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WHITE EAGLE SITE JUST GREAT FOR POLPEX

In spite of rain and snow on March 14-15, POLPEX 87 was well attended. At peak hours the Althea Room of Przybylo's White Eagle, in Niles, IL was filled to capacity with dealers and collectors. This was the first time for a stamp show to be held at this Chicagoland's leading banquet and meeting facility. It worked out very well.

The theme of this year's POLPEX was the 600th Anniversary of the coronation of King Wladyslaw Jagiello. The exhibit on the Battle of Grunwald (Jagiello's victory over the Teutonic Knights) brought a Gold Medal award to its owner, Fred Szebel.

As Jagiello was Lithuanian, Polonus invited the Lithuania Philatelic Society to attend. A delegation of five of their members paid us a visit on Saturday.



Members of the Lithuania Philatelic Society at POLPEX 87. Left to right: Alex Zakas, Jonas Augustinius, Antanes Beleska, Jonas Adomenas, John Variakojis, President; Lou Koncza, of PANA; Walenty Poniecki, Polonus President; and Al Rybarski, Polonus Director.

Tom Gobby's exhibit, "The Polish-Soviet War", took POLPEX-87 top honors with a gold medal and the Grand award, a German crystal covered bowl. Gobby's well documented exhibit presented Polish civilian and military mail as well as mail of the Haller Army.



Art Walinski & Tom Gobby greet Stefan Kochanski who got a Silver medal for "Torun".



Stanley Dobrzycki received a Bronze medal for 'Paderewski'



The bourse as viewed from the entrance to the Althea Room at Przybylo's White Eagle.



Mrs. Walenty Poniecki accepts award for nephew, Sebastian.

Other gold medal and special award winners were:

- Fred Szebel, The President's Award for "Grunwald", an exhibit on the show theme of Jagiello and Jadwiga.
- Walenty Poniecki, The Polonus Award for "Postal History of Poland" with material ranging from 1779 to the present.
- Jay Foersterling, Novice Award for "U.S. Domestic Air Mail Interruption" which featured crash mail from the pioneer flights to the present.

Silver medal winners were:

- Romuald Odrowski, "Grudziadz" and "Lublin Issue, 1944".
- Stefan Kochanski, "Torun".
- Andrew Wacinski, "German Occupation of Poland".
- Walenty Poniecki, "Fieldpost of the Polish II-nd Corps".

Bronze medal winners were:

- Wilbert Dalum, "1st Day Postmarks on U.S. Stamps".
- Stanley Dobrzycki, "Paderewski - Champion of Liberty".
- Teresa M. Poniecki Lederer, "Copernicus - Polish Astronomer".
- Romuald Odrowski, "Pope John Paul II" and "Solidarnosc".
- Sebastian Poniecki, "Ships".
- Joseph Schafer, "150th Anniversary of U.S. Constitution Issues".

Dr. Jozef Kuderewicz had a non-competitive exhibit: "Rural Delivery Stamps of World War II".

Judges were: Mark Isaacs, David Stefancic and Roman Strzelecki.

In the numismatic section an award was presented to Louis Koncza for his splendid presentation of medals issued by the Polish American Numismatic Association since Poland's Millennium in 1966.

As usual, a number of out-of-town guests stopped in. A delegation of Polish collectors from Milwaukee and the fearsome foursome from Buffalo, Skibinski, Skotnicki, Fialkowski and Gajewski visited POLPEX.

Saturday night's BEEBA banquet brought mountains of well cooked Polish food to the tables. There was not a person who did not find satisfaction. As coffee and dessert were served, Tom Gobby presented the awards, and in turn was presented with his by Chester Schafer.

Walenty Poniecki served as the Executive Chairman of POLPEX.

Assisting were:

Sales: Al and Fran Rybarski and Walenty Poniecki

Awards: Art Walinski and Walenty Poniecki

Program Catalog: Tom Gobby and Chester Schafer

Bourse: Romuald Odrowski

Frames: Art Walinski and Walenty Poniecki

Art: Fred Szebel

Publicity: Tom Gobby, Art Walinski, Wal. Poniecki, Chester Schafer

Finance: Stanley Rusin

Banquet Master of Ceremonies: Tom Gobby.

At every POLPEX, the Polonus Philatelic Society issues souvenir mementoes. Two special envelopes were cancelled with the special Polish eagles postmark at the Polpex, one for each day of the show, featuring a portrait of Jagiello and a reproduction of a Polish stamp, respectively. They are priced at \$1.50 for the set.

