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COMING UP IN OUR NEXT ISSUE!! - A twelve page article by Jim Lewis on "Postal Rates of the Third Reich". Profusely illustrated with examples, this article covers inland, foreign and airmail rates in all aspects and should be very valuable to any collector of Third Reich postal history.

Winner's Circle

LAMAPEX '82 (La Mirada, CA - Feb. 19-22):

Werner Helms - Reserve Grand, Gold, APS Medal, Popularity Award for "Mit Luftpost - Made in Germany".

GARFIELD-PERRY 92nd EXHIBIT (Cleveland, OH - March 12-14):

Paul M. Johnson - Silver for "Plating of the First US Postal Card".

ALPEX (Buffalo, NY - April 2-4):

Gaylord Yost - Bronze for "German Postkarte Art Through the Mails".

COMPEX '82 (Chicago, IL - May 28-30):

Edward C. Hopps - Ravenswood Club Grand Award for "Swiss Cantons".

James E. Duffy - Dr. J.J. Matejka Jr. Memorial Award for exemplary service to Complex.

STAMPOREE '82 (Ft. Lauderdale, FL - May 29-30):

Arthur F. Clifford - Bronze for "Luftfeldpost, German Military Air Mail in World War II".

ISPEX (Shaker Heights, OH - July 3-4):

Dr. Justin Gordon - Gold for "Concentration Camps & Ghettos".

Sam Simon - Gold for "Postal History of the Concentration Camps 1933-45" plus Holocaust Study Circle Award.

BECKPEX '82 (Fullerton, CA - June 12-13):

Werner Helms - Silver-Bronze for "Mit Luftpost - Made in Germany".

BALPEX '82 (Hunt Valley, MD - Sept. 4-6):

Walter J. Kurth - Marcus White Showcase Grand Award for "The Berlin Rohrpost 1876-1945".

Myron Fox - Silver-Bronze for "Gentlemen do not read each others mail".

"Diplomat" - Silver-Bronze for "German Military Mail 1914-1919".

(Was that you R.I. ?)

Kenneth Mears - Silver for "German Postal Cards after WWII".

John W. Painter - Silver for "Germany 1945 - A Year of Crisis".

Harry C. Meier - Vermeil for "Emergency Postal Measures in Germany 1945-1947". The GPS Silver and Bronze Awards also went to H. Meier and J. Painter respectively.

Mrs. Meier also exhibited and received a Vermeil as well as the ATA Grand Award for "By the Twelve!"

EDITORIAL

I can hardly believe that another Bulletin year has already gone by! 1982 has been a year of further activity and progress for the TRSG and we look forward to 1983 for continued growth and more accomplishments. I would again like to thank our stalwart staff - Jim Lewis, Fred Stengel, Fred Willshaw, Myron Fox - for their very valuable and essential contributions as well as those members who, in increasing numbers, have volunteered to share their knowledge and material with us.

The handbook on Waffen SS Divisions has not materialized as yet (premature publication was decided against, since considerable additional information is being uncovered), but is definitely "in the works".

The TRSG booklets "Mail Surveillance" and "Composition Listings" have completely sold out. Still available are the "Feldpost Cancellation Guide", Spanish Blue Division article and "Projekt Himmelblau" - as well as all back issues of the Bulletin. R.J.H.

Study Group Notes

NEW PUBLICATION:

As noted in TRSG Bulletin 48, a large collection of paintings and other art done in Nazi propaganda units was seized by American forces and has been in the Pentagon ever since the end of W.W.II. See "The Pentagon's Nazi Art" article on p. 31 of the Feb. 22, '82 Newsweek.

"The German War Artists" by John P. Weber is expertly produced with superb color reproductions of 48 paintings as well as numerous photos of the artists. The author graduated from West Point in 1964 and was a rifle company commander in South East Asia. Collectors of propaganda cards will find familiar names such as Wolfgang Willrich & Franz Eichorst as well as a complete chronicle of the way 8,722 war-related works of art were found and the effort's of West Germany to regain these works. As a pending bill in the U.S. Congress may soon return a portion of this art, this book is both timely and highly recommended. Price is \$24.95 and can be ordered from: Cerebus Book Co., P.O. Box 34331, Ft. Buchanan, Puerto Rico 00934.

Also recommended:

The Eye of the Hurricane: Switzerland in World War Two, by Urs Schwaz (Westview, 1980; 169 pages; maps; bibliography; index; \$ 18.00).

Paris in the Third Reich: a history of the German Occupation, by David Pryce-Jones (Holt, 260 pages; photos; bibliography; index; \$ 25.00)

The Armed Forces of World War Two: uniforms, insignia and organization, by Andrew Mollow (Crown, 1981; 312 pages, color illus.; index; \$ 30.00)

(submitted by Art Carey)

REPRINTS AVAILABLE:

Alf Harper advises that he has reprinted his two books "German Occupied Poland" and "Postal Stationery of Germany - Third Reich". They are available from him for \$6 and \$3 respectively. Address: 60 Whinfield Road, Darlington, Co. Durham, DL1 3HW, England.

A POSSIBLE PROJECT:

Member Fred Nord advises as follows: "I've acquired about 1000 letters from a Luftwaffe Officer-Doctor, circa 1937-44. Each is handwritten and quite long, with fieldpost numbers, etc.. Might be a good history of the war years here. It's far too difficult for me to translate, but might be a great project for someone in the Group. I'll sell, trade or loan. (Contact Fred at 500 Laver Way, Newport Beach, CA 92660).

1983 MEMBERSHIP DUES are now payable. A 1983 renewal form is attached to this issue of the Bulletin and is stamped "PAID" if you are already paid through 1983. If not stamped "PAID", your early remittance would be greatly appreciated in order that you be carried over onto the new mailing list for 1983 No. 1 - now scheduled for mailing at the beginning of January.

AUCTION: The supplying of Xerox copies of auction lots has been discontinued for technical reasons. Bid with confidence however, since unsatisfactory lots can be returned (promptly) for refund.

Welcome to New Members:

- FOX, Jeanne A. -
- BUCHANAN, Joel T. - 460 Spring Valley Rd., Montgomery, AL 36116
Germany & U.S.
- FRASER, Edwin W. - 60 Broad St., 26th Fl., New York, NY 10004
German Feldpost in Lapland/Finland.
- GEBERT, Gerhard O. - 141 Cornell Dr., Commack, NY 11725
All German areas, except DDR
- ASSER, Manfred W. -
- LARSSON-FEDDE, Torbjorn - Skottegt. 4, N-4550 Farsund, Norway
German Fp in Norway '40-'45, German POW mail Norway '45-'46.
- PODSZUS, Edward S. - Box 6111, 362 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, MA 02139
General.
- POWELL, Maurice - 8 Insole Grove East, Llandaff, Cardiff, South Wales,
Great Britain CF5 2HP
Soldier's letters - Napoleonic period thru WWII.
- WIRTH, Michael J. - 3537 East 20th St., Highland, CA 92346
USA & Third Reich.
- MITTELSTAEDT, Robert E. -
- BARKER, William E. - 3675 West 130th St., Cleveland, OH 44111
War covers, espec. Brit. Colonies & civil censorship.
- SIPOS, Stephen I., M.D. - 1400 Sunset, Suite 3, Waukegan, IL 60087
Wagner set, covers.
- DOLL, Cpt. Darrel J. - 10 Woodridge Dr., Hudson, NH 03051
General.
- BEAN, Robert W. - P.O. Box 224, Urbana, OH 43078
General.
- BERNARD, Thomas N. - 1328 Harmony St., New Orleans, LA 70115
Germany and Colonies.
- DUNCAN, Peter A. - 3273 W. 39th Ave., Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6N 2Z9
Legions, Propaganda forgeries.
- ZEMLA, Richard A. -
- GOBBY, Thomas J. -

NOJEX '82

This year's "Nojex" will be held in a new and more convenient location at the North Jersey Meadowlands. The TRSG Staff looks forward to meeting many old and new friends during this show scheduled for October 22-24 at: The Meadowlands Hilton, Two Harmon Plaza, Secaucus, NJ.

Muted Postmarks

by Jim Lewis

PART 3.

IV.) Double-ring

Clement lists "Ring" cancels in two sizes & types, a 27/13/0 mm hand cancel and a 21/18/0 mm machine cancel w/7 wavy lines. The latter was used only in East Prussia & Riga, Latvia.

Fig. 20

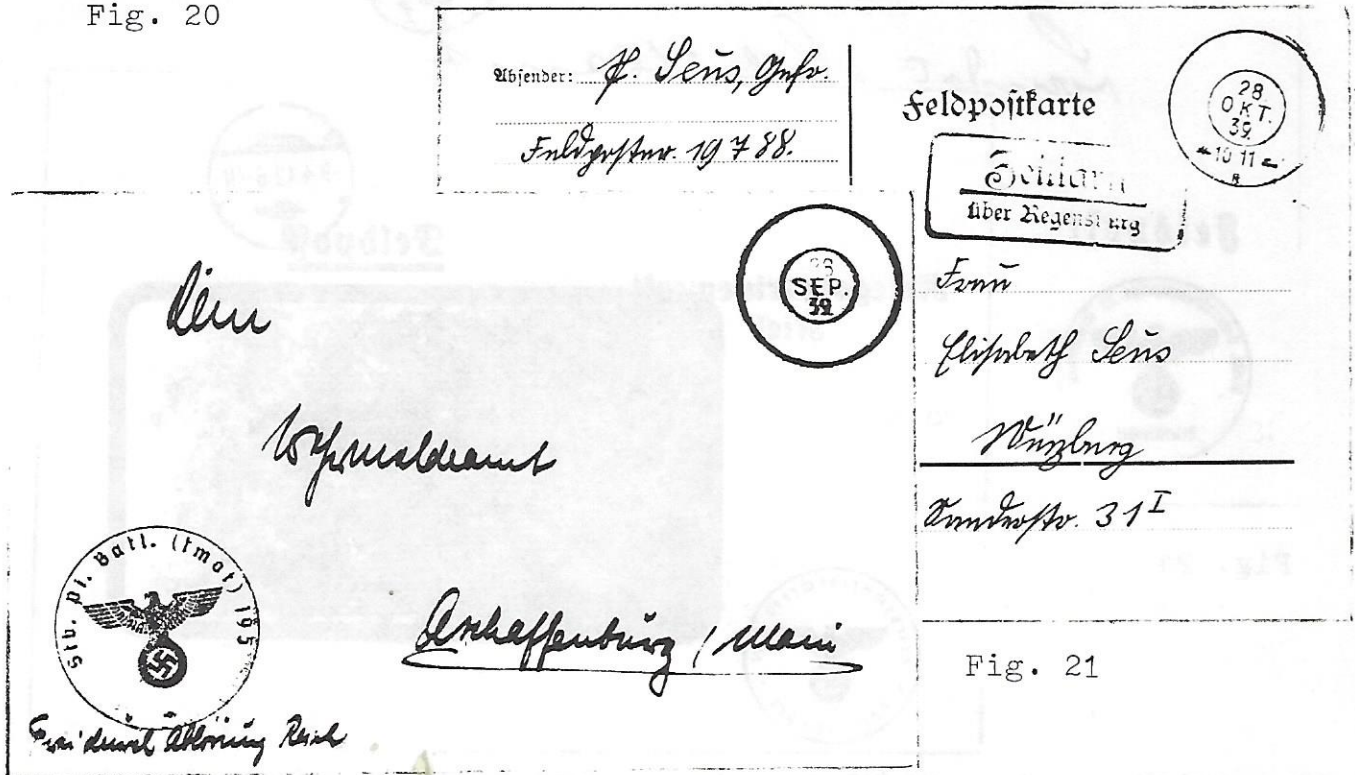


Fig. 21

Fig. 20) P'card from Fp.# 19788 (1.Battr./Res.Searchlight Btl. 909) sent Oct.'39 has rural P.O. h'stamp and stumme cancel with "* 10 11 *" and "R" used in Regensburg.

