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Introduction



Wikipedia, English version (22/2/2015)

"German South-West Africa campaign, 1914–1915



German South-West Africa, 1915

An invasion of German South-West Africa from the south failed at the [Battle of Sandfontein](#) (25 September 1914), close to the border with the Cape Colony. German fusiliers inflicted a serious defeat on the British troops and the survivors returned to British territory. The Germans began an invasion of South Africa to forestall another invasion attempt and the [Battle of Kakamas](#) took place on 4 February 1915, between South African and German forces, a skirmish for control of two river fords over the [Orange River](#). The South Africans prevented the Germans from gaining control of the fords and crossing the river. By February 1915, the South Africans were ready to occupy German territory. Botha put Smuts in command of the southern forces while he commanded the northern forces. Botha arrived at [Swakopmund](#) on 11 February and continued to build up his invasion force at [Walfish Bay](#) (or Walvis Bay), a South African enclave about halfway along the coast of German South West Africa. In March Botha began an advance from Swakopmund along the [Swakop valley](#) with its railway line and captured [Otjimbingwe](#), [Karibib](#), Friedrichsfelde, Wilhelmsthal and [Okahandja](#) and then entered [Windhuk](#) on 5 May 1915.

The Germans offered surrender terms, which were rejected by Botha and the war continued. On 12 May Botha declared martial law and divided his forces into four contingents, which cut off German forces in the interior from the coastal regions of [Kunene](#) and [Kaokoveld](#) and fanned out into the north-east. Lukin went along the railway line from Swakopmund to [Tsumeb](#). The other two columns rapidly advanced on the right flank, Myburgh to [Otavi](#) junction and Manie Botha to Tsumeb and the terminus of the railway.

German forces in the north-west fought the [Battle of Otavi](#) on 1 July but were defeated and surrendered at [Khorab](#) on 9 July 1915. In the south, Smuts landed at the South West African naval base at [Luderitzbucht](#), then advanced inland and captured [Keetmanshoop](#) on 20 May. The South Africans linked with two columns which had advanced over the border from South Africa. Smuts advanced north along the railway line to [Berseba](#) and on 26 May, after two day's fighting captured [Gibeon](#). The Germans in the south were forced to retreat northwards towards Windhuk and Botha's force. On 9 July the German forces in the south surrendered

(Maritz Rebellion, 1914–1915)

General [Koos de la Rey](#), under the influence of [Siener van Rensburg](#) a "crazed seer", believed that the outbreak of war foreshadowed the return of the republic but was persuaded by Botha and Smuts on 13 August not to rebel and on 15 August told his supporters to disperse. At a congress on 26 August De la Rey claimed loyalty to South Africa, not Britain or Germany. The Commandant-General of the Union Defence Force, Brigadier-General [Christiaan Frederick Beyers](#) opposed the war and with the other rebels, resigned his commission on 15 September. General Koos de la Rey joined Beyers and on 15 September they visited Major [JCG \(Jan\) Kemp](#) in [Potchefstroom](#), who had a large armoury and a force of 2,000 men, many of whom were thought to be sympathetic. The South African government believed it to be an attempt to instigate a rebellion, Beyers claimed that it was to discuss plans for a simultaneous resignation of leading army officers, similar to the [Curragh incident](#) in Britain.

During the afternoon De la Rey was mistakenly shot and killed by a policeman, at a road block set up to look for the [Foster gang](#) and many Afrikaners believed that De la Rey had been assassinated. After the funeral the rebels condemned the war but when Botha asked them to volunteer for military service in South-West Africa they accepted. Maritz, at the head of a commando of Union forces on the border of [German South-West Africa](#), allied with the Germans on 7 October and issued a proclamation on behalf of a provisional government and declared war on the British on 9 October. Generals Beyers, [De Wet](#), Maritz, Kemp and Bezuidenhout were to be the first leaders of a new [South African Republic](#). Maritz occupied [Keimoes](#) in the Upington area. The [Lydenburg](#) commando under General De Wet took possession of the town of [Heilbron](#), held up a train and captured government stores and ammunition.

By the end of the week De Wet had a force of 3,000 men and Beyers had gathered c. 7,000 more in the [Magaliesberg](#). General Louis Botha had c. 30,000 pro-government troops. The government declared martial law on 12 October and loyalists under General Louis Botha and [Jan Smuts](#) repressed the uprising. Maritz was defeated on 24 October and took refuge with the Germans, the Beyers commando was dispersed at [Commissioners Drift](#) on 28 October, after which Beyers joined forces with Kemp and then was drowned in the [Vaal River](#) on 8 December. De Wet was captured in [Bechuanaland](#) on 2 December and Kemp, having crossed the [Kalahari desert](#) and lost 300 of 800 men and most of their horses on the 1,100-kilometre (680 mi) journey, joined Maritz in German South-West Africa and attacked across the Orange river on 22 December. Maritz advanced south again on 13 January 1915 and attacked Upington on 24 January and most of the rebels surrendered on 30 January.

(German invasion of Angola, 1914–1915) The campaign in southern [Portuguese West Africa](#) (modern-day [Angola](#)) took place from October 1914 – July 1915. Portuguese forces in southern Angola were

reinforced by a military expedition led by Lieutenant-Colonel [Alves Roçadas](#), which arrived at [Moçâmedes](#) on 1 October 1914. After the loss of the wireless transmitter at Kamina in Togoland, German forces in South-West Africa could not communicate easily and until July 1915 the Germans did not know if Germany and Portugal were at war (war was declared by Germany on 9 March 1916.). On 19 October 1914, an incident occurred in which fifteen Germans entered Angola without permission and were arrested at fort [Naulila](#) and in a mêlée three Germans were killed by Portuguese troops. On 31 October, German troops armed with machine-guns launched a surprise attack, which became known as the Cuangar Massacre on the small Portuguese outpost at [Cuangar](#) and killed eight soldiers and a civilian.

On 18 December a German force of 500 men under the command of Major [Victor Franke](#) attacked Portuguese forces at Naulila. A German shell detonated the munitions magazine at Forte Roçadas and the Portuguese were forced to withdraw from the Ovambo region to Humbe, with 69 dead, 76 wounded, and 79 troops taken prisoner. The Germans lost 12 soldiers killed and 30 wounded. Local civilians collected Portuguese weapons and rose against the colonial regime. On 7 July 1915, Portuguese forces under the command of General [Pereira d'Eça](#) reoccupied the Humbe region and conducted a reign of terror against the population. The Germans retired to the south with the northern border secure during the uprising in Ovambo, which distracted Portuguese forces from operations further south. Two days later German forces in South West Africa surrendered, ending the South-West Africa Campaign."

According to <http://www.deutsche-schutzgebiete.de/deutsche-kolonien.htm>:

8. April 1884

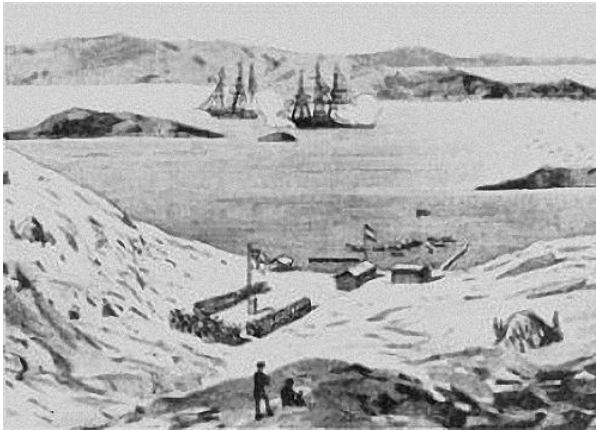
Adolf Lüderitz reicht dem Auswärtigen Amt ein Gesuch um Schutzgewährung für seine Erwerbungen in Südwestafrika ein.

24. April 1884

Die Besitzungen des Kaufmanns Lüderitz nördlich vom Oranje-Fluss in Südwestafrika "werden unter deutschen Schutz gestellt". Bismarck teilt dieses telegrafisch dem deutschen Konsul in Kapstadt und brieflich dem deutschen Botschafter in London mit.

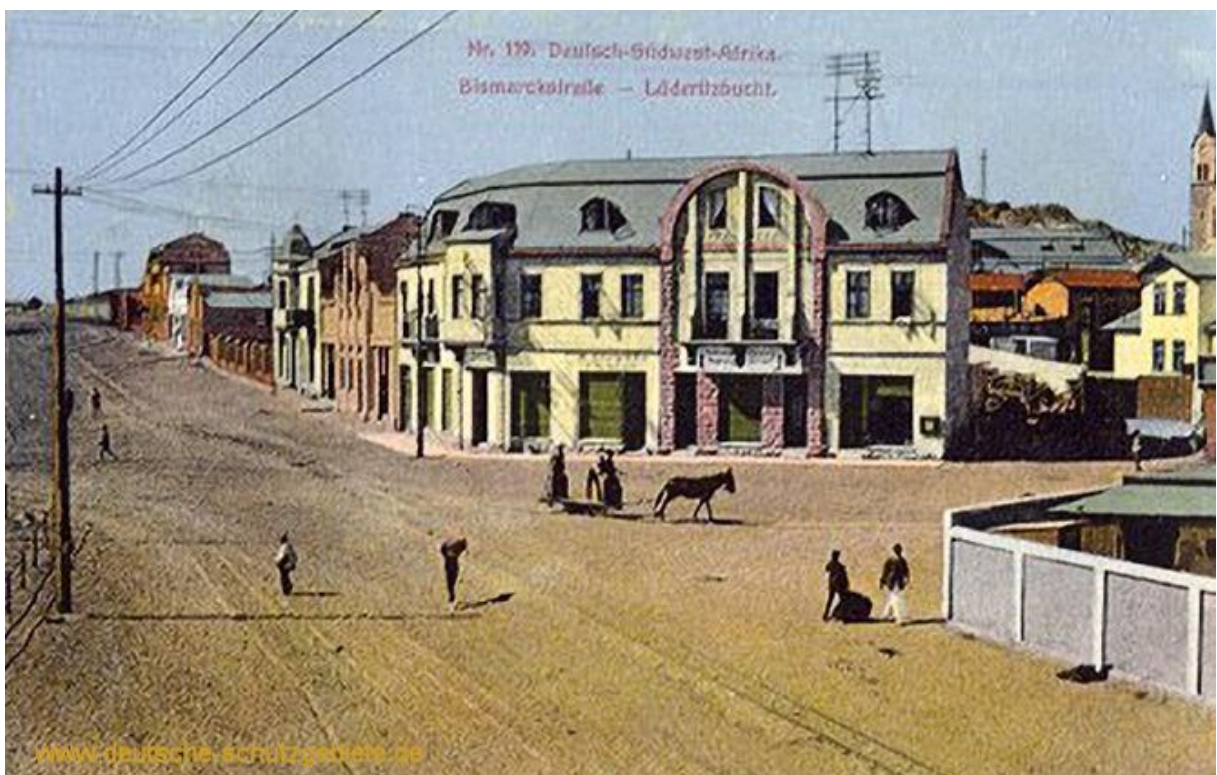
7. August 1884

Von dem Kapitän zur See Herbig wird in Anwesenheit von Offizieren und Mannschaften der Korvette S.M.S. Elisabeth in Angra Pequena, das zunächst nur aus drei der Firma Lüderitz gehörenden Blockhäusern besteht, die deutsche Flagge gehisst. Das Gebiet erstreckt sich von dem Nordufer des Oranje-Flusses bis zu 26 Grad rechte auf und beschränkt die Tätigkeit der Gesellschaft auf ihren eigenen Farmbetrieb. Die Geschichte dieser ersten kolonialen Siedlungsgesellschaft ist bezeichnend für das geringe Interesse der Deutschen; um 200 000 Mark Kapital zusammenzubringen, brauchte es zwei Jahre Zeit.



