

Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia

The Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia was a partially annexed territory of Nazi Germany that was established on 16. March 1939.

On 10. October 1938, when Czechoslovakia was forced to accept the terms of the Munich Agreement, Germany was incorporated the Sudetenland (Sudety), with it's majority of ethnic German inhabitants, directly into the Reich.

Following the establishment of the independent Slovak Republic on 14. March 1939, and the German occupation of the Czech rump state the next day, Adolf Hitler established the Protectorate on 16. March 1939.

The Protectorate was a nominally autonomous Nazi-administred territory which the German government considered part of the German Reich. The state's existence came to an end the surrender of Germany in 1945.



Former Czechoslovakia



Bohemia and Moravia



Coat of arms
Bohemia and Moravia

Czechoslovak stamps were first used in postal traffic. On 15. July 1939 Czechoslovak stamps with overprinted text, the name of the new state, were put into postal circulation.

Overprinted text was BÖHMEN u. MÄHREN
ČECHY a MORAVA

This stamps were in use until the end of 1939. The first stamps with name Protectorate Bohemia and Moravia appeared on July 1939.

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USED LITERATURE

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- Stamp forgeries of Theresienstadt

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Czechoslovak stamps in postal traffic

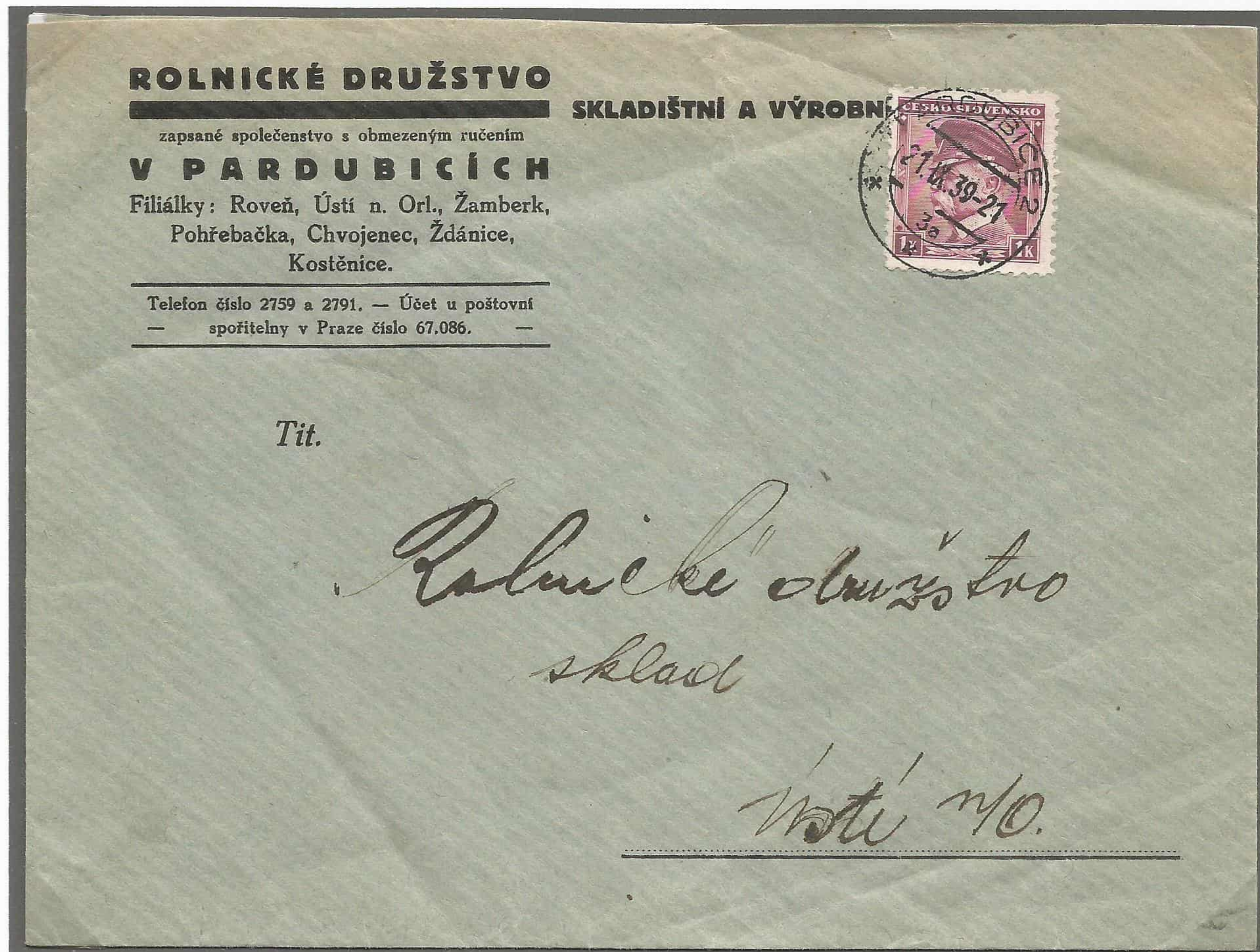


Czechoslovak stamps Michel No. A1 and B1
used in the period from 15.07.1939 to 15.12.1939.

The difference between stamps Michel No. 350 and No. A1
A dash between letters O and S



Letter with a Czechoslovak stamps Michel No. 350 and 280 A. From Prague. Cancelled by the small monolingual seal

