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### Information Needed

We have received several inquiries from TRSGers concerning covers which are addressed to Alfred Schwarzbäum in Lausanne, Switzerland. Many of these covers are from Jewish ghettos and POW camps. They seem to be dated between 1942 and 1944. Does anyone have background information on a mail forwarding or Jewish aid service operated by Herr Schwarzbäum? If so, please send details to your Bulletin editor. Sounds like there may be an interesting article here!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - with this 4th issue of the Bulletin for 1989, dues are now due and a renewal form is included with this mailing. Please take the time to fill in the renewal form and send it with your payment to Sec.-Treasurer Fred Willshaw. Any member whose dues are not received by Jan. 1, 1990 will be considered as having resigned. Should this individual wish to renew membership at some later date, they will be obliged to pay the \$10.00 new member fee in addition to the annual dues.

The Dienstpost Osten article which was to have appeared in this issue has been postponed until later in 1990 because I just can't seem to find the time to pull it together. Happily, my request for articles resulted in a fair number of new items from the membership. Please send in anything that you find of interest or need information on. That is, after all, what this group is about!

### Cover Illustration

One of the areas of Third Reich postal history which has received very little attention is official mail. The cover illustration is an example of Nazi Party mail from the pre-war period. If you are looking for a new area for collecting and research, you might want to consider official mail. There are several special regulations covering such mail as well as the various stamps, etc. which offer opportunities for research. Also, this type of material is still fairly inexpensive.

Sudetenland Cancel Survey - as noted in Bulletin #92, TRSGers David Geary and friends are attempting to list all towns in the Sudetenland and to obtain town cancels used between Sept. 21, 1938 and March 14, 1939. Of the 1600 towns on their list, all but 400 have been identified with cancels from the above noted dates. These 400 remaining towns are listed on the following pages. Please check your collections and send clear photocopies of any "missing" cancels to: David J. Geary, 11 Elder Lane, La Grange, Illinois 60525.

Adelsdorf	Aichen	Albrechtsdorf
Alt Schallersdorf	Altstadt (Neubistritz)	Alt Waldek
Allhutten	Althart	Altharzdorf
Althutten	Alt Kinsberg	Altlangendorf
Altliebe	Alt Moletein	Altpossigkau
Andreasberg	Arbesau	Arnsdorf (Friedland)
Aussig-Schonpriesen	Babitz	Barnsdorf
Baislawitz	Bartelsdorf (Jagerndorf)	Barzdorf (Freiwalddau)
Barzdorf (Deutsch Gabel)	Benecko	Beneschau
Bennisch	Bergesgrun	Biela
Birnai	Blauenschlag	Bleiswedel
Bodenstadt	Bohm.Rothwasser	Bohm.Rudoletz
Bohmisch Wiesen	Bohnau	Bohutin
Bohutschowitz	Boidensdorf	Brattersdorf
Brandau	Bratelsbrunn	Braunseifen
Bruck (Tachau)	Brunnlitz	Buchers
Chiesch	Chirles	Chodenschlob
Chrobold	Dassnitz	Deschnitz
Deutsch Eisenberg	Deutsch Hause	Deutsch Knonitz
Deutsch Kralupp	Deutsch Reichenau ub.Hasiach	Diebling
Dohle	Domeschau	Donitz
Dittersbach	Doberseik	Dorfl
(Tetschen-Bodenbach)	Dorflitz	Doschen
Dorf Schneeberg	Dreihacken	Durchlass
Eidlitz	Einsiedl (Reichenberg)	Einsiedl (Brux)
Eisenberg	Eisenstrass	Eisgrub
Engerau	Erdberg	Erdweis
Feldsberg	Ferchenhaid	Fichtenbach
Flohau	Forstbad	Frainersdorf
Frainspitz	Franz-Josef-Stollen	Fratting
Frauenreuth	Freihermersdorf	Friedberg
Friedrichswald (Grulich)	Frishchau	Frollersdorf
Froschelsdorf	Frohnau	Galtenhof
Gartitz	Gebirgsullersdorf	Geppertsau
Gersdorf	Gerten	Giebau
GieBhubel (Luditz)	GieBhubel (Grulich)	GieBhubl-Sauerbrunn
Girsig	Glockelberg	Gmund
Goldbrunn	Goldenstein	Gossengrun
Gradlitz	Grafenberg	Gratz
Gratz	Grasxengrun	Gratzen
GroBdorf	GroB Krosse	GroB Olkowitz
GroB Pohlom	GroB Tajax	GroB Wallstein
Grun	Grunau	Grulich
Guntersdorf (Tetschen-Bodenbach)	Gundersdorf	Habakladrau
Hafnerluden	Haid	Haidl
Halbendorf	Hammer a.See	Hangenstein
Harta	Hartau	Haselbach
Heinzendorf (Braunau)	Heinzendorf (Neutitschein)	Hennersdorf (Deutsch Gabel)
Hermesdorf	Hermitz	Hermsdorf
Hermsdorf	Herrnsdorf	Herzogsdorf
Hirnsen	Hochgarth	Hochstein
Hodnitz	Hoflein	Hoflenz
Hohenfurth	Holleischen	Horosedl
Hosterlitz	Hosterschlag	Hotzenplotz
Hultschin	Irritz	Iserwald
Jaschkowitz	Jamnitz	Janoslawitz
Jarkowitz	Jaronin	Jechnitz
Johannesthal (Reichenberg)	Johannesthal (Jagerndorf)	Johannisbrunn
Johnsdorf	Joslowitz	Jungferndorf
Kaaden	Kallich	Kaltenlautsch



Kapellen  
 Katharinaberg  
 Kianitz  
 Kirschfeld  
 Klein Mohrau (Grulich)  
 Klosterle (Kaaden)  
 Koniglosen  
 Konigswald  
 Komarn  
 Kornitz  
 Kremetschau  
 Kriegsdorf (Barn)  
 Krokorsdorf  
 Krummau Moldau  
 Kunzendorf (Neutitschein)  
 Kurlupp  
 Kuttanplan  
 Langenbruck  
 Laudon  
 Leipertitz  
 Libisch  
 Liebauthal  
 Liebeschitz (Saaz)  
 Liebotschan  
 Lindenhau  
 Lischan  
 Lohsen  
 Lukow  
 Luschnitz  
 Mader  
 Mahr.Trubau  
 Marzdorf  
 Malspitz  
 Marschendorf IV  
 Meinetzschlag  
 Michelob  
 Millowitz  
 Mireschowitz  
 Mittel Lipka  
 Mohren  
 Moskelle  
 Mukow  
 Neschnitz  
 Neubistritz  
 Neudorf (Tachau)  
 Neugarten  
 Neu Lublitz  
 Neurohlau-Poschetzau  
 Neuscholb  
 Neustadt  
 Neu Wazlitzersdorf  
 Nieder Ehrenberg  
 Niedergrund (Warnsdorf)  
 Nieder Johnsdorf  
 Niederlichtenwald  
 Nieder Mohrau (Romerstadt)  
 Niklasberg  
 Oberdorf  
 Obergeorgenthal  
 Obergrund (Warnsdorf)

Karle  
 Kaunowa  
 Kienberg  
 Kladrau  
 Klein Stohl  
 Kloppe  
 Konigsberg (Wagstadt)  
 Konigswalde  
 Konstantinsbad  
 Kosei  
 Kreuzendorf  
 Kriesdorf  
 Krondorf-Sauerbrunn  
 Kumnu  
 Kunzendorf (Mahr.Trubau)  
 Kutschlin  
 Kwittin  
 Langendorf  
 Lauterbach (Elbogen)  
 Lepinke  
 Liboch  
 Liebenstein  
 Liebesdorf  
 Liebschitz  
 Linsdorf  
 Littitz  
 Lugau  
 Lundenburg  
 Lusdorf  
 Mahr.Hermersdorf  
 Mahr.Weibwasser  
 Maiwald  
 Mankendorf  
 Maschau  
 Meistersdorf  
 Michelsdorf  
 Milostowitz  
 Misslitz  
 Modlau  
 Mokrolasetz  
 Mostau  
 Muschau  
 Nestersitz  
 Neudorf b.Gorkau  
 Neudorf (Tepi)  
 Neuhammer  
 Neumarkt  
 Neusattel  
 Neusedlitz  
 Neustadt (Tachau)  
 Neuweidenbach  
 Niedererlitz  
 Niedergrund (Freiwalddau)  
 Nieder Krupai  
 Nieder Lipka  
 Nieder Rochlitz  
 Nurschan  
 Ober Einsiedel  
 Ober Gostitz  
 Obergrund (Freiwalddau)

Karlsbad-Pirken-hammer  
 Kautz  
 Kirchschlag  
 Klein Hermigsdorf  
 Klentsch  
 Knappendorf  
 Konigsfeld  
 Korber  
 Kopitz  
 Kreibitz  
 Kriegerin  
 Krochwitz  
 Kronstadt  
 Kunnersdorf (Friedland)  
 Kunzendorf (Barn)  
 Kuttelberg  
 Landschau  
 Lanz  
 Lechwitz  
 Libein  
 Lichtenstadt  
 Liebenthal (Barn)  
 Liebkowitz  
 Lindenau (Neutitschein)  
 Lipolz  
 Lodenitz  
 Lukau  
 Luschnitz  
 Lussdorf  
 Mahr.Kromau  
 Mandrik  
 Malsching  
 Marktlangendorf  
 Mendonost  
 Metzling  
 Milbes  
 Miltigau  
 Mittelgrund  
 Monchschorf  
 Moldau  
 Murau  
 Nebes  
 Netschetin  
 Neudorf Bei Sebastiansberg  
 Neufang  
 Neukirchen  
 Neurode  
 Neusattel  
 Neusiedl  
 Neustadt (Hohenelbe)  
 Neuwelt  
 Nieder Georgenthal  
 Nieder Hillersdorf  
 Niederleutensdorf  
 Nieder Mohrau (Grulich)  
 Nieder Ullgersdorf  
 Ober Baumgarten  
 Oberforst  
 Ober Graupen  
 Oberhaid (Kaplitz)



