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THE MODERN COIL STAMPS OF GERMANY by Georg Gerlach

Many philatelists collect coil stamps as part of their general country collections. In some instances, they have made coil stamps their area of specialization, and developed collections of incredible scope and beauty. One country which has garnered a large following of coil collectors is Germany. In Germany, it has been said that there is only one way to collect stamps, and that is to excess. The coil stamps of Germany offer the philatelist a chance to fulfill that axiom. One can progress from a simple collection of single coil stamps to the extreme of end-strips or start-strips, strips of five or eleven, and everything in between.

German coil stamps were first issued before WWI, in rolls of 200 or 250 stamps (also 500), and were practically impossible to distinguish from sheet stamps when separated. Many coil collectors saved strips of eleven stamps, as that confirmed the stamps were from a coil roll. In addition, each coil roll had a strip of four blank tabs for use in vending machines. These were collected with either one, five, or eleven stamps attached. Needless to say, some of the early coils are quite difficult to find and expensive.

Following WW2 and the subsequent division of Germany, coil stamps again appeared, first in Berlin, then West Germany. The first few coil issues of both were printed similarly to those of before the war. Stamps were printed in rolls of 500 or 1000 and were undistinguishable from sheet stamps unless collected in strips of eleven or with the endstrip. The first few coil issues following the war are very expensive as few people had the money to collect stamps.

In the mid-1950s, the German Post Office began printing black (later also red and other colours) counting numbers (Zaehlnummern) on the back of every fifth stamp in the coil roll. The introduction of these counting numbers made identification of coil stamps much easier, and opened the door to a variety of different ways to collect coil stamps. Counting numbers also made identification of different coil sizes possible. Table 1 illustrates the differences between the control numbers from various roll sizes. In some instances, the price difference between stamps from different roll sizes can be significant.

Collectors could now collect single stamps with odd or even numbers as well as strips of 3, 5, 6, or 11. In the case of strips of 3 or 5, a counting number is included at either end or in the middle of the strip. Strips of 6 are collected so that there is a counting number on the first and last stamps of the strip. Even with the introduction of counting numbers, many traditional collectors still collect strips of 11, with the numbers on the first, sixth, and eleventh stamps. Others also collect the first stamp(s) of a roll. Here too, it is possible to collect only the single stamp or strips of 6 or 11. At the other end of the roll are the popular and expensive endstrips. These are collected as single stamps plus four blank tabs, or strips of 5 or 11. Needless to say, even a simple collection can become a real drain on the pocketbook.

There are more ways these stamps can be collected. A number of varieties sometimes occur as a result of the printing or perforating process. Although the stamps are printed in large rolls, the perforating process perforates only 10 or 11 stamps at a time, depending on the perforating device. Due to different degrees of paper stretch or other reasons during the perforating process, it is possible to get varieties which come in two main types: pointed perforation teeth, or wide teeth (see Figure 1). These can occur on the top or the bottom of a stamp, although they are most commonly

observed on the bottom perforation tooth. Somewhat rarer are misalignments of the perforations and even of the design itself (similar to Canada jump strips).

The coil stamps of Germany truly offer the scope and challenge sought after by many collectors. In its simplest form of collecting only single stamps with counting numbers, it is readily affordable. In the case of endstrips or startstrips, especially in strips of 11, it can be a very expensive proposition limited to a few with large bank accounts.

Table 1. Identification of stamps from different coil roll sizes

Small coil rolls

coil rolls of 200, 300, 400 and 500 stamps

example: 100 - 105 - 110 - 115 - 120 , etc.

Large coil rolls (Type A)

coil rolls of 1000 stamps

example: 0400 - 405 - 0410 - 415 - 0420 , etc.

