

CHANGES IN OCCUPIED POLAND DURING WORLD WAR I.

GERMAN OCCUPATION OF NORTH-EASTERN POLAND PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY THE RUSSIANS.

15 Jan. 1916: German Germania Stamps with Watermark Diamonds Overprinted
"Postgebiet / Ob.Ost" in Black Gothic Type (which indicates that the Postal Region and the Military Command Area of the "Ober-Ost" Occupied Territory were not the same. The Polish areas of Suwałki and Białystok and Polish-Lithuanian Wilno (Polish) or Vilnius (Lithuanian), or "Wilna" in German, belonged to the area in which the Ob.Ost stamps have been used. 12 stamps:



2½Pf grey.
(issued 1.8.16)



3Pf olive-brown



5Pf deep blue-green
Cancelled BIALYSTOK)



7½Pf orange
(issued 1.8.16)



10Pf carmine-red



15Pf brown
(issued 1.8.16)



15Pf violet
(colour change,
issued 1917)



20Pf ultramarine



25Pf red-orange
& black, on yellow
(issued 1918)



40Pf carmine-red
& black.

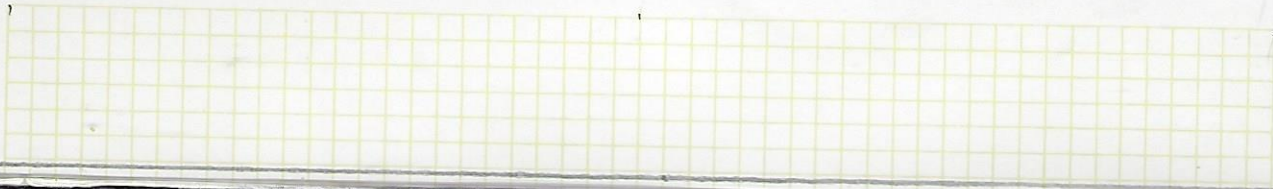


50Pf violet-purple
& black
(issued 1.8.16)



1 Mk rosa
(issued 1.8.16).

1 Aug. 1916 - 1 Oct. 1917: "Gen.Gouv./ Warschau" Overprints, contd.



Herrn

August Kalb

R Warschau 1
N^o 286 a

Berlin-Lichterfelde W.

Herustane 2

Registered cover sent from Warsaw-1 to Berlin-Lichterfelde West on 21.9.18 and arrived 29.9.18. Censored at "Posen" (= Poznań).

REVERSE



250
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GERMAN OCCUPATION IN WORLD WAR I.

12 May, 1915. German "Germania" Stamps, overprinted "Russisch- / Polen". Five stamps, watermark multiple diamonds. Perf. 14.



