

ENMITY and GRATITUDE in WORLD WAR II

PURPOSE and STRUCTURE: this is a patriotic and propaganda exhibit, chronologically formatted by date, rather than by specific country. Artists and industry issued cards, vignettes, cachet covers and satirical private letters depicting the enmity of the three Axis powers, including the Bolsheviks. Later issues expressed their gratitude to the Allied liberators.

BACKGROUND: the cards, depicting the disparities of life, were painted, artist-signed and printed on a poor quality of cardstock. In turn were reissued as cachet postcards.

French demolition crews finding these cards squirreled away in crevices/attics have been clandestinely removing them from the country, rather than surrendering them.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: to my knowledge, no reference publications exist other than periodical submissions. A background knowledge of World War II and your imagination will have to suffice.

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MICHINOMILA HIROHITO
- the 124th Emperor of Japan;
- born 29 April 1901;
- signed the "Tripartite Pact" with Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, in agreement to assist one another if attacked by a country involved in war.

BENITO AMILCARE ANDREA MUSSOLINI
- an Italian born 29 July 1883;
- involved in socialist politics;
- served in the army;
- formed the Fascist Party;
- his Black Shirts marched into Rome forcing a coup d'état;
- appointed himself as Dictator.

ADOLF SCHICKELGRUBER
- an Austrian, born 20 April 1889;
- immigrated to Germany;
- changed surname to Hitler;
- served in the army;
- union affiliations led him into the political arena;
- with the Nazi party's rise to power, President Hindenburg was forced to appoint Hitler as the Chancellor in 1933.