

DEBRECEN: HUNGARIAN OVERPRINTED STAMPS UNDER ROMANIAN OCCUPATION 1919-1920

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THE PRESENTATION CONTENT:

- * Short historical background
- * Documentary works, bibliography
- * Debrecen I. issue, plate 1
- * Debrecen I. issue, plate 2
- * Debrecen II. issue
- * Challenges for the future

FOCUS ON:

- * trial prints
- * series and rarities of each issue
- * inverted, double and offset overprints
- * plate flows of the overprints and of the base stamps
- * shifted overprints
- * perforation errors, partial or missing imprints

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In April 1919, the Romanian army occupied the Hungarian territories located between the Satu Mare - Oradea - Arad line and the left bank of the Tisza River. In October of the same year, the Military Command of the Occupation Zone headquartered in the city of Debrecen, ordered the collection and overprinting of the entire stock of Hungarian stamps found at the post offices within the occupied territories. On 18 November 1919, the Debrecen I. issue was placed into circulation. Shortly afterward all stamps were sold out, creating the premise for printing an entirely new second issue, named Debrecen II. The stamps of this issue were gradually released into circulation starting on 23 December 1919.

Due to wartime conditions, postal services were available exclusively within the military-occupied zone, in localities with Romanian censor offices and for correspondence with Romania. After a short usage period of approximately four months, on 20 March 1920, the stamps of the Debrecen issues were withdrawn from circulation coinciding with the retreat of the Romanian army and administration from the occupied Hungarian territories.

MAIN DOCUMENTARY WORKS, BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Debrecen I. – plate 1



MP 20 filler 1st plate TRIAL:

- Hand stamped
- Black ink
- Printed 3 pcs. (Flasch D. Helyi Kiadások no.16/2010)

- * CLICHÉ CARVED BY LOCAL SCULPTOR PAULÓ ISTVÁN
- * OVERPRINTING PERFORMED IN DEBRECEN AT HAJDÚFÖLD PRINTING HOUSE
- * DOUBLE LINED ELLIPSE, 15 MM WIDE AND 9 MM HIGH
- * YEAR 1919 BROKEN APART „19 19”
- * CEDILLA UNDER LETTER T IN „OCUPAȚIE”

Debrecen I. – plate 1

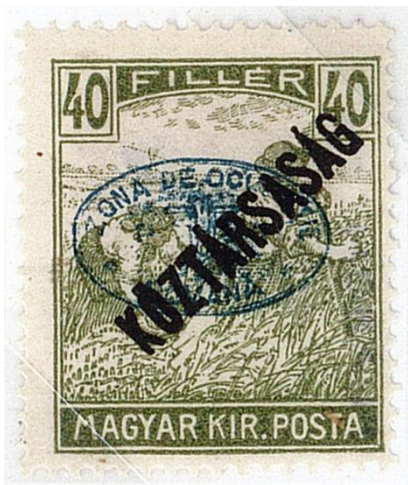


- * ISSUE OF 18 DIFFERENT STAMPS
- * OVERPRINT IN BLUE OR RED INK
- * PRINTING RUN – 1 SHEET EACH, EXCEPT NEWSPAPER STAMP 2 SHEETS
- * 9-10 EXISTING FULL SETS OF 18 STAMPS (GLATZ ISTVÁN, BÉLYEGVILÁG OCT. 1994)

Debrecen I. – plate 1



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- * POSTAL USAGES KNOWN:
20 LETTERS AND 1 NEWSPAPER
- * ALL PRODUCED BY BIRÓ MARCEL
- * ALL POSTED AT OFFICE DEBRECEN 1, CANCELED WITH M1M STAMP
- * ALL RECOMMENDED, EXCEPT 1
- * POSTED BETWEEN 22 NOV. 1919 – 16 DEC. 1919
- * STILL UNKNOWN POSTED:
Harvester 2f blue, Harvester/Közt. 5f red, Harvester/Közt. 10f blue

Debrecen I. – plate 1



- * HEADER BIRÓ MARCEL: 5 PCS.
- * HEADER DEBRECENI FÉMÁRÚGYÁR RÉSZVÉNYTÁRSASÁG: 15 PCS.
- * ALL POSTED FOR DIFFERENT ADDRESSES
- * ALL ADDRESSED TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE
- * 15 COVERS (75%) POSTED ON TUESDAYS
- * SATURSDAYS AND SUNDAYS (?): 3 COVERS EACH
- * MONDAYS: 2 COVERS
- * WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: Ø

