

Chapter.6 1867 The Kreuzer Stamp issue

When Prussia had acquired the postal monopoly of Thurn & Taxis as a result of the Austro-Prussian War in 1866, the issue of stamps in Kreuzer currency became necessary.

Thurn & Taxis post issued four denomination stamps of 1, 3, 6 and 9 Kr. for normal rates at the post offices then, all of four denomination stamps were newly produced by Prussia, which were issued on July 1st, 1867 on, with additional denomination stamp of 2 Kr.

As Prussia joined NDP, all the stamps issued were taken over by newly issued stamps of NDP on Jan. 1st, 1868. Thus **this series was only in use just half a year**, which caused difficulty in collecting especially usages.

A big quantity of remainders were destroyed in Berlin in 1869 with the exception of 30,000 sets, so unused single stamps are plentiful, though multiples bigger than blocks of four are not common.

Black Proof

Several sheets of black proofs were printed in spring 1867.

The plate of 150 stamps were consisted of 3 blocks of 50 stamps of the 1, 2, and 3 Kr. stamps.

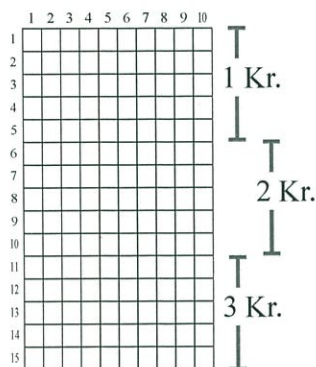


Image of a sheet of
the black proof



A block of four 1 Kr.
1st, and 2nd row with upper margin



A strip of 1 Kr. - 2 Kr. - 2 Kr.
5th, 6th, and 7th row



A strip of 2 Kr. - 2 Kr. - 3 Kr.
9th, 10th, and 11th row

They were issued on July 1st, 1867.

The First Day Usage of 3 Kr.



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3 Kr. tied by single ring c.d.s.
OFFENBACH to Klingenberg a.M. , 1 7 (1867)
3 Kr. correctly paid for the first zone letter rate.

The First Day Usage of 9 Kr.



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9 Kr. ocker tied by framed rectangle datestamp
FRANKFURT A.M. POSTEXPED. No.4 to Stauffen / Baden, 1 7 (18)67
9 Kr. correctly paid for the third zone letter rate.

The Largest Strip of 2 Kr.

WIESBADEN 28 11 67

The Largest Strip of 3 Kr.

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DARMSTADT 26 9 67

The Largest Strip of 9 Kr.

Gelblichbraun DARMSTADT 13 8 (1867)

The Largest Multiple Franking of 1 Kr.

A horizontal strip of six tied by frame rectangle datestamp
FRANKFURT aM. STADT-POST- EXP.3 to Ohrdruff, 28 11 67

6 Kr. correctly paid for the second zone letter

ex- Erivan Haub

No Sgr. denomination stamps except high value 10 Sgr. and 30 Sgr. were sold at the post offices in Kr. currency area. However, using Sgr. denomination stamps were valid and the conversion rate of 1 Sgr. was equal to 3 Kr.

6 Kr.-1 Sgr. Mixed Franking Letter



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A 6 Kr. mixed franked with a 1 Sgr. tied by single ring cds
 LIMBURG a/d to Sonnenburg, 28 12 (1867)
 6 Kr. + 1 Sgr. = 9 Kr. correctly paid for the third zone letter

1 Kr. & 6 Kr.-10 Sgr. Mixed Franking Letter Front to Monaco



A 1 Kr, a vertical pair of 6 Kr. mixed franked with a 10 Sgr. tied by single ring cds
 BAD-EMS → Tour-T./Erquelines → Monaco, 23 10 (1867)
 13 Kr. + 10 Sgr. = 43 Kr. was paid including 12 Kr. for a surface letter between Thurn &
 Taxis area and France since Apr. 1st, 1864, which was continued by Prussia after July 1st, 1867.

