Notes:

These Specialized pages include spots for all major varieties. They also include spots for most plate flaws, overprint flaws, etc.

Vorläufer and mitläufer (forerunners) are not included. I anticipate providing a separate file for those in the future.

All watermarks are as viewed from the rear of the stamp. Unless otherwise noted, all plate flaw positions are for partial issues, meaning the plate flaws appear at the position noted on some, but not all, printed sheets.

On pages with stamp photos included, there may be some stamp photos missing due to my inability to find suitable images of those stamps.

At the end of each set is a blank page for each page style used in the set. If you would like additional pages that include custom boxes, text, etc., in a style that exactly matches the existing pages, or if you would like further customizations (odd-size stamp, additional boxes, etc.) to the existing pages, please send me a note through the "Contact Admin" form that's in the footer of every page on my website.

NOTE ON PRINTING: If, when printing, you have the option to print the pages actual size or shrink them to fit the paper, do not select shrink to fit! Doing so will shrink all content, including the stamp boxes, resulting in them being too small. The pages should print correctly at actual size, regardless of any warnings your printer might give.

Cheers,

PostmasterGS



In the 1850s, German traders first established a foothold on the northern and eastern coasts of New Guinea, as well as on the surrounding smaller islands.

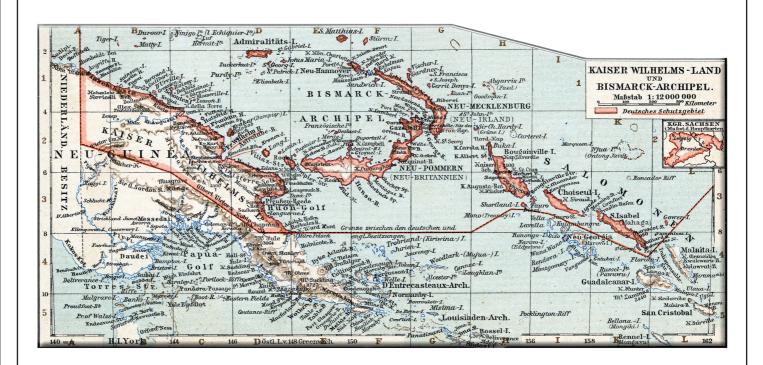
In May 1885, the German government entered into an agreement with the Neu Guinea Compagnie (New Guinea Company), under the terms of which the Company was authorized to acquire further lands as it saw fit. In return, the Company was to expand German influence within the area, and to build and maintain the local governmental institutions.



Flag of the German Colonial Office

On 1 April 1899, the German government formally took control of the area formerly administered by the Neu Guinea Compagnie, as it had become cost prohibitive for the privately funded Company to develop and maintain the colony. An Imperial Governor was appointed to govern the colony, and in a reorganization of the German holdings in the South and Central Pacific, administration of the German colonies in the Carolines (1899), Marianas (1899), and Marshalls (1906) was eventually transferred to the Imperial Governor of German New Guinea.

German New Guinea was quickly conquered by Australian forces at the outbreak of WWI, and as with all of Germany's colonial possessions at the time, it was not returned to German control following the war. Instead, it became a League of Nations Protectorate under Australian control.





Neu Guinea Compagnie Card

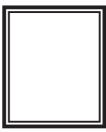
15 February 1888

On 15 February 1888, the Neu Guinea Compagnie introduced this 2 Mark packet card for use in Deutsch-Neuguinea. The packet card fell out of use with the introduction of German forerunners as the primary form of postage in 1889.

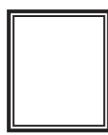


Bern "Deutsch-Neu-Guinea" Overprint Issues

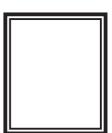
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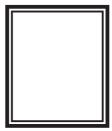
Medium Brown 3 Pfennig



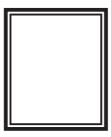
(Bright) Opal Green 5 Pfennig



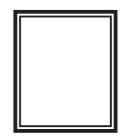
Bright Lilac Red 10 Pfennig



Violet Ultramarine 20 Pfennig



Yellowish Orange 25 Pfennig



Bright Reddish Brown 50 Pfennig

In February 1897, the Reichsdruckerei printed 800 copies of the "Deutsch-Neu-Guinea" overprints for the Universal Postal Union in Bern, Switzerland. The issues feature a heavier overprint than the normal issues, and the 3 Pfennig value is in a different color – medium brown.