Fig. 21) Early use of stumme cancel, official cover from "Stab/Pi. Btl. 195" posted Sept. '39.

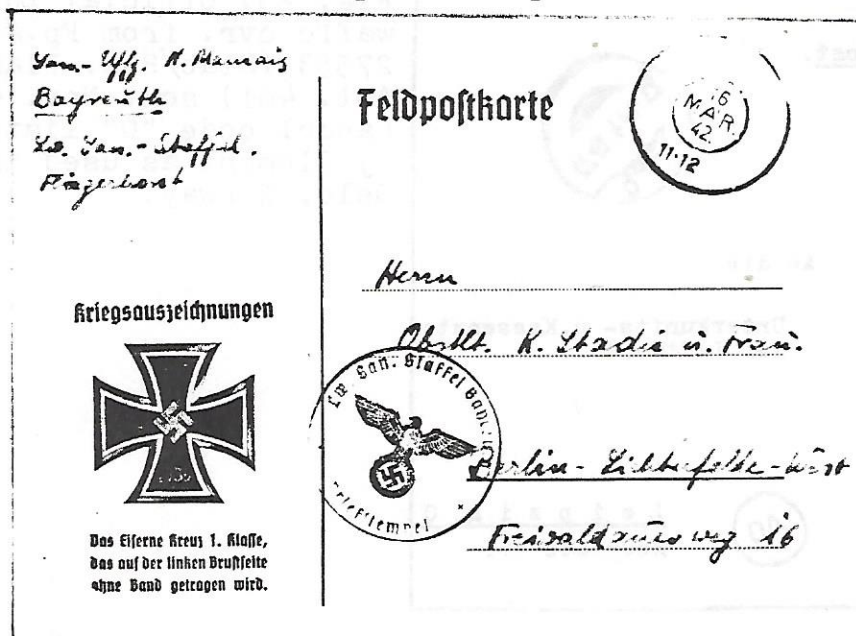


Fig. 22) Iron Cross Feldpost card sent March '42 from Luftwaffe Medical Squadron in Bayreuth.

V.) Circle/bridge/fence

Two size "Kreisbrückengitter" hand cancels are listed by Clement, 25/15/9 and 28/17/9 mm. These are found plain and with combinations of letters, numerals and asteriks.

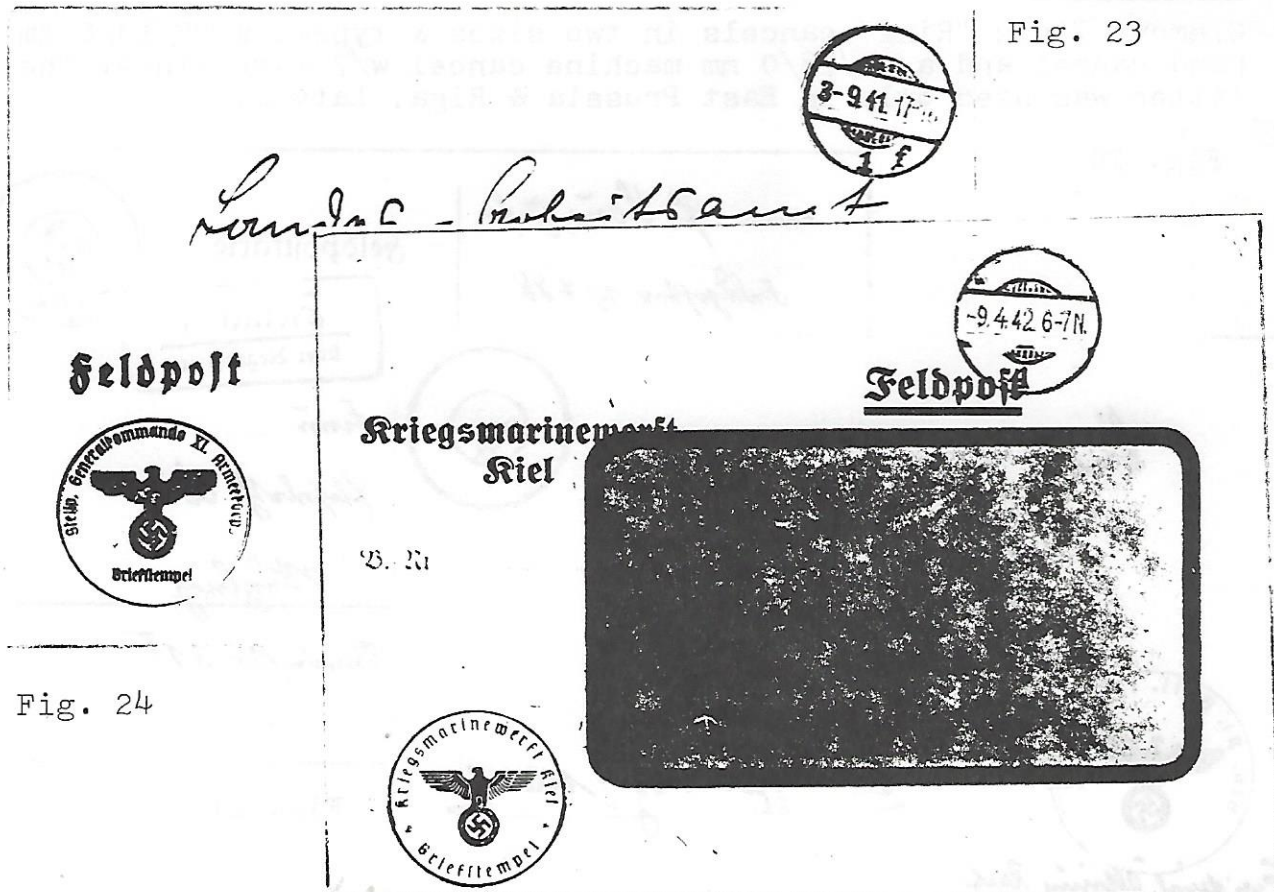


Fig. 23

Fig. 24

Fig. 23) Cover from HQ/XI Armeekorps sent Sept. '41 w/cancel code "1 f" which Clement lists as used in Hannover.

Fig. 24) Printed window cover w/briefstempel of Navy Warf sent April '42. Cancel code "1" listed by Clement as used in Kiel.

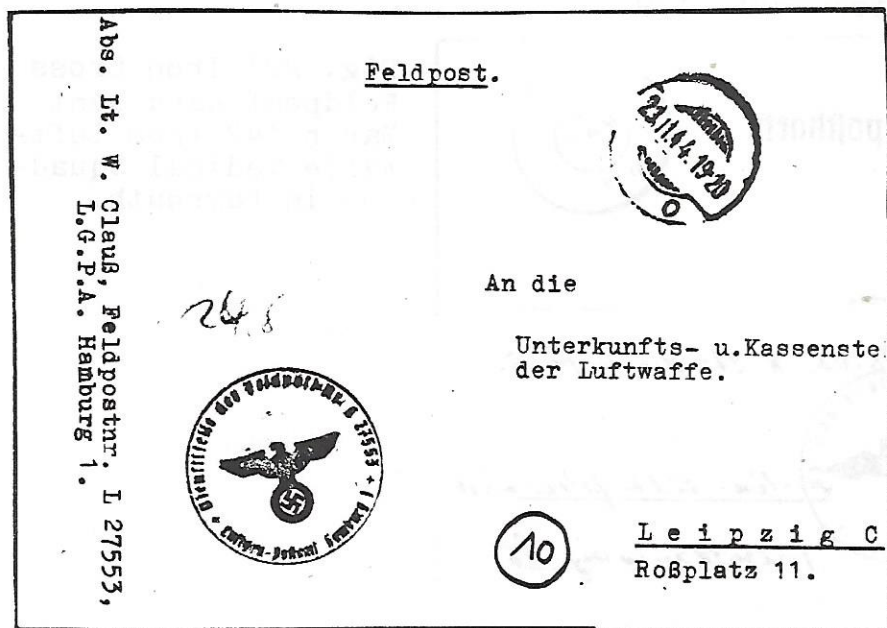


Fig. 25) Official Luftwaffe cvr. from Fp.# 27553 (Stab/Res. Flak Abt. 461) sent Nov. '44. Cancel code "0" listed by Clement as used in Oslo, Norway.

Shown below are two cancel codes listed but unidentified by Clement.

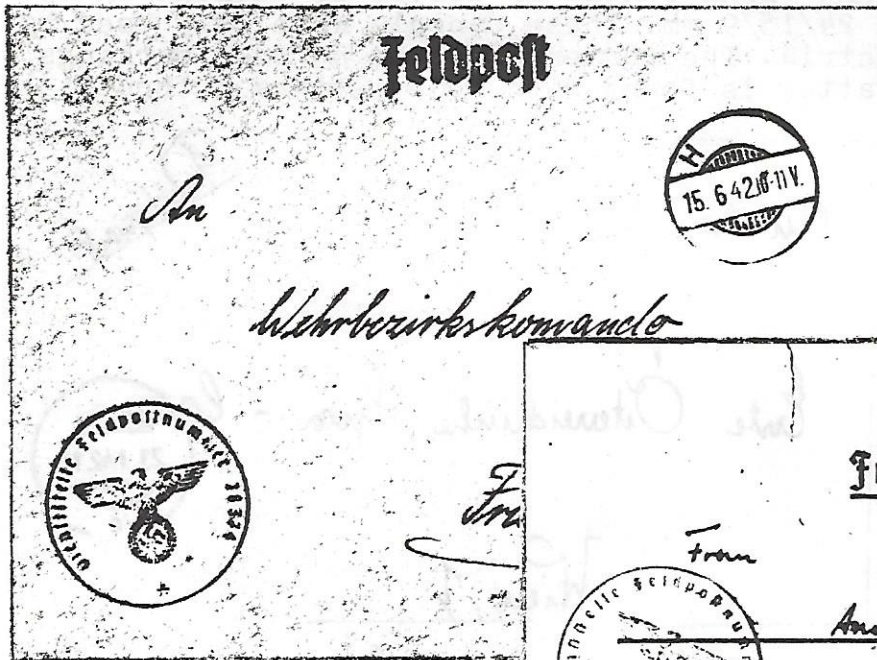
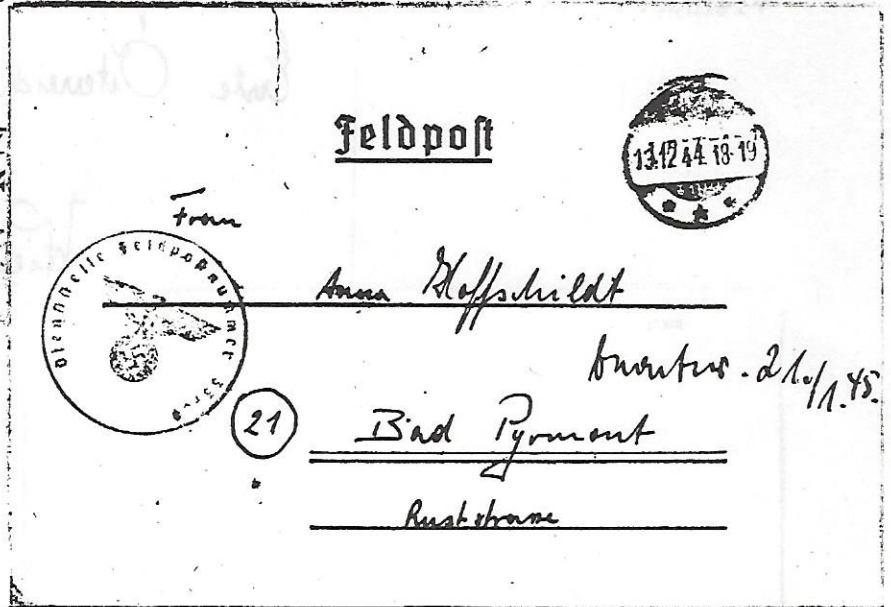


Fig. 26) Official cover sent June '42 from Fp.# 28374 (Kfz. Instands. Kp. 133) with code "H".

