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Convention a Great Success!!

Having just returned from our annual Convention in Pittsburgh, I am happy to report it was a very successful meeting. Thanks to the Ohio Precancel Society for all of their hard work in sponsoring this event. Due to our deadline for printing and distributing this current *Bulletin*, look for complete details in the next (November/December, 2009) *Bulletin*.

The Perfins Club upheld our tradition of being "the noisy corner" in the bourse. A great time was had by all - renewing old acquaintances, socializing and buying and trading of perfins and covers. I believe everyone found several new items for their collection. 26 members of The Perfins Club

attended, including 1 new member.

During our business meeting, congratulations were extended to **Joe Laura** (#1238) as the recipient of the 2009 **Hallock Card Award** and to **Conrad Tremblay** (#1786) as the winner of the Club's 2009 **Floyd Walker Award**. See pages 103 and 112 for more details concerning the accomplishments of these two club members.

It was confirmed that next year's Convention will be August 2-7, 2010 in Burlington, VT. The scenery should be great and the weather refreshing. Start making your plans now to attend this exciting event.

What Do You Collect?

I have wondered on more than one occasion what our Perfin Club members collect? While we have a Perfins Sales Manager who is willing to send material out to members, only a small number of members requested material during 2008. Likewise, our Cover Sales Manager indicates that he has send material to very few members. Our club auctions may have 30 bidders at best and private auctions that I have handled average about 50 bidders. And to make these numbers represent even fewer collectors, many members are utilizing all of these venues to obtain new perfin material.

I wonder why more members do not take advantage of these various ways of obtaining perfins. To answer this question and in an effort to be responsive to our membership, I would like to ask each and every member to either e-mail or snail mail me with an idea of what you collect and what our club can do

to help you with your perfin collecting.

I will not divulge names. My sole interest is in providing ways for different members to obtain collectible perfin material of interest to them. Since we have about 500 members, I have a suspicion that we are somehow "missing the boat" on servicing all club members. I can not believe that hundreds of members belong to our club and do not collect perfins, as was suggested by one member!

Please help me in this survey and, just maybe, the Perfins Club can better help you have more fun, meet more collectors and find new interesting perfin material. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. My contact information is: Bob Szymanski, 10 Clarridge Circle, Milford, MA 01757-1371, email: perfinman@comcast.net.

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New Members Q & A

Which Side Of The Stamp Has More Important Information For The Collector Of Perfins?

There seems to be reasonable agreement that to a general perfin collector, the pattern of the punch is the largest single factor in determining the value of a U.S. perfined postage stamp; and that the pattern is usually best identified from the back of the stamp. However, to the specialty collector the face of the stamp is also of significant importance. In particular, the issue collector identifies her/his prey by searching through stamps that are face up.

One should note that in auction listings of perfined stamps, the pattern, pattern rating and the issue (usually by Scott catalog number) define individual stamps. The issue collector of "Apple Greens" scans the auction listings for Scott No. 513, the "Black Harding" collector for Scott Nos. 610, 611 and 612 and the "Kans. and Nebr. Overprint" collector for Scott Nos. 657-679.

Novice collectors of perfined stamps should understand that catalog values or rarity ratings for perfined stamps are for a particular issuing authority and a specific class of stamps. For example, a rating shown for a pattern in the *Catalog*

of United States Perfins is not applicable to U. S. Revenue Stamps that might be found with that same pattern. Similarly, if one is a collector of Canadian Postage stamps and is considering purchasing a collection, checking the face of each stamp is important. On rare occasions, Canadian stamps were punched with a U.S. pattern and consequently could have a high value rating in the Canadian Catalog, but in the U. S. Postage Catalog it could have a low value rating.

To reiterate, Revenue stamps do not belong in a U. S. postage stamp collection and stamps from other countries do not belong in a single country collection other than their own. The only way a collector can make that determination is to inspect BOTH sides of the stamp.

If readers of this column have questions, suggestions or alternative answers to this or previous questions, please mail them to Jerry Hejduk, PO Box 490450, Leesburg FL 34749-0450 or email them to flprepers@comcast.net

Joe Laura - 2009 Hallock Card Award

A high point during the Club's Business Meeting at the 2009 Convention was President Szymanski's announcement that the winner of the 2009 **Hallock Card Award** is Joe Laura (#1238). Because Joe was not going to be able to attend the Convention and receive his award in person, Bob visited him for lunch a few weeks ago and presented him his award at that time. Joe was very nearly overwhelmed and shared his joy with everyone else in the restaurant.

Joe is a long time philatelist having started before WWII when he was involved with the Boy Scouts. He has been a member of the Precancel Society since the mid-1940's and was one of it's most active dealers until he sold all his material to Phil Cayford. At that time he became totally immersed in perfin collecting and still is until this day even

though he sold a great part of his collection to Dave Begin (#3659) due do health reasons. Having switched doctors and feeling much better he has again become active in collecting perfins.

Joe's contribution to perfin collecting began by contacting many collectors in Eastern Europe during the time the Iron Curtain was being pulled down with the wane of Communism. As a result he was able to acquire thousands of perfins on a weekly basis. He was studious in his pursuits, acquiring all of the perfin catalogs and finding many additions for various countries. With the dissemination of this information, hundreds of new patterns were added to the various perfin catalogs. In his discovery of new material, Joe has been and is without peer in perfin circles."

Meet a Member

Bob Combs - LM#24

Hello, I am your club's Perfins Sales Manager (Circuit Sales Manager). I was asked to give a brief bio on myself for the *Bulletin*. It really isn't much fun to read, but here goes.

I was born and raised in California. We traveled to both ends of the state, as my father worked for Holly Sugar and went where he needed to be. I graduated from high school in 1964 (do the math) and promptly moved to the town of Napa (in Northern California) to attend a junior college.

The Viet Nam war was in full swing, so I opted to forgo the college (for then) to go into the military. I served in the Air Force for the required 4 years active plus 2 years inactive and moved back to California to return to college. I graduated in 1971 from Cabrillo Junior College (near Santa Cruz) with a AS degree in Electronics Technology. I continued my quest for a sheepskin (actually paper as I later found out) by moving to California Polytechnic San Luis Obispo. Almost finished, but decided the need for money outranked the need for paper!

I worked for a few electronics companies in the San Jose area, with the last 18 years at Hewlett Packard. During that time I did go back to college, and managed to get a B.S. degree in Geology from San Jose State University.

In 1990 I decided to move from California to New Mexico, for no particular reason. Picked up some property, and even went back to college at New Mexico University in Albuquerque to go for the masters degree. Almost made it. Did several jobs that struck my fancy and finally ended up as a electronics contractor for the US Border Patrol, where I am still employed!

My collecting habits are extremely varied, as are my hobbies. Along with model railroading, rock collecting and photography, I do collect stamps (what a surprise!). My stamp collecting interests are many and varied. Somewhere in the 2 page list of interests, Perfins can be found. I do not particularly specialize in anything, but I do have a leaning interest in Perfins from California, New Mexico, Southern Pacific Railroad and Western Pacific Railroad all on cover. I came to the realization many years ago, that I could never complete anything, so I collect whatever makes me happy at the time, after all that is what the hobby is supposed to be about!

I also collect Postal Stationery, both US & foreign, Precancels (worldwide), and of course, California and New Mexico postal history.

I have been the Club's Perfins Sales Manager for a few years now, and plan on continuing for as long as they will let me!

My other passion in life are my 2 Boston Terriers, which keep me active and looking forward to the next day. They have taught me many things, among which is be interested in each and every thing you see or do each day and do it as you have never had the pleasure of doing it before. Good concept.

That's it, now. You all know more than you should and I will likely have to take out a lot of contracts to keep all this secret. Enjoy our hobby in whatever way you want to, and sign up for the sales circuits. We can help you out (cheap commercial there).

[Editor's Note: After reading the above, I think you will agree that Bob's bio is anything but boring. Thanks Bob for sharing this with us. Now, who will be the next to reach "perfin immortality"?]

*** Private Auction #26 Update ***

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

As announced in the July/August 2009 *Bulletin* (63:94), Dan Howell's world-wide perfins collection and Garvin Lohman's Canadian perfin collection will be offered in Private Auction #26. The only difference from the previous announcement is the auction dates will be September 15 - October 15,

2009. If you have bid in my previous auctions, you will be automatically sent an email September 15. If you want a copy sent by snail mail, please remit \$5.00 with your request to defray the color copy cost and mailing expenses.

* * * *Atascadero in October* * * *

Join us in Atascadero, CA, from Thursday, October 22, thru Saturday, October 24, for a joint meeting and bourse of the Precancel Society and the Perfins

Club. The meeting is held in the Best Western Colony Inn, 3600 El Camino Real, Atascadero, CA 93422. Reservations can be made at 805-466-4449.

America Aids French Orphans and The User for Pattern N17 is Identified

Bob Garrity (#3824)

In my search for perfins I have managed to come across many unspectacular philatelic items. I thought that this was another one of them. Shown below (Figure 1) is an unused return envelope with a 3 cent Washington from the period from November 2, 1917 through June 30, 1919 when the WWI War Emergency rate was in effect. But who wants unused covers with no postal markings? What can these possibly tell us?

In checking the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, the perfin is clearly pattern N17 (NA/FH), a C+ rated perfin (Figure 2). It is not identified as to the user either in the catalog or in the two Additions and Corrections that have appeared to date. The cover is addressed to Lee, Higginson & Co. as the depository for the French Heroes Lafayette Memorial Fund, Inc.

Using the lamp in my stamp room, I noted that, although the cover is sealed, there is an enclosure inside from the "National Association of French

Heroes". Dated 1919, it is a blank receipt to be sent with any donated funds, a request for future donations and the income tax deduction rules. Yes, even back then there was a Federal Income Tax!

Here is a match of perfin pattern N17 to the "National Association of French Heroes". Brad Baker, U.S. Catalog Chairman, concurs and advises that this identification will be listed in the future Additions & Corrections #3.

