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Absender: Emil Scholler
11a Wiesengrund M. 1
(Hr. Altes)

Postanweisung m. 2

auf -156 R.M. 70 Pf. wörtlich:

Einhundertfünfzig sechs Reichsmark wie oben

An Philips Beleuchtung

M. 1 Bostenbach

Str. Nr. 1021 Eingetragen durch: di Eingangs-Nr. 52

Wiesengrund M. 1 5. V. 1945


Postvermerk 11a (Befreiung, Kassenzettel, Nachtragsnummer usw.):

Ein Postscheckkonto spart Arbeit, Zeit und Geld

Anmeldung beim Zustellamt

Eine Postanweisung kostet	
bis 10 R.M.	20 Pf.
.. 25 ..	30 ..
.. 100 ..	40 ..
.. 250 ..	60 ..
.. 500 ..	80 ..
.. 750 ..	1 R.M.
.. 1000 ..	1 .. 20 Pf.

Überweisungen
von Konto zu Konto sowie
bei Benutzung besonderer Form-
blätter — Einzahlungen auf
das eigene Konto sind
gebührenfrei



Bescheinigung des Empfängers

Umstehenden Betrag erhalten

(Name) _____

Zustellvermerk _____

STUDY GROUP NOTES

Prosit Neujahr! – Welcome to another year of study group activities. As noted in Bulletin 164, the first article on POW camps in North America is in preparation. This article is scheduled to appear in Bulletin 168. We hope that at least some members will research camps in their areas, locate appropriate cards or covers and prepare addition articles for this series. Thanks for your continued support. *Ye Olde Ed.*

GPS Chapters 1 and 5 – While many of you have active G.P.S. chapters that you can visit, the once thriving Chapters 1 (New York City) and 5 (New Jersey) lost their meeting places and have been inactive since the mid-1980s. Initiated by TRSGer Ron Morgan, there is an effort underway to revive both of these chapters. Obviously the initial step is to determine if there is sufficient interest to warrant this effort. So, we're requesting those interested members living in NY or NJ to write me @ e-mail @ TRSG03.juno.com or my address on page 1. I'll forward all responses to Ron and report progress in these pages.

Transit Stamps - the text in Fig.6 on page 12 in Bulletin 165 should read Hamburg (Code f) and the lower cover in Fig. 7 on Page 13 was sent from Slovakia not Slovenia. Thanks to Rex Dixon for the corrections.

"Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy Propaganda Postcards" –See page 464 in Nov. 2007 issue of German Postal Specialist (Whole 630) for color illustration and details on this new book by TRSGer James A. Lees

Director Myron Fox - as shown in the masthead on page 1, TRSG Director Myron Fox's address has changed from P.O. Box 283, Needham Heights, MA 02194 to **4 Arbor Circle, Natick, MA 01760-2953**. Myron informs us that he has closed the P.O. box and doesn't want any of your mail lost or returned.

Police Rgt. 23 - We received information regarding this particular unit from several members and have forwarded this info to Arik Komets.

TRSG Auction - Due to a general scarcity of lots, our very popular auction is on hold until further notice.

Prices Realized – Auction #108

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Price</u>
2	\$ 23.00	13	\$35.00	27	\$5.00	35	\$5.00	46	\$11.00
4	22.00	15	28.00	28	5.00	36	5.00	47	12.00
5	22.00	16	57.00	29	5.00	37	5.00	51	10.00
6	38.00	17	57.00	30	5.00	38	9.00	54	12.00
7	18.00	18	61.00	31	5.00	39	10.00	55	15.00
8	41.00	19	58.00	32	5.00	40	14.00	58	11.00
9	15.00	20	87.00	33	10.00	41	10.00	59	16.00
10	25.00	25	48.00	34	5.00	42	11.00	62	11.00
12	21.00								

Cover Illustration: A very late Third Reich item, shown are both sides of a "Postanweisung" (money order) addressed to Bodenbach that was posted at Weisengrund on May 5, 1945. Many thanks to Ron Morgan for sharing this with us.

Special Cancels – Day of National Solidarity

by Bob Ferguson

All cancels have a common text: “Tag der Nationalen Solidarität-WHW”. The cancel numbering scheme is in Julius Bochmann’s work “Katalog der Deutschen Gelegenheitsstemple.

5. December 1936	4. December 1937	3. December 1938
Freiburg # 12	Berlin # 248	Berlin # 291
Karlsruhe # 29	Dresden # 82	Halle # 17
Mannheim # 45	Hagen # 7	Karlsruhe # 31

Shown below are 1938 WHW stamps on souvenir sheets with two of these special cancels.

Berlin # 291



Karlsruhe # 31

Grenzgau Baden

auf der Wacht für
Großdeutschland

der treue Helfer der Ostmark,
des Sudetenlandes

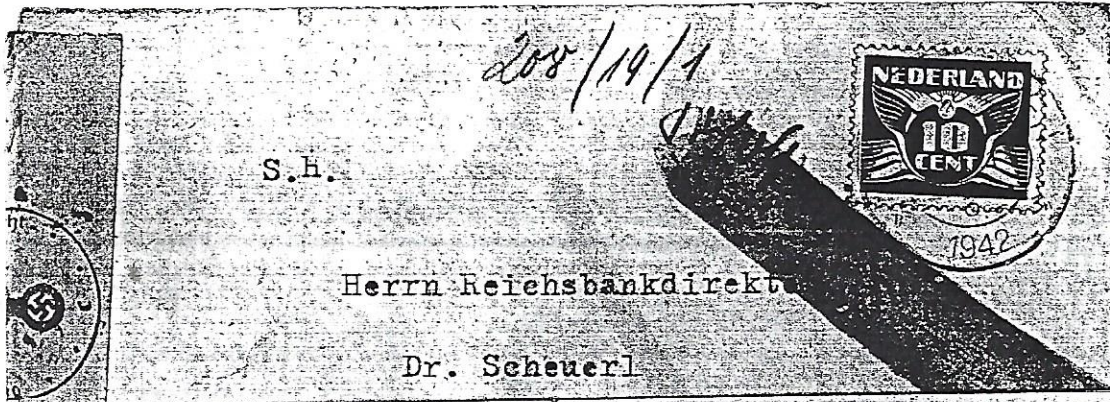
Zur Erinnerung an den Tag der nationalen Solidarität im W.H.W. 1938/39
dem Jahre, da der Führer das neue, großdeutsche Reich schuf.

Censorship

Chemical Testing for Hidden Messages

by Myron Fox

The vertical blue line on the letter and diagonally on the envelope indicate a search for secret ink. The number in pencil '208/191/1' indicates the identity of the censor and number of pages. The censor identity is repeated on the upper left corner of the page. This cover posted in Holland in November 1942 bears a Cologne censor tape (code 'c')



S.H.

