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A large number of the smaller railways in Switzerland have operated mail services. Some have run travelling railway post offices but many more have offered a supplement to the normal post office services. It has often been possible to post letters at the local railway station when other services have been closed. So not only have packages and parcels been cancelled with railway postmarks but letters as well. Enthusiasts have been aware of this for some time and some fine collections built up. My own modest accumulation contains a variety of sizes and types. Many are rectangular but the one illustrated for the MThB, Mittel-Thurgau-Bahn is a more unusual circular design and issued at Kreuzlingen-Oberdorf station. However I have a query. Where is this station? It does not appear in any of my lists. Can readers help?



RENEWALS 2000 - Dave Howsam

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