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.

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Cheers,

PostmasterGS



In 1869, German missionaries established the first German presence in the territory that would become German East Africa. In 1884, the Company for German Colonization was founded by German explorer Carl Peters, and immediately began establishing treaties with local chiefs in the coastal region.

Over the next decade, the newly-founded German East Africa Company would increase German influence in the area by opening customs houses and forming agreements with local chiefs and Sultans. In the last years of the 1880s, however, Arabs opposed to the increased European presence began raiding and killing German settlers. The German East Africa Company requested assistance from the Imperial government,



Flag of the German Colonial Office

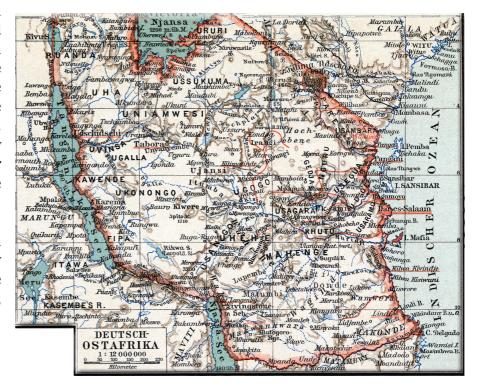
which quickly came in the form of ships and men under the command of newly-appointed Imperial Commissioner Hauptmann Hermann von Wissmann. Within a year, the insurrection was crushed, and in 1891, Germany acquired sovereignty over the entire territory.

During the colonial period, Germany operated a total of 58 different post offices throughout the territory, second in number only to German Southwest Africa.

With the outbreak of World War I, German East Africa did not fall as the other German colonies did.

German forces under General von Lettow-Vorbeck would embark on a lengthy campaign against British forces in the region, and would remain the only German foreign army in the field for the duration of the war. Lettow-Vorbeck's forces finally surrendered on 25 November 1918, a week after the armistice in Europe.

The area formerly known as German East Africa now comprises all or portions of the modern nations of Rwanda, Burundi, and Tanzania.





"PESA" Overprint Issues

1 July 1893 / 1896



(Bright) Opal Green 3 Pesa on 5 Pfennig 15.4 mm Overprint



Medium Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig 15.4 mm Overprint



Neudrucke / New Printing

Dark Red Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig (UV) Brownish Black



(Bright) Opal Green 3 Pesa on 5 Pfennig 14.4 mm Overprint Posn. 16, 27, 98



(Bright) Opal Green 3 Pesa on 5 Pfennig 16.5 mm Overprint Posn 5, 55



Medium Brown

2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig

17.0 mm Overprint Posn. 50

Bright Pink Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Brown 15.4 mm Overprint



Medium (Carmine) Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Ochre 15.4 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 15.4 mm Overprint



Red Carmine 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Dark Red 15.4 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 14.4 mm Overprint Posn. 58



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 16.5 mm Overprint Posn. 5



Violet Ultramarine 10 Pesa on 20 Pfennig 16.5 mm Overprint



Bright Reddish Brown 25 Pesa on 50 Pfennig 16.8 mm Overprint



Medium Brown Red 25 Pesa on 50 Pfennig 17.8 mm Overprint



Bright Reddish Brown 25 Pesa on 50 Pfennig 17.8 mm Overprint



"PESA" Overprint Issues

Plate Flaws

1 July 1893 / 1896

Broken "O" (right)





Medium Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig 17.0 mm Overprint 15.4 mm Overprint



Medium Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig 15.4 mm Overprint



Posn. 33, 38, 83, 88

Break in scroll (right)



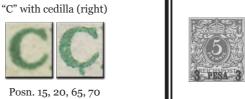


Medium Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig 17.0 mm Overprint



Medium Brown





(Bright) Opal Green 3 Pesa on 5 Pfennig 15.4 mm Overprint



(Bright) Opal Green 3 Pesa on 5 Pfennig 14.4 mm Overprint



(Bright) Opal Green 3 Pesa on 5 Pfennig 16.5 mm Overprint

"Comet" at upper right (right)



Posn. 21, 26, 71, 76



(Bright) Opal Green 3 Pesa on 5 Pfennig 15.4 mm Overprint



(Bright) Opal Green 3 Pesa on 5 Pfennig 14.4 mm Overprint



(Bright) Opal Green 3 Pesa on 5 Pfennig 16.5 mm Overprint



"PESA" Overprint Issues

Plate Flaws

1 July 1893 / 1896

Short foot on (P) (right)







Posn. 49 & Unk. Others



Medium (Carmine) Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Ochre 15.4 mm Overprint



Bright Pink Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Brown 15.4 mm Overprint



Crossbar on "T" (right)

Medium (Carmine) Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Ochre 15.4 mm Overprint



Bright Pink Red

5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig

(UV) Brown

15.4 mm Overprint

Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 15.4 mm Overprint



Red Carmine 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Dark Red 15.4 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 15.4 mm Overprint



Red Carmine 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Dark Red 15.4 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 14.4 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 16.5 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 14.4 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 16.5 mm Overprint



"PESA" Overprint Issues

Plate Flaws

1 July 1893 / 1896

Line through left "PF." (right)



Posn. 7 & Unk. Others



Bright Pink Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Brown 15.4 mm Overprint



Medium (Carmine) Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Ochre 15.4 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 15.4 mm Overprint



Red Carmine 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Dark Red 15.4 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 14.4 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 16.5 mm Overprint

Dot in left frame between leaves (right)



Posn. Unk.



Bright Pink Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Brown 15.4 mm Overprint



Medium (Carmine) Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Ochre 15.4 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 15.4 mm Overprint



Red Carmine 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Dark Red 15.4 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 14.4 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 16.5 mm Overprint



"PESA" Overprint Issues

Plate Flaws

1 July 1893 / 1896

Missing talon (right)





Posn. Unk.



Violet Ultramarine 10 Pesa on 20 Pfennig 16.5 mm Overprint

Break in "T" (right)



Posn. 39



Bright Reddish Brown 25 Pesa on 50 Pfennig 16.8 mm Overprint



Medium Brown Red 25 Pesa on 50 Pfennig 17.8 mm Overprint



Bright Reddish Brown 25 Pesa on 50 Pfennig 17.8 mm Overprint

Right overprinted value damaged (right)



Posn. Unk.



Bright Reddish Brown 25 Pesa on 50 Pfennig 16.8 mm Overprint



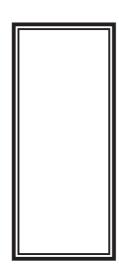
"PESA" Overprint Issues

Gutter Pairs

1 July 1893 / 1896



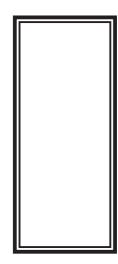
Medium Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig 15.4 mm Overprint



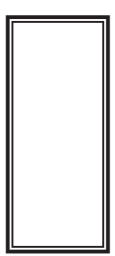
Medium Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig 17.0 mm Overprint / 15.4 mm Overprint



(Bright) Opal Green 3 Pesa on 5 Pfennig 15.4 mm Overprint



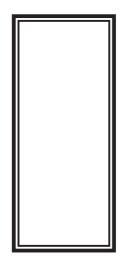
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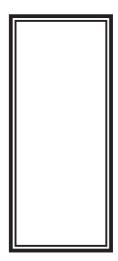
Bright Pink Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Brown 15.4 mm Overprint



Medium (Carmine) Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Ochre 15.4 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 15.4 mm Overprint



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red 15.4 mm Overprint / 14.4 mm Overprint



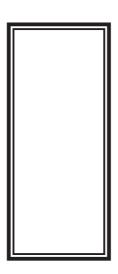
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Gutter Pairs

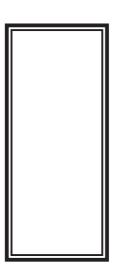
1 July 1893 / 1896



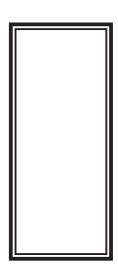
Violet Ultramarine 10 Pesa on 20 Pfennig 16.5 mm Overprint



Bright Reddish Brown 25 Pesa on 50 Pfennig 16.8 mm Overprint



Medium Brown Red 25 Pesa on 50 Pfennig 17.8 mm Overprint



Bright Reddish Brown 25 Pesa on 50 Pfennig 17.8 mm Overprint



Dar-es-Salaam Post Office, 1902-1914



"Werthlos" / "PESA" Overprint Issues



Medium Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig



(Bright) Opal Green 3 Pesa on 5 Pfennig



Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig



Violet Ultramarine 10 Pesa on 20 Pfennig



Bright Reddish Brown 25 Pesa on 50 Pfennig

Upon the issuance of the 1893 Overprints, a set of essays was produced and kept in the archive of the Reichsdruckerei (Reich Printing Works).

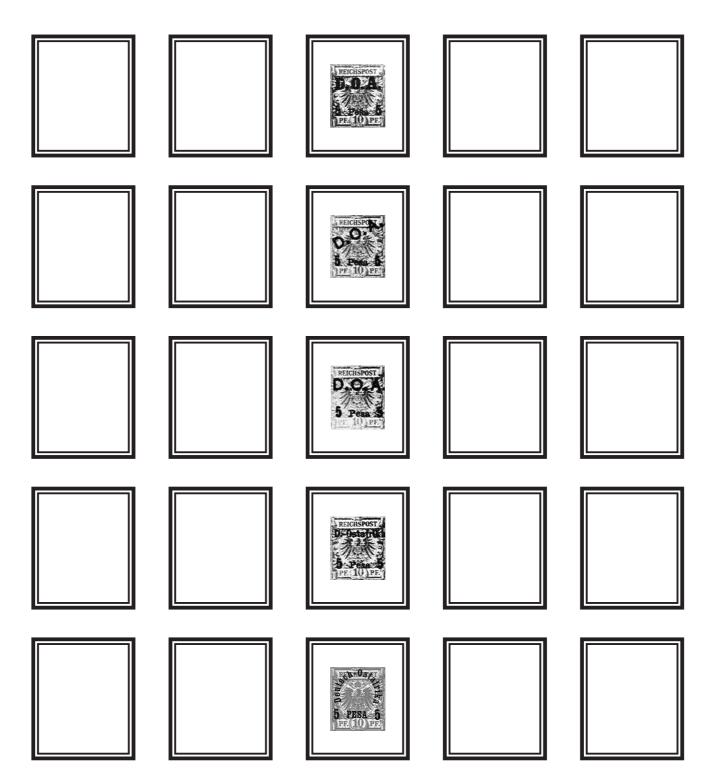
The stamps differ slightly from the issued stamps. The 10 Pesa on 20 Pfennig value has a red overprint instead of black. The 25 Pesa on 50 Pfennig value has a smaller font for the "PESA" portion of the overprint. All values feature a red "Werthlos" (Worthless) overprint.

