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The Perfins Bulletin

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It's Never Too Soon to Plan Ahead

Sure it's only February, but it is not too soon to start planning your trip to the Perfins Club Convention which is combined with the 87th Precancel Stamp Society Convention. The Convention will be held:

July 29 - August 2, 2008
Sheraton Westport Hotel, Saint Louis, MO

And while you are planning ahead, remember Jerry Hedjuk's request for help manning a Perfins Club table at the APS Stamp Expo in Hartford, CT during the August 14 – 17 timeframe.

What's Your Favorite Perfin

Steve Endicott (#2284)

What is your favorite perfin in a United States stamp? Is it a rare perfin or is it a perfin in an uncommon stamp? Or perhaps it is a beautifully designed perfin. One of my favorites is the personal perfin Design 44.5p (a Christmas tree), which was the device owned by Joesph Balough, in a U.S. Christmas stamp. Perhaps you have a perfin on an interesting cover. I know there are some interesting EKU's out there. Perhaps it is an unusual double punch. You don't have to own the perfin; some of my collecting friends have perfins in the 1893 Colombian issues – I sure drool when I see those! Let's conduct an informal survey. Send me a note (my email and snail mail addresses are on the back cover of the *Bulletin*) listing your favorite 5 or 10 or 20 perfins. Whatever you wish to share is fine; let's restrict this survey to U.S. perfins in U.S. postage stamps. (If there is interest, the survey can be extended to other areas at a later time.)

Please indicate the perfin design and the US stamp Scott number in your note. In mid-2008 I will report back on what we, as a group, find to be the most interesting U.S. perfins. I look forward to hearing from you.

Preface to Canada S7 Note

On the next three pages is an article by Conrad Tremblay, first published 2005 in the Perfins Study Group newsletter of the BNAPS (British North American Philatelic Society of Canada). It is, as Conrad reflects in his writeup, a mix of facts and educated guesswork. Presented is a brief discussion of what was done and a summary of speculation about what it means followed by tables of very specific information that he would like to supplement. Not reproduced here are two pages of illustrations of the perfins described.

If you have copies of Canada's S7 please share the information he requests with Conrad for inclusion in his study. His address is:1563 Rue Papin, L'Assomption, Quebec, Canada J5W 5H9.

Canada S7 - The Shawinigan Water & Power Co.

Conrad M. Tremblay (#1186

This article was developed in answer to an article published in the *Perforator* No.124 (first quarter 2004) by Russell O. Sampson titled "Some Perfin Puzzles - the lost pin of pattern S7".

The listing of Canadian stamp issues beside each of the three illustrations (showing a complete or incomplete pattern) deserves to be carefully scrutinized by everyone. Following are some of the questions that came to my mind while considering these three variations:

- What was the lifespan of the single-die perforator?
- When did the first pin of the pattern disappear?
- When did the pattern with 3 missing pins show up?
- Was the one-die perforator repaired and, if so, when? or,
- Was it simply replaced by another perforator? and, finally,
- Is it possible that 3 single-die perforators were in operation during the period between 1923-1927?

First, I have to explain why the illustration of the S7 pattern shown in "Canadian Stamps With Perforated Initials: Fourth Ed." has one hole missing. In the early 1980's at the time the authors of the perfin handbook, J. C. Johnson and G. Tomasson, were gathering information and copies of the patterns to be illustrated for publication, I was working as a film stripper, preparing artwork, articles, and photos for printing, which gave me access to specialized equipment for contact printing on film or paper. I offered Jon my services to supply the patterns I could for the handbook. At that time, my relatively small collection did not have the rare "A" or "B" rated perfins nor a complete punch of S7.

Now, to study a perfin pattern, the best way is to enlarge it 4 or 8 times. Then it really shows the imperfections of the punched holes and it could even reveal, in some cases, fakes or forgeries.

This is only a preliminary report with lots of observations, facts, and unconfirmed allegations. Only after reports of the S7 perfins in your possession arrive, giving me a list of issues, the position of each one, the cancels found, a photocopy of the backside of the stamp showing the pattern, and your comments, will I be able to finalize this study. When referring to any one of the 3 illustrations I will call them S7a, S7b or S7c to clearly identify each and allow the study of each of the patterns.

