

1838

RUSSIAN MAIL

ST. PETERSBURG TO BORDEAUX VIA PRUSSIA
Steamship (Dampfschiff), St. Petersburg to Lubeck



С ПЕТЕРБУРГА
АВГУСТ 8 1838

PP

109 1/2



August 8, 1838 (Julian). Paid letter posted at St. Petersburg and endorsed: p. Dampschiff. Marked PP = Port Payee. Paid at 109½ kopecks, credit to France of 10 decimes, monetary notations on reverse. Letter is marked, "Ohne versingelte Einlage" = without separate enclosure, or a single letter.

Steamship service ran from St. Petersburg (Kronstadt) to Lubeck. Mail went by rail across Prussia to France.



Letter entered France at Givet, marked there with the entry mark showing mail from (or through) Prussia. Exchange office in France also marked A.D.E. = Affranchie de l'etranger jusqu'a destination, i.e., postpaid from abroad to destination.



August 30 (Gregorian). Paris transit backstamp.

Sept. 1. Bordeaux arrival backstamp.

1838

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND"

Type B1: Large "R" = Russland

This handstamp, a large black "R" applied to Russian mail is something of a mystery. A clue lies in that most letters bearing this mark so found were written in 1838, and were handled by the "Navigation des Pyroscaphes", which plied between St. Petersburg and Lubeck.

November 1, 1838. This letter datelined at St. Petersburg, which date co-incides with the sailing date of November 2, 1838 of the last trip of the year of the pyroscaphe "Alexandria", and would seem to further support this theory.



November 1 (Julian), 1838. Receiving backstamp at St. Petersburg.

Nov. 21 (Gregorian), 1838. Arrival date backstamp at Berlin. The large "R" is generally conceded to have been applied at Berlin as one of the first "(Aus) Russland" marks.

1843

RUSSIAN MAIL

ST. PETERSBURG TO BORDEAUX VIA PRUSSIA
Steamboat (Dampfschiff), St. Petersburg to Lubeck

PP

109½

W



С. ПЕТЕРБУРГЪ
ИЮЛ 17 1843

July 17, 1843 (Julian). Paid letter at St. Petersburg, marked Port Payee. Paid at 109½ kopecks, 10 decimes credit to France, numeral notations on reverse.

Letter endorsed: pr Dampfschiff (by Steamship). Steamers ran from St. Petersburg to Lubeck. Letter marked, "Ohne versingelte Einlage", no enclosure to qualify as a single rated letter,

Aug. 9 (Gregorian). French entry mark showing mail entering France from Prussia at Givet. A.E.D. = Affranchie de l'etranger jusqu'a destination, i.e., postpaid from abroad to destination. Aug. 12. Bordeaux arrival backstamp.

1845

RUSSIAN MAIL

ST. PETERSBURG TO FRANCE

A.E.D. Mark = Affranchie
à l'étranger jusqu'à
destination.

ST. PETERSBURG.

DEH 3. MAR. 1845.

March 3/15, 1845.
Letter posted paid
at St. Petersburg.

PP

P P equivalent to
"Postage Paid to
Destination". Also
inscribed franco =
Paid.



noel 1501

March 26, 1845.
Entry mark at Givet,
France showing mail
incoming from (or
through) Prussia.
Noel 1009. Also
marked by the French
Exchange Bureau
A.E.D. = Affranchie
à l'étranger jusqu'à
destination or "For-
eign paid to destina-
tion".



March 28. Bordeaux
receipt backstamp.

1846

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

C.R.p.P. = Correspondance
Russe par Prusse.

This "C.R.p.P." mark may be found on mail out of Russia clearing through the railway center at Aachen.

ST PETERSBURG
DEC. 7. JAN. 1846

C.R.p.P.

Mail marked at Aachen with this scarce handstamp indicating "Russian correspondence by way of Prussia". One sometimes sees this accompanied by an "Aus Russland", Type B5.

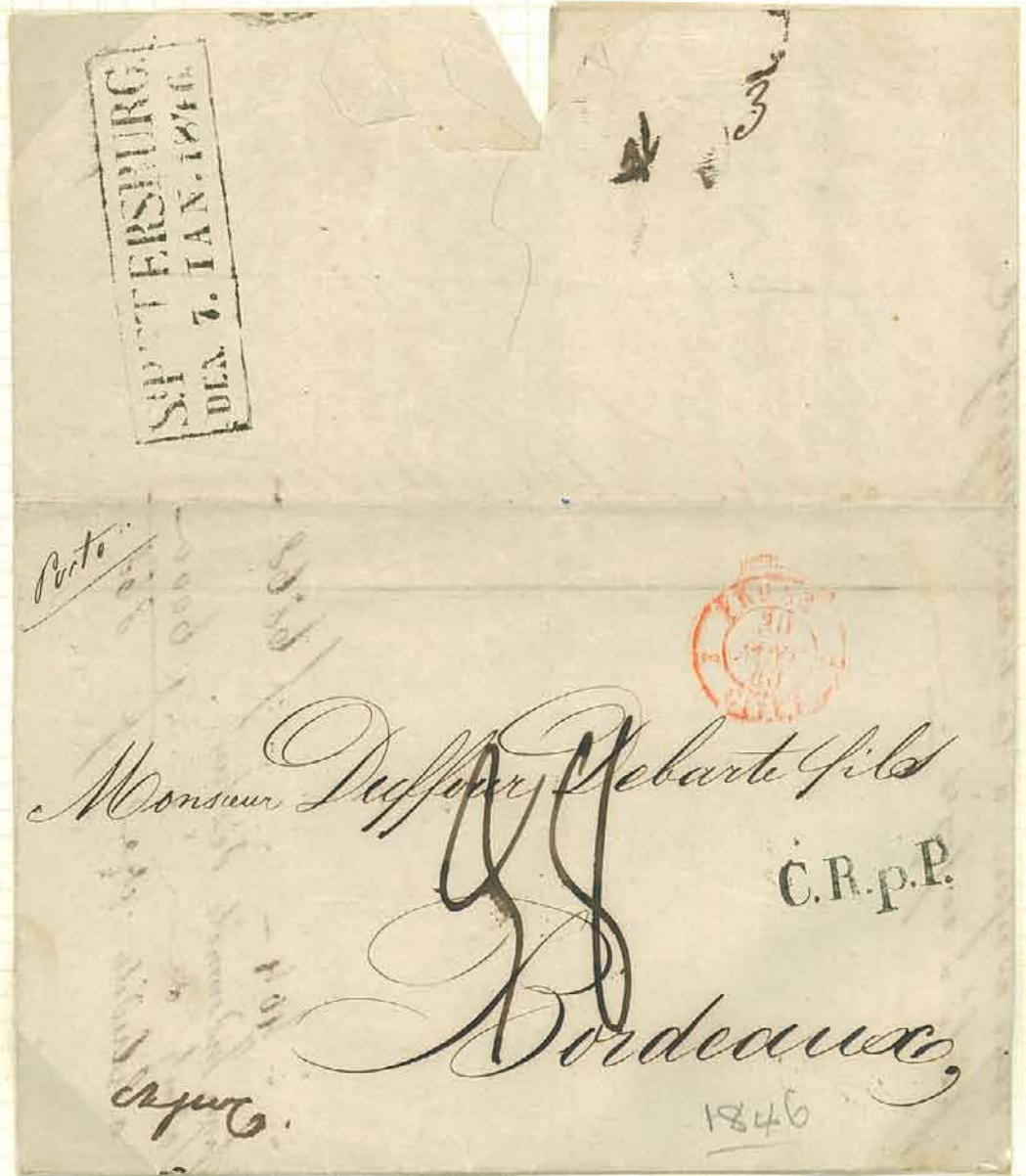
Jan. 7 (Julian), 1848.
Letter posted "Porto" or unpaid at St. Petersburg.



Jan. 30 (Gregorian). French entry mark, Noel 1009, struck at entry town of Givet, showing mail entering from Prussia.



Feb. 1. Bordeaux receipt backstamp.



1843

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type RF 3

FRANCO-TOUT

This AUS RUSSLAND/FRANCO-TOUT (Paid All) mark appears in May 1842 after transfer of the frontier office from Memel 60 miles southeast to the border town of Laugszargen, near Tilsit. Struck in black, it is invariably accompanied by a backstamp of Tilsit, although occasionally after May 1845 with the backstamp of Tauroggen.

MOSCOU
1843 Mar 30

March 30 (Julian), 1843;
(April 11 Gregorian). Letter posted at Moscow to Wohlen in Switzerland.

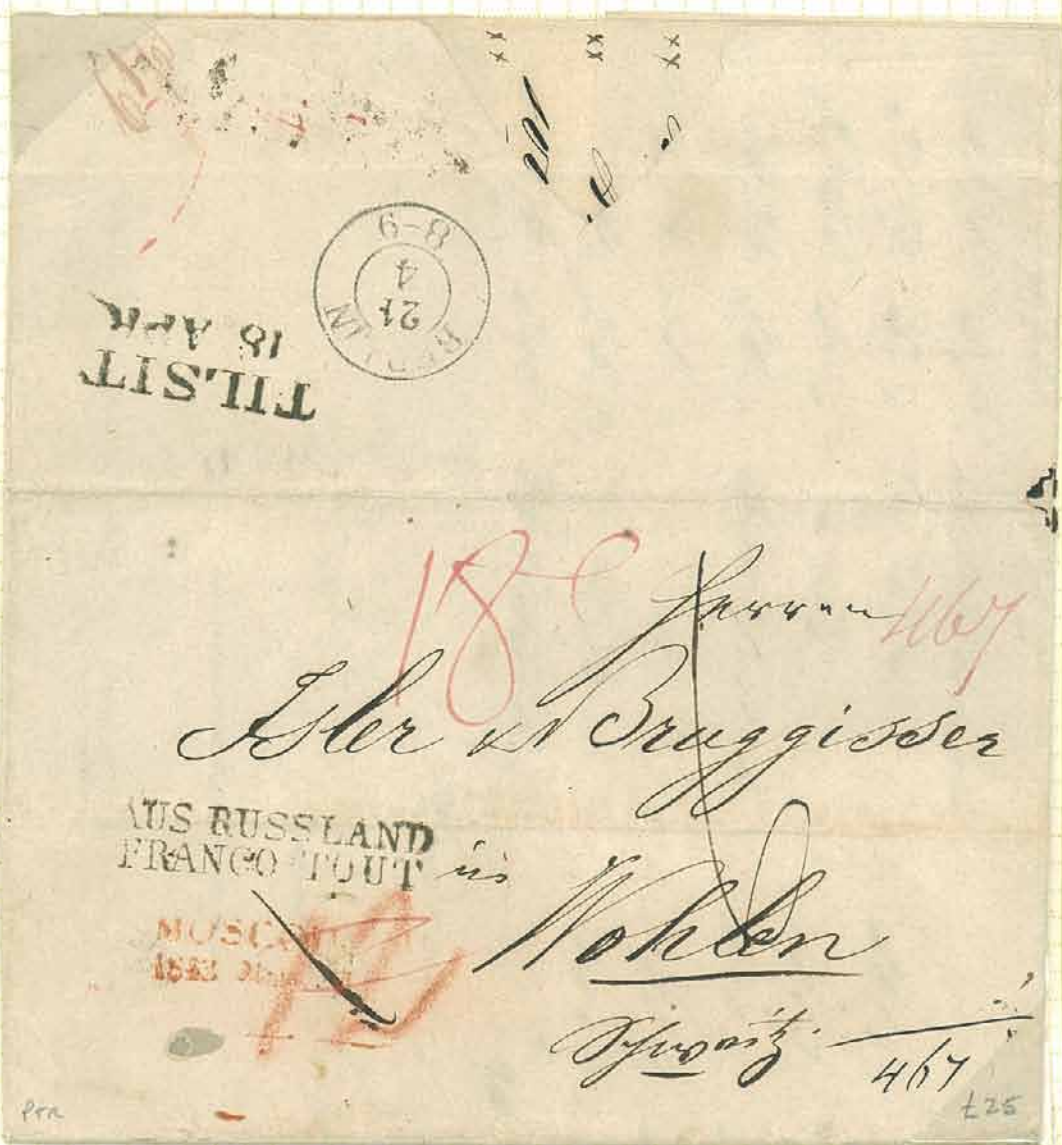
TILSIT
18 APR

AUS RUSSLAND
FRANCO-TOUT

April 18 (Gregorian). Letter entered Germany via Tilsit at Laugszargen (see above) where it was struck with the scarce RF-3 mark (Russian Frontier).



April 24.
Berlin transit backstamp.



1849

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type B3

B3 was struck in black, and often (though not always) with a Berlin backstamp, leading some to believe this is a Berlin mark. However, a cover in this collection, and bearing a B3 handstamp, was mailed from a southern Russian city, has no Berlin backstamp, and undoubtedly was handled over a more southern route across Europe, never nearing Berlin!



