

Collecting  
The Year 1945  
Worldwide:  
An Interesting Challenge

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# Types of Stamps Collected

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**From Scott Catalogues (2023 Edition)**

(actively seeking these)

**From Other Catalogues (Locals, etc.)**

(as opportunities present)

- Individual Stamps Issued in 1945
- Entire Sets of Stamps Issued in 1945
- Entire Sets of Stamps, with Some (e.g., 1+) Individual Stamps Issued in 1945
- Entire Sets of Stamps with no Individual Stamps Issued in 1945,  
BUT with Stamps Issued in Year(s) both Before AND After 1945

# 445+ Countries not in this 1945 Collection

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- ❑ **211** Countries that stopped issuing stamps before 1945 (e.g. “dead” countries) La Aguera to Zululand
- ❑ **150+** Countries with first issued stamps after 1945 (e.g. “new” countries) Abu Dhabi to Zimbabwe
- ❑ **82** Countries that issued stamps before & after 1945, but issued none in 1945, and also have no sets ‘surrounding’ 1945. Aden States to Zanzibar

# Focus of This Presentation

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## 1945-Issued Stamps Only

- Individual Stamps and Complete Sets Issued in 1945
- Individual 1945-Issued Stamps from Sets with stamps also issued in other years

**3,276 Total Stamps in 2023 Scott Catalogs, so far!**  
**(was 3,232 in 2014 Scott Catalogs, 43 more stamps)**

# My 1945 Collection and Want-List Totals

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As of November 2023:

- Have 2,719 Scott-listed 1945 stamps (83% of total)
  - + 135 other 1945 Stamps NOT listed in Scott
- **+557** Scott-listed 1945 Stamps missing from my collection (17% of total)
  - 3,411+ potential total 1945 stamps

# Countries with 1945 Stamp Issues

(Identified in the 2023 Scott Catalogues)

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## 143 Countries Altogether (Aden to Yugoslavia):

- **57** -- I Have ALL 1945 stamps and sets (40%)
- **73** -- I Have SOME (one or more) 1945 stamps (51%)
- **13** -- I Have NONE of the 1945 stamps (9%)

# Countries with Most 1945 Scott-Listed Stamps

(I Have **I'm Missing**)

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CHINA (209 **66**)

HUNGARY (123 **12**)

ROMANIA (122 **8**)

AUSTRIA (106 **6**)

USA (105 **13**)

GERMAN DEM. REP. (95 **8**)

ITALY (94 **16**)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA (80 **2**)

FRANCE (79 **4**)

GERMANY (50)

# 10 Countries, each with just ONE 1945 Stamp

(I have these six)

ADEN (A)



GREAT BRITAIN—Off. In MOROCCO (A)



INDIA—NABHA (O)



MONGOLIA (A)



SUDAN (O)



YEMEN (A)



Missing these 4:

- Grenada (A)
- India-Bundi (A)
- Leeward Islands (A)
- St. Kitts—Nevis (A)



# Most Common 1945 Scott Stamp Types

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	<u>Have</u>		<u>Missing</u>	<u>No. of Countries</u>
A (Regular)	1,497	(87%)	<b>216</b>	117 (82%)
N (Occupation)	300	(79%)	<b>78</b>	9 (6%)
B (Semi-Postal)	223	(88%)	<b>30</b>	27 (19%)
C (Air Mail)	203	(86%)	<b>32</b>	31 (22%)
J (Postage Due)	136	(77%)	<b>40</b>	22 (15%)
L (Local)	64	(60%)	<b>42</b>	4 (3%)
Q (Parcel Post)	69	(68%)	<b>32</b>	7 (5%)
O (Official)	57	(71%)	<b>23</b>	17 (12%)
RA (Postal Tax)	34	(71%)	<b>14</b>	12 (8%)
E (Special Delivery)	12	(80%)	<b>3</b>	7 (5%)

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# End of World War II 1945 Occupation Stamps

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15 variations of Scott type N:

N 1N 2N 3N 4N 8N 9N 9NJ 11N 12N 12NB 13N 14N 15N 16N

Have 300 (Missing **78**)

Issued in 9 different occupied countries:

Austria (17)

China (137 **41**)

Netherlands Indies (1)

Hong Kong (**3**)

Latvia (2 **12**)

Yugoslavia (2 **14**)

Philippines (3)

Germany (43)

East Germany (95 **8**)

# A Few Examples of these 1945 Occupation Stamps

(The **Hong Kong** Stamps are **missing** from my collection)



# Remaining 1945 Stamp Types (excluding USA)

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AR (Postal Fiscal) New Zealand (2 **1**)

