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TADESZ GRYZEWSKI PASSES ON IN POLAND

One of the oldest Polish philatelic writers, publishers, and experts Tadeusz Gryżewski died in Poland on June 1st, 1976. He was an honorary member of *Polonus*, a member of the Polish Philatelic Federation at Warsaw, and a member of many philatelic organizations abroad.

Polonus remembers him best for his book, "The Scout Fieldpost of the Warsaw Uprising", which was translated from the Polish by Chester Makowski and published by *Polonus*. This publication was very popular and the original printing is practically depleted.

In 1930, Tadeusz Gryżewski became a stamp dealer when he opened a stamp shop. He continued as a dealer during World War II and after.

His first article appeared in "Filatelista", Lwów, in 1921: "Information on the Dowbór-Muśnicki Fieldpost." From then on he submitted about 100 articles on various Polish issues which appeared in practically all of the nation's publications.



TADEUSZ GRYZEWSKI

Since 1922 his articles on Poland's Airmails appeared in publications outside Poland as 'The Airmail Collector' (Kansas), 'Stamp Collector' (England), and others.

For many years he was on the P.Z.F. experts committee and a member of the International Assoc. of Experts whose headquarters were in Paris.

He was also an advisor to the police in matters pertaining to stamp forgeries.

His own publications and works in other publications are listed in 'Polonus Bulletin' Issue #323 on page 2.

Tadeusz Gryżewski was made an honorary *Polonus* member on March 2, 1974.

He had yet another project for *Polonus*, an extensive article on the "1st Polish Corps Fieldpost" brought up to date. Copy in Polish has been submitted to our publications committee. Translating the work is Mrs. Thomas Gobby and upon completion the article will appear in the first edition of the 'Polonus Handbook' to appear this Fall.

IN OUR MAIL BOX

Dear Mr. Szebel:

I thank you very much for the note, the Polpex 76 participation certificate and for the medal. I enjoyed enormously being at the exhibition and particularly the meeting of lots of friends with whom I have corresponded for a long time but have never met personally.

Looking forward to Polpex 77.

—Dr. Stanley Kronenberg
Skillman, New Jersey
* * *

To the Polpex Chairman:

The exhibition and the people were superb.

—Michael Madesker
Toronto, Canada
* * *

Dear Sir:

Received my medal, it is beautiful. I thank you very much.

—Edward C. Pulaski
Holyoke, Mass.
* * *

Dear Mr. Szebel:

Congratulations on organizing a fine exhibition and great hospitality.

—R. Podubbiuk
Quebec, Canada
* * *

Dear Fred:

Your show was terrific. I enjoyed it very much. The banquet was excellent. The small problem with one of the exhibitors was very well taken care of by the Seminar Bud Hennig arranged on Sunday. The attendance at it was poor, only four people showed up. This would indicate most people were satisfied with their awards. They are not interested in making changes to upgrade the quality and thereby get a better award next time.

—Dr. M. A. Kamiński
Scarborough, Ont.
Canada

STAMP MARKET TIPS

By John G. Ross

For some time stamp collectors in Europe have begun looking for some of Poland's miniature sheets and have found out that they are very difficult to locate; that increased demand has caused some dealers to advertise offering high prices. Some of these sheets still can be had fairly easily in the U.S.A. as most of the supply at the time of issue was sold here. I suggest you start looking for some of the issues I will mention in this and in future columns as prices are on the rise and once you own you will be happy to see them rise in price substantially. I recommend you start looking for the miniature sheet issued by Poland in 1948 to raise money for various cultural projects, Scott No. 412a. This sheet shows portraits depicting famous Poles and total mintage was 50,000 sheets. Scott 1976 did not change its price from last year, it still catalogs at \$80.00. Dealers in Europe are offering to pay about \$45.00 for either mint or fine used sheets. For a long time this was the retail price in the U.S.A. and chances are you still might be able to pick one up at that price. My advice to you: if dealers in Europe are willing to pay that much money for that sheet it certainly must be worth the same amount to you.

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Warsaw Official Postcards During The Hitlerite Occupation of Poland - 1939-1945

By STANISŁAW ŻÓŁKIEWSKI

While reading the book by the late Polish Diplomat, Stanisław Schmitzek entitled "NA KRAWĘDZIACH EUROPY - WSPOMNIENIA PORTUGALSKIE 1939-1946" (At the Brinks of Europe - Portugal Memoirs 1939-1946), I realized that the action of sending food parcels from Portugal to occupied Poland was organized by the late diplomat, Stanisław Schmitzek and was financed by the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare of the Polish Government in Exile (London). This action was the direct reason of issuing the Warsaw official postcards by Deutsche Post Osten (Fig. 1).

