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DR. KOZAKIEWICZ COLLECTION ON AUCTION

The largest known private holding of Poland Number One stamps from the collection of Dr. Leon P. Kozakiewicz, will be auctioned off on December 13th by Mercury Stamp Co. Inc., of New York City. The famous and unique block of 6 with gutter margins, a classic rarity and by far the most outstanding item known to Polish philately, is listed as Lot No. 1 in the catalog printed and distributed by the auction firm.

This block was originally bought at a London auction by J. Tislowitz of Poland. It remained with him till World War II. Then it appeared in New York at a Harmer Auction, when it was purchased by Dr. Kozakiewicz, and has been in his possession since. The pair that belongs to the right of the block was auctioned off last year by Salomon Auctioneers of Berlin. The block was written up by Prof. S. Mikstein and W. Rachmanov. It is illustrated in the famous monograph by Polanski and Rachmanov.

Forty-seven lots of Number Ones in mint condition are included in the auction listing by the Mercury Stamp firm and over 400 lots are listed of mul-



The unique block of 6 with gutter margins. Estimated value at \$15,000.00.

multiple use, town cancellations, varieties, on piece, on covers, etc.

Many unlisted varieties were in the Doctor's collection like the double dot in KOP., small "K" in KOP. More of the blue oval varieties on singles and on cover will be found in this auction offering than in any other auction. No collection has had as many Number Ones on cover as this one. Dr. Kozakiewicz's philatelic activities began before World War I and his collection is the result of over 50 years of effort.

The Number One segment is just the first part of Dr. Kozakiewicz's Poland collection. Auctions of the other material will follow in 1972 and will be posted in the Polonus Bulletin.

(See advertisement on page 11.)

CANADIAN STAMP SHOW

The first exhibition of Polish Philately ever to take place in Canada was held Nov. 7, 1971 at Toronto in the Polish National Hall at 1087 Queen St. West. It was very successful, according to Chairman M. Lubinski. Attendance was good and a surprisingly large amount of souvenir sheets and covers were sold. The

exhibit made an impression on the local Polonians and philatelists. The Canadian Post Office had a sub-station at the show selling commemoratives and applying the special exhibition cancellation.

Cacheted covers are yet available at 35c each of 3 for \$1.00. Souvenir sheets are 50c a set. Send check or money order to M. Lubinski, 8 Attercliff Court, Rexdale, Ont., Canada. Enclose self-addressed envelope.

There were 79 frames carrying exhibits of Poland Number 1, Legions, Baloon Post, Fieldpost, Airgraphs, London Issues, Warsaw Locals, Lubin, Millennium, Paintings, P.O.W., Central Lithuania, Western Ukraine, etc.

Serving on the Exhibition Committee were: Dr. H. Fenigstein, W. Gruszczyk, Dr. M. Kamienski and H. Stokes.

KRAKOW ISSUE BOOKLET

We are still appealing to the membership to subscribe to the proposed 100 page booklet on Poland's Krakow Overprints by Dr. M. Kamienski. The pre-publication price is \$10.00 (regular price will be \$15.00). For those who collect Krakow issues it's a must for your philatelic library. If you intend to buy the booklet when it is published, please send a card or letter telling us so. Mail it to Al Rybarski, 2435 First Ave., River Grove, Ill. 60171.

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NAPOLEON BONAPARTE IN POLISH PHILATELY

By DR. JOZEF KUDEREWICZ

Just over two-hundred years ago, on September 15, 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born in AJACCO Corsica.

He was the most legendary and controversial figure of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. When he became Emperor of France he "shook up" Europe from Spain to Moscow.

By the end of the eighteenth century Poland had lost her independence and was subdivided by three neighboring powers. Her fight for freedom became an important bargaining factor in the hands of Napoleon. The history of Poland is "binded" with Napoleon politically and militarily from the time when the Polish Legions (*Legiony Dąbrowskiego*) were formed in Italy in 1796 until his last battle at Waterloo in 1815.