Debrecen I. – plate 2



MP 20 filler 2nd plate TRIAL:

- Hand stamped
- Ink: blue, red or black
- Overprinted 34 different stamp in 1-3 pcs. each (Flasch D. Helyi Kiadások no.16/2010)

- * CLICHÉ CARVED BY THE SAME SCULPTOR PAULÓ ISTVÁN
- * OVERPRINT PERFORMED AT DEBRECENI VÁROSI NYOMDA
- * SINGLE LINED ELLIPSE, 16,5 MM WIDE AND 9,5 MM HIGH
- * YEAR 1919 WRITTEN TOGETHER NOT BROKEN APART
- * NO MORE CEDILLA UNDER LETTER T IN „OCUPATIE”

Debrecen I. – plate 2



PRINTING TRIALS:

- Harvester and Parliament plates
- Blue ink
- Yellowish un gummed paper
- Printed in full sheets of 100 (supposition)

- * ISSUE OF 107 DIFFERENT STAMPS, 22 IN ONE SHEET OF 100 OR LESS
- * OVERPRINT IN BLACK, BLUE OR RED INK
- * 40 DIFFERENT INVERTED OVERPRINTS KNOWN, 25 IN ONE SHEET OF 100 OR LESS
- * 7 DIFFERENT DOUBLE OVERPRINTS AND 1 TRIPLE OVERPRINT
- * 34 DIFFERENT STAMPS KNOWN WITH OFFSET/ABKLATSCH
- * 6 STAMPS MENTIONED WITH OVERPRINT ROTATED AT 90° AND 6 STAMPS AT 45°

Debrecen I. – plate 2



shifted →

Debrecen I. – plate 2



inverted ovp.



shifted ↓



inverted sheet „a”



inverted sheet „b”



shifted ↓

Debrecen I. – plate 2



sheet „a”



sheet „b”



shifted ↓



offset ovp.



offset ovp.

Debrecen I. – plate 2



„Canary yellow”



newspaper cutout



double ovp.



offset ovp.



