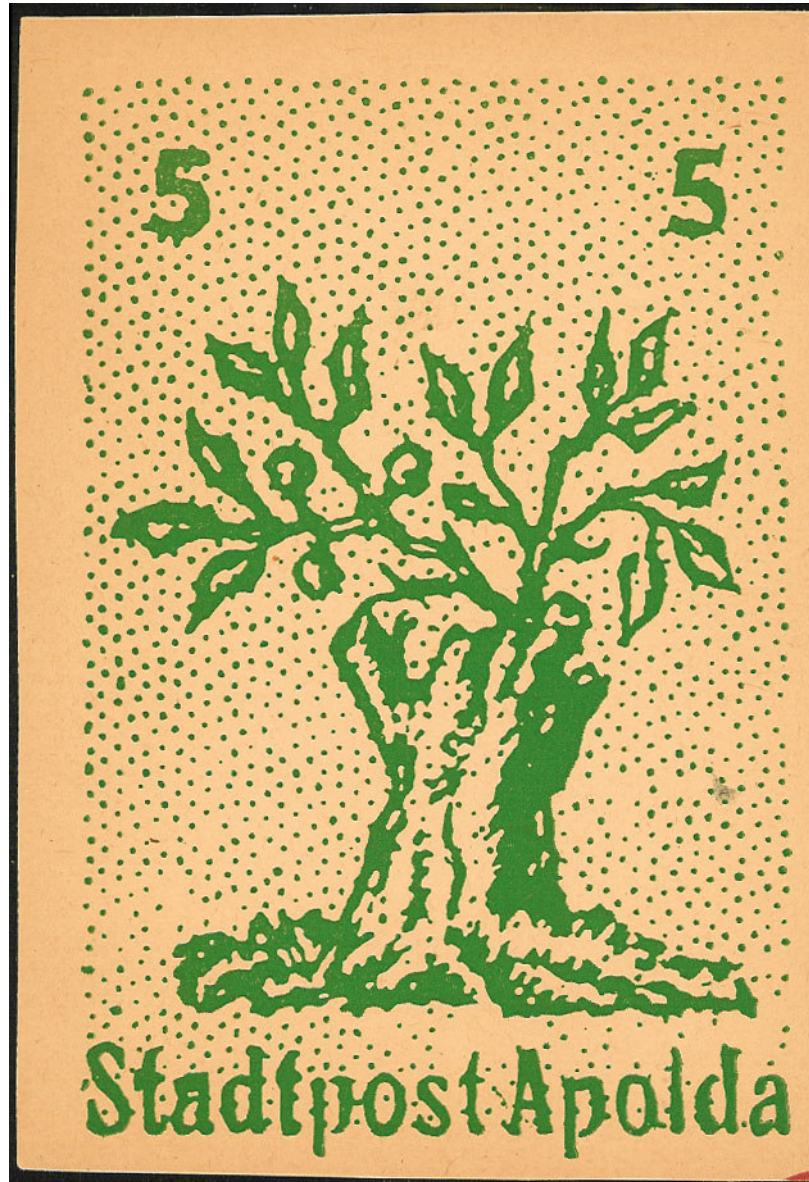


Apolda

July 1945 – 3 values (6, 8 and 12 Pf.)

Model of design



The issued stamps exist with two types of underprinting:

- Type I** arcs up as above (5 & 8 Pf. only)
- Type II** arcs down (all three values)

