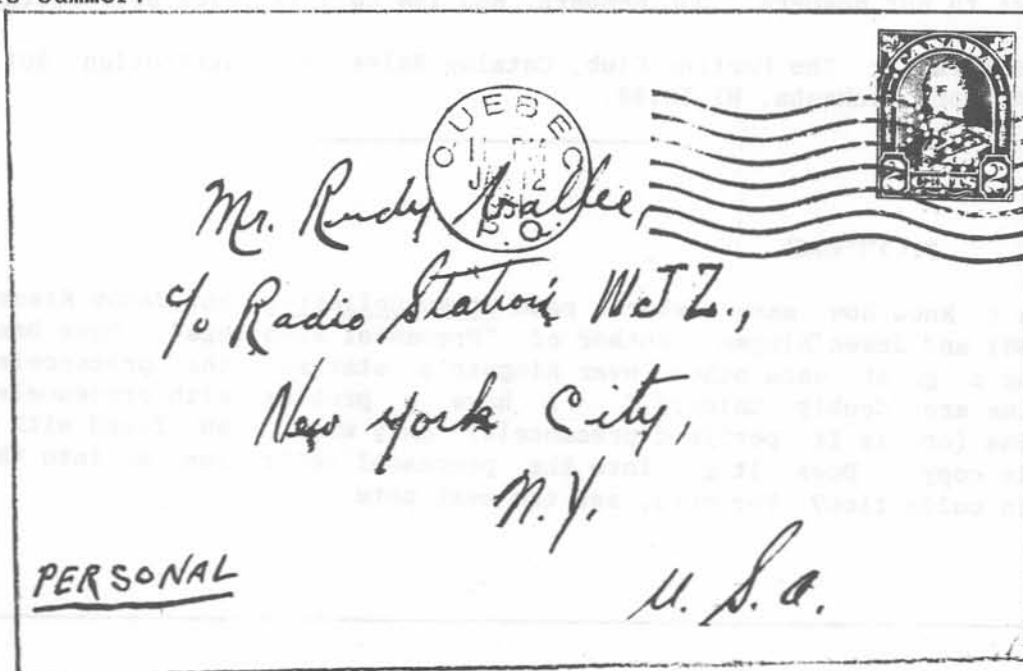
Helen Ratzer, world's best publisher, reports that:

Fourteen and possibly fifteen Perfin Club members were at the PSS Convention. A Bob Fifield was listed on the sign in sheet; however, she did not meet him and is not sure if it was Bob Fifield, Sr. (#1652) was there. Let us know, Bob. In any event, in addition to Helen and Earl Ratzer (LM- 47), the following Perfin Club members were present:

Roberta Coltman	(LM- 27)	California
Bill Cummings	(LM- 25)	Ohio
Ginny Fisher	(# 853)	Ohio
John Foster	(LM-210)	Ohio
Gary Hendron	(# 2490)	Missouri
Joe Laura	(# 1238)	Massachusetts
John March	(# 1950)	Virginia
Charles Pearson	(# 2300)	Ohio
Ed Phillips	(# 1745)	New Jersey
John Randall	(# 1336)	California
Jackie Ryan	(# 2601)	Wisconsin
Dave Smith	(# 1514)	Indiana
Lester Stone	(# 2080)	North Carolina

There also were three "closet" perfin collectors, two of whom were delighted to purchase catalogs from Jackie Ryan. She sold the third one to Ginny Fisher who had been operating out of the old catalog. Helen thinks that she and Ginny were the only non precancel collectors there. Ginny, by the way, brought a very nice frame of Cincinnati perfins that she had exhibited a week earlier. We were all impressed. There were just loads of perfins spread around between Joe Laura, John Randall, and Dave Smith. If you have the patience to thumb through dealers stock books, precancel shows are a fertile field.

Life member John Foster, swears that he has yet to mount a perfin. He just keeps chucking them into the proverbial "cigar box". Some rainy day, he will get to them. Mother nature certainly saved him some work this summer.



Another dealer had covers, and Earl bought me the illustrated cover addressed to Rudy Vallee - A personal note to the heart throb of the thirties - simply addressed to radio station WJZ, New York City, NY, USA. Oh yes, the Canadian stamp is perfined with the Canadian National Railway, Quebec Office, initials.

The Ohio Precancel Club was the host and while Charlie Pearson did have perfins to swap or sell, he was too busy running the convention to dig them out. He did show me a neat German perfin of a hand.

The Illini Club of the PSS will host the next PSS Convention in Owensboro, KY next August and wishes to extend an invitation to all perfin collectors.

THE PERFINS CLUB

STATEMENT OF INCOME

BALANCE SHEET

Period Ending 6/30/88

INCOME

Dues Receipts	\$2,286.50
Publication Sales	16.00
Sales Circuit Receipts	578.48
Auction Receipts	156.77
Interest Income	1,018.84
Donations	<u>62.30</u>
Total Income	<u>\$4,118.89</u>

CASH ON HAND & IN SAVINGS

Cash on hand in savings	\$542.07
Total Life Membership	\$9,767.00
Total Operating Fund	
Savings	<u>\$21,195.76</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$31,504.83</u>

EXPENSE

Bulletin Expense	\$3,301.80
Editor's Expense	36.66
Publisher's Expense	865.73
Secretary's Expense	103.71
Library Expense	109.05
Foreign Catalog Ex.	59.07
Other Officer's Ex.	57.05
U.S. Catalog Expense	133.65
R.R. Catalog Expense	<u>64.95</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$4731.67</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>(612.78)</u>

WANT ADS AND NOTICES

Want ads and notices are published without charge to Club members on a space available basis. Non-member's items are also published on a space available basis if they are considered of interest. While the Perfins Club makes every effort to insure that ads are accurate we can assume no responsibly for these want ads and notices.

If you want to place an ad or notice in the Bulletin, please mail it to the editor. If you desire a checking copy, please enclose an SASE.

WANT ADS AND NOTICES CONTINUED

WANTED! - On or off cover - THAI PERFINS: A.P.C., R&Co,
FOR REWARD, contact: Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie,
NY 12603.

TRADE - Have accumulated some "B" rated perfins which I will trade for
"B" rated. Send list of your duplicates and list of wants. Will
respond by return mail on first come basis. Gerald W. Kendall, Box
55545, Houston, TX 77055.

GET A YOUNG PERSON STARTED collecting perfins! I offer good, clean
beginner's collections of fifty (50) different U.S. perfin patterns for
\$4.00 postpaid. Also, have some very nice collections of one hundred
(100) different U.S. perfin patterns at \$12.00 postpaid. (I should
have enough to fill all orders this time.) Jacob Kisner, 254 Park
Avenue South, PHF, New York, NY 10010.

FRANKLY A FOLLOW-UP

Jack Brant (LM- 14), 1006 6th Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta, T2P 0V1, Canada

I read with interest about the Frank Tourist Company perfin in TPB,
June 1988, p 116, and it awoke a memory that I might have something
similar. So I checked, and sure enough, I did. I have a set of twelve
of these and as you can see by 1929, the year after the card
illustrated previously, they had become more professional. You may
note that the address was produced by a stencil, some information is
provided about the port and an advertisement for next year's
Mediterranean cruise has been added.

FRANK TOURIST CO.

542 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK
EIGHTH ANNUAL MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE
S. S. "SCYTHIA"

*Cable advice has been received from
S. S. "Scythia" stating that the steamer
arrived at Algiers. All are in readiness
for the automobile excursion through
Algiers.*

ALGIERS.—East and West meet in Algiers, the African
Paris. It is a sumptuous resort on the edge of the Mediter-
ranean and the capital of the French colony of Algeria.
This was once the coast of Barbary, where Commodore
Decatur won immortal fame against the pirates that once
terrorized the Mediterranean and in the course of years
had enslaved many thousands of men from all nations,
working them to death in chains. The low one story houses,
which rise gracefully in terraces of hills, are of dazzling
whiteness and above them frowns the Kasbah, an ancient
fortress, 500 feet above the sea. The older town or Arab
quarter, is divided from the newer French city by the Rue
de la Lyre. When you cross this street you step back a
thousand years. Scenes similar to those described in the
"Arabian Nights" may be observed on all sides. The
presence of Arabians, Turks, Moors and Bedouins in their
native garb; the lounging natives at their games of chance;
the snake-charmer and story-teller in the public streets—
all display the Oriental character of this part of the world.

For next year

*Frank's Mediterranean Cruise de Luxe
will leave New York, January 28, 1930*



MIR. GEORGE JAMES
ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE
AURORA ONT. CAN. 2

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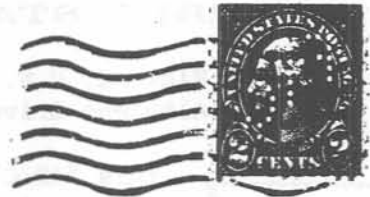
Cable advice has been received from S. S. "Scythia" stating that the steamer arrived at Cattaro. All are well and happy. Cattaro is visited in the morning and during the afternoon a trip is made to Ragusa, now called Dubrovnik.

RAGUSA—A medieval walled city, founded some time during the seventh century. Although it has been, at different times, under the nominal protection of Turkey, Venice, Serbia, and Bosnia, it enjoyed comparative independence until 1814 when it was subjected to the crown of Austria. It rose to its greatest importance during the middle ages while under Turkish protection, rivaling in commerce even Venice and Genoa. In 1918 it was added to Jugo-Slavia or the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes and its name changed to Dubrovnik.

