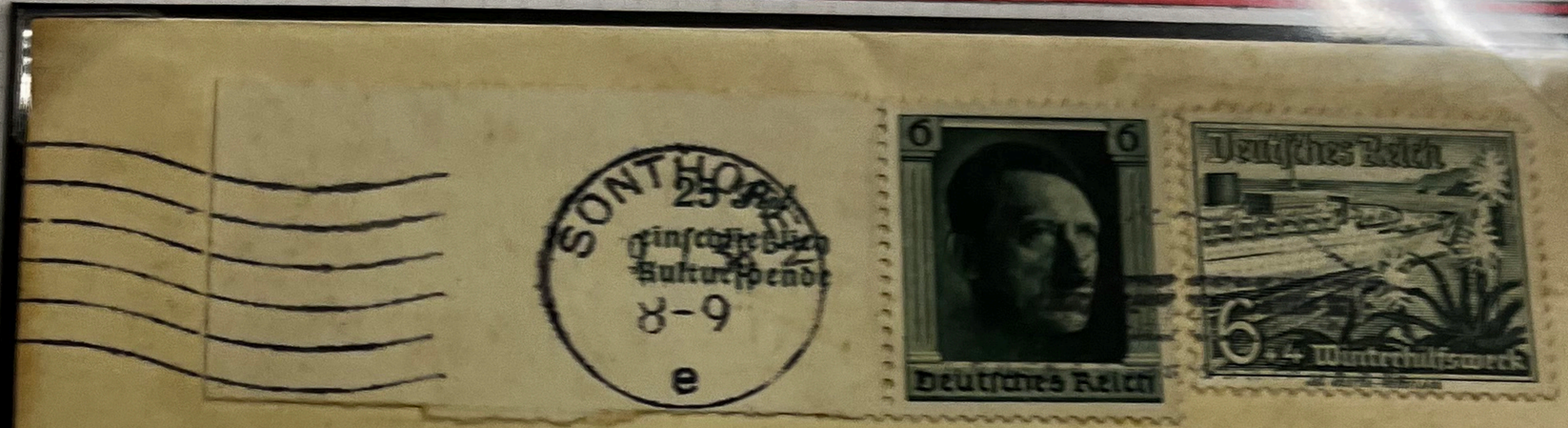
Germany

Sonthofen is the most southerly town of Germany. Located in the Oberallgau region of the Bavarian Alps. Neighbouring Oberstdorf, is situated 4 kilometres further south but is not classified as a town.
In World War II Sondhofen was bombed twice because Adolf Hitler had built the Ordensburg Sonthhofen where young boys were trained for service in Nazi Party organisations. The "Ordensburg" was not destroyed by the war and from 1946 to 1948 it was home to the United States military school. Nowadays it is used by the German Bundeswehr for the Bundeswehr's Military Police (Feldjager) and Staff Service School.



Fred Kranich , Ordensburg Sonthofen , SS-Staffel

The cover carries a section of block 9 of the mini sheet and also a 6Rpf.stamp from the winter relief issue of 4th Nov. 1937. The cancellation stamp is for the 9th Jan 1938 and appears to be a letter written by an S.S. Squadron Instructor to his wife. The reverse carries the senders address and a small portion of a feldpost stamp.

Germany

1937. Hitler's Culture Fund and 48th Birthday
Four stamps in miniature sheet 148 x 105m.m.
Perf. and imperf. 6pf. + 19pf. Green.
Swastika watermark.



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

This sheet has one of the four official cancellation stamps which were in use for one day only. The cancel is for Munchen (Munich)

Germany

28.9.1937. Head of States, "Pact of Steel" meeting. The original mini sheet (block 7) cancelled with the Berlin special cancellation for the "Pact of Steel" meeting between Hitler and Mussolini. The illustration consists of the Fascist sign of the wood sheaf and axe carrying the swastika on the front and dated from 25-29.9.1937.



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KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

Germany

1937. Hitler's Culture Fund and 48th Birthday.
Four stamps in miniature sheet (148 m.m. x 105 m.m.)
Perforate and imperforate. Perf. 14.
Designed by R. Klein. All over swastika watermark.



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

This sheet carries the cancellation of Berlin with the date of 29.9.1937. This was the date for the Heads of State meeting between Hitler and Mussolini to promulgate The "Pact of Steel" between Germany and Italy, held in Berlin. This pact bound each country to the other in the event of an act of war. The logo shows the Fascist sheaf of wood surrounding an axe, bound with rope and a German swastika mounted in the centre and the lower section of the cancel states: State meeting between Hitler and Mussolini.