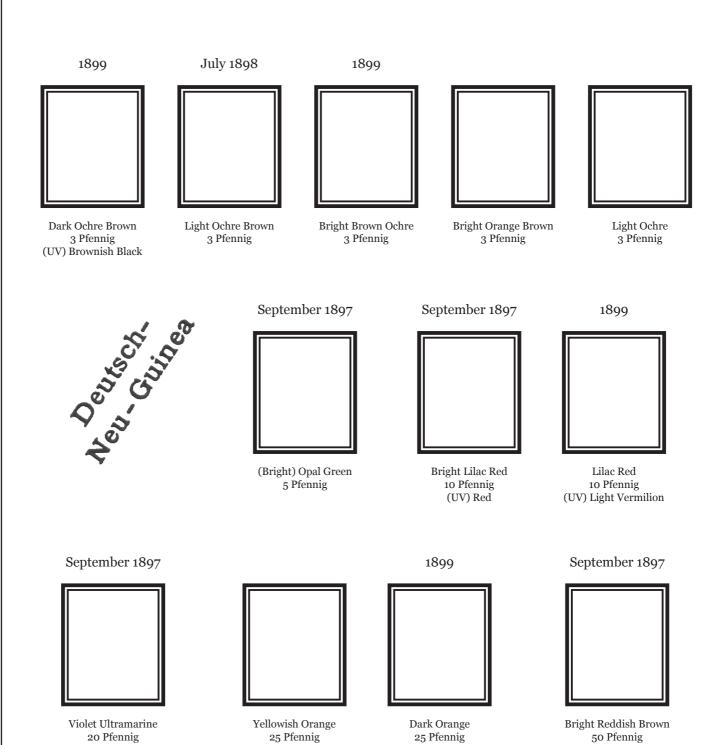


Printing presses at the Reichsdruckerei



"Deutsch-Neu-Guinea" Overprint Issues

September 1897 – 1899

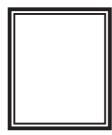




"Deutsch-Neu-Guinea" Overprint Issues

Overprint Variety & Plate Flaws

Inverted Overprint 1899



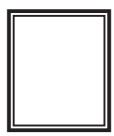
Dark Orange 25 Pfennig

1899



Dark Ochre Brown 3 Pfennig (UV) Brownish Black

July 1898



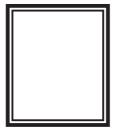
Light Ochre Brown 3 Pfennig

Break in scroll (right)



Posn. 33, 38, 83, 88

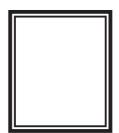
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Bright Brown Ochre 3 Pfennig



Bright Orange Brown 3 Pfennig



Light Ochre 3 Pfennig



"Deutsch-Neu-Guinea" Overprint Issues

Plate Flaws



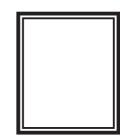
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Broken "I" (right)

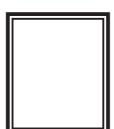


Posn. 22, 27, 72, 77

1899



Dark Orange 25 Pfennig



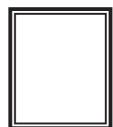
Yellowish Orange 25 Pfennig

Broken "I" (right)



Posn. Unk.

1899



Dark Orange 25 Pfennig

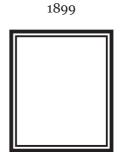


Yellowish Orange 25 Pfennig

Dot beside lower left scroll (right)



Posn. Unk.

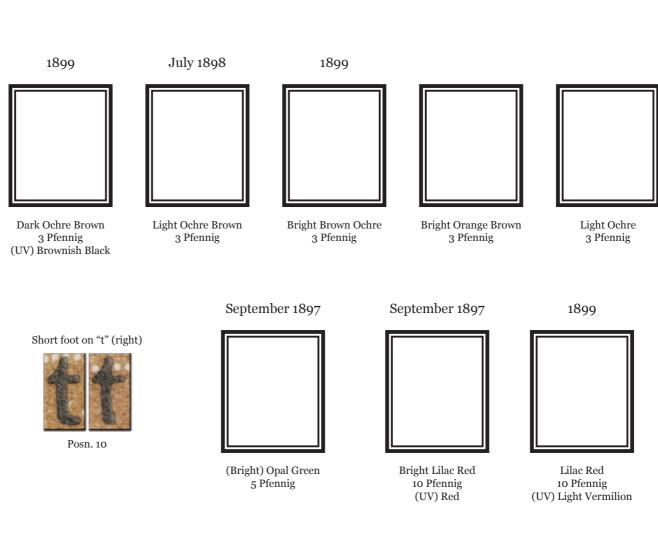


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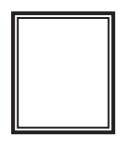


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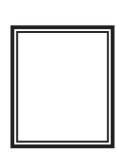
Overprint Flaws



