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Merger Overwhelmingly Approved - Call for Nominations

Members of both SASS and Helvetia have overwhelmingly approved the merger of the two societies. SASS members voted 85 "yes" to 1 "no" (as of Oct. 7, 1974). The count of Helvetia ballots was 81 "yes" to 0 "no" as of Oct. 4, 1974. If ever there was a clear mandate for merger of the two societies, this is it! The Alphorn and the Herald will continue through the December, 1974 issues and then will be replaced by one bulletin, "TELL" which will be sent to all AHPS members, beginning with the January, 1975 issue.

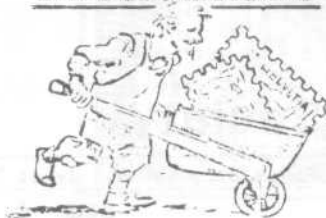
Phase two of the merger now concerns nomination of officers for the AMERICAN HELVETIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY for 1975. A nominating committee of two (Bob Clarke and Bob Ross, members of both societies) was appointed by the Presidents of both societies to draw up a slate of candidates. We have done that, and have received an OK from each nominee. That slate of candidates is listed below. However, NOW is the time to hear from the members, and this notice is a call for additional nominations for 1975 Officers. Nominations will be accepted through October 31, 1974. Please send them to Robert T. Clarke, 1338 Naples Dr., Dallas, Texas 75232. The slate of candidates proposed by the appointed nominating committee is:

President	Jan Donker, Burlington, Mass.
Vice Presidents	Harlan Stone, Summit, New Jersey Karl Sharp, Verona, Pennsylvania Douglas Casper, Los Angeles, Cal.
Secretary	Charles LaBlonde, Colo. Springs
Treasurer	George Wettach, Radburn, New Jersey

The positions of Editor, Circuit Manager, Auction Manager and Awards Chairman are appointive. Jan Donker has stated that if elected, he would appoint the persons currently serving in those posts; Bob Clarke, Felix Ganz, Henry Gitner and Werner Vogel. This would tend to provide a smooth transition. A volunteer for the post of Librarian is earnestly solicited.

Ballots for elective offices will be mailed with the November issue of the Helvetia Herald.

The MARKETPLACE



PRO JUVENTUTES - 10 complete sets, 1950-1959
used VG (no machine, multiple or
to order cancellations)
net. \$25.--/lot

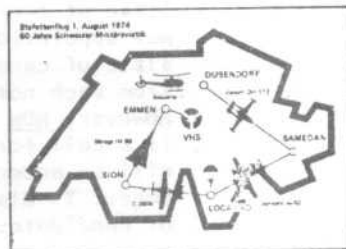
DEFINITIVES, HISTORICAL DESIGNS - mint
complete set. Scott 270-278,
Zum. 243-251. slight hinge traces
net. \$16.--/lot.

AIRMAILS - Scott C3 - Zum. 3 - mint with slight hinge traces
" C5 - Zum. 5 - mint with slight hinge traces
" C19- Zum.19 - used
" C20- Zum.20 - used
" C21- Zum.21 - used
" C23- Zum.23 - used
" C24- Zum.25 - used
" C25- Zum.24 - used w/ slight cancellation smudge
and 2 short perfs.
net. \$18.--/lot.

Contact: Fred R. Lesser, P.O. Box 241, Bedford, Mass. 01730

An Item of Questionable Worth and Value

In August 2, 1974, with plenty of advertising in Philatelica Mag.,
but with little other advertising (wonder if the SBZ refused the
add-ad), the otherwise respectable Transport Museum (Verkehrshaus
der Schweiz) in Luzern pulled a "fast one" by selling to subscribers
paying 17 SFr. (\$6) cards of the design and cancellations as shown
above, to "celebrate" 60 years of Swiss military aviation by a
relay flight in which (purportedly) all 5000 cards (maximum) were
dispatched around Switzerland and marked by no less than 6 different
military (??) rubber postmarks in blue or blue-black, showing
by what means of plane type these items were flown from place to
place. The cards, upon delivery, look so absolutely immaculate
however, that one must conclude that they never were flown, and
that all 6 cancels were applied at the museum in Luzern. The
cancellations were produced "specifically for this occasion", and
I conclude sadly that I have been had. Who else fell for this
gimmick??? (reported by Felix Ganz)



A SASS Welcome to the following new members:

Mr. Donald Freeland
P.O. Box 9945
Kansas City, Missouri 64134

Mr. John E. McNally
901 Elmgrove Road
Rochester, New York 14650

Dr. Ronald M. Rossen
2323 Sharon Road, No. 202
Menlo Park, Calif. 94025

Statement of 1973 - 1974 SASS Sales Circuit Activities

(Comparative figures for 1972-73 are shown in parentheses)

