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The Different Postal Matter Cards

Five different Polish stationery were used as postal matter cards. Two of these, divided in „Question“ and „Answer“ cards, were separated so that seven PSK were overprinted for the collectors' office.

The original value stamps of PSK 1 and PSK 2 were overprinted with four horizontal bars, the others receiving five bars, in order to conceal the respective printings.

Next to this overprinted value stamp, on the left stands a two line overprint: „DEUTSCHE POST OSTEN / POSTKARTE“, and above the overprint: „POSTSACHE“.

Overprint variations

The postal matter cards overprints can present some slight differences.

The following remarkable variations are documented:

- „POSTKARTE“ = Length 34,00 to 37,00 mm
- „POSTSACHE“ = Length 31,75 to 32,00 mm
- Open and nearly closed „C“
- Mutilated „P“

These differences, within identical postal matter cards, indicate an often change of the clichés.

Different measures of the overprints „DEUTSCHE POST OSTEN / POSTKARTE / POSTSACHE“ to the overprinted bars on cards of the same type, indicate that the overprints were made in several separate runs.



Cards have been documented with shifted (oblique) overprints.

Communications on the backside of the Postal Matter Cards

26 different texts exist on postal matter cards. The overprint on the backside and the number of cards printed between 1940 and 1944, were dictated by the actual needs.

Not all 7 types of cards were overprinted with the 26 texts. In research about these facts, one depends on many searchers in order to establish an exact list of which card bears which text. A complete overview hereof can be seen at the end of this chapter. It may copied and use as list to tick off missing items, for example.

Postal Matter Card 1 (PSK1):



Value Stamp:

Poland Coat of Arms on grey background of vertical stripes and frame with decorations. The value stamp 10 Gr. (Groszy) is printed in blue. The original value cipher „20“ on the value stamp is overprinted with bars.

Front:

„TELEFON MIEDZYMIASTOWY – TO NAJSZYBSZY POSLANIEC !“
(Telephone in long-distance communication – The fastest messenger)

„ADRES NADAWCY:“ (Sender Address), „KARTKA POCZTOWA“ (Postcard),
„z opłaconą odpowiedzią“ (With paid answer),

Overprint: Deutsche Post Osten, POSTKARTE, Postsache
The polish value stamp was overprinted with 4 bars

Printing Notice: M.P.i.T. (IX-1933) 500.000.

Polish Stationery: Michel # P 62 F

Brief Designation: Coat of Arms, „z opłaconą ...“

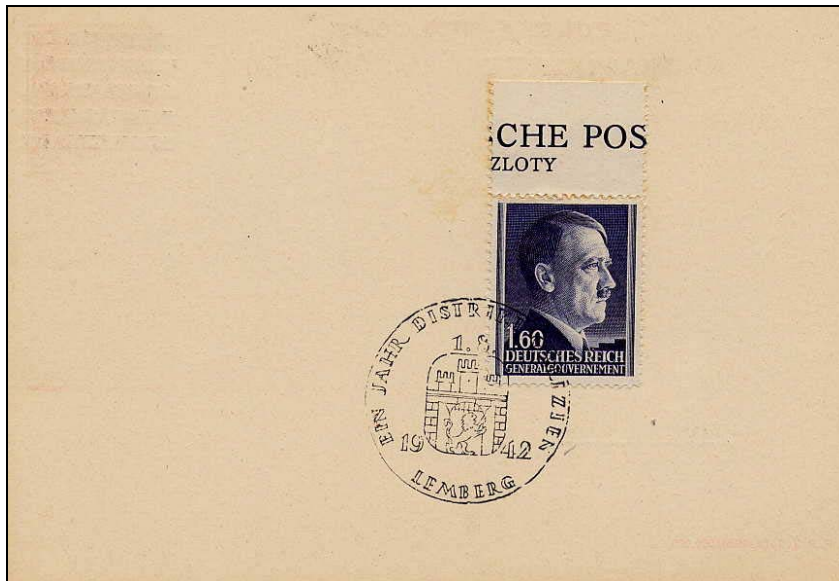
Print Differences



PSK1 is only known with an open „C“

1 PSK I (Blank)

1.1 Picture



1.2 Description

Backside is blank (for individual notices from the collectors' office)

The backside was also often use to fix stamps sent to the collectors' office and cancel them.

1.3 Used Postal Matter Cards

PSK1, PSK2, PSK3, PSK4, PSK5, PSK6, PSK7

1.4 Dates of use

07.41 – 07.44

1.5 Peculiarities



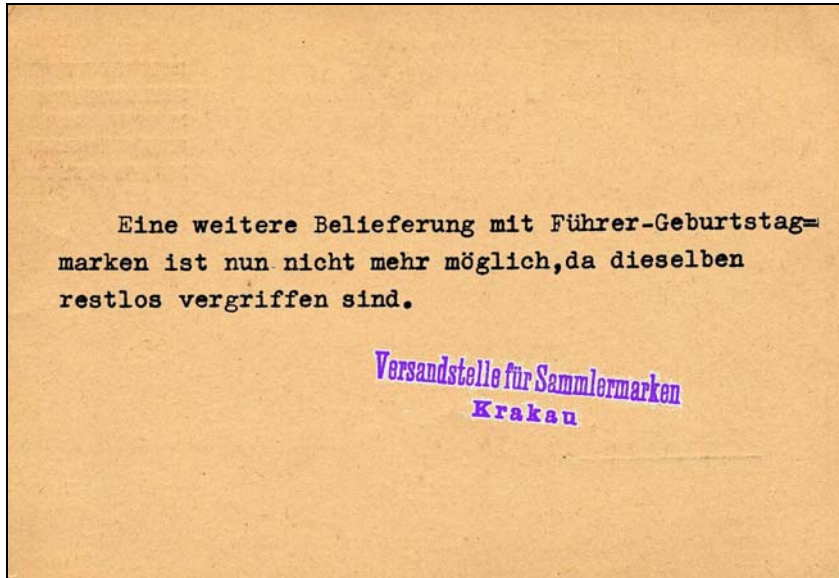
Backside cancellation of
Special stamps with corresponding
Special Cancel



Blank cancel with Special Cancel S29
for collector

PSK I a (blank – Collectors' office Notice)

Picture



Description

Backside blank

The backside of PSK I a was used for individual notices by the Collectors' office in Krakow..

Used Postal Matter Cards

PSK3, PSK4, PSK5

Dates of use

17.07.41 – 19.11.1943

Peculiarities



With Official Seal from the Collectors' office