

Desnazificación en Alemania 1945 - 1951

Objetivo del exhibit

Inmediatamente luego de la invasión aliada y la rendición alemana, las fuerzas de ocupación se enfrentaron al problema de eliminar la ideología nazi de la sociedad alemana y sus instituciones. La tarea era extremadamente compleja y tomó años de planes, pruebas y errores. Este exhibit muestra, desde el punto de vista de la **Historia Postal Social**, las diferentes etapas del proceso de desnazificación que tuvo lugar en Alemania y en zonas previamente anexadas, desde los primeros momentos luego de la invasión aliada, hasta el momento del fin oficial del proceso en 1951.

Importancia

Este es el primer exhibit cubriendo este proceso en todos sus aspectos, con sus diferentes etapas e implicaciones. Desde el punto de vista histórico/social, el proceso de desnazificación fue un punto de quiebre luego de uno de los períodos más oscuros de la historia, sentando además importantes precedentes en el campo judicial en lo referente a crímenes de guerra.

Balance y condición

Algunos aspectos del exhibit son notoriamente más amplios que otros, como las medidas provisionales, las alteraciones de franqueos mecánicos o los campos de internamiento. Por otro lado, otros aspectos son más cortos, como los nuevos ministerios, certificados, etc. Pese a ello, se hizo el esfuerzo de balancear de la mejor manera posible el material mostrado en cada capítulo. Asimismo, se intentó encontrar piezas en el mejor estado posible o disponible, considerando que en ocasiones, las medidas provisionales tomadas en los primeros días no se enfocaban en la calidad, o el correo entrante y saliente de los campos no siempre se cuidaba apropiadamente.

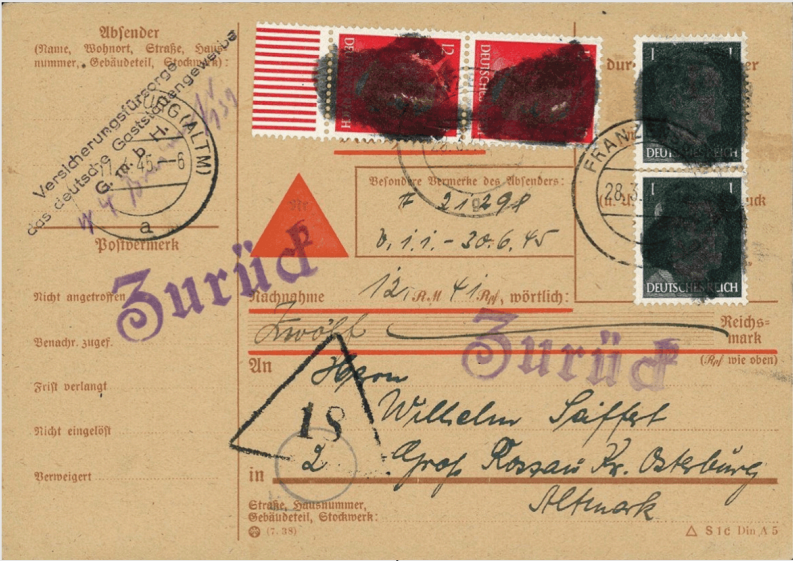
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Investigación y desafíos

Hasta a fecha, no existen catálogos o publicaciones estudiando el proceso de desnazificación en su complejidad desde el punto de vista histórico postal. Existen algunas publicaciones sobre las emisiones provisionales de la Sajonia Soviética y sobre los franqueos mecánicos alterados. Esto presentó el desafío de contar con poca y nada referencia filatélica, y debido a ello, toda la información provista en este exhibit es el resultado de la investigación personal del autor, usando libros y documentos históricos, documentos desclasificados de los aliados, y analizando cientos de piezas.

Referencias

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Precursor de la Desnazificación. Franzensburg a Gross Rossau, 28/3/1945. Marca negra aplicada en destino sobre los sellos de Hitler, dado que Gross Rossau ya había sido liberada por los Aliados.	
Periodo tarifa: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Tarjeta postal	0,06 RM
Contrareembolso	0,20 RM
TOTAL	0,26 RM

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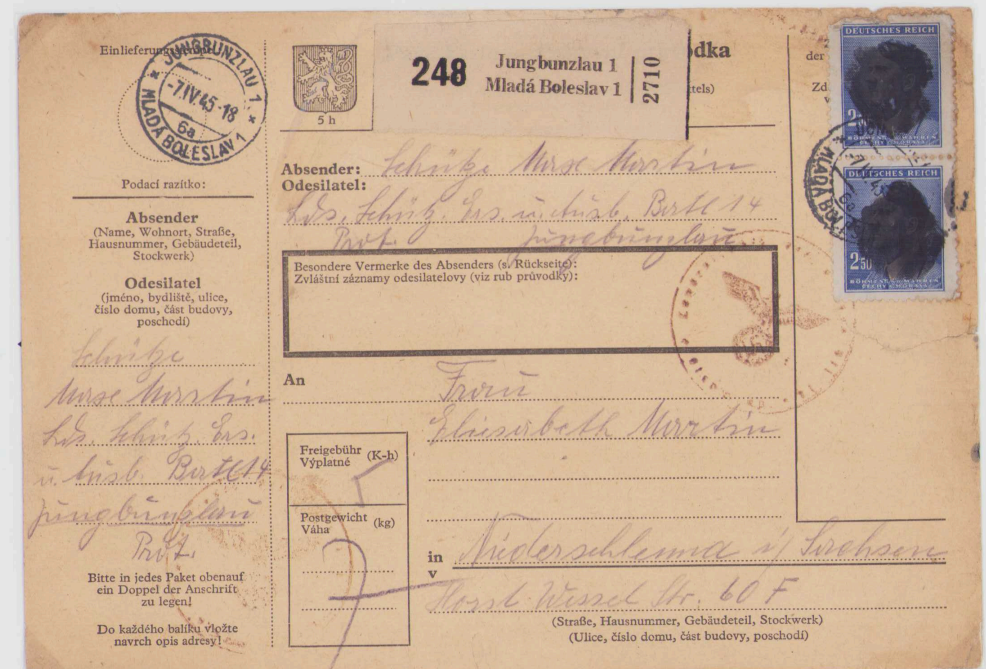
1.1. Denazification forerunners

During the **Yalta conference** (4/2/45 - 11/2/45), Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin defined, among other goals for Post War Germany, the division of the country in four occupation zones and the denazification and demilitarization of the society. Point "e" of the Denazification program proposed the **"Elimination of Nazi symbols, anthems, flags, and insignia"**. When the Allies were already on German soil during the last months of the war, they quickly started to apply some provisional denazification measures on the mail in the liberated zones. As a consequence, mail addressed from Nazi Germany to Allied liberated zones bearing Hitler head stamps or other Nazi symbols were blackened before allowing them to continue its journey. These could be considered forerunners of the more specific Denazification laws that took place after Germany's surrender.



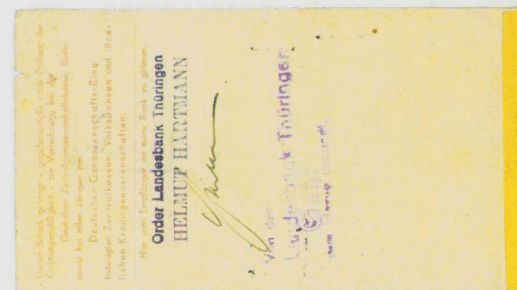
19/4/45, Lychen (liberated) to Berlin. Hitler stamp blackened at origin. Impossible to send. Cachet "Weiterlauf durch Kriegsverhältnisse verhindert" (Continuation prevented due to war conditions).

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM



Incoming mail to liberated zone. 7/4/1945, Jungbunzlau to Niederschlesma, by that time already liberated by the Soviets. The two 2,5 Kr Hitler stamps were blackened on destination.

Rate period: 12/8/44 - 8/5/45	
Distance	170 Km Zone 3
Parcel 7kg	5,00 Kr
TOTAL	5,00 Kr



Postal check. 11/3/1945, blackened and American censorship applied on destination, a liberated zone. Since it had a check attached, couldn't be sent as postcard and had to be sent as letter instead.

Suhl to Saulgau	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM

Back of the postal check.

1.2. Provisional issues in the occupation zones. Soviet zone

Even though Denazification laws were not immediately applied after the Allied occupation of Germany, the point referring to banning all Nazi symbols was put into practice immediately. In all four zones of occupation the priority was to restore order rather than issuing new stamps or postal material. Therefore, during the initial months the Post Directions in all the zones used preexistent stamps and stationery from the Nazi era, blackening or cutting out the Nazi symbols. **The flag next to each piece indicates in which zone it was denazified.**



Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Registration	0,30 RM
TOTAL	0,42 RM

Last day of use.

Chemnitz to Dresden on 8/8/45, franked with blackened Hitler stamps by OPD Chemnitz, valid until 8/8/45.



15/6/45, local in Chemnitz. Stamps blackened with "10" mark (Type C, used in Chemnitz 10), valid until 8/8/45.

Rate period: 1/8/27 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,08 RM
TOTAL	0,08 RM
Overfranking	0,02 RM



Plauen to Stollberg, 12/6/45, 2 official stamps (one on the back), blackened by OPD Chemnitz.

Rate period: 1/12/23 - 28/2/46	
Postal order <10 RM	0,20 RM
TOTAL	0,20 RM



Annaberg to Bärenstein, 20/6/45. Stamps blackened by OPD Chemnitz.



Rate period: 12/8/44 - 28/2/46	
Distance	9 Km Zone 1
Parcel 5,5 Kgs	0,35 RM
TOTAL	0,35 RM



Borstendorf to Frankenberg, 7/8/45. Blackened stamps by OPD Chemnitz. "Feld" crossed-out according to demilitarization laws.

Rate period: 1/12/23 - 28/2/46	
Postal order <10 RM	0,20 RM
TOTAL	0,20 RM

Besides OPD Chemnitz, there were two other Post Directions that blackened stamps and distributed them along their districts: OPD Leipzig and OPD Dresden. For OPD Chemnitz and Leipzig the stamps were valid between **12/5/45 - 8/8/45**, and for OPD Dresden the stamps were valid between **23/5/45 - 20/6/45**. In other provinces in the Soviet zone outside Sachsen there were no blackened stamps nor stationery, but people possessing previously purchased stationery often denazified them manually.



Sent locally in Chemnitz, 23/6/45. Stamps blackened by OPD Chemnitz.

Rate period: 1/8/27 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,08 RM
TOTAL	0,08 RM



Sent locally in Dresden, 31/5/45. Stamps blackened by OPD Dresden.

Rate period: 1/8/27 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,08 RM
TOTAL	0,08 RM
Overfranking	0,02 RM



Leipzig to Riesa, 7/8/45. Denazified stamps by OPD Leipzig.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM



Saalfeld to Lipine, Upper Silesia, 1/10/45. Hitler's face crossed-out. Paid in cash, cachet "Gebühr bezahlt" (postage paid).

No communication with destination (Poland).

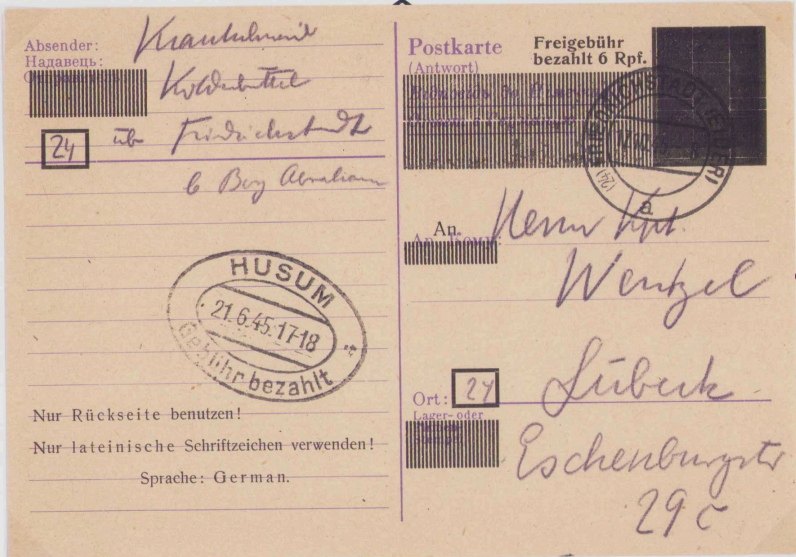
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM

The three western zones of occupation did not blacken any stamps, but all of them reused Nazi stationery in stock in all Post offices. The stationery was blackened and in some cases cut out. Sometimes a new face value was given to the stationery, and in other cases were it was cut out, the sender needed to add stamps to pay the proper postage.



Cut out stationery. 20/9/45. Kappeln (British zone) to Hamburg. Stamp added to paid the postage since the face value was not valid anymore. P A11a, valid until 31/10/64.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM



Bought on 21/6/45. Sent on 17/10/45 from Friedrichstadt (British zone) to Lübeck. P C654, response side, blackened by OPD Husum after the War. Valid until 31/10/46.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM



Marburg (American zone) to Reutlingen. 6/11/45. Hitler face cut out. American civil censorship. P A05F, valid until 31/10/46.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM



17/10/45. Wehen, near Wiesbaden (American zone), to Darmstadt. Cut out stationery by OPD Wiesbaden. P A26a, valid from 14/6/45 to 31/10/46.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM



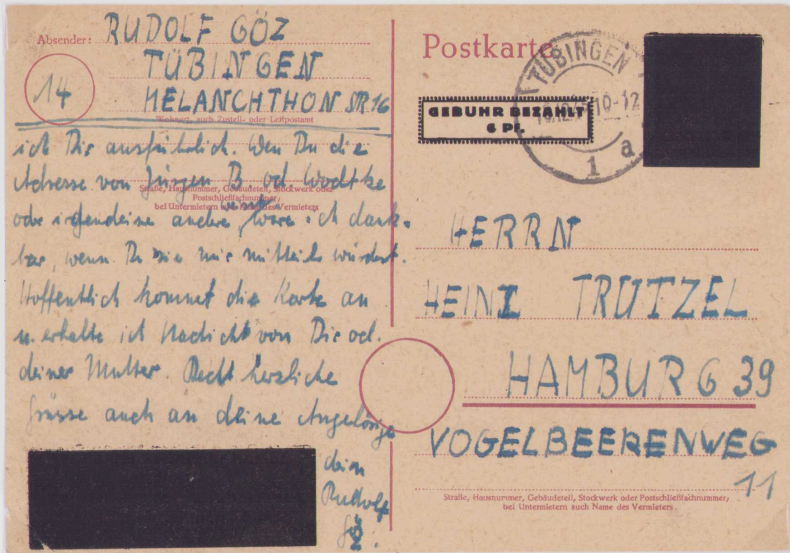
Karlsruhe to Liegnitz, 8/1/46. Blackened by OPD Karlsruhe. New value overprinted. Returned, no communications with the destination (Poland). P C618a valid between 27/8/45 and 30/10/46.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM



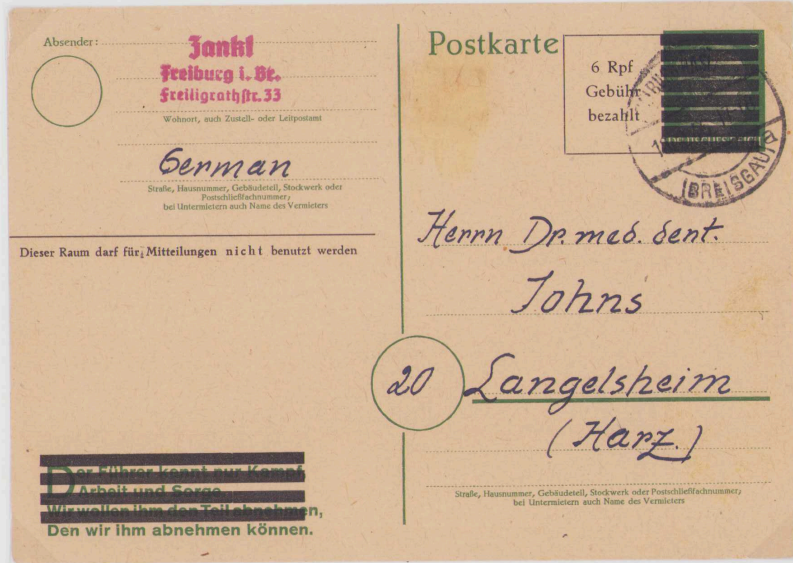
Idar-Oberstein to Hannover, 13/8/46. Blackened by OPD Trier. New value of 12 Rpf overprinted after rate change on 1/3/46. P K831bII, valid between July 1946 and 20/6/48.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM



Tübingen to Hamburg, 10/12/45. Blackened by OPD Tübingen. New value overprinted. P E831 I, valid between 17/9/45 - 31/12/46.

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TOTAL	0,06 RM

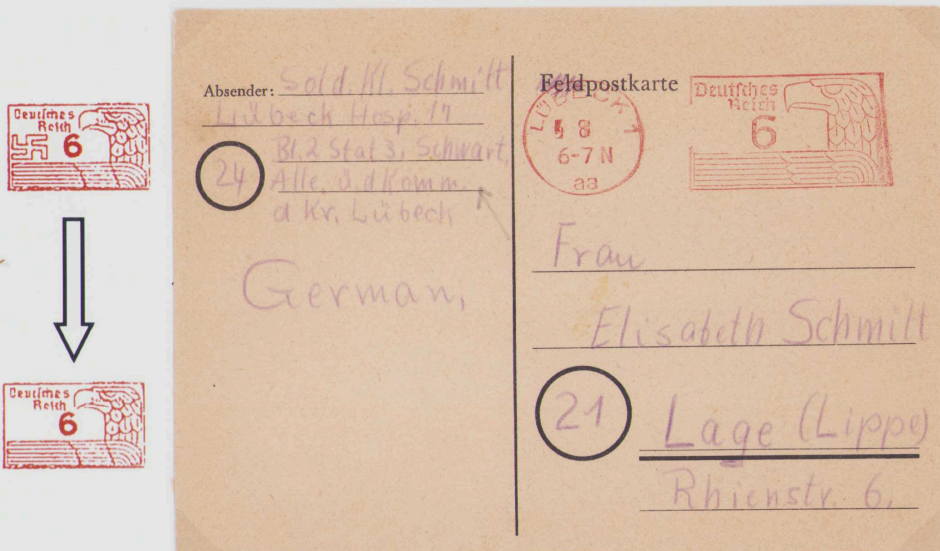


Freiburg to Landelsheim, 18/2/46. Blackened with bars by OPD Freiburg. New value of 6 Pfg overprinted. P B812 I, valid between 17/9/45 and 31/12/46.

