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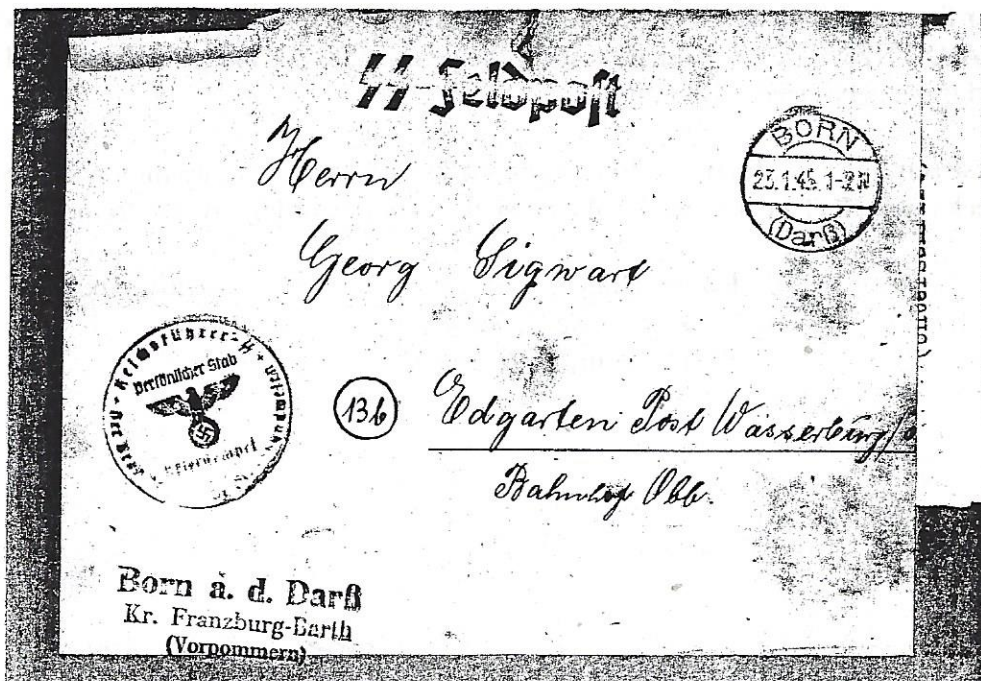
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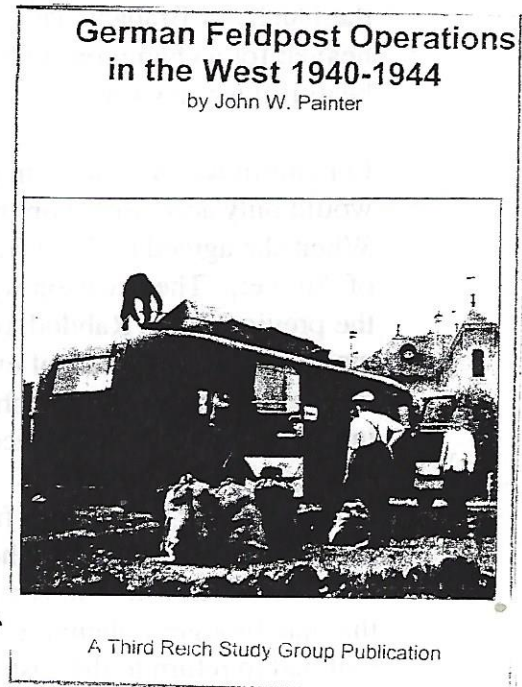
STUDY GROUP NOTES

Membership Renewal – this completes yet another year of TRSG activities and, as dues are now due, a renewal form is included in this mailing. **Please take a moment to complete this form and send it with payment to Secretary-Treasurer Bob Dunn.** While we did not increase dues for next year, any member whose dues are not received by January 1, 2005 will be considered as having resigned. Should they wish to renew membership thereafter, they must pay the \$10.00 new member fee in addition to the annual dues.

New TRSG Publication –our new Feldpost book is ready at last and can be ordered with your 2005 dues. In addition to a detailed history of Feldpost operations in occupied France, Belgium & Holland, there's a forward on the build up of German forces, appendixes chock full of illustrations & data and even photos of the TRSG Staff and founding fathers. While all of you are not Feldpost specialists, we ask your support in purchasing this book so that we may generate funds for future TRSG publications or to re-print some of our 'out of stock' publications.

Calling New Authors- we are pleased to present a first time article from one of our members in the U.K. on page 10. We're sure that all of you have a favorite cover that you could share with the membership. It need not be spectacular nor expensive, only interesting to the group.

Auction Tips – the last auction generated a record number of bidders for which we are grateful. To those who were not successful, we recommend that you be a bit bolder with your bids. Regardless of how high you may bid, all lots are "knocked down" at one bump above the next highest bid.



Prices Realized – Auction # 95

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
1	\$62.00	12	\$22.00	24	\$17.00	38	\$32.00	51	\$28.00
2	90.00	13	9.00	25	20.00	39	48.00	52	30.00
3	87.00	14	18.00	26	28.00	40	38.00	53	117.00
4	78.00	15	19.00	27	29.00	41	36.00	54	52.00
6	42.00	16	10.00	28	17.00	42	30.00	55	34.00
7	27.00	17	40.00	29	18.00	43	60.00	56	33.00
8	47.00	18	18.00	30	40.00	44	48.00	57	37.00
9	44.00	19	16.00	31	19.00	45	29.00	58	42.00
10	38.00	22	17.00	34	38.00	47	73.00	59	66.00
11	17.00	23	20.00	35	17.00	48	82.00		

Cover Illustration – this original letter was sent in May 1944 from a Government Office in Karlsruhe to the Prussian Forest Office at Born in Pomerania. The Personal Staff of Reichsführer SS reused it as a Feldpost letter on January 23, 1945. In January 1945 Himmler had been appointed by Hitler as Commander of the Northern Army Group that included the 11th SS Panzer Army in that province. His headquarters were located at Born near the Oder River. Himmler's skill as a military commander was minimal and the Russians soon destroyed his armies. This scarce cover is lot 11 in Auction 96.

Story Behind the Stamp: Wagner's "Lohengrin"

by Kelly Stefanacci

Richard Wagner's opera "Lohengrin" (1850) was based on Carin le Loherain, hero of the Middle High German epic "Lohengrin" which was written in the period 1275-1290. According to this story, Lohengrin was born during the reign of Heinrich I, the Fowler (879-936), in the castle of Schwanenburg at Kleve on the Rhine. He was the son of Parsifal, King of the Grail, and his wife Queen Kondwiramur. Nothing is told of his early life until he answered the prayer of Elsa of Brabant. Fredrich von Telramund had falsely accused Elsa of murdering her brother Godfrey, who was heir to the Duchy of Brabant. This accusation could only be settled in a trial by combat, so Elsa prayed to heaven for a champion. Lohengrin appeared on the river Scheldt, standing in a small boat pulled by a beautiful white swan.

Lohengrin was the victor in the ensuing combat, winning both Elsa and the Duchy of Brabant. But he would only accept Elsa on the condition that she would not ask him to reveal either his name or origin. When she agreed to these conditions the marriage was celebrated with great solemnity in the cathedral of Antwerp. The occasion was marred when Fredrich von Telramund and his wife Ortrud, daughter of the previous duke Rabdod, tried to poison Elsa's mind against Lohengrin. They claimed that he had won his duel by the use of evil magic powers. After the wedding Elsa and Lohengrin ruled Brabant together for many years. Lohengrin fought with Heinrich I against the Hungarians and for Pope John X in his wars against the Saracens.

However, after he returned from these wars, Elsa met him at Cologne and finally asked him the forbidden questions. Sadly he revealed his identity and the swan returned to take him back to the castle of the Grail. In triumph, Ortrud revealed that she had turned Elsa's brother Godfrey into the very swan that had brought Lohengrin's boat to Brabant. Now the swan was returned as Godfrey but Lohengrin still had to return to the castle of the Grail. For centuries the dukes of Cleves had the white swan as their crest. A statue of the knight and his swan stands in the Schwanenturm at Kleve am Rhein.

A set of nine stamps which depict scenes from Wagner operas were issued on Nov. 1, 1933 for the Winter Relief Fund (Deutsche Nothilfe). The scene depicted on the 25+15 Pfg. stamp (Mi. 506) is Lohengrin "the knight in shining armor" as he arrives in answer to the prayers of Elsa. The swan that miraculously pulls his boat also appears on the stamp.



ED NOTE: If you enjoyed this article and would like to know "the story" about other people or places appearing on Third Reich stamps, please send requests to Ye Olde Ed.

Kenn Number 756 Mystery

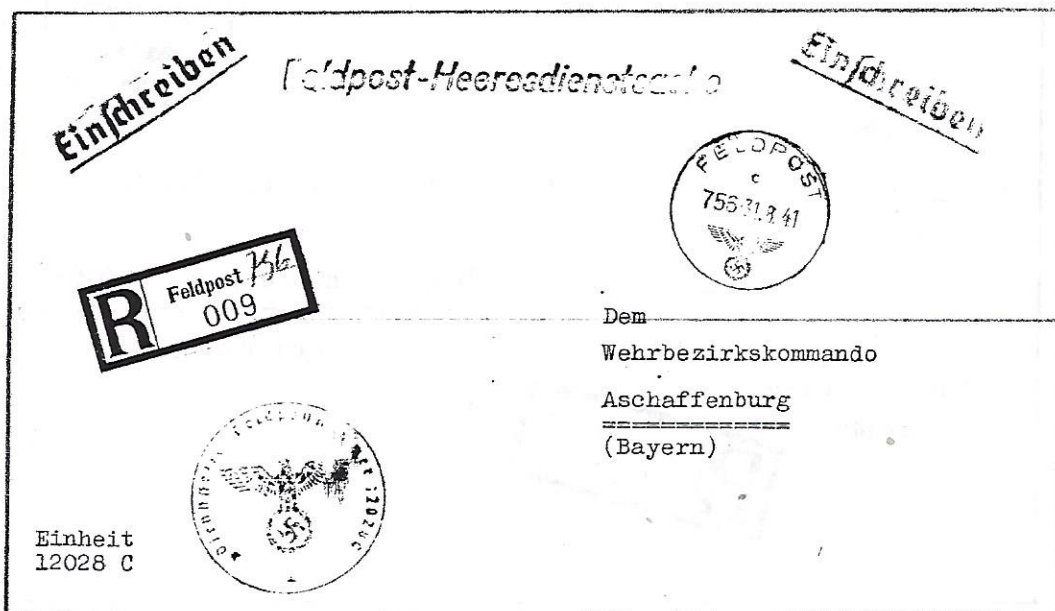
by Jim Lewis

Some TRSG members are under the impression that previous research has established the identities of all Feldpost numbers and Kenn numbers. However, this is not the case as illustrated by the registered Feldpost cover shown below. This cover was sent to the Aschaffenburg Military District Command on August 31, 1941 from Fp. # 12028 (Battalion III of Infantry Regiment 218). While K-756 appears in the Feldpost cancel and registry label of the sending post office, Kannapin (*) has a single listing for K-756 as follows:

944	58617	756 ()	4. Fallschirm-Jäger-Division, im Nov. und Dez. 1943 im Raum Perugia/Italien aufgestellt. Bis April 1945 in Italien und im Raum Vicenza-Bozen in amerikanische Gefangenschaft.
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For those who don't read German, he states that FpA 944 (K-756) was assigned to the 4th Parachute Division that was formed in Nov./Dec. 1943 in Perugia, Italy. This division remained in Italy until surrendering to American forces in April 1945.

