

Do not be looking for regular "USPC Records Of The Day" posts from me. I leave USPC records to our resident USPC expert Rich Hanover. This one came by accident and it came over night. <g>

This thread was posted yesterday by Roy Klein.

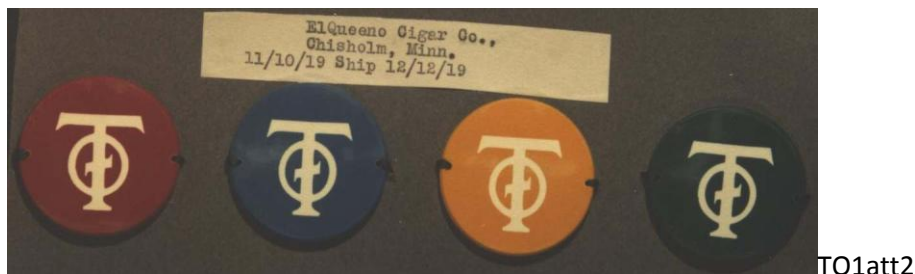
<http://www.thechipboard.com/index.cgi/page/1/md/read/id/1144495/sbj/new-to-me-old-chips/>

If you read the thread, I posted some info on the TO chip from the USPC records that Roy did not have.

I was then asked what the TO stood for. I had no clue but posted what I would look for if I had the chip.

El Queeno Cigar Company would have been a distributor that ordered the chips for a customer.

Chisholm, MN had a population of 6000 in 1908-4976 today. Should not have been many people there in 1919 with the initials TO. <g>



TO1att2

This morning I got this email from a collector friend.

" Ok....I got a TO coming your way, add that one to your research docket...;)

My note:

Chisholm MN web site:

<http://www.chisholmchamber.com/>

Welcome to Chisholm ~ The Heart of the Iron Range! Chisholm is host to many fun things for the entire family to see and do. While in the area, be sure to get a first hand look at mining history at Minnesota Discovery Center and the Minnesota Museum of Mining. Pay homage to the Veterans Memorial and the Iron Man, the third largest free-standing statue in the United States.

The Heart of the "Iron Range." It is/was a mining town.

The 2nd email I got this AM was from our "Friend Of The Hobby." He saw the TO thread and took pity on us. <g>

Enter our "Friend Of The Hobby:

A thought on the chip below in the BB thread. Possibly Greek letters Theta Tau. Theta Tau is a professional fraternity for engineers. It was founded by mining engineering students at the University of Minnesota in 1904. Chisholm, MN was a big mining town.

My note:

Take a look at this link.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theta_Tau

Here is the Theta Tau fraternity logo.

ΘΤ (Theta Tau) Fraternity



TO2att2

The O with a wavy line T at the bottom could very well be our TO.



TO3att2

Greek Alphabet:



Info from Robert Eisenstadt:

"It looks like the TO or OT on the chips is the logo of "ΘΤ (Theta Tau) Fraternity, which was founded in 1904 by four engineering students at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Today, Theta Tau is the oldest and largest professional engineering fraternity in the United States, with a diverse membership of men and women studying engineering at more than 40 campuses."

My note:

Were the chips used in a frat party poker game?

Did a frat member that lived in Chisholm have the chips made for his Saturday night poker game?

Not a 100 percenter, but I like the attribution. I am going with it until one of you guys come up with something better! <g>

Wait a minute!!!! Did he rake the pots??? That would make this an "Illegal Of The Day." Ok, that might be stretching it a "LITTLE" too far. <g>