In Angra Peguena, der späteren Lüderitzbucht, wird die deutsche Flagge gehisst.“

<http://www.deutsche-schutzgebiete.de/deutsche-kolonien.htm>



<http://www.deutsche-schutzgebiete.de/deutsche-kolonien.htm>

Amtszeit	Name	Lebensdaten
5/1885 - 8/1890	Dr. Heinrich Ernst Göring, Reichskommissar, späterer Landeshauptmann	1839 - 1913
8/1890 - 3/1891	Louis Nels (stellvertretend)	1855 - 1910
3/1891 - 15.03.1894	Hauptmann Curt von François, späterer Landeshauptmann	1852 - 1931
15.03.1894 - 19.08.1905	Major Theodor von Leutwein, Landeshauptmann, ab 1898 Gouverneur	1849 - 1921

19.08.1905 - 11/1905	Lothar von Trotha (stellvertretend)	1848 - 1920
11/1905 - 20.05.1907	Friedrich von Lindequist, Gouverneur	1862 - 1945
20.05.1907 - 20.06.1910	Bruno von Schuckmann, Gouverneur	1857 - 1919
28.08.1910 - 09.07.1915	Dr. Theodor Seitz, Gouverneur	1863 - 1949
Kommandeure der Schutztruppe		
Dienstzeit	Name	Lebensdaten
01.06.1894 - 06.01.1895	Major Curt von Francois	1852 - 1931
10.11.1897 - 16.05.1904	Oberst Theodor Gotthilf Leutwein	1849 - 1921
17.05.1904 - 21.05.1906	Generalleutnant Lothar von Trotha	1858 - 1910
22.05.1906 - 31.03.1907	Generalmajor von Deimling	1853 - 1944
01.04.1907 - 19.03.1911	Oberst Ludwig von Estorff	1859 - 1943
19.11.1912 - 1914	Oberstleutnant Joachim von Heydebreck	1861 - 1914
1914 - 1915	Hauptmann Victor Franke	1866 - 1936

<http://www.deutsche-schutzgebiete.de/deutsche-kolonien.htm>

Since 1888 German post offices existed in Southwest Africa, and they used local cancellations on German stamps (see SWA-1).

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postage_stamps_and_postal_history_of_German_South-West_Africa writes:

"German South-West Africa was a German colony in Africa, established in 1884 with the protection of the area around Lüderitz and abandoned during World War I, when the area was taken over by the British.

The postal history of the colony started on 7 July 1888 at Otjimbingwe, when the regular postal service began using German postage stamps and postmarks reading OTYIMBINGUE. The service continued in this fashion for a number of years, eventually expanding to additional post offices in Windhoek (1891) and Swakopmund (1895)".

http://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/germansouthwestafrica_stamps.html writes:

"German South-West Africa (German: Deutsch-Südwest-Afrika) was the largest of all the German colonies. The colony existed from 1884-1915. In area, South-West Africa was one and one half times the size of the German Empire in Europe. This was the only one of the colonies that the imperial government actually made a profit in supporting!

The area was first settled in the 1840's by missionaries. In 1882, a German merchant, Adolf Lüderitz, established a city at Angra Pequena, which was renamed to Lüderitz. Fearing British encroachment from the South, Lüderitz requested German military support. The colony of South West Africa was permanently established in August, 1884.

German bankers, industrialists, and government officials then later came to South West Africa to support the growing infrastructure. This was the only German colony that Germans migrated to in large numbers, due to opportunities in diamond mining, copper mining, and in farming. The native population never fully accepted the German colonists, and towards the end of the 19th Century, there were many conflicts between them and the German military. (...)

*From 1888 to 1897, regular German postage stamps were used in the post offices at **Otyimbingue, Keetmanshoop, Windhoek, and Swakopmund**".*

We also found cancellations on German stamps from a post office in Cape Cross, Gibeon, Okombahe and Omaruru.

German postal services in SWA, Vorläufer, (1849)- 1888-1897 (-1901)

SWA-1: Post offices using German stamps

Cape Cross:



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4046&lang=1

Gibeon:



[http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists\[0\]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=](http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=)

Keetmanshoop:

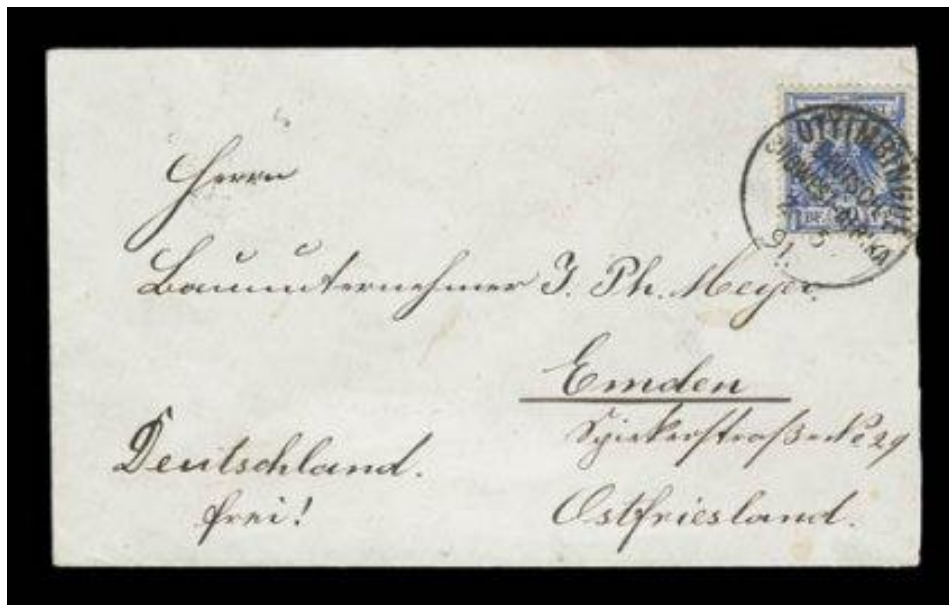


http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4107



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4108

Otyimbingue



<http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/f10868.cfm>



"The first German postal agency in German South West Africa had been opened in Otyimbingue, the seat of the German Colonial Society, on 7 July 1888. By November, it was forced to move to Walfish Bay on account of attacks from the Herero, temporarily returning from 8 July to September 1889 and then again between mid-March and November 1891, before the postal agency was transferred on 7 December to Windhoek. The dates of the permanent post office in Otyimbingue were 30 May 1895 to 30 April 1914."

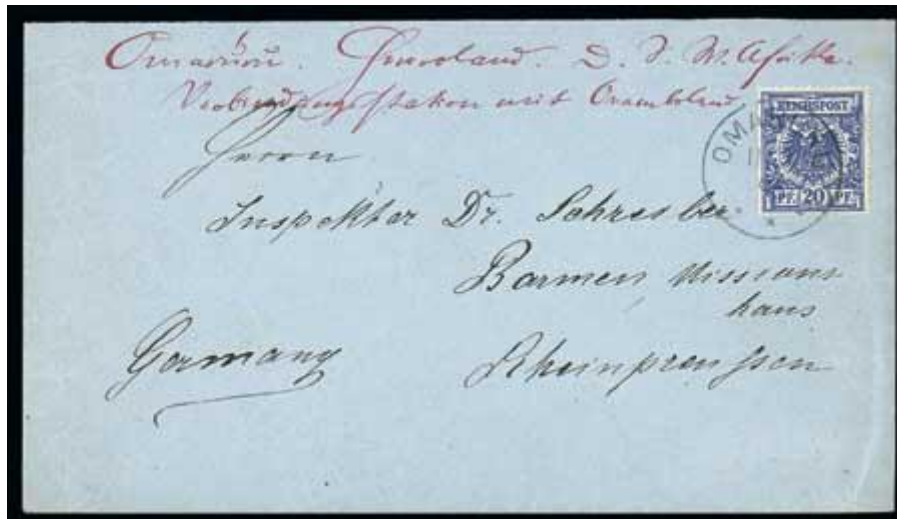
http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4033&lang=1

Okombahe:



<http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/f10869.cfm>

Omaruru:



"1896 (11 Mar.) envelope from Omupanda to the Rhenish Missionary Society in Barmen (11.5), endorsed "Abs. A. Wulfhorst Omupanda", below which in red ink is "Ovamboland. Portugiesischem Gebiet", and bearing Eagle 20pf ultramarine (Michel 48d), cancelled by "Omaruru" c.d.s., further Missionary Society endorsement on front "Omaruru Hereroland D.S.W. Afrika, Verbindungsstation mit Ovamboland" http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4041&lang=1



Swakopmund:

[http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists\[0\]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=](http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=)

Windhoek:



Reinhardfischer

www.delcampe.net

[http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists\[0\]=2679&searchString=&page=6&useAsDefault=](http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=6&useAsDefault=)

Finally, one of the first letters ever sent from the area that would later become GWA is the one sent in , of which Bennett Stamps writes: "1849 (28 May) folded letter from New Barmen written by Emma Hahn, wife of the missionary Hugo Hahn, to her mother in London (7.12), showing "General Post Office/Capetown" oval Crown and straight-line "Ship Letter" handstamps, rated "4" for postage within the Cape and "8" for British ship letter, Very Fine and early missionary letter. (...) In 1842, the Nama leader Jonker Afrikaner invited the first missionaries to settle among his people. The Rhenish Missionary Society sent Hugo Hahn and Heinrich Kleinschmidt to Okahandja to further its work. The Latvian born Hahn, who remained in South West Africa for 30 years, was the most influential missionary. He left Klein Windhoek in October, 1843 and eventually settled in New Barmen. Amongst other things, the above letter describes the feud between Jonker Afrikaner and the Ovahereros: "... we heard that two cattle posts of Jonker Afrikaner had been robbed by the Ovambautiru (East Damras), he was on his way to Walvich bay and was called back and although unable to find the guilty parties pursued

& attacked others and returned with much booty. Previously, while on the road to the Bay he had wantonly without the slightest cause, fallen upon a large village of Overherero (West Damras) and killed 30 Kaitjine, brother of the Captain Kamu-Kamu Captain of the above-mentioned tribe, rose with a large party of his people and fell upon Jonkers and his people in the night, he was however obliged to retreat after losing 5 or 6 men, the Namaquas long accustomed to guns know their use better than the Ovaherero among whom they have been introduced during the last five years. Kaitjine is one of the most powerful and richest of the Ovaherero Chiefs and had till this last depredation on Jonker's side been on friendly terms with him, but now fearful lest Jonker should attack him he has removed now northward where he still remains about two days ride on oxback from this. Last week my dear husband rode thither and met with a most cordial reception".



