

Q. Noo. 1938.

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Punta Velgada (Proven)

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Lezang  
Biskaya Nov. 38

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Cartagena

LS

Orogen-Meyer

C0017

Wilhelmshaven

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Drogen-Meyer

C0059

Wilhelmshaven

Weihnachtsfeier  
Bartagena





Bartagena  
Weiterachts post  
kommt an Bord

Drogen-Meyer

C0109

Wilhelmshaven

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Barlagena

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WILHELM

BOOLES

Drogen-Meer

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Carlazena

Dronn-Meyer

B0016

Wilhelmshaven

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Krauswiederlegung







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Bartagena

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Kentriches Haus

Drogen-Meyer

C0017

Wilhelmshaven



"Alle Mann an Bord"

29. Okt. 38

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Cartagena  
Fruerfeier für Oberstabsarzt.

1870

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..Schlesien..



PHOTO ILLA

# Souvenir of Cuba

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Havana

12. - 18. I. 39





Bardaguen

Wilhelmshaven

B0040

Drogen-Meyer

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Kaus laufen aus der Wilhelmshavener

29.10.38

(L. Hoffmann) Schleuse

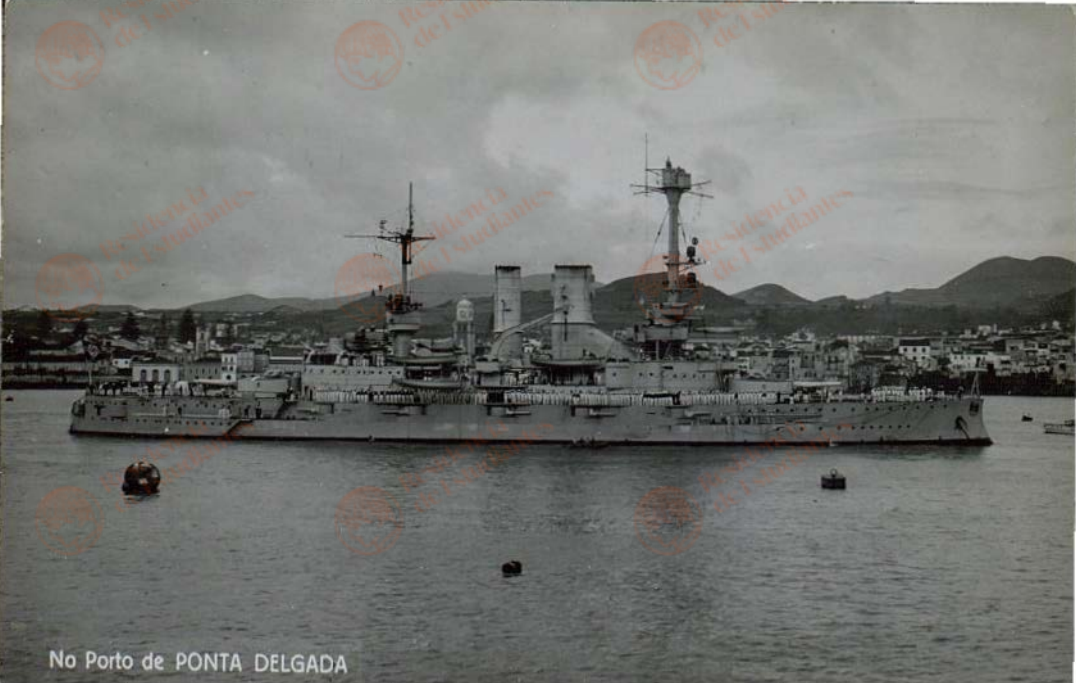
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Hoffmann

Teil 3

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No Porto de PONTA DELGADA





Havana

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Drogen-Meyer

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Wilhelmshaven





Olibernakue in See

(18)

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In See.

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Brevard



Florida

23

8  
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172 H. Liebigsen

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Leegang

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II

Agfa-Brovia

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Der Litzug beim Unterricht.

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ADP  
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Proyección  
Bord

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Das Wrack des „Jaguar“  
wird in Horta einge-  
schleppt.

