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**Uniform of Feldwebel Guenther, first aircraft mechanic of Hans Ulrich Rudel - Details**



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This uniform belongs to Feldwebel Friedrich Günther, the first aircraft mechanic of Hans-Ulrich Rudel. Hans-Ulrich Rudel was the most well known pilot in the German Luftwaffe, who was decorated with Knights Cross with Golden Oak Leaves and Diamonds.

Please click on details to see photos and description.



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#### Physical description:

The four pocket tunic (size M), is manufactured from fine blue cloth. All buttons still have about 40-50% of its color left. The machine stitched EN/NCO type breast eagle has been zig-zag sewn onto the jacket. The swastika covered the pocket which was quite common. The rank is Oberfeldwebel, so there is a silver tress going around the collar shoulderboards which each have one silver star. The yellow collar tabs have 3 wings each which equates to the rank of Oberfeldwebel and have been machine sewn onto the tunic. The right sleeve has a very nice machine-stitched unit badge manufactured from dark blue cloth. The shows the name of the unit Feldwebel Günther served in: -Geschwader 101. Of course is the same unit as Hans-Ulrich Rudel served.

The left arm the uniform has the machine stitched badge for aircraft crew members. In June 1941, there was a regulation that there had to be a 3mm golden cord around this badge when the soldier performed special service as a mechanic.

Feldwebel Günther was good enough to be awarded with this badge.

The liner is from dark grey-blue silk. The cloth on the inside of the arms is from white cloth with stripes. The jacket label: Karl Meierjürgen, Langensalza.

This uniform has seen some years of service, but I would rate the condition as good (2+). There are no repair damage!

#### Provenance of tunic:

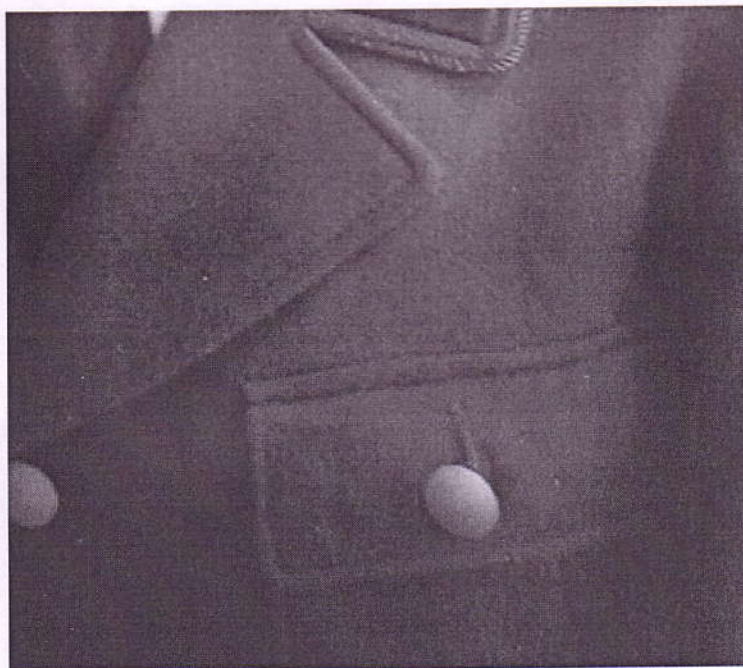
The jacket came from the family of Feldwebel Günther some years ago and a portrait photo was part of the lot. This portrait shows Feldwebel Günther as a Flak Gefreiter wearing the same tunic as is offered here.

He was later transferred from Flak to Flieger but still kept his uniform.

