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This Summer its Pittsburgh

It is time to start planning your trip to the 2009 Perfins Club Convention. As in recent years, we are joining the Precancel Stamp Society at its 88th Annual Convention. While many of the details are yet to be finalized, the Convention will be held:

August 10 – 15, 2009
Holiday Inn Greentree
401 Holiday Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

This is the same location as the 2003 Convention. As an added bonus, this years Convention will be the week immediately after the APS StampShow that will also be held in Pittsburgh. The PSS hotel rates will also be good for the week of the APS show. For more information contact: Bob Bruhn, 3435 Cornwall Dr., NW, Canton, OH 44708-1155.

Hallock Card Award Nominations

The Hallock Card Award is made periodically to an individual member of the Perfins Club in recognition of outstanding service to the Club and to perfins philately. This year, the Hallock Card Award Committee Chairperson is Art Mongan (LM# 3443). Rudy Roy (#1124) and John Randall (#1336) are the other members of the committee. All three are past recipients of the Club's most distinguished and prestigious award. Please send your nominations to any of these three men. Art's and John's contact information is on page 22. Rudy's is: Rudy Roy, P.O. Box 5367, Virginia Beach, VA 23471-0367, 757-499-1982, royperfin@aol.com.

Floyd Walker Award Nominations

The Floyd Walker Award is presented for "scholarly research or time spend on article(s) and the presentation of new perfin information for the betterment of US and worldwide perfin collecting". The award is given for work that appeared in *the Perfins Bulletin* during the calendar year 2008. As Editor of the *Bulletin*, Ken Masters asks that any member forward the name of any other member whose contribution(s) to *The Perfins Bulletin* best exemplifies these qualifications. See page 22 for Ken's contact information.

Club Treasurer Election

In 2009, as in each and every year, one or more of the Club Offices is due to be filled. This year at the Pittsburgh Convention, we will have the Office of Treasurer to be filled for the term that will run from 2010 through 2012 inclusive. The present Treasurer, Steve Endicott (#2284), has capably served in the capacity of Treasurer since the death of Bill Gersch in April, 2002. Steve is open to continuing in the

office of Treasurer if no other qualified member steps forward. With this said, anyone wishing to place their name up for consideration for this office is welcome to do so. Please mail, e-mail, or phone President Bob Szymanski prior to May 1st if you wish to place your name in nomination. Bob's contact information in on page 22.

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New Members Q & A

When Asking a Question About Perfins, I Am Often Told To Be Sure To Check the A & C Pages. What Are They, And Why Are They Important?

Over the years, the Perfins Club has published four issues of the *Catalog of United States Perfins*; in 1958, 1966, 1979 and 1998. The issuance in 1998, like its predecessor in 1979, was designed to be both a catalog and an album. New members are encouraged to obtain a copy of the latest (1998) edition to aid in the identification and collection of U.S. perfins, as it is the most comprehensive reference book on the subject.

In 2002, the Perfins Club published Additions and Corrections #1 as an addendum to the 1998 Catalog. It is 22 pages in length addressing:

- A. Corrections of the printed material in the Catalog;
- B. Changed pattern ratings;
- C. Additional information and new identifications;
- D. Extended periods of usage;
- E. New patterns.

It is clear from viewing this publication that the U. S. perfin body of knowledge does not become stagnant even when a comprehensive catalog is published. The 20+ pages in this document are testimony to the amount of new and updated information that presents itself in a period of four years.

In 2006, the Perfins Club published Additions and Corrections #2 (to the 1998 Catalog) following a format similar to as that which was presented in A & C #1. The later publication has a comparable amount of valuable additional and new information for the collectors of U. S. perfins.

Probably the most readily usable information for new collectors is the Corrected Ratings; reflecting

the change in the value (rarity) of the individual perfin patterns. There were forty-three (43) such changes in A & C #1 and twenty-eight (28) in A & C #2. If you are buying or trading U. S. perfins, it is important to know the rarity rating of the perfin pattern under discussion.

Many collectors transfer this updated pattern rating information to the Album Pages of the 1998 Catalog; below the picture of the pattern. They strike a penciled line through the old rating and, to the left of the old rating, they "pencil in" the new rating. Then just to the right of the old rating (outside the box), they pencil in either '02 or '06 reflecting the year of publication of the A & C pages in which they found the correction. It is important to remember that we are referring to a 1998 Catalog, because that is the publication for which these Additions and Corrections are made.

Copies of A & C #1 and A & C #2 may be obtained from the Perfins Club Publication Sales Manger, David Lightle. The Perfin Club member cost for A&C #1 is \$5 and A&C #2 is \$6.50, postage paid. Such an investment will show you firsthand how valuable update information can be. See page 22 for David's contact information. A complete listing of Perfin Club literature is also available on the club web site, www.perfins.org.

If readers of this column have questions that relate to collecting U. S. Perfins, please mail them to Jerry Hejduk, PO Box 490450, Leesburg FL 34749-0450 or email them to flprepers@comcast.net.

Greek Auction Catalog

Art Mongan (LM#3443)

I recently received auction catalog No. 61 from Alexandre A. Galinos, P.O. Box 3138, GR-102 10 Athens GREECE (kolecti@otenet.gr) for the "Claude" collection of Greek Perfins. I thought this might be of interest to collectors of foreign perfins. The catalog is well illustrated and the web site (www.collectio.gr) is fairly easy to navigate. The catalog has a section in English and Greek on perfins

that I did not see on the web site. The perfins start with lot #1429 to save looking at the first 28 pages or so of the catalog. The lowest estimate spotted on a quick look was 3 euros and range up into the hundreds of euros. [Ed. note: While the auction was held February 8, 2009, the catalog illustrations on the web site are well done and quite interesting. I noted that several of the perfins covers did not sell.]

Rx for Fun - Follow up

Bob Schwerdt (#505-L)

Thanks to Jack Brandt (LM#14) and John Mathews, I can now complete some omissions in the Tasmanian article appearing in the January/February 2009 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin* (63:14-15).

St. Leonards is a suburb of Launceston.

Sandy Bay is a suburb of Hobart.

Pontville is near Bridgewater, north of Hobart.

Because of the use by schools, electoral offices and other such quasi-official organizations, the "T" perfins are abundant in Tasmanian stamps.

Belgium Perfin Precancel Help

Marc Vermeulen (LM#141)

I am writing a book about "The Perfins in Belgium Precancels". So far, we have found about 80 different perfins. The work in Europe is finished and now I am requesting that other collectors who have Belgium precancel stamps with perfins contact me. Please send me copies of these stamps and covers with these stamps so that I can include them in my book. My contact information is: Marc Vermeulen, Statielei 26 b 12, B-2640 Mortsel, BELGIUM; email: immo.marcvermeulen@telenet.be. Thank you very much for your help.

Membership & Publicity Chairman

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

Jerry Heyduk (LM#3710) was appointed by Past President Ed Linn (LM#57) as the APS Representative for the Perfins Club. After working with Jerry at the APS Hartford show, I can attest that he does a fantastic job in promoting our club and attracting new members. This he does at a great personal expense as he pays out of pocket for the costs associated with his travels.

Because of his tremendous efforts, I think it only

fitting that Jerry wear the hats of Membership and Publicity Chairman, positions vacant since Kurt Ottenheimer (LM#86) did a great job attracting new members in the 1990's. "Membership" and "Publicity and Public Relations" are permanent Chairs in the club according to Article VI of the Club By-Laws approved in 2002. Already one of the Club Directors, kudos to Jerry for all this work and for being one of the Club Directors, a position he will continue to hold.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Endicott (#2284)

Although the U.S. and the global economies had a difficult year, I am pleased to report that the financial situation for The Perfins Club is quite strong, perhaps the best I have seen as your Treasurer for the last 7 years.

The total financial assets for the Club are \$78,400, up 3% from December 2007. The major Club sales, auctions, and circuits all reported profits for the year, and donations were up significantly. This all comes from YOUR active participation in the Club – thank you. Expenses are under excellent control. Our annual dues have remained constant for 14 years! Our only area of concern is the recent, gradual decline in membership.

While having \$78,400 in financial assets looks like we are quite rich, it is important to note there are four escrow categories in that total: life memberships; the escrow for member's personal credit accounts; our self-insurance transit fund; and donations reserved for special projects. After subtracting for these special escrows, the Club has a remaining operational balance of \$11,400, which would cover about one year's expenses.