Herrn Reichsbankdirekt

Dr. Scheuerl

208/19

Driebergen, den 14 November 1942

Lieber Freund,

Ich habe daran um mein Hausbesitz in Deutschland allmählich abzustossen, hauptsächlich weil man doppelte Erbschaftssteuer zu zahlen hat im Falle ich sterben würde. Die Schwierigkeit ist aber um das Geld in Holland wieder anlegen zu können. Nun möchte ich 1/4 in Staatsanleihen und das uebrige in Aktien anlegen aber es existiert ein Gese... wobei die Niederlaendische Bank immer gegen den Boers... von 2 Maerz ds. Js. die Aktien uebernehmen darf. Die... wurde gemacht um an die Spekulation ein Ziel zu setzen und wahrscheinlich wird die Hoehstgrenze von Gulden 100.000 auf Gld. 50,000 zurueckge-

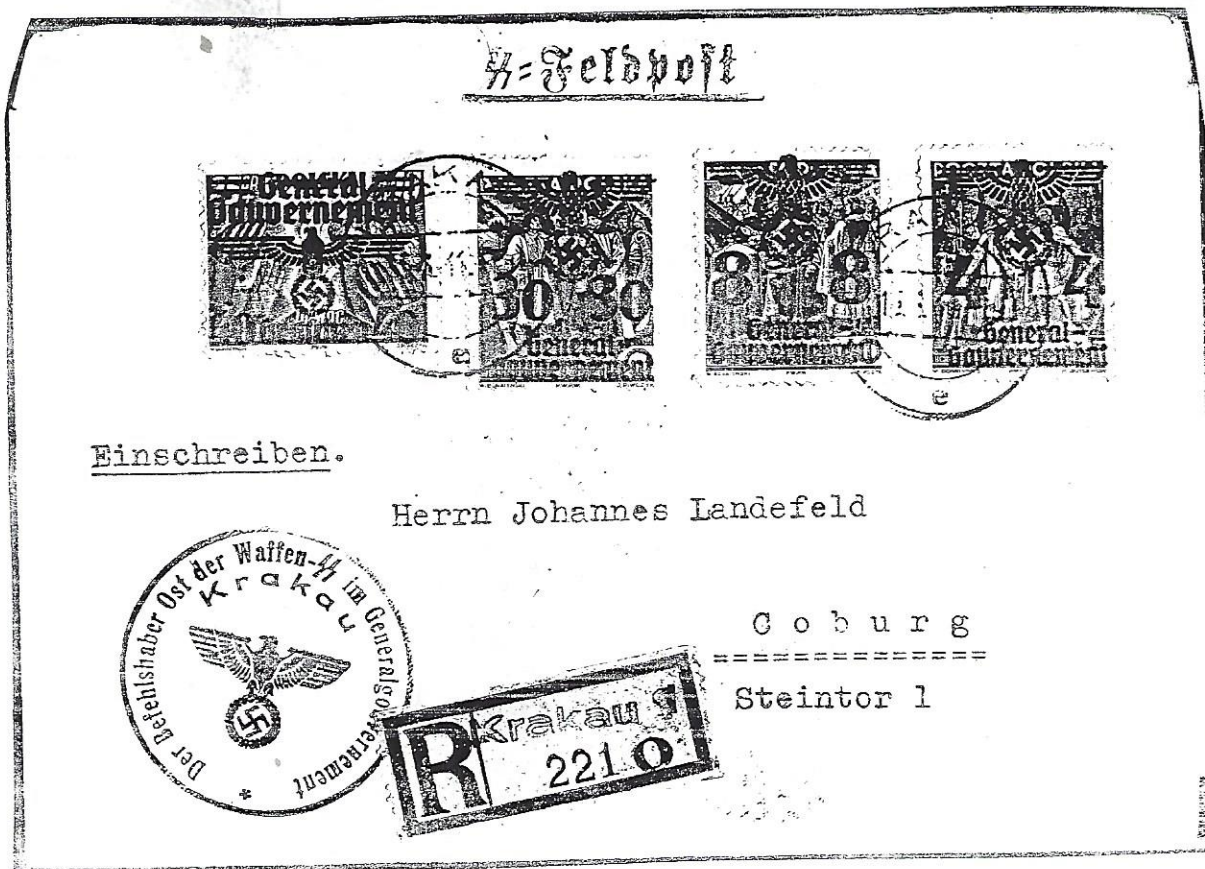
Waffen-SS Feldpost

SS Command Staff of the Waffen-SS in Occupied Poland

by John Painter

Registered SS- Feldpost letter sent March 16, 1941 from SS Unterscharfsfuhrer Max Fisher on the staff of the Befehlshaber Ost of the Waffen-SS with HQ in Krakau.

While obviously a Philatelic cover it does show the Nazi overprinted Polish stamps. This letter was backstamped the next day which indicates that the postal authorities considered the General Government to be part of Greater Germany.



Highly Insured Parcel Post

by Bob Ferguson

On the following packet card posted Rahau to Weiden on August 31, 1943 is noted the largest amount of insurance that I have ever seen on parcel post: 39,500 Rm

Insured Parcel Post With Wax Seals to Zone 1

Declared Value = 39,500 RM

Franking (8.85 RM):

7.90 RM. = Insurance fee for 39,500 RM

0.30 RM. = Weight 1.25 Kg to Zone 1

0.50 RM = Handling Fee

0.15 RM = Delivery Fee.



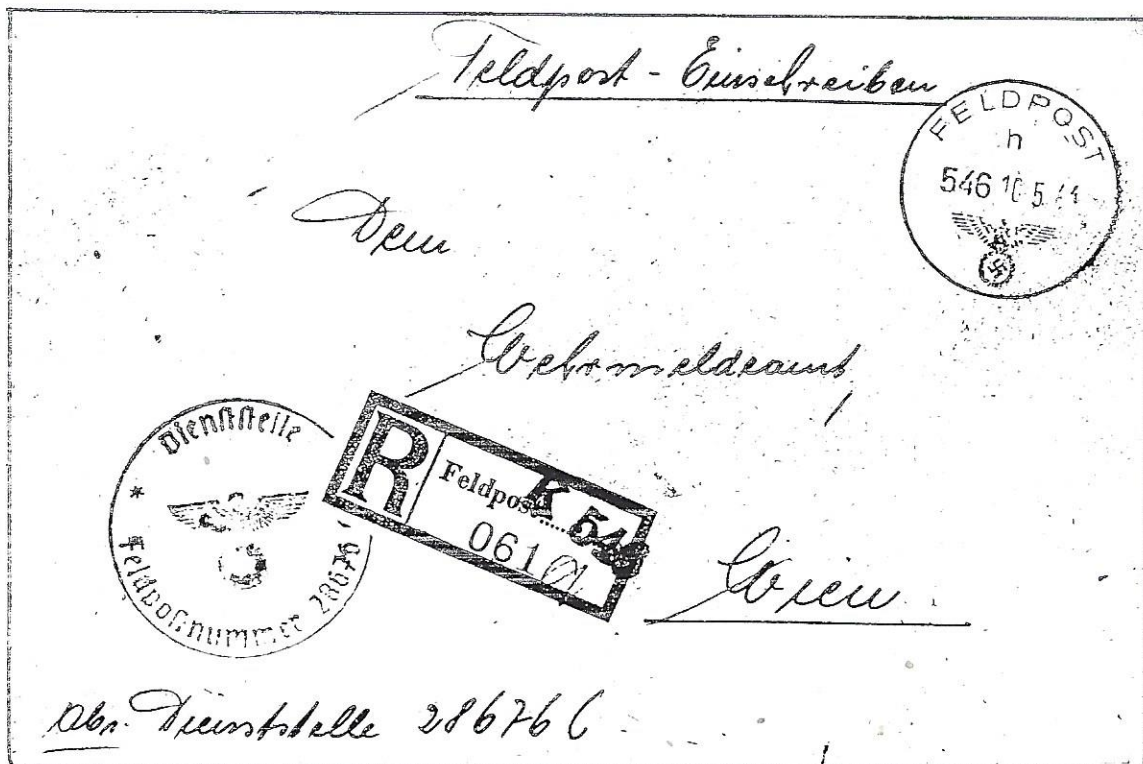
COMBAT DIVISION PROFILE:**75th Infantry Division**

by Jim Lewis

POST OFFICE		REGIMENTS				AUXIL
TACT	KENN	MOTORIZED INFANTRY		ARTY	UNITS	
175	546	172	202	220	175	

Originally recruited in Prussia, this reserve division was mobilized in the summer of 1939 (2nd Wave). Upon transfer to the Field Army the Feldpost Office was assigned Fp.# 19445 as a return address on its mail and Kenn 546 for use on registered mail in lieu of tactical FpA 175. The 75th Infantry Division served on the Saar Front (1939-40) and in the French campaign (1940).