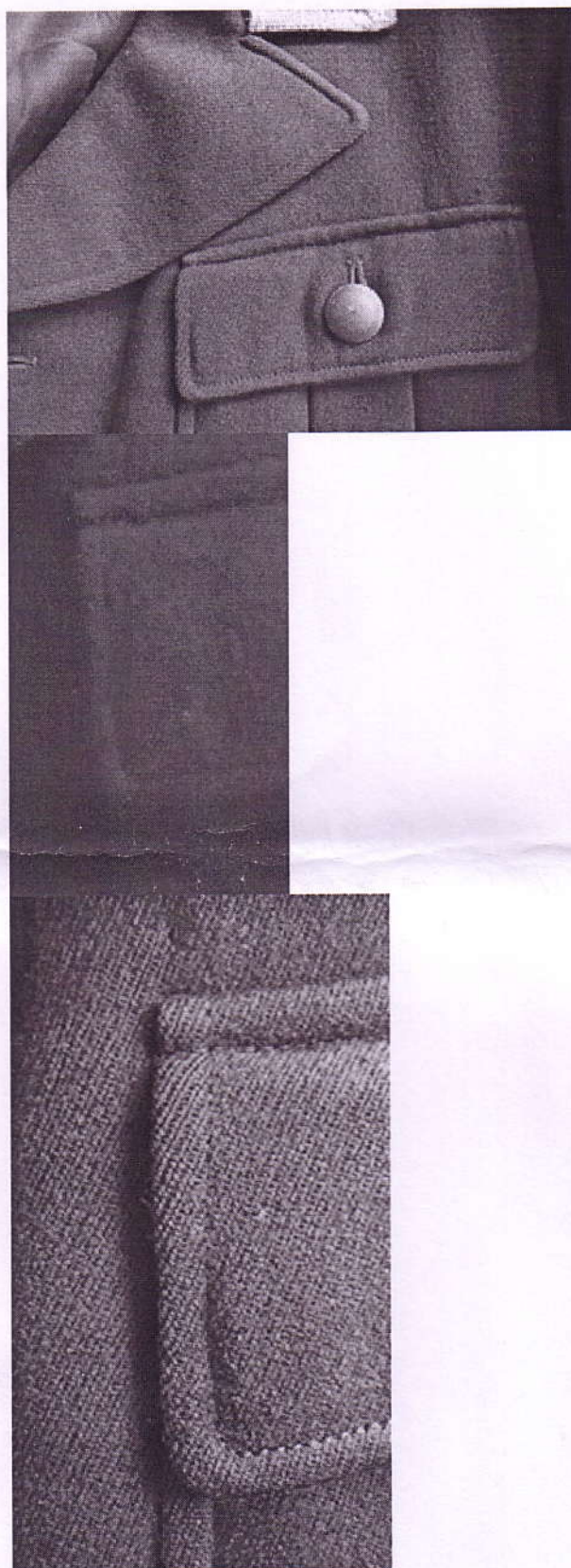
The Gefreiter arm badge was removed with this change, and you still able to see where it was on the right sleeve offered here.

As he was transferred and promoted he had to change collar tabs and shoulder boards. took the red cord around the collar of course kept his breast eagle.

If you look at the pictures below they can clearly see that the uniform on the photo is certainly the same tunic!









The tailors label is from Langensalza. Langensalza was the city where the III. Gruppe of Sturzkampfgeschade founded in 1939.

The III. Gruppe of Immelmann was commanded by Hans-Ulrich Rudel from July 1943 until August 1944. Feld course wears the Geschwader Immelmann cuffband as did Hans-Ulrich Rudel.

Further proof of the close relationship between Feldwebel Günther and Hans-Ulrich Rudel is a photo published in 1983.

The photo shows Rudel congratulated by General Pflugbeil. Again, the title identifies Rudel as -Kommandeur - was III. group of Immelman.

On back of the photo you can most clearly identify Feldwebel Günther with his characteristic, straight face.