Oberheinzendorf  
 Oberkreibitz-Schonfeld  
 Obermoldau  
 Ober Widim  
 Odrau  
 Olbersdorf  
 Passek (Hohenelbe)  
 Pernharz  
 Philippsdorf  
 Pinke  
 Pladen  
 Podwihof  
 Pohrlitz  
 Pomitsch  
 Possitz-Großgrillo-witz  
 Prichowitz  
 Proschwitz (Gablonz)  
 Purstein  
 Purschau  
 Radiumbad St.Joachimsthal  
 Ranigsdorf  
 Rattendorf  
 Redenitz  
 Reichenau (Mahr.Trubau)  
 Reschen  
 Riegerschlag  
 Rietsch  
 Rohrsdorf (Schluckenau)  
 Ronsperg  
 Rostitz  
 Rottenschachen  
 Ruppersdorf  
 Saitz  
 Sandau (Ratibor)  
 Saubsdorf  
 Schaffa  
 Schatzberg  
 Schildberg  
 Schlackenwerth  
 Schlotten  
 Schonau (Braunau)  
 Schonborn  
 Schongrafenau  
 Schonwald (St.Joachimsthal)  
 Schonwald (Barn)  
 Schoffelsdorf  
 Schwarzach  
 Seestadt  
 Seifersdorf  
 Sellowitz  
 Siegertsau  
 Skripp  
 Sorgsdorf  
 Sonnberg  
 Spitzberg  
 Stangendorf  
 Steinhof  
 Stramberg  
 Studinke  
 Tabor

Oberhermsdorf  
 Ober Lipka  
 Obornitz  
 Ober Wigstein  
 Olstadt  
 Palhanetz  
 Pausram  
 Peterswald (Mahr.Schonberg)  
 Piesling  
 Pirnik  
 Platten  
 Pohlig  
 Polleitz  
 Pommerndorf  
 Pratsch  
 Prittlach  
 Proßmeritz  
 Puletschney  
 Puschwitz  
 Radowesitz  
 Raspenau  
 Rauschenbach  
 Rehsdorf  
 Reihwiesen  
 Ribnik  
 Riegersdorf (Zwittau)  
 Rippau  
 Romerstadt  
 Rosenberg  
 Rother Berg  
 Rudelsdorf (Landskron)  
 Saar  
 Sakschen  
 Skt.Georgenthal  
 Sauersack  
 Schamers  
 Scheles  
 Schiltern  
 Schlag  
 Schnedowitz  
 Schonau (Hohenstadt)  
 Schonbachel  
 Schonlind  
 Schonwald (Znaim)  
 Schonwehr  
 Schwaderebach  
 Schwindschitz  
 Seewiesen  
 Selletitz  
 Setzdorf  
 Silberbach  
 Socherl  
 Solislau  
 Sonneberg  
 Sporitz  
 Stankowitz  
 Stiedra  
 Strobnitz  
 Sucholasetz  
 Teichstatt

Ober Johnsdorf  
 Ober Mohrau  
 Obersedlitz-Krammel  
 Oblas  
 Ohrnes  
 Passek (Sternberg)  
 Perglas  
 Petrowitz  
 Pinkaute  
 Pissendorf  
 Podersam  
 Pohorsch  
 Pomeisl  
 Poppitz  
 Preßnitz  
 Probstau  
 Purkau  
 Pulgram  
 Radaun  
 Radun  
 Ratschendorf  
 Rausenbruck  
 Reichenau (Kaplitz)  
 Reisendorf  
 Riebzig  
 Riegersdorf (Tetschen-Bodenbach)  
 Rodisfort  
 Rowersdorf  
 Rosenthal (Kaplitz)  
 Rothflob  
 Rudig  
 Saborsch  
 Salmthal  
 Satkau  
 Schaab  
 Schattau  
 Schemmel  
 Schirmdorf  
 Schlock  
 Schneekoppe  
 Schonau (Pracnaticz)  
 Schonficht  
 Schonthal  
 Schonwald (Sternberg)  
 Schreibendorf  
 Schwansdorf  
 Sebastiansberg  
 Seifen  
 Sellnitz  
 Sichelsdorf  
 Sirb  
 Sodau  
 Sollmus  
 Sperbersdorf  
 Stadt Olbersdorf  
 Stefansruh  
 Stolzenhain  
 Strzebowitz  
 Suschitz  
 Tellnitz

Teschnitz  
 Theresiendorf  
 Thurmplandles  
 Tirschnitz  
 Topkowitz  
 Treublitz  
 Trubenz  
 Tschenkowitz  
 Tschirnitz  
 Turpes  
 Tuschkau Stadt  
 Ueberdorfel  
 Ullrichsthal  
 Ungarschitz  
 Untermaxdorf  
 Untertannowitz  
 Voiteersreuth  
 Wagstadt  
 Waldberg  
 Waltersdorf (Neutitschein)  
 Wartenberg  
 Weikersdorf  
 Weißbach (Friedland)  
 Weißkirchlitz  
 Welboth  
 Wellemin  
 Weska  
 Wicklitz  
 Wiesengrund  
 Wildstein  
 Winkelsdorf  
 Wolmsdorf  
 Wolfersdorf  
 Woratschen  
 Wurbenthal  
 Wurzmies  
 Zautke  
 Zettlitz  
 Ziegenfuß  
 Zohsee

Tetschen-Bodenbach  
 Theusing  
 Tiefenbach  
 Topferbaude  
 Totzau  
 Triebtsch  
 Trupschitz  
 Tschernhausen  
 Tuchorschitz  
 Tupadl  
 Twrdina  
 Ullersdorf (Teplitz-Schonau)  
 Ulmbach  
 Unterhaid  
 Unterneugrun  
 Uttigsdorf  
 Vorderheurauffl  
 Waier  
 Waldheim (Tachau)  
 Waltsch  
 Weckersdorf  
 Weipersdorf  
 Weißkirch  
 Weitentrebtsch  
 Welchau  
 Wenzelsdorf  
 Wetzwalde  
 Widach  
 Wigstadt  
 Willomitz  
 Winterberg  
 Wohontsch  
 Wolframitz  
 Wostitz  
 Wustseibersdorf  
 Zattig  
 Zborow  
 Zettwing  
 Zinnwald  
 Zwickau

Theben  
 Thomigsdorf  
 Tiefengrund  
 Toschen  
 Traubenfeld  
 Trinksaifen  
 Tschachwitz  
 Tschimschl  
 Tuppelsgrun  
 Turn  
 Tyssa  
 Ullrichsgrun  
 Undangs  
 Unterlomnitz  
 Uterreichenstein  
 Voitelesbrunn  
 Wachtl  
 Waissak  
 Wallern  
 Warta  
 Weigsdorf  
 Weißbach (Freiwalddau)  
 Weißkirchen  
 Wekelsdorf  
 Wellerborsch  
 Wernsdorf  
 Wichstadt  
 Wiese  
 Wildschutz (Freiwalddau)  
 Windischkamnitz  
 Wlastowitz  
 Woitzdorf  
 Wollendorf  
 Wunschendorf  
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 Zwodau



## THE 'GRAZ' REUNION PROPAGANDA CARD SET

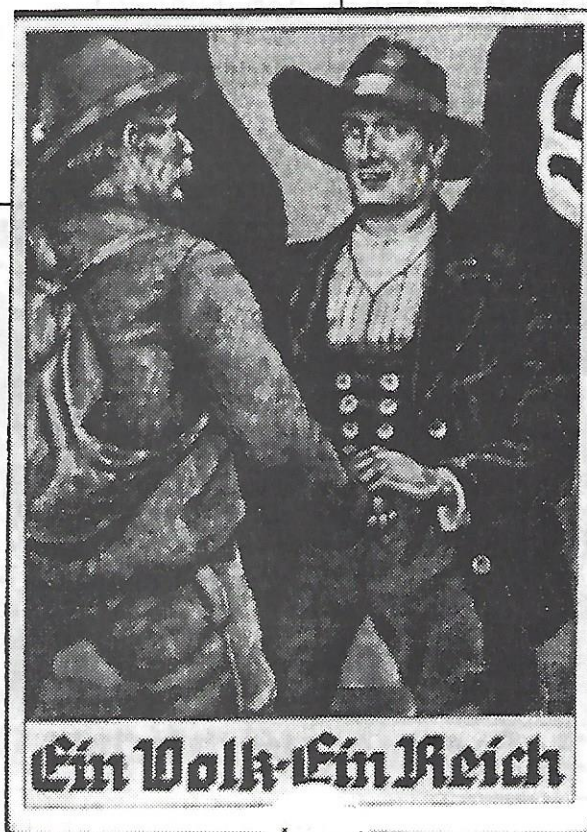
As noted on p.16 in TRSG Bulletin #92, more information was requested on the scarce set of color cards published by Leopold Stocker of Graz, Austria to commemorate the reunion of Germany & Austria in 1938.

