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#### LOCALS GROUP SHOWS AT SABRIA

Our "Fuehrer", Herr Heinz, was among those lucky enough to participate in the SABRIA exhibition in the Saar this May. His participation included being the feature speaker at the meeting of the German "Locals Group" (which is headed by our member Rossbach-Emden), where he expounded on his current love, Grossraschen. Incidental to this he managed to come away with the jury's congratulations and a "small gold" medal for his exhibition of "Emergency and Local Issues".

Members of our group Oskar Winter of London and Paul Rossbach-Emden of Mannheim also participated in the exhibition. Mr. Winter won a "small gold" for his "Post-war Postal History" and Mr. Rossbach-Emden a "silver-bronze" for his "1945 Localpost". Karl Kroboth of Lexington also went along with Al, not to exhibit, just to get in on the fun (and evidently there was a lot, as the guests at Brunswick were the hosts, and evidently put on quite a fest).

So all in all bully for the Locals group. Maybe we're coming into our own in the field of International Philately--which may prove to be not completely a blessing as among other things it will probably mean the price of our material will accelerate even more than now.



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bezahlt**

## A Question on "The Emergency Railroad Cancellation"

Article by Myron Hill

by Donald Slawson

Myron, in his article in Bulletin Vol 3, No. 2, stated: "... in the Soviet Zone direct posting of mail into the mail car was not possible. Therefore any railroad cancel from the Soviet Zone must be an emergency usage."

When this practice (of not posting mail into the mail car) was started I am not too sure. However, in Saxony during the time of the cork marks (May-August 1945) I feel fairly certain that railroad postmarks signify their normal usage. On further query Myron stated that the article which he had read said railroad cancels in the East had been discontinued "for a long time". I also took this question to Mr. Goldstein (of the G&CPS train postoffice group), but as yet he has been unable to ascertain these facts.

Let me present the reasons why I believe my RPO cancels on corks are not emergency cancels.

1) There definitely was railway service in Saxony during this period. The records of the American units which I looked at in doing my work for the "Occupation of Saxony" article specifically mention stationing guards at railroad stations to prevent unauthorized departures from trains (in fact I remember a report by one unit that it had no business because of a blown bridge outside of town).

2) Very few emergency cancels are known from Saxony (things seem to have been relatively undamaged). As a matter of fact I have been informed that one of the few emergency cancels I have was not due to post office damage, but the original cancellor had simply been lost in the confusion (reading between the lines meaning stolen by a souviner hunting Russian). If the TFO (RPO) cancels were actually emergency usages it is very strange so few other emergency cancels have appeared.

3) Following are the known railroad cancels (either owned by me or reported to me) used before 8 August 1945.

Cancel	From	To
Betzdorf-Eppendorf	Hammerleubsdorf (post Eppendorf)	Chemnitz
Werdau-Annaberg Zug 1949	Niederschlema	Zwickau
Werdau-Annaberg Zug 1942	Crottendorf	Berlin
Wilkau-Hasslau - ???	Stutzengrün	Schwarzenberg
Chemnitz-Aue-Adorf	Kemtau	Chemnitz
Chemnitz-Aue-Adorf	Lossnitz	Schwarzenberg

In each of these cases the cover is from a town lying on the appropriate railroad line (although this may also be expected if these were emergency usages). If the two Chemnitz-Aue-Adorf cancels had the same Zug number we could definitely say these were posted on a train (unfortunately I do not know this).

However, my main argument: from Eppendorf, Stutzengrün, Kentaу, Crottendorf, and Lossnitz I have covers postmarked with a normal circular cancel, so it appears there would be no need for these towns to use an emergency cancel.

I'm perfectly willing to believe posting of mail onto trains terminated soon after the war in the East Zone, however not in Saxony prior to August 1945.