The stamps were kept in the archive until 1996, when they were released for public auction.





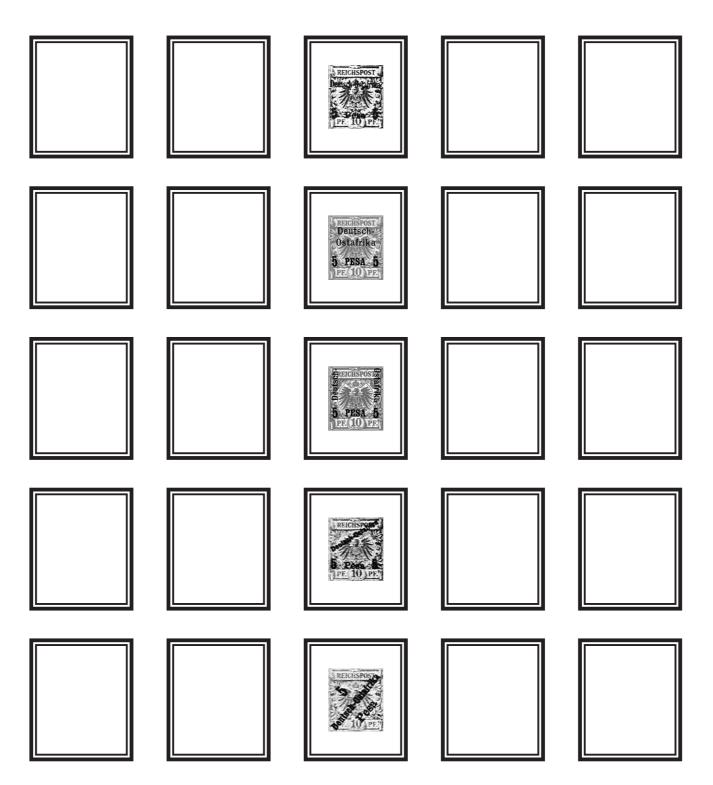
"PESA" Overprint Essays



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"Deutsch-Ostafrika / Pesa" Overprint Issues April 1896 / 1899

April 1896



Medium Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig



Light Ochre Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig



Bright Brown Ochre 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig

1899



Dark Ochre Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig (UV) Brownish Black



Light Ochre 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig

April 1896



Bright Orange Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig



(Bright) Opal Green 3 Pesa on 5 Pfennig

REICHSPOS

April 1896

Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red



Red Carmine 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Dark Red



Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Light Vermilion

April 1896



Dark Pink (Red) 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Yellowish Orange



Dark Pink Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Bright Ochre



Violet Ultramarine 10 Pesa on 20 Pfennig

REICHSPOAY

April 1896

Bright Reddish Brown 25 Pesa on 50 Pfennig



"Deutsch-Ostafrika / Pesa" Overprints

Plate Flaws

April 1896 / 1899

Break in scroll (right)





Posn. 33, 38, 83, 88

Short foot on (P) (right)





Posn. 49 & Unk. Others

April 1896



Medium Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig



Light Ochre Brown 2 Pesa **1899** fennig



April 1896

Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red



Red Carmine 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Dark Red



Bright Brown Ochre 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig

Light Ochre

2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig



Dark Ochre Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig (UV) Brownish Black



Bright Orange Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig



Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Light Vermilion



Dark Pink (Red) 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Yellowish Orange



Dark Pink Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Bright Ochre



"Deutsch-Ostafrika / Pesa" Overprint Issues

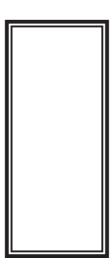
Gutter Pairs

April 1896 / 1899

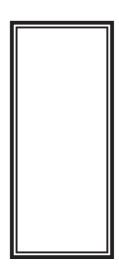
April 1896



Medium Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig

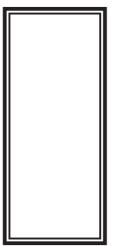


Light Ochre Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig



Bright Brown Ochre 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig

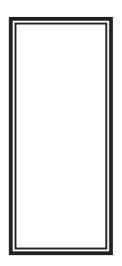
1899



Dark Ochre Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig (UV) Brownish Black



Light Ochre 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig



Bright Orange Brown 2 Pesa on 3 Pfennig



(Bright) Opal Green 3 Pesa on 5 Pfennig

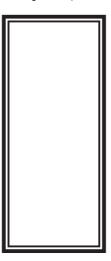


"Deutsch-Ostafrika / Pesa" Overprint Issues

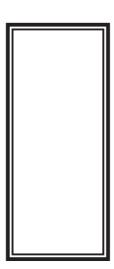
Gutter Pairs

April 1896 / 1899

April 1896



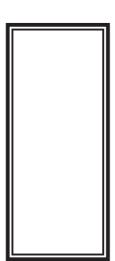
Bright Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Red



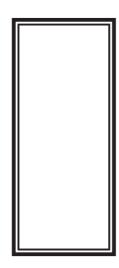
Red Carmine 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Dark Red



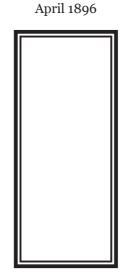
Lilac Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Light Vermilion



Dark Pink (Red) 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Yellowish Orange



Dark Pink Red 5 Pesa on 10 Pfennig (UV) Bright Ochre



Violet Ultramarine 10 Pesa on 20 Pfennig



April 1896

Bright Reddish Brown 25 Pesa on 50 Pfennig



Yacht Issues

1 January 1901



Dark Ochre Brown 2 Pesa



(Dark) Green 3 Pesa



Dark Carmine Red 5 Pesa



Violet Ultramarine 10 Pesa



Reddish Orange / Red Black on Dull Yellowish Orange 15 Pesa



(Dark Reddish) Carmine / Black 20 Pesa



Dark Brownish Lilac / Red Black on Dull Brown Orange 25 Pesa



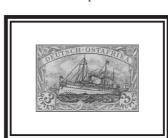
Dark Reddish Carmine / Red Black on Dull Carmine 40 Pesa



Dark Lilac Red 1 Rupie



Dark Emerald Green 2 Rupien



Dark Red / Green Black 3 Rupien



Kaiser Wilhelm II's yacht, SMY Hohenzollern II



Dark Carmine Red / Green Black 3 Rupien

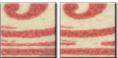


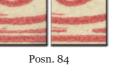
Yacht Issues

Plate Flaws

1 January 1901

Break below left value (right)

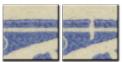






Dark Carmine Red 5 Pesa

Break in frame over "C" (right)



Posn. 9



Violet Ultramarine 10 Pesa

Spot below right value (right)



Posn. 27, 71



(Dark Reddish) Carmine / Black 20 Pesa



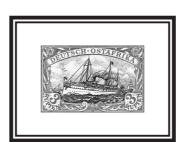
Retouching in clouds (right)



Posn. 1



Dark Lilac Red 1 Rupie



Dark Carmine Red / Green Black 3 Rupien



Dark Emerald Green 2 Rupien



Dark Red / Green Black 3 Rupien



Yacht Issues

Printing Errors

1 January 1901

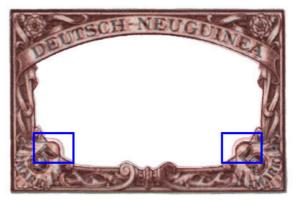
Type I Center with Type III Frame



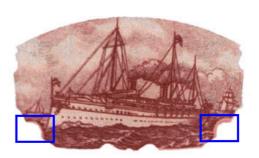
Dark Carmine Red / Green Black 3 Rupien



Dark Red / Green Black 3 Rupien



Type III frame (larger value areas) overlaid with Type I frame (smaller value areas)



Type III center (larger cutouts) overlaid with Type I center (smaller cutouts)

The center cliche for the yacht issues included cutouts at lower left and right to accommodate the portion of the frame with the value. Following the initial design, it became obvious that certain values required a larger value area in the frame, and therefore larger cutouts in the center cliche. There were occasionally mismatches in printing, however, such as these errors in which a Type I center (small cutouts) was printed with a Type III frame (larger value area). This particular error was first discovered in 1987.



Yacht Issue Specimens

c. 1901



Dark Ochre Brown 2 Pesa



(Dark) Green 3 Pesa



Dark Carmine Red 5 Pesa



Violet Ultramarine 10 Pesa



Reddish Orange / Red Black on Dull Yellowish Orange 15 Pesa



(Dark Reddish) Carmine / Black 20 Pesa



Dark Brownish Lilac / Red Black on Dull Brown Orange 25 Pesa



Dark Reddish Carmine / Red Black on Dull Carmine 40 Pesa



Dark Lilac Red 1 Rupie



Dark Emerald Green 2 Rupien



Dark Red / Green Black 3 Rupien



Yacht Issue Proofs

c. 1899 - 1900



Dark Ochre Brown 2 Pesa Imperforate



Dark Ochre Brown
2 Pesa
Imperforate
Sheet row value counter in
Mark/Pfennig instead of Rupie/Pesa



Mark/Pfennig

Rupie/Pesa

Prior to printing of the first Yacht Issues, a proof was produced of the 2 Pesa issue. The proof is in the same color as the issued version, but is imperforate. Additionally, top-margin copies show that the sheet row value counters on the proof sheets were in Mark/Pfennig values consistent with a sheet of 3 Pfennig issues instead of the proper Rupie/Pesa values.