The title even mentions Feldwebel Günther saying -dahinter auf dem Foto rechts Feldwebel Günther, der 1. Fl Kommandeurs-. Translation: -on the back of the photo Feldwebel Günther, the commanders (Rudel) first aircr-

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**General der Flieger Pflugbeil spricht dem Kommandeur der III./St. G 2, Hauptmann Rudel, zum 1500. Dank und Anerkennung aus. Mitte: Ofw. Hentschel, dahinter auf dem Foto rechts Feldwebel Günther, der 1. Flugzeugwart des Kommandeurs.**

I know that in these times, it is hard to believe all the stories being told, but I hope this proof help you to conclude 100% genuine and has been worn by a very close comrade of Hans-Ulrich Rudel. The uniform is certainly a good collection of a serious Luftwaffe collector, or even a specialist Rudel collector.

The tunic was purchased from the family a few years ago by a collector and the trousers of Feldwebel Günther



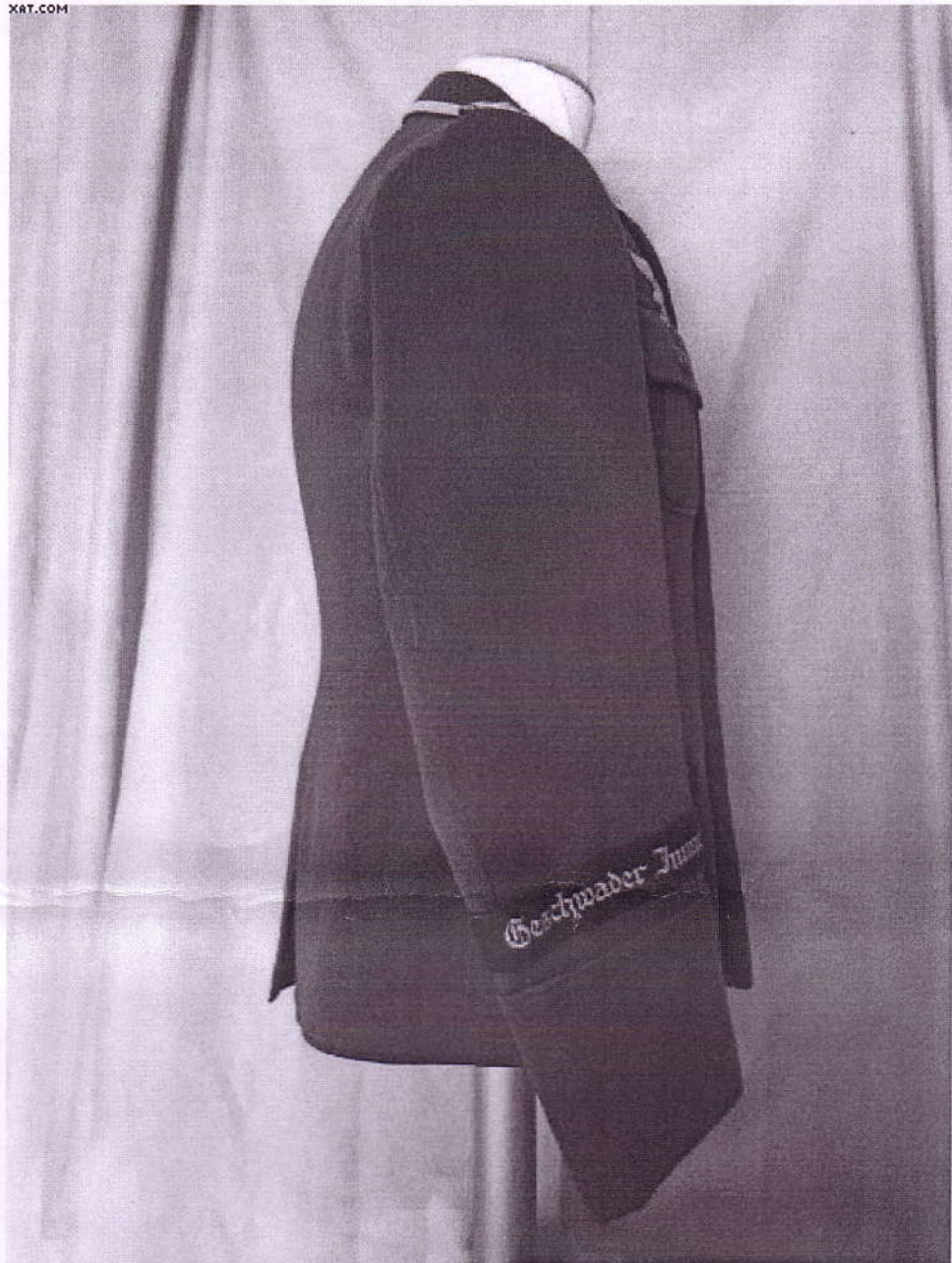
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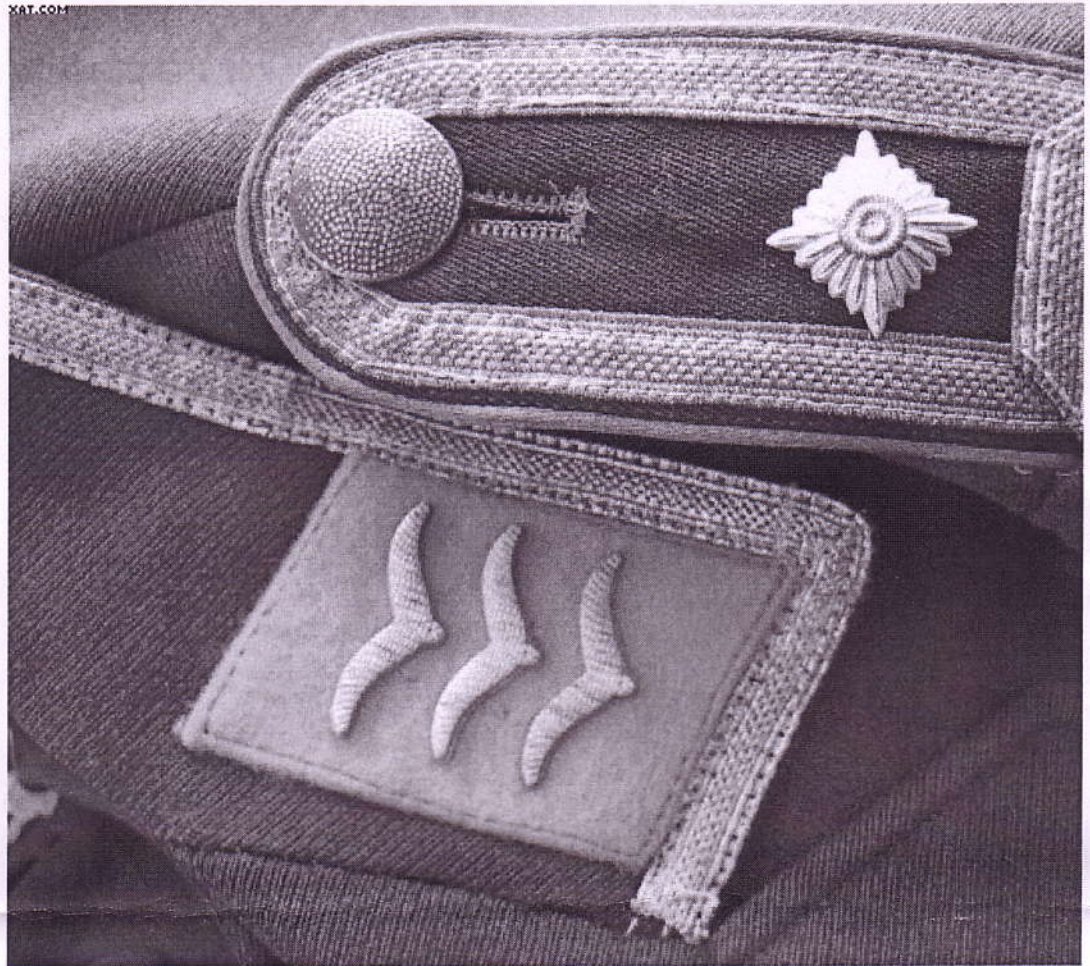