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4001&lang=1

In 1850 this was followed by a letter from **"New Barmen, Ovaherero Land"** written by **Emma Hahn to her sister in London (2.4.52)** via **Walvis Bay**, showing "Ship Letter" straight-line handstamp in red, rated "8", Very Fine and interesting missionary letter. (...) *"Emma Hahn writes about the visit of Francis and Anderson, and extending their mission northward. Francis Galton explored South West Africa between 1850-52. A cousin of Charles Darwin, he later founded the eugenics movement. "Mr. Galton has returned from the Obampo country and is now gone more eastward, we hear that a missionary was likely to arrive at a Namaqua station a fortnight's journey eastward from this, who has made his way through a country hitherto considered impossible by the natives. - i.e., From the Lake Guami (Ngami) of the discovery of which you have doubtless heard... The Missionary we suppose to be Mr. Livingston who had already penetrated to the Lake with Mr. Oswell - and who was formerly at the Kuruman - but has been for some time settled among the Batlapi 200 miles north of the Kuruman. It is just now a very interesting period for poor benighted Africa".*



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4003&lang=1

Stamps of SWA, 1897-1914



"Der verwegene Hottentottenhäuptling Hendrik Witbooi" (zeitgenössische Postkarte). Kapitän der Witbooihottentotten Hendrik Witbooi (um 1835 - 1905)"

<http://www.deutsche-schutzgebiete.de/deutsche-kolonien.htm>



"Deutsch-Südwestafrika,
Kriegsgefangene
Hottentotten"
(zeitgenössische
Postkarte)

<http://www.deutsche-schutzgebiete.de/deutsch>

In 1897 the postal authorities issued their first stamps, 'Deutsch Südwest-Afrika' overprints on German stamps (six stamps; Michel Nrs 1-4 and I-II, see SWA 2a), followed by six stamps with 'Deutsch Südwestafrika' as overprint (Michel Nrs 5-10; see SWA 2b). In November 1900 the Colonial Yacht stamps were issued for Deutsch Südwestafrika (see SWA-3): thirteen stamps (Michel Nrs 11-23, without and Nrs 24-32 with watermark).

SWA-2a: Overprint on Germany; 'Deutsch Südwest Afrika'



http://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/germansouthwestafrika_stamps.html



<http://www.stampworld.com/nl/stamps/German-South-West-Africa/>

SWA-2b: Overprint on Germany; 'Deutsch Südwestafrika'



http://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/germansouthwestafrica_stamps.html

SWA 3: Colonial Yacht stamps for 'Deutsch Südwestafrika' (1900)



http://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/germansouthwestafrica_stamps.html



<http://www.klassische-briefmarken.de/philosophie.htm>

In booklets:



<http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679>

The 1906-1912 series, with 3M and 5M only issued in 1919, in Berlin, and never used in SWA:



http://www.allstamp.net/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=CTGY&Store_Code=A&Category_Code=GECOLSWA



Vignette:

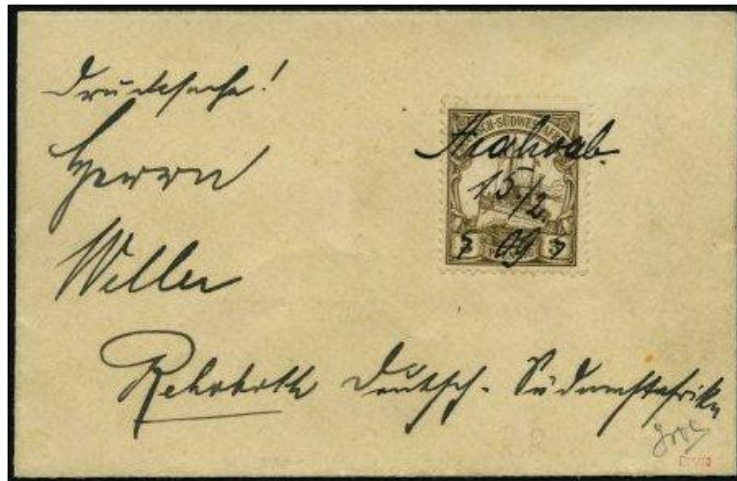
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Post offices with their own cancellations, 1897-1914

In SWA the following local post offices existed, using their own cancellations:



http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Atlas_of_colonialism#mediaviewer/File:Deutsch-Sudwestafrika.png



Arahoab:

Nordphila

www.delcampe.net

Manuscript cancellation, 1909, via Rehoboth;

[http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists\[0\]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=](http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=)



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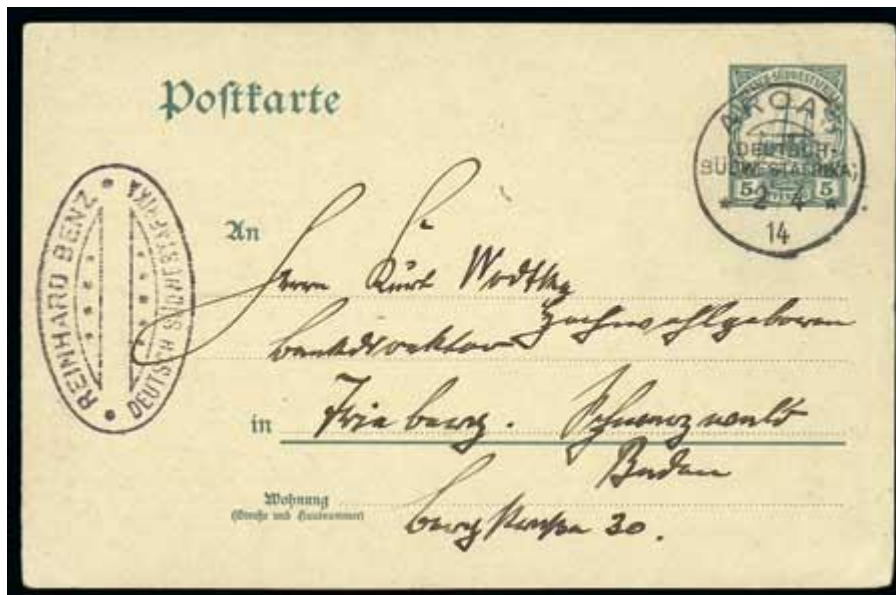
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Aris:



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4059&lang=1

Aroab:



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4063&lang=1



Aus:

Klaus_schneider www.delcampe.net

[http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists\[0\]=2679&searchString=&page=2&useAsDefault=](http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=2&useAsDefault=)

Barby:



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4065&lang=1



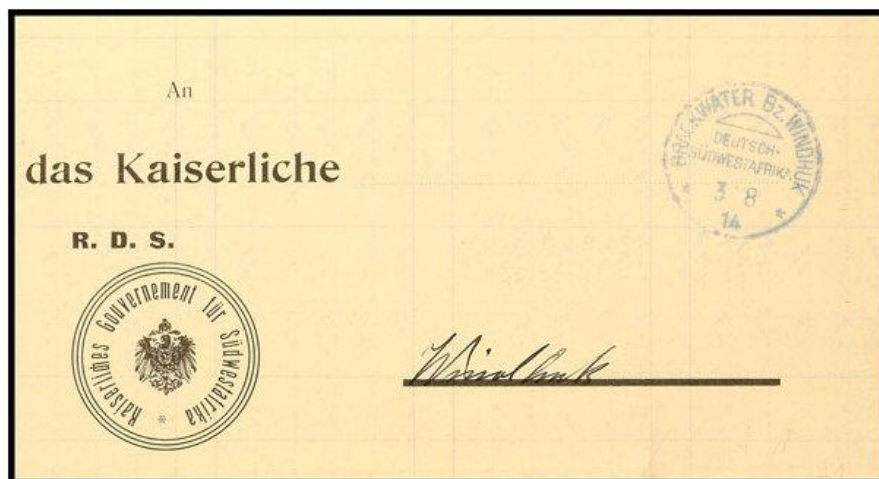
Bethanien:

Nordphila

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[http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists\[0\]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=](http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=5&useAsDefault=)

Bra(c)kwater:



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Brackwasser:



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http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4068&lang=1

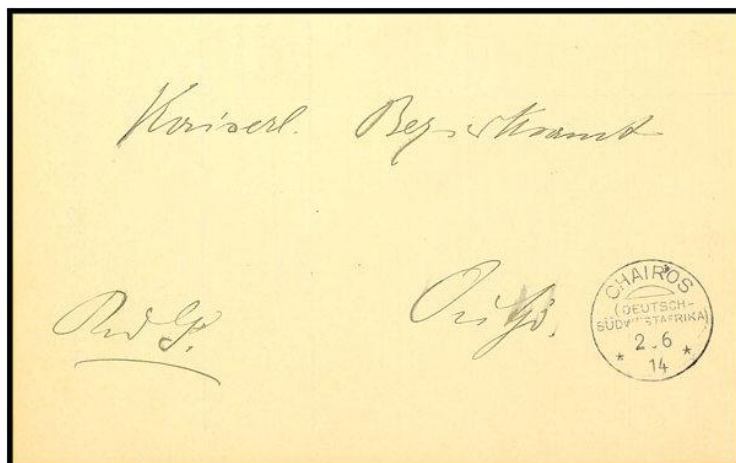


Cap Cross:

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Chairos:

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Epukiro:



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4211

during the Herero War, Cancellation: 4/8/1906

Fahlgras Brazer Windhuk:



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4074&lang=1



Klaus_schneider

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Ghan (Khan):

<http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679>

(currently Khan, Erongo area. Central Namibia)



