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POSTAL STATIONERY OF POLAND

by **DEREK PALMER**

The fine articles by Clement A. Pulaski, published in **The Stamp Specialist** (the Coral and Emerald books) covered Polish postal stationery, in detail, up to the commencement of World War II. In the belief that a listing of the postcards and envelopes which have appeared since 1939 may be of interest to collectors, the following information is offered, not by any means as the final word on the subject, because it is most likely quite incomplete, but as a help to those who know even less about the subject than the writer, and in the hopes that it will induce those who know more to publish their information for the benefit of others.

Scott type numbers have been given for identifying the stamps on stationery. In instances where the stamps differ somewhat from the catalog illustrations, the description "**As** Scott No." refers to the type most similar.

Most issues of Polish stationery bear an imprint giving the month and year and quantity printed. Quite probably many definite issues, as distinct from commemorative ones, have gone through numerous printings, in which case they are sure also to exist with later dates.

It will be noticed that numbering is not always consecutive; this is to allow for inclusion of additional items, not known to the writer, which may exist.

Where the word "Slogan" is mentioned, this indicates that the item may be found printed with one, or more, political slogans.

In cases where two values are given, the first is the face value of the stamp; and the second, within brackets, corresponds with the actual cost of the item.

To those who find collecting postal stationery interesting but are deterred by the difficulty of arranging their collection, may I recommend the "Concertina" albums sold by **Messrs. Robson Lowe, Ltd.**, of London, as a very practical solution to the problem.

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TID BITS

At the July 13th meeting Polonus decided to have a booth at the Grand Rapids Exhibit coming up August 23 to 26, 1956. Polpex Souvenir Sheets, Bulletins, Covers, and other Polonus publications will be displayed. A large number of members plan on attending the show which will contain many members' exhibits.

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Thanks to Joseph Bieniecki of Granite City, Ill. for his kilo of Polish stamps sold at the recent Donation Auction.

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Anton A. Banasiak was written up in the July "Bureau Specialist." He made a discovery of some rare U.S. Coils with plate number at top instead of bottom.

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Member George Kobylka is working feverishly printing up his new set of album pages of Post War Poland from 1944 to end of 1955.

POSTAL STATIONERY OF POLAND — 1939-1954

1939 (?)

Germany Occupation

Provisional issues. German postcards (Hindenburg, Scott A-64) surcharged Deutsche Post / OSTEN and new value.

101 12 gröschen on 6 pf. dark green

102 30 groschen on 15 pf. claret

Polish postcards of 1938 overprinted with five thick bars which deface the stamp and DEUTSCHE POST OSTEN/POSTKARTE over Polish inscriptions at top center.

110 on 30 gr. claret (Scott A81)

111 on 15 gr. brown (As Scott A-83)

112 on one-half of 30 gr. rose, reply-card (As Scott A83)

Official Cards. Polish postcards of 1935, overprinted in violet with rubber hand stamp WADOWICE/19 NOV. 1939 on stamp and Deutsche Dienstpost Osten / WADOWICE, at top center.

120 on 15 gr. dark green (steamer Pilsudski). Various different scenes are shown on the basic cards.

Polish postcards of 1938/39 surcharged with Nazi emblem, GENE-RAL / GOUVERNEMENT and new value on stamp and POST-KARTE at top center.

130a 12 on 15 gr. blue-black (Scott A-81) imprint VI-1938

130b 12 on 15 gr. slate-black (Scott A81) imprint VI-1939

131 12 on 10 gr. green (As Scott A83)

132a 12 on 15 gr. brown (As Scott A83) imprint X-1938

132b 12 on 15 gr. brown (As Scott A83) imprint II-1939

Polish stamped envelope of 1938, overprinted as previous cards.

140 24 gr. on 25 gr. purple (As Scott A83)

1940

General Gouvernement definite issues. Stationery printed with stamps as Scott OS1. Word POSTKARTE in fancy lettering.

150 12 (gr.) green Courtyard and monument imprint IX-40

151a 30 (gr.) bright purple Church imprint IX-40

151b 30 (gr.) bright purple Church imprint II-41

1941

As previous issue but word POSTKARTE in normal lettering.