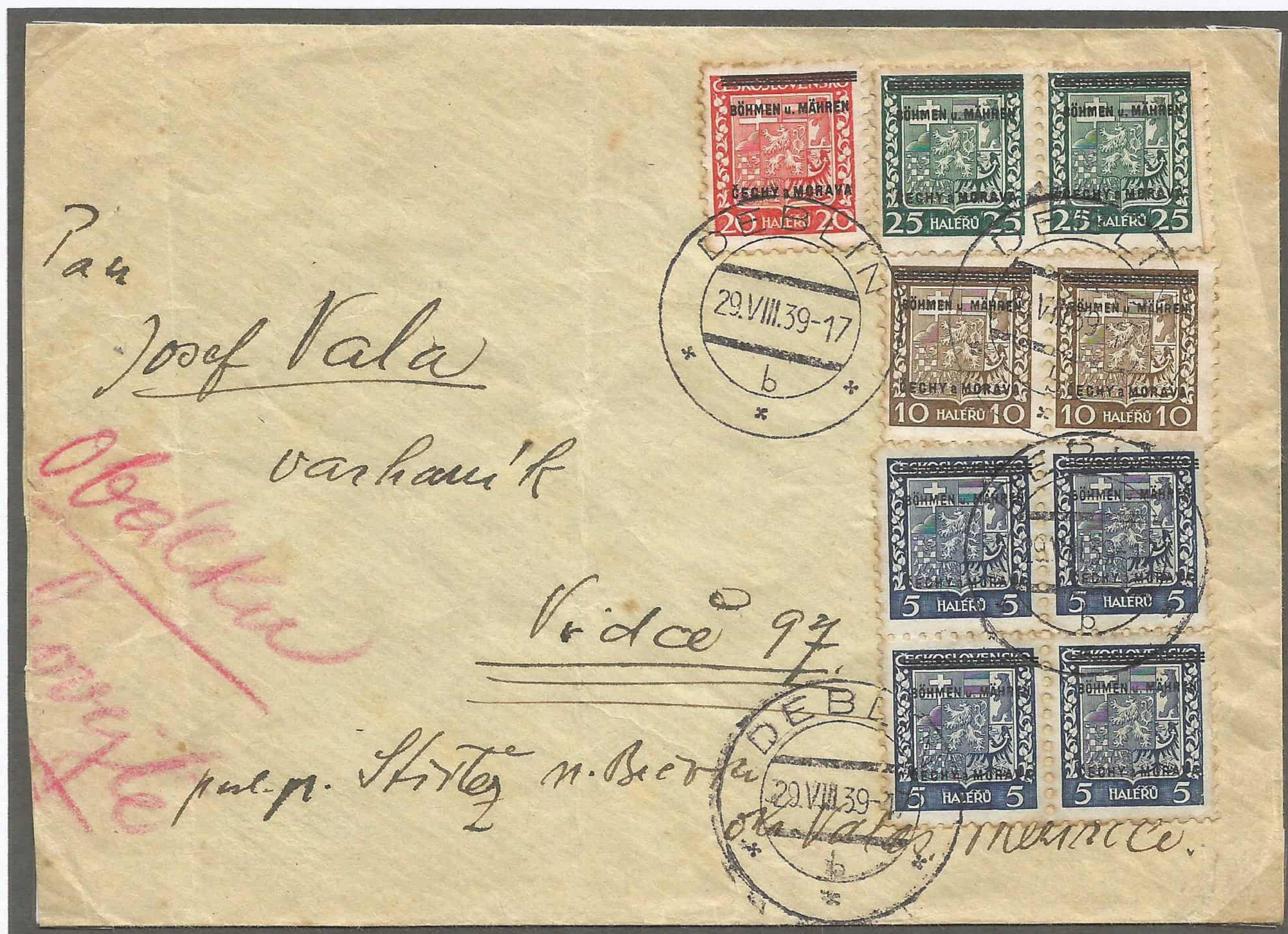


Letter from Pardubice to Usti nad Orlici with Czechoslovak stamp Michel No. A1.
The stamps was cancelled by the small monolingual seal in Czech language

Czechoslovak stamps with overprint used by the postal service



First definitive issue Bohemia and Moravia. In use from 15.07.1939.
Czechoslovak stamps Michel No. 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 347, 349, 350, A1, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 357, 358, 359, 386 and 400 with overprint BÖHMEN u. MÄHREN / ČECHY a MORAVA



Letter with Czechoslovak overprinted stamps. Franked as a letter up to 100 gr weights
Sent on 29.08.1939 from Deblin. Cancelled by the large monolingual seal.

Linden tree branch with fruits and landscapes



First stamps with the name
of the state
Bohemia and Moravia.

Definitive issue
Linden tree branch with fruits
and landscapes

Stamps were in use from
29.07.1939. to 31.03.1943



Commemorative
two-color seal

Foreign travel and
tourism exhibition

POFIS No. 21
Post office Prag 1



KNIHTISKÁRNA
JOSEF LOH V PRAZE I.
SANYTROVÁ 16

Linden tree branch with fruits



Issue linden tree branch with fruits. Stamps were printed 1939, 1940 and 1941.

Linden tree branch with fruits



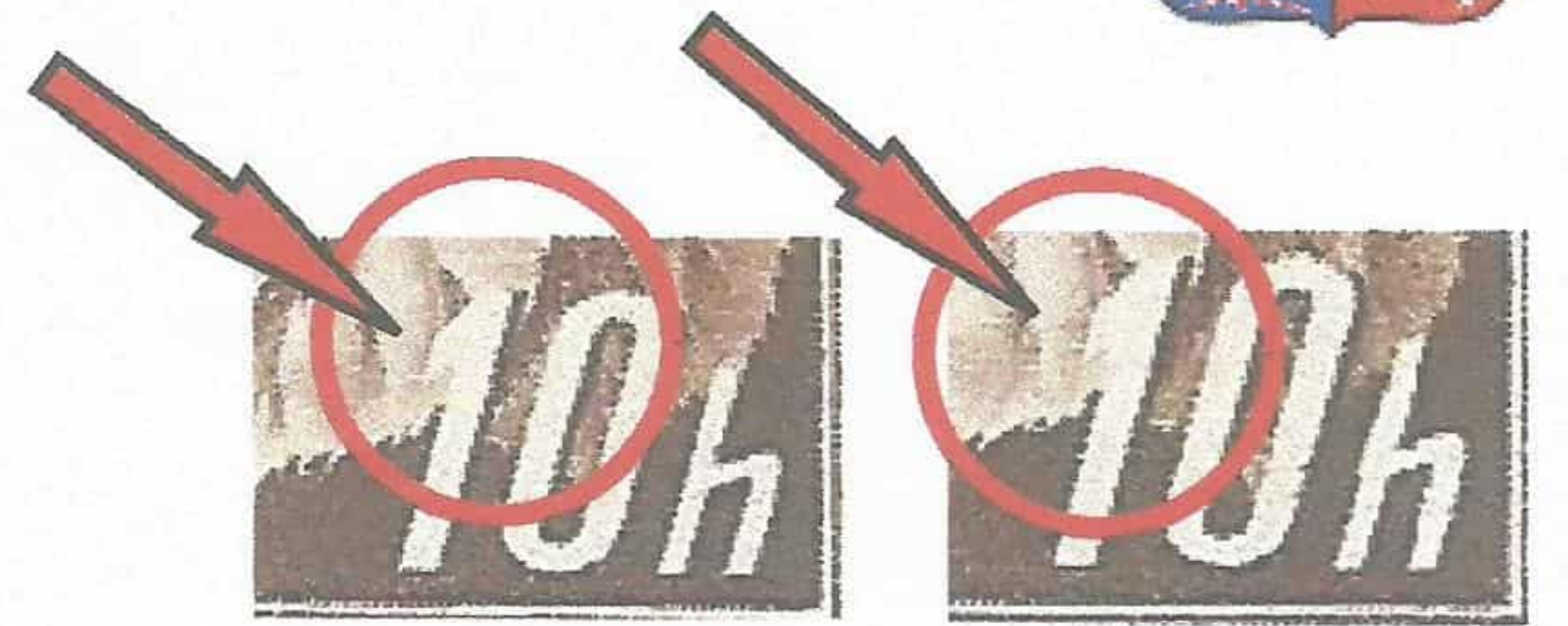
Postcard with linden tree branch with fruits stamp, cancelled by the small bilingual seal

Postcard type
POFIS CDV 11
(Michel No. P9b)

