

VIA AIR MAIL.



Robert P. Gearhart
348 West Ninth St
Erie, Pa.

GREETING THE AKRON

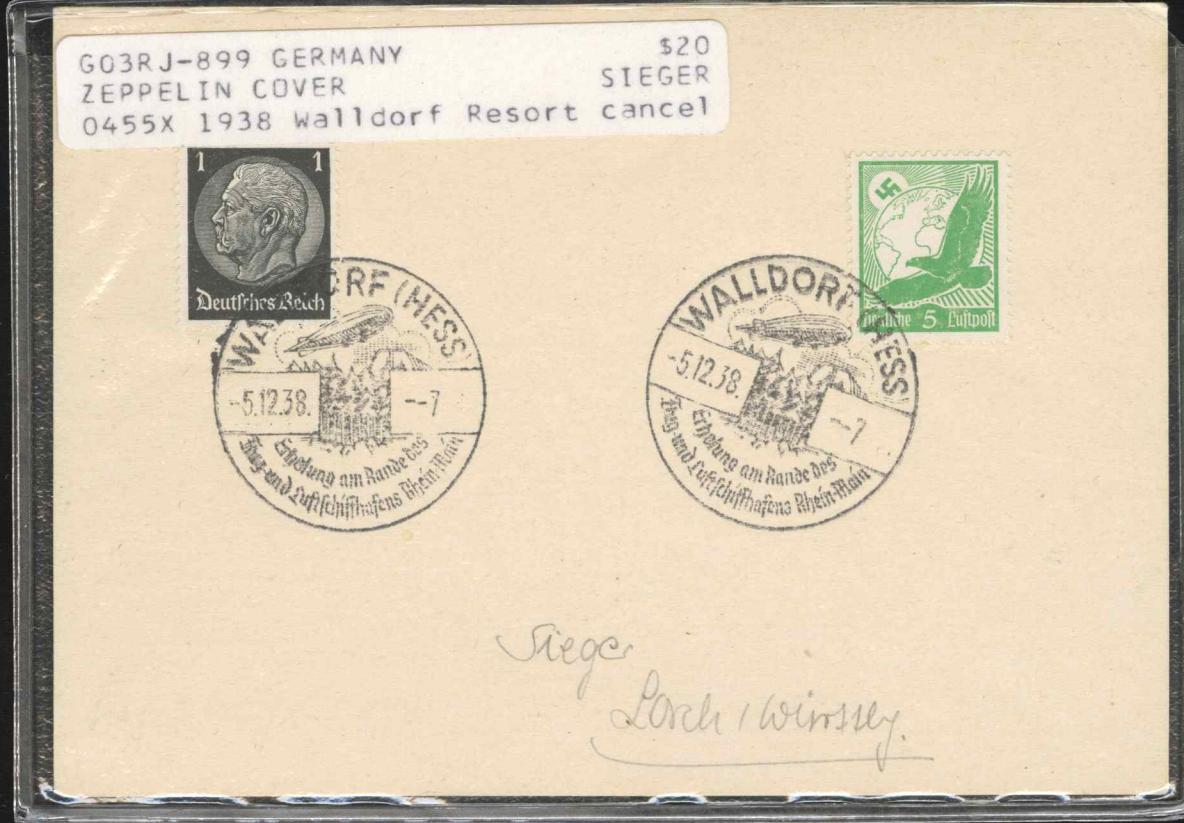


ZUR ERINNERUNG AN DIE FAHRT DES LUFTSCHIFFS
LZ. 130 GRAF ZEPPELIN



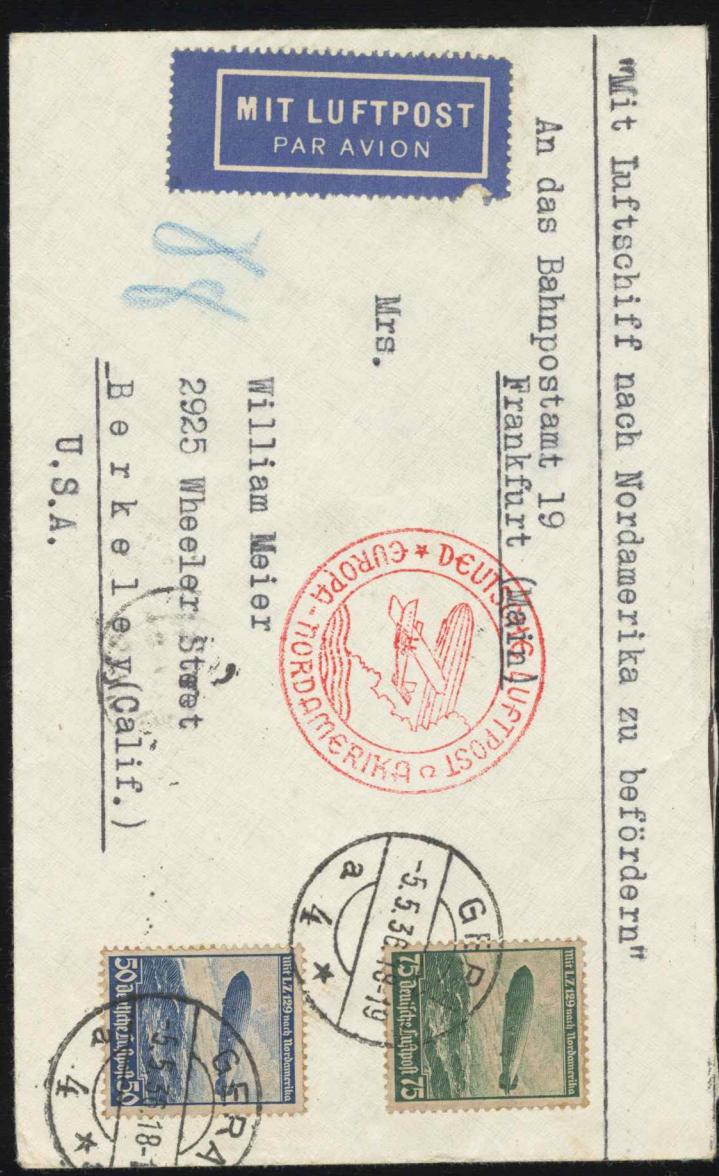
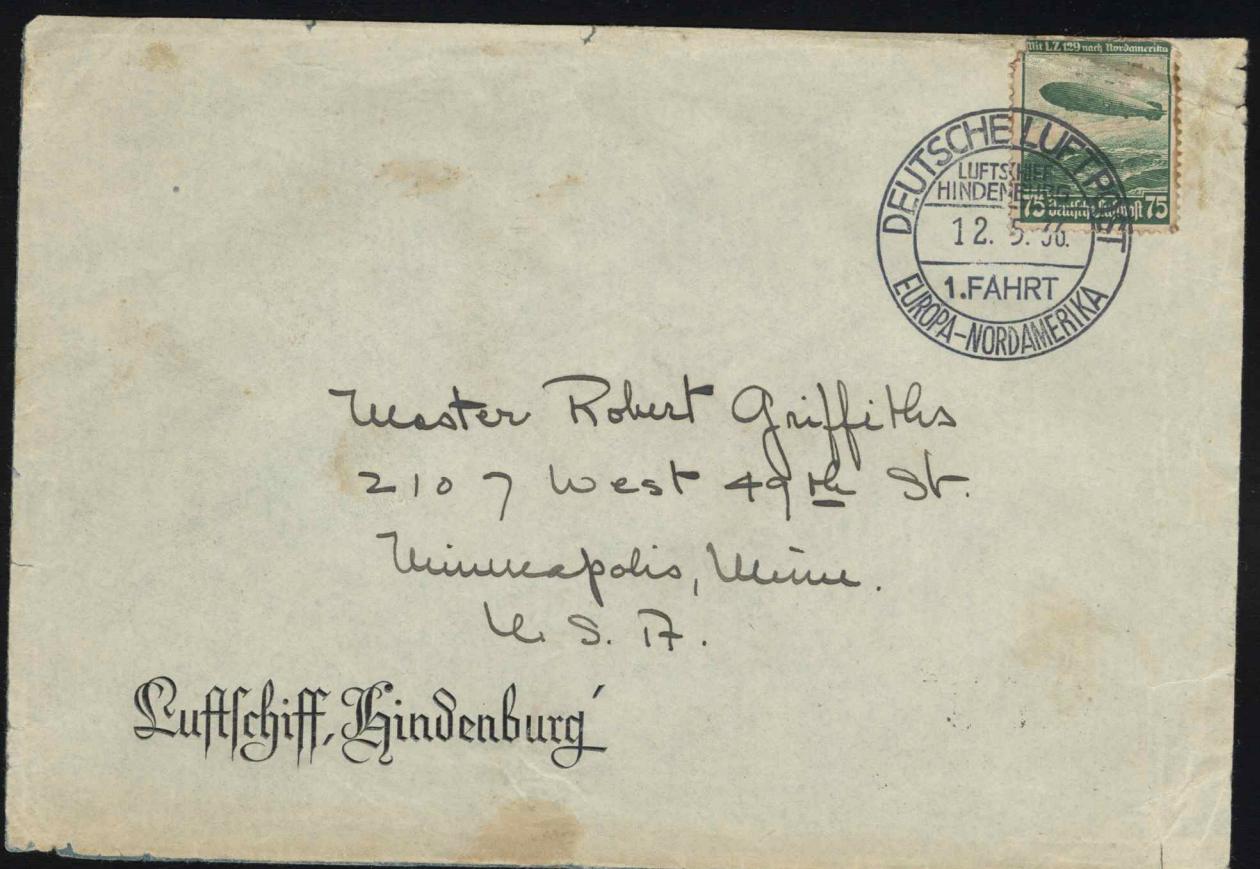
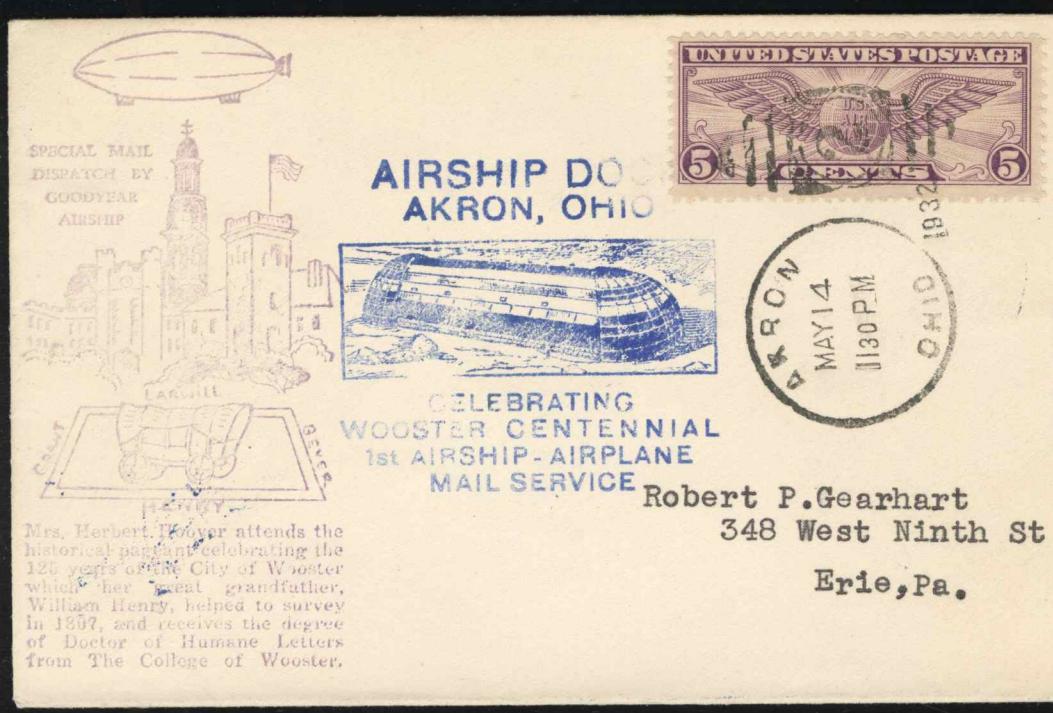
Mit Luftschiff LZ 130
"Graf Zeppelin"

Herrn
Karl Orwat,
Weserinde-G.,
Grashoffstr. 28.



