March 1918: Stamps of Russia with Modified Overprint.
Overprint in black as follows: Pol.Korp /
No watermark.   Polish White Eagle /
Perf. $14\frac{1}{2}$ x $14\frac{3}{4}$, but also   Value.   (100 kopecks = 1 R
Imperforate.

> Pol. Korp.
>
> k. 35 k.

(a) Perforated:

10k on 3k carmine-red	35k on 1k orange	50k on 2k green	1R on 3k carmine-red

Colour Variation:

35k on 1k
orange-yellow

(b) Imperforate:

10k on 3k carmine-red	35k on 1k orange	50k on 2k green	1R on 3k carmine-red

Colour Variation:

35k on 1k
orange-yellow

POLISH CORPS IN RUSSIA: RECRUITING LABELS.

1916: Recruiting Labels "For the Polish Legionaries" ("LEGIONISTOM POLSKIM").
Printed in Vienna, these labels had no postal value, but served as propaganda
labels which could be bought and stuck on letters - often on the backs of covers
where they served as sealing labels. The proceeds served the recruitment of
Poles for the military organisation which was supported by the Austrians, and
which fought on their side against the Russians in World War I.

There appear to be at least two types, and three colour variations (for the
20 h(alerzy = Heller) even four. Perf. 11½; imperf. also exist.

Type 1: Larger Figures.
    Clean Perforation:

| 2h slightly reddish bright brown | 3h deep green | 10h vermilion | 20h black-violet |

Type 2: Smaller figures,
    Small-pin Perforation:

| 2h deep brown | 3h olive-green | 10h carmine-red | 20h deep violet |

"POLISH MILITARY MAIL"
IN UKRAINE

So far undetected in the literature.   Appears to be a private fantasy production.
Polish Eagle with 2, 5, and 10gr overprints on Ukrainian stamps.   Cancelled
"BEKAHALOSK / 6.9.19 / POL KOrp", with "rp" in lower case instead of capital case.
"Bekahalosk" is a town which appears not to exist.   A complete fraud.

The whole set of the Ukrainian Issue of July, 1918, overprinted 2gr in black:

2gr on 10shahiv,   on 20 shahiv,   on 30 shahiv,   on 40 shahiv,   on 50 shahiv.

Ditto, 5 gr in black:

Ditto, 10 gr in red:

The 30 sh. Ukrainian stamp was printed in a) prussian blue and b) ultramarine
(see above).   The whole set is obtainable for very little money.   The forger
obviously found this a good target for making some fraudulent gain at the expense
of gullible collectors!

Fraudulent Polish Corps stamps on "Letterpiece".

As before:

2gr on 10 shahiv.

10 gr on 10 sh

10 gr on 20 sh

10 gr on 30 sh

10 gr on 40sh

10 gr on 50 sh

KWIDZYN

At 75km S.S.E. of Gdańsk, Kwidzyn (called Marienwerder in German) was a small
town of 13,000 in 1920, when it, following intensive German intimidation, was
allocated to Germany after the plebiscite held under the terms of the Versailles
Treaty, together with its surrounding country. In spite of a century and a half
of unrelenting Germanisation this was still largely Polish. After the flight
of most of the German population at the end of World War II, it was returned to
Poland in 1945. In 1990 the town's (again totally Polish) population stood at
37,000, and the population of the countryside (equally Polish) had also doubled.

13 March, 1920: First Issue printed in Milan, Italy, showing a symbolic female
figure with flags and the inscription "Populi voluntas" at her feet, and "Com-
mission interalliée" on top, with "Marienwerder" at the bottom. Its proper Po-
lish name "Kwidzyn" was nowhere to be found. Litho print. Perf. 11½.

5Pf green.	10Pf red.	15Pf slate	20Pf brown-red
25Pf blue	30Pf orange	40Pf brown	50Pf violet
	60Pf red-brown	75Pf chocolate	
1Mk green/brown	2Mk deep lilac	3Mk vermilion	5Mk blue/red

The Allied Plebiscite Commission was fair-minded and sympathetic enough to the
Polish cause, but had not had sufficient time to get properly organised. This
not only damaged to results of the plebiscite, but inefficiency and theft of
stamps in transit from Italy resulted in shortages, so that German stamps were
also used.

April-May, 1920: Stop-Gap Emergency Issue of the Allied Plebiscite Commission,
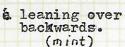Contd.

Variations:

20 Pf pale blue
é heavy (authen-
    ticated)
    (used)

20 Pf Prussian blue
é regular.
        (mint)

75 Pf green/black
C heavy & a little
more closed.

& leaning over
  backwards.
    (mint)

75 Pf deep green/
black: C light
and open.

    (used)

30 Pf orange (normal), and 5 Pf green
(with overprint inverted).
    (used)

25 Apr. - 11 May, 1920: The 27
Mar. - 8 May Overprinted German
"Germania" Issue with further
Mark value surcharges, e.g.:

| 1 Mark 1 |
| Commission |
| Interalliée |
| Marienwerder |

Four Pfennige values surcharged with
four new Mark values, as shown
below.

1 Mk on 2 Pf
light grey.

2 Mk on 2½ Pf
grey.

3 Mk on 3 Pf
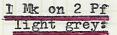brown.

5 Mk on 7½ Pf
orange.

Overprints of the original issue, and the present value surcharges were typo-
graphed by Wendt Groll's Printing Works at Kwidzyn.
Quantities: 1 Mk 25,000; 2 Mk 40,000; 3 Mk 30,000; 5 Mk 36,000.

Variations:

There exists an abundance of printing mistakes and flaws in this issue.
Examples:

1 Mk on 2 Pf
light grey:

left figure 1
has left part
of foot
incomplete.

"Mark" higher than
the figures "1".
(authenticated)

1 Mk on 2Pf
light grey

Left leg of "M"
not vertical.

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Variations, Contd.

3 Mk on 3 Pf. brown:

M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
in Mark
Authentic. Göhr.

M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
in Mark
*Authent. Dr. OERTEL (red), also
O. Kn.
(black)*

M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
in Mark
*Authent. A.P. (black);
also (illegible, green).*

Damaged M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
M in Mark
Authent. Dr. OERTEL (red); also O.K. (black).

M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
M in Mark
é in Interalliée
(diagonal bar in é,
smallish).
*Authenticated Dr. Hindrichs,
also ⊗*

M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
M in Mark
é in Interalliée
(diagonal bar in é, small)
*Authent.
Dr. OERTEL*

M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
M in Mark
é in Interalliée
(Diagonal bar in é,
small).
*Authenticated
Dr. Hindrichs*

M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
M in Mark
Large é in Interalliée

Overprint Inverted:

M in Marienwerder
Large open C in Commission
M in Mark
Horizontal bar in é of Interalliée,
(as in final é)