

GERMAN EAST AFRICA

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German East Africa, the largest of the former German Protectorates, extended with an area of roughly one million sq. km. making it almost twice as big as Germany proper at the time. In 1913 the population was estimated to be about 7,5 million including about 15.000 Arabs, East Indians and other non whites. The white population grew from 1131 in year 1900 to 5336 in 1913, including 4107 Germans.

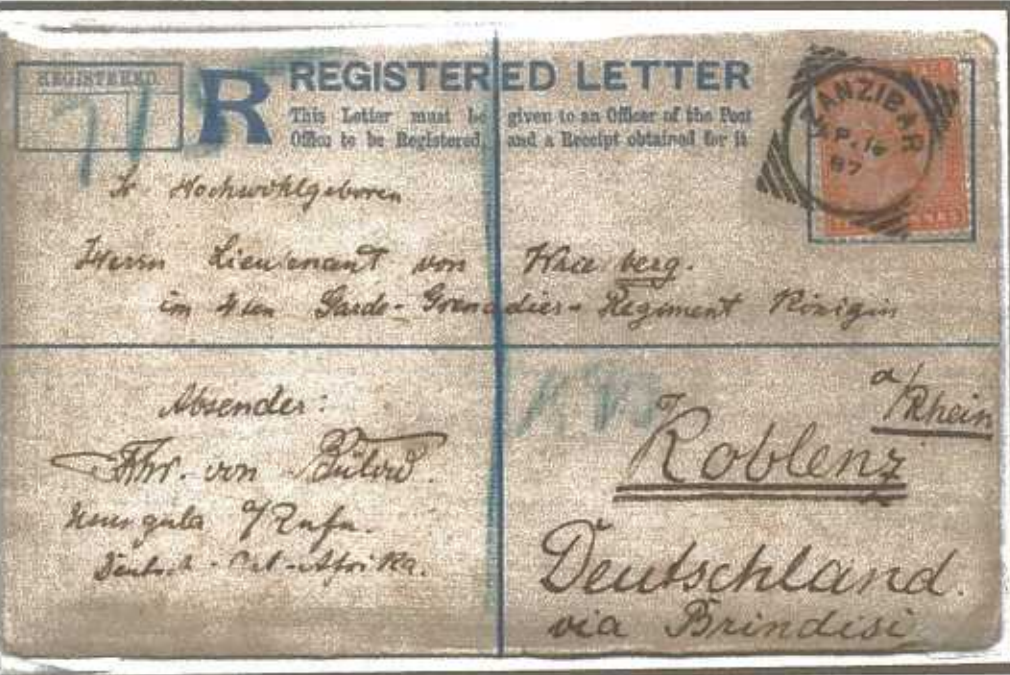
At first Germans living in the East African area of the future German possession were forced to use occasionally available transport to have their mail carried to Zanzibar. There it could be turned to the British post office and later also to French or German postal agencies. From Zanzibar mail was carried to Europe by British or French ships. German presence in the territory is testify by letters of German explorers or traders forwarded by British or French Postal Agencies

The German Empire took over sovereignty of the GEA on 1 January 1891, A German Post Office was opened in Lamu on 22 November 1888 for the mail from the Witu Trading Station Denhart Co. On 1 April 1891 Dar Es Salaam became the Main Post Agency of the Protectorate. Up to 1894 seven new Postal Agencies were opened in coastal towns which were in part connected by messenger service. German stamps were available and German postal rates were used. First two frames of this collection exhibit that period (Forerunners)

FORERUNNERS

German Presence in East Africa

Mail from Freiherr von Bulow Commander of the Station GEA Gesellschaft on the Rufi River



April 1887. Letter written in Usungula by the Commander von Bulow addressed to Koblenz and forwarded via Zanzibar and Bombay. Postmarks: Zanzibar (16 April), Bombay (Sea P.O. D) 1st May, Bombay 6 May, Aden 12 May and Koblenz 22 May. We note manuscript: Absender Freiherr Von Bulow / Usungula a Rufu Deutch Ost Afrika



Letter from Freiherr von Bulow addressed to Schlesien via Zanzibar French P.O. Von Bulow was Commander of the Deutsch-Ostafrikanischen Gesellschaft Usungula on the Rufi river Arrival postmark dated 21 October.



FORERUNNERS

German Presence in East Africa

Letter from Gustav Denhart cofounder of the Witu Gesellschaft



In 1885, Denhart Brothers organised a German Trading Station in the Lamu area just on the mouth of Tana river in the Sultanate of Witu. Until November 1888 no post office was established in Lamu. The Denhardt Co. mail was forwarded via Aden, Bombay or Zanzibar. Letters addressed to Europe were carried until Aden or Bombay by local ships and then to Brindisi by Oriental and Peninsular mailboats

Gustav Denhardt portrait



November 1887. Letter from Denhardt Co. in Lamu addressed to Aden and redirected to Germany. This double weight letter was carried to Aden without franking and there Indian stamps were added and cancelled on 14 November (4 as. rates). On the arrival the addressee had to pay a postage due for the weight. On the reverse we note a "Sea Post Office" c.d.s. dated 11 November, the circular c.d.s. of Aden dated 13 November and the arrival postmark of Schleusingen dated 26 November.

FORERUNNERS
German Presence in East Africa
Letter from a member of the Wissman Expedition



Hermann von Wissman on a small card of the *Deutsch Hanseatischer Kolonial Gedenktag*

*Abgänger: Richard Hoffmann Sergeant
 Expedition Wissmann
 Sansibar.
 Ost. Afrika.*



st July 1889. Letter from Zanzibar (French P.O.) addressed to Hammerstein written by the Sergeant Hoffman member of the Wissman Expedition in Zanzibar as an interesting starting point. On reverse we note the arrival postmark dated 23 August. We note the postmark La Réunion - Marseilles of the French African Coast Line. This letter is carried by the steamship *Le Ho* arriving in Zanzibar from La Reunion on 28th June

FORERUNNERS

German Presence in East Africa

Letter from the famous explorer Carl Peters forwarded by Lamu German P.O.

Handwritten text in German script, likely the beginning of the letter.



Handwritten text in German script, possibly a note or address.

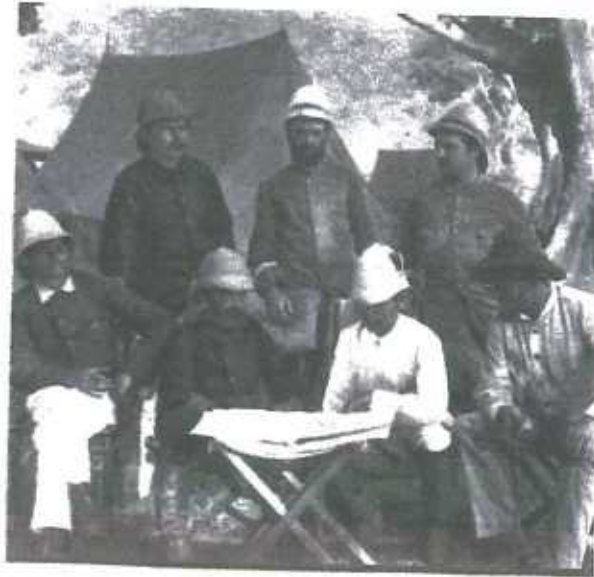


5th December 1889. Registered letter written by Carl Peters addressed to his father pharmacist in Nuremberg. Franking 40 rp and forwarded by Lamu post office. The letter is endorsed Arch Borchard lake Tana. Probably Borchard was working like a forwarding agent to reach the Lamu P.O. on behalf of Dr. Peters

FORERUNNERS

German Presence in East Africa

Letter from the famous explorer Carl Schnitzer forwarded by the German P.O. of Zanzibar



Emin Pasha (Eduard Carl Schnitzer 2nd from left) with his staff



19 March 1891. Registered letter from Zanzibar to Neisse (Silesia) addressed from Carl Schnitzer to his sister. Probably Schneider wrote this letter from the Nile Region of Central Africa, where he was engaged in antislavery operation, and then she was forwarded by the German P.O. of Zanzibar. Arrival pmk dated 7 April. Manuscript registration label in use from February 1891.