BOOKS CIRCULATED	92	(62)
NUMBER OF PERSONS SUBMITTING BOOKS	15	(9)
NUMBER OF CIRCUITS	23	(18)
MEMBERS SERVED BY CIRCUITS	60	(32)
TOTAL AMOUNT OF MATERIALS ENTERED	\$5365.00	(\$3128.75)
TOTAL AMOUNT TAKEN BY CIRCUIT MEMBERS	\$2798.52	(\$1217.27)
APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE SOLD	52%	(39%)
TOTAL PAID OUT TO SUBMITTORS	\$2528.10	(\$1079.42)
NOT COLLECTED (bad account)	\$ 14.72	(-.-)
CIRCUIT EXPENSES, SALES MANAGER	\$ 72.95	(\$64.85)
CIRCUIT EXPENSES, TREASURER'S OFFICE	\$ 4.40	(?)
NET AMOUNT FOR SOCIETY'S TREASURY	\$ 178.35	(\$70.00, approximately)

As everyone can see, the 1973-74 season was a rather smashing success. In spite of the doubling of participants and in spite of the much bigger "travail" resulting from the much larger operation, the sales circuits, with one exception, functioned smoothly thanks to the fine cooperation given by everyone concerned. The one exception concerned one member who not only delayed three circuits for periods of from 5 to almost 10 weeks, but who also showed absolutely no understanding for mutual respect and who to this date is delinquent in payments as shown above. These occurrences have forced the sales manager to request expulsion of this particular member.

All sales books have been retired as of September 7, 1974, and payments have been made to everyone concerned.

Respectfully submitted by:
 Felix Ganz, Sales Manager
 &
 Charles LaBlonde, Treasurer

Chicago & Colorado Springs, September 12, 1974

BOOKS for the 1974-75 season are NOW requested. Use either the three types available from our Secretary, Robert Clarke, or submit your own books or envelopes (size NOT LARGER THAN 6 x 8½", please).

ALSO: ALL MEMBERS INTERESTED IN RECEIVING SALES CIRCUITS MUST SUBMIT TO THE SALES MANAGER THE NEW CIRCUIT PARTICIPATION FORM, FILLED OUT AS CAREFULLY AS POSSIBLE. A COPY OF THIS FORM IS TO BE FOUND IN THE MERGER PAPERS MAILING WHICH EVERY SASS MEMBER SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED BY NOW.

ADDITIONAL SASS SALES CIRCUIT INFORMATION

Above is a report on the results of the 1973-74 season. If we are to try to top that season, then my urgent appeal for a lot of material MUST be heeded by ALL PARTICIPANTS. It is impossible to have sales circuits if there are only BUYERS. Every participant should be in a position to submit at least TWO BOOKS each season. The interests of those wishing to participate (and at this date of writing, close to 40 members of both SASS and Helvetia have returned their participation forms) are so wide and divergent that most any material except the very newest issues (since 1963) should find buyers as long as it is (a) undamaged and (b) priced right. The first circuits have been mailed out at the end of September; but a lack of items prevents the servicing of even the early birds. So: PLEASE HELP!!

Swiss Internment Cancels and Other Markings

(Continued from September)

SECOND CAMP NAME MARKS

By December, 1940, BBZ reported a type of mark "entitled to be called the last, and definitive, type of mark". Again there is a double lined circle with outer text either "Camp militaire d'internement Suisse" or "Militar-Interniertenlager Schweiz". At the top of the inner circle appears the phrase "Franc de port" and in the center appears the name of the camp. On single line cancels, a small Swiss cross appears under the name of the camp.

Normally, the French language-cancels (the most common) have two five-pointed stars in the outer circle while the German language cancels have two six-pointed stars. Most cancels are in sans serif text, capitals and lower case letters, but a few of the inner names of camps appear in italics, either in whole or in part.

Most cancellations have a single line for the camp name. Double line names occur because of the length of the town name, in order to indicate the canton, or in order to indicate the location of a camp located at a town with a duplicate name elsewhere in Switzerland. Three line cancels occur for the third reason only.

Nine representative examples of this type of cancel are shown on the second page of the type chart.

Most cancels are in black, although we have seen a few blue cancels and one in red.

The number of these cancels is not known to us. The 1940 SBZ article indicated that there were then 345 different handstamps of all types. Schild has reported informally that there were 602 different cancels authorized by the Federal government. Thomas reported "some 600" camps out of "a rumored 1140 total", but he may have been talking about camps without marks as well. We have prepared a list of over 600 cancels, but it is based in part on published lists with apparent typographical errors and cannot yet be considered definitive. Unfortunately, the Swiss government still considers this classified information (almost 30 years after the end of the war!), and there may never be a definitive list.

