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## Polish Locals

(On the Stamps of Germany)

by Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz

After the Armistice of Nov. 11, 1918, the authorities in Poland issued provisional and regular stamps to meet the immediate demand for postal services which was provided up to this time by the German and Austrian Armies of Occupation.

Some post offices placed on the stamps of occupation various overprints to indicate that the postal service was taken over by the Polish authorities.

To nationalize these stamps various methods were used; as for instance striking out the foreign denomination or language from the stamp or placing an overprint after attaching the stamp to the letter with a provisional canceller or writing in by hand "Poczta Polska" or imprinting "Poczta Polska," "Na Skarb Narodowy," an eagle with or without a title, etc.

This was done mainly for patriotic reasons and very often for speculative reasons by obliging postmasters. Due to misunderstanding after the collapse of the occupants and with no definite orders from the Central Government in Warsaw, various overprints were made on the remaining stamps officially, speculatively and privately. These may be found on cards and letters carried normally by the mails at the time.

To separate speculative from non-speculative issues is often difficult. We will therefore consider all local

issues and mark them as to their character taking into consideration: the need, patriotism and availability of the regular definite issue at the time when the overprinted stamps appeared. To list these items we formulate the various characters existing about each issue as:

1. Absence of the stamps on non-philatelic letters.
2. Rarity and accommodation, such as inverts, double prints and various color varieties.
3. Large quantity of overprints at the same postoffice or a long series with large denominations in a very small postoffice.
4. Overprinting stamps when definite government issues were available.

These points are very difficult to ascertain and for this reason we will consider only the stamps of:

### Part One—The German Occupation Area

Alexandrow  
Ciechocinek  
Izbica  
Kalisz (First type)  
Kolo (First type)  
Konin (First and second type,  
Black overprint)

Luko'w  
Ostroleka  
Ostrow  
Plonsk  
Poddebice  
Pultusk

Wloclawek (First type—10 & 15 f.  
Zdunska Wola  
Part two—The Austrian Occupation  
Area

Baranow  
Jezice  
Skalat

as bearing no speculative characteristics. The stamps of Zwierzyniec and Czermin cannot as yet be judged as no authentic letters have appeared. All other locals bear more or less speculative findings and many are of private making as: Otwock, Jedzejów, Olkusz-Bochnia which were in use.

### GERMAN OCCUPATIONAL AREA

Stamps in provincial post-offices with "Gen.-Gouv. Warschau," and "Russisch Polen" could be overprinted.

We will list them alphabetically, and describe them as to:

- 1 Color and how overprinted (rubber hand stamp, press, etc.)
- 2 Number of lines, wording, insignia.
- 3 Size.

#### Nov. to Dec. 1918

German occupation stamps with "Russisch Polen," overprinted "Poczta Polska" with or without eagle.

|                    | Alexandrow | Brzeziny | Kalisz I | Lezycza | Lukow | Wloclawek III | Konin |
|--------------------|------------|----------|----------|---------|-------|---------------|-------|
| 3 fen brown        | -          | *        | *        | *       | *     | *             | *     |
| 5 fen green        | -          | *        | *        | *       | *     | *             | *     |
| 10 fen rose        | -          | -        | *        | *       | *     | *             | *     |
| 20 fen ultramarine | -          | *        | *        | *       | *     | *             | *     |
| 40 fen car. & blk. | *          | -        | -        | -       | -     | -             | -     |

#### Nov. 1918 to March 1919

Imperial German stamps of the 1906-17 issue were overprinted with "Gen.-Gouv. Warschau," "Poczta Polska," "Na Skarb Narodowy" etc., on the following values: 2½ fen, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 15 violet, 15 brown, 20 (up to four varieties of blue), 30 and 60 fen.

(Practically all issues are forged either in complete sets or on values other than mentioned above and are offered on envelopes and pieces cancelled to order.)

### ALEKSANDROW KUJAWSKI

- 1 Violet, also red 5, 7½, 15, 20 fen and blue 60 fen. Rubber.
- 2 2 lines, "Poczta/Polska."
- 3 Size, "Poczta" 15 mm long, "Polska" 17 mm long, overprint 10½ mm high.

Usually cancelled with German canceller "Alexandrowo".

