

CHECINY, Contd.

Colour Variations:

April 1918:



5h: deep black-sandstone
& sandstone

June 1919:



3h: orange and yellowish



12h: blackish
& sandstone.

Imperforate:

June 1919:



12h: blackish
& sandstone

15 Sep. 1919: Gniezno Provisional Issue. German "Germania" stamps of 2Pfennige and 7½Pfennige overprinted with reddish-brown to brown-red figure "5" (on 2Pf) and stone green to dark green figure "10" (on 7½Pf). The "5" represents 5fenigów and the "10" stands for 10 fenigów of the currency still in use in the western ares of Poland where these stamps were being used. The Post Offices using them were: Gniezno, Jaraczewo, Odolanów, Opalenica, Ostrzeszów, Poznań 1, 3, 5, 9, Skalmierzyce, Strzelno, Trzemeszno, Witkowo, Wolsztyn, Września, Bukowice (Kr. Neutomischel), Kuschnin.

Mint:

Used:

genuine = cert



5 on 2f.
yellowish grey
Expt. J.G. (red).
forgery

10 on 7½f.
orange
Expt. J.G. (red)
forgery

5 on 2f.
yellowish grey
Cancel. Poznań
Expt. KOOPMAN

10 on 7½f.
orange
Cancel. Poznań 9
Expt. KOOPMAN

An inverted 5 on 2f overprint exists, but a ditto 10 on 7½f is fraudulent:



10 on 7½f.
orange
Surcharge Inverted
(Forgery) ✓

10 on 7½f.
orange
Surcharge Inverted
(Forgery) ✓
"Expertised" Proch ✓

Note:

The 10 on 7½f overprints are forgeries using original printing material. "Expertising" marks like shown here are also found on stamps seen next page.

Dangerous forgeries of the "proper" overprints are numerous:



??
forgery

5 on 2f.
yellowish grey
(Forgery) ✓

10 on 7½f.
orange
(Forgery) ✓

Overpt. too low.
Forgery with
"Expt" mark B

The inks used in the forgeries are very slightly too shiny, and in the "10" the height of the figures is ¼ to ¼ mm too small, or slightly off in shape. Quite a few have even been "expertised!" (see also next page).

15 Sept. 1919: Gmiezno Provisional Issue, Contd.

GENUINE OR FORGERY?

(A provisional page about which much work remains to be done)

Three of each of the two stamps (each is distinctly different); one of the "10"s is inverted (not listed in St.Gibbons nor Michel); but A.J.Kocij, in Poolse opdrukken op Germania zegels, 1986, lists it, and calls it "maakwerk" ("printer's waste"). Generally, Kocij writes (my translation): "[of both the 5 and 10(pf) overprints] many forgeries exist, among others in letterpress (typography), litho, offset litho, and with rubber or other stamps. Authentication is, considering the prices, always advisable." One of the main problems is that many authentications of these stamps are also unreliable.

5 on 2Pf. yellowish grey (overpr. "red-brown" (Kocij); "red-brown to brownish red" (Michel), no colour description by Stanley Gibbons):



No authentication, but could well be genuine.
forgery



Authentication:
g/k *ly*
??
forgery



Authentication:
u.p *P. Jakt* *ly*
but genuineness doubtful.
forgery

10 on 7.5 Pf, orange (overpr. "green" (Kocij); "stone-green to blackish green" (Michel 1992/3) but "stone green to yellow-green" (1934); no col.descr. by S.G.):

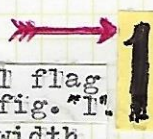


Authentication:
P. Jakt *ly*
but forgery. ✓

Stamp moved to previous page (bottom right)



Short flag of fig. "1".
Total width of "10" small.
Distance between figures small.



Tall flag of fig. "1".
Total width of "10" large.
Distance between figures large.

Both stamps "expertised" by the same person!



Authentications:
P. Jakt *ly*
Looks like a forgery ✓
using original print-int materials.