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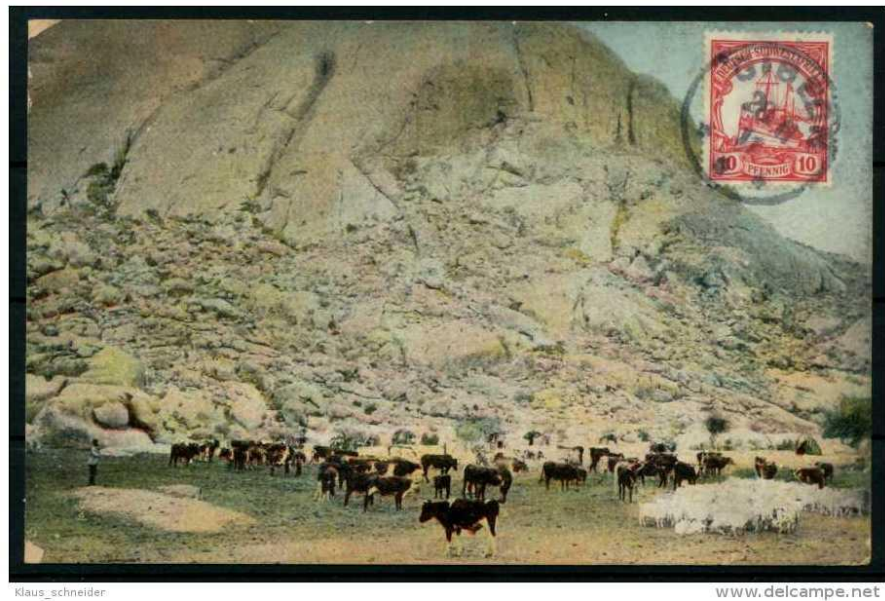
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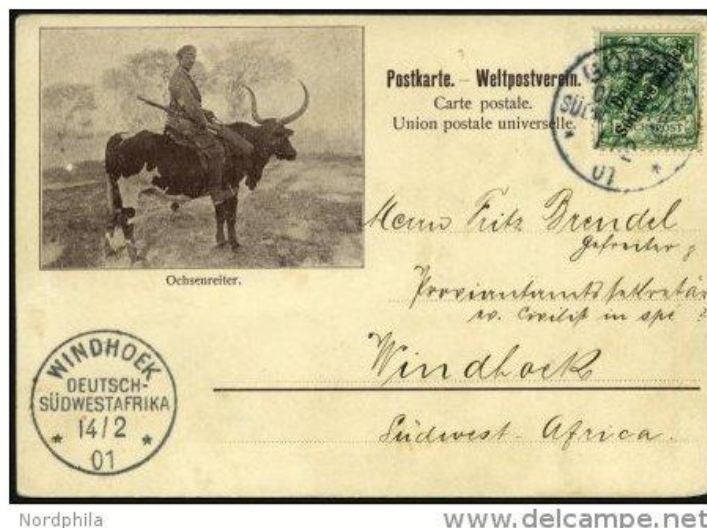
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"HERERO WAR. 1904 picture post card to Germany, stampless and endorsed 'Feldpostkarte' with a good strike of the GOBABIS negative seal and a GOBABIS 16.10.04 datestamp. A Würzburg arrival c.d.s. is also on the card. The Gobabis negative seals were mainly used on 'Feldpost' mail."

<http://www.forpostalhistory.com/results.php?s=114&st=&srch=&curr=&PHPSESSID=3fiem2107eih4akd7knjrh7h07>

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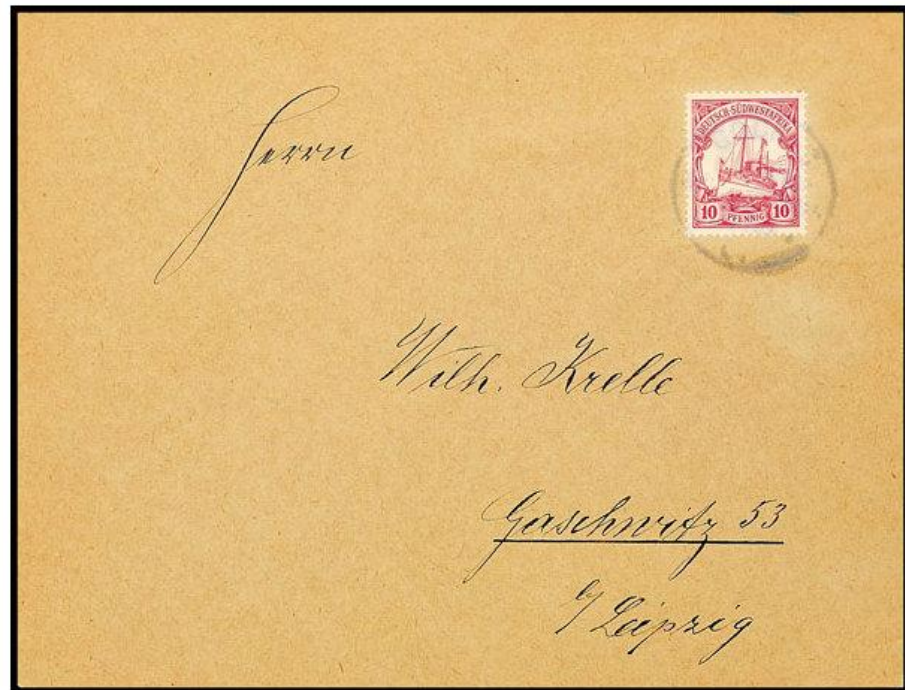
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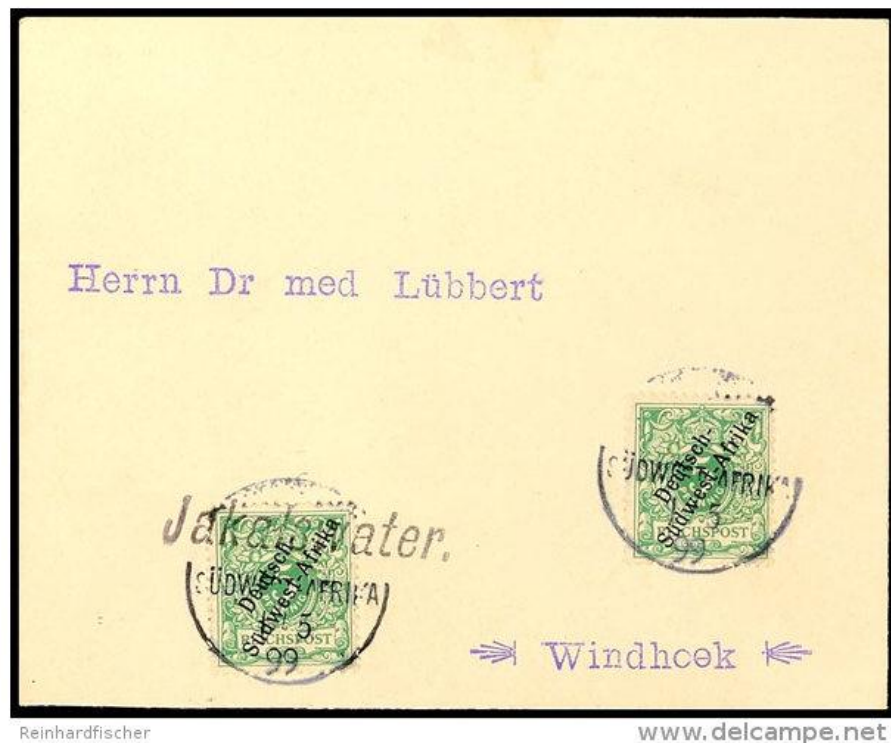
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Feldpostkarte during the Herero War, 9/3/1904

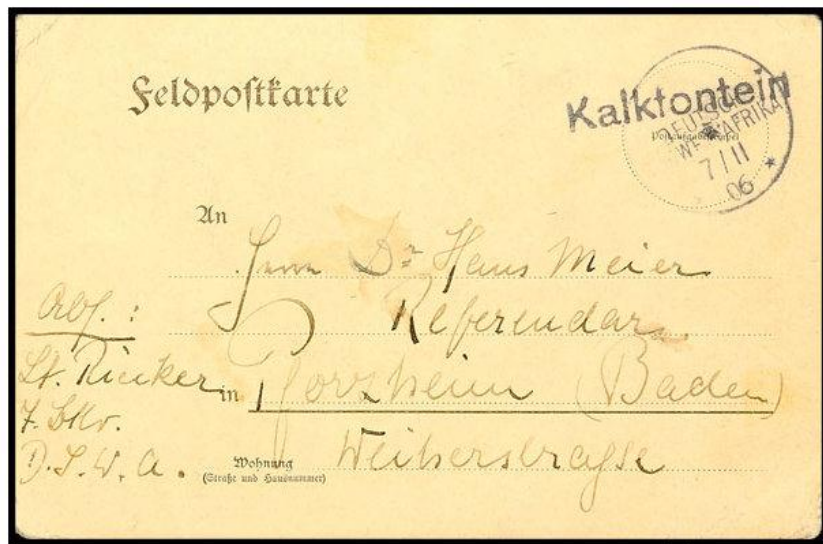


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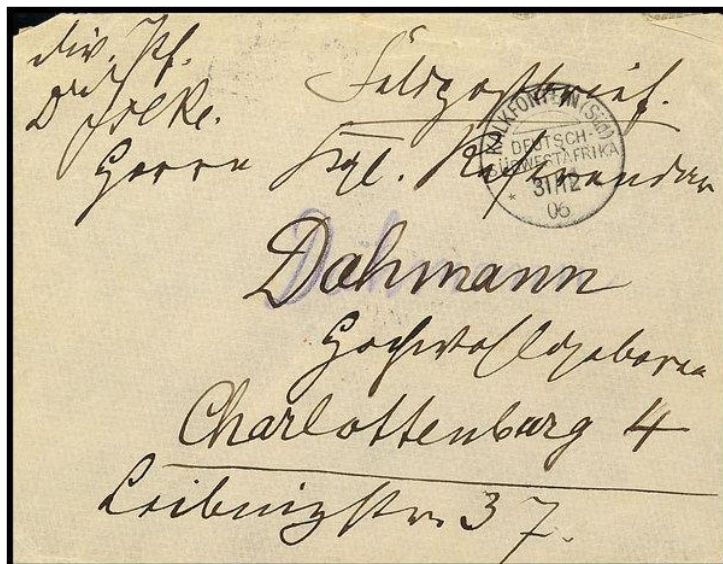


