

The Slogan Machine Cancels of Perry's Victory Centennial

After considerable weeks of cat and mouse maneuvers, Oliver Hazard Perry and his small American squadron of nine vessels met the British fleet of six vessels on Lake Erie on September 10, 1813. The one-day Battle of Lake Erie culminated in Perry's famous message "We have met the enemy, and they are ours."

The centennial of the Perry's victory was commemorated by slogan machine cancels in five towns on or near Lake Erie. Eleven machines were used between 1912 and 1915, encompassing five cancelling machine companies:

Cleveland, OH	3 machines:	International
Put In Bay, OH	1 machine:	B. F. Cummins
Sandusky, OH	2 machines:	American & Columbia
Toledo, OH	3 machines:	International & Time-Marking
Erie, PA	2 machines:	International & B. F. Cummins

This exhibit illustrates each machine with additional dial varieties, intermittent slogan use, and different years of use - totaling 18 varieties. The slogan text is identical in each machine. The exhibit also contains a selection of cancels showing the standard machine set-up used prior or after the period of the Perry's Victory slogan.



Oliver H. Perry

Navy department
issue of 1873.
Plate proof on card.

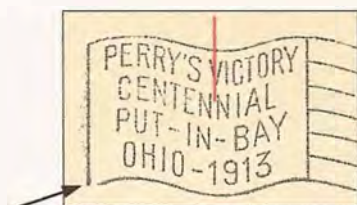
Commemorative postcard for Perry's Victory.

Cleveland

International Postal Supply Company

Cleveland used three International machines differentiated by a number within the wavy killer bars. This identification was eliminated when the slogans were inserted. The solution was to file away a small corner of the slogan box on two of the three machines. The slogans also differ slightly in the typesetting of the slogan text.

Machine 1



Box filed-off
at lower left.

V points to left leg
of third N.

Machine 2



Box complete.

V points between
the pair of Ns.

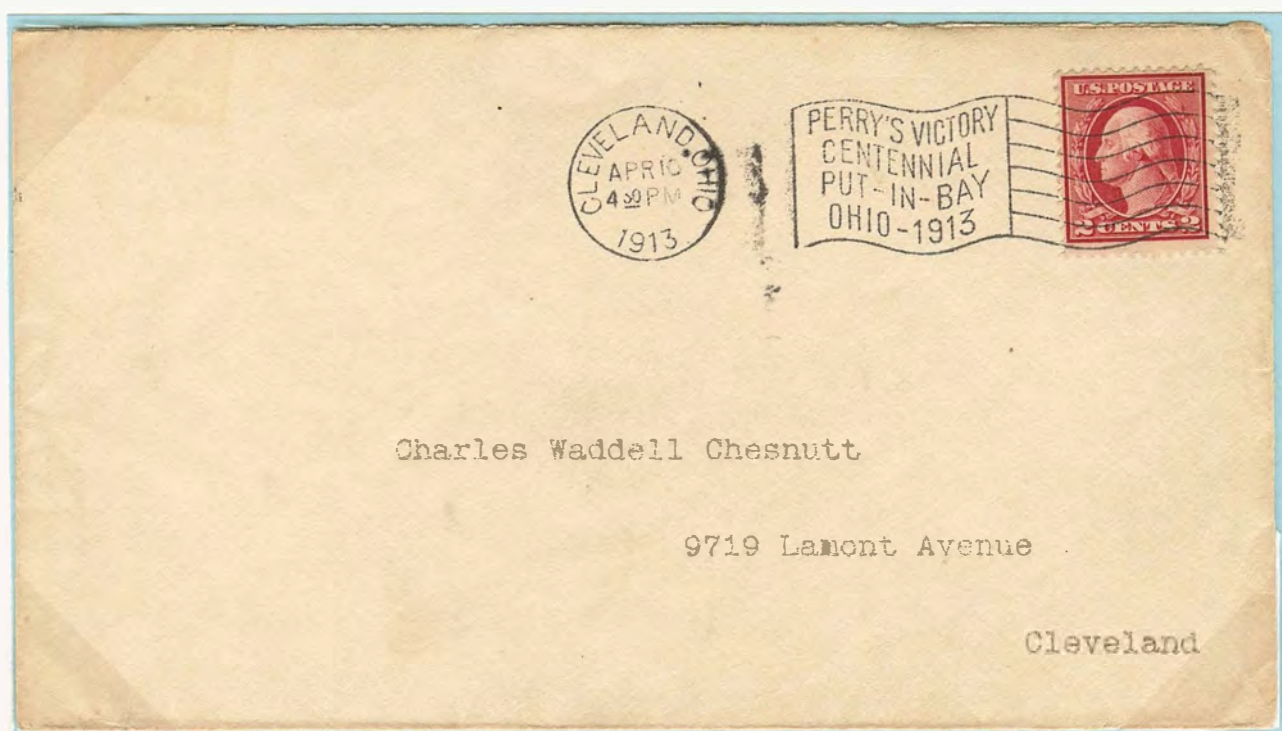
Machine 3



Box filed-off
at upper left.

V points to right leg
of second N.

Machine 1: Slogan box marked at lower left.

