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A.M.G.

Director's Message

Post Office Listion of the Bizone from the ARGE AM-Post (continued from Vol 14 Nr. 3)

9 A.M.G. 408 Pfg. Cover

10 Postcards for sale

12 January, 1946 International Mail

(pages 3-12 are unnumbered; entire A.M.G. report by OBLITERATIONS Harold Peter)

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Jan/Mar 1983

OBLITERATIONS

Notes (responses) concerning Previous Articles by Don Slawson

MISCELLANEOUS

14 Not All Varieties of SPREMBERG are Listed in the Catalog
by Paul Rossbach-Emden
(translated by A.K. Geisser)

DISPLACED PERSONS

21 DISPLACED PERSONS MAIL/Germany United States Zone by Donald Slawson

(pages 21-40 are numbered A-1 thru A-20)

Also Enclosed:

1. Results of Auction #1 (how about an Auction #2?)

2. Membership List

Speaking of Membership: Response to last issue dues request was fantastic. If you are one who missed this the torch at right is burning red. Dues are technically \$6, but since I neglected to say this last issue and most people paid \$5, \$5 is fine.



Treasurer's Report 1982 Operations

Income Statement		
Income: from prepaid dues 94.	00	
from expenses payable (GM) 6.	00 mills in a sund mark to make the	
cash received		
Sale of back issues	50.00	F LEED !
	489) .50
Expenses: Postage	08	
Envelopes 9.	46	
Printing 32. Total expenses		7 54
TOTAL expenses	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(•) T
Net income (result 1982 operations) .	211	1.96
Balance Sheet		
Assets:	Liabilities:	_8104 (e) _840 A 1
Cash held by Treasurer 168 82 Cash held by Director 20.00	Dues prepaid 1983 6 Expenses payable (GM)	
Total Cash on hand 188.82	Total liabilities	
Net Operating Balance		
Begin FY 1982 (103.18)		
result 1982 operations 211.96 End FY 1982 108.78		

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Editor's Comments

For the remainder of this year I have on hand:

- 1. Update of the French Zone Censorship Article plus other interesting French Zone material from Roland Fluck
- 2. Finish of the Displaced Persons Camp Locations
- 3. Some more on Obliterations, specifically looking at Poststelle II mail
- 4. Information on RPD Leipzig in the works.

Not real rich. I'd welcome more material, and it doesn't have to be polished articles. Some one page "What is it?", or "A favorite piece of mine" would be welcome (and I hope interesting to all of us).

Appeal: In the LOKNOT Arge RUNDBRIEF there is a lot of neat stuff on obliterations. Anyone out there who has enough interest in this subject to be willing to translate these to english? (write the editor).

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Director:

Harold E. Peter P.O. Box 369 Elkhart, IN 46515

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It is with regret that Joe Schirmer threw in the towel and quit philately But we will carry on and for the time being I will continue as the director of this group until someone steps forward and I will again become the co-director.

Please correct an error on page 123 of Volume 14 Nr. 3 May/June 1981. The heading: POST OFFICE LISTING OF THE BIZONE should BRITISH ZONE OF OCCUPATION instead of AMERICAN ZONE.

On page 125 change last line of page: on these towns in the British Zone instead of American Zone.

Herewith the continued listing of the:

Fortsetzung des Postortverzeichnisses der Bizone Postleitgebiet 21 a (RPD Münster)

A Ahaus Ahlen (Westf) Altenbeken Ascheberg (Westf)

B' -

Bad Driburg (Westf) Bad Lippspringe Bad Oeynhausen Bad Pyrmont Bad Salzuflen . Barntrup Beckum (Bz Münster) Bethel (b Bielefnld) Beverungen Bielefeld Billerbeck (Westf) Blomberg (Lippe) Bocholt Bockum-Hövel

Bösingfeld (Lippe) Borgentreich Borgholzhausen Borghorst (Westf) Bork (Kr Lüdinghausen) Borken (Westf)

Bottrop

Brackwede (Westf) Brakel (Kr Höxter) Bunde (Westf)

Büren (Westf) Burgsteinfurt

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D

Datteln (Westf) Detmold Dielingen Dorsten Drensteinfurt Dülmen

Emsdetten Enger (Westf) Ennigerloh ' Erkenschwick

G

Gelsenkirchen * Gelsenkirchen-Buer Gelsenkirchen-Horst Gladbeck (Westf) Greven (Westf) Gronau (Westf) Gütersloh

H

Halle (Westf) Haltern (Westf) Heessen (Westf) Herbern (Kr Lüdinghausen) Herford Herten (Westf)

Herzebrock (Kr Wiedenbrück)
Höxter
Hohenhausen (Lippe)
Horn (Lippe)

I

Ibbenburen

L

Laer
Lage (Lippe)
Lemgo
Lengerich (Westf)
Löhne (Westf)
Lübbecke (Westf)
Lüdinghausen
Lügde (Kr Höxter)

M

Marl (Kr Recklinghausen)
Minden (Westf)
Munster (Westf)
Munstereifel

N

Neubeckum Neuhaus (Kr Paderborn) Nottuln (Kr Münster)

0

Ochtrup Oelde Oerlinghausen

P

Paderborn
Peckelsheim
Porta Westfalica
Preussisch Oldendorf

R

Rahden (Westf)
Recklinghausen
Rheda (Westf)
Rheine(Westf)
Rietberg

Salzkotten
Scherfede
Schütmar
Selm (Kr Lüdinghausen)
Spenge (Westf)
Stadtlohn
Steinhagen (Westf)
Steinheim (Westf)

T

Telgte (Kr Münster)

V

Versmold Vlotho Vreden (Bz Münster)

W

Waltrop
Warburg (Westf)
Warendorf
Werne (a.d. Lippe)
Werther/üb. Bielefeld 2
Westerholt (Bz Münster)
Westerkappeln
Wiedenbrück

Postortverzeichnisse der Bizone Postleitgebiet 22a (RPD Dusseldorf)

A

Aldekerk
Alpen (Niederrhein)
Amern (Bz Düsseldorf)
Angermund (Bz Düsseldorf)
Anrath

В

Bergisch Neukirchen
Breyell
Brüggen (Niederrhein)
Büderich (b Düsseldorf)
Büderich (b Wesel)
Burscheid (Bz Düsseldorf)

D

Dabringhausen
Dahlhausen(Wupper)
Dinslaken (Niederrhein)
Dormagen (Niederrhein)
Dornap (Bz Düsseldorf)
Dülken

Düsseldorf Düsseldorf-Benrath Düsseldorf-Eller Düsseldorf-Gerresheim Dusseldorf-Grafenberg Dusseldorf-Heerdt Dusseldorf-Holthausen Dusseldorf-Kaiserwerth Düsseldorf-Lohhausen Düsseldorf-Oberkassel Dusseldorf-Rath Düsseldorf-Reisholz Düsseldorf-Unterrath Duisburg Duisburg-Beeck Duisburg-Buchholz Duisburg-Grossenbaum Duisburg-Hamborn Duisburg-Huckingen Duisburg-Hüttenheim Duisburg-Meiderich Duisburg-Rheinisch Bissingen Duisburg-Ruhrort Duisburg-Wanheim Duisburg-Wanheimerort Duisburg-Wedau

E

Elmpt Elten (Niederrhein) Emmerich Erkrath (Bz Dusseldorf) Essen Essen-Altenessen Essen-Bergeborbeck Essen-Borbeck Essen-Bredeney Essen-Dellwig Essen-Frintrop Essen-Heisingen Essen-Karnap Essen-Katernberg Essen-Kray Essen-Kupferdreh Essen-Rellinghausen Essen-Schonnebeck Essen-Stadtwald Essen-Steele Essen-Stoppenberg Essen-Werden

F

Friedrichsfeld (Niederrhein)

Geldern Goch Grefrath (b Krefeld) Grevenbroich (Niederrhein) Gruiten

H

Haan (Rheinland)
Heiligenhaus (Bz Düsseldorf)
Hilden
Hilgen
Hitdorf/über Langenfeld
Hochneukirch
Hösel
Holzheim (Bz Düsseldorf)
Homberg (Niederrhein)
Hückeswagen
Hüls (b Krefeld)

T

Isselburg
Issum (Niederrhein)

J

Juchen (Bz Dusseldorf)

K

Kaldenkirchen (Rheinland)
Kalkar (Niederrhein)
Kapellen (Erft)
Kempen (Niederrhein)
Kettwig
Kevelaer
Kleinenbroich
Kleve
Korschenbroich
Kräwinklerbrücke
Kranenburg (Niederrhein)
Krefeld
Krefeld-Fischeln
Krefeld-Linn
Krefeld-Uerdingen

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Langenberg (Rheinland)
Langenfeld (Rheinland)
Langenfeld-Immigrath
Langenfeld-Richrath
Lank (Niederrhein)
Leichlingen (Rheinland)
Leverkusen-Küppersteg
Leverkusen-Schlebusch
Leverkusen-Wiesdorf
Lintorf (Bz Düseeldorf)
Lintfort (Kr Moers)
Lobberich

