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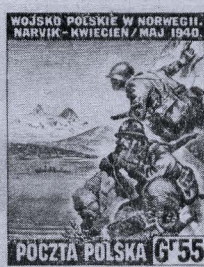
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NEW POLAND ISSUE — NOVEMBER 1, 1943

Since December 15, 1941, the Polish Postal Service has been reestablished and is operating on Polish Merchant and Navy ships in accordance with the terms of the Universal Postage Convention. Letters posted on the Polish Merchantmen on the high seas

and Polish warships wherever they may be, are franked with Polish stamps and distributed all over the world.

The new issue will illustrate the Polish war effort since the Polish campaign of September 1939 and a



new one—the Polish Underground Movement. The new issue will consist of eight stamps, each of a different design and value. Six of the stamps will depict the armed efforts of the Poles in various theatres of operations and two will portray the workings of the Polish Underground.

The 5 groszy stamp shows a Wellington bomber of the Polish Coastal Command Squadron attacking a German U-boat in the Atlantic. It is the picture of an actual incident which occurred in June 1942 in the Bay of Biscay, as described by Polish airmen who sank the submarine.

The 10 groszy stamp illustrates the Polish war effort on the high seas, showing ships of the Polish Merchant Marine steaming in a convoy. Two Polish sailors are seen training their Lewis machine gun on a German bomber attacking the convoy.

The 25 groszy stamp commemorates the fight put up by Polish troops in the Battle of France. It is a grim and symbolic picture of an anti-tank gun in action, engaged in a gallant but hopeless effort against superior odds.

The 55 groszy stamp depicts the part played by the Polish Forces in the Battle of Norway. It shows two Polish soldiers perched on a rock above the Narvik Fjord.

The 75 groszy stamps brings us to the Middle East and to memories of the Desert war, in which the British Carpathian Brigade played a gallant part, especially in the defense of Tobruk during its long siege in 1941. The four Polish soldiers returning from patrol exchanging friendly greeting with a commander of a passing British tank and the sign post bearing the inscription in both Polish and English "To the Headquarters of the Polish Brigade in Tobruk" lend an authentic detail which will make this stamp of particular historical interest.

The 80 groszy stamp is also of great historical interest as it portrays the last visit in June 1943 of the late General Sikorski to the Polish Forces in the Middle East numbering 80,000 men. The General is seen talking to Polish soldiers dressed in tropical kit.

The 1 Zloty and 1 Zloty 50 groszy stamps are perhaps the most striking of the whole series and have no parallel in philatelic history. They portray the Polish Underground.

The 1 Zloty stamp shows Polish

patriots destroying a railway track running through a forest in an outlying district of Poland. Two men are loosening the rails, while a third one is standing guard, revolver in his hand.

The 1 Zloty 50 groszy stamp shows the printing of a Polish underground paper in a loft under the beams of the roof. Note the revolver lying on the stack of papers—symbol of the dangers to which editors and printers of underground papers are constantly exposed.

This new series illustrates vividly the various aspects of the Polish war effort since the occupation of Poland.

BEEBAH—NOVEMBER 12, 1943

Come one, come all. Beebah!

Once again Polonus highlights the activities of International Philatelic Week by arranging a BEEBAH. Everybody is welcome. Those who have attended in the past certainly will come again. Those who have not as yet participated in these exceptionally interesting activities should do so this year.

We know, if you come once, you will look forward to coming again. Remember the date, November 12, 1943. Remember the place, Polish Falcon Hall, 1062 North Ashland Ave. Polonus contribution to International Philatelic Week!

P. S. Polish sausage, etc., will be served.

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

Member No. 197. PFC. Elmer Kencz. A. S. N. 20916054. A. P. O. 941, Btry C. 267th Sep. C A. Seattle, Wash. (P., Central European Countries and General in singles, mint and covers)
Member No. 198. Frank Truszkiewicz, 1333 Isabel Street, Los Angeles 31, Calif. (EPP, US and General)

Change of Address

I. J. Jaworski, 1282 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.
Albert L. Kolaczewski, 2128 N. Maplewood Ave., Chicago.

The Secretary is still waiting for the snapshots he requested for the Society Album. Come, on, let's go. Send in your pictures.

There is a possibility that CHIPEX will be held in conjunction with the S. P. A. convention in Chicago next August. That is IF the Annual Convention is held in Chicago.

POLAND—OFFICES ABROAD

Second Series

The official description of the values and designs of the November 1, 1943, Poland—Offices Abroad, Second Series, stamps is as follows:

1. 5 Groszy

A vertical design showing an actual incident of a Wellington bomber of a Polish Coastal Command Squadron sinking a German submarine in the Atlantic. Along the top is the inscription in Polish: "Polish Air Force in the Battle of the Atlantic." Color: red.

2. 10 Groszy

A horizontal design showing two Polish sailors on board a Polish Merchantman sailing in a convoy on the high seas. One of the sailors holding field glasses is pointing at an enemy bomber approaching the ship, while the other is training a double barrelled Lewis machine gun on the plane. Along the top is the inscription in Polish: "Polish Merchant Navy." Color: Green.

3. 25 Groszy

A vertical design showing a light anti-tank gun in action against an approaching German tank. The gun is being aimed by only one man, another gunner lying dead on the ground. Along the top is the inscription in Polish: "Polish Army in France 1939/40." Color: Violet.

4. 55 Groszy

A vertical design showing two Polish soldiers perched on a rock above the Narvik Fjord. One of them, holding a rifle is watching the warship in the fjord below, while the other uses a field telephone. Along the top is the inscription in Polish: "Polish Army in Norway, Narvik, April/May 1940." Color: Blue.

