

JĘDRZEJÓW

(A small town of 18,500 in 1990, almost 40km S.W. of Kielce, and in Kielce Province).

2 Dec. 1918: Austrian stamps of the Military Field Post type (Jędrzejów was in the southern part of former Russian Poland which was occupied by Austrian troops during World War I).

Polska  
Pocztą  
Jędrzejów

Overprinted "Polska / Poczta / Jędrzejów" in black typography. Issued under the authority of a circular by the Directorate of Polish Posts in Lublin, dated 5 Nov. 1918. Seems legitimate, but considered controversial by (in particular) German catalogues.



1h greenish-blue



2h red-orange



5h golden green



6h violet



12h blue



10h green



20h red-lilac



45h blue

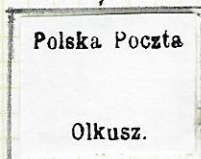
6 more Jędrzejów stamps are known. Quantity: unknown.

OLKUSZ

(A small town of 40,000 in 1990, 40 km north-west of Cracow but in Katowice Province).

8 Nov. 1918: Austrian stamps of the military Field Post type (Olkusz was situated in the southernmost part of former Russian Poland which was occupied by Austrian troops during World War I).

Overprinted "Poczta Polska / Olkusz" in black typography:



Highly controversial issue, not recognised by most as a legitimate postal issue (like Jędrzejów, which see).

Nine Olkusz stamps are known.



10h green  
Emperor Charles



20h reddish  
pale violet  
Empress Zita



45h blue  
Emperor Charles

Overprinted "Poczta Polska / Olkusz"  
instead of "Polska Poczta / Olkusz".

**? F O R G E R Y ?**

Quantities unknown. There are six more stamps in this issue.

TARNÓW

! (City of 120,000 (1990) and Provincial Capital 75 km east of Cracow).

18 Dec. 1918: Stamps of Austria  
overprinted with red or black  
Polish Eagle.



15 stamps, in values of 3 h(alerzy)  
to 1 k(rona).  
Issue known as "TARNÓW I".



3h violet  
(overpr. red)



5h yellow-green  
(overpr. black)



6h orange  
(overpr. black)



10h carmine-violet  
(overpr. black)



12h green-blue  
(overpr. black)



15h brown-red  
(overpr. black)



10h blue-green  
(overpr. black)



25h dark blue  
(overpr. black)



30h violet  
(overpr. red)



40h olive  
(overpr. red)



50h dark green  
(overpr. red)



60h dark blue  
(overpr. black)



80h reddish brown  
(overpr. black)



90h red-violet  
(overpr. black)



1k red on yellow  
(overpr. black)

1919: Stamps of Austria over-printed "Rzp. Polska" in a single diagonal line:



19 stamps, in values of 3h to 10k.  
Issue known as "TARNÓW II", widely recognised as semi-official (at least tolerated by postal authorities).



3h violet



5h yellow-green



6h orange



10h carmine-violet



12h green-blue



15h brown-red



10h blue-green



25h dark blue



30h violet



40h olive



50h darg green



60h dark blue



80h reddish brown



90h red-violet



1k red on yellow



2k light blue



3k light carmine



4k yellow-green



10k bright violet

*the 10k signed*

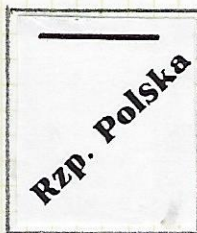
1919: "TARNÓW II" issue (Contd.).

Variation:



40h olive  
Overprint inverted  
(authentication mark ~~Ø~~  
on back)

1919: Stamp of Austria over-  
printed "Rzp. Polska" in a  
single diagonal line, plus a  
horizontal line to cross out  
the word "PORTO".



One stamp, in the value of 1  
korona only.  
Type "TARNÓW II(b)".



1 k blue  
Overprint II plus  
horizontal line to  
cancel "PORTO" on  
the Austrain stamp,  
changing it into a  
Polish ordinary pos-  
tage stamp.

TARNÓW (Contd.).

1919: Austrian Newspaper  
Stamps overprinted "Rzp.  
Polska" in two horizontal  
lines:

**Rzp.  
Polska**

5 stamps in values of 2h  
to 30h.  
Issue known as "TARNÓW III",  
which changes Austrian News-  
paper stamps into Polish  
stamps for ordinary postage.



2h brown



4h green



6h blue



10h orange



30h carmine-violet

BŁONIE

(Small town 25 km west of Warsaw, with in 1990 a population of 13,000).

Dec. 1918: German Germania stamps overprinted "Gen-  
Gouv. / Warschau" and re-  
overprinted "Poczta/Polska/  
/ BŁONIE":



Manually-stamped overprint in violet, black-blue, or black. Overprint size: 17.5 x 17.5 mm. Known to be produced with philatelic correspondence. Un-official, but tolerated by Post.



2 1/2 f grey



3 f brown



5 f green



7 1/2 f orange



10 f carmine



15 f slate-violet



20 f pale blue  
(German ovrpt.  
sulphureous)



30 f orange and  
black



40 f black and  
carmine



60 f magenta

Note:

The postmark reads "Urząd pocztowy / prowizorio / Błonie" ("Provisional postal office, Błonie"). See also under Grodzisk (following pages).

BRZEZINY

or 120

(A small town, only abt. 22 km east of Łódź, but in Skierniewice Province, with abt. 13,000 po. in 1990).

13 Nov. 1918: German Germania stamps overprinted "Gen- Gouvt. / Warschau", and re-overprinted "Poczta/Polska/ Polish Eagle":



Hand-stamped overprints in violet, in 11.5 x 6.5 mm, or 8 x 9 mm. Eagle print executed with rubber stamp. Not official.



