



The Partitioning of Czechoslovakia

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- **Sudetenland** was ceded to Germany on 1 October 1938
- **Silesia** portion was ceded to Poland on 3 October 1938
- Shaded portion of **Slovakia** was ceded to Hungary on 10 October 1938
- **Slovakia** parliament meets to initiate its separation on 18 January 1939
- **Slovakia** formally declares its independence on 14 March 1939
- **Bohemia & Moravia Protectorate** was declared by Germany on 15 March 1939
- **Carpatho-Ukraine** declares its independence on 15 March 1939
- **Carpatho-Ukraine** was ceded to Hungary on 16 March 1939

Sudetenland Overprints / Surcharges



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► RUMBERG (52) Rumburk



Sudetenland Overprints / Surcharges



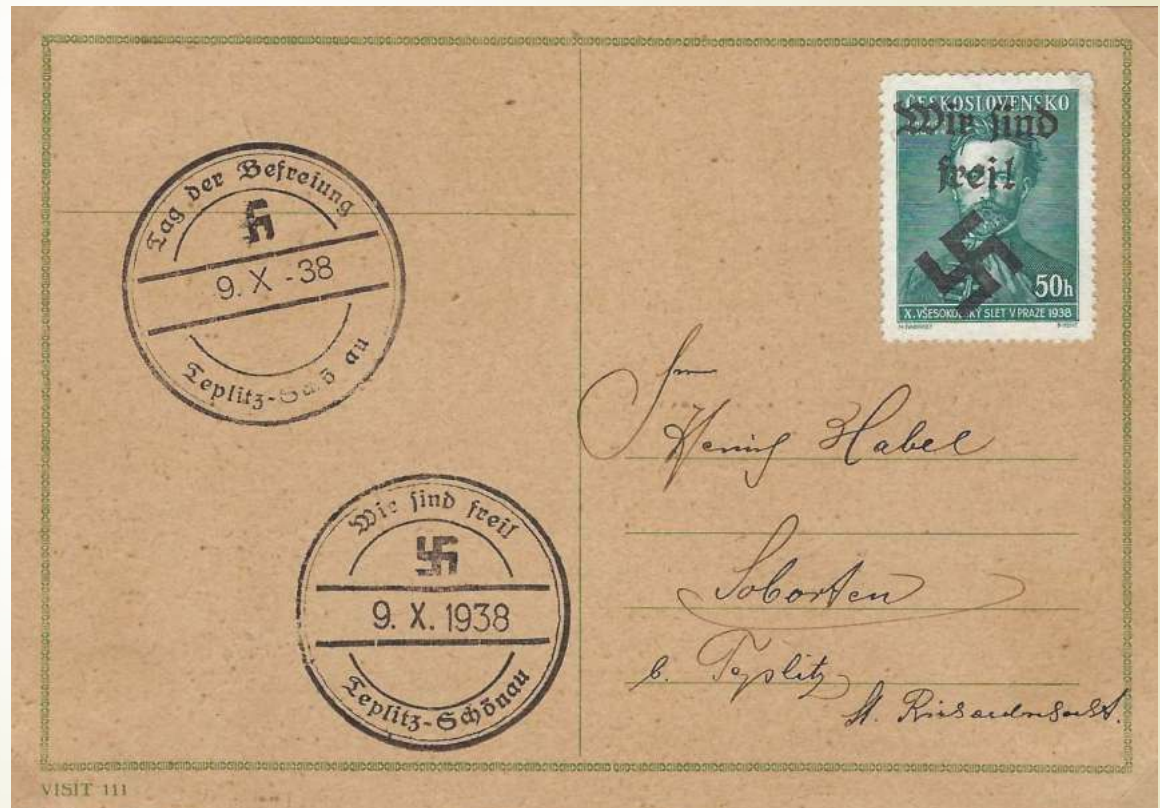
Sudetenland Overprints



- Overprinted following occupation (1 Oct 38)
- Overprinted for use in Reichenberg-Maffersdorf area
- "Wir sind frei!" – We are free!