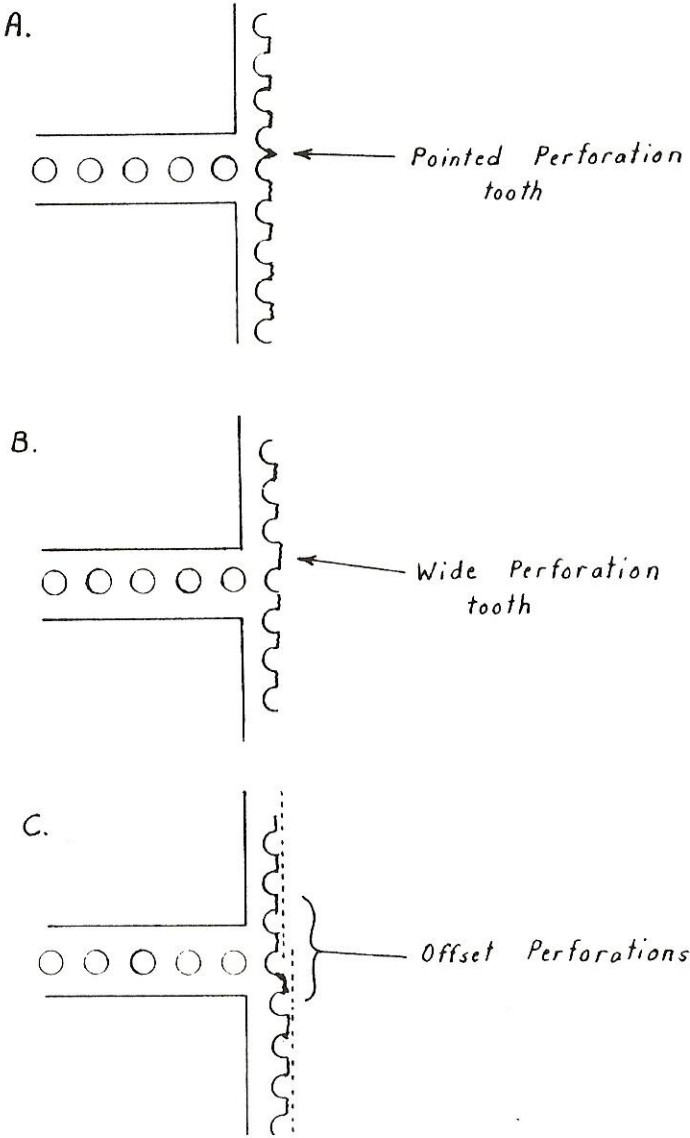
Large coil rolls (Type B)

coil rolls of 1000 and more stamps

example: 0400 - 0405 - 0410 - 0415 - 0420 , etc.

Note: The difference between the smaller coil rolls and the 1000 stamp coil roll (Type A) can only be determined via the even numbered stamps or via numbers higher than those possible from the small roll (ie. Nr. 645 could only come from a 1000 stamp roll not a 500 stamp roll).

Figure. 1



SOUTH OF CARDSTON (PART 1)
by Perry Holinshead

In 1887, when Charles Ora Card led forty followers comprising twelve families to Lee Creek, the settlement of this corner of southwestern Alberta began. Other Mormons followed quickly from the United States, and the first post office was opened at Cardston on July 1, 1892. By 1896, the Henderson Directory listed the names of 68 adults populating the town.

The first mail route extension from Cardston was to Colles, on January 1, 1893. This hamlet was probably named for J.C. Colles, the first postmaster. The name was changed to Kimball on February 1, 1903. Subsequent post offices were opened at Taylorville on June 9, 1900, and Aetna on November 1, 1900.