### BLONIE

- 1 Black, Rubber.
  - 2 2 lines, "Poczta/Polska" 2 bars, "BLONIE".
  - 3 Size, "BLONIE" 17½ mm high, bars 17½ mm long.
- Cancelled by round canceller (rubber) dia. of 32 mm. with "Urząd Pocztowy/Provizorio/Blonie.

### BRZESZINY

- 1 Violet, Rubber.
  - 2 2 lines "Poczta/Polska"/ eagle.
- Two rubber stamps were used, so that the eagle may be found above or below "Poczta/Polska," or inverted.

### CIECHOCINEK

- 1 Violet, 2½, 5, 7½ and 10 fen. Rubber.
- 2 2 lines, "Poczta / polska". Made with individual letters.

### GRODZISK

- 1 Black, also Red on 20 fen light blue.
  - 2 2 lines, "POCZTA/POLSKA/4 bars"
  - 3 Size, overprint 17½ mm high. Bars 17½ mm long.
- Cancelled same as "Blonie" except: "Grodzisk".

### IZBICA

- 1 Violet and Black on 15 violet, 30, 40 and 60 fen.
  - 2 Single line, "Poczta Polska".
  - 3 Size, 18½ mm long.
- "G. G. W." often crossed out with ink. Before the use of the overprint the postmaster wrote in "Poczta Polska" in red or black ink.

### KALISZ

- Type I.
- 1 Violet, Rubber.
  - 2 "POCZTA / eagle without crown / POLSKA".
  - 3 Size, 25½ mm high.
- Some values are inverted and the 7½ fen at times at an angle or horizontal, due to use of same form on overprinting postal cards with the 7½ fen stamp attached.
- Type II.
- 1 Violet and Blue. Rubber.
  - 2 Same as Type I, except eagle has crown.
  - 3 Size, 24 mm. high.
- Type III.
- 1 Violet. Rubber.
  - 2 2 lines, "POLSKA POCZTA/2 bars/ KALISZ".
  - 3 Size, 19¼ mm high.
- Type IV.
- 1 Violet. Rubber.
  - 2 Same as type III except letters are

- larger.  
 3 Size, 19¼.  
 Type V.  
 1 Violet, Rubber.  
 1 Same as Type I.  
 3 Size, 21½ mm high.

Types I and V should be considered as the only types of this issue actually needed by the post office and without any stylistic stigma. The type I overprint was ordered by the civil authorities on the day the Germans left

**Poczta  
Polska**

Aleksandrów.

**Poczta  
Polska**

**BŁONIE**

Blonie.

**Poczta  
Polska**



Brzeziny

**poczta  
POLSKA**

Ciechocinek.

**POCZTA  
POLSKA**

Grodzisk.

**POCZTA POCZTA**

**PocztaPolska**

Izbica.



**POLSKA  
POCZTA**

**POCZTA  
POLSKA**

**POCZTA**



**POLSKA POLSKA**

Kalisz I.

Kalisz II.

Kalisz III.

Kalisz IV.

Kalisz V.

**KALISZ**

**KALISZ**

**POLSKA**

**Na skarb  
narodowy**

Kolo I.



Kolo II.



Konin I.



**Polska Poczta**

Konin II.

**POLSKA**



**POCZTA**

Konin III.

**Polska  
poczta**

**Łęczyca**  
Łęczyca.

**Polska  
poczta**

**Ozorków**

Ozorkow.

**Polska Poczta**



Łowicz.

**Poczta  
polska**

Łuków

**Polska  
Poczta**

**Ostrołęka**  
Ostrołęka.

**Polska  
Poczta**

**Ostrów**  
Ostrów.

**POCZTA  
POLSKA**

**POLSKA POCZTA**

**POCZTA  
POLSKA**

Podębice.

Pułtusk.

**POCZTA POLSKA**

Sieradz.

**POLSKA.**

**POLSKA.**

Skierniewice

Na Skarb  
Narodowy

Włocławek I.

**POCZTA POLSKA**

Zduńska Wola I.

Na Skarb  
Narodowy

Włocławek II.

**POCZTA POLSKA**

Zduńska Wola II.

**POCZTA  
POLSKA**

Włocławek III.

the town and was used until it wore out, when type V was used.

All next three types were not needed, and should be classified purely as philatelic fancy. The handstamps for overprinting were not ordered by the postal authorities but were given to the postmaster by "some gentlemen in Warsaw".

Type V, was used officially only a few days before the definite government issue arrived at the post office, but later on this handstamp got into the hands of a postal clerk who manufactured overprints on used and unused stamps in large numbers even with Berlin and Dresden cancellations.