This registered cover from Augsburg contains the stamp from the 1937 Hitler head birthday issue and also four stamps from the 1936 Winter Relief set including a se-tenant pair, cancelled with the normal issue cancellation with the lower circle section carrying a latter L. It also carries a smaller barred cancellation with the number 11. The top of the cover bears a purple stamp of Einschreiben.



Augsburg is an independent city in the south-west of Bavaria. The college town is home of the Regierungsbezirk (a type of government region of Germany and is one of seven administrative regions of Bavaria). In 1906 Augsburg became Grosstadt and is nowadays with more than 264,000 citizens the third largest city in Bavaria. Only Munich and Nuremberg are larger.

Germany

1937. Hitler's Culture Fund and 48th Birthday.
Two blocks of four from miniature sheets.
Swastika watermark. Perf.14

One block is mint and the other is partially
used on only the lower two stamps,
an unusual combination.





The cancellation for the block above is for Schiltach, a town situated in
Black Forest of Germany. Now famous for its innovative shower
components, high quality cast aluminium car wheels, visualisation compu

Germany

1937. Hitlers Culture Fund and 48th Bithday
Four stamps in miniature sheets (148 * 105m.m.)
Perforated or imperforated.

M.S. 635. 6 * 19pf. Green.
Swastika watermark.



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

This sheet has one of the four official cancellations which were in use for one day only. The cancellation illustrates the Reich Chancellery, the capital of the Reich.

Germany

This block 7 carries the standard cancellation stamp of Dusseldorf and is dated 20.4.1937 which commemorated Hitlers birthday. Dusseldorf is the capital city of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia. It is an economic centre of Germany. The city is situated on the river Rhine and has a high population density - the Rhine-Ruhr metropolitan area has over 10 million inhabitants alone. The city is renowned for its many events and also for its fashion and trade fairs.



Germany

1937. Hitler's Culture Fund and 48th birthday.
Four stamps in miniature sheet 148 x 105m.m.
Perf. 14. 6 rpf. + 19 Rpf. Green.
Swastika watermark.



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

This sheet carries the standard cancellation for Nuremberg. It has the logo: City of the Reich Party Day. (Nuremberg Rallies) and an image of a swastika. Dated 5.4.37. 15 days before his birthday.

Germany

A registered cover posted from Munich on 8.5.1937 to Long Island, New York. The letter arrived in New York on the 18th of the fifth and carries an oval cancellation on the back for 18.5.37. It also has an additional cancellation for Massapequa, N.Y. for the 19.5.37. The stamps carried are: a block 7 of the Hitler head 1937 issue, 1 pair of the 3 and 6Rpf. Civil Defence stamps and a 1Rpf. and 12Rpf. Hindenburg head stamp, all cancelled with the Munchen hand stamp which carries the slogan, "The capital city in motion".



1937. Hitler's Culture Fund and 48th Birthday.
Four stamps in miniature sheet (148 x 105m.m.)
Swastika watermark. Imperforate.
6pf. ✣ 19pf. Green on cream paper.







WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

Cancelled with the special birthday
stamp and also the normal
Berlin date stamp.

Germany

1937. Hitlers Culture Fund and 48th Birthday.
Four stamps on miniature sheet 148 x 105m.m.
Designed by R. Klein. Swastika watermark.
Perf. 14. Margins rouletted, continuing the
lines of perforation and inscribed " 25Rpf.
einschliesslich Kulturespende" opposite each stamp.
(10.6.37) The sheet was sold at the Berlin
Philatelic Exhibition for 1 Rm.50 Rpf. entrance fee.



1937. Hitler`s 48th birthday and Culture Fund.
Design: Prof. Richard Klein.
Issued: 5th April 1937, Valid until the 31st December 1938.
Watermark: Swastikas (entire sheet), Perf: 14.
Printing: Recess on coated paper, 6pf. + 19pf. Dark blue-green.

