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2010 Rev-Perfins Catalog Available!

We are pleased to announce that the 2010 edition of the "Rev-Perfins" Catalog (*A Handbook of Perforated or Punched Initials, Numbers and/or Designs to United States Revenues and Fiscal Documents*) is now available through Dave Lightle (#3480), The Perfins Club Publication Sales Manager. (Dave's contact information is on page 2.)

Art Mongan (LM#3443), U.S. Revenue Catalog Chairman, reports that when compared to the 2007 edition, this 2010 edition added:

- A table of scarcity (value) to the perforated initialed revenues.
- A table of partial patterns for the dated perforated cancels on transaction revenues (documents, stock transfer, etc.).
- A table of users for transaction revenues (documents, stock transfer, etc.).

- Many new patterns for beers and cigars.
- Greatly expanded checks and fiscal documents.
- Correction of many spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors.

The result is that Volume 1 is now up 96 pages to 384, Volume 2 has added 16 pages to 436, and Volume 3 is now 284 pages from 140.

The member price for this 2010 edition is \$33.00 for Volume 1, \$40.00 for Volume 2 and \$27.00 for Volume 3 when purchased individually. If all three volumes are purchased at one time, the member price is \$80.00, a savings of \$20.00. Also, member prices include shipping. Non-member prices are \$38.00 for Volume 1, \$46.00 for Volume 2, \$31.00 for Volume 3 or \$95.00 for all three volumes when purchased at one time and do not include shipping costs.

Joe Giampietro New Club Auctioneer

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

As was reported in the September/October 2010 *Bulletin* [64:113], Bruce Brunell (#2831) has retired from his long time position, and we have been searching for a new auctioneer for the club auctions. I am very happy to report that four members volunteered for this position. I especially thank a couple of our Canadian members who volunteered. However, to have amounts of perfins moving across the US-Canadian border unfortunately could create potential time and tax problems. Thus to function smoothly, it was necessary to consider volunteers from the States.

With this in mind I have appointed Joe Giampietro

(#2968) of Parma, Ohio, as new club auctioneer. Joe's experience running stamp auctions for a stamp dealer puts him in a position of already having had the experience necessary to both understand and fulfill his new duties. We thank Joe sincerely.

Joe's contact information is: Joe Giampietro, 6478 State Road, G-10, Parma, OH 44134-4166; telephone: 440-888-1470; email: MO13jo@aol.com. Joe is in the process of getting organized for his first club auction. If you have material that you would like to place in the club auction, please send it to Joe. All unsold material that had been submitted for club auctions is being transferred to him.

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Presidential Musings & Important Information Too!

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

If you are at all like me, 2011 is here and so am I, but where did all the past years go? So too go stamp collecting clubs! We are much more fortunate than most other clubs in that we have a steady membership, albeit older and wiser (I hope) than the general populace, in an age when time for hobbies is precious little - except for retirees and some of us who live in cold dark climates where the sun doesn't shine much in the winter.

I have been honored to be your President from 2000-2005 and again 2009-2011, but 2011 will be my final year. Eight years in the Presidency have really flown by! Three years ago, I really hesitated in taking this position for a second time because the health of any group depends on numerous and different members stepping up to the challenge of helping out with myriad club duties. Although the club Constitution allows a President to be elected to two consecutive terms of three years and does not limit more terms after a one term hiatus, I really, really think it is for the club's best interest that I indicate I will not be running for a second term.

Presidential Search Committee

Therefore, I have appointed a search committee headed by Robert Schwerdt (#505L) and assisted by Kurt Ottenheimer (LM#86) and Doug Turner (LM#2549) to help find a willing and capable new President to lead us the next three years. Interested parties may discuss their qualifications with any of these members, who will consider, discuss and make recommendations for a new President.

Directors-at-Large

The Perfins Club Constitution makes three openings for Directors-at-Large to serve as club officers. Besides serving in an advisory capacity, these directors are helpful in reaching a quorum for the annual meeting. I would request that present directors or anyone else desirous of serving in this

position contact me. The only prerequisite is that they normally attend the annual conventions.

New German Perfin Catalog Available Soon

As was the case for the previous German Perfin Catalog, the Perfins Club has been given the option of picking up the printing rights for the new catalog. Because of the potential costs involved, I would like to receive an email or U.S. mail with an indication of members interested in purchasing this catalog so as to know that this will not be a money losing situation. The option of a member purchasing the catalog directly from Germany exists but is rather expensive after including the overseas shipping cost for this catalog. If we have a minimum of 10 members interested in purchasing the new catalog through our club, it would be our intention to then have the catalogs printed on an "as needed" basis. Projected cost for club members is about \$200.00 plus shipping. This represents a \$100.00 cost savings over the previous catalog!

For serious German perfin collectors, this catalog will be very important as there are many changes, beginning with the integration of all former addenda into the proper catalog locations. Many other less drastic changes, new inclusions and user and date information is presented, including "POL" pattern information, an excellent English introduction, 8½x11 pages, and patterns noted if made by a POKO or Machelius perforator. All these make for a better catalog! This updates a 15 year old catalog that was in need of revision because of the volume of changes and additional information that had come to light since the original catalog was published.

Please notify Bob Szymanski ASAP if you intend to purchase this catalog from the club when it is available. My contact information is listed on page 2 of this *Bulletin*.

2011 Convention - Madison, WI

It is not too early to start making your plans to attend the 2011 Perfins Club Convention. As in the past, we will be joining the Precancel Stamp Society at its Annual Convention. This year the "early bird" starts on Monday, August 1, and the convention closes

Saturday, August 6. The venue is the Madison Marriott, 1313 John Q. Hammons Dr., Middleton, WI 53562-3502. Call 888-745-2032 or 608-831-1376 by July 13, 2010, to get the PSS rate. We look forward to seeing you there!

Meet a Member

Ron Whyte - #2586

Dave Smith's (#1514) article, "James and Alexander Allan - A fascinating cover with contents," that was published in the November/December 2010 *Bulletin* [64:160-163] brought back memories of dear old Dad, William Alan Whyte. This Scottish lad's first job out of school in the London area was with the Allan Line. From May 1906 to July 1909, he worked in their London Outward Freight Department. Then in September 1909, he worked his way to Canada as an Assistant Purser. (A photo I found of Purser Whyte taken onboard the Allan Line's *S.S. Sicilian* is shown at the right).

Dad settled in Canada. He sent for Mum from England and they were married in Montreal. He started working for the Canadian Pacific Railway as a Freight Agent in cold Regina, Saskatchewan. He transferred to the Grand Trunk Railway and then on to the Canadian Northern Railway which became the Canadian National Railway (CNR). He remained with CNR for 44 years as their General Freight Agent in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

I was born in the west end of Vancouver, B.C. in 1926. As a young lad my very British accent was a result of much time spent in England visiting with my Mother's family.

Athletics were my main interest during my school years, i.e., soccer, basketball, baseball, ping pong, tennis, you name it. There were a few hours in between spent on a small stamp collection. I also became a member of the Boy Scouts. This included the enjoyment of attending their summer camp for several years and ultimately, I became a scout troop leader in my more senior years.

The Royal Canadian Navy became part of my training during WWII where I served in the Atlantic theater. I can recall many incidents from that time, one of which was being on R&R in New York in 1945 when a military plane flew into the Empire State Building. I also enjoyed the great hospitality of the USO clubs of NYC that trip - a lot of dancing going on!

I have always loved the game of golf and was



My Father, Purser William Alan Whyte.

Age 20 years.

Onboard S.S. Sicilian.

September 1909.

fortunate enough, after exiting the Navy, to spend an entire summer as a senior caddy at the Jasper Park Lodge in Alberta, B.C. During that year, Bing Crosby was in residence filming the movie, *The Emperor Waltz*, as was Governor General Alexander's party for whom I had the good fortune to caddy.

My "in-earnest" working career began in the automotive field in Vancouver and Prince George, B.C. Next off to Kitimat, B.C., as purchasing agent in the employ of the Alcan Aluminum Company. This eventually ended back in Vancouver (1952-58). I was very active in and hold very fond memories of my involvement during this time in scouting activities, the area basketball teams, and the Royal Canadian Legion's of the area's small growing cities.

Meet a Member (cont.)

Ron Whyte - #2586

In the summer of 1958 I was employed as a supply specialist by the Federal Electric Co. (an affiliate of ITT). In this job I was contracted out to the United States Air Force (USAF) to the Arctic DEW Line where I spent 10 years traveling back and forth between the various northern Arctic stations. My last position was Station Chief/Logistics Supervisor, Baffin Island, Canada.

Cataract problems brought me back to British Columbia in 1970 and served as the reason for ending this employment. It was during this period I met and married the lady who has turned out to be my best friend. At this juncture I began the last of my working days in sales with Century 21. This ended in 1994 after a triple bypass.

I am the proud father of a daughter who is a school teacher in the Vancouver, B.C., area. She loves to come visit us for dinner every time she is not busy with her life.