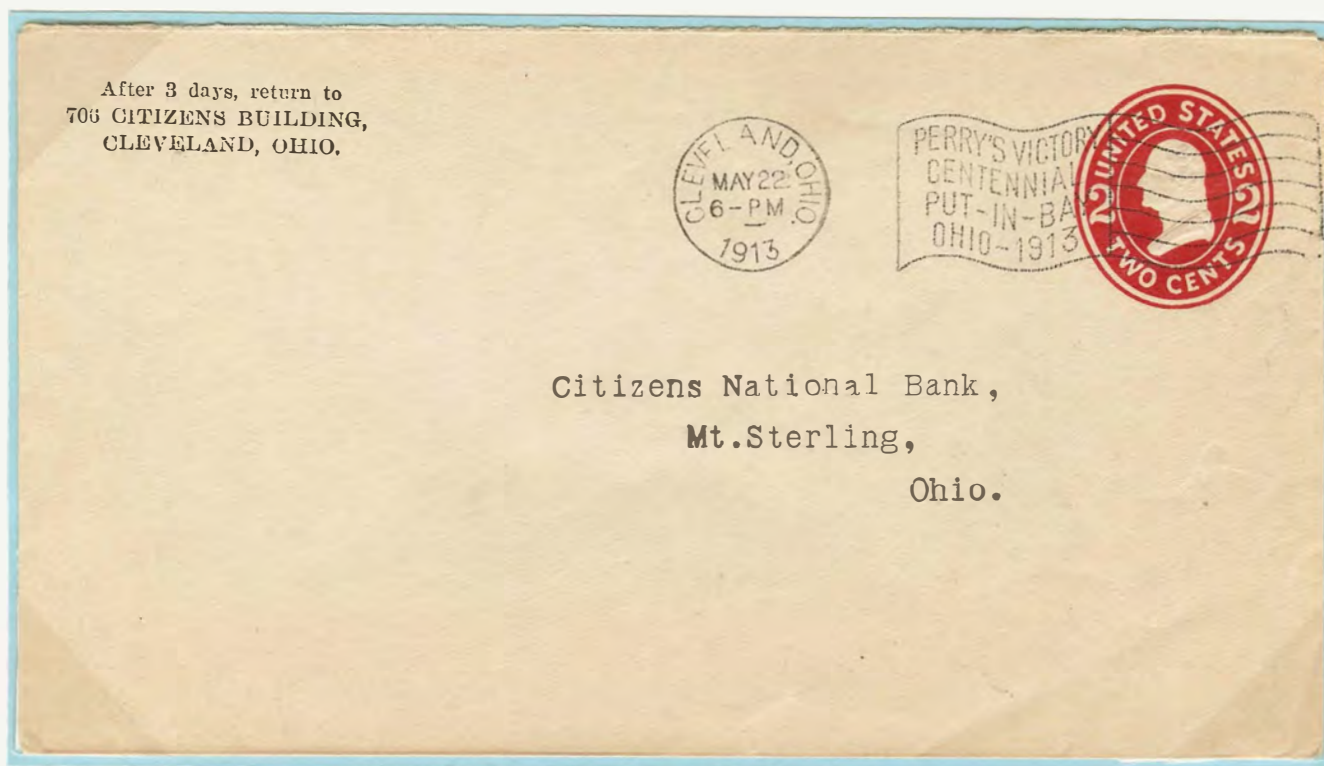


No progressive varieties to this dial or slogan box.
Known used April 3, 1913 to September 22, 1913.

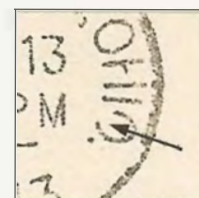
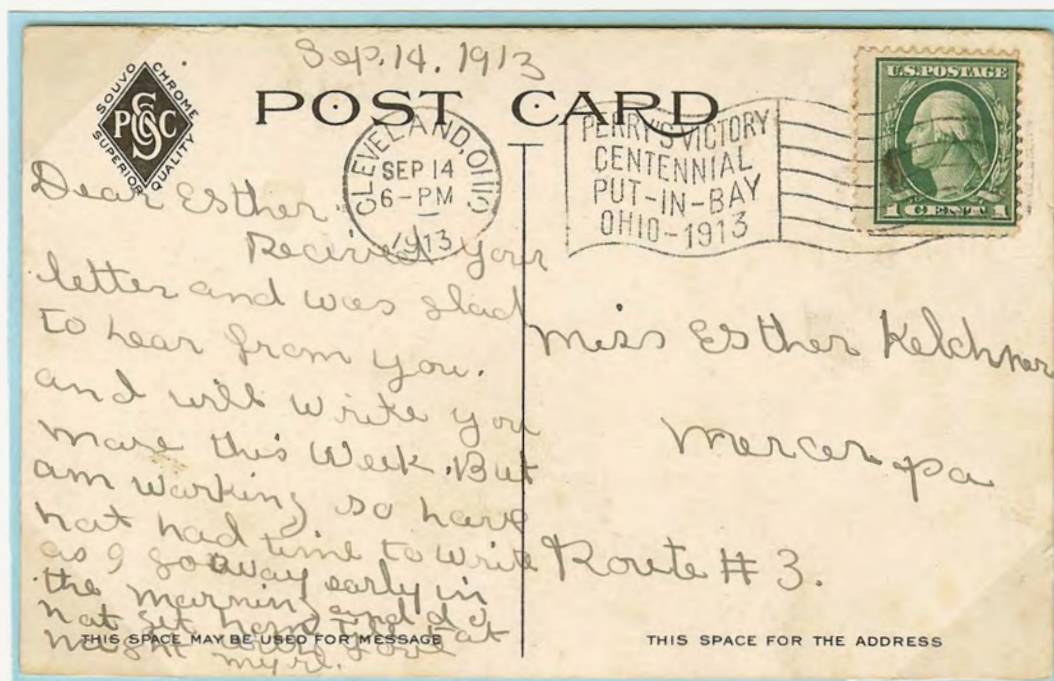
Cleveland

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Machine 2: Slogan box complete.



Dial with complete "OHIO".
Known used April 1, 1913 to September 8, 1913.



Broken O,
small break.

Second state of dial as "OHI9" - broken O in 6pm-8pm position.
Known used 7 days, September 9, 1913 to September 15, 1913.

Cleveland

International Postal Supply Company

Machine 2: Slogan box complete, continued.

The crossbar in the H of OHIO also shows deterioration, but exact status is difficult to determine due to inconsistency of inking.



Broken O,
larger break.

Third state of dial with larger break "OHI9" - broken O in 5pm-8pm position.
Known used 10 days, September 16, 1913 to September 22, 1913.



Third state of dial with wavy killer, machine 2.
Known used beginning September 24, 1913, shown here.
(The literature report of September 25 slogan use is unconfirmed and now believed incorrect.)

