

# THE AUSTRIAN ARMS POSTAGE DUE ISSUE OF 10.9.1945.

The Russian Zone issued a postage due set; the ten low values in red (1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 20, 24, 30, 60) appeared on 10 September 1945 and the four RM values (1, 2, 5, 10) in violet on 24 September 1945. The design, by Robert Brezina, consisted of a single headed eagle carrying a hammer and sickle in its claws from which hang broken chains. This eagle design occupies the upper half of the center of the stamp whilst below it is the numeral of value and in the bottom margin the word "PORTO". The words "REPUBLIK" and "ÖSTERREICH" fill the two vertical side panels.

This set was printed in the Vienna State Printing Works by typography on white un-watermarked paper in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) and line perforated 11. It was only issued for use in the Russian zone but it is known used in the other occupation zones; especially in Carinthia. It was valid until 30 April 1947. Two distinct errors are known; the first with the 1pf stamp where the right-hand claw is missing on the 15th, 20th, 65th and 70th stamp in the sheet. The other is with the 30pf value where part of the center line of the numeral 3 is missing on the 56th stamp of the sheet.

The 2, 5 and 10 Rm values are not catalogued as used-on-cover.