### KOLO

Type I.

- 1 Black, all values except the 3 fen., Metal.
- 2 2 lines, "Na skarb/narodowy".
- 3 Size, "Na skarb", 21½ mm long, "narodowy" 22½ mm long and 11¼ mm high.

Overprint may be horizontal or vertical with "Kolo" added or "Kolo" without "Na skarb narodowy".

Type II

- 1 Black, Metal.
- 2 Flower ornament vertically.

### KONIN

Type I.

- 1 Black on all values except 3, 30 and 40 fen., Red on the 5 and 15 fen. and Violet on the 5 fen. Rubber.
- 2 Double circle around "POCZTA POLSKA" and a small circle.
- 3 Size, overprint spread on two stamps.

This overprint is also found on 15 fen. "Post Gebiet O. B." violet.

Type II.

- 1 Black, Red and Violet. Rubber.
- 2 Large eagle with or without crown / "Polska Poczta".
- 3 Size, letters 15½ mm long, and 25 mm over-all in height.

The impression is blotched because the ink previously used for the metal wore the rubber fast.

Black is official, Red and Violet purely philatelic.

Type III.

- 1 Black, Red, Violet and Green. Rubber.
- 2 "POLSKA/ Eagle with crown / POCZTA".
- 3 This type III is similar to Kalisz type II except that "POLSKA & POCZTA" are transposed (probably made by the same person.) This type

is found only on accomodation and philatelic letters.

### LECZYCA

- 1 Blue, Violet, Red. Rubber.
- 2 2 lines, "Polska/Poczta/2 bars / Leczyca".
- 3 Size, 19 mm high. "Polska" 13½ mm long.

Horizontal overprint was placed on stamps already attached to letters.

On Forgeries: "Polska" is 15 mm long.

### LOWICZ

- 1 Violet.
- 2 Single line, "Polska Poczta"/2 bars crossed.
- 3 Size, "Polska Poczta" 13½ mm long bars of cross 17 & 17½ mm long.

This issue appeared in March 1919, that is after the definite issue was in circulation.

### LUKOW

- 1 Violet, Black Violet. Rubber.
- 2 2 lines, "Poczta/polska".
- 3 Size, "Poczta" 17 mm long, "polska" 18 mm long.

### MAKOW

- 1 Violet. Rubber.
- 2 2 lines, "POCZTA/POLSKA/2 heavy bars.

This overprint is similar to Pultusk and can be only differentiated if cancelled in Makow.

### OSTROLEKA

- 1 Black, 2½, 5, 10, 20, 30 and 60 fen. Metal.
- 2 2 lines, "Polska/Poczta or poczta/ 2 bars/Ostroleka".

Overprint was made with foundry type on 10 stamps horizontally so that on the first 6 stamps "Poczta" has a capital "P" and on the remaining 4 stamps a small "p".

These stamps were overprinted the night of Nov. 11, 1918 on the remainders found at Ostrawa Mazowiecka.

#### Amount of Issue

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| 2½ fen ..... | 250 |
| 5 fen .....  | 300 |
| 10 fen ..... | 400 |
| 15 fen ..... | 100 |
| 20 fen ..... | 400 |
| 30 fen ..... | 400 |
| 60 fen ..... | 200 |

1000 postal cards of 7½ fen.

Originals:

- 1 In Ostroleka "a" is narrow and flat
- 2 Overprint shining.
- 3 Blurred (used type).

Forgeries:

- 1 "a" wide.
  - 2 Mat overprint.
  - 3 Clean and clear print. (new type).
- All 3 and 7½ fen. stamps are forger-

ies, as none exist in the original.

### OSTROW

- 1 Black, all values except 60 fen. Machine type.
- 2 Same as Ostroleka only "Ostrow" substituted.

The same printer overprinted both issues (Ostroleka & Ostrow) on stamps found at the post office.

Amount of Issue:

|              |      |
|--------------|------|
| 2½ fen ..... | 300  |
| 3 fen .....  | 200  |
| 5 fen .....  | 600  |
| 7½ fen ..... | 75   |
| 10 fen ..... | 1000 |
| 15 fen ..... | 20   |
| 20 fen ..... | 600  |
| 30 fen ..... | 600  |
| 40 fen ..... | 600  |

3000 postal cards of 7½ fen.

