

Von Gronau Round-the-World Flight in 1932

Flown from Manila to Germany

This flight showed Germany's success in non-military aviation design.

Under the 1919 Treaty of Versailles, Germany could not build military aircraft. The Dornier factory at Friedrichshafen built twin-engined sea-planes. Wolfgang von Gronau made a flight round the world on the *Gronland-Wals* (Greenland Whale). He landed at Manila on 27 Sept.



Manila 27 Sept 1932, to Friedrichshafen, Germany

This cover is one of 28 covers from Manila that von Gronau carried. It has the full set of seven stamps, and is signed by him.

Backstamp
Friedrichshafen
10 Nov 1932.

Lower Cover
Cover sent to the next
stop at Java, and then
returned to Manila.

Markings
Soerabaja
3 Oct on reverse
4 Oct on front.

Manila
29 Sept 1932
to Soerabaja, Java

