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Polish Locals

(On the Stamps of Austria)

PART TWO

by Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz

This is part two of Doctor L. P. Kozakiewicz's article on Polish Locals. The September issue described those which were used in the German Occupied Area. In this issue we will describe those used in the Austrian Occupied Area.

We will repeat also that the Locals of Paronow, Dziedzice and Skalat bear no speculative characteristics. Those of Zwierzyniec and Czermin cannot be judged due to the lack of any authentic letters. All of the others bear more or less speculative findings and many are of private making as Otwock, Jedzejow, Olkusz and Bochnia.

JEDZEJOW

Three line, "Polska / Poczta / Jedzejow", overprinted on Austrian occupation (Feldpost) stamps. They are a purely speculative issue and were never issued by the postoffice.

OLKUSZ

Two lines, "Polska Poczta / Olkusz". On occupation stamps same as Jedzejow. Speculative and not official. Also stamps overprinted "Krolestwo / Polskie" or "POCZTA POLSKA" are speculative.

ZWIERZYNIEC

(on Wieprz) (ad Zamosc)

Austrian stamps with Carol's head overprinted with a circle of 15½ mm. and with an eagle 10½ mm high in

the center. Only one stamp on cover is known.

GALICIA

BARANOW

Dec. 1918, Austrian stamps of 1916-18.

- 1 Dirty violet, rubber.
- 2 2 line, "Polska / poczta".
- 3 Size, "Polska" 15 mm. long, overprint, 17 mm. high.

Letter "Z" is smaller than the other letters. Overprint is made up of individual letters and placed on stamps already attached to covers and is found in different positions. Letters posted Dec. 16-19, 1918 are original.

BOCHNIA

A speculative issue, overprinted on Austrian stamps with "Bochnia / poczta polska / and value, as 5 on 3 hal., 15 on 20 hal., or 25 on 15 hal. These stamps were never issued by the postoffice.

CZERMIN

(by Mielec)

Dec. 1918.

- 1 Red, Rubber.
- 2 2 line, "Polska / Poczta".
- 3 Size, letters "P", l, k, t, are 4 mm. high. All of the rest are 2½ mm. high.

Only 3 hal. violet (1916) and 5 hal. light green (1916) are known. Posted Dec. 16-19, 1918 and cancelled with Austrian "Czermin Gal."



Zwierzyniec

DZIEDZICE

Jan. 1919. The 40 and 50 hal. Austrian stamps of 1916 were overprinted with a new value, and bisected horizontally to make two stamps. They were set up with individual letters and numbers.

- 1 Violet, Rubber.
- 2 New value / halerzy in 2 lines on each half.
- 3 Letters h, l, y, are $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm. high. Letters a, e, r, z, are $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm high. Numbers, 20 or 25 are $3\frac{1}{4}$ mm high. Overprint is $9\frac{1}{2}$ mm. high. Space between letter i and new value is 3 mm.

Printing was tete-beche on each stamp
Values.

20 on 40 hal. Olive 300 issued
25 on 50 hal. green 100 issued
Issued by permission of the Authorities in Krakow and were used from Jan. 14-20, 1919.

SKALAT

Nov. 1919. Austrian stamps 1916-1917.

- 1 Black, Metal.
- 2 Semi-circle "POCZTA POLSKA" / eagle with crown in center / SKALAT below.
- 3 Size, Overprint is 18 mm. high. Eagle is 11 mm. high. SKALAT letters $3\frac{1}{4}$ mm. Space between eagle and SKALAT 1 mm.

These stamps were issued during the Ukrainian occupation of SKALAT when the Polish government could not deliver its regular issue. This overprint was authorized by officials in Lwow.

Values.

