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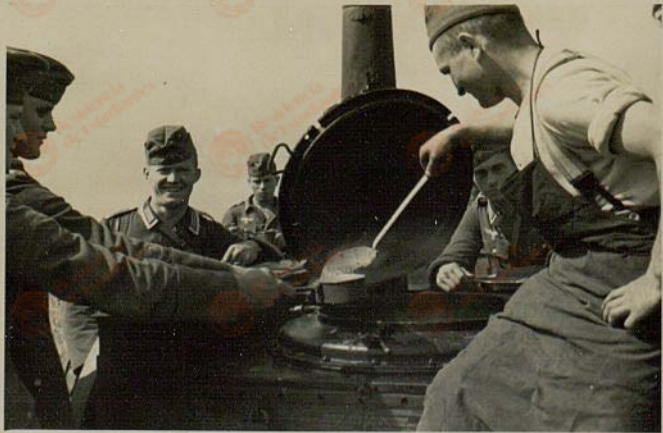










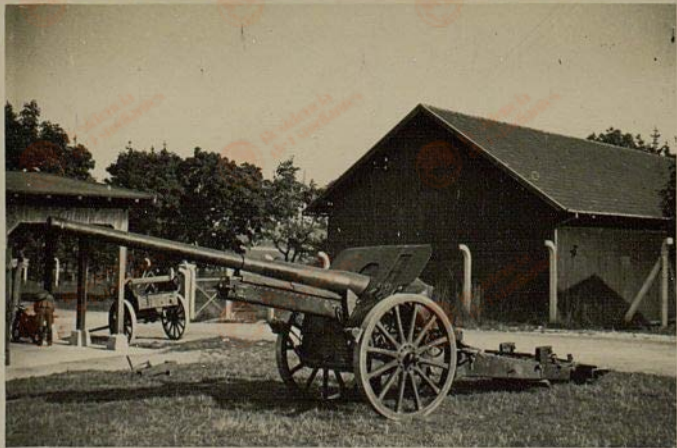




















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zitten naar hier.



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May 1936!

Rückeln zur <sup>Freiungsfahrt</sup>  
~~Abfahrt~~  
die Wache ist vorbei  
" Gott sei Dank! "













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Amor

1938

Leina







74. Sept 35

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Elgert  
L-Gohlis 7459







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Agfa-Lupex 1418.

Just be  
Folmied

or

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Wenzler 1954

"Sezee"  
Vergrößerung 09426



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Nürnberg 1934

"Bezee"  
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September 1934

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"Bezee"

Vergrößerung

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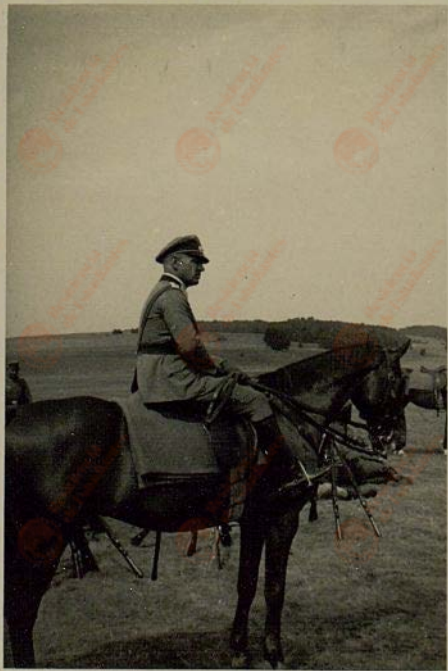
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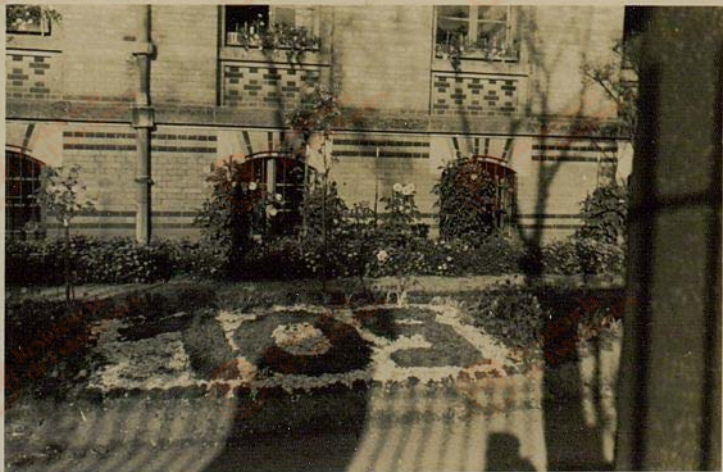
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Trupp mit Musikplatz  
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Residencia de Estudiantes

