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## STUDY GROUP NOTES

Well here is the second issue for 1977 and pretty much on schedule. Part of the reason is the tremendous cooperation shown by many of the membership to your officers. I'd like to thank especially members Jim Duffy, Henry Schwab, and Fred Stengel who rapidly answered my plea for copy. I'd like to thank member Joachim Pidun for his transmittal of the Mitteilungen of the Berliner Philatelisten-Klub von 1888 E.V. You shall see more about these in the next Fox's Den column. I also would like to take the time to thank Jim Lewis for his efforts on behalf of the back issue index which appeared in the last bulletin and for his general support of the TRSG. Jim has been named an Associate Editor of the bulletin. The response for back issues has been so successful that we now find ourselves with a surplus of funds. This will work to our benefit as we provide larger bulletins and specials for no extra charge. One final note for those who ordered a copy of Pidun's article on the Spanish Legion. We are behind on our orders but should catch up soon. Thanks to Michael Rivkin for his help on the distribution of these. That's all for now. Good reading!



## Report from GPS 1976 Fall Meeting at COMPEX

My family and I managed to schedule the GPS Fall convention at COMPEX around a small vacation through upper New York State, Canada, and Michigan. COMPEX was held this year at the Palmer House in Chicago for the first time. It is an outstanding location. The exhibit hall was very well laid out and the exhibits, especially those from the GPS, were in general excellent. The TRSG displays were perhaps lighter than usual with the absence of entries from Bob Houston and Jim Duffy. Dickson Preston showed Commercial German Airmail Service between Europe and South America 1932-1939: A Showing of non-philatelic Zeppelin and Deutsche Luft Hansa Covers". M.C. Gilhousen showed "Forgeries and Propaganda Parodies of World War II. Finally Rev. G. Shermann Ott showed three different exhibits related to the 1936 Olympics. One featured the Olympic Bell cancellations on souvenir sheets, sheetlets, etc. The second featured the Olympic booklet stamps in full sheets, booklets, panes, both on and off cover. His final exhibit treated the Hindenburg Olympic flight and related flights. Jim Duffy was as usual quite involved as he was the master of ceremonies at both the GPS and COMPEX banquets. He was also one of the GPS judges along with Dr. Bohne and Colonel Halle. Due to some poor planning and the usual performance of the US Mail there was little advance warning for the TRSG membership of the plans for a meeting. In any case a meeting was held after the main GPS meeting and 7 hearty souls showed up in my hotel room. Present were Chuck Blunck, Eugene McGurer, Del Meinung, M.C. Gilhousen, Walter Kurth and one other gentleman whose name I can not read from the attendance list. Many other members were at the show but could not make the meeting due to other plans. I briefly went over the groups current status and passed out copies of the current bulletin. The topic of translations of pertinent parts of Michel had come up in the main meeting and we kicked around the possibility of a III Reich oriented translation. Some other groups have arranged with Michel for permission. Del Meinung, who is also Director of the Inflation Group, volunteered to send a copy of the permission letter that worked for that group. What we need now is someone to head the project up. As usual the GPS convention was a grand time. I would like to especially thank the Chicago "Gang" for the hospitality given me and my family during our stay. Will we see you in St. Louis ?

MEF

## Report from GPS 1977 Spring Meeting at ROMPEX

Unfortunately I could not make ROMPEX. However Jim Duffy was able to make it at the last moment and sent the following report at my request.

The weekend of May 20-22, 1977 at the Regency Inn in Denver, Colorado, was the re-union and meeting of old and new philatelic friends. ROMPEX '77, was the occasion, the 28th Annual Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibition which featured the first day of issue of the Colorado Centennial stamp. GPS Chapter 27 and ROMPEX were the hosts of the GPS and the Mobile Post Office Society.

We arrived in Denver early in the evening and were met at the airport by a welcoming committee of GPSers and ROMPEX.



EX members; who in fact were meeting all the planes to give welcome rides to the show.

When we arrived at the hotel we met at the hospitality suite where the COORS beer tour was being simulated on film and with cold cans of beer due to a strike at the plant. Needless to say the night of arrival for many showgoers was a great success. The show featured a fine exhibit of stamps and 37 dealers were on hand offering many fine items. There was a lot of activity on the show floor and the meeting rooms with the various programs offered the show goers. Friday evening there was a banquet at the Old Heidelberg Inn in Golden, Colorado with 120 GPSers and ROMPEX friends in attendance. The GPS awards were given at this time. There were no TRSG exhibits per se, although some of the pages on display would have graced a III Reich exhibit with no problem. On Saturday there was the GPS board meeting and the general meeting. These will be reported on in the Specialist. A personal thanks to the members of GPS chapter 27 and the members of ROMPEX who made our visit to Denver so enjoyable.

