

In This Issue

We have the unusual opportunity this month to feature two articles on aspects of the U.S. 1847 issue. The first, from **Harvey Mirsky**, discusses how the stamps for denominations below 5¢ were not available until 1851, but that the rates for certain services nevertheless existed. In **The U.S. 1847 Issue Overpaying Domestic Postage Rates**, he shows how certain letters were deemed worth sending overpaid with the 5¢ stamp, and rarely with the 10¢ denomination. The arrival of the 1¢ and 3¢ stamps a few years later made this extravagance unnecessary.

The second article, **Plating the United States 1847 Issue**, points out how difficult it has been to identify plate positions on the 1847 issue, but how that situation was made a bit easier with the discovery of the half sheets released by the American Bank Note Company. In spite of that, **William Gross** shows that the plate positions of a number of multiples and identifiable single stamps have been misidentified or unknown in the past and seeks to set the record straight.

Military forces that are obliged to cross borders into non-combatant countries are treated as “internees” rather than prisoners of war. **István Gazda** tells of special mail services that were made available in **Registered and Special Delivery Mail of Polish Military Internee Camps in Hungary**. The use of such extra services was rare, particularly in the various phases of the war.

Coverage extending from the Caribbean to Africa and as far as Southeast Asian French colonies is shown in the latest effort of regular contributor, **Ed Grabowski**. The very few examples available of what would normally be considered a common stamp are found in **Gleanings from the French Colonies: Use of the One Centime French Colonial Allegorical Group Type Stamp**.

Harlan Stone returns with an accounting of attempts to mail currency through the post, where it should have been registered. In **Money “Smuggling” through Swiss Post Offices** he shows two examples that were discovered by the post office and the way each situation was handled.

Cover story: 1916—A British General’s Philatelic Cover in this issue features an unusual situation in which a philatelic ally aware British general in German East Africa sent a letter to a friend for auction on behalf of the Nyasaland Red Cross Fund. **Dr. David Lobdell** points out that the stamps on cover are these days considered great rarities.

Finally, the annual award of the **Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award** will be presented to **Patricia Stilwell Walker** at the annual awards dinner on May 10. The formal announcement is made on page 76, and members and guests are invited to join to honor her and the recipients of the other awards made over the year.