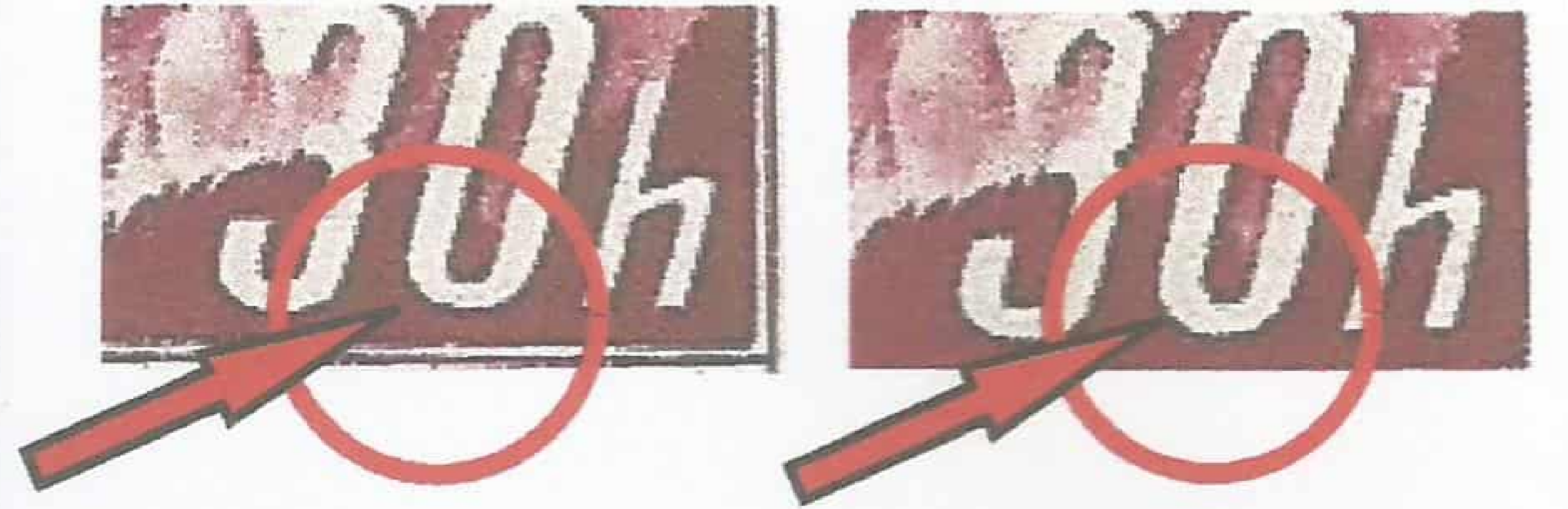


Recommended letter franked up to 100 gr. weight with the complete series of the first issue Linden tree from 1939 year and one personal delivery stamp. Cancelled by the large monolingual seal with 3 clover leaves

Linden tree branch with fruits plate errors



On the 3rd stamp, the number 1 has a part cut off. The error appears in the 5th column of the sheet.



On the 2nd stamp, the number 0 is deformed in the lower part. The error appears in the 10th column of the sheet.

Röm. kathol. Pfarramt in Mähr. Weisskirchen Řím. katol. farní úřad v Hranicích

Nachnahme: 2 R.M. 20 Pf.
zwei R.M. zwanzig Pf. *An*

Nr. _____
Čís. _____



Eva Laczková



München

bei Fr. Galli, Schackstr.
III Stock

Recommended letter for personal delivery properly franked for the territory of Germany.
1,20 K for a letter up to 20 gr. 3,00 K for recommendation 2,00 K for personal delivery
Cancelled by the small bilingual seal

Linden tree branch with fruits and landscapes plate errors and different shades of colors



Different shades of colors, stamps Michel No. 24



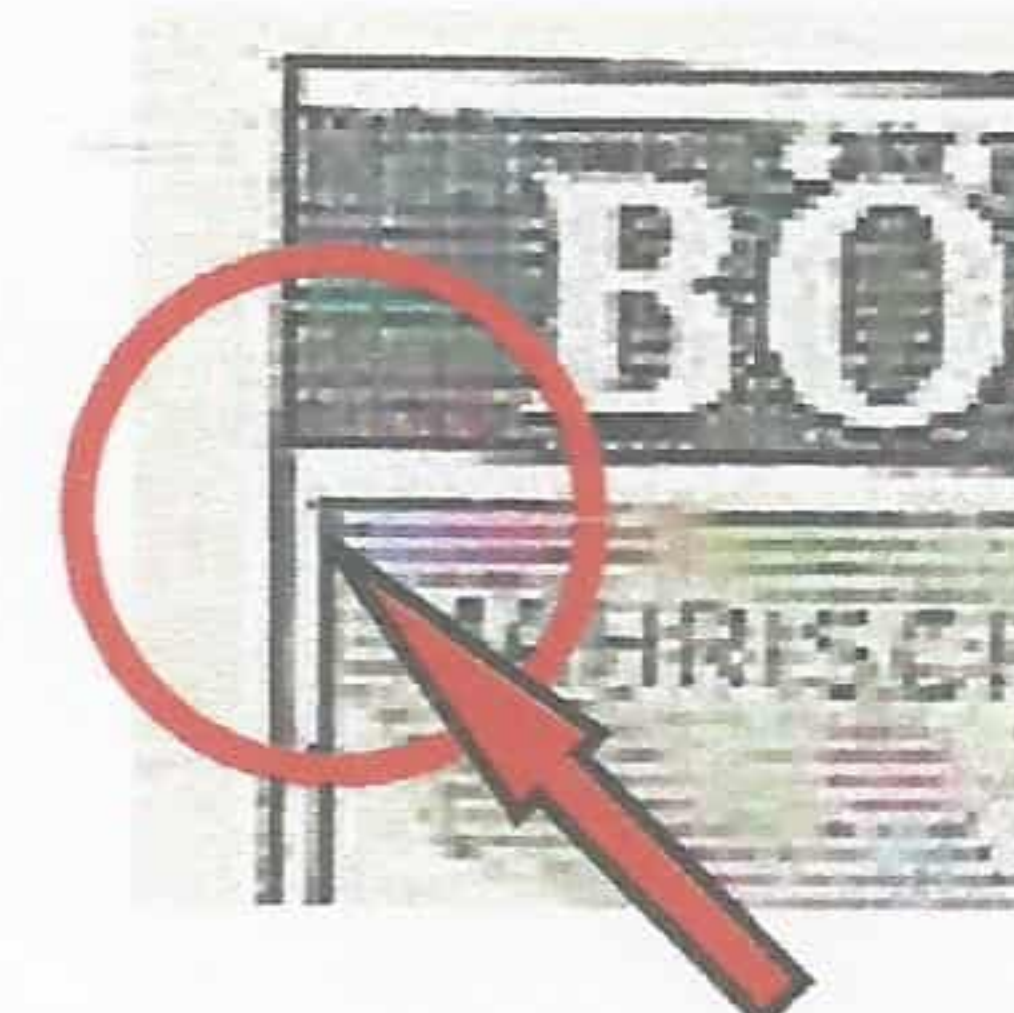
Different shades of colors, stamps Michel No. 33 a (issue 04.11.1939.)
and No. 33 b (issue 20.11.1939.)



Stamps Michel No. 34 a and 34 b. The difference is in the short
line that goes to the end of the frame on the stamp 34 a and is
interrupted on the stamp 34 b.



34 a



34 b



Different positions
in the sheet

Linden tree branch with fruits commemorative seals



Commemorative seal POFIS No. 81, Stamp day, Post office Praha 1
Commemorative seal POFIS No. 82, Art for everyone, Post office Praha 1. in green color
The only one commemorative seal at Prague in green color.