We all need to encourage membership growth. Enthusiastically talk up the fun of collecting perfins to your fellow philatelists.

Prize Winning Perfins Exhibit

Vladimir Munzberger (#3490)

[Editor's Note: Perfins Club member, Vladimir Munzberger (#3490) recently exhibited a prize winning One Frame Exhibit (16 pages) at the World Stamp Exhibition PRAGA 2008. His one frame exhibit "Perfins of Austrian Levant" received 85 points and a Vermeil medal. The following is an example of his exhibit which we believe contributes an interesting article for our readers.]

PRAGA 2008 was held September 12 – 14, 2008 on the Praga Fair Grounds. Over 45,000 visitors attended. It was a major world exhibition under the full patronage of the FIP, but it was specialized into four exhibition classes: Traditional, Postal History, Literature, and One Frame Exhibits. More information about the exhibition is available at the exhibition's web site <http://www.praga2008.cz>.

At the exhibition, four perfin exhibits were presented. These were the one discussed in this article; another One Frame Exhibit, "Perfins of the Bank of Greece", by Vladislav Beneš from the Czech Republic; a very nice 5-frame exhibit titled "Perfins of the Kingdom of Bavaria" by German collector Reiner von Scharpen; and another 5-frame exhibit, "Perfins used in Czech and Slovak Territory", by Julius Pisa from Slovakia.

I believe that perfins are not only holes thru the stamps, but they are an integral part of postal history and this is the way they should be presented to public. That means that perfins have to be demonstrated in all possible situations in which they had been really used (of course, it is not simple). My exhibit is based on the following general ideas:

1. Selection of the territory (in this case Austrian Levant). This also means one must have a certain minimal knowledge about this territory and historical background of its postal services.
2. Showing the wide range of perfins from the selected territory – as much as possible and preferably better perfins. (From my experience it is very difficult for one collector to put together all of the perfins from any selected territory.)
3. Showing the perfins on various stamps (preferably on the better ones.)

4. Presenting a detailed study of the perfins, if possible, (in this exhibit very limited) and any new findings in this field.
5. Showing the perfins used on various documents, especially with identified users of the perfins. For example, various cards, letters, stationary sent to various destinations (very difficult from Levant), or other postal documents (forms, etc.). It is also important to explain the starting and ending destinations, the correct postage fee, and some other specifics of the documents.
6. Reasonable description of the material (not too much, but all of the important things).
7. And, of course, one must also have in mind the FIP criteria for evaluation that will be used by the exhibition jury.

The above is one of the many possible ways that one can use to be relatively successful in exhibiting perfins. The degree that I succeeded in fulfilling these ideas and further improvements that could be made in my exhibit is another story and I will let our readers judge it.

The title page, two highlight pages of my exhibit, and two pages that explain how to differentiate between the two EOB perfins and between the two WBV perfins (which I do not believe has been published before my exhibit) are shown on the following pages.

The entire exhibit may be viewed on the Perfins Club website www.perfins.org. [Editor's Note: For those members that do not have Internet access, I would be happy to print a copy and send it to you by regular mail. My contact information is on page 22.]

Any comments regarding exhibiting perfins are welcome. I am always looking for good pictures of all Austrian Levant perfins which are missing from my exhibit for documentation and study purposes. It would be even better if I could add some of these to my collection. My address is Vladimir Munzberger, PO Box 260, 160 41 Praha 6, CZECH REPUBLIC or email me at jav.munz@volny.cz.

Perfins of Austrian Levant

Levant is a common name for eastern Mediterranean and for the seaside area of original Ottoman Empire infringing South-eastern Europe, the Middle East and northern part of Africa. Aside from the own postal services also postal administrations of many other European countries operated there till the beginning of the WWI and they also issued special stamps for this territory. Among others it was also Austrian postal administration. On this territory Austrian stamp issues for Levant (currency Para, Piaster) and also specific issues for Crete (currency Centimes, Franc) were valid simultaneously.

Perfins originated in 1868 in England and gradually expanded into other countries of the world. In Austrian Monarchy the permission to use perfins was issued on 4 April 1877. On the Levant territory perfins were used by great international companies and banks, many of them originated from European countries. Therefore their same perfins can be found on stamps of more postal administrations (Ottoman, Austrian, German, Great Britain, French, Italian, Russian etc.). Existing perfins on stamps from this territory we can generally consider as less common up to very rare and on covers or cards as rare up to extremely rare. Overwhelming number of perfins on Austrian stamps can be found on the stamp issues for Levant, perfins on Austrian Crete stamp issues are purely outstanding.

Perfin	Domicile	Stamp issue for				Page Nr.
		Levant		Crete		
APC	Jaffa		RR			2
B.A.	Candia				RRR	2
B.H.	Smyrna	X	R			3
BIO	Constantinople					2
C.A.S.	Constantinople		RRR		RRR	4
CL (1)	Constantinople		RRR			4
C.L (2)	Constantinople		RRR			-
CL (3)	Constantinople		RRR			-
CL (4)	Constantinople	X			RRR	5
CLIJ	Jerusalem		RR			4
EOB (1)	Constantinople	X			RRR	6,7
EOB (2)	Smyrna		R			6
F.C.	Smyrna		RRR			10
G.C.	Trebizonde		RR			8
G.S.	Smyrna		RRR	X	RRR	8
H.C.	Samsun	X	RR			9
K.B.	Smyrna	X,X			RR	10,11
L.M.	Constantinople		RR			8
O.C.M.	Smyrna		R		RRR	4
O&M.	Jerusalem		RRR			6
P.M.	Smyrna	X,X	R			12,13
T.	Smyrna		RRR			-
WBV (1)	Constantinople	X,X				14,15
WBV (2)	Smyrna		R		RR	14
W.B.V. (3)	Smyrna		R		R	14
	This combination exists, but not present					
	This combination displayed					
	Own research					
X	Documented by letter or card					
R, RR, RRR	Scarcity factor, empty cell = common perfin					

This exhibit deals with perfins of Austrian Levant only and is organised by existing perfins carrying an effort to optimise the space on sheets. The overview and placing of perfins is obvious from the attached table. Also the scarcity factors of perfins based on own experience and research, are published there in this table for the first time.

Aside from the stamps with perfins also few unique covers and cards are displayed in the exhibit: perfined stationery card G.S. (in literature the only one existing item is mentioned), this one even on the Crete stationery issue (page #8), probably the only one known cover with perfin H.C., but without identified user (page #9), outstanding cover "sample without value" with perfin K.B. (page #11), heavy registered letter with perfin P.M. (page #12) etc.

Page #16 displays very interesting usage of perfins on ordinary Austrian stamps of shipping company Lloyd, which served transport connections with the territory of Levant. Their home port was Trieste.

The own research is presented by the scarcity factors as well as better specifying the period of usage of about half of perfins. Also the pictures how to distinguish very similar perfins EOB (1) a (2), WBV (1) a (2) are published for the first time. New findings of 3 perfins on Crete stamp issues are also interesting.

Vladimír Münzberger, Czech republic

Perfins of Austrian Levant - Highlights



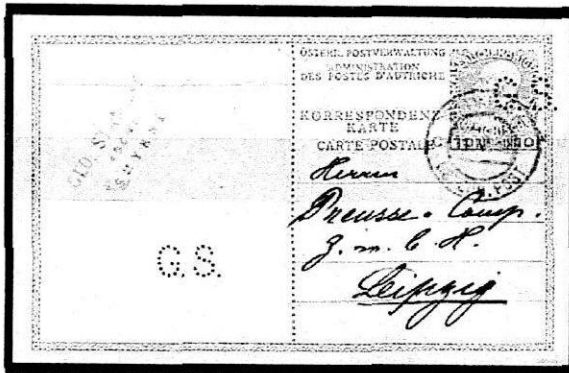
Registered letter sent on 8 February 1894 from Smyrna to Hamburg in Germany, franked 4x 10 para + 2x 20 para + 2x 1 pia + 2 pia = 6 piaster for heavy registered letter abroad