S^tPETERSBURG
 DEB 25.MAR.1849

AUS RUSSLAND
FRANCO

P.D.

BERLIN
 12 4

March 25, 1849 (Julian). A New Year Day mark at St. Petersburg, as in the Julian calendar the year begins on March 25!

April 12 (Gregorian). Type B3 "AUS RUSSLAND" mark. FRANCO = PAID. Backstamp transit at Berlin.



April 15, 1849. French entry mark (Noel 1021) showing mail entered France from Prussia at Valenciennes. 3's indicate this mark was struck at Paris. Dirty red here, this mark normally orange-red.

April 17, 1849. Bordeaux receipt backstamp.

1848

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type B3



ST. PETERSBURG.
 DEK 9 OCT. 1848.

October 9, 1848 (Julian).
 Receipt backstamp for pre-
 paid letter to France at St.
 Petersburg.

AUS RUSSLAND
 FRANCO

P.D.

BERLIN
 27 10

October 27 (Gregorian). Transit German
 AUS RUSSLAND paid mark, letter paid to
 destination (P.D.). Transit backstamp at
 Berlin. Usual presence of these Berlin
 backstamps leave some to feel that the
 Type B3 "Aus Russland" is a Berlin mark.



October 30, 1848. Entry
 mark showing mail from Prussia
 entering France at Valenciennes.
 3's denote red mark struck at
 Paris. Noel 1021.



November 1, 1848.
 Bordeaux receipt
 backstamp

1848

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type B3

S^t. PETERSBURG
DEN 3. JUL. 1848

BERLIN
21 7



Messieurs
Schröder & Schyler & Co
franco tout P.D.
AUS RUSSLAND
FRANCO
Bordeaux

Franco tout
(Paid all)



N.1021

S^t. PETERSBURG
DEN 7. AUG. 1848

Messieurs
Schröder & Schyler & Co
Franco P.D.
AUS RUSSLAND
FRANCO
Bordeaux

BERLIN
25 8



Franco
(Paid)



1849

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type B3



ТАГАНРОГЪ.
6 АПРѢА. 1849

AUS RUSSLAND
FRANCO

P.D.

April 6, 1849 (Julian).
Taganrock (Taganrog), southern
Ukrainian town on the Sea of Azov.
Prepaid letter.

Type B3 "Aus Russland" marking. This mail,
originating much further south than the usual
northern mail (St. Petersburg) that bears
this mark. Also no Berlin transit mark, as
this letter obviously did not go that far
north.



May 16, 1849. (Gregorian).
Entry mark in France from
Belgium at Valenciennes.
Noel 625. 3's show this
mark was struck at Arras,
France.

May 18, 1849. Bordeaux
arrival backstamp. Letter
was prepaid in Russia.

1848

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type B3

STPETERSBURG.
DEC 24 IAN. 1848.

P.D.

Jan. 24, 1848. (Old).
Letter unpaid at St.
Petersburg. P.D. =
Paid to Destination.

AUS RUSSLAND
FRANCO

BERLIN
11 2

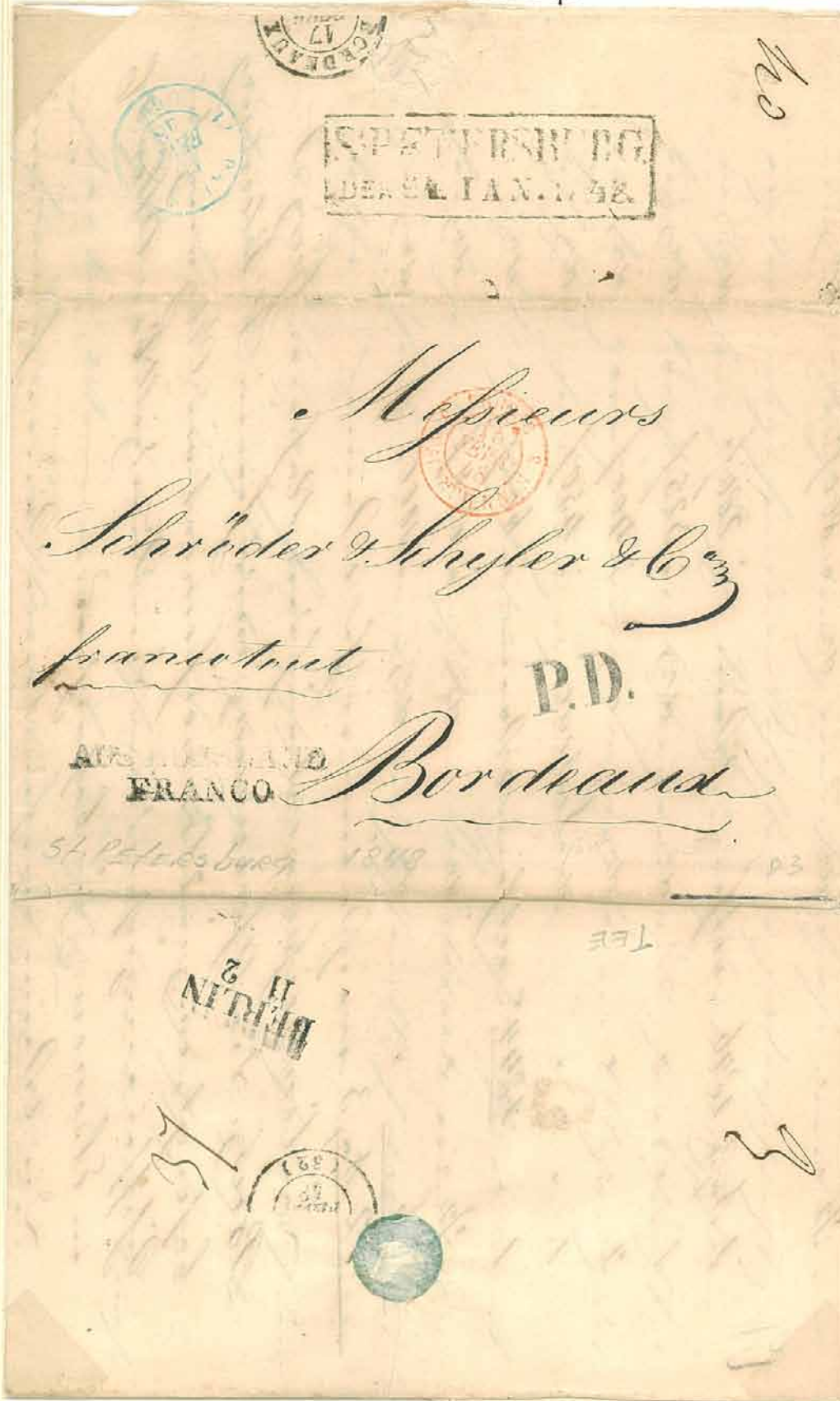
Feb. 11 (Gregorian).
Type B3 "Aus Russ-
land" marking and
typical Berlin trans-
sit backstamp.



Feb. 15. French
entry mark at Val-
enciennes showing
mail arriving from
Prussia. 3's show
mark struck at Paris.
Noel 1021.



Feb. 15-17. Paris
transit and Bordeaux
arrival backstamps.



1845

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type B4

Type B4 is a straight line type and is found on unpaid mail, usually accompanied by a Berlin backstamp. The AUS is considerably smaller than the RUSSLAND. Some consider this the B2: FRANCO/AUS RUSSLAND with the FRANCO cut away. Type B4 is found from 1844 till January 1846 (mail coach period) and from early 1848 to October 1849 (railroad period.)



MOSCOW
1845 Iuin 19

BERLIN
10 JULI. AUSRUSSLAND

June 19, 1845 (old). Unpaid letter posted at Moscow. It is datelined at Moscow 19/2 July 1845, reflecting the old/new calendar dates.

July 10 (new). Transit backstamp at Berlin. This cover shows an exceptionally clear strike of the type B4.

NÜRNBERG
13 JUL. 1845 IX



July 13. Nurnberg arrival marks. Auslage = Distribution Office.

1849

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

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ПІТА
22/ЮНБ 1849

June 22 (Julian) or July 4 (Gregorian,) 1849. Letter posted unpaid at Riga, Latvia. It concerns an account for wood for ship building.



July 11. French entry mark showing mail from Prussia entering France at Valenciennes.

BERLIN
8 7

July 8 (Gregorian). Transit backstamp at Berlin. This cover shows the usual fine strike of this short-lived type B4. Letter docket notes: Riga 22/4 Juillet, reflecting both the "old" and "new" dates.



July 13. Bordeaux arrival backstamp. 40 decimes due from recipient for an unpaid letter.

1854

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type CV5

Aus Russland, boxed 39 x 10 mm, type CV5, is found from June 1854 on mail of two kinds: covers sent by sea to such (northern) ports as Stettin or Lubeck, and on covers which "swamped" other offices and were forwarded to be handled on the "Coeln-Verviers" railway mail cars.



PORTO

Aus Russland

July 22, 1854 (Julian).
Receipt backstamp at
Moscow.

Letter is un-
paid and PORTO =
"unpaid".

German transit, Aus
Russland, CV5, mark.



August 11, 1854.
French entry mark
showing mail from
Prussia entering
France at Valen-
ciennes. Noel 1022.



M

August 11.
Paris arriv-
al backstamp.
14 decimes
due from
recipient.

1853

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type CV 5

Coeln - Verviers Route

Type CV5: Aus Russland, boxed 39 x 10 mm. Type CV5 = Coeln to Verviers railway mail car handling. Normal color as here in orange-red.



Porto.

Letter dated 10/22 July 1853 at Odessa. Backstamp. Marked as unpaid (Porto).

Aus Russland

Coeln.
3074
Verviers.

July 30 (Gregorian). Aus Russland (From Russia) mark and dated backstamp of the Coeln-Verviers T.P.O.



July 31. French entry mark showing mail from Prussia entering at Valenciennes. 3's = mark struck at Paris.

July 31. Paris transit backstamp.

Aug. 2. Marseille arrival backstamp.

1853

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type CV5

Coeln-Verviers Route



Porto.



Coeln
5.12.3
Verviers

13/25 November 1853. Letter datelined at Odessa showing two dates of the old/new calendars. Backstamped Unpaid (Porto) at Odessa.

"Aus Russland" mark of the Type CV5 peculiar to the Coeln-Verviers T.P.O.

Dec. 5. Transit backstamp of the Coeln-Verviers T.P.O.



Dec. 6. Entry mark showing mail from Prussia entering at Valenciennes, France.



Dec. 6. Paris arrival backstamp. (7th delivery).

M

14 decimes rate due. This is the earlier 15 grams rate. After Prussia reduced transit charges in 1858 this became 11 decimes. Note "Par Varsovie" directs letter by way of Warsaw.

1854, 1855

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings
Unpaid Letters to France

Type CV5
Coeln - Verviers Route

1854
ST PETERSBOURG
VIII
2

PRUSSE
21
AOUT
54
VALENCIENNES

PARIS
21
AOUT 5
54
(60)

BORDEAUX
22
AOUT
54
(32)

Aus Russland



MOSCOU
JUIL 30
1855

PORTO

PRUSSE
24
AOUT
55
VALENCIENNES

PARIS A BORDEAUX
21
AOUT
55
B

1854 - 55

RUSSIAN MAIL

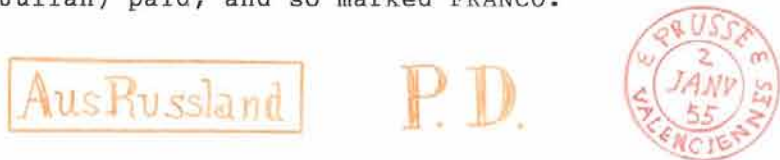
"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type CV 5
"Franco" Mail

"AUS RUSSLAND", boxed 39 x 10mm. Designated CV5 = Coeln-Verviers railway mail car handling.

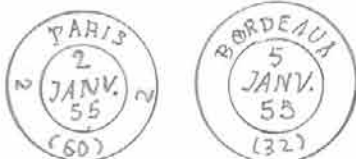


December 8 (Julian or "old" calendar,) 1854. Letter headed 8/20 Decr. 1854, Moscou. Dec. 20 reflects the "new" or Gregorian calendar. It was put into the mail at Moscow on December 8 (Julian) paid, and so marked FRANCO.



German entry mark aboard the Coeln-Verviers mail car. P.D. = payee au destination.

January 2, 1855. French entry mark showing mail entering France at Valenciennes. 3's show mark was struck at Paris.



January 2. Paris transit backstamp.
January 3. Arrival backstamp at Bordeaux.

1855

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type CV5

"Franco" Mail



A letter dated at St. Petersburg as: May 10/22, reflecting the Julian/Gregorian dates.

