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With this number we change to the new format which I trust will meet the approval of all readers. This new method of production does entail a lot of extra work but I feel sure that the illustrations and improved lay-out are a step in the right direction and well worth the charge of 5d per copy to all A.S.C.members. With this number are extra sheets originally printed for the old format in case we had to delay production of this issue until next time. I am pleased to say that almost all subscriptions of 5/-per annum were received since notification in number 50, and we can now go ahead. If however you are one who's subscription is still outstanding please do not wait for any further reminders if you wish to stay on the postal list.

MANCHESTER EXHIBITION

I have just returned from Manchester where the Exhibition is still running for about another week.

I must say that the standard was very good, both for organisation, and the standard of exhibits.

During my stay of two days I had the opportunity of meeting many old friends and quite a lot of old and new members for the first time. Quite a large party of A.S.C.members were at the station to meet me, some of whom I had not seen since our Vienna visit of 1958. We wasted no time in getting to the exhibition, housed in the very attractive Central Library. I should point out that all exhibits are changed once a week, and that those on show during my visit are only a part of the A.S.C.contribution, so if you sent along some sheets and do not get a mention here it is simply that I was a week early to see them. Never the less if they match the standard of those on show, it is my loss for not having seen them. Before we departed for an excellent dinner, among most excellent company, I viewed with much pleasure our contribution to this fine show.

To catch the public eye, Douglas Woolcott, special postmarks, surrounding Imperial Arms in one large frame.

Who ever mounted this lot, made an excellent job of it, which it is estimated drew about 800 members of the public (non collectors) in the first 7 days.

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Manchester Report

Mr. Showell-Anderson displayed the 1st issue of 1850, and did a great deal in addition to make a success of both the A.S.C. contribution and my stay in his home town.

A very nice study of the 1867-5kr was presented by John Giblin, along side which we had the postmarks on Austria of Slovenia-Dalmatia etc. which were the work of Mr. E. Hulme. In both cases something to interest the serious student of Austria. Along side the Vienna Pneumatic Post of Mr. Tom Wilcox we had the modern pictorials of Mr. D. Boydell; another who's efforts went a long way to making the show the success it is.

Artists & Engravers-Vienna & Buildings in two frames was the work of Arthur Godden, a couple of good themes very well presented. I am pleased to say I had a share in the section with James Sydall who showed Pre-adhesive covers and Proofs. If you have seen any of his material at meetings you will know what to expect.

The organisation was first class thanks to those on the Committee led by Mr. Boydell, who not only arranged the ASC section, but also that of the whole N.W. Federation. The spirit behind the venture speaks well of the high standard among the Lancashire members. I cannot find sufficient praise or words to describe either the work or the friendly atmosphere which prevailed. I tender most hearty thanks to all those who made my visit so enjoyable, and to those of our members who played their part by sending along their exhibits.

Keith Tranmer.

President A.S.C.

As a small token of appreciation I have ordered from the Verband in Vienna a number of F.I.P. pins, and on arrival I will dispatch them to the following members. T. Showell-Anderson; J. Giblin; T. Wilcox; E. Hulme; D. Woolcott; D. Boydell; A. Godden; J. Sydall; L. Scadden.

I would also like to include those members who's material I missed at Manchester and are not recorded in my report.

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On page 5 & 8 are illustrations for a list of Bosnian Postmarks to appear in the next issue. The illustration number 1 is for this month's article on 1918 Air-mail, and further types of Postmarks of Bosnia will appear in the next issue.

The Vienna-Bracow-Lemberg Air-Service 1918

As far back as 1899 Austria experimented with Balloons and later Airships for both military & postal purposes. Material exists from about 13 such flights prior to the Great War. Experience gained by the Siege of Przemyśl in 1915, lead eventually to the formation of the 1918 Air-Service, which terminated 9 months after formation with the collapse of the Empire.