Doing a little further research reveals information that the Fund was founded in 1917 to help renovate the Marquis de Lafayette's home in southern France for the benefit of French War Orphans. Lee, Higginson & Son Co. (at various locations) was the depository for all monies donated to this Fund. This cover happened to be to the Boston office. The Fund was dissolved in 1922. Interestingly, one of the founders was a fellow named Teddy Roosevelt.

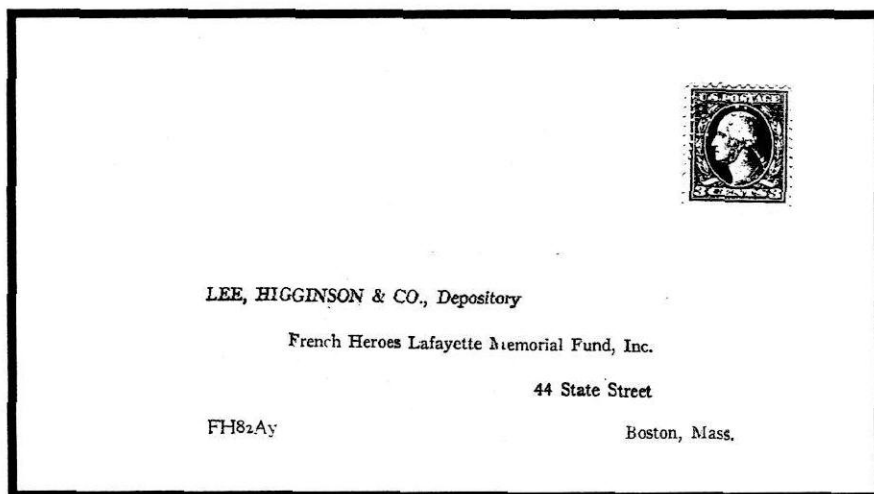


Figure 1:
National Association of French Heroes Cover
Identifying Perfin Pattern N17



Figure 2
Stamp cropped from cover
(135% of actual size for clarity)

More Modern Woodmen of America

Leland L. Huss (#3200)

In the June 2007 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin* (61:131-132), copies of a couple of interesting Modern Woodmen of America, Rock Island, IL, post cards from my perfin collection are shown. These cards, prepared for C. W. Hawes, Head Clerk, are franked with 1-cent stamps perfined with pattern W125 (W/MA).

In this article we have two more Modern Woodmen of America post cards that show usage of pattern W125. (See Figures 1 – 4). Both of these cards are an "Official Receipt" for a "Benefit Assessment" and are signed by C. W. Hawes.

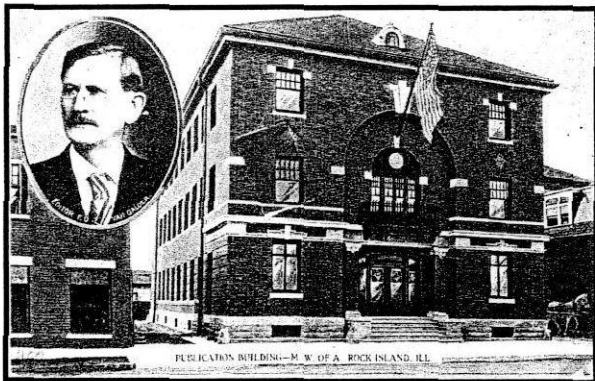


Figure 1: Card showing
Publication Building - M.W. of A. Rock Island, Ill.



Figure 3: Card showing
Office of Supreme Organizer Johnson,
Head Consul's Office, M. W. of A. Lincoln, Nebr.

The note under the signature says "This series of 14 Head Office Views can be obtained for 20 cents. Supply Department, M. W. of A., Rock Island, Ill." So, it would appear a nice collection of Modern

Woodmen of America post cards could be accumulated with enough searching and effort. Who knows, a person might even find one using the very desirable "A" rated pattern, W125A.

The editor advises that a search of the Internet (www.answers.com and other web sites) reveals that the Modern Woodmen, a fraternal benefit society, was formed by Joseph Cullen Root in Lyons, Iowa on January 5, 1883. Its mission was to help families survive after the loss of a breadwinner.

The name Modern Woodmen alluded to the foresters who cleared the land to build their communities, an image Root culled from a sermon by a local preacher. A patriotic reference was added later, and the group became Modern Woodmen of America (MWA).

Figure 2: Address side of
Publication Building card

Figure 4: Address side of
Office of Supreme Organizer card

(Continued on next page.)

More Modern Woodmen of America (cont.)

MWA relocated to Illinois after being incorporated in that state on May 5, 1884. In 1888 its head office was moved to Rock Island, IL where it remains.

After a heated dispute with MWA Head Physician, P.L. McKinnie, Root left MWA and formed the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society in Omaha, NE in 1890. [Editor's note: I assume this is the same Woodman of America, the verified user of pattern W147 (WO/W), and their insurance company, Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, Omaha, NE, pattern W147.5 (WO/W).]

Today, the Modern Woodmen of America is a leading fraternal life insurance society in the United States, with more than 750,000 members and assets of more than \$6 billion.

In addition to providing insurance and financial services, MWA maintains nearly 2,200 local chapters, or "camps", and 700 youth service clubs. The group provides an array of free community benefits, such as youth educational programs on topics such as bicycle safety, scholarship programs, and a national speech contest.

British Bechuanaland

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

Now here is a stamp issuing entity that does not come up very often in any discussion of perfins excepting, maybe, "there aren't any known from there!" Well, maybe and maybe not....

For most of us it might be important to know a little history of the area using the name "British Bechuanaland" that should not be confused with "Bechuanaland Protectorate". British Bechuanaland was a British Crown Colony in the south of Africa. It was annexed to the Cape of Good Hope Colony in 1895, thus becoming part of the Union of South Africa. Stamps were issued for this Crown Colony from 1886 to 1897.

Due north of British Bechuanaland, east of German South West Africa and west of Southern Rhodesia was the Bechuanaland Protectorate. This "Bechuanaland" remains intact today. However, since its independence in 1966, it became the Republic of Botswana.

Pictured is a British Bechuanaland Scott #10 which has a black overprint on a Great Britain #111 issued in 1887. The *World Perfins Catalog - Africa* by Bob Schwerdt (#150-L) does not show any listings for British Bechuanaland. However, two other patterns are shown for



Bechuanaland Protectorate with notes that these are probable fakes. There is no further detail given. Likewise, this "S" pattern appears neither with the Cape of Good Hope nor the South Africa patterns in the same catalog.

The British "Tomkins Perfin Catalog" lists this pattern in a Great Britain stamp as S0010.37. The catalog lists the city of use as Darlington and the period of use c.1890-1895. So, could there be a company tie? ...a favor of some sort? ...a stamp meant for use in British Bechuanaland but somehow used in Great Britain? ...a fake overprint? ...a new pattern from a new stamp issuing entity? ...gold or fool's gold?

I conferred with our members Bob Schwerdt and Alan Sandy (LM#2539) on this item. Unfortunately, there is no discernable cancel to help. Alan pointed out that Zululand perfins are known with cancels in unlikely places like Liverpool! Alan perused a resource he has - Robson Lowe's *The Empire in Africa*. Alan remarked that at least the perfin is in the one and only correct QV Jubilee listed as overprinted! It could be good, real good, but maybe not!

Here is where we now turn to you our members for any additional light that you might be able to shine on this dilemma. HELP!

Fraudulent Levant Perfins ?

Bob Schwerdt (#505-L)

In the recently published, excellent catalog: *Perfins of the Ottoman Empire, Turkey, Crete, and Foreign Post Offices in the Levant* by Dick Scheper, I noticed the listing for two items -- the CL perfin (CL 19a) in two British large 2/6 shillings Victorias overprinted 12 PIASTRES. Scheper illustrates them with London postmarks. Why would Levant stamps have London postmarks?

I have some fraudulently (?) overprinted items and have knowledge of others all found on British stamps. Eight of these items are shown below plus the Scheper catalog CL. (I am aware of an additional one, pattern C.B/B, but I do not have a photocopy or picture of it to show you.)

In the illustrations below, front and rear illustrations are those of my copies. Front illustrations only are from photocopies. Sorry, I cannot supply British catalog numbers.

To my knowledge, the fraudulent (?) overprints have appeared only on British stamps with perfins uncharacteristic of those found in other Levant issues. You will note major variations in the overprints shown here.

To organize my album page for these misfits, I would like to know of other examples. If sufficient additional copies are reported, a new listing will be published in the *Bulletin*. It seems there are as many fraudulent items, or more, as there are legitimate ones from British Levant!

Please send any information and photocopies of examples you might have to: Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, USA. Thanks for your help.

[Editor's note: The contrast in the front illustrations below has been purposely adjusted to highlight the overprints.]

Fraudulent Levant Perfins ?



Pattern: A/B&Co
(London Cancel)



Pattern: BA CL



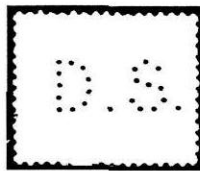
Pattern: BC



Pattern: CL
(From Scheper's
Catalog - CL 19a)
(London Cancel)



Pattern: DS
(Front)



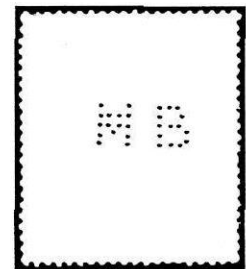
Pattern: DS
(Back)



Pattern: L&P



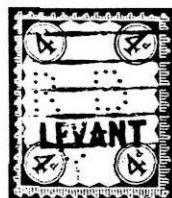
Pattern: MB
(Front)
(Lombardy, Italy (?) Cancel)



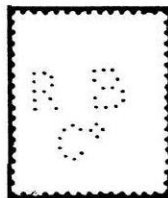
Pattern: MB
(Back)



Pattern: MLS/Co



Pattern: RB/C
(Front)



Pattern: RB/C
(Back)

The Perfin That Never Was [or Caveat Emptor]

Chris Carr (LM#9)

Once upon a time I had a desire to have a Perfin machine that would produce my own Perfin to be used on all my mail. Eventually, I located a company who would make such a machine, designed my intended Perfin and successfully raided the piggy bank to finance the purchase of this machine.