1 Kr. was issued for local letter rate for pre-Thurn & Taxis area



Samaragdgrün



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Single ring cds
GIESSEN 20 12 (18)67
The second largest block

Kr.- Sgr. Mixed Franking



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Mixed-franking with a 9 Kr. and 2 Sgr, BAD-EMS, 6 9 (1867)

1 Kr. Rate, Local Letter



Tied by single ring cds
FRANKFURT A.M. to Frankfurt, 11 10 (1867)
1 Kr. correctly paid for local letter

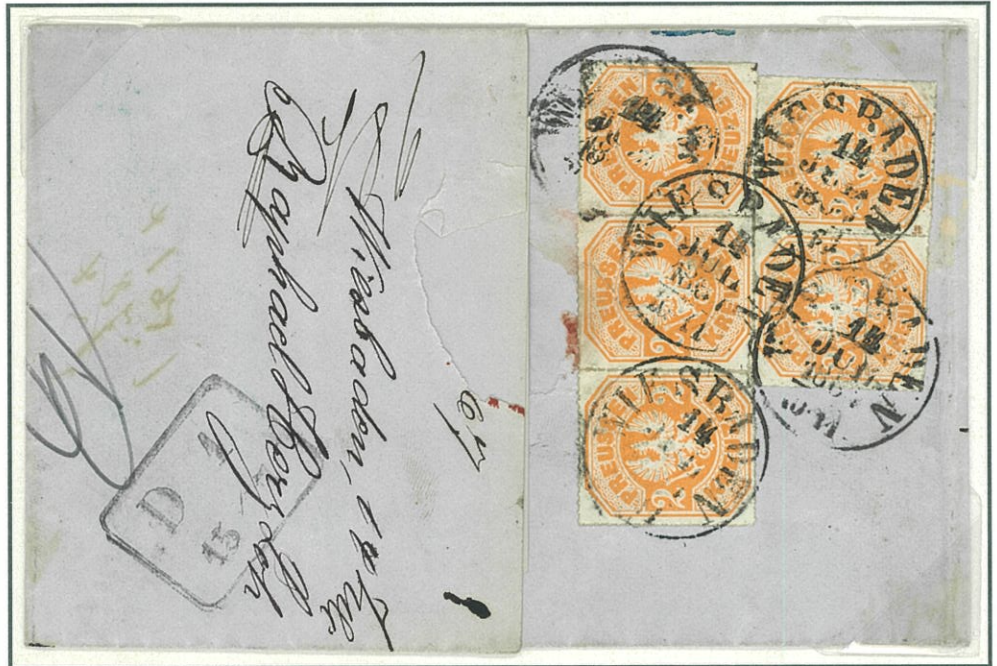
2 Kr. was issued for internal letter of the distance under 3 miles.

2 Kr.



Orange

The Largest Multiple of 2 Kr. on Cover
Also Possibly The Largest Multiple Franking



A horizontal **strip of three** with a horizontal pair tied by single ring cds
WIESBADEN to Frankfurt a.M. 14 JUL 1867

10 Kr. underpaid for value declared letter of 725 Gulden of the distance under 3 miles of the sixth weight step, and 10 Kr. was charged to the recipient.

The Front
(50%)



2 Kr. Rate, Internal letter under 3 miles



Single franking tied by single ring cds, MEININGEN to Bömhte, 27 10 (1867)

2 Kr. correctly paid for internal letter of the distance under 3 miles.

The number of 2 Kr. stamp sold was recorded as 836,327, which was the fewest among all the kreuzer stamps.

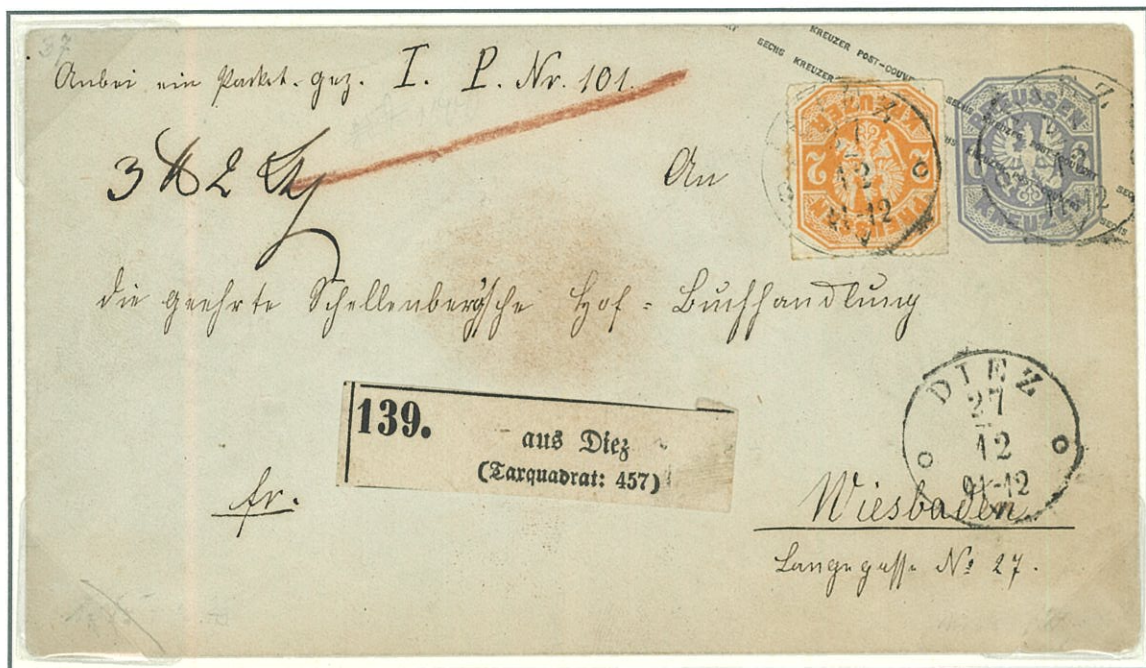
13 Kr. Rate, Quadruple Weight Value Declared Letter Only A Few Such Combination Recorded