The world's first international air-mail route opened on the 20th March 1918 as an experiment, with a regular service from the 1st April. To provide stamps the 1916 2kr & 3kr. issue were overprinted "Flugpost", and "1.50K-2.50K" respectively the 4K retained its value with a Flugpost overprint. Two printings were made with grey and later white paper Grey Paper.-

	Perforation 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	current price m & u.	
1.50K on 2K violet		1/6	2/-
2.50K on 3K yellow		5/6	6/-
a) perf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$		£12-	£8-
b) perf 12 $\frac{1}{2}$:11 $\frac{1}{2}$		15/-	12/6d
4K grey		2/3	3/3

White Paper.-

	Perforation 12 $\frac{1}{2}$		
1.50k on 2K violet		1/8	2/3d
2.50K on 3K yellow		6/-	7/6d
4K grey		2/6	3/6d

Stamps demonetised October 15th. 1918.

The following varieties are recorded.- 2.50K white paper, overprint inverted, mint £27 (illustrated)

7K on 10K red-brown unissued. mint £11-also found on granite paper mint £14-and with overprint missing £12.

Favour Prints-normal issues but imperforate including the 7K. Four values mint £20-

The stamps were first used on a flight leaving Vienna at 5.30 a.m. on March 31st. 1918; having being postmarked on the 30th, the day they came on sale at the P.O.

The aircraft (see last issue of the 5sch Luosta stamp) and crews were military and the civilian mail was carried in addition to the official mail.

The postal rate imposed was 1.50K for each section of the route, plus 1kr. for special delivery, this would account for the use of normal postage stamps additional to the Air stamps. The public were not informed about this service until after a trial period and the official announcement was made 1.4.18. What is not generally known is the route.- Vienna-Cracow-Lemberg (Lwow)-Proskurov-Kiev (Ukraine) plus a branch line linking Proskurov with Odessa.

The outward flight and return distance was 2.400 km. with one plane flying the outward & return leg of each section only. On the 4th July 1918 a second route was opened covering Vienna-Budapest. Later this same route was extended to include Ujvidek-Craiova-& Braila to Odessa. Examples of covers for this section are very rare for shortly after opening the service it was discontinued due to an acute shortage of materials and manpower. The collapse of Austria in November 1918 ended the entire service but it was a remarkable achievement at a very difficult time. Apart from technical duties the pilot was responsible for the mail, and in case of forced landings it was his duty to reforward mail by the next available means; to this end he was provided with a warrant by the Post Office. The service was maintained by only 22 planes, 14 N.C.O. pilots and 16 observers, plus ground staff and spare parts at each landing place. As each plane completed the leg of the relay, another was standing by ready to take over the mail bag. The only formality was to obtain a receipt from the new pilot, and within minutes the new plane was under way on the next leg.

Keith Tranmer (to be continued)

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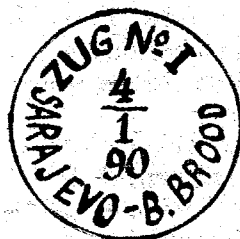
Request. H. Pollak Esq. of 23 Upper Overlook Road. Summit. New Jersey. U.S.A. wishes to know the earliest known date of a "Postablage" in Austria (Office for 2nd class mail) Known.-Walsenschanze 1891. L.B. Mahlenberg 1896. Trauneralpe 1893. Information direct to Mr. Pollak please.

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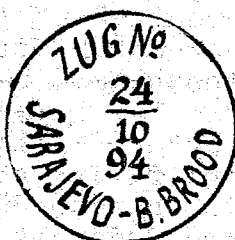
Resignation.- Membership of Mr. K. Weiss of London N.W.2. is withdrawn for non payment of subscriptions. Current holders of packets please delete Mr. Weiss on receipt of this bulletin.

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Next Issue of the Bulletin will include Bosnian Postmarks. The next but one issue it is hoped will contain a study of the 1850-3kr issue, translated by Dr. F.J. Tritsch.



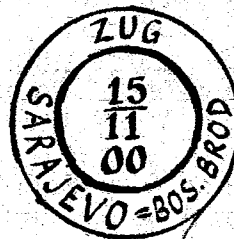
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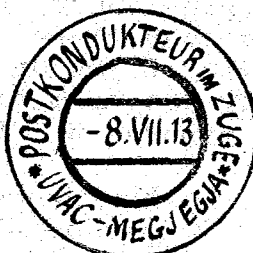
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Addendum -1-

Liszt, Franz Ritter von.

