

Variations, Contd.:

5 Mk on 7½ Pf
orange:



M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
M in Mark



M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
M in Mark



M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
M in Mark
5 block type
(authenticated JMOERTEL
in red)



Round open
M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
M in Mark



M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
M in Mark



M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
Left 5 broken (at
bottom)
M in Mark



M in Marienwerder
C in Commission
é block type (as
final e) in Interallée
M in Mark

KWIDZYN, Contd.

1 July, 1920: Supplementary Values. Germania Issue in High Values in litho print.

Commission
Interallée
Marienwerder

with larger overprint in black,
(typography, by the German State
Printing Office in Berlin).



1 Mk red.



1.25 Mk green.



1.50 Mk yellow-brown.



2.50 Mk lilac-pink.

Quantities: 1Mk 114,000; 1.25Mk 115,000; 1.50Mk 111,000; 2.50Mk 116,000.
Paper: thin, white. Gums: clear. Watermark: vertical diamonds.

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KWIDZYN, Contd.

Aug. 1920: Second Issue printed in Milan, Italy. As the First Issue of 13th March, but the inscription in the top frame now reads "PLEBISCITE", and at the bottom "MARIENWERDER / KWIDZYN". The quality of the printing (lithography) has been improved, and the perforation is now 11.



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 ultramarine/
red

OLSZTYN

At 175 km almost due north of Warsaw, Olsztyn was a rural town of 38,000 in 1920, when it, following intensive German propaganda, was allocated to Germany together with most of the surrounding countryside after a plebiscite held under the terms of the Versailles treaty. Now it is a thriving Polish city with (in 1990), an all-Polish population of 160,000, and a wojewódstwo (provincial) capital. It was returned to Poland in 1945.

PLÉBISCITE

OLSZTYN
ALLENSTEIN

Issued 8 April, 1920.

Perf. 14 x 14½.

Watermark: vertical diamonds.

German stamps, overprinted "PLÉ-BISCITE / OLSZTYN / ALLENSTEIN", the latter being the German name.



5Pf green



10Pf red



15Pf violet



15Pf brown-lilac
(Iss.1/5/20)



20Pf blue



30Pf orange &
black / salmon



40Pf carmine &
black



50Pf violet &
black / salmon



75Pf deep green
& black



1Mk red



1.25Mk green



1.50Mk brown



2.50Mk rose-red



3Mk black-violet

OLSZTYN, Contd.

8 April, 1920 issue.

Variations:



5Pf bright green
(Plate printing).
(used)



15Pf deep
brown-lilac
(iss. 3/8/20)



Overprint placed too
high (does not obliterate
"DEUTSCHES REICH"); this
variety was called
"Siegesmarke" ("Victory
Stamp") by the Germans.
Error printed after Plebis-
cite results became known.



Colour variety:
20Pf violet-blue.



50Pf second printing:
paper chamois-coloured.
(used)



1Mk red:
second printing (with
heavier type overprint)



3Mk black-violet:
second printing (with
heavier type overprint)

GÓRNY ŚLĄSK
(UPPER SILESIA)

The principal part of Poland's mining and industrial region and the main part of Silesia (its eastern half), Śląsk is the original cradle of Poland's Piast Royal Dynasty. Its western parts had been heavily Germanised since the long period of German encroachments and forced germanisation under Prussian rule. As a result, only its easternmost part (but industrially most important) was returned to newly re-established Poland after the 1920 plebiscite. The seat of the International Plebiscite Commission, Opole (German Oppeln) was, together with its surrounding country area, allocated to Germany, in spite of the fact that the majority of its population was still obviously Polish, although many of them had been intimidated into voting for the Germans.

20 Feb. 1920: Issue by the International Plebiscite Committee. Printed in Paris. Inscriptions in French, Polish and German. Perf. 14 x 13½. Figure design; 9 stamps.



2½ Pf:
slate.



3 Pf:
lilac-brown.



5 Pf:
green.



10 Pf:
vermilion.



15 Pf:
violet.



20 Pf:
bright blue.



50 Pf:
brown-lilac.



1 Mark:
lilac-rose



5 Mark:
orange.

Quantities: 2½Pf 900,000; 3Pf 900,000; 5Pf 5,000,000; 10Pf 3,000,000;
15Pf 6,000,000; 20Pf 9,000,000; 50Pf 300,000; 1Mk 300,000; 5Mk 300,000.

UPPER SILEZIA, Contd.

3 - 13 March, 1920: Stop-Gap Issue of Surcharges on 5, 15 and 20Pf Stamps of the Previous Issue, Typo by the Raab Printing Shop in Opole, in several types.

(1): 5Pf (black) on 20Pf bright blue: 4 types:



Type I



Type II



Type III



Type IV

(1a) Variations: Surcharges mistakenly (or on purpose?) printed on a few sheets of 15Pf violet, also in the 4 types:



Type I



Type II

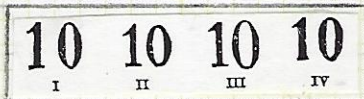


Type III



Type IV

(2): 10Pf (red) on 20Pf bright blue: 4 types:



Type I



Type II



Type III



Type IV

(3): 50Pf (black) on 5 Mk orange; 5 types:



Type I



Type II



Type III



Type IV



Type V

UPPER SILESIA, Contd.

3 - 13 March, 1920: Stop-Gap Issue of Surcharges, Contd.

(1): 5Pf (black) on 20Pf bright blue. Further details:



Type I
"P" shaped



Type I
Rounded "P"
"f" small flag.



Type I
Rounded "P"
Surch. double entry.



Type II
Rounded "P"



Type IV
Rounded "P"
(type "a")



Type IV
Rounded "P"
(type "a")
Surch. double entry.



Type IV
"P" shaped
(type "b")



Type IV
"P" shaped
(type "b")
Right base of
foot broken off



Surch. + inverted
surcharge
(Type II + Type I
inverted;
"P" both rounded
type "a")

UPPER SILESIA, Contd.

3 - 13 March, 1920: Stop-Gap Issue of Surcharges, Contd.

(1a): 5Pf (black) on 15Pf violet. Further details:



Type I
"P" rounded
(type "a")
Authenticated
D&M MÜLLER
LEOBSCHUTZ



Type II
"P" rounded
"f" almost without
flag.
Surcharge seems
clearly fraudulent.



Type III
"P" shaped P
(type "b")
Authenticated
"Geprüft
M. Haertel"
(in red!)



Type IV
"P" rounded
(type "a")
Authenticated
D&M MÜLLER
LEOBSCHUTZ



Type IV
"P" shaped P
Authenticated
"Geprüft
M. Haertel"
(in red!)

Note: "LEOBSCHUTZ" is the German name for the town of Głubczyce in Opole Province, near the Czech border.

Note: The Haertel authentication marks in red seem somewhat curious, but the surcharges seem genuine (although they have not yet been submitted for re-authentication).