While Kannapin has no other listing for K-756, obviously it was used by some other post office in 1941. One clue may be the Feldpost number. In the summer of 1941, Infantry Regiment 218 was part of the 99th Jäger Division that was formed in December 1940 and subsequently served on the southern sector of the Russian Front. After suffering heavy losses during the winter of 1941-42, this division was withdrawn and converted to the 7th Gebirgs Division. This new division was sent to Finland in the spring of 1942 and remained there until withdrawn to Norway late in 1944. Kannapin shows FpA 99 (K-873) assigned to 7th Gebirgs Division on November 15, 1941. One possibility is that the 99th Jäger Division P.O. using K-756 was destroyed in Russia. When a new P.O. was assigned to the mountain division, it retained FpA 99 but was assigned a new Kenn number during the conversion. I'd be interested in hearing from anyone with information or a better theory on this "mystery" Kenn number. Now you see why I find Feldpost so interesting.

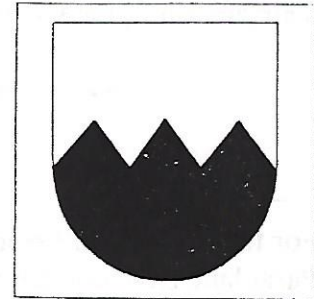


(*) Die deutsche Feldpost Organisation und Lokalisation 1939-1945, Osnabrück 1979

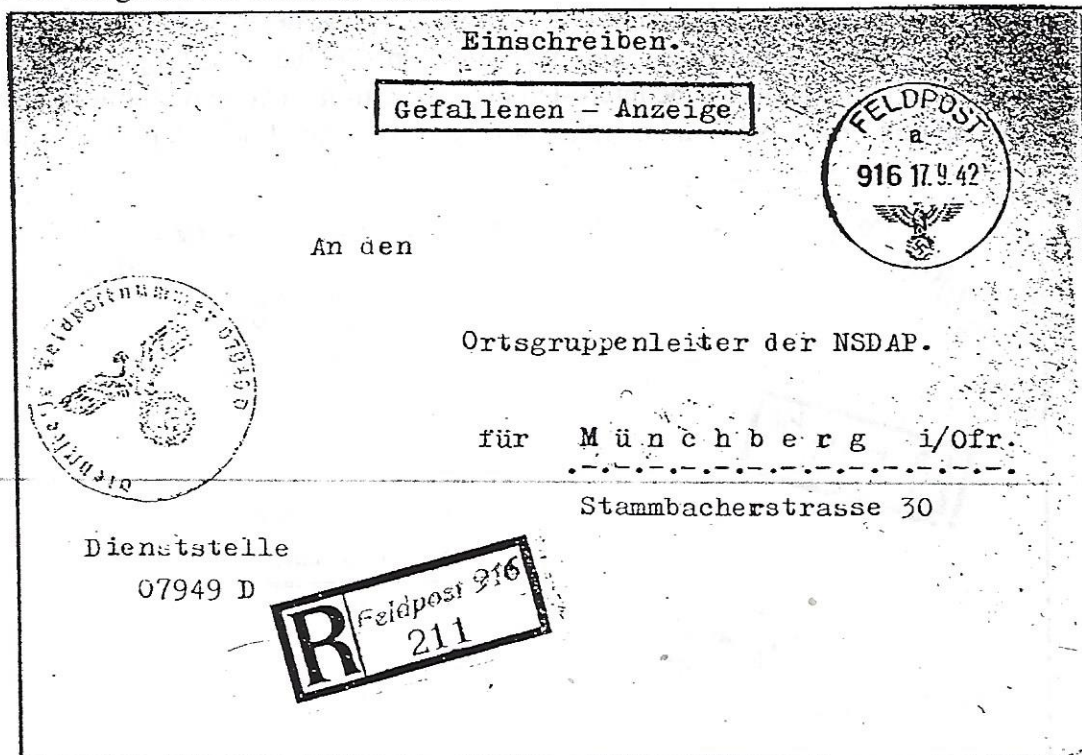
COMBAT DIVISION PROFILE: 73rd Infantry Division by Jim Lewis

POST OFFICE		REGIMENTS				AUXIL
TACT.	KENN	GRENADIER		ARTY	UNITS	
173	916	170	186	213	173	173

Formed in summer 1939, the divisional emblem was a shield divided into two halves by a zigzag central line, bottom half-red, top half-white. By 1941 it had swept through the Balkans and then invaded Russia in June with Army Group South. It fought in Crimea and the siege of Sevastopol, in advance across the Don and in the Caucasus campaign. Retreating into the Kuban bridgehead, it repulsed a Soviet amphibious landing in January 1943. Shortly thereafter it was sent north in battle group strength where it fought at Kursk and on the lower Denieper.



Returned to Crimea early in 1944, it was smashed in April/May during the retreat from Sevastopol. Part of the division which escaped by sea when the fortress fell was reformed in the summer of 1944. In September 1944 it helped crush the Polish Home Army during the Warsaw uprising. Later the division was sent to Army Group Center to hold a bridgehead on the eastern bank of Vistula. The veteran division collapsed and was largely destroyed when was struck by an entire Soviet Army. Nevertheless, remnants of the 73rd Infantry Division were still in action opposing the Soviet offensive in eastern Germany in January 1945. The division retreated to Pomerania and fought in the Battle of Berlin.



Cover above is a casualty report sent to Nazi Party Regional leader in September 1942 From Fp. # 07949 (Battalion III of Grenadier Regiment 213) via P.O. 173 (K-916).

Sports Special Cancels

by Bob Ferguson

I thought these sports cancels might be of interest. They are presented as individual categories of sports and, when applicable, with the "Unterscheidbuchstaben" (letter codes).

I.) Football

Berlin # 205	Fussball Landerkampf Deutschland-Italien	a, b, c	Nov. 15, 1936
Berlin # 228	Deutsche Fussball-Meisterschaft Endspiel 20 Juni 1937	a, b,	June 20, 1937
Berlin # 268	Fussball-Länderspiel England- Deutschland 14.5.38	a, b, c,d,e	May 14, 1938
Berlin # 270	Fussballspiel Aston Villa F.C. Deutsche Auswahlmannschaft 15. 5. 38	a, b, c,d,e	May 15, 1938
Berlin # 273	Deutsche Fussball-Meisterschaft Endspiel im Olympiastadion/Schalke 04 – Hannover 96	a, b, c,d	June 26 and July 3, 1938
Hartha # 4	25 jahr BC Hartha Sachsenfussballmeister 1937 u. 1938		1938



II.) Rowing and Canoeing

Berlin # 205	Europa-Meisterschaften der Ruderer/16.-18 August 1935	12-18 Aug. 1935
Berlin # 191	Grosse Berliner Ruder-Regatta (used: 26-28.6.1936, 19-20.6.1937, 24-26.6.1938, 30.6-2.7. 1939, 22-23.6.1940, 21-22.6.1941, 20-21.6.1942, 26-27.6.1943)	
Berlin # 194	Deutsche Ruder-u. Kanu-Meisterschaften	May 14, 1938
Berlin # 276	Regattabahn (used: 24.7.1938, 3-4.8.1940, 3.8.1941, 27-28.9.1941, 31.5.1942)	
Berlin # 333	Reichspost Regatta	Sept. 28, 1940
Berlin # 365	2. Reichs-Post-Regatta Rudern und Kanu	August 30-31, 1941
Berlin # 379	3. Kriegs-Meisterschaften im Rudern	August 1-2, 1942
Berlin # 380	3. Deutsche Kriegs-Kanumeisterschaften	July 31-Aug. 1, 1943
Berlin # 388	Regattabahn	July 31-Aug. 1, 1943
Bromberg # 5	Tag der Deutschen Rudersports 7.4.1940	April 7, 1940
Bromberg # 7	2. Deutsche Kriegs-Kanumeisterschaften	August 1-3, 1941
Hannover # 57	28. Deutsches Meisterschaftsrudern 12-13.8.1939	August 12-13, 1939
Heilbronn # 10	Deutsches Meisterschaftsrudern 20-21.8.1938	August 20-21, 1938
Leipzig # 121	Deutsches Rudermeisterschaften	July 31-Aug. 1, 1937
Starnberg # 4	Internationale Kanu-Regatta 22-23.8.1942	August 22-23, 1942
Wien # 97	Tag der Ruder-und Canuuuusports 26.4.1942	April 26, 1942
Wien # 111	Deutsches Ruder Meisterschaften 30.7. 44	July 30, 1944



III.) Swimming

Berlin # 331	Grossdeutsche Schwimm-Kreigsmeisterschaften Olympia-Schwimmstadion Berlin, 13-14 Juli 1940	13-14 July 1940
Darmstadt # 16	Schwimmlanderkampf Deutschland-Frankreich 3 u. 4 Juli 1937 in Darmstadt	Machine cancel used: 1937
Darmstadt # 17	Schwimmlanderkampf Deutschland-Frankreich 3 u. 4 Juli 1937	Hand cancel used: 3-4 July 1937
Darmstadt # 18	Erste Grossdeutsche Schwimmeisterschaften Darmstadt, 8-10 Juli 1938	Machine cancel used: 1938
Darmstadt # 19	Erste Grossdeutsche Schwimmeisterschaften Darmstadt, 8-10 Juli 1938	Hand cancel used: 8-10 July 1938
Darmstadt # 25	Schwimmlanderkampf Deutschland-Ungarn Darmstadt, 18 u. 19 Juli 1942	Machine cancel used: 1942
Hamburg # 95	Grossdeutsche Schwimmeisterschaften 1939	7-9 July 1939
Niesky # 1	Schlesische Schwimmeisterschaften im Walbad Niesky 1-3 Juli 1938	1938



