

The Break-up of Hungary, 1918-23

4.4. Overprints of Baranya: The 3rd (VI) Issue of October 1919



1919 Pécs Philatelic Society cover shows VI box overprints on 2f pair, 5f, 10f Harvester, 75f Parliament. Cover also franked with 3f Harvester 1st Baranya issue overprint in red. Pécs cds 21 Oct. 1919.



Picture postcard showing 2nd issue overprint with 50f surcharge on 5f. Pécs cds 11 March, 1922



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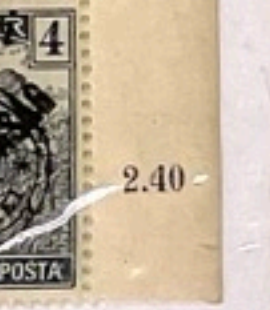
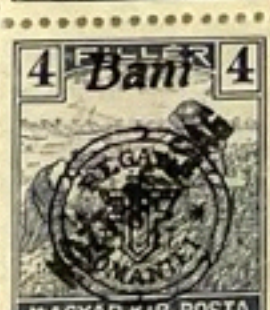
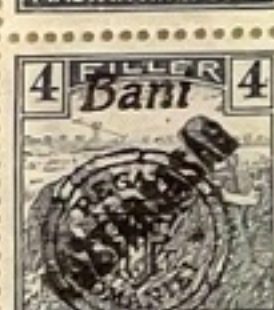
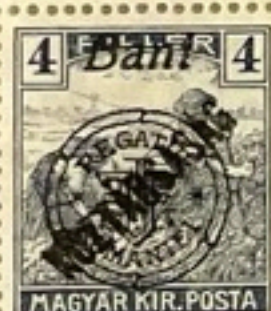
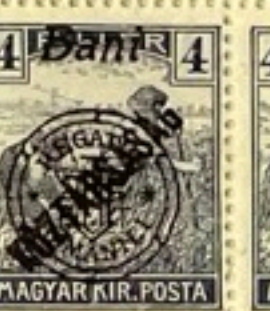
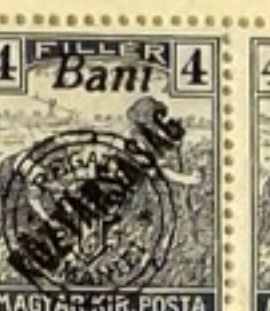
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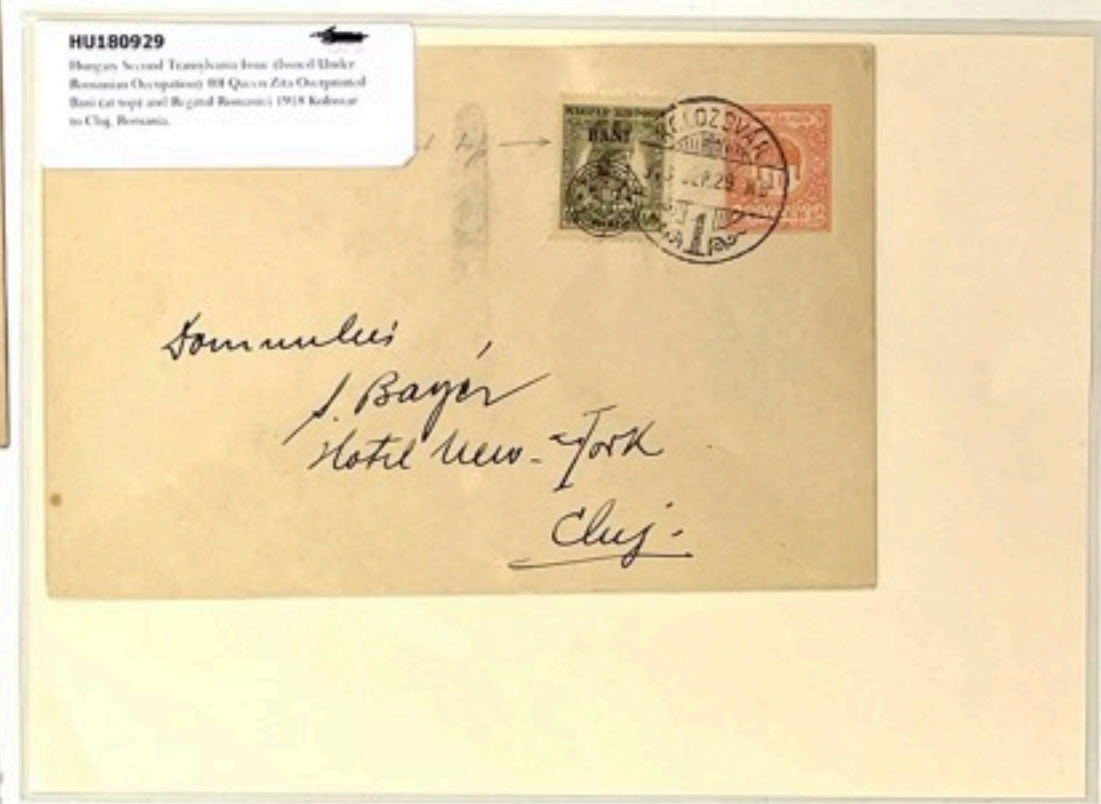
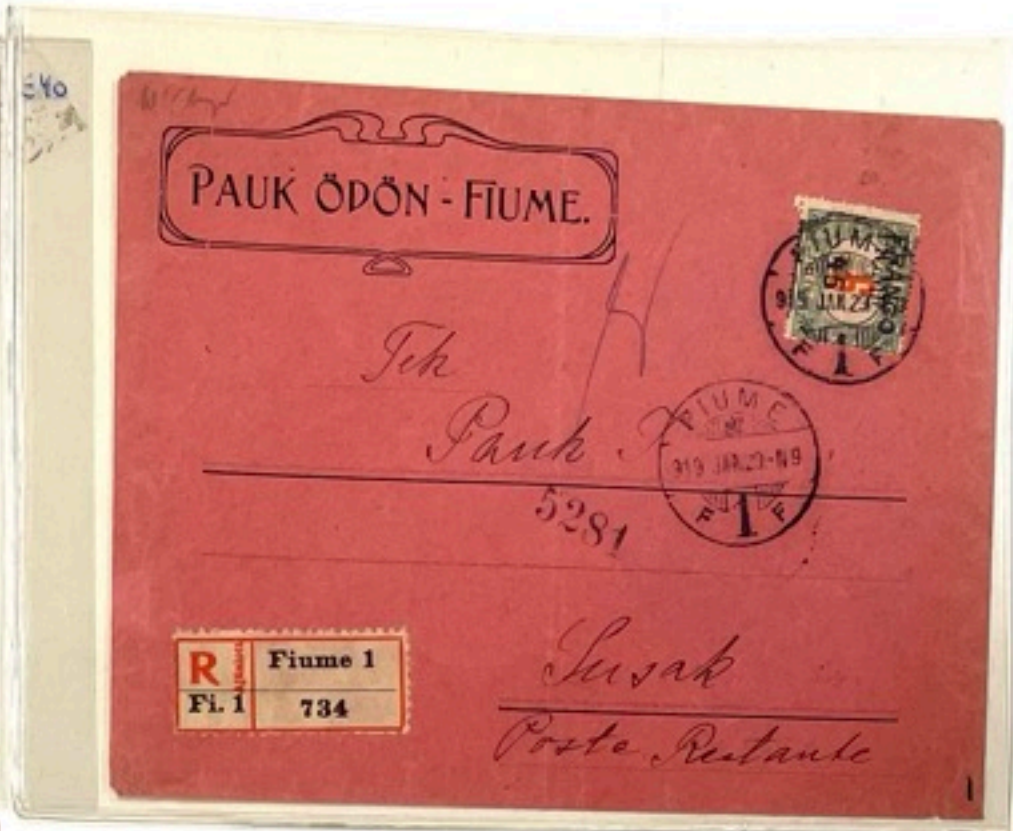
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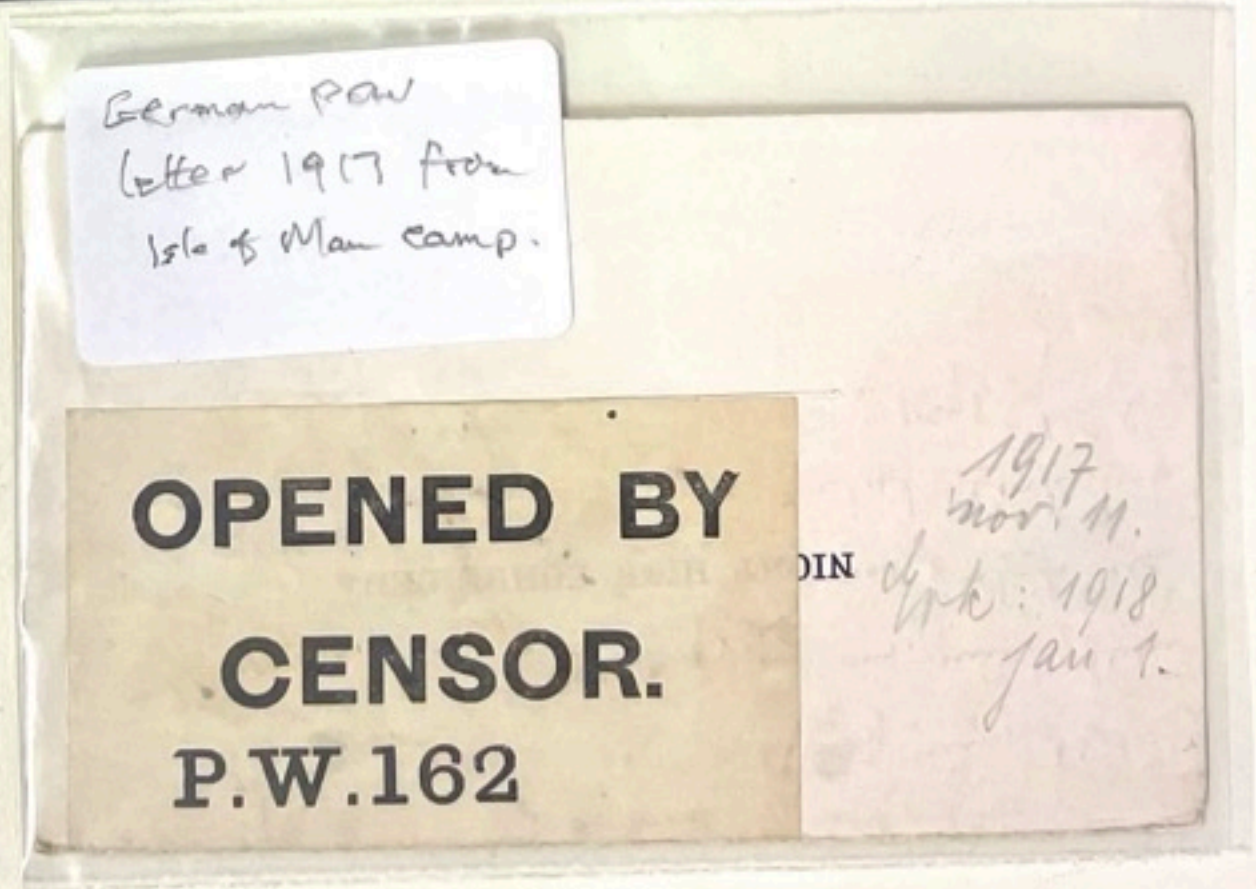


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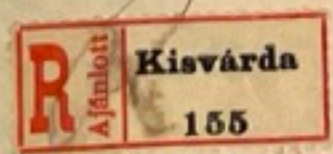


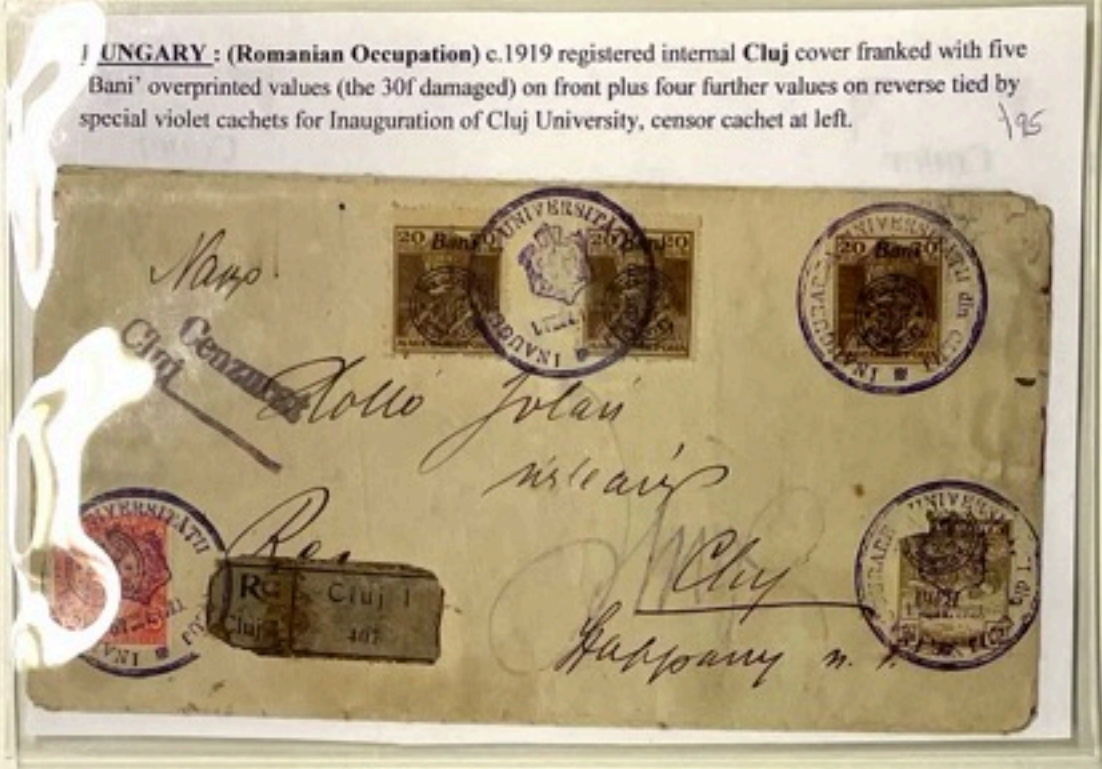
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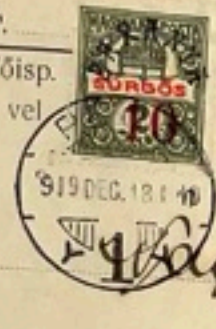
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1920, 5 F. green postal stationery answering card used uprated with pair 15 f. violet and overprinted "BARANYA 30 filler" in red, red boxed censor Serbia alongside, fine and very unusual



