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In the May 2022 issue of *The PhilateliKid*, we began brief descriptions of various “Back of the Book” (“BOB”) listings in the Scott Catalogues. In subsequent issues we looked at stamps which begin with the letter “B,” “BK,” “C,” “CB,” “CE,” “CL,” “CM,” “CO,” “CVP,” “D,” “E,” “F,” “FA,” “J,” “JQ,” “K,” “L,” “LO,” “O,” “-P,” “PC,” “PN,” “PR,” “PS,” “Q,” “QE,” “QI,” “R” (Part 1), “R” (Part 2), “RC,” “RD,” “RE,” “REA,” “REF,” “RG,” “RH,” “RK,” “RL,” “RN-D,” “RO,” “RS,” “RV,” “RY,” “SPCVP,” “U,” “UC,” “UX,” “UY,” “WS,” “WX,” “#X,” and State, followed by a number. This month we will look at “M.” All stamps illustrated are from the author’s personal collection, unless otherwise noted.

Stamps Beginning with the prefixes “M.”



Stamps with an “M” prefix are Military stamps. The United States has never issued any stamps identified by Scott Catalogue as Military stamps, but Military stamps are identified in other countries. Illustrated are Military stamps from India. The first 3 stamps feature Queen Victoria, and are listed in Scott as M1, M2, and M3. They are stamps of India overprinted “C.E.F.,” which are the initials of Chinese Expeditionary Force. They were issued in 1900. The second 3



stamps feature King George V, and are listed in Scott as M34, M35, and M36. They are stamps of India overprinted “I.E.F.,” which are the initials of Indian Expeditionary Force. They were issued in 1914. The single stamp at right features an elephant, and is listed in Scott as M44. It is a stamp of India overprinted in Hindi. Translated it means Indian Custodial Unit, Korea. It was issued in 1953.



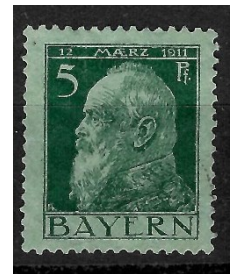
DEAD COUNTRIES

Beginning in October 2024, we illustrated stamps from “Dead Countries.” We looked at Newfoundland, Hawaii, and in November 2024, Croatia (1941). This month we will look at the Kingdom of Bavaria.

Stamps of Bavaria spell the name of the country “BAYERN.” Stamps of Bavaria were issued from 1849 to 1920. During that period of time the German State of Bavaria was ruled by King Maximilian II, King Ludwig II, King Otto, and King Ludwig III. Due to the insanity of King Otto, in 1886 Prince Luitpold was appointed to run the government as Regent. The rule of a regent is called a regency. In 1912 Prince Luitpold died. Because of the continuing insanity of King Otto, Prince Luitpold’s son, took over as Prince Regent Ludwig. He formally deposed King Otto, and then Prince Regent Ludwig became King Ludwig III of Bavaria. During WWI Bavaria sided



with Germany. When WWI ended in November 1919, King Ludwig abandoned the throne, and left Bavaria. Thus ended the 700-year rule of Bavarian Kings. The Kingdom of Bavaria changed its name to the Peoples Republic of Bavaria, which continued to issue its own stamps until 1920, when, for a short period of time, Bavarian stamps were overprinted by Germany, and became legitimate postage throughout Germany. However, beginning on March 31, 1920, stamps of Germany only were used in Bavaria, which no longer issued its own stamps.



King Ludwig III

From 1919 to 1920, immediately after the end of WWI stamps featuring King Ludwig III were overprinted with “Freistaat Bayern,” which translates in English to “Free State of Bavaria.”



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