The Warsaw official postcards were made of Polish postcards returned to Warsaw in insignificant quantities or at a delayed date by particular Post Offices as a consequence of an order issued by the Cracow Direction Management of Deutsche Post Osten in Spring of 1940.

The above postcards were overprinted with a uniform text containing: the sender's address, honorary title of addressee, the name of Warsaw as the destination address, and information on the character of the informing

slip being an OFFICIAL POSTCARD (Dienstpostkarte). There was also an additional item printed: Postsache-Official (Fig. 2).

As the material for these official postcards the following postcards were used: No. 60 from the printing signed: M.P. i T. (IX-1933), 500,000 "With Reply Paid" and "For Reply" with the slogan No. XI; No. 72 - face value 10 gr. depicting the "Sea Terminal" in Gdynia, green, of the printing signed: P.P.T. i T. (X-1937), 2,200,000 and (VI-1938) 1,000,000 with the slogan No. X. or XII; and the postcards of the 'Historical Set' depicting on the printed stamp the figure of King Kazimierz Jagiełło in his coronation attire on the background of a map of Poland and Lithuania; No. 80 of face value 10 gr., green, from the printing signed (X-1938), 3,000,000 with the slogan No. VIII; No. 84 with the postage stamp of 15 + 15 gr. face value, brown, from the printing signed: P.P.T.T. (II-1939), 2,000,000, cut into two halves (known with the slogans No. XIX & XV, and the inscription proper to postcard "A" (With Reply Paid); No. 82 of 25 gr. face value, violet,



FIG. 1

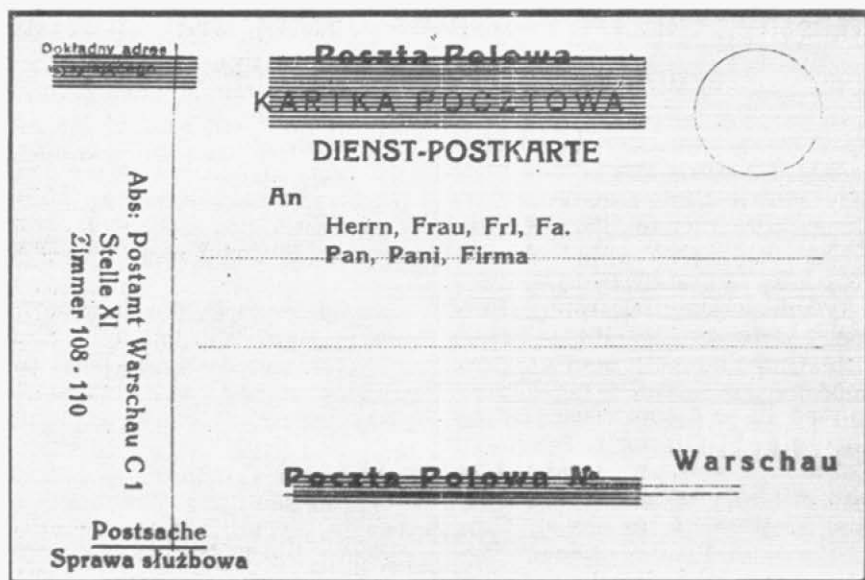


FIG. 2

from the printing signed: P.P.T.T. (X-1933), 300,000; No. 85 from the printing signed: P.P.T.T. (X-1933) 100,000 cut into two halves (known with the inscription "With Reply Paid" and "For Reply". Moreover, for this purpose were used the stocks of slips prepared for the Field Post, type "To the Family from a Soldier in the Field" (Fig. 2), on sandy cardboard. These were sequestered from the depots of the Polish Army. The text of information printed on the reverse side (Fig. 3) was the same for all these postcards.

According to the information imported by one of the most serious Warsaw stamp collectors, these official postcards postally used, could find their way to philatelic collections only in that case when the addressee resigned the parcel and did not appear to receive it. This was in some degree probable. Though, on the one hand, the attraction of a parcel containing food was very

high during the occupation, but on the other hand, the hitlerites used chickanes typical of them to discourage the addressees from receiving the parcels. Also whenever the addressee applied for the parcel, he was usually met with a suggestion of "voluntary resignation" of the parcel in favor of the German Rde Cross which transmitted the parcels to the wounded soldiers of the Wehrmacht being cured in Warsaw.

The parcels were issued in the building of the Main Post Office at Plac Warecki (during occupation its name was changed to Plac Pocztowy - Post Place), entrance from Warecka Street (during the occupation of Post St.). The entrance was guarded by an armed hitlerite sentry who tore the "notification" presented to him into two halves and let the addressee upstairs with that half of the postcard on which the letter's address and name was given. Consequently, in philatelic

collections original postcards used postally cannot be found.

