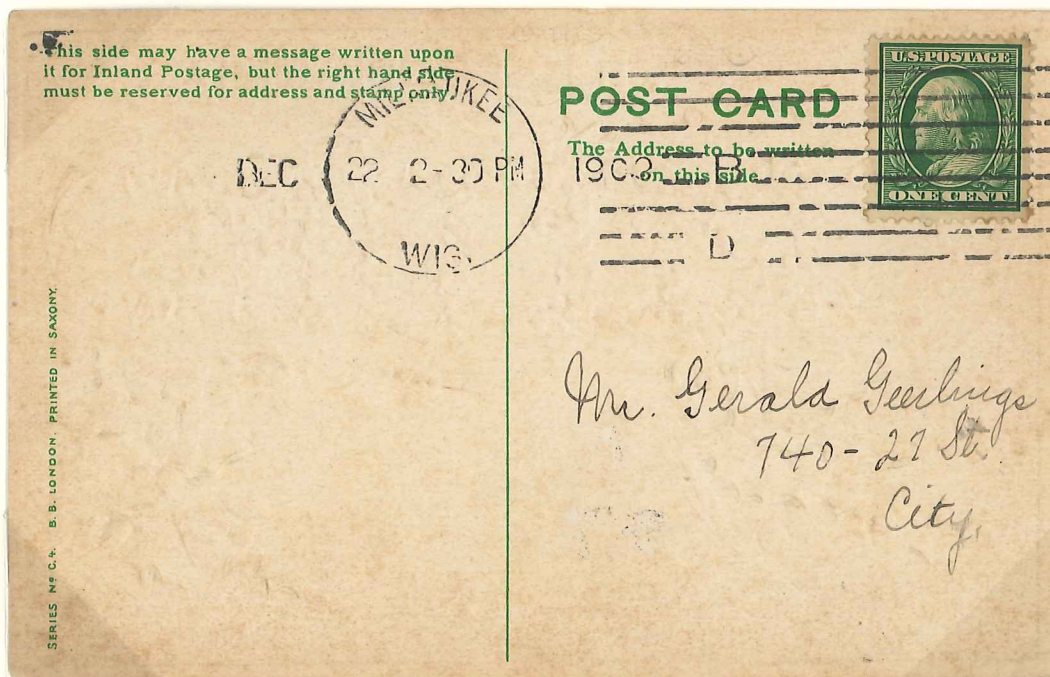
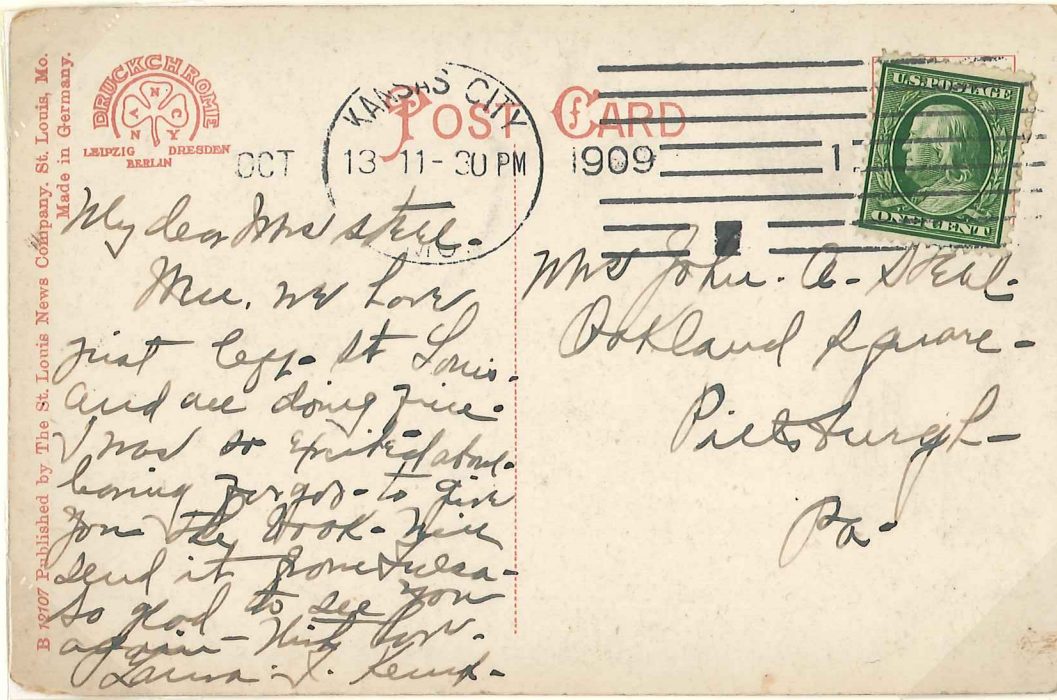


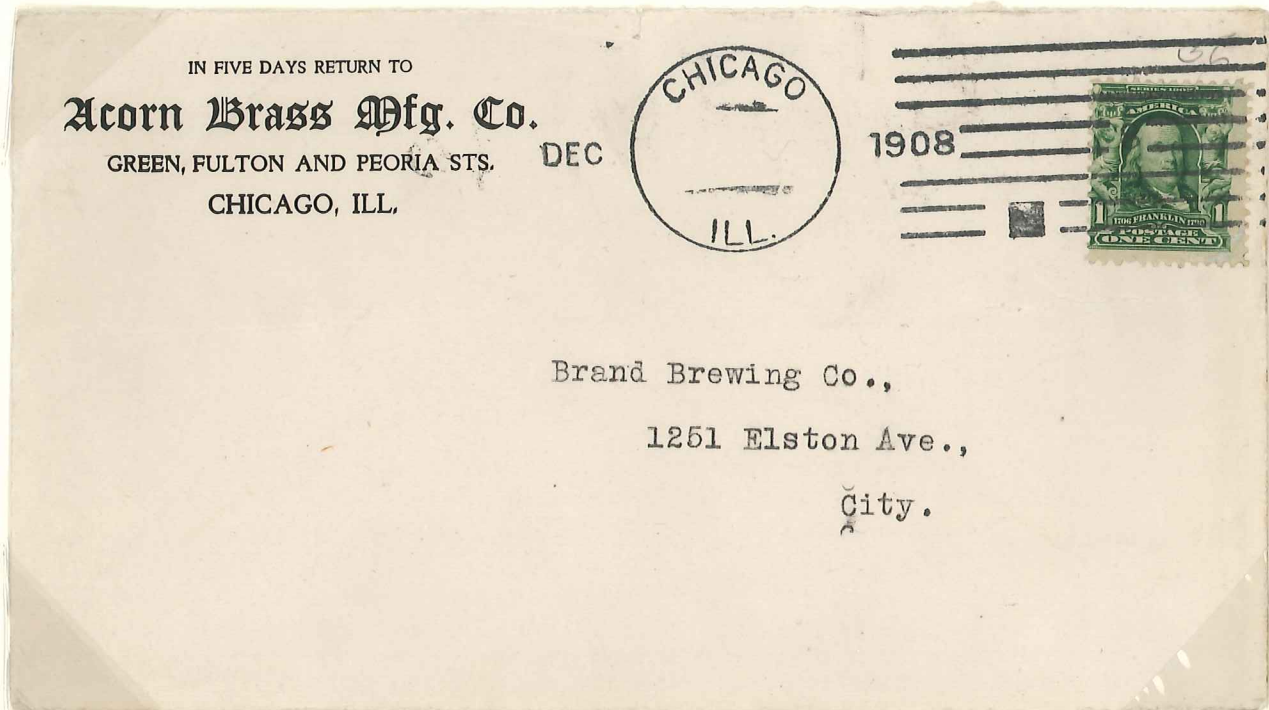
Milwaukee received a machine and initially used it with a 1 in the diespace. It is only known to have been used from April 12 to April 16, 1909.



