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1919 ISSUES IN POLPEX COURT OF HONOR

On the 50th Anniversary of Poland's Kraków, Lublin, Poznan and Germana overprint issues, outstanding exhibits of these issues will be displayed in the Court of Honor at POLPEX 1969 on March 1st and 2nd at Radio Halls, 5356 W. Belmont Ave. in Chicago, U.S.A.

STAMPS Weekly honored Polonus with a special Polpex edition of their magazine of February 15th, 1969. Two well illustrated articles, one on the Polish Second Corps and another on "Barbed Wire" Stamps appeared with a lengthy publicity article on the Polpex.

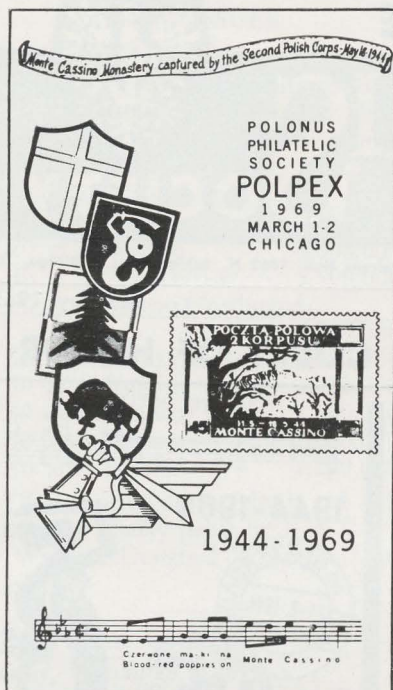
The U.S. Post Office Department will operate a postal station at Polpex and will cancel all outgoing mail with a special Polpex cancellation. Commemorative and other stamps will be sold at face value.

The souvenir sheet designs on the themes of our show were completed and are illustrated here. They were designed by Alfred Szebel and prepared by artist A. Kreczko. One sheet honors the 25th Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising and shows the stamp issued by the Warsaw Uprising government. It depicts soldiers of the Polish Home Underground Army defending Warsaw. Above it are two Fieldpost markings used by the army and the Scout Post. At the right is the coat of arms of Warsaw, a mermaid



with sword and shield symbolizing "Fighting Poland". The bar of music at the top is Chopin's "Polonaise Militaire". This music was played every morning during the days of the uprising on BBC Radio from England and served to inform and encourage the insurgents in their battle against the Nazi invaders.

The other sheet honors the 25th Anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino and shows the insignias of the various units of the Polish Second



Corps at the left, and a reproduction of the 45 groszy value of the Monte Cassino stamp at the right. The traditional bar of music is from a Polish song especially written for the battle, "Czerwone Maki Na Monte Cassino." The lyrics are by Feliks "Ref-Ren" Konarski, an invited guest to Polpex.

A descriptive folder is included and a complete set costs 50c, available from Chester J. Mikucki, 4704 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge, Ill. 60656. There will also be two different opening day cacheted covers cancelled with the special Polpex cancellation, and four different stamps will be used. Price per cover is 30c and available from Chester J. Mikucki, 4704 N. Overhill, Norridge, Ill. 60656.

Do not be left out as a Patron in our 30th Anniversary Polpex Program Catalog. It costs only \$1.00 to have your name printed in it as a Patron. With this issue of the Bulletin we enclose a self-addressed remittance envelope. Please print your name on the

inside back flap, enclose your dollar and send it out immediately.

Polonus will celebrate its 30th Anniversary at the Beeba at ten o'clock Saturday night, March 1st, at Radio Halls. Chairman Walenty Poniecki, along with Z. Wagrowski, S. Styczynski and S. Kochanski are planning a wonderful spread of Polish foods including kielbasa, herring, bigos, paczki etc. The presentation of awards will take place at this event.

