

## German Censorship of Civilian Mail during World War II

The following is a list of all the major German censorship stations which operated during WWII. The purpose is to provide the identifying code of each station, the starting and ending date for operations and the areas of responsibility – i.e. region covered by that station. The areas covered by the stations varied over time, as more stations came on line. The stations were also moved as the Allies advanced.

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See also: Philip Townshend "Introduction to German World War II Censorship" (8 parts) [German Postal Specialist](#) 2013

	city	start	end	County/area
a	Königsberg	Sept1939	Early 45	German to/from Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania, USSR, (Ostland)
b	Berlin	Sept 1939	Early 1945?	Transit, Air-mail South & North America, Finland; Feldpost, POW & internees, via Siberia;
c	Köln (Cologne)	Nov 1939	Fall 44	Netherlands; Belgium; (Luxb.) Northern France
d	München	Fall 1939	April 45	Italy; Spain; Portugal, Switzerland
e	Frankfurt	Fall 1939	Late 44	Switzerland; south & north America, South of France
f	Hamburg	Feb 1940	April 45	Scandinavian surface (not airmail)
g	Wien (Vienna)	Nov 1939	April 45	Balkans; Hungary; Turkey
h	Berlin/Hof	May 1944	May 45	From 1944 – German POW mail
k	Kopenhagen	April 1940	April 45	Sweden, Norway, Finland
l	Lyon	Feb. 1943	Aug 44	To & from south of France, Transit mail (moved to Nancy)
n	Nancy	Aug 1944	Feb 45	South of France and neutral areas (from Bordeaux; Lyon; and Paris)
o	Oslo	April 1940	May 45	Sweden, Finland, Denmark
t	Trondheim	Nov. 1940	April 45	Sweden
x	Paris	Sept 1940	Aug. 44	Zonal post Vichy to/from Occupied area of France; Red Cross; Belgium; Netherlands
y	Bordeaux	June 1941	Nov. 43	To & from southern France, Transit mail (moved to Nancy late 43)