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STUDY GROUP NOTES

Having now recovered from the several hectic (but very enjoyable) days and nights at CAPEX, the TRSG staff is back and working hard on several projects, including "Himmelblau 2", which should be ready in September.

We are very pleased to announce the completion of two major items of long-standing "unfinished business":

- a) The balance of the Sudetenland Listing, which is included in this bulletin issue;
- b) The balance of JOHN PAINTER'S fine series on "Feldpost in the West" (parts A through D appeared in Bulletins 30 - 36). Consisting of parts E through H, these 38 additional pages are now available as a separate publication to those interested @ \$3. (order from Sec./Treas.).

We are also happy to note that our long-time member ROY COX has been named "Man of the Year" at the Spring Convention of the Postcard History Society because of his pioneering efforts in the joint hobbies of philately and deltiology. Congratulations Roy !

A TRSG meeting was held at CAPEX in Toronto on Saturday, June 17th, during which MYRON FOX reviewed our past accomplishments and plans for the coming year. It was a pleasure to see so many old friends once again and to meet several members for the first time. The GPS hospitality suite ran full force (particular thanks are due to BOB RAMSEY and DIETER KUEHNER who, with their very gracious wives, kept things moving continually). Each evening the suite became so crowded that a "Feldpost Seminar" was conducted by JOACHIM PIDUN in a jam-packed bathroom ! The chance to get such "first-hand" information was appreciated by all - particularly JIM LEWIS, FRED WILLSHAW and CLAYTON ROWLAND, who kept Herr Pidun going far into the night (I should say the morning) ! We were also happy to see GUS SNELS, now recovered from a long illness and back in the TRSG again !

Congratulations to TRSG members FRED WILLSHAW and JIM LEWIS for winning Vermeil awards for their 3rd Reich exhibits at Cenjex '78, at which GPS Prexy "BUD" HENNIG was Chief Judge.

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Picture postcards

BUNKER, Robert F., - 16161 Parkside La., Apt. 63, Huntington Beach,
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All airmail, Africa Corps

RAY, Layne C. - Box 113, St. Peters, MO 63376
Semi-postals, propaganda, war related material

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Postal Stationery, Stamp Exhibitions, Meter Mail

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Many thanks to members MYRON FOX, HAL McNEMAR, RON PATTERSON and BOB DUNN for their responses to NORBERT KANNAPIN's request for a listing of Feldpost holdings with "Doppelbuchstaben" cancellations.

FREE ADLETS

Each TRSG member is entitled to one free adlet each year. The adlet should be no more than three lines and submitted to:

Dr. Clayton R. Rowland
 220 7th St. S.E.
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WANTED: Civilian or Feldpost covers from the German occupation of Greece, Crete or Aegean Islands. Gerald O. Zedlitz, 12 West Lancaster Dr., Stockton, CA 95207

WANTED: Returned by censor items or any unusual censorship. Myron Fox, P.O. Box 283, Needham Hts., MA 02194

WANTED TO BUY: Parachute related covers, cards and cancellations. Send photocopies or description and prices. Dr. Charles Pugh, 623 South Henderson St., Fort Worth, Texas 76104

ACHTUNG !!

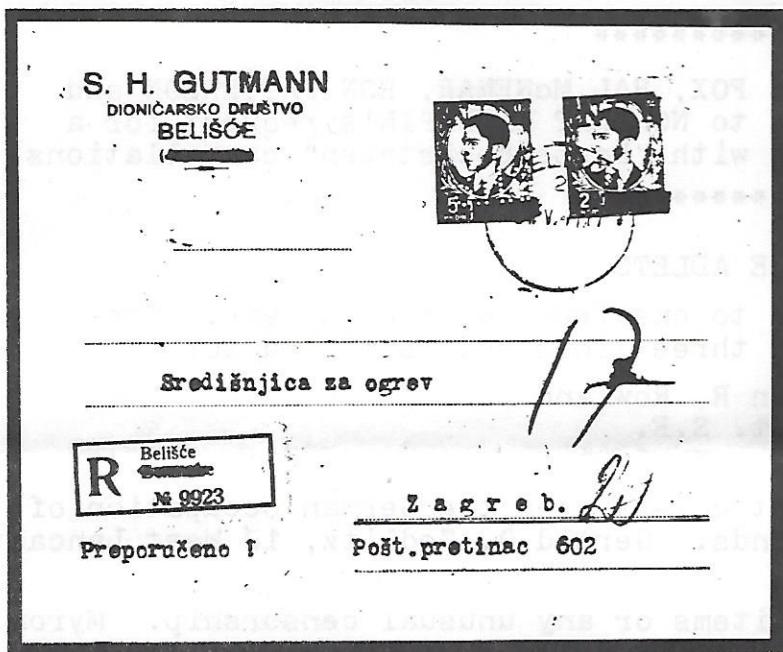
Les Winick reports dubious dienstsiegel strikes of Feldpost numbers 56509 (Kriegsberichter Kp. - 1. SS Pz. Div.) and 66433A (Stab - Gren. Rgt. 331/II) are known to be in circulation:



ONE OF MY FAVORITE COVERS

By Henry Laessig

Overprints on stamps have always fascinated me. One evening, a friend who was selling his collection appeared and said I could have first choice of any material I wanted before he sold the rest. A quick look through his covers caused my hand to dart out and pluck this beauty from among many nice items which had suddenly become chaff. My friend told me some of the story of this cover and bits and pieces of background came in from other sources:



The stamps are of course overprinted, but also perfinned. This is normally a philatelic no-no, but in this case, a definite yes-yes.

In early April, 1941, the German Army invaded Jugoslavia. The country was quickly occupied and the sections which had been Croatia - Slavonia, Bosnia & Herzegovina (roughly) were set up by the Germans as the separate state of Croatia. This illusion of autonomy appealed to many Croats and they were quick to throw out the old and bring in the new.

A new set of stamps (Scott 1-8) was quickly issued in Zagreb, but was very slow in reaching the hinterlands. The little town of Belisce (you won't find it on the map) couldn't wait for the slow bureaucrats in Zagreb to get things moving. By far the largest business in town was the logging company of S.H. Gutmann. In fact, it was the reason for the town's existence and was the biggest customer of the Post Office there. It was only natural that the remainders of the King Peter II issue be marked in some manner to show loyalty to the new government. The largest supply of stamps was owned by S.H. Gutmann of course and had been perforated with the company's initials "SHG". They also had the equipment to make a rubber stamp displaying the initials of the new government "NDH" (Nezavisna Drazava Hrvatska) and blocking out the old inscription "Jugoslavia". Since there was not a great amount of mail out of Belisce and the service existed for only a few weeks before the new regular issue arrived from Zagreb, these covers are very rare in any form. Registered covers are especially to be treasured, as are friends who will part with such material.

German Forces on Crete: 1941-45

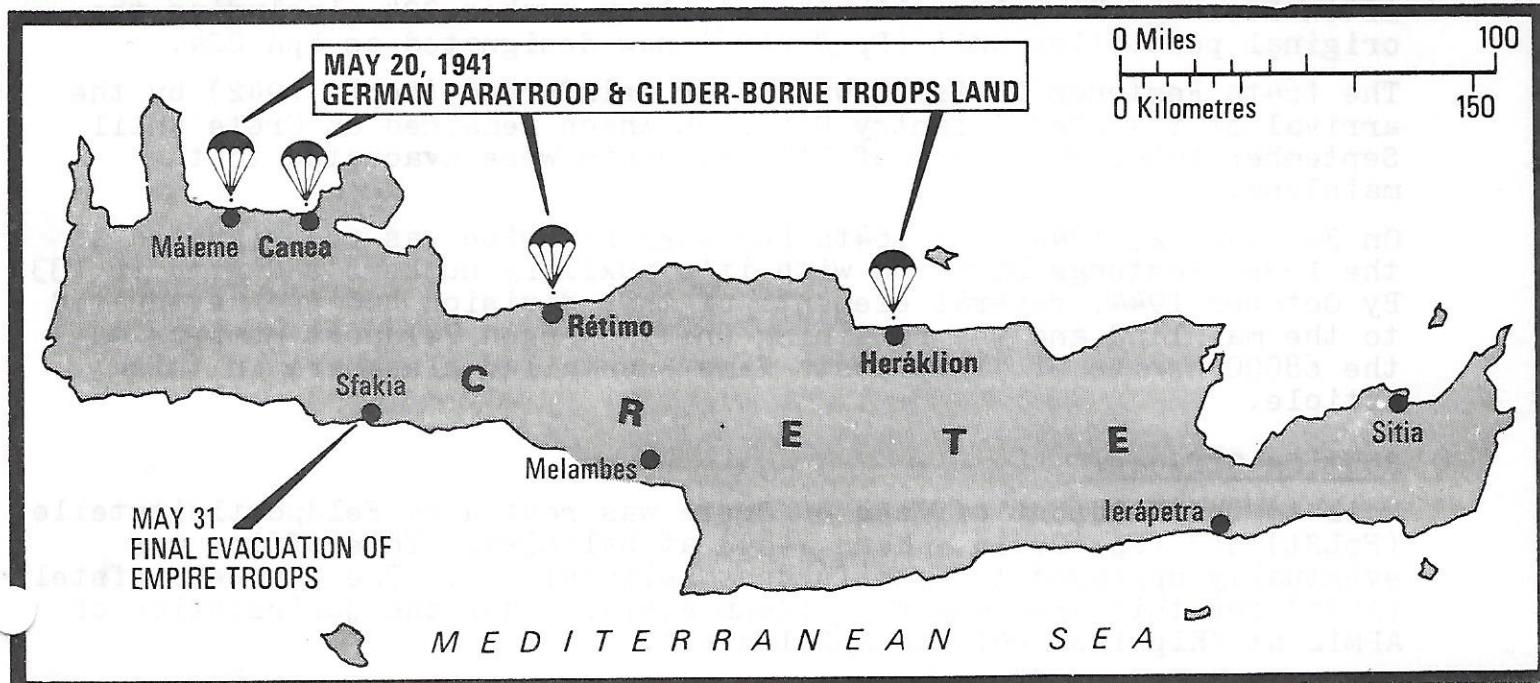
By R.J. Houston

On April 25, 1941, Hitler signed his 28th War Directive - initiating the airborne attack on Crete under the code name "Merkur" (Operation Mercury) an appropriate name no doubt likening the airborne troops to the ancient god with winged feet.

The initial assault was carried out by the airborne and parachute troops of Fliegerkorps XI under command of General Kurt Student, supported by aircraft of Fliegerkorps VIII commanded by Baron Wolfram von Richthofen and began on the morning of May 20, 1941. Preceded by heavy bombing attacks, waves of paratroops and glider assault troops landed on Maleme, Canea, Retimo and Heraklion, only to suffer very heavy losses due to an under-estimation of defending forces.

Identified units of this initial landing force are Parachute Regiments 1,2,3 and Assault Regiment 1 of the 7th Flieger Division (this division was reorganized in May, 1943 as the 1st Parachute Division with field postoffice 927, Fp #28494, Kenn #818 - prior to this the field postoffice was designated as "Feldpostamt d. Flieger Division 7" with Fp #01185, however the Kenn number used is unknown to this writer).

After two days of bitter fighting and with the issue still very much in doubt, elements of the 5th Mountain Division were landed on the airstrip at Maleme which was then in German hands, but under extremely heavy artillery fire. These troops, under Lt. Gen. Ringel, were joined by elements of the 6th Mountain Division and probably were responsible for turning the tide of battle at Maleme. The outcome of the attack was clearly decided by May 26th and between May 28th and June 1st, the British Navy evacuated surviving British forces from Sfakia.



The Occupation:

The "Fortress of Crete", with headquarters at Heraklion, was under the overall command of the "Kommandant der Festung Kreta" Gen. Lt. (Lw) Bruno Bräuer and was assigned Fp #05774. The 6th Mountain Division remained until August, 1941 when it was hurriedly pulled out and sent to Finland where it relieved the badly mauled 3rd Mountain Division on the Murmansk front. The 5th Mountain Division remained on Crete until late 1941 when relieved by the 713th Infantry Division which had been formed in June, 1941 and arrived on Crete in October. In January, 1942 this division was incorporated into the "Festungs Division Kreta".

The Fortress Division of Crete

A somewhat complicated shifting of units occurred in connection with the "Festungs Division Kreta" which has been reconstructed through unit histories and tracing of the Feldpost number assignments of the Division's headquarters and field postoffices as they were modified in the "Feldpostübersicht".

