

Third Reich Study Group Bulletin

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INSIDE:

Another great issue, thanks to you readers. Truly, you are the best!

The Scans of Jerry Crow - He's got them, and we love them. Another great set!

The Editor's Letter – I don't usually toot my own horn, but there are two new websites with a ton of information about German stamps, as part of our long-term goals here at the TRSG. Check it out, and give me some feedback!

Trivia – Revamped with challenging questions and fascinating answers, you are going to love the changes!

Kroatian Korner – A brand new feature from Richard Davis, this new tradition will feature covers from Croatia, shedding light on southeast Europe's trials and tribulations during WW II.

Danzig – A fascinating catalogue found by the Danzig Study Group is reproduced here for your pleasure. Definitely worth a look.

.....And check out the random stamps found throughout the *Bulletin*!

WELCOME!

This wonderful issue has a pictorial theme, featuring lots of great covers, postmarks, and stamps. Look for more great scans from Jerry Crow, and check out our new feature Kroatian Korner.

And you have to check out the Trivia section. Completely revamped, it'll stump and educate you.

Have a joyous holiday season, and keep collecting!!

While you are being generous to others this holiday season, remember you Editor at the *TRSG Bulletin*. Send in an article, a scan, an idea, or anything you would like to see in print, and we will get you in! Just mail them to:

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From the Editor

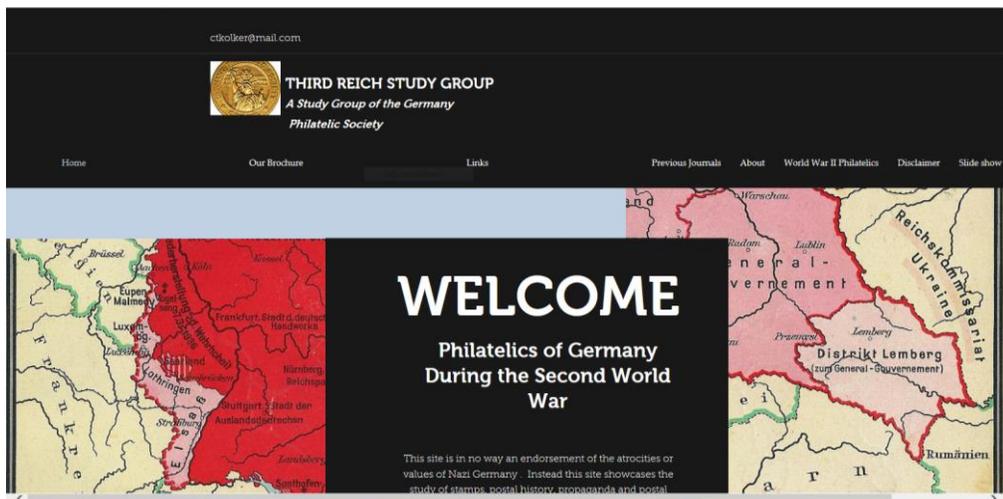
Greetings:

We have another incredible issue for you. The theme is "A Pictorial Delight".

We all collect stamps for a variety of different reasons: that's what makes philately so great. We all have her own perspectives. But sometimes, it's just because they're interesting to look at. It doesn't have to be deep and cerebral; instead, it can simply give you a feeling that you are truly holding a piece of history. In it, you can see the pain, toil, and tears of this most difficult time in world history.

Our last issue had some very dense reading material: the excellent guidebook written by Mr. Jim Lewis, our previous editor. So I thought it would be best, if we lighten things up just a little bit, and add more splashing color to this issue.

We have some exciting news on the Internet front. As many of you know, all the old issues that I have are now downloaded onto our website, www.trsg-usa.com. I have also revamped the pictorial carousel AKA slide show, and found a lot of neat, one-of-a-kind material to put in there. Please check it out!



www.trsg-usa.com for our website!

For those of you who collect other German stamps, it should be known that the www.germanstatestamps.com website is also completed. It summarizes the 16 German states that produced stamps on their own prior to German unification in 1871. It's a good read, and a

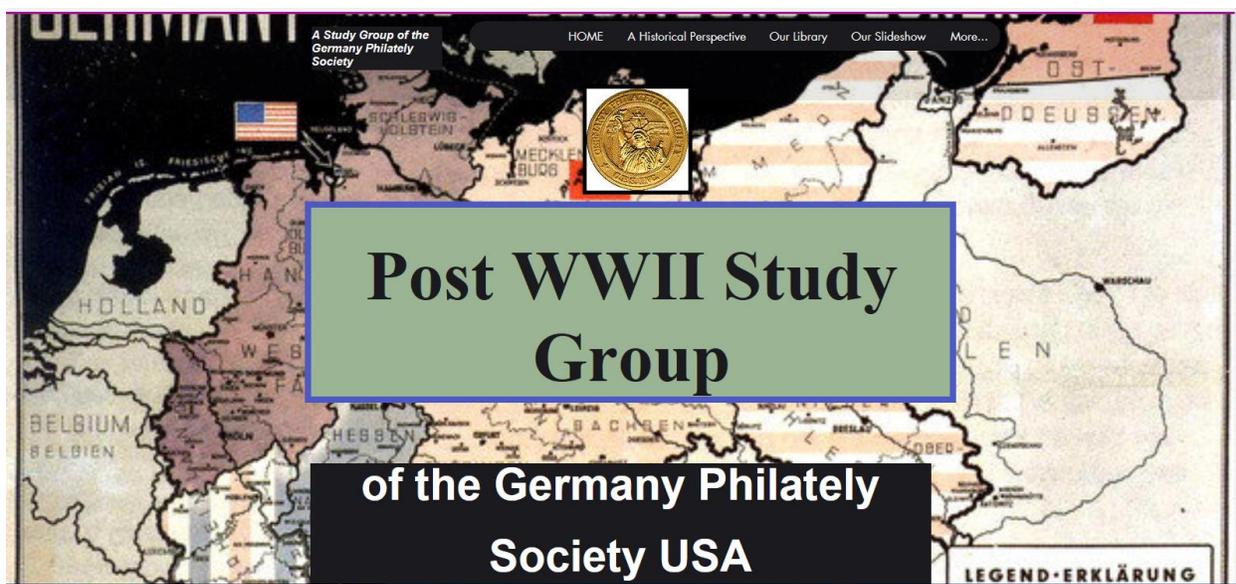
nice supplement to what we're doing. I would invite you to check it out; and please, look at the pictorial carousel. Those stamps and images took me weeks, if not months to compile. Check the "Gallery" out! I think they represent a very special collection of these types of stamps.



www.germanstatestamps.com

Not to be outdone, we have now post-World War II website completed. It's at www.postwwii germanstamps.com. (Yes, that is right, three "w"s in the name!) I am now in the process scanning all of the old issues that I have from that now disbanded study group into that website. Some are there, and many more coming. I will let you know when I am finished with this, and then I will put out a call for anyone who has any other issues to make it as a complete of collection as possible. While I don't plan to start a new group based on this topic, I felt it important that we have this website to preserve the scholarship that was done in this fascinating area of philately.





www.postwwiigermanstamps.com

The Third Reich study guide is not ready yet. Right now, I would put it at 50% complete, with the majority of the text being ready to go. However, much time will be spent in finding the right images in color to make our study guide as attractive as possible. I really would like to have this done by our next publication in January. No promises there; it could be as late as even next spring. The most important thing is that it is a very attractive, readable, and interesting piece of work.