Cleveland

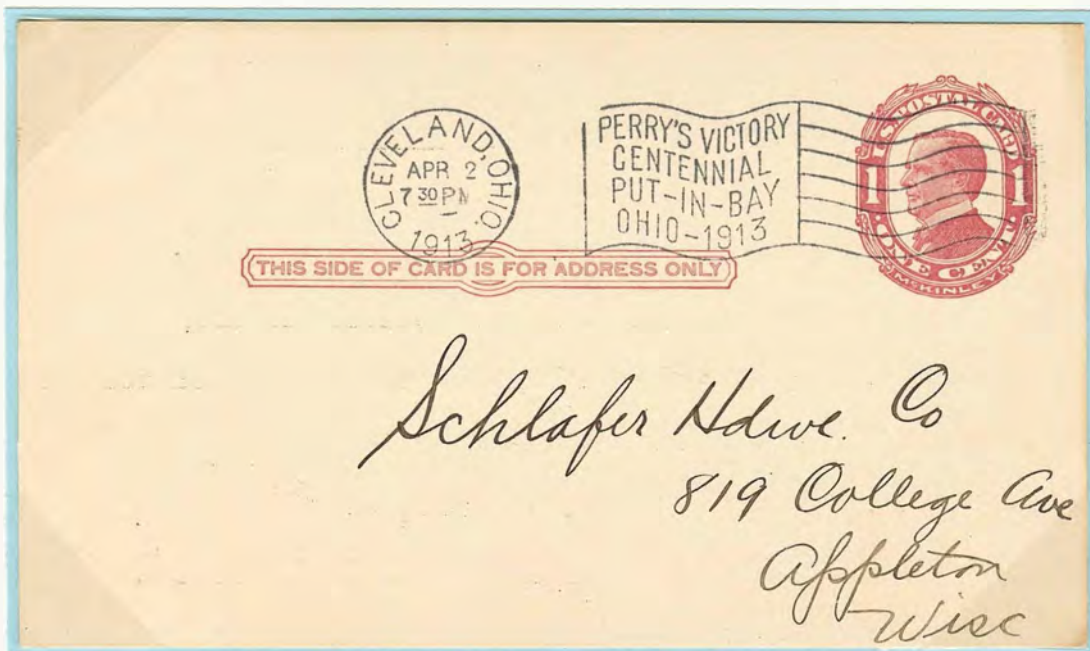
International Postal Supply Company

Machine 3: Slogan box marked at upper left.

Dial complete, state as "OHIO." with period at end.



Broken lower killer bar.
Known used until March 31, 1913.



Same dial. Perry's slogan usage.
Known used April 2, 1913 to April 21, 1913.

Cleveland

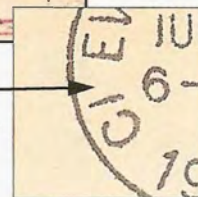
International Postal Supply Company

Machine 3: Slogan box marked at upper left, continued.

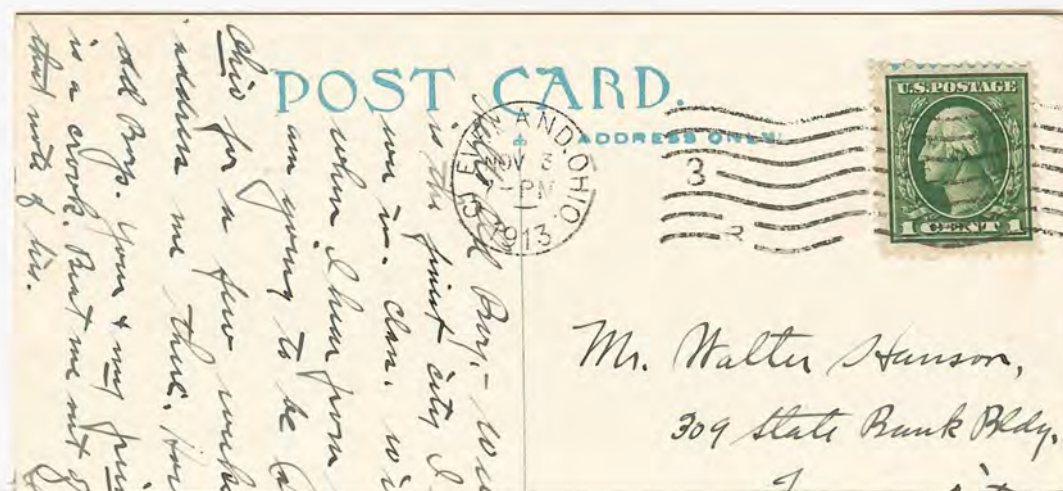
Damaged L



Broken L



Progressive dial damage and fully broken L as "CI EVELAND", a pseudo-typographic error. Damaged L known April 23, 1913; broken L known used April 28, 1913 to September 22, 1913.



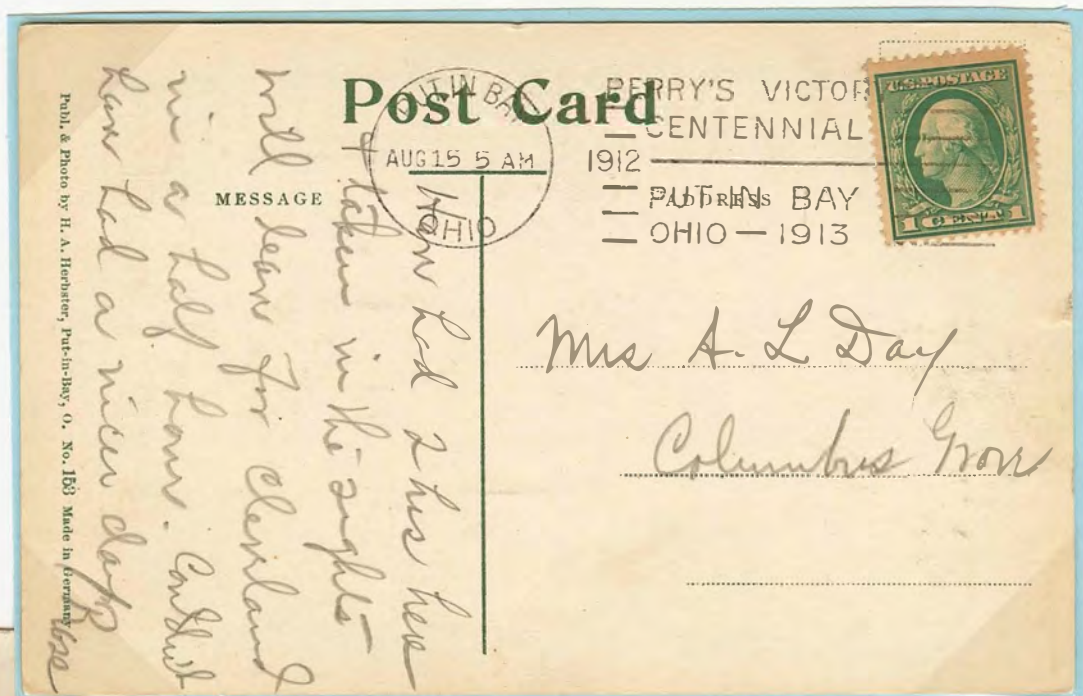
Broken L dial still in use with wavy line killer which resumed by October 22, 1913.