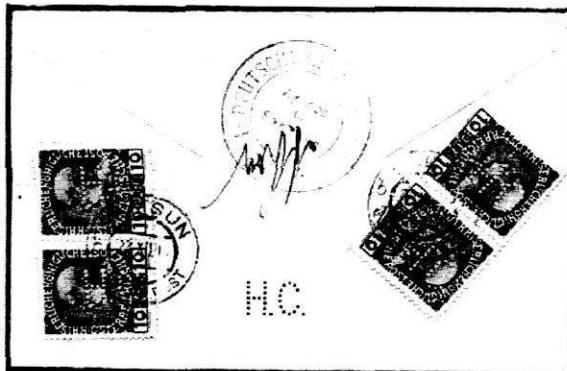
5 Cent. - issue 1908 for Crete



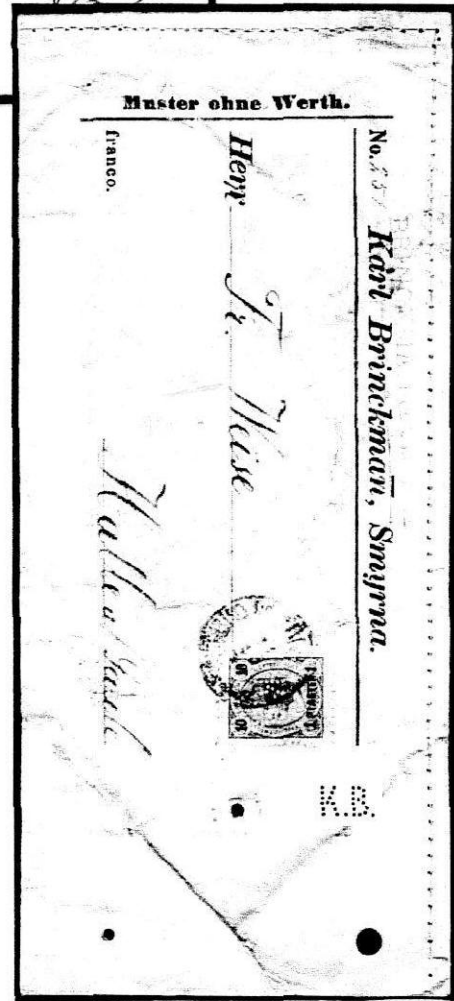
15 Cent. - Crete issue 1906 Constantinople



Perforated stationery card - Crete issue for abroad 10 Cent, sent 31 May 1913 from Smyrna to Leipzig very rare item - in the literature only one such item is described on Austrian Levant stationery cards!



Cover sent on 23 December 1912 from Samsun to Hamburg in Germany franked 4x 10 para for letter abroad (still probably the only one letter known with this perfin)



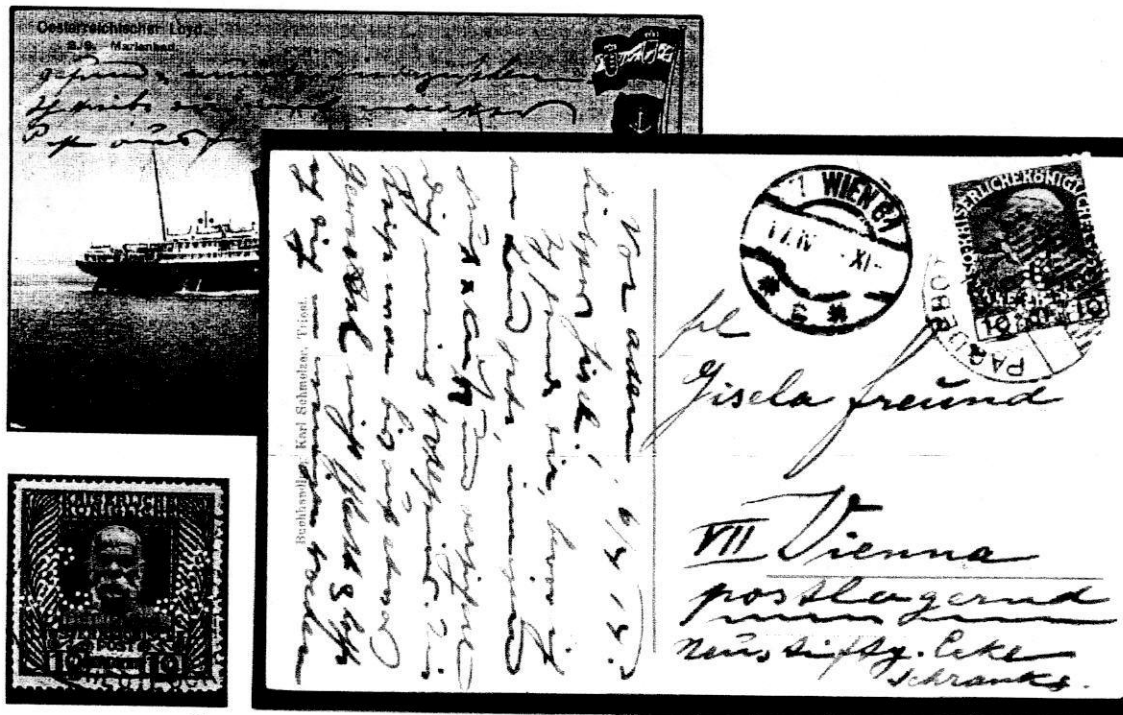
Rare letter - "Sample without value" sent 1897 from Smyrna to Halle in Germany; the additional rubber postmark presents the relation between perfin K.B. and F.C. Perfin F.C. of Friedrich Clemm was probably a successor of the perfin K.B.

K.B. → F.C.

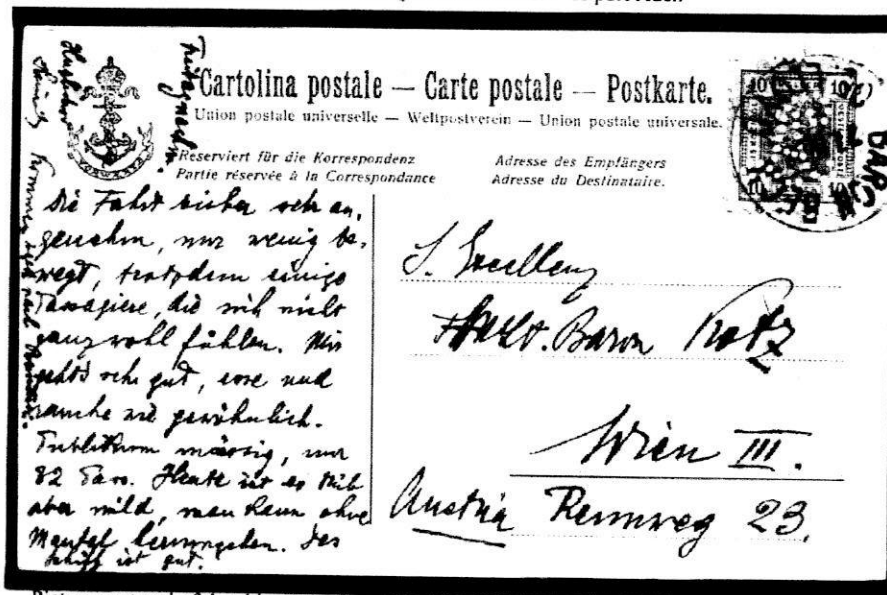
Perfins of Austrian Levant - Highlights



Perfins (LA) – Austrian Lloyd, Trieste (1906-18)
shipping company serving throughout the Levant ports



Picture postcard of the ship "S./S. Marienbad" sent 6 April 1914 from Aden to Vienna, departure cancel "PAQUEBOT / ADEN" of port Aden



Picture postcard of the ship "S./S. Baron Beck" sent 27 February 1908 from the ship to Vienna, cancelled by ship cancel "BARON BECK / OE LLOYD"

Perfins of Austrian Levant

O&M.