■ Mit Luftschiff Graf Zeppelin ■

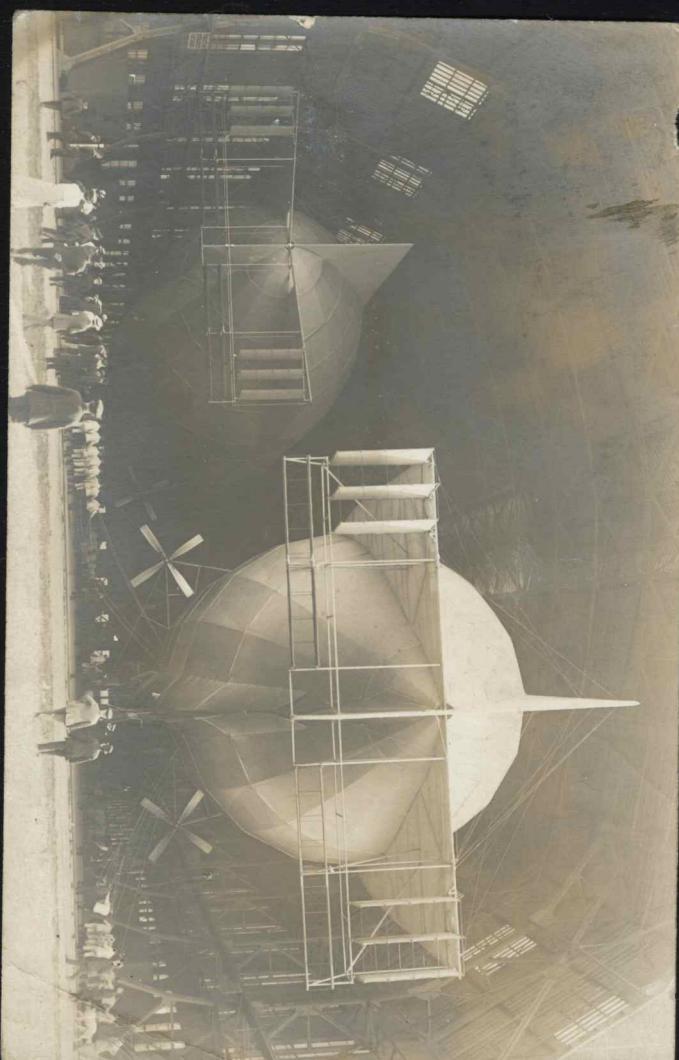
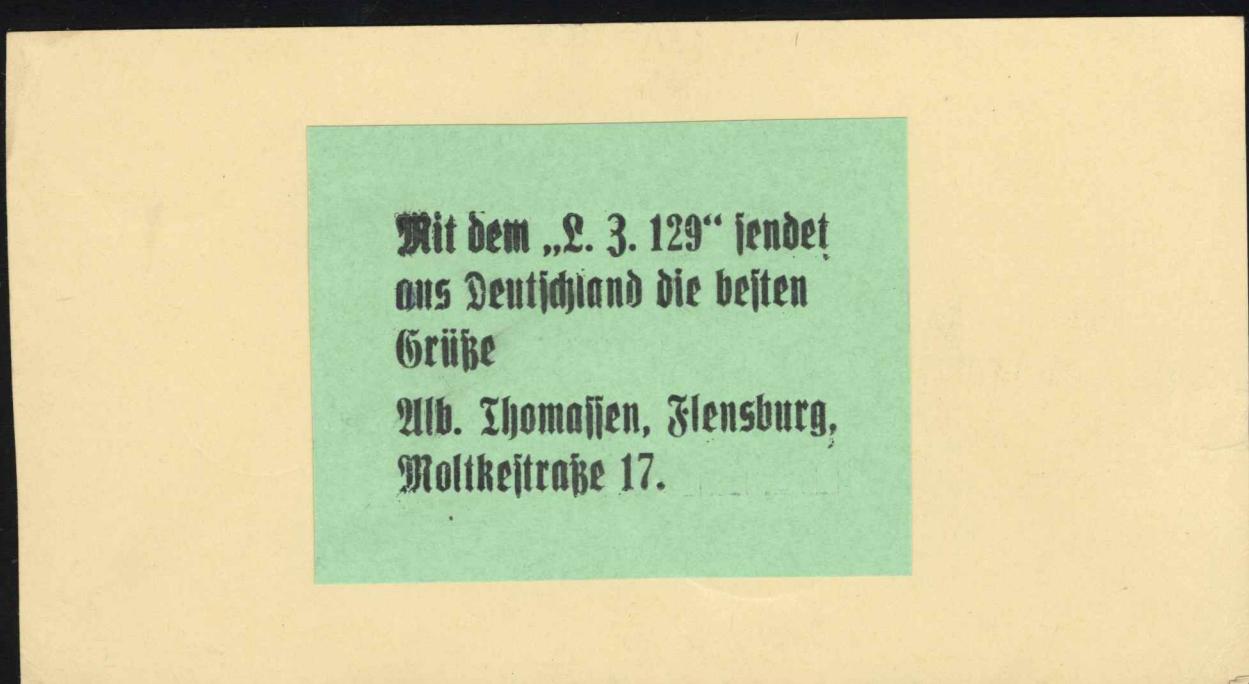
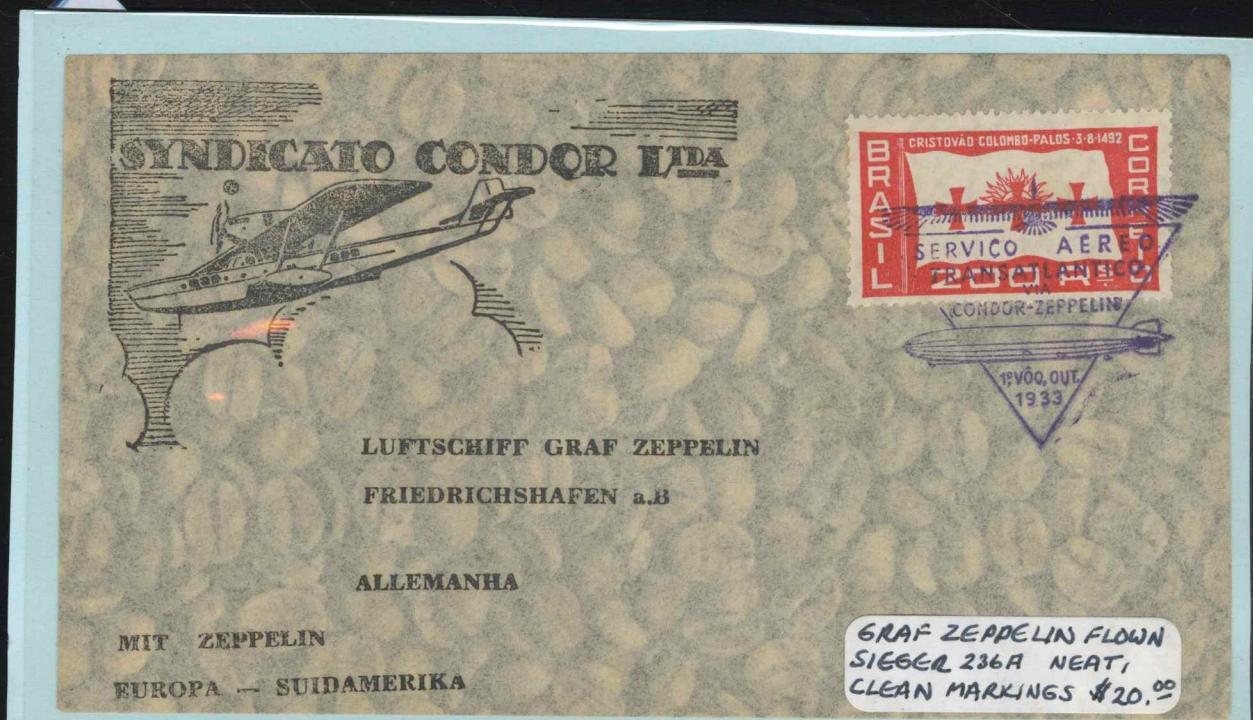




Mit Luftschiff h.z. 127 ab Friedrichshafen.