Commemorative seal POFIS No. 43, 2 years of Great German Reich, Post office Brno 1
4 different seals were used with letters a, b, c and d

Linden tree branch with fruits and landscapes, second and third issues Red cross 1940



Second definitive issue Linden tree branch with fruits and landscapes
in use from 31.03.1940. to 31.03.1943.



Red cross issue 29.06.1940. In use until 31.12.1940.

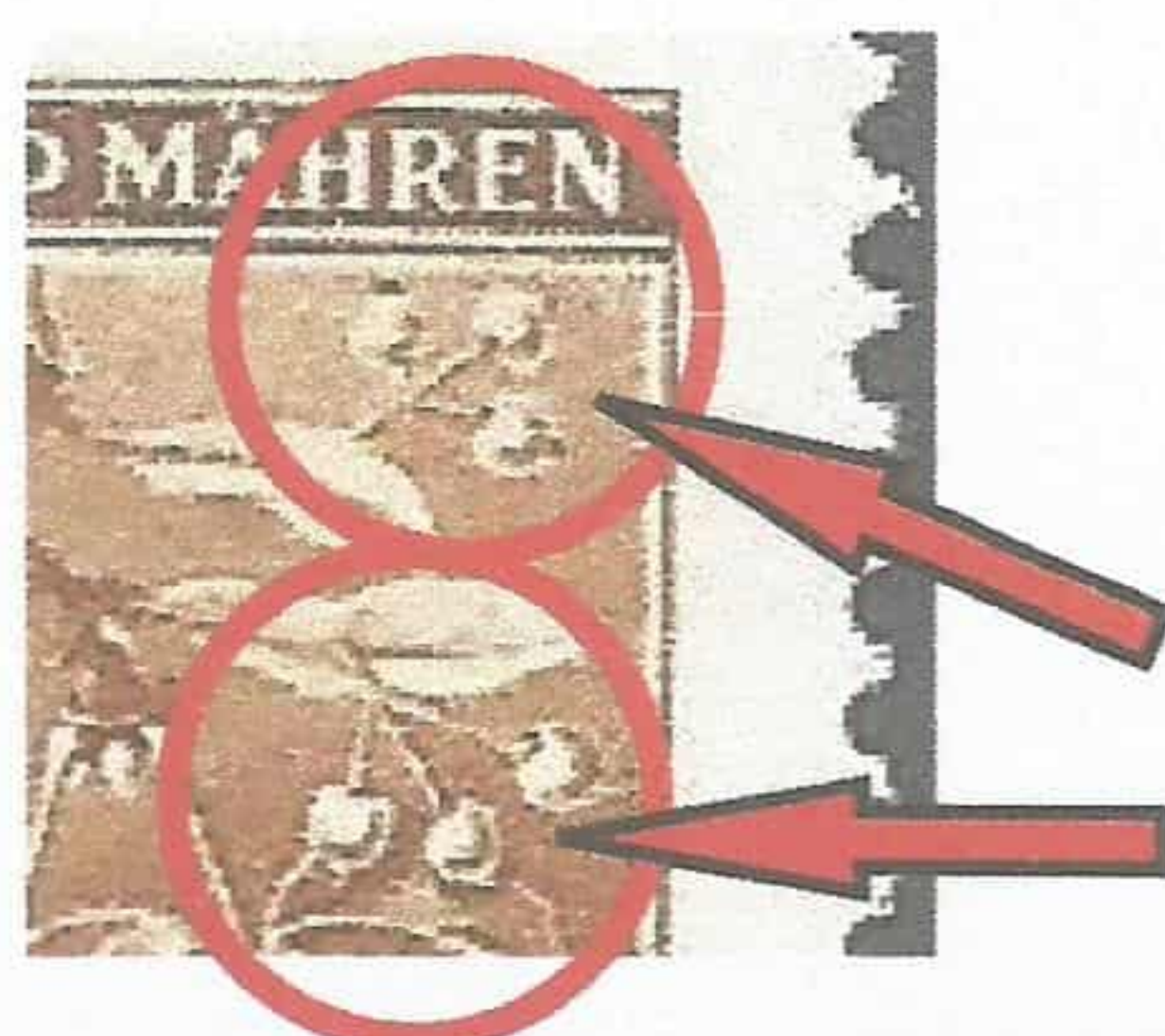


Third definitive issue Linden tree branch with fruits and landscapes
in use from 20.11.1940. to 31. 03. 1943.

Linden tree branch with blossoms



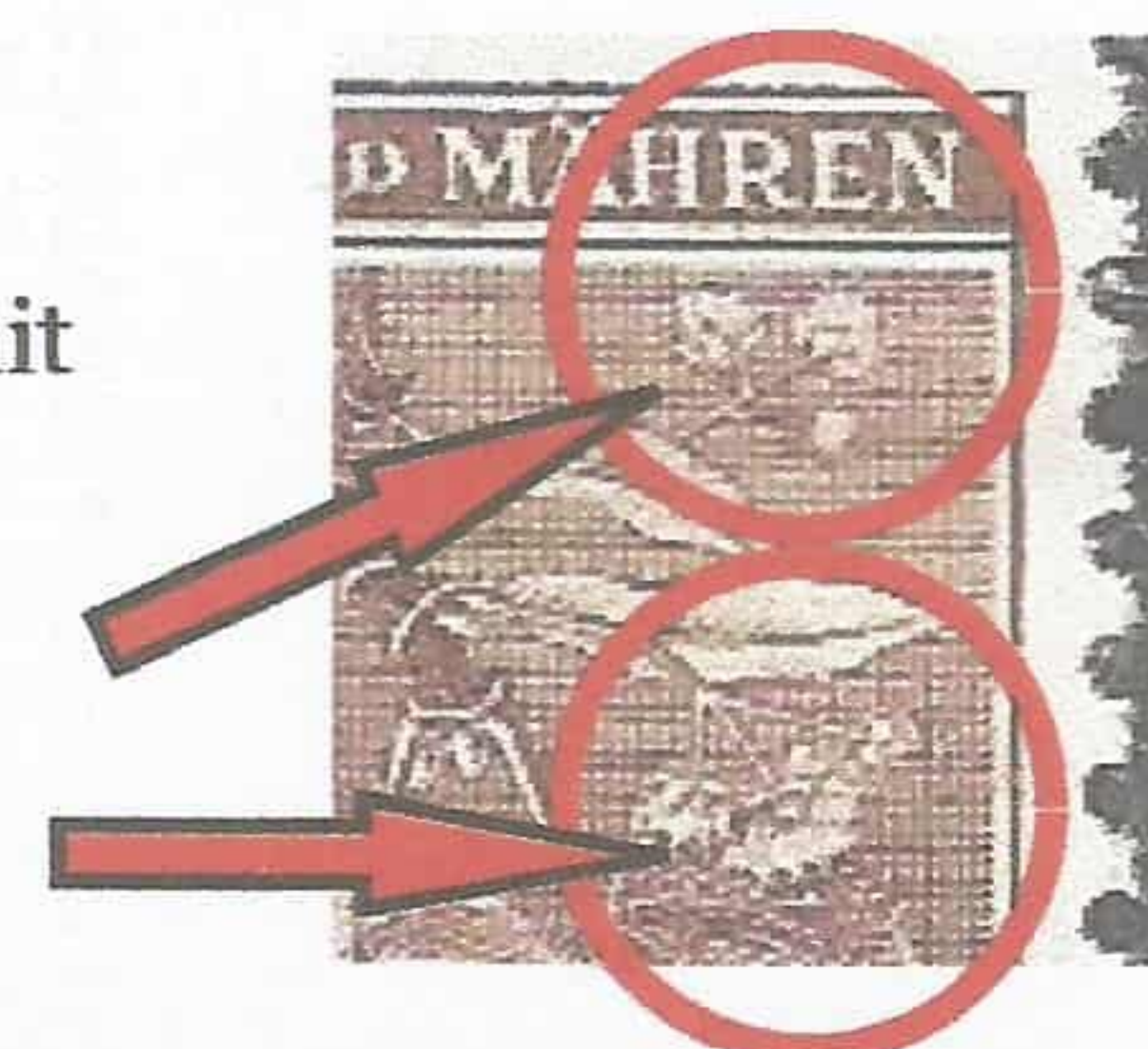
Definitive issue Linden tree branch with blossoms and landscapes.
Stamps were in use from 28.07.1941. to 31.03.1943.



