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*Your Journey  
to Germany*

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*Welcome You*

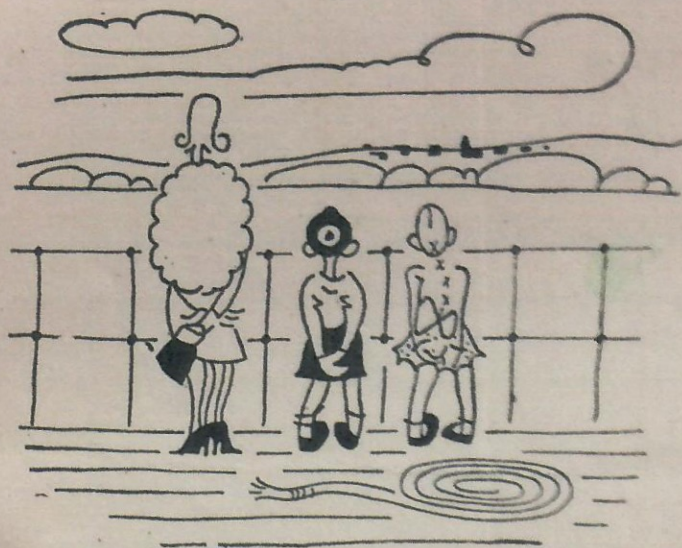
*This is the second edition of this pamphlet. In it we have included several suggestions which have been made by those who have already come to GERMANY. If you have any further suggestions we shall be most grateful if you will tell the 'Q' Movements Liaison Officer on your ship.*

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM



# YOUR JOURNEY TO GERMANY

## SECOND EDITION



*Goodbye England!*

### 1. INTRODUCTION

After long months of waiting you are at last on your way to Germany. We who are there are looking forward to your arrival and we hope that you will have a pleasant voyage.

2. This small pamphlet has been written in the hope that it will help you on your journey. It describes simply the organisation which has been set up to take you from your ship to your new home in Germany. We hope it will help to make your journey easier by giving you an advance picture of what to expect.



### 3. Your Ship

You are travelling on the "EMPIRE HALLADALE." She is 13,600 tons, and was formerly the German vessel "ANTONIA DELFINO." She was built in 1922 and now belongs to the Anchor Line.

### 4. Ship's Staff

The following staff are on the ship to help you:—

### 5. The OC Troops

He commands all on board, other than Merchant Navy personnel and is a busy man.

### 6. The Ship's Sergeant Major

He is responsible to the OC Troops for the smooth running of the military arrangements aboard. If you are in serious trouble concerning ship's arrangements, ask him. But please remember, he too is busy, so do not bother him unnecessarily.

### 7. The BAOR Q Movements Liaison Officer (Q(M)LO)

He is there to advise you on arrangements in Germany. He is there to tell you how you will reach your new home in Germany, and to answer questions with regard to your journey. His main object is to HELP YOU.

### 8. Other Important Staff

Normally the following will also be on board to help you:—

Ship's Medical Officer

4 Nursing sisters

Army Medical Officer

4 VADs

Dispenser

4 Company's stewardesses

12 WVS Ladies

6 WAAF Provost

The WVS ladies are there primarily to help with the children.



## 9. Voyage Hints

As you know, there are few luxury liners available these days and such as there are, are earning valuable assets for Britain. You are not aboard a luxury liner now but a troopship, which has been made as comfortable as possible for you. If there are restrictions which appear to be irksome, remember they are only made in the interest of all, and we know you will happily endure them for the 42 hours of your voyage.

You will find that those with younger children have been given priority in obtaining cabins. As a result, we hope that noisy children will not keep you awake all night.

There is a canteen on board which sells goods for BAFSVs (British Armed Forces Special Vouchers), commonly known as "BAFS."

During the voyage you will be given a Union Jack badge for wear in Germany.

Please do all you can to help the OC Troops and his staff. In return they will do all they can to make your voyage pleasant.

## 10. Facilities for Mothers during the Voyage

We hope you will make use of the following facilities which have been arranged to help mothers with small children.

## 11. Children's Food Preparation Room

On D Deck mid-ships there is a room where you can prepare your babies' food bottles. A WVS lady will be there to help you if you wish, at six o'clock and ten o'clock in the morning, at two o'clock and four o'clock in the afternoon and at eight o'clock in the evening. If at the beginning of the voyage you will tell the WVS lady your cabin number and how your babies food should be prepared, she will be glad to see that it is correctly made for you if seasickness or any other misfortune should prevent you from doing this yourself.



