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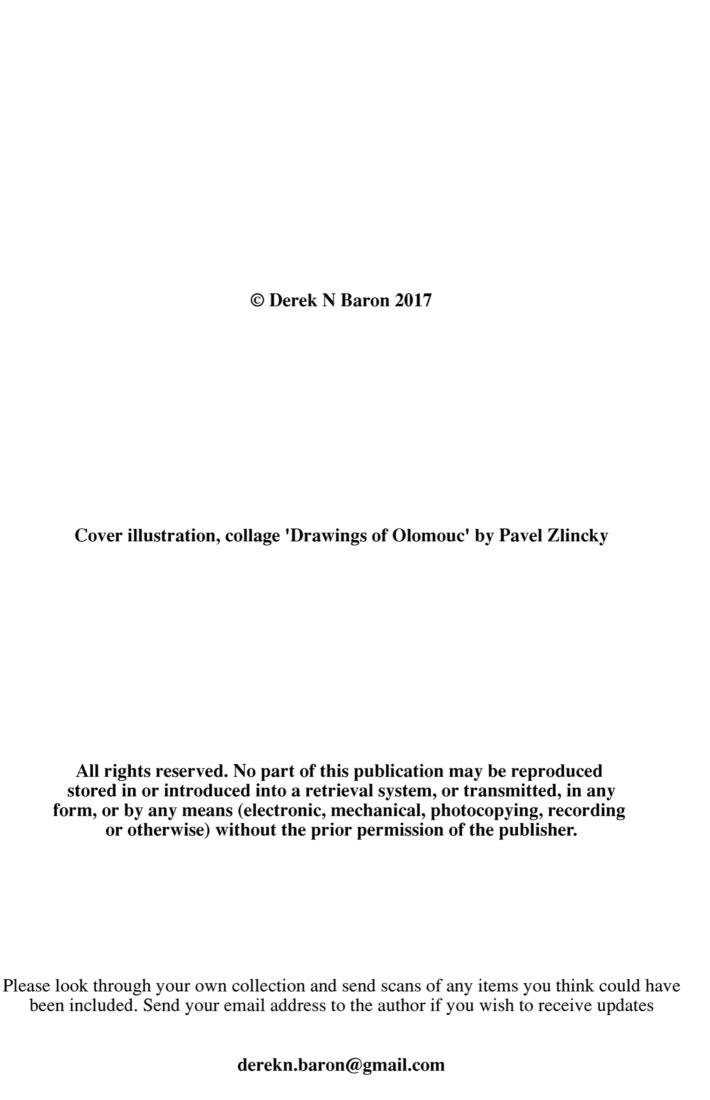
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Preface

My interest in Olomouc started in 1997, when after early retirement in 1996, after 34 years of teaching chemistry, I was looking for a job. I had decided that as my teaching career had started abroad (3 years in Jamaica) I would also try to end my career by teaching in a foreign country. After enrolling in a TEFL course, but being unsuccessful in job seeking in Bulgaria, where I had friends, I applied to VSO. They had no jobs in Bulgaria, but would I be interested in teaching chemistry in English in a state school in the Czech Republic. I soon decided that teaching English probably was not a good idea, so my wife and I were soon packing our bags, then on our way to Olomouc.

Olomouc is a small university city, an absolute gem. Cobbled streets, soaring spires, wonderfully baroque churches, coffee houses, opera house, three cinemas showing English language films and a multitude of cultural events. School was like being in teachers' heaven, the students were polite and friendly, coming to school to work, I never had to raise my voice once. The whole curriculum was taught in English so all my Czech colleagues were teaching and explaining mathematics, history, geography, Spanish etc. in English. I was provided with a two bedroom flat with cable TV as well as a salary the Czech equivalent of a senior teacher and I thought I was a volunteer! The standard of teaching and attainment was very high and all students studied every subject, opting just before leaving to take their Maturita examinations in 4 subjects in which they had extra lessons. 90+% went on to university and thanks to the wonders of email I am still in touch with quite a number of them. Some of these students have improved my collection by translating during their visits to me in Otley, to one in particular Lucie Lachnitova, who lived for a while in Leeds, I am very much indebted. My present translator is Daniela Kupkova.

I have returned to visit friends in Olomouc most years since. It was on one of those visits that we visited the Brno 2000 Philatelic Exhibition. Looking at what the dealers had to offer I found some fascinating covers from Olomouc of the Occupation period. That is when my interest in the postal history of Olomouc started and my collection grew quite rapidly. At first I carried printed lists when I visited fairs and dealers, but type numbers and dates are not all that informative. As my collection of literature grew I was also able to scan a few postmarks and show them to dealers as my wants list. A lot of the material I was collecting wasn't in any literature and I also wanted to have a reminder with me when buying. Those were either scanned and retouched or drawn on the computer, my piece of paper soon became a small booklet. As I research on the internet more come to light, my booklet increases in size all the time and now shows around 1600 illustrations as well as information about other marks which are similar or I have not yet seen examples of. It is not a complete version of all the postmarks associated with Olomouc post offices and never will be. I am hoping that you will search through your collection and let me know of other items that I can record.

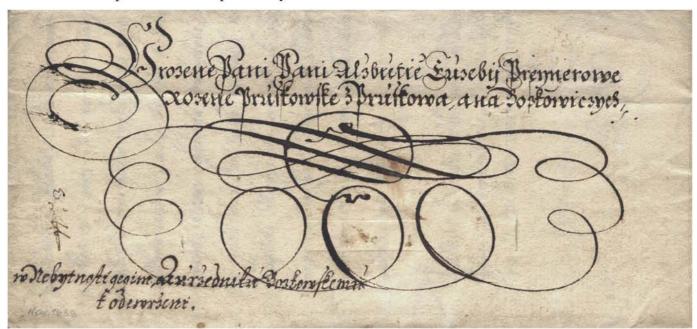
I have to record thanks to Josef Dočkal, of Olomouc, who has given much information and encouragement, some of the rarer examples shown are taken from photocopies of items in his collection. My grateful thanks to the Faber and Dostál families for their friendship and hospitality during our many visits to Olomouc. Many thanks are due to my wife for her patience and understanding during the preparation of this book, and also for her willingness to sort through numerous bits of dirty paper in dealers' boxes to help me increase my collection. Lastly thanks to Rex Dixon, my editor, who has helped me eliminate many errors and inconsistencies, any remaining are entirely my fault.

You can view most of the material in my collection by typing olomoucpost.hxinter.net into the address line in your browser.

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Early Post

The earliest example of Olomouc post in my collection:



Dated April 1638, in the 20th year of the Thirty Years War, the only mention of Olomouc is in the sender's address written at the end of his correspondence. It was written in the office of the Chief Justice of the Moravian March and the elected Moravian Commander Julius II of Salm-Neuburg, Lord of Tovačov. Sent to the Lady Alzbeta Eusebie Breinerova born Pristkovska from Pristov and Boskovice. Julius is reponding to complaints made by her subjects concerning higher taxes and duties, and forced labour that Lady Elizabeth introduced to her estates, much higher and troublesome than the old customary obligations of her serfs. Julius of Salm strongly advises or even orders as Chief Judge that Elizabeth returns to the old customs.

Julius II of Salm-Neuburg was an interesting character as he persuaded Emperor Ferdinand III to move the office of the Chief Judge from Brno to Olomouc so that the office was much nearer to his estates in Tovačov. The office was in one of the three houses that were bought by Julius to form the Salm Palace in the Upper Square in Olomouc, now Horní náměste 1 (a post office from 1853 to 1886). He resigned in 1640 and Olomouc was occupied by the Swedes in 1642, so all the offices moved to Brno and Olomouc was no longer the capital of Moravia.

Not many people can translate old Czech, so I am very lucky that I found a colleague from Hejčín Gymnasium, Jan Dvorsky, who not only provided the translation, but also the historic background.

Handstamps first came into use in Olomouc on 1 January 1818 after a decree issued on 18th November 1817. The decree was because of a change in rates which became based on distance and not just weight, so an indication of the post office of origin was necessary.

Black ink was usually used, but sometimes blue or greyish green was used instead. Red could be used if the sender had already paid the postage, which was also indicated by using a 'FRANCO' handstamp.

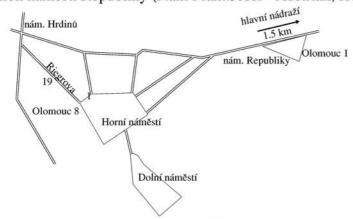
After the introduction of postage stamps on 1 June 1850 only black was allowed although examples of other colours being used can be found.

Post Offices

Note: Counter codes in brackets () are in my collection but not in the relevant Monografie.

Olomouc 1

Location náměstí Republiky (Nam Frant.Josef - Austrian, Horst-Wessel Platz -)





Horní náměstí 1 Olomouc 1 from 1853 to 1886



Riegrova 19 Oldest building used as a post office in Moravia. Used from 1652 into the 20th Century



Náměstí Republiky.

The imposing building on the right has been Olomouc 1 from 1886 to present. Now converted into a restaurant, the post office occupies a small room to the left of the grand entrance hall.

Modern reproduction of an old postcard, the square's name would have been náměstí Franz Josef

The earliest known mail from Olomouc was in 1528, court records show postmaster Antonina sent a letter by messenger to Tovačov. By 1572 there was a well established relay messenger service from Poland and Silesia through Olomouc to Vienna and Italy, this required a postmaster and stabling for the horses. On the death of Petr Pavel Pier in 1628 his widow Kunhuta Pierová took over, but the service suffered when the city was occupied by the Swedes in 1642. On her death in 1649 the vacancy was taken over by Martin Fabetitz who bought in 1652 Riegrova 19 (Litovelska), the building still standing, now used as a dress shop, is the oldest known building used as a post office in Moravia.

Fabetitz died in January 1671, he was succeeded in office by his widow together with Jan Hoffman. In 1673 the service was taken over by Jonáš Frant. Preyer, who in 1686 bought a pretentious building with a wine bar known as the 'Golden Tree', Horní nám 27. In 1692 with Frant. Bernard Prokop, Knight of Rabštejna he bought another house. At the time of the plague epidemic mail was suspected of being a carrier and both houses were burnt down, but soon rebuilt. After Prokop's death on April 24 1727 the office was taken by Maximilian Ant. from Metzburg, but he died in 1730. Joseph Sauer a local alderman then took over, who to maximise his income relentlessly pursued illicit messengers and carters. In 1736 the post office was at the 'Golden Cross', Horní nám. 54.

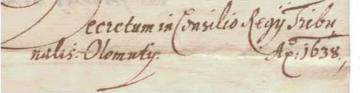
Names of other postmasters are: 1756-1785 Baltazar Holer, 1785-1791 Jana Nepomuka Follera, 1802 Pavla Patku, 1803-1806 Tomáš Weisse, 1806-1808 Frant. Hessinga, 1808-1818 Jakuba Scholze, 1818-1849 Frant. Winkler whose son Robert inherited the post. In 1853 the post office was in the house of Robert Winkler, Horní nám. 1.

In 1850 the post office became state owned, Winkler received a handsome rent for the use of the post office and became its manager. He died 12 October 1865, however his sister Clementium Winklerova became post mistress until her death in 1899.

Completed in 1886 an impressive new post office Olomouc 1 was built in nám. Republiky (nám. Franz Josef). This building did not meet with universal approval as it was considered by the public to be too far from the city centre, so a sub post office was quickly opened (see Olomouc 3). Reference: philatelic magazine Pošta PNS 1985.

Monografie 13/14 First recorded post 1611, manuscript Olmütz

From my collection



Manuscript Done vllmily.

Entire 1804 OLDUCET K. St. Magistre

Austrian Cancellers

Three varieties of letter heights

1. O 4mm rest 3mm 1818

2. O 4.5mm rest 4mm 1823-27

3. All 4mm 1824-29

Dates from my collection

26 mm 4. Type C.37 1833

Olmüt3

OLMUTZ

3. Type A.1 1833 31.5 mm

1. Type A.1

1818

20 mm

30mm OLMUTZ OLMÜTZ

OLMÜTZ

5. Type E.93 1833



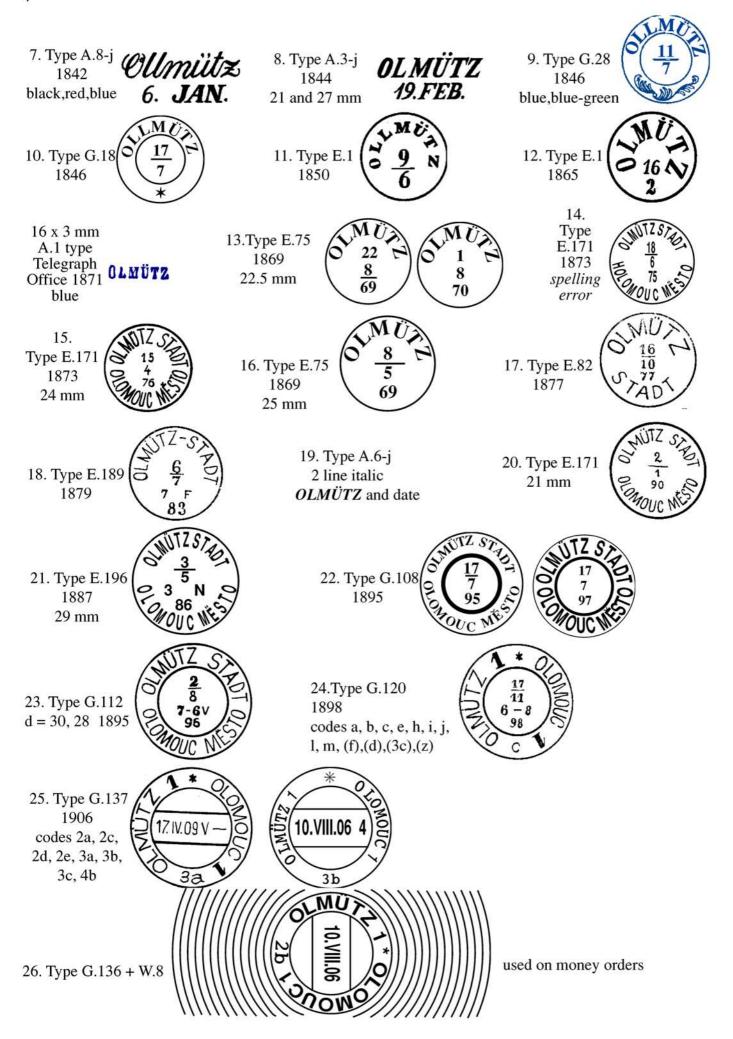
Rather foresighted of the postmaster as instructions to include day and month came in 1838 and the year in 1867

6. Type A.3-j 1840 31.5 mm black, red blue, green

2. Type A.1

1827

OLLMÜTZ 4. JUL



Other handstamps used in the post office;









RECOM: FRANCO

C.210 1834

A.40 1844 18 mm A.20 1847

stamps









E.285 1873

E.287 1890 / 1897

 $N^{\circ}5$ GRANDE-ARMÉE

Nº 5. PORT-PAYÉ A.137 GRANDE-ARMÉE 1805 Nº 5. DÉB. GRANDE-ARMÉE 1918-1920 Monografie 16

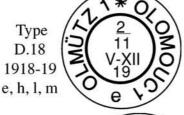
Mentioned in literature but I haven't seen any examples.

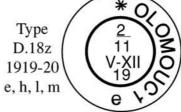
Olmütz, Industrie u.Gewerbe Ausstellung 16.6-30.9.1892

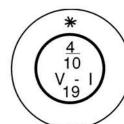
Olmütz, 2 Industrie u. Gewerbe Ausstellung 16.6-30.9.1902

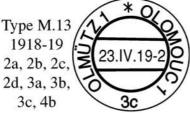
Olmütz-Ausstellung 10.6.1907

FRANCO









Type M.13z1919-20 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4b



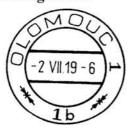


S.4 1918-19

S.4z 1919-20

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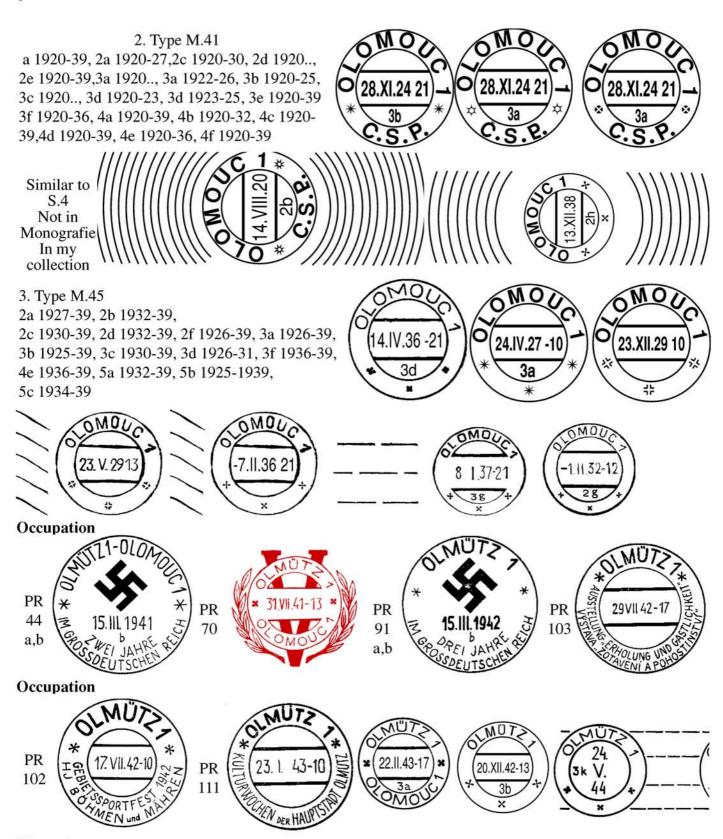
1. Type AM.1 1919-20











Liberation

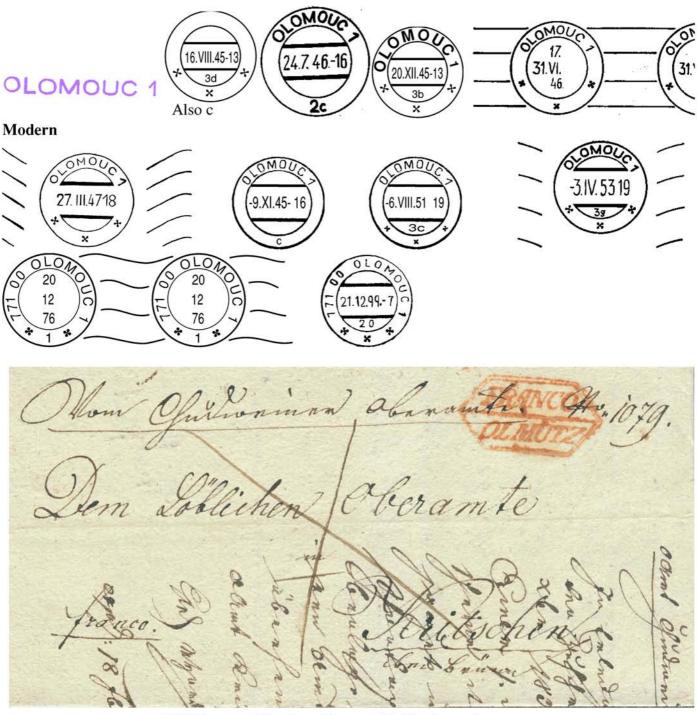
Used parcel cancel whilst German cancellers were altered. Altered Reich used until 1947

Osvobození Olomouce Rudou armádou 8. 5. 1945.

violet, red and blue

Osvobození Olomouce "Rudou armádou" 8. 5. 1945. red and blue

16. V. 1945



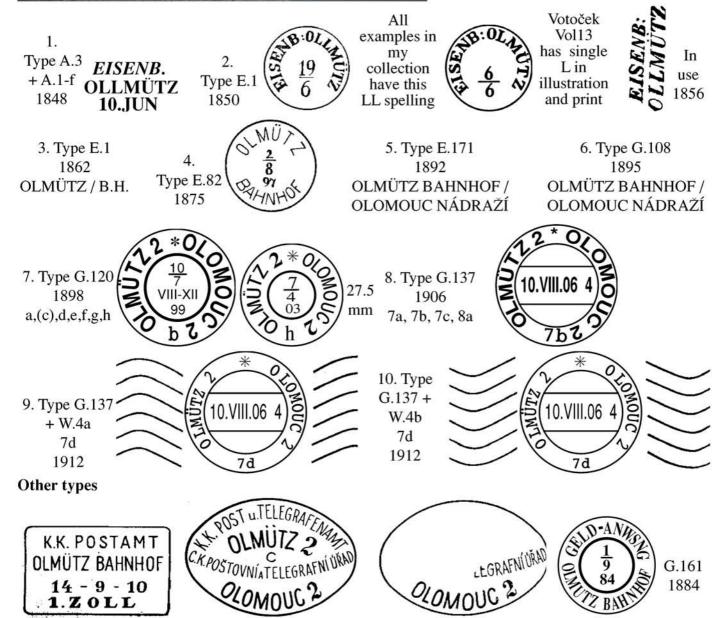
1835 January 6 Entire with several indications of payment.
Franco means fully paid
Handstamps in red indicated that the item was fully paid
Unusual red hexagonal handstamp with the word FRANCO
Manuscript franco
Manuscript cross also indicates full payment

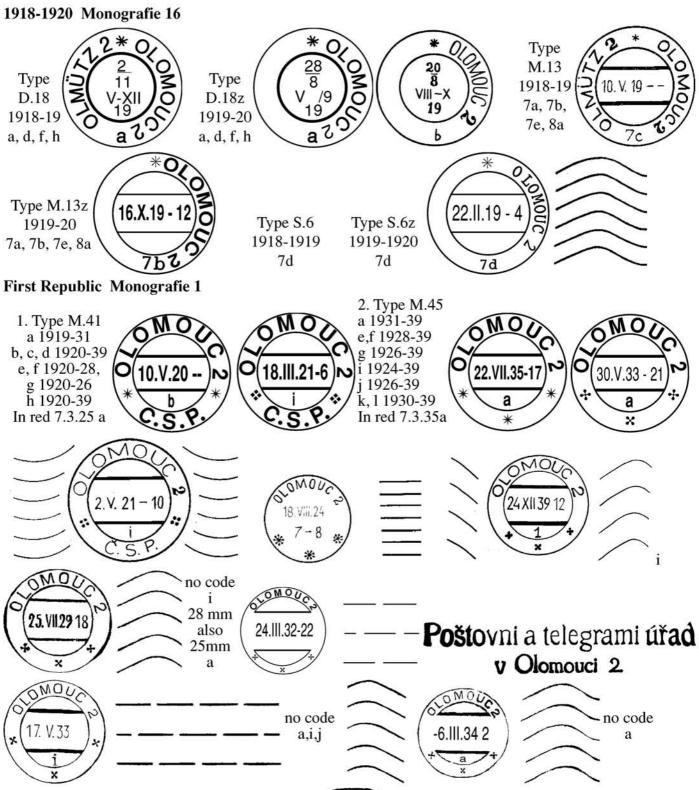
Posted to Kritschen near Brno about 70 English miles or 7 postal stations. The rate should have been 6 kreuzer the manuscript 12 on the reverse indicates that it was registered which is not shown.

