

German Postal Rates from January 30, 1933 to May 8, 1945

by Bob Ferguson

II. FOREIGN RATES

- 1.) **LETTER**
30 January 1933 – 8 May 1945
to 20 gm ----- 25 Pfg.
each additional 20 gm ----- 15 Pfg.
- 2.) **LETTER TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA**
Bohemia & Moravia (to 15 March 1939) Slovakia (to 31 August 1942)
to 20 gm ----- 20 Pfg.
each additional 20 gm ----- 15 Pfg.
- 3.) **LETTER TO HUNGARY**
(to 20 June 1942)
to 20 gm ----- 20 Pfg.
each additional 20 gm ----- 10 Pfg.
- 4.) **POSTCARD**
30 January 1933 – 8 May 1945
15 Pfg.
- 5.) **POSTCARD TO HUNGARY**
(to 20 June 1942)
10 Pfg.
- 6.) **POSTCARD TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA**
Bohemia & Moravia (to 15 March 1939) Slovakia (to 31 August 1942)
10 Pfg.
- 7.) **PRINTED MATTER**
30 January 1933 – 8 May 1945
to 50 gm ----- 5 Pfg.
each additional 50 gm ----- 5 Pfg.
- 8.) **BUSINESS PAPERS AND SAMPLES**
30 January 1933 – 8 May 1945
to 50 gm ----- 5 Pfg.
Minimum rate---- 25 Pfg. (Business papers)
10 Pfg. (Samples)
- 9.) **REGISTRATION FEE**
30 January 1933 – 8 May 1945
30 Pfg.
- 10.) **SPECIAL (EXPRESS) DELIVERY FEE**
30 January 1933 – 8 May 1945
50 Pfg.

FOREIGN RATES (Cont.)

11.) AIRMAIL SURCHARGES FOR EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS

30 January 1933 – 30 April 1934: 20 Pfg. per 20 gm.

1 May 1934 – 31 July 1938: 15 Pfg. per 20 gm.

1 August 1938 – 8 May 1945: 10 Pfg. per 20 gm.

12.) CATAPULT (OR ADVANCED FLIGHT) DISPATCH (*SCHLEUDERFLUG/VORAUSSFLUG*)

Mail posted on board the steamships "Bremen" and "Europa" could be flown from the ship to port in advance of the ship's arrival: Approximately 400-500 Km from destination (either New York or Southampton) a small aircraft was catapulted into flight (*SCHLEUDERFLUG*). All such mail received a separate flight cancellation. Catapult flights were made as follows:

1933 – May through October

1934 – May through September

1935 – May through October

The last such flight was on 9 October 1935 from the "Bremen" to Southampton.

Catapult Mail Surcharge (*Vorausfluggebuhr*)

1933/1934 – 50 Pfg.

1935 – 25 Pfg.

RATE = CATAPULT SURCHARGE + BASIC FEE

13.) SUPPLEMENTARY FLIGHT (*NACHBRINGEFLUG*) SURCHARGES

Provided airmail service (from Köln) to the steamship at Cherbourg for subsequent surface dispatch.

to October 1934 ----- 30 Pfg. for each 20 gm.

May 1935 – May 1938 ----- 15 Pfg. for each 20 gm.

June 1938 – October 1939 ---- 10 Pfg. for each 20 gm.

(Note: These rates do not coincide with airmail surcharges to France)

14.) GENERAL GOVERNMENT

From 1 April 1940 German internal rates were used for mail to the Generalgouvernement.

15.) BOHEMIA & MORAVIA

For mail to the Protectorate of Bohemia & Moravia, German internal rates were phased in over a period of time during 1940:

1940 Date

Type of Mail Service

1 April :

Letter, Postcard

17 July :

Express Delivery, Business Papers, Printed Matter, Insured Mail, Parcels, Samples, Braille

1 October:

Delivery in person, Acknowledgement of Receipt, Delivery Receipt for Parcels, Registration, C.O.D.

FOREIGN RATES (Cont.)

16.) RATES TO OCCUPIED AND ALLIED COUNTRIES

Some rates for mail to the following countries were reduced to German internal rates on the dates indicated:

ALBANIA	1 April to 10 September, 1943, then 1 April to 29 December, 1944,
BELGIUM	1 January 1943 to 26 September 1944
BULGARIA	1 September 1942 to 15 September 1944
CROATIA	From 1 July 1943
DENMARK	From 1 June 1942
FINLAND	1 April 1942 to 29 September, 1944
FRANCE	25 August to 12 September, 1944
HUNGARY	From 1 July 1942
ITALY	From 1 January 1942
LUXEMBURG	From 10 May 1940
NETHERLANDS	From 1 January 1942
NORWAY	From 1 September 1942
ROMANIA	15 July 1942 to 12 September 1944
SAN MARINO	From 1 April 1943
SLOVAKIA	From 1 September 1942

Note: Not all postal services were available to all of the above countries.

17.) FRONTIER RATES (*GRENZVERKEHR*)

When the straight line distance from the place of posting to destination did not exceed 30 Kilometers, special rates (approximating internal rates) applied to letters and postcards dispatched to Belgium, Denmark, The Netherlands and Switzerland.

Letter Rates # 1		Letter Rates # 2	
To 20 gm	12 Pfg.	To 20 gm	12 Pfg.
20 - 40 gm	25 Pfg.	20 - 40 gm	24 Pfg.
40 - 60 gm	36 Pfg.	40 - 60 gm	36 Pfg.
Each additional 20 gm	12 Pfg.	Each additional 20 gm	12 Pfg.

Letter Rates # 1		Letter Rates # 2	
Belgium -----	to 30 November 1933	1 December 1933	to 31 December 1942
Denmark -----	to 30 November 1933	1 December 1933	to 31 May 1942
Netherlands ---	to 30 November 1933	1 December 1933	to 31 December 1941
Switzerland----	to 30 November 1933	1 December 1933	to 8 May 1945

18.) RATES TO PRE-ANSCHLUSS AUSTRIA

1 April 1933 to 12 March 1938

Same as German internal rates

19.) SURCHARGES FOR AIRMAIL FROM NEW YORK

30 January to 30 April 1933:	25 Pfg. per 10 gm.
1 May 1933 to 30 April 1934:	20 Pfg. for first 5 gm, 10 Pfg. for each additional 5 gm
1 May 1934 to 31 July 1938:	15 Pfg. for first 5 gm., 10 Pfg. for each additional 5 gm
1 May 1938 to 15 December 1941:	10 Pfg. for first 5 gm.

(Service suspended from 1 September 1939 to 5 October 1940)

Postal Rate Corrections

by Rex A. Dixon

The following are comments/corrections to Bob Ferguson's 3-part article in Bulletins 162-164

Internal Rates

- 1.) Omitted is the 250-500 gm local letter rate for the first period which is the same as for second period.
- 7.) The Braille rates are incorrect. The Brail rate was 3 Pf for up to 5 Kg.
- 8.) I.) The two lines "to 20 gm...8 Pf" and "20-250 gm...15 Pf." are spurious and should be deleted.
- 24.) "375 Kg" should read "375 Km" (twice).
- 26.) Omitted is requirement that until 14 July 1938 pneumatic mail required the express delivery fee to be paid as well as the Rohrpost fee.
- 32.) Until 11 Sept. 1941, the fees quoted include 15 Pf normal delivery fee. After that date, the 15 pf normal fee was still payable so the reductions in fees quoted are more apparent than real. Also, express delivery fees for letter post were omitted. They are:

30 January 1933 - 12 August 1944

Local delivery - 40 Pf.