Put In Bay

B. F. Cummins Company

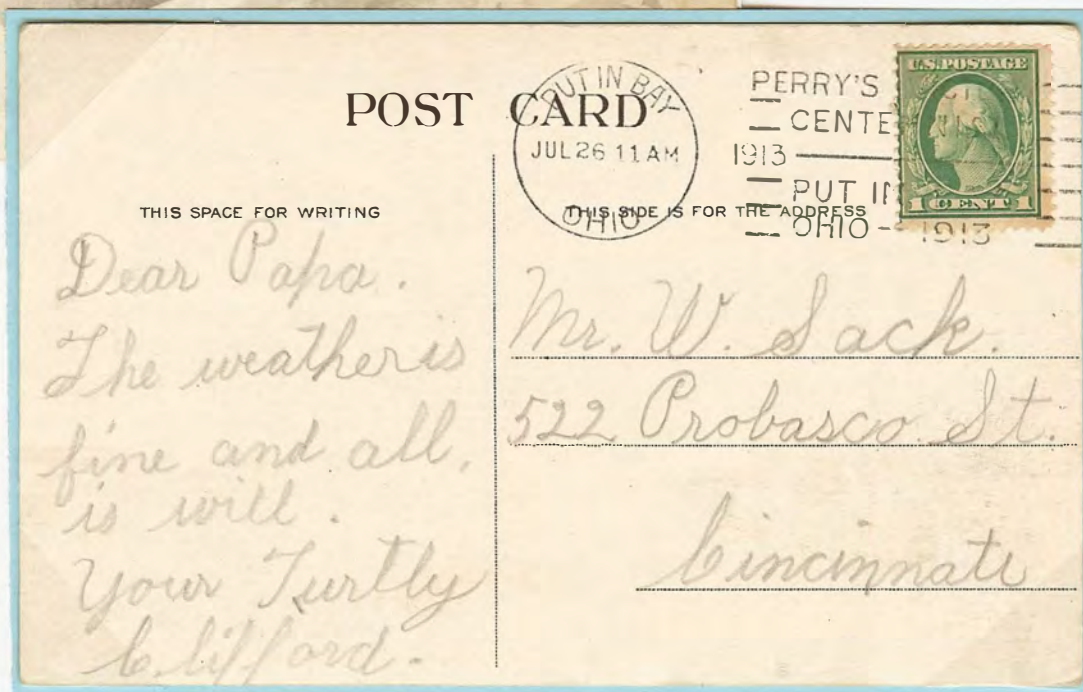
Killer used over a span of four years with removable date slug.

1912 use.
Known used
June 24, 1912 to
December 9, 1912.



January 12, 1913,
Put In Bay mail
carriers with two
assistants, beginning
their four mile trek
to the Ohio shore,
mailed January 22.

1913 use.
Known used
January 22, 1913 to
September 10, 1913.



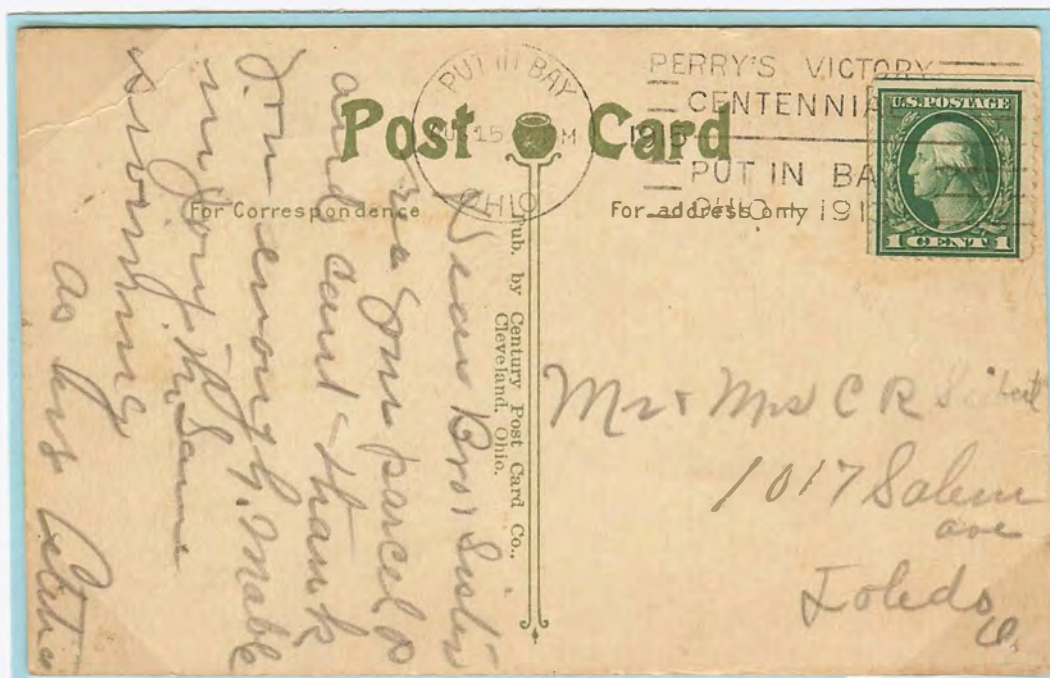
Put In Bay

B. F. Cummins Company

Killer used over a span of four years. with removable date slug. 1914 and 1915 use is consistent with being a "summer office", although not listed as such by the POD.