## 12. The Creche

There is a creche on the Promenade Deck, which is open from seven o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening. There is a WVS lady in attendance. You may leave your baby here during mealtimes or at any other time when you cannot conveniently look after it yourself.

## 13. The Nursery

Also on the promenade deck there is a Nursery where children up to five years of age may play.

## 14. Laundry Facilities

There is a washing room on C Deck, and two drying rooms on D Deck. Electric irons for use in the ironing room on E Deck may be had on application to a steward.

## 15. Your Arrival

You are due to arrive in CUXHAVEN in the early hours of the second day after you embark. You will receive over the loudspeakers careful instructions about times for breakfast. Listen for these, because if you are late you may find yourself short of time when you disembark.

Those in the same colour zones will feed together so take particular note of announcements referring to your colour.

We have tried to make arrangements so that you do not have to get up too early, but on the other hand don't leave things too late and find yourself ordered to disembark with all your packing still to do.

## 16. The Disembarkation Programme

The disembarkation programme is given briefly on pages 13 and 14. For a number of reasons it is liable to change and so you should take it only as a guide. A plan of the Cuxhaven Dock area can be seen on board.

There is no customs examination at Cuxhaven.





*With all your packing still to do*

## POINTS ABOUT DISEMBARKATION

### 17. Your Heavy Accompanied Baggage

This will be stacked by porters in the Reception Hall behind the quays. It will be stacked by colour zones under the initial letter of your name. When you yourself disembark, you will be asked to check that it is all there, and it will then be taken to the baggage van of your train. There will not be time to open your baggage.

### 18. Hand Baggage

Fifteen minutes before you are due to disembark you will be asked to proceed to your cabins and to put your hand baggage into the corridor for collection by the stewards who will deliver it to the Purser's Hall.

As you disembark you will pass through the Purser's Hall. A German porter will be waiting there to take your baggage on shore with you as soon as you identify it.



## 19. Disembarkation (other than the Green Night Train)

After passing down the gangway you will be conducted along a passage towards the Reception Hall. At a desk in this passage you will be asked to show your Military Entry Permit; so have it ready.

When you reach the Reception Hall you should first go to the booth bearing the initial letter of your surname (your last surname if your name is double-barrelled). There you will receive a slip of paper showing your name, your destination and your seat reservation number.

Your hold baggage will have been unloaded and laid out immediately opposite this booth. You will be led to this baggage which you should identify and then move on. There will not be time for you to open your hold baggage. You will pass also the ladies' cloak room, where you may wash and brush up. Next comes the "Officers' Transit Mess," where there is a buffet and a small NAAFI shop. Please pass all these "diversions" as rapidly as you can, and when told to do so follow the signs to your train.

If you are in doubt or difficulty, ask any member of the Movement Control staff (recognised by their armbands) or at the Information Desk.

## 20. Change of Destination

Since receiving your instructions to embark at Tilbury, there may have been a change in your destination in Germany and therefore your colour. If there is, it will be given out on the ship's loudspeakers during the voyage or after docking. If you are unlucky and your colour has been changed, you can get a supply of new labels with the correct colour from the Ship's Sergeant Major. These new labels will have to be substituted for the old ones on your hand baggage. The Port Commandant's staff will supply new labels for your hold baggage.

## 21. The Trains

If your destination is in the green zone you will travel on the GREEN DAY TRAIN, except those who have to detrain at either DUSSELDORF, ISERLOHN or COLOGNE. These are the most distant stations in the green zone.

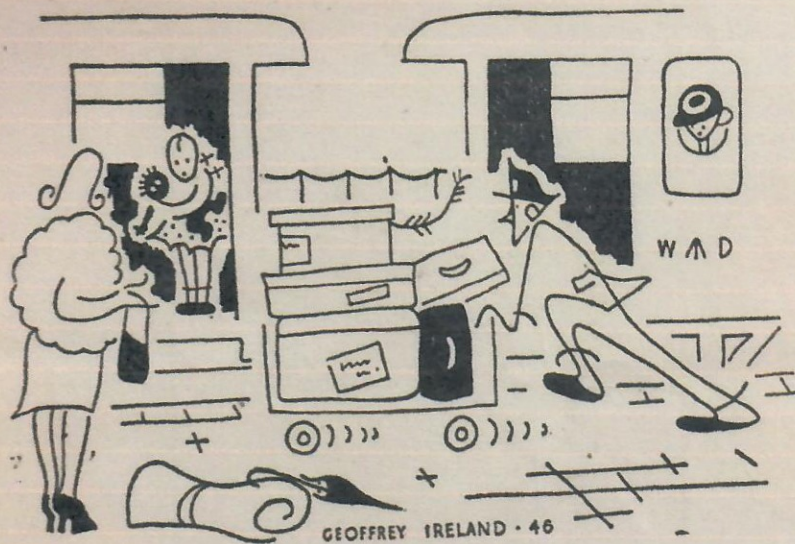


For those of you who are travelling to these distant places, it would have been far too long a day had you left on the morning train, so it was decided to give you some rest during the day and a comfortable journey in a sleeping car by night. You will travel in the GREEN NIGHT TRAIN.