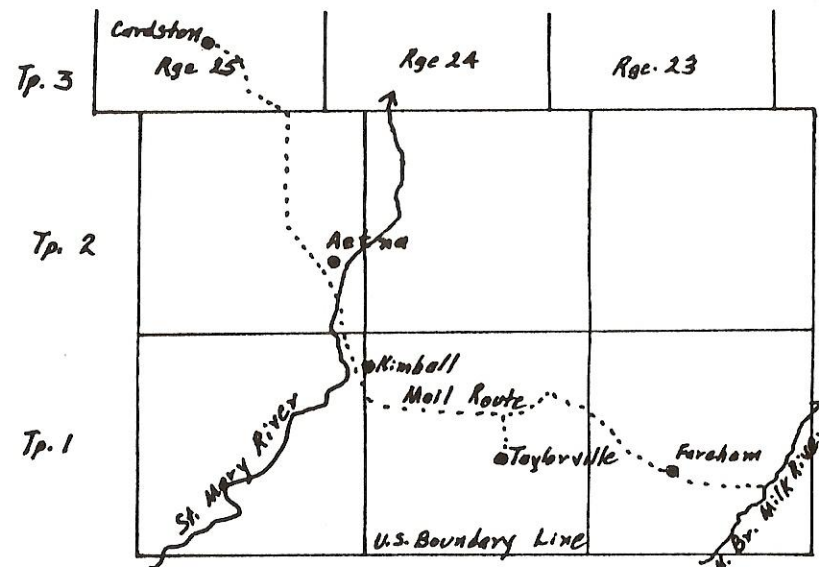
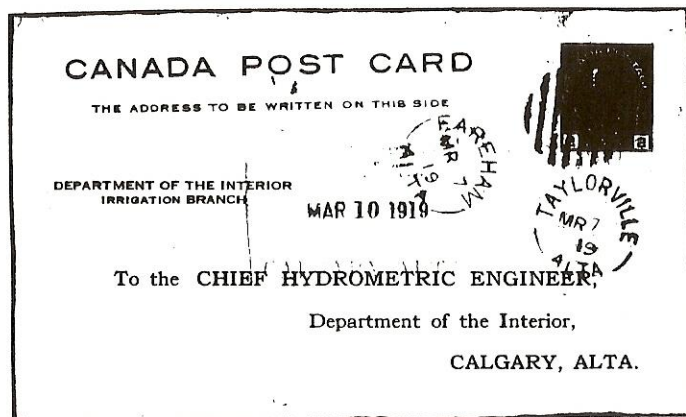
Taylorville is said to have been the location where the Card wagon train stopped at 2 p.m., June 1, 1887, before carrying on to Lee Creek. In the 1920 Wrigley Directory, it is said to be "18 miles S.E. of Cardston. Has Latter Day Saints Church and public school. All land in the district taken up, about 25 families in the vicinity." In the 1924 Henderson Directory, the population had grown to 175.

In Henderson 1914, Aetna is described as "a post settlement ... reached by stage and livery, mails semi-weekly, population 400". By 1920, the district population was said to be only 300. Today, both Aetna and Taylorville are ghost towns. The post offices were closed October 30, 1958, and February 20, 1963, respectively.

The last extension to the mail route was Fareham, where the post office was opened March 1, 1918. These early post offices were in the homesteaders' homes, and Fareham was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harper. It was named after a place in England known to Mrs. Harper, but the name was changed to Whiskey Gap on July 1, 1931, after the railroad came through and the office was moved to a new store.

Yvonne Barnett tells the story. "One of the first mail carriers was Mr. Casey Jones, who hauled the mail in the summer in a Dodge car, and team and sleigh in winter. The soil through Whiskey Gap being of a gumbo nature and very little graded road, he had some terrible trips. It was supposedly a weekly service."

The postcard below was mailed at Fareham, with a transit strike at Taylorville.



SPEAKER'S CORNER
by Ed Harris

The Search For The Niger is a great title for a talk about this geographic area, and enables us to envision the intriguing history of several stamp-issuing entities: Niger Coast Protectorate, Niger Territories, Lagos, Northern Nigeria, Southern Nigeria, and Oil Rivers. These are some of the exotic-sounding names that were included in Phil Wolf's talk to the CPS on February 5, 1992. This was a repeat of a talk given to the club some years ago, and his enthusiasm for this area of collecting certainly has not waned in the meantime.

Phil told us of the earliest settlement and the opening of the first post offices in 1891 and 1892 in several locations. Originally British stamps were overprinted and issued in 1892. The first set of Oil Rivers stamps [the name refers to palm oil, not petroleum] was prepared in 1893, but due to the name changes were re-engraved. On January 1, 1901, the Niger Coast was incorporated into Southern Nigeria, but stamps and cancellations of Niger Coast continued to be used until stamps showing 'Southern Nigeria' were issued in March 1901.