inverted ovp. block of 30

Debrecen I. – plate 2



shifted ↙



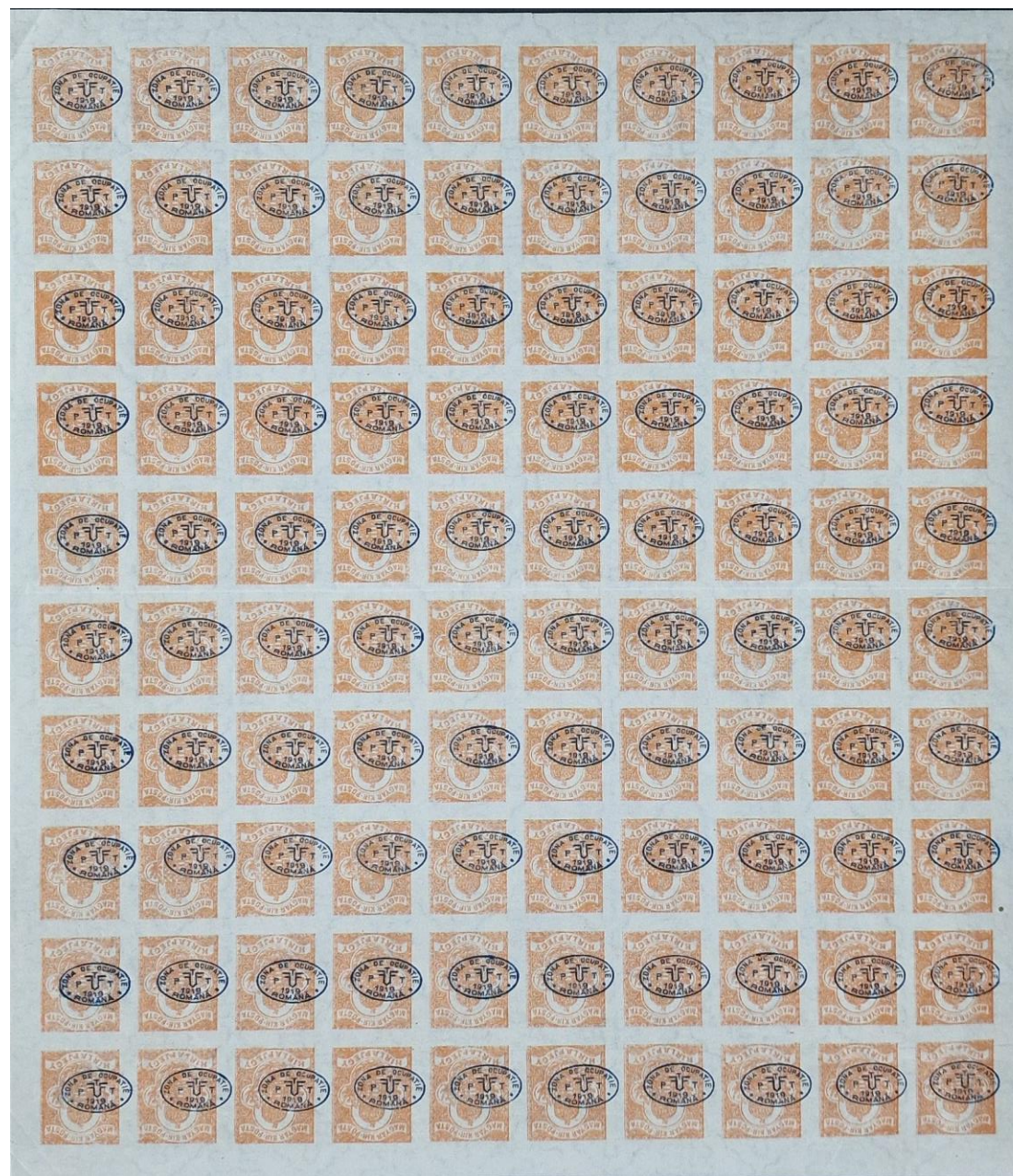
shifted ↗



shifted ↙
column 10



shifted ↑, row 1, columns 8-10
stamp on column 10 without ovp.



Debrecen I. – plate 2



offset ovp.



inverted ovp. sheet „a”



shifted ∇
column 10



Pair from columns 9-10 on cover, one without overprint (Biró M. 10 pcs.)

Debrecen I. – plate 2



inverted ovp. sheet „b” on cover

Debrecen I. – plate 2



shifted ↘



shifted ↘ ↘



shifted ↘



inverted sheet „a”



shifted →



shifted ↓



inverted sheet „b”



inverted sheet „c”

Debrecen I. – plate 2



shifted ↓

shifted ↘



shifted ↑

shifted ↙

offset ovp.

Debrecen I. – plate 2



inverted ovp.



sheet „a”



sheet „b”



offset ovp.



shifted ↑



Plate error of the base stamp in word MAGYAR

Debrecen I. – plate 2



sheet „a”



sheet „b” shifted ↓



sheet „c” shifted →



sheet „d”



inverted ovp.



Debrecen I. – plate 2



shifted ↙



new value shifted ←



dappled „e”



double new value



offset ovp. of new value



Debrecen I. – plate 2



inverted sheet „a”



inverted sheet „b”



inverted ovp. + new value



new value shifted ↘



new value shifted ↘ ↙



new value shifted ↗



Ovp. Shifted ↓ new value shifted →

Debrecen I. – plate 2



shifted ↘



„long 45” error, poz.52



„fat 4” error, poz.26 (Flasch D.)

Debrecen I. – plate 2



offset ovp.



shifted →



inverted sheet „a”



inverted sheet „b”



inverted sheet „c”



shifted ↙



shifted ↑



shifted ↗

Debrecen I. – plate 2



shifted ↑

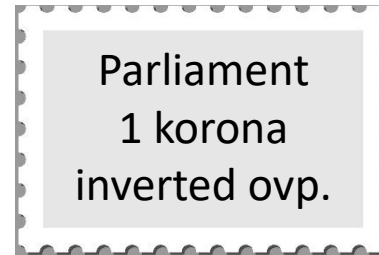


partially missing overprint due to paper fold

Debrecen I. – plate 2



offset ovp.



shifted →



shifted ↓



shifted crosswise



printed 50 pcs



offset ovp.