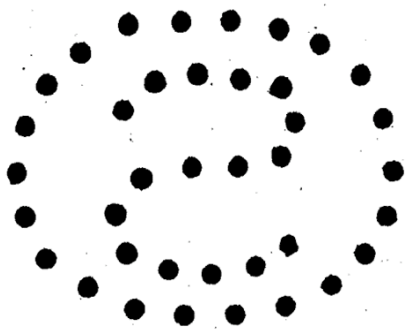
General Observations:

- 40% of the perfins studied are cancelled from Montreal, head office of the company. Most of these cancels are the duplex "D", complete or partial impression.
- The perfin groups S7a and S7b together represent approximately ½ the total number of perfins studied (28/57)
- S7c, an incomplete die with 3 missing pin holes, was used for the longest period of time, between 1923 and 1927, 5 years (29/57 patterns seen).

The variations and issues in which they appear:

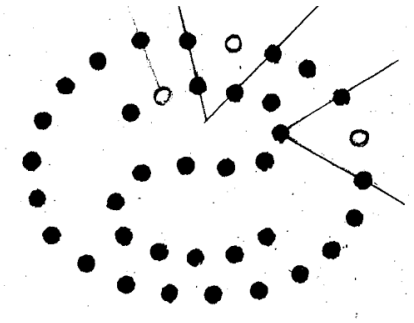
S7a - Complete pattern found in the different issues (15/57 of the perfins seen):

- 107b-3 (single from booklet No.9)
- 107i-1
- 107ii-3, 107ii-5
- 108-7
- 108i-7 vert.pair, 108i-7 dupl.
- 108ii-1
- 108iii-3, 108iii-5
- 109-1
- 109ii-7
- 112-5
- 112 i-5



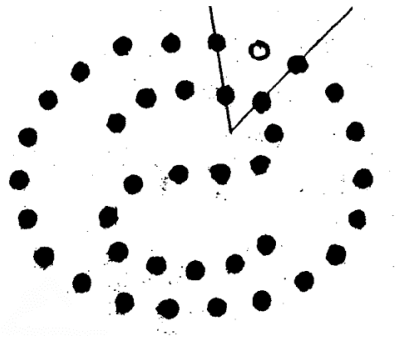
S7b - Pattern with 3 holes missing (13/57 of the perfins seen):

- 107-1, 107-8 vert.pair
- 107ii-5
- 107ci-3 (single from booklet No.6)
- 109-2, 109-3
- 109a-8 (single from booklet 8 or 10)
- 109ii-2, 109ii-3, 109ii-4
- 112-3/5 mirror pair.



S7c - Pattern with 1 hole missing (29/57 of the perfins seen):

- 107a-1, 107a-5, 107a-7
- 107ii-1
- 107iv-1, 107iv-3
- 107v-3, 107v-3X, 107v-5, 107v-7X
- 109-3, 109-7
- 109i-1, 109i-3, 109i-5, 109i-5X, 109i-5X dupl., 109i-7
- 109ii-7X
- 112ii-3, 112ii-7X
- 112iv-l, 112iv-3, 112iv-5, 112iv-5X, 112iv-7, 112iv-7 diagonal punch
- 118-7
- 144-7



Number of stamps perforated by each of the 3 patterns ($7a, S7b, S7c) in the 6 different issues studied here (Note that Unitrade Catalg numbers are used).:

	107	a	b	ci	i	ii	iv	v	108	i	ii	iii	109	i	ii	112	i	ii	iv	118	144	Total
S7a					1	2			1	3	1	2	1		1	1	1	1				15
S7b	3					1							3		4		2					13
S7c		3	1	1		1	2	4					2	6				1	6	1	1	29
Total	3	3	1	1	1	4	2	4	1	3	1	2	6	6	5	1	3	2	6	1	1	57

Issue dates of the stamps studied so far (again, catalogue #s are from the *Unitrade - Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps*):

- 104 - Last printing of this issue was 1920, exact date unknown to me
- 106 - Last printing of this issue was between 1923 and 1925
- 107, 107i, 107ii (wet printing) were issued June 6, 1922
- 107iv, 107v (dry printing) were issued between 1923 and 1925 (used in 1925-26)
- 107a - Issued in October 1924
- 108, 108i, 108ii - wet ptg. August 6, 1918 -- 108iii dry ptg. August 6, 1923
- 109 Issued December 18, 1923 -- 109i in 1924 - 109ii in 1923 -- 109a in 1923
- 112 Issued February 2, 1922 -- 112i December 10, 1923 -- 112iii February 12, 1924 -- 112iv in 1925
- 118 Issued August 1,1925
- 144 Issued June 27, 1927

Early and late usage of the pattern S7a-b-c:

- S7a (complete pattern):
  - Earliest: August 6, 1918 (#108)
  - Latest: October 1924 (#107a)
- S7b (with 3 holes missing):
  - Earliest: June 6, 1922 (#107)
  - Latest: October 1924 (#107a)

- S7c with one hole missing:
  - Earliest: June 6, 1922 (# 107)
  - Latest: June 29, 1927 (#144).

