
	<p><b>Kovettenkapitän (War Captain) 1940</b></p> <p>Blue service uniform with gray gloves, dagger w/1938 could also be worn with this outfit.</p> <p>The service demarcation mark above the sleeve rank signs, a star, shows that this officer's career path is naval officer (tactician/vessel commander etc.) Awards Iron Cross I and II class, and award for wounded in black (wounded 1–2 times).</p> <p>On the cap shadow a single row of oak leaves (bladder tang), the sign of a senior degree.</p> <p>Nearest lower rank kapitänleutnant (Ka`leut = slang) (Captain lieutenant) is the oldest junior officer rank, that rank does not wear an oak leaf on the cap.</p>
	<p><b>Boatswain's Mate (Unteroffizier) 1944.</b></p> <p>The clothing is intended for hard and cold weather on the lake.</p> <p>The southwest is the standard model, as are the gray mottled rain pants (rubberized fabric) and the turtleneck pullover.</p> <p>Above this Collani (Überzieher).</p> <p>On one of the websites I refer to in the article, there is a picture of the crew / cadets in white driving uniform, with Bordmütze and Collani.</p> <p>Collani was worn only by the staff ranks and non-commissioned officers without portepe.</p> <p>The degree sign for Bootsmannsmaat is the gold edging on the collar, and the gold stripe in the light blue collar mirror plus the anchor badge on the sleeve.</p> <p>The degree sign for Obermaat would be the same plus an angle below the anchor mark on the sleeve.</p>

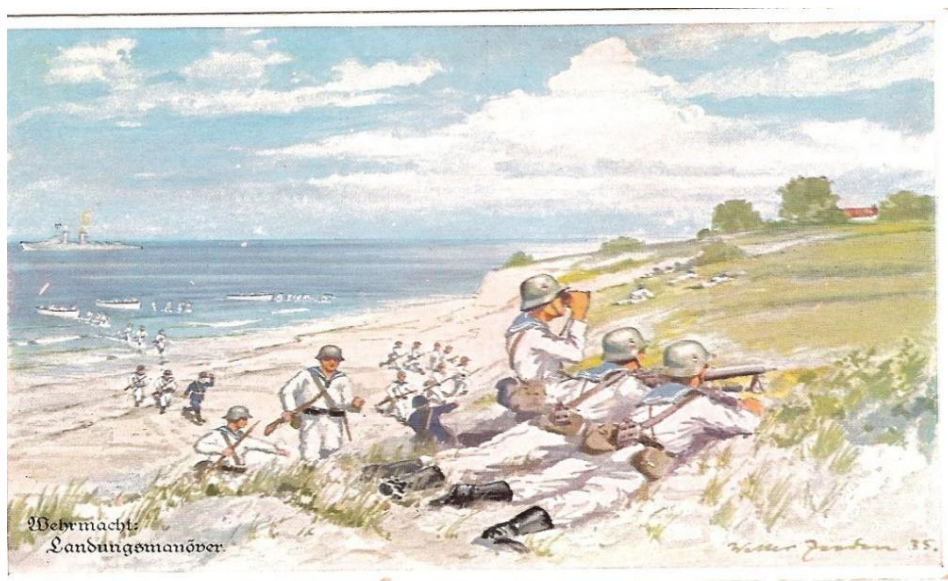






Below is shown the tab (front and back) for marine units on land, as well Reichskrieg flag





Landing practice before the war, here dressed in white turncoats, with equipment on. (German postcard own collection)

**Closing.**

I have tried to give an impression of a warship, its history as well as glimpses of the crews who have fought on the vessel. All because of some toy that I could never let go of. Thanks to Per Finsted and Peter Jonassen for technical support and advice along the way, and thanks to Lau Rasmussen for material about Bangsbo Fort.

I hope my article has made you want to explore one or more of the topics hidden in this paper.

Enjoy.

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