Sudetenland Overprints

- ▶ Canceled 9 Oct 38
- ▶ Local use – Teplitz (Teplice)
- ▶ 50h Fugner stamp paid correct postage



Sudetenland Postmarks

- ▶ Canceled 15 Oct 38
- ▶ Aussig (Usti nad Ladem) to Podebrady
- ▶ Two 2Kc Fugner stamps plus 6 pf Hindenburg stamp paid 54Pf (4.50Kc) postage



Sudetenland Postmarks

- ▶ Canceled 10 Oct 38, "Heil Hitler" and "Freedom Day" slogans
- ▶ Leitmeritz (Litomerice) to Vienna
- ▶ Three 2Kc Fugner stamps paid 5Kc Expres fee and 1Kc letter rate
- ▶ Unoverprinted stamps could be used until 25 Oct



Sudetenland Postmarks

- Canceled 10 Oct 38
- Steinschonau (Kamenicky Senov) to Reichenburg
- Two 50h Kosice Cathedral stamps paid 1Kc letter rate
- Printed image in gutter



Slovakia's Path to Independence

- ▶ Slovakia saw Czechoslovakia weakened by German occupation
- ▶ 18 January 1939 Slovakian parliament declared independence



- ▶ 1936 10Kc stamp from Castles, Churches, Cities series



- ▶ Otvorenie Slovenskeho Snemu (Slovak Assembly Opening), Slovak coat of arms, 18.1.39 date and 300h surcharge

Slovakia's Path to Independence

► Milan Stefanik (1880-1919)



► 1935 Issue



- 30 Mar 39 Re-issue
- New color
- Only valid in Slovak state
- Valid until 15 Jul 40

Slovakia's Path to Independence

► Tomas Masaryk (1860 – 1937)



► 1935 Issue



- 13 Apr 39 Re-issue
- Hyphen between "ČESKO" and "SLOVENSKO"
- Value changed from 1Kč to 1K
- Valid in Protectorate and Slovakia
- Valid until 15 Dec 39

Slovakia's Path to Independence

- ▶ Mailed 31 Jan 39, Bratislava to Prague
- ▶ Arrived 1 Feb
- ▶ Cachet issued six weeks earlier to celebrate 20 years of Czech stamps
- ▶ Special Autoposta cancels applied 18 Jan 39



Cancel and receipt marks on reverse



Carpatho-Ukraine Region

- Carpatho-Ukraine Diet inaugurated in Chust on 2 Mar 39
- Declared independence on 15 Mar 39
- Issued single 3K stamp on 15 Mar to commemorate the Diet
- Occupied by Hungary on 16 Mar 39



