

AN EXCEPTIONAL AND VERY LARGE GERMAN WW1 AVIATION DOCUMENT, ARTEFACT AND ALBUM GROUP TO JEWISH FIGHTER PILOT JACOB WOLFF, ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE PILOTS OF WW1 WHO FLEW WITH KEK METZ AND JASTA 17. WITH OUT DOUBT ONE OF THE FINEST AND MOST COMPLETE GERMAN WW1 FIGHTER PILOTS GROUPS TO COME ON THE MARKET IN RECENT YEARS



Not only is the group amazing, the pilot himself was quite remarkable. A rich Jewish business man (Cigar manufacturer) who at 46 in 1914 was exempt from the Army, yet fought prejudice and his age to become the oldest German fighter pilot off WW1 and possibly of all nations. Originally flying 2 seaters, he flew Fokker EIII's in Kek Metz with the likes of Hermann Goering and other later Aces. As an original member of

Jasta 17 when it was formed, he was promoted Lieutenant from reserve NCO rank; this being something almost unheard of in the German Army. He was severely wounded in a dog fight in mid 1917 and did not return to active service due to wounds. At this point he had 4 confirmed victories and 4 unconfirmed, though at least 2 of the latter were so clear cut, he was most unfortunate not to have them confirmed.

In the early 1920's, Wolff formed an intimate club of around 15 wartime friends called the 'Iron Pilots'. These friends were some of the greatest living Aces, the likes of Baumer, Jacobs, Lothar and Bolko Von Richthofen, Lorezer, Bulow-Bothkamp, Bongartz, Muller, Bolle, Von Boeningk, Schlottmann, Von Haeseler, Schlz-Dornburg etc. Meetings seem to have been held in Wolff's and Bulow-Bothkamp's extensive properties in the early 20's and within the documents and album group are multiple letters and photographs relating to these meetings.

On the document side there is everything bar his logbook; documents for every promotion, award, victory confirmations, Soldbuch's, Honour goblet, letters from Kek Metz and Jasta 17, post war condolence letters from other aces such as Udet and a great number of other Aces signatures throughout the group etc etc

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1) WOLFF'S INTERNATIONAL PILOTS LICENSE

Wolff's Blue leather card DLV for monoplane and biplane, issued on July 23, 1915
Serial No. .: 923

Also large (22,5x16cm) Portrait photo of Jacob Wolff as a lieutenant of the Air Force

2) SUPERB 900 SILVER STAMPED CIGARETTE CASE GIVEN TO WOLFF BY CAPTAIN VON SEEL, COMMANDER OF JASTA 17 RELATING TO ONE OF HIS VICTORIES WITH JASTA 17. INSIDE AN ENGRAVED DEDICATION FROM VON SEEL, DATED JUNE 1917.

This is a superb piece, an original photo of which in one of Wolff's photo albums. Still has several cigarettes in it!

3) ENGRAVED SILVER CLOTHS BRUSH BELONGING TO WOLFF

This with Wolff's monogram to top.

4) LARGE GROUP OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS OF THE FIGHTER PILOT LIEUTENANT JACOB WOLFF FROM FELDFLIEGERABTEILUNG 34, KEK METZ AND JASTA 17. ALSO ALL PROMOTION DOCUMENTS, SOLDUCH, PASSES, LETTERS ETC ETC – Most of Wolff's Award documents are listed below but there is a huge number of other documents and letters related to Wolff's service and a great many documents from Kek Metz and especially Jasta 17. All together there are approximately 250 documents, letters or other items of paperwork!

a) Two excellent large portrait photos as a lieutenant, size 22.5 x 16 cm

b) Portrait photo as a sergeant pilot, size 23.8 x 17 cm or 15.3 x 10.7cm

WOLFF AWARD DOCUMENTS:

a) Rare award document for Ehrenbecher; HONOR GOBLET FOR THE WINNER IN AIR COMBAT, awarded on 23 February 1917, OU: Lieutenant General. v. Hoepfner with the original copy and the copy of the order of the day

b) Award document for IRON CROSS 1st class, awarded on May 30, 1917
enclose the original proposal for awarding EK I.

