

Germany

Allenstein

Following World War I several areas of Germany were administered by an Allied Commission under terms of the Treaty of Versailles. One such area, Allenstein, was made up of the former East Prussian districts of Allenstein, Ortelsburg, Osterod, Sensburg, Johannsburg, Lotzen, Lyck, and Neidenburg. Under terms of the peace treaty a plebiscite was held on July 11, 1920, at which time 98% of the people voted in favor of remaining in Germany.

Russian soldiers occupied the area at the close of World War I, eventually adding the land to the Polish province of Olsztyn.

During the short rule of the Allied Commission two sets of stamps were issued. The set overprinted "Plebiscite" were valid from April 3 to August 3, 1920. The second set overprinted "Traite de Versailles" were valid from May to June 1920.

The normal "Germania" stamps were valid for postage in Allenstein from Feb 11, 1920 to April 4, 1920. Mixed franking of both Allenstein and German stamps were used until August 12, 1920.

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Watermarked Lozenges
1920

