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Warsaw Uprising Issue of the Mokotow District

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In connection with the Warsaw Uprising Post Office of the Mokotow District, I obtained the following details from Mr. Roman Banach of Lodz. These were recorded in a statement compiled the 6th of February, 1948, under the title "Declaration in the Matter of Overprints on the Warsaw Uprising Stamps".

"As a participant in the Warsaw Uprising of August 1944. I know from my own experience, the following facts dealing with the work of the Post Office. Then, as also with the use of the overprinted stamps: the group 'Bazta' who were fighting at Mokotow, established the Post Office at Krasickiego Street No. 23 or 25, where soldiers of the 'Armia Krajowa' (Home Army) were on duty. This office dealt mainly with the mail for the central area of the town, and it was brought in by insurgents by way of underground sewer canals. On

arrival the letters were at once censored.

"The office used two different types of postmarks, for cancelling on stamps and for mail without postage stamps:

1) The overprint stamp, possibly of rubber with three rows of: the eagle, 'Poczta Powstancza' and 'W-wa Sierpion 1944'.

2) The cancellation stamp—of two bridged rings and wording in the dimensions of the circle 'A. K. NA BARYKADACH'.

"The dimensions of the overprinting stamp Type 1 were measured by Prof. S. Mikstein and found to be:

Width and height of the eagle 11.5 x 12.5 mm.

Distance between eagle and the nearest row 1 mm.

'Poczta Powstancza' length and height 22x4 mm.

'W-wa Sierpion 1944' length and



The two types of postmarks used by the Mokotow District Post Office.

(From the collection of Alfred Szebel.)

height 21.5x3.7 mm.

Distance between the worded rows 2.5 mm.

"Mail was also accepted without stamps and in these cases was cancelled with the stamp Type 1. When General Government stamps were used on the letters, these were first stamped with Type 1 and then cancelled with Type 2.

"For private persons who brought mint Gen. Gov. stamps, these were overprinted with Type 1 without any charge.

"The mail was immediately censored and distributed by insurgents. No charge was taken for sending the mail as well as for the overprinting of mint Gen. Gov. stamps as this was a Field Post Office, and as such was free of payment.

"These conditions are supposed to have lasted from August 19th to the 28th, 1944. On the 22nd of August, I was transferred to another post and on returning September 2nd, I found the Post Office no longer existing.

"I obtained from this Field Post Office the following Gen. Gov. stamps overprinted by Stamp Type 1.

Nos. as in the PIONIER Catalog of 1944:

40-51—various views, issued 8/5/40
56-58—First Anniv. of Gen. Gov.
66-70—Various Views, issued 1941.
71-82—Hitler's portrait, 10/26/41
83--88—Hitler's portrait, 4/7/42
98-100—3rd anniv. Gen. Gov.
101-102—2 zl. d. olive & 4 zl. d. violet
110-114—3rd anniv. Nazi Party in Germ. Occup. Poland

Also Nos. in the ZUMSTEIN Cat.:
115 & 116—6 zl. brown, 10 zl. br.-blk.
120-124—5th anniv. of Gen. Gov.

As stamps brought in by other persons were also overprinted, it is uncertain whether other Gen. Gov. stamps were also overprinted."

—written by S. Mikstein, Krakow, 2/8/48

—signed by S. Mikstein, Krakow 14, Tarnowskiego 7, Roman Banaach, Lodz, Brzezna 12/1, Tel. 13803

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The above declaration made by an active member of the Warsaw Upris-

ing shows that the previously described stamps of the Insurrection were:

1) Not issued under the Insurrection or its Post Office,

2) Did not receipt payment for delivery by the Field Post as the payments for Gen. Gov. stamps were collected by the Germans and the uprising overprint was free of charge,

3) Were not used as charity labels, as for stamping, no gift was taken to help the insurrection or the starving oppressed people of the city,

4) But they might have been used as souvenirs without philatelic value, or privately distributed stamps overprinted without charge as private issues for speculative purposes.

TID BITS

Dr. Uznanski was invited to exhibit his Christmas Seals at the Copenhagen, Denmark Exhibition held Nov. 13 to 16. The show which is sponsored by Queen Ingrid, is being held on the 50th anniversary of the first Christmas Seal, the "Carita" 1904, issued by Denmark. Dr. Uznanski planned to exhibit 160 pages of his United States Seals.

