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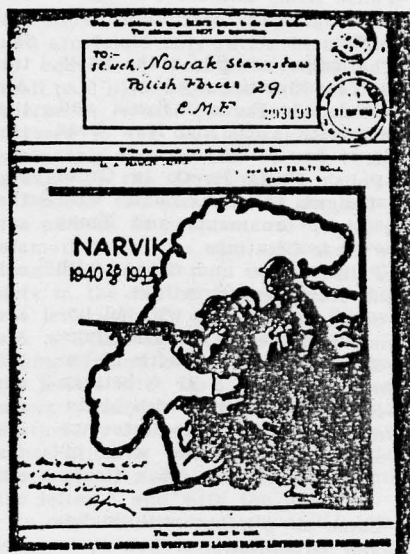
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Official Illustrated Polish Airgraphs

by Frank B. Jancowski

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Narvik airgraph #1 on author's list,
and the Easter Greetings #18 in list

The British Airgraph, the counterpart of the U. S. V-Mail, is known to a large number of American collectors, especially to collectors of Air Mail or Aerophilately. The procedure was the same with Airgraphs as it was with V-Mail here in the United States. These illustrated V-Mail letters will become collector's items, in fact they already are so.

The majority of the Polish Airgraphs are due to the forming of the Polish Second Army Corps in the Middle East, during the latter part of

1942. The Airgraph forms were delivered to the Polish Field Post Offices from Cairo, and they bear the English-Polish censor markings. These forms, at that date, were plain, and you will find some that have privately applied illustrations and messages.

The British issued illustrated Greeting Airgraphs, and in 1944 the Poles, thus inspired, followed suit. The Airgraphs used by the Polish Forces were officially illustrated, and it is these which I will try to describe. They are readily recognized by their specific

markings. The following list consists of the official forms and they may have, in some cases, privately applied sketches.

#1—The Narvik Anniversary Issue (illustrated in this article).

#2—Monte Cassino Commemorative Issue, design: Union Jack and Polish Flags crossed, dated 18-V-1944.

#3—Polish Paratroop Brigade, design: Paratrooper landing, no date.

#4—Polish 1st and 2nd Army Corps H. Q. insignia, covered by the Army Regulation Eagle.

#5—Warsaw Uprising Commemorative Issue, design: worker holding a rifle, dated 1939-1944.

#6—Fifth Anniversary of the War, design: Battle Scarred Polish Flag, with V-and 1939-1944 inscriptions.

#7—Polish Army and Navy insignia on Polish Flag, with inscription, "We Fight On."

#8—The same as #4, with Xmas and New Year Greetings, added.

#9—Polish Air Force insignia and ornaments, with Xmas and New Year Greetings.

#10—Polish Units H. Q. in Great Britain Insignia (Polish Eagle with Polish Lion) ornaments and Xmas and New Year Greetings.

#11—Polish Eagle and Globe, with Xmas and New Year Greetings.

#12—Same as #4, but with bi-lingual Xmas and New Year Greetings.

#13—Same as #9, but with bi-lingual Xmas and New Year Greetings.

#14—Same as #10, but with bi-lingual Xmas and New Year Greetings.

#15—Same as #11, but with bi-lingual Xmas and New Year Greetings.

#16—Same as #4, but with bi-lingual Easter Greetings.

#17—Same as #9, but with bi-lingual Easter Greetings.

#18—Same as #10, but with bi-lingual Easter Greetings (illustrated in article).

#19—Same as #11, but with bi-lingual Easter Greetings.

The foregoing are all official illustrations; all others are of private origin, and have various drawings and personal messages on them. All Airgraphs were discontinued on the very eve of V-J Day.

Member Henry Choynacki sent us a card from Los Angeles, Calif. He is enjoying an extended vacation out West.

A SALUTE TO JACK KNIGHT A.M.S.

Polonus salutes the Jack Knight Air Mail Society, Host to the American Air Mail Society Convention and Exhibition at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill., on October 7, 8, and 9 1949.

The Jack Knight Society, a popular stamp club in the Chicago area, participates frequently in Polonus affairs. They have sent speakers for our program meetings. Poland Air Mail material is seen many times in their annual exhibits.

The Convention and Exhibition was a huge success—unparalleled in American philatelic history. The frames of the exhibit were so numerous that they had to be housed in two rooms. The first day sale of the new U. S. 15c air mail stamp was held at a special Convention postal station right in the hotel. Practically all the air transportation companies (as United Air Lines, Boeing Aircraft, etc., participated. These companies donated trophies, provided convention banquet guests with souvenirs flown from foreign countries, had booths set up at the show with literature about their services. A special bronze medal was struck by the United States Mint honoring the Wright Brothers, upon which has been superimposed gold, silver and bronze emblems of the American Air Mail Society and the Jack Knight Air Mail Society. These and many more accomplishments are credited to the Jack Knight Air Mail Society for producing a highly successful show—a feat which will be difficult for another stamp club to surpass.

