

A STUDY OF THE THIRD ISSUE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIAN AIRMAIL STAMPS

Historical background

The Czechoslovak Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs in Bulletin 83433/VII on the 9th December 1930 announced the issue of the first definitive airmail set. These stamps replaced the two preceding sets of overprinted stamps issued for airmail use.

The new stamps were needed to meet the requirements of the new postal rates, the stamps being made available for sale on the 16th December 1930.

The stamp issue was designed by Karl Seizinger with the central theme for the designs on all the stamps being an aeroplane over the Czech countryside. The 50h, 1Kc, 10Kc and 20Kc stamps depict a Fokker F VIIIb and the 2Kc, 3Kc, 4Kc and 5Kc stamps show a Smolik S 19.

In the Bulletin issued by the Ministry of Posts the usage of these stamps was limited to air shipments. The usage of standard stamps was permitted on airmails but usage of airmail stamps on normal postage was not. The usage of airmails on surface mail is known to exist and not all airmails travelled the total distance to their prime destination by air.

Structure of the exhibit

Frame 1,	50h stamp and its usage.
Frame 2	1Kc stamp and its usage.
Frame 3	2Kc stamp and its usage
Frame 4	3Kc stamp and its usage.
Frame 5	4Kc stamp and its usage.
Frame 6	5Kc stamp and its usage.
Frame 7	10Kc stamp and its usage
Frame 8	20Kc stamp and its usage.

Unusual and rare items of both stamps and covers will be highlighted by mounting on red card and all certificated items will be highlighted with an e.

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