Mike Dicketts:

- questioned the S.7 pattern in *The Perforator,* November 1983. His illustration shows four complete or partial punches of S7 on a vertical pair of Sc#107. These are cancelled with the familiar Montreal duplex "D" within a ten bar killer. Only a portion of the CDS shows with, unfortunately, the date being missing. Of interest is the fact that on close examination all four impressions of the perfin show slightly different positioning with relation to the stamp. Further three show a missing pin at the same location in the oval around the S. This strongly suggests that these punchs were made from a single die perforator. Perhaps others have material that confirms this speculation?

Remarks:

- S7a is only found on 1924 or earlier issues.
- The U.S. pattern S12 shown in their catalog is complete.
- Can anybody tell me if the G.B. pattern is also complete?
- I did not see any of the following issues -104, -106, -111, -112a, -119, or -120: all of them should be of the type a - being issued before 1923.
- S7b is the only type to punch the stamps sideways in positions 2, 4 and 8. 6/13 of this type show one of these positions.
- S7c is the only group with double patterns or impressions (8/29 examples of this type.)

Question:

Can a single-die perforator place the pattern reading upright on a vertical strip of 4 or in a vertical pair? Anybody with an answer...?

Cancel date ranges for S7 perfinned stamps:

Pattern	Earliest date	Latest date
S7a	December 9, 1923	1924
S7b	January 26, 1924	in 1926/1927
S7c	1924	November 29, 1926

Note: All three types were cancelled in Montreal between 1924 and 1926.

Other cancels seen:

S7a - 107i-1 Montreal duplex cancel, the dater showing 1924
- 108-7 Cancel "Coutts" n-145 used in Montreal between 1923 and 1925
- 108i-7 vert. pair – same cancel as 108-7
- 108ii-1 Cancel December 9, 1923

S7b - 107-8 vert. pair; cancel – Montreal, December 22, 1924
- 107ii-5 Cancel – Montreal, January 26, 1924
- 109-2 Coutts No. F15 used in Montreal 1924-1927
- 109-3 Coutts No. 145 used in Montreal 1923-1925
- 109-8 Cancel – Montreal March 26, 1924
- 109ii-4 Coutts No. 145 used in Montreal 19232-1925
- 109ii-7X Coutts No. H383 used in Montreal 1926-1927

S7c -107a-5 Cancel 1924
- 107b-1 1924 Montreal duplex
- 107ci-5 Montreal roller
- 107ii-1 Coutts F20 used in Montreal 1924-1927
- 107iv & 107v dry print – used 1925-1926
- 109-5 Cancel 1925
- 112iv-1 Cancel 1926

112v-5 Cancel November 29, 1926
112iv-7 Cancel 1926

References:

Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials

Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps

The Admiral Issues by Marler.

Personal Perfin (and Friends) Survey Results

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

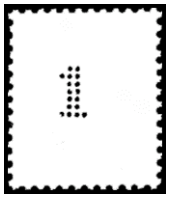
In the September 2007 *Perfins Bulletin*, I requested information on unrated, mostly personal perfins from members so as to be able to give all members an idea of how easy or difficult certain unrated perfins were to find. The following is what I tallied from the answers of 43 of our members. I wish that more than 8% of the membership had participated; however, I really appreciate the time spent by all who sent me information. Having received reports from most every member known to me to have a collection of 5000+ US patterns, I believe the numbers tallied are indicative of the ease or difficulty in obtaining various perfin patterns.

The most interesting response was received from member Bob Murrin who uses perfin pattern number R94.7P. In addition to sending me a count of the personal perfins in his collection, Bob has kept a count of the number of perfins he has produced over the years and has given a total of 19,434! The survey total of 820 for this pattern clearly outdistances all other perfins on the list. I know that I always saved all the covers that Bob mailed to me through the years and would guess that many other perfin collectors, reporting or not, have done the same. As this perfin pattern and the others used by present and former members must have been primarily sent to other perfin collectors, it seems only natural that they exist in percentage (existing / produced) quantities greater than commercially used patterns.