IV.) Boxing

Berlin # 383	Dreiländerkampf im Boxen/Deutschland-Italien-Ungarn 4-6. Dez. 1942	4 - 6 Decemberr 1942
Breslau # 54	Deutsche Amateur-Boxmeisterschaften 1.2-2.2.1941	1-2 February 1941
Breslau # 60	Kriegseuropameisterschaften im Boxen 21-25 Januar 1942	21-25 January 1942
Breslau # 62	Boxlanderkampf Deutschland-Schweden 24.1.43	24 January 1943
Frankfurt # 84	Deutsche Boxmeisterschaften 1938	12-15 April 1938
Gorlitz # 14	Deutsche Amateur-Boxmeisterschaften 26.1-28.1.1941	26-28 January 1941
Hannover # 69	Deutsche Amateur-Boxmeisterschaften 7.8-9.8.1941	7-9 August 1942
Magdeburg # 36	Deutsche Amateur-Box-Meisterschaften	4-5 August 1942
Munchen # 168	Boxen Landerkampf Deutschland-Danemark 22.11.1941	22 November 1941
Posen # 13	Boxlanderkampf Deutschland-Kroatien 16.8.1942	15 August 1942
Stettin # 12	Box Landerkampf Deutschland-Finnland 3.12.1937	3 December 1937
Stettin # 21	Deutsche Boxmeisterschaften 2-3. 4. 1940	2-3 April 1940
Stuttgart # 36	Endausscheidungen fur die Deutschen u. Europa-Boxmeisterschaften 7-10. Marz 1934	Machine Cancel used: 1934



V.) Tennis

Hamburg # 37	Int. Deutsche Tennis-Meisterschaften (Used: 5-13.8.1933, 4-12.8.1934, 3-12.8.1935, 31.7-8.8.1937)
Hamburg # 86	Int. Tennismeisterschaften u. Deutschland (Used: 8-17.7.1938, 15-23.7.1939)



VI.) Track and Field

Berlin # 281	Leichtathletik- Landerkampf Amerika-Deutschland 13 u. 14. 8. 1938	a, b, c, d	August 13-14, 1938
Munchen # 132	13. Leichtathletik- Landerkampf Deutschland-Frankreich 2. Juli 1939		July 2, 1939

VII.) Wrestling

Hannover # 40	Internat. Ringskampf-Turnier um den Grossen Preis von Deutschland Hannover Rusthaus	Machine Cancel used: 1937
Munchen # 110	Internat. Ringskampf-Turnier um den Grossen Bayern-Preis 1938 Munchen Zirkusgebaude	Machine Cancel used: 1938

Internat.
Ringskampf-Turnier
um den
Grossen Preis
von Deutschland
Hannover Rusthaus



VIII.) Skittles

Berlin # 195	Welt Keglerturnier 1936	21-26 July 1936
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IX.) Hunting

Berlin # 245	Internationale Jagdausstellung/Berlin, 3-21 Noivember 1937	3-29 1937
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X.) Weight Lifting

Wein # 19	Weltmeisterschaft im Gewichtheben/Wien, 21-23 Oktober 1938	21-23 October 1938
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XI.) Handball

Berlin # 274	Erst Handball-Weltmeisterschaft/Berlin, 9.u.10.7.1938	10 July 1938
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XII.) Landerkampf

Berlin # 154	Deutschland-Finnland Landerkampf 15.-16.9.34	15-16 Sept. 1934
Berlin # 173	Funf- Lander-Kampf 31.8.-1.9.1935	31 August -1 Sept. 1935

XIII.) Reichssportfeld Cancels 1936-1938

Berlin # 206	Reichssportfeld	28mm	a, b	1936-1937
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First used during the German-Italien soccer match on 15 November 1936 (see Berlin # 205) and thereafter at large events during 1936-1937.

Berlin # 209	Reichssportfeld	35.5mm	i, l, m	1937-1938
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First used during the Uschhammer Cup soccer finals in Olympic stadium on 3 January 1937 and thereafter at large events in the Reichssportfeld during 1937-1938. On 11 July 1937 the cancel color was black-violet instead of black



These cancels commemorating German sporting events use the cancel numbering scheme in Julius Bochmann's work "Katalog der Deutschen Gelegenheitsstempel".

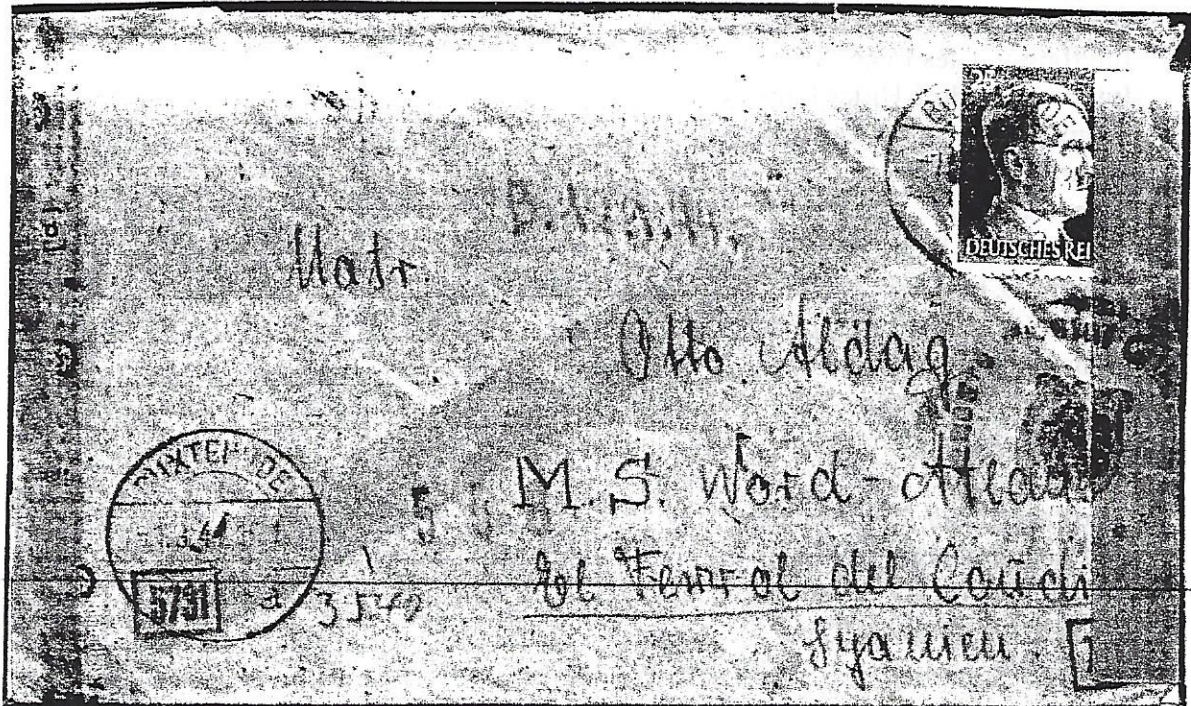
Censored Cover to German Crewman Interned in Spain

by Cy Kitching

Shown below is a cover dated March 1, 1944 addressed to Seaman Otto Aldag, a crewmember of the M.S. Nord-Atlantic, from his mother in Buxtehude, west of Hamburg. The letter was opened on the left side then re-sealed by the German Censors in Munich (Code 'd') who also tested for hidden writing per the diagonal chemical wash line. Spanish authorities then examined the letter, sealed the right side and added a Spanish censor mark,

The German ship 'Nord-Atlantic' was heavily bombed by Allied aircraft in the Atlantic on September 26, 1942. After a tenacious struggle with the tides and rough seas, her crew managed to reach the Spanish port of El Ferrol on the peninsular that confronts the Atlantic. After the ship was beached at the river mouth of Camarinas Creek, leaking oil spread along the coast and caused a disaster for the local fishing fleets. As the ship could not be re-floated and repaired in the allotted time, the crew was interned until the end of the war. It is rather surprising that the vessel and crew were interned in Spain for the duration of the war considering the friendship between the Franco Government and the Axis. It is likely that examination of the ship by Spanish authorities revealed a cargo of contraband nature.

'M.S. Nord-Atlantic' was built in 1938 by Deutsche Werft A.G. Betrieb Finkenwarder, Altona, Hamburg. Registered as a general cargo ship, she had a gross tonnage of 9,897 tons and a speed of 13 knots. The ship was taken over by the British on May 6, 1945 and later re-named 'Southern Atlantic', when she was allocated and managed by a British shipping company under the Red Ensign.



Fundamentals of Feldpost Collecting

Part 17. Military Camp Postmarks

by Richard Imus

Introduction

Alfred Clement, in his classic **Kleines Handbuch der Deutschen Feldpost.**, made a preliminary listing of training camps, army posts and military airports which employed a distinctive postmark on mail. Many years have now past since the publication of this work and Clement's original list has been extended by such works as Michel's Feldpost Catalog.

I am listing below the original list published by Clement, together with my own additions plus those in the above noted catalog. Can other TRSG members add yet more to this listing? If you have a cover or card with such a postmark, why not share it with us by writing our Bulletin editor with the request that he list it in a forthcoming issue.