May 10 (Julian), 1855. A letter paid ("fco" at lower left) at St. Petersburg at a double rate, "2" upper left, at 20 kopecks.



Aus Russland

Type CV5, 39 x 10 mm. Aus Russland mark used as a German entry/ transit mark aboard the Coeln-Verviers T.P.O.



N.1021

P.D.

May 30 (Gregorian). French entry mark showing mail from Prussia (PRUSSE) entering France at the border town of Valenciennes. 3's show this mark was struck at Paris. The French marked the bold P.D. or Payee au Destination.



May 30. Paris arrival backstamp.

1856

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type CV 5

"Porto" Mail

French Rates of July 1, 1853

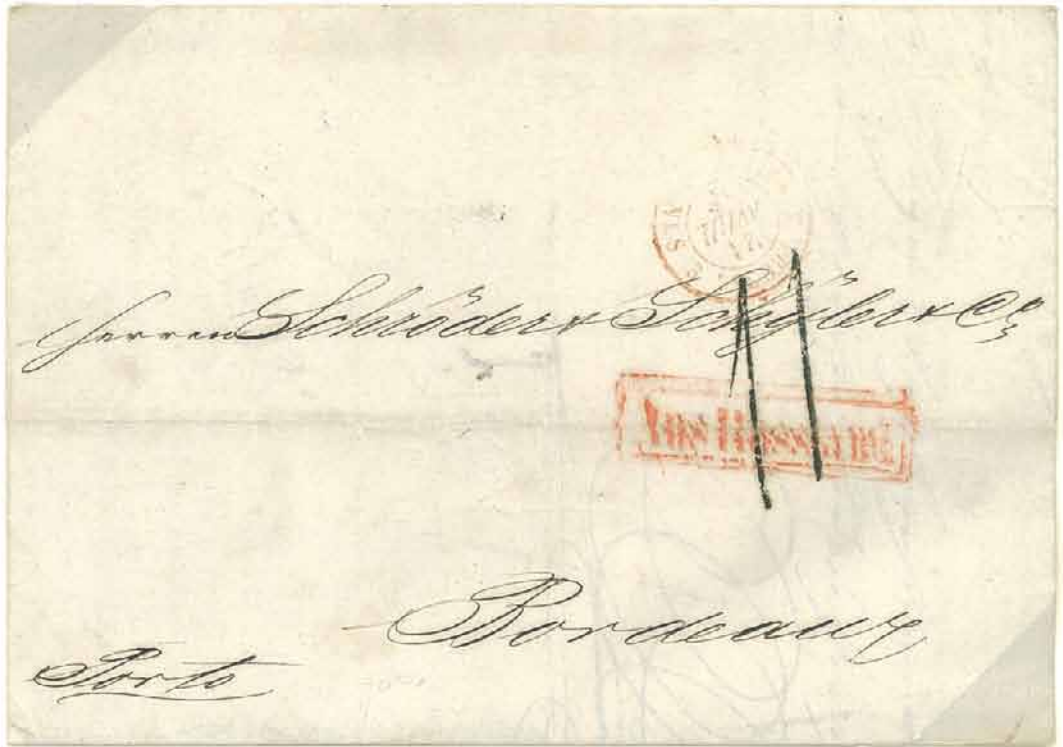
Under 7½ grams	1.10 fr.
7½ to 15 grams	1.40 fr.
15 to 22½ grams	2.40 fr.



Aus Russland

March 31 (Julian), 1856. Unpaid letter posted at St. Petersburg.

Type CV5, 39 x 10 mm. Aus Russland mark used as a German entry/transit mark aboard the Coeln-Verviers T.P.O.



11

April 21 (Gregorian). French entry mark, mail from Prussia (PRUSSE) entering France at the border town of Valenciennes. The small 3's show this mark was struck at Paris. Same day Paris transit backstamp. The under 7½ grams rate from Russia of 1.10 francs was assessed, expressed as 11 decimes.

April 21. Paris to Bordeaux T.P.O. transit backstamp, day train (octagonal center.)

April 22. Bordeaux arrival backstamp.

1856

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type CV 5

"Porto" Mail

French Rates of July 1, 1853

Under 7½ grams	1.10 fr.
7½ to 15 grams	1.40 fr.
15 to 22.5 grams	2.40 fr.



Nov. 9 (Julian) 1856. Unpaid letter posted at St. Petersburg, backstamp.



Type CV5, 39 x 10 mm. Aus Russland mark used as a German entry/transit mark aboard the Coeln-Verviers T.P.O.



November 29 (Gregorian). French entry mark, mail from Prussia (PRUSSE) entering France at Valenciennes, Paris transit mark the same day. This letter was subject to the 7½ to 15 grams rate of 1 franc 40 centimes, expressed as 14 decimes, shown by the medieval script handstamp.



M

November 29. Paris to Bordeaux transit backstamp, night train (circular center.)

November 30. Bordeaux receipt backstamp.

1856

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type CV5

"Porto" Mail

French Rates of July 1, 1853

Rates on mail from Russia via Prussia were set at:

Under	7½ grams	1.10 fr.
	7½ to 15 grams	1.40 fr.
	15 to 22½ grams	2.40 fr.



Nov. 23 (Julian), 1856.
Unpaid letter posted at St. Petersburg.



Type CV5, 39 x 10mm. Aus
Russland mark used as entry/transit mark
aboard the Coeln-Verviers T.P.O.

December 1-2 (Gregorian). French
entry mark, mail from Prussia enter-
ing France at Valenciennes. Transit
to Bordeaux December 2.

Letter was subject to the under 7½
grams rate at 1 franc 10 centimes coll-
ect, equivalent to 11 decimes as shown
by the "11" charge mark.

Rate paid or unpaid was the same.



11



1856

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type CV 5

"Porto" Mail

French Rates of July 1, 1853

Rates on mail from Russia via Prussia was set at:

Under 7½ grams	1.10 fr.
7½ to 15 grams	1.40 fr.
15 to 22½ grams	2.40 fr.



Oct. 26, 1856. (Julian). Unpaid letter posted at St. Petersburg, backstamp.

Aus Russland

Type CV5, 39 x 10mm. Aus Russland mark used as entry/transit mark into Prussia aboard the Coeln-Verviers T.P.O.



M

Nov. 15-16 (Gregorian). French entry mark, mail from Prussia entering France at Valenciennes. Transit to Bordeaux Nov. 16. Mail subject to double rate (noted by "2", upper left) 7½ to 15 grams at 1fr.40cent. or 14 decimes, shown by the handstamp. Rate paid or unpaid was the same.

1857

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type CV5

"Porto" Mail



PORTO

Aus Russland



April 18 (Julian) 1857. Backstamp at St. Petersburg. Letter unpaid. PORTO = Unpaid.

Type CV5 Aus Russland mark used as an entry/transit mark aboard the Coeln-Verviers T.P.O.

May 7 (Gregorian) French entry mark (Noel 1022) in blue showing mail from Prussia entering at Valenciennes.



11

May 7-8, 1857. Paris to Bordeaux transit backstamps. 11 decimes, Russian rate, due.

1858

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type CV 5

"Franco" Mail



Jan. 24, 1858 (Julian or "old" calendar) Letter paid (franco in mss.).

Aus Russland (From Russia) mark applied aboard the Coeln-Verviers T.P.O. Here in red-orange, it also exists in a magenta shade. P.D. = Payee au Destination.



Feb. 12 (Gregorian or "new" calendar), French entry mark showing mail from Prussia entering at Valenciennes.

Feb. 12. Paris transit and Paris to Bordeaux "Ambulant" backstamps. 1st Section, Brigade A.

Feb. 13. Bordeaux receipt backstamp.

1864

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type CV5

"Franco" Mail

Aus Russland, boxed 39x10 mm. designated Type CV5, CV = Coeln-Verviers railway mail car handling. Normally struck in orange-red, here it shows up in purple.



June 17 (Julian) equivalent to June 28 (Gregorian), 1864. Moscow receiving backstamp. Marked in mms. on face "franco" = paid.

Aus Russland

P.D

German entry-transit mark aboard Coeln-Verviers mail car, unusual in magenta. P.D = paid to destination, also struck here in same shade of magenta.



July 4 (New) French entry mark at Paris showing mail entering France from Prussia at Erquelines on the French-Belgian border.



July 4-5. Paris transit and Bordeaux receipt backstamps.



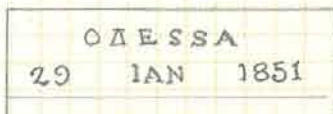
1851

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 1.

Type Ry1: AUS RUSSLAND (in a serrated box, 34 x 9 mm.)

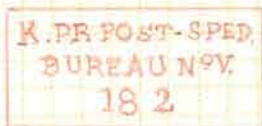


Porto

Jan. 29 (Julian), 1851. Letter posted unpaid at Odessa, backstamp.

Feb. 18 (Gregorian) Backstamp aboard the Berlin-Breslau Travelling Post Office.

Type Ry 1. Seldom seen Aus Russland of the serrated edge type, most certainly applied aboard the T.P.O.



Feb. 18. Speditions Bureau No. V, based at Breslau. Organized in March 1849.

Feb. 22. French entry mark, Noel 1021, 3's show mark struck at Paris. Valenciennes was French border exchange. Prusse = Prussia.

Feb. 24. Bordeaux receipt backstamp. 20 decimes due.

c.1860

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings
Myszkow, Poland to Germany

Type Ry 2

Type Ry 2: AUS RUSSLAND in a serrated box, 34 x 10½ mm.



March 12, 1860 (Julian). Letter posted paid (FRANCO) at Myszkow in Southern Poland on the Warta River. It was directed via Posen, a Polish railway center in Western Poland.



March 13 (Gregorian). Backstamped aboard the TPO of the Breslau to Myslowitz German RR line, return, i.e., from Myslowitz to Breslau, thus letter did not go via Posen. The Type Ry 2 AUS RUSSLAND is a very scarce mark. Its color is the same as the TPO backstamp which would seem to indicate it was struck aboard the mail car.



March 14. German receiving backstamp. AUSG. = Ausgabe (delivery).

1856

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 3

The plain lower-case "Aus Russland" types are not particularly common, and pose several problems to the postal historian. They occur in red or black on paid and unpaid mail from 1856 to 1864, and may have been applied at several different offices.



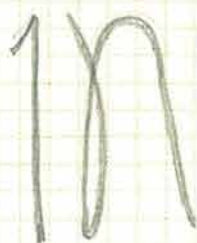
Oct. 25/ Nov. 6, 1856. Letter posted at St. Petersburg. Porto = unpaid.

Aus Russland

German entry mark "From Russia" Railway Type 3, 34 x 5 1/2 mm.



Oct. 31, 1856. French entry mark at Valenciennes on the Belgian border, Noel 1021, struck at Paris.



French marked mail due 14 decimes. This is the earlier 15 grams rate. After Prussia reduced transit charge in 1858, this rate became 11 decimes.



Oct. 31, 1856. RR transit and Paris transit backstamps. Nov. 1. Bordeaux receipt backstamp.

ca1858

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Marks
TVER TO GERMANY

Type Ry 3
34 x 5½mm.



September 20, ca. 1858 (Julian).
 Receiving backstamp at Tver, capitol
 of Tver province on the Volga and
 joined by the Tvertsa, 90 miles N.W.
 of Moscow. It is on the highroad
 between Moscow and St. Petersburg,
 and is an entrepôt for corn from the
 South district for the capitol. This
 aspliniform oval postmark is seldom seen.

Aus Russland

FRANCO

KOENIGSBG.
 8 10-II.
 MARIENBG.

October 8 (Gregorian). Letter entered Germany and
 noted from Russia :Aus Russland", Type Ry3. Backstamp
 aboard the Koenigsberg to Marienberg T.P.O. (railway
 mail car.)



October 12 (circa). German
 arrival backstamp.

1858

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 3

This rather uncommon Type Ry3 in black appears mostly on mail sent by merchant houses in St. Petersburg and the Baltic States by steamer to North German ports. Most bear the backstamp of the Minden-Deutz T.P.O. and are endorsed to Baltic steamers.

This 1858 letter is endorsed: via Stetten p Dampfboot = via Stetten per steamship. The covers backstamped aboard the Minden-Deutz T.P.O. entered at Lubeck. This letter is endorsed :via Stetten" so entered Germany farther east and did not travel on the Minden-Deutz rail line.



Aus Russland
franco

July 19, 1858 (Julian). Letter paid at St. Petersburg in cash to France and directed via Stetten per steamship of the Baltic Line. St. Petersburg backstamp.



P.D.



August 5 (Gregorian). French entry mark, mail from Prussia entering France at Valenciennes. 3's show that this mark was struck at Paris.

August 5. Paris transit backstamp and Paris to Lyon T.P.O. mark, day train (octagonal center).



August 6. Montpellier arrival backstamp. No charge mark, letter fully paid all the way.