The machine appears to have been moved to Station B designated by the B in the diespace and was used from late April 1909 into January 1910.



Kansas City used a machine with the service letter slug inserted the wrong way into the machine leaving the bottom of the slug impressing a solid rectangle.



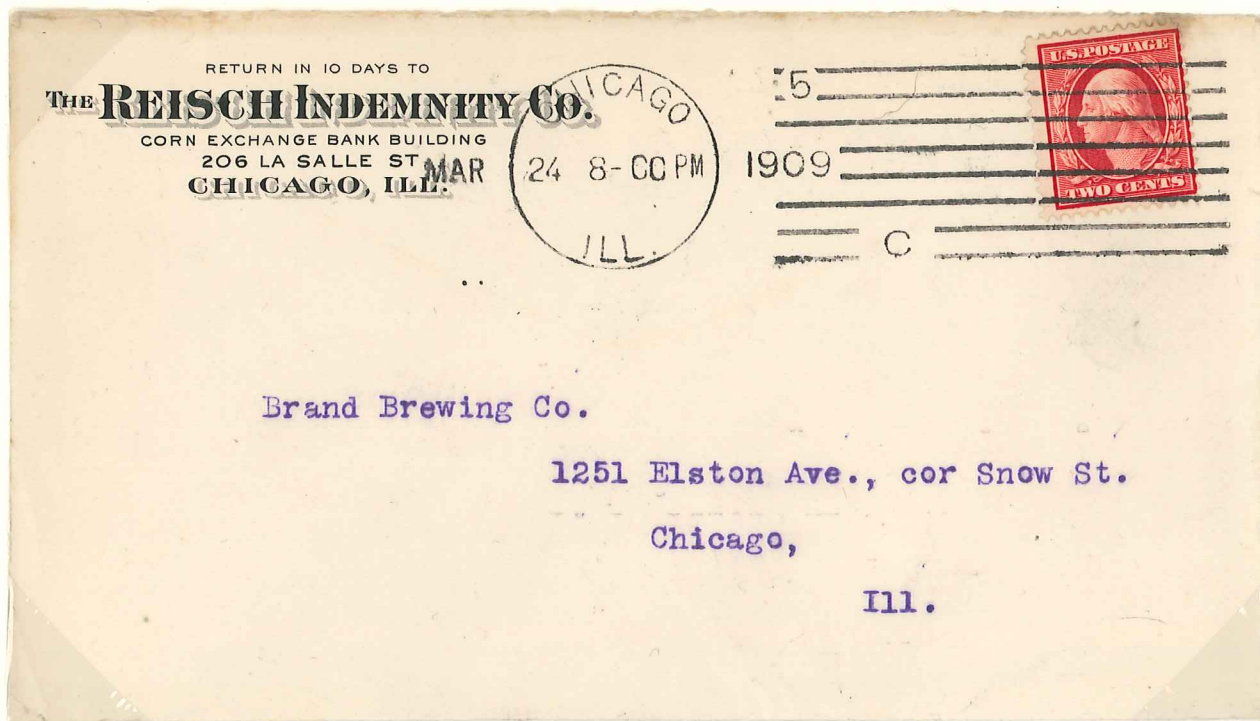
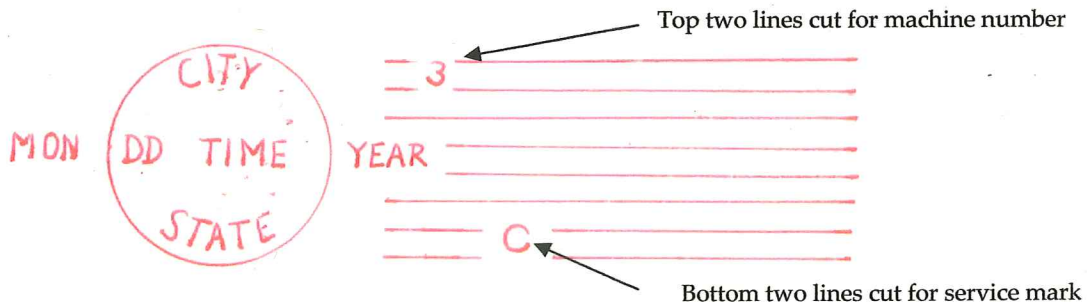
Chicago's machine #8 was also used with a black square from the inverted service letter slug.

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Leased Machines - C Postmarks

In March of 1909 a new style of postmark was introduced in Chicago. These had a diespace cut into the left side of the top two bars for the machine number. These postmarks, which continued to use the C dial, are classified as type C-113. This change may have been done to make the number more visible as it often printed on the stamp when located in the center of the killer bars. Chicago postmarks are known from machines numbered 1 through 20 along with single examples which have been reported from machines 21 and 23. This postmark was not used anywhere else.

C-113



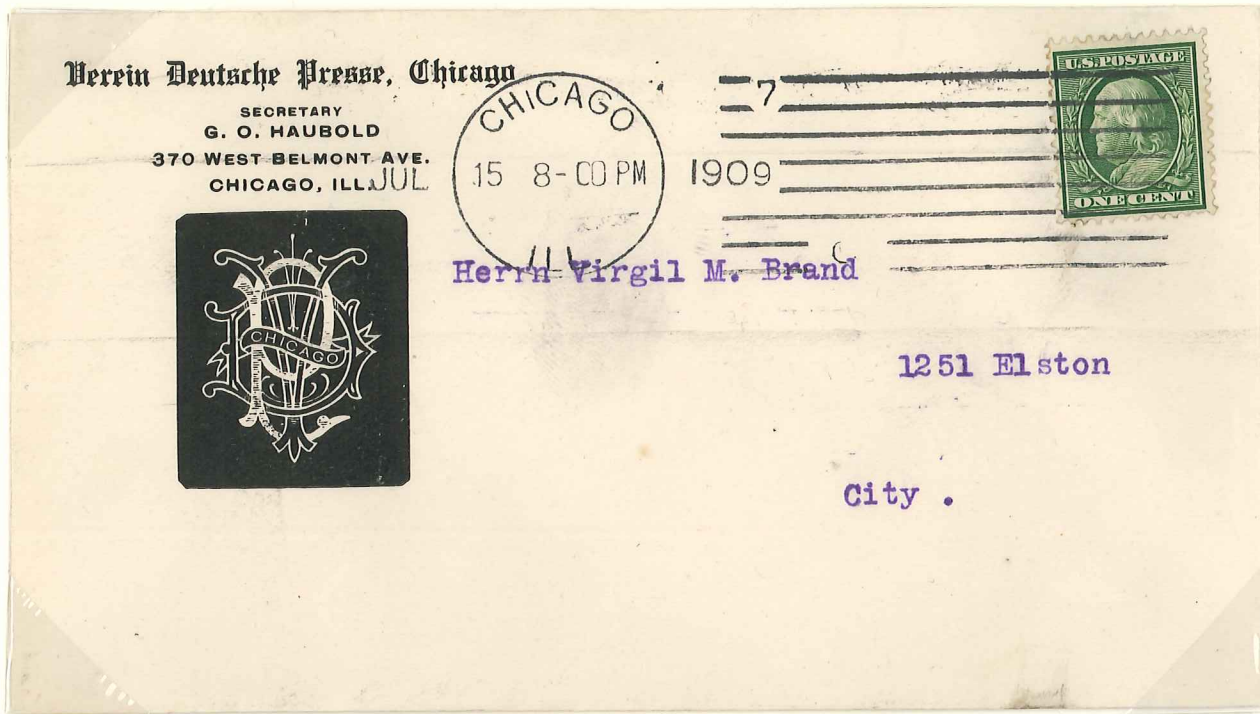
Earliest reported example of a C-113 postmark.