I.) Postmarks with letter codes listed in Clement

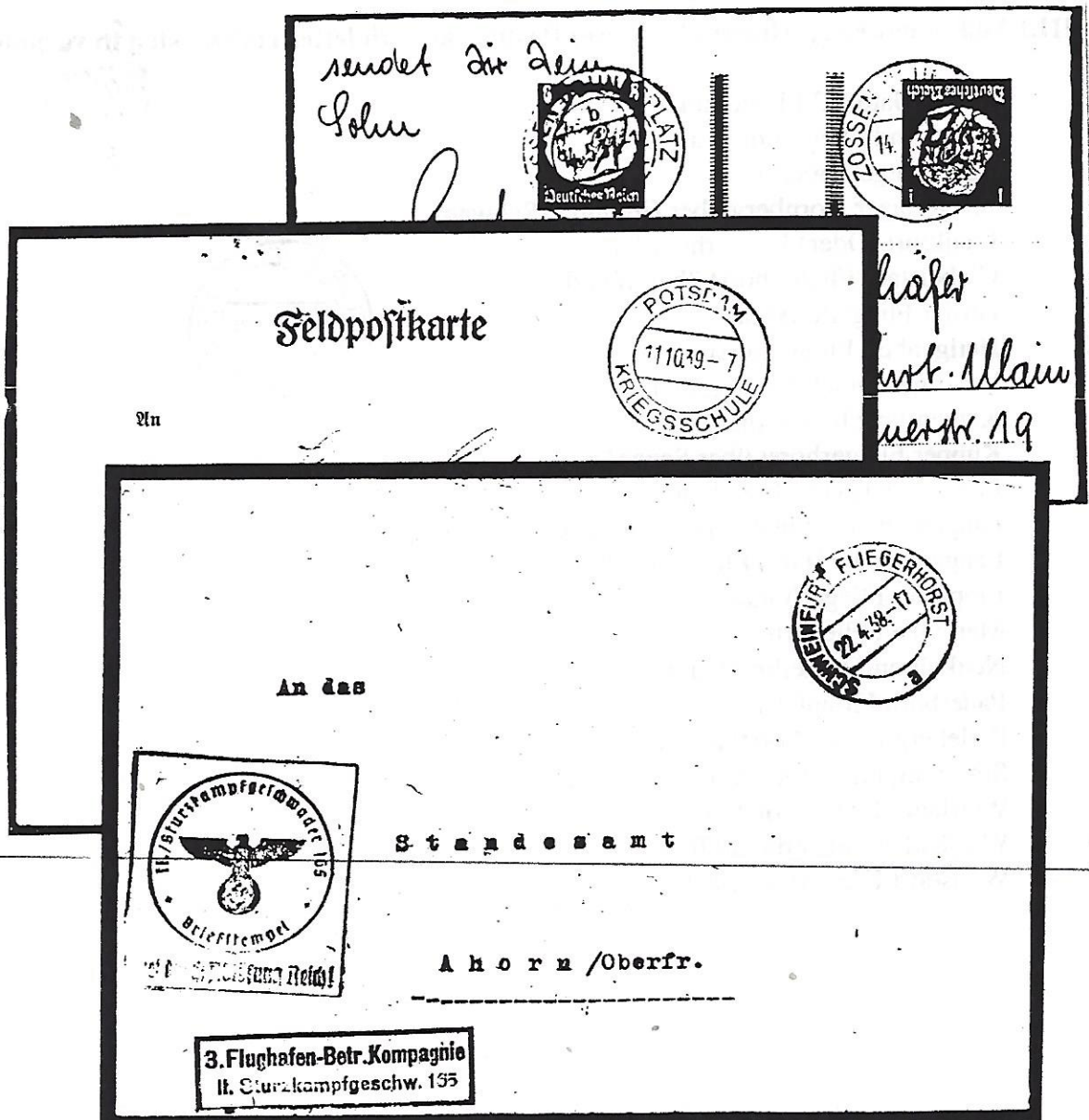
Admont Lager/ a
 Ahrbruck (Übungsplatz)/ b
 Fallingpostal (Lager)/ a, b, c
 Fels (Wagam) Lager/ b, c
 Gross Born/Lager Linde/ d,e
 Gross Born/Lager Westfalenhof/ a, b, c
 Gruppe Übungsplatz/ c
 Heuberg Truppenübungsplatz/ a, c
 Juterbog – Altes Lager/ d
 Juterbog – Adolf-Hitler Lager/ c
 Krems-Gneixendorf Lager/ b, c
 Lager/Hammelburg/ t
 Lager lechfeld
 Langenlebarn Lager
 Lonnewitz Fliegerhorst über Falkenberg (Elster)/ a
 Mielau (Wurt.) Übungsplatz
 Munster Lager/ a, d
 Ohrdruff- Übungsplatz/ b
 Sennlager (Kr. Paderborn)/ a, b, c
 Stockerau-Lager/ c
 Tiborlager/ über /Schwiebus/ a
 Warthelager über Posen 3
 Wiener Nustadt/ b/ Feuerwerkanstalt
 Zeithain Lager/ über/ Riesa/ b

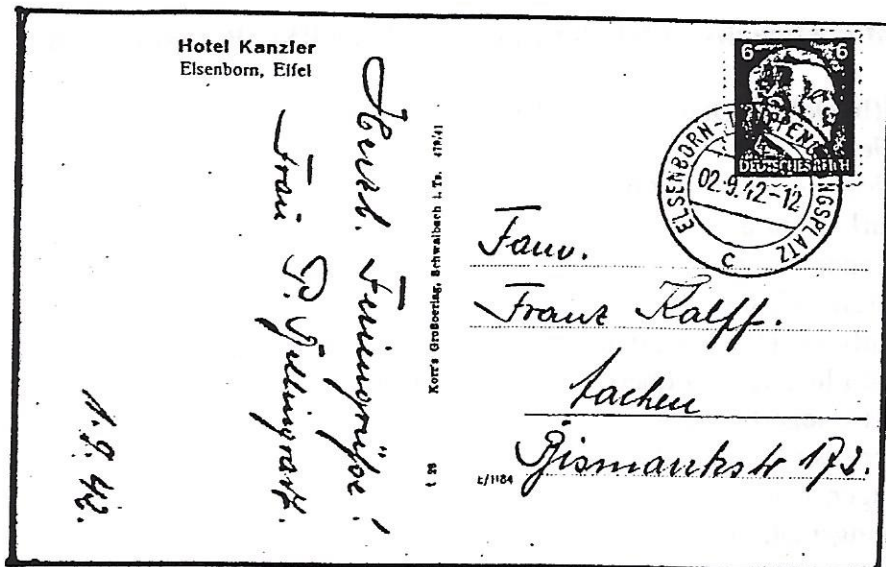
II.) Subsequent Postmarks with letter codes listed in TRSG Bulletin

Bitsch- Truppenübungsplatz/ b
 Doberitz Übungsplatz/ a
 Elsgrund/Doberitz Übungsplatz/ über/ a
 Elsenborn Truppenübungsplatz/ c

II.) Subsequent Postmarks with letter codes listed in TRSG Bulletin (Cont.)

- Heidlager (b. Debica Distr. Krakau)/ a
- Jutrbog-Neues Lager/ c
- Kummersdorf-Schiessplatz/ b
- Lager Wildflecken/ a, b
- Munster (Lager) / c, g
- Potsdam Kreigsschule
- Regenwurlager über Meseritz/ a
- Schonwalde Fliegerhorst/ über/ Velten (Mark) / a
- Schweinfurt Fliegerhorst/ a
- Warthelager über Posen 2/d
- Zeltweg-Lager/ b, c
- Zossen Übungsplatz/ b





III.) Additional Fliegerhorst (Air Base) Postmarks with letter codes listed in various publications

- Berlin Gatow 2 Fliegerhorst/ c
- Dortmund Fliegerhorst/ a
- Eger Fliegerhorst/ b
- Fliegerlager Hornberg über Gemünd (Schwab)
- Frankfurt (Oder) Fliegerhorst/ b
- Giebelstadt Fliegerhorst über Würzburg/ b
- Goslar Fliegerhorst/ a
- Heiligenbeil Fliegerhorst/ a
- Herzogenaurach Fliegerhorst/ a
- Klagenfurt Fliegerhorst/ a
- Küpper Fliegerhorst über Sagan/ a
- Landsberg (Lech) Fliegerhorst/ b
- Langendiebach Fliegerhorst über Hanau
- Langenhagen (Han.) Fliegerhorst/ a
- Lippstadt Fliegerhorst/ a
- Marienbad Fliegerhorst
- Neukuhren Fliegerhorst/ a, b
- Paderborn Flugplatz/ a
- Perleberg Fliegerhorst/ a
- Straubing Fliegerhorst/ a, b
- Wertheim Fliegerhorst/ a
- Wiesbaden Fliegerhorst/ b
- Wunsdorf Fliegerhorst/ a, b



IV.) Additional Lager and Übungsplätze postmarks with letter codes listed in various publications

Apollensdorf Lager über Wittenberg Lutherstadt/ a
Baumholder Arbeitslager/ a
Beete Reichsarbeitslager über Wolfenbüttel/ a
Christianstadt (Bober), Lager Mitte/ a
Christianstadt (Bober), Lager Süd/ a
Christianstadt (Bober), Waldlager/ a
Estal über Döberitz – Übungsplatz/ a
Grossborn Lager (Kr. Neustettin)/b
Lager Antonie über Bitterfeld/a
Lager Hammelburg/ b
Lager Madüsee (Pom)/a
Lager Marie über Bitterfeld/ a, c
Lager Vogelgesang über Torgau/ a
Lilast Lager über Riga/ a
Lockstedter Lager (Holstein)/ a
Marburg (Drau) Lager/ a, b
Marburg (Steiem.) Lager/ c
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Neuhammer Übungsplatz
Wainoden (Kr. Libau) Lager/ a
Wandern Truppenübungsplatz über Zielenzig/ a, b, c
Wandern Lager Gr. Kirschbaum über Zielenzig/ a, b
Wandern Massivlager über Zielenzig/ a, b
Wandern Narviklager über Zielenzig/ a, b
Wiener Neustadt Feuerwerksanstalt/ b, c
Zossen Übungsplatz über Zossen/ a, b



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More Collecting Satzbriefe

by
Bob Ferguson

As noted in my original article on in Bulletin 149, I also collect Satzbriefe: covers franked with an entire set of stamps. The following are additional examples from this collection.

Fig. 1) Posted : Luxemburg 24 January 1941. Backstamped: Berlin 25 January 1941.