Different between issues of Linden tree branch with fruit
and Linden tree branch with blossoms

with fruits

with blossoms



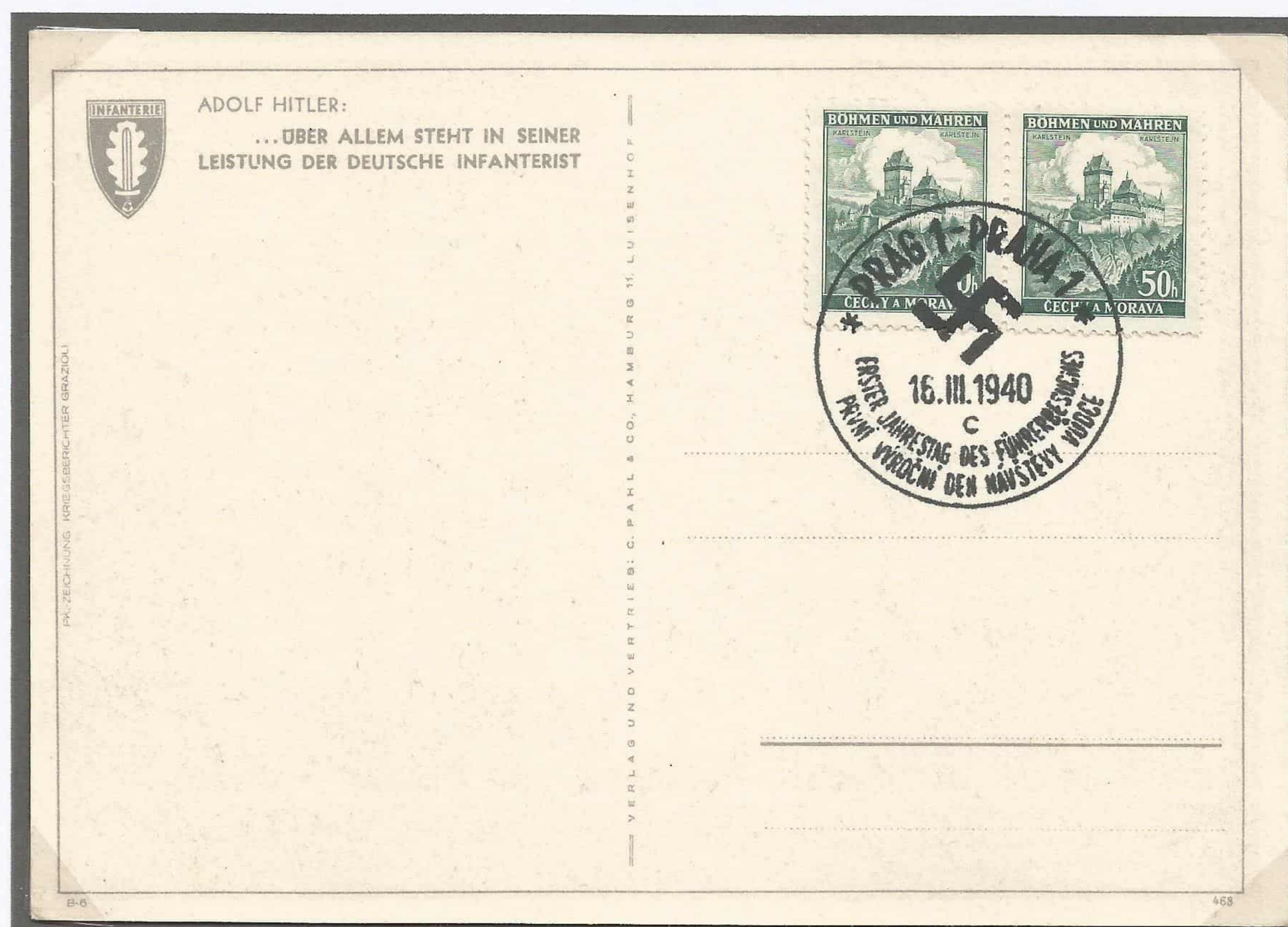
Pan
Pavel Musílek,
Brno - Cejl 18.

Letter cancelled by large monolingual commemorative seal POFIS No. 50.
Occasion of the birthday A. Hitler at the Post office Brunn 1
Stamps Linden tree branch with blossoms and Linden tree with branch fruits.

Linden tree branch with blossoms



Propaganda postcard with commemorative seal POFIS No. 13. Post office Praha 1
Bilingual text First anniversary of the Führer's visit
FORGERY stamps on postcard were in use only from 28.07.1941.



Propaganda postcard with commemorative seal POFIS No. 13. Post office Praha 1
Bilingual text First anniversary of the Führer's visit

Linden tree branch with blossoms



Second printing issue Linden tree branch with blossoms and landscapes with different shades of color. In use from January 1942.



65 a



65 b

Different shades of color between first and second printing issues from 1941 and 1942 year
Example stamps from 1941 year (Michel No.65 a) and 1942 year (Michel No. 65 b)



Commemorative issue 100th birthday of A. Dvorak
In use from 25.08.1941 until 31.12.1941.

Red cross 1941



Red cross issue 20.04.1941. In use until 31.12.1941.



Commemorative seal POFIS No. 49, Hitler's birthday, bilingual text. Post office Praha 1



Definitive issue Linden tree branch with fruits
In use from 01.06.1941. to 31.03.1943.



Recommended letter properly franked up to 250 gr. weight for Germany
 2,40 K for letter up to 250 gr weight 3,00 K for recommendation 1,00 K for personal delivery
 Cancelled by the small bilingual seal. On the other side is the arrival seal of Post Office Wiesa Brůx



Red cross issue 1942
 In use from 01.09.1942. to 31.12.1942.

Red cross 1943



Red cross issue
in use from 16.09.1943
to 31.12.1943.
Stamp Michel No. 132 a



Second printing
Stamp Michel No. 132 b



Michel No. 132 a



Michel No. 132 b

Difference between the first and second printing
The space on stamp No. 132 a is 2 mm,
and on stamp No. 132 b is 1,5 mm



Letter with stamp Michel No. 132 a, sent on the last day of service, 31.12.1943.



