

Extraordinary Frankings
from
the
German Inflation 1919-1923

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Rate Period # 18 – 20.9.-30.9.23 Foreign Postcard

450,000 Marks



Why it's extraordinary – Maritime mail is uncommon during the High Inflation period . The ship's purser was given a rate chart and stamps complying with that ship's departure date. Postcard above postmarked Deutsche Seepost / Ost Afrikanische / Hauptlinie "k". The "k" signifies that it was mailed from the Steamer "Tanganjika" commissioned October 15th, 1922.

Rate Period # 6 1.4.-31.12.21

Domestic Letter

60 Pfg.

Special Delivery

150 Pfg.

210 Pfg. Total



Why it is extraordinary – Transported through the Dresden Rohrpost, but in Dresden the Pneumatic tube mail was not a public service.

Rate Period # 17

1.9.-19.9.23

Foreign Letter

200,000 Thousand Marks



Why it is extraordinary – Gebürenzettel from Eilmeldingen (Amt Lörrach) is not registered in MICHEL. Oechsner FA accompanies, probably unique.

Rate Period # 14 1.7.-31.7.23

Domestic Postcard

120 Marks



Why it is extraordinary – Experimental Machine Meter manufactured by Fürtwangler and Son in **use for only 7 days** . (Dürst – Eich, Die deutschen Post-und Absenderfreistempel – Band 1)

Rate Period # 6 1.4.-31.12.21

Foreign Postcard

80 Pfg.



Why it is extraordinary – Stamp dealer and Album manufacturer Walter Behrens

warning his customers of price increases. Hanoi (Tonkin) is an exotic destination.

Rate Period # 7 1.1.-30.6.22

Foreign Postcard

240 Pfg.

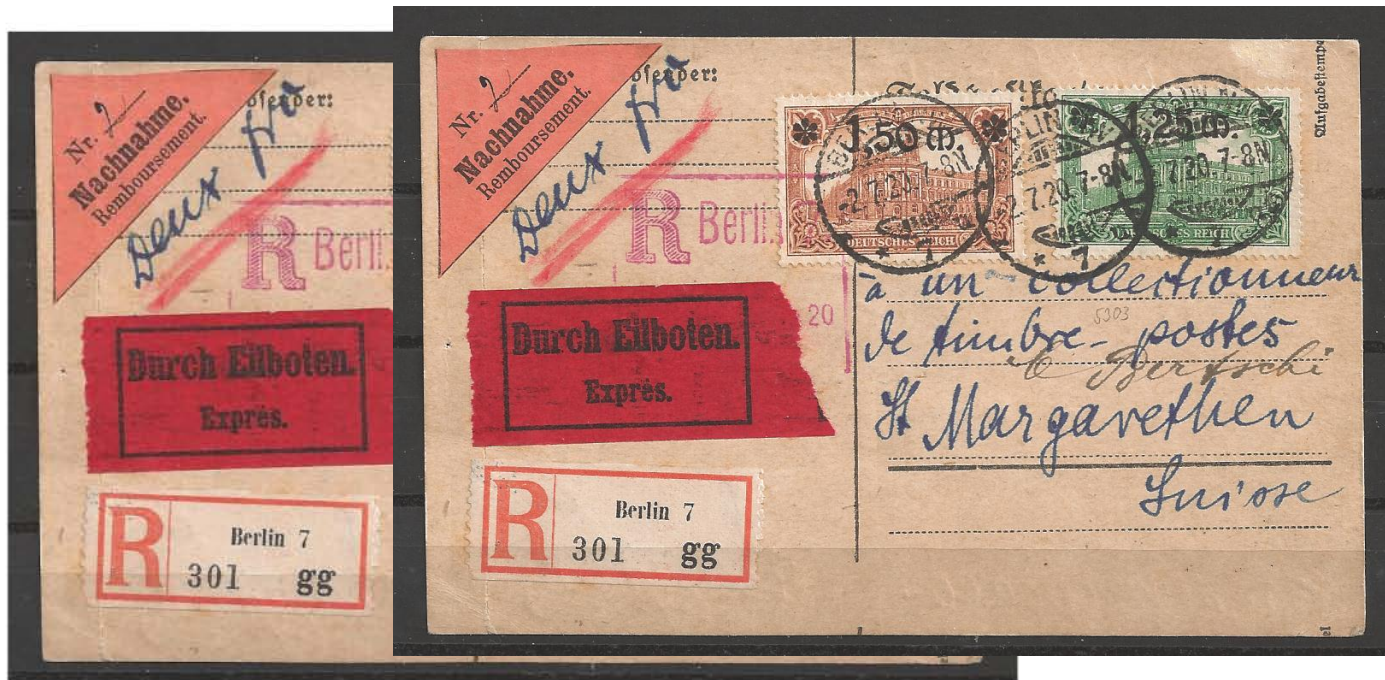


Why it is extraordinary – Postcard sent to Adi-Caieh, Eritrea, Africa, an exotic destination.

Rate Period # 5 6.5.20-30.3.21

Foreign Postcard

	40 Pfg.
Registration	80 Pfg.
Special Del.	1,00 Pfg.
Presentation Fee	10 Pfg.
Total	2,30 Marks
Overfranked	45 Pfg.



Why it is extraordinary – Mailed from Berlin to St. Margarethen, Switzerland, a Registered, C.O.D. Special Delivery card utilizing an automated registration machine (Berlin 7). Only 24 Post Offices were permitted to use these machines.

Rate Period # 5 6.5.20-30.4.21 Inland Pkg. to 5 Kg. to 75Km.