Finally, if you look at our website www.trsg.usa.com you will find that the brochure we mentioned in the last bulletin is now on the website. I want to thank everybody for the suggestions. Included on that webpage are instructions on how it is to be folded, because that is actually a bit deceptive and more difficult than you might think. You will note that I left things like pictures of Hitler and swastikas off of this brochure, and that a strongly-worded disclaimer is there. As we move forward in recruiting members, it is absolutely critical that we present our group as an entity interested in philately, and not at all associated with the politics and atrocities of Nazi Germany.

With that said, since we are going to stamp auction and meeting season, please print out a few of these brochures and leave them wherever you can to promote our group. For groups like ours, word of mouth and personal relationships are what make or break these groups.

Finally, on the Internet front, we have found some old indexes for the *Third Reich Study Group Bulletin* that go from essentially the beginning of the *Bulletin* in 1969 all the way till the mid-1990s. While that does leave about 20 years of bulletins still indexed, it does provide a very good start with doing research. Simply look under “Previous Journals” in the website www.trsg-usa.com and there will be a place where you can easily access those indexes.

Once changes are complete with the post-World War II website and the study guide, I will begin the process of looking for Internet advertising in order to even further boost the awareness and membership of our group. But that will be next summer at least. At some point, I will also be cataloguing the Danzig bulletins that I have. And of course, we will need to index the last 20 years of the *Third Reich Study Group Bulletin*.

So, a lot is going on. But, for today, sit back and enjoy the *Journal*. Take a tour on the websites; they were created for you and for all who love philately. Have a joyful holiday season, and I will catch up with you in January.

Your humble editor,



Chris



Scarce German WW2 Feldpost 1944 Insepost overprint



N.S.A.P. AAGE H.
ANDERSEN, WW2,
Danish Nazi Party

Letters to the Editor

Dr. Kolker,

Many thanks for the hard work getting the TRSG up and running. I'm in the process of expanding my 1995-2008 exhibit "Postal Artifacts of the Holocaust"

into a major narrative, with the encouragement of my friend, Rudi Anders. Can you give me a link to SS Feldpost numbers? I have a husband to wife cover, SS Feldpost # 23007, sent with Luftfeldpost stamp June 24, 1942 I have relied on a TRSG auction of the early 90's which assigns it to one of the Einsatzgruppen. Now that I'm writing a serious work, I need solid documentation! Can you help?

Dan Rethmeier, GPS Chapter 10

Rethmeier Legal Services, PLLC
320-237-2583

Aloha Chris:

I show this:

23007

(Mobilmachung-1.1.1940) 2. Kompanie Sicherungs-Regiment 1

(28.4.1940-14.9.1940) gestrichen

(19.7.1941-14.2.1942) Einsatzgruppe Reval d. Sicherheitspolizei u. d. SD

(10.2.1943-23.8.1943) Kommandeur d. Sicherheitspolizei (SD) Reval.

Perhaps someone can verify.

John Berger

Chris: FP# 23007 belongs to the Einsatzgruppen Reval of the Sicherheits(security) police of the SD. If you Google "Einsatzgruppen" and "Reval" you should get all the information that you need. Larry

Dan and Chris -

Try <https://www.axishistory.com/axis-nations/383-germany-military-other/feldpost/>

Peter W.

If you "Google" German Feldpost WWII you will find numerous write-ups. One "Axis History" advertises a complete listing of Feldpost numbers. It includes SS units. All listings in German.
Frederick D Clements

Try this:

<https://www.axishistory.com/axis-nations/germany-a-austria/heer/383-germany-military-other/feldpost/8994-feldpost-numbers>

Clark Lee

Go to <http://www.photo-war.com/ru/> and type in the Feldpost Number. For Feldpost 23007, it has the following:

(Mobilmachung-1.1.1940) 2. Kompanie Sicherungs-Regiment 1,
(28.4.1940-14.9.1940) gestrichen,
(19.7.1941-14.2.1942) Einsatzgruppe Reval d. Sicherheitspolizei u. d. SD,
(10.2.1943-23.8.1943) Kommandeur d. Sicherheitspolizei (SD) Reval.

Obviously, the date of the letter or postmark on the cover will provide the correct unit for that time. Hope this helps.

Bill W.

Hi Chris,

I have the 3-volume set *Die Deutsche Feldpostübersicht 1939-1945* that was published by Biblio Verlag, Osnabrück, in 1981. That reference work is based on the original *Feldpostübersicht* manuals published from 1939-1945.

According to that reference work, Feldpost 23007 in 1941-1942 refers to "Einsatzgru.Reval d.Sicherheitspol. u.d.SD". When expanded, that is "Einsatzgruppe Reval der Sicherheitspolizei und des Sicherheitsdienst".

If you have never heard of Biblio Verlag in Osnabrück, they published a significant number of excellent reference works on the German military in WW2. I am not sure if they still exist. Using a Google search, it looks like "Verlag-Druckerei-Medienvertrieb Heinz Nickel" may have bought out their rights (just as Heinz Nickel did with Podzun-Pallas Verlag).

Dan, I find it amusing that I am answering your question this way when we are both members of GPS Chapter 10. I left a voice mail for you. I will show you and the rest of our group that 3 volume set this coming Friday at our monthly meeting. Bring all your Feldpost numbers.

Cheers,
Axel

Axel Kornfuehrer
akornfuehrer@msn.com

The Scans of Jerry Crow

Front and back scan of POW letter sent by Yugoslavian officer (Oberleutnant) from Offizierlager XIII-B, Lager Hammelburg/Mainfranken to Zagreb. ///Jerry Crow, Bay City, Mich.

Kriegsgefangenenpost

Kriegsgefangenenpost
Für gebührenfreie Befreiung
aus dem
Gesetz D 5
Kriegsgefangenenlager XIII B

An das Fräulein
Ljubicca Portado

Empfangsort: Zagreb
Straße: Maksimirska 36/1
Kreis: _____
Landesteil: Kroatiska

Gebührenfrei

Deutschland (Allemagne)
Lager-Bereichung: Kriegsgefangenen-Offizierlager XIII B, Lager Hammelburg / Mainfranken
Gefangenennummer: 3438
Vor- und Zuname: Nikola R. Petrovic, Oberleutnant
Absender: Block La Borsche M.H. 5/3

11/8.

EX 171

Auf diese Seite schreibt nur der
Kriegsgefangene! 27/IX-43
Deutlich nur mit Bleistift auf die Zeilen schreiben!
Na tej stronie piše wyłącznie jeńiec wojenny!
Pisać tylko ołówkiem, wyraźnie i nad liniami!

Moja draga i jedina Gubice, Tvoj uhortu od 30-VIII primio sam, ona me je acoma obradovala, jodugo vremena, ni sam znao nikakvih vesti od tebe. Na pismo, koje sam ti pisao 1-VIII, nisam još dubro odgovor. Čudi me, da mi do sada nisi odgovorila, jer znam da si uvek bila tačna. Evo, skoro će dva meseca, a odgovora još nema. Možda se je izgubilo? Verovano, čekacu ga još! Paket, za koga ja voljaš da ćeš ga poslati prele 30-VIII - nisam još primio. Verovatno primicu ga uskoro?! Kome si ti? To si li zdrava? To me jako interesuje, čak i zabrinjuje. Molim te odgovoraj mi vredno. Na karte odgovoraj isto kao na pisma - sama. Tu sam dobro, za mene ne brini. Brat je isto tako dobro. Kako su broji? Moji su svi dobro. Novi dani prolaze prilično brzo u čitanju i učenju nemačkog jezika. Sada su dani mnogo bolji, nego ranije. Svaki dan do nosi nekakvu novost - radost za nas. Raspoloženje je mnogo bolje nego ranije. Sa velikom mudrom očekujemo nove događaje. Sada više nego ranije verujemo u sreću budućnost. Možda misno sve nisi, ali svemu je kraj bližu. Naš sreću i drugo željeni susret, verujem, bližu je. Ah! lebo zapaliti, gubiti, vratiti - to je mejeća moja srca. Molim te pošalj mi najvredniju sliku, ali svakako što pre, jer želim da te vidim. Sliku možeš poslati u pismu za brojom i drugim adresom. Teli te uvek - voli i Gubi broj Sano.