FORERUNNERS

German Presence in East Africa

Letter addressed to the famous explorer Emin Pasha (Carl Schnitzer)



Edward Theodor Schnitzer born in Silesia in 1840 was a physician, naturalist and African explorer. *Amin Pasha* was a title conferred on him in 1886. He was Governor of Equatoria but after Mahadi revolt he was prisoner and then convinced to leave for the Coast. In 1891, he entered the service of GEA and accompanied Dr Stuhlmann on an Expedition to the Lakes in interior but he was killed by two slave traders.



11 April 1891. Double weight registered letter addressed to *Amin Pasha* (Eduard Theodor Schnitzer). The letter was sent when the addressee accompanied the Stuhlmann Expedition to the Great Lakes and was killed. Therefore the letter was sent back to the sender. On reverse we note postmarks of Bagamoyo (9 May 1891), Dar es Salaam (12 March 1892) and Berlin (5,6,7 April 1892).

FORERUNNERS

German Presence in East Africa

Letter from Lieutenant Wilhelm Langhen forwarded by French P.O. of Zanzibar



Lieutenant Wilhelm Langheld

Emin Pasha Expedition to Lake Victoria start from Bagamoyo in April 1890. He was accompanied by two officers: a medical officer Stuhlmann and Lieutenant Wilhelm Langheld who was in charge of the military escort. Langheld was detached in the arab settlement of Kondoa Irangi where the German flag was raised and then in June was in Tabora where the German flag was also raised. On September Emin Pasha reached the White Fathers Mission on Lake Victoria and in October crossed the lake by canoe and reached Bukoba. He was not joined by Langheld until January 1891 and it may be that this letter was written just in Bukoba .



December 1891. Double weight registered letter addressed to Germany, written in Victoria Nyanza, near Bukoba, German East Africa and forwarded in Zanzibar. The cover is franked with 3 French stamps to pay a 75 cents rate. On reverse manuscript the sender's name and address: "Leutenant Langhen, Central Afrika, Victoria Nyanza". Marseilles and Munich postmarks dated 27 and 28 December.

FORERUNNERS

German Presence in East Africa

Letter from Lieutenant Wilhelm Langheld forwarded by French P.O. of Zanzibar



Lieutenant Langheld leads troops near Tabora

*Abt. Lieutenant Langheld, Bukoba,
Central-Afrika, Victoria-Nyanza,*



8 December 1891. Letter addressed to Munchen, written near Bukoba and forward in Zanzibar by the Agent Hasting & Co. on 8 December. The cover is franked with two pairs and a single of 5 cents type sage. A rare combination of low values. The sender is Lieutenant Wilhelm Langheld who was in charge of the military escort of the Emin Pasha Expedition,

FORERUNNERS
German Presence in East Africa
Letters from two members of the Wissman Nyassa sea Expedition



24 July 1893. Two letters addressed to Germany franked 20 pf with pen cancellation. On the left corner of the first letter we read manuscript: *Wissman Pacha....Expedition / Nation Rumpira / Nyassa See / Deutsch Ost Africa*. On the second letter we see in front and on reverse an oval stamp where we read : *Nyassa Expedition / der Berliner / Missions Gesellschaft*. Both items bearing the postmark of the steamship *Wissman* (Coastal Service). Canceller with check letter "I" allocated to *Wissman P.O.*

FORERUNNERS

German Presence in East Africa

Letter addressed to Clemens Denhart and forwarded by the British P.O. of Lamu

The German Post Office in Lamu closed on 31 March 1891. On May 1891 a British Post Office was opened. The German Company Denhardt was still there operating until December 1895.



Portrait of Clemens Denhardt



9 July 1894, Cover addressed to Jllmenau and readdressed to Zeitz. Franked 4 1/2 annas: 2 1/2 annas was the basic letter rate and 2 annas registration fee. This cover travelled to Aden and then transferred to the Messageries Maritime Service. Maritime pmk Ligne N denotes the service from the Indian Ocean and PAQ Fr. N°4 refer to the ship SS. Oceania. Arrival pmk dated 30 July.

FORERUNNERS

German Presence in East Africa

Letter from the famous explorer Carl Peters forwarded by Mombasa P.O.



German Explorer Carl Peters on a small card of the *Deutsch Hanseatischer Kolonial Gedenktag*



19 September 1891. Registered letter stamped at Taveta (British East Africa), forwarded via Mombasa on 29 September and addressed to Nurnberg The sender was the well known German Explorer Carl Peters. On reverse we note the Zanzibar transit postmark dated 3 October and the Nurenberg arrival postmark dated 24 October.

FORERUNNERS
LAMU



Forwarded by Indian P.O.
of Zanzibar



12 September 1885. Registered
Letter from Lamu, posting in
Zanzibar addressed to Zeitz. Arrival
postmark dated 10 November.
On reverse the uncommon
registration framed pmk.

Forwarded by Bombay P.O.



On reverse violet mark of the
Lamu Gesellschaft. Date manuscript

2 February 1890. Letter from
Lamu to Germany forwarded via
Bombay P.O. 6 As. Rate for a double
weight letter. She left Lamu on 2
February, as we note manuscript
on the Company's hand stamp
arrived in Bombay on 12, stop one day
and then reached Brindisi with the
mailboat of the Peninsular and
Oriental Co. Arrival pmk dated 4 March.



FORERUNNERS

LAMU

Forwarded by Indian P.O. of Zanzibar



6 August 1886. One and half anna Indian post card written in Lamu and addressed to Germany forwarded via Indian post office in Zanzibar.



30 November 1889. Three annas letter addressed to Berlin. 3 annas x 3, in effect from 1 February until 1 January 1891. The cover, written in German, is endorsed *Witu Gesellschaft* and mailed in Zanzibar where it was committed on a British steamer until Aden, then transferred to the French ship *Melbo* of the Line N Marseill Yokohama leaving Saigee on 12 December and arriving in Berlin on 13 December.

FORERUNNERS
LAMU
Incoming letter from the Dutch Indie



French Paqueboat *Sidney* which carried the letter below from Nederland Indien to Maké and Zanzibar ports of call.



An example of a craft Dhau which made irregular service between Zanzibar and African coast



20 May 1890. Letter from Asahan addressed to Lamu carried by French Paquebot n 5. On reverse we note post marks *Ned Ind - Singapore* (26 May 1890) and *Aden* (12 July 1890). Very uncommon incoming letter from Dutch Indie addressed to Lamu. Very interested the address so detailed by sender: *Lamu East Coast of Africa / between Aden and Zanzibar.*

FORERUNNERS

LAMU

Incoming mail from the Indian P.O. of Zanzibar



Maiboot *Abyssinia*

Map of East African coast showing the ports of call between Zanzibar and Lamu



11 March 1885. Double weight letter from Zanzibar addressed to Lamu. The letter was carried by ship *Abyssinia* and arrived the day after. First date still recorded of Lamu incoming mail. We note the violet brand of the sender *W. Oswald & Co.* - Zanzibar.

FORERUNNERS
LAMU
 Opened on 22 November 1888

A German Post office was opened in Lamu from 22 November 1888 until 31 March 1891. The only used postmark is reproduced below and German stamps were available. Letters were carried by local ships to Aden or Zanzibar and then to Europe. Postal rates: letters less than 15 gr., 20 pfennigs; registration fee 20 pfennigs.



5 December 1889. Registered letter from Lamu to Lubtheen. 60 Pfennigs rate for a double weight letter. Very few 50 pf. green 1875-80 issue are recorded to be used in German East Africa. On the front we note manuscript "Arch Borchet a Tana Ostafrika" and on reverse the arrival postmark of Lubtheen dated 28 December. (Steuer Certificate).

FORERUNNERS
LAMU

Henip

Grass aus Ostafrika

Sicht der Kaiserlichen Mission



Missionpflanzung in Lamu

Auf der Missionpflanzung in Lamu, Ostafrika, im Jahre 1889

Am 5^{ten} Decembris 89 von Lamu (Ostafrika) abgepfist.

