

PERFINS ON THE U.S. OFFSET PRINTING ISSUE

FIRST INSTALLMENT

by Dr. David Bennett

My philalelic interests are limited entirely to the U.S. Offset Printing Issue of 1918-20 (Scott's #525 through #536) commonly referred to as "the offsets." I collect these stamps, and only these stamps, in depth including plate numbers, covers, precancels, etc.--and, of course, Perfins.

To my knowledge there is no information available giving the period of use of the various Perfin patterns--hence it is not possible to estimate which Perfins were used on any given issue, such as the offsets. I intend in this article to present a compendium of those Perfin designs that I have found in 40 years of collecting this issue, and in which I will identify the designs and the offset stamps on which they appear.

While the offset issue consists of only three basic stamps (1¢, 2¢, and 3¢, unwatermarked, and perf. 11x11), some of these stamps also occur imperforated, Rossback perforated 12½x12½, and Schermack perforated Type III, so that there are really 24 separate Scott-listed stamps. However, since I have yet to uncover a Perfin on any offset issue stamps other than the basic three, perf. 11x11, it would appear that our listings will be considerably simplified. There is one complication that we should not, and will not, ignore. Scott recognizes only one basic 1¢ stamp, but does differentiate five types of the 2¢ stamp, and two of the 3¢ stamp. These are as follows:

Denomination	Type	Scott Number
1¢	----	525
2¢	IV	526
2¢	V	527
2¢	VA	528
2¢	VI	528A
2¢	VII	528B
3¢	III	529
3¢	IV	530

Understandably, the average collector may choose not to bother with these "differences," and will collect just the three basic stamps without becoming involved with the "Types." It should be noted, however, that these Scott numbers are used in describing offset issue Perfins offered for

sale in our PERFINS CLUB auctions. Correspondence concerning additions, deletions, or corrections to this listing would be welcome by your author, who would also like to purchase any needed offset items for his collection.

The following NOTES will help to systematize this compendium:

NOTE 1

All symbols, abbreviations, and Perfin style numbers are those used in the PERFINS CLUB OFFICIAL CATALOG OF UNITED STATES PERFINS (1966) amended to date (March 1975).

NOTE 2

No effort will be made to include a separate consideration of those Perfin-using firms having multiple branches, such as the American Radiator Company, International Harvester Company, etc. These firms will be dealt with as if they had just one location. Perhaps, at some future date, these particular listings could be more fully developed.

NOTE 3

Where a Perfin is found to be precanceled, the symbol PC and the Scott number of the stamp on which it occurs will be given, separately, under REMARKS.

NOTE 4

Relative values, or RATES, are those given by Claude W. Cain in his RELATIVE RATINGS OF U.S. PERFINS.

We will begin with the actual listing of the offset Perfins in the next installment of this article.

(to be continued)

THE SALES DEPARTMENT of the Perfins Club stands ready to serve you. For Perfin stamps, write Ivan Ley, Arena, WI 53503. For Perfin covers, write Edwin Stuntzner, 1003 Exchange St., Emporia, KS 66801

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2ND INSTALLMENT

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In our first installment, which appeared in the May 1975 issue of the Perfins Bulletin, we described the three denominations and the various Scott-types of the stamps of the Offset Printing Issue of 1918-20, and we outlined the scope of our study of the Perfinson these stamps. We now begin with the actual listing:

Perfin #	Pattern	Rating	525	526	527	528	528A	528B	529	530	Remarks
A 21	AAH/CO	C						X			
A 24	AAP	D			X						
A 34	AB/C	C						X			
A 38	AB/CO.	D					X				
A 46	ABL	D				X		X			
A 50	ABS	E						X			
A 51	AB/&A	D							X		
A 65	AC/C(O)	E						X			
A 68	ACF	C						X			
A 69	ACF	E				X		X			
A 70	ACF	D						X		X	
A 75	ACI/CO	C		X				X			
A 76	ACL	E		X		X				X	
A 77	ACL	C				X					
A 78	AC/LO	E						X			
A 84	A/CO	C				X	X				
A 88	ACO/CO	C				X		X			
A 102a	AEL/CO	E				X					
A 111	AF	C								X	
A 115	AF/C	C						X		X	
A 124	AG/CO	C								X	
A 134a	AGR	D				X					
A 138	AH/C	E						X		X	
A 156	AI/SC	B				X				X	
A 162	AK/C	C							X		
A 166	AL(C)	D			X			X			
A 168	AL/CO	E			X			X		X	
A 169	AL/CO	C						X		X	
A 179.5	AMC	C	X			X		X			
A 183	AM/C	C				X	X				
A 184.5	AM/CO	C					X			X	
A 187	AM/ICE	-			X	X	X	X			Branches
A 221	AR	-		X	X	X	X	X		X	Branches
A 224	AR/C	C				X		X			
A 225	ARC	E						X			
A 229	AR/CO.	D		X				X		X	
A 230	A-R/CO	D									
A 231	AR/C(O)	C			X	X					
A 241	AS	D				X				X	
A 244	A/SB	E				X					
A 247	A/SC	D						X			
A 254	ASF	E						X			
A 263	ASS	E				X		X			
A 264	AS/&B	C						X			
A 268	ATC(O)	E				X		X		X	
A 270	ATF/CO	-					X	X		X	Branches
A 277	AW/C	E				X					PC 526, 528, 530
A 280	AWP	E	X		X				X	X	
A 281	AWP	C								X	
A 284	AXB/NY	C						X			
A 284xxx	AXB/NY	E						X			
A 289	A&D	D	X					X		X	
A 291	A&D	D								X	

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Third Installment by Dr. David Bennett

The listing of Perfins on the U. S. offset printing issue (Scott's #525 through #530) began in the July-August 1975 PERFINS BULLETIN. We now continue with that listing:

Perfin #	Pattern	Rating	525	526	527	528	528A	528B	529	530	Remarks
B 2	B	C				X				X	
B 3	B	E				X				X	
B 10	(B)	C	X					X			
B 15	(B)	E								X	
B 17	BA	E			X			X			
B 19	BA	C								X	
B 31	BB	D	X								
B 42	BB.	E						X			
B 44	BB	C			X						
B 45	(BB)	E								X	
B 46	B..B/C	D								X	
B 49	BB/CO	D					X	X	X	X	
B 56	BBI	C								X	
B 59	BB/NY	D			X						
B 60	BBT/CO	C						X			
B 68	BB/&S	B					X				
B 74	BC/C(O)	D						X			
B 76	BC/M	E								X	
B 77	B.CO	E				X		X			
B 79	B.CO	C			X	X		X		X	
B 81	B/CO	D							X		
B 82.5	B..C/SCO	A						X			
B 83	BC/TC	D				X					
B 84	B..D	D								X	
B 103	B..F	E									PC 528, 530
B 108	BFC	E	X							X	
B 112	BFC(O)	E						X			
B 116	BFG	-				X		X			Branches
B 120	BFG/CO	E				X					
B 136	BIC	C	X					X			
B 137	BIC	C									PC 530
B 139	BIG/4	E			X	X	X	X		X	
B 143	BJ/C(O)	E				X				X	
B 153	BL(C)	E							X		
B 156	BLW	D							X		
B 158	BM	D							X		
B 160	BM/C	E						X			
B 161	BM/C	D				X		X			PC 528B
B 163.5	BMC/CO	E							X		
B 165	BM/CO	E							X		
B 177	BOE	E				X					
B 178	B/OF/A	C						X			
B 182	B(OF)I	C								X	
B 190	BP	D						X			
B 203	BR/C	C						X			
B 205	BRP	E			X	X	X	X			
B 222	BSC	E				X		X			
B 224	BS/CO	E						X		X	PC 528
B 227	BSF	C			X	X	X	X			
B 229	BS/&CO	D		X	X			X		X	
B 233	BTC					X		X			
B 242	B.V.D.	C					X				
B 247.5	BWM	A								X	
B 249	BW/MP	E						X			
B 252	B&A	E			X	X	X	X			
B 254	B&B	E						X			
B 258	B&B	E			X	X	X	X			
B 275	B&M	E	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
B 275.5	B&M	E				X		X			
B 278	B&O	E	X	X		X			X		
B 279	B&O	E		X	X	X					
B 279.5	B&O	E			X	X					
B 292	B&S	E						X		X	