Double franked with 9 Kr., tied by single ring c.d.s.
OSTHOFEN to Darmstadt, 18 10 (1867) 5 miles in distance

13 Kr. correctly paid for quadruple weight value declared insured letter of the distance between 3 and 15 miles, 3 for the second zone letter rate per 1 Loth, multiplied by four, and 1 for insurance fee

8 Kr. Rate, Parcel Accompanied Letter



Up-rating 1867 6 Kr. stamped envelope, and tied by single ring c.d.s.
DIEZ to Wiesbaden, 27 12 (1867), 7 miles in distance

8 Kr. was paid for parcel accompanied letter in total,
though the tariff of pre-tax area is not clear.

As a big quantity of remainders of this issue were destroyed in Berlin in 1869 with the exception of 30,000 sets, so unused single stamps are plentiful, though multiples bigger than blocks of four are not common.

The Largest Multiple Next to Full Sheet



Pos.21/54, the largest multiple except only one known full sheet

The Largest Block Recorded



Irregular shaped block of three franked with a 2 Kr. tied by double ring c.d.s.
DARMSTDT to Düdelsheim, Büdingen 25 SEP (1867)
11 Kr .correctly paid for parcel accompanied letter

No block of four is recorded regardless on cover or off cover for this denomination stamp, and block of three is the largest.

3 Kr. was also used to uprate stamped envelopes for both of internal and international usages.

14 Kr. Rate, Overpaid Letter to Russia



Double uprating 9 Kr. stamped envelope tied by single ring cds with a handstamp FRANKFURT beside
FRANKFURT AM-CASSEL to St. Petersburg / Russia 13 11 (1867)

14 Kr. overpaid by 1 Kr. for a letter to Russia

7 for each Prussia and Russian share

12 Kr. Rate, Surface Letter to Switzerland



Quadruple franking tied by single ring c.d.s.

FRANKFURT A.M. to Luzern / Switzerland 20 8 (1867)

12 Kr. correctly paid for surface letter to Switzerland RAYON I area,
9 for DOPV third zone letter and 3 for Swiss share, which was shown by manuscript "3" in blue.

Two kinds of shades are recorded as subnumbers in Michel, of which much uncommon one is *hellpreußlichblau*

The Largest Block of *Blue* Shade



Blau

Pos.8/20 with 8, 9 & 10 on the upper, and 1, and 2 on the right margin
Only one known corner block of About 5 known block of six

The Largest Block of *Hellpreußlichblau* Shade



Hellpreußlichblau

Pos.119/150 with 22mm right margin

The Largest Multiple of Used *Hellpreußlichblau* Shade



Hellpreußlichblau

FRANKFURT, 27 11 (1867)

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Different Shade of 6 Kr. Used Together



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Two different shaded horizontal pairs of *blau* and *hellpreußlichblau* tied by single ring cds
WIESBADEN to Paris / France, 14 10 (1867)

24 Kr. correctly paid for double weight letter to France, 24 = 12 * 2

ex- Erivan Haub

22 Kr. Rate, Surface Letter to the US

A vertical pair of *hellpreußlichbau* with a 1 Kr. and a 9 Kr. tied by single ring cds

HOMBURG v.d.H. to Wisconsin / USA via Bremen, 2 8 (1867)

22 Kr. correctly paid for surface letter to the US, and framed "PAID 10" in red shows 10c = 16 Kr. was the US share.

18 Kr. Rate, Surface Letter to England

A horizontal strip of three tied by single ring cds

HOMBURG v.d.H. to London / England 26 7 (1867)

From July 1, 1867 to Dec. 31, 1867, the rate from the former Thurn and Taxis areas using Kreuzer currency to GB was 18 Kr. for a single letter.