My interest in the wonderful world of stamp

collecting was first stimulated by my older brother when I was just a young lad. However, it really did not get off the ground until my retirement. This is when my interest in world wide perfins began.

I am now a member of British North American Philatelic Society (BNAPS), the BNA Perfins Study Group and The Perfins Club. I recently relinquished my membership in the Netherlands Perfin Club which I joined while attending their 10th anniversary in 1997 at the PPT Museum in Den Haag. During that week I had the pleasure of meeting with Rudd Hammink as well as other club members such as William Baekers (LM#137), Robert Dedecker (#2157), Dick Scheper (#3311), Jan Verhoeven and many others.

Since joining The Perfins Club I have enjoyed meeting many members while attending annual conventions over the years. Although health considerations have kept me away over the past few years, I try to keep connected with the help of the Internet.

Phone Calls to the Editor

Within an hour after the November/December 2010 *Bulletin* was delivered by the USPS, I received a phone call from one of our members asking me: 1) if I have found a new type of postal service, "partial post," and 2) where is "pattern S391" in the *Catalog of United States Perfins*? When I seemed confused, he directed me to Pat Callis' (#2383) article, "A Letter to the Editor," on page 144 [64:144]. (About 30 minutes later, I received a similar phone call from another member and within a few days letters from a couple of other members on the same subject.)

In this article, we presented the results of a survey to

determine what U.S. perfins are found only on non-definitive stamps. Unfortunately, there are two errors in one of the items in the list. First, the second major heading in this list should be **Parcel** (not "Partial") **Post Only**.

Second, the pattern is **S39I** (the letter *S*, the number thirty nine followed by the letter *I*, meaning this pattern is illegal by U.S. standards). There is no U.S. "pattern S391 (three hundred ninety one)!"

I apologize to Pat for these errors in his article. I also apologize to all of you for any confusion they may have caused.

The BNA Perforator

Steve Koning (#2662), Secretary-Treasurer of the British North American Philatelic Society (BNAPS) BNA Perfins Study Group, recently informed the Editor that *The BNA Perforator* has resumed publication. For anyone who has email access, Steve will be happy to add you to the list for free electronic distribution of this Canadian perfins newsletter.

Send your email address to: steve@koning.ca.

For those who want a hard copy mailed to them, you will need to pay dues when they are assessed. Contact Steve Koning, 15639 Loyalist Parkway, RR2, Bloomfield, ON, K0K 1G0, CANADA, for more information about this option.

New Members Q & A

If, and when, I decide to expand my perfin collection beyond U. S. stamps, what will I need to know and do to start collecting perfins from other countries?

Perfin Club members Bob Schwerdt (#505L) and Doug Turner (LM#2549) provided the basic information for this introductory article. As you will see, such basic information frequently gives rise to more questions on the topic. What follows is the essence of their input.

When the question of how to start collecting worldwide perfins was posed to Schwerdt and Turner, their agreed-upon initial answer was to accumulate, accumulate and accumulate some more! They suggest thinking beyond acquiring perfins in one area of specialization from auctions, bourses, dealers, fellow collectors, local stamp shops and swaps primarily because dealers and other collectors usually do not separate perfins by country. They further suggest that one should amass everything that comes their way that is not too expensive, as the interests of novice collectors may change over time as they learn more about the many options available.

Country catalogs are somewhat difficult to find, so be receptive to accumulating them as well. Note that the Perfins Club Publication Sales Manager listed a number of country catalogs for sale on pages 153 - 155 of the November/December 2010 *Bulletin*. [64:153-155]. Also, remember that the Club Library has several country catalogs to "lend" to members for their personal use.

It is probably wise to avoid the large, expensive catalogs at first, such as Great Britain and Germany (12,000 to 25,000 perfin patterns!). You may become discouraged when you discover you have so few examples to mount. Unless you have translation abilities, be sure to buy catalogs that provide English translations of important data. Study the country catalogs, ask questions of mentors, and/or place want ads in the *Bulletin* (members receive one free ad a year).

As you accumulate stamps from other countries, you eventually will need to decide on a plan of action toward specialization. You will face the same questions and decisions as previously with your U.S. collection. Will it be basic perfin patterns, a

synoptic or issue collection or topical perfins? And, of course, which countries? More specifically, will it be postal stamps only or will it include revenues, officials and/or SPECIMEN punches? Will it be a few small countries, or will it be segments of large countries, such as POKO, a particular monarch, names, geometrics, or topicals from many countries?

Mounting and displaying stamps becomes your next consideration. Depending on what was decided above on "what" you are going to collect, you now have to come to a decision on how to display/mount the stamps. If you are collecting basic patterns, then "face down" will work, if you remember that it is not wise to put hinges on the face of the stamp. If synoptic, or issue collecting, is the route you are taking, then "face up" makes more sense. The author's preference is "face up" on a good quality, acid free collecting system such as "G & K Starsheets."

Remember that eventually, the displayed stamps will be in some kind of order, so don't crowd them at the outset. Leave space for future finds; otherwise you will be forever moving stamps to accommodate new additions.

You will need to dedicate some space in your "stamp room" for new acquisitions of albums, catalogs, articles, shelving and cabinets in a temperature-controlled environment. Remember not to pile albums on top of one another.

Remember that personal advice, counseling and mentoring for all aspects of perfin collecting is abundantly available at the annual convention. So, bring all of your unanswered questions to the gathering in Madison, WI, this coming August and ask the experts.

If new members have questions they would like to have answered, or other members have suggestions or alternative answers to this or previous questions, please forward them to Jerry Hejduk, PO Box 490450, Leesburg, FL 34749-0450 or fprepers@comcast.net.

U.S. Pattern F122A Identified - Found in Germany!

Christian Rueger (#1834)

Last October I was in Sindelfingen, Germany, (near Stuttgart) at the annual "Internationale Briefmarken-Boerse," a meeting point for philatelists from Austria, Switzerland, Luxemburg and Southern Germany. While I was there, I found two nice (no Lincoln) perfins, both mailed to a bank in Germany. As perfins used abroad are not very common, I decided to purchase them - "no risk, no fun." When I got home and looked in the current *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Catalog), I discovered one is franked with a *B* rated perfins while the user of the perfins on the other cover has not yet been identified!

The cover shown below was mailed from Kansas City, Mo., on September 30, 1930, to Berlin, Germany – see the red 2-cents meter. But the sender made a mistake. At that time the 2-cents postage was only valid for a U.S. Domestic, first-class, surface letter (the postage rate was 2-cents/ounce from July 1, 1919, – after WWI – until July 6, 1932).

⁽¹⁾ The U. S. Post Office applied a two-line violet "Held for postage Due 3 cents" notice, since the rate for a Foreign, first-class, surface letter weighing less than 1 ounce, was 5-cents from October 1, 1907, to November 1, 1953.⁽¹⁾

That was the moment for us Perfin Collectors! To pay the 3-cents postage due, a 1-cent Franklin and a 2-cent Washington stamp, both perfinned with the letters *FNB*, were added to the cover. When I checked the perfins, they match *C* rated pattern

F122A (8½ mm high letters, 10-18-17 pins, and the shape of the letters). Both stamps are tied to the cover with a duplex "KANSAS CITY MO/OCT 1/1930" postmark - 12½ hours after the original mailing!

The only user identification given for **F122A** in the U.S. Catalog is that it has been seen with a Kansas City, MO, postmark. This cover provides positive identification of the user. The U.S. Catalog Editor agrees and will include the First National Bank, Kansas City, MO, as the verified user of pattern **F122A** in the next A&C of the U.S. Catalog.

This is a nice philatelic item to add to my collection for several reasons - a U.S. perfins cover mailed to Germany that also provides the initial identification of the perfins's user. Once again, we see that a person never knows where an interesting and important piece of philatelic history might be found.

[Editor's note: The First National Bank, Kansas City, MO, now part of Bank of America, was founded in 1886. The historic 10th Street building referenced in the cover's corner card was completed in 1906. It became the permanent home for the Central Library of the Kansas City Public Library system in 2004.]

Reference:

1. *U.S. International Postal Rates, 1872-1996*; Wawrukiewicz, Anthony S. and Beecher, Henry W.; CAMA Publishing Co., Portland, OR; August, 1996.



U.S. perfins cover mailed to Berlin, Germany.
Perfins added to pay postage due for foreign destination.
Positive identification of pattern F122A.
(Approximately 70% of actual size.)

What a Find - Times 2!

Ken Rehfeld (#3394)

A couple of years ago, I gave a presentation about International Harvester perfins to a joint meeting of the Spokane and Tri-Cities stamp clubs in Ritzville, WA. When I was finished, a gentlemen from the Tri-Cities club came up to me and said he had several German IHC perfins and asked if I would be interested in them? Free! Of course, the answer is always yes.

