

UPF - Midget meter in México

The Mexican Postal Service authorized the use of mechanical postage stamps in 1928 and circulation began in November of 1929. The British manufacturer Universal Postal Frankers supplied the first model for Mexico with a batch of machines starting with serial number 2441.

The Mexican Postal Service granted consecutive licenses, starting with No. 1 till No. 90, exclusively for this model. The Freidenberg company obtained the postal concession and permission from the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit to be the exclusive representative of UPF in Mexico; commercializing the units, themselves used license No. 64.

The UNIVERSAL "Midget," introduced for use in Mexico and put into operation in 1929, had five values: 1, 5, 10, 20, and 25, for calculating postage based on weight. Only a few slogans were introduced in this meter machine model, all of the shown in this presentation.



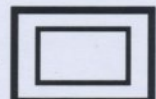
Proposed Design

This was a design to show how the machine works to the Mexican Postal Service. Exist many diferences between the final and approved design from this first die proof.



Photographic evidence from the UPF files with the approved design, to be the final postage design with an exemplary 20c. value.

•• Double frame indicates "VERY RARE ITEM" -



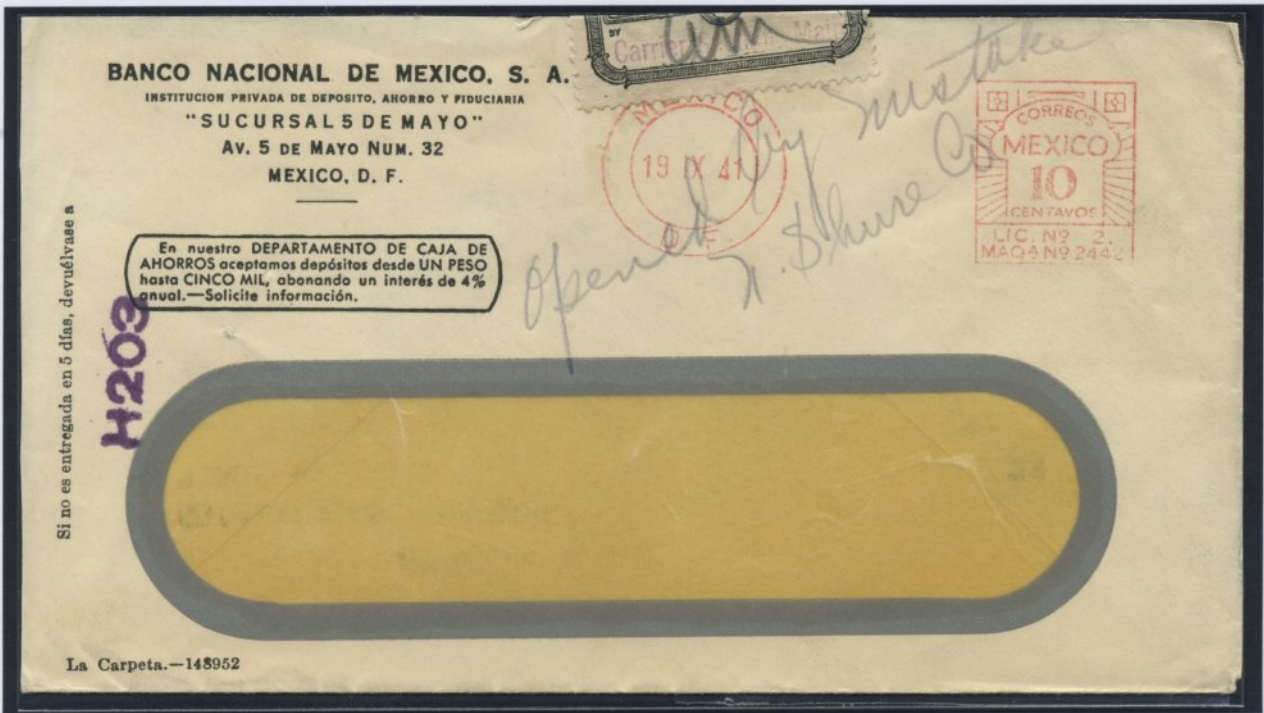


Modelo de las impresiones de timbres de máquina FRANQUEA DORA que está utilizando el Correo de los E.U. Mexicanos.

