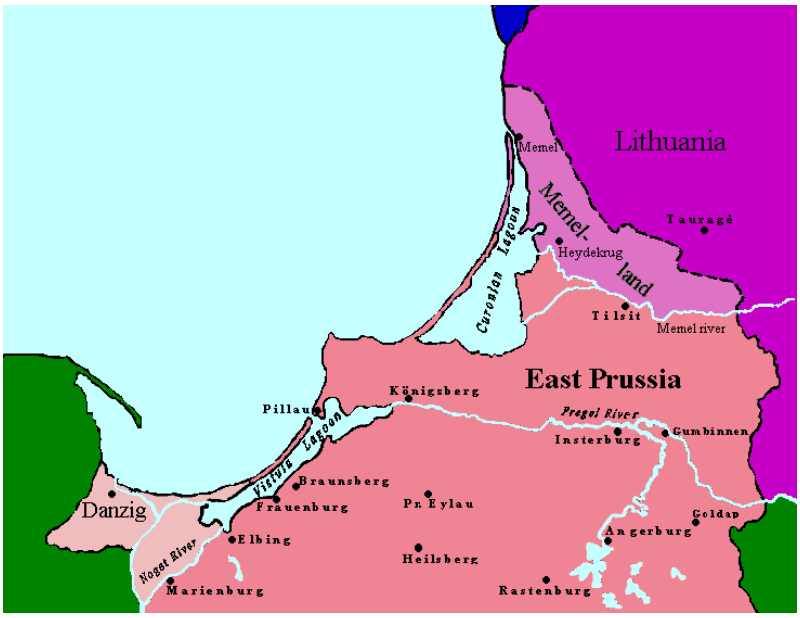


Coat of Arms of Memel/Klaipėda until 1945

Memel/Klaipėda



Information on Memel territory/Klaipėda

Memelland (Lithuanian: Klaipėdos kraštas) was the German name of a region in what was then northern East Prussia that Germany was forced to cede to the Allies of World War I in 1920 without a plebiscite, in accordance with Article 99 of the Treaty of Versailles. It lies on the right bank of the Memel River and its delta arm Skirvytė.

From 1920 to the beginning of 1923, France administered the territory on behalf of the League of Nations.

On January 10, 1923, the Memel region was occupied by Lithuania. This annexation was recognized by the League of Nations in May 1924.

In March 1939, under threat of war, the German Reich forced Lithuania to return the Memel region to Germany.

Since the end of World War II, the region has once again belonged to Lithuania.

Stamps were issued in the Memel region from 1920 to the end of 1924, first under French administration, and from the beginning of 1923 under Lithuanian occupation. In 1939, under German administration again, four local stamps were issued, valid only for a few days.

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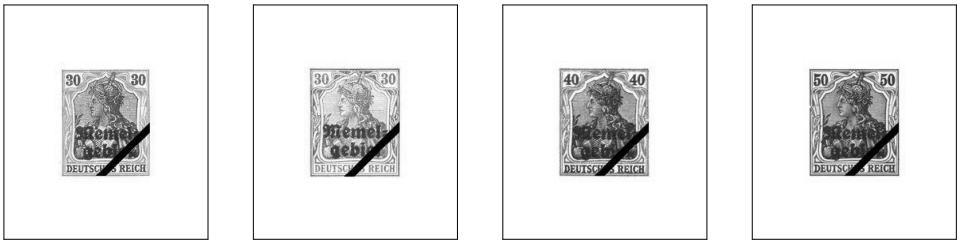
Memel/Klaipėda