1,25 Marks

C.O.D. Presentation Fee

1,00 Marks

Total

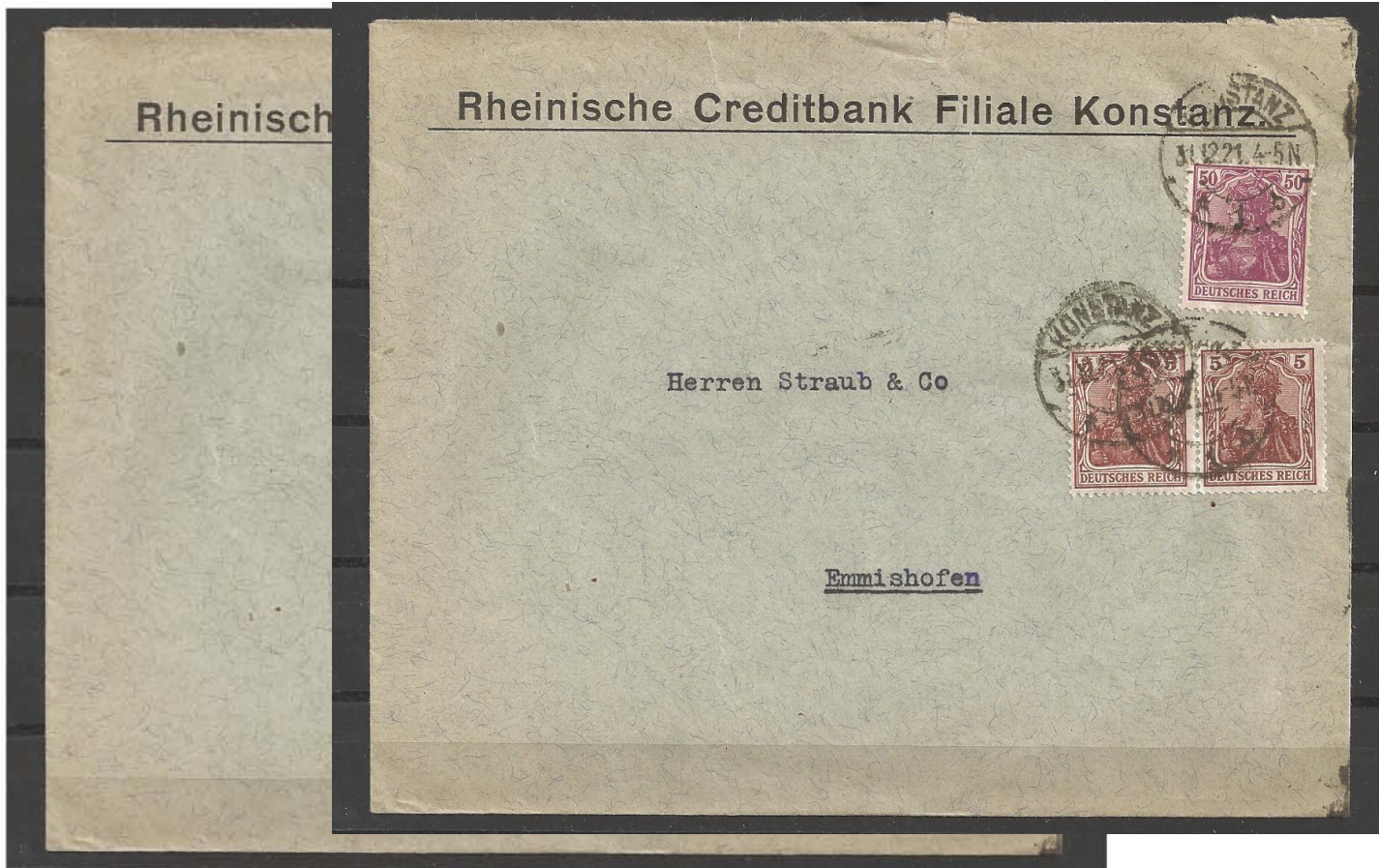
2,25 Marks



Why it is extraordinary – Here a “very small” package was noted with the blue B label (Beutelstück), transported in a separate bag, a fact noted on the parcel card to find it again when unloading the mail.

Rate Period # 6 6.4.21-30.6.22

Cross-Border Rate as Domestic
Letter 60 Pfg.



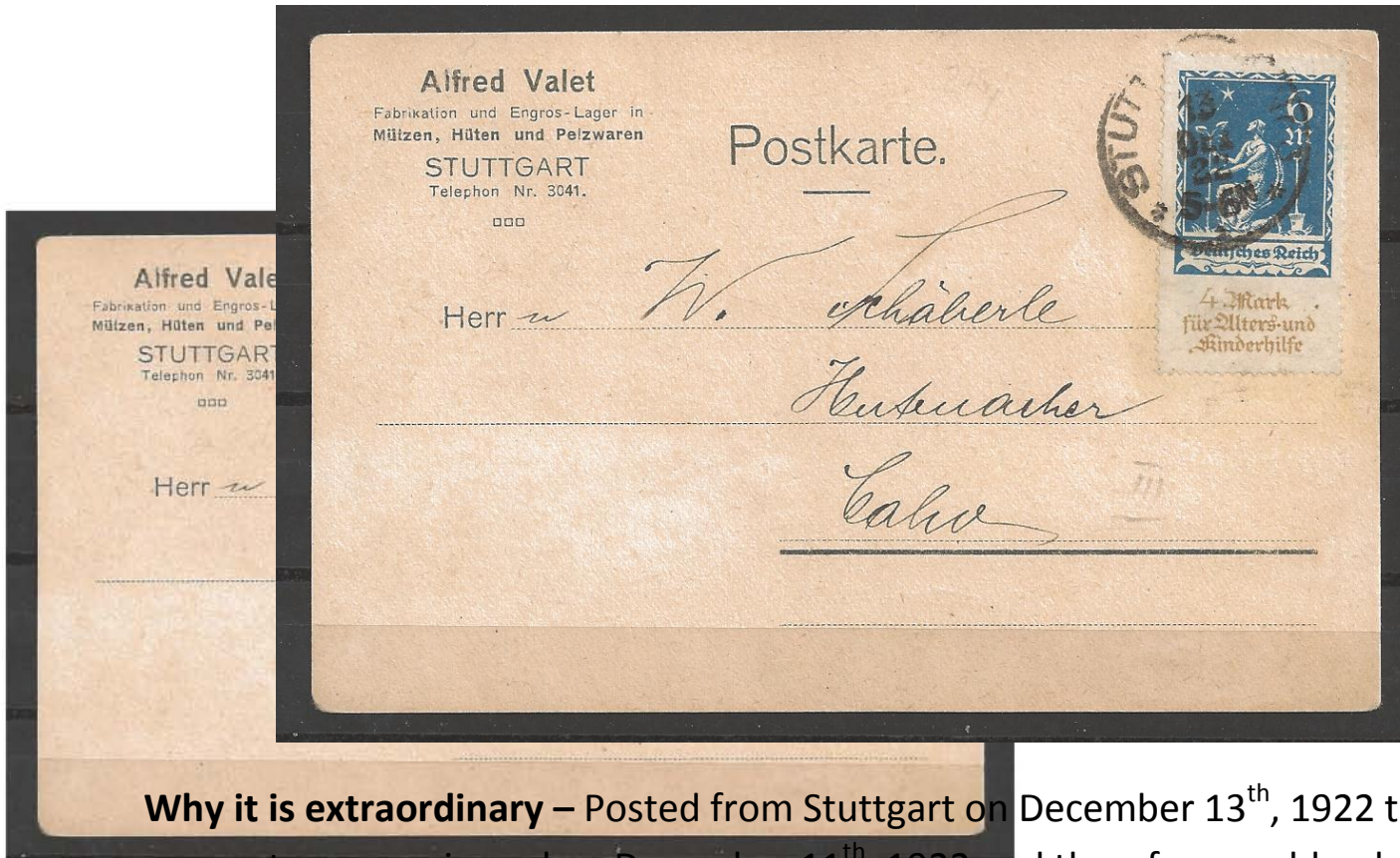
Why it is extraordinary – Letter to foreign destination Emmishofen, Switzerland.

