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SHIFT-HUNTER LETTER No 13  
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Dear Mr Shift Hunter:

The 13th letter does not seem to be at all unlucky. New data continues to come in and altho it takes lots of time, it is a pleasure to record and pass on the data.

Hunter McAlpin sends the 2¢-Walloon shift with plate position almost complete. It is not a big shift but it is "sure there" and worthy of a place in any collection.

"Shifty" Jones (he calls me names so here is where I get back at him) finds a small shift on the 2¢-Pan American, as shown below. Lets watch this stamp for more data as this is the first item to be found.

The 5¢-Blue Garfield of 1888 is another contribution from Mr Jones. This is a small shift often very distinct and will be worth your attention. It has not yet been found on the Brown stamp of 1882.

**#285-2¢**  
**Pan American**  
**H.M. Jones**

Mr McAlpin is the first to find a shift on the 5¢-bicolored airmail. This shift requires a good glass but there seems to be no doubt that it is a shift. The plate position is nearly complete.

**#216**  
**H.M. Jones**

Major Bonesteel is now in the Army & Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. He lost his tonsils and was feeling rather "bum" when he last wrote the Shift Hunters. We hope that that knee soon gets ok.

I think you are all acquainted with the common shift on the 5¢-Jamestown. It shows in the ribbons and numerals, usually on the right side, more rarely on the left side of the stamp. Mr Vestal finds one with a shift to the right on the right side and a shift to the left on the left side. This is what we call a Double-Double Transfer or one form of a Triple Transfer. Twisted shifts are often mistaken for Double-Doubles but this one is not twisted. Another credit mark for Mr Vestal.



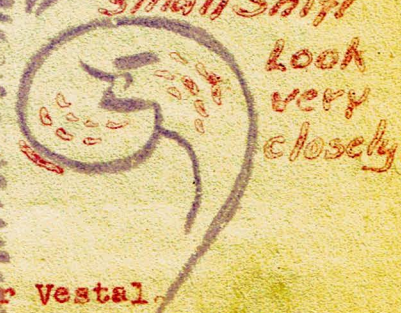
**F.R. McAlpin**

Shift in the next stamp above this one.

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**#40 Airmail 2**  
**Plate 19569**





Mr Behr and Mr Vestal are having a little investigation

Behr-Vestal  
10¢ War

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in which they invite us to join. Every 10¢ War stamp that they have found, hard or soft paper, specimen or proof, has this little "crack" showing in the lower left margin.

It cannot be a cracked plate and is so prominent that it must have been described somewhere in the philatelic press but what is it. A plausible

explanation is a **CRACKED DIE** with every Relief and every plate position showing the crack. If there was more than one relief on the roll there may be found stamps without the crack, which in this case might be more rare. Please watch every 10¢ War stamp and report your observations.

We do not wish to be a competitor of Mr King and the A.P.S. Revenue unit. There are many of the Shift Hunters that are not members of the American Philatelic Society but all such Specialists should be. It is for their benefit that we break over the dead line and describe Mr Caspar Dorer's find on the \$2.00 Second Issue Revenue. This shift shows in scattered places over the stamp and we have roughly illustrated the upper right margin and the upper and lower numerals. Every Hunter is missing a lot of fine Shift data on the Revenues who is not an A.P.S. member. Let me send you an application blank.

We have previously described a shift of the left frame line on the Postman & Motorcycle Spl. Delivery of 1922. Mr Vestal finds a similar shift of the right frame line with a straight edge and center line at the right. He says "This will make it necessary for me to re-examine the entire lot of special delivery stamps which I thought I had exhausted". yes, Yes and YES. Many times have I gone back over the lots where I looked for one shift in one place only. I still do. It takes too much time to look for shifts that I have never seen except where I deliberately take a stamp about which I know nothing and start in on a pioneering search. Our Confederation or Union of Shift Hunters save all of us a lot of wasted time. The Shift Hunter Letters tell us all **WHERE TO LOOK**.

also Thanks to Mr Bonesteel, Mr Jones, Dr Chambers and Mr Davis Dr Booker for their \$2.00 contributions to expenses. We are now using better paper and send out the letters whenever enough data comes in. There is a demand for many of the back letters which are now "out of print". I think we will "Soak" you 15¢ each for the reproduced letters (50¢ for letter No. 9).

Cordially yours

C.W. Bedford.



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