Otto Gramer

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Rutledge in Florida  
Rutledge

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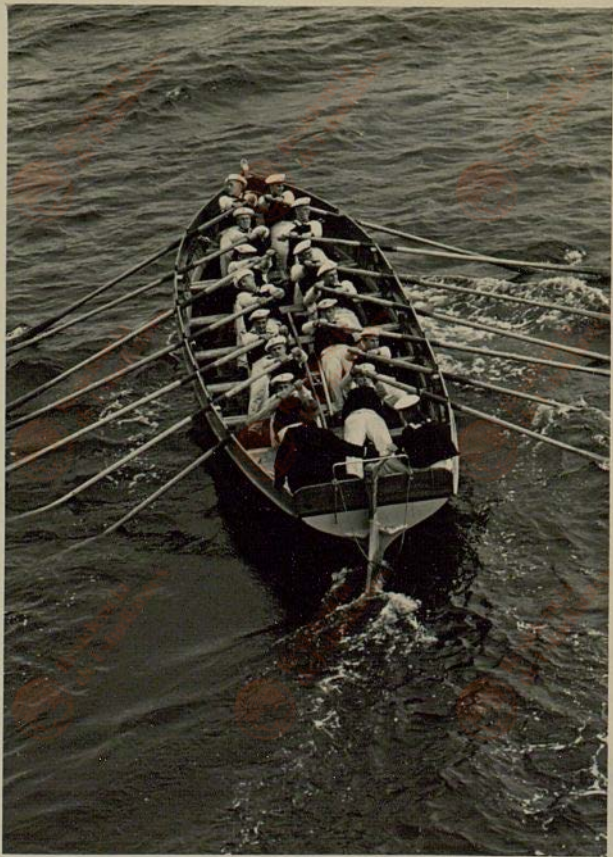
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Sig. Fer. Grovira  
Residencia  
de los estudiantes

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Böje över fjord!

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Wilhelmshaven  
Marktstr.

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Rutter (Horse)

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# **Auslandsreise L.S. Schlesien 1938/39**



Nr	Angelaufene Häfen	Einlaufen	Auslaufen
	Wilhelmshaven	---	29. 10. 38
1	Ponta Delgada (Azoren)	7. 11. 38	12. 11. 38
2	Porto Praia (Kap Verden)	19. 11. 38	21. 11. 38
3	Port of Spain (Trinidad)	2. 12. 38	12. 12. 38
4	Cumana (Venezuela)	14. 12. 38	19. 12. 38
5	Cartagena (Columbien)	23. 12. 38	30. 12. 38
6	Kingston (Jamaica)	2. 1. 39	8. 1. 39
7	Havanna (Kuba)	12. 1. 39	18. 1. 39
8	Bridgetown (Barbados)	26. 1. 39	31. 1. 39
9	Horta (Azoren)	12. 2. 39	16. 2. 39
10	Cobh (Irland)	22. 2. 39	28. 2. 39
	Wilhelmshaven	9. 3. 39	---



Reisebefehl.

Das Linienschiff "Schlesien" hat am 29. Oktober 1938 eine viermonatige Reise in das Ausland anzutreten.

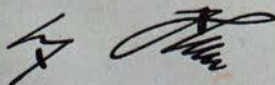
Reiseweg:

Azoren, Kap-Verdische Inseln, Westindien, Venezuela, Columbien, Westindien, Azoren, Irland.

Den Reisebefehl stellt der Oberbefehlshaber der Kriegsmarine auf.

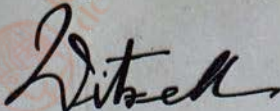
Berchtesgaden , den 22. Oktober 1938.

Der Führer und Reichskanzler



Der Oberbefehlshaber der Kriegsmarine

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L.S. Schlesien -- Cadet Training Ship voyage 29.10.1938 - 9.3.1939.