D (Pneumatic Post) Italy (2)

EY (Authorized Delivery) Italy (1 **1**)

G (Insured Letter) Dominican Republic (1)

I (**Late Fee Stamp**) Ecuador (**1**)

1K (Offices Abroad—London) Yugoslavia (6)

3KB (**Exile Government in Great Britain**) Poland (**1**)

M (Military) China (1)

P (Newspaper) Czechoslovakia (10)

# Examples of These Uncommon 1945 Types (the ones I have)

New Zealand AR



Italy D



Italy EY



Dominican Rep. G



Yugoslavia 1K



China M



Czechoslovakia P



# 1945 USA

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**11 Regular (A) Issues**

**Many More Back-of-the-Book Issues**

# USA 1945 Regular Issues



# Other USA 1945 Stamps

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PN (18) R (22 **3**) RD (19 **8**) RV (10 **2**) RW (2)

16T (2) WS (1) WX (2 **1**)



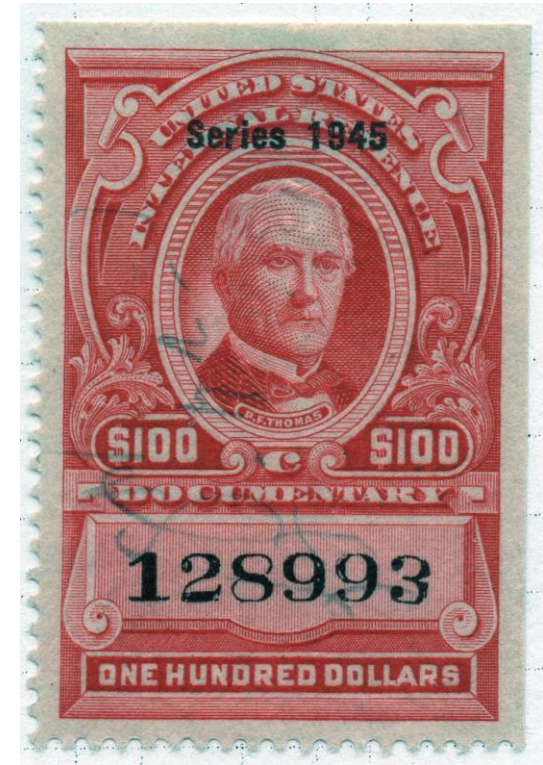
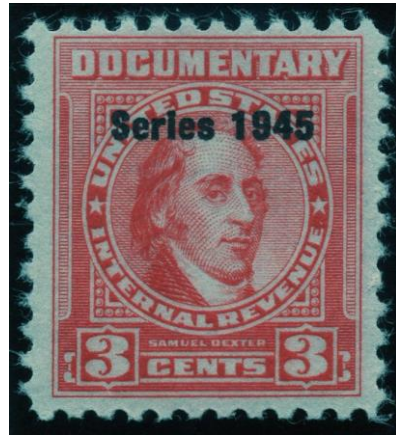
# 1945 Postal Note Stamps

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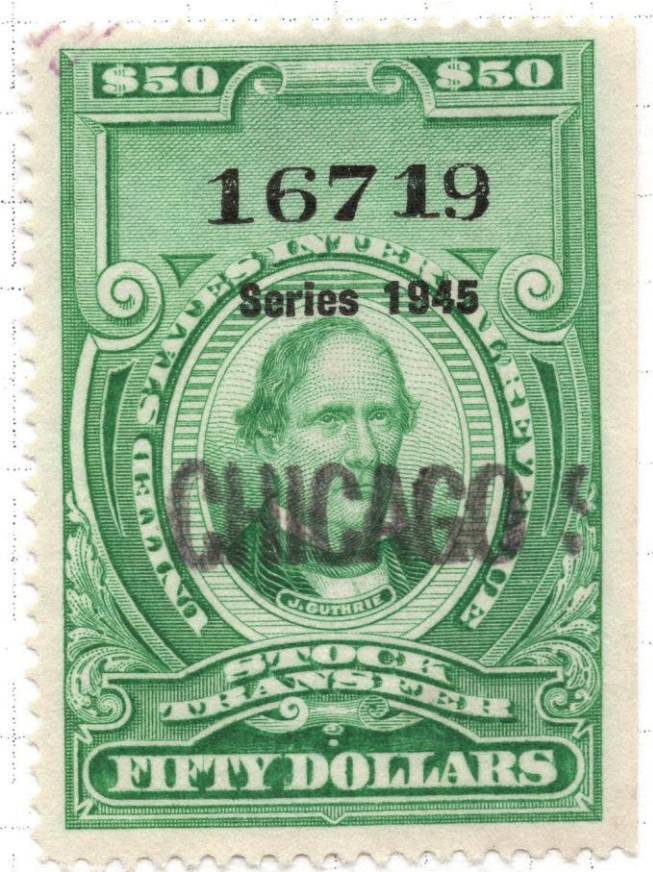
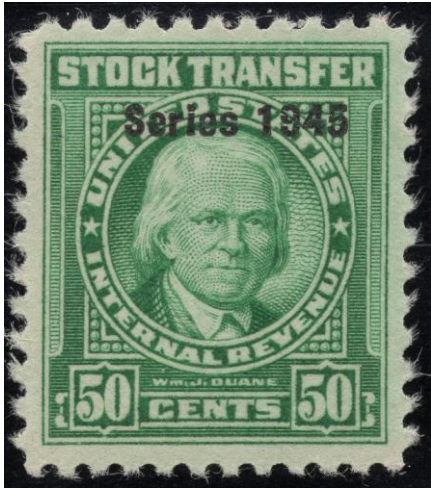
# 1945 Documentary Revenues

