

Servicio expreso alemán - Diciembre 1923 - 1945

Objetivo y alcance del exhibit

Este exhibit pretende mostrar la operación del servicio expreso alemán luego del fin de la hiperinflación en diciembre de 1923 hasta 1945, estudiando sus tarifas, métodos de aceleración, regulaciones especiales, enteros y más, tanto para correo doméstico como al exterior. Se incluye también correo expreso entrante del exterior, pero sólo analizando su manejo en Alemania, sin considerar su manejo en el país de origen. Además, el exhibit muestra la expansión del servicio con las anexiones y ocupaciones alemanas antes y durante la guerra, enfocándose en la adopción de las tarifas y regulaciones alemanas.

Investigación y desafíos

Pocas publicaciones existen sobre este servicio, mayormente enfocado en marcofilia o tarifas, pero no en el servicio en sí. El autor investigó en los boletines postales alemanes originales, recolectando todos los decretos relacionados a este servicio e intentando encontrar las piezas correctas para reflejar los mismos.

Referencias

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Balance y condición

Algunos aspectos son más extensos que otros, como los métodos de aceleración o la expansión durante la guerra, en comparación con otros como los enteros o indicaciones especiales. De forma similar, el servicio para paquetes es más limitado que el del correo estándar. Pese a ello, se hizo el esfuerzo de balancear los capítulos de la mejor forma. Además, las piezas incluidas están en la mejor condición posible o disponible.

Importancia

A la fecha, el autor no conoce otro exhibit sobre este tema, estudiando este servicio en profundidad. Además, el servicio expreso en Alemania alcanzó un nivel de desarrollo y complejidad rara vez visto en otros países, lo que lo convierte en un caso único.

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Frankfurt, 7/12/23, carta oficial. Franqueo usando sellos de la hiperinflación sobreimpresos "Regierung" (Gobierno) con la equivalencia 10 Milliarde Marcos = 1 Pfg.

Los envíos con estos sellos en diciembre son raros dado que sólo fueron válidos ese mes. Mucho más raros aún con sobreimpresión del gobierno.



Local en Frankfurt	
Periodo tarifa: 1/12/23 - 1/1/25	
Carta 20-250 gr	0,10 RM
Certificado	0,20 RM
Expreso	0,30 RM
TOTAL	0,60 RM

1.1. Domestic service. Rates

After the hyperinflation ended, December of 1923 started with new currency and all rates were updated. From 1/12/1923 to 31/7/1927, the express service was established in 30 Pfg. Then, with a new update of the rates on 1/8/1927, it was increased to 40 Pfg, and remained unchanged until 1/3/46. Other shipments and services had more changes in their rates, but the express service remained quite stable.

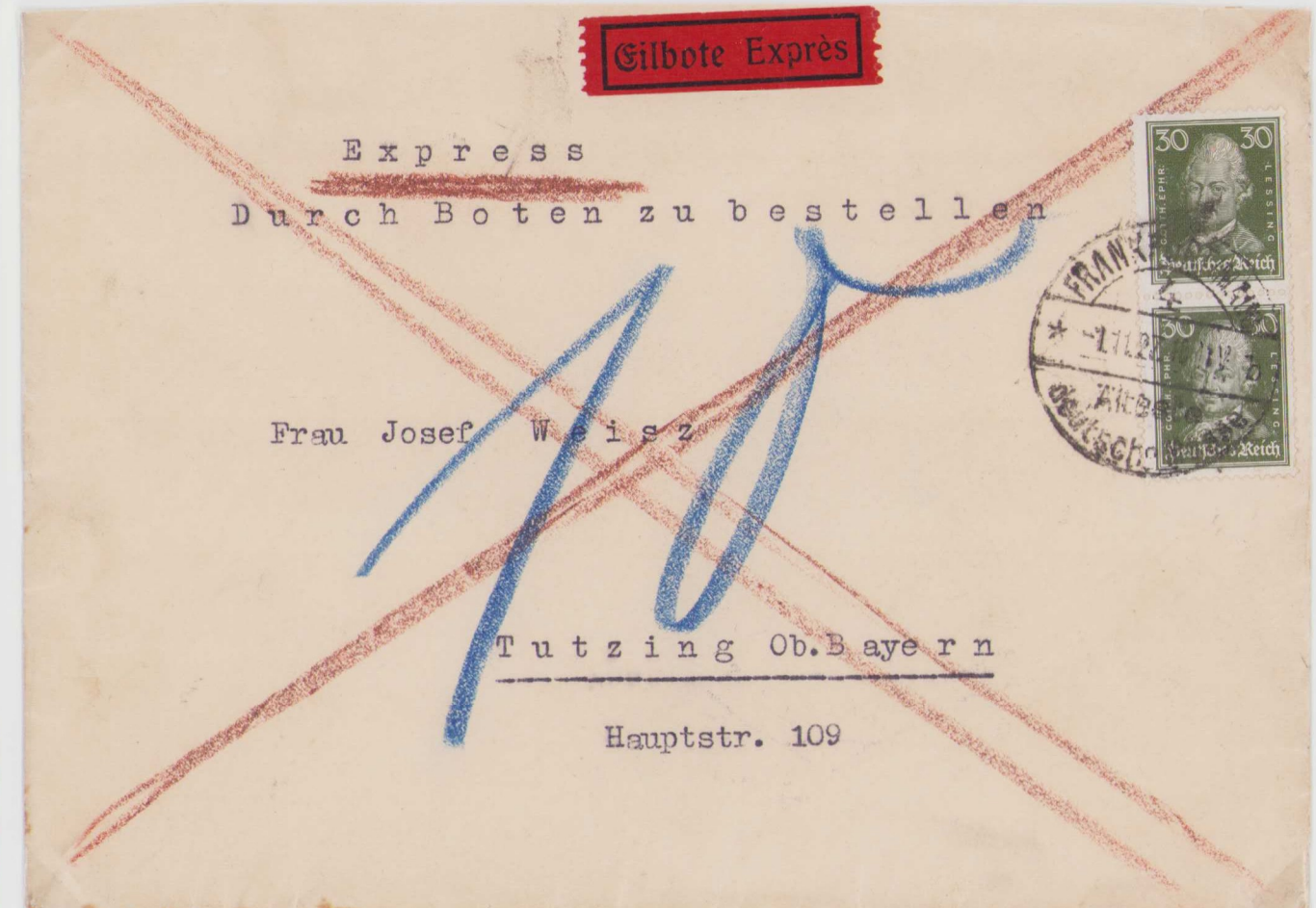


Leipzig to Dresden	
Rate period: 1/12/23 - 1/8/27	
Letter 20 gr	0,10 RM
Airmail surtax	0,10 RM
Express	0,30 RM
TOTAL	0,50 RM

26/6/25, Leipzig to Dresden. Airmail express letter, with the new rates after the inflation.

1/11/27, Frankfurt to Tutzing. Shortly after the change in the express rate, which lead to people make mistakes like this paying the previous rate.

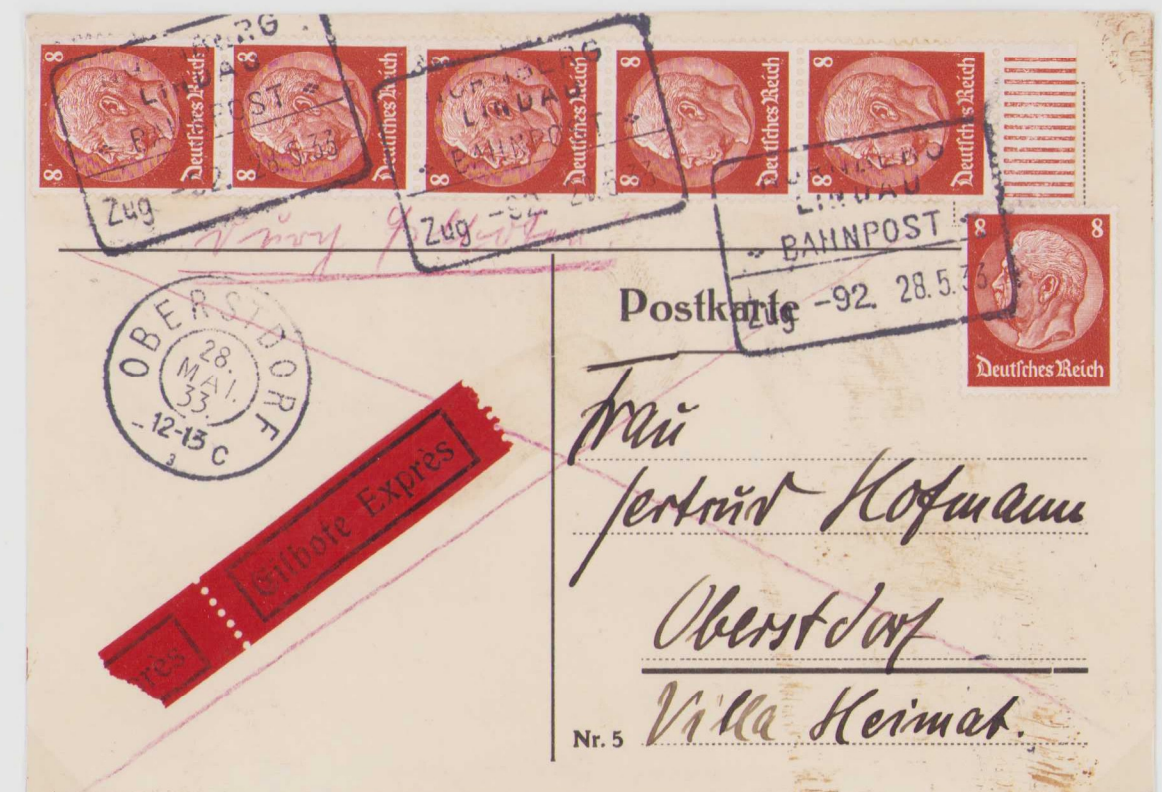
Frankfurt to Tutzing	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 15/1/32	
Letter 20-250 gr	0,30 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,70 RM
Postage due	0,10 RM



Chemnitz to Leipzig	
Rate period: 1/1/25 - 1/8/27	
Postcard	0,05 RM
Airmail surtax	0,10 RM
Express	0,30 RM
TOTAL	0,45 RM

30/4/27, Chemnitz to Leipzig. Express postcard sent by airmail. Reception cachet from Leipzig airport "Mit Luftpost befördert. Leipzig 2".

Nuremberg to Oberstdorf	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,46 RM
Overfranking	0,02 RM



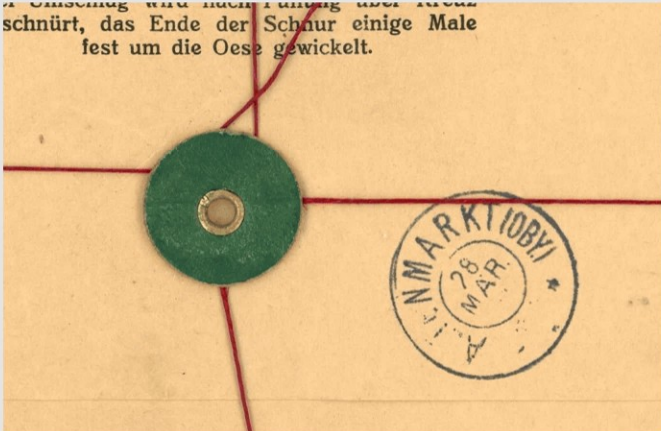
28/5/33, on board train Nuremberg - Lindau, to Oberstdorf. TPOs were able to accept express shipments.

Stationery valid from 13/6/24 to 31/7/30. Face value of 20 Pfg covers the postcard abroad rate valid from 1/12/23 to 1/1/25. After that date the stationery was still valid but was given a different use, usually with extra franking to pay for other services like this case.



Munich to Altenmarkt	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 31/7/33	
Samples 100 gr	0,15 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,55 RM

28/3/31, Munich to Altenmarkt. Samples without value sent express. Extracted from a mailbox as indicated by the upper left cachet "Aus dem Briefkasten".



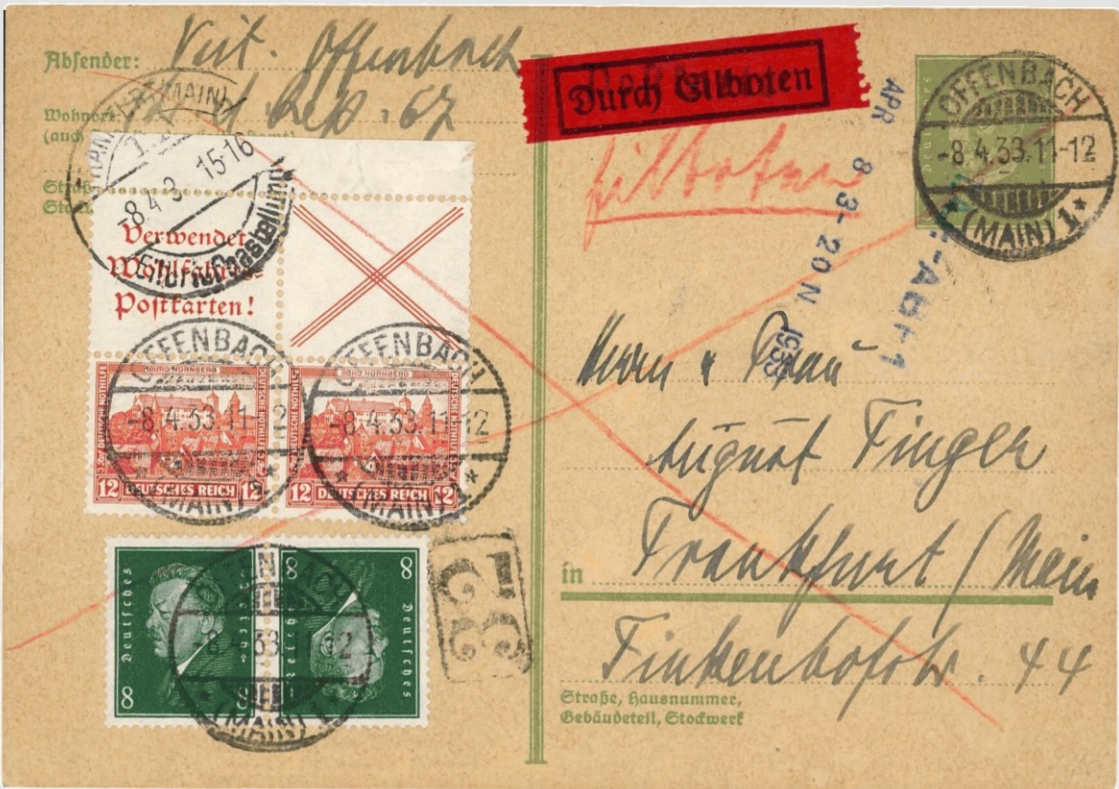
Seal and arrival on the back.

★ Express samples are scarce, extracted from a mailbox even scarcer.



29/11/40, Ascherleben to Würzburg. Mixed shipment, sent registered and express. Unusual type of shipment that allowed to sent together printed matter, samples and business papers, with a reduced rate.

Ascherleben to Würzburg	
Rate period: 1/8/33 - 1/3/46	
Mixed shipment	0,08 RM
Registration	0,30 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,78 RM



8/4/33, Offenbach to Frankfurt. Express postcard between neighboring cities with special rate. Sent through Frankfurt's pneumatic network upon arrival (2 lines blue cachet).

★ Rare combination of special rate between neighboring cities, pneumatic mail in Frankfurt and the use se-tenant stamps.

Offenbach to Frankfurt	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 28/2/46	
Postcard	0,05 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,45 RM

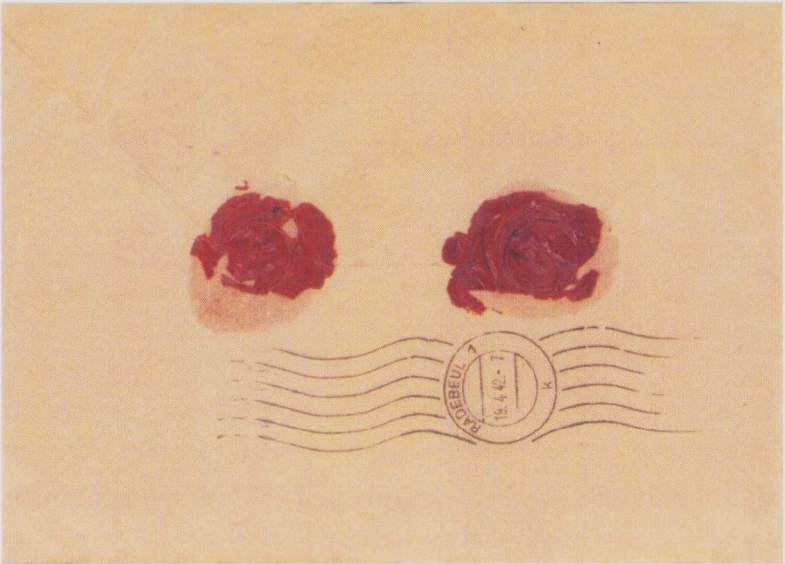


13/7/41, unknown origin to Hannover. Second step express letter. Stamps not cancelled in origin, then cancelled on destination, with the indication "Nachträglich entwertet" (belatedly cancelled).

Unknown to Hannover	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20-250 gr	0,24 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,64 RM

Chemnitz to Radebeul	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20-250 gr	0,24 RM
DV 1st 100 RM	0,50 RM
DV 0,10 x e/500 RM	0,50 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	1,64 RM

18/4/42, Chemnitz to Radebeul. Express value letter, with a declared value of 2500 RM. Postage due of 40 Pf in blue crayon, crossed out, probably by mistakenly considered destination a rural area.



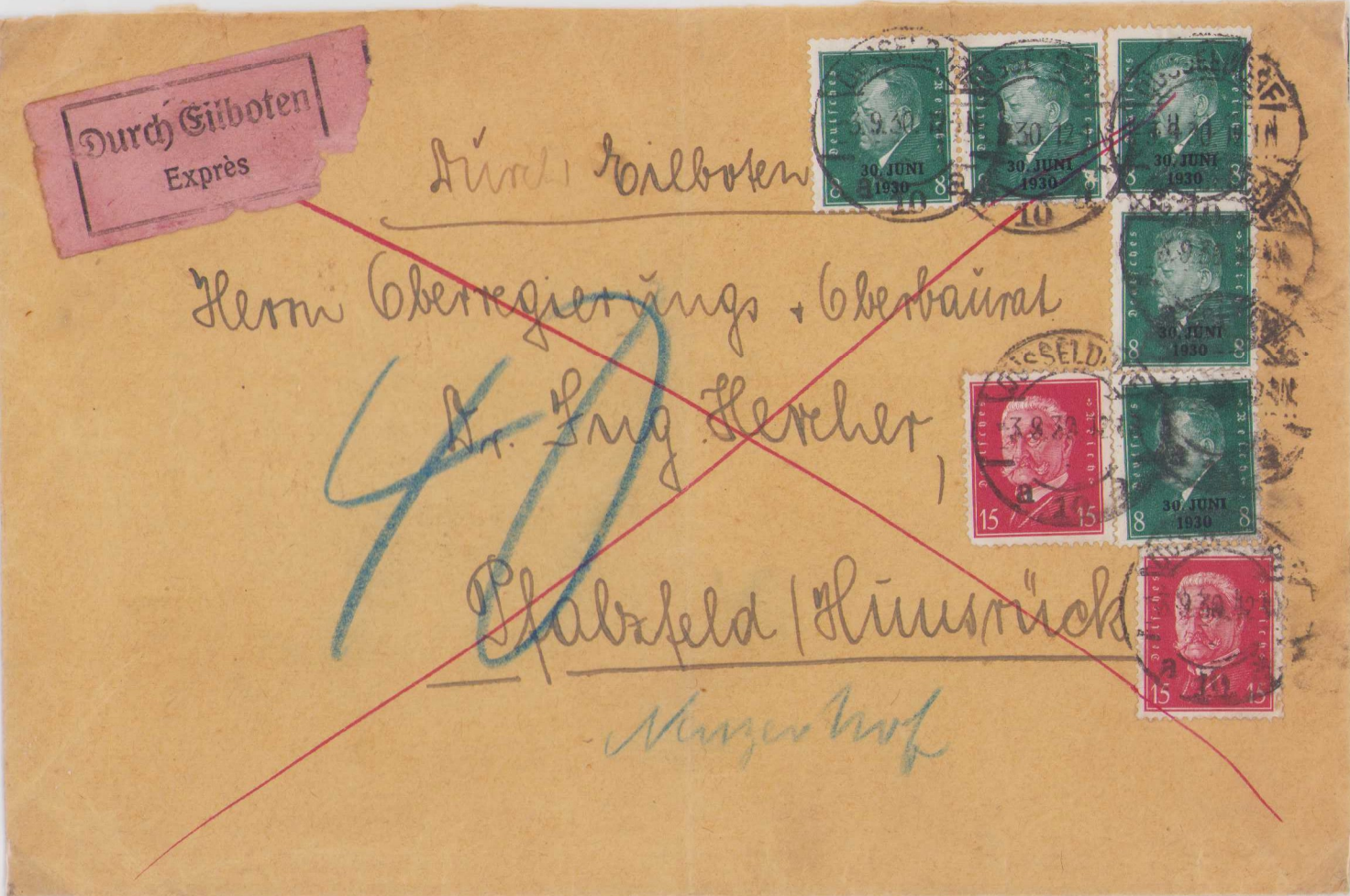
Berlin to Leipzig	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/8/33	
Bus. papers 100 gr	0,15 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,55 RM

10/6/31, Berlin to Leipzig.
Express business papers



Rural express

According to the “Practical guide for the postal and telegraphic service” by the Reichspost, the local delivery area consists in the edified zone of the city and structurally connected groups of houses, while rural areas consists on residential areas separated from the city by undeveloped roads or of difficult access. The express fee for these rural areas was double of the regular one, being 60 Pfg from 1/12/23 to 31/7/27, and 80 Pfg from 1/8/27 to 1/3/46.



Düsseldorf to Pfalzfeld	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 15/1/32	
Letter 20-250 gr	0,30 RM
Rural express	0,80 RM
TOTAL	1,10 RM
Postage due	0,40 RM

3/9/30, Düsseldorf to Pfalzfeld, a rural area. Sender paid normal express (40 Pfg) but since destination was a rural area, a postage due was marked to fully pay the rural express fee.



Mittenwald to Seemoos	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
Rural express	0,80 RM
TOTAL	0,86 RM
Postage due	0,06 RM

21/7/33, Mittenwald to Seemoos, a rural area near Friedrichshafen. Express rate fully paid but not the postcard. Marked as postage due.