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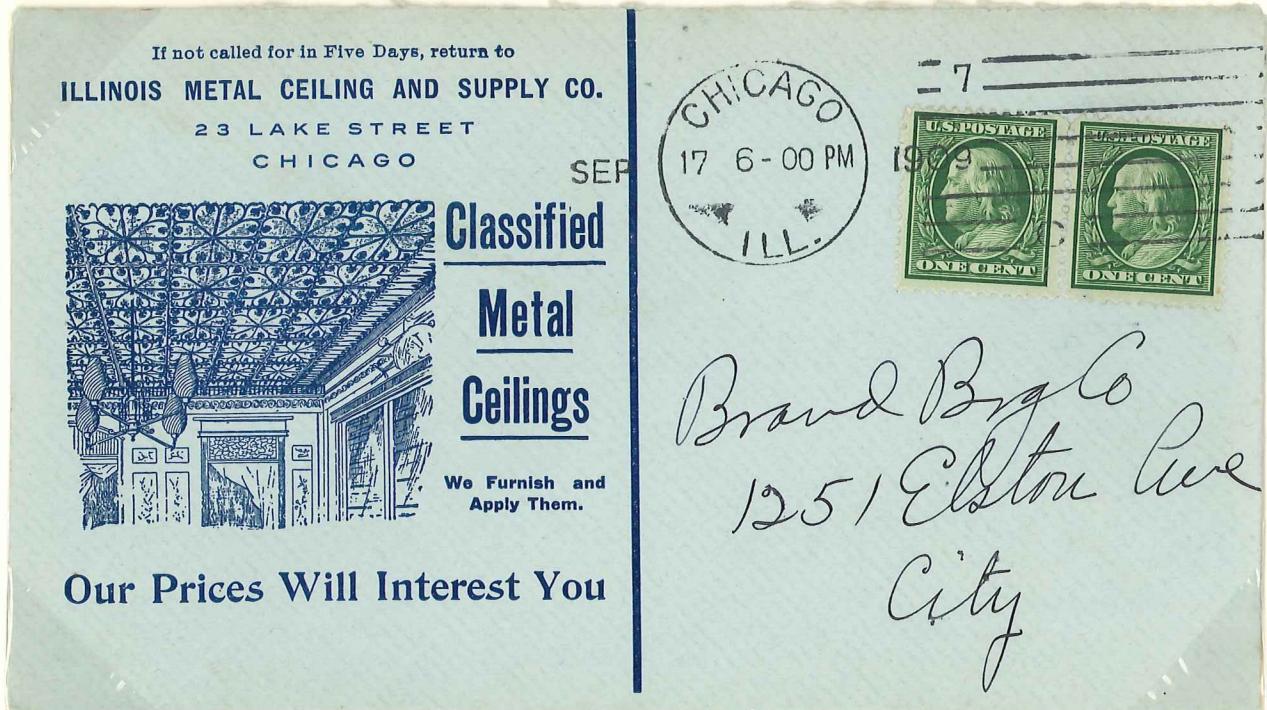
Leased Machines C Postmarks

The C dials were occasionally changed during the operation of a particular machine. In the examples below, the killer bars have also changed. This can be seen by the length of the top two bars to the left of the machine number which are longer on the top example. This probably was indicative of a totally new machine being installed in position 7 at the Chicago post office.

Distinct flag in G of Chicago



Rounded G in Chicago



These killers also differ by:

Top Example

Bottom Example

Number diespace
 Length of Left portion of top 2 bars
 7 Style
 Bar length left of C service letter

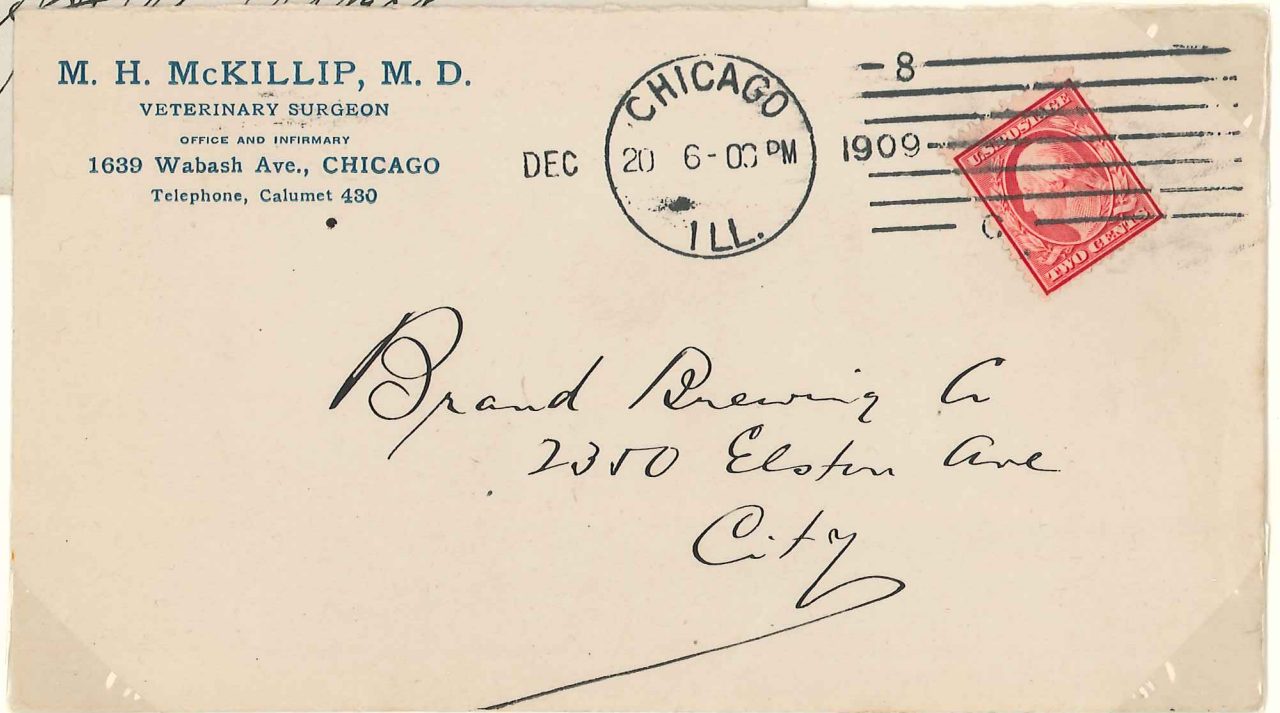
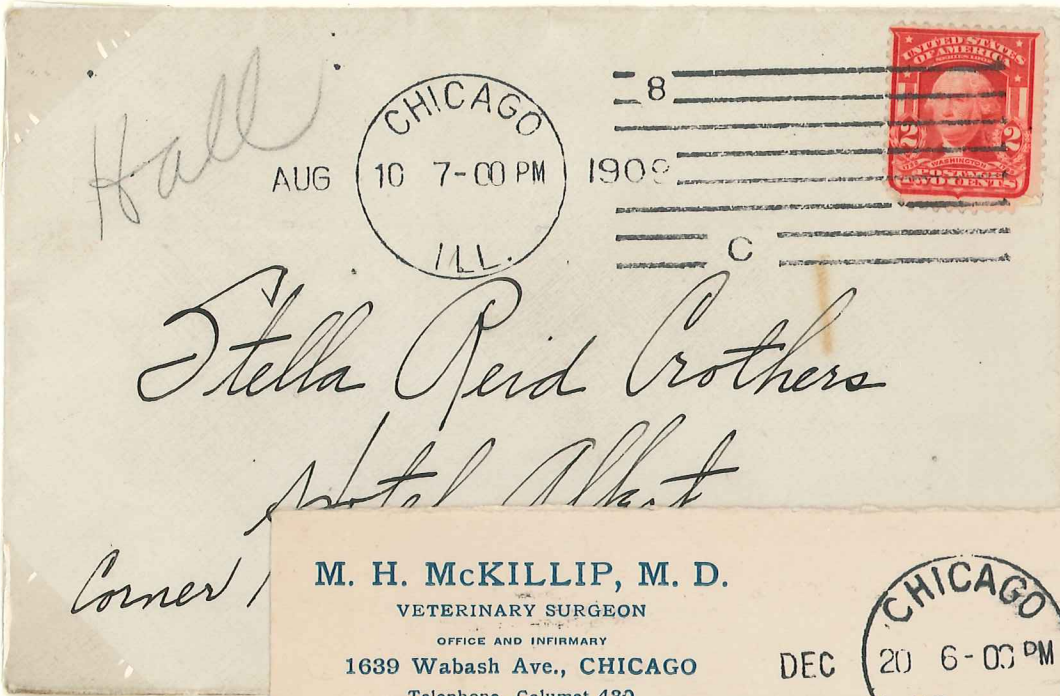
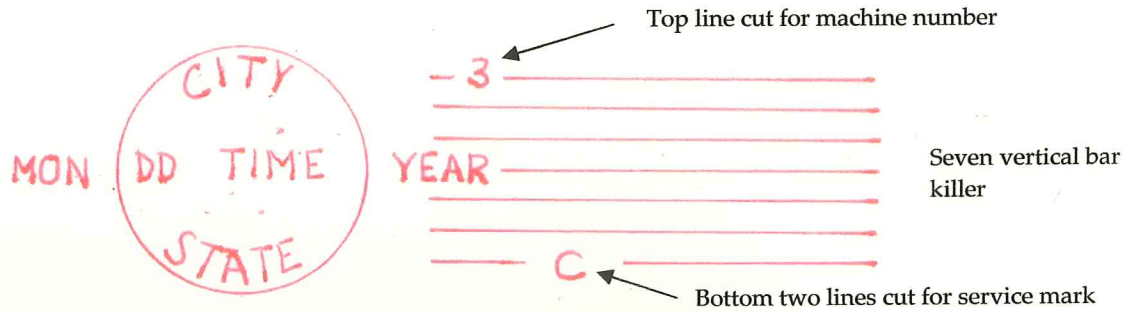
tapers bars around the number
 4.5 mm
 wider and shorter
 11.5 mm