To my surprise I received a package a couple of weeks later, and I just put it on my desk. (Very dangerous to just put things on my desk.) After a week or so, I opened the package and started putting the perfins into my album. I was quite pleased that a hard-to-find block of 4 was included (Figure 1). Then, I noticed something unusual about it. After

careful inspection, I discovered it is a mirrored vertical block. I had never seen one before. See



Figure 1
German IHC perfins
Block of 4.

Perfins were punched to
create a mirror image.



Figure 2
Single German IHC perfin
also in the package.
(Same issue as
Block of 4.)

what happens when you tell people that you collect perfins!

The second "find" was part of a large selection of

International Harvester covers, stamps and envelope strips (just the top portion of the envelope) that I purchased from a club member about 5 years ago. When I received them, I did not know what to do with the strips - they just do not fit and are hard to mount on album pages. However, after a couple of years, I decided to go ahead and get them into the clear mount stock pages that I use.

I was setting up the Canadian pages and was closely examining each strip. It was then that I noticed that the stamp on one of the strips had a torn look to the bottom portion of the stamp (Figures 3 and 4). No perforations were evident. Upon closer examination, I noticed that the stamp's horizontal perforations are in the middle of the stamp. Besides that, the perfins is a complete round IHC pattern C27. Wow, I had this



for over two years and did not know it!

Figure 3
Horizontal perforation error.
Canada perfin C27.
(Electronically cropped from strip.)

I did have the stamp certified by the American Philatelic Society (APS) as a genuine horizontal perforation error. What is even more interesting is that the person that used the stamp made sure that the complete stamp is on the cover, thus the horizontal tear at the top and bottom. There should be 10 more copies of this error out there in "perfin land," but I have not been able to find them.

If there is a moral of this story, it is to always, always look at what you get when it arrives. Do not set it on your desk or leave it for later. You never know what you might find.



Figure 4
Strip with horizontal perforation error.

Chinese Martyrs Can Fly!

Robert Burney (#3954)

Not long ago, during a quarterly STAMPEX bourse in Kansas City, I sat across a table from Mike Thomas, a member of the Midwest Philatelic Society, a local Kansas City stamp club. Mike was busy preparing free stamps and "how to" data in an attempt to encourage a local youth stamp program. Another friend, your Editor, sat next to me while I was showing sample pages from my current exhibit, *Revolutionary Martyrs of the Kuomintang*. (Sometimes we gather at the youth table when it is not occupied.) Ken immediately spotted two covers in my exhibit that are decorated with perfinned Republic of China stamps, and while offering a kind smile, suggested I write an article about them. I had every intention to join The Perfins Club last year, but I became so absorbed in the research and preparation for my exhibit, I forgot... sorry Ken.

To date, perfins from the Republic of China (1912-49) are the only stamps with holes in them I allow into my collections. They have not been easy to obtain and I make it harder on myself by concentrating on perfinned Peking (Scott #312-323) and Hong Kong (Scott #402-420 and #421-439) Martyr prints. Both of the covers shown in this article are from banking institutions that operated during the Republican era.

The first cover (Figure 1) is an example of domestic air service flown by the Chinese National Aviation Corporation (CNAC). The perfins are from the

Shanghai operation of the Deutsche Asiatische Bank (DAB). The perfinned 3-cents brown definitive stamps on the cover are Peking print Martyr issues honoring Liao Chung-k'ai.

DAB had another office in Tsingtau. Each office had its own distinctly different perfins as shown in Figure 2 below.

Figure 2
Deutsche Asiatische
Bank perfins.
Actual size.



Figure 1
December 12, 1936, Shanghai to Tientsin.

Domestic surface letter rate: 5¢, first 20 gram + additional surface rate 1¢, second 20 gram + airmail surcharge 25¢ + overpaid 1¢.

Stamp Specifications: 1932, 3¢ brown, Peking Print, High Type 22.5 mm, Perf. 14, DAB Shanghai perfin. Tied with a 1932, 30¢ red Peking Print Air Mail, Type A, Wide Spacing 41 mm, Perf. 14.

(Approximately 80% of actual size.)

Chinese Martyrs Can Fly! (cont.)

The second cover (Figure 3) was flown over international route Pan American Airlines (PAA) Foreign Air Mail Routes (FAM) 14 and 18 from Hong Kong to London. This flight path, FAM14/18, is referred to as the Pan American Airlines two-ocean route (across the Pacific Ocean from Hong Kong to San Francisco and the Atlantic Ocean from New York to England, Figure 6, page 11).

When the Pacific War began, FAM14/18 from Hong Kong to England terminated. In anticipation of a war with Japan, the US created an alternate route, which went into effect December 6, 1941, just one day before the war started. There was much confusion in air routes and rates during this period of transition; postage applied to letters was frequently wrong.

The perfinned trio (Figure 4) on this cover are from the Shanghai branch of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank (HKSBC). The 40¢ and 50¢ values honor Huang Hsing and Ch'en Ch'i-mei respectively. The \$5.00 value pictures Dr. Sun Yat-sen.



Figure 4
Perfined stamps with HSBC Shanghai-
Example 3 perfins.

Electronically cropped from Shanghai to
England cover above.

Stamp Specifications: 1932, 40c orange, Peking Print, Low Type 21.5 mm, Perf. 14. Tied with a 1932, 50c green Peking Low Type 21.5 mm, Perf 14, and a 1931, \$5.00 slate green and red, First London Print Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Perf. 12½.

(Actual size.)



Figure 3
February 5, 1941, Shanghai to England via USA - FAM14/18.
International surface rate 50¢, first 20 grams + airmail to England via
PAA FAM14/18 rate \$5.40, first 20 grams.

Opened by censor on arrival.

(Approximately 80% of actual size.)

These perfined stamps are the most common of the Shanghai-Example 3 style, where the letter "S" has 11 holes compared to Hankow-Example 2 which has 9 holes. Measurements vary, particularly on the perfins used in foreign post offices outside Shanghai, which range from 5.5 to 6.6 mm.

HKSBC operated in four cities: Amoy, Canton, Hankow, and Shanghai. The Amoy and Canton banks had one perf, the Hankow branch had two, and the Shanghai operation used three (Figure 5).

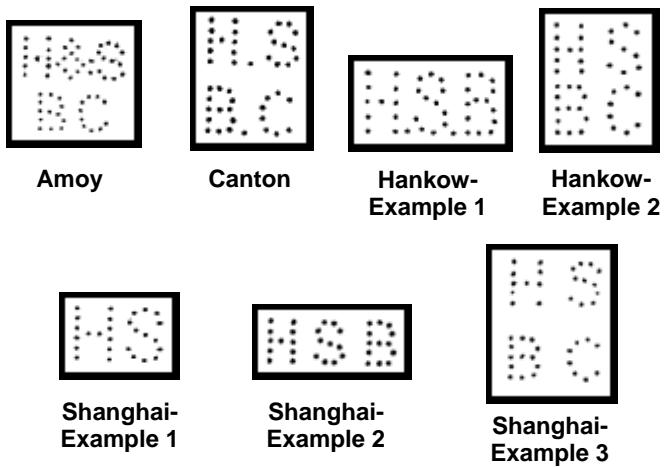


Figure 5
Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank perfins
used in various Republic of China branches.

Chinese Martyrs Can Fly! (cont.)

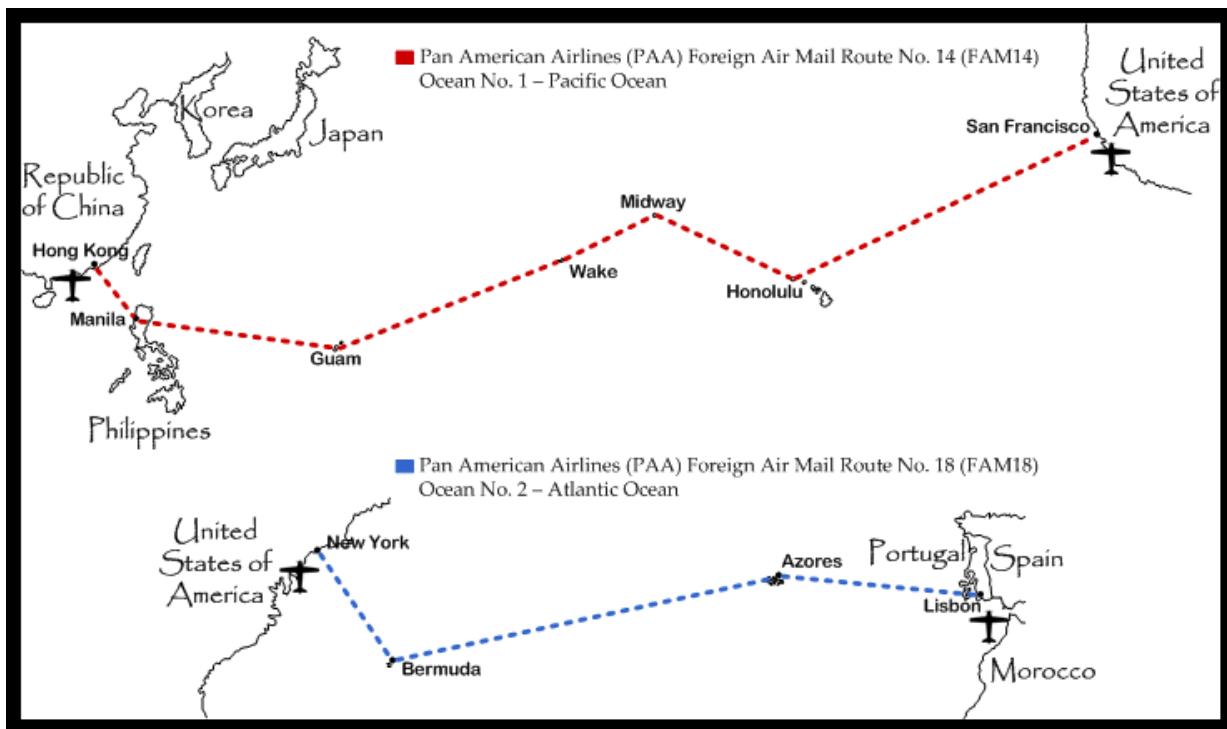


Figure 6
Routing used for Pan American Airlines FAM14 and FAM18.