It is a beautiful rock-set city of many towers and surrounded by old ramparts. The encircling hills are literally covered with green and white as blossoming almond and orange trees, olive, fig and date blend to form a colorful background for this gem of the Adriatic. Equally colorful are the inhabitants and their costumes, which excel in brilliance even those at Cattaro. The Palace of the Rectors, the old Mint, the Market Place and the Cathedral are of special interest.

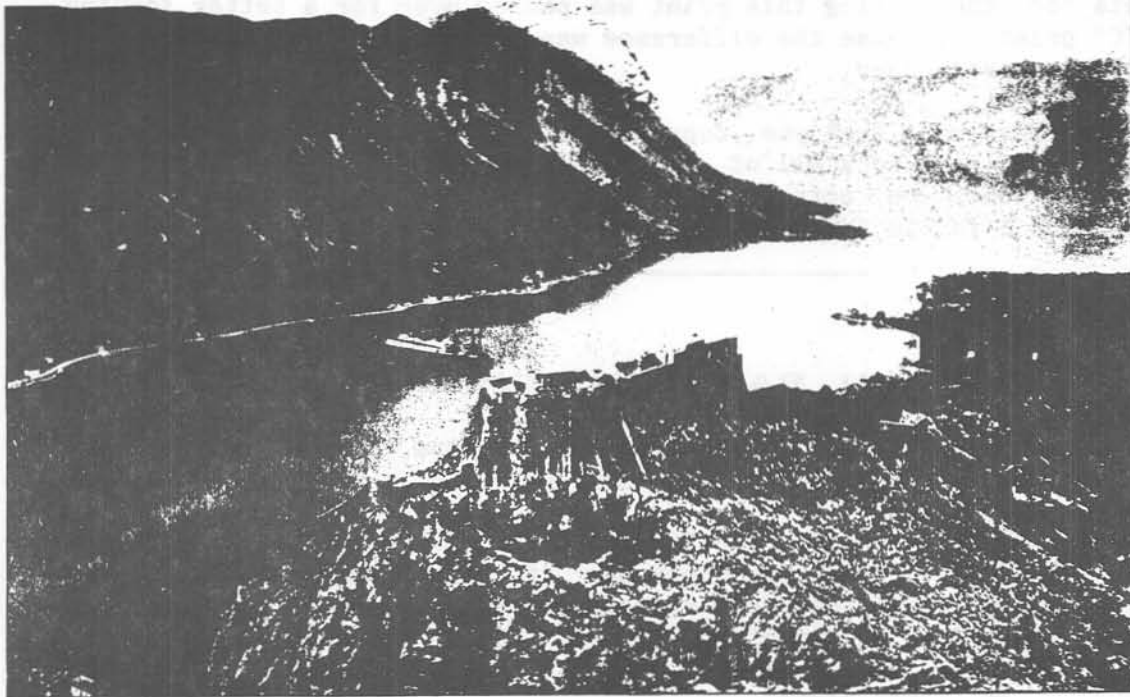
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Cattaro (Kotor)

ILLUSTRATIONS HERE

This set is from a Mediterranean cruise and my set of twelve includes: Cattaro (Kotor, port SE Yugoslavia in Montenegro on an inlet of the Adriatic), Algiers, Palermo, Syracuse, Athens, Venice, Alexandria, Malta, Cadiz, Maderia, Naples and Tunis. The order of the ports of call is unknown as most of the cards being precanceled do not have a dated cancel.

THIS STAMP IN YOUR COLLECTION?

Harry Rickard, U.S. Catalog Editor Emeritus,
1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020



This "AB/C" photo was among the many hundreds used by the previous U.S. Catalog editors to make the prints for the U.S. Catalog.

One of the students of philately, who is interested in perfins and their usage, is F.J. (Joe) Miller. Among the latest group that he has examined was the pictured copy. He pointed out to me that the current catalog has two "AB/C" entries, A34 and A35. Pattern A34 has serifs and pattern A35 is sans-serif. The pattern shown here does not match either of those catalog entries even if we disregard the serifs.

If you wish to verify that it does not match the catalog entries, run a straight edge along the "A" and "B" holes of this copy and the two catalog entries. You will note the differences in spacing.

Apparently after this print was made and it became time to set up the prints for the catalog this print was passed over for a better looking "AB/C" print. Because the difference was not noted at that time, this pattern was overlooked.

We know that at least one copy exists and there may be others. I suggest that you check all of your perfins with an "AB/C" pattern to see which ones you actually have. This pattern will be given catalog number A35.5 in the Additions and Corrections pages.

PERFIN PATTERN MYSTERY - "S"

Harry Rickard, U.S. Catalog Editor Emeritus,
1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020



The easily distinguished small "S" is unlisted in the U.S. Catalog. However, if you check the four holes along the left side margin, you will note that they are not a part of an "S". To further confuse the situation, please note that there is a tiny single hole at the lower right.

Can any member explain this enigma? I would appreciate any information supplied with regard to the illustrated perfin. It is the property of Joe Laura (#1238) and is punched into a copy of Scott Catalogue number 1044, the ten cent rose lake Independence Hall issue.







1 CAPE OF G.H.	2 NATAL	3 ORANGE FS BO RC	4 TRANSVAAL	5 SOUTH AFRICA UN REP
BB BO B5		X RC		
BB BO B6				
BB BE B7				
BOL B8				
BOL B9				
		X		B.X. B10 UN

- KEY:
- 1 Cape Of Good Hope
 - 2 Natal
 - 3 Orange Free State [OFS], British Occupation [BO], Orange River Colony [ORC]
 - 4 Transvaal
 - 5 Union Of South Africa [UN], Republic Of South Africa [REP]

<u>Cat. #</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Key</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
B11	B.K /&C?	1,2,3,4,5	Baker, King & Co.	East London
B12	B.L./Co.	5	Brown, Lawrence & Co. LTD.	Capetown
B13	BL/Co	5	Brown, Lawrence & Co. LTD.	Capetown
B14	BML	1,5		
B15	BW/& C?	3,4,5	Burroughs, Wellcome & Co. LTD.	Capetown
B16	B/&/C?	2,5		Used in Natal

NOTES:

B12, B13 are found only on coil stamps. One (Both?) of these perfin types is found with South West African cancellations because stamps were affixed to self-addressed envelopes used by salesmen on the road to send in orders to the company.

1 CAPE OF G.H.	2 NATAL	3 ORANGE FS BO RC	4 TRANSVAAL	5 SOUTH AFRICA UN REP
 B11	X	X RC	X	X
				 B12 UN
				 B13 UN
 B14				X
		X RC	X	 B15 UN
	 B16			X

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<u>Cat. #</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Key</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
B17	B/&/C ^o	1,2,5		
B18	B&C ^o /LD	5		
B19	B&H	4		
C1	C.E.G/&C ^o /LTD	1,3,5	C. E. Gardner & Co. LTD.	Port Elizabeth
C2	CH	2,4	Carlton Hotels LTD.	Johannesburg
C3	CH/J	1		

NOTES:

C3 is a pinhole punch- Will not photocopy.

WELSH MYSTERY

Roy Everett (# 2635), 2 Coldnailhust Avenue,
Braintree, Essex CM7 7SJ, England



I raise a question that members may be able, where their knowledge exists of other countries perfins, to clarify. The perfin illustrated is utilized on the Madeiran issues of the Portuguese Post Office.

Authorization for usage of perfins was made in 1884, yet this perfin is known postmarked 1st. February 1871. Only two copies are known, belonging to Magnus Werner and Maurice Hogg. No identity for the perfin has been established, nor has the early usage been explained. The date of usage is about three years (13th. March 1868) after Sloper's ideas were accepted by the British Post Office. Sloper's patent expired in 1872, though he remained the major perfinner for years after, so it is highly likely that he was the producer of the die. Yet Vallency does not list this die, obviously a full name, ahead of book numbers 9 (CORY)" and number 11 (CRAMER) in his extract of the Sloper order book. If Sloper did not produce the die, then who did? On the other hand, if Sloper made the die it should be listed early in the book, but if so why is there no usage of the die on stamps of Great Britain. To be aware so soon of Sloper's ideas there must have been an office, branch or, even head office of this business in Great Britain. Hence usage on home mail would seem probable, but it has only been recorded on those foreign issues.

Please write to the Bulletin if you have a copy of this perfin. Postmark dates would be appreciated and any snippet of ancillary information would be of the greatest interest.

SEVERAL MORE FINDS BY DAVE SMITH

Dave Smith (#1514), 125 West Sixth Street,
Rochester, IN 46975

P. F. COLLIER & SON

Please return if not called for in 10 days, to
COMPANY'S BRANCH OFFICE
AT POINT OF MAILING



Mr. C. E. Fox,

The C360 perfin pattern used by P.F. Collier & Son just shows an unusual denomination used by a branch office in Louisville, KY. The other two are identifying covers:

BROCK & FEAGANS

JEWELERS

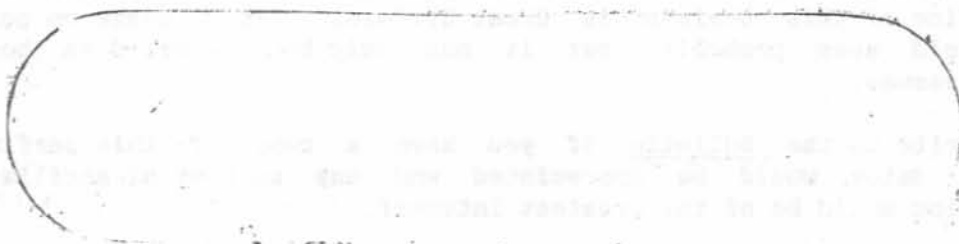
437-439-441 BROADWAY
LOS ANGELES, U.S.A.