square bars around number
 3 mm
 taller and thinner.
 13 mm.

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Leased Machines – C Postmarks

The final killer used with the C postmarks had only the left portion of the top bar cut for the machine number. Twelve of the 25 numbered machines in Chicago used this postmark at one time. These postmarks are classified as C-114. As with the C-113 postmarks none are found in cities outside Chicago.

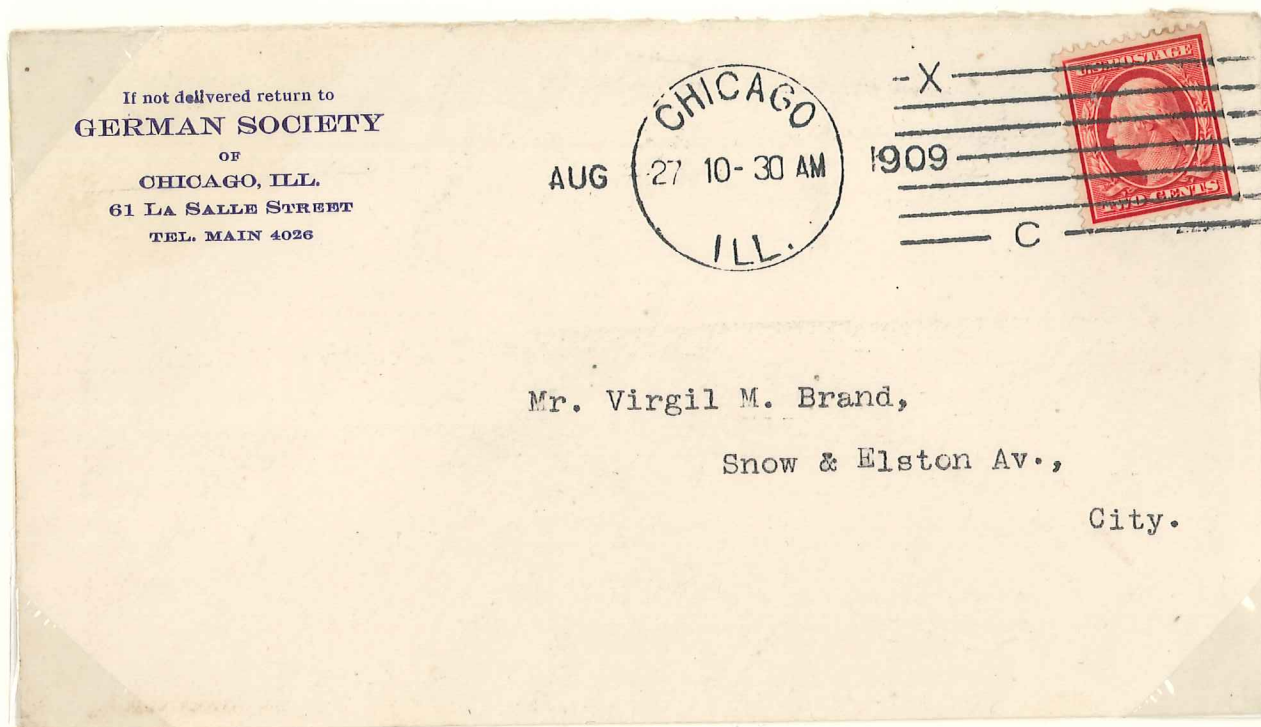


C-113 and C-114 from machine 8 from later in 1909. Note that the dial has also changed with the December example having larger letters in Chicago.

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Leased Machines – C Postmarks

In addition to the 25 numbered machines and several with un-numbered machines, Chicago also used letters to designate machines.