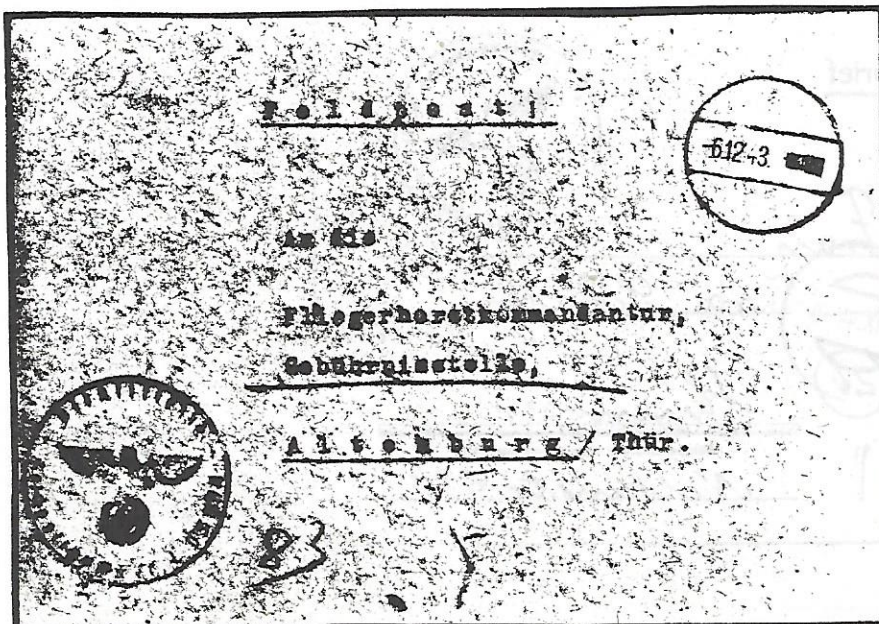
Fig. 27) Lettersheet sent Dec. '44 from Fp.# 33700 (Werfer Brigade Stab 6) with 3 star cancel code.



VI.) Circle/bridge

Clement lists two size "Kreissteg" cancels, 26/0/9 and 30/0/9, noting that this type was used in western Germany.

Fig. 28) Official cover to Air Base HQ in Altenburg sent Dec. '43 from Fp.# 05873 (Squadron 7, Pursuit Interceptor Group 76) has 26/0/9 "stumme" cancel.



VII.) Circle/double bow

The "Kreisdoppelsehne" hand cancel is listed by Clement in two sizes, 26/17/9 and 24/15/9 mm. These cancels were only used by post offices in Austria. The former size has no code markings listed while the latter is found with code letters a thru f.

Fig. 29) Cover sent from member Fp.# 08623 (Luftflotte Kdo. 4) in Jan.'42 has cancel with code 'e' used in Vienna.

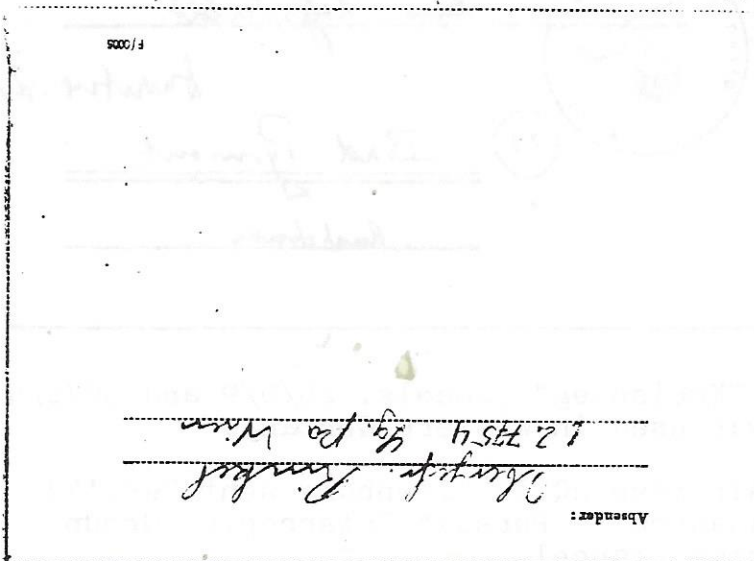
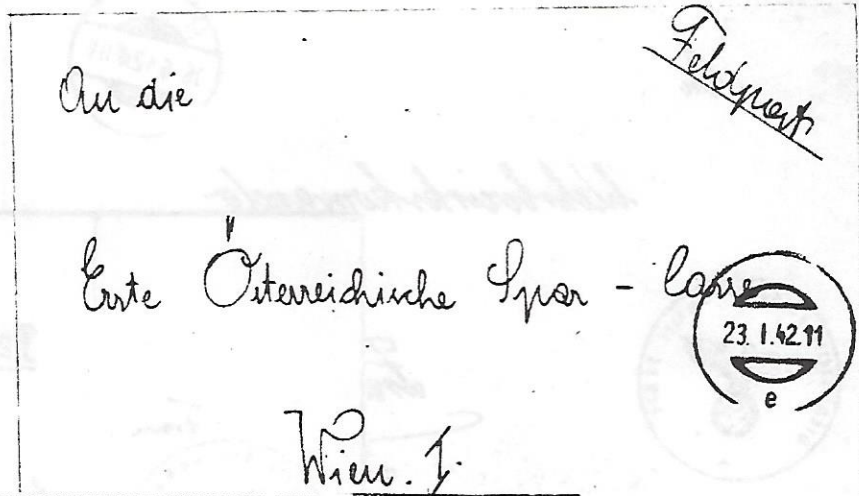
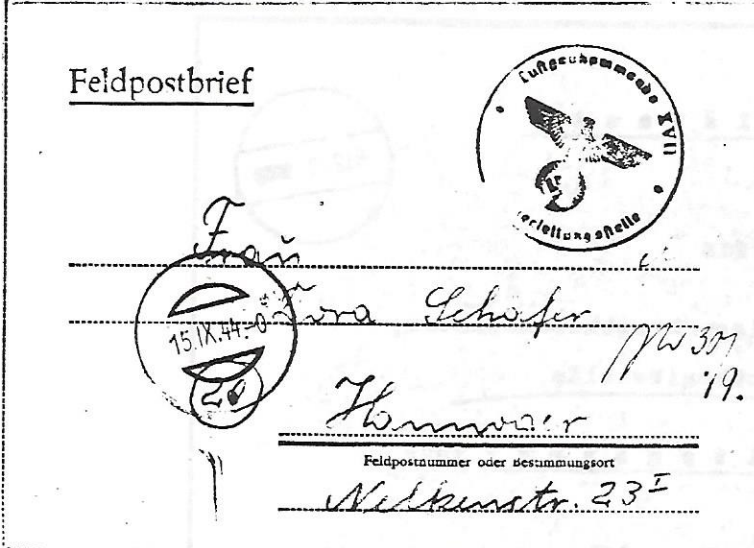


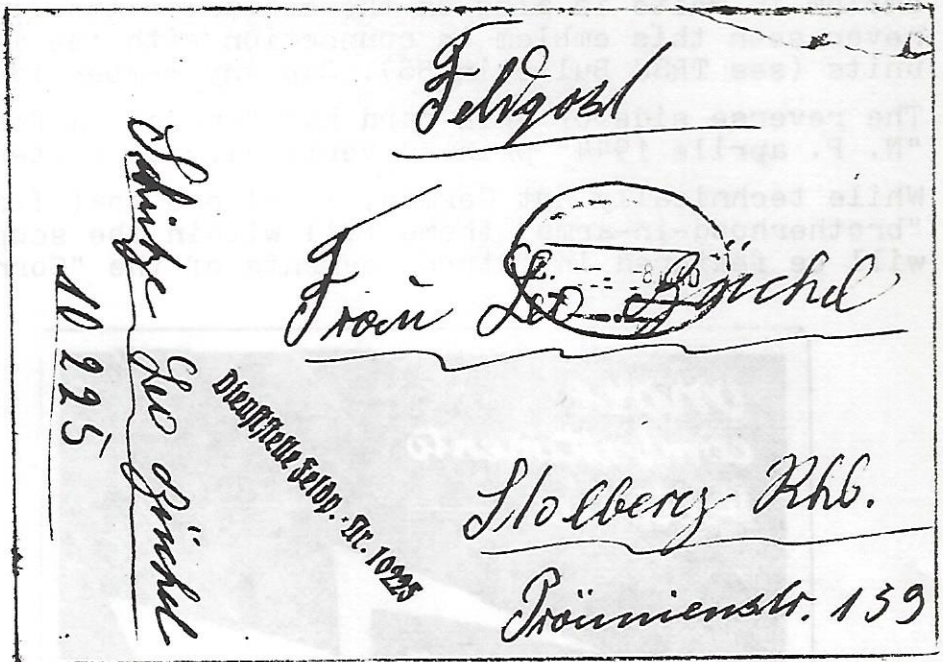
Fig. 30) Lettersheet sent Sept.'44 from Fp.# 27754 (Night Recon. Squadron ?) has unit seal of Luftwaffe Air District Command XVII on front. Cancel with code 'b' listed by Clement as used in Graz and Braunau/Inn.



VIII.) Mute Railroad Cancel

Clement lists one "Ellipse" cancel size of 37:27 mm. These very scarce cancels were used to process Feldpost found while sorting mail aboard travelling post offices. The usual details found on ordinary RR cancels such as the rail line and "Zug" (train) number are lacking with only the date in evidence.

Fig. 31) Cover from Fp.# 10225 (1. Kp./Ldssch. Btl. 453) with "stumme" Bahnpost cancel dated Jan.'40. The code '---' at bottom listed by Clement as used in Bad Kissengen.



IX.) Triple ring/date bridge

One "Ringbrücke" hand cancel, sized 35/24/15/9 mm, is listed by Clements as having been used in western Germany.

Fig. 32) Lettersheet sent April '40 from Fp.# 06930 (4. Battr./Res. Flak Abt. 542) with largest of all "stumme" cancels.