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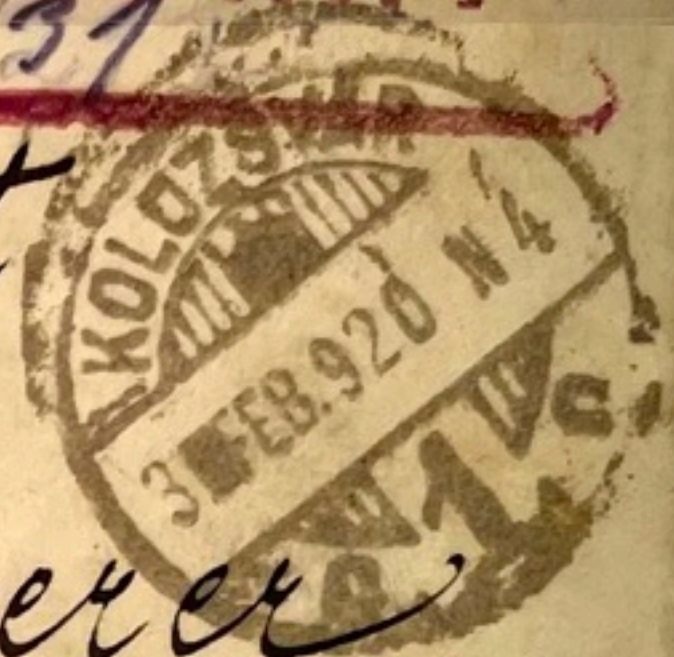
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4.4. Overprints of Baranya: The 3rd (VI) Issue of October 1919

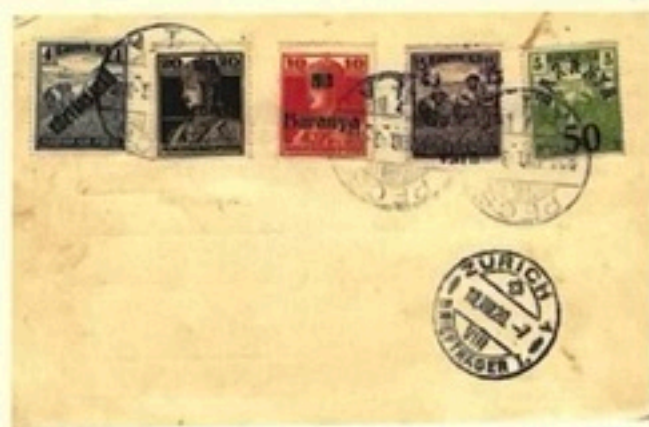


1919 Pécs Philatelic Society cover shows **VI box** overprints on 2f pair, 5f, 10f Harvester, 75f Parliament. Cover also franked with 3f Harvester 1st Baranya issue overprint in red. Pécs cds 21 Oct. 1919.

Picture postcard showing 2nd issue overprint with 50f surcharge on 5f. Pécs cds 11 March. 1921



Mint 2nd issue overprint carrying 30f surcharge on 5f imprint. The 1914-15 inscription shows an additional 2f surcharge to support war charities.



Registered Serbian lettercard to Switzerland with overprinted Hungarian stamps (8) of 1st and 2nd issue type. Cancellations dated 3rd August 1920. Receiving mark dated 10th August.



7.1. Temesvár (Serbian Occupation) Overprint

Temesvár is a large city situated beyond the south-eastern border of modern Hungary in the old region known as Bánat. Formerly under Ottoman rule, it was, from 1716, Hungarian. Its secession to Romania under Trianon was fiercely disputed as ethnic Romanians at that time numbered only about 10% of the population. In 1884, it was the second city in the world after New York to install electric street lighting.

In 1919/20 the Bánat region was occupied by Serbian forces and the postal service came under their control.

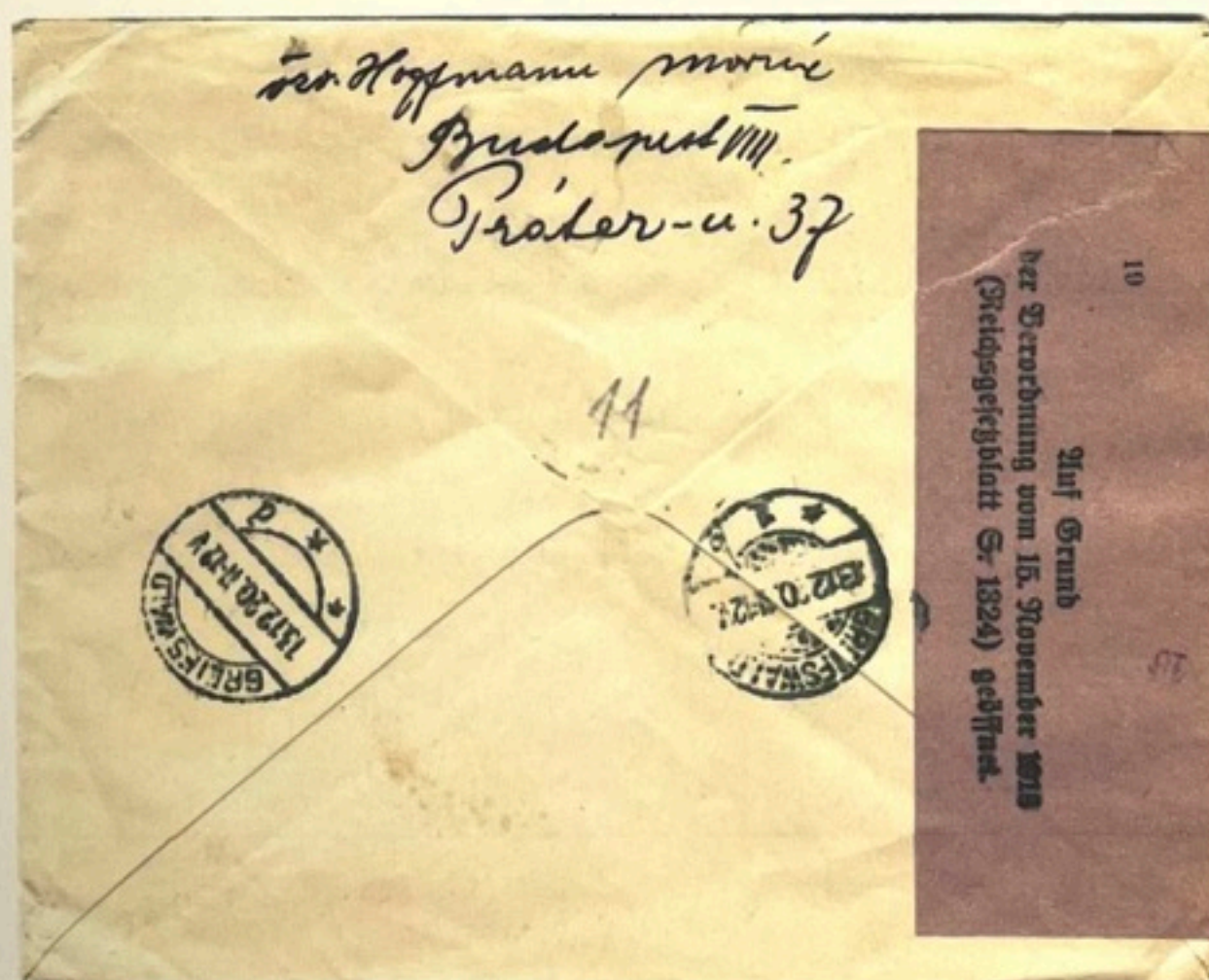


1919 cover franked with 20f King Karol with dark blue 50f Serb overprint, tied by Temesvár cds with Budapest receiving mark, Sep 13 1919. Double ring circular Romanian censor cachet.

Obliterating overprints of the Hungarian National Government



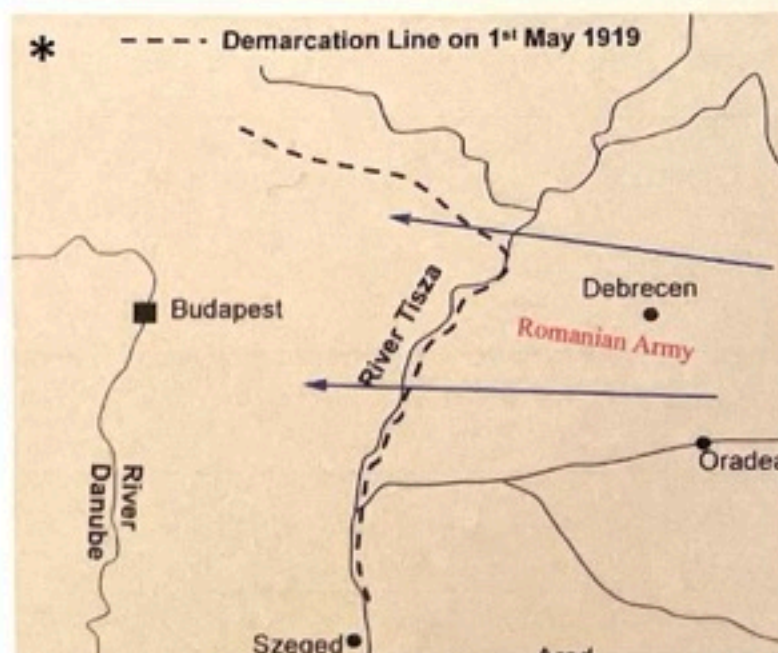
Registered cover from Budapest to Greifswald, Germany dated 2nd December 1920 showing 'Sheaf of Wheat' and 'Ears of Corn' obliterations on communist overprints. The 1k Parliament and the 2k Köztársaság stamps would have been purchased before the abortive communist coup.



German censor label with receiving marks, 13th December 1920.

3.1. Debrecen Overprints

During the Romanian occupation of the Debrecen area, postal services were completely disconnected from the central authorities in Budapest, 120 miles distant. The Romanian army (in the form of a military postmaster general) took over control. It was during this period that many forgeries were printed and distributed to Vienna, Paris, etc.. Forgeries are fairly readily identified now; it is less likely, though not impossible, that mail which has been through the post carries forged stamps.



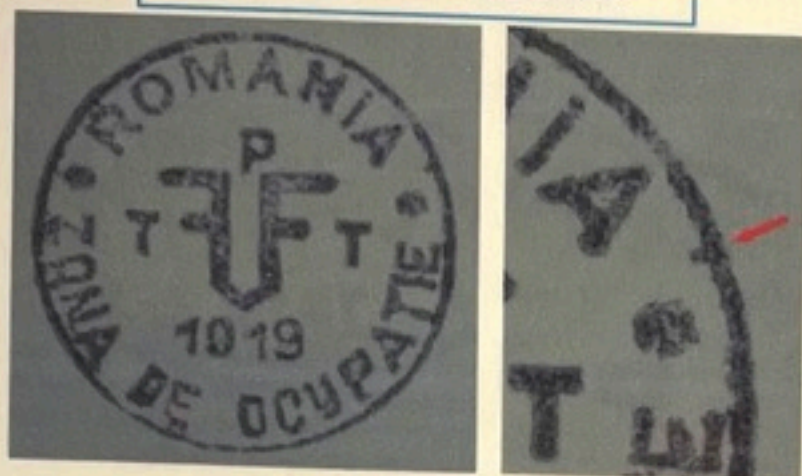
Local registered cover carrying strip of 10f Harvester with Debrecen 1st Issue overprints, total paid 70f, tied by Debreczen cancel 11th Dec. 1919. The correct letter rate was 10f, registration 25f, total correct franking 35f, suggesting either that a local unofficial surcharge was levied or the cover was over-franked by 100 percent. Oval Romanian censor cachet in purple.

* Modified from Lendon, M. The Regatul Romaniei Issues of Cluj and Oradea (1919).

Overprints of Debrecen 2nd Issue (1st January 1920)

FORGERIES: All occupation overprints were extensively forged.

GENUINE OVERPRINT



In 2nd Debrecen a consistent spot is present in genuine overprints.*

Ink grey-black



45f 'Throwing Lariat' glazed
Genuine stamp



50f 'Throwing Lariat'
Genuine stamp



50f 'Throwing Lariat'
Genuine charity stamp

FAKE OVERPRINT



No spot

Ink darker and clearer

Writing further from edge of circle



75f 'Throwing Lariat'. Fake o/p.
Clean perforations (11.5). Fake stamp?



50f 'Throwing Lariat' charity stamp
Inverted 'e' in bélyeg. Fake o/p



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Occupation française

Overprints of Arad (issued 5th May 1919)

Postage Due overprinted on 1915-18 'Magyar Kir Posta' issues



2f



10f



12f



20f



15f

Hungarian Newspaper 2f stamps of 1914



2f



15f surcharge



100f surcharge missing 'f'



50f surcharge



30f Double-double overprint

Special Delivery SÜRGÖS i.e. Urgent



2f



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Overprints on the 1918 Republic 'Magyar Posta' issue



20f Harvester
blue o/p inverted*



10f Harvester
blue o/p



25f Harvester
blue o/p inverted*



10f Harvester
blue o/p inverted



45f Harvester
blue o/p



*probably fake

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Italian Occupation of Fiume

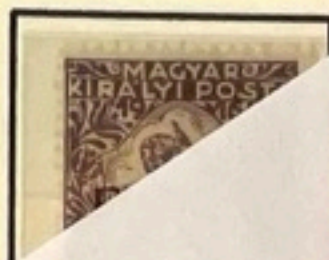
18th November 1918

Forgeries were common but can be readily detected nowadays*. These machine-made overprints are all believed to be genuine.