Dark Lilac Red 1 Rupie



Dark Emerald Green 2 Rupien



Dark Red / Green Black 3 Rupien

Proof printings of the Rupie values of the first Yacht Issue were printed on paper with a lozenge watermark. The proofs can be difficult to distinguish from the later 1908-1920 issues on the same watermarked paper, differing slightly in color.



Yacht Issue Proofs

c. 1899 - 1900



Russian Green 2 Rupien



Dark Violet Slate / Dark Green 3 Rupien



Brown Red / Dark Green 3 Rupien



Brown Red / Dark Green 3 Rupien Perf. Comb 14 ½



Dark Olive / Steel Blue 3 Rupien



Red Brown / Steel Blue 3 Rupien

Proof printings of the 2- & 3 Rupien values were printed in trial colors that vary from the colors of the eventual issues. Six varieties are known. Five of the six also vary from the issued stamps in perforation, being perforated Line 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ instead of the issued Comb 14 $\frac{1}{2}$. Additionally, the line perforated proofs are without gum, while the proof with comb perforation is with gum.



Yacht Issues

1 April 1905



Bright Ochre Brown 2 ½ Heller



Blackish Green 4 Heller



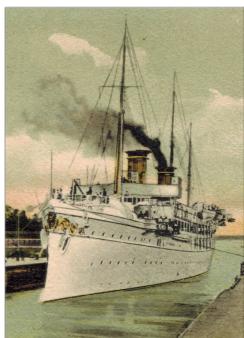
Dark Gray Green 4 Heller



Green 4 Heller



Bright Red Carmine 7½ Heller



Kaiser Wilhelm II's yacht, SMY Hohenzollern II



Medium Lilac Ultramarine 15 Heller



Light Violet Ultramarine 15 Heller



Dark Orange / Brown Black on Light Yellow 20 Heller

(Red) Carmine / Brown Black 30 Heller



Medium Brown Violet / Black 45 Heller



Red Violet / Black 45 Heller



Dark Reddish Carmine / Brown Black on Dull Carmine Red 60 Heller



Yacht Issues

Plate Flaw

1 April 1905

Shorter lines in smoke (right)



Posn. 2, 3, 92, 97, & Unk. Others



Dark Reddish Carmine / Brown Black on Dull Carmine Red 60 Heller



Kaiser Wilhelm II's yacht, SMY Hohenzollern II



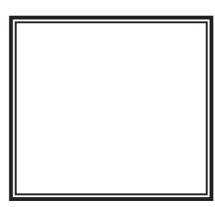
Yacht Issues

Order Numbers / Hausauftragsnummern (HAN)

1 April 1905



Bright Ochre Brown 2½ Heller HAN H 6283 at bottom



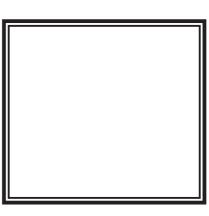
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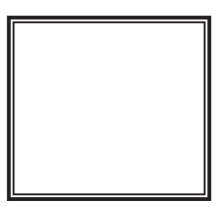
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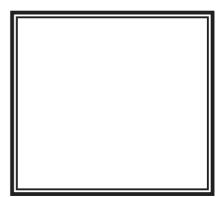
1 April 1905



Blackish Green 4 Heller HAN H 3293 at bottom



Green 4 Heller HAN H 6283 at bottom



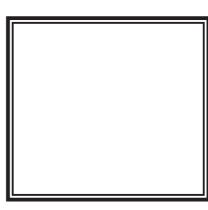
Green 4 Heller HAN H 7693 at bottom



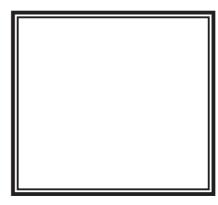
Yacht Issues

Order Numbers / Hausauftragsnummern (HAN)

1 April 1905



Bright Red Carmine 7½ Heller HAN H 3293 at bottom



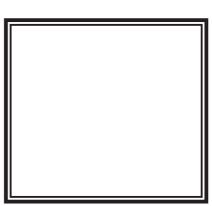
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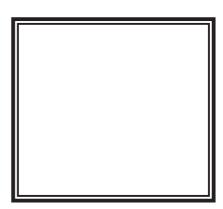
Yacht Issues

Order Numbers / Hausauftragsnummern (HAN)

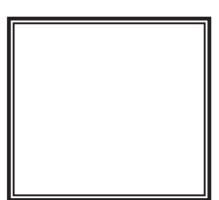
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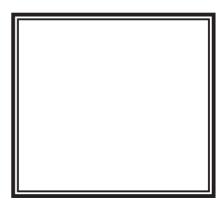
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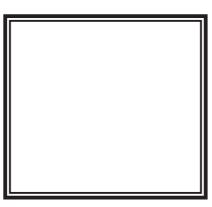
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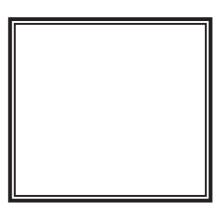
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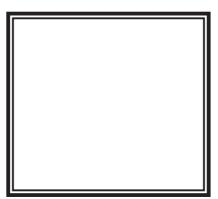
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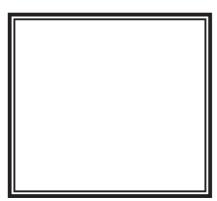
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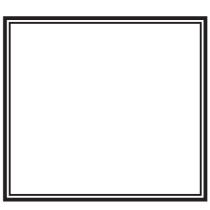
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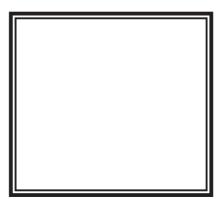
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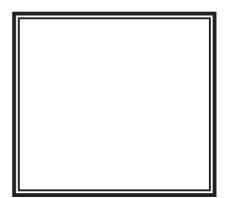
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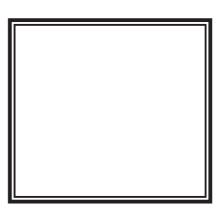
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Yacht Issues

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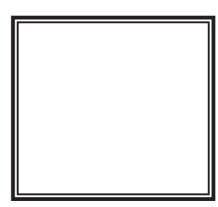
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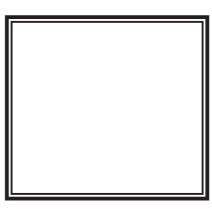
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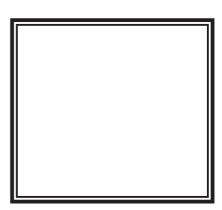
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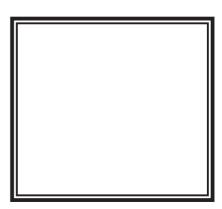
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Dark Reddish Carmine / Brown Black on Dull Carmine Red 60 Heller HAN H 429 at bottom



Yacht Issue Watermarked Proofs

c. 1905





Bright Ochre Brown 2½ Heller



Green 4 Heller



Bright Red Carmine 7½ Heller



Violet Ultramarine 15 Heller



Dark Orange / Brown Black on Light Yellow 20 Heller



(Red) Carmine / Brown Black 30 Heller



Medium Brown Violet / Black 45 Heller



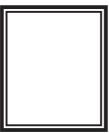
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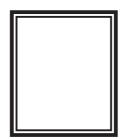


Yacht Issue Proofs

c. 1904 - 1905



Brownish Red / Black 20 Heller



Gray Blue / Brown Black 45 Heller



Light Bluish Green / Brown Black 45 Heller



Dark Olive / Brown Black 45 Heller



Carmine / Black 60 Heller

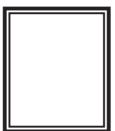


Proof printings of the 20-, 45-, and 60 Heller values of the unwatermarked Yacht Issues were printed in several trial colors. The proofs can be distinguished not only by the colors, but by the addition of a dot before and/or after "DEUTSCH-OSTAFRIKA", in the same trial color as the frame. The paper is also the standard white instead of the yellow (20 Heller) or red (60 Heller) that were used for the issued stamps.