Mit Luftschiff h.z. 127 ab Friedrichshafen



Mit Luftschiff nach Nordamerika

MIT LUFTPOST
PAR AVION

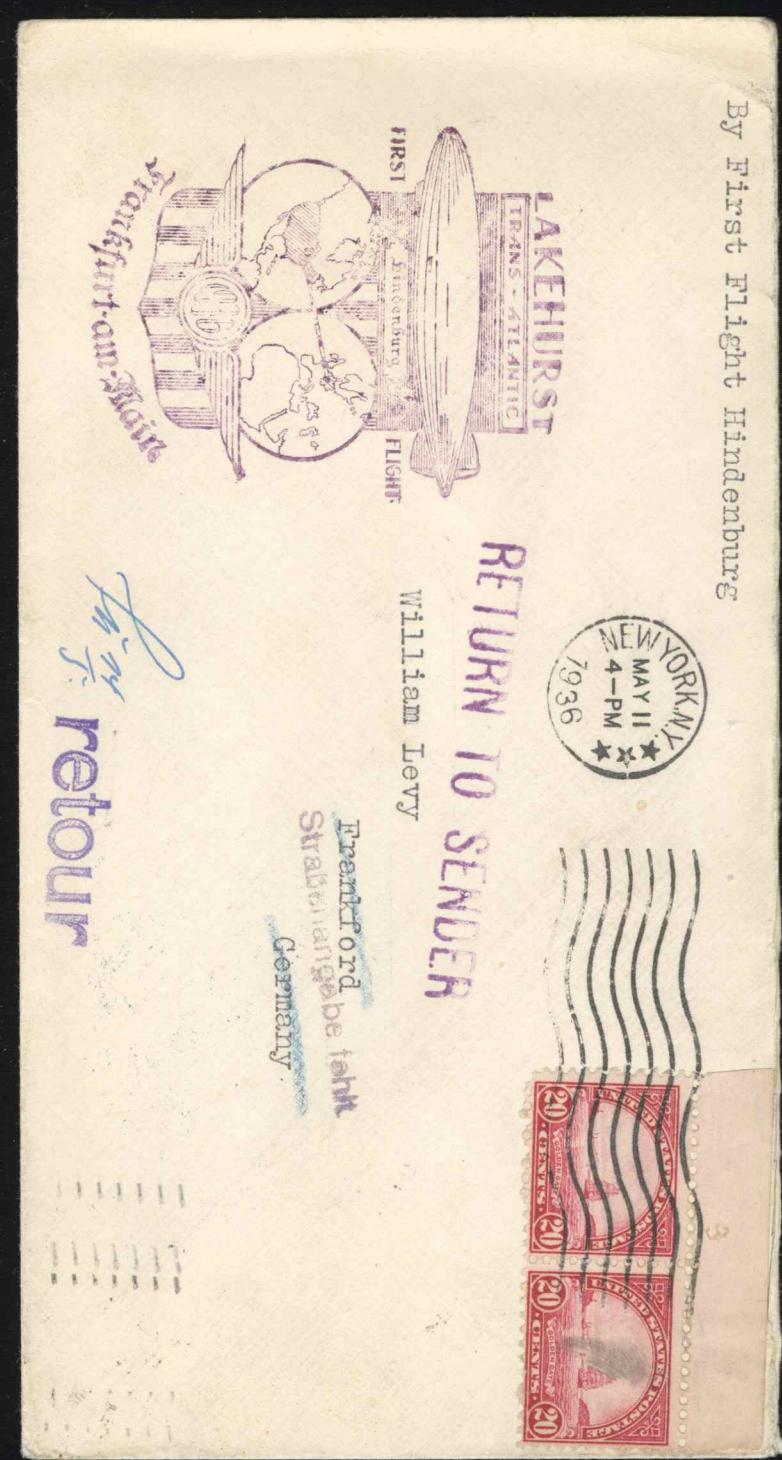


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Com.Rat Colsman

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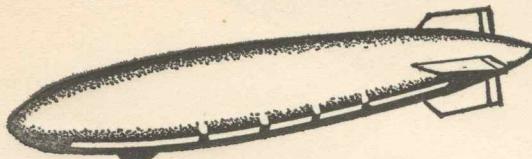
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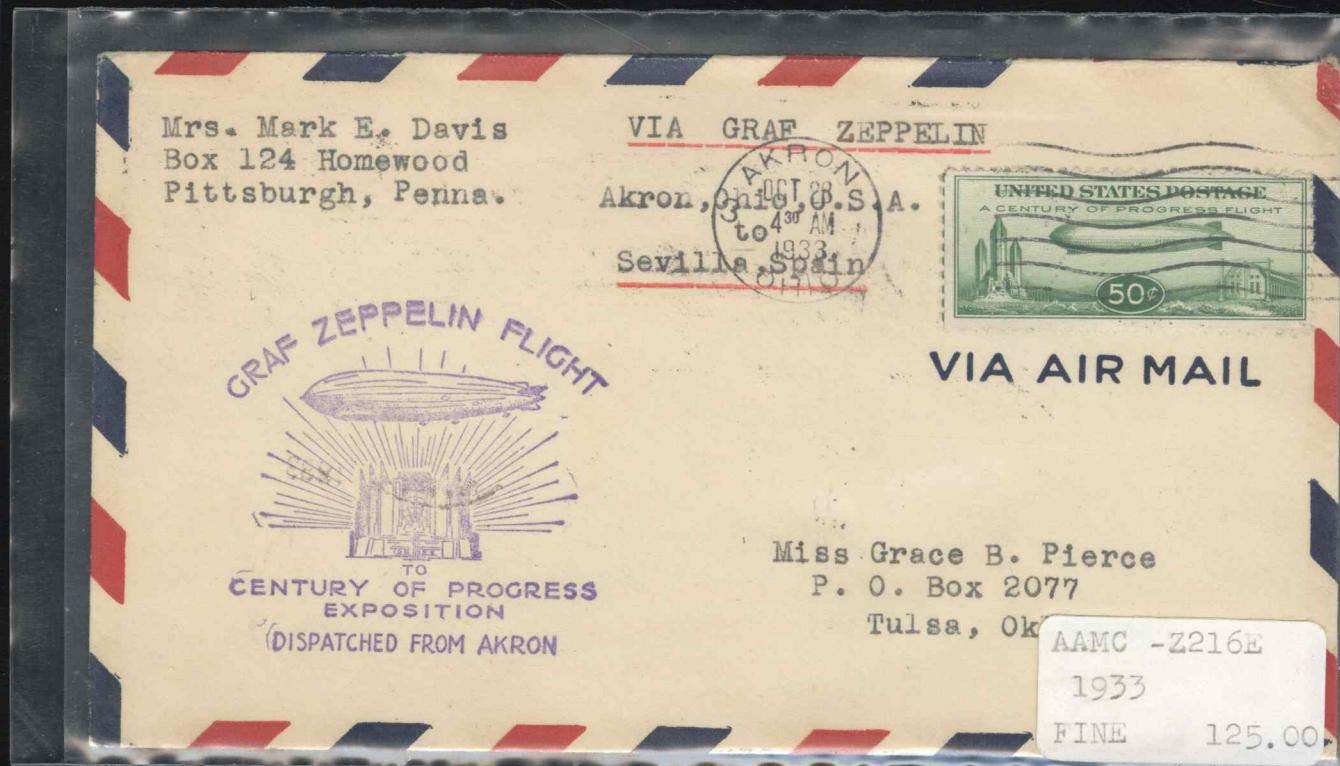
Z.Zt. Berlin
Olympisches Dorf.
Herrn
Hermann E. Sieger



AIRSHIP "AKRON" CRASHES

Today, April 4, 1933, the United States Navy airship, Akron, shown above, crashed during a storm that had begun the night before. It was demolished near Barnegat, New Jersey, with seventy three men lost including Rear Admiral William A. Moffett.

Above facts are based on an early-morning radio report.



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Miss Grace B. Pierce
P. O. Box 2077
Tulsa, Ok

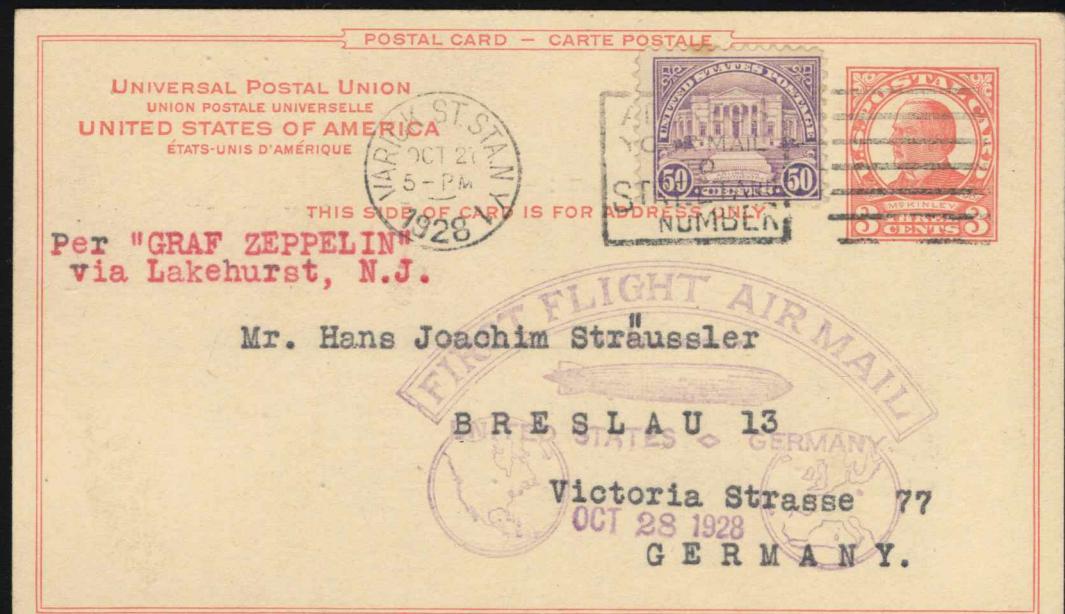
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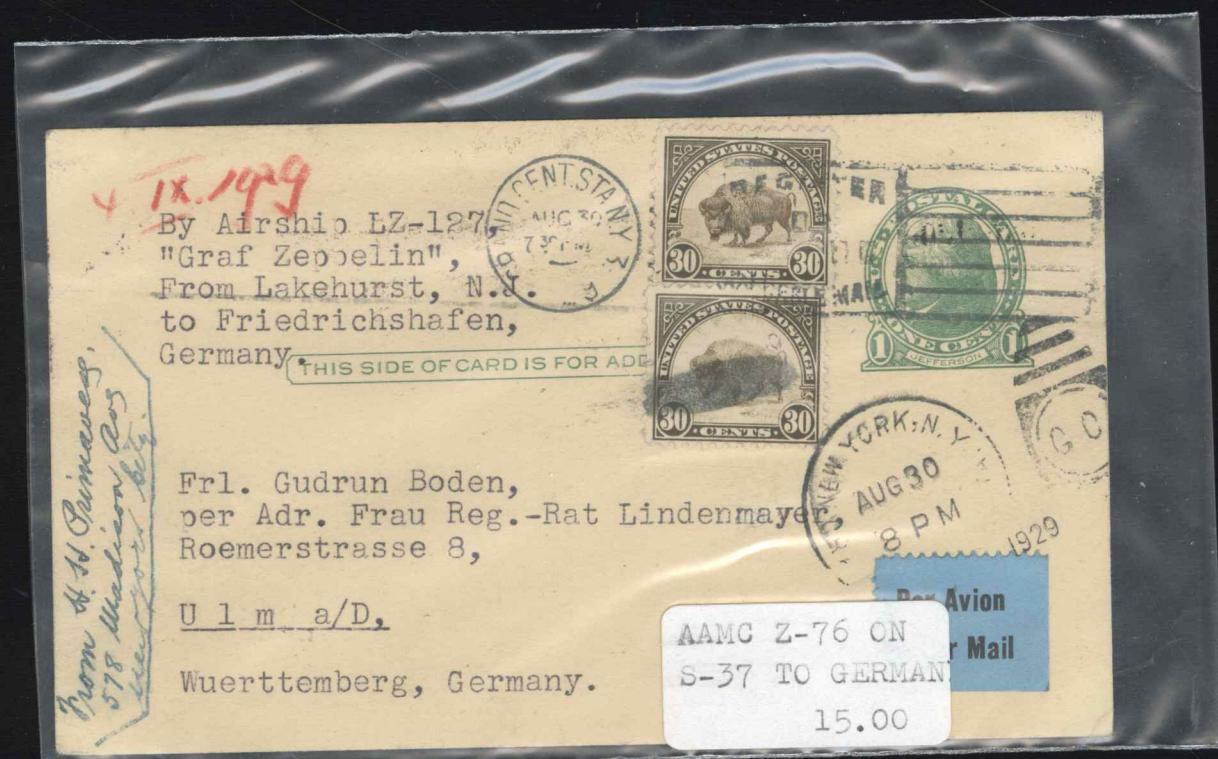