c) Award document for IRON CROSS 2nd Class, awarded on July 1, 1916

d) Award document for PILOT BADGE, presented on 10 September 1916

e) Award document for House Order of THE WHITE FALCON Knight Second Division with swords, Saxe-Weimar with a cover letter, the statutes and envelope

f) Award document for HAMBURG HANSEATIC CROSS, awarded on 3 November 1916 enclose the award proposal

g) Award document for possession of LANDWEHR SERVICE AWARD 2.CLASS, awarded on 16 April 1903

h) Award document for TURKISH SILVER MEDAL OF THE RED CRESCENT MOON, awarded on October 3, 1916 with letter and cover letter for the "INSIGNIA", awarded on June 30, 1917

i) Award document for REMEMBRANCE BADGE the war 1914/18, awarded in May 1919
with glued envelope and wax seal

j) Three documents on the application for award of the AVIATOR RETIRED PILOT BADGE

k) Nine documents for the awarding of RESCUE MEDAL - 2x governorates command with the award, a copy of the verlung by the Flight Park 5. Copies of the reports, testimonies and sketches regarding the rescue

l) Ten personal information documents including combat data, data on the ceremonies of the various Orders and decorations etc

AERIAL VICTORY CONFIRMATION DOCUMENTS:

a) Rare document from General Adolf von Oven confirming Wolff's FIRST SUCCESSFUL AIR COMBAT, presented on 20 September 1916

b) Rare document confirming Wolff's SECOND SUCCESSFUL AIR COMBAT, 21

May 1917

c) Two original Rare documents confirming Wolff's the THIRD SUCCESSFUL AIR COMBAT, 12 June 1917

d) Rare document confirming Wolff's FOURTH SUCCESSFUL AIR COMBAT, August 15, 1917 with testimony

OTHER ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:

a) TWO SOLDBUCH's, civilian driving license of Jacob Wolff. Both Soldbuch's with the entries of the different squadrons

b) Various documents from Wolff's service prior to World War 1

c) Various letters and documents around the promotion to lieutenant. Wolff had to join a denomination to become Promoted.

e) Three Feldpostbriefe Wolff written by him on specially prepared Stationery

f) Two period magazines in which Wolff featured

g) 1918 dated Documents giving detailed description of Wolff's, his ranks, units served with dates, awards/dates, unconfirmed and confirmed aerial victories

h) Various letters regarding the end of Wolff's active service pilot (Age-related and spinal injury) and the subsequent employment with the Hanseatische Flugzeugwerke Karl Caspar AG- Medical records, certificates, letters of hospitals ...

i) After the war, Wolff met with other old fighter pilot and they established the "Iron pilots"
Various documents, letters with list of names, addresses etc, reports of meetings, bills submitted (eg 2.2kg Caviar, 36 bottles Campagner, wine .. for 20 men)

j) About 18 condolence letters or telegrams, for example, by Harry von Bülow-Bothkamp, Paul Bäumer (43 victories), Udet (62 Victories), Von der Goltz, the Aero Club Germany and many others ...

k) Post War addresses of a large number of Aces; Baumer, Boeningk, Bolle, Bongartz, Buckler, Bulow, Goltz, Jacobs, Kampf, Loerzer, Muller, Von Richthofen, Udet etc etc

Also a very number of other documents and letters also, a quite incredible collection.

5) LARGE PORTRAIT PHOTO, size 22.5 X 16 CM, AS A LIEUTENANT PILOT WEARING THE HOUSE ORDER. THIS HE WEARS ERRONEOUSLY AS A NECK BADGE

6) SPARE TEXT PAGES FROM WOLFF'S SPECIALLY COMMISSIONED PHOTO ALBUMS

These are duplicate text pages from Wolff's specially commissioned photo albums. Wolff used his logbook, unit war diaries etc to tell of his and his units story. Everything was professionally typed up with room for photos and documents (these albums can be seen in a separate listing) and a large number of these pages without photographs added were kept.

7) JAKOB WOLFF LARGE PHOTO AND FAMILY SCRAPBOOK ALBUM

Album contains a large number of original photographs of Wolff along with copies of some of the documents, pictures etc. Basically the family look to have put this album together as a snapshot of Wolff's military service and post war life, using unused and spare original photos.