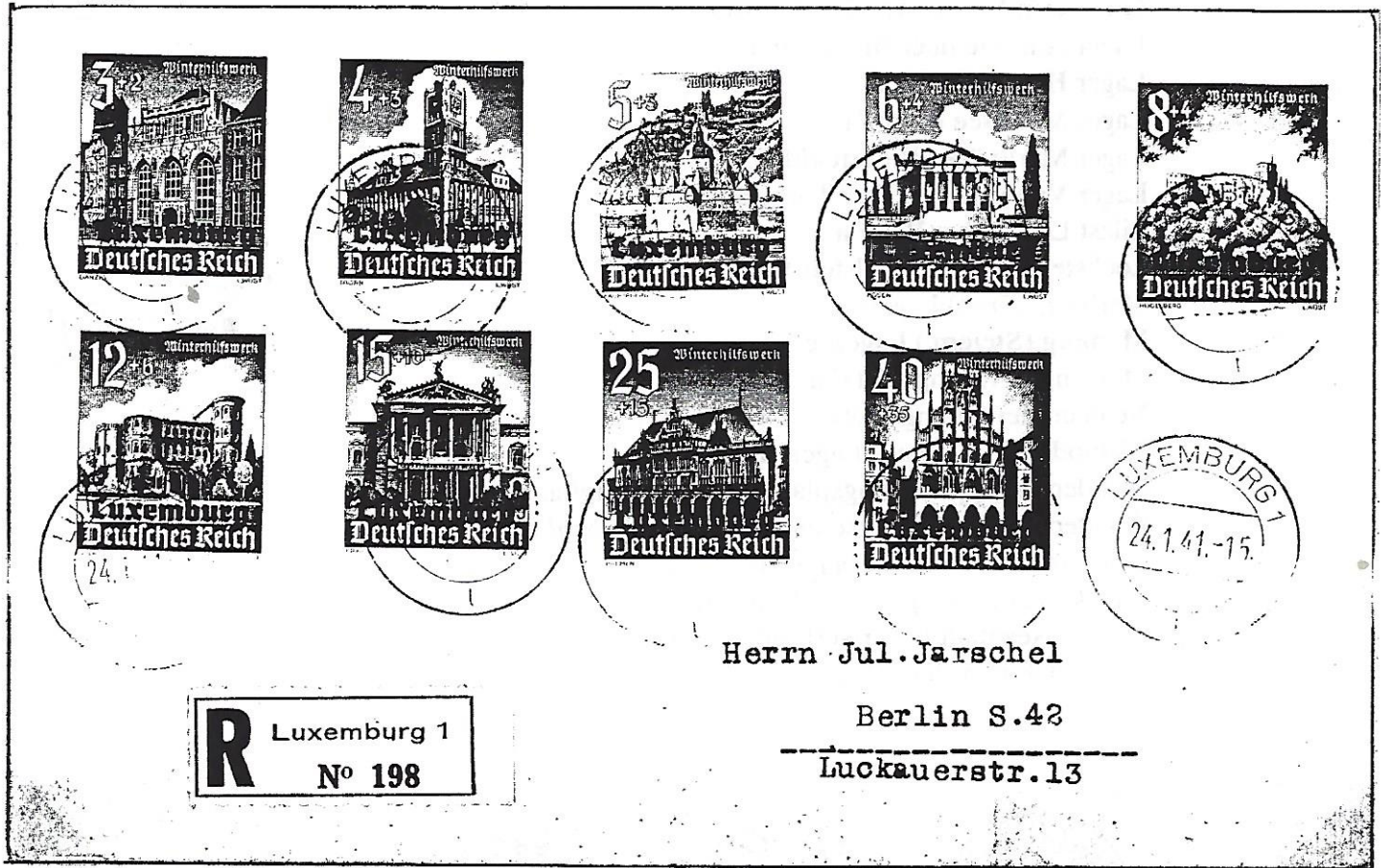
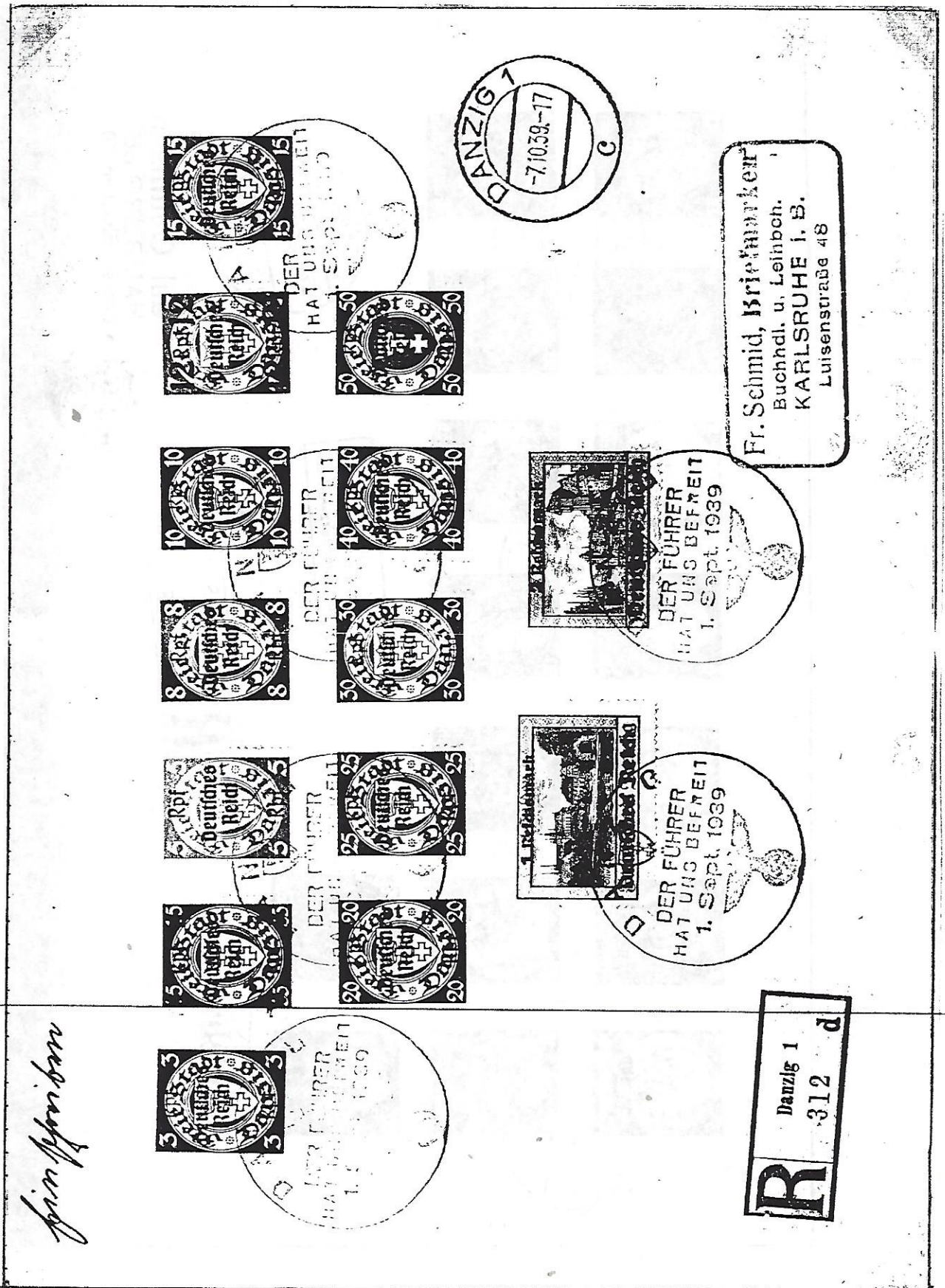


Fig. 2) Posted : Danzig 7 October 1939. Backstamped: Karlsruhe 9 October 1939.
Cancel (Danzig # 2) 'Der Führer hat uns befreit 1 Sept. 1939'

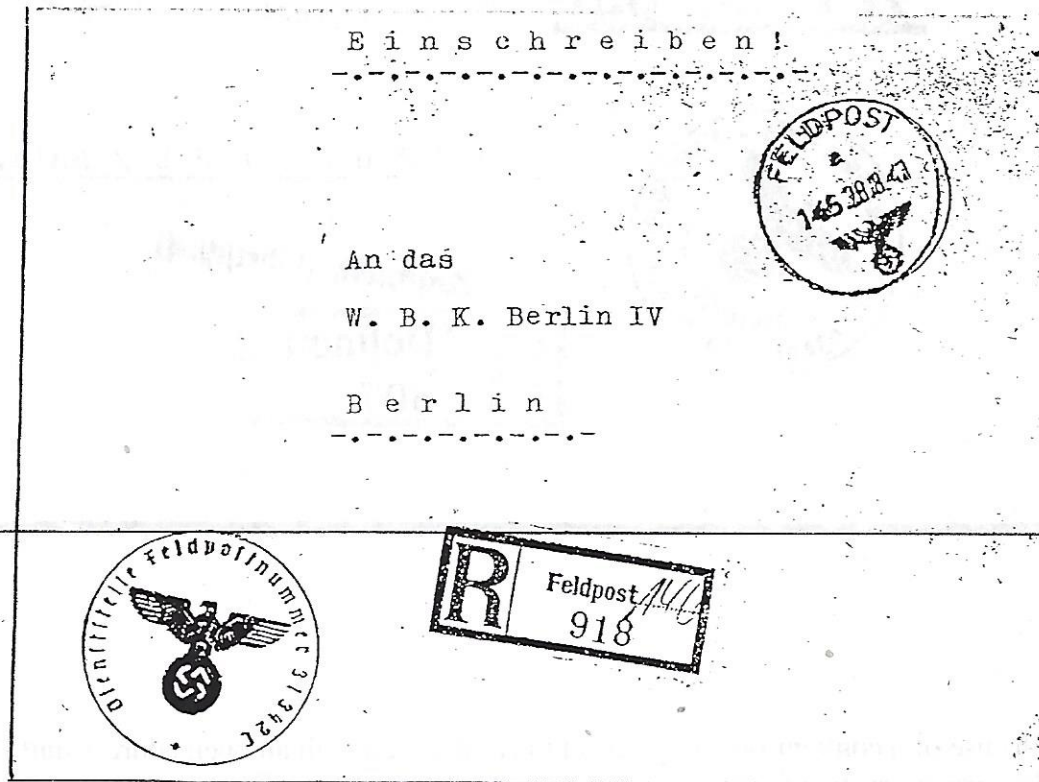
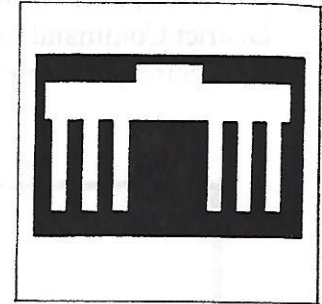


COMBAT DIVISION PROFILE:**218th Infantry Division**

by Jim Lewis

POST OFFICE		REGIMENTS			AUXIL
TACT.	KENN	GRENADIER		ARTY	UNITS
218	146	323	386	397	218
					218

The "Landwehr" (reservists aged 35-45) 218th Infantry Division was mobilized in 1939 and distinguished itself in Poland (1939) and France (1940). At the conclusion of the French campaign, it marched through the Brandenburg Gate in a massive victory parade held in Berlin on June 18, 1940. The division adopted a black and white emblem to represent this event. It was on occupation duty in Denmark in late 1940 when the age structure was made normal. The division was sent to Russia in June 1941 and fought in all major campaigns of Army Group North until the end of the war. Much of the division was encircled at Kholm from January 28 to May 5, 1942 before being rescued. From its arrival in Russia until the early part of 1942-43, elements of the division were attached to a variety of other units, and the entire division was not reunited under its own headquarters until December 1943. After the German siege of Leningrad was broken in late January 1944, the 218th fought in the retreat across Estonia and was cited for distinguished conduct in the defense of Saare Island (Ösel) in October 1944. In remnants by November, the division ended the war in western Latvia resisting Soviet attacks against the Courland Pocket.