TRSGers Al Kugel and John Ziegelhofer advise that there are 10 cards in this set, not 9 as reported earlier. Shown below is card #1 in the set and the reverse side showing the publisher's address. This address is shown enlarged above the card. The other nine cards in this set are shown in accordance with the number which appears on the address side.

Leopold Stocker Verlag, Graz. Dieses Bild ist als Kunstblatt, 70 x 53 cm, erschienen (RM 8.-).



#1 "Der Befreier und Einiger  
des deutschen Volkes"

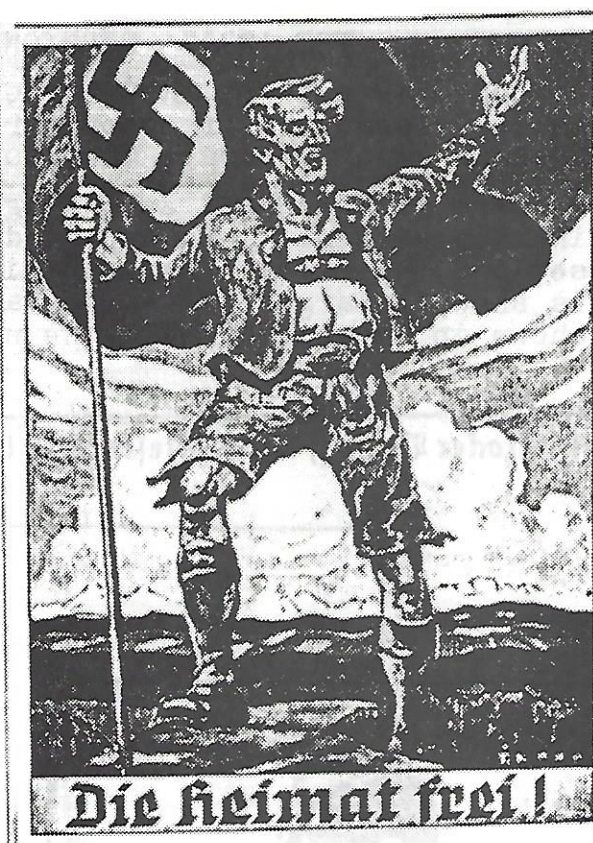


#2 "Ein Volk-Ein Reich"





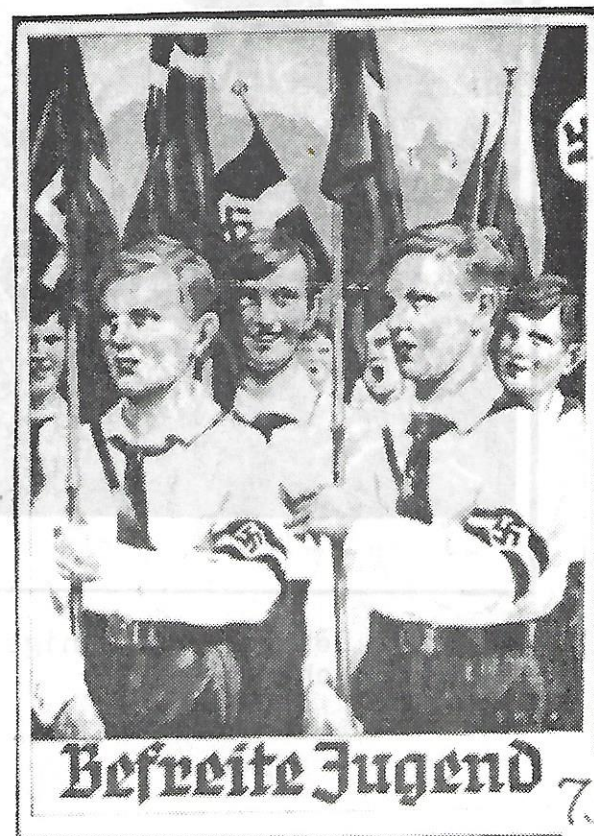
#3 "Wir danken dem Führer!"



#4 "Die heimat frei!"



#5 "Befreites glückliches Volk!"



#6 "Befreite Jugend"

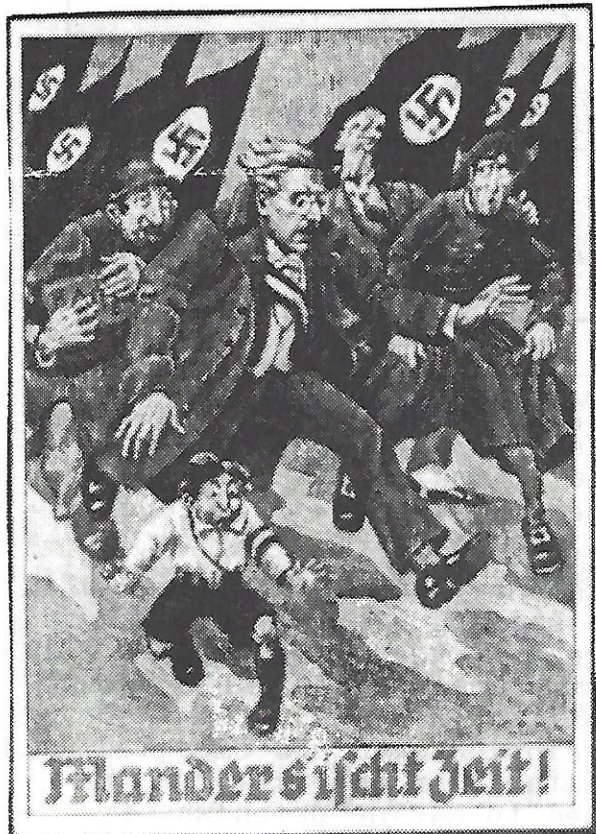




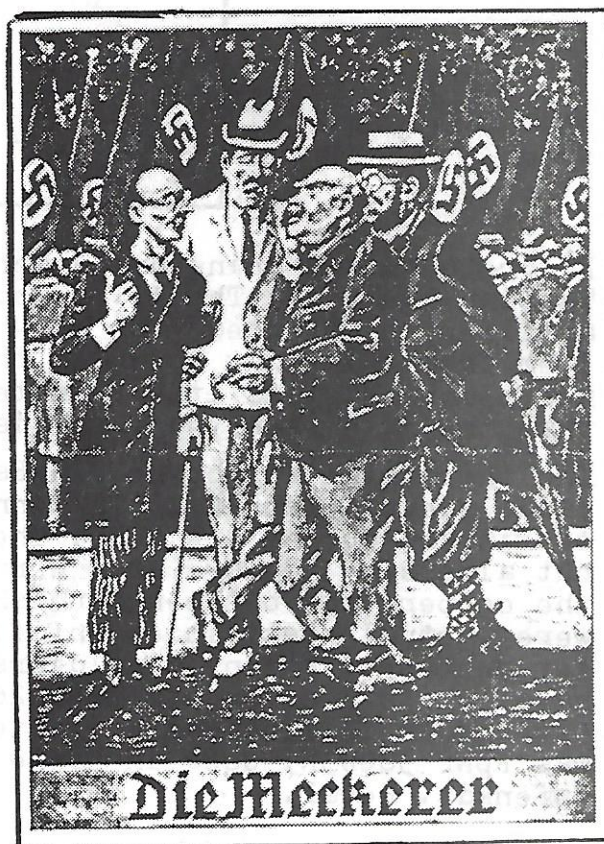
#7 "Im Streite zur Seite ist Gott uns gestanden".



#8 (No text)



#9 "Mander sischt Zeit!"



#10 "Die Meckerer"



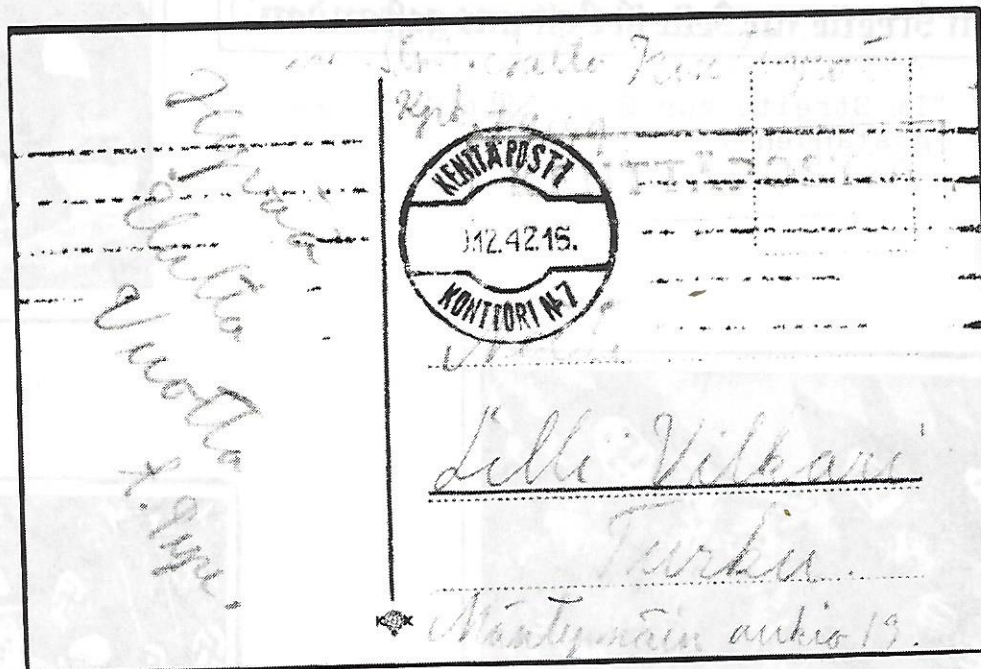
## FINNISH FIELDPOST IN ESTONIA 1941-1944

by August Leppä

Outside of Finnish philatelic literature, practically the only study of Finnish units in Estonia during WW II was published by Yrjö Leivonen in Eesti Filatelist in 1977. He describes postal items from Air Surveillance Co. 44 using Finnish FpNr 9199. Besides this, several other fieldpost addresses from other units are known. The research presented here is based on actual covers. Philatelic literature, with the exception of the study mentioned above and an article by this writer, is practically unknown.