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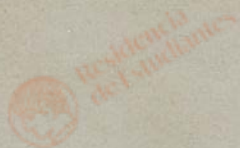
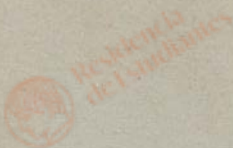
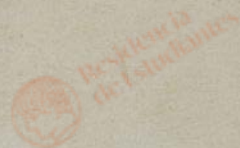
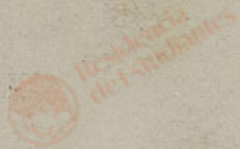
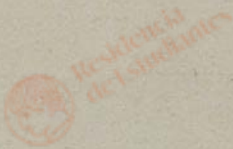
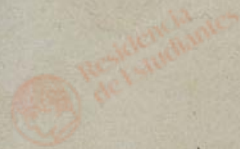




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7. Nov. 35



Wiegand  
L. N. 22





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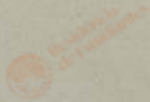
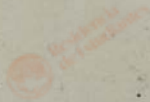
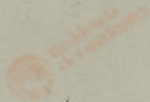
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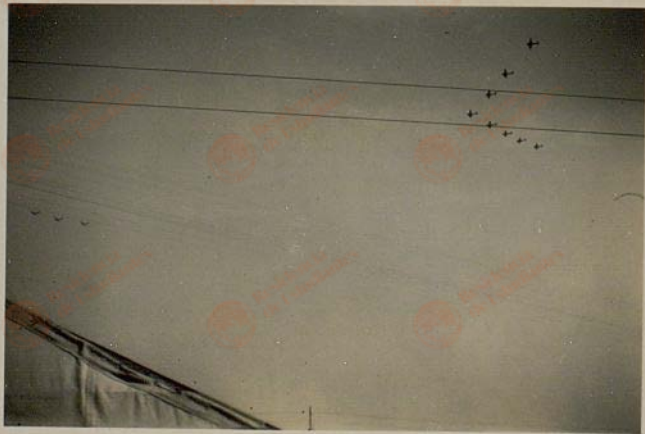






















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Pfingsten 30  
Harbers 132



Zum Andenken  
an die  
Gauweisterschaft d. Reserveen

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17. Mai 1931

1867 I gegen Braunschweig 9:3

Photo-Fila, Westst. 51



26. chaz 1933.

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Residencia  
de los estudiantes

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Vat Lem Hundballspiel  
in Stockholm.

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Janner 1937

Eigert  
L.-Gohlis

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86  
Januar 1938

Auf zum Wintersport  
L. Gohlis

nach Zühlsdorf / Erzgeb.







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Pfingsten 1930

Harbers 132

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26.7.34.

From Herf

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18.7.34.

Ernest

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18.7.34.

5094 In Vessaire

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18.7.34.

Zu Nessel  
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20.7.34.

Fun Heaf

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Fun Heaf

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Musler Haus

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Scheiden für WCH

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Leitz C1  
Kurzstr. 11



BARBARAHÜTTE

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Leipzig C1  
Kurtstr. 11

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Hüh, wie Kaut

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Agfa-Lupex  
Photo-Sticht  
Leitzig C  
Kurtz

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21.4.35.

Gestern 1935

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21.4.35

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Viterbo 19 35



21. 4. 35.

Oslo 1935

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June 44.  
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Zur Erinnerung an den Besuch  
**der größten Talsperre Deutschlands**  
(Saaletalsperre am kl. Bleiloch)

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Bei Nachbestellung Datum und Aufnahme - Nummer angeben

Photograph P. Ruthen, Saalburg a. S.

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Group One. Army Life. Rudi Maier. Gefreiter.

- 1 - 3. Rudi with his recruits on the Parade Ground. 25.11.1934.
- 4 - 5. (Join at side.) Rudi & other soldiers working in Town Square.
6. Soldiers unpacking crates - 6 Korps, I.R. Leipzig. 17.7.35.
- 7 - 8. Food being ladled out to soldiers from Fieldkitchen.
9. Soldier prone on raised tables with rifle resting on sandbag, instructors around. Rudi on left.
10. Two soldiers with machinegun on folding frame.
11. Soldier prone in field with Rangefinder. (?)
- 12 - 14. 2 photos WWI Artillery and one of the new 88mm (?) Flakguns, with soldiers.
15. Soldiers on open railway wagons with Fieldkitchen.
- 16 - 17. Waiting to go on leave. Rudi & comrades, May 1936.
- 18 - 45. 28 varied-sized photos of manoeuvres, & army life.

#### Postcard Size.

46. Soldiers prone in the snow with rifles & machine gun. Surrounded by instructors. Rudi centre rear.
- 47 - 48. Pair photos of soldiers taking break at roadside, 1935. With Rudi.
49. Parade in field.
50. Group of soldiers standing, relaxing. Rudi on left. Leipzig photo.
51. On Parade, in winter Greatcoats. 7 Nov. 1935.