(To be continued)

Propaganda Card Corner

Member Carmelo Cosentino sent in this multi-color card depicting German and Italian troopers in action. Of Italian origin, the card depicts the familiar "SS" runes in red at upper right and on the collar of the German soldier on the right. The "double-forked" emblem in white is also on the collar of the Italian soldier. I've never seen this emblem in connection with the Italian Waffen-SS units (see TRSG Bulletin 56). Can any member identify this emblem?

The reverse side of this card has "Cartolina Postale" at top with "N. P. aprile 1944" printed vertically in center.

While technically not German, I believe that Italian cards with the "brotherhood-in-arms" theme fall within the scope of our group and will be featured in future segments of the "Corner".



ITALIANI!

L'irredentismo risorge, Trieste si dà la prova, il cosiddetto Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale si è sciolto.

Non è mai troppo tardi per ravvedersi. L'Italia ha fede nei suoi figli e non dispera, questi ravvedimenti si stanno verificando proprio ora che a molti sembrava tardi.

L'ITALIA RISORGE

La SS ITALIANA temprata e addestrata nei Lager tedeschi, è pronta a tutto OSARE!

Le Unità Armate delle SS Italiane sono sorte per opera di quegli ITALIANI che per primi hanno sentito la voce del richiamo della PATRIA che li invitava al COMBATTIMENTO.

PIEMONTESI!

La SS Italiana è pronta ad accogliere nelle proprie file i migliori che ancora sentono l'orgoglio di ridare il PRESTIGIO al POPOLO ITALIA. NO, con la FEDE, l'ONORE, il COMBATTIMENTO!

Presentatevi al Centro di Mobilitazione

Via Arcivescovado, 2
Torino

Also shown at right by Mr. Cosentino are two SS recruiting ads from Italian newspapers of the period.

Onore, coraggio fedeltà!

QUESTI SONO I SIMBOLI CON I QUALI CONTRO UN NEMICO POTENTISSIMO, SI BATTONO GLI EROI DELLA

ITALIANI!

ARRUOLATEVI NELLA LEGIONE ITALIANA

CENTRO RECLUTAMENTO
per Torino - Aosta - Cuneo
Via Arcivescovado, 2 - Torino

THE ARMISTICE COMMISSION

by Fred Stengel

The purpose of this article is to provide information on postal markings used in connection with the "Waffenstillstandskommission" (Armistice Commission) whose function was to deal with problems arising from the French armistice which had been signed on June 22, 1940.

I.) Historical Background

On Nov. 8, 1918, a German delegation headed by Matthias Erzburger, a Centrist political leader, met with the Allied Power's delegation, headed by Marshal Ferdinand Foch, in a railroad car drawn up on a siding in Compiegne forest. In response to the German request for an armistice, Foch provided a harsh set of terms which were not negotiable. Germany was to evacuate all conquered territories, return to France the provinces of Alsace & Lorraine seized in 1870, totally disarm her Armies & fleets and agree to pay a crushing war-reparation bill. These terms were presented to Field Marshal von Hindenburg, who protested but finally agreed and authorized the delegation to sign the armistice which went into effect on Nov. 11, 1918.

During the period between the armistice and Germany's signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919, an armistice commission met periodically at Spa in Belgium.

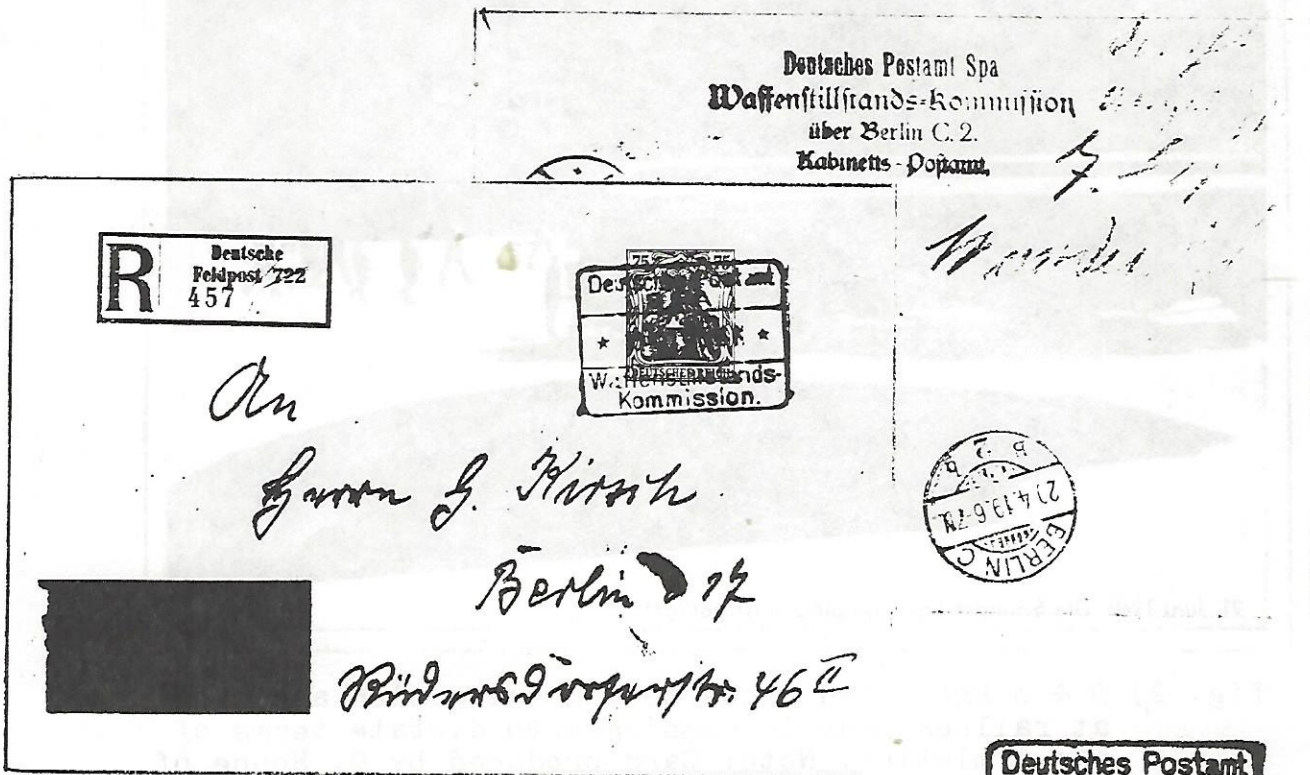


Fig. 1) Front & rear views of registered express Feldpost cover posted in April 1919 from the German Armistice Commission at Spa. The special date cancel is reproduced full size.



On May 10, 1940, German airborne & infantry invaded Holland and Belgium. When Anglo-French divisions rushed forward to meet them, powerful German Panzer armies crashed across the French border through the Ardennes Forest. The British and French armies in Belgium were cut off and trapped when German tank columns reached the English Channel.

Having expelled the British from the continent, the German armies turned south to destroy the remaining, disorganized French forces. Eager to share in the spoils of an already defeated France, Mussolini declared war upon the Allies on June 10th. While the Italian armies in the south went nowhere, the German Panzer armies swept down upon Paris and beyond. Hitler received word through Spain on June 17th that Marshal Petain, head of a newly formed French Cabinet, desired an armistice.

On June 21st, in the same railroad dining car in the forest of Compiègne where Marshal Foch had dictated the terms of the Armistice to the Kaiser's Germany (the French had preserved it as a national monument), the terms of an armistice were dictated by General Keitel to the French delegation. The armistice was signed on June 22, 1940.



Fig. 2) B & W Photocard shows German delegation arriving at railroad car in Compiègne to dictate terms of the armistice. Note: Card produced by O. Hoppe of Berlin.

An Armistice Commission was established and held a series of meetings at the Nassauer Hotel in Wiesbaden during July to November 1940. The three countries represented at these meetings were Germany, France and Italy.



Fig. 3) B & W Photocard of Nassauer Hotel, site of Armistice Commission meetings. This card produced in 1940 by R. Konrady of Wiesbaden is found on white and blue card stock. Both carry "Sche. 3010 40" on address side.

The Armistice Commission met annually at various dates. The last meeting was held in June, 1944.

II.) Postal Markings

As the armistice meetings involved military personnel, mail could be sent as feldpost providing that the appropriate "briefstempel" was in evidence. The following letter seals were used from '40 to '42 during meetings of the Armistice Commission:

Fig. 4) Circular handstamps (left to right) of the German delegation in Wiesbaden; The President of the French delegation; German Armistice Commission in Morocco.



Fig. 5) Line handstamp of Italian delegation.

COMMISSIONE ITALIANA DI ARMISTIZIO
 Delegazione di Collegamento
 presso la Deutsche Waffenstillstandskommission

Fig. 8) New handstamps used in '43 by (top to bottom) French, German and Italian delegations. This last h'stamp shown on cover sent from Turin by a member of the Italian Armistice Commission in Feb.'43.

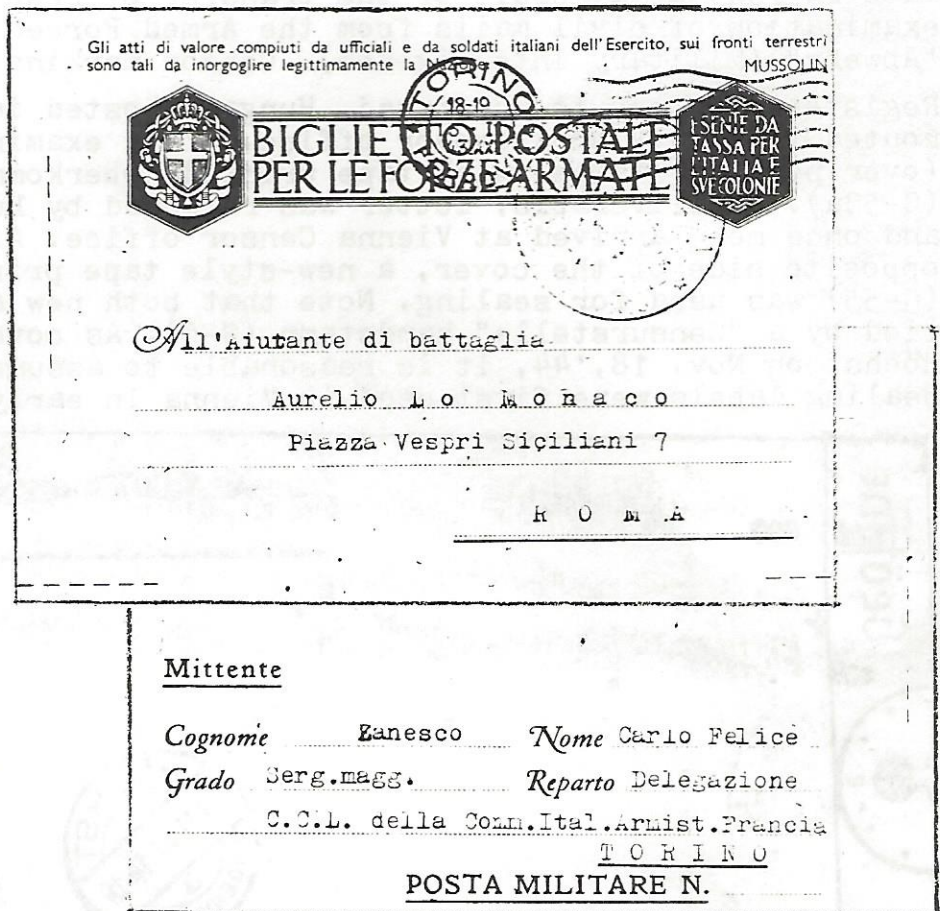


Fig. 9) The same design special cancel was used in Wiesbaden from '40 to '44 during the Armistice Commission meetings. Shown below is the '40 version full size and the '44 version on a registered cover.



