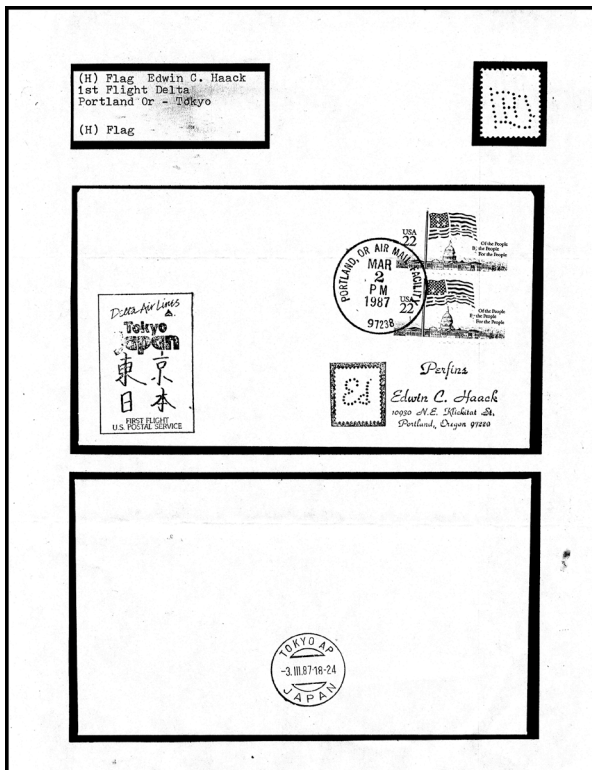


Unusual Perfin Uses

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Below are illustrated two very different unusual perfins usages. Both were created by Ed Haack using his personal perfins.

In the first, Ed used his personal perfin in stamps franking the first day of use of the current \$2 bill. On the date of "issue" special permission was given for collectors to have the new bills canceled by the USPS on the condition that first class postage was affixed to the bill to be canceled. Ed chose to use his personalized stamps (pattern E22.5P – 'Ed') to frank these first-day of use items. The top bill was franked and then canceled in Portland, OR; the middle bill was double franked and then canceled in two different cities – Portland, OR (left cancel) and Wimpe, OR (right cancel); and the bottom bill was franked and then canceled in Wimpe, OR. Note that while the two Portland cancels were apparently made with the same device, those from Wimpe were not.



The second item is a first flight cover commemorating the first Delta flight from Portland, OR to Tokyo, Japan on March 2, 1987. This cover is franked with a flag over the capitol stamp and appropriately has Ed's (H) flag perfin (H11.5P) in it.

As with much of the philatelic material Ed generated, there is a definite Portland, OR connection in both of these unusual uses.