I am always looking for additional Republic of China perfinned stamps and covers to add to my collection and possibly expand and/or upgrade my exhibit. If you have any such material that you would like to sell, please send the Editor or me a photocopy or scan of that material. My contact information is: Robert Burney, 6414 E. 86th Street, Kansas City, MO 64138-2719, USA, or email: burney@msn.com. The Editor's information is on page 2.

[Editor's Note: These covers are part of Bob's prize winning exhibit, *Revolutionary Martyrs of the Kuomintang*. It was awarded a Vermeil medal at

both OMAHA 2010 and OKPEX 2010 and a Silver medal at Filatelic Fiesta 2010. These are all American Philatelic Society (APS) "World Series Shows." In addition, the exhibit received the "American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor" at OMAHA 2010 and OKPEX 2010, and the "American Philatelic Society Research Medal" at OKPEX 2010. Bob is one of the newest members of The Perfins Club as shown in the listing of New Members on page 27.]

Reference:

The Perfins of China; Davey, Paul N.; The China Stamp Society; 1992.

Private Perfin Auction #29 and several more

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

Perfin collections of Joe Dooley's massive Great Britain collection and other material and Arnold Knudson's Scandinavian and other material are being lotted for private auction in the very near future. All members on the private auction mailing list will be receiving the monthly auctions as soon as they are ready. These collections are among the finest in their areas. You will find thousands of GB QV perfined penny reds in one and the "unique"

Sweden N4 perfin in the other...and a whole bunch more!!!

If you are not receiving the auctions currently, contact me and one will be sent when ready! If you are not receiving the auctions, you are missing out on one of the very best ways to obtain quality perfin material! My contact information is: Bob Szymanski, 10 Clarridge Circle, Milford, MA 01757 -1371, USA; email: perfinman@comcast.net.

Perfinned Trans-Mississippi found!

Charlie Adrion (#2873)

Recently I was online looking for additional sources of material, especially auction sites. One of the sites I found is www.wensy.com. They have about 120,000 stamps at auction and about 100 bids at any one time. As this site is not well known, there is little competition. If you see an item you want, you are probably going to win it.

So far, I have purchased one perfin, one precancel and one flag cancel cover on www.wensy.com. The exciting news is that the perfin is the very unusual, U.S. Trans-Mississippi 5-cents commemorative (Scott #288) shown below!

The current *Catalog of United States Perfins* shows Chester County Trust as the user of this C rated perfin **C90** (CC/T), with dates of usage of 1914 - 1923. So, this does not appear to be a recent creation.

I am excited to have this perfin in my collection. It

proves once again that perfins are everywhere, if we just look for them. Does anyone else have a perfinned Trans-Mississippi stamp similar to this one that has not been reported? If so, please forward a photocopy or scan of it to the Editor (contact information on page 2) so it can be shared.

[Editor's Note: Perfins in U.S. commemorative stamps that were issued in the 1890's, prior to the U.S. Post Office authorization of the use of perfins in 1908, are known but very unusual. (The Trans-Mississippi commemoratives were issued on June 17, 1898.) The only report that I could find that lists perfinned Trans-Mississippi commemoratives is in the October 1990 issue of the *Bulletin* [43:225-226]. That listing indicates perfins are known in the 1-cent, 10-cents and 50-cents Trans-Mississippi stamps. I could find no reports of a perfinned 5-cents Trans-Mississippi prior to this one.]



5-cent Trans-Mississippi commemorative
with perfin C90.

First reported example?

What is it?

For those of you who like solving puzzles, take a look at the perfin shown at the right. Doug Cutler (LM#126) recently sent a scan of this U.S. 4-cents Washington stamp to the Editor and thought you might enjoy the challenge of identifying the perfin.

This U.S. 4-cents Washington stamp was part of the postage used to send a picture post card, dated August 12, 1912, from Prescott, Arizona to Contich, Belgium. The message on this card requests the recipient to forward some Belgium stamps to the sender. So, the perfin usage appears to be "illegal."

One hint to possibly help you solve the puzzle - this is a double punch with the punches running in the opposite directions. Email or mail your solution to the Editor soon and you will be recognized as an Expert Puzzle Solver in the next issue of the *Bulletin*. Good Luck!



200% of Actual Size



Actual Size

What is the mystery perfin in the stamp above?

Pattern C90 - User ID confirmed

Rudy Roy (#1124)

The perfin in the 5-cents Trans-Mississippi stamp discussed in Charlie Adrián's (#2873) article "Perfinned Trans-Mississippi found!" presented on page 12 of this *Bulletin* is pattern **C90** (CC/T). However according to the current *Catalog of United States Perfins*, the user of this perfin has not been verified as indicated by the lack of an asterisk immediately in front of the user name, Chester County Trust Company, that is provided.

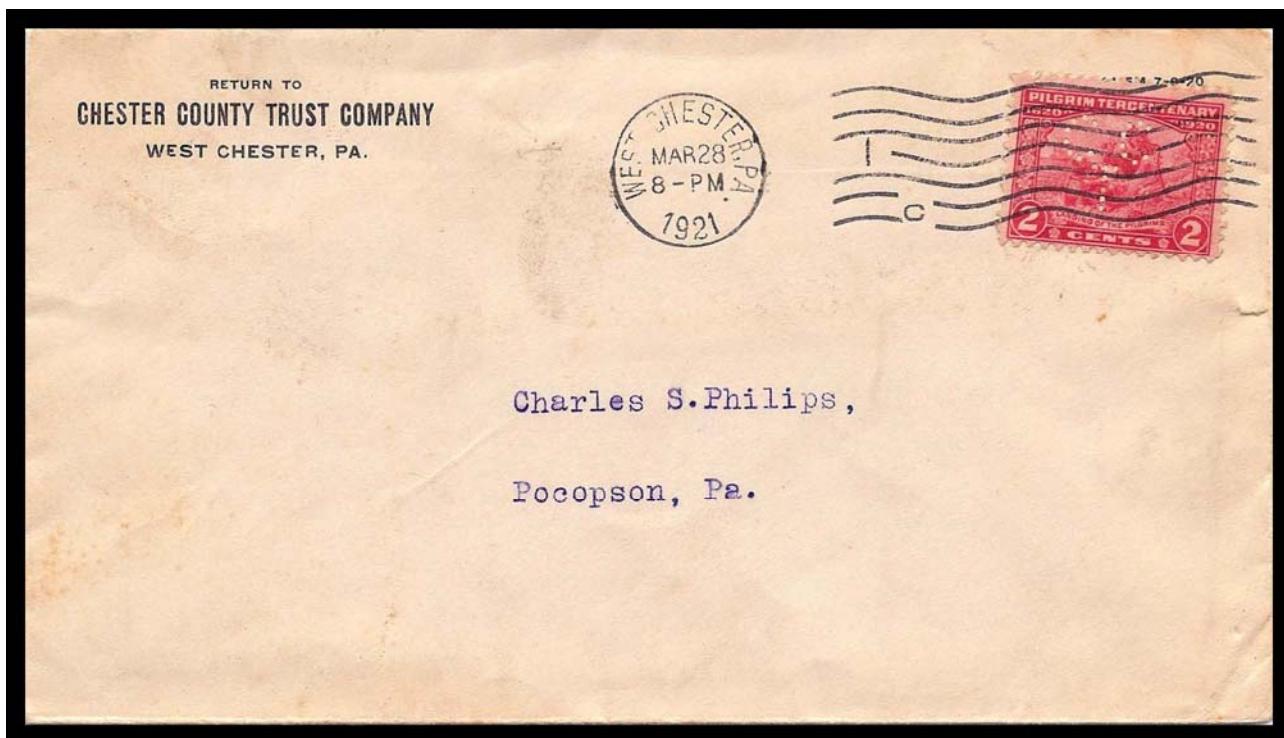
While conducting a peer review of Charlie's article, I remembered the cover in my collection that is shown below. This cover confirms that the user of perfin **C90** is Chester County Trust Company, West Chester, PA. This information had been forwarded to the U.S. Catalog Editor a few months ago, but it

had not been reported in the *Bulletin* until now. The U.S. Catalog Editor agrees with this confirmation and will include Chester County Trust Company, West Chester, PA. as the verified user of perfin **C90** in the catalog's next A&C.

