



# *The Postal Rates of the Protectorate of Bohemia Moravia 1939 - 1945*

**A study of the postal rates and fees of the Protectorate of Bohemia Moravia,  
formed from part of Nazi occupied Czechoslovakia on March 16, 1939**

This exhibit presents a comprehensive study of the postal rates and special service fees in effect in the Protectorate of Bohemia Moravia from German Occupation on March 16, 1939 through Russian Liberation on May 9, 1945.

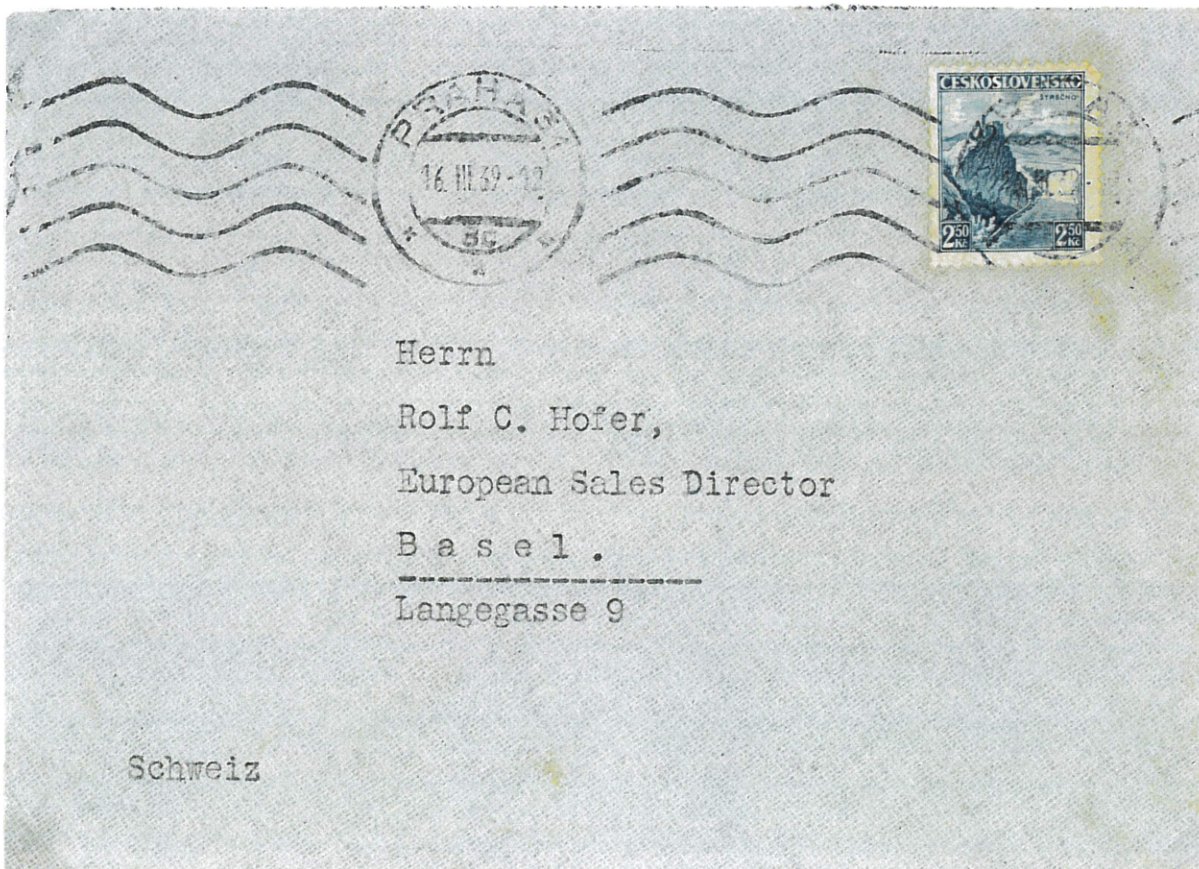
Protectorate postal rates, as with most countries, were driven by the various "Postal Unions" to which they belonged for the rating and exchange of mails between members. These include both the UPU as well as other formal and informal Conventions and Ententes.

The presentation of rates within this exhibit is based upon the progression of "Postal Unions" to which it belonged:

Mar 1939 through Oct 1940:	Inheritance of Existing Czech Domestic, Postal Union and Air Mail Rates
Mar 1939 through May 1945:	Retention of Local Special Matter Rates and Fees
Jul 1939 through Oct 1940:	Germanification of rates under the German Reich "Postal Union" (Germany and Occupations)
Jan 1942 through Jan 1943:	Creation of the Europatariff "Postal Union" (Germany and Occupations, Axis and Friendlies)

While the availability of postal services during the war were influenced by the changing occupation and alliance status of the various countries, the underlying rates for these services were governed by their membership in these various postal unions. Airmail rates are also fully integrated into this structure, including LATI and Pan Am transatlantic mails. Rates to countries not part of these unions was governed by the UPU. This exhibit does not include money order, parcel post, telegraph or telephone as their complex rate structures have far too many steps and changes.

## ***First Day of the Newly Declared Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia***



**Prague to Switzerland - March 16, 1939  
2k 50h UPU Single Letter Rate <= 20 grams**

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## Basic First Step Rate Tables

Rates are expressed in Czechoslovak currency: 100 Heller = 1 Kroner  
 German Exchange rate was consistently set at: 10 Pfennig = 1 Kroner

### Overview of Basic Domestic and International Rate Groups From Occupation of Prague on March 16, 1939 to Liberation on May 9, 1945

Destination	Effective	Single Letter 20 grams	Postcard Postal Cards	Printed 50 grams	Registration per piece	Express per piece
Domestic	03/16/39 - 05/31/40	1k	50h	20h	2k	2k
	06/01/40 - 09/30/40	1k 20h	60h	30h	2k	4k
	10/01/40 -->	German Reich Union				
German Reich Union	03/16/39 - 03/31/39	2k	1k 20h	50h	2k 50h	5k
	04/01/39 - 09/30/40	1k 20h	60h	30h	2k 50h	4k
	10/01/40 -->	1k 20h	60h	30h	3k	4k
Europatariff Union	01/01/42 -> as Admitted	1k 20h	60h	30h	3k	5k
UPU	03/16/39 -->	2k 50h	1k 50h	50h	3k	5k
Airmail	Variable Surcharge in addition to applicable postage and service fees based on Airline, Destination and Weight					



#### Split Rate Airmail - Air within Europe and Surface to United States

Prague to New York - July 12, 1939

2k = 50h Continental Air Surcharge + 1k 50h UPU Surface Post/Postal Card to New York