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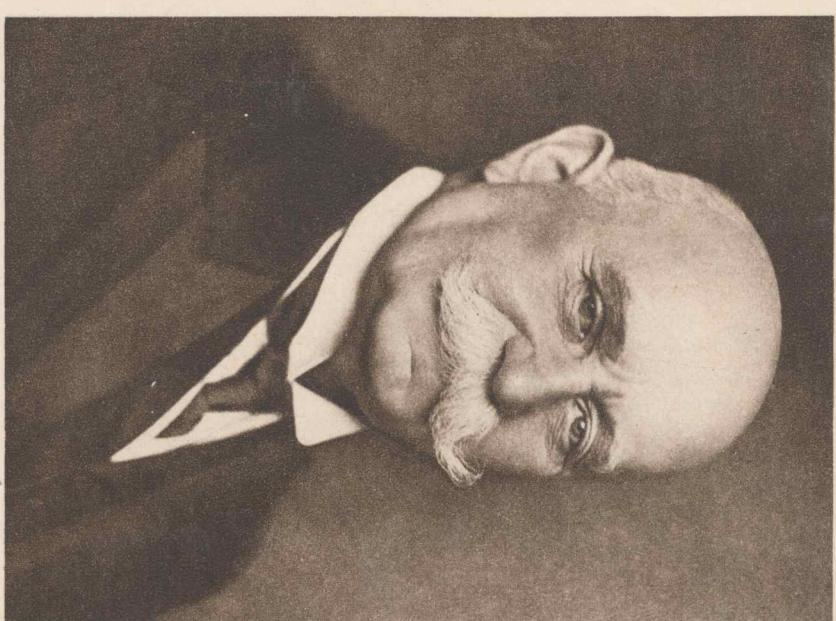
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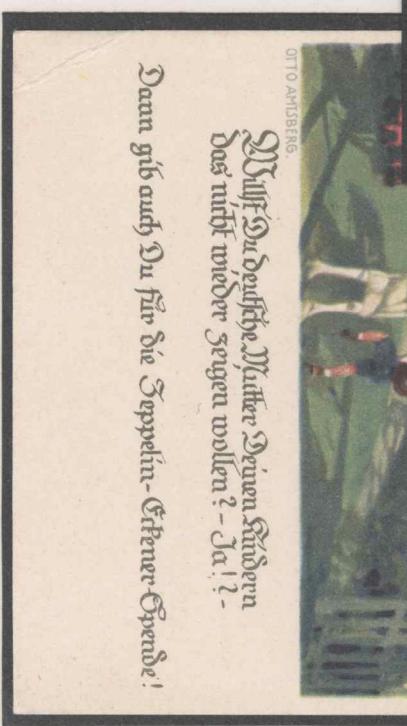


ZEPPELIN-ECKNER FUND POST CARDS

After the end of World War I the Zeppelin funds were very impoverished. It was then that Dr. Eckner called his team of workmen, flight personnel and officers together to formulate a plan to revive the Zeppelin firm. Various items were sold including cards of this type, public appearances were made and donations collected. When it was over the Zeppelin-Eckner fund totaled over 2.5 million marks.



The symbol for the fund was a winged Z and E initial as is shown below.



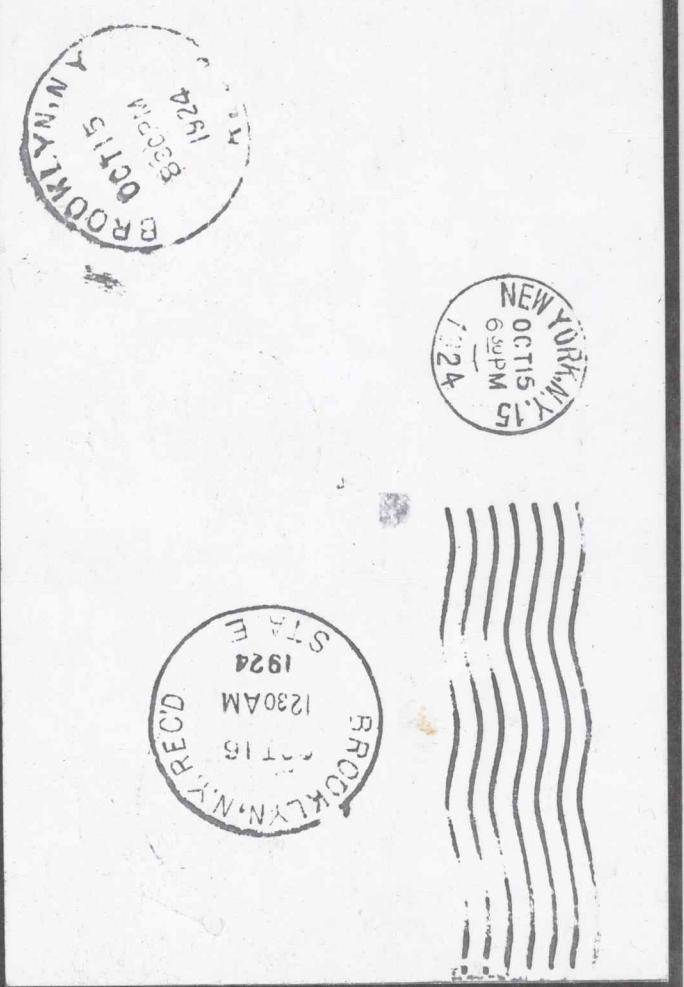
„Wulf und die Niederdeutsche Mutter Deinen Kindern
Das nicht wieder zeigen wollen? - Ja!?

Mit Luftschiff Z. R. III. ab Friedrichshafen.



Card carried on the delivery flight of the ZR-3 on Oct. 12-15, 1924. This was the first Trans-Atlantic flight by an Airship of the Zeppelin type. About 18,000 pieces of mail were carried.

Back of above card showing received postmarks:



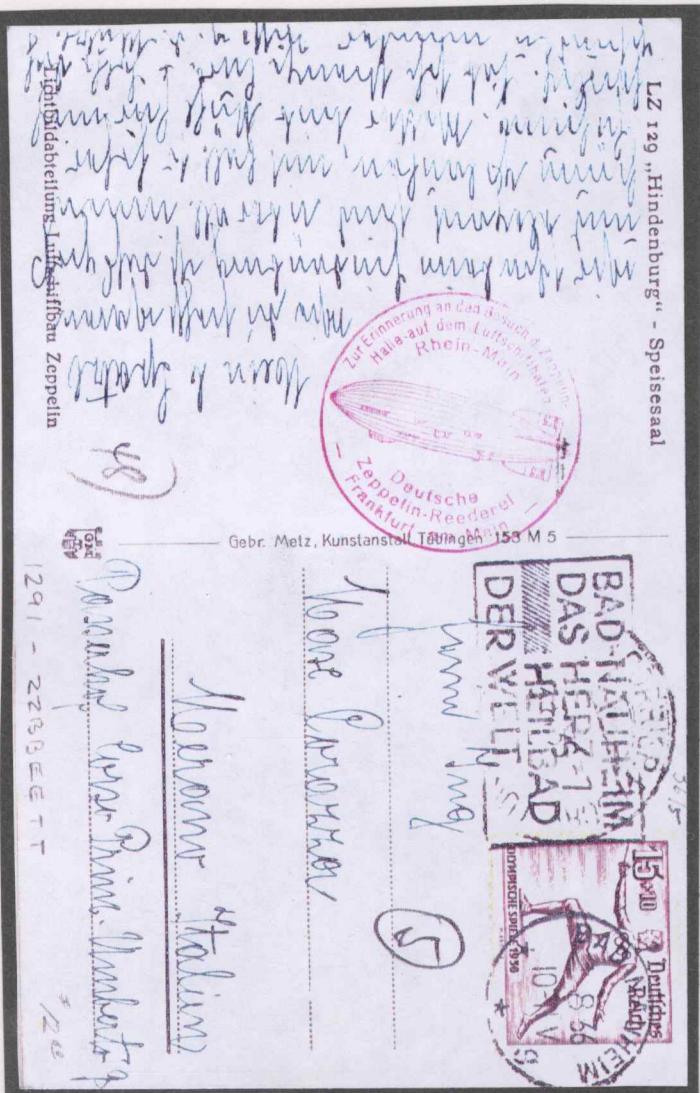
This airship was built in Germany as part of the World War I Reparations Agreement with the United States. It was delivered at Lakehurst, New Jersey on October 15, 1924 and was renamed the "U.S.S. Los Angeles".

ZEPPELIN POST CARDS

THE "HINDENBURG" (LZ-129)



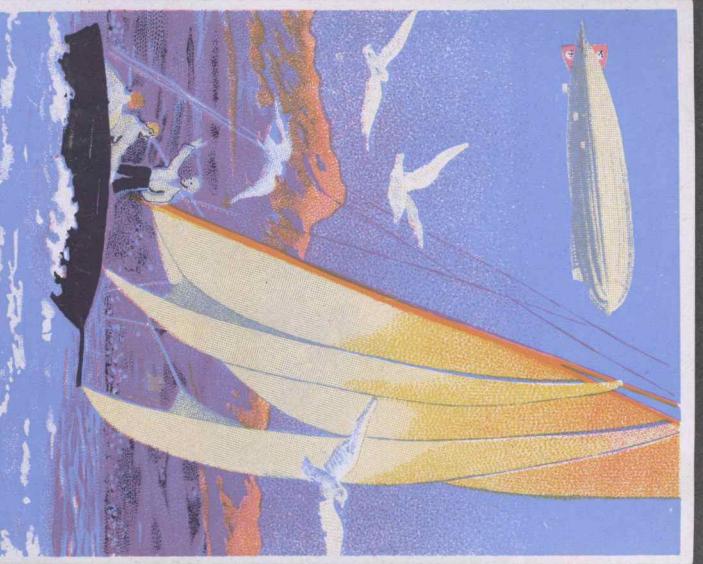
Post Card showing the dining room on the Hindenburg.



Back of Card - Postmarked Bad - Nauheim on August 1, 1936.

THE HINDENBURG (LZ-129)

Baggage Label of Kurgarten Hotel - Friedrichshafen, showing Zeppelin in flight.



The Hindenburg in flight over Friedrichshafen.



Special stamps issued for the First North American Flight of the Hindenburg.