Diagramed in Fig. 1, the sequence of events began upon the arrival of the 164th Infantry Division on Crete in January, 1942 at which time the "Festungs Division Kreta" was formed. This new division consisted of two Brigades, with Brigade I formed from the 713th Infantry Division and Brigade II formed from the 164th Infantry Division (whose Division HQ became the new Division HQ).

In July, 1942 the pressing situation in North Africa required that the former 164th Infantry Division be reformed into a Light Division and flown hurriedly to Rommel's command. This unit was designated as the 164th Light Africa Division and while containing most of its original units, incorporated the postoffice unit (Fp #16550) which was originally FpA 713 - then changed to 224 and finally changed to 220. The remainder of "Festungs Division Kreta" now became the 164th Festungs Division with the auxiliary number 224, including the original postoffice unit (Fp #02476) now designated as FpA 224.

The 164th Festungs Division was later reinforced (Sept. 1942) by the arrival of the 22nd Infantry Division which remained on Crete until September 1944, when most of its elements were evacuated to the mainland.

On February 2, 1944, the 164th Festungs Division was redesignated as the 133rd Festungs Division with its auxiliary numbers changing to 133. By October 1944, several elements of this division had been evacuated to the mainland and the remaining units changed Feldpost numbers to the 68000 series of "Inselpost" fame - detailed elsewhere in this article.

Routing Offices:

Mail to the Feldpost offices on Crete was routed by Feldpostleitstelle (FpLSt) 567 (Fp #08616 - Kenn #484) at Salonika. This office was eventually upgraded to Hauptfeldpostleitstelle 4. The "Armeebriefstelle" (ABSt) for this area was #560 (Kenn #541), under the jurisdiction of APM12 at "Kiphissa bei Athen/Saloniki".

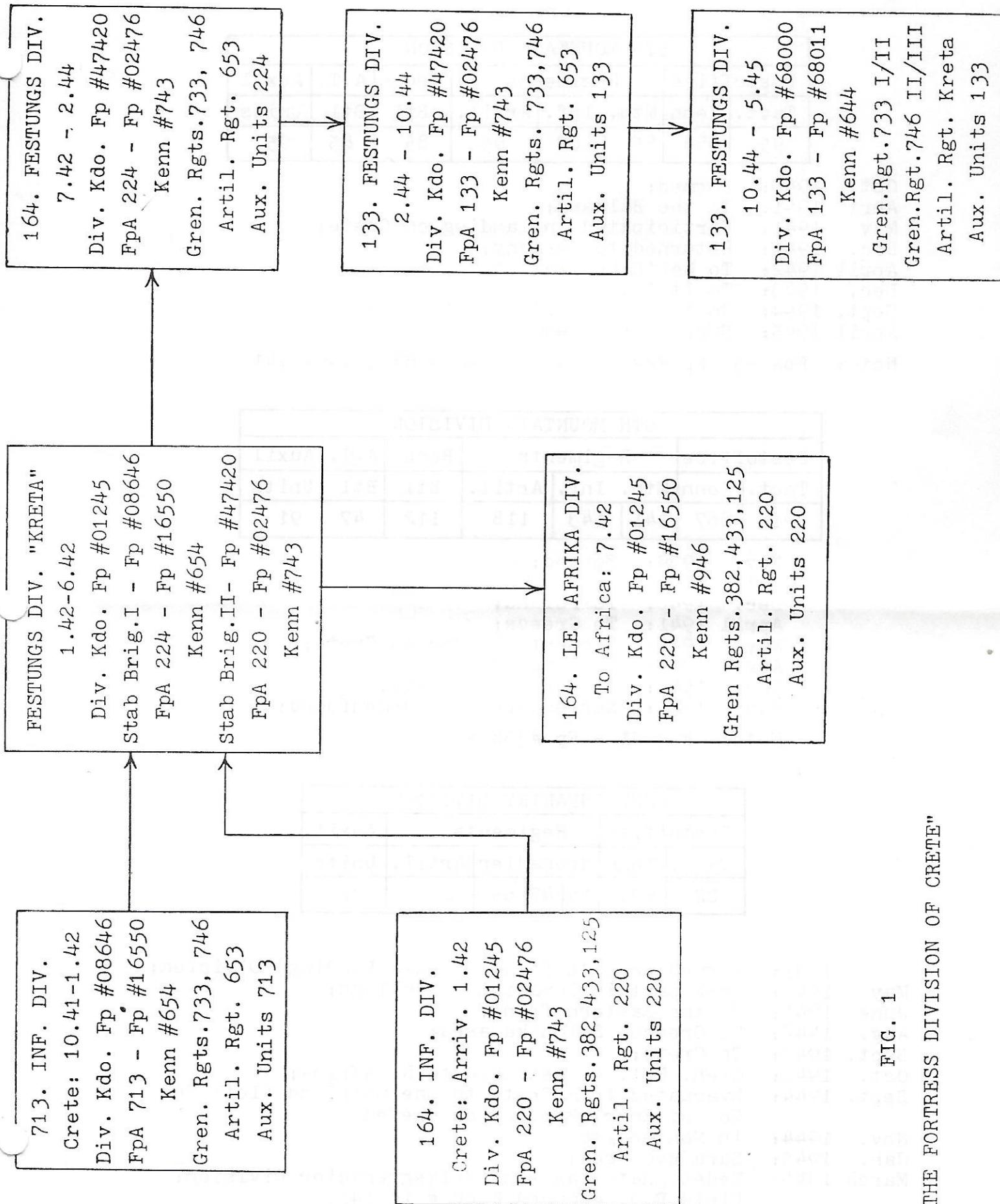


FIG. 1

"THE FORTRESS DIVISION OF CRETE"

5TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION						
Postoffice		Regiments		Recon	A.T.	Auxil
Tact.	Kenn	Mtn.	Inf.	Artil.	Btl	Btl
95	888	85	100	95	85	85
95	888	85	100	95	85	95

Oct. 1940: Formed;
 April 1941: To the Balkans;
 May 1941: Participated in landing on Crete;
 Dec. 1941: Returned to Germany;
 April 1942: To North Russia;
 Dec. 1943: To Italy;
 Sept. 1944: On the Franco-Italian frontier;
 April 1945: Surrendered near Turin;

Note: FpA 95 (Fp #29791) used Kenn #587 10.40-3.41

6TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION						
Postoffice		Regiments		Recon	A.T.	Auxil
Tact.	Kenn	Mtn.	Inf.	Artil.	Btl	Btl
91	867	141	143	118	112	47
91	867	141	143	118	112	91

Nov. 1939: Formed;
 July 1940: In the West;
 Dec. 1940: To Poland;
 April 1941: To Greece;
 May 1941: Elements landed on Crete;
 Aug. 1941: To Finland;
 Nov. 1944: Withdrew to Norway;
 May 1945: Surrendered at Lyngenfjord;

Note: FpA 91 - Fp #33819

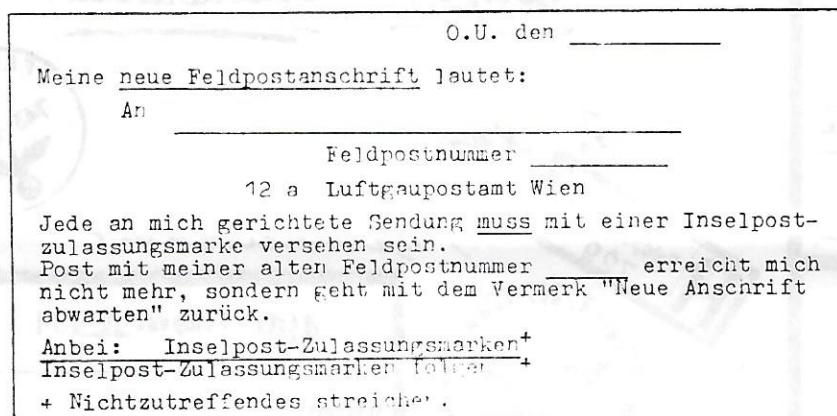
22ND INFANTRY DIVISION					
Postoffice		Regiments		Auxil	
Tact.	Kenn	Grenadier	Artil.	Units	
22	434	16	47	65	22
22	434	16	47	65	22

1935: Formed as a "Luftlande" (Air Landing) Division;
 May 1940: Took part in invasion of Holland;
 June 1941: To the Eastern front;
 Aug. 1942: To Greece, Salonika area;
 Sept. 1942: To Crete;
 Oct. 1942: Gren. Rgt. 47 detached to N. Africa;
 Sept. 1944: Evacuated from Crete to the mainland (left 2nd Co. of Engr. Btl. 22 on Crete);
 Nov. 1944: In Montenegro;
 Jan. 1945: Sarajevo area;
 March 1945: Redesignated as 22nd Volksgrenadier Division;
 Field P.O. changed Kenn # to 148;
 April 1945: Steiermark area;
 Note: FpA 22 - Fp #14928

The "Inselpost" Service:

On December 1, 1943 an airmail service for the troops on Crete and Rhodes was initiated by OKW order 3932/43 (dated Nov. 11, 1943) and published in HVBl (Army Directive) "C" 1943, page 611, in which the permit stamp requirements were outlined as for the similar service on the eastern front. Admitted were private postcards and lettersheets for 1 stamp, private letters (up to 10 gram limit) and official letters (20 gram limit) for 2 stamps.

The worsening war situation eventually led to a reduced capability in maintaining this service and further restrictions were planned - to be implemented by use of new permit stamps overprinted "Inselpost" and the change of Feldpost numbers to the 68000 series in which the units on Crete were assigned between 68000 and 68059. This change of numbers and the accompanying change of routing instruction to "L.G.P.A. Wien" (Air District Postoffice Vienna) was facilitated by the use of special form cards:



Much has previously been published on the rest of this phase of German Feldpost: How the brown package permit stamps (Mi. #2) were overprinted in Vukovar (Mi. #6) and how the whole supply of these was destroyed in an airplane crash; How the local commanders then had permit stamps locally overprinted (Mi. Nos. 7-8-9-11-12); And finally how a "general" Inselpost issue was produced in Agram (Zagreb), Croatia (Mi. #10);

The item deserving special interest in this particular article would be Mi. #7, in which the regular blue Luftfeldpost stamps (Mi. #1) were overprinted in October 1944 by the Army Newspaper "Veste Kreta" in orange-red:

Inselpost

While having seen references to "FpA 131 in Chania, Crete" (Gericke's "Feldpost im Zweiten Weltkrieg") this FpA was assigned to the 131st Infantry Division from November 1940 onwards and was never on Crete. Likewise, a notation in the same reference of FpA 141 of the 41st Festungs Division being on Crete at one point in time does not appear to be substantiated by any other references.



Above: Regis. report from Fp #47420 (Hdqtrs. 164th Festungs Div.) via field P.O. 224 (Kenn #743) - Sept. 1943.

Center: From Fp #08955B (Co. 5, Btl. II, Pz. Gren. Rgt. 382 of the "Festungs Div. Kreta") via field P.O. 220 (Kenn #743) - March 1943.

Below: Receipt card for official parcel sent by Fp #28877B (Co. 9, Btl. III, Gren. Rgt. 65 of the 22nd Inf. Div.) via field P.O. 22 (Kenn #434) - July, 1943.