Out-of-towners are especially invited to attend. Coming in especially for the Polpex are Z. Mikulski from Switzerland, Dr. M. Kamienski from Canada, J. Haniewicz from Brooklyn, Arnold L. Shay from Philadelphia and others. The closest hotel to Radio Halls is the Hotel Elinor, 3216 N. Cicero Ave. (60641), Phone (312) AV 3-3100.

Chicagoland members are asked to come down to Radio Halls on Friday February 28th at 6:30 p.m. to help mount up the exhibition. Bring along a screw driver, cleaning cloth, hinges, etc. And for the beeba—ask the wife to bake a cake or some chrusciki and bring them down on Saturday night. Let's all chip in and make it a great Polpex!

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GET WELL WISHES

A speedy recovery to Hon. Lester Jankowski of Chicago who is in the hospital, and to Dr. Józef Kuderevicz of Manchester, N.H. who is laid up with some broken ribs.

Se-tenant and Gutter Combinations		
Combination Number	Types	Number in Sheet
B 5	II A + II B	1
	II B + II B	
B 6	IV A + I A	2
	IV A + I A	
B 7	IV A + IV A	1
	IV A + I A	
X 1	I A + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + II A	1
	T + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + T	
	III A + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + IV A	
X 2	III A + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + IV A	1
	T + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + T	
	III A + $\frac{1}{2}$ T + IV A	

50 Pfg. on 5 Mk. Overprint

After the preparation of the 10 Pfg./20 Pfg. was completed, the next value to be overprinted was the 50 Pfg./5 Mk. These were prepared to meet the registered letter rate of 50 Pfg. They were printed with the same plates used for overprinting the 10 Pfg./20 Pfg. value but the numeral 1 was replaced with a 5 to form the numeral 50. Therefore, the same plate varieties exist for both values in respect to the value figure zero and the Pf. designation and only the varieties of the new figure 5 need be considered.



50 Pfg./5 Mk. Value

Overprint Types

The overprint types of the 50 Pfg./5 Mk. are based on the types listed previously for the 10 Pfg. value.

50

Type I —

Both figures 5.75 mm. high.

Figure 5 has flag bent backward and a ball at the end of the base.

Figure 0 is same as previous type I.

50

Type II —

Both figures 5.25 mm. high.

Figure 5 is thin.

Figure 0 is same as previous type II.

50

Type III —

Both figures 6 mm. high.

Figure 5 has rounded off flag.

Figure 0 is same as previous type III.

50

Type IV —

Both figures 5.75 mm. high.

Figure 5 is straight and fat.

Figure 0 is same as previous type IV.

50

Type V —

Figure 5 same as type I.

Figure 0 is same as previous type IV.

Type VI —

Figure 5 same as type III.

Figure 0 is same as previous type IV.

50

Type VII —

This type is similar to type I but the flag on the 5 is shorter and appears to have been filed off at the end.

Figure 0 is same as previous type I.

These four basic types of 5 combined with the four types of 0 listed for the 10 Pfg./20 Pfg. value equal a total of seven overprint types of the figure 50.

Location of Overprint Types

For printing the 50 Pfg./5 Mk. the clichés were not arranged in the same order in the plate as they had been for the earlier 10 Pfg./20 Pfg. overprints.

Block A was previously block C.

Block B remained unchanged.

Block C was previously block A.

Block D remained unchanged.

Block E was previously block F.

Block F was previously block E.

The accompanying sheet layout shows the format of the reset plates and the locations of the various types in the sheet.

Block A — All stamps in this block are type IIIA.