Non-local delivery - 80 Pf.

- 37.) An *Einlieferungschein* is a Dispatch Receipt (certificate of posting) not a Delivery Receipt.

Foreign Rates

- 3.) & 5.) The end date for these rates to Hungary should be 30 June 1942, not 20 June.
- 7 - omission.) Inland rates for printed matter applied to Hungary throughout period stated up to the internal weight limit of 500gm.
- 14.) Internal rates to the General Gouvernement applied from 1 March 1940 not 1 April.
- 15.) Dates for mail service should read "1 April 1939"; "17 July 1939" and "1 October 1940"
- 16.) Reduction to Luxembourg (correct English spelling) from 10 May 1940 is misleading. Inland rates applied for the whole period under consideration, from before 30 January 1933 - see below.
The use of German internal rates to the listed countries, excluding Luxembourg, for the listed dates applied, at most, to basic rates for dispatch. It did not apply to ancillary fees such as express delivery, COD, insurance, etc. The exception is the airmail fee from 1 April 1943
- 18 - omission.) This statement re use of German internal rates to pre-Anschluss Austria also applied to the Saar (until 28 Feb. 1935), to Lithuania including Memel (until 31 Jan. 1936), to Danzig & Luxembourg.

From Ye Olde Ed. Many thanks to TRSG member Rex Dixon for providing these corrections and comments to Bob Ferguson's very fine article on postal rates. While we did not retain Bob's original manuscript, I'm quite certain that some of the errors are due to typos or faulty transcribing by the editorial staff. The only important thing is to provide our membership with the most accurate information possible

THIRD REICH POSTAL RATES

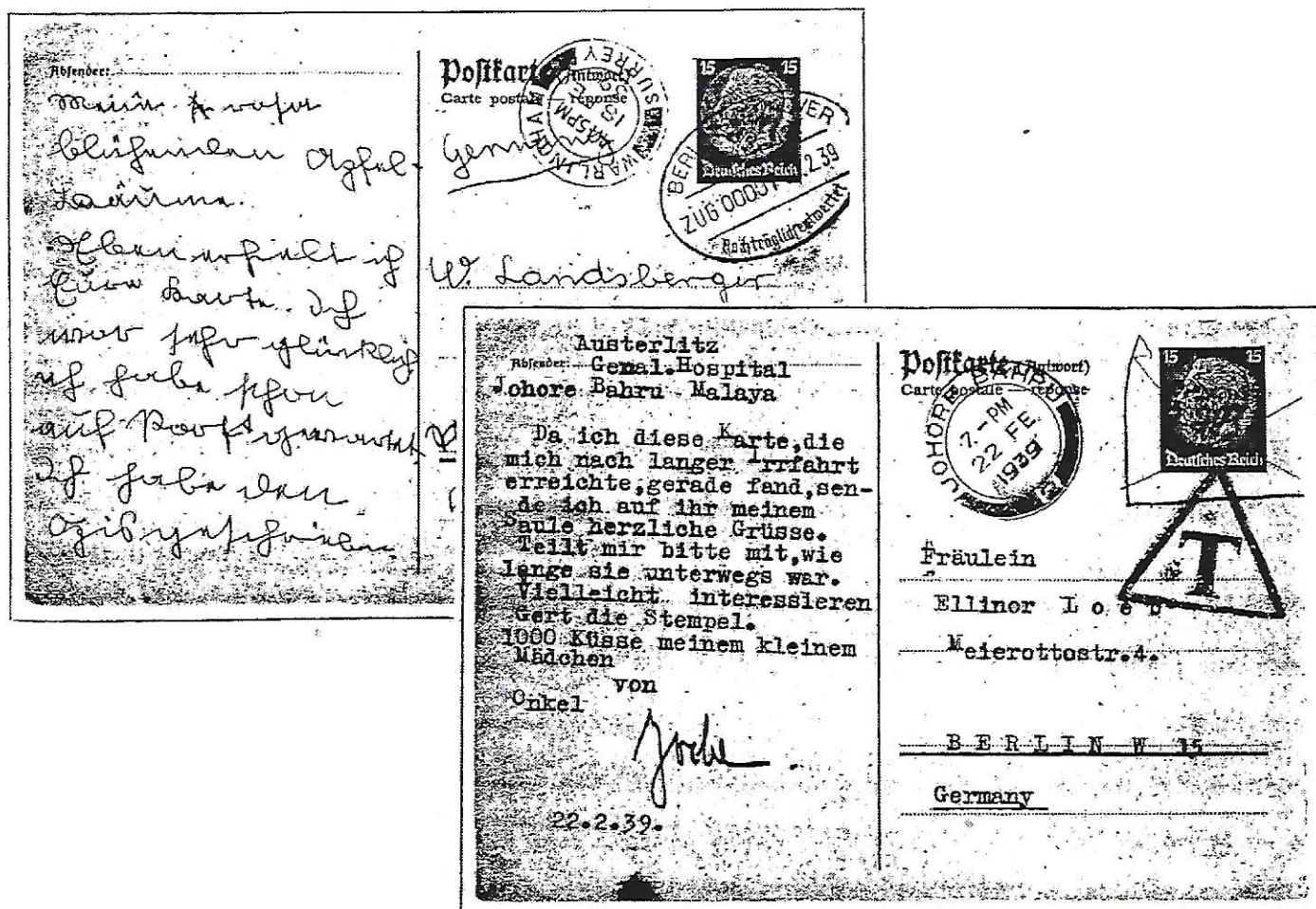
Paid Reply Postal Cards (Antwortkarten)

by Bob Ferguson

Collectors of German postal stationery are familiar with the paid reply postal cards – two attached postal cards, one for the sender, one for the reply and each with indicium. The reply card could either be detached before returning or the double card could be folded back so that the reply card was showing and both cards returned to sender. The Michel catalog lists prices for the used cards in three cases: 1.) Double card, 2.) message card detached (Frageteil) and 3.) reply card attached (Antwortteil).

The reply card of the 15Pfg / 15Pfg paid reply card (foreign postcard rate) is of particular interest since it provides a foreign cancel on the German indicium.

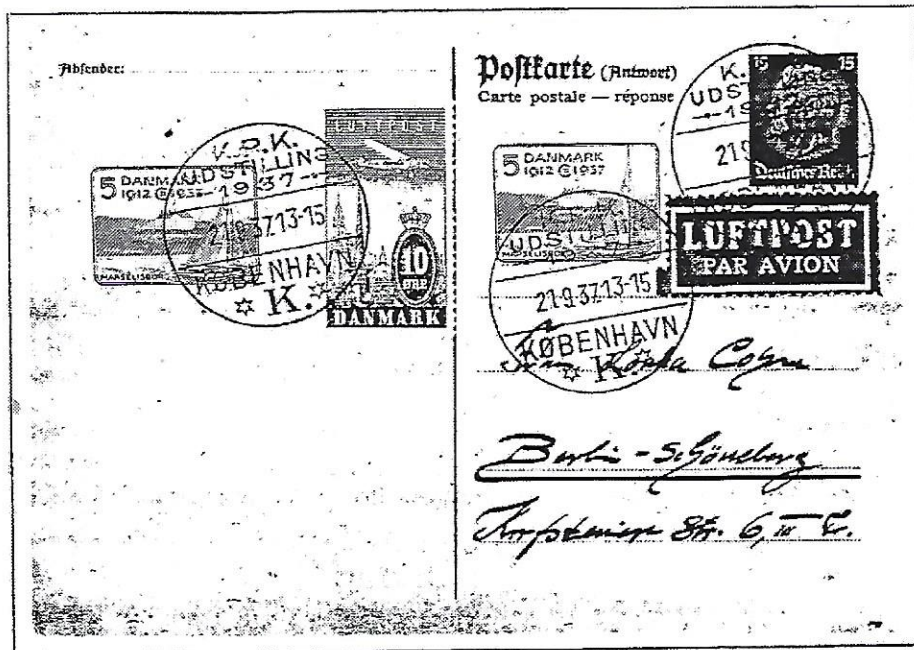
A) Below - reply card posted Warlingham, England on February 18, 1939 to Berlin with both an English postmark (which doesn't touch the indicium) and German bahnpost cancel (Nachtraglich Entwertet – applied after posting) dated February 20, 1939.



