
New Addition to Canary Islands Perfins

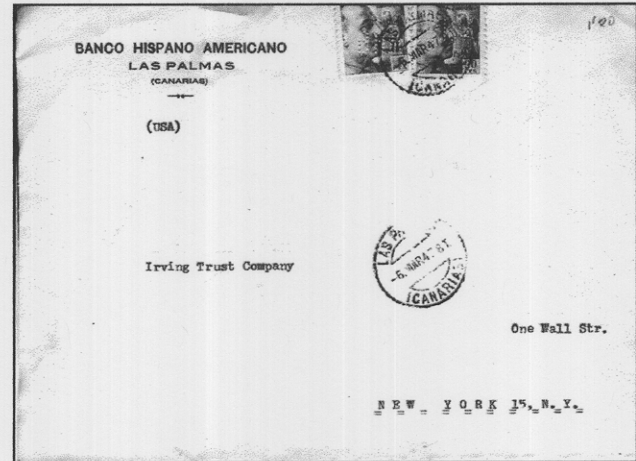
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In the July/August 2003 issue of the Perfins Bulletin on page 99, I reported a new find for the Canary Islands, thus increasing the number of patterns known to have been used on the Canary Islands from one to two!

In the November/December 2003 issue of the Perfins Bulletin on page 179, there appears a fine article showing the research of Joe Laura increasing the number of patterns known to have been used in the Canary Islands from two to three! But read on....

Several months ago, there was a cover on e-bay merely listed as a Spanish perfin (not even a cover mind you). How many times can lightning strike or am I just more aware when looking for oddities on Spanish covers? There it was as clear as day, Banco Hispano Americano - LAS PALMAS (Canarias; see picture of cover). BHA is a very common Spanish perfin and I would ask that any members with Spanish perfin collections check their collections as Joe Laura did for cancels that might betray another Canary Island connection on these or other perfin patterns. I would be happy to hear from anyone and even more please to see a follow up article on any further finds.

We now have four different perfins known to have been used on the Canary Islands. I doubt that I will ever see another Canary Islands cover on e-Bay again, but rest assured that if I do, it will be reported here first. As they say, putting the frosting on the



cake, this one only cost me the minimum bid as no one picked up on this usage.

Imagine, in the space of less than a year two Massachusetts perfin collectors have quadrupled the known number of perfins used on the Canary Islands. WOW!

Ed. Note: (Linked to the above article only by being related to previous information given in the Bulletin on the Canary Islands.) Magnus Werner in his note on the Spanish Philippines article also included a quick note to remind all of us that euros, while a common currency in Europe, and clearly linking these islands to Europe rather than to Africa. Are not the universal currency in Europe. He cites "...Denmark, Great Britain, and others..." as not currently using them.