3Pf brown



5Pf green



10Pf rose



20Pf ultramarine



40Pf carmine and black



20 Pf Shades 20 Pf

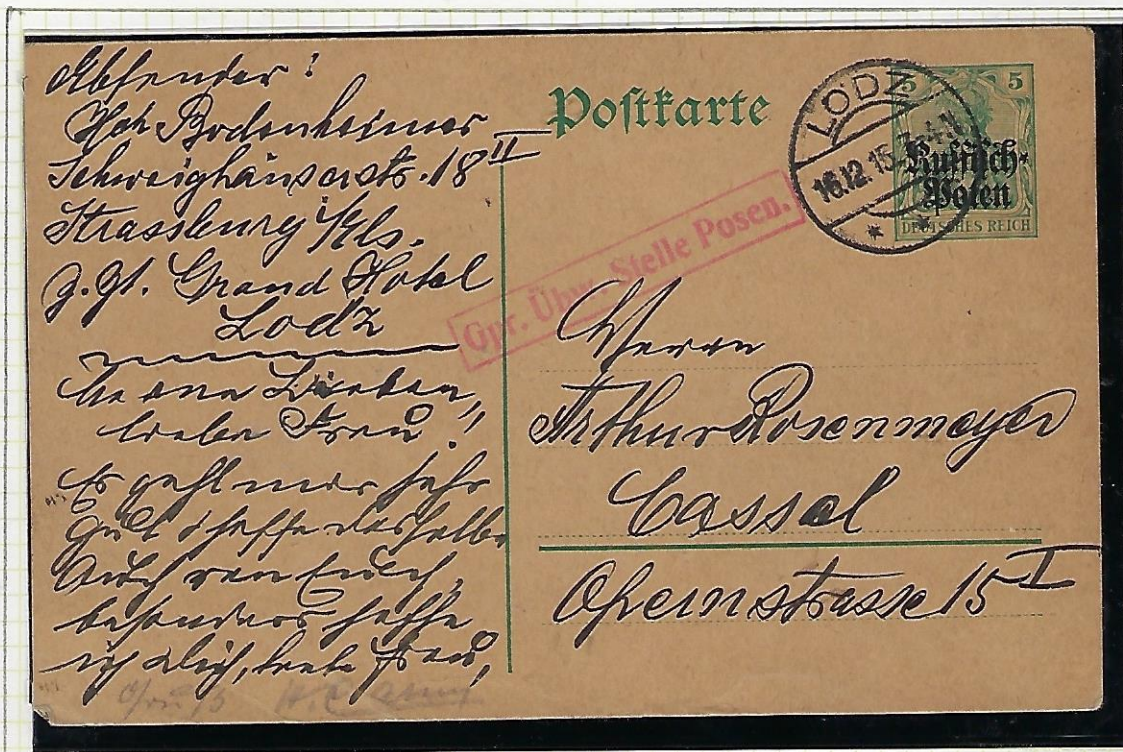
"Whole-Issue" Covers:



Cover with all five stamps, mailed Registered from Konin 2/8/15 to Berlin W., arrival date 5/8/15 on back (Mount can be turned over).

GERMAN OCCUPATION OF POLAND'S RUSSIAN SECTOR.

Civilian Mail:



16 Dec. 1915: German pre-paid Post Card sent from Łódź to Cassel in Germany (nowadays spelt Kassel, with "K").



28 April 1916: Identical German post card, also overprinted "Russisch Polen", sent from Cześćochowa to Hamburg, and also through the German postal censure office in "Posen" (= Poznań), but this time with the censor's rubber handstamp applied in violet rather than red.