15 Kr. Rate, Surface Letter to Switzerland

A vertical pair franked with a 3 Kr. tied by single ring cds

Train post between FRANKFURT and HEIDELBERG to Avanches / Switzerland 19 7 (1867)

15 Kr. correctly paid for surface letter to Switzerland RAYON II area, 9 for DOPV third zone letter, and 6 for Swiss share, which was shown by manuscript "6" in blue.

Two kinds of shades are recorded as subnumbers, of which much uncommon one is *hellpreußischblau*

16 Kr. Rate, Parcel Accompanied Letter



A horizontal pair of *hellpreußischblau* franked with a horizontal pair of 2 Kr. tied by single ring cds.

LAUTERBACH to Frankfurt a.M, 31 8 (1867)

16 Kr. was paid for parcel accompanied letter in total, though the tariff of pre-taxis area is not clear.

24 Kr. Rate, Double Weight Registered Letter



A horizontal pair of *ultramarinblau* franked with a 3 Kr. and a 9 Kr. tied by single ring cds

FRANKFURT A.M. to Berlin, 31 10 (1867)

24 Kr. correctly paid for double weight registered DOPV third zone letter,
9 for DOPV letter of the distance over 20 miles, multiplied by two and 6 for registration fee.

Ockerbraun is uncommon shade of the 9 Kr. stamp, and no unused are listed in Michel catalog.

The Largest Block of *Ockerbraun* Shade



Gelblichbraun



Gelblichbraun Pos.6/7
with 6 & 7 on the upper margin

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Ockerbraun Pos.6/17
Certificated by Michael Jäschke-Lantelme in 2022



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NEUSTADT BEI COBURG 4 7 1867 DILLENBURG 18 11 (1867)

Block of four is the largest used multiple and Only Two Known, Both Are Here



A horizontal pair tied by single ring cds, SCHWARZBURG to Wien / Austria, 5 7 (1867)
18 Kr. correctly paid for double weight DOPV third zone letter.

Two kinds of shades are recorded as subnumbers, of which much uncommon one is *dunkelbraun*, and it appeared in August 1867.

12 Kr. Rate, Surface Letter to France



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Dunkelbraun franked with 3 Kr. *lebhaftkarmin* tied by single ring c.d.s.
OFFENBACH to Lyon / France via Paris, 3 8 (1867)

12 Kr. correctly paid for a surface letter between Thurn & Taxis area and France since Apr. 1st, 1864, which was continued by Prussia after July 1st, 1867.

18 Kr. Rate, Surface Letter to England



9 Kr. stamped envelope uprated by a *Gelblichbraun* single
tied by single ring c.d.s. with another same c.d.s. and a red PAID c.d.s. of LONDON beside
ASSENHEIM to Manchester via London / England , 31 10 (1867)

The rate from Thurn and Taxis to GB was 18 Kr. from up April 1st, 1862, which was succeeded by Prussia.