French Administration

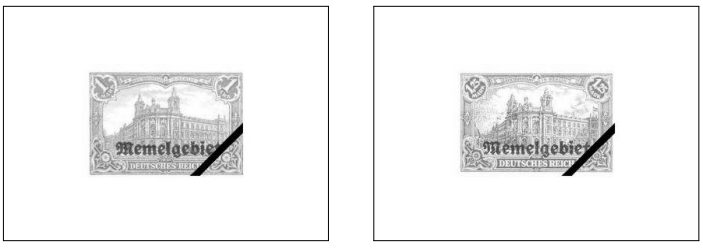
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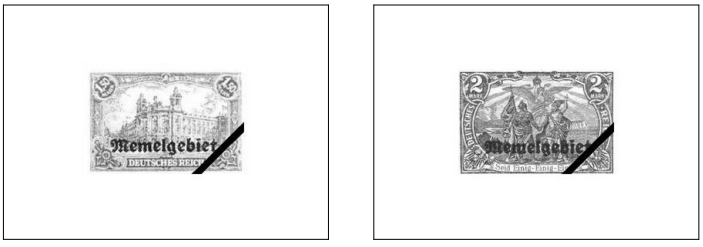
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Memel/Klaipėda

French Administration

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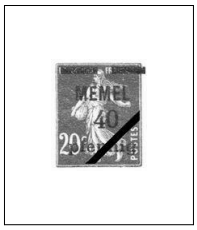
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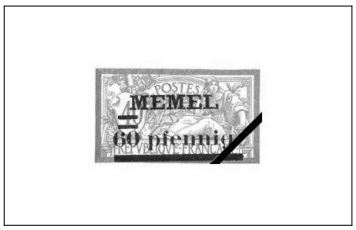




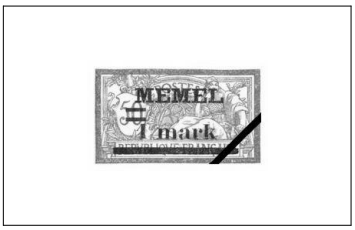




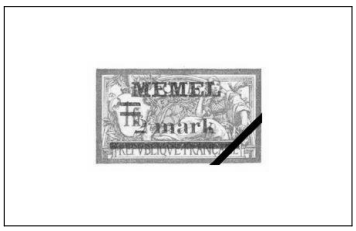
















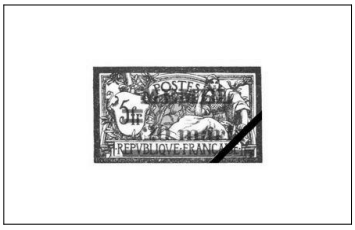


1.9 mm distance between 'mark' and bar



1.45 mm distance between 'mark' and bar





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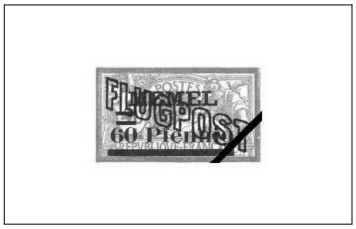
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French Administration

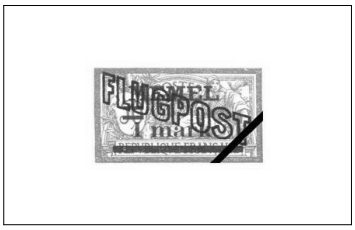
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Air Mail Stamps: Overprinted Merson Allegory,
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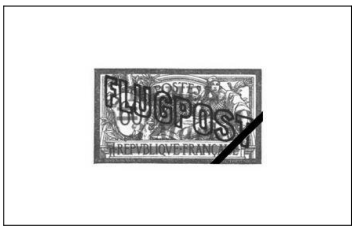














Overprinted Merson Allegory, Surcharge in 'Pfennig' and 'Mark'







1.9 mm distance between 'Mark' and bar



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French Administration

1921

Overprinted and Surcharged Sower Issue, Additional Surcharge









1922

Overprinted and Surcharged Merson Allegory, Additional Surcharge







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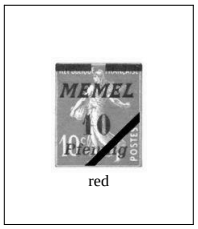
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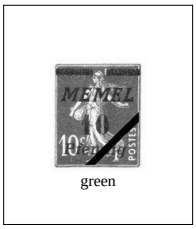
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French Issues (Sower, Merson Allegory), Italic Overprint 'MEMEL', Surcharge



