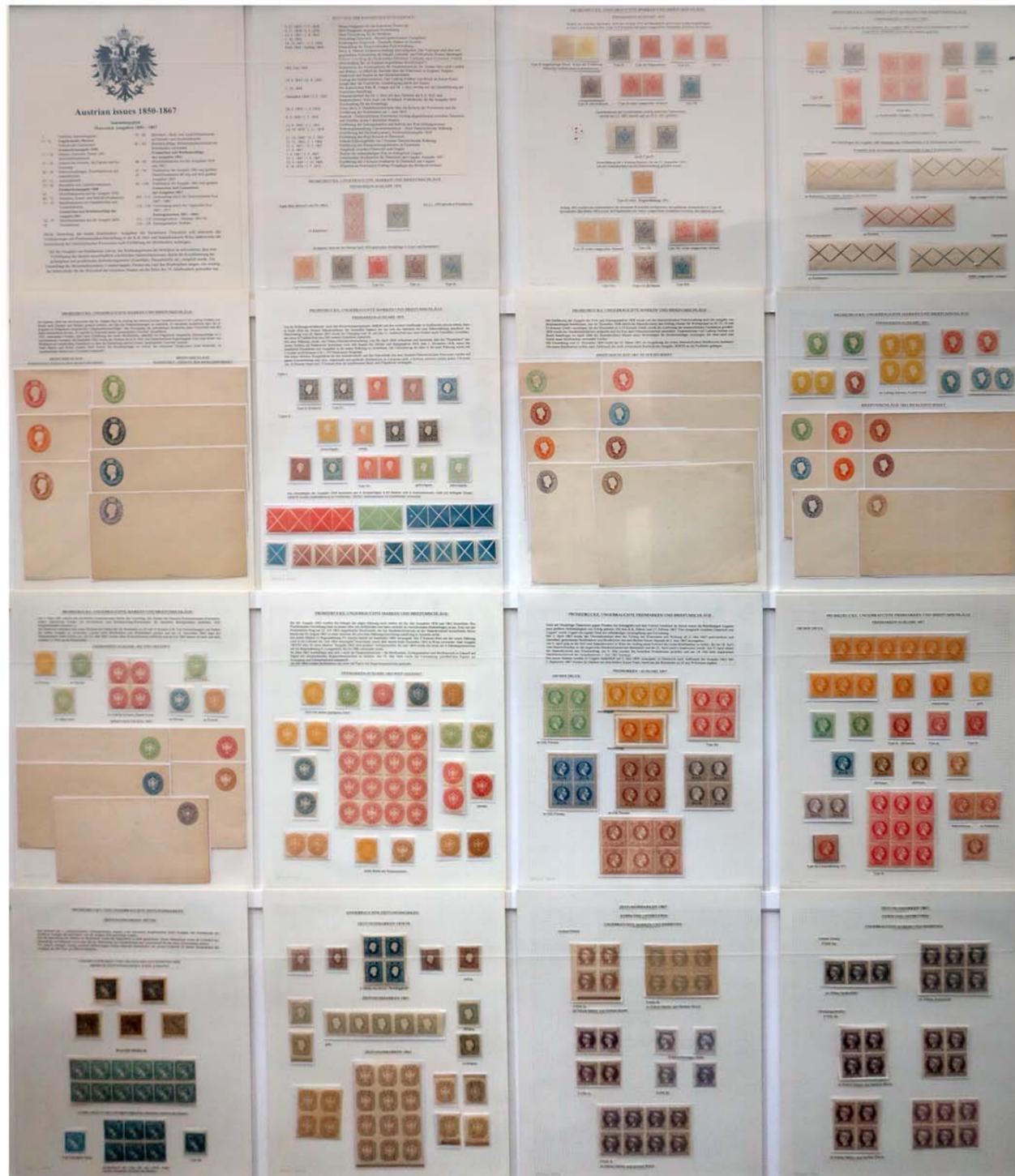


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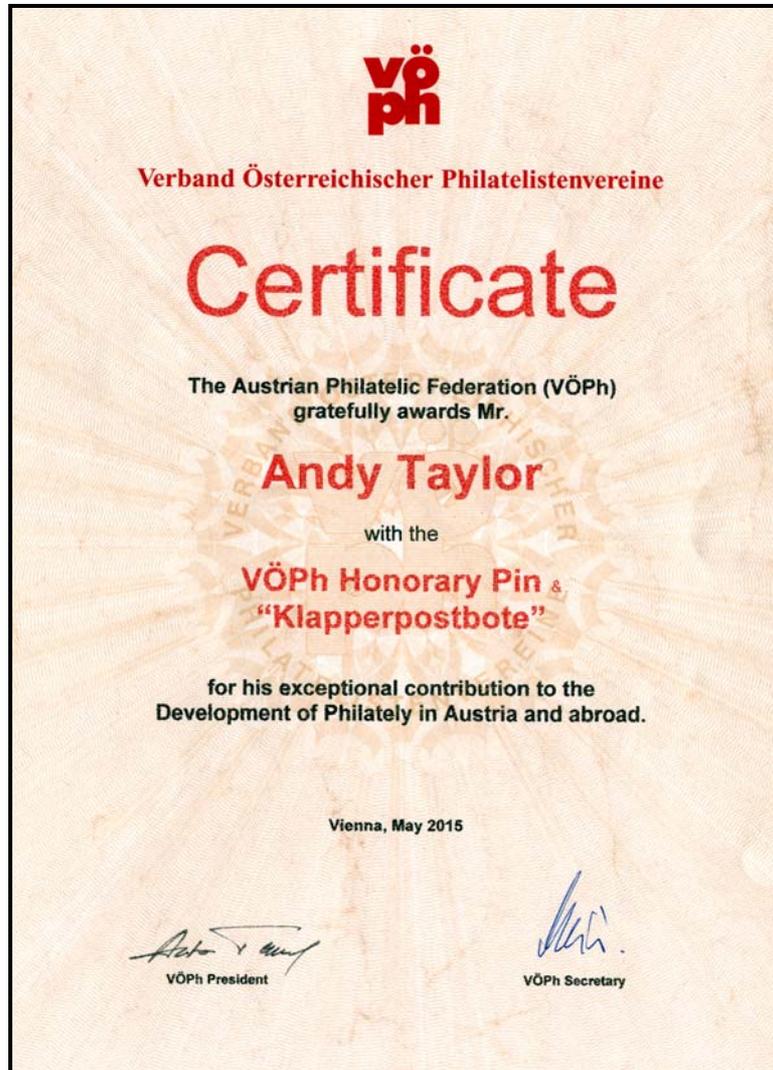
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A word from the President

I expect that many of you attended LONDON 2015, which proved to be a very successful and enjoyable event (apart from the poor lighting of some of the exhibits). There were many top-class displays of interest to Austrian collectors. My congratulations to our Members who won awards; these are recorded elsewhere in this issue.



However, I must make special mention of the special award to Andy Taylor by the VöPh (Association of Austrian Philatelic Societies) for services to Austrian Philately. The full story is later in this issue. We all know the substantial contribution that Andy has made for many years, and it is heartening to know that this has also been recognised in Austria itself.

Keith

Editorial 191

Congratulations to those who entered London2015! On pages 13-15 you'll find a list of the Austria-related entries and the results.

This issue is half the usual length, because I do not have any more articles ready to print and only two people have sent me contributions. I do have numerous folders of drafts in various languages and formats, good and bad pictures, and snippets of information. However I was the Assistant General Commissioner for London2015, which took up rather more time than anticipated: I now have a Ph.D. in cat-herding. As a consolation, I have obtained sponsorship for an all-colour issue.

Andy Taylor

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- ❖ **Back numbers** of “Austria” are £1 each to members (£5 to non-members), subject to us having stock. Some may be facsimiles or second-hand originals. Postage extra at cost.
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You have email...