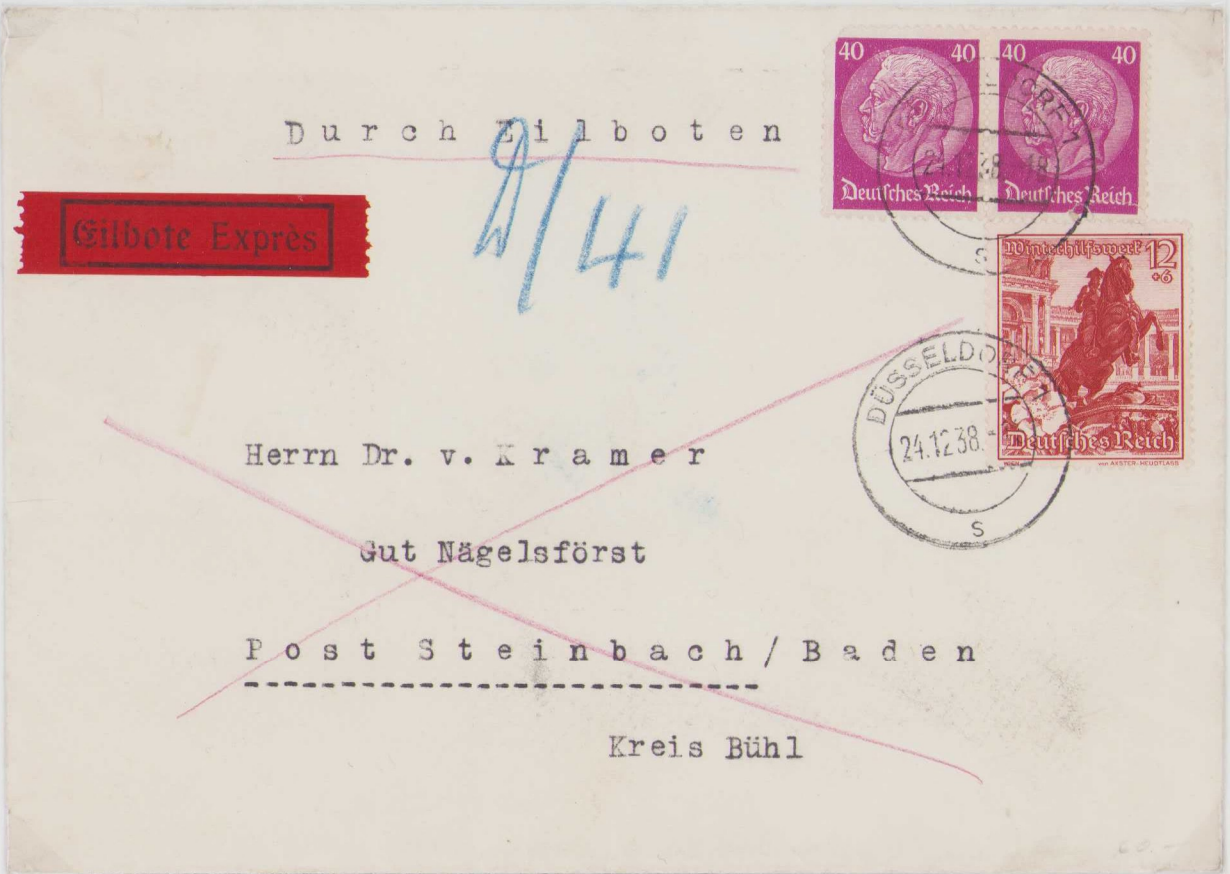
Linz - Berlin - Tieckow	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Rural express	0,80 RM
TOTAL	0,92 RM

Rural express fee added in transit. Only known to the author of this exhibit.



Düsseldorf to Gut Nägelsfürst	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Rural express	0,80 RM
TOTAL	0,92 RM

24/12/38, Düsseldorf to Gut Nägelsfürst, a rural area in Baden. Rural express fee fully paid by the sender.



12/7/40, Linz to Berlin Friedenau. On 15/7/40 redirected to Tieckow, a rural area near Fohrde in Brandenburg, adding the postage needed for a rural express. Reception in Fohrde on 16/7/40.

Express to be paid by the recipient

When sending an express shipment, its fee is normally paid by the sender, in which case they had to add the note “**Bote bezahlt**” (Courier paid). But the fee could also be paid by the recipient, in which case the Post would still add the express label and draw the red cross on the envelop, but marking the express fee as postage due. This possibility was also available for field post shipments. In case the recipient refuses to pay the fee, the letter will be returned and the fee collected from the sender.

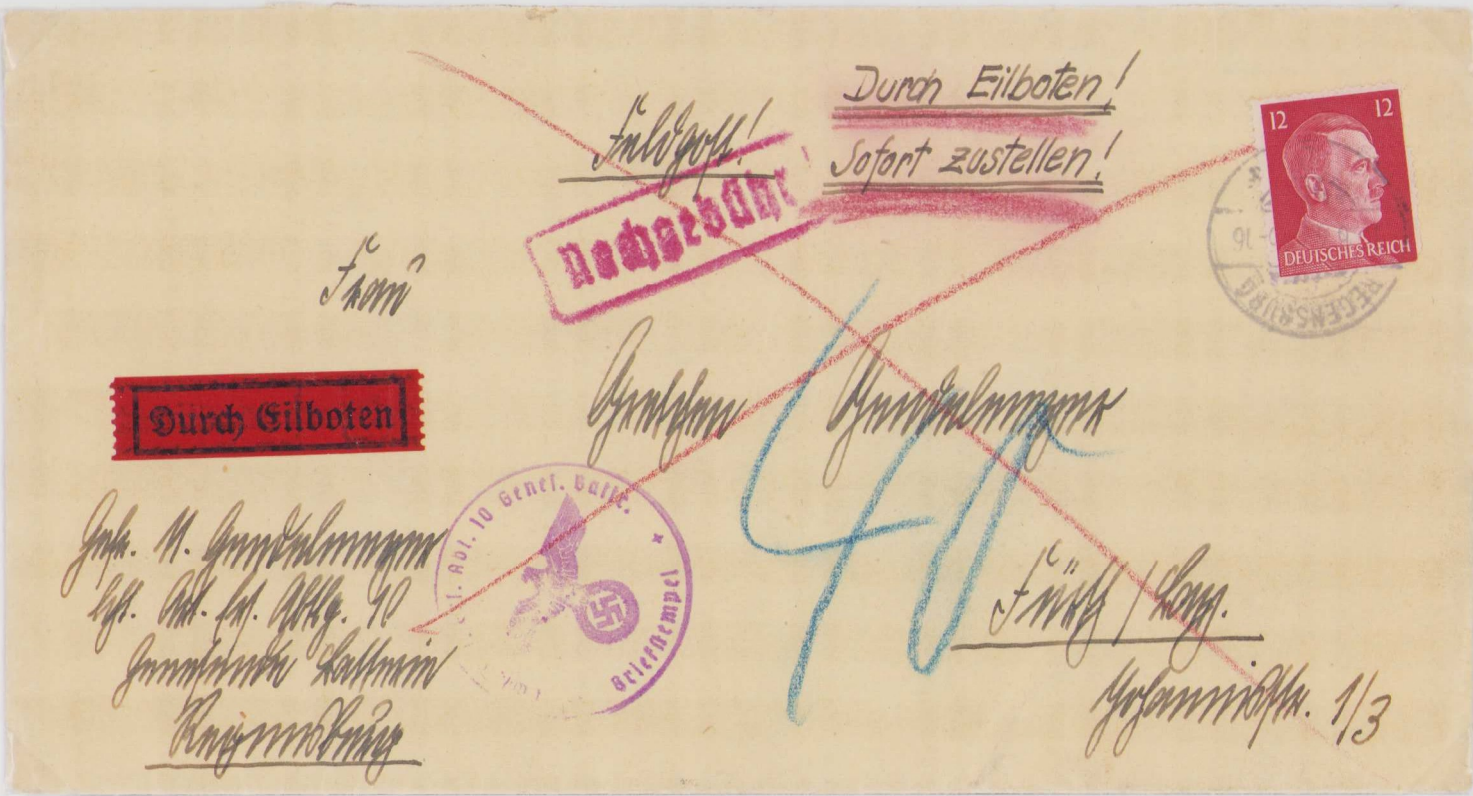


Liebau to Berlin	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Registration due	0,30 RM
Express due	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,82 RM

28/10/38, Liebau to Berlin. Registered and express, with both services to be paid by the recipient, marked as postage due.

15/6/42, Regensburg to Fürth. Field post letter with express to be paid by the recipient.

Regensburg to Fürth	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Express due	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,52 RM



20/7/43, Sollingen-Merscheid to Köslin, redirected to Stettin. Sent registered, express to be paid by the recipient, marked as postage due. In redirections, the express courier was still considered paid, and should be treated as such in the new destination.

Sollingen - Köslin - Stettin	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Registration	0,30 RM
Express due	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,82 RM

1.2. Special indications

By default, express shipments were delivered in normal working hours, twice per day in most cities, and up to 4 times per day in major cities. Despite that, a sender could indicate specific delivery times for the courier. For night hours (22 to 6am), it was requested to add the note **"auch Nachts"**. For very important or secret shipments, other indications could be given, to avoid giving the letters to other people than the recipient or leave it in a mailbox.

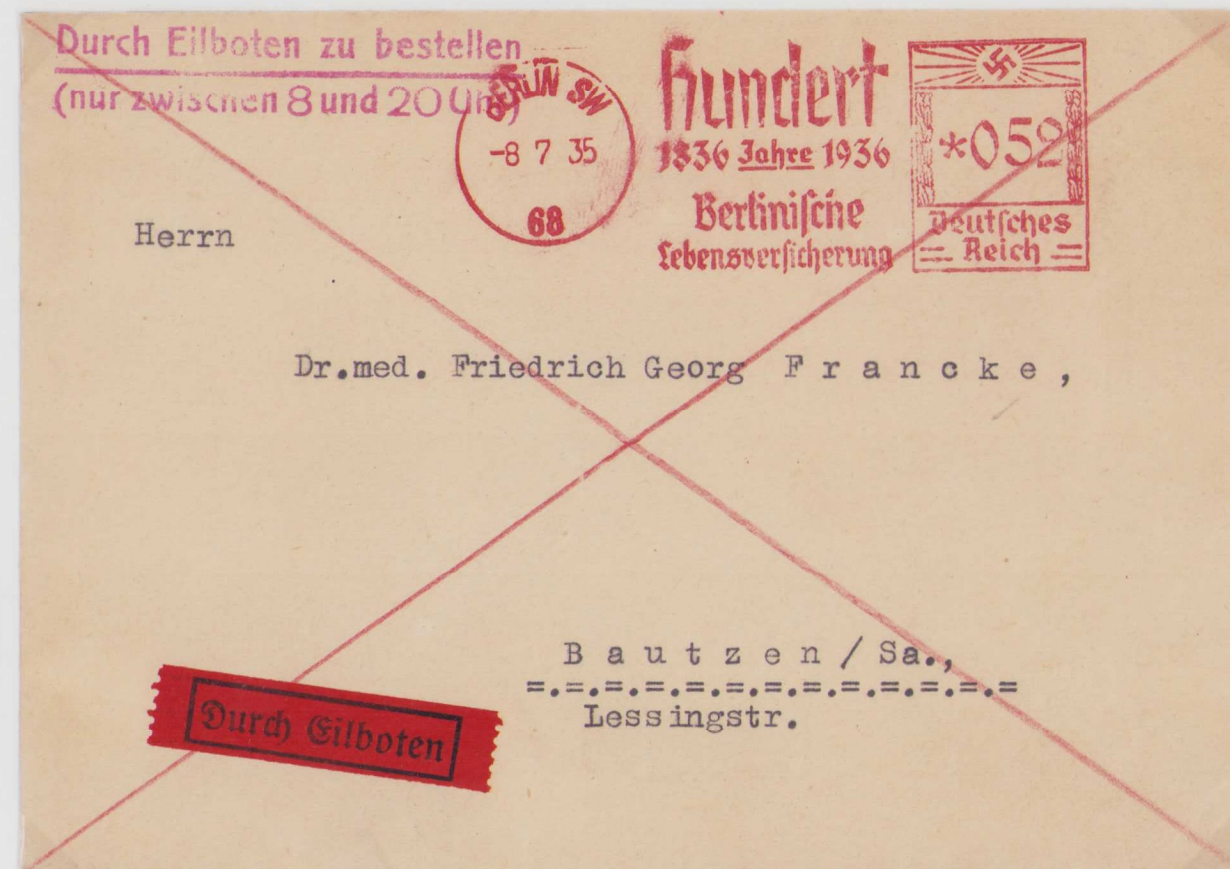


Berlin to Hameln	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 15/1/32	
Letter 20 gr	0,15 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,55 RM

3/2/30, Berlin to Hameln. Indication **"Streng vertraulich"** (strictly confidential) to deliver the letter only to the addressee in person and not leave it in a mailbox.

Berlin to Bautzen	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,52 RM

8/7/35, Berlin to Bautzen. Indication **"nur zwischen 8 und 20 Uhr"** (only between 8 and 20 hours).



Friedberg to Kassel	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,52 RM

20/6/39, Friedberg to Kassel. Express letter with handwritten indication **"auch über Nacht"** (also overnight).

Berlin to Chemnitz	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,52 RM



29/1/36, Berlin to Chemnitz. Indication **"auch Nachts"** (also at night) on top. Green cachet on the left **"Wichtige Versand - Anzeige"** (Important shipping - Look).

1.3. Postage free shipments

Official institutions, internal mail from the Post and military field post were granted free franking for simple letters, postcards and the registration service. However, in case these senders wanted to send their mail as express, they had to pay the express fee, since it wasn't included in the postage exemption. The only case fully exempt was the one of the internal mail from the Post (Postsache), that was able to use the express service without paying it.

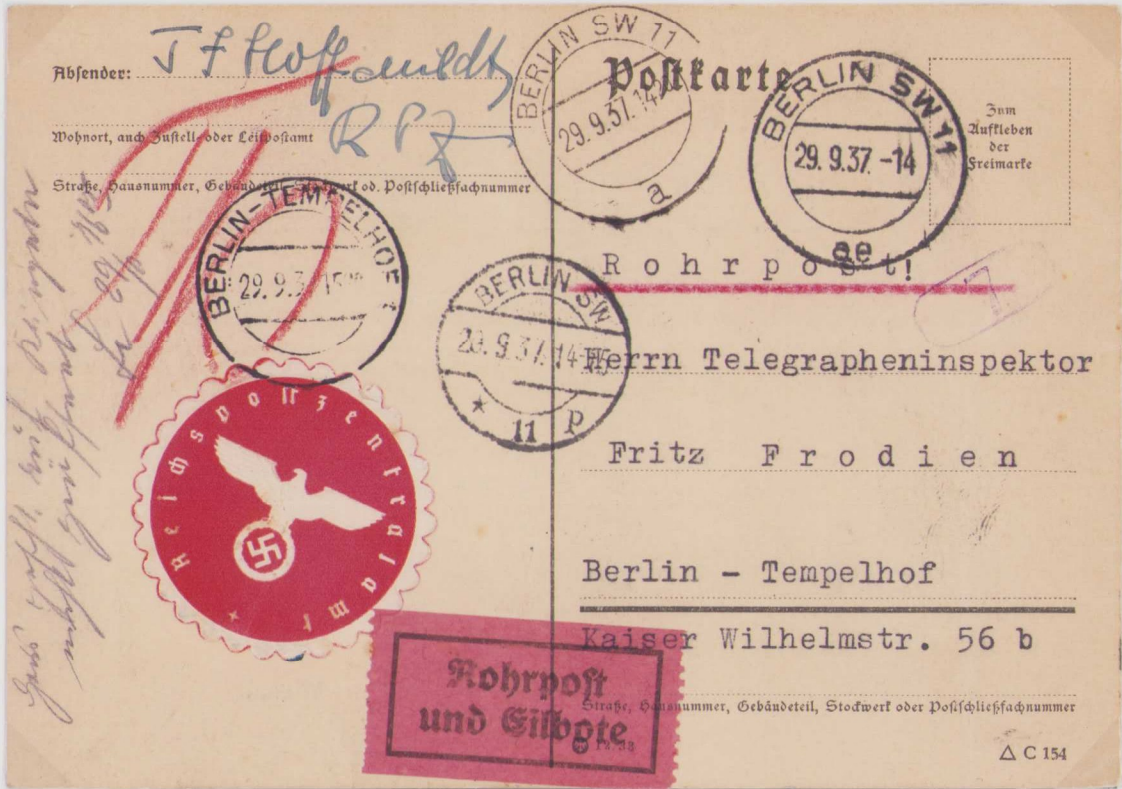


Nuremberg - Bayreuth	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Letter	Free
Registration	Free
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,40 RM

15/3/40, Nuremberg to Bayreuth. Sent registered and express by the Gestapo, paying only the express fee.

26/9/39, Mährisch Schönberg to Schreibendorf, Sudetenland. Return receipt (Rückschein) sent express by a State Court, free of postage, paying only the express fee.

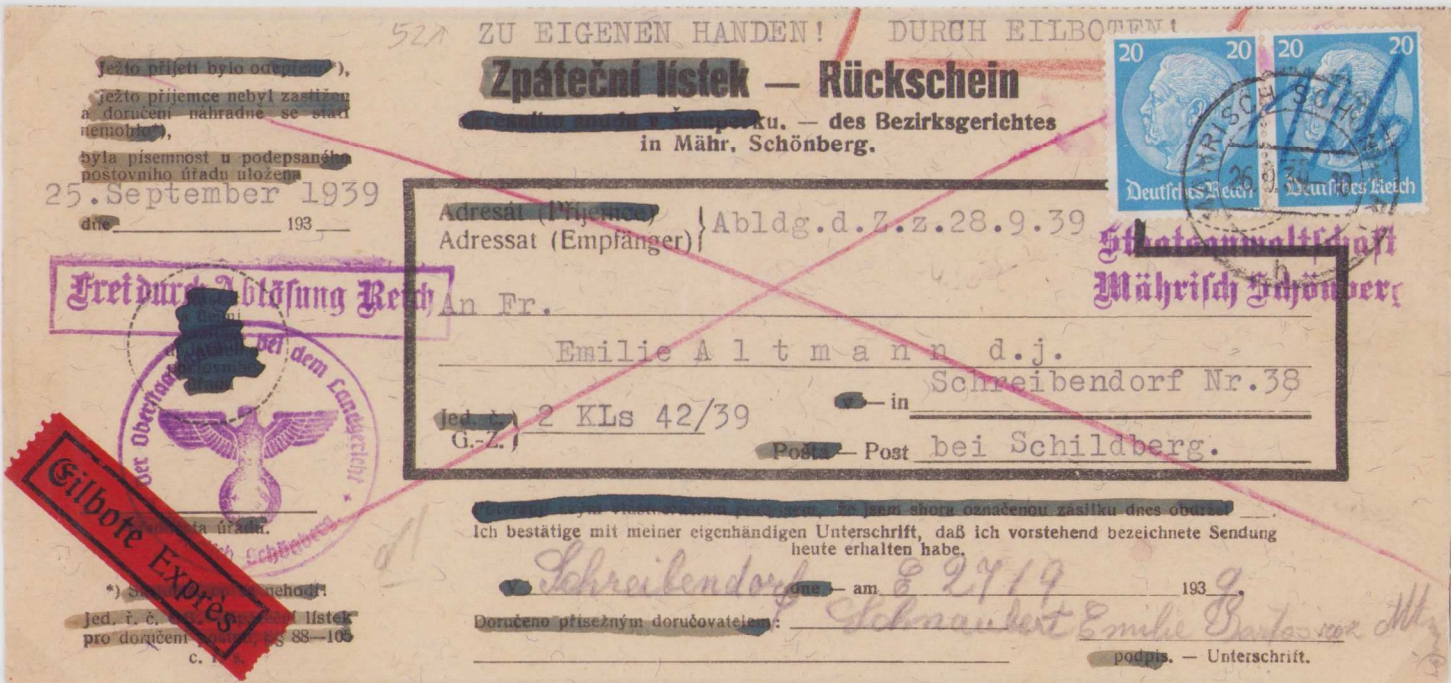
Mährisch Schönberg to Schreibendorf	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Return receipt	Free
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,40 RM

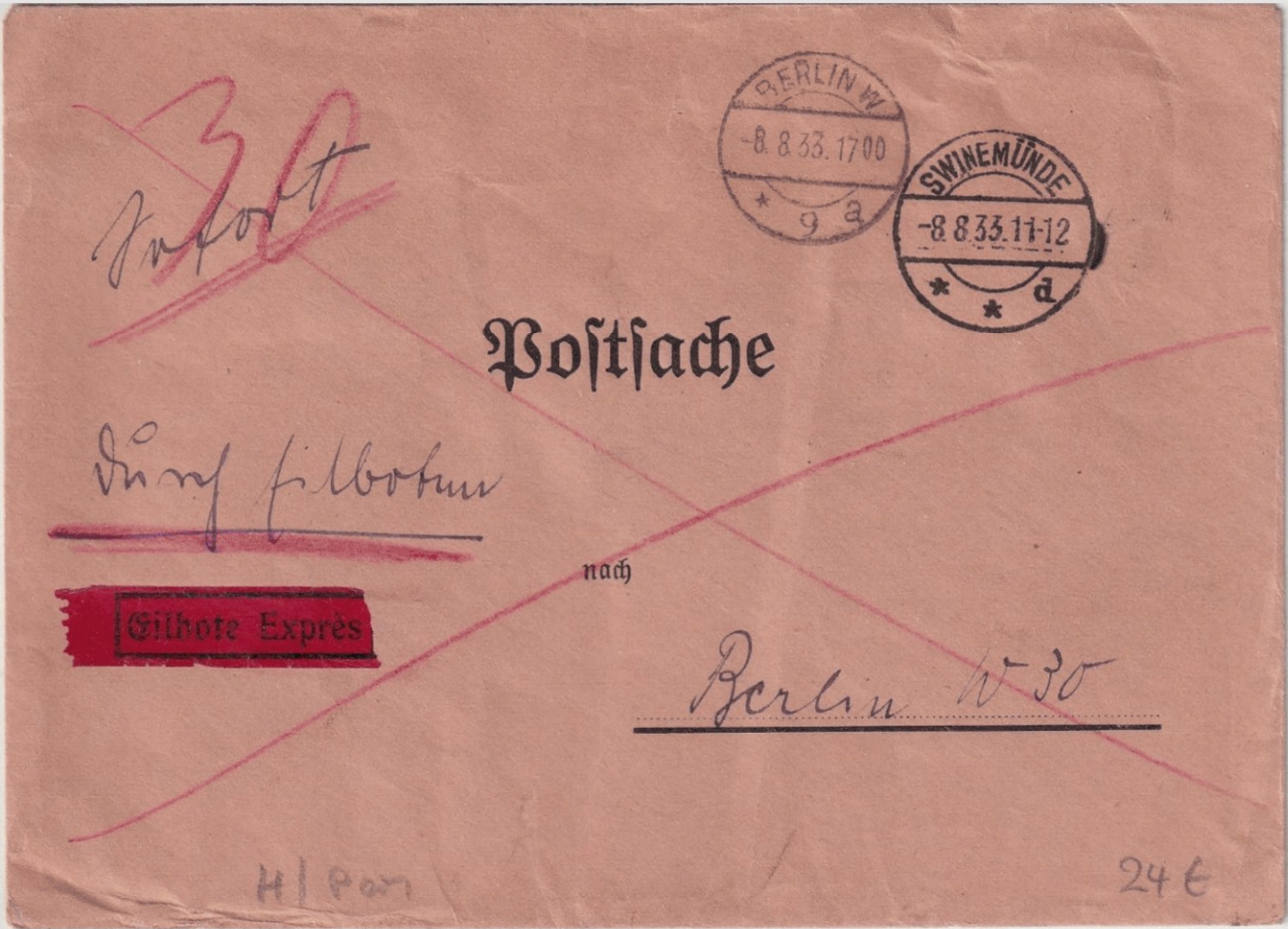


Local in Berlin	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Postcard	Free
Express	Free
Pneumatic	Free
TOTAL	Free

29/9/37, locally in Berlin. Postcard sent by the Reichspost Central Office, express and through the pneumatic tubes, to Berlin Tempelhof. Totally free of postage for being a shipment by the Post itself.

