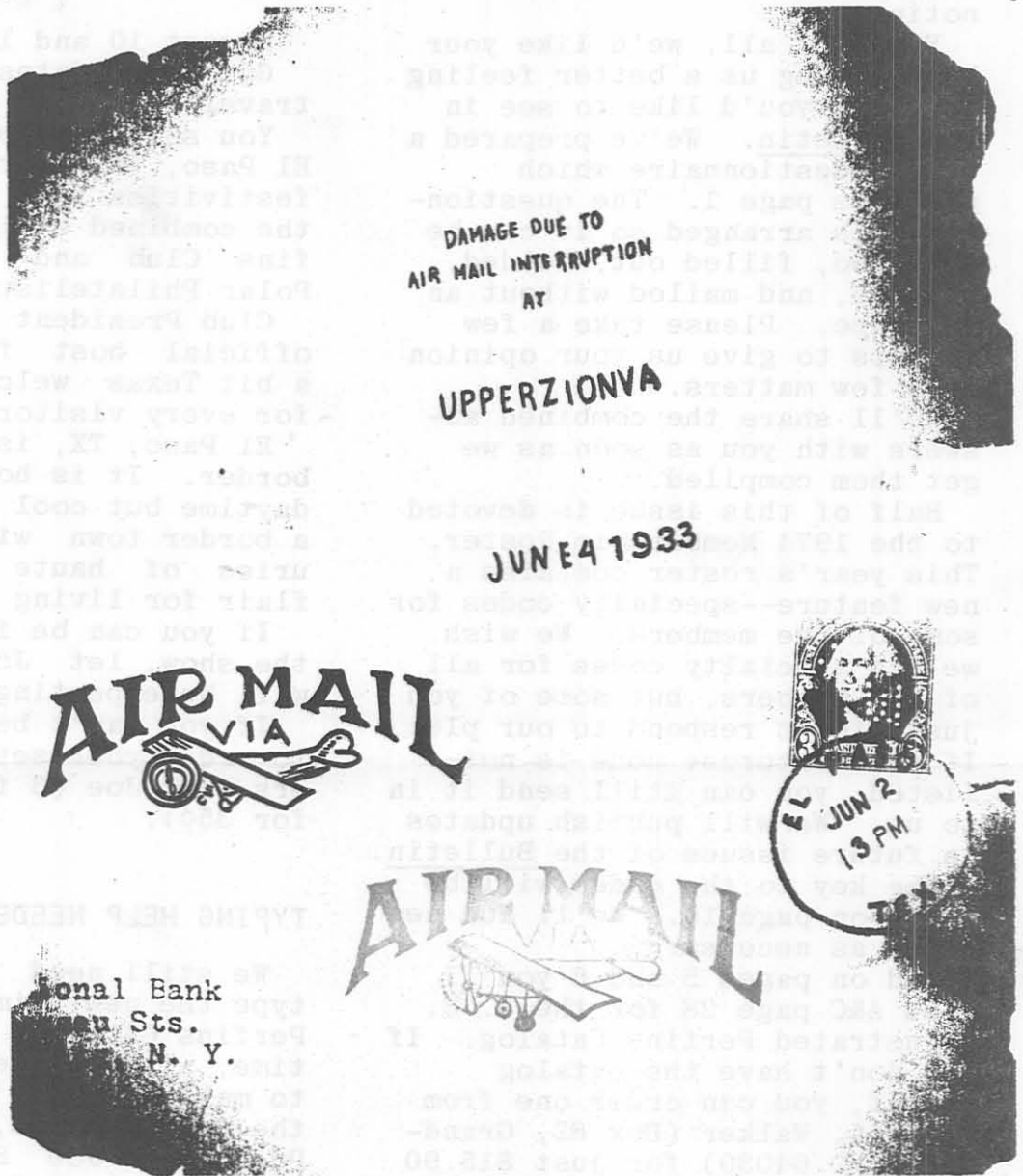


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A Perfins Crash Cover



THIS BADLY SCORCHED PERFINS COVER was salvaged from the wreckage of CAM 19, an Eastern Air Transport flight from Atlanta to Newark which crashed at 3:15 a.m. June 4, 1933, at Upper Zion, VA. The cover bears pattern M-309, the Mine and Smelter Company of El Paso, TX, and is addressed to the Chase National Bank in New York City. According to the American Airmail Catalog, the pilot of the plane, W. L. Jamieson, was killed in the crash. The plane carried 164 pounds of mail. About 1200 pieces of mail were salvaged from the burned wreckage of the plane, but all were badly scorched and were forwarded in USPOD penalty envelopes. The reverse of the cover carries the rubber-stamped endorsement: "Damage due to air mail interruption at Upper Zion, VA, June 4, 1933. (From the collection of Joe Balough)