Perfin O&M. – Observatoir & Musee, Jerusalem (after 1890 - 1899)



2 Piaster - Levant issue 1891

EOB

Perfin EOB (1) – Etablissements Orosdi Back, Constantinople (after 1900-13)



← Levant issue 1901 →



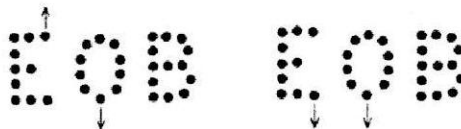
← Levant issue 1903/05 →



← Levant issue 1908 →



15 Cent.- Crete issue 1906



EOB (1) – Constantinople

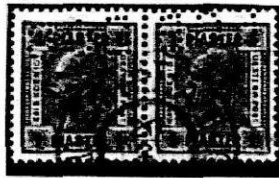
EOB (2) – Smyrna

EOB

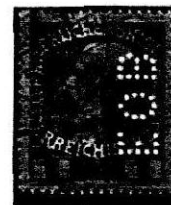
Perfin EOB (2) – Etablissements Orosdi Back, Smyrna (after 1901-09)



Levant issue 1900



← Levant issue 1903 →



Levant issue 1908

Perfins of Austrian Levant

WBV

Perfin WBV (1) – Wiener Bank Verein, Constantinople (after 1900-1914)

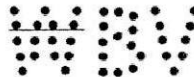
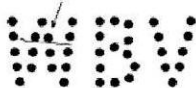


Levant issue 1905



Levant issue 1908

WBV (1) - Constantinople



WBV (2) - Smyrna

WBV

Perfin WBV (2) – Wiener Bank Verein, Smyrna (after 1908-1914)



Levant issue 1908



10 Cent. – issue 1908 for Crete

WBV

Perfin W.B.V. (3) – Wiener Bank Verein, Smyrna (after 1908-1913)



Levant issue 1908



10 Cent. – issue 1908 for Crete

Wrong Perfin Pattern

Brad Baker (LM#3766)

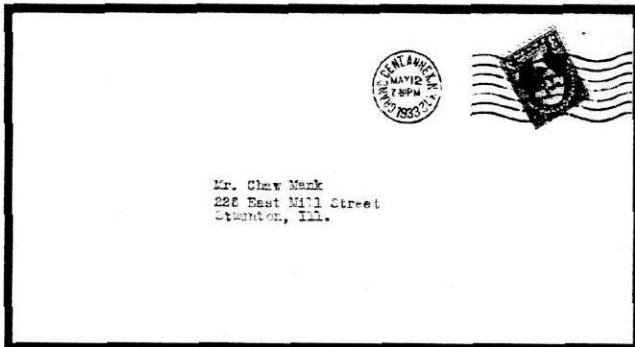
This is a plain-looking cover that hints at an untold story. The 3-cent Washington has perfin pattern V1. The user of this perfin pattern was Vitaphone and others associated with Warner Bros. Flip this cover over, and you will find printed in the middle of the back flap a return address for Ralph Kirbery of the National Broadcasting Company in New York City.

It is not too far-fetched to think these two companies had business dealings together. Vitaphone was in the entertainment business with the National Broadcasting Company. Was a stamp from

Vitaphone given, loaned, or sold to an associate from NBC? Are there other plausible explanations?

What also makes this cover an oddity is that at the time this cover was posted in 1933, NBC was using their own perfin pattern, N30. That makes this cover an example of a perfin user using the perfin pattern of another perfin user.

Do you have a similar example of this oddity in your collection? If so, please share with others in *The Perfins Bulletin*.

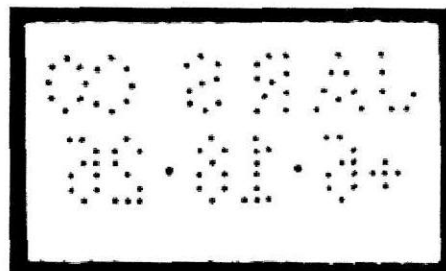


One More Non-Postage, Non-Revenue Perfin

Bob Schwerdt (#505-L)

Jack Brandt's (LM#14) article in the November/December 2008 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin* (62:176) prompted my memory of an old perfinned label that I had acquired years ago. After a fruitful search, I found the item illustrated below. It is a dated item for flexible cord (isn't all cord flexible?) and shows the initials of the company and inspection date. Perhaps some collector can furnish the name of the cord company? Certainly, the initials would be best suited for a jelly glass company!

In Section O of the new U. S. Revs-Perfins catalog there are illustrations for some Underwriters Laboratories inspection labels for wires, but none for cords. Perhaps this illustration could be added in Section O of the catalog? [Ed. note: This information and illustration was forwarded to Art Mongan, U.S. Revenue Catalog Chairman. Art indicated he will include this in the next revision of the Catalog.]



100 Years Later

Perfins in the Abraham Lincoln 1909 Issue

Christian C. Rueger (#1834)

Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809. "100 years later" the first Lincoln commemorative (Scott #367) was produced by the BEP. It was issued by the U.S. Post Office Department on February 12, 1909, for Lincoln's 100th birthday. The 2-cent value satisfied the then current U.S. single ounce, first-class domestic letter rate and the red color met UPU agreements for the same service.

Today – "100 years later" – on Lincoln's 200th birthday, as promised I am updating my previous *Bulletin* article¹, with more information. This includes additional covers shown on the following pages along with 142 new patterns as part of Table 1.

My gift to Old Abe on his 200th birthday is a masterlist of #367 with 403 different perfin patterns. This was developed with the help of Brad Baker (LM#3766), John Brandt (LM#14), Steve Endicott (#2284), Mike Falls (LM#131), Bob Schwerdt (#505-L), James Sneed (LM#128), Bob Szymanski (LM#145), and Steven Stratford's web site². Thank you all very much for your help.

I am aware of about 50 covers with a perfined #367 stamp. Most of these covers are very nice Advertising Covers. All postmarks are from 1909. The earliest known use (EKU) is from St. Louis, MO dated February 26, 1909 with pattern S138, Simmons Hardware Co¹. The latest is from Chicago, IL dated October 12, 1909 with pattern I41, International Harvester Co. It seems that all of the #367 perfins were used in a 9 month period. Was it the nice, handsome commemorative in the size of a regular issue that made this stamp so popular?

The stamp also was issued on the same day in imperforate form (Scott #368). Most of these stamps were used as coil stamps by private perforators in vending and affixing machines. The best-of-the-best is Bob Szymanski's find of a vertical pair with

jumbo margins. The pattern is I17 by International Banking Co., New York, NY.

On March 18, 1909, the OFFICE OF THIRD ASS'T P. M. GEN'L, WASHINGTON, D. C., notified the Postmasters in a notice titled "Unperforated Postage Stamps", "That The Lincoln memorial stamps will no longer be available after the Department's present supply is exhausted"³. That was only about 5-weeks after the issue of the imperforate stamp.



Unperforated Postage Stamps.

OFFICE OF THIRD ASS'T P. M. GEN'L,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 18, 1909.

Postmasters are notified that the following denominations of stamps of the new designs of 1908 have been issued in sheets of 400, unperforated: 1-cent, 2-cent, 3-cent, 4-cent, 5-cent; also the 2-cent Lincoln memorial. See sections 28 to 29, page 29 of the July, 1908, Postal Guide, for further information concerning unperforated stamps. The Lincoln memorial stamps will no longer be available after the Department's present supply is exhausted.

A. L. LAWSHE,
Third Ass't P. M. Gen'l.

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This was also an era of experimentation in printing methods, papers and perforating of U.S. stamps. In experiments to control shrinkage, the stamp was printed on so-called "bluish

paper" (Scott #369)⁴. The stamps were mostly used in the Washington D.C. area. I am not aware that any #369 perfined stamps have been discovered to date?

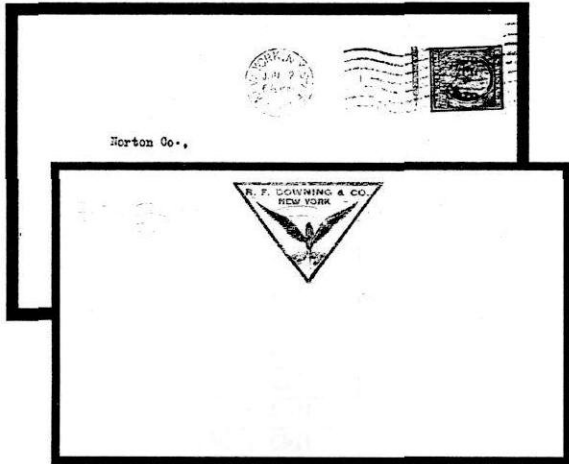
I would greatly appreciate receiving information about additional patterns or postmarks that any members might have in their respective collections. Are there any Scott #368 or #369 perfins waiting to be discovered? My address: Christian C. Rueger, Rotbuchenstrasse 4, 90449 Nuernberg, Germany or email me at: ch.rueger@t-online.de and send a scan if possible.