Location: Railway station, Hlavní nádraží.



The railway arrived from Vienna in 1841 and continued through to Prague in 1845. Immediate use of this rapid form of transport by the post services resulted in the opening of a post office at the railway station in 1847. It was designated as Olomouc 2 on 17.2.1896. In those days the station was located at Na Špici about 0.5km nearer Prague than the present station. The modern station Hlavní Nádraží was constructed in 1960 together with the new post office building adjacent.



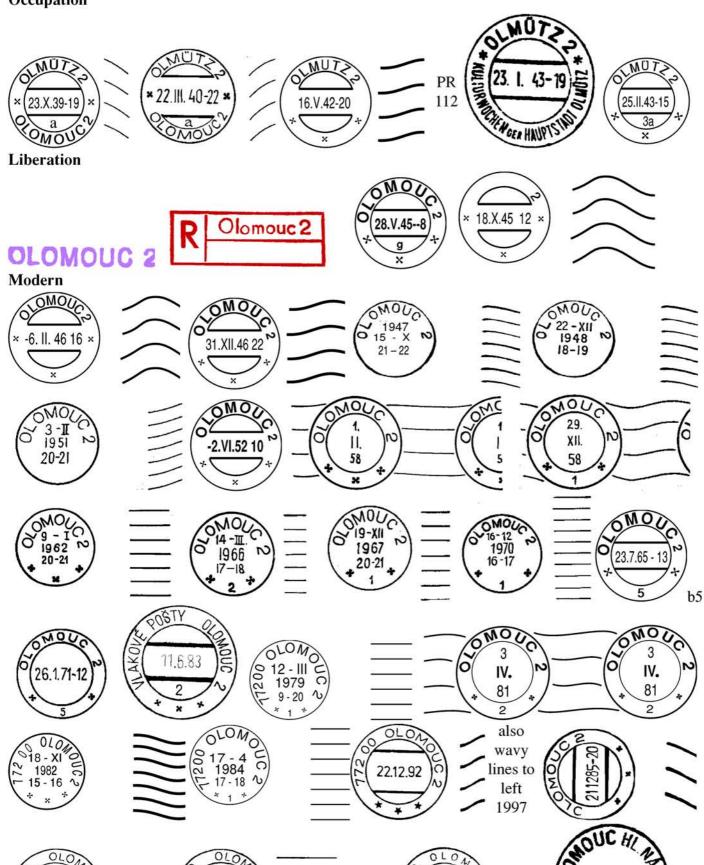


KONTROLA vlakových pošt Olomouc 2

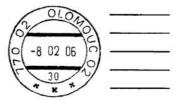


1936 Railway parcel post

Occupation













POŠTA OLOMOUC 2 odd. přeprava



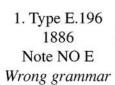
Letter from a girl in Olomouc to her boy friend in a work camp near Vienna. She gives him news of his friends in other work camps.



This cover, which never left the country, was sent during a Soviet inspired purge of mainly Jewish officials. The ambassador to Israel was recalled and after brutal interrogation was sentenced to death, later commuted to hard labour in a Uranium mine. He was declared innocent and released 2 years after Stalin's death.

A sub-post office (filiálka) was opened 5.11.1886 due to public demand just one month after the new Olomouc 1 moved to nám. Republiky. It first occupied the old Olomouc 1 premises in Horní nám. 1, for a time was in Horní nám. 2, but in 1899 was in Riegrova 7. It changed to Olomouc 3 on 17.2.1896. It is unclear when it moved to Pavlovická ulice but there it has remained.







2. Type E.196 1889 with E



3. Type G.120 1898 a, b, (d)



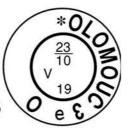


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Type D.18 1918-19 code b

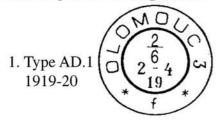


Type D.18z Not in Monografie 16



Type M.13 Type M.13z 1919-20 1919-20 a, c,d,e,g,h

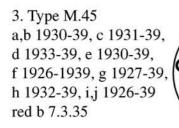
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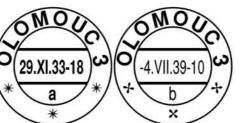


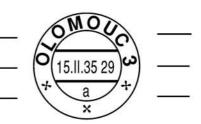
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Occupation





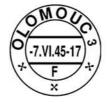






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Modern



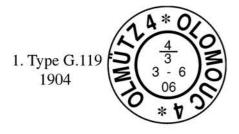




Incorrect spelling, should be OLOMOUCE

Olomouc 4
Opened 30.3.1904 in Palackého 2, but on 31.12.1924 seems to have merged with Olmouc 3. It reappears in Černovír in 1956, but now is to be found back on Palackého at Nádraží město.







1. Type D.16 1918-19

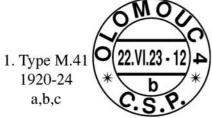
1a. Type D.16z 1919-20



2. Type M.13 2. Type M.13z 1918-19 code a

1919-20 code a

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Modern







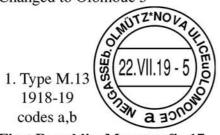
Opened 15.4.1893 I.P.Pavlova (Neugasse bei Olmütz - Nová Ulice u Olomouce). Třida kor-prince Rudolfa (Austrian), Brünner Straße (Occupation). Appears to occupy what was once the Gatekeepers lodge on the eastern side of the University hospital, due for demolition when the hospital can find sufficient funds to widen the access road.





2. Type G.137 (3) 13.III.8 - 8

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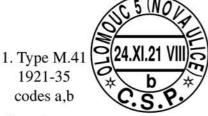
1. Type M.13z 1919-20 codes a,b

19.VIII.35 - 18

C



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2. Type M.45 a,b 1935-39 c 1927-37



Liberation

Olomoue 5

Modern





Opened on 11.10.1897 Hatschein-Hřeptschein - Hejčín-Řepčín. This post office has been demolished and the new Olomouc 9 built in its place. Olomouc 6 is now located in a new shopping mall at Šantovka.



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1. Type G.139 codes a,b,c

1. Type M.13 1a.Type M.13z 1918-19 1919-20 codes a,b,c codes a,b,c



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2. Type M.41 1921-32 codes a,b,c



3. Type M.45 1932-39 codes a,b,c













Opened on 14.6.1903 Hodolany-Rolsberk-Hodolein-Rolsberg. Jirásekgasse (Occupation). This office moved to Nové Sady and occupied what is now Olomouc 12.



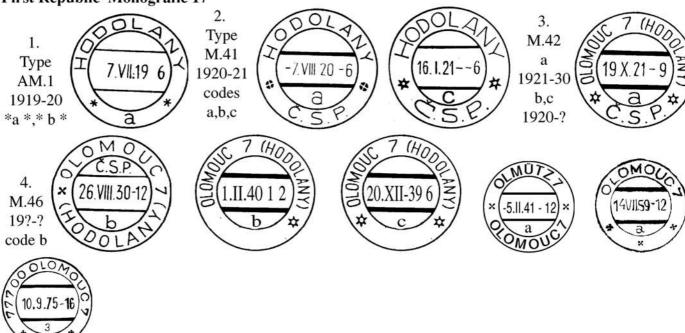
3. Type G.139 HODOLANY*HODOLEIN 19.. a,b

1. not known

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1. Type M.13 HODOLANY*HODOLEIN a,b 1918-19

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Personal delivry cover within the same district of Olomouc

Opened on 23.3.1871 Paulowitz Bei Olmütz - Pavlovice u Olomouce. Siemensgasse (Occupation). It is unclear when it moved to Horní námešte 27 (across Riegrova from Horní nám. 1) but before 1985. It is the busiest post office in Olomouc because of its location.



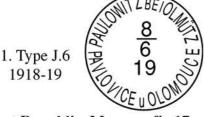
1. Type E.82 PAULOWITZ / b: OLMÜTZ 1871 d = 21.5

2. Type E.82 PAULOWITZ / b: OLMÜTZ 1867 d = 26



1.X.15 4. G.137 1909 code a

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1a. Type J.6z 1919-20

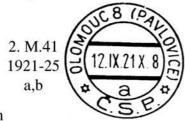
2. Type M.13 a 1918-1919 as above G.137

2a. Type M.13z a 1919-20



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1921 Name changed Olomouc 8 Pavlovice



3.M.45 1925-36 a,b



4.M.45 a,b 1936-39 c 1931-39

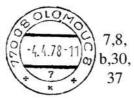


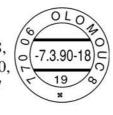
1. not known













The 11th hour of the 11th month

Opened on 24.1.1908 Chwalkowitz, Bezirk Olmütz - Chvalkovice, Okres Olomouc (Na Hané). Moved to Foersterova on 21.7.1917, then to Neředin in 1984. Now in a new building Ladova 9, adjacent to Hejčín Gymnasium. It is the main post office in Olomouc where all the parcels and letters are first delivered for redistribution around the city. There is a large parking area behind the post office for all the vans used.









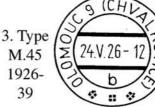
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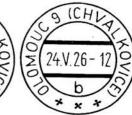
1921 Changed to Olomouc 9 1. Type AM.1 1919-21



2. Type 13.VII.21 M.41 1921-39









Olomouc 9. 22.5.45



Closed soon after Liberation, but reopened later.







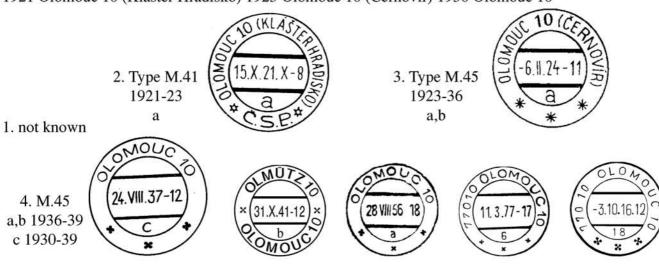
Opened on 30.3.1904 Kloster Hradisch Bei Olmütz - Klášter Hradisko u Olomouce. Chwalkowitzer Strasse. (Occupation). Moved to the site of the present Olomouc 4 at Nádraží město until fairly recently and is now to be found at Foersterova in the office used as Olomouc 9.





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1921 Olomouc 10 (Klášter Hradisko) 1923 Olomouc 10 (Cernovir) 1930 Olomouc 10



Opened on 21.10.1891 Neustift bei Olmütz - Novosady u Olomouce. Obere Neustifterstraße (Occupation). Closed permanently soon after liberation.

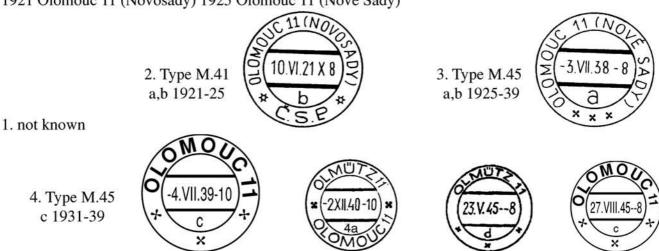


1918-1920 Monografie 16

Type M.13 NEUSTIFT bei OLMÜTZ*NOVOSADY u OLOMOUCE a,b 1918-19 Type M.13z *NOVOSADY u OLOMOUCE a,b 1919-

First Republic Monografie 17

1921 Olomouc 11 (Novosady) 1925 Olomouc 11 (Nové Sady)



German canceller reported in use after Liberation.



Registered cover to a work camp (Lager) in Ostrava

Opened in 1983, Janského 8, near Povel Gymnazium.



Rather neglected in my collection, even though it was the nearest post office to my flat!



Other Post Offices

These have come to light recently, but I have few examples yet of any post marks used.

Olomouc 14 Křerov, Jánošikova

Olomouc 15 renamed Svatý Kopeček post office

Olomouc 17 renamed Slavinin, E.Zoly post office

Olomouc 19 renamed Nemilany post office

Specially printed post free card from Olomouc 15 to Buštěhrad claiming 6kč that they had undercharged for an item posted to Olomouc. The same card has been posted back with two 3kč stamps as payment.



Newspaper Stamps

For a six-week period from 18th December 1918 due to a shortage of stamps some newspapers (the 'Našinec' *One of Ours* in Olomouc was one) were allowed to print their own newspaper stamps. They had to be printed with the words 'Franco hotové zaplaceno' (Paid in cash). NN18.

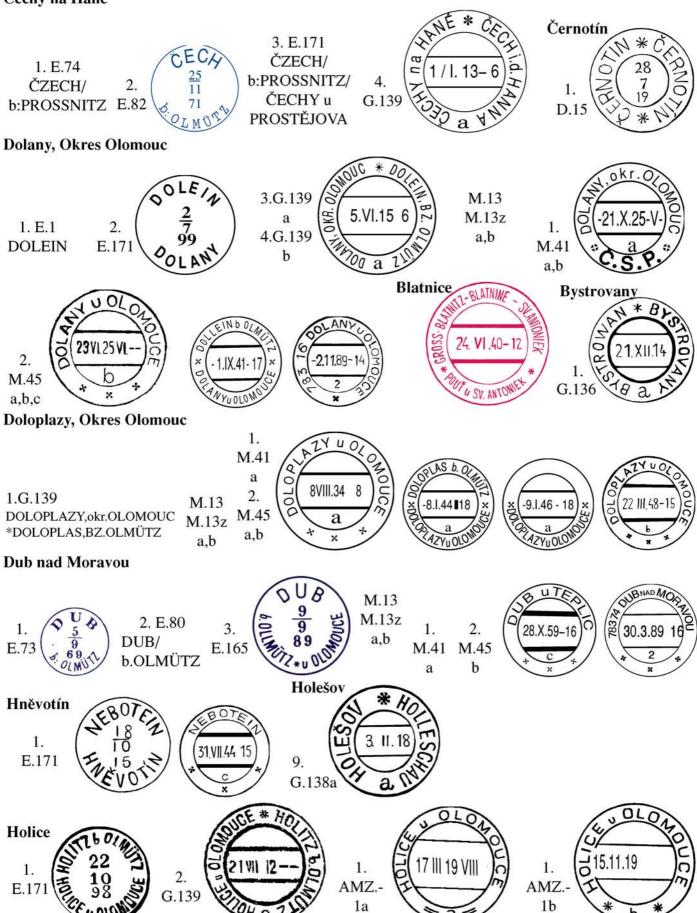


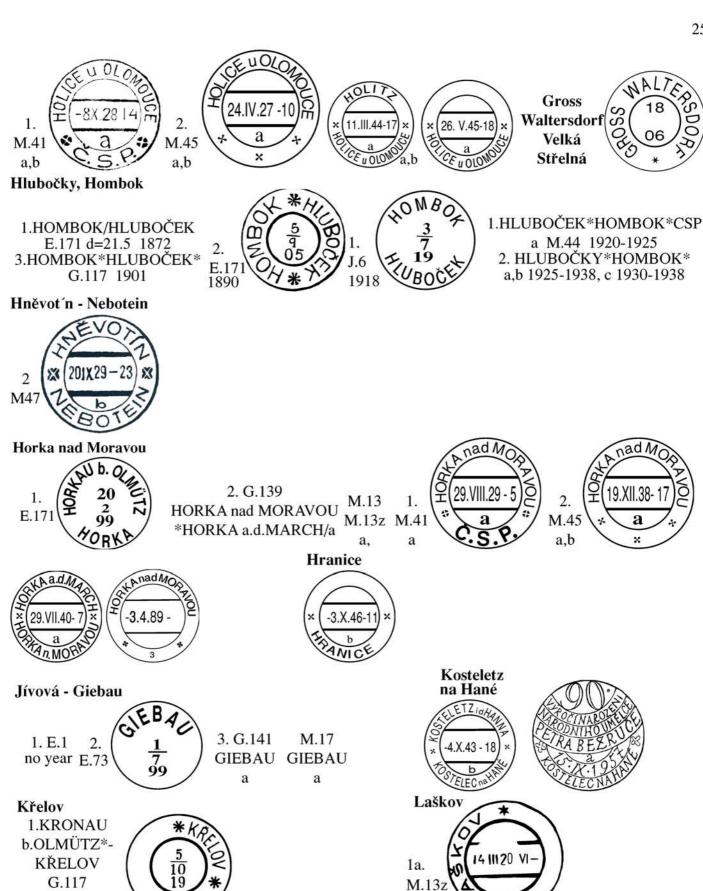
Note that the newspaper stamps were usually cancelled by the delivery post office.



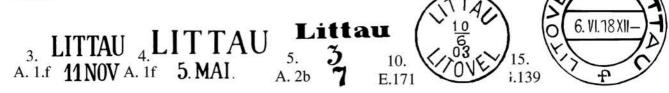
Villages in the Olomouc District

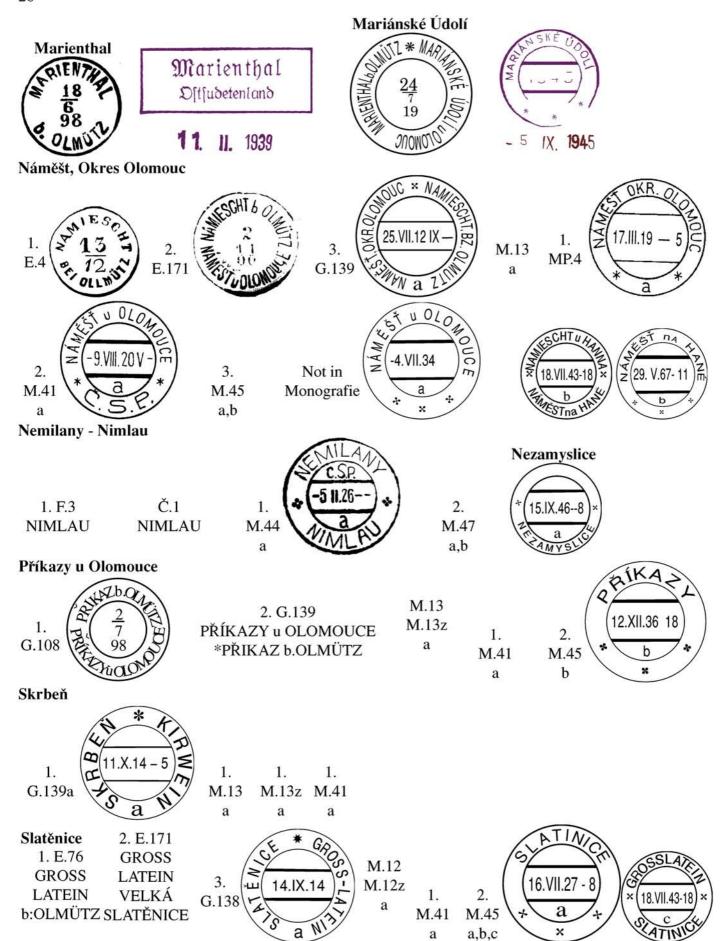
Čechy na Hané





Litovel







1. E.76

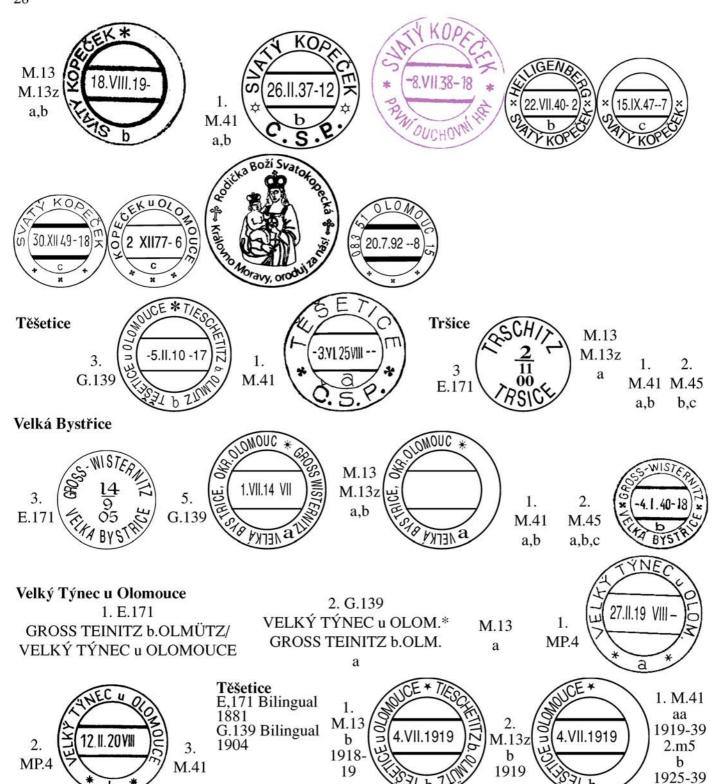
HEILIGENBERG b:OLMÜTZ



Not in Monografie. In my collection, similar to G.121



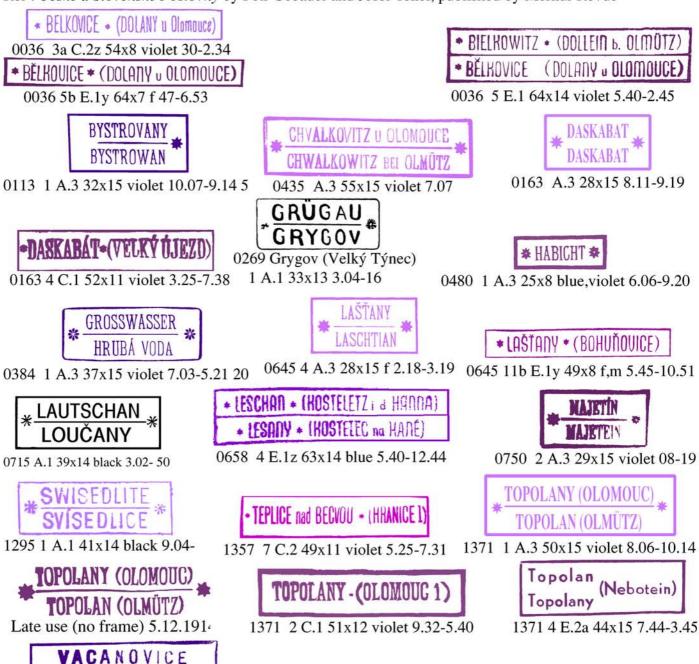
3. G.139 a,b



Postablages or Sub-Post Offices

Usually shops which both collected and acted as distribution points for mail.

Ref: České a Slovenské Poštovny by Petr Gebauer and Josef Tekel, published by Merkur Revue



1428 3 N.5a 50x14 violet 1.08-8.16 30

WACANOWITZ

These marks were not supposed to be used to cancel the stamps.