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TOTAL	0,06 RM

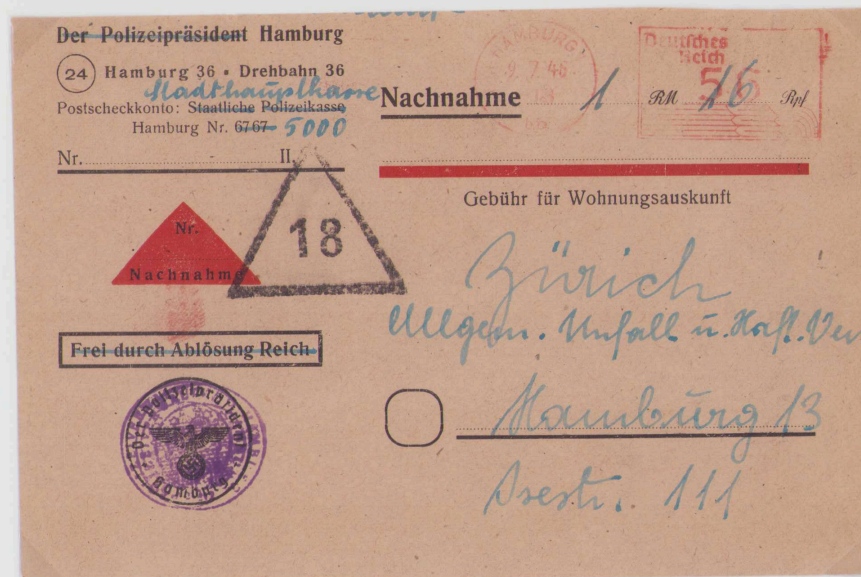
1.3. Alteration of meter cancels. Klüssendorf. Eagle head and swastika - Hexagon with lines

Following the guidelines of the Denazification program, postal authorities were forced to alter the franking machines available in all Post offices in order to remove all Nazi symbols. Examples to remove were the swastikas, eagles, the word "Reich", etc. Since there were no specific instructions on how to remove them, there is a huge number of alterations and varieties.



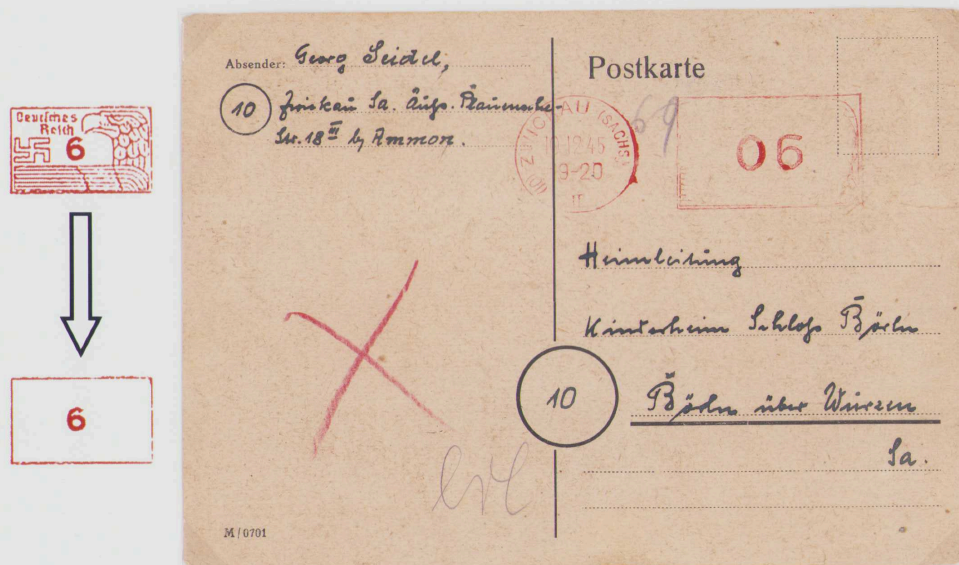
Lübeck to Lage, 4/8/45. Swastika removed. Word "Feld" crossed-out according to demilitarization laws.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM



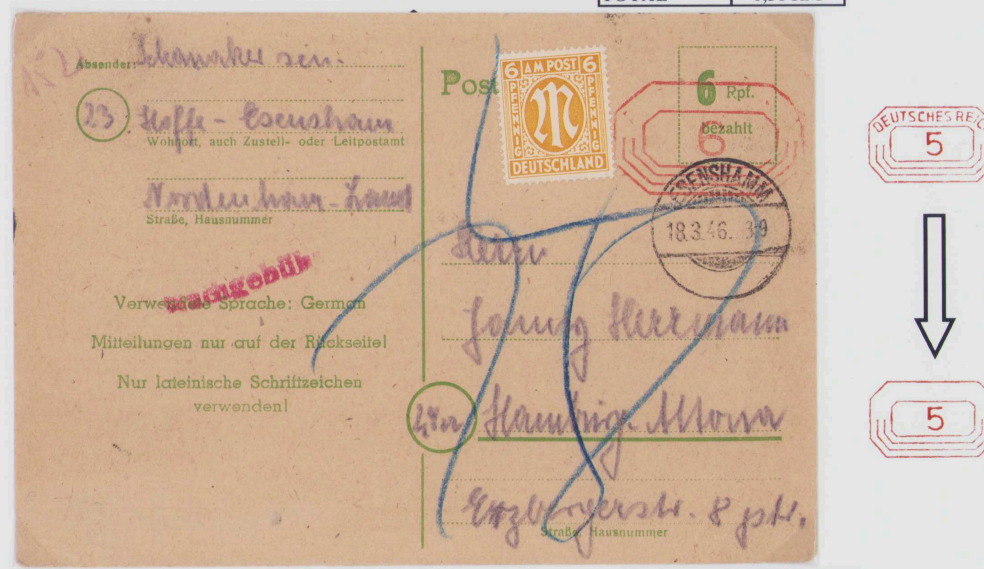
Locally in Hamburg, 9/7/46. C.O.D. for 1,16 Mk. Eagle head and swastika removed. Eagle and swastika on the envelope blackened.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,16 RM
C.O.D.	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,56 RM



Zwickau to Böhlen, near Wurzen, 19/12/45. Everything removed from the meter cancel except the value.

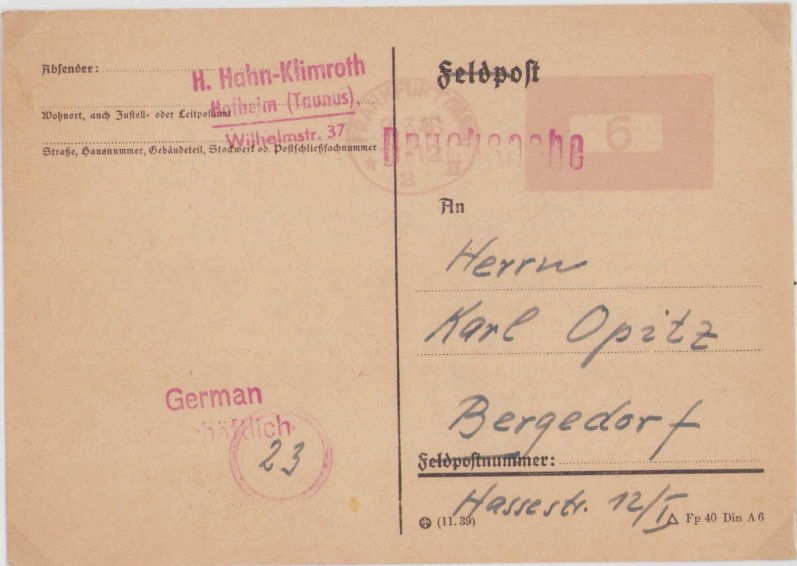
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM



Essenhamm to Hamburg-Altona. Base PS was P783II. Revalued by OPD Bremen with meter machine value. Bought on 18/3/46, complementing the postcard rate with a stamp. Sent a year later (on the back, 18/3/47), when both the PS and the stamp were invalid. Postage due indicated (1.5x the deficit).

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM





Frankfurt to Bergedorf on 9/3/46. Whole meter covered in red except the value.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Printed matter	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM



Locally in Köln, 31/3/47. Swastika and Eagle head removed.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Printed matter	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM



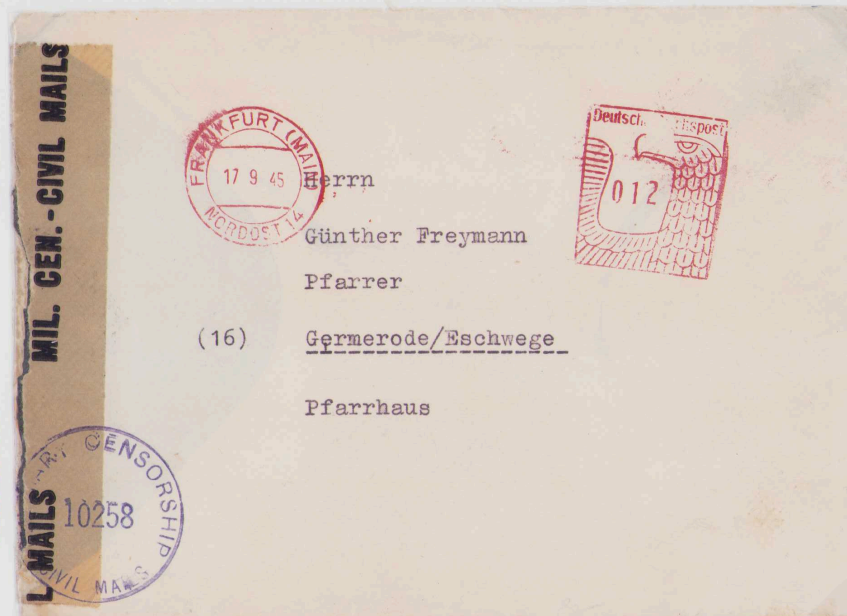
Eisenach to Gera, 31/10/45. Eagle head, swastika and "Deutsches Reich" removed, inverted wing.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM



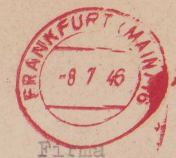
Zwickau to Gotha, 10/8/49, redirected to Manebach, near Ilmenau. Inverted meter, almost everything removed.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Printed matter	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM



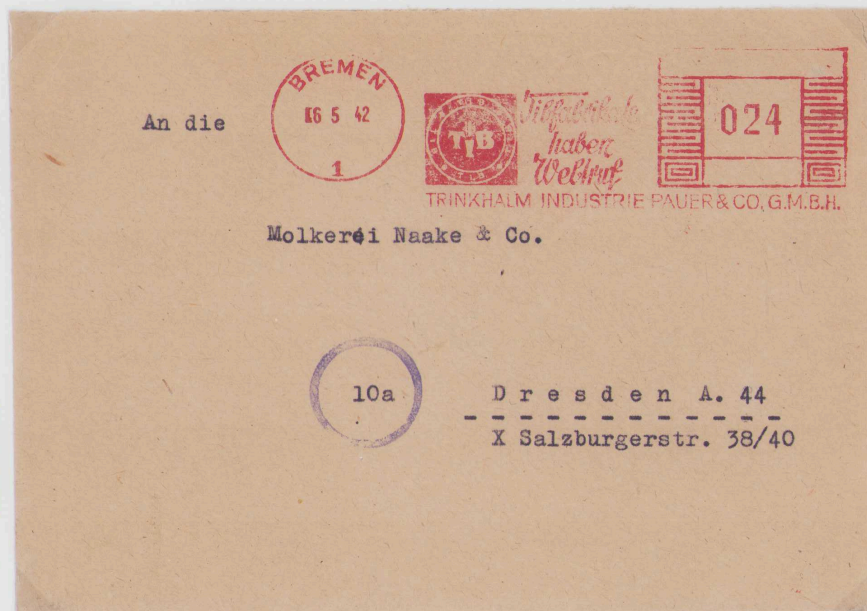
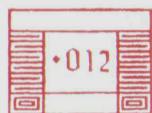
Frankfurt to Germerode, 17/9/45. Postalia machine, "Reich" removed. American censorship label and mark.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM



Frankfurt to Niebüll, 8/7/46. Postalia machine, "Reich" and Eagle removed.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM



Bremen to Dresden, 6/5/42 (error in the date, should be 46/47). Francotyp machine, type E-11E, "Deutsches Reich" removed.

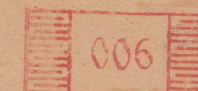
Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Printed matter	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM

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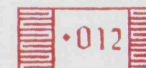
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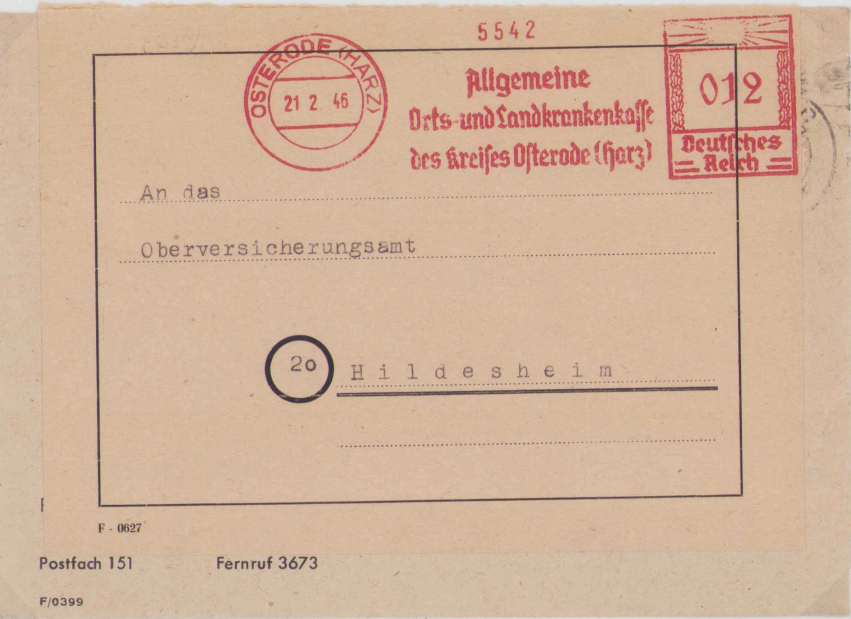
Lörrach to Hildesheim, 20/5/47. Francotyp machine, type E-11K, words "Deutsches Reich" and top and bottom rectangles removed.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Printed matter	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM



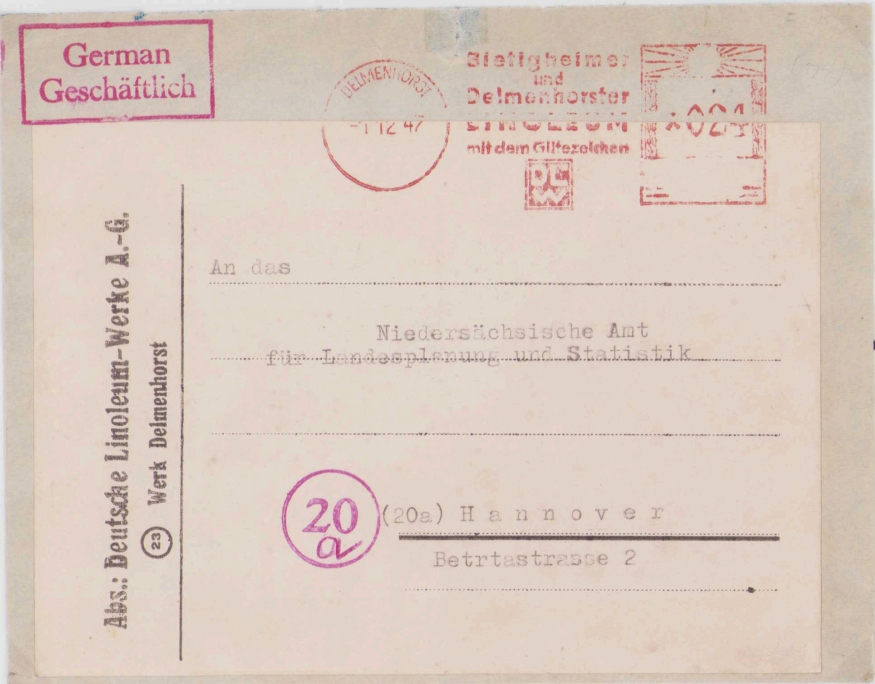
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Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM



Osterode to Hildesheim, 21/2/46. Francotyp machine type E-12DB. Swastika removed.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
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TOTAL	0,12 RM



Delmenhorst to Hannover, 1/12/47. Francotyp machine type E-12 QA. Words "Deutsches Reich" and swastika removed.

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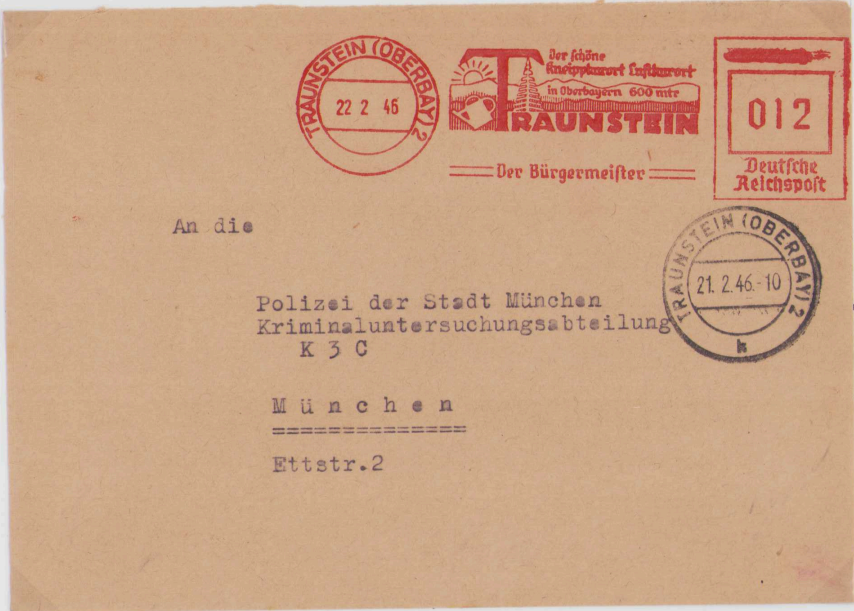
Frankfurt to Wetzlar, 24/10/46. Francotyp machine type E-12TB. Words "Deutsches Reich", Swastika and bottom lines removed.