According to a brief Internet search, the Chester County Trust Company was organized in 1900.⁽¹⁾ However, like many financial institutions, it did not survive the Great Depression of the 1930's.⁽²⁾

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Chester County Trust Company, West Chester, PA, cover
franked with perfin C90 .

Canada P16 Identity Confirmed

Barry Senior (#3924)

"A recent auction by Longley Auctions featured the following perfins cover. It confirms the user of Canadian pattern P16 as P. van Snellenberg based at 5712 Sperling St., Vancouver B.C.

"The cover is dated Oct 4, 1929 to Germany and has a 3 cent Admiral, #109 and a 5 cent Scroll, #153. They are tied with a slogan cancel, "Parcel Post / Reaches / Everywhere", Coutts # P-60 or the old Proulx # 6860, recorded to be used in Vancouver from 1929-31. This not only identifies the user but also confirms the pattern as P.v.S. and not P.& S. as previously thought. It's not everyday that one sees an A-rated perfins on cover and it is certainly a rarity to find 2 on the same cover."

[Editor's Note: This article was originally published

in the November 2010 issue of *The BNA Perforator* [30:2], the official publication of the British North American Philatelic Society - The BNA Perfins Study Group. It is reprinted with their permission. The author, Barry Senior, is an active member of both The BNA Perfins Study Group and The Perfins Club.

As there may be several members of The Perfins Club that do not receive *The BNA Perforator*, we thought you would be interested to learn about Barry's confirmation of this pattern. As shown in the original article, the size of the cover has been reduced for space considerations. The postmark and stamps that have been cropped from the cover are approximately actual size.]



Perfin Transports

Bob Schwerdt (#505L)

Through the years, most perfin collectors accumulate covers with perfins. Often times these covers are placed in boxes and eventually the boxes pile up. Some collectors actively seek covers to accommodate their specialties. A collector may seek EKU's - earliest know usage (see volumes 54 [2000], 55 [2001] and 61 [2007] of the *Bulletin* for a listing by states); others seek U.S. perfin covers to foreign destinations; and still others specialize in covers with their favorite stamp issues: Beacon airmail, F1 registration, Kans/Nebr overprints, etc.

I thought that it might be interesting to attempt a collection of perfin covers that were delivered by various means of transport. Naturally, some types of transport covers would be difficult to find, and some are probably non-existent. Both Germany and Spain issued special stamps for war-time submarine mail, but I doubt that any stamps would have perfins. There are sled-dog covers in my collection, but none with perfins since most of the covers are commemorative, not commercial.

Often, some covers would travel by two or more methods to reach their destinations. Picture, if you will, a letter placed in a roadside collection box. It might be picked up by an ambulatory postal person or by one driving a car or truck to be delivered and sorted at the local post office. From there it then might be sent by truck or rail to a distribution point before going into a truck, train or plane for distant delivery. Finally, it might eventually be handled by a postal person driving or walking a route.

Illustrations of a few of my covers that identify the primary delivery method are included on the following pages. A chart of many possible delivery methods is shown below. I realize this chart is probably incomplete. Thus, I certainly would like to know if any collectors have evidence of any of my missing items or know of additional delivery methods. You can reach me at: Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-5231, USA.

Possible Delivery Methods for Perfin Covers

A. <u>Postal Persons</u>	E. <u>Aircraft</u>
1. Native Runner **	1. Airplane - Commercial Mail *
2. Modern Postal Person *	2. Airplane - Personal Mail *
B. <u>Motor Vehicle</u>	3. Catapult *
1. Early Car *	4. Zeppelin *
2. Modern Truck	5. Blimp
3. Bus	6. Helicopter
4. Highway Post Office (H.P.O.)	7. Balloon - Early **
C. <u>Rail</u>	8. Balloon - Modern
1. Train	F. <u>Non-Traditional</u>
2. Railway Post Office (R.P.O.) *	1. Diplomatic Pouch *
3. Street Car (Trolley)	2. Personal (Non-Postal Person) *
D. <u>Ship</u>	3. Pneumatic
1. Early Ship	4. Pony Express **
2. Commercial Steamer *	5. Horse, Mule, etc.
3. Paquebot	6. Sled-Dog **
4. Submarine **	7. Others
Key	
* - In my collection	
** - Unlikely	

Perfin Transports (cont.)

The cover shown in Figure 1 below was sent from the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company in Sherman, Texas, to a person living in Sherman, Texas. Since there is no street address, the recipient may have lived on a ranch requiring motorized (or horse) delivery. On the other hand, if the person lived in town and was well known, this letter might have been hand delivered. Thus, this cover is an example of delivery method A2 (Postal Person -

Modern Postal Person) or B1 (Motor Vehicle - Early Car).

Figure 2 shows a post card sent in 1978 by Floyd Walker, Perfins Club Secretary at the time, to a Perfins Club member in Japan reminding him to remit his club dues. The airmail stamp is perfinned with Floyd's personal perfins, **W20.5P** (WAL/KER). This is an example of delivery method E2 (Aircraft - Airplane - Personal Mail).

Figure 1
1909 Sherman, Texas, to
Sherman, Texas.

Perfin S322A (SW/TT)
Southwestern Telegraph &
Telephone Company.

Delivery method A2 or B1.
(Approximately 85% actual
size.)

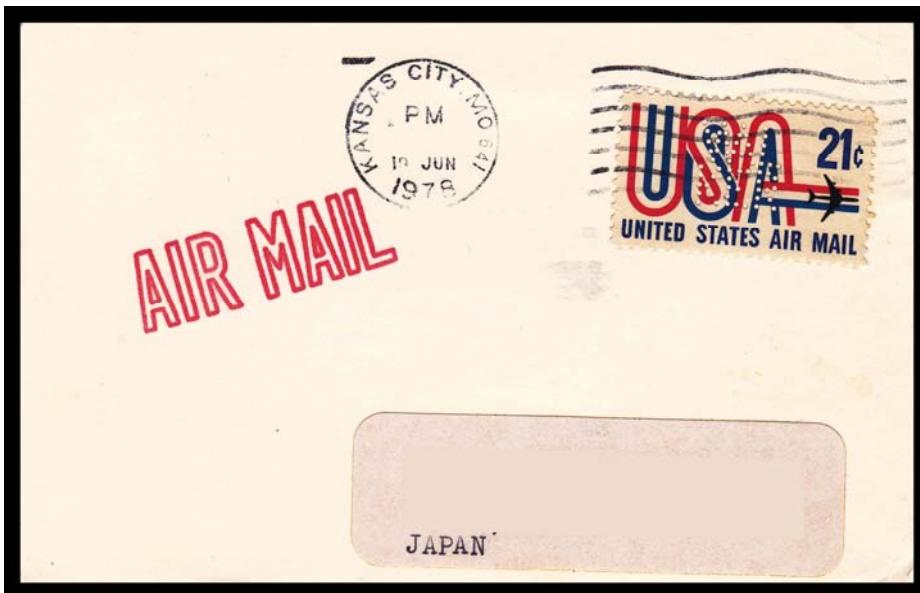


Figure 2
Kansas City, MO, to Japan
Perfins Club Dues reminder.

Perfin W20.5P (WAL/KER)
Floyd Walker, Club Secretary.

Delivery method E2.
(Approximately 85% actual size.)
(Recipient's name and address
electronically deleted.)

Perfin Transports (cont.)

Delivery method C2 (Rail - Railway Post Office) is shown in Figure 3 by the souvenir card commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Burlington Railroad's "Fast Mail train." This R.P.O. train carried only mail between Chicago, IL, and Omaha, NE, in order to speed delivery of mail across the U.S.

The cover in Figure 4 is particularly interesting as it is a combination of delivery methods D2 (Ship -

Commercial Steamer) and E3 (Aircraft - Catapult) from the U.S. to Germany. This cover, addressed to Glueckstadt, Holstein, Germany, was postmarked at Varick Street Station, New York, NY, on July 20, 1929. It was then carried by the S.S. *Bremen* to near the German coast where it was then put in a light aircraft on board ship and catapulted to shore. The Catapult Mail Service, which saved hours of docking time, was popular in the late 1920's to mid 1930's before being replaced by Zeppelins and airplanes.

Figure 3
Posted on board Train 15
Chicago & Council Bluffs R.P.O.
March 10, 1934.

Perfin C43 (CBQ)
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy
Railroad Company.