1914 use. Known used July 18, 1914 to September 10, 1914.



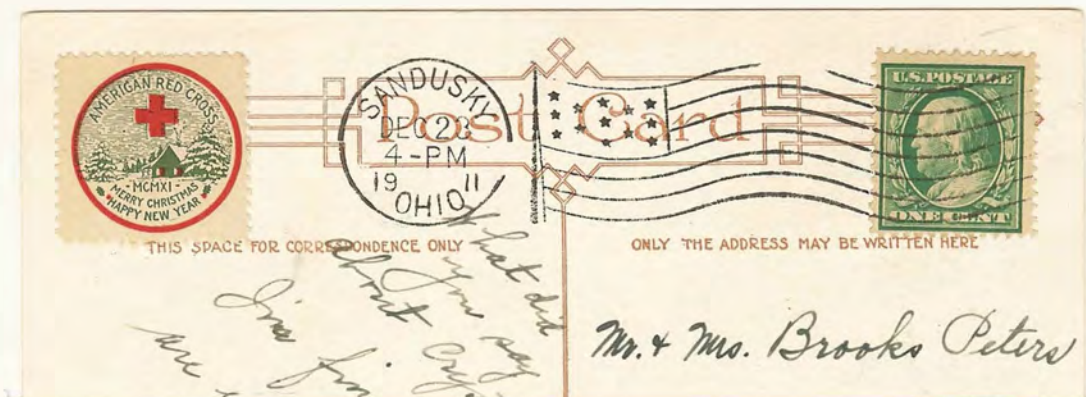
Aug 15, 1915
latest reported
use of any
Perry's Victory
slogan.

1915 use. Known used May 31, 1915 to August 15, 1915.

Sandusky

American Postal Machines Company

The standard flag killer was removed and the Perry's Victory slogan inserted.



Typical impression from Sandusky's flag cancel machine.
Known used into early 1912.

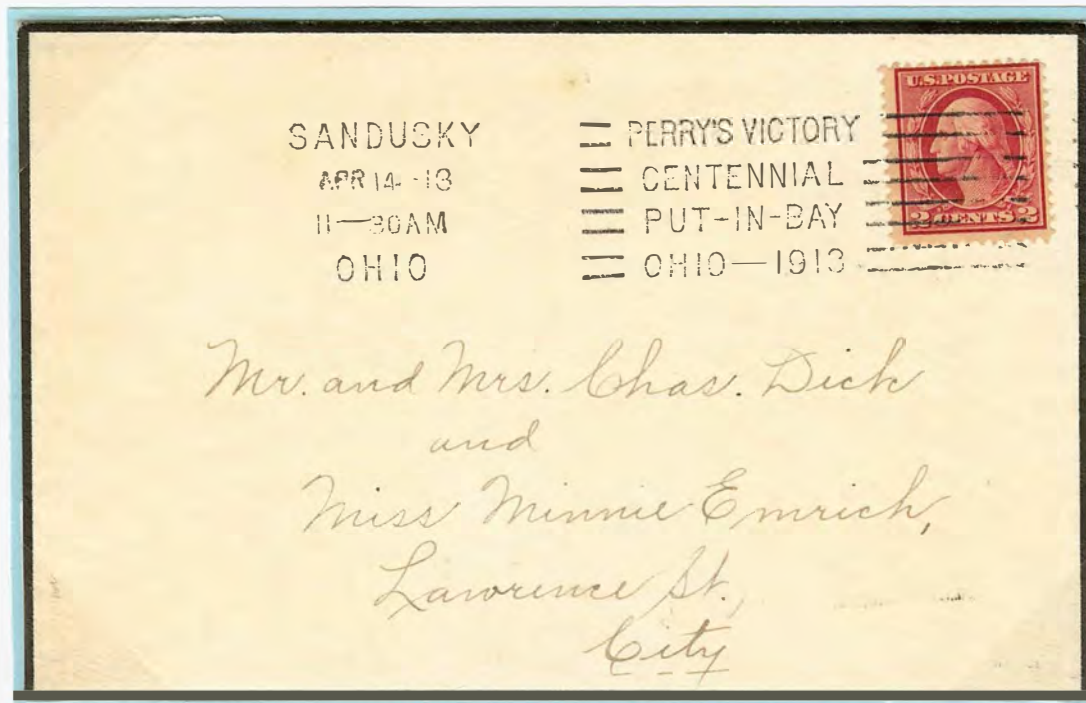


Perry's Victory slogan with flag for a corner card.
Known used April 27, 1912 to December 30, 1912.
One proof impression is known dated January 1, 1913.

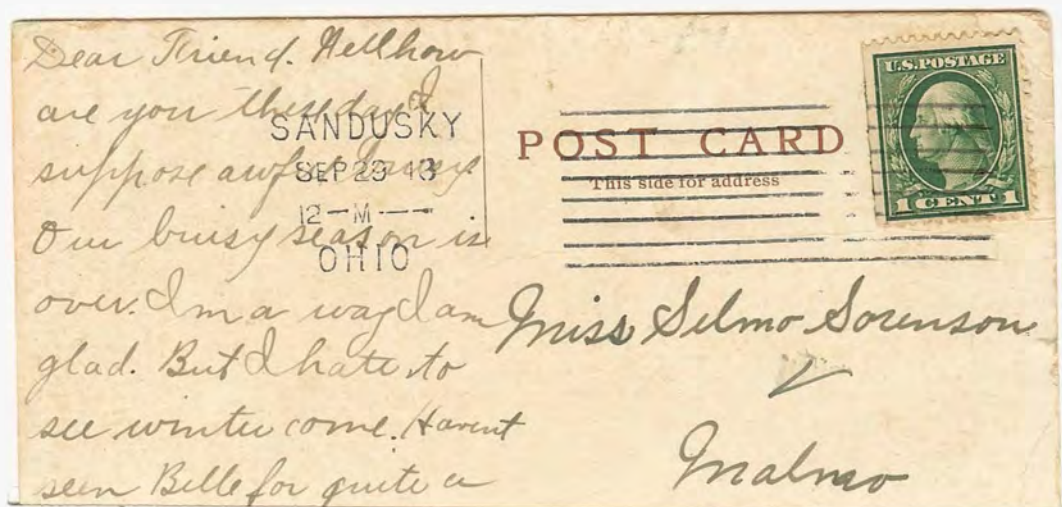
Sandusky

Columbia Postal Supply Company

Sandusky's American machine was replaced in early 1913 with a Columbia machine.