ONE OF MY FAVORITE COVERS
by Ron Patterson

This cover illustrates the changes in censor markings which took place late in 1944 as a result of the transfer of responsibility for the examination of civil mails from the Armed Forces High Command to the "Abwehr" (Military Intelligence). Censor marking nos. are per Riemer.

Registered letter to Dunapataj, Hungary posted in Höchst Oct. 23, '44 routed through Vienna Censor office. After examination, letter resealed (over postage stamps) with tape printed "Oberkommando der Wehrmacht" (G-53a). Undeliverable, letter was returned by Hungarian postal system and once more arrived at Vienna Censor office. After opening the opposite side of the cover, a new-style tape printed "Zensurstelle" (G-55) was used for sealing. Note that both new & old style tapes are tied by a "Zensurstelle" handstamp (G-6). As cover was backstamped in Höchst on Nov. 18, '44, it is reasonable to assume that the new style sealing labels were first used in Vienna in early Nov. '44.

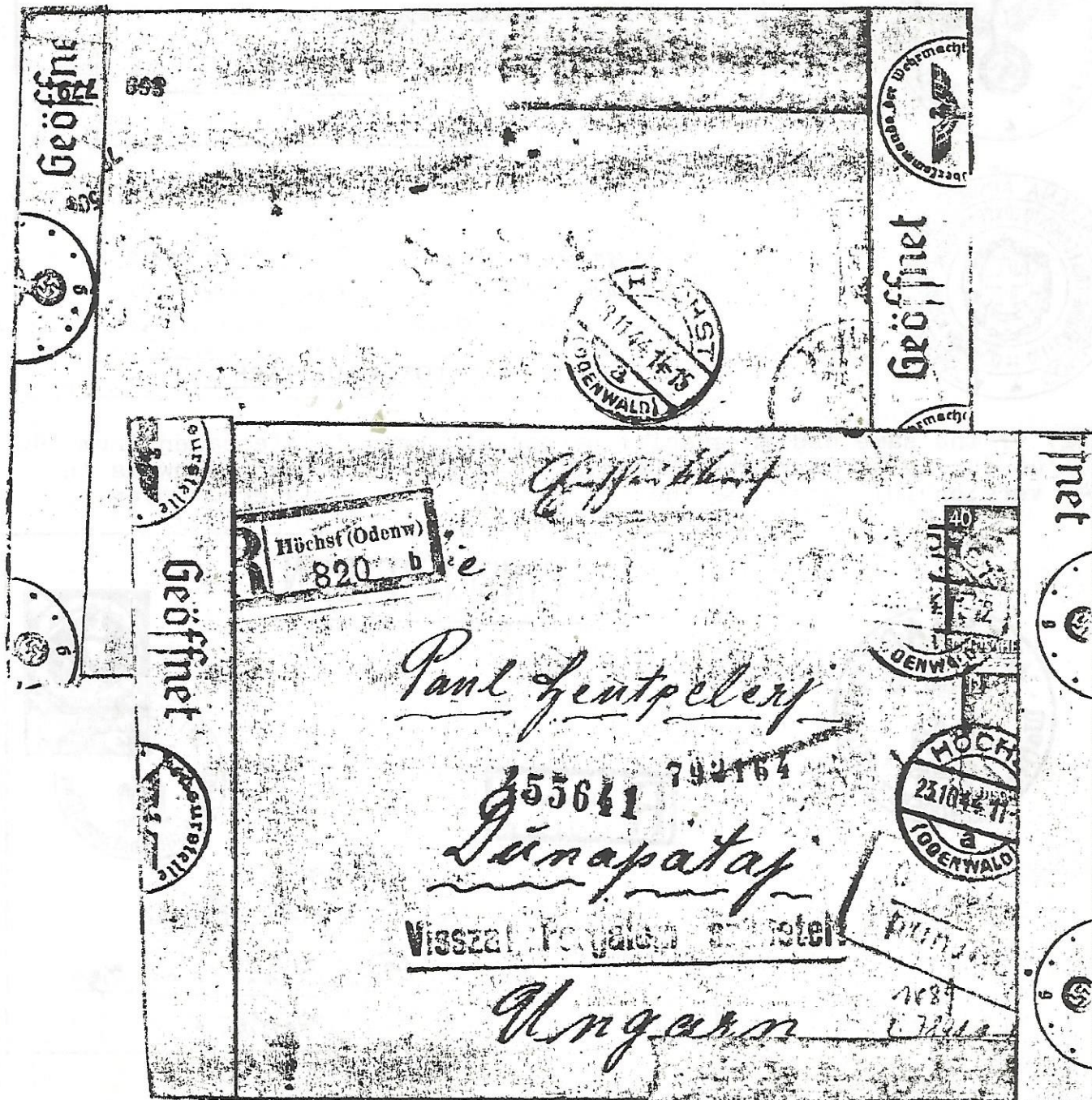


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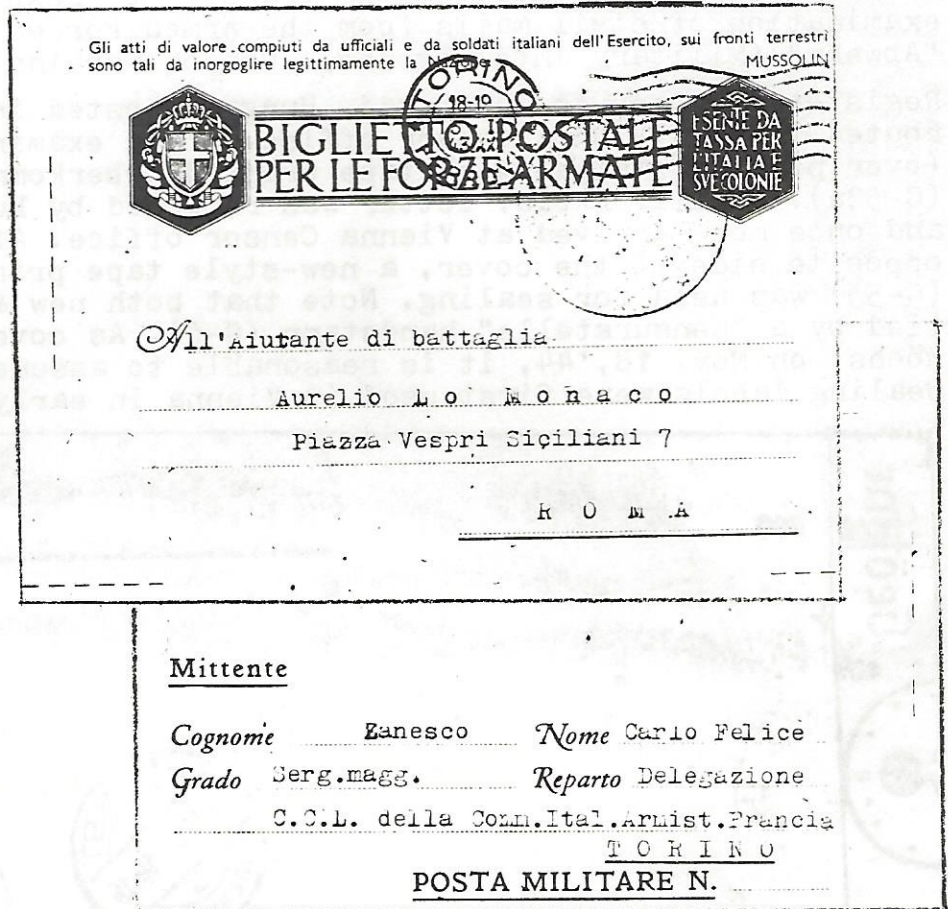


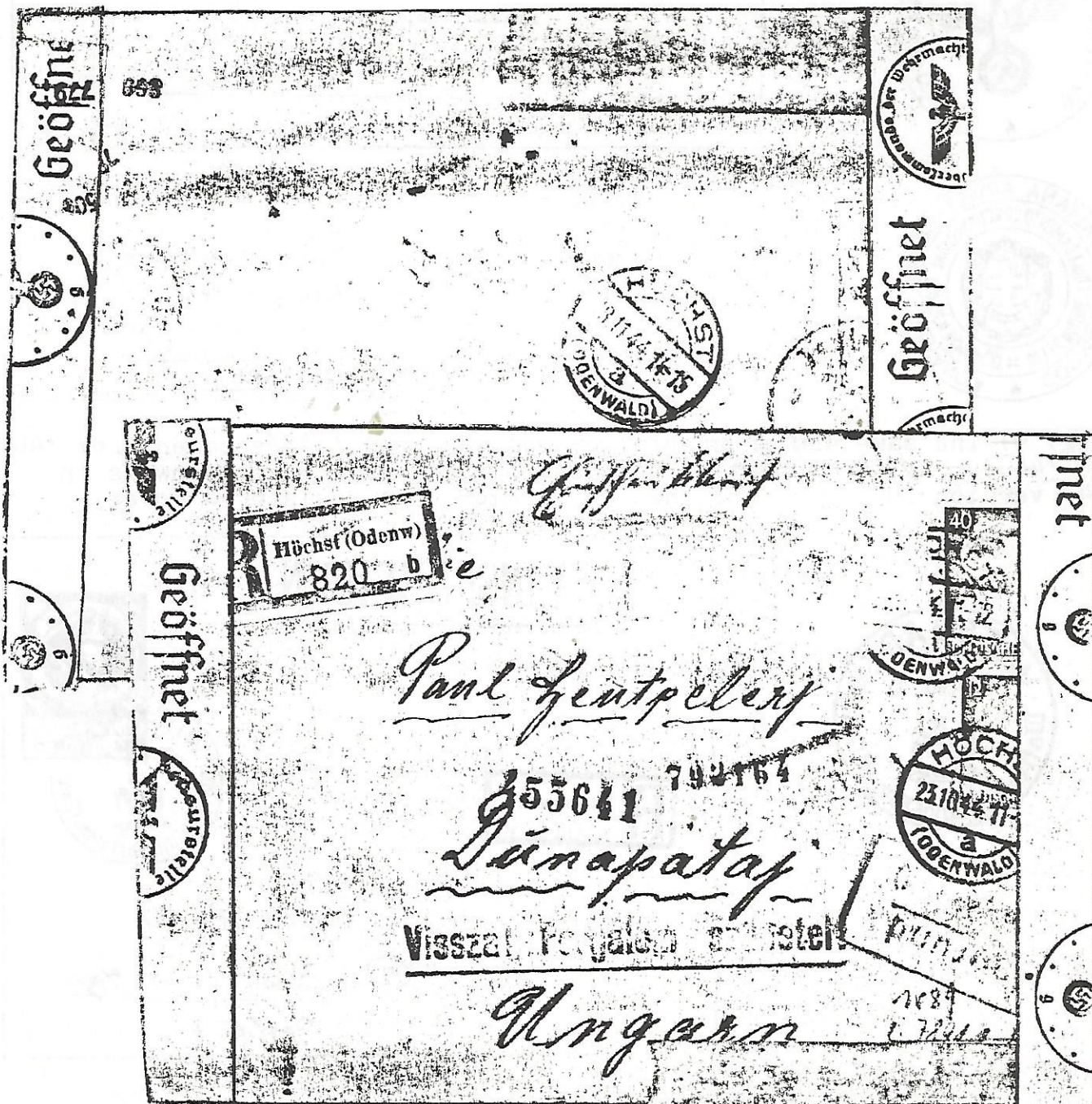
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GERMAN OCCUPATION OF LUXEMBOURG

TRSG member Fred Wilmar has supplied us with a town listing which should be very valuable to collectors of this occupation/annexation. This listing first appeared in the July 1970 issue of the official publication of the FLSF (Federation Luxembourgeoise des Societes Philateliques).