In Mexico, the Universal Midget unit of 5 values was introduced with 1c, 5c, 10c, 20c and 25c. with those values could be completed the postage rates, for example: 15c. was obtained with 5c. stamped adding a 10c. stamped and so on according to the required rate.



License No. 1 - Machine No. 2441
Banco Nacional de México S.A. Suc. - México, D.F.
15c. postage rate, 1941 from México to Germany - Route Laredo, Tx. - Nueva York.



License No. 2 - Machine No. 2442
 Banco Nacional de México S.A. - Suc. 5 de Mayo, México D.F.
 10c postage rate, 1941, for land service to the United States,
 "Opened by Mistake", labeled with USA official seal.



License No. 3 - Machine No. 2443
 Banco Nacional de México S.A. Suc. en Monterrey, N.L.
 12c postage rate, 1943 for land service to the United States,
 the supplementary postal mark "Spanish Correspondence" and the Censorship confirms its shipment to the US.



License No. 4 - Machine No. 2444

Banco Nacional de México S.A. - Suc. Torreon, Coahuila.

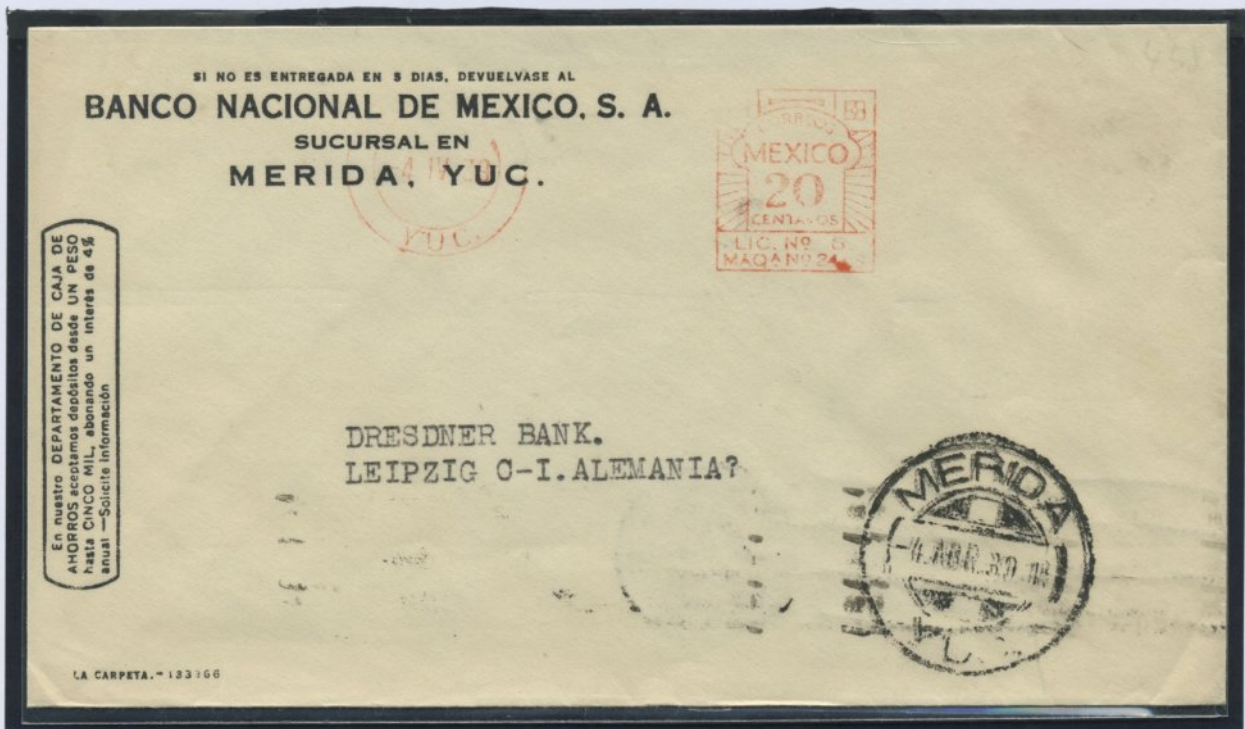
13c postage rate has an over paid of 1 c. 12c was the correct rate, 1943 for land service to the USA, Censorship confirms shipment to the US.