It was an element of Army Group South during the invasion of the Soviet Union on July 22, 1941. The division was not particularly distinguished during the early phase of the war but later performed well during the Kiev withdrawal, the battles on and around the Dnestr and in the retreat across the northern Ukraine. The 75th Infantry Division suffered heavy casualties during the Battle of Kiev in the fall of 1943. The division was transferred to Army Group Center in December 1944 at the start of the Soviet winter offensive of 1944-45. It fought well in the Krakow area of Poland and ended the war in a pocket east of Prague in May 1945.



Cover sent to Military Records Office in Vienna in May 1944 from Fp. # 28626 (Battalion I of Grenadier Regiment 222) via Field Post Office 175 (K-546).

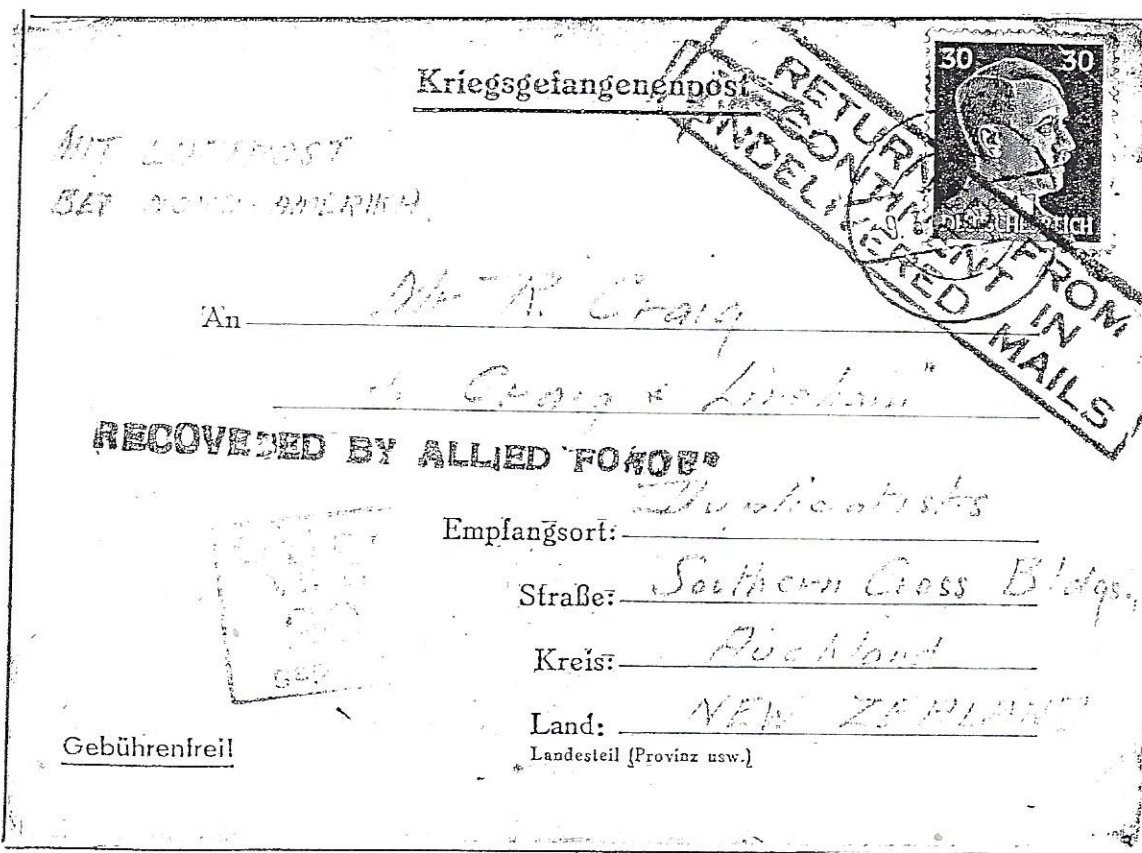
ANZAC POW Mail Rate 1945

by Ben Beede

The cover shown below has distinct points of interest beyond the 30 Rpf. Postal rate. Nevertheless, the rate paid is scarce and is little known. According to a major German language source, the airmail postal rate for Australian and New Zealand (ANZAC) prisoners of war in Germany in 1945 was 40 Rpf. (1), but this statement is incorrect.

While the new Michel handbook on German rates includes fully accurate information on prisoners of war airmail rates to Australia and New Zealand, a letter sheet with this rate may be worth illustrating. There was a slight reduction in the airmail rate for ANZAC prisoners of war early in 1945. From early January on, the charge for every five grams was 30 Rpf. rather than the previous 40 Rpf. (2)

Mailed on March 9, 1945 from OFLAG VII B, this cover was captured by Allied forces in Germany and routed to the New Zealand Military post Office in Great Britain, where it was given a receiving cancel. It bears the marking "Returned in Undelivered Continental Mails", presumably applied by British authorities, and a "Recovered in Germany by Allied Forces" marking, and evidently applied by the New Zealand Military Post Office.



Notes:

1. Reinhold Schwarz, *Die Luftpostgebühren für deutsche Briefsendungen nach dem Ausland (1926-1945)* (Self-published, 1989), p.121
2. *Amtsblatt des Reichspostministerium 107/1942*, p. 139; *Amtsblatt des Reichspostministeriums, Nr. 9/1945, 9. Januar 1945*, p.12

COMBAT DIVISION PROFILE:**211th Infantry Division**

by Jim Lewis


POST OFFICE		REGIMENTS				AUXIL
TACT	KENN	GRENADIER		ARTY	UNITS	
211	348	306	317	365	211	211


This division was made up of Landwehr personnel from Cologne and was activated upon mobilization in 1939. The P.O. was assigned Fp.# 16739 as a return address on its mail and Kenn 348 for use on registered mail in lieu of tactical FpA 211.

The 211th Infantry Division was on occupation duty in southwestern France in 1941 when its personnel age status was made normal. In January 1942 the division was transferred to Army Group Center on the Russian Front to help stem the Soviet winter offensive. It remained with Army Group Center for the next two years, fighting at Kursk, Nevel and in White Russia in the summer of 1944. After sustaining very heavy losses, the division was withdrawn and reformed as a Volksgrenadier division late in 1944. The reformed division was then sent to the southern sector of the Eastern Front in January 1945 and was in Austria when Germany surrendered.

E I N S C H R E I B E N !

Feldpost.






An das

W e h r m e l d e a m t

K a s s e l .



Abs.: Dienststelle
F.P.Nr. 03174 B

Cover sent in October 1943 to Military Records Office in Kassel from Fp. # 03174 (Battalion II/Grenadier Regiment 317) via Post Office 211 (K-348).