Newly installed machine with the Perry's Victory slogan used on mourning envelope.
Known used March 6, 1913 to September 14, 1913.

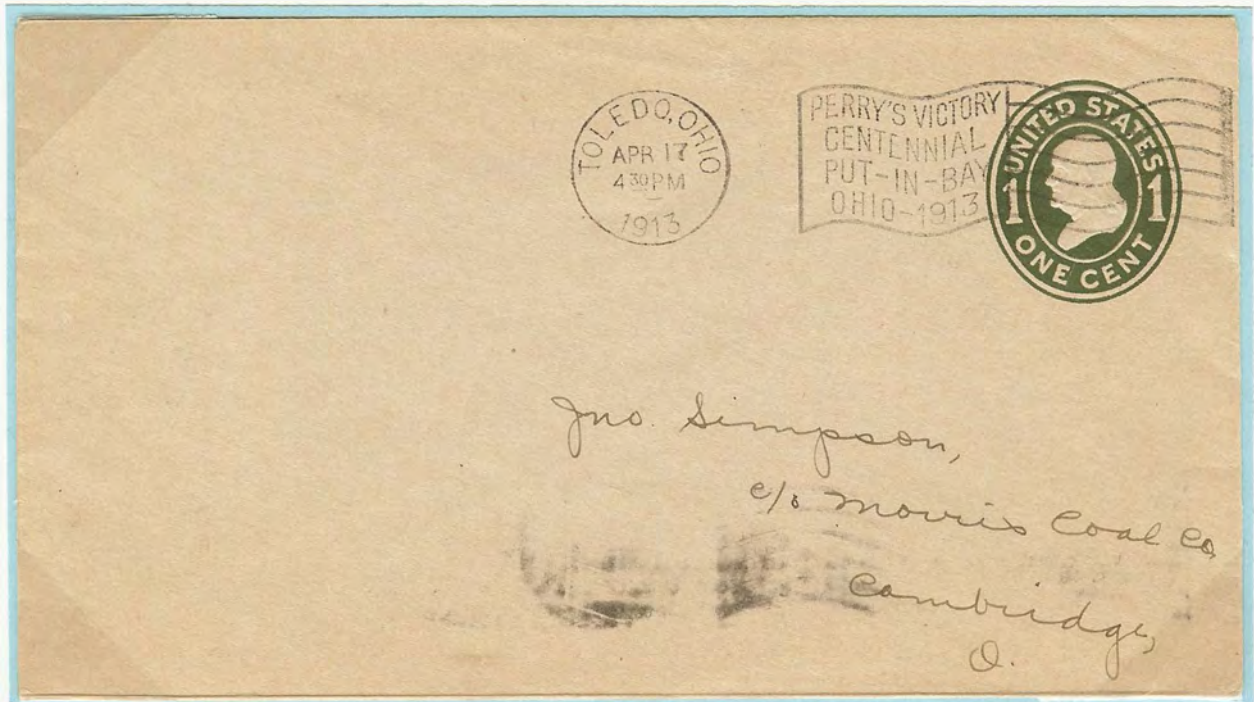


Standard 8-bar killer configuration of Sandusky's Columbia machine.
Known used September 29, 1913 and after.

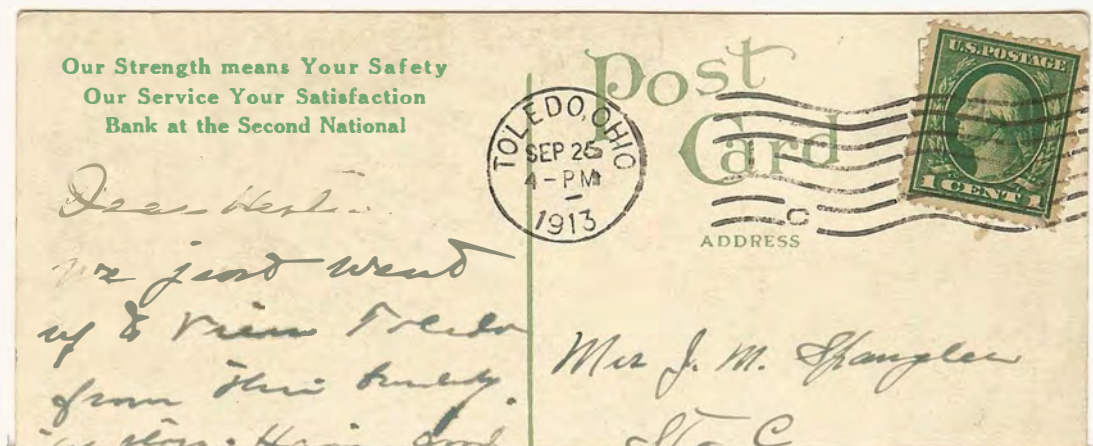
Toledo

International Postal Supply Company

Toledo received a boxed slogan similar to the three used in Cleveland.



Toledo had the earliest slogan installation in an International machine.
Known used January 11, 1913 to September 22, 1913.



Standard wavy-line killer configuration of Toledo's International machine.
Known used beginning September 25, 1913.

Toledo

Time Marking Machine Company

Toledo was the only city to use PV slogans in Time Marking machines.



June 30, 1913 use (confirmed on reverse side), the last day of Time Marking's contract.
Known used January 31, 1913 to June 30, 1913.