1916-18 'Hádiségely' War Charity



10f on 2f



40f on 2f

Hádiségely
Hadisegely



2f



3f



15f

White numerals 1916



15f

Coloured numerals
1916-18



40f

1916-18 'Parliament'



80f



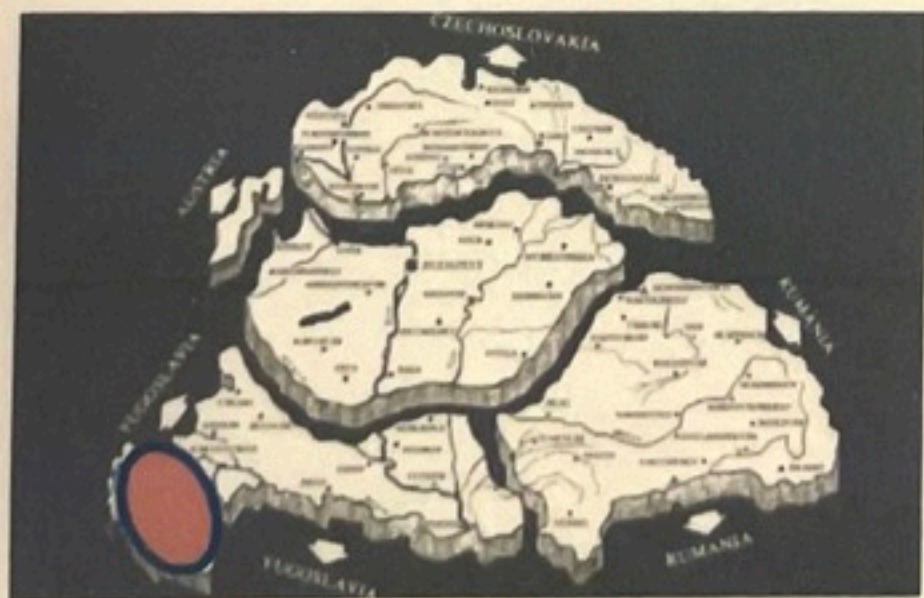
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5k



*Miles, D, Brainard, CJ

Overprints of Debrecen 2nd Issue (1st January 1920)

GENUINE



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Ink grey-black



15f 'Turul'
glazed

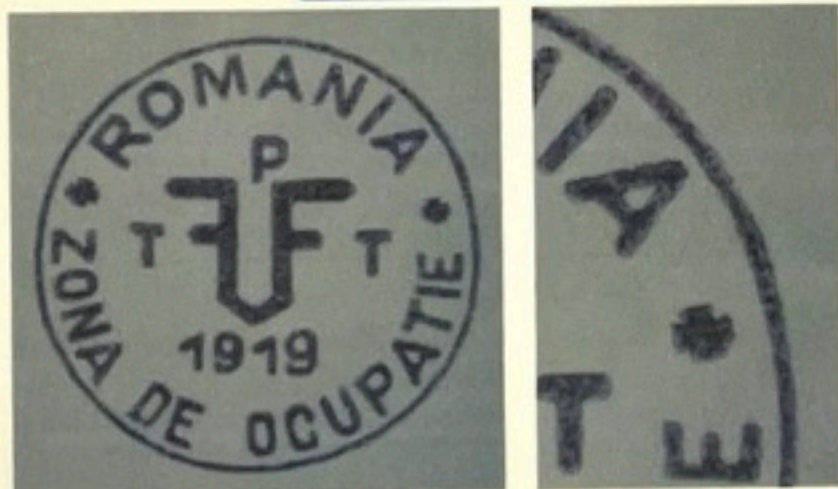


2f 'Turul'
Inverted o/p



5f 'Turul'
Inverted o/p

FAKE



The spot is missing.

The ink is darker and clearer.

The inscription is generally further from the edge of the circle



10f 'Turul' plain
Fake triple o/p



15f 'Turul' glazed
Inverted fake o/p?



20f 'Turul' glazed
Fake o/p



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Overprints of Baranya: 1st Issue (5th May 1919)

*These stamps were overprinted by Serbian occupying forces in Pécs.
'Baranya' is a district in southern Hungary.*

This design on coloured paper was originally issued in Hungary 1913-16



50f Turul



60f Turul



70f Turul
Pécs postmark

These stamp designs were originally issued in Hungary 1916-18



2f Harvester
Pécs postmark



3f Harvester
Pécs postmark



5f Harvester
Shifted red overprint
Pécs postmark



15f Harvester
'NB serif on 1



75f Parliament
Pécs postmark



80f Parliament
Pécs postmark



1k Parliament
Shifted overprint
NB shortened figure 1



2k Parliament



10k Parliament
NB serifs on both figure 1s



N.B. Six of these stamps have Pécs cancels dated 17th June 1919; two others have Pécs cancels. As with the Temesvár postmarks, these stamps were probably cancelled to order as philatelic contrivances. It is unlikely that they were used for normal postage.

Overprints of Baranya: 1st Issue (5th May 1919)

*These stamps were overprinted by Serbian occupying forces in Pécs.
'Baranya' is a district in southern Hungary.*

Stamps originally issued in Hungary in 1918



10f King Karoly IV
'Quick' overprint
NB serif on 1



10f King Karoly IV
'Pedal' overprint



10f King Karoly IV
Inverted overprint



20f King Karoly IV
'Quick' overprint



45f on 2f Harvester
1916-18 issue



45f on 15f Harvester
1916-18 issue



50f Charity 1918-19



10f postage due 1918-19
Double overprint with
single inverted



45f on 2f Harvester 1918-19
KÖZTÁRSASÁG
i.e. Republic.



Overprints of Nagyvárad 2nd Transylvanian Issue (26th October 1919)

All are examples of the 1st overprinting and are 1916 stamps unless stated.



50b Parliament
'wandering' o/p



75b Parliament



80b Parliament



3b 1918-1919
Harvester



2 Lei Parliament
'wandering' o/p



50b 1918-1919
Queen Zita



1 Leu 1913 on 3f*



1 Leu 1918-1919
Parliament. Used



1 Leu 1913 on 10f*



1 Leu 1918-1919
Parliament



3 Lei 1918-1919
Parliament



Köztársaság - Hungarian Republic Nov 1918 - March 1919

*Árvízkárosultaknak külön - special flood victims

Overprints of Kolozsvár
1st Transylvanian Issue (3rd August 1919)
 1918 Hungarian issue unless stated



20b Karol IV
regular overprint



20b Karol IV
silver overprint
30 May 1919. Proofs?



20b Karol IV
gold overprint.
30 May 1919. Proofs?



25b Karol IV
regular overprint



10b 1915 Postage Due



1 Leu pair 'Parliament'



1 Leu on 5f Flood Relief



2b 1916
Special Delivery



2f Newspaper
Genuine



10b 1916 Savings
Valid for postage



2b Newspaper
Pair. Poor fakes.



Overprints of Nagyvárad

2nd Transylvanian Issue (26th October 1919)



1st Overprinting



2nd Overprinting

The same circular monogram was used as Kolozsvár but *Bani/Lei* were italicised. There were two overprintings and as it progressed the monogram began to show signs of wear. The previous sharp images became smudged and indistinct.



1 Leu 1913 on 2f*



5b 1919 Harvester
'Magyar Posta'



5b 1916 Harvester
'Magyar Kir Posta'



6b 1913-16 'Turul'



6b 1913-16 'Turul'



1 Leu 1913 on 2f*



2b 1915 Postage Due



2b 1916-18
'Harvester'



20b 1919 Harvester
'Magyar Posta'



15b 1915 Postage Due



50b 1913-16 'Turul'



10b 1916 Savings.
Valid for postage



*Árvízkárosultaknak külön – special flood victims

Overprints of Kolozsvár

1st Transylvanian Issue (3rd August 1919)
1916-18 Hungarian stamp issue unless stated

Shenanigans in Temesvár

All of these on piece stamps bear Temesvár cancellations dated 16 Feb 1920. Where the overprints are legible, they appear genuine. It is almost certain that these items were philatelic contrivances created to satisfy the market. Most probably they were cancelled to order, or they may have been cancelled on covers and then cut out. Either way, it is very unlikely that any of them were subjected to the considerable hazards of the postal system in occupied Hungary.



2b Harvester



5b Harvester



15b Harvester



25b Harvester



35b Harvester



10b 1916 'Soldiers Fighting'.
Charity, White numerals.
NB 'Gate' broken frame in 2
o'clock position. Constant variety.



15b 1916 'Soldiers Fighting'.
Charity, White numerals.



40b 917 'Eagle with Sword'.
Charity.



75b Parliament



40b Queen Zita



2lei Parliament



Overprints of Debrecen: 1st Issue (20th November 1919)

The Romanian occupation of this part of Hungary began in April 1919 during the Communist regime. Although overprinting was authorised at an early stage, it took 6 months for the first sets to appear. Original issues were planned but these did not appear until January 1920.

Issues of the Monarchy 1916 'Magyar Kir. Posta'



6f Harvester red o/p



15f Harvester black o/p



45f on 2f Harvester blue o/p



45f on 2f Harvester blue o/p inverted



2f postage due black o/p



Approximate area of Romanian occupation in Nov 1919. Apart from Transylvania, this was the only area in Hungary still under Romanian control at this stage. Debrecen today is a large, modern Hungarian city.



10f postage due black o/p



3k Parliament red o/p



50f Parliament black o/p



75f Parliament black o/p



1k Parliament black o/p



Footnote:

All the 1st Debrecen overprints shown are Plate 2 stamps. There was a Plate 1 issue but this was soon replaced and examples are rare.

Overprints of Temesvár

Serbian Occupation (1st July 1919) and Romanian Occupation (17th August 1919)

This area was subject to numerous occupations during 1919. There were three separate issues – Serbian, Local, Romanian. In addition, Temesvár cancels are commonly found on Transylvanian and other overprints. Romania considered Hungarian stamps with Romanian overprints valid in all its territories.



50f on 20f King Karol
Serbian overprint



30f on 2f Harvester
Serbian overprint



1k on 4f Harvester
Köztársaság
Romanian overprint



30f on 3f Harvester
Romanian o/p



1 forint 1962 Gutenberg
without whom no stamps and no overprints



150f on 5f Harvester
Romanian o/p



3k Special Delivery
Romanian o/p



3k Special Delivery
Inverted overprint
Romanian o/p



60f on 10f Postage Due
Red surcharge
Romanian o/p



40f on 15 Postage Due
Romanian o/p



60f on 10f Postage Due
Black surcharge
Romanian o/p



Overprints of Debrecen: 2nd Issue (1st January 1920)



2k 'Rising Sun' glazed
Fake inverted o/p



80f 'Rising Sun'
Double overprint.
Probably genuine



3k 'Rising Sun'
Genuine inverted,
wandering o/p



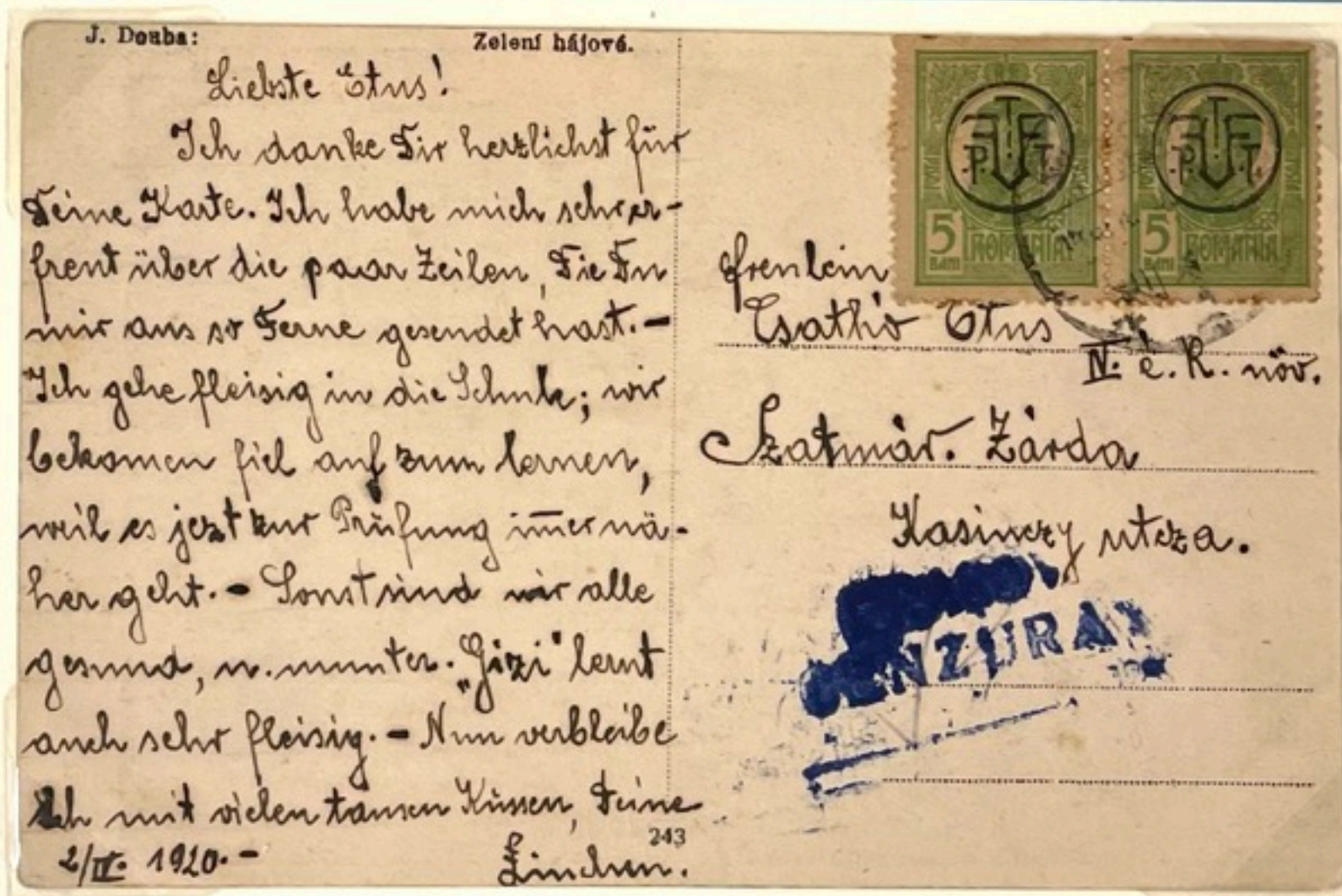
75f 'Throwing Lariat' Shifted overprint
Genuine o/p



20f 'Turul' glazed Double inverted
Genuine o/p

Non-occupation Romanian overprint

Postcard dated 2nd April 1920 from Romania to Szatmár, nr Debrecen in Romanian occupied Hungary. 5 bani Romanian King Carol I overprinted with King Ferdinand monogram. Romanian censor cachet.



Overprints of Kolozsvár

1st Transylvanian Issue (26th July 1919)

1916-18 Hungarian issue unless stated

The Romanian army entered Transylvania in August 1917. It is still there, unfortunately.