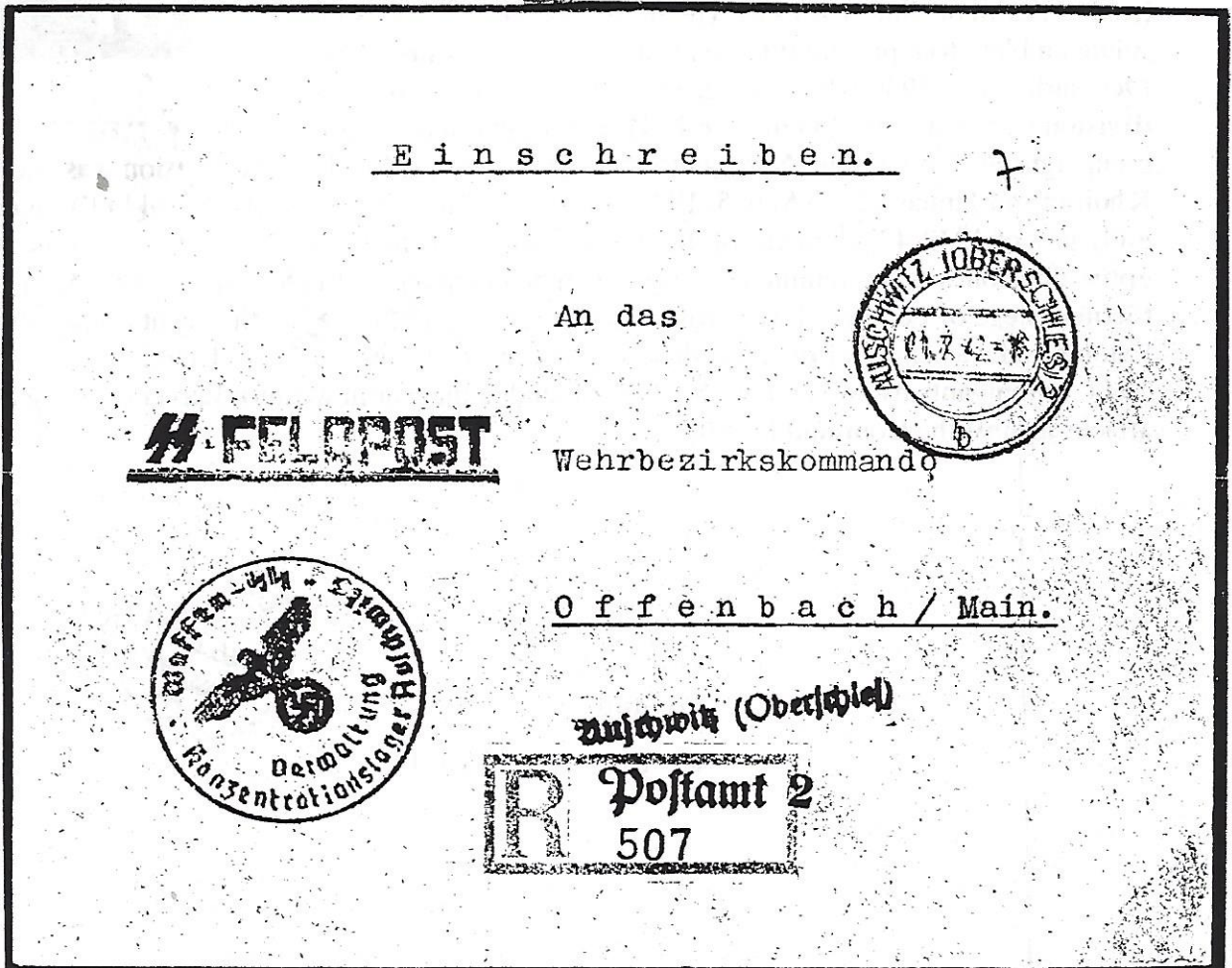


Cover sent to Berlin Military District in August 1941 from Fp. # 31342 (Battalion II of Artillery Regiment 218) via Field P.O. 218 (K-146).

WAFFEN SS FELDPPOST: Auschwitz Concentration Camp Administration

by John Painter

Registered letter from the Administrative Office of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp to the Military District Command in Offenbach. SS Personnel were often transferred from one unit such as a Concentration Camp to a regular combat formation or even an Einsatzgruppen.

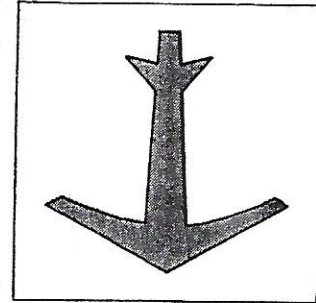


Note the use of a conventional city cancel in conjunction with an open address unit Dienstsiegel. This was the correct practice for without 5-digit Feldpost number return addresses.

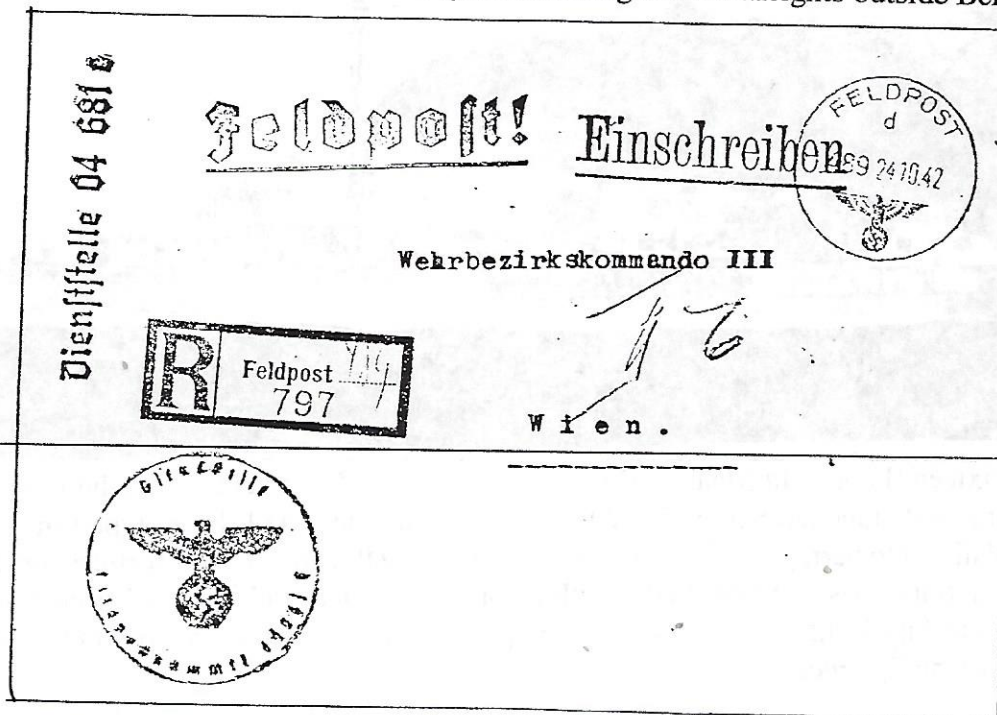
COMBAT DIVISION PROFILE: 20th Panzer-Grenadier Division by Jim Lewis

POST OFFICE		REGIMENTS				AUXIL
TACT	KENN	MOTORIZED INF	PZ BTL	ARTY	UNITS	
20	489	76	90	120	20	20

Formed in 1934-35 (1st Wave) with reservists in Hamburg area, the 20th Infantry Division included 67th, 76th & 90th Infantry Regiments. In 1937-38 it was fully motorized, giving up the 69th Regiment to 10th Panzer Division. The emblem was a yellow stylized anchor. It attacked the Danzig Corridor in 1939 and saw limited action in France the next year. It invaded Russia with Army Group Center in June 1941 and fought at Smolensk, the Dneiper crossings and Minsk. Transferred to northern sector, it crossed Divina River and spearheaded 16th Army's capture of Oreshek on the road to Leningrad.



Re-designated 20th Panzer-Grenadier Division in the fall of 1942, it remained in northern sector until the spring of 1943, when it was sent Army Group Center. After taking part in the defensive battle of Velikie Luki, it was transferred to 1st Panzer Army in the southern sector in the autumn. It sustained heavy casualties in Battle for Kiev and subsequent retreat in November 1943. Never brought back to full strength, it took heavy losses during the Soviet summer offensive in 1944. Later engaged in southern Poland, it was ordered to the defense of Berlin in February 1945. The 20th Panzer-Grenadier Division was destroyed defending Seelow Heights outside Berlin.