THIRD REICH POSTAL RATES

Early Airmail Rate Period

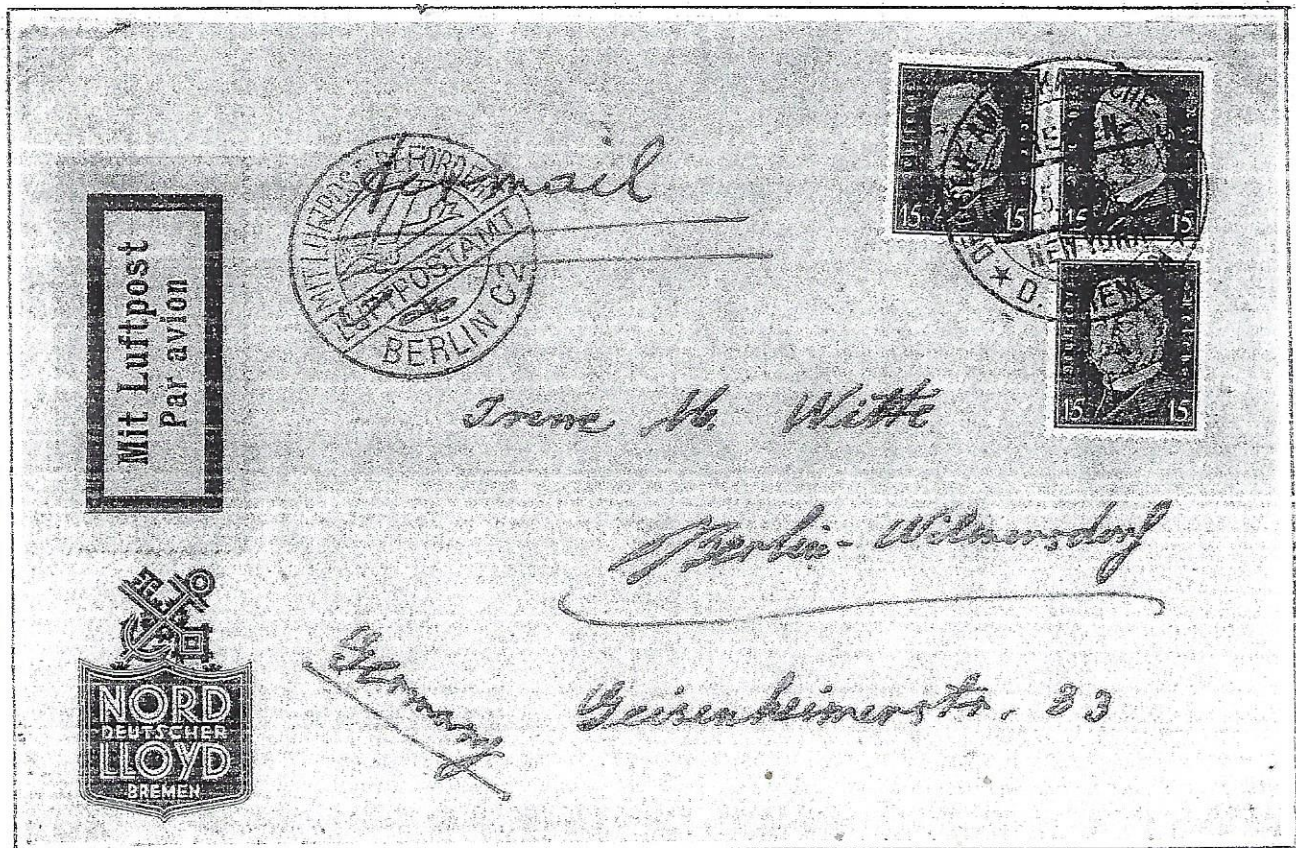
by Bob Ferguson

For the time period 23 April 1924 to 30 April 1934 the airmail surcharge to most [*] European countries was 20 Rpf. per 20 gm. When you intersect this time period with the period of National Socialism, you get the 15 month interval 30 January 1933 to 30 April 1934. In my experience, airmail covers to European destinations during this period are fairly scarce. Shown below are two examples from my collection.

[*] Airmail surcharges to Austria, Danzig, Lithuania, Memel and the Saar were the same as German inland rates

- 1.) Posted: Deutsch-Amerikanische-Seepost Bremen-New York. Posted on Ocean liner 'Bremen' on May 25, 1933 to Berlin-Wilmersdorf
Backstamped: Berlin C2 on May 27, 1933 (12-13)

Franking (45 Rpf.): 20 Rpf. = Airmail surcharge for weight 0-20 grams.
25 Rpf. = Foreign letter rate for weight 0 - 20 grams

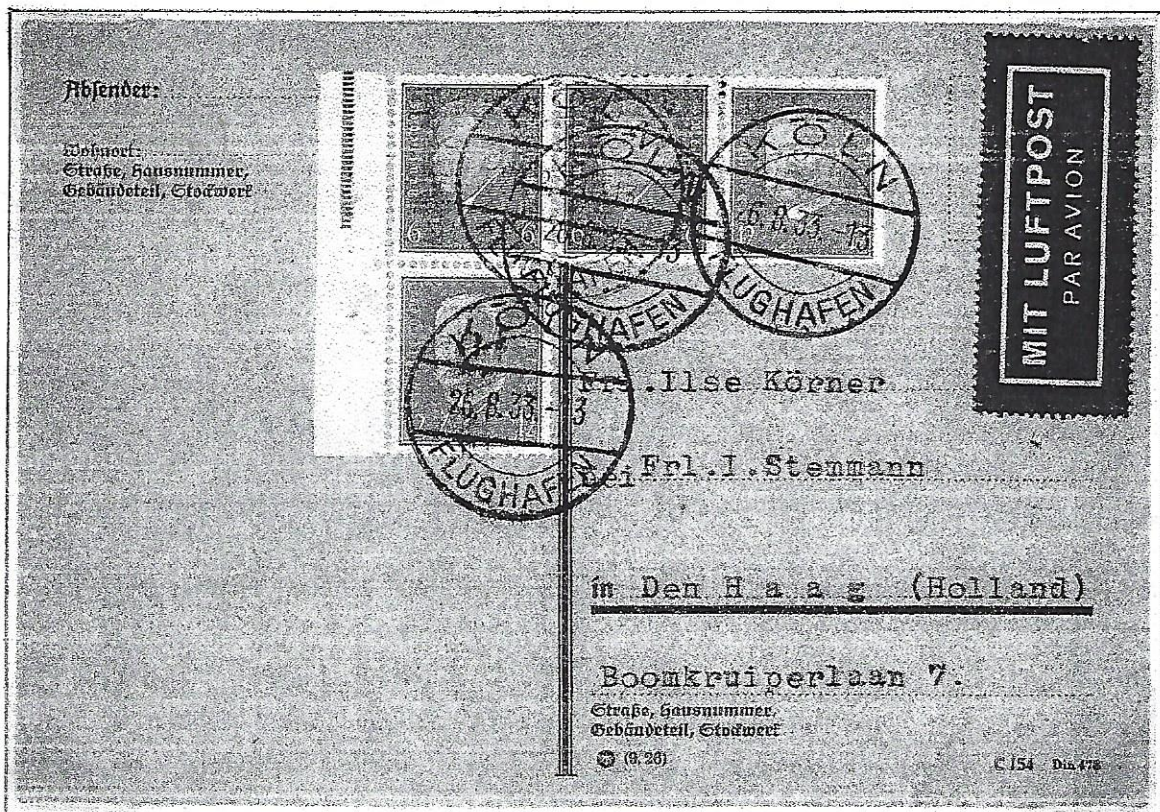


2.) Posted: Cologne Airport on August 26, 1934 to Den Haag, Holland

Franking (35 Rpf.): 20 Rpf. = Airmail surcharge for weight 0-20 grams.