1858

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 3

The plain lower-case "Aus Russland" is not particularly common. Earlier covers usually in black are often characterized by manuscript endorsements directing the letter via Baltic Sea steamers. They are believed to be mail sent by merchant houses in St. Petersburg and the Baltic States by steamer to North German ports. They are usually backstamped aboard the Minden-Deutz T.P.O.



Aus Russland MINDEN
FRANCO 23 8 II
DEUTZ

August 6, 1858. (Julian). A letter paid in cash posted St. Petersburg, backstamp FRANCO = PAID. It is endorsed: Via Lubeck p Dampfboot. This was to indicate

routing by steamer to the port city of Lubeck. Sometime in the 1850's the rail line was extended north from Luneburg to Lubeck to connect with the T.P.O. between Minden and Deutz.

August 23 (Gregorian). Minden to Deutz T.P.O. backstamp.



P.D.

August 23. French entry mark, ambulant, night train, showing mail from Prussia entering France at Erquelines. French marked letter P.D. (Payee au Destination.)

August 24. Paris transit backstamp and T.P.O. Paris to Lyon, day train (octagonal center.)



August 25. Arrival backstamp at Montpellier.

1864

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

P-Numeral, P.33

Type Ry 3

Railway: Königsburg to

Bromberg T.P.O.

Double rated letter - unpaid

KÖNIGSBERG Pk
102 II
BROMBERG



January 28,
1864 (Julian).
St. Petersburg
receiving back-
stamp.

Porto.

Letter mark-
ed on face in
mms. "Porto"
and restated
by handstamp=
Unpaid.

Aus Russland.

German entry
mark, Railway
Type 3 showing
mail entering
from Russia.

P. 33.

Prussian Account-
ancy mark P(Prussia)
with number of art-
icle allowing Prus-
sia 77.5 centimes
per 15 grams of mail.
Single rate was 11
decimes due.



Feb. 12-13. French entry and
transit stamps.

Double rated
letter, 11x2=
22 decimes due,
stamped in
mediaeval
script.



1863

RUSSIAN MAIL

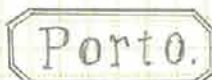
"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

P-Numeral, P. 33.

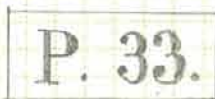
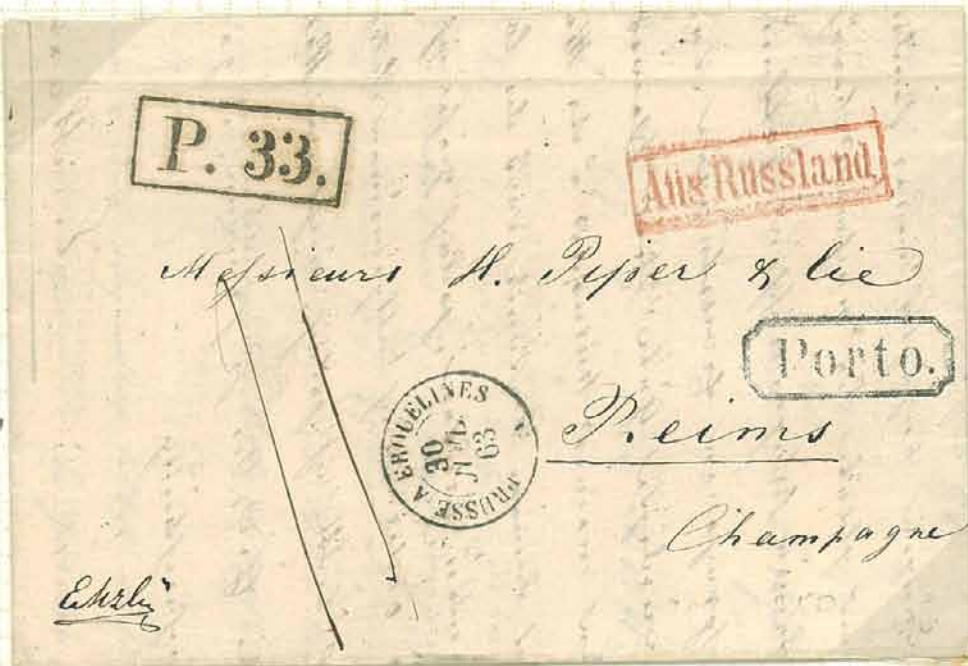
Type Ry 4

Railway: Königsberg to
Bromberg T.P.O.

Type Ry4: Aus Russland (lower-case), boxed 34 x 10 mm.
Normally struck in red, rarely in black, on unpaid mail,
Königsberg to Bromberg T.P.O., but from mid-1862 strikes
of the Eydtkuhnen-Bromberg T.P.O. (which ran via Königsberg)
frequently appear.



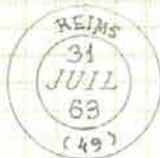
July 15, 1863 ("old"
date). Letter posted
unpaid at St. Peters-
burg, backstamp.
Porto = Unpaid.



Aus Russland (From
Russia) German mark.
P.33 = Prussian Ac-
countancy mark, 2nd
Account, for charge to
France of 77.5 centimes
per 15 grams bulk mail.

KÖNIGSBERG Pr.
287 II
BROMBERG

July 29 ("new" date)
Königsberg to Brom-
berg T.P.O. transit
backstamp.



July 31. Reims
arrival backstamp.
11 decimes due.



July 30. French
entry ambulant mark
(Noel 1035) night
train, Prussia by
Erquelines.

1864

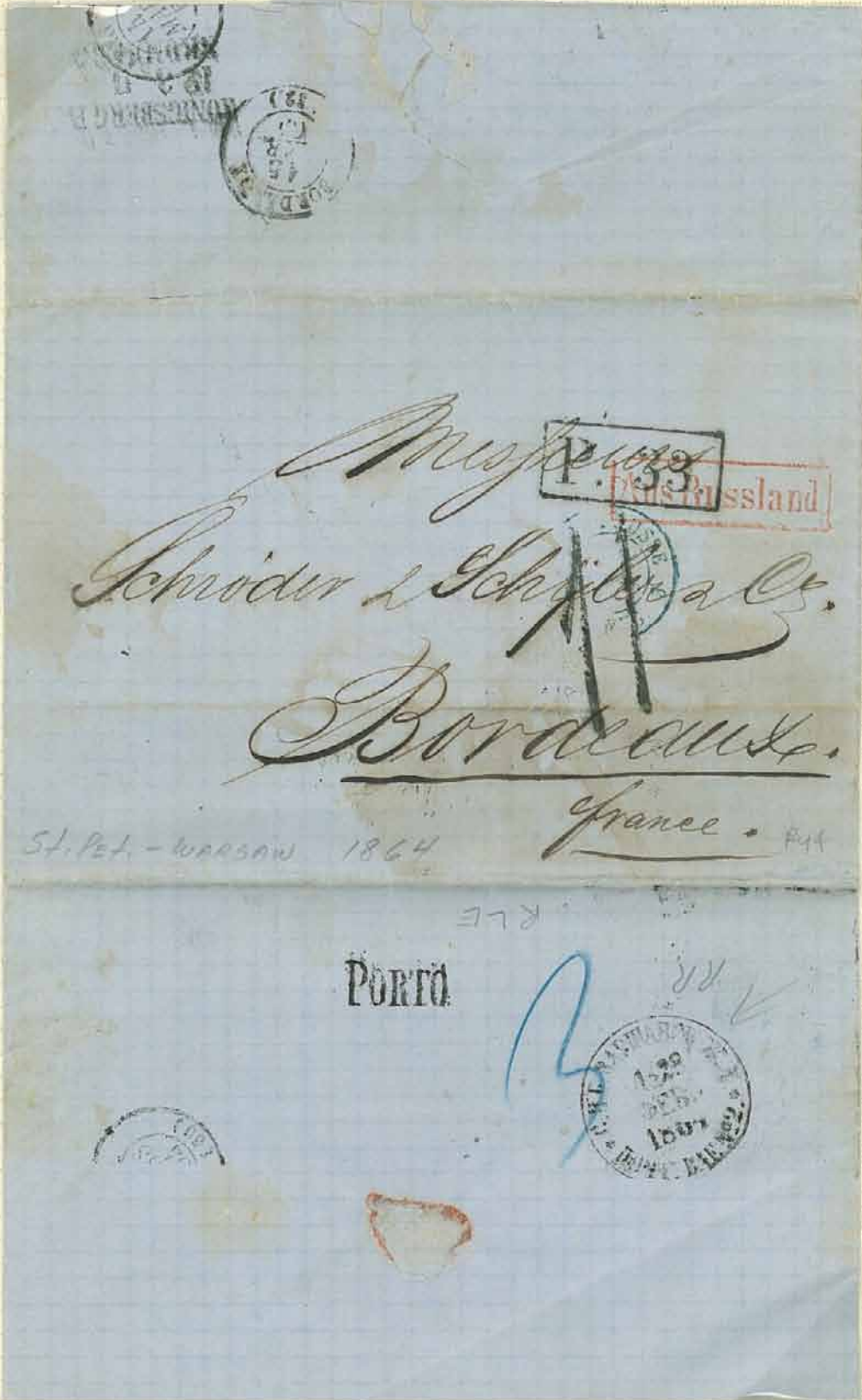
RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 4

P-Numeral, P.33.

Railway: Königsberg to Bromberg T.P.O.



1864

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings
P-Numeral, P.33.

Type Ry 4
Railway: Königsberg to
Bromberg T.P.O.

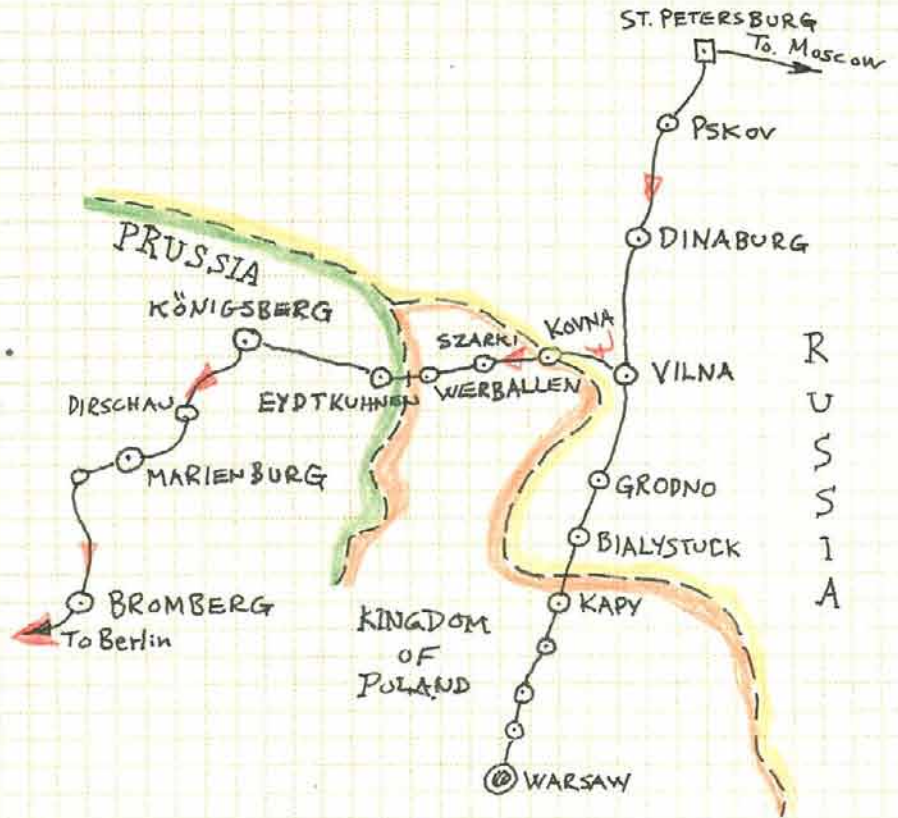


PORTO

Feb. 28 (Julian), 1864.
Railway marking aboard
St. Petersburg to Warsaw
T.P.O. Postal Wagon No.
2. Unpaid (Porto).

KONIGSBERG Pr.
12 3 II
BROMBERG

March 12 (Gregorian).
Backstamp aboard the
Königsberg to Bromberg
T.P.O. (See map).



Aus Russland

P. 33.



"Aus Russland" (from Russia) mark
Type Ry4 is found only on unpaid mail
from 1858-65.

P.33 Accountancy mark for mail
for France from Russia through
Prussia. France paid Prussia
77.5 centimes per 15 grams weight.

March 13. French entry
mark showing mail entering
France from Prussia at
Erquelines. 3's show mark
struck at Paris.



March 14-15.
Paris transit
and Bordeaux
receipt back-
stamps.



Single rate,
11 decimes, due.
Handstamp.

