

# Czechoslovakia - Hradčany 1918 - 1920

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The aim of this exhibit is to show curiosities and rarities among postmarked stamps from Hradčany issue. In general, it is easier to study sheets and large blocks that are unused. This is why most of the exhibits consist of unused stamps and test prints.

In this exhibit I focus solely on post used stamps which add whole other dimension to collecting compared to unused stamps. The following factors in: postmark readability, above average stamp slice, low occurrence of stamps in blocks or stripes, interesting full covers and postal day to day. This exhibit was prepared based on studying and selecting best examples from hundreds of thousands of stamps.

Main emphasis is put on plate and print flaws, types and joined types, retouches, production flaws and perforation. In case of rare perforation type the goal is to collect all post offices where it was used. Many items are shown on postal stationery or in combination with particular production flaw or method of postal operation.

Used abbreviations:

Pl. – printing plate

Pos. – stamp position

1/12 - 1. Pl, Pos. 12

R - retouch

A, B - perforation A, B

a, b - colour shade according to POFIS catalogue

STs – spiral joined types

STc – crossbar joined types

**Exhibit rarities are shown in bold. The most notable ones are:**

- **sheet 7 - 3hal stamp with retouched branch on parcel note and postcard**
- **sheet 13 – spiral joined type on 5hal stamp with folded paper**
- **sheet 26 - spiral joined type on 15hal stamp from 7th PP**
- **sheets 27 to 30 – complete reconstruction of 15hal stamp 7th PP - UNIQUE**
- **sheet 43 - spiral joined type on 11A stamp**
- **sheet 45 – parcel note with 11A stamp and a retouch**
- **sheet 49 – 13N stamp with Teplice nad Metují postmark - 2 pcs known**
- **sheet 62 - Vejprty counterfeit**
- **sheet 66 - 500hal stamp from spiral joined type with paper crease**
- **sheet 72 – parcel note with six-colour franking and retroactive fee**

**Own research:**

- Monography on Czechoslovak stamps 40th part - Bibliographic list of articles dealing with the period Czechoslovakia 1918 - 1939 (2600 pages)
- Over 25 articles on Hradčany published in Filatelie 2015 - 2018  
[http://www.exponet.info/exhibit.php?exhibit\\_ID=1424&lng=EN](http://www.exponet.info/exhibit.php?exhibit_ID=1424&lng=EN)
- Articles in Newsletter of letterpress stamps

**Most significant own discoveries:**

- **Discovery of 2nd Pl. of 300hal stamp which was used for trial printing**