

# The Bulletin

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## Pittsburgh or Bust

As previously announced, This year's convention will be in Pittsburgh, PA. It will be happening August 5 - 9 in conjunction with the Precancel Society's annual convention at the Holiday Inn Pittsburgh Central, 401 Holliday Dr. Phone 412-922-8100 for reservations.

For non-philatelic spouses, children, or friends the following information is paraphrased from the May Precancel Forum.

Most visitors to Pittsburgh will arrive through the \$1 billion international airport on the west side of the city. This airport is served by 9 airlines so flight choice is somewhat in your control. Coming from the west means entry into the area through the Fort Pitt tunnel. Exiting the tunnel coming to the east provides travelers a stunning vista of the city.

For those who think of Pittsburgh as just another old steel town, time for an update in your thinking! The city has made an almost complete turn-around to become a modern, dynamic city with high-tech businesses, cutting edge health care, and first-rank education facilities.

Point State Park is located where the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers meet to form the Ohio River. Fort Pitt is located on the point: it is the place where the British and French struggled for control of western Pennsylvania and the (then) Northwest Territory (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin).

From here the renaissance of downtown is easily visible; the Alcoa Building, Gateway Center, PPG Place, Mellon Bank Center, USX Tower, Carnegie Science Center, and two new stadiums are easily seen – and are within an easy walk of the convention center.

The Duquesne and Monongahela and Allegheny Inclines operate near Station Square, going to the top of Mount Washington. Observation decks at the top of Mount Washington provide great Kodak moments – so take your cameras!

Station Square is a shopping, dining, and entertainment hotspot in the old Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad buildings west of the point and downtown areas.

The National Aviary is the only indoor bird facility in North America which is independent of a large zoo. You can visit over 500 exotic and endangered birds in their native habitats.

In Schenly Park, east of downtown, you will find the Phillips Conservatory. There, you can enjoy a variety of outdoor gardens and many unusual collections including the discovery garden, the bonsai collection, the butterfly gardens, and the perennial, annual, herb and aquatic plant gardens, and a great orchid collection.

The University of Pittsburgh campus boasts the Cathedral of Learning, a 42-story (535 foot) modern gothic skyscraper of classrooms which includes 24 nationality rooms, each representing an ethnic group that settled locally and helped to make Pittsburgh the thriving city it is today.

And about 35 miles south of the city you can find two of Frank Lloyd Wright's most famous architectural works – Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob.

**OOPS! Almost forgot to mention – at the convention there will be lots and lots of stamps and friendship for those who plan on stamping in Pittsburgh!**

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## Spotted at Auction

Bill Shields (#2951) spotted three lots of perfins on e-Bay and brought them to my attention. Two sold and the third closed without achieving an unspecified reserve bid. The lots are described below.

**Item # 2922578275** was described as “Egypt, Small group of Perfins”. The lot contained only 37 stamps of which only 20 appear to have sound perfins. Using Bob Schwerdt’s Africa catalog my visual inspection of this lot indicates the following (pattern # [sound/broken]): A1 (3/1), A2 (0/1), A4 (0/1), A5 (4/3), A7 (1/0), A8 (2/1), A10 (2/0), A12 (0/2), A22 (4/7), A30 (1/0), A32 (3/0), and A33 (0/1).

Only five bids were received for the lot with the winning bid being £114 (GB; approx. US \$178.11) and that from a starting bid of only £2.00 (GB; approx. US \$3.12). While I did not evaluate the lot for high value Egyptian stamps, nor am I a specialist on Egyptian perfins, \$4.81 per stamp with virtually 1 of 2 being poor copies seems to be an excessive winning bid!

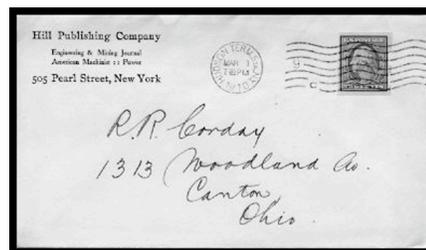
**Item # 2922140577** was described “Hong Kong \$10 Rose SG F3 S.D. Perfin HSB B62”. Later in the description was the following: “Hong Kong \$10 Rose SG F3 Stamp Duty / Double Perfin HSB and B62 in black / Bright colour and No fault / Very good condition.” By closing time the opening bid of \$9.00 had been raised 11 times to a whopping \$232.50 selling price.

While I am no expert on Hong Kong postal usage of revenue stamps, the cancel on this one appears to be

postal. If I am translating the SG number correctly the stamp in question appears to be Scott #28, a stamp with a (2001) Scott catalog value of \$625 for a postally used copy. My suspicion is that that value is what drove this single stamp lot’s closing bid, a whopper for a single perfin! E-Bay illustrated the full stamp in the ‘thumbnail’ image at the top – but only the top half in the description area. Below I reproduce that 1/2 stamp.



