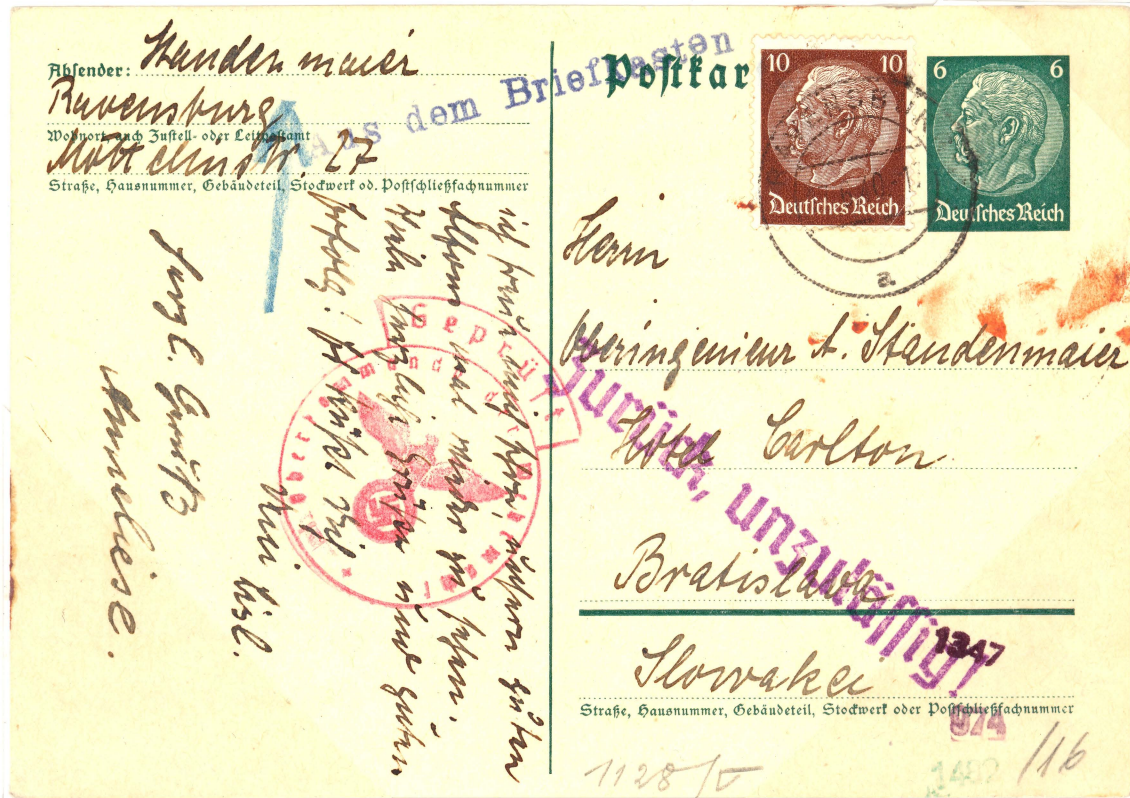


Return to Sender, Not Permitted! Out of the Letterbox

Although Slovakia was a German puppet state, it was still regarded as a foreign entity. Postal regulations were strict. Mail to foreign countries could not be deposited in drop boxes; it had to be handed to a postal clerk so the sender could be known.



A June 17, 1940, post card from Ravensburg to Bratislava was marked "Aus dem Briefkasten" (From the Letterbox) after collection, and that violation of the rules was sufficient cause for the censor at Vienna to reject it. It was marked, "Zurück, unzulässig!" (Return, forbidden!) and returned to the sender.