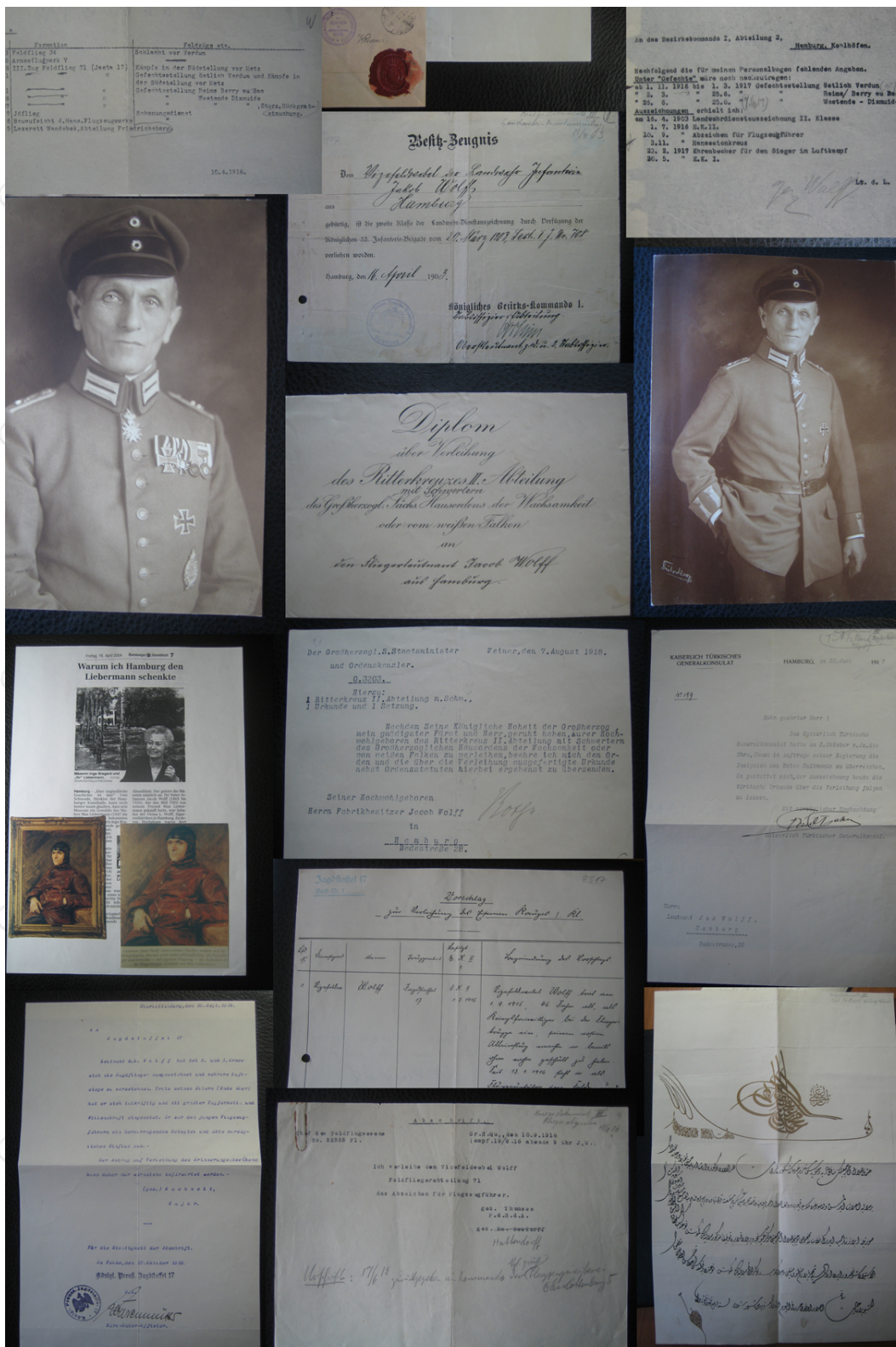
Of the original photos in the album, of particular note are some large original portrait photos of Wolff in uniform and flying kit, a large photo of Wolff and Jasta 17 Ace Julius Buckler and a small number of wartime shots throughout.

Wolff remained close friends with a large number of Aces post War, in particular Harry Von Bulow Bothkamp and Paul Baumer. There are a large number of photos from 1924 showing Wolff and Baumer with aircraft from Baumer's civil aircraft company (and another in event in 1925), a signed letter from Von Bulow Bothkamp talking of one of the 'Iron pilot's' events in 1924 with photos from this meeting, more from a visit to Von Bulow Bothkamp's home in 1925. Also photographs and documents relating to a National Balloon event in 1925, a series of photos taken at flying event in 1923 (various personalities), dinner parties with various Aces, the wedding of Von Bulow Bothkamp and post war photos of these Aces, also Udet, Bruno Loerzer. There are numerous photos of Wolff's wife, his home, friends and family. Non original photos include shots of aircraft and Wolff's uniform/awards in the German Air Force Museum. There are also numerous copies of documents from his award group.