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#### SOME AMG ANSWERS

by Benjamin R. Beede

Mr. Ed Kuehn raised several interesting questions about various covers from the early post-war period in the July-October, 1969, Bulletin. I cannot help him with some of the problems, but may have data on a few. Mr. Kuehn mentions Postscheckbrief covers and a cover sent to the United States with AMG stamps cancelled in 1947, i.e. after the date they were invalidated. The Kircheldorf Deutschland Katalog 1948/ p. 445 states that AMG stamps could be exchanged at postoffices for values of numeral series up until November 30, 1946. The stamps exchanged were destroyed in part, but some were used up in internal postal service. This may explain the use of the stamps on postal checking correspondence. As far as the foreign letter goes, mistakes of this kind take place all the time. The AMG and numeral stamps are after all fairly similar in design. I have a cover with an AMG used with numerals to the United States in December, 1946.

Mr. Kuehn also discussed mail sent to German POW's before the general opening of foreign service to the Germans. That occurred on April 1, 1946 (see the Bulletin for October-December 1968, pp. 25-7). Evidently, however, mail to German POW's in Allied hands was permitted well before then. Apparently, such mail was transferred from the civilian postal system to the Allied military mail services for forwarding. Displaced persons were permitted to send correspondence to the United States as early as mid-December, 1945, but that was a different situation which can be covered another time.

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#### Excerpts from "MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY COMMUNICATIONS"

submitted by Benjamin R. Beede

From the monthly report of Military Governor U. S. Zone 20 August 1945; No. 1

#### Postal Service

Mail - Intra-city mail service has been resumed in the larger

population centers in the Eastern Military District for postcards, open letters, money orders and registered business mail. In the Western District intra-city mail service has been authorized throughout the district but operation is still confined to the cities of Frankfurt, Darmstadt and Kassel. In the Berlin District agreement has been reached for introduction of intra-city mail service early in August. Mail service has been resumed throughout the Bremen Enclave and Bremen is averaging thirty six thousand (36,000) pieces per day.

Inter-city mail has been resumed in most of the larger cities in the Eastern Military District for official and business mail. The scope of the service varies depending on the transportation facilities available from a particular city to other points in Bavaria. In the Western Military District introduction of inter-city service and expansion of intra-city service will progress as rapidly as returning Reichspost personnel, transportation and local facilities permit.

The principle obstacles to be overcome in the establishment of postal communications are:

1. Lack of vehicles and the rundown condition of automotive vehicles, that are available.
2. Shortage of fuel.
3. Lack of administrative and high grade supervisory personnel.

**FINANCIAL** - Financial operations of the Reichspost have been resumed in varying degrees throughout the Eastern Military District, and certain phases of it are being reestablished in the Western Military District.

The Post Check System was resumed in Munich in June and operates between Munich and Nurnberg. Deposits increased thirty five million Reichsmark since its resumption. In Augsburg the system is in effect between Augsburg, Munich and Nurnberg. Nurnberg introduced it in July while in Regensburg it was to be introduced on 1 August 1945.

The Post Savings System is operating in Munich and withdrawals are limited to 100 Reichsmark per month; withdrawals are exceeding deposits by a ratio of four to one. In Augsburg and Regensburg the system is in operation with similar limitations imposed on withdrawals, while in Nurnberg with a one hundred Reichsmark withdrawal restriction, withdrawals exceed deposits by a ratio of ten to one. This problem is under joint study by the Finance and Communications Divisions.

The Post Money Order System is in operation in Munich, Augsburg, and Regensburg and is to be resumed in Nurnberg on 1 August 1945.

From Monthly report No. 15, a cumulative review 8 May 1945 - 30 Sept 1946

## POSTAL ACTIVITIES

### Mail Service

The initial step toward the restoration of vital postal communications in the U.S. Zone was the resumption of intracity mail service in

July 1945. In the early months after VE-Day, service was severely restricted by a critical shortage of transportation facilities, and it was not until September 1945 that intrazonal mail service was generally available throughout the zone. Although initially restricted to post cards, letters (ordinary and registered), commercial papers, grouped articles and literature for the blind, intrazonal service has since been extended to almost all classes of mail. (See Figure 27 - Restoration of Reichspost Services).