When both sender and addressee lived within 30 km of the border, standard mail could be sent from Germany to the other side at inland rates. Applicable to Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands and Switzerland, but not to France or Poland. (Grenzverkehr)

Rate Period # 10 15.11.-14.12.22

Domestic Postcard

6 Marks

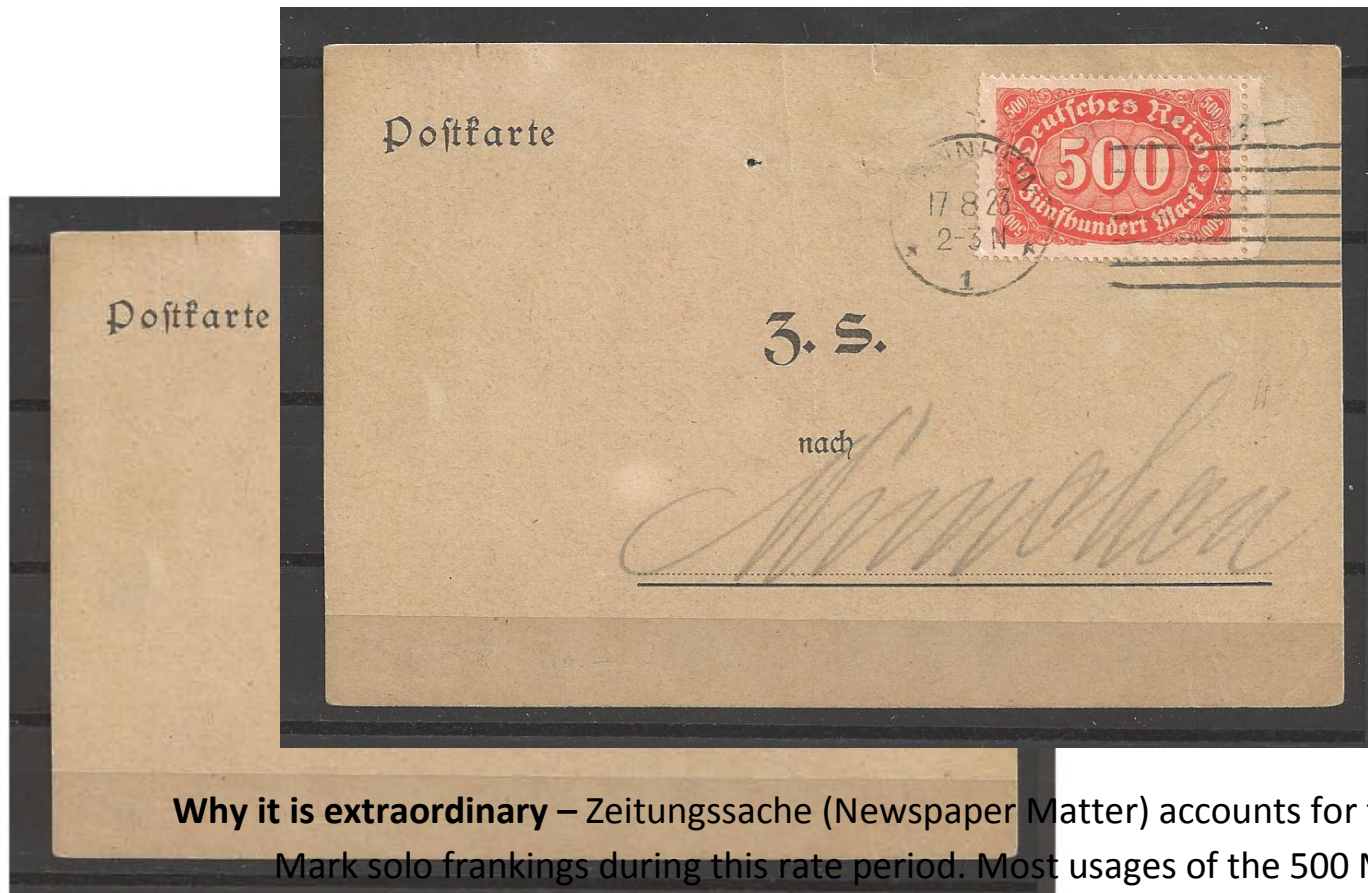


Why it is extraordinary – Posted from Stuttgart on December 13th, 1922 the stamp was issued on December 11th, 1922 and therefore could only pay the domestic postcard rate for **4 days**. Stamp also has the variety “open 4”.