A souvenir card, with portraits of Jagiello and Jadwiga, as well as a reproduction of a Polish stamp commemorating Grunwald, is priced at \$1.50 mint and \$2.00 cancelled.

A pair of souvenir sheets with descriptive folder is available for \$1.00. A souvenir program book may also be purchased at \$1.00.

Mail orders for the aforementioned items may be sent to Walenty Poniecki, 6020 N. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60646. An additional \$1.00 is requested with each order to cover postage and handling.

POLAPEX 1987



POLAPEX 1987 POLISH POLAR EXPLORATION

APRIL 26, 1987

POLAPEX STA.
MILWAUKEE, WI 53201

The Polish American Stamp Club held its ninth annual stamp exhibition, POLAPEX 1987, at Mecca in Milwaukee, Wisc., April 25-26. Polish Polar Exploration was the show's theme. A set of two souvenir envelopes featuring Polish Polar explorers Dobrowolski and Arc-towski, along with a map of the South Pole, was issued. Saturday's envelope was printed in grey and hot red foil stamping, while Sunday's featured a design in grey with hot blue foil stamping. Envelopes at \$1 each or \$2 for the set are available from Irene Orz, Box 1920 Milwaukee, WI 53201. A business size, stamped, self addressed envelope must be furnished for return of the envelopes. Checks should be payable to "Polish American Stamp Club". Each envelope will receive the special POLAPEX 87 exhibition station postmark which shows the penguin design.

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POLISH RESEARCH STATIONS

Poland marked the tenth anniversary of Polish research stations in the Antarctic with a set of stamps released February 15.

Two 5-zloty denominations show the research ship "Antoni Garnuszewski" and krill, and the fishing vessel "Zulawy" and two species of *Nototenia rossii*, respectively.

The pair of 10 zl. values feature the yacht "Gedenia" and penguins, respectively.

The set also includes a 30 zl. depicting an Arctic seal and the seal catcher "Dziunia" & a 40 zl. showing the research ship "Kapitan Ledochowski" and an Arctic seal.

The stamps were designed by Stefan Malecki and printed by the Poland Securities Printing Office using multicolor offset. A total of 1.3 million sets were prepared.

—"ARS Polona"

Polish Cadets Cachet

The Polish Cadets Stamp Club sponsored a cachet depicting a line drawing of the Erie Canal basin on April 11th. Covers are available for \$1 from the Polish Cadets Stamp Club, Casimer Kielbasa, Box 154, Cheektowaga, NY 14225.

Stamped, addressed No. 10 envelopes and addressed, gummed labels should be included with the orders.

Members' Mart

For sale part of my Poland collection. Interesting material, incl. prize winning exhibit of "Ten Liberated Cities." Full inventory upon request.

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182 Sandhill Circle
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HALLER'S ARMY and FRENCH FIELD POST

By THOMAS J. GOBBY

Collecting the military mail of the Polish-Soviet War period of 1919-1920 is a challenging pursuit. With persistence one can put together an interesting and presentable collection that will give a good account of itself. To be representative of the period, such a collection should include French Field Post items of Haller's Army. And therein lies the rub, such items are not easily found. In fact, they're really scarce.

What was Haller's Army? It was led by Jozef Haller, a Polish General (1873-1960). From 1891 to 1908 he was an officer in the Austrian



GEN. JOZEF HALLER

Army, and from 1908 to 1914, he was military instructor of "Sokol". In 1914 he was Officer in Charge of 2nd Brigade of Legiony. In February, 1918 he led his legionnaires into the Russian lines, and in July, 1918 he left Russia via Murmansk to assume command of the Polish Army in France.

The Polish Army trained at Sille le Guillaume in France and when it left France for Poland in Apr. 1919 it numbered about 50,000 men. It included elements of the "Bayonne Legion," a Polish company attached to the "Legion Etrangere" (Foreign Legion). There were also about 12,000 volunteers who were recruited in the United States.