Debrecen I. – plate 2



inverted ovp.



shifted ↙



offset ovp.



printed 76 pcs



inverted new value



poz. 23

KORNNA error
2 x in each sheet



poz. 79 Z JNA

Debrecen I. – plate 2



inverted ovp.



sheet „a”



sheet „b”



sheet „a”



Karl
15 filler
red ovp.

sheet „b”



offset ovp.



Debrecen I. – plate 2



shifted ↑



sheet „b”



inverted ovp.

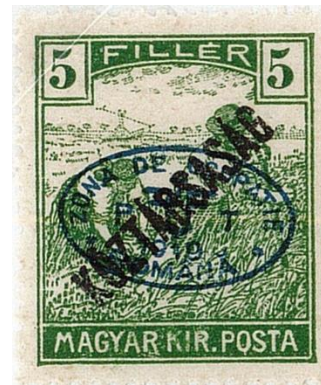


shifted ↓

Debrecen I. – plate 2



inverted ovp.



inverted ovp.



shifted ↙



shifted ↑ ↑



red ink on the back



shifted ↖



shifted crosswise

Debrecen I. – plate 2



shifted ↖



Köztársaság ↖



inverted ovp.



shifted ↗



inverted ovp.
unique piece

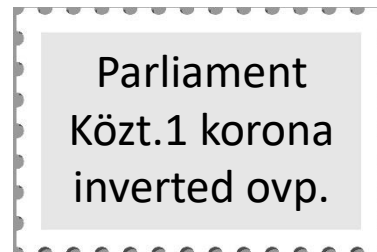


Köztársaság inverted
unique piece

Debrecen I. – plate 2



offset ovp.



Parliament
Közt.1 korona
inverted ovp.



double ovp.



printed 60 pcs



printed 54 pcs



printed 25 pcs

Debrecen I. – plate 2



offset ovp.



shifted ↓



shifted ↗



shifted ↖



missing right numeral



missing left numeral



offset ovp.

Debrecen I. – plate 2



shifted crosswise



shifted ↘



shifted ↗



shifted ↙



shifted ↙



shifted ↓

Debrecen I. – plate 2



shifted ↑



inverted ovp.



offset ovp.



empty oval, poz. 19



shifted ↙



empty oval, poz. 19

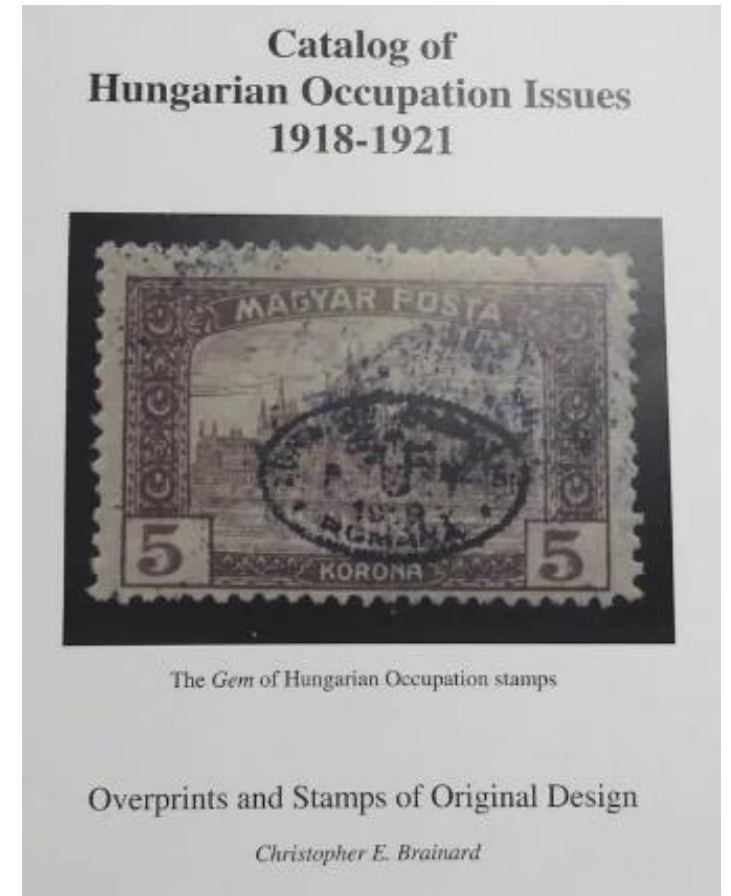
Debrecen I. – plate 2



offset ovp.



