

Holocaust Aftermath: German Prisoner of War and Civil Internee Dachau POW and Internment Camp

After freeing the Nazis' captives, the Allied occupation forces converted the former concentration camp at Dachau into an internment and prison camp, designated Prisoner of War Enclosure 26 and Civil Internment Enclosure 29. War criminal suspects and unfriendly witnesses arrested by the U.S. Counterintelligence Corps were held at CIE 29.

German soldier Walter Schleising was captured by the United States Army in Italy and held at a POW camp at Naples until late 1946. He was then transferred to the former concentration camp at Dachau. His December 8, 1946, formular post card from PWE 26 at Dachau to his wife in the Soviet occupation zone of Germany, examined by a U.S. military censor, was impregnated with copper sulfate to thwart secret writing. Below: The December 1, 1946, mimeographed formular lettersheet from internee Julius Zwillinger at CIE 29 to a friend in the U.S. occupation zone was examined by a War Crimes unit censor.

Postage was free for prisoners of war, but civil internees were required to pay postage. The lettersheet was rated 36 pfennigs postage due, which was collected on delivery.

Schleising Walter Gef. 879-657376 #
PWE 26 Cage 4 11365 Dachau

Postage Free
Portofrei

PRISONER OF WAR POST CARD
Postkarte für Kriegsgefangene *Germany*

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Nicht Hier Schreiben!

WD AGO Form 19-9
1 January 1945
(Old PMG Form 6-1, 1 November 1942,
which may be used until existing
stocks are exhausted)

Address
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SENDER: J. Zwillinger 31 G 657300 C129/1 camp Dachau A01-IV-14/4 (13b) Dachau-Germany, C2-mail APO 757
ABSENDER: (ENGLISH)

CIVIL - INTERNMENT

ADDRESS:

ADRESSE:

Frau Henny BERGER

(13a) Würzburg

Neubergstraße 66/1

(US-Zone)

WAR CRIMES-
CENSOR-4

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