Top left and bottom left cancels shows the time with hours and minutes (Minutenstempel), typical of the pneumatic mail.





Swinemünde to Berlin	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Letter	Free
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,40 RM

8/8/33, Swinemünde to Berlin. Postal items (Postsache) sent express. Totally free of postage. On destination, sent through the pneumatic network to Post office 30, as indicated in red crayon.



18/8/24, Mainz to Offenbach. Registered express field post cover, sent by a French Military Court in the French occupied Germany after WW1.

The French occupied the Rhineland area in order to demilitarize Germany and prevent a future German invasion.

Mainz to Offenbach	
Rate period: 1/12/23 - 31/7/27	
Letter	Free
Registration	Free
Express	Free
TOTAL	Free

4/4/41, Schleswig to Augsburg. Field post sent by a Luftwaffe soldier. Surface letter rate was free for field post, although the express service was not included in the benefit. Thus, had to be paid.

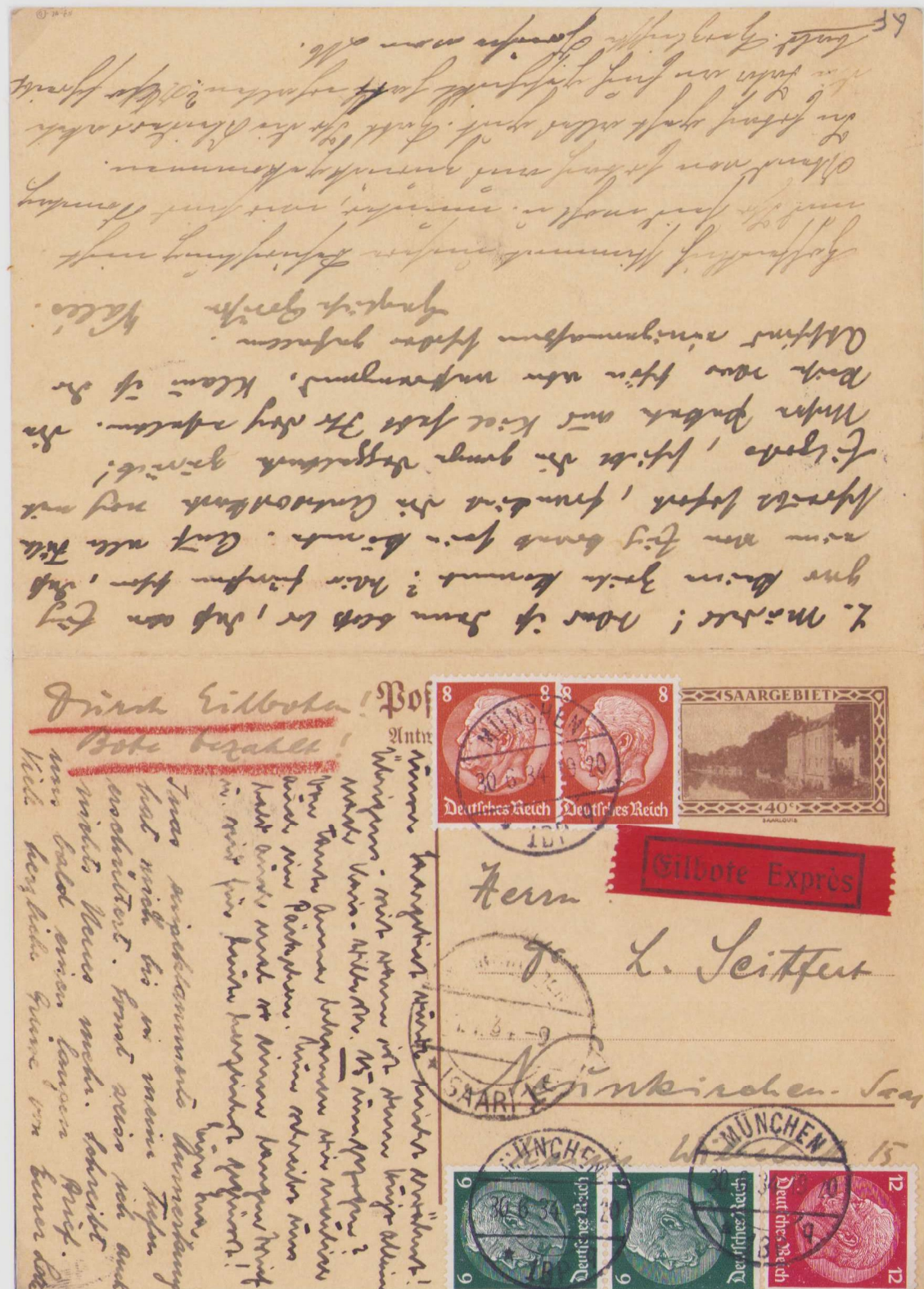
Golden vignette with the logo of the Luftwaffe on front and back.

Schleswig to Augsburg	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Letter	Free
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,40 RM



1.4. Express added in transit

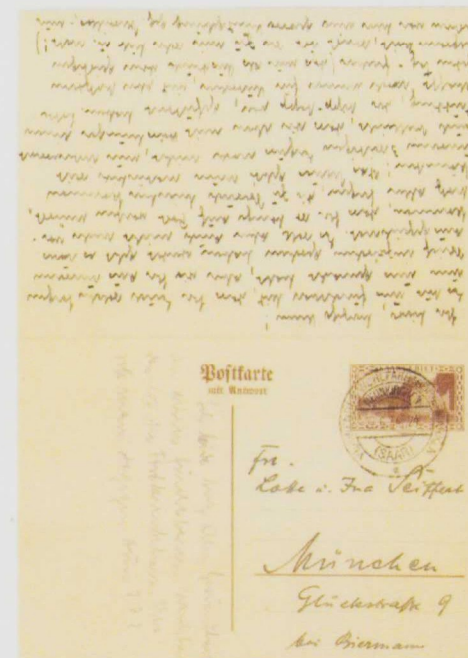
There were occasions in which the express service was not requested nor paid by the sender and was instead added in transit or in destination. Any person expecting mail in a poste restante could give indications to the Post to redirect the correspondence somewhere else. To make it faster, some requested to do it by express Courier. The Post then would add and stamp to cover the service, sending an invoice to the addressee later, or indicate the due amount as postage due. These cases are very rare. Another possible case was sending a reply card response faster by paying the express service.



Neunkirchen - Munich - Neunkirchen	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Postcard	0,40 Cents
Response	0,40 Cents
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,40 Cents + 0,40 RM

27/6/34, postcard from Neunkirchen to Munich. Response sent express on 30/6/34 by adding 40 Pfg. There was an agreement between Germany and Saar to use domestic rates between them.

Reply cards with added express service are scarce.



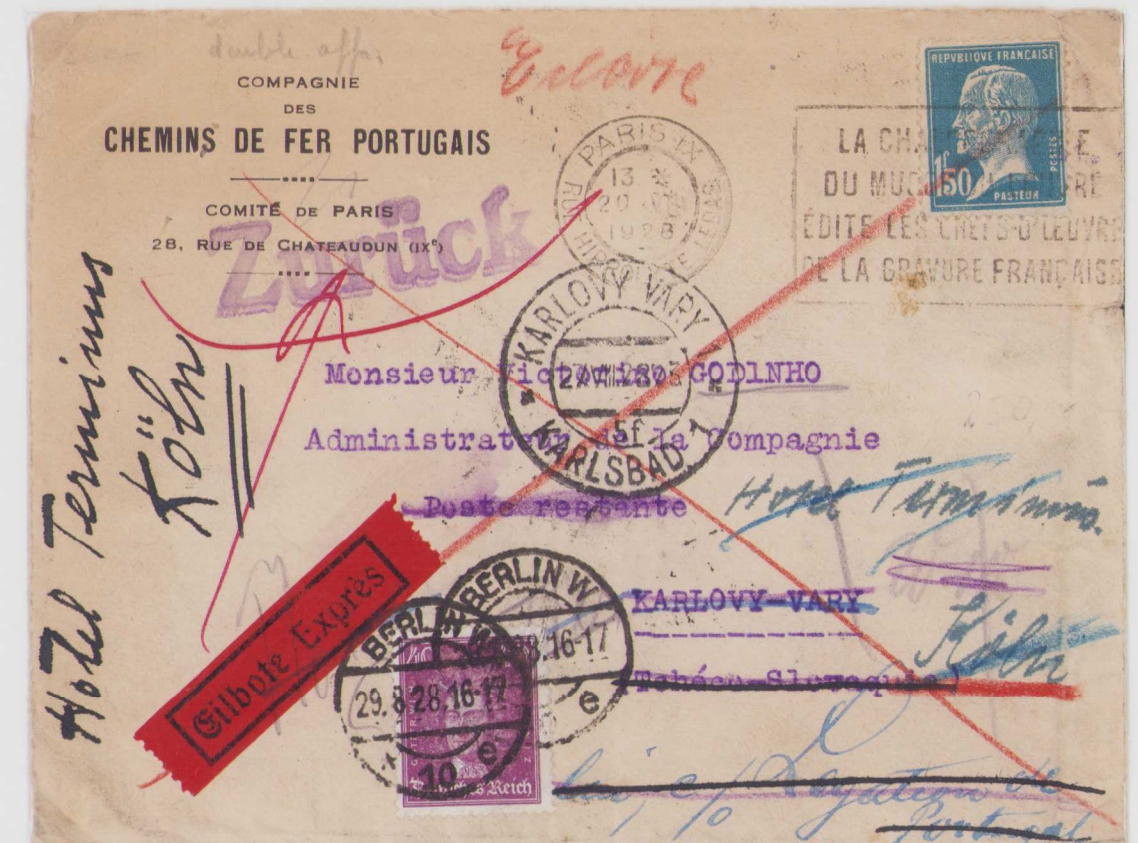
October 1934, Buenos Aires to Karlsruhe, via Condor, to a Poste Restante. Arrival on 24/10/34.

Cachet "Durch Eilboten auf Antrag des Empfängers" (By express courier at the request of the recipient).

Express fee marked as postage due. Redirected to Reichshof.

Buenos Aires - Karlsruhe - Reichshof	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Letter +20 gr	0,25 Ps
Airmail fee 1P/5gr	5,00 Ps
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	5,25 Ps + 0,40 RM

Few known



Paris - Karlovy Vary - Berlin -	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Letter	1,50 FR
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	1,50 FR + 0,40 RM

Few known

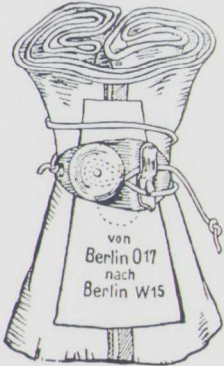


20/8/28 - Paris to Karlovy Vary, Czechoslovakia.
27/8/28 - Reception in Karlovy Vary.
28/8/28 - Redirected to Berlin.
29/8/28 - Berlin to Cologne. Express paid.
30/8/28 - Reception in Cologne.
30/8/28 - Not found, returned to sender.
21/9/28 - Reception by the sender.



1.5. Transportation and acceleration of express mail

Express correspondence addressed to the same city was put together in a bag and secured with a cord and seal. A special label was attached to it with the cord. Due to this, used labels **are always damaged**. Inside these bags, smaller packs of letters were put together in envelopes, with a squared label indicating the type of shipment and destination (Vorbindezettel).



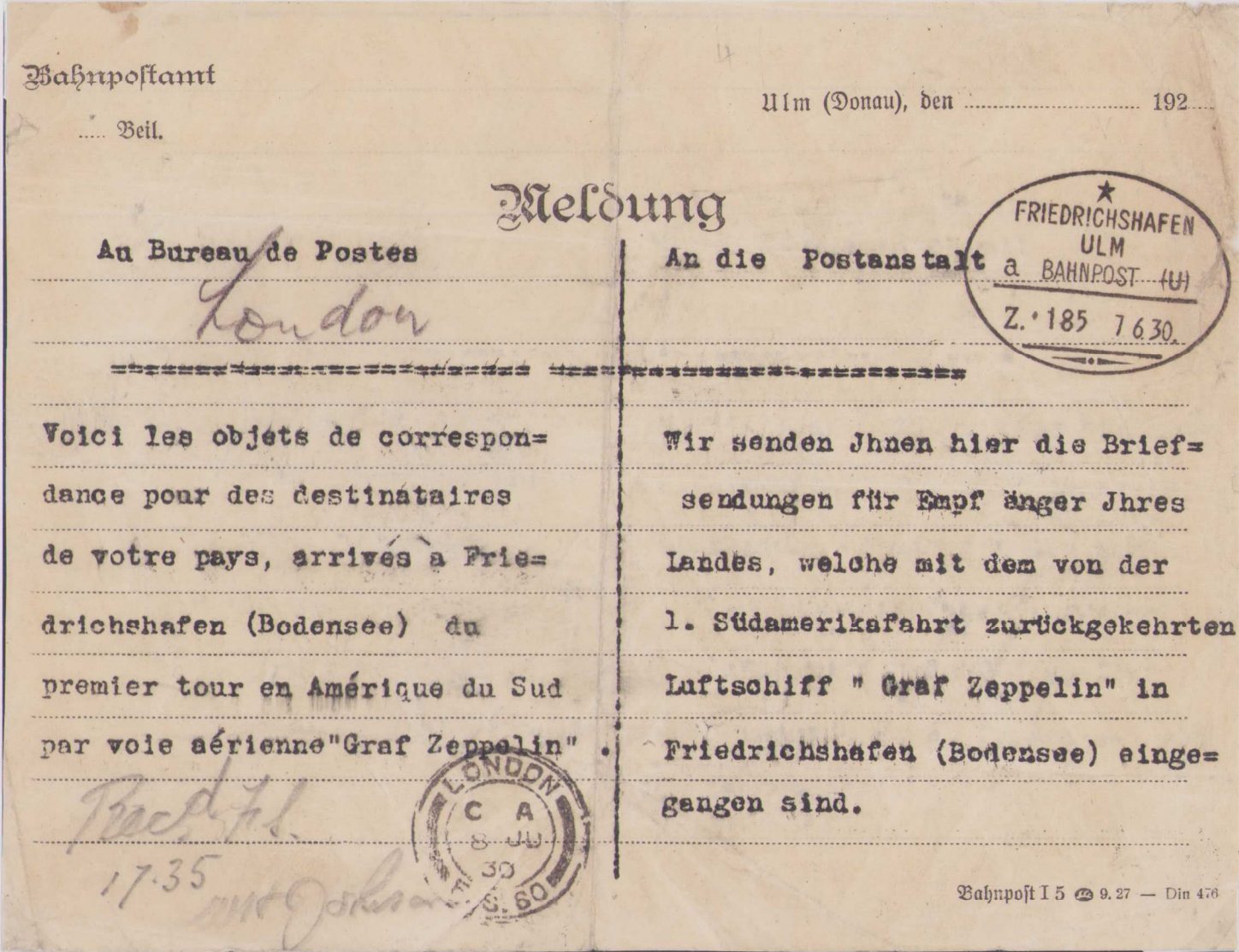
Way of tying the label to the bag according to the Reichspost.

Left. Label for a bag of express letters carried for the first Zeppelin flight to South America in 1930, addressed to London.

Cancelled with a TPO cancel from the train on route Friedrichshafen - Ulm on 7/6/30.

Right. Message from the train station Post office in Ulm, addressed to London, notifying in French and German the shipment of letters addressed to London carried by the Zeppelin. Canceled with the same TPO on 7/6/30.

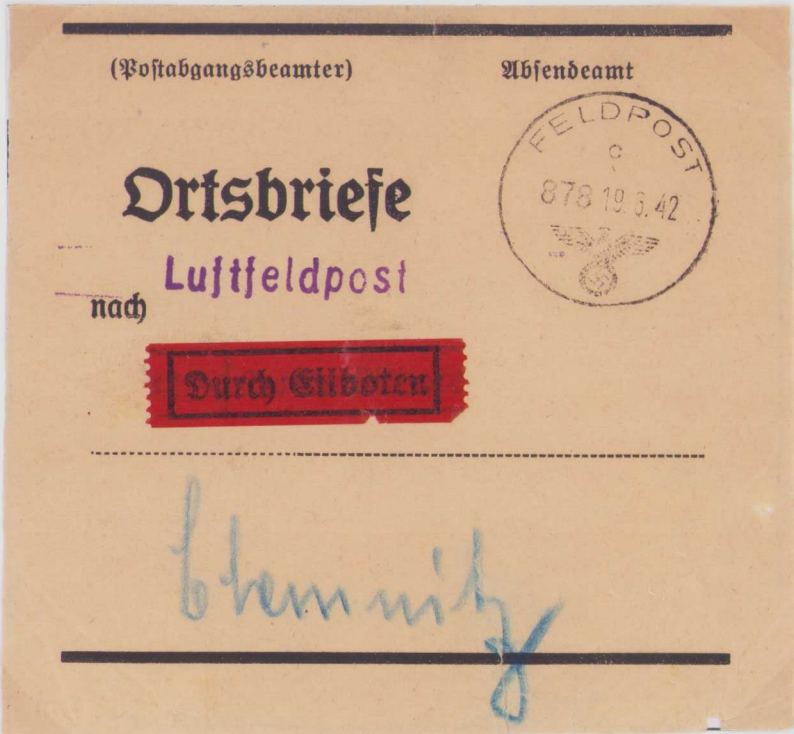
Few pairs of label + message known with Zeppelin mail.



Label for an envelope with Zeppelin letters to Bad Salzungen.



Label for an envelope with airmail field post letters to Berlin.



Label for an envelope with airmail field post letters to Chemnitz.

1.5.1. Acceleration of mail. Berlin pneumatic network

Berlin pneumatic network started its operation on 18/11/1865, initially just for telegrams. On 1/12/1876, it was opened to the public. Letters and postcards could be sent through it. Soon, it started to be used as a way of accelerating express mail, outgoing and incoming. It could be requested by the sender or used by decision of the Post, the first one being paid and the last one free of charge. Before 1/10/1927, there were pneumatic mail postcards and letters, with their own rates. After that date, the pneumatic fee was separated and established in 10 Pfg, and could be applied on demand to any letter, postcard and other types of shipments.



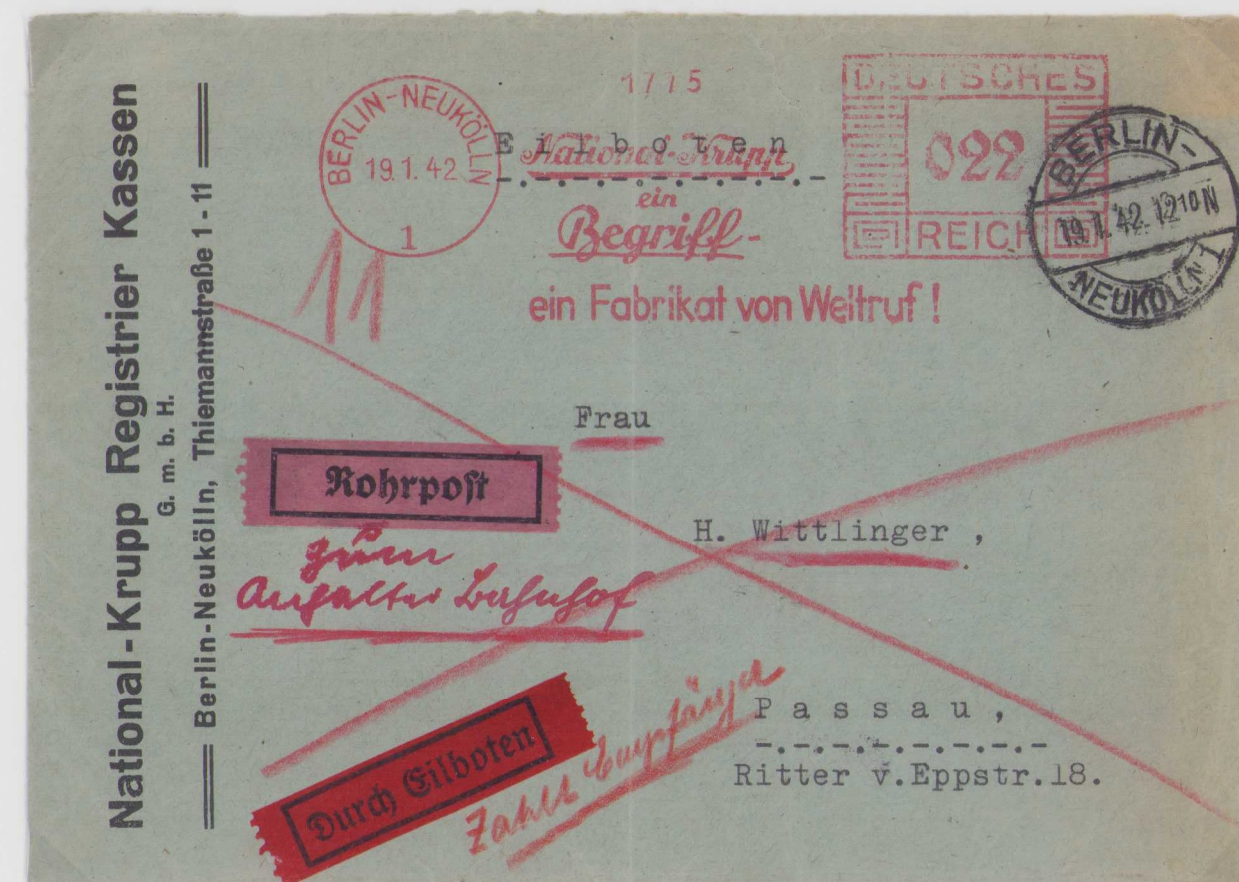
2/8/37, Berlin to Schloss Hamborn, near Paderborn. Rural express sent through the pneumatic tubes. Few covers known with rural express + pneumatic service, two on this page.

Berlin to Schloss Hamborn	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Pneumatic mail	0,10 RM
Rural express	0,80 RM
TOTAL	1,02 RM



19/1/42, Berlin to Passau. Express sent through the pneumatic tubes to Anhalter train station (PO 11). Express to be paid by the addressee as indicated by the sender in red under the label "Zahlt Empfänger".

Berlin to Passau	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Pneumatic mail	0,10 RM
TOTAL	0,22 RM
Due express	0,40 RM



Berlin to Kiel	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Pneumatic mail	0,10 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,62 RM

4/4/39, Berlin to Kiel. Express letter sent through the pneumatic tubes to PO 40 (Lehrter train station).

Unrecorded Rohrpost cachet in violet, discovered by the author of this exhibit. 3 pieces known.