“Could you please advise what the item is in the attached scan? Walt Berry, from Brussels but it’s the one in Canada.”



Andy replied: Thanks for this early-morning brain-workout!

The piece is part of a larger document; the L256 is a case or filing reference. The adhesives are 1910-issue Austrian revenue stamps, $64 + 26 + 10 = 100$ heller, paying some tax or fee on the transaction covered by the document. My colleague MB may know what manner of event would attract this amount of tax.

The “cancellations” had me baffled - nowhere in the world could I find a place called Urzad Gminny. However extensive Googling revealed that it is the Polish for Government Office. [I’m reminded of that elusive German town Ausfahrt.]

Stare Sio#o will be Sioło with a slash through the l. Google Maps produces three such places, two in Poland and one in Lviv Oblast, Ukraine. George Kay’s book of “Every place that ever was in Poland” only lists the Ukraine one, so I think it’ll be that one. My other colleague IK will know more.

You may find <http://www.austrianphilately.com/wozzis/index.htm> helpful when dealing with strange possibly-Austrian possibly-stamps.

Warning! The design of these revenue stamps is a “decal”, printed on both sides of the stamp paper; if you soak them off a document they will fall to pieces.

IK replied: Urzad Gminny can also be understood as “regional office”. Stare Sioło literally means “old town”. According to my gazetteer, there are at least two in Ukraine currently, but the one referred to on the scan is the one in western Ukraine about 20 km SE of Lviv. Hope this helps.

And MB also replied: Obviously the date of use is post 1910 and very likely before the end of the Empire. But I can’t be more precise than that. I don’t know what (if anything) is on the other side of the piece. There are a multitude of different taxes which might amount to a Krone. But if you insisted that I guess, I reckon it is likely to be a supplementary franking on the back of a Bill of Exchange (suggested by the size, shape and evident crease in the piece).

Friday 15th May 2015

By Mrs Joyce Boyer

Friday 15th May 2015 marked the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of Austria after the end of WWII. However this was not the reason for my visit to the London 2015 Europhilex exhibition at the Business Design Centre in Islington that day. It was to attend a very special meeting that marked the end of a project that had started secretly fifteen months earlier.

In February 2014 I received this e-mail from Dr. Hans Moser of our Austrian partner Philatelistenklub Merkur Innsbruck: *“I have a top-secret plan, for which I need your help. I would like to have Andy honoured by VÖPh [‡] because of his “full-time job” as editor of the APS journal thus giving immense support to Austrian philately world-wide. Can you tell me when he started as editor? As I understand, he also gave a lot of support to the writers of APS-books in the recent years, which we could include by title. I think it should be possible to honour him personally (and not only sending a mail) when he is in Vienna e.g. before Christmas. So it would be nice to get some facts about him and his career as Austrian-Philatelist, as editor, book-writer. What was his job? If I get a positive comment of VÖPh, I would try to have a short bilingual (!) article in “Die Briefmarke” to tell his merits. On the other hand this article should support APS to be better known also by philatelists in Austria (and Germany). What do you think about this?”*

My response was to go along with the suggestion. I then looked at the back numbers of Austria to check what I thought I knew of Andy and his activities and passed this onto Hans Moser. When you pull all the strands together it is amazing what he has done for the APS and we, the membership, should be extremely grateful for the many hours he devotes to the Society. In brief he has been or still is treasurer, festmaster, webmaster, writer, editor and publisher for both Austria and our various publications, organising our displays at the Royal in 2004 and Stampex in 2008 and much more.

When visiting Hans Moser last summer learned that the proposal had been made and in September received an e-mail that said ‘Andy will be honoured’. All that was now needed was to arrange where the festivities should take place. Since Andy was unable to visit Vienna last December it was agreed that it would be at London 2015 where Andy, VÖPh Vice president Alfred Kunz and VÖPh board member Dr. Weigel would all be attending the event. I was asked to attend and Klaus Schöpfer would be there to represent the Innsbruck Merkur Klub. Colin Tobitt and Helmut Kobelbauer from Austria both passed the group whilst waiting for Dr. Weigel and were invited to join us.