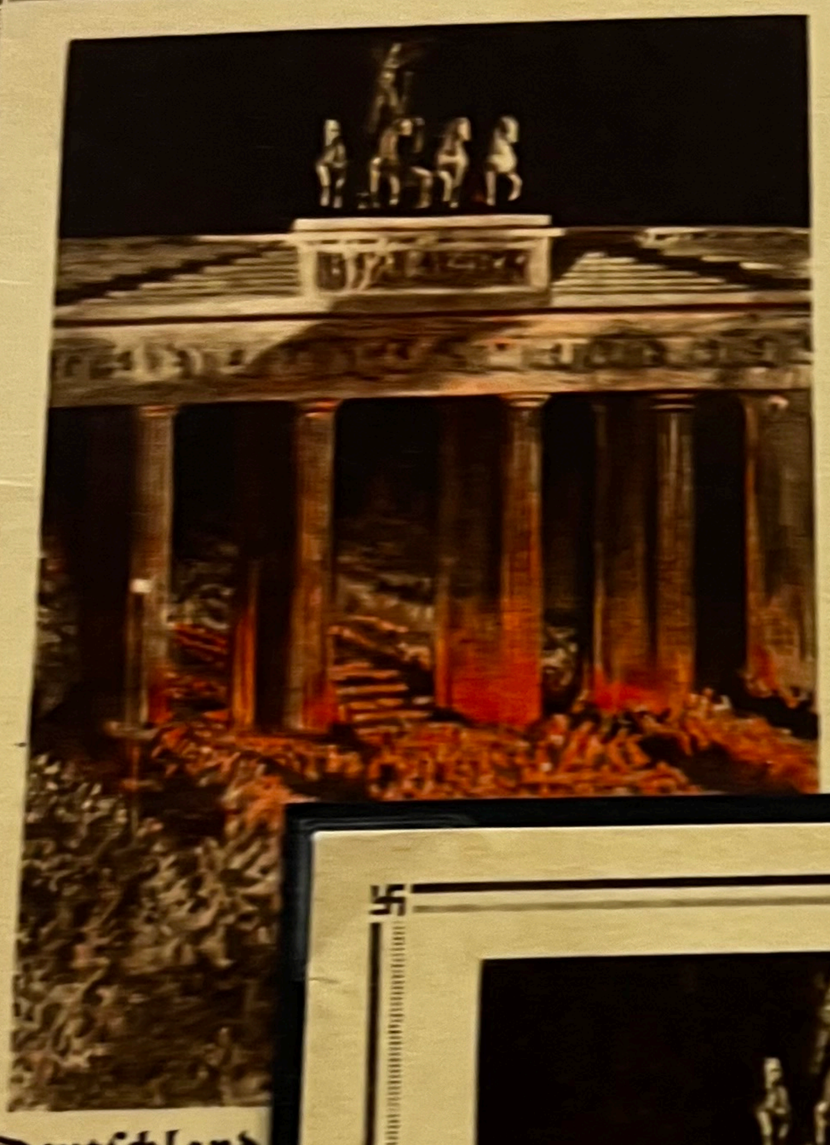
The inscription on the bottom half of the sheet: "Wer Ein Volk Retten Will Kann Nur Heroisch Denken" (He who wants to save his people must think heroically) was a quotation of Hitler`s. These sheets were printed on two different types of paper white and yellowish white. These sheets sold for one mark and the 76pf. surtax went to Hitler`s Culture Fund. This fund was created by Post Minister Ohnesorge on his own initiative and the money was given to Hitler for his own use to further German culture. Originally this surtax was intended to appear only on Hitlers birthday stamp which was intended to appear every year to 1945, but henceforth this tax appeared on all special stamp issues, thus becoming another official tax yielding several million marks a year. Although this fund was for Hitlers personal use, it was actually all used for culture purposes, mainly on new buildings, as Hitler, unlike the remainder of his Party colleagues, had little use for money as his personal tastes were extremely simple. Although the surtax on the Olympic Games stamps had gone to this fund, the fund only became known officially with this stamp issue.



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

Germany

This card depicts the first time that Hitlers head appears on postal stationery, in the company of Hindenburg, as Reichchancellor. The illustration shows the NSDAP parading through the Brandenburg Gate on the 30th January 1933 when the Party were wearing the brown uniform of the S.A. The words beneath were the German [illegible].