Air Surveillance Co. 44 was formed in Feb. 1943. Prior to this time, FpNr 9199 had been used by the Finnish Marine HQ for the same purpose. Fig. 1 is a Finnish fieldpost cover sent by an Estonian soldier in Dec. 1942. There is a reference that this Marine HQ used FpNr 8600. Members of this unit participated in radio surveillance and were stationed in several places to the east of Tallinn up to Ingermanland in the east.

Fig. 1) Finnish Fp (Kenttaposti) card from sender using FpNr 9199 was sent in December 1942.



Prior to this, Marine units were stationed on Naissaare island near Tallinn, Estonia. The 11. Measurement Co./7th Coast Brigade, a coast artillery unit, used FpNr 8864 while on the island. I have seen one item from this unit in which the sender states that he is going to a new place and this item is dated in November 1941, a few days earlier than the date reported for this unit in Naissaare.

The third military branch in Estonia was the navy. They participated in radio surveillance near Tallinn during the sailing season and returned to Finland during ice time. These units probably used FpNr 9199 as well but also seem to have used German fieldpost which was available due to the cooperation between Finnish & German units. In some places there were actual hostilities and fights. Some Finnish soldiers smuggled mail for sentenced Estonian soldiers serving in the Finnish army. But the naval units used German FpNr 26889, assigned to Marine Befehlshaber Ostland in Tallinn and later to Admiral Ostland. The other possibility was FpNr 38003N, used in Nomme by Kdt. d. Seeverteidigung Reval and Hafenkdt. Reval.



Radio surveillance by Finnish naval units began in June 1943 and lasted up to September 1944 except for the weather related breaks noted earlier.

Some Finnish soldiers used the German fieldpost while stationed in separate outposts in the east where they cooperated with the Germans. Two numbers have been confirmed on cards:

FpNr 07142F - Küsten Überwachungsstelle CD4 (in Ingermanland)  
FpNr 14389F - Hafen Überwachungsstelle CD114.

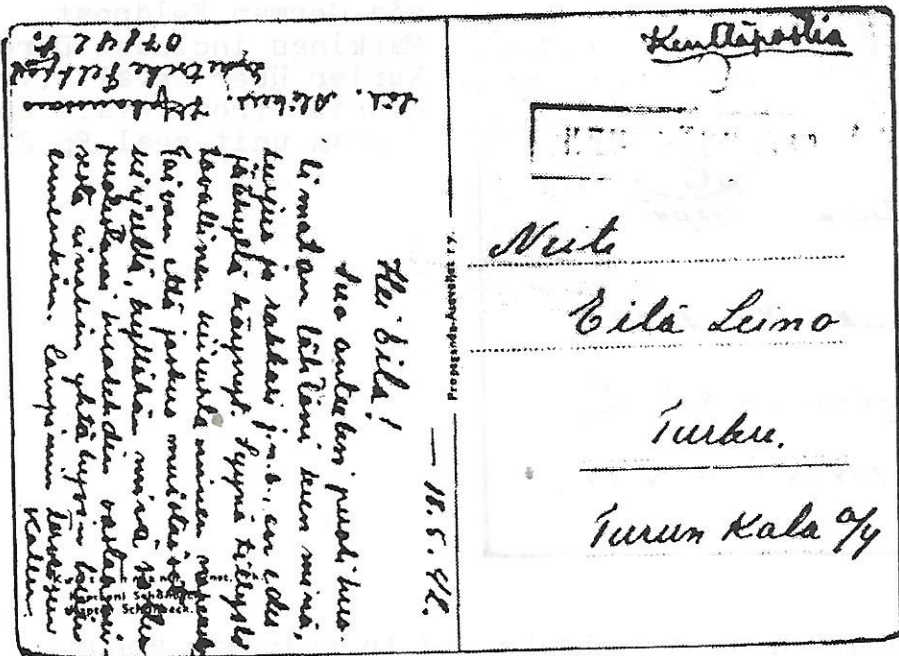
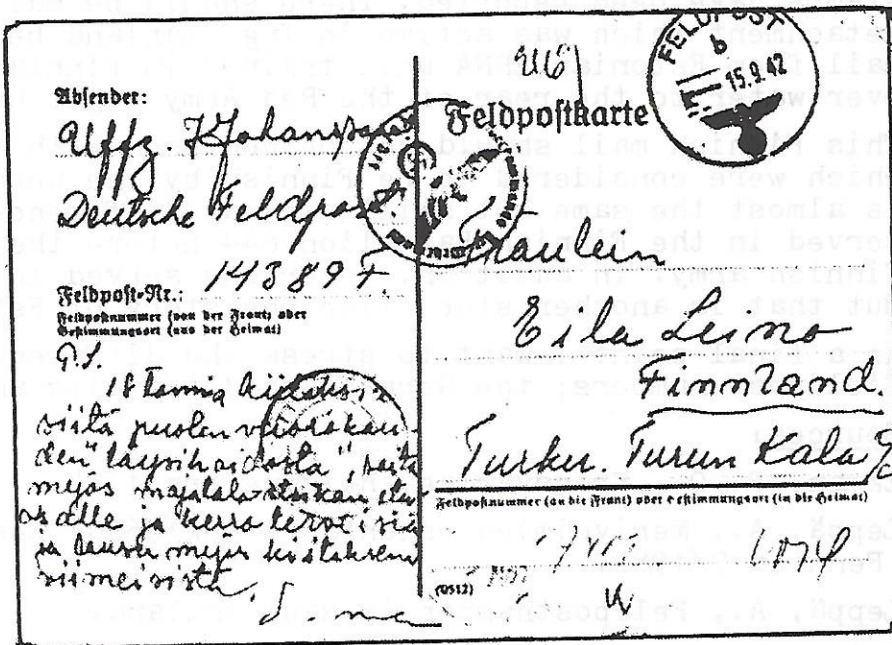


Fig. 2) Postcard sent  
via Finnish fieldpost  
has return address  
"Deutsche Feldpost 07142F"  
in upper left corner.

Sender has dated this card  
May 18, 1942. The unit  
was 2. Küsten Überwach-  
ungsstelle Kurgolow.

Fig. 3) From the same sender but via German Feldpost with FpNr 14389F, Hafeuberwachungsstelle CD114 in Sept. 1942. Note that this card was examined by German censors before being routed to Finland.



The first of these German fieldpost numbers is mentioned in connection with such places as Loukolowo and Kurgolowo, which are situated to the east of Estonia in Ingermanland on the coast.

Still other army branches can be distinguished. In Fig. 4, the German FpNr 23927 was used by 2. Kp. Armee Nachrichten Rgt. 520. Finnish troops probably participated in information gathering and in the selection of POWs for military service.

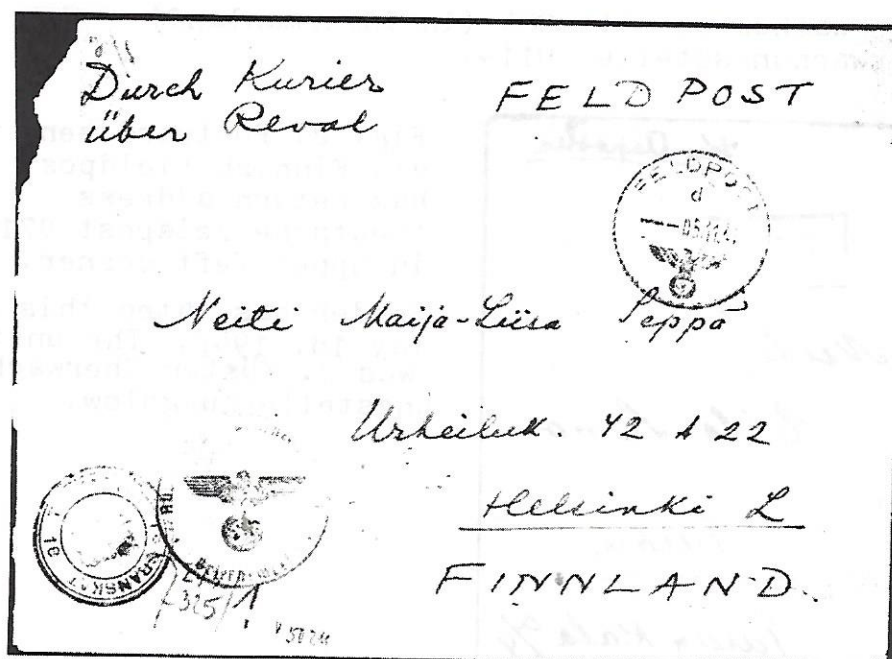


Fig. 4) Cover sent to Helsinki in Nov. 1941 via German Feldpost. Markings include "Durch Kurier über Reval" (via Courier from Reval) and German unit seal Fp 23927.