B) Above - reply card posted Johore Bahru, Malaya on February 22, 1939 to Berlin. Apparently a Malayan postal clerk not familiar with paid reply cards added the "T" for postage due.

The reply card of the 15Pfg / 15Pfg paid reply card often has mixed German and foreign frankings and postal markings.

- C) Below - reply card posted Copenhagen, Denmark on September 21, 1937 to Berlin with 20 Øre of Danish franking to pay the airmail surcharge.



- D) Above - reply card posted Sisak, Croatia on February 3, 1945 to Leutkitch with additional Croatian franking.

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Double Weight Insured Letter ('Wertbrief')

by Bob Ferguson

Insured letters ('Wertbrief') required that sender clearly indicate the declared value.

30 January 1933 – 12 August 1944

Rate: Basic letter rate

+ Insurance fee (10 Pfg. for each 500 RM Value).

+ Handling fee (50 Pfg.)



Insured letter weighing 27 grams addressed to Reichs Minister for Air Travel in Berlin.

Posted: Hamburg, July 3, 1943

Declared Value: 1100 RM

Franking (104 Rpf.): 24 Pfg. (Intercity letter rate for weight 20-250 grams).

30 Pfg. (Insurance for 1100 RM)

50 Pfg. (Handling fee over 100RM)

THIRD REICH POSTAL RATES

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INTERNAL RATES: INSURED MAIL (WERTSENDUNGEN)

I) Wax Sealed Letters and Parcels (30 January 1933 - 8 May 1945)

Basic = Basic letter or parcel rate

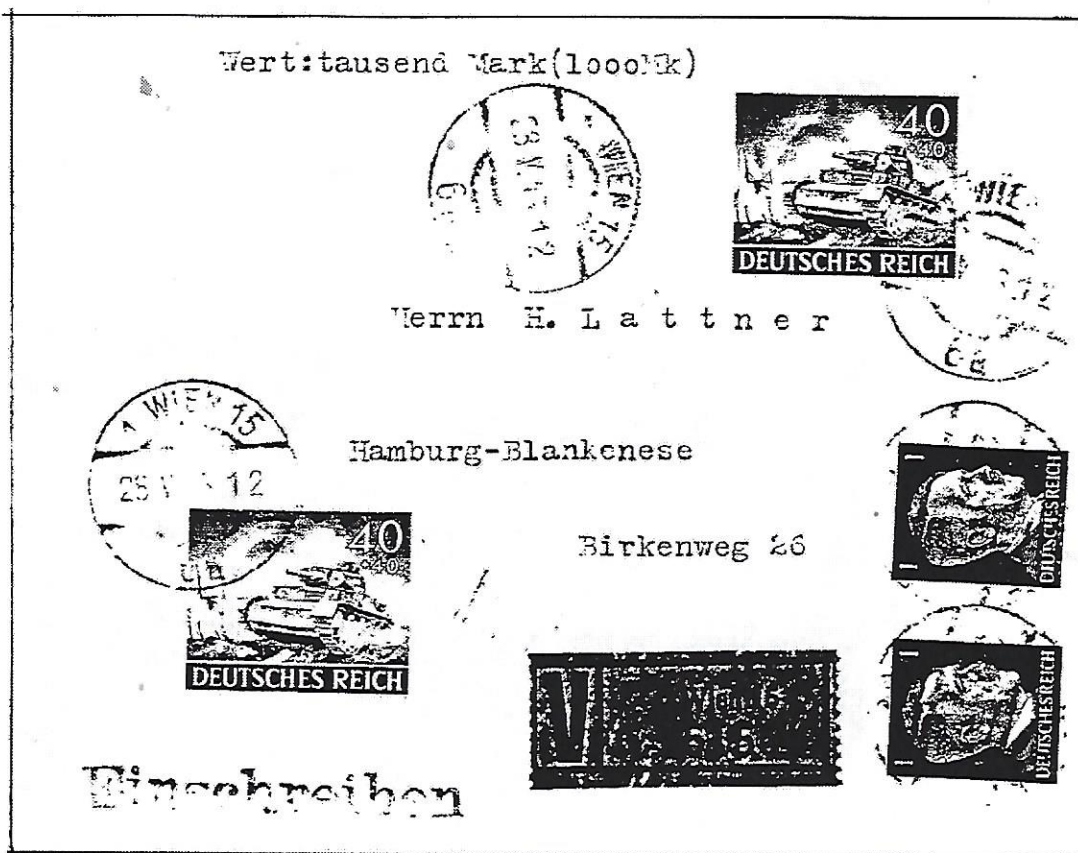
+ Handling fee (BEHANDLUNGSGEBUHR)

+ Insurance fee (VERSICHERUNGSGEBUHR)

Handling fee = 40 Pfg. (Declared value to 100 RM)

50 Pfg. (Declared value over 100 RM)

Insurance fee = 10 Pfg. for each 500 RM of declared value.



Posted: Wien 23 May 1943

Backstamped: Hamburg-Blankensee 30 May 1943

SINGLE WEIGHT INSURED LETTER RATE

Declared Value: 1,000 RM

Franking (82 Pfg.): 12 Pfg. = Intercity letter rate for weight under 20 gram.

20 Pfg. = Insurance fee for 1000 RM.

50 Pfg. = Handling fee.

Third Reich Postal Rates

Postal Money Order (Postanweisung)

Inland and to Danzig

by Bob Ferguson

Rate Period: from August 1, 1927

Amount	Fee
to 10 RM	0.20 RM
-25 RM	0.30 RM
-50 RM	0.40 RM
-100 RM	0.50 RM
-250 RM	0.60 RM
-500 RM	0.80 RM
-750 RM	1.00 RM
-1000 RM	1.20 RM
Each additional 250 RM	0.40 RM

Postal money order card sent from Brüx (Sudetenland) [11a] on May 3, 1945 to Humpolec (Böhmen & Mähren) [11b]. Note: German name for Humpolec was Gumpolds.

Backstamped at Humpolec on May 15, 1945.

