

“WE ARE FREE!” THE SUDETEN GERMAN LIBERATION
POSTMARKS OF 1938

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This brief sketch deals with a postal consequence of the “Anschluss” of October 1938, when those border regions of Czechoslovakia which had a predominantly German population were incorporated into the “Großdeutsches Reich”. The author presents a broad spectrum of so-called Sudeten German liberation postmarks from this period of political turnaround – publicity impressions in the proper sense, but also postcards conveying a political message. He thus examines a category of sources

that has hitherto been neglected by historians. However, the political slogans disseminated by means of these postmarks do represent an authentic reflection of the mood prevailing at that time.