"INSELPOST" NUMBERS - CRETE

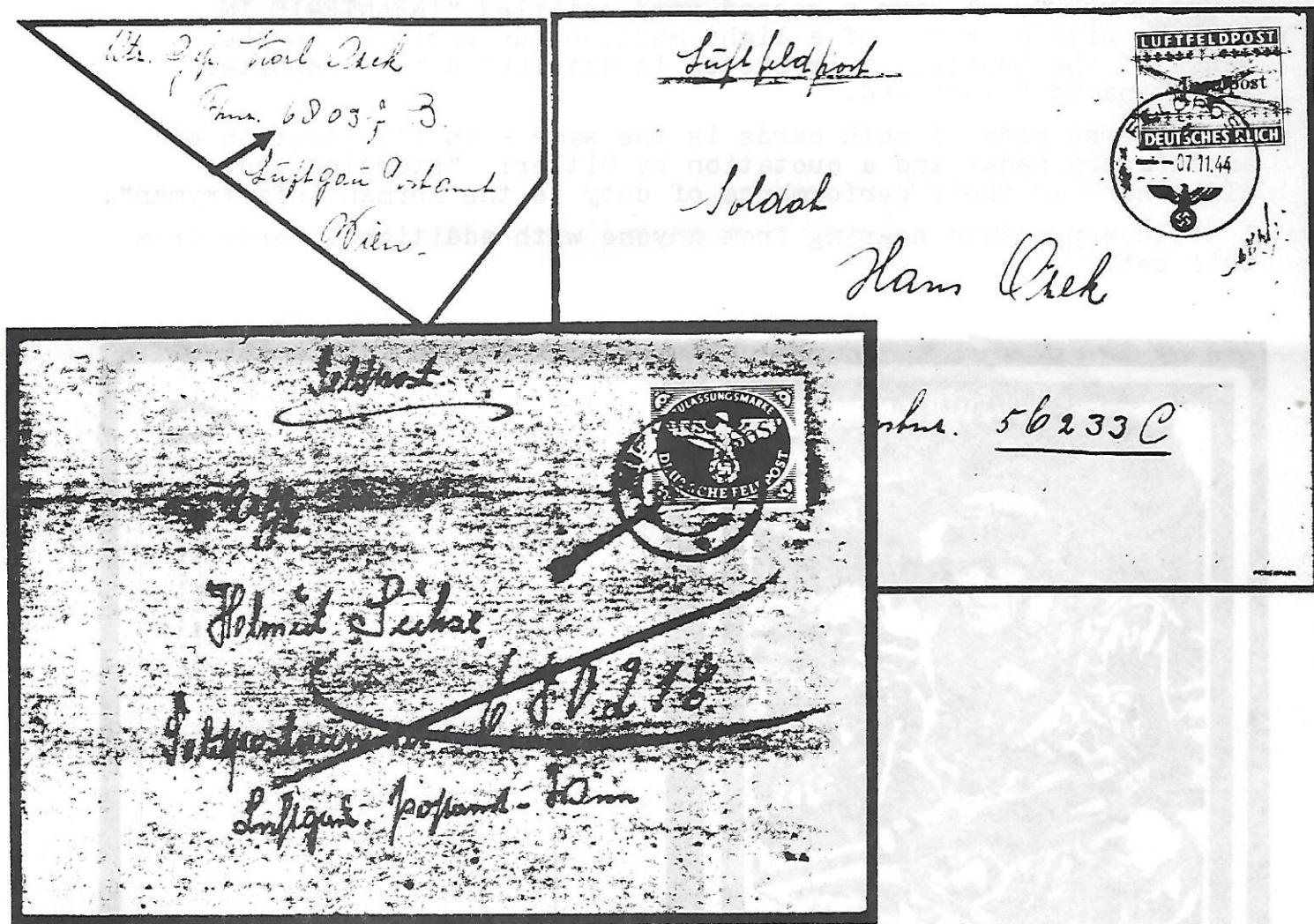
(Int) equals "Inselteil" - part of unit left on island

Fp#	Unit Identity	Old Fp#
68000	Stab - Fstgs. Div. 133	47420
001	Techn. Kp. 128	43567
002A	Kriegslaz. Kreta	
B	Kr. Kw. Zug 133 (Int)	
C	Tr. Entgift. Zug I/133 (Int)	15503
003A	Pz. Abt. 212 - Stab	44188
B	" " " - Kp. 1	
C	" " " - Kp. 2	
D	" " " - Kp. 3	
004	Gren. Rgt. 746 - Rgts. Stab u. Stabs Kp.	10992
005	Kfz. Instandsetzungs Park (Int)	
006	Art. Rgt. Kreta - Stab II:	
A	Heeres Kü. Art. Abt. 1021 - Stab	20570
B	" " " 834 - Bttr. 1	40662B
C	" " " 834 - " 2	C
D	" " " 834 - " 4	E
E	" " " 834 - " 7	H
F	" " " 901 - " 6	35565G
G	Art. Rgt. 19 (Int)	06484
008A	Verw. Kp. 133 (Int)	08075
B	Verw. Kp. 819 (Int)	47522
C	Heeres Unterkunftsverw. 359 (Int)	09810
D	Verw. Kp. 820 (Int)	
009	1 Lw. Kp. Suda, 2 Lw. Kp. Prolemanchi u. Lw. Wach Kp.	
010	Pak. Kp. Gren. Rgt. Kreta	
011	Feldpostamt 133 (Int)	02476
012	Kfz. Inst. Kp. 218 (Int)	21071
014	Pi. Btl. 22 - Kp. 2 (Int)	59357
015	Flugplatz Kdo. 29/IV (Malemes)	
017A	Gren. Rgt. 746 - Stab III	12749
B	" " " - Kp. 9	
C	" " " - Kp. 10	
D	" " " - Kp. 11	
E	" " " - Kp. 12	
018A	Div. Nachsch. Tr. 133 - Kp. 1	26328
B	" " " - Kp. 2	27871
C	" " " - Kp. 3	
019A	Pi. Btl. Kreta - Stab	
B	" " " - Kp. 1	
C	" " " - Kp. 2	
D	" " " - Kp. 3	
E	" " " - Kp. 4	
020	Art. Rgt. Kreta - Stab III:	
A	Heeres Kü. Art. Abt. 834 - Stab	40662A
B	" " " 283 - Bttr. 1	30290B
C	" " " 475 - " 1	44514B
D	" " " 619 - " 4	
021A	Nachr. Abt. 133 - Stab	05887
B	" " " - Kp. 1	
C	" " " - Kp. 2	
022A	Kdtr. Nachsch. Tr. 133 (Int)	41632
B	Nachsch. Kp. 133	
C	Nachsch. Btl. 691 (Int)	29306

68025A	Gren. Rgt. 733 - Stab I	07910
B	" " " - Kp. 1	
C	" " " - Kp. 2	
026A	Sicherungs Btl. 832 - Stab (Int) aus GR746/III	12749
B	" " " - Kp. 1	
C	" " " - Kp. 2	
D	" " " - Kp. 3	
E	" " " - Kp. 4	
028	Schlachterei Kp. 133 (Int)	35154
030A-D	Fstg. Inf. Btl. 1011 (Int) - MILOS	42565
E	Hafenkommandant Milos	08341
031A	Feldlaz. 684 (Int)	
B	Tr. Entgift. Zug II/133 (Int)	
032A	Gren. Rgt. 733 - Stab II	00021
B	" " " - Kp. 5	
C	" " " - Kp. 9	
D	" " " - Kp. 10	
034	Mar. Art. Abt. 520 - Bttr. 6-12 u. Alarm Kp.	07982
035	Feldgend. Tr. 133 (Int)	30607
037A	Kommandant d. Seeverteidigung Kreta Rest. Stab	38602
B	Hafenkommandant Suda	
C	Hafenkommandant Kanea	
039	Gem. Flak Rgt. 23 (mot) - Bttr. 1-3	23057
041	Heeres Flak Abt. 286 - Stab u. Kp. 1-6	10708
043	Mar. Art. Abt. 520 - Stab/Stabs Kp/Bttr. 1-5	46014
044	Wirtschafts Kp. Kreta	
045	Art. Rgt. Kreta - Rgts. Stab	
048A-E	Sicherungs Btl. 833 (Int) Stab/Kp. 1-4	11373
050	Bäckerei Kp. 133 (Int)	34938
052	Stab - Lw. Bau Btl. 4/XVII	25768
054	Mar. Alarm Einh. - Kp. 5-6	
055A	Ortskdtr I/981 (Int)	
B	Feldgend. Tr. 718	
C	Feldgend. Tr. 941 (Int)	
D	Kriegs Wehrm. Gefangenesis Kreta	
E	Prop. Zug Kreta	
058A	Gren. Rgt. 746 - Stab II	09931
B	" " " - Kp. 7	
C	" " " - Kp. 8	
059	Art. Rgt. Kreta - Stab I:	
A	Heeres Kü. Art. Abt. 782 - Stab	
B	" " " " 283 - Bttr. 2	30290C
C	" " " " " 3	" D
D	" " " " 834 - " 3	40662D
E	" " " " " 5	" F
F	" " " " 903 - " 2	32904C
G	" " " " " 3	" D
H	" " " " " 4	" E
J	" " " " " 6	" G

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 "Handbuch der Militär-Luftpost 1793-1954" - Alfred Clement;
 Research notes of N. Kannapin - Itzehoe, W. Germany;
 "The Battle for Crete, 1941" - Karl Gundelach
 "A History of the Luftwaffe 1915-45" - John Killen;
 "Luftwaffe" - Alfred Price;



Above: Nov. 1944 airletter from a seaman (Mtr. Gef.) at Fp #68037B (Harbor Command at Suda Bay) using Mi. #7 "Inselpost" overprint. (insert: address on rear).

Below: Mi. #10b, diagonal "Inselpost" overprint (general issue) on cover to a Sgt. at Fp #68021C (Co. 2, Signals Btl. 133 of the 133rd Festungs Division - dated April, 1945 and apparently undeliverable.

WAR ARTIST CARDS

By Jim Lewis

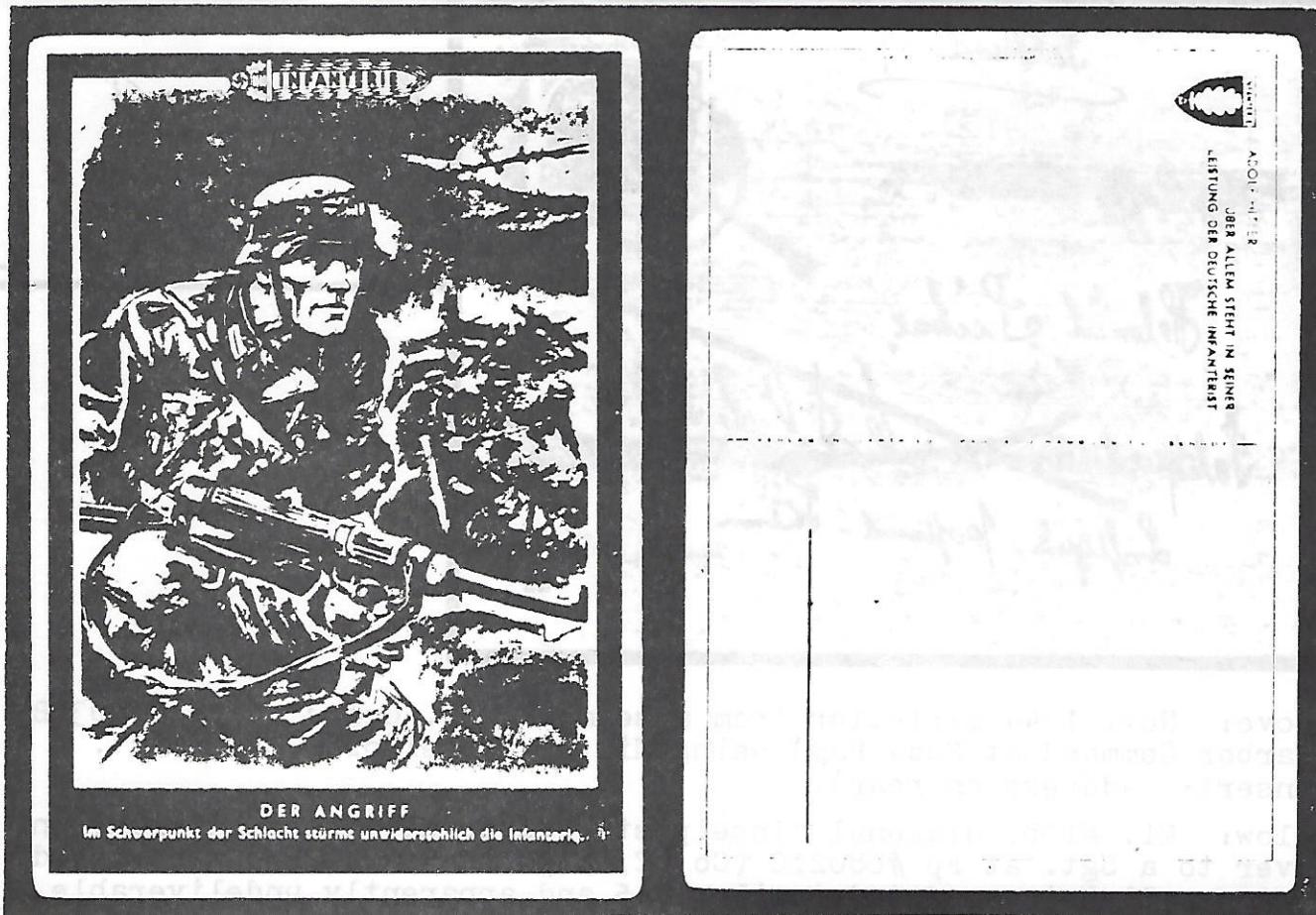
A television documentary entitled "Of Race and Blood", shown recently on PBS, dealt with the huge collection of Nazi art confiscated by the U.S. Army in 1945 and currently in storage at various depots in the United States.