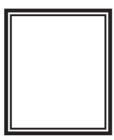


Yacht Issue Specimens

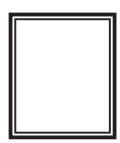
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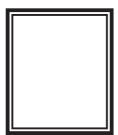
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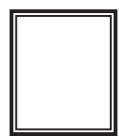
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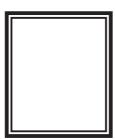
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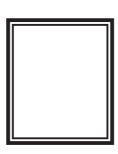
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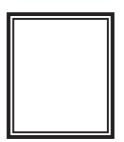
Dark Orange / Brown Black on Light Yellow 20 Heller



(Red) Carmine / Brown Black 30 Heller



Medium Brown Violet / Black 45 Heller



Dark Reddish Carmine / Brown Black on Dull Carmine Red 60 Heller



Yacht Issues



Peace Printing 1906



(Bright) Ochre Brown 2½ Heller

War Printing 1919



Dark Ochre Brown 2½ Heller

Peace Printing 1906



Dark Green 4 Heller

Peace Printing

1906



Bright Carmine Red 7½ Heller

1906



Bright to Dark Red Carmine $7\frac{1}{2}$ Heller

1909

1906



Bright Violet Ultramarine 15 Heller

1906

1908



(Bright) Lilac Ultramarine 15 Heller

1906

1911



Dark (Reddish) Orange / Yellow Black on Light Yellow 20 Heller

30 REILE 30

Dark Reddish Carmine / (Brown) Black 30 Heller

45 HALLER 45

Medium Brown Violet / Black 45 Heller



Dark Reddish Carmine / Black on Dull Rose Red 60 Heller

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





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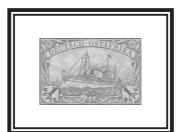


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War Printing _______ 1919 ______ 1915 _____



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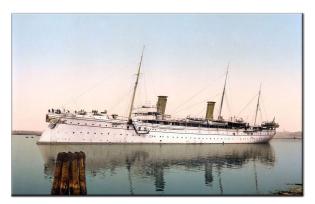


Dark Red 1 Rupie 25:17 Perforation

1920



Dark Emerald Green 2 Rupien 25:17 Perforation



Kaiser Wilhelm II's yacht, SMY Hohenzollern II

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Yacht Issues



Peace Printing 1908



Dark Carmine Red / Green Black 3 Rupien 26:17 Perforation Frame Type III, Center Type III



Dark Red / Green Black 3 Rupien 26:17 Perforation Frame Type III, Center Type III

War Printing

1919



Blackish Red Carmine / Green Black 3 Rupien 26:17 Perforation Frame Type III, Center Type III



Blackish Carmine Red / Green Black 3 Rupien 26:17 Perforation Frame Type III, Center Type III



Red / Green Black 3 Rupien 25:17 Perforation Frame Type III, Center Type III



Blackish Carmine Red / Green Black 3 Rupien 26:17 Perforation Frame Type III, Center Type II



Blackish Red Carmine / Green Black 3 Rupien 26:17 Perforation Frame Type III, Center Type II



Dark Red / Green Black 3 Rupien 25:17 Perforation Frame Type III, Center Type II

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Yacht Issues

Plate Flaws



1906

Shorter lines in smoke (right)



Posn. 2, 3, 92, 97, & Unk. Others



Dark Reddish Carmine / Black on Dull Rose Red 60 Heller

1920



Dark Emerald Green 2 Rupien 25:17 Perforation

Retouching in clouds (right)

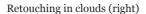


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Peace Printing -

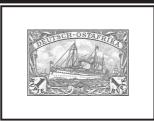
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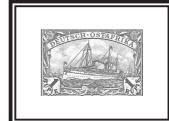




Posn. 1



Dark Brownish Red 1 Rupie 26:17 Perforation



Dark Carmine Red 1 Rupie 26:17 Perforation

War Printing___ ____ 1919 -_ 1915 ___



Dark Red 1 Rupie 26:17 Perforation



Dark Red 1 Rupie 25:17 Perforation

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 Flaws



Peace Printing

1908

Retouching in clouds (right)





Posn. 1



Dark Carmine Red / Green Black 3 Rupien 26:17 Perforation Frame Type III, Center Type III



Dark Red / Green Black 3 Rupien 26:17 Perforation Frame Type III, Center Type III

War Printing



Blackish Red Carmine / Green Black 3 Rupien 26:17 Perforation Frame Type III, Center Type III



Blackish Carmine Red / Green Black 3 Rupien 26:17 Perforation Frame Type III, Center Type III



Red / Green Black 3 Rupien 25:17 Perforation Frame Type III, Center Type III

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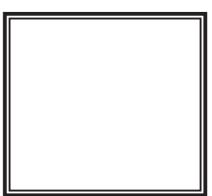


Yacht Issues





Peace Printing 1906

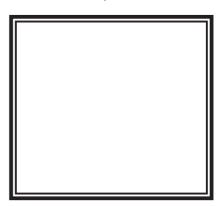


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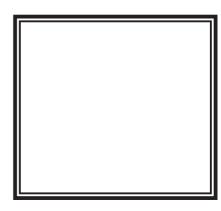


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(Bright) Ochre Brown 2 ½ Heller HAN H 6927 at bottom

Peace Printing 1906



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Yacht Issues

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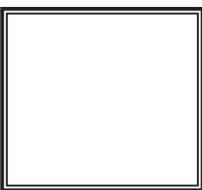


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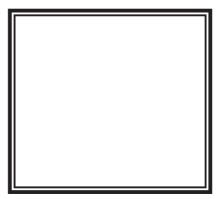
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Peace Printing 1906



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War Printing 1919



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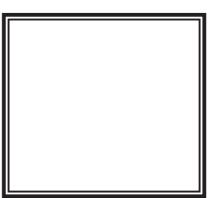


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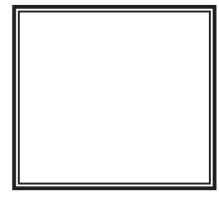
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Peace Printing

1906

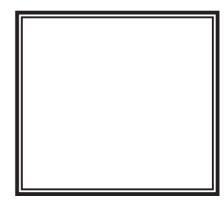


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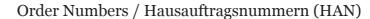
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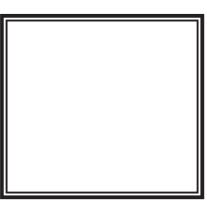


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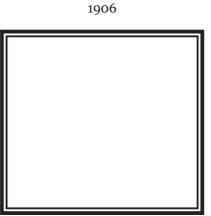


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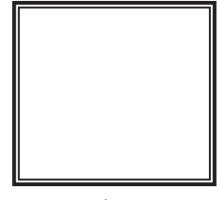


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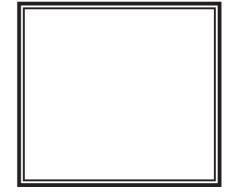


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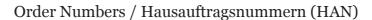
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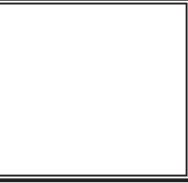




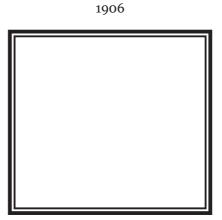
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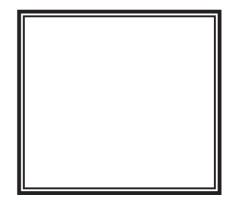
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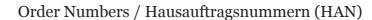
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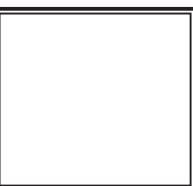


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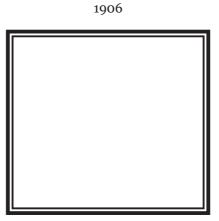
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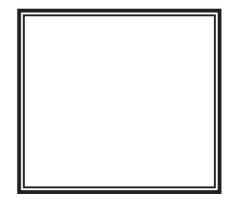
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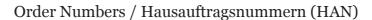
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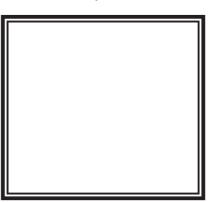


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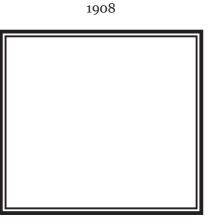


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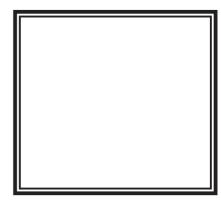


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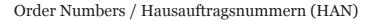
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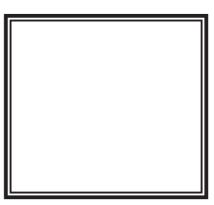


Yacht Issues





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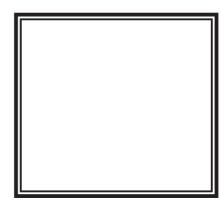


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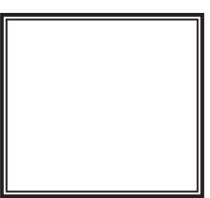


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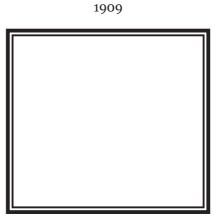


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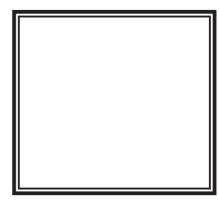


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Peace Printing

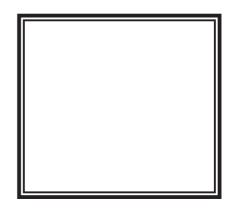


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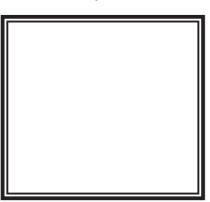


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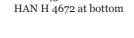




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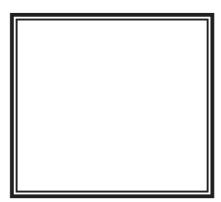
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Peace Printing 1906



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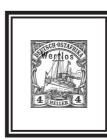
Imperforate Yacht Issues

c. 1906 - 1909





(Bright) Ochre Brown 2½ Heller



Dark Green 4 Heller



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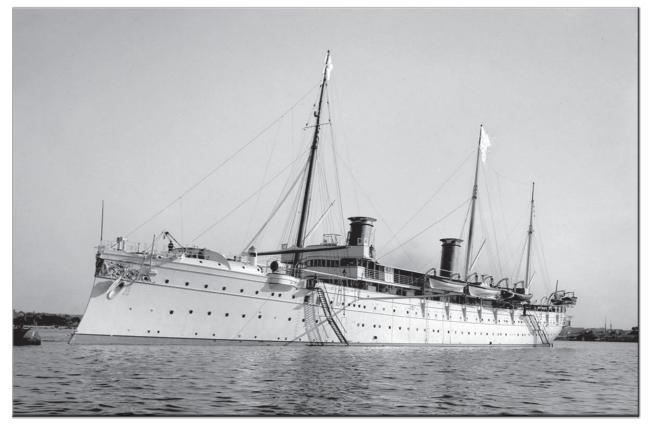


Dark Reddish Carmine / (Brown) Black 30 Heller



Medium Brown Violet / Black 45 Heller

Upon the issuance of the 1905 / 1920 watermarked Yacht Issues, imperforate sheets were printed of several of the values for the archive of the Reichsdruckerei (Reich Printing Works). On the $2\frac{1}{2}$ Heller and 4 Heller sheets, a "Wertlos" (Worthless) overprint was applied to each stamp. The sheets remained in the archive until 1997, when they were released for public auction.