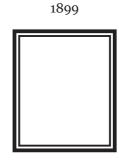




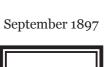
Violet Ultramarine 20 Pfennig

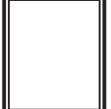


Yellowish Orange 25 Pfennig



Dark Orange 25 Pfennig





Bright Reddish Brown 50 Pfennig

September 1897

Violet Ultramarine

20 Pfennig



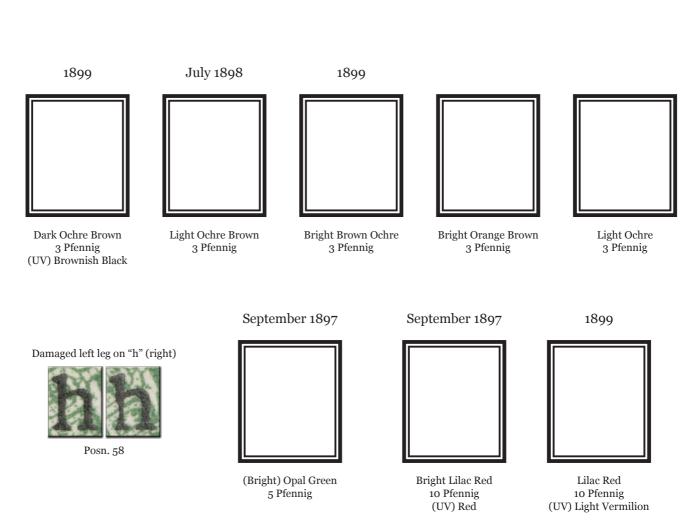
September 1897

Bright Reddish Brown

50 Pfennig

"Deutsch-Neu-Guinea" Overprint Issues

Overprint Flaws



Yellowish Orange

25 Pfennig

1899

Dark Orange

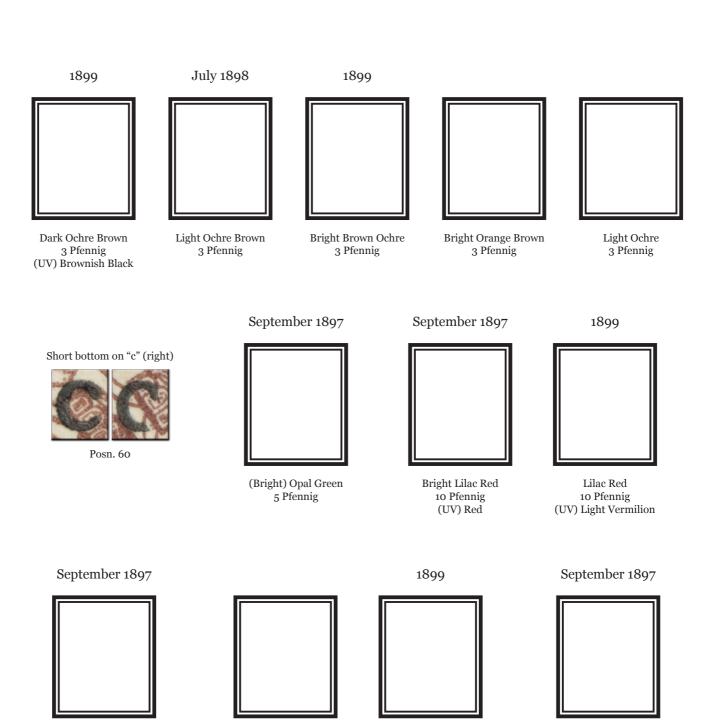
25 Pfennig





"Deutsch-Neu-Guinea" Overprint Issues

Overprint Flaws



Yellowish Orange

25 Pfennig

Dark Orange

25 Pfennig

Bright Reddish Brown

50 Pfennig

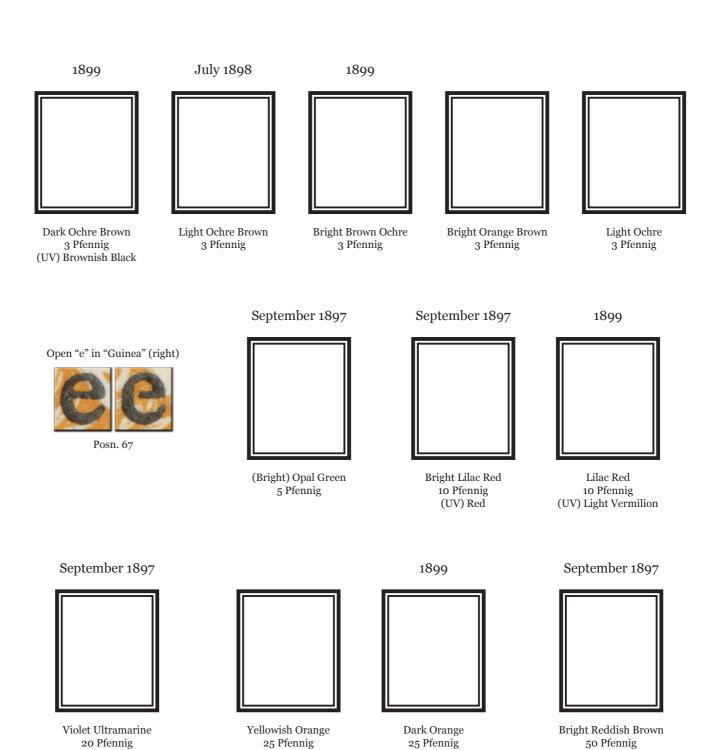
Violet Ultramarine

20 Pfennig



"Deutsch-Neu-Guinea" Overprint Issues

Overprint Flaws

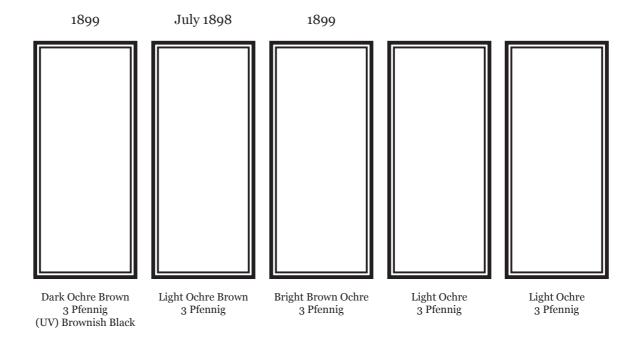


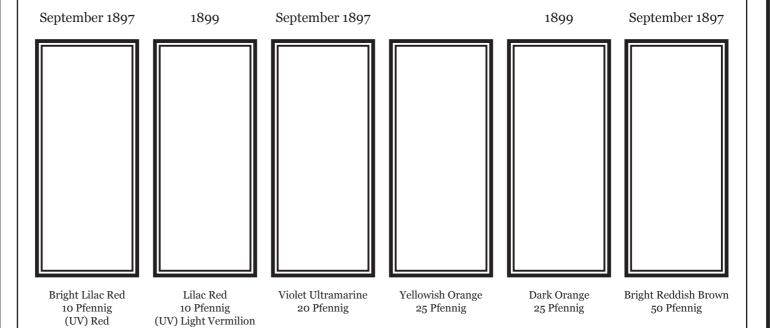


"Deutsch-Neu-Guinea" Overprint Issues

Gutter Pairs

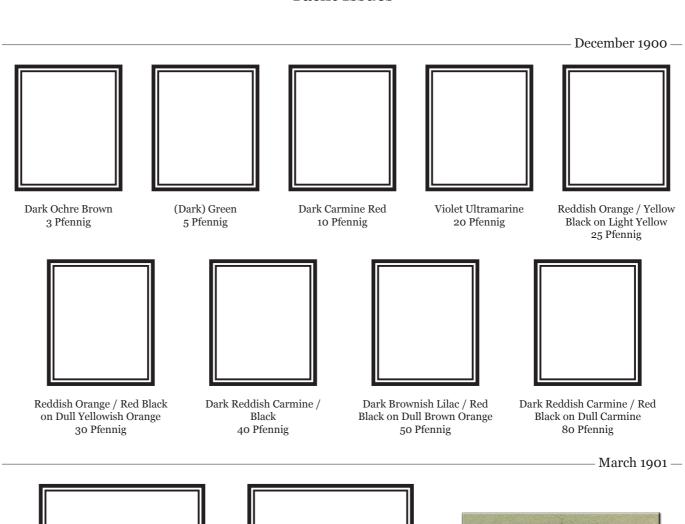
September 1897 – 1899







Yacht Issues





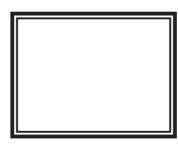
(Dark) Red 1 Mark



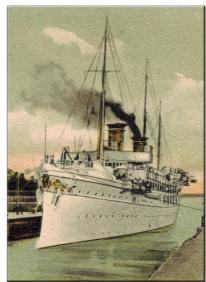
Blackish Blue 2 Mark



Violet Black 3 Mark



Green Black / Dark Carmine 5 Mark



Kaiser Wilhelm II's yacht, SMY Hohenzollern II



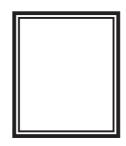
Yacht Issues

Plate Flaw

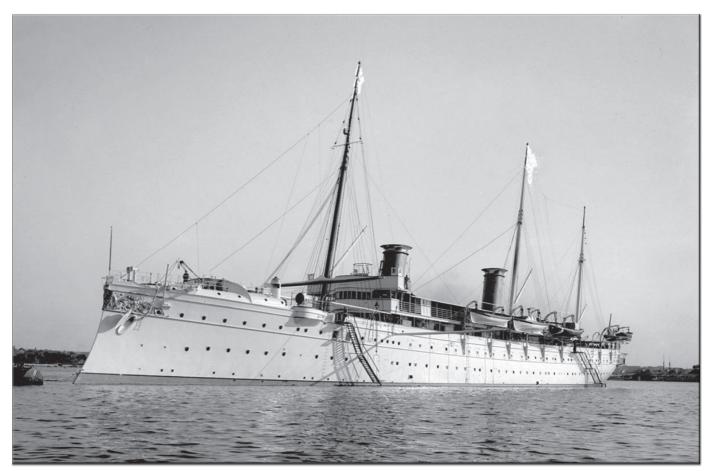
Spot below "o" in right value (right)



Posn. 27, 77



Dark Reddish Carmine / Black 40 Pfennig

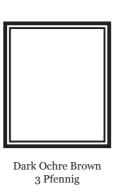


Kaiser Wilhelm II's yacht, SMY Hohenzollern II



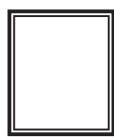
Yacht Issue Specimens

c. 1901

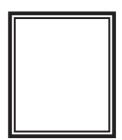




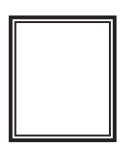
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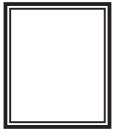
Dark Carmine Red 10 Pfennig



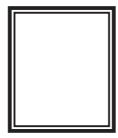
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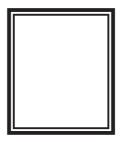
Reddish Orange / Yellow Black on Light Yellow 25 Pfennig



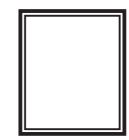