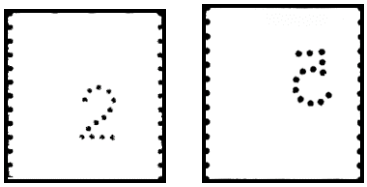
As you peruse the tally, notice that 7 were not reported, 4 were only reported with 1 stamp, and an additional 7 had only 2 to 5 copies reported. Clearly there are some very uncommon patterns. Ten of these eighteen with five or fewer reported are in the "Non-personal" category that the editor added to the list. I am thankful that he did, as this information is very useful.

Several other patterns were reported that do not appear in the US Perfin Catalog and it is interesting to note these. Two are Chuck Spaulding's different patterns that appear independently on definitive size stamps (A&C #2 – C315.5IP). These were remanufactured from the G75.5IP. They can appear as singles or in pairs on multiples or larger stamps. The COMPEX perfin, not in the survey list, was reported (on cover) by five members. You can read the write up by John Randall in the catalog on page C-44. Two copies of the Canadian design LA/PS were reported; the one shown is in mint condition. Whether this was produced as a "favor" or had real use will have to be determined prior to its possible addition to the catalog.

Another stamp that appears to be a new pattern is the number "1" (pictured below). At first glance it appears to be Num. 1 in the catalog but it does not quite match up and the dates of use in the catalog are 1912-1922. This is in a cancelled stamp from 2001. This is a stamp in my collection, and on closely examining it, I can make out "MD" and "212" - apparently a Maryland postmark.

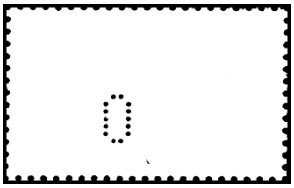


Likewise, not in the catalog, is a number "2" (shown below) in a 23¢ Lunch Wagon (*TPB* 52:122). This is/was used by member John Lyding as I have a cover with this stamp, as well as having several loose copies. I believe that it should be added in future A&C pages. There is also a cover and single stamp (shown below) with the number "5" used by Bruce Helm in Seattle, WA (*TPB* 59:164-165).



[Ed. Note – I have an additional 4 of the "5" in mint U.S. postage, 1 cancelled and loose, 9 in issues of of

Bruce's Helm Island Local Post (HILP), plus a cover with 1 US and 1 HILP stamp; but still missed adding this one to the survey.]



The final two stamps are the 33¢ Los Angeles Class submarine stamp – one with a "2000" and one with a single "0". Since the single "0" matches the "0" in the "2000", I think someone was playing around with some type of check canceling machine.

As is usually the case, whenever anyone searches out information to clarify something regarding our perfin hobby, many new questions have arisen. If you can shed any light on any of the unreported or newly reported material. I would ask that you contact either me or the editor so that information can be shared with the members. Thank you for your help I hope that you find the information useful!

Summary of personal perfin (and other) patterns reported										
Pattern	Stmps	Cvrs		Pattern	Stmps	Cvrs		Pattern	Stmps	Cvrs
A215.5P	46	33 + 1		H126.5P	38	13		W20.5P	215	131+7
A233.5P	65	16 + 4		J3.5P	135	103		Num.29.2IP	5	1
A233.7P	53	23		J27.5P	11	4		Num.33.2P	1	---
A238.5P	76	84 + 2		J55.7P	190	14		Des.33.5P	84	7 + 4
B0.5P	4	---		J115P	13	1		Des.44P	15	1
C0.5P	10	6		J115.5P	3	---		Des.44.5P	36	95
C31.5P	9	---		K37.5P	121	34 + 4		Des.48P	9	1
C31.5AP	23	2		L72.5P	27	---		Des.49IP	81	47
C264.5IP	Drop	= CPB		L130.5RP	26	8		Des.50P	60	75
C315.5IP	43	19 + 1		M101.5P	1	---		Des.52P	27	5
D1.5P	3	---		M145.5P	66	91 + 6		Des.53P	40	5
D111.5P	12	27 + 2		M166.5P	29	8 + 18		Des.56P	19	3
D47.5P	158	17		O70.5P	165	57		Des.57P	10	3 + 2
D93.2P	4	3		P4P	56	1		Des.60P	6	2
D102.4P	2	1		P80.1P	35	27		Des.61IP	94	49
E3.5P	5	3		P80.2P	10	4				
E13.95P	36	---		P80.3P	17	7		G62.3I	---	---
E22.5P	44	52		P80.4P	32	10		Gu.	4	---
E55.5P	20	1		P80.5P	22	2		HAWAII	1	---
E70.5P	27	45		P203.5IP	4	1		MCC	9	---
E85.5P	48	12		R3.5P	1	---		O1.4	---	---
G6.5P	11	2		R33.5P	18	2		O1.5	---	----
G27.5IP	10	3 + 1*		R94.7P	370	446 + 4		PD	---	----
G75.5P	31	4		S109.5P	25	---		WCB	---	---
G185.5IP	4	4		S128.1P	13	2		Cross	---	---
H11.5P	17	9		S218.5P	15	13		Star	4	---
H21.7P	68	14		T22.5P	20	2		Cinder Block?	---	---
H103.5P	27	2		V19.5P	14	8				