Delivery method C2.
(Approximately 75% actual size)

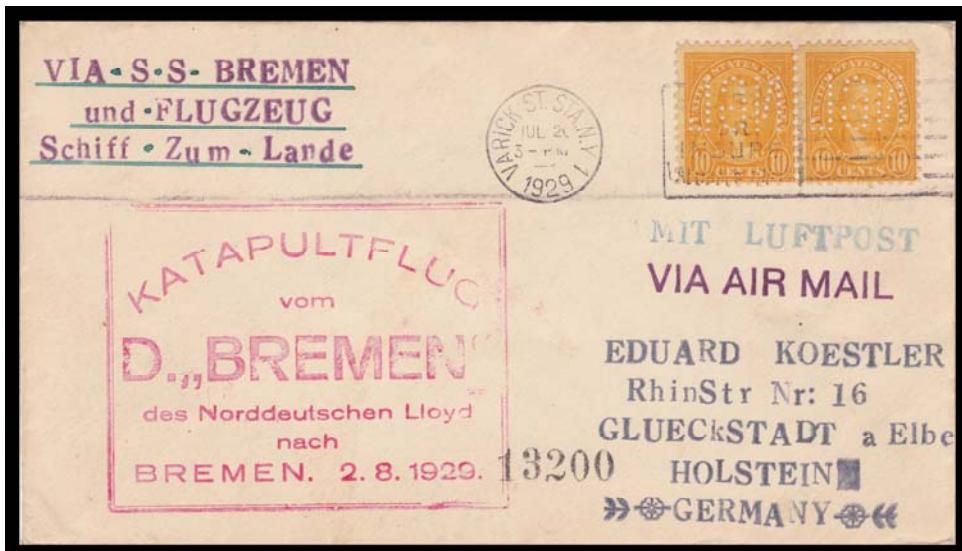


Figure 4
1929 New York, NY, to
Glueckstadt, Holstein,
Germany.

First transported by S.S. *Bremen* and then by catapult to shore. Received in Bremen, Germany, on August 2, 1929.

Perfin N89I (NGL) North German Lloyd Steamship Company.

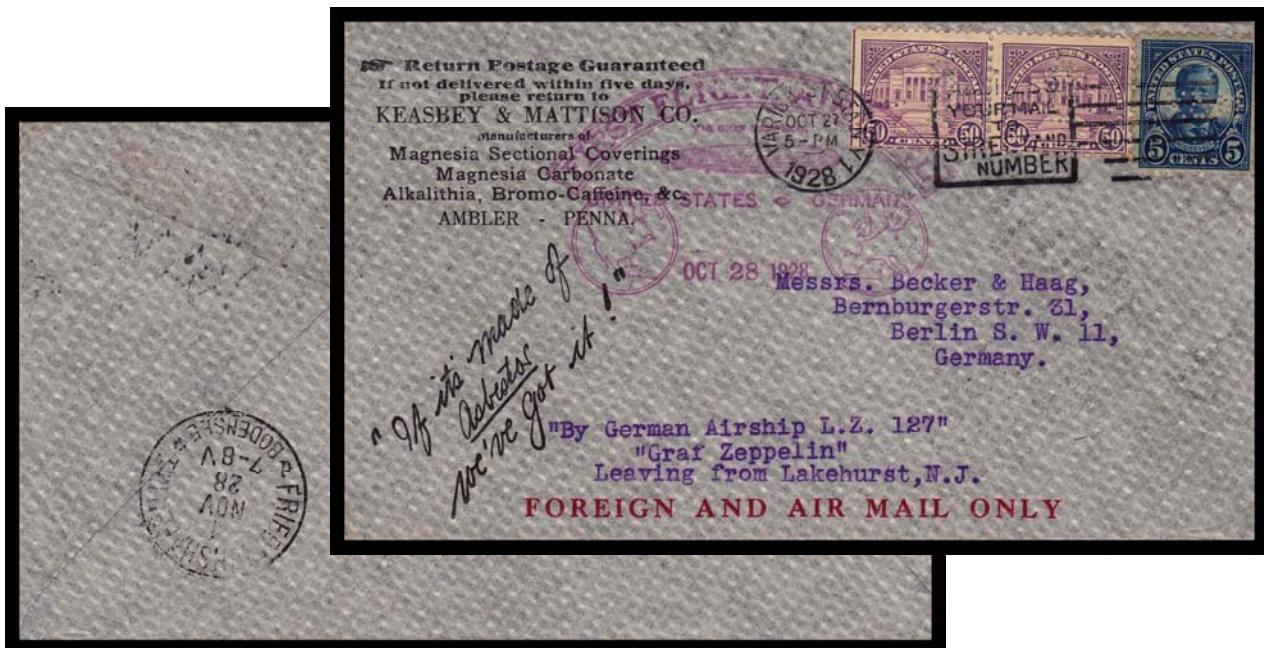
Delivery methods from U.S. to Germany D2 and E3.

(Approximately 75% actual size.)

Perfin Transports (cont.)

The Zeppelin cover in Figure 5 is an example of method E4 (Aircraft - Zeppelin). This first flight cover of Graf Zeppelin L.Z. 127, postmarked October 27, 1928, at Varick Street Station, New York, NY, left Lakehurst, NJ, on October 28, 1928, and arrived at Friedrichshafen, Germany, 5 days later on November 1, 1928.

Perfin covers that show delivery method E1 (Aircraft - Airplane - Commercial Mail) are fairly common. The Esso Transportation Co., Ltd. cover shown in Figure 6, postmarked in London on May 6, 1948, is an example of international correspondence between a British and a U.S. company.



First flight of Graff Zeppelin L.Z. 127 between Lakehurst, NJ, and Friedrichshafen, Germany.

Perfin K72.5 (K&M) - Keasbey & Mattison Co., Ambler, PA.

Delivery method E4.

(Approximately 75% actual size.)



Figure 6
1948 London to New York
commercial cover via Air Mail.

Perfin E4740.01 (ET/Co)
Esso Transportation Co., Ltd.

Delivery method E1.

(Approximately 75% actual size.)
(Sender information electronically
cropped from back of cover and
“pasted” on front upper left.)

Perfin Transports (cont.)

The censored cover shown below (Figure 7) bears a February 13, 1941, New York, NY, cancel. However, it actually originated in Iran as evidenced by the pencil notation "From Persia via Diplomatic Bag 15/?" at the bottom right of the cover. It appears the sender was connected to the American Legation in Teheran, Iran, according to the return address on the cover's back. Inside the cover is a beautiful, hand drawn illustration with an internal message written in Arabic (Figure 8).

The delivery method of this cover is somewhat of a mystery. Based on the pencil notation, it is expected delivery method F1 (Non-Traditional - Diplomatic Pouch) was used to carry the cover from Iran to the U.S., probably Washington, DC. However, since the cover bears a New York postmark, we expect that it was then carried from Washington, DC, to New York by a non-postal person where it entered the mail stream. Thus, in addition to delivery method F1, method F2 (Non-Traditional - Personal [Non-Postal Person]) was likely also used for this cover.

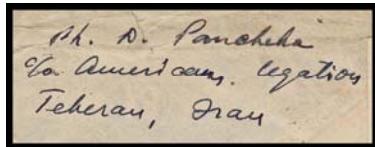


Figure 7

1941 Censored cover from Tehran, Iran, to
New York, NY.

Perfin U74 (USE)
United States Steel Export Company.

Delivery methods F1 and F2.

(Approximately 70% actual size.)

(Sender's address electronically cropped
from cover's back.)

Note: Two-cents postage was the local first
class rate for mail posted and delivered in
the same city.

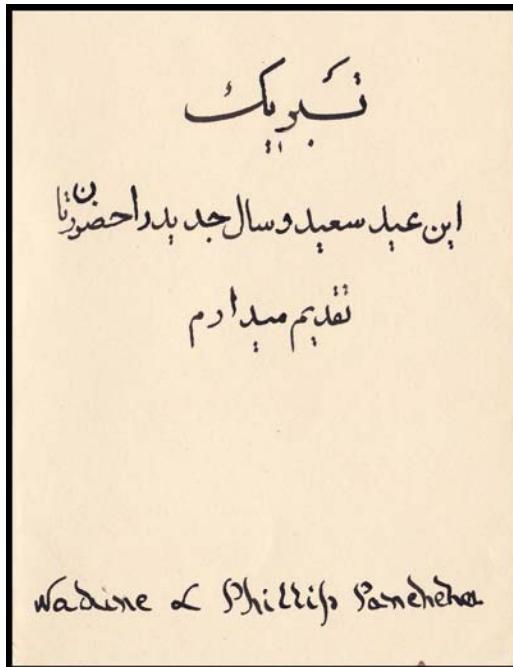
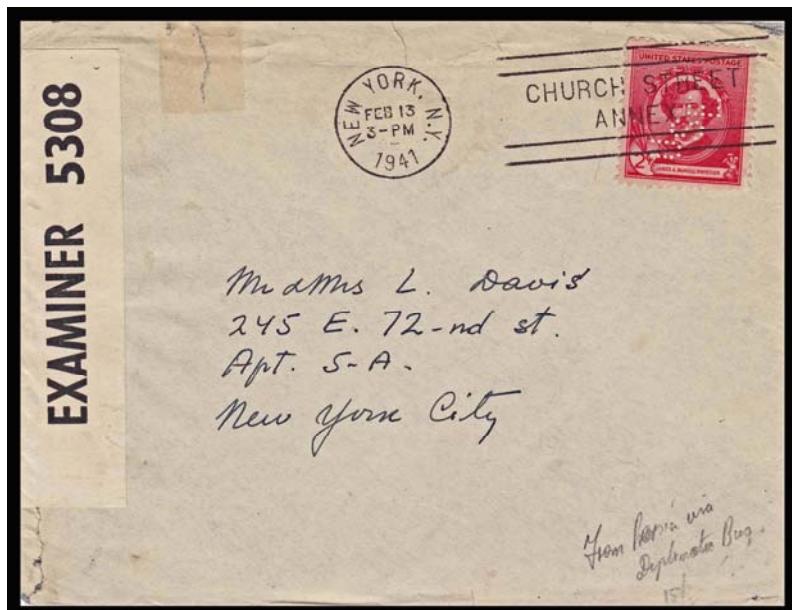


Figure 8

Enclosure in Censored
cover shown above.