The Katalog Specjalizowany Znaków Pocztowych Ziemi Polskich (1990), Vol. 1 lists the overprint colours as "carmine-red or red" for the "5", and "green" for the "10", but adds that they were made by lithography.



No authentication.
(2 MUH, 4 H).

forgery



No authentication.
(4 MUH).

forgery

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POLAND: Mi 135-36, Sc 77-78, Fi 71-72 ☉
1919 Gniezno issue overprints on Germania
red "5" on 2pfg & green "10" on 7½pfg,
with "POZNAN / * 9 c / 16.12.19" cds.

EXPERTIZING RESULT:

Genuine in all respects, "10" is position 46.

CONDITION:

Cancelled as per above, previously signed by Koopman.

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PRZEDBÓRZ

(Small town on the Pilica River in Piotrków Province. Pop. less than 10,000 in 1990).

Przedbórz was situated in an area without good road and rail connections, and the Austrian army, which during World War I had occupied this southern part of what had been Russian Poland, established a 2nd Class Staging Post in the town. The difficult conditions, however, required special measures to be taken for the maintenance of postal connections. Until March 15, 1918, the military looked after the area in and around Przedbórz, but after that date the Town Council (Rada Miejska) was entrusted with looking after this service, when the Austrians began withdrawing from Poland, which was starting to regain its national independence.

18 Dec. 1917: Municipal and District Postal Delivery Stamps. Two stamps, printed litho by the Zakład Pański ("Gentlemen's Establishment") in Piotrków Trybunalski, and showing the Polish White Eagle with the inscription "Town of Przedbórz" in Polish and German, and the year "1917". There are two main types:

Type 1:



2 gr red.

4 gr blue.

Type 2:



2 gr red. λ

4 gr blue. λ

The left and right value figures are the same in the bottom pair.

The left and right value figures vary in shape in the bottom pair.

Type 2 stamps occur once in each pane of 4 x 2 stamps.

Due to shortages the 4gr stamp had been used diagonally halved:



4 gr blue: halved.

Perf. 11½. Imperf. also exist.

Quantities: 2gr 2720; 4gr 4640 (Type 2: 2gr 340; 4gr 580).

Validity: on 26/2/1918 replaced by the following issue. See next page.

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POLAND - AUSTRIAN OCCUPATION:

PRZEDBÓRZ LOCAL POST: Mi 1-2A, Fi 1-2B ©

1917 Eagle 2gr red & 4gr blue, perf 11½, with "K.u.K.

ETAPENPOSTAMT / PRZEDBORZ, KREIS KONSK / 24.XII.17" cds.

EXPERTIZING RESULT:

Genuine in all respects, both positions 7. Only 2720 & 4640 printed.

CONDITION:

Cancelled on piece as per above.

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PRZEDBÓRZ.

18 Dec. 1917: First Issue: Municipal and District Postal Delivery Stamps.



Cover sent from Warszawa ("Warschau") on 21.12.1917 to Przedbórz, where it was postmarked 27.XII.17 on local delivery stamps. The First Issue set of 2 + 4 GROSZE was added to pay the correct 6gr local delivery fee for Registered letters.

The cover had been roughly opened and the top-right corner has been somewhat repaired (not affecting stamps or cancels).

The letter has been censored (see Censor's mark in red, indicated by ).

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POLAND - AUSTRIAN & GERMAN OCCUPATION:

PRZEDBÓRZ LOCAL POST: Mi 1-2A, Fi 1-2B

1917 Eagle 2gr red & 4gr blue, perf 11½, with "K.u.K.

ETAPENPOSTAMT / PRZEDBORZ, KREIS KONSK / 27.XII.17" cds,

on registered cover originally franked Germania 15pfg & 20pfg

"Gen. -Goub. Warschau" overprint, tied "'WARSCHAU / * 1 b /

21.12.17" cds, with red censor cachet.