Luxemburger Stempel bis Dezember 1940	Deutsche Stempel Dezember 1940	Deutsche Stempel geändert 1941	Luxemburger Stempel bis Dezember 1940	Deutsche Stempel Dezember 1940	Deutsche Stempel geändert 1941
Arsdorf Aspelt Bavigne Bascharage Bascharage-Sanem Beaufort Bech-Hemstal Belvaux Berbourg Berchem Berdorf Betborn Bettembourg Bettendorf * Bigonville Bissen Boevange-Attert Boevange-Boegen Bollendorf (Lux.)	Arsdorf Aspelt Böwen * Niederkerschen Niederkerschen-Sassenheim * Befort Bech * Beles Berbourg * Berchem Berdorf Betborn Bettembourg Bettendorf * Bondorf * Bissen Böwigen Attert * Bögen Bollendorf *	Niederkerschen * Befort * Bech *	Dudelage Echternach Eischen Esch-s-Alzette Esch-sur-Sûre Eschdorf Ettelbrück Feulen Garnich Gilsdorf Grevenmacher Grosbus Grundhof Goebelsmühle Haller Harlange Heiderscheid Heinerscheid Hesperange Hobscheid Hosingen Hostert Hovelange Insenborn Junglinster Kautenbach Kayl Kehlen Kleinbettingen Koerich Kopstal Larochette Leudelage Limpertsberg Lintgen Lorentzweiler Luxembourg-Gare Luxembourg-Ville	Düdelingen Echternach Eischen Esch-Alzig Esch-Sauer Eschdorf Ettelbrück Niederfeulen Garnich * Gilsdorf * Grevenmacher Grosbus Grundhof * Göbelsmühle *	Esch (Alzig) Eschdorf (Moselland) Gilsdorf (Moselland) Grosbus Grundhof (Moselland) Harlingen (Kr. Diekirch) Luxemburg-Hesperingen Hosingen * Kehlen (Moselland) Kleinbettingen (Moselland) Fels (Moselland) Luxemburg-Limpertsberg Lorentzweiler
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AUSLANDS-ORGANISATION: More Cards and Cancels

by Ronald Patterson

Recent articles by J. Lewis and R. Szymanski have provided information on the Auslands-Organisation's 6th National Conference held in the spring of 1938 in Stuttgart. The following is coverage of earlier and later A-0 meetings.

The 1st and 2nd annual meetings in 1933 and 1934 apparently received no postal recognition through special cancels. The 3rd annual meeting, held in Erlangen in Sept. 1935, was commemorated by a slogan cancel (Fig. 1) inscribed "Auslands-Organisation/ der N.S.D.A.P./ Arbeitstagung 7.-9.35". A more elaborate cancel (Fig. 2) was used in Erlangen for the 4th meeting held Sept. 2.-7. 1936. This cancel has the A-0 emblem and designates the meeting as "Reichstagung d. Auslandsdeutschen" (National Days for Germans Abroad) rather than the earlier "Arbeitstagung" (Working Days). I know of no postcards for the 1933 through 1936 period.

Fig. 1)

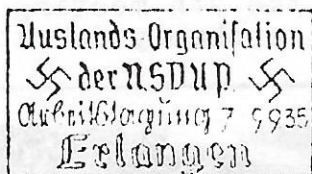


Fig. 2)



The 5th National Conference was held in Stuttgart from Aug. 29 to Sept. 5 in 1937. The move to this city was appropriate since this was the location of the Deutsches Ausland-Institut (German Foreign Institute). Founded in 1917, this institute was a central exchange for statistics and information on Germans living abroad. Postally, there is a slogan cancel (Fig. 3) and postcard (Fig. 4) commemorating this meeting. Unfortunately, this card is not in my collection. Perhaps one of our TRSG members can provide details on the artist and publisher.

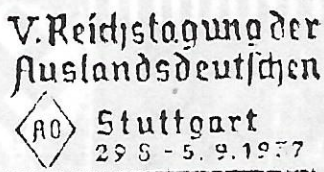


Fig. 3)



Fig. 4)

STUTTGART
29. AUG. - 5. SEPT.

The 1937 conference in Stuttgart was significant in relation to the additional phrase "Stadt der Auslandsdeutschen" (City of Germans in Foreign Lands) which appeared thereafter on regular city cancels. This designated Stuttgart as one of a limited number of German cities with "titles". Others were:

Berlin - "Reichshauptstadt" (Capital city of the German Empire)
 Graz - "Stadt der Volkserhebung" (City of the national uprising)
 Frankfurt/M. - "Stadt der deutschen Handwerks" (City of German Crafts)
 Leipzig - "Reichsmessestadt" (City of National Trade Fair)
 München - "Hauptstadt der Bewegung" (Capital city of the Nazi Movement)
 Nürnberg - "Stadt der Reichsparteitage" (City of National Party Days)
 Wittenberg - "Lutherstadt" (City of Martin Luther)

The postcard and cancel for the 1938 meeting have been detailed in Bulletins 63 and 64. There was also a slogan cancel used in Stuttgart that year which is similar in format to the 1937 cancel (Fig. 3).

The 7th and final meeting was held in Graz Aug. 25 to Sept. 1, 1939. Selection of this city may have been in recognition of the "homecoming" of Austria to the Reich which came about by the "Anschluss" in 1938. The postcard and special cancel commemorating the 7th meeting are detailed below. No further meetings are known, probably due to the war.

Fig. 5) Special cancel for the Graz meeting. The final day of this meeting, Sept. 1, '39, was also the day on which Germany attacked Poland.



Fig. 6) Postcard for 7th meeting is in shades of green against the red background of the flags. The back side has only "Fest-Postkarte" but the front identifies A. Wall of Graz as designer and Reichenfelder as publisher.



PROVISIONAL POSTMARKS OF SUDETENLAND

by Jim Lewis

The German takeover of the Sudetenland in October 1938 triggered the use of many "provisional" cancellations. These can form the basis for an interesting collection, particularly when found on postally-used covers because such covers often show evidence of the efforts made to erase all vestiges of Czechoslovakian domination. Prior to this time, the towns in the largely German-speaking region used bi-lingual post marks which often included the Czec district.

The purpose of this article is to illustrate covers from this period of "bloodless conquest". For a listing of the post offices in the Sudeten-German territory, see Jim Duffy's comprehensive directory which appeared in Bulletins 22, 25, 27, 28, 29 and 48.

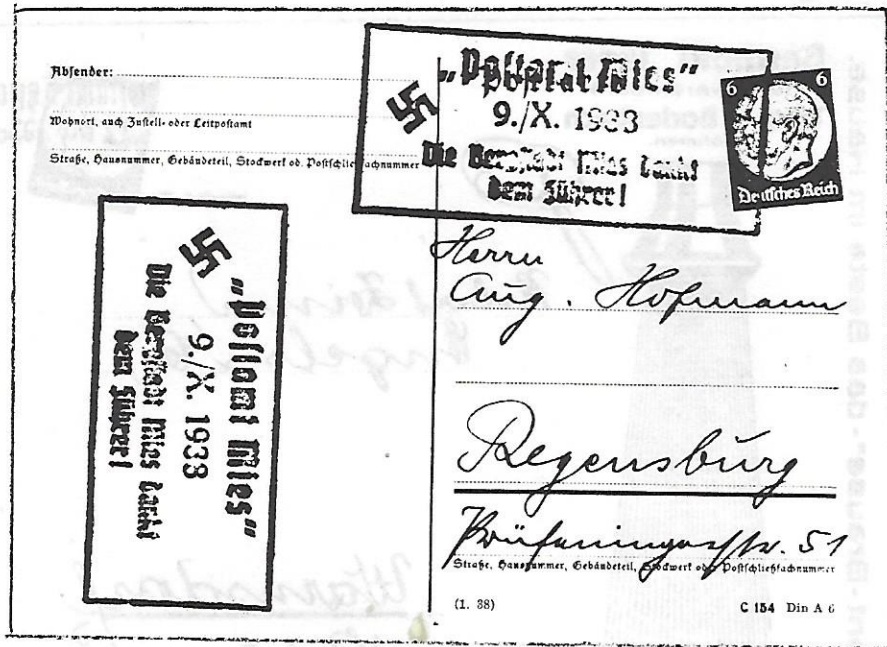


Fig. 1
Boxed handstamp used at Mies (formerly Mies-Střibro) on Oct. 9th.



Fig. 2
Marienthal 3-line hand stamp proclaiming "Day of Freedom". Note that this cover is cancelled with date stamp on Oct. 24th.



Fig. 6
Window envelope w/cancel
"Neustadt (Tafelichte)/
7 Nov. 1938/Sudetengau".
Note that "C.S.R." has
been obliterated from
printed return address.

Fig. 7
Double ring cancel
"Liebenau/6 Dez. 1938/
b" on express cover
to Prague in Czech
state has new identity
"b. Reichenberg, Sudet-
engau" added to return
address.



I g h a z F u c h s
Papierwarenfabrik
2099
Pr a h a I /460
CSR.



Fig. 8
Modified bi-lingual cancel
has Czech spelling deleted
from top and "Böhm."
from bottom. Four-line
handstamp notes new
designation "Straußnitz-
Neustadt bei Leipa",
which completes elimina-
tion of "Bohemia" from
town name.

Until new cancellers became available, existing town cancellers were modified by grinding off the Czeck spelling in the upper segment.