Merkur Cat.	Postablage	Other names appearing on handstamp	s
0012	Babice	Babitz (Šternberk 1)	1.12.1901-30.6.1940
0036	Bělkovice	Dolany, Belkowitz, Dollein	16.9.1892-31.7.1953
0109	Bukovany		1.9.1912-31.3.1951
0113	Bystrovany		16.9.1907-18.11.1914
0131	Čermná na Moravě	Gross Dittersdorf	1938-1945
0158	Dálov	V	1939-1945
0163	Daskabát	Velký Újezd	11.2.1897-30.6.1953
0227	Doloplazy	Gr. Wisternitz, Velká Bystřice	16.1.1903-31.3.1913
0232	Domašov u Šternberka	•	1.11.1901-1945
0269	Grygov	Grügau	1.6.1903-31.10.1921
0293	Heroltovice		1.7.1901-30.4.1947
0303	Hlásnice		1.11.1901-30.4.1947
0359	Horní Žleb		1939-1945
0378	Hraničné Petrovice		1.6.1901-30.4.1946
0378	Hrubá Voda	*	1.4.1903-28.2.1929
0403	Chabičov		16.12.1900-30.4.1947
0403	Chvalkovice u Olomouce		1.1.1906-31.12.1907
0433	Jeřmaň		1.7.1898-30.6.1934
0478			
0522	Jestřabí Vantavias	Habicht, Velka Strelna, Gross Waltersdor	
0548	Keprtovice Komárov	* *	1939-1945 11.6.1894-1945
	Kozlov	,	
0578		3 , 2 3 ,	1.1.1908-30.6.1946
0585	Krahulčí	1	1939-1945
0586	Krakořice	Krokersdorf	1.11.1901-1945
0632	Kyjanice		1938-1945
0645	Laštany		1.6.1901-31.7.1953
0647	Lazce	•	111.1905-30.4.1947
0668	Lhota	8 ,	1941-1945
0715	Loučany	Lautschan, Loucan	16.10.1901-15.4.1915
0741	Lužice	Luschitz\über Sternberg	1939-1945
0750	Majetín	Majetein, Brodek b. Prerau, Brodek u Pre	
0793	Milovany		10.3.1884-1945
0805	Mladějovice	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1.11.1901-1945
0835	Mutkov	Mauzendorf, Sternberg 1, Šternberk na M	
0887	Nová ves nad Odrou	Neueigen, Vel.Střelná, Gross Waltersdorf	
0923	Olejovice	,	1939-1945
1024	Pohořany	Pohorsch, über Sternberg	1939-1945
1117	Ranošov	2 3	1.7.1946-30.11.1949
1148	Rozvadovice	Rozwadowitz, Rozvadovice, Litovel, Litt	
1167	Řídeč	, ,	1.1.1904-1945
1168	Řimice	Bílá Lhota, Rimitz, Weissohlhutten, Mora	•
1199	Skrbeň	Kirwein	1.12.1904-30.11.1910
1209	Slavkov		1939-1945
1216	Smilov	Schmeil, Velka Strelna, Gross Waltersdor	
1240	Stará Voda	,	1939-1945
1295	Svésedlice	Swisedlitz, Velká Bystřice, Gross Wistern	
1324	Štěpánov okr Šternberk na	E	1.5.1912-1921
1371	Topolany	Topolan, Hnévotín	16.11.1903-15.11.1949
1407	Týneček	Teinitschek	1.12.1902-31.12.1907
1477	Véska	ε	1939-1945
1428	Vacanovice	Watzanowitz, Tršice, Tirschitz	16.8.1899-15.12.1942
1504	Vojnovice	2	1939-1945
1577	Zighartice	Siegertsau, über Stadt Liebau	1939-1945

Registration Marks and Labels

The first handstamp used in 1834 was the unique double arc about 1844 by a more universal linear handstamp **RECOM**: type A.40.

type C.210 followed in

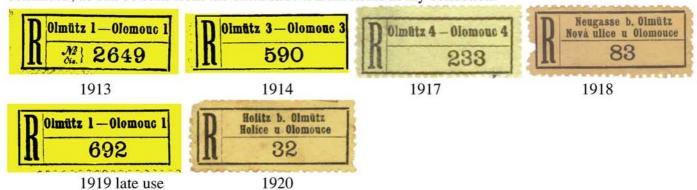
This preceded the obligatory R mark required by the UPU from 23rd January 1883. Which in Olomouc were:



Registration labels were first trialed in Vienna and then introduced to all state post offices in October 1886. All labels in the **Austrian period** were printed black on yellow paper.



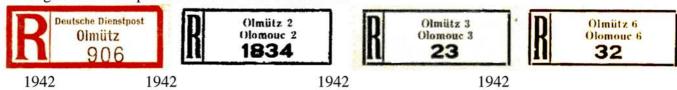
Bilingual labels were introduced into use after 1st September 1889, although use of the monolingual types continued, as can be seen from the dates shown from items in my collection.

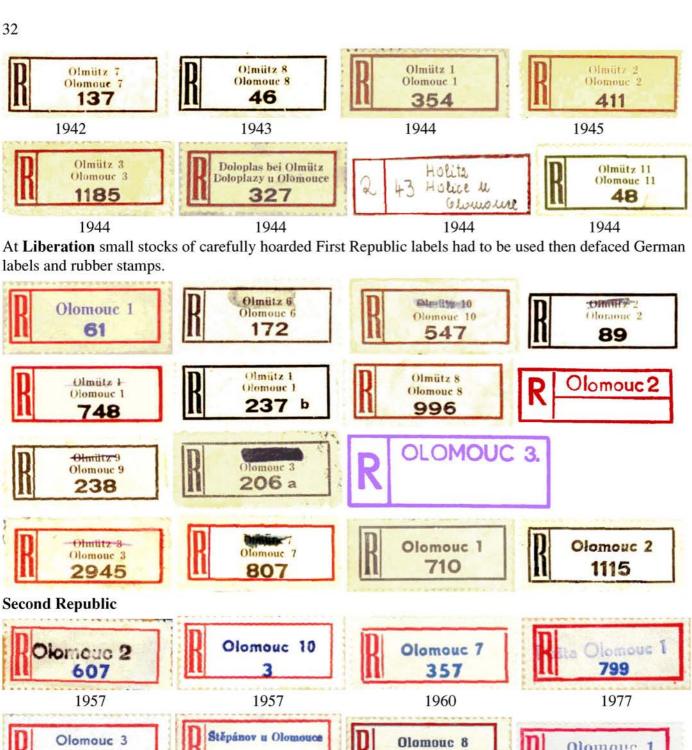


First Republic labels were printed in 2 colours on off-white paper. Red for the frame and R, black for the name of the post office and registration number. Some changes of font have been detected and the line to the right of R doesn't always join the outer frame.



During the **Occupation** the Germans opened their own post office for official mail as well as producing registration labels for the main post offices. These were bilingual and printed mainly in black on white paper although some were printed in black with a red frame.







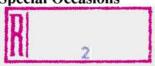
Registration labels used by **TPOs** only used numbers.





1945

Special Occasions









Exota Exhibition 1975

1981

1995

100th Anniversary Railway

Handstamps with the word **Doporučeně** (Registered) were sometimes used, in red, black or violet, but always with a label. Since the same type of handstamp was used in the same period by different post offices it can be assumed that they were ordered centrally.

The post office, date and colour given are from items in my collection.

Olomouc 3 6.1927 black 10.1933 red 2.1937 red

Doporučeně.

Olomouc 7 7.1928 violet

Doporučeně.

Olomouc 3 4.1942 black

Doporučene

Olomouc 1 6.1947 red 8.1949 violet

Doporučeně

10.1957 red Olomouc 2 Olomouc 3 11.1958 violet

DOPORUČENĚ

9.1975 red Olomouc 7 Olomouc 8 5.1982 black

Doporučeně

Olomouc11 6.1977 violet

Olomouc 3 6.1970 red

Olomouc 10 3.1977, 1.1980 black Olomouc 11 7.1987 violet

2.1980 red

DOPORUČENĚ

Olomouc 5 5.1981 black



Illustrating wartime shortages, the registravion label has handwritten changes from 1 to 9. PostcardCOF-17a

Handstamps used in Olomouc Post

NACH ABGANS DER POST

1847 Too late

Portofreie Dienstsache.

1917 Cover

MARKE bildseitia

7.1919 Stamp on reverse

Portofreie Dienstsache 1910 Cover

Obecní úřad

NEDVÊZÍ U OLOMOUCE.

5.1924 District Office Slavonin

Věc služební poštovného prosta.

5.1924 Business material post free

portu podrobená.

Věc **ú**řední,

Ol1 12.1918 Postage paid

Okres, politická správa Olomouc

5.1924 District political committee

Cover 10.1927

Věc úřední, porta prosta Ol1 3.1929 Official matter, post free

Found in Postbox

Zásilka

On Express letter **Z poštovní schránky**

postovného prosta Ol1 2.1933 Official matter post free

OLOMOUC Poštovní schránka 68. Ol3 9.1935 Post office box

Poštovné paušálováno.

O18 5.1939

Okresní úřad Olomouc - venkov.

Ol1 7.1932 Rural District Office

NUTNE. Ol3 12.1934 Urgent

TISKOPIS Ol1,2,3 1934-35

Unguläßig Ilpustno

Insufficient postage O12 6.1942

Ol1 2.1933 Return

Služebně

Iskopis Ol1 10.1935

Věc úřední. portu podrobená Ol3 10.1942 Official business

Registered PROTEKTORÁTNÍ DRÁHY ČECH A MORAVY.
Official ŘEDJTELSTVÍ DRAH OLOMOUC,
cover PROTEKTORATSBAHNEN BÖHMEN UND MÁHREN. EISENBAHNDIREKTION OLMUTZ. Ol3 9.1942

Nachgebühr Doplatné

Ol1 6.1943 Surcharge

Gebührenpflichtige Dienstse

Ol1 6.1943 Liable to charge

Drucksache

Ol1 6.1944 printed matter

Služební věc. poštovné paušalováno Ol1 1945 prepaid post

Return ticket 1945

ZPÁTEČNÍ

Reditelství státních drah v Olomouci.

Ol2 58.45

Věc služební. poštovné kreditováno. O12 58.45

Obchodní papiry, Ol2 2.1946

Do vlastních rukou.

Věc služední, poštovně kreditováno! 47.3

Ol1 3.1948

Vzato na vêdomí. Ol3 47.10.21

1949 Strictly private

Without Customs Tax 1949



OLOMOUC DOŠLO25.IV.1949

Poštovné paušalováno

Ol1 5.1953

13,8 ctms 9.1958 From Leipzig to Olomouc 1

POŠTA

772 00 Perpet. pošt. provozu
772 00 OLOMOUC 2
3.1975

Otevřená listovní zásilka

Ol2 8.1983 Open mail

Věc služební, poštovné paušalováno. Ol5 12.1957

Postovní úřad Olomouc 7
[Hodolany]

Ol7 7.1959

Poštovné úvěrováno

O17 9.1975

Poštovné paušalováno. Oli 7.1987 prepaid mail

Poštovné paušalováno.

VYVOLÁNO
OLOMOUC 1
ADRESAT NEZNÁMY

Ol2 7.1965 Unknown address

Poštovné úvěrováno

Ol11 6.1977 **Poš**ta

783 51 OLOMOUC 15 9.1988



Věc spojové služby

Pošta

779 00 Olomouc 9

10.1990





POŠTA reklamace

779 00 OLOMOUC 9 2001

Pošta

Horní nám. 407/27 770 08 Olomouc 8 Věc poštovní služby Both Ol8 3.2011

Express Labels



1912



1930/9



1941



Liberation May



1952

Care Label



C.O.D. and Insurance Labels





1940



1941



1989



1989 cover

Official Handstamps used in the Olomouc District





SCHIEFERBERGBAU ACTIEN GESELLSCHAFT in OLMÜTZ

Slatemining Society 1867











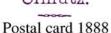








VInzenz Mayer Olmütz.





Ol1 1888.11



Postal card1888



Birth Certificate 1894







Report 1900



Postcard 1906

Neugasse



Report1908



Cover 1910



Cover 1913

HEINRICH CZESCHNITZ

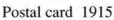
Stadtbaumeister Olmütz. Ol2 16.07





Postcard from member of Collectors Club 1913







Certificate of payment 1915



Cover 1915 Signalwerkstätte OLMÜTZ







Report 1921



Official form 1924



Registration certificate 1920

.YMCA" Olomouc Postcard 1924

Poštovni a telegrami úřad v Olomouci 2



Věc úřední poštovnému podrobená. Cover 1927

Bezpečnostní stráž

Olomouc-Nové Sady. Security guard 1929 Postcard



Postcard 1930



Olomov

Postcard 1931



Matriculation certificate February 1932



Postcard 1933



Správa časopisu .MORAVSKÝ DENÍK" V OLOMOUCI.

Cover 1935









Východomoravský elektrárenský Svaz se sídlem V OLOMOUCI.

East Moravian Power Station Union Headquarters in Olomouc 33.6



of posting

SIGMUND PUMPY

Postcard 3.39

Návěstní dílny č.s.d. v Olomouci. Cover 1939





Bürgerschule in Olmütz Hatschein

11.1940 Council school



Diele Druckforte wird wegen Rohftoffeinffthrung weiter verwendet.

Same cover. Inland Revenue 1940



Card 1941



Report 1941

Studienbibliothek in Olmütz.

Amtlich-Porto vom Empfänger beheben. Věc úřední, porto platí adresát.

> Dienstsache. Věc úřední.

Card 1941



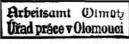
Steueramt Olmütz. Berní úřad v Olomouci. Cover 1941



Cover 1941

Pfarramt der evangelischen böhmischen Brüderkirche in Olmütz. Farni úřad českobrateské ciekve evangelické v Olomouci. Cover 1942

PROTEKTORATSBAHNEN BÖHMEN UND MÄHREN. EISENBAHNDIREKTION OLMUTZ. Cover 1942



Official card 1944

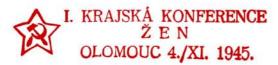
Hameleho hanácká župa footballová ČSF. sekretariát

Card 1942

Klub filatelistů "Haná"

V Olomouci

Letter July 1945



11.1945 1st Communist Women's Conference







OLGA DRÁBKOVÁ DROGERIE A PARFUMERIE

V OLOMOUCI Card 3.1946



Oblastní osidlovací úřadovna v Olompuci

Regional settlement office 1946/8

Věc služební, poštovné kreditováno.



"Long life to the 2 Year Plan" 3.1947 Advisory Board Of Central National Committee



BOHUMIL ČERNÝ inspektor státních drah Olomouc 7. O17 47.08



Ol1 47.10



Cover 1947







AUTOKLUB REPUBLIKY ČESKOSLOVENSKE ODBOČKA V OLOMOUCI

Olomouc 1 1948.4





PROTILETADLOVE UCILISTE Ol1 5.1953 Air Defence High School

Oblastní kriminální úřadovna

2.1948 Regional Criminal Office

Ceskoslovenské státní dráhy Ostravaká dráha Soráve dráhy v Olomouci

11.1957 Management Office Czech Railways

Pozemní stavby

národní podnik - OLOMOUC dopravní a mechanisační správa dopravní středisko Olomouc, Na Zákopě 4.1959 Grand Building Company

SIGMA OLOMOUC

NÁRODNÍ PODNIK záved

Železárny P. Bezruče-Olomouc PŘÍJEM ZBOŽÍ

Covers 1960-62



Cover 1979



Sigma Olomouc, národní podník V OLOMOUCI PŘÍJEM ZBOŽÍ

Covers 1964-65

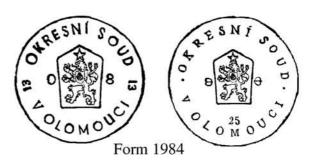


Trade Union Council 8.1983, red 3.1977



AUTOMATIZACE ŽELEZNIČNÍ DOPRAVY PRAHA

PSČ 772 00 OLOMOUC, Jiráskova 5 6.1977 Office of Automisation





Official Seals



Private, Charity, Exhibition, Special Occasion Labels

























































































The Exhibition of New Inventions in Olomouc open from June to September 1907 generated the production of several labels.

World War I Olomouc Regimental Cachets

These cachets are mainly from my collection, there must be many more. Associated canceller and date are given underneath. I have tried to distinguish between items posted in Olomouc, post from regiments closely associated with Olomouc (N°s 13 and 11), and fieldpost posted to Olomouc.

After the Thirty Years War during which the population of Olomouc was reduced from 30,000 to 1,600, Marie Teresa ordered its fortification. It became the most heavily fortified city in the Austrian Empire with a ring of forts. The city bastions were mainly demolished but the forts were strengthened in the 19th Century. Fort Týneček was used by the Czech army until 2015. Fort Křelov was used to house Italian POWs during WWI, some examples of their post are kept in the museum. Fort Tafelburg, now closed and hidden amongst the modern buildings of the University hospital, was used as a hospital in WWI (see the cachet). Fort Radikov was also used as a hospital in WWI.

The 13th Landwehr (*Territorial*) Regiment recruited locally was created in 1869. At the outbreak of war its regimental commander was Emil Wank and its ethnic composition was 64% Czech, 30% Sudeten German and 6% other. It fought against Russians in Galicia (FP 52) before being transferred to the Italian front (FP 287a), became a Schutzen Regiment on 1 May 1917. The Common Army Regiment stationed in Olomouc was N°54. Field Jager Battalion N°5 had its headquarters in Olomouc.



K. k. Landsturmininfanterieregiment Olmütz No. 13.

I. Landsturmfeldbataillon.

HFP 6 14.8

K.k. Landw. Inft. Rgt. Olmütz Nr.13

3 Ersatzkompagnie.

K. k. Landwehr-Feldhaubitzdivision Nr. 13

Ersatzbatterie

Vienna 14.9

K. u. K.

DIVISIONS BÄCKEREI

Nº 13

FP 100 14.10 Bakery

K. k. Landsturm.Inft.Reg.Olmütz Nr.13

3. Ersatzkompagnie.
Olomouc 1 14.12

K. k. Landsturmininfanterieregiment Olmütz Nr. 13.

K. u. k. Etappenhauptstationskommando II * HFP 19 15.1

K. k. L. J. R. No. 13.20. Feldkomp.FP 52 15.2





K.k.L.-J.-R. Olmütz No.13. 10. Feldkompagnie.

FP 52 15.4

K. k. Landsturm 1. F kompagnie 2./13



K. k. 13. Feldartilleriebrigadekommando FP 100 15.6, 15.10

K. k. Landwehrinfanterieregiment Olmütz Nr. 13 FP 52 15.8

K. k. Landw. Inft. Rgt. Olmütz Nr. 13 EP 150 15.5 also FP 287a 17.8 & 18.1 K. K. L. J. R. Nro. 13. 16. Feldkomp. FP52 15.5

Batterie Nr. 2 der k.k. Landwehr-Feldhaubitzdivision Nr.13



K. k. 13. Landwehr-Infanterietruppendivisions-K —
Proviantoffizier

FP 100 15.07



Stabskompagnie

der k. k. 13. Landswehrinfanterietruppendivn. FP 100 15.08

K. k. Landsturminfanterieregiment Olmütz 13.

5. FELDKOMPAGNIE.

FP 508 15.9



K. k. 13. Feldartilleriebrigadekommando FP 100 15.10

K. k. Landsturminfanterieregiment Olmütz 13. 8. FELDKOMPAGNIE.

FP 52 15.10

K. k. Lir. Olmütz Nr. 13.

FP52 15.10

K. k. Landwehrinfanterieregiment Olmütz Nr. 13 1 0. Feldkompagnie

FP 52 15.11

K. k. Lilw. Inf. Reg. Olmütz Nr. 13.

Marsch Batailon.

HFP 19/II 1.2 also FP 108 15.9







Stabskompagnie der k. k. 13. Landwehrinfanterietruppendivision FP 100 16.1

K. k. Landsturminfanterieregiment Olmütz 13. 8. FELDKOMPĂGNIE. FP 52 16.2

FP52 16.2

FP 52b 16.04

K. k. Landwehrinfanterieregiment Olmütz Nr. 13 K. K. L. J. R. Nro. 13. Feldkompagnie 4. Feldkomp.

15, Feldkomp.

FP 52 16.3

K. k. Landwehrinfanterieregiment Olmütz Nr. 13 Jagd - Kommando.

FP 52b 16.4

K. k. Landwehrfeldkanonenregiment Nr. 13

Batterie Nr.1

FP 100 16.5

K. k. Landsturm-Marschkompagnie 2 ./13. FP 52a 16.05

K. k. L. J. R. Nr.13

1. komp.

FP 52 16.6

K.k. Landsturminfanterieregiment Olmütz 13.

6. FELDKOMPAGNIE.

FP 52a 16.07

K. k. Lir. Olmütz Nr. 13. FP 52 16.10

K.u.k. Baukompagnie 13/h.h.2. K. k. Llr. Olmütz 13. K. k. Landsturm-Jnfant Regiment 13

Feldpost FP316 16.10

XXIV. Marschbaon FP 19/11 16.10

FP52 16.03

FP 287a 16.11

K. u. k. Infanterieregiment No. 13. CHEFARZT.

K. K. LANDSTURMINFANTERIE REGIMENT OLMÜTZ Nr. 13

4. KOMPAGNIE

FP 287a 16.12

FP 286 16.12



HFP 444/III 17.01

K. k. Lir. Olmütz Nr. 13 2. Feldkompagnie,

FP 287a 17.2

Bataillonsarit des I. (Rgl. Preuß. | Erf. Bat! fuß. 2lrtl. Regt. 13 17.2



FP 52 15.5, FP 287a 17.02



FP 287a 17.02

K. K. L. J. R. Nro. 13. 3. Feldkomp.

FP287a 17.03

K.k.schweres Landwehrfeldartillerieregiment Nr. 13 Batterie Nr.1

FP 291 17.3

K. k. Landsturminfanterieregiment Olmütz 13 Regimentsstabs-Abteilung. FP 287a 17.4

K. k. L. J. R. Nr.13 4. Feldkomp. Prostějov 2 17.5

K. k. Schweres Feldartillerieregiment Nr.13

Batterie Nr. 2. FP291 17.05

K. k. Landsturm-Infanterieregiment Nr. 13 9. Kompagnie.

FP 287a 17.5

same K. k. Ldst. Jnft. Rgmt OLMUTZ Nr. 13 cover as FP 287a 17.5





K. k. 13. Schützendivisionskommando FP 291 17.6

K. k. Schweres Feldartillerieregiment Nr.13 Batterie Nr.2.

FP291 17.5 17.6(black) K. k. Schützenregiment Nr. 13

2. Feldcomp. FP 287a June, Oct 1917

K. k. Wirtschaftsamt 92

FP 287a 17.7

FP291 17.7

kompagnie C

der k. k. 13. Landwehrinfanterietruppenweise

FP 291 17.8

K. u. k. Drag. Rgt. Nr. 13

1. Halb

k. schweres Feldartillerieregiment Nr. 13 K. K. 13. SCHUTZENDIVISION Platzkommando

FP291 17.9

K.u.k.Drag.Rgt.Nr.13 11.M. G. Schwadron.