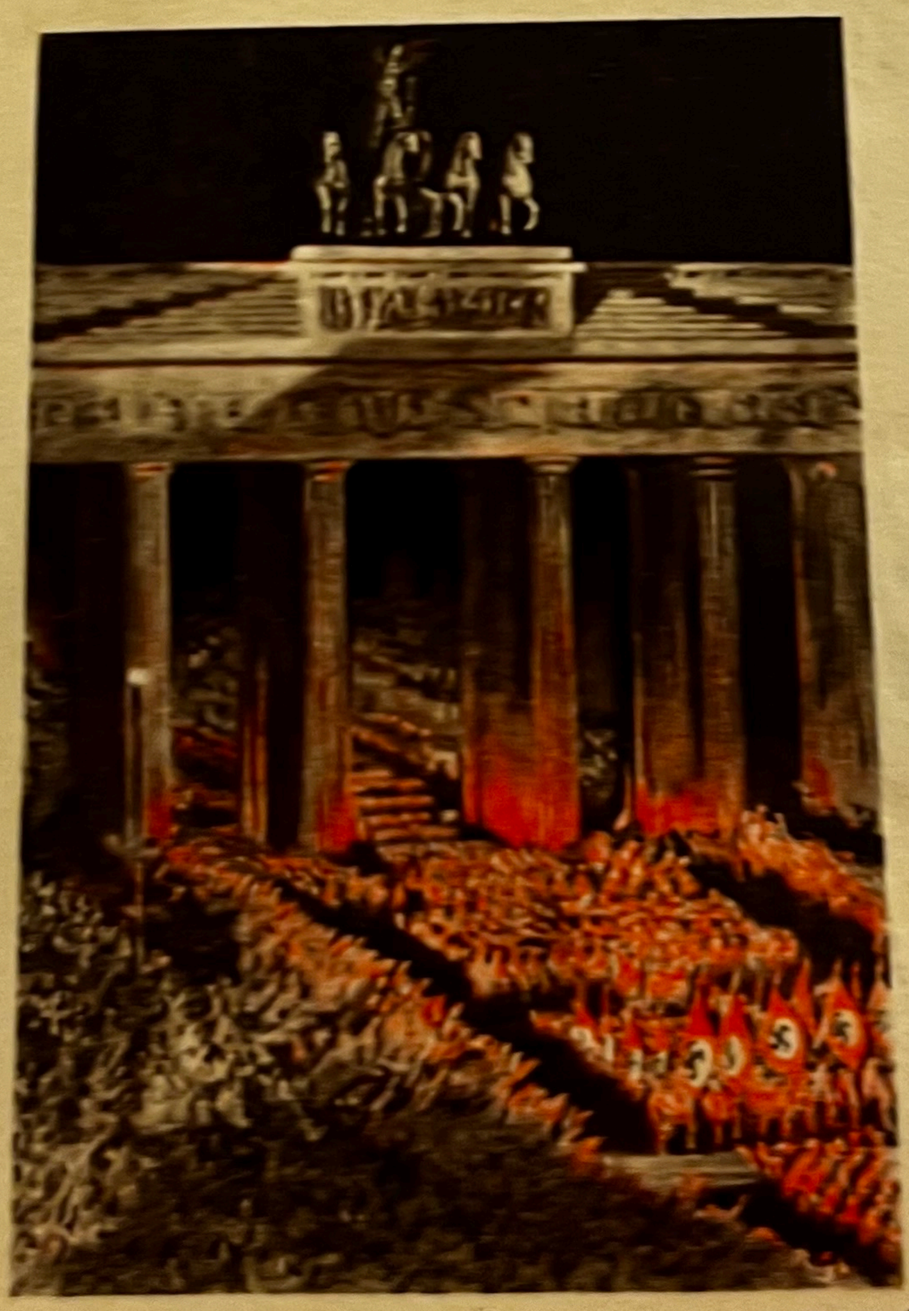


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Deutschland, Deutschland über alles!

30. 1. 1933

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Bonn

Germany

1937. Hitler's Culture Fund and 48th Birthday.
Designed by R.Klein. Swastika watermark.
Perf 14. Margins rouletted, continuing
the lines of perforation.



This miniature sheet carries the 25 Rpf.
Culture Fund addition and the overprint
for the Reichparteitag Nurnburg 1937
in the margins and is the most scarce
of all the printings.

Germany

1937. Nuremburg Congress.
Four stamps in miniature sheet as Hitlers birthday
but overprinted Reichparteitag 1937 in side panels.
The sheet is cancelled with a Berlin cancellation
depicting the sheaf and axe of the Fascist Movement
and the swastika. Watermark: Swastika overall. Perf. 14.
Dated: 25.9.1937.



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

This sheet is roulleted and carries the 25pf.
Culture Fund printing in green at the side of
of each stamp.

1938. Hitlers 49th Birthday and Culture Fund.
Bottom half of the 1937 issue miniature sheet
but cancelled with the 1938 stamp for Braunau am Inn
self posted to a H.Winklemann of Bielefeld, Westfalia.
(Second of a pair)



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HITLERS GEBURTSTAG DENKEN

H. Winkelmann
Bielefeld
Schillerplatz 26

Of particular interest in this cover is that the commemorative cancellation
stamp used here is from the town where Hitler was born and shows the hou
to which he was born and dated on the day, 49 years after the birth.

Top half of the 1937 issue miniature sheet
but cancelled with the 1938 stamp from Linz
self posted to a H. Winklemann of Herford, Westfalia.
(First of a pair)



M. Winkelmann
Herford Westf.
Ludwig Windthorststr 3

This cover carries the cancellation stamp for Linz where Hitler spent mos
of his younger days and shows the Linz Rathaus (Town Hall).

Germany

Kandel is a town in the district of Germersheim, in Rhineland-Palatinate. It is situated near the border with France, approx. 18 kilometres north-west of Karlsruhe, and 15 km south-east of Landau.