Kaiser Wilhelm II's yacht, SMY Hohenzollern II



Schülke & Mayr Private Postal Service

1892

In 1891, the government of German East Africa contracted with Schülke & Mayr, a German medical company doing business in German East Africa, to provide mail service along a route from Dar-es-Salaam to Muansa and Bukoba on Lake Victoria. In 1892, this set was produced for use with this service.

Due to difficulties with the service, the contract was not renewed the following year, and the stamps were never issued.



Red 5 Cents



Orange 10 Cents



Blue 25 Cents



Green 50 Cents



Brown 1 Dollar

1939 Reprints

In 1939, the Schülke & Mayr set was reprinted (3,000 sets) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Schülke & Mayr Company. The reprints were printed in the original colors, but lack the burelage of the originals and feature a different perforation (10^{3} 4 instead of the original 11^{1} 2).

They can be found at Page 85 of the commemorative book, *Im Kampf gegen die Seuche* (In the Fight Against Disease).



Im Kampf gegen die Seuche



Red 5 Cents



Orange 10 Cents



Blue 25 Cents



Green 50 Cents



Brown 1 Dollar



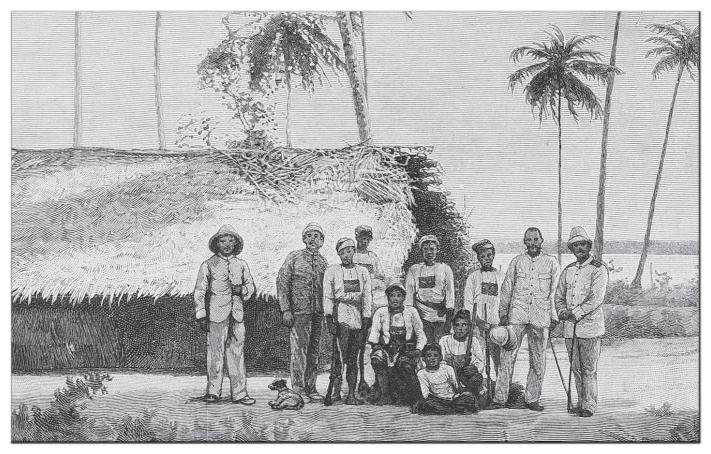
Schülke & Mayr Private Postal Service

Partially Imperforate Variety

1892



Green 50 Cents Imperforate at bottom



 $Contemporary\ sketch\ of\ Sch\"{u}lke\ \&\ Mayr\ postal\ carriers\ on\ the\ 1891\ German\ postal\ expedition\ from\ Dar-es-Salaam\ to\ Bukoba$



Königsberg / Möwe Provisionals

20 December 1915



Upon the outbreak of World War I, British naval forces initiated a blockade of German East Africa. On 20 September 1914, the German survey ship *SMS Möwe* was scuttled in Dar-es-Salaam to avoid being captured or sunk by the British. The German cruiser *SMS Königsberg* retreated to the Rufiji Delta, where she was inaccessible to British forces. Following extensive efforts by the British to sink her, she was scuttled by her crew on 11 July 1915.

As a result of the British blockade, post offices in German East Africa ran short of postage stamps. In an effort to remedy the situation, German postage was salvaged from the scuttled ships and distributed to local post offices. These provisional issues can be distinguished only by their German East Africa cancels.

Only one copy of the 1 Mark value has ever been found. It was canceled at Mombo on 4 January 1916. It has not been seen since WWII, and is believed to have been lost or destroyed during the war.



SMS Möwe



(Dark) Ochre Brown 3 Pfennig used as 2 ½ Heller



(Dark) Green 5 Pfennig used as 4 Heller



Dark Red Carmine 10 Pfennig used as 7½ Heller



(Dark) Lilac Ultramarine 20 Pfennig used as 15 Heller



Dark Grey Lilac & Black on Medium Chrome Yellow 50 Pfennig used as 37½ Heller

			Königsl	Königsberg		Total
Orig. Valu	е	New Value	Quant	tity	Quantity	Quantity
3 Pf		2 1/2 H	900)	499	1,399
5 Pf		4 H	7,41	6	1,858	9,274
10 Pf		7 1/2 H	2,90	6	700	3,606
20 Pf		15 H	392	2	357	749
50 Pf		37 1/2 H	178	3	110	288
1 M		75 H	40	40		40
	3 Pf	5 Pf	10 Pf	20 Pf	50 Pf	1 M
Bagamojo	200	2,000	500	200	30	-
Bukoba	200	1,000	300	100	50	10
Dodoma	100	1,000	300	50	10	-
Kilwa	100	500	200	20	10	-
Korogwe	99	774	606	59	48	-
Mohoro	100	500	200	20	10	-
Mombo	500	3,000	1,000	200	100	30
Pangani	100	500	500	100	30	-



SMS Königsberg



Wuga Provisionals

March 1916



Blackish-Brown Type I Typeface 2½ Heller



Blackish-Brown Type II Typeface 2 ½ Heller



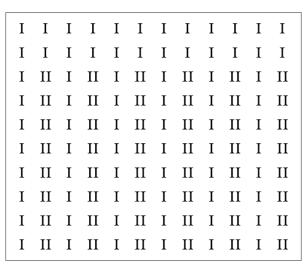
Red Type I Typeface 7½ Heller



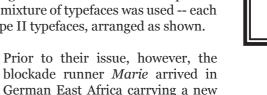
Red Type II Typeface 7½ Heller

By late 1915, the British blockade of German East Africa had led to a shortage of postage. In January 1916, designs were produced for an emergency issue of stamps which consisted of 4 different designs, (1) for $2\frac{1}{2}$ and $7\frac{1}{2}$ Heller, (2) for 4 Heller, (3) for 15, 20, 30, 45 and 60 Heller, and (4) for 1, 2, and 3 Rupie. In the end, the first and last designs were the only proposed designs which were actually printed.

In March 1916, the 2½ Heller, 7½ Heller, and 1 Rupie designs were printed on the printing press at the Mission Station in Wuga. The paper was ungummed and rouletted. The printer had insufficient supply of both "2" and "7" slugs, so a mixture of typefaces was used -- each sheet of 100 contained 60 Type I typefaces and 40 Type II typefaces, arranged as shown.



Sheet Layout of Types I & II



Gray-Red 1 Rupie

supply of stamps. To prevent the Wuga issues from falling into British hands, the entire stock was buried on an estate near Morogoro, with the exception of several copies which were retained by individuals in German East Africa in contravention of Berlin's directive.

In August 1921, the British allowed the Germans to return and retrieve the buried stamps. Several

	2 ½ H	7 ½ H	1 R
Printed	106,600	313,000	10,580
Sold	9,919	18,910	470

parties to the excavation kept unauthorized copies as souvenirs, but the surviving copies were sent to Berlin for resale. Many were in such poor condition that they were destroyed by German

authorities, but the remainder were split into singles and se-tenants and sold at auction. Many blocks of larger than 2 exist, and are believed to come from the unauthorized pilferage at excavation.



Wuga Provisional

Plate Flaw

March 1916

Exclamation point behind "I" in "RUPIE" Posn. Unk.



Gray-Red 1 Rupie



Wuga mission station



Wuga Provisionals

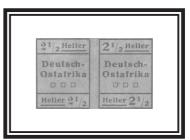
March 1916



Types I & II Horizontal Se-tenant



Types I & II Vertical Se-tenant



Types II & I Horizontal Se-tenant



Types I & II Horizontal Se-tenant



Types I & II Vertical Se-tenant



Types II & I Horizontal Se-tenant

Due to the layout of the sheets, the number of possible se-tenants per sheet is varied. Each sheet could contain a maximum of 48 horizontal se-tenants of Type I/II, 40 horizontal se-tenants of Type II/I, 5 vertical se-tenants of Type I/II, or a mixture containing lesser numbers of each. The distribution of se-tenants was also limited by which portions of the sheets were salvaged with minimal environmental damage.



Wuga mission station printing press



British Occupation of Mafia Island

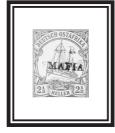
"G. R. / MAFIA" Overprints



14 January 1915

Black Overprint





(Bright) Ochre Brown 2½ Heller



Dark Green 4 Heller



Bright Carmine Red to Dark Red Carmine 7½ Heller



(Bright) Lilac Ultramarine 15 Heller



Dark (Reddish) Orange / Yellow Black on Light Yellow 20 Heller



Dark Reddish Carmine / (Brown) Black 30 Heller



Red Violet / Black 45 Heller



Dark Lilac Red 1 Rupie No Watermark



Dark Emerald Green 2 Rupien No Watermark



Dark (Carmine) Red / Green Black 3 Rupien

On 12 January 1915, British troops occupied Mafia Island for use as a base for the air and sea assault on the German cruiser *SMS Königsberg*, which had retreated to safety in the delta of the nearby Rufiji River. Upon occupying the island, the British used a handstamp to overprint German East Africa issues for use by British forces in the area. The first issues were overprinted "G. R. / MAFIA", and they can be found with black or blackish-violet ink.