And finally, **Item # 2925051217** was described as “Schermack Coil Scott #384 Control Perfin” and later “Hill Publishing Co. Control perfin configuration is 689. March 1, 1910. Slight tone band towards top of envelope.”



The final bid (of 10) was \$128.50 for this cover which did not achieve an unspecified reserve value. The cover went unsold at that offer.

Thanks Bill for spotting and reporting these items to me.

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## Whatizzit #7

Bob Schwerdt (#505L)

Guatemala: This revenue with quetzal coat of arms is inscribed ‘TIMBRE de VEINTICINCO/Centavos de Quetzal’. The perfin design seems to be a bug in a triangle. Perhaps some collector has stamps with more of this perfin pattern? A block would certainly reveal a more complete design.

Any Help?? Contact Bob at 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.



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# Perfins in State Revenues

By Chuck Spaulding (#2355)

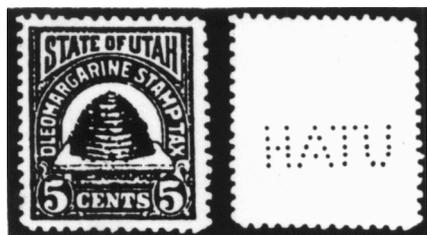
**Editor's Note:** The following article is reworked one pager by Chuck originally printed in the State Revenue News, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2001, Page 10. Discussion of the Maryland wine and liquor stamps was eliminated since Chuck has already given this subject fuller coverage in recent PBs. Also, having heard nothing negative on the use of 'perfins' for patterns in revenues – I (not Chuck) am editing Chuck's note to reflect this (finally!!!) consistent usage of the word.

Many perfin patterns are found only in state revenue stamps.

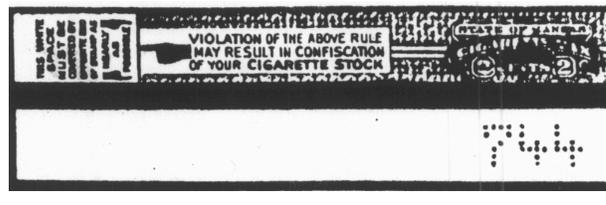
The perforated numbers illustrated immediately below are found only in Washington DC beverage tax stamps. We have found many different numbers perforated in these stamps. However there is a mystery associated with these perforations. The stamps in which they are found always have a rubber stamped number on the face of the stamp that is different from the perforated number. What do the two different numbers represent?



The perfin UTAH has been found only in Utah's oleomargarine and cigarette stamps.



States like Kansas used perforated numbers in their cigarette tax stamps. An example is shown next.

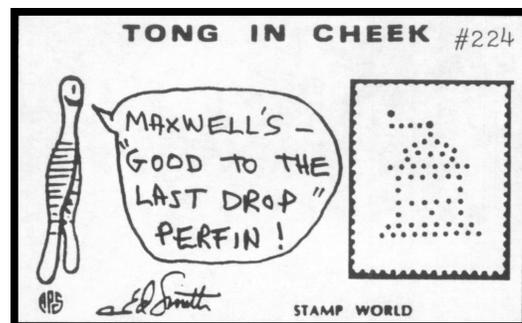


Perfins have been found in state beer stamps since they were first issued. This is the result of a 1902 federal law that required breweries to perforate federal beer stamps. We estimate that there should be more than 2,000 and possibly even more than 3,000 different perfin designs to be discovered in state and federal beer stamps.

Perhaps the most common revenue stamps of all are the New York state stock transfer stamps. Perfins are very common in these stamps, used on stockbroker sales slips to pay the state tax that was required on these transactions. These sales slips have been our primary source for identifications of users, and we are always on the lookout for them. We believe that with more research and help we should discover most of the designs and be able to identify their users.



Please contact me (see last page) with any help you have to offer. All contributors to the catalog of revenue perfins will be acknowledged in the final catalog



## Korean Underprints Revisited

Edited from information provided by Magnus Werner (#1308), Burl Henry (#3345), Mike Behm (#1902), Jack Brandt (LM14), and Vince McDermott (#1787)

In the April 2003 Perfins Bulletin (p. 63) Vince McDermott shared a marking he had found on the underside of a copy of a Korean stamp (Scott #18). The marking was a double lined circle with the words 'Errington & Martin/\*\*' written in an arc within the interior circle. Vince offered some speculation as to the meaning and purpose of the marking.

In response to this note, several members have responded with information relating to the marking.

Magnus Werner writes: "The imprint shown is not a security marking, but an underprint used to advertise the British firm Errington & Martin, Stamp Importers, South Hackney, London." And, he included the following illustration.