License No. 5 - Machine No. 2445

Banco Nacional de México S.A. - Suc. Guadalajara, Jalisco.

30c postage rate, 1932 for Registered Service to England, Europe.



License No. 6 - Machine No. 2446
Banco Nacional de México S.A. - Suc. Mérida, Yucatán.
20c postage rate, 1939 service to Europa, route Laredo, Tx. - Nueva York.



License No. 7 - Machine No. 2447
Banco Nacional de México S.A. - Suc. en Tampico, Tamaulipas.
6c postage rate 1942 for Urban Service (in the same city).

SI NO ES ENTREGADA EN 5 DIAS, DEVUELVA A

COMPAÑIA BANCARIA
DE
PARIS Y MEXICO, S. A.
CAPITAL PAGADO: \$ 2.425,000.00

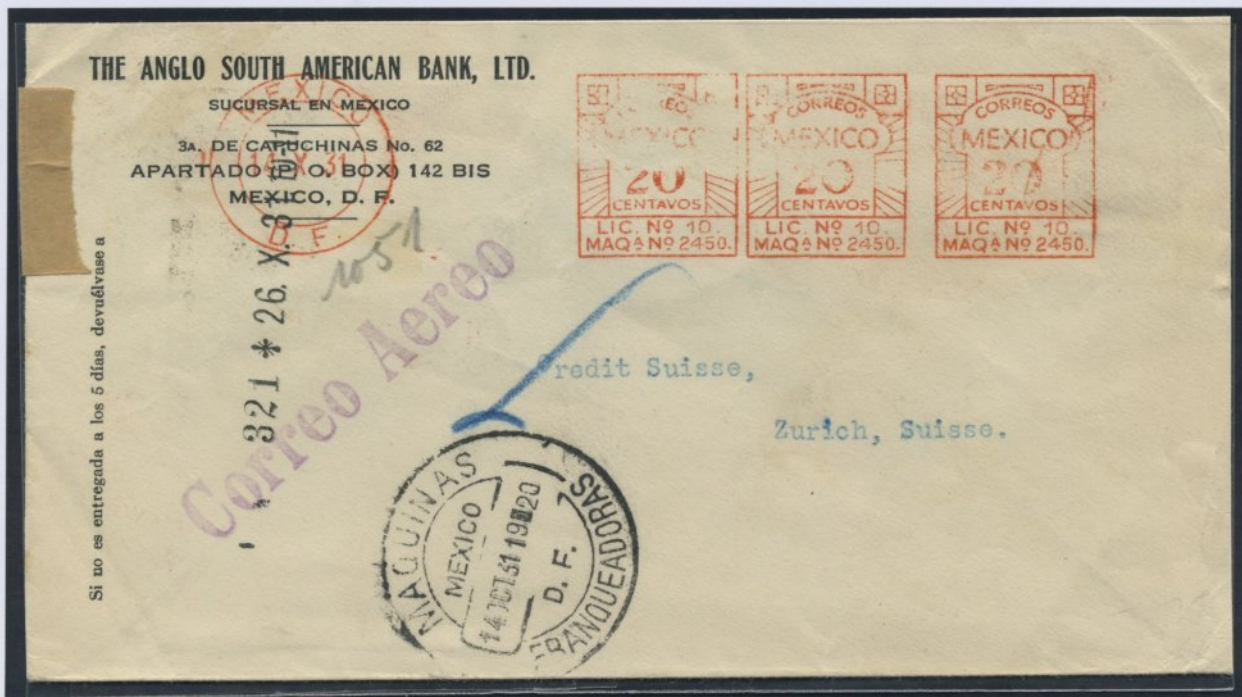
2A. CAPUCHINAS NUM. 51
APARTADO No. 107 BIS
MEXICO. D. F.



The First National Bank.

El Paso, Tex. U.S.A.

License No. 8 - Machine No. 2448
Compañía Bancaria de Paris y México S.A. - México, D.F.
Early usage Nov 1st, 1929 just 5 days after start up.
10c postage rate, 1929, regular service to USA.



License No. 10 - Machine No. 2450
 The Anglo South American Bank LTD. en México, D.F.
 60c postage rate, 1931 Airmail to Europe.