Two references mention the women nurses who helped to evacuate about 60,000 Ingerians to Finland via Paldiski. Two items with and without stamps have been reported. There should be mail from a small three man detachment which was active in Ingermanland before the evacuation. Also mail from Estonian ERNA unit trained in Finnland in 1941 and transported over water to the rear of the Red Army might have had a few Finnish officers?

This Finnish mail should not be confused with fieldpost of the Ingerians which were considered to be Finnish by the Germans. Actually the language is almost the same but still a clear difference can be noticed. Ingerians served in the Finnish Battalion 644 before their transportation to the Finnish army. In addition, Ingerians served in labor and air defense units. But that is another story like the story of Estonian soldiers in Finland.

As a final point I want to stress the difference between German and Finnish fieldpost numbers; the Germans used 5 digits and the Finns only 4 digits.

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## A Newspaper Wrapper From a Nazi Precursor

by John Miskevich

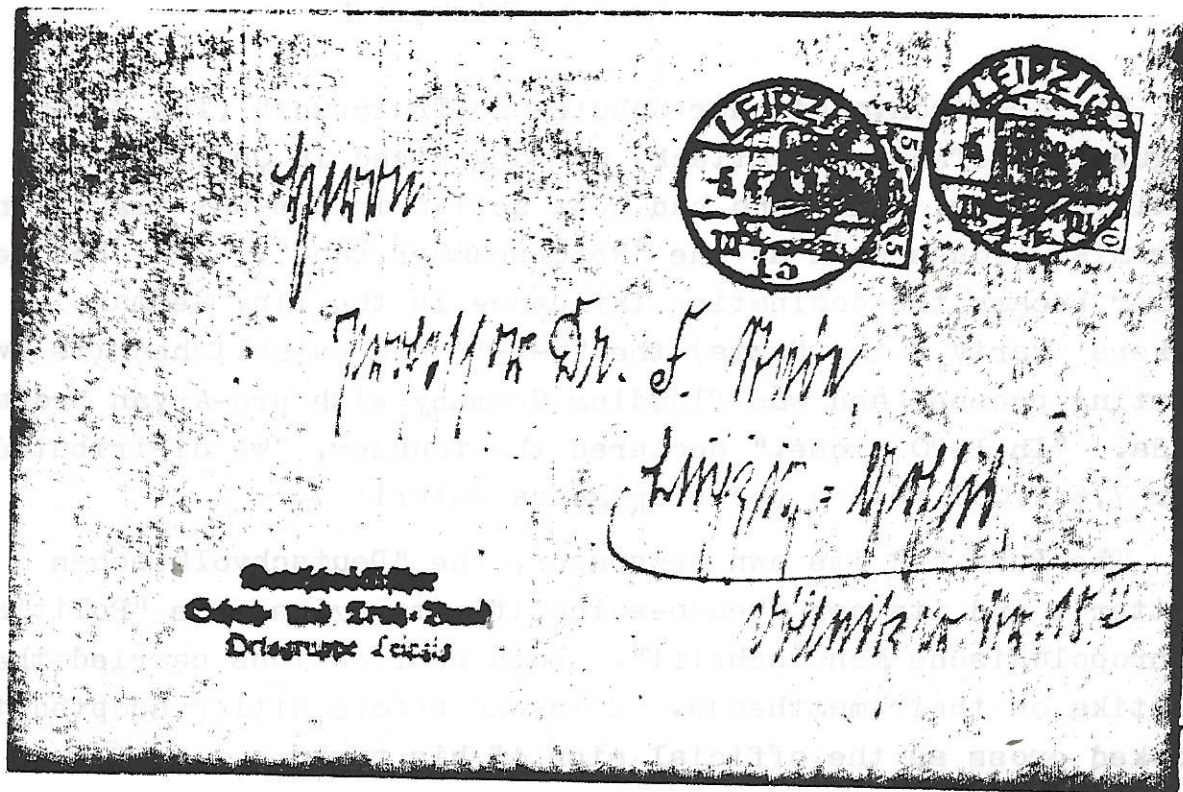
The "Deutschvolkischer Schutz-und-Trutzbund" (The German League For Defense and Attack) was organized in October 1919 by Alfred Roth, a man who had been active in pre-war right-wing extremist groups such as the "Reichshammer Bund". Well before Hitler became the dominating influence in the tiny German Workers' Party ( the Nazis) the "S-u-T" had established its own printing presses and was flooding Germany with pro-Aryan propaganda. "In 1920 alone," declared the founder, "we distributed over 7,642,000 peices (of propaganda material)."

The Bund had its own newspaper, the "Deutschvolkischen Blatter", and its own pseudo-scientific magazine, the "Politische-Anthropologische Monatschrift". Both publications carried the Swastika on their mastheads. This was before Hitler adopted the crooked cross as the official sign of his party.

Many authorities say that Hitler first picked up the idea of using the swastika from the Ehrhardt Brigade in 1920. (The brigade was a right-wing nationalist private army or "Free Corp" operating in the chaos of post-war Germany.) But two organizations that were Hitler's immediate predecessors in spreading his doctrine, the "Thule Gesellschaft" (a Munich based political organization), and the "S-u-T", had popularized the symbol in 1919. And before them, the "Reichshammer Bund" had used it as a "battle sign" as early as 1912. The Nazis never liked to be reminded that they had precursors.

Before the "S-u-T" was dissolved in January 1923, the Bund had a total membership of 250,000. A list of only its more prominent graduates would include, Julius Streicher, Gauleiter of Nuremberg and editor of the unspeakable "Der Stürmer", Dietrich Eckart, co-editor with Alfred Rosenberg of the "Volkischer Beobachter", Fritz Sauckel, Governor of Thuringia and notorious Chief Administrator of the Labor Draft Law, and Reinhard Heydrich, SS Gruppenfhrer, Chief of the Security Forces of the Gestapo and Protector of Bohemia & Moravia.





Newspaper wrapper posted by the Leipzig chapter of the German League For Defense & Attack on April 5, 1921.

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A WAR CRIMINAL POSTAL HISTORY ITEM

by Tony Davis

When a dealer friend of mine overseas produced two covers for me in 1986, my interest was immediately sparked. Here were two POW-related covers, but dated 1971. At reasonable damage to my wallet, I purchased the covers and started doing some serious homework.

One cover (Figure 1) has a censor tape with the legend : "RECLUSORIO MILITARE GAETA". The addressee is a Major Walter Reder, a "Reclusorio Militare", with the identifying number 04024, and is incarcerated in Gaeta in northern Italy. The cover is postmarked at Siegen in Germany and the sender has added the following details across the top of the cover:

"Kriegsgefangenenpost-gebührenfrei!  
Gemab Nachricht des Bundespostministerium Bonn vom  
17.2.1958. IK 1 2299-6  
Amtsblatt - Verfügung Nr. 104 vom 21.2.1959"

That inscription confirms that Major Reder is a POW and entitled by a West German statute to postage free mail (as long as the inscription is included on the envelope).

The cover has a Gaeta arrival backstamp with the sender's name and address crossed out. (Although the sender is evidently the addressee in Figure 2.)

The second cover (Figure 2) is from Major Reder on his personalised stationary with the following notation on the reverse :

"Major Walter Reder  
Reclusorio Militare  
1-04024 Gaeta  
Italien"

This cover is addressed to Siegen and is postmarked at Gaeta. The envelope bears the trilingual POW and postage free inscription :

"Kriegsgefangenenpost-gebührenfrei  
Service de prisonniers de guerre  
Posta di Prigionieri di Guerra-franco di bollo"



Some previous owner of the covers has added a note on the reverse of Figure 1 that Reder was a war criminal and a former SS Major.

The name Reder touched a responsive chord in me, and after a day's hunt through the British news/financial magazine, "The Economist", of February 2, 1985, revealed that Reder had been the cause of a major political crisis to the Austrian government.

It seems that the Italian government had agreed to send Reder, an Austrian citizen, back to Austria on humanitarian grounds due to ill health, while the Austrian government was also not keen to have an ill Reder die in prison and become a possible martyr for certain right-wing extremists.

An Italian military aircraft flew Reder to Graz . But a political scandal erupted after he was met at the airport by Austria's defence minister, Friedhelm Frischenschlager on January 24, 1985. The minister, a member of the Freedom Party, a junior partner in the Socialist-led coalition government, accompanied Reder by helicopter to an army barracks near Vienna where he was to be held until his full term was served in July that year.

When the news of Frischenschlager's meeting with Reder became public there were demands for his resignation by Socialist party members, the media, as well as the ire of the World Jewish Congress which was meeting in Vienna at the time. However, Frischenschlager kept his post after making a public apology.

Tracking down details about Reder still proved to be a real chore. Fortunately, I came across a useful reference work - N E Tutorow's "War Crimes, War Criminals and War Crimes Trials", an exhaustive bibliography on the subjects.

There was one reference for Walter Reder which detailed the Waffen SS Major's trial before an Italian military tribunal in Bologna from October 19 to 30, 1951. He was indicted for "violent crimes against private Italian citizens".

With that information in hand, I was able to find out more particulars from WW2 history books.

In late September 1944, Major Reder commanded two SS regiments which conducted a reprisal operation against partisans in the Marzabotto area in the Apennines in northern Italy. Some 1,836 Italian civilians were reported killed in this action.

(Any other information on this subject from readers would be appreciated by the author.)