3 hal. violet	2002	issued
5 " light green	1300	"
10 " carmine	402	"
15 " brick	1306	"
20 " dark green	2150	"
25 " blue	204	"
30 " lilac	279	"
40 " olive	651	"
50 " dark green	2	"
60 " dark blue	160	"
80 " red brown	170	"
90 " red lilac	40	"
2 kr. light-blue, 1917	6	"
3 " rose, 1917	45	"
4 " light-green	20	"

POSTAGE DUES

5 hal. red	390	issued
10 " red	100	"
15/36 hal. violet	250	"
20/54 hal. orange	200	"
25 hal. red	40	"
30 " red	3	"
40 " red	5	"

50/42 hal. brown 40 "
1 kr. blue 72 "

Forgeries: Made with original handstamp but in black-violet ink, the letters "C and Z" of POCZTA are broken.

MIELEC

This issue is very speculative for there were 4 types and issues made within a short period of two months particularly when there was no need for them. The overprinted stamps were cancelled at various other towns and places before Nov. 1918.

Type 1. Nov.-Dec., 1918.

- 1 Black, Rubber.
- 2 2 line "POCZTA / POLSKA" individual letters.

Regular Austrian stamps.

1916: 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 40, 50, 60, 80 & 90 hal.

1917: 15, 20, 25, 30 hal., 2, 3, 4 kr.

1918: 1 Kr.

Spec. Del. 1917: 2, 5 hal.

Newspaper 1916: 2, 4, 6, 10, 30 hal.

Postage due 1916: 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 hal.

Type two. Dec., 1918.

- 1 Black or black-violet, Rubber.
- 2 3 line "POCZTA / * * / POLSKA" individual letters.
- 3 Size: POCZTA and POLSKA 23 mm. long, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm. high. Overprint is 17-18 mm. high.

Regular Issues.

1916: 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 40, 50, 60, 80, 90 hal.

1917: 15, 20, 25, 30 hal., 2, 3, 4, 10 kr.

1918: 1 Kr.

Special Delivery: 1916: 2 hal.

Newspaper: 1916: 2, 10 hal.

Postage due: 1916: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 hal., 5 Kr.

1917: 15/36, 50/42 hal.

Type Three. Dec. 1918-Jan. 1919.

- 1 Violet. Typewriter.
- 2 2 Line "Poczta / Polska". Some stamps single line.

Regular issues:

1916: 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 40, 60, 80, 90 hal.

1917: 15, 20, 25, 30 hal. 2, 3, 4 Kr.

1918: 1 Kr.

Special Delivery:

1916: 2 hal.

1917: 2, 5 hal.

Postage Due:

1916: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 hal. 5, 10 Kr.

1917: 15/36, 50/12 hal.

Type Four. Jan. 1919.

- 1 Black, Rubber.
- 2 Eagle with a crown.
- 3 Size: Eagle $21\frac{1}{2}$ - $22\frac{1}{2}$ mm. high, 16- $16\frac{1}{2}$ mm. wide.

Regular Issues:

1916: 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 20, 40, 50, 60, 80, 90 hal.

1917: 15, 20, 25, 30 hal., 2, 3 Kr.

1918: 1 Kr.

Special Delivery:

1916: 2, 5 hal.

1917: 2 hal.

Newspaper:

1916: 2, 4, 6, 10, 30 hal.

Postage Due:

1916: 5, 10, 30 hal.

1917: 10/24, 15/36, 20/54 hal.

MYSLENICE

Type One. Dec. 1918.

1 Black.

2 Eagle with crown.

3 Size: 19x21 mm.

Regular Issue:

1916: 3, 5, 10 hal.

1917: 15, 20 hal.

Special Delivery:

1917: 2 hal.

Type Two.

1 Black.

2 Eagle with crown.

3 Size: 16x22 mm.

Regular Issue:

1916: 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 40, 50 hal.

1917: 15, 20, 25 hal.

Newspaper:

1916: 2, 4 hal.

Special Delivery:

1916: 2, 5 hal.

1917: 2 hal.

Postage Due:

1916: 5, 15, 30, 40 hal.

1917: 15/36, 20/54.

Type Three. 1918.

1 Black. Typographed.

2 2 line "Poczta / Polska".

Two Sub-Types.