FP 409 17.10

K.k. schweres Feldartillerieregiment Nr.13 Batterie Nr.8. FP 291 17.10

K. K. Ldst. Inft. Rgmt Olmütz Nr.13.

FP 52 16.2 & FP 287a 17.12 & 18.1

Lt.Dr.Josef Kadlec

k.k.Ldst.Inft.Rgt.13,MGK.I

Feldpost 287 FP 287a 17.12

Battaris Nr. 3. FP291 17.09

K. k. Schützenregiment Nr. 13

4. Feldkomp.

FP 287a 17.10

K. k. Schützenregiment Nr 13 Tech.Inf.Komp.

FP 287a 17.8 + 17.11

K. k. Landsturm Inf. Reg. Olmütz No. 13

7. Feldkompanie

FP 287a 17.12

K. k. 13. Schützendivisions-Kommando

FP 291 18.1

K. k. Schützenregiment Nr. 13 6. Feldkomp.

FP 287a 18.01

K. k. Schützenregiment Nr. 13 6. Feldcomp. FP 287a 18.1

K. K. FELDHAUB. RGT. Nr. 13 Batterie Nr. 5 FP291 18.3

K.k.Sch.R. 13 Inf.-Telph.-Zug FP 287c 18.8

K. u. k. Drag Rgt Nr 13 FP 409 18.09

K. k. Landsturm Inf. Reg. Olmüfz Nr. 13. Regimentsstabsabtellung. FP 287a 18.01

K. u.k. Feldspital Nr. 1005

EP 142 18.2

K. k. Schweres Feldartillerieregiment Nr.13 Batterie Nr. 5.

Zensuriert.

FP549 18.05

K. k. Lst Inf. Rgt. Nr. 13



K. u. K. INFANTERIEREGIMENT JUNG. STARHEMBERG Nr. 13

K. u. k. Infanterie-Regiment N. 13

Both these on a TPO sent to FP420 and returned because soldier was missing

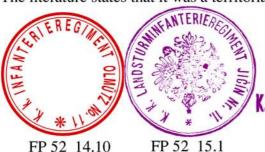
* = sent by one soldier from December 1914 to May 1915 marching to join his regiment deep in Russia via Krakow.



Regimental Barracks

Note Regiment Nr.11 uses same FP as Nr.13

The literature states that it was a territorial regiment raised in Jičin, three cachets bring this into question.



K. u. k. Inf. Regmt No. 11

11 3710 17.0

K. k. Landsturminfanterieregimet Jičin Nr. 11. 4. Feldbataillon.

FP 52 15.1



K. k. Landwehrinfanterieregiment Olmütz Nr. 11. 11. Feldkompagnie

FP 287a 17

K. k. Landsturminfanterieregiment Olmütz 11 Regimentsstabs-Abteilung.

FP 287a 18.2

Other Regiments were also garrisoned in Olomouc.

K.k. 106 Landsturm Infanterie Brigade (Olmütz) used FPs 6, 6a, 6b, 6c on the Tirol front up to July 1916 then FP 296 on the Isonzo front.

5 Infanterie Division (Olmütz) used FP 72 in Poland, Galizia, Wolhynia and Bukowina, up to August 1916, then FPs 286, 286a, 286b in Galizia, Bikowina then Tirol.

K. und K. Dragoner Regiment Graf Paar Nr. 2

Olomouc 1 1895.9

K. K.

Landwehr-Infanterie-Regiment Kremsier Nr. 25. Olomouc 2 1901.6

K. u. k. Feldhaubitzregiment Kaiser Nr. 8.

Ersatz-Abteilung. Howitzer Regiment Skrben 14.10 K. u. k. Infantieregiment Alt-Starhemberg Nr. 54

Ersatzkomp. Fjb. Nr. 5. Olomouc 1 14.11

K. k. Landsturmwachbataillon Nr. 6 in Olmütz

K.k. Landsturmbataillon No. 101 in Olmütz
Olomouc 2 14.11



Olomouc 2 14.11

K.u.K. Schwere Haubitzdivision Nr.10 Erzatz batterie

Olomouc 2 14.12



Bystrovany 14.12



Ol 1 14.12

K. u. k. Lokomotivfeldbahn Nr. 1

Olomouc 2 15.1

K.u.k. DIVISIONS-BÄCKEREI OLMÜTZ Bakery Olomouc 2 15.3



Olomouc 1/2 15.6/12

ERSATZBAON Nr. 54 I. ERSATZ KOMP.

Olomouc 5 15.5



- Ersatz-Batterie | Feld-Artillerie Brig

1915 postcard to Skrben



K. u. k. Infanterieregiment Nr. Techn. Kompagnie. FP 283 15.6





Olomouc 2 15.11

K. u. k. Rekonvaleszentenabteilung b. Ers. Baon des I. R. 54 K. u. k. Div. Train-Romdt. der 4. Kav. Trp. Division FP 67 16.4



Geprüft!
K. u. k. Schw. F. A. R. Nr. 24
Ersatzbatterie.
Olomouc 2 16.12

K.u.K.BAHNHOF-KOMMANDO OLMÜTZ, NORDBHF.

Olomouc 2 17.2

K. u, k. Ersatzbataillon des Infanterieregimentes Nr. 54.
II. Ersatzkompagnie.

17.5



K. k. Schützenregiment Nr. 30.

FP 404b 17.7

Platzkommando des 22 L.J.T.D.Komdos FP 385 17.11

Erzh. Rainer Kav. Kaserne Olmütz Olomouc 2 18.6

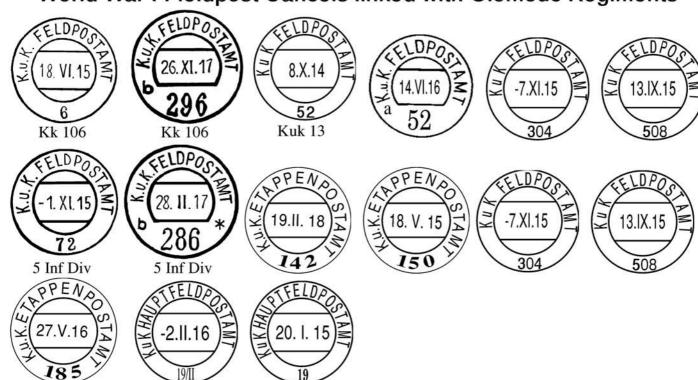
K.U.K. Dragoner Resiment Nr 12 Olomouc 2 18.11 K. k. Schützenregiment Nr. 30 7. Feldkompagnie. FP 404b 17.7

Militärarbeiterabteilung Nr. 1/21.

Labour section FP 56 18.1

k.k FELD POST Olomouc 2

World War I Fieldpost Cancels linked with Olomouc Regiments



Field Post First Republic 1918-1920

Regiments based in Olomouc must have taken part in the border disputes 1918-1920. I would be grateful for information and have only the following cachets from postcards written by soldiers to Olomouc.

11. č. s. domobr prapor

3. rota. 11 Czechoslovak Home Guard Battalion, 3 Squad, 1919



vojenský zástupce v Olomouc

Military Deputy in Olomouc 1919

Čs. pluk polního dělostřelectva čis. 5.

ČS. PĚŠÍ PLUK ČÍS. IV. setnina.



29.III.19

4. Baterie Čs. pluku pol. dělostř. č. 6.



-3.VII. 1919

Čs. polní dělostřelecký pluk č. 8
Polní baterie č. 3.





Čs. erapní prapor č. 5. Olomouc.

Velitelství čs. záložní nemocnice č. 2v Olomouci.

Československy pëší pluk čís 54

Vojenská péče. Ol2 20.4

Pěši pluk 6. "Hanácký" NÁHRADNÍ ROTA

1927

World War I Olomouc Hospital Cachets

Several different hospitals are represented here, but some may have been in the same building or have changed name. Klášter Hradisko, a large monastery converted to a military hospital in 1785, was in Olomouc 10. It was immediately put to use because of the Napoleonic Wars and treated thousands of patients. During the First World War it treated three quarters of a million patients. A Reserve Hospital (Hanacka) Casern was built during the 1840s in the city in case of siege. An infectious diseases wing was built at Hradisko in 1905 and today's Army Surgical Hospital The Zemebranecka Hospital on Pasteurova St was built in 1920.

The Salzergut hospital is located in what is now the Novy Svet area of Olomouc, it was named after Lukas Salzer literally being 'Salzer's Farm'.





Moreins-Reservespital vom roten Kreuz in Gross Latein b. Olmütz.

Slatenice 14.9

PERMANENTER KRANKENZUG No. 22

Der Kommandant:

Olomouc 2 14.11





also ais inspectionsoffiziers





K. u. k. Permanenter-Kranken-Zug

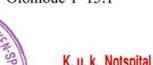
Nro. 9. Lověšice 14.12 K. u. k. RESERVESPITAL in OLMUTZ Olomouc 1 14.12 also in red 16.12





K. u. k. Stabiles Pferdespital Olmütz.

Olomouc 1 15.1



K. u. k. Notspital "Deutsches Gymnasium" Olmütz.

> "Militärpflege" **Desinfisziert**

Olomouc 1 15.3



K. u. k. Kriegsspital Olmütz-Salzergut. Militärpflege.

019 15.10



K. and K. SANITATS ABTHEILUNG Nr. 15. Olomouc 2 15.5

Militärpflege

Olomouc 2 15.12 IV. (:Neurologisch-psychiatrische:) Abteilung Olomouc 1 15.12, 16.4

K. U. K. NOTSPITAL HUFBESCHLAGSSCHULE OLMÜTZ.

Farrier's School Olomouc 2 16.1

K. u. k. Militärpflege der mähr. Landes-Lungenheilanstalt Passek bei Sternberg. Šternberk 16.1

K. u. k. RESERVESPITAL in OLMÜTZ O12 16.02



Olomouc 2 16.2



K. u. 🙀 k. Notspital "Saleslianam" OLMÜTZ. Olomouc 2 16.3

K. u. k. Militärbeobachtungsspital Nr. 2 in Sternberg. Militärpflege



K. u. k. Apotheke für das Reservespital Nr: 2 in Olmütz. des roten Kreuzes in Olmütz. Olomouc 2 16.6

Militärpflege (Katonai ápolási ügy.)

Vereinsreservespital

16.8

K. k. Landwehrspital III. Abteilung

für Ohren-, Hals-, Nasenkrankheiten. Olomouc 2 16.9 Ear, Nose and Throat





Olomouc 2 16.11

In Gross-Ullersdorf, (Nord-Mähren). Velké Losiny 16.11

Militärpflege.

K. u. k. Kriegsinvalidenschule K. k. Landwehrspital in Olmütz. Militärpflege.

16.11



Olomouc 2 16.12





K. UND K. GARNISONS-SPITAL Nr. 6 IN OLMŪTZ Mariánskě Údolí (date unclear)

K. v. k. Garnisonsspital Nr. 6. in Olmütz

Neustift (Olomouc 11) date unclear

Militärpflege

K.u.k.Garnisonsspital Nr.6 in Olmütz.

Olomouc 10 17.4





desinfiziert.

K. U. K. NOTSPITAL Erzh. Rainer Kav. Kaserne Olmütz Olomouc 1 17.3

K. U. K. Reservesdial Nr. 2 Olmuiz - Saizerout Militärpflege Olomouc 2 17.5



REKONVALESZENTENABTEILUNG ealin k. u. k. Ersatzbatallion des Inf Rots Nr 57

Přerov 1 17.12



Militärpflege Barackenspital Sternberg FP 6.15 - 17.5

K. u. k. Reservespital Nr. 2 in Kremsier

K. u. k. Reservsspital Nr. 2. Olmütz.

K. K. NOTSPITAL Olomouc 2 18.6

Holešov 18.2

K. u. k. Reservespital Nr.2. Olmütz Salzergut MILITÄRPFLEGE. Ol2 18.1

Both on Olomouc postcard 18.2

Mr. Franz Weidner, Med. Offizial K. u. k. Infektionskrankenzug Nr. 206 Feldpostsortierstelle, Wien 1/1.

K. u. k. Kriezsspital Olmütz-Salsergut. Militärpflege. Olomouc 2 16.6, 18.3

K. K. NOTSPITAL Erzn. Rainer Kav. Kaserne Olmutz. 18.3

K k Landwehrspital in Olmütz

Olomouc 1 18.8 Garnisonsspital Nr. 6. in Olmütz

K. u. k. Reservespital 2. Olmütz. Militärpflege. Olomouc 2 18.10

MILITÄRPFLEGE. Olomouc 2 18.3

Poštovní kancelář čs. posádkové nemocnice v Olomouci Olomouc 10 19.3/4

Militärpflege

Olomouc 10 19.3 Note the removal of K.u.k Cs. Zalozni nemocnice c.2 v Olomouci Vojenská-péče Olomouc 1 19.1



Velitelství čs. záložní nemocnice č. 2 v Olomoucí Vojenská péče.

Olomouc 1 1920

Garrison Hospital N°6 was located in the Hradisko Monastery. At the end of the First World War, at the announcement of the First Republic, Hospital staff divided, the German camp wanted to destroy all the equipment in the Hospital, fortunately this was prevented and a Czech MUDr. Josef Blazek took charge on 6 November 1918.

In 1939 the Germans first took over the Hospital on Pasteurova St. then seized the Hradisko Hospital as well, many Czech Army doctors rebelled and were imprisoned some with their families - few survived.

The first X-ray machine in Czech lands was installed in 1905.





Censor Marks

Type numbers taken from Schilling 001 2.15-Three Militära 10.16 K. u. k. Militärzensur red & OLMÜTZ. violet 002 003 56x11.5mm K. u. k. Militärzensur 55x11 mm K.u.K. Militärzensur 7.15 10.15-5.16 Olmütz. violet * under u Olmütz With type 006, check Überprüft! K. u. k. Militärzensur on censorship of 56x12 mm K. u. k. Schw. F. A. R. Nr 3 # Olmütz. * civilian mail 1.16-5.16 Erestabaceries Militärz Militärz 005 Two 58x11.5 mm K. u. k. Militärzensur types 4.16-9.16 * Olmütz. * K. u. k. Zensurstelle 63x14 mm types Olmütz. 11.16-4.17 Zensuriert 007 65x15 mm K. u. k. Zensurstelle K. u. k. Zensurstelle 2.17-4.17 64x21 mm Olmütz. Olmütz. red violet K. u. k. Zensurstelle 010 40x7mm65x14 mm Olmütz. red red 011 012 46x7.5 mm 48x5.5 mm berprüft violet violet UBERPRUFT. 050 013 014 39x5 mm 30.5x5 mm Zensuriert 36x3.55 mm ZENSURIERT red, green, black, violet Weiter leiten violet 051 075 40x7 mm 58x6 mm Offen eingelangt! WEITERLEITEN violet black.red 090a 090b K. u. k. Militärzensur left crown displaced Label 3.15-7.16 clear shield Olmütz white, yellow, tail feathers Briefzensur buff paper different Predates opening of 002 Olomouc censorship 091 K. u. k. Zensurstelle Zensurier PC to Label Krakow by one month. lmitz Hauptpostamt. 12.16-2.17 Ol2 1.15 Censored in Krakau



From FP52 Mar 1916 From FP 287a to Olomouc Feb 1917
ZENS.MARTINEK FB

Vojenská censurní komise poštovní úřad Olomouc i to Olomouc

5th and 6th October 1938 Military censor of civilian mail

London 38.09

CENSUROVÁNO Vojenská censurní komise poštovní úřad Olomouc 2 from Olomouc

6th and 7th October 1938 Military censor of civilian mail

Polní pošta Censurováno Třidírna polních pošt 5 odpis censora:

Polní pošta CENSUROVÁNO J RÁSEK Podpis censora

Polní pošta. Censurováno. I P. 2. = 1. rota. Podpis censora:

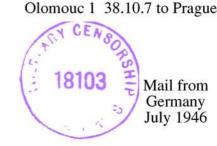
TPP5 38.10.1, 10.10

PP64 38.10.6

Ol1 38.10.23

Polní pošta, Censurováno, Vojenský chemický ústav Podpis censora: Cover from Sudetenland Oct 1938 Brno censor for foreign mail to and from Olomouc 1938 Censurováno. also in red

Previously unreported mark



Kuk Militärterritorial (Korps) bezirk number : I

Formations mobilised in 1914: 5ID - Olmütz

Area of responsibility: North Moravia

Ergänzungsbezkmdo: Olmütz

IR Stab location July 14: Olmütz

Kay Stab location Jul 14: Olmütz

1939 Devisova Kontrola

Jředně censurováno, Reditelství národní bezpečnosti v Olomouci.

From E.Germany Nov 1946



From Germany Feb 1949



From Germany July 1949

1952 cover to Israel, which never left the country, during a Soviet inspired purge of mainly Jews.

Oleviene - comi kentrola





Austro-Hungarian Army 1914-18

Kuk Militärterritorial (Korps) bezirke

Serial number: 1

Kommando location: Krakau

Linked Kuk Ergänzungsbezirke: 54 Olmütz

Kuk Ergänzungsbezirke

serial number: 54 IR number: 54 KavR number: DR12

FJB served by Ergänzungsbezirk: FJB5 - Tarvis

Organisation of the KK Landwehr

Serial number: 1 Location of kk Landwehrterritorialbezirk: Krakau

Number of linked Kuk Militärterritorial (Korps) bezirk: I Number of associated Kk Landwehr Infanterie Division: 46

Location of linked Kk Landwehr or Landesschützen Ergänzungsbezirke: Olmütz

Title of Kk Landwehr Infantterieregiment raised: No13 Olmütz Disposition on mobilisation: 46LID

KK Landsturmbezirkskommandos

Serial number: 25 Location of Landsturmbezirkskommando: Olmütz Number of district: 13 Number of linked Militärterritorial (Korps) bezirk: I

Note: the Kk Landsturmbezirkskommandos remained in being during the war.

Ref: Monograph by J.Dixon-Nuttall

First World War Post



1915 September 21 75% scale Feldpost card to Litomyšl, a town near Olomouc, from a soldier in the Olomouc Regiment.

Honourable Doctor!
Please accept with your dear lady and my whole former company, my warm greetings and memories. I haven't managed to get any beer yet on the other hand I have managed to get bullets of all sorts, but these have been so polite that they have avoided me. My whole stay here with the exception of last Sunday might be called a big journey around Russia. Over 350km I have walked by foot, how many more will we walk, till the end. The whole thing is as long as it is wide and without end.

We shoot all the time and the Russians regularly run away, sometimes they don't then we stop for a change. Now and then somebody falls, sometimes even more than is nice. That's how the time passes day after day in this employment at the Lord's pleasure, that I don't know which day of the week it is. Now in recent days we eat only at night, during the day the Russians don't allow us to eat too much. You in the Exech lands are now in the time of feasts, here for us the Cossacks raze all the routes frequently whole villages. Fust now the shrapnel and grenades are flying on us but – just now my eyes are full of sand, it fell next to us, so quickly finish and to the hole. I greet you all, yours faithfully

7 May 1916

Red Cross prisoner of war card written in the local dialect by an Olomouc woman to her son-in-law in a camp in Russia. All prisoner of war mail had to pass through the censor in Vienna 75% scale



Dear son-in-law

This week we have been very happy to receive two of your postcards — it's been a long time. We're in good health only Lidka has been quite sick but now she feels better. There are quite a few news since we are in the war. Aunt Janova died, we have already informed informed you, but I'm writing it again because we don't know whether you receive anything. She, died on New Year's Day and Siroovi & Dvořakova took everything, they didn't give anything to the kids, not even her glasses. I would write more but I'm not allowed to send you a letter and I cannot squeeze more in here. I sent you the money and now will send you the clothes.

Best regards

Yours M

1915 November 9

Prisoner of War card from Mariinsk, Siberia to Olomouc, in very poor German.

DKantley

75% scale



Dearest Hendrike! Today I send you a telegraphic answer to the telegram sent by you and Tatimek. You don't have to be worried about me. Our circumstances are such that becoming sick will not be easy. We are living with a doctor. The flat is wholesome and warm. Contagious diseases don't exist in Mariinsk. We are cooking for ourselves and you should know that we have with the local prices the possibility without much effort and expense to obtain good and copious food. I don't need money. Write to me if you have any shortage and if you suffer with the children. Also help Papa and Mama in Rojetest, primarily now where Wlada has begun his service in the North.

f can save money here and have already saved a lot. Your loyal fan.

Czechoslovak Army in Siberia

In 1914 the Russians allowed Czech settlers in the Ukraine to form a volunteer regiment in Kyiv known as the Czech Druzhyna which gradually grew in numbers, but was at first mainly used for reconnaissance duties. Desertions of Czechs from the Austrian Army greatly increased its ranks . 80% of the men in the Olomouc regiment K.k.LIR N°13 were captured or deserted during the Brusilov offensive in July 1916. Eventually after the success of the Czech units at the battle of Zboriv the Russians gave permission for a Czechoslovak Army containing recruits from prisoners of war which increased its size by 30,000. The new regiments were based on regions. The Olomouc or Hana region making up the 6th Rifle Regiment (6th Pluk or Hanácký Regiment) was created at Pyriatyn on 12th July 1917. They were allowed to wear Czech insignia only from 12.1.1918. After the Treaty of Berestia 9.2.1918 the German Army advanced into Ukraine but were held back at Bachmač in March 1918 by the heroic defense of the Hanácký Regiment which allowed the whole Czech Army to escape into Russia. See pages 89-91.

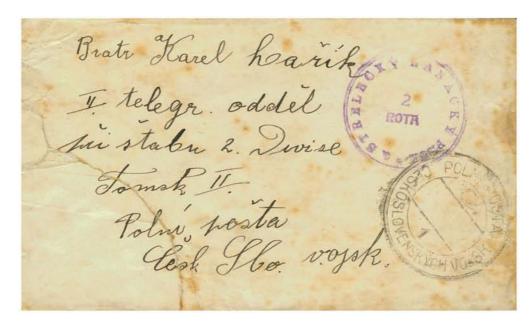
Then followed various adventures, joining with British and American forces and eventually being repatriated in 1920. The 25th Anniversary of Bachmač was celebrated in Olomouc, home to most of the heroes, by a bicolour commemorative cancel.

Mail to and from the prisoner of war camps in Siberia can be found. Reading the translations the conditions were surprisingly good for officers, one writing from Mariinsk was living with a doctor, cooking good and copious food and was saving money! The explanation was that officers on both sides received their normal pay, so living on an Austrian salary in Siberia wasn't onerous, just boring as they were not allowed to work. The conditions for the rank and file varied but in general they had a hard time being treated as slave labourers.

I have only one item of mail from the Hanácký regiment, undated unfortunately but the freepost cancel was only issued in late 1919.







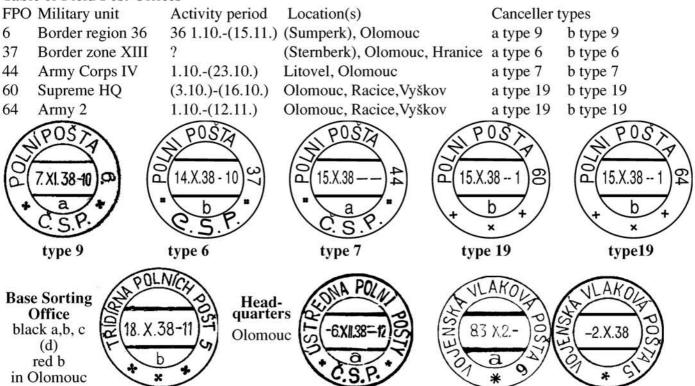
Ref: The Postal History of Ukraine by Roman Dubyniak and Peter Cybaniak POWs and the Great War by Alon Rachamimov

Field Post 1938

Operative from 1 October 1938, began closing 12 November 1938, last Field Post Office closed on 6 December 1938. Units sent mail via a numbered Field Post Office (Polní Pošta), from there it went to a Base Sorting Field Post Office (Třídírna Polní Pošty).