He also reports that at least four types of underprint exist:

- Circular types with text in the center
- Circular types without text in the center
- A rectangular frame, 30 x 22 mm with the text 'Errington & Martin/Stamp Importers/South Hackney N.E./ Illustrated list/ Post free' (seen on back of QV revenue stamp of India)
- A smaller version of the rectangle style (without frame, but with identical text; on a stamp of Romania)

He notes having seen the circular types on stamps of Mauritius and Egypt.

He goes on to say: "In the book 'Hong Kong Security Markings' by Ming W. Tsang, is illustrated, in the list of 'Firm Chops', the circular type without text in the center on a Hong Kong stamp. This is... an error, and should be deleted." This statement took

me a second (or several) to interpret since this is an area of collecting with which I am not really familiar. Then the light came on – simply put, this is an advertising mark and not a security device (firm chop). The final line in Magnus' note was what clarified the relationship for me: "The nicest publicity underprint I have seen was on the back of a Danish stamp: 'Boys – don't shoot birds – save stamps.'"

Burl Henry sent examples of eight Errington & Martin backstamps. At least five distinct devices are represented in this group, which are worded in four different ways. All of these stamps plus the Korean example come from the same general time period – the late 1800s to early 1900s.

Below are the backstamps Burl shared, with identification of the country of stamp origin and Scott # of the stamp shown. In black and white they lose some of the colorful aspect they present in the color copy I have seen; these handstamps range from dull purple (most) to bright magenta (Finland Sc#31).



Guatemala  
Sc#43



Iran  
Sc#92



Egypt  
Sc#1



Chile  
Sc#28



Egypt  
Sc#35



Netherlands Indies  
Sc#9



Finland  
Sc#31



Switzerland  
Sc#87a

Of special interest is the underprinting seen on Egypt Sc#35. Most of the upper part of the underprint is absent apparently due to having been applied on top of a stamp hinge that was subsequently lost. This is extremely strong evidence in support of the belief that these are nothing more than advertising impressions added to stamps being prepared for resale to collectors or retailers.

Burl added one additional image to those of the Errington & Martin grouping. Illustrated below is another backstamp: "RHODES, / Stamp Dealer / 45, Lombard St. / London."



France  
Sc#25

This underprint, plus all of the others described in this article suggests that these advertising/publicity underprints may reflect a relatively common turn-of-the-(20<sup>th</sup>)-century advertising practice.

Mike Behm writes in a very similar vein: "Errington & Martin were stamp importers in South Hackney, London, N.E. (this is according to an underprint I have on a stamp). I also have an underprint that is similar to the one in Vince McDermott's article, but the interior of the design also says 'South Hackney, London'." He continues: "Doing a search for Errington & Martin on Google shows that there is a company by that name today: Errington & Martin, Wholesale Stationers, 25 Elsdale St., London E9 6QZ."

Jack Brandt writes: "No doubt several have told you already that Errington and Martin were GB dealers,

and put underprints on 1000's of worldwide postal and revenue stamps, and postal stationery cut squares, with 8 or 10 or more different types of print. I enclose photocopies... (different shades of gray). These are in purple and blue, and I think other colors exist. I even have two examples on perfins:... a Romania postal stamp,... an Indian revenue, and... a Gwalior cut square. These were mentioned recently in the GB Perfin Society Bulletin."



Vince summarizes what he has heard in the following manner: "So what are they? Perfin forerunners? No. Underprints? Probably not. They should probably be classified as handstamps or backstamps. Burl suggests they may be advertising. Quite possibly. Perfins were used as advertising also. Security? Maybe. I recall seeing one example years ago of a backstamp which was thought to have been applied by an organization which once owned a collection which was on public display – and they applied a backstamp for security reasons."

In summary, I (your editor) suggest that what seems clear from the above input is that these underprints do not fit into the class of 'Firm Chops' or "Security Endorsements" as generally used by collectors. They clearly were not designed to protect stamps that had yet to perform their designated function of prepaying postage (or revenue) fees.

The possibility of these being security underprints to preclude employee theft of collectable stamps seems to be undermined by the values of the stamps involved. A quick review of my 2001 Scotts Catalog (checked only #2 - C-F) shows that the five stamps in this volume range in catalog value from only \$0.30 (Chile #28) to a high of \$24.00 (Egypt #1) for used copies of these stamps. So, there appears to be nothing here of special value requiring protection.

We are left with the probability (suggested by several members) that these are simply advertising marks placed by dealers reselling collectable stamps either directly or indirectly to collectors.