1865

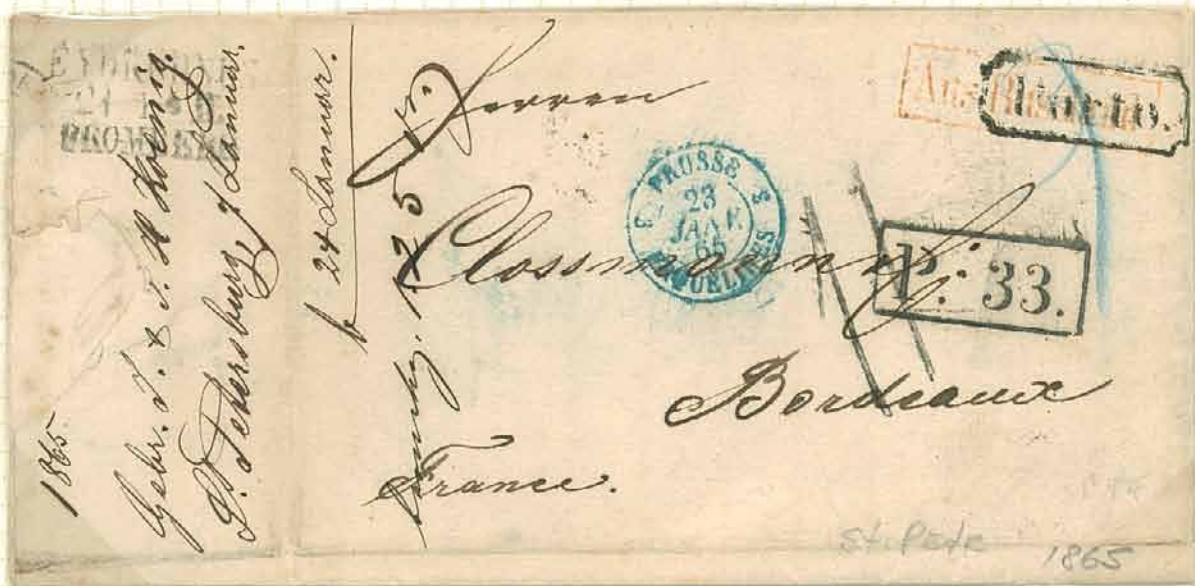
RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

P-Numeral, P.33.

Type Ry 4

Railway: Eydkuhnen to Bromberg T.P.O.

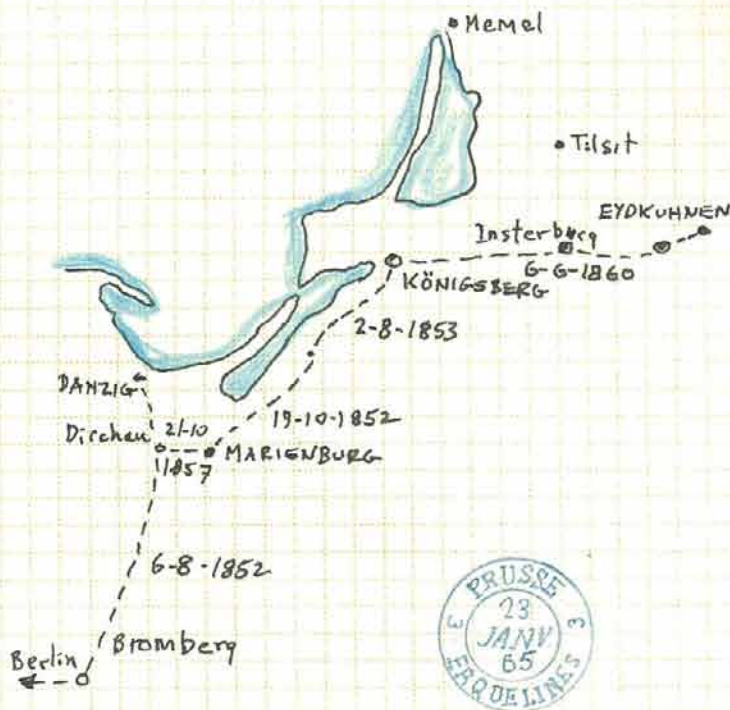


Porto

January 8, 1865. (Julian). Letter unpaid at St. Petersburg, backstamp. Porto = Unpaid.

EYDKUHNEN
21 1 11
BROMBERG

Jan. 21 (Gregorian). RR backstamp, see route at right, Eydkuhnen to Bromberg.



Aus Russland

P. 33.

"Aus Russland" mark Type Ry 4 found only on unpaid mail from 1858-65.

P33 = Accountancy Mark on mail for France from Russia through Prussia.

Jan. 23. Entry mark showing mail entering France from Prussia at Erquelines. 3's show mark struck at Paris.

1856

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 5

Type Ry 5: AUS RUSSLAND, boxed, 34 x 10mm. An unpaid mail mark found on the Breslau-Berlin T.P.O., 1855-1873.



Porto.

April 27/May 9, 1856. Letter datelined at Odessa, Russia, showing both the "old" or Julian date of April 27 and the "new" or Gregorian date of May 9. Backstamped with the script type handstamp Porto = unpaid.



BRESLAU
16 5 III
BERLIN



May 16 (Gregorian). Type Ry5 German mark showing mail "From Russia." Small letters (3mm.) straight line transit backstamp of the Breslau to Berlin T.P.O.

May 19. French entry mark showing mail from Prussia (Prusse) entering France at Valenciennes.



May 19. Paris transit backstamp.

May 20. Paris to Lyon T.P.O. backstamp, 1st Section, Brigade F handled the mail. Day train, shown by the octagonal center. 14 decimes due from the recipient.

M

1868-69

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 5

BRESLAU to BERLIN T.P.O.



Dec. 20, 1868
(Julian). Unpaid
letter at Odessa.
A superb strike
of this cds.

AUS RUSSLAND.

BRESLAU
61 I
BERLIN

Jan. 6, 1869.
(Gregorian).
Transit back-
stamp aboard
the Breslau-
Berlin T.P.O.
Unusual in blue
as is the Aus
Russland Type
Ry5, seen only
on unpaid mail on
this line.



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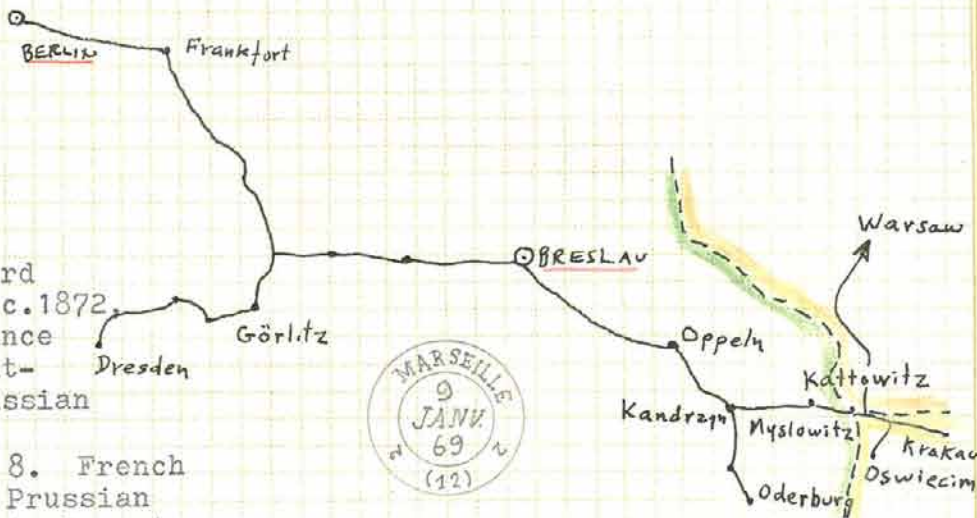
Accountancy mark, 3rd
account Jan. 1866 to c.1872,
bulk rate charge, France
paid Prussia 77.5 cent-
imes per 15 grams Prussian
transit.



Jan. 8. French
entry, Prussian
mail entering at
Forbach (Noel
1002), Type 4
in blue after 1854.



Jan. 9. Marseille
receipt backstamp. 11
decimes due.



1855

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 5

Type Ry5: AUS RUSSLAND, boxed 34 x 10 mm.

Unpaid mail mark found on Breslau-Berlin T.P.O., 1855-1873.



Porto.

October 21 (old) and Nov. 2 (new), 1855. Letter datelined at Odessa showing both calendar dates.

Backstamp: Porto = Unpaid.

AUS RUSSLAND

BRESLAU
11 11 III
BERLIN

Nov. 11 (Gregorian or new). Type Ry5 German mark showing mail "From Russia". Small letters (3mm) straight line transit mark of the Breslau to Berlin T. P.O.. Later type has larger letters (which see).



Nov. 14. Paris transit backstamp.



Nov. 14. Entry mark, Prussian mail entering at Valenciennes, France. Note inverted month NOV.



Nov. 14. T.P.O. transit backstamps, Paris to Lyon and Lyon to Marseille, octagonal centers show day trains.



Nov. 15. Marseille receipt backstamp. 11 decimes due.

1860

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 5

Type Ry 5: AUS RUSSLAND, boxed, 34 x 10 mm.

Unpaid mail mark found on Breslau-Berlin T.P.O., 1853-1875.

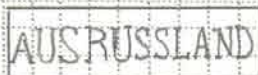


May 13 (Julian) and May 25 (Gregorian), 1860. Letter datelined at Odessa showing both calendar dates.

Backstamped Porto = Unpaid.



Porto



BRE SLAU
1 6 III
BERLIN



June 1 (Gregorian). Type Ry5 German mark showing mail "From Russia". Backstamped on the Breslau to Berlin T.P.O. This letter was subject to the 1st Account of the Postal Convention between France and Prussia which included a tax from France of 77.5 centimes per 15 grams weight to compensate Prussia for a mile in transit through Prussia to or through France. From July 1, 1858 to Dec. 31, 1861, mail for France from Russia was to bear the notation P.35, signifying the article of account.

June 3. French entry mark (Noel 1022) mail from Prussia entering at Valenciennes. Paris arrival backstamp. 11 decimes due.



1873

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 5

Type Ry5: AUS RUSSLAND, boxed 34 x 10 mm. This mark is found struck on unpaid mail in the Breslau - Berlin T.P.O. 1855-1873. After this date Russian mail could be included in sealed bags, obviating the need for these marks. This example is from the last year of use.



April 30, 1873 (Julian). Letter put into post at Odessa unpaid.

AUSRUSSLAND.

BRESLAU
14 5 V
BERLIN.

May 14, 1873 (Gregorian). Type Ry5 German mark showing mail "From Russia". Later type straight line handstamp of the Breslau-Berlin T.P.O., large (3 1/2 mm) letters. Earlier type has smaller letters (which see).



Odessa 1875

May 16. French entry mark (Noel 349) aboard the "Bureau Ambulant" showing mail from Germany entering at Erquelines, T.P.O. to Paris.

May 17. T.P.O. Lyon to Marseille and Marseille receipt backstamps.

Eleven decimes rate due. Unusual in blue, ink matches entry mark.

1873

RUSSIAN MAIL

"Aus Russland" Markings

Type Ry 5

Type Ry 5: AUS RUSSLAND, boxed 34 x 10 mm.

Unpaid mail mark found on Breslau-Berlin TPO, 1855-1873.



November 24, 1873. (Julian or Old calendar). Double rated letter (blue "2" at upper left) put into the post unpaid at Odessa.

AUSRUSSLAND

BRESLAU
8 12 V
BERLIN

December 8, 1873 (Gregorian calendar). Type Ry 5 German mark showing mail "From Russia". Backstamped with the straight-line handstamp of the Breslau to Berlin T.P.O., large (3½ mm.) letters. Double rated letter has "5" credit to Germany. Single rated letters have "2½" credit (which see).

This is late usage of the Ry 5 mark, as in 1874 Russian mail was included in sealed bags through Germany.



Dec. 10. French entry mark (Noel 349) aboard the "Bureau Ambulant" showing mail from Germany entering France at Erquelines, T.P.O. to Paris.



99

Dec. 11. Transit back-stamps. Night train (circular center), Lyon to Marseilles. Marseilles receipt. 22 decimes, double rate, due.

1857

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 5 (var.)

Type Ry 5: AUS RUSSLAND, boxed 34 x 9.5 mm.

This is a variant of the usual Type 5 with the A in AUS dropped nearly 1 mm. below the "US" and slightly narrower at 9.5 mm. Also, this letter does not bear the usual Breslau-Berlin T.P.O. backstamp, thus may have been a different stamp used on another T.P.O.



Porto.



March 15, 1857 (Julian) receiving mark at Odessa, Russia. Backstamp Porto = Unpaid.



April 6 (Gregorian). Transit backstamp at Frankfurt. Letter marked "From Russia" on face. Note dropped "A".