152a 12 (gr.) violet Courtyard and monument imprint II-41

152b 12 (gr.) violet Courtyard and monument imprint III-42

153 30 (gr.) bright purple Church imprint II-41

154 24 (gr.) Castle — Envelope Imprint X-43

1944

160 12 (gr.) purple-violet (Hitler) Imprint II144

Independent Republic

Provisional issue. Polish picture postcards of 1938, surcharged with new value.

1944

201 25 gr. on 15 gr. purple-brown (As Scott A-83)

202 25 gr. on 30 gr. rose (As Scott A-83)

Definite issue.

1945

211 50 gr. brown Eagle (As Scott A-103) Imprint II-45 1,000,000

Slogans — 8 different

212 50 gr. brown Monument (Scott A-105) No Imprint

Belweder issues. The design of the stamp on the following cards is the Belweder Palace, as Scott stamp No. 298.

213 1 zl. brown Horizontal Imprint IX-45 10,000,000

214 1.50 zl. blue Horizontal Imprint IX-45 10,000,000

215 1.50 zl. grey Horizontal Imprint IX-45 10,000,000

1946

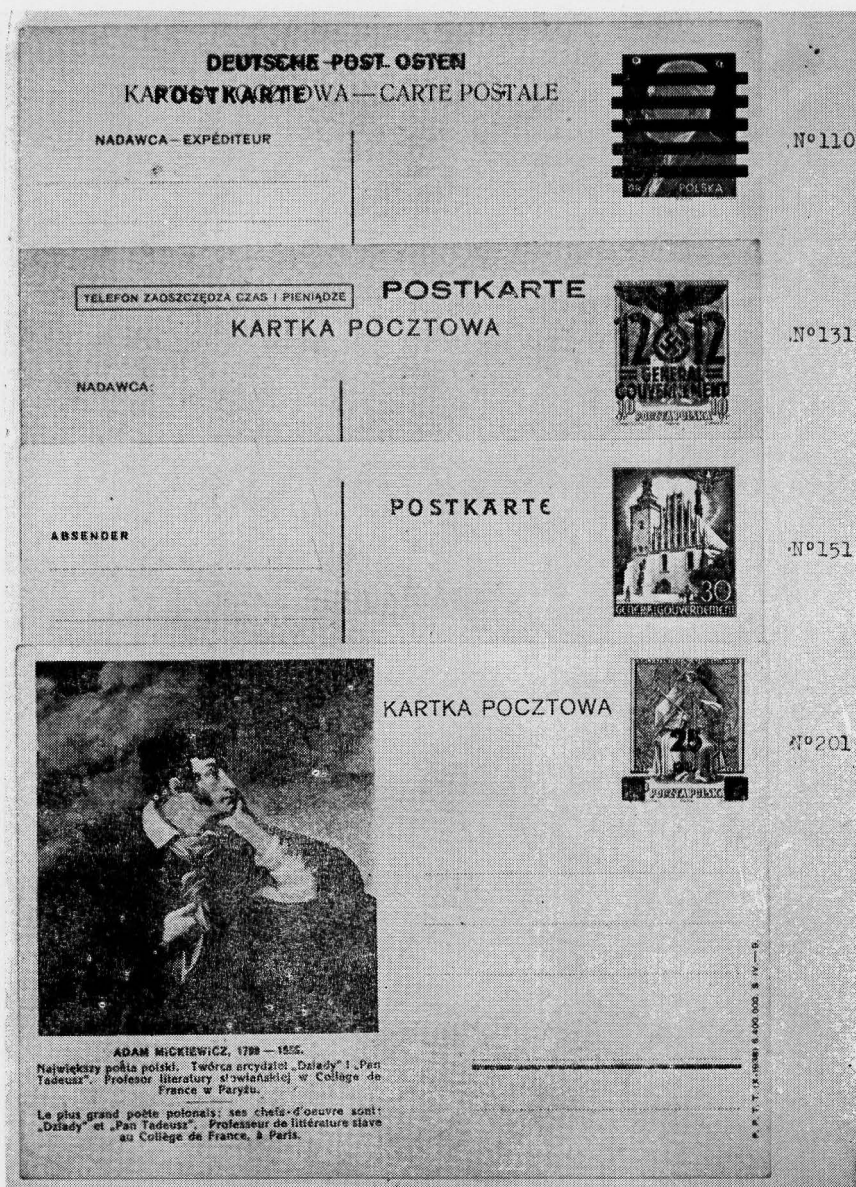
216a 3 zl. green Horizontal Imprint IX-46 10,000,000