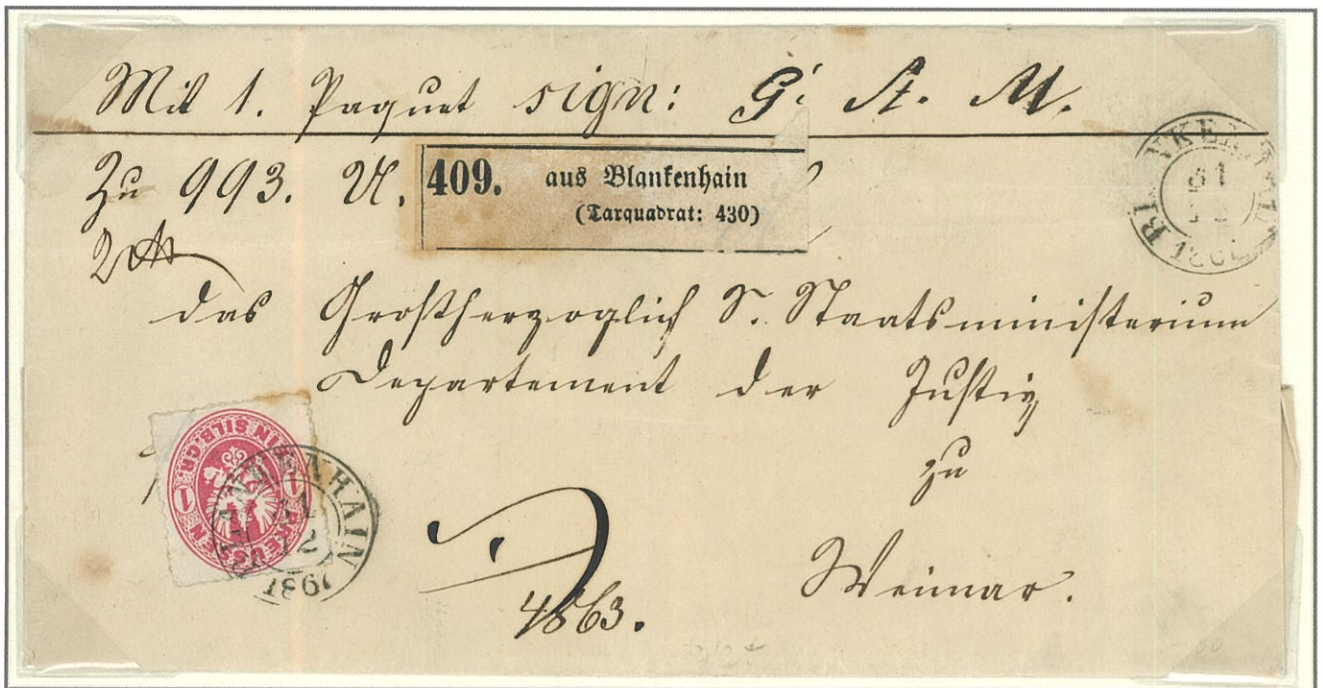
Epilogue

Prussia joined the NDP, and all the stamps issued were taken over by newly issued stamps of NDP on January 1st, 1868.

Thus December 31st, 1867 was the last day of validity of the Prussian stamps, except 1866 high value denomination stamps, shown in the following page and so on.

A big quantity of remainders were destroyed in Berlin in 1869 with the exception of 30,000 sets, and Prussian stamps ceased to exist not only for postal usages but also for chance to get at post offices.

Last Day Cover



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1861 1 Sgr. *rosa* tied by double ring c.d.s.

Parcel accompanied letter from BLANKENHEIM to Weimar , 31 12 (1867)

The distance between Blankenheim and Weimar is 3 miles.

The rate was 1½ Pfg. per each pund and evey 5 miles.

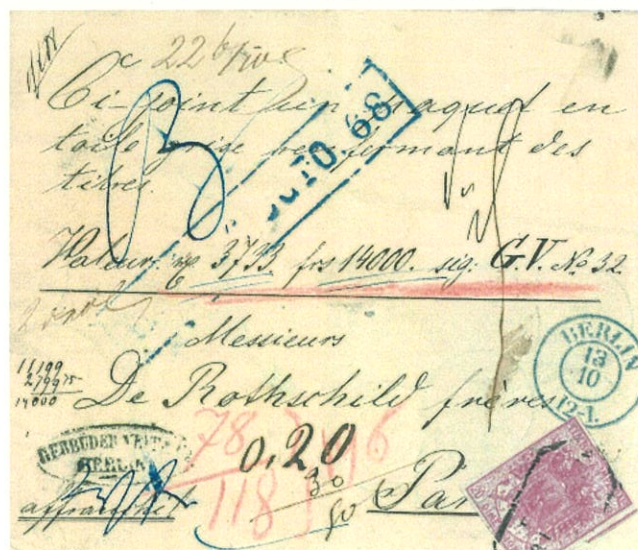
Rate explanation : 1½ Pfg. x 8 x 1 = 12 Pfg. = 1 Sgr. correctly paid

Blankenheim is a former Thurn & Taxis postal territory and continued to use cancellations of the former period after July 1st, 1867.

Epilogue

1866 high value denomination stamps were the only Prussian stamps, which were used in NDP.
It was officially allowed to use them until Feb. 28th, 1869.

Prussian Stamps Used in 1868 Also Possibly The Largest Franking of 10 Sgr. on Cover



front (60%)

Mixed franking of nineteen 10 Sgr. stamps, with a 1868 NDP 1 Gr. and a 5 Gr., tied by double ring c.d.s. in blue
BERLIN to Paris / France, 13 10 (1868)

An insured letter of 3,733 Thaler, which is equal to 14,000 Fr. to France, 17 for letter of the 17th weight step,
4 for registration fee and 1 ¼ for insurance fee per each 100 Franc, multiplied by 140
French dimension = fiscal stamp was attached to charge 20 cent from the recipient in cash.