A portion of this program was concerned with the works of art produced by the "Kriegsberichter" (war reporters), whose sketches of war scenes were often produced under combat conditions.

Shown below is one of a set of post cards printed by the Hamburg printing firm of C. Pahl & Co. in 1942. The face of the card depicts a sketch by war reporter Liska and is inscribed "The Attack - in the heat of battle the German infantryman charges courageously". I have a second card entitled "INFANTERIE IM KAMPF", with a sketch of a light machine gun position on the banks of the Donitz. This sketch is attributed to a reporter/artist named Hildebrand.

The reverse side of both cards is the same - an illustration of an infantry badge and a quotation by Hitler: "standing above all others in their performance of duty is the German infantryman".

I would appreciate hearing from anyone with additional cards from this set.



GERMAN POW'S IN AUSTRALIA

By Gustav A. Pohlig

During and after WWII, German POW's were in camps all over the world. While most men were detained in the USA, Canada, Great Britain, France, Russia and of course in Germany herself, smaller groups were held in Jamaica, South Africa, Kenya, India, Australia and other countries. I myself was a POW in Australia from August, 1941 until January, 1947 and therefore am very much interested in mail sent to and from prisoners of war.

Of the 1658 Germans held in Australia, 67 officers and their orderlies lived in Dhurnigile (Vic.). The remaining NCO's and soldiers were held in the main camp at Murchison (Vic.) and a few satellite camps at Tatura (Vic.), Graytown (Vic.) and at Marrinup (West Austr.). These men were captured in Crete, the Middle East and Egypt in the spring of 1941 and waited in Latrun (Palestine), Heinan (south of Cairo) and Fayed or Sineifa (Bitter Lakes) for transport by the liner "Queen Elizabeth" to Australia. On board were also 2000 Templers (descendents of a group of Germans who had left Germany around 1850 and settled in Palestine) being sent to Australia for internment.

In Australia, the German POW's were joined by the crew of the "Kormoran" that had sunk the Australian cruiser "Sydney", but were forced to abandon their own burning ship. Later, a group of Merchant Seamen who had been declared POW's also arrived at the camp.

The distance from Germany to Australia is very great and the mail took a terribly long time. In 1942, Germany threatened to curtail mail privileges of British POW's in reprisal for the slowness of mail from our camp. The International Red Cross intervened and prevented a major crisis.

We were allowed to send two letters and four cards per month, using "notelopes" and cards provided by the Australians (Fig.'s 1 and 2).

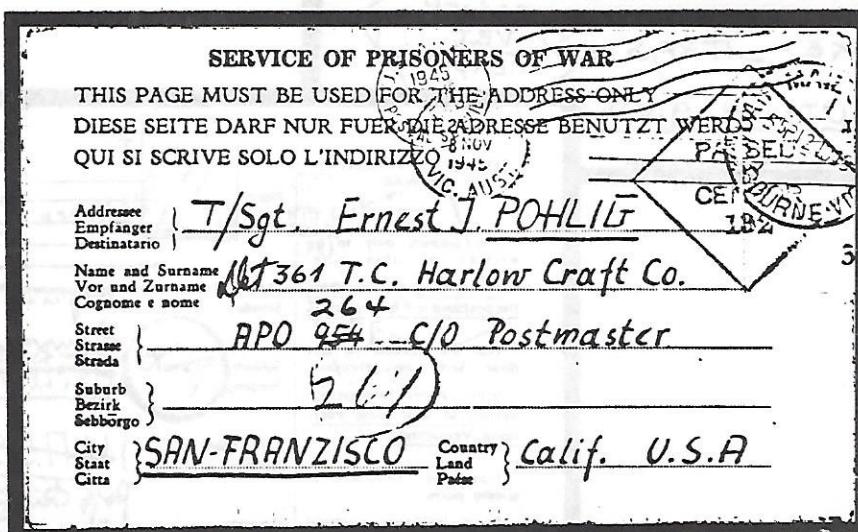


Fig. 1 - "Notelope"

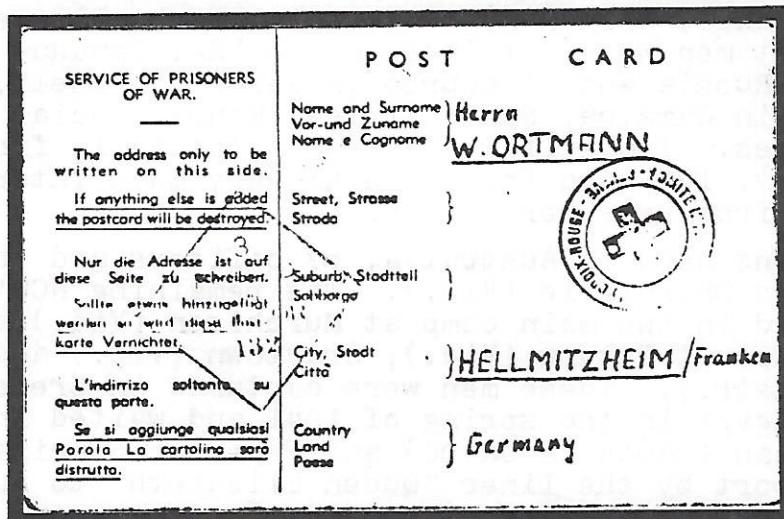


Fig. 2 - POW Form Card

Starting in 1943, we could send these by air mail, for which we paid 1 Shilling and 6d respectively. A stamp was affixed after we had handed in the mail and paid the fee (Fig.'s 3 and 4).



Fig. 3

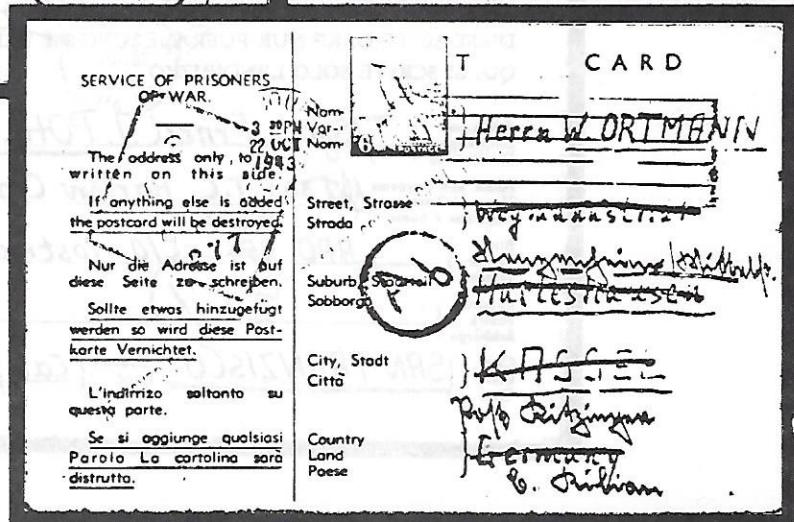


Fig. 4

Eventually, the regular glazed "Notelopes" received a blue panel inscribed "Australia 1". Airmail Fee" (Fig. 5) and the cards a similar panel denoting payment of the 6d fee (Fig. 6). The source of authorization of this overprinting is, in spite of intense investigation, not clear. One fact remains however - these items, now extremely rare, are the only existing airmail stationery items ever issued for the use of POW's and internees exclusively. (A 5d card was also issued to Japanese POW's in Australia).

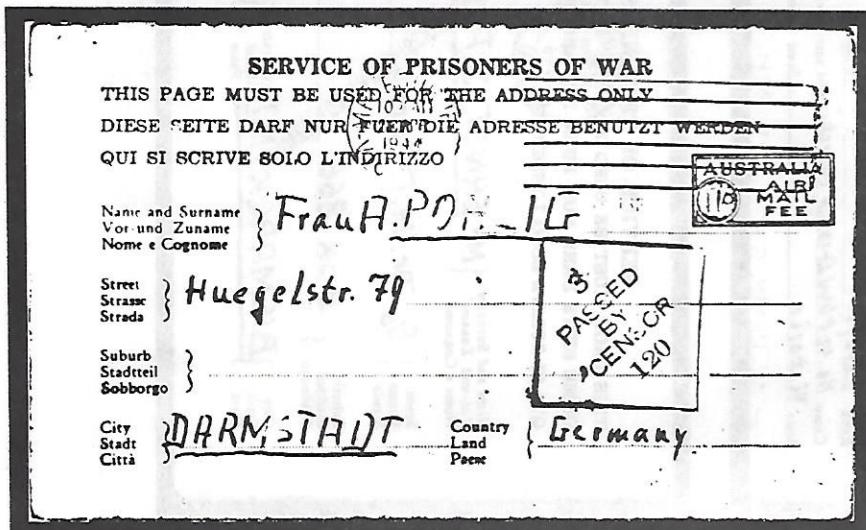


Fig. 5

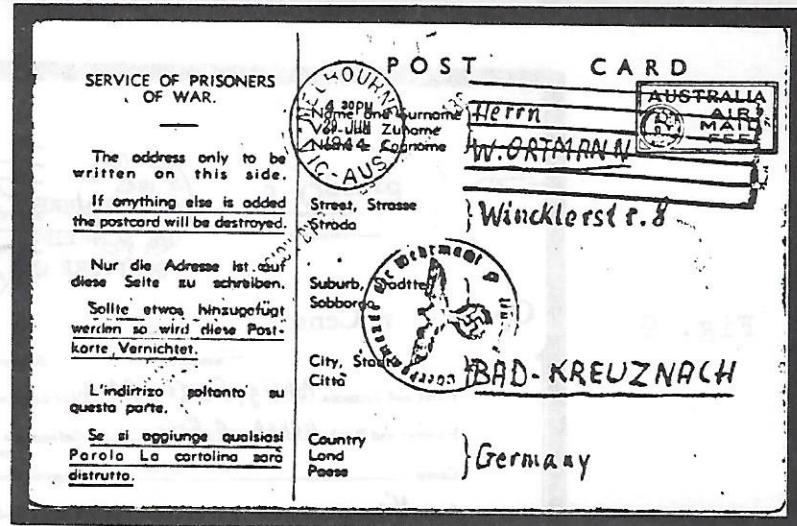


Fig. 6

The airmail letter in Fig. 5 bears an Australian censor's strike and on the reverse, the camp commander's stamp of approval as well as the German censor's tape and markings applied in Berlin (Fig. 7). Another letter (Fig. 8), sent after the war's end, was not censored in Australia, but was censored in the USA. The regular Notelope in Fig. 1, sent to the USA, was still censored (Nov. 1945) by Australia and by the US Army (Fig. 9).

