

## ONCE UPON A TIME ...

Entities that at some point issued or overprinted postage stamps,  
and that ceased to exist as such

### ALLENSTEIN



Period: **1920**

Under German subordination

### HOW TO IDENTIFY THESE STAMPS



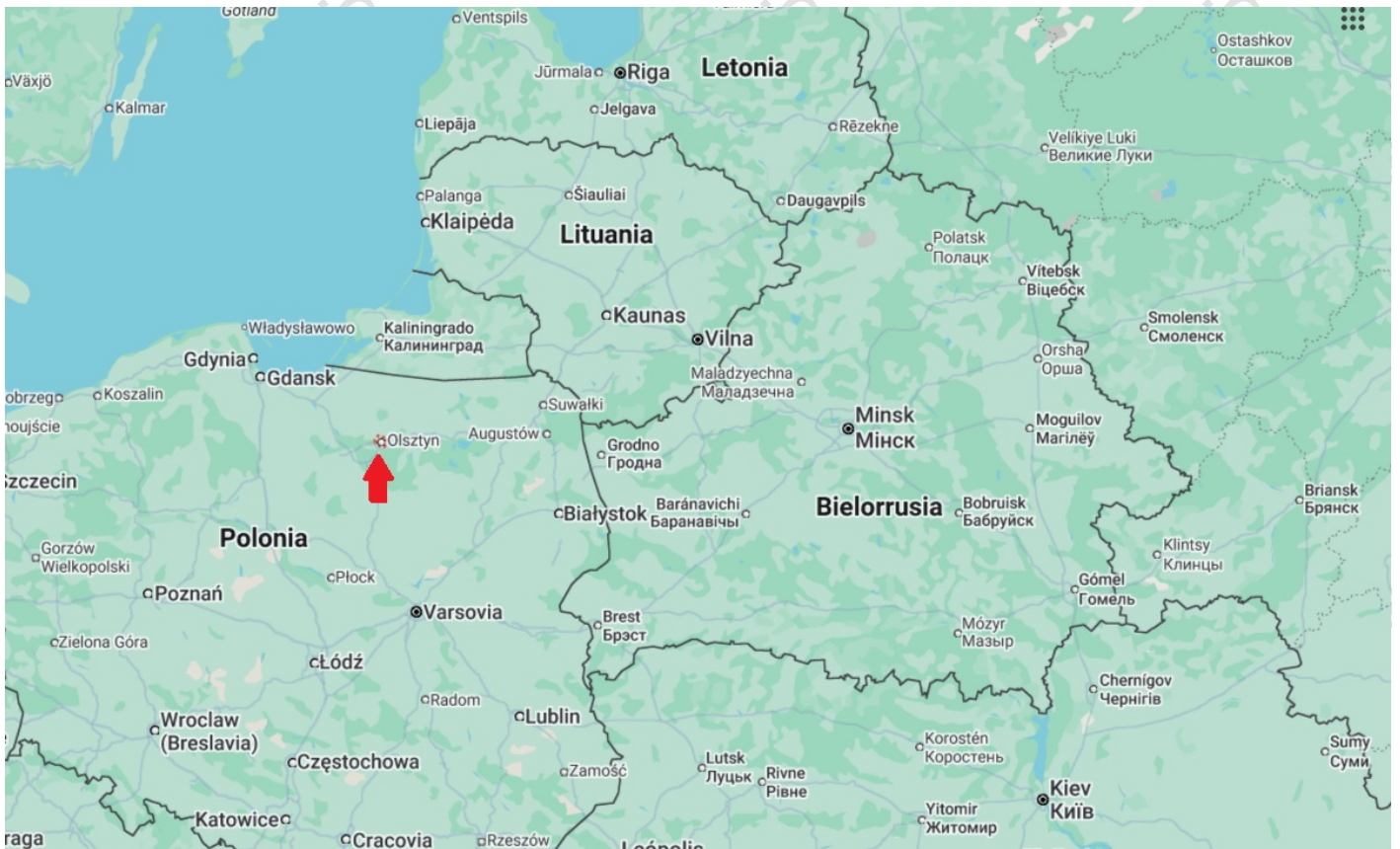
### HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Allenstein was a district in East Prussia, considered an independent city and very modern in terms of urban development and culture.

In 1920, at the end of World War I and under the Treaty of Versailles (signed on June 28, 1919, in France and coming into effect on January 10, 1920), its inhabitants held a plebiscite (July 11, 1920) to decide whether they would belong to Germany or Poland. They voted to remain with Germany, and thus their postage stamps were overprinted.

The stamps are German, printed between 1906 and 1920, and overprinted in 1920. It wasn't until August 1945, after the Germans were expelled by the Soviets, that the city came under the control of the Second Polish Republic and changed its name to Olsztyn.

## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION



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