Menzelen (Niederrhein) West
Mettmann
M.Gladbach
M.Gladbach-Hardt
M.Gladbach-Holt
M.Gladbach-Neuwerk
M.Gladbach-Rheindahlen
Moers
Monheim (Rheinland)
Mülheim (Ruhr)
Mülheim (Ruhr)-Saarn

N

Neersen (Bz Düsseldorf)
Neukirchen (Kr Moers)
Neuss
Neviges
Nienkerk (Kr Geldern)

C

Oberhausen (Rheinland)
Oberhausen-Holten
Oberhausen-Osterfeld
Oberhausen-Sterkrade
Oedt (Rheinland)
Opladen
Orsoy (Niederrhein)
Osterrath (Niederrhein)
Otzenrath

R

Radevormwald Radevormwald-Bergerhof Ratingen Rees Remscheid Remscheid-Hasten Remscheid-Lennep Remscheid-Lüttringhausen Remscheid-Reinshagen Remscheid-Vieringhausen Repelen (Kr Moers) Rheinberg (Rheinland) Rheinhausen Rheinhausen-Hochemmerich Rheinhausen-Oestrum Rheydt Rheydt-Odenkirchen Rommerskirchen

St Hubert/Uber Kempen St Tonis Schermbeck Schiefbahn (Bz Düsseldorf) Solingen Solingen-Aufderhöhe Solingen-Gräfrath Solingen-Höhscheid Solingen-Landwehr Solingen-Merscheid Solingen-Ohligs Solingen-Wald Solingen-Weyer Sonsbeck (Niederrhein) Straelen (Niederrhein) Suchteln

Table T

Tente (Rheinland) Tönisheide

U

Uedem (Niederrhein)

V

Velbert Viersen Vluyn Voerde (Niederrhein) Vorst (Bz Düsseldorf)

W

Wachtendonk Waldniel (Niederrhein) Walsum (Niederrhein) Weeze Wermelskirchen Wesel Wévelinghoven Wickrath (Niers) Willich (Bz Dusseldorf) Wulfrath Wuppertal-Barmen Wuppertal-Beyenburg Wuppertal-Cronenberg Wuppertal-Elberfeld Wuppertal-Hahnerberg Wuppertal-Kullenhahn Wuppertal-Langerfeld Wuppertal-Nächstebreck Wuppertal-Ronsdorf Wuppertal-Sonnborn Wuppertal-Vohwinkel Wuppertal-Wichlinghausen

X

Postortverzeichnis der Bizone

Postleitgebiet 22 c (RPD Kbln)

A

Aachen
Aachen-Forst
Aachen-Rothe Erde
Aldenhoven (Kr Jülich)
Alsdorf (Kr Aachen)
Ameln (Kr Jülich)
Au (Sieg)

В

Baal (Kr Erkelenz) Bad Godesberg Baesweiler (Bz Aachen) Bedburg (Bz Köln) Bensberg Bergheim an der Erft Bergisch Gladbach Bergisch Gladbach-Paffrath Bergneustadt Beuel Bielstein (Rheinl) Birkesdorf/Uber Duren Blankenheim (Eifel) Blumenthal (Eifel) Bonn Bornheim (Kr Bonn) Brachelen (Bz Aachen) Brand (Kr Aachen) Brauweiler Broichweiden/über Aachen 1 Bruhl (Bz Köln)

D

Dalheim-Rödgen
Derschlag
Dieringhausen
Dremmen (Bz Aachen)
Dümmlinghausen/über Derschlag
Düren
Dürwiss/über Eschweiler
Duisdorf (Kr Bonn)

F

Eckenhagen (Bz Köln)
Efferen (Kr Köln)
Eilendorf (Kr Aachen)
Eitorf
Elsdorf (Rheinl)
Engelskirchen,
Erkelenz
Eschweiler
Eschweiler-Aue
Euskirchen

F Frechen

G

Gangelt
Geilenkirchen
Gemund (Eifel)
Gurzenich/uber Duren
Gummersbach

H

Haaren/Uber Aachen 1
Heimbach/Uber Düren
Heinsberg (Phein1)
Hellenthal (Eifel)
Hermülheim
Höngen-Mariadorf (KrAachen)
Hoffnungsthal (Bz Köln)
Honnef (Rhein)
Horrem (Bz Köln)
Hückelhoven (Kr Erkelenz)
Hürth (Bz Köln)

T

Inden (Kr Julich)

J

Julich

K

Kall (Eifel) Kerpen (Bz Köln) Knapsack (Kr Köln) Köln K&In-Bayenthal Köln-Bickendorf Köln-Braunsfeld Köln-Brück Köln-Buchforst Köln-Dellbrück Köln-Deutz Köln-Ehrenfeld Köln-Höhenberg Köln-Holweide Köln-Kalk Köln-Lindenthal Köln-Longerich Köln-Merheim Köln-Mülheim Köln-Niehls Köln-Nippes K&ln-Poll

Kuln-Rath

Köln-Rieth
Köln-Sülz
Köln-Worringen
Köln-Zollstock
Königswinter
Kohlscheid (Kr Aachen)
Kornelimunster (Kr Aachen)
Kreuzau/über Düren
Kuchenheim (Bz Köln)
Kürten (Bz Köln)

L

Langerwehe (Kr Düren)
Lechenich
Leverkusen-I.G.Werk
Lindern (Rheinl)
Lindlar
Linnich (Kr Jülich)
Lövenich/über Erkelenz
Lövenich (Bz Köln)

M

Marienheide
Mechernich (Eifel)
Meckenheim (Bz Köln)
Mehlem
Merstein/über Herzogenrath
Merten (Kr Bonn)
Merzenich/über Düren
Monschau (Rheinl)
Morsbach (Sieg)
Much(Siegkr)
Münstereifel

N

Nideggen/über Düren Niedersessmar Nümbrecht (Bz Köln)

0

Oberbruch (Kr Geilenkirchen)
Oberdollendorf
Oberkassel (Siegkr)
Oberliblar
Oberpleis
Osberghausen
Overath

P

Palenberg (Bz Aachen) Porz

Q

Quadrath-Ichendorf (Bz Köln)

Randerath
Ratheim (Bz Aachen)
Rheinbach
Rhöndorf (Rhein)
Rodenkirchen (Rhein)
Rösrath (Bz Köln)
Rötgen (Kr Monschau)
Roisdorf
Rosbach (Sieg)
Ründeroth
Ruppichteroth

S

Schladern (Sieg)
Schleiden (Eifel)
Schmidt/über Düren
Schmidtheim
Siegburg
Sieglar/über Troisdorf
Stolberg (Rheinl)
Stolberg-Büsbach
Stolberg-Münsterbusch
Stommeln
Sürth (Rhein)

T

Troisdorf Turnich (Bz Köln)

U

Ubach/Uber Herzogenrath

V

Vettweiss/über Düren Vollmershausen (Bz Köln)

W

Wahn (Rheinl)
Waldbröl
Waldfeucht/über Heinsberg
Wassenberg (Bz Aachen)
Wegberg (Kr Erkelenz)
Weisweiler/über Eschweiler
Wesseling (Bz Köln)
Wiehl (Bz Köln)
Wildbergerhütte
Wipperfürth
Würselen (Kr Aachen)

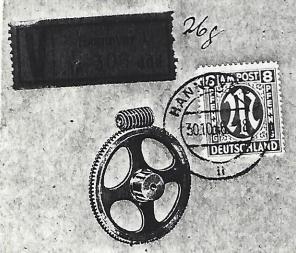
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I of course acknowledge herewith the reprinting of this from the bulletin of the German AMG Study Group.

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i.W.: Sechstausendfünfhundert R.



M. Lips

20 Hannover, Holzmarkt 2

Fernruf 23570 - Gegründet 1875

Postscheck Hannover 696



Herrn

Friedrich Behre

(20) I liten

über Lehrte Hindenburg Str. 186

I would like to share with you one of my purchases I made in Germany. The cover features a block of four of the 1.-RM value (Michel Nr. 31B) with an additional 8 Pf London printing (Michel Nr. 14A) paying the correct rate for this insured (Value) letter (Wertbrief).

Insurance rate for every 500.- of declared value (6,500.-) was 20 Pfennig, therefor:

 $13 \times 20 \text{ Pf} = 2.60$

plus postage up to 50 g = .48

plus processing (service) fee = 1.-

Total = 4.08

Cancelled in Hannover on October 30, 1946 and backcancelled in Lehrte on November 1, 1946.

