

# Freudenstadt

The Freudenstadt post office's cash franking "Gebühr bezahlt" handstamp was destroyed during the war. As a replacement, three different fee paid labels (6, 8 and 12 pf.) were employed. These labels were not sold to the public but were affixed by postal employees to mail presented at the post office counter. Besides Freudenstadt, the labels were also used in 11 other nearby localities.

## 1st Edition – September 26, 1945

4 rows of horizontal dots between stamps  
6 and 8 beneath **G** of **Geb.**

## 2nd Edition – October 5, 1945

(12 pf. only)

8 rows of horizontal dots between stamps



The 12 pf. of the 2nd edition has the wide horizontal row of dots like the 3rd edition, but has the light rose color of the first edition

## 3rd Edition – November 9, 1945

8 rows of horizontal dots between stamps  
6 and 8 beneath **e** of **Geb.**



"Gebühr bezahlt"  
arrival postmark

Covers – 1st edition



October 24, 1945

Freudenstadt  
(suburb Hallwangen)  
to Busenweiler

Variety

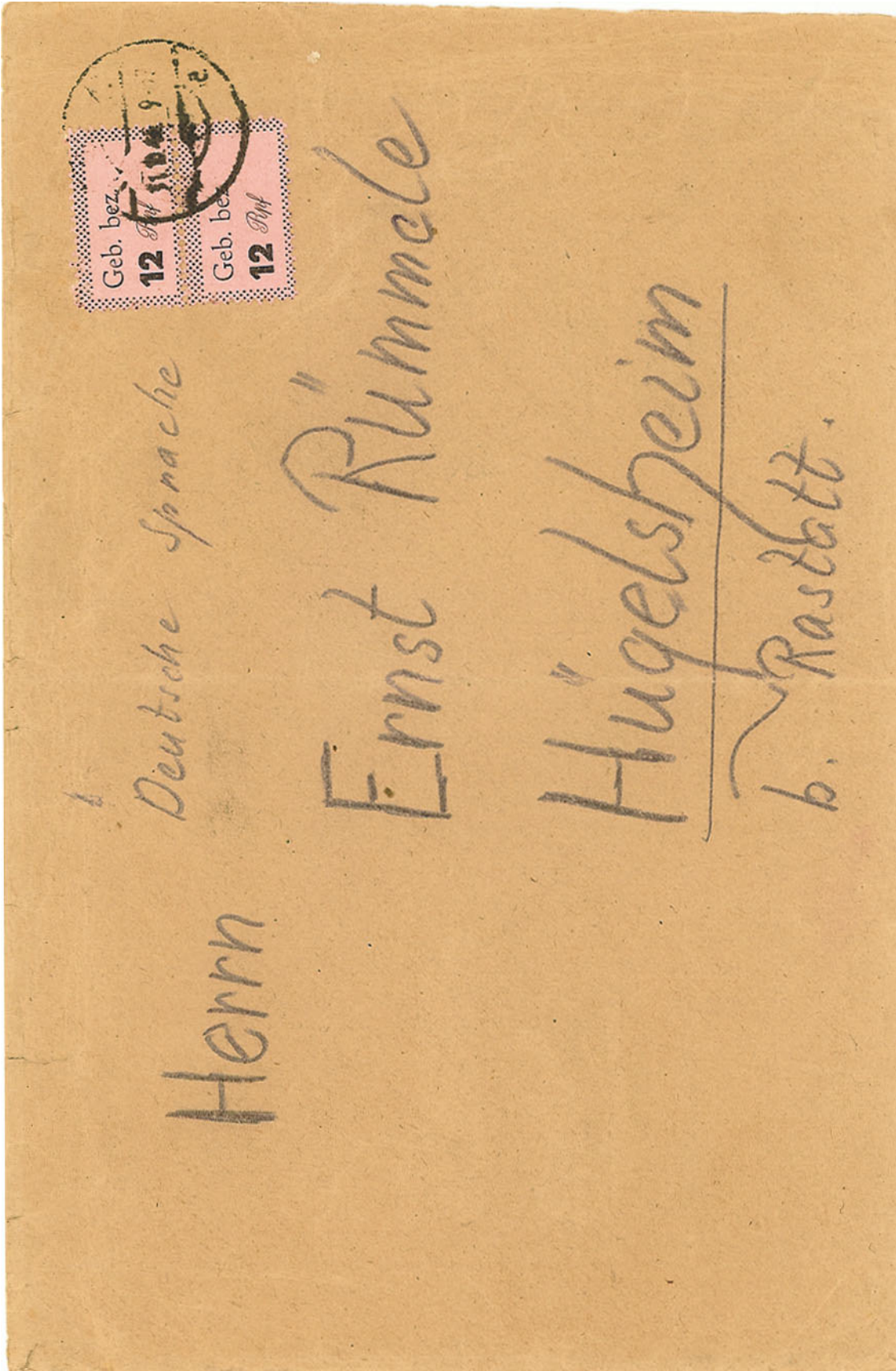
Inverted **q** instead  
of **b** in bez.

exp.

