

**Guide to the
MS-196: "Meine Fahrten 1925-1938" Scrapbook
[My Trips 1925-1938]**



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(Title page, 36 pages)

Inclusive Dates: October 1925—April 1938

Bulk Dates: 1927, 1929-1932

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Provenance

Purchased from Between the Covers Company, 2014.

Biographical Note

Possibly a group of three brothers—G. Leiber, V. Erich Leiber, and R. Leiber—participated in the German youth movement during the 1920s and 1930s. The probable maker of the photo album, Erich Leiber, was probably born before 1915 in north-western Germany, most likely in the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia. His early experiences with the youth movement appear to have been in conjunction with school outings and Christian Union for Young Men (CVJM) in Austria. He also travelled to Sweden in 1928, but most of his travels are concentrated in northwestern Germany. Later in 1931 he became an active member in a conservative organization, possibly the Deutsche Pfadfinderschaft St. Georg,¹ participating in outings to nationalistic locations such as the Hermann Monument in the Teutoburg Forest and to the Naval Academy at Mürwik in Kiel. In 1933 Erich Leiber joined the SA and became a youth leader or liaison for a Hitler Youth unit while still maintaining a connection to a group called Team Yorck, a probable extension of prior youth movement associates. After 1935 Erich's travels seem reduced to a small group of male friends, ending with an Easter trip along the Rhine River in 1938.

Historical Note

Following Germany's defeat in World War I, the youth movement splintered into a broad range of groups, with confessional groups like Catholic and Protestant organizations being the single largest youth groups, while numerous other organizations existed across the political spectrum. Mostly drawing from the middle class, these organizations primarily promoted youth leadership and outdoor activities. One grouping, the Bündische Youth, influenced German society through changes in education standards and cultural practices. These groups, however, had very little influence on the politics of the period.² Between 1932 and 1933, paramilitary and conservative groups joined the Hitler Youth en masse and the Nazi bureaucracy

¹ Stachura, Peter D, *The German Youth Movement 1900-1945* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1981), 77.

² *Ibid.*, 59.

eventually took over administration of all youth groups.³ Some of the pre-war youth movement members withdrew from public life into outdoors activities following World War I.⁴

The cruiser *Köln*, pictured on page 22, was built in 1929, just before Leiber saw the ship on his Great Trip of 1930.

Scope and Content Notes

This scrapbook includes two sketches, 37 pages with originally 177 photographs (13 missing), three free photographs, and 3 magazine clippings. Below is a list of the places visited by Leiber in the course of the album and the images he included in the album, including their page numbers. Some of the images, particularly from pages 24-30, appear to be chronologically out of order.

Places Visited

---(2), Sauerland (2), Eifel (3), Galtür, Austria (4-10); Eifel (10-11); Sweden (11-12); Edersee (13), the Weser River (14), Detmold (14), Möhnesee (15), Hermann Monument (15), Schloss Waldeck (16), Möhnesee (16); Rhine River (17); Rheydt (17); Bermen Harbor (18), Helgoland (18-19), Sylt Island (19), Wallsbüll (20), Mürwik Naval Academy (20), Schloss Glücksburg (21)?, the North Sea (21), Kiel (21), Kiel Harbor (22), Hamburg Harbor (23); Ennepetalsperre (24), Glörtalsperre (24), Kahler Asten (24), Waldeck (25), Edersee (25), Siegerland (25), Feusburg (26-27), the Rhein River (27), Bachrach (28-29), Kaub (29), Laacher See (29), Wermelskirchen (30), Aufderhöhe (30), Glörtalsperre (30), Eifel (31), Mayen (32), Laacher See (32), Freiburg (32), Köln (33), Altenahr (33), Hohe Acht (33), Rolandsbogen (34); Heidelberg (35); Pfaffenberg (35); Lingestalsperre (36); Kohleralm (36); Rhine River (36-37)?

Sketches

Two boys looking at a map, Team Yorck (1):

The poem reads in the original German:

Lasst nicht den Tag verdämmern
Die Ruhe frommet den anderen
Wir wollen Kraft erwandern
Und deutsches Eisern hämmern.⁵

Do not doze away the day
The quiet is of use to the others.
We want to discover strength on foot

³ Koch, H. W., *The Hitler Youth: Origins and Developments 1922-1945* (New York: Dorset Press, 1975), 101.

⁴ Stachura, *op. cit.*, 44.