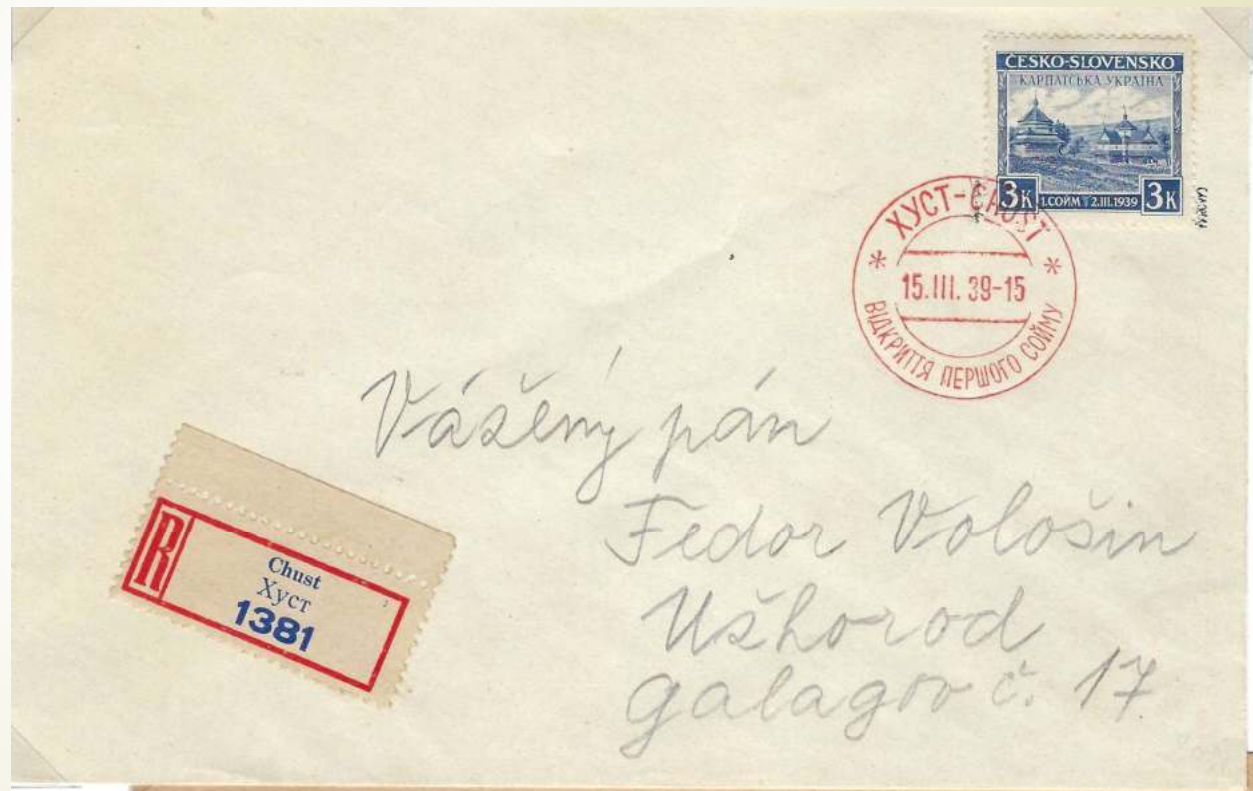
Carpatho-Ukraine Region

- Mailed 15 Mar 39, Chust to Prague
- Only day for 3K stamp
- Special “only day” cancels
- Cachet issued in October 1938 to celebrate 20 years of Czech stamps
- Sufficient postage to pay registration, airmail and express fee



Carpatho-Ukraine Region

- ▶ Mailed 15 Mar 39, Chust to Uzhorod
- ▶ Only day for 3K stamp
- ▶ Special “only day” cancel
- ▶ Sufficient postage to pay registration and letter fee



Carpatho-Ukraine Region

- ▶ Mailed 15 Mar 39, Chust to Prague
- ▶ Only day for 3K stamp
- ▶ Special “only day” cancel
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Slovenský Štát Overprints

- On sale for six weeks
- Valid 21 Mar 39 to 10 Jul 39

Slovenský štát
1939



- Five low values
- 1929 Coat of Arms issue
- 5h, 10h, 20h, 25h, 30h
- Sheets of 200 (20x10), perf. 9.75

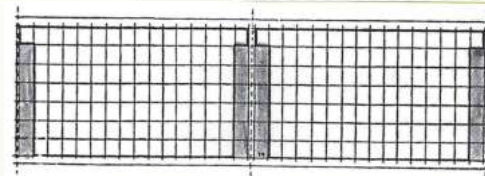
- Six higher values (two more Stefanik stamps)
- 1935-1939 Portraits set
- Sheets of 200 (20x10), perf. 12.5

Slovenský Štát Overprints

- Valid 21 Mar 39 to 16 Apr 39
- Ten denominations with diagonal overprint



- All from 1936 Castles, Churches and Cities set
- Values from 1,20Kc to 3,50Kc
- 3,50Kc overprinted in red and blue



- Three highest values in sheets of 200 plus labels
- 5Kc overprint reads downward



Slovenský Štát Overprints

- ▶ Mailed 10 Apr 39, Oravsky Podzamok, Slovakia, to Presov
- ▶ Correct 1,60Kc franking
- ▶ Unusual franking, especially with plate number single



Slovenský Štát Overprints

- Plate numbers and quantities overprinted (000s)