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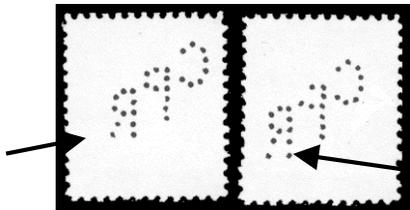
# Notes on Recent Bulletin Articles

Jack Brandt (LM14)

## Canada- Perfin on Stamp Error

In the February PB (p27) there was a nice item showing a perfin on a stamp with a perforation error. This is definitely something to look for, since there should be more. The article reminded me of a perfin on stamp error I have.

The figure below shows two illustrations of a Canadian CPR perfin.



Looking closely one notes on the right example the two bottom holes of the R are further from the above two holes than in the left example. A new CPR type? No, rather a pre-printing paper fold.



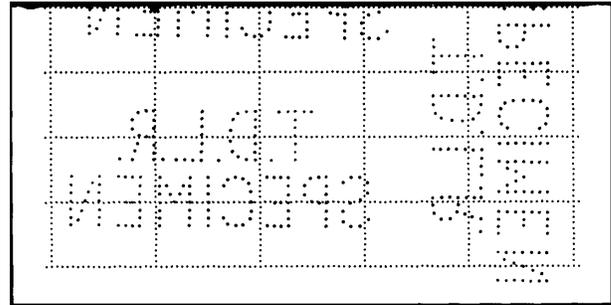
The above illustration shows the front of the stamp which after soaking 'unfolded' and now has a white line across the stamp. (The external perforation, the cancel, and the perfin all indicate that the stamp was still folded at the time the perfin was applied.) The fold extends right across the stamp, so more of these may exist. Hopefully some survived.

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## Another Thomas de la Rue Specimen Perfin

In the April Bulletin (P58) there was an illustration of a T.D.L.R./SPECIMEN perfin. I

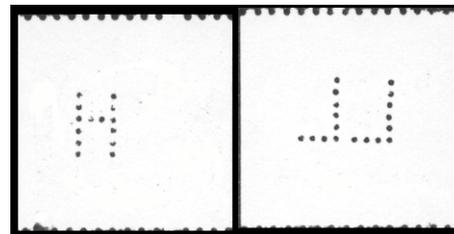
have what is probably the same perfin on a Morocco revenue, on a little bigger block than was shown, with one complete and two partial patterns. You can see they made an effort to get part of the perfin on each stamp. The dealer I got it from agrees with the 'Thomas de la Rue' ID. He stated this revenue is a 1984 Visa stamp.



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## More Fleischman Yeast Perfins

Back in July-August '01, and January-February '02 were illustrated a couple of yeast perfins. I just recently acquired 3 of these, and enclose the following illustrations: they are FE, H, and LL, all different from those previously illustrated. In what catalog do these belong? How about with the revenues?



## More on German Officials

In the April Bulletin Bob Schwerdt introduced the subject of perfins in German official stamps. A couple of extremely interesting additions to Bob's work have been submitted and are shown below.

Rudy Roy (#1124) submitted a scan of one of the German official stamps with pat 1.FM,2 (FM) on cover. The cover is postmarked Darmstadt 18 June 1926. The cover was sent at the circular rate (**Drucksache** handstamp).



Magnus Werner (#1308) wrote, adding an elusive 'POL' on a German official. "The one shown here is on a 50 pfg yellow official, postmarked FRANKFURT (MAIN), August 1940."

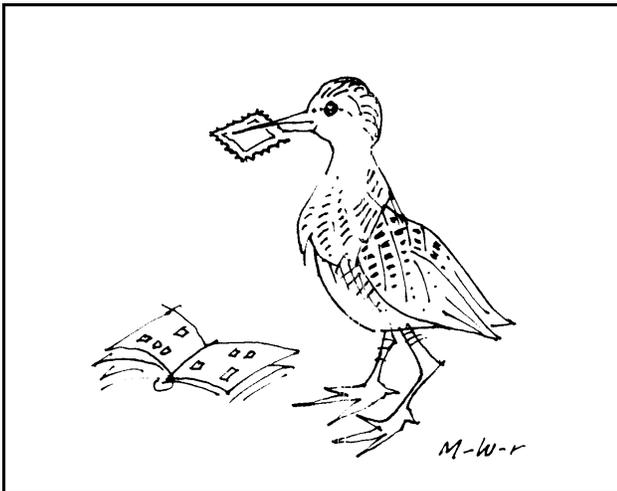


Thanks to both for sharing these additional pieces of the German officials story.

A note from Bob Schwerdt completes the current correspondence on these items. He notes (more graciously, that I, your fumble fingered editor, created an error in the original piece – the listing for 'Russian' should have read 'Prussian'.

## New Tool for Collectors

(A Strange Bird)  
Magnus Werner (#1308)



Scientific name: *Philomachus pugnax* (Werner)

Common name: English: Ruff

German: Kampfläufer

French: Chevalier combattant

Stamp collectors common name – Tweezers  
(trained by an Italian organ-grinder.)