Money order value of 20 RM required postal fee of 30 RM (10 RM - 25 RM)

Absender: *Glauc Wessel*
Brüx
Gasserstr. 18/19

Postanweisung
auf *20 RM* *Reichsmark* *Reichsmark* *wörtlich*

20 RM *Reichsmark* *Reichsmark*

Eingezahlt am
Absender Name, Wohnort, Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudefuß, Stockwerk, bei Untermieter auch Name des Vermieters
Glauc Wessel
Brüx
Gasserstr. 18/19

An *Heinrich J. Gelpert*
Prüce e. 99

In *H. H. Humpolec*
Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudefuß, Stockwerk, bei Untermieter auch Name des Vermieters
Humpolec *M.B.*

M.B. Sudeten
Detrillt Rechnung, Bauschein, Suchungsnummer usw.
Detrillt Rechnung, Bauschein, Suchungsnummer usw.

Postvermerk
Nr. *0034*
351
Brüx

Eingetragen durch
3. 5.
Reichsmark

Eingangs-Nr.
3. 5.

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△ 0.90

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Mixed Sending (*Mischsendungen*)

by Bob Ferguson

This rate applied to packets containing a mixture of printed matter, samples and business papers.

Rate Period: 1 August 1927 - 31 July 1933

to 250 gm -----15 Rpf.

250-500 gm -----30 Rpf.

500-1000 gm ----40 Rpf.

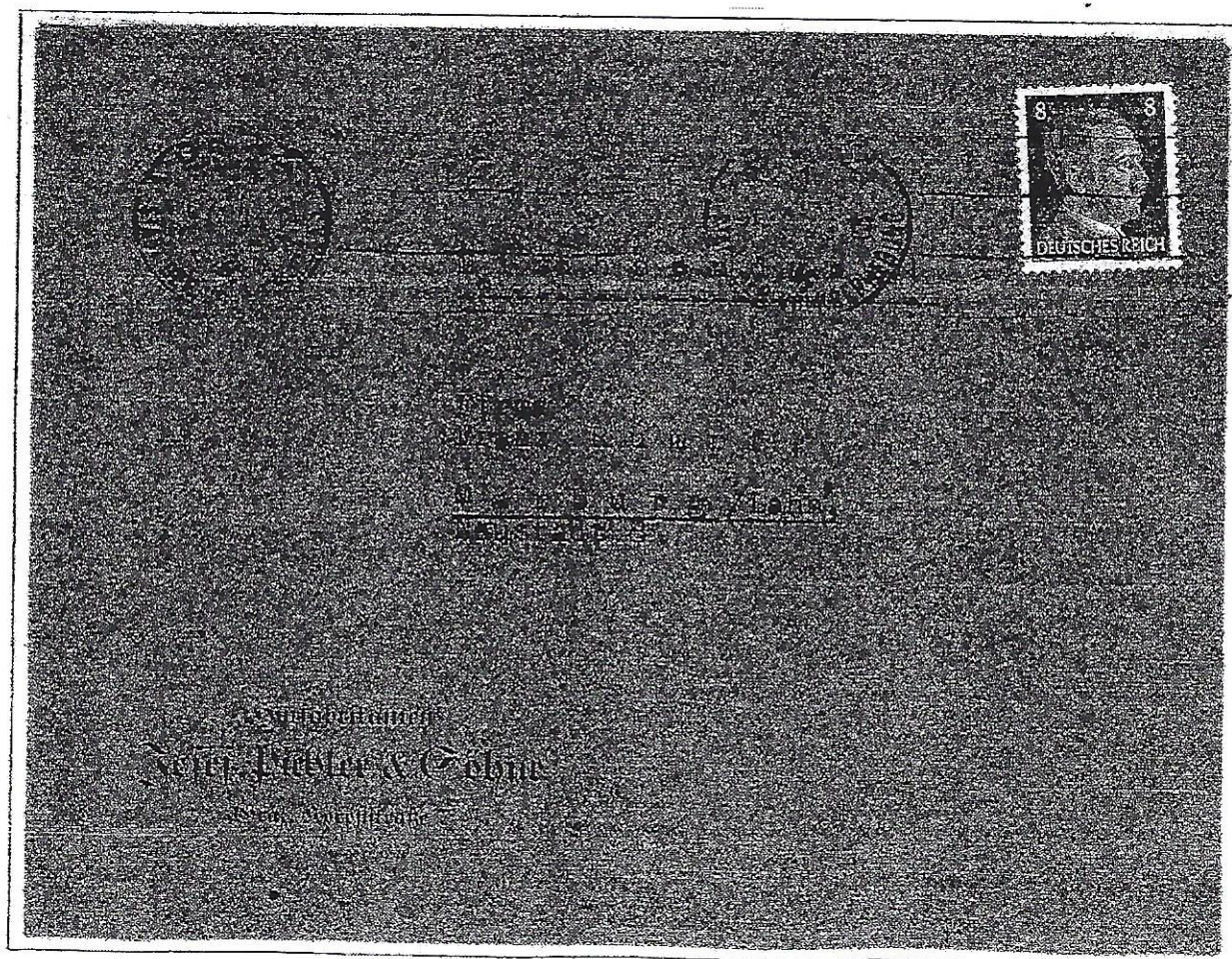
Rate Period: 1 August 1933 - 12 August 1944

to 100 gm ----- 8 Rpf.

100-250 gm -----15 Rpf.

250-500 gm -----30 Rpf.

Commercial mail sent from Graz to Marburg/Lahn on March 5, 1943. Mixed sending rate (weight: 0-100 gm) = 8 Rpf per rate period 1 August 1933 - 11 August 1944



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RATES FOR INTERNAL PARCEL POST AND RELATED SERVICES

Deutsches Reich: 30 January 1933-8 May 1945

Bohemia & Moravia: from 1 October 1940

Generalgouvernement: from 1 April 1940

Ordinary Parcel Post

(15 January 1932 - 12 August 1944)

	1 Zone -75 Km	2 Zone -150 Km	3 Zone -375 Km	4 Zone -705 Km	5 Zone over 705 Km
to 5 Kg.	0.30RM	0.40	0.60	0.60	0.60
6 Kg.	0.35	0.50	0.80	0.90	1.00
7 Kg.	0.40	0.60	1.00	1.20	1.40
8 Kg.	0.45	0.70	1.20	1.50	1.80
9 Kg.	0.50	0.80	1.40	1.80	2.20
10 Kg.	0.55	0.90	1.60	2.10	2.60
11 Kg.	0.65	1.05	1.80	2.35	2.90
12 Kg.	0.75	1.20	2.00	2.60	3.20
13 Kg.	0.85	1.35	2.20	2.85	3.50
14 Kg.	0.95	1.50	2.40	3.10	3.80
15 Kg.	1.05	1.65	2.60	3.35	4.10
16 Kg.	1.15	1.80	2.80	3.60	4.40
17 Kg.	1.25	1.95	3.00	3.85	4.70
18 Kg.	1.35	2.10	3.20	4.10	5.00
19 Kg.	1.45	2.25	3.40	4.35	5.30
20 Kg.	1.55	2.40	3.60	4.60	5.60

Rate = fee from table + 15 Pf. (Zustellgebühr) delivery fee.

Maximum weight accepted after 30 September 1942 = 15Kg.

(13 August 1944 – 8 may 1945)

	Nahzone -75 Km	Fernzone Over 75 Km
to 5 Kg.	0.30RM	0.60
6 Kg.	0.35	0.80
7 Kg.	0.40	1.00
8 Kg.	0.45	1.20
9 Kg.	0.50	1.40
10 Kg.	0.55	1.60
11 Kg.	0.65	1.80
12 Kg.	0.75	2.00
13 Kg.	0.85	2.20
14 Kg.	0.95	2.40
15 Kg.	1.05	2.60

Parcel Post (Postgut)

Postgut was introduced on 15 January 1933 for the bulk transport of packages. Fees were lower than for ordinary parcel post and effective 1 October 1934 green packer cards (Postgutkarten) were used.