If your destination is in the blue, the yellow, the orange or the red zone, you will travel on the BLUE TRAIN.

On each train there will be a Warrant Officer in charge. If you need help ask him.

If you have any difficulty at the station at which you get out you should ask the RTO for help.



*It is essential that your luggage is correctly labelled*

Your detraining station may not be the place where your husband is stationed; but do not let that worry you. Either your husband will meet you or if he is unable to do so, a unit vehicle will be sent for you.

## 22. The Blue Train

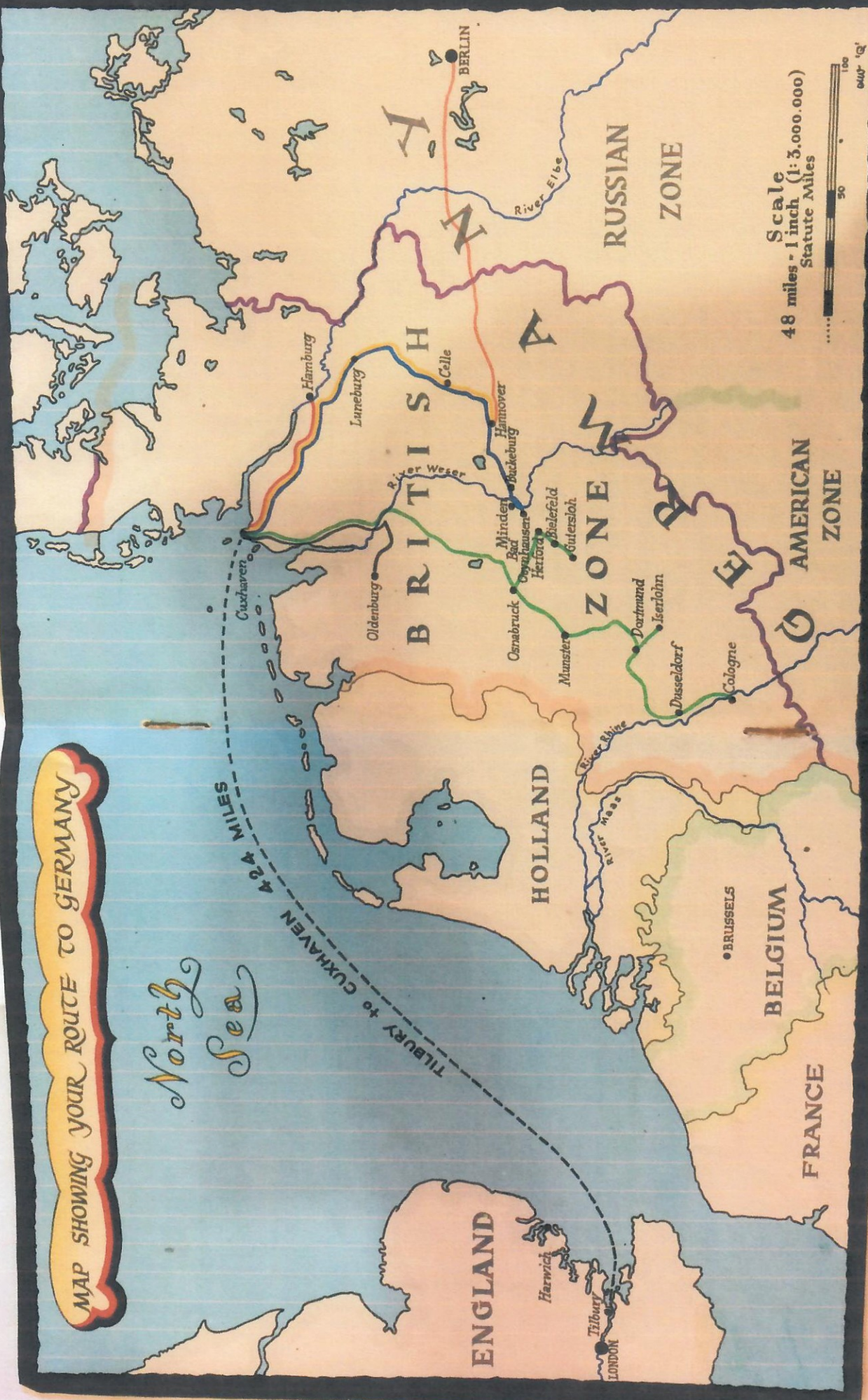
This train travels via HARBURG to LUNEBURG, UELZEN, CELLE, HANNOVER, BUCKEBURG, MINDEN and BAD OEYNHAUSEN.