JED

#### TRSG Auction #5 -- Prices Realized

Lot 1-\$10.00; 6-\$10.00; 7-\$5.00; 10-\$5.00; 20-\$5.00; 24-\$7.00; 26-\$14.00  
 29-\$4.00; 33-\$5.00; 35-\$5.00; 36-\$5.00; 38-\$12.00; 39-\$12.00; 40-\$4.00;  
 41-\$4.00; 42-\$4.00; 43-\$4.00; 44-\$5.00; 45-\$4.00; 46-\$4.50; 47-\$4.00;  
 48-\$4.00; 49-\$4.00; 50-\$4.50; 51-\$4.00; 52-\$4.50; 53-\$4.00; 55-10.00;  
 57-\$5.00; 58-\$15.00; 60-\$13.00; 63-\$3.00; 65-\$2.60; 67-\$5.00; 68-\$3.00;  
 69-\$3.50; 70-\$4.50; 73-\$6.50; 75-\$3.00; 76-\$4.50; 79-\$4.50; 80-\$6.75;  
 81-\$7.00; 82-\$7.00; 83-\$6.50; 84-\$6.00; 85-\$5.00; 87-\$6.00; 89-\$7.50;  
 90-\$6.00; 91-\$7.75; 92-\$5.00; 93-\$7.25; 94-\$4.50; 95-\$6.75; 96-\$3.00;  
 100-\$3.00; 102-\$4.00; 105-\$4.00; 109-\$3.50; 114-\$3.00; 115-\$2.50;  
 116-\$3.00; 117-\$12.50; 118-\$34.50; 119-\$25.00; 120-\$25.00; 121-\$17.50;  
 122-\$5.50; 123-\$4.50 ; Lots not listed did not receive bids at the stated reserve and did not sell. Fred can still use lots for the next auction

#### Michel Deutschland Specialized 1977-78

I just received the latest copy of this catalog while preparing this bulletin. Since most of my interests are not covered by the standard catalogs I only buy the Spezial every couple of years. I did find it quite surprising to see how the various Feldpost prices on cover have risen over the 1976 version. Tabulated below in Marks are some of the more sensational items

Cat. No.	1976--	1977--	Cat. No.	1976--	1977--
1x	1.2	5	10Ad	2,000	3,000
2B	100	200	10Ba	1,000	1,500
3	LP	10,000	10Bd	600	1,000
4	LP	2,000	11B	650	900
5a	2000	3,000	12Type II	1,200	2,500
5b	3000	5,000	12 " IV	1,200	2,500
7A	500	800	12 " V	1,200	2,500
7B	6000	10,000	14 " II	11,000	22,000
9	700	1,200	14 " III	12,000	25,000
10Ab	800	1,500	16	700	1,000

Note all prices are in Marks on cover or for packet stamps on a piece with both addresses. Note 17 did not change on cover. Also #3 went from .75 on piece to 150DM. #4 from .75 to 100.

MEF



## THE FOX'S DEN

by  
Myron Fox

Potpourri

You may have missed the fine article by TRSG member Dick Imus in the February Specialist entitled "Postal Effects of the Allied Airraids". How about some follow up discussion in this bulletin? Who has some interesting covers that we can illustrate?

The new Michel Specialized contains a notice of a new publication by the Schwanberger Verlag devoted entirely to the Insepost issues. It is scheduled for appearance in November. No price information was noted.

Oskar Winter's column in the February 1977 Germania notes that forged Insepost stamps of #'s 7B, 10Aa, and 10Ba have appeared with the forged signatures of Rungas and Dub. In the same column he reports on the death of the longtime expert Dr. Dub.

Another veteran had a special writeup for his 80th birthday in issue 6 for 1977 of the Sammler-Dienst. Theodor Möbs is perhaps best known to III Reich collectors for his work on the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp and other issues dealing with the German occupation of Czechoslovakia.

The April 1977 issue of Atlas magazine excerpts a piece from the newsweekly Der Spiegel which takes a quite different stance than the popular one on General Rommel.

A recently published book by the journalist Wolf Hechman, is quoted as stating that Rommel was overrated not only during his lifetime, but particularly after his death. Lt. Gen. Kircheim and Army Chief of Staff Halder are quoted with less than flattering remarks about the "Desert Fox".

The 20th issue of Sammler-Dienst for 1976 contains a note about the rare Heydrich Block (i.e. Souvenir sheet). It states how really rare mint pieces are. It references a recent auction in which one was offered at an Ausruf of 4500 DM against a catalog value of 12,000 DM. This was due to some slight mildewing.

It is well known that Germany provided the so called Condor Legion to fight on Franco's side during the Spanish Civil war. It is also been well publicized how mail to and from the Legion progressed through a special cover address in Berlin. However did you know that Germany had airforce personnel secretly training in Russia from 1924-late 1933 in order to evade the Versailles treaty limitations. Hitler eventually ordered the base at Lipzok in Russia to be evacuated in the Fall of 1933. All this and much more is covered in The Birth of the Luftwaffe by Hanfried Schliephake, Henry Regnery Company Chicago, 1971. He also gives a listing of the code names used by the various Luftwaffe units in 1934 before the world discovered Hitler's real intents. The airforce masqueraded under such cover names as the Deutsche Verkehrsfliegerschule in Braunschweig, Reparaturwerkstatt und Ersatzteillager der Reichsbahn (Frachtflugstrecken) in Brandenburg and the Süd-deutsche Lufthansa GmbH in Gersthofen. I will try to get the publisher's permission to publish the complete list in a later bulletin. It would be interesting to see if anyone has covers from these units. Especially the ones in Russia.

Similarly have you ever noted how many prewar



## The Fox's Den (Continued)

naval covers are addressed to the Yacht Club in Kiel? Was this a cover address? Or was this simply a place frequented by a Feldpost collector? But why so many covers to a Yacht Club?

Also have you noticed how many official Feldpost covers, especially registered ones, are addressed to the Wehr meldamt in Wien or Aschaffenburg? Here I believe it really is due to the fact that avid Feldpost collectors with connections were in the area. Alfred Clement of Graz , I suspect as one of the other sources. The other is a Herr Knaus of Michallstr. 23 Aschaffenburg. I came across two cards to Herr Kraus answering his adlet for Feldpost covers. Both cards were from soldiers and offered FP Dienstbriefe, Registered letters, and also items with Zulassungsmarke. What do you think of my theory?

Did you see the recent Schpke and Lange sale where Feldpost # 4 on full address from 30.11.44 had a full color photo given to it with an Ausruf of 2800 DM?