(15 January 1933 - 14 February 1933)

	1 Zone -75 Km	2 Zone -150 Km	3 Zone -375 Km	4 Zone -705 Km	5 Zone over 705 Km
to 5 Kg.	0.35RM	0.45	0.45	0.60	0.65
6 Kg.	0.40	0.55	0.55	0.80	0.90
7 Kg.	0.45	0.60	0.65	1.00	1.20

(15 February 1933- 12 August 1944)

	1 Zone -75 Km	2 Zone -150 Km	3 Zone -375 Km	4 Zone -705 Km	5 Zone over 705 Km
to 5 Kg.	0.30RM	0.40	0.40	0.50	0.60
6 Kg.	0.35	0.45	0.50	0.60	0.80
7 Kg.	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	1.00

Rate = fee from tables

Special (Express) Delivery for Parcel Post

(1 August 1927- 11 September 1941)

local delivery -----60 Pf

Non-local delivery --- 1.20 RM

(12 September 1941- 12 August 1944)

local delivery -----45 Pf

Non-local delivery --- 1.05 RM

From 12 September 1941 through the end of the service on 12 August 1944, the special delivery fee was collected from the recipient since the Reichspost could not guarantee the service in advance due to manpower shortages.

Acknowledgment of Receipt (Ruckschein)

(1 August 1927- 8 May 1945)

Fee -30 Pf

Used for parcels, registered mail and insured mail

Airmail Parcel Post Surcharges

(23 April 1928- 8 May 1945)

Weight to 1Kg – 100 Pf to each of zones 1 through 5

Each additional 1/2Kg – 20 Pf (Zones 1,2,3) (over 375Km)

Priority Dispatch for Parcels (Dringend)
(1 August 1927- 12 August 1945)

Fee -1RM.

Available for ordinary parcel post, postgut and non-wax sealed insured parcels

Fee for Undeliverable Mail (Unzustellbarkeitsmeldung)
(1 August 1927- 12 August 1945)

Fee -30Pf.

Required for undeliverable parcel post, money order and insured mail.

Storage Fee for Parcel Post in General Delivery (Poste Restante/Postlagernd)

(1 August 1927- 31 March 1933)

fee per day = 15Pf
maximum fee = 4RM

(1 April 1933- 31 August 1943)

fee per day = 10Pf.
maximum fee = 2RM

Fig. 1) Rate period : 15 January 1932 – 12 August 1944- Parcel Post to Zone 5

Franking (3.95RM) : 3.80RM (weight: 14Kg to Zone 5)
0.15RM (delivery fee)

Posted: Lindau 8 Nov. 1943 to Tomaszow Mazowiecki (District Radom)
Backstamped: Tomaszow Mazowiecki 22 Nov. 1943



Fig. 2) Rate period: 13 August 1944 – 8 May 1945 – Parcel Post to Fernzone

Franking (60 Pf.): weight: 2Kg to Fernzone
 Posted: Marburg (Drau): 21 September 1944
 to Krainburg (Südkärnten)
 (Zustellvermerk: 25 September 1944)

465 Marburg (Drau, Steierm) 2 4652

Absender: J. A. N. ...
 Zeitungs- u. Zeitschriften-Vertrieb
 Marburg a. d. Drau

Besondere Vermerke des Absenders (s. Rückseite):

An ...

Titel: ...

Freizgebühr (Pf.) 60

Postgewicht (kg) 2

in Krainburg/Südkärnten

Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stockwerk)

25/2 (S. 42) C 20 Din A6

60 60 DEUTSCHES REICH

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Fig. 3) Priority Parcel Post

Weight: 14.5Kg to Zone 4
 Franking (4.50 RM): 3.35RM
 15 Pf (Delivery fee)
 1.00RM (Priority fee)
 Posted: Wien 18 July 1944
 (Zustellvermerk: 3 August 1944)

5381 Wien 46

Absender: W. J. ...
 Wien III/40 Ob. Weinbergstr.

Besonder: Dringend

An Frau Yvonne
 Reiter
 bei Schneider
 in Gännsdorf
 Bleibsch. G

Freizgebühr (Pf.) 45

Postgewicht (kg) 14.5

Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stockwerk)

25/2 0/0338

50 50 DEUTSCHES REICH

C.O. D (Nachnahme)

(1 August 1927- 8 May 1945)

Rate = basic rate
 + presentation fee
 Presentation fee (Vorzeigegebühr) = 20 Pf.

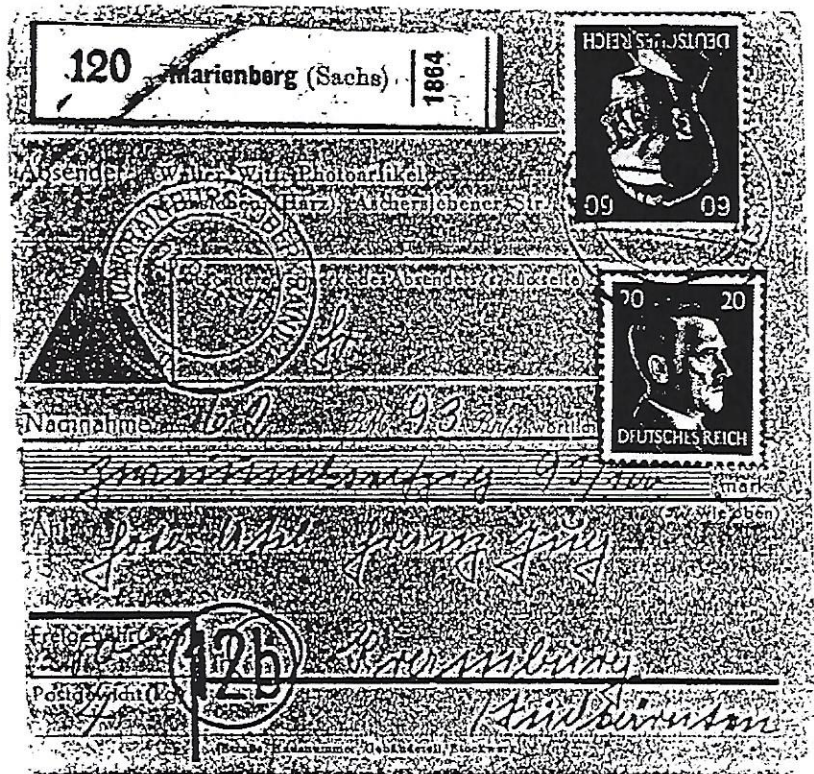
Fig. 4) C.O. D. Parcel Post

C.O.D. amount = 70.20RM

Franking (95 Pf): 60 Pf (Weight: 4Kg to Zone 3)
 15 Pf (Delivery fee)
 20 Pf (Presentation fee)

Posted: Marienberg 14 March 1944

Frontstamped: Krainburg 18 March 1944.

Insured Mail (Wertsendungen)Wax Sealed Letters and Parcels

(1 August 1927- 8 May 1945)

Rate = basic letter or parcel rate
 + handling fee (behandlungsgebühr)
 + insurance fee (versicherungsgebühr)

Handling fee = 40Pf. (declared value to 100RM)
 50Pf (declared value over 100RM)

Insurance fee = 10Pf for each 500RM of declared value.