A quiet place was found and Alfred Kunz presented Andy with the VÖPh “Klapperpost-Bote” and certificate for his work in promoting Austrian Philately, made manifest in a special Pin and a glass cuboid containing an idealised figure of a “Klapperpost-Bote” (an early postman in Vienna and Graz; the reality is shown in the cartoon on the cover!). This is VÖPh’s highest award, and Andy is the first British recipient.

Replying, Andy expressed his deep appreciation of the honour bestowed upon him, adding that he had been supported and assisted by numerous people both in Britain and elsewhere. A comprehensive list would be huge, but at the top would be Dr C. Kainz, Prof H. Margreiter, Dr H. Moser, Dr H. Pollak, Mag. E. Sinnmayer, Prof R. Zimmerl, and the Vienna Technical Museum Library.



‡ VÖPh is the Verband Österreichischer Philatelistenvereine, the top-level body in the legally-defined hierarchical structure of Austrian Philately. It is similar in function to the British ABPS, but much more formally constituted.

Before I left for home I learned that Andy had been awarded a Vermeil medal for both his Austrian Newspaper Post in the Traditional class and for 'Austria' in the Literature class, whilst Hans Smith's Levant (which Andy edited and published) had been awarded a Large Vermeil also in the Literature class - and finally Andy received a Gold for his exhibit of the Austrian Newspaper Tax in the Revenue class. A very successful day for him.

On returning to London on Saturday I heard that on Friday evening Andy had received the award for the Best exhibit in the Revenue class – a colourful Moorcroft vase!! Well done!! Friday 15th May 2015 will certainly be a day for Andy to remember.



Above, left to right: Klaus Schöpfer, Joyce Boyer, Colin Tobitt, Wolfgang Weigel, Andy Taylor, Alfred Kunz, and Helmut Kobelbauer



MISDIRECTED MAIL OF THE AUSTRIAN EMPIRE

by Keith Brandon

Have you ever formed a collection without realising it? I'm sure you have..... but maybe you haven't realised it yet! One day, while looking for something else, I found that I had several examples of misdirected mail from the Austrian Empire, although I had never set out specifically to acquire any. So I had a good root around and found that I had enough for an interesting two-frame display, part of which is described here.

Mail can be misdirected either through an error by the sender or an error by the post office. Sometimes the sender could have been more accurate or more helpful in their addressing; more often the post office was rather careless in its sorting.

In this 1840 example, the sender is clearly at fault. He has confused **Neustadt** in Olmütz district with **Neustadt** in Iglau district. A postal official has corrected Neustadt to Neustadt~~l~~, and has also increased the charge to the addressee from **2** to **4** (kreuzer) to reflect the longer journey. In line with approved practice, this correction is endorsed by the Iglau office's adjacent postmark **IGLAU / 13 Dece:**.