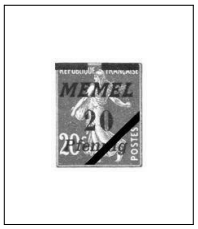


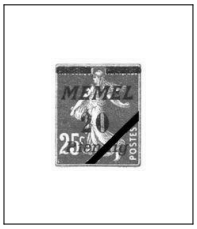
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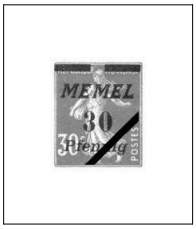
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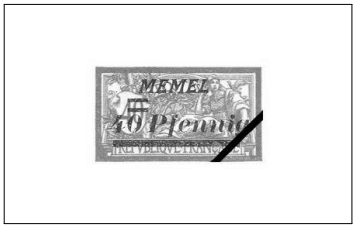


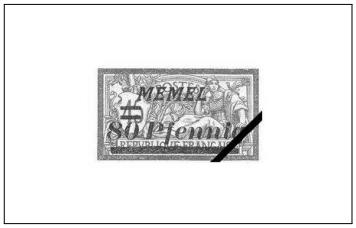


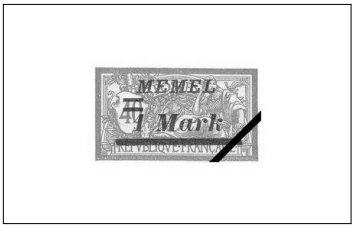






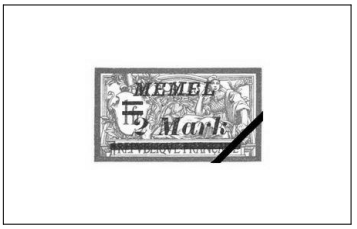


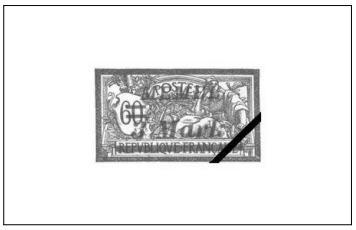


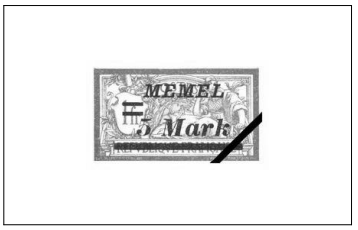


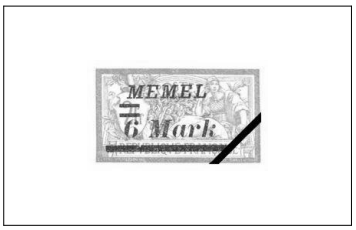














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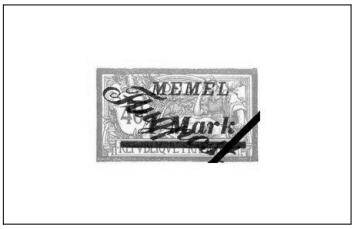
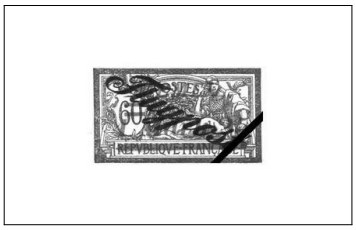
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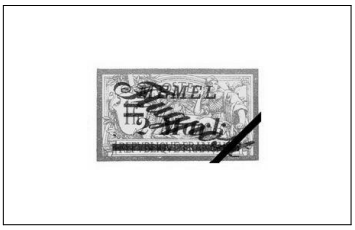
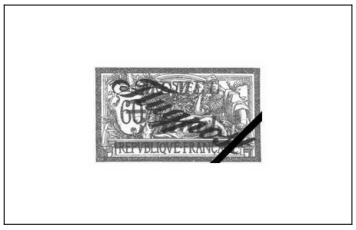
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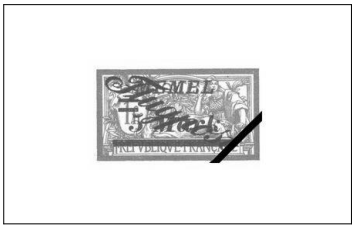
1922