## The Rest of the Story

Just a quick note from Bob Schwerdt (505L) on the "Fantasy-Fantasy" (April p.56). "FENNEC is a North African fox (see Algeria Scott B88). Someone has a sly (foxy) sense of humor." My Webster's states "A small fawn-colored African fox, with large ears." The stamp certainly bears (foxes?) out the big ears part! Thanks Bob!



## Counting the Catalogs – 3

Just a quick intro this month. Several of you have written really great information that I am compiling for later. Also, some concerns for next month's Bulletin. This month, just 2 more pages of counts.

Current (2002) Catalog Counts

Country or Territory	CATALOG	POST	REV	SPEC	OTH	TOT	Comments
Guatemala	Schwerdt Amer 1992		7	1	3	11	oth = officials
Griqualand West	Schwerdt Africa 1995		2			2	
Guyana	Schwerdt Amer 1992		1			1	
Gwalior (India)	Werner 1990, 94	1	1			2	
Haiti	Schwerdt Amer 1992	1	1	1		2	
Hamburg American Packet Company	Schwerdt Amer 1992		7			7	
Hamburg Seaport Administration	Schwerdt Amer 1992		7			7	
Hamburg Seaport Storage Fees	Schwerdt Amer 1992		4			4	
Hamburg South American Steamship Company	Schwerdt Amer 1992		1			1	
Hoi Hao (Fr.)	Schwerdt Asia 1996	3				3	
Holkar State (India)	see... Indore					0	
Honan (Japanese Occ.)	Schwerdt Asia 1996	1				1	
Honduras	Schwerdt Amer 1992			1		1	oth = officials
Hong Kong	Schwerdt Asia 1996	78	27	3		108	
Hopei (Japanese Occ.)	Schwerdt Asia 1996	3				3	
Hungary	Maxa [?]	332				332	
Hyderabad (India)	Werner 1990	4				4	
Hyderabad (Residency Bazaar; India)	Werner 1994		1			1	
India	Werner 1990, 94,98	983	115			1098	
Indies (Neth.)	Verhoeven 1991	23				23	
Indochina (Fr.)	Schwerdt Asia 1996	9	1			10	
Indonesia	Schwerdt Asia 1996		3			3	
Indore (India)	Werner 1990, 98	17	1			18	
Iran	see... Persia					0	
Iraq	Schwerdt Asia 1996	1		1		2	
Ireland (1922+)	Mewhinney 1984	316				316	
Istria (Jugos.)	Schwerdt Europe 1994	1				1	
Italy	Bertazzolli 2000	805				805	
Jamaica	Schwerdt Amer 1992	2	3	4		9	
Japan	Adachi 1980	657				657	

## Current (2002) Catalog Counts

Country or Territory	CATALOG	POST	REV	SPEC	OTH	TOT	Comments
Johore (India)	Schwerdt Asia 1996			3		3	
Jordan	Schwerdt Asia 1996			1		1	
Jugoslavia	Schwerdt Europe 1993	84		1		85	
Kedah (India)	Schwerdt Asia 1996			2		2	
Kelantan (Malaya)	Schwerdt Asia 1996	1		1		2	oth = officials
Kenya & Uganda(1922-1923)	Schwerdt Africa 1995	1				1	
Kenya (1963+)	Schwerdt Africa 1995		2			2	
Kenya, Uganda & Tanganyika (1935 - 1964)	Schwerdt Africa 1995	6		3		9	
Kithiri State of Seiyun (Aden)	Schwerdt Asia 1996			2		2	
Kiuachau	Schwerdt Asia 1996	1				1	
Korea (?Japanese with ?Korean? Cancels)	Schwerdt Asia 1996	13				13	Ident is Adachi #
Kwangchowan (Fr.)	Schwerdt Asia 1996	4				4	
Latvia	Schwerdt Europe 1994	5		1		6	
Lebanon	Schwerdt Asia 1996	2	1			3	
Leeward Iss.	Schwerdt Amer 1992		2	3	4	9	oth = officials
Levant (Austria)	Hammink 1997c	23				23	
Levant (France)	Hammink 1997c	16				16	
Levant (Germany)	Hammink 1997c	16				16	
Levant (Great Britain)	Hammink 1997c	5				5	Schw - adds 9 other (Forgeries?)
Levant (Italy)	Hammink 1997c	4				4	
Levant (Russia)	Hammink 1997c	4				4	
Liberia	Schwerdt Africa 1995			1		1	
Libya	Schwerdt Africa 1995		1			1	
Liechtenstein	Schwerdt Europe 1994	1				1	
Liechtenstein - Austrian Admin 1920	Schwerdt Europe 1994	1				1	
Lithuania	Schwerdt Europe 1994				1	1	
Lorenc Marques (Port.)	Schwerdt Africa 1995	3				3	
Lorraine (1940)	Schwerdt Europe 1994	1				1	
Luxembourg	Schwerdt Europe 1994	24	1		2	27	
Luxembourg (Germ. Occ.)	Schwerdt Europe 1995	1				1	

