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Third Reich

Airmail Issues - 1934

The Third Reich issued their first airmail definitive postage stamps on January 21, 1934. The stamps reflect an allegorical representation of the "symbolic rising" of the new German Empire.



The 5 Pf. through 100 Pf. denominations depict an eagle, flying in front of a world globe, with the sun, emblazoned with a swastika, rising behind it.

The 2 Mk. denomination depicts Otto Lillenthal (1848-1896), a human flight pioneer, who was the first person to make repeated successful glider flights.

The 3 Mk. denomination depicts Ferdinand Graf von Zeppelin (1838-1917). He was a military officer during the German Empire, and he later became an aircraft manufacturer. He was the founder of the Zeppelin Airship Company.



The plane in the photo above is a Junkers JU-52 in about 1934. These were the primary transport planes of Lufthansa, the airline that carried air mail for the German postal service.

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