

**SYNOPSIS OF AN EXHIBIT OF THE 10¢
ROTARY PRESS SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMP OF 1927**

This exhibitor's fascination with the 10¢ Rotary Press printed special delivery stamp of 1927 began in childhood. The color of the later printings I viewed as glorious and thus began a 50-year love affair with this stamp.

The exhibit is divided into two main sections, the stamp itself and then its uses. The first section is comprised of one frame. The second is composed of nine frames, categorized as follows:

Frames 2-4 Domestic Uses

Frame 5 Possessions Uses

Frames 6-7 Outgoing Foreign Uses

Frames 8-9 Incoming Foreign Uses

Frame 10 Zeppelin Mail

Some highlights of the treatment of the stamp itself feature items such as the following:

1. A UPU Specimen of the original 1922 flat plate version of the stamp, which had been provided to a foreign government's postal authority.
2. A large die proof (ex-Markovits)
3. A complete set of plate blocks of the imperforate between errors (only complete set of 4 ever assembled in one place).

Some highlights of the domestic mails section are as follows:

1. A pre-first day cover (ex-Markovits)
2. An uncommonly large number of post and postal cards
3. Examples of covers sent at various rates applicable over the currency of the stamp
4. Registered, postage due, free mail, officially sealed, instructions to messengers or recipients, and business accommodations are all well-covered.

Highlights of the possessions section are covers from Alaska, Canal Zone, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Little America, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Covers to Hawaii and the Philippines round out this section.

The outgoing foreign mail is featured in two frames. Some of the highlights are:

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1. Numerous examples of payment of the 20¢ international *Expres* delivery, which was intended to afford special delivery in the destination country.
2. Examples of use of the 10¢ special delivery within the U.S. only.
3. Covers to 21 different countries, to include China, the Dutch East Indies, Greece, Newfoundland, and South Africa.

The incoming foreign mail also consists of two frames of material. Some of the highlights of which are as follows:

1. Covers where the 10¢ special delivery stamp was affixed in the foreign country for special delivery upon arrival in the U.S.
2. Covers where the special delivery stamp was inadvertently cancelled in the foreign country, but was or was not recognized in the U.S.
3. Covers from twenty-six different countries are shown.
4. An American P.O.W. card from a WWII Japanese prison, stamped special delivery upon arrival at U.S. destination office to hasten delivery to the family. (This is quite rare).

Finally, we come to Zeppelin mail. Covers from both LZ127 the Graf Zeppelin and LZ129 the Hindenberg are shown. Some especially important covers are:

1. Covers illustrating special delivery to the airship only, or special delivery upon return of the round-trip cover to the U.S., or *Expres* service at a foreign destination.
2. Commercial cover bearing a pair of the 65¢ Graf zeppelin stamps going to Austria.
3. Commercial cover carried by the *Hindenburg* at the 43¢ rate from Massachusetts to London.

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