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British Zone of Occupation: 1. Borek # 594 II mint with Control Cancel Busum 8.46 \$ 5.-# 598 used with file holes, addtl postage 8 Pf Washington print Mi # 5z, control cancel Pansdorf/Bz Kiel dated 25.3.46 & used in Pansdorf dated 12.6.46 \$ 6.-3. Borek # 615 III, mint, control cancel Kiel 1 4.10.45 \$10.-4. Borek # 619 II, mint, control cancel Marne (Holstein) Land \$ 1.25 5. Borek # 619 II, mint, control cancel Kiel-Elmschenhagen 25.7.46 \$ 1.25 6. Borek # 632Aa, mint, control cancel Lüneburg 2, 22.8.45 \$ 2.75 7. Borek # 644, mint, control cancel Luneburg 1, 1.12.45 \$ 4.25 Borek # 659, mint, control cancel de-nazified Posamt Schwelm, eagle still showing with swastika removed \$ 5.50 Borek # 659, used, cancelled Schwelm 27.7.45 early usage \$10.-Borek # 666A, used, control cancel Heiligenhaus (Bz Düssel= dorf) no date, cancelled Velbert (Rheinl) 1 12.11.45 card has small tear \$ 2.75 11. Borek / 666A, used, control cancel Postamt Bad Salzuflen eagle & swastika removed no date, cancelled Bad Salzuflen 02.10.45, file holes \$ 2.25 12. Borek # 666A, used Postage due cancel wrongly applied & colected, rate was correct cancelled Alfeld (Leine) 19.12.45 \$ 3.50 13. Borek #666B, used, control cancel Mülheim (Ruhr)1 \$ 2.75 Borek #669, mint \$ -.50 15. Borek #669 used with additional AMG postage \$ 1.50 16. Borek #670 mint \$ -.50 17. Borek #670 used with additional AMG postage \$ -.85 Borek #670 used as printed matter rate, with addt'l posatge 18. AMG or Mi #916 or without addt'l postage, specify \$ -.60 Borek #N162IIa, used, with addt'l postage 6 Pf London prtg 19. machine cancel Hannover 5.3.46 \$ 9.50 Borek #N164, mint Hannover 20.8.45 red control cancel \$ 7.75 Borek #224IIb, used Wilstedt (Bz. Bremen) 28.3.46 addt'l AMG 6 Pf Brunswick print \$ 8.75 22. Borek #224IIb, used Rotenburg 16.7.46 addt1 postage Mi # \$ 8.75 23. \$ 5.25 Borek #224IIb, mint 24. Borek #309, mint with red boxed Gebuhr bezahlt & control cancel Dusseldorf Oberkassel 31.5.46 9.25

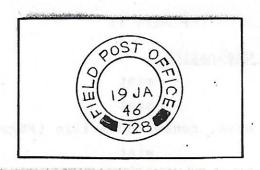
All lots are postpaid, and available on first come basis. Harold E. Peter P.O.Box 369, Elkhart, Indiana 46515.

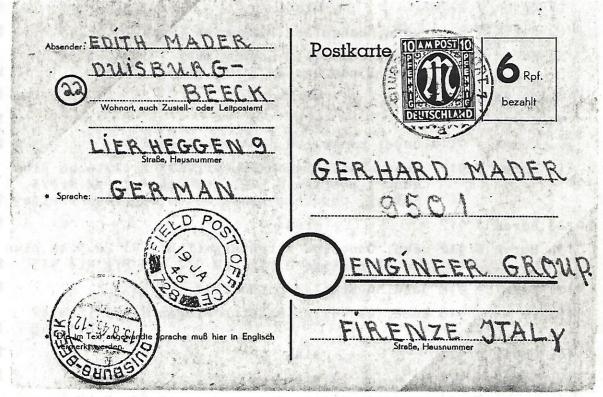
Rus	ssian	Zoi	ne of	f Occupation:		
1.	Borek	#	908	mint	\$	7.50
2.	Borek	#	909	mint	\$2	21
3.	Borek	#	910a	a used, cancelled Sellin (Rugen)b 26.11.45	\$	4.50
4.	Borek	#	910a	a mint	\$	1.50
5.	Borek	#	9118	a mint	\$	1.50
6.	Borek	#	911a	a used, cancelled Damgarten (Pom) 15.12.45	\$	4
, 7-	Borek	#	9111	used, cancelled Ludwigslust 19.3.46 plus addt'l postage 2x 3 Pfg Michel # 913	\$	4.50
8.	Borek	#	9111	mint	\$	2
9.	Borek	#	9110	d mimt	\$	2,50
10.	Borek	#	9110	d used, cancelled Schwerin (Meckl)1	\$	6
11.	Borek	#	917	used, cancelled Magdeburg BPA 7 17.4.46 plus addt'l postage 6 Pfg. Mi#9916 + 1 Pfg Mi#73 Saxony, card has punch holes vertical r.side	\$	2
12.	Borek	#	917	mint	\$	50
13.	Borek	#	917	used, Cancelled Altenburg (Thuri 7) 22.5.46 plus addt'l postage 2 Ffg Mi# 912 + 5 Pfg Mi# 915		3.50
14.	Borek	#	918	used, cancelled Bitterfeld 5.1.46	\$	1.50
15.	Borek	#	918	used, cancelled machine slogan Halle (Saale) 18.12.45	\$	1.50
16.	Borek	#	9181	o mint	\$	50
17.	Borek	#	921	mint	\$	50
18.	Borek	#	921	used, Cancelled Weimar 3.12.45 "Zuruck" boxed cancel + handwritten: unknown moved	\$	5
19.	Borek	#	922	mint	\$	3.50
20.	Borek	#	924	not used but cancelled 19.12.45 Leipzig	\$	75
21.	Borek	#	925	used, cancelled Leipzig 16.1.46	\$	2
22.	Borek	#	925	used, cancelled Mügeln 19.2.46	\$	2
23. HOP 20 Halle 1 Numeral(Einheitsausgabe) Borek # 1; can't						
1 4 4 4				be authorized, genuine die, as is	\$	10

All lots are postpaid, and available on first come basis. Harold E. Peter, P.O.Box 369, Elkhart, In. 46515.

WANTED TO BUY, TRADE, ETC.

AMG franking early 1945, June thru September, of mail from Ilfeld, Sulzhayn, Niedersachswerfen (Harz mountain area) Erfurt; from West Mecklenburg until 30.6.45; from Hirschegg, Mittelberg & Riezlern located in Kleinwalsertal (Austria) also in mixed franking with Austrian issues. Make your offer. HE PETER





This card, Borek # 666 A, was a puzzle to me for a long time. Why? because it was mailed to a foreign country before such foreign limited mail service was allowed on April 1, 1946. Cancelled on December 27, 1945 and mailed to a German POW in Italy it was transferred to the Allied military mail system and on arrival cancelled by British Field Post Office (FPO) on January 19, 1946. FPO 728 was part of CMF=Central Mediterranean Force then stationed in Italy. Don Slawson provided the documentation to solve the puzzle. You will read more about this in your next bulletin.

May I take this opportunity to alert you to a tremendous literature publication. The Bezirksgruppe Hamburg der Gesellschaft für deutsche Postgeschichte e.V., Postmuseum am Stephansplatz, D-2000 Hamburg 36, has published a collection of documents regarding the re-opening of postal service of the British occupation zone, approx 200 pages of OPD documents. Price DM 10.-!! don't forget check cashing charges. It is their issue Nr. 25/82.

OBLITERATIONS SUBGROUP

Notes Concerning Previous Articles by Donald Slawson

As usual, Mr. Jürgen Schmid has replied to much of what I have written, and has made some good points.

Concerning "Use of the Landpost Stempel" (Vol 15/Nr 3 pp54-56)

Both Mr. Schmid and Roland Fluck pointed out that the name "Landpost Cancel", even though widely used by philatelists, is incorrect. The correct name for this stamp is "Orts-Gummistempel der PSt II" or "PSt II Gummistempel" for short. In auction catalogs I have even seen these stamps called "Posthilfstellen Stempel", which is definately incorrect; a Posthilfstellen is the next smaller type of facility after a PSt II, and I have never seen any special marking for mail taken in by these stations (similar to contract stations in the U.S.).

Mr. Schmid points out that the use of the PSt II Gummistempel to cancel stamps was not authorized by Chemnitz 4 since they applied their cancel to the Postanweisung. True! I did not mean to imply that Chemnitz 4 had told the PSt II to do this. I meant to say that Chemnitz 4 said something that the PSt II interpreted (probably wrongly) as saying they should do this. Mr. Schmid also points out that this misinterpretation may not have occurred as a result of the 12 May order, it could have been a separate, later order or phone message. Also true! But in any case, we still seem to assume there must have been some reason why the PSt II subordinate to Chemnitz 4 did this. What is the reason?

Concerning my comments on "Unobliterated Pieces" (Vol 15/Nr 3 p.50)

I suggested a minimal additional value (+10%) for such pieces. Mr. Schmidt's opinion of "slip-throughs" is that they are virtually worthless (in general I agree with this, but in this particular case I still feel these are 1945 postal history, and should be worth exactly the same as the obliterated pieces. I threw in the +10% as a concession to those who feel they are wo th a premium.) This point of view--that non-onliterated pieces are worth less than obliterations--impacts on the next item.