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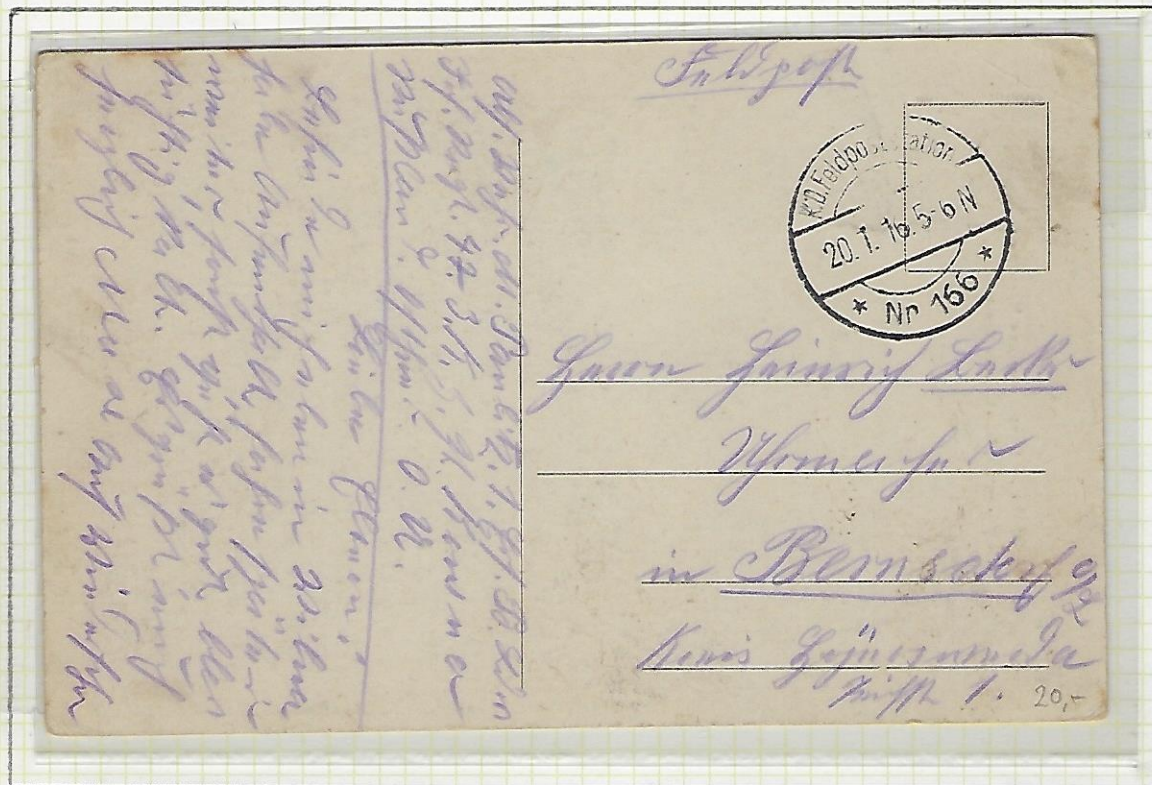
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1916 Picture Postcard (ADPL) with date stamp "Czenstochau" (= Czeŝtuchowa) 29.8.16, and violet handstamp "Briefstempel 2.Comp. 3.Landst. Inf.Ers.Bat. Mosbach XIV 2", and a censurestamp handstamp "Mühlhausen / (Els.). The City of "Mühlhausen" in the "Elsas" Province was regained by France at the end of World War I and has remained French except for an interruption during World War II.

The card was addressed to a small town near Mulhouse in Alsace Prov.

From VILNIA



1916 Picture Postcard ("Wilna", Polish Wilno or Lithuanian Vilnius: the Kaplica Ostrobramska, or the "Sharp-gabled Chapel"), with a circular datestamp "K.D. Feldpoststation Nr.166" dated 21.1.16.

Wilno was in part of Russia (annexed) that returned to Poland after World War I, but annexed again by the Soviet Union after their stab in Poland's back during the Nazi German attack on Poland in W.W. II. Now again the Capital of Lithuania.