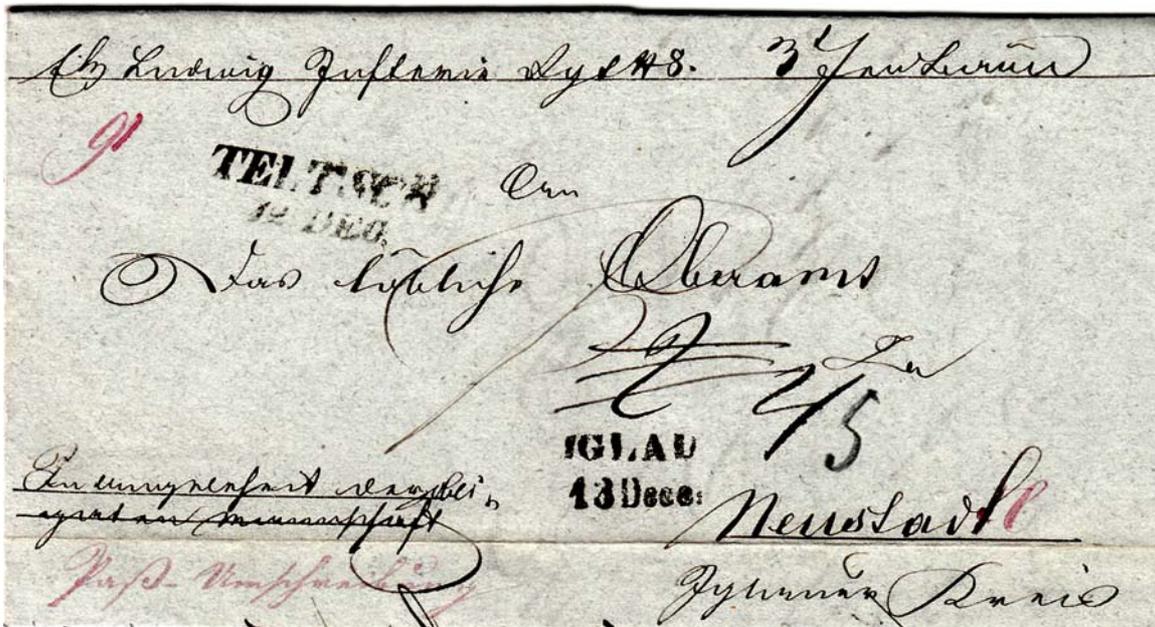


Fig. 1 - Military correspondence dated 1840 from the EH Ludwig infantry Regiment no. 8 third field-battalion to the local government at Neustadt in Iglau kreis (i.e. Jihlava district). Postmarked **TELTSCH / 12 DEC.** (now Telč in the Czech Republic)

It's a similar story for this cover from Pressburg (today Bratislava in Slovakia) to Bruck. There were two places with this name in Austria: Bruck a/M (Bruck an der Muhr, in Styria) and Bruck a/L (Bruck an der Leitha, in Lower Austria). The sender carelessly addressed the mail to **Bruck a/M** instead of the intended, and much nearer, Bruck a/L in Lower Austria. The postal clerk made the same mistake, marking it only **2** (kreuzers) to pay, but this was subsequently corrected to **10** for the longer journey via Styria.

When it comes to sorting errors, some deserve more sympathy than others for the staff involved, but others, like the postcard shown as Fig 3 below, are just plain sloppy. It is clearly marked **Peterborough, Canada**, but that hasn't deterred the sorters from sending it to St Petersburg in Russia.



Fig.2 - Financial statement dated 31 December 1837 in Pressburg and addressed to a customer in Bruck a/M (rather than Bruck a/L). The letter was redirected with a red crayon A/L on the front (top-left) and arrival is confirmed by the postal-agency postmark **B.S. / BRUCK / a.d.L** on the reverse.