Note: In Cvrs – First number is stamps on envelopes, "+" number is punched in stationery items except for the single "+" marked with an "*" which is a pattern punched in a label.

Auction #107

Closes March 31, 2008

Guidelines: Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next highesr bidder: $1-5 - a $0.25 advance; $5-$20 - a $0.50 advance; $20-100 - a $1.00 advance; $101 or higher - a $5.00 advance. No 'Unlimited' bids. No bids under $1.00. In case of tie bids, the earlier postmark or e-mail will prevail. All single perfins are complete and in good condition, unless noted otherwise. Natural straight edges are not considered to be defects, just sheet positions. In larger lots, you should expect some faults. All lots are returnable if misdescribed; this does not apply to larger lots or mixes with the exception of gross miscounts. Lots to be prepaid before shipping. **Bid by Lot #.** *Please* put your address on your bid sheet as this makes it easier for me to notify you after the close of the auction.

Send all bids to: Bruce Brunell, 425 E. Gobbi St. #98, Ukiah, CA 95482 – USA

Daytime phone (707) 468-0254 – Email: bbrunell@adelphia.net

Abbreviations used:

ADD – All Different Designs
DDF – Design Different Face
MDD - Mostly Different Designs
PREPER – Precancelled Perfin
SE – Straight edge(s)
(?h) - Number of missing pins

Scott #s are used and die #s from most recent catalogues when available.

Lot	Description	Rate
	United States	
1	A175.5 in 569	C+
2	M5 in 464	C
3	M6 in 845	C+
4	M8 in 518	B+
5	M8.5 in 332	B
6	M11.3 in 633	B+
7	M11.5 in 336	B+
8	M15 in 498	C+
9	M20 in 499	B
10	M26 in 332	C+
11	M29 in 332 (SE)	B+
12	M35 in 463	B
13	M38 in 554	B
14	M39 in 504	C+
15	M45 in 332	B
16	M46 in 332	B
17	M49 in 424	C+
18	M50 in 433	B
19	M58 in 807	B
20	M60 in 641	B
21	M63 in 529 (SE)	B
22	M64 in 406 (SE)	B
23	M66 in 423	B
24	M71 in 807	B
25	M73 in 332 (SE)	C+
	United States	
26	M75 in 499	C+
27	M77 in 406	C+
28	M87 in 510	B
29	M89 in 406	C+
30	M92 in 499	C+
31	M95 in 468	C+
32	M100 in 332	B
33	M102 in 333	C+
34	M105 in 807	B
35	M121 in 406	C+
36	M122 in 554	B
37	M123.5 in 899	B
38	M128 in 502	B
39	M129 in 332	C+
40	M133 in 640	C+
41	M141 in 332	B
42	M144 in 463	B
43	M147 in 405	B
44	M171 in 591	B
45	M172 in 335	B
46	M175 in 502	B
47	M177 in 332	C+
48	M178 in 332	B
49	M181 in 634	C+
50	M183 in 621	C+
	United States	
51	M183.5 in 427 (SE)	B
52	M188 in 525	B
53	M188.5 in 514	C+
54	M191 in 332	C+
55	M200 in 826	C+
56	M203 in 332	C+
57	M207.5 in 406	B
58	M210 in 332	C+
59	M213 in 465	C+
60	M217 in 332	C+
61	M230 in 810	C+
62	M231 in 814	C+
63	M234 in 498	C+
64	M239 in 720	B
65	M242 in 1065 (clipped)	B
66	M245 in 331	C+
67	M248 in 463	C+
68	M248.5 in 416	C+
69	M250 in 807	C+
70	M252 in 554	C+
71	M265 in 498 (SE)	C+
72	M271 in 332	C+
73	M272.5 in 463	B
74	M275 in 406	C+