Berlin to Fichtenau	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 14/1/32	
Letter 20 gr	0,15 RM
Rural express	0,80 RM
TOTAL	0,95 RM

Few covers known with rural express + pneumatic service.



18/6/28, Berlin to Fichtenau. Rural express to a small village near Berlin. Sent through the pneumatic tubes to PO 17 (Schlesische Train station). Pneumatic service not requested by sender, sent that way by the Post to accelerate the express letter.

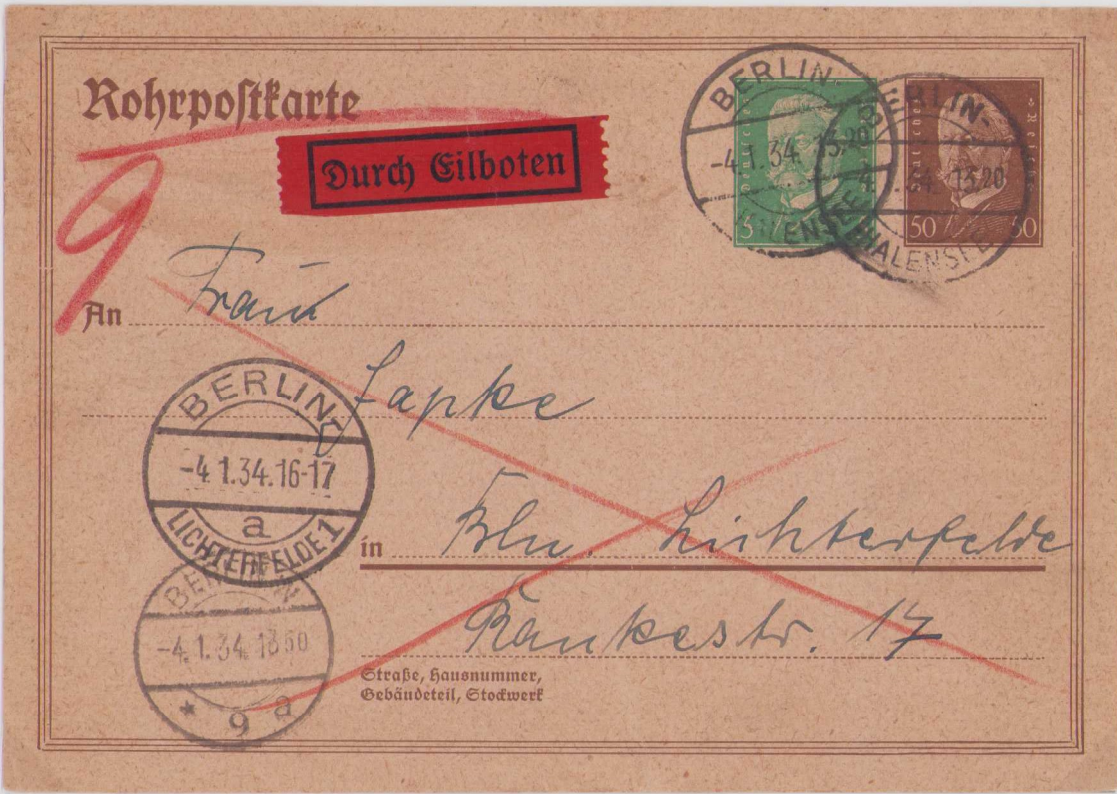
One of the most common uses of the pneumatic network was for letters and postcards inside Berlin. After 1/8/27, when the pneumatic service was established as a separate fee that could be added to most shipments, 4 new pneumatic stationeries were issued, covering the fee of a local postcard sent express and through the pneumatic tubes. These are the only express stationeries ever issued by Germany.



Berlin to Dresden	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 15/1/32	
Postcard	0,08 RM
Pneumatic mail	0,10 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,58 RM
Postage due	0,05 RM

4/1/34, local in Berlin. Express pneumatic stationery, issued on 27/9/29 and valid until 31/12/35.

Locally in Berlin	
Rate period: 1/12/33 - 1/3/46	
Postcard	0,05 RM
Pneumatic mail	0,10 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,55 RM

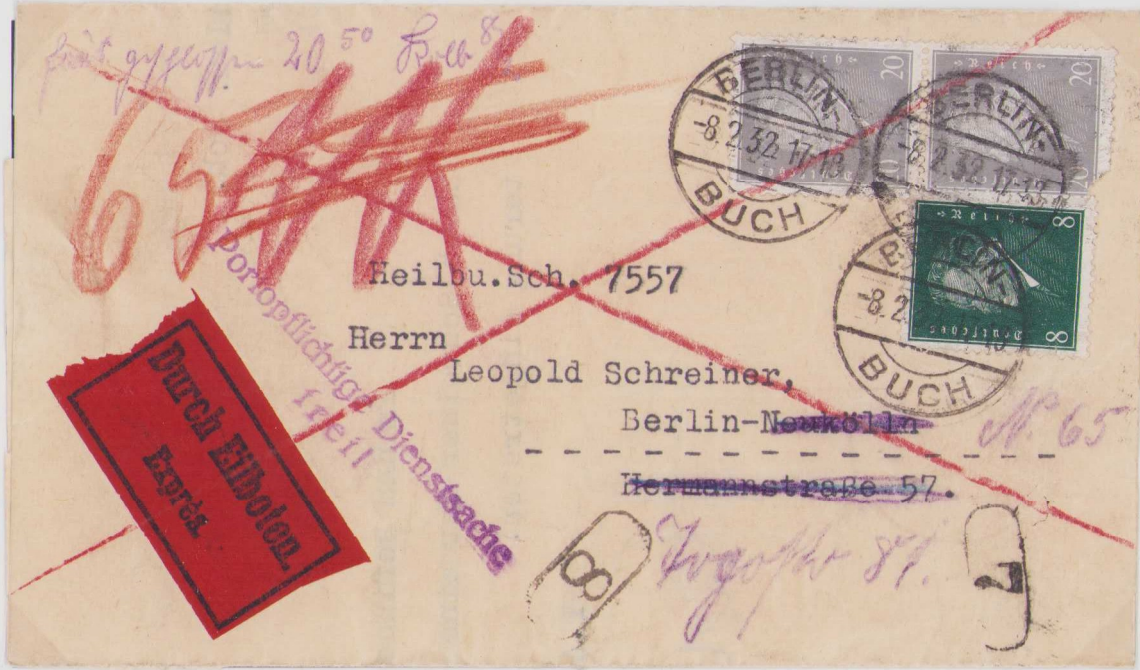


6/1/30, Berlin to Dresden. Pneumatic express stationery issued for local use but sent to another city. 3 Pfg missing. Postage due of 3 + 50% surcharge, rounded to 5 Pfg. Stationery issued on 6/3/28 and valid until 30/6/33.



Locally in Berlin	
Rate period: 1/12/33 - 1/3/46	
Postcard	0,05 RM
Pneumatic mail	0,10 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,55 RM

Locally in Berlin	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,08 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,48 RM



Receptions in Neukölln and N65

8/2/32, local in Berlin. Official matters letter subject to postage (Portopflichtige Dienstsache). Express sent through the pneumatic tubes by the Post decision. Sent first to Neukölln office (Nk in red), then redirected to Berlin N65 again through the tubes (65 in red crayon) and updating the address.

27/11/36, local in Berlin. Pneumatic express stationery issued on 28/9/34 and valid until 8/5/45.

1.5.2. Acceleration of mail. Munich pneumatic network

Besides Berlin, Munich was the only other city with a pneumatic network open to the public. Like in Berlin, letters, postcards and other shipments could be sent through the tubes by paying the fee of 10 Pfg. The Post could also decide on its own to send something through the network, for instance, to accelerate an express letter, these cases not being charged. Munich was also the only city besides Berlin where the pneumatic stationery could be used. Despite being open to the public, mail sent through Munich's pneumatic network is scarcer than the one in Berlin.



4/2/37, Augsburg to Munich. Sent through Munich pneumatic tubes by decision of the Post, to accelerate the postcard. Munich telegraphic office cancel on front, and pneumatic reception mark from office 23 on the back.

Augsburg to Munich	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,46 RM

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Arrival at office 23.

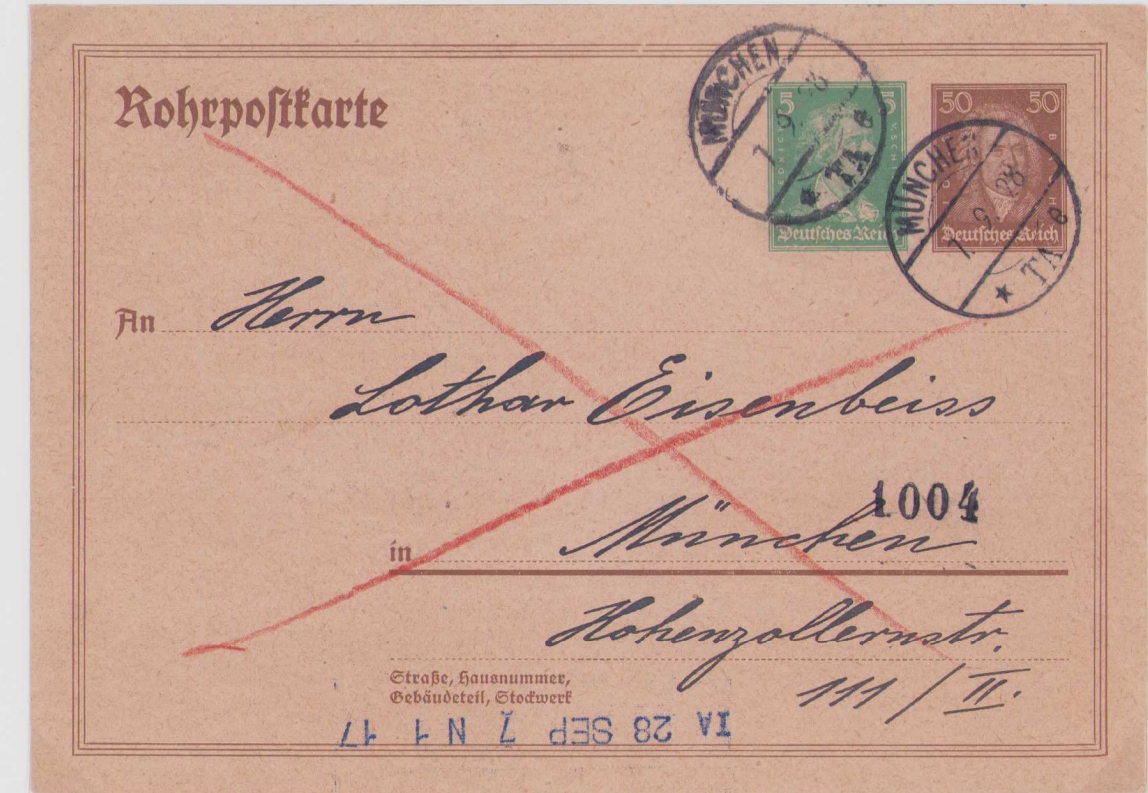
Munich to Thalkirchen	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Pneumatic mail	0,10 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,62 RM



Cancels on the back.



26/11/36, Local in Munich, then redirected to Thalkirchen, near Munich. Express letter sent through the pneumatic network, paid by the sender. Initially overpaid for local shipment (58 Pfg only) but when redirected, the postage was the proper one (62 Pfg).

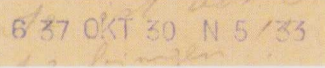


This stationery used in Munich is scarce.

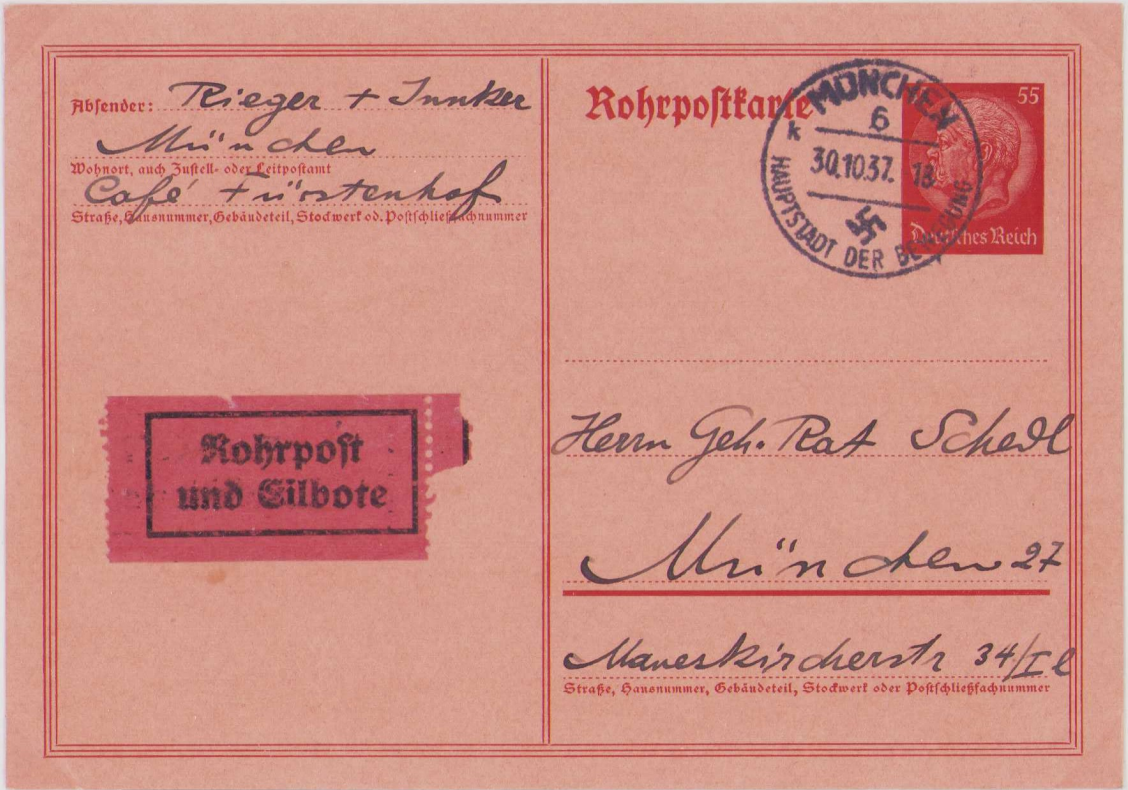
Locally in Munich	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 15/1/32	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Pneumatic mail	0,10 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,62 RM

7/9/28, local in Munich. Pneumatic express stationery issued on 6/3/28 and valid until 30/6/33.

Locally in Munich	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Postcard	0,05 RM
Pneumatic mail	0,10 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,55 RM



PO 6 pneumatic mark.



30/10/37, local in Munich. Pneumatic express stationery issued on 28/9/34 and valid until 8/5/45. Few known used in Munich.

1.5.3. Acceleration of mail. Vienna pneumatic network

Before 1938, Berlin and Munich were the only pneumatic networks in Germany open to the public. After the annexation of Austria, Vienna's pneumatic network become the third. From 4/4/38 on, they adopted the German rates, including the pneumatic fee of 10 Pfg. And like in other cities, it was commonly used to accelerate express mail.



Vienna to Lüdenscheid	
Rate period: 4/4/38 - 31/7/38	
Letter 21-250 gr	0,24 RM
Airmail surtax (x2)	0,20 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,84 RM

19/6/38, Vienna to Lüdenscheid. Austria annexation, second period of rates. Express airmail, sent through the pneumatic tubes. 6 Gr = 4 Pfg.



Budapest to Vienna	
Rate period: 1/4/26 - 15/9/41	
Letter 20 gr	0,32 Fi
Registration	0,50 Fi
Express	0,80 Fi
TOTAL	1,62 Fi



21/11/40, Budapest to Vienna. Registered and express. Special reduced rate for letters to Germany (32 Fi instead of 40 Fi for other destinations). German censorship in Vienna. Sent through the pneumatic tubes to PO 73. 2 Fi on the back.



Locally in Vienna	
Rate period: 4/4/38 - 8/5/45	
Letter 20 gr	0,08 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,48 RM



Graz to Vienna	
Rate period: 4/4/38 - 8/5/45	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,52 RM



27/4/41, Graz to Vienna. Sent express onboard TPO Wien-Graz. Sent through the pneumatic tubes to PO 62 on 28/4/41.

2/10/42, Vienna. Sent through the tubes to PO 110. Recipient unknown. Resent to PO 73.

1.5.4. Acceleration of mail. Hamburg pneumatic network

Unlike Berlin, Munich and Vienna, the pneumatic network in Hamburg was not open to the public, and it was used by the Post itself to distribute the correspondence or accelerate express letters. Hamburg is a very special case in Germany, being the only city in the whole country using trains, trams and the pneumatic network in the delivery of the correspondence, which can be sometimes difficult to determine which system was used.

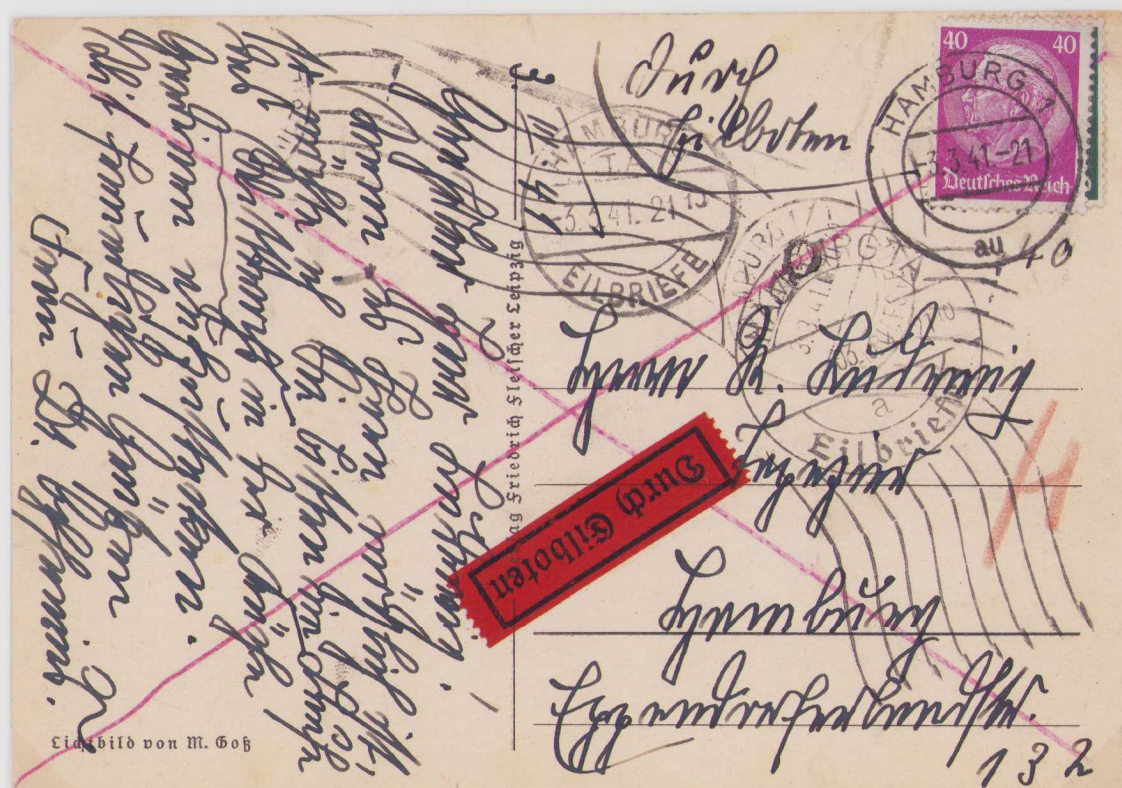


Locally in Hamburg	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 15/1/32	
Letter 20-250 gr	0,15 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,55 RM



Leverkusen to Hamburg	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Airmail surtax	0,10 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,62 RM

1/12/28, local in Hamburg. Express sent through the pneumatic tubes to PO 11. Scarce arrival stamp from PO 11 on the back.



Locally in Hamburg	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Postcard	0,05 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,45 RM
Overfranking	0,01 RM



Posted at sea to Hamburg	
Rate period: 1/1/25 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,55 RM
Express	0,50 RM
TOTAL	0,75 RM

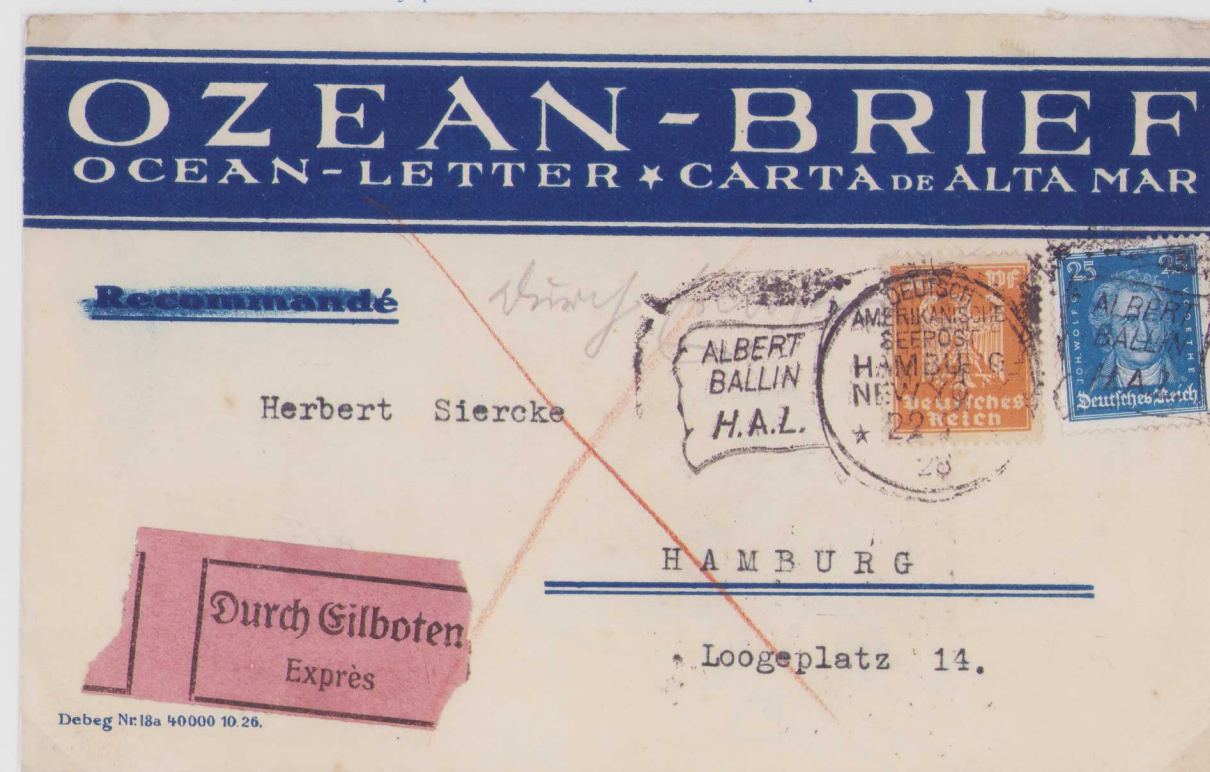
Express ocean letters are scarce. Rarer combined with pneumatic mail.