1 Distance between letters "P" of "Poczta / Polska" is 2½-3 mm.

2 Distance between letters "P" of "Poczta / Polska" is 1 mm.

Type Three was printed in the private printery of D. Faden in Myslenice.

Type Four. 1918.

1 Black. Typographed.

2 Single line, "Poczta Polska".

Type Five. 1918.

1 Black. Typographed.

2 Single line "Polska Poczta".

All stamps of Myslenice are speculative and are usually seen only on philatelic letters or cancelled in whole series.

PRZEMYSL

December 1918.

1 Violet on all values, Red, Green and Black on some values, Rubber.

2 "POCZTA / Eagle with crown / POLSKA".

3 Size: Overprint is 25 mm. high.

Regular Issue:

1916: 3 (blk.), 5 (red), 6, 10 (red), 12, 40, 50, 60, 80, 90 hal.

1917: 15 (blk.), 20 (red), 25, 30 (red) hal., 2, 3, 4, 10 Kr.

1918: 1 Kr. (green)

Special Delivery:

1916: 2, 5 hal.

1917: 2 (red), 5 hal.

Newspaper:

1916: 2 hal. (green)

Postage Due:

1913: 25 hal.

1916: 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40 hal., 1, 5, 10 Kr.

1917: 10/24, 15/36, 20/54, 50/42 hal.

Feldpost:

1917: 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 80, 90 hal. 2, 4 Kr.

1918: (Carol Fund) 10, 20, 45 hal.

Newspaper:

1916: 6 hal.

Regular Issue:

1917: 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 80, 90 hal. 2, 4 Kr.

Stamps of Bosnia:

Special Delivery:

1916: 2 hal.

Postage Due:

1916: 5, 10 hal.

ROZWADOW

1918.

Type One.

1 Violet. Rubber.

2 "POCZTA / POLSKA / Eagle with crown / ROZWADOW".

3 Size: Overprint, 24½ mm. high. POCZTA POLSKA letters are 2½ mm. high. Eagle is 15 mm. high. ROZWADOW letters are 2 mm. high.

Type Two.

Same as Type "A" only "ROZWADOW" removed.

This issue is very speculative as practically all values may be found with inverts, Tete-Beche and even on stamps that had been used with cancellations of other post-offices.

SWIATNIKI GORNE

1918.

Type One.

1 Black. Rubber.

2 "Polska / * / poczta".

3 Size: Overprint, 10 mm. high. "Polska" is 18 mm. long. "poczta" is 17 mm. long.

Type Two.

1 Black or Red. Rubber.

2 "Polska / poczta / *".

Type Three.

1 Black. 1918-19.

2 "Polska / poczta". No star.

Type Four.

1 Black.

2 "Polska * / poczta".

Practically all stamps issued had "Porto" framed or un-framed added, signifying their use as postage due stamps. Speculative.

TARNOW

Type One. 1918.

1 Black. Metal.

2 Eagle with crown. (Very rare.)

3 Size: Eagle 21½ mm. high.

Regular Issue:

1916: 5, 50 hal.

Type Two. 1918.

1 Black or Red. Metal.

2 Eagle without crown.

3 Size: Eagle is 19½ mm. high.

Regular Issue:

1916: 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 40, 50, 60, 80, 90 hal.

1917: 15, 20, 25, 30 hal., 2 Kr.

1918: 1 Kr.

Newspaper:

1916: 2, 4, 10 hal.

Special Delivery:

1917: 2 hal.

Postage Due:

1916: 5, 15, 30 hal., 1 Kr.

Forgeries:

Eagle is 20½ mm. instead of 19½ mm. high. Tail is sharp instead of blunt and has minor differences. Print is sharp and clear instead of fuzzy and often blurred.

Type Three. 1918.

1 Black. Typographed.

2 "Rzp. Polska".

Very speculative, usually in sets and often overprinted in 2 colors.

Regular Issue:

1916: 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 40, 50, 60, 80, 90 hal.

1917: 15, 20, 25, 30 hal., 2 Kr.