Olomouc had several Field Post Offices and one of the five sorting offices. F.P.5 in Jisrove barracks opposite the Orthodox Church. F.P.37 in Náměstí Republiky next to main P.O. in today's library.

Table of Field Post Offices



red,black POLNÍ POŠTA 6

violet, black TŘÍDÍRNA POLNÍCH POŠT 5

POLNI POŠTA 37



Official field post card sent by a soldier of field slaughter-house 19 in Olomouc, posted at Field post sorting office 5. Circular date stamp TŘÍDÍRNA POLNÍCH POST 5/d, 12.X.38 and censor mark of the sorting office.

Field Card Types

Type 1 Main inscription : DOPISNICE POLNÍ POŠTOVNÍ SLUŽBY as above

Deep buff, 6 words no lines in senders address space,

1A Deep buff, main inscription: DOPISNICE POLNÍ POŠTOVNÍ SLUŽBY as above

1B Buff, senders legend 3 inscriptions with 4 vertical lines

1C Buff, as above with addition pf 'v Zapoli'

1D Blue-green as 1C

Type 2 Main inscription : DOPISNICE ČS.POLNÍ POŠTY

Deep green. Senders legend in 4vertical lines 2A Green, as above with addition of 'v Zázemí'

Type 3 Main inscription: LISTEK POLNÍ POŠTY

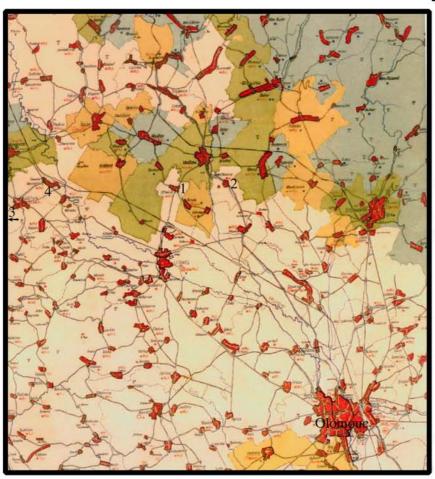
Pink, senders legend in 6 languages

Type 4 Main inscription: POLNÍ POŠTA

Grey, senders area Czech only inscription

Ref: Czechout Polní Pošta W.A.Dawson 1975ff, www.japhila.cz/en/posthist/Petr_PH/Mil1.htm

Sudetenland Story



1935 map, based on the 1930 surveyof the ethnic makeup of the population. Key: Blue area = 90 -100% German

Green Area = 80 - 90% German

Orange area = 50 - 80% German

The Sudetenland was ceded to Germany at the end of September 1938. The border with Moravia ran through the Olomouc district between the towns of Uničov and Litovel, about 20km from the city. Some villages Střelice (1), Želechovice (2), Žadlovice (3) and Morovíčany (4) whose inhabitants were 100% Czechs protested that they had been included in the German side. After about one week the German authorities allowed an adjustment of the border so that they returned to Czech control. Being small villages, mail from the relevant time is going to be difficult to find.

However this is not the end of the story. The postmaster at the Olomouc 2 post office had a cachet made celebrating the release of the villages and it was used on mail for several days until the authorities in Prague put a stop to it, fearing upsetting the Germans.

There is at least one known posted item bearing the cachet but is at present "mislaid" by its owner. As far as is known this is the only published version of this event.

German Occupation

German Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia declared on 16 March 1939 which included Olomouc. First overprinted stamps 15 July 1939. Czechoslovak stamps sold to 30.11.39, valid to 15.12.39. BM overprints valid until 15.12.39. Postal stationery sold until 19.05.40 valid until 20.05.40.

The dates given in the table are mainly from my collection. The Czech cancellers were at first replaced by 25 mm diameter bilingual cancellers, but these were then replaced, except in some of the smaller villages by German only cancellers.



used in Olomouc 1 post office just 5 days after the takeover.

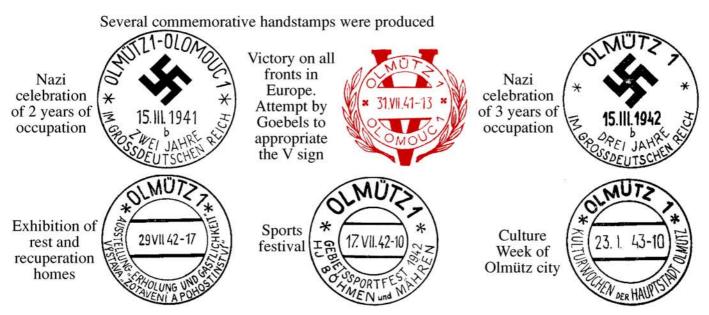
Translation: 700 Years German and now forever.

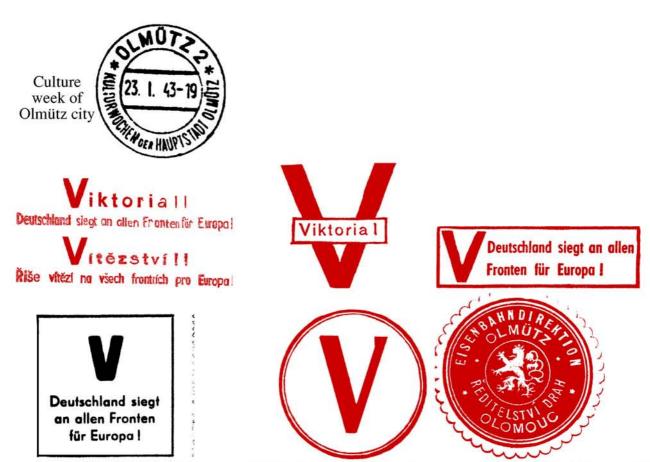


Translation of reverse:

Dear Protektor On behalf of the Czechoslovak Nation we require the immediate release of all Czech political prisoners and the end of further persecution and arrest of the Ezech people. We require you to stop the looting and robbing of the Ezech lands. We require you to abolish the decrees about dissolution of municipal councils in order to Germanise Ezech people. Appeal number one for the Czech public.

This protest card was sent over a month before real atrocities were committed when 1200 protesting students in Prague were arrested and put into concentration camps, 9 were executed. Even so, Hitler considered Von Neurath too lenient and his power was soon devolved to his deputy the infamous Reinhard Heydrich.



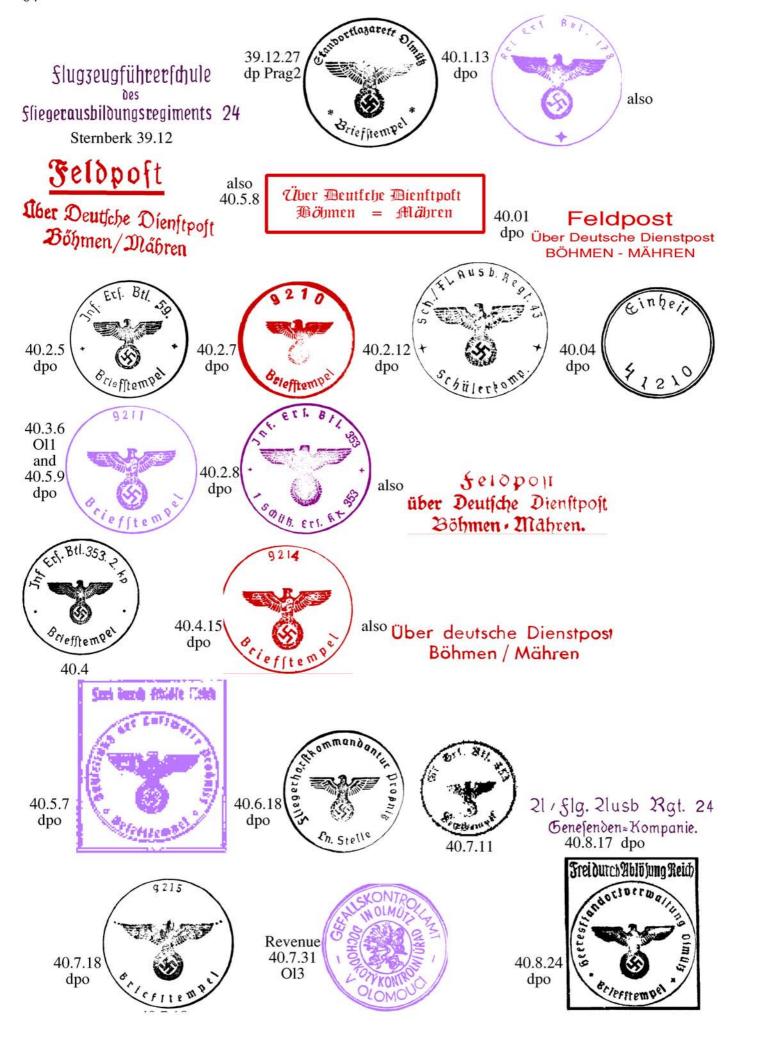


Since the Czechs couldn't be trusted with the German Army mail a "Reich" post office was set up in the army headquarters opposite the police headquarters. All official and most of the fieldpost was sent this way.

There seems to be a lot of different cachets from different army units stationed in Olomouc. I have no definitive list. The following are from my collection, the internet and scans or photocopies from other collectors. Dates and place of posting are given if known.

The abreviations used are : dpo = Dienstpost Olomouc, dpp = Dienstpost Prostějov, Ol1 = Olomouc 1 etc a,b,c,s







Deutsche Dienstpost Böhmen = Mähren.

frei durch Ablösung Reich.













Deutsche Dienstpost Böhmen=Mähren. Feldpost

41.1.30 Sternberk



Frei durch Ablösung Reich

41.2.21 dpo

Frei durch Ablösung Reich

5. Kompanie

41.3.5
dpo

41.5.23 Ol1 Steueramt Olmütz. Berní úřad v Olomouci

41.2.5

dpo

ÜBER DEUTSCHE DIENSTPOST BÖHMEN UND MÄHREN



Viktorial

deutschland siegt on allen Fronten für Europe!



frei durch Ablöfung Reich.

Deutsche Dienstpost Böhmen-Mähren

Seldpost

dpo 41.11



42.10.-13 dpo also

Deutsche Dienstpost Böhmen-Mähren







Deutsche Dienstpost Böhmen—Mähren



42.10.12

To

Olomouc

42.3.10 dpo



Luft-Feldpost







DEUTSCHE DIENSTPOST BOHMEN UND MAHREN

Feldpoff



Einschreiben

H.H. Kdtr. A (o) 13/XVII ProBnitz Gruppe Verwaltung

dpo 44.06

DEUTSCHE DIENSTPOST BOHMEN UND MÄHREN

dpo 44.6



dpo 44.6

Durch Deutche Dienstpost Bohm.=Mahr.

44.6.23 011

Arbeitsamt Olmütz Úřad práce v Olomouci



dpo 44.6

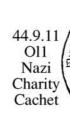








44.8.1 dpo



44.10.19

R.A.B.-LAGER



German Fieldposts

25.11.19	944-8.5.1945	45808	Festungs-Kommandant Olmütz
25.11.19	944-8.5.1945	46756	Reserve.Lazarett I-III Olmütz
25.11.19	944-8.5.1945	47654	Stab.u.Einheit.OPionier-Sonderstab 27 (Festung Olmütz)
25.11.19	944-8.5.1945	56360	Heeres-Standortverwaltung Olmütz u. Einheit
25.11.19	944-8.5.1945	65929	Transport-Kommandantur Brün, Aussenstelle Olmütz
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Other feldposts are probable as many Nazi units passed through the city, especially in the final stages of the war when Olomouc was defended by the 1. Panzer Armee against the 4th Ukrainian Front. Evacuation began on 6th May 1945.

The German Administration replaced the Czechoslovak Olomouc cancellers with smaller (25 mm) bilingual Olmütz / Olomouc cancellers around the end of 1939. Their eventual intentions were made clear when in the last few months of 1942 these cancellers were exchanged for entirely German ones. The use of bilingual cancellers continued in the surrounding villages.

Post Office	Code	Туре	Earliest	Latest	Olmütz 5 / Olomouc 5	С	bilingual	01.02.40	
Olomouc 1	3a	M.45	na	09.01.40	Olmütz 5 / Olomouc 5	b	bilingual	28.01.41	
Olomouc 1	5a	M.45	na	07.10.39	Olmütz 5	С		25.06.43	
Olmütz 1 / Olomouc 1	3a	bilingual	27.11.39	22.07.41	Olomouc 6	а	M.45	na	10.07.39
Olmütz 1 / Olomouc 1	4a	bilingual	08.03.40	22.7.41	Olmütz 6 / Olomouc 6		bilingual	20.12.40	07.03.41
Olmütz 1 / Olomouc 1	3b	bilingual	06.03.40		Olmütz 6	а	German	15.09.43	
Olmütz 1	3a	German	26.10.42	11.09.44	Olmütz 6	b	German	07.07.43	13.10.43
Olmütz 1	3b	German	20.12.42	07.03.45	Olmütz 6	С	German	01.03.44	
Olmütz 1	3с	German	03.09.42	26.02.45	Olomouc 7 (Hodolany)	С	CSP erased	na	19.12.39
Olmütz 1	3d	German	12.05.44		Olomouc 7	b	CSP erased	na	12.02.40
Olmütz 1	3h	German	22.10.42	31.03.44	Olmütz 7 / Olomouc 7	b	bilingual	05.02.41	03.04.42
Olmütz 1	4a	German	08.03.40		Olmütz 7	b	German	16.09.44	
Olmütz 1	4d	German	07.08.44		Olmütz 7	С	German	05.10.43	24.04.44
Olmütz 1	4f	German	01.03.44		Olomouc 8	а	M.45	na	25.05.39
Olmütz 1 vertical date	3k	4 dash line	10.05.44		Olmütz 8 / Olomouc 8	b	bilingual	03.07.40	
Olmütz 1	3g	3 dash lines	19.10.44		Olmütz 8	С	German	22.05.43	
Olomouc 2	b	M.41	na	23.11.39	Olmütz 9 / Olomouc 9	а	bilingual	11.06.41	
Olomouc 2	i	4 wavy lines	na	23.12.39	Olmütz 9 / Olomouc 9	С	bilingual	16.10.40	
Olmütz 2 / Olomouc 2	b	bilingual	29.04.40		Olmütz 9		German	20.9.42	
Olmütz 2 / Olomouc 2	j	bilingual	12.03.41		Olmütz 10 / Olomouc 10	b	bilingual	31.10.41	
Olmütz 2 / Olomouc 2	а	4 wavy lines	07.04.40	14.03.42	Olomouc 11 (Novo Sady)	b	na	12.08.39	
Olmütz 2 / Olomouc 2	i	4 wavy lines	30.08.40		Olmütz 11 / Olomouc 11	?	bilingual	22.01.40	
Olmütz 2	а	German	05.09.42	24.04.45	Olmütz 11	b	German	08.11.44	
Olmütz 2	b	German	06.02.44	04.10.44	Olmütz 11	d	German	01.02.44	01.09.44
Olmütz 2	k	German	05.09.40	22.04.43	Dollein b. Olmütz / Dolany u Olo	?	bilingual	01.09.41	24.08.42
Olmütz 2	а	4 wavy lines	16.05.42	29.08.44	Doloplas b O / Doloplazy u O	а	bilingual	08.01.44	
Olmütz 2	i	4 wavy lines	22.03.45		Holitz / Holice u Olomouce	а	bilingual	11.03.44	
Olomouc 3	а	M.45	na	21.09.39	Holitz / Holice u Olomouce	b	bilingual	20.10.42	
Olomouc 3	b	M.45	na	04.07.39	Horka nad Moravou	b		na	29.07.39
Olmütz 3 / Olomouc 3	а	bilingual	23.10.39	02.12.41	Horka ad March / Horka n.Morav	а	bilingual	29.07.40	23.12.41
Olmütz 3/ Olomouc 3	b	bilingual	11.04.42		Grosslatein / Slatinice	С	bilingual	18.07.43	
Olmütz 3 / Olomouc 3	3a	bilingual	21.8.40		Namiescht / Náměst na Hané	b	bilingual	18.07.43	
Olmütz 3 / Olomouc 3	g	bilingual	21.08.40	23.12.40	Stepanau bz O / Stepanov u O	С	bilingual	07.08.41	23.04.45
Olmütz 3 / Olomouc 3	h	bilingual	18.01.40		Heiligenberg / Svatý Kopeček	а	bingual	26.07.44	21.08.44
Olmütz 3 / Olomouc 3		3 dash line	01.05.42		Heiligenberg / Svatý Kopeček	b	bilingual	22.07.40	05.10.44
Olmütz 3	а	German	09.01.43	03.06.44	Heiligenberg / Svatý Kopeček	С	bilingual	02.08.43	10.08.43
Olmütz 3	b	German	04.09.42	25.02.43	Gross Wisternitz / Velka Bystrice	b	bilingual	04.01.41	
Olmütz 3	g	German	21.08.40	02.10.42	Horka sd March / Horka n.Morav	b		23.12.41	
Olmütz 3 h German 21.06.44 Nebotein		Nebotein	С		31.07.44				
Olmütz 3	j	German	16.08.43	28.07.44	Deutsche Dienstpost	а		27.12.39	04.06.42
Olmütz 3		3 dash line	06.04.43		Deutsche Dienstpost	b		03.05.41	22.03.44
					Behördenpoststelle 33 Prossnitz			18.06.40	

Behördenpoststellen

Numbered sub offices of the the nearest Dienstpost. One in Olomouc, location unknown number 28 and two others nearby in Litovel (Littau No 27 and 46) and Prostějov (Prossnitz No 33).

Deutsche Dienstpost Böhmen-Mähren Behördenpoststelle 33 Profinits

Two examples in my collection both with the Olmütz Dienstpost cancel

Deutsche Dienstpost Böhmen-Mähren Behördenpoststelle 40 Ilin

with the Olmütz Dienstpost cancel 3.1941 Deutsche Dienstpost Böhmen-Mähren Behördenpoststelle 40 Alin

with the Prossnitz Dienstpost cancel 4.1942

KLV Camps

KLV (Kinderlandverschickung - Despatch of children to the countryside) Camps for German children during the war were set up in what were thought to be safe areas, 600 in the Protectorate. Cachets were made locally if at all, often boxed and containing BIH Lager.

Kinderheim Heiligenberg K. L. D. Böhmen und Mähren Lager: Olmüß Teillager Repschein. K. L. D. Böhmen und Mähren Lager Olmütz Teillager Heiliger Berg

KLV.-Lager (BM/
Taubstummenanstalt
Leipnik
bei Olmütz (Mähren)

KLV - Lager (Pro./40)

Taubstummenanstalt

Leipnik

bei Olmütz (Mähren)

Currency Control

1.10.1940 Czech posts became part of the German Customs Area, 10 offices maintained a censorship of civilian mails abroad. One was in Olomouc 2.



Postal Routing Number

Deutsche Reichpost allocated the routing number 11b for mail to Bohemia and Moravia



For further information on the Post of Bohemia and Moravia, I recommend Monograph No.19 from the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society of Great Britain, *Bohemia & Moravia A Collector's Notebook* by John Hammonds and Rex Dixon.

Air Mail

Olomouc has a small airport at the end of the tram route to the west of the city. It was one of the stops on the world's first regular air mail route which was between Vienna and Kiev which opened on 31 March 1918 and continued to the second week in October 1918 (Declaration of an independant Czechoslovakia). Olomouc was first used on 1 October as an emergency landing site, afterwards incorporated as a regular stopover (zwischenlandung). Unfortunately there is no record of any mail being accepted or delivered in Olomouc. After the war on 15 July 1919 a new military air unit was created in Olomouc the Setnina "Salm N°3", renamed velitelství letectva Olomouc (Air Force Command) on 1.4.1920. My only evidence for the use of the airport during the First Republic is a postcard showing a view of the Air Force barracks and the greetings card below.

I have several cachets for air training regiments in Olomouc during the Occupation. See the previous page for a German Airmail cachet (LUFTPOST 1024) found on a cover posted from a village near Olomouc, showing that this was flown from Olomouc is proving difficult. Another overfranked Occupation cover to Chemnitz, Saxony has an air mail label and 2 different receiving cancels at Chemnitz.

After the war and especially after 1968 there was quite a large Russian force at the airport, the small museum there has several MIG fighters that were left behind and a magnificent ejection seat trainer. I have stayed in the block of flats built for Russian air force officers - getting mail is several orders of magnitude greater difficulty.



Soviet influence after Liberation



Postcard from the First Communist
Regional Women's Conference in
Olomouc to Velká Bystrice, a village
close to Olomouc. An example of one of
the ways the Soviets sponsored events to
aid recruitment to the communist party.
Portrait of Lenin on the obverse. Note
the error, his first name should be
Vladimir.

Message:

Revolutionary greetings to all strong female comrades and to you Milena

Soviet Field Post Liberation







Field post 11304 On Military order Nº365 from Stalin, thanking soldiers who liberated Olomouc

Soviet Field Post 1968-91

Soviet troops began their occupation on 21.8.68 around 30,000 troops were garrisoned in Olomouc. The units were assigned five digit field post numbers.

Olomouc Field Post Numbers

13465	
14394	Censored all mail arriving in Olomouc
15353	
15990	Own collection
21446	Car repair unit 498
30166	Own collection
31428	
35707	
50245	
97865	Fuel repository 844

Ref: www.japhila.cz/en/posthist/Petr_PH/Mil9.htm

Unknown Numbers

28th Army Corps Motorised Regiment 322 Pioneer Battalion Automobile Battalion Helicopter Regiment 490th

Helicopter Regiment 490th stationed at Neředin 170th Aerodrome-Technical Support Batallion 1257th Independent Pontoon Bridge Battalion 7th Signals Brigade

14th Independent Signals Battalion Direction Station 30th Guards Motorised Rifle Division

31st Tank Division

28.11.90.

Around 30,000 Russian soldiers were stationed in Olomouc. Cover from mother in Tashkent to Fieldpost 30166. Purple censor mark on left. Censored because of the situation in Estonia and Latvia at the time.





5.12.90

Cover between soldiers to Fieldpost 15990 from HOBORBOPOBOKC (Novoyvorovoks).



Mail to and from soldiers stationed in Olomouc is difficult to find as there was a very strict no fraternisation policy.

However pen-pal post between schoolchildren was encouraged. The 9 year old receiving this item from Volvograd which is written entirely in Cyrillic, must have been relieved to find that the content was only a childish drawing of Minnie Mouse. reduced size

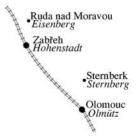
Transit Mail

During the Austro- Hungarian Empire period, railway lines were constructed radiating from Vienna, first to Olomouc in 1841 and then in 1845 to Prague. Olomouc at the junction of main lines to Vienna, Prague, Poland and Slovakia became an important rail centre and five single-track lines to areas of North Moravia were constructed from it. The Opava (Silesia) connection was constructed in 1872. The railways provided a means of rapidly distributing the post as the item below illustrates. Later special post office conductors were employed to accept and deal with the post on trains, leading finally to specially constructed carriages to act as travelling post offices (TPOs).



Entire from the Prince of Liechtenstein's estate in Sternberg to Eisenberg (Ruda nad Moravou), both towns north of Olomouc and only 53 km apart, but separated by forested hilly country. It was faster to send it by road to Olomouc station then by rail by the recently built railway (1845) to Hohenstadt (Zábřeh) then road again to Eisenberg. The two transit handstamps confirm this route.