Air Mail Stamps: Overprinted and Surcharged Merson Allegory,
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Memel/Klaipėda

French Administration

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French Issues (Sower, Merson Allegory), Italic Overprint 'MEMEL', Surcharge (I)





























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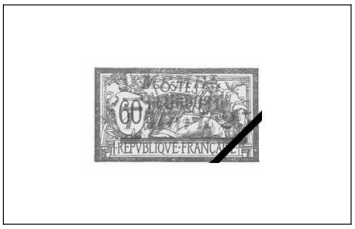
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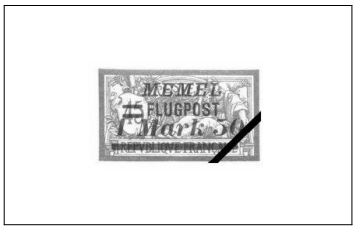
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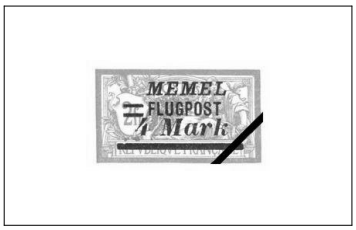


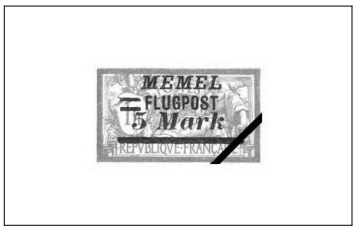




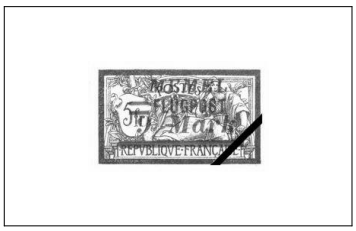




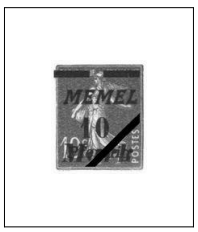


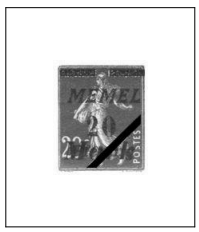






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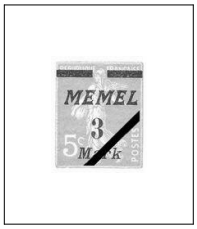
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French Administration

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French Issues (Sower, Merson Allegory),
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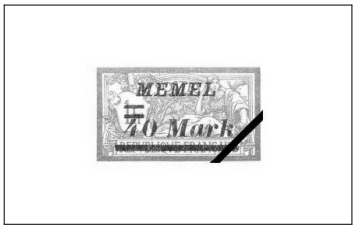


