

The start of the German occupation of Austria commenced with the assassination of Engelbert Dollfuss, Chancellor of Austria from 1932-1934. Dollfuss was vehemently opposed to Hitler and the Nazi movement and leaned more towards the Italian Mussolini's fascist doctrine. On the night of the 25th July 1934 the Austrian Nazis stormed the Chancellors office and shot him dead. It was naturally assumed that this was on the orders of the Fuhrer but this is a debatable subject. Dollfuss was well thought of and his face appears on the stamps of Austria for that time. The stamps issued were the 24 Groschen and 10 Schilling. The former are very common but the latter are much rarer and very expensive!! The 24 Groschen also appear in light blue and dark blue forms.



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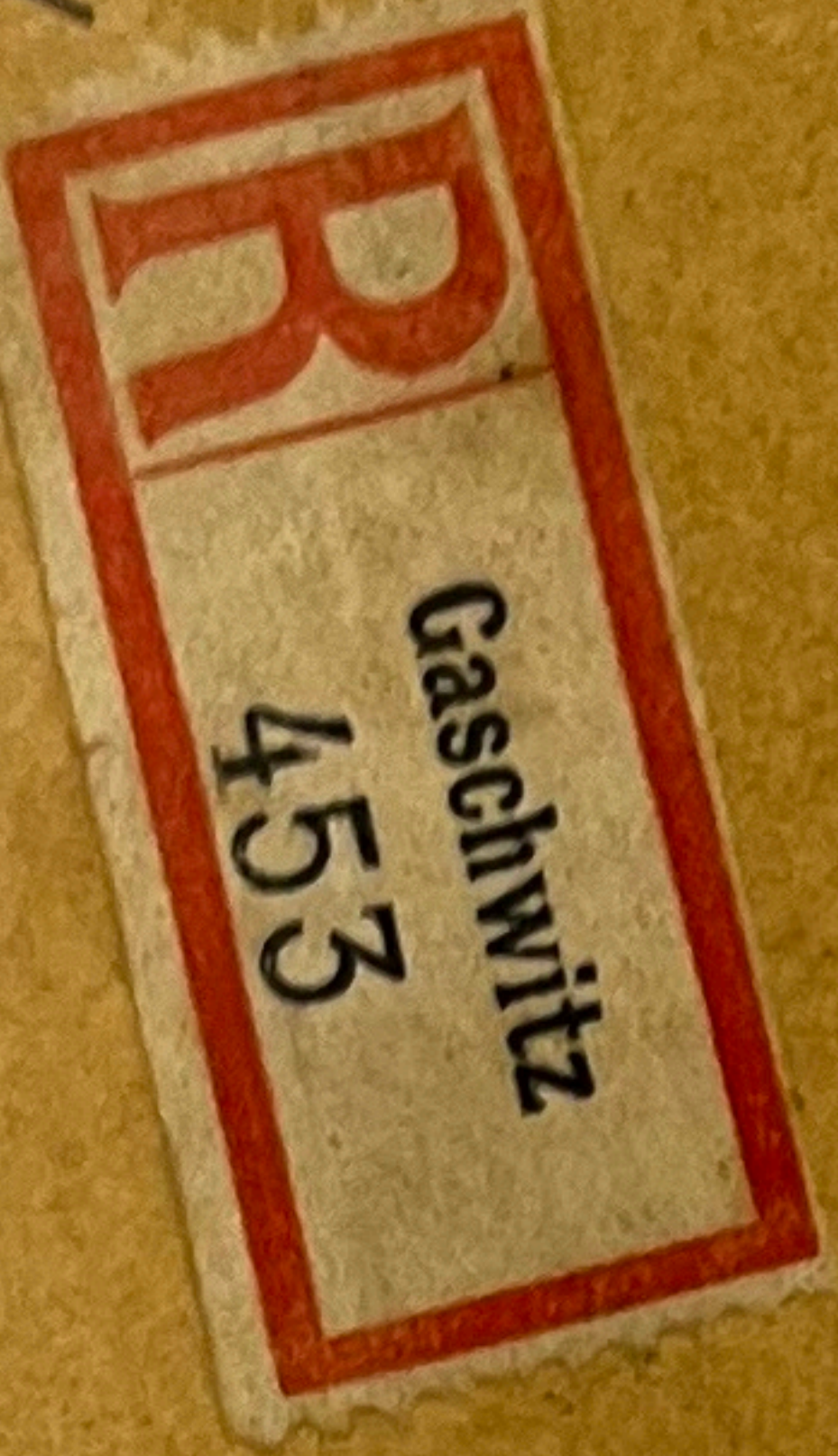
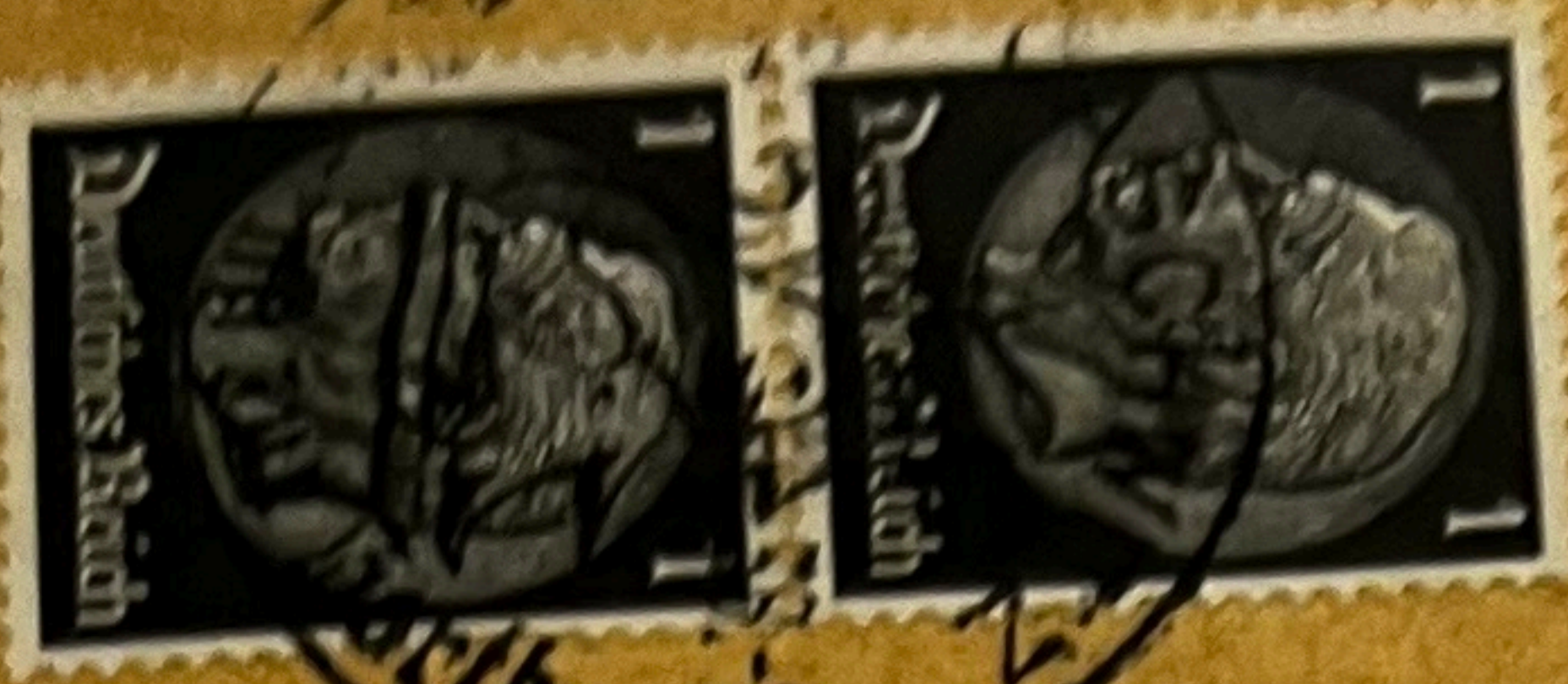
Germany