15 Rpf. = Foreign postcard rate.

Note: Overfranked by 1 Rpf (2.9%)

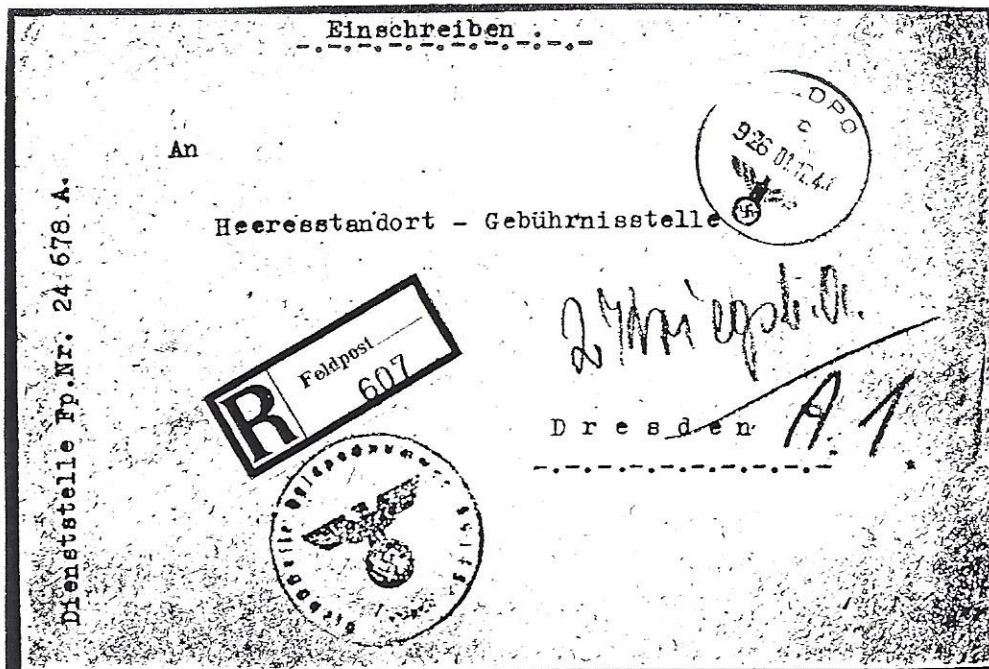


COMBAT DIVISION PROFILE: 91st Infantry (Air Landing) Division by Jim Lewis

POST OFFICE		REGIMENTS			AUXIL
TACT.	KENN	GRENADIER		ARTY	UNITS
191	926	1057	1058	191	191

Formed (25th wave) at the Baumholder-Bitsch Maneuver Areas in Feb.-March 1944. Personnel were mainly from reinforced infantry regiments (23rd Wave) and from replacement training centers at Idar-Oberstein. The post office was assigned Fp. # 59143 as a mailing address and Kenn 926 as a coded identification. The division was guarding the western coast of the Contentin peninsula against an Allied invasion. When the Allies landed to the east, the 91st Air Landing Division engaged elements of the U.S. 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions from the first day. The division commander, General Wilhelm Falley, was killed by machine gun fire in the pre-dawn hours of June 6th, becoming the first German general killed on the reopened western front.

The 91st Air Landing Division suffered such heavy losses during the first two weeks of fighting that it was attached to the 243rd Infantry Division for operational purposes. The bulk of the survivors were killed or captured when Cherbourg fell, but remnants escaped to the south and were reformed in early July. Reinforced with two replacement battalions and sent to the front, it made a gallant stand at Rennes in early August, denying the city to Patton's 3rd Army for three days. The remainder of the division was attached to the 344th Infantry division and fought in the defense at Aachen. The 91st Air Landing Division was disbanded early in 1945.



Cover sent to Army Garrison Office in Dresden in December 1944 from Fp. # 24687 (Battery 6 of Flak Battalion 704) via Field P.O. 191 (K-926).

Fundamentals of Feldpost Collecting

Part 21. "Sch" Feldpost Numbers

by Jim Lewis

Introduction

Previous TRSG Bulletins contained articles which pointed out the relative scarcity of Feldpost covers from units having Feldpost numbers with the prefix "Sch"- these being from certain naval artillery and flak units. In 1941 certain army units were assigned as naval land units for coast artillery (**Küsten-Schützes**) duty.

These units, although assigned to the Navy, were land based and couldn't use the "M" (Marine) prefix with their Feldpost unit numbers. Therefore these re-assigned army units kept their same Feldpost numbers but, to avoid confusion, the prefix "Sch" (**Schützen**) was established. Until each unit's new "Briefstempel" (letter seal) became available, along with return address stamps, etc. , the letters "Sch" are found handwritten before the Feldpost number. The use of the "Sch" prefix was dictated by Feldpost Directive No. 21, Order No. 86, issued in Berlin in 1941. These assignments are indicated in the Feldpostübersicht, Teil III, Band 10, 7. Neudruck of May 10, 1942. (This is found on U.S. Archives microfilm series T-78, Roll 130 starting on frame #6059159). The following is a listing of the units that used the "Sch" prefix.

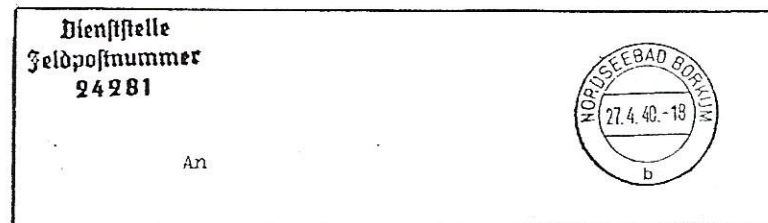
Marine Flak Abtl. 211	Urdruck			Marine Flak Abtl. 211	Rev. 7		
Stab	Fp. 10108	4. Battr.	Fp. 19530	Stab	Fp. 10108	4. Battr.	Fp. 10108D
1. Battr.	Fp. 01795	5. Battr.	Fp. 28945	1. Battr.	Fp. 10108A	5. Battr.	Fp. 10108E
2. Battr.	Fp. 08383	6. Battr.	Fp. 01171	2. Battr.	Fp. 10108B	6. Battr.	Fp. 10108F
3. Battr.	Fp. 03748	8. Battr.	Fp. 32994	3. Battr.	Fp. 10108C	8. Battr.	Fp. 10108M
Marine Flak Abtl. 212	Urdruck			Marine Flak Abtl. 212	Rev. 7		
Stab	Fp. 18544	5. Battr.	Fp. 19250	Stab	Fp. 18544	6. Battr.	Fp. 10922S
2. Battr.	Fp. 10922	6. Battr.	Fp. 30410	2. Battr.	Fp. 03461	7. Battr.	Fp. 19544
3. Battr.	Fp. 21752	8. Battr.	Fp. 11215	3. Battr.	Fp. 03461F	8. Battr.	Fp. 13980H
4. Battr.	Fp. 19530			4. Battr.	Fp. 13980G	9. Battr.	Fp. 03461
				5. Battr.	Fp. 13980G		
Marine Flak Abtl. 214	Urdruck			Marine Flak Abtl. 214	Rev. 7		
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1. Battr.	Fp. 21607	7. Battr.	Fp. 28211	1. Battr.	Fp. 22405K	5. Battr.	Fp. 22405H
2. Battr.	Fp. 22257			2. Battr.	Fp. 22405N	6. Battr.	Fp. 22405C
3. Battr.	Fp. 21725			3. Battr.	Fp. 22405D	7. Battr.	Fp. 22405A
Marine Flak Abtl. 215	Urdruck			Marine Flak Abtl. 215	Rev. 7		
Stab	Fp. 43155	6. Battr.	Fp. 11589	Stab	Fp. 43155		
1. Battr.	Fp. 43527	7. Battr.	Fp. 00748	1. Battr.	Fp. 43527A	7. Battr.	Fp. 43527D
2. Battr.	Fp. 43799	8. Battr.	Fp. 00400	2. Battr.	Fp. 43527B	9. Battr.	Fp. 43527R
3. Battr.	Fp. 10935	9. Battr.	Fp. 19302	3. Battr.	Fp. 43527B	10. Battr.	Fp. 43527E
5. Battr.	Fp. 09688			6. Battr.	Fp. 43527C		
Marine Flak Abtl. 216	Urdruck			Marine Flak Abtl. 216	Rev. 7		
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1. Battr.	Fp. 25415	5. Battr.	Fp. 24967	1. Battr.	Fp. 07730A	5. Battr.	Fp. 21740F
2. Battr.	Fp. 01314	7. Battr.	Fp. 28211	2. Battr.	Fp. 07730B		
3. Battr.	Fp. 10190			3. Battr.	Fp. 07730C		