April 7. Transit backstamps at Sersheim and showing handling by the Kingdom of Wurttemberg Travelling Post Office (Fahrend Post Amt). Final arrival at Vaihingen, Wurttemberg.



1857

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 5



Porto

13/25 September 1857. Letter dated at Odessa, Russia showing the Julian date of September 13 and the Gregorian date of September 25. Backstamped with the script type handstamp Porto = Unpaid.

October 5 (Gregorian). Type Ry 5 German mark showing mail "From Russia". The usual BRESLAU/BERLIN backstamp is not on this cover.

French entry mark showing mail from Prussia (Prusse) entering France at Valenciennes. Small 3's show that this mark was struck at Paris.

October 5-6. Transit backstamps show the routing of this letter including the Paris to Lyon T.P.O., day train (octagonal center) and final arrival at Montpellier October 6.

14 decimes rate due.



M



1865

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS. RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 6

Type Ry6: AUS/RUSSLAND (capitals boxed, 36x11 mm.)

Mr. Vandervelde (The Philatelist, Oct. 1966, Pg. 10) describes this marking used in black until October 1865 and in blue thereafter, on both occasions backstamped by the Breslau-Berlin T.P.O. in the same ink.

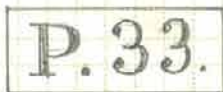


August 8/20, 1865. Letter put into mails unpaid (PORTO) at Odessa.



BRESLAU
26 8 1
BERLIN

Aug. 26 (Gregorian). Type Ry6 in black entry mark on the Breslau-Berlin T.P.O. (see above).



Prussian Accountancy (2nd Acct.) Article 33 allowing Prussia 77.5 centimes/15 grams of mail. Single rate of 11 decimes due.



Aug. 28. French entry (Noel 1001) struck at Paris.

Aug. 28-29. Paris Gare de Lyon and Marseille backstamps.

1866

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 6

Type Ry6: AUS/RUSSLAND (capitols boxed, 36x11 mm.)

This mark is found in black until October 1865, thereafter generally in blue.

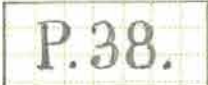


March 20/ April 1, 1866. Receipt stamp at Odessa with circular unpaid mark.



BRESLAU
9 4 1
BERLIN

April 9 (Gregorian) T.P.O. date stamp with German "Aus Russland" entry mark, both in blue, later Type Ry6. Here "RUSSLAND" measures only 26 mm.



P(russian) Accountancy Mark (3rd Account) of treaty allowing Prussia credit for transmitting mail for France through Prussia.



April 11, 1866. French entry mark, mail entering at Forbach (Noel 1001). 4's indicate mark struck at Paris.



April 12. Marseille receipt backstamp.

1872

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 6

Type Ry6: AUS/RUSSLAND (capitols boxed, 36x11 mm.)

This Type Ry6 has been noted in black in 1865, blue after October 1865. This example shown here is a very late usage of the earliest Ry6 "AUS RUSSLAND" mark in black, with RUSSLAND measuring 28 mm. as against 26 mm. in the later form of this type.



Nov. 8/20, 1872.
C.d.s. of Odessa
cancels the stamps.
Purple oval
"FRANKIROVANO"
(paid) mark.



BRESLAU
2311
BERLIN

Nov. 23 (new).
Backstamp of the
Breslau-Berlin
T.P.O. and late
usage of Type
Ry6 German entry
mark (see above).



Nov. 25. French entry
mark (Noel 349) of the
ambulant Erquelines to
Paris train. ALLEMAGNE
indicated mail entering
from Germany.



Nov. 25-6. Paris
Gare de Lyon (RR
station) and Mars-
eille receipt back-
stamps.



1872

RUSSIAN MAIL

FRANCE TO RUSSIA VIA AUSTRIA

Rate of July 1, 1869 to Russia via Austria

This rate was established, paid or unpaid, at 1 franc per 10 grams to Southern Russia. Rate to Northern Russia via Germany was only 80 centimes, effective April 25, 1872.



August 7, 1872. Letter posted at Marseilles, paid by 4 copies of the 25 centimes Issue of 1871, equivalent to 1fr. (100 centimes). Stamps cancelled by the "2240"

gros chiffres of Marseilles.

August 8. Ambulant (Railway T.P.O.) backstamps, day train (octagonal center) Marseilles to Paris; night train (circular center), Paris to Avrillacourt.



August 10. Vienna transit backstamp.

August 1 (gregorian). Transit mark at Odessa.

August 6. Arrival backstamp at Marianopol.



1873

RUSSIAN MAIL

RUSSIA TO FRANCE VIA GERMANY

Northern Russia Rate of April 25, 1872

The unpaid rate was 1 franc 10 centimes per 10 grams.



December 12/25, 1873 (Julian/Gregorian). Letter datelined at Odessa and posted aboard the railway postal wagon (T.P.O.) where it received backstamps on Dec. 13 at Wagon No. 21-22, and Dec. 14, Wagon No. 47-48.

December 29 (Gregorian). Letter marked aboard the Erquelines-Paris T.P.O. showing mail entering France from Germany. Letter was double weight, 10 to 20 grams, so was subject to 2 fr. 20 centimes, expressed by the handstamp as 22 decimes.



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1873

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 7a

Type 7a is identical to Type Ry7, except is never in red, commoner, and is invariably accompanied by the backstamp of the Breslau-Berlin T.P.O.



November 23, 1873 (Julian calendar corresponding to Dec. 5 of the Gregorian or "new" calendar). Paid letter at Odessa, Russia.



Russian pre-paid mark.



Type Ry 7a. "R" of FRANCO slightly to the left of the "R" of RUSSLAND.

BRESLAU
7 12
BERLIN

Dec. 7 (Gregorian) T.P.O. backstamp, Breslau to Berlin.



Dec. 9, 1873. London transit PAID.



Dec. 10. London transit backstamp.

1870

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 7b

Issue of 1870, 3 Kopeck "V's error"

The Ry 7b is similar to the other 7's, except the "R" of "FRANCO" is slightly to the right of the "R" of "RUSSLAND" above. This also invariably occurs with the Breslau-Berlin T.P.O. backstamp.



April 8 (Julian) 1870. Cover franked with fine combination of Issue of 1866 and 3 k. Issue of 1870, the latter showing tiny V's (fives) in the background instead of the correct 3's.

Russian "PAID" mark.

Type Ry 7b. (see above).

BRESLAU
4 V
BERLIN



Breslau - Berlin T.P.O. transit backstamp.

April 27 (Gregorian). French entry mark, Noel 1027, showing mail entering from (or through) Prussia entering at Erquelines.

1873

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 7d

Type Ry 7d differs from the other boxed types 7 in that the "F" of "FRANCO" is even with the left edge of the "S" of "AUS" (also see below). This example is an unrecorded variation of the Type Ry 7 marks.



July 19 (Julian) 1873. Russian pre-
 Receipt cancel at Odessa. paid mark.
 25 Kopecks postage paid
 by pretty combination of
 classic stamps.

Superb strike of the Type
 Ry 7d (new with this sample).
 Note the left edge of "R" is
 between "S R", normally even
 with the "R" of RUSSLAND (also
 see above).

BRESLAU
 2 V
 BERLIN



P.D.



Aug. 2 (Gregorian)
 Typical Breslau-
 Berlin TPO back-
 stamps seen with Type 7.

Aug. 4. French entry
 mark (N. 349) showing mail
 from or through Germany
 entering at Erquelines.

Aug. 4-5. Transit back-
 stamps.

1862-63

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 8

Type Ry 8 has upper and lower case lettering as opposed to Ry 7 which has all upper case. Type Ry 8 is accompanied by the black backstamp of the Konigsberg-Bromberg T.P.O. from 1859 and either this or the Eydtkuhnen-Bromberg T.P.O. in 1862-64.



FRANCO

Dec. 22 (Julian) 1862. Backstamp at St. Petersburg, paid letter. FRANCO = Paid.

Aus Russland
Franco

EYDKUHNEN
5.1 III
BROMBERG

Jan. 5, 1863 (Gregorian). The "Franco" Aus Russland mark accompanied by the T.P.O. backstamp, Eydtkuhnen to Bromberg.

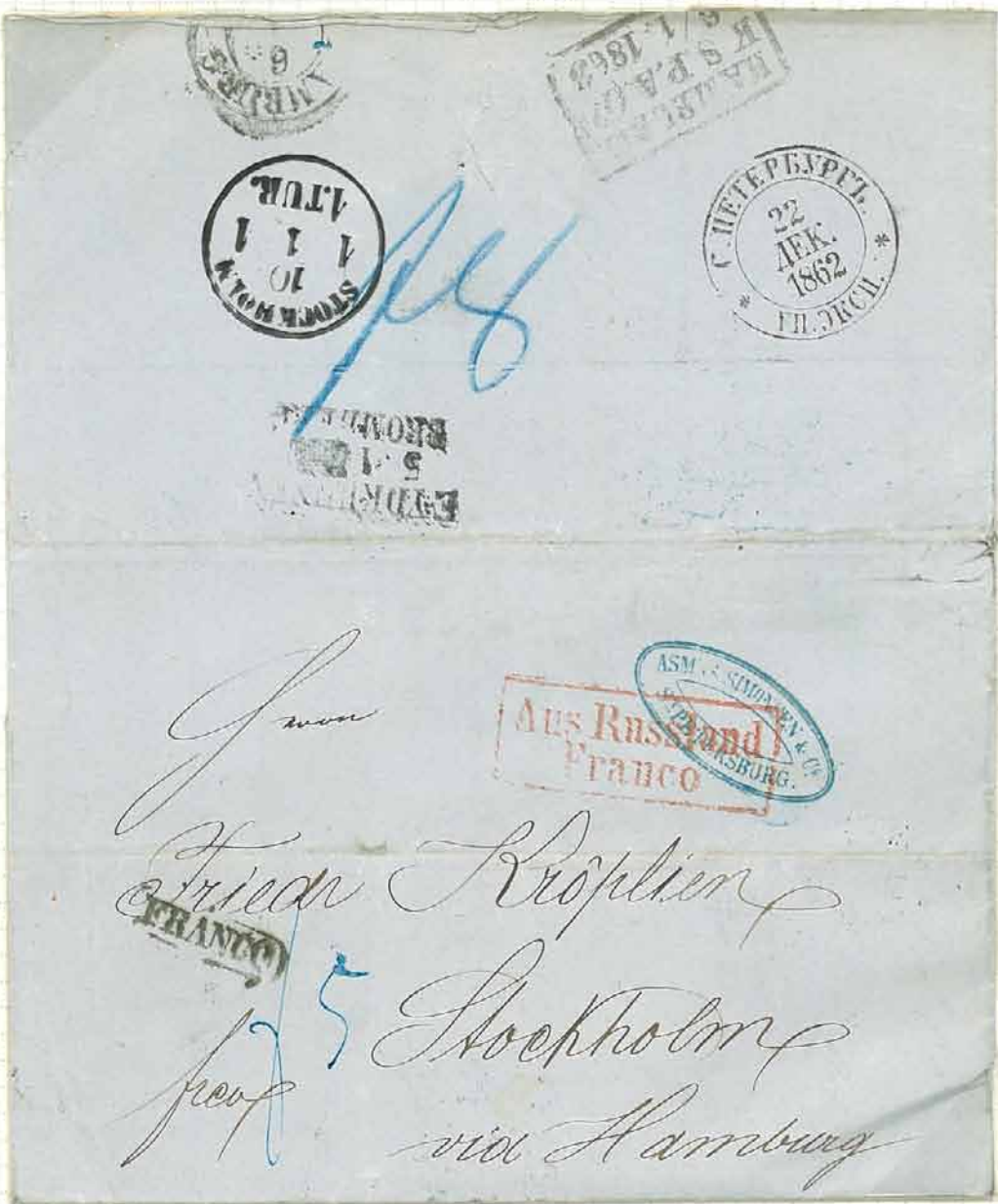


HAMBURG
K S P A (17)
6/1 1863



January 6. Transit backstamps at Hamburg per letter endorsement: via Hamburg. K.S.P.A. = Konigliche Schwedische Post Amt, or Swedish Post Office at Hamburg.

January 10. Stockholm, Sweden arrival backstamp.



1861

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 10

Eisenbahn Post, Bureau V

Type Ry10: AUS RUSSLAND/EIS.POST BUREAU V/ date, boxed, 32 x 14 mm. Bureau V was the German T.P.O. division centered on Breslau, and Types Ry 9 and 10 were applied to bagged mail from South Russia which was sorted in transit to Berlin. Found on both paid (franco) and unpaid (porto) letters.



Porto.

17/29 July, 1861. Letter datelined at Odessa. Porto = Unpaid, back-stamp.