Front and back scan of postcard--Reichsparteitag 1935--postmark is 14 9 35 Nurnberg



Sestpostkarte

Reichsparteitag der N.S.D.A.P.
in Nürnberg 10-16. September 1935

Sehr geehrte Damen,
Tante die Junon
Schillerles die
Kunzlerin
bei der Erziehung
Munja im Reich
Parteitag kukris mit
Opel die Nummer
die Einigungskrieg
Entag mit.

Reichsparteitag
der N.S.D.A.P.
in Nürnberg +
vom 10. bis 16. Sept. 1935



Maria Kusch
Wahl 21.11.
Schulstr. 68

Verlag G. G. Eberhard, München, Kuppelstr. 27, am 10. Sept. 1935

front and back scan of a Feldpost postcard....Unser Heer (Our Army)--written 26 11 '39 and a postmark of 27.11. 39 with a Feldpost number of 09717



~~Handwritten scribble~~
EILDRUCK
b
27.11.39

Winnikow
Hrn. Thöning
in Otleben
Aut. Gysardleben

Zur Veröffentlichung freigegeben

Nov. 26. 11. 39.

Unser Herr

Lieber Herr! Im höchsten
Grades von Waffens- furcht die
Lied. wie sehr zung zick, aber
in Otleben, wenn nicht haben.
die Kult und jenseit. Weg wegnat.
mit zick und zick von. Olevit
alp. Soldat Olevit zick
Hilfz. Nummer 02717

Plommet
Nr. 055

Another item--Krakau cancel --13-15 August 1943 Tag der NSDAP Generalgouvernement (Poland)--front and back of postcard



Tag der NSDAP im Generalgouvernement
13. — 15. August 1943

Nach einem Gemälde von Will Tschsch

90054/b



Scan INCLUDED--FRONT AND BACK of two covers with Reserve Lazarett (Hospital) Radom (Poland) markings. Sent by a Dr. Weber to wife? Both in 1941 . The second has a Lazarett Pilsudskikaserne marking on back (Pilsudski barracks- Warsaw)



Herrn Dr. Weber, Res. Kriegslazarett, chirurg. Abt.
Radom, Deutsche Osten.

612 - 1012

→

Juramentum

822 - 1312

in - Radom

1338 - 1712

Juramentum

Oberarzt Dr. Weber

Ref.-Kriegslazarett Radom
Teillazarett Piljuckhoferne



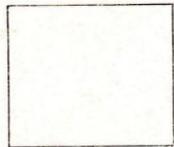
Zum Tag der Deutschen Polizei 1942



Die Polizei
im Straßendienst



Stelle der Ordnungspolizei und der
Sicherheitspolizei im Osten



Drucksache

Postkarte

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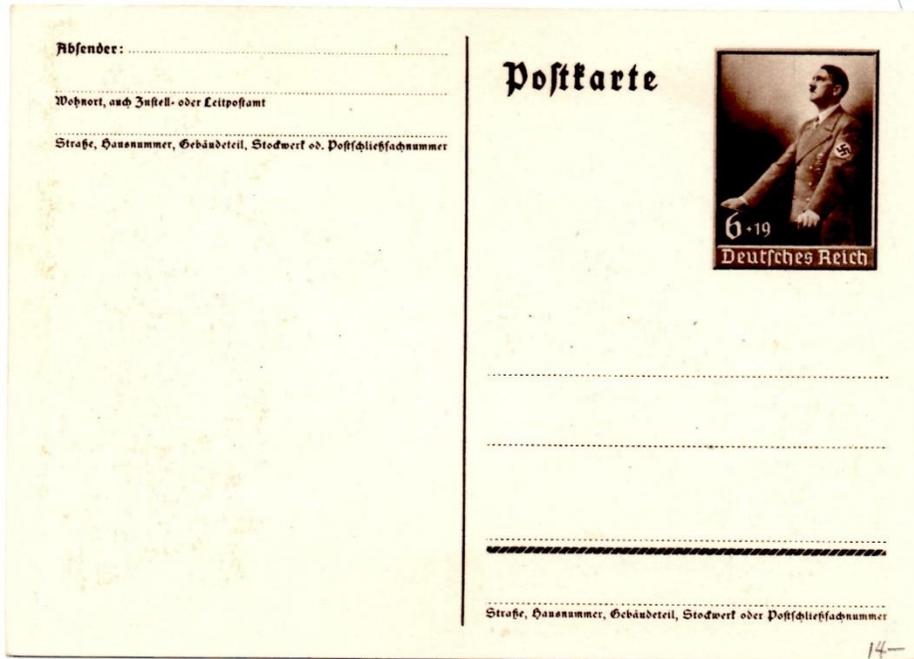