I am sure that many hearing this talk were unaware that Phil's collection of covers showing rates, routes, and cancellations is one of the more important collections on a worldwide basis. Thank you, Phil, for a most enjoyable talk and slide program.

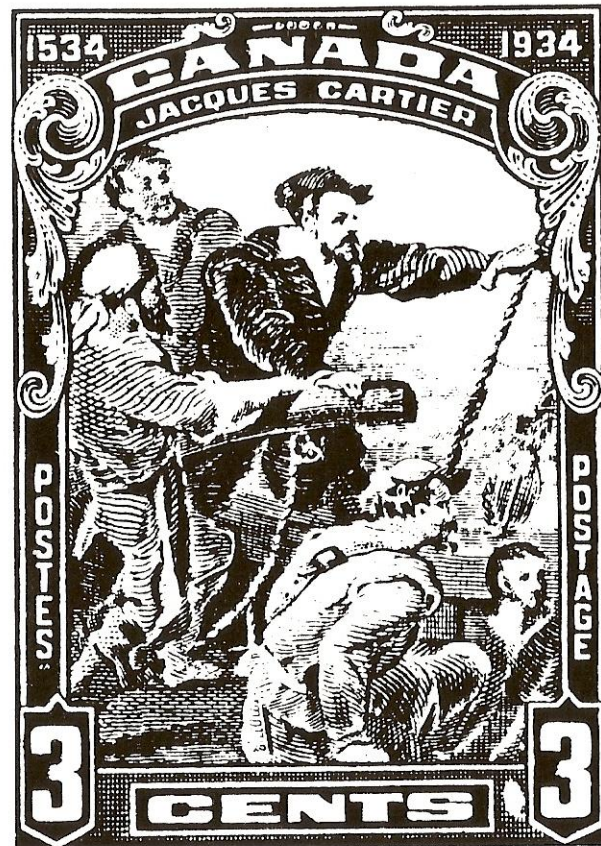


BRASS RIVER, 4 FE '98, TO ENGLAND. A three-colour franking of Niger Coast Protectorate values totals 7 pence, paying double-weight postage of 5 pence (2 x 2½ pence) plus 2 pence registration.

MARCH 4, 1992, MEETING

CPS members are in for something just a little different from our usual programs. Three Calgary collectors who have all been successful exhibitors will discuss "Forming a Specialized Collection" and will show pages from their prize-winning collections. Topics to be covered include What to Collect, What to Include, How to Mount, How to Write Up, and many other pertinent topics. A question period will follow.

[Editor's note: If you are willing to put on a program, don't be shy about asking someone on the club executive. The CPS will reimburse for the cost of a roll of slides if you need them for a program.]



FOUNDERS AWARD

This award is given annually to the member considered to have contributed significantly to the CPS during the previous season. At the December 4, 1991, wine-and-cheese party, the Founders Award for the 1990/91 season was given to Doug Kollar, chairman of the auction committee. The auctions are important in keeping this club solvent, as well as providing a place where members can buy/sell/trade philatelic material. Congratulations Doug!

For the historical record previous winners of the Founders Award are given below.

1973 - Jim Sadler	1983/84 - Leanna Johnson
1974 - Ken Ford	1984/85 - John Jarabek
1975 - Tom Lemon	1985/86 - Guy Boissonneault
1976 - Walter Jackson	1986/87 - Dale Speirs
1977 to 1979 - award dormant	1987/88 - no award
1980/81 - Don Fraser	1988/89 - Greg Lang
1981/82 - Keith Brown	1989/90 - Mike McPhail
1982/83 - Al Munro	1990/91 - Doug Kollar

WINE-AND-CHEESE PARTY

The December 1991 meeting was the usual party, where business and programs are set aside in favour of good food, conversation, and all-around fun, with spouses specially invited. Helping out with the food and wine, either preparing it or serving it, were the Johnsons, Seredas, and Langs. Ed Harris provided the contest, assisted by Jim Taylor, Bob Perry, and Clive Brown.