Concerning "Obliteration X" (Vol 15/Nr 4 pp80-82)

Mr Schmid suggests that "Obliteration x" could have been applied after these pieces came into collector hands. I did not suggest this because I assumed that nobody would do such a thing, particularly if it was lowering the price of the piece. But, with the point of view that a non-obliterated piece is a "slip-through" and "slip-throughs" are worthless, then perhaps these are "collector obliterations". If so, whoever did this had access to about one-half of all the Postanweisungs from this period, for obliteration x and non-onliterated pieces are about equally common.

in fact, end of Obliterations-more next issue

Not All Varieties of SPREMBERG are Listed in the Catalog

by Paul Rossbach-Emden (translated by A.K. Geisser)

(Editors note and apology: This is part of a number of pieces I received from Mr. Rossbach-Emden several years ago which have appeared from time to time. I guess I waited too long on this. for I am informed the items described now appear in the Michel catalog. So even if you read it here second, it was recognized by Mr. Rossbach-Emden several years ago.)

It may be known to some that a very revealing article entitled: "Was jeder Sammler über die Vorläufer und über the Gebührenmarken vom Spremberg wissen sollte" (what every collector should know about the forerunners and local issues of Spremberg) appeared in Rundbrief #2 (1972) of the sister organization; "Bundesarbeitsfemeinschaft Deutsche Lokalausgaben". Additional items appeared in Rundbriefs 3/72 pages 61-62, 4/72 page 104 and 16/74 page 32.

Since then it has been established that of the forerunners (Mi. # I-V) two types exist. The first is as shown in the Michel Catalog. The second, a somewhat larger type, is shown in illustration la (see Rundbrief 4/72 page 104).



Illustration la

Address side of a registered letter franked with a strip of three 12-pf forerunners and a single 6-pf type. It is correctly franked (42-pf.)



Illustration 1b
Reverse side of registered letter (Ill. 1a)

The reverse side of the letter carries the receiving postmark "Köln" and a Nov. 8, 1945 date. This letter is one of the few known, genuinely-used ones according to the highly regarded Kurt Zirkenbach, unfortunately now deceased. Just why it (this stamp) was never cataloged is not known. Perhaps scarcity was the reason.

The following additional observations should be noted:

The typical "Gebühr bezahlt" imprint is in violett and exists in several subtypes.

Unreal is the fact that a sender address is not given. The mailing address is written in ink and is partially covered with forunners. If the sending address was removed, traces of it should be visible.

The following illustrations show mail franked with forerunners of Michel types I-V and may be described as follows:

Illustration 2: shows a letter carrying a block of four of the 3-pf type.

Illustration 3: shows a postcard carrying a 5-pf type

Illustration 4: shows a card carrying a pair of 6-pf values

Illustration 5: shows a card which was mailed by Postmaster Birkholz and carries a 6-pf type.

Illustration 6: shows a local letter carrying an 8-pf type.

Illustration 7: shows a letter carrying a 12-pf type.

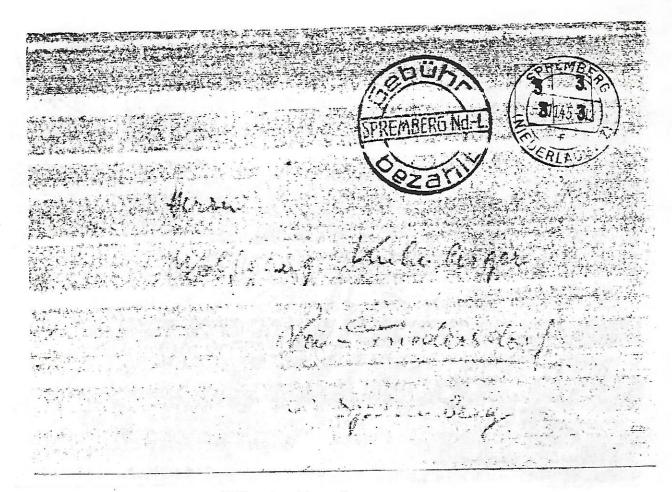


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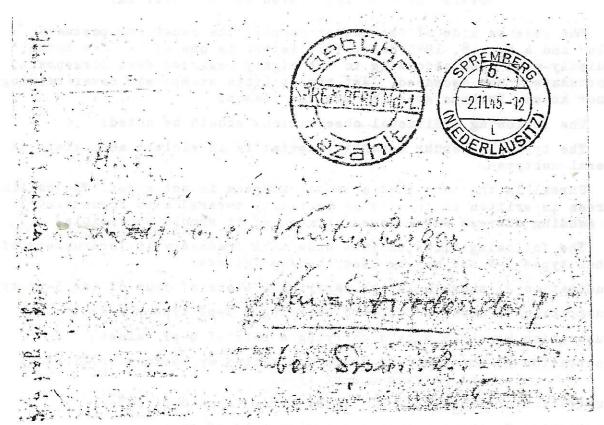


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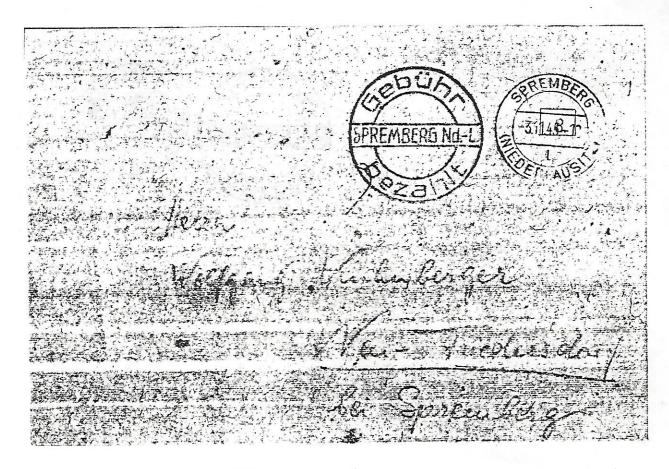


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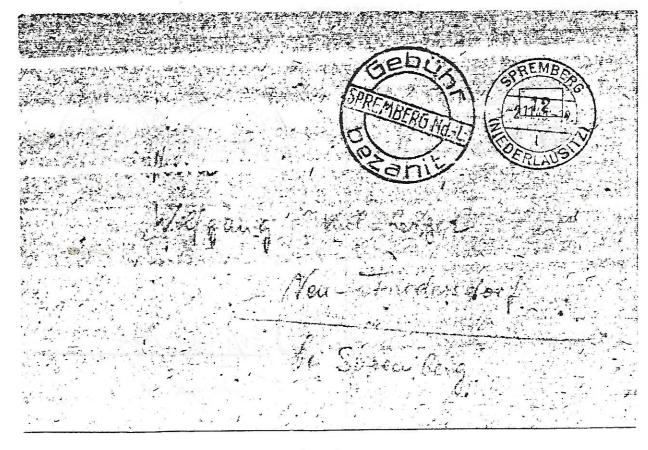


Illustration 7

All items (Illustrations 1-7) also carry a red "Gebühr bezahlt" handstamp.

With the exception of the item shown as Illustration 5, all items illustrated must be classified as philatelic.

It should be noted that all forerunners carry lines between the numbers to facilitate cutting.

In all cases the paper is a grey-white type.

As to the total emission no records are available. Also, the reason for the issue cannot be established. A "Postage paid" (Gebühr bezahlt) handstamp was available to the postmaster and was adequate for processing mail. This fact was known to the postmaster.

Generally unknown may be the variations that exist in Spremberg's local issues (Mi. #7-13), as shown in Ill. 8. The two 42-pf values are affixed to an unaddressed collectors cover.

The upper stamp (Michel #13) does not carry the "Gebühr bezahlt" message above the value but below the town name (Spremberg N.L.). In addition, part of the text, particularly the "L" of N.L. and the "lt" of bezahlt were cut off during perforating and are missing.

Because of this perforating mishap the lower stamp does not carry the "Gebühr bezahlt" legend and the "L" of N.L. is only partially visible.



The "Michel Deutschlands Spezial Katalog" lists a 12-pf variety with a broken "2", which is known as type #12-VI.

A similar variety of the 42-pf value is listed as #13-V, but also carries the misprint "Gabühr bezahlt" instead of "Gebühr....".

Apparently the Michel (Schwanberger Verlag GmbH) is unaware of the fact that 12-pf values with broken "2"s and "Gabthr bezahlt" misprints do exist.

The registered, philatelic cover shown in Illustration 9 shows all values with the "Gabühr ..." misprint and the broken "2"s.

