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August meeting. Attending at the home of Ralf and Valeska Smets were: Dennis and Carolyn Buss, Franklin and Meriel Ennik, HansPaul and Maury Hager, Arno Kolster, Hans and Willie Kremer, Fred Van der Heyden, Ralf and Valeska Smets, Eve Heimans, Claire Vandenberg and Els Winters.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The annual NPofC **Summer picnic** meeting hosted by Fred Van der Heyden and his niece Valeska Smets was a grand success. Everyone enjoyed a sumptuous BBQ with all the fixings!!!!

A Forged MAKASSER Cancel

by Hans Kremer

As a member of the ZWP study group (covering the South West Pacific area, including the Dutch East Indies and Netherlands New Guinea) I received an email from Maarten Severijn.

The email mentions that he had purchased a Dutch East Indies stamp with a Makasser cancel of June 1915. According to Maarten this must have been a forged cancel, since long-bar cancels were not yet used at that time. Also the type of long-bar cancel did not match the date, since 'non-Utrecht cancels with cross X # X' are only known from early 1927 on.

Maarten has written extensively about the Dutch East Indies long-bar cancels (his findings can be found on: <http://www.studiegroep-zwp.nl/> and then click on "Langebalk").



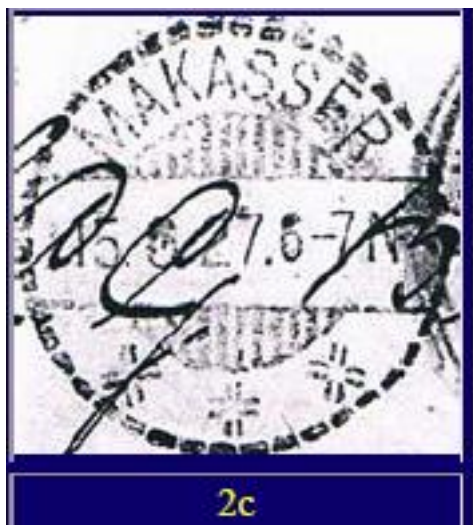
he **September 21st meeting** will be held at the home of Hans Kremer starting at 1:00pm. Hans' telephone number is 925-820-5841.
The **October 19th meeting** location has not been decided at this time.

Under Makasser, Maarten lists four types: 2a, 2b, 2c, and 2d.



Types 2a and 2b are made by the Munt in Utrecht, approximately between 1916 and 1918. They both have nice regular lettering; refer to the third leg of the “M”, the regular “K” and the “R” with bend leg.

Types 2c and 2d have more irregular shaped letters and were made somewhere else, possibly in the PTT’s workshop in Weltevreden in the Dutch East Indies. Type 2c has strange crosses, the middle one even points in the N-S direction, while type 2d once again shows the normal crosses, but still the irregular lettering.



Why would anybody make these forgeries? Maarten writes that canceled copies of this particular issue (NVPH 135-137) are rarer than mint copies.

He has seen 120 copies of these, made up of type 2a: 50 copies, 2b: 22 copies; 2c: 17 copies and 2d: 21 copies. Although it is a small sampling it gives you some idea about the relative scarcity of each type.

Reference:

Maarten Severijn : <http://www.studiegroep-zwp.nl/> Langebalk.

Bauleitung der L. W. 1943

By Hans Kremer

This cover was sent March 11, 1943 from Den Helder to Zaandam. It has no postage on it so it must have qualified for free franking. But why?



1943 cover sent by the Bauleitung der L. W.

The cover shows a typical 'German type' cancel with the text: **Bauleitung der L. W. 8/2301 (?) holland.** *Bauleitung* means "construction management" and the "L.W." stands for *Luftwaffe* (=German Airforce).

The *Bauleitung der Luftwaffe* was a civilian organization whose job was the construction and maintenance of Luftwaffe infrastructure projects such as airfields and radar installations. There were numerous of these Bauleitungen in the Netherlands and occupied territories, mostly close to where the airfields were. Den Helder's airfield would have been the military airfield "De Kooy" which was about five miles south-



east of Den Helder. It currently is called the Den Helder Airport and mainly transports personnel to the oilfield platforms in the North Sea.



Personnel working for the various Bauleitungen in the Netherlands were mostly made up of volunteers, recruited through advertisements in regional newspapers.

Shown here is an advertisement that appeared in the *Arnhemse Courant*, 22-02-1941, recruiting personnel for the Bauleitung der Luftwaffe in Deelen, near Arnhem.

Since the Bauleitung was a German organization, joining it voluntarily was frowned upon by the Dutch public. After the war several people were charged with 'cooperation with the enemy' if they had voluntarily joined the Bauleitung.

Hans van der Horst sent me the following information:

In *Overzicht Crisismaatregelen* it states (translated by Hans Kremer):

German Wehrmacht: For services rendered by the Dutch P.T.T. to departments of the German Wehrmacht, no payment is due. Accordingly all documents originating from these departments are free of postage and dues. It is recommended that a short note indicates such documents.

The Bauleitungen markers are known in numerous versions. One of which was a marker with the words "*Frei durch Ablosung Reich*," which means, **Free through Exemption throughout the Reich**

References:

Numerous Internet links with the search words: **Bauleitung der Luftwaffe**.

Personal email correspondence from Hans van der Horst to Hans Kremer.