Block B — consists entirely of type II numerals. The bottom two stamps of the fourth vertical row (fields 39 and 49 of the sheet) and the entire fifth vertical row (fields 10, 20,

	III A	III A	III A	III A	III A		II A	II A	II A	II A	II B	
	III A	III A	III A	III A	III A		II A	II A	II A	II A	II B	
	III A	III A	III A	III A	III A		II A	II A	II A	II A	II B	
	III A	III A	III A	III A	III A		II A	II A	II A	II B	II B	
	III A	III A	III A	III A	III A		II A	II A	II A	II B	II B	
	BLOCK A						BLOCK B					
	I B	I A	I A	I B	I A		IV A	IV A	V A	V A	V A	
	I B	I A	I A	I B	I A		IV A	IV A	V A	V A	I A	
	I A	I A	I A	I B	VI A		IV A	IV A	V A	V A	I A	
	VII A	I A	I A	I B	VI A		IV A	IV A	V A	V A	I A	
	I A	I A	I A	I B	VI A		IV A	IV A	IV A	V A	I A	
	BLOCK C						BLOCK D					
	IV A	IV A	IV A	IV A	IV A		III A	III A	III A	III A	III A	
	IV A	IV A	IV A	IV A	IV A		III A	III A	III A	III A	III A	
	IV A	IV A	IV A	IV A	IV A		III A	III A	III A	III A	III A	
	IV A	IV A	IV A	IV A	IV A		III A	III A	III A	III A	III A	
	IV A	IV A	IV A	IV A	IV A		III A	III A	III A	III A	III A	
	BLOCK E						BLOCK F					

30, 40 and 50) are subtype B. All other fields of this block are subtype A.

Block C — The fourth stamp in the first vertical row (field 81) is type VII and the bottom three stamps in the last vertical row (fields 75, 85 and 95) are type VI. All other fields in the block are type I. The top two stamps of the first vertical row (fields 51 and 61) and the entire fourth vertical row (fields 54, 64, 74, 84 and 94) are subtype B. All other fields of this block are subtype A.

Block D — The entire first and second vertical rows and the last stamp in the third vertical row (fields 56, 57, 66, 67, 76, 77, 86, 87, 96, 97 and 98) are type IV, the bottom four stamps in the last vertical row (fields 70, 80, 90 and 100) are type I and the remainder of the block is type V. All fields of this block are subtype A.

Block E — All stamps in this block are type IVA.

Block F — All stamps in this block are type IIIA.

The types occur in each sheet a constant number of times as follows:

Type IA	— 18 times in each sheet
Type IB	— 7 times in each sheet
Type IIA	— 18 times in each sheet
Type IIB	— 7 times in each sheet
Type IIIA	— 50 times in each sheet
Type IVA	— 36 times in each sheet
Type VA	— 10 times in each sheet
Type VIA	— 3 times in each sheet
Type VIIA	— 1 time in each sheet

This makes a total of nine types in each sheet of 150 stamps.

A total of 267 sheets of this overprint were prepared which gives us the the following number of each type:

Type IA	— 4806 copies
Type IB	— 1869 copies
Type IIA	— 4806 copies
Type IIB	— 1869 copies

Type IIIA	— 13325 copies
Type IVA	— 9587 copies
Type VA	— 2760 copies
Type VIA	— 801 copies
Type VIIA	— 267 copies

Plate Varieties

The 50 Pfg./5 Mk. overprints, like the earlier issues, contain a number of constant plate flaws.

- I. Pi. instead of Pf. — field 11.
- II. Pr. instead of Pf.
- III. Fr. instead of Pf.
- IV. Pt. instead of Pf.
- V. Bottom of 0 broken — fields 55, 65, 97 and 122.
- VI. 0 broken at bottom — field 65.
- VII. 0 broken at top — field 149.
- VIII. COMMISSIUN instead of COMMISSION variety with overprint — field 96.

Printing Varieties

- a. Inverted overprint.



50 Pfg./5 Mk. Value
Inverted Overprint

- d. Double inverted overprint—one
- e. Double overprint offset (50⁵⁰ or 5050).
- b. Double overprint in line (5050). line.
- e. Double inverted overprint—two lines.
- f. Double overprint — one normal and one inverted (see table for various combinations of types)
- g. Pf. above value numeral.
- h. Pf. missing.

