

23 Sept. 1915: Small Handstamped Surcharge "6 groszy" in two Types, as follows on the 5 Gr stamp:

6groszy

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Surcharges in carmine-red, violet, red-lilac, or black.

Narrower Belly of "6". More Curved Belly of "6".

(Type 1)

(Type 2)

(a) Surcharge Carmine-red:

Type 1a



Stamp dark blue on greenish
The left trunk of the "y" is broken off: "j".

Type 2



Stamp dark blue on greenish
(used; cancel. mermaid).

(b) Surcharge red-lilac:

Type 2



Stamp dark blue on greenish
(used)

(c) Surcharge Black:

Type 1



Stamp dark blue on greenish
(mint).

Quantities: unknown.

30 Sept. 1915: Large Hand-printed Surcharge in Box,
as follows:



Surcharges of 6 on 5gr bluish black with light-green background, in red, lilac-red, carmine-red, violet, and violet-black.

(a) Surcharge Red:



Stamp background yellowish (mint)



Stamp background greenish (used; certified)

(b) Surcharge Carmine-Red:



Stamp background yellowish (mint)

(c) Surcharge Lilac-Red:



Stamp background greenish (cancel: oval)



Stamp background greenish (cancel: circular)

(d) Surcharge Violet or Violet-Black:



Stamp background greenish Surcharge vertical.



Stamp background greenish Surcharge horizontal.

Quantity: unknown.

WARSAW, Contd.

Oct.- 10 Nov. 1915: 5 Gr and 10 Gr Stamps Surcharged with 2 (Gr) and 6 (Gr) Respectively, in Large Figures, as follows:

The 6 (Gr) surcharge has been made in 2 types, as shown.

2 2

"2" (flagged foot) on 10 Gr. (iss. 10.11.15)

6 6

"6" (narrow) on 5 Gr (Iss. 30.10.15).

6 6

"6" (wide) on 5 Gr (iss. 30.10.15)

(1): "2" on 10 Gr.



"R" of "Groszy" shows slight break on right.

(mint)

Stamp dullish red on chromium yellow (yellowish paper)



"R" of "Groszy" broken mid-left (very clear).

(mint)

Stamp lighter red on chromium yellow (whiter paper)

(2): "6" (Narrow) on 5 Gr.



Left "6" shows white dots left & bottom; right "6" top right

Stamp deep blue on brownish green (surch. black).



Only right "6" shows one white dot in centre (perhaps not significant).

Stamp deep blue on brownish green (surch. black).

(3): "6" (Wide) on 5 Gr.



Stamp deep blue on brownish green (surch. black).

Quantities: 2 on 10 Gr 92,000; 6 on 5 Gr 118,000 (Narrow "6" occurs in the first 6 columns of stamps in each sheet, but the Wide "6" only in the 8th column).

WARSAW, Contd.

Oct.-Nov. 1915: 5Gr and 10 Gr Stamps Surcharged with 2 (Gr) and 6 (Gr) in Large Figures, Contd.:

(1): "2" on 10 Gr., Contd. - shades.



"2" (flagged foot) on 10Gr. (iss. 10.11.15): Warsaw 7 a dull red on chromiun (light) yellow: Block of 8 with selvedge on right.



"2" (flagged foot) on 10 Gr. shiny, glittering red, on light yellow background: Block of 4, with top selvedge.



"2" (flagged foot) on 10 Gr. shiny, glittering red, on light yellow background (slightly darker red and background): Block of 4.

WARSAW, Contd.

18 Dec. 1915: Small Overprint 2 on 10 Groszy (Warszawa No. 7), shades.



Warsaw No. 7 a: dull red on
light yellow
Block of 10 with bottom selvedge.

2 Feb. 1916: New, larger
Surcharge in black litho:



Printed by Jan Cotty, Warsaw,
 on medium, white paper.

Both Stamps Mint:



2 gr on 10 Gr
 (c): see below.