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REMINDER

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Write me for information on all Polpex items and Bulletins. Prices on request. Adam Kloskowski, 2528 North Drake Ave., Chicago 47, Illinois.

We're glad to learn that member Steve Rich has improved considerably over his recent illness.

Delivery Post in the Warsaw Ghetto

by V. Rachmanov

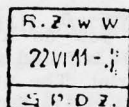


DORĘCZENIE BEZPŁATNE

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In November, 1940, by order of the governor-general of the German army occupying Polish territory, a well-defined Ghetto within the city of Warsaw was assigned to the Jewish population and was entirely separated from the rest of the city.

From the moment of establishing this district, the Jewish population could not receive its mail by regular letter carriers from the main Warsaw Post Office C1. To handle this correspondence, a postal station Warsaw N. W. 41 was designated on the Jewish border to receive from the main post office all mail addressed to the Jewish quarters. This mail was assigned to the Jewish Council which in turn arranged for final delivery.

The Jewish Council collected special fees for the delivery of mail to inhabitants of the Ghetto, also for sending mail from this sector in accordance with the following tariff:

1. Domestic letters and post cards 20 gr.
2. Foreign letters and post cards 30 gr.
3. Registered Mail 30 gr.
4. Special Delivery 50 gr.
5. Domestic Packets and Misc. 20 gr.
6. Foreign Packets and Misc. 30 gr.
7. Repacking damaged parcels 20 gr.
8. Printed matter 10 gr.

To the end of June, 1941, special postal handstamps were used on the mail to denote payments. On July 1st these handstamps were withdrawn from use and from that date to the end of the existence of the Ghetto postal station, handstamps were not used to denote payment for postal services. The handstamps indicating payment,

therefore, were used about 7 months and are found only rarely in philatelic collections because recipients of mail paid little attention to them. Furthermore, most correspondence addressed to the Ghetto was destroyed when this section was burned to the ground by the Germans.

Besides the handstamps to denote the amount of payment on each piece of mail, there was also applied a rectangular handstamp containing the date in the center; above this it had the letters R. Z. w W., Rada Żydowska w Warszawie (Jewish Council in Warsaw), and under the date it had the letters S. P. D. Z., Składnica Poczłowa Dzielnicy Żydowskiej (Postal Station for Jewish District.) This date cancellation is found in three varieties without a designating letter, with the letter a and with the letter b.

In other cities that had special Jewish sectors and local means to serve inhabitants of the district with postal service, various handstamps, usually in the German language, were used to mark the correspondence where besides the word "JUDENRAT" (Jewish Council) there were added various designations as postabteilung, Abteilung Post, Postaustauschstele, Postburo, etc. This practice was contrary to the rulings of the German authorities which specifically forbade the use of the word "postage" in these handstamps.

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NEW ISSUES

by Jack Domar

I noticed an ad in the Western Stamp Collector offering the Roosevelt Souvenir sheet for \$2.85. This is the lowest price I have seen advertised, although J. Bieniecki has tried to supply them to his customers at cost in protest of the abnormal prices being asked.

This should be a good lesson to many that it doesn't always pay to be the first with the latest regardless of price. In addition this attitude also makes it more difficult for the moderate collector to compete with the "I gotta have it" boys—

I suppose many of you do know that Poland Scotts #J94 is found with an error in the overprint. The numeral "5" of the value "25 gr." is broken and appears as a "23 gr." It would be interesting to know if any of our members discovered one among their duplicates.

Of course the "Konapski" error is rather common but it still can be found in dealers' stocks.

Inverts too are found on Scott's #284, #286, and #C12. These are all very rare.

TID BITS

The cachet that appeared on the envelope of last month's BULLETIN was the idea and work of Secretary John Wendt. He mailed the BULLETINS from the town of Gold Gulch at the Chicago Railroad Fair.

A Donation Auction will be held the second meeting in October. Roman Rejnowski announces he received excellent material for this auction.

Did you know that a block of six of Poland No. 1 is in the possession of Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz? This is the only known copy of its kind.

At the recent 1500th Meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society held at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Polonus members turned up in a large number. We were one of the largest groups in representation. There were Roman Rejnowski, Bert Powell, Jack Domar, Ben Reeves, Adam Kloskowski, Myron Steczynski, John Wendt, Barney Fialkowski, Mr. & Mrs. Al Rybarski, M. Kot, and others.

Larry C. Zieler has accepted the

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appointment as the POLPEX Director for 1950.

Many of our Chicago members don't know it but they have access to a wonderful library that has much literature on Polish Philately. This library is the P. R. C. U. Library located at Milwaukee Ave. and Augusta Blvd. There can be found pre-World War II publications printed in Poland as well as American publications on Polish Philately.

MEMBERS MART

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ANNOUNCEMENT

I should like to advise all of my friends and customers that I have closed my Stamp Store in Lippstadt, Westphalia, Germany, and am now again engaged in buying and selling postage stamps.

I specialize in the Stamps of Poland, Germany and other European Countries.

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