

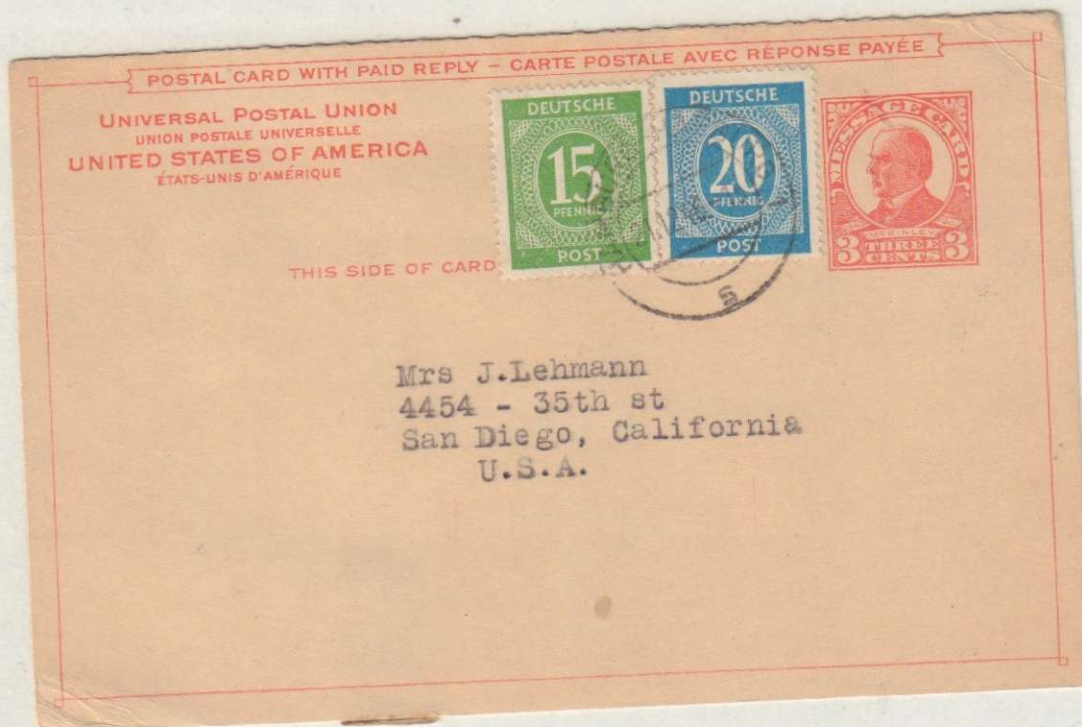
British Occupation of Germany: 1946 (Dec. 21) US 3¢ McKinley Message card (Scott #UY12r) from West Germany to California franked with Germany 15pf, 20pf Numerals (Scott #541, 543) tied by 'Hamburg-Harburg' duplex. Handwritten message on reverse in German. Civil Censor's cellotape remnant on reverse. \$125