License No. 13 - Maquina No. 2453
 Banco Mexicano S.A. - México D.F.
 20c postage rate 1938 regular rate of Europa, Via Laredo Tx. - Nueva York.

Si no es entregada a los 5 días, devuélvase a
THE NATIONAL CITY BANK
OF NEW YORK
MEXICO, D. F. 25 X 34



The Allen-A Company,
Kenosha, Wis.
U. S. A.

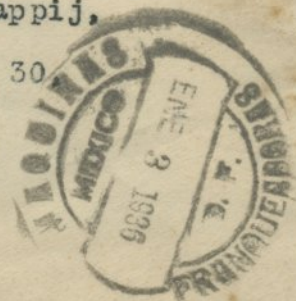
License No. 14 - Machine No. 4554
The National City Bank of New York, - México, D.F.
10c postage Rate 1934, land service to USA

FORMA G-12
SI NO FUERE ENTREGADA, DEVUELVA A
COMPAÑIA MEXICANA DE PETROLEO "EL AGUILA," S. A.
AVENIDA JUAREZ 92-94 APARTADO 113 BIS
MEXICO, D. F.



PARAVION
SERVICIO POSTAL POR AVION

De Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij,
(D.C. Department)
Carel Van Bylandtlaan No. 30
The Hague, Holanda.



License No. 15 - Machine No. 2455
Compañía Mexicana de Petróleo "El Águila" S.A. - México D.F.
80c postage rate, 1936, Airmail Service to Netherlands, Europa, Via Paris.



License No. 17 - Machine No. 2457
 S. Robert y Cia Suc. S.C. - México, D.F. 10c postage rate, 1930, Land service to USA.



License No. 18 - Máquina No. 2458 - Veyan Jean y Cía. Sucs. S en C. "La Francia Marítima" - México, D.F.
 1.80 pesos postage rate 1941 airmail service to Portugal.
 1st Slogan included in meter machine: "Consuma lo que producimos en el país"



License No. 19 - Machine No. 2459

Hnos. Sanborns S.A. México, D.F.

90c postage rate 1941 Arimail service vía Clipper Transatlantic to Europe.

British censorship applied in Bermudas.