The Belgrade Armistice (Nov 1918) stated that the postal service in occupied territories would remain in the hands of the Hungarian postal administration. Overprinting of stamps by occupation forces was forbidden.

In direct violation of this the Romanian military overprinted all stores of Hungarian stamps in the Kolozsvár section with the 'Regatul' monogram.

The BANI currency mark was printed above or below the monogram in normal print for Kolozsvár, italicised for Nagyvárad.



15b 1916 Harvester white numerals.
Fake overprint.
NB.Regatul: top of U and L not joined.



The arrows highlight features of genuine overprints



2b Harvester coloured numerals.
Genuine overprint.



3b Harvester. Fake overprint
NB.Regatul: no ball at end of 'E'.



6b Harvester.
Genuine overprint.



25b Harvester.
Genuine overprint.



35b Harvester.
Genuine overprint.



10b Military Aid
Genuine overprint.



Currency:

To end June 1919: 100 Bani = 100 Filler

1 Leu = 1 Korona

From 1st July 1919: 100 Bani = 200 Filler

1 Leu = 2 Korona

REPUBLIC PERIOD

1916 – 1919

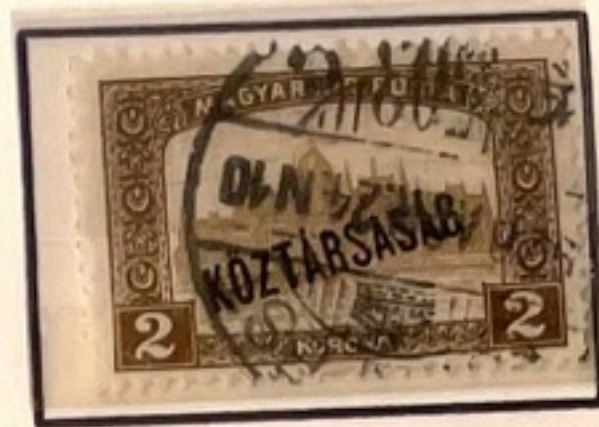
With the King in exile, elections were held for a new Hungarian Republic. Existing stocks of stamps bearing the Kingdom imprint (*Magyar Kir Posta*) were overprinted 'Köztársaság' i.e. Republic.



10f Harvesting
Scott 113



1k. April 1920 cancel shows
'KÖZ' overprinted stamps were
accepted after Communist coup.



2k Parliament



40f Eagle
War Charity

The Break-up of Hungary, 1918-23

6.1. Bolshevik Regime, 21st March 1919 – 1st August 1919

Taking advantage of a weakened economy and a half-starved soldiery making its slow, weary return from battle, Béla Kun, a protégé of Lenin, imposed a Bolshevik administration. Lands, farms and property were seized without compensation; those who opposed the regime risked torture and summary execution.

Existing stocks of stamps were overprinted with the slogan *Magyar Tanács Köztársaság* transl. Hungarian Soviet Republic.



1920 registered cover from Budapest to Gaweinstal, Lower Austria franked with 1.20k, 10f, 2f, 3f, 25f Bolshevik stamps tied with Budapest cancels, 27 Aug 1920. These stamps were invalid by this date, but the cover is correctly franked with a 2k Parliament (1k registration, 1k inland letter), Numbered registration box for Budapest 501.

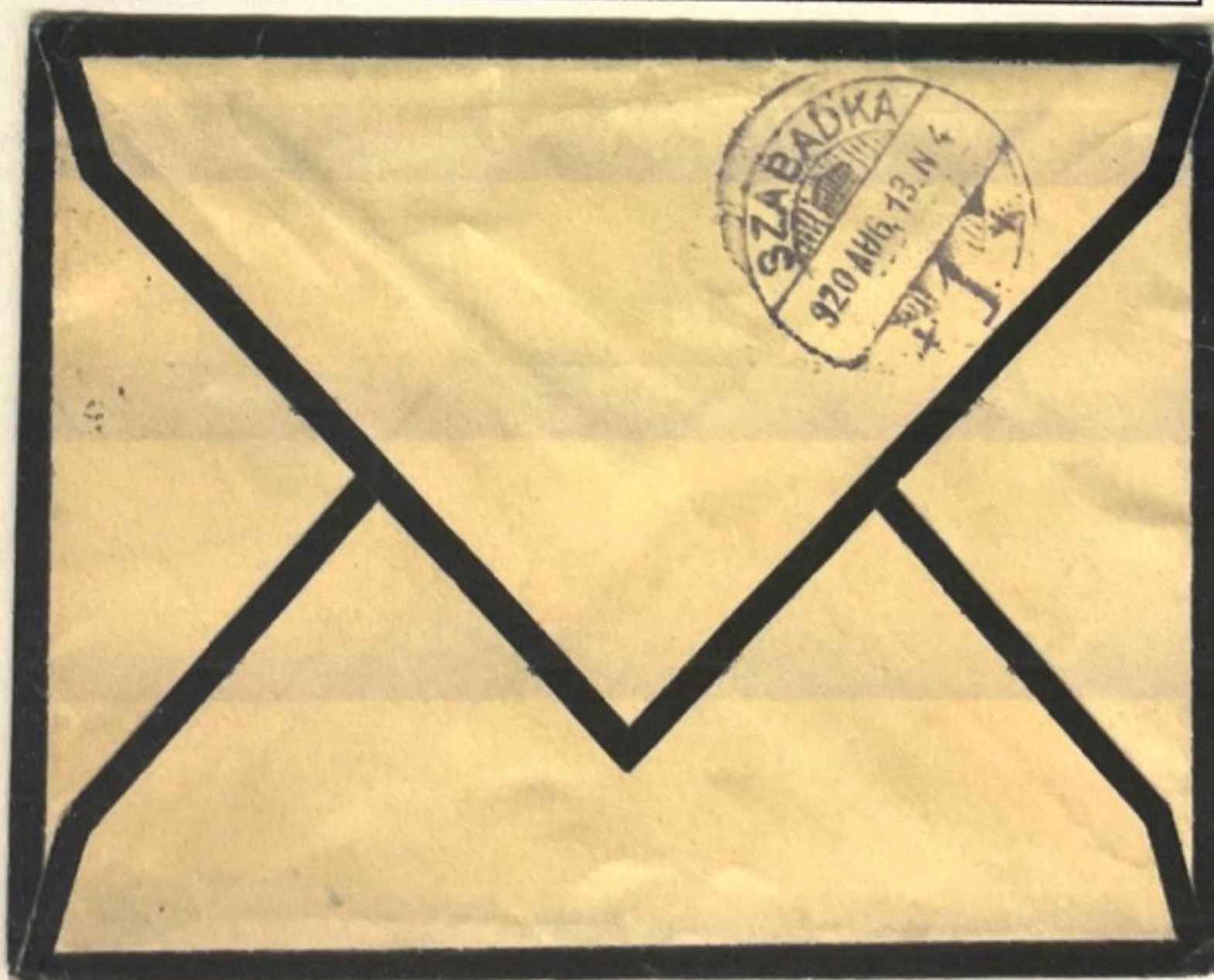
Wheatsheaf overprints of the Hungarian National Government

Mourning cover to Szabadka with 27 July 1920 cancels on wheatsheaf obliterating overprint of 20 filler Harvester stamps. The red overprint of the short-lived Hungarian Soviet regime can be seen beneath.

The 60f Parliament stamp must have been new stock printed after the removal of the Soviet regime.



Receiving cancel dated 13th August 1920



Post-WW1 Hungarian Airmail Services

Magyar Aeroforgalmi Részvény Társaság (MAEFORT) was set up in February 1920 by ex-military Hungarian aviators; it operated flights using ex-WW1 reconnaissance aircraft. Its main routes were Budapest – Szombathely, Miskolc, Szeged, Győr, Debrecen.

Unfortunately, the civil authorities forbade the use of military aircraft for civil use and all MAEFORT's 28 aircraft had to be destroyed in October 1921.

During the 18 months of its operation in what remained a war zone, MAEFORT made over 4000 flights and carried over 2000kg of mail.* It is a testament to the courage and skill of its pilots.



Airmail cover from Budapest to Szombathely, cancel dated 12th December 1920, 10k overprinted LÉGI POSTA and 12k surcharge

9.1. Plea to Lord Rothermere

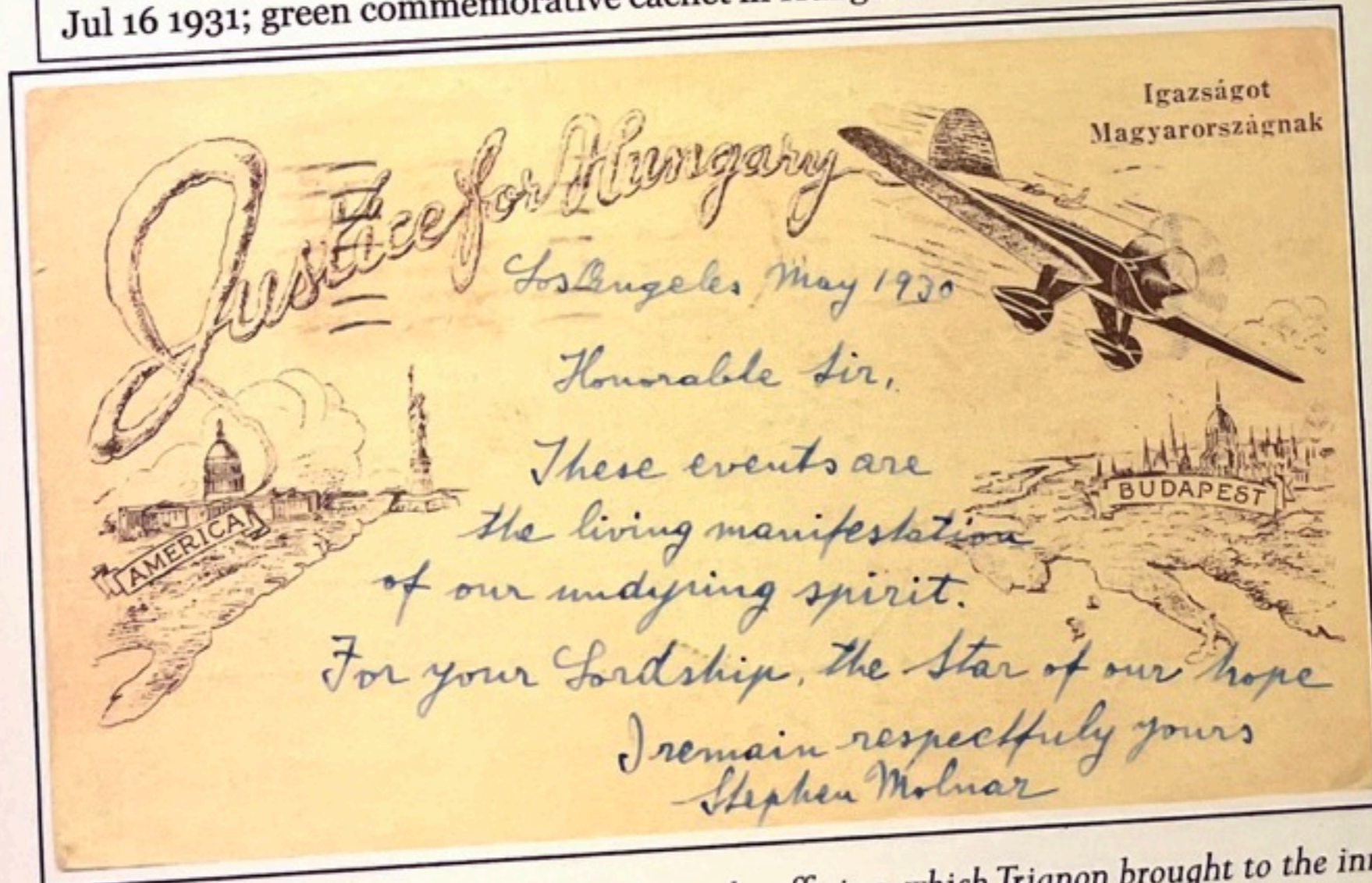
The Trianon Treaty provoked enduring outrage and alarm amongst Hungarians in the threatened lands and overseas, particularly in America.

The Hungarian American Ocean Flight was designed to publicise the fight for justice for Hungary. It departed from Harbour-Grace, Newfoundland, on Jul 15 1931 and arrived in Budapest after a non-stop flight of 26h 20min. The pilots, Alexander Magyar and George Endresz, were greeted as heroes.

Lord Rothermere never gave up the fight for justice and the U.S. never ratified the Treaty of Trianon.



1931 Hungarian American Ocean Flight lettercard #23 to Lord Rothermere, Daily Mail, franked by a 1 dollar imprint 'Pro Patria 1930', and 3c stamp, with a Flint, Mich. cancellation, May 14 1931. Budapest receiving mark for Jul 16 1931; green commemorative cachet in Hungarian.



'Ancient poets and theologians could not imagine such suffering, which Trianon brought to the innocent'.
 W.S. Churchill

8.1. The Boundary Commission, Arad

By the time of the posting of this card in March 1923, the great Kingdom of Hungary had been carved up and reduced to its current borders. The mighty warships of the Cs. és Kir. *Haditengerészet* (the Imperial and Royal Navy) had been sunk, sold, or broken up and both Hungary and Austria, for the first time in centuries, had been denied direct access to the sea.



Picture Postcard sent by a French Colonel, a member of the delegation, to Paris on 8th March 1923 bearing the rarely seen cachet of the President of the WWI Border Commission. Arad, formerly under French control, was divided between Hungary and Romania.