MAP SHOWING YOUR ROUTE TO GERMANY

North Sea

TILBURY TO CUXHAVEN 424 MILES



Scale  
48 miles - 1 inch (1:3,000,000)  
Statute Miles





There are two restaurant cars in which meals will be available at the following times:—

	First Sitting	Second Sitting
Lunch	12.15—12.55	1.00—1.40
Tea	4.00— 4.30	4.35—5.00

When three sittings are necessary, times will be:—

	First Sitting	Second Sitting	Third Sitting
Lunch	12.00—12.40	12.45—13.25	13.30—14.10
Tea	3.45— 4.15	4.20— 4.50	5.00— 5.30

The Warrant Officer in charge of the train will tell you in which sitting you are.

A CVWW Welfare Worker will travel on this train to help you if necessary.

Those of you whose destination is in the red zone will detrain at HAMBURG. The portion of the train to which you will have been guided will be detached at HARBURG, just outside HAMBURG. These coaches will be taken into the city by another engine while the rest of the BLUE TRAIN goes on towards HANNOVER.

At HANNOVER those whose destination is in the yellow zone and who have not previously detrained, will get out and be taken to the local Transit Camp for the evening.

The majority of those whose destination is in the orange zone and have not previously detrained will have travelled as far as HANNOVER in a sleeping car attached to the BLUE train. This sleeping car will remain at HANNOVER until fifteen minutes past midnight when it will be attached to the night train to BERLIN. Those who did not have places on the sleeper will have had sleeper berths reserved on the BERLIN train which leaves Hannover at half past midnight. Unfortunately all passengers cannot ride in the same coach all the way from Cuxhaven to Berlin, as the normal Berlin train would become too large were this done.

From HANNOVER the train will proceed through the blue zone until it reaches the end of the journey at BAD OEYNHAUSEN early in the evening.



### 23. The Green Day Train

The GREEN DAY TRAIN travels via BREMEN, KIRCHWEYHE, OSNABRUCK and MUNSTER to APLERBECK, where passengers for DORTMUND will detrain.

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The Warrant Officer in charge of the train will tell you in which sitting you are.

A CVWW Welfare Worker will travel on this train to help you if necessary.

Those of you whose destination is in the white zone will have been guided to a coach which will be detached at KIRCHWEYHE.

If your detraining station is either HERFORD, BIELEFELD or GUTERSLOH you will find that the portion of the train in which you are travelling is detached at OSNABRUCK. From there these coaches will proceed separately, while the remainder of the GREEN DAY TRAIN continues southward to MUNSTER and APLERBECK.

### 24. The Green Night Train

This train goes to ISERLOHN, DUSSELDORF and COLOGNE. It consists of sleeper coaches.

A CVWW Welfare Worker will travel on this train to help you if necessary.

Passengers destined for this train after disembarkation, will be taken in motor coaches straight to the Services Families Hotel, CUXHAVEN, where there are private bedrooms (with hot and cold water laid on), bathrooms, rest rooms, lounges and nurseries. There is also a NAAFI shop.



On arrival in the hotel, you will be told your room number and escorted by a German girl. You will also receive a slip of paper giving your train berth reservation number.

The hotel is opposite CUXHAVEN Main Station from which the GREEN NIGHT TRAIN departs. While you are in the hotel you should ask to be shown your hold luggage which will be in the baggage room. If you cannot find it, you should ask one of the British members of the Hotel staff to report this to the Port Commandant immediately.

At ten minutes to six in the evening you will be asked to come to the Hotel Reception Hall to be ready to go to the station.

On arrival at the station each passenger will find one berth allotted. Be sure you get the right one. If you do not, you may arrive at some strange place to find no husband to meet you. The reason?

The GREEN NIGHT TRAIN drops coaches during the night at various places en route. You can then sleep on until morning in peace. You will understand therefore how important it is that you are in the right coach.