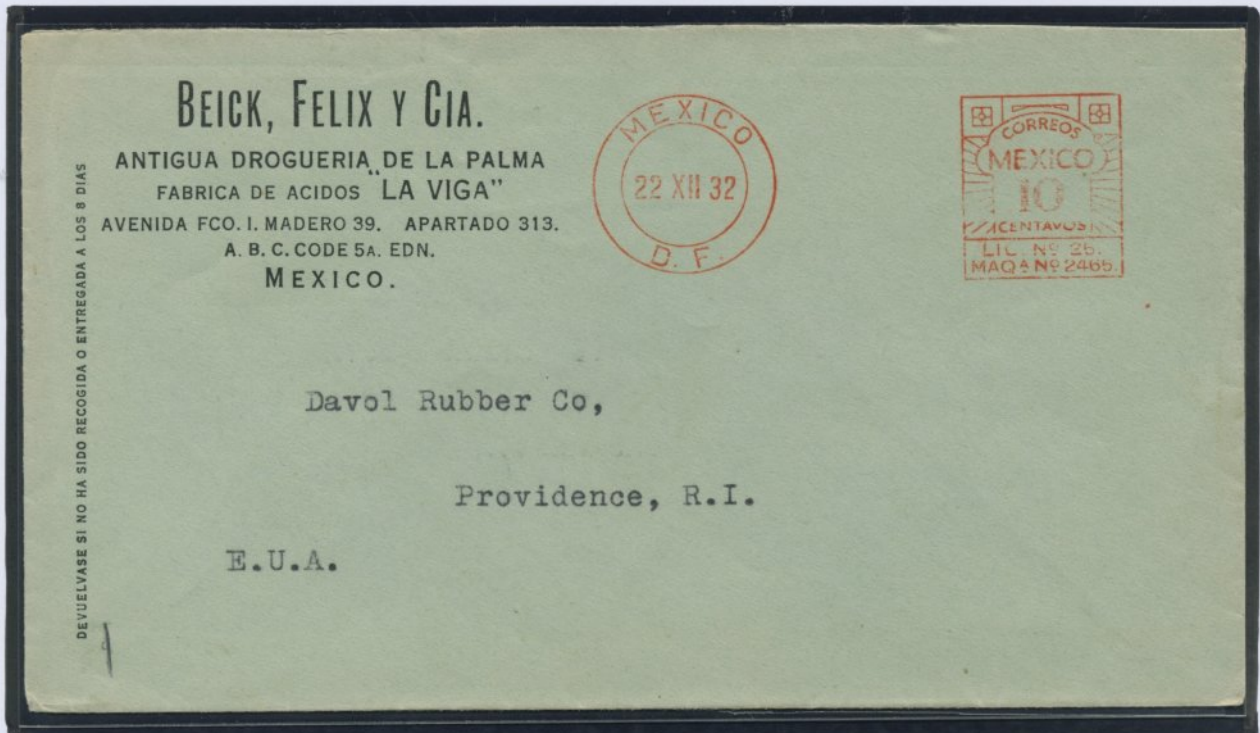


License No. 23 - Machine No. 2463

Carlos Stain - México, D.F.

5c de porte en 1931 National postcard rate.

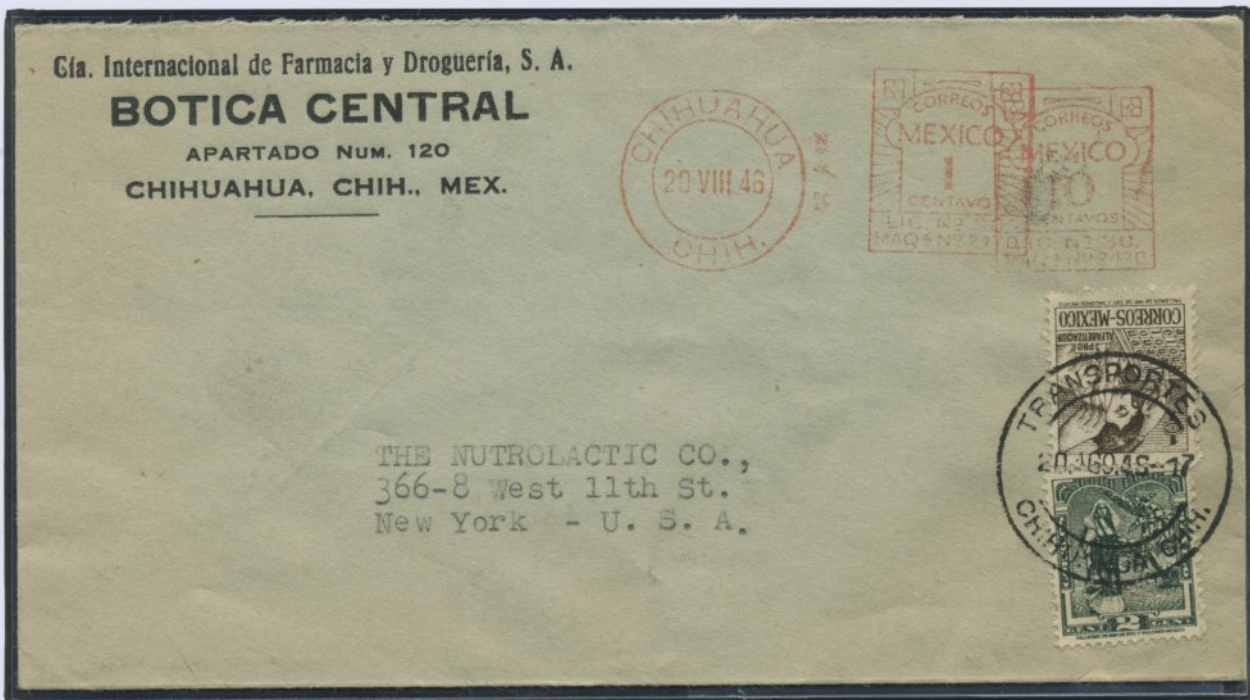
3c. applied as a complementary rate for the postal stationary of 2c.



License No. 25 - Máquina No. 2465
 Beick Felix y Cia - México, D.F.
 10c 10c postage rate, 1930, Land service to USA.



