

MEMEL

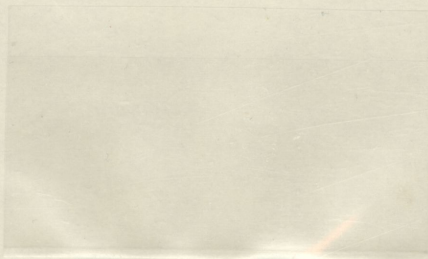
Memel, a city on the Baltic Sea, had a brief existence as a separate country due to the Treaty of Versailles signed on June 28, 1919. This treaty made this small port city into an area which was administered by Allied forces. The Allied forces took possession of Memel on February 13, 1920 and stamps of both Germany and France were overprinted for use. The German overprinted stamps were first issued on August 1, 1920 and were valid for use until October 30, 1920. This use of the overprinted German stamps is shown in the top cover used within Memel with a date of September 12, 1920.

French stamps were overprinted at various times with the first issue made on July 7, 1920 and printings followed until early 1923. Many of the later overprints were required due to the high rate of inflation during this period. The middle cover sent to Berlin on February 2, 1923 is an example of usage of the French overprinted issues.

On January 23, 1923, Lithuania occupied Memel and issued several series of stamps for use in the country. Lithuanian official stamps were overprinted for the first issue and then a set of definitive stamps for Memel were issued. These definitive stamps were then overprinted several times with higher values, again due to inflation. The last cover shows an example of a mixed usage of the an overprinted Memel stamp and a Lithuanian stamp. This rather scarce usage on a cover is July 4, 1924.

Stamps of Memel were no longer valid after August 31, 1925 as this area became part of Lithuania. During the second World War Memel again became part of Germany and then later part of Russia until 1991 when Lithuania again became an independent country but this area remained as part of Russia as an isolated and separate area for the rest of the country.

The overprinted Memel definitive set resulted in several double overprints one of which is shown below compared to a normal overprint. The double overprint can best be seen in the enlargement where the nearly solid bars at the top and the gap in the first e of Memel identify the double overprint. The actual stamps (double overprint on the right) are shown to the left and the enlargements to the right.



Deutsch-Litauischer Heimatbund
==== Memel ====

Am



Deutsch-Litauischen
Heimatbund e.V.

Memel

[Faint purple stamp]



Fa H. Tysman

Berlin

Poststr 38



Am

Herrn Hotelbesitzer Rudolf Tratkier

Hier.

Hotel Germania

[Faint handwritten mark]

2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 17 - 901 / 16 / 1920 475
EIT To Cinn.



Linn

Charles Lings



Linnunsti
Ohio



10807.

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Date 9/22/21 w/#18(4), 28 & Censor
Mark's (reverse)

Sender: Postamt Memel 0,181

Nachnahme



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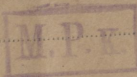
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An

Herrn

~~Director Georg Zimara~~

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Turink

Memel i.

in

~~Bachar bei München~~

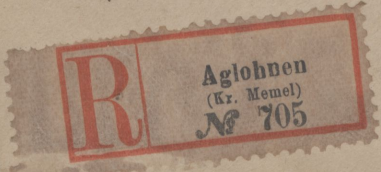
~~Münchenstr. 25/6. Oberbayern~~

Registered
18(2), 26
Dated 11/18/20

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Im
Auftrage des
Autographisten Dahmann



497

Kalkberge by Berlin

Dated 9/8/20 # 19, 20(2) 21

Dampfmolkerei Carlsberg bei Memel
Inh.: Josef Erni

Mr. Hans Erni
chez Mr. L. Hockle



Genf
6 Bd Georges - Taroni 6

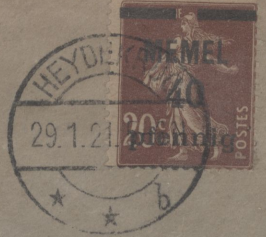
Schweiz

Dated 1/29/21 #22

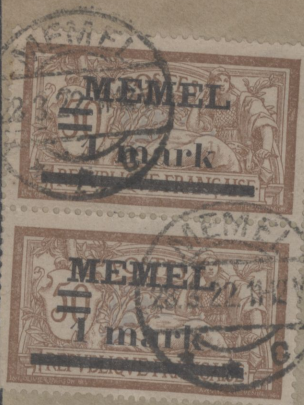
Firma

C. A. Tetzner & Sohn
Ink. W. Kaufmann

Schweizerthal i. Sa.



Dated 3/23/22 #26(2)



abr. Gronau, Memel Engros

Firma

C. A. Tetzner & Sohn

Schweizerthal / S.

Julien



Einlage

Firm H. Dillgen
Berlin Tempelhof
Poststrasse 4

MEMELER AKTIEN-BRAUEREI
KORN- u. LIKÖRFABRIKEN



Herren Gebrüder P e t m e c k y

W i e s b a d e n

1500

9/19/22 # 59(2), 72 To Wiesbaden

No. IVa.
Reichsbank
Memel.