A large registered cover posted from Gaschwitz to Leipzig with two stamps of the Berlin annexation issue, a Winter Relief stamp and two Hindenburg head stamps. The cancellation stamp is interesting with the squirrel and pine tree and the declaration that Gaschwitz is the entry place to the Harth.

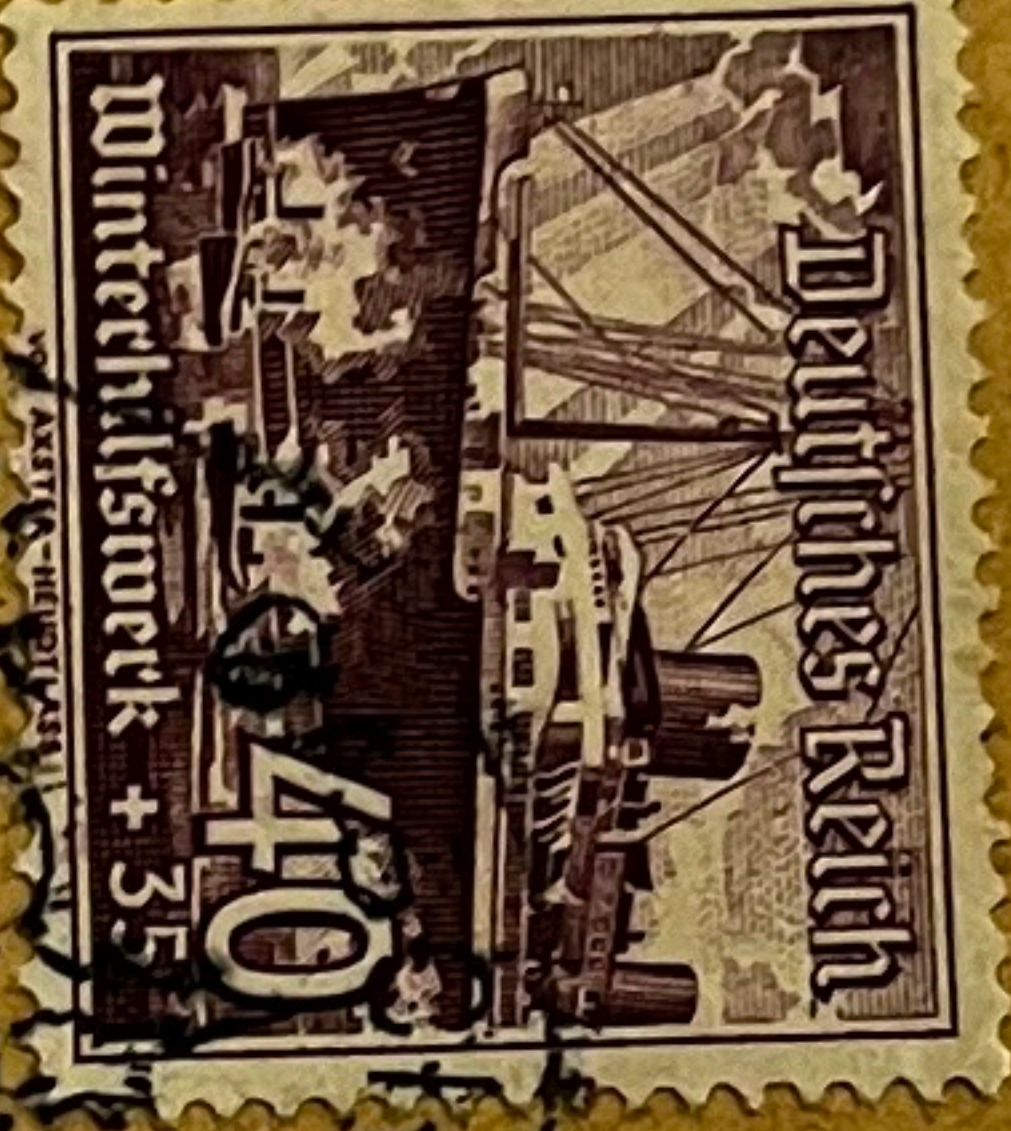
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Leipzig, Reichsrig*

This cover contains a Dollfuss stamp cancelled with a Vienna cancellation for the 25th July 36 advertising the Austrian Volkstrauertag. The purple label in the left corner is advertising the International Philatelic Exposition Vienna 1933 with a small label in the main design which shows a post horn, the letters WIPA and the wording around the edge of the label has been heavily blocked out in purple!!



Germany

Another cover for the First Day of Issue, this time with mixed German and Austrian stamps dated 10.4.38 and carrying the Braunschweig cancel. Note the typed "Niederösterreich" in the top left. Translated, this means; overpowered, cowed, submitted. The recipient was a medical doctor and the sender was obviously not happy with the annexation.