Alf Harper sends me a small note to tell me that he has a reprint of his "Stamps of Third Reich" which I have reviewed favorably from time to time. Available from Alf for \$4.00 including postage. (Alf Harper, 60 Whinfield Road, Darlington Co. Durham, England). You may also be interested in joining Alf's group ,the German Collector's Group. Subscription is \$4.00 a year airmail. It is strong in III Reich, features an auction and also lots of translations for those of you that can not read German.

Fred Scheuer, the US agent for the Germany and Colonies Philatelic Society, writes to tell me that I evidently gave the wrong address in a recent bit of publicity. Fred is at PO Box 2356, Mesa, Arizona 85204.

A Polish POW Study Group was founded in the spring of 1975 and has become quite active with numerous articles by its members in the national publications. This group recently held an exhibition in Buffalo ,New York where the items were all postal material produced and used in Polish POW and concentration camps. TRSG members Henry Schwab and Sam Simon received awards for their concentration camp entries.

This may be a little late but I received a request at COMPEX for suggestions for the new GPS German -English Dictionary that would be of interest for III Reich collectors. After finally getting a hold of a copy of the last one from Jim Duffy I felt that to try to add more than was already there would be overwhelming for the editors. There are already specialized sources for German military terms and also for III Reich political terms etc. Does any member feel that there are items that he would like to see listed?

Finally I receive numerous inquiries to identify covers etc. From time to time I'd like to share my response with you if I feel it is of general interest. Mike Amenta wrote with a Feldpost cover with a civilian postmark and wondered why he could not find it in Petersen etc. The answer is simple. While most of the standard references discuss the special cancel there is no need to discuss such civilian cancels. Any unit with an open address would often mail its mail at a local postoffice and thus receive the town cancel. Units with coded addresses i.e. FPN's should not have had their mail receive town names in the cancel since this location information would provide intelligence to the



## The Fox's Den (Continued)

enemy. Such covers should receive the so called "stumme" or dumb cancels. However this was not always followed and covers with FPN's and town names in the cancel or elsewhere are seen from time to time.

Publicity chairman sent me a flyer that shows the conventions are quite filled up for several years. The GPS Fall Convention will take place the weekend of September 30-Oct. 2 in St. Louis, Mo. I am planning to attend and there will be a TRSG meeting. (Chapter 26)

The GPS Spring meeting for 1978 will take place at CAPEX in Toronto, Canada from June 9-18. This will be an international affair similar to the recent INTERPHIL. Those who remember the great time we had at the last GPS convention in Toronto, and who can forget Gus Snels, will make their plans early.

## Scanning the Journals

AG Zensurpost Rund Brief 16/76

"Die Postzensur in Danemark in 2 Weltkrieg" Carl Jorgensen  
Translated from Posthistorisk Tidsskrift, the article gives background and dates of known use and place of use of the various varieties of censor markings. More varieties than Riemer are presented.

AG Zensurpost Rund Brief 17/76

"Deutsche Postzensur in Norwegen im 2 Weltkrieg" E.M. Larsen  
Again translated from the Danish publication Posthistorisk Tidsskrift. Presents a detailed cataloging of seals and markings. Includes earlies and last dates of use and location. A variety with the identifying letter "t" is illustrated and conjectured to be related to Danish workers in the city of Trondheim. Only one copy is known.

"Verordnungsblätter über den Nachrichten Verkehr vom 2.4.1940, 28.5.1940, 13.5.1940, 22.10.1940, and 30.5.1940"

Must collateral material for any censorpost collector. Excerpts from critical laws concerning the censorship of mail are provided. This information was basically provided by Ben Beede in issue 18 of the TRSG bulletin.

Answer to question 57.

This answer about those special labels seen on mail to the red cross in WWI & WWII is of sufficient interest that I thought I would try to summarize it here. The redcross employed green, blue, yellow, violet, and red labels of various sizes which it enclosed to all its correspondents to be affixed on any further correspondence. These labels were intended to allow rapid sorting of the incoming mail. Besides the colored coding these labels bore various inscriptions as follows. ES/FF stood for Enquete Speciale Fischier Francais or Special Inquiry French Files. Similarly ES/FA is for Fischier Allemande or German Files. ES/FFB for Fischier Franco-Belge. Civils for civilian. R for Refugees. These were used during WWI and the beginning of WWII.

Foreign Office Censorship

In this same Rund Brief a cover is illustrated mailed from an embassy in Bern through diplomatic pouch. It bears a foreign office censorship sealing paper and is postmarked Berlin. Quite interesting!



## The Fox's Den (Continued)

Deutsche Feldpost 1939-1945 Rundbrief 9 September 1976

"Funknachrichten Karten der Atlantik-Festungen"- Gustav Mogler  
Catalogs and illustrates the various types of information cards used to record radio transmittals from the bypassed island "Fortresses". ( A very popular area the last 2 years or so.)

"Das Ruhrkessel-Provisorium" -Erich Sauer

This represents an excerpt of an earlier article by Alfred Eich and Dr. Erwin Koch. A rather thorough discussion of the background of the issue is presented. Quite interesting is the discussion about the so called "Darmstadt mail discovery". A series of undelivered mail sacks were delivered to a paper factory in Darmstadt in November 1945 for recycling. The article tells about personal discoveries of Ruhrkessel and other items on cover in the sacks. The article also illustrates several varieties on cover as well as showing pictures of known forgeries.