5. 75 Groszy

A horizontal design showing four Polish soldiers in Tobruk returning from patrol and exchanging greetings with the commander of a passing British tank. A signpost is stuck in the ground with a notice in Polish and English: "To the Headquarters of the Polish Brigade at Tobruk." Along the top is the inscription in Polish: "Polish Army in Libya 1941/42." Color: Red brown.

6. 80 Groszy

A horizontal design showing the late General Sikorski during his last visit to the Polish Army in the Middle East. He is seen in battle dress talking to some Polish soldiers wearing tropical uniforms and British helmets with Polish eagles. In the desert background tents and soldiers can be seen on an escarpment. Along the top is the inscription in Polish: "Polish Army in the Middle East." Down the left side runs the inscription: "Gen. Sikorski." Down the right side the inscription in Polish: "June 1943." Color: Magenta.

7. 1 Zloty

A vertical design showing a moonlit railway track in Poland. In the foreground a civilian wearing a beret is keeping watch, revolver in hand, while two men in the background are engaged in loosening the rails. Along the top is the inscription in Polish: "The Homeland fights on." Color: Dark olive.

8. 1 Zloty 50 Groszy

A horizontal design showing the secret printing of one of the many Polish Underground Papers. The scene is a loft, among the roof beams. The editor is seated in front of a hand operated printing machine examining proofs. Beside him, looking over his shoulder stands a girl distributor while on the other side of the machine is his assistant. At the side, on a pile of printed copies lies a revolver. The title of the paper on the pile is clearly visible and reads "Rzeczpospolita Polska" or in English "Polish Republic." This is the semi-official organ of the Directorate of Underground Resistance in Poland appointed by the Polish Government in London. Along the top is the inscription in Polish: "The Secret Press in Poland." Color: Black.

The stamps are engraved and printed from steel plates on white paper without watermarks. The vertical design stamps measure 25.25 mm x 31.25 mm and perforation is box perforation 12 $\frac{1}{4}$. The horizontal design stamps measure 26.5 mm x 43 mm and perforation is box perforation 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 12. The printers are Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd.

ROLL OF HONOR

A. Cihanowyz U. S. Navy
 Dr. S. F. Galaskiewicz .. U. S. Army
 PFC. Elmer Kencz U. S. Army
 J. A. Kupiec U. S. Army
 Dr. Edward Lewandowski U. S. Army
 Col. R. N. W. Larking (deceased)
 Edward LeVanda U. S. Army
 S. Madro U. S. Navy
 Chester Mikucki U. S. Navy
 Miss Julia C. Pach
 U. S. Army Nurses Corps
 Felix Pientka (missing in Action)
 Dr. Leonard S. Sluzynski U. S. Army
 Thaddeus J. Stasik U. S. Army
 Felix A. Walat U. S. Army
 William Wojcik U. S. Army
 Charles Wrobel U. S. Army
 Chester D. Kozuchowski U. S. Army
 A. Kloczek U. S. Army
 Walter Lewinski U. S. Army

FROM THE SECRETARY

There are now 18 members of Polonus serving in the armed forces of our Country. There are two additional members from whom we are expecting to receive word that they also are in the service which may raise the total to 20. But this is not all. Many more of our members look forward to joining up very shortly.

As most of you know, these members will be kept on the rolls of the Society with dues suspended for the duration. BULLETINS and any information of value to them as collectors will be sent to each of them as the occasion demands. From the above it is self evident that the Society loses the revenue of 20 paying members and at the same time expends funds in their behalf.

NOW THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN!

It is the suggestion of the Chairman of the Membership Committee that a new member be recruited to replace the ones temporarily absent. This will increase the Society's revenue and help tremendously in maintaining the budget. It is, of course, important that the Society maintain contact with its members in the service of our Country. You can help by securing new members. For applications for membership write to J. J. Domar, 3715 Clinton Street, Berwyn, Illinois.

Jack Domar, Secretary
 and
 Chairman Membership Comm.

THIS 'n' THAT

Dr. Leon P. Kozakiewicz discussed his newly acquired Poland No. 1, collection at the meeting of the Austin Philatelic Club on Sept. 15, 1943.

The Roosevelt Straight Edge won the Branch Publication Contest of the S. P. A. Congratulations Van.

Does anybody know in what place the BULLETIN finished in the Branch Publication Contest? We have tried to find out so that it could be reported to our readers. Seems to be a secret.

Brother Josephus Edwards, instructor at the De La Salle High School, was the guest speaker at the August 27, 1943, meeting. His talk, Littany of the Saints, illustrated by the use of religious stamps, demonstrated how interesting a specialty collection can be.

Stephen G. Rich, Polonus member, was re-elected to the office of Director of the S. P. A. for a term of three years at the convention recently held in St. Louis.

Greetings to all members of Polonus from 2nd Lt. Julia C. Pach, A. N. C. now stationed in Mexico.

Richard Canman gave a very interesting talk on the stamps of China at the September 24, 1943, meeting of the Society. Many of the members asked the speaker questions at the conclusion of his talk. Much information was secured by this question and answer method.

A. Cihanowyz, who recently reported at the Naval training station in Newport recently sent in a letter saying, "I was very glad to receive the BULLETIN for it took my mind off serious matters for a few moments. Anything that does that is very WELCOME."

Polonus needs a new Publicity Director. Anybody want the Job? Hard work, no pay. Apply to the President, Myron E. Steczynski.

POLAND TO WITHDRAW DECEMBER 15, 1941, ISSUE

An announcement has been received from the Postal Section of the Polish Ministry of Finance in London of the withdrawal from sale of the December 15, 1941, issue on November 15, 1943. This issue is listed in Scott's Catalog as Numbers 3k1 to 3k8.

Shortly after Nov. 15, 1943, final figures of the number of stamps of each value issued will be released.