The maximum die area was 1" x 3/4" (25.1 mm x 19.1 mm), but obviously it would have to be smaller than that. With a limited choice of initials, i.e, C, CC, CJTC, I decided on CC and by overlapping the two initials, produced a design as shown to the right.



Previously, in 1995, I had arranged for John Lyding (LM#116) of The Perfins Club to be supplied with an Anchor Perfin (U.S. pattern Design 61IP), and in 1997, for John Mathews with a perfin PC/NZA for the Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia. So, in 2007 I wrote to Chainstream Ltd., with an address in Carshalton, Surrey as they had made those two machines. I got no reply nor were telephone calls answered.

Following many enquiries and Internet searches, it was not until August 11, 2008, following a phone call, that I wrote Chainstream UK Ltd., 196 Morland Road, Croydon CR0 6NF (0208 686 6500), who denied any connection with the other company. The purpose of my letter was to obtain a quotation for my design using their FD3 machine that has a base area of 5 3/4" x 2 1/2" (146.1 mm x 63.5 mm) and weighs 2 3/4 pounds (1.24 kg) and would be predominately aluminum. I also asked to be advised the cost of posting and packing together with an expected delivery date after payment. This letter was never

answered, but after several more abortive phone calls I eventually spoke to a Mr. Judge who quoted a price of £285 for such a design.

A check for the agreed amount was sent on September 11. At the same time I asked that posting of the machine be delayed until October 10 due to a vacation in the USA. The check was cleared through my bank on October 1. As nothing more happened, I phoned on November 11 and was informed that posting would be the next day, but it never arrived.

Several more phone calls were made, but no contact was made until January 23, 2009, when I was told that delivery would be made on January 26 or 27. On February 10, I was told it would be sent by carrier TNT, but it still did not arrive. On February 25, a new machine would be personally delivered in seven days. Subsequently, personal delivery was promised by March 6, April 7, and finally my money would be returned if it were not supplied by April 17. On April 22 and May 7, I was informed that the check was to be posted the next day!

Finally, on May 8, I was told that the check had been posted the previous day by Recorded Delivery. On May 9, the check arrived, but it had been sent by first class ordinary post and postmarked the previous day. There was no letter or apology, but at least the check did not bounce!

[Editor's Note: In his transmittal letter with this article, Chris mentions the "Great Britain" version of this article was published in the August 2009 edition of the *G.B. Perfin Society Bulletin* and is published above with the permission of the G.B. Perfin Society.]

Romanian Perfins Website

For those of you who collect or are interested in Romanian perfins, the editor has been directed to the following website, www.romaniastamps.com, that is dedicated to Romanian stamps. Perfins are under the "Specialties" tab. There you will find a catalog of Romanian perfins, authored by Lazlo Eros and Dr. Tam Llewellyn-Edwards, that you may download and print.

This catalog is based on Eros's 1989 *Catalog of*

Romanian Perfins, Bob Schwerdt's 1991 Supplement, and additional images provided by Tam Llewellyn, eBay, and from Eros's collection. This new catalog includes the user (where known), a period of usage, and a rarity factor for each perfin. There are also several interesting articles on Romanian perfins, including an update of David Began (#3659) & Dick Scheper's (#3311) October 2006 *Bulletin* article on Bogus Romanian perfins (60:169-173).

My Favorite Perfins – Part VI

Steve Endicott (#2284)

I began a discussion of 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 early imperforate stamps.

This exhibit page was assembled from several

collections. Various perfins are shown here on early imperforate stamp issues, not often seen with perfins. Note the second example also includes a precancel.

I would enjoy hearing from anyone regarding perfins that they own on early imperforate stamps. All comments are most welcome. My contact information is on page 102 of this *Bulletin*.

Additional User – Pattern R66.5

Dave Smith (#1514)

While going through my perfin covers a few months ago, I found a rather non-descript cover with “The R.G. Chase Company, Geneva, NY” corner card. (See Figure 1) The cover is franked with a 2-cent 1914 issue and was posted July 16, 1916. Initially, I thought the perfin was pattern R66 (RG/C), a “B” rated perfin. The R.G. Chase Company, New York, NY is shown as the verified user for R66 in the current *Catalog of United States Perfins* and Geneva, NY was added as an alternative location in Additions & Corrections #1.

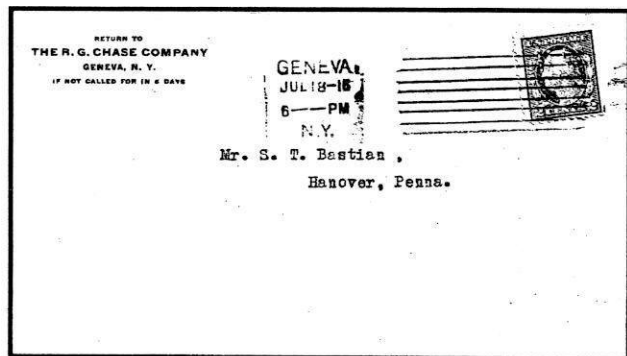


Figure 1
R66.5 Used by The R. G. Chase Company

However, upon closer inspection of the cover, I discovered the perfin appears to be pattern R66.5 (RG/C), also a “B” rated perfin, whose verified user is The Chase Nurseries, Geneva, NY. The R.G. Chase Company is not listed in the U.S. Catalog or its two Additions & Corrections as an alternate user for R66.5. So, it seemed as if I have found a new, alternate user for R66.5. I sent a scan of the cover to Brad Baker, U.S. Catalog Chairman. Brad

confirmed my identification and will include this new information in the next Additions & Corrections.

A few days later, I discovered that I have a “fancy, advertizing” perfin cover with a “The Chase Nurseries, Geneva, NY” corner card. The perfin on this cover is also pattern R66.5. This additional cover is shown in Figure 2.

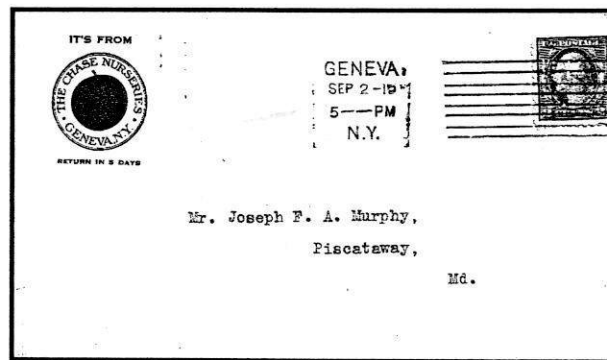


Figure 2
R66.5 Used by The Chase Nurseries

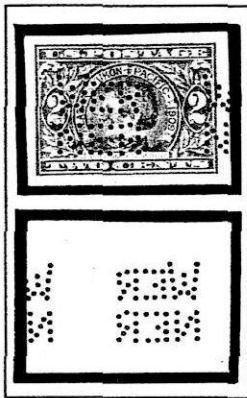
An Internet search yielded an 1893 *History of Geneva, NY* (history.rays-place.com/ny/geneva-9) which lists R.G. Chase & Co. as one of the major nurseries in the Geneva, NY area. This history also indicates the company may have been in existence before 1870 and it was still in business in 1893. From this background, it seems probable that both The R.G. Chase Company and The Chase Nurseries were the same company that used different names on their correspondence to be more descriptive of their business.

Fascinating and Unusual United States Perfins

Perfins on Imperforate Stamps

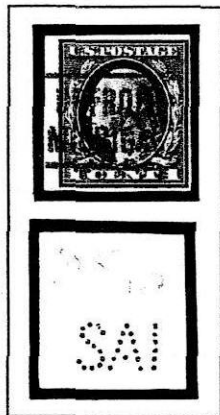
Perfins were also used on imperforate postage stamps as shown on the definitive and commemorative stamps shown here, but copies are not found very often. Notice that the second stamp, Scott 343, also has a precancel of Detroit, Michigan.

Perfin W82
The Werner Co.



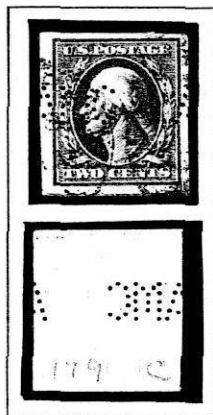
Scott 371

Perfin S25
Standard
Accident
Insurance



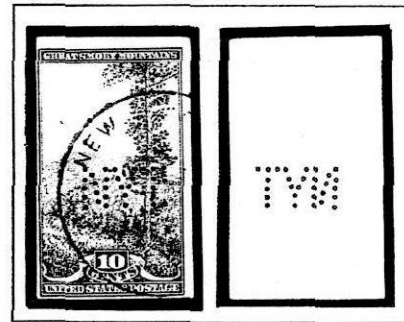
Scott 343

Perfin A179
Acker, Merrall
& Condit Co.



Scott 344

Perfin N204a
(user unknown)



Scott 765

Perfin F233
Funk & Wagnalls



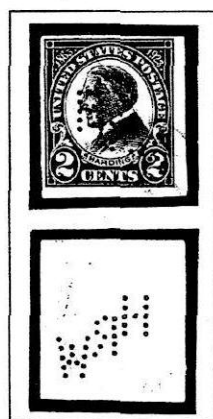
Scott 408

Perfin S268
SS Pierce Co.

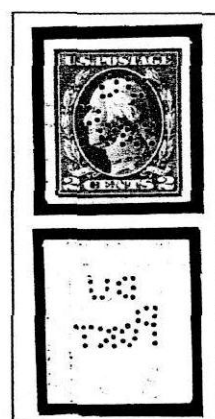


Scott 611

Perfin H167
Worthington
Pump & Machinery



Perfin D129
DuPont



Scott 409

User of Pattern S171.5 Identified

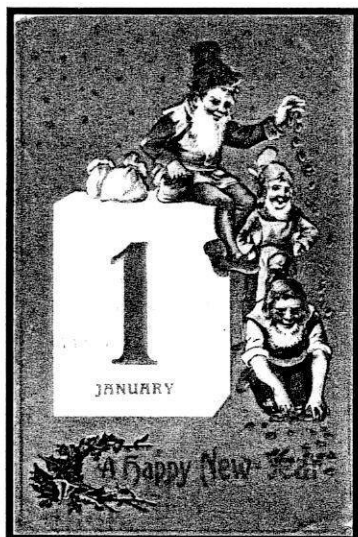
Paul H. Gault (#744)

Most of the U.S. perfin that are seen on picture postcards are illegal usages. Some articles on legitimate usages on advertising picture postcards have appeared in *The Perfins Bulletin* (61:91-97, 61:131-132, 61:201-202 and several others).