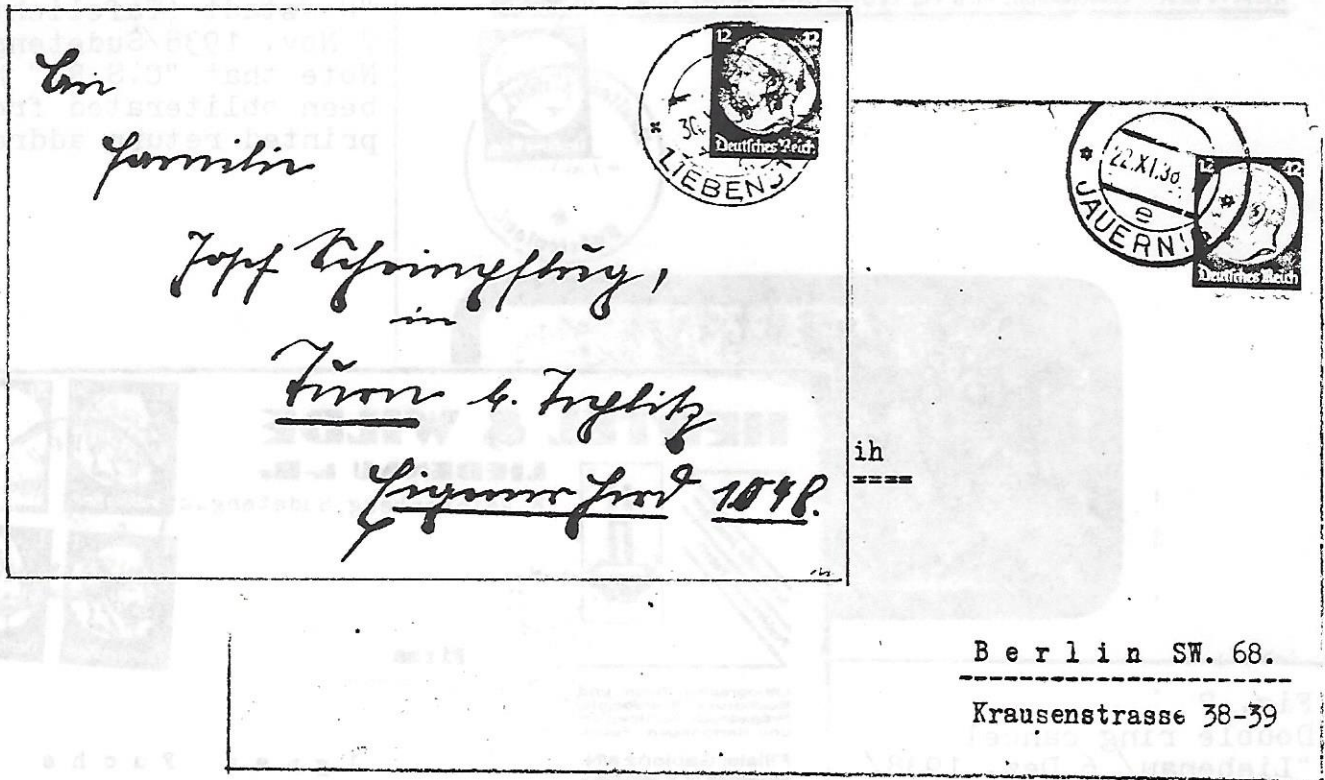


Fig. 9 Examples of modified cancellers used in Liebenstein (sans Libstejn) and Jauerndorf (sans Javornik).

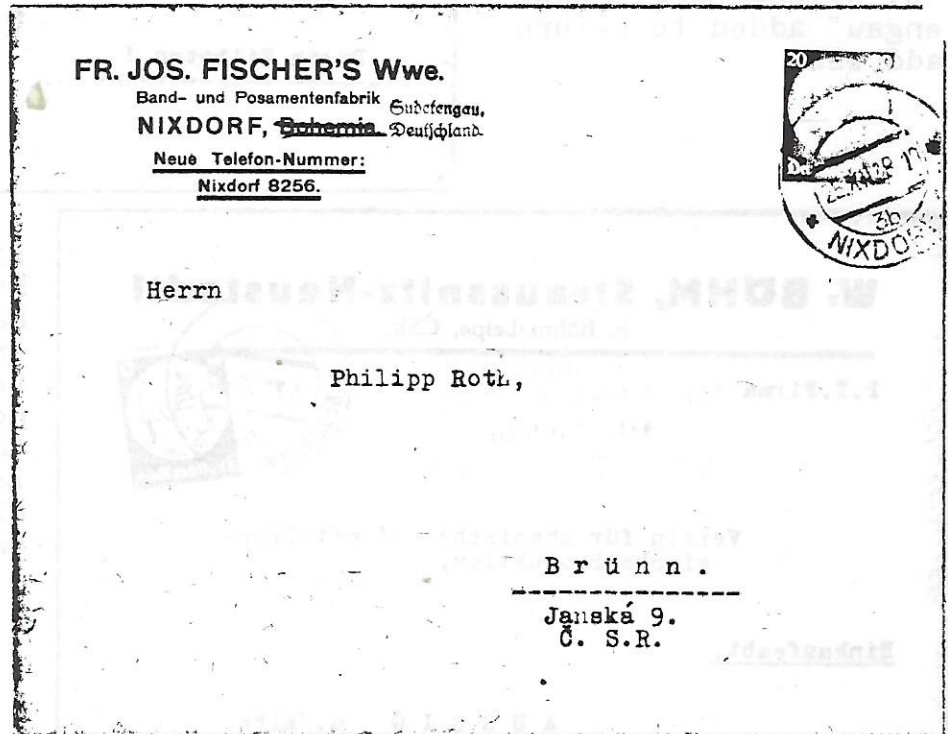


Fig. 10 Printed envelope from Nixdorf (sans Nikulasovice) has rubber stamped "Sudetengau, Deutschland" in place of "Bohemia" in return address.

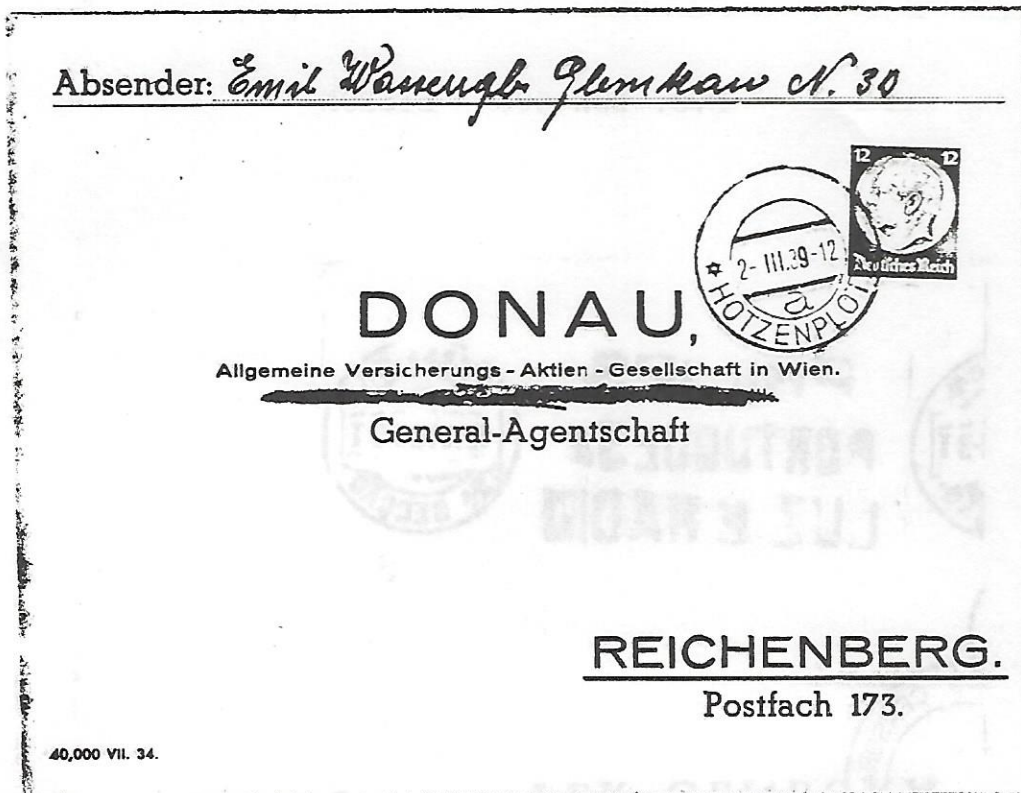


Fig.11 My favorite Sudeten town! Pre-printed envelope with modified cancel of Hotzenplotz (sans Osoblaha).

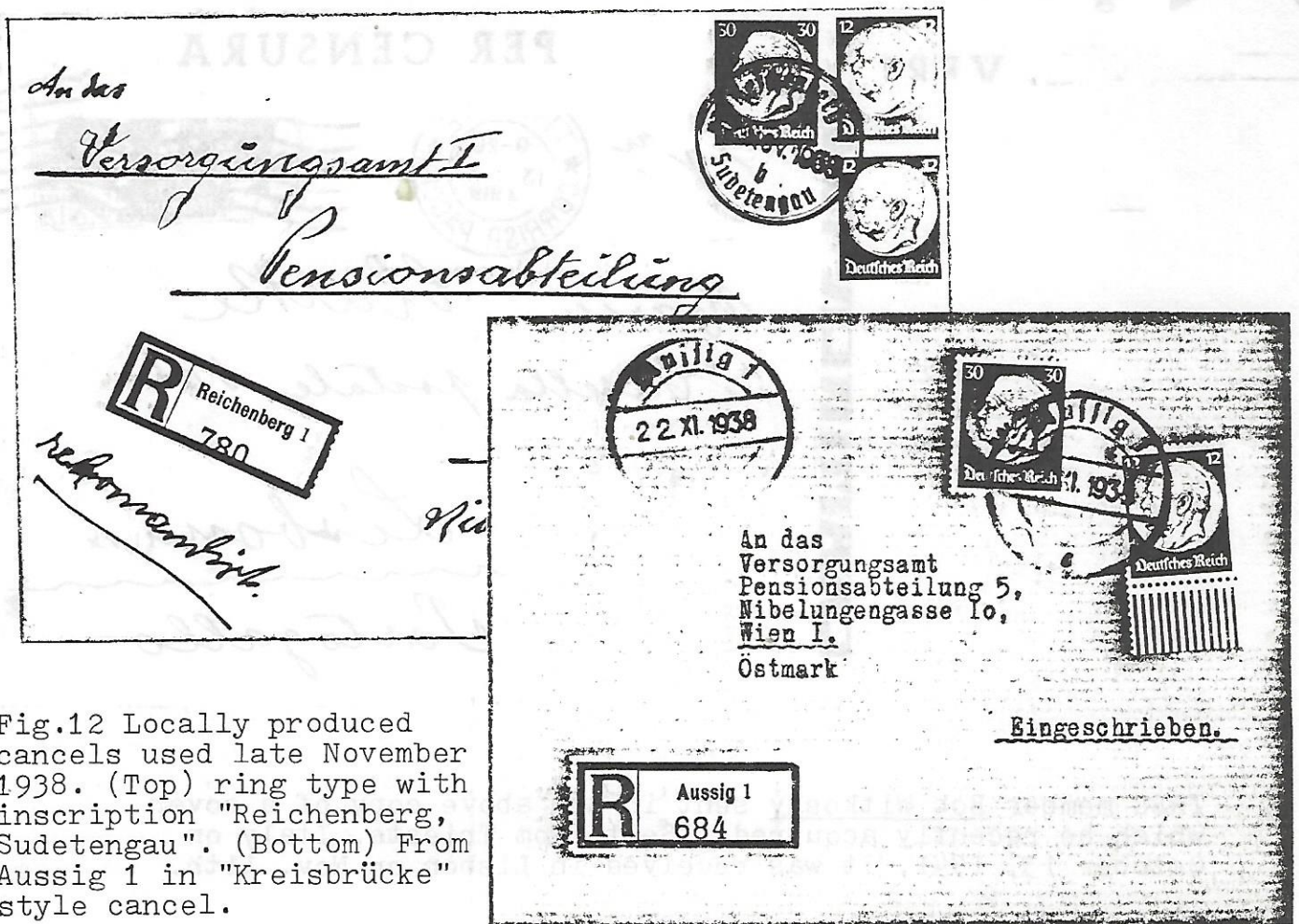


Fig.12 Locally produced cancels used late November 1938. (Top) ring type with inscription "Reichenberg, Sudetengau". (Bottom) From Aussig 1 in "Kreisbrücke" style cancel.