License No. 27 - Machine No. 2467
 Compañia Mexicana AGA S.A. - México, D.F.
 25c postage rate, 1946, Airmail service to USA up to 20g.
 In 1946 there were 2 adds, one mandatory: 1c "Pro-Alfabetización" and a voluntary: 1c. "Lucha contra el paludismo" only reason why there are 2c. additional having 27c in final franking.



License No. 30 - Machine No. 2470

Cia. Internacional de Farmacia y Drogueria SA - Chihuahua, Chihuahua.
 10c postage rate + 1c "pro alfabetización" 1946.

There are 3c. additional, provably: the non-identification of the "pro-alfabetization tax" required a new franking again plus 2 c. penalty applied turning a letter with 14c.



License No. 39 - Machine No. 2479

Agencia Comercial y Marítima, - Tampico, Tamaulipas.
 75c postage rate, 1937, Arimail service, to Germany Europe

VISITE MEXICO. EL PAIS MAS
INTERESANTE DEL CONTINENTE
AMERICANO.



Establecimientos Albert Buisson.
157 Rue de Sevres.
Paris, Francia.

*unusual meter frank
£10*

License No. 41 - Machine No. 2481

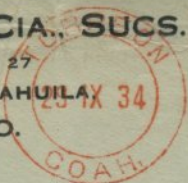
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Possibly a "essay envelope", because the 2c. rate in 1930 did not cover any postage.

Slogan included in meter machine: "Visite México el país más interesante del continente Americano"

BUCHENAU Y CIA., SUCS.

APARTADO 27
TORREON, COAHUILA
MEXICO.



IRVING TRUST COMPANY.

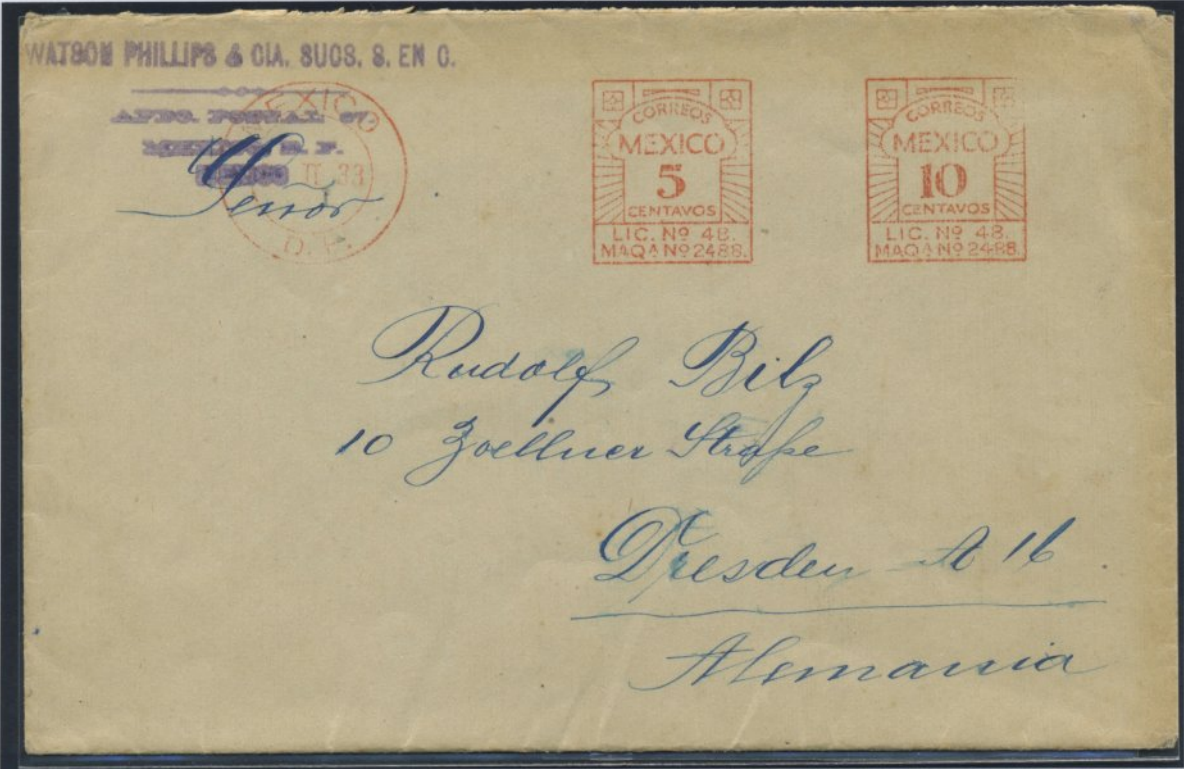
FOREIGN OFFICE

ONE WALL STREET.