Apolda

July 12, 1945 – Type I, arcs up



Type Ia

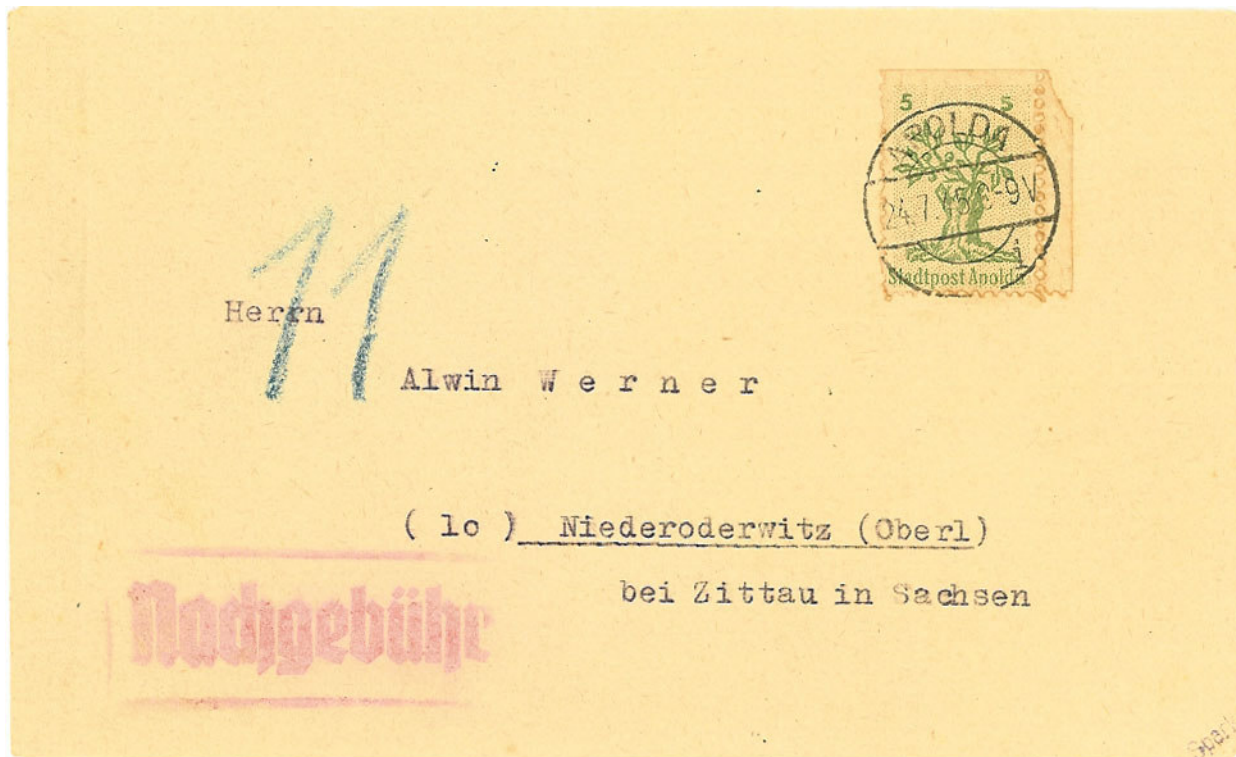


Type Ib



Type Ia has both **5**s in italic type. In Type Ib the right **5** is smaller and thicker and in normal type. The two types alternate in the printing sheet.

July 24, 1945 – Apolda to Niederoderwitz (OPD Dresden)



exp.

In spite of being "expertized", the authenticity of this cover is doubtful. In the first place, it is addressed to Alwin Werner, a notorious fabricator of philatelic concoctions. Also, it is underfranked (5 Pf. instead of 12 Pf.), although it is properly charged 11 Pf. postage due (7 Pf. deficiency plus 50% penalty). Finally, there was no postal connection from OPD Erfurt to OPD Dresden until August 4, and then only for official and business mail.

Apolda

July 17-21, 1945 – Type II, arcs down

The 6 Pf. was issued July 17 or 18; the other values were issued on July 21.



offset



Both types were printed in sheets of 50. The background was printed in a single operation and the rest of the design was printed 2 at a time.

Imperforate



cert.

The imperforate 5 Pf. was sold at the post office. The others are printer's waste.

Printer's Waste

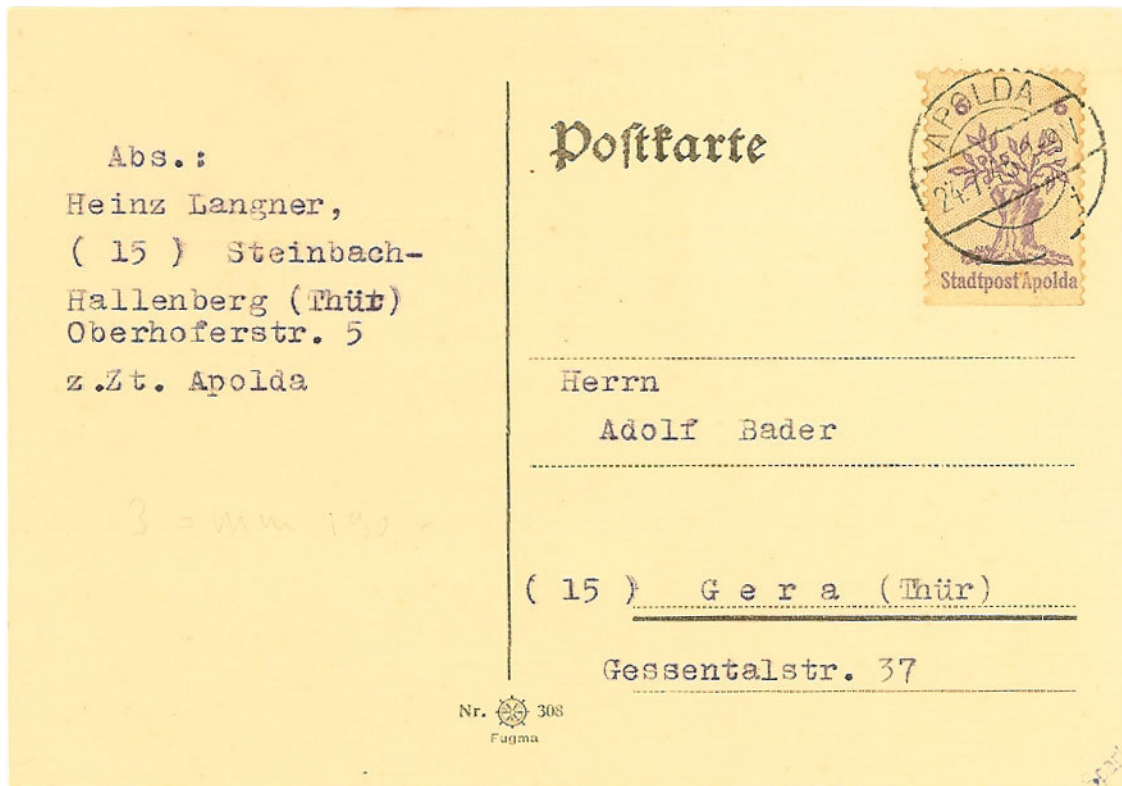
Double impression of foreground, one inverted



exp.

Apolda

Type II – covers



July 24, 1945

Apolda to Gera

Mail from Apolda to other localities in OPD Erfurt was first permitted on July 19, 1945.

August 21, 1945

Apolda local letter