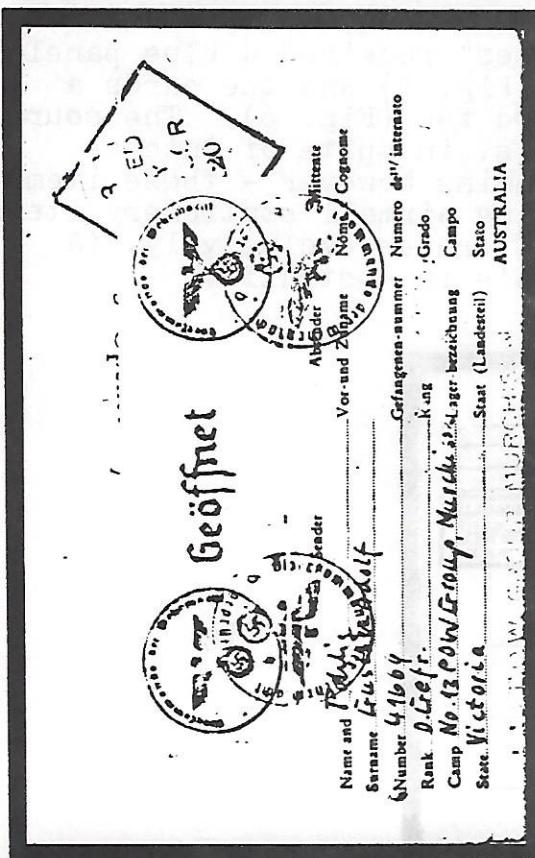


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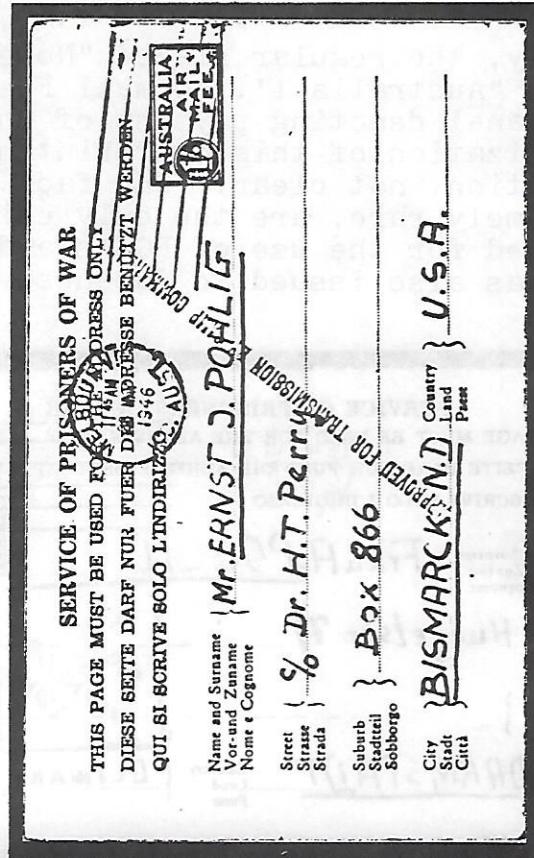


Fig. 8

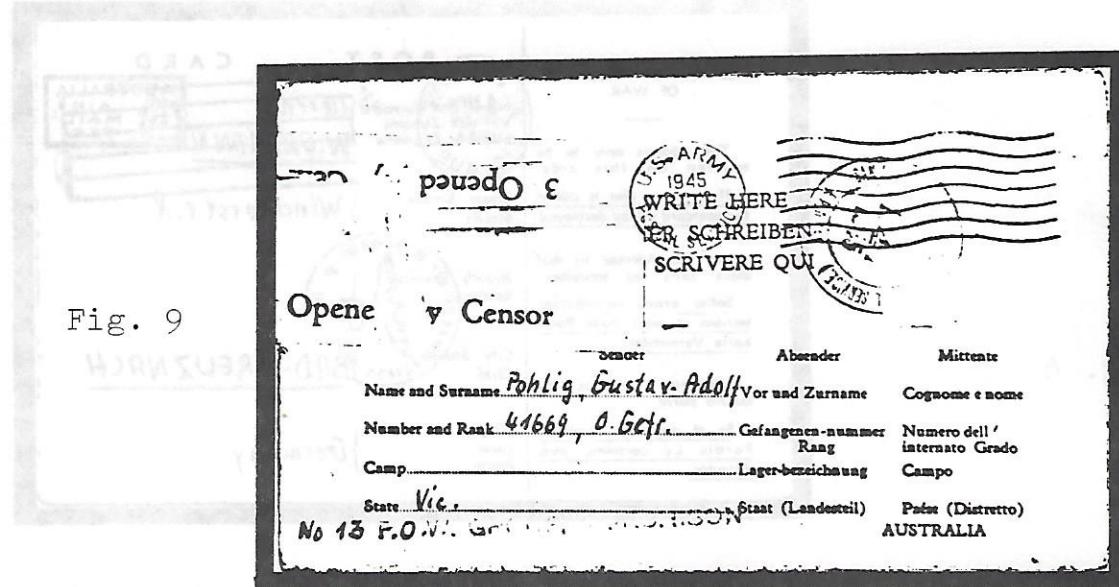


Fig. 9

The postcards in Fig.'s 2, 4 & 6 display IRC, Australian and German censor markings, as all were sent before the end of the war. The mail often took four to eight months to reach it's destination, obviously making the long imprisonment even more difficult.

(Illustrations reduced to 3/4 scale)

Directory of the Post Offices, Postal Sub-Stations and Postal Agencies in the Sudeten Territory, Oct. 1938, continued from Vol. VII, No. 4, Whole No. 29, Dec. '72.

- o Raabe/über Hohenstadt (March)- Reinowitz/über Gablonz (Neisse)-Rýnovice
- x Raase/über Freudenthal (Ostsudetenl)- Reischdorf-Reischdorf
- x Rabenstein (Bz Karlsbad)(an der Schnell= x Reitendorf (a d Tesz)-Rapotín
- Rabštejn nad Střelou x Riegerschlag-Lodhéřov
- x Rabersdorf (b Mährisch Schönberg)- x Riegersdorf/über Bodenbach-Modrá a Hrabisín Podmokel (Podmokly)
- Radl (Kr Gablonz, Neisse)-Rádlo Ringelshain (Kr Deutsch Gabel, Bz Aussig)
-
- Radonitz (b Kaaden)-Radonice nad Kadanem -Rynoltice
- x Radowenz (b Trautenau)-Radvanice v Č Ritschka (Adlergeb)-
- Raspenau (Kr Friedland, Isergeb)-Raspenava Rochlitz (Iser)-Rokytnice nad Jizerou
- o Rathsdorf/über Landskron (Adlergeb) Röchlitz (Kr Reichenberg, Sudetenl)
-
- Rochlice u Liberec
- o Ratkau/über Troppau)-Radkov Röhrsdorf (Kr Schluckenau), (Hainsbach)
-Röhrsdorf u Hainsbach
- x Rausenbruck-Strachotice Röhrsdorf (Kr Deutsch Gabel, Bz Aussig),
(b Zwickau)-Röhrsdorf u Cvíkova
- x Rautenberg/über Freudenthal (Ostsudetenl) Römerstadt (Altvater)-Rýmařov
- Roudno Rowersdorf (Ostsudetenl)-Třemešná (ve Slezsku)
- x Redenitz (b Kaaden)-Radnice (Kadaň) x Rohle/über Deutsch Liebau)-Rohle nad Německá Libina
- x Rehberg (Böhmerwald), (Bergreichenstein) Rohozná-Rohozná (Polička) CZECH SPEC
- Srni (Kašperské Hory) Rokitnitz (Adlergeb)-Rokytnice v Orlických Horách
- Reichenau (Kr Gablonz, Neisse)-Rychnov Ronsperg (b Bischofsteinitz)-known by two names, Poběžovice (or) Ronšperk
(Horšovský Týn)
- (Jablonec nad Nisou)
- x Reichenau (Mährisch Trübau)-Rychnov
- (Moravě) x Rosenberg (Moldau)-Rožemberk
- x Reichenau (Mätsch)-Rychnov nad Malší x Rosendorf/über Bodenbach-Rosendorf
CZECH SPEC
- Reichenberg (Sudetenl) 1 - Liberec
- Reichenberg (Sudetenl) 2 - Liberec
- Reichenberg (Sudetenl) 3 - Liberec
- Reichenberg (Sudetenl) 4 - Liberec
- Reichstadt (Kr Leipa, Sudetenl)-Zákupy x Rosenthal (Böhmerwald)-Rožmitál na Šumavě

- Rosenthal/über Reichenberg (Sudetenl) 3
- Růžodol I.i. Liberec
- Rossbach (b Aich) - Rosbach v. As
- x Rosshaupt (b Tachau) - Rozvadov (Tachov)
- x Rosswald (Ostsudetenl) -
- Rosswaldorf - Ruldotice ve Slezsku
- CZECH SPEC
- o Roter Berg/über Freiwaldau
(Ostsudetenl) -
- Rothau (b Graslitz) - Rotava
- o Rothenhaus/über Görkau - Červený
Hrádek (Jirkov)
- x Rotterschachen - Rapsach
- o Rowenz/über Hohenstadt (March) -
- x Rudelsdorf (Altvater) or (Zoptau) -
Ruldotice u Sobotín
- o Rudelzau/über Bären (Ostsudetenl) -
Rudoltovice
- Rudig - Vroutek
- o Rudolfsthal/über Hohenstadt (March)
-
- Rückersdorf (Kr Friedland, Isergeb) -
Rückersdorf
- Rumburg 1 - Rumburk
- Rumburg 2 - Rumburk
- Ruppersdorf/über Reichenberg
(Sudetenl) 3 - Ruprechtice (Liberec)
- Ruppersdorf/über Braunau - Ruprechtice
(Broumov) CZECH SPEC
- x Sádor (b Duppau) - Žďár (Doupov)
- Saaz - Žatec
- x Sablat (Böhmerwald) - Záblatí na
Šumavě
- x Saborsch -
- Saitz - Zajecí (Hustopece)
- x Salesel/über Aussig - Zálezy (Ústí
nad Labem)
- x Salmthal - Salmthal
- x Salnau - Želnava
- o Salnau Bhf/über Salnau -
- St (Sankt) Georgenthal (Kr Warnsdorf)-
Jiřetín (Varnsdorf)
- St (Sankt) Joachimsthal 1 - Jáchymov
- St (Sankt) Joachimsthal 2 - Jáchymov
(note: listed under Joachimsthal
(J) CZECH SPEC
- Sandau (Kr Leipa, Sudetenl) - Žandov
(Česka Lípa) or (Česká Lúpy,
CZECH SPEC
- x Sandau (b Eger) -
- x Sandu/über Ratibor -
- x Sandhübel/über Freiwaldau (Ostsudetenl)
- Sandhýbl
- x Sangerberg - Sangerberk
- x Sattel (Adlergeb) - Sedloňov
- x Saubernitz/über Aussig - Zubrnice
- x Saubsdorf/über Freiwaldau (Ostsudetenl)
-
- Schaboglick - Žabokliky
- Schaffa - Šafov

- x Schaiba/über Haida (Kr Leipa, Sudetenl) - Okrouhlá
- o Schakwitz/über Frischau (Niederdonau) -
- Schallan (Kr Teplitz-Schönau) - Žalany
- x Schamers - Címér
- Schattau - Šatov
- Schatzlar (Riesengeb) - Žacléř
- x Scheles - Žihle
- o Schenkenhain/über Tannwald=Schumburg (Isergeb) -
- x Schepankowitz/über Ratibor -
- Schildberg (b Grulich) - Šilperk
- x Schillersdorf/über Ratibor - Silherovice
- x Schiltern (Mähren) - Štítný
- Schlackenwerth - Ostrov (Karlov Vary)
- Schlag (Kr Gablonz, Neisse) - Jablonecké Paseky
- Schlaggenwald - Horní Slavkov
- o Schläkau/über Troppau -
- o Schlatten/über Stauding (Ostsudetenl) -
- Schluckenau - Šluknov
- o Schmeil/über Stadt Liebau (Ostsudetenl) -
- Schmiedeberg (Bz Karlsbad) - Šmídeberk
- x Schmole/über Hohenstadt (March) -
- Schönau (b Braunau) - Sonov (Broumov) CZECH SPEC
- o Schönau/über Grafendorf (b Grusbac) -
- x Schönau/über Neutitschein (Ostsudetenl) - Šenov (Nový Jičín)
- Schönbach (b Asch) - Schönbach (Aše)
- Schönbach (b Eger) - Schönbach (Chebu)
- x Schönborn (Kr Rumburg) - Schönborn (Rumburk)
- Schönbrunn (Ostsudetenl) - Svinov
- x Schönbrunn (b Zwittau, Schönengstgau) - Jedlová (Polică)
- Schönbuchel/über Schönlinde (Kr Rumburg) - Schönbuchel
- x Schönfeld/über Aussig - Tuchomysł
- x Schönfeld (Bz Karlsbad) - Schönfeld v. Záp. Čechách
- Schönfeld-Oberkreibitz - Krásné Pole-Horní Chřibská
- x Schönficht (Egerland) Schönficht
- x Schönhof (b Podersam) - Krásný Dvůr
- x Schönlind (b Neudek, Egerland) - Krásná Lípa (Nejdek)
- Schönlinde (Kr Rumburg) - Krásná Lípa (Rumburk)
- Schönlinde (b Heinrichsgrün) - Krásná Lípa (Jindřichova) CZECH SPEC
- x Schönstein/über Troppau -
- o Schönwald/über Barn (Ostsudetenl) -
- o Schönwald/über Hohenstadt (March) -
- x Schönwald (b Mährisch Neustadt) - Sumvald (Uničov)