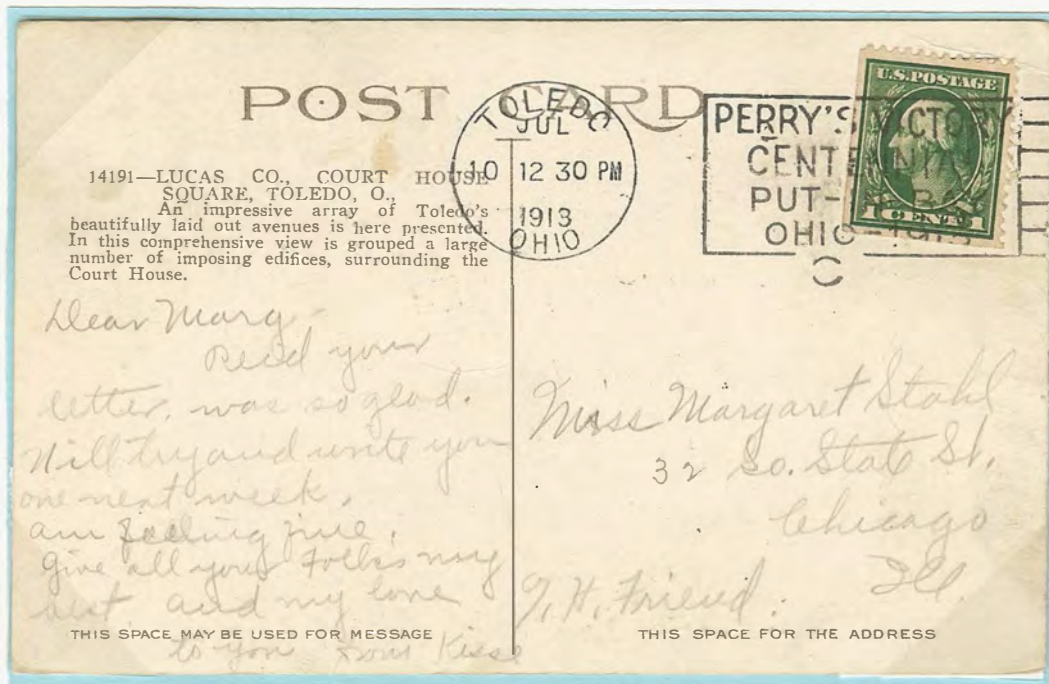
Toledo - Central Station

Time Marking Machine Company

Slogan box with large "C" at bottom for Central Station (not collect in this case).



Standard configuration of the Central Station machine
Known used August 17, 1912 to January 16, 1913.



July 10, 1913 post-contract use.
The Time Marking contract expired June 30, 1913.
Known used February 3, 1913 to July 10, 1913.

A Universal machine was installed at Station C by July 28, 1913.

Erie **International Postal Supply Company**

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Erie also received a boxed slogan similar to those used in Cleveland and Toledo.

Erie is the only city known to have used a Perry's Victory slogan intermittently. The two slogan use periods were interrupted by the standard wavy line killer as follows:

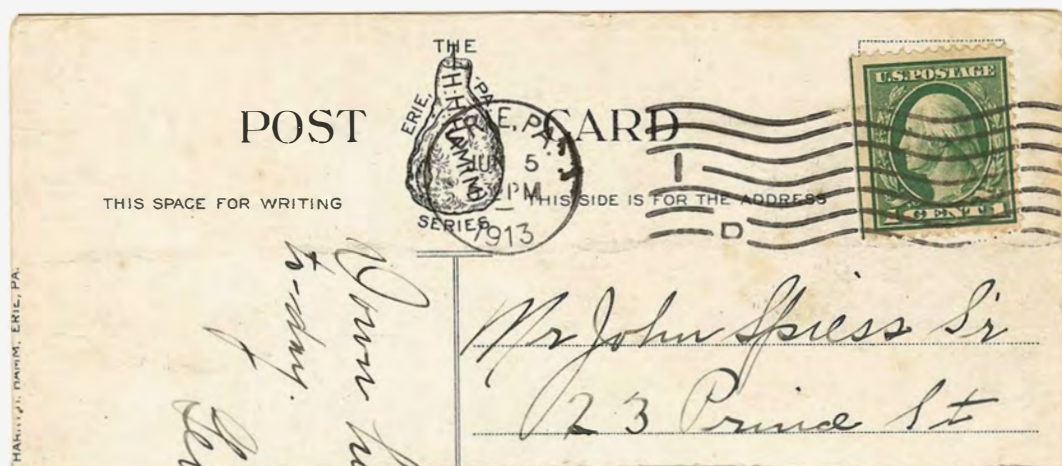
Wavy line killer	Perry's Victory slogan
known through February 7, 1913	
	February 17, 1913 to March 6, 1913
March 11, 1913 to July 7, 1913	
	July 9, 1913 to September 8, 1913
September 15, 1913 and afterwards	



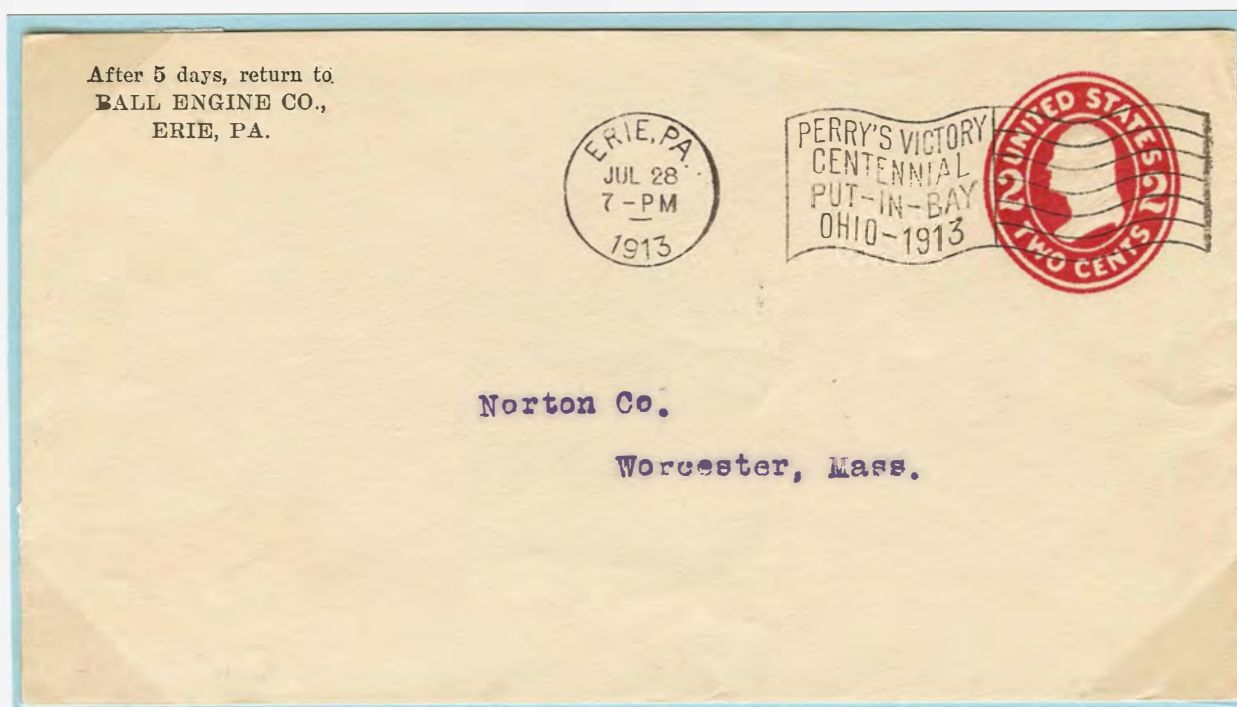
First period of slogan use.
Known used February 17, 1913 to March 6, 1913.