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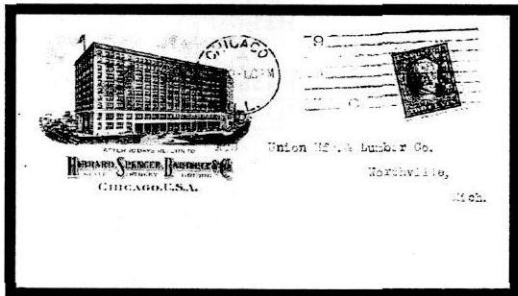
Some New #367 Covers



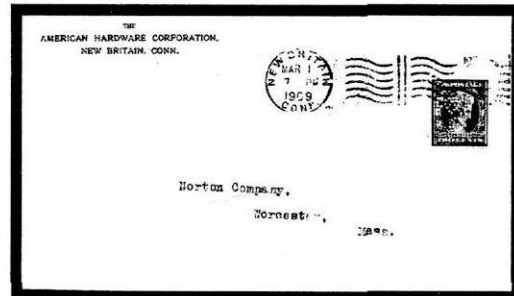
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R.F. Downing & Company
NEW YORK, N.Y. STA. P – June 2, 1909



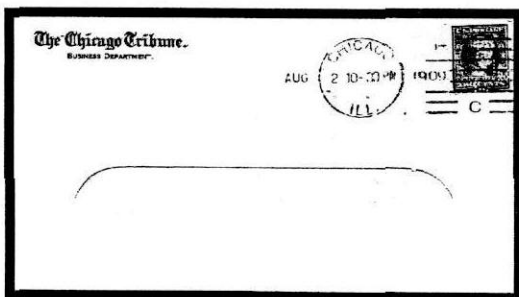
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The Henderson-Ames Company
KALAMAZOO, MICH. – March 18, 1909



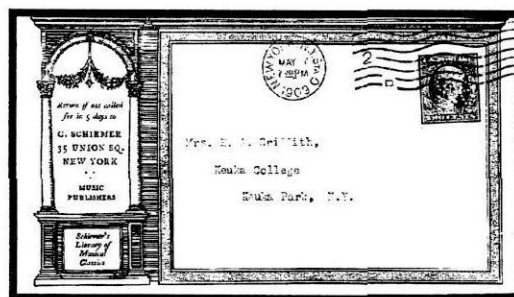
Pattern H172 – HSB/Co – C rate
Hibbard, Spencer, Barlett & Company
CHICAGO, ILL – June 3, 1909



Pattern P252 – P&F/C – C rate
The American Hardware Corporation
NEW BRITAIN, CONN – March 1, 1909



Pattern T83 – TRIB – C rate
The Chicago Tribune
CHICAGO, ILL – August 2, 1909



Pattern G166 – GS/NY – D rate
Gustav Schirmer Incorporated [Music Publisher]
NEW YORK, N.Y. STA. O – May 7, 1909

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**Table 1: Perfin patterns known in SC#367
(Updated March 2009)**

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A 3	A	B270	B&H	D146	D/&Co	G74	GEC/Co
A 40	AB/Co	B290	B&S	D155	D/18	G76	GES/Co
A 42	ABD	C6	[O(<>)](C)	E7	[EAC](o)	G101	G(IN)N
A 48	AB/NY	C15	CAA/&C	E50	[<E>HF]	G 106	GIR/ARD
A 53	AB/&Co	C31.3	C/(A)Y(C)	E55	EJG/Co	G151	G(R)AY
A 75	ACI/Co	C43	CBQ	E70	ELIAS	G166	GS/NY
A76	ACL	C54	CB/&Co	E84	EMP	G179	GTH
A 87.2	[AC/o]	C63	[CC]	E90	Heart[EO]	H14	HA/Co
A87.9	[AC/o]	C65	CCC	E96	EP/Co	H15	HAC/&Co
A102	[AE]L/Co.	C68	Heart(CC/C)	E96A	EPC(o)	H18	HAL
A 162	AK/C	C68A	Heart(CC/C)	E103	ERIE	H29	HBC/Co
A 179	AMC	C76	C(C)H	E110	ES	H42	HC/Co
A 187.4	AM/ICE	C94	CC/&S	E117	E(SL)	H43	HC/Co
A 187.5	AM./ICE	C96	C-D	E118	ESS	H44	HC/Co
A 221-1A	AR	C102A	CDG/Co	F 8	Diamond(F)	H54	H/(Co)
A 236	ART	C108	C(E)	F25	FAIR	H82	H.H./C.C.
A 254A	ASF	C111	CE/Co	F25.5	FAIR	H89	HI/Co
A 264	AS/&B	C118	CE/NB	F37	FB/Co	H91	HILL
A 265	AT	C127	[CFE]	F42.5	FB/&Co	H95	HKC
A 265A	AT	C145	C-H	F92	FJM	H116	HMC
A 267A	ATC	C156	CHO	F96	FL	H127	HNB
A 268	(A)TC(o)	C177	CJ/NY	F109	F<McK>C(o)	H138	HO/AST
A 276	AWB	C177.8A	C[JW]O	F 110A	FML	H149	H[OY]T
A280	AWP	C182	CL	F 114.5	FM/&Co	H172	HSB/&Co
A 304	A&S	C198	CMC/Co	F 127	F/NB	H182	HSP
B2	B	C207	CMT/Co	F 129	FNB	H207	HWP
B12.5	Diamond(B)	C255	C(o)oK/Co	F144	FOP	H211	H&B
B15	Star(B)	C258	CP	F193	FS/J	H222	H&H
B23	BAP	C266	[CP](B)	F197	FS/NB	H228	H&NYT
B29	BA/&Co	C278	CPR	F219	F&C	I2	I
B48	BB/CC(o)	C290	CR/Co	F234	F&W/Co	I9	(A)I(C)
B49	BB/Co	C294	CRR/NJ	G10	Diamond(G)	I17	IBC (#368 pair)
B55	BBH/Co	C347	CT/Co	G15	GA	I21	IC
B82	B/Co	C355	CUA/Co.	G18	GA	I41	IHC
B88	BD/Co	C356.1	CUD/AHY	G23	GAI/Co	I51	IM/Co
B94	B[EC]K	C360	C(W)	G47	GB/&M	I76.5	[IR]
B110	BFC/Co	C366	CW/LIFE	G49	[GCB]	I87	ISC
B113	BF/Co	C382	C(Y)C	G64	GC/&T	I91.1	ISC(o)
B118	BFG/Co	C422	C(8)	G67	GDB	I116	I/WILL
B126	BFU	C424	C(10)	G72-1	G(E)	I119.5	I/WILL
B139	BIG/4	C425	C(11)	G72-2B	G(E)	I123	I&T
B151	B/L	D16	DBC/Co	G72-2C	G(E)	J8	JBE
B167	BMP/Co	D21	D(C)	G72-7	G(E)	J80	JKO
B202	BRC	D36	Diamond(DE)	G72-9	G(E)	J81	JKO
B227	BSF	D63	D(M)	G72-14	G(E)	J82	JK/&Co
B233	BTC	D76	DNE/WCo	G72-21	G(E)	J84	J Bar L
B235.5	BT/Co	D92	DR	G72-32	G(E)	J108.5	JM/Co
B241	B-V	D94	DR/Co	G72-36	G(E)	J125	JPH/Co
B258	B&B	D119	Dun	G72-48	G(E)	J127	JPS
B266	B&D	D136	DW	G73	GEB	J134	JR/S