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KINGDOM OF POLAND TOWN CANCELLATIONS

(Continued from last month)

245. ОСЕНЩИНЫ	OSIĘCINY
212. ОСИНЫ	OSINY
47. ОСТРОЛЕНКА	OSTROŁĘKA
50. ОСТРОВЪ	OSTRÓW
112. ОСТРОВЕЦЪ	OSTROWIEC
310. ОСТРОВЫ	OSTROWY
113. ОЖАРОВЪ	OŻARÓW
236. ОЗОРКОВЪ	OZORKÓW
200. ПАБИАНИЦЕ	PABIANICE
63. ПАРЧЕВЪ	PARCZEW
8. ПЯСЕЧНО	PIASECZNO
80. ПЯСКИ	PIASKI
217. ПОНТЕКЪ	PIĄTEK
171. ПИЛИЦА	PILICA
124. ПИНЧОВЪ	PIŃCZÓW
179. ПЕТРКОВЪ	PIOTRKÓW
328. ПЕТРКОВЪ КУЯВЕКЪ	PIOTRKÓW KUJAWSKI
218. ПЛЕЦКА ДОНБРОВА	PLECKA DĄBROWA
253. ПЛОЦКЪ	PŁOCK
260. ПЛОНСКЪ	PŁOŃSK
304. ПНЕВО	PNIEWO
333. ПОДДЕМБИЦЕ	PODDEBICE
20. ПОНЬЕМОНЪ	PONIEMOŃ
303. ПОРАЙ	PORAJ
296. ПОРЧЫНЫ	PORCZYNY
301. ПОТВАРОВЪ	POTWORÓW
169. ПРАДЛА	PRADŁA
337. ПРАГА	PRAGA
206. ПРАШКА	PRASZKA
21. ПРЕНЫ	PRENY
117. ПРОШОВИЦЕ	PROSZOWICE
334. ПРУШКОВЪ	PRUSZKÓW
266. ПРАСНЫШЪ	PRZASNYSZ
157. ПРЖЕДБОРЖЪ	PRZEDBÓRZ
228. ПРИДЕЧЪ	PRZEDECZ
153. ПРЖИСУХА	PRZYSUCHA
299. ПРЖИТЫКЪ	PRZITYK
76. ПУЛЯВЫ (НОВАЯ АЛЕКСАНДРІЯ)	PULAWY (NOWO ALEXANDRYA)
45. ПУЛТУСКЪ	PULTUSK
220. ПЫЗДРЫ	PYZDRY
93. РАХОВЪ	RACHÓW
258. РАЦИАНЖЪ	RACIĄŻ
138. РАДОМЪ	RADOM

162. РАДОМСКЪ	RADOMSK
156. РАДОШИЦЕ	RADOSZYCE
246. РАДЗЕЙОВЪ	RADZIEJÓW
275. РАДЗИВИЛОВЪ	RADZIWIŁÓW
4. РАДИМИНЪ	RADZYMIN
62. РАДИНЪ	RADZYŃ
35. РАЙГОРОДЪ	RAJGRÓD
188. РАВА	RAWA
286. РЕЙОВЕЦЪ	REJOWIEC
184. РОГОВЪ	ROGÓW
183. РОКИЦИНЫ	ROKICINY
16. РУДА ГУЗОВСКАЯ	RUDA GUZOWSKA
293. РЫХВАЛЬ	RYCHWAŁ
142. РЫЧИВОЛЬ	RYCZYWÓŁ
251. РЫПИНЪ	RYPIN
324. САННИКИ	SANNIKI
108. САНДОМІРЪ	SANDOMIERZ
30. СЕЙНЫ	SEJNY
10. СЕНКОЦИНЪ	SĘKOCIN
32. СЕРЕЕ	SEREJE
48. СЕРОЦКЪ	SEROCK
18. СЕРОКИ	SEROKI—PARADYZ
60. СЪДЛЕЦЪ	SIEDLCE
273. СЪДЛИЦЕ	SIEDLISZCZE
46. СЪЕЛУНЪ	SIELUŃ
290. СЕННО	SIENNA
194. СЪРАДЗЪ	SIERADZ
256. СЕРПЕЦЪ	SIERPC
173. СЕВЕРЖЪ	SIEWIERZ
338. СИМНО	SIMNO
132. СКАЛЬБМЕРЖЪ	SKALBMIERZ
345. СКАРЫШЕВЪ	SKARYSZEW
211. СКЕРНЕВИЦЫ	SKIERNIEWICE
177. СЛАВКОВЪ	SŁAWKÓW
116. СЛОМНИКИ	SŁOMNIKI
219. СЛУПЦА	SŁUPCA
238. СЛУЧЕВО	SŁUŻEWO
210. СОХАЧЕВЪ	SOCHACZEW
295. СОЧЕВКА	SOCZEWKA (OS. MOŹDZIERZ)
70. СОКОЛОВЪ	SOKOŁÓW
146. СОЛЕЦЪ	SOLEC
226. СОМ ПОЛЬНО	SOMPOLNO
321. СОПОЦКИНЪ	SOPÓCKINIE
278. СОСНОВИЦЕ	SOSNOWIEC
317. СРЕДНИЦА	ŚREDNICA
165. СВ. АННА	ST. ANNA