Reddish Orange / Red Black on Dull Yellowish Orange 30 Pfennig



Dark Reddish Carmine / Black 40 Pfennig



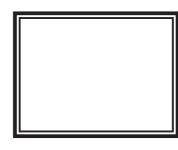
Dark Brownish Lilac / Red Black on Dull Brown Orange 50 Pfennig



Dark Reddish Carmine / Red Black on Dull Carmine 80 Pfennig



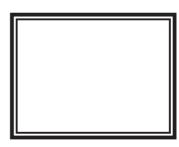
(Dark) Red 1 Mark



Blackish Blue 2 Mark



Violet Black 3 Mark



Green Black / Dark Carmine 5 Mark



Kaiser Wilhelm II's yacht, SMY Hohenzollern II

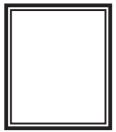


Yacht Issue Watermarked Proofs

c. 1905



Vatermark



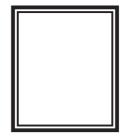
Dark Ochre Brown 3 Pfennig



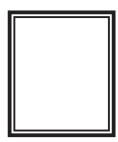
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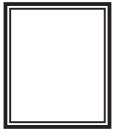
Dark Carmine Red 10 Pfennig



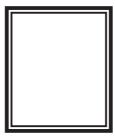
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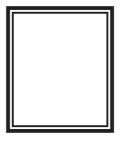
Reddish Orange / Yellow Black on Light Yellow 25 Pfennig



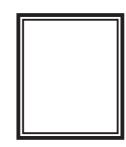
Reddish Orange / Red Black on Dull Yellowish Orange 30 Pfennig



Dark Reddish Carmine / Black 40 Pfennig



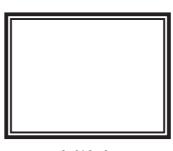
Dark Brownish Lilac / Red Black on Dull Brown Orange 50 Pfennig



Dark Reddish Carmine / Red Black on Dull Carmine 80 Pfennig



(Dark) Red 1 Mark



Blackish Blue 2 Mark



Violet Black 3 Mark



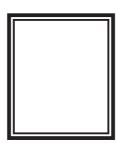
Green Black / Dark Carmine 5 Mark

The watermarked proofs vary slightly from the subsequent 1914/1918 Yacht Issues on the same paper. All differ slightly in color. The 3 Pfennig proof has normal gum as opposed to the later glossy gum. The 5 Pfennig, 10 Pfennig, and 5 Mark proofs feature the three-word "DEUTSCH-NEUGUINEA", as opposed to the later two-word "DEUTSCH-NEUGUINEA".



Yacht Issue 2 Pfennig Proof

c. 1899 - 1900



(Dark) Gray Blue 2 Pfennig

Following the Reichspost's selection of the design for the Yacht Issues, several blocks of 16 were printed as proofs. The proofs are in a face value and color that were not used on the final, released issues.