Lot	Description	Rate
	United States	
75	M275.5 in 332	B
76	M280 in 332	B
77	M282I in 499	C+
78	M289.5 in 530 (1h)	B+
79	M292 in 332	B
80	M293 in 405	C+
81	M297 in 499	C+
82	M298 in 405	B+
83	M300.5 in 499	C+
84	M305 in 331	C+
85	M306 in 332	B
86	M307 in 499	C+
87	M308 in 416	B
88	M310.5 in 638	B
89	M311 in 705	C+
90	Letter 'C' - 51 ADD	
91	100 pre 1922 perfins	
92	100 pre 1922 perfins	
93	Sc#719 - 16 ADD	
94	Sc#740-9 - 44 DDF	
95	Sc#705-15 - 500+ MDF	

Lot	Description	Rate
	United States	
96	Sc #821 - 3 ADD	
97	Sc#826 - 6 ADD	
98	Sc#828 - 9 ADD	
99	Sc#1294 - 7 ADD	
100	43 Commems and Airs	
101	Revenue Mix (87)	
102	RE192 blk of 4 with CWA dater perfin	
103	Sc#1286 - full mint sheet with G131 pattern	Min Bid $10.00
	Miscellaneous Lots	
104	Argentina -150 Mix	
105	Argentina - 'POKO' - 5B in Sc#346a	
106	Canal Zone - 'P' in Sc#71	
107	Canal Zone - 'P' in Sc#105	
108	Canal Zone - 'PSN' in Sc#105	
109	Canal Zone - 'PSN' in C9	

Lot	Description	Rate
	Miscellaneous Lots	
110	Columbia - 11 DDF	
111	France - C20//25 - 4 DDF	
112	India - 135 ADD	
113	India Cochin - 5 ADD	
114	Jugoslavia - 32 ADD	
115	Poland - 12 ADD	
116	Trieste - 3ADD	
117	Cover - India - 'George Henderson & Co., Ltd.'	
118	Cover - India - 'Chartered Bank of India', censored	
119	US - Synoptic (one of each Catalogue #) Collection - 520 DDF	
120	US - Wisconsin State Perfin Collection - 45 ADD, 782 DDF which includes 225 PREPERS	
121	Austria - Collection of 500+ ADD in Nussbickel Catalogue	

End of Auction - Happy Bidding

Note: The Auction has acquired a large holding of US patterns rated 'C' or lower. I would be happy to service want lists on a first come, first serve basis at the following prices: C - $1.00 D+ - .50 D - .25 E & F @ .15 each
Note: My correct email is: bbrunell@comcast.net

A Correction of a Correction – Geography Again

Stephen Tauber (#2949)

In "Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?," while correcting the original error of considering "Great Britain" and "Scotland" disjoint entities, a new error was introduced. To wit, the Channel Islands are not part of England, nor even of the United Kingdom. They are the last territory in France ruled by the British/English monarch. Guernsey and Jersey are each ruled by a vassal of the queen, to wit a Bailiff. Each of these Bailwicks has its own legislature, runs its own postal service, has distinct international identification for its motor vehicles (GBG for Guernsey, GBJ for Jersey), and has a distinct URL domain. The Isle of Man is likewise not a part of the United Kingdom and has its own legislature, postal system, and Internet URL domain. By contrast, the Isle of Wight constitutes a county in England.

The following are excerpts from Wikipedia. To the best of my knowledge, each of these statements is correct. The italicized phrases are my interpolations.

> The Channel Islands fall into two separate self-governing bailiwicks. Both the Bailiwick of Guernsey and the Bailiwick of Jersey are British Crown Dependencies, but neither is part of the United Kingdom. They have been part of the Duchy of Normandy since the 10th century and Queen Elizabeth II is often referred to by her traditional and conventional title of Duke of Normandy. The Bailiff in each bailiwick is the civil head, presiding officer of the States *(i.e.,*

legislatures), and also head of the judiciary. The Channel Islands are deemed to be part of the British Islands, not to be confused with the British Isles.

