Experimental Machine Postmarks on Mail Sent to/from German Colonies by Jerry H. Miller

1898 - 1901

BERLIN C2 ... Machine '1' Postmark Type 3a



RE-DIRECTED OFFICIAL GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE, COLONIAL DEPARTMENT, FREE-FRANK MAIL

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2 MAY 1901

Official German Foreign Office (Berlin), Colonial Department Cover, sent to a customs official at Kiel, re-directed, upon arrival, to Hamburg.

> Arrival Postmark: (Reverse) "Hamburg Emsbűttel, 3 May 1901, 5-6 PM"

Free-Frank Mail cachet-endorsed as 'Reichsdienstsache' (lower left corner)

CHEMNITZ*1 & MANNHEIM

GERMAN KIAUTSCHOU (CHINA)

(Type I)

Postmark: 25 & 24 mm double-circle dater-dial with 'bridge' & vertical grill along with a 'flag' obliterator having a crown, banner with tassels and postal horn.

Usage: Chemnitz: 4 July 1903 – 27 March 1906 Mannheim: 29 July 1903 – 29 October 1907

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25 AUGUST 1904

View Card (Baden Military Litho Card), sent to a marine stationed at Tsingtau, endorsed "via naval post office at Berlin".

Arrival Postmark "Tsingtau, Kiautschau, 30 September 1904"

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5 Pfennig... Domestic postcard-rate valid for mail to the German Colonies.

30 AUGUST 1905

'Gruss Aus' Card, sent to a telegraphsupervisor employed with the German Post Office at Isingtau.

> Arrival Postmark "Tsingtau, Kiautschau, 8 October 1906

LEIPZIG 13 A

GERMAN EAST AFRICA

Postmark: 24 mm single-circle dater-dial with 'horseshoe arch' within dial having the year-date at the bottom of dial between a 'star' & an "A" with a 'flag' obliterator.

Usage: 29 August 1901 – 8 September 1902

GERMAN EAST AFRICA REPLY CARD USAGE

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30 SEPTEMBER 1901

Reply-portion of reply-card pair, acknowledging receipt of a money transfer, sent to an assistant medical doctor of the German Protection Service at Dar-es-Salaam, German East Africa. 28-day transit time.

> Arrival Mark "Dar-Es-Salaam, 28 October 1901"

3 Pesa = 5 Pfennig.. Domestic postcard-rate valid for reply mail sent to German East Africa.

Only known example.

HALLE *(Saale) 2h

GERMAN EAST AFRICA

... Postmark Type I

Postmark: 26 mm double-circle dater-dial with 'bridge' & vertical grill along with a 48mm 'flag' obliterator having a small cross in the crown, banner with tassels and postal horn.

Usage: 14 June 1903 – 11 April 1905



5 MARCH 1904

View-card, sent to a police sergeant affiliated with the German Protection Forces at Kilwa, German East Africa. 23-day transit time.

> Arrival Mark: "Dar-Es-Salaam, 28 March 1904"

5 Pfennig.. Domestic postcard-rate valid for mail to German colonies



GERMAN EAST AFRICA

LEIPZIG 13B ... Arrival/Service Postmark

> Postmark: 24mm single-circle dial with 'horseshoe' or 'arch' within, having the year-date at the bottom of dial between a 'star' & 'B' without an obliterator.

Usage: 6 September 1901 – 12 September 1902



1 JUNE 1902

'German East Africa' Postal Stationary Card, postmarked at Korogwe, German East Africa, transit at Tanga (3 June), sent to Leipzig, with arrival postmark applied by an experimental 'Bickerdike' Machine (2nd machine at Leipzig). 23 day transit time.

Arrival Postmark: "Leipzig 13 B, 24 June 1902, 4-5 PM"

Sender:

George Martienzen, planter and businessman, who arrived in German East Africa in 1895, built and managed a rubber plantation, various businesses and a hotel; subsequently became local national guard leader at Mombo 1913-1917, and interned by the British at Ahmednagar, India in 1917.

> 5 Pfennig.. German domestic postcard-rate valid for mail to & from a German colony.

GERMAN EAST AFRICA

RÜTTGER BERLIN C.2.

Postmark: 20mm single-circle dater dial with an obliterator having an integrated 'R' in a series of diagonal lines... (early trial) lines descended to the right, (later trial) lines ascended to the right.