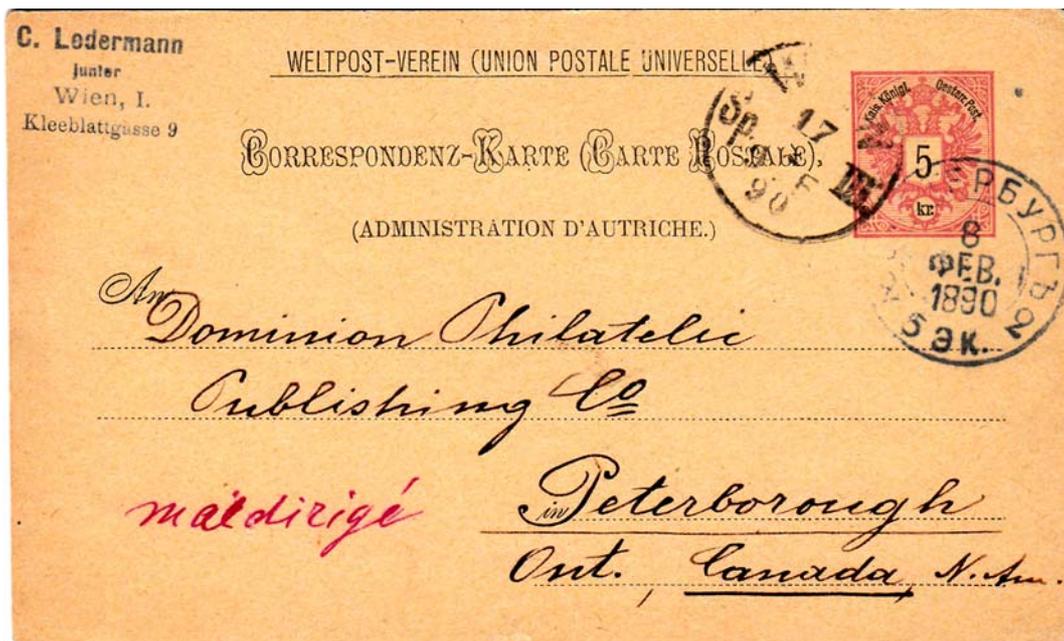


Fig.3 - UPU postal-stationery card dated 16 February 1890 to Peterborough in Canada, delivered to St Petersburg in Russia. Arrival cancel 8 February (Julian calendar) and marked **mal dirigé** (misdirected).

Similarly, there's no excuse for the next letter, from Bartfeld (now Bardejov in Slovakia) addressed clearly enough to **Karlsbad** (Bohemia, now Karlovy Vary in the Czech Republic). The sender has even indicated the westward route: **per Dukla, Tarnow** (both in Galicia), but the post office sorter still chose to send the mail south to Karlstadt (in the Croatia-Slavonia province, now Karlovac in Croatia), from where it had to be redirected to its correct destination.



Fig.4 - Personal correspondence addressed in French to Karlsbad on 21 July 1843 and postmarked **BARTFELD**. Delivered to Karlstadt, receiving red **KARLSTADT** postmark with manuscript date **31/7**. Redirected to correct destination with arrival mark **CARLSBAD / 9 Aug.**

Next, an 1844 letter from Chrudim in Bohemia to **Kanitz**. There were at least three places in Bohemia and Moravia called Kanitz, and, for clarification, the sender had added **Brünn Kreis bei Posoritz** (i.e. Brünn district near Posoritz) to the address. Undeterred, the letter-sorters sent the letter to the Kanitz near Olomouc. The post office there underlined the correct description in red and added the note **nach Posoritz**,

There seems to have been an attempt to re-rate the letter for this extended trip. The **6** (kreuzers) has been changed to a **9** and then crossed out and replaced with another **6**. It would not have been right to charge the recipient extra for a post-office sorting error.



Fig.5 - Folded letter dated 17 June 1844 and addressed to Kanitz (near Posoritz, now Dolni Kounice in the Czech Republic). Postmarked **CHRUDIM / 22 JUN**. Mis-delivered to Kanitz (near Ollmütz). The office there postmarked the letter on the reverse and redirected it.

These last few examples are all correctly-addressed, and a little more care by the postal clerks would have seen them correctly despatched first time. But we must remember that the Austrian Empire covered a huge area of southern, central and eastern Europe, with many languages being used.

One can see how the next example went adrift. It was sent from the Austrian Levant post office in Constantinople, where the sorter would have been very aware of the Austrian Levant office in Janina (Epirus, now Ioannina in Greece). Naturally, he bagged it for that port, but the letter was intended for the similarly spelt, but less well-known, Jagnina on Austria's Dalmatian coast (now Janjina in Croatia). It arrived eventually.....after a ten-week journey.



Fig.6 - Commercial mail dated Constantinople, 9 November 1864 and posted at the Austrian post office there. Addressed to Jagnina in Dalmatia but delivered to Janina in Epirus. Both offices are postmarked on the reverse along with transit cancels of Ragusa and Orebich. Marked 20kr for the ship-mail from Constantinople plus 10 kr inland mail from Ragusa.