Mr. C. H. Schaefer,

CITIZENS GAS COMPANY OF INDIANAPOLIS

31-33 SOUTH PENNSYLVANIA STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.



CITY

Pattern B267 "B&F" used by Brock & Feagans, jewelers in Los Angeles, CA in 1909. Pattern C185.5 "CG/CO used by the Citizens Gas Company Indianapolis, IN in March 1911.

Both of the identifying covers came out of a box of covers sold by a youth group of collectors at a show in Indianapolis. Moral: It pays to look everywhere.

THE CHALLENGE

Paul Jackson (LM-5), 10 Brentwood Road, Raritan, NJ 08869

The history of an organization is usually an oral one passed on during gatherings in tales told by the longtime members to the newcomers. We of the Perfins Club as so widely separated that this rite of membership is not possible. Recently, a fortunate purchase brought this idea home forcibly when I found a number of sheets with the banner PERFINS. The Challenge, printed below is the first of several items that will be reprinted in the BULLETIN.

"PERFINS"

CHRONICLE OF THE PERFINS CLUB

Editor and Publisher—Hallock Card, Otselic, New York

Vol. 2, No. 3

September 1946

Whole No. 9

I was drawn to the articles titled "How I Collect Perfins"

HOW I COLLECT PERFINS

Keith Misegades

I have not yet mounted my collection for exhibition; I have 3 boxes made for holding No. 10 size envelopes with alphabetical card dividers. Data such as is contained in the catalog is indexed on heavy white paper approximately the same size as a No. 10 envelope; date is on 3 lines at the upper right, first line the perfins classification, second line company and third, the city of use, if unique, otherwise the main office. Strips and fronts of covers are filed

In looking back to the January issue I find that I predicted we would reach 100 in '46 if each member recruited one new member. But for various reasons each one didn't. However we now have reached No. 103. This does not mean 100 members as some have dropped out, but it is good. Let's try for 200!

Get one new member in '47!

BOOK REVIEW

Polish Perfins in Great Britain: Volume 5. Z.J. Nowicki, 1987, Copernicana Ltd., 40 Ansell Road, London, SW17 7LS, 44 pages, plastic clip binding, soft covers, 8.4 x 11.6 inches, L3.50 includes postage and packaging in Great Britain.

This is the fifth volume of a series describing and cataloging the use of perfins to commemorate events of Polish heritage associated with Great Britain. In this case, the event is the Fifth Anniversary of Pope John Paul II.

Volume V lists and illustrates the use of perfins on postcards with definitive stamps of Great Britain used at a stamp exhibition called; "5th Anniversary of Pontificate His Holiness John Paul II (V-Lecie Pontyfikatu J.Sw. Jana Pawla II) held on October 15, 1983 at the Polish White Eagle Club, Balham High Road, London SW17. Tabular data included in the volume report that a total of 10,369 stamps in denominations ranging from 1/2P to L5.00 were perforated. The majority of the perforated stamps were used for official postcards and some perforated stamps were sold to members of the Polish Philatelists Association for their collections and correspondence.

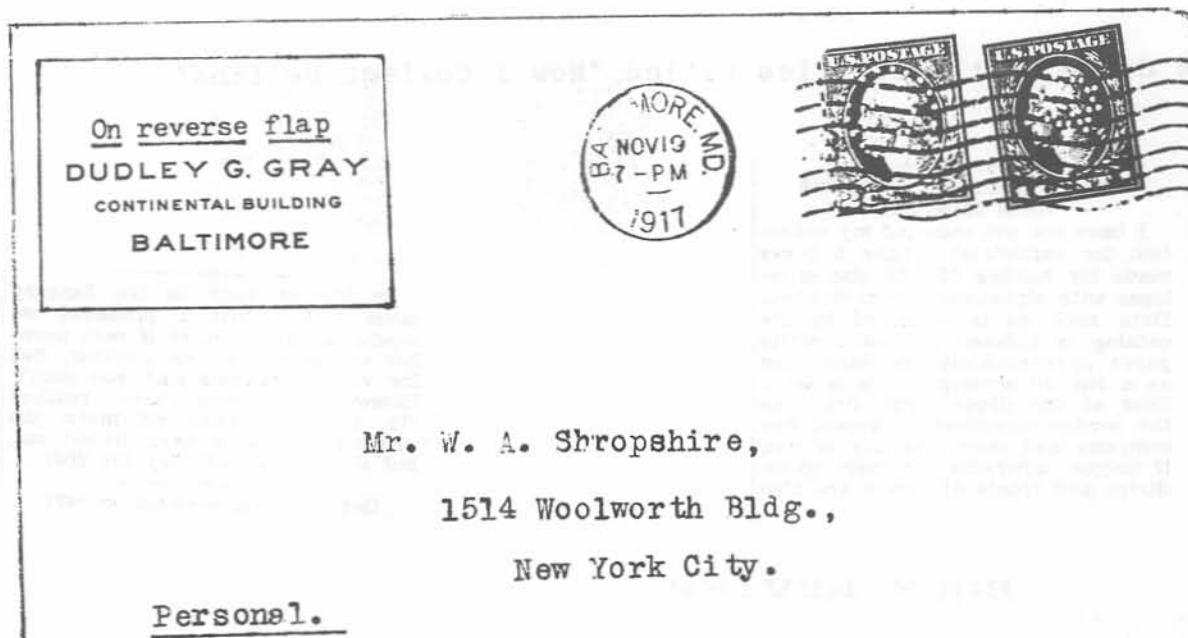
As noted in previous reviews of this series, it contains the only authoritative data on these particular perfins and their use. A reproduction of the patterns (e.g., the back of the stamp or on a blank sheet of paper) would have been a nice touch. We hope that Mr. Nowicki will do this in the projected thirteen additional volumes in the series.

JFL

DUDLEY G. GRAY, RAILROADER?

Harry Rickard, (#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive
El Cajon, CA 92020

Member Joseph Laura submitted this cover which bears a two cent stamp with pattern M274 used by the Western Maryland Railroad. The companion one cent stamp was added due to an increase in postage rates to supplement income for war costs.



The one cent is not punched with M274. It is the abbreviated pattern listed as M273. Also, note that the envelope has no railroad insignia on its face. The reverse has on the tab, a neat enameled printing, Dudley G. Gray, Continental Building, Baltimore.

It is my belief that the Western Maryland Railroad used three different pattern insignias as a control for three different railroad departments. That would be similar to Boston using several different single die devices for different departments.

There could be several reasons why Mr. Gray has different patterns of the railroad perfin stamps. The most probable reason would be that he did business of some sort with the railroad and was sent stamps for a reply to inquiries made. Such postage would be filed in the postage drawer and when the inquiry received attention, stamps other than those submitted could have been used.

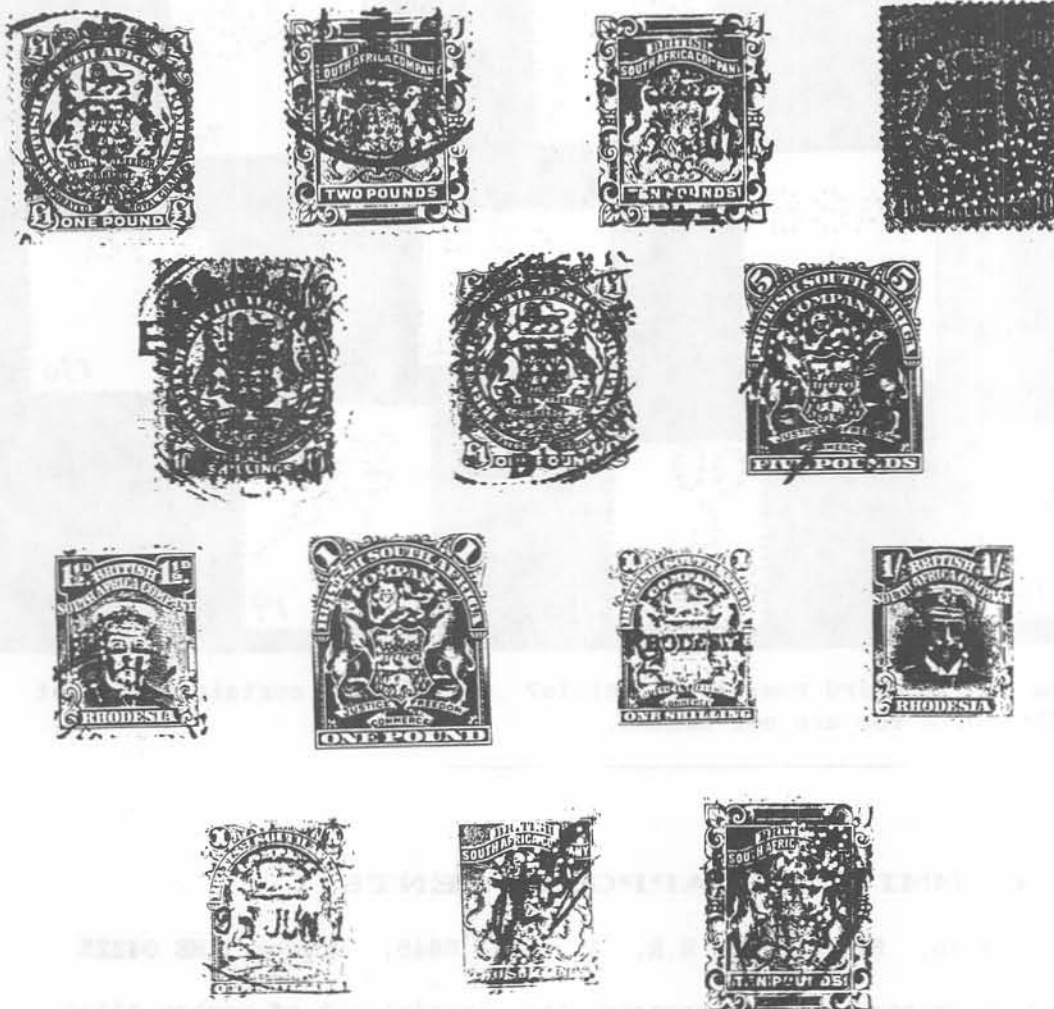
After not being used on a letter to the railroad, the stamps with patterns B273 and B274 could wind up on a letter to almost anyone else. In this case on a letter to another commercial address (i.e., the Woolworth Building, New York).