Stegemann, Ob. Ing.
Eriese bei Birkenwerder
Bezirk Potsdam

Strasse, Hausnummer,
Gebäudeteil, Stadtteil

lad 400 Ks

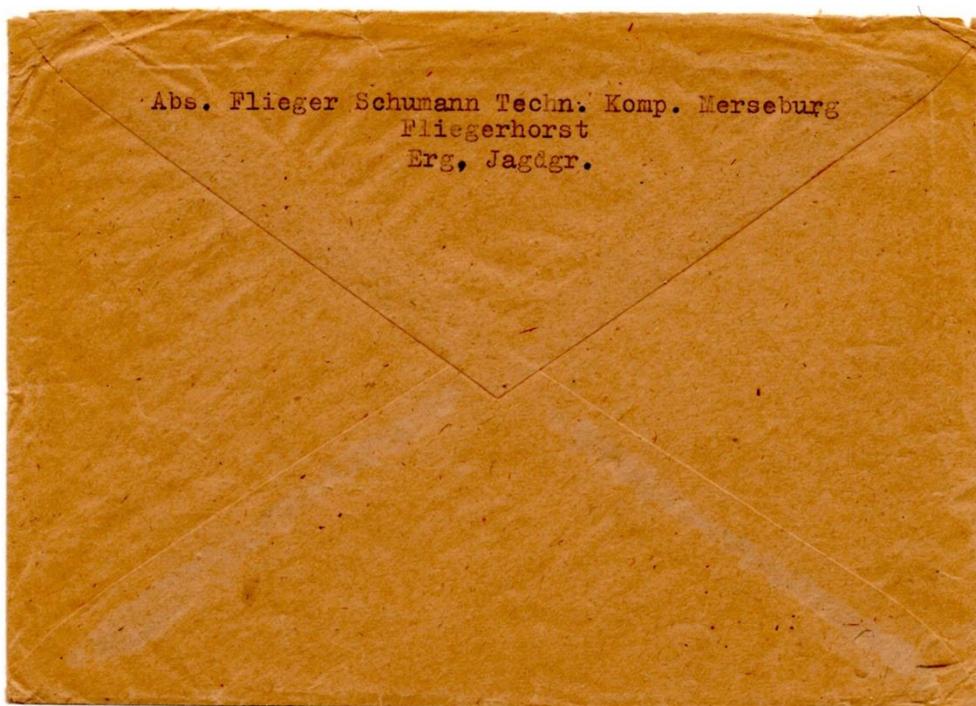
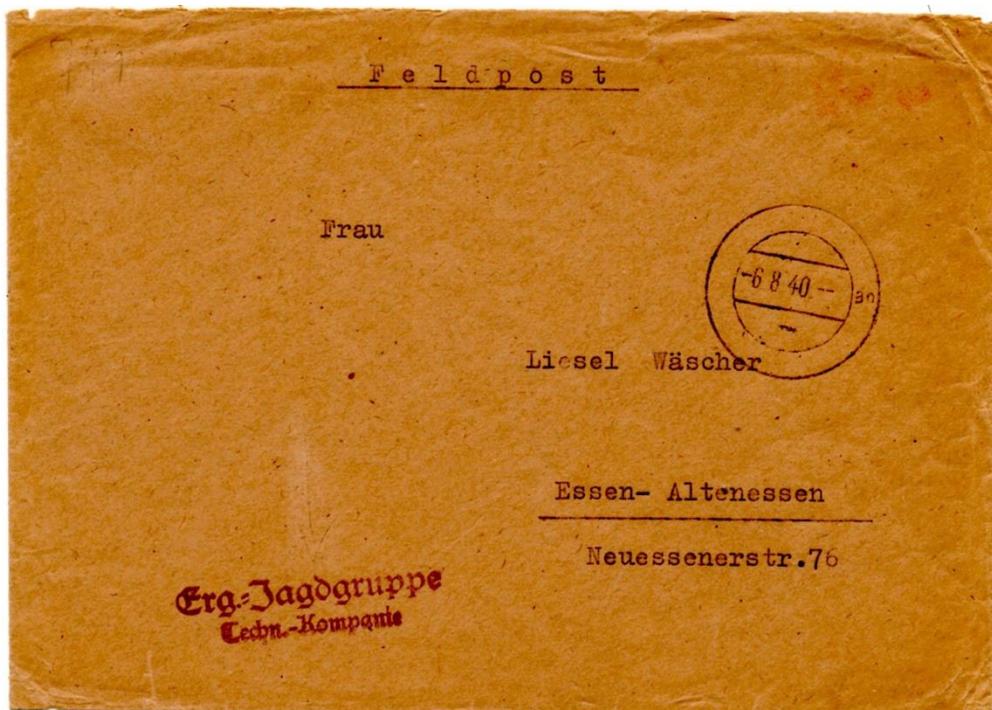




A scan (front only-back is blank) of a Reichspost postcard, canceled 8.1.44 In Riva "Deutsche Dienstpost Alpenvorland" --- also has stamp in red at bottom, "Durch Deutsche Dienstpost Alpenvorland"



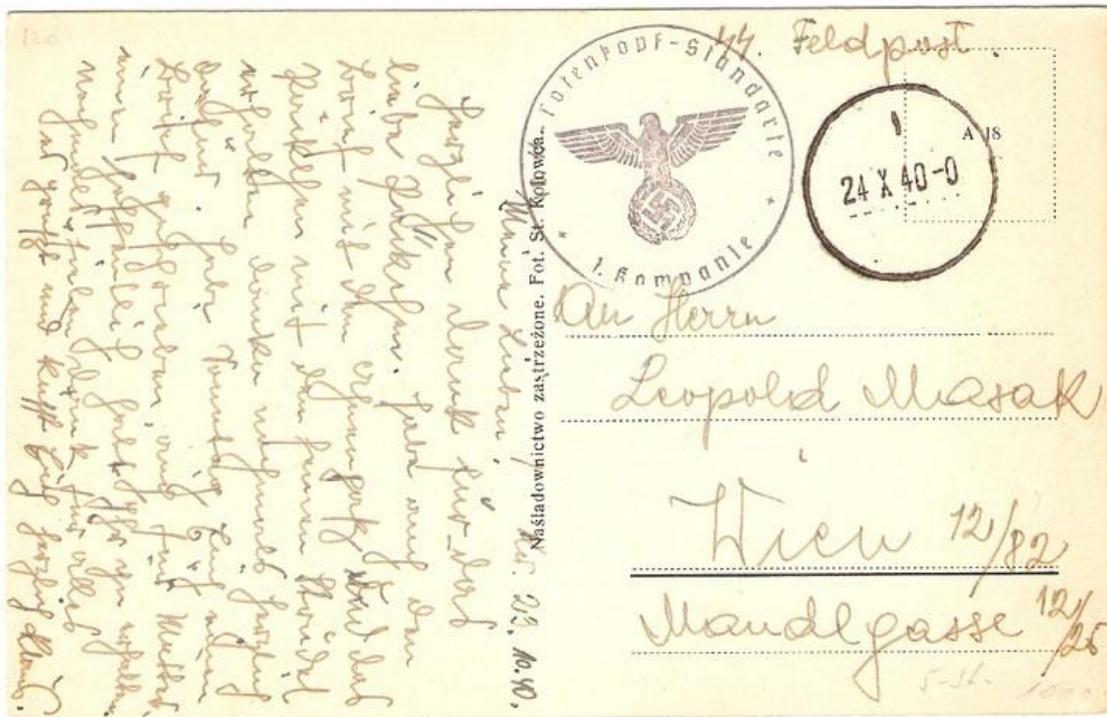
A scan of a nice Feldpost cover, from a sender at Reserve Lazarett Senftenberg to a R.A.D. Lager. Cancel is 9.8.43 Senftenberg (Niederlausitz)



Feldpost scan-front and back from a Technical Company flyer of a Fighter group (Jagdgruppe) at Merseburg air base. cancel is 6.8.40

Quality Merchandise by Manfred Hoffelner

3rd Reich specialized incl. occupations
 Mint and used stamps incl. Michel and Schantl - listed plate flaws
 Propaganda cards
 Waffen-SS and police fieldpost
 Official Mail Bohemia Moravia/Ostland/Ukraine/Netherlands/Luxembourg
 Labels and poster stamps
 Bohemia Moravia
 Generalgouvernement etcetc.
 Also Croatia, Slovakia to 1945
 contact: mhoffelner@aon.at



Kroatian Korner

By Richard Davis

One of the things that makes me so proud to be editor of the *Third Reich Study Group Bulletin* is when I see collectors take an active interest and want to show their particular collection. They may be valuable, or they may be simply interesting pieces of history. But whatever is shared, it is that passion that drives our hobby.

Mr. Richard Davis showed me his passion. He has a sizable collection of Croatian covers. They aptly demonstrate both the philately and the troubled history of Croatia and its surrounding territories during the World War II era. He has graciously offered to show us some of those covers, and I gladly accepted. So from here on out, we will have “Kroatian Korner” with every issue. Mr. Davis will show us one of his covers, and a brief description about why it matters and what makes it an important piece of history.

I extend the same offer to you. If you have some collectibles that you would like to show and would like to be a regular part of this journal, please let me know. I would love to see several people come forward who have a particular type of interest in philately and be willing to show us why it matters.

This is what makes stamp collecting great: each of us teaching the others about our corner of the world and our interests, so that we can learn and appreciate more what we have together. It's that sense of community that makes this group great.

Mr. Davis, thank you. Keep on collecting, and I hope that more come forward with their special passions. Simply write or e-mail me, and we will make this happen.