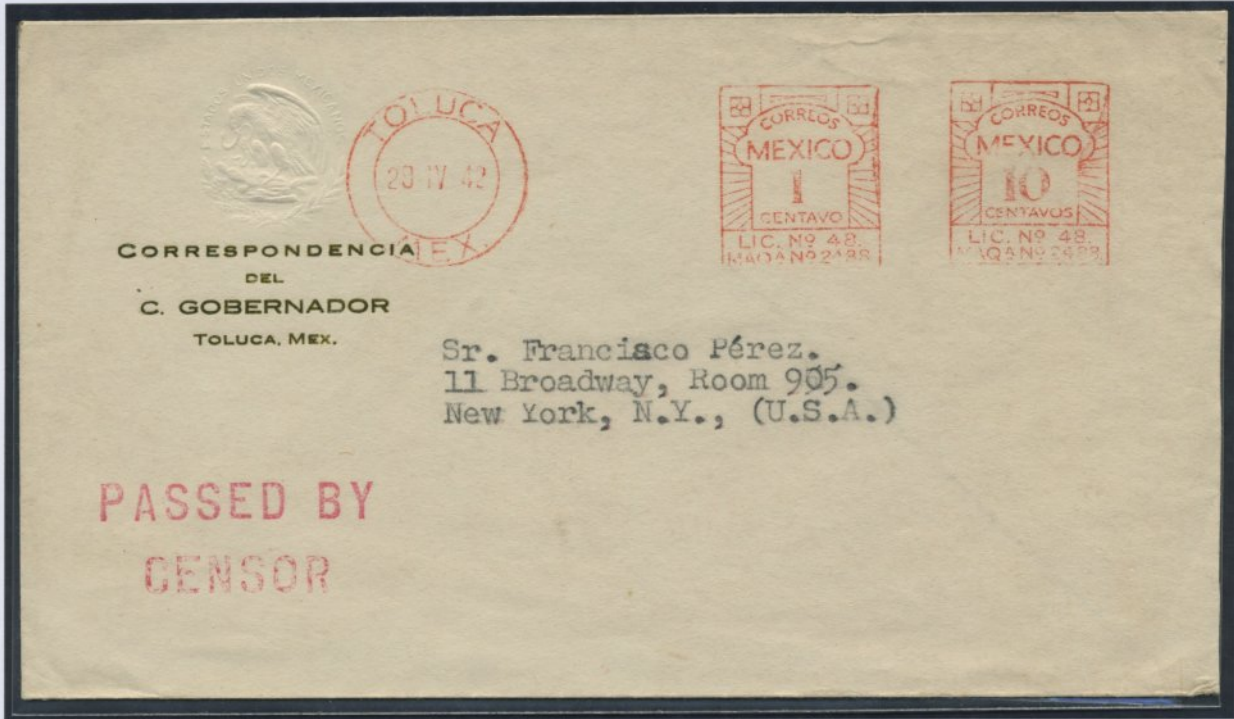
NEW YORK, N. Y.

License No. 47 - Machine No. 2487

Buchenau y Cia Sucs - Torreón, Coahuila.
10c postage Rate 1934, land service to USA



License No. 48 - Machine No. 2488
 Watson Phillips & Cia. Sucos. - México D.F.
 15c postege rate, 1933, Ordinary rate to Germany.



License No. 48 - Machine No. 2488

Official Service, Correspondence of the Governor of the State of Mexico. Toluca, Mexico State. License 48 for Machine 2488, ceased to be used by Watson Phillips & Co. Sucos. and was acquired by the Mexico Satate Government during the administration of Wenceslao Labra (1937-1941) and following governors. These machines had the modification only on the City and State ring.

