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# WWII Propaganda Currency



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## The German \$10 gold note for Yugoslavia

This propaganda banknote is a safe conduct pass in the form of the United States \$10 Gold Certificate of 1928. The serial number is A55838131A. In small print on the front of the note we find the following text printed over the gold seal:

***"True, this bill is not worth anything, but it is capable of saving your life. It makes it possible for you to go over to the German forces in safety. We call upon you to leave the partisans and come over to the German forces. With this pass in your hands you are exempt from all punishment."***

The Germans placed a safe conduct message on the back of the note:

***"Deserter Pass. Don't shoot, take this man to the nearest German Command Post and treat him well."***

The message appears in the German, Serbian and Croatian languages. At the right of the message a Nazi eagle and swastika are shown. At the lower left, over the \$10 denomination we find the code "P.S.K.83," which indicates that this is the 83rd leaflet in the series. The banknote was prepared by the German propaganda organization Skorpion-Adria.

The German Propaganda Kompanie Einheiten (PK Units) was appointed by propaganda Minister Josef Goebbels' Das Reichsministerium für Volksaufklärung und Propaganda (The Reich Ministry for Popular Enlightenment and Propaganda - RMVP). In 1939 he said:

Propaganda is recognized as an essential means of war, equal to armed struggle. The Wehrmacht is responsible for conducting the armed struggle: the propaganda war will be conducted by the RMVP.

The Luftwaffe dropped thousands of these safe conduct passes over guerrilla forces in the mountains of Yugoslavia in late 1943. Since Yugoslavia suffered the highest percentage of deaths in relation to population of all the German-occupied nations during the last war, it is extremely doubtful that any partisan would accept this German pass at face value



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## German Propaganda \$1 Silver Certificate in Italy

In late April of 1945, the United States Fifth Army was preparing to slug it out with entrenched German forces along the Po River in Northern Italy. By the 23rd of the month, the 337th, 338th and 339th Infantry Regiments of the 85th U.S. Infantry Division were crossing the Po and moving rapidly northward. The expected strong German defense never materialized and the Po Valley offensive turned into a complete rout of the Axis forces.

The 339th Regiment raced ahead at full speed, men riding in jeeps mounted with machine guns and even in captured German and Italian staff cars. By 0815 of April 26th, forward elements were entering the town of Verona. Verona was a center of Fascist propaganda. Several major printing plants were located in the city and these were known to have produced stamps, postcards, posters, and pamphlets meant to bolster the Italian morale and will to continue the war.

Colonel Floyd E. Minor, Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion of the 339th, found that because of the headlong retreat of the enemy he had advanced beyond the range of his maps. His men reported that the Germans had left vast quantities of printed material in the now-vacant printing plants and storage facilities. He decided to lead a patrol through the warehouses in search of operational maps of the area.

In a storage building located on a private estate just north of Verona he found maps of the surrounding area, all the way to the Brenner Pass. Continuing to search, he was surprised to find a large bundle of United States \$1 Silver Certificates of 1935. The banknotes all bore the serial number D85826026A. The notes had been reproduced by the Germans and had a short Italian-language propaganda message overprinted on the back:

***"The promises of the Americans are of no value - they look fine and good, but they are only illusions (like this banknote)."***



Courtesy to: Sergeant Major Herbert A. Friedman (Ret.)

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