KEEP COLLECTING!!!!

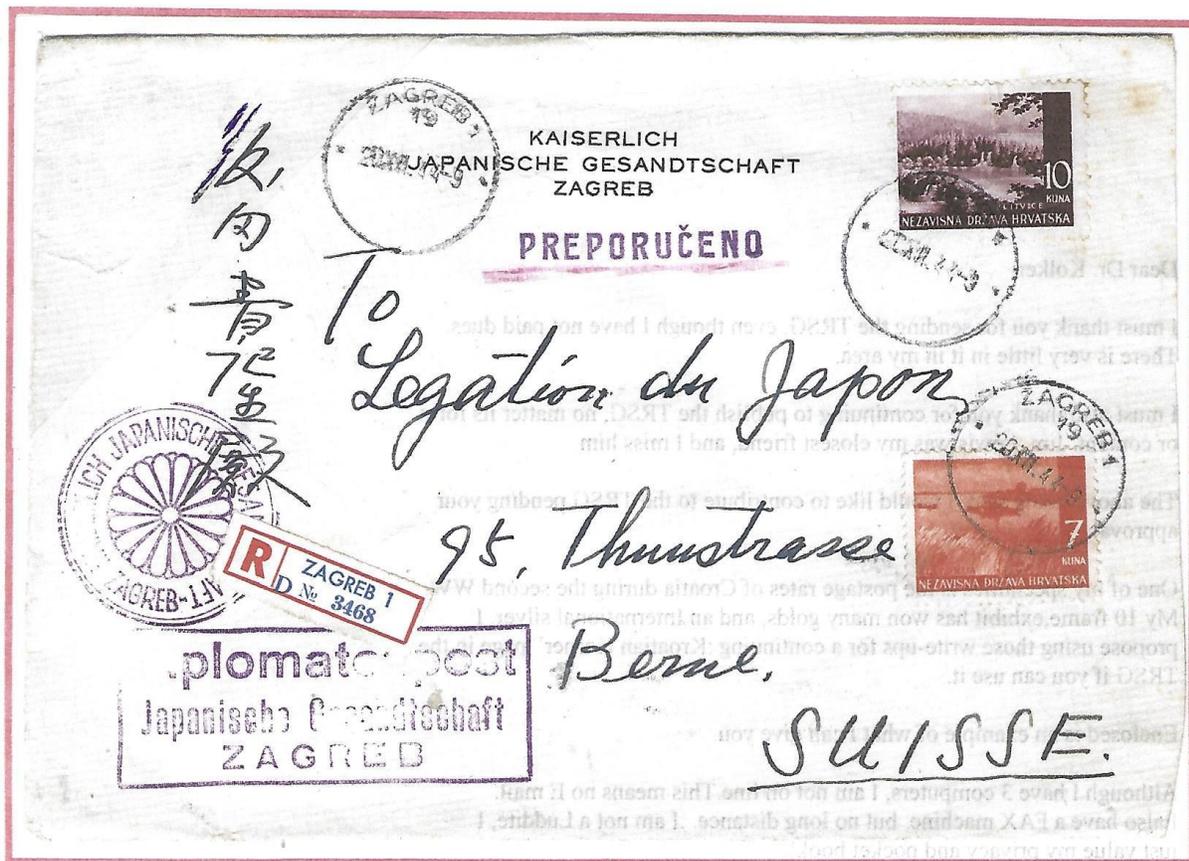
KROATIAN
KORNER

5.00K Fgn. Letter to 20gr.
3.00K Fgn. Letter-21-40gr.

OVERWEIGHT LETTER FROM THE JAPANESE EMBASSY TO SWITZERLAND

Received in Bern on December 31, 1944

December 20, 1944



Rubberstamped "Diplomatic post/Japanese Embassy/Zagreb"

No censorship is evident

The wax seal on reverse is imprinted using the same circular stamp as on the front under the R label

The Japanese[characters at left have not been translated

At this time the newly formed Croatian Storm Division was on the border with Hungary, between the Drava & Sava Rivers. They brought the Russian advance to a halt for 4 weeks

Danzig

When one look at postal covers from Germany or really anywhere in the world, it is easy to get awestruck by the diversity. Literally across the world, thousands of styles have been used, and as most of you know, collectors sometimes spend their lives trying to collect certain styles from different regions of the world.

One of the questions that collectors often ask themselves is, “Where do they get all of these different stamps and styles?” The obvious answer might be at the “stamp” store or in the “stamp” catalog.

Come to find out, that may not be too far off the mark. The Danzig Study Group a few years ago actually published part of a rubber stamp catalog that showed many of the different fonts and styles that Danzig and even parts of Germany used in the 1920s. One is struck by some of the styles and fonts that are simply not seen in the US today. It makes for a very interesting look.

Without further ado, I bring you, from the Danzig Study Group in 2001, their publication featuring a rubber stamp catalog of 1923.

Enjoy!



Germany overprinted Danzig stamp of 1920



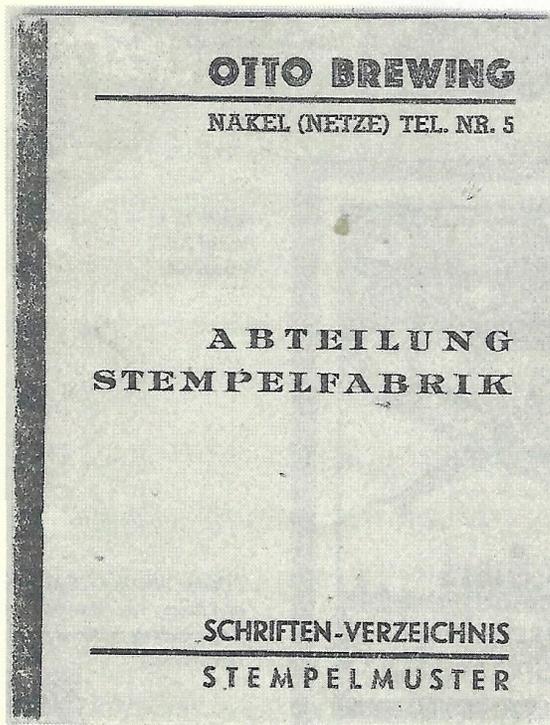
Danzig 1938

RUBBER STAMP CATALOG OF THE THIRD REICH

Copies made directly from an original catalog found in a Danzig antique store, reveal type-faces that were also used for stamp overprints from August of 1923. Don't confuse these products with the printed overprints on the stamps, which were printed directly from metal type faces or from molded metal cliches. This catalog was used by postal, government or private offices for ordering those rubber stamps that appear on our covers, in red, green, black, purple or blue ink. Also important is the fact that this is *not* a catalog published for today's market by a forger attempting to sell fake products made from remanufactured 3rd Reich ephemeral.

In DR-59, page 13, we tried (but failed) to match the fonts with a standard American type-face catalog. The fonts just don't match modern styles, since they are typical German designs. The major problem with this catalog is that the font types are not identified by name, only by number.

Comparing the Frankenstein type found in our computer fonts with No.51 in the catalog, you will see the differences in the design of the two types:



Front cover of rubber-stamp catalog. Material is med. gray, soft-cover stock, joined with two 1" brass paper fasteners. Cover and page size is 7-13/16" high x 6" wide.

All pages are copied at actual size; the original is in black ink on white paper.