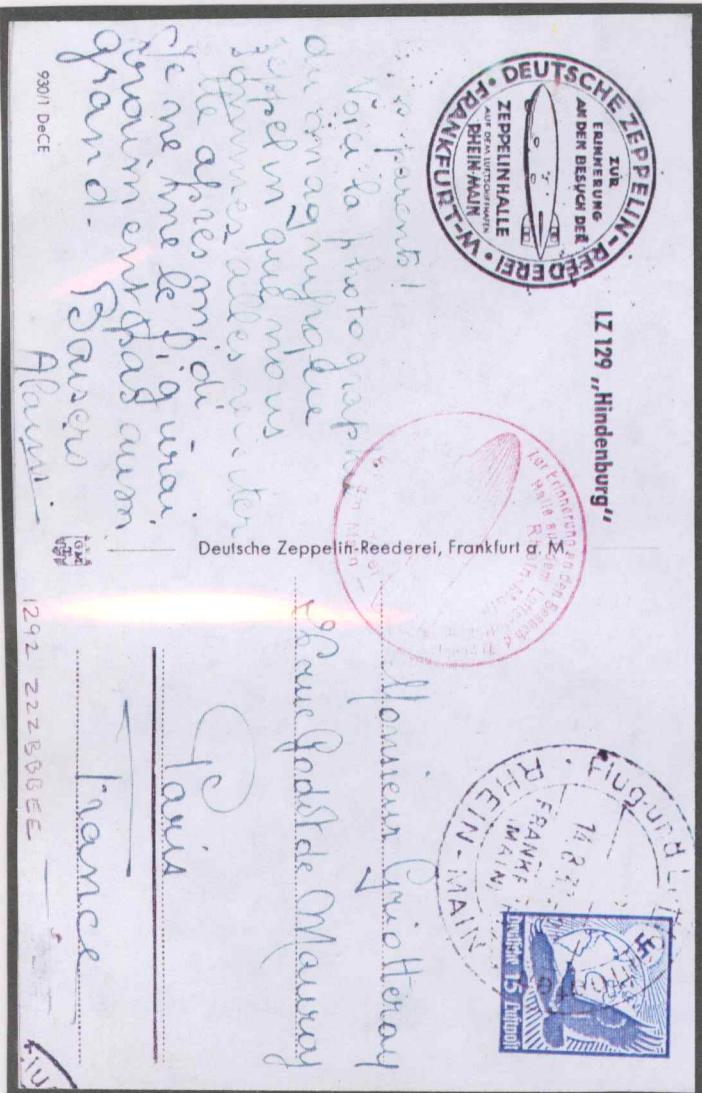


ZEPPELIN POST CARDS

THE "HINDENBURG" (LZ-129)



The Hindenburg in front of hanger at Rhein-Main.



Back of Card - Postmarked Rhein-Main on August 14, 1937.

FLIGHTS OF THE "GRAF ZEPPELIN II" (LZ-130)

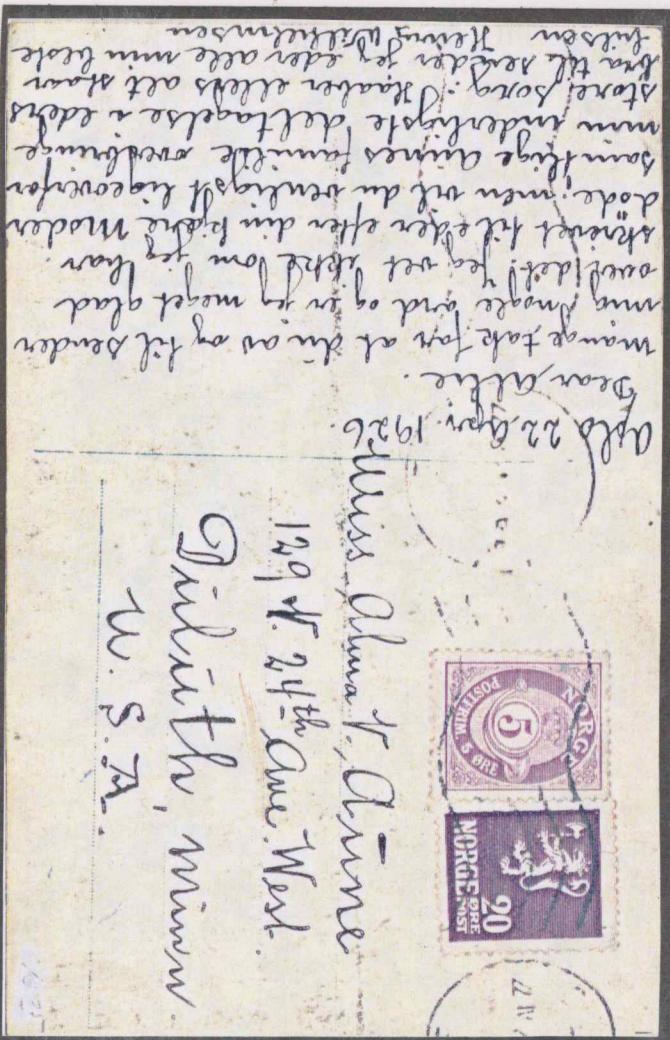
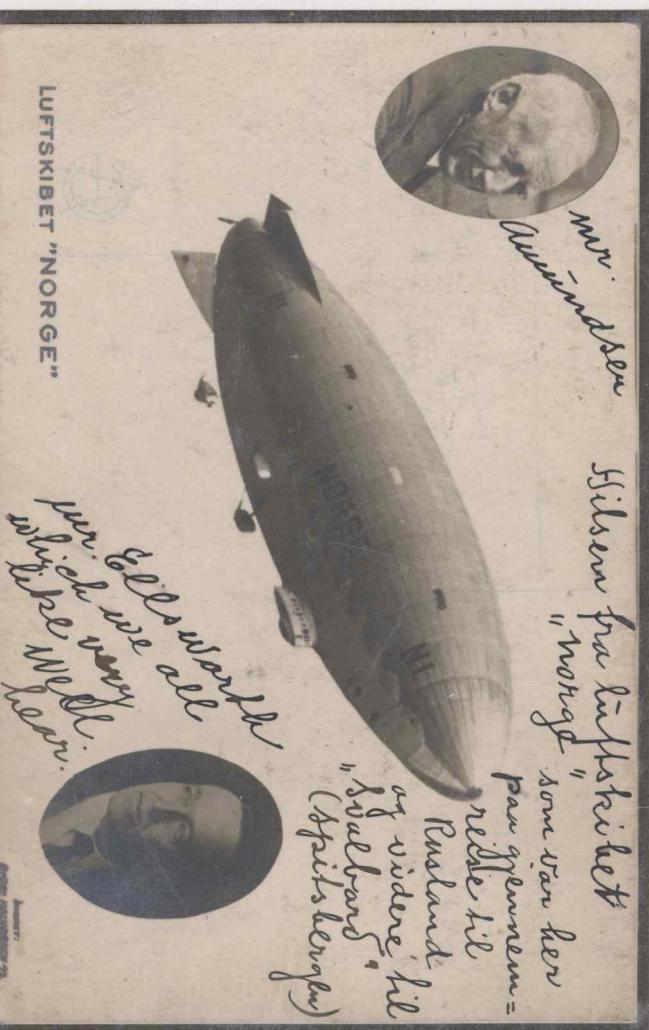
Covers carried on the Election Propaganda Trip to the Sudeten, Dec. 4, 1939.



E. or Knole

THE TRANSPOLAR FLIGHT OF THE "NORGE"

The former Italian Airship N-1, renamed the "Norge", left King's Bay on May 11, 1926, passed over the North Pole where Norwegian, Italian and American flags were dropped. On May 14th it landed at Teller, Alaska 55 miles from Nome. Leaders of the expedition were Ronald Amundsen, Col. Umberto Nobile and Lincoln Ellsworth.



Back of Card - Mailed from Oslo, Norway on April 22, 1926.

- Z130 Graf Zeppelin Deutschlandfahrt 9.7. nach Leipzig-Mockau



Leipzig
Graf Zeppelin
fahrt 1939

Jenne
Hansel Ruhn
Graf Zeppelin No 15

ZEPPELIN POST CARDS

Best regards to Florence Lampert,
from Clara Adams.



Card showing the "Graf Zeppelin" (LZ-127) and signed by Clara Adams who was a passenger on many early flights of Dirigibles and Airplanes. Mailed from Hamburg, Germany to Philadelphia, Pa., June 21, 1935.



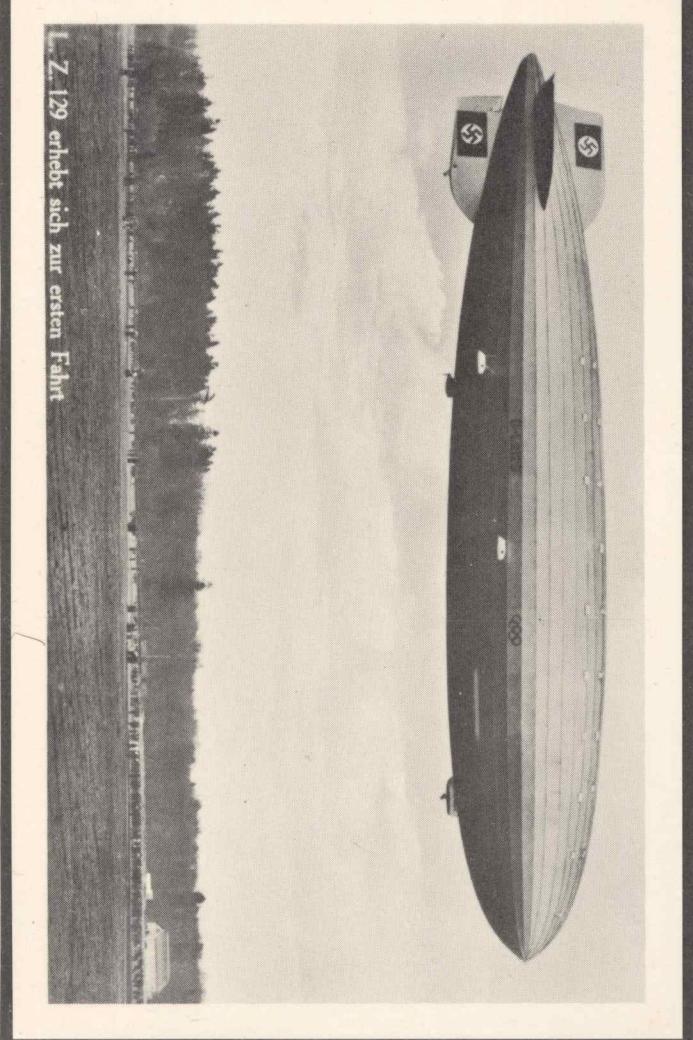
FLIGHTS OF THE HINDENBURG (LZ-129)
First South American Flight - March 13-April 10, 1936. Mail carried on this flight received the red handstamp inscribed "Deutsche Luftpost-Europa-Sudamerika" formerly applied to mail carried on Graf Zeppelin.



Card carried on return flight - Brazil despatch. AAMS Z-402a.

FLIGHTS OF THE HINDENBURG (LZ-129)

The First North American Flight of the Hindenburg was made on May 6-14, 1936 to New York. Two special stamps were issued for use on flights to the United States showing the Hindenburg over the Atlantic Ocean.



L. Z. 129 erhebt sich zur ersten Fahrt

Cover carried on the return portion of the Second South American Flight of the Hindenburg made May 25-June 3, 1936. Postmarked Federal District, Brazil on May 21, 1936. AAMS Z-406a.



Cover carried on the First North American Flight and signed by Kapt. Albert Sammt, First Officer on the Hindenburg and later Commander of the Graf Zeppelin II (LZ-130).

FLIGHTS OF THE HINDENBURG (LZ-129)

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Covers carried on the first North American flight, May 6-14, 1936.

