

U.S. 1¢ JEFFERSON EMERGENCY PAPER POSTAL CARD PRINTINGS OF WW1

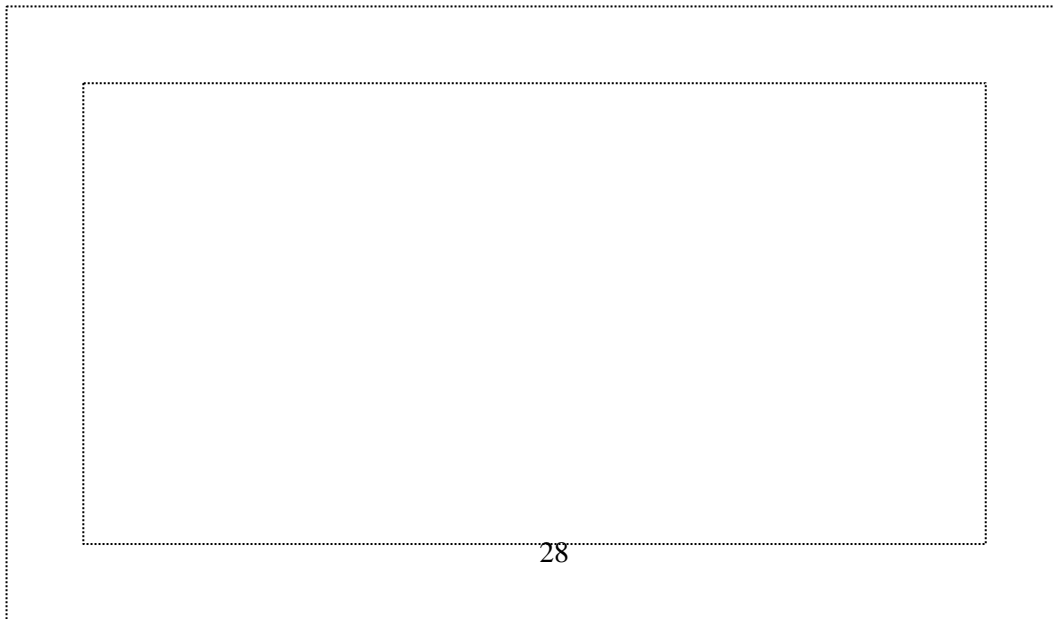
This exhibit details the production and use of flat-plate postal cards on replacement paper, using Regular and Re-Cut dies, printed on an emergency basis from December 22, 1916 to February 13, 1917.

By December 1916, sufficient rolled normal stock for the U.S. Government Printing Office's web-fed rotary presses printing 1¢ cards became scarce. While single card production continued sporadically, GPO's full pane printings shifted to a replacement paper on an emergency basis.

The replacement paper quality, only available in individual sheets, was below normal specifications. It was thicker than normal, had varying textures, a range of grayish-white colorations, and was horizontally grained.

Exhibit Plan

Title
Emergency Paper
Regular Die (S38/UX27C)
Re-Cut Die (S39/UX27D)
Production Block (S38)
Die Flaws Original Research
Representative Usages
Early & Common
War Tax Period
Commercial Printings
Vertical Pair (S39)
Post War Tax Period



Typical 'emergency paper' from flat-bed press production (S38). Commercially printed front and reverse form.

The flat-bed press necessitated quickly made electrotype flat-plate dies (S38) that initially didn't provide sharp printed details. After one week, newly improved electrotype dies (S39) were substituted for another six weeks. Total output over only fifty-three days, was extremely limited.

Due to the surface's poor texture for ink writing, the output of full panes was almost entirely distributed to commercial printers. The use by a multitude of firms continued through the war tax period and afterwards into the early 1920s. There is no emergency paper archival material.

Notable Items Bordered in This Exhibit Include: (page #)

- One of Seven Mint Recorded Examples from the Re-Cut Die printing. (4)
- Unique Mint Block of Nine Cards from the Regular Die printing. (5,6)
- Original Research on Selected Regular & Re-Cut Die varieties. (7,8)
- Re-Cut Die Earliest Reported Postmark. (10)
- Third-Class Usage. (11)
- Unused Vertical Pair from the Re-Cut Die printing. (15)