- x Schönwald/über Pirna - Schwarzwasser (b Friedeberg, Altvater)
 - Černá Voda (Vidnava)
- x Schönwald (b Tachau) - Schönwald (Tachov) Schwaz (Kr Bilin, Sudetenl) - Světec
 Schönwald (b Tellnitz) - Schönwald (Bilina)
 Telnice CZECH SPEC
- x Schönwald (Niederdonau) or (b Znoim) or Schweissing - Svojsín
 (b Frain) - Šumváld (Znojmo) or
 (Vranov)
- Schreckenstein (Kr Aussig) 1 - Střekov Schwillbogen/über Hohenstadt (March)
 Schreckenstein (Kr Aussig) 2 - Střekov -
- Schreibendorf (b Grulich) - Píšťov
- o Schrieberseifen/über Freudenthal (Ostsudetenl) - Schwoika/über Haida (Kr Leipa,
 Sudetenl) - Svojkov
- o Schrifffeldsdorf/über Schilttern (Mühren) Sebastiansberg - Hora Svatého
 - Sebastian
- Schüttenitz or Schüttenitz (Kr Leitmeritz) Sebusein (Kr Leitmeritz) - Sebužín
 - Zítenice
- o Schützendorf/über Hohenstadt (March) Sedlnitz/über Stauding (Ostsudetenl)
 - - Sedlnice
- x Schumburg/über Gablonz (Reisse) Seestadt - Ervenice
-
- Schumburg Gistei - Šumburk=Jistebsko Seewiesen (Böhmerwald) - Zejbiš
 CZECH SPEC
- Schumburg an der Desse - Šumburk nad Desnou
- Schurz (Königreichwald) - Žírec
- Schwaden/über Aussig - Svádov
- Schwaderbach - Schwaderbach
- Schvarybach - Černá na Šumavě CZECH SPEC
- Schwarzbach (Böhmerwald) or Schwarzbach - Švarcava na Šumavě
- x Schwarzenthal (Riesengeb) - Černý Důl
- Settenz (Kr Teplitz-Schönau) - Retenice
 - (Teplice-Šanov)
- x Setzdorf (Schles) - Zighartice
- Silberbach (b Graslitz) - Silberbach
- o Skalitz/über Hohenstadt (March) -
 - Skalice
- x Skripp/über Troppau

- Skrochowitz/über Jägerndorf (Ostsudetenl) - Skrochovice x Starkstadt (Mettau) - Stárkov - ~~Barošov~~
- x Sobiesak - Soběšuky
- Soborten (Kr Teplitz=Sc̄nau) - Sobědruby
- Socherl - Suchohrdly
- x Sodau - Šádov
- x Söhle/über Neutitschein (Ostsudetenl) - Zilina (Nový Jičín)
- x Sörgsdorf/über Jauerzig (Schles) - Serksdorf
- x Solislau - Sulislav
- x Sollmus or Solmus - Žalmanov
- Sonnenberg (Erzgeb) - Suniperk
- x Spachendorf/über Freudenthal (Ostsudetenl) - Leskovec nad Moravicí
- Spillendorf/über Freudenthal (Ostsudetenl) -
- Spindelmühle (Riesengeb) or Spindlermühle - Spindlerův Mlýn x
- Spitzberg (Böhmerwald) - Špičák
- x Sponeu/über Zauchtel (Ostsudetenl) -
- x Sporitz (b Komotau) - Sporice
- Spornhau/über Harnsorf (March) - Ostružná
- Staab - Stod
- Stablowitz/über Troppau - Stablovice
- Stadt Liebau (Ostsudetenl) - Město Libavá
- Stadt Olbersdorf (Ostsudetenl) - Město Albrechtice
- x Stauding (Ostsudetenl) - Studénka (Bilovec)
- x Stefansruh (Isergeb) - ~~Štěpánov~~
- x Stein (Böhmerwald) - Polna na Šumavě
- x Steine/über Deutsch Liebau - Kamenna
- Steinschonau or Stein=Schonau - Kamenický Šenov
- Sternberg (Odergeb) - Šternberk
- x Stettin (Ostsudetenl) - Štětín
- x Stiebnig (Ostsudetenl) - Jistebník
- x Stiebwitz/über Troppau - ~~Troppau~~
- x Stiedra - Štědrá
- x Stift Tepl - Klášter Teplá
- x Stolzenhain (am Heilberg) - Štolpach
- x Stolzenhain=Tusset - Solzenhain - (Štožec) CZECH SPEC
- Stramberg (Ostsudetenl) - Stramberk
- x Strobnitz - Stropnice
- Strupschein/über Hohenstadt (March) -
- x Strzebowitz (Ostsudetenl) - Štržebowitz
- x Stubenbach - Prášily
- Sukorad (Kr Dauba, Bz Aussig) - Sukorady
- Swetla (Kr Reichenberg, Sudetenl) - Švábov

- Tachau - Tachov (u Plané) - Tachov nad Desnou
- Tajax - Dyjákovice CZECH SPEC
- Tammühl - Staré Splavy CZECH SPEC
- Tannwald - Horní Tanvald
- Tannwald=Schumburg (Isergeb) - Tanvald
Sumburk nad Desnou
- x Tattenitz or Tatenitz/über Hohenstadt (March) - Tatenice
- Teichstatt or Teichstadt (Kr Wernsdorf) - Rybníště
- Tellnitz (Kr Aussig) - Telnice
- Tepl (Stadt) - Město Teplá
- x Tepl, Stift or Teplstift - Klášter Teplá
- Teplitz-Schönau 1 - Teplice Šanov
- Teplitz-Schönau 2 - Teplice Šanov
- Teplitz-Schönau 3 - Teplice Šanov
- Teplitz-Schönau 4 - Teplice Šanov
- x Teschnitz - Deštnice
- Tetschen - Děčín
- x Theben (Niederdonau) - Devín
- x Theresiendorf (b Kaplitz) - Terčí Ves
- Theusing or Theussing - Toužim
- x Thomasdorf/über Freiwaldau (Ostsudetenl) - Domasov (Frývaldov)
- x Thomigsdorf (b Landskron, Adleregeb) - Děmnikov
- x Tichlowitz/über Aussig - Techlovice nad Labem
- Tiefenbach (a d Desse) - Tiefenbach nad Desnou
- o Tillersdorf/über Freudenthal (Ostsudetenl) -
- x Tirschnitz - Tršnice
- x Tisch - Ktis
- x Topkowitz/über Bodenbach - Dobkovice (Podmokel)
- x Totzau (Bz Karlsbad) - Tocov
- o Tracht/über Unter Wisternitz - Strachotín
- Trautenau - Trutnov
- o Treskowitz/über Irritz -
- x Treublitz (b Deutsch Liebau) -
- x Triebendorf/über Hohenstadt (March) - Třeboň
- x Triebitz (b Landskron, Adleregeb) - Třebovice (Lanskroun)
- Triebisch (Kr Leitmeritz) - Třebušín
- Triebischitz/über Brüx - Třebušice
- x Trinksaifen or Trinkseifen - Trinksejfy
- Trnowan (b Saaz) - Trnovany u Závratec
- Troppau 1 - Opava
- Troppau 2 - Opava
- Troppau 3 - Opava
- Troppau 4 - Opava
- Trpist - Trpisty
- x Trübenwasser or Trübawasser (b Trautenau) - Kalná Voda
- Trupschitz or Trubschitz - Strupčice
- x Tschachwitz - Čahovice

Tschauch or Tschausch/über Brüx - Souš
(Most)

x Tschenkowitz (Adlergeb) - Čenkovice

Tschernoschin - Černosín

x Tschihana -

Tschischkowitz (Kr Leitmeritz) -

x Tuchorschitz or Tucheritz - Tucherice

Türmitz (Kr Aussig) - Trmice

Turn/über Teplitz-Schönau - Trnovany
(Teplice-Šanov)

Tuschkau or Tuschkau Stadt - Město Touškov

x Tusset -

Tyssa/über Bodenbach - Tisa u Podmokel

Uitwa - Útvina CZECH SPEC

Ullersdorf (Kr Dux) - Oldřichov (Duchcov)

x Ullitz - Úlice

x Ullrichsthal (Kr Tetschen) - Oldřichov
(Česká Lípy)

o Ulmbach/über Marienberg (Sachs)

x Ungarschitz - Uherčice

Unter Haen - Dolní Háj CZECH SPEC

Urter Haid (b Kaplitz) - Dolní Dvořiště

o Unter Heinendorf/über Hohenstadt (March)
- Dolní Hynčina

Unter Hillersdorf (Schl) - Dolní Holčovice

Unter Jamny - Dolní Jamné CZECH SPEC

Unter Langendorf (b Mährisch Neustadt)
- Dolní Dlouhá Loučka (see also
Unterlangenlautsch)

Unter Langenlautsch - Dolní Dlouhá
Loučka CZECH SPEC

Unter Maxdorf (Isergeb) - Dolní Maxov

x Unter Moldau - Dolní Vltavice

Unter Polaun (Riesengeb) - Dolní Polubný

Unter Reichenau - Dolní Rychnov

Unterreichenstein - Rejštejn

Unter Sandau - Dolní Žandov CZECH SPEC

Unter Tannowitz - Dolní Dunajovice

Unter Themenau - Poštorná

x Unter Wisternitz - Dolní Věstonice

x Voitelsbrunn - Sedlec (Mikulov)

x Voitersreuth -

x Voitsdorf/über Heidenau (Sachs) -
Fojtovice

x Vollmau - Folmava

o Vorder Heurass/über Friedberg (Moldau)

Výprachtice - Výprachtice CZECH SPEC

- x Wachtel or Wachtl/über Mährisch Trübau
- Skřipov (Konice)
- o Wachtersdorf/über Sternberg (Odergeb)
-
- Wagstadt (Ostsudetenl) - Bílovec
- Wallern (Böhmerwald) - Volary
- o Waltersdorf/über Troppau (Ostsudetenl)
-
- Note: there is also a Waltersdorf near Šamorín (Čela) in Slovakia
- x Waltsch (Bz Karlsbad), Buchau - Valeč (Bochov)
- Wärnsdorf 1 - Värnsdorf
- Wärnsdorf 2 - Värnsdorf
- Wärnsdorf 3 - Värnsdorf
- x Warts (Egertal) - Stráž nad Ohří
- Wärtenberg (Kr Leipa, Sudetenl) -
Stráž pod Ralskem
- o Watzeldorf/über Hohenstadt (March)
-
- o Weberschan (Kr Seaz) - Brvany
- x Wassersuppen - Nemanice
- x Watislav (Kr Leitmeritz) - Vlatislav
- Weckeldorf - see Wekeldorf
- Weckendorf - Jelení CZECH SPEC
- Wegstädtl (Kr Dauba, Bz Aussig) - Štěti
- Weheditz - Bohatice
- Weidenau (Schles) - Vidnava
- Weigsdorf (Kr Friedland, Isergeb)
- Weigsdorf
- x Weikersdorf (b Mährisch Schönberg)
- Vykyřovice
- x Weipersdorf (b Lanskron, Adlergeb)
-
- Weipert 1 - Vejprty
- Weipert 2 - Vejprty
- Weipert 3 - Vejprty
- Weipert 4 - Vejprty
- Weissbach (Tafelfichte), Friedland -
- Bílý Potok (Frýdlant)
- Weissensulz - Belá nad Radbuzą
- Weisskirchen an der Neisse (Kr Reichenberg,
Sudeterl) - Bílý Kostel nad Nisou
- Weisskirchlitz (Kr Teplitz-Schönau) -
Novosedlice (Teplice-Sanov)
- o Weissstätten/über Muschau -
- o Weisswasser (Jauernig) - Bílá Voda
(Javorník) CZECH SPEC
- o Weisswasser/über Recihenstein (Schles)
- Bílá Voda u Šilperka
- x Weitentrebetitsch - Široké Třebčice
- Wekeldorf (Heuscheuer) - Teplice nad
Metuji
- Welboth (Kr Teplitz-Schönau) - Velvěty
- x Welchau - Velichov
- Wellemin or Welemin (Kr Leitmeritz)
- Velemin
- x Welmschloss - Velemyšleves
- x Wernsdorf (b Kaaden) - Veměřov
- Wernstadt (Kr Tetschen) - Vernerice