3/3/41, local in Hamburg. sent through the pneumatic tubes to Hamburg HTA. "H" in red crayon. Entry at 20:40 in PO 1, Post Pavilion at 21:10, HTA at 21:10.



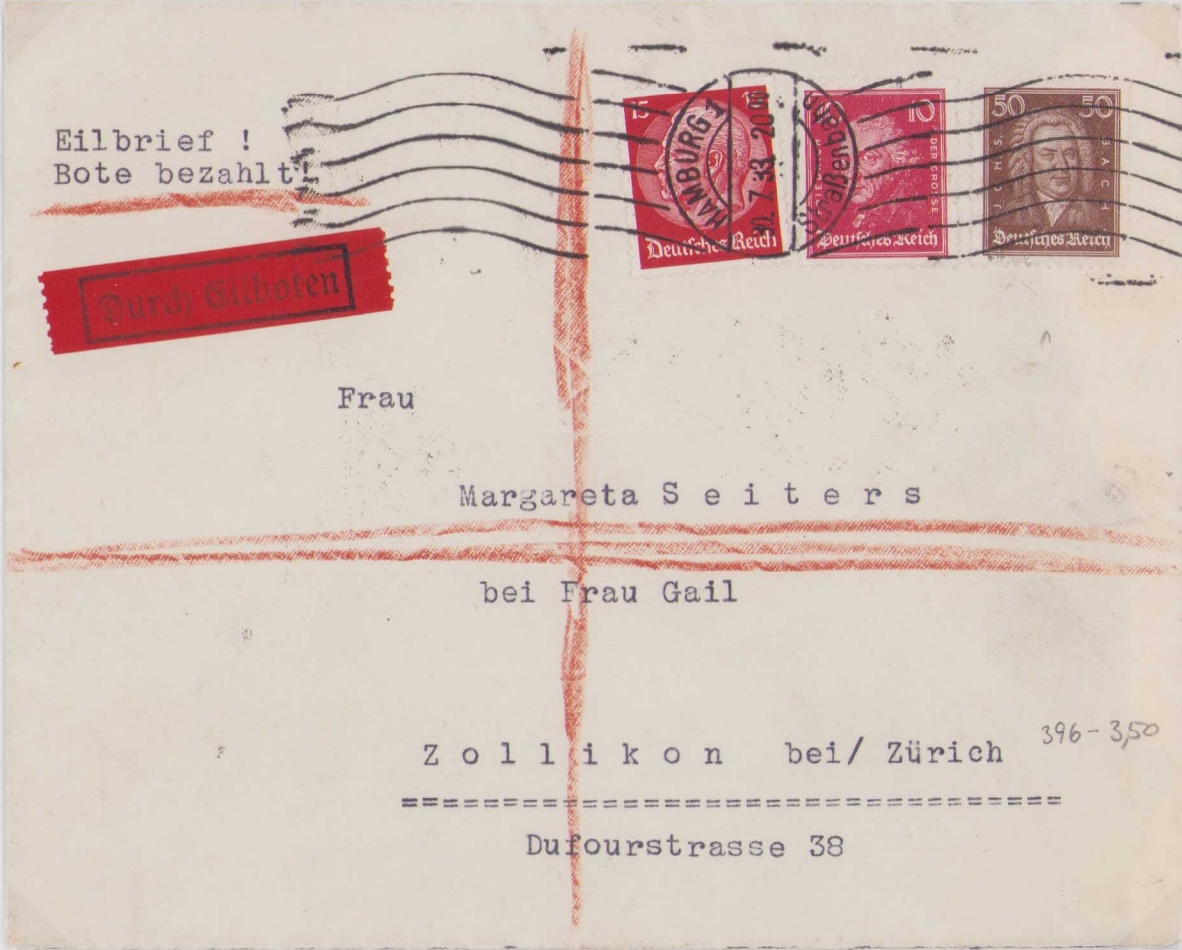
23/5/35, Leverkusen to Hamburg. Airmail express letter, sent through the pneumatic tubes to PO 8. Post Pavilion entry postmark on the back and reception in PO 8.



22/3/28, on board ship Albert Ballin, to Hamburg. Express ocean letter. Reception on PO 30 on 25/3, sent through the pneumatic tubes to Post Pavilion.

1.5.6. Acceleration of mail. Hamburg tramway

Hamburg trams had 2 mailboxes in their wagons, one for the public and another for internal use of the Post. Any person could drop a letter in the tram mailbox by paying the special fee of 5 Pfg. But like the pneumatic service in other cities, the Post could decide on its own to send something using the tram, in which case the fee was not paid. Express letters didn't require the fee to be paid. Special postmarks indicating the hour and minutes were used.



30/7/33, Hamburg to Zollikon, Switzerland. Dispatched on board the tram. No fee charged.

Hamburg to Zollikon	
Rate period: 1/1/25 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,25 RM
Express	0,50 RM
TOTAL	0,75 RM



14/8/29, Hamburg to Flensburg. Sent onboard the tram, paying the special fee, although it was not required for express letters.

Hamburg to Flensburg	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 15/1/32	
Letter 20-250 gr	0,30 RM
Tram fee	0,05 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,75 RM



Hamburg to Berlin	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,52 RM

11/5/39, Hamburg to Berlin. Dispatched onboard the tram, no fee required. Sent through Berlin pneumatic tubes on destination.

Rare combination of tram + pneumatic service.

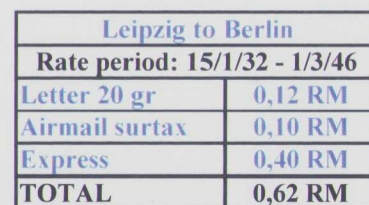


Hamburg to Hildesheim	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,46 RM



11/4/32, Hamburg to Hildesheim. Express postcard sent onboard the tram at 19:40. Fee not paid for being an express letter. Arrival in Hildesheim on 12/4/32.

Frankfurt, Leipzig and Düsseldorf also had pneumatic networks, and like in Hamburg, they weren't open to the public, and were used only internally by the Post, to accelerate express covers or send airmail faster to the airport.



Braunschweig to Düsseldorf	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,52 RM



29/8/25, Leipzig
to Frankfurt.
Airmail express
postcard sent
through the tu-
bes in Frankfurt.
Pneumatic ca-
chet on the left.

Mein liebes Weib! Hiermit habe
ich wieder einen postfähigen Brief
gemacht. Bräuers haben das
Formular bei dem Dr. Rönne
bestellt und das Geschäft soll-
te die Lieferung beschleunigen.
meiner Vorliebkeit für
ist da noch schon einige
paar ohne Postes
auf 4 1/2 Mark für 5 Mark
einmalig belohnung,
d.h. ich habe so viel
gleich gesagt. Belohnung
wird ich keine bezah-
len. Frischkuch nehmen

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29.8.25 6-7 N
Mit Luftpost
Post. Leipzig

Frankfurt/M.
Weberstr. 26

Flugpost
Durch Gilboten

LEIPZIG
29.8.25 6-7 N
Mit Luftpost
Post. Leipzig

Anna Weber

Gross Martin, Gehlrig, \$189

Vienna to Frankfurt	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Pneumatic mail	0,10 RM
Express due	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0.62 RM

Leipzig to Frankfurt	
Rate period: 1/12/23 - 1/8/24	
Postcard	0,05 RM
Airmail surtax	0,10 RM
Express	0,30 RM
TOTAL	0,45 RM

1.6. Special uses

The express service was important to speed up the transmission of news and delivering newspapers faster. Sometimes it was used to correct mistakes or delays in the regular shipping of mail, and it was not only available for regular correspondence, but for other services too, like the telegraph and other cases.



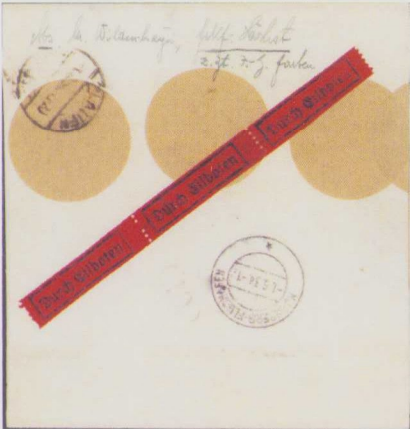
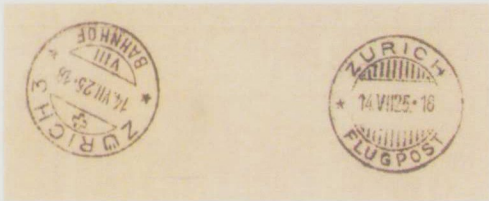
Local in Düsseldorf	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Newspaper 50-100 Gr	0,04 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,44 RM

13/3/38, locally on Düsseldorf. Newspaper announcing the annexation of Austria into the Reich. Sent express to a SA-Obergruppenführer the day after the German troops entered Austria.



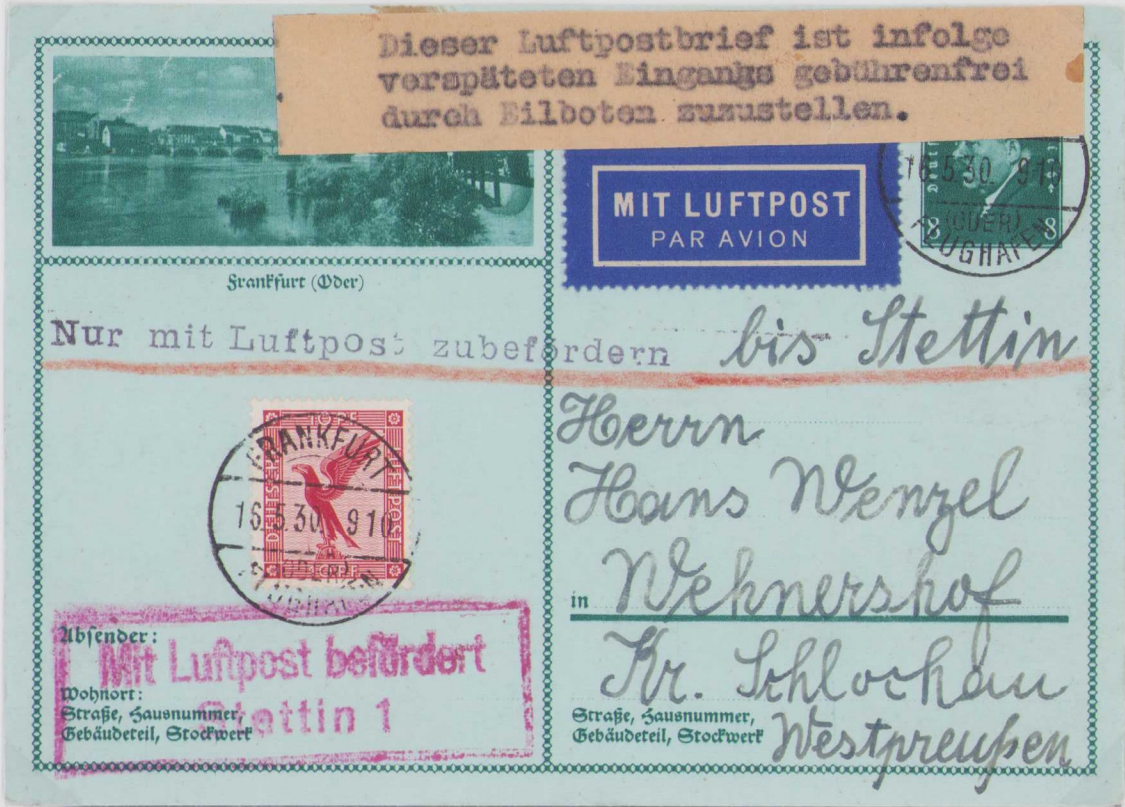
Frankfurt to Zurich	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Newspaper 120 gr	0,15 RM
Airmail surtax (x7)	1,40 RM
Express	0,60 RM
TOTAL	2,15 RM

14/7/25, Frankfurt to Zurich.
Newspaper wrapper, sent ex-
press via airmail.



1/6/34, Frankfurt to Plauen.
Newspaper wrapper, sent
express via airmail. Recep-
tion cachet from Nuremberg
and Plauen airports.

Frankfurt to Plauen	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Newspaper 340 gr	0,30 RM
Airmail surtax (x)	1,25 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	1,95 RM
Overfranking	0,10 RM



Frankfurt to Wehmershof	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Postcard	0,08 RM
Airmail surtax	0,10 RM
TOTAL	0,18 RM

16/5/30, Frankfurt to wehmershof. Airmail up to Stettin.

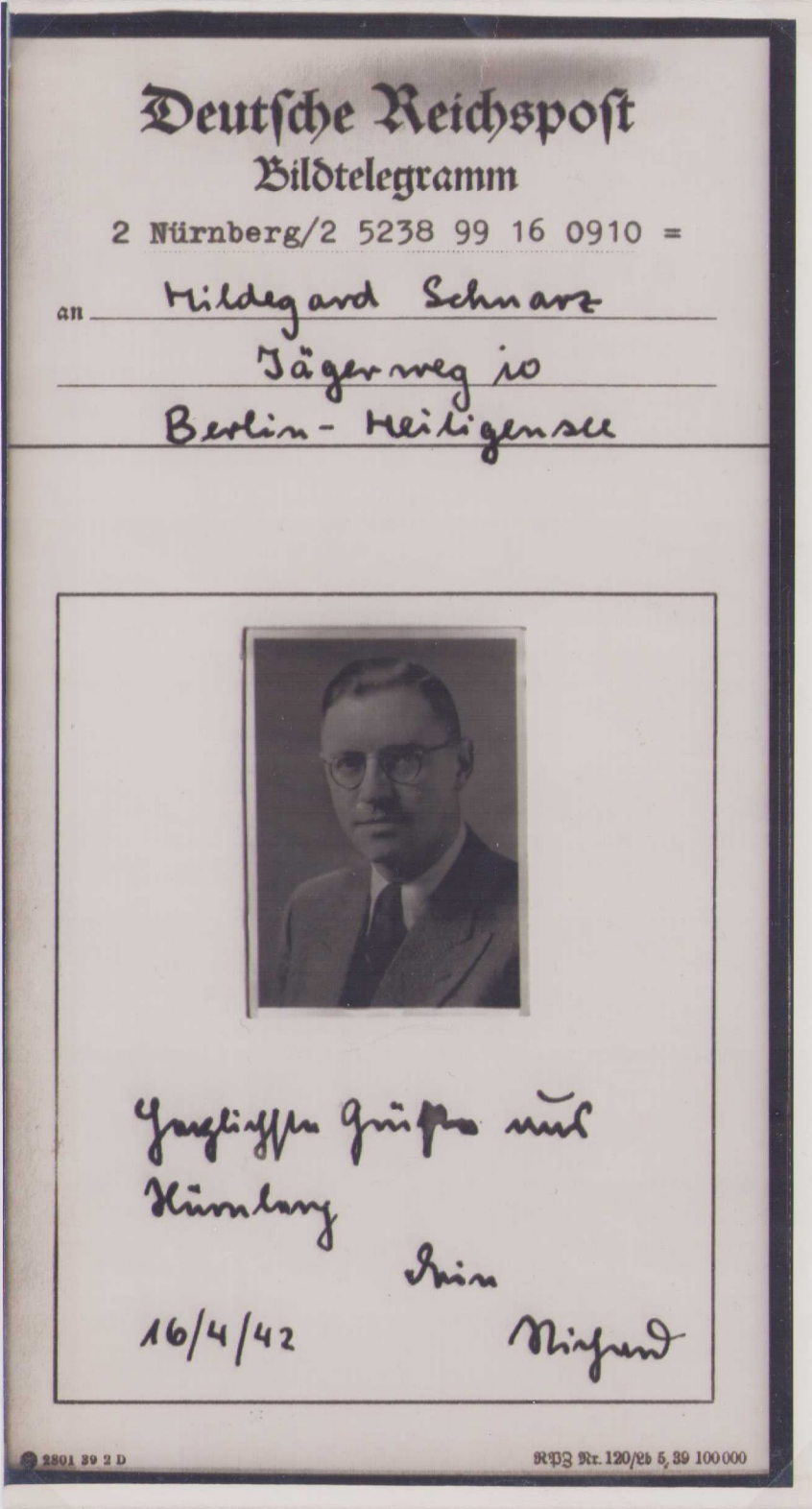
Label added stating that the postcard will be delivered
by express Courier free of charge due to the airplane's
delay.



Regensburg to Bamberg	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Postcard	0,06 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,46 RM

23/9/40, Regensburg to Bamberg.
Book list, sent express as postcard.

These shipments were used for ordering, canceling, or offering books, magazines, pictures, and sheet music. Only information that served to identify the ordered or offered works was permitted.



Nuremberg to Berlin	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Letter	Free
Pneumatic	Free
Express	Free
TOTAL	Free

Top left and above. 16/4/42, Nuremberg to Berlin. Picture telegram sent as postal item (Postsache) free of charge.

Sender only paid for transmitting the telegram itself, 15 Pfg/word + 2 RM per photo.

★ Few known with the photo content.

Transmitted to Berlin, printed and sent express via the pneumatic network.

Munsterlager to Berlin	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Telegram 15 Pfg/word	0.75 RM
Express	0.80 RM
TOTAL	1.55 RM

Left. 20/12/44, Munsterlager to Berlin. Express telegram. Usual red label to indicate the service, and cachet “E” for “Eilboten” (express courier).

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Ocean-Brief
Ocean-Letter, Carta de alta mar

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Bremerhaven to Halle Saale	
Rate period: 1/1/25 - 1/8/27	
Letter	0,10 RM
Express	0,30 RM
TOTAL	0,40 RM

11/4/25, Bremerhaven to
Haale Saale. Ocean letter sent
express. Arrival on same day.

Oettingen to Fulda	
Rate period: 1/1/25 - 1/8/27	
Letter	0,10 RM
Rural express	0.60 RM
TOTAL	0,70 RM
Express due	0,30 RM
Private courier	0.80 RM

7/4/27, Oettingen to a rural area near Fulda. Sent express but paid for regular express. Since it was a rural area 30 Pfg more were needed.

Ocassionally, when there were not Post couriers available, the Post could hire a private one, in which case its costs will be marked as postage due and collected from the addressee.



Few pieces known by private couriers.

2. Annexations and occupations

On March 12th, 1938, the Wehrmacht invaded Austria without resistance and the next day it was annexed to Nazi Germany as a new province called Ostmark. From March 13th to April 3rd, Ostmark continued using the Austrian stamps and rates. From April 4th to July 31st, German Surface rates were adopted but keeping Austrian services rates (registration, express, etc), and both Austrian and German stamps were accepted, with an equivalence of 2 Pfg = 3 Gr. From August 1st on, only German stamps were valid and German rates were fully adopted.



30/3/38. Vienna to Berlin.
Airmail, registered, express
letter.

1st period of rates after the
annexation, keeping Austrian
stamps and rates.

Vienna to Berlin	
Rate period: 13/3/38 - 3/4/38	
Letter 20-250 gr	0,36 Sch
Registration	0,40 Sch
Airmail surtax	0,80 Sch
Express	0,30 Sch
TOTAL	1,86 Sch
Overfranking	0,04 Sch



Vienna to Stuttgart	
Rate period: 4/4/38 - 31/7/38	
Letter	0,12 RM
Express	0,20 RM
TOTAL	0,32 RM
Overfranking	0,02 RM

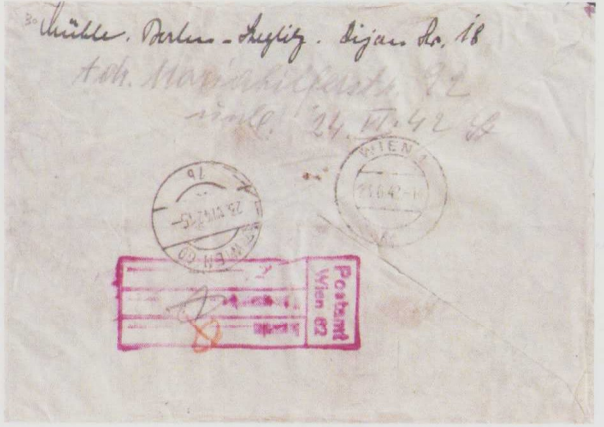
20/7/38. Vienna to Stuttgart. Mixed franking. 2nd period of rates. Express fee: 30 Gr / 20 Pfg

24 Gr = 16 Pfg.
Total postage: 34 Pfg

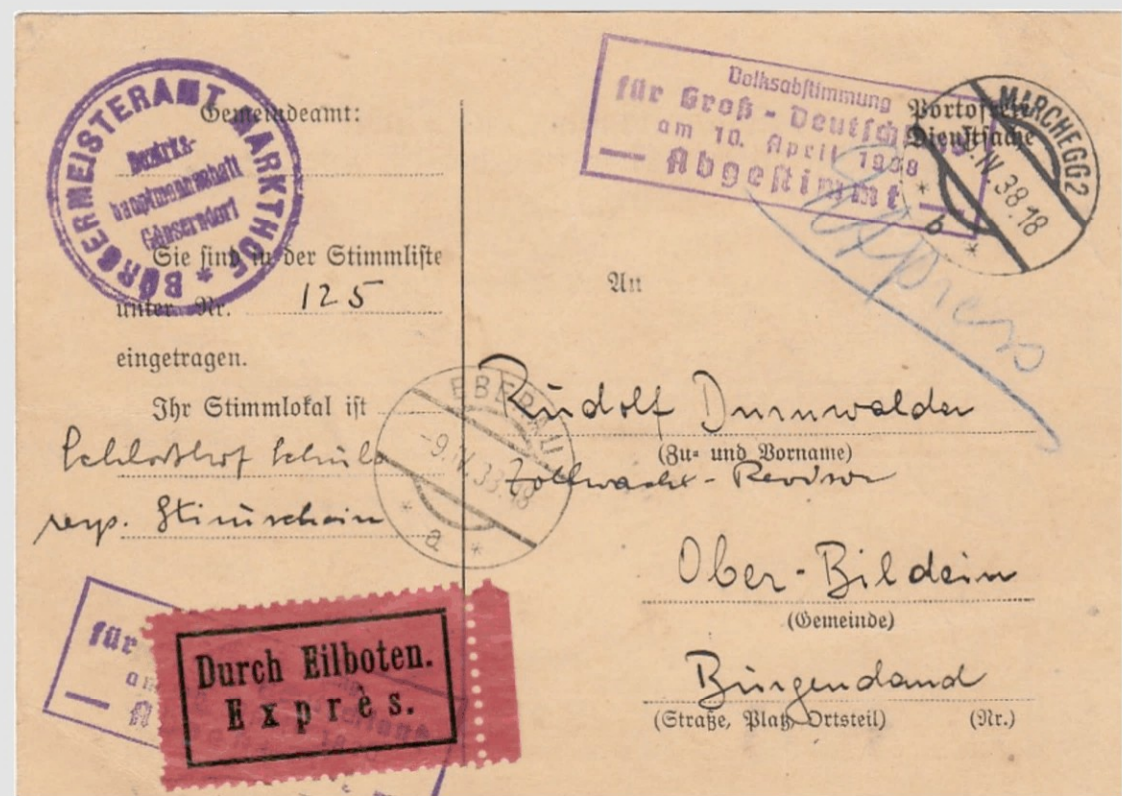
Berlin - Vienna - Berlin	
Rate period: 1/8/38 - 1/3/46	
Letter	0,12 RM
Airmail surtax	0,05 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,57 RM

3rd period of rates. Only German stamps and rates.