MISCELLANEOUS CIRCULAR MARKS

Sometime after December, 1940, several other circular types were used on internment mail, examples of some of which appear on the third page of the type chart. These are in German, French and Italian, with various texts. Some of these marks appear to have been used for large areas; for example the first German language type is from a letter from an American flier interned in a hotel. The "Thur" cancellation is for an administrative region and may more properly belong in a military cancellation collection.

There are at least two other varieties similar to the French language mark. In the first, the stars in the outer frame are small, solid squares; there is no Swiss cross; and "Franc de port" appears on two horizontal lines in the center of the inner circle. The second is the same as the example in the chart except that the text in the outer frame is "Camp militaire d'internement Suisse".

Another, possibly military, mark is similar to the "definitive" type with a Swiss cross and "Franc de port" in the inner circle. The outer text, however, reads "Internement de militaires en Suisse Berne" and the inner text reads "Bureau de renseignements".

Several other marks of a circular type are known, including marks used by a camp for escaped prisoners and a military hospital for internees at Leysin. No doubt there are many types not yet known to us.

STRAIGHT LINE MARKS

We have not yet found any straight line cancels used by camps, although the two Liechtenstein camps at Ruggell and Schaan used two line, straight line cancels.

However, straight line marks are common on internment mail. Most of this mail was censored, and the censor marked the envelop with a three digit number, in each case beginning with "3". Most censor numbers are in purple or violet, although grey and black are sometimes found. Censors also sealed some envelopes with white tape carrying the following legend:



Geöffnet — Zensurstelle für Interniertenpost
Ouvert — Service de Censure de l'Internement
Aperto — Servizio di Censura per l'Internamento

Several straight line marks are found in the nature of a return address from the various administrative officers or simply as a return address, for example: "Internierten Abschnitt Nollen", "Arbeitslager Poln. Int. Ringlikon", and "Eidg. Kommiss. für Int. & Hospit. Abschnitt Aargau".

A three line mark was used to indicate that the addressee was not, or was no longer, an internee: "Ne figure pas dans le/ fichier des internés/ militaires en Suisse". In some cases the handwritten notation "Evades" explains the reason.

A two line, boxed handstamp reading "Zuzustellen/ Feldpostdirektion" is known to us only in red and may be translated "Deliver to addressee/ Fieldpost Headquarters." This mark is often found on mail from outside Switzerland to

internees within the country; apparently the Post Office applied this mark for forwarding letters to the Fieldpost service. The mark is also found on some covers forwarded from one camp to another; perhaps there was no field post service from those areas, and civilian postal service was used for a portion of the trip.

CIVILIAN INTERNEES POST

A related, straight line mark was used on mail of civilian internees, who also enjoyed free postage according to the 1940 BBZ article, but on what basis we do not know. The mail was impressed with a two line mark reading "Franc de port/ Interné civil".

Civilian internees did not live in camps but were lodged in various parishes in Fr. Burg. These internees, again according to the BBZ article, handed their mail in at the post office in the normal way and not to the fieldpost. The local postmasters did not mark the mail in any way, but forwarded it to Berne where it was postmarked and forwarded. Incoming mail was censored at Berne and forwarded to Romont for distribution. By December, 1940, all civilian internees had been sent home to France, and this post was terminated.

CIVILIAN POSTMARKS

As noted earlier and unlike World War I, the civilian post office did not have primary responsibility for internee mail. However, as indicated above, some internment mail was carried by that service. In addition, mail from certain camps (and from some camps from certain periods) bears regular postal markings of a nearby town; for example, mail from interned students at the University of Neuchâtel seems invariably to carry the normal civilian cancellations. There are also reports of covers cancelled with both camp and regular cancels as was the World War I practice, either intentionally or in error.

GUARD MAIL

Unlike the practice in World War I, mail posted by guards at the camps was not normally cancelled with internee postmarks. Instead each guard unit was assigned its own cancel as were other, regular Army units. These cancels may bear a four digit Fieldpost number or a legend such as "Bewachungsstruppen". However, this regulation was not carefully followed. Jesse B. Thomas examined some 30,000 covers addressed to the Red Cross during 1945. He indicated "... it has been impossible in some cases to differentiate between the covers from the prisoners (*sic*, most internees were not prisoners) themselves and those from the camp staff and troops or constabulary presumably guarding them . . . , since fieldpost cancels in many cases are used on covers bearing unmistakable MS return addresses of individual prisoners — and conversely, rubber stamps of the administration often appear with the distinctive camp cancels used for internees' mail."

STAMPS AND POSTAL STATIONERY.