Horizontal			Diagonal		
Stamp	plate #s	#ovpt.	Stamp	plate #s	#ovpt.
5h	1, 1A	108	1.20Kc	1, 1A	139
10h	1, 1A	359	1.50Kc	1, 1A	148
20h	3, 3A*	1416	1.60Kc	1, 1A	84
25h	1, 1A	81	2Kc	1, 1A	92
30h	2, 2A	979	2.50Kc	1, 1A	135
40h	1, 1A	293	3Kc	1, 1A	109
50h	1, 1A	1813	3.50Kc	1, 1A	24
50h	2, 2A	1601	3.50Kc	1, 1A	17
60h	1, 1A	306	4Kc	1, 1A	35
60h	1, 1A	50	5Kc	1, 1A	29
1Kc	3, 3A	1659	10Kc	1, 1A	17

*4, 4A were also available (limited #)



- Sample plate blocks

Father Andrew Hlinka Overprints

- Valid 21 Mar 39 to 10 Jul 39 but issued 1 Apr 39
- Two denominations with diagonal overprint



- Plate block with date of intended release (6 Mar 39)
- Stamp paid postcard rate



- Plate block with intended release date (10 Mar 39)
- Stamp paid first level letter rate



- Lower right plate single
- 50h stamp had same mark

Father Andrew Hlinka Overprints

SLOVENSKÝ STAT

- ▶ Issuance delayed because stamps were intended for remaining area of independent Czechoslovakia
- ▶ Bohemia-Moravia German protectorate created 15 Mar 39
- ▶ Germany then required overprint to limit validity to Slovakia
- ▶ Printed in sheets of 200, two 10x10 panes with gutter between them



Hlinka Overprints

- ▶ Mailed 21 Mar 39, Brezova, Slovakia, to Prague
- ▶ Correct 50h postcard rate
- ▶ Red cachet recognizes Stefanik's tomb, 6km from birthplace
- ▶ Reverse pictures Stefanik's tomb



Hlinka Overprints

- ▶ Mailed 25 Apr 39, Zvolen, Slovakia, to Prague
- ▶ Correct 4,50Kc franking for registered letter
- ▶ Rate had increased 50% on 1 Apr, 18 days after Slovakia declared independence
- ▶ No censorship yet



Hlinka Regular Issue

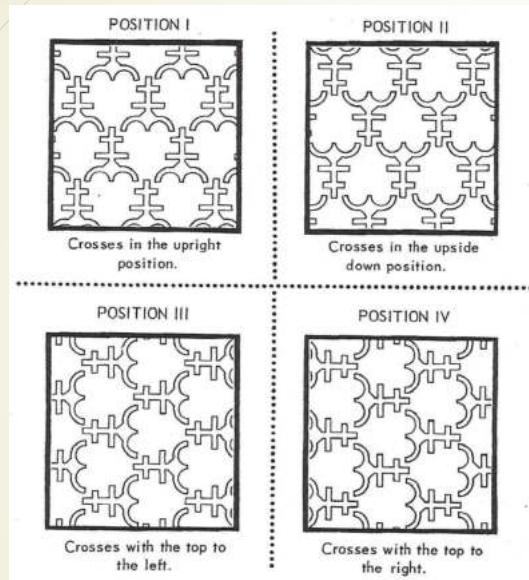
- Same design but "SLOVENSKA POSTA" at top
- Eight values and two imperforate stamps
- Valid 17 Mar 39 to 30 Apr 45



Denomination	Initial Date	#printed (1000s)
5h	24 March	3642
10h	25 March	3995
20h	17 March	9670
20h imperf	17 March	800
30h	18 March	7255
30h imperf	18 March	700
50h	25 March	10659
1Ks	25 March	24070
2.50Ks	21 March	2774
3Ks	23 March	2577



Hlinka Regular Issue



- ▶ Double-barred cross watermark



- ▶ Reprints in 1940, 1941 and 1942, respectively
- ▶ Note pearls around portrait on two high values



- ▶ "SLOVENSKO" at top
- ▶ New letter rate effective 1 Jan 42

General Milan Stefanik Issue

- ▶ Commemorates 20th anniversary of his death
- ▶ Four values, top value is larger design
- ▶ Valid 4 May 39 to 15 Jun 39
- ▶ Because portrait is WWI French uniform, Nazis ordered immediate demonetization



Position 93



- ▶ Position 93 has extra star in sky (2K only)