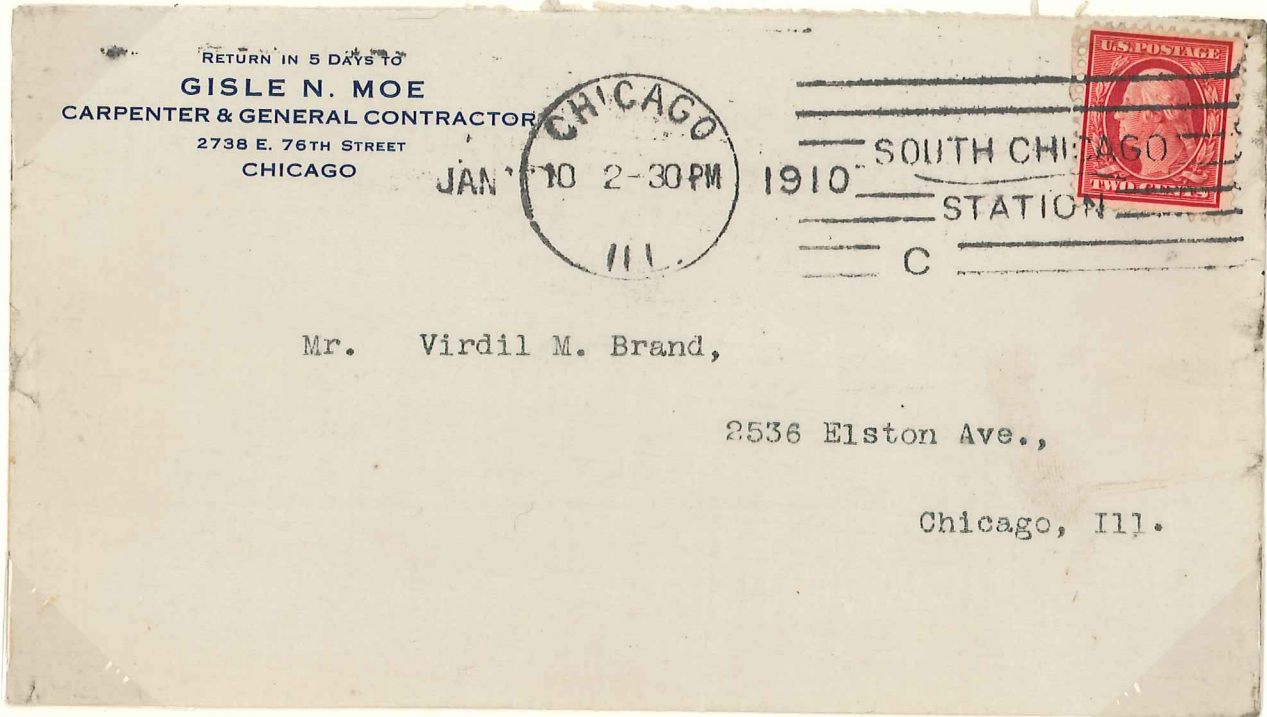


The first of these lettered machines was from machine 'X' and was used on a C-114 type postmark. This was the only lettered postmark C dial postmark. The postmark is reported from 1 week in August, 1909.

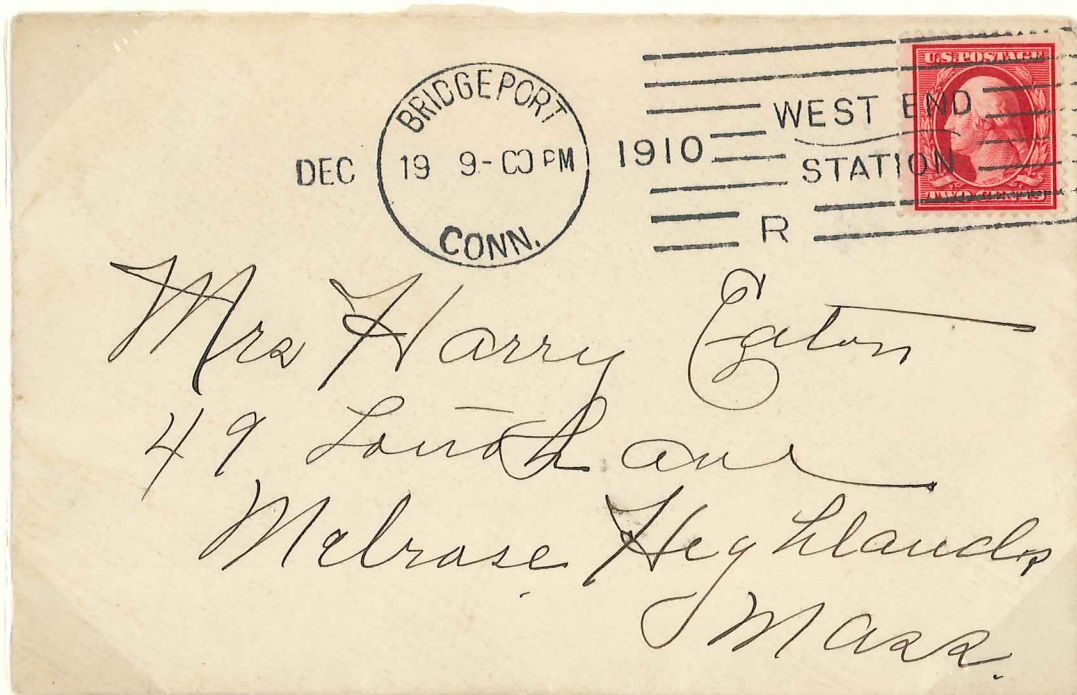
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Leased Machines - C Postmarks

The C dial machines were also used at stations both in Chicago and in other cities.



Latest reported usage of South Chicago Station C dial postmark.



West End Station, Bridgeport, CT.

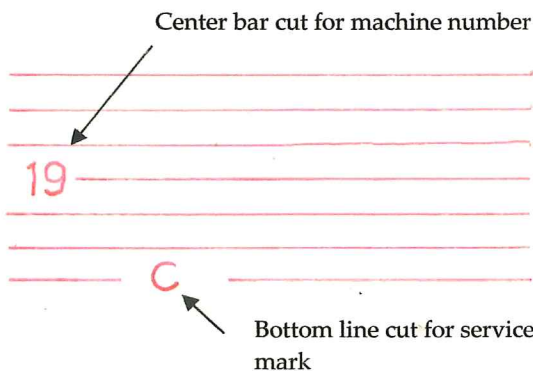
One unusual usage for the C dial postmarks was in Pittsburg, PA as a dial-only transit marking.



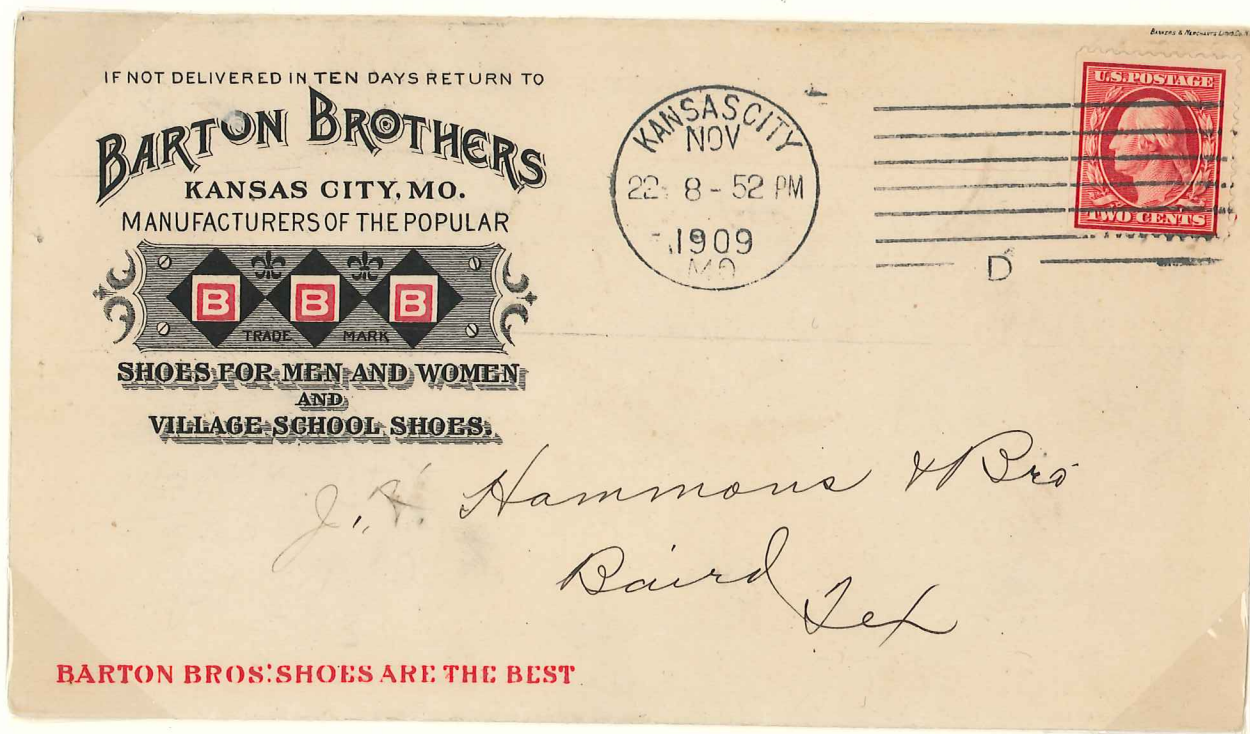
Pittsburg used a C dial containing the designation TRANSIT from March 1909 until Jan. 1910.
This is the only city known to have used a TRANSIT C dial.