Marine Flak Abtl. 219	Urdruck			Marine Flak Abtl. 219	Rev. 7		
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1. Battr.	Fp. 35039	6. Battr.	Fp. 02447	1. Battr.	Fp. 34487B	8. Battr.	Fp. 34487H
2. Battr.	Fp. 35642	8. Battr.	Fp. 03398	2. Battr.	Fp. 34487C	9. Battr.	Fp. 34487J
3. Battr.	Fp. 35967	9. Battr.	Fp. 03816	3. Battr.	Fp. 34487D	11. Battr.	Fp. 34487L
4. Battr.	Fp. 22204	11. Battr	Fp. 22981	5. Battr.	Fp. 34487E		
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3. Battr.	Fp. 13320	8. Battr.	Fp. 25381	3. Battr.	Fp. 04610B	8. Battr.	Fp. 25381
4. Battr.	Fp. 20058	9. Battr.	Fp. 29411	4. Battr.	Fp. 04610C	9. Battr.	Fp. 29411
5. Battr.	Fp. 14392			5. Battr.	Fp. 04610D		
Marine Flak Abtl. 222	Urdruck			Marine Flak Abtl. 222	Rev. 7		
Stab	Fp. 00394	3. Battr.	Fp. 18438	Stab	Fp. 00394	6. Battr.	Fp. 00394C
1. Battr.	Fp. 09801	4. Battr.	Fp. 15579	1. Battr.	Fp. 00394A	7. Battr.	Fp. 00394D
2. Battr.	Fp. 04349	5. Battr.	Fp. 21282	2. Battr.	Fp. 00394B	8. Battr.	Fp. 22282
Marine Flak Abtl. 224	Urdruck			Marine Flak Abtl. 224	Rev. 7		
Stab	Fp. 24464	3. Battr.	Fp. 16955	Stab	Fp. 24464	4. Battr.	Fp. 24464C
1. Battr.	Fp. 21555	4. Battr.	Fp. 34573	2. Battr.	Fp. 24464A	5. Battr.	Fp. 24464D
2. Battr.	Fp. 07073	5. Battr.	Fp. 34731	3. Battr.	Fp. 24464B		
Marine Flak Abtl. 226	Urdruck			Marine Flak Abtl. 226	Rev. 7		
Stab	Fp. 03943	3. Battr.	Fp. 28730	Stab	Fp. 03943	3. Battr.	Fp. 03943C
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2. Battr.	Fp. 20717	5. Battr.	Fp. 10066	2. Battr.	Fp. 03943B	5. Battr.	Fp. 10066
Marine Flak Abtl. 229	Urdruck			Marine Flak Abtl. 229	Rev. 7		
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2. Battr.	Fp. 12140	8. Battr.	Fp. 40561	2. Battr.	Fp. 18558B		
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2. Battr.	Fp. 35484	6. Battr.	Fp. 44998	2. Battr.	Fp. 20843B	7. Battr.	Fp. 20843G
3. Battr.	Fp. 34772	7. Battr.	Fp. 45618	3. Battr.	Fp. 20843C	8. Battr.	Fp. 20843H
				4. Battr.	Fp. 20843D	9. Battr.	Fp. 20843K
Marine Flak Abtl. 232	Urdruck			Marine Flak Abtl. 232	Rev. 7		
Stab	Fp. 06753	3. Battr.	Fp. 06504	Stab	Fp. 06753	4. Battr.	Fp. 06753S
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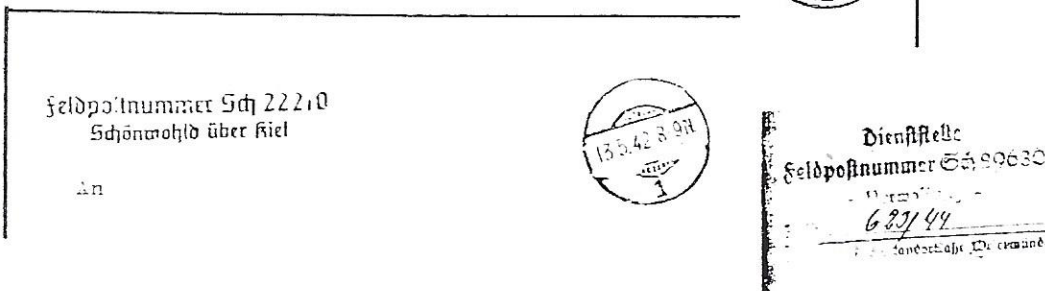
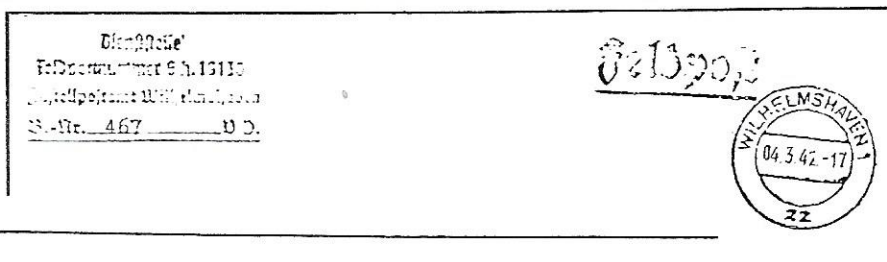
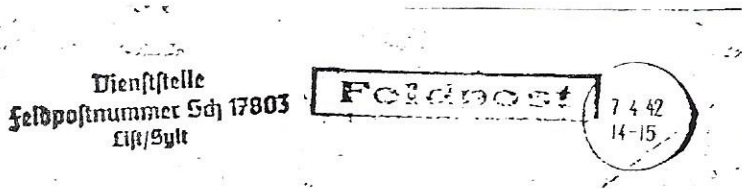
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2. Battr.	Fp. 25759		
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2. Battr.	Fp. 33139		
3. Battr.	Fp. 33668		
Marine Art. Abtl. 122	Rev. 4		
Stab	Fp. 16440		
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Marine Art. Abtl. 134	(Deleted Rev. 7)		
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Zug	Fp. 47771	4. Kp.	Fp. 37103
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Schwimmende Flak Battr."Medusa"	Fp. 13490		
Scheinw. Lehr Battr./I Mar. Flak Brig.	Fp. 14591		
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Stab	Fp. 16440		
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Stab	Fp. 38533	2. Kp.	Fp. 39542
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Miscellaneous			
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Mar. Bord Flak Battr. Werft Wilhelmshaven			Fp. 44153
Flakzug Neubrandenburg MFA 233			Fp. 51651