Forgeries:

Same as Ostroleka except #1.

### OTWOCK

- 1 Black or Red.
  - 2 Eagle and "Poczta Polska".
- This issue is a fantasy and speculative.

### OZORKOW

- 1 Black, Blue, Violet and Red. Rubber.
- 2 2 lines, "Polska/Poczta/ 2 bars / Ozorkow".
- 3 Size 18 mm high.

### PLONSK

- 1 Black. Rubber.
- 2 2 lines, "POCZTA/POLSKA/ 2 bars".
- 3 Size, "POCZTA" 14\* mm long, "POLSKA" 16½ mm long, letters are 3½ mm high. Bars are 18 and 17 mm long. 1 mm thick. Whole overprint is 16 mm high.

Forgeries:

Whole overprint is 15 mm. Bars are 17 mm long and ½ mm thick. Cancelled with analine dye of greenish tint.

### PODDEBICE

- 1 Black, Violet, Green. Rubber.
- 2 Single line "POLSKA POCZTA" (made of individual type).
- 3 Size of overprint 45 mm long and 3 mm high.

Overprint was applied after stamps were attached to the letter making various positions.

### PULTUSK

- 1 Black and Violet.
- 2 Single line "POCZTA POLSKA"/2 bars (heavy).
- 3 Size, Words 14½ mm long and 2½ mm high. Bars 2½ mm thick. Ov-

erprint is 17½ mm high.

These have cancellations of nearby post offices as Rozan, Krasnosielce, Nosielsk, Lomza and Makow.

### SIERADZ

- 1 Black and Violet. Rubber.
- 2 Single line, "POCZTA POLSKA"/ 2 double bars." Thin.
- 3 Size, Words 19 mm long and 3½ mm high. Bars, 19 mm long. Space between 2nd and 3rd bar is 4 mm. Violet overprint is found only on unused stamps and was made later with original handstamp.

Forgeries:

Words, 19½ mm long and not of same height. Space between 2nd and 3rd bar is 3½ mm.

### SKIERNIEWICE

- 1 Black, Red and Blue. Rubber.
- 2 Single line, "POLSKA" placed at an angle from left lower corner toward right upper corner.
- 3 Size, 22½ mm long and 4 mm high. Two handstamps were used, differing in type and the placement of the period.

All values in Black except 20 fen. Prussian blue.

All values in Red except 20 & 40 fen. Violet Blue.

All values in Blue except 20 fen.

### WLOCLAWEK

Type 1

- 1 Black, 15 fen Red. Machine.
- 2 2 lines, "Na Skarb/Narodowy".
- 3 Space between lines 3 mm.

Type II

Same as type 1 except space is 1 mm. This type was issued after the exhaustion of type I with the sole purpose to accommodate philatelists. In this type various varieties exist as: inverts, double prints, double inverts and red and black overprints.

Type III

- 1 Black and Violet. Metal.
- 2 2 lines "POCZTA/POLSKA".
- 3 Size, Words, 16½ mm long and 2½ mm high. Overprint, 7 mm high.

Forgeries:

Metal handstamp, in violet, 16 mm long, letters 2½-3 mm high. Overprint, 7½ mm high.

### ZDUNSKA WOLA

Type I

- 1 Black, 2½, 3, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 40 fen. Metal.
- 2 Single line, "POCZTA POLSKA/2 heavy bars".
- 3 Size, Words and bars are 19 mm long. Letters are 3½ mm high. Overprint is 16 mm high.

## Type II

- 1 Black. Metal.
- 2 Same as type 1, except 4 thin bars.
- 3 Size. Words and 1st bar 18 mm long. 2nd bar is 18½ mm. Letters are 4 mm high and Overprint is 16 mm high.

This overprint is similar to Sieradz except 2nd bar is ¼ mm shorter and the "Z" is flat. Violet overprints were issued later.

This concludes the Locals on the German Stamps and we hope to be able in the October issue to complete with the Austrian section.

## NEW MEMBERS

- #262 Larry C. Zieler, 3120 So. May St., Chicago 8, Ill. (E.P.P., Bel. and Ireland)
- #253 John J. Poznanski, 3410 Farnsworth, Detroit 11, Mich. (E.P.P. and U. S.)

## APPLICATION PENDING

M. F. Stempien, 419 Main St., New Britain, Conn.

## SEEN AND HEARD

by Victor Bukinik

The whole country is now thinking in terms of reconversion, planning and building. We have also joined the popular band wagon and have mused in terms of long planning for Polonus.

