

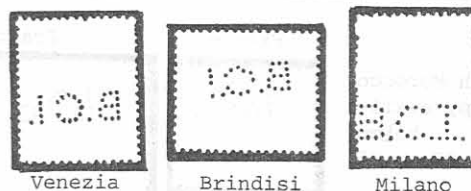
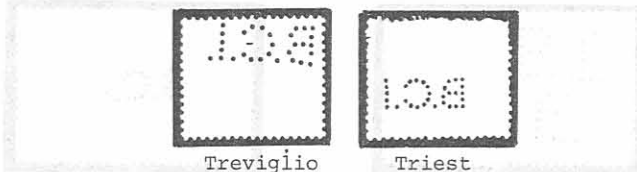
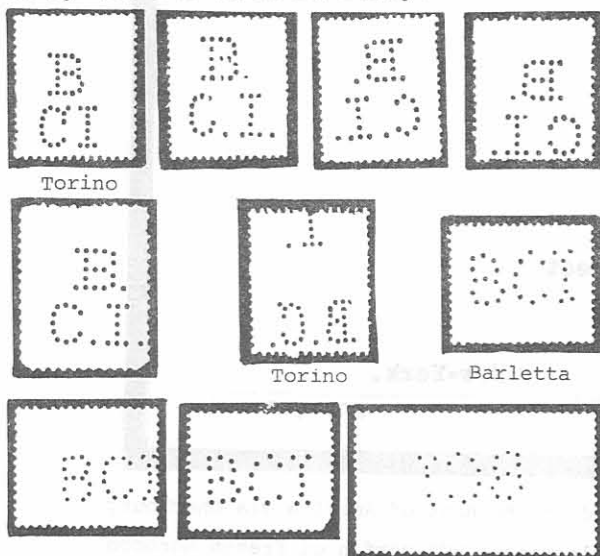
THE PERFINS OF BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA — by Jan Prins

The Banca Commerciale Italiana (BCI) was founded in 1894 with headquarters at Milan. Before World War II this bank had many branches all around the Mediterranean, but today most of these offices have been closed down. The only ones left are in Turkey (Istanbul and Izmir (Smyrna)).

In Italy there are 285 branches today, and here is a list of the most important ones:

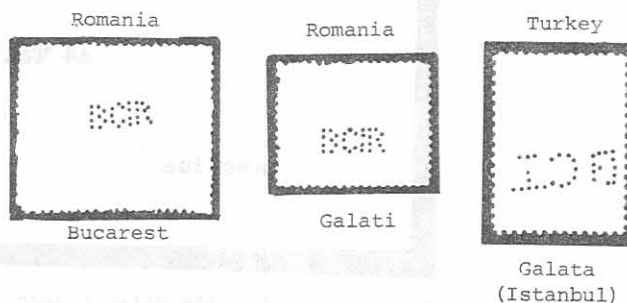
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Shown below are various types of Perfins used by the BCI bank in Italy:



The two-line Perfins B/CI and BC/I were used on stamps of Scott Nos. 67/93. Since then the various single-line BCI Perfins have been used.

Following are BCI Perfins used in foreign countries:



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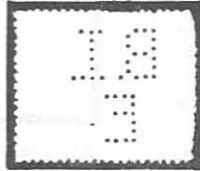
THE PERFINS OF BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA (CONTINUED)

French Levant



Constantinople

Egypt



Alexandria
Cairo

Egypt



Alexandria

France



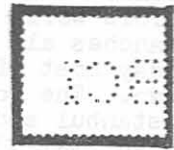
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France



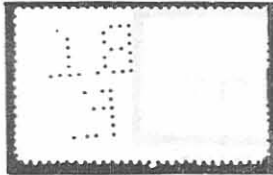
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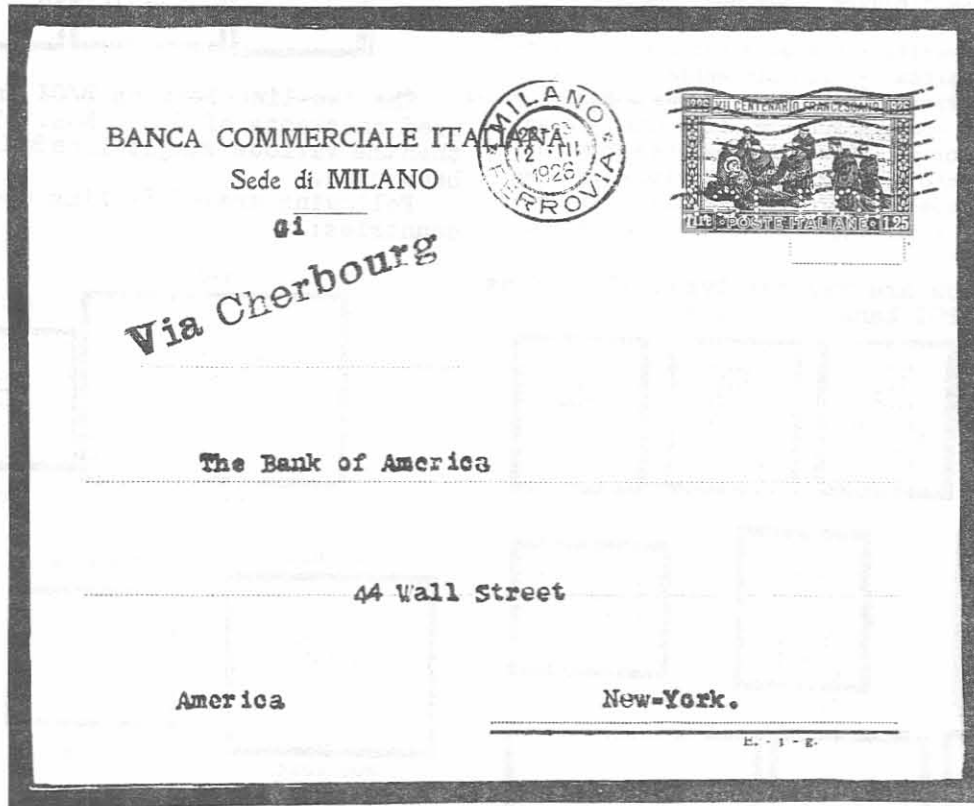


Marseille
Nice

Great Britain



London



Perfin cover of BCI's Milan branch, mailed to the Bank of America via Cherbourg

Editor's note: the editor has in his collection a BCI Perfin of French Morocco which appears to be different from either of the two listed above. Do other members have additional BCI Perfin types to report?