Rate Period # 15 1.8.-23.8.23

Newspaper Matter

500 Marks

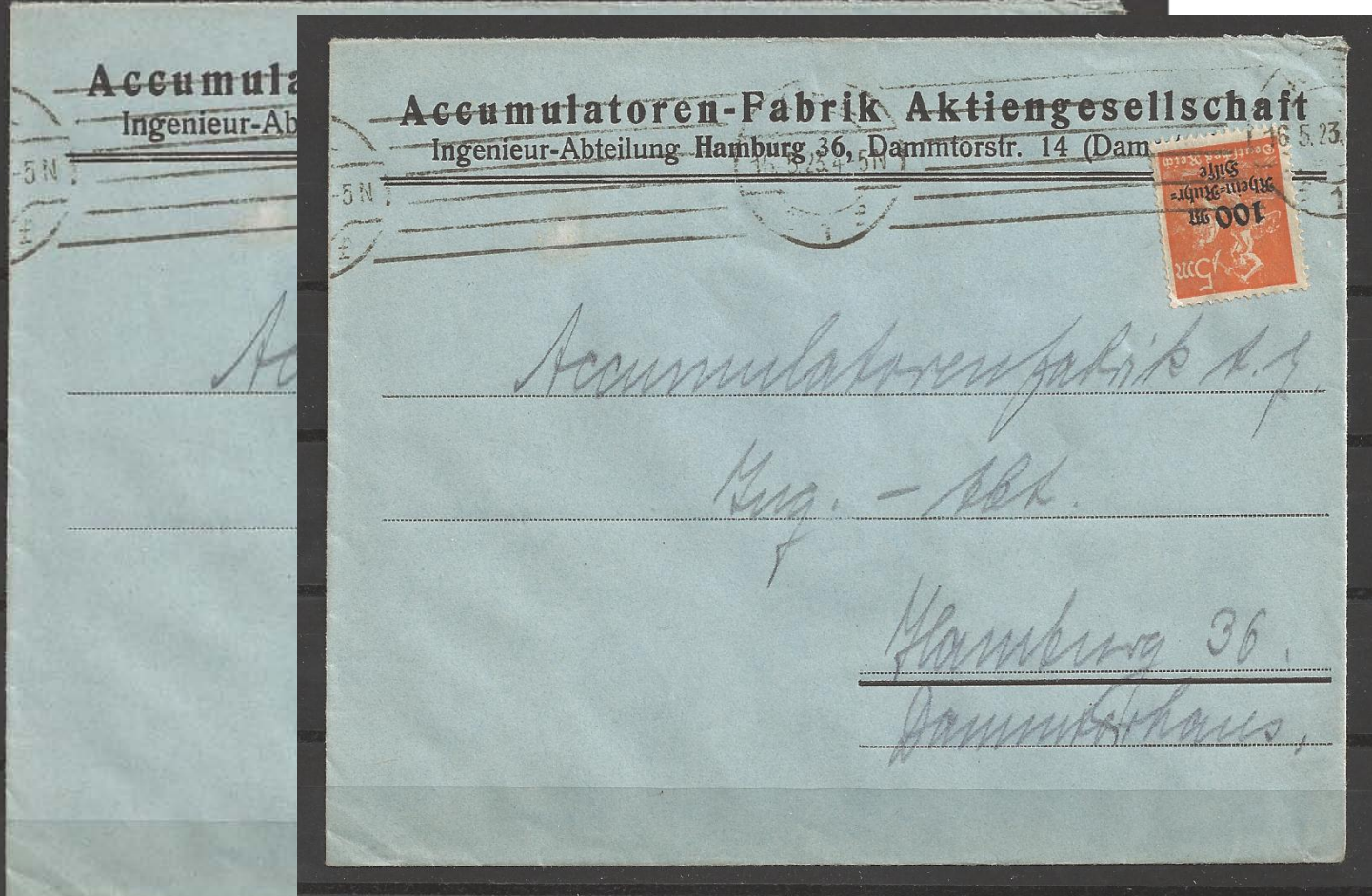


Why it is extraordinary – Zeitungssache (Newspaper Matter) accounts for the 500 Mark solo frankings during this rate period. Most usages of the 500 Mark stamp are on foreign postcards used by tourists as convenience frankings.

Rate Period # 13 1.3.-30.6.23

Domestic Letter

100 Marks

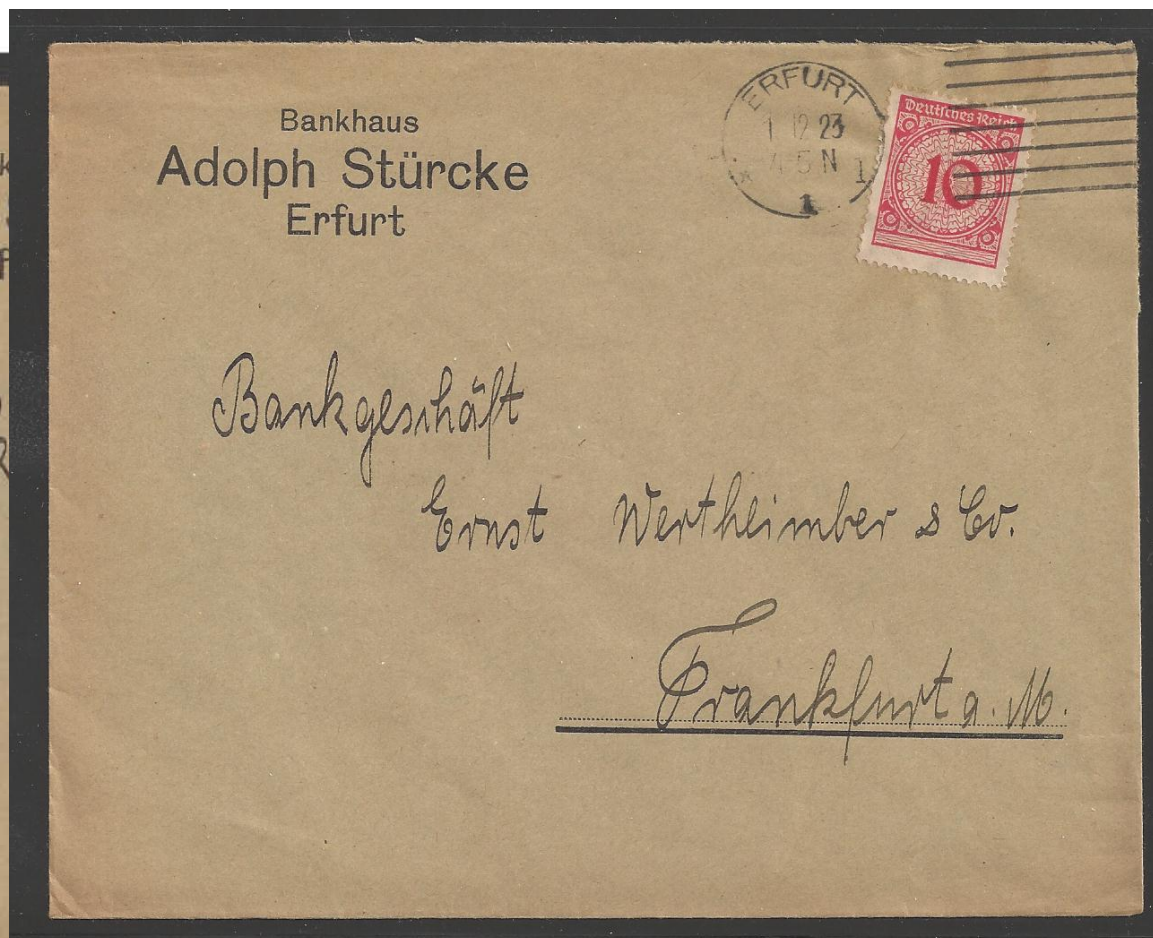


Why it is extraordinary – Domestic Letter mailed from Kiel on May 16, 1923 to Hamburg. Rhein Rhur charity stamp accepted as payment with the surtax. Solo frankings of this stamp are only known in this format.

Rate Period # 27b - 1.12.23

Domestic Letter

10 Pfg.



Why it is extraordinary – While not completely extraordinary, this is a FDC of the Rentenpfennig currency.