Deutsche Feldpost 1939-1945 Rundbrief 10 January 1977

"Die Luftgaupostamter der Deutschen Reichspost 1939-45"- G. Fuchs

This is follow up on article in Rund Brief 8 which was reported on in the Fox's Den of August 1976. A complete list of the LGPA are not in the FP Amtsblatt. The German Feldpost expert supplies a list from various sources as well as illustrations from his own collection. He states how hard these are to find with the exception of the LGPA Amsterdam. The latter was the source of several Hennig letters. He suggests a starting collection of covers with the LGPA in the Dienstsiegel or sender's address. He suggests that even this would not be that easy to complete. He requests registration of cancels from other collectors. The article concludes with illustrations of LGPA return markings and facing slips.

"Die Feldpostversorgung der Festungen am Atlantik, der Kanal Inseln und der Festung Dunkirchen" Gustav Mogler

Reports on the results of research of the specialists Sauer and Rungas. It has been learned that Bomber Squadron 55 was responsible for supply of the fortresses. (KG-55). The records for 163 flights till the end of March 1945 exist. From 1.12.1944 till 25.3.1945 466 sacks of mail were flown. Mail was sent via LGPA Paris, the Wiesbaden, and finally Berlin. Not all fortresses had landing strips so that mail etc. often was parachuted in. Mail was only transmitted from fortresses with landing fields. There were some U Boat mail in particular from St. Nazaire. Several covers are described that come from the fortresses. Hard to tell often with no cancels and only seal is helpful. Censorship is sometimes a clue. The author finally remarks that covers marked with "Durch U -Boot" or "Mit Schnell-Boot befördert" are spielerei or fabrication. A picture of a money order from Kenn 789 on the Channel Islands is a particularly interesting piece. For it substantiates that the Kenn was actually used on the islands. To the best of my knowledge no registered covers have shown up with K-789 or K-985 even though they are listed in the Feldpostübersicht for the Channel Islands. The money order card proves that they exist but are quite rare due probably to the outgoing mail restrictions presented in the article.

In the same issue there is a follow up on the article in



**The Fox's Den (Continued)**

the last Rundbrief on the Funknacrichten cards. A brief synopsis of each fortress is included including such facts as whether there was an airfield, size of garrison. A map of the routes used to supply the bases is also shown.

A note accompanying the last Rundbrief states that the leader Günter Fuchs is sick and has moved so that he can be closer to the University Clinic in Tübingen. His new address is Schwaben Str. 47, 7036 Schönnach. How about some get well cards!

Germania October 1976**"Art of the Third Reich" Peter Bottger**

A discussion of III Reich art exhibit displayed in various German towns including Stuttgart in 1976. The author ties the sculpture, architecture, and painting exhibits together with some philatelic facts illustrating them with stamps, picture postcards, etc. The illustrations are poor due to reproduction technique used. Also at times the language is a bit charged.

Germania February 1977**"Booklets of the 1936 Olympics" Franceska Rapkin**

Describes differences between Michel 42a and b. It also describes and illustrates the booklet sheets, Michel #'s 57 and 58.

Germania August 76-February 1977**"The Postal History of the KdF Cruise Ships" John Rawlings**

A several part series devoted to the KdF ships. Describes postal organization and postal rates. Illustrates and describes the Sea Post and Ship post cancels. Lists ships and tells owners. Gives charter and cruise details for various ships.

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**"How to Collect Third Reich" A. Harper**

Presentation and writeup of first 10 pages of Alf's collection. Presented in Harper's usual fine style.

**"Radio Message Cards from the French Atlantic Coast Fortresses" Kleine**  
Reprinted from Deutsche Zeitung für Briefmarkenkunde Not  
as complete as series in DFP 1939-45 presented above but in English.

The issue also includes an interesting review of a new postal stationary catalog, "Ganzsachen-Spezial Katalog Deutschland ab 1933" by Hans Meier zu Eissen and edited by Richard Borek for 23 DM. Harper says why another catalog and then goes on to discuss how it contains material not in the standard catalogs e.g. a more extensive listing of private printed to order cards.

Linn's May 16, 1977**"Germany's Olympic Souvenir Sheet Varieties" Bruce Cary**

Tells of author's attempts to differentiate two varieties of thickness of these sheets. After much correspondence and research he concludes that there are 5 and not 2 categories.



**The Fox's Den (Continued)**Linn's April 25, 1977**"Five Nations grant POW Mail Privileges" Fred Boughner**

The Hague convention and other agreements led to free POW mail in WWII. Only 5 countries allowed air service: the US, Australia, Germany, Italy, and Kenya according to the author's sources. Article discusses rates and special cards. He discusses use of the Taxe Percue markings and rates from Germany.

Linn's February 28, 1977**"Postal History of Mauthausen Death Camp" Keith Tranmer**

From author's new booklet "Mauthausen-Postal History of a Death Camp 1938-45". Account of one inmate till his death. Discusses postal regulations. Nothing new for specialist. It does mention a secret address in Linz but gives no details.

Sammler-Dienst 15/76**"Geschäfts-Antwortkarten"-E. Hamann**

Leader of AG Protektorat Böhmen und Mähren discusses these prepaid business cards and their rates. Same treatment as business reply cards in the US. Namely a postage due is charged at the recipients postoffice.

Sammler-Dienst-18/76**"Neue Erkenntnisse über den Aufdruck auf Propaganda Marken-Deutsche Fälschungen gegen England" - Manfred Heber**

Discusses and illustrates reconstruction of sheets for overprint type CV. Discusses difficulties in reconstruction of types CV and CII.