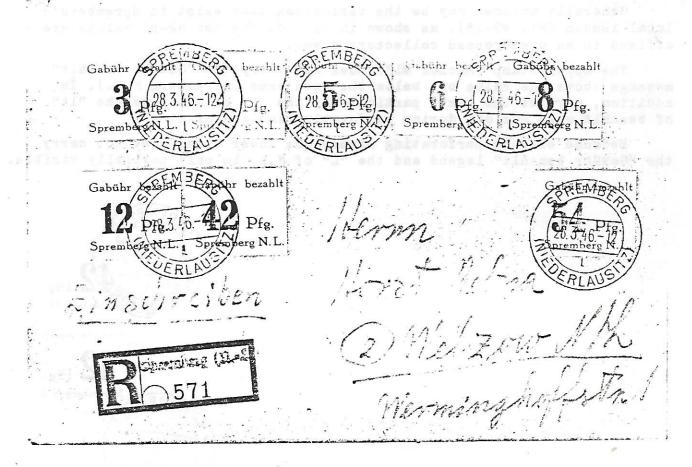


Illustration 9

Philatelic letter franked with a set of units carrying the misspelled "Gabühr bezahlt" legend and also the broken "2"s (12- and 42-pf values).

Acommentary is not necessary.

Translators note:

The 1982/83 Michel Spezial Katalog now lists the 12- and 42-pf values with the broken "2" and "Gabühr ..." as #12-VII and 13-VI.

DISPLACED PERSONS MAIL Germany / United States Zone

by Donald Slawson

A short while ago (Vol 15/Nr.3) I gave a brief overview of my know-ledge of the mail priveleges accorded D.P.'s in the British Zone. There it was stated that a method for these D.P.'s to correspond with persons in other countries was apparently initiated around the end of October, 1945. Naturally the question arises "What was going on in the U.S. Zone?" Did D.P's there have to wait until 1 April, 1946 before they could transmit a letter to a foreign destination?

As you can figure from this lead-in, of course the answer is "no". A plan similar to the British one was designed and implemented in the U. S. Zone, and because of its somewhat more complex nature it provides a richer legacy of "postal history material".

In my articles (or stories) I normally give the facts and references without reproducing entire documents, or at worst reproduce only selected pertenent documents (as in the Civilian Internee Censorship story, Vol. 14/Nr.2). However, since this "Bulletin" is a medium for presenting information as well as polished (or semi-polished) articles in this case I am going to completely reproduce all the documentation I have on this subject. While there are obviously large gaps in the material I have, I do think it is interesting to see the time phasing of the planning and also the various agencies amongst whom the project had to be coordinated.

I will therefore start this article with the documentation leading up to the postal service with only a few notes. Documentation is in chronological order with one exception.

I. Preliminary Documentation

The first piece (2 pages; A-2,3) is dated 9 October, 1945 from Postal Service Section/Comm. Branch/Internal Affairs & Comminications Div./OMGUS and appears to be the result of a "brainstorming session" on matters involved in giving D.P.'s a foreign mail privelege.

The next two pieces (4 pages; A-4 to A-7) are UNRRA Team Bulletins numbers 46 and 50 dated 1 and 10 November respectively. Note that by this time the service has essentially been defined and that the UNRRA Postal Form 1 required for the service has apparently already been printed. Note that between 1 and 10 November it was decided to switch the D.P.'s "subsequent letters" from U.S. postage to German postage.

(As an aside I'd like to mention this illustrates a very important point. There is nothing in either of these bulletins to indicate that this plan is not to be put into effect immediately upon obtaining the UNRRA Postal Form 1 (5 Nov), and that the 1 November bulletin says "5 cent stamps" are to be used for the "subsequent letters and these are to be turned over to the Army Postal Service. If this 1 November bulletin was the only piece of documentation we had we would draw some erroneous conclusions—and the worst one from a collector's viewpoint is that we would be looking for "subsequent letters" from DP's amongst APO covers with 5¢ franking. The point is that often one piece of "documentation" can be misleading. Therefore, before claiming something is an absolute fact it is useful to have either several pieces of corroborating decrees or postal evidence of implementation.)

text continued on page A-9

OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR GERMANY (US) INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION COMMUNICATIONS EPANCH POSTAL SERVICE SECTION APO 742

(11)

9 October 1945

EXCHANGES OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN DISPLACED PERSONS IN ASSEMBLY CENTERS, U.S. ZONE, WITH THEIR RELATIVES IN COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF GERMANY.

- 1. Postal service between DP Assembly Centers in the U.S. Zone of Cocupation, Germany, and relatives in their home countries.
- 2. Probably from 30 to 40 countries involved.
- 3. There is now no external service from Germany to other countries.
- 4. Each EP and each relative to be allowed two (2) one page letters per month.
- 5. Relative may begin correspondence only after they have received their first latter from their DP relative.
- 6. Wail from DPs in Germany to be given franking privilege or free mailing.
- 7. Relatives required to pay the normal rate of postage.
- 8. For reasons of security, mail exchanged between Mrs and relatives cannot be sent through Reichspost channels.
- 9. Accumulated mail from Assembly Centers to be delivered to Army Postal Service and by the Army Postal Service to designated Censorship office.
- 10. After censorship, mail to be returned to Army Postal Service.
- 11. Letters at each DP Assembly Center must be segregated to countries.
- 12. After censorship, segregation to countries of destination must be maintained to be forwarded by Army Postal Service to Foreign Station, Hew York.
- 13. Return correspondence must move via the same channel as the outgoing mail.
- 14. Each DP Assembly Center will be given a number to be used by each DP to identify his camp, as illustrated:

Name of IP IP Assembly Center # 17 800 Control Baor, -- Via Foreign Station, New York

- 15. The address of the DP is to be shown at the heading of each letter and on the back of the envelope inclosing the letter.
- 16. Undeliverable mail in the home country to be returned to Germany to be returned by the Army Postal Service to the Center.
- 17. Des whose correspondence is undelivered may then address inquiries to locate their relatives through a directory bureau.
- 18. It will be necessary to set up a directory service bureau.
- 19. Outgoing correspondence from Germany to be given appropriate postmark in accrodance with Article 106 of the regulations of the Universal Postal Convention.
- 29. Check paragraph 2 of Artials 106 of regulations of the Universal Postal Convention, Beunes Aires, 23 May 1939 and have postmarking conform therewith.
- 21. Through appropriate channels of publicity in the countries concerned, announcements shall be made so that relatives of Eps who are held in the U.S. Zone of Occupation, Germany so:
 - a. That they may write letters only in reply to letters received from a UP.
 - b. That they are required to pay postage on such letters.
- 22. Information should be obtained from objective countries as to whether class of correspondence here being considered is permissible.
- 29. Inquiries should be made whether the proposed postmarking is acceptable by the postal administrations of the countries with which such mail is to be exchanged.
- 24. Ascertain whether the U.S. Post Office Department will undertake to notify postal administrations of the countries concerned as to the mail service proposed for DPs and their relatives.

(The British propose to inaugurate service of this kind about 20 Cct)

Letters and Lickages coming from the Un sed States to the Displaced Person will be placed in the Reichs Post upon reaching the U.S. Some. They will be delivered in bags to the Reichs Post Office nearest to the camp in which the Displaced Person is located. Hence the importance of having the Reichs Post Number on each outgoing card. The Team Director will arrange to have regular pickups of incoming mail at the Reichs Post Office nearest to his camp, and will have letters and packages distributed within the camp, recording these on the ledger section of the retained portion of the original card. No Displaced Person will be permitted to send more than one postal card to the same addressee; this is to be controlled 10. by reference to the DP 2 card file. However, upon receipt of a letter or package from the person to whom he originally addressed a card, he may then send one letter a week to that person. Such additional correspondence will be controlled by use of the alphabetical file and will 11. be turned over to the nearest Army Post Office. These subsequent letters written by the Displaced Person will consist of one page, written on one side, and in a handwriting 12. sufficiently large to permit censorship. Any language may be used. Postage for such letters will call for five-cent stamps the distribution of which will be the subject of a future fulletin 13. Initial distribution of stamps and cards will be without 14. charge to the Displaced Person. Each team director is instructed to contact immediately: (a) The nearest Army Post Office to Arrange for turning 15. over to the APO outgoing cards from his camp. (b) The nearest Reichs Post Office in order to determine the Reichs Post Pumber which is part of the address of the Displaced Persons. (c) The UNRRA warehouse in his area in order to requisition postal cards and three-cent stamps. Toam Directors will report to warehouses in accordance with instructions contained in Team Bulletin 37. The responsibility for the safe custody of stamps must primarily remain with Toam Directors. If the duty is delogated to 16. another member at the Director's instination the ultimate responsibility must still remain with the Director. Stamps must be regarded as being of equal value as currency and, accordingly, must be kept in a locked receptacle. 17. key should be retained by the Team Director or his designated representative.

18. A record must be kept of all requisitions for incoming quantities. All issues should be made under the supervision of the responsible officer.

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19. The records of receipts and issues must be available for inspection by visiting Finance Officers or Auditors in the same manner as currency.