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J141	JSB/&Co	N36	NB/PCo	R20	RBC	S338	S/&Co
J160	JT/S	N36.5	NBREPUBLIC	R26	RB/&E	S338.9	S./&Co
K4	K		"B"	R54	REC/ORD	S352	S&M
K5	Circle(K)		"R"	R61	RFD/&Co	S355	S&S
K7	[KA][BO]		"P"	R69	R-H	S367	S&W/Co
K47	KNK		"L"	R75	RI	T12	TB
L3	L		"I"	R86.3	RIC(O)/LD	T28	TC/&S
L8	Circle(L)	N41	NCB	R87	RIC(o)/LD	T43.5	TG&/TCo
L44	L-B/Co.	N54	NCS	R103	R/McN	T68	TM/Co
L55-1	LC/Co	N59	N&C/SCo	R106	RMM/Co	T76	TM&/NCo
L55-5	LC./Co	N67	NE/LA	R116	RP@	T80	TRA/SL
L55-6	LC./Co.	N75	NES/Co	R116.5	[RPS]	T83	TRIB
L55-8	LC./Co.	N81	NF/C	R117	RP/&Co	T87	[TRT]
L56.5	L/Co	N101	NKF	R119	R-R	T107	TTC(o)
L61	L(C)P/Co	N102	NKF.	R121A	RRD	U13	[UCL]
L76	LEW/Co	N103	NL	R151	R&B	U19	UCS/Co
L77	LEW/Co	N148	NSC	R159	R/&Co	U52	UO/Co
L118	L(M)C	N151	NS/Co	R163	R&G	U64	U(PC)
L128	LOF/TIS	N182A	NYC	R173	R&W	U75	USF&G
L135	LBarS	N190	NYE/Co	S6	S	U79	USI/Co
L146	LS/&MS	N192	NY/MAIL	S7	S	U83	USM/Co
L150	LTi/&TC	N202	NY/SUN	S18	[Arrow S]	U99.7	[UT]
L156	LV	N204	NYT	S26	SAKS	U103	UTH
L159.5	LW	N207	NY/UA	S46.3	SBB/Co	V17	VLA
L173	L&D	O12	O(B)	S64	S-C/Envelope	V31	V&A
L174	L&F	O24	OD/SS	S69	SC(C(o))	W7	W
M26	MA/NY	O32	OHIO	S76	S-C/MCo	W7.9	W
M40 or 40A	MB/Co	O40	OJG	S78	SC(o)	W7.12	W.
M46	MC	O74	OTC	S129	SG/Co	W12	Flag(W)
M73	MC/LH	O76	OTIS	S130	S-G/Co	W17	WA/Co
M90	MC/RR	O77	O.TIS	S131	SGL/Co	W57.5	W/CO
M106A	MET/LIFE	P22	PB/C	S138	SH/Co	W58	W/C(o)
M106B	MET/LIFE	P51	P/Co	S164	SK/Co	W75A	W-E/Co
M109	Circle([MF])	P56	PD/Co	S165	SKF	W80	W/EM
M123	MBarG	P56.21	PD/Co.	S167.5	SKF	W83	WES/TON
M129	[MH]	P57	PDG	S170	SKF	W112	WI&/Co
M130	(M) Bar (H)	P101	PH	S195-19	SO	W113	WJD
M161	ML/IC	P112	PI/CO	S215	SP	W126	WM/CCo
M173	MM/Co	P132	PM	S219	SP(A)	W129	WO/&S
M177	MMI/Co	P138	PMC/Co	S228	S(P/L)	W142	WNU
M185	M(NB)	P143	PM/Co	S233	S(P/S)	W146.5	WO/Co
M191	MOR/LEY	P150	PNB	S253	SSC	W183	W-S/Co
M192	MOR/RIS	P183	PP/Co	S266	SSM	W195	WTC(o)
M196	MOR/R.I.S	P199	PRR/Co	S272	SSW	W195.5	WTC(o)
M204	MP/Co	P200	PRR/Co	S272.4	SSW.....	W216	W&/JS
M217	MRC	P222	PS/Co	S292	SUN	W218	W&K
M219A	MR/Co	P248	P&/Co	S314	SW/Co	Y10	Y&L
M224	MR/M	P252	P&F/C	S328	SYS/TEM	Y11	Y&T
M237	M-S	Q3	QI/Co	S330	S&B	#22	3Ws
N10	Diamond(N)	R3.7	[IR]	S333	S&B	Des.9	Calipers
N12	NAA	R6	Circle(R)	S334.5	S&C	Des.19	Diamond

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My Favorite Perfins – Part III

Steve Endicott (#2284)

I began a discussion of my favorite and most unusual U.S. perfins in the September/October 2008 *Bulletin* (62:158-160), with a promise of more to come. In this issue, I present the part of the display presented at the St. Louis convention related to 19th century stamps.

Perfins were first authorized for use in the United States on April 9, 1908. Very few examples are seen on stamps issued prior to 1908. They may have been previously issued stamps still in post office stock, such as the Columbian issues which were the subject of a previous article, or they may have been from another source such as a perforator used in another country.

Shown here are four examples of perfins on 19th century stamps. Subsequent to completion of the display, the last example has been identified in the US A&C #2 set as the new pattern N48i, used by North China Herald in China.

I would enjoy hearing from anyone regarding perfins that they own on these 19th century issues. All comments are most welcome. Finally, I am hoping that another member assembles exhibit material for the Pittsburgh convention this summer. My contact information is on page 22 of this *Bulletin*.

Odd Perfin Use

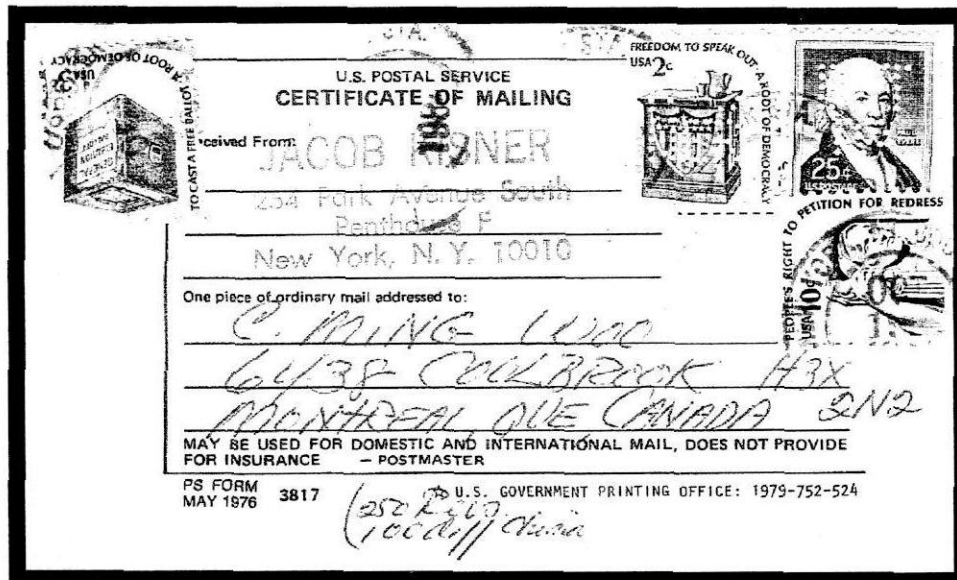
Bob Szymanski (LM#155)

Talk about esoteric perfin uses, here is an illustration of a Certificate of Mailing Card that was used by deceased member Jacob Kisner.

This is the first one that I have ever seen. You might note that although Jacob used his personal perfin "KIS/NER" (K37.5P) on the 2 cent American series stamp, he managed to find a mint 25 cent 1954 definitive with a "BT/Pa" (B238.5) stamp to use as well. Two additional non-perfined stamps make up the then current 40 cent rate.

Also, I found it interesting that you can figure out the cancellation date of Oct 19, 1984 but only after checking all 5 circular cancels. Oh, yes, the same service today is \$1.10!

If you have something that you think is strange, please share it with your fellow members through *The Perfins Bulletin*.



Fascinating and Unusual United States Perfins

Perfins on 19th Century Definitives

Some 19th century postage stamps have been found with perfins. These patterns were added to existing postage stock after April 1908 and/or in the case of the last two examples, they may not be U.S. perfin patterns. Can you help us identify these last two perfin patterns?

Perfin L129.1

Loftis Jewelry Company

Documented
use of this
perfin was
from 1916 to
1940



Scott 253

Perfin G72-1

General Electric Company
Schenectady, NY

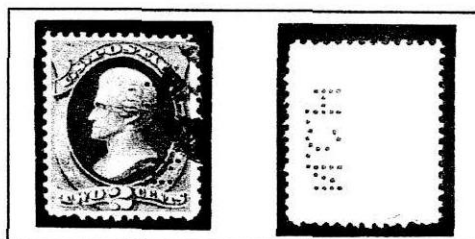
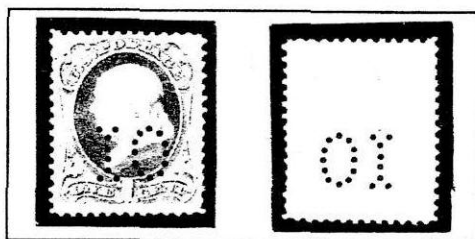
Documented
use of this
perfin was
from 1902 to
1965



Scott 261A

Patterns Unidentified

These stamps
are from one
of the
definitive
issues of the
1870s



A Perfin from Armenia

William Lesh (#3718)

In the recent private Perfin Auction #21 conducted by Bob Szymanski, a perfinned Armenian stamp appeared as lot #216. Pictured is Armenia old Scott #273, one of a set of 10 that was printed by the Chassepot Printing Works in Paris. This set was ordered by the First Dashnak (Nationalist) Government of Armenia early in 1920. The first printing of this issue was delivered to Yerevan (Erivan) in November 1920, but not in time to be issued before the resignation of the government on December 2, 1920. The first printing that was delivered was small. The second, larger printing was refused due to lack of foreign currency to pay for it.