*Am 28^{ten} December 1889 in Berlin
abgegeben.
Gesamt im Betrag von 98 Reichsmark*

Herrn

G. W. Voelzkow J.

Berlin

Sebastianstr. 76.

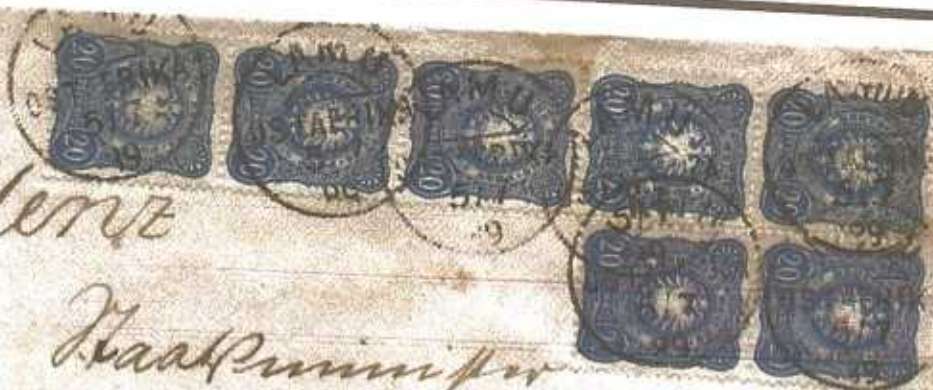


5 December 1889 Registered letter from Lamu to Berlin. Five weight registered letter: 1.20 M rate
Uncommon usage of the 50 r. on commercial letter. The sender is the German Consul in Zanzibar

FORERUNNERS
LAMU

H. Excellenz

dem Herrn Hauptminister
von Hofmann



Lamu (Ostafrika).
Eingeschrieben.
№ 25. **R**

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Berlin W.
Wilhelmstr 64.
Germany

5 July 1889. Registered letter from Lamu to Berlin. Six weight registered letter: 1. 40 M rate.
On reverse we note arrival pmk dated 25 July.

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FORERUNNERS
LAMU



1890 ca. Lamu Post Office



31 March 1891. Registered letter addressed to Clemens Denhart in Ilmenau. Three color franking. Arrival postmark dated 20 April. Last day of the German P.O. in Lamu
 Registration number manuscript. Registration labels are missed or sold out?

FORERUNNERS
LAMU



9 December 1890, 10 Pf. German postal stationary card addressed from Lamu to Nuremberg.



31 March 1891. Registered letter from Lamu to Weissenburg (Bavaria). Three colours franking to pay a 40 pf. rate. On the reverse we note the arrival postmark dated 20 April. 31 March 91 was the last day working of the German P.O.. On May 1890 a British P.O. was opened in Lamu.

ZANZIBAR

German Post Office

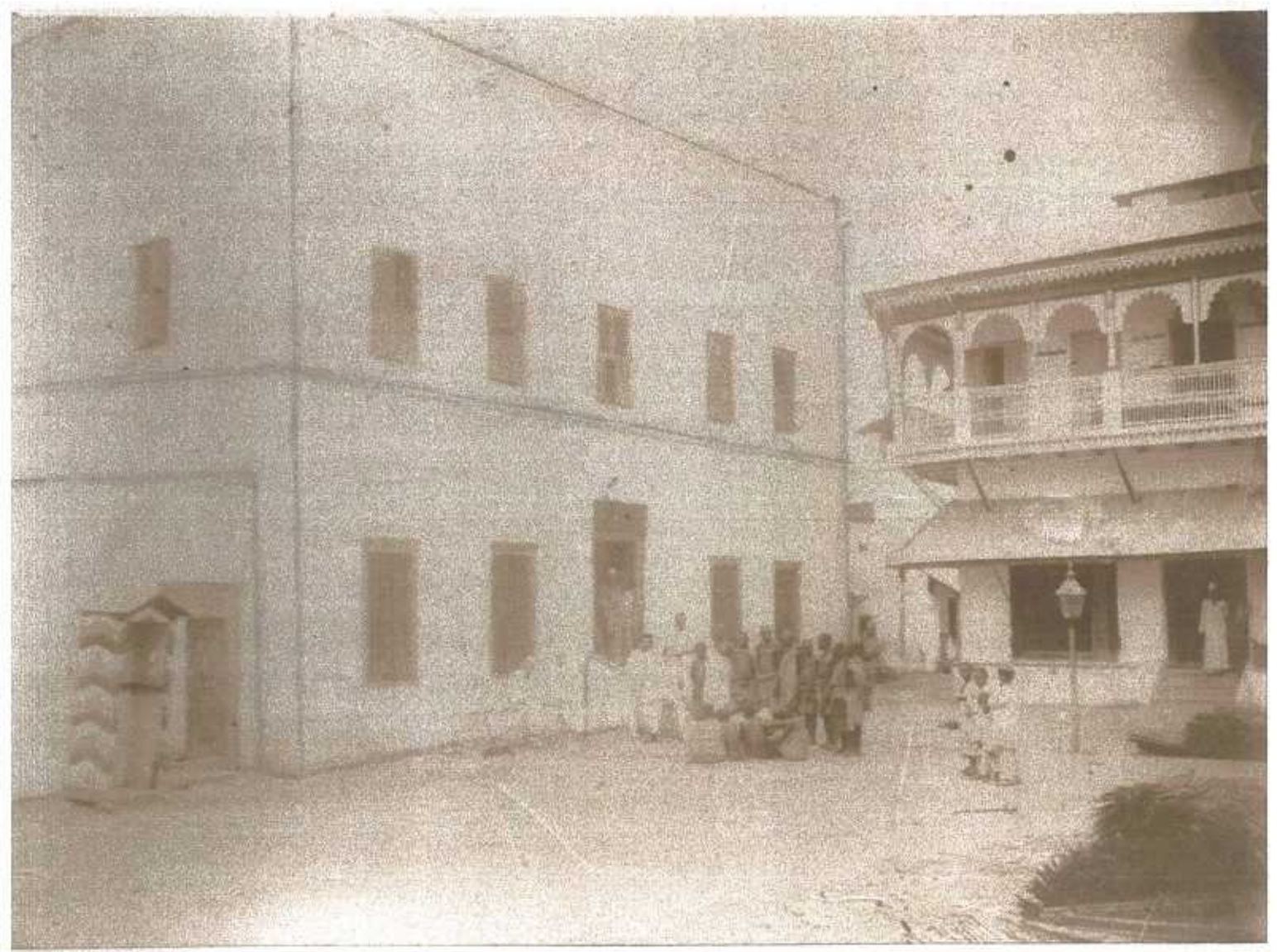
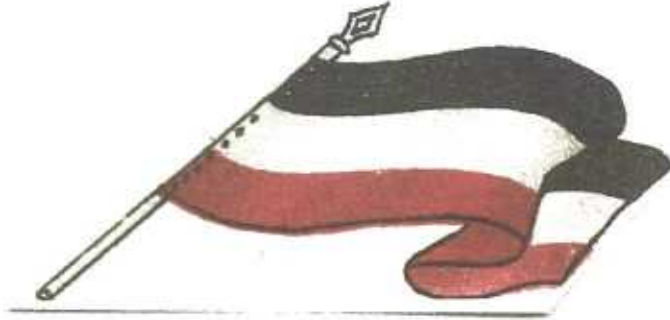
A German Postal Agency in Zanzibar was opened on 27 September 1890 and closed on 31 July 1891. The cancellation is shown below. G.E.A. postal rates were introduced and German stamps were available. As usual, mail addressed to Europe was carried to Marseilles by French Ships of the Indian Ocean Line or to Naples and Hamburg by the "Ostafrika Line" mailboats.



6 March 1891. Registered letter from Zanzibar to Berlin franked with a pair of 50 pf. tied by the German Postagentur handstamp. 1 Mark rate for a **four weights registered letter**. On reverse the arrival postmark dated 20 March. Very interesting the completely hand-made registered label, certainly s forerunner of the printed ones. (Steuer Certificate).