Postscript

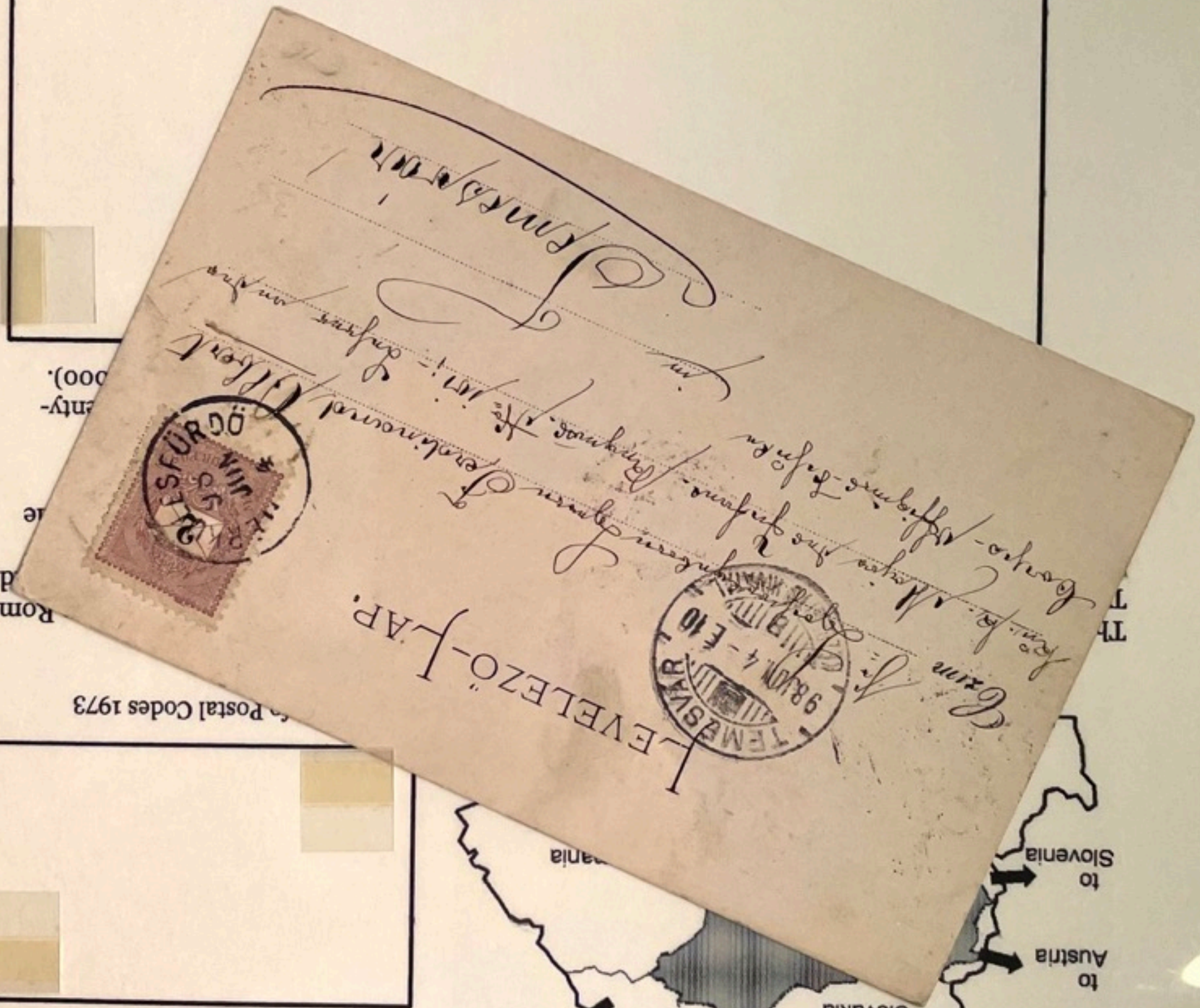
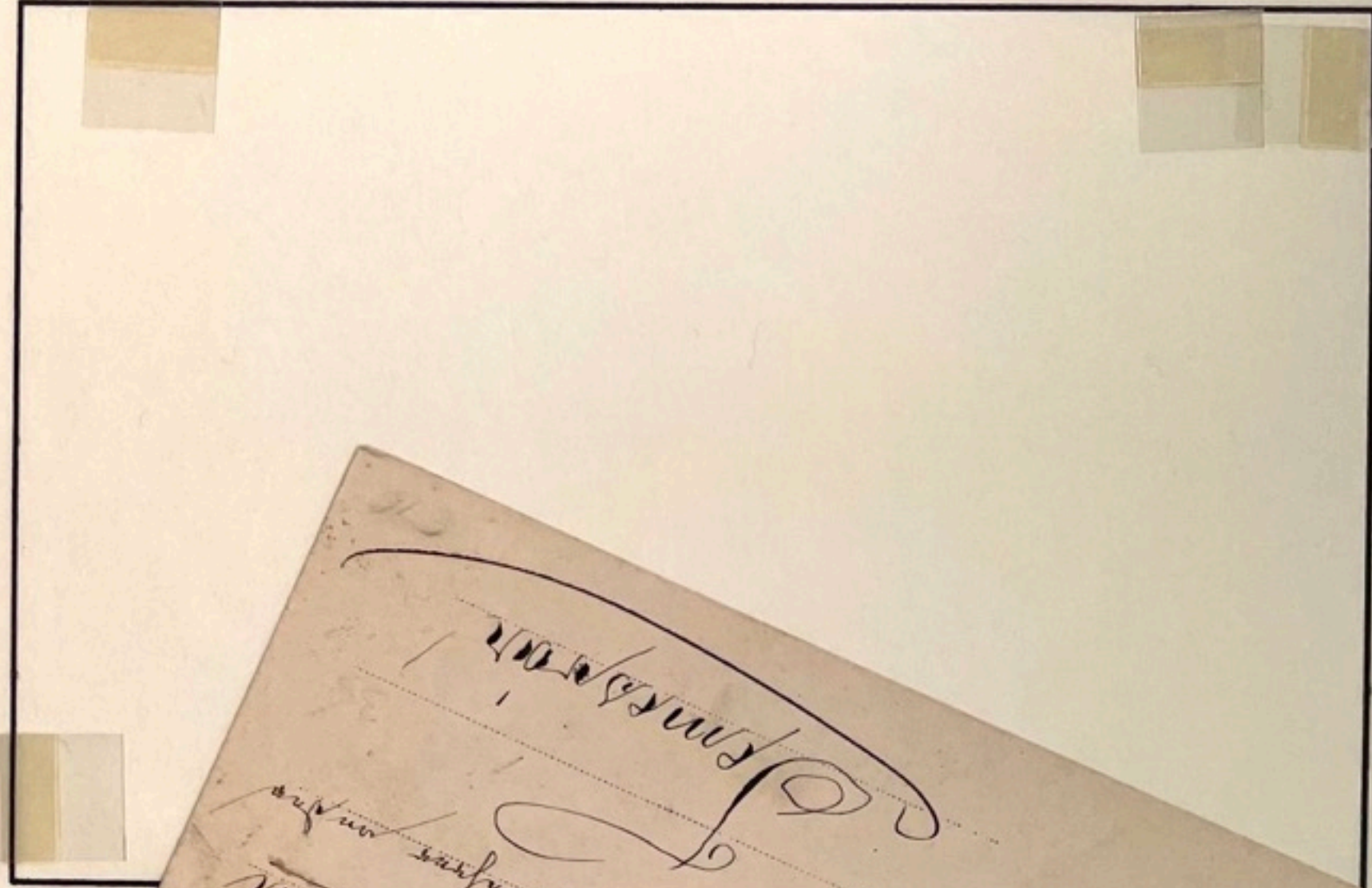
Zita, the last Empress of Austria and Queen of Hungary in her coronation robes in 1916. Following her death in 1989 she was buried as Empress and Queen in Vienna in the Church of the Capucins, the traditional resting place of members of the Royal Family.



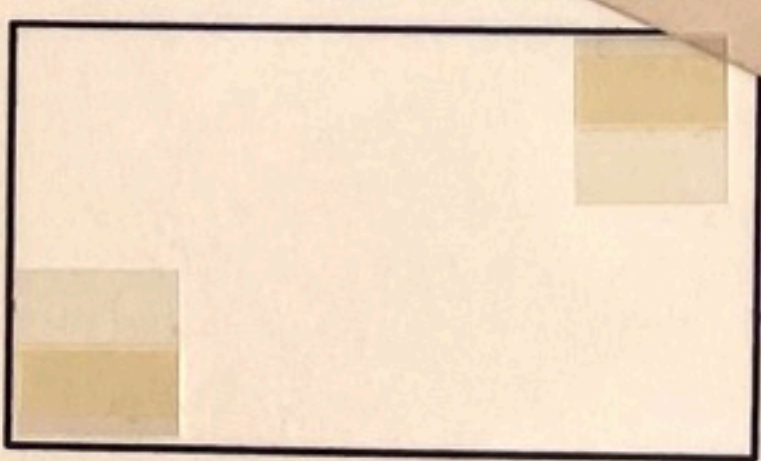
Zita Királyné!

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Here Pastor Laszlo Tokes led the initial resistance to Communist rule under Ceausescu in 1989.



Postal Codes 1973
Romania.
driatic



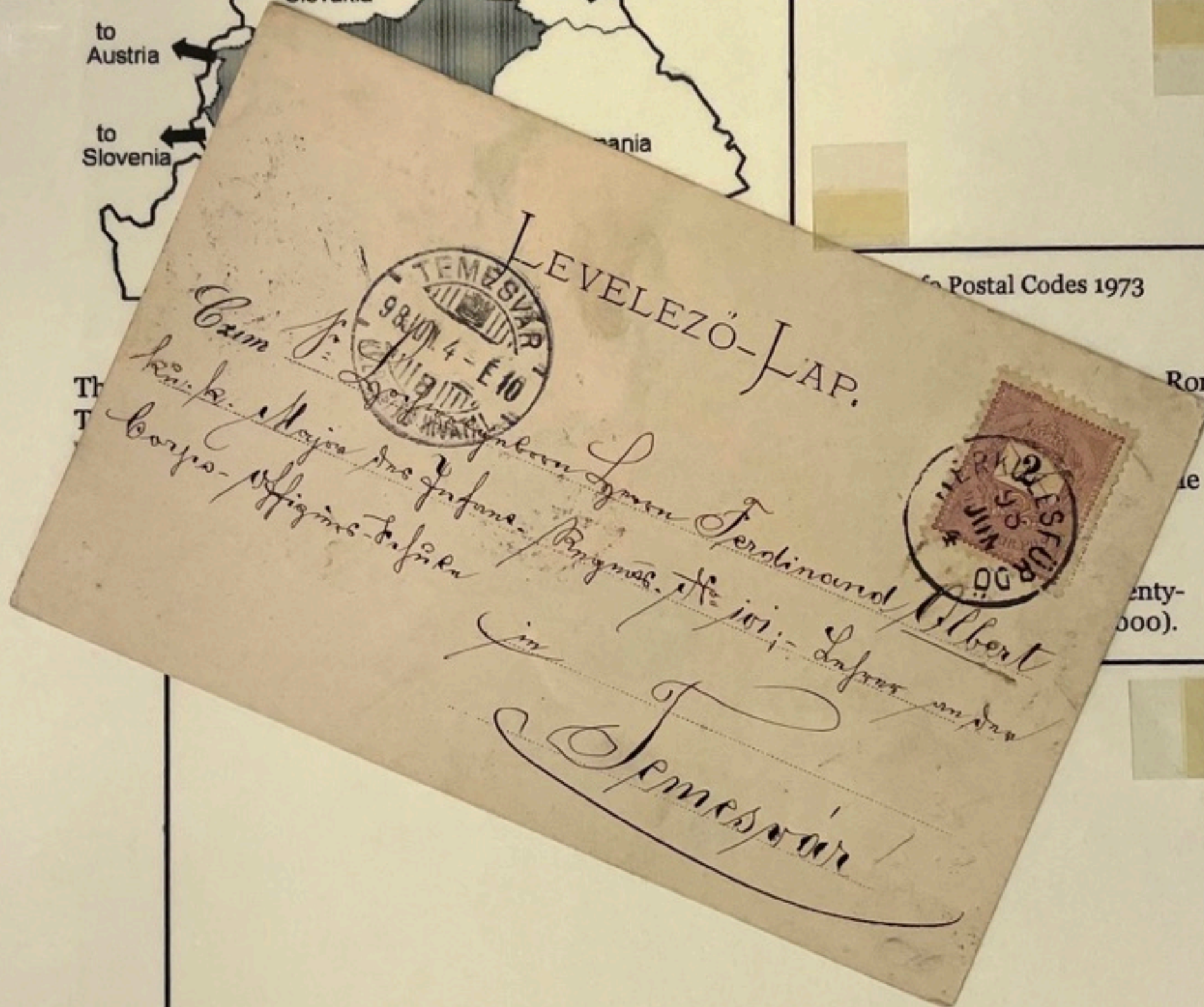
In the treaties which followed the end of WW1, the victorious 'Entente' powers (which included Russia and Romania) extracted a heavy price from Hungary. The map shows the borders of the Kingdom before and after; the stamp shows the boundaries of the modern Republic.

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Overprints of Short-Lived Soviet Communist Regime in Budapest
 Issued 14th June 1919 on stamps of the Democratic Republic i.e. Magyar Posta



Béla Kun proclaimed a Communist Republic
 Not used postally



Sándor Petőfi, revolutionary and poet
 Not used postally

Overprints read **Magyar Tanács-Köztársaság**
 i.e. Hungarian Soviet Republic



40f Harvester



10k Parliament



3k Parliament



45f Harvester



1k Parliament



1.20k Parliament



1.40k Parliament



2k Parliament



25f Harvester



20f Harvester



10f Harvester



6f Harvester



5f Harvester

Political Timelines: 1918 – 1921

Examples of stamps issued by the Hungarian postal authorities in Budapest during this post-monarchy 'Republic' period. Throughout these years both Köztársaság and earlier 'Kingdom' ('Kir Posta') issues were overprinted by occupying forces depending on stocks.

November 1918

REPUBLIC

Köztársaság (Republic)

Death throes of ancient Kingdom. King in exile. Democratic Republican government formed. Romanian army invades Transylvania. Democratic Republic collapses.



50f Queen Zita



10k Parliament

King Karol and Queen Zita in imminent danger. King George V acts to save them. Secret train organised by British War Office takes Royal Family to Switzerland on 24th March 1919.



50f 1918 postage due

Centre + overprint inverted
Scott J50a

March 1919

COMMUNISM

Communist Regime

Led by Bela Kun. Stamps overprinted **MAGYAR TANÁCS KÖZTÁRSASÁG** i.e. Hungarian Soviet Republic. Romanian army illegally occupies Budapest. Short-lived communist regime collapses.



15f Harvesting



5k Parliament

August 1919

No government. Romanian army withdraws from Budapest. Large swathes of former kingdom remain under military occupation.

November 1919

REGENCY

Regency Period - 1945

Communist stamps overprinted with obliterating 'Sheaves of Wheat' or 'Ears of Corn'. Issued 27 Jan 1920. Withdrawn 1921.

