

## My top 10 highlights from Postal Auction 294

As Postal Auction Manager, I am pleased to be able to choose my top 10 items from the items submitted from members into the latest postal auction. My personal collecting interests are the inflation period and DDR officials - at the time of writing the most popular area for items for sale in this auction are Third Reich covers. As the new auction manager and indeed as someone who is relatively new to German Philately it's been a surprise to me just how many different areas of German Philately there are.

Anyway, here are my top 10 items :

1949 Baden Freiberg Rebuilding Block 41B with the Red Cross set on airmail cover to Argentina (with attest), reserve £200 – I've never seen this item on a cover before

1942 Ukraine Occupation cover from Janow to Konigsberg – the cover had previously been used , reserve £6

1867 Pre-stamp cover to Paris with fine Aachen Bahnhof strike and a red Prusse/Erquellinnes strike (reserve £5)

1931 Upper Silesia FORGERY Zeppelin Card – reserve £15 – look very attractive for a forgery!

1880 Levant 5pf (without "e") Mi V40 on cover Constantinopel 2 6/11/86 Cat e270, reserve £90

1954 Saarland Mi356 on PC with picture stamp is based on, Der Jung Baron by Dieterich cat e24 on cover – nice to see the stamp reflected in the postcard – reserve £5

1984 Black print of DR 63 as a sheetlet of 20 in a folder produced for the 19th World Postal Congress, Hamburg, 1984 (see footnote in Michel after 63-66) c.v. e40, reserve £4

1938 Third Reich Propaganda 'Heil Hitler is the German Greeting, anything else must disappear' Green Label with lower pair of Mi648 on reverse of cover with Wein 17.iii.38 and 2 x 'Hitler in Wein' strikes – reserve £8, makes me shiver just looking at it!

1942 Turkish 3 Kurus postal stationery card additionally franked 3K 1k values with Istanbul cancels 7/4/42 Red continuous OKW/Gepuft' censor marks on left accompanied by various h/s numerals. Addressed to Warsaw Generalgovernment. Reserve £3, but so much history on one cover

And finally

1960's Leipzig Doll Mascot – reserve £12 – not bad for a doll.

The catalogue will be out end of November/early December, with last date for bidding 31 January – good luck!