#### Barracks Recreation.

52. Rudi lying on his bed.
53. Soldiers relaxing, eating cherries. 23.6.34.
54. Soldiers fooling around with rifles at table.
55. "Hands Up or else!" Rudi facing comrade aiming rifle. In fun, 8.2.35.
- 56 - 57. The young men having a party at table, plenty of beer! 28.12.34.
- 58 - 59. Farewelling a popular instructor. Karl Muller, "The Spear".
60. Summer Party in Barracks locker-room. Corporal's shout? Rudi with crate of beer, dressed -- recruits drinking in just shorts.
61. Cleaning boots. Large photo, same room, Rudi second left. On wall, instruction chart for Machinegun. Leipzig photo.



## Group Two. Nuremberg Rally. 1936. Rudi Maier.

- 62 - 65. Volksfest. The Stadium; A Soccer Match in progress; Nazi Flags; and a candid shot close-up of Goering & Milch & other high-ranking officers.
- 66 - 70. At the Zeppelin Field. Banners in shed, (2); High-ranked Nazis walking to field; the Buildings; and a Zeppelin flying overhead.
- 71 - 75. Wehrmacht Day. Aircraft above in formation, (3); Soccer Match with Swastika Banners; soldiers in the Wehrmacht Lager watching comrade polishing his boots. Rudi 2nd right.

## Group Three. Football. (Soccer) Rudi Maier.

76. Soccer players in various garb in goal area. Rudi centre. Some insignia can be seen for the two teams. Pfingsten (Whitsun) 1930.
77. Soccer Team. Rudi 2nd left. Inscribed "Lum Auderkin an die Ganmeisterschaft d. Reserve 1930/31. 6:4 genr."
78. Soccer team, relaxing on grass beside field. Rudi centre. 17 May 1931. gegen Braunschwig 9 ; 3.
79. Soccer Team. Team, with mascot, VTR on jerseys. 26 March 1933. Rudi back, 2nd left.
80. Soccer Team. Army team, on playing field. Rudi end, right.
81. Soccer Team. Army team, same jerseys as above, Rudi 4th left. Leipzig photo.
82. Soccer Team. Two Army teams, on playing field. M.T.S.A. Res. gegen T. Sp. V. Ost. Res. Rudi centre rear. Leipzig photo.
- 83 - 84. Spectators, mainly Army in dress caps, at ease on steps, with flags, at Dortmund for important Football(?) match.
- (80 - 82 Postcards.)

## Group Four. Wintersports. Rudi Maier.

85. Youth Hostel. Jugendherberge Claus Von Pape. 1936.
86. View of area, small village. Named in German on back.
87. Group of young men, some special caps, possibly senior members of Hitler Youth or Army Wintersports team.
88. Four young men in snow. One has same cap and a Swastika emblem on his jacket. Perhaps some sporting club, or as suggested above.



Group Five. Home and Family. Rudi Maier.

89. Group of mainly young men by Weir, Witsun, 1930.
- 90 - 97. Rudi and Marga Rummelt. Either engaged or married.  
Photos in woods and with pet rabbit. 1 of "our house."  
18th and 20th July 1934.
- 98 - 100. A Holiday party in the Czech Sudetenland, MOUNTAINS.
- 101 - 103. Easter. 21.4.35. Rudi & wife together; with family group;  
Marga by herself.
- 104 - 108. On leave. Rudi in civilian clothes; in uniform holding his son;  
Marga walking with her son; The couple eating at outside table with  
older man; In uniform with wife & son.
109. Son & other children with Marga & older man. Back has June 44. ?
110. Postcard of group visiting one of the Great Dams of Germany.  
Group by notice, Aufnahme - the starting point. Rudi & Marga  
in back row, right. Photo P. Ruther, Saalburg a. S.

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These photos taken from an Album covering the period 1930 - 1937.

Rudi Maier was a young man, a keen footballer, who joined the Reichswehr, later to become the Wehrmacht. He was a training NCO, with recruits even before Conscription was brought in on 16th March, 1935.

Some details have been taken from inscriptions in the album, but many are fading and in the hard to decipher script.

From the photographs, Rudi appears to be a serious young man who nevertheless enjoyed his army life. Although cards 18 - 45 are not commented on separately, these are a rich mine of information regarding the early German Army. What is very obvious is the very relaxed atmosphere and relations between the men & officers. They do seem to have been enjoying themselves.

How this album turned up in New Zealand is unknown. The fate of Rudi and his family remains a mystery.

Their home and sphere of activity was Saxony, with references to manoeuvres in Stadtroda - Naumberg - Bad-Kosen. He appears to have been stationed near Leipzig. It is not possible to know where his home was situated.

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