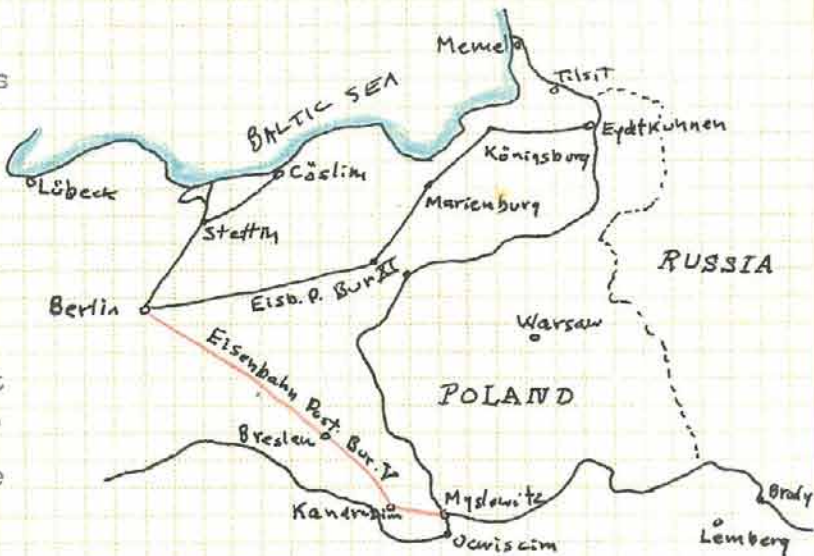
AUS RUSSLAND
EIS:POST BUREAU V.
58



Aug. 5 (Gregorian). Letters from South Russia received this Type Ry10 mark aboard the Bureau V T.P.O. See above and map.

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Accountancy mark, 1st Account period July 1, 1858 - Dec. 31, 1861. Mail from Russia to France through Prussia. France paid for Prussian transit.



August 7. French entry mark, entry from Prussia at Valenciennes. 3's = mark struck at Paris.



Aug. 7-8. Transit and receipt back-stamps. 11 decimes due.

1872-73

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 10

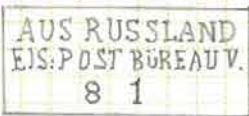
Eisenbahn Post, Bureau V



Dec. 25, 1872 (Julian). Unpaid letter receipt backstamp at Berdichev in the Ukraine.



Dec. 26. Transit T.P.O. backstamp, "Postal Wagon No. 47-48".



Jan. 8, 1873. (Gregorian date). Aus Russland (from Russia) German mark struck aboard the Bureau V division which handled bagged mail from South Russia in transit to Berlin via Breslau.



11



Jan. 12. Bordeaux receipt backstamp.

Jan. 11, 1873. Entry mark showing mail from (or through) Germany (Noel 351), type 4 ambulant mark, Pagny to Paris. 11 decimes due, scarce shown in blue.

1868

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry II (FRANCO)

Type Ry11 double circle: AUS RUSSLAND/uber BUR XI EDK.BRG.

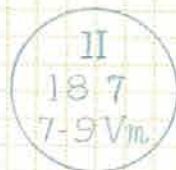
There were three omnibus marks applied to North Russian mail travelling via Bromberg and Berlin:

Type Ry11 (Vandervelde) (above).

Type Ry12: Double circle:AUS POLEN uber Eisenb. Post Bur. XI.

Type Ry13: Double circle:AUS RUSSLAND uber Eisenb. Post Bur. XI.

Like all three omnibus types, Ry11 had the whole center in moveable type so that it could be used on either paid or unpaid mail. It is found used 1865-73, this route via Edytkuhnen-Bromberg then being the normal channel for all correspondence from St. Petersburg and the Baltic States.



July 4, 1868 (Julien)
Receipt c.d.s. at St.
Petersburg also cancels
stamps.

Jul. 17 (Gregorian)
German entry mark "Aus
Russland" Type Ry 11
(see above).

July 18. Berlin
receipt backstamp.

1869

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry II (FRANCO)



June 10, 1869. (Julien). Letter posted paid at Alexandro to Switzerland. Backstamp c.d.s. also cancels stamps.



June 13. Transit backstamp at Moscow.



June 27 (Gregorian). German RR entry mark via Mydtkuhnen (Type Ry 11), the normal channel for correspondence from the Baltic States.



June 29, 1869. Swiss entry and transit backstamps.

1870

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry II (FRANCO)

Type Ry 11, double circle: AUS RUSSLAND/ uber BUR. XI EDK.BRG.



Jan. 24, Julian (Feb. 4 Gregorian.) Letter paid 14 kopecs at St. Petersburg. The 3 kopec stamp bears the error V's background in green. This was for use with the 5 kopecs stamps.

Feb. 5 (Gregorian). German railway "AUS RUSSLAND" entry mark used on the route via Eydtkuhnen, then being the normal channel for all correspondence from St. Petersburg and the Baltic States. Appears in red from 1865-73. Paid letter here shows FRANCO = PAID.



Feb. 7. Berlin arrival backstamp. Time: 6-7 P.M. N = Nachmittag (afternoon).

1871

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings Type Ry II (FRANCO)

Type Ry 11, double circle: AUS RUSSLAND/uber BUR. XI EDK.BRG.



Jan. 1, 1871, Julian (Jan. 13 Gregorian). Letter paid 14 kopecs at St. Petersburg. The 3 kopecs stamp shows the background error of V's, this background was for the 5 kopec value. Jan. 1 transit backstamp.

Jan. 14 (Gregorian). German railway entry mark struck on the mail car on the line from Eydtkuhnen to Bromberg. FRANCO + PAID.



Jan. 15. Berlin arrival backstamp. Time mark: 7½-9½ Vm = 7:30 to 9:30 A.M. (Vm = Vormittag = forenoon.)

1871

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry II (FRANCO)
Eisenbahn Post, Bureau XI
EydtKuhnen - Bromberg



P. D.



August 28 (Julian), Sept. 9 (Gregorian). Letter posted paid to Belgium by 18 kopecs in Russian stamps at Riga, Latvia. Notation in cryllic characters at bottom: RIG. VIG. ZH.D.

Sept. 10 (Gregorian). Letter in transit through Germany on the Eydt-kuhnen to Bromberg Railway line, Eisenbahn Post, Bureau XI. Franco = Paid.



Sept. 12, 1871. Arrival backstamp at Ninove, Belgium.

1865

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry II (PORTO)

Type Ry 11, double circle: AUS RUSSLAND/ uber BUR.XI EKD. BRG.



Porto.

Dec. 15, 1865.
(Julian). Receiving
backstamp at
St. Petersburg.
Mail marked
Porto = Unpaid.



P. 33.

Dec. 29, 1865 (Gregorian). German
railroad "AUS RUSSLAND" entry mark
used on the route via Eydtkuhnen,
then being the normal channel for
all correspondence from St. Peters-
burg and the Baltic States. Appears
in red from 1865-73. Unpaid letter
here shows PORTO = UNPAID.

2nd Accountancy period mark-
ing showing P=Prussia and "33"
being convention by which Pr-
ussia was reimbursed for trans-
it of Russian mail to France.



Dec. 31, 1865. French
entry mark (Noel 991)
showing mail from
Prussia entering France
at Erquelines.



Dec. 31, 1865. Paris transit
backstamp. Jan. 1, 1866.
Bordeaux receipt.
11 decimes due.

1866

RUSSIAN MAIL

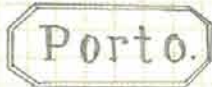
"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry11 (PORTO)

Eisenbahn Post, Bureau XI

Eydtkuhnen - Bromberg

This circular Type Ry11 mark was used on the T.P.O. sorting wagons, Eydtkuhnen to Bromberg and thence to Berlin.



March 10, 1866 (Julian). St. Petersburg receipt stamp, letter unpaid (Porto).



March 23 (Gregorian). Type Ry11 transit back-stamp, PORTO, of RR Post Office, Bureau XI.



Prussian - Franco Accountancy mark, 3rd Account Period, allowing Prussia 77.5 centimes credit for each 15 grams of Russian mail to France through Prussia.



March 25. French entry from Prussia at Erquelines.



March 25. Paris to Bordeaux, night train, 2nd Section, Brigade F.



1866

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry II (FRANCO)



March 26 (Julian), 1866. Letter paid 9 kopecs at Teflis, stamps cancelled by the "49" of Teflis.

April 9. Transit backstamp at Moscow.



April 23 (Gregorian). Red entry mark into Germany, Type Ry 11 AUS RUSSLAND mark used on the Bureau XI Eydkuhnen to Bromberg T.P.O.



April 25. Kingdom of Wurttemberg Railway Post Office backstamps.



April 25. Arrival backstamp at Crailsheim, south of Wurzburg.

1868

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry II

Type Ry11, double circle: AUS RUSSLAND/ über BUR. XI EDK.BRG.



September 15, 1868. (All dates Gregorian calendar.) Railway Mail Car No. 7-8 cancels 14 kopecks in Russian stamps. Letter had been written at Riga, Latvia, and docket notes "Riga 14 Septre 1868".

September 18, 1868. German Railroad "AUS RUSSLAND" entry mark used on the route via Eydtkuhnen, then being the normal channel for all correspondence from St. Petersburg and the Baltic States. Appears in red from 1865-73. Paid letter here shows FRANCO = PAID.



September 19, 1868. German arrival backstamps.

1869

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry II (FRANCO)

Type Ry11, double circle: AUS RUSSLAND/uber BUR. XI EDK.BRG.



Nov. 8, 1869
(Julien). St.
Petersburg
receipt back-
stamp at local
receiving off-
ice No. 7.



November 9, 1869. Cancellation at
St. Petersburg with the spectacular
oval obliterator with the initials of
"S.P.B.". Prepaid letter, also noted
in manuscript franco "fco" = paid.



Nov. 22 (Gregorian, equiva-
lent to Nov. 11, Julien)
German "Aus Russland" entry
mark via Eydtkuhnen-Bromberg
(thus the EDK.BRG. in the cds).



November 23, 1869. Lubeck,
Germany receipt backstamp.

1872

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings Type Ry II (FRANCO)

Type Ry 11, double circle: AUS RUSSLAND/uber BUR XI EDK. BRG.



1872
RUSSIAN RAILROAD
(OVER)

#24



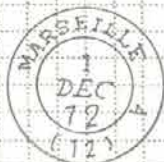
P.D.

November 15, 1872 (Julian). Receipt at St. Petersburg and transit backstamp by the St. Petersburg-Warsaw line. Paid to destination by the 20 kopeck stamp.

November 29 (Gregorian). German entry mark, Type Ry 11, used on the rail line via Edytkuhnen to Bromberg, the normal channel for correspondence from St. Petersburg and the Baltic States.



November 30. Letter entered France at Erquelines to Paris rail line, Bureau ambulant entry mark.



December 1. Backstamps. Lyon to Marseilles T.P.O., night train, arrival at Marseilles.

N. 349

1873

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry II (FRANCO)



July 20, 1873 (Julian calendar). A letter to Scotland paid at the 16 kopecks rate by a pair of the 3 kopecks and the 10 k., Issue of 1866. Posting was at St. Petersburg aboard the St. Petersburg to Warsaw mail line, postmark cancelling the stamps and backstamped.



August 2 (Gregorian). German railway "AUS RUSSLAND" mark used on the route Eydtkuhnen to Bromberg T.P.O.

FRANCO = PAID.



August 5. Dundee, Scotland arrival backstamp.

1871

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings Type Ry 13 (PORTO)

Mail to U.S. via North German Union, Closed Mail

R.M.S. Palmyra, Queenstown to Boston

Type Ry 13, double circle: Aus Russland über Eisenb. Post Bur. XI



ФРАНКИРОВАНО

October 25, 1871, Julian (Nov. 5, Gregorian.) Railway postmark aboard Train No. 27-28. Prepayment at 22 kopecs, letter was marked ФРАНКИРОВАНО = PAID.

Unzureichend frankirt.

Nov. 6 (Gregorian). Letter transit on the German railway Post Bureau XI. and marked PORTO = UNPAID. Also stamped in Germany "Unzureichend frankirt" = Insufficiently paid. This Eisenbahn



Post Bur. XI mark is found on mail with Polish origin both "porto" and "franco" until 1873. The U.S. rates were 12¢ via North German Union direct, or 15¢ via NGU closed mail. Letter was marked deficient 3 silbergroschen (black mss. "3"), which was deleted when converted to 3 s.g. x 2.4¢/s.g. = 7¢ U.S. due. Although marked "via Hamburg", the letter went by Prussian Closed Mail.



Nov. 7. Cunard Line's R.M.S. Palmyra departed from Liverpool via Queenstown 8th, where this letter went aboard.

Nov. 19. Palmyra arrived at Boston. Mail bulked to N.Y. where it received the N.Y. backstamp Nov. 20.