While the Polish Army was in France, it had privileges of French Field Post and the free frank. The initials "F.M." and "C.M." usually in the upper right corner of a card

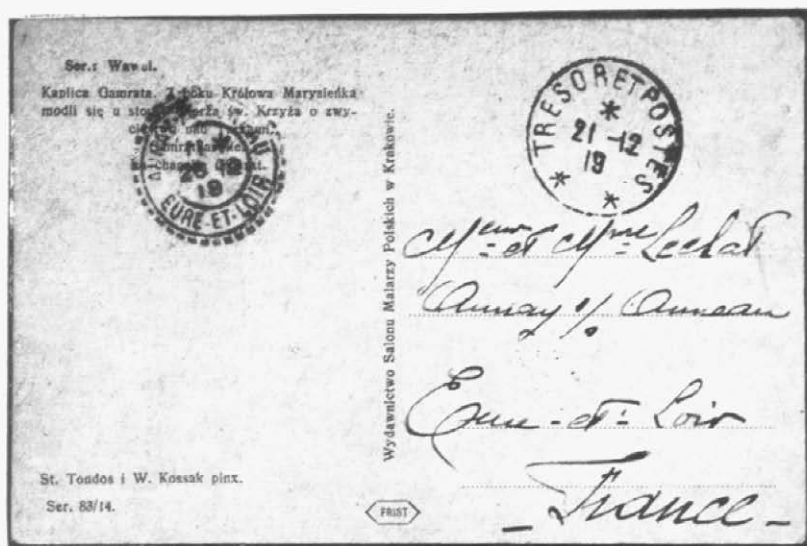


Figure 1r. A postcard probably sent by a French soldier attached to the Haller Army in Krakow. Note Tresor et Postes cancellation without a "secteur" (unit) number

or envelope, are "Franchise Militaire" and "Correspondence Militaire" and indicate such mail is free of postal charges. If cancelled a circular date stamp was used with the wording "Tresor et Poste(s)".

After moving to Poland, Haller's Army continued to have the privilege of the French military postal system. There were at least two different circular date stamps in use. One was 26 mm. in diameter with the wording: "Tresor et Postes." (See Fig. 1). The other was also 26 mm. in diameter with the wording "Tresor et Postes" and a 3-digit number. (See Fig. 2). In addition,



Figure 2. Illustrated are the two types of "Tresor et Postes" cancellations with "Secteur" (unit) numbers.



Figure 3. These are but a few of the many administrative cachets to be found on Haller Army and French Military Mission mail from Poland.

there were a wide variety of cachets to be found on some of the mail. (Fig. 3 illustrates some of these).

With regard to the plain "Tresor et Postes" date stamp it is necessary to have additional evidence that it might be related to Polish Forces. The card in Fig. 4 provides such evidence:

- It is a picture postcard printed in Poland. Printed information on the obverse and reverse of the card is in Polish language.
- The circular cachet, in red ink, in the lower center reads: "Komenda Dworcowa / Ostrow." Translated: "Railroad Station Command, Ostrow."
- The sender gives his return address as: "8my Komp. 3ciej Bat. 2gi Pulk w Polsee." Translated: "8th Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Regiment in Poland."

In the case of the "Tresor et Postes" date stamp with a 3-digit number, one can relate the specific num-



Figure 4. A postcard from an American recruit in Haller's Army. The unit is the 8th Co., 3rd Batt., 2nd Reg., and the cache in the center reads: "Railroad Station Command, Ostrow."



Figure 5. A registered letter from the 3rd Rifle Division, Haller Army in Zbaraz.

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MEMORIES OF POLPEX



Among the guests from Buffalo were Amy Wik, Plewacki Stamp & Coin Show Queen, Edward Falkowski, and Dr. Matt Gajewski.



Entries Chairman Art Walinski & M.C. Romuald Odrowski who won two awards.



Grand Award winner Tom Gobby proudly holding his prizes, an imported crystal bowl and Jagiello-Jadwiga medal.



Art Marquart, Pres., Polish Amer. Nat. Club, presenting the Jagiello-Jadwiga medal to Lou K.



M.C. Tom Gobby presented a Silver Medal to Andrew Wasinski of Colorado for his "German Occupation of Poland".



The "Fearless Foursome" from Buffalo: Edward Falkowski, Theo Skotnicki and Dr. Matt Gajewski.



Tom Gobby congratulate
ds, a Silver & Bronze medal



The guest of honor at ribbon cutting ceremony was Casimir Musielak, Commissioner of the Polish National Alliance.



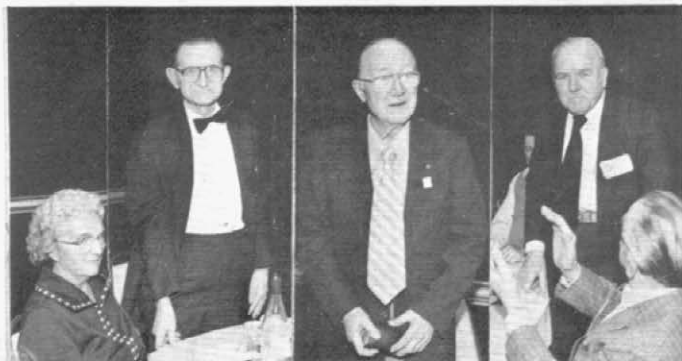
umismatic Ass'n, presenting
oncza for his medal exhibit.