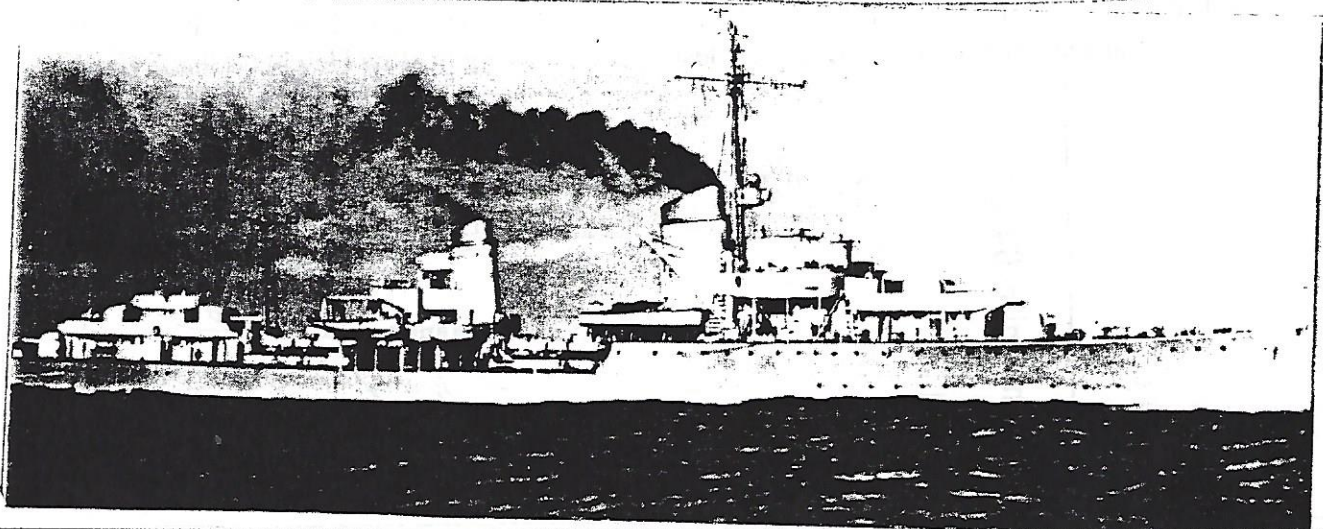
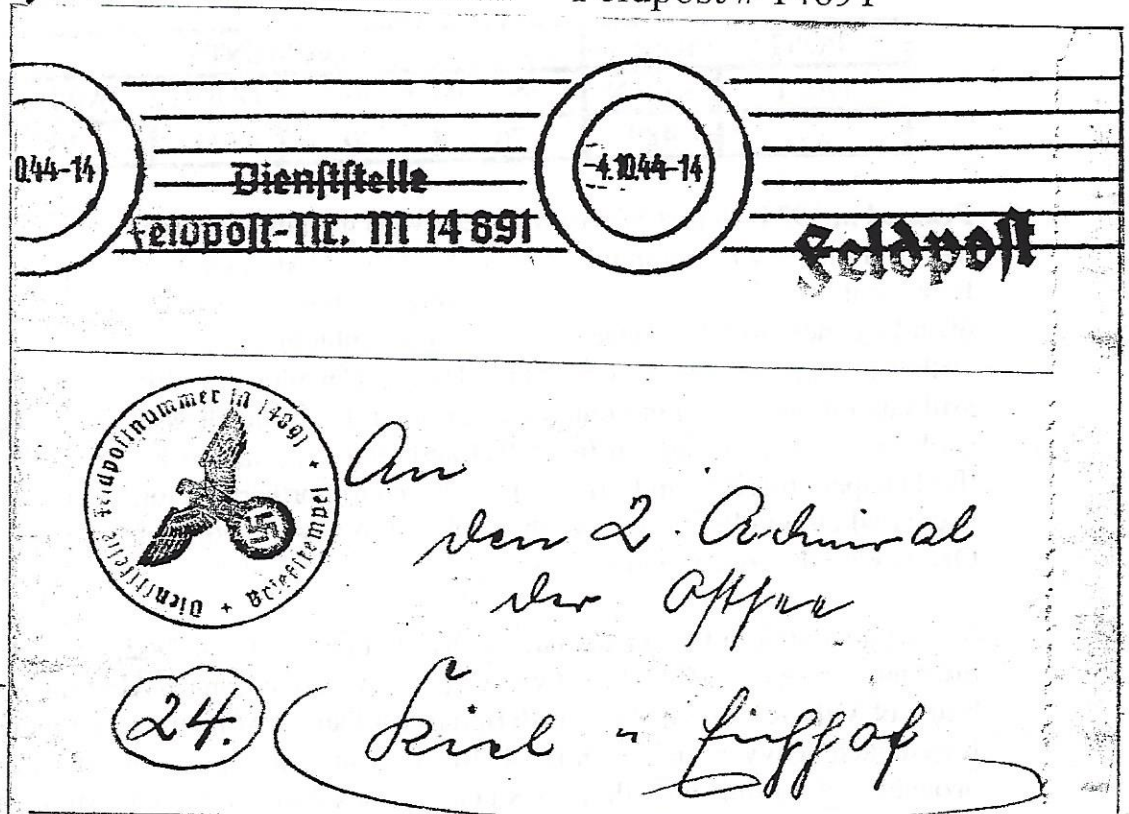


Cover sent to Military district Command in Vienna in October 1942 from Fp. # 04681 (Battalion III/Panzer-Grenadier Regiment 76) via Field Post Office 20 (K-489).

NAVY LOG

by Martin Lynes

Destroyer Z-15 'Erich Steinbrinck' - Feldpost # 14691



One of sixteen 'Leberecht Maass' (Destroyer Type 1935 Z1-16) class ships built by Blohm & Voss (Hamburg) and launched September 24, 1936. In September 1939 she took part in the laying of the 'West Wall' mine barrage in the North Sea. In June 1940 carried out a sortie against British evacuation transports and later that month escorted damaged 'Scharnhorst' from Norway to Kiel. During June/July 1942 she was involved in operation against Arctic convoy PQ.17 and later against allied bases on Spitzbergen.

Badly damaged by U.S. 8th USAAF at Hamburg on November 4, 1944. Captured by Russians and renamed 'Pylki' in 1946. Scrapped in 1961.

Cover posted on October 4, 1944 has mute Hamburg machine cancel.

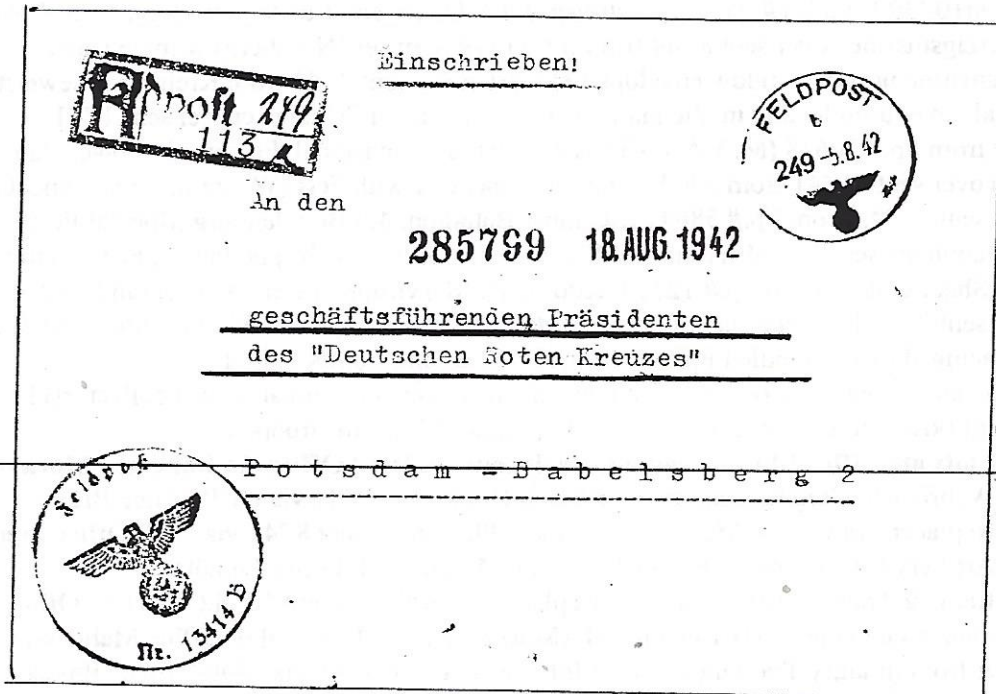
COMBAT DIVISION PROFILE:**31st Infantry Division**

by Jim Lewis

POST OFFICE		REGIMENTS				AUXIL
TACT.	KENN	GRENADIER		ARTY	UNITS	
31	249	12	17	82	31	31

Formed 1934-35 by expansion of 12th & 17th Regiments of old Reichswehr. P.O. was assigned Fp.# 15108 as a return address and K-249. The 31st Infantry Division fought in southern Poland (1939) and in Belgium & France (1940). It invaded Russia with the 2nd Panzer Army in the central sector and in the advance on Moscow. It suffered heavy losses in the Soviet winter offensive of 1941-42. Remaining with Army Group Center, it fought at Kursk in July 1943 under XLVI Panzer Corps of 9th Army. Later that year it took part in the battles of the middle Dneiper and the subsequent retreats. It was down to battle group strength by October. In June 1944 it was under 4th Army when it was virtually destroyed at Mogilev by the gigantic Soviet summer offensive against Army Group Center.

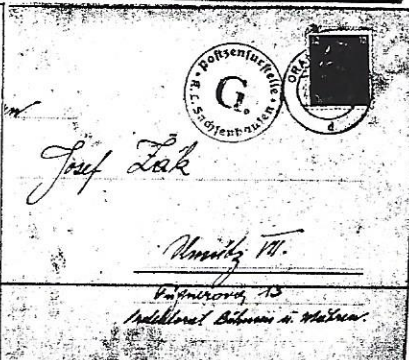
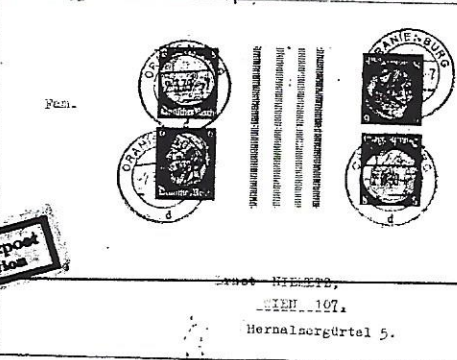
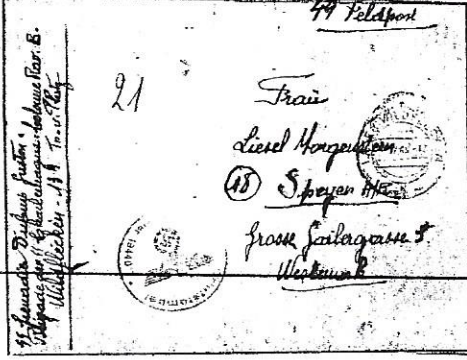
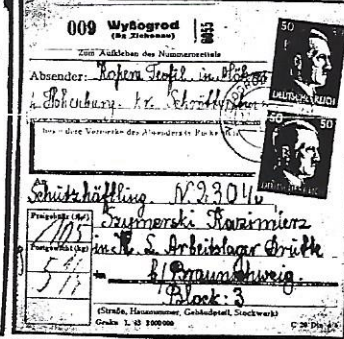
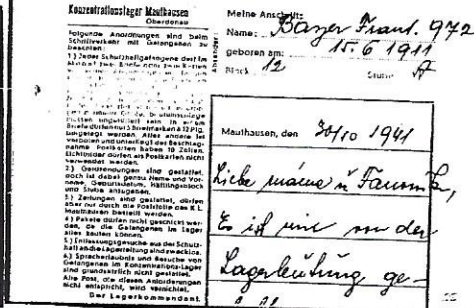
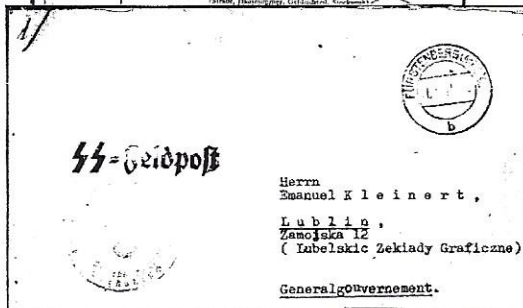
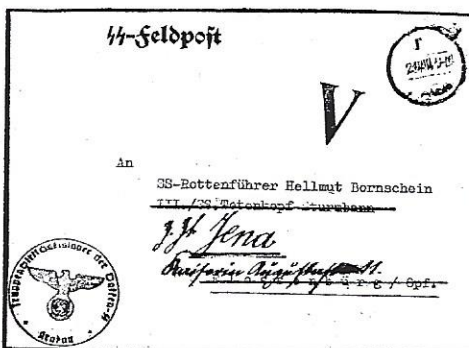
Enough troops escaped to reform the division, augmented with troops of the partially formed 550th Grenadier Division. Designated a Volksgrenadier division, the new P.O. was assigned Fp.# 46481 and K-425. It returned to combat in September 1944 under Army group north. It fought well in the early battles of the Courland Pocket and was evacuated by sea to northern Germany early in 1945. It later joined Army Group Vistula in the Battle of Berlin, where it was destroyed.