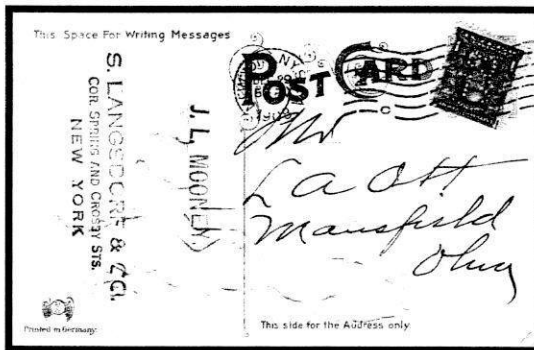
I recently obtained a New Year's greeting postcard with pattern S171.5 (SL/Co). The "A" rated perfin is in the 1-cent Benjamin Franklin issue of the 1902 series. This previously unidentified pattern was mailed in New York City on December, 29, 1908, by J. L. Mooney of the S. Langsdorf & Co. doing business at the corner of Spring and Crosby Streets,

New York, NY. Brad Baker, U.S. Catalog Chairman has confirmed my identification and will include this new information in the U.S. Catalog's next Additions & Corrections .

A search of the World Wide Web shows that S. Langsdorf & Co. were publishers of picture postcards on a very wide range of subjects starting in the early 1900's. (It appears they are not in business today.) Their cards are highly prized by postcard collectors, with many of them listed in the popular Internet auctions.



Colorful Front of New Year's Greeting Card



Address Side of Card
Note User is S. Langsdorf & Co.,
New York, NY



Stamp Cropped from Card
(Shown 120% of Actual
Size for Clarity)

Conrad Tremblay - 2009 Floyd Walker Award

The Floyd Walker Award is presented for "scholarly research or time spent on article(s) and the presentation of new perfin information for the betterment of U.S. and worldwide perfin collecting". Congratulations go to Conrad Tremblay (#1786) as the winner of this award for his contributions to *The Perfins Bulletin* during calendar year 2008.

Conrad is well know for his detailed research, primarily on Canadian perfins, and presenting new information in a clear and understandable manner in the articles he writes. In addition to the *Bulletin*, his work has been extensively published in *The Perforator*, the newsletter of the Perfins Study

Group of the BNAPS (British North American Philatelic Society of Canada).

In 2008 he had three very interesting articles in the *Bulletin*:

- Canada Pattern S14 - January 2008 (62:13-14)
- Canada Pattern S7 - February 2008 (62:18-20)
- U.S. Pattern W171 - March 2008 (62:42-46)

This is the first time that Conrad has won an award for his work and he expressed his deep appreciation. He is planning to attend next year's Convention in Burlington, VT to thank everyone in person.

Some Additional Perfins that had been "Tucked Away" Five New Patterns!

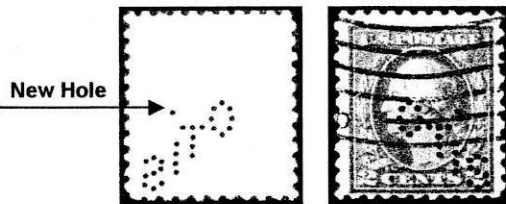
Allan Oleksyn (#1908)

In the May/June 2009 issue of the *Bulletin*, a couple of interesting "double punches" that I had tucked away over the years were presented [63:67]. In this issue, we have several perfins from the "different" or "unusual" section of my collection that I could not identify.

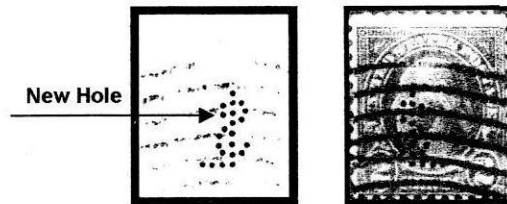
After submitting them to Brad Baker, U.S. Catalog Chairman, he has determined the different perfins shown below are, in fact, new U.S. perfin patterns! Since they are all in loose stamps, users cannot be assigned. All of these are candidates for inclusion in the future Additions & Corrections to the *Catalog of United States Perfins*.

Even after collecting perfins for 40 - 50 years, finding new patterns like this is still very exciting and gratifying. Hint: Look at your perfins closely. You too may have some hidden gems.

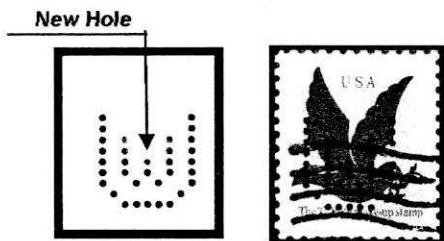
[Catalog Chairman's Request: You will note that the ratings for these new patterns is shown as "preliminary". This is based on the current information that I have. Members are encouraged to carefully check their collection, to see if they possess any of these patterns. Please report any finds to me: Brad Baker, U.S. Catalog Chairman (contact information on page 102). The "final" ratings will be based upon the total numbers reported.]



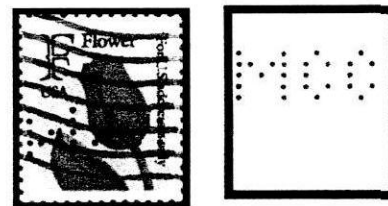
New U.S. Pattern O78.5.
Note: New control pin above "I"
Preliminary Rating: "A"



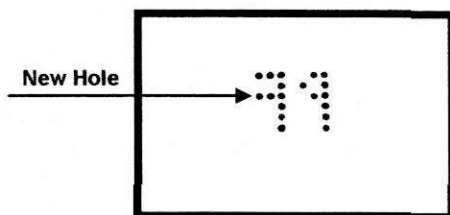
New U.S. Pattern S170.1.
Note: Added Hole in "S"
Preliminary Rating: "A"



New U.S. Pattern U104.6.
Note: Added hole in middle of "W"
Preliminary Rating: "E"



New U.S. Pattern M59.5
Note: Odd shape of "M" and "CC"
Preliminary Rating: "A"
(Currently shown without a pattern number on page M-33 of U.S. Catalog)



New U.S. Pattern P80.6P
Note: Added hole in cross-bar of "F".
Personal Punch - No Rating

The Perfins of Mexico

Bruce Brunell (#2831)

This is the fourth article in a series discussing my work in updating the America's portion of the *World Perfins Catalog*.

This time we are starting to look at the perfins of Mexico. This current article will discuss the Postal and Revenue patterns. The Officials and Punches will be discussed in a subsequent article due to space limitations.

You will note that I have added a few new patterns to Mexico (A17.5, A24, A25 and B34.5). I doubt that these will be the last additions. Hopefully this

will encourage our Latin American neighbors to add to the list.

The "A" prefixes are for perfins in Postal issues and the "B's" are for Revenues. The Revenue patterns have been broken out into two categories. First, we cover the normal revenue usages. The second part deals with the usage of perfins on "Customs" (Aduanas) revenues which were used at all of the Ports of Entry into Mexico. This last area is very likely to expand somewhat as more information surfaces.

Postal Patterns

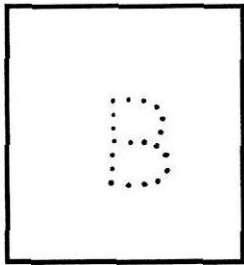
<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date(s) of Usage</u>
A1	B	Bartning y Suc	1884 - 1898
A2	Cia./F.M.	Compania de Ferrocarril Mexicano	1899 - 1914
A3	DUN	R. G. Dun & Co.	1903 - 1916
A4	F.V.	?	1904
A5	G.L./&Cia/SU.cs	?	1899/1913
A6	H.S.	?	1896
A7	J.A./y/C.S.	Julio Albert y Cia. Sucs	1899 - 1903
A8	J F & Co	Johannsen Felix & Co.	1910 - 1917
A9	M	Melchers	1884 - 1887
A10	MB/&/CS	?	1903
A11	M.M./S.S./C.	Mexico Mine & Smelter Supply Co.	1903
A12	MOS/LER	Mosler Safe Company	1910 - ?
A13	N/C/B	National City Bank	1938 - ?
A14	NP/&T	National Paper & Type Company	1910 - 1917
A14.9	R	?	1899 - 1891
A15	R.B./&C.	Roberto Boker & Cia	1899 - 1910
A16	RIC(o)/LTD	Royal Insurance Company, Ltd	1899 - 1917
A17	R/M	?	1903
A17.5	R.P.D.	?	1935
A18	SG	?	1903 - 1910
A19	TB.	?	1886 - 1890
A20	V.E./&C	?	1903
A21	"design"	?	1903 - ?
A22	"anchor"	?	1910 - ?
A23	"omega" or "horseshoe"	?	1905 - 1915
A24	11	?	1899
A25	"cross"	?	1925

Notes:

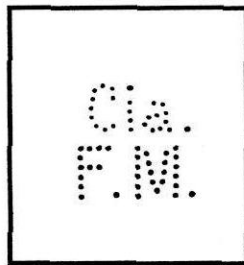
1. Pattern A8a was deleted as being a probable duplicate of A8.
2. Pattern B13 was reassigned as pattern A23 since it has only been seen on postally cancelled stamps.

The Perfins of Mexico (cont.)

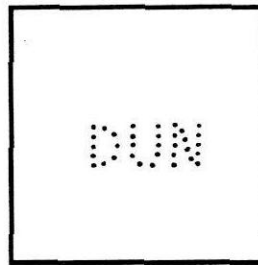
Postal Patterns



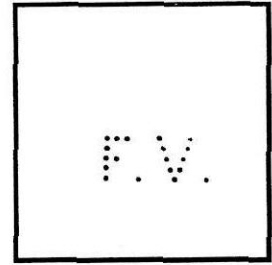
A1 - B



A2 - Cia./F.M.