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# AUCTION # 90 – Closes July 24, 2003

Guidelines: Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next highest bidder. \$1 - \$5, a 10c advance. \$5 to \$20, a 50c advance. \$20 - \$50, a \$1 advance. \$50 - \$100 or higher, a \$5 advance. No unlimited bids. No bids under a \$1 will be accepted, and no or bids. In case of tie bids, the earliest postmark will take priority. All single perfins are complete and in good condition, unless specified otherwise. Natural straight edges are not considered as damaged, all they do is signify sheet position. In larger lots you should expect some faults. All smaller lots are returnable in 5 days if mis-described. This does not apply to larger lots or mixes. Lots to be prepaid before shipping.

## **Bid by lot #**

**Send all bids to: Bruce Brunell, 425 E. Gobbi St. #98, Ukiah, CA 95482. Telephone(weekday) (707)468-0254. Email address is: [blueboy@thegrid.net](mailto:blueboy@thegrid.net).**

## **Abbreviations used:**

ADD – All different Designs(patterns)

PREPER – Precancelled perfin

DDF – design different/ face

EST – Estimated value

MDD – Mostly different designs

MB – Minimum Bid

( ) indicates % or # damaged in lot

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Scott #s are used, and Die #s are from most recent perfins catalogues when available

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<u>LOT #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION:</u>		
1	575 ADD US Perfins (15%) E & F rated	EST	\$25
2	285 ADD US Perfins (15%) D rated	EST	\$35
3	135 ADD US perfins (15%) C rated	EST	\$60
4	20 ADD US NYSE Revenue perfins		
5	13 DDF Jamaica UFCo perfins		
6	25 ADD US Perfins C rated (10%)		
7	230 US State and Natl Revenue Perfin mix		
8	Poland, 6 ADD, 8 DDF		
9	Saar, 3 ADD		
10	US – C392.5 on Scott # 530	B rate	
11	US – J176 on Scott # 567	B rate	
12	US – W132 on Scot # 530 (Nat SE)	B rate	
13	India, 50 ADD (10%)		
14	US – A43 on Scott # 425	B rate	
15	US – A45 on Scott # 335	C+ rate	
16	US – A81 on Scott # 332	B rate	
17	US – A127 on Scott # 506	C+ rate	
18	US – A143 on Scott # 508	C+ rate	
19	US – B116-9 on Scott # 814	C+ rate	
20	US – B116-41 on Scott # 693	B+ rate	
21	US – B163.5 on Scott # 503	B+ rate	

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22	US – B282 on Scott # 498	B rate
23	US – B116-19 on Scott # 913	C+ rate
24	US – C134.5 on Scott # 499	B rate
25	US – C175 on Scott # 926	B rate
26	US – D33A on Scott # 499	C+ rate
27	US – D65 on Scott # 499	A rate
28	US – D93 on Scott # 403 (torn)	B+ rate
29	US – F66 on Scott # 567	C+ rate
30	US – G59.5 on Scott # 460	B+ rate
31	US – G114 on Scott # 720	C+ rate
32	US – J178 on Scott # 498	A rate
33	US – K49 on Scott # 331	B rate
34	US – L174 on Scott # 319	D rate
35	US – M236 on Scott # 720	B rate
36	US – M311 on Scott # 510	C+ rate
37	US – N16 on Scott # 506	C+ rate
38	US – N115 on Scott # 462	C+ rate
39	US – N104.7 on Scott # 720	B rate
40	US – N113-6 on Scott # 642	C+ rate
41	US – R162 on Scott # 332	C+ rate
42	US – S64 on Scott # 367	C+ rate
43	US – S340 on Scott # 720	B rate
44	US – T53 on Scott # 551	B rate
45	US – T99 on Scott # 466	C+ rate
46	US – W79 on Scott # 510	C+ rate
47	US – W91 on Scott # 319	C rate
48	US – W110 on Scott # 332	C+ rate
49	US – W146-3 on Scott # 406 (damaged)	
	This is the old 1966 Catalogue listing copy	B+ rate
50	US – W174 on Scott # 567	C+ rate
51	US – W7.2 on Scott # 711	C+ rate
52	US – W72-28 on Scott # 831	C+ rate
53	US – W72-68 on Scott # 1035	C+ rate
54	US – W203.4 on Scott # 406	C+ rate
55	US – O69 on Scott # 332	B rate
56	US – A60 on Scott # 305	E rate
57	US – B170 on Scott # 319	C+ rate
58	US – H18 on Scott # 311	D rate
59	US – K47 on Scott # 304	C+ rate
60	US – K47 on Scott # 309	C+ rate
61	US – K47 on Scott # 310	C+ rate
62	US – 4 ADD on Scott # 319	D-E rate
63	US – F170 on Scott # 480	F rate
64	US – K25 on Scott # 462	C+ rate
65	US – L142 on Scott # 462	C+ rate
66	US – C299 on Scott # 720	C+ rate