Out of towners at the beebe-banquet included Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King of Florida and Dr. Conrad Straub of Minnesota.



lo: Henry Skibinski, Edward
t Gajewski.



Ann Mikucki sat with Polonus ole timers, husband Chester, John Bobo and Roman Reinowski.
(Photos: Mark Dobrzycki)

ber to a date and come up with a unit and location. (See Table A). These units were also assigned Po-

lish Field Post (Poczta Polowa) numbers and a cross reference is provided in Table B.

TABLE "A"

French Field Post #	Unit	Location	Dates of Use
302	1st Rifle Division	Rowne	May 3 to Oct. ?, 1919
303	2nd Rifle Division	Tarnopol	May 4 to Oct. ?, 1919
304	8th Rifle Division/ Training Division	Tarnopol	May 4 to Oct. ?, 1919
305	Command, 3rd Corps	Tarnopol	May 4 to Oct. ?, 1919
306	6th Rifle Division	Tarnopol, later in Lwow	May 4, 1919 to Jan. 7, 1920
307	3rd Rifle Division	Zbaraz	May 4 to Nov. ?, 1919
308	7th Rifle Division	Czortkow	Jun. 3 to Dec. 5, 1919
309	Staff, Gen. Haller	Krakow	Jun. ? to Oct. ?, 1919
310	Command, 1st Corps	Czestochowa	May 4 to Oct. ?, 1919
311	French Military Mission	Warsaw	Jan. ?, 1920 to Apr. 30, 1922

TABLE "B"

For unit and location information refer to table A.

French Field Post #	Polish Field Post #
302	29
303	30
304	34
305	41
306	32
307	31
308	33
309	Central Field Post #V
310	40
311	*

*) There was no equivalent Polish Field Post number. Some mail was posted through the Polish civil mail system, viz., at the Central Post Office, Warszawa 1.

The cover illustrated in Fig. 5 is registered and carries a 40c French stamp, because fees above ordinary surface mail required payment and franking. Note the written notation: "Secteur 307" in the registry label.



Figure 6. Cachet on reverse of registered letter translates: "Command, Engineers, 3rd Rifle Division."

307 was the 3rd Rifle Division located at Zbaraz. The cachet on the reverse of the envelope (Fig. 6) translates: "Command, Engineers, 3rd Rifle Division."

There is another area that falls into this category, and it is that of the French Military Mission to Poland. Though it was headquartered in Warsaw and had its own "Tresor et Postes 311" date stamp, there are items that carry a plain "Tresor et Postes" date stamp. There are

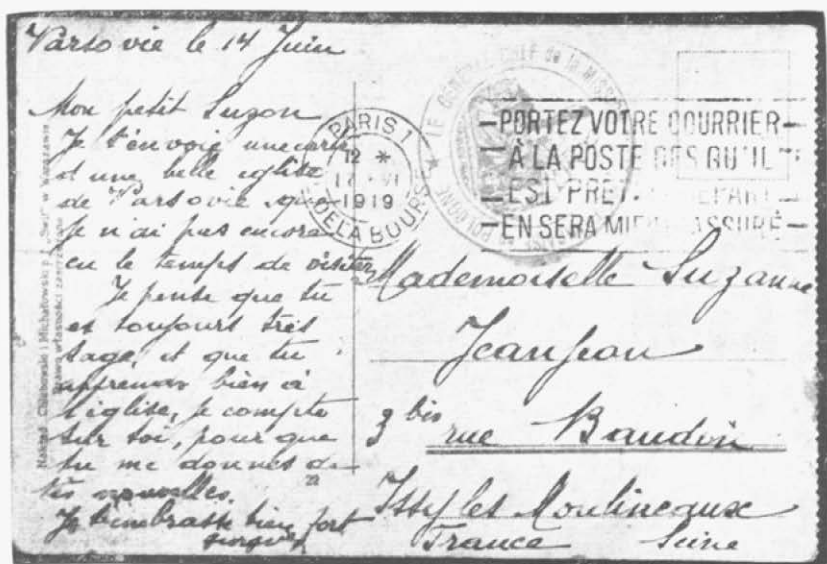


Figure 7. A postcard written in Warsaw and carried to and posted in Paris. The circular cache at top right center reads: "Commanding General, French Military Mission in Poland."