Neither the Swiss government nor the Army issued special stamps or stationery for internees. However, there are two stamps and at least four items of postal stationery printed by internee groups. In addition, the Red Cross and several other organizations printed envelopes for the use of internees.

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After reconnoitering through our findings from these three wars, shake off your battle fatigue and report the new items that are interned in your collection.

to be concluded in the
November Helvetia Herald.

Karl H. Sharp
Robert C. Ross

The AMATEUR COLLECTOR LTD. (H.L. Katcher) P.O. Box 242, Highgate, London N6 4LW, England

We are happy to advise you that after the recent months of upheaval, caused by moving our offices, we have now resumed our usual services!!

The INTERNABA Exhibition at Basel was extremely successful for us. This was in no small way due to our prices being unbelievably competitive, compared with the Swiss market.

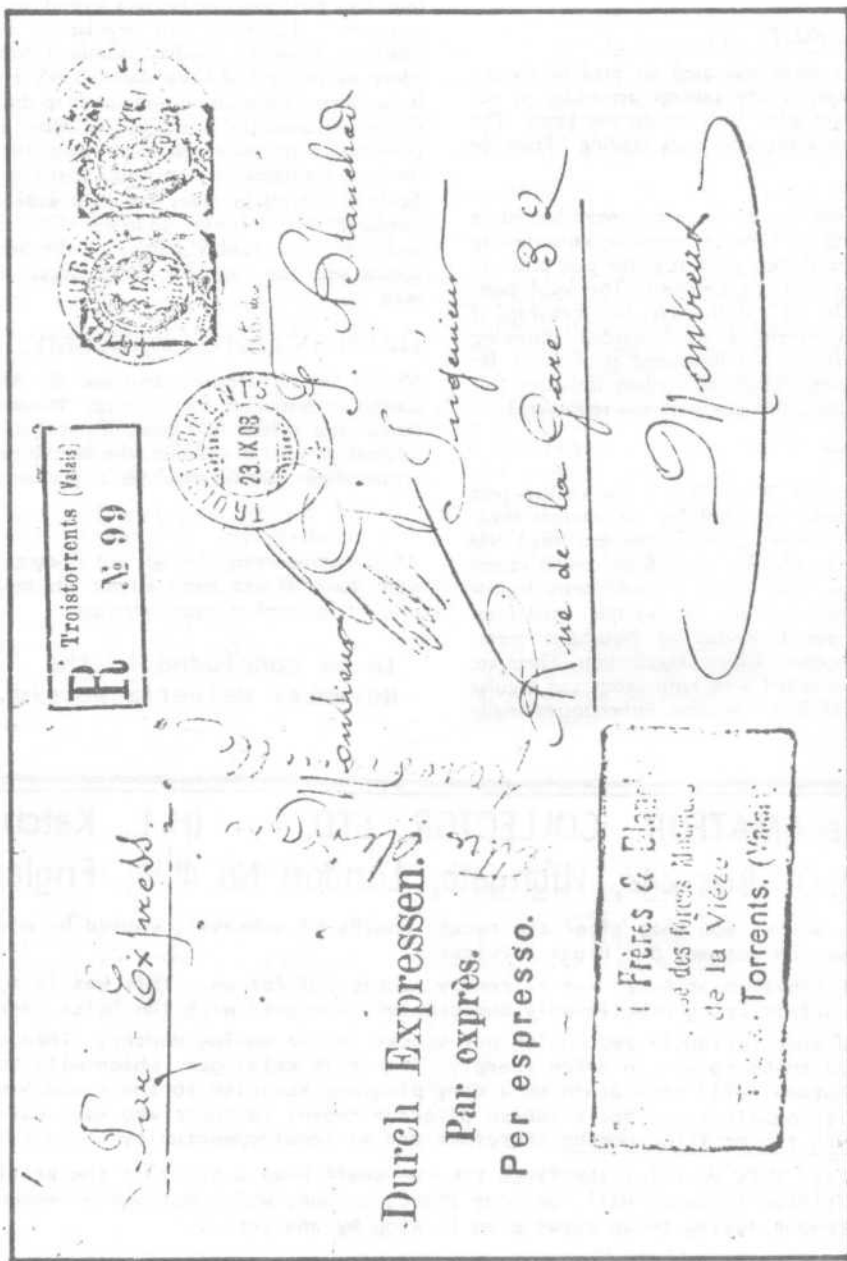
After Basel, we must seriously replentish our stocks in the coming months. Then everything we buy will have to be raised in price sharply. Our 1975 catalogue, which will be published in the Autumn, will once again be a very pleasant surprise to those who have bought stamps before its publication, but a source of great regret to those who have waited too long! The coming two or three months therefore are an ideal opportunity to save money.