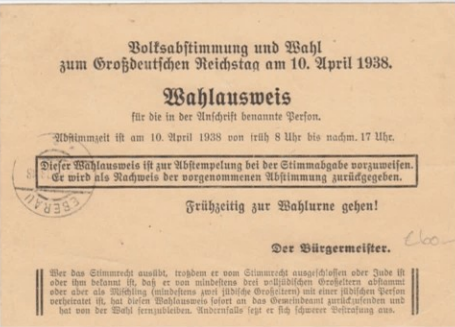
22/6/42, Berlin to Vienna.
23/6/42, Vienna 1, 2pm
23/6/42, to Vienna 60 via Rohrpost.
23/6/42, Vienna 60, 3pm
23/6/42, label, unknown at address. To Vienna 62.
23/6/42, Vienna 62, unknown addressee.
23/6/42, returned to sender.



To legitimate the invasion of Austria, Hitler announced a plebiscite, to took place on April 10th, 1938. After the sucessful annexation of Austria, Czechoslovakia was the next target. Following the Munich Pact of September 30th, Nazi Germany annexed the Sudetenland area. It was integrated as another Nazi Gau (district), adopting German postal rates immediately. Provisional postmarks were issued in many offices with Germanized city names and celebration slogans. Mail addressed to this area was now considered domestic.



Marchegg to Eberau	
Rate period: 4/4/38 - 31/7/38	
Postcard	Free
Express	Free
TOTAL	Free



Aussig to Prague	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Letter	0,20 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,60 RM



8/4/38, Marchegg to Eberau, in Ober Bildeim district. Express postcard free of charge, sent to notify the addressee about his voting station for the upcoming plebiscite on April 10th to confirm the annexation.

23/10/38, Aussig to Prague. Express, provisional cancel. Czech censorship. **Special reduced rate to Czechoslovakia.**

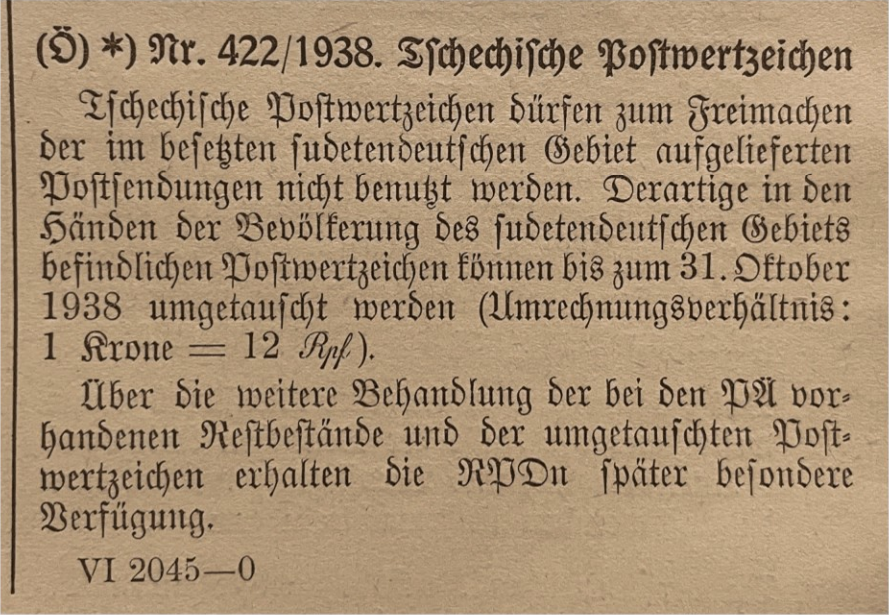


Bodenbach to Prague	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,20 RM
Express	0,50 RM
TOTAL	0,70 RM

12/10/38, Bodanbach to Prague. Special reduced rate to Czechoslovakia.



Few express letters known during the period of validit of the Czech stamps (less than 3 weeks).



Czech stamps were valid for use between 1/10 and 17/10, with a conversion of **1 Kr = 12 Pfg**. After decree 422/1938 from 18/10/38, Czech stamps were no longer valid, and anyone possessing any had up to 31/10 o change them for German stamps with the same conversion rate.

Alsace, Lorraine and Luxembourg were annexed to Germany in 1940. German rates were adopted immediately. From the moment of the annexation until the end of 1941, these zones used overprinted German stamps. In the case of Bohemia and Moravia, even though it was not annexed to Germany, there was an agreement to use domestic rate to and from the Reich.



23/7/41, Luxembourg to Cologne. Express to be paid by the addressee.

Luxembourg to Cologne	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Letter	0,12 RM
Express due	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,52 RM



8/8/41, Bitterfeld to Piešťany. Special reduced rate to Slovakia of 20 Pfg. Sent express by airmail. Franked with the new Lorraine overprinted stamps, after the annexation, valid between 15/8/40 and 1/1/42.



Nuremberg to Prague	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Letter	0,12 RM
Express due	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,52 RM

Weil am Rhein to Konstanz	
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,52 RM



Arrival in Konstanz



4/9/40, Weil am Rhein to Konstanz. Express sent from the annexed Alsace, bearing the newly overprinted stamps, used between 15/8/40 and 1/1/42.

17/7/41, Nuremberg to Prague. Domestic rates. Express to be paid by the addressee. Postage due stamps from Bohemia and Moravia on destination, to pay the express. 4 Kr = 40 Pfg.

The General Government of Poland was established on October 12th, 1939. Between that date and December 1st, the Post used German rates and stamps. Mail to Germany was still considered abroad. Then, with the issue of the first General Government stamps on December 1st, they used domestic rates with Germany, with an equivalence of 1 RM = 2 Zl. In the case of Ostland, after its invasion in 1941, they issued new overprinted stamps and established domestic rates with Germany.

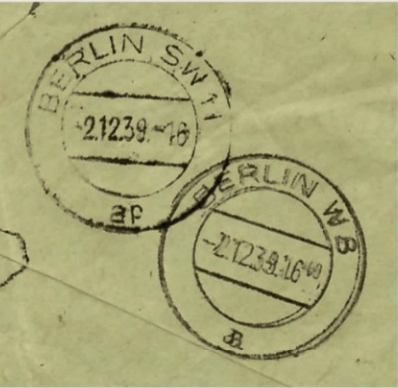


Krakow to Berlin	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Letter abroad	0,25 RM
Express	0,50 RM
TOTAL	0,75 RM

30/11/39, Krakow to Berlin. Sent express using German stamps and rates abroad.

One day before the issue of the first General Government stamps.

Sent through the pneumatic tubes in Berlin to W8.



★ Express mail in the period before the issue of General Government stamps is scarce.



Riga to Essen	
Rate period: 1/8/27 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20-250 gr	0,24 RM
DV up to 500 RM	0,60 RM
0,10 for c/extra 500 RM	1,90 RM
Express	0,50 RM
TOTAL	3,24 RM
Overfranking	0,06 RM

29/4/42, Riga to Essen. Heavy high value letter sent express by the SS and Police Chief in occupied Ostland (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania). Declared value of 10.000 RM. Postage paid using the newly issued overprinted stamps. Arrival to Essen on 1/5/42.

★ High value letters from Ostland are scarce.

3.1. Service abroad. Rates

Immediately after the end of the hyperinflation on December 1st, 1923, a new rate for the express service abroad was set to 60 Pfg, lasting until the end of September 1925. Then, from October 1st, 1925 and until the end of WW2, the rate was fixed at 50 Pfg. However, some countries like Austria had special agreements with Germany, and the domestic rates were applied. Also, during the war, to aid the war effort, the Reichspost negotiated bilateral agreements with friendly and occupied countries, establishing domestic rates with them too.

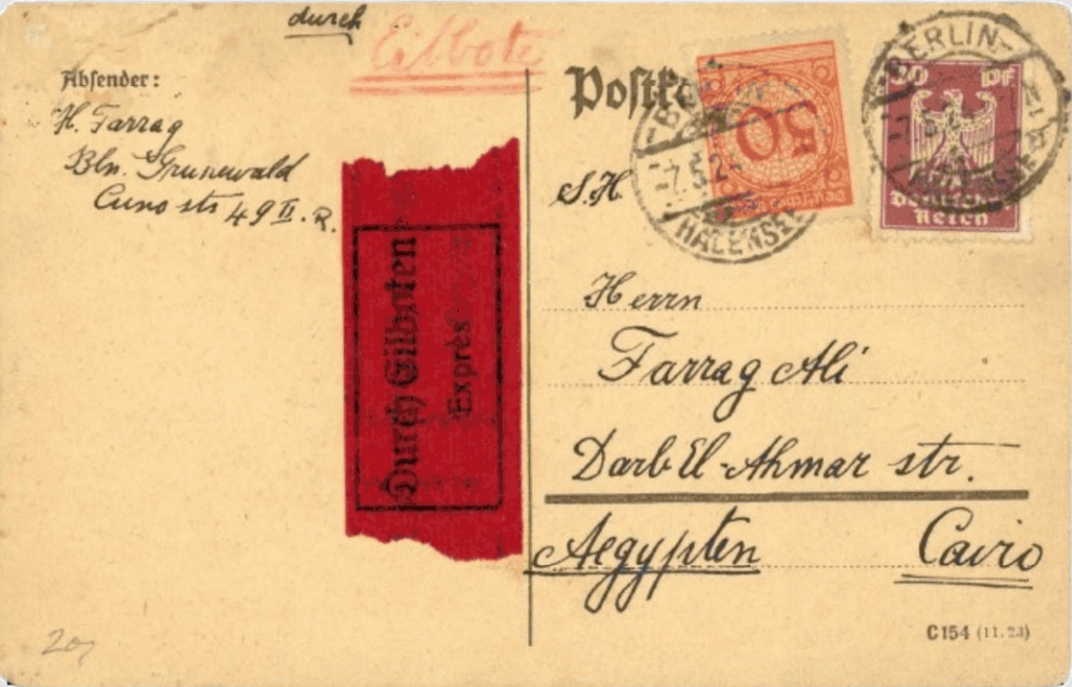


12/4/28, Berlin to Tunis. Sent via Toulouse with Aéropostale. Transit in Cologne on 13/4. Transit in Antibes on 15/4. Arrival in Tunis on 16/4.

Berlin to Tunis	
Rate period: 1/10/25 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20-40 gr	0,40 RM
Registration	0,30 RM
Airmail fee 20-50 gr	0,40 RM
Express	0,50 RM
TOTAL	1,60 RM

7/3/39, Berlin to Copacabana. Sent express via Lufthansa South Atlantic catapulted service. Arrival in Copacabana on 12/3/39.

Berlin to Copacabana	
Rate period: 1/10/25 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,25 RM
Airmail fee 20 gr	1,25 RM
Express	0,50 RM
TOTAL	2,00 RM



7/5/24, Berlin to Cairo. Sent express. First express rate after the hyperinflation.

Berlin to Cairo	
Rate period: 1/12/23 - 1/10/25	
Postcard	0,20 RM
Express	0,60 RM
TOTAL	0,80 RM

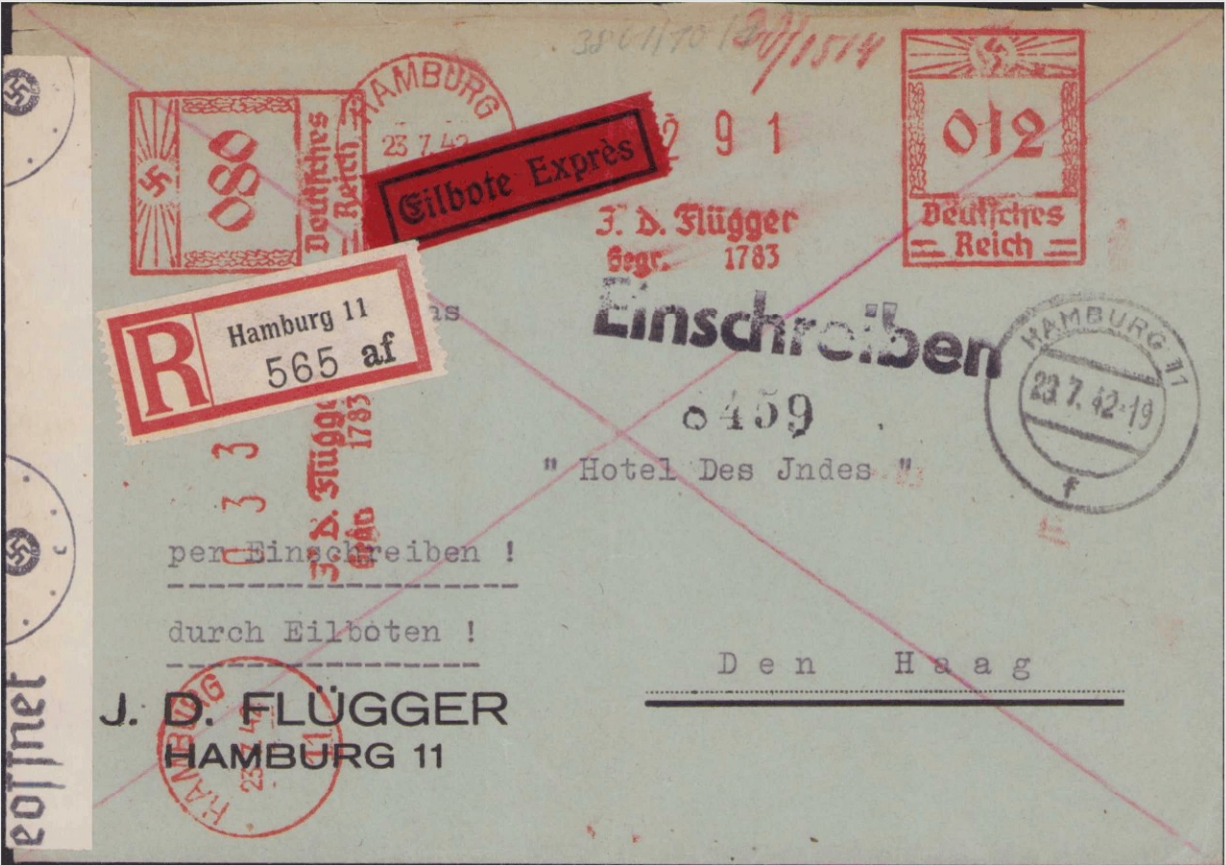


Pneumatic mail cancel on the back.

Vienna to Salisbury	
Rate period: 1/10/38 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,25 RM
Airmail fee gr	0,25 RM
Express	0,50 RM
TOTAL	1,00 RM



16/12/38, Vienna to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. Express airmail, sent through the pneumatic tubes inside Vienna.

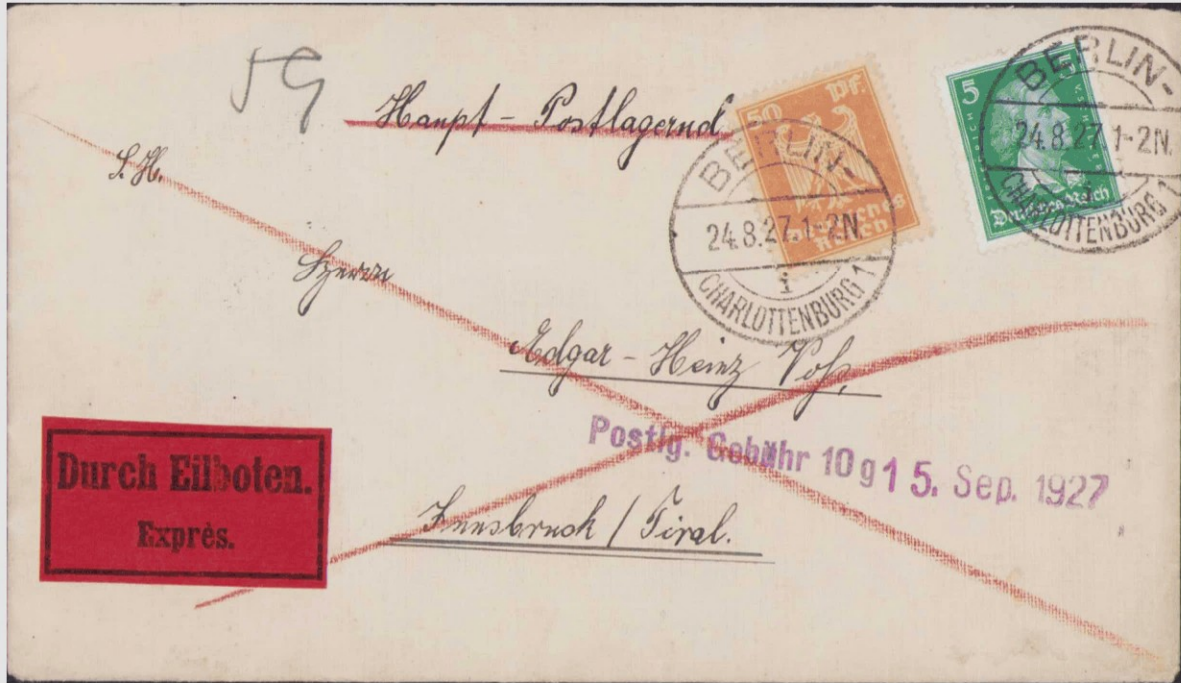


23/7/42, Hamburg to The Hague. Sent registered and express. Europatariff, having domestic surface rates with the Netherlands since 1/1/42.

Hamburg to The Hague	
Rate period: 1/10/25 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,12 RM
Registration	0,30 RM
Express	0,50 RM
TOTAL	0,92 RM

23/11/31, Hanau to Calcutta. Via Amsterdam (KLM). Air interrupted in Karachi. Arrival in Calcutta on 7/12. Redirected to Port Said, arriving on 11/12. Express not paid, 50 Pfg paid airmail surtax.

Hanau to Calcutta	
Rate period: 1/10/25 - 1/3/46	
Postcard	0,15 RM
Airmail fee	0,50 RM
Express	Not charged
TOTAL	0,65 RM



Berlin to Innsbruck	
Rate period: 1/12/23 - 1/3/46	
Letter	0,15 RM
Express	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,55 RM

24/8/27, Berlin to Innsbruck, Austria. Sent express with full domestic rates due to the bilateral agreement between the countries. Storage fee of 10 Gr charged on destination.



Zittau to Brunn	
Rate period: 1/10/25 - 31/3/39	
Business papers 250 gr	0,25 RM
Express	0,50 RM
TOTAL	0,75 RM

26/5/33, Zittau to Brunn, Czechoslovakia. Business papers sent express. Arrival on 27/5. Unusual se-tenant airmail stamps used on a comercial non-philatelic cover.

3.2. Incoming express handling

Incoming express letters in general were handled like in any other country, by sending an express courier. However, some cities had pneumatic mail networks, that in many occasions were used to accelerate the express letters. Berlin, Munich, Frankfurt, Vienna are examples of that. The city of Hamburg not only used a pneumatic network, but also tramways. Another possibility was that the incoming mail was addressed to rural areas, that required special delivery and had extra fees.



Danzig to Frankfurt	
Rate period: 1/10/25 - 1/3/46	
Letter 20 gr	0,25 Gd
Airmail fee 20 gr	0,10 Gd
Express	Not paid
TOTAL	0,35 Gd

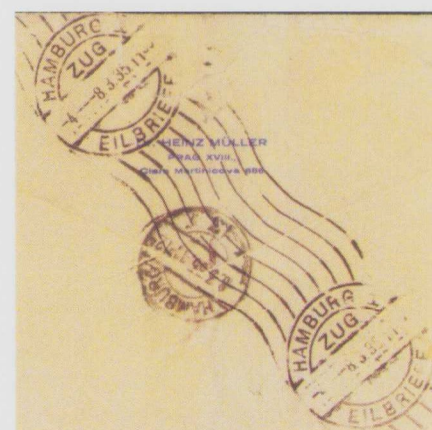
30/6/39, Budapest to Thumsee bei Reichenhall. Sent express to a rural area. Postage due marked on destination to pay the extra fee for rural express.

Budapest to Thumsee	
Rate period: 1/4/26 - 15/9/41	
Postcard	0,16 Fi
Express	0,80 Fi
Express due	0,40 RM
TOTAL	0,96 Fi



22/8/38, Danzig to Frankfurt. Preprinted envelope with the express label and circular official cachet applied before sending it.

Express not paid. Since no postage due or error was indicated at origin, it was handled as express on destination (as UPU indicates), sending it through Frankfurt's pneumatic tubes.



Prague to Hamburg	
Rate period: 1/1/22 - 15/3/39	
Letter 20 gr	2,00 Kr
Express	5,00 Kr
TOTAL	7,00 Kr



7/3/30, Prague to Hamburg. Special reduced rate to Germany. Sent express. On destination sent through Hamburg's pneumatic tubes, to office 13 as indicated in red crayon. Cancel from Hamburg 1 Postpavilion on the back, with "Minutenstempel", arrival on Hamburg 13.



Moscow to Berlin	
Rate period: 1/7/30 - 22/5/35	
Letter 20 gr	0,15 Kp
Express	0,40 Kp
TOTAL	0,55 Kp



Arrival in Neuköln



Tanga to Vienna	
Rate period: 1/3/32 - 20/1/42	
Airmail letter	0,75 Sh
Underfranking	0,05 Sh
TOTAL	0,75 Sh

21/3/38, Tanga to Vienna. Airmail via Imperial Airways. Transit in Athens on 25/3. Arrived in Vienna on 27/3, 2 weeks after the German annexation. Treated as express letter. Label added stating "Express delivery attempted. House door closed, didn't open when ringing the doorbell. No mailbox available". Final delivery on 28/3.



Berlin Charlottenburg pneumatic mail reception.

Sofia to Berlin	
Rate period: 1/1/27 - 31/10/33	
Letter 22 gr	10 Leva
Registration	7 Leva
Airmail fee	10 Leva
TOTAL	27 Leva



26/6/39, Sofia to Berlin. Registered. Arrival on 27/6 to Berlin. On destination, redirected via express service to another Post office, by request of the addressee. Cachet "Auf Wunsch durch Eilboten" (On request by express courier). 40 Pfg express fee marked as postage due.

Milan to Berlin	
Rate period: 1/5/34 - 1/1/42	
Letter 20 gr	1,25 Li
Airmail fee c/20 gr	1,00 Li
Express	2,50 Li
TOTAL	4,75 Li

18/3/37, Milan to Berlin. Airmail sent express. On destination, it was sent through Berlin's pneumatic tubes to Berlin Airport Office (Zf in crayon) and then to Berlin Charlotteburg, arriving there 40 minutes later (on the back).

1.1. Parcel service. Rates and indications

The express service implied the acceleration by courier in the delivery of the parcel, from the destination post office to the recipient’s hands. On the other hand, the urgent service implied the acceleration of the shipping from the beginning to the end of the route, and due to that its rate was higher. Additionally, the express service could be regular or rural, having the last a double rate.