There are 19 pages of fonts and various sizes of rubber type. Next is a page of suggested layouts of the stamper, followed by a page of Third Reich circular stamps, oval commercial stamps, and an unusual lot of five  symbols.

We have seen them on covers; now we understand how they were made.

On the last pages, you can estimate the cost of an assembled stamper, using the RM rate of the mid-to-late 1930s. There is no date in the book.

12	15	Fest-Programm 123	Stempel Hilder, aus aller Welt
"	16	Deutsches Theater 190	Waffen-Stilm 1940
"	17	Kunst-Ausstellungen !!	
"	18	Fußballklub „Besen“	Charlottenburg Kontrolle
"	19	Scheinliche Feuerwehr	Mittelhagen 123456
"	20	Hotel „Märtyrer Hof“	= = Polizeihunde
"	21	Feuergefährlich! Vorsicht! Beacht!	
"	22	Berlin 123 (Betrag erhalten)	
"	23	Rümpfer-Konzert 15	
"	24	Aprie Nr. 178	

12	1	Aberwären Buchhändler	Sommer Straßberg	Deutsches Notes Kreis	Die Stadtkasse
"	2	„Nipolo“ Tischspiele	Kempelberg	Bromberg	Schubitt
"	3	Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei	in Siegnitz	1184567	
"	4	Dffenbach am Main	1939	Serie 105	Vita Brevis
"	5	Westfalen 1	Ludwigsburg	Ferdinand	
"	6	Walheim bei Hanau., ; ! ? = 9			
"	7	Schreibmaschinen = Zubehör	1940	A - B	
"	8	Bevielfältigungs-Apparate	-1939		
"	9	Schauspielhaus	13	Garantie	
"	10	Groß-Deutschland	1939	(125)	Kaufstempel, Fürsprecher
"	10a	Groß-Deutschland	1939	!!!	Kaufstempel 5478
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"	42	Staatliche Porzellan-Manufaktur Bismarck 1248
"	43	Spar- u. Vorschuß-Verein
"	44	Gesellschaftsfahrten - Handel und Gewerbe 1-0
"	45	Gesellschaftsfahrten nach Wessprehen 19 Nr 220-20
"	46	Handel und Gewerbe Kammer 11 Wirtschaft
"	47	Wirts-Vertrag 23
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"	27	Technische Neuheiten auf der Frankfurter Messe (5)
"	28	Staatliche Porzellan-Manufaktur Berlin
"	29	Sparkasse der Stadt Bromberg
"	30	Glaube und Schönheit
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"	35	Norm und Form der Drucksachen
"	36	Die Kunst in der Reklame
"	37	Rechnung 7

70	Elegante Leder-Möbel „+“
71	Dater-Mutter-Sohn?
72	Berlin-Rom 1937
73	Leipzig Hohen-Gaus Trausenart, reichhaltige Ausstattung in - ?!
74	Papier - Bleistifte - Gesetzkreide - Kleister - Zirkel usw.
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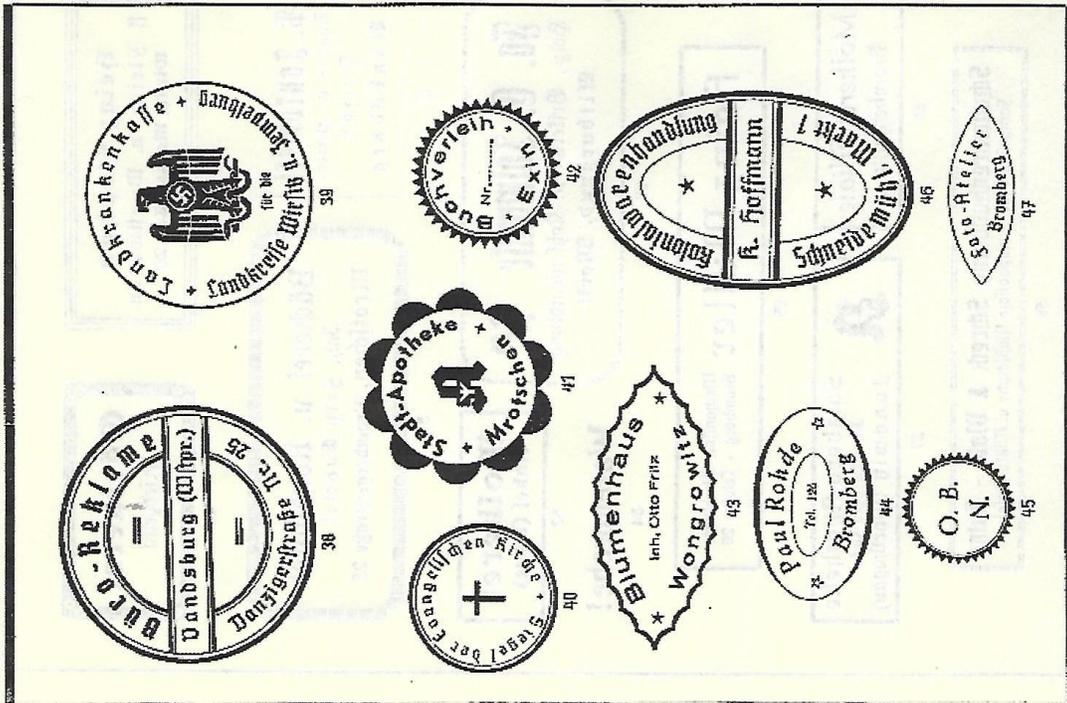
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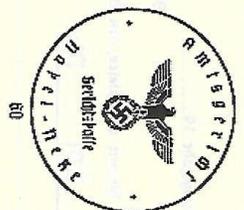
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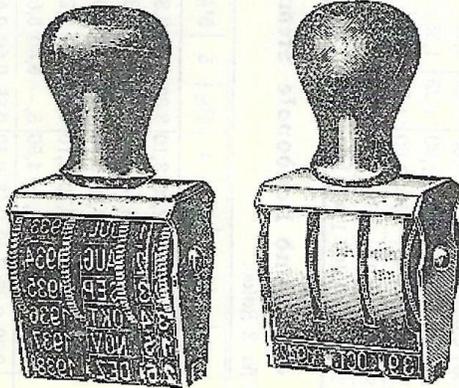
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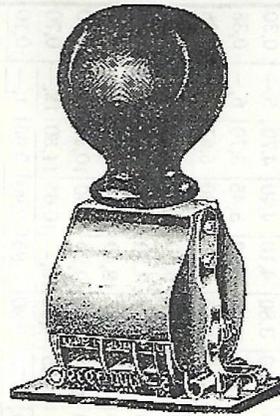
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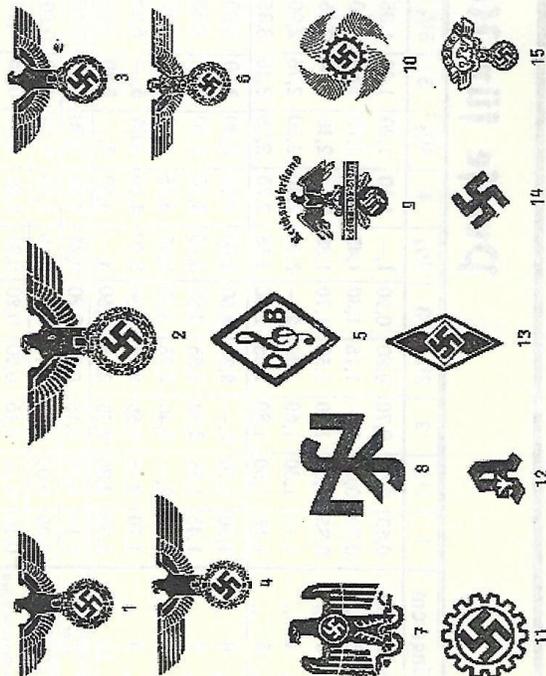
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(Die Umfänge bei runden und ovalen Stempeln rechnet stets für 2 Seiten.)