The inauguration of interzonal service in October 1945 provided mail communications between German civilians in all occupied areas. Mail categories presently authorized for transmission between the four zones and Berlin are shown in Figure 27. Postal exchange between the British, French and U.S. Zones has been recently extended to include properly licenced newspapers, books, periodicals and other publications.

International postal service between Germany and all other countries, excepting Japan and its dependencies and Spain, was established on 1 April 1946. Correspondence is presently limited to non-illustrated post cards and letters up to 20 grams in weight, and contents are restricted to purely personal and domestic affairs. The volume of international mail has risen from an estimated 1,554,000 outgoing pieces in May 1945 to approximately 2,250,000 pieces of outgoing and 2,400,000 pieces of incoming mail during the month of September. These figures are still far below the number of originating pieces dispatched from the area now comprising the U.S. Zone to foreign countries in 1940.

One-way parcel post for gift parcels from the United States to the U.S. Zone of Occupation (but not to the U.S. Sector of Berlin) was inaugurated on 1 June 1946. Only one parcel per week from one sender to one addressee is permitted, and weight is limited to 5 kilos (11 pounds). Contents are restricted to non-perishable food stuffs, clothing, soap, lawful medical supplies and similar items for the relief of human suffering. The first shipments of these parcels arrived in June and over 1,300,000 have been received to date. This service was extended to the British Zone in August and to the French Zone in September. About 400,000 parcels have already been received from the United States by German civilians in the British Zone, but shipments to the French Zone are being delayed by the shipping strike in the United States.

Other important activities taken toward the restoration of postal services include quadripartite approval for the establishment of one-way air mail service from the United States and United Kingdom to Germany in July 1946 and the transit of air mail through Germany from France, the United Kingdom and the United States to European countries in August.

In September 1946 the Coordinating Committee approved five stamp designs selected by a quadripartite jury for use as a permanent and uniform stamps throughout Germany. These stamp designs, which were chosen from over 7,000 entries submitted by over 3,000 German artists in a quadripartite sponsored contest, will replace the temporary uniform stamps now in use. The five designs will be printed in the 19

denominations presently authorized and will be placed in use on a date yet to be decided.

Over 110 million pieces of originating letter mail were handled by post offices in the U.S. Zone in September 1946, as compared to 11,200,000 pieces processed in that month one year ago. During the same period the monthly volume of newspaper deliveries increased from approximately 1,100,000 to almost 18 million and of parcel post from only 894 parcels to over 1,500,000.

FIGURE 27

POSTAL SERVICES	FRANKFURT RPD				
	INTRA-RPD	INTRA-MIL.DIST.	INTER-MIL DIST. (INTRAZONAL)	INTER-ZONAL	INTER-NATIONAL
letters & cards	5 Jul 45	10 Sep 45	25 Sep 45	24 Oct 45	1 Apr 46
printed papers	29 Aug 45	10 Sep 45	25 Sep 45	20 Oct 46	
mixed articles	29 Aug 45	10 Sep 45	25 Sep 45	24 Oct 45	
small packets	29 Aug 45	10 Sep 45	6 Oct 45		
parcels	29 Aug 45	10 Sep 45	6 Oct 45		
registered letters	29 Aug 45	10 Sep 45	12 Oct 45	24 Oct 45	
registered parcels	29 Aug 45	10 Sep 45	12 Oct 45		
insured mail	29 Aug 45	10 Sep 45	12 Oct 45		
C. O. D.	12 Nov 45	27 Nov 45	5 Dec 45		
express letters and cards	29 Aug 45	10 Sep 45	12 Oct 45	25 Jan 46	
express parcels	29 Aug 45	10 Sep 45	12 Oct 45		
newspaper subscription ser.	1 Aug 45	10 Sep 45	5 Dec 45	*16 Sep 46	
money orders	29 Aug 45	15 Nov 45	5 Dec 45		
postal checking	24 May?45	15 Nov 45	5 Dec 45		
postal savings service	20 Oct 45	20 Oct 45	20 Oct 45		