Usage: Early Trial.. 28 January – 5 March 1904 (obliterator lines descending) Later Trial.. 11 March – 21 October 1904 (obliterator lines ascending)

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18 MARCH 1904

View-card, sent to a government-employed teacher in Kilwa, German East Africa. 24-day transit time.

> Transit & Arrival Postmarks: "Dar-Es-Salaam, 8 April 1904" "Kilwa, 11 April 1904"

5 Pfennig.. German domestic postcard-rate valid for mail to German colonies.

Only known 'Rüttger' Machine Postmark on mail to a German Colony.

GERMAN SOUTHWEST AFRICA

BRAUNSCHWEIG *1o ...

Postmark: 27mm double-circle dater-dial with 'bridge' & vertical grill along with a 'flag' obliterator having a crown, banner with tassels and postal horn.

Usage: 1 March 1903 – 10 February 1905

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17 JANUARY 1905

View-card, sent to a lieutenant serving with the German military in German Southwest Africa engaged in the revolt of the Herero Tribe between 20 January 1904 – 31 December 1907.

> 10 Pfennig ... UPU International Postcard-Rate.

3 Pfennig value has plate error "DFutsches Reich"



HALLE (Saale) 2h

GERMAN SOUTHWEST AFRICA

Postmark: 26 mm double-circle dater-dial with 'bridge' & vertical grill along with a 'flag' obliterator having a crown, banner with tassels and postal horn.

Usage: 14 June 1903 – 11 April 1905

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15 OCTOBER 1904

View-card, sent to a German naval medical doctor with the military expedition corps in German Southwest Africa by way of the Imperial government postal station at Berlin, re-routed the mail to the Naval Post Office, Which then forwarded the mail to Okahandja, German Southwest Africa. 28-day transit time.

> Arrival Mark (Berlin): " (Berlin) Post Office 9, 20 October 1904"

Arrival Mark (Africa): "Okahandja, German Southwest Africa, 17 November 1904"

5 Pfennig.. Domestic postcard-rate for mail sent to German colonies

LEIPZIG *13a ...

Postmark: 24mm double-circle dial with 'bridge' & vertical grill along with a 'flag' obliterator having a crown, banner with tassels and postal horn.

Usage: 25 September 1902 - 22 December 1908

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8 AUGUST 1904

View-card,

sent to a sergeant serving with the German forces in German Southwest Africa, engaged in fighting the revolt of the Herero Tribe between 20 January 1904 – 31 December 1907.

Upon arrival at Windhuk,

it was determined that the recipient was deceased and this mail was returned to the sender.

> Arrival Postmark (Africa): "Windhuk, 3 November 1904"

Returned-Mail Arrival Postmark (Germany): "Leipzig, 7 December 1904"

Cachet Mark (purple ink): "Recipient deceased, (signed) Altenkirch, Post Office Windhuk"

Cachet Mark (black ink): "Return to Sender"

5 Pfennig... German domestic postcard-rate valid for mail to German colonies.

GERMAN SOUTHWEST AFRICA

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Free-Frank Fieldpost Mail during the Herero Revolt/War (1904-1907).

HALLE (Saale) 2h

GERMAN NEW GUINEA

Postmark: 26 mm double-circle dater-dial with 'bridge' & vertical grill along with a 'flag' obliterator having a crown, banner with tassels and postal horn.

Usage: 14 June 1903 - 11 April 1905

18 JULY 1903

Bank commercial-mail postcard, sent to "Franz Hellwig" at Peinen on the primary Hermit Island(s), Bismarck Archipelago, German New Guinea. 69+-day transit time.

Transit Postmarks: "Herbertshöhe. German New Guinea, 25 September 1903"

"Matupi, 26 September 1903"

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5 Pfennig.. Domestic postcard-rate valid for mail sent to German Colonies.

Franz Emil Hellwig: Businessman (Hernsheim Company) & ethnologist researcher who participated in the 'South Seas Expedition of 1908-10'.

29 AUGUST 1904

"Gruss Aus" Halle View-Card, sent to "Franz Hellwig" on Matupi Island, German New Guinea. 71-day transit time.

Arrival Postmark: "Matupi, 7 November 1904"

GERMAN SOUTHWEST AFRICA

BAVARIAN POSTAL ADMINISTRATION

MUNCHEN 2 B.P. (Munich)

Machine '1' ...