FLIGHTS OF THE HINDENBURG (LZ-129)

Cover carried on the first North American flight, May 6-14, 1936.

MIT LUFTSCHIFF HINDENBURG
NACH NORDAMERIKA



Registered Cover from Stuttgart, Germany to New York, N.Y.

Mr.
F.W. von Meister
354 Fourth Avenue
New York - City
U.S.A.



Mit Luftschiff nach Nordamerika.

Marshall H. Hancock.
116 Nassau Street
New York, N.Y.



Mit Luftschiff nach Nordamerika.

Covers carried on the first North American flight, May 6-14, 1936.

DEUTSCHE LUFTPOST
MIT LUFTSCHIFF HINDENBURG
NACH NORDAMERIKA



R Stuttgart 9
442 S



Registered cover dispatched from Triesenberg, Liechtenstein with special Liechtenstein Zeppelin air mail stamp #C16.

R Triesenberg
(Liechtenstein)
578



Mr. George Wolber,
1253 Arkansas Ave.,
Dormont, Pittsburgh,
Penn., U.S.A.



Post Card showing the Hindenburg in front of hanger.

Note New York, N.Y. receiving postmark on face of cover.

FLIGHTS OF THE HINDENBURG (LZ-129)

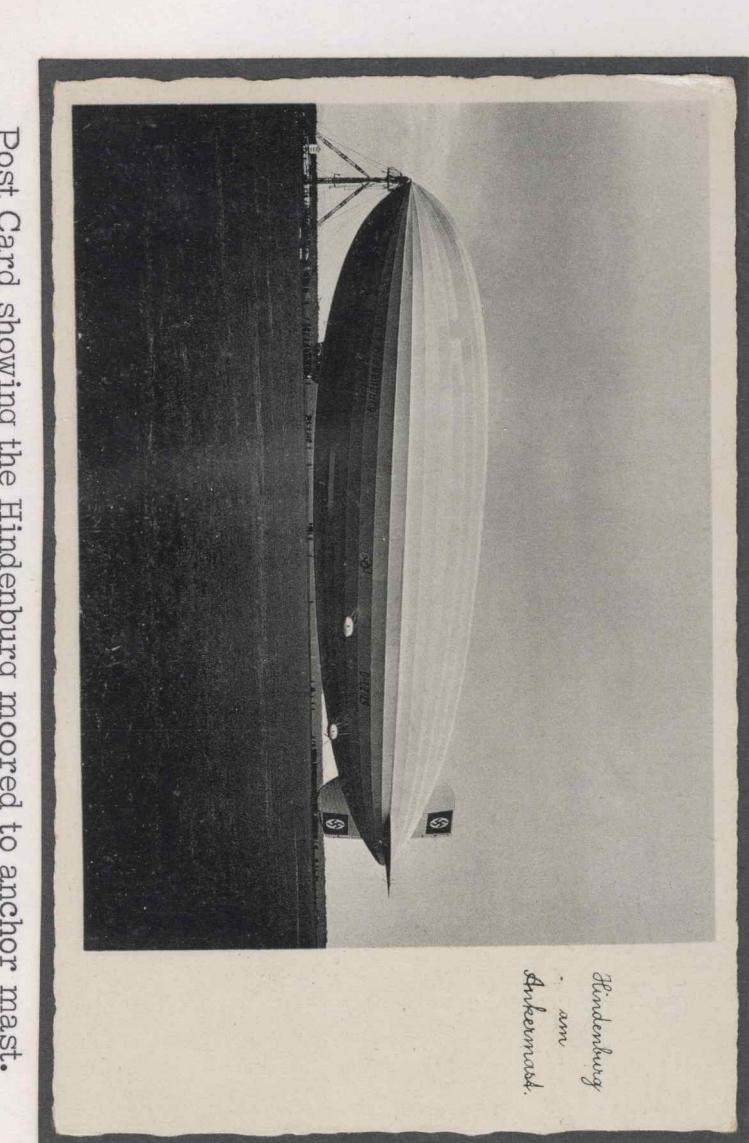
The Sixth North American Flight was made August 5-11, 1936.



Cacheted Cover commemorating the First Visit of the Hindenburg to the United States. Postmarked in New York, N.Y. on May 9, 1936. All incoming mail aboard the Hindenburg was backstamped the same way.



Card carried on the above flight - Postmarked with the On Board cancellation.



Post Card showing the Hindenburg moored to anchor mast.

Mr.
K.H. Royter
354 Fourth Avenue
New York / City
U.S.A.



FLIGHTS OF THE HINDENBURG (LZ-129)

The First North American Flight of the Hindenburg was made on May 6-14, 1936 visiting the Third International Philatelic Exhibition at New York. The United States Post Office provided a special cachet for the event.

Via Hindenburg first flight



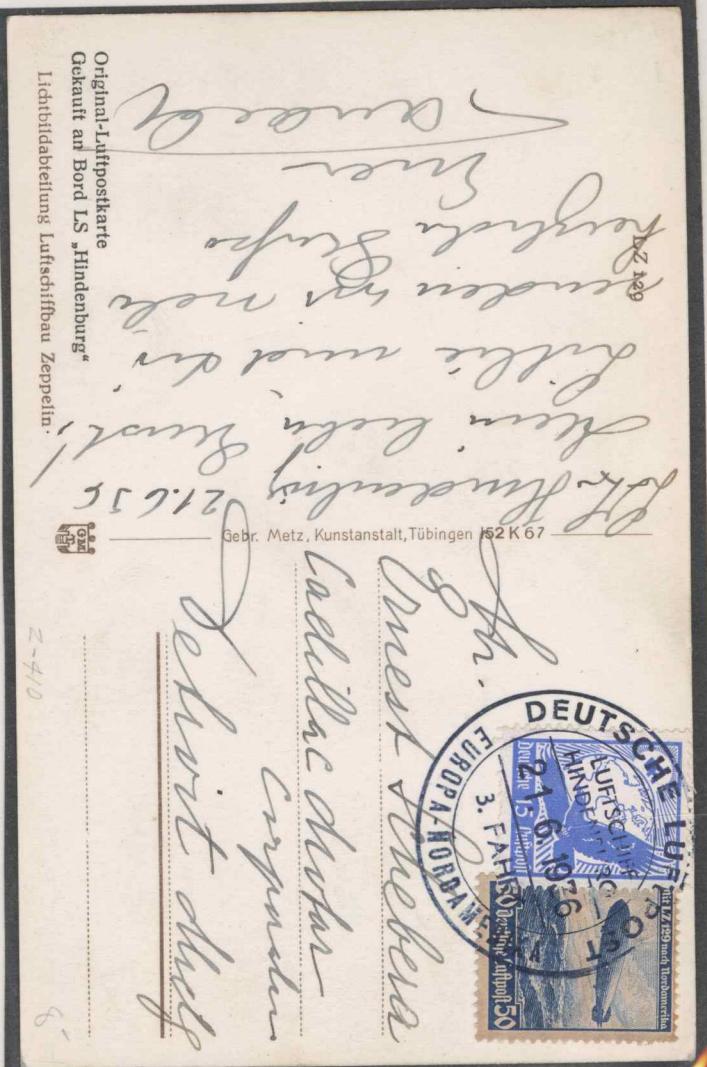
Cover carried on the return flight of the First North American Flight of the Hindenburg. Postmarked May 11, 1936 at New York, backstamped Frankfurt, Germany on May 14, 1936. AAMs Z-404a.



FLIGHTS OF THE HINDENBURG (LZ-129)

During 1936 the Hindenburg made ten flights to North America.

Card carried on Third North American Flight-June 19-26, 1936. AAMs Z-410.



Mit dem Luftschiff "Hindenburg"
nach Nord-Amerika am 29. 6. 36



Mr. Thomas Hughes Jr.
Blue Ridge Summit
Pa.

U. S. A.

MIT LUFTPOST
PAR AVION
BY AIR MAIL

Cover carried on Fourth North American Flight-June 30-July 6, 1936.



FLIGHTS OF THE HINDENBURG (LZ-129)

The Sixth North American Flight was made August 5-11. 1936,

The giant Zeppelin "Hindenburg" (LZ-129) was completed in 1936 and that same year made ten trips to North America and seven trips to South America.

FLIGHTS OF THE HINDENBURG (LZ-129)

The Sixth North American Flight was made August 5-11. 1936,



Some of the mail carried on this flight was postmarked at the special Olympic Stadium postal station in Berlin. Special Olympic Games stamps were used on this cover.



Post Card showing the Hindenburg landing.

Cover carried on the return flight of the Ninth North American Flight. Postmarked September 30, 1936 at New York and re-in Frankfurt, Germany on October 3, 1936. AAMS Z-421a.



Das neue deutsche Zeppelin-Luftschiff L.Z. 129
Das größte Luftschiff der Welt.
Länge 238 m. Höhe 44,7 m. größter Durchmesser 41,2 m.
Vortriebsmaschinen: 4 Mercedes-Benz Dieselmotoren von je 1100 PS Geschwindigkeit von etwa 130 km/h.



FLIGHTS OF THE HINDENBURG (LZ-129)

Combination cover carried on both the Ninth North American Flight, September 26-October 3, 1936, and the Tenth North American Flight, October 5-12, 1936. AAMS Z421 & Z422.



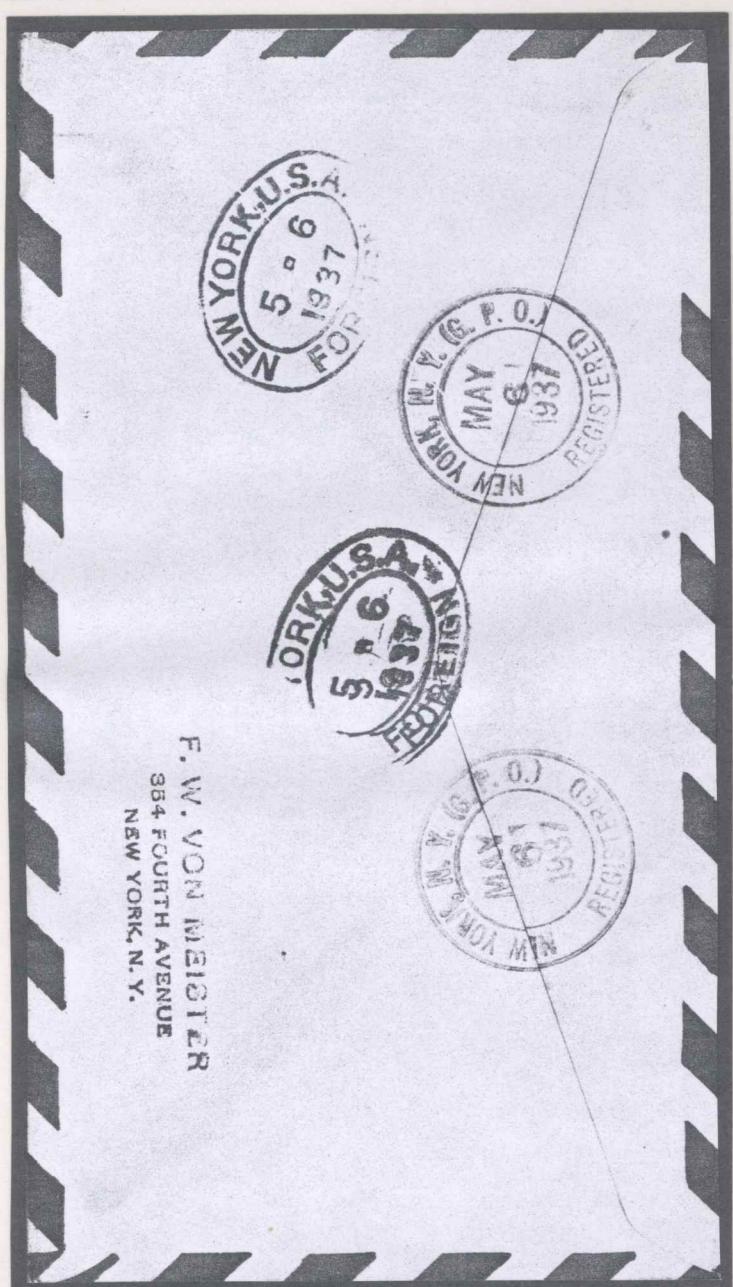
Note that the red cachets are different.

