

# Registration labels on Sudetenland covers 1938 - 1946.

These tiny thingies can be interesting, if they stay on the item where they belong.

## Postal rates

### Germany, Oct. 1. 1938 to May 5. 1945

	Local	Domestic	Foreign
1. weight class (0 - 20 gr.)	8 pf.	12 pf.	25 pf. * **
2. weight class (20 - 100 gr.)	16 pf	24 pf.	+15 pf. for each 20 gr.
Registration fee	30 pf.	30 pf.	30 pf.

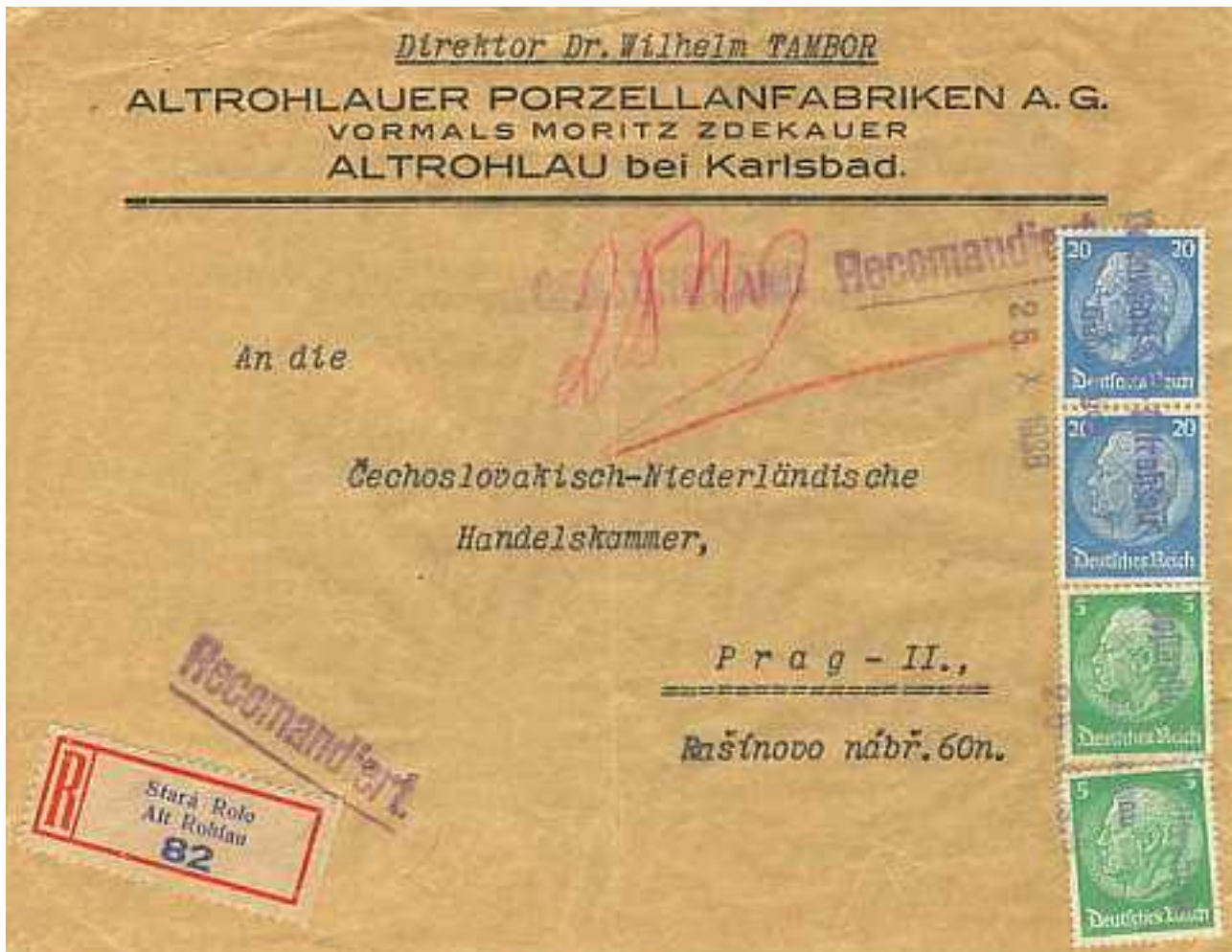
\*To Czechoslovakia 20pf and for each 20 gr. 15 pf.