The following letter from Trieste collected an impressive array of back-stamps on its Balkan odyssey to Theresowacz (a small town in Slavonia, at that time in Hungary, now Suhopolje in Croatia). It has been mis-directed twice, to (Maria-)Theresiopel (now Subotica in Serbia) and then to Temesvar (Timisoara in Romania) before reaching Cabuna (the nearest post office to Theresowacz at the time). The cover visited six Austrian provinces in the modern states of Italy, Hungary, Serbia, Romania and Croatia.



Fig.7 - Commercial mail posted in Trieste on 14 April 1852 to a firm in Theresowacz in Hungary. It visited Pressburg 16.4, Pesth 17.4, Maria-Theresiopel 19.4, Gross-Becskerek 21.4, Pancsova 23.4, Temesvar 24.4, Eszek 27.4, Veröce 29.4 and finally Cabuna 29.4.

THE TARNSTEMPEL OF UJANOWICE

In Austria 153, Alan Berrisford described and tabulated THE TARNSTEMPEL CONTROL HANDSTAMPS USED IN THE CROWN LAND OF GALIZIEN. One of these is **IX 781 UJANOWICE**, which was described as ‘available for use but not known used’.

Herr Hannes Roller has just sent me a scan of a used example. Thanks!



He comments “Once you know what it is, you can read it”! Judging by the date of 2 Jan 1919, this is a post-war use of the old Austrian cancellers. The place is now in Poland.

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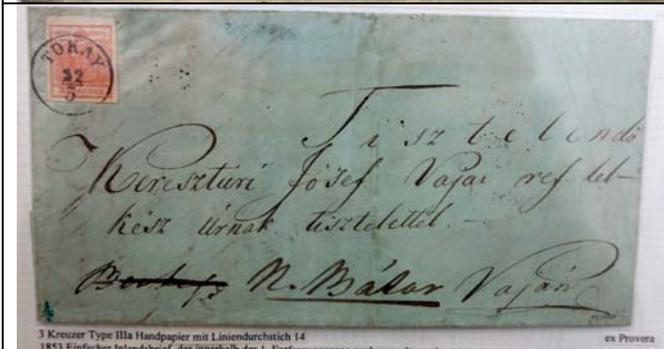
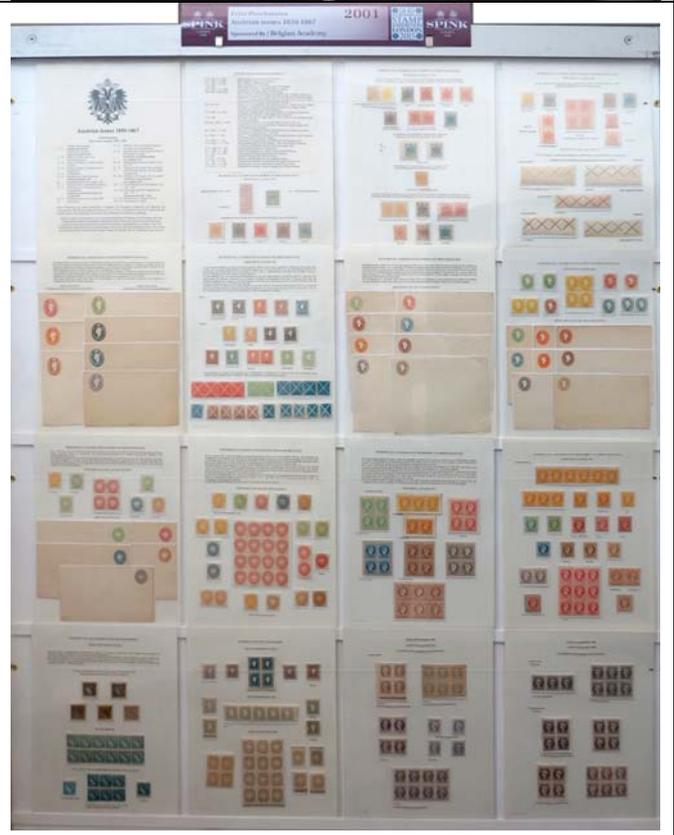
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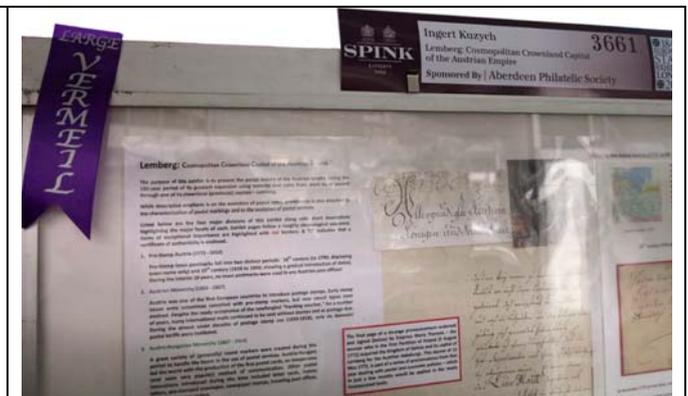
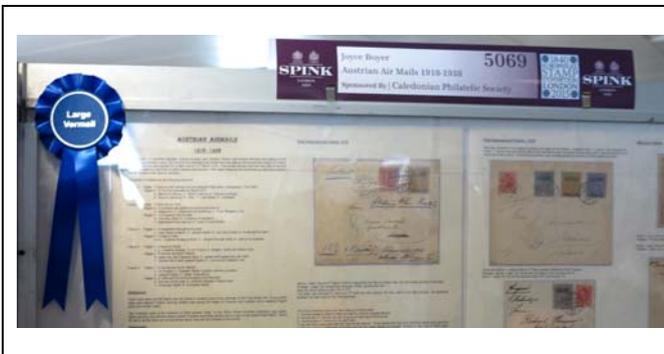
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Selected pictures