ZANZIBAR

German Post Office



1890-1891 German Post Office in Zanzibar. Original Photo.

ZANZIBAR

German Post Office



7 December 1890. Envelope addressed to Wilhelmshafen and redirected to Kiel. Uncommon 5 pf. printed matter rate from German P.O. of Zanzibar. Arrival postmark dated 29 December. Grobe certificate.

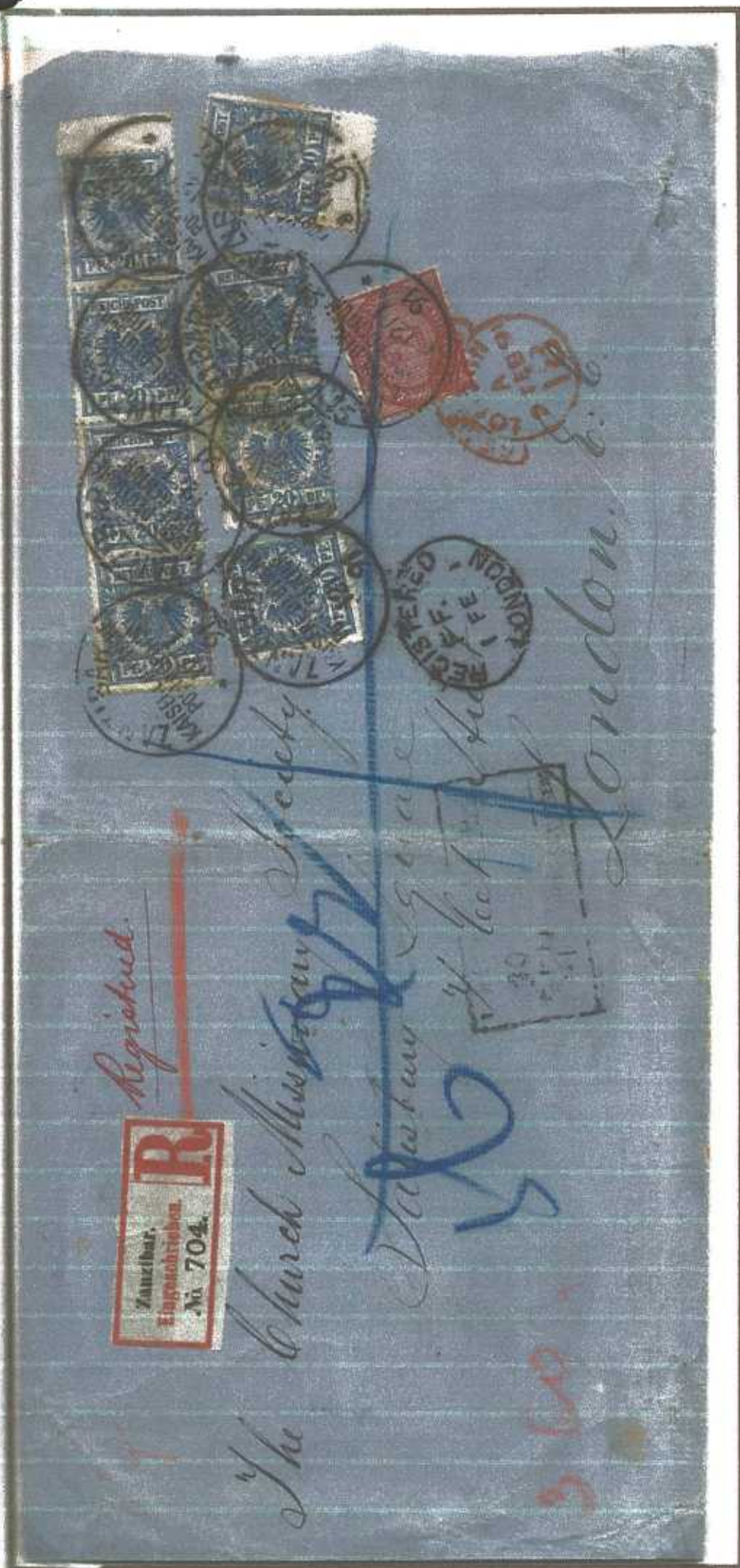


3 December 1890. Double rate registered envelope from a member of the cruiser Konig addressed to Germany. Arrival postmark dated 24 December.

ZANZIBAR

German Post Office

One of two recorded covers with
2 Marks adhesives cancelled at
the German P.O. in Zanzibar



12 January 1891. From Zanzibar to London via Neaples. **Multiple weights registered letter** correctly pre-paid 3 Marks and 60 Pfennings. This envelope was carried on the Deutsche Ostafrikanische Haptlinie (*SS Reichstadt*) departing from Zanzibar on 12 January 1891, transiting Neaples on 30 January and arriving in London on 1 February via rail from Neaples.

ZANZIBAR
German Post Office



The Zanzibar German P.O. with his employees.



17 November 1890. Four weights letter from Zanzibar to Berlin. 80 Pf. rate. On the reverses we see the Berlin arrival pmk. dated 9 December.

ZANZIBAR

German Post Office

GUSTAV DENHARDT
LAMU UND WANGE
(OSTAFRIKA)

Forwarded mail

1st December 1890. Letter written in Lamu and forwarded via Zanzibar to Germany. On reverse we note the Denhart imprint of the Lamu Agency. Arrival pmk dated 24 February 1891.



Forwarded mail from Mozambique

9th November 1891
Front of a Parce written in Mozambique and mailed on the German Zanzibar P.O. Franking very uncommon

ZANZIBAR



German Post Office

July 1899.. A decorative and coloured postcard addressed to Derlinghausen, Germany. On reverse we note 1 Anna franking

Blue Postmark



A native soldier who sometime can deputize for the postman.

2 September 1890. Double weight letter addressed to Rudolstadt (Germany). 40 Pfennig rate. Blue Zanzibar's German cancellation was used during two months only. On reverse the arrival pmk. dated 21 September.

FORERUNNERS
BAGAMOYO
 Opened on 4 October 1890

Bagamoyo P. O. was opened on 4 October 1890. German stamps were available cancelled by the postmarks reproduced below. Currency: pfennings / marks and local pesa (10 pf. = 5 pesa). Postal rates: 20 pf. single rate letter, 20 pf. for registration fee and 10 pf. special colony rate.