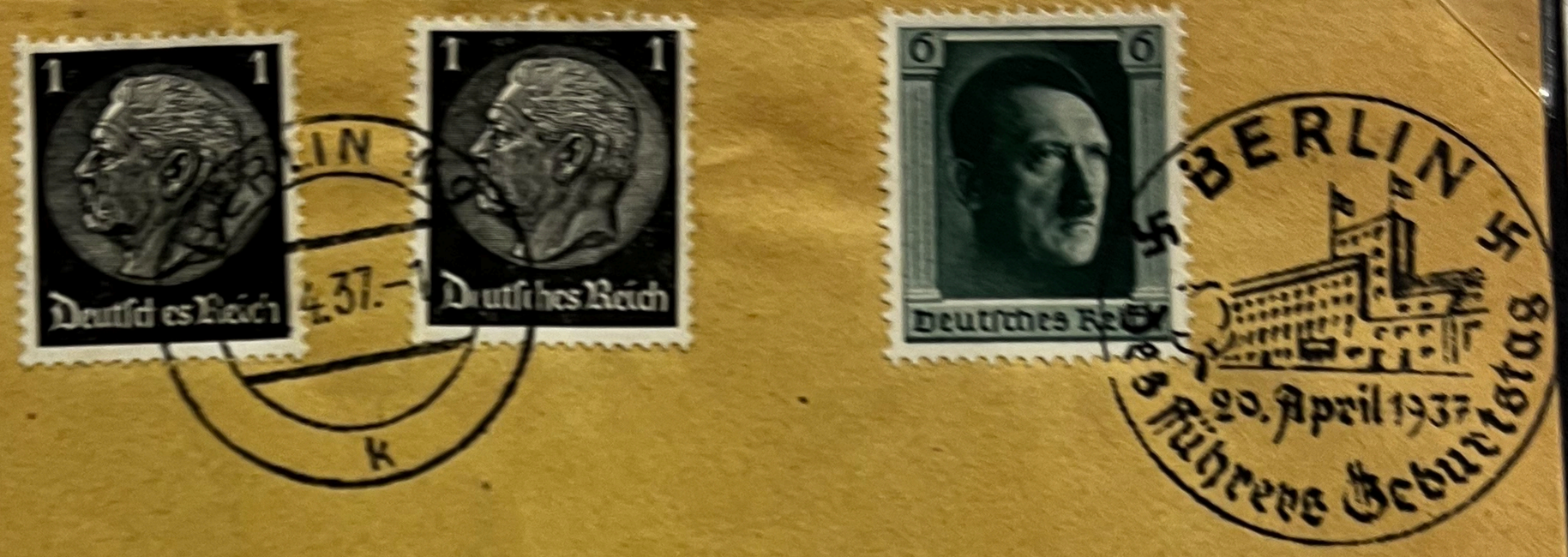
Kandel is twinned with the small Lancashire town of Whitworth.

The cover was posted from Kandel on the 25th July 1937
And arrived on the 30th July 1937 and was sent airmail.
It carries the Hitler head birthday stamp From block 9, a
Hindenburg head stamp and a 15Rpf. Airmail stamp.
The cancellation stamp has a logo: "Grenzlandtag"
which is: "Frontier Day".



Details

cancelled with the Berlin W9 stamp and also the 1937 Hitler head issue for the celebration of his 48th birthday and Culture Fund. The Hitler head stamp is cancelled with the special Berlin stamp for Hitler's birthday.



Herrn

Hermann Seidensichwanz

Berlin-Steglitz

Langenstr. 119.



nz in 1925 seen from the lake

Germany

1937. Hitler's Culture Fund and 48th Birthday.
Four stamps in miniature sheets 148 x 105m.m.
Perforated or imperforated.
Swastika watermark. 6pf. ✣ 19pf. Green.



Schnetztor, a section of former city wall



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

This sheet is cancelled with a stamp from Konstanz. It was cancelled on the 20th April 1937 which was Hitlers birthday. Konstanz is a university town of around 80,000 inhabitants at the western end of Lake Constance in the south-west corner of Germany, bordering Switzerland. To the south, the old town borders on to the Swiss town of Kreuzlingen.
Around 100 A.D. the first Romans settled on the site. Its name, originally Constantia, comes from the emperor Constantius Chlorus who fought the Alemanni in the region and fortified the town.

Court of Arms

1937. Hitlers Culture Fund and 48th Birthday
Four stamps in miniature sheets(148 x 105m.m.)
Perforated or Imperforated.

MS 635. 6 ✣ 19pf. Green.
Swastika Watermark.