October 26, 1945

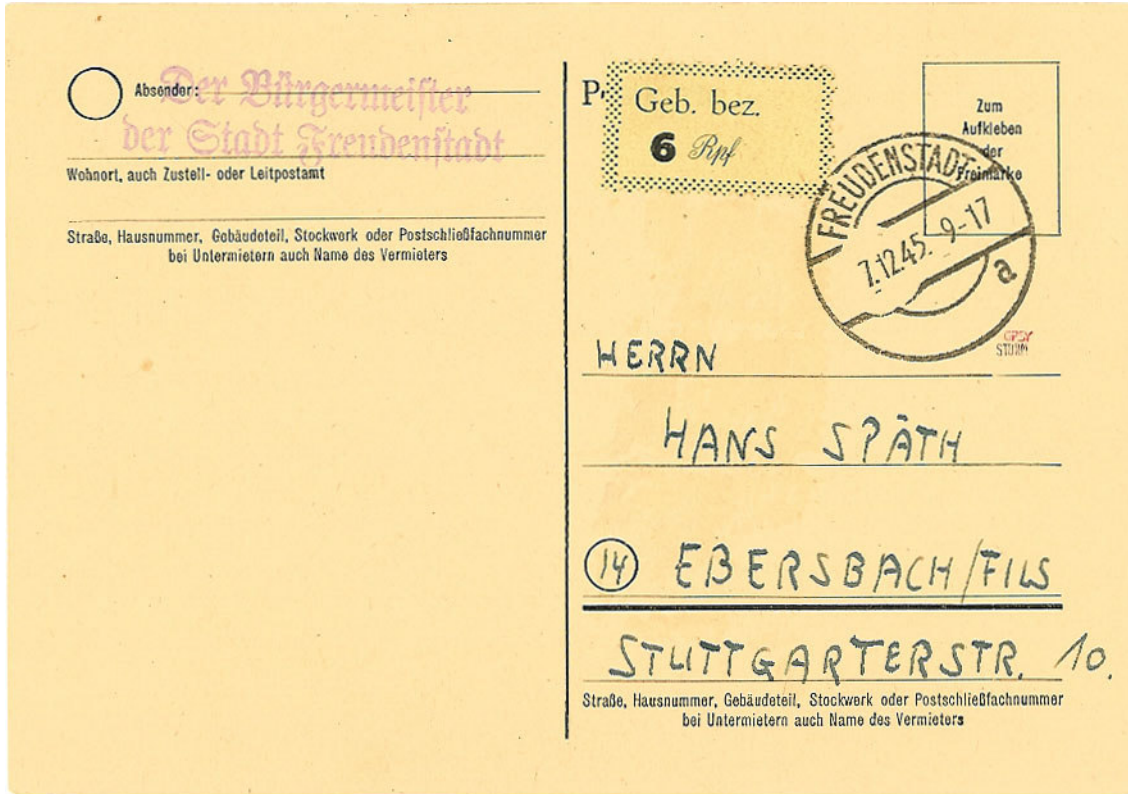
Freudenstadt local letter





# Freudenstadt

## Covers – 2nd and 3rd editions



December 7, 1945

3rd Edition

Freudenstadt  
to Ebersbach

exp.