Postmarks used in the Bagamoyo Post Office

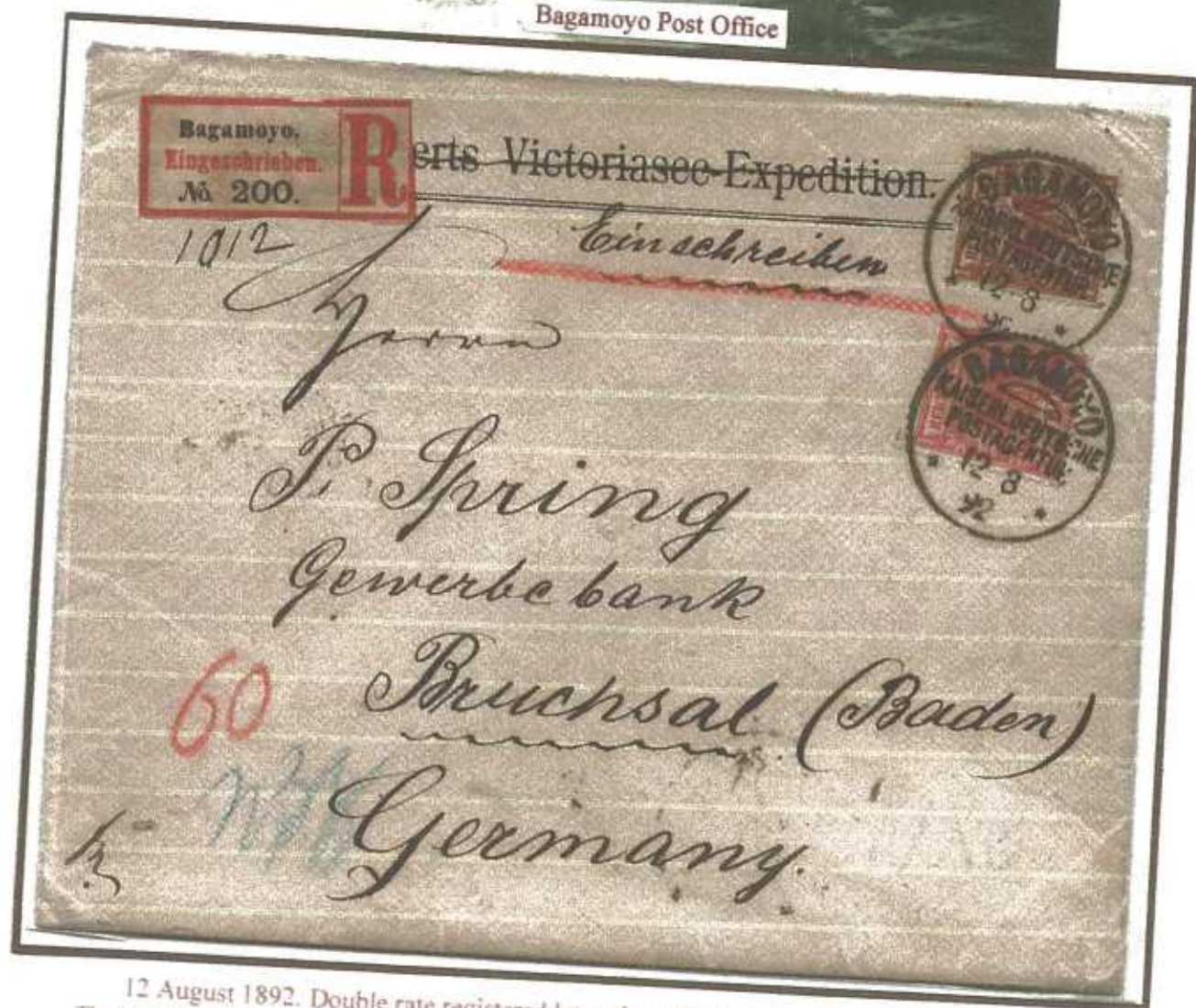


9 October 1891. Registered letter with sealing wax addressed from Bagamoyo to Kornatowo franked with five German stamps to pay a 1.80 MK. rate. (eight weights letter?). **One among the highest franking recorded** for a letter from the Bagamoyo P.O.: On the reverse we see the transit Dar - Es - Salaam postmark dated 11 October and the arrival handstamp dated 18 November (Bothe certificate).

FORERUNNERS
BAGAMOYO

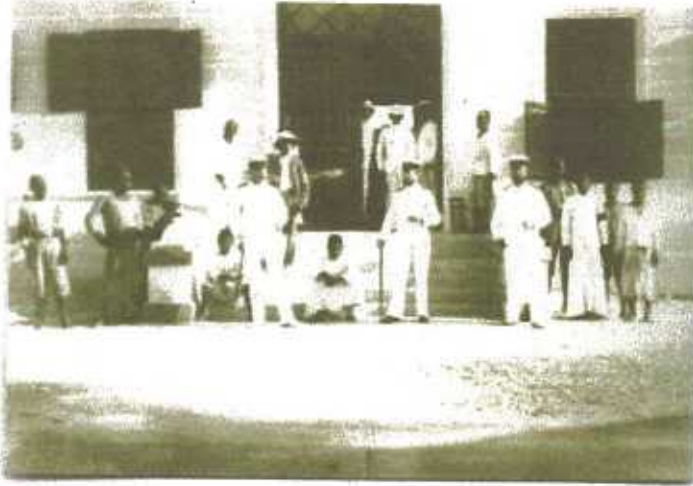


Bagamoyo Post Office



12 August 1892. Double rate registered letter from Bagamoyo to Baden, 60 Pf. Rate. The sender is Captain Spring member of the Victoriasee Expedition. On reverse we note Dar-Es-Salaam (13 August) and Bruchsal (2 September) postmarks.

**FORERUNNERS
DAR ESSALAAM**
Opened on 4 October 1890



1892. The first Imperial Government Post Office in Dar Es Salaam.

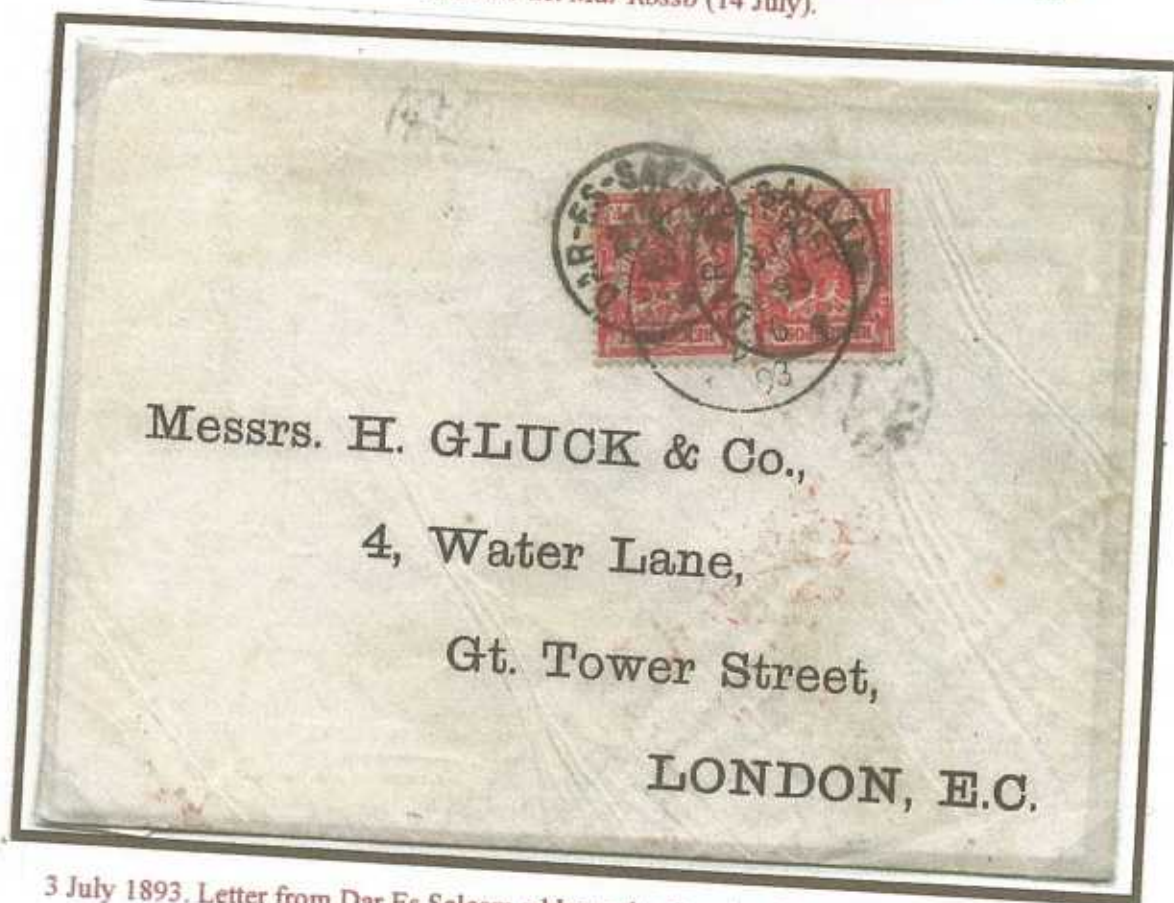


13 December 1891. Letter from Dar Es Salaam to Zanzibar franked with a strip of nine and two single of 10 pf. to pay a 1,10 Mk. rate. Five weights letter overpaid 10 pf. On reverse we note the stamped seal of Imperial Gov. of Gea and the arrival handstamp of the Indian P.O. in Zanzibar, same day dated. The letter was carried by local ship doing twice a week service between Zanzibar and the German Coast. (Steuer certificate).