\* between the U.S., Br., and Fr. Zones only

(Editor's note: this figure is very small and it's very hard to tell 5's from 6's in the printing. I hope I've got them right - I kind of suspect there may be errors in the original)

FIGURE 27 (Cont'd)

POSTAL SERVICES	<u>KARLSRUHE RPD</u>				
	INTRA-RPD	INTRA-MIL. DIST.	INTER-MIL DIST. (INTRAZONAL)	INTER-ZONAL	INTER-NATIONAL
letters & cards	26 Aug 45	25 Sep 45	25 Sep 45	24 Oct 45	1 Apr 46
printed papers	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	20 Oct 46	
mixed articles	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	24 Oct 45	
small packets	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45		
parcels	25 Sep 45	26 Sep 45	5 Nov 45		
reg. letters	1 Sep 45	26 Sep 45	26 Sep 45	24 Oct 45	
reg. parcels	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45		
insured mail	1 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45		
C.O.D.	20 Oct 45	15 Nov 45	12 Dec 45		
express letters and cards	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	20 Oct 46	
express parcels	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45		
newspaper subscription ser.	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	1 Feb 46	*16 Sep 46	
money orders	13 Sep 45	15 Nov 45	5 Dec 45		
postal checking	25 Sep 45	15 Nov 45	5 Dec 45		
postal savings	9 Nov 45	9 Nov 45	9 Nov 45		
	<u>STUTTGART RPD</u>				
letters & cards	20 Aug 45	15 Sep 45	15 Sep 45	24 Oct 45	1 Apr 46
printed papers	1 Oct 45	1 Oct 45	1 Oct 45	20 Oct 46	
mixed articles	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	24 Oct 45	
small packets	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	16 Nov 45		
parcels	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	16 Nov 45		
reg. letters	19 Sep 45	19 Sep 45	19 Sep 45	24 Oct 45	
reg. parcels	19 Sep 45	19 Sep 45	19 Sep 45		
insured mail	1 Nov 45	1 Nov 45	1 Nov 45		
C.O.D.	20 Oct 45	15 Nov 45	5 Dec 45		
express letters	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	20 Oct 46	
express parcels	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45		
newspaper sub.	1 Oct 45	1 Oct 45	1 Oct 45	*16 Sep 46	
money orders	25 Sep 45	15 Nov 45	5 Dec 45		
postal checking	25 Sep 45	15 Nov 45	5 Dec 45		
postal savings	20 Oct 45	30 Oct 45	30 Oct 45		

FIGURE 27 (Cont'd)

POSTAL SERVICES	<u>MUNICH RPD</u>				
	INTRA-RPD	INTRA-MIL. DIST.	INTER-MIL. DIST. (INTRAZONAL)	INTER-ZONAL	INTER-NATIONAL
letters & cards	3 Sep 45	3 Sep 45	8 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	1 Apr 46
printed papers	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	20 Oct 46	
mixed articles	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	
small packets	20 Jan 46	20 Jan 46	20 Jan 46		
parcels	8 Oct 45	8 Oct 45	8 Oct 45		
reg. letters	3 Sep 45	3 Sep 45	8 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	
reg. parcels	20 Jan 46	20 Jan 46	20 Jan 46		
insured mail	7 Dec 45	7 Dec 45	7 Dec 45		
C.O.D.	23 Oct 45	23 Oct 45	11 Dec 45		
express letters	31 Jul 45	8 Oct 45	8 Oct 45	20 Oct 46	
express parcels	18 Jun 46	18 Jun 46	18 Jun 46		
newspaper sub.	14 Nov 45	14 Nov 45	21 Feb 46	*16 Sep 46	
money orders	13 Jun 45	13 Jun 45	11 Dec 45		
postal checking	13 Jun 45	13 Jun 45	11 Dec 45		
postal savings	8 Jun 45	8 Jun 45	2 Nov 45		