1861

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 10a

P-Numerals Accountancy Marks

P. 35

The Postal Convention between France and Prussia, effective July 1, 1858, included a tax from France of 77.5 centimes per 15 grams weight to compensate Prussia for mail in transit through Prussia to or through France. The convention called for Prussia to stamp in black the letter P (Prussia) follows by the article of account.

1st Account

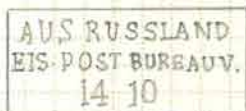
From July 1, 1858 to December 31, 1861, mail for France from Russia through Prussia was to bear the notation P.35.



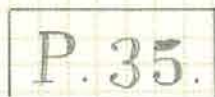
October 25/7,
1861. Odessa
receiving mark.

Porto.

Russian back-
stamp. PORTO =
UNPAID.



October 14.
Type Ry 10a
"AUS RUSSLAND"
railway (eisen-
bahn) mark,
transit mark
through Ger-
many showing
mail "Out of
Russia".



Prussian account-
ancy mark (see
above).

Oct. 16. French
entry mark showing
mail from Prussia
entering France at
Valenciennes.



October 16-17, 1861.
French transit and receipt
backstamps.

1863

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 4

P-Numeral Accountancy Marks

P.33

The Postal Convention between France and Prussia of May 21, 1858, effective July 1, 1858, included a tax due from France of 77.5 centimes per 15 grams weight. Article 22 reads: "The Prussian exchange office have to mark in black ink on the mail a marking with the letter P (Prussia) followed by the number of the article of account."

2nd Account

From January 1, 1862 to December 31, 1865, mail for France from Russia through Prussia bore the notation P.33.



Porto.

Dec. 11, 1863
(Julian). Mail
posted at St.
Petersburg.
Porto = Unpaid.

Aus Russland

P. 33.

"Aus Russland"
(From Russia)
mark, Type Ry 4
is found only
on unpaid mail
from 1858-65.

P.33 account-
ancy mark (see
above).

EYDKUHNEN
241211
BROMBERG

Dec.24. German TPO.



Dec. 25-27. French
entry and transit
stamps. 11 decimes,
combined rate, due.

1864

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 4

P - Numeral Accountancy Marks

P. 33

2nd Account

Double Letter

From January 1, 1862 to December 31, 1865, mail for France from Russia through Prussia bore the notation P.33.



Porto.

Sept. 9, 1864 (Julian). Mail posted at St. Petersburg. Porto = Unpaid. Blue mms "2" at U.R. indicated double letter.

Aus Russland

P. 33.

"Aus Russland" (from Russia) mark, Type Ry 4 found only on unpaid mail from 1858-65.

P.33. Accountancy mark (see above).

KÖNIGSBERG PR
24 9 11
BROMBERG

Sept. 24 (Gregorian). Königsberg to Bromberg T.P.O. transit backstamp.



N. 991

Sept. 24. French entry mark, mail from Prussia, entering France at Erquelines. 3's show mark struck at Paris.



Sept. 25. Paris to Bordeaux transit. 11 decimes x 2 (double) or 22 decimes due, shown by handstamp.



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1872

RUSSIAN MAIL

P-Numeral Accountancy Marks

P. 38

The Postal Convention between France and Prussia, effective July 1, 1858, included a tax from France on unpaid mail of 77.5 centimes per 15 grams to compensate Prussia for her transit handling of mail to or through France. It required Prussia to stamp such mail in black with the letter P (Prussia), followed by the article of account. There were three different accounting periods lasting from July 1, 1858 to 1872.

3rd Account

From January 1, 1866 until about 1872 mail to France from Russia through Prussia bore the Accountancy Mark P.38.



Feb. 14, 1872 (Julian). Letter posted at St. Petersburg.

P. 38

Prussian accountancy mark (see above).



Feb. 29, 1872. (Gregorian). Letter entered France at Erquelines (Noel 991). This mark struck at Paris.



Feb. 29, 1872 (Leap Year Day). Paris to Bordeaux RR transit and, March 1, Bordeaux receipt. Back-stamps.



1867

RUSSIAN MAIL

P-Numeral Accountancy Marks

P.38

3rd Account

"AUS RUSSLAND" Type Ry II.

From January 1, 1866 until about 1872 mail to France from Russia through Prussia bore the Accountancy Mark P.38.



НЕ ФРАНКИРОВАНО

Sept. 23, 1867 (Julian). Unpaid at St. Petersburg. "UNPAID" boxed mark in Russian.



P. 38.

Oct. 6 (Gregorian). Aus Russland transit mark PORTO (unpaid), Eisenbahn Post, Bureau XI, Eyden-Bromberg. P.38 Accountancy Mark under 3rd Account (see above).



Oct. 8. French entry mark, Noel 991, shows mail from or through Prussia entering at Erquelines. 3's show mark struck at Paris.



Oct. 8. Paris transit b'stamp.



Oct. 9. Nantes arrival back-stamp.

1868

RUSSIAN MAIL

P-Numeral Accountancy Marks

P.38

These marks appear on unpaid mail to France through Prussia and show the article of account for this situation. Mail through France from or through Prussia bear other numerals with the P(Prussia) designation. France had to pay Prussia 77.5 centimes per 15 grams bulk under the Postal Convention effective July 1, 1856.

3rd Account

From January 1, 1866 until about 1872, mail to France from Russia through Prussia bore the Accountancy Mark P.38.



НЕ ФРАНКИРОВАНО

27 December 1868/
8 January 1869. Letter datelined at St. Petersburg showing old/new dates. Posted Dec. 29. Boxed "unpaid" in Russian.



P. 38



Prussian Accountancy mark (see above).

January 13, 1869 (Georgian or new). Letter entered France at Erquelines (Noel 1027). This mark struck at Paris.

Jan. 14. Arrival backstamp at Bordeaux. 11 decimes, single rate, due.

1866

RUSSIAN MAIL

"AUS RUSSLAND" Markings

Type Ry 13(PORTO)

Type Ry 13, double circle: AUS RUSSLAND über EISENB.POST BUR XI



August 1 (Julian)/13(Gregorian), 1866. Letter headed at Odessa, Russia. Marked unpaid (PORTO) at Odessa.



Aug. 23, 1866 (new). German railroad "AUS RUSSLAND" entry mark, Type Ry 13. PORTO = UNPAID. Normally seen only on Polish mail, it was shifted further south and used August-October, 1866 on mail to the West from Odessa.



Aug. 25. French entry mark (Noel 991) struck at Paris showing mail from Prussia entering at Erquelines.



Aug. 26. Marseilles receipt backstamp. 11 decimes combination rate due.

1850

RUSSIAN MAIL

TAGANROG TO GENOA VIA AUSTRIA

Paid (Franco) to the border letter



ТАГАНРОГЪ
5 НОЯБ. 1850

Lu

T.A.3.

WIEN
6 DEC

November 5, 1850 (Julian). A paid letter posted at Taganrog, a Southern Ukrainian town on the Sea of Azov. Backstamp. It was marked in manuscript "fco" = franco = paid, but only to the Austrian border. Austrian-Italian postage is shown as .16 lira. Notation on reverse credits .12 lira to Austria.

December 6 (Gregorian). Transit backstamp at Vienna. Letter marked on face T.A.3, or Transit Austria, Rayon 3 (a distance mark for rating purposes.)

MILANO
9
DIC

December 9. Transit backstamp at Milano.

10DICRE

December 10. Arrival backstamp at Genoa.

1869

RUSSIAN MAIL

ODESSA TO FRANCE VIA VIENNA

Single Rated Letter

French Entry Mark: Autriche/Strasbourg



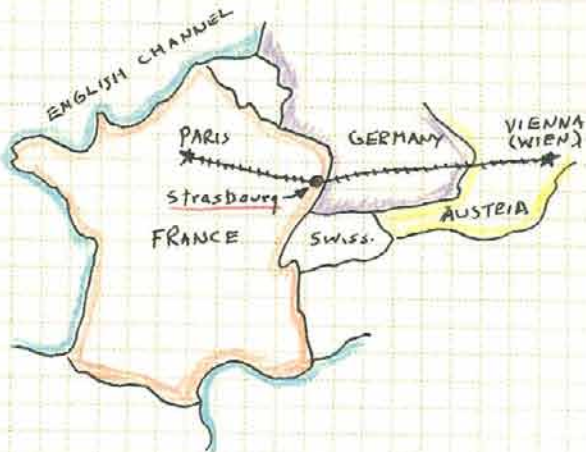
Sept. 22/
October 4, 1869.
Letter posted
unpaid at Od-
essa for Fr-
ance. This
was destined
to follow a
southern route
via Vienna.



Oct. 8, 1869.
Transit back-
stamp at Wien
(Vienna).

A.

Mail marked with
"A" indicating transit
through Austria.



Oct. 11. French entry
mark (Noel 481) showing mail
entering from Austria at
Strasbourg, then still a part
of France.



Oct. 11-12. Paris Gare de Lyon transit
and Marseille receipt backstamps.
10 decimes due for a single letter.

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1869

RUSSIAN MAIL

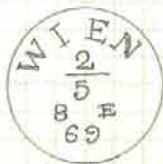
ODESSA TO FRANCE VIA VIENNA

Double Rated Letter

French Entry Mark: Autriche/Strasbourg



April 15/27, 1869. Letter posted unpaid at Odessa for France.



May 2, 1869. Transit backstamp at Wien (Vienna).

A.

Mail marked with "A", indicating transit through Austria.



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May 4. French entry mark (Noel 481) showing mail entering from Austria at Strasbourg, then still a part of France.

May 4-5, 1869. Paris Gare de Lyon transit and Marseille receipt backstamps. 10 decimes x 2 = 20 decimes due for a double letter.

1873

RUSSIAN MAIL
RUSSIA TO BRITAIN VIA WARSAW



September 23, 1873 (Julian). A letter posted in Russia and paid to Britain at the 16 kopecks rate made up of the 10k. and a pair of the 3k., Issue of 1866. Posting was at Novo-Alexandrovsk, a small town 15 miles southeast of Dünaburg. Dünaburg is on the right bank of the Dūna River where it is crossed by the railway from St. Petersburg to Warsaw.



BROMBERG
7 10 11
BERLIN

September 24-25.
Railway (T.P.O.)
transit backstamps
at Warsaw.

October 7 (Gregorian). Bromberg to Berlin T.P.O. backstamp.



October 10. Henley-on-Thames arrival backstamp.

1875

RUSSIAN MAIL
BERDYANSK TO GENOA, ITALY



ФРАНКИРОВАНО



January 3, 1875 (Julian). Letter posted at Berdyansk (or Berdiansk), a maritime town in Taurida on the north shore of the Sea of Azof, 150 miles N.E. of Simferopol. The Sea of Azof (Azov) is reached by a channel at the north shore of the Black Sea.

Payment to Italy was made by the 3 kopeck Issue of 1866 and the 10 kopeck Issue of 1875. Cover front was stamped with the boxed FRANKIRAVANO = PAID. As routing was south of Germany, through Austria in closed bags, no "Aus Russland" marking appears.

January 8. Postal Wagon No. 47-48 handled the mail, backstamp.



January 24 (Gregorian). Genoa, Italy arrival backstamp.

1879

RUSSIAN MAIL

ODESSA TO ITALY



August 21, 1879 (Julian calendar). Letter posted at Odessa to Italy, paid in Russia by the 2 kopecks Issue of 1875 and 5 kopecks Issue of 1866, cancelled by the circular date stamp of Odessa.

Cover was transit same day aboard the railway postal wagon (T.P.O.) where it received the backstamp of Wagon 21-22.



September 8 (Gregorian). Arrival backstamps at Messina, Italy.

1893

RUSSIAN MAIL

MOSCOW TO LYON, REGISTERED



July 5-6, 1898 (Julian). A registered letter posted at a telegraph office in Moscow, transit backstamp at a second Moscow office. Seven kopecks U.P.U. rate and 14k. registration paid by three copies of the Russian Issue of 1889.

July 22 (Gregorian). Paris transit mark.



July 23. Ste. Foy les Lyon receipt backstamp. The Lyon address was deleted and the letter forwarded to Autun.

July 24. Letter went back into the mail at Ste. Foy les Lyon, backstamp.



July 25. Final arrival backstamp at Autun, Saone-et-Loire.

1845

GERMANY TO LONDON

The Cologne-Verviers Route

Belgian Entry Mark: ALLEMAGNE/CHEMIN-DE-FER



FRANCO

Nov. 24, 1845.
Letter posted paid at Crefeld, Germany. Handstamp notes FRANCO = Paid, and manuscript shows "franco/Ostende", i.e. paid to the port at Ostende, Belgium.



Nov. 25. Belgian marque d'entree applied aboard the train on the Cologne to Verviers route. Noted as Type Cv 1 (Philatelist, Feb. 1967, Pg. 140) used from Dec. 1843 to 1846.



November 27, 1845. London backstamp. Mail entered England as unpaid and 1 shilling 4 pence (1/4 in mms.) due.