Commemorative issue 60th death of B. Smetana
in use from 12.05.1944. to 16.05.1945.

Adolf Hitler



Issue third anniversary of the establishment
of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia
Stamps Michel No. 68 b and 71 b with overprint
In use from 15.03.1942 to 31.12.1942



Commemorative issue 53rd birthday of A. Hitler
In use from 20.04.1942 to 31.12.1942.



Recommended letter with complete series 53th birthday of A. Hitler
Cancelled by commemorative monolingual seal POFIS No. 96 Führer's birthday
Post office Prag 1 first day of use of the stamps

Adolf Hitler



Issue Adolf Hitler, in use 01.07.1942. to 16.05.1945.



Recommended letter properly franked

1,20 K for letter up to 20 gr weight for German Reich

3,00 K for recommendation

Cancelled by the small bilingual seal

On the other side is the arrival seal of Post office Berlin - Pankow 2

Adolf Hitler's birthday



Commemorative stamps 54th birthday of A. Hitler
in use from 20.04.1943. to 30.09.1943.



Commemorative issue 55th birthday of A. Hitler
in use from 20.04.1944. to 31.12.1944



BEDŘICH KREJČAR jun.
parní pila
CHRAST u Chrudimě

Titl.

O k r e s n í ú ř a d ,
odděl. těžce pracujících

C h r u d i m .

R Chrast bei Chrudim
Chrast u Chrudimě
839

Recommended letter, properly franked up to 250 gr. weight, cancelled by the small bilingual seal

Stamp day 1943 commemorative seals



Issue Stamp day, 10.01.1943.
in use until 30.06.1943.



Commemorative seals Stamp day
Commemorative seal Stamp day, POFIS No. 113, Post office Brünn 1
Commemorative seal Stamp day, POFIS No. 114, Post office Iglau 1
Commemorative seal POFIS No. 115, Post office Mährisch - Ostrau 1
The only one commemorative seal with three concentric circles

Winter assistance



Commemorative issue Winter assistance
in use from 29.01.1943. to 30.06.1943



Recommended letter with complete series Winter assistance
Cancelled by the small bilingual seal



Commemorative issue Prague Fair. Stamps were in use from 07.09.1941. to 31.12.1941.

Prague Fair



Commemorative sheet
issued by the Post office.
With complete series
Prague fair and
commemorative seal



7-14 IX 1941



Recommended letter
properly franked
up to 250 gr. weight
with complete series
Prague Fair.

1,60 K for letter
up to 250 gr.

3,00 K
for recommendation

Cancelled by the
small bilingual seal

Reinhard Heydrich



Commemorative issue The first anniversary of Heydrich's death.
In use from 28.01.1943 to 30.09.1943.

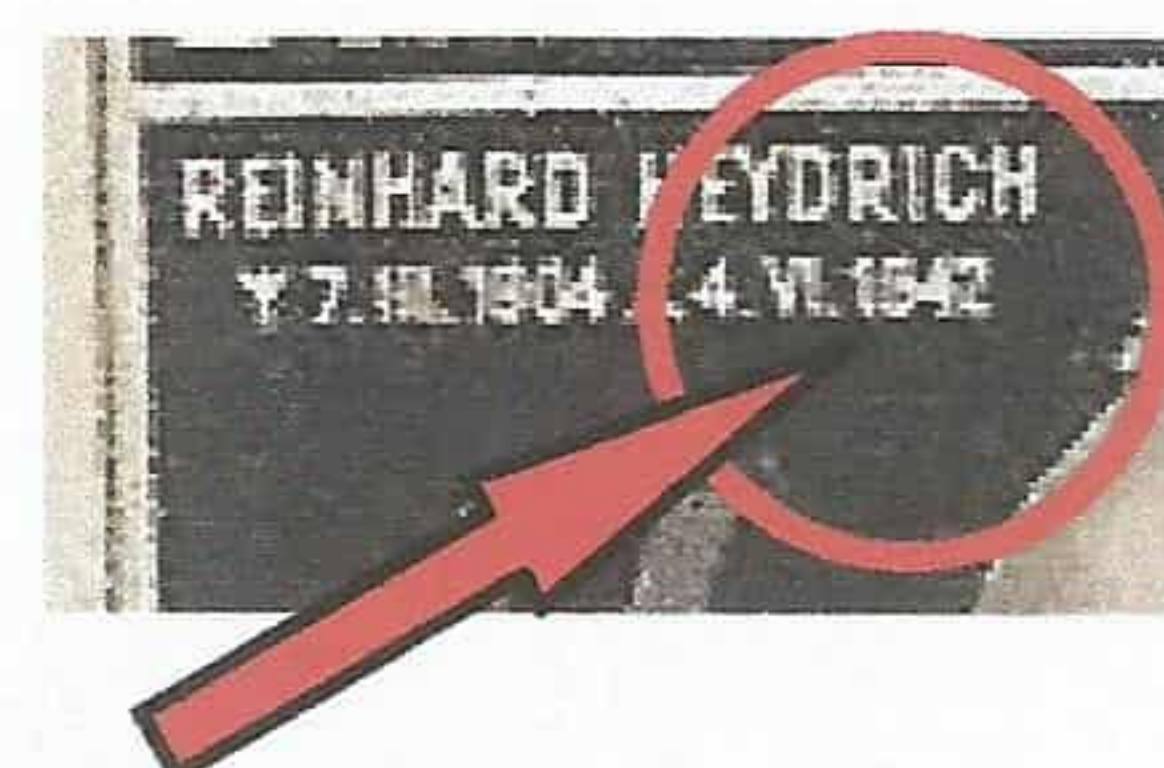


Plate error Wrong year of death.
Instead of the year 1942, the year 1842 is in on the stamp



Recommended letter properly franked up to 20 gr. weight to Germany
1,20 K for letter up to 20 gr weight to Germany 3,00 K for recommendation
Cancelled by the small bilingual seal. On the other side is the arrival seal of Post office Leipzig C1



VERLAUTBARUNG.

Am 27. Mai 1942 wurde in Prag auf den Stellvertretenden Reichsprotector **SS**-Obergruppenführer und General der Polizei Heydrich ein Attentat verübt.

Für die Ergreifung der Täter hat bereits der Höhere **SS**- und Polizeiführer beim Reichsprotector in Böhmen und Mähren am 27. Mai 1942 eine Belohnung von 10,000.000 K ausgesetzt.

Die Regierung des Protektorates Böhmen und Mähren setzt eine

Belohnung von weiteren 10,000.000 K

für die Ergreifung der Täter aus.

Diese ausgeschriebene Belohnung zahlt die Regierung des Protektorates Böhmen und Mähren bar und ohne Abzüge demjenigen aus, der die Täter ergreift, oder dem, dessen Angaben zur Ergreifung der Täter führen.

Allen Personen wird auf Wunsch eine streng vertrauliche Behandlung ihrer Angaben zugesichert.

Die Regierung des Protektorats Böhmen und Mähren.

Prag, am 30. Mai 1942.

Der Vorsitzende der Regierung:

Dr. J. Krejčí m. p.

Der Minister des Innern:

Bienert m. p.