216b 3 zl. green Vertical Imprint IX-46 10,000,000

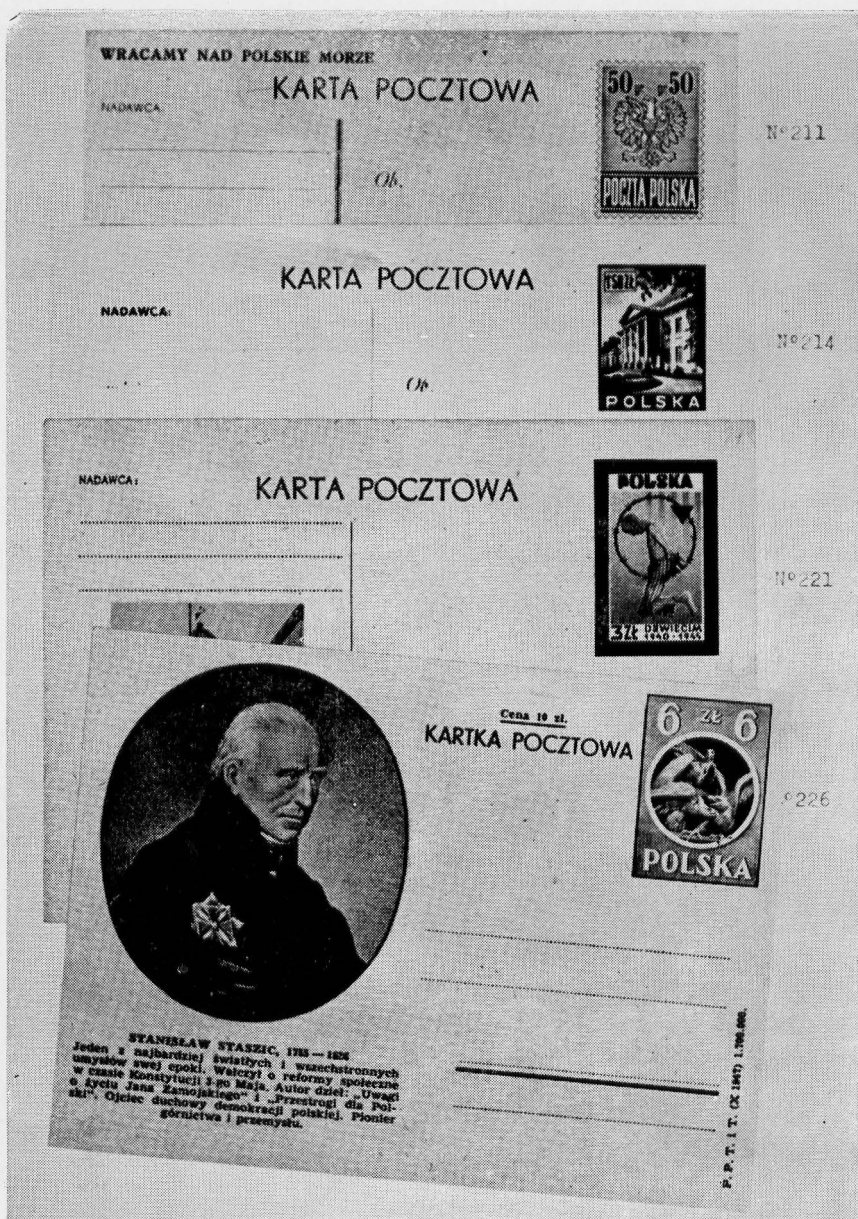
217 3 zl. green slogan Vertical Imprint IX-46 10,000,000

1947

As before but selling price of cards (5 zl.) printed above the stamp; the blue and brown cards have views of Leszno and Warsaw respectively.