1918: 1, 3, 4, 10 Kr.

Newspaper:

1916: 2, 4, 6, 10, 30 hal.

Special Delivery:

1917: 2, 5 hal.

Postage Due:

1916: 5 hal., 1 Kr.

NEW ISSUES

Member, Jos. A. Kloskowski, reports he has seen another variety of "overprint" on the 25 gr. "Piast eagle" stamp. This one is overprinted—12-31-43/R. T. R. P. which in his opinion stands for Rząd Tymczasowy Rze-

czpospolitej Polski or Temporary Government of the Republic of Poland.

This makes the third variety. Any more?

Another new one has been reported by member John Skotnicki, it is a 50 gr. value, printed in violet-brown, size 22 mm. x 29 mm., Perf. 11. Upper left corner, 50 Gr. Upper right, 19-1/1945. POCZTA POLSKA across the bottom. It pictures the Grunwald statue in the background, on the left can be seen the "Barbican." This apparently is also a part of the set reported by Clem Pulaski in the Sept. issue.

NEW ISSUE

Piast Eagle Overprinted K. R. N.

In reply to our request of the Piast eagle stamp overprinted, 31-XII-1943/ K. R. N./31-XII-1944, recorded in the July-Aug. issue of the BULLETIN and submitted by member, Fred. C. Engerman. Member, Roman Wojcicki comes forward with the following:

"KRAJOWA RADA NARODOWA"

(K. R. N.)

National Council of Poland was formed in Warsaw on New Years Eve., 1943, under the very noses of the German Gestapo.

Delegates came to Warsaw from all parts of Poland representing four political parties and many partisan bands. The four leading parties are, (?) The Polish Socialist party (P. P. S.), The peasant party, The Polish workers party and the Democratic party.

Boleslaw Bierut was Chairman, Edward Osobka-Morawski, Vice-Chairman, Spychalski, Technical organizer of K. R. N., now Mayor of Warsaw, General Michel Rola-Zymierski, Chief of the Polish Army helped to form the K. R. N.

On December 31, 1944, the Polish Krajowa Rada Narodowa in Lublin voted unanimously to form a provisional government to hold power until Poland was entirely liberated and until a new general election can be held.

There were 98 deputies actually in attendance of a total membership of 165.

SEEN AND HEARD

by Vic Bukimik

Again the time has arrived for the annual review of the Polish section of Scott's Catalog. We note that there are practically no changes in the 1918-

1924 issues, although we believe the Lublin issues #27 to #40 are greatly underrated. It is interesting to note that there were very little changes among the Cracow issues, the most significant being the increase of the 90 h value from \$17.50 to \$20.00. Since we do not know of anyone in the trade who has any genuine copies of the better values of Cracow issues, it is our opinion that they should either all be listed at 10 cents each or at their true value of about three times the current prices.

Upon reaching the 1 and 2 million mark stamps of 1924, we come to the most ridiculous change in the section. #213 now has dropped from \$1.50 to \$.50, while #214 is \$2.00 instead of the former \$4.00. It happened that a few hundred copies appeared on the local market a few months ago. Apparently this fact impressed the editors so much that they decided to commit hara kiri on these stamps. We firmly believe that these stamps, particularly #214, deserve their former rank. Several hundred copies are quickly absorbed by the market and certainly are not sufficient to cause such a drop. The Warsaw Exhibition sheet of 1928 has gone up from \$13.50 to \$15.00, and rightly so. While it retails for about \$11.00, it will probably go up before the end of the year. The Katawice set #280-1 has not changed, although it retails at close to full catalog.

For some unknown reason, the 1 zloty pictorial #303 has jumped from 85 cents to \$1.50, while the Gordon Bennett set tumbled from \$5.00 to \$3.50.

Turning to the Charities, it is noted somewhat ruefully that B11-14 have not changed, although they deserve a better fate. B15 to B25, however, have finally come into their own and have doubled in value from \$11.00 to \$22.00 per set. We have seen dealers pay \$13.50 for the set; therefore, the change was not surprising, although we would price the used at \$3.00 per stamp.