From the point of view of Polish Philately the Napoleonic era is divided into three groups:

1. Postal Marking of the Grand Duchy of Warsaw
2. Postal Service of the Napoleonic Armies on Polish Territories.
3. Polish Military Mail From Abroad

Ad. 1. The Postal Markings of the Grand Duchy of Warsaw are extensively written up and therefore will not be discussed in this article.

Ad. 2. Postal Service of the Napoleonic Armies on Polish Territories.

Napoleon's Armies entered the Polish Territories for the first time during the victorious campaign against Prussia in 1806. The French Cavalry entered Warsaw on November 28th, 1806, and the Emperor himself arrived on December 20th of the same year.

Upon entering Polish Territory the Napoleonic Grande Armee set up a Military Postal Service organized according per the following scheme:

Bureau General de la Grande Armee

Bureau General Corps

No. Grande Armee (Division or large unit)

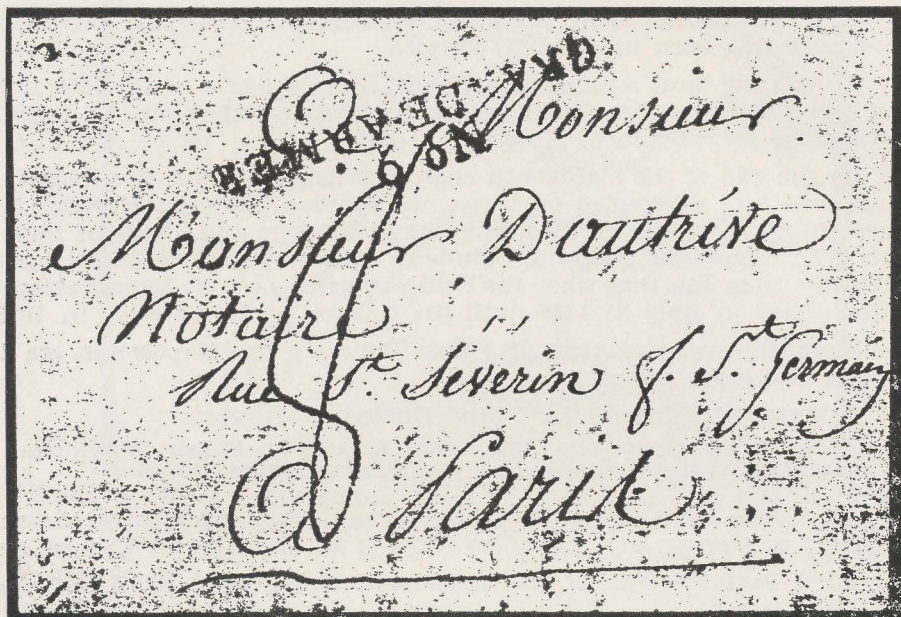
The mail consisted mainly of soldiers' letters — typically folded stampless covers — with a waxing seal on the back and the Postal Unit markings on the front. Markings were mostly in red, some in black — rarely in green, blue or brown. Mail was dispatched from Warsaw to Paris every other day. **For the first time — Mail Boxes** (three of them) were installed for this Military Postal Service in the City of Warsaw.

The most common form of Markings are two lines — No. (number of unit) at the top line — and Grande Armee in the bottom line. There are other varieties also known — *ARM. DALLEMAGNE* — *ARM. DU RHIN*.

In most cases the postage was paid by the addressee and therefore the covers bear large, hand written numerals on the front. These numbers indicate the amount to be collected from the addressee for postage.

Some covers have the word *PORT PAYE* in the top line just after the No. of the unit in the markings of the Grande Armee, which indicate that postage was paid by the sender. These were from 1806 to 1812.