\*\*To Bohemia and Moravia 1. April 1939 like German rates.

### Czechoslovakia, May 1945 to Dec. 31, 1947

	Domestic
Printed matter	0.60 K•.
1. weight class (0 - 20 gr.)	1.20 K•.
2. weight class (20 - 250 gr.)	2.40 K•.
Registration fee (May 1945 - Nov. 30. 1945)	3.00 K•.
Registration fee (Dec. 1. 1945 - Dec. 31. 1947)	5.00 K•.

At the German takeover of the Sudetenland in October 1. 1938 officials were forced to use what was available from the previous regime, modified for the current situation.



Bilingual label on a 1. weight class cover to Czechoslovakia, 25 October 1938.

The Nazis weren't fond of Czech, so frequently deleted text in that language.



Bilingual Czech-German label, the former language deleted, on a official cover, 2 November 1938.

Czech officials fled to Czechoslovakia, taking with them the stamps, forms, and labels. This resulted in a shortage in Sudeten post offices, leading to provisional "labels".



Hand-drawn rectangular "label" on a 2. weight class domestic cover, 5 October 1938.



Another hand-drawn rectangular "label" on a 1 weight class domestic cover, 10 November 1938.



And another 1. weight class domestic cover, this time erroneously marked with an E for Exprès. The rates indicate it was sent as a registered letter, rather than by Exprès mail (special delivery), 4 November 1938.

Or you could make your own labels:



Domestic 1. weight class cover, 24 October 1938.



Domestic 1. weight class cover, 17 October 1938

One office even had a rubber (?) registration handstamp made.



1. weight class cover to Czechoslovakia, 24 October 1938

Another option was to obtain unlabelled labels from Germany, and overprint them.



2. weight class cover to Bohemia & Moravia, 19 April 1940.

If it was not possible to obtain unlabelled etiquettes, then the original ones were overprinted.



1. weight class cover to Czechoslovakia, 17 November 1938



1. weight class domestic cover, 9 November 1938

Unaltered labels are rarely encountered.



2. weight class domestic cover, 24 October 1938.



At some offices, a label was not used, but one was applied at a subsequent office en route.



TPO (travelling post office; in this case, on a train) label applied en route to Berlin on a 2. weight class domestic cover, 2 November 1938

Eventually, German labels arrived.



2. weight class cover to Denmark, 9 November 1938.



1. weight class cover from a small rural office; at the accounting office, the stamps were cancelled and the label applied, 4 February 1942.

Some large factories had it's own labels.



2. weight class domestic cover with a label from Maltheuern Werk, a large chemical plant, 31 January 1944.

Military offices, like conscription office, had own labels.



Draftcard as folded fieldpost card with a label canceled "WBK" (Wehrbezirkskommando), 26 September 1941.

Wartime shortages led to more problems.



1. weight class cover to Bohemia and Moravia, with a label from a neighboring rural office, provisionally deleted to use in Hohenelbe, 30 March 1944.



1. weight class cover with a blank Bavarian label, provisionally overprinted with a handstamp, 30 September 1943.