Throne empty. Admiral Horthy, Count of Szeged appointed Regent.

'Magyar Kir Posta' i.e. Post of Kingdom of Hungary imprint restored in issues after 1921.



25f Harvesting
1919 Wheat
Sheaves o/p



5k Parliament
1919 Ears of Corn o/p

1945 Soviet Russian occupation

The Break-up of Hungary, 1918-23

1.1. Military Occupations of the East and South, 1918-20

Examples of overprint designs; there were many variants.

By May 1919, Romanian troops occupied most of eastern Hungary. Other countries sought to claim territory. All the occupying forces overprinted existing stamps. Values in late issues were uprated due to hyperinflation. Only Romania created new stamps (Debrecen 2nd issue) against Universal Postal Union rules. There were also occupations in the west (Austria).



Fiume (Adriatic port)
ITALIAN
(18th November 1918)



Arad
FRENCH
(5th May 1919)

Diagrammatic representation



Debrecen
ROMANIAN
(20th Nov 1919)
(1st Jan 1920)



Kolozsvár
ROMANIAN
(3rd August 1919)



Baranya
SERBIAN
(5th May 1919)
(18th Dec 1919)



Nagyvárád
ROMANIAN
(26th October 1919)



Bánát Bácska/
2nd Temesvár
LOCAL
(28th July 1919)



3rd Temesvár
ROMANIAN
(17th August 1919)



SHS o/p
CROATIAN
(26th October 1919)

Overprints of Arad (issued 5th May 1919)

In January 1919, Serbian forces were replaced by French so that Arad came under the joint control of French and Romanian forces. By July 1919, the French had withdrawn.



1919 10f Harvester
blue o/p



1919 15f Harvester
red o/p

Occupation
française

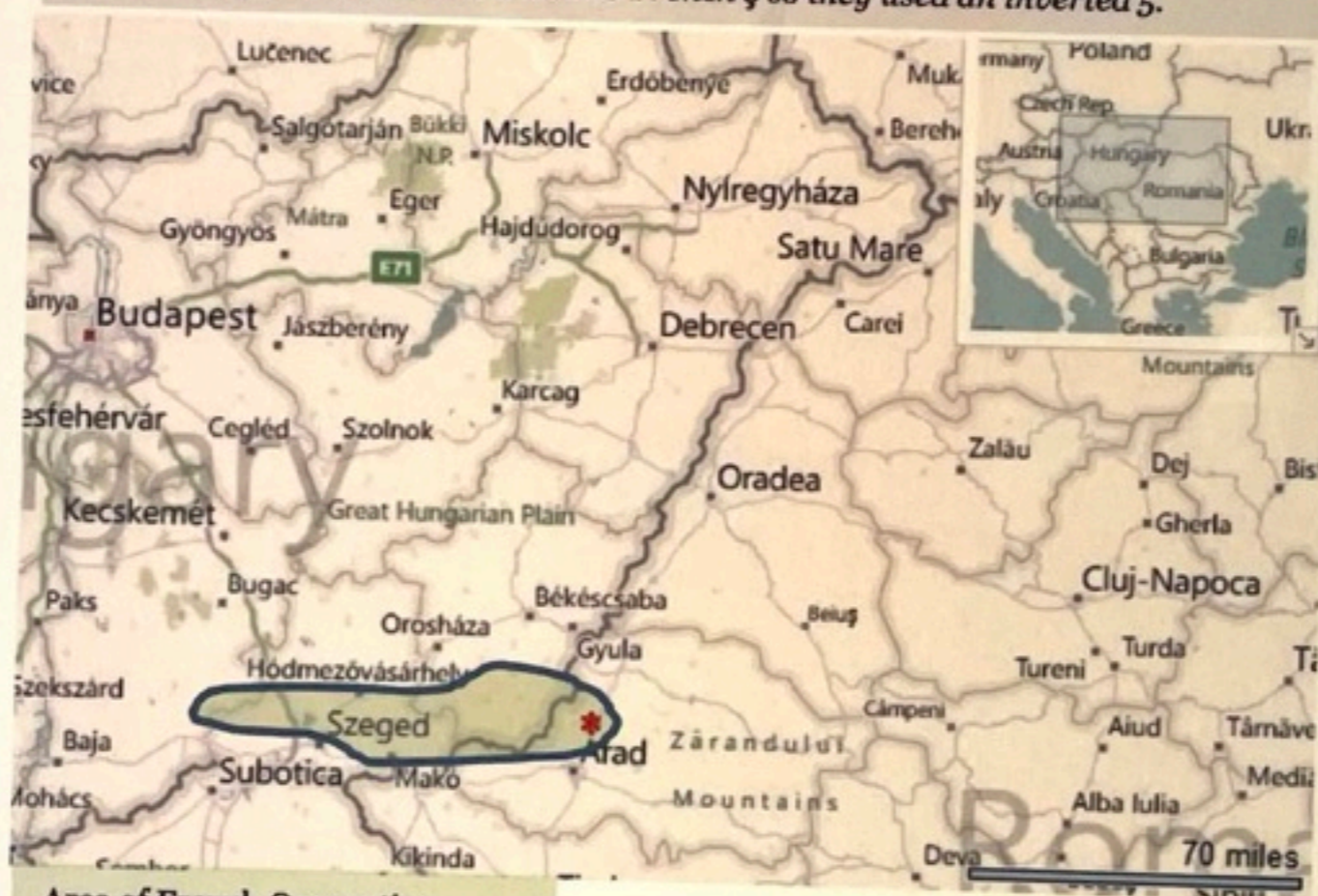


1919 2f Harvester
red o/p
45f surcharge



1919 3f Harvester
red o/p
50f surcharge

The printers in Arad had no French ç so they used an inverted 5.



Area of French Occupation



1919 10f Harvester
blue o/p
'KOZTARSASAG'



1919 4f Harvester
red o/p
'KOZTARSASAG'



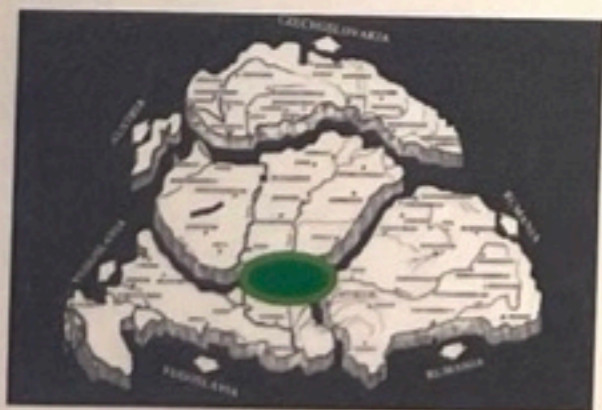
1919 40f Queen Zita
red o/p inverted
'KOZTARSASAG'



1919 50f Queen Zita
red o/p
'KOZTARSASAG'



1919 25f King Karol
red o/p inverted
'KOZTARSASAG'



100f = 1kr = standard internal letter rate in 1919

Overprints of Szeged Issued 28th June 1919

PRINT SHOP 1*

Printing by skilled printers.
Vermillion red ink, clear letters,
consistent quality, good ink
squeeze, embossing on reverse.



3k Parliament KOZ
All 3K stamps were printed in Shop 1.
800 issued



25f Karol IV KOZ
Red o/p 2000 issued



10f Karol IV KOZ
Green o/p 1300 issued



5f Harvester KOZ
Red o/p 1600 issued



3f Harvester KOZ
Green o/p 700 issued



Embossing,
expertise marks.
Genuine

A counter-revolutionary government was formed in the southern city of Szeged in opposition to the Soviet Communist government led by Bela Kun. With French support an army was raised under the Count of Szeged, Admiral Horthy. In the event the Communist army of Kun was defeated by the Romanian army at the River Tizza to the east of Budapest. On 16th November 1919 the new army of the National Government under Admiral Horthy entered Budapest unopposed.

MAGYAR NEMZETI KORMANY SZEGED 1919
lit. Hungarian National Govt. Szeged



PRINT SHOP 2*

Printing by unskilled workers due to printers' strike. Less clear letters, inconsistent, poor ink squeeze, no embossing on reverse.



50f Queen Zita KOZ
Red o/p
22000 issued



20f Karol IV KOZ
Red o/p
2000 issued



15f Karol IV KOZ
Red o/p
4000 issued

FORGERIES

Forgeries greatly outnumber genuine stamps. Any collector specialising in these issues must demonstrate that he/she can distinguish between genuine and forged items. To the best of my knowledge all but one of the stamps on this sheet are genuine. All genuine stamps have the second '1' of 1919 to the left of the 'g' of Szeged.* Unfortunately, some forgeries also meet this criterion.

FORGERY



45f on 3f Harvester
Green o/p, dark green ink.
Mis-shapen 'G' in MAGYAR.
1919 font too small.



3f Harvester KOZ
Green o/p
700 issued

*Morrell, R, 2012; Brainard D, 2006

Overprints of the Hungarian National Government

16th November 1919 - 1944

Defeated in battle, Bela Kun's Soviet regime collapsed as Romanian troops entered and occupied Budapest on 12th August 1919. The Romanian occupation of the city ended on 14th November 1919.

The Hungarian National Army led by Admiral Horthy entered Budapest on 16th November 1919 and immediately issued overprints as a victory proclamation. These were withdrawn by the end of the month.



Overprint reads:
Entry of National Army into
Budapest 16 Nov 1919

In January 1920 existing stocks of communist stamps were overprinted with obliterating marks to blot out the offensive Soviet Republic proclamation.



3f Harvester
'Wheatsheaf' o/p



5f Harvester
'Wheatsheaf' o/p



6f Harvester



10f Harvester
Shifted o/p



15f Harvester
Shifted o/p



20f Harvester



25f Harvester
Shifted o/p



5k Parliament



5k Parliament
Budapest cancel
20th June 1920



5k Parliament
Shifted o/p

In the absence of the King, Admiral Horthy was elected Regent and led the national government until 1944. Against the passionate advice of Otto von Hapsburg, the heir to the Hungarian throne, Horthy allied with the Axis powers in WW2. Hitler had promised the return of the beloved Érdely (Transylvania) to Hungary. In 1944 Horthy sued for peace with the Allies but it was too late. In the space of 25 years, the once-proud Magyar Kingdom was to find itself a client state of the Soviet Union.



2 Pengő 1938
Admiral Horthy
Cancel 21st Oct 1940

Overprints of Croatia I November 1918 – January 1919

In the autumn of 1918 the postal committee of Zagreb instructed that all stocks of Hungarian stamps be overprinted. The 'SHS' monogram represented Serbia (S), Croatia (H) and Slovenia (S). By November all the main post offices had received limited supplies of selected values.

Demand soon outstripped supply so that people were writing or typing 'SHS' on un-overprinted stamps themselves. In desperation, the postal committee sanctioned the overprinting of stamps by private companies. Not surprisingly, this led to widespread abuses. Vast quantities of stamps were produced from these 'alternative' plates.

Later, an exchange programme was instituted whereby 'alternative' stamps could be exchanged for legitimate issues.

It was not until the 1940s when expert texts became available that serious collecting of 'SHS' Croatian issues became possible. Miles's classification of overprint types is used*.



10f Harvester
SG250. Overprint type 2



20f Harvester
SG252. Overprint type 2



25f Harvester
SG253. Overprint type 2



35f Harvester
SG254. Overprint type 2



40f Harvester
SG255. Overprint type 2



20f Karol IV
SG275. Overprint type 6
400 stamps issued



40f Queen Zita
SG277. Overprint type 7



* Miles, D (1993)

Overprints of Croatia II November 1918 – January 1919

Apart from the problems of 'alternative' plates and printings, thirteen different legitimate overprint types are referenced.* This makes the 'SHS' overprints a particularly challenging area, even for acknowledged experts in the field.

It should be noted that the 'SHS' overprints were local and not occupation issues.

The Miles (1993) system of overprint classification is used*.

*SHS' represents Serbia (S), Croatia (H), Slovenia (S) - the future Yugoslavia.



3k Parliament
SG261. Overprint type 5



1k Parliament
SG259. Overprint type 4



75f Parliament
SG257. Overprint type 3



50f Parliament
SG2576. Overprint type 3



10f +2f (white numerals)
War Charity
SG273. Overprint type 8



15f Postage Due
SG D196.
Overprint type 12



20f Postage Due
SG D197.
Overprint type 12



15f +2f (white numerals)
War Charity
SG274. Overprint type 8



*Miles, D. 1993

Hungarian Postal History, 1913 - 1923

- 1.3. War Charity lettercards with surcharge inscriptions at top:
Hadi segély özvegyeknek és árváknak két (2) fillér.
Transl. War Relief for widows and orphans two (2) fillér



1914-15 mint unused postcard stationery, 2nd issue 30f Baranya overprint on 5f imprint.
The inscription along the bottom indicates that an additional 10 fillér is payable for sending to some foreign countries.



Registered lettercard from Pécs to Zurich cancelled 3rd Aug. 1920, receiving mark on reverse dated 10th Aug. 1920. Surcharged for the 50f rate with 10f imprint invalidated by Pécs control handstamp. Foreign lettercard rate 40f, registration 100f, total 1.40k; total paid 5k, additional stamps on reverse, overfranked to a dealer.

3.3. **Koztársaság Overprints**

Cover sent from Vasvár County Electricity Company to the Mother Superior at a convent in Helyben. Although posted after the institution of the Republic, only one of the stamps has the 'Koz' overprint.



Local commercial cover postmarked 21 January 1919. 10f Harvester with *Koztársaság* overprint, 5f Harvester, 15f paid, franking 15f is correct. 'Republic' (*Koztársaság*) overprint on old 'Magyar Kir Posta' 10f King Carol stamp. Ms 'X' indicates either that the letter could not be delivered or was not accepted

4.1. Baranya Overprints

On 15th November 1919, Serbian troops invaded an area which included the beautiful, historic, Hungarian city of Pécs, the capital of Baranya county. The Serbs occupied this area until 20th August 1920. The overprinting of stamps took place chiefly to provide funds for the postal service but was complicated by two factors:

1. The collapse of the Károlyi Republic and its replacement by a Bolshevik regime.
2. Hyperinflation due to collapse of the Hungarian currency.

Two main overprintings took place: type I in May 1919; type II in December 1919.



Registered cover to Véménd with type I (quick) overprints on 80f, 40f, 6f stamps, and type I (pedal) on 25f stamp showing typical squeezing of the ink.* Registration 100f, distance letter 50f, total paid 150f, correctly franked, tied by Pécs double-ring cancel, 14th May 1919.