Dne 27. V
atentát na
tora **SS**-Obergr
Heydricha.

Na dopad
douce **SS** a po
chách a na
měnu 10,000

Vláda Pro
na dopadení

odn 10

Vypsanou
Čechy a Mo
kdo pachatel
povedou k d

Všem osc
na přání bu

Vláda

Praha, dne

Richard Wagner



Commemorative issue 130th birthday
of Richard Wagner
In use from 22.05.1943 to 30.09.1943.



Stamp Michel No. 130 with plate error
Small blue dot above the sword and anvil



with blue dot

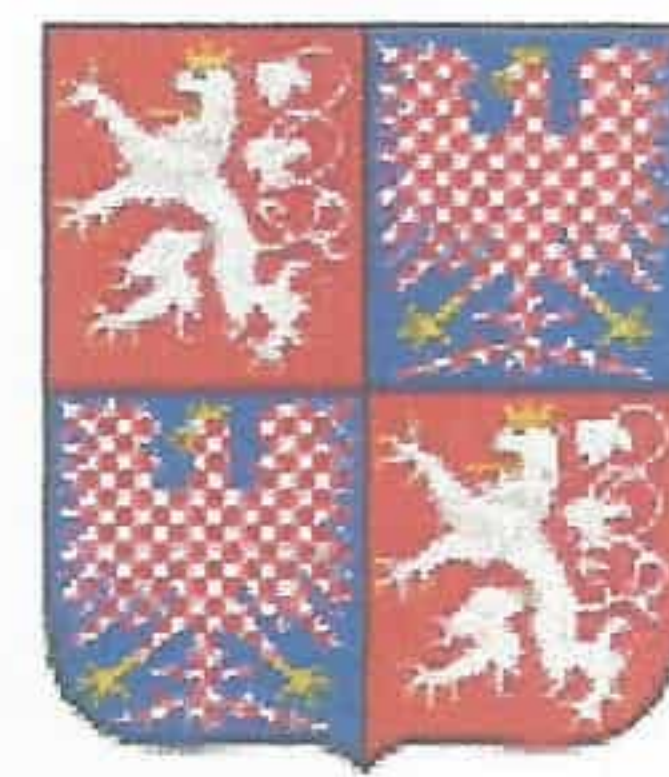


without blue dot



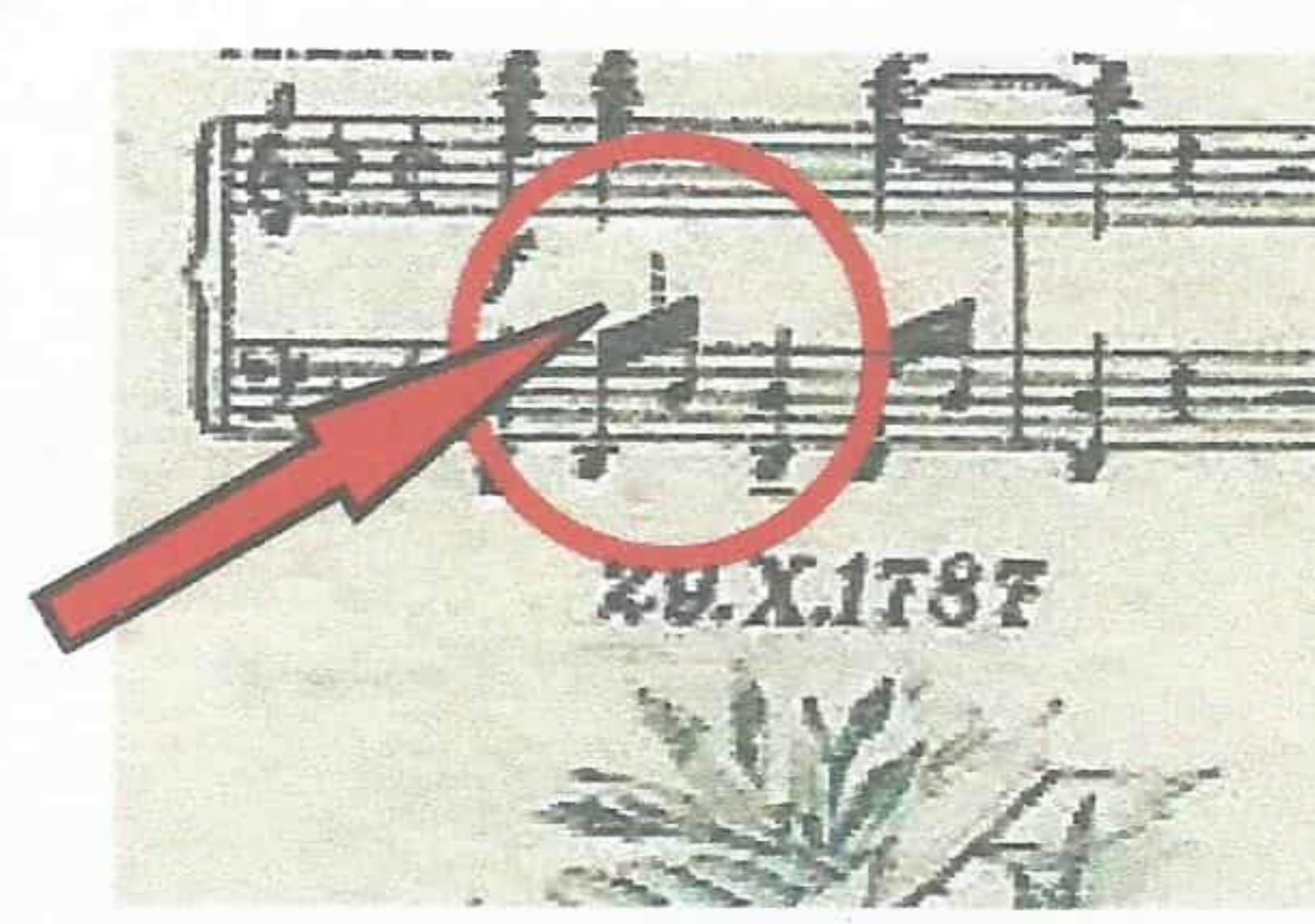
Recommended letter cancelled by the small bilingual seal

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Commemorative issue for the 150th anniversary of W. A. Mozart's death
In use from 26.10.1941 to 31.01.1942

Plate error on the right vignette
on the 30 h stamp and 60 h stamp.
Dash above note.



Last commemorative stamps



Commemorative issue
The 5th anniversary of the establishment
of the Protectorate Bohemia and Moravia
In use from 15.03.1944. to 31.12.1944.



Recommended letter, air mail and express post. Cancelled by the small bilingual seal.

On the other side is the transit seal Post office Wien 1.

The letter was sent on the first day of use of the stamps.



Commemorative issue the 600th anniversary
of the Prague cathedral.
In use from 21.11.1944. to 16.05.1945.



Issue A. Hitler
In use from 01.02.1945 to 16.05.1945.

Theresienstadt Ghetto



In November 1941 Nazis established a Ghetto in Theresienstadt (Terezin) where they interned the Jews of Bohemia and Moravia, elderly Jews and persons of "special merit" in the Reich, and several thousand Jews from Netherlands and Denmark. Although in practice the ghetto, served as a transit camp for people en route to extermination camps. Theresienstadt, established as a ghetto and transit camp in 1941, was presented as a model Jewish settlement for propaganda purposes. Despite congestion, hunger and forced labor, educational and cultural activities abounded.