1. weight class cover with a feldpost label overprinted for use at Grulich, 10 August 1944

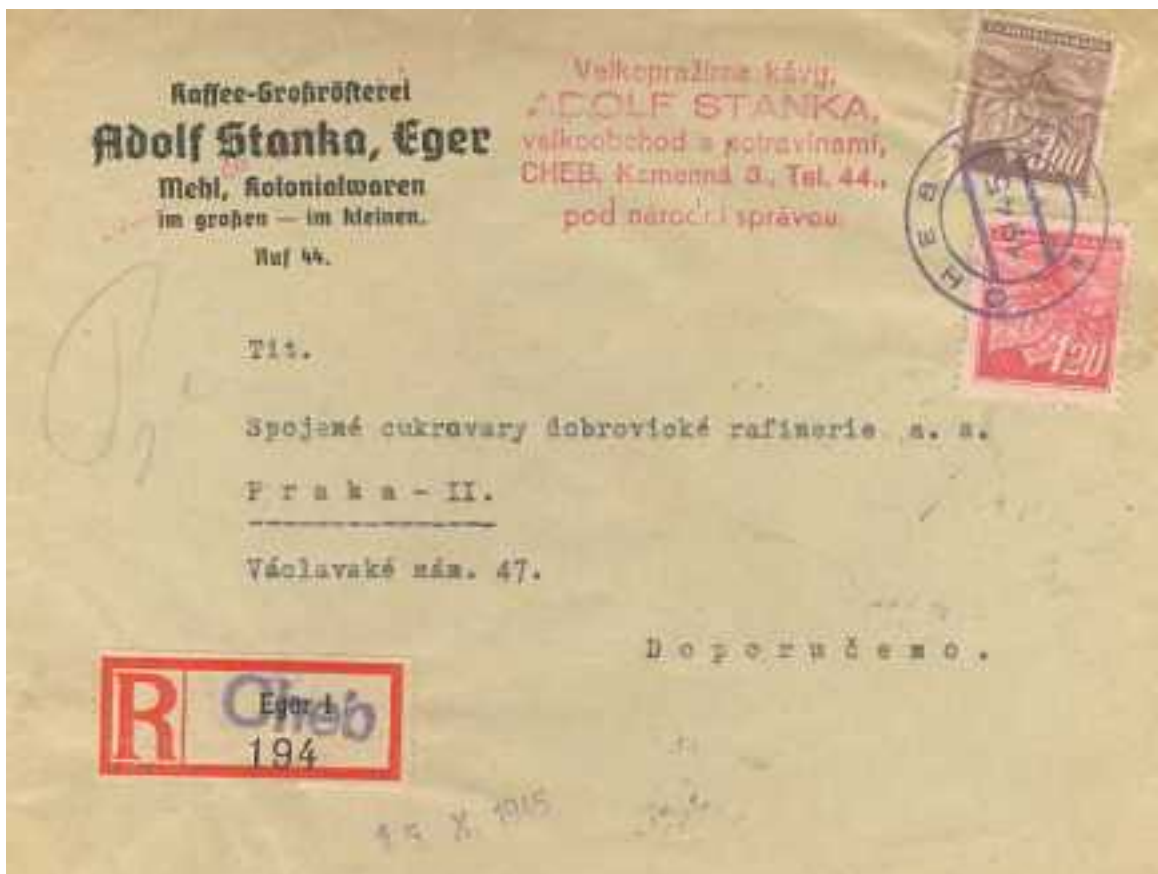


Domestic official registered COD AR cover with a provisional registration handstamp, 7 August 1944. The AR fee wasn't free for official mail.

At the liberation of Czechoslovakia 8 May 1945, the history repeats itself; first, we have provisional labels:



Official cover with a German label overprinted with office name in Czech, 7 June 1945



1. weight class cover, 15 October 1945.

German blank labels were also used.



1. weight class domestic cover, 21 November 1945.



1. weight class printed matter, 27 November 1946. The postage was prepaid, due to lack of stamps.

Prewar Czech bilingual labels could be pressed into service.



2. weight class cover, 30 January 1946.

Eventually the situation returned to prewar status, but only with Czech wording.  
- Finis Germanaie!



2. weight class cover with a new normal type of label, here provisional overprinted in Czech only, 5 June 1946.



2. weight class cover with a new normal type of label, in Czech only,



5 December 1945.

So many was the words - even small thingies has a story! :O)

Comments are welcome.

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