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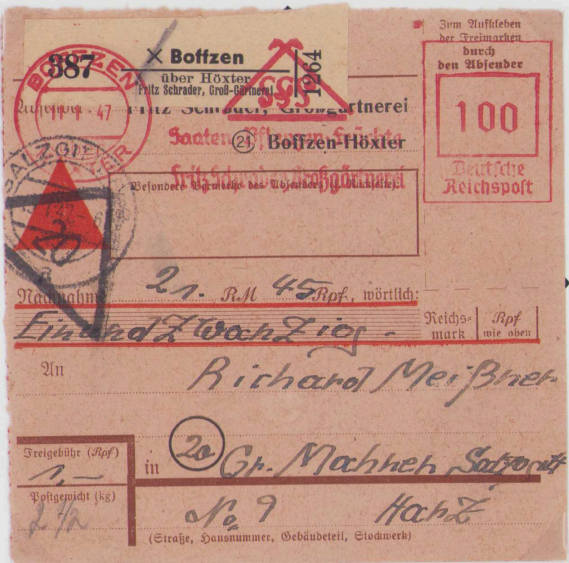
Darmstadt, 31/1/46. Francotyp machine type E-13DB. Eagle on top covered in red.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM



Traunstein to Munich, 21/2/46. Francotyp machine type E-13FCE. Top Eagle distorted.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM



Boffzen to Gross Mahner, 11/1/47. Francotyp machine type E-13JB. Top Eagle removed.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48		
Distance	75 Km	Zone 1
Parcel 1 Kg	0.60 RM	
C.O.D.	0.40 RM	
TOTAL	1,00 RM	



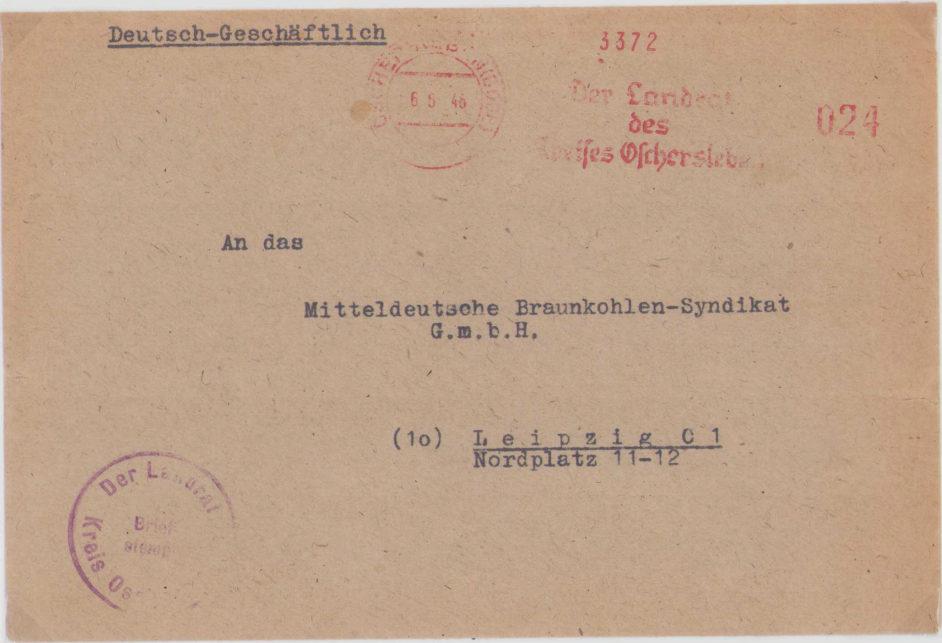
Mannheim to Frankfurt, 19/6/46. Francotyp machine type E-13YA. Top Eagle and word "Reich" removed.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0.24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM





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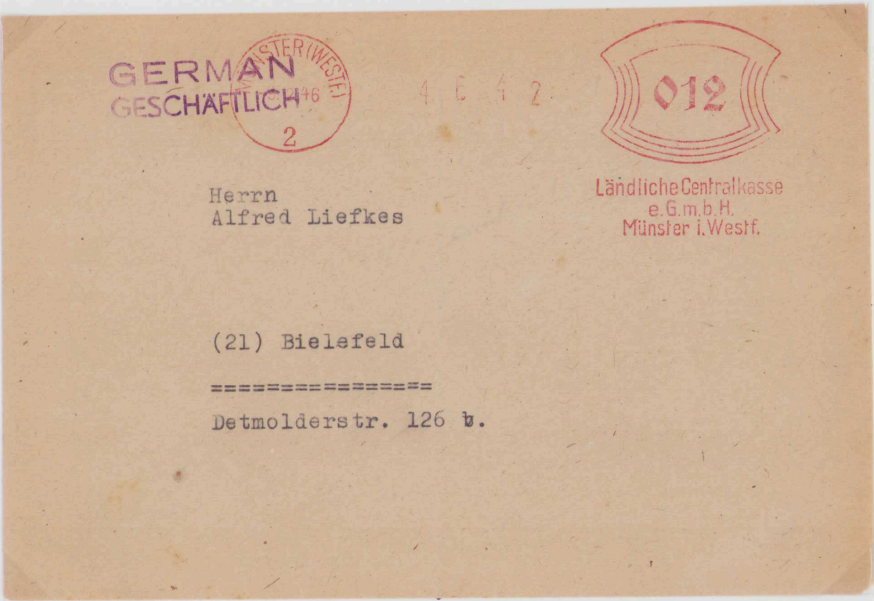
Oscherleben to Leipzig, 6/6/46. Francotyp machine type E-16B. Everything removed but the value.

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Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM



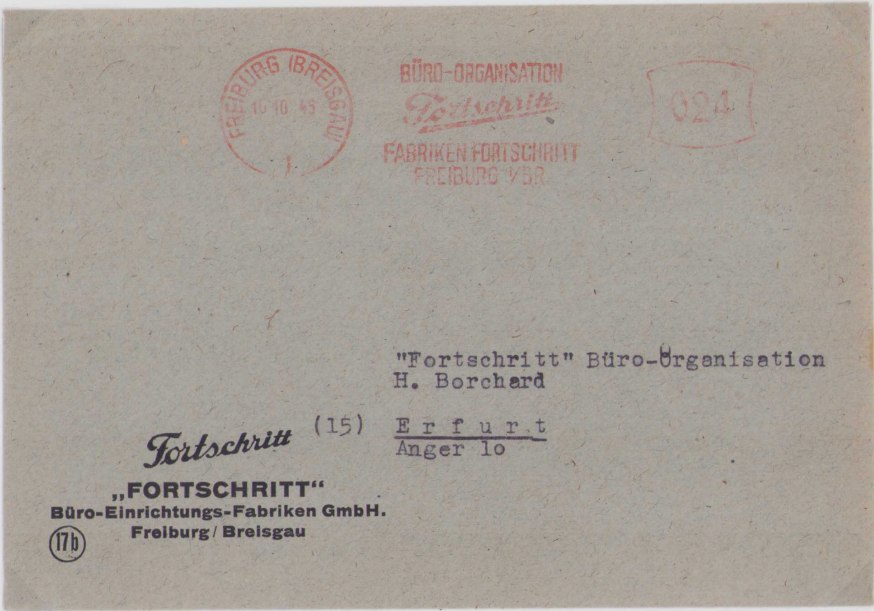
Freiburg-St Georgen to Flensburg, 5/5/47. Francotyp machine type E-13AUB. Everything removed except middle square with value.

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Postcard	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM



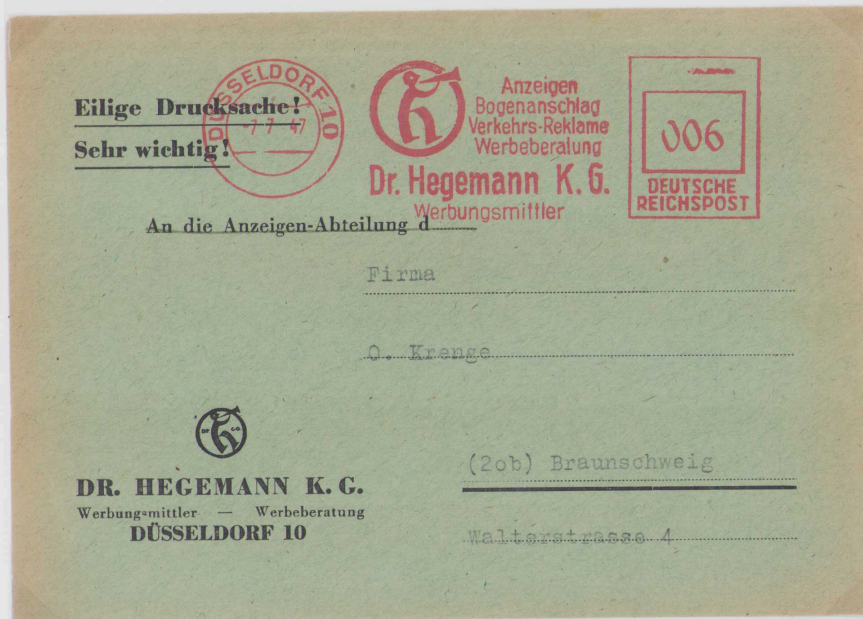
Münster to Bielefeld, 9/2/46. Francotyp machine type E-10CB. Words "Deutsches Reich" removed.

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Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM



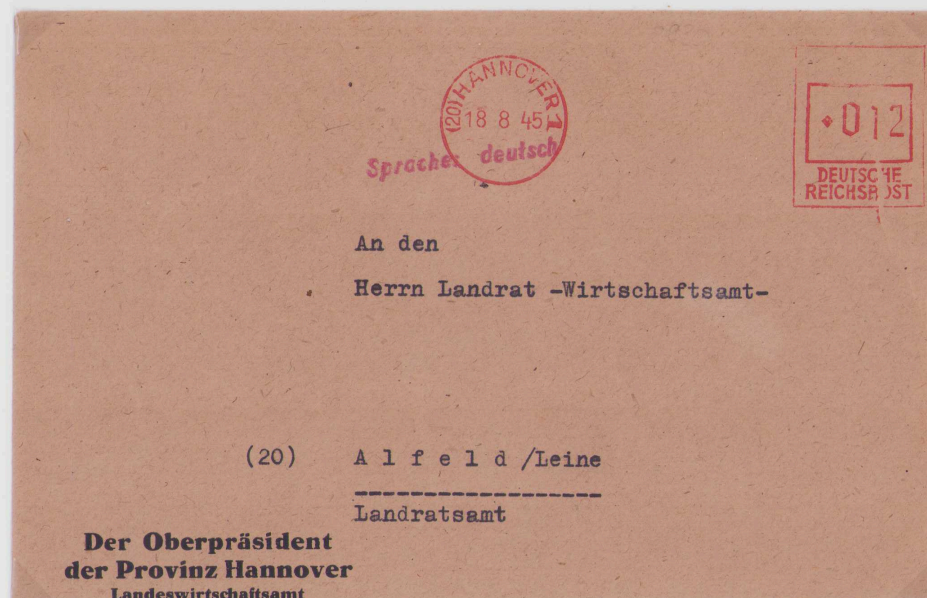
Freiburg to Erfurt, 10/10/46. Francotyp machine type E-10JB. Words "Deutsches Reich" and outer frames removed.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM



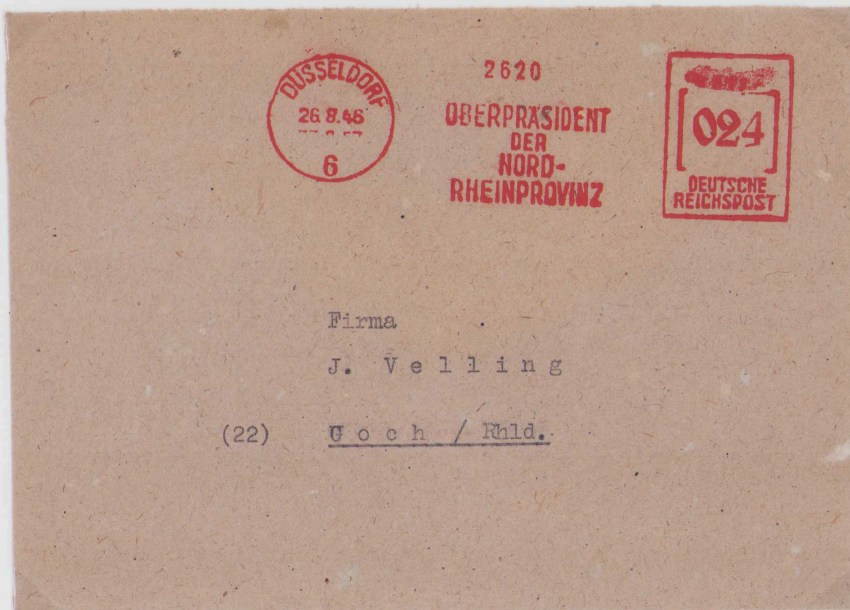
Düsseldorf to Braunschweig, 7/7/47. Francotyp machine type E-14CB. Eagle almost completely removed.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Printed matter	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM



Hannover to Alfeld, 18/8/45. Francotyp machine type E-14CD. Eagle completely removed.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM



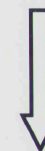
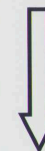
Düsseldorf to Goch, 26/8/46. Francotyp machine type E-14B. Eagle partially erased. Upper and bottom sides of the inner square removed.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM



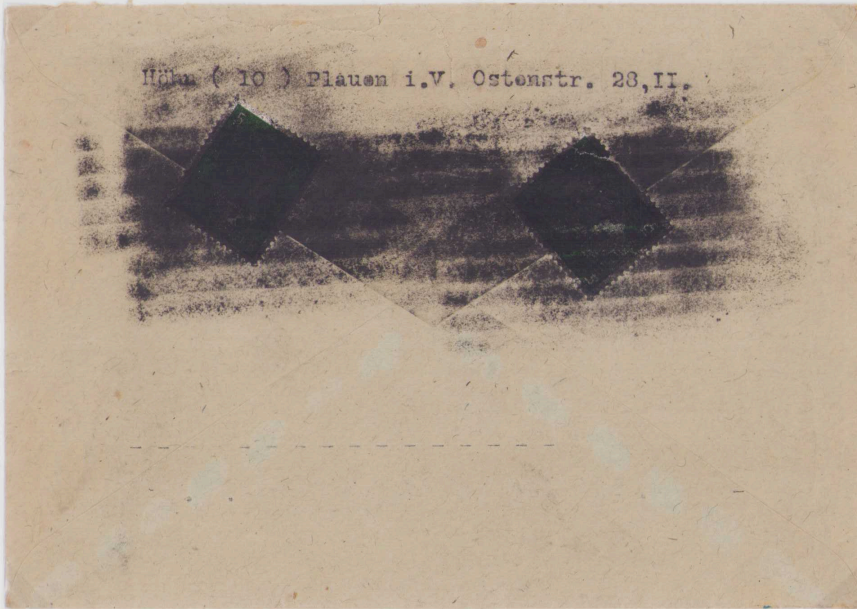
Düsseldorf-Holthausen to Hildesheim, 25/10/46. Francotyp machine type E-14EB. Eagle and upper and bottom sides of the inner square removed.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20-50 gr	0,48 RM
Registration	0,60 RM
TOTAL	1,08 RM



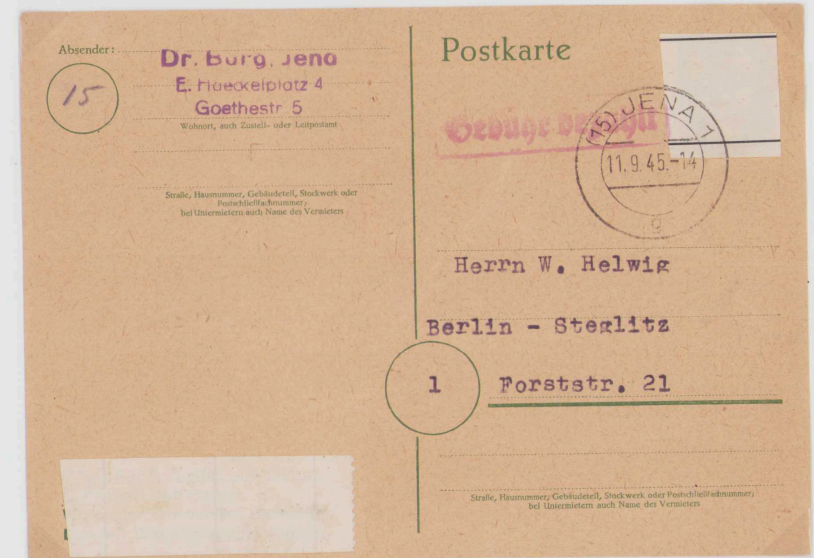
1.4. Removal of Nazi symbols, names and Nazi institutions in the mail

The Denazification regulations not only applied to the material issued by the Post (stamps, stationery, meters) but also to elements added by the sender. For instance, correspondence including letterheads referencing Nazi institutions or Hitler, old Nazi stamps owned by the sender, or any other reference or use of a Nazi symbol, needed to be denazified. Sometimes it was the Post who did it when accepting the correspondence. Other times, it was the sender itself who denazified the envelopes or pieces before delivering them. The most common means to do it were blackening the symbols, cutting out them, or stick something over the symbols to cover them.



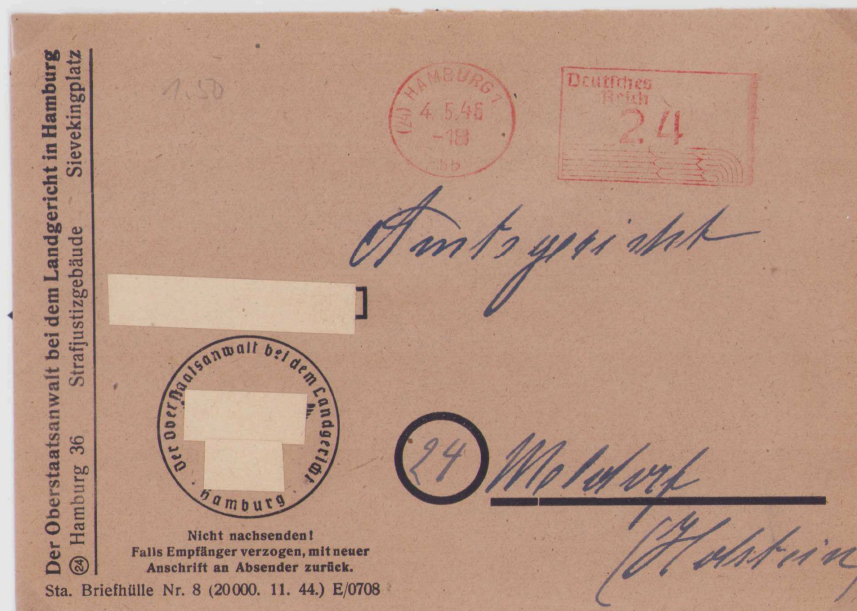
Plauen to Hannover on 14/6/46. Hitler stamps used as seals. Blackened by the Post before delivery.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM
Overfranking	0,03 RM



Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM

Jena to Berlin, 11/9/45. Hitler stationery with a Nazi phrase, covered with paper by the sender. Paid in cash. "Gebühr bezahlt" (postage paid).