On another matter: This year for the first time we shall have a Stand at the British Philatelic Exhibition (Seymour Hall, Seymour Place, London, W.1., October 30-November 2.) If you are in London during those dates plan to stop by and see us.

The Directors and Staff
The Amateur Collector Ltd.




SWISS EXPRESS LABELS

by Ivan Tillen (Continued from September)



Type 1

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION



Mit Flugpost
Par poste aérienne
Con posta aerea

Expres


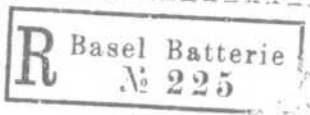
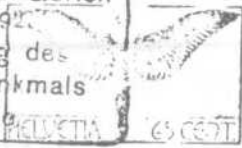
Mr.
E. RUFENER
Steigerweg 16
BERNE
Switzerland

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Type 6

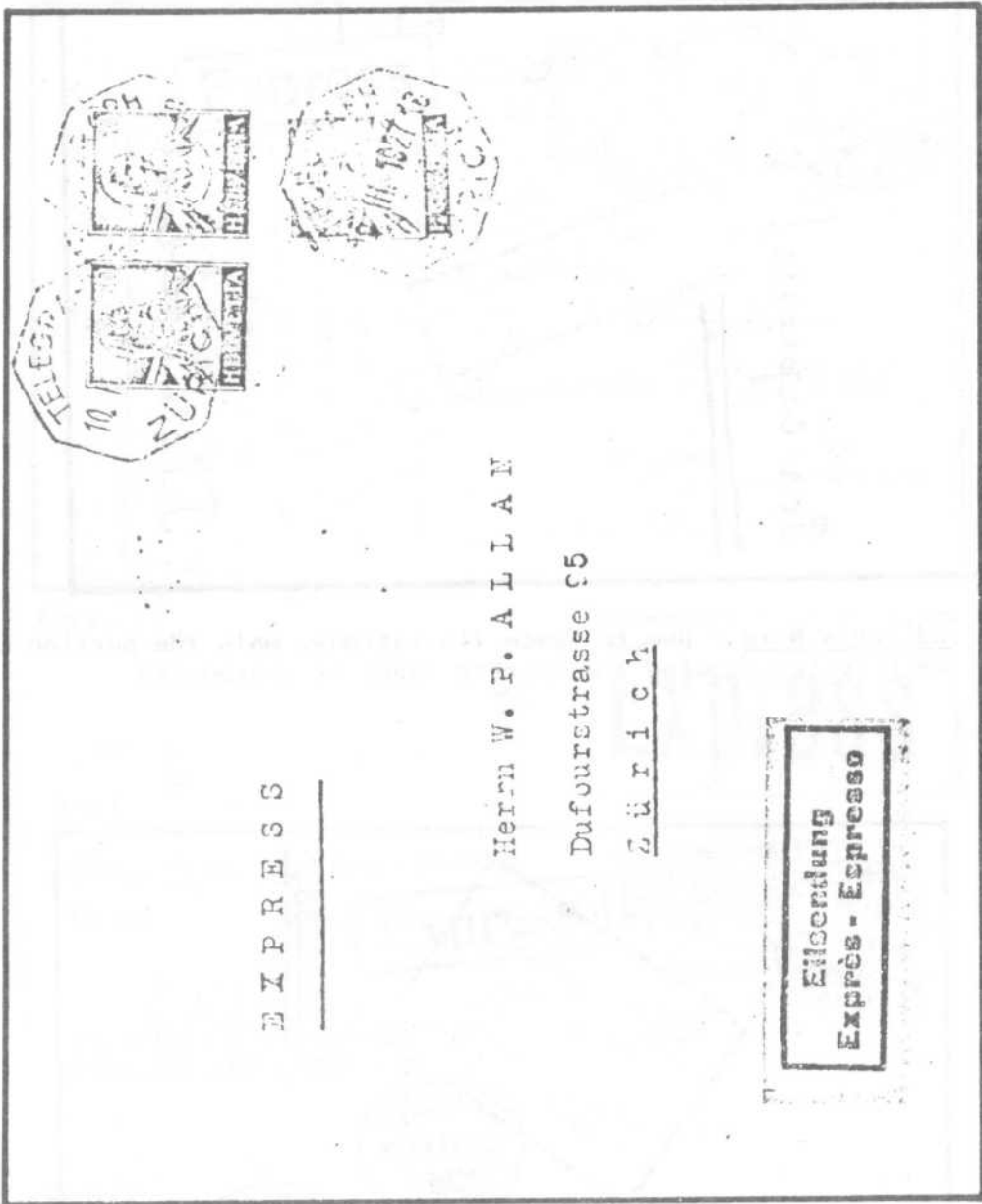
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Flugpost Basel-Zürich
10. MAI 1925
Einweihung des
Soldatendenkmals
Batterie



