

Little known about General George S. Patton

He is called a swashbuckler about whom you can find many anecdotes on the net. His short biography could be summarized as follows: in 1885 he was already born with colts, he becomes a dog and horse lover. He marries his childhood sweetheart, his professional career is in the military. In 1912 he participates in the Modern Pentathlon at the Stockholm Olympics, he comes fifth and protests because in pistol shooting he would have shot twice through the same hole. In 1916 he fights against insurgents on the Mexican border and shoots Pancho Villa's bodyguard with his Colt. After the U.S. enters the war in Europe, he trains the first 500 tank drivers in 1918; with them he fights successfully at St. Mihiel. Years later, in 1942, he lands with his troops - now as a major general - in North Africa; in 1943, as commander-in-chief of the 7th U.S. Army in Sicily, he is, as always, at the forefront. Quickly his tank tops capture Palermo and reach Messina - ahead of the British. With the Americans, the Mafia comes back to the island. In late July 1944, by securing the bridge at Pontaubault, he enables seven U.S. divisions to advance east in three days. He disapproves of orders, actually wants to head towards Dunkirk to push back the British there. After the Battle of Metz and participation in the fighting in the Ardennes, his armored units cross the Rhine at Nierstein. Quickly they cross southern Germany, via Ulm and Memmingen in the direction of Bohemia - before Pilsen he is whistled back. From May to September 1945 he resides as governor of Bavaria in a villa at Tegernsee. Nearby, in the Kreuth mountains, lies the still intact 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division "Götz von Berlichingen" (Patton: a gang of very disciplined sons of bitches) under General Bochmann; they have capitulated but not yet surrendered. "We must march with the Germans against Moscow" thinks Patton [see Operation Unthinkable & Churchill, known since 1998].



The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg issues four values in honor of the 4-star tank general in 1947.

Now we let Ernst Ludwig Poeck speak: "The transfer of command to the Americans then took place in such a way that the SS-Division had arrived in the square and Patton landed with a helicopter within this square. Patton got out, the SS general reported to him and called for his troops, General Patton to salute him with a triple "Heil Hitler," which was done. Patton seemed overwhelmed, because he had never witnessed such an attitude from any German troop after the end of the war, and then reportedly asked the SS general if he could imagine his men fighting with the Americans side by side with the Americans more or less immediately against the Soviet troops - with the aim of chasing them out of Europe. The SS general is then said to have taken the megaphone and ordered the soldiers to step forward if they were willing to fight with the Americans against the Russians. As a result, the entire force, without a single exception, is said to have taken a step forward."

After this escapade and anti-Semitic remarks against U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau (cf. Morgenthau Plan) and presidential adviser Bernard Baruch (cf. Lend-Lease Act), President Eisenhower relieved General Patton of his post and ordered him to gather material on the history of the World War II to be compiled. Patton was scheduled to return to the U.S. on Dec. 10, 1945, but a mysterious car accident occurred in Mannheim, Germany, the day before: an Army truck crashed head-on into Patton's Cadillac. - Patton suffered a fractured neck and died days later in Heidelberg Military Hospital. Around There are numerous speculations about this incident. Patton is buried at the military cemetery Hamm near Luxembourg in the midst of "his" soldiers of the 3rd US Army.

With this letter 3.2.1948 one can cover so many topics - simply unbelievable. On the back are still the arrival postmarks in New York 6.2.1948 and one day later in Salt Lake City.

Further reading: Wikipedia. Records of Ernst Ludwig Poeck [chief surgeon of a German Armeekops] 2005: Patton's insane plan - Tegernsee Valley.