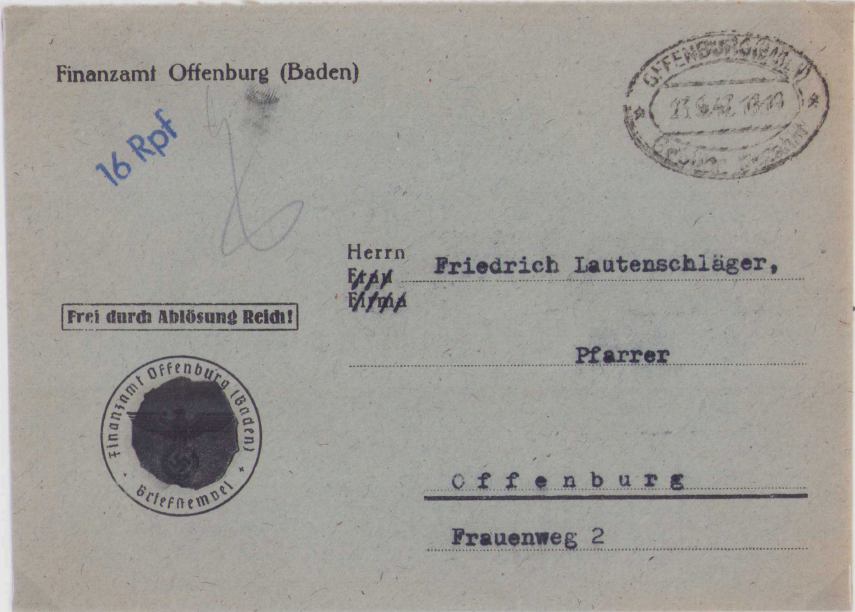
Hamburg to Holstein on 4/5/46. Denazified meter. Nazi Eagle with the swastika and the words "Frei durch Ablösung Reich" printed in the envelope covered in paper by the sender.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM

Norden to Wittenberg on 22/12/45. Invalid Hitler stamp. Blackened and postage due indicated for the missing postage (6 Pf + 50% surcharge).

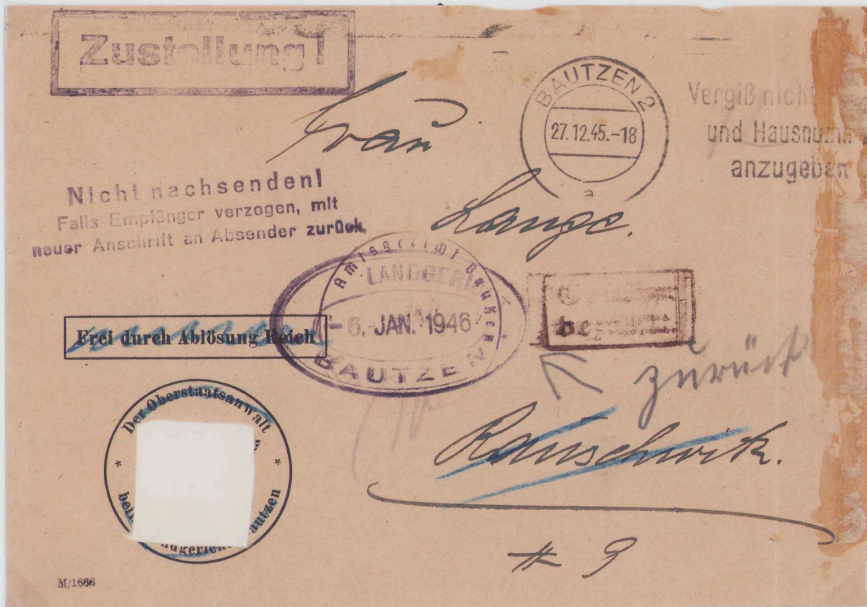
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM
Postage due	0,09 RM





Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Printed matter 50 gr	0,16 RM
TOTAL	0,16 RM

Locally in Offenburg, 23/9/47. Letterhead with Eagle and Swastika blackened by the sender.



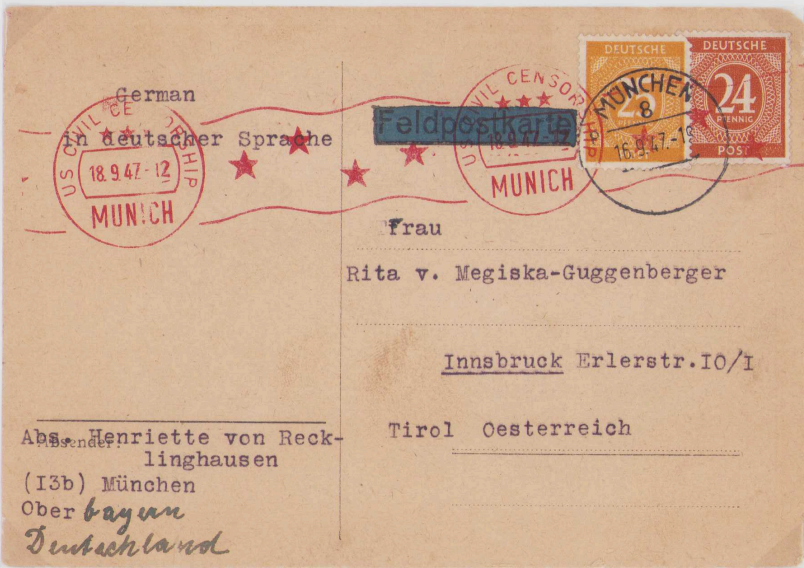
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter back & forth	0,24 RM
Form delivery	0,20 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM

Legal notification. Bautzen to Rauschwitz, 27/12/45. "Frei durch Ablösung Reich" crossed out. Eagle with swastika cut out. "Gebühr bezahlt" cachet (postage paid). Not delivered, unknown address, returned.



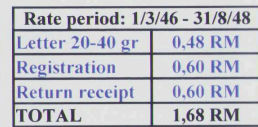
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Postcard	0,05 RM
TOTAL	0,05 RM

Locally in Northheim, 8/11/45. Letterhead with Eagle and swastika covered with purple ink by the sender.

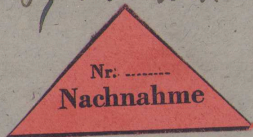


Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard abroad	0,45 RM
TOTAL	0,45 RM
Overfranking	0,04 RM

Munich to Innsbruck on 16/9/47. Word "Feldpostkarte" blackened according to the laws of demilitarization. U.S. civil censorship.



Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Registration	0,30 RM
C.O.D.	0,20 RM
TOTAL	0,62 RM

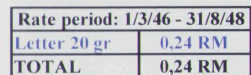


**Postamt
Halle (Saale) 2**
 ThielstraÙe 2b
 Fernsprecher 27651

An *Leipzig*
Konfirmation

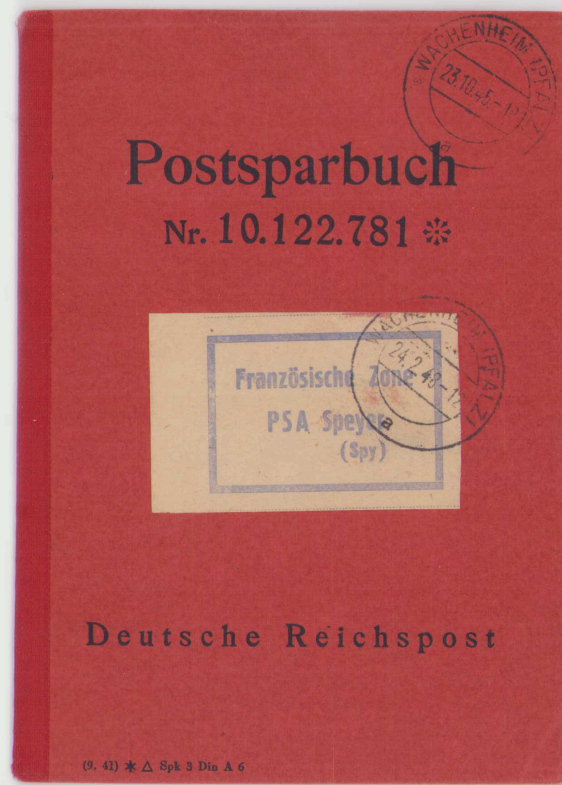
Nr.
Nachnahme

Dr. Wolfgang Wolf
 10 Leipzig 21
 Föbelstr. 7



Rate period: 1/9/48 - 30/6/54	
Letter 20 gr	0,20 RM
TOTAL	0,20 RM

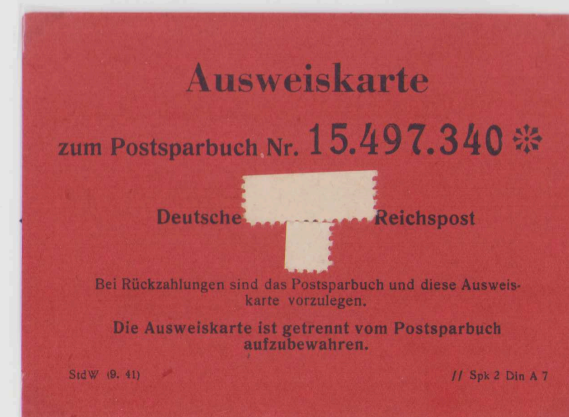
Baden-Baden to Haueneberstein, 15/1/51. Eagle and swastika covered with paper. Official letter, postage to be paid by the addressee.



Denazified postal savings books. British, French and American zones. Eagle and swastika covered on the front.



Telegram envelope with an inprinted Eagle and swastika, blackened before using it.



Denazified postal savings identity card of the American denazified postal savings book on top.

2.1. Institutionalization of Denazification. Internment camps. British zone

In the following months after the Allied invasion, the occupation forces faced a serious problem: the existence of millions of possible suspects among the German population and the risk of a rebellion. In order to guarantee the nation's security and stability, many civilian internment camps were opened in all occupation zones, to host thousands of suspected civilians while they were investigated. Many were located in former concentration camps or POW camps and prisons. **Since the prisoners in the Soviet camps were not allowed to send mail, the focus of this chapter will be on the Western zones.**



Hamburg to Elmshorn, 28/2/47. Internee mail, free of postage. Cachet from the camp on the bottom left.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Internee mail	Free
TOTAL	Free



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|----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Gndeland | 6 - Nürnberg | 11 - Moosburg | 16 - Bühl-Altschweier |
| 2 - Eselheide | 7 - Laubachburg | 12 - Dachau | 17 - Balingen |
| 3 - Staumühle | 8 - Kornwestheim | 13 - Landsberg | 18 - Freiburg |
| 4 - Hammelburg | 9 - Asperg | 14 - Garmisch | |
| 5 - Dornstadt | 10 - Regensburg | 15 - Thely | |

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Internee mail	Free
TOTAL	Free

Eselheide via Bonn to Quickborn on 31/1/47. Censorship from the camp on the top right. British censor mark on the lower left corner.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,12 RM
Tax 50%	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,18 RM

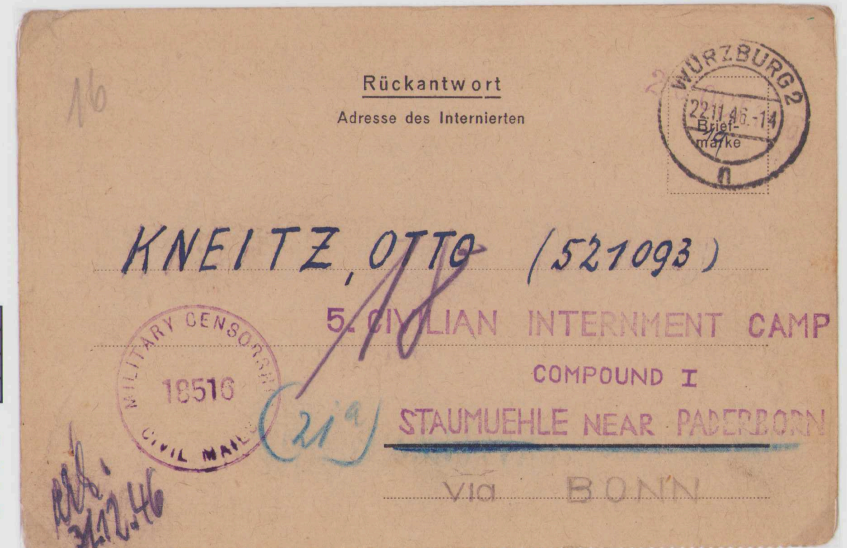
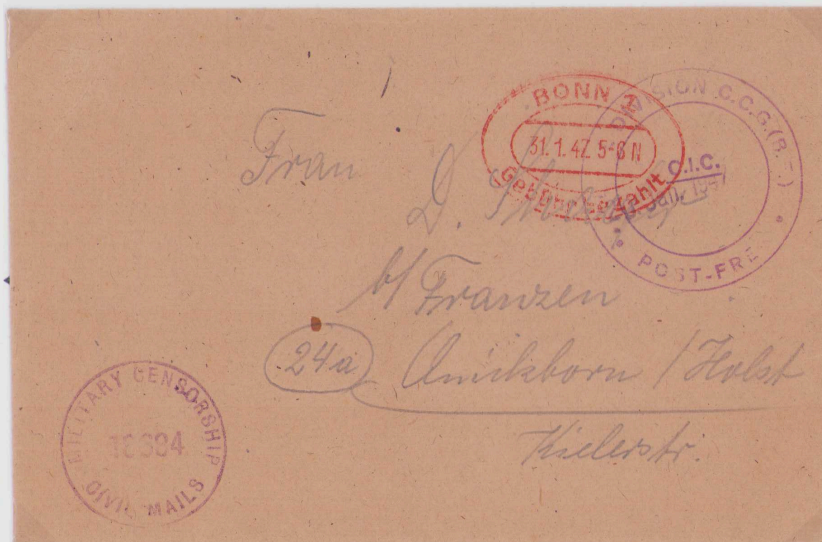
Reply card. Wurzburg to Staumühle on 22/11/46. 18 Pfg indicated as postage due. British censorship on the left.



Eselheide to Hamburg, 18/12/47. Internee mail, free of postage. Camp censorship and British civil censorship on top.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Internee mail	Free
TOTAL	Free

Eselheide camp was internment camp Nr 7. The camp was opened between October 1946 and December 1947. After the closure the remaining internees were re-located to Staumühle camp.





Sent by Heinz Hellenbroich, deputy of Darmstadt Gestapo, chief of the department of jewish matters and Lieutenant Colonel of the SS. Condemned to death on 21/3/47 for the murder of Allied POWs, belonging to death squads and participating in deportations.

Landsberg to München Pasing, on 5/10/50. Sent by a prisoner in Landsberg. Circle cachet indicating prisoner mail and free of postage.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
Tax 50%	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,36 RM

Rate period: 1/9/48 - 30/6/54	
Prisoner mail	Free
TOTAL	Free

Landsberg to Dortmund, 15/7/47. To be paid by the addressee. Prison censorship. Postage due cachet applied in Dortmund.



One of 4 known.



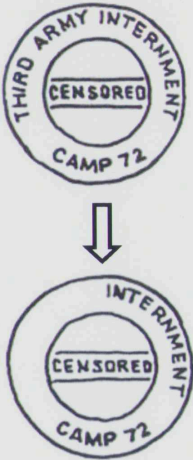
Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
Express	0,80 RM
TOTAL	1,04 RM

Miesbach to the Administrator of Civilian Internment Camps in Ludwigsburg on 5/11/46. Express letter.



Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM

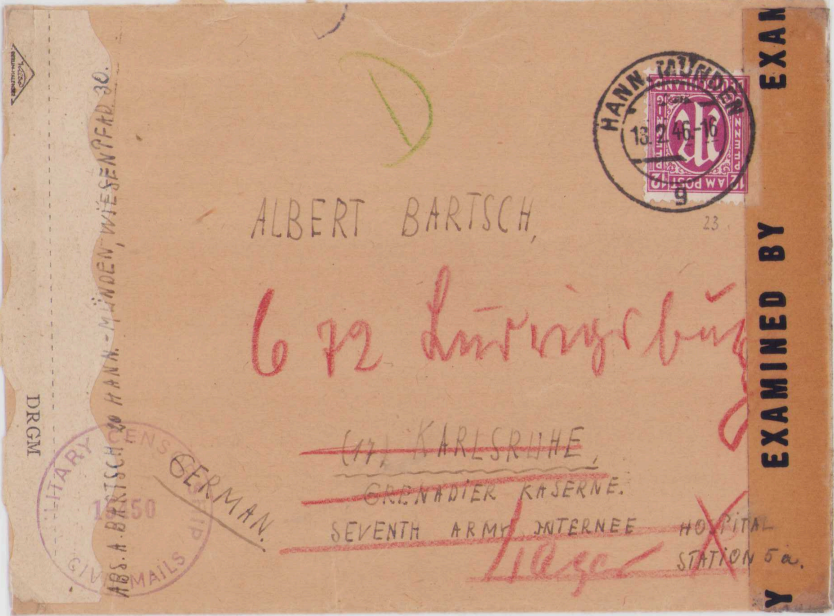
Gammesfeld to internment camp Nr 71 in Germany on 20/4/46. American civil censorship applied on the left.



"Third Army" was removed from the censor mark after the Army was discharged on February 15th, 1947.

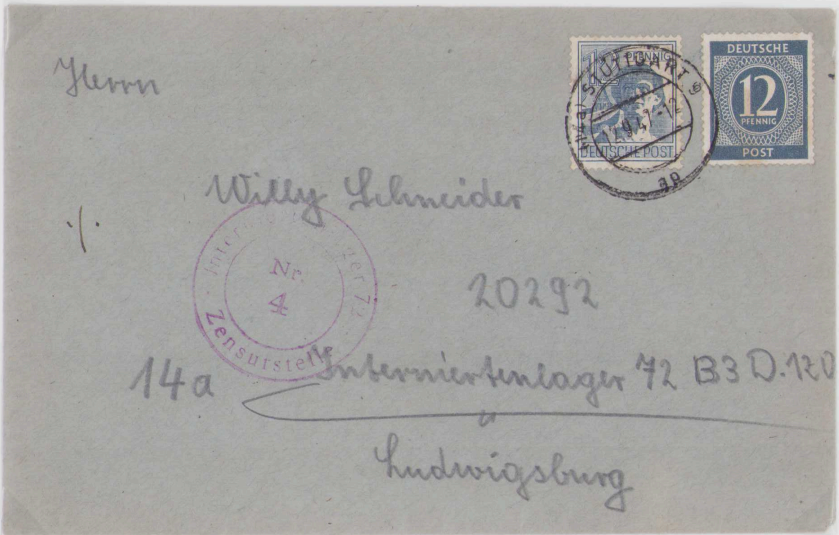
Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter abroad	0,75 RM
TOTAL	0,75 RM
Overfranking	0,01 RM

Camp 72 Ludwigsburg to Oftringen, Switzerland on 3/1/47.
Camp censorship applied below U.S. civil censorship



Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM

Hann Münden to a Seventh Army hospital on 18/2/46. Re-directed to internment camp Nr 72 in Ludwigsburg. American censorship.



Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM

Stuttgart to Internment camp Nr 72 in Ludwigsburg on 12/9/47. Camp censorship in the center.



Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM

Camp 74 in Ludwigsburg to Berlin on 18/6/47. Camp censor from the Third Army in the center.

PRISONER OF WAR

POSTAGE FREE



ADDRESS:

FRAU

ADRESSE:

THEA BEHREND'S

INDIRIZZO:

姓名

(23)

BREMEN (GERMANY)

GOETHE STR. 1

DO NOT WRITE HERE!

NICHT HIER SCHREIBEN!

DO NOT WRITE HERE!

NICHT HIER SCHREIBEN!

NON SCRIVETE QUI!

書勿

mein Sack ist eine warme Unterleese, den alten rotlichen Sommermantel, einen
 kleinen Kragen in einem Kleeblatt (Kleiner Kleeblatt) sowie einen Kragenknopf, Gürtel, Band,
 wenn es möglich ist, mit einer Fiedlerstange von Fritz Reuter, Billigste Angebots
 (Reuter) oder alt. Vielleicht hilft Rudolf. Habt Ihr auch eine Tabak? —
 Wie habt Ihr Weihnachten verbracht? Habt Ihr einen Baum gehabt? Die schöne Weihnachts
 feier bei "Papa's Behrends" ein. Mit einer Klementine ist doch wieder vorgekommen!
 Ich habe die Weihnachtsfeier den gegebenen Verhältnissen entsprechend im Kreis der
 Kameraden meiner Hüttengemeinschaft begangen. Meine Gedanken wandten sich auf
 diesen Tag des Lichts, des Liebes und des Lebens mit den Einigen über die
 große Entfernung hinweg und durch den Haderdahl hindurch oft gekreuzt
 haben! — Im übrigen geht es mir gut. Und Euch? Wetter bisher wieder gut
 in milder, mit Weihnachts viel Regen. — Euch alles ein frohes und glückliches Neujahr,
 das auch mit Euch wieder vereinen möge. Herzl. Grüsse Euer Helmut

MY ADDRESS IS:

HELMUTH BEHREND'S NR. 9976

MEINE ADRESSE IST WIE FOLGT:

INTERNMENT CAMP NR. 74

IL MIO INDIRIZZO È:

B. 7/11 Linke

姓名:

(14) LUDWIGSBURG (GERMANY)

W. D., P. M. G. Form No. 4
June 11, 1945

16-88458-2 ☆ U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, 1943

POW formular, internee in camp 74 in Ludwigsburg, 2/1/46, to Bremen. To be paid by te addressee (12 Pfg + 50%)



Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM

Internment camp Nr 74 in Ludwigsburg to Grötzingen on 12/2/48. Camp censor cachet on top.



Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter abroad	0,50 RM
TOTAL	0,50 RM



Kornwestheim camp Nr 75 to Rio de Janeiro on 7/1/48. Camp censor cachet below. Correspondence from the camps abroad is rare.



Sent by Walter Richter, member of the Abwehr and a radio specialist. Worked in the German consulate in Shanghai and Tokio collaborating in the communication between the German and Japanese navies.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM



Prison for diplomats, only one year.

Asperg to Spainichen on 3/4/47. Camp green censor cachet on top, signed by the censor in the center.



Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM

Seckach to Ludwigsburg Camp 77 on 21/10/47. Camp censor cachet on the left.



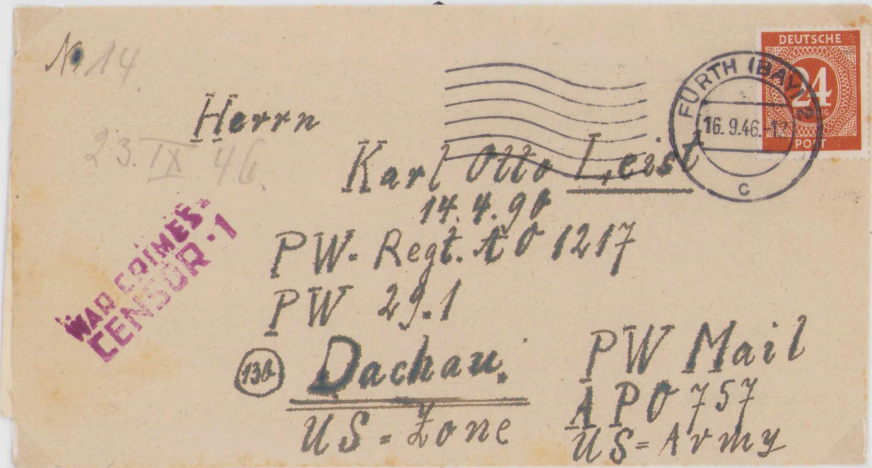
Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM

Flensburg to Dachau internment camp on 24/7/47, redirected to Darmstadt camp. Squared censor cachet from Dachau at the bottom. Invalid stationery, postae due for the missing postage (6 Pfg + 50% tax)



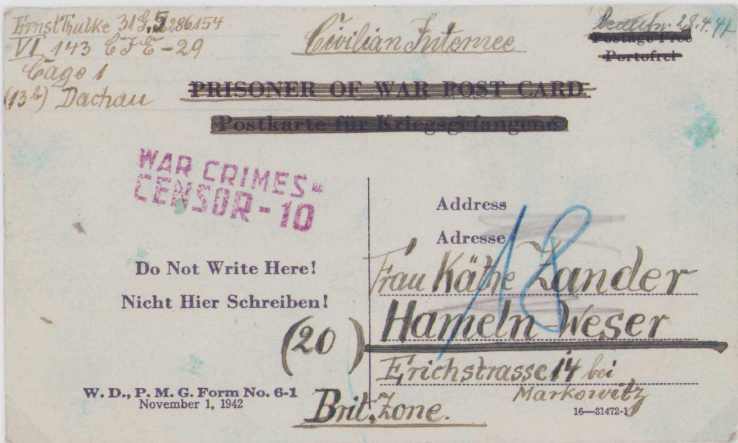
Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM

Fürth to Garmisch internment camp hospital on 9/3/46. Red camp censor cachet on the left.



Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM

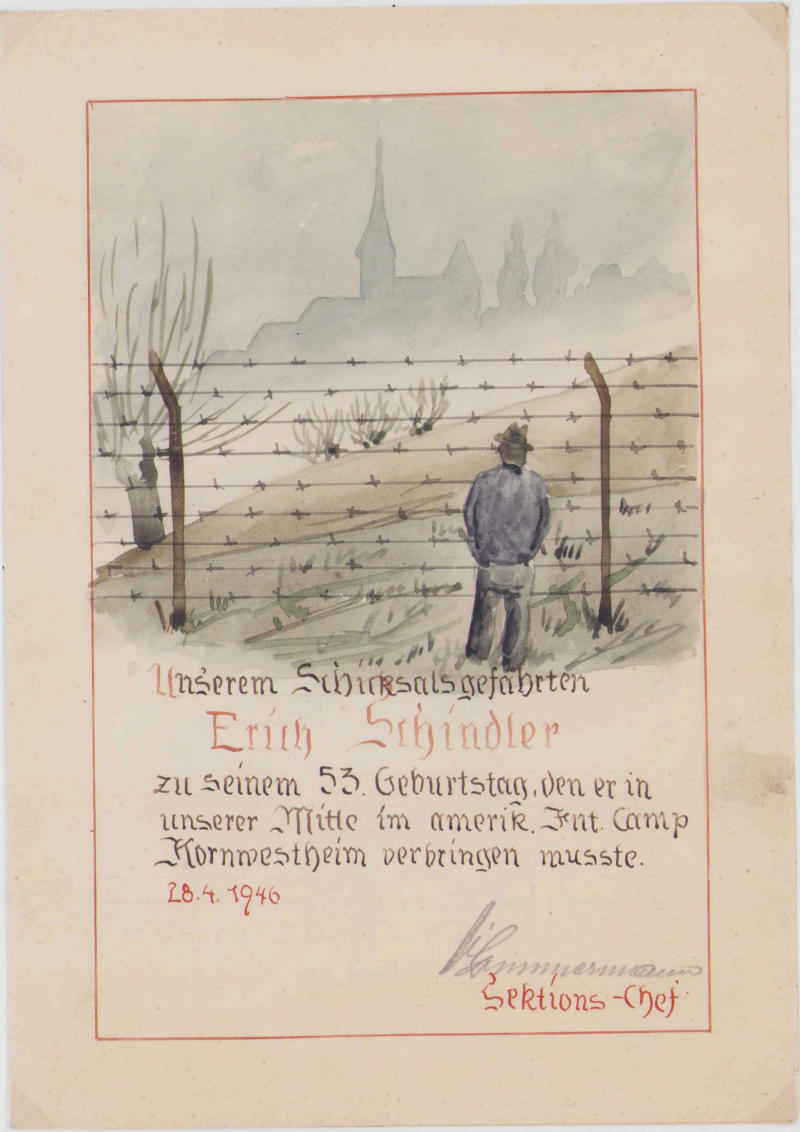
Fürth to Dachau internment camp for War Criminals on 16/9/46. "War Crimes Censor-1" cachet from the camp on the left.



Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,12 RM
Tax 50%	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,18 RM

Dachau internment camp to Hameln on 28/4/47. POW legends crossed out and "Civilian internee" added manually. War crimes censor from the camp. Postage to be paid by the addressee.

Sent by SS-Rottenführer Ernst Thulke, former guard of Stutthof concentration camp. Sentenced to 5 years in prison in 1947.



Birthday card with an original watercolor by Anton Linn, commemorating the birthday of Erich Schindler, commissioned by his fellow inmates in Kornwestern camp Nr 78 for suspected War Criminals.

RELEASE FROM CIVILIAN INTERNMENT ENCLOSURE NO 91
ENTLASSUNGSSCHEIN FÜR ZIVILPERSONEN AUS DEM INTERNIERUNGSLAGER NO 91
DARMSTADT

This is to certify that GEIS, Ludwig 31 G 6 145 356
Hiermit wird bestätigt, (Name, Rank or Title, and Address) (Name, Dienstgrad oder Titel, Adresse)

PASSAU, Nieder-Bayern

whose signature appears below and who has been interned at Civilian Internment Camp as indicated above for the following reasons:
daß der / die Unterzeichnete, der / die aus folgenden Gründen im Internierungslager für Zivilpersonen, wie oben angeführt, interniert war:

Ortsgruppenamtsleiter

has been released (provisionally released) from internment upon recommendation of a duly appointed Review Board approved by duly constituted authority representing the Director of Military Government for Greater Hesse (Bavaria, Württemberg, Bayern)
auf Grund einer Entscheidung des besonders hierzu eingesetzten Prüfungsausschusses, welcher dem Direktor der Militärregierung für Groß-Hessen (Bayern) direkt untersteht, (vorläufig) entlassen worden ist.

If provisionally released: Under the terms of this provisional release bearer will: (State provisions)
Bei nur vorläufiger Entlassung: Unter den Bedingungen der vorläufigen Entlassung hat Entlassene/r: Angabe der Bedingungen)

Unconditional

Bearer will upon arrival home report to the nearest Military Government Office to present his release papers and register.

Der Inhaber dieses Entlassungsscheines hat sich bei seiner Ankunft in seinem Wohnort sofort bei der nächsten Militärregierungs-Behörde unter Vorlage dieses Entlassungsscheines zu melden und unverzüglich zu registrieren.

Bearer has been instructed that his continued freedom is dependent upon his future conduct and compliance with the laws and regulations of the Allied Military Government.

Der Inhaber dieses Entlassungsscheines ist darüber aufgeklärt worden, daß seine Freiheit von seinem jeweiligen Verhalten sowie seiner Einfügung in die Gesetze und Verordnungen der Alliierten Militärregierung abhängig ist.

Bearer will retain this release as evidence of the validity of his release and in the event of his arrest in the future this release will be attached to the original of the arrest report.

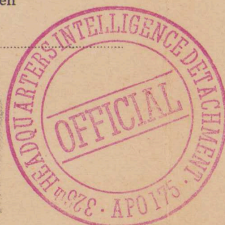
Der Inhaber dieses Entlassungsscheines hat diesen als Beweis seiner rechtmäßigen Entlassung selbst aufzubewahren; im Falle einer zukünftigen Inhaftierung muß dieses Schriftstück dem Originalverhaftungsbericht angeheftet werden.

Ludwig Geis
Internmentee's Signature

Unterschrift des Internierten

1. VI. 46

Date



For the Commanding Officer:
Für den Kommandant:

John G. Lownds

JOHN G. LOWNDS
1st Lt. ML

In case of loss immediately contact CIE No. 91, Darmstadt, APO 175, US Army.
Im Falle des Verlustes ist eine sofortige Meldung an: CIE No. 91, Darmstadt, APO 175, US Army zu machen.

The finder of this release paper is asked to send it to the following address:
Der Finder dieses Scheines ist gebeten, ihn an folgende Adresse zu schicken:

CIE No. 91, Darmstadt
APO 175 US Army

2.1. Internment camps. American zone

MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY

TEMPORARY REGISTRATION

Released from Internment Camp 16.9.45 Zeitweilige Registrierungskarte

Name Geis Alter 51 Geschlecht M
Name Age Sex

Ständige Adresse Passau Auerbach No. 26 Beruf Schiffahrtsbeamter
Permanent Address Occupation

Jetziige Adresse Passau
Present Address

Der Inhaber dieser Karte ist als Einwohner von der Stadt Passau
vorschriftsmässig registriert und ist es ihm oder ihr strengstens verboten, sich von diesem Platz zu entfernen. Zuwiderhandlung dieser Massnahme führt zu sofortigem Arrest. Der Inhaber dieses Scheines muss diesen Ausweis stets bei sich führen.

The holder of this card is duly registered as a resident of the town of Passau
and is prohibited from leaving the place designated. Violation of this restriction will lead to immediate arrest. Registrant will at all times have this paper on his person.

Personalausweis v.3.5.38.

Legitimations Nummer
Identity Card Number

Unterschrift des Inhabers
Signature of Holder

Right Index Finger

(Dies ist kein Personal-Ausweis und erlaubt keine Vorrechte).
(This is not an identity document and allows no privileges).

Name and Rank
Mil Gov. Officer, U. S. Army

Passau, den 19. Juni 1945

Datum der Ausstellung
Date of Issue

Left and top: Release documents from an internee in Darmstadt internment camp (camp 91) on 1/6/46. The top one also indicates the released person is not authorized to leave his home town (Passau).

5 329 Augsburg 1 2443

Absender: MARIA BRANDL
MÜNCHEN, GOETHESTR. 4

Besondere Vermerke des Absenders (s. Rückseite):
Zustellgebühr bezahlt

An HERRN
HANS HEINOL
NR. 316 - 533 2 934
in DARMSTADT / HESSEN
ZIVILIAN INTERNMENT
ENCLOSURE
91-II-38

Freigegebühr (Ref.) 150
Postgewicht (kg) 4

Anbei 1 Paket

In jedes Paket obenauf ein Doppel der Aufschrift legen

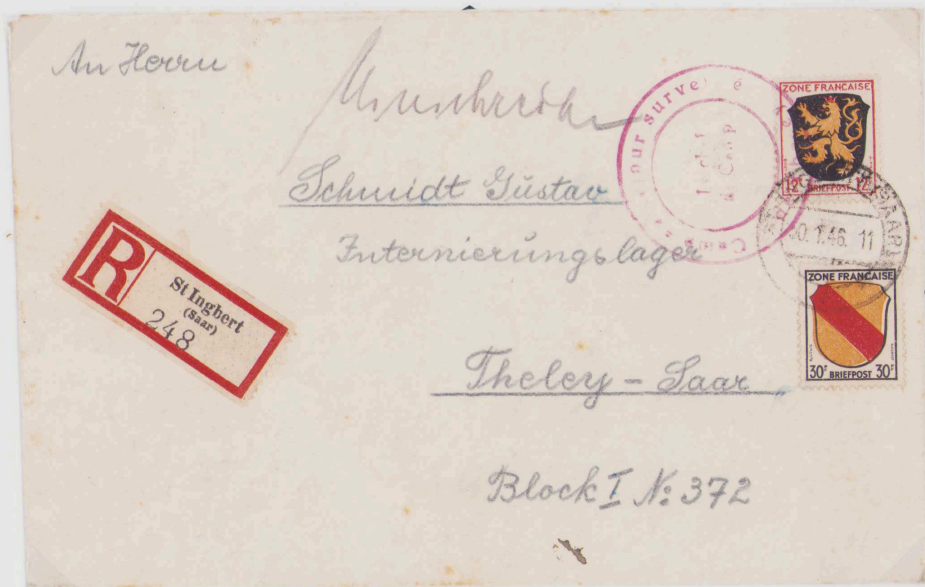
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Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48		
Distance	233 Km	Zone 3
Parcel 4 Kg	1.20 RM	
Delivery fee	0.30 RM	
TOTAL	1.50 RM	

Augsburg to Darmstadt internment camp on 10/8/46. Postage paid with a register machine.

Families were allowed to send food, clothes and other stuff to the internees.

The French zone had the smallest number of internment camps in comparison with the other zones. It only had 12 camps, reaching a total of 21.000 internes (against 170.000 in the American zone, 154.000 in the Soviet zone and 91.000 in the British zone). By 1948 this camps were reduced to half. For these reasons, the pieces from this camps are scarcer than the others. The French camps also prepared their own postcards and reply cards, ready to be used with the information from the camps.