The head of state *(of the Isle of Man)* is Queen Elizabeth II, who holds the title of Lord of Mann. The Crown is represented by a Lieutenant Governor. The island is not part of the United Kingdom, but external relations, defence, and ultimate good-governance of the Isle of Man are the responsibility of the government of the UK.

The Isle of Wight is an English island and county in the English Channel five miles from the south coast of England.

The term "Great Britain" can indeed be confusing. To the geographer it refers to one contiguous mass of land, without any of the outlying islands. To the politician or diplomat it refers to England, Scotland, and Wales. To the philatelist it has, however, always referred to the territory served by the postal service of the United Kingdom. Historically this included England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands. Currently, however, this means only England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Since none of our members live in the Channel Islands or on the Isle of Man, the corrected counts remain correct.

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Prices Realized

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
1	$8.00	21	5.00	42	3.00	63	9.00	84	11.00	105	6.00
2	11.00	22	21.00	43	5.00	64	5.00	85	2.00	106	7.00
3	9.00	23	11.00	44	7.00	65	31.00	86	NB	107	15.00
4	7.00	24	6.00	45	11.00	66	3.00	87	7.00	108	NB
5	11.00	25	7.00	46	3.00	67	3.00	88	30.00	109	230.00
6	26.00	26	11.00	47	37.00	68	5.00	89	NB	110	320.00
7	11.00	27	5.00	48	21.00	69	3.00	90	NB	111	3.00
8	11.00	28	7.00	49	5.00	70	5.00	91	2.00	112	5.00
9	36.00	29	6.00	50	11.00	71	7.00	92	9.00	113	8.00
10	8.00	30	11.00	51	3.00	72	11.00	93	8.50	114	8.00
11	11.00	31	5.00	52	7.00	73	20.00	94	9.00	115	8.00
12	11.00	32	11.00	53	11.00	74	5.00	95	27.00	116	8.00
13	5.00	33	26.00	54	11.00	75	11.00	96	19.00	117	8.00
14	5.00	34	5.00	55	5.00	76	11.00	97	15.00	118	8.00
15	5.00	35	5.00	56	11.00	77	8.00	98	NB	119	8.00
16	18.00	36	10.00	57	11.00	78	11.00	99	NB	120	8.00
17	5.00	37	5.00	58	5.00	79	11.00	100	NB	121	8.00
18	3.00	38	5.00	59	3.00	80	15.00	101	NB	122	8.00
19	5.00	39	5.00	60	3.00	81	5.00	102	40.00	123	8.00
20	5.00	40	26.00	61	5.00	82	6.00	103	21.00	124	8.00
		41	9.00	62	3.00	83	11.00	104	6.00		

Clubmember Ad

Wanted on Approval: Perfinned stamps needed for my three collections; a general one, one of prepers, and one of the Defense series. Complete patterns reading correctly from the face of properly oriented stamps only. Your price plus your postage for any stamps that I keep. Francis Stunzi, 37 Smith St., Rouses Point, N.Y. 12979.

New French Colonies (plus) Catalog

Catalog review by Bob Szymanski (LM#45)

A new French catalog is now available. "Timbres Perforés Pays D'Expression Française & Alsace Lorraine" published by ANCOPER (the French Perfin Society) follows "Timbres Perforés - France" which was published in 2006, and completes the cataloging of the French perfin collecting area. It is an 11-3/4" x 8-1/4" x 9/16" thick catalog with semi-gloss pages and copious color pictures of perfins both off and on cover. It is a soft cover book that lists all the French Offices and Colonies as well as Memel and Alsace-Lorraine.

It is a fitting accompaniment to the catalog of the perfins of France. Although written in French, there is an explanatory, two-page English introduction, so the user does not need a fluency in French to be able to understand and use this catalog. The perfin patterns are shown twice - forward and backward - for ease in identifying the proper pattern; and of great importance, *all previous catalog numbers are retained.* Many more users are listed, and some minor changes occur in the perfin ratings.

The following areas have one additional newly listed pattern: Alexandria, *Andorra, Baden, *Cambodia, Levant, Morocco, Martinique, Rhine-Palatinate, Wurttemberg, and *Vathy. Two new patterns have been listed for: Algeria, *Cameroon, Indo-China, *Memel, Port Said and Tunisia. Saar has three new patterns; the French Occupation Zone in Germany post WW-II has eight new patterns; and, *Alsace-Lorraine now has one hundred seventy-nine recognized patterns. Areas marked with an asterisk (*) should be noted as these were not listed previously in the French catalog.