The addressees of parcels sent from Portugal were families of war invalids and soldiers fallen in the fight against the hitlerite invasion and representatives of Polish scientific, cultural and artistic circles who sometimes were left without any means of survival.

The Warsaw collector men-

tioned before, succeeded, in spite of death-risk incurred by going to an occupational office of this kind, without proper notification, to obtain a dozen or so of Warsaw official postcards owing to surprising the German postal officer speaking impeccable German. These are, by all likelihood, the only copies of official postcards to be found in specialized collections in Poland.

Postamt 1 Urząd pocztowy 1	Warschau C 1. den Warszawa C 1. dnia 1942
<u>Benachrichtigung</u>	<u>Zawiadomienie</u>
Sie werden ersucht, alsbald bei Stelle XI, Postamt C 1 Zimmer 108-109-110 (Eingang Poststrasse) von 8-12, 15-17 Uhr wegen einer Postsendung vorzusprechen.	Uprasza się o niezwłoczne zgłoszenie się w Urzędzie Pocztowym Warszawa C 1 Oddział XI, pokój 108 - 109 - 110 (wejście od ul. Wareckiej w godzinach od 8-12, 15-17 w sprawie przesyłki pocztowej.
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FIG. 3

POLISH P.O.W. STUDY GROUP AT INTERPHIL '76

On May 30th the first meeting of the Polish P.O.W. and D.P. Camps Philatelic Study Group was held at Interphil '76 in Philadelphia. Mike Lubinski presided over the meeting. Arnold L. Shay gave a lecture on the 'Postal History of Concentration Camps'. Edward D. Wolski presented a narration about the role the intra-camp post had in the Gross-Born P.O.W. Camp. Theo. Skotnicki reported on the up-

coming P.O.W. Study Group exhibition to be held September 11-12, 1976 in Buffalo, N.Y.

Their Newsletter of May-June carries an article on "The Warsaw Ghetto Mail" by Arnold L. Shay. Information on the study group is available from Henry F. Zebrowski, 3721 Nile Rd., Davidsonville, MD 21035.

NEW MEMBER

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POLAND EXHIBITS AT INTERPHIL 76

Dr. Jozef Kuderevicz won a Vermeil Medal for his Disinfected Mail from Polish Territories annexed by Austria and Prussia: Perforations, slits, splashing, handwritten certifications, cachets, wax seals and documents.

Stephen Rosinski of France, was given a Vermeil Medal for his Kingdom of Poland: Organization of the posts and evolution of the postal markings.

Stanislaw Blenkowski of Warsaw received a Vermeil Medal for his Warsaw 1786-1974: Philatelic history of Warsaw as the capital.

Joseph M. Clary was awarded a Large Silver Medal for his Study of 18th and 19th century stampless covers, franked covers and stamps: Stampless period starting in 1782, Poland No. 1 usage, Russian stamp usage from 1862.

A Large Silver Medal was presented to Ryszard Jakubowski of Poland for his Scout Field Post in the Warsaw Uprising 1944: Stamps and original letters.

Small Silver Medals went to:

- Ari Stempler of Israel for his Postal History of Poland, 1662, 1882-1900.
- Zdzislaw T. Wagrowski for his selected pages of First Flights.
- Jerzy Nowak of Poland for his research collection of "Górny Śląsk" — "Haute Silesie": stamps of the Plebiscite.

Alfred Szebel got a Large Silver Medal for his Lufthansa: DO-X and early German first and special flights, 1926-1939.

CZECH SHOW

The First Czechoslovak Philatelic Club of America will present its Annual Exhibition on October 30-31, 1976 at the Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Association in Berwyn, Illinois.

POLPEX 76 SOUVENIRS

Because of the smashing success of our last exhibition, all the program catalogs were sold out. Very heavy this year was the sale of the souvenir cards reproducing the U.S. commemoratives of Kosciuszko and Pulaski. But a small amount of cacheted covers with the special Polpex 76 postmark still remain. While the supply lasts, the souvenir cards are available at \$1.25 (with show cancel \$2.00); a set of three official cacheted covers at \$1.25 per set. The traditional pair of souvenir sheets with descriptive folder 50c a set. Orders may be sent to John Bor, 1810 N. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60647. Please include postage.



The special gilded medal commemorating the U.S. Bicentennial, designed by the famous Polish medalist, Edward Gorol, is still obtainable. It was minted in a limited quantity of 200 and is serially numbered. Cost of the medal is \$50.00 which includes of your name on it. Orders may be sent to Chester Mikucki, 4704 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge, IL 60656.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!