BANCO GERMANICO
DE LA AMERICA DEL SUD
(SUCURSAL EN MEXICO)
APARTADO 101 BIS
MEXICO, D. F.



no es entregada a los 5 días, devuélvase a

Herren Ernst Kühnen & Co.,
Sebastianstrasse 7.
BERLIN S.14.
Alemania. -----

Licencia No. 50 - Máquina No. 2490

Banco Germánico de America del Sur - México, D.F.
10c. postage rate, 1931, for letter up to 20g to Germany, Europe.

GREENE CATTLE COMPANY
INCORPORATED
APARTADO No. 12
CANANEA, SONORA, MEXICO.



The Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co.
411 T. & T. Bldg.
114 W. Adams St.
Phoenix, Arizona

Licencia No. 51 - Máquina No. 2438

Greene Cattle Company - Cananea, Son.
10c. postage rate, 1941 Land service to USA. up to 20g.

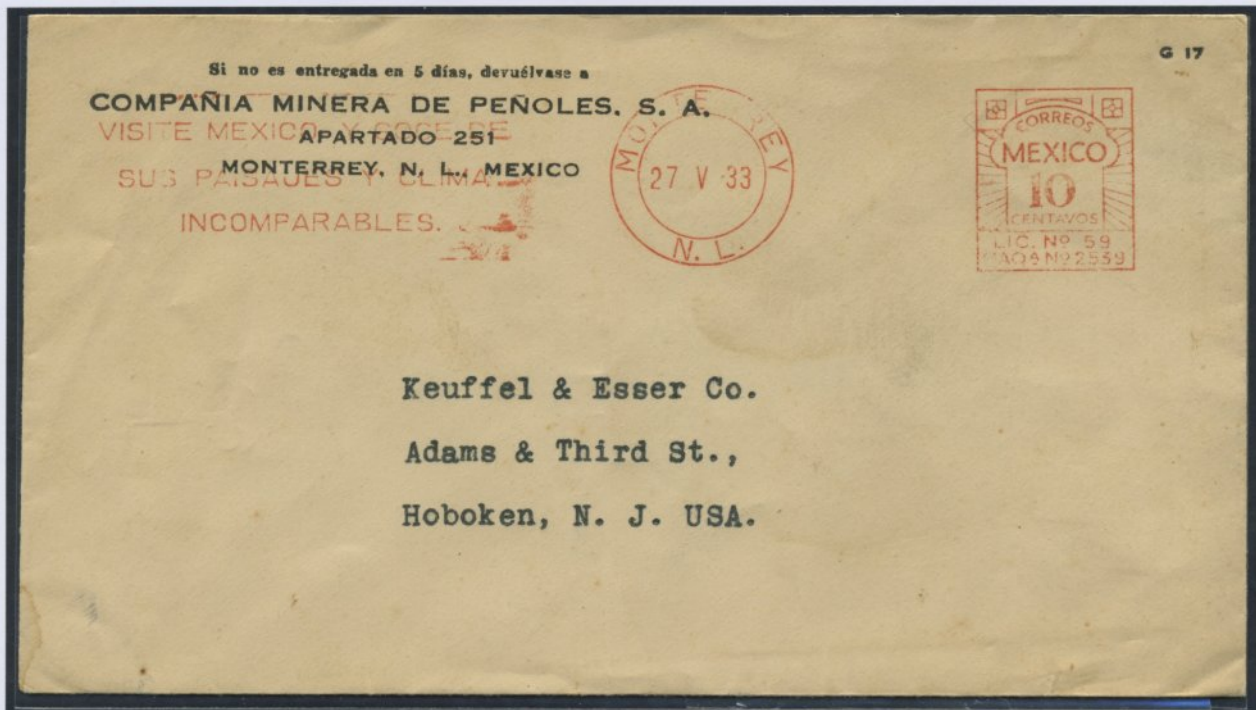


Licencia No. 53 - Máquina No. 2533

El Buen Tono S.A. - México, D.F.

4c postage rate, 1935, was a postcard national rate.

El Buen Tono S.A. got first license No. 34 in 1929. replacing machine and license in 1932



Licencia No. 59 - Máquina No. 2538

Compañía Minera de Peñoles S.A. Monterrey, N.L.

10c de porte en 1931, Land service to USA. up to 20g.

Slogan included in meter machine: "Visite México y goce de sus paisajes y clima incomparable"