Construction of Aix
Chapelle, by Jean Fou



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

achen is a historic spa city in North Rhine-Westfalia, Germany. It is the
esternmost city of Germany located along its borders with Belgium and the
etherlands, 65kms. West of Cologne. Aachen was destroyed partially -
d in some parts completely - during World War II, mostly by bombing in
e latest phase of non-surrender, by American artillery fire and through
liberate destruction wrought by the SS division employed to keep Aachen

Coat of arms



Germany

1937. Hitlers Culture Fund and 48th Birthday
Four stamps in miniature sheets (148 x 105m.m.)
Perforated or imperforated.

M.S. 635. 6 + 19pf. Green.
Swastika watermark. Perf. 14.



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WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

This sheet is cancelled with the Mannheim stamp. During world War II, Mannheim (as a key industrial centre) was heavily damaged by U.S. and British bombing. The inner city area was practically annihilated. The purpose of the British strategic bombing campaign was to kill as many enem civilians as possible, breaking their moral through this terror thus causing a

Heide city in Schleswig-Holstein is the county seat of Dithmarschen. The city flag, which was adopted on the 31st January 1951, is white on red field and portrays St. George killing the dragon, an upturned anchor, a wreath of flowers and white horizontal lines top and bottom of the field. The local area is home to the Nature Park of some 60 lakes and extensive conifer forests, some trees dating back to 1760 when the forests were first planted by the Dobbertin monastic authority. The "Damerower Werder" Lies on a peninsular with an old woodland area and houses a herd of free ranging bison. The bison reserve covers an area of 280 hectares.





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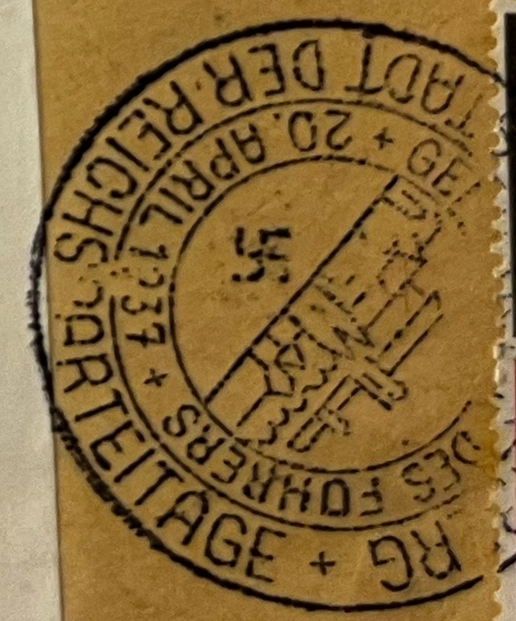
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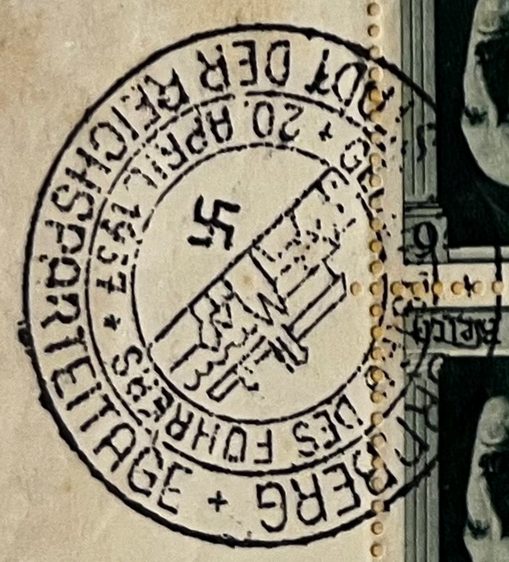
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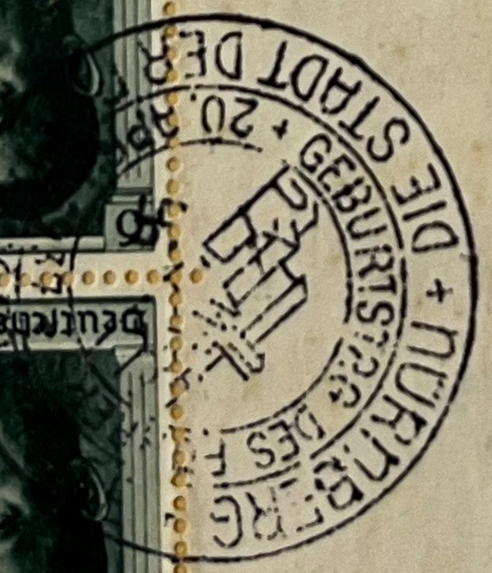
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The Annexation of Austria.