2½f grey



3f brown



5f green



7½f orange



10f carmine



15f slate-violet



20f pale blue (German overprt, phosphoreous)



30f orange and black



40f black and carmine (German ovpt. shiny)



60f bright lilac (German ovprt sulphureous)

Colour variations:



20f violet-blue (German overprt mat, dull)



40f black and carmine (German overprt.. mat, dull).



60f blackish lilac (German overprt.. mat, dull).

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GRODZISK  
(Grodzisk Mazowiecki)

(Town, 30 km SW of Warsaw, and more or less an outer sub-urb of the City. Population, in 1990, approx. 25,000).

Nov. 1918: German Germania stamps overprinted "Gen- Gouv. / Warschau" and re-overprinted "POCZTA/POLSKA/ / / / /":



Overprints handstamped in black and in red, using rubber stamps producing ovpt. size 17.5 x 17.5 mm. Known to have been produced for philatelic purposes. Un-official, but tolerated.



2 1/2 f grey



3 f brown



5 f green



7 1/2 f orange



10 f carmine



15 f slate-violet



20 f blue



30 f black and orange/ buff



40 f black and carmine



60 f magenta

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GRODZISK, Contd.

Nov. 1918: As before, but with seemingly minor differences.

The stamps hereunder show overprints a little finer and smaller, the horizontal lines being only 17 instead of 17.5 mm.

POCZTA  
POLSKA

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Overprints handstamped in black or red, using rubber stamps producing overprints of 17.5 x 17.5 mm size. The finer and slightly shorter overprints may be due to the use of a still very new rubber handstamp tool (Cf. Łęczyca, Contd.)



2½f grey



3f brown



5f green



7½f orange



10f carmine



15f slate-violet



20f blue



30f black and orange/buff



40f black and carmine



60f magenta

"Whole-Issue Cover"



Nov. 1918: All ten of these Germania (German) stamps overprinted with the un-official Polish provisional handstamp "POCZTA / POLSKA" on a philatelic, un-addressed cover. The German cancellation date stamp has been replaced by a temporary Polish circular handstamp "URZĄD POCZTOWY / PROWIZORIO / GRODZISK" ("POST OFFICE / PROVISIONAL / GRODZISK")..

KALISZ

(City of 107,000 in 1990, on the Prosna River and a Provincial Capital in west-central Poland. The excavation of a prehistoric village and mention of the settlement as Calisia by the astronomer-geographer Ptolemy in the 2nd century AD are evidences of the city's antiquity. Kalisz obtained town rights in 1282).

14 Nov. 1918 (first known usage): German Germania stamps with "Gen.-Gouv./Warschau" overprint re-overprinted "POCZTA/ Polish Eagle / POLSKA":



Wide Eagle.

Known as Type "KALISZ I". Handstamped surcharge in violet or black, 25.5 mm high in total. Because this surcharge was too tall for the stamp, it was sometimes placed in such a manner that "POCZTA" appeared on the stamp above it.

This is the official Kalisz issue.



2 1/2 f grey



3 f brown



5 f green



7 1/2 f orange



10 f carmine



15 f slate-violet



20 f Prussian blue



30 f black and orange/buff.



40 f black and carmine.



60 f magenta

Colour Variation:



20 f ultramarine

Signed

KALISZ (Contd.).

Dec. 1918: German Germania  
stamps with "Gen-Gouv./War-  
schau" overprint re-overprin-  
ted "POCZTA/ Polish Eagle/  
POLSKA":



Narrow Eagle

Known as Type "KALISZ II".  
 Surcharge handstamped in violet,  
 with the so-called "Narrow Eagle",  
 using rubber stamp.  
Un-official (but tolerated) issue.



2½f grey  
 OEF 30.1.98 K. 110. 20.  
 (No exp., but post mk.  
 KALISZ).



3f brown



5f green



7½f orange



10f carmine



15f slate-violet



20f Prussian blue



30f black and  
 orange/buff.



40f black and  
 carmine.



60f magenta

*Signed*

KALISZ (Contd.).

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Dec. 1918: German Germania stamps with "Gen-Gouv. / Warschau" overprint re-overprinted "POCZTA / Polish Eagle / POLSKA":



Known as Type "KALISZ V".  
Overprint handstamped in violet, with the "Wide Eagle", as in "KALISZ I", but total height of overprint only 23.5 mm. Rubber stamp used. Un-official.

Wide Eagle  
Ovpt. height reduced.



2½f grey



3f brown



5f green



7½f orange



10f carmine



15f slate-violet



20f Prussian blue



30f black and orange/buff



40f black and carmine



60f magenta

Colour Variations:



2½f bright grey



20f ultramarine



60f purple-lilac

LECZYCA (Contd.).

No. 1918: Same as before, but with clearly finer lettering used for "Polska".  
This is most clearly obvious on the 2½f and 10f stamps.



The postmarks are, as before, German (showing the P.O. name as "LENCZYCA" instead of the Polish "ŁECZYCA").

Catalogues do not mention this, although they are generally quick to mention Forgeries. "LECZYCA II"; or "LECZYCA (A)"?



2½f grey



3f brown



5f green



7½f orange



10f carmine



15f slate-violet



20f Prussian blue



30f black and orange/buff



40f black and



60f magenta

Note:

It would just be possible that the overprints with a small and fine "Polska" had been handstamped with a new and soft-rubber stamping tool, applied with little enough pressure to produce the fine and smaller print. The distances between the "P" and the "o" of "Polska" correspond with each other in the "normal" larger (and coarser), and the smaller (and finer) prints.