FORERUNNERS
DAR ES SALAAM



7 June 1892. Letter addressed to Massawa (Italian Eritrea). On reverse we see Bombay pmk. (28 June) and the rare the framed postmark *Massaua / Servizio Italiano del Mar Rosso* (14 July).



3 July 1893. Letter from Dar Es Salaam addressed to London. Backstamped London 27 July.

FORERUNNERS
KILWA
Opened on 14 April 1892



Post Office, 1895 ca.



8 April 1897



18 July 1893. Three weights letter from Kilwa addressed to Dusseldorf. On reverse we note transit postmark of Dar es Salaam dated 21 July and the arrival postmark dated 25 August. The letter was forwarded by the steamboat *Kanzler* leaving Zanzibar on 26 July

FORERUNNERS
LINDI

Opened on 17 May 1891



Lindi Post Office



19 July 1893. Registered letter from Lindi (Southern German Coast) addressed to Saarburg franked with four German stamps to a pay a 1.40 Mk. rate for a six weights registered letter. On the reverse we note the transit postmark of Dar-Es-Salaam dated 21 July and the arrival Saarburg c.d.s. dated 25 September (Steuer certificate).

FORERUNNES



PANGANI

Opened on 15 June 1892



17 December 1892.
Registered letter from Pangani to Berlin. 40 Pf. rate : 20 pf. for a single weight letter and 20 pf. for registration fee. On the reverse we note the arrival postmark date 13 November.



1 October 1893. Letter from Pangani to Berlin. 40 Pf. rate for a double weight letter. Only one 20 pf. stamp is overprinted. On the reverse we see the transit postmark of Dar - Es - Salzam dated 10 October and the arrival postmark dated 13 November.

FORERUNNERS
SAADANI

Opened on 5 May 1892



The building of D.O.A. Company and Saadani Post. Office with Askari Troops (from a original photo).



6 August 1892. Letter from Saadani to Thuringen franked with a German stamp to pay a 20 pf. rate for a single weight letter. On the reverse we see the postmarks of Bagamoyo (7 August), Dar - Es - Salaam (9 August) and Soemmerda (7 September).

FORERUNNERS
TANGA

Opened on 5 May 1891



Postal Routes. In German East Africa coast mail addressed to Europa was carried by ships and three routes exist. These were: the two branch of DOAL coastal service starting on July 1890. One (southern) running fortnightly from Mikindani to Lindi, Kilva and Zanzibar. The other (northern) run fortnightly too from Tanga, Saadani, Bagamoyo, Dar Es Salaam and Zanzibar. Besides these are to consider the small local boats which run twice a week between the coast and Zanzibar where all mail addressed to Europe were taken as usually by German, British and French mailboats until European harbours.



Jung local Postman

*No 455,
529.*



Sub Kaiserliche Deutsche

Konsulat

fr. 80

Zanzibar

24 April 1893. Letter from Tanga to Zanzibar. 80 Pf. rate. Four weights letter. On the reverse we see the official violet handstamp of the Imperial D.O.A. Government and the postmarks of Bagamoyo (29 April) and Zanzibar (30 April).

FORERUNNERS
TANGA

Letter from the German explorer Wilhelm Karl Peters



Original photo of the famous doctor and explorer Wilhelm Karl Peters.



24 September 1892. Registered letter from the famous explorer Karl Peters addressed to his pharmacy in Nuremberg. On reverse we note the arrival postmark dated 20 October.

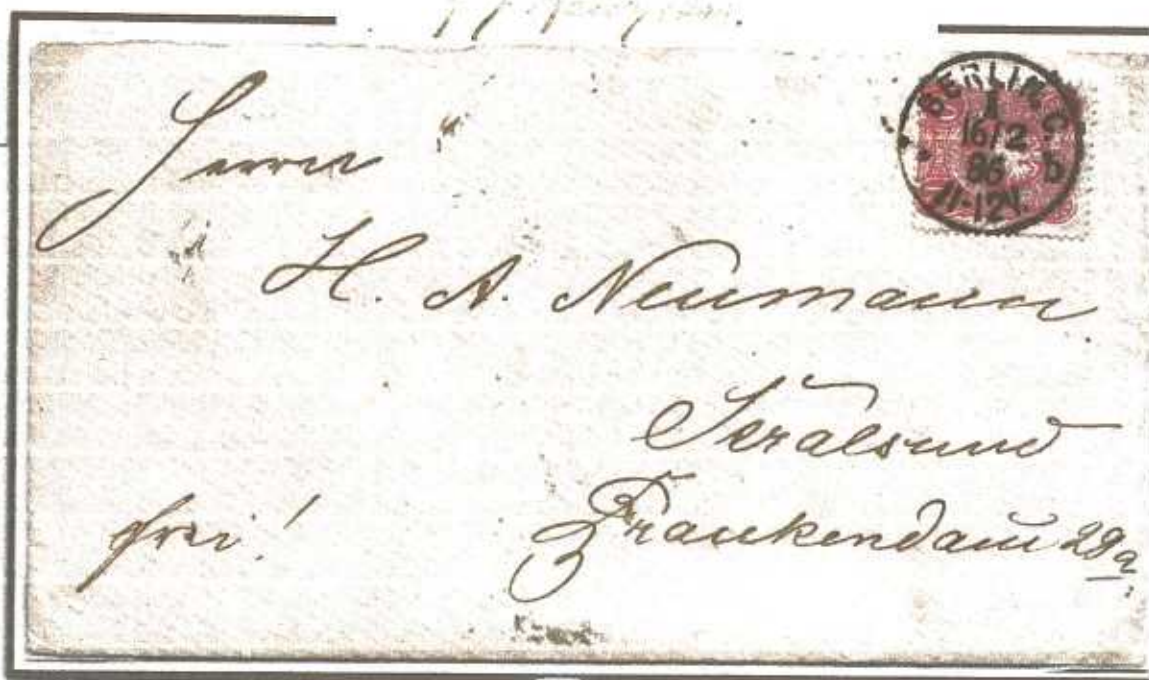
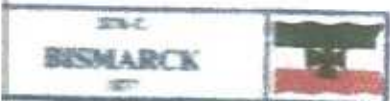
GERMAN NAVY
S.M.S. Bismarck

The German presence in East Africa was effectively supported by the Imperial Navy sailing along the coast visiting the harbors of Zanzibar, Dar es Salaam, Tanga and Bagamoyo



SMS Bismarck

4th January 1885. Postcard from Berlin addressed to the Captain Stiege, commander of the Cruiser Bismarck, stationary in Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam. Interesting address: Kaiserl. Hofpostamt



January 1886. Cover from Zanzibar harbor addressed to Straßburg (boxed on reverse: H. A. Neumann über Maschinenbau, on board SMS Bismarck, ZZ Zanzibar, showing on front 10 pf. stamp cancelled on arrival by Berlin code) 16 February. Uncommon example of a Hofpostamtbriefe sent franked and then inland postage applied for Naval and military mail at the Marine PO in Berlin. (Steuer Certificate)

GERMAN NAVY
S.M.S. Mowe



S.M.S. Mowe



28 April 1886. Letter addressed to the Captain Vuller on board of the SMS Mowe. This gunboat was launched in 1876 and in 1886 received order directing to Zanzibar to defend the coastal German Stations from attack of natives tribes.