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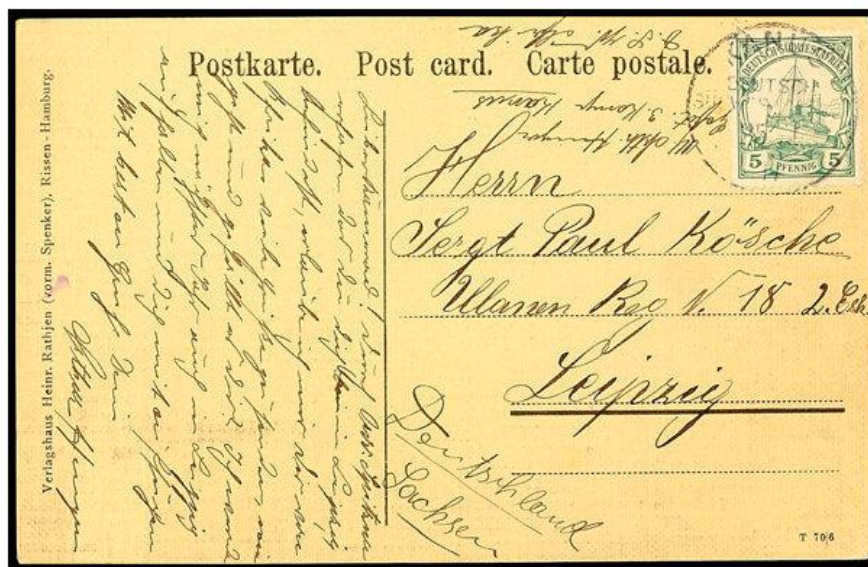
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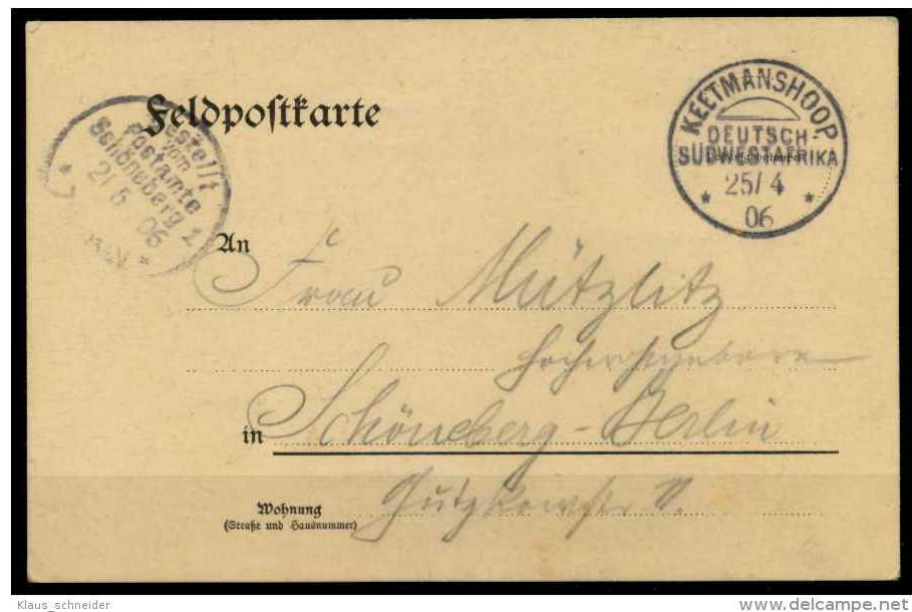
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"Deutsch-Südwestafrika, Bahnhof von Keetmanshoop" (zeitgenössische Postkarte)

<http://www.deutsche-schutzgebiete.de/deutsche-kolonien.htm>

Khan, also see Ghan



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4111&lang=1

Klein-Nauas



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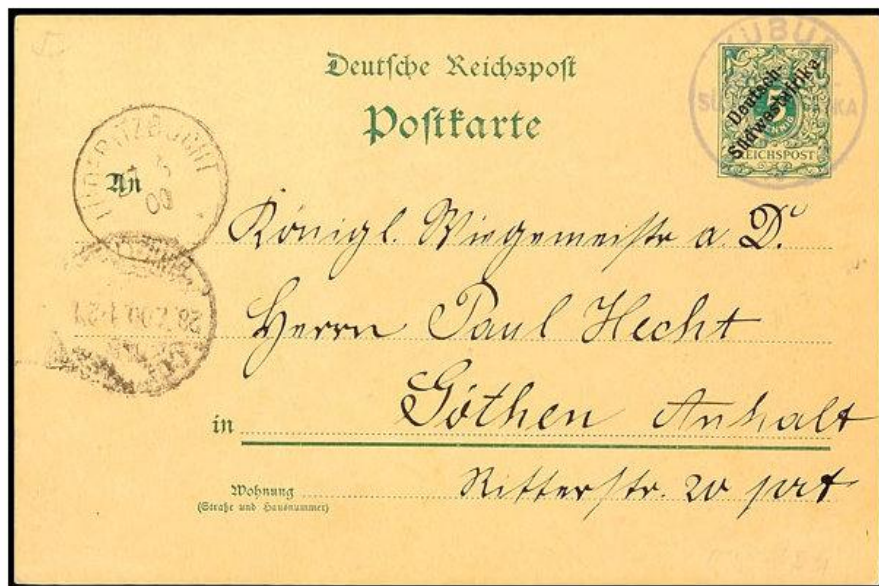


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Idem, Hesselmann

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4260

"1908 "Deutsche Colonial-Gesellschaft für Südwest-Afrika, Swakopmund" corner card envelope to the Imperial Railroad Commissioner in Aus, bearing 10pf rose (Michel 13) singles (2), cancelled by two-line "Georg J. Hesselmann/Houston Line Agent" handstamp in violet and "Lüderitzbucht/Deutsch-/Südwestafrika" segmented transit c.d.s., The German Government entered into a contract with the Houston Line in January, 1907 guaranteeing the fresh water supply from Lüderitzbuch, which only lasted for six months. The Houston Line ship "Hippomenes" operated along the coast between Cape Town and Swakopmund."



Maltahöhe:

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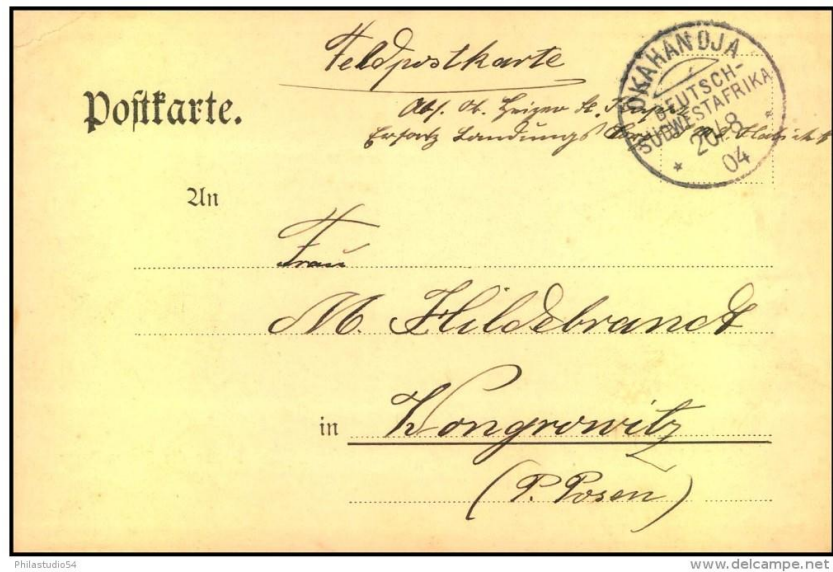
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Okahandja:

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So-called 'Wanderstempel' [3/3/1904];

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Okasise:

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Okowakuatjiwi

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(during the Herero War, cancellation 1/7/1907)

Okombahe:



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Olukonda

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Omitara:

"Established on 20 June 1914, shortly before the outbreak of the War, as a station between Windhoek and Gobabis, Omitara was the last post office opened in German South West Africa".

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Otavi Eisenbahn:



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Otjiwarongo:

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"Otjiwarongo was the intermediate station between Waterberg and the Otavi Railway", according to http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4209



Otjosazu:

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Otjosondou:

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Otjunjaura:



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Outjo:



<http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/108/1357.jpg>

Owikokorero:



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4206

During the Herero War; 13/12/1905

Pomona(hügel)



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Prinzenbucht:



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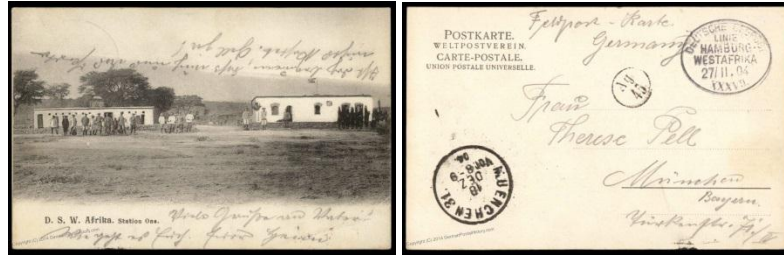


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Schiffspost:
Seepost

During the Herero war, 1904, from Station Oas via Deutsche

Hamburg-Westafrika Linie



<http://www.germanpostalhistory.com/php/viewitem.php?itemid=69043&germany%20cover=search&#littlepic0>

Seeheim:



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Swakopmund:

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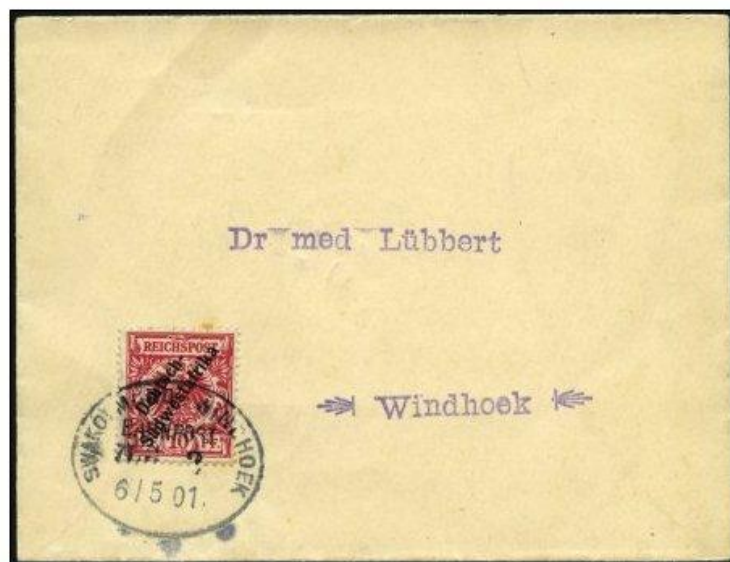


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Swakopmund-Windhoek Zug:



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Swakopmund railway



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4237

"The construction of a railway line from Swakopmund to Windhoek began in 1897. While the 382 kilometer line was under construction, a mobile postal agency was installed at the advancing railhead, and official instructions were issued in 1898 for the handling of mail. Train drivers were obliged to accept mail at any stop where there was no post office. The stamps were to be cancelled by hand and the date and name of the station to be written below."



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L. P. Will K. 25-2.
Frankel & Co.
M. M. Domnick
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Loggensenstr. 29 I.