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67	US – C80 on Scott # 375	C+ rate
68	US – B204 on Scott # 463	C+ rate
69	US – M272.5 on Scott # 406	B rate
70	Argentina Perfin Mix (15%)	
71	Netherlands, 17 ADD, 41 DDF	
72	Bavaria, 43 ADD, 109 DDF	
73	Belgium, 269 ADD	
74	Czechoslovakia, 53 ADD, 405 DDF	
75	Foreign perfin mix (70)	
76	Austria (varnish bars) 29 ADD, 37 DDF	
77	Netherlands, (POKO's on Sync perf) 6 ADD, 9 DDF	
78	US, 300+ ADD	E – F rate
79	Denmark, 183 ADD, 847 DDF	
80	France, 401 ADD	
81	French Morocco, 5ADD, 48 DDF	
82	India – Cochin, 3 ADD, 4 DDF	
83	Netherlands (retort design) 62 DDF	
84	Straight Settlements, 43 ADD	
85	Tunisia, 'T' perfin, 9 DDF	
86	US, Mix	D – D+ rates
87	US, 95 ADD	D rates
88	US, 45 ADD	D+ rates
89	US – A165 on Scott # 556	B rate
90	US – F166 on Scott # 524	E rate
91	US – M282I on Scott # 344 (thin)	C+ rate
92	US – S59 on Scott # 834 (missing 4 pins)	E rate
93	US – Des 90.65 on Scott # 344	B rate
94	US – 663 State & Federal Revenue perfins	
95	US – Railroad Perfins, 134 ADD, 1085 DDF (8%)	
96	US – U56 covers Air mail to Europe (2)	
97	US – 4 different Stock Receipts with perfins	
98	US – C353 covers to Europe c. 1960 (2)	
99	US – H96 covers to Brazil c. 1939 (3)	
100	US – 27 ADD 'GE' perfins	
101	US – 14 DDF Numeral perfins	Est \$5
102	US – 225 'prepers' excellent variety	
103	US – 105 ADD rates to C	
104	US – 16 ADD 'IHC' perfins	
105	US – 29 DDF airmail perfins on C8 – 23	
106	US – 65 DDF 'GE' perfins	
107	US – 710 mostly ADD perfins in an old collection from the early 1950's. Good variety, values to C+ noted. (12%)	

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## Sudetenland – a New Perfin Issuing Entity

Joe Laura (#1238)

Sudetenland is an area in the Sudety Mountains which extends approximately 170 miles in length and 20-30 miles in depth, on the border of the old Austrian crown-lands of Bohemia and Moravia. Germany and Poland form the north border of this area. In the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries some 3,000,000 Germans emigrated here to develop it. Sudetenland had postage of its own (overprinted Czechoslovakian stamps) as is indicated in the Michel Germany Specialized Catalog.



Michel lists close to 400 overprinted Czech stamps produced for this region; listing is by District such as Asch and Karlsbad. Some, like those used in Rumburg incorporate a swastika in the overprint. None of these are known with perfins.

During the wartime occupation (World War II; German) of this area and Bohemia & Moravia, some stamps of Germany were used. They can be distinguished only by their postmarks which show either city names from the region or the word "Sudetenland".

A single pattern HFS (ARGE #HFS,5) has been seen on three different German issues. Cancels on these stamps confirm their use in Sudetenland during German occupation.

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**Editor's note:** Joe included a photocopy of the three stamps: two are Scott type A64 (von Hindenburg) and one is Scott type A115 (Hitler). The photocopy is clear – but I know from experience that it would not reproduce clearly due to a lack of contrast. So, with apology to Joe, I am not attempting to reproduce the picture he included.

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## Memories of Forrest Swisher

Dave Kent (#1901)

I've been interested in Bob Szymanski's articles in the Perfins Bulletin on early perfin research. His most recent article mentioned letters written by Forest Swisher, and asked if anyone knew who he was. Forrest was a long-time personal friend about whom I can provide some details.

After he got out of the Army, Swisher set up a medical practice, as an orthopedic surgeon, south of Washington, with his home in Alexandria, Va. He was also an avid skier, which led us to joke that he went to the slopes looking for customers. Among his patients was a neighbor in Alexandria, a congressman from Michigan named Gerald Ford, who later gained more prominence in another branch of government.

