

II. THE SUBJECT INDEX

Because of the complexity of the postal issues, especially during and immediately after the First World War, special care was taken in generating the headings for the SUBJECT INDEX. It was felt that an index is useless unless particular topics can be readily located. Since the listing of all possible headings was impractical, several criteria were employed to generate headings that were logical and consistent.

One of the criteria used was the classification of stamps according to the issuing authority (see Mikstein's article in issues 75 and 76). This yielded such titles as EXILE GOVERNMENT, GENERAL GOVERNMENT, MILITARY AND FIELD POSTS, OCCUPATION STAMPS, PLEBISCITE AREAS, etc. Another criterion was classification by subject matter. This resulted in AIRPOST, FAKES, LITERATURE, PLATING, etc. A third guideline was classification by popularity or interest. From this came such headings as POLAND NUMBER 1, BISECTS, PERFINs, RARITIES, etc. Lastly, Scott Catalog headings were employed, yielding KRAKOW ISSUES, POZNAN ISSUE, POLISH OFFICES ABROAD, etc.

Cross-referencing ("see also") between headings is used extensively as a traffic guide, and many items are indexed under several headings to aid the task of accessibility. A list of headings is provided for reference.

Most headings are further divided into subheadings under which the material is listed. The listings, while abbreviated, are generally longer and more descriptive than is usually found in an index.

Only the Bulletin issue number is referenced, since most issues have but a few pages, and the listing can be located rather easily. When several issue numbers are shown, a dash separating the numbers indicates that the article is continued through the sequence of issues. References to the Polonus Magazine are indicated by volume and issue number (e.g. 1:2 means volume one, issue 2).

Polish names are retained in most cases (Krakow, Poznan). The exception is Warsaw, which is more popular in its anglicized form.

In order to facilitate the location of information for a particular subject, a LOCATOR KEY is provided. Its use will reduce significantly the time required to locate a listing. For example, to find information on Przedborz municipal issues, the reader is directed to the heading LOCAL, MUNICIPAL AND PRIVATE POSTS. For Warwieszki, the key is MILITARY AND FIELD POSTS. The reader may wish to supplement this Table with his own inputs as he becomes familiar with the INDEX.

Preceding the issue number may be found lower-case letters, and the symbol'. These letters provide additional information about the listings. They are defined as follows:

- * - an article that is especially significant because it is comprehensive, timely, fundamental or because it uncovers new research;
- adv - Advertisement;
- corr - correction (usually a note in a succeeding article);
- li - a list, or the article includes a list;
- le - letter (correspondence);
- m - map;
- n - a note or short piece, most often anonymous and not usually too significant;
- ph - photo;
- ref - references are included in the article;
- rev - refers to a reviewed article or book.

The letter "n" is used rather broadly to indicate either that the listing is not comprehensive or conclusive, or that it is just a passing one line short note comment, and may disappoint the advanced collector. It is also used to indicate a listing that may be found as a minor part of a larger article on a different topic. The contents of many articles have been analyzed in detail for just such a possible entry under several headings in the INDEX.

When the issue listed contains a major article, it is usually preceded by the author's name. Reference can then be made to the AUTHOR INDEX for a complete title.

Included in the Bulletin are numerous short notes, personal items, news announcements and other notices. These may at one time have had topical or current interest but are now of little value. They are not indexed.

Where appropriate, especially for reasons of clarity or continuity, the listings are entered chronologically (i.e. in the order of increasing issue number). At other times the more typical alphabetical sequence is employed.

A word about some of the terminology used in the index is apropos. Where the topic involves local, municipal or city post, "municipal" is used for "city" post. Moreover, distinction is made between municipal post and local post based on stamp usage. In the SUBJECT INDEX, municipal post refers only to those stamps and marks that were generated to deliver mail from a central post office to an addressee within the local environs. For example, Warsaw municipals and Przedborz municipals. All others are considered to be "locals". Their postal use was unrestricted.

Also, distinction is made between "fake" and "forgery". Fake is used to describe a genuine stamp which has been altered, for example by a false overprint, to create a different stamp. A forgery on the other hand is a completely false item.

In many cases, the AUTHOR INDEX in Section III may be more useful. There are several reasons for this. The title may be more indicative of the nature and scope of the article than a one line listing in the SUBJECT INDEX. In addition, it may be easier to locate an article by referencing a known author or title, than by trying to remember an issue number.

With a little patience, the collector/researcher will find a wealth of information in the SUBJECT INDEX. Knowing how the information is apt to be classified is a good first step. Being aware that an article may be listed under several headings will aid the search. One is cautioned not to be too hasty.

Throughout the listing, identifying numbers (usually in parenthesis) have been added. These refer to the Scott Catalog (1980) numbering system.

LOCATOR KEY TABLE

For This SUBJECT	See This MAJOR HEADING
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Gen. Gouv. Warschau.	Occupation Stamps
Grodno	Military and Field Posts - Polish
Hanseatic League	Danzig

Imperforate	Perforation
Kolomyja	Ukraine, Occupation Stamps
Konin	Local, Mun. and Private Posts
Korfanty	Plebiscite (Upper Silesia), Underground and Uprising Post
Kowel	Military and Field Posts, Ukraine
Krolestwo Polskie	Unissued, Warsaw City Post
Krosno	Unissued and Uncirculated Stamps
Larking Reprint	Supplements
Lezajsk	Provisional Issues
London Exile Govt	Exile Govt, Maritime Posts
L.O.P.P.	Airpost Stamps and Services
Na Biednych	Labels and Seals
Ob.Ost	Occupation Stamps
"Poczta Polska" Surcharge	Provisional Issues
Pokucie	Occupation Stamps, Ukraine
Polish Gov't. in Gr. Britain	Exile Government
Przedborz	Local, Municipal and Private Posts
Puck	Military and Field Posts
RussischPolen	Occupation Stamps
Skalat	Local, Municipal and Private Posts, Ukraine
Sluck	Occupation Stamps, Overprints
Society of Warsaw Artists	Unissued, Warsaw City Post (1917 Krolestwo Polskie)
Soviet	Russia
Spis and Orawa	Plebiscite Areas
Stamped Envelopes (1858-1865)	Stationery - 19th Century
Tabromik	Airpost Stamps and Services - Aerotarg
Tajna Poczta	Underground Posts
Warsaw Art Society	Unissued, Warsaw City Post
Warwiszki	Military and Field Posts
Zeppelin	Airpost Stamps and Services

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