- Weseritz - Bezdrůžice (the name of a river)
- x Wichestadt (Adlergeb) - Mladkov (Kralíky)
- x Wicklitz or Wiklitz/über Aussig - Vyklice
- x Wickwitz - Vojkovice nad Ohří
- x Widach (am Königreichswald)
-
- Widim - Vidim CZECH SPEC
- o Wiesa/über Brück-
- x Wiese/über Jägerndorf (Ostsudetenl)
- Loučky u Krnova
- x Wiese (b Oberleutendorf) - Loucka
u Horní Litvinov
- x Wiesenberge (Altvater) - Vízmburk
- iesenthal (Kr Gablonz, Neisse) - Lučany
nad Nisou
- Wigstedt or Weigstedt (Ostsudetenl) -
Vitkov (ve Slezsku)
- x Wildschütz (b Jauerzig, Schles) -
Vlčice (Javornik)
- x Wildschütz (b Trautenau) -
- Wildstein - Vildštejn
- Willomitz - Vilémov (Kadaň)
- x Windischmannitz (Kr Tetschen) -
- Srbská Kamenice
- x Winkeldorf (a d Tess) - Kouty (Vízmburk)
- Winterberg (Böhmerwald) - Vimperk
(u Volyně)
- x Wintersreuth - Vojtanov CZECH SPEC
- Witteschau/über Hohenstadt (March)
-
- x Witkowitz (b Rochlitz, Iser), Mährisch
Ostrau - Vítkovice (Moravská Ostrava)
- o Wochendorf/über Freudenthal (Ostsudetenl) -
- Wölmsdorf (Kr Schluckenau) -
- Wohontsch or Wohonotsch (Kr Bilin,
Sudetenl) - Ohníč
- o Woitsdorf/über Pohrlitz -
- x Woitsdorf (b Hannsdorf, March) -
Vojtíškov
- x Woken/über Leipa (Sudetenl) - Okna
- o Woletschnitz (b Tannwald=Schumburg,
Isergeb) -
- x Wolfersdorf (Kr Leipa, Sudetenl)
- Volfartice
- x Wolframitz - Olbramovice
- o Wolledorf/über Hohenstadt (March)
-
- x Wolschen (Kr Leipa, Sudetenl) - Olsina
- x Woratschen - Oráčov
- x Wostitz - Vlasatice
- x Wscherau - Všeruby u Města Touškova
- Würbenthal (Ostsudetenl) - Vrbno (ve
Slezsku)
- x Wüst Pohlom/über Troppau -
- Wüstseibersdorf (Altvater) - Pusté
Zibřidovice
- o Wurzelzdorf/über Tannwald=Schumburg
(Isergeb) -
- x Wurzmes - Vrskman

- o Zattig/über Troppau -
Zauchtel (Ostsudetenl) 1 - Suchdol
- (Fulnek)
- x Zauchtel (Ostsudetenl) 2 - Suchdol
- (Odrau)
- x Zauditz/über Ratibor -
x Zautke/über Hohenstadt (March)
-
- x Zebau - Cebiv
- Zebus (Kr Dauba, Bz Aussig) -
Chcebusz
- Zeidler (Kr Schluckenau) - Zeidler
- x Zettlitz (Bz Karlsbad) - Sedlec
u Karovy Varu
- x Zettwing - Cetviny
- x Zeiditz - Cidice
- Zinnwald - Cinvald CZECH SPEC
- Zlabings - Slavonice
- Znaim 1 - Znojmo
- Znaim 2 - Znojmo
- Znaim 3 - Znojmo
- x Zoptau (b Mährisch Schönberg)
- Sobotín
- o Zossen/über Jägerndorf (Ost-
sudetenl) - Sosnava
- o Zottkittel/über Hohenstadt
(March) -
- Zuckmantel or Zukmantel (Ostsudetenl)
- Cukmantl (ve Slezsku)
- Zuckmantel or Zukmantel/über Teplitz=
Schönau 2 - Cukmantl (Teplice-
Sanov
- Zvole (b Hohenstadt) - Zvole u Zábréha
- CZECH SPEC
- Zwickau (Bz Aussig) - Cvíkov
- Zwittau (Schönhengstgau) 1 - Suitavy
- Zwittau (Schönhengstgau) 2, (Bhf)
- Suitavy
- Zwodau - Svatava
- x Zug - Zbúch
- (Inselberg) Liberec to Liberec
(museu sv) vořív
- (Seifert, Kremnitz d) svobodilu x
(slavovst) vořív
- (Inselberg d) svobodilu x
- (mstibitv - mstabilu
- (Kabel) vomeřiv - svimollu
- (quarzit ak) etamamionitniu x
- silicium žaditv -
- (mstibitv - mstabilu
- (šervis v)
- (mstibitv - mstabilu)
- (třemš - třebíčsku) třebíčsku x
- (třemš - třebíčsku) třebíčsku x
- (svadlova) svadlova - svadlo

TRSG AUCTION NUMBER 8

Lot # Description

The following 20 lots are each composed of approx. 50 FELDPOST COVERS/CARDS. These are mostly ordinary soldier's mail (there are some on official military business) with some duplication - many with interesting contents and bearing various Army or Luftwaffe unit seals. Particularly noted is a series of correspondence from a German Red Cross nurse (with Feldpost privileges) - possibly forming an interesting "mini-collection" tracing the movements and problems of the individual. Condition varies from Fair to Very Fine:

1. Practically all are Fp canc's, altho note 1 "Ubungsplatz". Units noted incl. Inf. Rgt. 340, Gren. Rgt. 355 and one from Feldpostamt 427.
2. Mostly Fp canc's, but several "Stummestempel". Noted various Luftwaffe units c/o LgPA's Paris, Breslau, Munich.
3. Units noted incl. Pz Btl 16, 222nd I.D., I.R. 194, I.R. 58 & a Krgef. Arb. Kdo. - mixture of town & field canc's incl. one Munster (Lager) cancel.
4. Mixture of town & field canc's (incl. couple Stumme), Res. & field units incl. c/o LgPA's Paris, Brussels, Dresden.
5. All field canc's - units c/o LgPA's Brussels, Paris, Munich. Several from the Red Cross nurse.
6. Mixed cancels (mostly field type), some folded lttrshts, note LgPA Brussels, several from Red Cross nurse.
7. All with town postmarks, but some are from Fp Nos. - note LgPA's Munich & Dresden.
8. Similar lot.
9. Mixed canc's, several lttrshts, few "Stumme" - noted LgPA's Paris, Munster, Munich.
10. All postal cards, some with imprinted propaganda slogans. Noted LgPA's Hamburg, Munich, Konigsberg, Brussels, few "Stumme".
11. All Folded Lettersheets - noted LgPA's Wien, Posen, Brussels plus a Berlin from Feb. 1945.
12. Includes several officials, Dt. Heeresmission Romania, 60th Pz Gren Div, Red Cross nurse and one from 3rd Parachute Div dated 12.44 c/o LgPA Unna.
13. From field units - noted LgPA's Berlin, Munich, Paris, Konigs'bg and officials from Gen Kdo XXXX Army Corps & from Kdo of the 73rd Inf Div.
14. From field units - noted LgPA's Wien, Breslau, Paris.
15. Incl. a few officials, a few cards - noted Pz Art Rgt 119 & LgPA Paris.
16. All with "Stummestempel" - some duplications, but several different.
17. Similar lot - noted several with nice unit seal of Fp #L22011 with unusual extra segment "LgPA Hamburg".
18. Cards, Lttrshts, Covers - some with town canc's - noted Krgef. Arb. Kdo and LgPA's Munster, Paris, Brussels, Breslau.
19. Both field & town canc's, few Stumme - units noted were Flhorst Kdo Krakau, Pz Rgt 33, Kdo 73rd ID, Pz Gren Rgt 20 and c/o LgPA's Breslau, Posen, Paris, Wien.
20. Field canc's - noted LgPA Unna - several from RC nurse.

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CHANNEL ISLANDS (German Occupation) - The following 6 lots are Red Cross Message Sheets exchanged between the occupied islands and Great Britain (see "The German Postal Specialist" October, 1974):

21. Type I German form from Jersey, w/Jersey Bailiff's Line h/s & embossed seal, Swiss/German/British censor stamps and portion of message cut out by British censor. Written 10/42, reply dated 3/43. VF RES \$8.50
22. Type II German form from Guernsey with all markings. Written 2/42, reply 7/42. VF RES \$8.50
23. Type III German form from Guernsey with all markings. Includes the type 4 German RC h/s and test streaks for secret ink. Written 8/43, reply 4/44. VF RES \$8.50
24. Type IV German form from Guernsey with all markings and test for secret ink. Written 8/43. VF RES \$8.50
25. British Type II form to Guernsey with all markings plus Guernsey "Bradshaw" signature h/s. Written 1/42, reply 5/42. VF RES \$7.
26. British Type III form to Guernsey with boxed "States of Guernsey" marking. Written 12/42, reply 5/43. VF RES \$7.

REGISTERED FELDPOST COVERS:

27. Kenn #112 (FpA 602 zbV) dated 6.2.42 from Fp #12504. VF
28. Kenn #153 (FpA 673 zbV in Dijon, France) dated 13.4.42 & sent by the FpA itself (Fp #35873). Addressed to "Fp. Amt K138" (FpA 673 in Le Creusot) & backstamped w/canc. of K138. Very interesting piece of intra-Feldpostamt mail. VF
29. Kenn #169 (FpA 432 of XXXII Höh. Kdo zbV) dated 14.11.40 from Fp #17499. VF
30. Kenn #288 (FpA 777 zbV) dated 25.2.44, from Fp #L39168 (fighter squadron 27) c/o LgPA Wien. Tear on right edge, not touching any markings. F
31. Kenn #301 (FpA 725 zbV) dated 21.10.40 from Fp #L03201 c/o LgPA Paris with inscription on front: "Offiziersache - Nur durch Offizier zu öffnen" (Officer's Matter - to be opened only by an officer). VF
32. Kenn #301 (FpA 725 zbV) dated 25.3.44 from Fp #67375 in area of Brest, France. VF
33. Kenn #315 (FpA 672 zbV) dated 19.8.42 from Fp #29928 (OKW Funküberwachung Kp. 2). VF
34. Kenn #362 (FpA 393 zbV) in Belgium - dated 1.4.42 from Fp #45012 (Nachrichten Abt. 301, Kp. 2). VF
35. Regular Feldpost cover of the Balkan campaign - dated 15.5.41 from Fp #18739 (Befehlshaber Südost - Verw. Stab) using imprinted envelope of the Hotel Bristol, Beograd (Belgrade). VF
36. LUFTFELDPOST cover, single stamp, dated 20.6.42 from a private at Fp #01619 (Inf. Rgt. 522 of 297th Inf. Div.). F
37. Regular Fp cover dated 10.10.42 from Fp #47895 (Trsp. Kdtr. Agram) - ZAGREB, CROATIA. VF
38. Unused color card (6 plus 4 Pf imprint) inscribed "DANZIG IST DEUTSCH" - view of city with Nazi eagle. VF
39. GEN. GOUV. - CTO card w/spec. canc. "Tag der NSDAP im General-gouvernement" Krakau 13.-15. August 1943. Picture side depicts German infantryman carrying wounded comrade over shoulder. VF
40. "Legion Related" cover - Franked with Norwegian "Front Fighter" issue with special 1st Day cancel of Oslo 2.8.43. VF