Starting late in 1909 the A dial type postmarks were re-introduced with a different killer design which moved the diespace for the service letter to the bottom bar of the postmark. This was probably done to prevent the service letter from printing directly on the stamp. These are classified as 104 killers. If needed, a diespace was also included at the left of the center bar for a machine number, classified as a 105 killer. This killer design were the most common of the TMM postmarks and were used right up to the end of the contract on June 30, 1913 and in some cases even beyond the expiration of the contract.

A-105

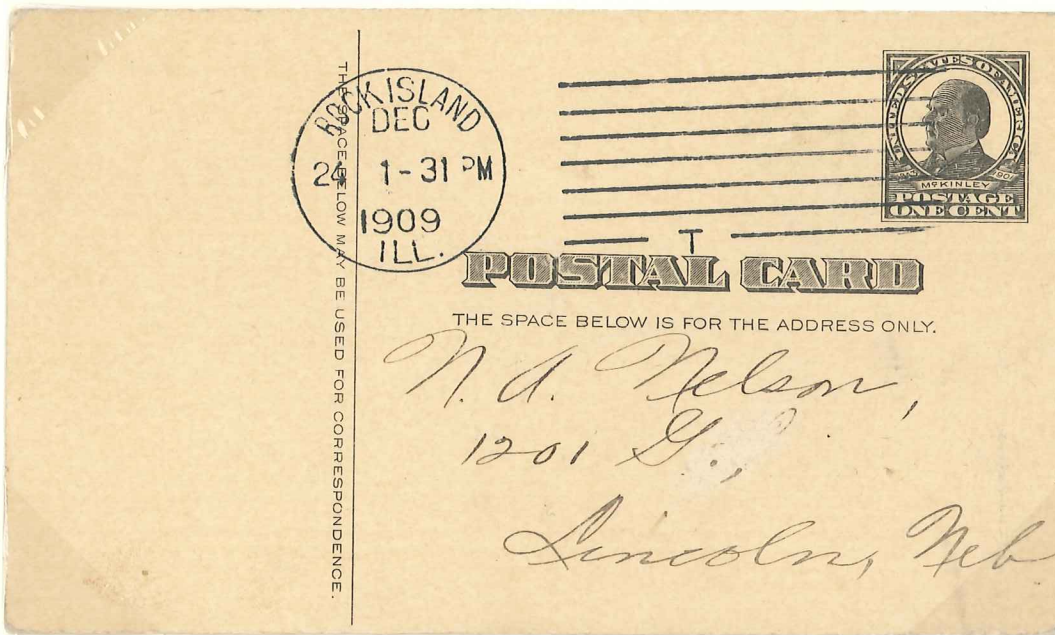


Seven horizontal bar killer

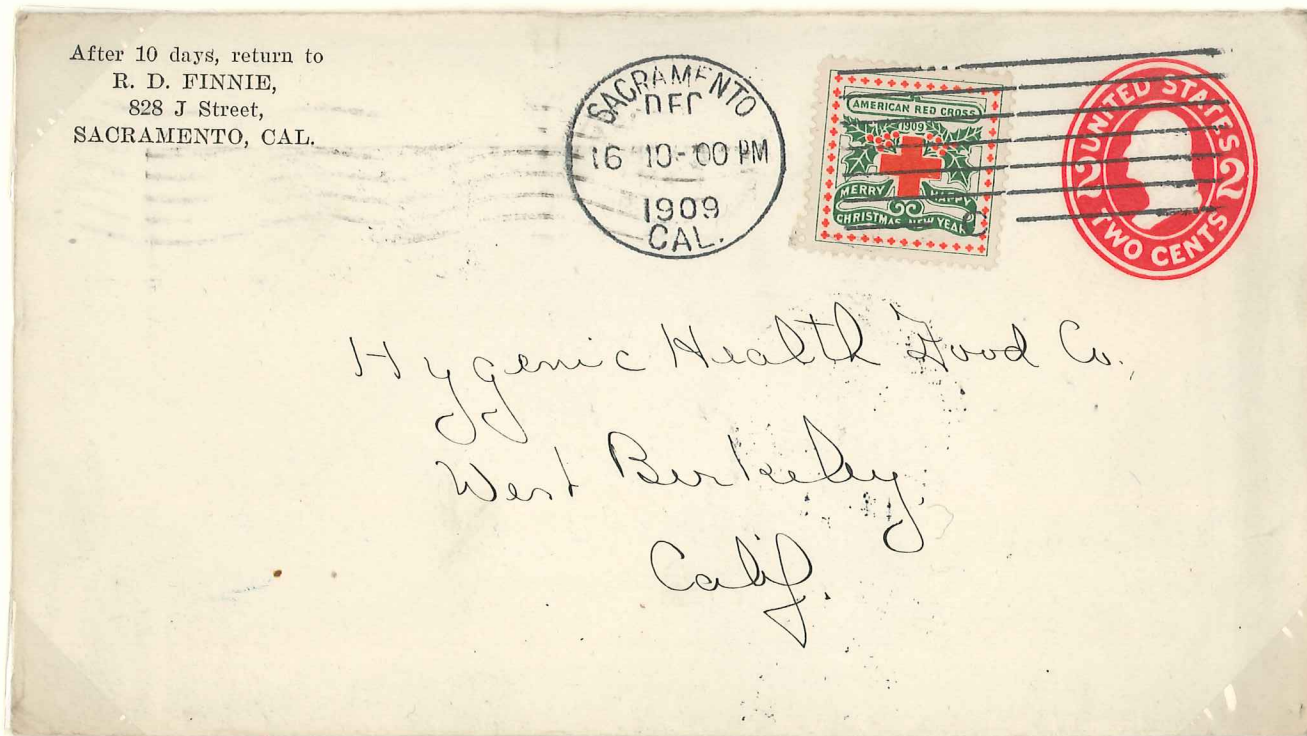


1909 Kansas City use of A-104 postmark.

Fifteen cities besides Chicago received machines with the new postmark during the latter months of 1909.