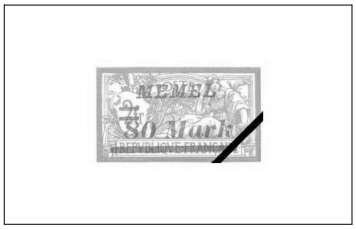


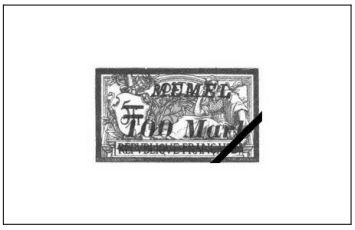






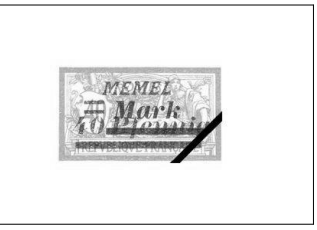


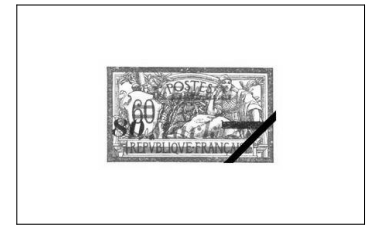




1923

Overprinted Merson Allegory, Additional Surcharge





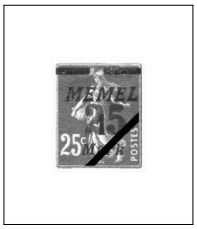
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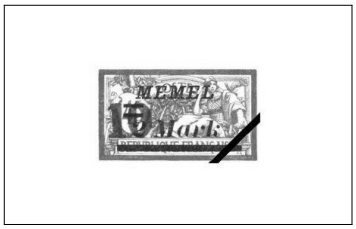
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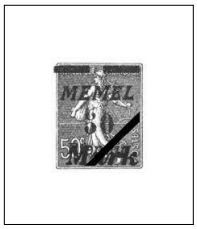
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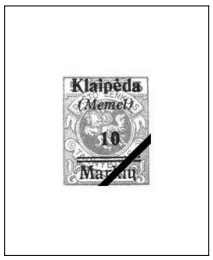
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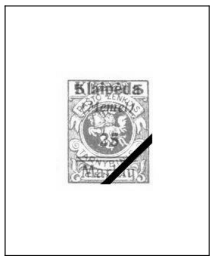


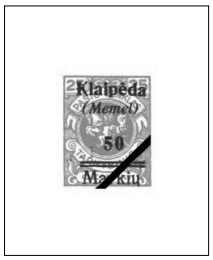


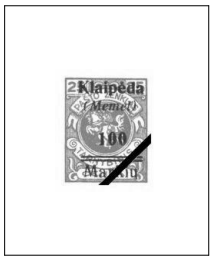


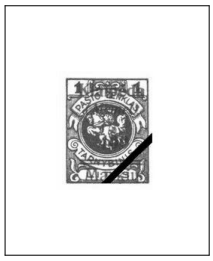
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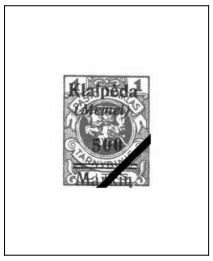