Total distance = 16 + 46 + 13 = 75 km. 3 kreuzer for the first weight step had a limit of 10 postal miles = 10×7585 metres = 75.85 km. The Olomouc - Prague main line was built in 1845, the branch line to Sternberk in 1870, continuing to Šumperk in 1873.



TPOs from and through Olomouc

Railway Completion

(Vienna) Břeclav-Olomouc 1841

Olomouc-Prague 20.8.1845

Olomouc-Šternberk 1870

Olomouc-Krnov 1872

Krnov-Opava 1872

Krnov-Jindřichov 1872

Olomouc-Hanušovice 1873

Jindřichov-Ziegenhals 1875

Hanušovice-Dolní Lipová 1888

Dolní Lipová-Ziegenhals 1888

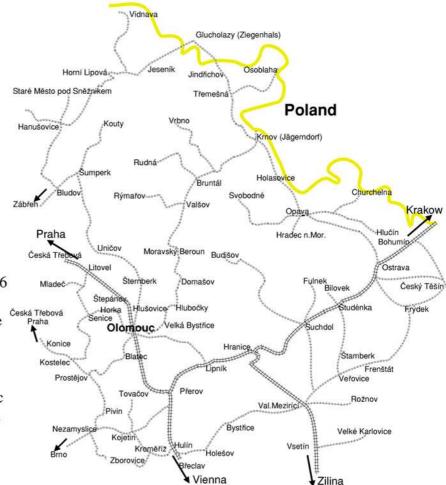
Třemešna-Osoblaha 10.10.1898

First TPO

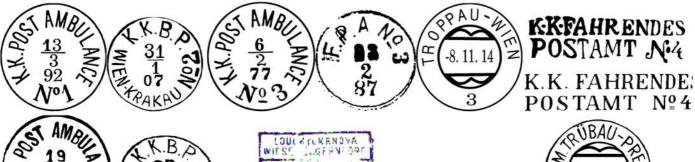
Olomouc-Ziegenhals 10.4.1893

Olomouc-Ziegenhals-Krnov 21.3.1896

Each TPO had its own cancellers. The cancellers usually had a number denoting the route and the terminal names. The following illustrates most of the cancellers used on the Olomouc network. There have been no closures on this amazing network of railway lines, although sadly the TPOs are no more.







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STERNBERG - BRÜNN» WIEN Nº 21

30.XII.17

G.202 + reverse

No22 Various Wien to to Troppau

FPA/Olmütz-Prerau-Bohm.Trubau No71 E.269

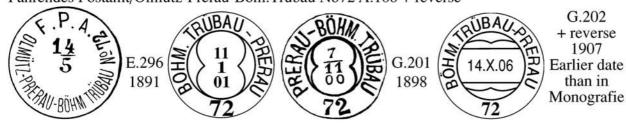
FPA/Bom.Trubau-OlmützNo71 E.269

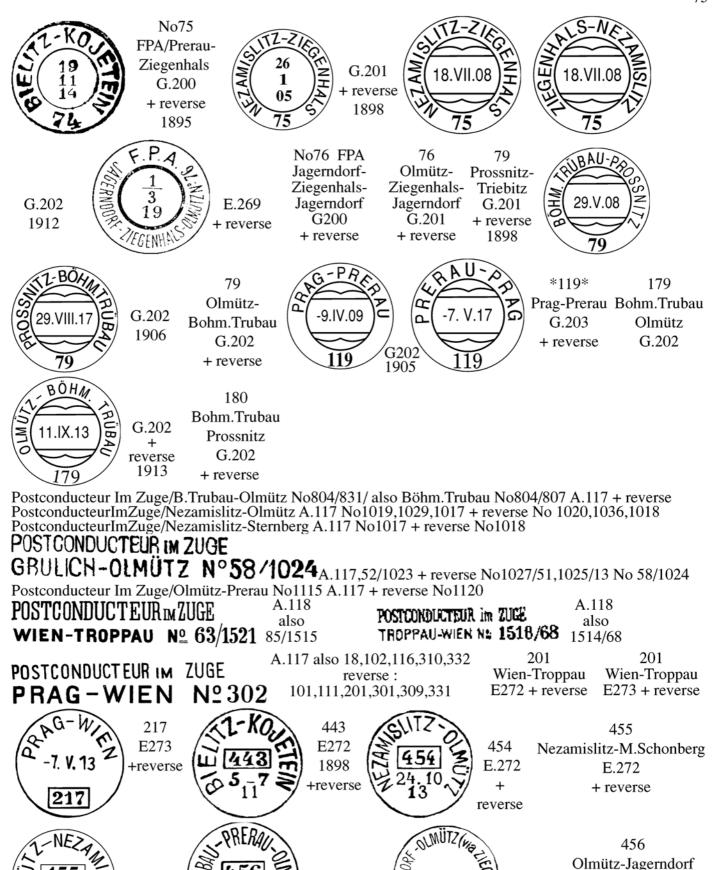
Fahrendes Postamt/Olmütz-Prerau-Bohm. Trubau No71 A.108 + reverse PRAG-NIMB WIEN № 21

Prerau-Bohm.Trubau No71 G.201 + reverse

FPA/Bohm.Trubau-Olmütz No72 E.269

Fahrendes Postamt/Olmütz-Prerau-Bom. Trubau No72 A.108 + reverse





22 VII 15

E.272

reverse

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E.273

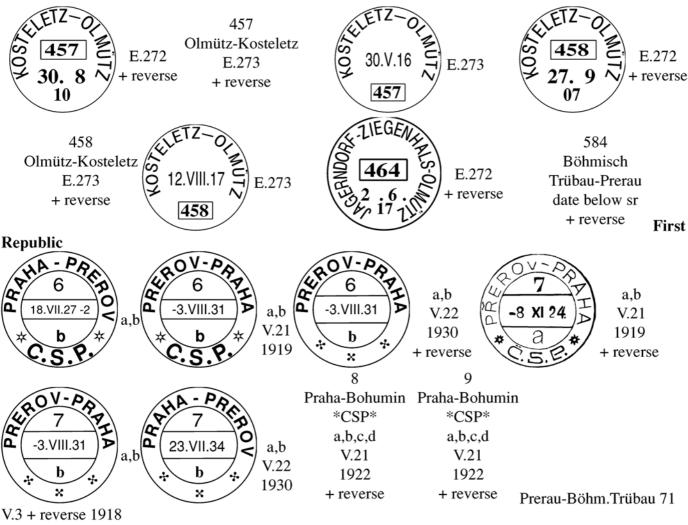
1914

E.273

E.272

reverse

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Prerau-Böhm. Trübau 72 V.3 + reverse 1918

Nezamislitz-Ziegenhals 75 V.2 + reverse 1918

Bohumin-Praha*CSP*75 a,b V.21 1919 Praha-Petrovice Ve Slezsku***75 a,b V.22 1924 + reverse

Praha-Bohumin***75 a,b V.22 1929 + reverse

FPA Olmütz-Ziegenhals-Jägerndorf 76 V.1 + reverse 1918 Petrovice SL-Praha*CSP*76 a,b V.21 1921 Praha-Bohumin***76 a,b V.22 1924 + reverse Petrovice Sl-Praha*CSP*76 V.21 1921 a,b

Praha-Bohumin***76 V.22 1924 a,b

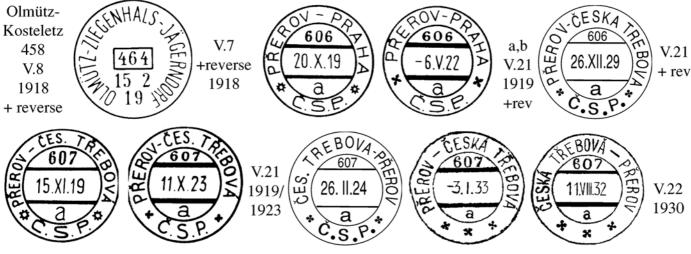
Prag-Prerau 119 V.3 + reverse 1918

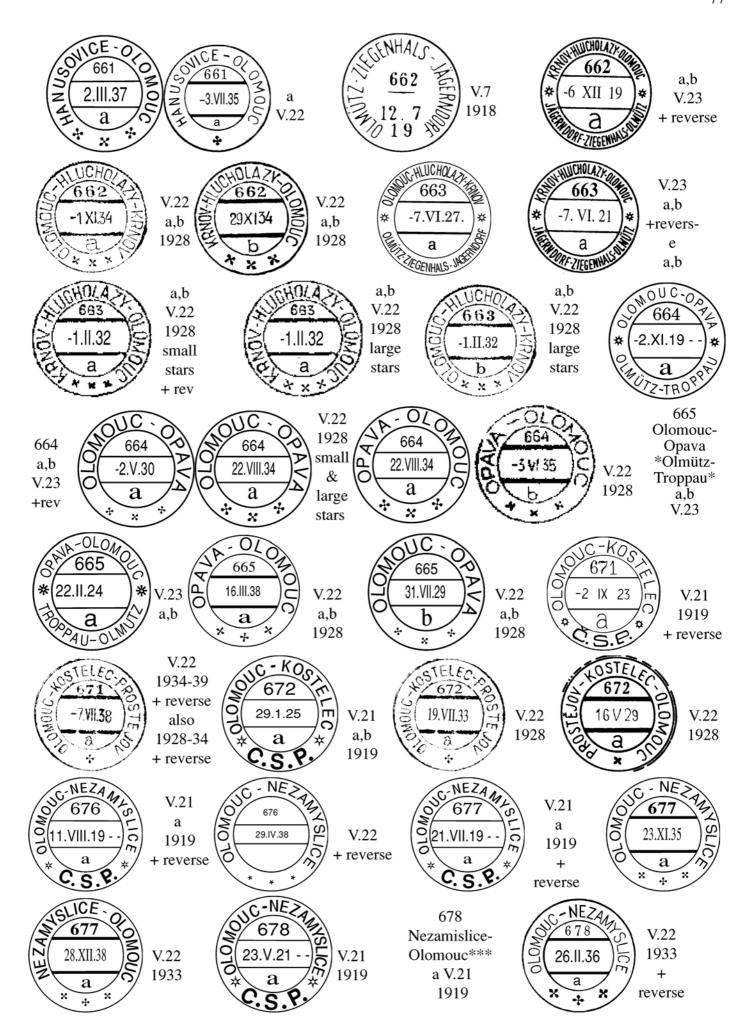
Böhm.Trübau-Olmütz 179 V.3 + reverse 1918

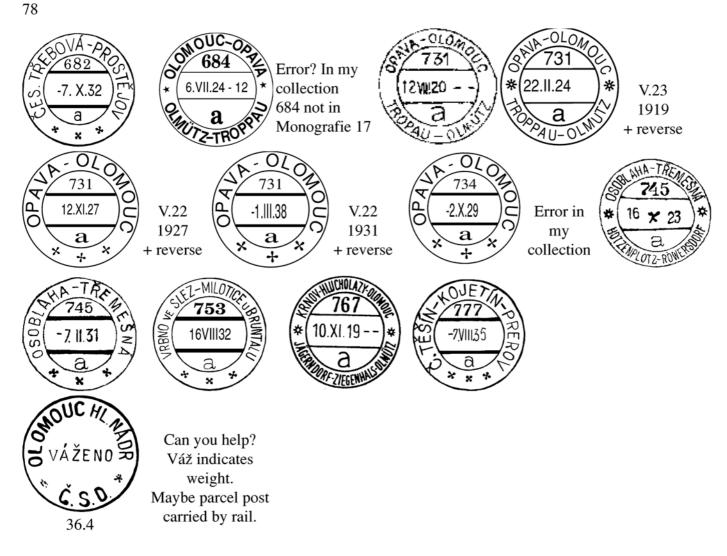
Olmütz-Nezamislitz 454 V.7 + reverse 1918

Jägerndorf-Olmütz (Via Ziegenhals) 456 V.8 1918

Petrovice SL-Praha*CSP*76 a,b V.21 1921 Petrovice Sl-Praha*CSP*76 V.21 1921 a,b Prossnitz-Böhm.Trübau 79 V.3 + reverse 1918 Prag-Prerau *119* V.4 + reverse 1918 Böhm.Trübau-Prossnitz 180 V.3 + reverse 1918 Olmütz-Jägerndorf 456 V.8 1918 Olmütz-Kosteletz 457 V.8 1918 + reverse

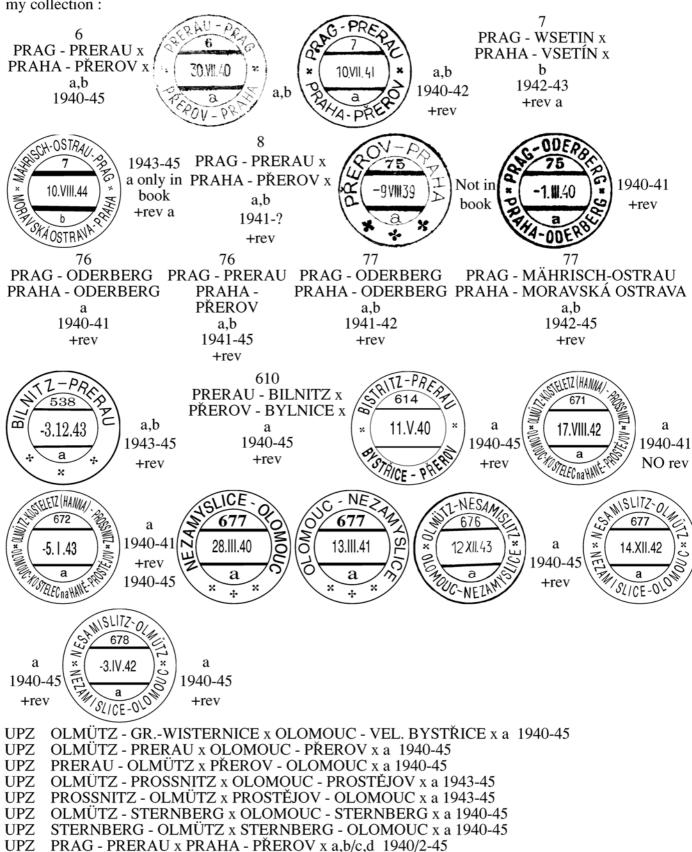






Occupation

Information from Vlakové Poštové Spoje v Česko-Slovensku 1938-1945 Alois Těšitel & Josef Tekel' and my collection :



PRERAU - PRAG x PŘEROV - PRAHA x a,b/c,d 1940/2-45

Sudetenand TPOs

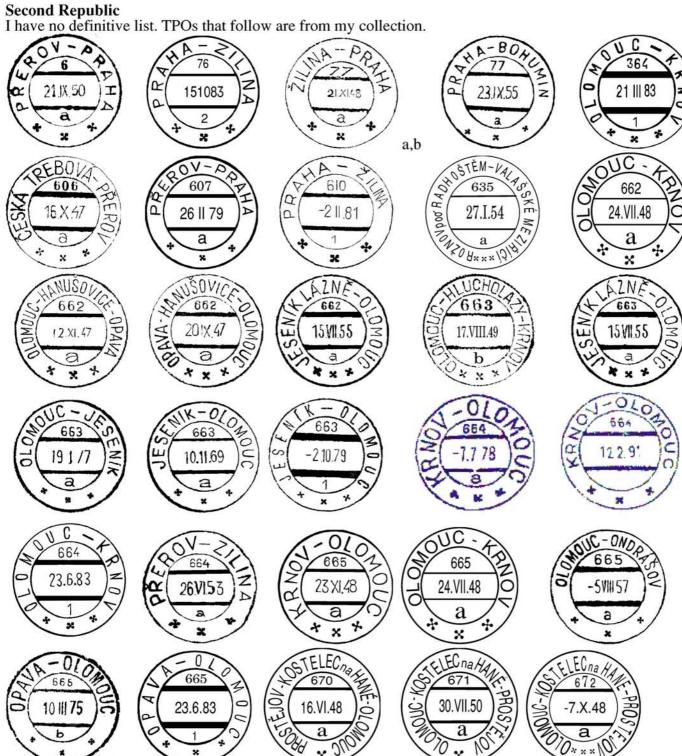
Breslau-Jägendorf-Gross Wisternitz Prerau-Lundenburg Jägendorf-Gross Wisternitz Lundenburg-Prerau Müglitz-Prerau Oderburg-Mährisch Weisskirchen

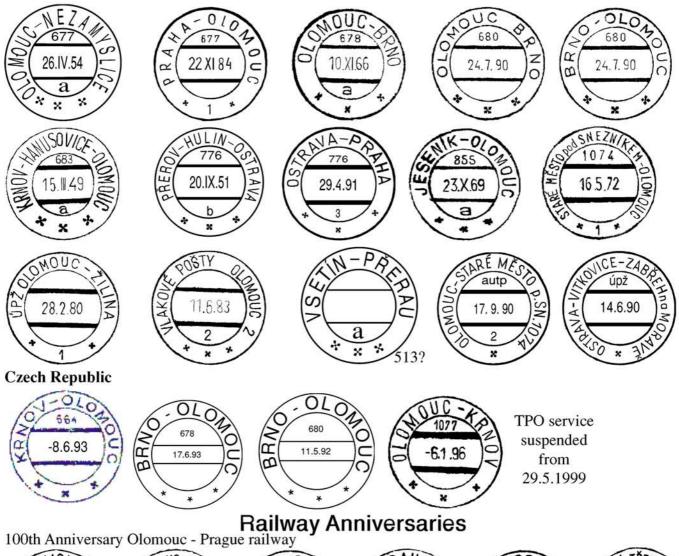
Prag-Oderburg Prerau-Lundenburg-Brünn Prerau-Oderburg Sternberg-Olmütz Troppau-Olmütz





More information in **CPSGB** Monograph N°24



















Note the precedence of Olomouc to Prague, this is because originally the railway lines were built radiating out from Vienna, first to Olomouc via Břeclav in 1841, then from Olmouc to Prague in 1845.

100th Anniversary Břeclav-Olomouc railway



150th Anniversary Břeclav-Olomouc railway











Railway Parcels



Commemorative Olomouc Handstamps

c1 14. DEUTSCH-MÄHR LEHRERTAG oo OLMÜTZ. - MITTE JULI-1913 oo

German-Moravian Teacher's Day



c2 Agricultural Exhibition. Rare cancel



c3 50th Anniversary National Unity for Moravia



DUOMOUC 12.III. 38 -20 PLYROCI BITYY U

c5 20th Anniversary Battle of Bachmač

Osvobození Olomouce Rudou armádou 8. 5. 1945

Liberation of Olomouc by the Red Army

Osvobození Olomouce "Rudou armádou" 8, 5, 1945.

c7 With quotes



c8 Date usually 15.VII.1945 copied from Olomouc Philately Society book. Issued on day of dedication of a monument in remembrance of fallen Red Army soldiers



c9 National Harvest in Hana (Olomouc Region)



c10 First Anniversary Liberation



c12 950th Anniversary Death of St. Adelbert (Bishop of Prague)



c13 25th Anniversary Olomouc Philatelic Club



c14 Congress of **Patriots**



c15 Two Years Work Two Stages towards Wealth



c16 National Agricultural Show



c17 Festival



c18 Solidarity Day with fighting Women from Asian and African Nations



c19 30th Anniversary Czechoslovak Republic



c20 Regional National Committees



c21 Festival of the Joys of Work







c75 World Championship of Birds



c76 Youth Stamp Exhibition



c77 Regional Exhibition



c78 International Philately Exhibition



c79 Regional Museum Olomouc T.G.Masaryk Exhibition



c80 **IFEF** Congress



c81 **IFEF Congress** (Spelling Čehoslovakio wrong)



c82 Flower Show



c83 Papal Visit



c84 Flower Show



c85 Used for First Day Covers of Trinity Column stamp





c86 Used for First Day covers of Olomouc Bells stamp



c87 Used for First Day Cover of Gothic Stove in Olomouc stamp



Machine Slogans





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International Philately Exhibition



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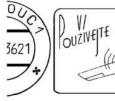


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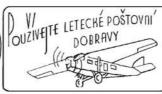


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Churches Jubilee





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Air Display













Olomouc use the Airline Olomouc -Prague

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International Cycling Competition Svatý Kopeček Circuit Start Autoklub Olomouc



MUBTE MANDELINKU BRAMBOROVOU

Beware Colorado Beetle







750th Anniversary of Uničov

STRUJCI BAKTERIOLOGICKÉ VÁLKY NA SOUD NÁRODŮ



Makers of Bacteriological War on National Trial

5. CELOSTÁTNÍ VÝSTAVA OKRASNÉHO ZAHRADNICTVÍ **OLOMOUC**

15. VIII. - 6. IX. 1964



5th National Flower Show

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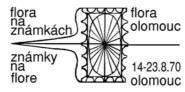
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Visit the gardening and beekeeping exhibition in Olomouc





Gardens and Stamps Flora Olomouc



FLORA NA ZNÁMKÁCH ZNÁMKY NA FLOŘE · OLOMOUC • 19-28.8.1983

Play on Words: Flowers on Stamps Stamps at Flora (Flower Exhibition)