The blocks of 16 contain 4 stamps each from Deutsch-Südwestafrika, Samoa, Kamerun, and Karolinen, arranged as follows:

DSWA	DSWA	Samoa	Samoa
DSWA	DSWA	Samoa	Samoa
Karolinen	Karolinen	Kamerun	Kamerun
Karolinen	Karolinen	Kamerun	Kamerun

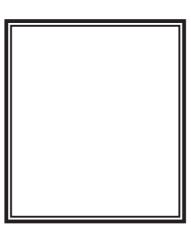


Proofs of the same design were also printed for Deutsch-Neuguinea, though the details of the printing are unknown.



Kieta Provisional

8 February 1908



(Dark) Green 3 Pfennig on 5 Pfennig

During the German colonial period, official postal regulations required that, in the event a post office exhausted its supply of a particular denomination of stamp, payment of postage was to be indicated using a cash franking procedure. On occasion, however, postal clerks resorted to unauthorized means such as bisecting larger-denomination stamps or applying handstamps to re-value existing stocks.

In 1908, the postal agent in Kieta, Deutsch-Neuguinea, created several unauthorized 3 Pfennig provisionals by applying a "3" handstamp over the "5" value of several 5 Pfennig stamps. This was purportedly done to meet an increased demand for 3 Pfennig stamps caused by the crew of the survey ship *SMS Planet* sending large quantities of postcards at the printed matter rate. However, these provisionals are now believed to be unofficial private creations of purely philatelic origin which were created for speculative purposes. Approximately 5 or 6 on piece are known to still exist, with no fully-intact covers or postcards known.



Yacht Issues



					Watermark
Peace Printings	5				
1914					
	((Dark) Green	Red Carmine	Green Black / Dark Carmi	ne
		5 Pfennig	10 Pfennig	5 Mark 26:17 Perforation Center Type I	
War Printings					
1918					_
	((Dark) Green 5 Pfennig	Red Carmine 10 Pfennig	Dark Orange Browr 3 Pfennig	1
		5 Tenning	10 Frening	"DEUTSCH-NEU-GUIN	IEA"
Gre	en Black / Red Carmine 5 Mark	5	k / Red Carmine 5 Mark	Green Black / Red Carmin 5 Mark	ne
	26:17 Perforation Center Type II	25:17 Cent	Perforation ter Type II	25:17 Perforation Center Type III	

The War Printings of these issues are of lower print quality, typically with blurred printing, drab colors, rough paper, unclear watermark, and glossier gum than the earlier Peace Printings.



Yacht Issues

Plate Flaw



Retouching in clouds (right)

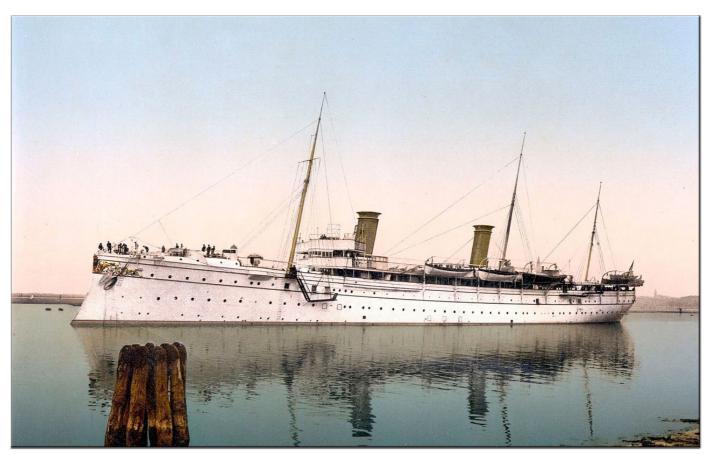


Posn. 1



1918

Green Black / Red Carmine 5 Mark 25:17 Perforation Center Type III



Kaiser Wilhelm II's yacht, SMY Hohenzollern II



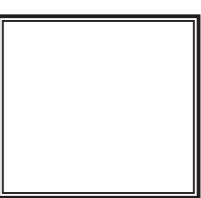
Yacht Issues

Order Numbers / Hausauftragsnummern (HAN)



watermark

Peace Printing 1914



(Dark) Green 5 Pfennig HAN H 1349.14 at bottom



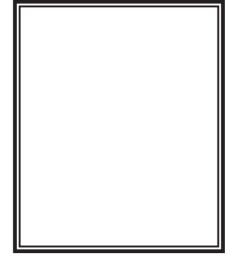
Red Carmine 10 Pfennig HAN H 1350.14 at right





(Dark) Green 5 Pfennig HAN H 5739.18 at bottom

War Printing 1918



Red Carmine 10 Pfennig HAN H 2552.19 at right

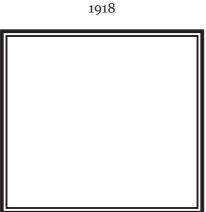


Yacht Issues





War Printing

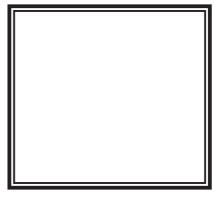


Dark Orange Brown 3 Pfennig HAN H 5474.18 at bottom



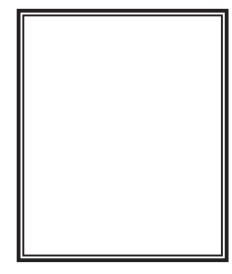


War Printing 1918



Dark Orange Brown 3 Pfennig HAN H 5663.18 at bottom

> War Printing 1918



Dark Orange Brown 3 Pfennig HAN H 3148.19 at right



Feldpostkarte

August 1914

Upon receiving word on 6 August 1914 that war had begun, a feldpost service was quickly organized to serve the postal needs of local German military and police forces. The service was limited to postcards weighing no more than 50 grams, and had no postal facilities of its own. Approximately 1,000 postcards were handstamped with a rubber stamp "Feld-[Postkarte]", "Absender Dienstgrad" (sender's rank), and the instructions "nur für die Wehrabteilung und für die Expeditionstruppe" (only for the Defense Corps and the Expeditionary Force). These postcards were then authenticated by the addition of a rubber stamp of the official seal of the Rabaul post office.