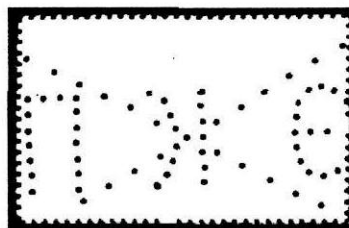
The stamp in question is a 25ruble value, the inland letter rate in November 1920. It reads ARMENIA at the bottom and Armenian Republic (in Armenian) at the top. It also bears a hammer and sickle over Mount Ararat, which was the coat of arms of the Armenian SSR, formed on November 29, 1920. This first Armenian SSR existed until February 18, 1921, when it was ousted by the Second Dashnak regime. This second Dashnak regime only lasted a few days since the Armenian SSR returned on April 2, 1921. This Armenian SSR then became part of the Transcaucasian SFSR on March 12, 1922 and was subsequently incorporated into the USSR on December 30, 1922.



It is my presumption that the handstamped Chassepot issue came into use during the first Armenian SSR, where it was used as a fiscal. The Second Dashnak government did not make use of them as postage (no longer available?), but continued overprinting Czarist stamps.

The perfin appears to be a common fiscal type use in the Czarist regime. It is a cross pattern, possibly inspired by the Czarist naval ensign. It reads in Russian letters: "Ye" (revan) "K" (ontara=office) and "P" (. . .). I do not have a clue what the "P" may represent. A 5ruble (#270) fiscal is known, but it has no perfin. It is thought that some perfins in Russia were used as cancellations. Could this be one?

[Perfin Club member Dick Scheper (#3311) offers the following information. The perfin E.K.P. (Э.К.П.) was used by the Chamber of Finance in the Armenian capital of Yerevan. The characters stand for: Erivanskaya Kazennaya Palata. Besides the usage of this perfin in Russian revenue stamps, it is also used from 1919 onward in stamps of the then independent republic of Armenia.]



Auction Watch

Rudy Roy (#1124) recently spotted the Iceland revenue perfin shown here on eBay. There were 13 bids and the winning bid was \$133.50. Bob Schwerdt (#505-L) reminded the Editor that this perfin was discussed in March 2003 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin* (57:43). From that article, this stylized S.A.I. design was used by the Shell Oil Company in Iceland. Such perfins are very rare and this may be the only Iceland pattern reported.



Stephen Tauber (#2949) reports that, as of February 14, 2009, **StampWants** lists 1,156 lots with "perfin" in the title or description. There appears to be an excellent mixture of U.S. and foreign perfins in these auctions. Starting bids are as low as 35 cents and range to several hundred dollars.

Stephen also noticed that **Ocean Park Stamp Auctions** had at least a dozen Canada perfin lots listed as of February 22, 2009.

Perfins Club Auction #112

Closes April 30, 2009

Guidelines: Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next higher 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. **Good Luck!!**

Send all bids to: **Bruce Brunell, 425 E. Gobbi St. #98, Ukiah, CA 95482 - 5553 - USA**

Email: bbrunell@comcast.net

Abbreviations used:

ADD - All Different Designs
DDF - Design Different Face
MDD - Mostly Different Designs

PREPER - Precancelled Perfin
SE - Straight edge(s)
(?) - Number of missing pins

Scott #s are used and the pattern #s from most recent US Perfins catalog.

Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Country	Description	Rate
1	US	D0.5 on 720	B	33	US	E131 on 425	C+	65	Cuba	- 11 ADD, 48 DDF	
2	US	D5 on 406	B	34	US	F3 on 499(2h)	B	66	Czechoslovakia	- 140 Mix	
3	US	D14 on 406	B	35	US	F6 on 530	B	67	Czechoslovakia-Bohemia	& Moravia - 13 ADD	
4	US	D27 on 507	B	36	US	F9 on 406	C+	68	Egypt	- 175 mix	
5	US	D31 on 631	C+	37	US	F25.5 on 332	C+	69	Germany	- 30 mix	
6	US	D37 on 331	B			(small face scuff)		70	Great Britain	- Edward VIII	
7	US	D48 on 332	B	38	US	F37 on 406(SE)	C+	71	Great Britain	- 175 mix	
8	US	D52 on 569	C+	39	US	F38 on C25	B	72	Greece	- 13 mix	
9	US	D66 on 332	C+	40	US	F40 on 564	B	73	Hong Kong	- 38 mix	
10	US	D74.5 on 638	B	41	US	F49 on 406	B	74	Ireland	- 200 mix	
11	US	D100 on 591	C+	42	US	F58 on 720	C+	75	Jugoslavia	- 55 mix	
12	US	D100 on 696	C+	43	US	F63 on 463	B	76	Luxembourg	- 21 mix	
13	US	D102 on 634	C+	44	US	F66 on 567	C+	77	Netherlands	- 17 mix	
14	US	D114 on 721	C+	45	US	F70 on 405	C+	78	New South Wales	- 25 mix	
15	US	D118 on 463	B	46	US	F76.1 on 510	A	79	Germany	- cover (AE)	
16	US	D143 on 462	C+	47	US	F81 on 518	C+		American Express 1938 on	Hindenburg stamp.	
17	US	D144.5 on 582	B	48	US	F83 on 510	B	80	US	- Stock receipt with two	
18	US	E2 on 405	C+	49	US	F92 on 332	C+		revenue perfins		
19	US	E6 on 332	B	50	US	F189 on 696	B		(Thompson & McKinnon)		
20	US	E10 on 634	C+	51	US	F135 on 406	C+	81	Great Britain	- Local -	
21	US	E12 on 335(SE)	B	52	US	F189 on 696	B		Rafael Tuck & Sons RT/&S		
22	US	E18 on 496	C+	53	US	F206 on 332	B+		- R5380.01 - used for an		
23	US	E38 on 634	B	54	US	F213 on 406	C+		1890 Art Show. Also has a		
24	US	E47A on 397	C+	55	US	F229 on 406	B		punch. Possibly used on an		
25	US	E47A on 405	C+	56	US	F230 on 406(1h)	B		admission ticket.		
26	US	E51 on 466	C+	57	US	Mix of 75		82	Great Britain	- 205	
27	US	E52 on 634	B	58	US	8 DDF prepers			different commercial		
		(small face scuff)		59	US	Revenues (750 mix)			overprints (Victoria thru		
28	US	E55 on 332	C+	60	US	Revenues (100 mix)			the Machins).		
29	US	E62 on 527	C+	61	Foreign	- Mix (125)					
30	US	E71 on 503	C+	62	Belgium	- 75 mix					
31	US	E75 on 501	B	63	Canada	- 340 mix					
32	US	E84 on 332	B	64	Ceylon	- 150 mix					

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New Handbook and Catalogue

Dick Scheper (#3311)