* Brainard, CE (2006). Catalog of Hungarian Occupation Issues 1918-21.

4.3. Baranya 2nd Issue Overprinted Postal Stationary

All original Hungarian postal stationary envelopes had a red border. This was possibly to make them stand out as they were all for registration. In some cases the 35f imprint was invalidated by a Serb control handstamp but in this example the 150f Baranya 2nd issue overprint served that purpose.



Express registered stationary letter from Pécs to Pécsvárad, Pécs cancel 3 Jan 1920, Baranya 2nd issue 150f overprint on 35f imprint, uprated 200f on 75f Parliament. Registration 100f, Express 100f, letter rate 50f, total 3.50k being the correct franking. Purple boxed Serb censor cachet. Receiving mark on reverse dated 7 Jan 1920.

4.2. Baranya Overprint and Foreign Charity Lettercard



Registered lettercard (Pécs 1) bearing Baranya 2nd issue overprinted stamps, 15of total paid, correct franking, tied with Pécs cancellation 7th Feb. 1920. Oval Pécs control handstamp applied to invalidate 5f imprint with red Baranya overprint displaced to left.



1920 lettercard from Miskolsz to the Children's Aid Society in New York requesting food parcels, franked with 20f Harvesters, total 40f, tied with Miskolsz cancel, 11th Aug. 1920, refused entry Sep 8 1920, circular receiving and postage due marks, 2c U.S. paid. "....Even money does not help as there is no food to buy...."

6.2. Fall of Bolshevik Regime, August 1919

The Hungarian Bolshevik leaders fled when the Romanian army crossed the R. Tisza on 1st August 1919. Contingents of the army entered Budapest some days later but soon withdrew. The rouge worn by the Romanian officers elicited much derision. A Hungarian army from the Szeged region led by Admiral Horthy entered Budapest and took control on 16th November 1919. Stamps were issued to celebrate the country's liberation.



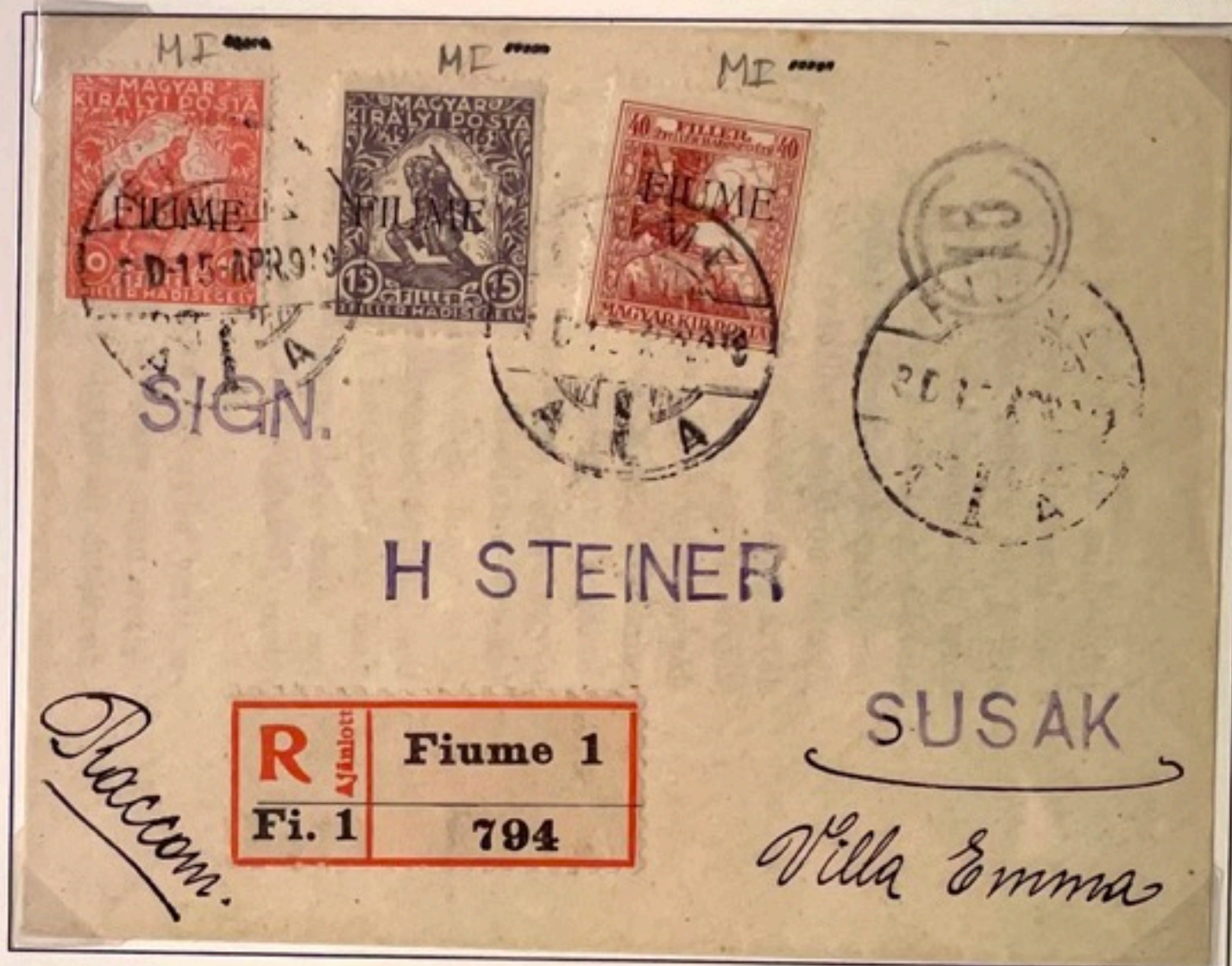
CTO lettercard bearing overprinted stamps inscribed 'Entry of the National Army, 16. Nov. 1919', total franking 75f, tied by Budapest cancel, 19 Nov. 1919,



Parcel label from Budapest to Szilas Balhás, cancelled 20th Nov. 1920, franked with stamps total 16k, 'Ears of Corn' obliterating overprint on Bolshevik 5k stamp. Label marked 'Fragile' and 'Cash on Delivery' which may explain the sizeable charges.

5.1. Italian Occupation of Fiume

Fiume was an important Austro-Hungarian port on the Adriatic Sea. Until 1918 the town and port were under the control of a Hungarian Governor. Italian troops took Fiume on 6 Nov 1918. It remained under Italian control until 1924, then becoming part of Yugoslavia. It is now Croatian and has been renamed, Rijeka.



1919 Registered local cover to Susak franked with War Charity stamps overprinted Fiume tied with Fiume cds 15 April 1919, receiving mark on reverse same date.



1919 registered entire to Vienna containing newspaper cutting, franked by King Karol 20f, Harvester 25f stamps overprinted Fiume. Fiume cds 1919 Feb 20. Einfuhrverbot – importation refused; Unzulässig – inadmissible. Returned. Fiume receive mark on reverse, 7 Mar 1919.

3.2. Debrecen Overprints

The city of Debrecen was occupied by Romanian forces on 19th April 1919. From 1st November 1919 existing stocks of stamps began to be overprinted *Zona de Ocupatie, Romana* by the occupying forces. This is an example of the Type I, plate II overprint. The zone initially took in a large part of Transylvania – the whole of which had been Hungarian territory for a thousand years.



Local registered cover bearing a strip of 20f Harvester with Debrecen 1st issue overprints and a 10f Harvester, total paid 70f, over-franked by 100%. Franking tied by Debrecen cancels dated 10th Dec.1919. There are two purple oval Romanian censor marks, the upper one overlapping the Debreczen 1 registration label. Applying stamps upside down was a common method of registering a political objection.

**Overprints of Baranya: 2nd Issue (18th December 1919)
Serbian Occupation**



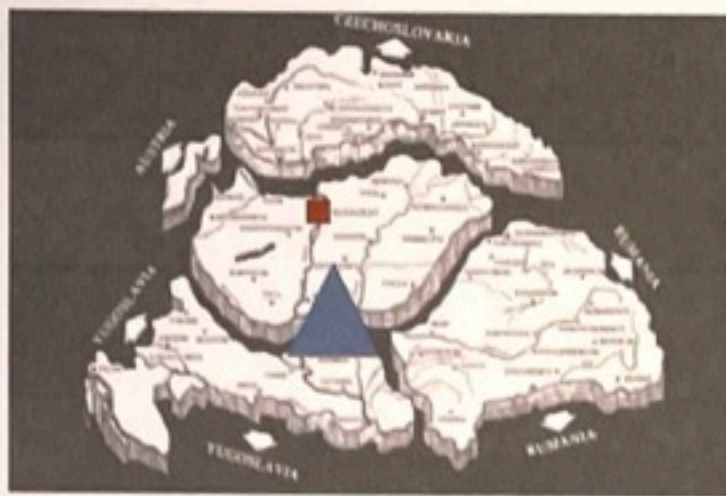
1919 local Pécs registered cover bearing overprinted stamps: '20' on 2f Harvester pair; '10' on 2f Express and '150' on 15f Karol IV, tied by circular date stamps.



Postal savings 10f with 2nd issue Baranya overprint and 10f surcharge



Official (Hivatalos) stamps issued 1921-22 with filler values carrying surcharge overprints in korona.



Under the terms of the 1920 Treaty of Trianon, most of the Serb occupied Baranya territories (approximated here in blue) were returned to Hungary. In the years that followed, many ethnic Serbs opted to leave Hungary and become citizens of a new Kingdom of the Serbs, Slovenes and Croats.

- Budapest
- ▲ Serb Occupation of Baranya region



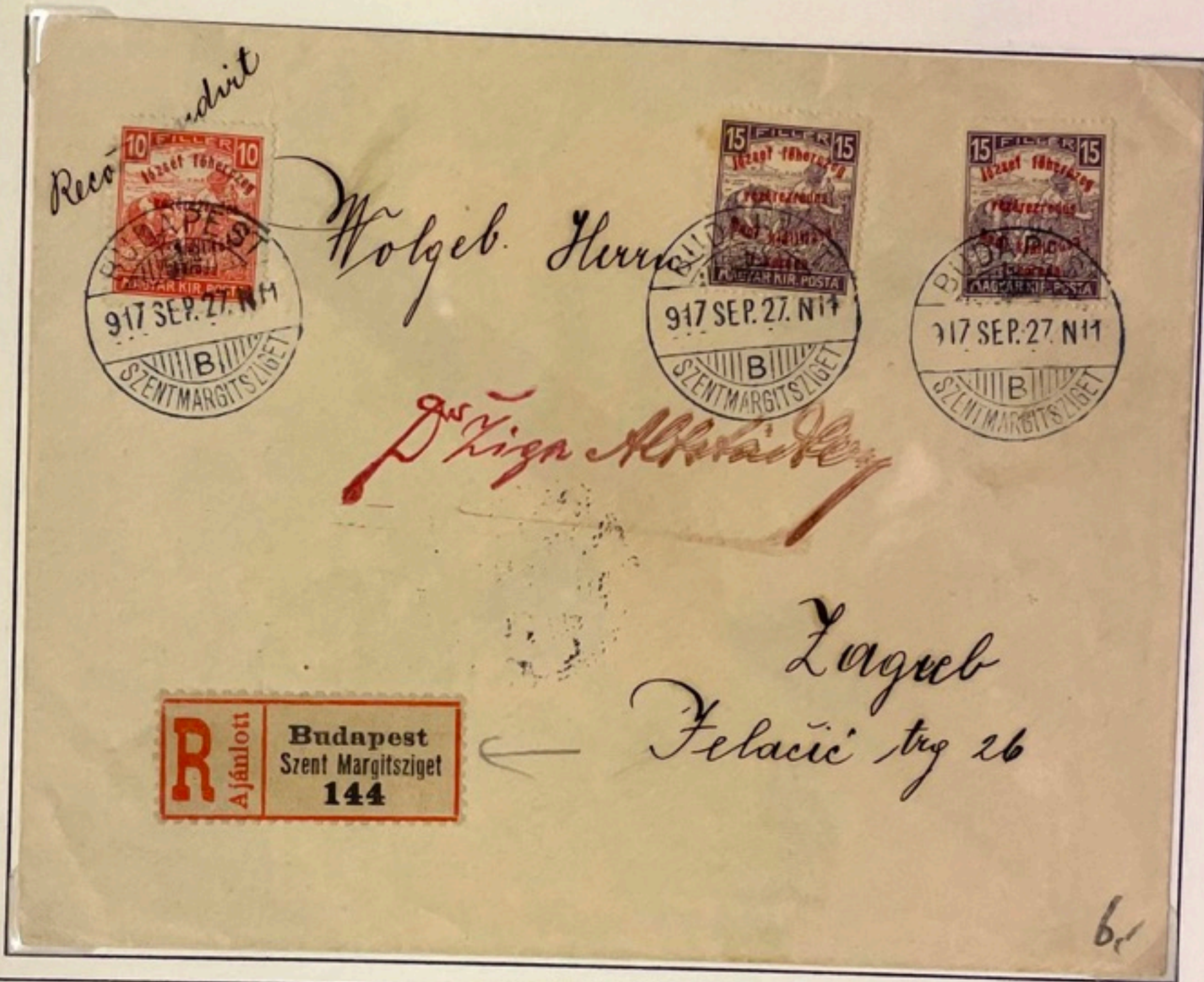
16 fillér postal stationery letter from Pécs to Üszög. Uprated with adhesive mixed frankings to a total of 60 fillér. Except for the 10 fillér stamp, these were overprinted with Baranya type 2 markings: 16f to 150f, both 5f to 50f, 40f to 100f. The red 10f adhesive was overprinted with a 1919 Baranya type 1 mark and not uprated. Total franking value 360f which is correct – registration 150f, express 150f, letter rate 60f.

The cover carries Pécs cancels dated 1919.Feb.9 with a Pécs 1 numbered registration box, Ms Express. Üszög receiving mark on reverse. From the handwriting, the cover is probably philatelic, but there is no doubt that it went through the postal system.

Hungarian Postal History, 1913 - 1923

1.1. Charity cover with overprinted stamps.

Between 1913-1917 definitive stamps were issued which carried overprints denoting a surcharge in aid of public causes such as natural disasters, war relief, health programmes etc.



