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MAKÓW
(Maków Mazowiecki)

(A small town, 75 km N. of Warsaw, in Ostrołęka Province, with a population of less than 10,000 in 1990).

March, 1918: German Germania stamps overprinted "Gen-Gouv./Warschau" and re-overprinted "POCZTA / POLSKA / and two thick horizontal bars":
(Overpt. size 18 x 17.5 mm).



Overprints handstamped in black-violet. Distinguishable from the Pułtusk local issue (which see) by the much thicker double horizontal bar below "POCZTA/POLSKA".
Official issue.



2½f grey



3f brown



5f green



7½f orange



10f carmine



15f slate-violet



20f ultramarine



30f black and orange/buff



40f black and carmine



60f magenta

OTWOCK

(Town 25 km S.E. of Warsaw's centre and the outermost suburb in that direction, with 46,000 inhabitants in 1990).

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



Speculative issue.
Handstamped overprint in violet or red.
Non-official.



2½f grey



3f brown



5f green



7½f orange



10f carmine



15f slate-violet



20f blue



30f orange and black



40f black and carmine



60f magenta

(Small town of pop. 22,000 in 1990 at 57 km N.W. of Warsaw's centre in Chiechanów Province).

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

**POCZTA
POLSKA**

Manually rubber-stamped overprints in black or violet.
Size 16.5 x 15 mm.
Probably not official.



2½f grey



3f brown



5f green



7½f orange



10f carmine



15f slate-violet



20f blue



30f orange and black



40f black and carmine



60f magenta

Colour Variations:



20f ultramarine

PUŁTUSK

(Small town, with 18,000 pop. in 1990, 50 km north of Warsaw in Ciechanów Prov. on the Narew River).

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



Overprints handstamped in black-violet of brown-black. Official.



2 1/2f grey



3f brown



5f green



7 1/2f orange



10f carmine



15f slate-violet



20f Prussian blue



30f black and orange/buff



40f black and carmine



60f magenta

Colour Variations:

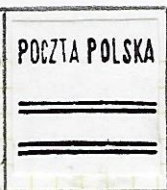


20f ultramarine

SIERADŹ

(Old town and Provincial Capital, 50 km WSW of Łódź on the Warta River, with a population of 43,000 in 1990).

Abt. 15 Nov. 1918: German Ger-
mania stamps with "Gen-Gouv. /
Warschau" overprint, re-over-
printed "POCZTA POLSKA / =====
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Overprints (manually applied rubber stamp) in black (Official), or violet (Un-official).
The variety shown hereunder is the official one.



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 ultramarine
(German overprint shiny)



30 f black and orange/ buff



40 f black and carmine



60 f magenta
(purple lilac)

Colour variations:



10 f rose-red
(German overprint sulphureous)



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



60 f darkish lilac
(German overprint mat, dull)

SKIERNIEWICE

(Provincial Capital, 65 km S.W. of Warsaw - abt. half-way to Łódź. Pop. in 1990: 44,000.)

Dec. 1918: German Germania stamps with "Gen-Gouv./Warschau" overprint, re-overprinted "POLSKA" diagonally (upwards or downwards).



Known as "SKIERNIEWICE I".
Thick overprint, handstamped in black, red, or violet.
Not official, but tolerated.



2½f grey
Polish overprt
red.



3f brown
Polish overprt
red.



5f green
Polish overprt
red.



7½f orange
Polish overprt
violet.



10f carmine
Polish overprt
black.



15f slate-violet
Polish overprt
red.



20f Prussian blue
Polish overprt
red.



30f orange and
black
Polish overprt
black.



40f carmine and
black
Polish overprt
violet.



60f purple lilac
Polish overprt
violet.

Colour Variations:



20f ultramarine
(German overprt.
shiny)
Polish overprt
violet.



20f pale blue
(German overprt
sulphureous)
Polish overprt
red.



60f bright lilac
(German overprt.
sulphureous)
Polish overprt
violet.

SKIERNIEWICE, Contd.

Dec. 1918: German Germania stamps with "Gen-Gouv. / War-schau" overprint, and re-overprinted "POLSKA" diagonally.



Known as "SKIERNIEWICE II". Thinner overprint, with pointed tip of "A". Hand-stamped with rubber stamp, in red or violet. Unofficial but accepted by Post.



2 1/2 f grey
Polish overprt
red



3 f brown
Polish overprt
red



5 f green
Polish overprt
red



7 1/2 f orange
Polish overprt
violet



10 f carmine
Polish overprt
violet



15 f slate-violet
Polish overprt
red



20 f ultramarine
Polish overprt
red



30 f orange and
black
Polish overprt
violet



40 f carmine and
black.
Polish overprt
violet



60 f magenta
Polish overprt
violet

WŁOCŁAWEK

Provincial Capital on the Vistula River, 140 km WNW of Warsaw. Pop.(1990) 120,000.