1909 Postmark from Rock Island, IL

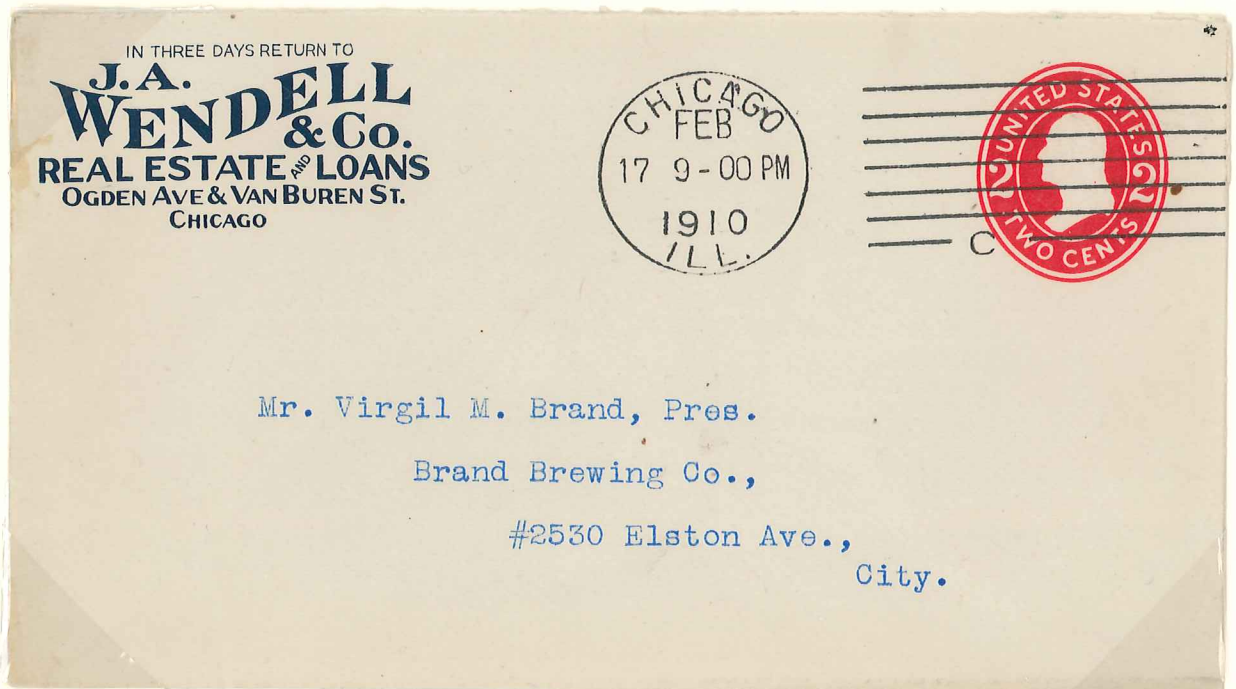
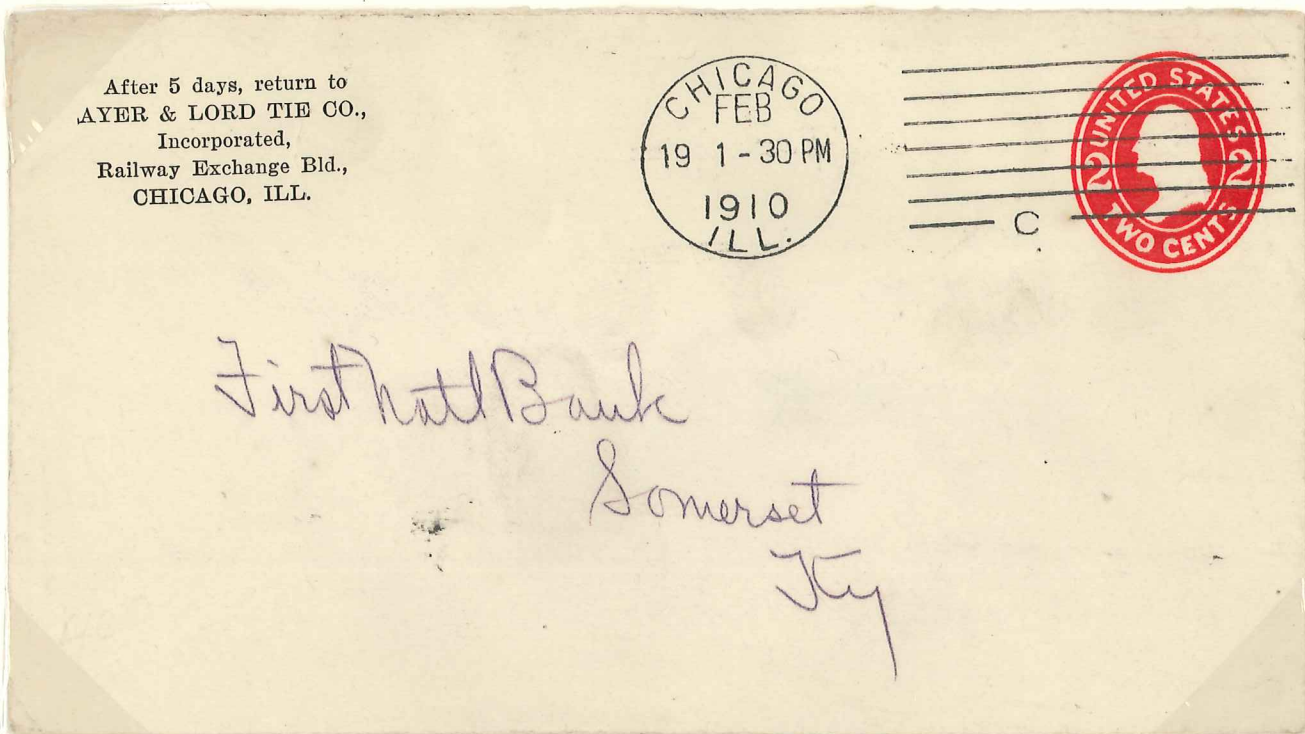


Sacramento, CA also received one of the early machines that used an A-104 postmark.

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Leased Machines - A Postmarks Revisited

While Chicago used A-105 type postmarks at all 25 of their numbered machines and several with letter designations, examples are known with no machine numbers.



These A dial postmarks with no machine designation were used from Feb. 17 - 19. These are likely from a test.

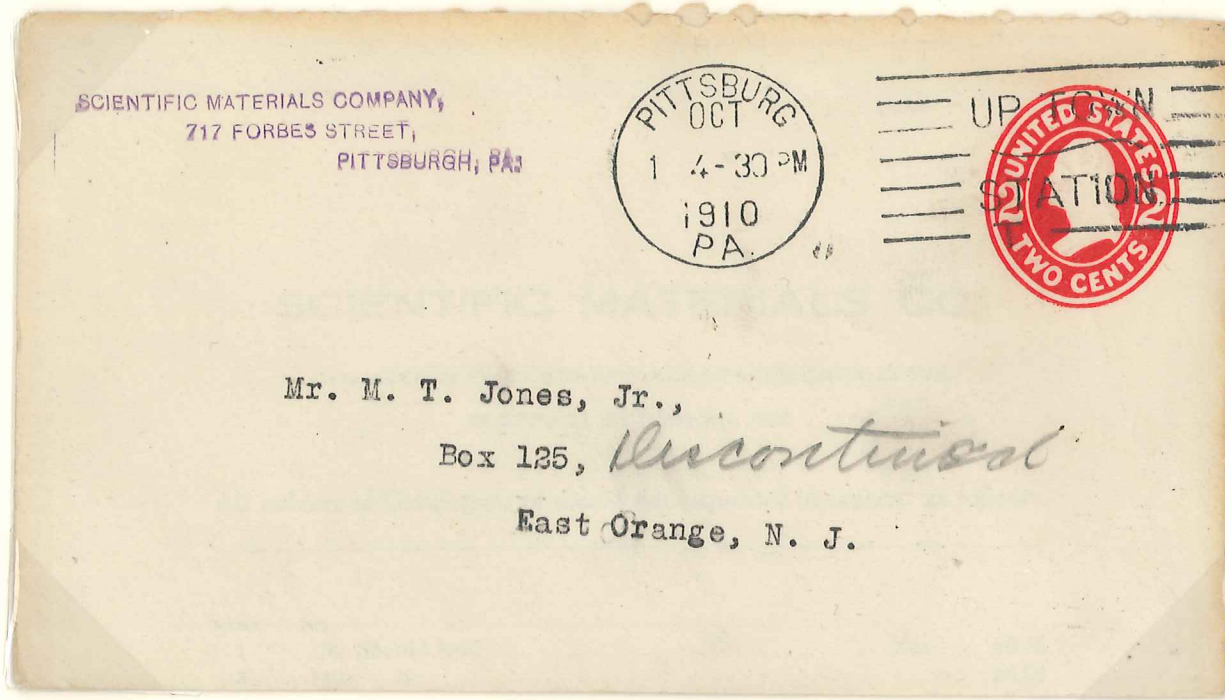


Shortly after the Feb. 17-19 test in Chicago, a test was run in Washington, D.C.. Examples are known from Feb. 23 through Feb. 28.