The Legion sheet has dropped from \$7.50 to \$6.00, but has gained the distinction of being placed in italics which in plain language means, "Sock 'em what you want, boys. Scott hasn't got it!"

The Cracow dues J1-J12 receive some special attention. Since genuine copies of J2, J4, J6 to J10 are not ob-

tainable, the increases or the italics are rather amusing. We note that the German Occupation issues have been completely renumbered and regrouped with a letter "N" preceding the number. We agree with the change.

Can anyone tell us why 5 zloty due #J82 has dropped from \$3.00 to \$2.00?

The most substantial changes have taken place in Offices in Danzig section, apparently in conjunction with the tremendous demand recently for these issues. We approve of these changes heartily, since it is almost impossible to procure most of these issues. The most notable among these are 1KG from \$3.50 to \$5.00; 1K11A from \$7.50 to \$9.00 mint and \$6.00 to \$7.00 used; 1K19 from \$3.00 to \$5.00; and 1K24 from \$12.00 to \$15.00 mint and \$10.00 to \$12.50 used. We think the prices for the last named should be reversed, with the higher going to the used stamps.

1K26 has jumped from \$6.00 to \$7.50. A good little stamp but overpriced mint and underpriced used.

The first Government in Exile issue #3K1 to 3K8 is much underpriced and the Monte Cassino set deserves a boost from \$3.00 to about \$4.50. However, the italics cover up this valuation.



Twice within the past month fate has decreed that the hands of time must stop, first, for the father of Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz who passed away on Sept. 22 and secondly for the mother of Ray Bartz who died Oct. 4th.

The officers and members extend their most sincere sympathy to the families of both members in this hour of bereavement.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Capt. L. S. Shuszynski, MC O-499436, Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, California.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

November 23rd. Our Annual 'BEEBA'

Under the Chairmanship of Mrs. C. J. Mikucki, anything added to this announcement would be superfluous. As usual, all philatelists and friends are cordially invited.

POLPEX '46—Feor. 10-11-12-13, 1946



**PFC. ALBIN S. PLONKA
PURPLE HEART**

Word has finally reached us of the whereabouts of member Pfc. Albin Plonka. After being admitted to a hospital in France, nothing further was heard from him until—well here is his letter.

"After leaving the States, I was sent to England on June 24, 1944 where I was stationed for two weeks, then by plane (C47) to France. Two days later,

I was attached to the 1st Co. 28th Reg. 8 Div. with whom as a rifleman I took part in the battle of St. Lo, St. Malo and Brest where on Aug. 26, 1944 I was wounded severely in the head and escaped death by a hair. I was taken to a hospital in England where I stayed until Christmas and then back to my old Div. We took part in all of the battles in Hartgen Forest under most difficult conditions, until the final great offensive when we moved across the River Ruhr where for the second time I was wounded, this time in the arm.

After a few weeks I returned and took part in the battle of the Ruhr, then to the River Elbe where 40 miles east of this river the Germans gave up by the masses and in a few days we had almost ¼ million German P. W. We settled there, after meeting the Russians, for a period of 5 weeks. I acted as an interpreter between our and Russian officers. On May 30th, 3 days before our scheduled departure to the States I was again confined to a hospital with a fever of 104.6, due possibly to exposure. I stayed in the hospital 14 days, then to a replacement depot. On July 15th I was transferred to the 28th Div. and then to the States. I have been awarded a Purple Heart with a cluster, 4 battle stars and an Inf. Combat Badge.

I have finally received a letter from my wife who is still in Poland. This is the first letter since Dec. 7, 1941. I rec'd the "BULLETIN" until I got your letter of July 11 which I received today (9-16-45).

P. F. C. Albin C. Plonka.

All Bulletins since Feb. were immediately mailed to Albin. His copies were returned because of an old address.

(Ed.)

SEZ THE EDITORS

Every organization, each year loses a certain number of its members. BUT IS THIS NECESSARY? The perpetuation of any organization depends upon its NEW MEMBERS, however it must also keep the older members.