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Walfishbay (belongs to Great Britain)



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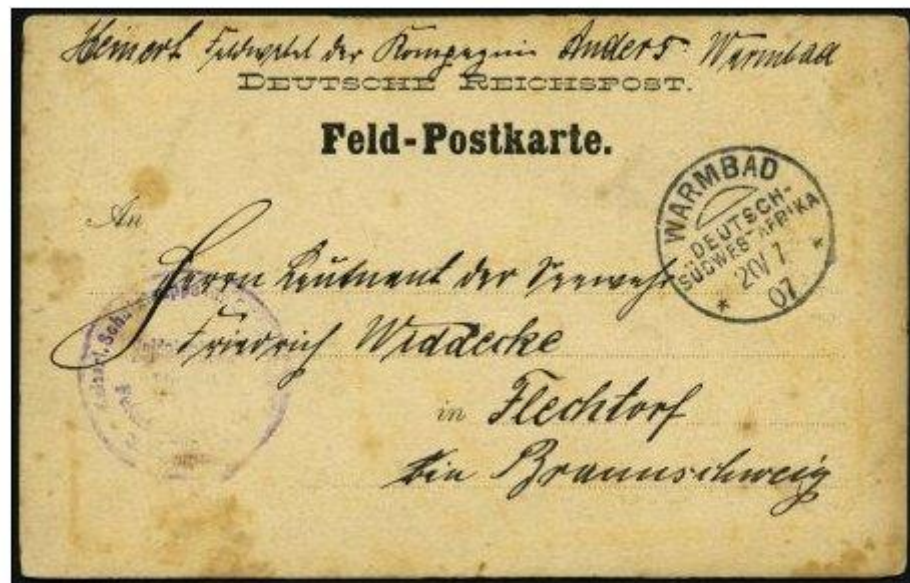
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it adds: "THE WATERBERG "WANDERSTEMPEL" WAS USED FROM 7-26 NOVEMBER (1904)"

Wilhelmsthal:



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4161&lang=1



Windhoek:

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Also with a German stamp with Windhoek cancellation

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or Windhuk:

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The military campaigns before 1914 (1903-1907, during the Bondelzwarts, Herero and Nama Wars)

Feldpostkarte Keetmanshoop 5/12/1903, so-called Bondelzwarts rebellion:



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Idem, 19/4/1904



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4175

Feldpostkarte from Okahandja, during the Herero uprising, 29/1/1904



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4176&lang=1

They add: "THE EARLIEST RECORDED PIECE OF MAIL FROM LIBERATED OKAHANDJA (MAJOR FRANKE'S TROOPS HAD QUASHED THE REBELLION THERE ON THE 28TH WITH THE DEFEAT OF THE HERERO) AND THE ONLY KNOWN EXAMPLE FROM THIS DATE."

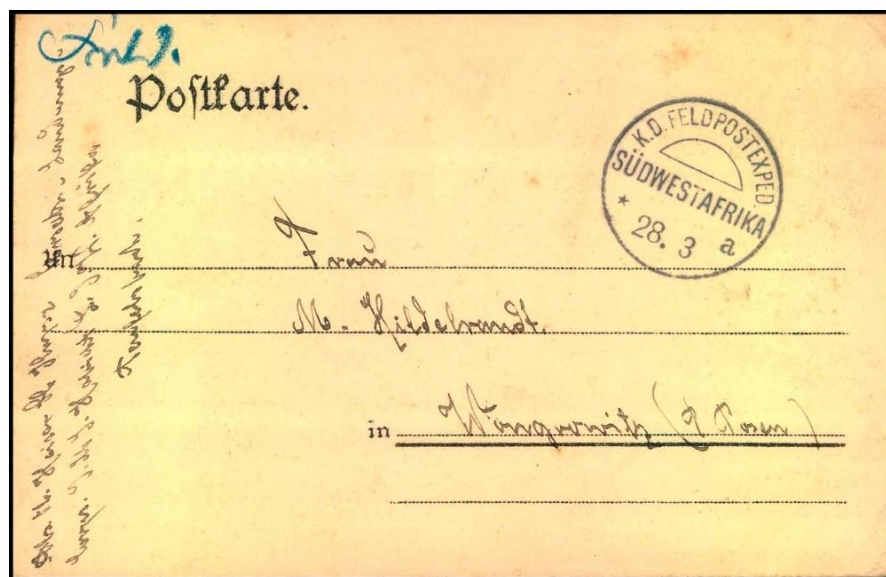
Feldpostkarte Abbabis Cancellation 30/11/-1904 during the Herero War (1904-1907)



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it adds: "**1904 (30 Nov.) 'Feld-Postkarte' from a lance-corporal on von Trotha's staff to Erfurt**, showing "Abbabis/Deutsch-/Südwestafrika" Wanderstempel IV, town name handstamped in sans-serif letters in black (rare color), with "Genesungsheim Abbabis/Deutsch/Südwest-Africa" circular cachet"

Feldpostexpedition).



28.3.(1904)

<http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679>



Feldpoststation Nr 3: Nordphila www.delcampe.net 14/5/1904?

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Feldpostbrief: Okahandja 17/6/1904



Nordphila

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[http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists\[0\]=2679&searchString=&page=7&useAsDefault=](http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=7&useAsDefault=)

Feldpostexpedition (2x) 17/6/1904? and Feldpoststation Nr 1, 9/5/1904?



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[http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists\[0\]=2679&searchString=&page=9&useAsDefault=](http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists[0]=2679&searchString=&page=9&useAsDefault=)

K. D. Feldpost station nr. 1 Cancellation , 17. 11. 04, "Reich official matter with eagle stamp field government I / II to Okaumongongua and at the 17. 11. again used to Okahandja"



Nordphila

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"K.D. FELDPPOSTSTATION Nr. 1 , 13.11.04, Reichsdienstsache mit Adlerstempel Feld-Reg. I/II nach Okaumongongua und am 17.11. erneut verwendet nach Okahandja",

<http://www.delcampe.net/page/item/id,301250651,var,DSWA-KD-FELDPPOSTSTATION-Nr-1-131104-Reichsdienstsache-mit-Adlerstempel-Fe,language,E.html>

Feldpostkarte 9/1/1905 from Lüderitzbucht, during the so-called Nama Rebellion



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4216

Feldpostbrief during the Nama Rebellion, cancellation Ramansdrift, 21/1/1905



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4217

"On 27-28 November, Warmbad was attacked several times by the Namas under Morenga. It appears that the canceller was lost during the fighting. Until the arrival of the new cancellation device on 18 February 1905, a provisional typeset canceller was utilized."

Deutsche Seepost Ostafrikanische Hauptlinie Expedition von Roten Kreuz,
Feldpostkarte (manuscript), 8/5/1905



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"DSWA OST-AFRIKANISCHE HAUPTLINIE, 13.4.05, Feldpostkarte "
<http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679>



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4213

"The Dietz-Lichtenberg Correspondence, 1905 (8 May-18 Nov.), comprising an envelope and three postcards (one registered) from Georg Dietz in Windhoek to Germany, three with "Depot-Verwalt/vom roten Kreuz" handstamp in violet, three with Windhuk origin c.d.s. (one franked with 5pf and 20pf) and the other with 5pf pair cancelled by "Deutsche Seepost/Linie/Hamburg-/Westafrika/XXXXI" c.d.s. of the "Professor Woermann II"

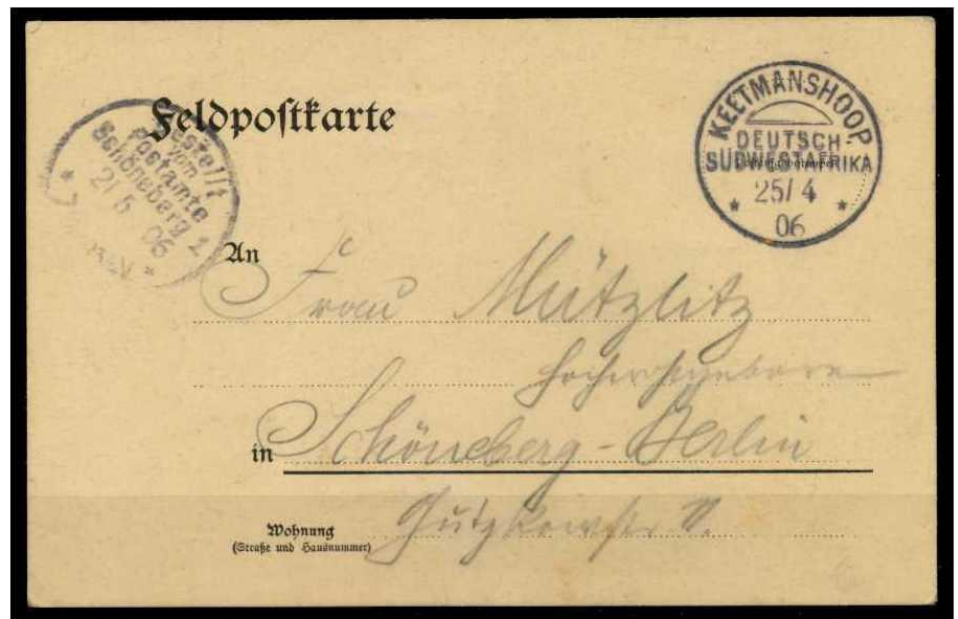
Feldpostkarte during the Herero War, manuscript: "Owikorero", 19/7/1905



http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4200

it adds: "Owikorero served an important function in the war as the base for connection to Okahandja. With the withdrawal of troops and the end of the pursuit of the Herero nearby, its importance diminished. After the closing of F.P.O. No. 4, a postal agency was opened. It used a Petschaft between 13 July and September, 1906. The Petschaft was originally with a manuscript Owikokorero, with four different handwritings. From 4 August, an additional handstamped Owikokorero was introduced in violet and black."