NEW P.M.G. ASKED TO ISSUE ANTHONY SADOWSKI STAMP

Washington, D.C.—One of the first duties of Winton H. Blount, President Richard M. Nixon's new Postmaster General, will be to consider the issuance of a commemorative stamp in honor of an outstanding Polish pioneer named Anthony Sadowski.

The request for such a stamp came from the Sadowski Memorial Committee, a national organization with members from all walks of life and headed by Edward Pinkowski of Philadelphia, an internationally known historian and researcher, and appeared on the Postmaster General's desk when he took office Jan. 20.

"This year marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of Anthony Sadowski", he wrote, "and no time would be more appropriate to honour this famous Polish frontiersman than 1969".

Included with the letter was a copy of a well-illustrated booklet on the life and character of the man entitled "Anthony Sadowski: Polish Pioneer".

"In addition, he had done much for the territory in improving its soil, in erecting houses and barns, in laying out roads and bridges and doing many other things".

Another part of the letter to President Nixon's Postmaster General dealt with the descendants of Anthony Sadowski who have spread to all parts of the country.

"In every war, from the first one for independence, in 1776, to the hills of South Viet Nam, the descendants of Anthony Sadowski have fought for the freedom of people, like Casimir Pulaski, whose statue sits on a horse across the street from your office, Anthony Sadowski's grandson, John, who served in a Virginian infantry regiment, gave his life in the American Revolution.

"The vast majority of the Sadowski's were men who tilled the soil, kept stores and shops, taught school and ran banks, conducted religious services and contributed to the growth of America in a million and one ways".

VINCENT DOMANSKI AUCTION

The collection of our late member, Vincent Domanski went on the auction block on October 25th & 26th, 1968 at Earl P. Apfelbaum, Inc. in Philadelphia. There were 423 lots of Poland material in this auction plus 44 lots of associated material like Central Lithuania, Eastern and Upper Silesia. Limited space will not permit us to list all the lots and their prices realized but we did find these rather interesting:

Lot

6—Stampless cover from Kutno to Warsaw	\$14.00
7—Stampless cover from (Republic of) Krakow to Chocieszewia	15.00
50—Poland No. 1 cover from Serock to Warsaw	130.00
60—Poland No. 1 cover from Myszkow to Warsaw	72.50
77—Poland No. 1 cover from Warsaw to St. Petersburg.....	130.00
104—Poland No. 1 mint.....	46.00
120—Poland No. 1 on piece cancelled "55" (Biala)	87.50
173—Poland No. 1 used copy	44.00
278—Krakow #42 mint.....	21.00
283—Krakow #42 on cover	48.00
285—Krakow #44 mint.....	23.00
294—Krakow #50 mint.....	90.00
307—Krakow #55 mint 10 kr.	625.00
358—Airmail 1915 covers Siege of Przemysl, 2 cards	28.00
406—Offices in Turkey 2K1-12 mint and used sets	100.00
426—Central Lithuania cover #5 single and blk. from Wilno	20.00
419—Central Lith. registered cover #17 from Wilno	27.00
430—Lithuanian overprints #21-22 mint	60.00

NEW ISSUES

Thoroughbred Dogs

In May of 1969, the International Kennel Federation will meet in Warsaw. On this occasion a set of stamps showing thoroughbred dogs reared in Poland, was issued on February 11th, 1969:

	Quantity
20 gr.—Maltese	6,000,000
40 gr.—Fox Terrier	5,500,000
60 gr.—Afghan Greyhound	6,000,000
1.50 zl.—Schnautzer	5,000,000
2.50 zl.—English Setter	4,500,000
3.40 zl.—Pekinese	2,500,000
4.50 zl.—Alsatian	1,200,000
8.50 zl.—Pointer	1,200,000

Offset printed in sheets of 30 stamps on chalky paper by P.W.P.W. at Warsaw. Designed by Janusz Grabski.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, March 14, 1969 —

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