The same situation in the past has resulted in incorrect user identifications being used for patterns. This can usually be spotted when the initials or pattern have no apparent connection with the user.

MORE ON THE BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA PERFINS

William Turney (#1558), 1306 Cottonwood Crescent, North Vancouver,
V7P 1K9, Canada

Irvin Burns' article, "British South Africa Perfined Revenue", (*TPB*, February 1988, p. 33) and Jacob Kisner's response (*TPB*, April, 1988, p. 73) raised my interests due to the fact that I have several Rhodesian perfined stamps. Unfortunately, I have no information about these perfins and stamps, but I hope that some members may be able to shed some light on the subject.

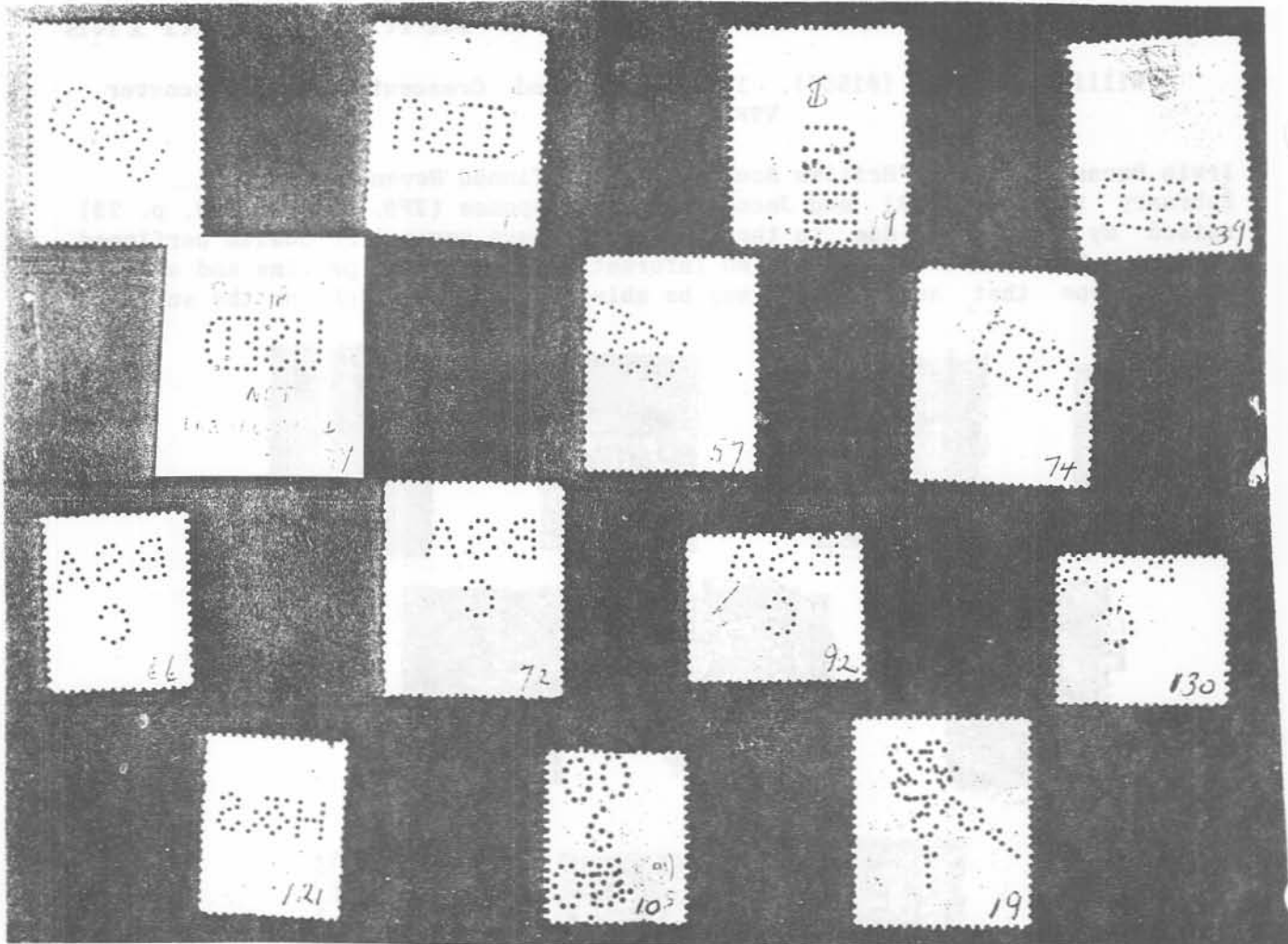


The ten pounds stamp in the top row has only a portion of the date "7 JUL 19-" and "GWEL-" #19.

The ten shillings stamp on piece in the second row is perforated through both the stamp and paper and the stamp is postmarked, "MINES OFFICE - BULAWAYO" #39.

The one shilling stamp in the third row is canceled "9 JUN 1-", the word "DEPARTMENT" can be made out in the cancel #66.

The two shillings and ten pound stamps in the lowest row have written initials #10 and #19.



Are the stamps in the third row all officials? I am fairly certain that last two stamps in the fourth row are not Kodaks.

RAILROAD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Ralph W. Smith, Secretary, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225

President Richard Mewhinney has announced the appointment of member Allen Pollock (#1878), as chairman of the Railroad Committee to be assisted by Irving Holloway (#1321). Allen has been with us since 1980 and collects Railroad and Train related Perfins. He may be written to at: P.O. Box 243, Jefferson City, MO 65102. He is a professional engineer and is also a member of the APS and ATA.

Irvin W. Holloway is also "in to" Railroad Perfins and has just become a life member. He resides at 5922 Osage Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143. Irving joined the Perfins Club in 1975.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary is Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225

NEW MEMBERS:

- 2639 Merkel, Helmuth A., Sr.; P.O. Box 413, Clovis, NM 88101
U.S. and Germany, Beginner By: Mewhinney
- 2640 Decamp, Gideon W.; 7313 West Roma, Phoenix, AZ 85033
U.S. and Topical, Beginner By: Squire 2578
- 2641 Devault, David; 140 4th. Avenue, Gallipolis, OH 45631
U.S., Beginner By: Gerstenberger
- 2642 Damrongvadhana, Kittti; 17/41 Soi Chokchairuammit;
Wipaowadeerangsit; Bangkhen, Bangkok 10900 Thailand
General By: Walker
- 2643 Beversdorf, Richard A.; 432 Elliott Avenue, Grandhaven, MI 49417
General By: Rickard
- 2644 Reynolds, David L.; 7805 Lime Avenue, Fontana, CA 92336
General By: Ratzer

RESIGNED:

- 1887 Terry, Glenn F.; P.O. Box 4025, Carmel-By-The-Sea, CA 93921
- 2169 Rogers, Peter F.; 56 Conyers Way, Great Barton Bury, St. Edmunds
Suffolk 1P31 2SW England
- 2356 Kellenburger, Robert E.; Box 1157, Kalispell, MT 59901

CONVERTED TO LIKE MEMBERSHIP:

- L -125 Wibier, Joop A.; Postbox 3287, 4700 GG Roosendaal, Netherlands
(2502)

REINSTATED (With address change)

- 2415 Dryden, Dwain E.; 1032 Irving Street, San Francisco, CA 94122

ADDRESS CHANGES:

- 1714 Burns, Irvin; 12235 Shady Hollow Lane, Northridge, CA 91326
- 1898 Andersen, David W.; 260 Hawkesbury Road, Winmalee, NSW 2777,
Australia
- 2284 Endicott, Stephen R.; P.O. Box 972382, Satellite Beach, FL 32937

SUMMARY:

Members as of May 31, 1988	804
New Members	+6
Reinstated	+1
Resigned	-3
Members as of June 30, 1988	808

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QUESTION: The current Club auction has a lot listed as being precanceled (pc), but mentions the "Hawaii 1778-1928" overprint (Lot No 53). Is the stamp overprinted as well as overprinted? Normally, I would address this question to the auctioneer since it would involve a \$10 difference in my bid. However, I note that the Catalog notes for pattern A193 that it is PC, or precanceled. Now, by no definition is the Hawaii overprint that creates Scott Catalogue Numbers 647-648 a precancellation.