<u>REGENSBURG RPD</u>					
letters & cards	16 Jul 45	28 Jul 45	8 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	1 Apr 46
printed papers	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	20 Oct 46	
mixed articles	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	
small packets	26 Jan 46	26 Jan 46	26 Jan 46		
parcels	9 Oct 45	9 Oct 45	9 Oct 45		
reg. letters	17 Aug 45	17 Aug 45	9 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	
reg. parcels	20 Jan 46	20 Jan 46	20 Jan 46		
insured mail	13 Dec 45	13 Dec 45	13 Dec 45		
C.O.D.	2 Nov 45	2 Nov 45	15 Dec 45		
express letters	3 Sep 45	3 Sep 45	5 Feb 46	5 Feb 46	
express parcels	18 Jun 46	18 Jun 46	18 Jun 46		
newspaper sub.	2 Nov 45	19 Nov 45	4 Mar 46	*16 Sep 46	
money orders	15 Dec 45	15 Dec 45	15 Dec 45		
postal checking	26 Jun 45	1 Aug 45	11 Dec 45		
postal savings	8 Jun 45	8 Jun 45	8 Jun 45		



FIGURE 27 (Cont'd)

NURENEBERG RPD

POSTAL SERVICES	INTRA-RPD	INTRA-MIL.DIST.	INTER-MIL DIST.(INTRAZONAL)	INTER-ZONAL	INTERNATIONAL
letters & cards	25 Jun 45	3 Sep 45	10 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	1 Apr 45
printed papers	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	20 Oct 46	
mixed articles	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	
small packets	26 Jan 45	26 Jan 45	26 Jan 45		
parcels	10 Oct 45	10 Oct 45	10 Oct 45		
reg. letters	25 Jun 45	3 Sep 45	10 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	
reg. parcels	20 Jan 46	20 Jan 46	20 Jan 46		
insured mail	19 Dec 45	19 Dec 45	19 Dec 45		
C.O.D.	5 Nov 45	5 Nov 45	5 Dec 45		
express letters	25 Jun 45	3 Sep 45	10 Oct 45	29 Oct 45	
express parcels	18 Jun 46	18 Jun 46	18 Jun 46		
newspaper sub.	14 Nov 45	14 Nov 45	21 Feb 46	*16 Sep 46	
money orders	6 Jun 45	5 Dec 45	5 Dec 45		
postal checking	4 Jul 45	1 Aug 45	5 Dec 45		
postal savings	18 Jun 45	18 Jun 45	18 Jun 45		

BERLIN (US SECTOR)

	INTRA-CITY	INTERZONAL (USSR ZONE ONLY)	INTER-ZONAL	INTERNATIONAL
letters & cards	6 Aug 45	13 Oct 45	13 Oct 45	1 Apr 46
printed papers	13 Oct 45	13 Oct 45	20 Oct 46	
mixed articles	13 Oct 45	13 Oct 45	13 Oct 45	
small packets	13 Oct 45	13 Oct 45		
parcels	6 Aug 45			
reg. letters	13 Oct 45	13 Oct 45	13 Oct 45	
reg. parcels	13 Oct 45	13 Oct 45		
express letters and cards	20 Oct 46	20 Oct 46	20 Oct 46	
newspaper subscription service	6 Aug 45	13 Oct 45	*16 Sep 46	
money orders	6 Aug 45			
postal checking	6 Aug 45	7 Mar 46		

(Note in many cases evidently the first service was postal savings rather than postal traffic of cards and letters, suprising - ed.)