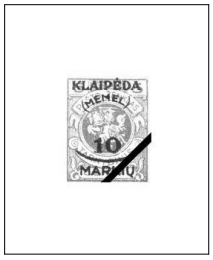


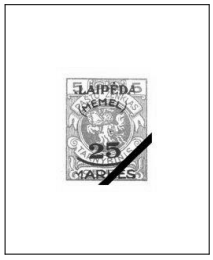


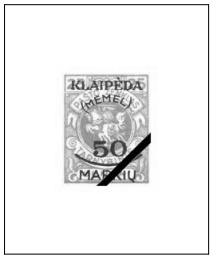


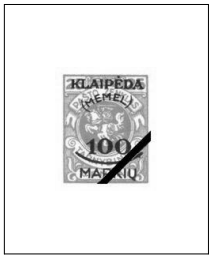


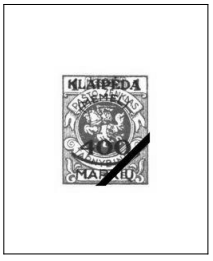
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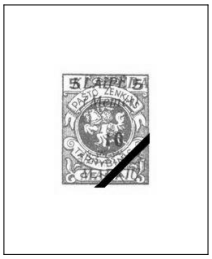
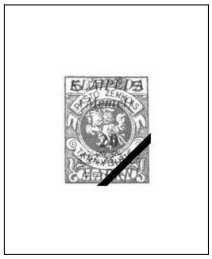
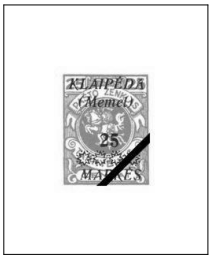
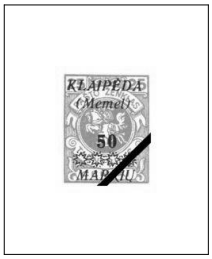
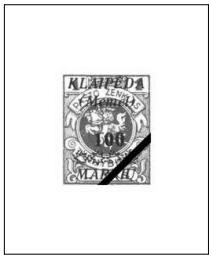
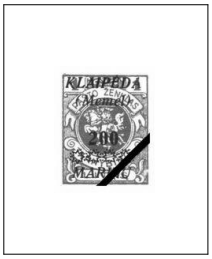
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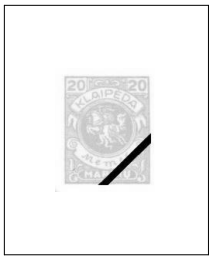
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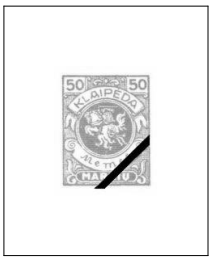
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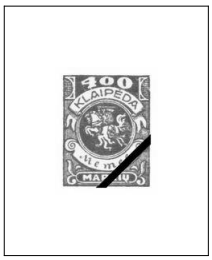
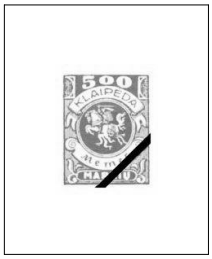
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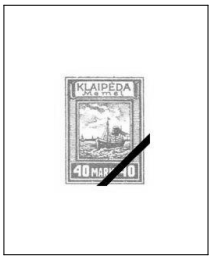
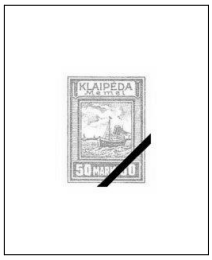
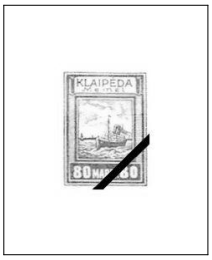
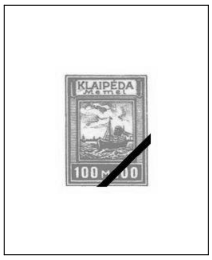
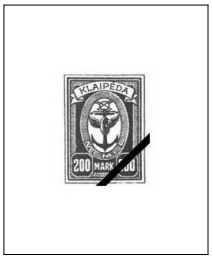
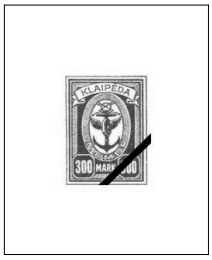
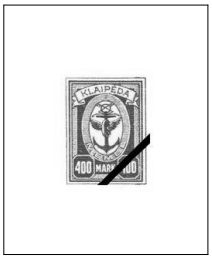

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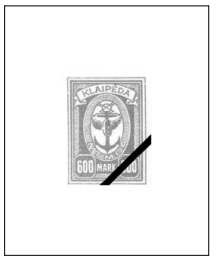
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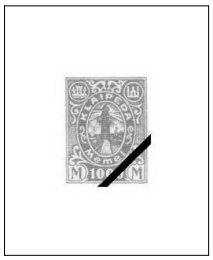
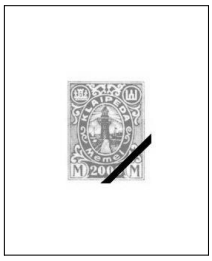
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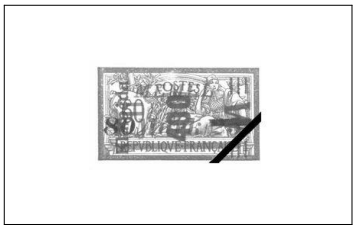

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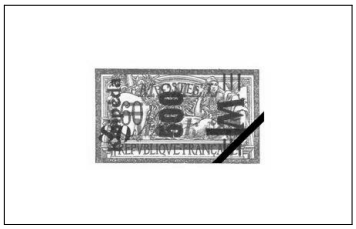
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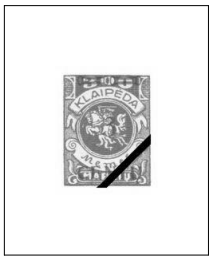