13 Nov. 1918: German Germania stamps overprinted "Russisch Polen" (Nos. 1-3) and "Gen.-Gouv./Warschau" (Nos. 4-13) with "POCZTA / POLSKA":



Known as "WŁOCŁAWEK I".
Overprints in brown-black (2½, 3, 5, 10f); black (2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 20, 30, 40, 60f); violet (2½, 5, 7½, 10, 20f). Official.



2f grey

3f brown

5f green

7½f orange
(certified by
Krawczyk).

10f carmine

15f slate-violet

20f pale blue

30f black and
orange / buff

40f black and
carmine

60f magenta

WŁOCŁAWEK

(Provincial Capital on the Vistula River, 140 km WNW of Warsaw. Pop. in 1990 120,000).

Dec. 1918: German Germania stamps with "Gen-Gouv. / Warschau" overprint, but re-overprinted "Na Skarb / Narodowy" (in two lines):

Na Skarb
Narodowy

Known as "WŁOCŁAWEK III".
Distance between the lines 2 mm.
Overprints in black or red in letterpress.
Unofficial improvement of "WŁOCŁAWEK II".



2½f grey



3f brown



5f green



7½f orange



10f carmine



15f slate-violet



20f pale blue



30f black and orange/buff



40f black and carmine



60f magenta

Colour Variations:



15f blackish viol.
Polish overprt
in red.



15f dull violet
Polish overprt
in red.



20f ultramarine

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"Whole-Issue Covers".Ovpt
Inverted
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In many Polish towns and cities locally overprinted stamp issues were postally affixed to covers and then cancelled. Sometimes this was done with specially-made cancellations for this purpose. These kinds of cover (carrying from 5 to 12 stamps - usually 10 or 11) were sold over the counter in the Post Offices.

In Włocławek such covers were sold with "premium cancellations" (of 10f), the premium payments being made in favour of Reconstruction Funds.

Stamp collectors and dealers often cut out or soaked off the stamps from these covers, using them for genuine letter covers. Those which have properly run through the mail are much sought-after.

Note the 10f carmine stamps at top right (one with normal, and one with inverted overprint) and the 15f violet stamps at bottom left (one with black, and one with red overprint).

A good example of knowing how to please your collectors!

WŁOCZAWEK, Contd.

Variations:

"WŁOCZAWEK III", Overprints Inverted:



2 1/2 pf grey



10 pf carmine

CHECINY

(Small town abt. 15 km SW of its Provincial Capital Kielce, with less than 10,000 inhabitants in 1990).

The local magistrate authorised the municipality to settle the shortcomings of handling postal delivery costs by issuing stamp charges.

1918: Ruins of Checiny Castle. Printed litho on white or greyish, medium paper, in sizes of 31 x 21 mm. Perf. 10; imperf. also exist. Did not enter postal circulation (i.e., cancellations are "made to order").

April 1918: First edition:



2h brown & yellow



4h green & yellow-green.



5h black-sandstone & sandstone



8h red-brown, and pale bright blue.

June 1919: Additional edition:



3h red & yellowish



5h red-brown, and pale rose



10h blue and pale bright blue



12h grey lilac and pale brownish rose

Quantities: unknown. None of these stamps could have been genuinely postally used. Worth collecting? Perhaps.

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PODDEBICE

(Small town 40 km WNW of Łódź, but in Sieradz Province with less than 10,000 pop. in 1990)

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

Poczta
Polska

Known as "Poddebice II".
Speculative, non-official issue.
Handstamped overprint with rubber stamp in black. **PODDEBICE** in black is a provisional postmark used to replace the German "Poddebice" cancellation.



2½f grey



3f brown



5f green



7½f orange



10f carmine



15f slate-violet



20f ultramarine



30f orange and
black



40f black and
carmine



60f magenta

CHECINY, Contd.

On the previous page the question was raised: "Are these Checiny stamps really worth collecting?" As far as mint copies are concerned, the answer is "Yes", because these are real postage stamps (which only had not reached the stage of postal usage). We are less sure, however, in the case of the Additional Issue.

April 1918:



2h brown & yellow



4h green & yellow-green



5h black-sandstone & sandstone



8h red-brown, and pale bright blue

June 1919: Additional Issue:



3h red & yellowish



5h red-brown, and pale brown



10h blue and pale bright blue



12h grey lilac and pale brownish rose

CHECINY, Contd.

April 1918:

Colour shades, or Forgeries?



5h black & sandstone
darker colours



8h red-brown, and
pale red without
brown and pale blue

June 1919, Additional issue:

Colour shades, or Forgeries?



5h red, and
pale brown



12h grey, and pale
brownish rose
(the rose component, if any, seems
absent).