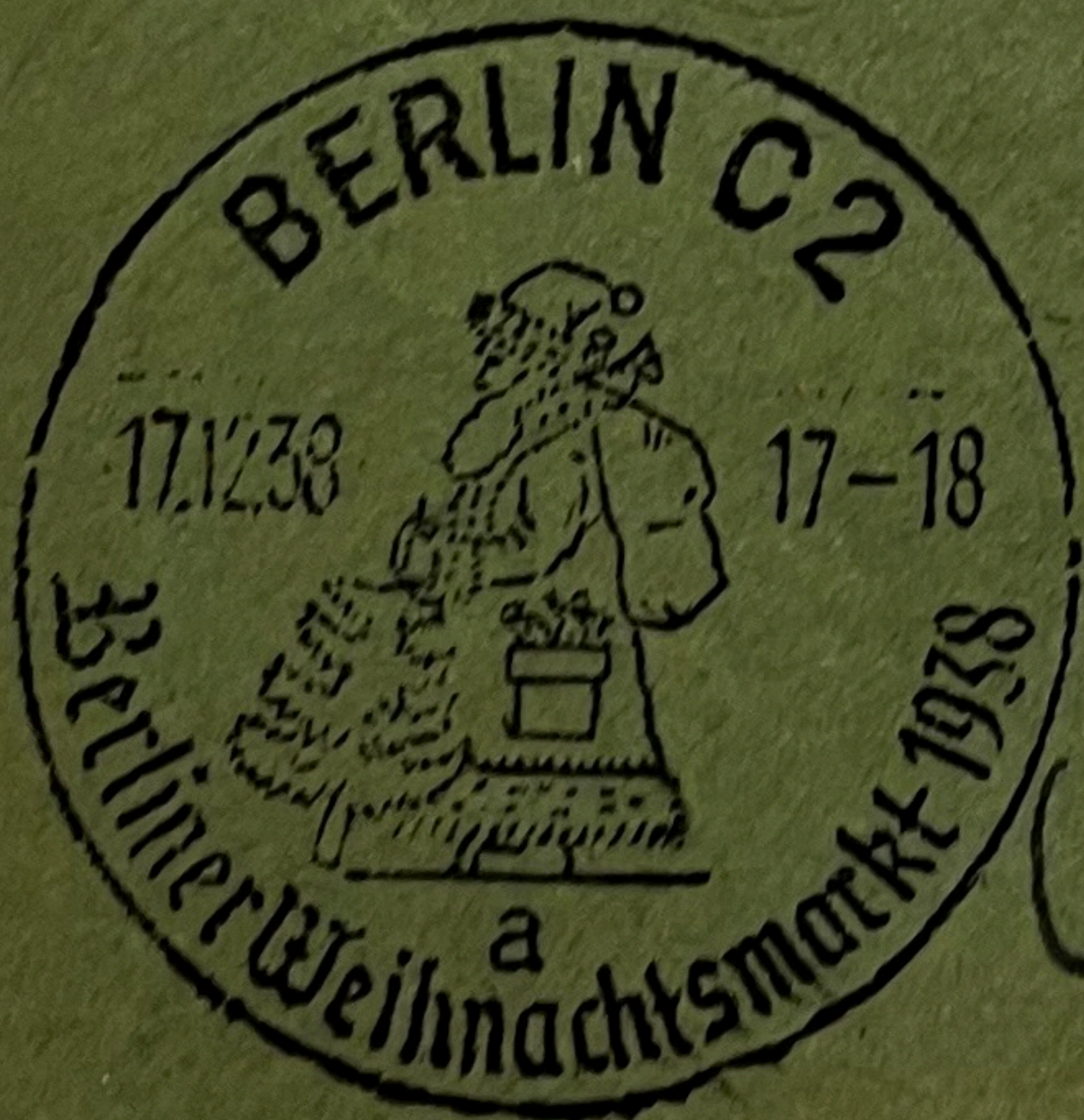


Germany

A cover from Berlin to Dortmund carrying a marginal pair of the Berlin postage annexation stamps and tied with a special Berlin cancellation for the 17.12.38 "Berliner Weihnachtsmarkt - 1938" (Berlin Christmas Market 1938).

Familie

Fritz Wehmann



Dortmund

Vestertalstrasse 111



Germany

This cover, cancelled First Day Cover date, for the Plebiscite 10.4.1938 contains a bottom right margin strip of four and a vertical pair of the plebiscite stamps of Berlin issue. It also carries a booklet pair of Hindenburg head 12pf. and 4pf. stamps all being tied with a Stuttgart cancellation. It also carries a sticker with the words "Gilbote Express" which literally translated means carrier thrush expressionism. The back of the cover contains a cancellation of Frankfurt-am-Main dated 11.4.38 from West 13d district.



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~~Herrn Dr. Paul Gelp~~

~~Frankfurt a. M.~~

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Gilbote Express

Germany

The Germany - Austria Annexation, 1938.

This card was produced to commemorate the joining of Germany and Austria (Anschluss). Although the date on the Plebiscite stamp issue and the official cancellation stamp issued at the time gives the date as: 9th - 10th April 1938 the card carries a date of: 13th March 1938. The reverse of the card carries a machine printing of the Berlin version of the plebiscite stamp (28 m.m.) and the card was printed in Munich.



This card carrying the annexation stamp is cancelled with a special stamp advertising the Sailplane Centre - The Sailplane City in Schönen Unstruttal. The card is also cancelled on the back with the same cancel.



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Herrn

Werner Kappes

Sarbachwalden-Braudenmatt

2876 **Eilt!** über Achem (Baden)
Neue Karten senden!