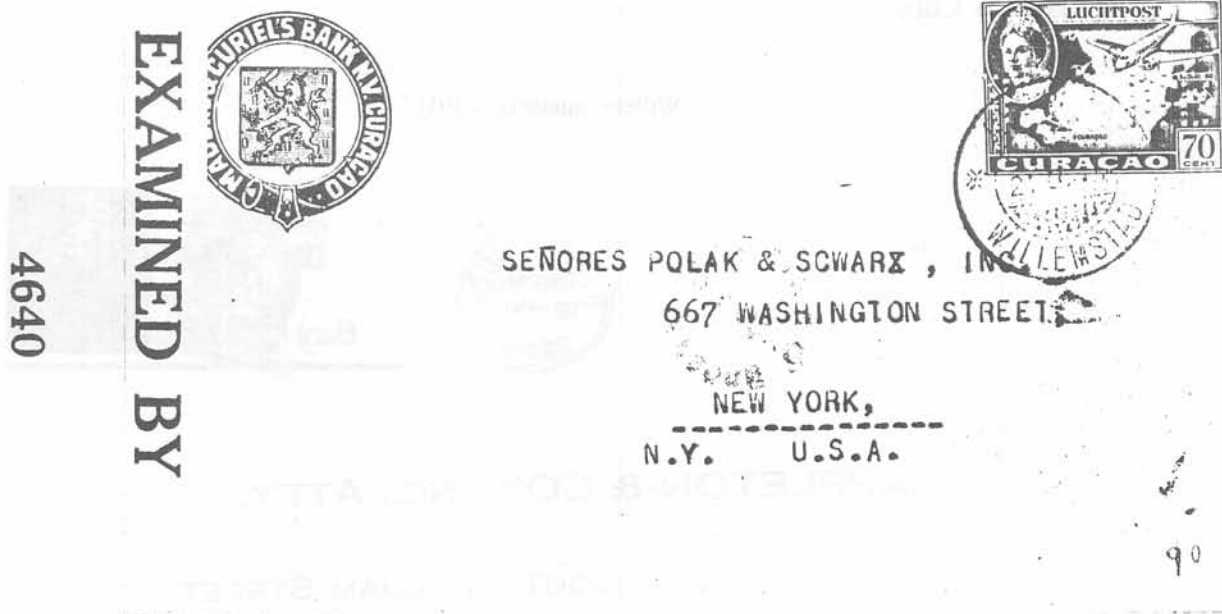


John Lyding (#106)



Jim Estes (#2649) sent the above cover to me along with the following note:

While working on my stamp collection, I came across the illustrated cover from Curacao. The cover has everything. Exotic cover, censored, map stamp and perfin. What more could anyone want? Could you help me identify the perfin? Also, if you have any idea of its value, I would be interested in knowing it.

A cover from my collection. While I can not make out the postmark on Jim's censored cover, mine is clearly

dated April 23, 1949, well after the end of World War II. The corner card, Maduro & Curiel's Bank N.V. Curacao was partially obscured by the censor's tape on Jim's cover. The perfin "MB" sort of fits with the banks name. Perhaps Curiel was a new partner that merged with Maduro.

VIA AIR MAIL