Fig. 1)

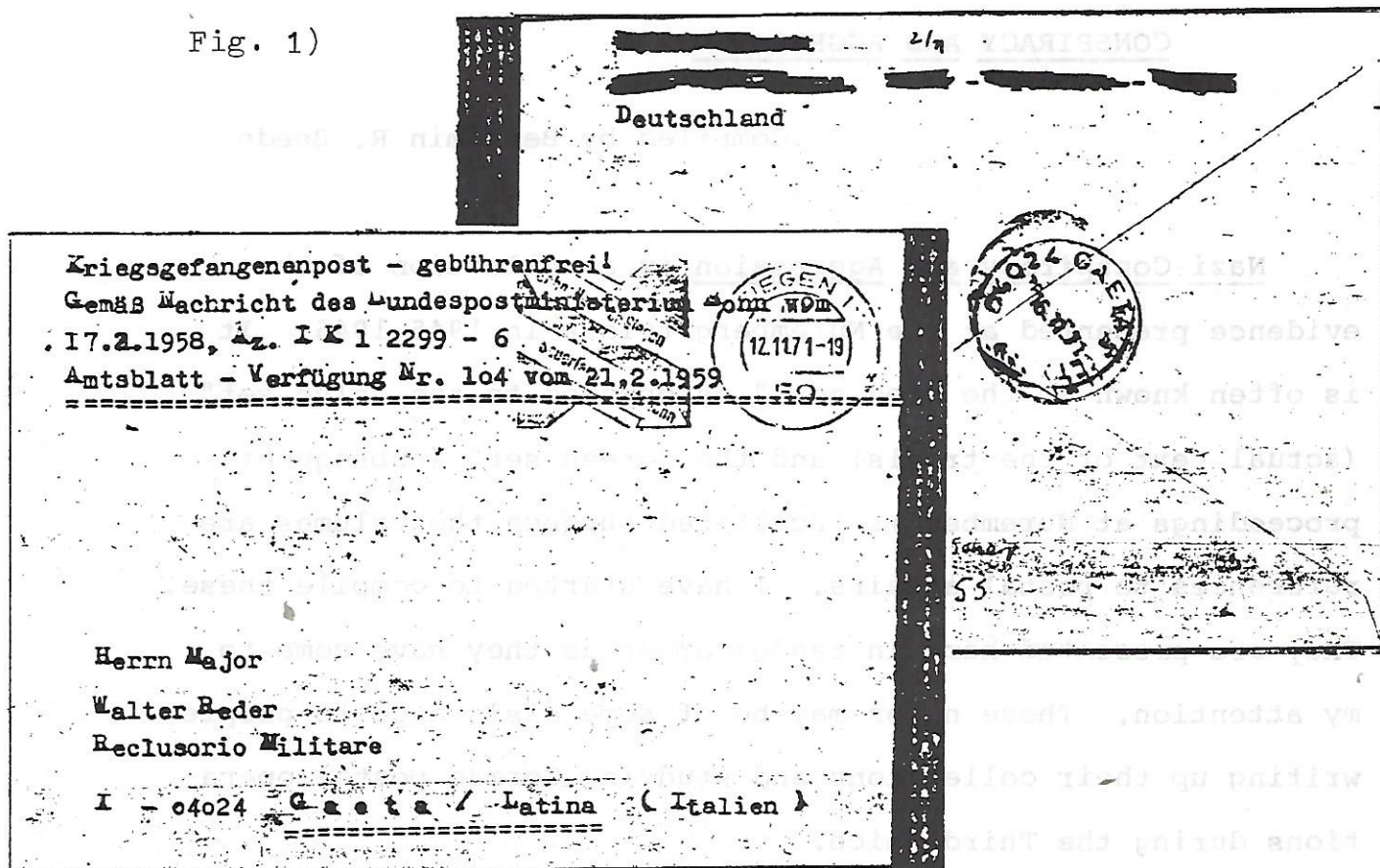
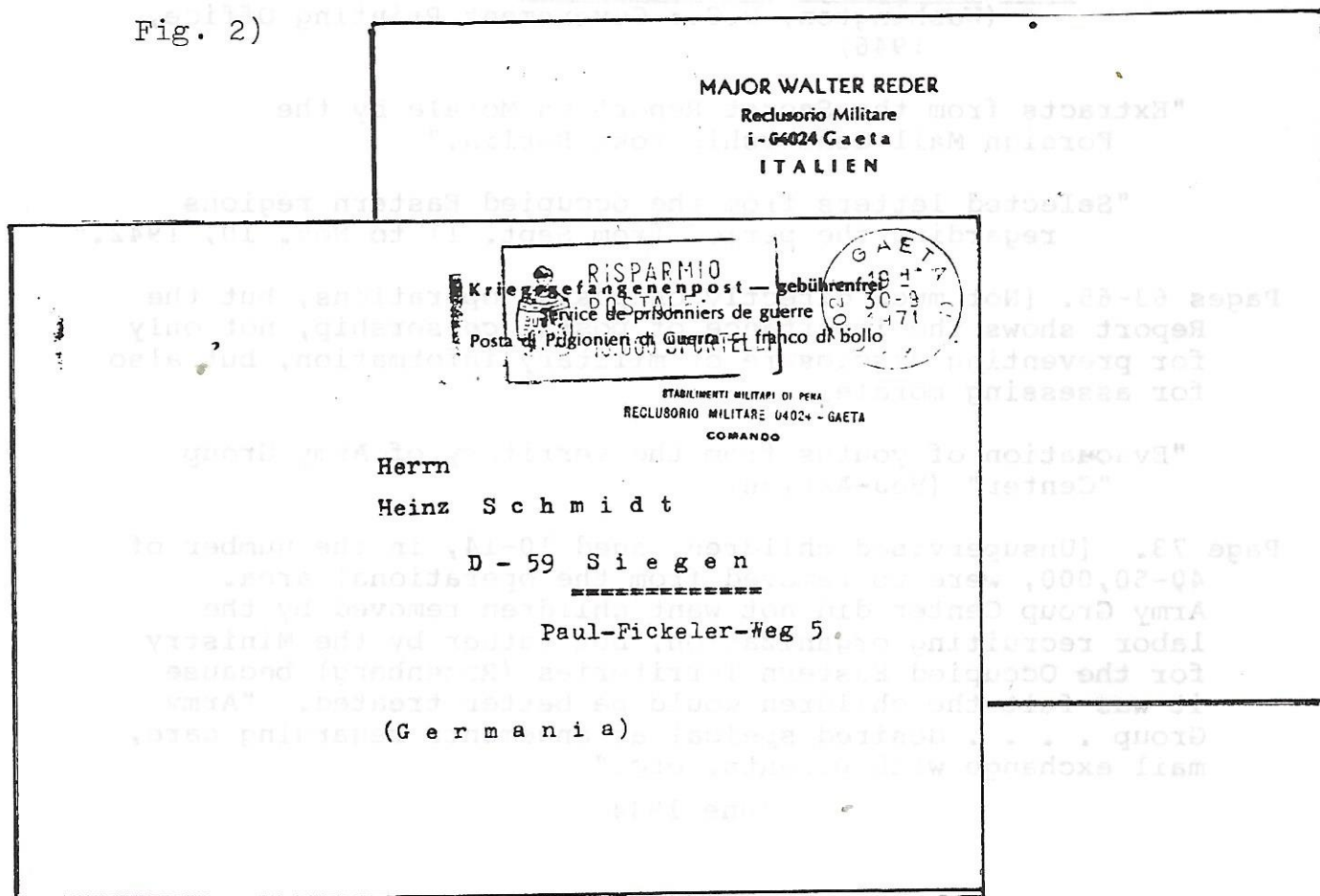


Fig. 2)





NOTES ON GERMAN POSTAL OPERATIONS IN NAZICONSPIRACY AND AGGRESSION

Compiled by Benjamin R. Beede

Nazi Conspiracy and Aggression is a collection of the evidence presented at the Nuremberg trials in 1945-1946. It is often known as the "red set," as opposed to the "blue set" (actual text of the trials) and the "green set" (subsequent proceedings at Nuremberg). Scattered through the volumes are references to postal affairs. I have started to compile these. They are presented here in random order as they have come to my attention. These notes may be of some assistance to people writing up their collections and studying German postal operations during the Third Reich.

Nazi Conspiracy and Aggression, Volume 3  
(Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office,  
1946)

"Extracts from the Secret Report on Morale by the  
Foreign Mail Censorship Post Berlin."

"Selected letters from the occupied Eastern regions  
regarding the period from Sept. 11 to Nov. 10, 1942."

Pages 63-65. [Not much directly on postal operations, but the Report shows the importance of postal censorship, not only for preventing disclosure of military information, but also for assessing morale]

"Evacuation of youths from the territory of Army Group  
"Center" (Heu-Aktion)

Page 73. [Unsupervised children, aged 10-14, in the number of 40-50,000, were to be removed from the operational area. Army Group Center did not want children removed by the labor recruiting organization, but rather by the Ministry for the Occupied Eastern Territories (Rosenberg) because it was felt the children would be better treated. "Army Group . . . desired special arrangements regarding care, mail exchange with parents, etc."]

June 1944



Pages 85-86. [Noted that the "central Post Office" in Kiev was destroyed in the fire of September 24-29, 1941]

From Report 10 (October 5, 1941) from the Ministry for Eastern Occupied Territories

Page 108 [Undated "Direction about behavior in case of landings of enemy planes or parachutists]

"The retaining of any objects--possibly as souvenirs--is detrimental to the country's defense, and will be punished as looting according to law. This category includes also, i.e. notebooks, letters, postal cards either in the plane or in the clothing of killed or wounded airmen. Any attempt by enemy airmen to destroy such objects is to be prevented by all means."