I knew Doc Swisher mostly as a collector of Navy ship postmarks and a willing volunteer. He served in all posts in the Universal Ship Cancellation Society and was president (1977-79) at the same time I was secretary-treasurer, so we worked closely together on organizational matters. Forrest was also an exhibitor and judge of Navy postmark exhibits. I believe he may have done volunteer work for other philatelic organizations in the Washington DC area as well.

Forrest died maybe ten years ago and his collection was dispersed by friends and dealers in the Washington area. I never knew of his interest in perfins, but I am not surprised by it. He had an intellectual interest in many things.

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# Secretary's Report

Ken Rehfeld

**Annual dues are due – Mail to Ken Rehfeld (address on last page).**

	US	Canada	Foreign
Annual Dues	\$15	\$18	\$25
First class mail	\$5	\$7	\$10 additional

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**Total Membership:** 615

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## Spotted Elsewhere

In the most recent Scott Stamp Monthly (May 2003; p. 30-32) there is an article by Ron Leshner (#3498) which discusses "Security perfins on revenue stamps". In his article Ron gives an overview of perfins and then discusses them in relation to their presence in US revenue stamps. This article should get extremely wide exposure and may even turn up some new collectors who are interested in collecting

holes held together by stamps. Thanks for the exposure Ron.

And, in David Kols' "Stamp Market Tips", a regular feature in Linn's Stamp News, an unusual US perfin is mentioned. In his April 21, 2003, column entitled "Buy 1911 U.S. registry stamp", he notes "Perfins of F1 are also extremely rare. I have never seen one on cover."

## Perfins As Postal History - 2

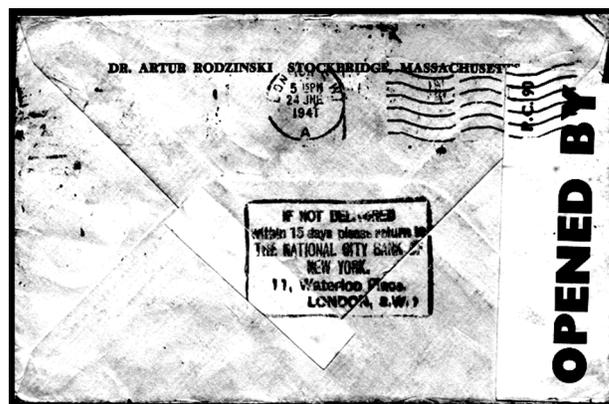
Rudy Roy (#1124)

This censored, twice re-directed airmail cover, though with very common NCB (N-44; F rated) perfins, is more complex than a cursory inspection would reveal.

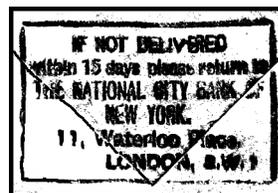
Originating in Stockbridge, MA (May 31, 1941 machine cancel) the cover was franked with a 3¢ Defense stamp (not a perfin) that paid the domestic first class surface letter rate. As can be seen in the scan of the reverse of the cover, it was sent by Dr. Artur Rodzinski to Mr. Samuel Schmeidler. Under the white address label is the address of the National City Bank of New York. It is evident that Mr. Schmeidler had provided the bank's address for his correspondence.



At NCB the white label was affixed to re-direct the letter to England. A strip of three 9¢ Prexies plus another 3¢ Defense issue, all with NCB perfins, were added to the cover, paying the 30¢ per half ounce air mail rate then in effect to England. A manuscript "Via Air Mail" was added in the NCB office. The letter was then re-mailed, receiving handstamp cancels on June 4, 1941, at the Church St. Annex, New York, NY.



In England the letter was censored by the British. There are no transit markings to confirm routing, though it was probably transported by a PANAM trans-Atlantic Clipper - FAM-18 flight via Bermuda. The letter arrived in England on June 24, 1941, as indicated by the London machine cancel backstamp on the reverse. It was then forwarded from the London NCB office to an address in Hyde Park, London. The London NCB office also added their return address handstamp to the reverse in case delivery could not be made.



Providing services to customers such as forwarding mail, especially by banks with offices in other countries, was not uncommon. USPS regulations then in effect allowed for mail to be re-directed provided that the necessary additional postage was applied.

Common perfins, not so common usage!

## Ads

**Swap:** I am willing to swap Australian perfins for world perfins (not G.B. or U.S.) 50 at a time. David Coath, 4 Fleming Court, Research, Victoria 3095, Australia.

**Wanted:** Perfins with bicycle theme - worldwide on or off cover on stamps with a bicycle in the stamp design. Also interested in any perfin patterns resembling bicycles. Contact Steve Endicott (see back page of Bulletin for my address).

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