Registered cover from St Margaret Island, Budapest to Zagreb, postmarked 27th September 1917. Correct franking 40f (25f registration, 15f foreign letter) on 1k charity stamps bearing overprint *trans.* Archduke Josef. Colonel General. War Exhibition. Receiving mark on reverse, 29th September 1917.



12f Francis Josef, 2f tax
Flood Relief Fund
17 Mar 1915 cancel



16f Turul, 2f tax
29 Aug 1916 cancel



3f Turul, 2f tax
18 Mar 1915 cancel



10f Turul, 2f tax
11 Aug 1916 cancel

WAR AID FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

Overprints of Baranya: 2nd Issue (18th December 1919)

1919 Magyar Posta: Harvester Series: Serbian Occupation



20f on 2f



30f on 6f



50f on 5f



100f on 25f



100f on 40f



150f on 20f



100f on 45f

Japanese-style curved overprints on registered cover from Pécs. Cancel 5th January 1920. Serb censor cachet.



The Serb occupation ended in August 1921 when most of Baranya County was returned to Hungary, including the great city of Pécs.

Overprints of Baranya: 2nd Issue (18th December 1919)

Serb Occupation

By 18th December 1919, the Hungarian National Army was in control of Budapest. Serb troops still occupied Baranya to the south. Rampant inflation had reduced the face value of the 1st issue stamps so 2nd issue stamps carried a substantial surcharge.

The plates were composed in a print shop in Pécs and the final proof plates at another. Overprinting was carried out at a third printers and was in two stages: the Japanese style lettering in black, followed by the denomination in red.



150f+15 f Karol IV
1916-18 Magyar Kir



150f+15f Karol IV
1918-19 KOZ o/p



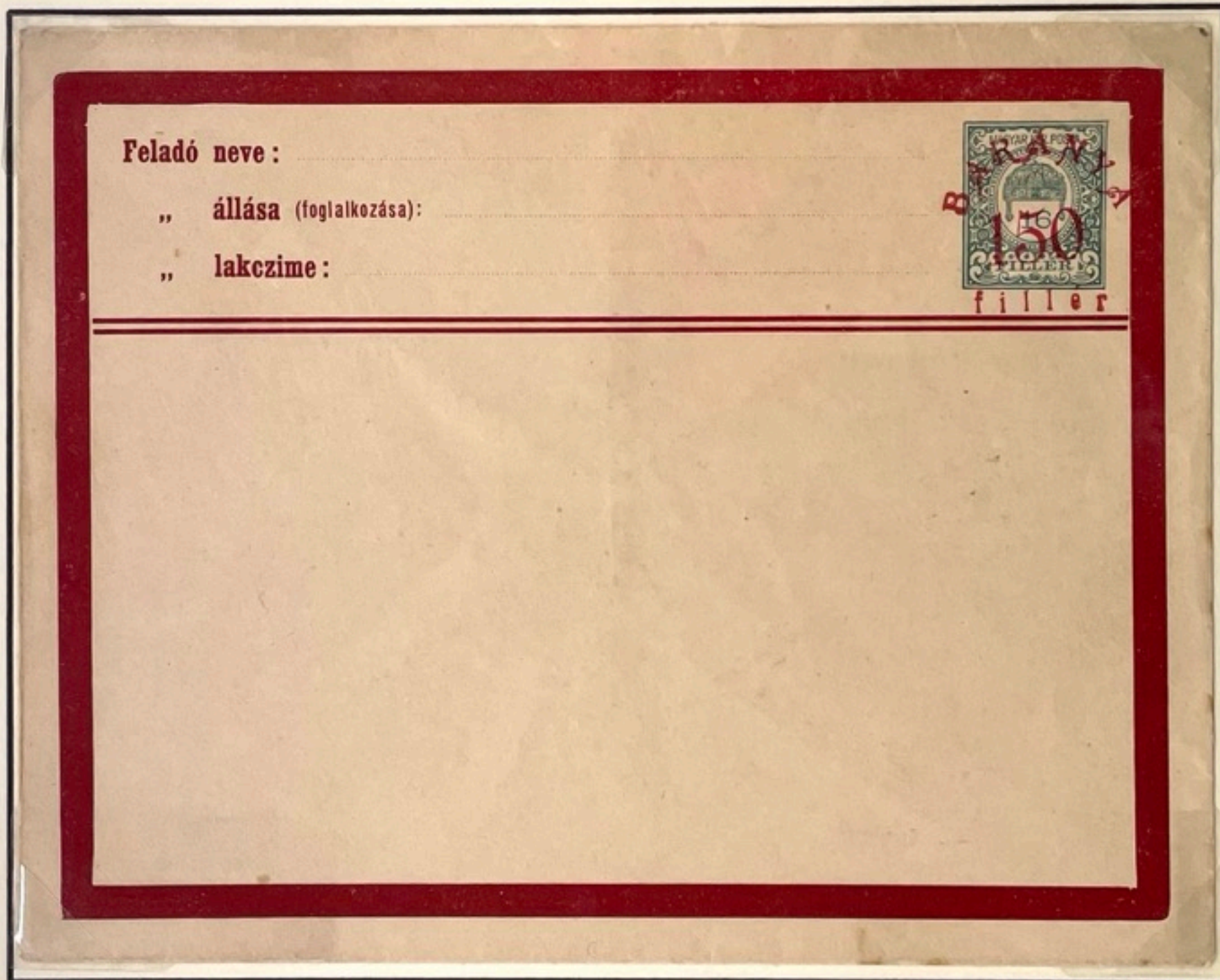
200f +75f Parliament
1916-18 Magyar Kir



10f+10f Special Delivery
1919



10f+10f Newspaper
1919



2nd issue Baranya overprinted Registered cover mint, 150f on 16f.
The overprint is embossed on the reverse in colour.

Overprints of Baranya: 2nd Issue (18th December 1919)

Serbian Occupation

1919 Surcharge s 50f on 5f, 100f on 25f **Magyar Posta** Harvesters bearing Baranya overprint. Registered cover with Serb censor cachet. Pécs cancel dated 1920



40k Harvester minus overprint.
Pécs cancel dated 1923.
New currency.
Magyar Kir. Posta restored.



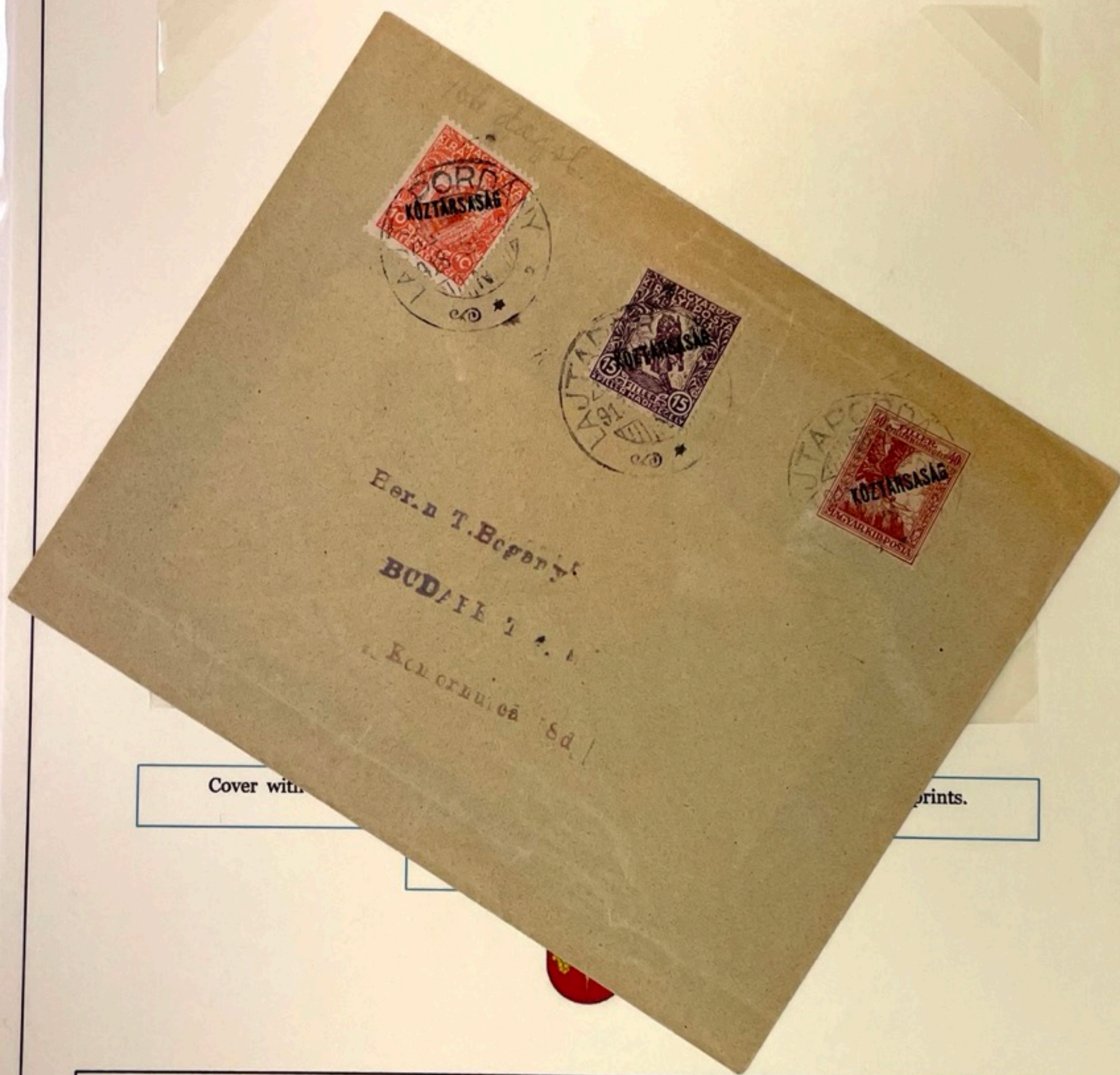
Overprints of Baranya: 2nd Issue (18th December 1919)

Serbian Occupation

1919 Surcharge 15of on **Magyar Kir. Posta** 15f Karol IV bearing Köztársaság and Baranya overprints. Registered cover with Serb censor cachet. Pécs cancel dated 30th December 1919



Lajtapordány Cancellation: Western Hungary
2nd September 1918



Cover with

prints.

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Post-WW1 Hungarian Airmail Services

Air mail stamps before 1919 carried 'Repülő Posta' overprint.
Later stamps were overprinted LÉGI POSTA'



2k 'Kingdom' Parliament, surcharge 4k 50f, cancel
10th July 1918, 'Repülő Posta' o/p in black



75f 'Kingdom' Parliament, 1k 50f
surcharge, Repülő Posta o/p in red



Air mail cover Budapest to Győr cancelled 4th December 1920.
LÉGI POSTA o/p in green, red and black.

Historical Context

1916

King Franz Josef (1830 – 1916) dies after 49 years on the Hungarian throne.



2k Franz Josef Holy Crown of Hungary

Coronation of King Karol IV of Hungary and Queen Zita
30th December 1916



Sof Queen Zita of Hungary
Empress of Austria (1892-1988)



20f King Karol IV of Hungary
Emperor of Austria (1897-1922)

Coronation Procession at Székesfehérvár
Karol IV was the 37th Hungarian King to be crowned in this royal city.



Contemporary unstamped postcard. Hungarian inscription.
'The Coronation of King Karol and Queen Zita.'

Beller Rezső
Bpest 1916.

'Karolyi Királyi és Zita királynéi koronázása'

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Károly Király és Zita királyné koronázása

Beller Rezső
Bpest 1916.

Contemporary unstamped postcard. Hungarian inscription.
'The Coronation of King Karol and Queen Zita'.

10 fillér registered postal stationery envelope, 1912 issue, uprated with a 25f 'Turul' stamp. Correctly franked for an inland registered letter. Munkács 2 cancellation dated 1915 Nov. 20, with registration box.

The dark red 10 fillér stamp is a 1915 Christmas charity stamp bearing the title, *Katonák Karácsonyára* (For the Soldiers' Christmas). These were published in booklets of 100 in Magyar and Croatian, and in many colours and shades. It is unusual to see this charity stamp on registered, censored mail.



In 1915 Munkács was a mainly Jewish town and highly unstable politically. This probably explains the military censor mark on a letter posted within Hungarian territory. The town, much changed, is now in the Ukraine.

The stamp is a charity stamp, officially issued in 1916. It was also printed in booklets of 100 in Magyar, but probably not in Croatian.

Budapest receiving mark 1919 Nov. 21

2.2. Köztársaság Overprints

Although cancelled after the declaration of the Republic in Nov. 1918, only one stamp carries the 'Köztársaság' overprint. Large stocks of un-overprinted stamps existed and were valid for postage.



Registered cover from Budapest to Switzerland franked by Köztársaság overprint on 10f Harvester with others, total 45f (including registration 25f), tied by Budapest double-ring cancel 13 Feb. 1919. Registration label for Budapest 8. The small 5f over-frank was possibly due to miscalculation by the sender.

2.1. Köztársaság Overprints

The Republic (*Köztársaság*) followed the end of the Monarchy. King Karol IV went into exile in 1916 but refused to abdicate. Eventually, Mihály Károlyi proclaimed himself President of a Hungarian Democratic Republic in November 1918. The *Köztársaság* overprint reflects this change in the country's government.

Although Romanian forces occupied the Debrecen zone in April 1919, they did not issue their own overprints until 1st November that year. This cover was posted in the intervening period when the 'Köz' overprints had been applied on Kingdom of Hungary '*Magyar Kir Posta*' stamps.



Local cover to a music publisher and stationer franked correctly by Köztársaság overprint on 20c Harvester, tied by single ring Debrecen cancel, 4th June 1919. Oval Romanian censor cachet in purple.

REPUBLIC (KÖZTÁRSASÁG) PERIOD

1916 - 1919



Cover bearing Karol IV and Queen Zita series with Köztársaság overprint. Budapest cancel dated 31 December 1918



Pre-1918 5f lettercard bearing 2f postage dues overprinted Köztársaság. Both Budapest cancels dated 26th April 1919

Pre-paid parcel label, Budapest to Szilasbalhas, cancellation 20th November 1920; insurance cachet. Additional 10k, 5k, 1k values with 'Ears of Corn' overprint on 5k..



Reverse showing 15k values as insurance payment(?). Receiving mark dated 22nd November 1920 with manuscript signature.

st Debrecen 5f Harvester. Magyar Posta. Sheet of 100.

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1st Debrecen 2f newspaper. Sheet of 100.