COVERS FROM FRENCH SOLDIERS IN POLISH TERRITORIES



No. 9 in red — From Sochaczew, February 9, 1807 — Grande Armee



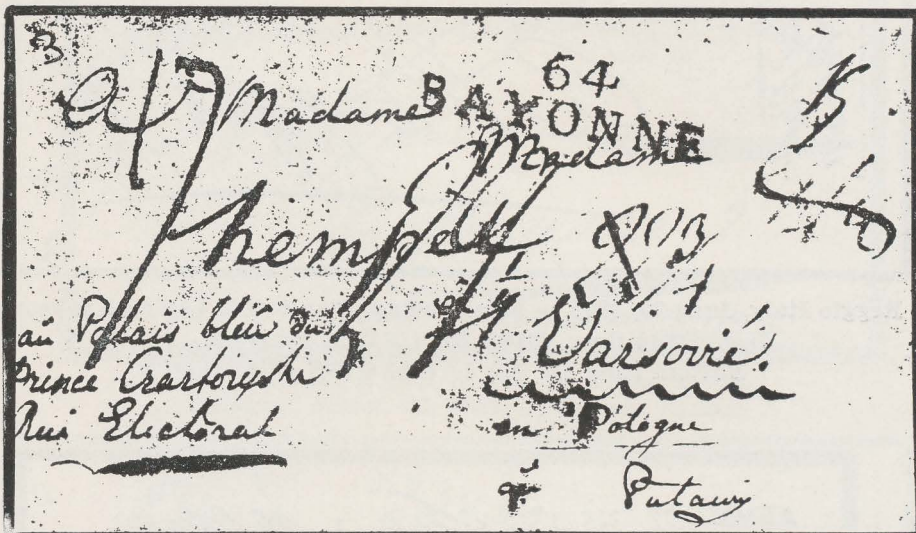
No. 43 in black — From Warsaw, March 3, 1807 — Grande Armee

There are 73 different postal markings known to this author from 143 different places, but there may still be more in existence.

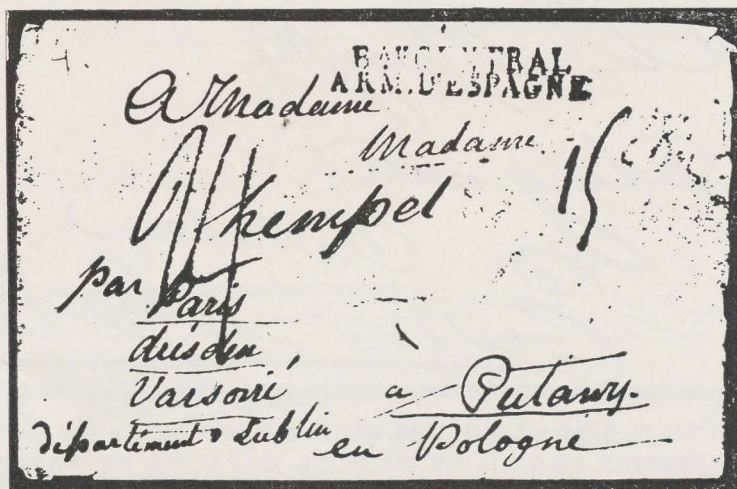
Due to the intensive activity and mobility of the Napoleonic Grande Armee some numbers on covers recur at different times in different places. Nearly all of them have the date and place written inside.

Ad. 3. Polish Military Mail From Abroad.