Hand drawn illustration
on front of enclosure.

Arabic message inside.

(Approximately 65%
actual size.)

An Interesting French Ship Cancel

Jack Brandt (LM#14)

While recently visiting my French perfins collection, I spotted the perfinned strip shown below in Figure 1. While this is a good example of French perfins C.G.T.148⁽¹⁾ (Figures 2 and 3) that was used by Cie Generale Transatlantique, what really caught my eye is the April 7, 1937, "LE HAVRE A NEW YORK" cancellation.

Based on the Editor's Internet research, Cie Generale Transatlantique or CGT was a dominant player in the trans-Atlantic ocean liner trade after WWI. They continued that position until the early 1960's when commercial air travel became viable.⁽²⁾

CGT's most famous vessel was the S.S. *Normandie*. At the time of her completion in 1935, this ship was the largest and fastest in the world. Her Art Deco interiors were legendary and her streamlined hull design was years ahead of its time. During service as the flagship of the CGT, she made 139 transatlantic crossings westbound from her home port of Le Havre to New York and one fewer return.⁽³⁾

Shortly after the start of WWII, the *Normandie* and other Atlantic liners docked in New York harbor for safety reasons. After France fell to Germany, the U.S. seized the *Normandie* and started converting

her to a troop ship. On February 9, 1942, a workman was sloppy with a cutting torch and the *Normandie* was set on fire. She burned beyond repair and was later scrapped.⁽⁴⁾

Now, back to the cancellation on the strip. Based on a non-perfined cover that was issued to commemorate the *Normandie*'s maiden voyage (courtesy of Bob Szymanski [LM#145]), it appears that this octagonal shape "LE HAVRE A NEW YORK" mark was used by the CGT ships. (See Figure 4, page 21.) Without more information, we cannot say if my strip was cancelled on the *Normandie*, but it is fun to speculate. If any of our members can shed any more light on this subject, please forward it to the Editor (contact information on page 2) and we will share it in a future *Bulletin*.

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Figure 1
Perfinned strip
April 7, 1937, "LE HAVRE A NEW YORK" cancel.
(Actual size.)



Figure 2
Perfinned stamp (Scott #322)
from strip.
C.G.T.148 perfin highlighted.
(Actual size.)

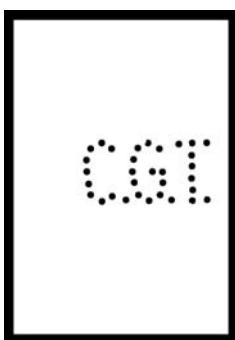


Figure 3
C.G.T.148 perfin electronically
lifted from stamp.
(Reversed and rotated.)
(Actual size.)

An Interesting French Ship Cancel (cont.)

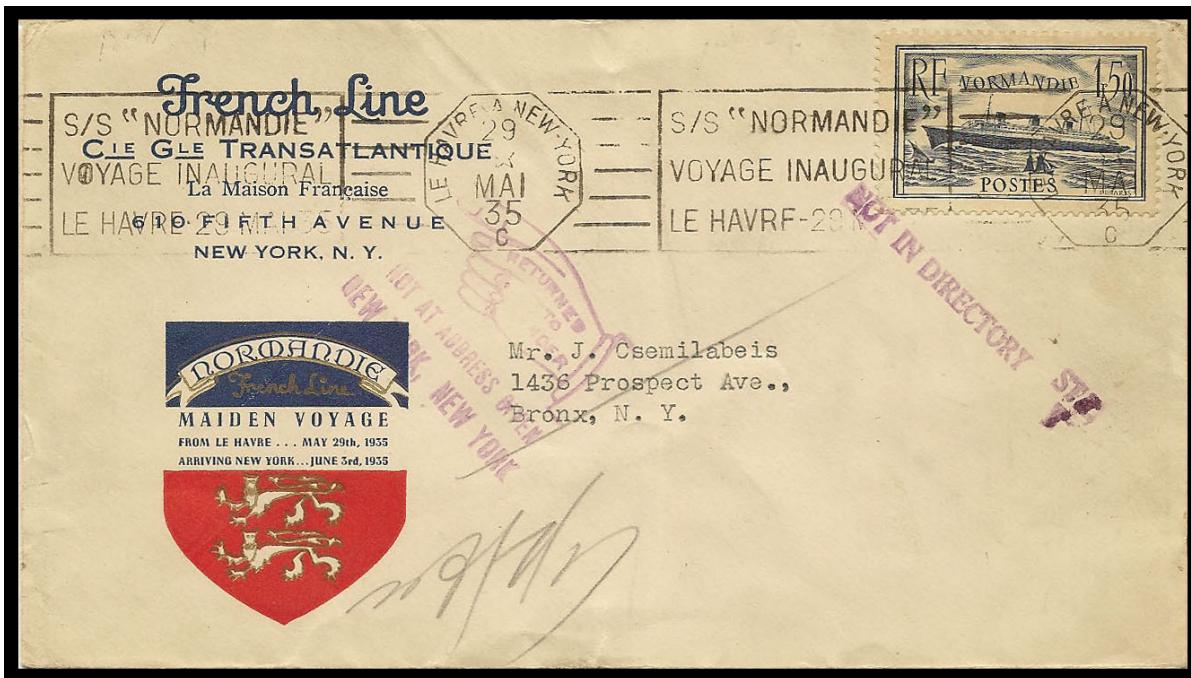


Figure 4
S.S. Normandie commemorative cover.
Note: Distinctive octagonal shape cancel.
(Approximately 90% of actual size.)

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Fun with Perfins!

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

Collecting perfins is a splendiferous endeavor. You can collect whatever you want, however you want and whenever you want. How could you ask for anything to be more fulfilling?

Here's a challenge for everyone reading this article. Do you have a non-philatelic perfins cover addressed to you or any present or former member of our perfins collecting community? Philatelic covers are fairly common because a good number of members have used perfins over the years and have corresponded by mail with other collectors - maybe you even have one of these. I would consider that cover to be a special treasure as it ties you into the perfins collecting hobby.

But for a non-philatelic perfins cover, I would propose that this is the oldest one mailed to a member. It just happens to be a very small cover and, judging by the December 20th date, possibly a Christmas greeting. It is franked with a 2-cents Washington stamp (Scott #332) perfinned with pattern **S287** (STP) that was used by the Chicago, Milwaukee & Saint Paul Railway Co. The year is 1909 so this is only a year and a half after the authorized use of perfins in the United States. The cover is addressed to Dr. S. Keller, 496 Mitchell St., City (Milwaukee, WI).

According to the Perfins Club records, Dr. S.G. Keller of Milwaukee was member #19, having

joined the club in April, 1945! He is not listed after 1948. This is the same Dr. Keller who I referenced in a four-part series of articles starting in the January, 2003 *Bulletin* about my purchase at auction of the "Mystery Box" perfins! [57:3-5, 19-21, 35-37, 51-52] Reread the April, 2003 issue for an expanded discussion of Dr. Keller. This I know for certain - Dr. Keller kept this envelope around for a very long time, but then don't we all hold on to our "treasures"?

[Editor's Note: For any member who does not have copies of the 2003 *Bulletin*, please contact me and I will be happy to email or mail you a copy of these interesting articles about Bob's "Mystery Box" and Dr. Keller. My contact information is on page 2.]



Perfin cover mailed December 20, 1909,
to Perfins Club member, Dr. S. Keller.

Call for Input to A&C#3

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

I plan to release a preview of the Additions & Corrections #3 (A&C#3) for the *Catalog of United States Perfins* at the convention in Madison, WI, August 1 - 6, 2011. Then by the end of 2011, the A&C#3 document, as well as the consolidated *Addendum*, will be published.