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10 November, 1945.

UNRRA Team Bulletin No. 50.

Subject: Displaced Persons Communications - United States.

- 1. This refers to UNRRA Team Bulletin No. 46 above subject dated 1 November, 1945.
- Paragraph 6 of Team Bulletin No.46 is hereby rescinded and the following new paragraph 6 is substituted:
 - "Outgoing mail will be collected by camp personnel, tied in bundles, and placed in a mail sack. The sack should be labelled: "DP Mail, Civil Concorship Detachment, Munich, Germany" (for all of Bavaria) and "DP Mail, Civil Censorship Detachment, Offenbach, Germany" (for the remainder of the US Zone). The sacks should be turned over to the Peichspost office nearest the camp. After consorship, the mail will be turned over to the Postal Regulating Stations at Munich and Orfenbach for cancellation, distribution and onward transmission to the UC".
- 3. Paragraph 13 of Team Bulletin No.46 is hereby rescinded and the following new paragraph 13 is substituted:
 - *Postage for such subsequent letters will call for Reichs Postage Stamps, the disposition and procurement of which will be the subject of a future bulle tin".
- Assembly Center Directors are directed to take immediate action on the basis of Team Bulletin No.46 as amended above, and they are further instructed to make the necessary amendments on copies of Team Bulletin No.16 now in their possession.

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Exchange of Letters and Post Cards with Displaced Persons in the American Zones of Austria and Germany

Exchange of Letters with Displaced Persons in the British Zone of Germany

Germany and their relatives and friends in this country.

a letter from a displaced person.

Arrangements have been made for the exchange of unregistered letters and post cards of a nontransactional nature between displaced persons in the American Zones of Austria and Germany and their relatives and friends

Details of the arrangement are as follows:

a card (UNRRA Form No. 1 or International Red Cross message) from a 1. Relatives and friends should not write unless they have first received displaced person. Displaced persons in the American Zones will be allowed

2. Letters and post cards for mailing to displaced persons in the American Zones of Austria and Germany must be taken to the post office for mailing, ination the initial card (UNRRA Form No. 1 or International Red Cross The letters and cards addressed to displaced persons will be marked at the that is, they must be handed to clerks at service windows in post offices At the same time there roust be presented for exam message) received from the displaced person and addressed to the mailer post office "Certified" and postmarked over this indication,

The address for mail for displaced persons in the American Zones of Austria and Germany will be in a form substantially similar to the following:

Name of Displaced Person Name of the Camp

Number of Postal Addressing District Name of Post Office

U. S. Zone, Austria (or Germany)

Mail for displaced persons should be sent to New York, N. Y., for onward Via Foreign Station, New York, N. Y.

4. If letters or post cards for displaced persons are deposited in a street letter box or other mail depository, they should be returned to the sender marked "Must be taken specially to the post office for mailing, with card or Ited Cross message received from the displaced person."

5. In no case should postage due be collected on mail from displaced persons in the American Zones of Austria or Germany, 6. Letters and post cards for displaced persons in the American Zones of Austria and Germany should be prepaid as follows: Letters, 5 cents for the first ounce and 3 cents for each additional Post cards, 3 cents each. ounce or fraction;

The above does not in any way affect mail addressed to a member of the

Armed Forces or other person at an A. P. O. in Austria or Germany.

THE POSTAL BULLETIN, WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 23, 1945-Page 2

Arrangements have been made for the exchange of unregistered letters of nontransactional nature between displaced persons in the British Zone of Details of the arrangement, as advised by the British postal authorities,

to write a two-page letter once weekly, after the initial card. in the British Zone will be allowed to write two letters-each limited to one After the initial letter, displaced persons 1. Relatives and friends should not write unless they have first received

2. Letters from displaced persons in the British Zone will not bear postage

stamps but will be marked in red as follows:

page-in each month.

DISPLACED PERSONS

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must be taken to the post office for mailing, that is, they must be handed to 3. Letters for mailing to displaced persons in the British Zone of Germany time there must be presented for examination the initial letter sent by the The letters addressed to displaced persons will be marked at the post office "Certified" and postclerks at service windows in post offices, branches, or stations. displaced person and addressed to the mailer. marked over this indication.

4. The complete address for displaced persons in the British Zone will be in the following form:

Name of Displaced Person

Number of the D. P. Assembly Center

800 Control Unit

British Army of the Rhine, via Great Britain Via Foreign Station, New York, N. Y.

5. If letters for displaced persons are deposited in a street letter box or Mail for displaced persons should be sent to New York, N. Y., for onward

6. Letters for displaced persons in the British Zone of Germany should be prepaid 5 cents for the first ounce, and 3 cents for each additional ounce "Must be taken specially to the post office for mailing, with letter received other mail depository, they should be returned to the sender marked from the displaced person."

7. It is desired that relatives and friends should not send more than two letters a month, each limited to one page.

Gift Parcels for Displaced Persons in the American Zones of Austria and Germany

Effective at once, ordinary (unregistered and uninsured) gift parcels weighing not over 5 pounds and measuring not over 31/2 feet greatest length and 6 feet greatest length and girth combined, may be sent by parcel post to displaced persons in the American Zones of Austria and Germany.

Only clothing, nonperishable food, and other similar items may be sent, and not more than one parcel may be sent each week from the same sender to the same addressee.

When parcels are presented for mailing at the post office there must also be presented for examination the initial card (UNRRA Form No. 1 or an International Red Cross message) sent by the displaced person and addressed to the mailer. As each parcel is mailed, on the card or message, or on a sheet of paper attached thereto there should be endorsed for example, "Parcel mailed (date)" and the initial of the accepting clerk.

One customs declaration (Form 2936) and one dispatch note (Form 2972)

must be attached to each parcel. Parcels may be sealed.

The parcels-and relative customs declarations must be conspicuously marked "Gift Parcel" by the sender who must also clearly state the contents and value on the customs declaration. The postage rate applicable is 14. cents per pound or fraction thereof.

These parcels must conform to the export license regulations set up by the · . Office of International Trade Operations, Department of Commerce (formerly Foreign Economic Administration).

The next piece (11/4 pages; A-8,9) is from the November 23 edition of "The Postal Bulletin" and informs our postal employees that they are to accept letters/packages to Germany if the sender has either the UNRRA Postal Form 1 or one of the British Zone DP "franking stamp" letters in his possession. (I was rather proud of myself when it finally dawned on me that something like this should exist; and by golly, it was the easiest piece of documentation I have obtained, a phone call to the postal service, 5 minutes of searching, and a copy was on its way to me the same day.)

The next piece (1 page; A-10) is dated 21 November and it is apparent. ly a draft message from Office of Military Government (U S Zone) to Army Group Operations. Only the heading and ending of this message because the text is exactly reproduced in the next item. is given

The next piece (3 pages; A-11,12,13) is the decree of USFET requested by OMG(USZ) on 21 November. This is dated 3 December. The text is exactly that requested by OMG(USZ) except in paragraph 1 "..will be established.." has been changed to "..was established.." (incidentally, in the OMG(USZ) request the typed date is 24 Nov, but the 4 was handwritten over with a 6). This copy of the decree has handwritten changes specified by the next item.

The last piece (1 page; A-14) is a 27 Feb, 1946 USFET update to the 3 December decree to reflect the changed censorship arrangement -- nothing overly important, but it shows how things mesh and what caused the handwritten changes to the 3 December decree.

All in all, I find this stuff interesting. While it might be boring and redundant to many of you, I hopt it is of use to our "DP members" -perhaps they will note some relationships or references which will aid them in their searches or give them new areas to search. Further, we'll see in part II that there really is some utility in having all this evidence -- it will serve to explain some otherwise confusing information.

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12. United Mations Displaced Persons and persons assimilated to them in status. living outside approved assembly centers will be permitted to use the postal facilities of the assembly center mearest their place of residence. Peaponsibility for determining that persons applying for such service are within the approved categories is vested in the assembly center commander. The address of the camp extending such service will be used. No sail may be posted directly in Reichspost channels by individuals making use of this cervice.