Erie

International Postal Supply Company



Wavy line killer used between periods of slogan use.
Known used March 11, 1913 to July 7, 1913.



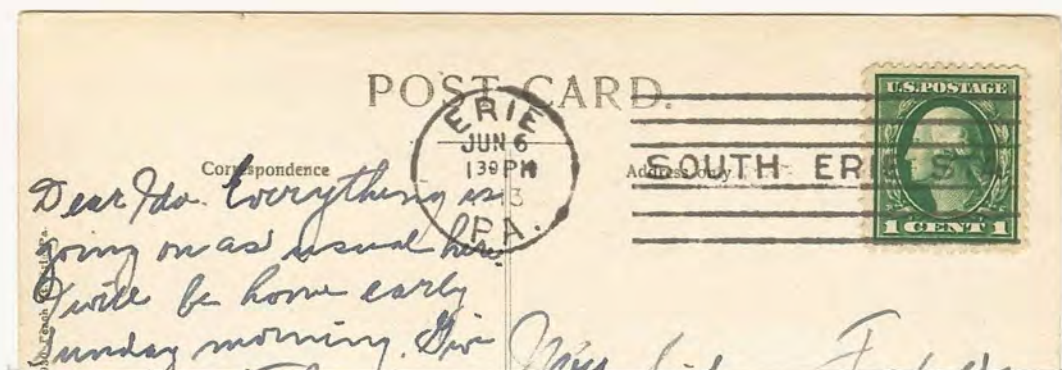
Second period of slogan use.
Known used July 9, 1913 to September 8, 1913.

Use of the wavy line killer resumed by September 15, 1913.

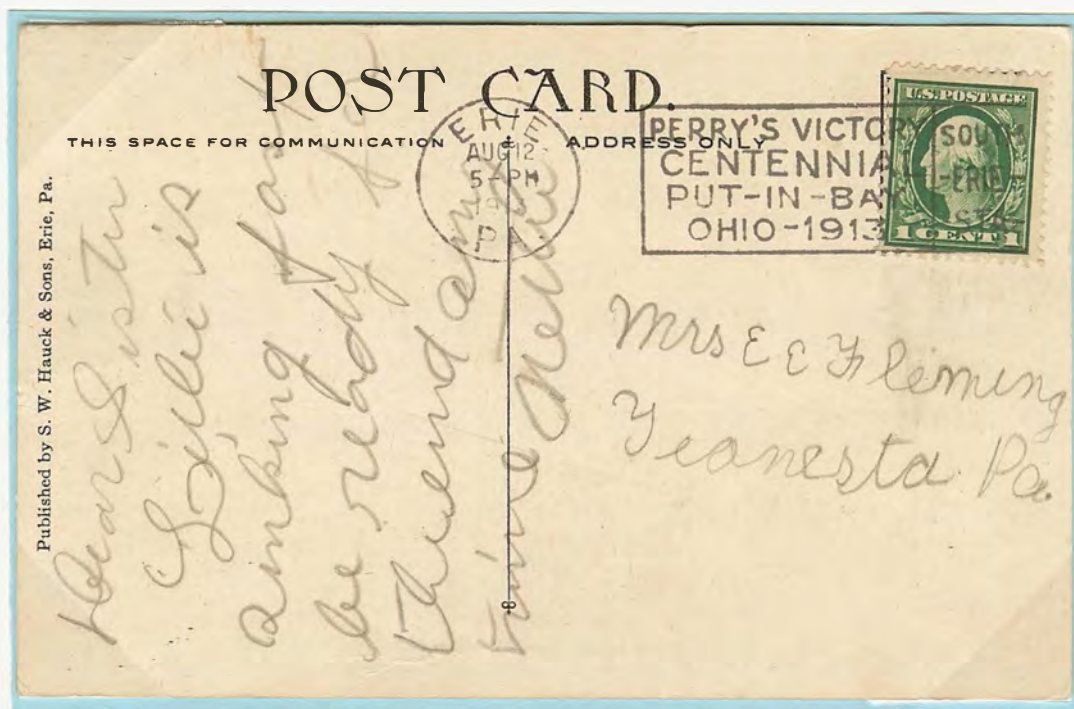
Erie - South Erie Station

B. F. Cummins Company

The smaller "J-dial" B.F. Cummins machine is an uncommon model.



The standard South Erie Station configuration.
Known used December 19, 1912 to July 10, 1913.



Slogan use. The Station is designated at the right end.
Known used July 15, 1913 to September 20, 1913.

The original 6-bar station configuration resumed by October 6, 1913 and continued into May 1918.

Use of the Perry's Victory slogan ended at all post offices by late September 1913, and new machines or normal killer configurations resumed. The exception being Put-In-Bay, using a postmaster-purchased B. F. Cummins machine, where the Perry's Victory slogan continued in use into 1915.