Mit Flugpo
Par poste aérienne
Con posta aerea

Type 7



EXPRESS

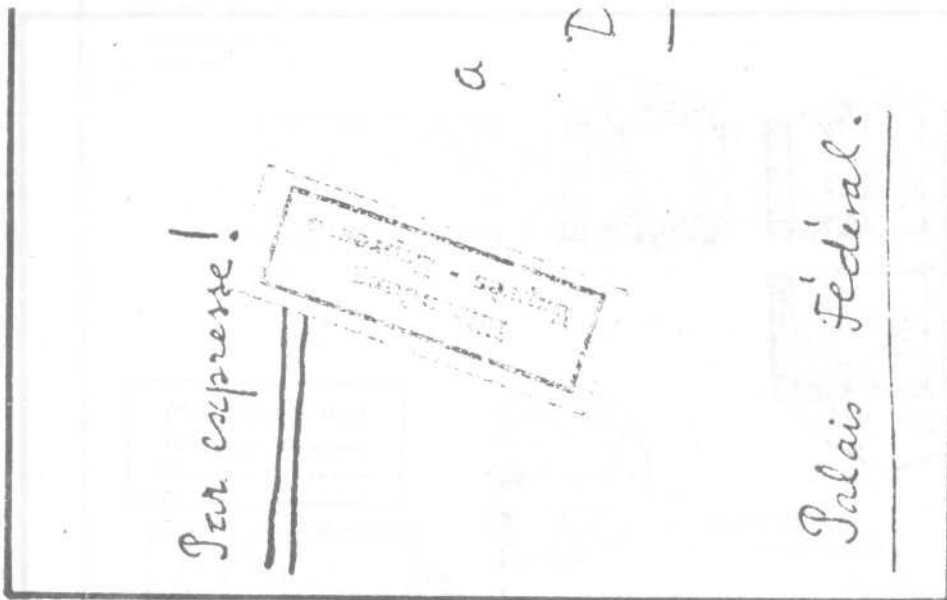
Herrn W. P. ALLAN

Dufourstrasse 65

ZÜRICH

Eilsendung
Expres - Espresso

Type 10
Eilsendung 24 mm.
Expres - Espresso 40 mm.
Frame 13 x 45 mm.



Type 11
with serifs

Editor's Note - Due to space limitations, only the portion of each letter showing the Express label is reproduced.



Type 12

1935 Type 16

Characteristics

Label colour:— Red
Printing:— Black
Wording:— Eilsendung, Expres, Espresso in
TWO lines with E part of first two words
only
Perforation:— Ordinary
Size of label:— 17 x 48 mm
No. per strip:— 10
Known dates of printing:— 1935, 1940, 1941,
1942



Type 16

1937 Type 17

Characteristics

Label Colour:— Red
Printing:— Black
Wording:— Eilsendung, Expres, Espresso in
three lines with E part of all three words
Perforation:— Ordinary
Size of label:— 34 x 18 mm.
No. per strip:— 5 and 10
Known dates of printing:— 1937, 1939, 1941,



PTT 236.31 II 71
Format D 9 (48x34) Ou 70

Type 17
Thick E



PTT 236.32 X 64
Format 1/2 D 9 (48 x 17)

Type 16

Complete strip with tab. Perforation not shown.

(to be continued)

Date: October, 1974

SWISS AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS AND RESULTS

We shall endeavour to bring to our readership occasional auction results of materials sold in Switzerland as well as in this country, but the help of all members is needed for such an enterprise. Thus if you hear of prices Swiss items bring at auction, then please report them to our editor. Thank you.

Forty-Second TARO Auction (Hans Tanner, Rohrbach), Hertswil, May 11, 1974.

Hans Tanner is known to many collectors of Swiss materials as editor of the annual First Day Cover Catalogue of Switzerland and Liechtenstein. In addition, however, he conducts from two to three auctions a year in which the great majority of lots consist of Swiss or Liechtenstein items.

The last public auction took place on May 11, and the realizations list has just been received. 730 lots were being offered of which 540 were Swiss or Liechtenstein things. 40 more were philatelic literature offerings.

All items (as is the custom in almost all European auctions) have given minimum bids (limits; Ausrufpreis) below which one may not bid. As a result 90 of the Swiss/Liechtenstein lots were not sold. Most of these were more recent items and among these particularly sheet lots and presentation and collection booklets lots after 1960. Not sold either was a copy, in perfect condition, of the rare 1924 Zumstein Handbook of Switzerland which had a reserve bid of SFr. 550 (\$187.50), or an actual sales price of SFr. 600 because the successful bidder must pay, in addition to the lot's knock-down price, a surcharge of about 10% -- another common practice in Europe.