1. Photoprint of Fuhrer Order 29.10.38 from Berchtesgaden authorising voyage signed by Hitler and high Kriegsmarine officer.
2. Photoprint showing inset of ship, map of ship's route, and inset schedule of ports of call, with dates of arrival & departure. Contemporary copy as above.
3. "All Men On Board" - cadets boarding ship at Wilhelmshaven 29.10.38.
4. Schlesien leaving Wilhelmshaven 29.10.38. p/c size photo. Name "Hoffmann" on reverse - was this taken by the official photographer of the Nazi Party?
5. Heavy seas breaking on ship, Bay of Biscay, Nov.38
6. Postcard of ship in Ponta Delgada, Azores. 7 - 12 Nov. 38. Local print.
7. Captain addressing cadets & crew, ship's band behind, looking down on scene from gun turret. 9 Nov. 1938.
8. Cadet walking in city square, Cartagena, Colombia, South America. 23-30.12.38.
9. Church Service on ship, cadets & crew, view of celebrant & cadets, etc, under awning. Possibly Christmas Day service. Cartagena.
10. Mail comes on board. Cadets sorting through parcels, Cartagena.
11. Ship's company marching through streets of Cartagena preceded by ship's band.
12. Ship's band lined up in square for welcoming ceremony. Cartagena.
13. Officers & seamen/cadets on porch of German Consulate, Cartagena.
14. Inside church (?), wreathes with swastikas. Crew member? Cartagena.
15. Colombian army & navy personnel outside building - writing on back.  
(Sailors look more like British than anything, too smart compared to the soldiers!)
16. Postcard of Schlesien in Havana harbour. Cuba. 12 - 18 January 1939.
17. Photo of Havana taken from ship.
18. Ship being refueled or resupplied by ship behind, the ..... Albrecht.
19. Officer watching seas breaking over ship.
20. View looking back from Bow to superstructure.
21. Cadets being taught under awning during voyage.
22. Cadets crowd deck during gun practice at sea.



23. Schlesien in harbour, Horta, Azores. 12 - 16.2.1939.
24. Wreck of the "Jaguar" in Horta Harbour, taken from ship.
25. Lowering Lifeboat from ship for races, Horta.
26. Lifeboat in sea, men rowing away from ship.
27. Photo in lifeboat, with sail up.
28. View from ship, Horta Harbour, 3 lifeboats, with oars raised in air.
29. Three lifeboats racing, watched from ship & launch by crew, Horta harbour.
30. Photocopy of Deutschland class WWI Battleships, last of the German pre-Dreadnoughts. Schlesien built 1904-06. From recent publication, included as background information of the ship.

This collection is, I think, extremely interesting and again, if German interests are aware, should attract good prices. The views of cadet navy life probably have never been published, and as a record of a voyage just prior to the war, is fascinating.

I think the informality shown on ship life is a good indication of the relaxed German Navy as compared with other military arms of the Reich.



5. Panzer\_schiffe "Deutschland" pocket-battleship.

SPANISH CIVIL WAR action.

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Ship was on non-intervention patrol off Ibeza 26th May 1937. Previously she had seconded gunnery, mine, & signal specialists to Franco's forces, and Admiral Rolf Carls had gone ashore and lunched with Franco.

This would account for the attack on the warship by two Republican planes flown by Russian pilots.

Apparently two bombs struck the ship, one doing little damage, the other hitting the Seamen's Mess, killing 23 & wounding 75. (It would appear the attack was a complete surprise & crew were not at action stations.)

The dead & wounded were taken to Gibraltar, then 9 others died. The ship sailed back to Wilhelmshaven, while her sister ship, the Admiral Scheer, fired 200 shells into Almira in retaliation.

(Hugh Thomas, "The Spanish Civil War", 3rd edn, Hamish Hamilton, 1977)

(9) 3 photos of interior damage, another 8 photos in collection.

(10) 4 photos. Dead in Gibraltar; coffins proceeding through street; (BRITISH ESCORT) being taken back onboard.. + Others not shown.

(11) 4 postcards, "Deutschland" docking at Wilhelmshaven. Honour guard & coffins.

(12) 4 postcards of Hitler walking with top officials to cemetery. Note the censored part..wonder what was there...

(13) 2 postcards at the cemetery with relatives & sailors. Man with camera probably Hoffman.

Not illus -- 2 photos of Memorial, with 32 names clearly readable.

Also other photos/p/c's including Hitler arriving at Railway Station, which may or may not relate to this situation.

Following the scuttling of Admiral Graf Spee, Deutschland was renamed Lutzow.

She and the "Schlesien", co-incidentally, were both sunk within a day of each other in the Baltic, on 4.5.45 and 5.5.45 respectively..both scuttled after damage.