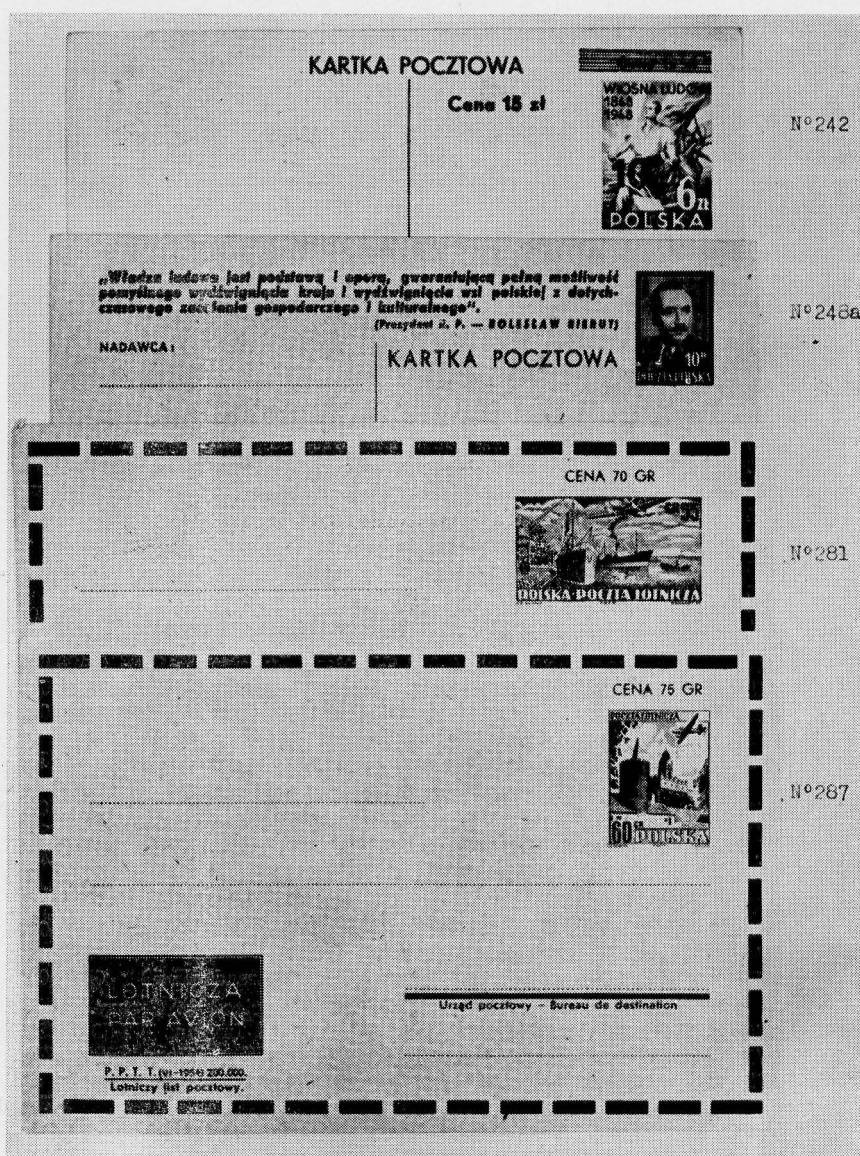


218	3 zl. (5 zl.)	blue	Vertical Imprint	VIII-47	1,250,000
219	3 zl. (5 zl.)	brown	Vertical Imprint	VIII-47	2,500,000
220	3 zl. (5 zl.)	olive	Vertical Imprint	VIII-47	10,000,000
Oświęcim Memorial issue. Picture cards of Oświęcim Concentration Camp; the stamps have a black mourning border.					
221	3 zl.	violet	Kneeling prisoner	Vertical Imprint 1947	500,000
222	6 zl.	black	Prisoner and gas fumes	Vertical Imprint 1947	500,000
Pictorial issues; various cards printed with pictorial stamps.					
223	6 zl. (8 zl.)	green	Scott A-128	Vertical Imprint VIII-47	2,000,000



224	6 zł. (8 zł.) green Górny Śląsk Vertical Imprint VIII-47	10,000,000
225	3 zł. (15 zł.) grey green Chopin Vertical Imprint IX-47	250,000
	(Mountain view on back, in various colors)	
226	6 zł. (10 zł.) grey Eagles in circle Vertical Imprint X-47	1,700,000
	(Illustrated with portraits of various personages)	
227	6 zł. (15 zł.) brown-black Scott Z-130 Vertical Imprint XII-47	400,000
	(Illustrated with 4 views on back)	
1947 228	3 zł. (5 zł.) carmine-red Scott B43 Vertical Imprint XII-47	500,000