The 1937 miniature sheet issue used to commemorate the annexation of Austria with Germany to form "Grossdeutschesreich" The Great German State. It is specially hand stamped, "The day of the Great German State" Vienna, 9 April 1938. And shows a map of Germany and Austria joined.



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

This postcard was produced to celebrate the Harvest
Festival and give support to the farming community
for their efforts in supplying the nation with the
necessary foodstuffs to feed them. It was also good
propaganda to urge them to produce even more.
It carries a machine printed copy of the 1937 mini
sheet issue and an illustration of a farming community
dressed in traditional clothing with a "Good Luck"
wreath suspended from a pole.
It contains an inscription on the bottom with the words:
"Harvest Festival" and "State Farmers Day"
In the centre is a swastika with two swords and the date 1937.



Erntedank-fest 1937 Reichsbauerntag

Preis der Festpostkarte 25 Rpf. einschließlich Kulturspende

Deutsches Reich

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1937. Hitler's Culture Fund and 48th birthday.
Four stamps in miniature sheet 148 x 105m.m.
Perf.14. 6 Rpf. + 19 Rpf. Green.
Swastika watermark.



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

On the 1st April 1938 the Prussian provinces of Niederschlesien and Oberschlesien formed the new Province Schlesien by mutual consent.

On the 1st January 1939 the county of Rosenberg was the major County.

Early in 1945 the area was taken over by the Red Army and then after by the Polish government.

1937. Hitler's Culture Fund and 48th Birthday Issue.
A block of four from the miniature sheet.
Swastika watermark. Perf. 14.



This particular block is of interest as, first of all, it is the 1937 issue. Secondly it has a Nurnberg cancellation for the 1938 Nurnberg Reichparteitag and thirdly, it has a further cancellation from Nurnberg for Hitler's 50th birthday in 1939. Altogether an interesting item.

This cover carries the complete sheet of the Hitler Head mini-sheet. This sheet was the first of several differing sheets, printed for Hitlers birthday but the cancels are (left) from Vienna on the 10th April 1938, in purple and (right) the Day of Greater Germany Vienna, 10th April 1938. The Day of the Greater German Empire and a map of Germany and Austria joined.

MANSBENDEL-HARTMANN, MULHOUSE (Ht-Rhin)



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

was the official card issued at the hotel for guests to purchase and carries their logo which includes a witch and her broomstick. The picture on the front is of the original hotel as it was before it was bombed. The picture show the train which served the Brocken Hotel and installations.

Please notice the two stamps!

BROCKEN HOTEL

1142 Meter ü. Meeresspiegel

Dear old Phil!

I am now spending the night in the home you see marked with a cross. My room is like a cupboard. Hope you had a good time at Oxford. Did you see Higham there?

Heaps of love from Elsie

Miss Phyllis Cubbin
Beversbrook
Broadsbury Rd
London N.W.
England

No. 10

Brockenbahn am Königsberg

the worlds first television was built in 1935. It carried the first television broadcast of the 1936 Olympic Games - from the Summer Games in Berlin. The tower continued functioning until Sept. 1939when broadcasting was suspended on the outbreak of WWII.

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HOTEL ü. Meeresspiegel

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...s a picture of The Fleischerbrücke which runs through Nuremburg and ...eautiful houses along the river.

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Coburg, den 11.9.37

Lieber Herry!

Ich bin jetzt in Coburg und habe mir schon verschiedene Sachen angesehen. Wir sind aus gutem Quartier und das Wetter ist auch gut. Regnen tut es nicht.

Deine Briefmarkensammlung soll auch gut sein. Ich habe noch keine Zeit gehabt, sie anzusehen.

Viele Grüße

Dein Onkel Hans



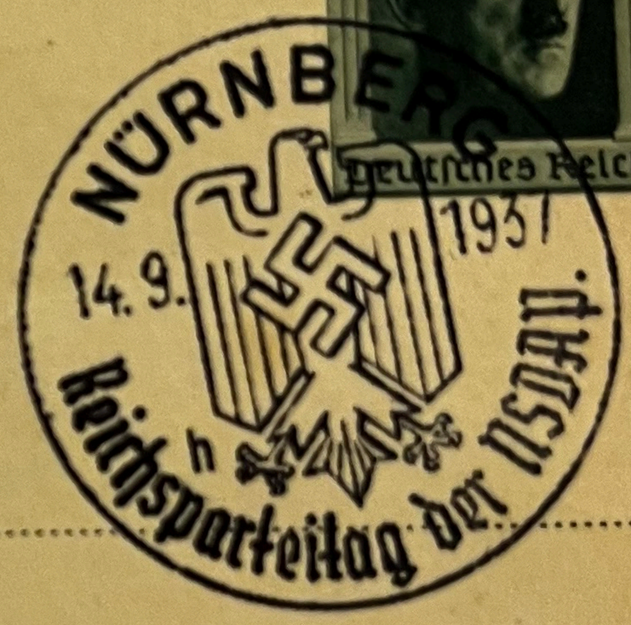
containing a charge of 25 Rpf. for the Culture Fund.
Depicting a young bugler of the Hitler Youth Organisation in a camping area. The cancellation stamp was the official stamp for the NSDAP (Nazi Party) for the Nurmburg Rally of 14.9.1937 and the machine produced 6 Rpf. Stamp is from the 1937 mini sheet issue.