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Tribia

- 1. In Operation Fortitude South (which was part of Operation Bodyguard), a fictitious army group was established in Kent, England, to deceive the Germans that the invasion of northern France would come at the Pas de Calais. What was this fictitious army group called?**
- 2. In Operation Fortitude South, who was the real-life general who was put in charge of this fictitious army group and made many visible appearances?**
- 3. In Operation Fortitude South, what steps were taken to deceive the Germans that the invasion of northern France would come at the Pas de Calais?**
- 4. In Operation Fortitude South, what pieces of military equipment were faked with inflatable rubber replicas, which were intended to deceive any German airborne surveillance?**
- 5. In Operation Fortitude South, what German army officer captured in North Africa was released from captivity in England, but was driven to his return ship by a particular route so he could pick up on "clues" and hopefully report them back in Germany?**

6. In Operation Fortitude North (which was also part of Operation Bodyguard), what country was the supposed object of invasion?

7. What was the name of the British double agent whose radio reports from Britain so completely fooled Hitler and the Germans that he was awarded the German Iron Cross?

8. In Operation Mincemeat, the objective was to trick the Germans about the route the Allies would take when Italy was invaded from North Africa. A drowned man, who was made up to look like he was a courier shackled to a briefcase, was positioned in the ocean so he would wash ashore in Spain. The briefcase contained documents suggesting the invasion route would not be through Sicily, but instead through what route?

9. What body of water did British stage magician and illusionist Jasper Maskelyne appear to make disappear to German bombers and mine layers by using floodlights and a rotating cone of reflectors to give a nine-mile-wide pulsing effect (like a modern-day strobe lamp)? After he joined the army, he was stationed in North Africa with the British Eighth army. (Hint: This body of water touches the Mediterranean Sea.)

10. What city did Jasper Maskelyne's team misdirect German bombers away from?

The Answers

1. The Correct Answer: **FUSAG (First US Army Group)**

Part of this deception had many men driving around the countryside simulating the radio traffic of an army group on the move. Other deceptions were to advertise in local newspaper about upcoming dances for servicemen, marriage engagements of servicemen, etc. The Germans thought Pas de Calais was the logical choice for an invasion since it was the closest part of France to England and it had ideal beaches for an invasion.

Historical note:

The three wrong answers all played significant roles in the Normandy invasion and subsequent breakout. The Screaming Eagles were the nickname of the 101st US Airborne force that was parachuted into Normandy the night before the ground invasion began. The Big Red One was a ground division with a reputation for toughness (earned during the North Africa and Sicily campaigns). They bore the brunt of the bloody fighting on Omaha beach on 6 June 1944. Third Army (under General George S. Patton) headed the breakout from hedgerow country after the Operation Cobra saturation bombing campaign.

2. The Correct Answer: **General George S. Patton**

Patton was highly regarded by the Germans, and they thought he would lead any invasion. He was still in the doghouse over his slapping of two soldiers in Sicily, so General Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower's decision to use Patton in this role rather than in combat was easier. The scene in the movie "Patton" where Patton addressed a ladies' group and his bull mastiff dog William (the Conqueror) was covered by a yapping small dog was typical of his visibility during this period. (The name "William" was changed to "Willie" after this incident!) Patton got his

chance to redeem himself after the slapping incidents by being recalled to head up Third Army after it broke out from hedgerow country to open ground.

Historical note:

The three wrong answers all played significant roles in the invasion of Normandy. General Bradley was one of the leading Allied field commanders in WWII. General Montgomery was an important British general who had command of all ground forces during the Normandy invasion. General Smith served as General Dwight D. Eisenhower's Chief of Staff at Allied Forces Headquarters during the Tunisia Campaign and the Allied invasion of Italy. Later he was Eisenhower's Chief of Staff at SHAEF (Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force).

3. The Correct Answer: All of these

At the time of the D-Day invasion, additional deception steps were employed to give the Germans the impression a large fleet was sailing for the Pas de Calais. A device called a "Moonshine" repeater was transported across the English Channel. It would receive a radar signal and return it greatly magnified, which gave the impression of a much larger object than actually existed. In addition, six Lancaster bombers dropped many small pieces of foil (chaff) at regular intervals to simulate a large fleet. The planes would maneuver so their periodic chaff drops would approximately match the speed of a surface fleet of ships (and thus mislead German radar operators). The combination apparently was very successful.

Historical note:

The main German defenders of Calais were forces in the 15th German Army. If they had been moved to Normandy, they could have caused major damage to the Allied invasion forces. Eisenhower said, "Just keep the [German] 15th army out of my hair for the first two days. That's all I ask."

4. The Correct Answer: All of these

The inflatable tanks were designed so several men could climb underneath them and simulate movement of the tank. When this was done, another piece of equipment was used to create impressions of tank treads in the dirt.

Historical note:

The German Luftwaffe was so depleted by this point in the war that very few surveillance flights were successful. A 1981 movie called "Eye of the Needle" told the story of a German spy in England (Donald Sutherland) who saw these were fakes, and was trying to get back to Germany to report that. This movie is one of my favorites. Just like "The Guns of Navarone," this story is fiction, but it was done very believably!

5. The Correct Answer: General Hans Cramer

General Cramer was captured in North Africa, but the Allies decided to repatriate him to Germany via Sweden because of his severe asthma. On the way to London he saw elements of the real Allied army of the invasion force being assembled, but was misled about his location. He was told that Dover, Kent was "just over the hill," placing the invading force where the Allies wanted Hitler to believe it was. Karl Dönitz, Joseph Goebbels and Albert Speer were important German figures in World War II and were never captured *during* the war.

Historical note:

Karl Dönitz was the top commander (Grand Admiral) of the German Kriegsmarine (Navy) at the surrender of Germany on 7 May 1945. He is credited with introducing the "wolf pack" tactic in submarine warfare. Just before Hitler committed suicide on 30 April 1945, Dönitz was named by Hitler as his successor as Head of State. Germany's surrender to the Allies was signed by Alfred Jodl (acting as Dönitz's representative). Joseph Goebbels was the German Minister of Propaganda during WWII. He had a huge influence in shaping German public opinion through speeches, staging spectacular public assemblies, and censoring the daily news. He and his wife Magda committed suicide on 1 May 1945, after first poisoning their six young children. Magda had said she didn't want her children growing up hearing their father branded a war criminal (an older child from Magda's first marriage, Harald Quandt, survived the war). Albert Speer

served as Hitler's Minister of Armaments and War Production during WWII. He was convicted at the Nuremberg war crimes trials for his use of slave labor and spent 20 years in Spandau prison.

6. The Correct Answer: Norway

Norway was a probable target (in the German eyes) because iron ore deposits important to the German war effort were shipped through the Norwegian port city of Narvik, and the geography of the area would give the Allies a clear path to northern Germany.

Historical note:

An especially nice touch of Operation Fortitude North was rigging the Swedish stock market to go up in anticipation of Norway being free. Hitler kept several hundred thousand German soldiers stationed in Norway, forces that could have done major damage if they had been moved to Normandy.