Alsace-Lorraine's varied geographical areas are well explained, and there are clear descriptions of the years of usage of both French and German perfins and the various types of perfin usages that are found. The catalog includes maps of the area, years of occupation by each country, and extensive perfin illustrations. This section alone makes the catalog well worth the cost.

This is a well thought out and easy to use catalog that I would recommend to all perfin collectors.

Copies of this catalog may be purchased from our Publication Sales Manager, Dave Lightle (price to be announced in the in the near future [but about $30]), or directly from co-author Robert Dedecker, a Club member, by writing him at Lycée Mireille GRENET - 13, Av. de Huy BP 8023 - 60321 COMPIEGNE - FRANCE (the cost is 18€ [delivered] which will be approximately US$26.50 at the current [early January 2008] exchange rate.)

Private Perfin Auction #20

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

I will be running a private auction of Gerry Roesch's United States perfin collection. Included will be some foreign perfin material as well. The auction will be held in March 2008, with a second, if necessary, in April.

Between reception of this *Bulletin* issue and the commencement of the auction, I will be filling want lists of F through C+ rated perfins. Charges for these are as follows - F&E rated @ .10 ea; D @ .25; D+ @ .50; C @ $2.00 and C+ @ $4.00. These are for perfect copies with full perfins; first come, first served. To receive an auction list or to fill a want list, please contact me by e-mail at perfinman@comcast.net or mail at 10 Clarridge Cir. Milford, MA 01757 as soon as possible. All B, B+, and A rated perfins will be auctioned. Members who have participated in the past private auctions will automatically receive a copy of the auction on or about the first of the auction month. If you have not previously bid and would like a copy of the auction listing, please let me know as soon as possible.

Auction Watch

Stephen Tauber (#2949) writes in with an interesting lot and a website that is also worth noting.

Steve writes: "A member of the Waltham Stamp Club has brought to our attention an auction-and-sales site limited to stamps, to wit **www.stampwants.com**. A search of the site for "perfin" brought 929 hits."

A small sample of individual listings is shown below.

Lot Description	Bid at time of spotting
Great Britain. Sc# 116 CV= $ 15.00 Perfin MGEC	$0.01
US #547 Used Fine Perfin Cat$40	
US #399 1913 5 cent Golden Gate Perfin Used CV$10.00	$3.00
US 340 1909 15c pale ultra Washington Perfin SCV$6.50	$1.95
NY Stock Transfer $2 w/Purple Overprint, BH Co Perfin	$0.01
#400A Pan Pac 10c Perfin 'SP' Specialist Item	$5.00
French Morocco Sc 131,142 perfin "BCI", 1937 to Austria	$40.50
French Morocco Sc 139/145 perfin "BCI", 1938 Registered	$32.37
Germany Sc 183 perfin "LA" on 1923 Drucksachen cover	$25.65
Germany Sc 422 perfin "POL" on 1936 cover to Austria	$71.55
Great Britain Sc 160 perfin "TH/G" on 1915 cover to US	$13.50
Great Britain Sc 189 perfin "KENT" on 1925 cover to US	$14.85
Great Britain Sc 193 perfin "SJ" on 1934 cover to Egypt	$17.55
Great Britain Sc 262 perfin "HM/SO" on 1950 cover to US	$13.50
US RD30 Perfin, VF ($1 Green)	$0.25
US RD30 Perfin, F-VF ($1 Green)	$0.20
US R602 Perfin, VF ($2 Carmine (Thomas Ewing))	$0.35
US R705 Perfin, VF ($10,000 Carmine)	$150.00
Netherlands Antilles Sc 134 perfin "BM" on 1947 cover	$26.55

And of special interest on the Stampwants site was a cross-listing of a lot in **Harmer Schau's Worldwide Auction #76:**

Item # 2123816 -- Worldwide, Box With Perfins, Cinderellas, Ephemera Description: Worldwide, Bulging Banker Box With Perfins, Cinderellas, Ephemera. 3 binders of perfins, both U.S. and Foreign, plus a 4th binder with just railway perfins, including some on cover, also worldwide precancels, labels, seals, revenues, stamped paper and similar. Estimate $280/325.

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