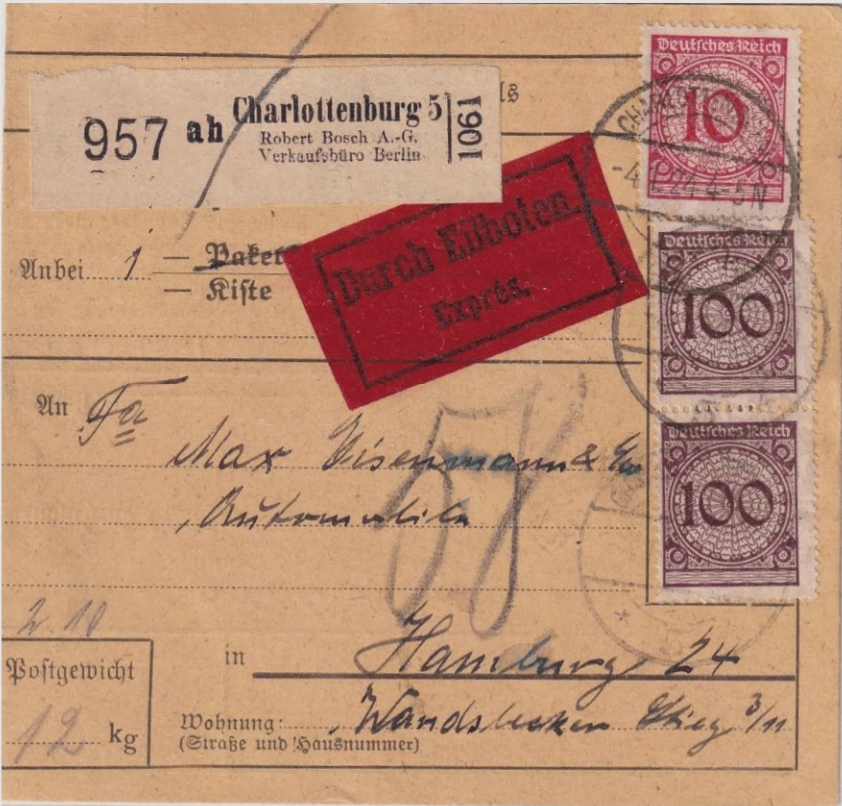
Arras to Kehl		
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 30/9/42		
Distance	458 Km	Zone 4
Weight	7 Kgs	
Basic rate	1,20 RM	
Express	0,60 RM	
TOTAL	1,80 RM	

Express. 15/12/39 on board train “Rochlitz - Waldheim” to Kehl, arrival on 18/12.



Munich to Prachatitz		
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 30/9/42		
Distance	236 Km	Zone 3
Weight (x3)	17,5 Kgs	
Basic rate (x3)	10,80 RM	
Express	0,60 RM	
TOTAL	11,40 RM	

Official parcel card for the shipment of 3 express packages from Munich to Prachatitz on 12/4/39. Paid with official stamps.



Charlottenburg to Hamburg		
Rate period: 1/12/23 - 31/5/24		
Distance	255 Km	Zone 2
Weight	12 Kgs	
Basic rate	1,60 RM	
Express	0,50 RM	
TOTAL	2,10 RM	

Charlottenburg to Hamburg on 4/1/24. Delivery fee didn't exist until 1932.



Leipzig to Hartha		
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 30/9/42		
Distance	54 Km	Zone 1
Weight	4,5 Kgs	
Basic rate	0,30 RM	
Express	0,60 RM	
TOTAL	0,90 RM	

Leipzig to Hartha on 23/7/35, with handwritten indication of delivery even during the night (Auch Nachts).

Only known to this author. ★



Dresden to Chemnitz		
Rate period: 1/6/24 - 30/9/27		
Distance	70 Km	Zone 1
Weight	10,8 Kgs	
Basic rate	0,70 RM	
Express	0,50 RM	
Handling DV	0,50 RM	
Insur. DV	0,20 RM	
TOTAL	1,90 RM	

28/9/27, Dresden to Chemnitz. Official express parcel with a declared value of 300 RM.

2 days before the end of the rate period.

17082 17083 Düsseldorf 2

Durch Eilboten

Abfender: *Baumanns*

Besondere Vermerke des Absenders (f. Rückseite): *in Pakete*

An *Leibertswolkwitz*

Postgewicht *2,5* kg

Wohnung *in* *Leibertswolkwitz*

(Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stadtviertel)

C 20 Din 476

Düsseldorf to Chemnitz		
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 30/9/42		
Distance	480 Km	Zone 4
Weight 1	4,5 Kgs	
Weight 2	5,5 Kgs	
Basic rate 1	0,60 RM	
Basic rate 2	0,90 RM	
Rural express	1,20 RM	
TOTAL	2,70 RM	

Düsseldorf to a rural area of Chemnitz on 7/12/34. Express rural shipment of 2 parcels.



Bitte sorgfältig aufbewahren!

Der Absender wird gebeten, nur den umrandeten Teil auszufüllen

Einlieferungsschein

Gegenstand: **) Brief*

Nachnahme: **) Brief*

Wert oder Betrag: *14,5*

Empfänger: *Kilber & Wilmann*

Bestimmungsort: *Kilber & Wilmann*

Postannahme *3:50*

10

3:60

C 62

Eg. Zeitg., Eger

3. 40. 46.000

*) Einlieferungszungen umseitig.

Delivery note for a 14,5 Kgs express parcel from Reichenberg to Stuttgart on 30/10/442.

Delivery notes had a fixed rate of 10 Pfg for regular parcels and were free for parcels with declared value.

983 * **Ronneburg** 1738 (Thür.)

er: *Grüner Uhlmann*

Ronneburg i. d. Pfalz

Besondere Vermerke des Absenders (f. Rückseite): *in Pakete*

An *Frankfurt*

Ella Uhlmann

2,80 in *Dresden - A.*

Postgewicht *11,5* kg

Wohnung *Leipziger Str. 9, I. Flg.*

(Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stadtviertel)

C 20 (7. 25) Din 476

Ronneburg to Dresden		
Rate period: 1/3/31 - 14/1/32		
Distance	125 Km	Zone
Weight	11,5 Kgs	
Basic rate	1,90 RM	
Express	0,60 RM	
TOTAL	2,50 RM	

Ronneburg to Dresden on 13/11/31.

Tharandt to Liebertswolkwitz on 2/4/42. Parcel containing living plants (Lebende Pflanzen). Arrival on 4/4/42. Indication by the sender to return immediately in case delivery was not possible (Bei Nichtannahme sofort zurück). 15 Pfg on the back. Rare combination of services and special content.

Tharandt to Liebertswolkwitz		
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 30/9/42		
Distance	84 Km	Zone 2
Weight	4 Kgs	
Basic rate	0,40 RM	
C.O.D.	0,20 RM	
Urgent	1,00 RM	
Express	0,60 RM	
TOTAL	2,20 RM	
Postage due	0,25 RM	

793 * **Tharandt** 1744 (Bz. Dresden)

Abfender: **Rittergutsgärtnerei Gebr. Gropp Kleinopitz**

Dringend

Besondere Vermerke des Absenders (f. Rückseite): *Inh. Lebende Pflanzen Bei Nichtannahme sofort zurück*

Nachnahme **) Brief*

An *Herrn Hartmann Jacob*

Gartenbaubetrieb

Liebertswolkwitz

Postgewicht (kg) *4*

(Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stadtviertel)

S 16 M / 0336

Hamburg Freihafen to Berlin		
Rate period: 15/2/33 - 12/8/44		
Distance	281 Km	Zone 3
Weight	5,5 Kgs	
Basic rate	0,50 RM	
Express	0,60 RM	
TOTAL	1,10 RM	

Hamburg Freihafen to Berlin on 2/1/41. Express Postgut.

Green cachet in the center indicating "Postgut".

Only known Postgut sent from a Customs exclusion zone.



Postpaket

Zum Aufkleben des Aufgabebetts

140 Hamburg 14 (Freihafen)

Wertangabe (In Buchstaben und in lateinischer Schrift) (in arab. Ziffern)

Valour déclarée (Les unités en toutes lettres et en caractères latins) (en chiffres)

Bolet d'expédition

Expresse

An *Herrn Oberst. Tammann*

Kaiserl. Preussische Generalpostamt

Berlin Charlottenburg

(Bestimmungsort) * (Lieu de destination)

(Bestimmungsland) (Pays de destination)

(Straße und Hausnummer) (Rue et numéro)

Gewicht * Poids *5,5* kg

Meg. Voie **) Brief*

Postgebühren **) Brief*

Droits de douane

Bureau d'échange

1) Auszufüllen von der Eingangspostanstalt oder der Postverwaltung des Bestimmungslandes

Cadre à remplir par le bureau d'entrée ou par le service de la douane du pays de destination

In Deutschland zollpflichtig

1.2. Express to be paid by the addressee

Express service could also be indicated by the sender to be paid by the addressee, who had to pay the full rate if the sender hadn't paid the delivery fee. In case the sender paid the delivery fee, that amount was deducted from the express due amount to be paid by the addressee. This applied to both regular and rural express service.



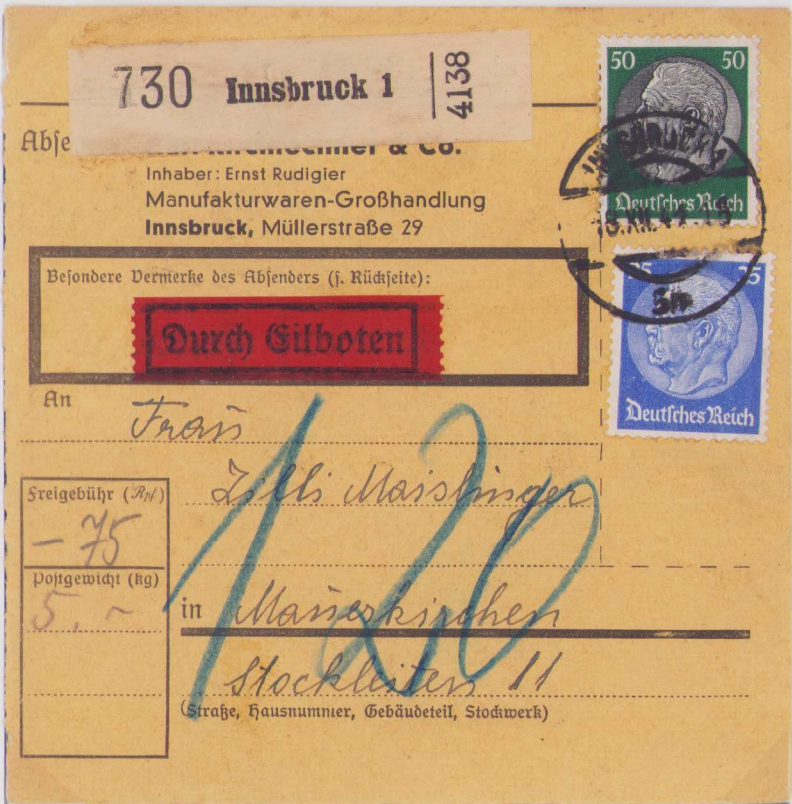
Friedland to Bad Liebenwerda		
Rate period: 1/10/42 - 11/8/44		
Distance	148 Km	Zone 2
Weight	3,5 Kgs	
Basic rate	0,40 RM	
Urgent	1,00 RM	
Delivery fee	0,15 RM	
TOTAL	1,55 RM	
Express due	0,60 RM	

26/2/43 Friedland to Bad Liebenwerda. Urgent and express to be paid by the addressee. Delivery fee paid by the sender but NOT deducted from the express due.



Selb to Borna		
Rate period: 1/10/42 - 11/8/44		
Distance	109 Km	Zone 2
Weight	1,5 Kgs	
Basic rate	0,40 RM	
Urgent	1,00 RM	
Delivery fee	0,15 RM	
TOTAL	1,56 RM	
Express due	0,45 RM	

25/6/43 Selb to Borna. Urgent and express to be paid by the addressee. Delivery fee paid by the sender and deducted from the express due.



Innsbruck to Mauerkirchen		
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 30/9/42		
Distance	196 Km	Zone 3
Weight	5 Kgs	
Basic rate	0,60 RM	
Delivery fee	0,15 RM	
TOTAL	0,75 RM	
Rural express due	1,20 RM	

Innsbruck to Mauerkirchen on 18/12/41. Rural express to be fully paid by the addressee.

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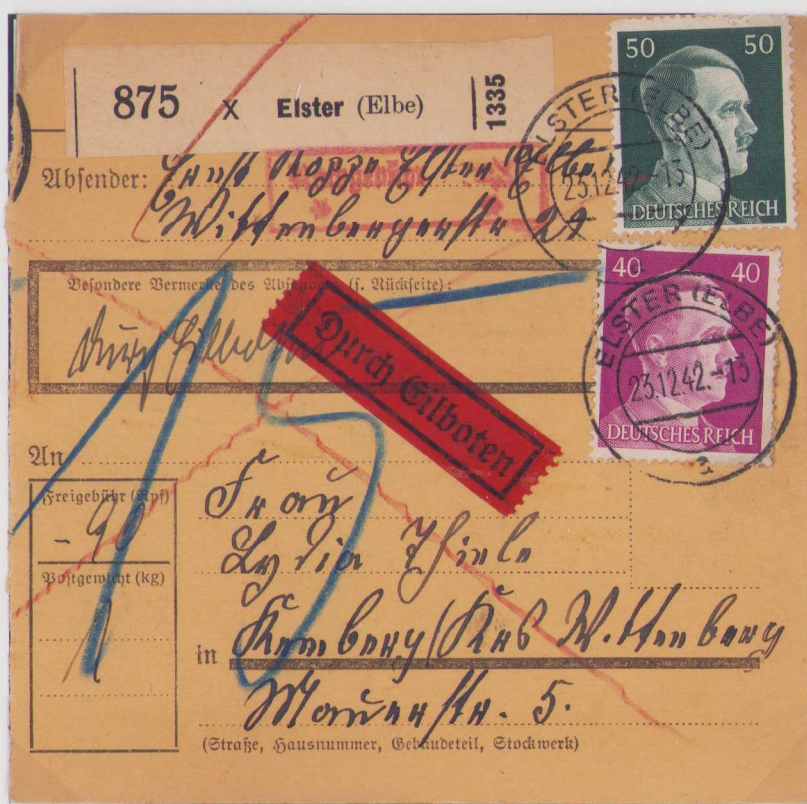


Feldkirchen to Treuenbrietzen		
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 30/9/42		
Distance	446 Km	Zone 4
Weight	1,4 Kgs	
Basic rate	0,60 RM	
Delivery fee	0,15 RM	
Rural express	1,05 RM	
TOTAL	1,80 RM	

25/7/42 Feldkirchen to Treuenbrietzen. Rural express to be paid by the addressee. Delivery fee paid by the sender and deducted from the express due.



Only known to the author with this combination.



Elster to Kemberg		
Rate period: 1/10/42 - 11/8/44		
Distance	17 Km	Zone 1
Weight	1 Kgs	
Basic rate	0,30 RM	
Express	0,60 RM	
TOTAL	0,90 RM	
Delivery fee due	0,15 RM	

Elster to Kemberg on 23/12/42.

Express fully paid, delivery fee to be paid by the addressee.

1.3. Emergency express parcel cards

Since the package and the parcel cards travelled separately, parcel cards could get lost. The Reichspost had considered this situation in its procedures and in order to solve this there were emergency cards (**Notpaketkarte**). In that case, the emergency card would be completed taking the data from the label on the package. These emergency cards had also a duplicate (**Doppel-Notpaketkarte**), that remained in the Post hands as evidence of the case. To distinguish these cards from the regular ones they were pink.

Einlieferungs-Nr. 093 Einlieferungs-Nr. (mit Unterscheidungszeichen, Namen des Selbstbuchers) (Name und Nr.)

Notpaketkarte

Nachnahme: RM Pf Wert: 2000 RM Pf

Absender: (auch Wohnort und Wohnung)

Postcheckkonto Nr. Postcheckamt

An Wilhelm Bandys

in Idar-Oberstein

Durch Eilboten

Postgewicht: 2000 kg Ausgefertigt durch: Bezirt: C 8 Din A 6 6060 V, 2 § 102 DMN. 8. 41 23 900

Turnau to Idar Oberstein		
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 30/9/42		
Distance	651 Km	Zone 4
Weight	0,2 Kgs	
Basic rate	0,60 RM	
Express	0,60 RM	
Handling DV	0,50 RM	
Insur. 0,10/500 RM	0,40 RM	
Delivery fee	0,15 RM	
TOTAL	2,25 RM	

4/6/42, Turnau to Idar Oberstein. **Left:** Emergency card for an express parcel with a declared value of 2000 RM. Express label added to the emergency card to keep the service. **Right:** duplicate of the same emergency card, to be kept by the Post.

Abchnitt zur Doppel-Notpaketkarte

Einlieferungs-Nr. 093 Einlieferungs-Nr. (mit Unterscheidungszeichen, Namen des Selbstbuchers) (Name und Nr.)

Doppel-Notpaketkarte

Nachnahme: RM Pf Wert: 2000 RM Pf

Absender: (auch Wohnort und Wohnung)

Postcheckkonto Nr. Postcheckamt

An Wilhelm Bandys

in Idar-Oberstein

Postgewicht: 2000 kg Ausgefertigt durch: Bezirt: C 18 Din A 6 6060 V, 2 § 102 DMN. 8. 41 23 900

Abchnitt zur Doppel-Notpaketkarte

Einlieferungs-Nr. 093 Einlieferungs-Nr. (mit Unterscheidungszeichen, Namen des Selbstbuchers) (Name und Nr.)

Doppel-Notpaketkarte

Nachnahme: RM Pf Wert: 400 RM Pf

Absender: (auch Wohnort und Wohnung)

Postcheckkonto Nr. Postcheckamt

An Wilhelm Bandys

in Idar-Oberstein

Postgewicht: 12,700 kg Ausgefertigt durch: Bezirt: C 18 Din A 6 6060 V, 2 § 102 DMN. 8. 41 23 900

Turnau to Idar Oberstein		
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 30/9/42		
Distance	651 Km	Zone 4
Weight	12,7 Kgs	
Basic rate	2,85 RM	
Express	0,60 RM	
Handling DV	0,10 RM	
Insur. 0,10/500 RM	0,10 RM	
Delivery fee	0,15 RM	
TOTAL	3,80 RM	

3/9/42, Turnau to Idar Oberstein. **Right:** Emergency card for an express parcel with a declared value of 400 RM. "Durch Eilboten" added manually on both cards to keep the service. **Left:** duplicate of the same emergency card, to be kept by the Post.

Einlieferungs-Nr. 093 Einlieferungs-Nr. (mit Unterscheidungszeichen, Namen des Selbstbuchers) (Name und Nr.)

Notpaketkarte

Nachnahme: RM Pf Wert: 400 RM Pf

Absender: (auch Wohnort und Wohnung)

Postcheckkonto Nr. Postcheckamt

An Wilhelm Bandys

in Idar-Oberstein

Postgewicht: 12,700 kg Ausgefertigt durch: Bezirt: C 18 Din A 6 6060 V, 2 § 102 DMN. 8. 41 23 900

2. Annexations and occupations

In the same way normal shipments like letters, postcards, etc were affected in the annexed and occupied zones, the parcel service was impacted too. Some zones adopted the German rates immediately. Other like the Sudetenland area, had special rates for few months before finally adopting the German rates. The express service to all these new zones was now considered domestic too.

988 Mürzzuschlag 4001

Abfender: *E. Pothmann*
Mürzzuschlag

Durch Eilboten.
Express.

Zustellgebühr bezahlt

An *Graf Pothmann*
Nationalsozialist
Legationspostamt 2. Zug
in Mürzzuschlag
Postamt

Freigegebühr (RM) *1.03*

Postgewicht (kg) *3.800*

(6.35) C 20 Din A 6

20 201 tkarte
(Frieden des Aufgabzettels)

Abfender: *Walbert Plomke*
Twonas, Knischlag

Besondere Vermerke des Absenders (f. Rückseite):

An *Frau Bauhaus, Luba*

Freigegebühr (RM) *0.5*

Postgewicht (kg) *5.500* in *Russig*
Pilschkestrasse 81

(Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stockwerk)

EXPRESS

(6.35) C 20 Din A 6

Kirschschlag to Aussig

Rate period:	21/10/38 - 15/1/39
Distance	253 Km Zone 3
Weight	5,5 Kgs
Basic rate	0,35 RM
Express	0,60 RM
TOTAL	0,95 RM
Overfranking	0,01 RM



965 Judenau 3664

Abfender: *Dr. Franz Bierbaum*
Langenwiesenthal

Besondere Vermerke des Absenders (f. Rückseite):

An *Frau*
Wibi Stary
Börsenplatz 126
in Salzburg

Freigegebühr (RM) *1.40*

Postgewicht (kg) *5 1/2*

(6.35) C 20 Din A 6

Mürzzuschlag to Traiskirchen

Rate period:	15/1/32 - 30/9/42
Distance	75 Km Zone 1
Weight	3,8 Kgs
Basic rate	0,30 RM
Express	0,60 RM
Delivery fee	0,15 RM
TOTAL	1,05 RM

19/5/39, Mürzzuschlag to Traiskirchen. Express parcel, delivery fee paid by the sender as indicated in the label.

Sent inside the Sudetenland area, paying Zone 1 rate despite having a longer distance.



Only express parcel known from this initial period. First day of the special reduced rate.

6/4/39, Judenau to Salzburg. Sent express, using German rates, and an old Austrian label.

Judenau to Salzburg

Rate period:	15/1/32 - 30/9/42
Distance	260 Km Zone 3
Weight	5,5 Kgs
Basic rate	0,80 RM
Express	0,60 RM
TOTAL	1,40 RM

Teplitz-Schönau to Poppitz

Rate period:	15/1/32 - 30/9/42
Distance	313 Km Zone 3
Weight	4,5 Kgs
Basic rate	0,60 RM
Express due	0,60 RM
TOTAL	1,20 RM

30/8/41, Teplitz-Schönau to Poppitz, near Aussitz, both in Sudetenland. Express to be paid by the addressee.

After 25/3/39, the area of Poppitz (district Nikolsburg) was transferred to the Niederdonau district in Austria.

153 Teplitz-Schönau 1 1867

Abfender: *Adolf Riffert*
Engelz - Tiffin - Miskowitz

Besondere Vermerke des Absenders (f. Rückseite):

An *Frau Adolf Riffert*
b. Frau Riffert Linde

Freigegebühr (RM) *0.60*

Postgewicht (kg) *4.5* in *Poppitz b. Nikolsburg*
Niederdonau

(Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stockwerk)

Durch Eilboten

(6.35) C 20

486 Danzig 5 267

Abfender: *Hattengesellschaft*
Verhandlung

Besondere Vermerke des Absenders (f. Rückseite):

An *Ca.*
Bischofsberda
Hebe

Freigegebühr (RM) *2.00*

Postgewicht (kg) *4.180* in *Bischofsberda/Ca*

(Straße, Hausnummer, Gebäudeteil, Stockwerk)

(6.35) C 20 Din A 6

Danzig to Bischofsberda

Rate period:	15/1/32 - 30/9/42
Distance	520 Km Zone 4
Weight	4,1 Kgs
Basic rate	0,60 RM
Handling DV	0,50 RM
Insur. DV	0,30 RM
Express	0,60 RM
TOTAL	2,00 RM

8/11/40, Danzig to Bischofsberda. Express value parcel, German rates and stamps fully valid in Danzig.