The latest perfin catalog does have many patterns listed as coming precanceled that I have never seen in that state. Has some editor extended the scope of precancels to include the Hawaii, Kansas, Nebraska, etc. overprints creating those mysterious listings?

W.W. Cummings (LM-25)

PRECANCELED PERFINS - Will pay \$1.00 each for any I need. Undamaged, complete patterns. More for stamps that warrant it. I need over 7,000 so should find some in every offering. William Cummings, 510 Arrowhead Drive, Sidney, OH 45365.

STOP PRESS - FOR SALE CLASSIFIED AD.

A Modest collection of world wide perfins. 587 perfins and 12 covers. To the highest bidder. Many Great Britain, Canada, U.S. and many others. Contact Jeff Faircloth, 9540 Park Ave, Bloomington, MN 55420. I am selling due to illness. Also for sale perfins catalogs for: Sweden, Canada, Ireland, Middle East and Denmark.

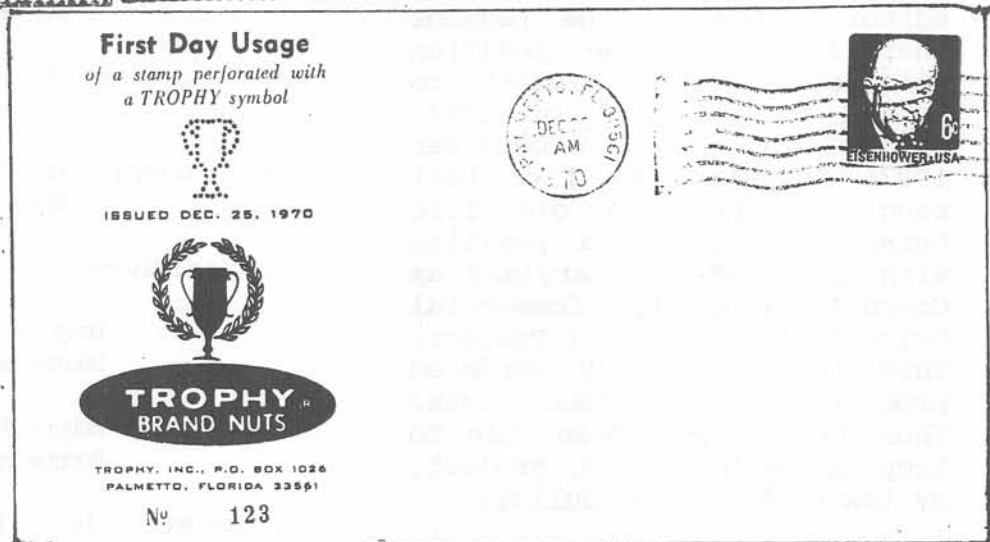
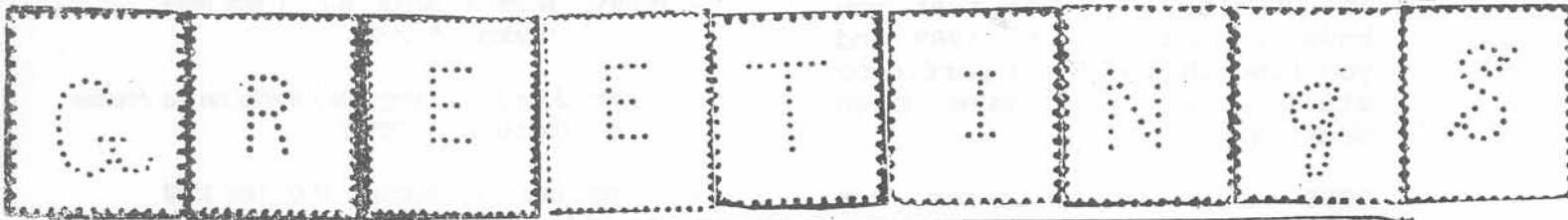
WANTED - A few members who have forgotten to pay their 1988-89 dues. Get your check for \$7.00 (\$9.00 members in countries other than the U.S. and Canada) in the mail today. Don't miss what the rest of this season has in store for you. Send to Ralph Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225, USA.

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FROM Jim & Dorothy Hazard LM92



TROPHY BRAND NUTS PERFIN

Harry Rickard (#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

Some members have sent out a few first day covers after acquiring a new personal perforator. None, that I am aware of, were circulated in as large a quantity as was the case with the "TROPHY" pattern (Design 16).

Trophy, Inc. celebrated their new pattern on a large scale and recipients acquired a first day cover as a Christmas present.

Many members have come and gone since the trophy pattern was first used. Does anyone know if this was a single die or multi-head machine? Also, have any missing pin copies turned up, or has the user been careful. Is the user still in business?

This cover, Number 123, is illustrated in reduced size courtesy of member, Joseph Laura (#1238).

Crofton, MD October 15, 1988

Most of you will receive this in November or December. If you have been with the Club for a while you will no doubt note that this November/December issue is a departure from recent years. There is no "Seasons Greetings" on the front page. Despite the festive attire, all of the officers listed to the right and Helen and I wish you a very happy holiday season.

It is also our wish that you have a good year in 1989 and you find that elusive perfin or stamp that you have been seeking.

1988 was a busy year for your editor. One of the reasons that I sought the position originally was my intent to retire in the fall of 1987. Well, I did retire in December 1987; however, the fire bell rang and like an old fire horse, I accepted a position with the State of Maryland as Coordinator of the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Project. This is a federally mandated program and no small task. Thus far, I have been able to keep up with the CDL project, my tax work and the Bulletin.

However, as we enter the new year, I want to explain in advance, that I am usually not able to answer all of the mail the day that it arrives. On the other hand, I always do answer it.

Helen and I thank you for your support and encouragement.

JFL

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WANT ADS AND NOTICES

AUCTION 41 CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

The illustrations for Auction #41 were omitted from the September 1988 issue of the Bulletin. They are provided below. Bidding on these thirteen lots has been extended until Monday, January 2, 1989.

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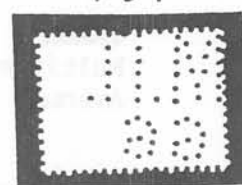
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- Lot 366 Austria pattern C63 on Scott Catalogue number 115
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Lot 700 Netherlands des #7, 2 charity perfin (red cross),
24 hole large cross, obv "Prus 15 cent Toeslag Ten
hate Ned. Roode Kruis".
Lot 723 Russia, see photo.
Lot 724 Russia, see photo.
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Lot 726 Russia, see photo.
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Lot 731 Russia, see photo.
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Mail you bids to: Ed Linn, 1211 Arroyo Grande Drive,
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WANTED - Wanted, stamps perforated with VR. either V24 or V25. The stamp on which it is perfined is irrelevant as long as the entire VR is on the stamp. I need up to a maximum of 500 stamps. I will trade Canadian or American stamps with or without perfins for them. Please write: Bruce Holmes (#2584), 64 Maple Circle, Dollard Des Ormeaux, Quebec, Canada H9B 1E7.

WANTED - Private Eye tracking fugitives. Reward for clues leading to arrest of most wanted perfins. Contact: Bob Schwerdt (# 505), 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Bahamas F.H.

FR EAST AF CL

Nicaragua O.M.

Rhine Palatinate F.V./B.

Bulgaria

GER.DEM.REP. C.Z.Gibraltar AE

Port Said CN

PLERITREA B.N./C.

TRADE - Four different Perfin Railroad Covers for 100 U.S. Perfins. Multiple trades appreciated. Bill Driscoll (IM- 71), 301 Driver Avenue, Summerville, SC 29483.

FOR SALE - Extensive collection of long-time life member:

1. U.S. collection: 12+ binders and stock books; 3000+ different patterns (12 A's, 78 B's, 936 D's, 1020 E's). The collection includes high values, designs, Schermacks and scarce issues. In addition, there is a large accumulation of perfined precancels (Scott Catalog numbers 405 to 571), covers and the rare ITC perfined postcard.
2. Great Britain collection 2800+ different patterns, heavy in Victorian and Edwardian issues. Sloper dies, a Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co underprint (1d red stamp slightly damaged), 22 BT Crown, high values, etc.
3. German collection 2350+ different dies. Many designs including elephant, swan, anchor, etc.
4. Extensive worldwide collection including Austria (120 different); Belgium (200+ different); France (400+ different); Denmark (160+ different); Netherlands (400+ different) and many more countries and covers + two sets of

Would be willing to trade for old Wedgewood Jasper, Basalt, creamware, etc. In fact, if you have Wedgewood you would like to sell, but do not want the perfins, contact me anyway.

Chuck Metzger (IM- 12), P.O. Box 2202, Sacramento, CA 95812. Or call (916) 455-3774 in the evenings.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NOTES

"Frankly a Follow-Up" TPB, October, 1988, p 174 was written by Jack L. Brandt (IM- 14). His correct address is: 1006-727 Sixth Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0V1, Canada.