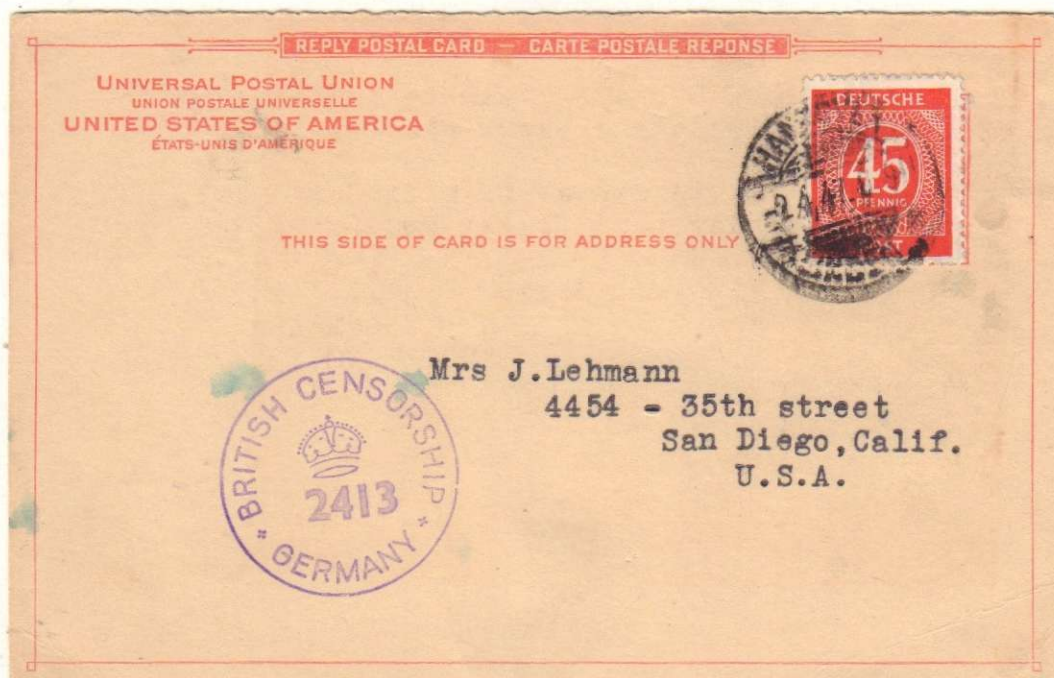
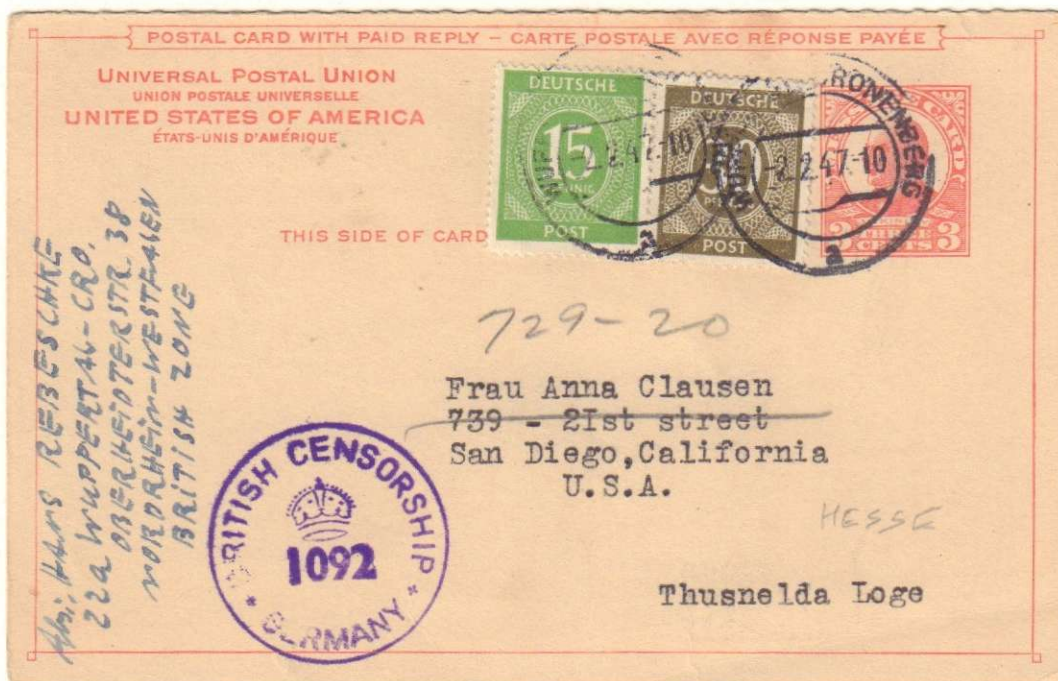
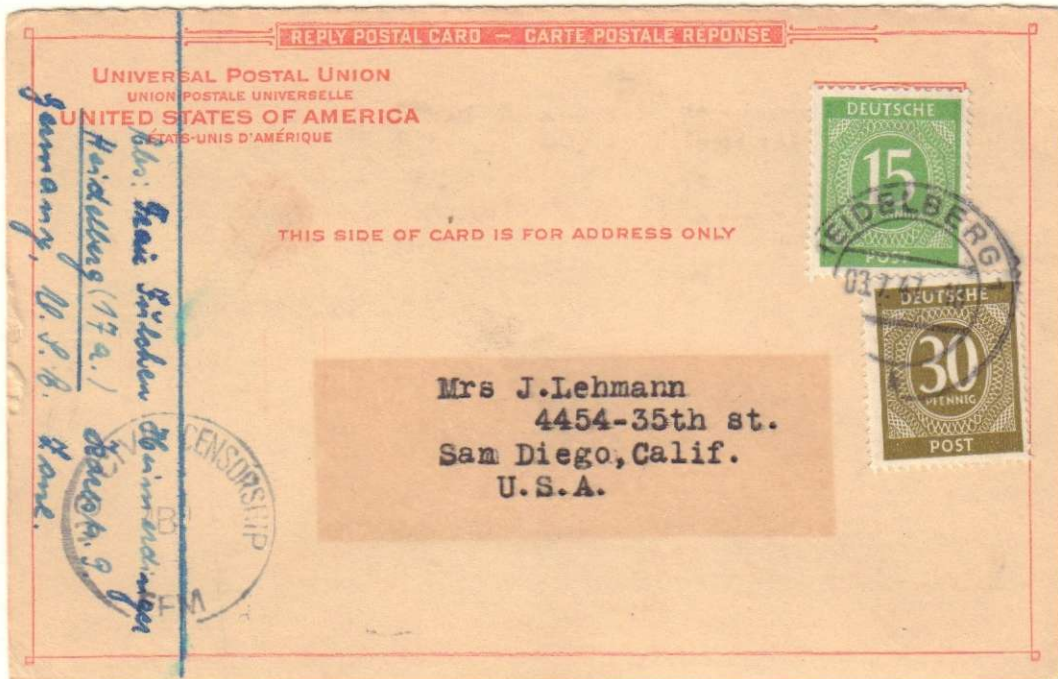
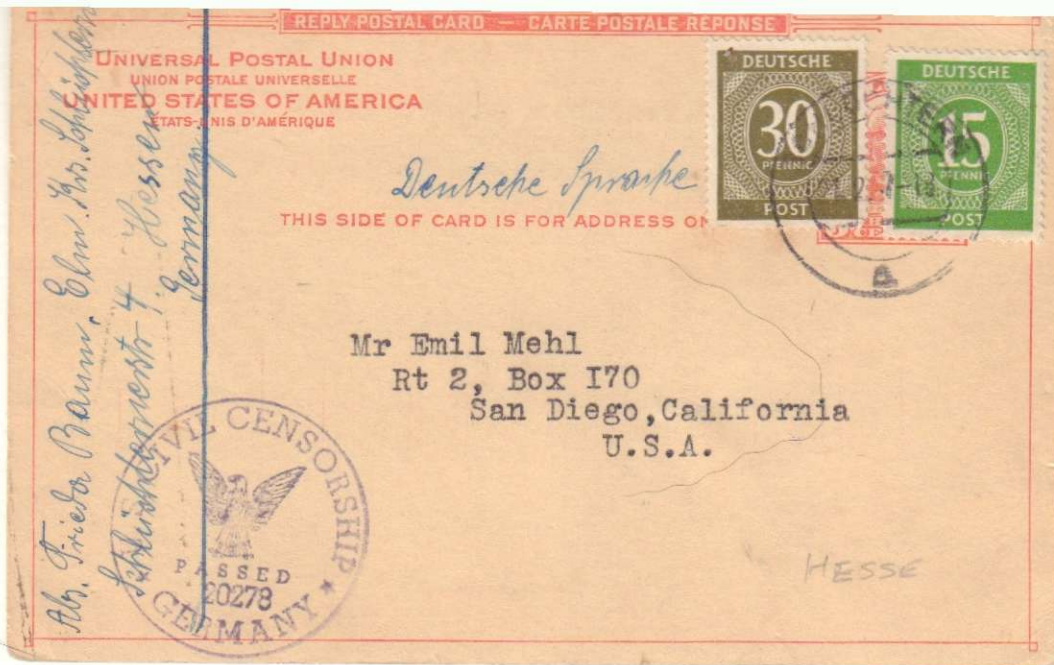
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In the wake of the Second World War, the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe (C.A.R.E.) was formed, and in early 1946, began to distribute food to survivors of the war, mainly in Europe. For a \$10 contribution, any American could sponsor such a 'care' package, and President Truman bought the first one. About 50% of these went to Germany. This led to a new use for the 3¢ McKinley cards, especially the Message-Reply cards. These were separated into halves, then used by grateful recipients to write thank-you notes to the donors, whose mailing address had been written or typed on the card's address side.