6 gr on 5 Gr
 (b): see below.

2 gr: Shades and Cancellations:



(a): dull red to
 rose on greenish
 yellow (2.2.16).



(b): shiny red on
 yellowish
 (iss. April '16)



(c): dull red on
 yellowish; thin
 paper (Sept. '16).



(b) with oval
 cancellation.

6 gr: Shades and Cancellations:



(a): grass-green
 on brownish yellow
 (iss. 2.2.16)



(b): grass-green
 on salmon
 (iss. 19.3.1916)
 Warsaw's Mermaid
 Cancellation.



(c): light green
 on yellowish; thin
 paper (17-21.6.16)



(a): with oval
 cancellation.

Quantities: 2 gr on 10 Gr:

- (a) 556,000;
- (b) 397,000;
- (c) 960,000.



(c): 6 gr on 5 Gr
 grass-green on
 brownish yellow
 (iss. 19.3.1916)
Imperforate!

Quantities 6 gr on 5 Gr:

- (a) 506,000;
- (b) 1,011,200;
- (c) 1,600,000.

WARSAW, Contd.

Sept. 1916: New Design - The "Arms and Monuments" Series. Four stamps, designed by E. Trojanowski and printed litho by Jan Cotty, Warsaw. Medium, white paper with watermark of multiple horizontal wavy lines. Sheets of 6 panes of 9 x 6 stamps each.

Although ready for use, these stamps did not reach issue any more.

(a) Perforated Line 11½:



2 gr. brown;
background buff;
Sigismund III Wasa
Column, Warsaw



6 gr. green;
background buff;
Syrena (Mermaid)
Arms of Warsaw
Background down
by 1mm.



10 gr. carmine;
background buff;
Polish White
Eagle.



20 gr. blue;
background buff;
Jan III Sobieski
Monument, Warsaw.

(b) Imperforate:



2 gr. brown,
background buff.



6 gr. green,
background buff.
and moved up by a
full 4mm!



10 gr. carmine,
background buff.
and moved down by
1 mm.



20 gr. blue,
background buff.

These stamps were later surcharged with new values and with "Poczta Polska" and were issued on 17 Nov. 1918 as the first stamps of the newly independent Polish Republic.

Quantities:

Small numbers of stamps were not overprinted and remained unissued:

2 gr 51,000; 6gr 100,400; 10 gr 19,000; and 20gr 16,400 (partly already perforated, partly remaining imperforate).

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POLAND - WORLD WAR I GERMAN OCCUPATION:

WARSAW LOCAL POST: Mi VIP (*)

1916 20gr Sobieski Monument imperforate proof in black on rough beige paper, printed both sides, block of 4.

EXPERTIZING RESULT:

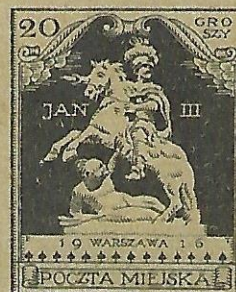
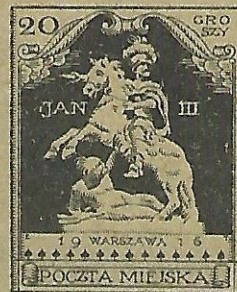
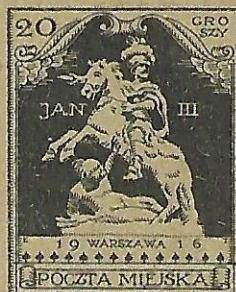
Genuine in all respects.

A rare proof.

CONDITION:

Unused without gum, as made, without any faults.

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WARSAW, Contd.

Sept. 1916: New Design - "Arms and Monuments" Series (Not issued).

Proofs:



A

Pair of imperforate proofs of
2gr greyish sepia-brown
(instead of brown).

Mi III, *
Expertised *MA*



B

Imperf. proof of 10gr
black on white back-
ground. No watermark.