Sammler-Dienst 24/76 and 25/76**"Die Sonderstempel des Protektorat Böhmen und Mähren"-E. Hamann**

Presents updated research in this area. Lists places where used and relates to listing in Schultze's Dienstpost book. Also lists those used in several locations. Finally a catalog with descriptions, illustrations, and prices is presented ordered by place of usage. A must for collectors of this area.

Sammler-Dienst 6/77

In the section entitled "Für den Rekozettel Sammler" illustrates and discusses a registered card from a member of a SS resettlement group in Russian, Galacia. Russian stamps are used and postmarked 28.10.40. The card has civilian censorship. (Article incorrectly states that the marking indicates passage via Feldpost). This is a postal history document concerning the German-Russian agreement to allow resettlement of the German minorities in regions of the Soviet Union. Mail to the writer would go via FP since the only address given was SS Resettlement Command, Galacia, SS Feldpost, Berlin W35.



German WWII Censored Mail--Riemer or Wolter

M.Fox

This concludes the article which started in Issue 37

Riemer Number	Riemer Illus. Number	Riemer Value (Points)	Wolter Number	Wolter Value (Points)
E20	144	50	IIB/4a	10
E21	145	75	IIB/4b	8
E22	146	1000	IIB/4c	10
E23	Not shown	50 red 250 red viol.	IIB/16	8
E24	147	750	IIIB/9	75
E30	148	30	IIA/22d(?)	4
E31	149	150	IIA/22b(?)	3
			IIA/22c(?)	8
E32	150	75	IIA/22a	6
Hinweisstempel			Beanstandungszettel	
a	151	500	13	50
b	152	750	Not Listed	
c	153	500	" "	
d	154	750	" "	
e	155	500	Like 3	40
f	156	500	Not Listed	
Not in Riemer			12	40
E55	162	2500	18a and b	50

## Hamburg (F)

Fla	---	500	IIA/1a	6
b	164	300	" "	6
c	---	250	" "	6
F2a	165	150	IIA/2d	8
b	---	500	IIA/2d	8
F3	166	300	IIA/2d	8
F4	167	2000	Not Listed	
F5a	168	1000	IIA/2c	8
b	---	200	" "	8
F6	169	40	IIA/2e	
F7a	170	50	IIA/2d	8
b	171	150	" "	8
F8	172	500	IIA/2b	50
(See Riemer Text)		1000	Not Listed	
F9	173	1000	" "	
F10	174	1000	" "	
F11 to F19 not assigned				
F20	175	100	IIIB/17a	15
(See R. Text)	175	500	" "	15
F21	176	750	IIIB/16	60
F22 to F29 not assigned				
F30	177	500	IIA/23b	30
F31	178	100	IIA/23a(?)	40
F32	179	500	IIA/23a	40
Not in Riemer			IIA/23c	50
Hinweisstempel			Beanstandungszettel	
	180	1500	Not Listed	
	Not Listed		14	60



## German WWII Censored Mail, continued

Riemer Number	Riemer Illust. Number	Riemer Value (Points)	Wolter Number	Wolter Value (Points)
VIENNA (G)				
G1	184	300	IIA/8a	10
G2	185	50	IIA/8a	10
G3a	186	30	IIA/8c	12
b	---	100	Not listed	
G4	187	2500	IIA/11	60
G5	188	200	" "	60
G6	191	2000	IIIA/3c	50
G20	192	30	IIB/5a	10
G21	193	30	IIB/5a	10
G22	194	30	" "	10
G23	195	50	IIB/5b	15
G24	196	50	IIB/5d	8
G25	197	75	IIB/5e	15
Not listed			IIB/5c	10
G26	198	1000	Page 13	LP
G27a	199	50		
b	"	30	Relationship to	
c	"	500	Wolter not clear	
d	"	1000	(IIB/18 a,b,c,)	
See text Riemer page 55		1000	Not listed	
G28a	200	250	IIIB/11	30
b	201	2000	Not listed	
G29	202	500	IIIB/17	60
G30	203	100	IIA/24a	8
G31	204	100	IIA/24b	8
			IIA/24c	9
G32	---	500	Not listed(?)	
G33-39 not used				
G40	205	2000	IIB/11	25
Hinweisstempel				
a	206	500	Not listed	
b	207	500	" "	
c	208	250	" "	
Hinweisszettel				
---	209	---	General Zettel price	
			40 points white, 75	
			colored	
G7-G19 not used				
---	190	---	Not listed	
BERLIN (h)				
H1	216	750	IIIA/5	100
H2	217	750	IIIA/3d	75
Hinweisstempel				
	218	750	Not listed	
Hinweisszettel				
	219	1000	" "	
	220	1000	" "	
Other	221	1000	" "	



## German WWII Censored Mail, continued

Riemer Number	Riemer Illustr. Number	Riemer Value (Points)	Wolter Number	Wolter Value (Points)
<b>COPENHAGEN (k)</b>				
---	222	750	Norway 10	75
---	223	750	" 11	75
K1	224	250	" 1	250
	(Note labeled incorrectly in Riemer 225)			
K2	225	100	Denmark 1	25
	(Note labeled incorrectly in Riemer 224)			
K3	226	100	Denmark 1	25
K4	227	2500	" 7	80
K5-K19 not used				
K20	228	300	" 6b	75
K21	229	200	" 6c(?)	80
K22	230	150	" 6b(?)	75
K23	231	200	" 6a	75
Hinweisstempel				
No listings			Denmark 2	50
			" 3	50
			" 4	75
			" 5	75
K24-K49 not used				
K50	232	100	Strip 2	30
<b>LYON (l)</b>				
---	233	---	Not listed	
L1	234	2500	" "	
L2	235	1000	3	40
L3	236	1250	2	50
L4	237	750	1	80
L5-L29 not used				
L30	238	1000	5	125
L31	239	1000	4	100
L32-L49 not used				
L50	239(sic)	250	Strip la	50
			b	60
			c	70
			d	75
Not listed			6	15
" "			7	LP
" "			8	LP
<b>OSLO (o)</b>				
01	240	350	Norway 7	50
02	241	150	Norway 8	75
03	242	500	Not listed	
04	243	1000	" "	
05-029 not used				
030	244	300	Norway 3	100
031	245	200	" 4	130