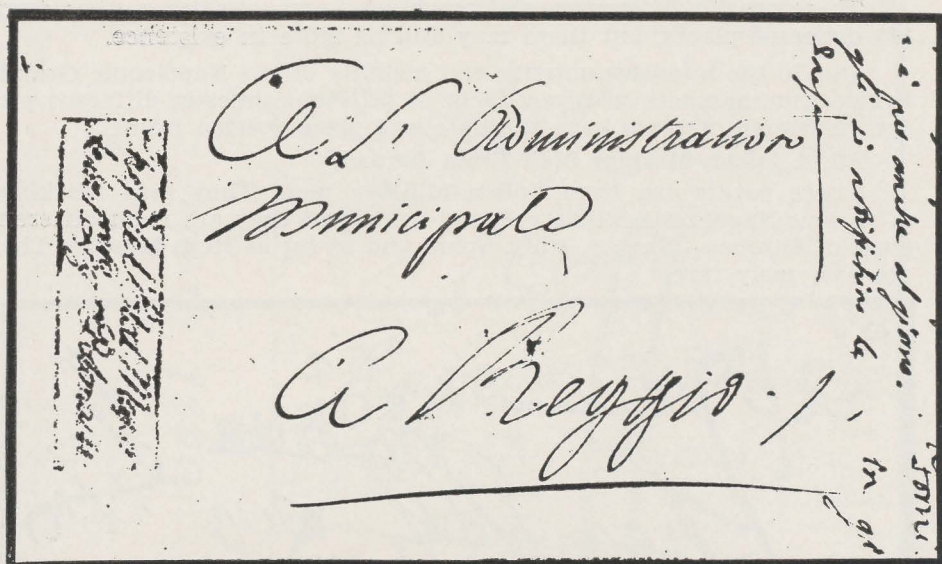
These covers are from Polish Military men. They bear markings of various Napoleonic Military Postal Units and they are from different parts of Europe — France, Italy, Spain and as far as from Moscow. They are extremely rare.



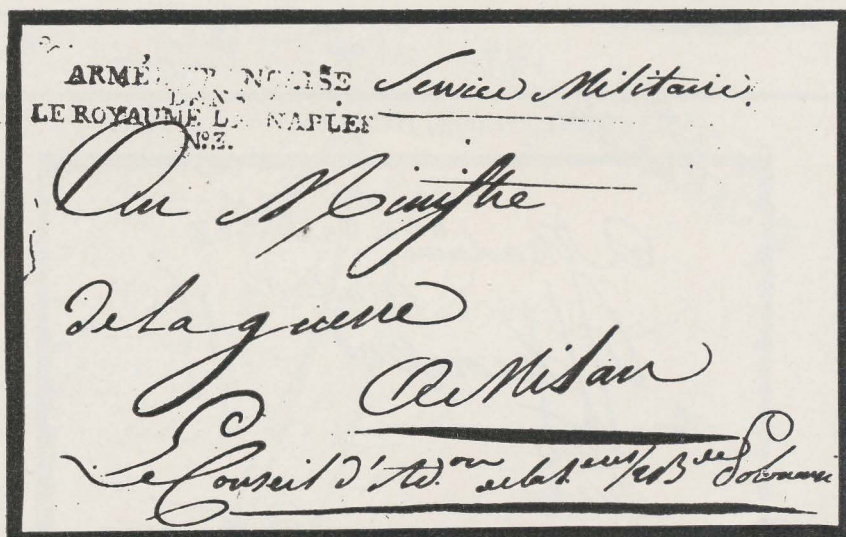
BAYONNE, France, Dated February 4, 1810.



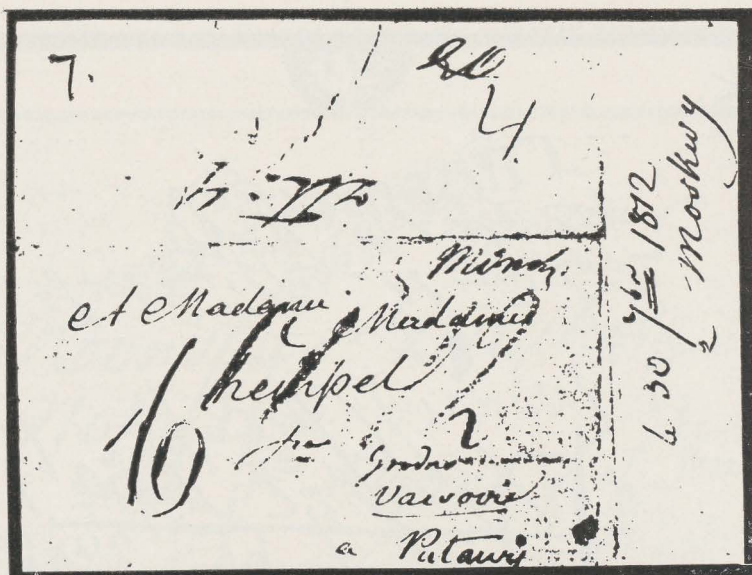
Spain, 1810 — BAU CENTRAL ARM. D'ESPAGNE, to Putawy in Poland.