Now is the time to organize a new issue service for the Polonus members. Undoubtedly there will be very many new issues out of Poland, most of them to raise revenue for the government. To those collecting all Polish stamps these will represent a pretty penny in the long run. If we recall correctly, Polonus was planning to institute a new issue service when the war broke out. How about picking up the torn threads and piecing them together?

Then there was an ambitious project of publishing a handbook on Polish stamps through the joint efforts of the better informed members of the Polonus. This undertaking was begun during the war, but became dormant because so many of us had added duties in connection with the rational emergency. It seems that now is the time to give serious thought to the idea. Several local dealers have expressed the idea that there is a crying need for a specialized catalogue of Polish stamps. The only recognized handbook on Poland is the "Ikaros,"

which was published in 1935. A copy of it was sold in New York about a year ago for \$27.50.

Although the war is over, we have not forgiven, and the issues produced under German occupation still give us the feeling one has upon touching a slimy reptile. There are numerous occupation issues being peddled about and advertised in the philatelic press. Some are very pretty, others not quite so. Until someone gives us an antidote, we do not intend to delve into the whys and wherefores of these issues.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Joseph Bienecki, 1410—4th St., Madison, Ill.

Pfc. Elmer Kencz, 20916054, Hg. Btry, 747th, F. A. Bn., APO 562, P. M., New York, N. Y.

Rev. Blase Szymanski, 700 S. Ann St., Baltimore 31, Maryland.

## NEW ISSUES

Member Clem A. Pulaski of Mt. Carmel, Pa. reports that in a recent letter received from Poland, he received the following stamps which have not been previously reported. There are seven of them and while details are meager it is felt that an immediate announcement should be made. This information was received just as the "BULLETTIN" was ready for the press and did not permit sufficient time to secure illustrations which we hope to show next issue.

Following is a tabulation:

- 1 Zl. Perf. 11x12½, Brick-Red, Wawel, Monument of Kosciuszko.
- 2 Zl. 11x11, Lt-Blue, Sukiennice, (Drapers Hall)
- 3 Zl. 11x11 and Imperf. Dk-Violet, Copernicus Monument in the old courtyard of Jagiellonion Univer.
- 1 Zl. 11½x11½, Blue, View of the City of Lodz.
- 2 Zl. 11x11, Light-Violet, Kosciuszko Monument at Lodz.
- 2 Zl. 11x11, Orange Brown, Post-Horn—Postage Due.

Bert P.

In addition to the above, thru the courtesy of member Ray Bartz of Detroit, we have been shown two additional stamps. The first:

- 5 Zl. Green, date in upper right corner, 19-1, 1945, View of the Wawel Cathedral.



This apparently is part of the set submitted by Clem Pulaski.

The other is another variety of the 25 gr. Piast Eagle, surcharged 2 Zl. and a two line overprint in black. P. K. W. N. on one line and 31.XII, 1944 on the other.

#### NEW ISSUES Poland P. W. Stamp

An American Army Officer, released from a German Prison Camp, brought these stamps to America as souvenirs. He has never collected stamps but he thought some collector would be pleased with them. (That, my friends, is your typical Serviceman U. S. A. 1945!)

Polish Army Officers imprisoned there, designed, printed and used these stamps, one for mail sent home, the other Postage Due on incoming mail. Each shows the issuing "Country"—"OB-OF-11C," (Oblag, a prison; Offisier, for Officers; 11C, the prison number or address.

The postage stamp is orange-red, the picture "K. Chodkiewicz 1560-1621." The value—15 and the letters "P (or F) W S" complete the design.

The Postage Due is black, the value surrounded by a barbed-wire design and "Dopłata."

Neither stamp is perforated or gummed. Both are crudely done as would be expected under the circumstances.

These stamps are in the possession of Mr. Frank A. Benedict, West Englewood, N. J.

Tea-Stamp News—August 1945: and thanks to J. B. Hatcher.

#### C. P. S. TO HONOR SAUL NEWBURY

The CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY at its annual dinner Saturday night, Nov. 3, at the La Salle Hotel, will pay homage to one of Chicago's most famous stamp collectors—SAUL NEWBURY.

The dinner which is to be held in conjunction with the annual C. P. S. show which opens Friday, Nov. 2nd, and closes Sun. Nov. 4th, is to be known as the "SAUL NEWBURY Dinner."