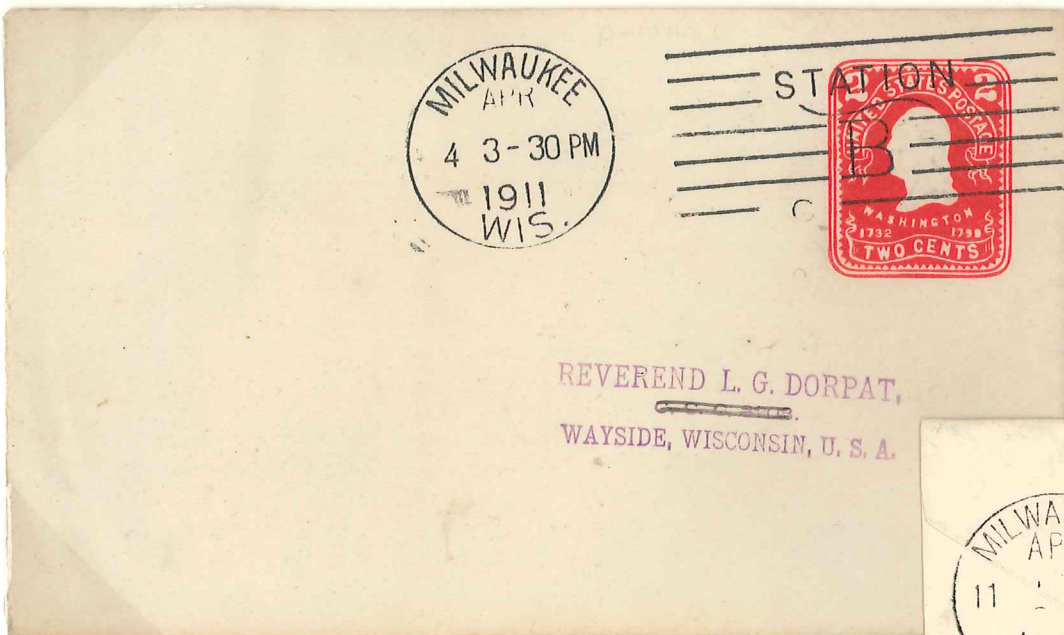
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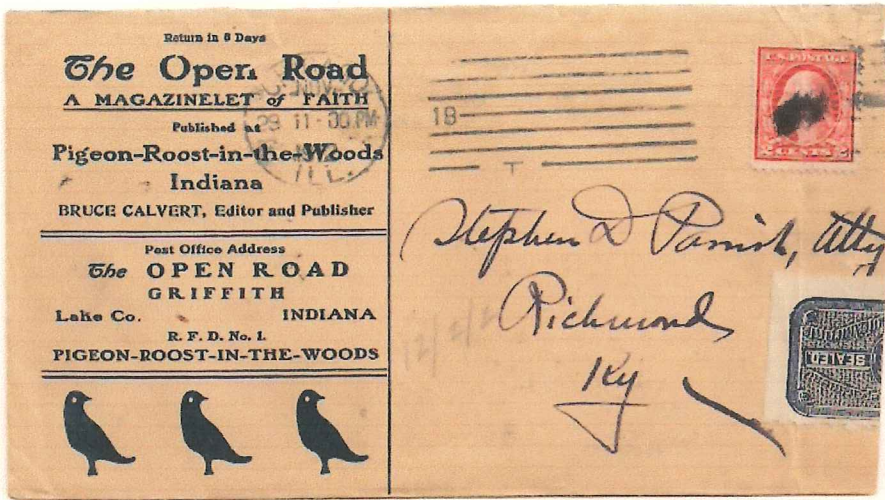
When A postmarks were used at stations the name was incorporated in the killer.



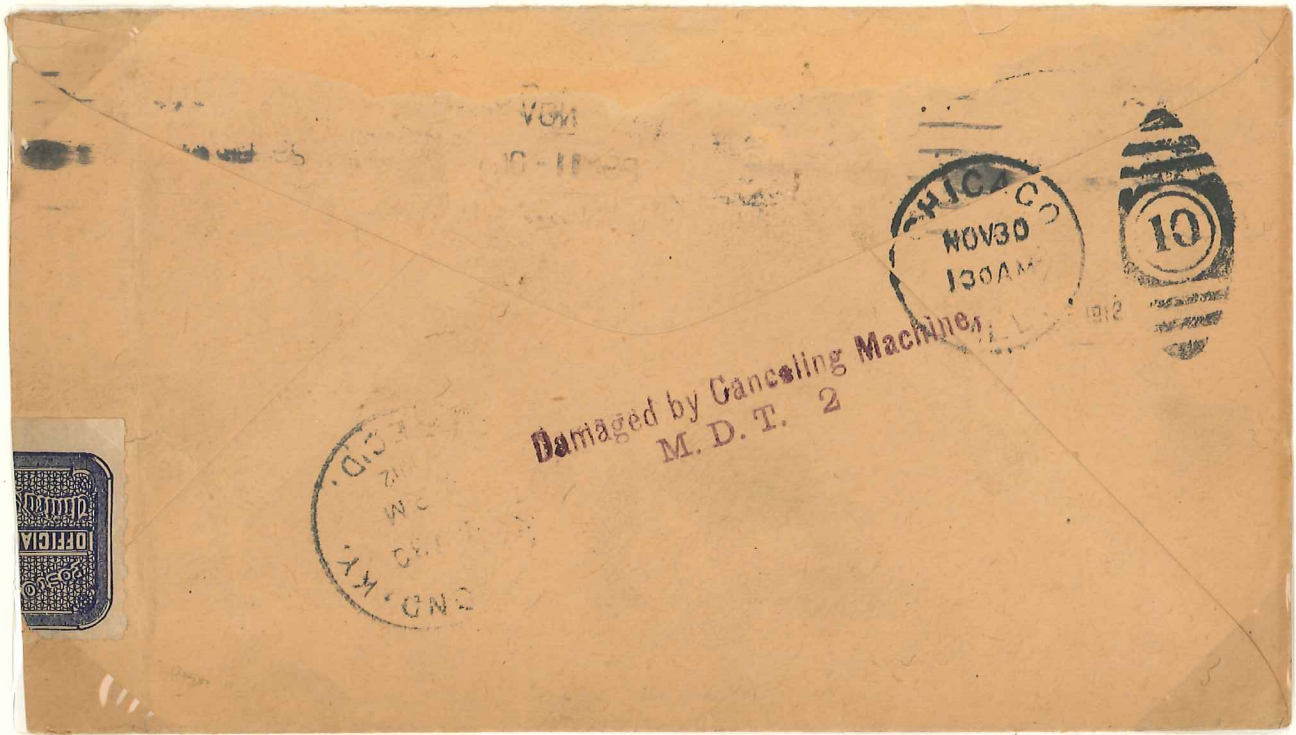
Pittsburg Uptown Station



Milwaukee Station B and earliest reported use of Station C.



Front of cover (reduced)



While these machines usually worked well, occasionally a piece was damaged going through the machine. The cover going from Chicago to Richmond, KY was damaged in the Chicago Time Marking Machine, sealed with a post office seal, and handstamped "Damaged by Canceling Machine, MDT 2"

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Example of an A-105 postmark from Chicago machine #9 used to cancel a 1c Parcel Post Stamp, correctly used on a small parcel enclosing a fabric sample, during the period when parcel post stamps could not be used for first class postage.



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Form 204, Chicago.

1909



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D

*Mrs. Maurice J. Jones
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Chicago's machine #17 initially used a C dial postmark with the external year through 1909. Later an A dial was introduced but the old 114 type canceler, with an opening for the year, stayed in use giving rise to a mismatched dial and killer.

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17



C

This combination was used into 1912 before giving way to the correct killer.