Reggio Italy, June 26, 1801 — black rectangular Polish Legion handstamp
 Top line: CHEF DE L'ETAT MAJEUR,
 Bottom line: DE LA 1-re LEGION POLONAISE.



Monopoli, Italy, September 9, 1804, addressed to Ministre DE LAGUERRE.
 In black: ARMEE FRANCAISE DANS LE ROYAUME DE NAPLES No. 3.
 Handwritten at bottom: LE CONSEIL D'AD-ON DE LA 1-re $\frac{1}{2}$ B-de POLONAISE (Administrative Council of 1st Polish $\frac{1}{2}$ Brigade).



MOSCOW, Russia, September 30, 1812. Handwritten route — Transit marking MINSK handwritten at the top. Sender writes: "This is 15 days after entering Moscow, but if we will stay here during the winter, or not, it is still not known."

Summary—This article was written in the hope that it may bring to light this somehow neglected and forgotten aspect of Polish philately, and encourage Polish philatelists to search for related material and examine closely every stampless cover inside-out, regardless of its markings and outside appearance.

POLAND FIRST DAY COVER CATALOG 1972

A new philatelic catalog focusing on the popular first day covers of Poland is to be released shortly.

Until now, no uniform price standards have been set for "Ruch" cacheted Polish first day covers. Thousands of philatelists specializing in the stamps of Poland (as well as many collectors specializing in the world-wide cover field) have been without any source to help them in establishing firm prices for selling and purchasing these beautiful covers.

The catalog will list all regular complete sets and semi-postals by both Scott and Minkus Catalog numbers; and will quote an average market value for each of these sets.

Complete information on these covers, and how to purchase them is included. The catalog will be printed on 8½ x 11 pages. Wide margins and the loose-leaf binding make the Polish Cover Catalog completely flexible; while a deluxe folder to hold the book is included.

The editor of the publication is Alex Kanakaris, a Polonus member. Tentative plans are to print the catalog annually.

A special pre-publication price to Polonus members of \$3.00 per catalog has been announced (the retail price will be \$3.50). Orders for the "Poland First Day Cover Catalog 1972" should be sent to: Alex Kanakaris Co., 4522 Arden Way, Sacramento, Calif. 95825.

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AMPOLPEX AT BUFFALO

AMPOLPEX-71, was presented by the Polish Philatelic Society November 6-7 at Adam Mickiewicz Auditorium in Buffalo. The exhibition was limited to Poland material only and consisted of 14 entries. The First Award in the Specialized Class went to C. Schafer for his Poland Constitution Issue of 1921; the Second was given to H. Zebrowski for Woldenberg Official Cancels and Postmarks. The First Award in the Postal History Class went to A. Szebel for his Zaolzie; Second was taken by R. Schneider for 19th Century Stampless Covers. In the Polonica Class, M. Bialobrodec scored the First Award for his Kopernik while C. Wloch took Second with Kosciuszko. The Grand Award trophy went to C. Schafer for the 1921 Constitution Issue.

The U.S. Post Office did a \$1,960.00 business according to Exhibition Chairman Theo. Skotnicki. Cacheted covers and souvenir sheets carried the theme of the show: "Polish Art On Stamps." They are still available. Write to the Polish Philatelic Society, 612 Fillmore Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14212.