

## Overrun Countries Error?

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The stamp was issued on June 22, 1943 to honor the first country overrun by Nazi Germany and starting W.W.II. That country was Poland. But, wait a minute. Poland's flag is red and white isn't it?

This stamp came to me with many other stamps I bought at an auction. It's used, it's very soft (like the paper you want to use to pamper your behind) and its slightly damaged. But the worst of its faults is the missing color! The red that colors the bottom half of the flag and spell out the name of the country. Its just gone. Maybe that's a good thing. This stamp could make me a millionaire. But the catalog mentions no color missing errors

I talked to several people in the club about this stamp and got several completely different responses. The first was that the color could be removed very carefully using a q-tip. Another was there's no way one ink can be removed without removing the other inks. This is a genuine color missing error. A third response was that the stamps had been left soaking in the water too long. And, I thought it was left in the sun longer than stamps usually are.

Frankly, I like the second answer best. What do you think?

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