In the realizations given below this extra fee is included. Prices in parentheses after the knock-down price show the suggested minimum bid of the sales catalogue. Prices realized are given in Swiss francs. For US \$\$ prices divide these realizations by three, and you are close.

Stampless "Krauchthal" script cancel, ca. 1840	43.	(20.)	
1857 straightl. "Wigoltingen" & train sta. cancel Mülheim	55.	(24.)	
Rayon I, d'bl., oily framed cross, on cover minus one stamp	670.	(600.)	
Rayon III, Ty. 10, nice frame lines, but corner crease	210.	(200.)	
Strubeli 5 cts. (Z22B), nice frame lines, used	60.	(40.)	
Stand. Helv. 25 cts. (67C) pair, mint NH	120.	(110.)	
idem, 3 Fr., (72A) canceled block of 4 (several cancels)	95.	(60.)	
Olympic Jubilee 1944, 30 cts., Abart "open eye", mint NH	130.	(90.)	
20 Fr. Evangelists, 1961, used block of 4	44.	(30.)	
Pro Juventute precursors 1912, I-III, unused, heavy hinge	420.	(150.)	::
Lucerne girl (Pro Juv. #3) machine flag cancel	70.	(50.)	
Pro Juv. #6 (10 cts. 1916) used, with perfor holes	75.	(55.)	:::
Pro J. 1953, 2 diff. t.-b. blocks from sow. sheet, used	250.	(180.)	
Pro Patria 1z (grilled pap.) 1938, block of 4, unused, hinges	160.	(120.)	
Pro Patria #7 (20 cts. 1940 with changed base) mint NH	44.	(24.)	
SDN official, 10 Fr. violet, used	160.	(130.)	
Pro Patria sow. sheet 1940 on nice cover, NOI FD	450.	(300.)	
Lunaba sheet mint NH	330.	(200.)	
Postal card with S. GOTTARDO straightline, ca. 1905	21.	(5.)	::
Day of stamp card, 1937, Ital. text, brown, address scratched	220.	(100.)	:::
B-letter with block of 4 of 13/12 Tell, very nice	65.	(20.)	::
Polish WWII letter with arrival cs Intern. camp Büren a/A.	14.	(8.)	::

Liechtenstein went at prices close to estimates (or about 60% Zumstein). Rest of the world had a hard time, and half of these lots remained unsold.

If you write now to TARO, Hohmattweg, 4938 Rohrbach (BE) Switzerland, and enclose 2 or 3 intl. reply coupons for airmail delivery, you will still be in time to bid in the fall 1974 auction which is scheduled for late October or early November, 1974. The catalogue is in German ONLY, though.

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THE POSTAL MARKINGS AND CANCELLATIONS
IN SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN; Part 34

By Felix Ganz

A FOLLOW-UP TO INSTALMENTS 32-33; SPECIAL CANCELLATIONS AND NOTICEABLE VARIATIONS.



About 3 or 4 years ago yours truly submitted to Messrs. Zumstein & Co., for their Berner Briefmarkenzeitung (a very interesting and up-to-date journal by the way) a little study on differences noted in a number of Swiss special cancellations of the last thirty or so years. Nothing came of it, and it simply was thought that such a note of observation would be of no real interest to collectors in Switzerland. What a surprise therefore to suddenly receive an airmailed copy of the BBZ for July/August, 1974, and to find right on page one (!) that almost forgotten contribution, followed by two pages of painstakingly reproduced samples that show, without a doubt, differences in cancellation dies and thus in the hammers and the actual strikes. Since the last two instalments of the continuing investigation of more recent decades of Swiss cancellations did discuss "Special Cancellations of Switzerland", and since furthermore allusions concerning these differences were made, it seems à-propos to utilize the excellent illustrations from the BBZ as a follow-up instalment to instalments 32/33.

Most collectors are glad if they can avail themselves of ONE copy (cover) of Switzerland's special cancellations -- hopefully cancelling a stamp that bears some resemblance to the canceller's motive or occasion. But just as there are collectors of U.S. FDC-s who want copies of a Ed. ceremony's machine AS WELL AS hand cancel imprint, there is at least one collector (guess who) of Swiss special cancellations who looks at all strikes from such events (if he gets more than one), trying to find major (infrequently) and/or minor variations in these at least in former years HAND-cut cancellation devices.

The following descriptions by no means cover all existing varieties. As a matter of fact it is hoped that S.A.S.S. members may delve into their collections to unearth additional differences in additional events' strikes. All such reports will be gratefully and delightedly collated so that some time in the future a much more complete study may be published. As previously reported, one SA.S.S.-er currently is at work in determining how many different FD subtypes of the 1949-63 types in French, German, and Italian exist, and these results will eventually be published.