Debrecen I. – plate 2



Debrecen I. – plate 2



shifted ←



shifted ↘



shifted ↑



offset ovp.



printed 55 pcs



block "b"



block "c"



printed 100 pcs



printed 40 pcs



offset ovp.



shifted ←



inverted sheet „a"



inverted sheet „b"



double ovp.



Debrecen I. – plate 2



shifted ←



inverted ovp.



inverted ovp. fold



shifted →



shifted ↙



inverted ovp.



inverted sheet „a”



inverted sheet „b”



inverted sheet „c”



trial print 1-3 pcs



Wm. IV, perf.15

11 pcs.



Wm. VII, perf.15

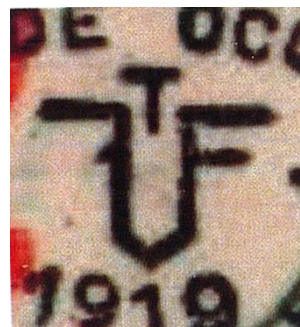
100 pcs.?



Wm. VII, perf.15

100 pcs.?

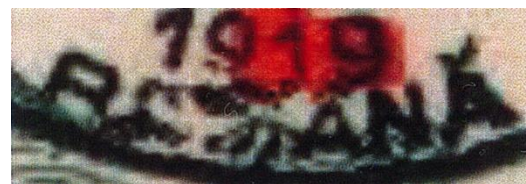
Debrecen I. – plate 2



poz. 91



unique



poz. 70



poz. 90

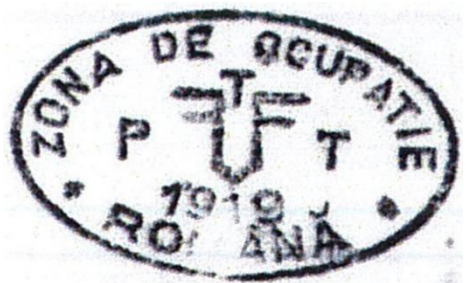
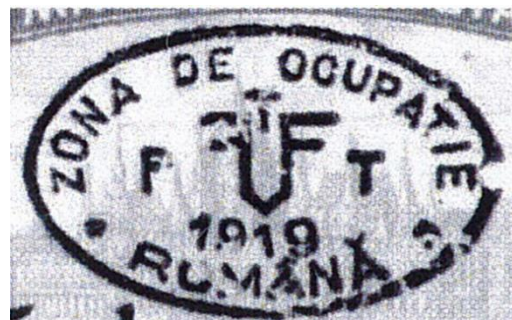
Debrecen I. – plate 2



poz. 62



poz. 19 / 99



poz. 15



poz. 21 / 41



Debrecen II.



Debrecen II.



Debrecen II.



Debrecen I. + II.

CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE:

- Study of the printing plates and their errors – Harvester, Parliament, Postage due; low quantity of remaining entire sheets
- Determination of the print chronology similar to A.B. Szalay's work for 1919 Cluj and Oradea overprints
- Discovery of documents containing the quantities distributed to postal offices after overprinting was finished, and which postal offices they were
- Revising of the known printing runs, unmentioned stamps and new information appeared
- Discovery of some unseen stamps but mentioned by Biró Marcel in his work
- "The Pearl of the crown" Parliament Magyar Posta 5K: was it a block of 15 or not? Still 12 pieces hidden.
- Completion of the Debrecen I. study of shifted overprints mentioned by Dr. Szigeti Lajos in his book
- Watermarks of the Porto 50 filler stamp: are there also other watermarks than III, IV and VIIa?
- Information about forgery types in benefit and protection of collectors community
- Determination of the date of putting into circulation of each value of the Debrecen II. issue
- When run out the Debrecen II. issue at the postal offices? Why are extreme rare the covers in March 1920?
- Publishing the updated Monography of Debrecen 1919 issues

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