General Milan Stefanik Issue

- ▶ Mailed 3 Aug 39, Bratislava, Slovakia, to Berlin
- ▶ 2K Hlinka issue accepted as postage
- ▶ By now the Stefanik stamps were demonetized (and not canceled)



President Father Josef Tiso Issue

- President of Slovakia
- 50h issued 6 Oct 39, 70h issued 20 Mar 42
- Images also used for postcards
- 70h reprinted as perf 10.25 stamp, issued 2 Jan 44
- All valid until 30 Apr 45



- Semi-postal issued 2 Nov 39 (slightly larger format)
- Valid until 30 Apr 40
- Surcharge was for Child Welfare

President Father Josef Tiso Issue

- Mailed 16 Feb 40, Zilina, Slovakia, to Prerau, Protectorate
- 1,20K postage pays postcard rate in effect from 1 Apr 39 to 31 Dec 41
- German censor handstamp



Czech Regular Issues

- Sold for four months
- Valid from 15 Mar 39 through 15 Dec 39
- Special cancels designed to indicate German control
- This cancel applied just three days after Protectorate created



Czech Regular Issues

- Mailed 15 Dec 39, Moravska Ostrava, Protectorate, to Quito, Ecuador
- 11,50K postage
- Censored in Prague (purple DK marking)
- Airmail all the way to Quito via New York



Czech Regular Issues

- Reverse of cover
- Prague censor labels and cancel
- Quito foreign and domestic receipt markings (21 Jan 40)



Czech Regular Issues

- Mailed 8 Aug 39, Prague, Protectorate, to New York
- 2,50K postage paid surface mail rate
- Censored in Prague (purple DK marking)

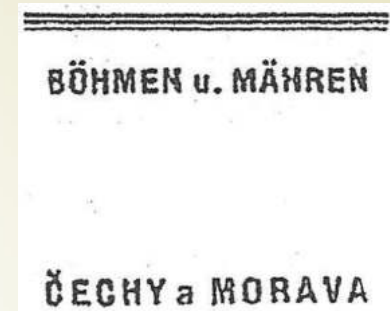


Provisional Overprints

- Nineteen values overprinted
- Sold and valid from 15 Jul 39 through 15 Dec 39



- One of five low value stamps overprinted



- Bars at top covered "Ceskoslovensko"
- Protectorate name applied in German and Czech

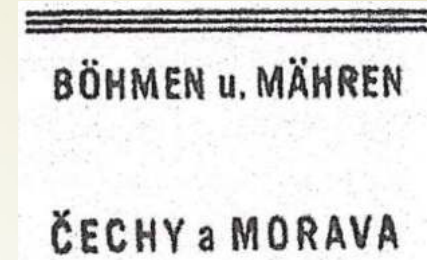
- From Portraits Series

Provisional Overprints

- Tenth stamp in overprinted series



- 12 Aug 39 registered cover, Prague to Vienna
- Special philatelic cancel on front and reverse

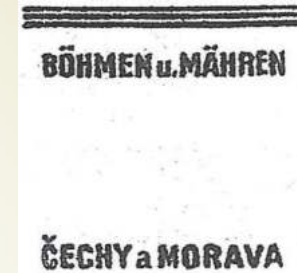


- Size and shape altered to reflect horizontal stamp design



Provisional Overprints

➤ Castles, Cities, Churches issue



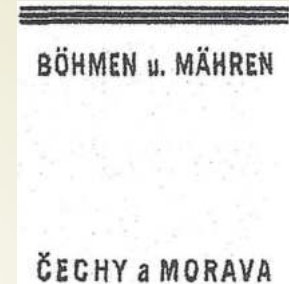
➤ Size again adjusted

Provisional Overprints

- Seventeenth stamp in overprinted series



- 16 Jul 39, Prague
- Special envelope for non-cash payment from bank savings account