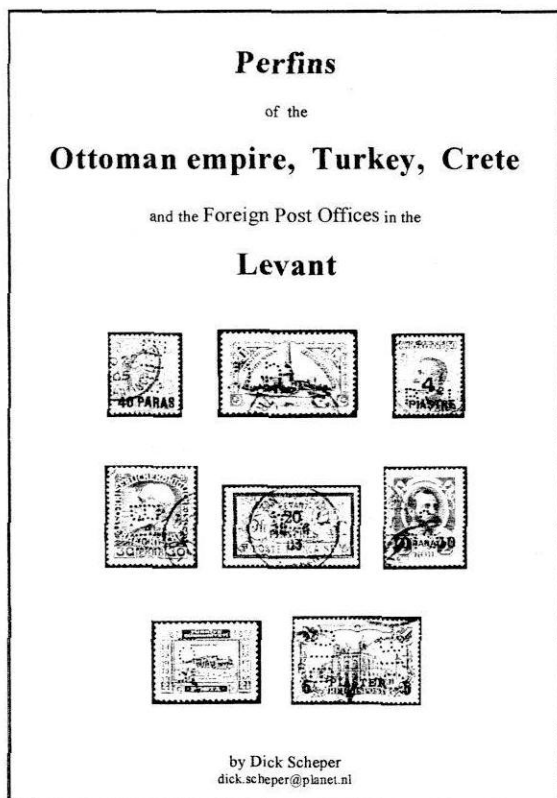
A new handbook and catalogue about the perfins of the Ottoman empire and the Levant post offices has recently been completed. The book is in full color and has 70 pages in A-4 format. Below is the Introduction Page and with a reduced version of the Frontpage superimposed into the Introduction. The price is € 22.50 (euro). Safe packing (weight

category 250 to 500 gram) and postage for the handbook is € 7.50 in Europe or € 12.00 worldwide. So, the total price for sending in Europe is € 30 euro and outside Europe is € 34.50 euro or \$ 44.00 USD. Payment is advised to PayPal account dick.scheper@planet.nl of Dick Scheper, The Netherlands.

Introduction to the chapters in the handbook

In *General notes on perfins of Turkey and the Levant* a short explanation is given about the reason for using perfins by commercial firms and their branches on Ottoman territory.

Some large firms had branches in Constantinople as well as in Smyrna. While both branches used the same perforated initials, they have used a different perforator and their perfins can be recognized by small differences in the perfin pattern. The differences to look for, are explained in the chapter *Identical or different patterns*.



In *Short history of the Levant post offices* some background information is given about the postal history of the foreign post offices of seven European countries. Also 19 perfin covers (in colour) are shown to illustrate the use of perfins in stamps of each foreign post office.

An important part of this handbook is formed by the chapter *Perfins of the Levant post offices*. In alphabetical order and separated for each foreign post office, all known perfins are shown, not only by their perfin patterns but also by showing **376 full colour illustrations** of perfined stamps from all stamp issues which are known with those perfins. The perfin patterns are presented in original size as a result of immediate scanning of the backside of the stamps.

Very few Levant perfins of commercial firms are known to be used in *Levant postal stationary* or in *revenue stamps of the Ottoman empire*. Both category perfins are shown in separate chapters.

In *Perfins of the Ottoman empire and Turkey* the perfins are shown in stamp issues of the Ottoman empire, the Turkish nationalist government and the Republic of Turkey.

Until the end of the nineteenth century Crete was a part of the Ottoman empire and perfins of foreign offices are known from this island. Some of these perfins can also be found in stamps of Crete. Therefore the author decided to include a chapter for all

Perfins of Crete from the periode before 1924.

Another important part of this handbook is formed by the *Catalogue of Levant perfins*. This section, starting with the *Introduction to the catalogue*, shows an alphabetical listing of all known Levant perfins. In this listing the author has integrated all perfins from the territory of the Ottoman empire, which have been illustrated separately in the other chapters of this handbook. Behind the different stamp issues the author has given an indication of the scarcity rate.

Finally, in *Perfin patterns and catalogue numbers* all perfin patterns together are shown in original size and in alphabetical order, with their corresponding catalogue numbers.

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1	NB	26	NB	51	NB	76	3.00	101	NB	126	NB
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3	3.00	28	22.00	53	12.00	78	NB	103	NB	128	5.00
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6	8.00	31	NB	56	NB	81	NB	106	5.00	131	NB
7	20.00	32	NB	57	23.00	82	NB	107	7.00	132	10.00
8	NB	33	NB	58	3.00	83	15.00	108	9.00	133	10.00
9	NB	34	12.00	59	15.00	84	NB	109	9.00	134	27.00
10	16.00	35	10.00	60	NB	85	NB	110	32.00	135	5.00
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Closed Album - Martin W. O'Grady (#2343)

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

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I recently received a call from California from a woman who had nursed Martin O'Grady over the last several years. She informed me that Marty passed away on October 31, 2008. He was 80 years old, had congestive heart

failure, and was in poor health for the past year.

He left no close family. He donated his collection to a Netherlands Philatelic Group. It is being dispersed in the Netherlands and the proceeds are to be used for philatelic purposes.

Corrections to Last *Bulletin*

Ken Masters (#3589)

Bob Schwerdt (#505-L) pointed out an error in Row 5 of his article "My Favorite Foreign Perfins" in the January/February, 2009 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin* (63:7-8) The term "WPV" should be "WBV".

was misspelled in Brad Baker's (LM#3766) article "First Day of Issue Perfin" in the same issue (63:13).

Stephen Tauber (#2949) noted that George M. Cohan's name

Thanks Bob and Stephen for catching these. I apologize that I missed these errors during my final checking.

Member Want Ads

Wanted: Italian and Italian Area PERFINs - I have some US and foreign perfin as well as regular stamps available for trade but I am also willing to buy. Italian Area would include Colonies, Occupations, Fiume, Trieste, etc. On/Off cover. Ken Sultana, POB 640233, Oakland Gardens, New York 11364-0233: e-mail: kjs2@rcn.com.

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Name your price or swap requirements.
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Wanted: All patterns and positions on Scott Canada #249; the green, one-cent of the Canadian war issue with George VI in the military uniform of admiral. I have a few worldwide perfin for trade or I would like to purchase any of the above perfin. John Munro-Cape, RR3, PICTON, Ontario, D0K 2T0, CANADA. Phone: 613-476-5153; email: twofournine@kos.net.

Wanted: Russian perfin. Even if you have only one Russian perfin to offer, your answer is much appreciated! Perfin of many countries are available for trade, including China, Japan and GB 1p. red & 2p. blue. Dick Scheper, Hogeland 1, 2264 JX Leidschendam, THE NETHERLANDS; email: dick.scheper@planet.nl

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Closed Album - Julian C. Wokasch (#1817)

Duane Spidle (#3579)

Julian died on November 18, 2008 in Pikes Peak Hospice.

I had know Julian for many years and in my early days of precancel collecting Julian helped me with all my questions. His first love was perfin. In the natural progress of collecting he branched into precancels and was member #6528 of The Precancel Society.

Some may have met Julian and his brother at the 2000 Convention in Albuquerque, the only

convention to my knowledge that he ever attended. He really enjoyed it and had always wanted to attend another one. [Bob Szymanski says he will always remember Julian from the time he spent looking over and studying Bob's perfin duplicates at Albuquerque. As a result, he was very happy to fill several holes in his collection.] Julian was also a member of the Colorado Springs Stamp Club.

He will always be remembered and appreciated by me.

Secretary's Report

Ken Rehfeld (#3394)

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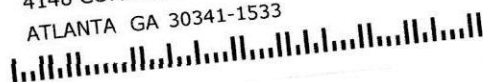
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Follow On to My Favorite Foreign Perfin Page(s)

John Lyding (LM#116)

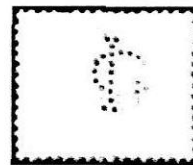
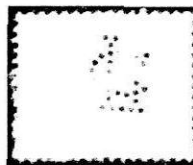
I must confess that Bob Schwerdt's article "My Favorite Foreign Perfin Page(s)" in the January/February, 2009 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin* (63:7-8) started a search in our apartment. It culminated with the finding of my favorite perfin accumulation. Well perhaps it is a collection in that I do have them separated into envelopes by country. In any event, it turned up the two perfins shown below.



The cancel C(L) was included in Bob's list; however, I thought they might be of interest because of the denomination "para". The stamps are listed in *Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalog* under Austria, Offices in the Turkish Empire as #21 and #22. These are the 20 para on 5 kr rose (left stamp) and 10 para on 3 kr green (right stamp). Both stamps are punched C(L) (or CL monogram). I place the

"C" first because I believe it to be the perfin of Le Crédit Lyonnais.

Crédit Lyonnais is a historic French bank. In the early 1990's it was the largest French bank, majority state-owned at that point. Crédit Lyonnais was the subject of poor management during that period



which almost led to its bankruptcy in 1993. It was acquired by another French bank (Crédit Agricole) in 2003 and is now known as LCL (Le Crédit Lyonnais)¹.

1. Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.