Feldpostkarte 25/4/1906 Keetmanshoop Cancellation:



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Postcard showing a military patrol, during the Nama Rebellion, 30/1/1907



"1907 (30 Jan.) picture postcard to Niagara Falls, New York (3.3), bearing 1900 3pf brown singles (2) and 1906 5pf green (Michel 11, 25), cancelled by "Brackwasser/Südwest-Afrika" Wanderstempel I, town name http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4233 handstamped in black"

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4233

Feldpostbrief Hasuur cancellation on German Germania post stamp, 18/6/1907



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SWA during the First World War, 1914-1919

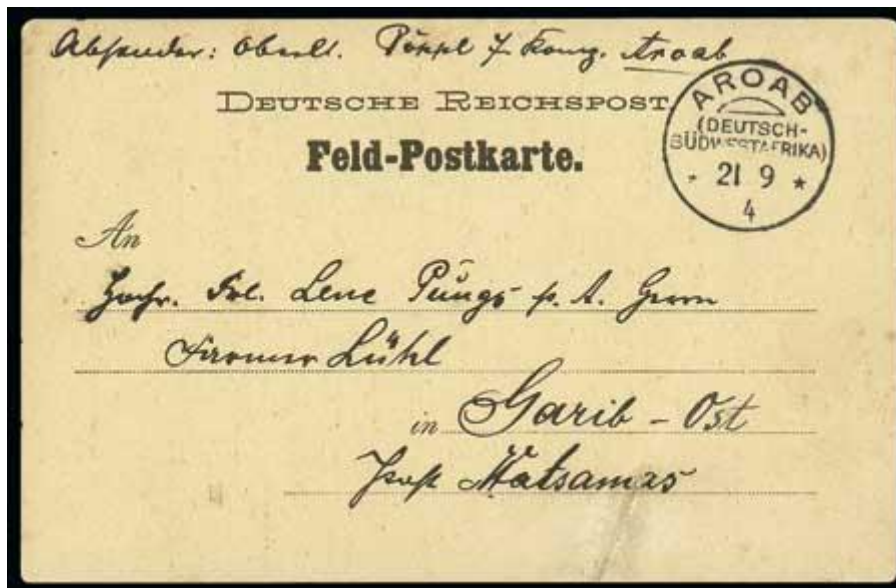
"On 13 September (1914), the German police station in Ramansdrift on the Orange River was raided by Union troops. On the 14th, the British Steamer "Armada Castle" bombarded Swakopmund. On the 18th, British warships laid anchor in the harbor of Lüderitzbucht. The German local authority and most of the population fled the city by rail. Enemy troops landed on the 19th and quickly took over the post office and signal station. The post office officials left Lüderitzbucht on the 14th and returned 2 days later, but forgot to bring the date slugs for the cancellers from Aus. From the 17th to lunch time on the 18th the dates were inserted by hand or left out" http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4299

"Towards lunch time on 18 September, part of the post office staff left with the postal devices on the last train to Aus. Between lunch time and 16.00hrs., a few postal officials, who were on horseback, stayed behind and processed the remaining few pieces of mail. These were cancelled in manuscript. The remaining officials then left Lüderitzbucht at 16.00hrs." http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4300



1914 (21 Sept.) "Feld-Postkarte" from Oblt Pöpl, head of the 7th Camel Cavalry Company (Eastern border defense) to Garib-East, Post Hatsamas, showing "Aroab/(Deutsch-/Südwestafrika)"

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4301



On 9/7/1915 the German army was defeated by soldiers from the South African Union. Between 1915 and 1923 South African Stamps were used, with local SWA cancellations (see SWA-4b). In some places German colonial stamps were still in us, see SWA-4a

SWA-4a: Use of German colonial stamps for SWA during the War



13/2/1915 Omaruru cancellation to Kuribib Feld-Postkarte

<http://www.delcampe.net/items?language=E&catLists%5B0%5D=2679>



"1915 (9 Apr.) "von Gehren, Rechtsanwalt und Notar, Omaruru, Deutsch-Südwestafrika"
local corner card envelope, bearing 5pf green (Michel 25), cancelled by
 "Tsumeb/Deutsch/Südwestafrika" c.d.s., endorsed on reverse "Befindet sich in engl.
 Gefangenschaft" and handstamped "Eingegangen/16 Apr. 1916/Rechtsanweir v. Gehren" in
 violet, and returned to owner" http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4304



"1915 (23 Apr.) "2/Deutsch-/Südwestafrika" Wanderstempel V (23.4.), "2" inserted by hand in purple, on 5pf green (Michel 25) Field Post Station 2 at Gibeon Train Station."

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4306



"1915 (27 Apr.) Liebesgaben "Feld-Postkarte" from Sergeant Kröning to Otjiwarongo, showing "Otavifontein/1/Deutsch-/Südwestafrika" Wanderstempel IV, town name handstamped"

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4307

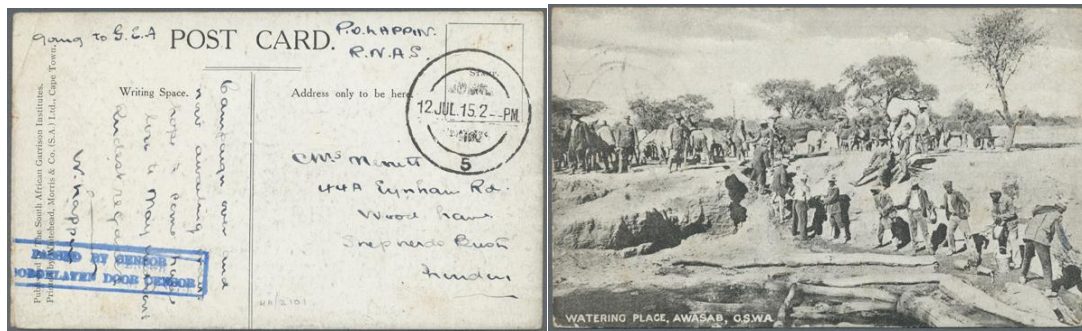


"1914 (12 Dec.) envelope to Johannesburg, bearing German South West Africa 5pf green pair used as censor label, cancelled by provisional "Postage (Free) Passed (By Censor)" unframed date stamp in violet and showing "Army Base P.O./4/South Africa" double-ring date stamp (12.12) of Lüderitzbucht adjacent" http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4314

SWA-4b: South African stamps and cancellations used in SWA



"1914 (18 Sept.) picture postcard to Pietermaritzburg, bearing South Africa 1/2d, cancelled by "Army Base Post Office/Force C/South Africa" oval date stamp in violet and showing matching "Comm dg. C/Natal Field Artillery" oval date stamp adjacent" http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4313



"1915, picture card with deleted name cds 15.7.15 and blue boxed "PASSED BY CENSOR DOGELATEN DOOR CENSOR" from the very small detachment of the R.N.A.S. sent to SW-Africa. They arrived after hostilities had ceased and were then sent to German east africa, written from pilot officer W. Lappin (Tax Method: Margin System)"

<http://cat.auktionen-gaertner.de/GPKATAUK/1D/4C/1D4C5A/s378028.jpg?PIC> and <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/cg/cg30200.cfm>



"1915 (9 Aug.) censored, Prisoner of War stampless envelope from Gibeon to a POW at Aus (30.8), redirected to Swakopmund, via Windhoek (3.9), showing rare violet Gibeon "curved bar" c.d.s. (Putzel No. 2) and boxed three-line blue Aus date stamp (Putzel Aus Rail No. 1, which he does not note in blue), and "6" (Army Base P.O. at Windhoek) c.d.s." http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4340





1916 examples of Swakopmund cancellations on South African Stamps (and one on Orange Free State).

<http://stampauctionnetwork.com/cg/cg30200.cfm>



"Tses: 1916 (31 May) registered envelope to Keetmanshoop, bearing 1913 1d red and 6d black and violet, cancelled by dated "Tses" manuscript cancellation (1st Type: Putzel No. 1), with registration mark and number drawn in blue crayon alongside"

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4358



"Tses: KGV ½d postal stationery used 1916 (1 Aug.) and censored to Keetmanshoop (2.8), cancelled by extremely rare two-line dated Tses handstamp cancel"

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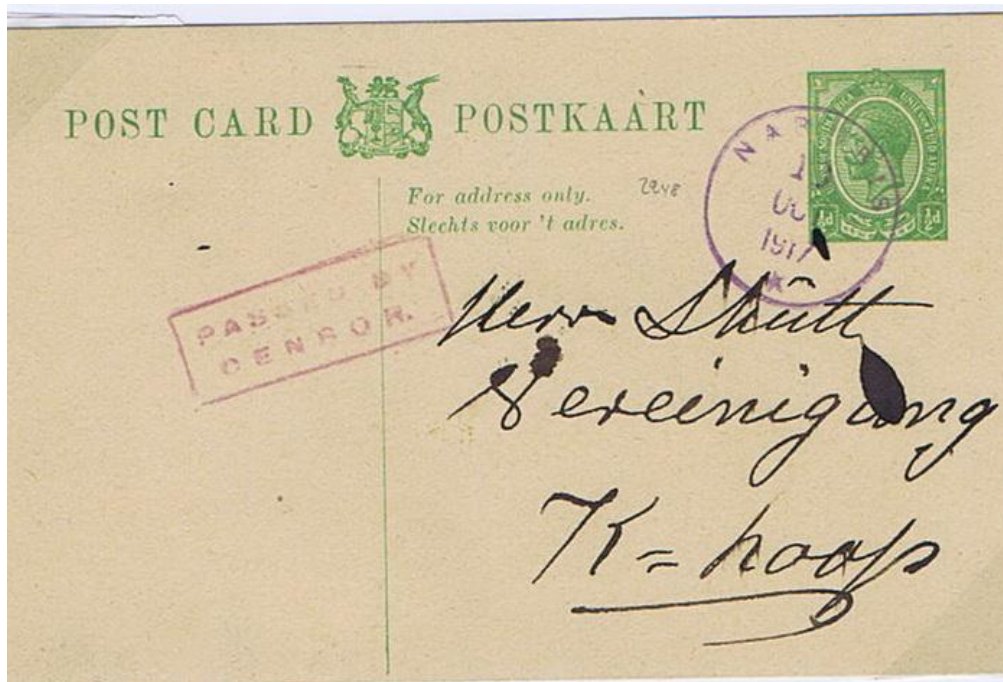


"Leutwein: 1916 (22 June) registered envelope to Windhoek, bearing 1913 2d dull purple and 3d black and orange-red (faults), cancelled by green dated "Leutwein" manuscript cancellation, showing registration mark and number in blue crayon alongside"

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4353

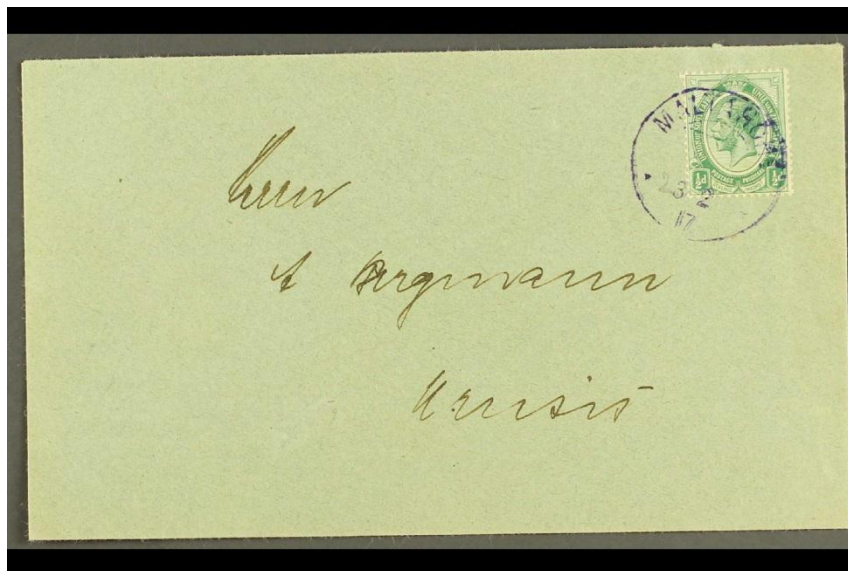


"Rehoboth Rail: KGV 1/2d postal stationery card used 1916 (18 Sept.) to Keetmanshoop (20.9), cancelled by very fine violet "Rehoboth Rail" rubber date stamp (Putzel No. 1), with "Rehoboth/S.W. Africa" double-ring c.d.s. on reverse." http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4397



"1917 censored ½d post card to Keetmanshoop with a good strike of the violet rubber NARUBIS 13 OCT 1917 datestamp. Narubis was a postal agency on Farm 57 in the Keetmanshoop district, that opened in 1916 and closed on 27 May 1919. It reopened again in 1922, but no postmarks are known between the end of 1917 and 1931."