For the Director:

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AG 311.1 (General) GEC-AGO

(Main) APO 757 3 December 1945

SUBJECT: Postal Service Between Displaced Persons in the U.S. Zone of Germany and the United States

TO: Sommanding Generals:

Eastern Military District
Western Military District
Theater Service Forces, European Theater (Main)
Headquarters Command, U.S. Forces, European Theater

- l. Postal service between the United States and United Mations displaced persons or those assimilated to them in status, in the U.S. zone of Germany, was established effective 26 November 1945. Service conducted under the regulations set forth below will be made available only to persons specified in this paragraph. Service to other countries will be extended later.
- 2. Use of UNRRA Postal Form 1 (UNRRA Headquarters, U.S. Zone, Germany) is prescribed as the means whereby displaced persons may notify friends or relatives in the United States as to their correct addresses. Specimen return address is: "Ir. Hans Muller, DP Camp Hanau, 16, Hanau, U.S. Zone, Germany, via Foreign Station, New York, N.Y." Emphasis should be placed on clear, correct addresses in block letters. Proper postal district number is essential.
- 7. All languages are permitted in the twenty-five word message on UNRPA Postal Form I which is a permit for the addressee in the United States to send non-transactional mail and gift parcels, restricted as hereinafter provided, to the sender of the form in the U.S. zone in Germany.
- 4. Contents of parcels sent from the United States will be limited to clothing, non-perishable food, and similar items. Parcels will not weigh a more than five pounds, and a sender will not dispatch more than one parcel a week to the same addressee.
- by U.S. postmasters for persons in the U.S. to send letters or parcels. After the initial contact is established through the use of UNKRA Postal Form. 1, the displaced person originating the contact will be permitted to mail through this service not more than one letter per week. The letter will be limited to two sheets of paper and only one side of the sheet will be written upon,
- 6. No parcels will be sent from the U.S. zone to the United States by displaced persons.
- 7. Officials of displaced persons assembly centers will be charged with the proper handling of mail and with its safe keeping. Capable personnel will be assigned to its receipt and delivery.

- 8. U.S. postage (three cents) and UMPRA Postal Form 1 have been supplied by UMPRA Headquarters, U.S. Zone, to all UMPRA teams. Only U.S. pastage is authorized for use on UMPRA Postal Form 1; initial contact only.
 - 9. After the initial contact is established, only Hilitary Government stamps will be used on the rationed weekly letter to the United States. The international rate applies and is as follows: Postal cards 15 Rpf; letters 25 Rpf for the first 20 grams of weight, and 15 Rpf for each 20 grams thereafter.
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b. The sacks will be delivered to the Reichspost Office nearest the assembly center of origin. After censorship, mail will be turned over to the

nearest postal regulating section for cancellation, distribution and onward transmission to the United States by land and water only,

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 - (1) Mail bags destined for Land Bavaria will be addressed as follows: "DP MAIL, GROUP 'A', CIVIL CENSORSHIP DIVISION, APO 403." 205, U.S. HEMY.
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- After censorship, the mail will be turned over to the Reichspost for any separation necessary and transmission to the Reichspost office of address. A representative of the camp will call for the mail, presenting written authority signed by the Camp Commander to the Reichspost.
- 12. United Nations displaced persons and persons assimilated to them in status, living outside approved assembly centers will be permitted to use the postal facilities of the assembly center nearest their place of residence. Rosponsibility for determining that persons applying for such service are

Within the approved categories is vested in the assembly center commander. The address of the camp extending such service will be used. He mail may be posted directly to the United States in Reichspost channels by individuals making use of this service.

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APO 757 27 February 1946

SUBJECT: Postal Service Between Displaced Persons in the US Zone of Germany and the United States

TO: Commanding Generals:
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Continental Base Section
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Bremen Port Command
Headquarters Command, US Forces, European Theater

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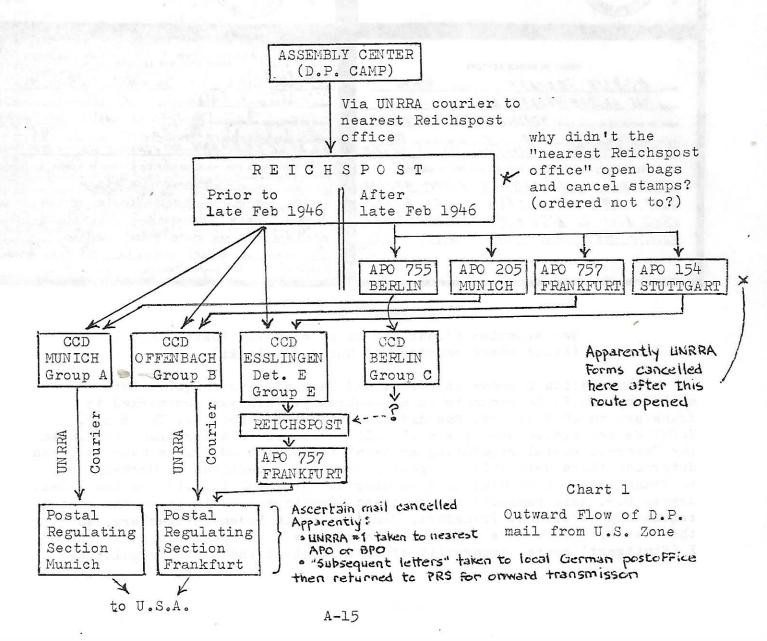


Illustration 1 shows two examples (front and back) of the UNRRA Postal Form 1. Both of these are very late, in fact the left one is used after 1 April when technically it was no longer required (the person could have sent an ordinary letter). Thus we are obviously missing one piece of information, namely when the use of the UNRRA Postal Form 1 was halted. On the other hand, this left hand piece appears to be from a Jew, and maybe this represents a special case (which is also addressed later).

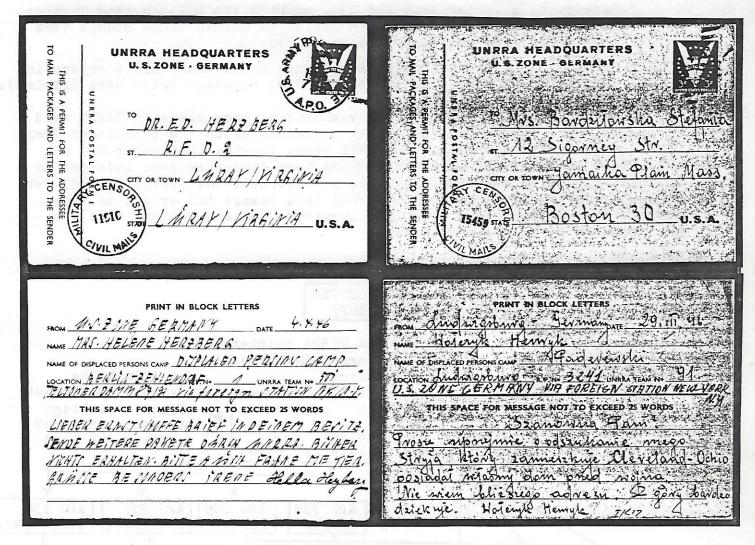


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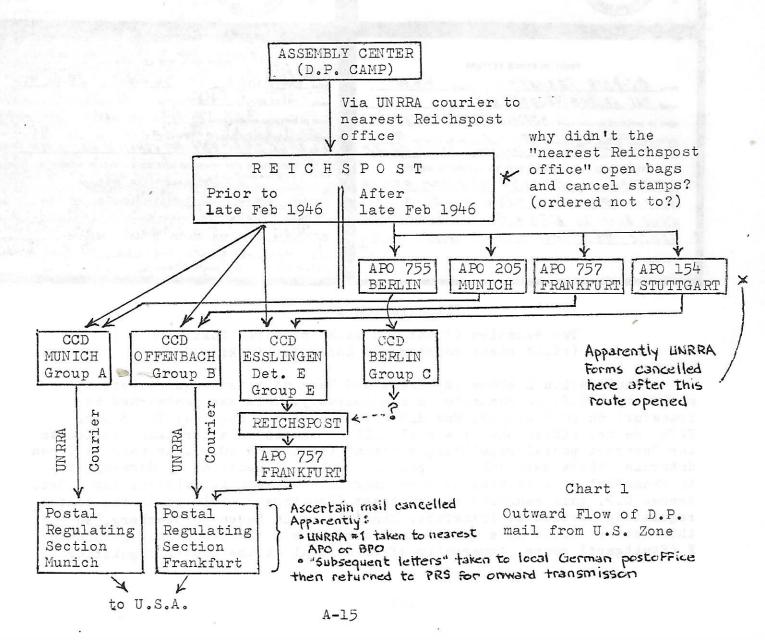
Illustration 2 shows the front and back of a "subsequent letter" mailed by a D.P. in Mannheim in mid-February. This was postmarked in Frankfurt on 20 February. How did this cancel get applied? The 3 Dec. USFET decree states that the mail will be cancelled after transmission to the "nearest postal regulating section" (paragraph 10.b). As near as I can determine there were only two postal regulating sections in Germany; one in Frankfurt, one in Munich. According to paragraph 10.a.(3) of the 3 Dec. decree D.P. mail censored at Stuttgart (Esslingen) would go to the postal regulating section at Frankfurt. Mannheim is in Baden-Wurttemberg, so this letter should have gotten to Frankfurt via the Censorship Detachment E (Stuttgart) route. Apparently after arrival at the postal regulating

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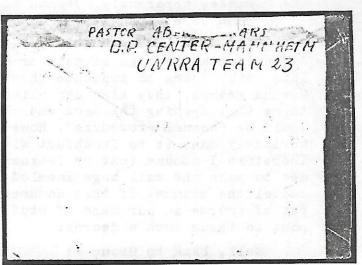


Illustration 2

D.P. "Subsequent Letter" postmarked Frankfurt 20. 2.46

The records of Civil Censorship Group A in Munich provide further corrobation that the service existed, and provide a truly beautiful insight to the fact that everything dod not always mesh together as it was supposted to. Remember back in part I I said the UNRRA Team Bulletins sounded like the procedure was to start immediately? Well, apparently it sounded this way to the Team Directors too. From the record of Group A:

Week 11-17 November, 1945

"Displaced Persons' field postcards of a new type have been submitted for censorship by UNRRA. No instructions have been received up to this time with regard to these communications and they are, therefore, being held. The cards arrived through APO channels."

