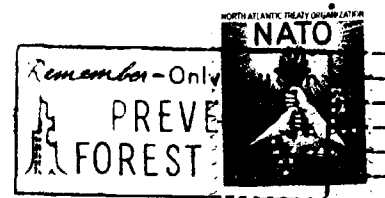


A is for Apple Revisited

ACME FAST FREIGHT, Inc.

411 SOUTH FIRST AVENUE
PHOENIX, ARIZ.



O. S. Stapley Co.
723 Grand Ave.
Phoenix, Ariz.

Figure 1 - Acme Fast Freight Inc., 411 South First Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

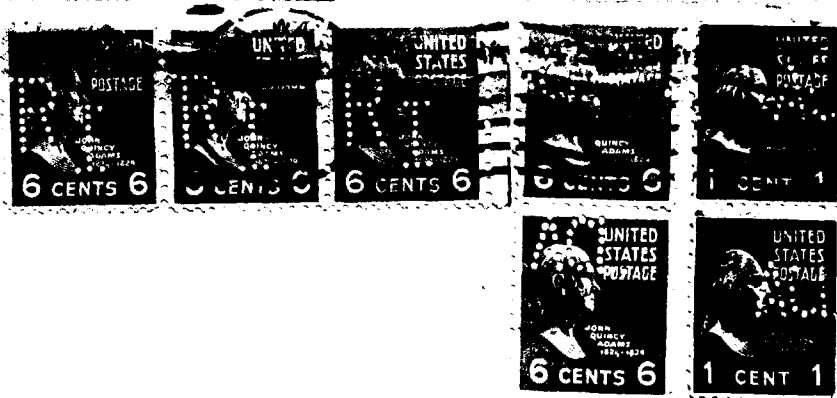
"A is for Apple" appeared on pages 185-188, *The Perfins Bulletin*, November/December 1996. In the article, I provided a number of corrections and additions to the data of perfins that start with the letter "A". Deep in my heart, I knew, that it was just a partial set of corrections even for the few perfins covered. Figure 1 (photographically cropped) illustrates the correctness of my assumption. The figure illustrates an October 24, 1952, posting from Acme Fast Freight, 411 South First Avenue, Phoenix, AZ franked with a NATO 3¢ stamp punched with perfin pattern A120. Now we need to request that the US Catalog Editor, who has not commented on the November/December article to add "Phoenix, AZ" to the list of locations given in that article. I owe my thanks for this cover and the really interesting cover shown in Figure 2 (page 26) to Mahlon Chestnut #2799. Figure 2, which also has been photographically cropped, is explained by

Mahlon's letter which I will keep enclosed to prevent some future owner of my collection from trying to determine how two perfin patterns from different users wound up on a third user's envelope. Mahlon wrote:

"I enjoyed your recent article in the *Perfins Bulletin* regarding American Fast Freight and other perfins that seem to wander from company to company and city to city. Imagine my surprise when a recent auction lot brought the enclosed ATF perfin cover. I don't keep covers, so I am going to donate this to you and you can add to the ATF locations."

"I have rambled enough, and in answer to 'How did these perfins get on that envelope?', easy, A76 and R75A were in the same auction lot only in MNH condition and I couldn't resist the opportunity to use them in mail to you."

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Figure 2 - The Envelope with copies of A76 and R75A