Figure 8. An administrative cachet used as a cancellation. It is "Polish Army, Aviation." The return address: 1st Aeronautic Battalion, Secteur 306, which meant it was attached to the 6th Rifle Division, LWOW.

some early pieces that were carried back to France and posted through the civilian mails. Fig. 7 illustrates

one such item. The cachet in red and "Varsovie" identify it as coming from the Commanding General.

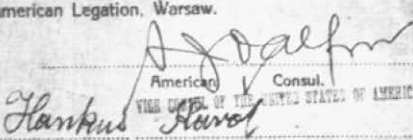
American Consular Service.

Warsaw, Poland June 10, 1920.

Name HANKUS KAROL Co. 302 No. 2d

This is to certify that the above mentioned soldier after examination is found eligible for repatriation to the United States under Department of State's telegraphic instruction No. 90, dated March 3, 1920, to American Legation, Warsaw.

(seal)


 American Consul.
 VICE CONSUL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Signature of soldier (at camp) _____

Signature of soldier (on embarkation) _____

Figure 9. While not philatelic, this is an interesting collateral document for the period. It is a "repatriation" certificate issued to an American recruit in the Haller Army. It enabled the recipient to be separated from the Polish Army and return to the U.S.A. It was also used as a ship boarding pass.

French Military Mission in Poland, Warsaw.

In summary, these postal history items are definitely scarce, and worth the search. To date I have seven pieces and these are the result of patience and persistence.

New Member

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Winners' Circle

At the recent MILCOPEX '87 in Milwaukee, Thomas Gobby received a Gold Award for "Bolsheviks, Bombs and Borders: The Polish Soviet War." A Silver Bronze went to Mary Ellen Daniel for "The U.S. Honors Poland Philatelically".

Polpex Patrons

Mr. & Mrs. Gustaw Kokocinski
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G. Alevizos

The above arrived too late for inclusion in the Polpex program catalog.

Gobby on Polonia Today

Polonus Vice Pres., Tom Gobby, was a guest on "Polonia Today", a Polish entertainment and events program originating in Chicago. Host, Ron Jasinski Herbert, also a Polonus member, and Tom discussed Polonus, POLPEX, and collecting Polish Stamps. The half hr. program was seen on WCIU-TV, (Channel 26), Chicago & Channel 55, Milwaukee at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 7th.

EVERY MEMBER GET A NEW MEMBER!

HELP FOR THE UNEMPLOYED 1925/26

By STANLEY KRONENBERG

In 1925/26 there was a severe economic depression in Poland. To alleviate the fate of the unemployed several laws became effective. One of them required on all correspondence a one grosz additional postage to benefit the unemployed. This regulation was in effect from April 15, 1925 to Sept. 1, 1926.

Figure 1 shows an example of a cover from that period.

It was mailed registered from Warsaw to London on June 23, 1926. The postage at that time for a letter abroad was 30 gr. for the first 20 grams & 15 gr. for each additional 20 grams; the registry fee was 30 gr. In addition to the 90 gr. postage this letter has the required 1 groszy stamp. On the reverse is the orange London registry arrival postmark of June 25, 1925. Occasionally senders forgot about the additional 1 gr. stamp and in such cases 2 gr. postage due was collected from the addressees. Fig. 2 shows an unusual example.

This card was mailed from Jaslo to Rzeszow

on April 16, 1926 and the 10 gr. stamp is cancelled with the Jaslo-Rzeszow postmark applied in the railroad mail wagon. At that time the Rzeszow post office ran out of the 2 gr. postage due stamps. They located the old rubber stamp which served in the Rzeszow post office during January, 1924 to overprint regular stamps into local postage due stamps and used it again in April, 1926 to change regular 2 gr. stamps into postage due stamps. This overprint is the "Ruch" type 122, it is imprinted in red ink (Figure 3). This 2 gr. local postage due stamp is postmarked: Rzeszow 1, April 17, 1926.



FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2

**DOPLATA
RZESZÓW**

FIGURE 3

POSTAL



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Does Anyone Know About THIS SOVIET-LUBLIN ISSUE?



The above photo shows a clipping from a British newspaper. Stamps illustrated were supposedly used by the Lublin Government, overprinted with a new value, inscription "Provisional Government" and the Soviet star.

If you have some information on the above stamp issue kindly write to Romuald Odrowski, 5327 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60641.

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