Parcels Without Wax Seals (Unversiegelte Wertpaket)

1 Nov.1928 -31 July 1933	Basic parcel rate	+ 10Pf insurance fee	+10 Pf. handling fee
1 Aug. 1933- 8 May 1945	Basic parcel rate	+ 10Pf insurance fee	Handling fee rescinded 31 July 1933

Limit of declared value to be eligible for insurance without wax seals:

1 November 1928 - 14 April 1937 = 300RM

15 April 1937 - 12 March 1945 = 500RM

13 March 1945 - 12 May 1945 = 300RM

Fig. 5) Priority Insured Parcel Post
Without Wax seals

Declared Value = 50RM

Weight: 6.5Kg to Zone 2

Franking (1.85 RM): 60Pf

15Pf (delivery fee)

10Pf (insurance fee)

1.00RM (priority fee)

Posted: Berlin 2 July 1943

Backstamped: Dessau-Rosslau 5 July 1943



Fig. 6) Priority Insured Parcel Post
Without Wax seals

Declared Value = 15 Zlotys

Weight: 7Kg to Zone 4

Franking (490Gr): 240Gr

30Gr (delivery fee)

20Gr (insurance fee)

200Gr (priority fee)

(90 Gr. postage on back of card)

Posted: Reichshof 13 July 1943 to inmate at KZ Flossburg bei Weiden.

Rates in Generalgouvernement same
As in the Reich with exchange rate
Of 1RM = 2 Zloty.



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Late Parcel Post to Fernzone

by Bob Ferguson

The rates for ordinary parcel post which had been in effect since 30 January 1933 were revised on 13 August 1944. The new rates had only two distance zones, **Nahzone** (under 75 Km) and **Fernzone** (over 75Km). The maximum allowable weight was 15 Kg.

Ordinary Parcel Post to Fernzone

Posted: Rugendorf, March 12, 1945

Received: Feucht, April 5, 1945

Franking (1.20 RM): Fee for 8 Kg Parcel to Fernzone.

Eingangs-Nr. Zustellvermerk <i>6.4. August</i>		Bescheinigung des (bei versiegelten W Umstehend bezeichnet erhalten (Name)		631 X Rugendorf 2013 Absender: <i>Söllner (13a) Rugendorf</i> <i>L.K. Stadtsteinsch. Bf.</i> Besondere Vermerke des Absenders (s. Rückseite): An <i>Frau</i> <i>Julie Söllner</i> <i>Julius Streicher Str. 143</i> <i>(13a) b / Feucht</i> <i>über Feucht</i> Freigebühr (RM) <i>1.20</i> Postgewicht (kg) <i>8</i> Str. (S. 42) <i>M</i>		50 50 DEUTSCHES REICH 50 50 DEUTSCHES REICH 20 20 DEUTSCHES REICH	
Zur Beachtung Mit einer Paketkarte dürfen bis 3 Pakete versandt werden. Zu jedem Nachnahmepaket ist jedoch eine besondere Paketkarte erforderlich, wobei die besonderen Nachnahmepaketkarten mit anhängender Postanweisung oder Zahlkarte zu benutzen sind. Auf eine Paketkarte dürfen nur Pakete derselben Art, also, entweder nur gewöhnliche oder nur unversiegelte oder nur versiegelte Wertpakete gemeinsam befördert werden, unversiegelte Wertpakete jedoch nur dann, wenn der Wertbetrag bei allen Paketen gleich hoch ist. Bei unversiegelten Wertpaketen darf der Wertbetrag nur einmal auf der Paketkarte vermerkt werden; bei versiegelten Wertpaketen muß der Wert eines jeden Pakets besonders auf der Paketkarte angegeben sein, es sei denn, daß er bei allen Paketen gleich hoch ist. Bei Wertpaketen ist der Wertbetrag mit dem Zusatz „Wert“ in Ziffern in dem Raum „Besondere Vermerke des Absenders“ zu vermerken. In diese gegebenenfalls Vermerke Bote bezahlt“, „Wen u. dgl., niederzuschreiben. Das Paket selbst und die gleichzeitige Zustellung, Wert, N wie die Paketkarte; siegelten Wertpakete Paket wegzulassen. Ist möglichst groß und deutlich anzugeben. Postpakete, die aus leeren Schachteln, Kisten, Körben oder andern leeren Behältnissen bestehen, sind über der Anschrift durch den Vermerk „Leergut“ zu kennzeichnen. Paketkarten dürfen nicht als Paketaufschriften benutzt werden. Auf den Paketen und Paketkarten hat der Absender seinen Namen und Wohnort nebst Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stockwerk anzugeben. Auskunft über die Gebühren am Postschalter.				C 20 Dlr A8			

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Parcel Fee Changes in August 1944

by Rex Dixon

Students of German World War II postal rates will probably be aware of some of the many changes and restrictions introduced, both as the result of international agreements and, later, of wartime difficulties. Until recently I was puzzled by the apparent failure to charge a delivery fee on parcels in the autumn of 1944. Up to August 12, 1944, charges were typically levied as shown on the card illustrated below that was made out for a parcel sent from Hamburg to a labor camp (Gemeinschaftslager I 36/3) in Marburg a/d Drau - Thesen. The total charge of 85 pfg was calculated as follows:

Parcel weight up to 5 Kg, zone 5 (over 750 Km)	0.60 pfg	Lütgens 121/5 (*)
Delivery fee	0.15 pfg	Lütgens 134
Insurance fee	0.10 pfg	Lütgens 124/4

	0.85 pfg	

The insurance fee covered up to 500 RM, using the unsealed value parcel service (i.e. not using wax seals).

Charges for parcels were based on distance but, for a parcel under 5 Kg, the rates for zones 3, 4 and 5 were the same, so this card cannot show the distinction between zone 5 and the far zone.

Back stamps show the arrival of the parcel in Marburg (Steierm.) 5/c on August 15th and at the work camp on August 24th.

Marburg 5 post office opened in 1943 or 1944 to service Thesen (Slovenian Tezno) on the southern edge of Marburg.

The sender posted this parcel just in time because on the following day, August 13, 1944, the delivery fee (introduced on Jan. 15, 1932) was abolished. Wartime chaos was causing severe problems for the German Postal Service and, in many towns, parcel delivery could no longer be maintained.

Recipients themselves had to collect their parcels from the post offices. Rates were also greatly simplified and the five charge zones

were reduced to two. The new "Near Zone" (up to 75 Km) was equivalent to the old zone 1 and the "Far Zone" covered the old zones 2 to 5, using the rates for the old zone 3.