Both 3¢ Message and Reply cards were utilized in this way, even though the former were not originally intended for use from a foreign country to the US. Cards are known used from the US, British, and French Zones of Occupied Germany, as well as Allied Occupied Berlin. The 3¢ McKinley cards were correctly accepted without additional postage, but due to the language barrier, Germans occasionally added their own stamps, in this case 15pf and 20pf Numeral stamps. All such cards were subject to civil censorship and bear censor's cachets or remnants of cellotape.

The German 35pf franking would have been an underpayment for the 45pf foreign-mail postcard rate, had any such additional franking been necessary.



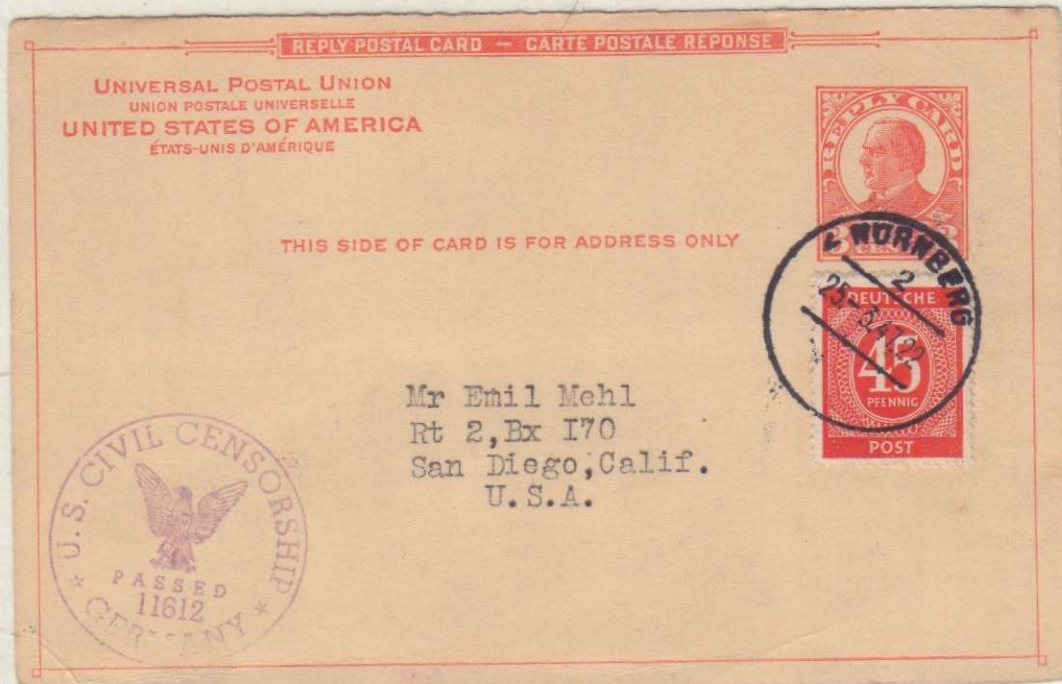


US Occupation of Germany: 1947 (March 25) US 3¢ McKinley Reply card (Scott #UY12r) from West Germany to California franked with Germany 45pf Numeral (Scott #550) tied by '2 Nurnberg' postmark. With handwritten message on reverse in German. 'US Civil Censorship Germany' circular cachet in violet. \$1.00

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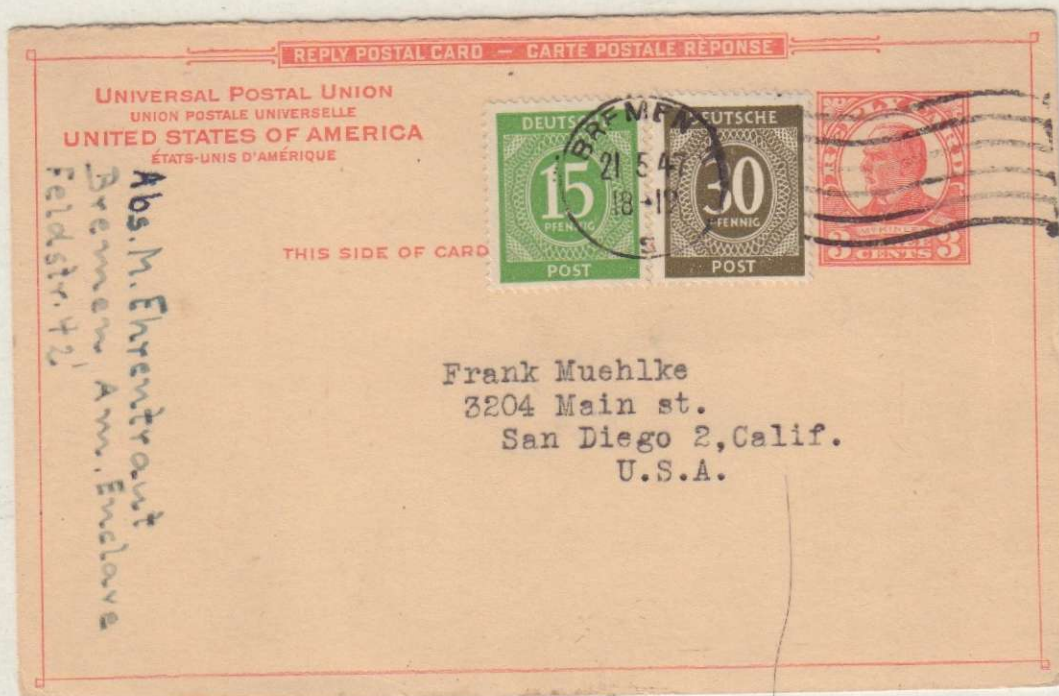
British Occupation of Germany: 1947 (May 21) US 3¢ McKinley Reply card (Scott #UY12r) from West Germany to California franked with Germany 15pf, 30pf Numerals (Scott #541, 547) tied by 'Bremen 5' duplex. Handwritten message on reverse in German. Civil Censor's cello tape remnant on reverse.

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British Occupation of Germany: 1947 (Feb. 6) US 3¢ McKinley Reply card (Scott #UY12r) from West Germany to California franked with Germany 45pf Numeral (Scott #550) tied by 'Bremen 5' postmark. Handwritten message on reverse in German. 'British Censorship Germany' circular cachet in purple. \$100

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