



30 h Doplatit 1919

A puzzling research project

Open questions on Postage Due stamps

- First source for 'state of the art' knowledge is (still) the Monografie (part IV, 1986, chapter by Žampach)
- As with Hradčany: much valuable information, but not always reliable
- Confronting the contents with 'primary sources', mostly the complete panes available, leads to many corrections for all denominations (see file published)
- The 30 h is a special case: Monografie claims 4 plates used, but details are sketchy (to say the least); panes only known for two plates.
- Moravec (present-day authority) claims only two plates used
- What can we establish, using all available primary sources?

Stamps with lines in the margin



- Two different layouts for left line
- Lines stop somewhere along the edge
- Is the line integral part of the plate??
- (and what is the purpose??)



Closer look at pos. 91

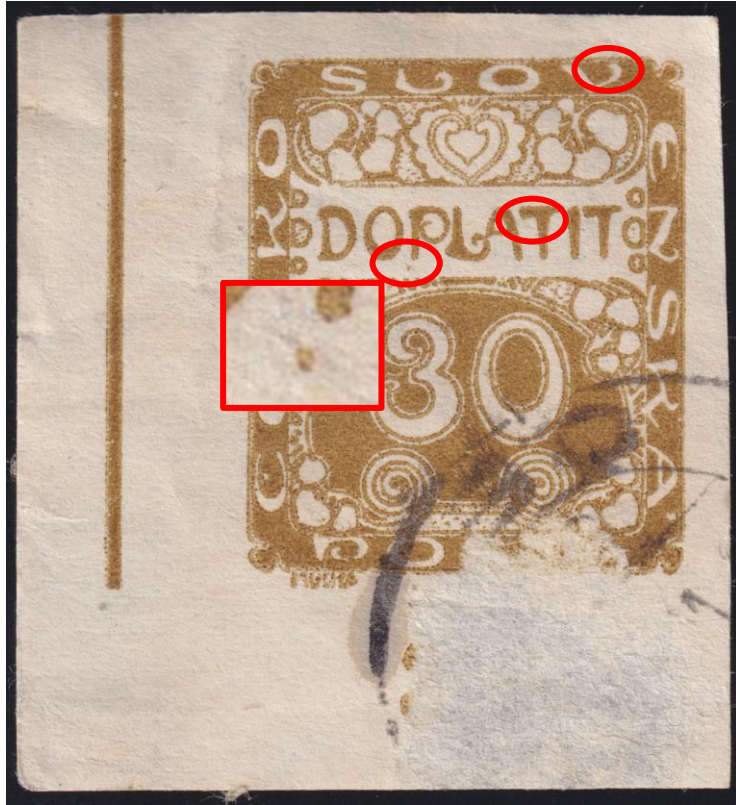


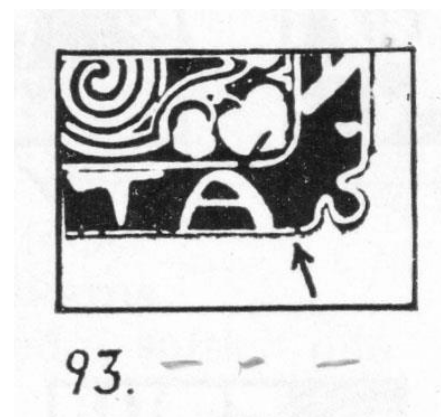
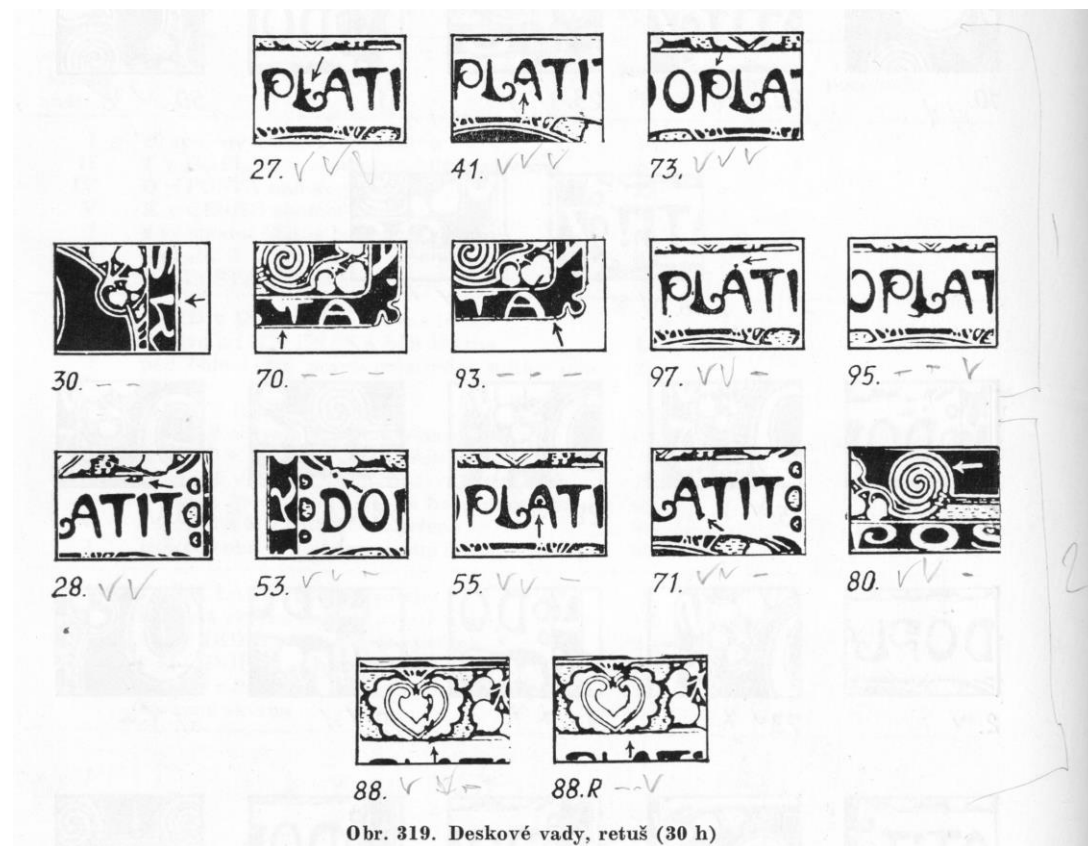
Plate 1



Plate 2

Conclusion: there is (at least) one more plate

Looking for more evidence



The Monografie shows one flaw not present in either plate 1 or 2, but I have two copies

Looking for more evidence - 2

Plating all available stamps (based on Moravec's drawings); work in progress:

Plate 1: 78 pos., 237 stamps

Plate 2: 93 pos., 348 stamps

Some 800 stamps left to do....

Looking for stamps with clear flaws not present in plates 1 or 2;
need at least 2 copies to make sure flaw is not incidental.



Looking for more evidence - 3



Looking for more evidence - 4

What I would still like to find:

- A scan of a complete pane (or part...) of the unknown plate(s)
- More copies with fixed positions from unknown plate(s) (by tally numbers or by negative flaws)
- Evidence of a fourth plate, by finding two different unknown stamps from the same position

The stamps from these plates appear to be relatively scarce, so all help in the form of unsorted masses of 30 h stamps is very welcome!