315 Hamburg 5

Absender: *Angew. 7/12 844*

Besondere Vermerke des Absenders (a. Rückseite): *Wachpost 200.-16*

An: *Marburg*

Freigegebühr (RM): *-85*

Postgewicht (kg): *4.1*

in: *Marburg a/d Drau Thesen*

Gemeinschaftslager I 36/3

(Straße, Hausnummer, Gebietsstell., Stockwerk)

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(*) Rates found in "Postgebührenkatalog 1923 bis 1945" by Rainer Lütgens. ED Note: This article, originally published by Third Reich Study Group (U.K.), appears here with their permission

THIRD REICH POSTAL RATES

by Bob Ferguson

PARCEL POST (POSTGUT)

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First Rate Period – January 30, 1933 – February 14, 1933

	1 Zone -75 Km	2 Zone -150 Km	3 Zone -375 Km	4 Zone -705 Km	5 Zone over 750 Km
To 5 Kg	0.35 RM	0.45 RM	0.45 RM	0.60 RM	0.65 RM
- 6 Kg	0.40 RM	0.55 RM	0.55 RM	0.80 RM	0.90 RM
- 7 Kg	0.45 RM	0.60 RM	0.65 RM	1.00 RM	1.20 RM

Second Rate Period – February 15, 1933– August 12, 1944

	1 Zone -75 Km	2 Zone -150 Km	3 Zone -375 Km	4 Zone -705 Km	5 Zone over 750 Km
To 5 Kg	0.30 RM	0.40 RM	0.40 RM	0.50 RM	0.60 RM
- 6 Kg	0.35 RM	0.45 RM	0.50 RM	0.60 RM	0.80 RM
- 7 Kg	0.40 RM	0.50 RM	0.60 RM	0.70 RM	1.00 RM

Postgut (Second Rate Period)

Posted: Bergisch-Gladbach December 7, 1943 to Ebermannstadt

POSTAGE PAID PARCEL POST (POSTGUT)

Franking (40 Pfg.): Weight: 4 Kg to Zones 2 or 3

Postage Paid: GEBÜHR BEZAHLT

951 Bergisch Gladbach 1537
Opfermann & Sohn G.m.b.H.

Opfermann & Sohn
Bergisch Gladbach

Abender: (Name, Wohnort, Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäude, Stockwerk)

Besondere Vermerke des Absenders (z. Rückseite)

Freigebür (Pfg.) 40

Postgewicht (kg) 4

An die Stadt - Apotheke in Ebermannstadt Obfr.

(Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäude, Stockwerk)

Keine Zustellgebühr!

Bitte in jedes Postgut oben auf ein Doppel der Aufschrift zu legen

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THIRD REICH POSTAL RATES

Parcel Post Internal Rates

by Bob Ferguson

Ordinary Parcel Post – 30 January 1933 – 12 August 1944

	1 Zone –75Km	2 Zone –150Km	3 Zone –375Km	4 Zone –750Km	5 Zone –750Km+
To 5Kg	0.30Rm	0.40Rm	0.60Rm	0.60Rm	0.60Rm
6Kg	0.35	0.50	0.80	0.90	1.00
7Kg	0.40	0.60	1.00	1.20	1.40
8Kg	0.45	0.70	1.20	1.50	1.80
9Kg	0.50	0.80	1.40	1.80	2.20
10Kg	0.55	0.90	1.60	2.10	2.60
11Kg	0.65	1.05	1.80	2.35	2.90
12Kg	0.75	1.20	2.00	2.60	3.20
13Kg	0.85	1.35	2.20	2.85	3.50
14Kg	0.95	1.50	2.40	3.10	3.80
15Kg	1.05	1.65	2.60	3.35	4.10
16Kg	1.15	1.80	2.80	3.60	4.40
17Kg	1.25	1.95	3.00	3.85	4.70
18Kg	1.35	2.10	3.20	4.10	5.00
19Kg	1.45	2.25	3.40	4.35	5.30
20Kg	1.55	2.40	3.60	4.60	5.60

RATE = FEE FROM TABLE + 15Pf (ZUSTELLGEBUHR) DELIVERY FEE

Maximum weight accepted after 30 September 1942 = 15Kg

13 August 1944 – 8 May 1945

	Nahzone –75 Km	Fernzone –over 75Km
To 5Kg	0.30Rm	0.60Rm
6Kg	0.35	0.80
7Kg	0.40	1.00
8Kg	0.45	1.20
9Kg	0.50	1.40
10Kg	0.55	1.60
11Kg	0.65	1.80
12Kg	0.75	2.00
13Kg	0.85	2.20
14Kg	0.95	2.40
15Kg	1.05	2.60

RATE = FEE FROM TABLE (Delivery fee was rescinded on 12 August 1944)

PRIORITY DISPATCH FOR PARCELS (DRINGEND)
(30 January 1933 – 12 August 1944)

Available for ordinary parcel post, Postgut and non-wax sealed insured parcels
Fee = 1RM

5381		Wien 46		5332	
(Die)				DEUTSCHES REICH	
Absender:		Herr J. J. J. J.		79	
Wien III. 40 Ob. Kärntnerstr.				DEUTSCHES REICH	
Besonder:		Dringend		DEUTSCHES REICH	
An		Frau Yanna		50	
Freigegebühr (Ref)		Reiter		DEUTSCHES REICH	
40		bei Schneider		50	
Postgewicht (kg)		in			
14 1/2		Gönnissen			
		Bleichstr. 6			
		(Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stockwerk)			
		26/2 Q/0335			

Posted: Wien, July 18, 1944

Zustellvermerk: August 3, 1944

PRIORITY PARCEL POST

Franking (4.50RM): 3.35 RM (Weight: 14-1/2 Kg to Zone 4)

15 Pf. (Delivery Fee)

1.00 RM (Priority Fee – “Dringend”)

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RATES FOR INTERNAL PARCEL POST AND RELATED SERVICES

Deutsches Reich: 30 January 1933-8 May 1945

Bohemia & Moravia: from 1 October 1940

Generalgouvernement: from 1 April 1940

Ordinary Parcel Post

(15 January 1932 - 12 August 1944)

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6 Kg.	0.35	0.50	0.80	0.90	1.00
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8 Kg.	0.45	0.70	1.20	1.50	1.80
9 Kg.	0.50	0.80	1.40	1.80	2.20
10 Kg.	0.55	0.90	1.60	2.10	2.60
11 Kg.	0.65	1.05	1.80	2.35	2.90
12 Kg.	0.75	1.20	2.00	2.60	3.20
13 Kg.	0.85	1.35	2.20	2.85	3.50
14 Kg.	0.95	1.50	2.40	3.10	3.80
15 Kg.	1.05	1.65	2.60	3.35	4.10
16 Kg.	1.15	1.80	2.80	3.60	4.40
17 Kg.	1.25	1.95	3.00	3.85	4.70
18 Kg.	1.35	2.10	3.20	4.10	5.00
19 Kg.	1.45	2.25	3.40	4.35	5.30
20 Kg.	1.55	2.40	3.60	4.60	5.60

Rate = fee from table + 15 Pf. (Zustellgebühr) delivery fee.
Maximum weight accepted after 30 September 1942 = 15Kg.

(13 August 1944 - 8 may 1945)

	Nahzone -75 Km	Fernzone Over 75 Km
to 5 Kg.	0.30RM	0.60
6 Kg.	0.35	0.80
7 Kg.	0.40	1.00
8 Kg.	0.45	1.20
9 Kg.	0.50	1.40
10 Kg.	0.55	1.60
11 Kg.	0.65	1.80
12 Kg.	0.75	2.00
13 Kg.	0.85	2.20
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7 Kg.	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.70	1.00

Rate = fee from tables

Special (Express) Delivery for Parcel Post

(1 August 1927- 11 September 1941)

local delivery -----60 Pf.

Non-local delivery --- 1.20 RM

(12 September 1941- 12 August 1944)

local delivery -----45 Pf.

Non-local delivery --- 1.05 RM

From 12 September 1941 through the end of the service on 12 August 1944, the special delivery fee was collected from the recipient since the Reichspost could not guarantee the service in advance due to manpower shortages.