An
Die Reichsbank

frei

in

Meissen

49.

1/3/23 # 64, 77, 81(2) To Meissen

1923 COVER
FROM REICHSBANK IN
MEMEL TO REICHSBANK IN
MEISSEN, GERMANY

STAMPS ARE MEMEL
64, 77, 81, 81.

135

WEINKELLEREI
DER
V. J. REINCKE 1784 BEGRÜNDETEN
MEMELER AKTIEN-BRAUEREI
KORN- U. LIKÖRFABRIKEN



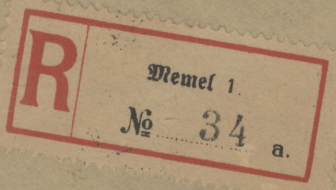
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[Handwritten signature]

Herren Gebrüder Pet me cky

P. O. Stelle Königsberg
25. VIII. 2 Vm. 8. - 1.

Wiesbaden



[Handwritten signature]

150

8/24/22 Registered To Wiesbader #692, 76

Einschreiben



*Im Sammlungsbriefkasten
Dahmann*

P. O. Stelle Königsberg
15. XII. 2 Vm. 8. - 1.



486

[Handwritten signature]

Kalkberge

Registered To Kalkberge #77, 84

12/11/22

LINDNER Made in Germany



Herrn

Robert Stern

Kreuznach

Bleichstr.

Handwritten: 100 25 10/185

25

Vertical label: 2/23/23 N9

MEMELER KREDITBANK A.-G
(STADTBANK)
MEMEL

Einschreiben.

Herrn



C. L. Eduard Blume,

Hamburg 8.

Luisenhof 29.



Vertical label: 3/11/25 late usage N68 Registered Hamburg

Kurt Dexneit

Nachnahme Mk. 35.000.-

Memel.

Willy
Nachnahme
Remboursement

(Fünfunddreissigtausend) Mark

Herrn

R. Rishke & Co.

653



R Memel 1
№ 161 a

Heydekrug

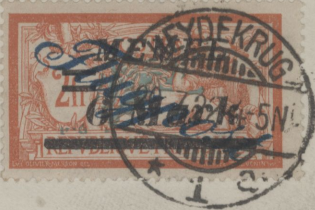
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6/16/23 Registered T. Heydekrug, N 66
N 790

Eilboten

Mit Luftpost befördert
Königsberg (Pr.)



Mit Eilpost

R Express
№ 354

Durch Eilboten
Express.

Einschreiben

Paul R. Schwenker

Berlin W. 11

Güntherstr. 28

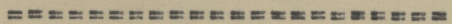
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Scott - C14 C16 C19 C11
MICHEL 75, 78, 80, 82 120-
REG " MIT LUFTPOST
BEFÖRDERT KÖNIGSBERG (Pr.)



Herrn

Robert Stern

Kreuznach



Bleichstr.

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2/23/23

N 9



10/18/22
C 20-29
Unaddressed \$180-

Postcard w/ messages

Date 12/17/20



Postkarte



Unused post card



Date 10/27/20 Overprint w/o message

Postkarte



Herr Paul Kurosch

Lingvite

Kimpen 66

MEMEL 4500
1923 Lithuanian
OVER RIC TO

Switz/Sc MIS,
N7, N17, N7, N10
KPE



R Memel 1.
No 391 c.

Herrn
fr. Geatter
Jubilstr. 52
Bern
(Schweiz)

Einschreiben!

Dated 8/1/22 #59

Alfred Stahl

Hendefrug
(Memelgebiet.)

Postcheck-Konto
Königsberg i. Pr. 158 15.

Abt. Briefmarken.

Postkarte



Handwritten:
Herrn
Lippitz
Lippitzstr 11

7/25/17 German Military



Franklein

Alire Bostelmann

Hamburg 21

Heinrich Heintze 140

Dated 8/29/22 #59 with message

Markenhaus
KURT HENNING
Memel, Schließfach 2.

Telegrammadr.
Markenhaus Memel.

Postscheckkonto:
15451 Königsberg i. Pr.

Bankkonto:
Memelbank für Handel &
Gewerbe, Memel.
Credit u' Sparverein, Memel.

Postkarte

Drucksache!



Herrn

H. Walter Schenck.

Frankfurt a/Main

Schumannstr, 65,

Dated 8/1/22 #59

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(Memelgebiet.)

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*Maxim Hoffmann
Lippsy
Lippsystr. 11*

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Memel

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8/28/39 Overprint Michel Front

Apraustas



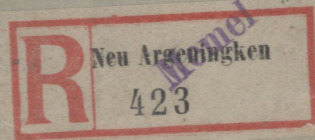
LITUOVOS BANKAS

KLAIPĖDOS SKYRIUS

Tel. ad.: VIŠNIAIŠBANK



*p. f. Naujalis
Lietuvos Bankas
Turgau*



3/25/29 Overprint Michel Registered 150.00