THE HINDENBURG (LZ-129)

After the accident in which the Hindenburg was destroyed on May 6, 1937, mail prepared for the return trip to Germany was rubber-stamped with an explanatory message and returned to the senders.



Cover prepared for the return flight. Sieger #454 D.

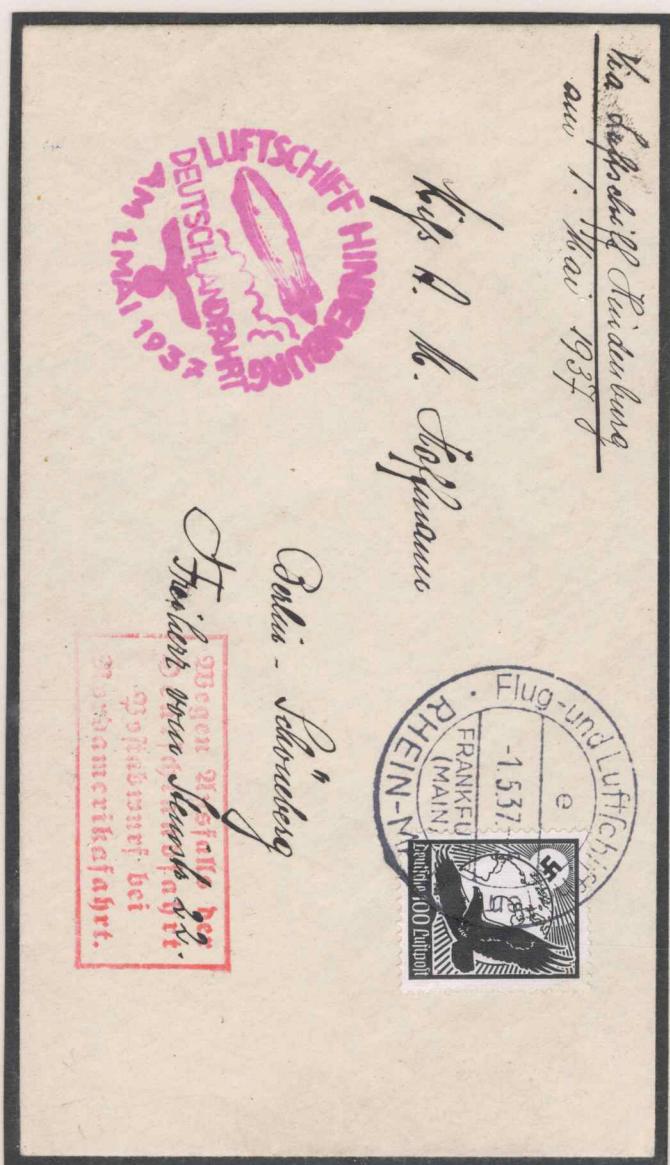


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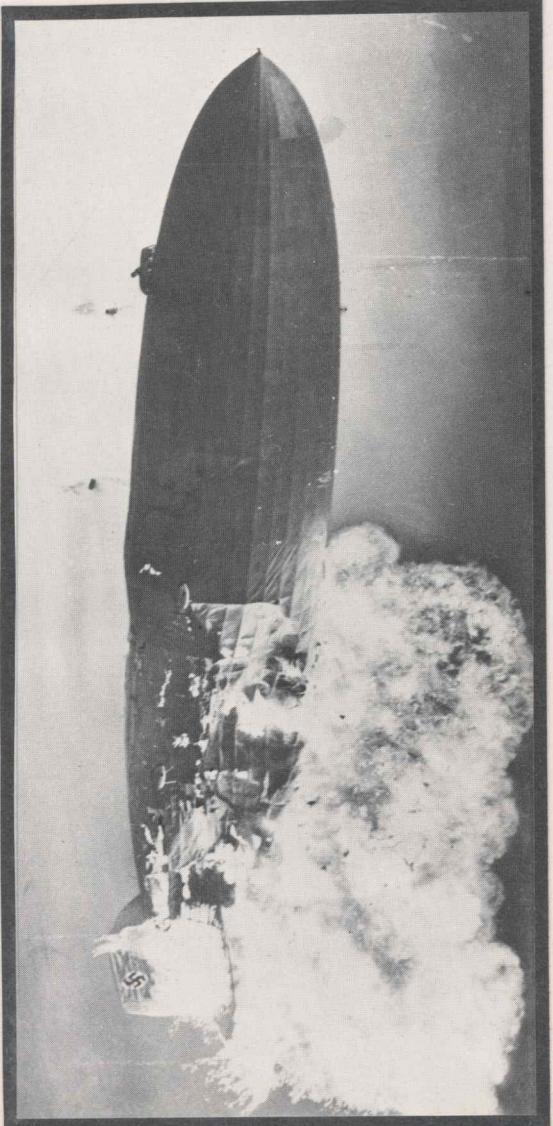
FLIGHTS OF THE HINDENBURG (LZ-129)

The Last Flight

The Hindenburg had intended to make a flight within Germany on May 1, 1937 and had accepted mail for this flight. The trip was cancelled and this mail received a special marking which translated reads: "On account of the cancellation of the German trip, mail dropped on North American Flight". It was dispatched by the latter flight and dropped over Cologne on May 3, 1937.

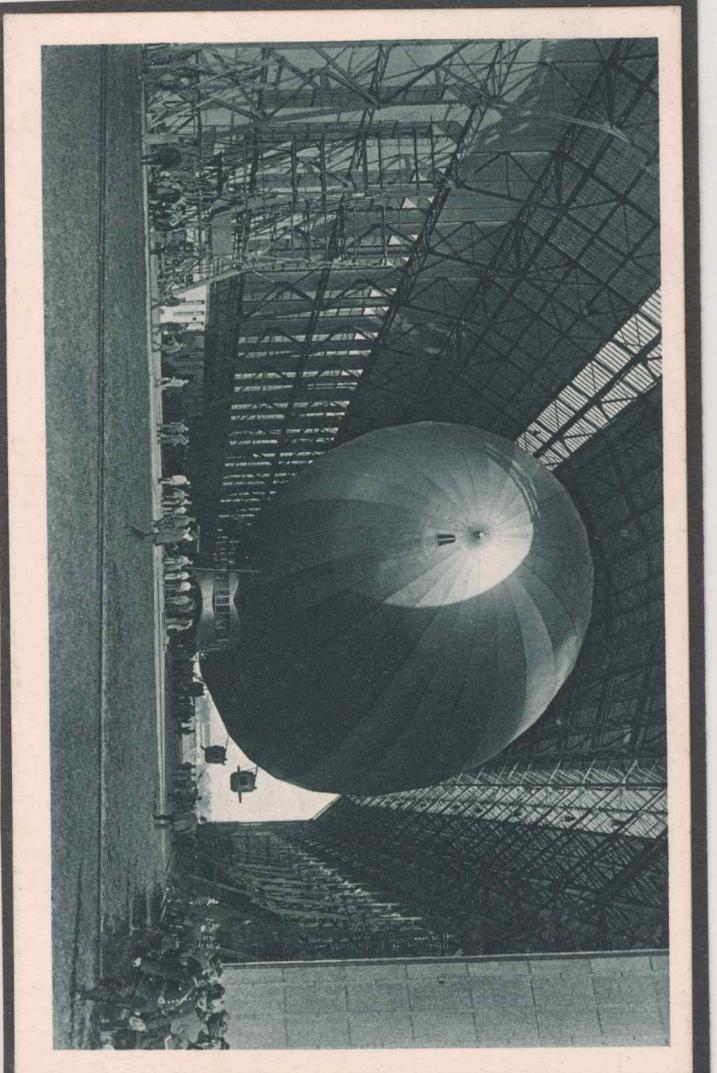


Cover carried on the first part of the last flight of the Hindenburg and dropped over Cologne. The Hindenburg continued on to Lakehurst where it was destroyed by fire with the loss of 36 lives.



At approximately 7:25 pm on May 6, 1937, the Hindenburg exploded and burned while attempting to land at Lakehurst, N.J.