Mi.V, *
OEF 30.1.98 K. 102. 200/-/200.

Variations:



Pair of 6gr green,
background buff:

Missing perforation
top & bottom.

Mi.IV, **/**

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WARSAW LOCAL POST: Mi III(P), Fi IIP6 (*)

1916 Monuments 2gr brown, plate proof on rough brownish paper, imperforate pair.

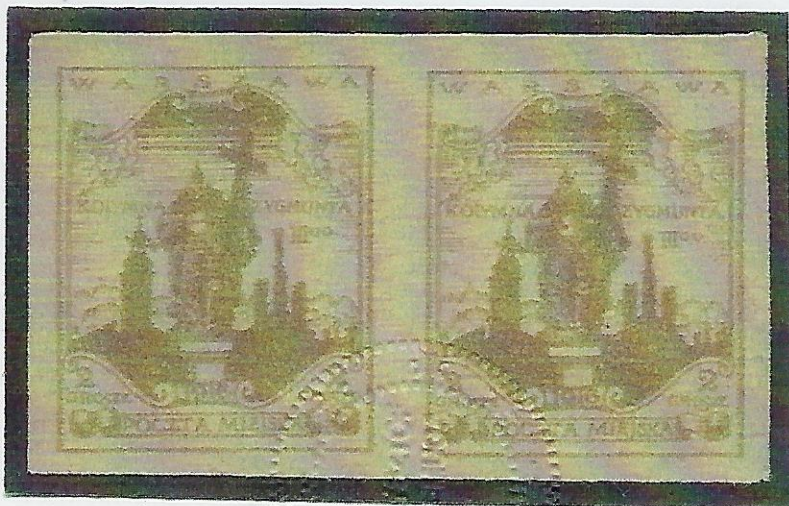
EXPERTIZING RESULT:

Genuine in all respects.

CONDITION:

Unused without gum as made.

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POLAND - GERMAN OCCUPATION:

WARSAW LOCAL POST: Mi V(P), Fi VP6 (*)

1916 Monuments 10gr black, plate proof on smooth white paper,
imperforate.

EXPERTIZING RESULT:

Genuine in all respects.

CONDITION:

Unused without gum as made.

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Full Sheet of 2gr on 10gr dull red to rose on greenish yellow (early printing of issue dated 2 Feb. 1916, with 6-armed star in position 28. Whole sheet cancelled to order.



Note: On no account attempt to take this scarce (and very frail) sheet from its protecting cover. It is very prone to splitting, would be destroyed and lose its value entirely

2gr on 10gr:

WARSAW, Contd.

(b): red on greenish sandcolour.



Note: On no account try to take this scarce and very frail sheet from its protective cover. It is very prone to splitting, would be destroyed and lose its entire value.

(c): rose on greenish sandcolour.



Note: On no account attempts must be made to lift this very frail sheet out of its protective cover. It is very prone to splitting and is likely to be destroyed.

2gr on 10grs

WARSAW, Contd.

(d): shiny red on light yellow (issued April, 1916).



Note: Do NOT lift this frail and scarce sheet out of its protective cover.

2gr on 10gr:

WARSAW, Contd.

(e): dull red, on light yellow (issued Sept. 1916).