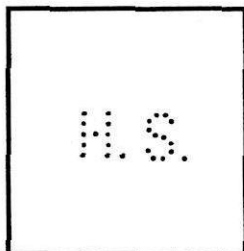
A3 - DUN



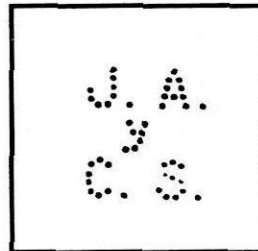
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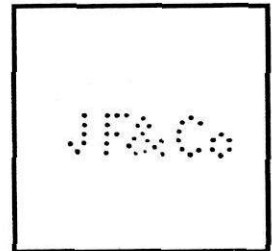
A5 - G.L./& Cia/SU.cs



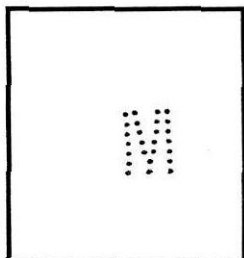
A6 - H.S.



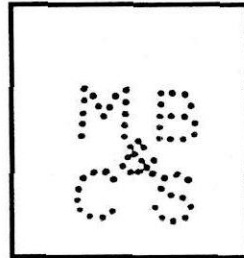
A7 - J.A./y/C.S.



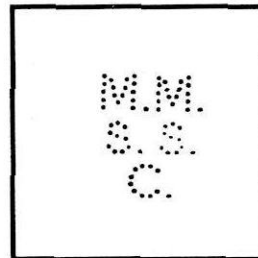
A8 - J F & Co



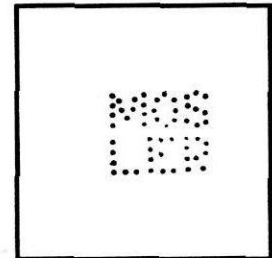
A9 - M



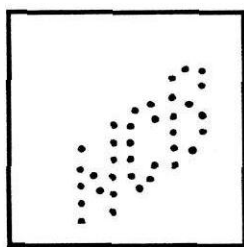
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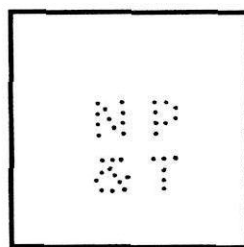
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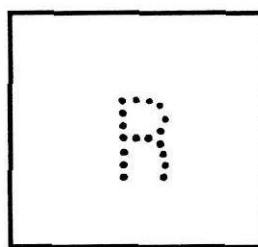
A12 - MOS/LER



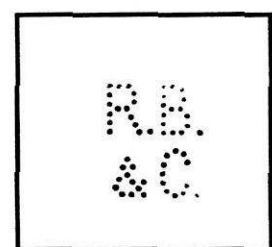
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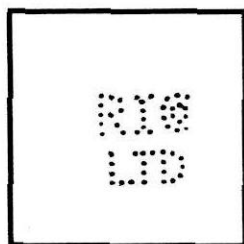
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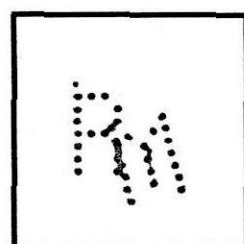
A14.9 - R



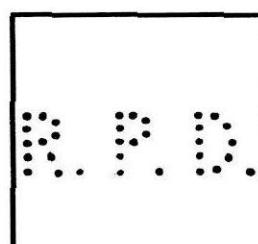
A15 - R. B./&C.



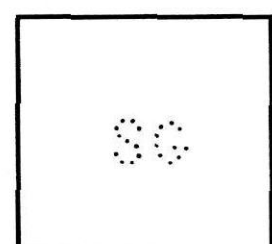
A16 - RIC(o)/LTD



A17 - R/M



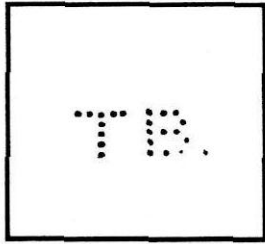
A17.5 - R.P.D.



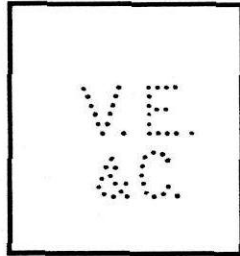
A18 - SG

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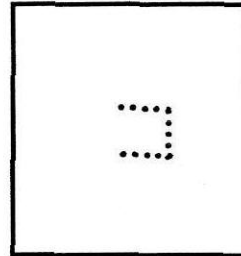
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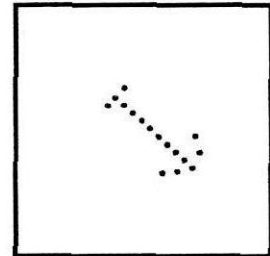
A19 - TB.



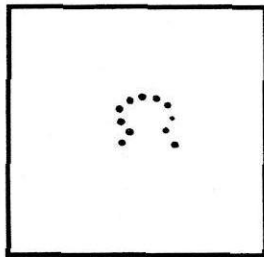
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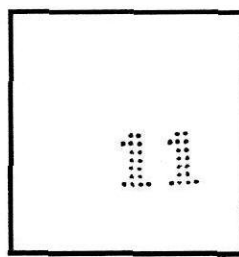
A21 - "design"



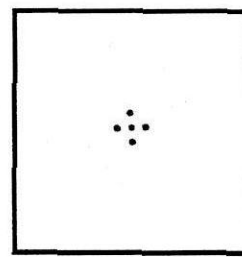
A22 - "anchor"



A23 - "omega" or
"horseshoe"



A24 - 11



A25 - "cross"

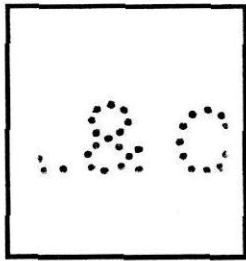
Revenue Patterns (normal usage)

<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Company or Purpose</u>	<u>Date(s) of Usage</u>
B1	A.&C	?	1897 - ?
B2	AM	?	?
B3	B	Bartning y Suc	1883
B5	H.S.	?	1895 - ?
B6	M	Melchers	1887 - 1892
B7	TB.	?	1890 - ?
B8	T.S.	Todos Santos	?
B9	U.D.Co. Ld	Union Discount Company of London, Ltd	1899 - ?
B9.5	11	?	?
B10	5	?	1890
B10.1	555	?	?
B11	5	?	?
B12	29	?	?
B13.5	DURANGO	?	?
B14	MONTERREY	Precious Metals	?
B15	NOGALES	Precious Metals	?
B16	TAMPICO	Precious Metals	?
B17	PIEDRAS NEGRAS	Documents & Internal Revenue	?
B18	VERACRUZ	Documents	?
B19	VERACRUZ	Documents & Internal Revenue	?

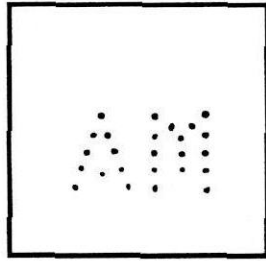
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The Perfins of Mexico (cont.)

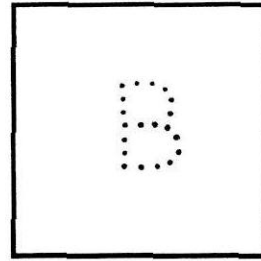
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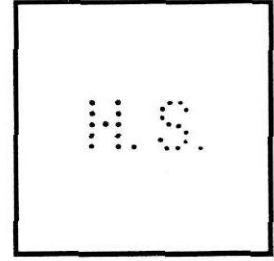
B1 - A.&C (partial)



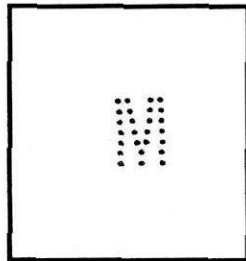
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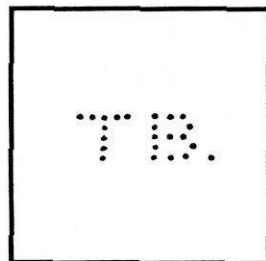
B3 - B



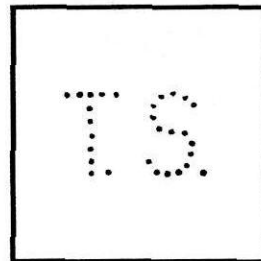
B5 - H.S.



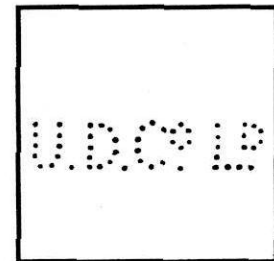
B6 - M



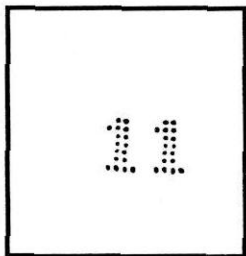
B7 - TB.



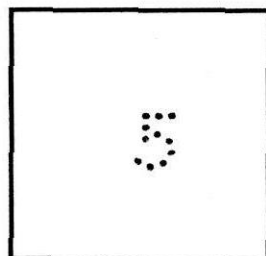
B8 - T.S.