An interesting comparison of two covers from Fp. 24281. The first was cancelled in Borkum in 1940, prior to usage of the "Sch" prefix. The second with a 1942 mute cancel now has the "Sch" prefix and "Borkum" added to the Feldpost number stamps. The addition of a location was normally "verboten" but was allowed by regulations in the case of units using "Sch" Feldpost numbers. Shown below are additional examples of Feldpost markings with "Sch"



COMBAT DIVISION PROFILE:

385th Infantry Division

by Jim Lewis

POST OFFICE		REGIMENTS				AUXIL
TACT	KENN	GRENADIER		ARTY	UNITS	
385	245	537	538	539	385	385

Activated in the winter of 1941-42 at Bergen, the Post Office was assigned Fp.# 39386 as a return address and Kenn 245 for use on registered mail in lieu of FpA 385. The 385th Infantry Division was transferred to Russia in early spring 1942 but never fought as a united division. One third of it was sent to Army Group North and the rest to 2nd Army on the southern flank of Army Group Center. The portion in the north was under control of L Army Corps but was eventually attached to the 24th Infantry Division. The southern elements were sent to aide the 8th Italian Army when it collapsed during the encirclement of Stalingrad. These units suffered heavy losses in the retreat from the Volga and Don. Army High Command subsequently disbanded the 385th Infantry Division in the spring of 1943 as a result of the heavy casualties.

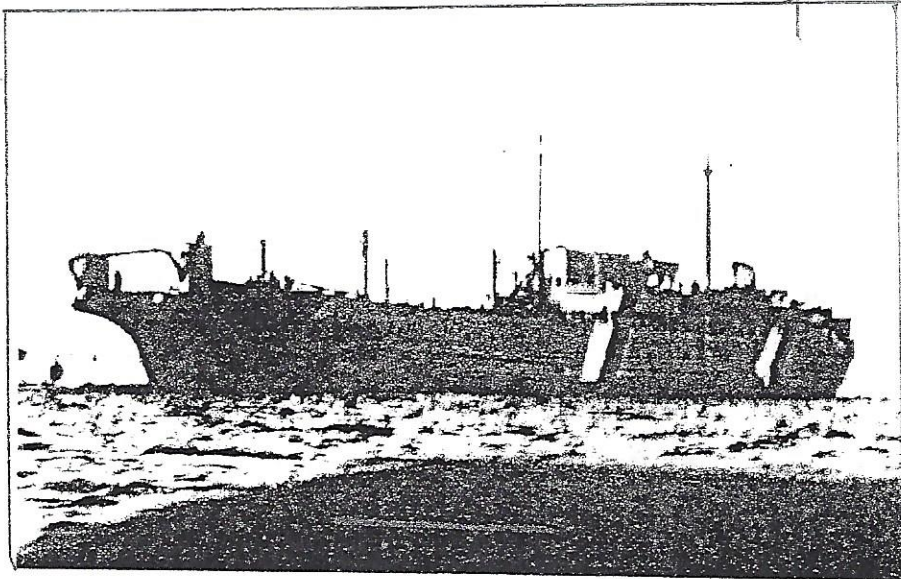
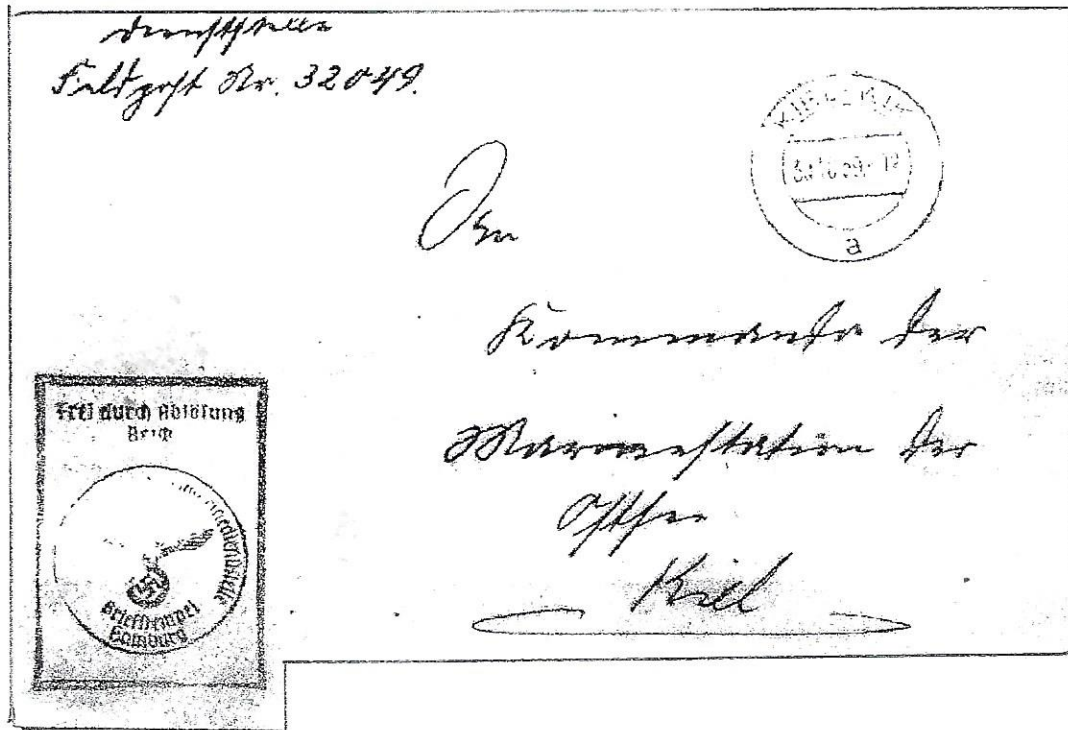