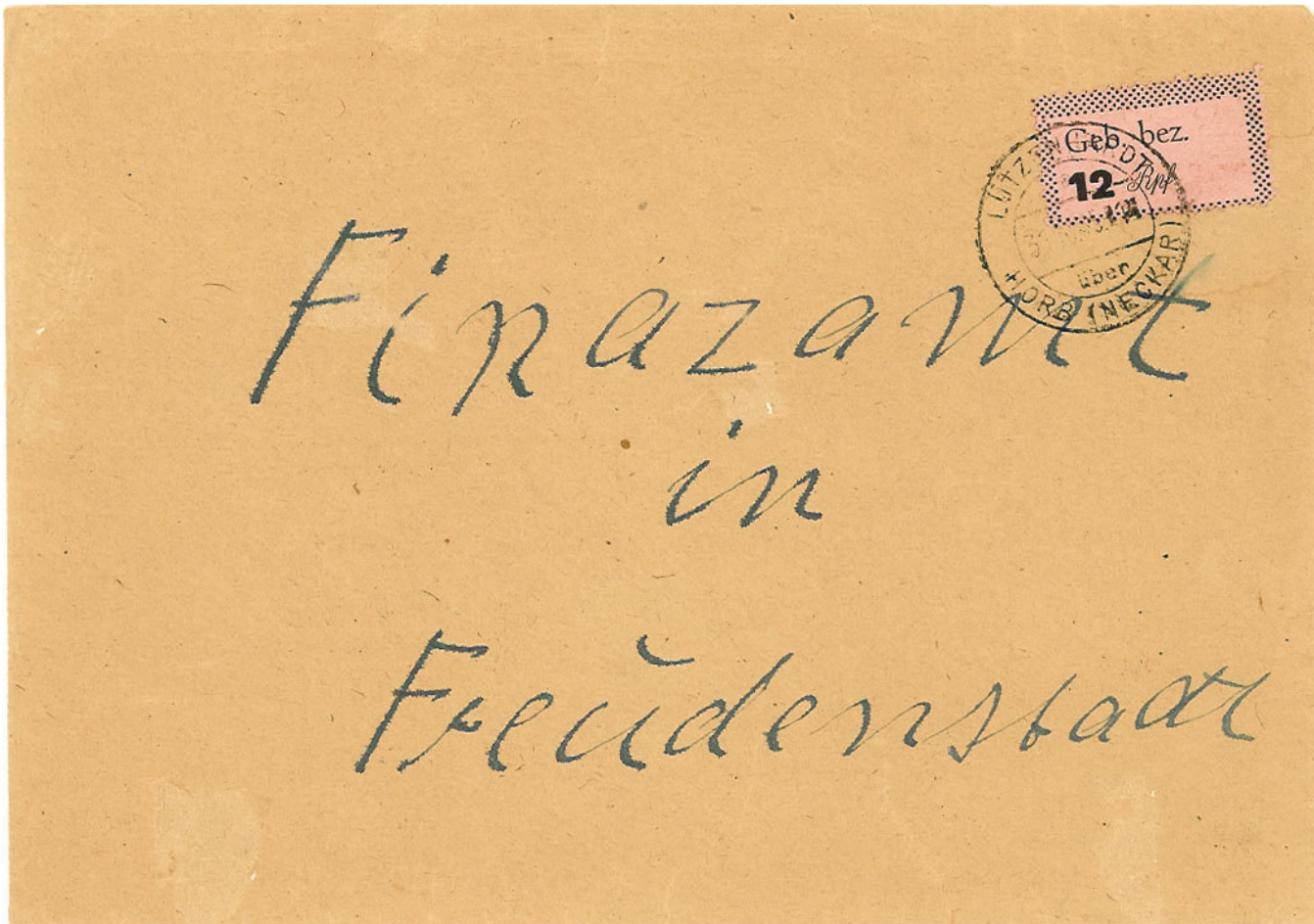
Oct. 31, 1945

(2nd Edition)

Usage in  
**Lützenhardt**

to  
Freudenstadt

Lützenhardt was not in the Freudenstadt postal district, but received a small supply of stamps from Dornstetten to frank mail to Freudenstadt



# Freudenstadt

## Usage in Other Localities

### Baiersbronn



exp

Oct. 22, 1945 (1st Edition)

### Klosterreichenbach



Oct 30, 1945 (1st Edition)

### Schönmünzach



exp.

Dec.(?) 23, 1945 (3rd Edition)

# Freudenstadt

## Genuine Cancellations



Characteristics of the genuine Freudenstadt postmark:

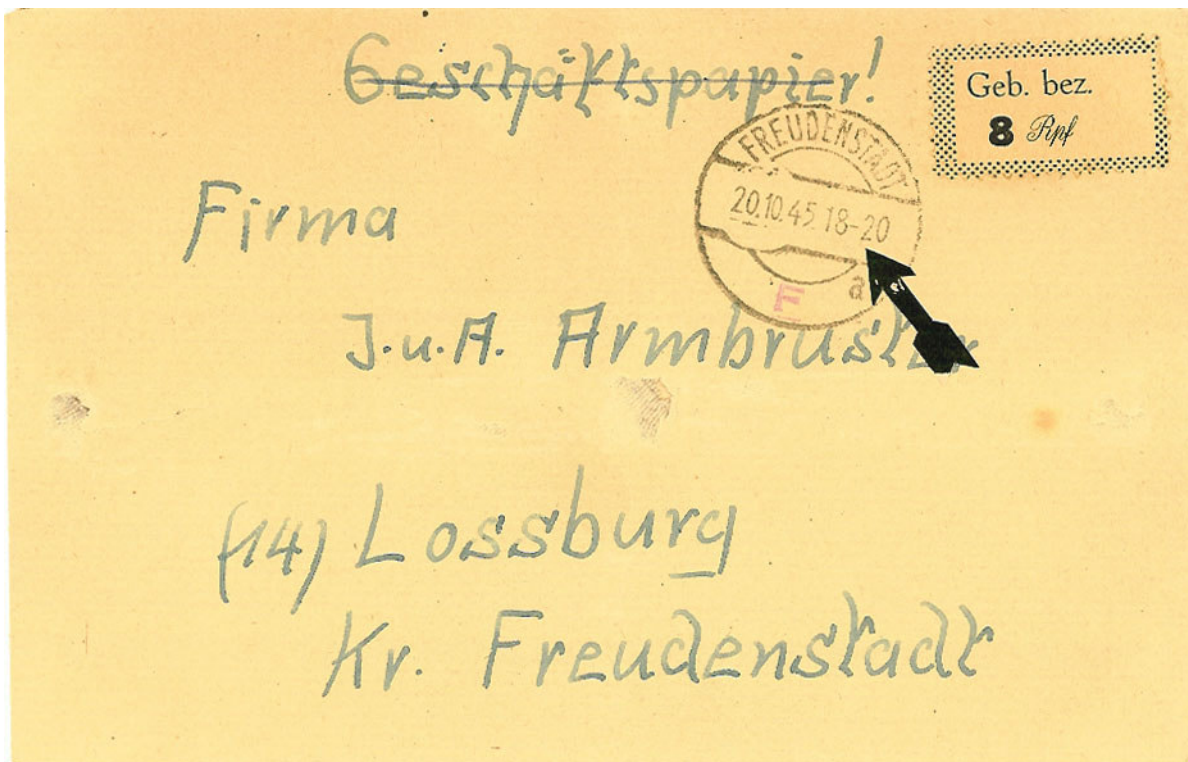
1. Bridge broken top and bottom at left
2. Time code **9-17**
3. Identifying letter **a**

All other Freudenstadt postmarks are forgeries

## Fraudulent Cancellations



Incorrect time code **14-15**



Incorrect time code **18-20**; date (Oct. 20) is before 3rd edition stamps were issued

# Freudenstadt

## Forgeries

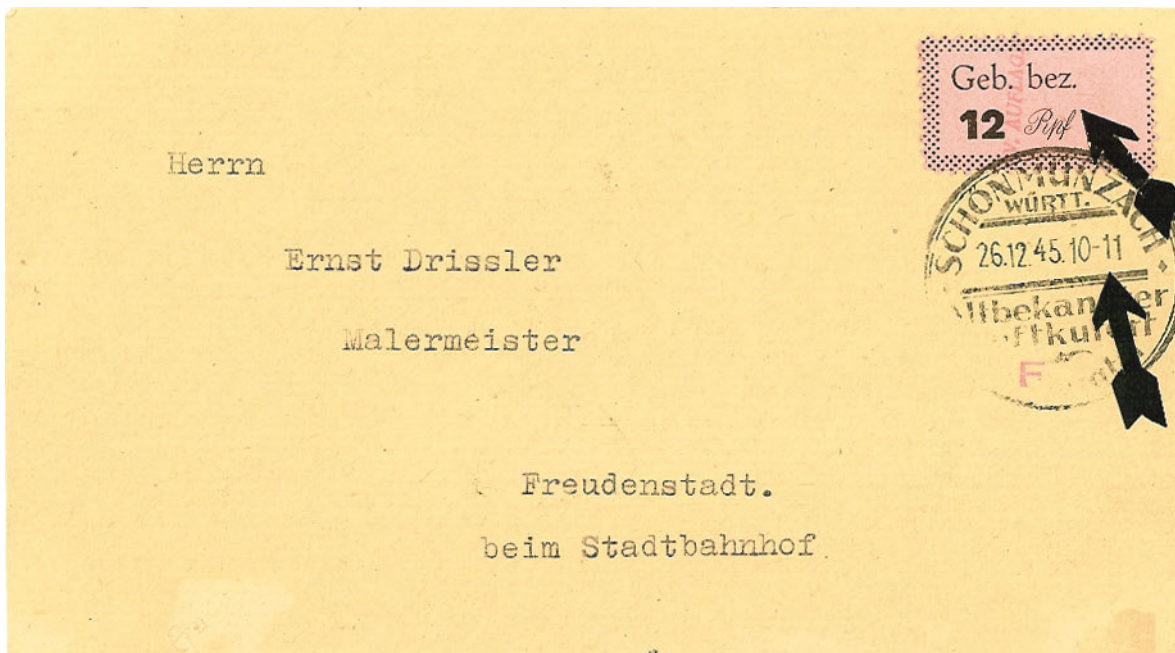


6 and 8 pf. – numeral under **Ge**



12 pf. – tip of *f* under period after **bez.**

## Complete Forgery



Forged stamp

Forged **Schönmünzach** postmark – incorrect time code **10-11**

(genuine postmarks have a time code of **17-18**)

# Freudenstadt

## Usage of the Württemberg Regional Issue



August 16, 1948 – Freudenstadt to Baden-Baden