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SHIFT HUNTER LETTER No. 32

BUREAU ISSUES ASSOCIATION.

PLATE VARIETY COMMITTEE.

Report for May, 1931

Dear Mr. Shift Hunter:-

Charles H. Hermann is responsible for most of the data in this letter. He has abstracted the following tabulation from an old file of Mekeel's Weekly and further information is desired on most of the items.

Plate

No.	Pane	Position	Description of Variety
8930	LR	----	Plate cracks (?) between second and third vertical rows and between fifth and seventh horizontal rows. 1¢-1917.
9426	?	?	3¢-Victory. Plate cracks? "Thru 3"
4701	UL	4,5, & 6	2¢-1903. Imperf. Double Transfers.
7788	?	?	1¢-1912-14. Break in the small line under the "E" of "CENTS". Dr. Booker has shown me several copies of this break and it is apparently another bona fide "BROKEN RELIEF" and should be found on other plates.
7494	UR	67	2¢-1915. Perf. 10. Double Transfer.
6902	UL	?	12¢-1914 to 1917? Irregular vertical crack.
8131	UR	26-27-28	3¢-Perf. 11 and Imperf. Double and Triple Transfers.
8129	--	--	Ditto. Double Transfers.
7951	UL	58	2¢-Perf. 11. Double Transfer on left frame line.

These items are needed for illustration.

The Broken Relief in the "T" of "CENT" as illustrated in S.H.L. No. 28 was used for many positions on the Lower Left Pane of plate 10129. A left plate block of six and a lower left corner block show the break in all positions

The shift on the 12¢-1914 as illustrated in S.H.L. No. 29 also shows nicely in the upper left corner, being the first observed that shows other than at the bottom of the stamp.

Mr. Hermann also sends a left plate number block of No. 481, 1¢-1916, Imperf., with plate No. 9481 in margin. The stamp next to the plate number shows a small downward shift of the lower frame into the lower left margin. The next marginal stamp below the number shows the horizontal shading lines extending into the white internal margin just inside the left frame. There is also an extra curved line in the white margin at the lower right of the medalion. This is an attractive shift for any collection but a bit too small to be easily illustrated.

J. C. Harrigan in Mekeel's Weekly, reports the following plates of the 1¢-1917 as being 'loaded' with double transfers. 10417, 10420, 10441, 10454 and 10455. We would like to see plate number blocks from these plates or full panes for further report and illustration.

Mr. Hermann has also sent his collection of plate varieties on the 2¢-Offset stamps of 1918. We have sent these on to Mr. Donald F. Lybarger, 422 Engineers Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio, who has taken a great interest in this issue and has kindly consented to take the Chairmanship of a Sub-Committee on OFFSET PLATE VARIETIES. It is a pleasure to introduce Mr. Lybarger and suggest that all correspondence on this issue be sent to him direct. The results of the researches of this new Committee will first appear next September as the Third Educational Rota-print of the Shift Hunter Letters. Public spirited B.I.A. members have already underwritten the cost of the September report.

Cordially yours,  
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