Festpostkarte zum Reichsparteitag. Preis 25 Rpf. einschließlich Kulturspende

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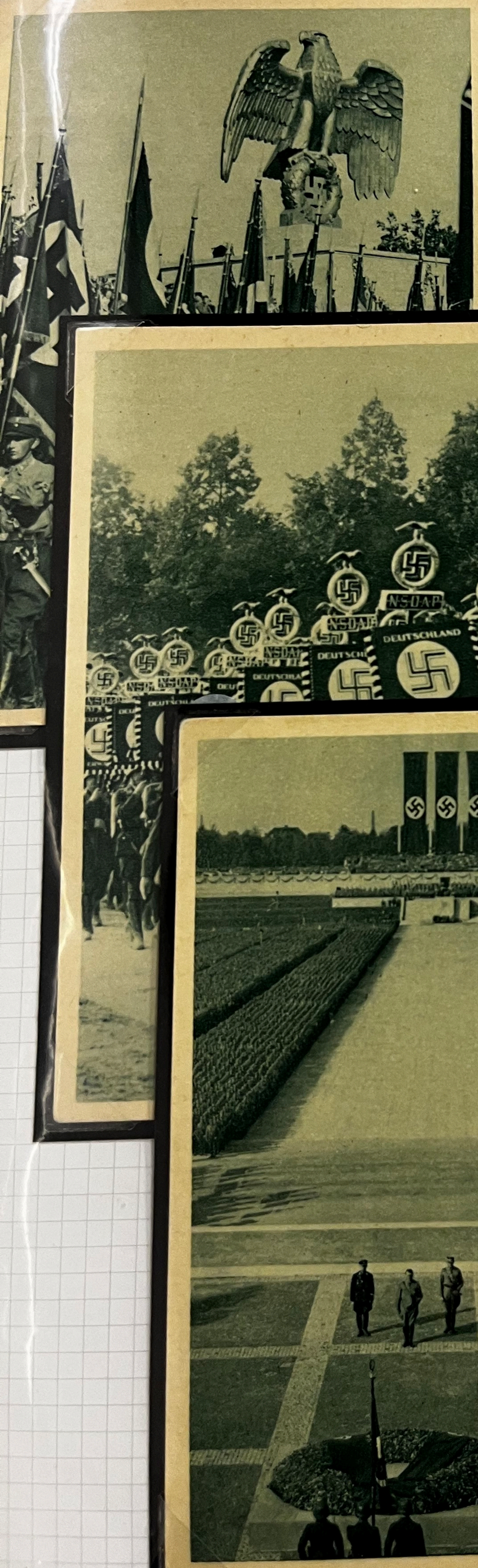
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A series of postcards which were specially issued for the Rallies. The first two cards show the parade of uniformed personnel at the Rally. The third card shows the parade assembled on the parade ground.



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WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

1937. Hitler's Culture Fund and 48th birthday.
Four stamps in miniature sheet 148 x 105m.m.
Perf.14. 6 Rpf. ✣ 19 Rpf. Green.
Swastika watermark.



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

The sheet carries the cancellation stamp of Dresden with Hitlers birthday date. The bombing of Dresden by the R.A.F. and the USAAF between 13th February and the 15th February 1945, 12 weeks before the surrender of the Armed Forces(Wehrmacht) of Nazi Germany, remains one of the most controversial Allied actions of the Second World War. The city was the baroque capitol of the German state of Saxony. Dresden was a cultural landmark of little or no military significance, a "Florence on the Elbe" as it was known, and the attacks were indiscriminate area bombing and not proportional for the commensurate military gains. Between 25,000 and 40,000 civilians died in those two days.

NSKK Zeltlager Mogeldorf dated 11.9.1937 with side letter "a". The cancel on the right has a side letter "c".



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN



WER EIN VOLK RETTEN WILL
KANN NUR HEROISCH DENKEN

Germany

This is a mint sheet with the 25 Pfg. culture fund extra. These sheets are the most sought after and it can be seen that the watermark is an all over swastika.