P.O. BOX 506 - LISBON

EXAMINED BY
OPENED BY



PHILIPS
PORTUGUESA
LUZ E RADIO



VERIFICADA
PER CENSURA

P.C. 90

VERI

PER CENSURA

EXAMINED BY

Fig. 11



Maria Clarke
Casella postale 506

Lisbona
Portogallo

TRSG member Bob Witkosky sent in the above copy of a cover which he recently acquired. Sent from Trieste, Italy on October 13, 1941, it was received in Lisbon on Nov. 11th.

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

Nr. 127 - December 31, 1940

Announcement of forthcoming issue of Official Stamps for use in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. (Michel Dienstmarken # 6-12)

Verfügungen

Allgemeines

— *) Nr. 736/1940. Freimarkenheftchen

Demnächst werden Freimarkenheftchen mit der Ordnungsnummer 14 in der gleichen Form und Zusammenstellung herausgegeben wie bei den Markenheftchen mit der Ordnungsnummer 13. Lediglich

die Gebührenübersichten auf den beiden letzten Umschlagseiten sind den neuen Verhältnissen angepasst worden.

Min-Zr 2041—2

Praktischer Dienst

○ Nr. 737/1940. Wertbriefdienst mit Spanien und Portugal

Vom 15. Januar 1941 an sind im Dienst mit Spanien und Portugal wieder Wertbriefe bis zum Höchstbetrag von 4 000 *R.M.* zugelassen. Die Sendungen sind auf München Bahnpostamt 1 zu leiten.

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*) Nr. 738/1940. Postdienst mit dem Protektorat Böhmen und Mähren. Gebührenablösung, Dienstmarken

Zur Amtsbl. Nr. 391/1939 S. 587.

Im Protektorat Böhmen und Mähren werden vom 1. Januar 1941 an die bisher bestehenden, weitgehenden Gebührenbefreiungen im Postdienst aufgehoben. Für die Landesbehörden des Protektorats werden von demselben Tage an Dienstmarken eingeführt werden, die auch im Verkehr mit dem Reichspostgebiet Gültigkeit haben. Die Dienstmarken

des Protektorats werden in den gleichen Werten und Farben ausgegeben, wie die Dienstmarken der DRP. Eine Dienstmarke des Protektorats ist nachstehend abgebildet.



Die Bestimmungen über die Befreiung der gebührenpflichtigen Dienstbriefe und -postkarten von der Zuschlaggebühr für nichtfreigemachte Sendungen (MDV V, 1 Anhang 1) und die Bestimmungen über die Verwendung von Dienstmarken durch die Landesbehörden (MDV V, 1 Anlage 38) werden sinngemäß auch im Protektorat eingeführt werden.

U. R. S. G. Auction No. 23

- | Lot # | Description |
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| | <u>KRIEGSMARINE:</u> The following are official covers from naval vessels. Included with each is a striking photocard of the ship: |
| 1. | Pocket Battleship "Lützow" canc. 11.3.42 w/cachet & H/S of Fp #M-35078. VF RES \$30. |
| 2. | Pocket Battleship "Adm. Scheer" canc. 2.4.40 w/cachet & h/s of Fp #M-10149. VF RES \$30. |
| 3. | Light Cruiser "Emden" Fp canc. 24.4.40 w/cachet & h/s of Fp #02954. Extemely Fine!! RES \$30. |
| 4. | Destroyer "Theodor Riedel", canc. W'haven 15.1.40 w/cachet of Fp #01923. VF RES \$22. |
| 5. | Destroyer "Bernd von Arnim", stumme canc. 13.1.40 w/cachet of Fp #25349. VF RES \$22. |
| 6. | Destroyer "Diether von Roeder", canc. Kiel 27.11.39 w/cachet of Fp #05521. VF RES \$22. |
| | <u>LUFFELDPPOST:</u> |
| 7. | Folded Ltrsht (1 stamp) addr. to Fp Nr 36772 - Feb. 1944 ret'd w/inscr. "Zurück - Empfänger gefallen für Grossdeutschland". VF display piece! RES \$10. |
| 8. | Folded Ltrsht (1 stamp) canc. 14.10.43 fm Fp #32050. Nice example of 1 stamp req't on Ltrsht during 2 stamp period. VF RES \$8. |
| 9. | Cover w/2 stamps canc. 5.6.43 (only 4 days after double stamp was req'd) fm Fp #13661. VF RES \$10. |
| 10. | Cover w/1 stamp from Fp# 38462 canc. 30.5.43 (next to last day of single stamp period). VF RES \$10. |
| 11. | Color-picture postcard sent 21.6.44 fm Fp #39861. Scarce, since air-ration seldom "wasted" on such brief text. VF RES \$12. |
| | <u>ZENSURPOST:</u> |
| 12. | 3.41 cover (airmail) to USA w/E20 Cens. stamp. Return addr. uses the mandatory "Israel" as middle name of Jewish sendr. VF RES \$1! |
| 13. | Aug. '41 News Wrapper fm Romania to Bremen w/Romanian censor and Gestapo censor (Riemer type 3). VF RES \$25. |
| 14. | CATTARO (KOTOR): 9.44 cover w/Italian tax stamps (allowed for postage due stamp shortage). Regis. label of Hercegnovi, Censor's stamp "Prüfungsstelle in Cattaro" & cachet of "Platzkommandantur Cattaro". VF RES \$36. |
| 15. | "Ueberroller" cover: Posted Kärnten (Austria) April 24, 1945 w/12Pf Hitler head. British censor stamp "Britische Prüfstellung Oesterreich - 0923" & "Geoeffnet" tape. VF RES \$40. |
| 16. | POW cover to Geneva fm Oflag VI-A 1942, w/unusual "Hundekopf" (Dog's head) camp censor marking. VF RES \$22. |
| 17. | POW card, airmail to Canada. H/s "Taxe percue 40 Rfg." and nice boxed camp censor mark "Marlag u. Milag Nord - Geprüft". Also Canadian censor DB643. (camp for Naval personnel) VF RES \$26. |
| 18. | POW card fm Luft-Lager 3 to London/readdr to Scotland w/German camp censor & Brit. cens VF RES \$15. |
| 19. | POW Flded Ltrsht fm camp in Madill, Oklahoma to Germany w/Wolter type 3 US cens & Riemer type 32 cens of Berlin. VF RES \$15. |
| 20. | XMAS card fm FINLAND to New York 10.12.42. Nice Finnish charity seal & the Berlin cens h/s type 7! VF RES \$15. |
| 21. | Pict. p'cd fm Budapest to Bratislava, Slovakia bearing the VERY SCARCE Nc marking of German cens in Bratislava! VF RES \$35. |

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| <u>REGISTERED FELDPOST - AFRIKA KORPS (All VF):</u> | |
| 22. | 5.1.43 canc by K615 (FpA 200 of 21. Panzer Div) fm Fp#37829 (Pz Recon Btl 21) then in Tripolitania. RES \$45. |
| 23. | 27.3.42 canc by K420 (FpA 639 at Derna) fm Fp#05214 during the offensive into Cyrenaica. RES \$45. |
| 24. | 15.12.42 canc by K697 (FpA 33 of 15th Panzer Div) fm Fp #18612 (Pz Gren Rgt 115) in Tripolitanian retreat. RES \$50. |
| 25. | 30.10.42 canc by K538 (FpA 386/686) fm Fp #06102 then retreating from Egypt. Cover posted on the very day that FpA 386 changed tact. # to 686!! This is a magnificent cover! RES \$60. |
| <u>REGISTERED FELDPOST:</u> | |
| 26. | 104th Jager Div, K620, Fp 34708, canc 4.6.43. VF RES \$6. |
| 27. | 117th Jager Div, K724, Fp 42143, canc 15.8.42 VF RES \$7. |
| 28. | 5th Jager Div, K393, Fp 23419, canc 27.10.42 VF RES \$6. |
| 29. | 337th Inf Div, K454, Fp 20449, canc 24.8.42, VF RES \$6. |
| 30. | 256th Inf Div, K477, Fp 38372, canc 14.6.43, VF RES \$6. |
| 31. | 357th Inf Div, K831, Fp 37423, canc 3.2.44, VF RES \$6. |
| 32. | 183rd Inf Div, K832, Fp 39357, canc 5.8.42, VF RES \$6. |
| 33. | 281st Sich Div, K726, Fp 20989, canc 27.5.44, VF |
| 34. | 18th Inf Div, K980, Fp 04437, canc 17.12.40, VF |
| 35. | 88th Inf Div, K713, Fp 15176, canc 11.2.42, VF |
| 36. | 2nd Panzer Div, K135, Fp 20062, canc 12.10.42, VF SB \$9. |
| 37. | 7th Panzer Div, K355, Fp 28270, canc 28.2.42, VF SB \$8. |
| 38. | 9th Panzer Div, K608, Fp 02907, canc 22.1.44, VF SB \$9. |
| 39. | 23rd Panzer Div, K788, Fp 20150, canc 1.11.43, VF SB \$9. |
| 40. | 5th Panzer Div, K778, Fp 35685, canc 19.6.43, VF SB \$9. |
| <u>DIENSTPOST:</u> | |
| 41. | Adria - Reg. Cvr, Triest 10.10.44, backstamped Berlin. German stamps. RES \$45. |
| 42. | Adria - Cvr Reg. Klagenfurt, canc Laibach 7.3.44. German stamps, backstamped Berlin. RES \$50. |
| 43. | Adria - Cvr w/12Pf Hitler stamp to Berlin. Seal of O. Kommissar Adriatischen. RES \$35. |
| 44. | Alpenvorland - 12Pf Hitler stamp canc Dienstpost Meran 10.11.44
RES \$35. |
| 45. | Oslo - Reg. cover, German stamps canc Oslo 8.9.44, backstamped Ratzeburg 11.9.44. RES \$30. |
| <u>OCCUPATIONS VF unless indicated otherwise.</u> | |
| 46. | Mixed o'print Mi. 9 "Elsaß" & reg. Mi. 514 on cvr. sent Dec.'40 w/French can. Ottrott. Nice example interim postal marks. SB \$ 9. |
| 47. | Dienstpost Boh.-Moravia, frm Art.Abt. 109 via Brünn D'post office, 2-line red D'post h'stamp and "Feldpost". SB \$ 10. |
| 48. | Same as above but frm Inf.Rgt. 131 posted Nov.'41. SB \$ 12. |
| 49. | Denmark, cvr frm Liepzig to Copenhagen, Cologne censor marks, yellow label in Danish advising sender to use full address. A very clean commercial item w/this scarce postal label! RES.\$12. |
| 50. | Sudetenland, cvr. frm Troppau w/sp. can. "We thank our führer" & mod. city can. dated Oct. 8,'38. Mi. 662,663,665 & 672. |
| 51. | Austria, neat cvr.w/Mi.662 & 663 tied by sp.Plebiscite can. "Ein Volk,etc." dated April 10,'38. Gen. usage. SB \$ 9. |
| 52. | Holland, parcel cd w/Customs office h'stamp (see TRSG 59) SB \$ 9. |
| 53. | Alpenvorland, gen.usage, cvr posted D'post Meran July '44 (see TRSG 61,p.14). Scarce non-philatelic item. SB \$ 17. |
| 54. | Same as above but registered cvr posted D'post Riva June '44 (see TRSG 61,p.15). SB \$ 18. |