British Occupation of Mafia Island

"G. R. / MAFIA" Overprints



14 January 1915

Blackish-Violet Overprint





(Bright) Ochre Brown 2½ Heller



Dark Green 4 Heller



Bright Carmine Red to Dark Red Carmine 7½ Heller



(Bright) Lilac Ultramarine 15 Heller



Dark (Reddish) Orange / Yellow Black on Light Yellow 20 Heller



Dark Reddish Carmine / (Brown) Black 30 Heller



Red Violet / Black 45 Heller



Dark Lilac Red 1 Rupie No Watermark



Dark Emerald Green 2 Rupien No Watermark



Dark (Carmine) Red / Green Black 3 Rupien

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British Occupation of Mafia Island

"G. R. / MAFIA" Overprints

Overprint Flaws



Black Overprint

14 January 1915



Dark (Reddish) Orange / Yellow Black on Light Yellow 20 Heller Double overprint

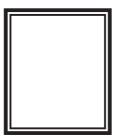


British Occupation of Mafia Island

"G. R. / POST / 6 CENTS / MAFIA" Overprints



July 1915



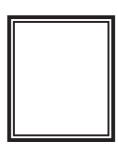
(Bright) Ochre Brown 6 Cents on 2 ½ Heller



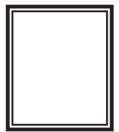
Dark Green 6 Cents on 4 Heller



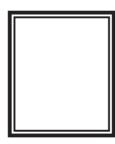
Bright Carmine Red to Dark Red Carmine 6 Cents on 7½ Heller



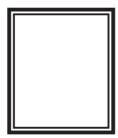
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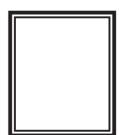
Dark (Reddish) Orange / Yellow Black on Light Yellow 6 Cents on 20 Heller



Dark Reddish Carmine / (Brown) Black 6 Cents on 30 Heller



Red Violet / Black 6 Cents on 45 Heller



(Bright) Opal Green 6 Cents on 5 Pesa on 5 Pfennig No Watermark



Dark Lilac Red 6 Cents on 1 Rupie No Watermark



Dark Emerald Green 6 Cents on 2 Rupien No Watermark



Dark (Carmine) Red / Green Black 6 Cents on 3 Rupien

On 12 January 1915, British troops occupied Mafia Island for use as a base for the air and sea assault on the German cruiser *SMS Königsberg*, which had retreated to safety in the delta of the nearby Rufiji River. Upon occupying the island, the British used a handstamp to overprint German East Africa issues for use by British forces in the area. The second issues feature a "G. R. / POST / 6 CENTS / MAFIA" overprint. A subtype exists with wide spacing between the "G." and "R.", but only a single set is known.



British Occupation of Mafia Island

"G. R. / POST / 6 CENTS / MAFIA" Overprints

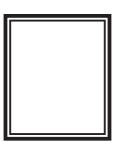


Overprint Flaws

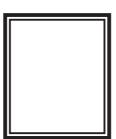
July 1915



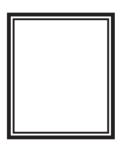
(Bright) Ochre Brown 6 Cents on 2 ½ Heller Inverted overprint



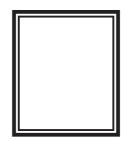
Bright Carmine Red to Dark Red Carmine 6 Cents on 7 ½ Heller Inverted overprint



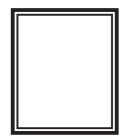
(Bright) Lilac Ultramarine 6 Cents on 15 Heller Double overprint



Dark Green 6 Cents on 4 Heller Inverted overprint



Bright Carmine Red to Dark Red Carmine 6 Cents on 7 ½ Heller Double overprint, one inverted



(Bright) Lilac Ultramarine 6 Cents on 15 Heller Triple overprint



British Occupation of Mafia Island

"O.H.B.M.S. / MAFIA" Overprints



1915

On Statistical Fee Revenue Stamps



Orange to Dull Brown 24 Pesa No Watermark



Dull Brown 12 ½ Heller



Dull Gray Green 25 Heller



Turquoise Gray 50 Heller



Dark Lilac 1 Rupie

On Translation Fee Revenue Stamp

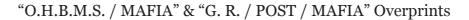


(Dark) Gray 25 Heller

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British Occupation of Mafia Island





1915

On Statistical Fee
Revenue Stamps

Orange to Dull Brown
24 Pesa
No Watermark

Dull Brown
12 1/2 Heller

Dull Gray Green
25 Heller

Turquoise Gray
50 Heller

Dark Lilac
1 Rupie

On Translation Fee Revenue Stamp

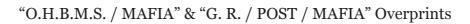


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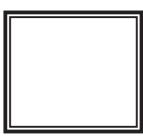
British Occupation of Mafia Island



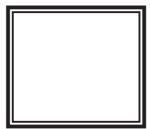


Overprint Flaws

1915



Orange to Dull Brown 24 Pesa No Watermark Missing "O.H.B.M.S." portion of overprint



Dull Gray Green 25 Heller Missing "O.H.B.M.S." portion of overprint



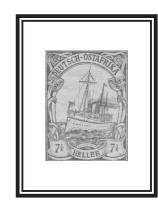
Karissimbi Provisionals







4 Heller



7½ Heller



15 Heller



30 Heller

This 5-stamp series of forgeries of the German East Africa yacht issues was discovered in the years after WWI, but the stamps' exact provenance is still a mystery.

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The famous cinderella expert Harry F. Rooke referred to the stamps as the "Karissimbi provisionals", though the reason for giving them this name is unknown. Karissimbi is a volcano that was in the western part of German East Africa.

They are known to exist unoverprinted, overprinted "G.E.A. BRITISH OCCUPATION" with new values, and overprinted with forged cancels. Imperforate copies are also known.



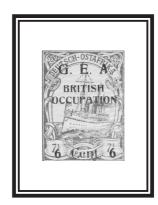
Karissimbi Provisionals



12 Cents on 2 1/2 Heller



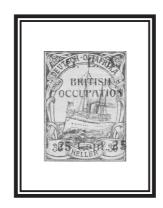
3 Cents on 4 Heller



6 Cents on 71/2 Heller



15 Cents on 15 Heller



25 Cents on 30 Heller

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Portuguese Occupation of Kionga

29 May 1916



Blue-Black on Blue ½ Centavo on 100 Reis



Blue-Black on Blue 1 Centavo on 100 Reis



Blue-Black on Blue 2½ Centavos on 100 Reis

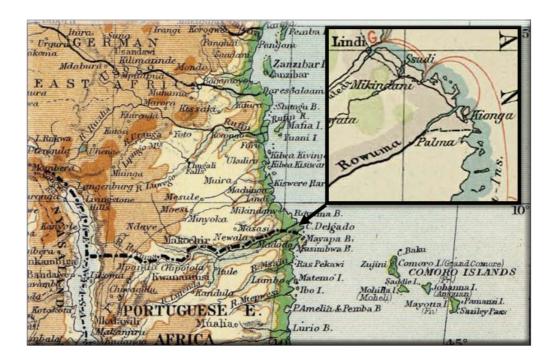


Blue-Black on Blue 5 Centavos on 100 Reis

In the late 19th century, the coastal area of Kionga was a consistent point of friction between German East Africa in the north and Portuguese East Africa in the south. Following numerous skirmishes over the territory, an arbitrator awarded the northern portion to German East Africa and the southern portion to Portuguese East Africa.

Upon Portugal's entry into WWI on the side of the Allies on 9 March 1916, Portuguese forces quickly set out to retake the entirety of Kionga. On 10 April 1916, they occupied the German portion of Kionga and implemented a civil administration over the area.

The Portuguese administration issued a single set of stamps consisting of four overprinted stamps of Lourenço Marques.





Belgian Occupation of German East Africa

Belgian Congo Overprints

November 1916



Light Green / Black 5 Centimes



Carmine / Black 10 Centimes



Blue Green / Black 15 Centimes



Dark Blue / Black 25 Centimes



Dark Carmine / Black 40 Centimes



Lilac Brown / Black 50 Centimes



Olive / Black 1 Franc



Orange / Black 5 Francs

In April 1916, Belgian troops invaded German East Africa from the Belgian Congo. The Belgians issued several sets of stamps for use in the Belgian-occupied areas, including these overprints of Belgian Congo issues. The overprint is "EST AFRICAIN ALLEMAND / OCCUPATION BELGE / DUITSCH OOST AFRIKA / BELGISCHE BEZETTING." (German East Africa / Belgian Occupation).



Belgian Occupation of German East Africa

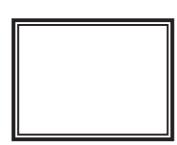
RUANDA.

"RUANDA." Overprints

July 1916



Light Green / Black 5 Centimes



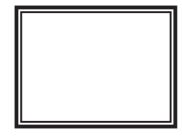
Carmine / Black 10 Centimes



Blue Green / Black 15 Centimes



Dark Blue / Black 25 Centimes



Dark Carmine / Black 40 Centimes



Lilac Brown / Black 50 Centimes



Olive / Black 1 Franc



Orange / Black 5 Francs

In April 1916, Belgian troops invaded German East Africa from the Belgian Congo. The first stamps designed for issue in the occupied Ruanda and Urundi territories were issues of Belgian Congo overprinted "RUANDA." or "URUNDI.". They were never issued, however.

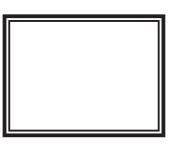


Belgian Occupation of German East Africa

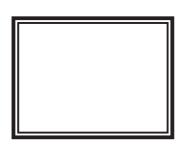
"URUNDI." Overprints

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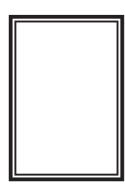
July 1916



Light Green / Black 5 Centimes



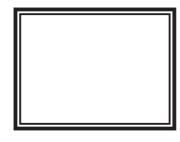
Carmine / Black 10 Centimes



Blue Green / Black 15 Centimes



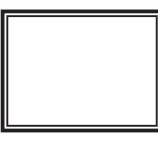
Dark Blue / Black 25 Centimes



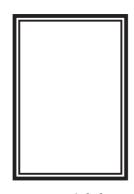
Dark Carmine / Black 40 Centimes



Lilac Brown / Black 50 Centimes



Olive / Black 1 Franc



Orange / Black 5 Francs

In April 1916, Belgian troops invaded German East Africa from the Belgian Congo. The first stamps designed for issue in the occupied Ruanda and Urundi territories were issues of Belgian Congo overprinted "RUANDA." or "URUNDI.". They were never issued, however.