ODBVŮ A KONFERCE VSETÍN - FAX : 4629 TEL.: 0657 / 3488



Wholesale-Manufactures Meeting and Conference







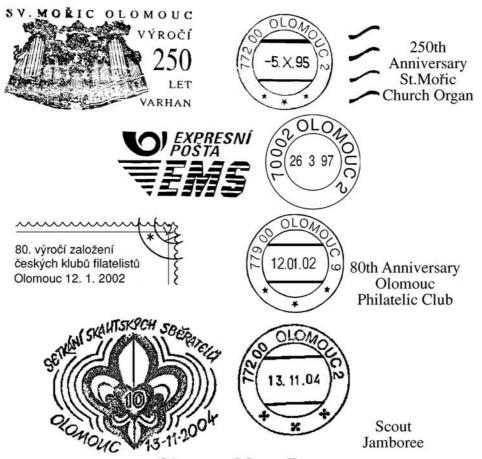
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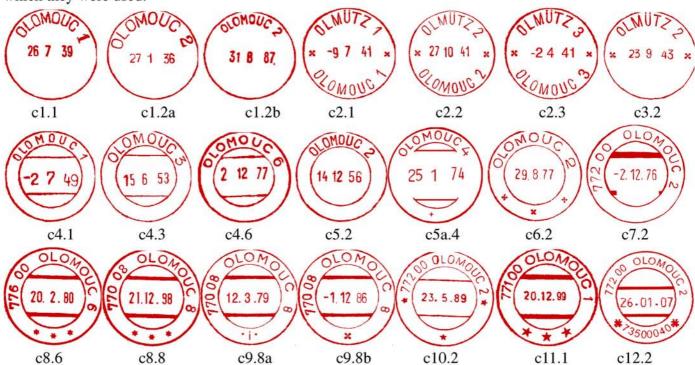
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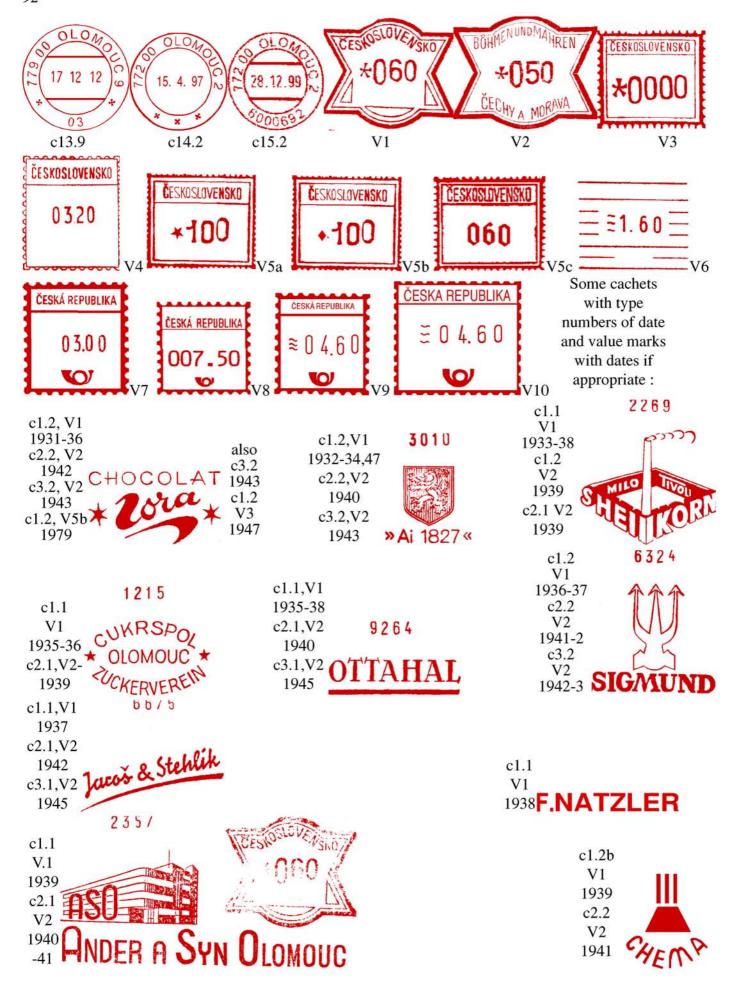


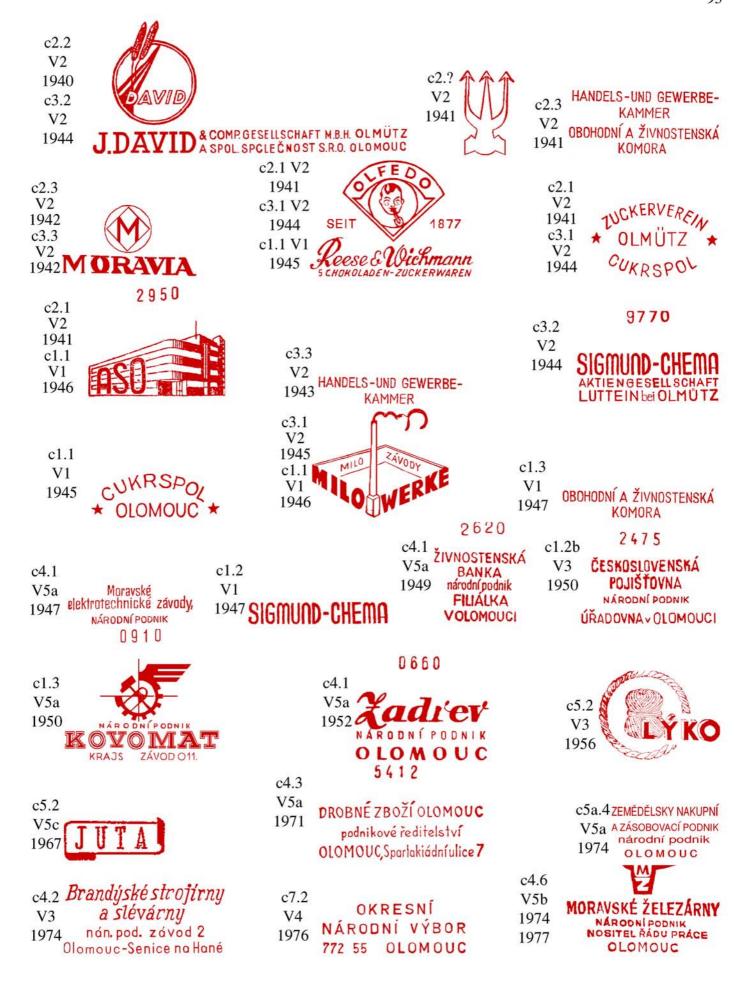


Olomouc Meter Post

Meter post was introduced into Czechoslovakia in 1926. Usually consist of circular date mark, value mark, and advertising cachet, different types in my collection are shown. I have assigned type numbers to the various date and value marks. There is a very comprehensive 11-volume catalogue of the meter post in Czechoslovakia by Roberto di Casola, to be found on the internet at http://robidic.webs.com, with permission of the author I have been able to increase the number of illustrations and the periods during which they were used.







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PIENTY



Perfins

Eleven Firms are known to have used perfins in Olomouc



Diabolo a spol. Textile Company. Chvalkovice. Issued 50 to 99 perfins. 1920 to 1945. Category C

Emanuel Löwy & Company. Issued 5 to 19 perfins. 1890 to 1934. Category E



F.Deutsch. Issued 50 to 99 perfins. 1920 to 1936. Category C.



Josef Ander & Company. Issued 50 to 99 perfins 1920 to 1934. Category C



Josef David a Farming Equipment and Machinery Company. Issued 50 to 99 perfins. 1908 to 1944. Category C



Kosmos Ofen und Eisenweske an Ironworks Company. Issued 50 to 99 perfins. 1908 to 1938. Category C

Bratrí A. & H. Mayů Hejcínsý cukrovar, lihovar a drozdarna - Sugar products Manufacturer in Hejcín - Repcín (Hatschein - Hreptschain). Issued between 1904 and 1930. Category B.

An unknown Company. Issued up to 4 perfins. 1908 to 1918. Category F





R.Promberger a Publishing House and Bookshop. Issued 100 to 199 perfins. 1920 to 1948. Category B.

Velké Pavlovice. Zuckerfabrik Pawlowitz. Sugar Mill. Issued 25 to 50 perfins. Category D



This perfin is in my collection with an Olomouc cds dated 6.XI.18. Issued in the Bata Shoe factory in Zlin. Bata had the contract for military boots and shoes, Olomouc was a garrison town near the eastern front so it is possible it was used in an office there.



Sugar Factory Association perfin issued in Vienna, but used on private postcards from Olomouc in 1913 and 1914

Ref: Perfins from the Territory of Czechoslovakia by Vojtech Maxa, published by the Perfins Club.

Bogus Issue 1-3 April 1939

On 10th February 1939 the Post Office Headquarters for Carpatho-Ukraine at Chust requested the Ministry of Posts at Prague to issue a special commemorative 3kc stamp and a souvenir sheet for 6kc to commemorate the inauguration of the Carpatho-Ukranian Parliament. The Ministry of Posts at Prague approved the commemorative 3kc stamp but rejected the souvenir sheet. The stamp went on sale at 3 pm. Wednesday 15th March, the Hungarian Army entered Khust at 6 pm. on Thursday. The postmaster was killed in the fighting, the 3kc stamp was only on sale within that 27 hours.

Mr.J.Komonek a printer of Dolany near Olomouc issued a bogus souvenir sheet of the occasion and sold 200 pieces at a stamps bourse in Olomouc from 1st to 3rd April 1939. The Police charged Mr.Kominek as a forger confiscating the unsold stock of sheets.

The copy souvenir sheet depicts crudely the commemorative 3kc stamp and the coat-of-arms of the Carpatho-Ukrainian territory with an incorrect Ukrainian text "Opening of the First Assembly of Carpatho-Ukrainia - 2.III.1939". The word "Opening" is not Ukrainian but modified from the Slovak language.

Sheets appear on different paper in different sizes and gum, in my collection (a) cream paper 80 x 116 mm, (b) grey paper 81 x 100 mm.





Court Post

In September 1848 the court of Emperor Fedinand fled to Olmütz. On 2 December in Olmütz after the abdication of his uncle Ferdinand and the renunciation of his father Archduke Franz Karl, the eighteen-year-old Franz Joseph was crowned Emperor. November 1850 saw the meeting of Franz Joseph and King Wilhelm IV of Prussia known as the Punctation of Olmütz with Prussia submitting to Austrian leadership. The Emperor also met the Tsar Nicolas I of Russia in Olmütz in May and September of 1851. The Austrian Parliament was meeting in nearby Kremsier (Kroměříž) during this time. All this activity must have generated a considerable amount of post, alas I have never seen any, but there is always hope!

20th Anniversary Battle of Bachmač



The postmaster of Olomouc 1 was issued with instructions from the Ministry of Posts on the use of a special handstamp to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Bachmač. These took the form of a four-page A4 booklet illustrated on the left. The postmaster then used the front of the booklet to record significant handstamps used throughout the Occupation and subsequent Liberation of Olomouc during World War II.

Bulletin Ministry of Post and Telegraphs

Year 1938	In Prague 9th March	Number 14
	Regulation N°23 / 1938	

Twentieth Anniversary of the Battle of Bachmač

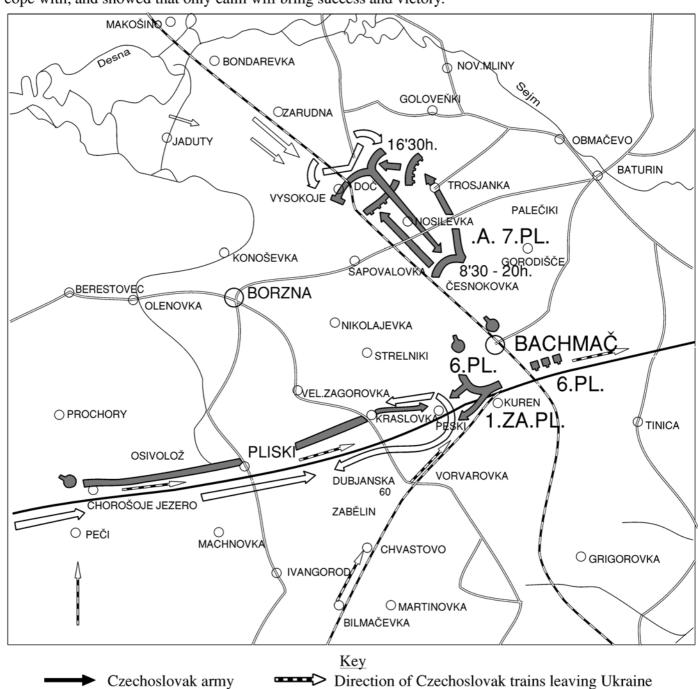
Vladimír Doubek Major — Liberation memorial

BATTLE OF BACHMAČ

In spring 1918 the little Ukrainian town Bachmač, an important railway junction, situated northeast of Kiev, experienced the battle to save the Czechoslovak army corps retreating from Ukraine to France. The Treaty signed on 9th February between Ukraine and the allies as well as the follow up on 3rd March with Soviet Russia made it impossible for the Czechoslovak troops to stay in Russian territory. Moreover, the German and Austrian troops started moving into Ukraine. The German army was concentrated in Gomel (184 km north-west of Bachmač) and in Kiev, and started to penetrate Ukraine from several directions in order to occupy main rail junctions and thus prevent the export of food, coal and metals to Soviet Russia. The Germans met the Czechoslovak rear guard twice on their move: first time at Korostychevo (near Zhitomir) and in the Kiev suburb Slobodec. Both times they were bloodily repelled. The third collision took place at Bachmač where the German army attempted to take the leaving Czechoslovak troops by surprise and cut off their way to the east. The first two fights involved the 1st Czechoslovak division that was retreating in a three-hundred-kilometre march through bottomless Ukrainian spring mud. They were in a hostile country, already exhausted and hungry before reaching stations from which trains would take them away. The second Czechoslovak division had already arranged a wagon line and all their troops had been sent to the east apart from a few commanded to defend Bachmač. From the way German troops were moving, it was obvious that their real intention was to take over the railway junction of Bachmač as soon as possible as it was crucial for the borderland of the occupied Ukraine. North of Bachmač, no later than on 8th March the Czechoslovak army met the enemy, the artillery of which showed its presence by shooting at trains full of Czechoslovak troops. The same happened west of Bachmač on that day too. It was clear that the Bachmač area reached by the Czechoslovak first division was dangerously threatened. The commander of the 6th Czechoslovak regiment, Colonel J. Červinka, who led the defence of Bachmač, decided therefore to face the German threat by quick attack from the north from Česnovka in the direction Doč-Bondarevka. The fight started in the morning of the 10th March. The sudden attack of Czechoslovak soldiers was so powerful that the German troops were pushed away from the village of Doč and its railway station, which meant that their north position moved by 18km further from Bachmač. The German losses were probably such that their

morale was shaken and they were not able to counter-attack. Meanwhile, fights also started over the station of Peski in the west. Similarly, the victory was in the Czechoslovak soldiers' hands and the Germans who were fiercely defending themselves were repelled.

Consequently, the progression of German troops was stopped in both directions, and in the following two days the Czechoslovak army could safely leave the area on trains heading east. However, on 13th March the Germans commenced another attack on the Czechoslovak troops in the north. The task of these troops was to defend Bachmač railway junction, which they successfully completed with the departure of the last train of 1st Czechoslovak division soldiers. Therefore it was decided not to start an intensive fight but rather gradually retreat from the German troops not allowing them to reach Bachmač before dusk. This target was achieved with all honours. The retreating troops got on the trains and the last train left around midnight. The German army did not dare enter Bachmač before the following morning on March 14th. The Czechoslovak troops thus managed to escape the danger of two surrounding German divisions. Moreover, they also disconcerted the plans of the German headquarters to prevent the Czechoslovak army corps from leaving Ukraine. Czechoslovak troops gave a great example how to overcome a situation that many others could not cope with, and showed that only calm will bring success and victory.



Germans (and Ukrainian cavalry)

Painter and graphic artist, Retired Captain of Russian legions.

Jindra Vlček

All the fights and events at Bachmač are united by the spirit of unity and devotion of an individual. That helped delaying the enemy until the mission was completed without major losses. I am really touched by the names of the missing. Those were the heroes with the hardest tasks that made them die or lay injured on the battlefield. Let us commemorate them with respect and dignity in this anniversary year!

Of all possible events I have decided to base the artistic piece at the start of the battle. There are two brothers (comrades) ready to fight walking out from the grey background (on the left you can see the train rear light, a water tank on the right), both following their orders. They are wearing long coats and holding their rifles, they have cartridge pouches over their shoulders. The left one is wearing a fur cap ('Cossack hat') and the right one a cap, both with red and white ribbons as a brothers' symbol.

There is a lit year and title 'Bachmač' in the dark sky. The two brothers symbolise two main epicentres of fighting at Bachmač.

For the coupon I have designed three rifles and a bugle horn with years and title 'Bachmač'. That is because the Russian legions knew very well what a rifle means to a soldier and how important it is when you are attacked and need to defend yourself with bare hands. Let the young remember the legacy of the first soldiers of the Republic and take it over from their weakened and cold hands with loyal and great dedication to protect and defend our country!

ISSUE OF MEMORIAL POSTAL STAMP

- 1. At the twentieth anniversary of the battle of Bachmač, a postal stamp of a 50h value, in green colour, is being issued on 11th March 1938. Its cost equals its value and it is valid for inland and international mail until the end of 1938.
 - 2. All post offices will be provided ex officio with sufficient stock of these stamps.
- 3. The stamp is made by rotary die stamping on white paper. Its shape is rectangular (portrait orientation) with 12½ perforation.
- 4. The stamp sheets are without sheet numbers but there are 6 perforated stamp size coupons on both left and right sides.
- 5. The theme represents two legionaries at Bachmač train station ready to proceed with fight in two different directions.

There is a white caption ČESKOSLOVENSKO at the bottom on a colour background. Above the caption is the white stamp value '50h' in the colour section. In the sky there is the white title Bachmač and years 1918 and 1938.

The coupon has a symbolic drawing of three rifles with a bugle and title 'BACHMAČ 1918 1938'.

6. The artistic and graphic design of the stamp (and the coupon) is the work of the artist Jindra Vlček. The engraving in steel was made by the engraver Bohumil Heinz. Both artists' names are below the picture, i.e. J.Vlček in the left bottom corner and B.Heinz in the right hand corner.

(No.22.319-IV/1 of 7th March 1938)

ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF POST AND TELEGRAPHS IN PRAGUE PRINTED BY THE STATE PRINTING HOUSES PRAGUE

Liberation of Olomouc

Liberation Cancellers

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For a supremely well researched history of the postal arrangements at liberation which covers the local issue of revolutionary and overprinted issues you can do no better than read The Czechoslovak Philatelic Society of Great Britain's monograph by Robert J.Hill N° 14.

Read also the following chapter on the Moravská Brigadá.

Jaroslav Šenkyřík Overprint

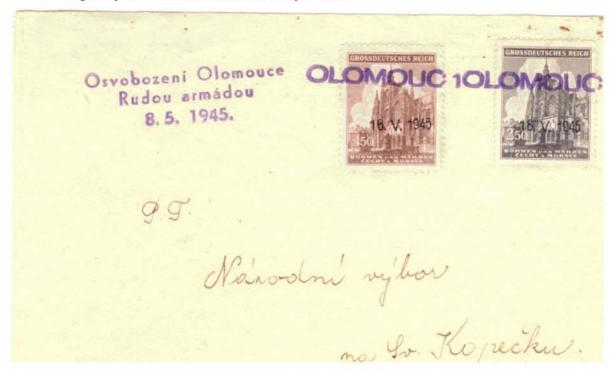
The following information was sent to me by Bob Hill long after the Monograph was printed.

In Olomouc there appeared a private overprint on 80 h Hitler head definitive stamp of the Protectorate.

The overprint consisted of two horizontal lines deleting the German text of Deutsches Reich and two diagonal rows from upper left to lower right corner reading ČESKÁ OLOMOUC. This overprint was used in the first days after liberation for correspondence emanating from Masné pokladny (a meat company) in Olomouc and the author was the Company Treasury Director, Jaroslav Šenkyřík. They were used on letters to the military and to local farmers and passed with no hindrance through the mail.



Use of temporary cancellers and the red army cachet.



Cover addressed to the National committee which had offices at Svatý Kopeček, a village on a hill overlooking Olomouc.

On 15th May the postmaster of Olomouc 6, Alois Novotný, and the local National Committee instigated the overprinting of five values of the Hitler Bohemia and Moravia definitives. The diagonal overprinting on 10 stamps at a time was carried out by the Hana Printing Office. The stamps were sold in sets with a surcharge of 1 koruna between 19 and 27th May.



Rarer Red Army cachet with quotes.

The local philatelic club was responsible for the five value Premsyl Eagle set, drawn by Aljo Beran, printed by the National Printing Office (Kramer and Prochazka) and sold in sets by the three main Olomouc post offices from 25 to 28th May.



One stamp in each of the 420 haléřů sheets had by mistake the wrong value, so a hole was bored through it to invalidate it.



The National Committee in Olomouc decreed that all mail should carry a cachet commemorating the Liberation of Olomouc by the Red Army. Two types, the one with quotes much rarer.

Osvobození Olomouce Osvobození Olomouce "Rudou armádou" Rudou armádou 8. 5. 1945. 8. 5. 1945.

Due to lack of stamps and the reluctance to use German stocks, temporary handstamps were used together with a written amount paid.

Zaplaceno v hotovosti Ol1,2 5,6.1945 Paid in cash

Vyplaceno v hotovosti Ol1 6.1945



Zaplaceno v hotov

Poštovni a telegrafní úřad Olomouc 10. VYPLACÉNĚ.

Ol10 1945

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Ol1 6.1945 Emergency printed matter **Employment Office**

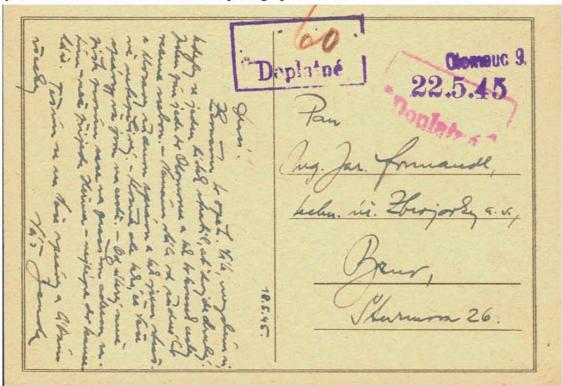
A philatelist and teacher of German Mr Krokosky arranged for a local woodcarver named Falady to produce the plastc printing block, which was eventually ready for use on 17th May 1945. The sale of the overprinted stamps lasted about a week, being sold at face value in the Svatý Kopeček post office (Olomouc 15). Complete ses of the Hitler head and St. Vitus stamps were overprinted, 300 to 400 low value stamps and 200 to 300 higher values (from 2.5k were printed.

One reason that I think that the task of collecting the posmarks of Olomouc will never be finished is illustrated below. I found this postcard in Prague on making my way back home after my latest visit to



Olomouc.

This is the only known example of the use of this Olomouc 9 handstamp, and the earliest known use of the Olomouc 9 post office after Liberation. It is a postcard to an engineer in the Technical Office of the Arms Factory in Brno. Due to the chaotic postal conditions at the time the writer living in Prague has used a friend who was traveling to Olomouc to post it there. He has paid the correct rate, but it is unclear why the card has received two boxed postage paid cachets.



Translation: My dears I send this again. You know in case one note gets lost, the other will come. One man is going to Olomouc, so he will take it with him partway. I have no news from Moravia from anybody, so I am very impatient. But maybe news is on its way to you. Send your letter to my Prague address for now, until Herma comes, the best would be to my office. I am looking forward to your news and I send kisses to everyone. Farda

The Moravska Brigade



This postcard printed in Olomouc in 1948, similar to several others, indicates that the Moravská Brigáda were involved in the liberation of Olomouc.

More recent research indicates that it was an attempt by the Communist party to rewrite history. The Brigade's membership was around 400 at the time of liberation recruited by the Communist Party from patriots hiding in the forests. After liberation their number rapidly grew to thousands in days, the basic qualification was a hatred of Germans. They were responsible for the rounding up of Germans in Olomouc and the surrounding area, committing many atrocities, executions, rapes and shootings. The Germans were kept in atrocious conditions in the largest camp in Moravia, opened on 12 May 1945, four days after liberation, which is still known as Hodolanská Hell because of the beatings, killings (up to 500) and inhumanity.

Eventually fifteen weekly rail transports of about 1,200 people in 40 freight cars between 17 April and 19 October 1946 were used to expel about 18,000 Germans, more than 6,000 came from Olomouc.

