

QSL - QSO Cards with perfin

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me. *The Catalog of the United States Perfins* lists the pattern's user as Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of Los Angeles, California. While both Los Angeles and San Francisco are in California,

the cities are located a considerable distance apart. How did the stamp make the trip from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

The second card is a QSO (i.e., request for a confirmation of amateur radio contact) between operators in Seattle, Washington, USA and the same amateur in England. The postage was paid with a 3¢ Washington stamp punched with perfin pattern B145. This pattern "BK/CAL" is listed in *The Catalog of United States Perfins* as being used by The Bank of California in San Francisco. While both cities are on the west coast of the United States there is considerable distance between the two states. One must wonder how the stamp made the trip up the coast only to be used as overseas postage in September of 1939.

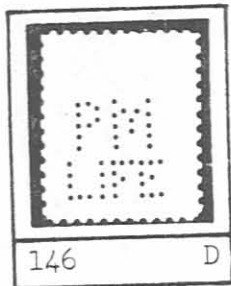
My thanks to S. Shayler of Skipton, England who provided the photocopies.

Note: The QSO card is illustrated on the top of page 56.

Handwritten notes:
 M. Roberts - 1st class 20¢
 He gave me the card on 4/30/38
 I gave him the card on 4/30/38
 RST 4-19
 app. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 QSL - 1st class 20¢
 Same info. as above - 73



S. Roberts
 Moor View
 Belmont Grove
 Rawdon, near Leeds
 Yorkshire, England



W6EEP		
2841 SOUTH WEST VIEW ST., LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.		
W A C	To Radio G.6.Q.S.... This confirms our two-way radio communication of April 30, 1938 OPS: ARCH AND DOROTHY MEYER	W B E

This first card QSLs (i.e., confirms two-way radio communications between amateurs radio operators) in Los Angeles, California, USA and Rawdon, near Leeds; Yorkshire, England on April 30, 1938. This is apparently a private use of perfin P146 "PM/LIFE". This is a difficult pattern to make out and in fact it had been misidentified as "PM/UFE" in pencil on the back of the photocopy provided to

Communication of August 2:

Radio *G6Q5*
S. Roberts,
Moor View, Belmont Grove.



416 E. 43rd St. U. S. A. Seattle, Wash.

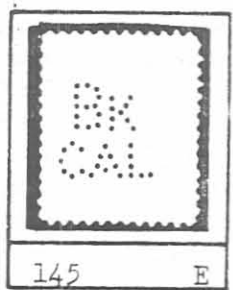
W7HBL

We have
qso twice
Havent gotten
ur card.

The last time we qso'd 57-9 Loudest Q I ever

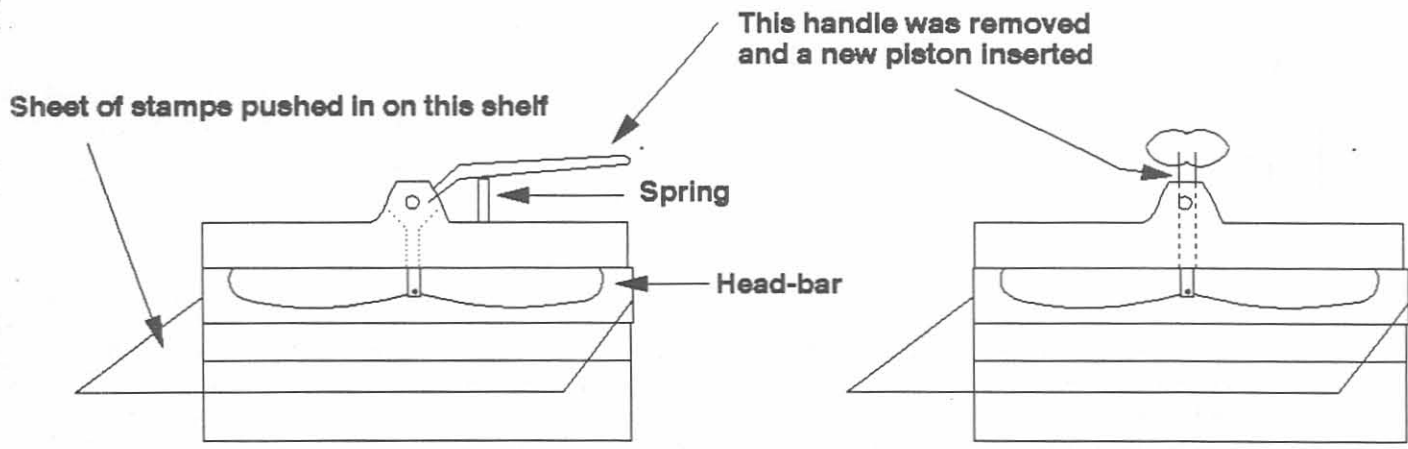
Please qsl om. Ur my 1st and only QSL!

Radio *G6Q5* confirming our QSO of *2300* P.S.T.
August 2 1939 Ur Sigs RST *579XQSA* R Freq. *14 mc*
Xmtr *6V6-6L6-809* 100w Rcvr *SW-3* Ant *133 ft Zepp*
Txn Om for QSO Pse QSL *Hpe euagn* Vy 73 Ivor James, op.
sn.



Proof of the M242 - M253 10-head device

William C. Allen (#629)



Hand operated device
Shown down the left hand side of this page is a proof of the M242

Converted to power operation
M243 10-head device. The missing "M's" and a couple of "S's" are due to the fact that I had to