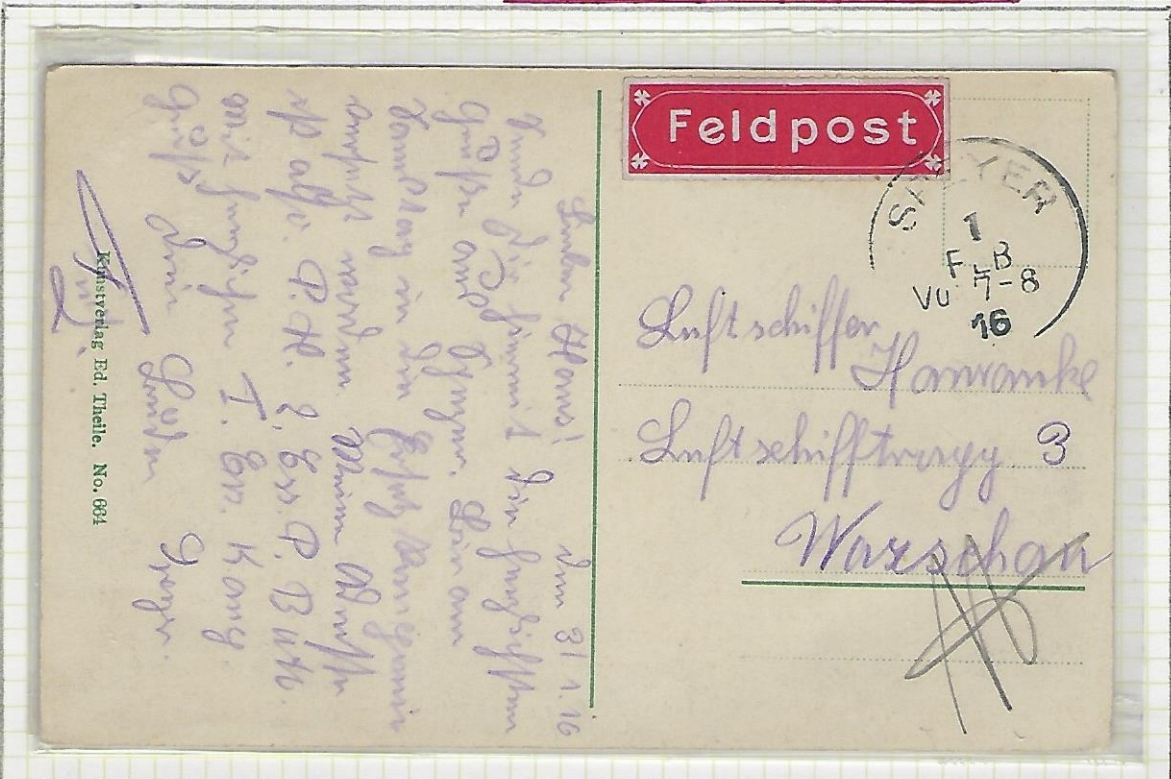
GERMAN OCCUPATION OF NORTH+EASTERN POLAND PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY THE RUSSIANS.

1916: German Zeppelin Air Force Unit in Warszawa. (1):



7 Jan.1916 (postmark): Card from a Zeppelin Pilot to his family. Sent from Warszawa ("Warschau") to Mannheim showing the Lake in Wilanów by the famous Palace.

1916: Reply to German Pilot in German Zeppelin Air Force Unit in Warszawa. (2):



1 Feb.1916 (postmark): Card sent from Speyer (on the Rhine, just south of Mannheim) to Zeppelin Air Force Unit No.3 in Warszawa, showing the Post Office Square and the Old Gate in Speyer. Both cards free of postal charges, having been sent by Field Postal Service.

1 Aug. 1916: German "Germania" Stamps overprinted "Gen.-Gouv. / Warschau".
 Eleven stamps, watermark multiple diamonds. Perf. 14. (Simplified Series;
 for the stamps' colour variations and overprint differences see following pages).



2½Pf grey
 (Iss. 1/8/16)



3Pf brown
 (Iss. 1/8/16)



5Pf green
 (Iss. 17/8/16)



7½Pf orange
 (Iss. i/8/16)



10Pf rose-red
 (Iss. 22/1/17)



15Pf yellow-brown
 (Iss. 1/8/16)



20Pf blue
 (Iss. 17/3/17)



30Pf orange
 and black
 (Iss. 17/8/16)



40Pf carmine
 and black
 (Iss. 1/8/16)



60Pf pale violet
 (Iss. 19/3/17)



Colour Change
 (issued 1917)
 15Pf violet



20 Pf. shade

1 Aug. 1916 - 1 Oct. 1917: German "Germania" Stamps overprinted "Gen.-Gouv. / Warschau". Eleven stamps. Watermark multiple diamonds. Perf. 14. Colour variations and differences in overprints exist, as follows:

2½Pf.

Iss. 1/8/16:



Bright grey
Ovpt. sulphureous



Grey
Ovpt.: dull.

3Pf.

Iss. 1/8/16:



Yellow-brown
(dull)
Ovpt.: shiny



Yellow-brown
(without lustre)
Ovpt. sulphureous,
mat, dull.