Page 132 "Central Office for Members of the Eastern Nationals."

"Concerning: Present Status of the question of Eastern Laborers." [September 30, ?] [Probably dated 1943]

"The postal service with their families was not feasible for months because of the lack of a precautionary ruling; so that instead of factual reports, wild rumors arrived in their countries--among other means by means of emigration."

Page 135 [Continuing]

"the postal communication has been adjusted for those Eastern Laborers who come from the civilian administered as well as those who are from the regions directly to the rear of the army--at least theoretically--. On account of the burden placed on the censorship office for foreign countries the High Command of the Armed Forces has recently asked again for a reduction of this measure."

Page 137 [Continuing]

"an agreement has been made in September 1942 between the Central Office and the German Red Cross in accordance with which this organization will take over the communication between these Eastern Laborers separated in the Reich, keeping the place of employment secret however."

Pages 196-197 "Army High Command . . . 30/9/1942."

"Deployment of Special Units of the Special Service Staff of Reichsleiter Rosenberg for the occupied Eastern areas."

"Field postal service of the Special Units during movement, is carried by way of the field post number of the service branch which has a Special Unit attached. By transformation to long, permanent work, application for their own field post number can be made with the army field postmaster concerned."



Page 238 Letter from Konrad Henlein to Alfred Rosenberg  
October 31, 1938.

Part of text reads:

"Unfortunately it was not possible for me to thank you for your friendly letter of the 15th of this month because your news was forwarded to Asch. The technical transportation difficulties under which we had to suffer in the first days of the liberation of the Sudetenland have caused the late deliveries."

Page 707 "The Organization of the Administration of  
Occupied Eastern Territories" - undated

[Discusses powers of the Commissars for the Ostland and  
Ukraine]

"Collaboration with the maintenance as well as reestablishment of inland water communications and rail and postal communications."

[Continuing]

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"The Reich Railways and the Reich Post Office are under the control of the military departments for the duration of the war. Thus the Reich Commissars and the authorities under their orders have no power to issue instructions to the Reich Railways and the Reich Post Office. Each Reich Commissar, however, is allotted a delegate of the Reich Railways and the Reich Post Office who will hear the wishes of the Civil Administration and submit them to his administration."



# ...from the **Amtsblatt des Reichspostministeriums**

Nr. 69 - July 12, 1940

Announcement of a forthcoming semi-postal stamp for the 7th running of the "Brown Band" horse race. (Michel # 747)

## Verfügungen

### Allgemeines

#### \* Nr. 392/1940. Neue Sondermarken

Die Deutsche Reichspost gibt zum diesjährigen Rennen um das Braune Band von Deutschland wieder eine Sondermarke zu 42 + 108 *Rpf* nach einem Entwurf von Professor Richard Klein, München, heraus. Die Marken werden in der Staatsdruckerei Wien im Rastertiefdruckverfahren und in der Größe 27,5 × 32,8 mm und in brauner Farbe auf Papier ohne Wasserzeichen in Bogen zu 50 Stück gedruckt. Der Zuschlag von 108 *Rpf* fließt je zur Hälfte dem Kulturfonds des Führers und dem Kuratorium der Reichsorganisation des Braunen Bandes zu.

Abbildung der Marke hierunter in  $\frac{5}{4}$  natürlicher Größe.



Amtsbl. b. RPPM 1940

Die Marken werden vom 20. Juli an in München, einige Tage später bis Ende August nur bei den Postämtern am Sitz jeder Reichspostdirektion, in Berlin bei den Postämtern E 2, N 4, NW 7, W 8, W 9, SW 11, O 17, Berlin-Charlottenburg 2, Berlin-Schöneberg 1, Berlin-Spandau 1, und bis auf weiteres bei der Versandstelle für Sammlermarken in Berlin SW 68, Zimmerstr. 97, abgegeben. Schriftliche Bestellungen nimmt nur die Versandstelle für Sammlermarken entgegen.

Für die rechnerische Behandlung gelten die Bestimmungen der AmtsblVf. Nr. 506/1939 S. 724 entsprechend.

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#### Nr. 393/1940. Papiereinsparung

Zur AmtsblVf. Nr. 390/1939 S. 587

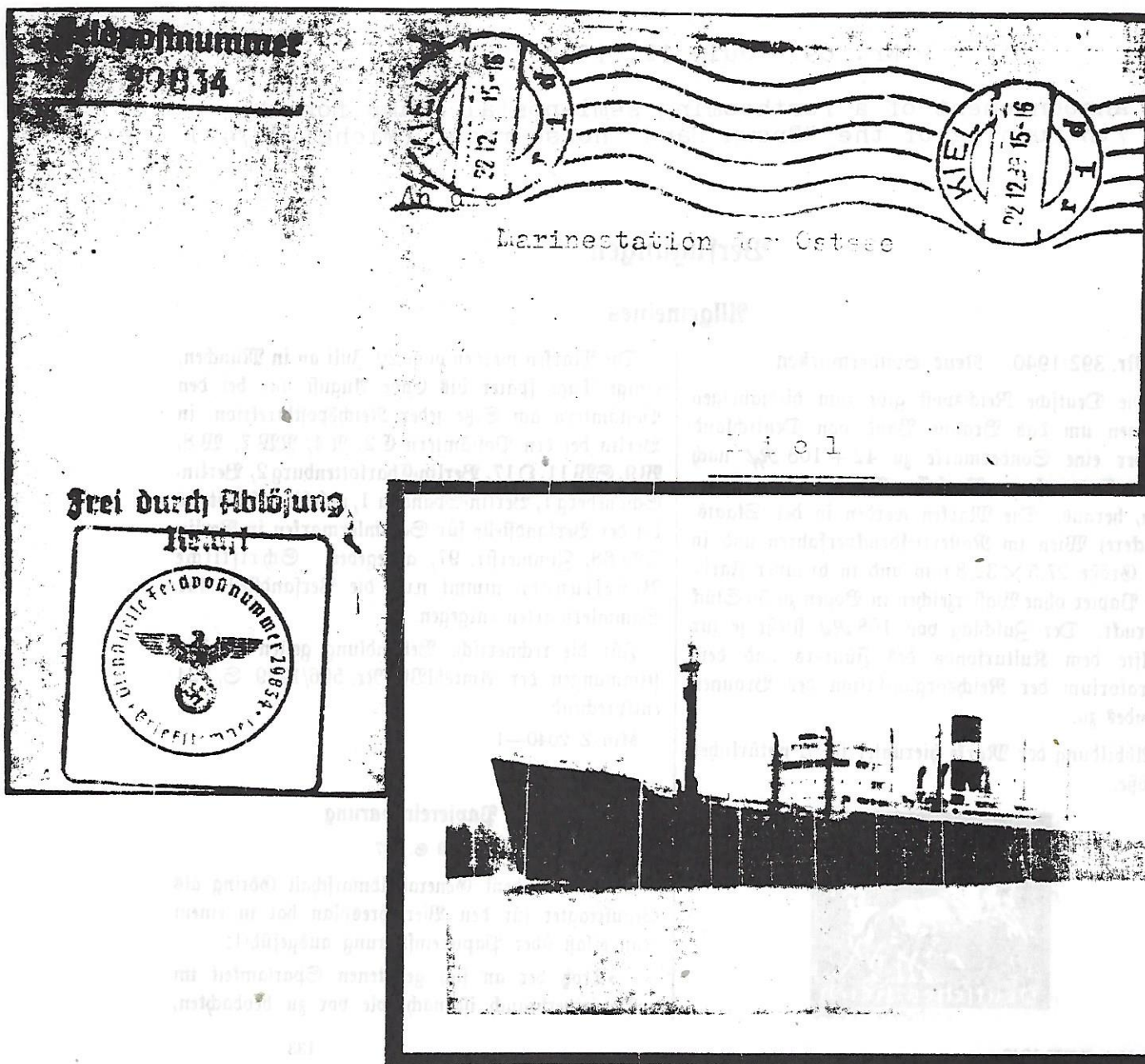
Ministerpräsident Generalfeldmarschall Göring als Beauftragter für den Vierjahresplan hat in einem Rundverlaß über Papiereinsparung ausgeführt:

»Trotz der an sich gebotenen Sparsamkeit im Papierverbrauch ist nach wie vor zu beobachten,



# Navy Log

Merchant Raider "Widder" - Feldpost #29834



Ex-"Neumark", built by Howalts Werke (Kiel)/Bloom & Voss (Hamburg), launched Dec. 21, 1929, commissioned as merchant raider (Handels-Stor-Kreuzer #3) and renamed "Widder" in Nov. 1939.

Displacement: 7851 tons; speed: 14 knots; crew: 363; Armament: six 5.9" guns (from battleship "Schleswig-Holstein"), four 21" torpedo tubes, 60 mines, two aircraft.

Sank ten ships (total 58,645 tons) during 179 day Atlantic cruise, May - Oct. 1940, under Capt. H. von Rückteschell.

Post-war conversion to merchantile "Ulysses" in 1945.