GERMAN NAVY
S.M.S. Leipzig



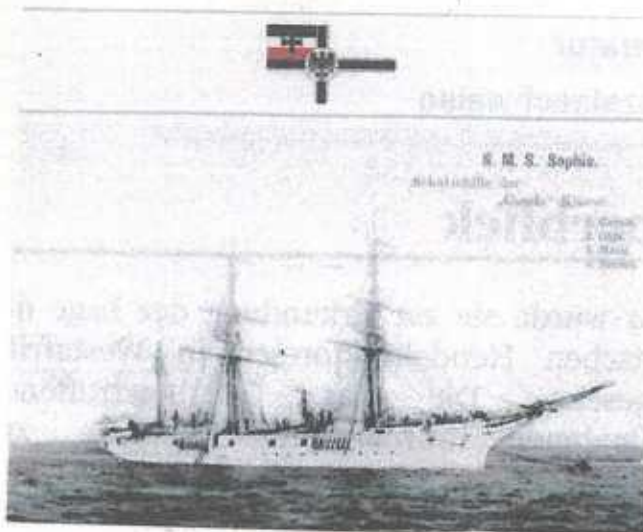
SMS Leipzig in Zanzibar

*Am Bord S.M.S. Leipzig, Bagamojo April.
 Sehr geschätzter Herr! Hier mit sehr Wenigem
 sehr bestirret, Ihre Besuche im vorigen Jahre
 sind für mich zu sehr, dass ich zu meinem Leben
 nicht vergessen werde alle Anwesenheiten zu*



April 1889. One Anna and half postal card addressed to Germany, wrote on board of SMS Leipzig in Bagamojo bay and forwarded by the Indian P.O. of Zanzibar. The SMS Leipzig, Class Corvette launched in 1874, was in German East Africa in the midst of the Abushiri revolt. With several others warships formed a cruiser squadron that bombarded rebel troops and sent landing parties ashore to suppress the rebellion.

GERMAN NAVY
SMS Sophie



Dar es Salaam, Fe. 3/1. 89
Lieber Herrmann!
Leb' wohl von dem Lande aus, wo die Bushiri'sche

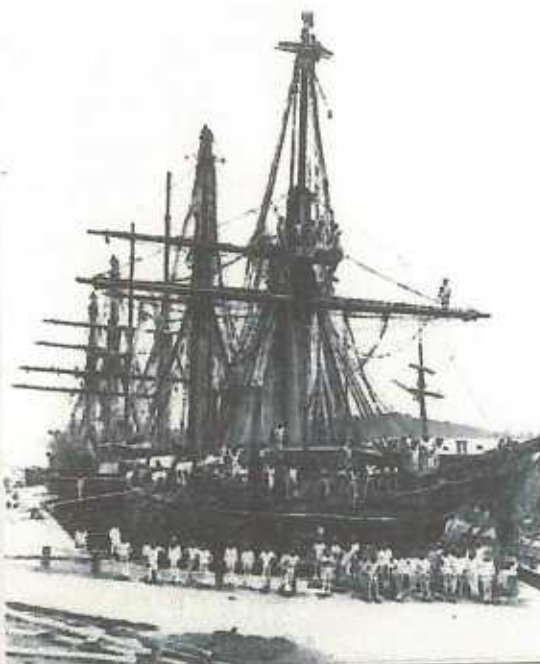


3rd February 1889. Indian postcard (1, 1/2 Anna) written in Dar es Salaam addressed to the *Kanonboot Wolf* in Hong Kong on care of the German consulate and then readdressed to Macassar via Aden, Batavia and Singapore. Interessant item written by a member of the crew of the Corvette SMS Sophie engaged to fight again the Bushiri rebellion in the inland between Dar es Salaam and Bagamoyo.

GERMAN NAVY
S.M.S. Carola

Tanga 1^{er} Juin 1890
 V. W. S. Carola.

Le R. M. Carola est parti de Tanga
 le 1^{er} Juin 1890 à destination de
 Madagascar. Le R. M. Carola est
 un bâtiment de guerre de la marine
 allemande. Il est commandé par le
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 allemande. Il est commandé par le
 capitaine von Dönhoff.



1st. June 1890. French postcard written on board on SMS Carola in front of Tanga, addressed to Berlin and forwarded by the French P.O. of Zanzibar. The item was carried to Marseille by the ship *Oceania* (we note the Seepost transit stempel *La Reunion Marseille LV n 4*). The Class Corvette Carola, launched on November 1880, in GEA participate in anti slave operations and helped to suppress the Abushiri revolt. In May - June 1890 was at anchor in front of Tanga and Pangani.

GERMAN NAVY
S.M.S. Sea Adler



Kommandant
S. M. Kreuzer „Seeadler“
D. No. 760.

Enregistré

599



An



die Deutsche Bank

Berlin.

Allemagne.

3 October 1893. Registered letter addressed to Berlin. The sender is a crew's member of the German Cruiser "Seeadler". On reverse we note the coat of arms with inscription: "Kaiserliche Marine Kommand S.M. Kreuzer Seeadler". The letter was carried to Marseilles by the French Paquebot "Ava" sailing from La Reunion on 25 August and arriving in Marseilles on 21 October.

GERMAN NAVY
S.M.S. Sea Adler

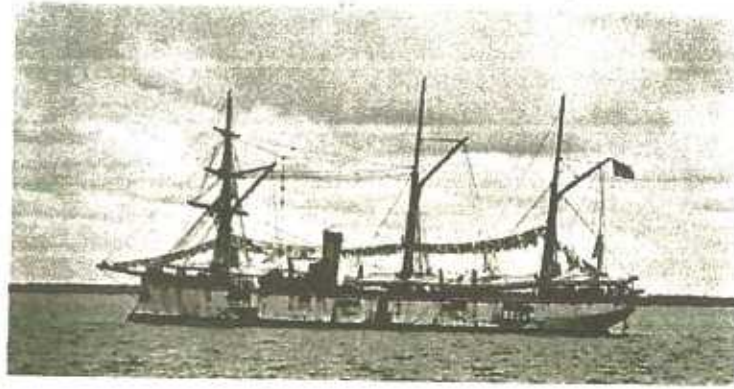


S.M.S Sea Adler



26 November 1897. Letter from a member of crew of SMS Sea Adler addressed to Berlin. Cancellation bearing n 11 allocated to SMS Adler. Arrival postmark of Steglitz (16 December).

GERMAN NAVY
S.M.S. Schwalbe



S. M. Kreuzer „Schwalbe“.



9 February 1895. Indian postal stationery from Zanzibar to Kiel. The sender was a crew's member of the German cruiser *Schwalbe* sailing on the German East Africa coast. Arrival postmark dated 13 March.

GERMAN NAVY
S.M.S. Condor



*R. Feldmann
Korvettenkapitän z. B.
S.M.S. Condor
Zanzibar bgs.*

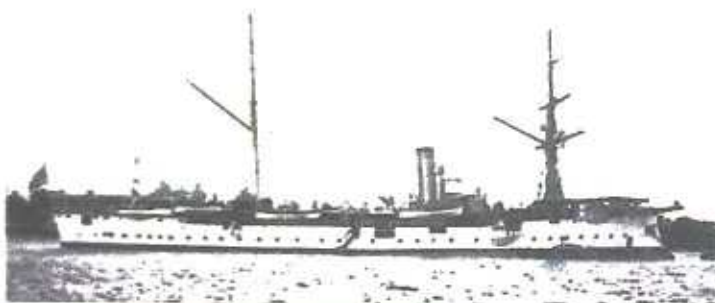


19th May 1899. Postcard (Nur für Marine-Schiffposten) from Zanzibar addressed to Dresden bearing German Navy postmark N°10 allocated to SMS Condor.



4th February 1898. Postcard from Capetown addressed to a member of the crew of the SMS Condor in Zanzibar

GERMAN NAVY
SMS Thetis - SMS Bussard



Anton
Herrn Hauptmann Böhmert.
Lupowitzerstrasse.

26th October 1905. Double Rate letter from GEA addressed to Lyck. Cancellation bearing n 38 allocated to the Cruiser Thetis who was assigned to the Forces of the High Sea Fleet in Zanzibar and Dar Es Salaam from August 1905 until March 1906.



Lyck.
Hauptmann.

