Red Cross

Polish Red Cross (PRC) is the Polish member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. It's 19th century roots may be found in the Russian and Austrian partitions of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. On regaining it's independence in 1918 Poland's charitable institutions were able to reconvene and establish the Red Cross on its territory under the presidency of Paweł Sapieha, formerly President of the Red Cross in Galicia. The new society was recognized by the International Red Cross on 24 July 1919. During the Polish People's Republic (1947 – 1989) the Polish Red Cross lost its autonomy and all its assets to the state.

Across its hundred-year history it continues its humanitarian work at home and abroad. Its focus is on education, exhumations and missing persons. It continues to carry aid to refugees.

Dachau Concentration Camp Stamps
Polish Red Cross Labels. Issued in 1945 In aid of the "Red Cross"

→ Although inscribed "POCZTA", the validity of these stamps was only of a local nature, with the letter being posted in the vicinity of the camp, and addressed to either Germany or Austria. The surcharge of RM7.15pf made the likelihood of the stamps being used for postage.

The sheet of 6 was un-gummed, and was designed to be left un-separated.

1963, Centenary of Red Cross
Tete-Beche pair connected on
Bottom edges

1959, 40th Anniv.of Red Cross

Nurse with Bag

Nurse with Bottle
and Bandage

1984 Warsaw Uprising ~ 40th Anniv.

Tending Wounded