7. СТАРАЯ ВЕСЬ	STARA WIEŚ
109. СТАШЕВЪ	STASZÓW
38. СТАВИСКИ	STAWISKI
292. СТАВИШИНЪ	STAWISZYN
84. СТЕПАНКОВИЦЕ	STEPANKOWICE
71. СТЕРДЫНЬ	STERDYŃ
298. СТОЧЕКЪ	STOCZEK
126. СТОПНИЦА	STOPNICA
213. СТРЫКОВЪ	STRYKÓW
174. СТРЖЕМЕШИЦЕ	STRZEMIESZYCE—RUDA MALENIECKA
150. СУХЕДНЬОВЪ	SUCHEDNIÓW
28. СУВАЛКИ	SUWAŁKI
27. ШАКИ	SZAKI
198. ШАДЕКЪ	SZADEK
300. ЩЕБРЖЕШИНЪ	SZCZEBRZESZYN
104. ЩЕРЬЖЕЗИНЪ	SZCZEBRZESZYN—SULEJÓW
170. ЩЕКОЦИНЫ	SZCZEKOCINY
203. ЩЕРЦОВЪ	SZCZERCÓW
39. ЩУЧИНЪ	SZCZUCZYN
265. ШРЕНСКЪ	SZREŃSK
123. ШИДЛОВЪ	SZYDŁÓW
151. ШИДЛОВЕЦЪ	SZYDŁOWIEC
29. ШИПЛИШКИ	SZYPLISZKI
11. ТАРЧЫНЪ	TARCZYN
106. ТАРНОГРОДЪ	TARNOGRÓD
57. ТЕРЕСПОЛЬ	TERESPOL (NOWA OSADA)
322. ТЛУЩЬ	TŁUSZCZ(?)
100. ТОМАШОВЪ (ЛЮБЛИНСКИЙ)	TOMASZÓW (LUBELSKI)
187. ТОМАШОВЪ (РАВСКИЙ)	TOMASZÓW (RAWSKI)
224. ТУРЕКЪ	TUREK
181. ТУШИНЪ	TUSZYN
44. ТЫКОКОПИНЪ	TYKOCIN
99. ТЫШОВЦЕ	TYSZOWCE
332. УЯЗДЪ	UJAZD
225. УНЕЙОВЪ	UNIEJÓW
92. УРЖЕНДОВЪ	URZĘDÓW
149. ВАХОЦКЪ	WĄCHOCK
312. БАТАНЕЦЪ	WAGANIEC
1. ВАРШАВА	WARSZAWA
283. ВАРКА	WARKA
195. ВАРТА	WARTA
69. ВЕНГРОВЪ	WĘGRÓW
19. ВЕЙВЕРЫ	WEJWERY
202. ВИДАВА	WIDAWA
252. ВЬЕЛЬГЕ	WIELGIE

205. ВЕЛЮНЪ	WIELUŃ
208. ВЕРУШОВЪ	WIERUSZÓW
25. ВЕРЖБОЛОВО	WIERZBOŁÓW
163. ВЬЕВЬЕЦЪ	WIEWIEC—BRZEŹNICA
289. ЗАНЬКОВИЦЕ	ZĄBKOWICE
325. ЗАЛИКОВЪ	ZAKLIKÓW
261. ЗАКРОЧИМЪ	ZAKROCZYM
335. ЗАГУРОВЪ	ZAGÓRÓW
41. ЗАМБРОВЪ	ZAMBROWO
97. ЗАМОСТЬЕ (НОВА ОСАДА)	ZAMOŚĆ (NOWA OSADA)
167. ЖАРКИ	ŻARKI
279. ЖАРНОВЪ	ŻARNÓW
134. ЖАРНОВЕЦЪ	ŻARNOWIEC
114. ЗАВИХОСТЬ	ZAWICHOST
172. ЗАВЕРЦЕ	ZAWIERCIE
248. ЗБОЙНО	ZBÓJNO
197. ЗДУНСКА ВОЛЯ	ZDUŃSKA WOLA
66. ЖЕЛЕХОВЪ	ŻELECHÓW
336. ЗЕЛОВЪ	ZELÓW
215. ЗГЕРЖЪ	ZGIERZ
204. ЗЛОЧЕВЪ	ZŁOCZEW
297. ЗЛОТОРІЯ	ZŁOTORYA
89. ЖОЛКЕВКА	ŻÓŁKIEWKA
102. ЗВЕРЖИНЕЦЪ	ZWIERZYNIEC
145. ЗВОЛЕНЪ	ZWOLEŃ
277. ЖИТНО	ŻYTNO
24. ВИЛ КОВЫШКИ	WIŁKOWYSZKI
341. ВЫШНИЦЫ	WISZNICE
26. ВЛАДИСЛАВОВЪ	WŁADYSŁAWÓW
241. ВЛОЦЛАВСКЪ	WŁOCŁAWEK
59. ВЛОДАВА	WŁODAWA
137. ВЛОЦОВА	WŁOSZCZOWA
130. ВОДЗИСЛАВЪ	WODZISŁAW
87. ВОЙСЛАВИЦЫ	WOJSŁAWICE
326. ВОЛА ВЬЕНЗОВА	WOLA WIĘZOWA
186. ВОЛБОРЖЪ	WOLBORZ
133. ВОЛЬБРОМЪ	WOLBROM
42. ВЫСОКІЕ МАЗОВЕЦКІЕ	WYSOKIE MAZOWIECKIE
49. ВЫШКОВЪ	WYSZKÓW
262. ВЫШЕГРОДЪ	WYSZOGRÓD
340. ВЫШТЫНЕЦЪ	WYSZTYNIEC