7. The Correct Answer: Juan Pujó Garcia (better known by his code name "Garbo")

The British quietly named Garbo as a member of the Order of the British Empire in 1944. As a result, he is probably the only person to be awarded both decorations during the same war! Garcia's first codename was "Bovril," but that was changed to "Garbo" in recognition of his great acting ability. He gained credibility with the Germans when he reported 24 hours before D-Day the non-specific news that "something big is brewing." Three days after D-Day he reported that Normandy was just a diversion and that the main invasion would come elsewhere. By this time, the German Enigma code had been broken by the codebreakers at Bletchley Park, and Enigma decrypts showed the Germans swallowed this story completely!

Historical note:

Mata Hari, Kim Philby and Aldrich Ames were all spies, but in different conflicts. Mata Hari was a female German spy in World War I. She was executed by the French in 1917. Kim Philby was a high-ranking member of British intelligence

during the Cold War, but was also working for the Russians. He was not fully exposed until he defected to the Soviet Union in 1963. He died in Russia in 1988. Aldrich Ames worked for the United States CIA during the Cold War and sold U.S. secrets to the Russian KGB. He was caught in 1994 and was sentenced to life in prison.

8. The Correct Answer: Greece and the Balkans

Personal effects on the body included a picture of his fiancée Pam (actually, a British clerk in the war office), love letters from Pam (which had been folded and unfolded many times), a jeweler's bill for a diamond ring, theater tickets for an upcoming performance and an overdraft notice from his bank. Copies of all the documents were forwarded to the Germans. They so fooled Hitler that he overruled Mussolini, who thought the invasion would come through Sicily. One possible author of those love letters was later reportedly the model for Miss Moneypenny in the James Bond novels (Ian Fleming also worked in her office).

Historical note:

There is some disagreement about where the body came from, but one interesting theory is that it was a drowned British sailor from the mysterious explosion of the aircraft carrier HMS Dasher, which had sunk on 27 March 1943, just a few weeks before Operation Mincemeat. (Various possible causes of this explosion have been theorized, but no official cause was ever stated.) Another possible source of the body is that it was a vagrant Welshman who had committed suicide with poison (his body had been kept in cold storage for three months). Winston Churchill, who took particular delight in intrigues like this, was briefed on the plan and on being advised of possible failure said, "In that case, we shall have to get the body back and give it another swim." The architect of this deception, Ewen Montagu, later was awarded the OBE (Order of the British Empire), one of Britain's highest decorations.

9. The Correct Answer: The Suez Canal

Maskelyne took advantage of the physiological fact that the eye's pupil automatically contracts when a bright light shines on it (thus restricting the light reaching the retina). You can see this yourself by facing the front of a car (with headlights off) at night. When the headlights are turned on, the car seems to disappear!

Historical note:

Maskelyne almost didn't make it in the army. He was age 37 when WWII in Europe started in 1939. He was convinced his illusionist skills would be useful in camouflage, but was initially used just to entertain the troops. He got his big chance when A Force (aka the Magic Gang) was established in 1941. His team included a hand-picked group of 14 assistants, including an architect, art restorer, carpenter, chemist, electrical engineer, electrician, painter, and stage-set builder.

10. The Correct Answer: [Alexandria](#)

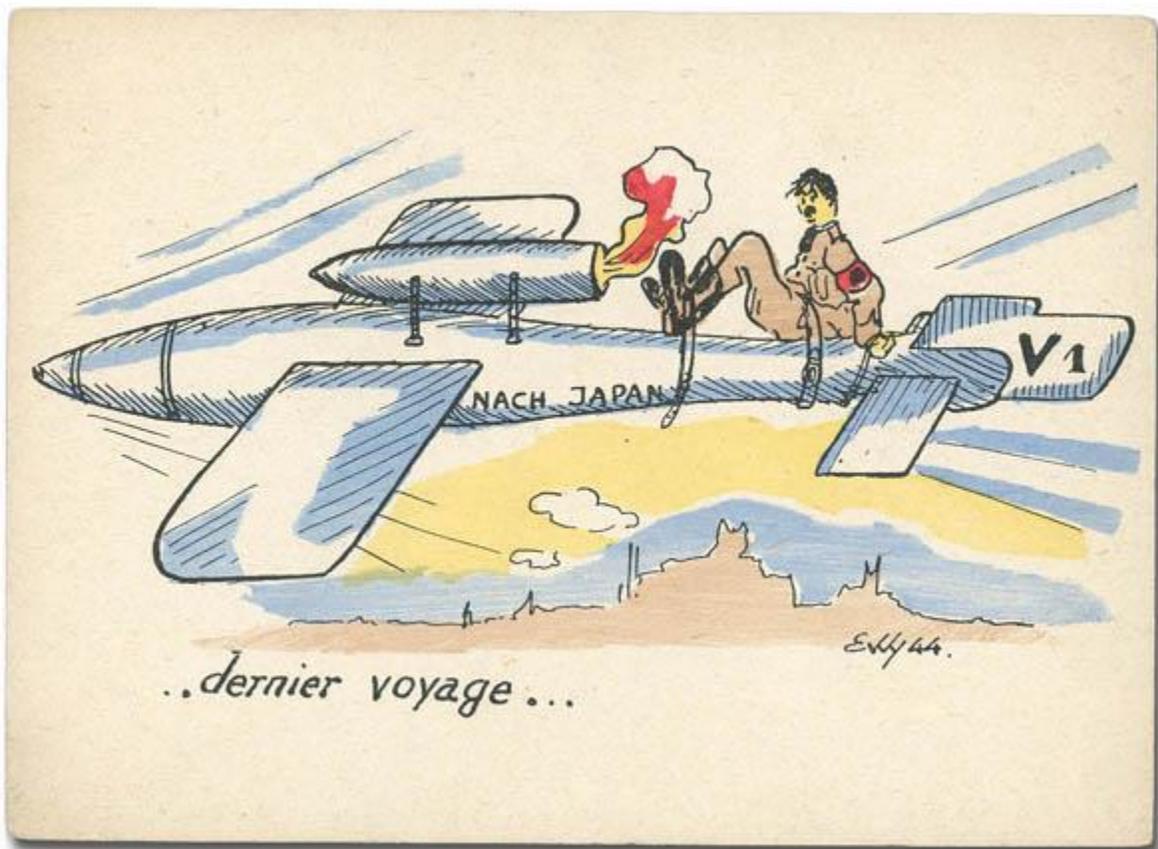
The Magic Gang built an illuminated mockup of the night-lights of Alexandria in a bay three miles from the city, and had the real lights in Alexandria turned off. It completely fooled the German bomber pilots, and their bomb loads were dropped on the bay. Another major success the Magic Team had was in Operation Bertram in 1942, before the second battle of El Alamein. They used painted canvas and plywood to make jeeps look like tanks and tanks look like trucks (from the air). They built a fake railway line, faked radio conversations, and faked the sounds of construction. They also built a fake water pipeline and made it look as if it would never be ready before attack. The net result was German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel thought the British attack was coming from the south when General Bernard Montgomery planned to attack from the north.

Historical note:

After he joined the army, Maskelyne had to convince skeptical generals of his skills. In one memorable demonstration at camouflage school, he hid a machine-

gun bunker so completely that the inspecting general couldn't find it (even when he was standing right on top of it!). Maskelyne's amazing story is told in the book "The War Magician" by David Fisher (published in 1983, and now out of print). For a copy, try www.abebooks.com (searches many used-book shops). Winston Churchill, who just loved subterfuge like this, praised Maskelyne's efforts.

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