- Size and shape revised for larger stamp design

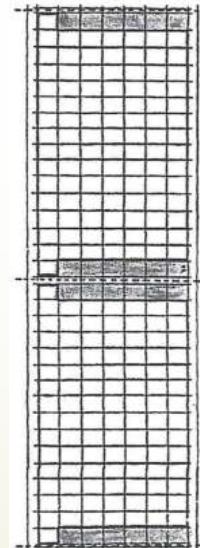


Provisional Overprints

- Final two stamps in overprinted series



- Printed in sheets with blank "coupons" at top or bottom of pane



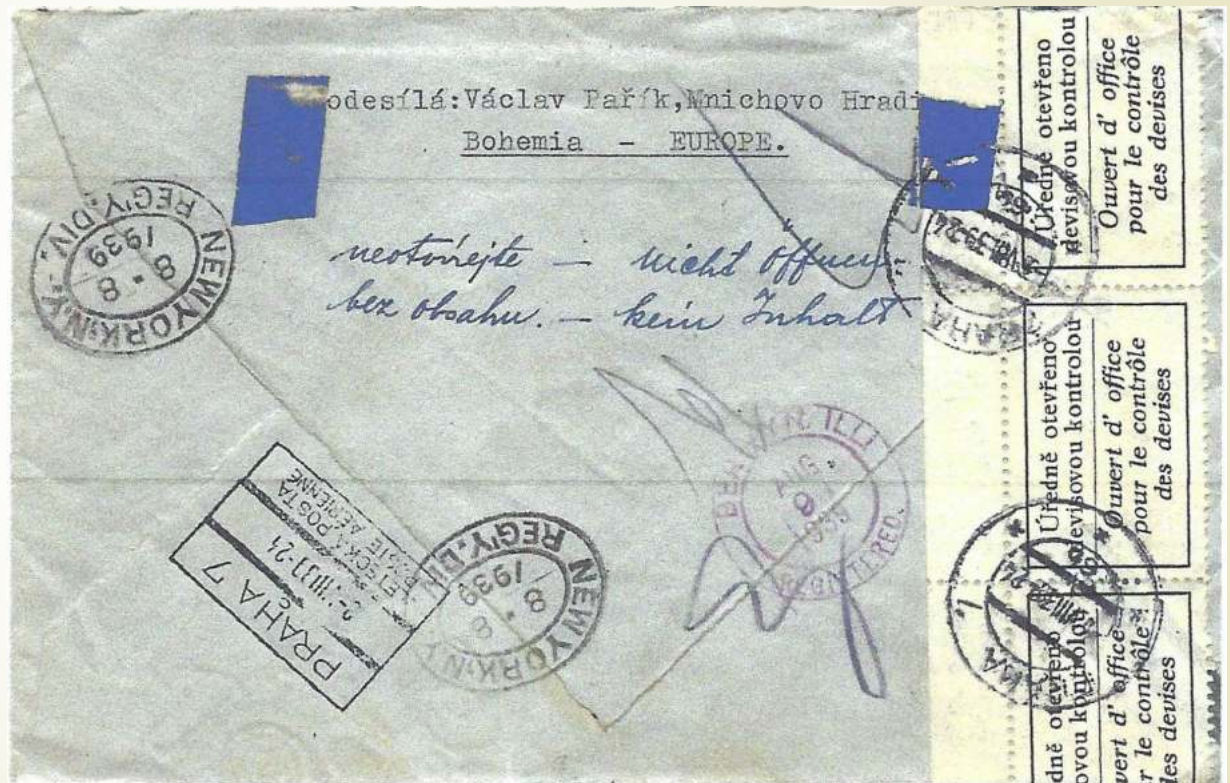
Provisional Overprints

- Mailed 3 Aug 39, Mnichovo Hradiště, Bohemia, to Berwyn, Illinois
- 19K postage paid registered air mail rate



Provisional Overprints

- Reverse of cover on previous slide
- Censor labels and cancels applied in Prague on date of mailing
- Rectangular Prague airmail cancel
- New York registration transit markings
- Berwyn receipt marking



Provisional Overprints

- ▶ Mailed 14 Aug 39, Prague to Paris, France
- ▶ Airmail, Express and Registry labels on face
- ▶ 16,50Ks paid correct postage
- ▶ Prague censor marking
- ▶ Reverse – indistinct airmail transit marking



Provisional Overprints – Errors

- ▶ Missing period after “u”



▶ Normal

▶ Error

- ▶ Found on 5h (pictured), 10h, 25h, 1,20K, 2,50K and 3K

Provisional Overprints – Errors

➤ Missing “u.”