Rate Period # 26 26.11.-30.11.23

Domestic Letter

80 Billion Marks

Registration

80 Billion Marks

Total

160 Billion Marks



Why it is extraordinary – Erfurt proof accepted as postage during the four times face period. The remaining stamps obviously OPD-Erfurt overprints. Only one sheet of the proof existed.

Rate Period # 12 15.1.-28.2.23 Official Domestic Letter

50 Marks



Why it is extraordinary – Stamps used are the Official Control overprints (Regierung) of the local Government of Wiesbaden.

Rate Period # 6 1.4.-31.12.21

Postauftrag (postal collection order)

Domestic Letter	60 Pfg.
Transportation Fee (Same as Reg.)	50 Pfg.
Presentation Fee	50 Pfg.
Total	2,10 Marks

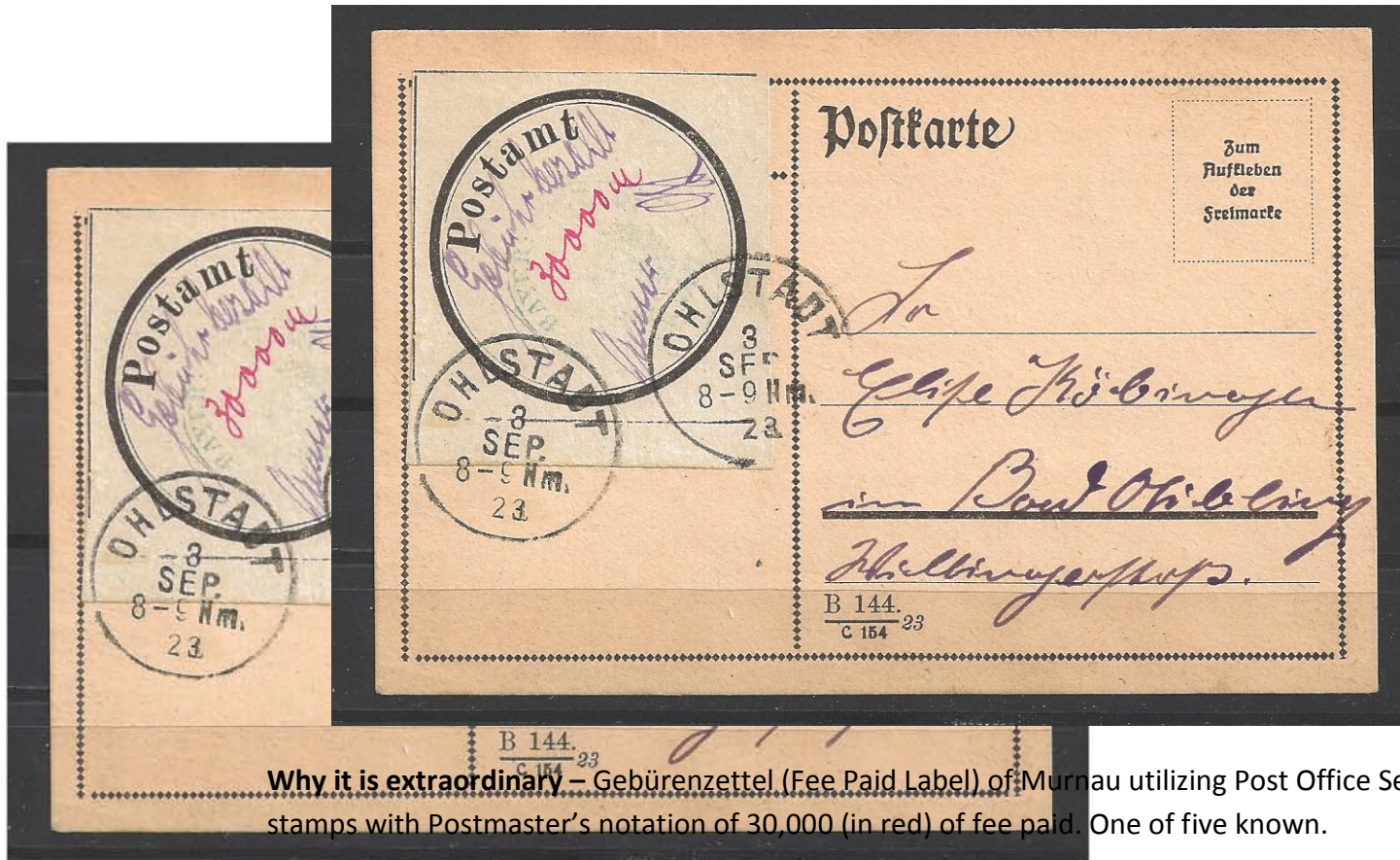


Why it is extraordinary – Postal collection order (Postauftrag), unusual rate.

Rate Period # 17 1.9.-30.9.23

Domestic Postcard

30,000 Marks



Why it is extraordinary – Gebührenzettel (Fee Paid Label) of Murnau utilizing Post Office Seals as stamps with Postmaster's notation of 30,000 (in red) of fee paid. One of five known.

Rate Period # 13 1.3.-30.6.23

Foreign Postcard with 5
words maximum 60 Pfg.

Air Mail surcharge 50 Pfg.

Total

1,10 Marks



Why it is extraordinary – Unusual and little known rate.