After the war started, Germany occupied other countries like Poland, Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia, creating later the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, and other areas. Although at first some of these areas were still considered abroad, shortly after their occupation the German rates were applied.



Gross Olkowitz to Lublin		
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 30/9/42		
Distance	594 Km	Zone 4
Weight	8 Kgs	
Basic rate	1,80 RM	
TOTAL	1,80 RM	
Express due	0,60 RM	

17/9/41, Gross Olkowitz to Lublin, express parcel, with express service to be paid by the addressee.

Rann a Bad Ischl		
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 30/9/42		
Distance	324 Km	Zone 3
Weight	10,5 Kgs	
Basic rate	1,80 RM	
Sperrgut +50%	0,90 RM	
Delivery fee	0,15 RM	
TOTAL	2,85 RM	
Express due	0,45 RM	

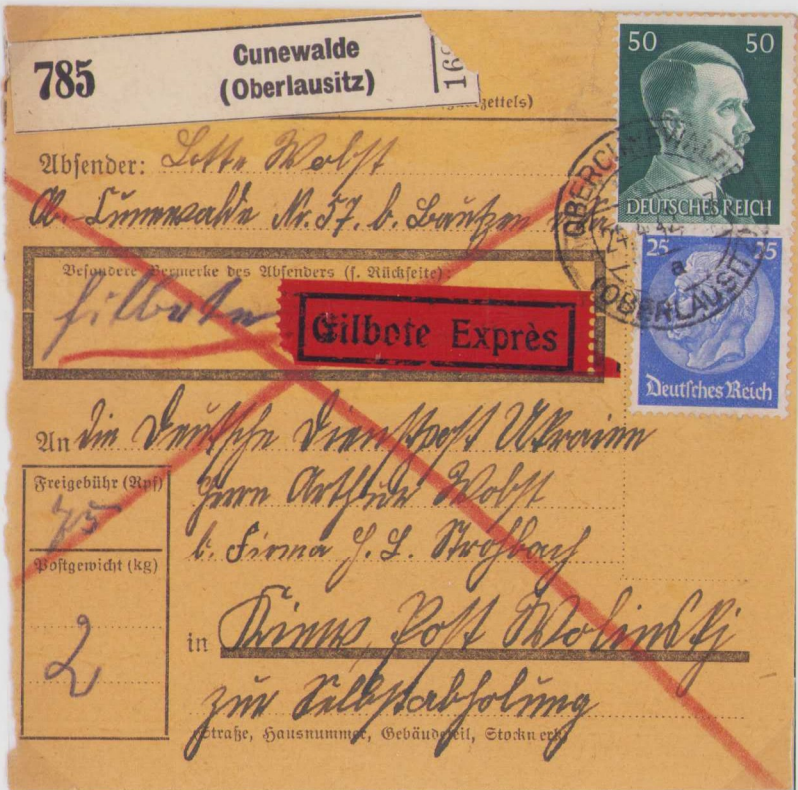
19/8/42 Rann (Slovenia) to Bad Ischl. Sperrgut with express to be paid by the addressee. "SP" in red. Cachet "Nachgebühr" (postage due) and 45 in blue crayon indicating the due amount (60 - 15, express minus delivery fee already paid). 25 Pfg on the back.

Rambruch to Nieder Wilz		
Rate period: 1/10/42 - 11/8/44		
Distance	23 Km	Zone 1
Weight	6,7 Kgs	
Basic rate	0,55 RM	
TOTAL	0,55 RM	
Express due	0,60 RM	

17/7/43, Rambruch to Nieder Wilz, both in Luxembourg. Express parcel with German rates.

Watislaw to Prague		
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 30/9/42		
Distance	594 Km	Zone 4
Weight	8 Kgs	
Basic rate	1,80 RM	
TOTAL	1,80 RM	
Express due	0,60 RM	

6/2/41, Watislaw to Prague. Express parcel from the annexed Sudetenland to Bohemia and Moravia, with German rates.



Cunewalde to Kyiv		
Rate period: 15/1/32 - 30/9/42		
Distance	1202 Km	Zone 5
Weight	2 Kgs	
Basic rate	0,60 RM	
Delivery fee	0,15 RM	
TOTAL	0,75 RM	
Express due	0,60 RM	

24/4/42, Cunewalde to Kyiv, Ukraine. Express parcel, not charged for the service

3.1. Service abroad. Standard express parcels

During the whole period studied in this exhibit, the express fee for parcels abroad was 65 Pfg. Since the service implied sending a express courier on destination, not all countries accepted express parcels. This was arranged by the Reichspost with every country individually, and changed overtime.

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Hamburg to Oslo	
Rate period: 1/12/23 - 8/5/45	
Route	Via Denmark
Weight	3,5 Kgs
Rate 1-5 Kgs	2,90 RM
C.O.D. fix rate	0,40 RM
inc. e/20 RM	0,10 RM
Express	0,65 RM
TOTAL	4,05 RM

28/6/26, Hamburg to Oslo. Express with cash on delivery of 4,95 RM. Transit in Flensburg on 29/6/26, arrival in Oslo on 30/6/26. Cleared by Customs on 5/7/26.

Durch 2086

Berlin-Reintcken-
dorf West 3 | 1901

Au:
Pays

Wertangabe
valeur déclarée

(In Buchstaben und in lateinischer Schrift)
(les unités en toutes lettres et en caractères latins)

(In arabischen Ziffern)
(en chiffres arabes)

Deutsches Reich
100

Gilbert & Co.

Bulletin d'expédition

Zahl der
Nombre de

Pakete
collis

Zollinhaltsverklärungen
déclarations en douane

Bescheinigungen oder Rechnungen
certificats ou factures

Art der Verpackung
Nature de l'emballage

152345

An
A.
F. Leering
Brüssel
Belgien

(Bestimmungsort) * (Lieu de destination)

(Straße und Hausnummer)
(Rue et numéro)

111 Rue d'Herbesthal

Gewicht * Poids
kg g

Zollgebühren!
Droits de douane

Bei Wertangabe Siegel-
abdruck oder Abdruck des
Pesthafte

Emprunte du cachet ou repro-
duction de son fac-similé en cas
de déclaration de-valeur

We-
Veile

Postamt
Bureau d'échange

Aachen 5

1) Auszufüllen von der Eingangs-Postanstalt oder der Zollverwaltung des Bestimmungslandes
Cadre à remplir par le bureau d'entrée ou par le service de la douane du pays de destination

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Berlin to Brussels	
Rate period: 15/7/30 - 8/5/45	
Route	Via Aachen
Weight	8 Kgs
Rate 5-10 Kgs	2,65 RM
Express	0,65 RM
TOTAL	3,30 RM

7/10/31. Berlin to Brussels.
Express sent via Aachen in
the Belgian train. Transit in
Aachen on 9/10/31, Herbest-
hal TPO cancel on 9/10/31.
Cleared by Brussels Cus-
toms on 12/10/31.



Express parcels combined with other services are scarce.

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Abchnitt Coupon Der Empfänger muss unterschreiben 1. und unterschreiben 1. und unterschreiben		917 * Hartha 1682		Deutsches Reich 100
Aufgabel: Pays d'origine		Wertangabe: Valeur déclarée		Deutsches Reich 100
Per Eilboten! Bote bezahlt!		Paketkarte ♦ Bullein d'expédition -ein-		Deutsches Reich 100
Zollinhaltsertlärunge declarations en douane		Bei der Verpackung Nature de l'emballage		Deutsches Reich 100
Bezeichnungen oder Rechnungen certificats ou factures		braunem Packpapier		Deutsches Reich 100
An Firma A		Lucien Wyler,		20
Basel 2 / Schweiz.		Münchensteinerstr. 39.		20
(Bestimmungsort) (Lieu de destination)		(Straße und Hausnummer) (Rue et numéro)		20
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1 kg 900 g		Insuchlings-Postamt Bureau d'échange		20
1. Ausfüllen von der Eingangs-Postamt oder der Zollverwaltung des Def. Cadre à remplir par le bureau d'entrée ou par le service de la douane du pays d'		1. Ausfüllen von der Eingangs-Postamt oder der Zollverwaltung des Def. Cadre à remplir par le bureau d'entrée ou par le service de la douane du pays d'		20

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Hartha to Basel	
Rate period: 1/10/25 - 8/5/45	
Route	Via Lindau
Weight	1,9 Kgs
Rate 1-5 Kgs	1,55 RM
Express	0,65 RM
TOTAL	2.20 RM

18/10/29, Hartha to Basel.
Express sent via Lindau.
Transit in Lindau on
19/10/29, Cleared by Ro-
manshorn Customs on
21/10/29.

Per Eilboten - Bote bezahlt
Zum Aufkleben des Aufgabzettels

646 a Berlin 59 | 1061
Allemanne 1020

Wertangabe
valeur déclarée

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

(In arabischen Ziffern)
(en chiffres arabes)

Durch Eilboten
Expres.

An
A
Winterthur
ob. Graben 12

(Bestimmungsort) (Lieu de destination)
(Bestimmungsland) (Pays de destination)

(Straße und Hausnummer)
(Rue et numéro)

Gewicht (Poids)
kg g

Bei Wertangabe Siegel-
abdruck oder Abdruck des
Paketstempels

Empreinte du cachet ou repro-
duction de son fac-similé en cas
de déclaration de valeur

Weg
Voie

Zeitvermerk (Acheminement)
Bureau d'échange

Auswechslungs-Postanstalt
Bureau d'échange

1) Auszufüllen von der Eingangs-Postanstalt oder der Zollverwaltung des Bestimmungslandes
Cadre à remplir par le bureau d'entrée ou par le service de la douane du pays de destination

DEUTSCHE LUFTPOST
1812.33.18-19
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EUROPA
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CHICAGOFART
WELTANSTÄNDIGKEIT
1812.33.18-19
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EUROPA
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BASEL 17
19.12.33.23N
BASEL

Berlin to Winterthur	
Rate period: 15/7/30 - 8/5/45	
Route	Via Basel
Weight	2 Kgs
Rate 1-5 Kgs	1,55 RM
Express	0,65 RM
TOTAL	2,20 RM

18/12/33, Berlin to Winterthur, Switzerland. Express sent via Basel. Transit in Basel on 19/12/33. Cleared by Basel Customs on 20/12/33.

★ Vertical pair of Chicagofahrt Zeppelin stamps.

Darf in Deutschland nur durch Vermittlung des zuständigen Zollamts ausgehändigt werden.

67302 Wien 1 | 3732
R.L. 6068

Wertangabe
valeur déclarée

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

(In arabischen Ziffern)
(en chiffres arabes)

Durch Eilboten
Expres.

An
A
Leopold Mahler
Ljubljana.
Selenburgova ul.

(Bestimmungsort) (Lieu de destination)
(Bestimmungsland) (Pays de destination)

(Straße und Hausnummer)
(Rue et numéro)

Gewicht (Poids)
kg g

Bei Wertangabe Siegel-
abdruck oder Abdruck des
Paketstempels

Empreinte du cachet ou repro-
duction de son fac-similé en cas
de déclaration de valeur

Weg
Voie

Zeitvermerk (Acheminement)
Bureau d'échange

Auswechslungs-Postanstalt
Bureau d'échange

1) Auszufüllen von der Eingangs-Postanstalt oder der Zollverwaltung des Bestimmungslandes
Cadre à remplir par le bureau d'entrée ou par le service de la douane du pays de destination

DEUTSCHE LUFTPOST
1812.33.18-19
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EUROPA
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CHICAGOFART
WELTANSTÄNDIGKEIT
1812.33.18-19
1
EUROPA
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BASEL 17
19.12.33.23N
BASEL

Vienna to Ljubljana	
Rate period: 15/7/30 - 8/5/45	
Route	Direct
Weight	2 Kgs
Rate 1-3 Kgs	0,80 RM
Express	0,65 RM
TOTAL	1,45 RM

7/3/40, Vienna to Ljubljana. Express sent direct as per indication (Unmittelbar). Arrival on 12/3/40.

Heilbronn to Venlo	
Rate period: 6/5/24 - 1/7/30	
Route	Via Emmerich
Weight	9,2 Kgs
Rate 5-10 Kgs	3,45 RM
Express	0,65 RM
TOTAL	4,10 RM

25/10/24, Heilbronn to Venlo. Express sent via Emmerich. Transit in Emmerich on 29/10/24.

Abschnitt
Coupon
Kann vom Empfänger abgetrennt werden
Peut être détaché par le destinataire

962 Leipzig 14 | 375
Deutschland - Allemagne

Wertangabe
valeur déclarée

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

(In arabischen Ziffern)
(en chiffres arabes)

Durch Eilboten
Expres.

An
A
Helene Eisner
Nyiregyháza. Ungarn

(Bestimmungsort) (Lieu de destination)
(Bestimmungsland) (Pays de destination)

(Straße und Hausnummer)
(Rue et numéro)

Gewicht (Poids)
kg g

Bei Wertangabe Siegel-
abdruck oder Abdruck des
Paketstempels

Empreinte du cachet ou repro-
duction de son fac-similé en cas
de déclaration de valeur

Weg
Voie

Zeitvermerk (Acheminement)
Bureau d'échange

Auswechslungs-Postanstalt
Bureau d'échange

1) Auszufüllen von der Eingangs-Postanstalt oder der Zollverwaltung des Bestimmungslandes
Cadre à remplir par le bureau d'entrée ou par le service de la douane du pays de destination

LEIPZIG 14
-51229.6-7N
DRESDEN 25.12.24.1-2V
DRESDEN

Verfügen des Absenders. Instr. f. den Empfänger.

51229.6-7N

DEUTSCHE LUFTPOST
1812.33.18-19
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CHICAGOFART
WELTANSTÄNDIGKEIT
1812.33.18-19
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EUROPA
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BASEL 17
19.12.33.23N
BASEL

Dresden to Vienna	
Rate period: 6/5/24 - 1/7/30	
Route	Via Leipzig
Weight	9,5 Kgs
Rate 5-10 Kgs	1,50 RM
Express	0,65 RM
TOTAL	2,15 RM

23/12/24, Dresden to Vienna. Express sent via Leipzig. Transit in Leipzig on 25/12/24. Arrival on 31/12/24.

580 * Dresden 24 | 1685
Deutschland - Allemagne

Wertangabe
valeur déclarée

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

(In arabischen Ziffern)
(en chiffres arabes)

Durch Eilboten
Expres.

An
A
Karl Weber
Wien VII
Praterergasse

(Bestimmungsort) (Lieu de destination)
(Bestimmungsland) (Pays de destination)

(Straße und Hausnummer)
(Rue et numéro)

Postgewicht (Poids)
kg g

Bei Wertangabe Siegel-
abdruck oder Abdruck des
Paketstempels

Empreinte du cachet ou repro-
duction de son fac-similé en cas
de déclaration de valeur

Weg
Voie

Zeitvermerk (Acheminement)
Bureau d'échange

Auswechslungs-Postanstalt
Bureau d'échange

1) Auszufüllen von der Eingangs-Postanstalt oder der Zollverwaltung des Bestimmungslandes
Cadre à remplir par le bureau d'entrée ou par le service de la douane du pays de destination

LEIPZIG 14
-51229.6-7N
DRESDEN 25.12.24.1-2V
DRESDEN

3.2. Urgent express parcels

For domestic parcels, the urgent service was another fee that could be added to the basic rate. For parcels abroad it wasn't a separate fee. There were complete set of rates for standard parcels and different ones for urgent parcels. The express service could be added to urgent parcels too. The urgent service implied taking the fastest route, and use any way of acceleration available inside Germany and up to the border. The express service was a good complement, since it implied sending a courier on destination for the final delivery. Since urgent parcels were far more expensive than regular ones, these are very scarce, and even more with express service added.

6804 Magdeburg 3 1220
Dringend / Urgent
d'expédition
Nachnahme
Remboursement
Name und Wohnung des Absenders
F. Kiening
Magdeburg
Kaiserstr. 9
Stempel der Zollverwaltung
Timbre de la douane
Zollgebühren
Droits de douane
Gewicht
Poids
3 kg
Zollamt Basel
Basel i



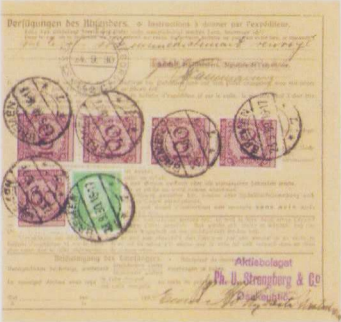
Magdeburg to Lucerne	
Rate period: 1/7/30 - 30/6/40	
Route	Via Basel
Weight	3,5 Kgs
Urg. bulky parcel 1-5 Kgs	7,00 RM
C.O.D. fix rate	0,40 RM
inc. e/20 RM	0,50 RM
Express	0,65 RM
TOTAL	8,55 RM

2/4/33, Magdeburg to Lucerne. Urgent bulky parcel. Sent express via Basel. Transit in Basel on 3/4/33.

Fürth to Zagreb	
Rate period: 31/5/28 - 1/1/30	
Route	Via Austria
Weight	10 Kgs
Urg. parcel 5-10 Kgs	11,10 RM
Express	0,65 RM
TOTAL	11,75 RM

Beglaubigte Rechnung & Ursprungszeugnis
Dringend
865
Fürth By 2
Vicktoria Broncefarbenwerke
DRINGEND! über Oesterreich!
Paketkarte • Bulletin d'expédition
Silbote Expres
Kistchen.
An
"Moster" Tvoronica Laka D.D Filila,
Zagreb/S.H.S.
Am Kanal 41.
Gewicht
Poids
10 kg
Zollgebühren
Droits de douane
186,90
Auswechslungs-Postanstalt
Bureau d'échange
A 20 (10.27)

14/8/28, Fürth to Zagreb. Urgent parcel sent express via Austria. Franked with a register machine. Yugoslav stamps for Customs duties on the back.



Bremen to Jakobstad	
Rate period: 1/7/30 - 28/2/38	
Route	Via Sassnitz/
Weight	2 Kgs
Urg. Parcel 1-5 Kgs	8,40 RM
Express	0,65 RM
TOTAL	9,05 RM

23/9/30, Bremen to Jakobstad. Urgent parcel sent express via Sassnitz/Sweden. TPO Hamburg-Sassnitz on 24/9/30. Sassnitz-Trelleborg ship cancel on 24/9/30. Transit on Turku on 26/9/30.

353 Bremen 7 Zollausland 760
Dringend * Urgent
Stockholm
Firma A/B P.O. A.
Strenberg & Co.
Jakobstad
Finnland
Gewicht
Poids
2 kg
Zollgebühren
Droits de douane
24,90
A 20 (6 25)

Dresden to Oslo	
Rate period: 6/5/24 - 1/7/30	
Route	Via Hamburg
Weight	4 Kgs
Urg. bulky parcel 1-5 Kgs	14,10 RM
Express	0,65 RM
TOTAL	14,75 RM

26/5/26, Dresden to Oslo. Urgent bulky parcel sent express via Hamburg ship post. Cleared by Oslo Customs on 29/5/26.

Abschnitt
Coupon
Kann vom Empfänger abgetrennt werden
Peut être détaché par le destinataire
Deutschland
Allemagne
Wertangabe
Valeur déclarée
Anbei 1 Karton
Ci-joint 1 boîte
An Firma
A
And. Andreassen
(Norwegen)
Oslo
Nedre Slottsgade 8
Postgewicht
Poids
4 kg
Zollgebühren
Droits de douane
360,98
A 20

3.3. Airmail express parcels

Apart from urgent parcels, another way of accelerating the shipment was the airmail. Airmail parcels are frequently seen combined with express service, since it was a way to ensure the fastest shipping, covering the whole way. Since the airmail service was very expensive, these parcels are very rare, especially for heavy parcels which were very costly.

Abchnitt * Coupon
Kann vom Empfänger abgetrennt werden * Peut être détaché par le destinataire

964 Berlin Zentralflughafen 1061

Eilsendung
Exprès - Espresso

Paketkarte * Bulletin d'expédition

Wertangabe (In Buchstaben mit valeur déclarée (les unités))

1. Pakete
1. Zelle

Robert Kinn
Zürich / Schweiz

Predigerplatz 12

6. V. 32

LUFTPOST
PAR AVION

Stempel der Zollverwaltung
Timbre de la douane

ASHELM 3506 20

Verfügungen des Absenders * Instructions à donner par l'expéditeur.

1. Paket

2. Zelle

3. Zelle

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100. Zelle

Velbert to Noviad	
Rate period: 31/5/28 - 1/1/30	
Route	Direct
Weight	0,8 Kgs
Rate 1 Kg	1,50 RM
Airmail surtax 1st Kg	2,00 RM
Express	0,65 RM
TOTAL	4,15 RM

22/5/37, Velbert to Noviad. Airmail parcel sent express. Paid in cash, cancel "Gebühr bezahlt" (Postage paid). Transit in Zemun on 24/5/37. Customs duties paid in Noviad on 25/5.

123 Velbert (Rheinl.) 1433

C. Ed. Schulte A. G.

Allemagne

Fr-or

Durch Eilboten

Paketkarte * Bulletin d'expédition

Wertangabe (In Buchstaben mit valeur déclarée (les unités))

1. Pakete
1. Zelle

An Firma
Rudolf Marschner

Noviad 139

Remacha ul 31 pod Berlet

6. V. 32

MIT LUFTPOST
PAR AVION

Stempel der Zollverwaltung
Timbre de la douane

ASHELM 3506 20

Berlin to Zürich	
Rate period: 29/7/32 - 31/1/39	
Route	Direct
Weight	1,5 Kgs
Rate 1-5 Kgs	1,55 RM
Airmail surtax 1st Kg	2,00 RM
increase extra 1/2 Kg	0,50 RM
Express	Not charged
TOTAL	4,05 RM

6/5/32, Berlin to Zürich. Express airmail parcel. Arrival on 6/5/32. Express not paid at origin, but treated as such on destination.

Verfügungen des Absenders * Instructions à donner par l'expéditeur.

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99. Zelle

100. Zelle

Neckarsulm to Belgrad	
Rate period: 1/10/25 - 8/5/45	
Route	Direct
Weight	12 Kgs
Rate 1-5 Kgs	5,45 RM
Airmail surtax 1st Kg	2,00 RM
increase extra 1/2 Kg	22,00 RM
Express	0,65 RM
TOTAL	30,10 RM

20/5/30, Neckarsulm to Belgrad. Airmail parcel sent express. Arrival on 20/5/30. Paid 14.35 RM with stamps and the rest in cash. Handwritten indication "Affranchissement percu 30,10 RM" (postage paid).

18 Neckarsulm 2339

Deutschland

MIT LUFTPOST
PAR AVION

Paketkarte * Bulletin d'expédition

Wertangabe (In Buchstaben mit valeur déclarée (les unités))

1. Pakete
1. Zelle

An Firma
Metalokemika Akt.

für Chemische & Metallurgische Produkte

Beograd / Jugoslawien

6. V. 32

MIT LUFTPOST
PAR AVION

Stempel der Zollverwaltung
Timbre de la douane

ASHELM 3506 20