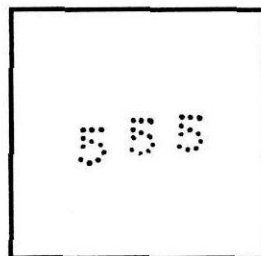
B9 - U.D.Co.Ld



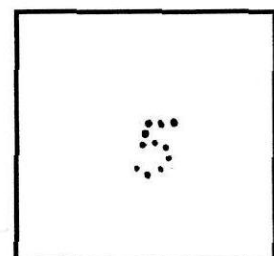
B9.5 - 11



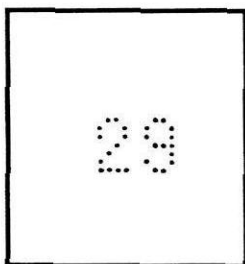
B10 - 5



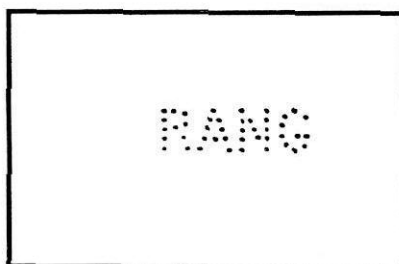
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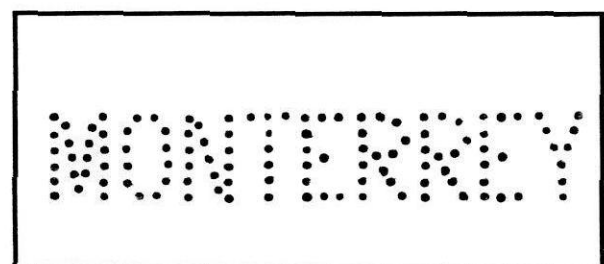
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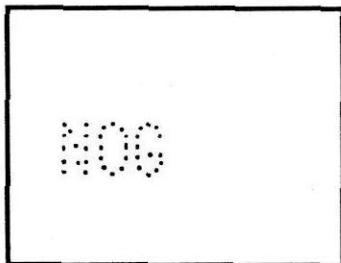
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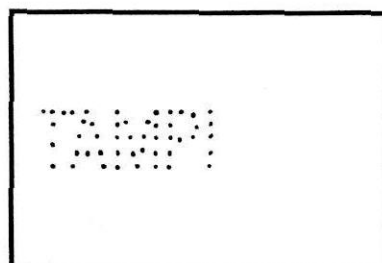
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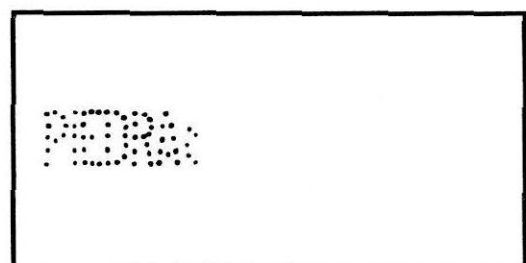
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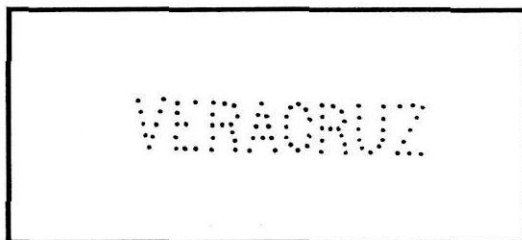
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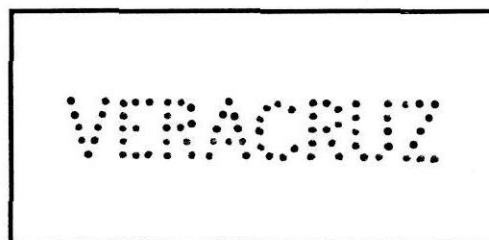
B17 - PIEDRAS NEGRAS (partial)

The Perfins of Mexico (cont.)

Revenue Patterns (normal usage) (cont.)



B18 - VERACRUZ



B18 - VERACRUZ

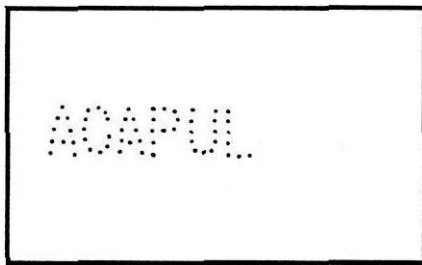
<u>"Customs" (Aduanas) Revenue Patterns (Ports of Entry usage)</u>			
<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Port of Entry</u>	<u>Date(s) of Usage</u>
B20	ACAPULCO	Acapulco	1885 - 1896
B21	ALTATA	Altata	1885 - 1896
B22	ASCENSION	Ascension	1885 - 1896
B23	Cde S. LUCAS	Cabo san Lucas	1885 - 1896
B24	CAMPARGO	Campargo	1885 - 1896
B25	CAMPECHE	Campeche	1885 - 1896
B26	JUAREZ	Juarez	1885 - 1896
B27	FRONTERA	Frontera	1885 - 1896
B28	Y del CARMEN	Y del Carmen	1885 - 1896
B29	LAREDO	Laredo	1885 - 1896
B29.5	LAREDO	Laredo	1885 - 1896
B30	MATAMOROS	Matamoros	1885 - 1896
B31	MIER	Mier	1885 - 1896
B32 ^(Note 2)	NOGALES	Nogales	1885 - 1896
B33	PASO DEL NORTE	Paso del Norte (Ciudad Jaurez)	1885 - 1896
B34	PIEDRAS NEGRAS	Piedras Negras	1885 - 1896
B34.5	LA PAZ	La Paz	1885 - 1896
B35	PROGRESO	Progreso	1885 - 1896
B35.1	PUERTO ANGEL	Puerto Angel	1885 - 1896
B35.6	TODOS SANTOS	Todos Santos	1885 - 1896
B36	TAMPICO	Tampico	1885 - 1896
B37	TIJUANA	Tijuana	1885 - 1896
B38	TUXPAN	Tuxpan	1885 - 1896
B39	VERACRUZ	Veracruz	1885 - 1896
B39.1	VERACRUZ	Veracruz	1885 - 1896
B39.2	VERACRUZ	Veracruz	1885 - 1896

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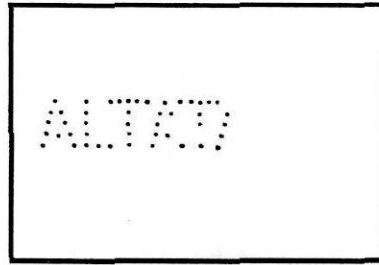
1. There is a good chance that usage of perfins at other Ports of Entry will be discovered. Pattern B34.5 LAPAZ was just recently found.
2. Pattern B32 is known, but I do not have a copy to show on the following pages.

The Perfins of Mexico (cont.)

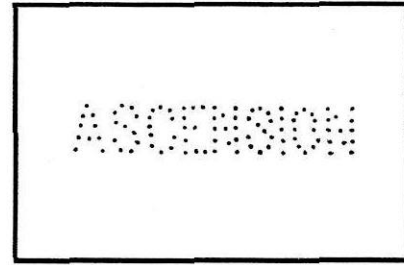
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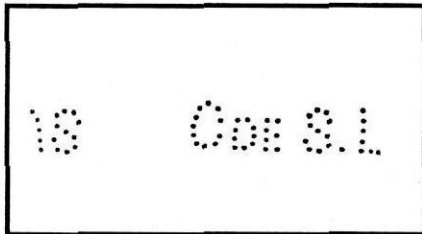
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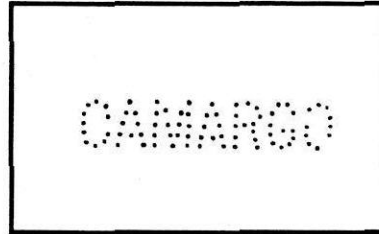
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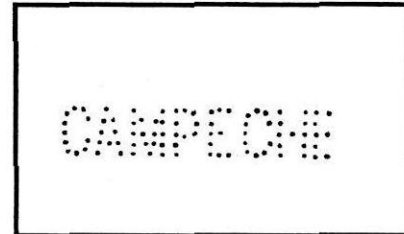
B22 - ASCENSION



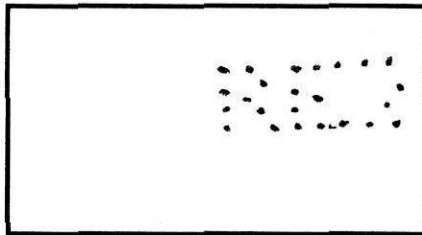
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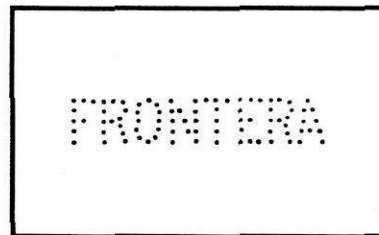
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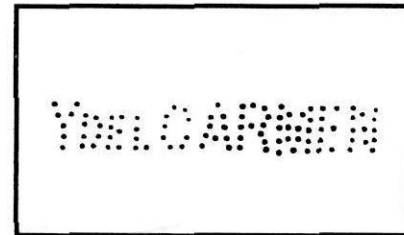
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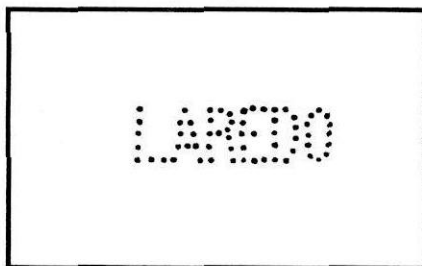
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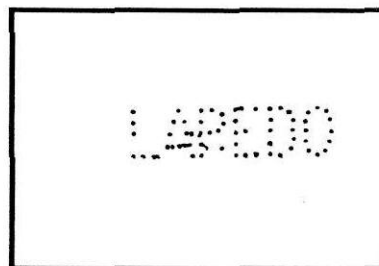
B27 - FRONTERA