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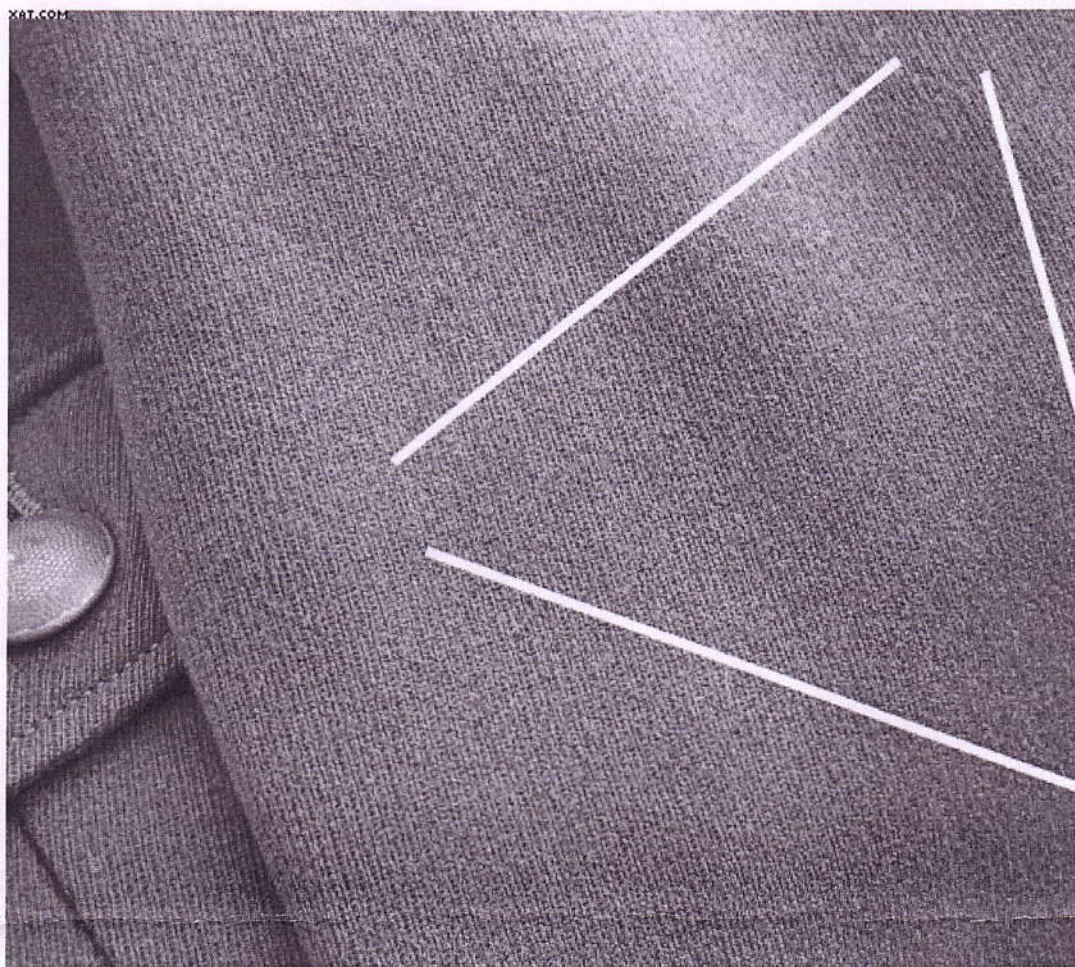