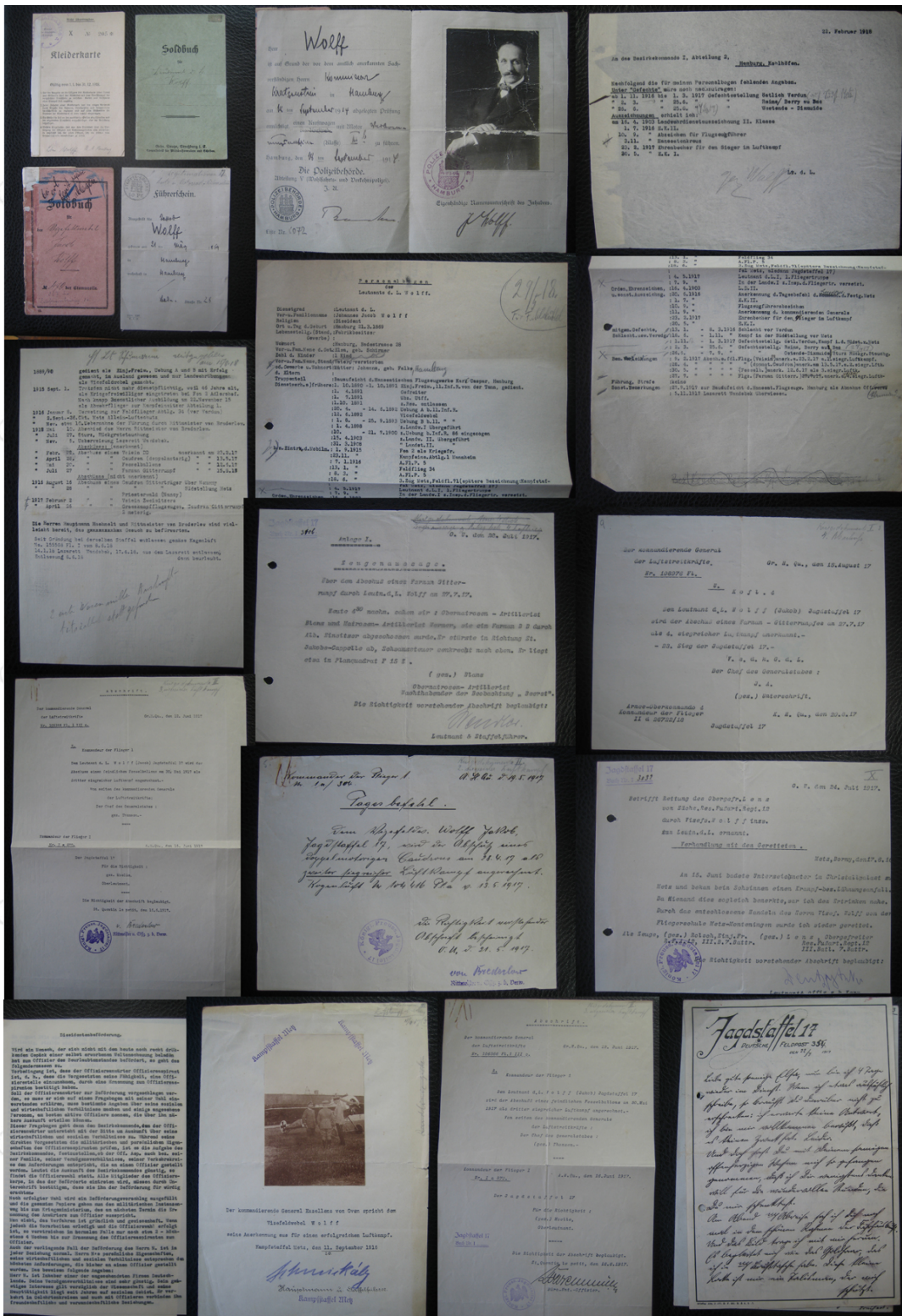
8) TWO LARGE FILES OF DOCUMENTS AND ARTICLES

Together with the album, there is an an additional folder full of documents on Jacob Wolff. Many of the documents in the Jakob Wolff file are copies of the original documents, articles on Wolff but there are lots of other documents not include in the original document group, copy photos, post War letters, postcards etc etc. Another large folder is included, the content being Eberhart Wolff, his son, who was "allowed" to serve the Luftwaffe as a so called "Halbjuden". Many Nazi documents and letters in this group