## German WWII Censored Mail, Continued

Riemer Number	Riemer Illustr. Number	Riemer Value (Points)	Wolter Number	Wolter Value (Points)
032	246	500	5	120
Unlisted			6	100
K1 (Denmark)	224	250	1	250
Unlisted			2	1000
			9a	100
			9b	100
---(Denm.)	222	750	10	75
" "	223	750	11	75
033-049 not used				
050	247	100	1a	60
			1b	70
			1c	75
051	248	500	Not listed	
PARIS (x)				
X1	249	1000	Not listed	
---	250	---	" "	
X2	251	750	" "	
--	252	LP	" "	
--	253	300	Seal 1	
			Seal 2	30
X3	254	1500	Not listed	
X4	255	2500	1	20
X5	256	1000	1	20
X6	257	250	1	20
X7	258	200	2	30
X8-X29 not used				
X30	259	200	3a	20
			3b	30
			5	30
X31	260	400	4a	20
			4b	25
			6	125
(Note Wolter assignments on X30, X31 are based on large "A" versus short "A")				
X32-X49 not used				
X50	---	500	1a	15
	261	50	1b	20
			1c	15
			1d	20
			1e	25
			1f	30
Wolter differentiates color and paper types				
E53	---	500	Unlisted	
BORDEAUX (y)				
Y1	262	2500	2	125
Y2	---	2500	3	100
Y3	263	2000	2(?)	125
Unlisted			1	150
Y4-Y29 not used				



German WWII Censored Mail, Continued

Riemer Number	Riemer Illustr. Number	Riemer Value (Points)	Wolter Number	Wolter Value (Points)
Y30	264	2500	4	200
Y31-Y49	not used			
Y50	265	750	1a	80
			1b	75
			1c	125
			1d	125
<b>GESTAPO</b>				
GS1	266	500	Page 16	200
GS2	267	750	" "	200
GS3	268	600	Type I	125
GS4	269	500	Type II	120
			Type III	
<b>Riemer Special Category (Page 81)</b>				
LP1 Chios	270	LP	Chios (Page)	400
Unlisted			" (25 )	300
"			" seals	125
			"	500
LP2 Mytilene	271	LP	Mytilene	500
LP3 "	272	LP	page 26	300
LP4 Rhodes	273	LP	Rhodes page 26.	
Unlisted			Wolter says non-existent	
"			Crete p.25	400
"			LEMNOS	500
			Error	LP
LP5 Serbia	274	LP	Jugoslavia 5	200
LP6 "	275	LP	" 1a	75
			1b	75
			2	100
			3	100
			4	120
LP7 "	276	LP	" 7	120
LP8 "	277	LP	" Seal p.27	75
Unlisted			6	150
"			8	125
---(LP 9(?))	278	LP	Festung Lorient	
Unlisted			page 25	200
"			Slovakia p.28	125
"			Czeck. " #1	60
			" " #2	40
No listings			Wehrmacht Feldpost pages 19-20	
"			SS Feldpost "	20-21
"			POW "	28-34
"			Internment camps page 34	
"			Concentration camps pages 35-38	

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## German World War II Feldpost-A Bibliography(Continued from #41)

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Sources of Referenced Material

Reference 1 is probably the easiest to obtain and is readily available from your favorite dealer either here or abroad. One of the largest sources in Germany for those items still available is the AG Neues Handbuch. The latest list I have received lists references 5,19,21, and 26 available at 18,;12,8 ; 40,; and 4DM respectively. References 20 and 25 ,which were carried on earlier lists,are no longer listed and must be assumed to have been sold out. The prices quoted here are to non-members of the AG. Members receive a discount. Orders from Andreas Salzl, Brennestr. 1 ,8460 Schwandorf. For those able to pay in German funds the Postscheckkonto is # 977 02-605 Frankfurt A/M. If you pay in US funds you should allow approximately 3,DM for bank charges. If you would rather order them from a US dealer I believe that Del Meinung's PI Shop and Roger Koerber handle many of these works. Reference 8 is available from Kurt Vowinckel Verlag, 6903 Neckargemünd, Postfach 220 for 168,60DM. Reference 12 is available for 80DM per volume from the same source. (I believe some of the earlier volumes are no longer available). This firm also provides a general catalog of military books for 6,30 which is worth having(DM). It is called Zwei Weltkriege im Buch 1914-1973-Militärische Schrift-weise. I do not know of any US dealers though there may well be some. Reference 10 is available for \$48. a set of 5 rolls from USA General Services Administration ,National Archives and Records Service, Washington D.C. 20408. Reference 11 is available from the same source for \$9.00. Also of interest are the Guides to the German Records available on film for \$25.00 from the same source. Sources for references 2,6,7,14,22, and 24 were presented in reviews in the August 1976 TRSG Bulletin. References 4 and 15 are available from Bob Houston the Secretary/Treasurer of the TRSG for \$1.00 and \$ .50 respectively. (See masthead for address). Back issues of the TRSG Bulletin are available from Bob Houston. See rate schedule in the last bulletin. Back issues of the Germany Postal Specialist are available from the Secretary Treasurer of the GPS. Please see advertisement on the Specialist. Reference 13 was still available from the GPS Chapter in Baltimore for \$3.50 each. See Specialist for mailing address. As far as I know the remaining items can no longer be purchased. However most philatelic items can be borrowed from the APS Library, Box 338, State College, Pa. 16801. APS members can borrow, directly. Non-members can arrange for borrowing through their local library via the interlibrary loan. See your local library for details. In a similar manner the non-philatelic books may be borrowed if you know a library that has them. Many of the large university libraries handles these items. In my area the Harvard and Boston University libraries have many of the items. I believe that the same can be said for Princeton and Stanford. It may even be possible to borrow directly from Washington. Residents of the Washington area can usually get access to the archives. Sometimes your local library can surprise you. Mine has a copy of references 28 and 30. Some of the philatelic references can also be obtained from the GPS Librarian. See Specialist for address. The author solicits other sources and references from the reader. The cited principal and supplementary references are given in the following pages. GPS means Germany Postal Specialist. D.S. is Der Deutschland-Sammler. S.D. is Sammler-Dienst. TRSG is the TRSG Bulletin.