Never before in the six years of our existence has it been necessary to drop as many as it appears at present we will have to—WHY? Every idea suggested, that appears like it may interest a goodly portion of the Membership is tried, however if YOU have an idea, it does US no good, nor YOU or your FELLOW MEMBER if you

keep it to yourself. So, lets have your suggestions.

NOW THEN—What are we going to do about those members we may lose? They must be replaced. How many new ones are you going to get? The dues certainly are not high, only \$1.50 a year which includes the "BULLETIN."

We know that it isn't necessary to promise any reward for your effort, but, "Doc." Uznanski, our President has promised to secure a very beautiful trophy to the member securing the most members between now and Mar. 31st, 1946. He has set an example by securing three new member at the last meeting.

You all have an equal chance, this news is being released to all of you at the same time.

If you have no application, just send in the name and address of the applicant and we will mail one direct. DO YOU WANT SOME? Drop a card—SO LET'S GO.

Send your lots for the Polpex Auction to Roman Wojcicki, 1810 W. 17th St. Chicago 8, Ill.

AT ONCE IF YOU CAN.

Deadline Jan. 1st, 1946

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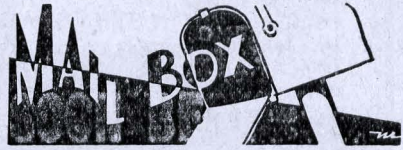
Word has reached us that "Doc." Slusynski is a patient at the Hammond Gen'l Hospital, Modesto, Calif. His biggest trouble we understand is trying to convince his colleagues that he isn't as sick as they are trying to make him. Then again we were told that he also has some growing pains. He hopes to be home by Christmas.

Member, Ben Reeves was given the Grand Award at the annual Missouri State Fair, at Sedalia for his "History of Precancels" exhibit. He received also a silver medal won at the recent Essex Stamp Club Show, Newark, N. J. for his "Heligoland."

The PULASKI PHILATELIC SOCIETY are to hold their annual stamp show on Nev. 10th and 11th. Further info. lacking.

Our congratulations to J. Elmer Zinsmeister upon his selection by the Committee on the Lagerloef Award for 1945....It couldn't happen to a nicer guy....And the same to another good friend, L. E. Van Reeth for being awarded once again the trophy for the best branch publication (S. P. A.) which will be presented by the donor, Hil. F. Best at the annual ex-

hibition and gedunk party of the Roosevelt Philatelic Society, Sat. Oct. 27th, Grand Crossing Park Fieldhouse, 77th and Engleside Ave.



Dear Jack:

Sorry that I could not drop in for the Polonus meeting. I had every intention of doing so but with so many relatives—Next time in town "Polonus" is on the must list.

Last week end I attended the Portland Stamp Club meeting and took along a Polpex program—naturally for the purpose of bragging about Polonus, and heard many swell compliments.

Thanks for the "BULLETIN" and say "Hello" to the Polonus members for me.

—Cpl. Stanley Falcon,
Fort Lewis, Wash.

Dear Jack:

I met Chester Kozuchowski, who is a patient in the next hospital area. I had a long chat about Polonus and everything in general. I have visited him twice, and will see more of him. I get the "Bulletin" regularly—thanks. I have visited Manilla, but can find no "Polish stamps." The dealers have mostly Philippine issues—Jap occup. I have a complete set, mint and used. The complete issue is selling for about \$65.00, either way.

Am in the best of health and spirit. Expect to apply for discharge Dec. 13th, and expect to be out about March.

Sgt. Stanley Kucharz—Philippines
(Congratulations on your promotion).

Dear Jack:

Thanks for your letter. I too was snowed under with letters to answer. Yes Uncle Sam was a great teacher, he made it possible for me to see more of the world than I probably would have otherwise.

I have 74 points and may wind up in the States sometime next month.

Best regards to the Club.

T/Sgt. Chuck Wrobel,
Draird, Panama