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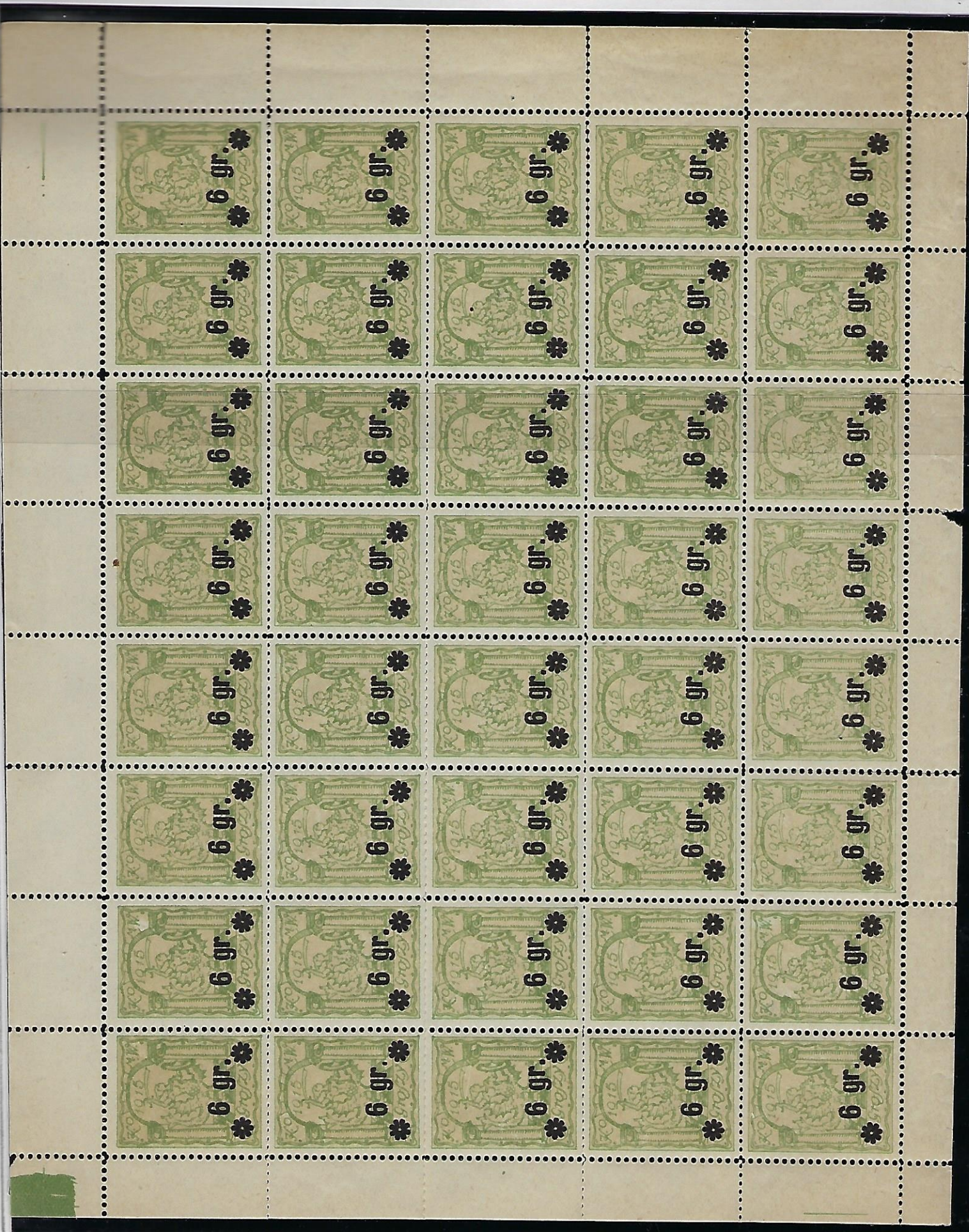
6gr on 5gr:

(a): grass-green on brownish yellow (issued 2 Feb.1916).



Note: This scarce and very frail sheet must ON NO ACCOUNT be lifted out of its protective cover. It is very prone to splitting and has already lost two of its selvages. Lifting it out is likely to result in further destruction and loss of value.

121: grass-green on salmon (iss. 19.3.1916).



Note: This scarce and very frail sheet must ON NO ACCOUNT be lifted out of its protective cover. It is very prone to splitting and is likely to be destroyed, losing all its value.

6gr on 5gr:

(c): green on yellowish (iss. 17 - 21 June, 1916).



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