## 25. Restaurant Cars

There will be no charge during the journey for meals in restaurant cars, but each person having a meal will be asked for a meal ticket. The cost of these meals will be paid eventually by your husband. Meal tickets will be given to you by the Train Conducting Warrant Officer at the start of your rail journey.

There is wine to be bought for BAFSVs during meals.

A restaurant car normally holds forty-four persons.

## 26. Baggage in Trains

Each train has a baggage van with a soldier in charge. He is responsible for seeing that your baggage is put out at the right station, but please, even in the excitement of meeting your husband, go along to the van and check that everything comes out. There is not much time at alighting stations. So please help us by moving yourself, your chattels etc from the train as quickly as possible.



## DISEMBARKATION PROGRAMME AT CUXHAVEN

### To be taken as a Guide only

- 0600 hrs Ship docks.  
ESO (Embarkation Staff Officer) and representatives of the "Families Information Bureau" board. Last minute changes of location given out and appropriate new issues of coloured labels made.
- 0630 hrs Unloading of "Hold" baggage begins.  
Baggage will be stacked by colours, under appropriate (surname initials) letters in Reception Hall.
- 0745 hrs Local families are asked to proceed to their cabins to prepare for disembarkation.
- 0750 hrs Families who will travel on the GREEN DAY TRAIN are asked to proceed to their cabins to prepare for disembarkation.
- 0755 hrs Local Families disembark.
- 0800 hrs Families who will travel on the GREEN DAY TRAIN disembark.
- 0805 hrs Families whose destination is in the white zone are asked to proceed to their cabins to prepare for disembarkation.
- 0815 hrs Families for the white zone disembark.
- 0825 hrs Families whose destination is in the red zone are asked to proceed to their cabins to prepare for disembarkation.
- 0835 hrs Red zone families disembark.
- 0840 hrs GREEN DAY Train departs.



- 0850 hrs Families whose destination is in the BLUE zone are asked to proceed to their cabins to prepare for disembarkation.
- 0900 hrs BLUE zone families disembark.
- 0915 hrs Families whose destination is in either the YELLOW or ORANGE zone are asked to proceed to their cabins to prepare for disembarkation.
- 0925 hrs YELLOW and ORANGE zone families disembark.
- 0936 hrs BLUE TRAIN departs.
- 0950 hrs Families for the GREEN NIGHT TRAIN who will detrain at ISERLOHN, DUSSELDORF and COLOGNE, are asked to proceed to their cabins to prepare for disembarkation.
- 1000 hrs Families for the GREEN NIGHT TRAIN disembark. They then board motor coaches which will be waiting to drive to the ATLANTA HOTEL. Hold baggage is sent direct to the hotel.
- 1750 hrs Families who will travel on the GREEN NIGHT TRAIN are called to the Reception Hall in the ATLANTA HOTEL.
- 1810 hrs Families for the GREEN TRAIN proceed to CUXHAVEN Main Station and entrain.
- 1830 hrs GREEN NIGHT TRAIN departs.



## TRAIN TIMINGS

### GREEN DAY TRAIN

	hours	
Cuxhaven dep	0840	
Wesermunde—Lehe pass	0932	
Bremen Hbf arr	1052	GUTERSLOH Portion
Kirchweyhe	1125	Osnabruck dep 1320
Osnabruck	1310	Herford arr 1410
Munster	1415	Bielefeld 1433
Hamm Pbf	1502	Gutersloh 1456
Holzwickede	1543	
Aplerbeck	1555	

### BLUE TRAIN

	hours	
Cuxhaven dep	0936	
Harburg Vbf arr	1131	HAMBURG Portion
Luneburg     "	1226	Harburg Vbf dep 1144
Uelzen       "	1304	Hamburg Lang 1229
Celle         "	1415	Hamburg Altona 1244
Hannover Hbf "	1520	
Buckeburg   "	1632	
Minden       "	1648	
Bad Oeynhausen	1716	



## GREEN NIGHT TRAIN

Sleepers are detached at stations shown in CAPITALS

	hours	
Cuxhaven dep	1830	
Wesermunde—Bremerhaven	1928	
Bremen Hbf	2050	
Osnabruck	2301	
Munster	0006	
Hamm	0122	
Holzwickede	0205	
SCHWERTE	0237	— sleeper for ISERLOHN detached
Hagen Hbf	0327	Schwerte dep 0310
DUSSELDORF	0433	Iserlohn arr 0643
Neuss	0522	
Cologne Hbf	0604	

## WHITE TRAIN

OLDENBURG Portion  
Kirchweyhe dep 11.40  
Oldenburg arr 13.26