Bill Cummings (IM- 25) who has some experience in catalogs expressed a catalog question in last month's issue of TPB. He also has addressed a catalog problem in the September 1988 issue of The Precancel Forum. The point in that article was not a lack of information, but instead the inability to locate the information when it is needed. We have somewhat the same problem here in the Bulletin. One suggestion is that one of our members go through several years worth of Bulletins to compile a master list of changes. An other suggestion is that the five editions of A&C pages might be combined into a single set of A&C pages. The final, and probably most expensive solution, would be to revise the U.S. Perfins Catalog. Volunteers and comments will be appreciated.

PHILABOOK INTERNATIONAL, P.O.B 8042 Rotterdam, Holland has published a four page "Literaturelist PERFINS". The author C. Nieuland cites Roy Everett (#2634), Jackie Ryan (#2601) and your editor (L -116) as contributors. All three are The only error that I found was the listing of Roy's address for the Perfins Society and my address was given for the Perfins Club rather than the Secretary's address. My complementary copy has been given to the club's library.

Comments regarding Doug Cutler's suggestion about including "illegal" perfins in the catalog.

From Edward S. Hoyt: In regard to the size of a perfin, the Perfins Club has no jurisdiction over this matter. The Domestic Mail Manual (142.13) states, "...if the holes do not exceed 1/32 of an inch in diameter and if the space taken by the mark is not larger than 1/4 inch square."

The Perfins Club is a philatelic society, whose By-Laws govern the Club and its members ... not the enactments of the U.S. Postal Service. We can acknowledge the "regulation" without adopting it and placing it in our By-Laws. The By-Laws do not govern the outside world.

I do not see anything wrong with entering "illegal" perfins in the U.S. Catalog, in their rightful spot -- if -- they are tagged with a footnote denoting the size -- or -- if it is also found on revenue stamps.

I also think that Revenue stamps should be listed separately and footnoted that they are also found on regular postage ... thus allowing a differential in the rating of the two categories. Some perfins will be found more frequently on revenue stamps than on regular postage ... thus creating a difference in scarcity.

From the Editor: In general, I agree with Ed; however, It is my opinion that illegals should be listed in Section II of the Catalog and that if revenues are included they should be incorporated into a new Revenue Section. JFL

From Jackie Ryan, Catalog Sales & Distribution, 301 Hine Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53188. As a result of popular request, album pages may be purchased in any quantity of 25 pages or more postpaid at 10¢ a page. **MINIMUM ORDER 25 PAGES AT \$2.50.** The next publications price list will reflect this change. Non-members add 15% to price, plus postage.

Don't forget to specify which type of page you desire:

- o A30 Traditional, 30 perfins per page.
- o C20 Larger perfins, 20 per page.
- o B42 White background, 42 spaces per page.
- o D21 Branches and issues, 22 perfins per page.

Pages were illustrated TPB, October 1988, page 169.

If there is anything else you need in the way of perfin supplies, drop Jackie a note.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER REASSIGNED

Club Secretary Ralph Smith reports that Donald A. Anderson originally joined the Perfins Club back in 1965 and for one reason or another he dropped out of the Club. in 1978, he "came home." Recently he indicated that he had been a member previously, sure enough, number 293 the first time and 1715 the second time. Ralph has reassigned his original number 293 and vacated the other number.

"Try Canadian Pacific Railway"

Bruce Holmes (#2584), 64 Maple Circle, Dollard des Ormeaux
Quebec, Canada H9B 1E7

Illustrated below is a card that I prepared for a weekend seminar for Sherlock Holmes buffs held in Williamsburg, Virginia. The card ties my three hobbies, stamp collecting, perfin collecting, and Sherlock Holmes.

On the second page were printed
the letters "C.P.R.,"

HOLMES LAID IT ON THE TABLE AND EXAMINED IT
IN HIS MINUTE WAY . . .

Illustration by Sidney Paget for the *Strand Magazine*,
March, 1904.



"Try Canadian Pacific Railway,"
said Sherlock Holmes.

From the *Adventure of Black Peter*

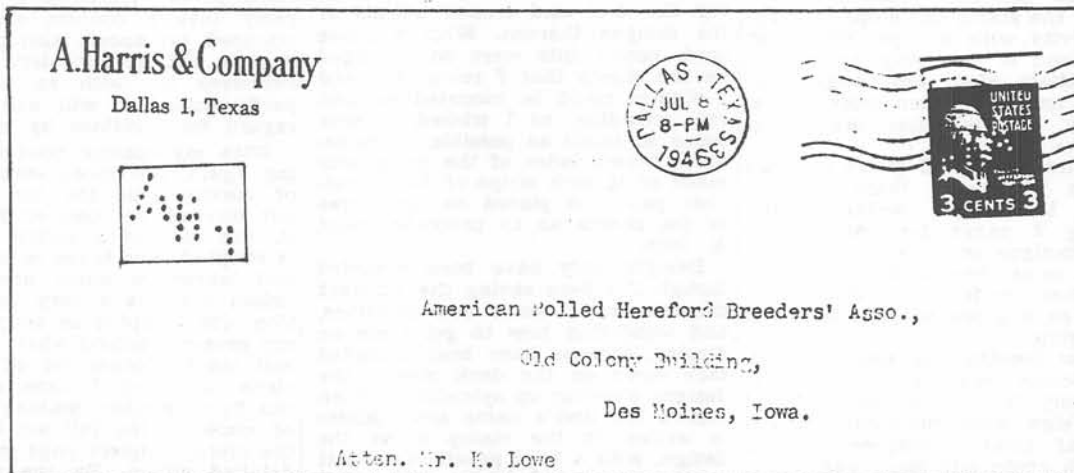


The letters perforated in the above
stamp are indeed those of the
Canadian Pacific Railway

B. Holmes

NEW TEXAS PERFIN?

Harry Rickard (#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020



The cover illustrated above carries the caption, "Since 1887" on its reverse side. With that much background, it may be assumed that this perfin user was not a newcomer to their use.

Looking at this pattern on cover, it is noted that some holes are missing. By this late date, 1946, when perfins were falling into disuse, where are all the copies that must have been used in prior years?

The punch was made with back side uppermost as can be seen by a reverse reading of three letters on an angle. A hand drawn replica is shown on the left. It is not to scale, but intended merely to illustrate the pattern. Two holes of the "A" are missing as is one in the "H". Those are for A. Harris. The smaller letter may be a "T" used to indicate a Texas office. Pattern G77 also uses a letter "T" to indicate a Texas letter.

It is probable that the Harris firm mailings were very few, or perhaps but for this one example none survived. That is the case for many A-rated patterns which only have one or two known examples.

This desirable cover was submitted by member Frank Goldeck (#2517).

THE CHALLENGE

Echoes FROM THE PAST - I
See "The Challenge", TPB, October 1988, pp 182-3.

Paul Jackson (LM-5), 10 Brentwood Road, Raritan, NJ 08869

An other item that attracted my attention in the copies of *PERFINS* printed in the 1940s were the articles entitled, "How I Collect Perfins."

"PERFINS"

COLLECTING PERFINS

C. S. Pomeroy, Mill Valley, Calif.

As a young boy I began over 50 years ago saving all these little steel engravings I could find, at a time when I knew no better than to mount hollow squares of guide lines; and that collection has continued through the starts and stops of varying activity with stamps. With that background it was only natural to save initials when they began appearing and had I been more active, philately, at that time my album would be fatter.

Not until about 15 years ago did I begin to mount these, putting into a black-paged kodak album, allowing 2 pages for each initial letter, designs only being mounted. At the same time a list of all designs was made to carry in my pocket as a guide to collecting and exchanging.





A few months ago album expansion became necessary and my approximately 500 U. S. designs and 500 foreign were remounted into 2 loose-leaf albums composed of 8½ x 11 inch green and black pages supplied by The Western Stamp Collector and interleaved with glassine sheets. The U. S. album is green with black pages and the foreign

one is black with green pages. A generous(?) maximum of 4 pages was allowed for each index letter but—you guessed it—some letters are now badly crowded in spots. In the top outer corner of each page a small circular, red-edged label (Dennison's 254) was placed, showing the first and second initials of the designs thereon. With a guide card, pencil dots were so arranged on the sheets that 7 rows of 6 and 7 stamps could be mounted without real crowding, as I wished to save space as much as possible. A home-made thumb index of the pages was made of ¼ inch strips of 1-inch butcher paper so placed on the edges of the sheets as to protrude about ⅜ inch.

Designs only have been mounted though I've been saving the different denominations, issues and positions, and wondering how to get them on display. Stamps have been mounted face down on the dark sheets, the designs showing up splendidly. When known the user's name and address is written on the stamp above the design, with a hard pencil, the Scott number is placed in the lower left corner and at the right is an ab-

breivation to indicate whether the design was placed in normal position, invert, reserved, etc. I read that some collectors pay no attention to position of designs, because they are applied by hand and might be "made to order" Regardless of how it was applied, there it is, and the two-cent Pan-American stamp with inverted center still brings thousands of dollars in spite of the fact that some person placed a sheet improperly. Inverts, doubles, etc. in hand-stamped precancels also greatly influence list prices:—let's not fool ourselves for with an increase in perfin collectors will come a close regard for positions by many.