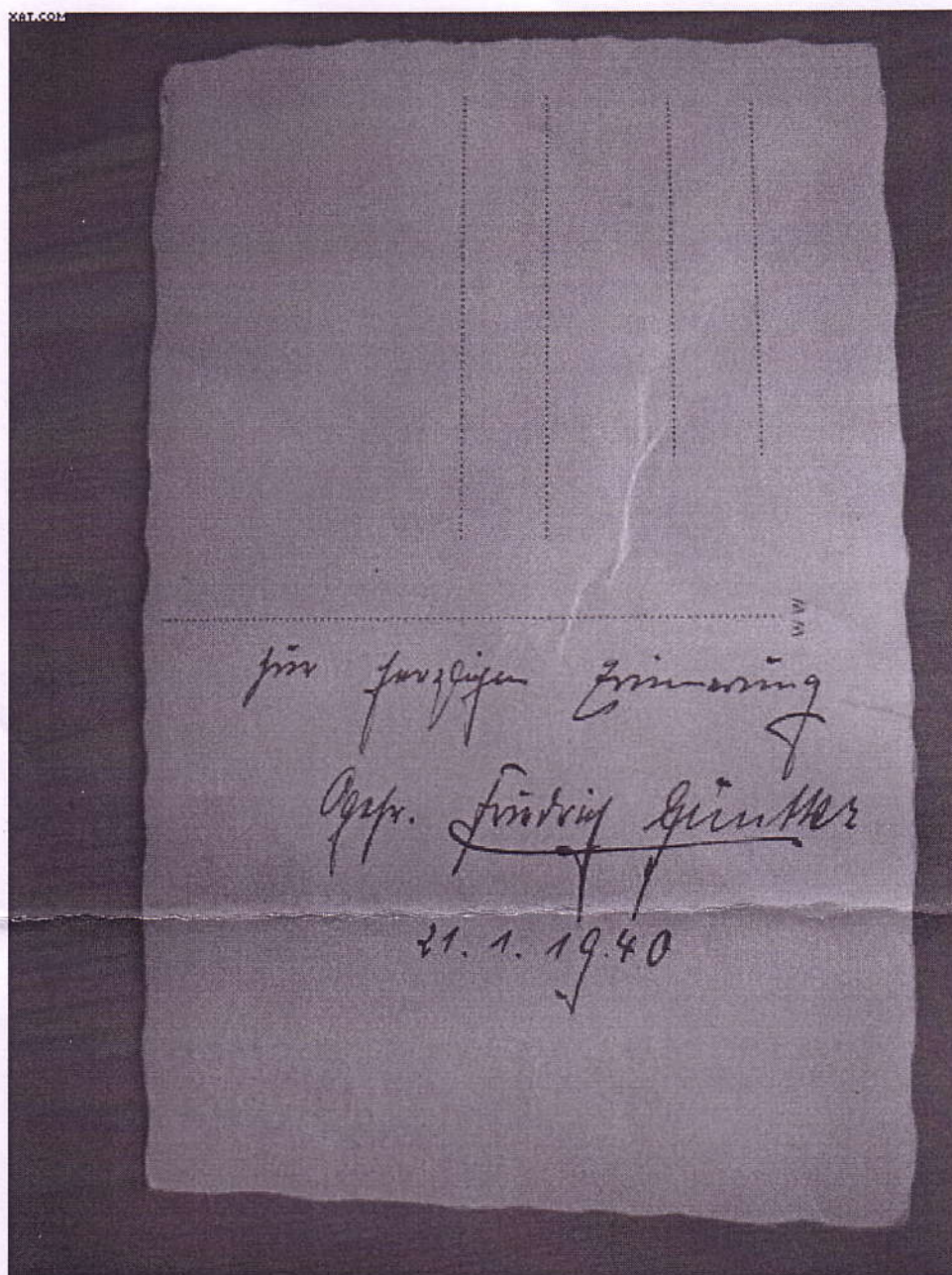












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*Hauptmann Rudel mit seinem 1. Wart Feldwebel Günther, November 1943*