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Errata and Additional References

Since part one was published in February I have noted a few works of the printer's Gremlin. Also a few additional items should be added. First on page 6 it should read "facing slips". On page 10 reference 11 should be 12. Similarly on page 11, reference 12 should read 13.

A hard copy of the Order of Battle, reference 11, is available for \$14.95 and \$1.95 postage from The Squadron Shop, 23500 John R., Hazel Park, Michigan 48030. Also a new Airforce reference has come to my attention available from the above referenced Vowinckel Verlag for 48, DM. It is Die Verbände der Luftwaffe 1935-1945, edited by Wolfgang Dierich, and published by the Motorbuch Verlag in 1976. It is strong on air units. Average on Flak and weak on other ground units e.g. Signals, or Medical. Nothing is presented on the designation and locations of the stationary and mobile airfields. This I feel is unfortunate. However it is a great start. An updated version of reference 30 in the original German is now available from Vowinckel Verlag in paperback for 6,80. Published in 1972 as Angriffshöhe 4000. Reference 44 is available in photocopy for \$10.84 from the Library of Congress Photoduplication Service, Washington, D.C. 20540. Fred Willshaw's numerical index for the microfilm is now available for \$7.50 from Bob Houston.

I have presented in this article the tools and resources that I have accumulated in about 15 years of specialization in this area. No doubt there are many sources that I am not aware of. I would welcome the opportunity to share such information with my fellow collectors.



THE "SARA" LETTERS

by Henry Schwab

A system whereby Jews could be publicly identified went into effect in Germany on 23 July 1938. In addition to required special identification papers, their passports, ration cards, and all other legal documents had to be submitted to be marked with a large letter J (Jude). These outward markings of Jews were designed to set them off visually from the rest of the population, making their future concentration into designated areas (followed by deportation to ghettos and camps and finally their destruction) more efficient.

These new regulations were applied to the use of the mails as well. Unless they already had what the Nazis considered a suitable Jewish first name (only distorted names such as SEMCHE, SLOWE, FARLEG, etc. were accepted), they were compelled to add ISRAEL (men) and SARA (for women) as a middle name, in their return address.

Figure 1 shows the use of these Jewish names on 2 censored items from 1940 and 1941.

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1. The author points out to the editor of this issue that there is some confusion as to the exact date that this law went into effect. The Jewish Yearbook for the year 5699 (1938-39) states that the decree went into effect in April 1938. What is the earliest Sara letter you have?