EXPERTIZING RESULT:

Genuine in all respects, stamps positions 2 & 1, cover correctly franked 15pfg postage & 20pfg registration, plus on arrival local post 6gr rate for delivery of registered letter.

CONDITION:

Stamps very fine condition, cover missing backflap & some pieces at UR partly added.

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PRZEDBÓRZ, Contd.

GENUINE OR FORGERY?

First Issue: Polish White Eagle Design.

Printing: litho. Stamp size: 23 x 28.5mm. Paper: medium, white.
Perforation: (A): 11½, (B) imperforate. Also diagonally halved with scissor (4 gr).
Printing block form: 8 x 4 stamps, of which there are 8 types (matrices of 4 x 2 stamps). This makes the distinction true/false particularly difficult to make, in particular because all Prædbórz stamps are known to have been forged. And the distinction of "two types" usually made in the literature, quoted on the previous page, is quite inadequate because really there are eight!

Line Perf. 11½.
small, fluffy
pinholes.
Size: 23½ x 28½
Paper: medium,
white.



Forgery.



Possibly genuine. X

Line Perf. 11½.
Size: 23 x 28½
Paper: medium,
white.

4 gr blue: Perforated:

Line Perf. 11½.
Size: 23½ x 28
Paper: medium,
white.



Forgery.



Possibly genuine.

Line Perf. 11½.
Size: 23 x 28
Paper: medium,
white.

4 gr blue: Imperforate:

No Perf.
Size: 23½ x 28
Paper: medium,
grey.



Forgery.



Forgery.

No Perf.
Size: 23½ x 28
Paper: medium,
white.

4 gr blue: Halved: see previous page. Line Perf. 11½ and, abover all, the apparently vital size criterion is 23 x 28¼, and that stamp could on that account be genuine. Paper: white.

Variations and Proofs.

Mi 1A imperf.proof:



2 gr proof in green
Imperforate (MLH)

Mi 1A: imperf.proof:



2 gr proof in orange
Imperforate (MLH).

Mi 1B perf.proof:



2 gr perforate proof
in orange.

Used! Postmark is
correct & genuine
(possibly C.T.O.)

Expertised by Koopman

Mi 2A perf.proof:



4 gr proof im olive
(dark)
(MLH).

Mi 2B imperforate:



4 gr blue, imperforate
(MUH).

Expertised by Schmutz
& Perzyński (reverse)

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POLAND - AUSTRIAN OCCUPATION:

PRZEDBÓRZ LOCAL POST: Mi 1B(P), Fi 1AP2 *
1917 Eagle 2gr green, color trial on normal paper, imperf.

EXPERTIZING RESULT:

Genuine in all respects, position 4. Only few sheetlets printed.

CONDITION:

Mint with lightly hinged original gum.

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POLAND - AUSTRIAN OCCUPATION:

PRZEDBÓRZ LOCAL POST: Mi 1B(P), Fi 1AP1 *
1917 Eagle 2gr orange, color trial on normal paper, imperf.

EXPERTIZING RESULT:

Genuine in all respects, position 2. Only few sheetlets printed.

CONDITION:

Mint with hinged original gum.

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POLAND - AUSTRIAN OCCUPATION:

PRZEDBÓRZ LOCAL POST: Mi 1A(P), Fi 1BP1 ☉

1917 Eagle 2gr orange, color trial on normal paper, perf 11½,
with "K.u.K. ETAPENPOSTAMT / PRZEDBORZ, KREIS KONSK" cds.

EXPERTIZING RESULT:

Genuine in all respects, position 5. Only few sheetlets printed.

CONDITION:

Cancelled as per above (with hinged original gum),
previously signed by Koopman.

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POLAND - AUSTRIAN OCCUPATION:

PRZEDBÓRZ LOCAL POST: Mi 2A(P), Fi 2BP1 *
1917 Eagle 4gr olive, color trial on normal paper, perf 11½.

EXPERTIZING RESULT:

Genuine in all respects, position 2. Only few sheetlets printed.

CONDITION:

Mint with hinged original gum.

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