AUTHOR OF THE YEAR

The CPS is a chapter of the American Philatelic Society. Among other benefits, we receive a certificate to be awarded as we choose, and we choose to honour the best author in the Calgary STAMPeDe. For the 1991 calendar year, Georg Gerlach has been selected as Author of the Year. The presentation was made to him at the February 5, 1992, general meeting. Congratulations Georg!

MISSING BULLETINS

If you have trouble receiving your bulletins in the mail, it may be because we do not have your correct address. Be sure that you keep John Van Staden Jr. notified of any address changes (call 285-1874). All enquiries about missing bulletins must be directed to him, not the Editor.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

These ads are free to paidup members of the CPS. Mail your ads to Dale Speirs, Box 6830, Calgary, T2P 2E7, or hand them to me at general meetings. Deadline for the May 1992 STAMPeDe is April 1.

FOR SALE: Soviet Zone/DDR postally used before 1955 at 15% of 1991/92 Michel price in Cdn. dollars. Also wide selection of other Germany. Call Georg at 547-0409.

WANTED: Centennial issue covers addressed to foreign destinations, no US or UK please. Price individually, as a batch, or ask for my offer. Will give generous trade of MNH Canada for items I need. Call Ed Harris at 274-0021 or see me at any meeting.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Canadian First-Day covers. For sale: U.N., worldwide mint stamps. Phone Fred Oelhaupl at 289-0852.

TRADE: Call me to tell me what you need and what you have to trade, or my want list. Many countries including North America. Call Mr. Jean Maltais at 245-0294.

FOR SALE: Mint Ireland, many complete sets, mint Fiji and Cook Islands, mint 1981 Royal Wedding issues and booklets. Phone Bob Perry at 282-4520.

FOR SALE: OLYMPEX 88 show catalogue. Illustrated, articles on Calgary postal history, Olympic and sports philately. Price \$6 postpaid anywhere, from the CPS, Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L6.

WANTED: Canada airmail covers with preprinted return address and red/blue airmail border. Phone Jon Johnson at 282-9775.

STUDY GROUPS

Australasian Study Group meets third Wednesdays. Call Leanna Johnson at 282-9775.

Great Britain Study Group meets every second month. Call Steve Davis at 237-5806.

Calgary Regional Group of British North America Philatelic Society meets second Wednesdays. Call Jim Karr at 287-0897.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN 1992

March	4		General meeting
	8		Sunday bourse
	18		Auction
	25		Auction
April	1		General meeting
	1		Deadline for May STAMPede
	5		Sunday bourse
	15		Auction
	22		Auction
	25		BNAPS Calgary Regional Meeting
	26		Stamp Day
May	6		General meeting
	6		Deadline for June STAMPede
	20		Auction
	27		Auction
June	3		Election meeting
	17		Auction
	24		Auction
September	2		General meeting
	2		Deadline for October STAMPede
	16		Auction
	23		Auction
October	7		General meeting
	21		Auction
	28		Auction
November	4		General meeting
	4		Deadline for November STAMPede
	13 to 15		CALTAPEX 92
	18		Auction
	25		Auction
December	2		Wine-and-cheese party

AUCTIONS and MEETINGS are at Kerby Centre, second floor, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 730 pm. Auction lots should be in before 730 pm to allow bidder viewing.

SUNDAY BOURSES are at American Women's Club, 1010 - 14 Avenue SW, from 10 am to 430 pm. (Please do not park in the vacant lot on the west side of the building.) For details or table rental, contact Walter Jackson at 242-4128.

BNAPS REGIONAL MEETING is at Marlborough Inn. Call Ed Harris at 274-0021.

STAMP DAY is at Marlborough Inn. For details, call Jon Johnson at 282-9775.

CALTAPEX 92 is at Marlborough Inn. Details from Phil Wolf at 259-8750.