

Hungary 1918 - 1921

Armistice to Treaty of Trianon

Political & Postal History

In the period October 1918 and July 1921, Hungary has been defeated in WWII, signed the Armistice, suffered economic blockade by neighbouring countries, invasion by foreign armies and loss, by the Treaty of Trianon, of over two thirds of territory and population. During this time, Hungary had five different Governments each of which had their own postage stamp issues to reinforce their legitimacy and control.

- Kingdom of Hungary
- Hungarian Democratic Republic – 16 November 1918
- Hungarian Soviet Republic – 2 March 1919
- Romanian Occupation – 4 August 1919
- Hungarian National Government – 16 November 1919

The exhibit shows stamp usages of the Government issues with the postal history being complicated as Kingdom, Republic and National issues were available resulting in mixed frankings with the Communist and Romanian issues adding complexity.

The philately can be represented by the “*Wheat and Parliament*” definitive series. First **issued** by the Kingdom of Hungary in 1916 with “KIR” = Royal, **overprinted** by the Democratic Republic and then **reissued** without “KIR” then **overprinted** by the Soviet Republic and subsequently **obliterated** by the National Government and again **reissued** with “KIR”

Treaty of Trianon: The Allies’ presentation of their terms for peace with Hungary was delayed first by their reluctance to treat with Béla Kun’s communist regime and subsequently by the obvious instability of the more moderate Hungarian governments that assumed office during the Romanian occupation of Budapest. The Allies recognized a new National Government as stable, and on January 16, 1920, at Neuilly, near Paris, a Hungarian delegation received the draft of a treaty. By the terms of the treaty, Hungary **lost at least two-thirds of its former territory and two-thirds of its inhabitants** to Czechoslovakia, Romania, Austria, the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes (Yugoslavia), and Italy. The Treaty was signed **June 4, 1920**, ratified by Hungary on November 13th **effective July 1921** when the new borders were established.

Period from	15 June 1918		1 January 1920		1 June 1920	
	Inland	Foreign	Inland	Foreign	Inland	Foreign
Postcard	10f	10f	40f	40f	60f	1 Kr
Letter	20f	25f	60f	1 Kr	1 Kr	2.50 Kr
Registration	25f		1 Kr		2.50 Kr	

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