# T. R. S. G. Auction No. 51

Lot	Description	RES
1.	1st Flt. Hindenburg S. America 7.4.'36 p/cd w/Mi 606,607 & 531 VF	\$15
2.	Hindenburg Olympiafahrt 1.8.36 w/Mi 607,614 & 620 VF	15
3.	SS Fp Ltrsht frm Signals Res Btl Bürglengenfeld, city can 9.'44 VF	8
4.	Fp cvr frm Fp#14744 (15 Pz Div. N. Africa 5.'41, message but <u>no cancel</u>	8
5.	Reg Fp cvr K-479 (56 Inf Div) 2.'43 frm Fp#15254 (Kw Trsp Abt 991) VF	8
6.	Luftfp cvr w/1 stmp frm Fp#14371 (Stab Flak Abt 85) F	7
7.	Same, frm Fp#37305 (Art Rgt 223 of 223 Inf Div. ) 6.'42 F-VF	8
8.	Same, frm Fp# 28558 (Gren Rgt 77 of 26 Inf Div) 5.'42 VF all mrkgs	8
9.	Hindenburg cvr w/Mi 606-7 can Frankfurt Bahnpost 5.'36 F-VF	9
Next 4 lots are Serbian censored cvrs w/Riemer cens mark(No. bracket):		
10.	Comm. cvr w/Mi. 3&5(pr) can 10.'42, Ju-7a (008) cens h/s F-VF	9
11.	Comm cvr w/Mi 2&3 to Belgrade, Ju-6b(109) cens h/s w/cens paraph F-VF	10
12.	Comm window cvr w/Mi.5 can 10.'41, Ju-6a(15) & Ju-20 cens tape F-VF	9
13.	Cvr w/Mi.73 can 5.'43, Ju-7a(032) cens & nice cyrillic h/s VF	12
Next 23 lots are R-Feldpost frm units in the west, VF unless noted o'wise:		
	<u>Kenn FpA</u>	
14.	107 529 Belfort, Fr. 4.'41, Fp#27678 (Art. Rgt. 327)	7
15.	120 431 Höheres Kdo zbV Denmark 11.'44 Fp#59320 (Sturmgesch.Abt.400	7
16.	206 671 Militärbefehls. Belgien-Nordfrankreich 4.'43 Fp#14414 (NR689)	7
17.	210 309zw APM 7 France 11.'42 Fp#42034 (709 Inf. Div.)	8
18.	214 ABST 613 Brussels 5.'42, Fp#L14682 (Sammelst. Kdo Belgium)	7
19.	233 803 Befehlshaber West 12.'43, Fp#30743 (Gesteinbohr Kp 1)	7
20.	298 592 APM 1 France, 6.'42, Fp#08687 (Ns Kol. Abt. 552)	6
21.	315 672zbV Brussels 10.'43, Fp#46154 (WBZ Kdo Ausland)	7
22.	451 723zbV Antwerp 1.'44, Fp#33008 (Antwerp Harbor Command)	9
23.	458 272 Charleville, France 4.'43, Fp#48959 (Ns Tr 1048) Cond. Fine	5
24.	469 198 98 Inf. Division 4.'40, Fp#29760 (Stab/Gren Rgt 289)	9
25.	486 273 Lille, France 5.'41, Fp#36470 (Standort Kdtr) Cond. Fine	5
26.	505 673zw Dijon, France 4.'43, Fp#18199 (Res Inf Btl 470)	7
27.	549 590 APM 1 France 1.'44, Fp#17937 (G.R. 748- 708 VG Division)	10
28.	580 646zw Nantes, France 7.'42, Fp#03277 (Techn. Abt. V)	7
29.	681 279 Niort, France 10.'41, Fp#24393 (Feldkdtr 564)	7
30.	689 477 Chalons sur Marne, France 2.'43 Fp#L49146 (Luftnachr Rgt)	9
31.	702 608 Namur, Belgium 9.'43, Fp#28340 (Sich. Btl. 835)	7
32.	739 750zw Le Havre, France AOK 15 2.'41, Fp#58447 (Pz Jäg Abt 348)	9
33.	761 591 (AOK 19) 3.'44, Fp#13574 (Stab/Kraftf Abt. 595)	8
34.	820 276 Auxerre France 3.'43, Fp#21583 (Art Rgt 276)	7
35.	894 341 Mil. Befhl Belgium-Nordfrankreich 7.'41, Fp#25709 (RAD Abt)	7
36.	919 561 APM 12 France, 10.'42, Fp#25665 (Werfer Rgt 53)	8
37.	Austrian Plebiscite cd shown on cover TRSG Bulletin #89 VF Bedarfs	15
38.	Scarce blackout mach. cancel (mute) on picture cd Wiesbaden sent frm Reserve-Iazarett I Wiesbaden 6.'41. VF	12
39.	Rejected Fp cvr frm Fp#10000 (Army Kdr GG) to Fp#46424 (Luftwaffe Field Corps II) in June '44. Stamped "Zurück/z.Zt. Unbestellbar" (Return/presently undeliverable) Forwarded to Fp#26799 (Luftwaffe Fusilier Btl. 4) w/manus."Ns. Okdtr" (Signals High Command) Scarce!	28
40.	Same, cvr frm Fp#33711 (Armed Forces Command Cracow) to Fp# 40071 (II/Gren Brigade 1134) in Nov.'44. Stamped "Zurück./Unanbriglich./Neue Anschrift abwarten" (Undeliverable/await new address) VF	24
41.	Same, cvr to soldier in Fp#18964 (Recon Btl 117) frm Germany hand stamped "2.4. Zurück" & manus. "Empfänger vermißter" (addressee missing in action). VF	20



Lot	Description	RES
42.	Feldpost sorting label (Vorbindezettel 13 per Michel Fp Katalog) with cancel Berlin PSST 10.'40 addressed to Kenn 894 (FpA 341) Showpiece!	40
43.	R-Fp cvr frm K-832 (183 Inf Div) 3.'41 w/scarce R-Zettel bayrischer Herkunft Type 173 per Michel Fp Katalog. Frm Fp#29153. All mrkgs VF!!	30
44.	Cvr & card w/mute blackout can used Warsaw late '40. Cvr frm Fp#37481 is "secure" while cd frm member Depot unit is openly identified as being stationed in "Warschau". Nice examples Fp mute can usage! VF	15
Next 6 lots are Feldpost sent via DDP offices in Bohemia-Moravia:		
45.	Cvr frm Inf. Signals Co. 131 via DDP Brünn 4.'44 (nice DDP h/s)	9
46.	Off cvr frm Commanding General Wehrkreis XIII Nuremburg to Inf Training Btl. 481 located at Jitschin in northern Bohemia. Via DDP B-M. VF	10
47.	Cvr frm Art. Repl. Rgt. 173 via DDP Pilsen 8.'41 w/viol. DDP line stp	9
48.	Re-used cvr w/label frm Gren. Training Btl. 481 via Jitschin civil PO	8
49.	Cvr frm Depot Defense Btl 2 via DDP Mahr.Weisskirchen 12.'41 VF	10
50.	Prtd cvr from Army Depot 30 w/exemption notation via DDP Brünn 1.'40	9
51.	Form cd frm British POW in Stalag XXB 12.'42, British & Ger. cens VF	8
52.	Ltrsht frm US POW in Stalag IIB 1.'44 w/US & Ger. cens. VF	9
53.	Form cd for package receipt to Denmark frm Arb Kdo 1008 in Stalag IVA	9
Next 4 lots on exhibit sheets frm Gen. Govt. Gold Medal winner:		
54.	Cvr w/Mi 6 Dienst tied Kielce can 6.'40 frm County Leader via DDP VF	14
55.	Cvr w/Mi 45 tied Tarno can 11.'41 frm State Commissar D'siegel VF	15
56.	Cvr w/Mi 6 o'prt tied Warsaw can 2.'40 frm Finance Inspector D'sieg VF	13
57.	R-cvr frm Chief German Post East Krakow postsache 8.'43, prtd cvr VF	18
58.	Scarce Fp cvr frm navy coastal artillery units assigned Fp numbers with Sch ("Schutzen") prefix, frm Fp# Sch 24233 (HQ Naval Flak Section 242) w/line & boxed D'siegels to North Sea Command 4.'42. VF	25
59.	Official Fp cd w/Anti-Soviet slogan "The German people etc." in lower left. Bedarfs usage frm Fp#07079 (Panzer Eng. Btl. 16) 3.'42 VF	12
60.	R-airmail cvr to USA 7.'33 franked w/single stamp & border section frm each of four Hitler head miniature sheets. Special slogan cancel Bayreuth for Wagner Festival. Bedarfs, unusual & VF	18

SEND ALL BIDS TO: Fred Stengel, 1248 Magnolia Place, Union, NJ 07083

THE CLOSING DATE for Auction No. 51 is December 16, 1989.

## Prices Realized TRSG AUCTION NO. 50

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
2	\$15.00	17	\$28.00	38	\$11.00	50	\$22.00	66	\$38.00	87	\$10.00
3	14.00	18	8.00	39	15.00	52	14.00	69	9.00	88	32.00
4	10.00	19	17.00	40	15.00	53	12.00	71	15.00	89	26.00
5	10.00	21	8.00	42	13.00	58	25.00	72	78.00	90	24.00
7	15.00	24	12.00	43	20.00	59	12.00	73	76.00	91	18.00
8	22.00	27	15.00	44	9.00	60	32.00	74	28.00	92	22.00
		31	12.00	45	12.00	62	27.00	75	20.00	93	24.00
12	12.00	32	9.00	46	12.50	63	22.00	76	34.00	94	16.00
13	8.00	35	12.00	47	15.00	64	23.00	84	12.00	95	10.00
14	10.00	36	16.00	49	8.00	65	120.00	86	30.00	96	32.00
15	11.00	37	18.00								