

KRAKÓW (Contd.)

As before, but with the overprints "PORTO" headed diagonally up:



Issued by Kraków-14 Post Office.  
Overprints by rubber hand-stamp  
in black.  
Official.



5h: bluish green  
(yellowish paper)



10h: carmine  
(yellowish paper)



15h: brown  
(yellowish paper)



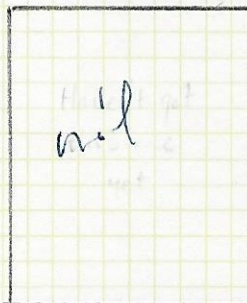
20h: olive-green  
(yellowish paper)  
(R-91)



25h: vermilion  
(blue-tinted paper)



50h: dark blue  
(blue-tinted paper)



70h: light blue  
(blue-tinted paper)

Colour variations:



10h: red  
(yellowish paper)  
(damaged stamp)



15h: light brown  
(yellowish paper)  
(R-91)



20gr: grey-green  
(yellowish paper)



25h: carmine-vermilion  
(blue-tinted paper)



MIELEC

A fast-growing town in Rzeszów Province and at 110 km E.N.E. of Cracow, with in 1990 abt. 60,000 population (but in 1950 it still had less than 10,000).

July 1919: Stamps of the 27 Jan. 1919 issue for Southern Poland overprinted "PORTO" (in dotted box) / "1919":



Issued by Mielec Post Office and known as "Mielec 1919 B". Overprints by rubber hand-stamp in violet-black. Official.

White Eagle Designs:



3h: brown



5h: bright green



10h: yellow



15h: scarlet

Eagle-Between-Ensigns-of-Authority Designs:



20h: grey-brown



25h: pale blue



50h: red-brown

Sheaves-and-Barn Designs:



1 k: green



MIELEC (Contd.)

July 1919: Stamps of the 27 Jan. 1919 issue for Southern Poland overprinted "PORTO" (in dotted box) / "1919" in wider type than in "Mielec 1919 b":



Issued by Mielec Post Office and known as "Mielec 1919 c". Overprints in violet or red, made by rubber hand-stamp.

Official.

White Eagle Designs:



3h: brown



5h: bright green  
(overpt. red)



10h: yellow



15h: scarlet

Eagle-Between-Ensigns-of-Authority Designs:



20h: grey-brown  
(overpt. red)



25h: pale blue  
(overpt. red)



50h: red-brown

Sheaves-and-Barn Designs:



1 k: green  
(overpt. red)



CIESZYN

Border town in Bielsko-Biala Province, 100 km WSW of Cracow, straddling the Polish-Czech border which is formed by the Olza River. The Czech (and larger) part had been awarded to Czechoslovakia at the Versailles Treaty after World War I, although the population of the whole town and surrounding area is ethnically Polish. In 1939, a few months before World War II broke out, Poland regained the whole of Cieszyn. However, after World War II it was awarded to Czechoslovakia again under Soviet Russian influence because the Czechs were less anti-communist than the Poles. The Polish part of Cieszyn (Tešín in Czech, and Teschen in German) had a population of 31,000 in 1990.

April - June 1919: 8 stamps of the Feb. 1919 issue for the formerly Austrian parts of Małopolska showing the Polish White Eagle, overprinted a diagonal "PORTO":



The second of 4 overprints made at Cieszyn - 2 Post Office, in black, with a rubber hand-stamp.



5h: bluish green  
(yellowish paper)



10h: carmine  
(yellowish paper)



15h: brown  
(yellowish paper)



20h: olive-green  
(yellowish paper)



25h: vermilion  
(blue-tinted paper)



50h: dark blue  
(blue-tinted paper)



70h: light blue  
(blue-tinted paper)



1k: grey & red  
(blue-tinted paper)





MIELEC (Contd.)



"Whole-Issue Cover"



Cover with mixed violet and red rubber hand-stamped overprints, "Cancelled-to-Order", dated 5.IX.19 MIELEC \* a \*.

Not used.



PRZEMYŚL

City of 69,000 (1990) and Provincial Capital, south-eastern Poland, close to the Ukrainian border on the San River.

Stamps of the 25 Feb. 1919 issue for Western Galicia overprinted "PORTO" in horizontal Box:



Issued by Przemyśl I Post Office. Overprinted with rubber hand-stamp in black. Imperforate, un-gummed. Official?



5h: bluish green (yellowish paper)



10h: carmine (yellowish paper)



15h: brown (yellowish paper)



20h: olive-green (yellowish paper)



25h: vermilion (blue-tinted paper)



50h: dark blue (blue-tinted paper)



70h: light blue (blue-tinted paper)



1 k: grey & red (blue-tinted paper)



## ROZWADÓW

A small town in Tarnobrzeg Province which has been incorporated in the nearby industrial town of Stalowa Wola which is 155 km. E.N.E. from Cracow and has a population of abt. 70,000 (1990), out of which Rozwadów has well below 10,000. In 1919 Stalowa Wola did not yet exist, but Rozwadów is quite old.

May 1919 - Feb. 1920: Stamps of the 27th Jan. 1919 issue for Southern Poland overprinted "PORTO" in a triangle of square dots:



Overprints in Violet or black, made with a soft rubber hand-stamp. Size: 19 x 13.5 mm.

