

# The PhilateliKid

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In the May 2022 issue of *The PhilateliKid*, we began brief descriptions of various “Back of the Book” (“BOB”) listings in the Scott Catalogues. In subsequent issues we looked at stamps which begin with the letter “B,” “BK,” “C,” “CB,” “CE,” “CL,” “CM,” “CO,” “CVP,” “D,” “E,” “F,” “FA,” “J,” “JQ,” “K,” “L,” “LO,” “M,” “O,” “-P,” “PC,” “PN,” “PR,” “PS,” “Q,” “QE,” “QI,” “R” (Part 1), “R” (Part 2), “RC,” “RD,” “RE,” “REA,” “REF,” “RG,” “RH,” “RK,” “RL,” “RN-D,” “RO,” “RS,” “RV,” “RY,” “SPCVP,” “U,” “UC,” “UX,” “UY,” “WS,” “WX,” “#X,” and State, followed by a number. This month we will look at “LOX,” “OXF,” “TD,” and “CBO.” All stamps illustrated are from the author’s personal collection, unless otherwise noted.

### Stamps Beginning with the prefix “LOX.”

In the Scott Catalogue, items listed with the prefix “LOX” are typeset seals that were privately printed and sold to Fourth Class Post Offices. None is valid for postage, and hence none has a value printed on it. They all contain the words “Officially Sealed.” Some say, “Opened by Mistake by” and have a blank line beneath that phrase. Some instead say, “Opened Through Mistake.” One (LOX 46) says,

“Officially Sealed by P.M.” According to Scott, LOX 46 is unique, on pink paper, and has been split in half and repaired. Scott currently lists 46 different LOX seals. 25 have a catalog value of \$1,000.00 or higher. Only one has a catalog value that is less than \$50.00. (LOX11.) 16 have the name of the city and state. Each of those have a catalog value of \$500.00 or more. <<At left is Scott LOX 17. Note how it was crudely cut from a sheet resulting in uneven margins.



### Stamps beginning with prefix “OXF.”

In the Scott Catalogue, items listed with a prefix of “OXF” were used in post offices to seal registered mail. They were not stamps, and have no value stated on them. Scott lists 17 OXF seals. 12 of them have a catalog value of under \$50.00. At right is Scott OXF 1, which was issued in 1872.

This seal is particularly interesting because in the corners are intertwined the letters “US” and the letters “POD.” The letters “POD” are the initials of “Post Office Department.”

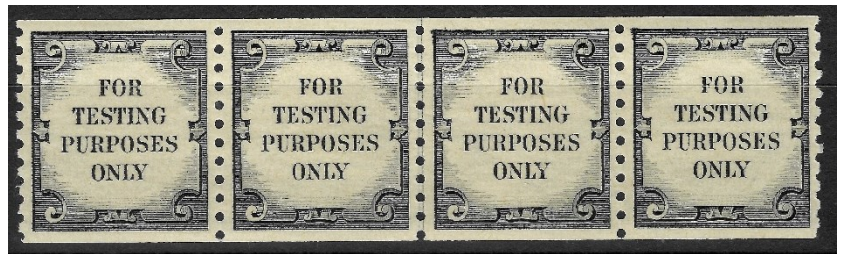
Prior to the renaming of the United States Postal Service (USPS) in 1971, it was called the Post Office Department (POD.)



## Stamps beginning with prefix “TD.”

In the Scott Catalogue items listed with the prefix “TD” are test stamps. They are not valid for postage, and therefore do not have a value stated on them. At the right is a coil strip of 4 test stamps. If you look carefully between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> stamp on this strip you can see two

faint block lines running through the perforations. The two stamps on either side of these faint black lines are designated in the Scott Catalogue as a “**Line Pair**.”



Scott TD 107

## Stamps Beginning with the prefix “CBO”

Stamps with the prefix “CBO” are air mail semi postal official stamps. See article below about Cyrenaica, which has one stamp that was issued in 1934, Scott CBO 1, with a catalog value of \$2,000.00 (not shown.)

## DEAD COUNTRIES

Beginning in October 2024, we illustrated stamps from “Dead Countries.” We looked at Newfoundland, Hawaii, Croatia, and Bavaria. This month we will look at **Cyrenaica**.



Cyrenaica is the eastern region of Libya. Cyrenaica includes all of the eastern part of Libya. That means that Cyrenaica is located in Africa, with its northern border being the Mediterranean Sea, and its eastern border being Egypt. The city of Benghazi is located in Cyrenaica. Benghazi became well-known to Americans when on September 11, 2012, a militant Islamic group named Ansar al-Sharia attacked the U.S. Embassy, murdered four Americans, including the U.S. Ambassador, J. Christopher Stevens, and wounded 10 others.

Cyrenaica became an Italian colony in 1911. The first stamps bearing the word “Cirenaica” were issued in 1923. They were stamps of Italy overprinted “Cirenaica” in either black or red. In 1926 stamps with the name Cirenaica as part of their design were issued, although overprinted stamps of Italy continued also to be issued. During WWII, the Allied Forces fought and took possession of Cyrenaica. In 1943 it fell under British military and civil administration which lasted until 1951. Then it became part of the Kingdom of Libya from 1951 until 1963, during which time stamps were issued spelling the name “Cyrenaica.” Since 1963, stamps of Libya are used in Cyrenaica. Scott Catalogue lists 77 different regular postage stamps issued bearing “Cirenaica” or “Cyrenaica,” plus 33 semi-postal, and 40 air mail stamps. Some of the air mail stamps are both air mail and semi postal, which Scott Catalogue lists under the prefix of “**CB**.” One air mail, semi postal official stamp also was issued, which Scott lists under the prefix “**CBO**.”

If you have carefully paid attention to the spelling of this country’s name in this article, you may have noticed that although the country’s stamps at first spelled its name with the letter “I” immediately after the first “C,” it has the letter “y” there in this article’s heading. That caused me some difficulty in finding it in the Scott Catalogue, which lists countries names alphabetically (with some exceptions, such as Newfoundland, which is located after Cameroun and before Canada.) It simply is not where I thought it should be, after Cilicia and before Cochin China. After looked in the index, I finally found it spelled Cyrenaica. Thus, it is located in Scott after Cyprus and before Czechoslovakia. (Czechoslovakia spelled its name “Ceskoslovensko” on its stamps.)

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