Most of these feldpost cards were sent to the post offices in Rabaul and Herbertshöhe for distribution to the forces, with a few sent to Bitapaka and Toma. On 12 August 1914, Australian forces destroyed portions of the post offices in Rabaul and Herbertshöhe, but did not occupy the towns. The post offices remained open until mid-September 1914, but no additional feldpost cards could be created during the intervening weeks, as the Rabaul official seal had been destroyed. Any feldpost cards after approximately 12 September 1914 were created simply by handwriting "feldpost" on a postcard.

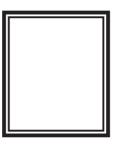
However, the normal cancellers were not destroyed on 12 August 1914, and the then-existing feldpost cards could still be used until the closing of the last German post offices in mid-September 1914.



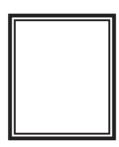
British Occupation "G.R.I." Overprints

17 October 1914

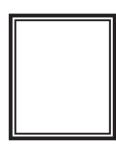
Type I Overprint Spacing: Small yachts – 6 mm Large yachts – 3 ½-4 mm



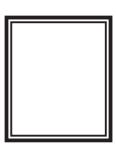
Dark Ochre Brown 1 Penny on 3 Pfennig



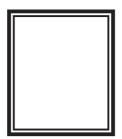
(Dark) Green 1 Penny on 5 Pfennig



Dark Carmine Red 2 Pence on 10 Pfennig



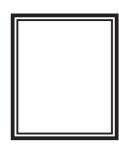
Violet Ultramarine 2 Pence on 20 Pfennig



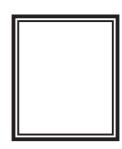
Dark Carmine Red 2 ½ Pence on 10 Pfennig



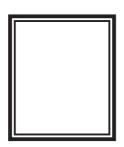
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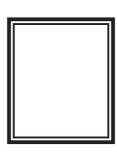
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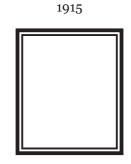
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Dark Brownish Lilac / Red Black on Dull Brown Orange 5 Pence on 50 Pfennig



Dark Reddish Carmine / Red Black on Dull Carmine 8 Pence on 80 Pfennig



Bright Lilac Red "1" on 2 Pence on 20 Pfennig



British Occupation "G.R.I." Overprints

17 October 1914

Type I Overprint Spacing: Small yachts – 6 mm Large yachts – 3 ½-4 mm



(Dark) Red 1 Shilling on 1 Mark



Violet Black 3 Shillings on 3 Mark



Blackish Blue 2 Shillings on 2 Mark



Green Black / Dark Carmine 5 Shillings on 5 Mark



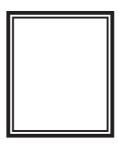
Australian forces on the wharf at Madang, 1914



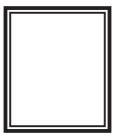
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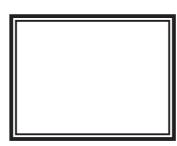
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Dark Reddish Carmine / Black 4 Pence on 40 Pfennig Double overprint



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Green Black / Dark Carmine 5 Shillings on 5 Mark Missing period after "I"



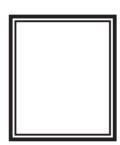
British Occupation "G.R.I." Overprints

16 December 1914

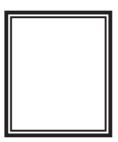
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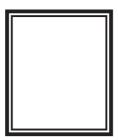
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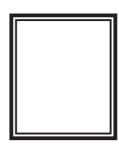
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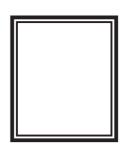
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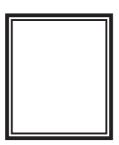
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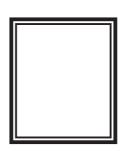
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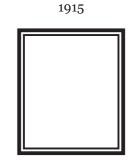
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Dark Brownish Lilac / Red Black on Dull Brown Orange 5 Pence on 50 Pfennig



Dark Reddish Carmine / Red Black on Dull Carmine 8 Pence on 80 Pfennig



Violet Ultramarine "1" on 2 Pence on 20 Pfennig



British Occupation "G.R.I." Overprints

16 December 1914

Type II Overprint Spacing: Small yachts – 5 mm Large yachts – 5 ½ mm



(Dark) Red 1 Shilling on 1 Mark



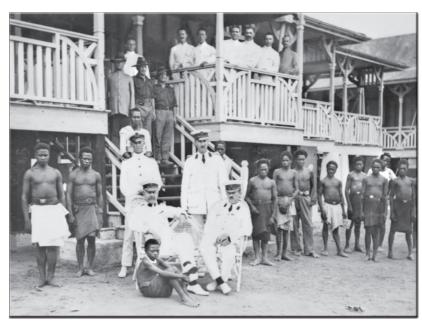
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Violet Black 3 Shillings on 3 Mark



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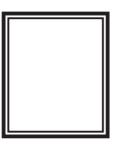
Australian command staff at the Government House, Rabaul, 1914



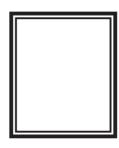
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Type II Overprint Spacing: Small yachts – 5 mm Large yachts – 5½ mm