Brown
Ovpt. mat, dull.

5Pf.

Iss. 17/8/16:



Green
Ovpt. shiny.



Dark green
Ovpt. dull, mat
(scarce)



Dark green
Ovpt. lamp-black

7½Pf.

Iss.
1/8/
1916:



Yellow-orange
Ovpt. shiny



Yellow-orange
Ovpt. sulphureous



Red-orange
Ovpt. sulphureous



Red-orange
Ovpt. lamp-black.

Contd. next page:

1 Aug.1916 - 1 Oct.1917: "Gen.Gouv./ Warschau" Overprints, Contd.:

10Pf.
Iss. 22/1/17:



Carmine
Ovpt. shiny.



Rose-red
Ovpt. sulphureous



Dim red
Ovpt. mat, dull.

15Pf.
Iss. 1/8/16:



yellowish brown
Ovpt. sulphureous
(No other variations;
this type only).

20Pf.
Iss. 17/3/
1916:



Ultramarine
Ovpt. shiny



Prussian blue
Ovpt. sulphureous



Pale blue
Ovpt. sulphureous



Violet blue
Ovpt. mat, dull
(very scarce)

30Pf.
Iss. 17/8/16:



Orange and black
Ovpt. shiny



Orange and black
Ovpt. sulphureous

1 Aug. 1916 - 1 Oct. 1917: "Gen.Gouv./ Warschau" Overprints, Contd.:

40Pf.
Iss. 1/8/16:



Carmine and black Ovpt. shiny Carmine and black Ovpt. mat, dull

60Pf.
Iss. 19/3/17:



Purple-lilac Ovpt. shiny

Bright lilac Ovpt. sulphureous

Darkish lilac Ovpt. mat, dull

In Oct. 1917 the 15Pf was issued in a new violet colour:

15Pf.
Iss.
1/10/
1917:



Violet Ovpt. sulphureous

Blackish violet Ovpt. sulphureous

Dull violet Ovpt. sulphureous

Mat dull-violet Ovpt. sulphureous

Note: This classification mainly follows Kabé, rather than Michel or even the Katalog specjalizowany znaków pocztowych ziem Polskich 1990 (Vol.2), as it seems the clearest and least controversial.



Cover sent from Łódź on 5.8.18 to Brühl-Baden (Germany) with two 7½(Pf) orange overprinted German Germania stamps, and a German censor's rubber handstamp from the "Posen" (= Poznań) censorship office, in red. (See also the German post cards overprinted "Russisch Polen" on a previous page)..

LUBOML

nos/018 # 10

(A small town 105 km due east of Lublin, and now in Ukraine).

No. 1918: Town Views. Five stamps, designed by Kaper and printed typography by the printing office Uniom w Padze Czeskiej, on common white or greyish white paper. Perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$ or Imperf. Sheets of 11 stamps (2 x 6, with 1 space remaining unprinted. Did not reach postal usage any more.

Perf
 $11\frac{1}{2}$:



5h. green



10h. red



20h. grey-olive



25h. blue



50h. olive-green

nos/018

Imperforate:



5h. green



10h. red



20h. grey-olive



25h. blue



50h. olive-green

Quantities: unknown.

Although these stamps did not reach postal usage some cancelled copies are known, but these are only courtesy cancellations by Luboml Post Office.

Variations:

Imperforates:



50h. olive-green
Value Figure "50" upside-down
(Single. Hinged.)

Perf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$:



5h. green

Value Figure "5" upside-down
in Right-hand (selvedge
bottom-corner stamp).
(Hinged, expt.mark?).



10h. red

Value Figure "10" upside-down
in Right-hand (selvedge
bottom-corner stamp).
(hinged, expt.mark?).



25h. blue

Value Figure "25" upside-
down in Right-hand stamp.
(hinged, no expt.mk)