The Polish Forces Fieldpost Issue of the Middle East

(Translated from "Wiadamosci Filatelistyczne" England, Mar.-April 1948)

The fact that a unit of Polish Forces existed in the Middle East, with its own Command, its own Post Office three years after the war's end, and after the Polish Army merged with the British War Office, is unusual and worthy of being written about.

In the early part of September, 1947 at the Dept. of Care For the Polish Soldier in Kassasin, Egypt, the idea originated to issue a commemorative postage stamp of the Polish Forces in the Middle East (Jednostek Wojska na Srodkowyn Wschodzie). The project was discussed by four soldiers, a contest was proposed and a date selected (Sept. 25) by when all designs were to be turned in. By this date 15 proposed designs were submitted. The Chief of the Dept. of Care selected a Committee of judges and three prizes were decided on: 6, 4 and 2 Egyptian pounds.

On September 29th, the Committee, after a careful study of the submitted designs, agreed on awarding the first prize to the emblem "J", the 2nd to emblem "Nil", the 3rd to "Oliwka", and the 4th to "Piramida". After opening the envelopes that identified the emblems, the first award winner was found to be J. Galuba. A few changes on his design were recommended by the Committee.

The J. W. S. W. Command approved the project of the Dept of Care October 8, 1947, established the denomination of the stamp at 50 groszy—figured according to the pre-war relation of the zloty to other values. After deduction of the costs of issuing the commemorative stamp, the balance was allotted: 50% to widows and orphans of Polish soldiers, and 50% for Polish political purposes (ideowopolityczne).

Throughout the ranks it was decided to go ahead with the commemorative stamp of the J. W. S. W. as per the Committee's decision, and under the regulations governing other Army publications, without securing previous sanction from British authorities. It was decided that, after the stamp was put in circulation, should the



This stamp is from a cover dated January 15, 1948.

From the collection of Chas. Cwiakala

British protest this action, the Command would explain that the stamp was merely of a commemorative character.

The J. W. S. W. Command approved all the resolutions of the Committee. It was decided to have the firm of Schindler & Spolka of Cairo do the printing. The first proof obtained by offset turned out poorly. Paper was below standard. Designer J. Galuba had to rework the whole design: he reduced the halfmoon and three stars and fitted them under Florian's Gate, obtained more color in the unfurled flag and contrasted other details.

Green was selected as the color. The best quality paper was picked from accessible Cairo paper wholesalers. The second offset proof was completely satisfactory and a printing of 100,000 copies was agreed on. The finished job was promised for November 10th.

On November 16th, 1947, the stamp was released at the Main Fieldpost Office No. 101 and Fieldpost Office No. 114, and sold for 11 mls. per copy. This value was fixed by the Chief of the Dept. of Care.

Thus did the commemorative issue of the Polish Forces Unit in the Middle East come about. The Command Post was at Kassasin, Egypt. The J. W. S. W. covered two Territorial Regions, those of Egypt and Palestine. For this reason:

The background of the stamp shows the Jerusalem Cross, on the

first design was found the banner of the J. W. S. W., Florian's Gate of Krakow with a halfmoon and three stars, and Egypt's coat of arms at the bottom to denote that the Command was always on Egyptian soil.

The Polish unfurled flag with the Polish Eagle and the years 1944-1947 commemorate the period when the Polish flag flew at the Kassasin Camp in Egypt—a symbol of independent Poland.

Size of the stamp is 27x42 mm. Perforating turned out below standard. Printed in sheets of 32, and separated in the center with an inscription in Polish appearing twice: "50% of the net proceeds are for widows and orphans of Polish soldiers killed and missing in action."

The four center stamps together with this inscription form an enclosed block.

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Gum: white

Process: printed in rotogravure

Measurements: 25.4x31.25 mm