Postal traffic in the Ghetto functioned as in the rest of the Protectorate. However, it happened more and more that packages sent to Theresienstadt disappeared and were not delivered to recipient. It was decided that all packages sent from territory of the Protectorate to Theresienstadt would be franked with a special stamp and sent as registered mail.

The stamp came into use on 10.07.1943.

The distribution of stamps was done through the Jewish Council of Elders in Prague. (Ältestenrat der Juden in Prag).

A total of 76 000 stamps were printed in light green, dark green brown and black color, with or without perforation.

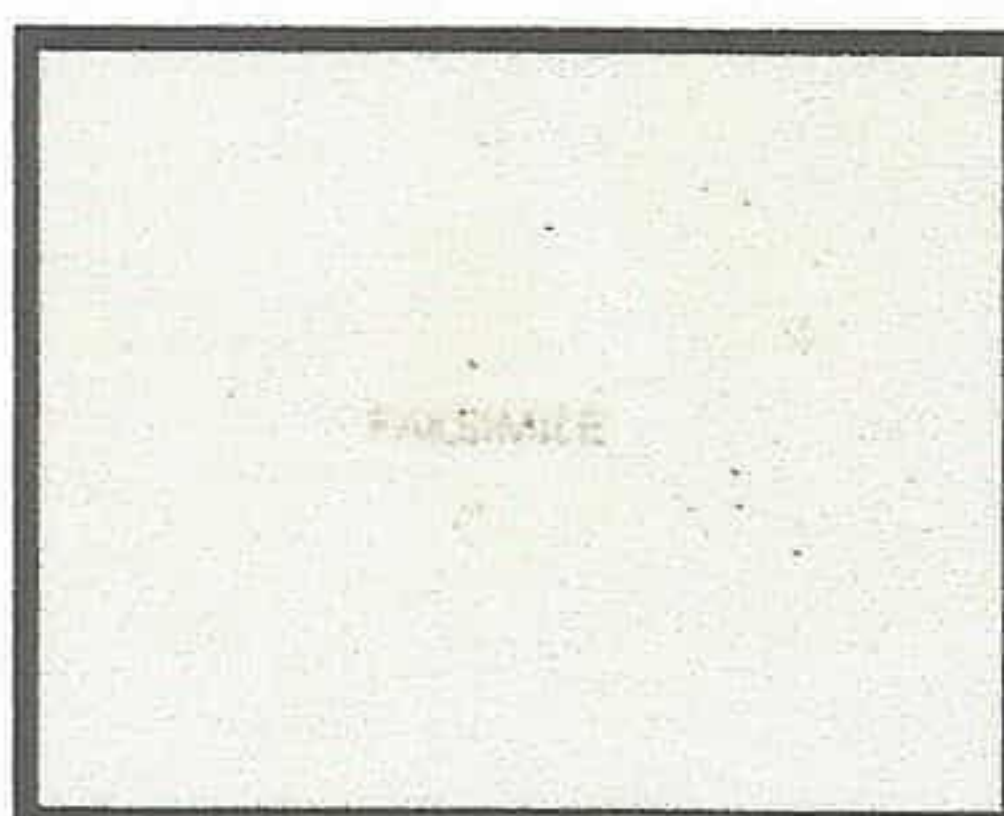


Theresienstadt stamp for packages
and parcels
in use from 10.07.1943.



№ 003276

Facsimile of a propaganda sheet printed in support of the Red Cross. Sheet was printed in 1943.
Facsimile was an attachment to the first edition of the book Post in the Theresienstadt Ghetto.



The back of the sheet
on which is printed text "Faksimile"

Newspaper stamps



Newspaper stamps, in use from 25.08.1939. to 31.03.1943.

text on the upper part: Böhmen u. Mähren

text on the bottom part: Čechy a Morava



Newspaper stamps, in use from 15.02.1943.

text on the upper part: DEUTSCHES REICH

text on the bottom part: BÖHMEN u. MÄHREN ČECHY A MORAVA



Definitive stamps, stamp Michel No. 46
with overprint: GD - OT
(Geschäftsdrucksachse - Obchodní tiskopis)
for business stationery
In use from 01.12.1939. to 31.07.1941.



Original stamp
without perforation



FORGERY
stamp with perforation
and forged overprint

Official stamps



Official stamps, in use from 01.01.1941. to 31.03.1943. with plate number



Official letter from Boskowitz (Boskovice) cancelled by the small bilingual seal

Official and Personal delivery stamps



Official stamps, in use from 15.02.1943 to 31.12.1944.

Ježto přijetí bylo odepřeno*),
ježto příjemce přes vyzvání,
jež mu před tím v bytě, v kan-
celářské, živnostenské, obch.
místnosti bylo zanecháno (na
dverích upevněno), nebyl za-
stížen*),
byla písemnost u podepsaného
poštovního úřadu uložena

dne _____ 193__

Místní
a denní
razítko
podávacího
poštovního
úřadu

přednosta úřadu.

*) Škrtněte, co se nehodí!
Jed. ř. č. 67. (Zpáteční lístek
pro doručení poštou k vlastním
rukám, § 106-108 c. ř. s., § 33b
jed. ř.)

ZPÁTEČNÍ LÍSTEK
okresního soudu v Příbrami

Adresát (Příjemce): U. a Odevz. místní
P.T. Jaroslav Čermák, strojník,
Strakonice čp. 448.
Jed. č. D 385/40-12-11-v
Pošta _____

Potvrzuji svým vlastnoručním podpisem, že jsem shora označenou zásilku dnes obdržel _____
v _____ dne _____ 193__

Doručeno přísežným doručovatelem: _____
_____ podpis

Místní
a denní
razítko
podávacího
poštovního
úřadu

Return slip of the district court in Příbram



Personal delivery stamps, in use from 01.12.1939. to 19.04.1941.
According to the Postal gazette, they were in use until 01.08.1941.

Postage due stamps



Issue Postage due stamps from 01.12.1939. except 80 h and 1,20 K which were issued on 10.06.1940.
In use until 31.03.1941.

2082 Prag 36 Praha 36

27962 - Vnitřní protektorátní styk
stovni průvodka
(leben des Nummernzettels)
(ou podací nálepku)

Absender: *Antonín Wanner*
Odesílatel: *Praha XI. Lutterova 41.*

Besondere Vermerke des Absenders (s. Rückseite):
Zvláštní záznamy odesílatele (viz rub. průvodky):

An Adresa: *Pani*
Máňa Moudisová
Harý Smolice
J. Hvožděný

Freigebühr (K-h)
Výplatné: *5.50*

Postgewicht (kg)
Váha: *1.904*

in v

(Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stockwerk)
(Ulice, číslo domu, část budovy, poschodí)

Zum Aufkleben der Freimarken durch den Absender
Zde nalepi výše uvedené o.
DEUTSCHES REICH
3K
BOHMEN UND MÄHREN
2.50K
ČECHY A MORAVA

Postal certificate for postal traffic in the Protectorate