

# DISCOVER A "NEW WORLD": REVENUE PERFINS by Bill Richerson

Have you ever glanced through those REVENUE stamps you got with that lot of Perfins? Perhaps, you say, ...but I don't collect Revenues.

This article is intended to at least try to make you consider changing your mind. There's that APP Perfin there on a New York Stock Exchange stamp. If you look it up in the General Catalog, you might be surprised to find out that it's a B-rated Perfin. Admittedly, that rating only applies to it if it's on a postage stamp (not on a revenue), but considering the rarity of B Perfins, it does seem a shame to leave that spot blank in your collection when you DO have that Revenue 'space filler'! A large number of the items that are listed in the General Catalog as A, B & C rated are really REVENUE PERFINS that got used on postage. Their postage use was probably "on the Q-t" and that's the reason for their rarity.

So, let's look at the Revenue Perfins and see what's available. Essentially, there are three basic ways Perfins were used in regard to the stock

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market: as a cancellation, as a precancel, and as a Perfin. These three usages are illustrated by the three "Certificates of Sale" (the Revenue Perfin collector's "cover") shown in this article.

1. As a Cancellation: The F. P. Ristine & Co. "C-O-S" (a portion of which is shown above, top right) has the stamps affixed to the reverse side (shown in bottom portion of illustration). The Perfin is applied three

times, once for each stamp (two NYSE and one Documentary stamp) and reads FPRco/+8+8+41. There is no sign of any other Perfin or cancellation.

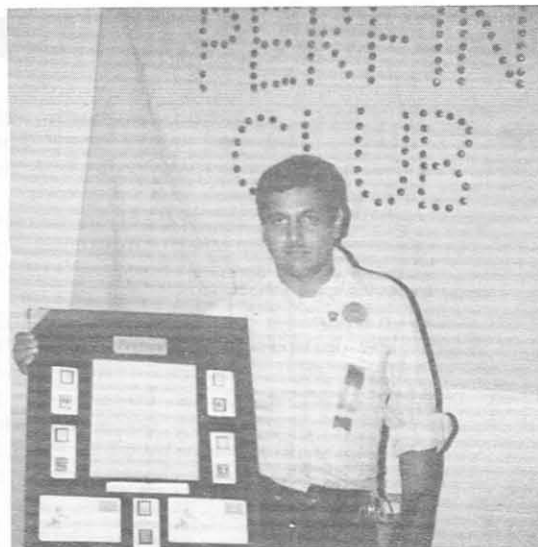
2. As a Precancel: The Paine, Webber & Co. "C-O-S" (shown above) has two stamps on it, a 5¢ Documentary and a 4¢ NYSE. Both are Perfined PW/Co with a design that fits inside the stamp (P236.5 in the General Cat-  
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3. As a Perfin: The WHITEHOUSE & CO. "C-O-S" reproduced in part above shows three stamps - 50¢ in Documentaries and a \$2.00 in NYSE. All three have W-55 W/Co Perfins (incidentally, C-rated) and in addition are cancelled with a rubber date stamp reading W&C/SEP/16/1936. These then seem to fit the definition of being used strictly as a Perfin.  
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 dependence in 1918. The date cancel is not legible and the Perfin user is so far unidentified.



It may be safely assumed that the perforator was manufactured before World War I since no such fine machines could be produced during those first hard years after the war. Therefore, this Perfin must exist also on the pre-1918 Austrian stamps. And since the Perfin appears to be designed for the large Austrian stamps which appeared for the first time in 1908, we have the time limit in which to look for this beautiful design.

It is supposed that the design does not belong to a shipping company (there were none in landlocked Czechoslovakia at that time). It probably was a trademark. Any help from readers in identifying the user will be appreciated.

## FOREIGN DATA NEEDED

- 1) I should appreciate learning if any members with whom I have not been in correspondence during 1978 are working on any catalogs or worksheets for the Perfins Club Library.
- 2) Would the worldwide Perfin collectors please check their collections and report by Xerox copy and Scott Catalog number if they have Perfins on stamps of any of the following countries (in the last census, no one reported Perfins from these places. Please exclude SPECIMEN punches and other cancelling devices):

BASUTOLAND	CORFU
BR. SOLOMONS	FR. EAST AFRICA
FIJI	FR. SUDAN
IRAQ	ICELAND
MALAYSIA	INDONESIA
MONTSERRAT	IVORY COAST
NO. RHODESIA	MACAO
ST. KITTS-NEVIS	MALMEDY
SWAZILAND	MOROCCO (INDEPENDENT)
ZULULAND	SERBIA (POSTAGE)
CHINA (TAIWAN)	TURKEY IN ASIA

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