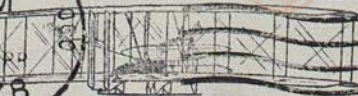




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REISH, ANNA - Nazi woman test pilot. She was very close to Hitler and his favorite pilot after Hans Bauer. Signed FDC.

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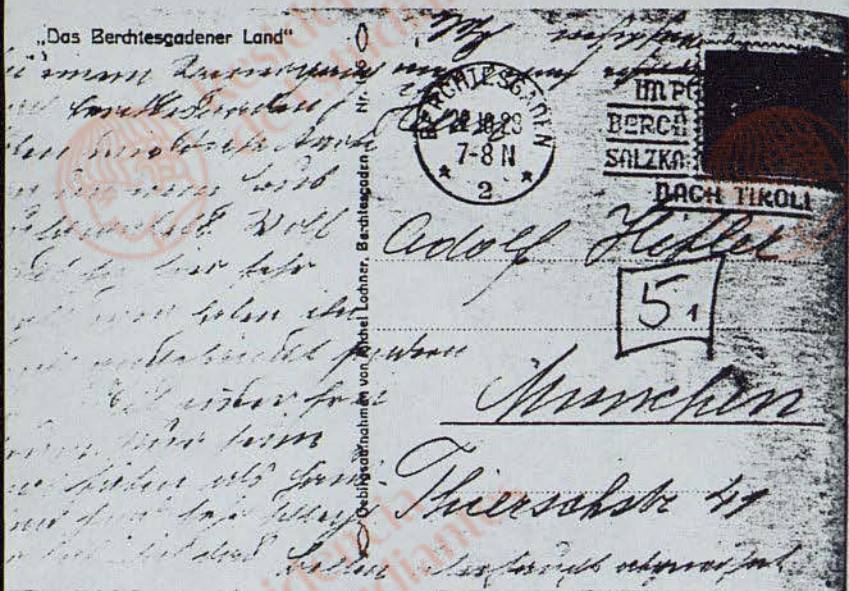
Hanna Reitsch during a war-time civil aviation competition.



her life she admitted that the political events in Nazi Germany had left her shaken and disgusted. Hanna Reitsch died at Frankfurt am Main on August 24, 1979.

Hanna Reitsch

Hanna Reitsch's signature



Handwritten postcard signed "Geli" to Adolf Hitler. "On a stroll to Berchtesgaden I came across this picture postcard of our house. Wolf [Hitler's dog] feels very lonely here. We don't have him on a leash; he always runs about free. Only his duties as a watchdog are very poor. He has forgotten how to bark. ...Greetings to your little niece, Geli."

HANNA REITSCH (1912-1979). Nazi test pilot and friend of Hitler. Born in 1912 in Silesia, Hanna became Germany's outstanding woman stunt flier. She was picked by Ernst Udet in 1937 to be a test pilot in the new Luftwaffe. During World War II she was one of the only women to be awarded the Iron Cross, First and Second Classes.

A small, intense person, hysterically devoted to Hitler, Hanna flew with General Robert Ritter von Greim to visit the Fuehrer in Berlin on April 25, 1945, five days before he died. With von Greim at the controls, the two flew high through a blistering barrage of flak. When von Greim was wounded in the foot, Hanna successfully landed the aircraft.

Both Hanna and von Greim wished to stay and die with Hitler, who told her to die, it is for the honor of our country...but, my dear Hanna, I still have hope." The Fuehrer then gave both Hanna and von Greim (now appointed to Field Marshal as successor to Goering) a vial of poison to use in case of necessity and ordered them out of the bunker to join the defense of Germany. Miraculously they flew back as they had come, through skies black with flak and red with fire.

Von Greim committed suicide less than a month later. Hanna Reitsch was captured by the Americans, held in an interrogation center for 15 months, then released in 1946. After the war Fraulein Reitsch won many gliding championships. In 1959 she visited India and became friendly with Indira Gandhi and Prime Minister Nehru. She took Nehru for a glider flight over New Delhi. In 1962 she set up the National School for Gliding in Ghana. Near the end of

Signed photograph of Hanna Reitsch.



7th of March 79
 Dear David Carlson
 Thank you very much
 for sending me this magazine.
 I am sorry to be so busy, but
 I can thank you only in this
 hurried line.
 Best wishes - sincerely
 Hanna Reitsch

Handwritten letter signed in English by Hanna Reitsch, March 7, 1979.