The fact that these cards arrived "through APO channels" does not mesh with the decree eventually issued on 3 Dec.

Week 18-24 November, 1945

"Upon receipt from UNRRA of approximately fifty letters written by Displaced Persons and addressed to the United States, Great Britian, and other allied countries, this office contacted UNRRA headquarters for the purpose of making arrangements as to taking over and disposition after censorship treatment of DP mail. UNRRA was supposed to have sent a representative to discuss this matter but has failed to do so up to this time."

The entry for 25 Nov-1 Dec is truly confusing in light of the entry of two weeks before:

Week 25 Nov - 1 Dec, 1945

"Authorization has been received for communications between the United States and Displaced Persons in Germany. No communications of this type, however, have been received to date."

Then what in the heck were the "new type cards" received 11-17 Nov.?

Week 2-8 December, 1945

"Up to the present only four communications have been received from DP's, all in letter form instead of on the UNRRA Postal Forms No. 1

prescribed for the initial contact. These letters bore US stamps which had been cancelled by the German post office. This matter was referred to the PT&T Officer who was happy to get such information since, apparently, German post offices had not been instructed to pass US stamps without cancellation."

Note back in chart 1 I wondered why the "nearest Reichspost office" did not open the bags of mail from the D.P. camps and cancel the stamps. This entry seems to indicate they did; in fact not only did they cancel German stamps, they also cancelled U.S. stamps in this instance. It seems to me that opening the sack and cancelling at least the German stamps would be "normal procedure". However Illustration 2 showed a cover that obviously made it to Frankfurt without being cancelled (in February, 1946). Therefore I assume that by February the Reichspost offices had been informed to pass the mail bags labeled "DP mail" along without opening them to cancel the stamps. If this document exists the end result is in Germany, but of course in our mass of stuff there may be instructions to the Reichspost to issue such a decree.

Well, back to Group A:
Week 9-15 Dec, 1945--no entry about DP mail

Week 16-22 December, 1945

"Communications between Displaced Persons and the USA are coming in very slowly and no reports of information is contained in this type of mail. Arrangements for this service have been well coordinated and little difficulty exists in the handling of these communications."

Weeks 23-29 Dec, 30 Dec-5 Jan, 6-12 Jan, 13-19 Jan no DP entries

Week 20-26 January, 1946

"Eleven pounds of DP Forms No 1 were received and 8.8 pounds released during this week.

"Civil Censorship has been requested to watch the Displaced Persons mail addressed to Displaced Persons in the camp of Wolfratshausen, because it is reported that American currency in large quantities is sent through the mails from the United States and other countries. A check was made on the spot and it has been discovered that Displaced Persons in this camp receive practically all their mail through American APO channels which cannot be examined by Civil Censorship."

To the best of my knowledge Wolfratshausen was a Jewish camp, and this would seem to indicate that Jews had some special access to the APO system that other DP's did not have. I do know of another special international mail service route available to Jews (technically "persecutees"), (this will be part of a future article), but this did not involve the APO. Therefore, we seem to have another channel for which I have no documentation. Anybody have references to Jewish access to the APO?

Back again to Group A:

Week 27 January-2 February, 1946

"A total of 6 pounds of UNRRA Forms No. 1 were received and the same amount released."

No further DP entries until:

Week 10-16 March, 1946

"One pound of UNRRA cards No. 1 was received and one pound released to UNRRA courier. 1,252 pounds of UNRRA parcels were received from the United States and released after a spot check."

Week 17-23 March, 1946

"Five pounds of UNRRA Cards No. 1 were received and eleven pounds released to UNRRA courier. Twenty-two pounds of UNRRA parcels were received from the United States."

Week 24-30 March, 1946

"Four pounds of UNRRA cards No. 1 were received and four pounds released to UNRRA courier."

This is unfortunately the end of the Group A history which I found.

I am nearing the end of my story. I hope I have illustrated how much is involved in "one simple little procedure" implemented by the postal service. Many people must be informed to take action—the documentation extends in many directions, some not immediately obvious even to a know-ledgeable person. Orders are issued but are misinterpreted; strange and unexpected items of postal history result.

In addition, I've showed that even the "considerable mass" of documentation I presented is really very skimpy, there are many loose ends that I am unable to tie up.I hope I have provided hints of things to look for:

- * Do those four letters (or similar ones) bearing US stamps cancelled by the German post office still exist?
- * When did the Assembly Centers switch from addressing their mail bags from the Censorship Groups to the APO address? Did they?
- * Were the German post informed to cancel the stamps within the "DP mail" sacks.?

Before closing I want to show two "unexplainable items" which are related to this general theme.

Illustration 3 shows a Lampertheim (hessen) cover carrying 75Pfg. postage, censored in Offenbach (frankfurt). Nothing unusual; a plain old after 1 April cover to the US. But Wait! The 25Pfg. stamp is clearly cancelled 26 February, 1946 while the 50Pfg. is cancelled 10 July. What

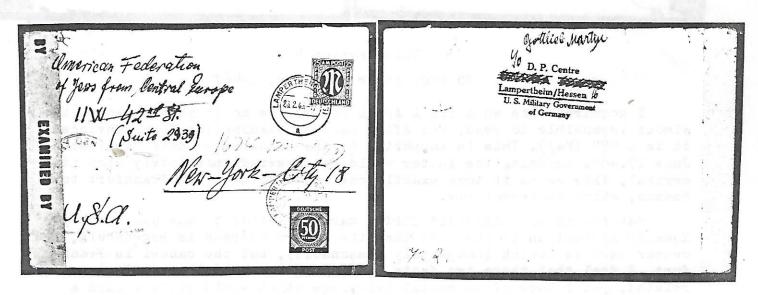


Illustration 3
Lampertheim 26 Feb/10 July, 1946 D.P. cover

is going on here? A quick check (not at all thorough) seems to indicate it is unlikely that the censor mark used was in use in July (the eagle die was in use by then). Therefore the censor mark was probably in conjunction with the February cancel. The absence of any kind of a "returned" mark would therefore seem to indicate the 25Pfg. cover made a trip to the U.S. in February. If this is true then we must assume that this cover somehow got back to the sender and was reused about 4½ months later to the same addressee. However, such a reuse would involve (1) recognition of an already used stamp (the 25Pfg. stamp is necessary to make the 75Pfg. rate valid in July), and (2) reuse of a censored envelope, which was a definite no-no. This seems a very improbable scenario but does anyone have any other explanation?

Note also in illustration 3 that even the 26 February cancel is a "nearest Reichspost office" cancel. This may have all kinds of signifigance; it could relate back to some previous questions and suppositions; it could mean this cover did not go out in Feb in a "DP mail" sack, etc. What does it really mean is another question which needs study.

Illustration 4 is equally confusing.

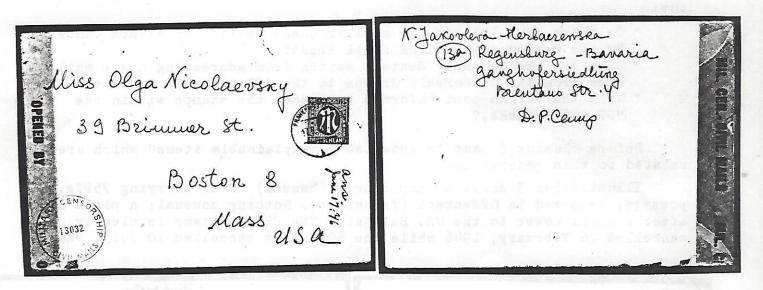


Illustration 4
25 Pfg. cover from May, 1946?

I acquired this as a pre l April cover. The month in the cancel is almost impossible to read, but after careful examination I am convinced it is a "5" (May). This is supported by the handwritten note "ans(wered) June 17.46". Assuming the letter would be answered immediately upon its arrival, this means it took exactly one month to get from Frankfurt to Boston, which is reasonable.

But how in the world did 25Pfg. carry a letter to the U.S. in May? Equally mysterious is the fact that the return address is Regensburg, the censor mark is Munich (completely reasonable), but the cancel is Frank-furt. I feel that these two facts (the 25Pfg rate and the routing) are related, yet I know of no postal privelege which would produce such a cover. Anyone have any ideas?

Well, that's it for this subject.

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