

**WORLD WAR, 1939-1945,  
GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND PRISONS COLLECTION**

**PAPER CURRENCY.** – [ca. 1940-1945] – 9 items

It is surprising to some that currency was used in concentration and transit camps. Notes and tokens were given to productive prisoners as rewards. Money received by prisoners from family through money orders was also converted into camp notes. These notes were redeemable in the camp canteen and also served to purchase stamps for correspondence. Some notes are very rare while others, discovered in hoards after the war, are always found in mint condition and are very common. A detailed description of the notes are provided below followed by the proper references to specialized literature.

Briefly the following notes are found in the collection: from two Dutch transit camps, a 25-cent note from **Amersfoort** (rare), a 25-cent and a 50-cent note from **Westerbork** are featured; a rare **Buchenwald** 0.50 RM note guaranteed genuine (there are forgeries); a 0.50 RM note from **Mittelbau** (Dora) which may be a forgery; a small 4 pfennig note from **Holleischen** (Holysow), a sub-camp of Flossenburg situated near Prague where prisoners worked in a metal factory. The collection also contains 3 notes (1 pfennig, 10 pfennig and 1 mark) which were used by all **POWs** in German camps (Kriegsgefangenen Lagerfeld).

**Box and Item Numbers**

Box 15 – Items 2849 to 2857

**References cited below:**

Campbell, Lance K. *Prisoner of War and Concentration camp money of the 20th century.* 1989

Stahl, Zvi. *Jewish Ghettos' and Concentration camps' Money, 1933-1945.* 1990

**AMERSFOORT.** Dutch camp for political prisoners and a transit camp.

- **2849** - 25 cent note. January 1st, 1944. Type 2. Mint. Campbell 4147. Stahl p.62-64.

**BUCHENWALD**

- **2850** - 0.50 RM. Note without Aussenkommando. Mint. Campbell 3951b. Stahl p.23-26.

**HOLLEISCHEN** (or **HOLYSOW**). Sub-camp of Flossenburg located near Prague. The inmates worked for Metallwerke Holleischen GmbH.

- **2851** - 4 Reichspfennig note. Campbell 4094. Stahl p.71-76.

**MITTELBAU.** Also known as DORA.

- **2852** - .50 RM. Note. Not in Campbell. Stahl. P.82-84.

This note is possibly a forgery although Tulkoff (Counterfeiting the Holocaust) does not mention any forgeries of this note.

**WESTERBORK.** Dutch transit camp.

- **2853** - 25 cents note. Campbell 4172b. Stahl p. 67-69
- **2854** - 50 cents note. Campbell 4173b. Stahl p. 67-69

**POW CURRENCY**

(Kriegsgefangenen Lagerfeld)

- **2855** - 1 Reichspfennig. Campbell 3751g
- **2856** - 10 Reichspfennig. Campbell 3752d
- **2857** - 1 Reichsmark. Campbell 3754c