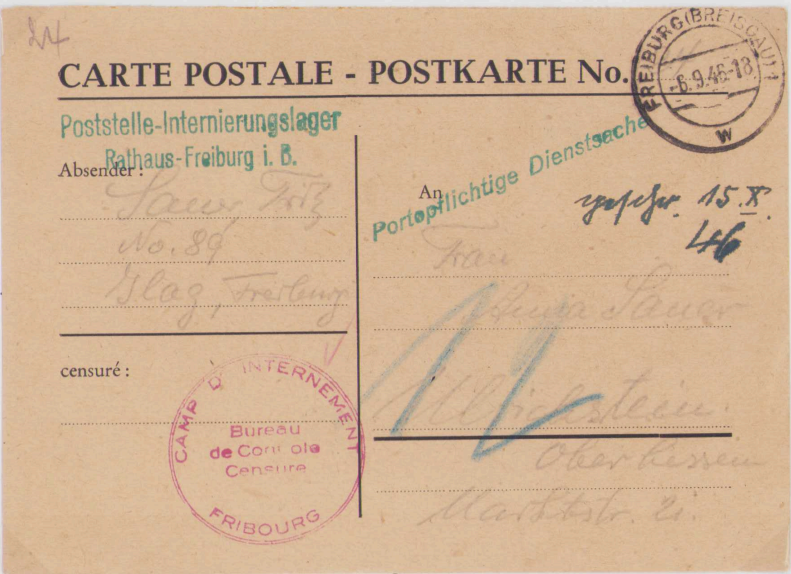


Mössingen to Balingen		
Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48		
Distance	24 Km	Zone 1
Weight	1,5 Kgs	
Basic rate	0,60 RM	
Delivery fee	0,30 RM	
TOTAL	0,90 RM	

Mössingen to Balingen
internment camp on
21/10/46.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Registration	0,30 RM
TOTAL	0,42 RM

St Ingbert to Theley (Saar) on 30/1/46. Camp censor mark applied on top.



Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM

Freiburg internment camp to Ulrichstein on 6/9/46. TO be paid by the addressee. Red camp censor cachet applied at the bottom.



Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM

Reply card. Heidelberg to Freiburg internment camp on 11/7/46. U.S. civil censor applied at origin, and camp censor mark applied on destination.

ABSENDER:
Frau Friedel Maas, Undenheim / Kr. Mainz

An den Ziv.-Int.

Dr. med. Maas
Familiennam
Alfred
Vorname

Bau: *I* Zimmer *Revier*
Abteilung Nr.

Centre d'internement Administratif

(22b) **LANDAU**
Fortkaserne

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM

Undenheim to Landau internment camp, on 1/4/47, using a pre printed form for return letters. Old form used from the creation of the camp until May 1947. Paid in cash.

ABSENDER:
Frau Friedel Maas, Undenheim, Kr. Mainz

An den Ziv.-Int.

Dr. med. Maas Alfred
Familiennam Vorname

Bau: *I* Zimmer *Revier*
Abteilung Nr.

Centre d'internement Administratif

(22b) **Landau**
Fortkaserne

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM

Undenheim to Landau internment camp, on 5/7/47, using a pre printed form for return letters. New form used from June 1947 on.

Camp d'Internement
CARTE POSTALE - Postkarte
Altschweier

Expéditeur:
Absender:

Matricule no: *1330*
Kenn-Nr.:

Nom: *Stiel*
Name:

Prénom: *Ollo*
Vorname:

Censuré:

Date: *21.5.47*
Datum:

Nom: *Paul Friedrich*
Name:

13a *Regensburg*
Sträubingerstr. 48 7/11

Altschweier
BOHL (BADEN)
Gebühr bezahlt

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM

Altschweier internment camp to Regensburg on 21/5/47. Postage paid (Gebühr bezahlt). Camp censor cachet "Censuré" applied on the left.

Centre d'internement Administratif - Fortkaserne Landau

ABSENDER: *Dr. Alfred Maas* Bau *I* Zimmer Nr. *Revier*

Herrn - Frau

Maas Friedel
Familiennam Vorname

zensiert

(22a) *Undenheim*
Kreis Mainz

LANDAU (PFALZ)
22.7.47.10-11
Gebühr bezahlt

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Internee mail	Free
TOTAL	Free

Landau internment camp to Undenheim on 22/7/47. Camp censor mark applied on the bottom left.

2.2. New Ministries and Courts

On March 5th, 1946, the three Western zones issued the Law for the Liberation of Nationalsocialism and Militarism, putting on German hands the responsibility of Denazification, the establishment of the legal basis for the accusations, decisions and punishments. Three new Denazification Ministries were created in each zone, together with special courts to handle these cases. Every German citizen was required to fill a questionnaire about his political background and affiliations to Nazi organizations. Then the new prosecutors and Courts would analyse each case and came up with a verdict.



Stuttgart to Bad Cannstatt on 26/5/48. Cachet from the Ministry for Political Liberation of Baden-Württemberg, indicating postage to be paid by the addressee.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0.24 RM
TOTAL	0.24 RM

Locally in Berlin on 24/8/49. Sent by the Denazification commission for artists. Via pneumatic mail.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20-50 gr	0.20 RM
Express	0.60 RM
TOTAL	0.80 RM



Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0.16 RM
TOTAL	0.16 RM

Locally in Bremen on 23/8/48. Letterhead from the Senator for Political liberation. Cachet from the president of the Denazification Court.



Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0.16 RM
TOTAL	0.16 RM

Locally in Bad Cannstatt on 19/12/47. Sent by the Denazification Court of Stuttgart. Postage to be paid by the addressee.



Kornwestheim to Munich on 27/9/47. Letterhead from the Denazification court in Internment camp 75. American civil censor on the left. Paid in cash "Gebühr bezahlt"

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM

Legal notice, Eschwege to Aue on 24/2/47. Letterhead from the Ministry for Political Liberation and Eschwege Denazification Court.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter back & forth	0,48 RM
Form delivery	0,60 RM
TOTAL	1,08 RM



Rate period: 1/9/48 - 30/6/54	
Letter back & forth	0,40 RM
Form delivery	0,45 RM
TOTAL	0,85 RM

Neustadt to Frankenthal on 3/12/49. Sent from the Inquiry Committee for the Political Purge, to be paid by the addressee. Letterhead and cachets from the committee and the Denazification court of the city.



Rate period: 1/7/48 - 1/10/50	
Letter 1 Oz	2,5 d
Airmail surtax	5 d
TOTAL	7,5 d

Registered airmail. Birmingham to Flensburg on 31/1/49. Addressed to a denazification prosecutor in Flensburg.

Rare incoming mail from abroad since all correspondence from the tribunals was local.



2.3.1. Denazification certificates. Exonerated

Once the Denazification courts analysed the questionnaires with the suspect's answers, further investigations were done to corroborate them, inviting witnesses when needed. After that, the suspect could fall into 5 categories: 1) Major criminals, 2) Criminals, 3) Minor criminals, 4) Followers and 5) Exonerated. The first two were subject to immediate arrest and could be condemned to death, prison and civil restrictions. Minor criminals were subject to civil restrictions and were supervised for 2-3 years. Followers were fined and subject to travel, political and work restrictions. Exonerated were freed without sanctions. Followers and exonerated people were informed by mail.

Der öffentliche Kläger bei der Spruchkammer
Dingolfing

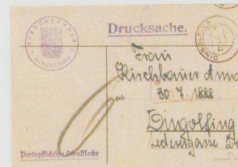
19.8.46
Datum

Auf Grund der Angaben in Ihrem Meldebogen sind Sie von dem Gesetz zur Befreiung von Nationalsozialismus und Militarismus vom 5. 3. 1946 nicht betroffen.

 Der öffentliche Kläger:
F. Roth

Form. A 14

Locally in Dingolfing on 20/8/46, informing the addressee that he is not affected by Denazification laws. To be paid by the addressee



Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Printed matter	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM

Discharge certificate issued by the State Commissioner of Denazification, notifying the addressee that he was classified as category 5 (exonerated). Hamburg, 4/4/49.

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DER STAATSKOMMISSAR DER HANSESTADT HAMBURG
FÜR DIE ENTNAZIFIZIERUNG / KATEGORISIERUNG

Fachauschuß *Id* Hamburg, den *4.4.1949*

Entlastungsschein

Hierdurch wird bescheinigt, daß

Name: *Christiansen, Werner*
Geburts- und -ort: *4.12.1909 in Hamburg*
wohnhaft zu: *Hamburg-Volksdorf, Uppenhof 3, I*
Personalausweis Nr. *AG 009227SHA*

 neu überprüft und auf Grund der Bestimmungen des Artikels VI der Militärregierungs-Verordnung Nr. 79 in der Fassung der Militärregierungs-Verordnung Nr. 110 für die Zukunft als entlastet in die Kategorie V eingestuft worden ist. — Aus diesem Kategorisierungsbescheid können Rechtsansprüche nicht hergeleitet werden.

i.A. *(Schlössinger)*
Vorsitzender des Fachauschusses

Julius Lehnert Hamburg EP 174 10m 11.48 KLA

Drucksache

Portopflichtige Dienstsache

Der öffentliche Kläger bei der Spruchkammer
Schwabach

Auf Grund der Angaben in Ihrem Meldebogen sind Sie von dem Gesetz zur Befreiung von Nationalsozialismus und Militarismus vom 5. März 1946 nicht betroffen.

27. März 1947
Der öffentliche Kläger:

Urgent / German

Herrn / Frau / Frl.

446 Fritz Wilhelm Schwab
29.9.11
geb.

Roth
Hauptstr. 16



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Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM

Schwabach to Roth on 28/3/47. Informing the addressee that it's not affected by the Denazification laws. To be paid by the addressee.

Drucksache

Portopflichtige Dienstsache

Der öffentliche Kläger bei der Spruchkammer
Hauptkammer Nürnberg

Auf Grund der Angaben in Ihrem Meldebogen sind Sie von dem Gesetz zur Befreiung von Nationalsozialismus und Militarismus vom 5. März 1946 nicht betroffen.

Nbg. 28.9.49
(Datum)

Der öffentliche Kläger:

Urgent / German

Herrn / Frau / Frl.

Heinz Schnabel
11.3.10
geb.

Bayreuth
Munckerstrasse 16



N/1069, 3.47, 100 000

Rate period: 1/9/48 - 30/6/54	
Postcard	0,10 RM
TOTAL	0,10 RM

Nuremberg to Bayreuth on 28/9/49. Informing the addressee it's not affected by the laws of Denazification. To be paid by the addressee.

DIE VERWALTUNGSKOMMISSION
DES SAARLANDES

— Eputation / Verwaltung —

Ber.Nr. 6404

Saarbrücken, den 15.12.47

Scheidter Straße 114

Gegen Empfangsbestätigung
Zustellungsurkunde

Epurationsentscheid für

KETTENHOFEN Johann Mathias, geb. 25.3.00
Mondorf Kreis Merzig
wohn. Mondorf Kreis Merzig, Bahnhof Nr 107
Betriebswart der Saarl. Eisenbahnen
Bahnmeisterei Merzig

Nach Prüfung des politischen Fragebogens durch die Dienststellen der Entnazifizierung wurde festgestellt, daß gegen die Weiterausübung seiner beruflichen Tätigkeit in der gegenwärtigen / beantragten Stellung keine Bedenken bestehen.

Politisch tragbar

Après examen du questionnaire politique par les services de dénazification il a été constaté qu'il n'y a pas d'objections à faire en ce qui concerne la continuation de l'exercice de sa profession dans sa situation actuelle/sollicitée.

GOUVERNEMENT MILITAIRE
DE LA SARRE
Le Chef de la Section
Intérieur et Cultes

DIE VERWALTUNGSKOMMISSION
DES SAARLANDES
Der Vorsitzende
Le Président

Vu et enregistré
sous le
No. 29509 le 16. III. 1948

37424-46-30000 FH

Durch
Postzustellung
Zustellungsurkunde

zug. 20.4.48
Ehm

- Eputation -

Brief-
Stempel
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Herrn
Johann Mathias Kette nhofen

Mondorf Krs. Merzig
Bahnhof 107

Rate period: 1/9/48 - 30/6/54	
Letter back & forth	0,40 RM
Form delivery	0,45 RM
TOTAL	0,85 RM

Top and left: Discharge certificate from Saar, French zone, issued by the French Administrative Commission in Saarbrücken, stating that the referred person was "politically acceptable" (Politisch tragbar). Paid in cash, red cachet of postage paid.

Deutsche post

Dem Heile
die Macht!

SPRUCHKAMMER
KASSEL-STADT

An Herrn/Frau/Fräulein
Else Beindorf
geb. 14.9.87
Kassel
Kaiserstr. 68
Kassel-Stadt

HESSISCHES
STAATSMINISTERIUM
Der Minister für politische Befreiung
Der öffentliche Kläger bei der Spruchkammer

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Printed matter	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM

Locally in Kassel on 7/5/47, informing the addressee that he is not affected by Denazification laws. Paid with a denazified meter cancel.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM

Dillenburg to Herborn on 23/9/47. Informing the addressee that it's not affected by the Denazification laws. To be paid by the addressee.

DRUCKSACHE

DILLENBURG
23.9.47-17

Herrn Gotthilf Ott
geb. 3.2.75
Bildhauer

Spruchkammer Dillenburg
Der öffentliche Kläger

Herborn
Buchdruckerei Anding Herborn 7. 47. 10000
Austr. 14

Abschrift.

Tel: Brunswick YORK Ext: 297 - 298

120/11/26/1.

HQ Mil Gov,
R/B Brunswick
120 HQ CCG,
B.A.O.R.

28th. March, 1947.

Subjekt - RESULT OF DENAZIFICATION PANEL.

To: Martin DORFSTECHER, Bad Gandersheim, Moritzstr. 12.
KRO Gandersheim.

1.) Your case has been examined by the Denazification Panel and there is no objection to you being employed as:

Innkeeper.

Brunswick

Copy to: K.R.O. Gandersheim.
File

Translation:

Unterschrift:

R. TURNOR, Col,
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE,
120 HQ, CCG,
R/B BRUNSWICK

(Dienst - Siegel)

ERGEBNIS DES ENTNAZIFIZIERUNGS-AUSSCHUSSES.

1.) Ihr Fall ist vom Entnazifizierungsausschuss geprüft worden, und es bestehen keine politischen Bedenken gegen Ihre Beschäftigung als

Gastwirt.

2.3.2. Denazification certificates. Fines

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AUSFERTIGUNG

Der Senator für politische Befreiung
Spruchkammer Bremen - Der Vorsitzende

Herrn
Wilhelm Beckmann
geb. 5.11.89, Reichsbahn Obersekretär
Bremen, Utbremer Ring 120

Aktenzeichen Sch. 23/21/12

Bremen, 7. Mai 1948

Sühnebescheid

auf Grund des Gesetzes zur Befreiung von Nationalsozialismus und Militarismus vom 9. Mai 1947 (Brem. Gesetzbl. S. 67)

Auf Antrag des öffentlichen Klägers ergeht gegen Sie nachstehender Sühnebescheid:

- Sie werden gem. Art. 12 des Gesetzes in die Gruppe der Mitläufer eingereiht. Begründung: NSDAP v. 1937-45, Blockh.u. Zellenl. v. 1941-45, Reichsb. d. d. Beamter 1941-45
- Es wird gegen Sie eine Geldsühne in Höhe von RM 390,- festgesetzt. Die Geldsühne ist bis zum 7. Mai 1948 auf Bankkonto Nr. 9427 bei der Norddeutschen Kreditbank, Bremen, Oberstr. 2-12, einzuzahlen.
- Für den Fall der Nichtbeitreibbarkeit tritt an Stelle von je RM 13,- der Geldsühne eine Arbeitsleistung von 1 Tag.
- Sie haben die Kosten des Verfahrens zu tragen. Hierüber erhalten Sie noch gesonderte Kostenrechnung.
- Der Streitwert wird auf RM 4700,- festgesetzt.

Dieser Sühnebescheid wird rechtskräftig, wenn nicht binnen einer Woche nach Zustellung Antrag auf Entscheidung durch die Kammer gestellt wird. Der Antrag ist schriftlich oder zu Protokoll der Geschäftsstelle der Spruchkammer einzureichen. Soweit Sie bisher Beschränkungen unterworfen waren, die durch die Einreihung in die Gruppe der Mitläufer fortfallen (z. B. auf Grund des Gesetzes Nr. 52), kann deren Aufhebung erst nach Rechtskraft des Sühnebescheides und nach Zahlung des Sühnebetrages bzw. Ableistung der Ersatzarbeitsleistungen beantragt werden. Dabei ist der Nachweis der Erfüllung der Sühneleistungen durch Zahlungsbeleg bzw. Bescheinigung des Arbeitamtes zu führen. Der Rechtskraftvermerk ist bei der Geschäftsstelle der Spruchkammer, Am Wall 158, einzuholen.

Bremen, den 6. April 1948.

Beglaubigt: *Schradt*

Der Vorsitzende der Spruchkammer
gez. R. Langhein.

Formblatt 10 - Sühnebescheid Druck: Otto Behrens, Bremen-Hemelingen (Treuhänder W. Koch Reg.-Nr. 30)



Es wird damit beglaubigt, daß vor-
liegende Abschrift mit der vorgelegten
Abschrift übereinstimmt.

Bad Gandersheim, den 2. April 1948

Für die Stadtverwaltung
im Auftrage:

Stadtobersekretär



Bremen 1
558

Herrn
Wilhelm Beckmann
Reichsbahn Obersekretär

Bremen
Utbremer Ring 120

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schlüssel zur Welt

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Registered with return receipt. Lo-
cally in Bremen on 7/4/48, infor-
ming the addressee that he was
fined with 390 marks for being
member of the Nazi party, being
Block assistant, cell leader and
member of the Reichsbahn.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,16 RM
Registration	0,60 RM
Return receipt	0,60 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM

Fines are very scarce since most addressees discarded them upon arrival.



Document notifying an individual that according to his Denazification results is allowed to work as an Innkeeper. Certificate paid with a revenue stamp. Cachet from the local court.

2.3.3. Denazification certificates. Amnesties

When the Denazification process was transferred to German authorities, soon they were overwhelmed by the enormous number of pending cases. In order to reduce this number two amnesties were created: Youth amnesty, for everyone that was born after January 1st, 1919, and Christmas amnesty, aimed to people categorized as "Follower", people with disabilities or very low income. These cases were also informed by mail.

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**Badisches Staatskommissariat
für politische Säuberung**

Bekanntgabe der Jugendamnestie

Auf Grund der Verordnung Nr. 92 vom 2. Mai 1947 (Journal Officiel N° 69 vom 5. Mai 1947) fällt

Frau, Fräulein, Herr **F r i c k e n h a u s , Elisabeth Wilhelmine Charlotte**
 geboren **25.12.1920** in **Kiel**
 Wohnort **F r e i b u r g / B r . , Schubertstrasse 34** unter die

Jugendamnestie

- Die vor dieser Verordnung verhängten Säuberungsmaßnahmen werden mit voller Rechtswirkung aufgehoben. —
- Keinerlei Säuberungsmaßnahme wird ihm (ihr) gegenüber angewendet werden. —
- Bis zum 2. Mai 1947 (einschließlich) eingezogene Sühngelder werden nicht zurückerstattet; die nach diesem Tag eingezogenen Sühnbeiträge werden zurückgezahlt. —

Freiburg i. Br., den 22. März 1948

Der Staatskommissar
I. A. *Ben*

Stempel



Mühligans & Rapplo, Freiburg i. Br.