All members of Polonus in the Chicagoland area are urged to attend. If you wish reservations write to the Secretary, Mrs. Ann Mikucki—1844 N. Winchester Ave., Chicago.

Entry blanks for the exhibition can be obtained from Walter Strait, Fox River Grove—Eight frames limit at \$1 per frame.

#### VISITORS TO CHICAGO

Visitors to Chicago during the early part of August were Rev. Jerome and Rev. Marion Weron together with Clem Pulaski. They motored in from New York stopped at Detroit and then on to Chicago. Informal visits were arranged at Doc. Kozys', Myron Stecynskis' and Jack Domar's. Various members who could be contacted were present. Stamps of course, was the topic, and I really think they must have felt as sore from sitting as I and Lester Jankowski were looking at Vinc. Domanskis' stuff.

We hope their visit was a pleasant one and I truly enjoyed visiting again

with Father Jerry and Clem. Father Marion is a newcomer although we have corresponded for years. Swell guy.  
J. J. D.

#### ANOTHER "BEEBA"

On Sunday, July 8, Father Piechocki of St. Mary's Church, Middletown, Conn. was host to the Central New England Precancel Stamp Club. It is THE meeting of the year and there is always a good attendance for the generous Father furnishes delicious refreshments and makes everyone feel as though he were his personal guest. He told me that he enjoyed entertaining the group, and surely all of us appreciate his bountiful hospitality. Althea Harvey, Phil. Gossip 7/28/45. Ed. Note. Polonus members everywhere enjoy entertaining others.

#### IN APPRECIATION

My Mother, Brother and I, wish to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the many kind expressions of sympathy received upon the recent and sudden death of my Father.

Jack Domar

#### THIS n' THAT

Dear Jack:

I wonder if you had noticed this in your last "Bulletin," the July-August issue, in the middle page under the item of "New Issues" and the illustration of the 25 gr. "Piast eagle stamp."

Take a look at the humps of the wings on both sides of the eagle. On the left will be seen clearly the contours of an ascetic face—high, bald head, long pointed nose, and long chin. On the right hump the face looks like an Indian with feather headgear.

I wonder whether this happened accidentally or whether the artist of the design did it on purpose.

Yours,

J. W. Lowey, Czecho-Slo. Phil. Soc.  
of N. A.

Editor's note: Joe, you are the first to report this. However, on the stamp these illusions do not appear and were probably acquired in the process of photo-engraving.

Dr. Uznanski has announced his 1946 POLPEX Committee. Co-chairmen are, Al. Rybarski, Al. Kolaczewski, and J. A. Kupiec.

Co-Chairman, Al. Rybarski announced that the probable Exhibition dates

would be, Feb. 9-10-11th and 12th, 1946 and he also suggested that all of us at this time give some thought to exhibiting.

Pvt. Stanley Falcon was in town recently according to Bert Powell. We had hoped that he would have time to drop in at the last meeting. (9-14-45). How about dropping the Boys a line, Stasz?

Care should be taken with the recent Mint General Government issues of Poland as they have a tendency to stick. To prevent this, first place the hinge on the stamp and dust the back very lightly with either plain talc or preferably zinc stearate powder, using either a new or at least a clean powder puff.

"Doc. Kozy" says: "When measuring the perforations of a large number of stamps, to make the job easier, obtain a deep cigar box, install on the inside a light bulb (25 watt) and attach an extension cord, cut an opening in the cover, insert a frosted glass and use a Rapkin or any celluloid perforation gauge.

When hand lettering or ruling album pages—it is best if India drawing ink, ruling pens and pens designed for lettering are used. The very small investment will be rewarded with a neater job.

#### FROM OUR BOYS

Aug. 21, 1945

Dear Members:

I just rec'd issue #33 of the "Bulletin." It still is a fine little magazine and I always look forward to them in my mail.

Sorry I have been so silent, but I haven't forgotten the Society. I'm in Antwerp now, after being with the 9th Army at the Ruhr pocket for which I have received a battle star. Have 96 points and I am about to return to the States.

Since I have been overseas I have not collected, but I hope to catch up when I return.

I believe all of the "Bulletins" have reached me and thanks for remembering me.

My very best wishes to all of the members.

P. F. C. Elmer Kencz  
30th Gen'l Hospital, Belgium