Rate Period # 6 1.4.-31.12.21 Domestic Packet Rate

5 kg. over 75 km

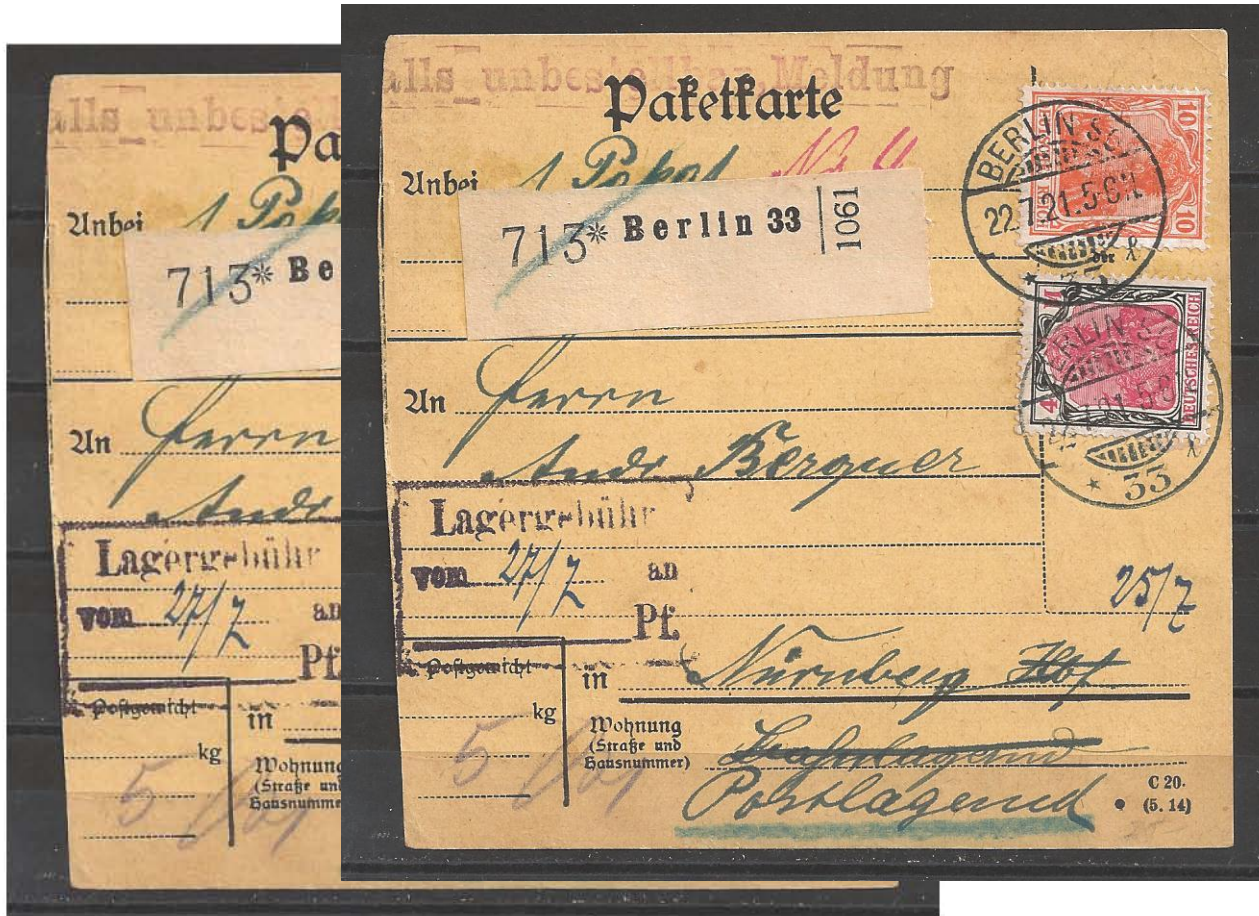
4,00 Marks

General Delivery (Postlagerand)

,10 Pfg.

Total Postage

4,10 Marks



Why it is extraordinary – General Delivery from May 6, 1920 to November 30, 1923 amounted to a surcharge for the added work involved.

Rate Period # 6 1.4.-31.12.21

Urgent Packet

Domestic Packet Fee over 5 kg. over 75 km

8 Marks

Urgent (Dringend) Surcharge 3 times fee

24 Marks

Plus Special Delivery fee required

2,50 M

Total Postage

26,50 M



Why it is extraordinary – Urgent (Dringend) Packets were utilized for the transportation of many items: Dogs, cats, perishables, farm animals, birds and were charged a hefty surcharge for the service.

Rate Period # 14 1.7.-31.7.23 Domestic Bulky Packet

Paket Rate 3 kg. over 75 km	1,600 Marks
Surcharge for Bulky Packet 100%	1,600 Marks
Total Postage	3,200 Marks

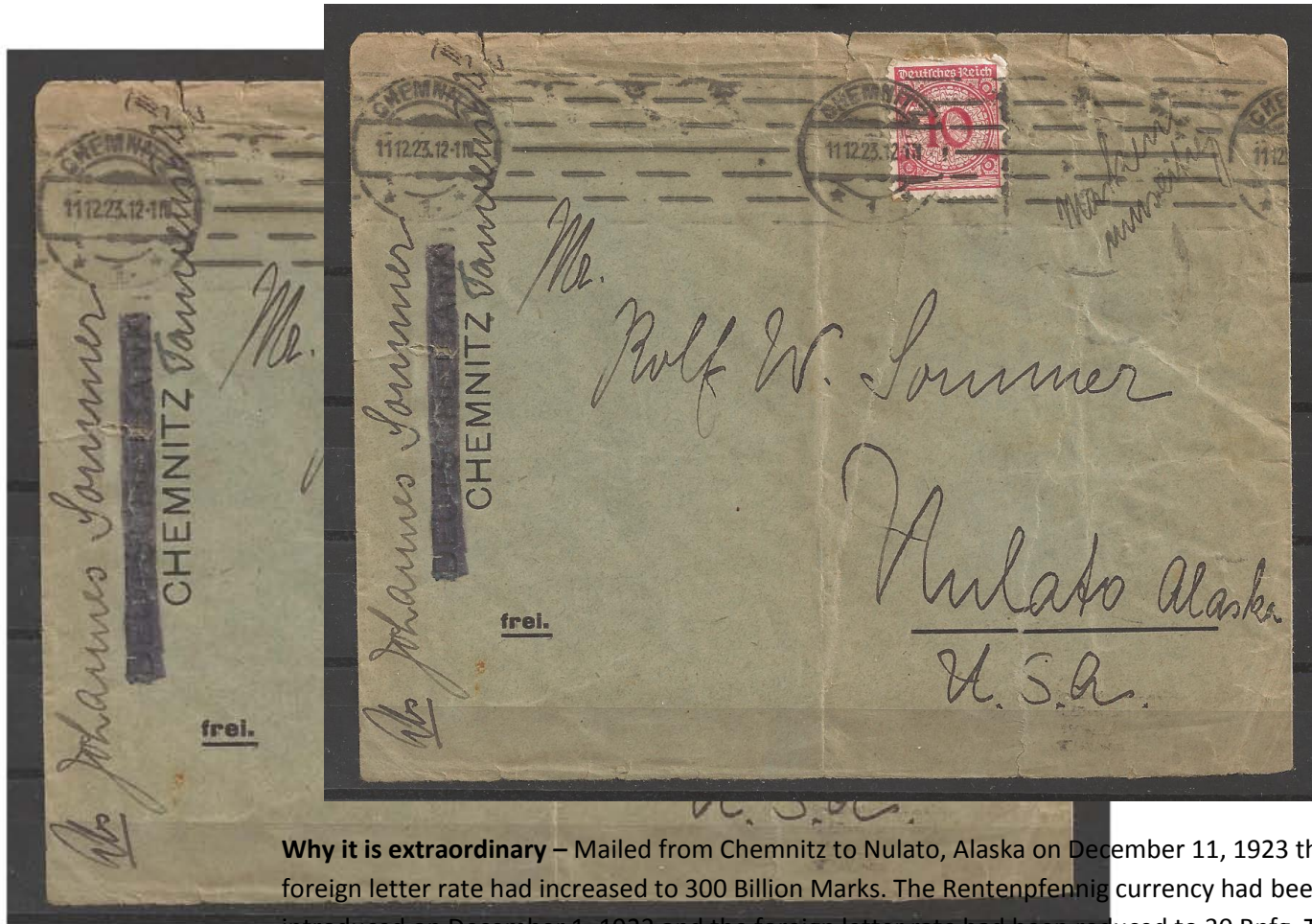


Why it is extraordinary – Bulky Packet Surcharges are uncommon, in this case a “Basket Chair” (Korbessel).