Official

### White Eagle Design:



3h: brown



5h: bright green



10h: yellow



15h: scarlet

### Eagle-Between-Ensigns-of-Authority Design:



20h: grey-brown



25h: pale blue



50h: red-brown

### Sheaves-and-Barn Design:



1 k: green

Note: There are also some values and overprint colours which are somewhat controversial (see next page).



ROZWADÓW (Contd.)

May 1919 - Feb. 1920: Stamps as before, but the four highest values are considered to have been overprinted for purely philatelic motives.



This collection also shows overprints in red, which may not have been authorized but motivated by an expectation of profit (private gain).

White Eagle Design:



3h: brown



5h: bright green



10h: yellow  
(overprint red)  
un-authorized?



15h: scarlet

Eagle-Between-Ensigns-of-Authority Design:



20h: grey-brown  
(overprint red)  
un-authorized?



25h: pale blue  
(overprint red)  
un-authorized?



50h: red-brown

Sheaves-and-Barn Design:



1 k: green  
(overprint red)  
un-authorized?



1.50k: brown  
Controversial value



2k: deep blue  
(overprint red)  
un-authorized?

Ploughing-in-Peace (2.50k) and Polish Uhlán (5k) Designs:



2.50k: purple  
Controversial value



5k: grey-blue  
(overprint red)  
un-authorized?



ROZWADÓW (Contd.)

"Whole-Issue Cover".



In many Polish towns and cities locally overprinted stamp issues were postally affixed to covers and then cancelled. These kinds of cover (carrying from 5 to 12 stamps) were sold over the counter in the Post Offices. In the case of the "Stop-Gap locally-overprinted Postage Due" stamps the usual number affixed to these covers is 8 if the original stamps were of the 27th January 1919 issue for Southern Poland. The reason would be that only values of up to 1 Korona inclusive were supposed to be overprinted (compare previous page: comments on higher values).

See also Mielec, and (for ordinary postage overprints) Wrocław.



WARSAW, Contd.

Notice on the other side  
of this Certificate:

The authenticity of the item is guaranteed  
as per the expertizing rules & regulations.



The first (unissued) proof-stamp numbered Mi 1a (5 Groszy, grey-green/bright chromium-yellow) was given an overprint "6 groszy" in red to become trial issue Mi 3 on 23 Sept. 1915.

## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

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Certificate No: 91

Date: 10/11/1999

### POLAND - WORLD WAR I GERMAN OCCUPATION:

#### WARSAW LOCAL POST:

Mi 1a proof \*\*

1915 5gr from unissued 1<sup>st</sup> printing with "6 groszy" overprint in red applied as a trial of Mi 3.

#### EXPERTIZING RESULT:

The stamp & overprint are genuine in all respects.

#### CONDITION:

Mint with original gum, never hinged, without any faults.

*K. Ceremuga*  
Krzysztof (Chris) Ceremuga





WARSZAWA (WARSAW).

After the evacuation of Warsaw by the Russians and the following occupation by the Germans in World War I, the Komitet Obywatelski miasta Warszawy, or K.O.m.W. (Citizens' Committee of the city of Warsaw) made an agreement with the German Postal Authorities to organise a delivery service for ordinary postal items addressed to the metropolitan area's inhabitants. However, money remittances and registered items had to be announced by a municipal postcard, summoning the recipient to collect the item personally at the German post-office.

19 Sept. 1915: Experimental Edition, Not Issued. Heraldic subjects, designed by E. Trojanowski and printed litho by Jan Cott's Printing Works, Warsaw, on medium, white paper. No watermark. Line Perf. 11½. Printed in sheets of 8 x 5 stamps.



5 Groszy grey-green on  
sand-coloured:  
Warsaw's Syrene  
(Symbol of City's  
Coat of Arms).

Certified by Lesław Schmutz,  
ZO PZF w Rzeszowie, as being  
Warsaw Ia. \* \*



10 Gr. brownish black  
on sand-coloured:  
Crowned White Eagle  
(Polish Coat of  
Arms).

Genuine guar. Krz. Ceremuga  
Mi. II \* 75  
(brown)-black on (bright)  
chromium-yellow; = type IIa.

Quantities: 5 Groszy abt. 2,800; 10 Gr. abt. 3,600.



19 Sept. 1915: The final Issued Version: (1) 5 Groszy.

Shades and Variations:



no gum





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23 Sept. 1915: The Final (Issued) Version, Contd.

The 5 Groszy Warsaw No.1 stamp; Blocks, shades.



Warsaw No. 1 c.



WARSAW, Contd.

23 Sept. 1915: The Final (Issued) Version, Contd.

The 10 Gr. Warsaw No.2 stamp; Strips and Blocks; shades.



Warsaw No.2 .



Warsaw No.2 .



Warsaw No.2 .  
Topright corner  
of block damaged



Warsaw No.2 .



WARSAW, Contd.

23 Sept. 1915: The Final (Issued) Version, Contd.

The 10 Gr. Warsaw No. 2 stamp; Blocks - shades.



Warsaw No.2 .



Warsaw No.2 .