Catalogues usually list but the basic design; but the following illustrations and descriptions may demonstrate that indeed very often a special postal facility uses different hand strikes, or rather the same strikes in variation. One of the earliest known (and shown in instalment 33 as Fig.6 and 7) concerns the shooting festival strikes in use from 1904 to 1939. Following these there may be all sort of various strikes, but shown here as a distinct series of different markings are the Automobile p.o. cds. of 1937 for mobile office No.1.



Fig.1a
small "DE" line
under pr short

Fig.1b
large "DE" line
under pr long

Fig.2a
point after Z/
above line

Fig.2b
point after Z/
below line

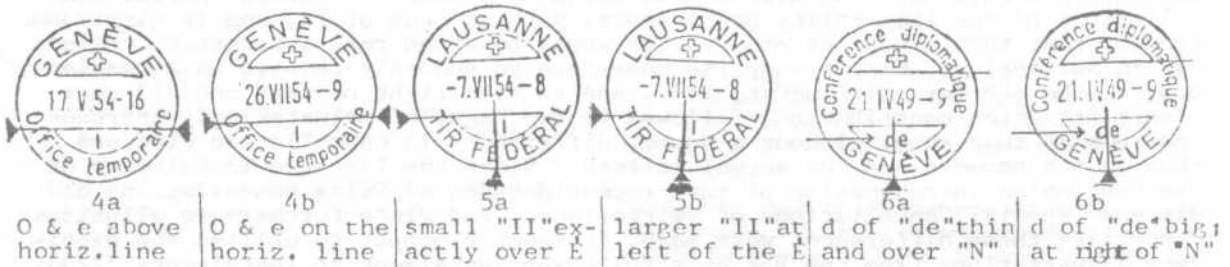
Fig.3a
points a-
bove line

Fig.3b
points flush
with line

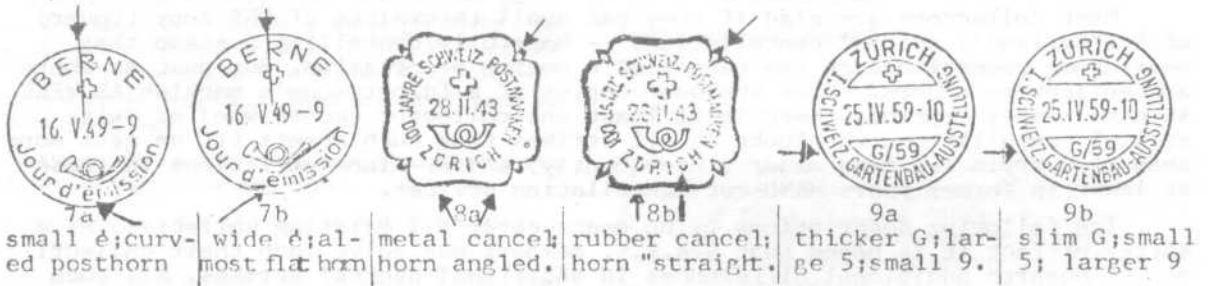
Differences (in some cases not only two, but three) may be found for ALL automobile post offices' date strikes -- at least for the earlier, smaller sizes.

Fig. 3a/b show a recurring difference (noticeable in every successive year of these (always recut) cancellations' use for almost annual World Health Organization meetings. One has larger letters in the lower rim, plus the dots high; the other has larger letters at bottom and the dots flush with the upper horizontal line. -- Some cancellation subtypes are quite easy to tell, such as the two varieties for the Geneva Automobile show: one has a shaded cross; the other an unshaded one. Also, the "DE" at bottom is at a different angle to the "I" of the Roman figure in the lower circular segment. (See 2 figures in heading.)

Following are shown a number of additional special cancellations and the recognition details for respective subtypes. And with that I say, good hunting!



4a O & e above horiz. line
4b O & e on the horiz. line
5a small "II" exactly over E
5b larger "II" at left of the E
6a d of "de" thin and over "N"
6b d of "de" big; at right of "N"



7a small é; curved posthorn
7b wide é; almost flat horn
8a metal cancel; horn angled.
8b rubber cancel; horn "straight".
9a thicker G; large 5; small 9.
9b slim G; small 5; larger 9



10a M of OMS regular; 1 of 1211 with upstroke; laurel wreath free of bottom
10b M of OMS like inverted W; 1 of 1211 small upstroke; laurel touches bottom
11a large GENEVE; large 1955.
11b small GENEVE; small 1955.
12a entire date in wide figures

NOTE: German and Italian first day cancellations of types similar to types 7a & 7b are known to exist.



13a different angles of MONTREUX in regard to other lettering
13b date in narrow figures

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