THE BAVARIAN POSTAL ADMINISTRATION ACQUIRED TWO BICKERDIKE POSTMARKING MACHINES ... one in 1905 and a second in 1906.

The first machine was in service at 'Munich Post Office 2' while the second was for service at Nuremberg. Both applied postmarks to out-going mail.

Postmark: 27mm double-circle dater-dial with 'bridge' & vertical grill and obliterator having six wavy-lines in three groups separated by two pair of vertical bars.

Usage: 18 February 1905 – 2 September 1907

Postkarte — Car Weltpostverein - Union Correspondenzkarte Levelezö-Lap -K Dopisnica — Karta Briefkaart Cart Brefkort - Tarjeta P Дописна кар 21 JANUARY 1906 КРЫТОЕ ПИСЬМО **UPU** Correspondence Card, postmarked at Munich, sent to a tomi medic serving with the 4th Battery of the **Imperial Forces in German Southwest** Africa 27 AUGUST 1907 Oberleutnant Schu Fieldpost cover, postmarked at Munich, sent to a 1st Lieutenant of the Imperial Forces at Warmbad, German Southwest Africa Arrival Postmark: (reverse) "Warmbad, German Southwest Africa, 27 September 1907"

Free-frank Fieldpost Mail during the Herero Revolt/War

BAVARIAN POSTAL ADMINISTRATION "NÜRNBERG AUSSTELLUNG"

GERMAN SOUTHWEST AFRICA

(Nuremberg Exhibition of 1906) Machine 2...

A SECOND 'BICKERDIKE' MACHINE, purchased by the Bavarian Postal Administration with operation at Nuremberg, APPLIED POSTMARKS TO OUT-GOING MAIL AT THE 'NUREMBERG EXHIBITION OF 1906'.

Postmark: 28mm dater-dial with 'bridge' & vertical grill along with a horizontal seven-line 38mm obliterator.

Usage: 1 May - 30 October 1906

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8 AUGUST 1906

'Nuremberg' Viewcard, sent to a soldier with the Imperial Forces in German Southwest Africa during the Herero Revolt Period (1904-1907)

Free-frank mail to overseas military personnel.

BICKERDIKE LEIPZIG 13 ...

GERMAN TOGO

Arrival/Service Postmark

Postmark: 24mm single-circle dial with 'horseshoe' or 'arch' within, having the year-date at the bottom of dial between a 'star' & 'b' and without an obliterator combined.

Usage: 6 September 1901 – 12 September 1902

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5 NOVEMBER 1901

'Togo' German Colony Postal Stationary Card, sent from Klein Popo to Leipzig, where, upon arrival, it received an arrival postmark applied by an experimental 'Bickerdike' Machine.

> Arrival Postmark: "Leipzig 13 B, 24 November 1901, 9-10 PM"

5 Pfennig.. German domestic postcard-rate valid for mail to & from a German colony.

GERMAN POST OFFICE MOROCCO

BICKERDIKE

LEIPZIG 13 ...

Arrival/Service Postmark

Postmark: 24mm single-circle dial with 'horseshoe' or 'arch' within, having the year-date at the bottom of dial between a 'star' & 'b' and without an obliterator combined.

Usage: 6 September 1901 – 12 September 1902

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10 FEBRUARY 1902

'Morocco' German Offices UPU Postal Stationary Card, commercial mail, sent from Rabat to Leipzig, where, upon arrival, it received an arrival postmark applied by an experimental 'Bickerdike' Machine.

> Arrival Postmark: "Leipzig 13 B, 20 February 1902, 8-9 AM"

> > 10 day transit time.

10 Centimos.. UPU International Postcard-Rate

COLUMBIA

HAMBURG ***

GERMAN POST OFFICE IN TURKEY

Postmark: 25mm double-ring dater dial with a flag-style & integrated 'DR' as obliterator.

Usage: 23 April 1906 – 9 January 1907

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23 SEPTEMBER 1906

View-card, sent to Constantinople, Turkey. (now 'Istanbul')

Mail transferred upon arrival from German Post Office to local Turkish post office.

> Arrival Postmark (German Post Office): "Constantinople, 27 September 1906.."

Arrival Postmark (Turkish Post Office): "Constantinople 3, 27 September 1906"

10 Pfennig ... UPU International Postcard-Rate