Drucksache



**Frl.
Elisabeth Frickenhaus
Freiburg / Br.
Schubertstrasse 34**

**Badisches Staatskommissariat
für politische Säuberung**

Front of the left envelope

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Printed matter	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM

Locally in Freiburg on 24/3/48, informing the addressee that was exonerated under the Youth amnesty for being born in 1920.

Vilshofen to Schalding on 9/4/47. Informing the addressee that was exonerated under the Christmas amnesty. Postage to be paid by the addressee.

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,12 RM

Drucksache

Portopflichtige Dienstsache

**Der öffentliche Kläger
bei der Spruchkammer
Vilshofen**

Weihnachtsamnestie

Auf Grund der Angaben in Ihrem Meldebogen sind Sie von dem Gesetz zur Befreiung von Nationalsozialismus und Militarismus vom 5. März 1946 nicht betroffen.

8. Apr. 1947

Der öffentliche Kläger:

Urgent / German
 Herrn / Frau / Frl.
Renate Seifert
 geb. **2.11.04**
Schalding l.d.D.
Post selbst



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Drucksache

Portopflichtige Dienstsache

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**Der öffentliche Kläger
bei der Spruchkammer
III- Regensburg**

Jugendamnestie

Auf Grund der Angaben in Ihrem Meldebogen sind Sie von dem Gesetz zur Befreiung von Nationalsozialismus und Militarismus vom 5. März 1946 nicht betroffen.

14.4.47
(Datum)

Der öffentliche Kläger:

Urgent / German
 Herrn / Frau / Frl.
Rosa Haushofer
 geb. **30.6.24**
Regensburg
Bäckergasse 7 a



(Schmid)

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Postcard	0,10 RM
TOTAL	0,10 RM

Locally in Regensburg on 3/4/47. Informing the addressee that was exonerated under the Youth amnesty for being born in 1924. Postage to be paid by the addressee.

3. Local provisional issues

In a similar way than the Post Directions in the four zones, many cities denazified Nazi stamps with local overprints. The beginning of these issues differs from city to city, but they all ended being valid on 31/3/46.



Strausberg to Berlin on 30/3/46. Postage for 85 Pfg for a domestic registered letter. Postage paid using Strausberg overprinted stamps

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
Registration	0,60 RM
TOTAL	0,84 RM
Overfranking	0,01 RM



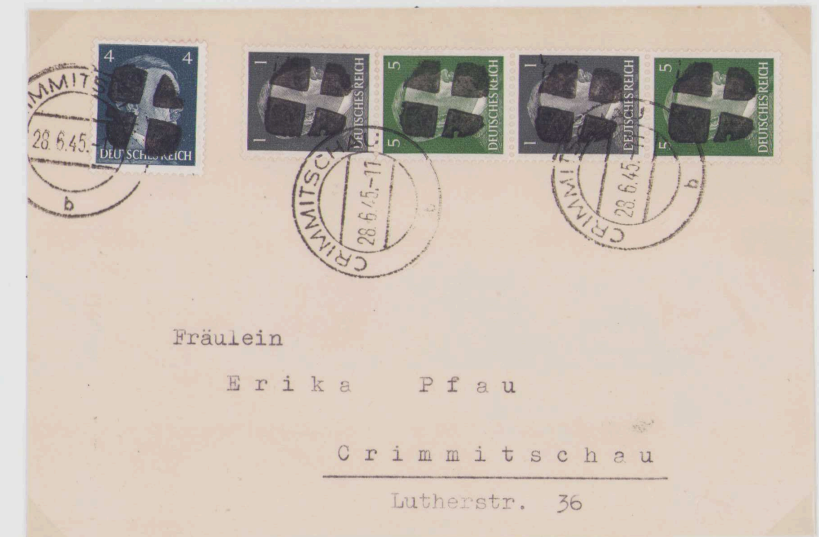
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20-40 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM
Overfranking	0,01 RM

Glauchau to Bischofswerda, 19/7/45. Postage paid with a locally overprinted stamp.



Strausberg to Oranienburg on 3/11/45. Hitler stationery denazified by blackening his face and adding the city name.

Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
TOTAL	0,06 RM



Rate period: 15/1/32 - 28/2/46	
Letter 20-40 gr	0,16 RM
TOTAL	0,16 RM

Locally in Crimmitschau on 28/6/45. 16 Pfg local printed matter rate paid with Crimmitschau overprinted stamps.

4. Commercial changes. Denazified companies

Many companies had close relationships with Hitler and the Third Reich, and were intervened, expropriated, sold or dismantled after the war. Other companies had names related to Nazism and were forced to change their names to avoid breaking any rule. In some cases, the involvement of some companies in War Crimes ended up with the company and its board being accused of War Crimes and were tried at Nuremberg.



Frankfurt to Skopje, Yugoslavia on 11/7/50.

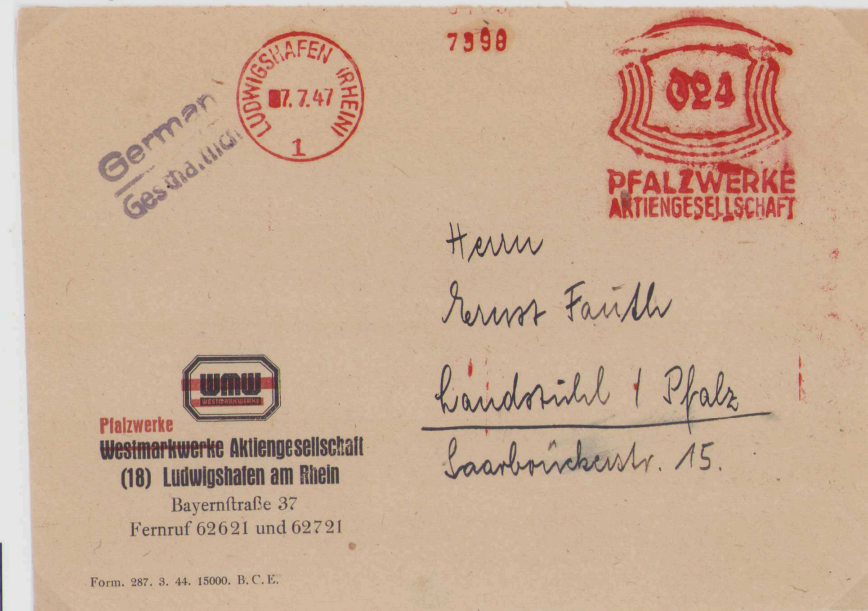
IG Farben was accused of War Crimes and a Control Office was created to decide its destiny.

4 pieces known from the Control Office.



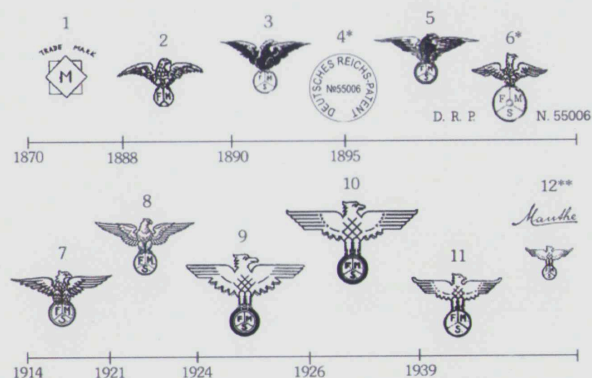
Rate period: 1/9/48 - 30/6/53	
Letter abroad	0,30 RM
TOTAL	0,30 RM

Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM



Ludwigshafen to Landstuhl on 7/7/47. Company changed his name "Westmarkwerke" because Westmark was a Nazi district. Rename "Pfalzwerke" and change the meter.

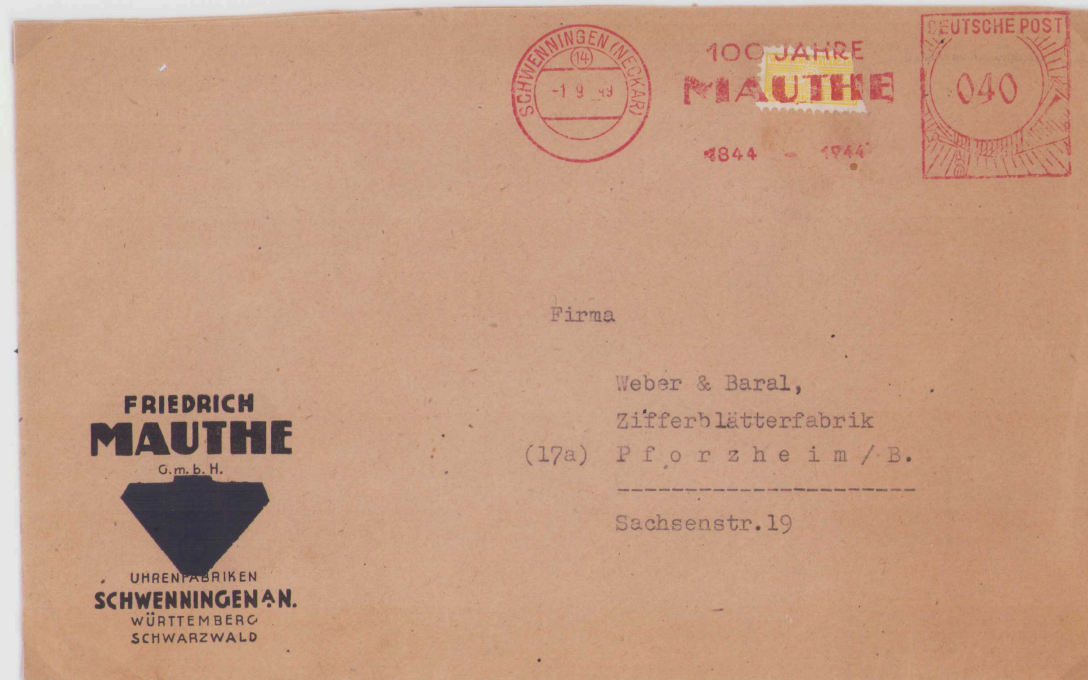
Friedrich Mauthe, Schwenningen (F.M.S)
Trademarks index



An "unfair" denazification

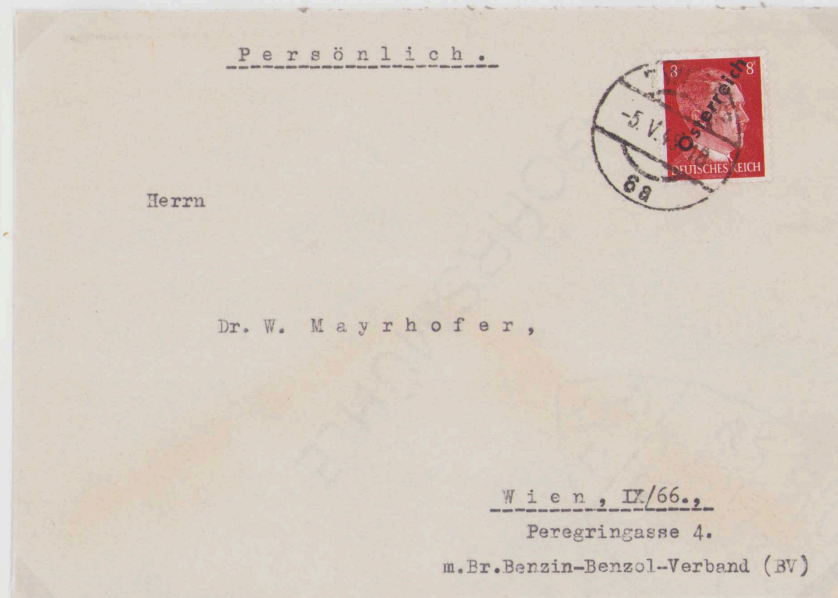
Rate period: 1/3/46 - 31/8/48	
Letter 20-250 gr	0,24 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM

Schwenningen to Pforzheim on 1/9/49. The sender had no choice but to blacken his logo due to its similarity with the Nazi Eagle and swastika, despite the fact he had been using a similar logo for over a hun-



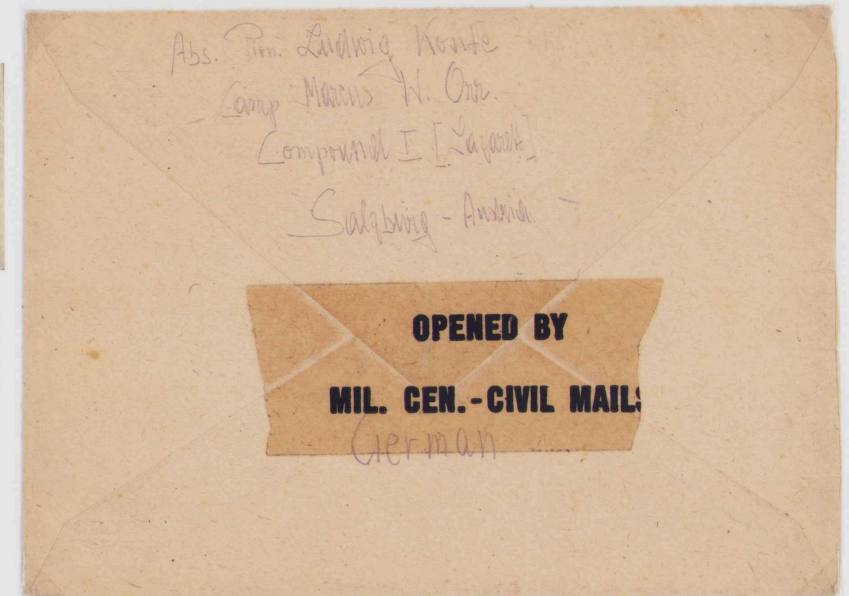
5.1. Denazification in previously annexed zones. Austria

After the war, Austria regained its Independence but was also subject of a Denazification program, similar to the one in Germany but softer. On May 8th, 1945 the occupation forces issued the Law of Prohibition, abolishing the Nazi party and its organizations such as SS, SA and others. Similar measures were taken, like removing all Nazi symbols from the mail, issuing provisional stamps and even creating few internment camps to host civilians while they were investigated.



Salzburg to Niedernfritz on 4/4/46. Sent by an internee in a lazaret from Camp Marcus W. Orr, hosting suspected Nazi criminals while they were investigated.

Rate period: 21/12/45 - 1/1/47	
Internee mail	Free
TOTAL	Free



Rate period: 2/5/45 - 21/12/45	
Letter 20 gr	0,08 RM
TOTAL	0,08 RM

Locally in Vienna on 5/5/45. Postage paid with an overprinted Hitler stamp "Österreich" (Austria), issued in the Soviet zone of Vienna, valid between 2/5/45 and 27/6/45



Rate period: 16/5/45 - 21/12/45	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
TOTAL	0,24 RM

Vienna to Linz on 27/6/45. Postage paid with denazified German stamp, overprinted "Österreich". Valid between 13/6/45 and 2/7/45.

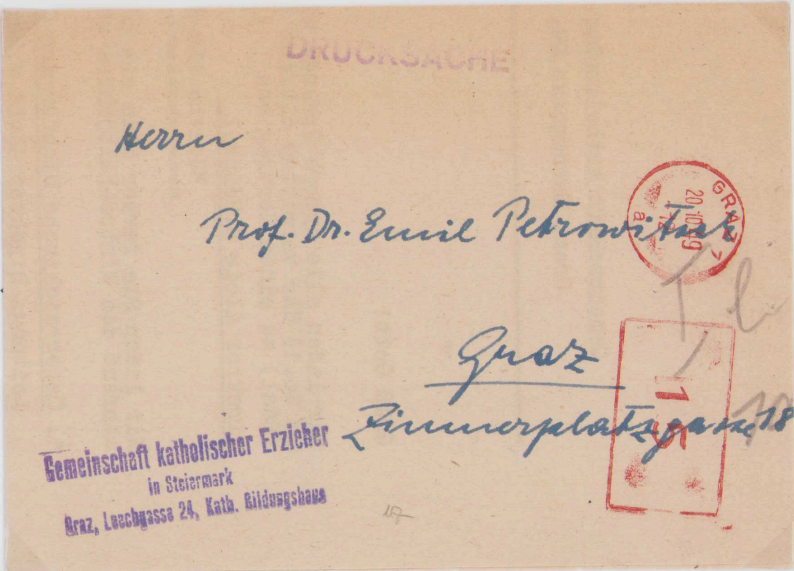
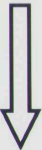


Rate period: 1/1/47 - 1/9/47	
Internee mail	Free
TOTAL	Free

14 Kgs parcel sent from camp Marcus W. Orr to Saint Georgen, Judenburg on 17/7/47. Squared cachet stating it's an internee shipment, to be paid by the addressee.

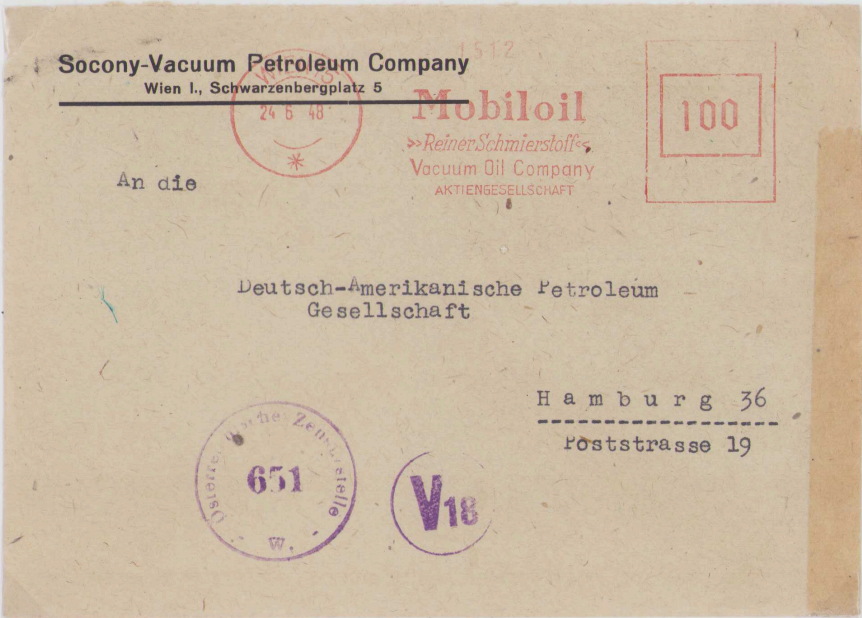


Parcel sent FROM the camp are scarce.