Belgian Occupation of German East Africa

Belgian Congo "A.O." Overprints

15 May 1918



Green / Ultramarine 5+10 Centimes



Pink / Ultramarine 10+15 Centimes



Blue Green / Ultramarine 15+20 Centimes



Dark Blue / Ultramarine 25+25 Centimes



Dark Carmine / Ultramarine 40+40 Centimes



Brown Carmine / Ultramarine 50+50 Centimes



Olive Yellow / Ultramarine 1+1 Franc



Orange / Ultramarine 5+5 Francs



Green / Ultramarine 10+10 Francs

In April 1916, Belgian troops invaded German East Africa from the Belgian Congo. The Belgians issued several sets of stamps for use in the Belgian-occupied areas, including these overprints of Belgian Congo issues. The overprint is "A.O.", an abbreviation for Afrique Oriental (East Africa).



Belgian Occupation of German East Africa

Surcharged Overprints

1 January 1922



Lilac Brown / Black 5 Centimes on 50 Centimes



Light Green / Black 10 Centimes on 5 Centimes



Dark Carmine / Black 25 Centimes on 40 Centimes



Carmine / Black 30 Centimes on 10 Centimes



Dark Blue / Black 50 Centimes on 25 Centimes

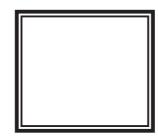
In April 1916, Belgian troops invaded German East Africa from the Belgian Congo. The Belgians issued several sets of stamps for use in the Belgian-occupied areas, including these surcharged overprints of Belgian Congo issues. The stamps are the November 1916 overprint issues with a surcharge added.



Statistical Fee Revenue Stamps



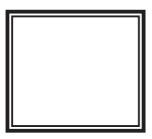
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Yellowish Brown 8 Pesa



Dark Green 16 Pesa



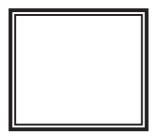
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Red 24 Pesa



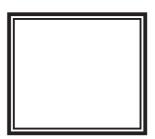
Blue 32 Pesa



Grayish Blue 32 Pesa



Violet 1 Rupie Perf. 12



Violet 1 Rupie Perf. 13 ³/₄



Statistical Fee Revenue Stamps

Interim Value Printing

1904 / 1905



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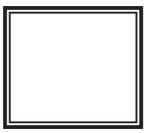
On 1 April 1905, Deutsch-Ostafrika was to switch from using Rupie/Pesa currency to Rupie/Heller currency. In mid-1904, it became apparent that stocks of the most used value of Statistical Fee stamp, 8 Pesa, would not be sufficient to last until 1 April 1905, when the Heller values would become valid for use. A printing was therefore done of an interim value, the 0.125 Rupie, which could be used as an 8 Pesa prior to the currency change, and as a 12 ½ Heller after the currency change.



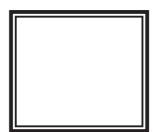
Statistical Fee Revenue Stamps

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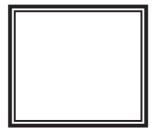
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Yellowish Brown 12,5 Heller on 8 Pesa



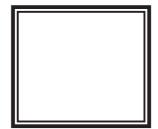
Yellowish Green 0,25 Rupie on 16 Pesa



Red 37 ½ Heller on 24 Pesa



Red 0,375 Rupie on 24 Pesa



Grayish Blue 50 Heller on 32 Pesa

On 1 April 1905, Deutsch-Ostafrika switched from using Rupie/Pesa currency to Rupie/Heller currency. To avoid wasting remaining stocks of Pesa-valued stamps, several locations continued using them after 1 April 1905, but handwrote the new Heller values on the face of the stamps. As this was done by various clerks at various locations, numerous handwritings exist.

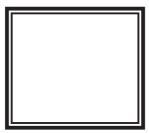


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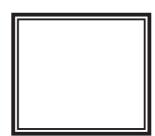
Provisional Handstamp Revalues

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__ Type I -



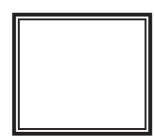
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Yellowish Green 0.25 Rupie on 16 Pesa Blue Handstamp



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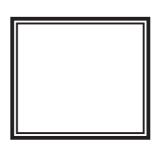


Grayish Blue 0.50 Rupie on 32 Pesa Violet Handstamp

_ Type II -



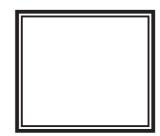
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Grayish Blue 0.50 Rupie on 32 Pesa Blue Handstamp



Red 0,375 Rupie on 24 Pesa Violet Handstamp



Type III —

Grayish Blue 0,50 Rupie on 32 Pesa Violet Handstamp

On 1 April 1905, Deutsch-Ostafrika switched from using Rupie/Pesa currency to Rupie/Heller currency. To avoid wasting remaining stocks of Pesavalued stamps, several locations continued using them after 1 April 1905, but handstamped the new Heller values on the face of the stamps. Three types of handstamps are known.

- Type I Small print in a single line, line through previous value
- Type II Small print in a single line, triangles in corners
- Type III Large print in two lines



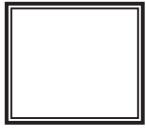
Statistical Fee Revenue Stamps

Provisional Handstamp Revalues

Overprint Variety

1905

Inverted Overprint



Yellowish Green 0.25 Rupie on 16 Pesa Blue Handstamp



Statistical Fee Revenue Stamps





Light Brown 12 ½ Heller



Yellowish Green 25 Heller



Dark Blue 50 Heller



Gray Blue 50 Heller



Violet 1 Rupie

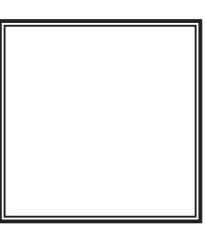


Statistical Fee Revenue Stamps

Order Numbers / Hausauftragsnummern (HAN)



1905



Yellowish Green 25 Heller HAN 7518.12 at left or right



Gray Blue 50 Heller HAN 7518.12 at left or right



Statistical Fee Revenue Stamps

Proof

1905





Green 25 Heller Perf. Comb 13 ¾:14

A variety of the 25 Heller value in a darker green color and perforated 13 3/4:14 instead of 13 3/4:13 is known. It is presumed to be a proof.



Dock Fee Revenue Stamps





Light Brown Red Overprint 5 Heller on 12 ½ Heller



Yellowish Green Gray Overprint 10 Heller on 25 Heller



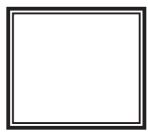
Dar-es-Salaam Harbor



Dock Fee Revenue Stamps

1913





Blue Gray 5 Heller on 25 Heller



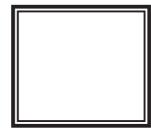
Lilac 10 Heller on 25 Heller



Orange 20 Heller on 25 Heller



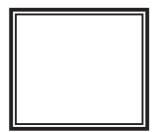
Red 40 Heller on 25 Heller



Gray Blue 1 Rupie on 1 Rupie



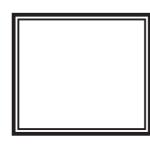
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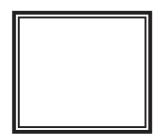
Dark Blue 1 Rupie on 1 Rupie



Brown 5 Rupien on 1 Rupie



Red Brown 10 Rupien on 1 Rupie



Light Red 50 Rupien on 1 Rupie

The 5 Heller, 10 Heller, and 50 Rupien values are known to exist only as samples in the archives of the Bundesdruckerei (German State Printers). All other values are only known used.



Storage Fee Revenue Stamps

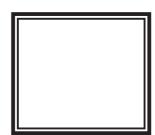




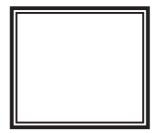
Pink 5 Heller on 25 Heller



Orange 10 Heller on 25 Heller



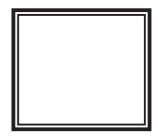
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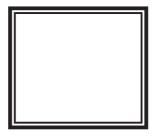
Light Green 25 Heller on 25 Heller



Blue 50 Heller on 50 Heller



Gray Blue 50 Heller on 50 Heller



Olive 75 Heller on 25 Heller



Violet 1 Rupie on 1 Rupie



Translation Fee Revenue Stamps

-1894



Blue Gray 15 Pesa



Gray 15 Pesa



Dark Gray 15 Pesa

— 1905

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Handwritten in black or red ink