NEW ISSUES

100th Anniversary of the Invention of the Telephone

A 1.50 zł. commemorative was issued in March, 1976 on the centenary of the first telephone invented by A.G. Bell. The design shows the progress from the first telephone to satellite communications with Interkosmos 10 and Telstar 1. Rotogravure printed in sheets of 50 on chalky paper by PWPW Warsaw. Designed by Z. Stasik. Total quantity printed: 10,000,000 copies.

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Contemporary Aviation

Two airmails were issued in March, 1976: a 5 zł. blue showing the "Jantar" glider and a 10 zł. brown showing a MI-6 transport helicopter. Steel engraved printing in sheets of 50 on common paper by PWPW Warsaw. Design by Jacek Brodowski. Quantities issued: 5 zł. — 4,000,000, 10 zł. — 2,000,000. copies.

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Battle Monuments

Two 1 zł. values were issued in May, 1976 with one showing the Warsaw monument "Glory to the Sappers" by S. Kulon and the other showing a monument to the soldiers of the 1st Polish Army in Sandau/Laba by B. Koniuszy. The unveiling of these monuments took place on the 30th anniversary of the victory over Fascism. Rotogravure printed in sheets of 50 on chalky paper by PWPW Warsaw. Design by Krysztyna Tarkowska. Quantity issued: 8,000,000 sets.

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"Interphil 76" Stamp Exhibition

An 8.40 zł. commemorative was issued May 20, 1976 honoring "Interphil 76" held in Philadelphia. It shows the exhibition logo on a background of Philadelphia's skyline. Offset printed in sheets

of 30 on chalky paper by PWPW Warsaw. Design by Tadeusz Michaluk. Quantity issued 1,000,000.

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National Parks

A set of six was issued in May, 1976 from the "Preservation of the Environment" series showing a landscape scene and game:

- 90 gr.—Wielkopolski park/owl
5,000,000 issued
- 1.00 zł.—Woliński park/eagle
10,000,000 issued
- 1.50 zł.—Słowiński park/seagull
10,000,000 issued
- 4.50 zł.—Bieszczadki park/lynx
6,000,000 issued
- 5.00 zł.—Ojcowski park/bat
1,100,000 issued
- 6.00 zł.—Kampinoski park/elk
1,000,000 issued

Rotogravure printed in sheets of 50 on chalky paper by PWPW Warsaw. Designed by Jacek Brodowski.

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7th Congress of Polish Engineers

A 1.50 zł. commemorative was issued on June 26, 1976 on the 7th Congress of Polish Engineers showing the logo of the Chief Technical Organization. Offset printed in sheets of 30 on chalky paper by PWPW Warsaw. Design by Karol Sliwka. Quantity issued 8,000,000.

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25th Anniversary of the First U.N. Postage Stamp

An 8.40 zł. commemorative was issued in June, 1976 honoring the 25th anniversary of the first U.N. stamp in 1951 showing in a symbolic way the activity of the U.N. Offset printed in sheets of 30 stamps on chalky paper by PW PW Warsaw. Design by Stefan Małeck. Quantity of this issue: 2,000,000 copies.

—RUCH

New Issue information courtesy of
Roman J. Burkieiewicz.

JOHN BOR HONORED



John Bor was honored at a Veterans Administration Luncheon on May 20th, 1976. He was awarded a certificate of devotion to volunteer duty in recognition of 1000 hours of volunteer service to veterans at Hines Hospital through active participation with his Stamps for the Wounded program. He undertook this worthy project in 1960 and has continued as its regional director till today.

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SICK LIST

Get well wishes to Dr. Leon P. Kozakiewicz, Chester Makowski of Chicago, and to Milton Kohn of South Holland, Ill., who are all patients in the hospital.

GET READY FOR POLPEX 77!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No meeting on July 9th.

Friday, July 23rd, 1976 —

Initial meeting for POLPEX 77. Chairman Ed Link to announce dates. Theme and other details to be discussed.

No meeting on August 13th.

Friday, August 27th, 1976 —

Meeting to take place at COMPEX 76 at the Palmer House in Chicago.

STAMPEX 76

The recent STAMPEX 76 in Canada had three Polonus members participating and winning awards:

- James Mazepa took a Small Gold Medal for his Poland under Russian Occupation.
- Mr. Winstanley, a Silver Medal for "For Your Freedom and Ours".
- Alfred Szebel, a Bronze Medal for his Lufthansa: DO-X and early German first and special flights.

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