-9- "The People on Austrian
Stamps" J. Giblin.

Ferencz Liszt was born on 22nd October 1811 at Raiding near Pest in Hungary. His father, Adam Liszt (1780-1827) was a Hungarian employed in the Esterhazy household whilst his mother, Anna Lager was an Austrian from Krems bei Wien. The boy started to play the piano when he was six years old and in 1820 gave a recital in Oedenburg which so impressed a group of Hungarian noblemen that he was given an annual income of 600 gulden to enable him to study in Vienna. He was taught there by Czerny, Salieri and Randhartinger and gave concerts in Vienna in 1822, in Paris 1823 & in London in 1824 and 1825. His second visit to Paris in 1835, after forsaking his musical career for some years, was the occasion of his elopement with the Countess Marie d'Agoult. They spent the years 1835 to 1839 in Switzerland and Italy where three children Daniel, Blandina and Cosima were born, but it was the rupture of this liaison that signalled the beginning of his career as a brilliant pianoforte virtuoso. He travelled in Germany, England and Russia for a time but in 1848 he settled in Weimar with the Princess Carolyne zu Sayn-Wittgenstein and for the next thirteen years their house was a musical and artistic centre where he composed prolifically. His fame grew to such an extent that the Emperor in 1858 decorated him the Order of the Iron Cross and raised him to the ranks of the hereditary knightage. In 1865, Cardinal Hohenlohe conferred upon him the three minor orders of the Church and from that time he was known, somewhat erroneously, as the Abbe Liszt. His subsequent career was both exemplary and edifying and in 1879 he was made an honorary Canon of St. Albans in Rome. Franz von Liszt died on 31st July 1886 of pneumonia at Bayreuth in Bavaria after attending the marriage of his grand daughter, Daniela von Bulow and conducting a Wagner concert there. The standard work on the life of Liszt is the article in "Groves Dictionary of Music and Musicians" 1954 edition, Vol. 5. pp. 256-262, which includes a comprehensive bibliography pp. 262-263 and a complete catalogue of all his works. pp. 263-316: (Ref. 1. Vol. 15. p. 247; Ref. 2. Vol. 52. p. 28; Ref. 5. Vol. 11. p. 404; Ref. 6. Vol. 11. p. 270; Ref. 7. Vol. 14 p. 203; Ref. 8. Vol. 9. p. 285) Date of issue bulletin 50

Unofficial meeting. Wednesday 25th October 1961.
From 7.30 until about 9 p.m. in the Cheshire Cheese
145, Fleet Street. London. E.C.4. (about half way down
the street in the direction of St. Pauls on the left)
This is only an extra meeting to those held at 191
Brompton Road on the first Wednesday each month.
The idea is that both Mr. Scadden and myself would
like to meet old and new members for a chat and a
drink. There will be no display or anything just
an extra meeting on a purely social basis and all
are welcome to join us. F.I.P. badges should be
worn for identification to assist new members.

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I am sure members will join me in sending good
wishes for a speedy recovery to F.F. Meyer, known
to all London members for a number of years, and
who I understand has recently undergone a serious
operation.

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To keep up to date we shall in future publish the
supplements of John Giblin's "The People on Austrian
Stamps" in this bulletin. The first article on
Franz Liszt appears on page 10. New members who
require this fine reference work should write to
Mr. Giblin at Greenhithe, Grosvenor Rd; St. Helens,
Lancashire. G.B. price 24/- post free.

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Packets-Please make a special effort to send your
duplicate material for the circuits in the next
few weeks. Anything will be accepted provided it
is Austria, and unwanted collections or lots which
you do not have time to mount will be bought for
cash outright, or mounted for a small charge by
some of the members. If you have any material for
auction please send it along with a reserve price.
Provided I receive sufficient material before
November 25th I will organise a small auction
at one of the meetings, and circulate details to
you all together with a postal bid form for those
who are unable to attend. I will accept stamps,
covers, albums, literature, etc. Please have a sort
out now and send what you have for either packets
or auction.

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