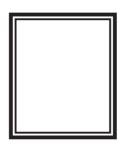
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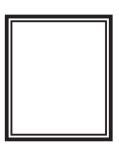
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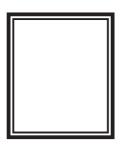
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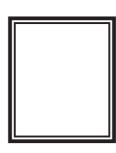
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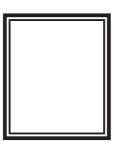
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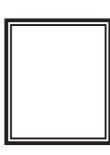
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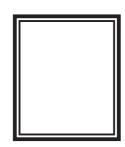
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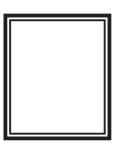
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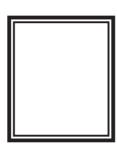
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Type II Overprint Spacing: Small yachts – 5 mm Large yachts – 5½ mm

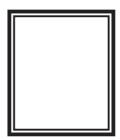
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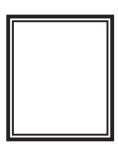
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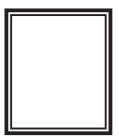
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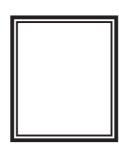
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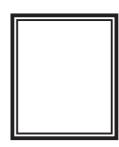
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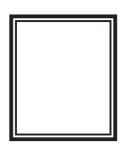
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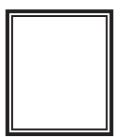
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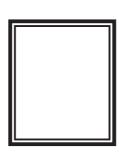
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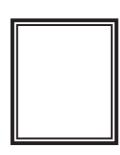
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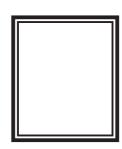
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Reddish Orange / Yellow Black on Light Yellow 3 Pence on 25 Pfennig Double overprint



Reddish Orange / Yellow Black on Light Yellow 3 Pence on 25 Pfennig Inverted overprint



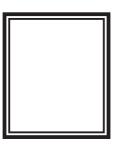
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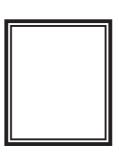
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Type II Overprint Spacing: Small yachts – 5 mm Large yachts – 5½ mm

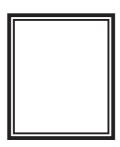
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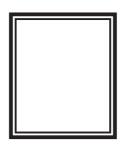
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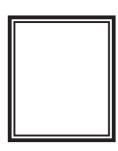
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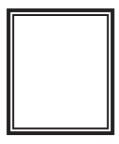
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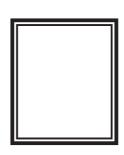
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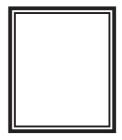
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Dark Reddish Carmine / Black 4 Pence on 40 Pfennig Double overprint



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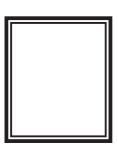


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British Occupation "G.R.I." Overprints

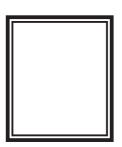
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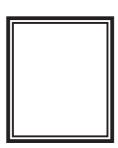
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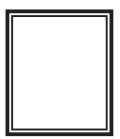
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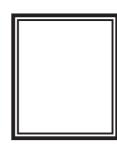
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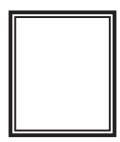
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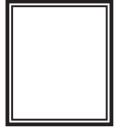
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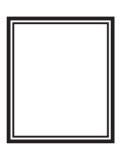
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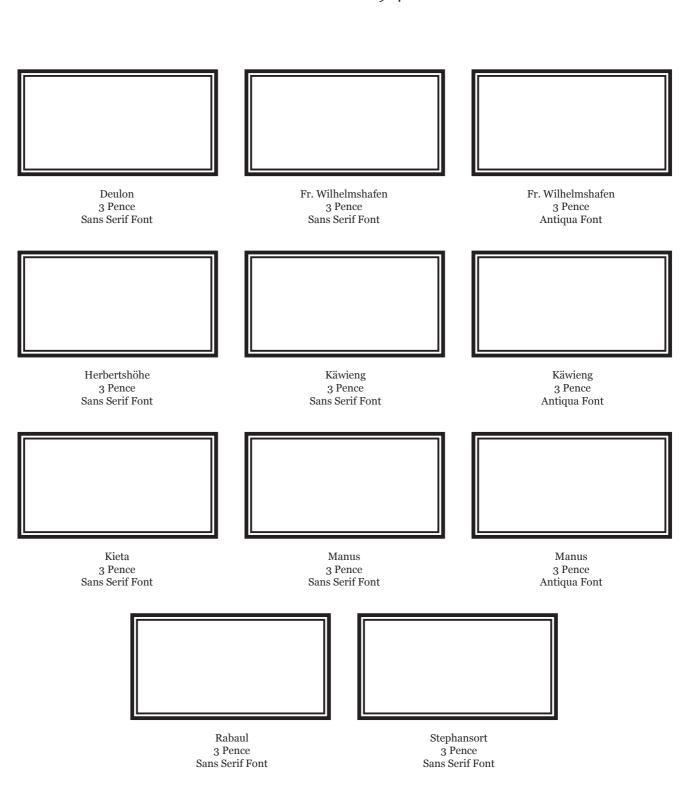
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British Occupation Registration Labels



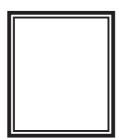


British Occupation Official Issue Overprints

October 1914



Dark Ochre Brown 1 Penny on 3 Pfennig



(Dark) Green 1 Penny on 5 Pfennig



An Australian sentry guards the Government House, Rabaul, 1914

Following their occupation of German New Guinea, the British overprinted the 3- and 5 Pfennig Yacht Issues for use as official issues.

The text is "O.S. / G.R.I. / 1d" (Official Stamp / Georgius Rex Imperator, 1 penny).