Cover sent to President of German Red Cross in Potsdam in August 1942 from Fp. # 13414 (Battalion III of Artillery Regiment 31) via P.O. 31 (K-249).

TRSG Auction No. 96

Lot	Description	Min. Bid
First 11 lots KZL or SS exhibit covers & parcel cards illustrated by Row/Position i.e. Top Center = TC etc.		
1	Flossenburg: parcel card to SS guard from Chelmek (Oberschles) sent 9.'44 (See TL)	\$30
2	Flossenburg: Fp cvr from SS Economics Krakau to SS guard forwarded to Jena with "V" h/s 8.41. (See TC)	33
3	Flossenburg: parcel cd from Bohemian town to Czech inmate in KZL sent 8.'44 (See TR)	23
4	Drütte Labor Camp: receipt for 5 kilo parcel sent 5.'44 from Zichenau to Polish inmate (See ML)	30
5	Mauthausen: form letter sent from inmate 10.'41 thanking family for food parcel (See MC)	23
6	Ravensbrücke: official letter from camp administration sent 8.'41 to GG firm (See MR)	30
7	Sachsenhausen: cover sent 8.'40 from Czech inmate to family w/"G" censor h/s (See BL)	23
8	Sachsenhausen: cover w/gutter pair sent 3.'39 from SS guard to his philatelist father (See BC)	23
9	Sachsenhausen: same sender as lot 8 above but w/single gutter strip sent 11'38	23
10	Cvr sent 7.'44 from French member 'SS Brigade Charlemagne' at Wildflecken maneuver area (See BR)	23
11	Cvr sent 1.'45 from Himmler's Personal Staff at HQ at Born near Oder River (See cover & page 2)	35



Next 33 lots R-Fp covers from SS. Infantry, Gebirgs & Luftwaffe Feld Divisions. VF unless noted o'wise

Kenn	FpA	Date	Fp. #	Description		
12	104	19	7.'40	17251	Stab II/Grenadier Rgt. 73 via 19 Panzer Div P.O.	15
13	125	213	9.'43	15546	2. Battr. Art Btl. 157 via 213 Sicherungs Div P.O.	9
14	129	336	5.'43	11652	III/Gren. Regiment 686 via 336 Infantry Div. P.O.	9
15	282	1548	9.'44	31922	Rgts Stab/Art Regiment 1548 via 548 Inf Div P.O.	10
16	340	94	9.'42	?	(Fp # missing) via 4 Gebirgs Div.. P.O.	7
17	348	211	7.'42	03174	5. Kp, Inf. Regiment 317 via 211 Infantry Div. P.O.	9
18	357	140	10.'41	18814	Armee Pferde Laz. 592 via 22 Panzer Div. P.O.	15

19	372	902 Dup	7.'43	40311	Feldeisb. Betr. Abtl. 11 via 2 Luftwaffe Feld Div. P.O.	\$15
20	412	334	3.'43	48333	I/ Gren. Regiment 754 via 334 Infantry Div. P.O.	9
21	418	114	1.'41	40629	Stab Inf. Regiment 721 via 114 Jäger Div. P.O	9
22	423	205	8.'43	32170	7. Fahr Kol. 205 via 205 Infantry Div. P.O.	9
23	519	266	6.'43	39229	Zev. Stelf KG 76 via 266 Infantry Div. P.O.	9
24	525	711	8.'44	43768	III/Gren. Regiment 744 via 711 Infantry Div. P.O.	9
25	545	914 ✓	4.'43	50553	Lon. Kp Lw F. D. 14 via 14 Luftw. Feld Div P.O.	15 ←
26	561	911 ✓	9.'43	50335	Flugplatz Kdo C 22/XII via 11 Luftw Feld Div P.O..	15 ←
27	569	260	2.'42	07195	II/ Gren. Regiment 480 via 260 Infantry Div. P.O.	9
28	575	339	4.'42	05370	II/ Gren. Regiment 691 via 339 Infantry Div. P.O	9
29	581	384	1.'42	17013	1 MG Zug/ Inf. Rgt. 658 via 384 Inf. Div. (Stalingrad)	15
30	630	45	5.'44	12347	Vet Kp. 45 via 45 Infantry Div. P.O	9
31	713	188	6.'42	05381	II/Gren. Regiment 245 via 88 Infantry Div. P.O	9
32	726	368 ✓	6.'44	07303	II/Sich. Regiment 107 via 281 Sicherungs Div P.O.	9) 16 TH
33	732	908 ✓	9.'43	26675	1 Kp Korps Nachr Abt 66 via 8 Luftw. Feld Div P.O.	15 ←
34	756	944 ✓	3.'41	20007	I/Luftl. Sturm Rgt 1 via 4 Fallschirm Div P.O.	16
35	760	320	10.'43	22848	I/Gren. Regiment 587 via 320 Infantry Div. P.O	9
36	781	SS-2	1.'41	12844	9 Kp. III/SS Rgt. 11 via 2 SS Div. 'Das Reich' P.O.	23
37	783	920 ✓	9.'44	21385	II/ Jäger. Regiment 39 via 20 Luftwaffe Feld Div P.O	15 ←
38	863	330	12.'42	15188	I/Inf. Regiment 556 via 330 Infantry Div. P.O	9
39	864	915 Dup	8.'43	?	(Fp # indistinct) via 15 Luftwaffe Feld Div P.O.	12
40	871	329	6.'43	23814	I/Art Rgt. 329 via 329 inf. Division P.O.	9
41	884	152	6.'43	23279	14 Kp/Inf. Regiment 163 via 52 Sicherungs Div. P.O.	9
42	888	95	1.'44	31452	Kraftf. Kp I.D. Kol 217 via 5 Gebirgs Div P.O.	13
43	916	173	6.'42	04180	Stab/Art Regiment 173 via 73 rd Infantry Div. P.O.	9
44	974	295	6.'42	24991	1 Kp./ Pioner Btl. 295 via 295 Infantry Div. P.O.	9

Next 13 lots are ordinary (non-registered) Feldpost covers - VF unless noted otherwise

45	Cover sent 7.'42 from Fp.# 02881 (14 Kp. Gren. Rgt. 209 of 58 Inf. Div.) w/'000' in Fp can.	9
46	Cover sent 2.'44 from Fp.# 30029 (Stab, Panzer Jäger Abtl. 190 of 90 Pz. Gren. Div..	9
- 47	Cover sent 12.'44 from Fp.# 11707 (5 Kp. II/SS Pz. Gren. Rgt. 4 of 2 SS Dv. "Das Reich"	14
48	Cvr sent 10.'39 from Fp.# 05521 (Destroyer Z-17 'Dieter von Roeder') w/ship photo (sunk Narvik)	35
49	Off. Kriegsmarine cover sent 8.'44 from Fp.# 21879 (Cruiser 'Numberg) w/mute cancel	10
50	Kriegsmarine printed window envelope Feldpost cover sent 7.'43 from Kriegsmarinewerft Kiel	8
51	Official cover used locally in Vienna w/ 35mm provisional Feldpost cancel sent 1.'41	8
52	Cover from Fp.# 20638 (M.A.A.134) has 27mm blue provisional. Fp cancel w/black date sent 4.'41	12
53	R-Fp cover sent 11.'41 from Air Training Regiment 71 with Fels (Wagram) Lager cancel & label	12
54	Cover sent 12.'43 from Fp.# 58642 (Legionar Battalion, 4th Brandenburg [Special Forces] Regiment)	20
55	Cvr w/contents sent 12.'43 from Fp.# 12310 (Kdo Stelle 'S') Gruppe Peters, Peenemunde V2 rocket	75
56	Letter Sheet sent 5.'44 to Fp.# 12310 (Kdo Stelle 'S') Gruppe Peters, Peenemunde V2 etc. F	25
57	Cover sent 8.'42 has open seal of Personal staff of Der Reichsführer SS, nice mute can & SS Feldpost	25
58	Two facing slips for bundled Fp; one from K-560 ad one from K-268. F	8
59	Two postal money order receipts, both with stamps removed (probably by a collector!) F	8
60	Two Luftpost letters from (June '43) and to (August '43) same trooper.	8

Next 7 lots are official Fp w/open unit seals sent via DDP Offices in Bohemia-Moravia- VF

61	From Wehrmacht Communications Command Brünn sent 7.'41 via DDP Office Brünn	13
62	From Replacement Co. for Motorized Engineer Platoon 82 sent 8.'41 via DDP Office Prerau	16
63	From Artillery Replacement Section 215 sent 6.'40 via DDP Office Olmütz	12
64	From Repl. & Training Btl. of Infantry Replacement Rgt. 486 sent 10.'42 via DDP Office Prerau,	14
65	From Panzer Grenadier Replacement Btl. (Mot) 82 sent 4.'43 via DDP Office Mahr. Weisskirchen	15
66	Reg cvr from Infantry Training Btl. II of Inf. Rgt. 131 sent 7.'44 via DDP Office Olmütz	14
67	Printed cover from Army Ordnance Depot 30 in Brünn sent 2.'40 via DDP Office Brünn	12

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