

Rundschreiben 231 - September 2016

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Title page: A verse in Silesian dialect which prompts to save money at the 'Kreissparkasse'.

Questions and answers:

Page 10: Answer to question 1552 on the use of official stamps in Upper Silesia; Reference is made to the extensive explanations in the manual of the plebiscite area Upper Silesia (edited by our late honorary member Rolf Ritter). There, the use of official stamps is discussed in detail in Section B I b.

Page 11: Answer to question 1558 'Reitz über Stolp'; Reitz had a military airfield, the "Fliegerhorst Stolp-Reitz". For reference, a contribution from the book "Der Landkreis Stolp in Pommern" by K. H. Pagel is quoted, which describes the location of the airfield and its size. The word 'Fliegerhorst' in the postmark was removed later on. Sf. Gittke believes that the removal took place for war camouflaging purposes. Sf. Haack shows a postmark of 1939 with the initial full text.

Page 14: Question 1561: Sf. Dr. von Lindeiner mentions that there has been a number of land-based naval facilities in Memel in World War II, from the First World War, he however only knows the "Kaiserliche Marine Nachrichtenstelle" and asks whether more land-based naval facilities in Memel are known.

Page 15: Note 1562: A POW letter from Königsberg of 13.11.44 is presented, showing a notation 'Taxe percue 1 RM 20 Pfg'. POW letters had to be posted open and were free of charge. Because this letter should be explicitly promoted by airmail, however, an air mail fee of 1.20 RM had to be paid in cash. This was noted. These letters were collected in separate lists and numbered. This letter was the No. 71. It was delivered in the US on 6.2.45.

Page 16: Question 1563: Skirwiet über Russ; A postcard from 1942 with the postmark 'Skirwiet über Russ' is shown. Up to now only the village 'Skirwiet über Kuckerneese' (second Figure) was known. Since Skirwiet was divided in 1918 (the northern part came to the Memel territory) it is hypothesized that there was a post office in the northern part "über Russ' after 1939, too.

Page 17: Question: Field post from Welfare Services Flensburg; Shown is a field post card that was written by a member of the Welfare Services Nordschleswig on 18.2.45 to Berlin. It is asked whether the use of the army postal service for this facility was permissible.

Page 18: Note 1565: Billy Jenkins in Memel; Shown is a card with a slogan "Billy Jenkins Wild West Show" with the figure of an Indian head, and some from the CV of Billy Jenkins (born Erich Rosenthal, later from 1933 on Erich Fischer - his father Rosenthal was a Jew) is reported: he was member of the NSDAP, and his car was completely destroyed during a travel with the Circus Busch in 1940, and he was seriously injured.

Page 20: Congratulations on the success of our member Thomas Radzuweit in the New York philatelic exhibition; on the following pages brief reports of the newsletters of other working groups and short reviews of the books "Designations of postmark forms" and "Letters from the First World War" are given.

Page 26: Silesian railway worlds;
From April 2, 2017, until May 27, 2018, in the Upper Silesian Museum the 175th anniversary of railways in Silesia is commemorated in a special exhibition. In the article a brief introduction to this event is given, and both the committee of experts that prepared the exhibition and their concept is presented. The exhibition organizers still ask philatelists for items of travelling post office mail.

Articles:

Page 29: Supplement 1102: German perfins, supplements;
The note is based on the previous parts and presents new perfins and newly discovered users.

Page 34: Article 1122: Memel Michel Nr. A9;
The complete unique sheet, which was auctioned in 2004, is shown, and then some auction results for single stamps from this sheet are presented and discussed.

Page 38: Article 1112: East Prussia, remarkable sites, final part 4;
The 'German Sahara' on the Curonian Spit / Quicksands and shifting dunes / Artist life (including Malerkolonie Blode, 'Italy View' of Thomas Mann in Nidden) / The elk / 'Krähenbeisser' / 'Ostpreußische Fischweiber' / Farmhouse types / Traditional costumes / 'Kurenkahn' and 'Kurenwimpel' / Ännchen von Tharau / Tombs culture / Sports / Country of the 1000 lakes / Gliding flights / Equitation / Refugees of WW II

Page 59: Article 1118: Covers and postcards from East Prussia after 1945;
In a first supplement items which have been offered for sale recently are shown and explained.

Page 63: Article 1123: New items from Königsberg / Kaliningrad
Covers and postcards from a recently acquired collection are shown and discussed.

Page 67: Article 1101: Köslin, a Prussian City in Pomerania, part 6
(in English and German)

Page 83: Article 1117: Hints for philatelic exhibitions discussed at hand of a collection of Gleiwitz (part 3);
The experienced juror Sf. von Garnier gives hints for the description of philatelic items: a short header should inform about the post-historical background, and the description of the item should be limited to facts which are not obvious from the item itself.
For some time after the exhibition and the handing over of the evaluation sheet there follows a counseling interview. Sf. von Garnier gives instructions on how to prepare for this counseling interview, which points should be addressed, and which hints and assistance the exhibitor can expect from the jurors.

Page 107: The Newsletter includes search ads, and on the back a medal for the 1st Upper Silesian Olympics in Ratibor is shown.