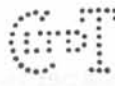




With my coming need for mounting again, I'm faced with the hope of making this the last such job but haven't yet decided how to do it. The plan of a design to a page is simplest, but takes so much room and leaves so much unused space unless one has a very large collection. I'm tempted to simply expand my present method where necessary, and start another set of those designs of which I have more than one Scott number, making some sort of mark in the full set to indicate the more complete page in the more detailed album. By the way, can't someone suggest a satisfactory term for the different Scott numbers of each design. Issues, often used, seems

1 CAPE OF G.H.	2 NATAL	3 ORANGE FS BO RC	4 TRANSVAAL	5 SOUTH AFRICA UN REP
 B17	X			X UN
				B&CO LD B18
			 B19	
 C1		X RC		X UN
	X		 C2	
C H J C3				

- KEY:
- 1 Cape Of Good Hope
 - 2 Natal
 - 3 Orange Free State [OFS], British Occupation [BO], Orange River Colony [ORC]
 - 4 Transvaal
 - 5 Union Of South Africa [UN], Republic Of South Africa [REP]

<u>Cat. #</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Key</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
C4	CH/&W	1		
C5	<u>CLTDI</u>	1,2,3,4,5	Cape Times LTD.	Capetown
C6	CSS	1,2,3	Cunard Steamship Co.	Capetown
C7	C.S./&C ^o	4	C. Searle & Co. LTD.	Mossel Bay
C8	C.W.C	1,3,4,5		
C9	C.W.C	1,3,4,5	Champions LTD.	Bloemfontein

NOTES:

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 C4				
 C5	X	X	X	X UN
 C6	X	X RC		
			 C7	
 C8.		X	X	X
 C9		X	X	X UN

A. Commercials

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C10	CWC/B	1,3	Champions, LTD.	Bloemfontein
C11	C&H	1	Cleghorn & Harris	Capetown
C12	C&H	1	Cleghorn & Harris	Capetown
D1	D	2	P. Davis & Sons	Pietermaritzburg
D2	D.C/&C ^o	1	Donald Currie & Co.	Capetown
D3	<u>DI</u> /&C ^o	1	D. Isaacs & Co.	Capetown Port Elizabeth

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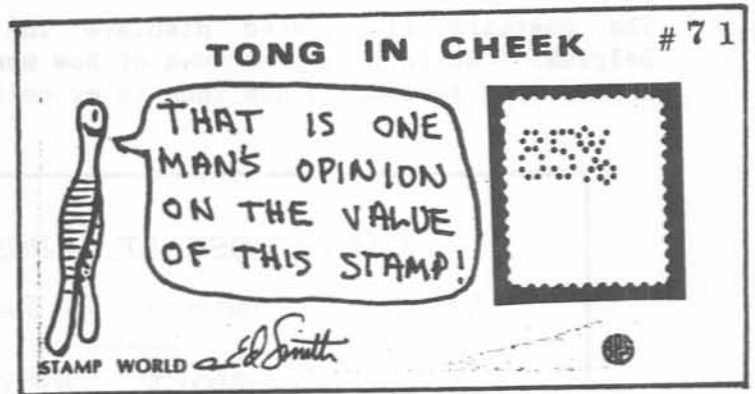
improper because sets are correctly so designated.

In my detailed album I plan a well-centered design at the top of the page, face down, with a small bit of white paper just below it, bearing the address of the user. It seems as though any attempt to mount by values and years of issue will mean continued remounting unless we can learn from the various users what stamps they have perforated and probably many users keep no such record.

If we could secure from the perforator manufacturers data regarding their users and addresses, much of the present uncertainty of alphabetical arrangement would be eliminated, though the placing of future users would always make new problems.

Lets hear of simple methods of storing duplicate perfin.

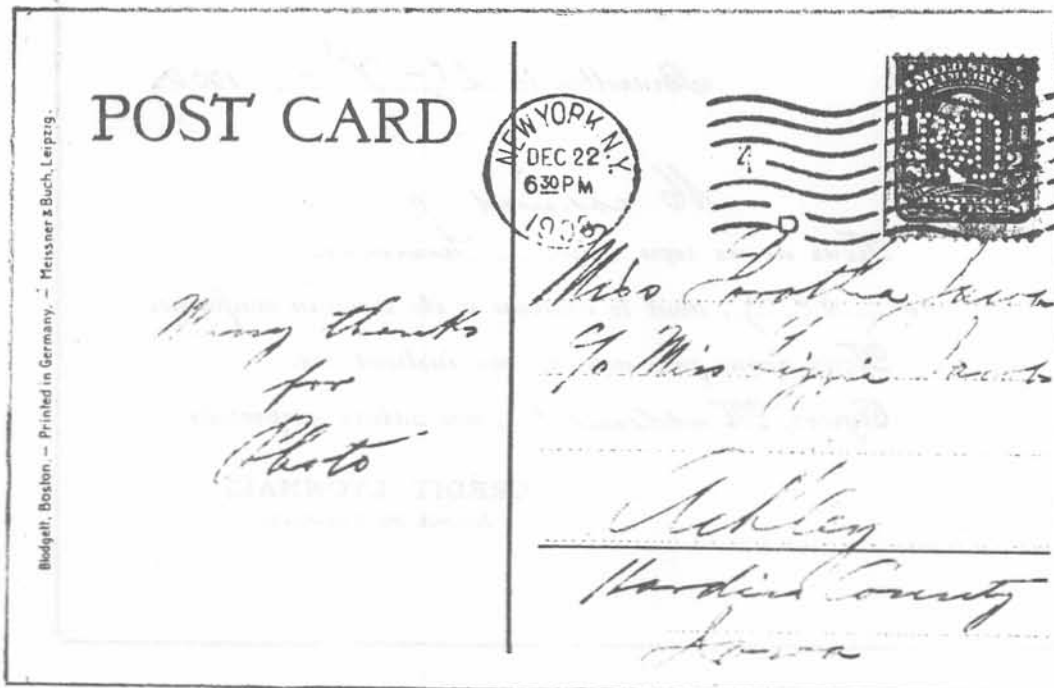
The editors have come to the conclusion that it is much better for an item to be omitted from the catalog than that it should be in error.



FIRST ILLEGAL?

John Funkhouser (#1638), 4555 Pioneer Trail, Okemos, MI 48864

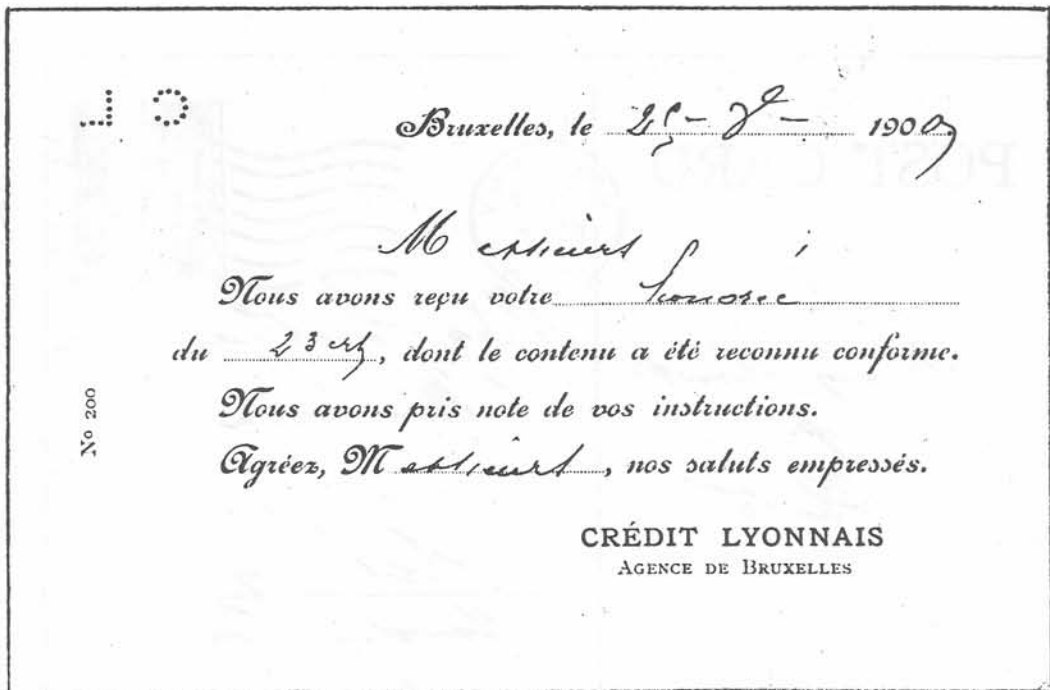
The illustrated cover does not better the July 23, 1908 date in President Dick Mewhinney's recent offer. But on the other hand, how about the first use of an illegal perfin on a cover or card. This Christmas card was posted with a perfin, pattern B266, the "B&D" of Bawe and Dotter, Ltd. of New York City. The postmark: December 22, 1908.



CREDIT LYONNAIS

Joseph Laura, Jr. (#1238); P.O. Box 219, West Wareham, MA 02576

The postcard illustrated displays the "CL" of Credit Lyonnais of Brussels, Belgium. While I have no idea of how many type of perfinned postal stationery exist, I am anxious to add them to my collection.