	229	3 zl. (5 zl.) as No. 228 but with inscription commemorating XXVII Congress PPS at Wrocław, beside stamp.	
1948	230	6 zl. (12 zl.) red-brown Scott A-143 Vertical Imprint II-48 (Colored Easter designs on back)	2,000,000
	231	15 zl. (20 zl.) brown, envelope, as card No. 230. Hor. Imprint VII-48	/1,000,000
	232	6 zl. (8 zl.) red Engels and Marx Vertical Imprint IX-48	1,000,000
	Surcharged issues; various previous issues overprinted with higher values		
	233	10 zl. surcharged in black on postcard No. 214	
	234	10 zl. surcharged in black on postcard No. 218	
	235	10 zl. surcharged in black on postcard No. 219	
	236	10 zl. surcharged in black on postcard No. 221	
	237	10 zl. surcharged in black on postcard No. 222	
	238	10 zl. surcharged in black on postcard No. 223	
	239	10 zl. surcharged in black on postcard No. 224	
	240	10 zl. surcharged in black on postcard No. 225	
	241	10 zl. surcharged in black on postcard No. 226	
	242	10 zl. surcharged in black on postcard No. 228	
	243a	10 zl. surch. black on postcard No. 230 thick bar over original value	
	243b	10 zl. surch. black on postcard No. 230 six lines over original value	
	244	10 zl. surcharged in black on postcard No. 232	
	Surcharged as before, but in red and with slogan in addition		
	245	10 zl. surcharged in red on postcard No. 224	
	246	10 zl. surcharged in red on postcard No. 226	
	247	10 zl. carmine Scott A-154 Vertical Imprint XII-48	1,700,000
	247b	10 zl. carmine Scott A-154 Vertical Imprint I-49	1,700,000 - 2
	247c	10 zl. carmine Scott A-154 Vertical Imprint II-49	3,400,000 - 3
	248a	10 zl. carmine Scott A-154 Slogan Vert. Impr. VI-49	1,920,000 - 4
	248b	10 zl. carmine Scott A-154 Slogan Vert. Impr. XII-49	1,000,000 - 5
	249	15 zl. (20 zl.) carmine - Envelope; A-154 Imprint III-49	3,000,000
	249	15 zl. (20 zl.) carmine - Envelope; A-154, Slogan Imprint III-49	/3,000,000
1950	250	10 zl. green Scott A-172 Vertical Imprint V-50	700,000
	251	10 zl. red Scott A-166 Slogans Vertical Imprint VI-50	1,200,000
Currency reform provisional issues. Previous postcards overprinted GROSZY with rubber handstamps, in various types.			
	252	GROSZY on card No. 247b	
	253	GROSZY on card No. 248b, but imprint reads XII-49	1,000,000 - 6
	254	GROSZY on card No. 251	
	255	GROSZY on card No. 247b, but imprint reads II-50	6,000,000 - 7
	Revalued currency issues; stamps are now priced in Groszy.		
	270	30 gr. red Scott A-166 Slogans Vertical Imprint VI-50	1,200,000
1951	271	25 gr. rose As Scott A-154; Youth festival Vert. Impr. III-51	520,000
	272	25 gr. rose As Scott A-154; Berlin Youth Rally Vert. Impr. IV-51	/610,000
	273	30 gr. red Scott A-166; Slogan Vertical Imprint IV-51	20,000
		Workman and child on back	
	274	30 gr. red Scott A-166 Slogan Vertical Imprint IX-51	1,000,000
	275	30 gr. vermilion As Scott A-166, Slogan and Flag Vert. Impr. VII-51	/1,000,000
	276a	45 gr. (55 gr.) red envelope, Scott A-166 Slogan Vert. Impr. XI-51	/1,000,000
	276b	45g r. (55 gr.) same as above Vertical Imprint IV-52	2,000,000
1952	280a	30 plus 15 gr. red-brown Scott A-193 Slogans Vert. Impr. II-52	/1,000,000
	280b	30 plus 15 gr. same as above Vertical Imprint V-52	1,000,000
	281	55 gr. (70 gr.) blue, airmail envelope, Scott AP6 Imprint V-1952	/100,000