Rate Period # 27a & b 1.12.23

Foreign Letter Rate

300 Billion Marks



Why it is extraordinary – Mailed from Chemnitz to Nulato, Alaska on December 11, 1923 the foreign letter rate had increased to 300 Billion Marks. The Rentenpfennig currency had been introduced on December 1, 1923 and the foreign letter rate had been reduced to 30 Rpf. This letter contained 2 10 Rpf. Stamps and 2 5 Rpf. Stamps paying the new rate. The 100 Billion Marks in Marks currency was without force. Nulato, AK an exotic destination. (Pop. 43 in 1923)

Reverse:



Rate Period # 23 5.11.-11.11.23

Domestic Letter Rate

1 Billion Marks



Why it is extraordinary – Mailed on November 7, 1923 from Hecklingen to Norden, Germany – Reused on next page.....

Rate Period # 27b 1.12.23

Local Letter Rate

5 Rentenpfennig



Reused envelope – paying the 5 Rentenpfennig currency reform rate for a local letter from Norden to Norden, Germany. The amount is stated as 5 Pfg. With a manuscript “K” (initials of the Postmaster) and a red boxed “Gebühr Bezahlt” (Fee Paid in Cash) marking mailed from the Prussian District Court locally. A First Day Cover.....

**Rate Period # 24 12.11.-19.11.23 Domestic Letter Rate
10 Billion Marks**



Reverse.....

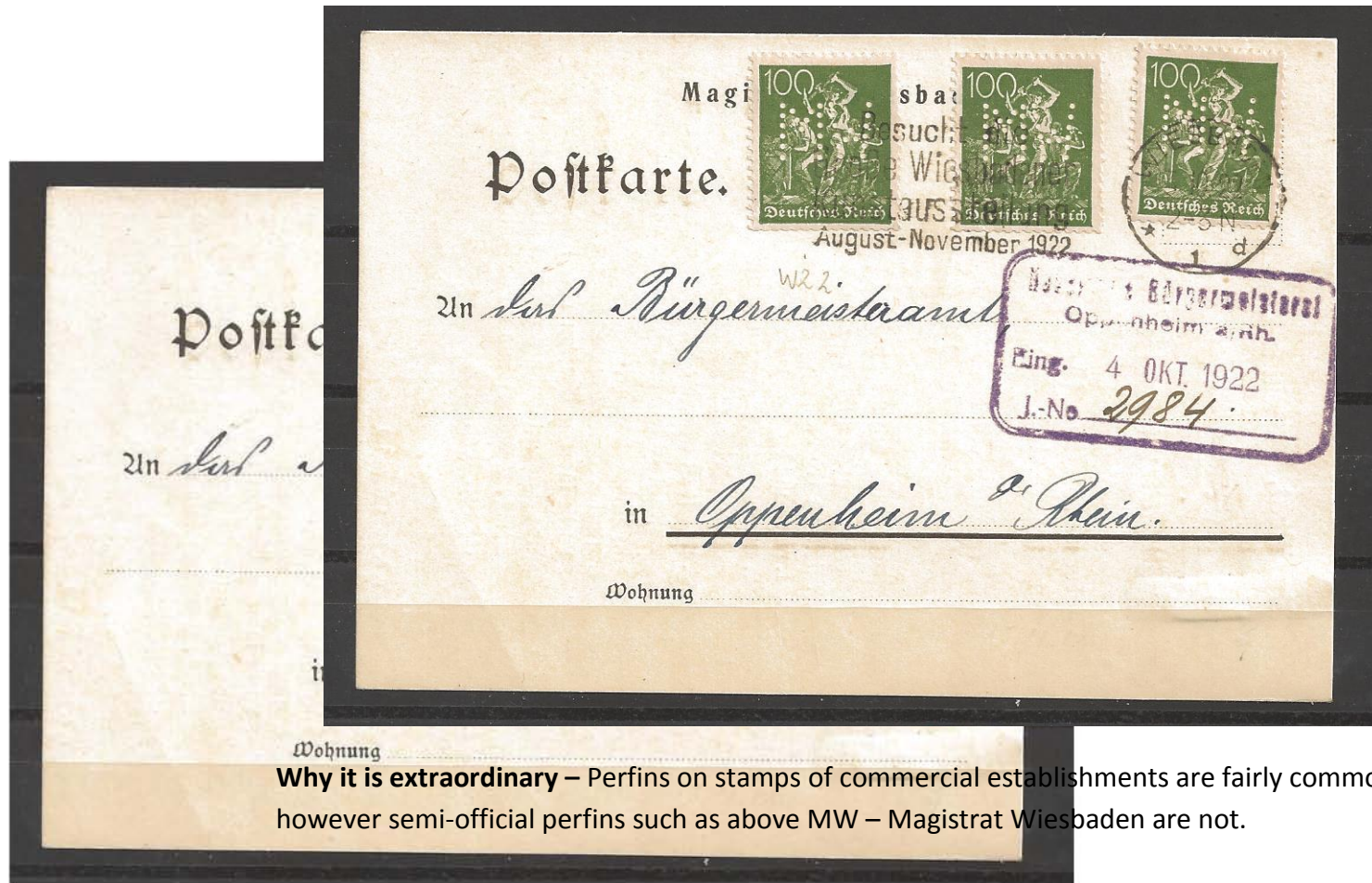
Why it is extraordinary – 100 copies of the 100 Mark Official mailed from Biesdorf/b. Berlin on November 19, 1923 paying the Domestic Letter Rate of 10 Billion Marks. (A complete sheet of 100 stamps)



Rate Period # 9 1.10.-14.11.22

Domestic Postcard Rate

3 Marks



Wohnung
Why it is extraordinary – Perfins on stamps of commercial establishments are fairly common, however semi-official perfins such as above MW – Magistrat Wiesbaden are not.