WESTPEX - A LOCAL SHOW

Paul Jackson (LM-5), 10 Brentwood Road, Raritan, NJ 08869

You know the feeling of asking a stamp dealer about perfins and getting that look -- What are you talking about? A local show is an opportunity to seek untapped sources of needed material. But imagine my shock when I directed my question to Wesley Crozier a postal historian and dealer, about perfins at a Westpex and he responded not only with perfins but the October 1908 issue of *Meekel's News and Trade Circular*, which is partially illustrated below.

Meekel's News and Trade Circular.

Published at frequent intervals during the season. Mailed *free* to customers, those who are in the habit of sending occasional orders, as well as to patrons of our approval department who request their names placed on our mailing list.

C. H. MEKEEL,

R. F. D. 29,

St. Louis, Mo.

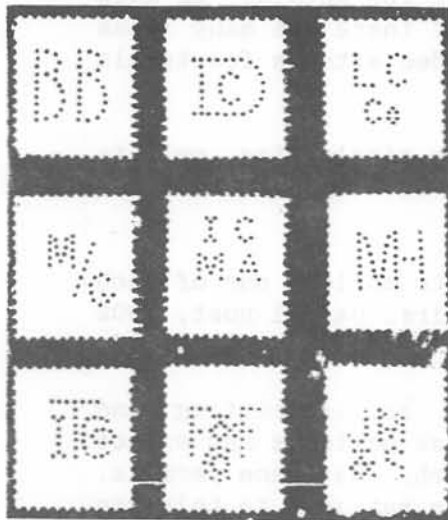
No. 15.

October, 1908.

Although we issue this number of our Circular as planned in September we think best to give it an October date line, as it may be late in coming to the attention of some who have laid stamps aside for the vacation season.

PERFORATED U. S.

In our last number we announced that the U. S. government will now permit postage stamps to be punched or perforated with five and six letter designs, provided these marks do not exceed one thirty-second of an inch in diameter, and the whole space occupied by the identifying device shall not exceed one-half inch square.



Our illustration shows some of the safety devices that have already been adopted. The cost of a perforating machine for this purpose is from \$25 to \$50 and the machine's capacity is from 400 to 1600 stamps per minute. As already stated this is intended to put an end to the theft of stamps from business houses by dishonest employes, as it will make stamps difficult to dispose of, and enable stolen property to be more easily identified.

Mr. C. Nast of Denver, Colo., editor of the *Stamp Journal*, writes in regard to the *Philatelic Journal of America*:

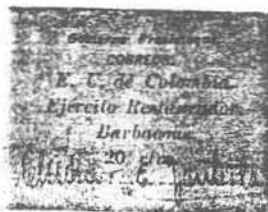
"I regard it the best work in my philatelic library. No collector should be without a complete set, in my opinion."

BARBACOAS (Colombia.)

A type-set provisional came to us from Colombia some time ago, and we asked for information from various new issue authorities with little success.

The stamps are type-set, printed without border, on wove paper, and each stamp signed in red ink "El Admor. E. Bautista."

A correspondent in Santander, Colombia, assures us that the stamps were regularly issued and circulated for postage for two months.



He furthermore sends us a copy of the following voucher:

"Como administrador, principal que fui de la Intendencia General del Ejército, quien autorizo por Decreto Generalísimo la emisión de sellos provisionales en el Estado del Cauca, hoy Departamento,

Certifico:

los sellos conocidos con el nombre de "BARBACOAS," y que dicen:

"Gobierno Provisional
Correos

Estado Unido de Colombia
Ejercito Restaurador
Barbacoas"

1, 2, 3, 10, 20, c's.

fueron de uso corriente y circularon por el termino de 2 meses, postalmente, llevando la firma autografa del suscrito Admor, en tinta roja.

Expido el presente certificado en la ciudad de Barbacoas a tres de Abril de mil novecientos ocho.

(Firmado) E. Bautista."

Which substantially affirms under date of April 3rd, 1908, that these provisional stamps were authorized by General Decree and were in use for two months for postal purposes at Barbacoas, State of Cauca, now a Department of Colombia.

We have asked for a copy of the decree, and further evidence of their use as postage stamps.

*The National Assembly of Colombia, sitting at Bogota, passed the law redistricting the country, dividing it for administration purposes into thirty-two Departments.

The copies we have seen are cancelled in violet ink.

CORREOS

Anu
LADA

Yes, that is 1908! and reference is made to the fact that the previous issue in September 1908 contained the announcement that the U.S. Government had approved the use of perfins. Mr. Crozier asked that I share the Meekel's with the Perfins Club through the pages of the *Bulletin*. Please note the designs illustrated which include some of the earliest known patterns since they appeared shortly after perfin approval.

The establishment of a contact with a local dealer often leads to a surprise like this one, particularly once your interests are made known to him. Interest in an exhibition of covers lead to an animated discussion of FIP and APS rules which either exclude perfins or at a minimum reduce the award given.

I would also like to point out that Wesley has a selection of 2 cent reds priced at 100 to a package at \$4.00 each. He also has a very few covers with perfins for sale.

SINGLE DIE PERFORATORS

Harry Rickard (#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

Until you have seen one, you have no conception of the device than had made so many hundreds of our perfin patterns. Several years ago, during the Portland show at which the Club held its annual exhibit, I had a brief glimpse of Ed. Haack's B33 device. To me it resembled an embossing seal device used by notary publics in my younger days. It can nestle in your palm, to give you an idea of its small size. Now consider that as we talk about circa 1908.

During the 1908 era, when perforating stamps was legalized, why did so many thousands of business men and corporations suddenly decide to perforate their stamps? Was it because they either knew or at least suspected that the amount of postal pilferage warranted an investment in this new security measure?

No doubt, the event began with a rush of sales personnel to give their potential clients a "hard sell" talk about the advantages and wonders of the new equipment. By the large number of patterns listed in the catalog, we know that the quantities sold were astounding. Consider that there are many items that have never made the catalog because they were discarded after a few trials or because the pins broke in early usage.

In many instances, production users started out with single dies, only to realize that they needed the larger machines which offered longer service and less problems.

As collectors of perfins, we usually have been content to collect one of each catalog listed pattern, plus a few sidelines, such as airs, parcel post, 1902 series, etc. Now you can add another interesting facet to you field.

Collecting patterns made on single die devices can be interesting and challenging. I am now starting my own collection of these patterns and expect to maintain a listing of as many as can be shown to be such. As space permits, in the *Bulletin*, I hope to show various single die patterns to help you identify them as you look through various groups of perfins.

By remembering some basics, it is not difficult to recognize single die perfins. We know that multi-heads made several identical patterns at one punch and initially stamps were laid on a marked base plate to keep the patterns even. A broken pin would be repeated on the same stamp of each row punched.

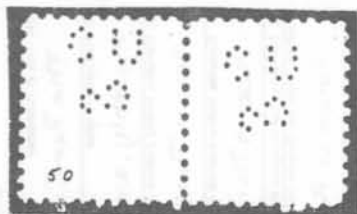
Missing pins from single dies, show up on all future stamps punched with that device. Punching would not be true horizontal or vertical in most instances. Depending upon the user, stamps were hand fed either singly or folded. Some people tried coils, but gave up because of the tendency of the stamps to curl.

Look over this first group and I will be pleased to hear from anyone with potential copies they wish to show or that they need help in identifying.

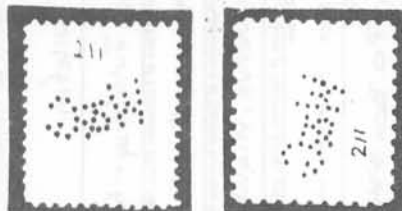
Pairs and strips make for easy identification. Patterns usually are angled and multiples will be unevenly spaced. The three different pairs shown are good examples of the results of stamps punched with a single die device. The two singles are typical of single die punches.



This pair of S116 is a quite different single die portrayal. Each pattern is spaced differently from tops and bottoms and the sides. As singles, one would not know that the patterns were originally punched in reversed positions.



This pair of pattern U50 shows the identical missing pins on each copy and also note the differences in elevation.



W211 is typical of single die punching. A normal horizontal pattern is shown on one eventhough it is an angle while the other copy is angled and vertical.

Since any operator had a choice of positioning stamps for punching they may appear evenly placed or angled to various degrees. By maintaining a listing you can identify single dies.

Begin your search for single die patterns.

SHARP EYED AUCTION WATCHER

Harry Rickard (#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

It pays to give some attention to stamp dealers auction listing. One never knows when something in the way of perfins might be found.

Member Jim Callis (#2530), being an auction follower, happened to spot a pattern that is listed in our catalog incorrectly. In the "WM/CO" patterns that are not completely identified patterns W127 and W132 have no identifying information and patterns W128 and W129 are listed with a San Francisco user. By use of a magnifying glass, I make the illustration out to be pattern W128.

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1417 Multicolor ads. *Shriner's welcome*, 2c (707) with *perfin W M / Co*, tied by line 1932 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. machine on window cover, c/c Western Meat Co, Fine. PHOTO \$40-50

From the accompanying catalog insert it may be noted that this is the Western Meat Company of South San Francisco, CA. South San Francisco is a different town than San Francisco.

Also shown is the auction catalog listing of the lot. What do you think of the firm's suggested bid price? I thought that dealers looked askance at perfin, on or off cover, probably a myth. Of course, the "Shriners Welcome" illustration and caption may be the reason for for the unusual suggested bid price.

Thank you, Jim, for bringing this to our attention.

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