	282	45 plus 15 gr. (70 gr.) red, envelope, Scott A-209 Imprint VII-52	/3,000,000
1953	283	60 plus 20g r. (95 gr.) red, envelope, Scott A-209 Imprint II-53	/2,000,000
	284	40 gr. brown-red, Scott A-181 Slogan Vert. Impr. II-53	1,000,000
	285	60 gr. brown-red, Scott A-193 Slogan Vertical Imprint V-53	2,000,000
	286	60 gr. same as above, Copernicus commemorative, Vert. Impr. VII-53	/200,000
1954	287	60 gr. (75 gr.) blue, air mail envelope, aircraft and castle design Imprint VI-1954	200,000

EDWARD NOWAK RECEIVES HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

The quiet and unheralded work of Edward Nowak in helping disabled veterans with their stamp collections, frequently donating stamps as well as expert advice in New England hospitals, suddenly made front page news, when the Massachusetts Department of the Disabled Veterans of America thru the local D.A.V. chapter presented him with a citation and a bronze plaque for his truly humanitarian work.

The BOSTON POST comments editorially:

"Mr. Nowak himself was wounded, while serving with the A.E.F. during World War I. He has true appreciation of what hospitalization means."

POLONUS extends congratulations to its member, Mr. Edw. Nowak, not

only for receiving this reward, but also for his ability of employing the hobby of stamp collecting for a vivid and dramatic presentation of Polish history, as well as a source for charitable work among his fellow-men!

Although the POLONUS BULLETIN has briefed its members on the Regis College collection of Poland, donated by Edward Nowak, Sr., the LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS of June 11 had a more detailed article on its contents—we think that more detailed information on "what is in it" would be of interest and benefit to our members. Some may be vacation bound that-a-way and may be stirred by this article into visiting Regis College.

—Walter Szymlek

— POLAND ON COVER —

All numbers are Scott's 1956; code is as such:

F.D. First Day, Reg. C. Registered Cover, Spe. Can. Special Cancellation, BL. Blocks, Spe. C. Special Cover.

- 612/3 Spe. Can. .55, Reg. C. .45, BL. \$1.35
- 614/6 Spe. Can. .50, BL. 1.30
- 617/9 Spe. Can. .45, Spe. C. .60, BL. 1.30
- 617/21 Reg. C. .60
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- 628/30 Spe. C. .80, BL. 3.00
- 628/32 Spe. C. .90, Reg. C. .80
- 631/2 Spe. C. .80, BL. 2.00
- 633/4 Spe. C. .70, BL. 1.85
- 635/6 Spe. Can. .70, Spe. C. .70, BL. 1.50
- 635/8 Reg. C. .90
- 637/8 Spe. C. .60, BL. 1.75
- 639/43 F.D. 1.50, Spe. C. 1.15, Reg. C. .90, BL. 3.75
- 644/6 F.D. 1.00, Spec. C. .75, Reg. C. .60, BL. 2.50
- 647/56 F.D. 2.75, Spe. C. 2.25, Reg. C. 1.75
- 657/9 F.D. 1.00, Spe. C. .75, Reg. C. .60, BL. 2.25
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- 660/3 (Imperf) F.D. 11.50, Spe. C. 9.50, Reg. C. 8.50, BL. 37.50
- C34 F.D. 3.50, Spe. C. 3.00, First Flight 4.50
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NEW ISSUES

by J. J. Domar

On the 6th of July, 1956 the 80 gr. "Rok" stamps were overprinted in four values: 10 gr., 40 gr., 60 gr. and 1.35 zł.

Two post cards appeared: a 40 gr. on the occasion of the 20th International Poznań Fair (the scene of the recent uprisings), and a 20 gr. showing the ancient Wawel Castle.

On July 10, 1956 an additional 3 stamps were released of the Warsaw Monument Issue: 30 gr. black, monument of Ghetto Heroes; 40 gr. brown-green statue of King Jan Sobieski III; 1.55 zł. violet and bright-violet statue of Jan Poniatoski. All are steel engraved after drawings by J. John.

On June 27, 1956 two more postal cards were issued in the value of 40 gr., the occasion — a Festival of Culture held during the Krakow Days celebration. Designs are a head of a youth and the other, a head of a woman. Both executed after figures decorating ceiling of Wawel Castle.

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