Acknowledgment of Receipt (Ruckschein)

(1 August 1927- 8 May 1945)

Fee -30 Pf.

Used for parcels, registered mail and insured mail

Airmail Parcel Post Surcharges

(23 April 1928- 8 May 1945)

Weight to 1Kg - 100 Pf to each of zones 1 through 5

Each additional 1/2Kg - 20 Pf (Zones 1,2,3) (over 375Km)

Priority Dispatch for Parcels (Dringend)
(1 August 1927- 12 August 1945)

Fee -1RM.

Available for ordinary parcel post, postgut and non-wax sealed insured parcels

Fee for Undeliverable Mail (Unzustellbarkeitsmeldung)
(1 August 1927- 12 August 1945)

Fee -30Pf.

Required for undeliverable parcel post, money order and insured mail.

Storage Fee for Parcel Post in General Delivery (Poste Restante/Postlagernd)

(1 August 1927- 31 March 1933)

fee per day = 15Pf
maximum fee = 4RM

(1 April 1933- 31 August 1943)

fee per day = 10Pf.
maximum fee = 2RM

Fig. 1) Rate period : 15 January 1932 – 12 August 1944- Parcel Post to Zone 5

Franking (3.95RM) : 3.80RM (weight: 14Kg to Zone 5)
0.15RM (delivery fee)

Posted: Lindau 8 Nov. 1943 to Tomaszow Mazowiecki (District Radom)
Backstamped: Tomaszow Mazowiecki 22 Nov. 1943



C.O. D (Nachnahme)

(1 August 1927- 8 May 1945)

Rate = basic rate
 + presentation fee
 Presentation fee (Vorzeigegebühr) = 20 Pf.

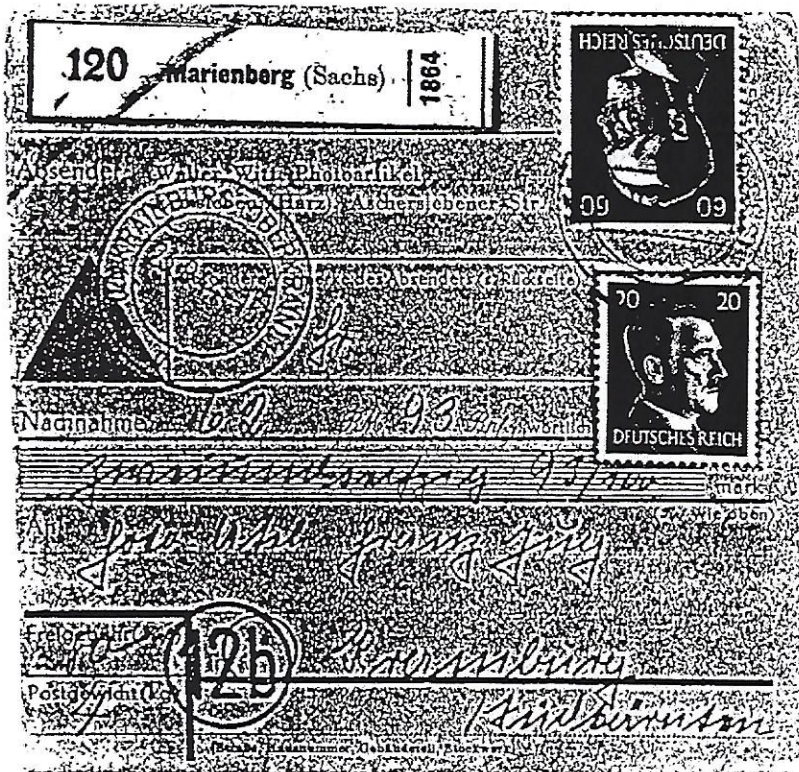
Fig. 4) C.O. D. Parcel Post

C.O.D. amount = 70.20RM

Franking (95 Pf): 60 Pf (Weight: 4Kg to Zone 3)
 15 Pf (Delivery fee)
 20 Pf (Presentation fee)

Posted: Marienberg 14 March 1944

Frontstamped: Krainburg 18 March 1944.

Insured Mail (Wertsendungen)Wax Sealed Letters and Parcels

(1 August 1927- 8 May 1945)

Rate = basic letter or parcel rate
 + handling fee (behandlungsgebühr)
 + insurance fee (versicherungsgebühr)

Handling fee = 40Pf. (declared value to 100RM)
 50Pf (declared value over 100RM)

Insurance fee = 10Pf for each 500RM of declared value.

Parcels Without Wax Seals (Unversiegelte Wertpaket)

1 Nov.1928 -31 July 1933	Basic parcel rate	+ 10Pf insurance fee	+10 Pf. handling fee
1 Aug. 1933- 8 May 1945	Basic parcel rate	+ 10Pf insurance fee	Handling fee rescinded 31 July 1933

Limit of declared value to be eligible for insurance without wax seals:

1 November 1928 - 14 April 1937 = 300RM

15 April 1937 - 12 March 1945 = 500RM

13 March 1945 - 12 May 1945 = 300RM

Fig. 5) Priority Insured Parcel Post
Without Wax seals

Declared Value = 50RM

Weight: 6.5Kg to Zone 2

Franking (1.85 RM): 60Pf

15Pf (delivery fee)

10Pf (insurance fee)

1.00RM (priority fee)

Posted: Berlin 2 July 1943

Backstamped: Dessau-Rosslau 5 July 1943

Fig. 6) Priority Insured Parcel Post
Without Wax seals

Declared Value = 15 Zlotys

Weight: 7Kg to Zone 4

Franking (490Gr): 240Gr

30Gr(delivery fee)

20Gr(insurance fee)

200Gr (priority fee)

(90 Gr. postage on back of card)

Posted: Reichshof 13 July 1943 to inmate at KZ Flossburg bei Weiden.

Rates in Generalgouvernement same
As in the Reich with exchange rate
Of 1RM = 2 Zloty.

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Insured Parcel Post Without Wax Seals To Zone 4

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Parcels Without Wax Seals (Unversiegelte Wertpaket)

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Limit of declared value to be eligible for insurance without wax seals:

1 November 1928 - 14 April 1937 =	300RM
15 April 1937 - 12 March 1945 =	500RM
13 March 1945 - 12 May 1945 =	300RM

Posted: Reichenau (Niederdonau) on February 1, 1943
Zustellvermerk: February 6, 1943

Insured Parcel Post Without Wax Seals To Zone 4

Declared Value = 100 RM

Franking (1.15 RM): 90 Pfg.= weight 6 grams to Zone 4

15 Pfg. = Delivery fee

10 Pfg. = Insurance fee.

- 348		Reichenau (Niederdonau)	1931
Absender: <i>Gefr. E. Körber, Am Bahnhofstr. 10, 2. Kamp, Reichenau St.</i>			
Besondere Vermerke des Absenders (s. Rückseite): <i>Kerst P. W. Einhornsdorf -</i>			
An: <i>Frank</i>			
<i>Lybille Körber</i>			
in <i>Dirschheimbaldern</i>			
<i>Westmark / Gaststr. 2.</i>			
(Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stockwerk)			
E 20 Dia A 6			

Postgewicht (kg): *6 kg*

Freischub (RM): *15*

15 Pfg. = Delivery fee

10 Pfg. = Insurance fee

Deutsches Reich

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