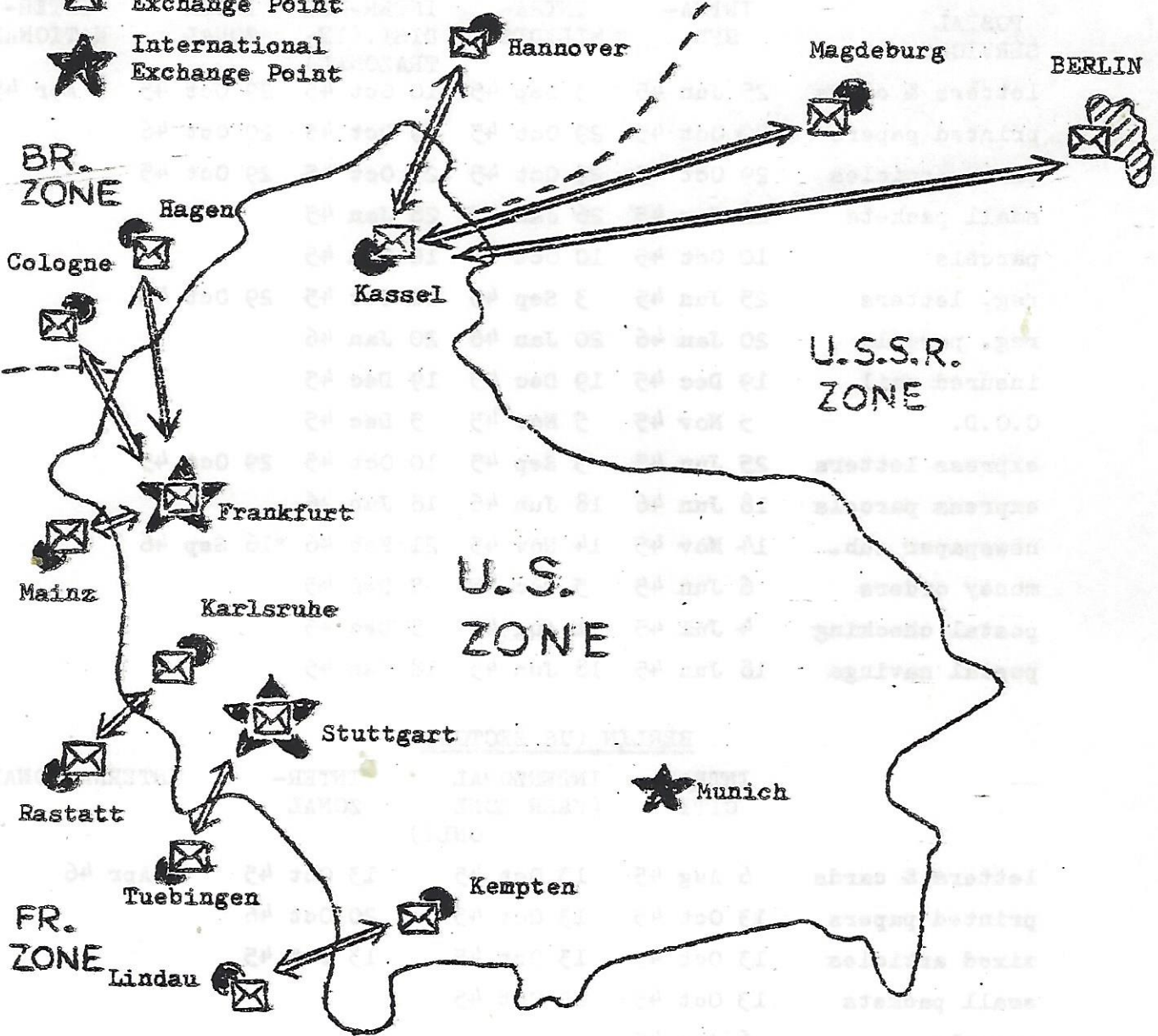
FIGURE 28

INTERZONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POSTAL SERVICE

LEGEND:

☒ Interzonal Exchange Point

★ International Exchange Point



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MEMBERS CORNER

Still available from me (Slawson)

West-Sachsen Mi. # W.Zd. 13-S.Zd. 6 (8 pieces) . . . . .2.75

Send in material to be listed in the next bulletin now! I'll be distributing the next one at Baltimore. Let's have some offerings (or wants).