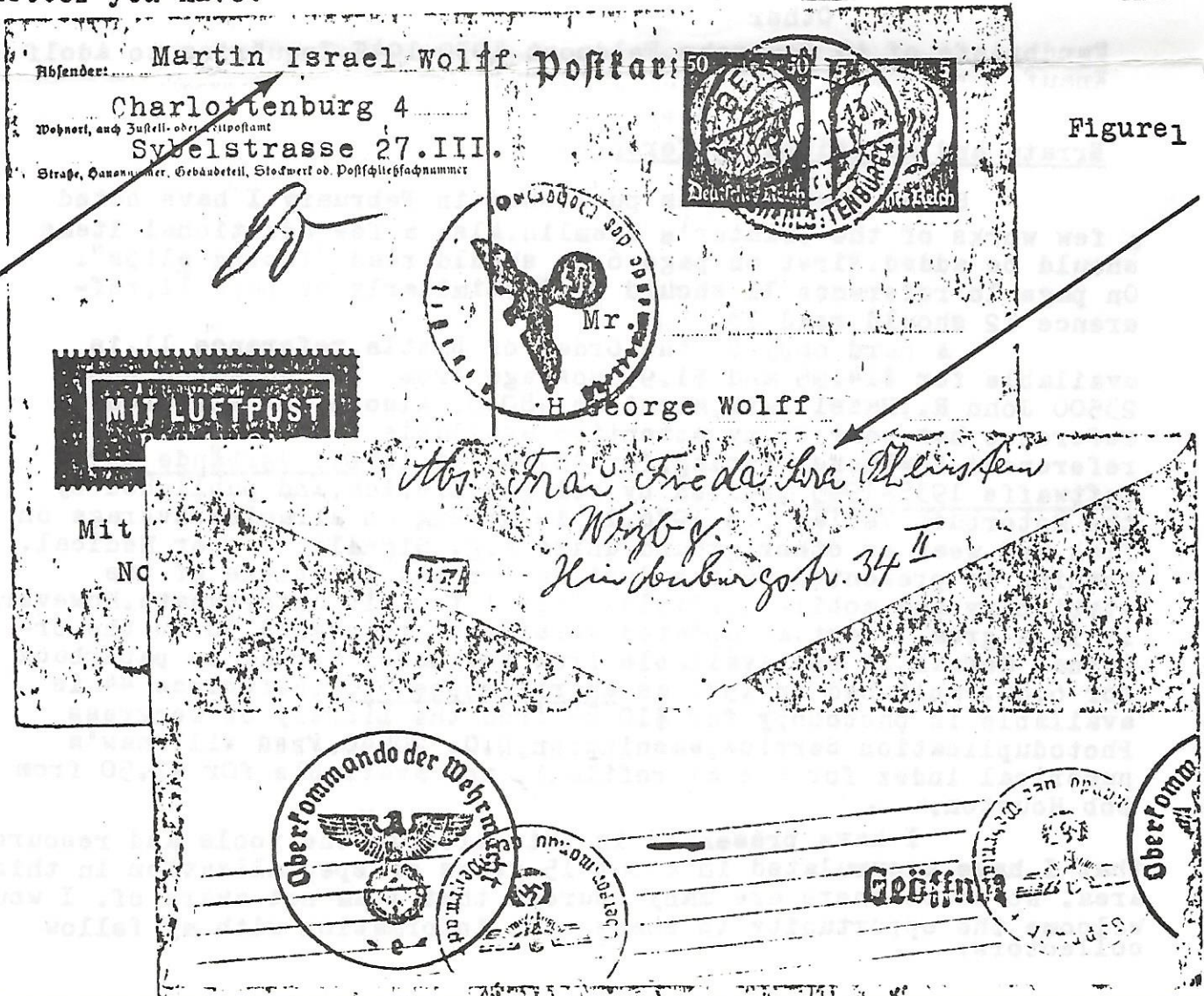


Figure 1



Editor's note:

To add further information to the "Sara and Israel" matter, Barry Hoffman submitted the following which concerns a second decree:

"The requirement for usage and/or adoption of these names by Jews was covered by the NUREMBERG LAWS (The Law For the Protection of German Blood and Honor) of September 15, 1935. At first, these covered such things as prohibition of marriage between Jews and Germans, definition of Jews, restriction on voting by Jews, etc.. We are concerned with the SECOND DECREE SUPPLEMENTING THE LAW REGARDING THE CHANGE OF FAMILY NAMES of August 17, 1938. For your information I enclose a Xerox of this Decree in the original German language:

**SECOND DECREE SUPPLEMENTING THE LAW REGARDING THE CHANGE OF FAMILY NAMES**

August 17, 1938 (RGLB I, p. 1044)

1044

Reichsgesetzblatt, Jahrgang 1938, Teil I

**Zweite Verordnung**

zur Durchführung des Gesetzes über die Änderung von Familiennamen und Vornamen\*).

Vom 17. August 1938.

Auf Grund des § 13 des Gesetzes über die Änderung von Familiennamen und Vornamen vom 5. Januar 1938 (Reichsgesetzbl. I S. 9) wird folgendes verordnet:

**§ 1**

(1) Juden dürfen nur solche Vornamen beigelegt werden, die in den vom Reichsminister des Innern herausgegebenen Richtlinien über die Führung von Vornamen aufgeführt sind.

(2) Abs. 1 gilt nicht für Juden, die eine fremde Staatsangehörigkeit besitzen.

**§ 2**

(1) Soweit Juden andere Vornamen führen, als sie nach § 1 Juden beigelegt werden dürfen, müssen sie vom 1. Januar 1939 ab zusätzlich einen weiteren Vornamen annehmen, und zwar männliche Personen den Vornamen Israel, weibliche Personen den Vornamen Sara.

(2) Wer nach Abs. 1 einen zusätzlichen Vornamen annehmen muß, ist verpflichtet, hiervon innerhalb eines Monats seit dem Zeitpunkt, von dem ab er den zusätzlichen Vornamen führen muß, dem Standesbeamten, bei dem seine Geburt und seine Heirat beurkundet sind, sowie der für seinen Wohnsitz oder gewöhnlichen Aufenthaltsort zuständigen Ortspolizeibehörde schriftlich Anzeige zu erstatten.

(3) Ist die Geburt oder die Heirat des

Subjekt beurkundet, so ist die dem Standesbeamten zu erstattende Anzeige an den Standesbeamten des Standesamts 1 in Berlin zu richten. Hat der Anzeigepflichtige seinen Wohnsitz oder gewöhnlichen Aufenthalt im Ausland, so ist die im Abs. 2 Satz 1 vorgesehene Anzeige an Stelle der Ortspolizeibehörde dem zuständigen deutschen Konsul zu erstatten.

(1) Bei geschäftsunfähigen und in der Geschäftsfähigkeit beschränkten Personen trifft die Verpflichtung zur Anzeige den gesetzlichen Vertreter.

**§ 3**

Esfern es im Rechts- und Geschäftsverkehr üblich ist, den Namen anzugeben, müssen Juden stets auch wenigstens einen ihrer Vornamen führen. Sind sie nach § 2 zur Annahme eines zusätzlichen Vornamens verpflichtet, ist auch dieser Vorname zu führen. Die Vorschriften über die Führung einer Handelsfirma werden hierdurch nicht berührt.

**§ 4**

(1) Wer der Vorschrift des § 3 vorsätzlich zuwiderhandelt, wird mit Gefängnis bis zu sechs Monaten bestraft. Beruht die Zuwiderhandlung auf Fahrlässigkeit, so ist die Strafe Gefängnis bis zu einem Monat.

(2) Wer die im § 2 vorgeschriebene Anzeige vor-

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