Rate period: 1/6/49 - 1/9/51	
Printer matter	0,15 Gr
TOTAL	0,15 Gr

Locally in Graz on 20/10/49. Denazified Nazi meter.



Rate period: 10/12/47 - 1/6/49	
Letter abroad	1,00 Gr
TOTAL	1,00 Gr

Vienna to Hamburg on 24/6/48. Denazified Nazi meter. Austrian censorship at the bottom.

A. Für Versicherte, deren Beiträge zur Angestelltenversicherung (Rentenversicherung der Angestellten) an die Krankenkasse abgeführt werden. Sofern nur Beiträge zur Kranken- oder Arbeitslosenversicherung entrichtet werden, unterbleibt die Entgeltsbestätigung!

Beschäftigt gegen Entgelt von bis	Versicherter Arbeitsverdienst (Barbezüge u. Wert der Sachbezüge) f. d. Beschäftigungszeit S g	Name und Sitz der Krankenkasse, an die die Beiträge abgeführt sind	Stampiglie, Anschrift und Unterschrift des Arbeitgebers
1948... 1.1. 30.9. 1.10. 31.12.	5.926 36 1.819 48 2.079 84	Niederösterreichische Gebietskrankenkasse für Arbeiter u. Angestellte St. Pölten Oberversicherung Pendelliste Nr. 10/48	Niederösterreichische Gebietskrankenkasse für Arbeiter und Angestellte Personalarbeitung Schmidt
194... A.I. 31.V. VI. 31.XII.	3.466 40 4.254 35	Niederösterreichische Gebietskrankenkasse für Arbeiter u. Angestellte St. Pölten Oberversicherung Pendelliste Nr. 10/48	Niederösterreichische Gebietskrankenkasse für Arbeiter und Angestellte Personalarbeitung Gass
194... 1.10. 31.12.	3 x B 2.10.66	Niederösterreichische Gebietskrankenkasse für Arbeiter u. Angestellte St. Pölten Oberversicherung Pendelliste Nr. 10/48	Niederösterreichische Gebietskrankenkasse für Arbeiter und Angestellte Personalarbeitung Kandner

B. Für die übrigen Versicherten und die Höherversicherung*).

ANGESTELLTE VERSICHERUNG ÖSTERREICH	ANGESTELLTE VERSICHERUNG ÖSTERREICH	ANGESTELLTE VERSICHERUNG ÖSTERREICH	ANGESTELLTE VERSICHERUNG ÖSTERREICH	ANGESTELLTE VERSICHERUNG ÖSTERREICH	ANGESTELLTE VERSICHERUNG ÖSTERREICH
29. SEP 1948	31. JUL 1948	31. JUL 1948	31. JUL 1948	30. AUG 1948	30. AUG 1948
31. JUL 1948	31. JUL 1948	31. JUL 1948	31. JUL 1948	31. JUL 1948	31. JUL 1948
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die der Versicherungspflicht in der Angestelltenversicherung unterliegen, insbesondere ständigen Lehrer und Erzieher, Kranken- bzw. Wochenpfleger, Hebammen, Musiker usw. d. h. für Personen, die regelmäßig bei mehreren Arbeitgebern beschäftigt werden. Bei einem Arbeitgeber überwiegend beschäftigt, sind Beitragsmarken aber nur für die Abgabe zu verwenden. Pflichtversicherte, die im Beitragsmonat ihren ständigen Arbeitgeber wechseln, zählen nicht zu den Teilbeschäftigten.

Ständliche Marken sind deutlich lehrer mit dem letzten Tag des Mo als, für den sie gelten, zu entwerfen. Freiwillig Versicherte entwerfen außerdem mit dem Zusatz „f.“

Insurance card from Lower Austria, issued in Saint Pölten on 2/4/48. Paid monthly fees from February to September 1948 using blackened Nazi revenues.

Abchnitt • Coupon

Nach dem Empfänger anzuheften und zu versenden
Post être détaché et le destinataire

Stempel des
Einlieferungsamtes
Postamt

WIEN 46

23. X. 48.

5f

Name und Wohnung
des Absenders

Nom et domicile de l'expéditeur

Josef Scheidl
Wien, XII.
Karl Börs 17-19
XX. B. 110
Österreich
23. X. 48.

Stempel der Zollverwaltung
Timbre de la douane

ÖSTERREICH
23. X. 48.

ÖSTERREICH – Autriche

030

Wien 46

40

Stettels

Wertangabe
voeur déclarée

(In Buchstaben und in arabischer Schrift)
(Les unités en toutes lettres et en caractères latins)

Wertangabe
voeur déclarée

(In arabischen Ziffern)
(en chiffres arabes)

Fr-or
Geld-
trauen

S

Zahl der
Bündel
ou
Paquets

1

Paquete
colis

Zollinhalteerklärungen
déclarations en douane

Befreiungen oder Rechnungen
certificats ou factures

Art der Verpackung
Nature de l'emballage

1

Art der Verpackung
Nature de l'emballage

1

Zum Aufkleben
der Freimarken
oder zur Angabe
der erhobenen
Gebühren

Application des
freimarken oder zur
Angabe der erhobenen
Gebühren

23. X. 48.

5f

An

zum Glen Hascall

Rt 4, Box 12

Vancouver, Washington, U. S. A.

(Bestimmungsort) • (Lieu de destination)

(Stoße und Hausnummer)
(Rue et numéro)

3 kg 100 g

Gewicht • Poids
colis

kg 100 g

Weg
Vole

1

Leitvermerk: • Acheminement

1

Auswechslungspostamt
Bureau d'échange

1

1) Auszufüllen von dem Eingangspostamt oder der Zollverwaltung des Bestimmungsortes
Cadre à remplir par le bureau d'entrée ou par le service de la douane du pays de destination.

A 20 Dim B 6

Rate period: 1/6/49 - 1/9/51	
Parcel 3 Kgs	20,60 Sh
TOTAL	20,60 Sh

3 Kgs parcel from Vienna to Vancouver, on 28/10/48, with blackened German legends in top, for using an old German form, "Österreich - Autriche" overprinted on top.

Rate period: 1/1/47 - 1/9/47	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 Gr
TOTAL	0,12 Gr

Locally in Vienna on 11/8/47. Official mail, to be paid by the addressee. Former Nazi letterhead and inscriptions blackened.

Absender:

Gemeindeverwaltung

des

Wien

Hauptwirtschaftsamt

Wien I, Strauchgasse Nr. 1

KAINDL-EISEN

WIEN VI, BURGASSE 94

VI, MARIANNEFEST 17

II REICHSPRÜCKEN 17

Gebührenpflichtige
Dienstsache

11.847 15

Fr.

Elfriede Süß

Wien 12

Gienberg 10/20

Stempel der Gemeindeverwaltung
Stempel der Gemeindeverwaltung

Wien

12

PORTO

ÖSTERREICH

G. Z.

A. D. Nr. 1118 VI. 44 - Q. 0419 63

Denazified savings book. The original Eagle and swastika were blackened, adding a "NEU" and "Ö" (Österreich) cachets too, with postmarks from Vienna.

5.2. Czechoslovakia

Even though there was no official Denazification process in Czechoslovakia, there were some special cases in the Post. In the following weeks after the liberation of Czechoslovakia the Czech Post did not issue any new stamps. Instead, they used former Bohemia and Moravia stamps and overprinted them. They also used altered Nazi postmarks, removing German names, swastikas, etc.

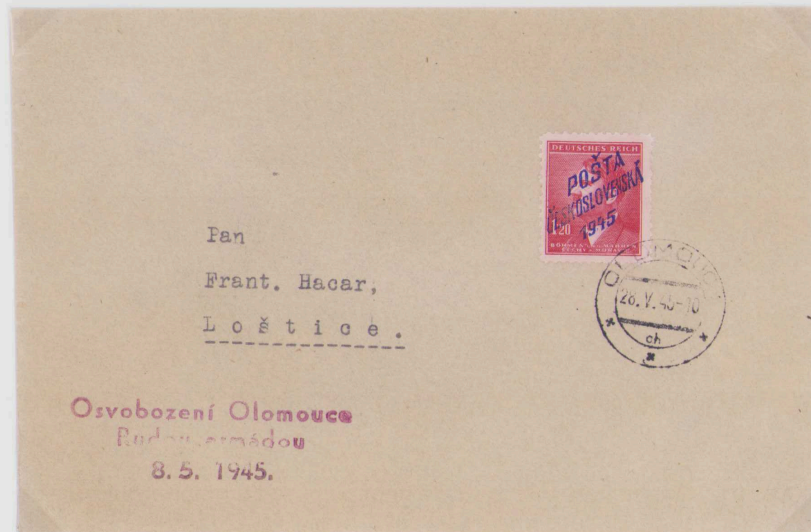


Hranice to Valašské Meziříčí on 19/5/45. Postage paid with a denazified Bohemia and Moravia stamp. German name of the city removed from the postmark and registration label.

Rate period: 15/3/39 - 31/1/46	
Letter 20 gr	1,20 Kr
Registration	3,00 Kr
TOTAL	4,20 Kr

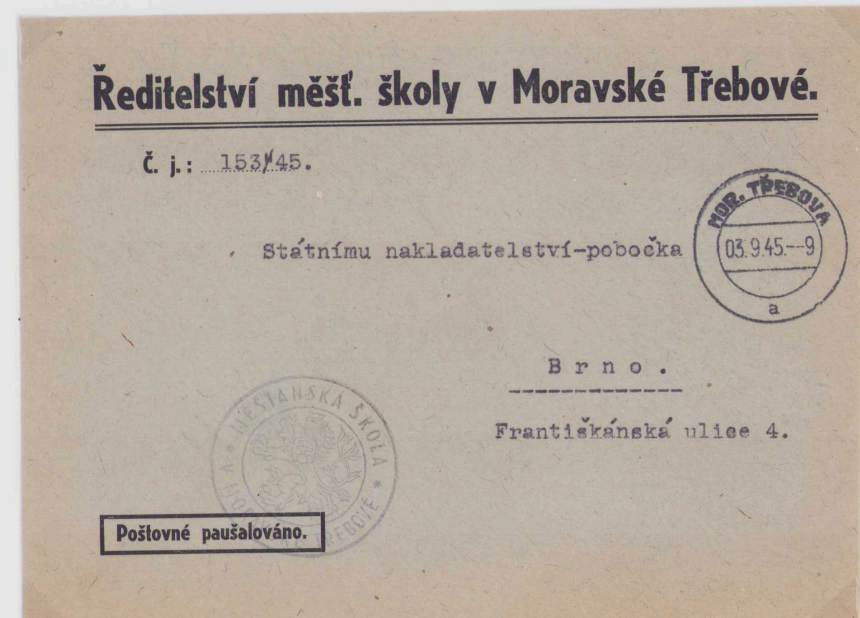
Locally in Olomouc on 22/5/45. Franked with locally overprinted Bohemia and Moravia stamps. German name removed from the postmarks.

Rate period: 15/3/39 - 31/1/46	
Letter 20-40 gr	3,00 Kr
TOTAL	3,00 Kr



Rate period: 15/3/39 - 31/1/46	
Letter 20 gr	1,20 Kr
TOTAL	1,20 Kr

Olomouc to Loštice on 28/5/45. Postage paid with locally overprinted Bohemia and Moravia stamp.



Rate period: 15/3/39 - 31/1/46	
Official mail	Free
TOTAL	Free

Moravská Třebová to Brno on 3/9/45. Denazified German postmark removing the word "Feldpost" and replacing it with the Czech name of the city.



Rate period: 15/3/39 - 31/1/46	
Letter abroad	2,50 Kr
Registration	3,00 Kr
Airmail surtax	3,00 Kr
TOTAL	8,50 Kr

Bečov nad Teplou to Oran, Algeria on 17/9/45. Provisional Czech postmark + denazified German postmark to date the cover. Insufficient postage in origin. Remaining postage added in Prague (stamps cancelled in Prague over the ori-



Rate period: 15/3/39 - 31/1/46	
Letter 20 gr	1,20 Kr
TOTAL	1,20 Kr

Ervěnice to Plzeň on 13/10/45. Denazified German postmark removing the word "Feldpost". Cachet with the Czech name of the city next to it.



Baile Atha Cliath (Dublin) to Upice on 12/2/47. Denazified German postmark used on reception, removing the German name of the city.

Rate period: 15/3/39 - 31/1/48	
Letter abroad	3d
TOTAL	3d

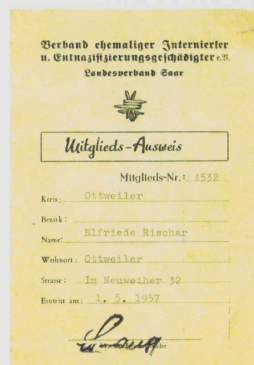
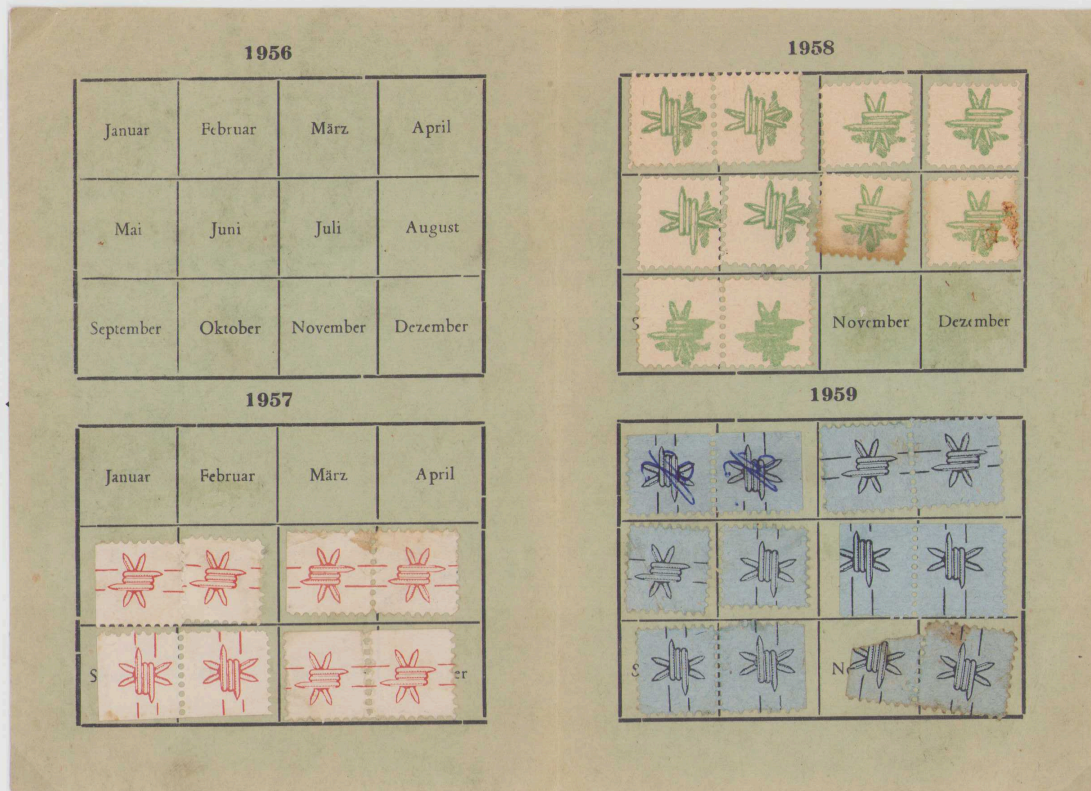
Karlovy Vary to Prague on 16/10/45. Blackened letterhead with the German name of the city and the old address "Adolf-Hitler-Strasse 107".

Rate period: 15/3/39 - 31/1/46	
Letter abroad	1,20 Kr
Registration	3,00 Kr
TOTAL	4,20 Kr



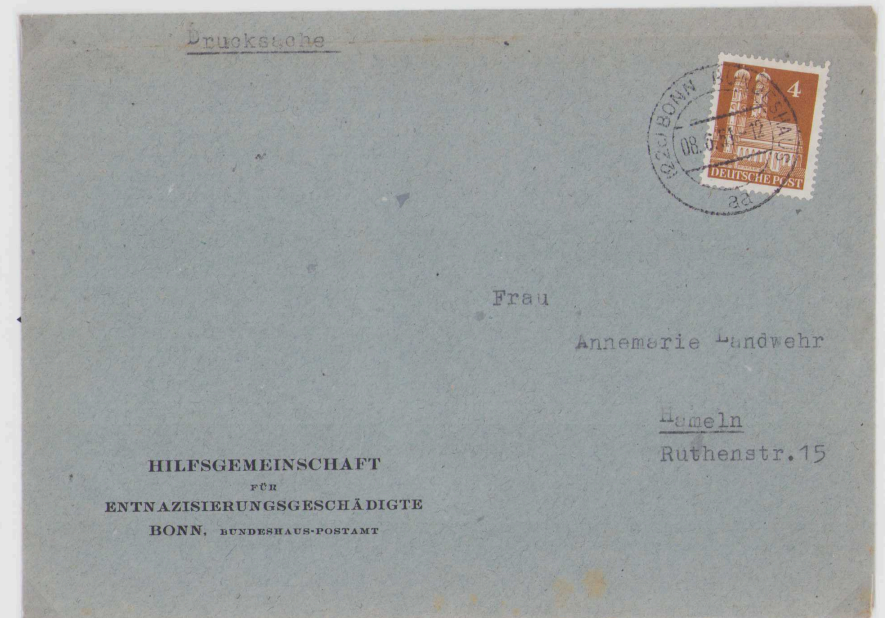
6. The aftermath of denazification

Even though the Denazification process was officially ended in 1951, its effects continued resonating in the German population. Some people paid their crimes with their lives or prison, other were fined or removed from public positions, some were exonerated, and some others were unfairly punished. Many people felt that the treatment and punishments by the Allies was unfair and hard. Many witnessed their Friends die in the internment camps and others spent years in the camps before being exonerated. So, many of them gather to claim for compensations.



Membership card from the Association of former victims of Denazification in Sarre. Inside has the monthly fees paid with special vignettes showing barbed wire.

The Association worked between 1952 and 1963, with offices in Hesse, Baden-Württemberg, Sarre and other cities, helping almost 10.000 members around 1956. They provided guidance and help about legal matters, looking for evidence, signs of mistreatment, help to relocate in other cities, etc.



Rate period: 1/9/48 - 30/6/54	
Printed matter	0,04 RM
TOTAL	0,04 RM

Bonn to Hameln on 8/6/51. Letterhead of the "Hilfsgemeinschaft für Entnazifizierungsgeschädigte" (Aid Group for the Victims of Denazification).

The Group was similar to the other Association, but in this case, the Aid Group was more focused in helping former internment camp internees in relocating to new houses or cities, in finding their relatives, getting clothes and food, etc.