Rate Period # 21 20.10.-30.10.23 Domestic Letter Rate

Domestic Letter 10 Million

Special Delivery 30 Million



Why it is extraordinary – Pursuant to the receiving stamp on the reverse, this letter was handled through the Berlin Rohrpost (Pneumatic tube system) by virtue of the Date, time and minute receiving cancel. Some Special Delivery Letters were handled in this manner without the Rohrpost surcharge.

Rate Period # 18 20.9.-30.9.23

Domestic Letter Rate

Postage 250 Thousand Marks

Registration Fee 250 Thousand Marks

Total 500 Thousand Marks



Why it is extraordinary – “Aus dem Briefkasten”, literally “from the Letter Box” auxiliary marking applied to last day of the rate period complying with the correct rate.

Rate Period # 17 1.9.-19.9.23 Domestic Letter Rate

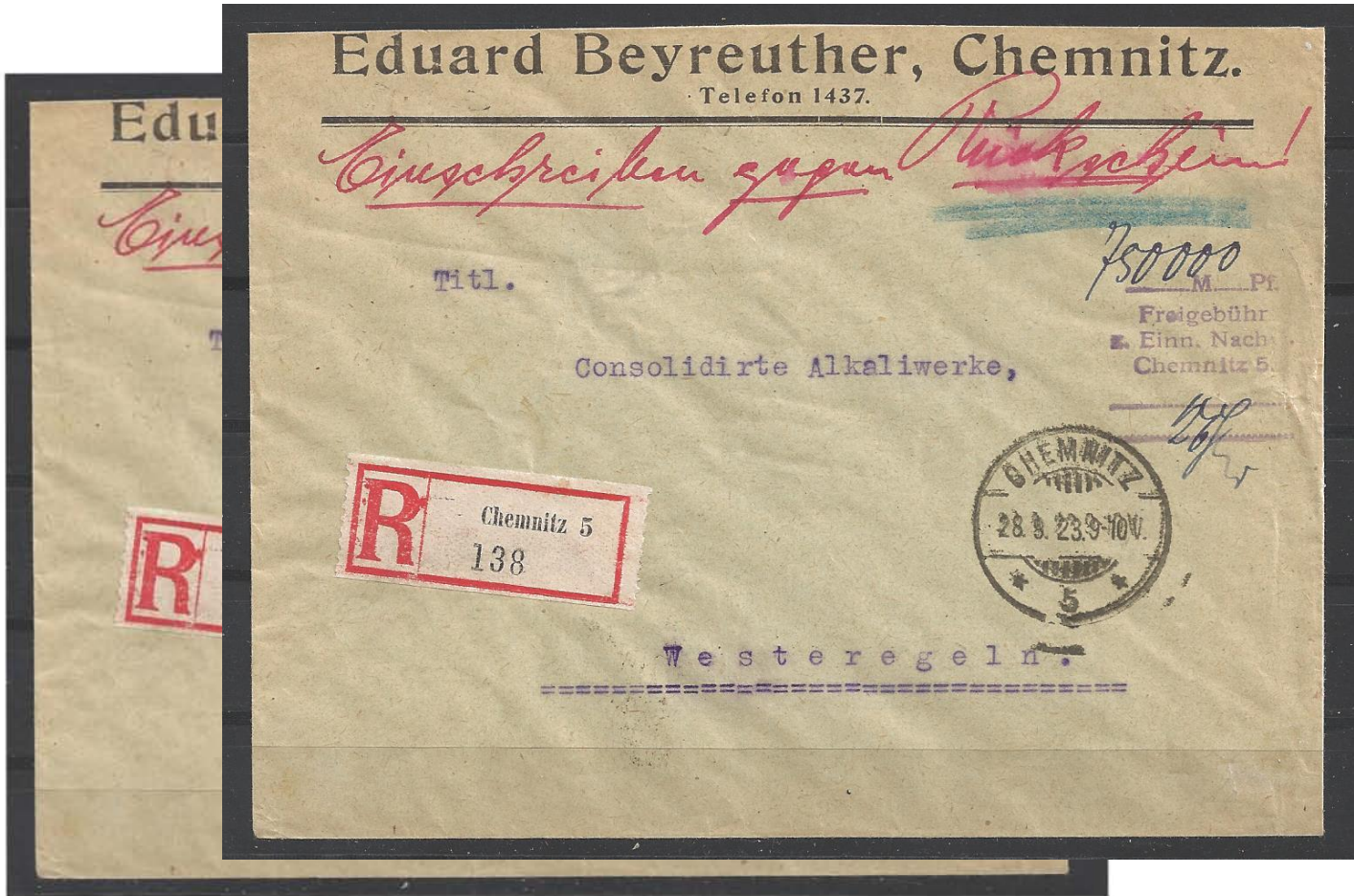
100 Thousand Marks



Why it is extraordinary – 51 “Postmaster Provisionals” are listed in MICHEL. Regulation # 624 issued on August 24, 1923 authorized the use of these as well as other cash paid markings and labels for cash payments. Above is the postmaster “Gerhard” rubber stamp along with the Gebühr Bezahlt marking.

Rate Period # 18 20.9.-30.9.23 Domestic Letter Rate

Postage	250 Thousand Marks
Registration	250 Thousand Marks
A/R Return Receipt	250 Thousand Marks
Total	750 Thousand Marks



Why it is extraordinary – Not only is the rate comprised of three elements, but in addition it is a cash franking mailed from Chemnitz.

Rate Period # 5 6.5.20-30.3.21

Domestic Letter Rate

Postage

,40 Pfg.

Rural Special Delivery

2,00 Marks

Total

2,40 Marks

Durch Eilboten.

Herrn Assistenten Lange
per Str. Jürgelri Landbank

Nieder - Wiliza

by Pichowitz

Landzusteller



Why it is extraordinary – Special Delivery fees for Rural Delivery are uncommon.

Rate Period # 13 1.4-30.6.23

Foreign Letter Rate

Postage	2,40 Marks
Registration	,80 Marks
Total	3,20 Marks



Why it is extraordinary – Rates to Hungary and Czechoslovakia were lower than the normal foreign letter rate. Above letter to Budapest, Hungary.

Rate Period # 7 1.1.-1.7.22

Domestic Letter Rate

Postage

2,00 Marks

Hamburg Tram Surchage

,75 Pfg.

Total

2,75 Marks



Why it is extraordinary – Rubber stamp “Aus Dem Strassenbahn-Briefkasten”

Literally “from the Streetcar Letter Box” from the Hamburg Tram which circled the city and emptied their boxes at the main Post Office.

Rate Period # 7 1.1.-1.7.22

Domestic Letter Rate

Postage

2,00 Marks

Hamburg Tram Surchage

,75 Pfg.

Total

2,75 Marks



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