<http://www.forpostalhistory.com/results.php?s=114&st=&srch=&curr=&PHPSESSID=3f1em2107eih4akd7knjrh7h07>



Maltahöhe cancellation 13/2/1917;

<http://stampauctionnetwork.com/zg/zg7234124.cfm>



German Prisoner of War envelopes, from Aus to Lüderitzbucht, 1917,
<http://www.sandafayre.com/stockimages/06350687.jpg>



"1917 (28 June) registered envelope to Keetmanshoop (4.7), bearing 1910 2½d deep blue, and 1913 2d dull purple and Transvaal KE ½d black and bluish green, cancelled by very fine "Outjo/S.W. Africa" converted German canceller c.d.s., with Outjo registry handstamp alongside (number inserted in manuscript), endorsed "Posted out of course", showing South Africa 1914 2d Due and Transvaal ½d block of four, applied and cancelled on arrival"
http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4332



"1917 cover to Keetmanshoop bearing two ½d's each cancelled BERGLANDS 01. 7. 17. (Inverted day date, should read 10. 7. not 01. 7.) This canceller is the converted German Berseba datestamp. On the reverse are Rehoboth 11 JUL and Keetmanshoop 14 JUL 17 transit and arrival cancels."

<http://www.forpostalhistory.com/results.php?s=114&st=&srch=&curr=&PHPSESSID=3f1em2107eih4akd7knjrh7h07>



"Ham River: KGV 1d postal stationery card used 1917 (11 Dec.) to Karibib (17.12), via Windhoek (16.12), cancelled by superb very rare "Ham River Rail" rubber date stamp; also included is 1918 (8 Feb.) telegram from Keetmanshoop to Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Windhoek, announcing closing of Ham River station post office"

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4391



"Bethany: KGV 4d registered postal stationery envelope used 1918 and censored from Bethany to Windhoek, via Keetmanshoop (20.4), bearing 1913 2d dull purple, cancelled by violet "Bethany" manuscript cancellation" http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4349

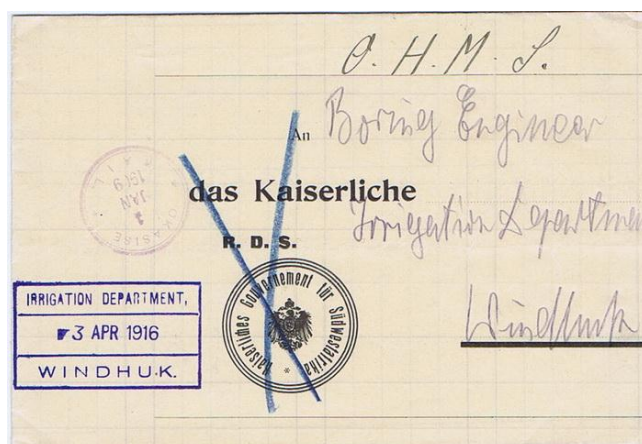
So far, the following postal services have been shown, with their cancellations, used by the South African authorities in occupied South West Africa: Aus, Berglands, Bethany, Gibeon, Ham River Rail, Leutwein, Mariahöhe, Narubis, Outjo, Rehoboth Rail, Swakopmund, Tses. Others are: Aroab (BS 4410, 1917), Chamis (BS 4413, 1916), Hatsamas (BS 4415, 1917), Klein Windhoek (BS 4417, 1917), Okasise (BS 4408, 1916), Okaukueyo (BS 4422, 1917), Seeis (4426, 1916), Waldau (4429, 1917).





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After the war



Okasisi Rail Cancellation January 1919, sent to the Irrigation Department in Windhuk (with dates given as 3 April 1916 (?), and cancelled German Colonial seal.

"1919 preprinted German Government rainfall report, sent unfranked to Windhoek and endorsed O.H.M.S. with a good strike of the scarce violet OKASISE RAIL 1 JAN 1919 rubber handstamp, with the "1" in the year slug being a broken "0". It would appear as though they

were short of "1"s at the beginning of the year. Interestingly the boxed "Irrigation Department Windhuk" is dated 3 APR 1916. It would appear as though these reports were sent out in bulk to villages and towns and were then used over the next few years."

<http://www.forpostalhistory.com/results.php?s=114&st=&srch=&curr=&PHPSESSID=3f1em2107eih4akd7knjrh7h07>



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1919: German colonial stamp not accepted, taxed with a South African tax stamp. Sent from Swakopmund www.delcampe.net



"Nakob Rail: 1919 (12 Apr.) registered, censored envelope to Windhoek, bearing 1913 1d red (2) and 3d black and orange-red, cancelled by extremely fine violet "Nakob Rail" rubber date stamps (Putzel No. 1a), with registry "R" mark (and number) inserted in manuscript alongside"

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4396



Kalkfeld 15/10/1920 on Union stamp

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4330



"1920 (20 Jan.) piece from registered diamond parcel from Lüderitzbucht to National Bank, Capetown, where it was forwarded for Customs inspection and clearance to the Diamond Detective Branch in Johannesburg, bearing 1913 1s orange pair, 5s purple and blue "block" of three and 10s deep blue and olive green block of six, cancelled by "Luderitzbucht/S.W. Africa" double-ring c.d.s., together with 1913 1s orange vertical pair, 5s purple and blue and 10s deep blue and olive green and 1916 £1 green and red vertical strip of three, cancelled by "Capetown/14" bi-lingual double-ring c.d.s. (for the redirection)"

http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4334



"Okasewa: c. 1921 envelope to Windhoek, bearing 1913 ½d green and 1920 1½d chestnut coil, cancelled by complete "Okasewa P.O." negative-seal cancels in black (Goetze had reported it only in violet) " http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4407



"KGV 1½d postal stationery envelope used 1922 (30.11) and registered from Kalkfeld to Berlin, Germany (27.12), uprated with 1922 3d ultramarine and 1913 ½d green and 2d dull purple, cancelled by "Kalkfeld/S.W. Africa" converted German canceller" http://www.bennettstamps.com/cgi-bin/lot_auc.php?site=1&sale=298&lot=4336



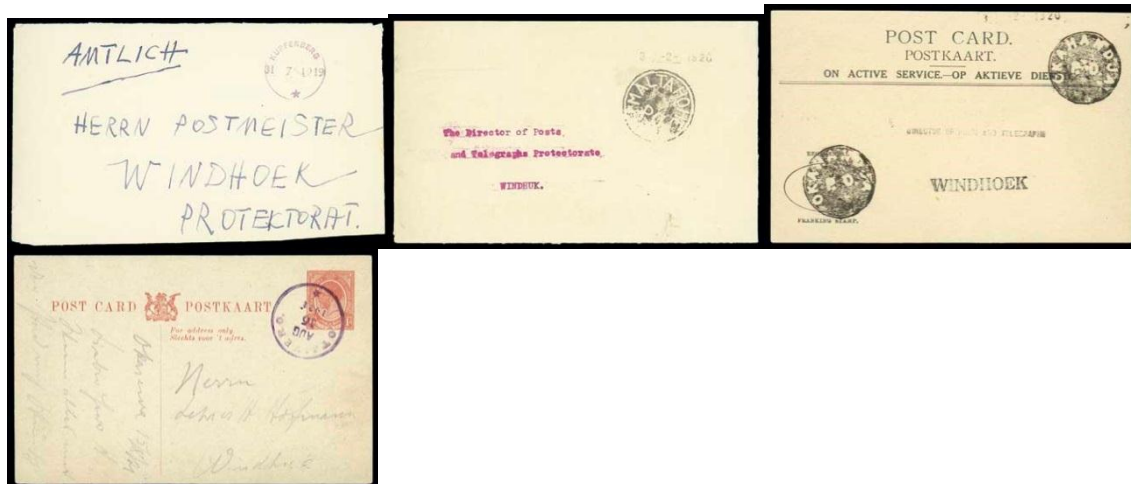
1923 (3 Jan.) registered envelope from Windhoek to Pretoria, South Africa, bearing 1920 1½d chestnut block (tête-bêche pairs), cancelled by Windhoek c.d.s.

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So far the following postal services have been shown with their cancellations, during the 1919-1923 period: Kalkfeld (2x), Nakob Rail, Okasewa, Swakopmund and Windhuk (2x),

others are: Berseba (BS 4411), Blumfelde (BS 4412), Gaidib (BS 4414), Kais (BS 4416, 1923), Kupferberg (BS 4419, 1919), Maltahöhe (BS 4405, 1920), Okahandja (BS 4406, 1920), Otjivero (BS 4423, 1921).





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SWA-5: South West Africa stamps, 1923, 1924 and 1926 versions of overprints.



Tax stamps Zuid-West Afrika/South West Africa on Transvaal and on the Union of South Africa, 1923 (examples)

<http://www.stampworld.com/cz/stamps/South-West-Africa/Postage%20due%20stamps/?year=1923>



<http://www.stampworld.com/de/stamps/South-West-Africa/Postage%20stamps/?year=1923>



<http://stampauctionnetwork.com/cg/I5033.cfm>

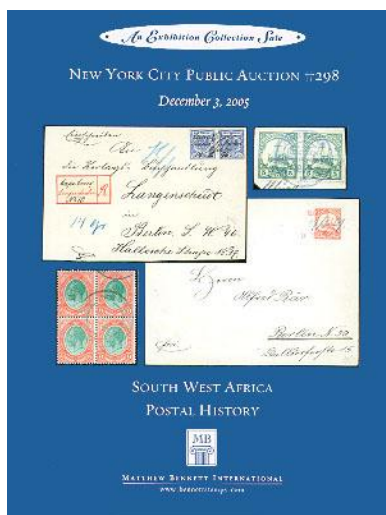


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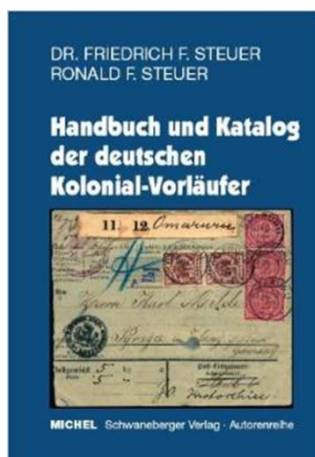
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