

# CATERPILLAR TRACKS

Jack Brandt, one of our more active researchers and furnishers of items for the Bulletin, submits the following concerning the Perfin CTC(o) of the Caterpillar Tractor Company:

Figures 1 and 2 show U. S. types C-341 and C-342, used respectively from Oakland, Calif., and Peoria, Ill. The only difference between the two is an extra hole at the bottom of the "T" in the one used from Peoria.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

The Peoriatype is also found on Canadian Customs Duty stamps (see Figure 3) and is listed in the Canadian Handbook as Type C-30. It is fairly scarce on the Canadian stamps, which were probably used on small exports to Canada so that the recipient did not have to pay duty - or possibly even used on a catalog, some of which have at times been charged duty.

A recently obtained Perfin from Australia

bears the Oakland-type CTC(o). It is also a Customs Duty stamp (Figure 4), but much more recent, being a 3-cent overprint on a 2-cent stamp, probably dating from the late 1960's.

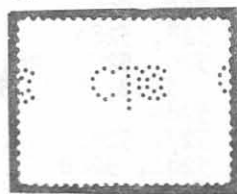


Fig. 3

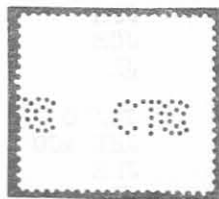


Fig. 4

So, if the CTC(o) Perfin is found on stamps of two foreign countries, it may turn up on others. Perhaps even the Kansas City CTC(o) type will show up on a foreign revenue, if that branch engaged in the export business like the other two.

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