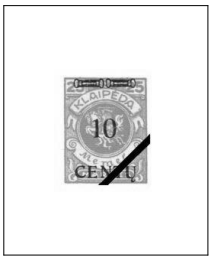


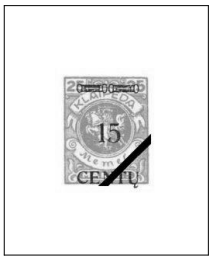


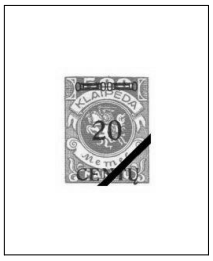
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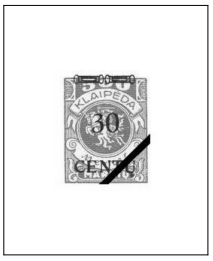














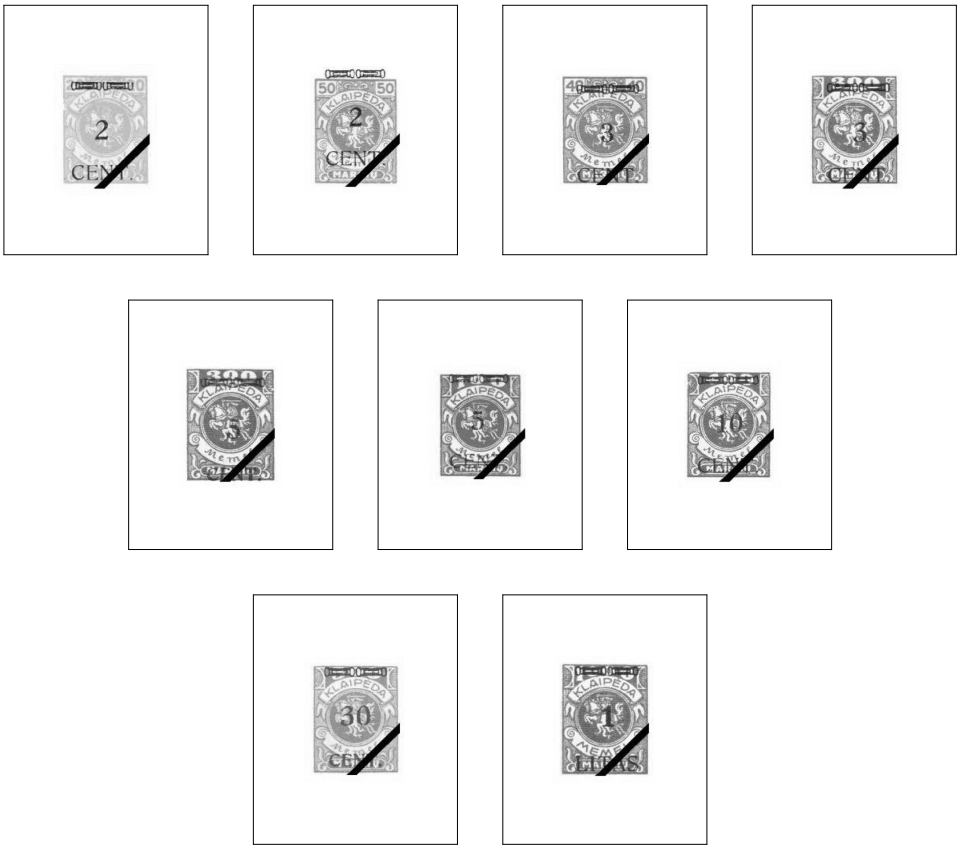
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Vytis Issue, Surcharge in CENT. and LITAS, Thin Numerals