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41	Five covers (1 front) w/Various "Zussammendrucke" combinations incl. two regis w/Winterhelp multiple combos. SB \$10.
42	Wagner set - used, fine. Mi 499A to 507A. Cat. DM 468 RES \$65.
43	1934 Airmail set, used. Mi. 529-539. Cat. DM 80. RES \$12.
44	3 Items: (1) Luxembourg ovprtd stamps on Cvr canc. CLERF; (2) Commer. Cvr Strassburg to Nancy w/Frankfurt censor tape & h/s; (3) Fp. Cvr. w/h.s. "Wehrbezirkskommando Berlin IV".
45	DIENSTPOST OSTLAND - Regis. Cvr. Kauen to Berlin w/ 15 & 30 ovprtd Hitler heads. F
46	Two mint postcards - (type 8) - H&G #31D, and 313. F
47	Lot of four "Sara" letters - all by air to U.S., censored, but condition fair - may be of use to specialist doing research or gathering statistics, etc.
48	1934 Regis. Cvr to USA with Type 1 Currency Control label (rear flap missing, otherwise VF).
49	Commercial use of Feldpost (Durch Deutsche Feldpost) sent by Ruhrstahl Liege uber LgPA Brussel. F
50	Four LUFTFELDPOST Cvrs from the Russian front (1 is <u>to</u> the front). AV-F
51	Iron Cross slogan canc. "Kenk immer daran; feind hort mit!" on 1939 Cvr from Mainz to USA franked w/Mi. 521 & 515. F RES \$4.
52	Iron Cross slogan canc. "Mit Dem Fuhrer Zum Sieg!" on 1942 offic. Cvr w/seal of Reichshauptstadt Berlin. Franked w/Mi. 788. VF RES \$4.
53	Mi. 844-49, each on piece w/Vienna canc "Unser Fuhrer Bannt den Bolschewismus". VF RES \$4.
54	Austrian Plebiscite - Klagenfurt airmail Cvr w/cachet showing Germany & Austria joined. Violet h/s "Am 10 April dem Fuhrer dein Ja!" - Phil. (to Hennig). VF
55	Cvr to Breslau w/Vienna spec. canc. "Ein Volk, Ein Reich, Ein Fuhrer". blk. ink. Non-phil.
56	Cvr and Card w/mixed German-Austrian franking. Non-phil. card has Vienna slogan "Am 10 April, etc."
57	Saar Plebiscite - Photocard w/Mi. 550 & mach. canc. "Saar Abstimmung 13. Januar 1935". Also postcard franked w/Mi. 544 has words to song "Hausgesang fur das Genesungsheim Waldeck". VF RES \$8.
58	Mi. 850I - printing error in margin blk of 4 (see article in TRSG #45). NH, VF RES \$8.
59	Occupation of ALSACE - Mi. 1-16 ovprtd "Elsass" - Compl. set on two regis. Cvrs fm Strassburg. Beautiful! RES \$12.
60	Berlin Rohrpost - 3 copies ea. of Mi. 643-5, plus Mi. 512 (54 Pfg. correct franking) on 1937 commercial Cvr. Tatty . RES \$5.
61	BAHNPOST card & Cvr w/RR cancels. Cvr franked w/Mi. 545
62	Printed Cvr w/cachet for 1938 Gelsenkirchen International Philatelic Exhibit. F
63	Three Cvrs w/Hindenburg stamps & diff. spec./landespost canc's.
64	Airmail Cvr w/mixed Austrian-German franking & spec. Vienna mach. canc's "Der Ewige Jude" for Anti-Semitic exhibition. VF RES \$8.
65	Occup. of LORRAINE: Mi. 1-9 ovprpt "Lothringen" on Aug. 1940 Cvr w/French FLORANGE cancels. VF RES \$8.

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66	Mi. 768-71 and W151-152 on regis. Cvr Frankfurt to Solingen. VF RES \$6.
67	Mi. 751-53 on sml. Cvr Stettin to Lienz. VF
68	Mi. W131 & 123 Combos on two Cvrs.
69	Mi. W122 on Cvr w/Hamburg canc. VF
70	Mi. K36 tete-beche & added postage on Cvr Berlin to Koln.
71	Two Souv. shts. fm "Leben und Werk des Fuhrers" Exhibit w/blocks W121 & W115 and spec. Hamburg canc. Beautiful! VF RES \$5.
72	Mi. 645 on unaddr. Cvr w/spec. canc. KASSEL Hercules, and Mi. 665 on Cvr w/spec. canc. Nurnberg Motorcycle Race.
73	Cvr to London w/strip of 5 Mi. 549 & Berlin roller canc. VF RES \$5.
74	Two Cvrs w/slogan canc's: Mi. 522 w/Braun Band and Mi. 770 w/Bregenz "See und Alpen".
75	Mi. 414, 468 & 479 on Oct. '33 Cvr to USA via "Europa" - faint roller canc.
76	Three philatelic cards w/Mi. 855-6, Mi. 854, Mi. 869-72, all w/appropriate spec. canc.
77	Cvr w/Pair of Mi. 701 & spec. Berlin canc. "Grossdeutscher Reichstag". VF RES \$8.
78	Mi. 831-42 "Wehrmacht I" on two regis. airmail Cvrs w/spec. Munich canc. "Unser Fuhrer Bannt Den Bolschewismus". Phil. to Hennig. VF
79	Mi. 816-17, 860-1 & 795 on regis. Vienna Cvr. SB \$4.
80	Mi. 620 on '36 "Nachnahme" (C.O.D.) card - Possneck to Frankfurt. VF
81	Mi. 468 on commerc. window envel., p'mk Betzdorf, July 5, 1933.
82	Two pair Mi. 651-2 plus Mi. 653 on Cvr to Vienna from Hotel "Stadt Berlin", Dresden. VF
83	9 diff. Spec. Canc's w/various stamp combos on cards & Cvrs.
84	Mi. 698 on Cvr Halle to USA. RES \$10.
85	Mi. 646 on sml. Commem. sheet for Hamburg Postal Musuem w/spec. 9.4.37 canc.
86	Mi. 873-85 (Wehrmacht II) on two airmail Cvrs canc'd DEUTSCHE DIENSTPOST OSLO. Philatelic (to Hennig). VF
87	Mi. 865 on regis. Cvr Lichtenwald to Rein. VF
88	Mi. 679 plus 2 Mi. 512 on Cvr w/all three spec. canc's for Jan. '39 International Sports Week. Philatelic, but VF
89	BOHEMIA-MORAVIA: Mi. 83-4 on Phil. Cvr w/spec. PRAG swastika canc. for 3rd year in Grossdeutschland.
90	Double unsevered Commem. sheet (Gedenkblatt) w/W123 & W127 combos. Spec. 1937 Hamburg canc. "Reichstagung der NS Gemeinschaft". VF
91	UNUSUAL COVER: One <u>corner each</u> of Hitler head Blocks 7, 8, 9 & 11 made into composite sheet on regis. Cvr. w/'37 Nuremberg Rally cancel.
92	Mi. 556-561, 1934 Professions, used. Cat. DM 19. F-VF
93	France - Anti-Bolshevik Legion stamps Mi. VI-X, mounted mint, all stamps w/attached "Wappenfeld" label & one with control number. VF
94	Two Cvrs to USA w/Mi. 512, 518, 531, 632, 644, 645 - one w/palm tree seal "Deutsche Kolonialgesellschaft". F-VF

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- 95 Two Cvrs w/Rosegger stamps, one w/Mi. 856 & Krieglach spec. canc., one regis. & backstamped w/Mi. 855, blk of four 856. F-VF
- 96 GEN. GOUVERNMENT: H&G #I51 w/additional Gen. Gouv. Mi. #20; CTO with "HRUSZCZA" May 3, 1940 cancel. RES \$9.
- 97 GEN. GOUVERNMENT: H&G #I 60, commercially used, Warsaw July 1943. RES \$5.
- 98 GERMANY: Mi. 664 (2 copies, 1938 Hitler B'Day) used on pieces w/appropriate spec. canc's for Berlin & Braunau/Inn. RES \$6.
- 99 GERMANY: H&G #302 (1942 Gold Smith Art); #305 (1942 European Postal Congress); #306 ("19 Okt 1942" ovrprt) & #311 (1943 Gold Smith Art); all mint. RES \$6.
- 100 GERMANY: Mi. 675-83 (1938 Winterhilfswerk semipostal set complete); used on pieces w/WHW spec. canc. for Munich. RES \$17.
- 101 GERMANY: Privately printed multicolored postal card; 6 pfg Hindenburg imprint; Colonial Propaganda; "Deutschland, deine Kolonien"; Flag, eagle & Mt. Kilimanjaro cachet design. Mint. RES \$20.
- 102 H&G #251, mint.
- 103 Fp Cvr: Unit h/s Fp #09268 (Torpedo Command, Adm. of France) Fp canc. blurred (1944?). Slightly shortened on opening. AV SB \$2.50
- 104 1936 Olympics se-tenants: UL blk of 6 formed by 2 Mi. W110 w/+ marking, mint w/slight tear in margin & slight stamp ink on 1 stamp. Also W110, mint, slight traces of paper on reverse, W107, W109, W105 & W109 heavy hinge/separating and not counted. Total Cat. 17.5 DM+ RES \$4.
- 105 1936 WHW se-tenants, mint:
Blks of 6 - W114 & W118; W112 & W116 (paper affixed to 1 stamp);
Blks of 4 - W113, W117, W119(2), K29(2);
Blks of 6 - W118, W122 (1 stamp thin);
Also W115, W121 strips;
Total Cat. 41.7 DM, RES \$10.
- 106 BILLIG'S PHILATELIC HANDBOOK, Vol. 28 - (1) German Occup's, WWII stamps, Cvrs, prices; (2) German Reichspost abroad & the Colonies stamps & Cvrs; (in English by Kricheldorf); (3) Other countries; RES \$7.50
- 107 GERMAN PHILATELIC REVIEW: "Stamps in Battledress" (in English) edited by P.C. Rickenback - published in German by J. Hosang - Gezahnte Kriegspropaganda. RES \$6.
- 108 (Book): "Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia" - stamps & postal stationery. RES \$3.50
- 109 Two Cvrs (left sides cut off) to USA w/Olympic stamps Mi. 609-16. RES \$18.
- 110 Mi. 699 on regis. Cvr w/"Das Braune Band" canc. RES \$25.
- 111 Mi. 588-597 on Commem. Cvr flown by Hindenburg (LZ 129) on round trip. Has May 8, 1936 canc. Some stains on stamps. RES \$25.
- 112 Sixteen Cvrs - all w/Mi. #1 LUFTFIELDPOST stamp, some w/contents. RES \$11.
- 113 ALSACE: Two regis. Cvrs - Mi. 2,6,&15 Strassburg to Hannover and Mi. 4,5,15 Molhausen to Hannover. RES \$5.

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114 GERMANY: Five diff. favor cancels on cards/Cvrs, plus: Mi. 799-802 in mint blks of 4 w/Perf 14, plus 799-802 in mint singles w/both Perf $12\frac{1}{2}$ & Perf 14 - plus mint blk of 4 of Mi. 818 and Mi. 609-16 on cut squares w/heavy stains and folds. RES \$5.

REGISTERED FELDPOST COVERS: (Condition F-VF unless noted)

	<u>Kenn #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fp. No.</u>	
115	343	24.7.43	41596	AOK 9
116	416	14.1.43	26439	87 Inf Div
117	416	13.4.42	18377	87 Inf Div
118	437	8.5.42	21999	262 Inf Div
119	437	13.10.40	04295	262 Inf Div
120	451	10.3.43	--	FpA 723 Antwerp
121	441	29.6.44	25738	72 Inf Div
122	441	6.2.43	23196	72 Inf Div
123	438	11.6.44	18655	San Kp 817, Balkans
124	486	24.10.43	28352	FpA 273 Lille, Fr. (large Cvr)
125	479	22.8.44	--	FpA 156
126	477	20.5.43	34105	Nachr. Tr. 256 - 256. VG Div
127	477	19.5.44	31115	Gren Rgt 476/II - 256 VG Div
128	501	15.5.43	13767	Gren Rgt 117 - 98 Inf Div
129	501	21.4.42	13354	Gren Rgt 50 - 111 Inf Div
130	451	3.2.43	48916	(large Cvr)
131	305	6.12.44	32229	(Regis. label cut out)
132	407	27.7.42	47261	387 Inf Div, Russia
133	472	7.8.40	01941	15 Inf Div
134	396	16.1.44	30706	Beob. Abt. 63
135	405	17.2.44	38402	West
136	475	26.2.43	32813	39 Inf Div
137	413	1.4.42	11450	FpA 154, Central Russia
138	200	19.3.42	12804	(sides cut short)
139	200	7.10.41	00414	Belgium
140	401	17.6.44	03560	Bau Pi Btl 787 - Pz AOK 1
141	475	4.8.42	36782	39 Inf Div (large Cvr) AV
142	454	21.11.43	35793	337 Inf Div (large Cvr)
143	534	15.10.42	49946	Large piece w/canc. D'sieg. RZ
144	541	6.11.42	35037	Hoh. Nachr. Fu. 575 (large Cvr)

KRIEGSMARINE FELDPOST COVERS:

- 145 Marine Standortsverwaltung Wangerooge - using pasteover on envelope originally imprinted "GEHEIM!".
- 146 Fm seaman at Fp #43460T (Naval Kdt. Saloniki) AV
- 147 Fm seaman at Fp #43809 (Mar. Gruppe Kdo. Sud) F
- 148 Fm Fp #15145 (Minensuch Flott. 13) VF
- 149 Fm Fp #41645 (Mar. Art. Abt. 604) VF
- 150 Fm 5th Raumbootsfloottille VF

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