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# 1945 Stock Transfer Revenues

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# 1945 Motor Vehicle Tax Revenues

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# 1945 Migratory Bird Hunting Permit Stamps

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# 1945 War Savings, Telegraph Co. & Christmas Seal Stamps



# 1945 GREENLAND

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9 Stamps Issued in February (MNH \$325)

Reissued in May with Overprints (MNH \$1,300)

6 of these with 2nd overprint color variety: **Red** or **Blue**  
(MNH \$2,900)

Total 2023 mint never hinged catalog value of all 24 stamps:

**\$4,575**

# GREENLAND Feb 1, 1945

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# Greenland May 5, 1945



# Overprint Color Varieties

## The Six Larger Stamps



# But There's a 2-part Note Under the Set: Part 1

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This **one** 15 ore Stamp: #23

Large Vertical Design A4  
Overprint 13.5 mm wide



EXISTS WITH A SMALLER OVERPRINT

2023 Scott value (MNH): **\$3,300 !!**

Like this 7 ore stamp: #22

Small Vertical Design A3  
Overprint 11.5 mm wide



# Greenland 1945 Overprinted Set

## Note: Part 2

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The full **9-stamp** Set (#'s 19-27)  
“exist with the **overprint inverted**”

Like this (?):



2023 Scott value: \$9,400 !!!

SO...

2023 Scott MNH Value of **ALL 34**

1945 GREENLAND Stamps

**\$17,275**

# 1945 TUNISIA

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**22 Regular (A) Issues**

**9 Semi-Postal (B) Issues**

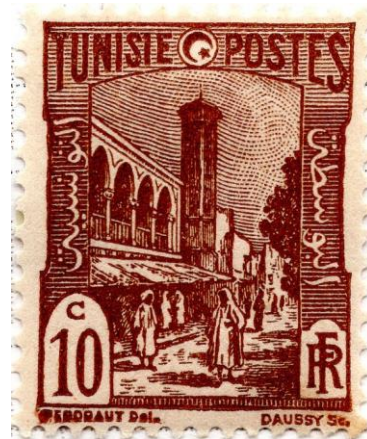
**4 Postage Due (J) Issues**

**35 total 1945 Tunisia Stamps . . .**

# Tunisia's Largest Stamp Set includes some 1945 Stamps

First issued from 1926 to 1946

66 Stamps with 4 Different Designs



# The Ten 1945-Issued Stamps In this Tunisia Set



# All Have Inscriptions at the Bottom

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Except this Stamp--  
Sometimes ... !

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# See Scott Classic Specialized (2023) 1840 - 1940

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## Tunisia

<b>113B</b>	<b>A13</b>	<b>25f</b>	<b>violet ('45)</b>	<b>.70</b>	<b>.60</b>
			<b>Never Hinged</b>	<b>1.10</b>	
			<b>On cover</b>		<b>19.00</b>
<b>a.</b>			<b>No inscriptions below de- sign</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>11.00</b>
			<b>Never hinged</b>	<b>16.00</b>	

# Collecting 1945 Worldwide

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## Some Last Thoughts

- \* It is an interesting year both philatelically and historically
- \* It is fairly affordable, with some exceptions!
- \* Most of these stamps are fairly easy to find, except for the exceptions!
- \* Paying attention to the catalog details, leads to interesting exceptions!
- \* It has been fun, and it promises to be fun for many more years!