⁵ Transcribed by Professor Michael A. Ritterson, July 7, 2016

And beat out German iron.⁶

Boys playing outside a tent in the dunes, possibly Helgoland, 1930 (1):
The writing at the bottom reads in the original German:

Schön ist das Zigeneurleben.⁷

The gypsy life is beautiful.⁸

Two boys on a hike through the countryside (3), Tent on Sylt Island (19)

Inserted Material

A cutout of the Austrian Alps, handwritten note of Galtür (1); a tag reading “Ferienlager in Tschaffain, (Österreich). Sommer 1927.”, translated as “Holiday camp in Tschaffain (Austria), Summer 1927) (4); the coat of arms of Tirol (4); an Edelweiss blossom (6); four small photographs: a large white building at a distance, same building from back, same building from front (11); a cutout of Schloss Glücksburg (21), cut out of red voided cross (30).

Pictures

(All captions in bold are the original captions provided by Leiber; marking of **phot. Leiber** indicate Leiber takes credit for photograph; captions in quotations are printed on the photographs themselves; all other captions and translations are provided by Jesse Siegel)

Meine Fahrten. 1925-1938. (*missing*) (1), ---ins---, **29. X. bis 1. XI. 25.**, October 29 to November 1, 1925: 4 photographs (2). **Im Sauerland. Herbst 1926.**, In the Sauerland, autumn 1926: 5 photographs (2). **Großfahrt. Sommer 1926.**, The Great Trip, Summer 1926: 4 photographs (2). **Eifelfahrt. Ostern 1927.**, Eifel Mountains Trip, Easter 1927: 4 photographs (3). Boys on trip to Austria, 2 photographs (4). “Galtür (1600m), 44.” Galtür camp in valley (4). **Die ersten Berge. phot. Leiber**, The first mountains (4), **Lagermannschaft.**, camp teams (4). **Tirol. Sommer 1927.**, Tyrol, Austria, Summer 1927: “Arlbergbahn Schloss Wiesberg-Trisannabrücke”, Arlberg Railway, Castle Wiesberg, the Trisanna Bridge (5), **phot. Leiber**, camp buildings and boys by the river (5), **Hängegletscher, phot. Leiber**, hanging glacier, photographed by Leiber (5), **Galtür, phot. Leiber** (5). **Sausende Abfahrt. phot. Lieber**, rushing departure, (*missing*) (6), **Die Ziegen kommen von der Alm. phot. Leiber.**, the goats come from the mountain pasture (6), **phot. Leiber.**, Galtür camp with boys by river (6), boys cutting up pork (6), **Der Bergführer**, the mountain guide (6). 9 photographs of natural surroundings and boys (7-8). Camp picture with CVJM and Chi-Rho flag (Christliche Verein jünger Männer, Christian Union for Young Men) (9), **Die Solinger.**, Solingen boys wearing CVJM shirts

⁶ Translated by Jesse Siegel, July 8, 2016.

⁷ Transcribed by Michael Ritterson, July 7, 2016.

⁸ Translated by Jesse Siegel, July 8, 2016.