➤ Normal

➤ Error

➤ Found on 20h (pictured) and 25h

Provisional Overprints – Errors

➤ “8” instead of “B”



➤ Normal

➤ Error

➤ Found on 30h, 40h, 1K (pictured), 1,60K, 2K and 3K

Provisional Overprints – Errors

- ▶ “R” instead of “B”



▶ Error

▶ Normal

- ▶ Found on 20h (pictured)

Provisional Overprints – Errors

- ▶ “S” instead of “B”



- ▶ Error

- ▶ Found on 1Kc (pictured) and 3K

Provisional Overprints – Errors

- ▶ “K” instead of “R”



- ▶ Error

- ▶ Found on 1K (pictured)

Provisional Overprints – Errors

- ▶ “N” instead of “R” in MAHREN

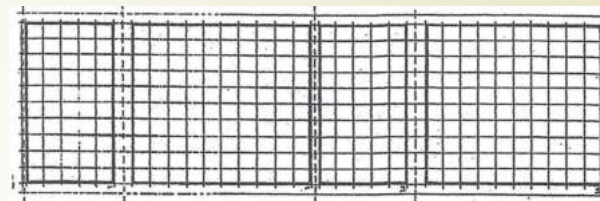


- ▶ Error

- ▶ Found on 1,60K (pictured)

New Protectorate Stamps

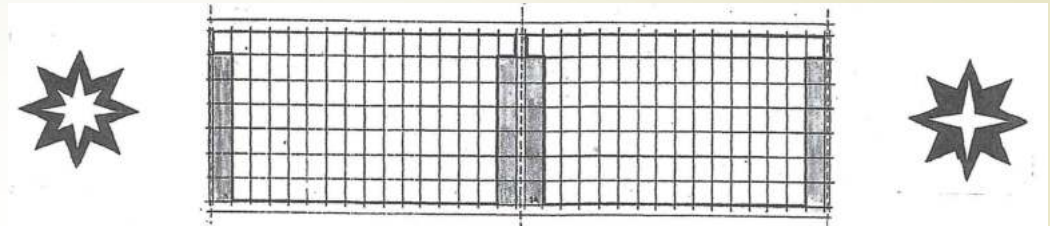
- ▶ Featured Castles, Churches and Cities
- ▶ Valid 29 Jul 39 through 31 Mar 43
- ▶ First four values



- ▶ Sheet layout (300 stamps)



New Protectorate Stamps



- Valid 15 Aug 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Second four values

- Sheet layout (200 stamps)
- Two different star markings in blank marginal coupons



New Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 4 Nov 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Lowest of five high values



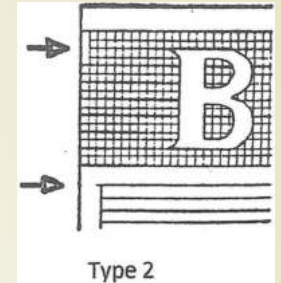
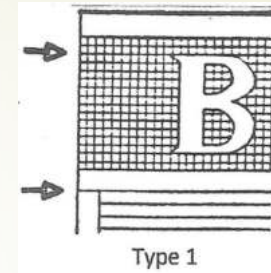
- Light purple



- Dark purple

New Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 1 Dec 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Second of five high values



- Dark blue



- Dark blue-gray



- Light blue-gray

New Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 30 Aug 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Three highest values



New Design Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 30 Aug 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Linden leaves design
- Seven denominations



➤ Dark blue



➤ Light blue

New Design Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 30 Aug 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Linden leaves design



Dark brown



Type I



Type II



Light brown

New Design Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 30 Aug 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Linden leaves design



New Design Protectorate Stamps

- Only stamp in this design printed in two colors (plus shades)



Plum



Light plum



Dark golden brown



Light golden brown

New Design Protectorate Stamps

- Valid 30 Aug 39 through 31 Mar 43
- Linden leaves design





The End for Tonight

Any questions?