ČS. Moravská brigáda	Чсл. Моравская Бригада.	
Potvrzuji timto, že Ivo Kolář	Этим потверждается, что	Identity card. Gives the bearer
je členem ČS. Moravské brigády jako radiomechanik	владелец этого потверждения бойцом Моравской Бригады, как	the right to carry arms. Issued a week
a že mu je dovoleno nosit zbraň. Čsl. revolu	и что ему разрешается носить оружие. učni vojsko	after the Liberation of Olomouc.
Podpis. Olomouc, 13: V. 1945	подпись. Оломоуц, 13·1: 1947	Bilingual Czech- Russian

Reference: http://olomouc.idnes.cz/povalecne-utrpeni-nemcu-pred-odsunem-v-internacnim-tabore-olomouc-nove-hodolany-gpx-/olomouc-zpravy.aspx?c=A150711_2176606_olomouc-zpravy_mip Article by Michal Poláček published on 13th June, 2015, English translation by Bob Hill.

Pseudo-partisans Germans killed in 'Hodolanské hell' before being deported

Shooting down thirty-two senior citizens, hitting them with steel rods, rape, tearing out the guts. Even after the war cruelty ruled in Olomouc. There was a camp for Germans who were waiting for evacuation and it was known as "Hodolanské hell".

Today the regional police headquarters stands where the atrocities occurred, 70 years ago there were thirteen wooden barracks blocks forming a detention camp in Hodolany to cope with the handling of displaced Germans and thousands of them suffered.

In May 1945 with the Second World War ending a few days earlier with the fall of Nazi Germany, the search for the culprits and the targets of revenge for the six years of fear and death meant it was not long before reprisals started. This happened not only in Olomouc but in the rest of the country as well. Suddenly for ethnic Germans to be in public places was wrong and from June they were removed from public office. The Germans were discriminated against as the Jews were, although in the eyes of many it was simply

Those who were previously proud of their German origins could not even ride the tram, train or bus. In addition to trips to work or to shop the Germans could not appear on the street. To go to the cinema, theatre, cafés or pubs was a thing of the past as was parks and swimming pools. Shopping could only happen between 11:00 and 12:00 at designated stores. Mandatory labelling with the letter N on outer clothing was introduced, a similar way to that with which the Jews were treated. One of the largest camps in the region for displaced Germans was Hodolany (immediately east of the main railway station in Olomouc). The author grew up in the nearby Slavonín, and there were camps at Neředín?, Hněvotín, Lutín and Štěpánov. These camps did not compare with Hodolany in size. The area of the camp consisted of thirteen houses, nine of which were used for accommodation. Each had several rooms, the people in each house was around sixty. The camp was closed and the occupants had membership of the "Club of Terror". War in Olomouc ended officially on 8th May 1945 and the camp was formed four days later. The violence and inhumanity followed in this secretive place. Time just rolled on now the Germans were beaten, and beaten the occupants were with rubber batons and steel rods. The prisoners were exiled, harassed and humiliated with several murdered and the cause of death in medical reports is often falsified. Those held in the camp were investigated to identify collaborators and those suspected of crimes against the Republic. Membership in the "Henleinov" or NSDAP and peripheral organizations such as the Auto Club and Hitler youth was as damning as for troops of the Wehrmacht. Thus, with a little forethought it was

possible to intern nearly everyone who spoke German. The number was limited only by the lack of accommodation capacity.

From the end of June 1945 until the end of October 1946 by the camp processed around ten thousand people.

The expulsion of the ethnic Germans of Germans from Olomouc and its environs reached its peak between 17th April and 19th October, 1946. They left for Germany by 15 trains, in each of them was approximately 1,200 people. The trains averaged 40 freight wagons with 30 persons in each. Preparing for the departure of the train took about a week. Just prior to departure the Germans were gathered in the camp in Lutín. In total 18,000 people went with 6,000 from the greater Olomouc area.

The largest workload was from the camp at Živořilo with 2,500 prisoners, the capacity of the site had been exceeded several times. Paradoxically, there were German anti-fascists, German-speaking Jews, who came back from the Nazi camps and the Englishman Frederick Treyhorn, who worked as a Forest Manager for a German nobleman. It was quite common for the detainees to be forced to stand with their head to the wall for many hours at the camp. Then, hit on the head for disobeying a command they hit the wall. For other offences they could be imprisoned in a concrete bunker that was part of the camp, it was a dark space where little light permeated.

The guards at the Hodolany camp abused a local Mayor (Karl Zebo) and as a result of brutal treatment he died, he was considered the Mayor of Olomouc. He was murdered by pumping large quantities of water in to his stomach until his digestive tract was torn.

The guards were cruel, one of the executed ethnic Germans was left to swing in the breeze after being hung in full view of incarcerated children and inmates then being required to kneel beneath the corpse.

The barracks were a little better than the bunker. Until February 1946 there were no beds, with hundreds of

people sleeping on the floor without blankets in what the clothes they wore during the day. Only after clothing was threadbare were inmates permitted access to the suitcases they had brought with them to the camp.

In the camp the hygienic conditions were appalling with disease spreading easily. In November 1945 there was a wholesale disinfection to reduce the number of bugs. After this, bedding with blood and pus was replaced and the Camp had a hospital building. The running of the hospital was dependant on local generosity and trained ethnic Germans in the camp. Some Czech doctors refused to treat them. The hospital building was very crowded with two or three patients for each bed. Drugs and bandages were at a premium. The most horrific act of camp history was the shooting of 32 elderly people brought in from the Olomouc German retirement home. This happened a few days into June 1945 and some died of senility or heart disease.

According to one source, Hájek nearly 200 people died at Hodolanky, however other data suggests nearer 500 with the blame falling on the partisan group 'Moravian Brigade< with input from all parts of the structure. It is certain they founded the camp under the supervision of liberating communists. Membership of the brigade actually increased significantly after the end of the war.

By the end of April 1945 the Brigade was around 400 pre-war commissioned and non-commissioned officers, this number later grew to thousands as the basic qualification was intransigence and vigour against the Germans. Not all received money, by the second half of August 1945 there were 120 paid men. Many of the guards were between 15 and 20 years of age. Female prisoners were forced into orgies and suffered pathological indignities. Many of the guards indulged in embezzlement of prisoner assets, sexual blackmail, violence and sadism.

The rampage of the Moravian Brigade came to an end in late 1945. The camp was taken over by National Committee and the living conditions improved. The turning point came at the end of October 1946, when the despatch of Germans ceased with fifteen transport trains left Olomouc carrying 6,000 people and the camp became a collection centre.

At the beginning of 1948 there were only 12 ethnic Germans working in the whole of Czechoslovakia. By the end of 1948 Olomouc was completely cleared.



Ethnic Germans from the village of Pasekana, Olomouc

The figure to the right in the vehicle is wearing the letter "N" as the mandatory indication that he is ethnic German.



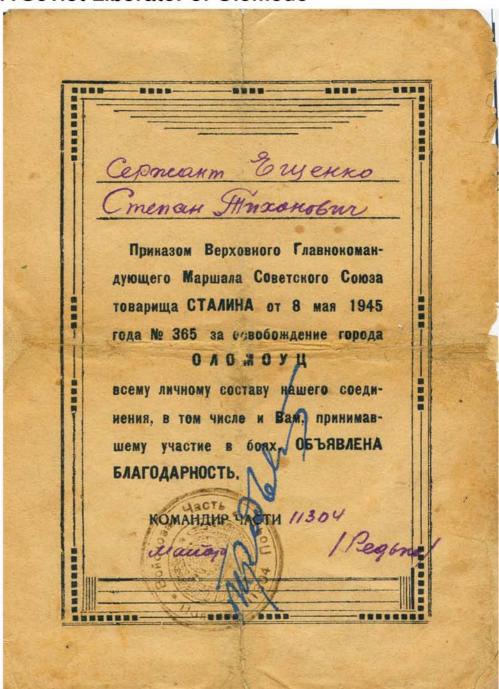
A Soviet Liberator of Olomouc

One of the real liberators of Olomouc was this soldier, Sergeant Stepan Yeschenko Tykon, probably Ukranian from his name, and he has a certificate to prove it from Stalin, signed by his commanding officer,

Major Redke.
My thanks to Roman
Dubyniak and Peter
Cybaniak for the
translation, Roman
translated it into Ukranian
and Peter then translated
that into English.

Sergeant Stepan Yeschenko Tykon

By order of the Supreme Commander, Marshall of the Soviet Union. comrade STALIN, of 8th May 1945 Nº365, for the liberation of the city of OLOMOUC to all soldiers of our Military Unit, of which you are one who took part FORMAL SINCERE THANKS ARE ANNOUNCED, COMMANDER OF Military Unit 11304 Major Redke



The philatelic interest is in the Russian fieldpost cachet which has been used to authenticate the certificate, it is the only one that I have ever seen.



Miscellaneous Items

Se 'AUSTRIA' 204' Journal of the Austrian Philatelic Society, Autumn 2018

A nice Guss aus Neugasse bei Olmütz postcard from 1898 with a correct 2 kreuzer rate stamp. The 1883 stamp was invalidated on June 30 1891 hence the 10kr postage dues. The charge should have been 2kr deficienvy + 5kr surcharge, total 7kr. If the card had been a paid correspondence card which had become invalid then it was treated as a letter and charged 5kr + 5kr, total 10kr. The post clerk misinterpreted the rules.



An Interesting Bogus Item

The perpetrator of these overprinted stamps had forgotten to include the date 1920 which was on all the official overprints. Also overprinted stamps should not have been used outside the plebiscite area. Nevertheless the postcard appears to have been accepted and gone through the post. These postmarks have been found between sending the copy to the printer in August 2017 and April 2019.



APPENDIX I

WWI Fieldpost locations

FP 6 8.1914-9.1916	FP 52 Start of the War to 9.1916
K.k.106 Landsturm-Infanterie-Brigade (Olmütz)Poland, Galizia	46 Schützen-Division (Krakau) Poland, Galizia, Volhynia
From To Notes	Most of my collection of the Olomouc Territorial Regiment N°13 (and
25.8.1914 26.8.1914 Advance at Kamien front	N°11) use these fieldposts.
30.8.1914 Battle of Opole	23.8.1914 25.8.1914 Battle near Krasnik
7.9.1914 9.9.1914 Fight south from Lublin	26.8.1914 1.9.1914 Battle of Lublin
10.9.1914 31.9.1914 Preparation for the Autumn Campaign,	7.9.1914 9.9.1914 Retreat from Lublin
North of the Vistula	September 1914 Preparation for the Autumn campaign north
1.10.1914 6.10.1914 Advance north of the Vistula	of the Vistula
5.10.1914 6.10.1914 Fight around Sandomierz	1.10.1914 6.10.1914 Advance north of the Vistula
11.10.1914 28.10.1914 Defending north of the Vistula from Sandomierz	middle October Transfer to the Kamienna
29.10.1914 30.10.1914 Retreat to Opatowka	22.10.1914 26.10.1914 Battle near Iwanogorod 27.10.1914 31.10.1914 Retreat to the Opatowka
31.10.1914 2.11.1914 Battle of Opatowka	31.10.1914 2.11.1914 Counterattack on the Opatowka
3.11.1914 13.11.1914 Retreat to Krakau	16.11.1914 25.11.1914 Battle near Krakau
16.11.1914 25.11.1914 Battle near Krakau	15.12.1914 18.12.1914 Pursuit of the Russians to a battle near
28.11.1914 Occupation of Krakau	Limanowa-Lapanow north of the Vistula
9.12.1914 Leaving Krakau	20.12.1914 31.12.1914 Fighting on the Nida
15.12.1914 18.12.1914 Pursuit of the Russians to a Battle near	2.5.1915 8.5.1915 Breakthrough near Gorlice
Limanowa-Lapanow, north of the Vistula	11.5.1915 15.5.1915 Advance to the north of the Vistula
20.12.1914 31.12.1914 Fight at the Nida	15.5.1915 22.5.1915 Battle near Opatow
1.1.1915 Transfer to the 4th Army	24.5.1915 4.6.1915 Battle near Premsyl
2.5.1915 8.5.1915 Breaking through near Gorlice	23.6.1915 Engagement from Sandomierz
14.5.1915 20.5.1915 Battle near Jaroslau	29.6.1915 2.7.1915 Fighting near Tarlow
24.5.1915	3.7.1915 8.7.1915 Transfer to Lemberg through Tarnobrzeg-
16.6.1915 19.6.1915 Battle near Grodek and Magierow	Debica-Grodek-Kulikow
26.6.1915 28.6.1915 Advance on Tomaszov	15.7.1915 1.8.1915 Advance to Cholm 15.7.1915 18.7.1915 Conquest of Sokal
1.7.1915 10.7.1915 Second Battle near Krasnik	19.7.1915 4.8.1915 Conquest of Sokar 19.7.1915 4.8.1915 Fighting on the Bug
15.7.1915 1.8.1915 Advance on Lublin	19.8.1915 26.8.1915 Advance through Kowel
2.8.1915 4.8.1915 Fight between Vistula and Bug	6.8.1915 13.9.1915 Offensive in Wolhynia
5.8.1915 8.8.1915 Battle near Lubartow	15.9.1915 16.9.1915 Transfer to the 2nd Army in Kozin
8.11.1915 11.8.1915 Fight around the eastern positions	19.9.1915 Retreat of the 1st Army in Demiclowka
12.8.1915 23.8.1915 Battle near Brest-Litowsk	7.10.1915 8.10.1915 Fighting near Koryto
24.8.1915 26.8.1915 Close to Brest-Litowsk	4.6.1916 15.6.1916 June offensive against the Russians in
27.8.1915 31.8.1915 Preparation for transportation near Iwangorod	Volhynia
9.1915 7.1916 Italian front, Isonzo River, Slovenia	10.6.1916 Fight near Krasnoje
7.9.1915 20.9.1915 Transfer to the Isonzo front across Radom-	11.6.1916 Retreat behind the Styr
Wien-Sesana 18.10.1915 4.11.1915 To the 5th Army Three Isonso Battles	13.6.1916 Fight on the Styr
10.11.1915 14.12.1915 Four Isonzo Battles	15.6.1916 Fight near Tarnawka 16.6.1916 Retreat to the Austrian border
14.5.1915 15.5.1915 Fight near Monfalcone	16.6.1916 Retreat to the Austrian border 17.6.1916 19.6.1916 Battle near Ostrow
13.6.1915 17.6.1915 Fight near Monfalcone	22.6.1916 24.6.1916 Fight on the Plaszewka
28.6.1915 9.7.1915 Fight near Monfalcone	30.6.1916 3.7.1916 Fight near Peremyl
7.1916 9.1916 Galicia	4.7.1916 Fight near Werben
22.7.1916 26.7.1916 Transfer to the Nortthern Theatre across	16.7.1916 19.7.1916 Fighting east of Peremyl and Lipa
Nobresina-Brody to the 2nd Army	20.7.1916 21.7.1916 Battle near Beresteczko
22.7.1916 28.7.1916 Battle near Brody	22.7.1916 28.7.1916 Battle near Brody
28.7.1916 3.8.1916 Battle near Brody	Latesst FP52 in my collection 14.6.1916
9.1916 End of War FP 6 changed to FP 296	8.1916 3.1918 FP 52 changed to FP 287
30.8.1916 15.10.1916 Autumn offensive in Russia	Earliest FP287 in my collection 2.11.1916
Winter 4.1917 Positional fighting west of Brody	16.3.1918 5.4.1918 Transfer to the Army group Boroevic through
26.3.1917 11.4.1917 Transfer to the Isonzo front, Slovenia, through	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Zublotce-Oderberg-Prosecco 12.5.1917 5.6.1917 10th Isonzo battle	15.6.1918 25.6.1918 Battleon the Piave
18.8.1917 13.9.1917 11th Isonzo battle	30.10.18 31.10.1918 Retreat behind the Livenza 1.11.1918 2.11.1918 Retreat behind the Tagliamento
24.10 27.10 12th Isonzo battle	3.11.1918 4.11.1918 Last fighting retreat of the Isonzo Army
1.11.1917 11.11.1917 Transfer to Tirol through Divoca-Marburg-	5.11.1710 4.11.1710 Last righting redeat of the isonizo Army
Trient to the 11th Army	Ref: Katalog der K.u.k. Feldpostampter by Heinz Nagel
10.11.1917 28.11.1917 Fighting on the highlands from Asiago	
28.1.1918 29.1.1918 Fighting on the Col del Rosso and	
Col d'Ecchele	
24.2.1918 12.3.1918 Transfer to MGG, Poland through Toblach-	
Wien-Lublin	
2.9.1918 11.9.1918 Transfer to the German west front through	
Lublin-Sosnowice-Kattowitz-Kitzbühel-Brixlegg-Kufstein	
8.10.1918 10.10.1918 Fighting north from Verdun east of the Maas 10.10.1918 Nov 1918 Return home from the western front.	
10.10.1710 INOV 1710 Return Home Hom the Western Hom.	

APPENDIX II

SIGMA

Any collector of Olomouc mail will find that Sigma features in their collection. The reason being that a well known Olomouc philatelist, Victor Indra, worked for the firm during World War II and after. I suspect that he kept all the incoming covers as well as being responsible for the sending of commemorative covers during the Communist era using the freepost allowed to commercial firms. His hobby included the sending and receiving of mail to and from exotic destinations (who else would try to send mail to Tibet during the occupation?).

SIGMA was first registered in 1922 as a small stand-pump manufacturer. It quickly expanded under the direction of Jan and Frantisek Sigmund, sons of Ludvik the original founder. In the 1930s it had a worldwide reputation for the delivery of innovative pumps for use in all branches of industry from deep well drilling, waterworks, mining etc.

In 1935 the Sigmund brothers founded a new company on the same site named CHEMA which specialised in filtration devices and gas masks.

In 1937 Miroslav Sigmund opened SIGMUND PUMPS LTD in London and Newcastle, producing 1000 fire-engines just before World War II. During the war the firm supplied 8,000 fire engines, 4,000 pumps for shipboard fire-fighting, 800,000 stirrup pumps, 200,000 six pounders, engine parts for tank landing craft, 20,000 Polsten guns and numerous Bren guns with the help of Czech technicians who had escaped the Nazis. After the war 5,000 Green Goddess fire engines were produced. In 1991 he returned to Olomouc to pass on his business experience to SIGMA helping them to adapt to the post-Communist era. In Olomouc in 1942 Jan Sigmund was executed by the Gestapo for his part in facilitating the sending to England of machines, blueprints, patents and staff. The factory was taken over for the production of components for tanks, submarines, aircraft and cars. After the war the firm was nationalised under the communist regime but continued production of pumps for industrial applications.

In 1965 all pump and valve manufacturers were concentrated under the SIGMA trademark and the Olomouc-Lutin factory became the Pump Research Institute. In 1979 the company introduced sophisticated boiler feed and booster pumps with applications in thermal as well as nuclear power stations. It still continues to thrive and increase empoyment opportunities in Olomouc.

Lastly a puzzle. This cover (one of three in my collection from 20 to 23 April 1949) was sent from SIGMA in Hradec Králové. Why would the firm pay 7kc when the letter rate was 3kc



APPENDIX III

General Information

Bogumin = Bohumin

Bohmisch Trubau = Česka Trebova

Freudenthal = Bruntal

Neugasse bei Olmütz = Olomouc 5 Hatschein-Hrepstein = Olomouc 6

Hodolein = Olomouc 7

Paulowitz bei Olmütz = Olomouc 8

Kloster Hradisch bei Olmütz = Olomouc 10

Neustift bei Olmütz = Olomouc 11 Heiligberg = Svatý Kopeček

Hohenstadt = Zábřeh

Cla Prosto = without Customs Tax FRANCO in red = Fully paid

NOUZOVÝ TISKOPIS - Emergency printed matter

Obchodni papiry = Business papers Zaplaceno v hotovosti - Paid in cash

Zurück Zpet = Return

Pausalováno = Canceller used instead of postage stamp

Urední = Official (State)

DK = Devisova Kontrola = Currency control

KP or UPZ - Cancelled by conductor no PO on train

Oblastni osidlovaci úradovna v Olomouci - Regional settlement Office in Olomouc

Poštovne paušalováno = Cancel instead of postage stamp

Placeno Prevodem = Prepaid post - Paid by transfer

Urední věc porta prosta = State office article postage without (payment)

Věc úřední porta prosta = "" (No fixed word order in Czech - subject and object by word endings)

Úrední věc poštovného prosta = State office article postage without (payment)

Věc sluzby porta prosta = Article business postage without (payment)

Věc služební porta prosta = Article business postage without (payment)

Business reply paid by addressee - 50h postcard rate + 10h for business reply

Věc úřední poštovné paušalováno = Article official postage cancelled instead of stamp

No postmarks 1780-1817, because rates based on weight not distance. Decree issued 18th November 1817 to start using postmarks no later than 1 January 1918. 1 June 1817 large P.O.s to use black for unpaid, red for paid (Franco or m/s cross), other P.O.s use whichever they want until 1839 when small P.O.s forbidden to use red.

Mostly indiscriminate use. Instruction that date to be provided on new postmarks from 1838 (day,month). 1845

italics abolished. Franco mark compulsory from 1 May 1839. Recom: (registered) on all, order 1 May 1838.Order for arrival postmarks 1 May 1839. Stamps issued 1.6.1850, compulsory use. Year from 1867. R

obligatory by UPU from 23.1.1883, labels issued 1.10.1886. 1897 bilingual registration labels in Moravia. 1892 time of day indicated by numeral instead of German for time, Arabic a.m. Roman p.m.

A or ABS=evening,F=early morning,Vmorning till noon,M=noon,N=early afternoon,E=when sent,I-E=first sending of day, IV-E=4th sending of day. 1.12.1899 new currency 2 heller = 1 kreuzer, kreuzers valid until 30.9.1900. Masaryk 17.03.1850 birth, 14.09.1937 death.

28 October 1918 founding of Czechoslovakia. Insurance paid, sideways W or WW. T recipient pays.

Austrian stamps valid until 28.2.19, postal stationery 14.10.19. Hradčany stamps issued 18.12.18, mixed franking allowed. Czech stamps sold until 30.11.39 valid until 15.12.39.

German occupation of Sudetenland 1-10 Oct 1938. Czech stamps valid until 18 Oct 1938. German Protectorate

of Bohemia and Moravia 16 March 1939 which included Olomouc. First overprinted stamps 15 July 1939. Czech stamps sold to 30.11.39, valid to 15.12.39. BM overprints valid until 15.12.39. Stationery sold until

19.05.40 valid until 19.05.40.

1953 - 1 new crown for 5 old crowns up to 300 crowns, above that 1 new for 50 old. Postal rates reduced to 1/5. 1 to 18 June Old stamps valid at 1 new to 50 old crowns (10 x increase). 19 June old issues invalidated.

Early 1986 authorised use of 'old' (pre 1.6.53) issues at 'new crown' rates.

Jagerndorf = Krnov

Mährisch Ostrau = Moravská Ostrava

Oderberg = Bohumin Oderfurt = Ostrava

Polnisch Ostrau = Ostrava

Prerau = Přerov

Prossnitz = Prostějov

Schonberg = Šumperk

Sternberg = Šternberk

Troppau = Opava

Ziegenhals = Hlucholazy (Now Polish Glucolazy)

DOPORUČENÉ - Registered

Nachgebühr Doplatné - Surcharge

NB = Take special care Tiskopis - Printed matter Zaplatene = Postage paid

Peclive razitkuju = handle with care

Služebně = Business

Olomouc doslo = Delivered in Olomouc

K.u.k. = Kaiserlich und königlich = Imperial and royal

Pilné = urgent, fastest possible

Poštovné úvěrováno = Post Office business