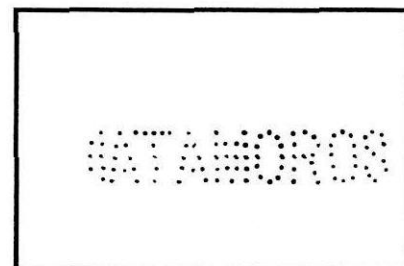
B28 - Y del CARMEN



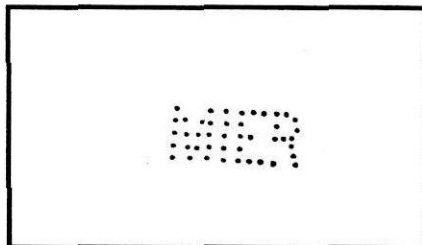
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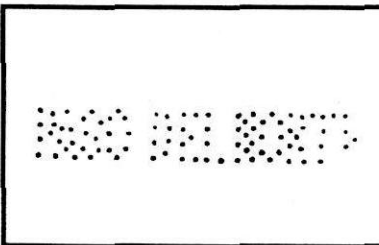
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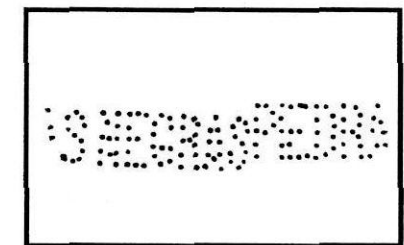
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B31 - MIER



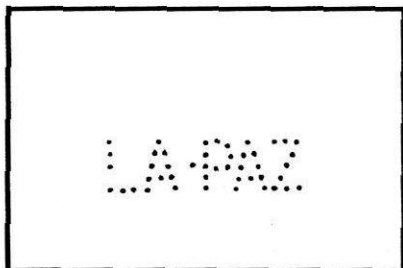
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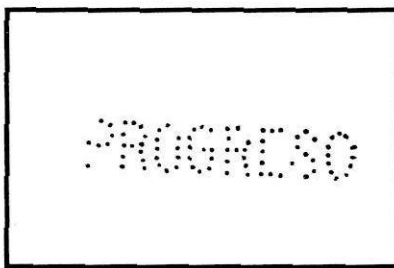
B34 - PIEDRAS NEGRAS
(split)

The Perfins of Mexico (cont.)

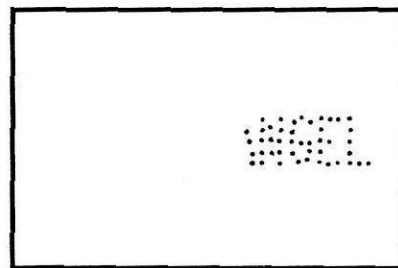
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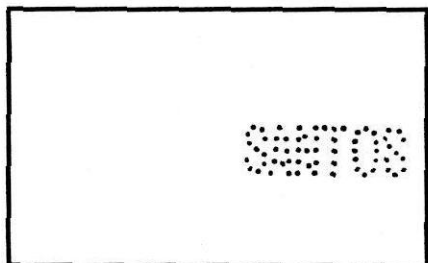
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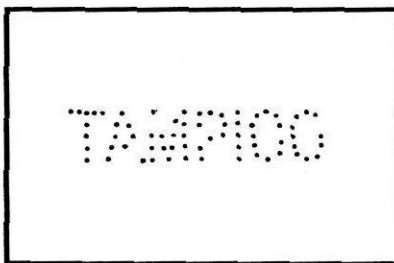
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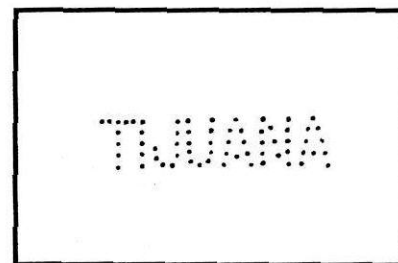
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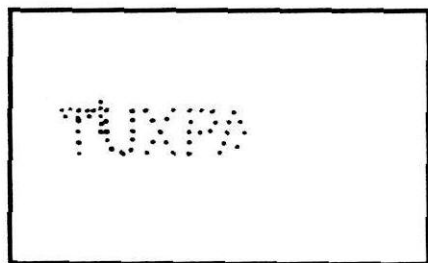
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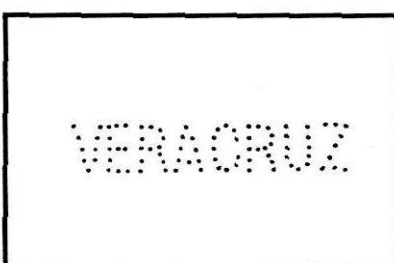
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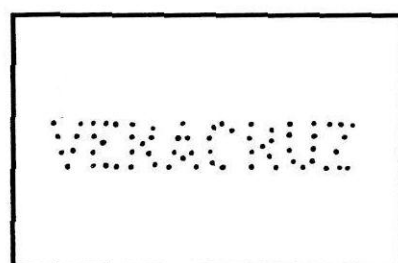
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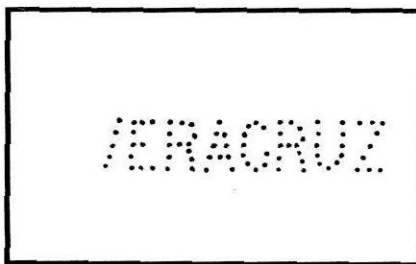
B38 - TUXPAN (partial)



B39 - VERACRUZ



B39.1 - VERACRUZ



B39.2 - VERACRUZ (partial)

Perfins in Other Journals

Paul Mistretta (LM#111) recently spotted articles in two other philatelic journals highlighting perfins. The first appeared in the April 2009 issue of *The German Postal Specialist* (60:160-162). This article discusses perfins used in the 1923 German "hyperinflation" stamps. Several covers are shown, including one that required two blocks of 10 stamps.

The second is in the March 2009 issue of *The China Clipper* (73:97). Part of the article that discusses the

Hong Kong Post and illustrates a perfined stamp. The text states that this (stamp) "bears silent witness to the commercial activity of the taipans" (in Hong Kong). [Editor's note: Webster states that a "taipan" is a foreigner living in China that wields economic power.]

If you spot any similar articles, please forward them to the editor so they can be shared to all of our club members. (Contact information on page 102.)

Perfins Club Auction #115 Closes October 31, 2009

Guidelines: Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at one advance over the next highest bidder. 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

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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 the pattern #s from most recent U.S. Perfins catalog.

Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Country	Description	Rate
1	US	I10 on 499	B	29	US	I102 on 463	C+	57	US	J116 on 340	B
2	US	I25 on 332 (SE)	C+	30	---	Lot Withdrawn	--	58	US	J126 on 506	B'
3	US	I27 on 556	B+	31	US	I111 on 332	B	59	US	J130 on 554	B
4	US	I30 on 332	B	32	US	I112 on 332	B	60	US	J132 on 554	B
5	US	I33 on 503	B	33	US	I113 on 503	B	61	US	J133 on 424	C+
6	US	I43.7-7 on 720	C+	34	US	I120 on 425	B	62	US	J136 on 406	B+
7	US	I43.7-19 on 813	C+	35	US	J6 on 332	C+	63	US	J136 on 406	B+
8	US	I43.7-28 on 807	B	36	US	J10 on 526	C+			(Different Lot)	
9	US	I43.7A-24 on 642	C+	37	US	J25 on 510	B	64	US	J137 on 464	C+
10	US	I43.7B-21 on 335	C+	38	US	J25 on 510	B	65	US	J138 on 332	B
11	US	I43.7G-5A on 463 B+ (pulled perf)				(Different Lot)		66	US	J139 on 468	B
12	US	I43.7H-9 on 811	C+	39	US	J29 on 463	C+	67	US	J142 on 634	B+
13	US	I48 on 707	C+	40	US	J31 on 528	C+			(Split)	
14	US	I49 on 331 (SE)	B	41	US	J39 on 406	C+	68	US	J143 on 499	C+
15	US	I50 on 331	C+	42	US	J44 on 634	C+	69	US	J146 on 335	C+
16	US	I56 on 508	B+	43	US	J45 on 509	C+	70	US	J147 on 585	B+
17	US	I59 on 563	B			(Heavy Cancel)		71	US	J148 on 528	B
18	US	I64 on 331	B	44	US	J48 on 332	C+	73	US	J152 on 704	C+
19	US	I66 on 462	B	45	US	J49 on 424	B	74	US	J154 on 332	B+
20	US	I76 on 463 (SE)	C+	46	US	J50 on 406 (SE)	B			(Clipped)	
21	US	I81 on 503 (unused, face scuff)	B	47	US	J52 on 554	B	75	US	J156 on 332	C+
22	US	I82 on 332	C	48	US	J57 on 406 (SE)	C+	76	US	J165 on 530	B+
23	US	I84 on 552	C+	49	US	J72 on 331	B+	77	US	J168 on 506	C+
24	US	I93 on 530	B	50	US	J85 on 556	B	78	US	J173.7 on 516	C+
25	US	I95 on 638	B	51	US	J91 on 528	C+	79	US	J176 on 566	B
26	US	I96.5 on 499 (SE)	B+	52	US	J93 on 472	B	80	US	19 different perfins	
27	US	I98 on 499	B	53	US	J96.2 on 814	C+	81	US	Synoptic (patterns I0.5 & I12.5) - 48 DDF	
28	US	I101 on 639	C+	54	US	J96.15 on 335	C+				
				55	US	J101 on 332 (1h)	B				
				56	US	J112.7 of 509	B				
						(Heavy Cancel)					

Perfins Club Auction #115 (cont.)

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82	Argentina	Mix - 85	92	France	Mix - 215	
83	Australia	Mix - 120	93	France	Mix - 200	
84	Australia	Mix - 175	94	France	- 40 ADD	
85	Austria	Officials - 46 DDF	95	Germany	- 80 ADD	
86	Austria	- 25 ADD	96	Great Britain	- 200 Manchin Mix	
87	Bavaria	- 22 ADD	97	Great Britain	- 75 Manchin ADD	
88	Belgium	- 25 ADD	98	Great Britain	- 350 Wilding Mix	
89	Bulgaria	Mix - 125				
90	Denmark	Mix - 250				
91	Denmark	Mix - 220				
			99	Great Britain	- 420 George V Mix	
			100	Great Britain	- 450 George VI Mix	
			101	Italy	- 25 ADD	
			102	Italy	Mix - 240	
			103	Netherlands	- 7 Syncopated perfins ADD	
			104	Netherlands	- 30 ADD	
			105	Austria	Mix - 120	
			106	Foreign	- 30 ADD	

That's all for this time. Good Luck!