Thanks to the input and careful research of perfins collectors, the A&C#3 draft currently contains ten

new patterns, several corrected illustrations, a dozen changed ratings, and over 100 new user identifications. Now is your opportunity to join the research effort. Please check your collections and send any new or corrected information to me by Spring, 2011. My contact information is: Steve Endicott, P.O. Box 2434, San Anselmo, CA 94979-2434, USA; email: perfins@gmail.com.

Pattern C205 Identified

Ken Masters (#3589)

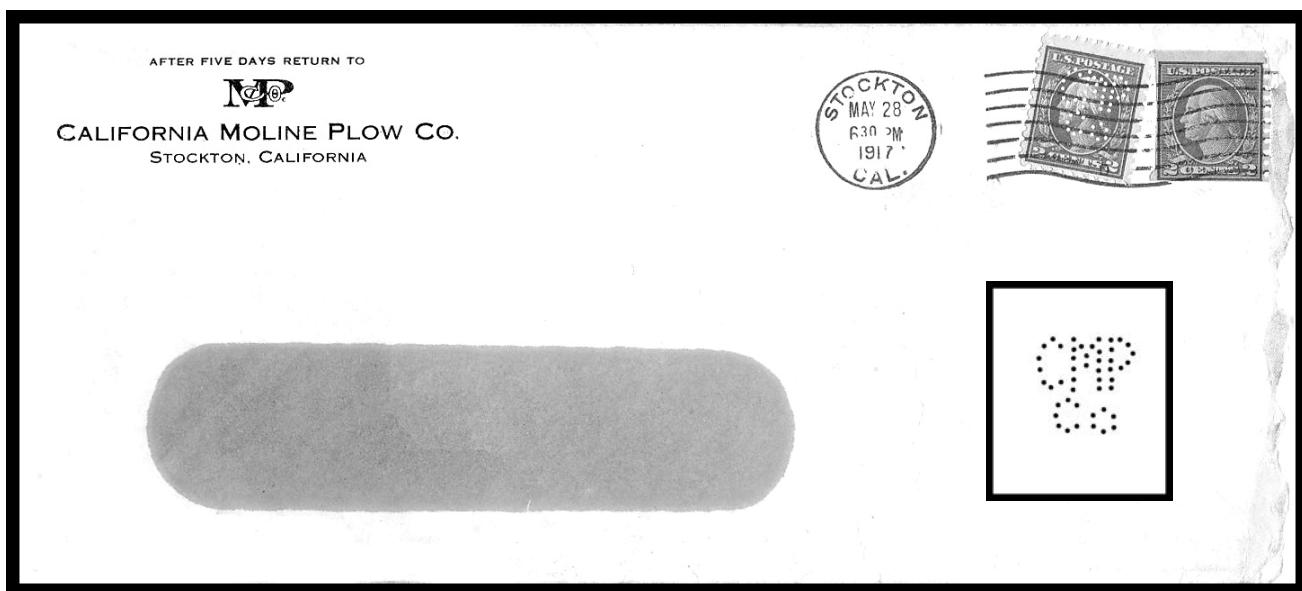
A few months ago, I was perusing through the listings of perfins and perfinned covers on eBay in hopes of finding a “goodie” before one of my fellow Perfin Club members did. While I do not remember the exact auction description of one particular item, it was something like “California perfin cover - opened rough at right.” I opened the auction and saw the cover illustrated below. My initial impression was that this is not very interesting - a plain window cover, no colorful advertising and indeed it has been opened rough at the right.

Then I looked at the return address in the corner card: California Moline Plow Co., Stockton, California. I had recently done some research for an article about the Minnesota Moline Plow Company that was published in the July/August 2010 *Bulletin* [64:98]. From that research I remembered that the parent Moline Plow Company had several branches in different states and that one was in California. However, most Moline Plow Company covers have the distinctive “Flying Dutchman” logo and their perfin is some variation of *MP/Co.* As the perfin on this cover appeared to read *CMP/Co.*, it has neither the logo nor the “right” perfin. Now it is getting interesting!

Next I looked in the current *Catalog of United States Perfins* and discovered that pattern *CMP/Co* is unidentified perfin **C205**, rated *B*. So, this means that I may have found the identifying cover for **C205!** I immediately placed a bid in this auction and was fortunate to win it when the action closed.

The cover arrived a few days later and I was able to positively verify that the perfin is pattern **C205**. A scan of the cover was sent to the U.S. Catalog Editor and he agrees with this identification. “California Moline Plow Co., Stockton, CA” will be listed as the verified user for pattern **C205** in the next A&C. The Catalog Editor also told me that another club member had seen this eBay auction and reported this identification to him earlier. Now he has a high resolution scan of it to add to his records.

This story proves once again the importance of taking your time when looking at a seemingly plain, uninteresting cover. I now have not only another addition to my growing “Moline Plow Co.” cover specialty collection, but there is the added bonus that it is franked with a previously unreported *B* rated perfin. Could anyone ask for more?



California Moline Plow Co., Stockton, CA cover
franked with a C205 perfin.

Perfin electronically lifted from cover.
(Cover approximately 70% actual size.)
(Perfin actual size.)

Perfins Club Library List Updated

Doug Cutler (LM#126)

We are pleased to announce that the 2010 update of the club's Library List has been completed and is available for distribution. This 15+ page document lists over 500 individual catalogs, publications, documents and items available for loan to members from the Club Library. "Clip files" that comprise miscellaneous clippings, old worksheets, and/or articles about a particular topic or topics are included.

This 2010 Library List would not be available now without the help of Dan Baugher (#3825), John (#3411) and Gayle Hart, Scott Marusak (#3443), and Eugene Will (#3084) who responded to my call in the November/December 2010 *Bulletin* [64:141] for proofreaders. A big thank you to each one of you!

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New Zealand Perfins Handbook Updated

The Postal History Society of New Zealand has recently published their *Handbook No. 75 New Zealand Stamps with Perforated Initials* by R. D. Samuel.

The format of the first edition has been retained, i.e., a basic guide to the perfins and security overprints used within New Zealand and overseas by New Zealand companies and institutions. Information for this revised edition has come from a comprehensive literature review and discussions with collectors.

No attempt has been made to compile detailed lists of varieties, or of different postage and revenue stamps recorded as perfinned. However, the Perfins Club of New Zealand and Australia is currently developing a composite checklist of known New Zealand stamp issues for each perfins pattern. If you would like to assist in that effort, please send your information to

the Editor and he will forward it.

This new handbook is 90 pages long, plastic comb spiral bound and in A4 format. It is profusely illustrated and includes a comprehensive bibliography. The cost is \$27.00 (New Zealand) plus postage and packing of \$12.75 (New Zealand) to North America or \$13.99 (New Zealand) to Europe.

Based on recent correspondence with Mr. Graham Robertson, Publications Officer of the New Zealand Postal History Society, electronic payments for this handbook are not possible. However, Mr. Robertson indicated U.S. or Canadian members could make payment of \$32.00 (U.S.) or \$32.00 (Canadian) in notes or provide credit card details.

To order your copy of this new handbook, please contact the Editor and he will send you a copy of the order form.

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FILL YOUR WANT LISTS: Send me your want lists for U. S. Perfins. B+ to F rated perfins filled by pattern and/or by issue or thematic topic. Also, will trade A rated patterns. Discounts available for quantity purchases. **Contact:** Steve Endicott, P. O. Box 2434, San Anselmo, CA 94979-2434, USA; email: perfins@gmail.com.

WANTED: Moline Plow Company perfinned covers for a specialty collection and possible exhibit I am assembling. Patterns **M204, M205, M207** and **M207.5**. Send scan or photocopy along with price desired. **Contact:** Ken Masters, 7909 N. Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64118-1449, USA; email: KRMasters@aol.com.

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High Price for Japanese Registered Cover on eBay

Rudy Roy (#1124) recently spotted the cover shown at the right in eBay auction #250711016002. It was described as:

JAPAN 1929 Registered to U.S.A. NIHB
Perfin + Air USA: Posted at Kobe, Japan in early December, 1929, this Registered Cover was sent to a Bank in New York City. Three Stamps are tied, Scott Catalogue numbers 144, 175 & 194. Each Stamp has a **PERFIN "N I H B"** for the **NEDERLANDSCH INDISCHE HANDELSBANK**. The Cover is intact, with some wear, mostly at the corners. Also, as is typical with Bank Mail, three sides, left, right and top were opened. Marked twice as **AIR MAIL & PAR AVION**, it appears that Air Mail was effective from Seattle to New York, with two days between the backstamps.

This item received 7 bids and realized \$122.50 plus \$1.00 postage.

Rudy's comment was:

A high price for a bank cover from Japan, but the air mail aspect of it - U.S. transcontinental air mail was in its infancy in 1929, and a transit of 2 days from Seattle to New York probably enhance this perfins cover. Also, the Christmas Day receiving mark in Seattle adds to it.



Front and Back of Japanese Registered Cover
eBay auction #250711016002.