(9), **Auf der Bergwiese. phot. Leiber.**, on the mountain meadow (9), **Bonbonregen.**, rain of candy game (9). **Alpental. phot. Leiber.**, Alpine valley (10), **In den Bergen. phot. Leiber.**, in the mountains (10), boys under CVJM Chi-Rho flag at Galtür (10), **Eifelahrt. 1928.**, Eifel Mountains Trip, 1928: 1 photograph (10). **Eifelahrt. Pfingsten 1928.**, Eifel Mountains Trip, Pentecost 1928: 2 photographs (11). **In Schweden. 1928.**, in Sweden, 1928: 2 photographs (11). **Schweden. 1928.**, Sweden 1928, band performing in park (12). **Großfahrt. 1929.**, Great Trip 1929: (*three missing photographs*) (12). **Edersee.**, Lake Eder, (*missing*) (13), **Edersee. Sperrmauer.**, Lake Eder, dam: 3 photographs. **Auf der Weser.**, on the Weser River: 2 photographs. **Detmold.: Rathaus.**, town hall (14), **Schloß.**, castle (14). **Ehrenfried Hankes.**, 1 photograph (15), **Am Mönnesee.** On the Mönnee Lake: 1 photograph (15), Hermann Monument (15), **Auf der Landstraße.**, on the country road (15), group photo (15). Group photo at Hermann Monument (16), **Am Mönnesee.**, on the Mönne Lake: 2 photographs (16), **Schloß Waldeck.**, Castle Waldeck (16). **Himmelfahrt 1930. Am Rhein.**, Heaven Trip 1930, on the Rhine River: 4 photographs (17). **Rheydt. 1930.**, dramatic group photo with guitar (17), **Karfreitag. 1931.**, Good Friday 1931, young men and women at a barn (17). **Großfahrt. 1930.**, Great Trip 1930: **Die "Bremen".**, the passenger liner *Bremen* (18), **Bremenhaven.**, Bremen Harbor (18), **Auf Helgoland.**, on Helgoland Island, group photo (18). **Helgoland.**, cooking outside at tent (19). **Auf Sylt.**, on Sylt Island: 4 photographs (19), (*missing photo*) (19). **Wallsbüll.**: hanging out clothes to dry (20), (*missing photo*). **Marineschule Mürwik.**, Naval Academy at Mürwik, suntanned boys (20), Ehrenfried Hankes (20), **Frische Buttermilch.**, fresh buttermilk, group drinking milk bottles outside building. Group in truck with driver (21), **An der Ostsee.**, on the Baltic Sea: 4 photographs (21), **Kiel.**, marching single file down street (21). **Kreuzer „Köln.“**, the light cruiser *Köln*: Official picture, 2 photographs (22), **Kieler Hafen.**, Kiel Harbor with German naval vessels (22). **U-Boot-Ehrenmal.**, U-boat Memorial: (*two missing photos*) (23). **Hamburger Hafen.**, Hamburg Harbor: 2 photographs (23). **Großfahrt. 1931.**, Great Trip 1931: **Ennepetalsperre.**, Ennepetal Dam, boys sitting on the dam tower (24), **Glörtalsperre.**, Glörtal Dam: 2 photographs (24), **Kahler Asten.**, the Kahler Asten tower (24). **Waldeck. Auf der Burgmauer.**, Waldeck, on the castle wall (25), **Edersee.**, Lake Eder (25). **Im Siegerland.**, in the Siegerland region: 2 photographs (25). **Freusburg.**: 3 group photographs at castle (26). **In der Heimat.**, in the homeland, boys sitting on bench with packs (26). **Freusburg. Herbst 1931.**, fall 1931, group in the castle (27). **Rheinfahrt. Ostern 1932.**, Rhine Trip, Easter 1932: 6 photographs (27-28). **Bacharach. Wernerkapelle.**, Werner Chapel ruins in Bacharach (28). **Bacharach.**, group photo outside city gate (29), **Blücherdenkmal in Kaub.**, Blücher Memorial in Kaub (29), **Die Pfalz.**, the Palatinate, near the Pfalzgrafenstein Castle (29), (*missing photo*) (29), **Laacher See.**, Laacher Lake (29). **Wermelskirchen. Pfingsten 1932.**, Pentecost 1932: 3 photographs (30). **Aufderhöhe. 1932.**, Aufderhöhe near Solingen, 1932, group photo (30), **Glörtalsperre. 1932.**, Glörtal Dam, 1932, picture of youth leader (Leiber?) with unit and women (30). (*Two missing photos*) (31). **Eifelahrt. Ostern 1932.**, Eifel Mountains Trip, Easter 1932: 2 photographs (31), **Schöpferische Pause.**, creative break, man sitting in woods with pipe (31). **Mayen.**, 2 photographs (32), **Rast am Laacher See.**, group at rest on the Laacher Lake (32), **Freiburg. 1933.**, man in Nazi uniform posing with Leiber (?) in SA uniform (32). **Eifelahrt. 1934.**, Eifel Mountain Trip,

1934: Hitler Youth group photo near Cologne Cathedral, Leiber at left (33). **Altenahr.**, 2 photographs. **Hohe Acht.**: Hitler Youth group photo on steps (33), Hitler Youth group photo at distance at a mountain lodge (33), Hitler Youth group photo on a turret (33). **Rolandsbogen.**, Hitler Youth group photo at Roland's Arch (34). **Heidleberg 18.8.35.**, August 18, 1935, Leiber with parents (?) (34). **Mannschaft Yorck auf dem Pfaffenberg. 16.XI.1935.**, Team Yorck at the Pfaffenberg Castle, November 16, 1935: 5 photographs (34). **Lingesetalsperre. Pfingsten 1936.**, Lingestal Dam, Pentecost 1936: 2 photographs (35). **Auf der Kohleralm. Sommer 1936.**, on the Kohleralm, summer 1936: "Kohleralm, Höhenlage 1500 m ü. M.", Kohleralm, altitude 1500 meters above sea level, a cabin in the mountains (35), 4 photographs (35-36). Deutsche Arbeitsfront (German Work Front) flag in demonstration on athletic field. **Ostern 1938.**, Easter 1938: 2 photographs (36). Donkey, 3 photographs (36-37), group looking out on the Rhine River (37).

Subjects

Youth Movements—Germany—History—20th Century

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Series Description

This collection is one Series, consisting of album with sketches and inserted material within.