Deutsch-Englische Luftschiff-Expedition July 1913









Black, Blue, & Red 1 Mark

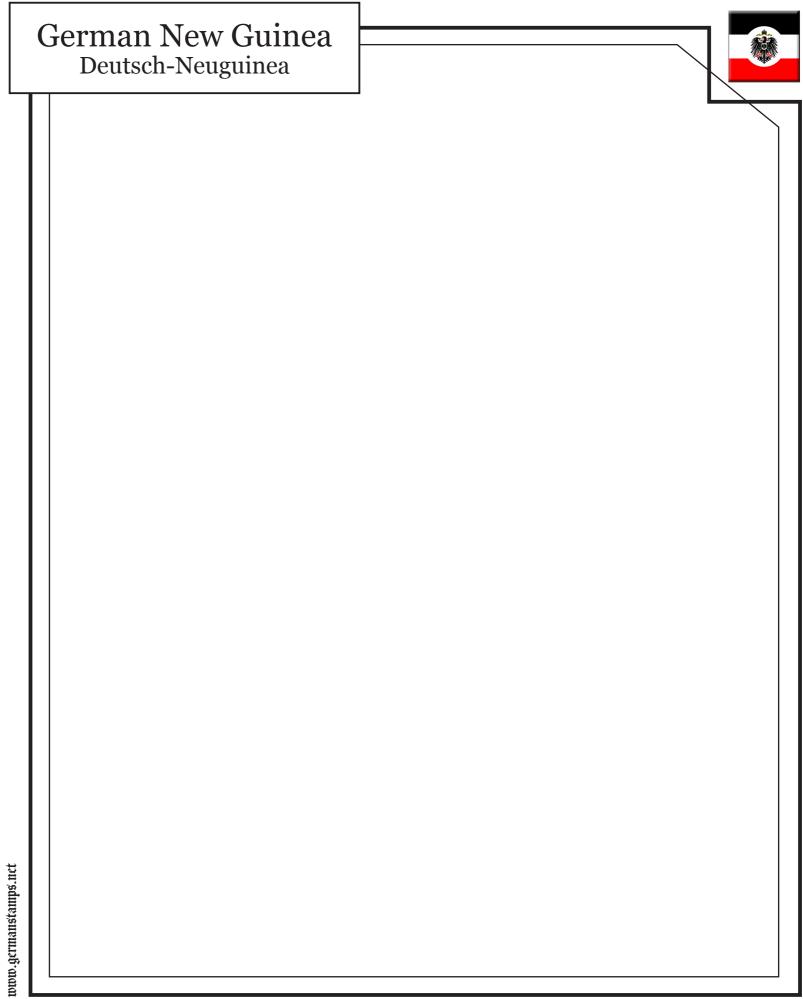
In 1913, Germany and England began planning a joint expedition to survey New Guinea by Zeppelin. The expedition was to be consist of a joint crew, and scientists from both countries.

In order to promote and help finance the expedition, fundraising stamps were printed beginning in July 1913. These stamps were not valid postage, but were purchased as collectors' items or for use with postage.

The Luftschiff Expedition was scheduled for 1914, but was canceled due to World War I. The stamps therefore never made it into widespread circulation. Used copies are extremely rare, with only four known used copies of the 2 Pfennig value and one known used copy of the 1 Mark value. Proofs of 20 Mark and 1,000 Mark values also exist.



Luftschiff-Expedition label order card



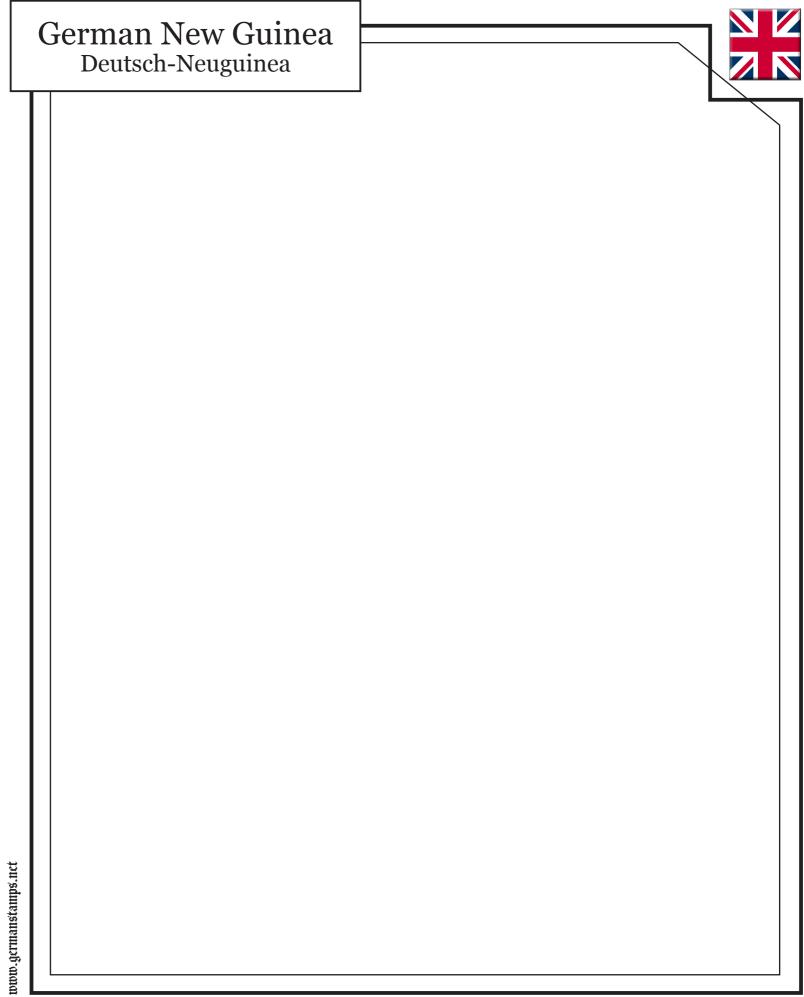


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