Defense Issue Checklist Update

Francis Stunzi (#2665)

The first checklist of perfins in stamps of the National Defense Issue (Scott #899, 900 & 901) was published in the September/October 2008 (62:148-150) and November/December 2008 (62:178-183) *Bulletins*. Due to the significant response to this first checklist from club members, starting this issue of the *Bulletin* we are now publishing an update based on this additional information. Thank you very much for all of your help and input. If you have

any further additions, please send them to Francis Stunzi, 37 Smith Street, Rouses Point, NY, 12979-1602; email: fastunzi@primelink1.net.

[Editor's note: Following are the first 2 pages of a 9 page checklist based on current information. The updates are indicated as a larger, bold asterisk, *. Space available, the remaining pages will be published in the November/December 2009 *Bulletin*.]

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A20			*	A221-1A		*	*	B61		*	*
A30			*	A221-1D			*	B74	*	*	*
A43			*	A221-3		*		B76	*		*
A47		*	*	A221-6	*	*	*	B78			*
A50			*	A221-15		*		B81			*
A57	*		*	A221-21			*	B81A	*	*	*
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A63			*	A221-23A			*	B93	*	*	*
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A120	*	*	*	A270-14		*	*	B116-36		*	*
A121.3			*	A271		*	*	B116-40	*	*	*
A128		*	*	A272	*	*	*	B116-44		*	*
A129	*	*	*	A273			*	B116-47			*
A134B	*	*	*	A280	*	*	*	B116-49			*
A135		*		A285		*	*	B133		*	
A138	*	*	*	A299		*		B134	*		
A142			*	B3	*	*	*	B138	*	*	*
A150		*	*	B3A	*	*	*	B141		*	*
A155			*	B10	*			B148	*		
A168	*	*	*	B12.9		*	*	B153	*	*	*
A173	*	*		B14			*	B162		*	*
A176	*	*	*	B15A			*	B172		*	*
A178I	*	*	*	B17		*	*	B176	*	*	*
A187.4		*	*	B22		*	*	B177	*	*	
A187.5		*		B33	*			B180		*	*
A187.5A		*	*	B34		*	*	B181	*	*	*
A200	*			B41		*		B186		*	*
A204	*	*	*	B42	*	*	*	B195			*
A205		*		B45		*		B198	*		*

Note: Pattern **A221-3** was listed in error as **A21-3** in previous checklist

National Defense Issue Checklist (cont.)

Pattern	899	900	901	Pattern	899	900	901	Pattern	899	900	901
B214		*	*	C124		*	*	C306	*	*	*
B220		*	*	C132		*	*	C315	*		*
B225	*	*	*	C138		*		C316		*	
B226			*	C142	*	*	*	C327		*	*
B233			*	C146	*	*	*	C334		*	
B233.5		*		C147		*		C341			*
B237	*	*	*	C149		*	*	C345		*	*
B238		*	*	C154			*	C353	*	*	*
B239		*	*	C155	*	*	*	C356.1			
B247	*			C161	*			C356.7		*	
B249			*	C164		*	*	C356.9		*	
B258		*	*	C167		*	*	C356.12		*	*
B275	*	*	*	C170			*	C356.13			*
B275.5	*	*	*	C172	*	*		C375	*	*	
B279.5		*		C175		*		C384		*	
B280	*	*	*	C176		*	*	C395		*	*
B286	*			C180		*	*	C399		*	*
B289	*	*	*	C181			*	C402		*	
B292	*	*	*	C184	*	*	*	C403	*	*	*
B295		*		C188			*	C404		*	
C8			*	C189		*	*	C413		*	
C16		*	*	C190			*	C420	*	*	
C28			*	C200			*	C433			*
C33	*	*	*	C204			*	D3	*	*	*
C41		*	*	C211	*	*	*	D18			*
C43	*	*	*	C219	*	*	*	D21		*	
C45		*	*	C233	*		*	D22		*	
C49		*	*	C235	*	*	*	D38		*	*
C51	*	*	*	C236	*	*	*	D44		*	*
C57		*	*	C242A	*	*	*	D49	*	*	*
C61	*		*	C246	*	*	*	D56	*	*	
C62		*	*	C251		*	*	D57	*	*	*
C63	*	*	*	C256		*	*	D61A	*	*	*
C69		*	*	C258		*		D67		*	*
C70		*		C262	*	*	*	D73.7	*	*	*
C73			*	C263			*	D82		*	*
C83	*	*	*	C269	*	*	*	D88	*	*	*
C94		*	*	C270	*	*	*	D89	*	*	*
C106		*	*	C272			*	D98			*
C109	*			C278	*	*		D104		*	
C110	*		*	C279		*	*	D113			*
C111		*	*	C280		*	*	D115			*
C117		*	*	C291	*	*	*	D120		*	*
C119		*	*	C295	*	*	*	D130	*	*	*
C120			*	C302		*	*	D132		*	*

Interesting and Uplifting Message

The editorial below originally appeared in the April 13, 2009 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*. While it is not specifically about perfins, we believe the message reminds us of the real reason we collect these "little bits of paper" and is broad enough to apply to all

walks of philately. We express our deep appreciation to *Linn's Stamp News* and Don Sundman for their permission to reprint this "editorial" and hope you enjoy it.

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN BY MICHAEL BAADKE

Stamps provide a big dose of relaxation

Don Sundman is the president of Mystic Stamp Co., a regular *Linn's Stamp News* advertiser.

Sundman works hard to make his business successful, but he is also an important contributor to our hobby in other ways.

He is a member of the Council of Philatelists associated with the Smithsonian National Postal Museum. Through a donation with his brother David, he helped create the museum's annual Maynard Sundman lecture and exhibition, in memory of their father, who established the business that Don Sundman runs today.

He is also a longtime supporter of the American Philatelic Society, and his company provided funding for the renovation and construction of Sundman Hall at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pa.

This week I received one of the emails that Mystic Stamp Co. regularly sends out, but something about this particular message struck a chord with me.

It included a link to the company's web site, but other than that there was no effort to make a sales pitch. Sundman simply shared his perspective of how stamp collecting can be a soothing antidote for the problems that life will throw at you.

I know many of our readers

received the same email from Mystic Stamp Co., but I asked Sundman if I could reproduce his message here, because I think it is something *Linn's* readers will enjoy.

By Don Sundman

My whole life has been involved with stamps. Like you, I love stamps and our hobby.

Things are kind of topsy-turvy right now with the economy and other big issues of the day. I know they can weigh me down if I let them. While I trust better days are coming – now, as always – stamp collecting gives me relief from my everyday concerns. Even an hour spent with my stamps provides me with a big dose of relaxation and simple joy. I call it my "mini-vacation."

When I look at my stamps, they transport me to other places and other times. So much history has taken place since the first stamp was issued almost 170 years ago. Wars fought to keep us free, countries created, inventions making our lives easier, science revealing the world around us, the wonders of the universe discovered, art and literature enriching our lives, and stamps, like tiny mirrors, reflecting and chronicling it all.

I even feel like I'm preserving all this history with my stamps!

So when you need a break, and want to do something your way, get your stamps out, and take your own mini-vacation. Remember that with your stamps, you're in control. Only you and you alone decide what you're going to collect, how that collection is going to be laid out and organized, when and where you're going to relax with it. Isn't it great?

Get that feeling of accomplishment and pride when you realize your collection, like mine, is preserving history for future generations. Feel the challenge, the stimulation and the pure enjoyment.

And don't forget, even presidents have found encouragement and consolation in their stamps. You may already know that Franklin Roosevelt, one of the great stamp collectors of his time, felt his hobbies had saved his life.

You don't have to buy more stamps to enjoy the stamps in your collection, to get value from them, and to escape with them. You just have to pull them out and relax.

Look, discover, and enjoy.

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* * * Updated Membership Roster * * *

We plan to publish an updated **Perfins Club Membership Roster** in the next (November/December 2009) issue of the *Bulletin*. So, if you have any corrections or additions, particularly email

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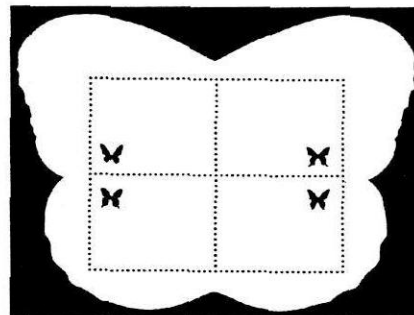
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Another "Holey" Stamp

Dave Kent (#1901)

In the May/June 2009 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin* (63:57) we presented a stamp from Aland with holes in it, although these were an image of the Big Dipper rather than true Perfins. Apparently the "holey" inspiration is spreading.

Taiwan has just announced a new souvenir sheet picturing butterflies. The unique feature are the small butterfly-shaped holes punched into the stamps. The official announcement from the Taiwan Post Office claimed that these punches should "raise its value as a collectible".



Taiwan's New Souvenir Sheet with Butterfly Holes
(Note: Size reduced due to space limitations.)

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"Perfin Oddities"

Presidents Washington & Harding

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

Before you read this you may consider that any article comparing President Washington to President Harding in any manner would certainly be considered strange indeed! But I will not try to do that. I will try to compare President Washington with President Harding - that is as these two perfins are concerned.

Any collector looking at the perfins below will immediately be struck by the odd shape of the letter "O" and number "8". Looking in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* is no help because neither appears in the catalog in this form. Without the stamps in hand it might take quite a while to understand what these perfins are. However, since I have the stamps in hand, I am at an advantage.

A close inspection shows that somehow both of these perfins came to be because there was a fold in the stamp at the time they were perfined. The Washington stamp is pattern **P55**, Parke, Davis & Company and is a "preper" from Detroit MI. The Harding stamp is pattern **I16**, Irving Berlin Incorporated. So, when folded, the "PO" magically becomes "PD" and the "I8" becomes "IB".

If you have some unidentified or funny looking perfins, look for a paper crease and you may discover what you really have! Oh, by the way, the editor would really like to see any other examples that you may find.



This is really Pattern P55



This is really Pattern I16