Gray 0,25 Rupie on 15 Pesa



Gray 0.25 Rupie on 15 Pesa

Handstamp with small print in a single line, triangles in corners

Watermark



-1905



Gray 25 Heller



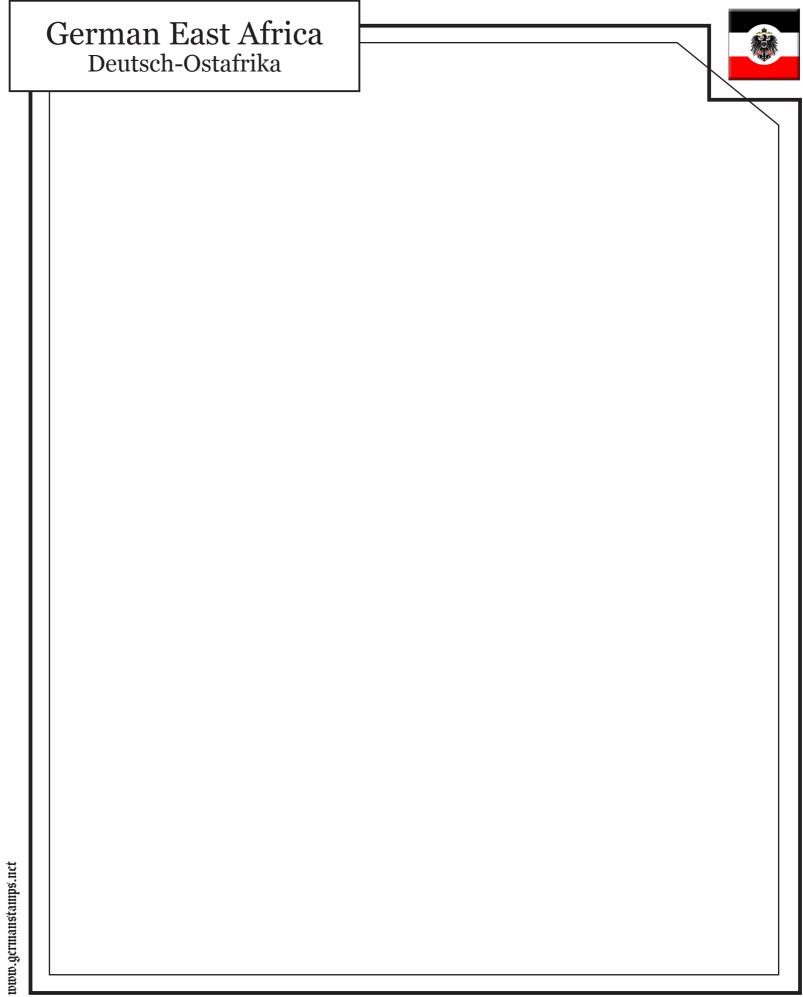
Translation Fee Revenue Stamps

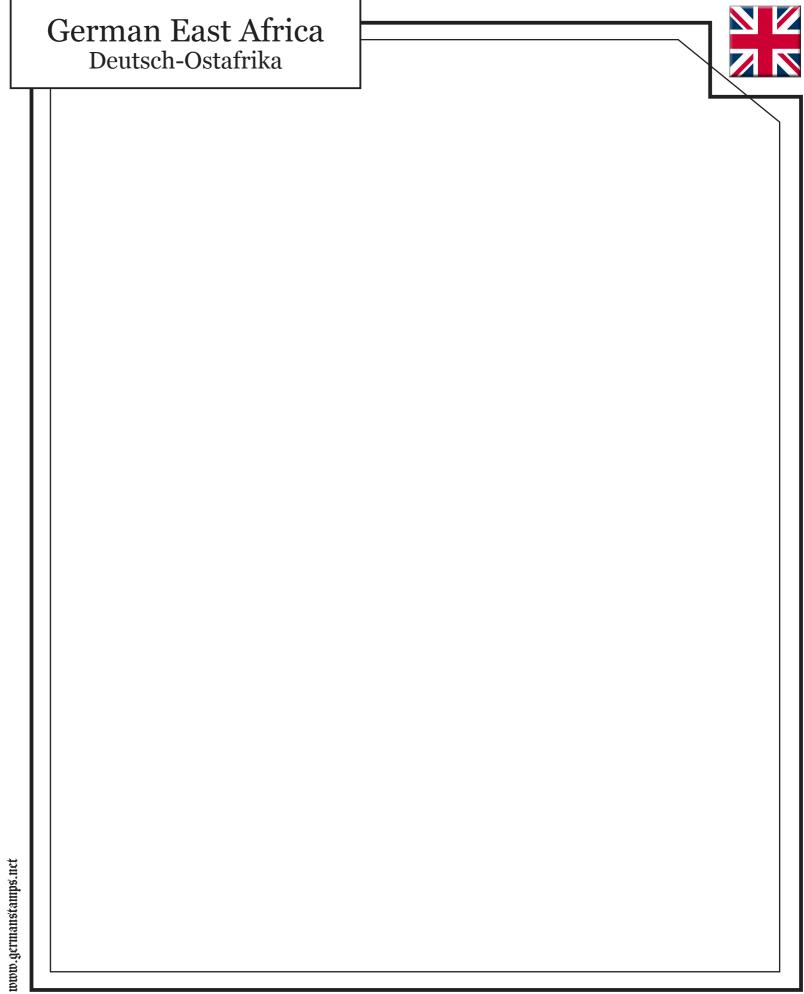
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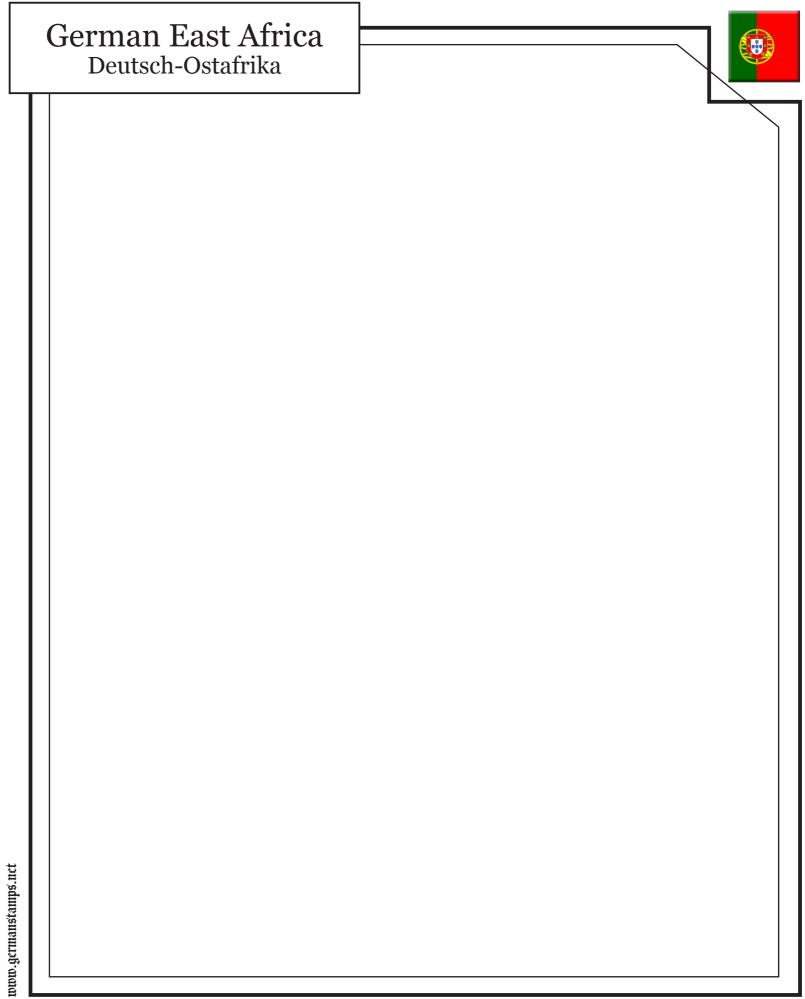


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Vertical bisects of the 25 Heller Translation Fee stamp used to pay a 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Heller rate are known. To date, 4 copies are known, all on pieces cut from sailing permits (Segelerlaubnisscheinen).







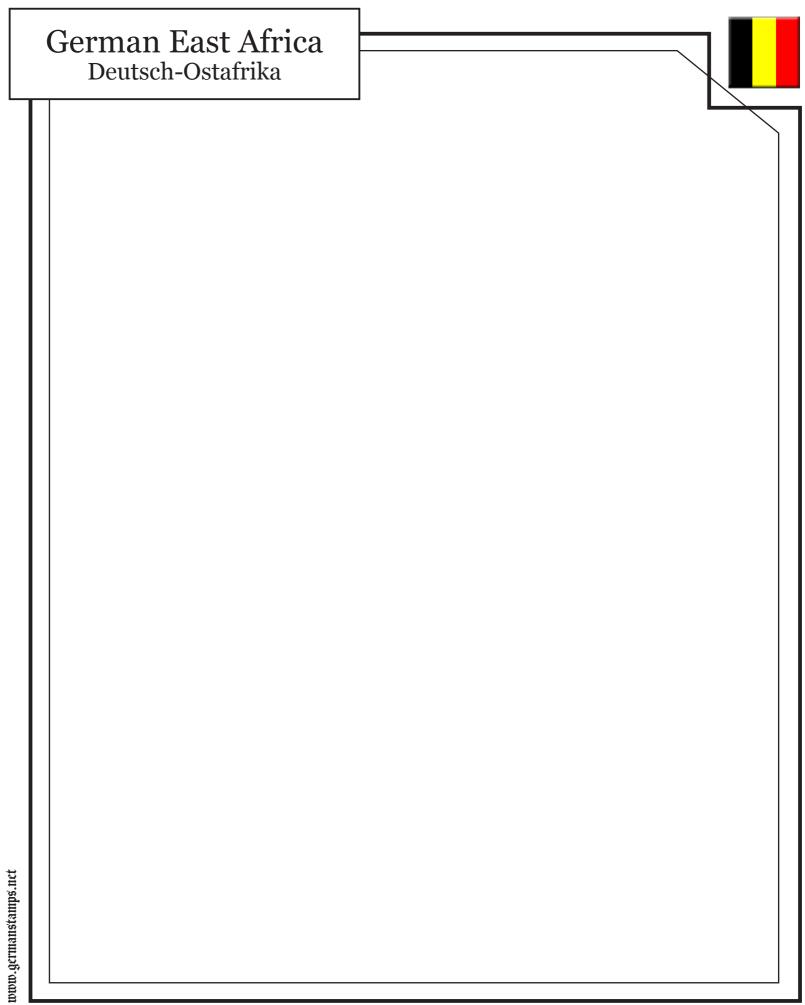


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