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NAVY LOG

By Robert Dunn

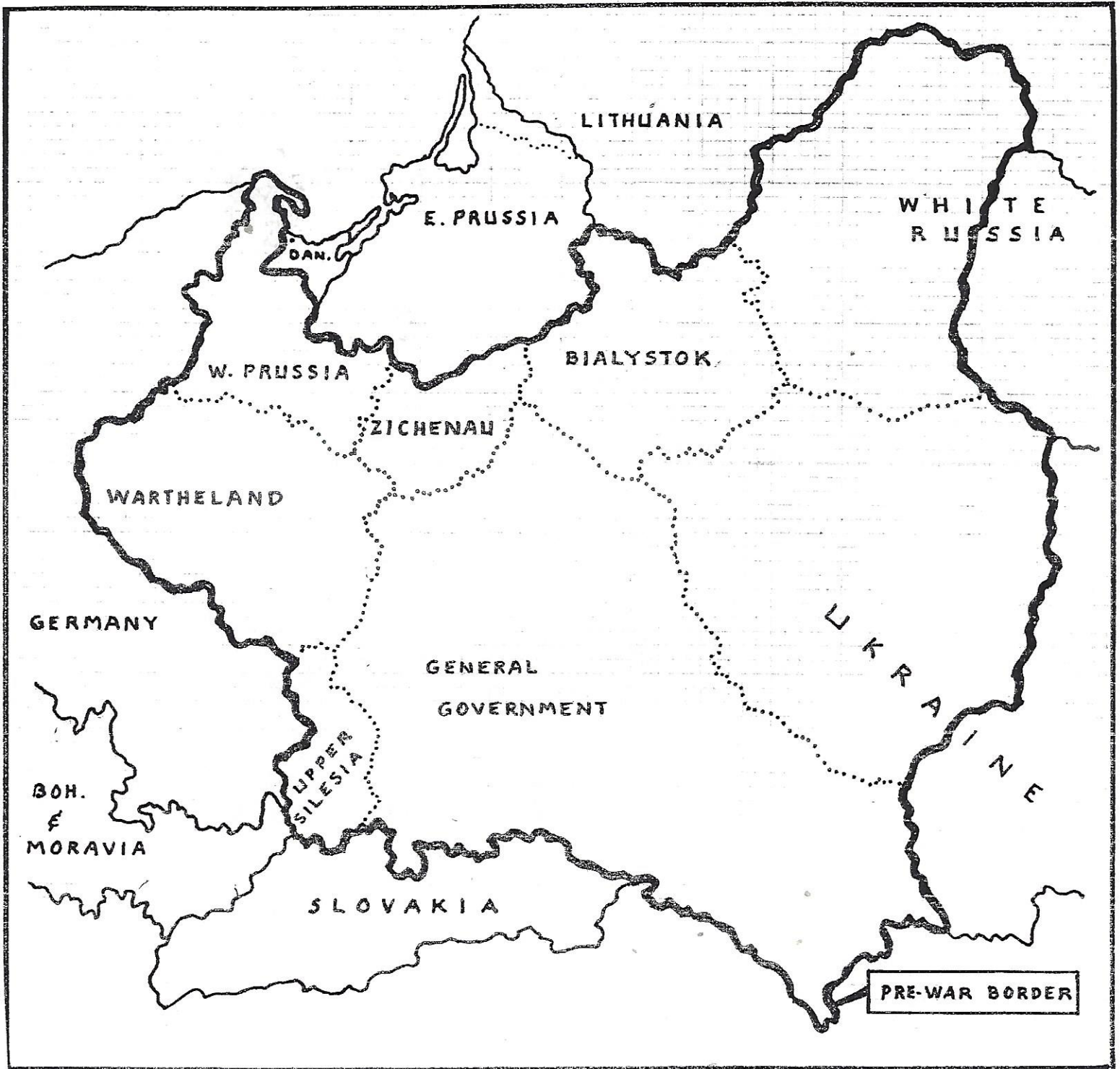
Auxiliary Net Layer 'Uranus' - Feldpost # 32049



Like most major navies, the German Navy during World War II acquired a considerable amount of mercantile tonnage to supplement its regular warships. Vessels taken over were placed into service as armed merchant cruisers, escort vessels, mine destroyers, net layers, cable vessels, etc. Following mercantile practice, most of these vessels were coal burning.

TRSG Map: The Division of Poland Under German Occupation by Kelly Stefanacci

Poland was invaded Sept. 1, 1939 in the first "Blitzkrieg". Warsaw fell on Sept. 27th and all resistance ended on Oct. 6th. The Russians initially occupied the eastern portion, however the entire territory came under German control following the attack on Russia on June 22, 1941.



Four Digit Feldpost Numbers

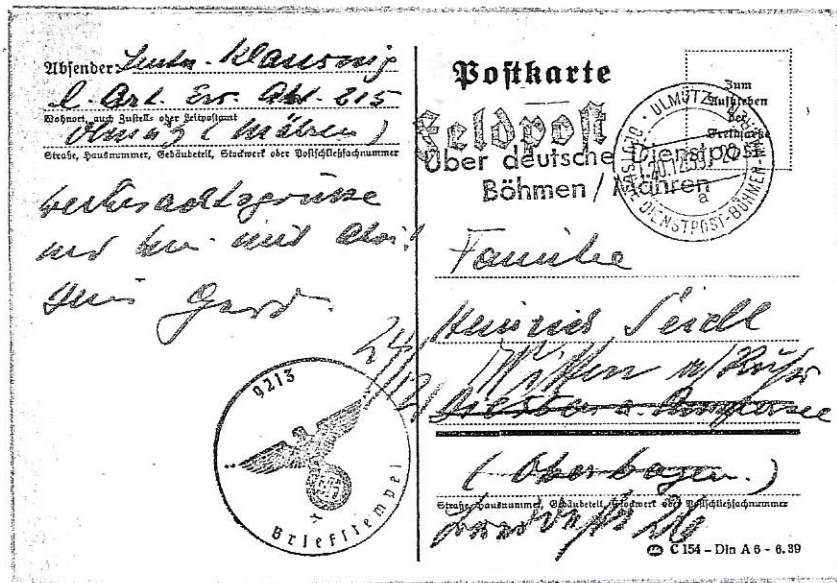
by Ron Morgan

In Bulletin 157, Ed Leshar discussed the issuance of 6-digit Feldpost numbers to units taking part in large scale maneuvers in August 1939. Ed's article also notes that 4-digit Feldpost numbers had been issued during the maneuvers held in 1937.

I recently acquired the two Feldpost items shown that have 4-digit numbers. Olmütz, Moravia. The first (upper) is a postal card with an "open" return address i.e. "I. Art. Ers. Abt. 315" (light Artillery Reserve Section 315) stationed in Olmütz, Moravia. This card was posted on December 20, 1939 at the DDP office in Olmütz and has a Briefstempel with numerals 9315.

The second item, a small envelope posted at DDP Olmütz on April 20, 1940, is distinctly philatelic as it lacks a return address and carries the stamp (Mi.744) issued for Hitler's 51st birthday. However, it also bears the same Briefstempel but with numerals 9211.

Does anyone have an explanation as to the purpose of these 4-digit numbers? If so, please send it to "Ye Olde Ed" so we can share it with the group.



THIRD REICH POSTAL RATES

by Bob Ferguson

A Reduced Postal Rate for Finland

Because of the Soviet attack on Finland in December 1938 the Finns became, perhaps reluctantly, allies when Germany attacked the Soviet Union in June 1941. As an ally, Finland enjoyed (from 1. April 1942 through 28 September 1944) reduced rates on most mail from Germany. One rate that was not reduced was the airmail surcharge. The following cover has a mixture of two rates:

1. Base letter rate of 12 Pfg. (Inland German)
2. Airmail surcharge of 10 Pfg. (Foreign airmail surcharge for 0-20 grams)

Hamburg-Blankenese 14 Marz 1944 to Finland and backstamped 26 Marz 1944.
Forwarded to Vasa-Karperö and back stamped 31 Marz 1944.

Franking (22 Pfg.): 12 Pfg. (Reduced letter rate for weight 0-20 grams)
10 Pfg. (Foreign airmail surcharge for weight 0-20 grams)