The bad lighting and the layers of scuffed plastic coverings make it somewhat difficult to take **any** pictures!





Faults on the Costumes Issue

By Mrs Joyce Boyer

There are a large number of faults, flaws and fly-specks listed as appearing on stamps of this series, often occurring on both 70- and 100-mesh screen printings and on colour changes. A selection follows, accompanied by a normal stamp where possible.



“Feather in hat”



Doctor blade scar
(not constant)

Double white flaw, constant
on 70-mesh stamps only



Spot below hand. All printings
except thin white paper

‘Comet’ in upper border. 70-mesh printings only



Whisker on chin

Hole in upper sleeve



Dot near right edge

W instead of B for Bregenzwald

FHS instead of JHS on bag



Fly on right shoulder

White streak from 'h'



Left stamp: tail to scarf. Middle stamp: no thumb on right hand (only found on 70-mesh stamps).



Ring on finger

Broken fingers

Swan-neck on S in value

Scar on nose and mouth



White hole in skirt

White rag in sticks

Flaw in left eye



Cigarette in mouth

1948 printing

Bundle of roots below right hand

1958 printing



Extension to feather in hat

1948 printing

Broken staff

1958 printing



This card shows examples of early designs by Prof Josef Seger for three possible values which included the provincial coat-of-arms for the area from which the costume comes. The 12 appears to have become the 1S and the 40 the 2S. Did the 20 become the 10g – or was she given a hat to become the 75g? An as-issued specimen of the 10g is on the card; the initials may be those of Prof Seger.

Errors were not confined to the printing of the stamps, but can be found in the cancellations too. On the 20g cover the '4' has been omitted from the year: the date should be -1.6.48.-18 On the 2x5g cover the slug before the 5 has been inserted upside down; it should be either '-' or '0'. On the bottom cover, the newly introduced 'Ersttag' (First Day) cancellation has been incorrectly used instead of the normal Innsbruck 1 to cancel the stamps - the separately struck Ersttag is correct.





Prof Zimmerl has contributed the card above, showing four stages of development of the 10S stamp; and also the two engraving-phases shown alongside.

