



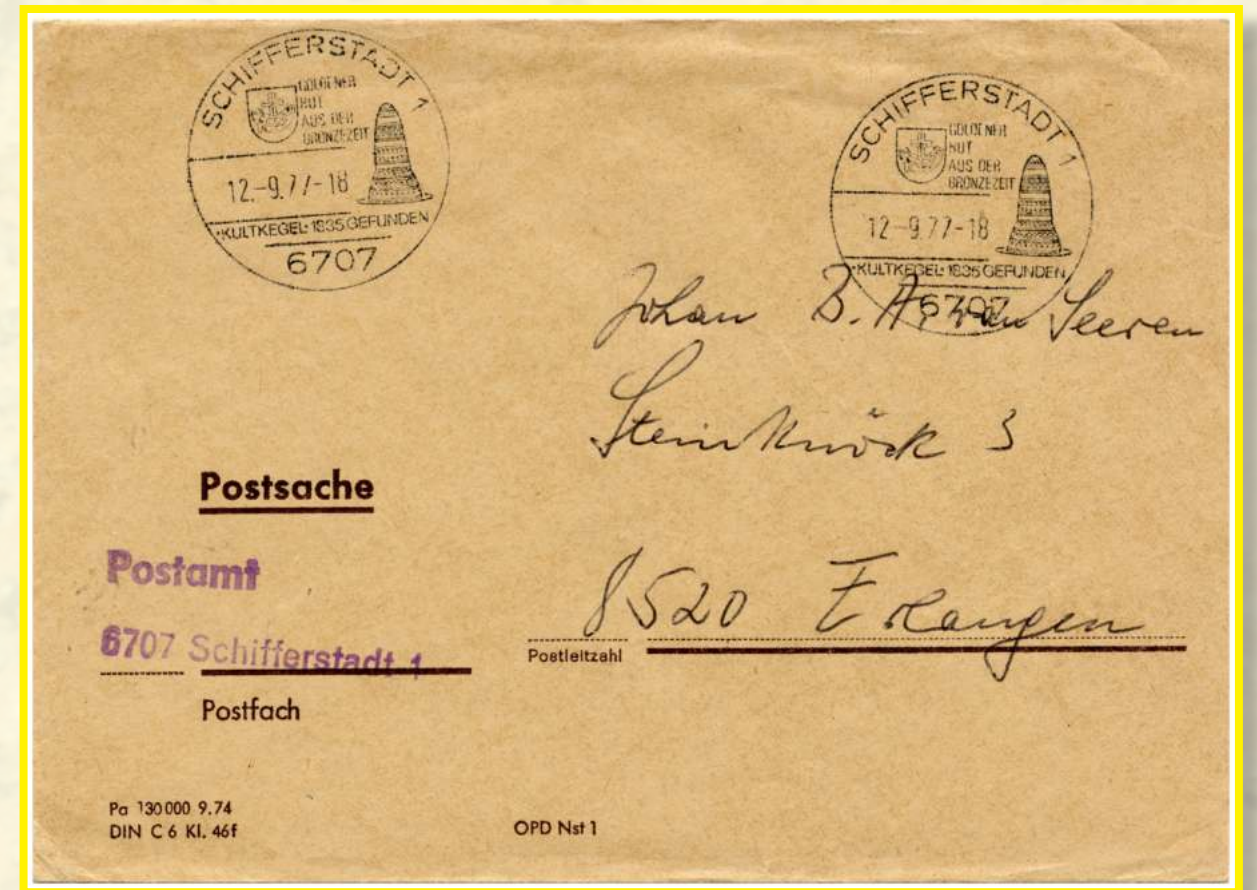
Commemorative issue for archaeological discovery
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The hat is in the shape of a tall cone, approximately 2.5 feet high and 7 inches wide, with a flat brim, made of a 350 gram thin sheet of gold and decorated by rows of horizontal symbols.

The Golden Hat of Schifferstadt

The Golden Hat of Schifferstadt, a Bronze Age artefact, was discovered on 29 April 1835 in a farmer's field near Schifferstadt in southwestern Germany, then the Kingdom of Bavaria.

It was found buried about 2 feet deep and filled with a loose mixture of earth and ash while sitting on top of a clay block. It was most likely used as the exterior cover of a hat or headress, probably for the ceremonial purposes of a Sun Cult priesthood. Three other golden hats have since been discovered but this is the oldest.



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Nassau to Köln (Cologne), Germany, 16 March 1977
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Commemorative hand cancel depicting the Golden Hat



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It is now displayed in Speyer Historical Museum.