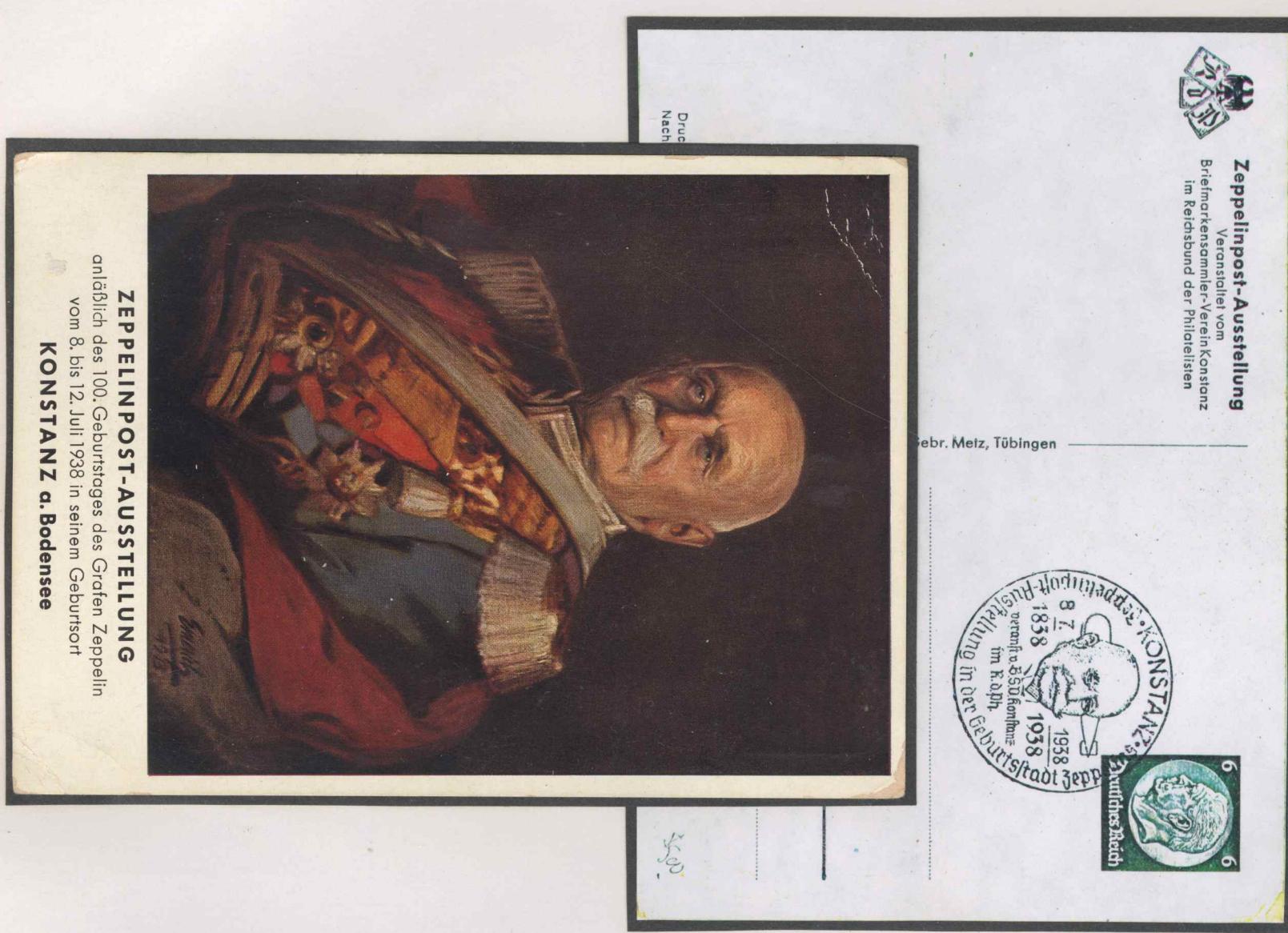
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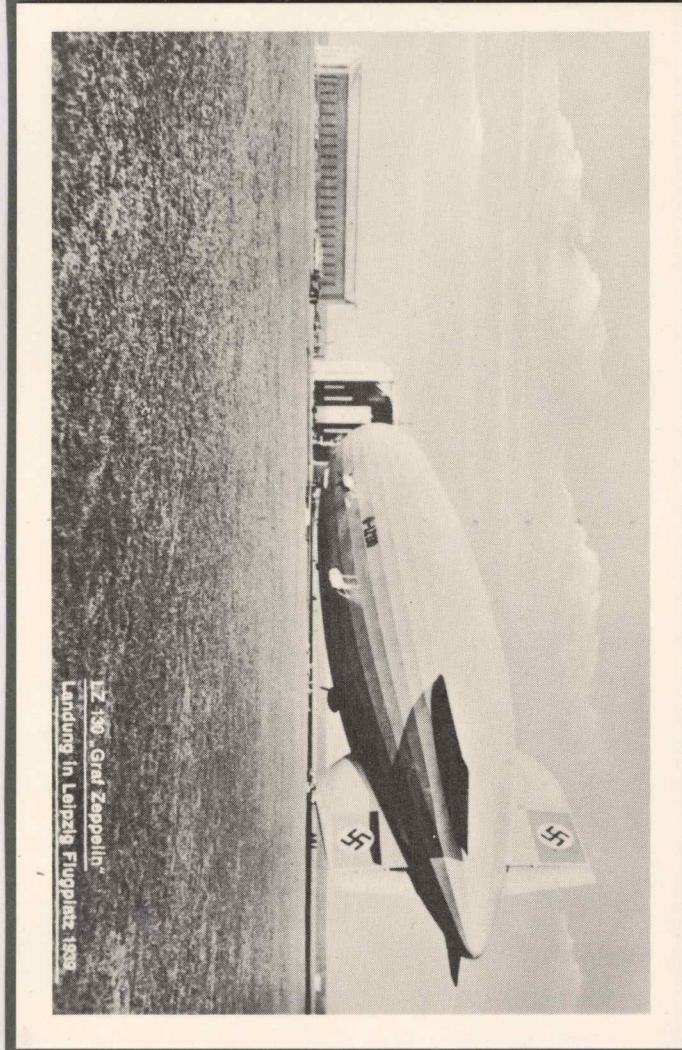
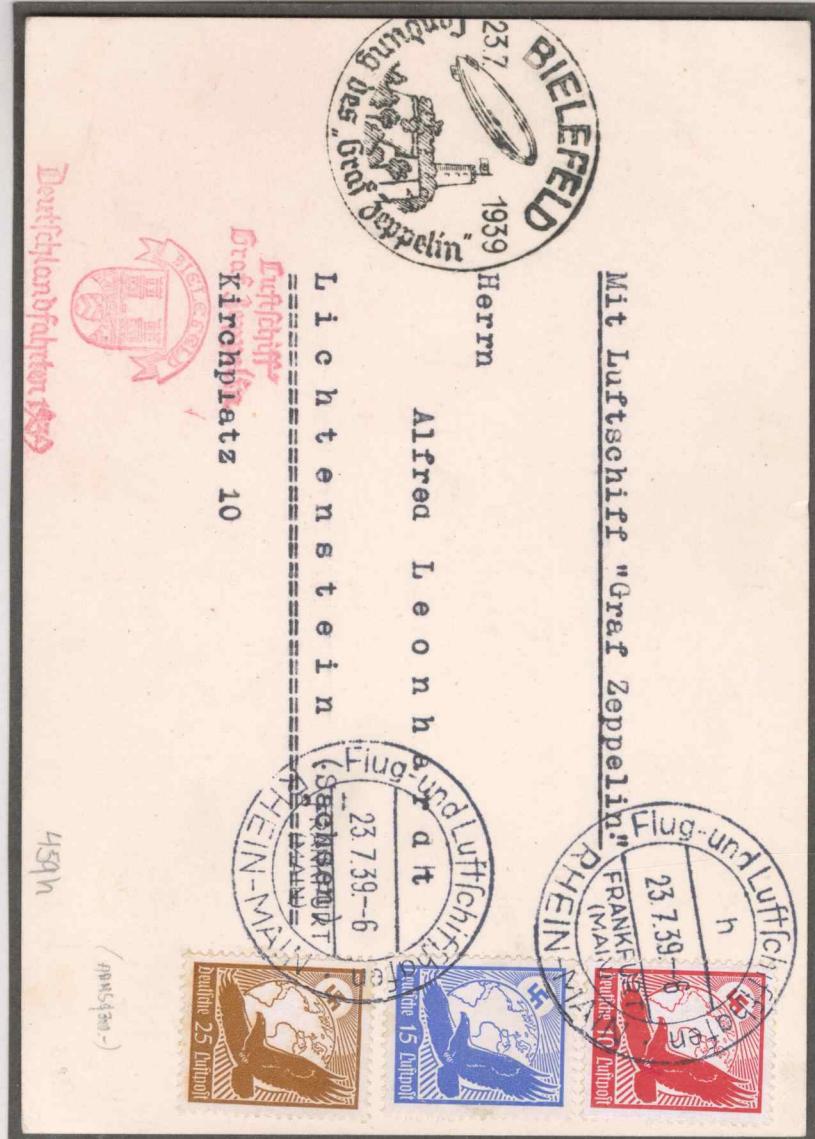
Post Card showing the Hindenburg in hanger.

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE POSTAL CARD

Issued in 1938 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Count Zeppelin. A special cancellation was also used.



FLIGHTS OF THE "GRAF ZEPPELIN II" (LZ-130)



Card carried on the July 23, 1939 trip to Bielfeld (AAMS Z-446)

The LZ-130 was a product of the World War II years and but little has been published about activities of this ship. The first flight was made on September 14, 1938.

FLIGHTS OF THE GRAF ZEPPELIN II (LZ-130)

THE GRAF ZEPPELIN II (LZ-130)



Mit LZ.130 Graf Zeppelin zu befördern!

Herrn
Siegfried Kluge

Dresden N 6

Königsbrücker Str. 53

Card carried on the July 30, 1939 trip to Kassel (AAMS Z-447)

27. Deutsche Ostseefahrt Königsberg (Pr.)

20. bis 23. August 1939

Mit Luftschiff "Graf Zeppelin"
zur Landungsfahrt nach Eger.

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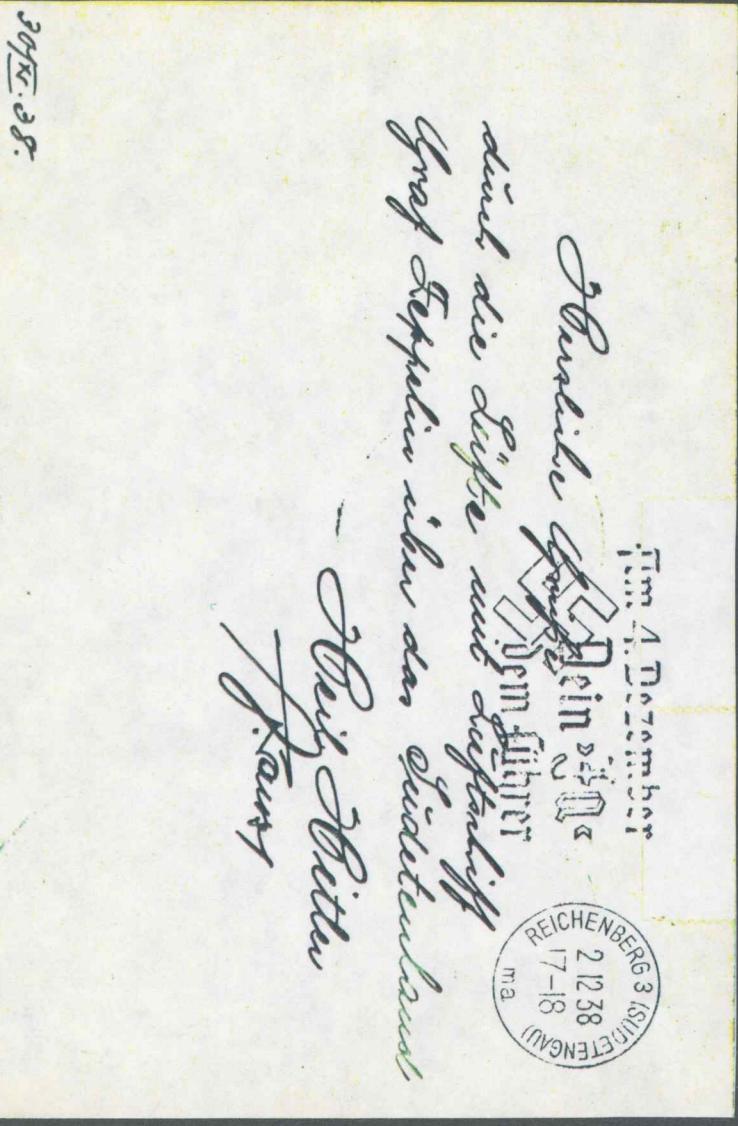
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FLIGHTS OF THE "GRAF ZEPPELIN II" (LZ-130)

Cover carried on Election Propaganda Flight to the Sudeten, Dec. 4, 1939.



Back of Cover - Note Nazi propaganda cancel and "Heil Hitler".