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN A PICTURES OF A SMALL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS IN THE GROUP THE CIGARETTE CASE, UNIFORM BRUSH AND PICS FROM THE ALBUM







Jagdstaffel 17
FELDPOST.
Hamburg 30
Bismarckstr. 137

2162
Telegraphie des
Hamburg Telegraphenamt
Hamburg

Die Reichspostverwaltung hat die Posten
für die Reichspostverwaltung
Hamburg

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Interzeichnete Firma empfiehlt
HACIFA-CIGARREN
ausgezeichnet durch besonders milde, dabei würzige Qualität.
6 SCHLAGER IN GANZ DEUTSCHLAND
VON KÖNIGEN RECHENBERG

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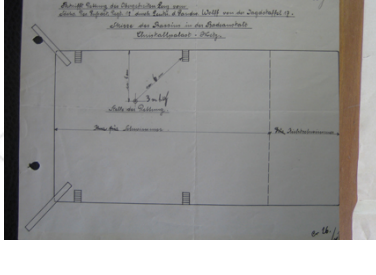
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Führer-Listen, Einheiten.				
Name	Adresse	Verwandt	1. d. Nr.	Antwort
Adolf Hitler	Hitlerstr. 1, München	Nein	1	1
Joseph Goebbels	Goebbelsstr. 1, Berlin	Nein	2	2
Albert Speer	Speerstra. 1, Berlin	Nein	3	3
Ernst Röhm	Röhmstr. 1, München	Nein	4	4
Heinrich Himmler	Himmlerstr. 1, München	Nein	5	5
Karl Doorman	Doormanstr. 1, Berlin	Nein	6	6
Werner Goldberg	Goldbergstr. 1, Berlin	Nein	7	7
Anton Drexler	Drexlerstr. 1, München	Nein	8	8
Julius Fick	Fickstr. 1, Berlin	Nein	9	9
Alfred Rosenberg	Rosenbergstr. 1, Berlin	Nein	10	10
Walter Diewerge	Diewergestr. 1, Berlin	Nein	11	11
Ulrich Greifelt	Greifeltstr. 1, Berlin	Nein	12	12
Wolfgang Klopfer	Klopferstr. 1, Berlin	Nein	13	13
Walter Schulze	Schulzestr. 1, Berlin	Nein	14	14
Walter Diewerge	Diewergestr. 1, Berlin	Nein	15	15
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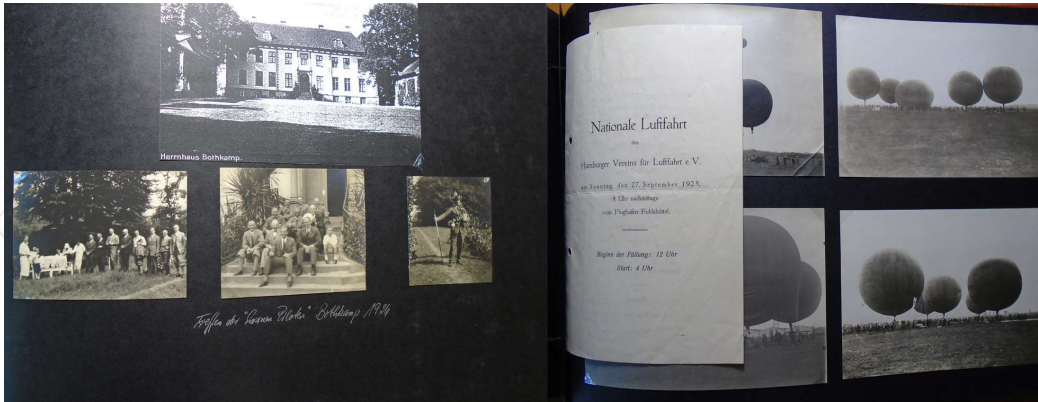
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Treffen der "Laren Piloten" Bonkamp 1924



Wasserkuppe Rhön Sept. 23
Thüringen



Hobart
Harry v. B.



Treffen der "Laren Piloten" Bonkamp 1924



Der kommandierende General Detallens von Oren spricht den
Vizefeldwebel W. 2 f f
seine Anerkennung aus für einen erfolgreichen Luftkampf.
Kampffeldwebel Hets, den 11. September 1916
Hannover

Bruno Lohse (12)