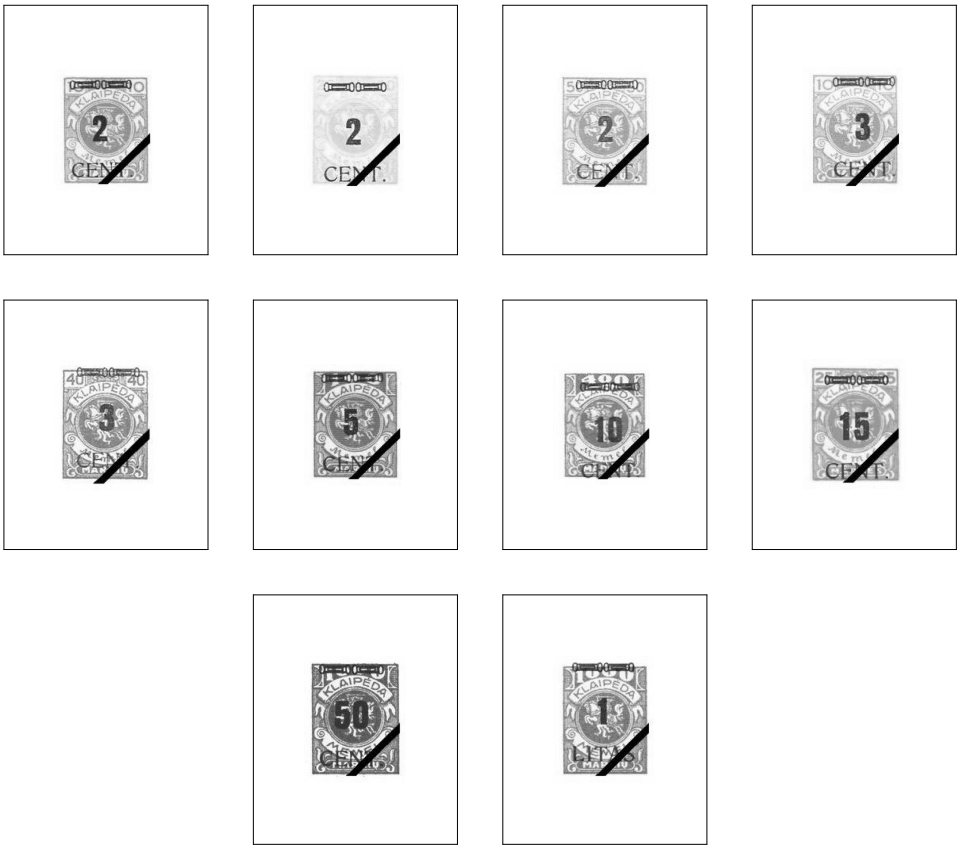


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Harbor Issue, Black Surcharge in CENT. and LITAS



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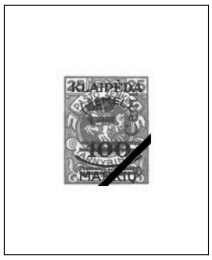
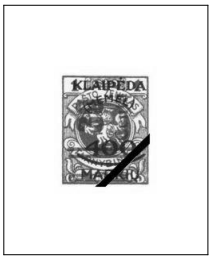
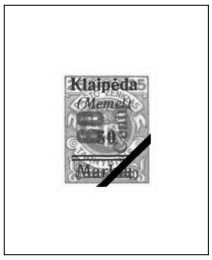
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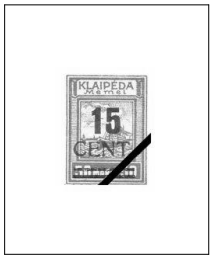
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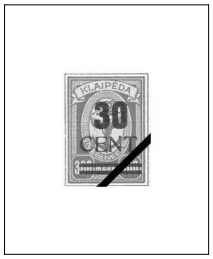
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Sickle Issue, Vertical Surcharge in Centų

Harbor Issue, Green Surcharge in CENT.







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Local Issue under German Administration

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Lithuanian Issues (20th Anniversary of Independence),
Overprint 'Memelland/ist/frei!' and Moose Shovel









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