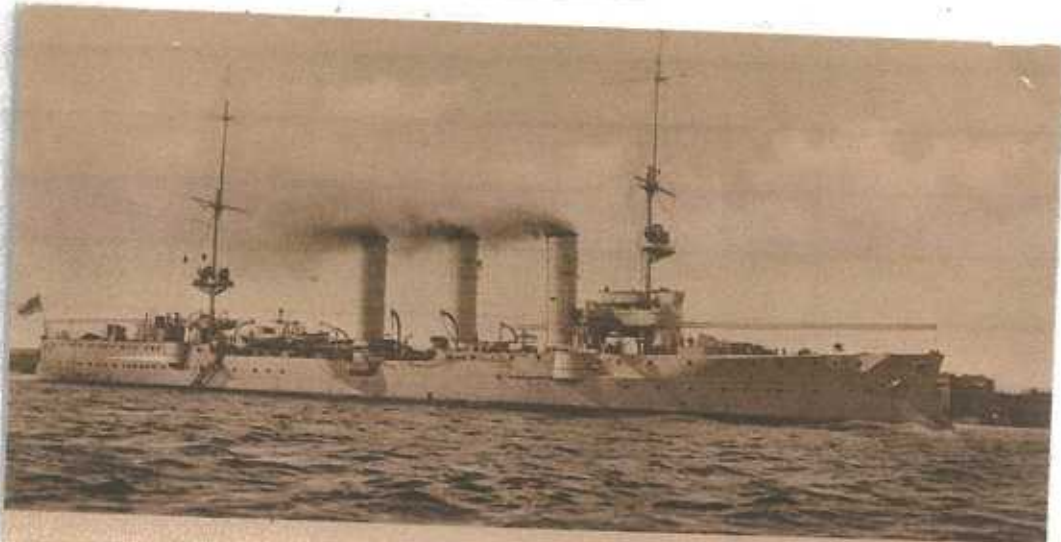


27th January 1907 Postcard from Dar Es Salaam addressed to Berlin Postmark Marine Schiffpost N 51 allocated to the PO of the Cruiser Bussard launched in January 1890. from 1901 was assigned to the East African Station and remained there until 1910

An Herrn Vikh. Kaveni
Münchener - Aufstelt
Berlin S 42 I.

Wohnung
(Straße und Hausnummer)

GERMAN NAVY
Cruiser Koenisberg



S. M. Kleiner Kreuzer „Königsberg“
Der englische Kleine Kreuzer „Pegasus“ wurde am 20. September 1914 von S. M. Kleinem Kreuzer „Königsberg“
in der Bucht von Sansibar angegriffen und unbrauchbar gemacht.
Fertigstellung: 1907. Wasserverdrängung: 3400 t. Besetzung: 326.

Original card from the collection "Marine Erinnerung Karte"



27 June 1914. Letter to Frankfurt bearing the rare German Navy postmark n° 19 allocated to the German East Africa Raider, the Cruiser Koenisberg. Only phew covers are still recorded showing pmk n° 19!

GERMAN NAVY
Cruiser Koenisberg



9 March 1916. Postcard sent from a seaman of the Kreuzer Koenisberg in the Lindi harbour. Double censor marks and manuscript "Zensur passiert". The cruiser Koenisberg was the only ship of the Imperial German fleet sailing on the East African coast during the first world war



The Cruiser Koenisberg in the GEA coast

21st June 1916. Field post letter barring the Feldpostatio 2 pmk, addressed to the Captain Herbert Hinrichs of the Koenisberg Crew in the Lindi Harbour

GERMAN MAILBOATS

Hamburg - East Africa Service

The German East Africa Line (DOAL) postal service started in 1890 and was soon followed by a contract between the German Government and the Company called for a ship every four weeks. Each ship had its own postal clerk and canceller. The Hamburg - East Africa service timings were as follows: Hamburg - Lisbon 8-9 days, Lisbon - Naples 6 days, Naples - Port Said 5 days, Port Said - Aden 6 days, Aden - Tanga - Zanzibar - Dar-es-salaam 7-8 days. Ships called at Zanzibar to drop mail, en route for Dar - Es - Salaam, returned to Zanzibar and then went south to Mozambique. Mail and passengers service was made in various harbours.



11 May 1895. Letter from the Italian Navy Curtatone (probably in the Zanzibar harbour) addressed to Palermo. Cancellor with check letter "a" allocated to steamship Reichstag. Backstamped Palermo 29 May.

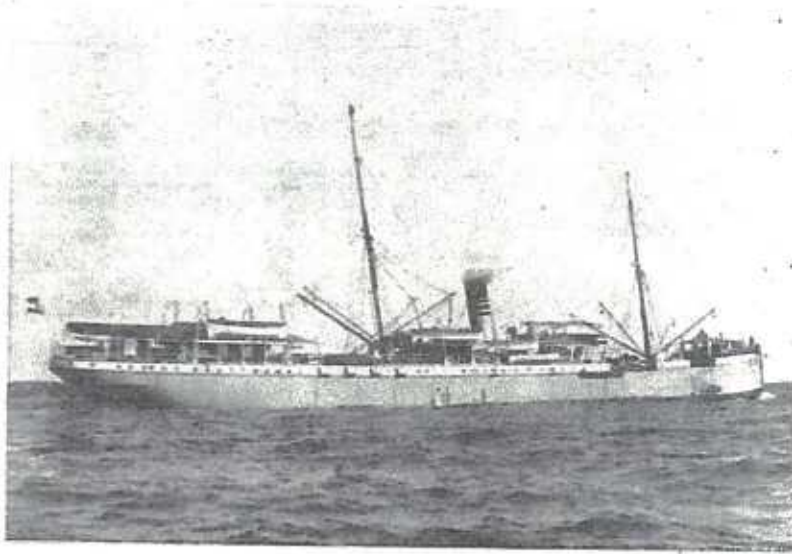
16 January 1895.
German postal stationary overprinted "5 Pesa" addressed to Kiel. On the reverse the card is endorsed "On board des General". Cancellor with check letter "f" allocated to steamship General.



GERMAN MAILBOATS

Hamburg – East Africa Service

First voyage to East Africa coast by DOAL

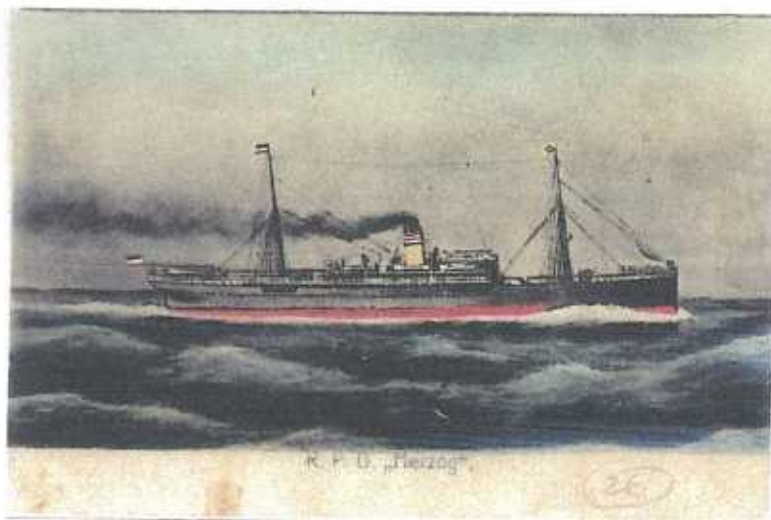


The German Mailboat "Reichstag"



10 August 1890, 10 pf. Postal stationery addressed to Berlin. On this first sailing to East Africa by German mailboat, 20 passengers were embarked; amongst them Mr. Steinhausen charged to open the German post office in Zanzibar. Cancelled with check letter "a" allocated to the steamship Reichstag.

GERMAN MAILBOATS
Hamburg – East Africa Service



RPD Herzog from reverse of the postcard.



20 December 1909. Postcard wrote on the board of the steamship by the Italian Resident Piazza addressed to Brava. Stamp cancelled by maritime postmark with check letter "h" allocated to the steamship Herzog.

GERMAN MAILBOATS
Hamburg - East Africa Service

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE.
POST CARD.



M. B. Willeumier

q. Houllweg

Berne

Suisse

14 November 1912.
Postcard from Zanzibar
addressed to Berne.
Stamp cancelled with
check letter "n"
allocated to the
steamship General.

Deutschland

Einwohner

Fran

Herrn Albrecht

R.P.D. General Hamburg 30

Neumünster - Str. 14^a

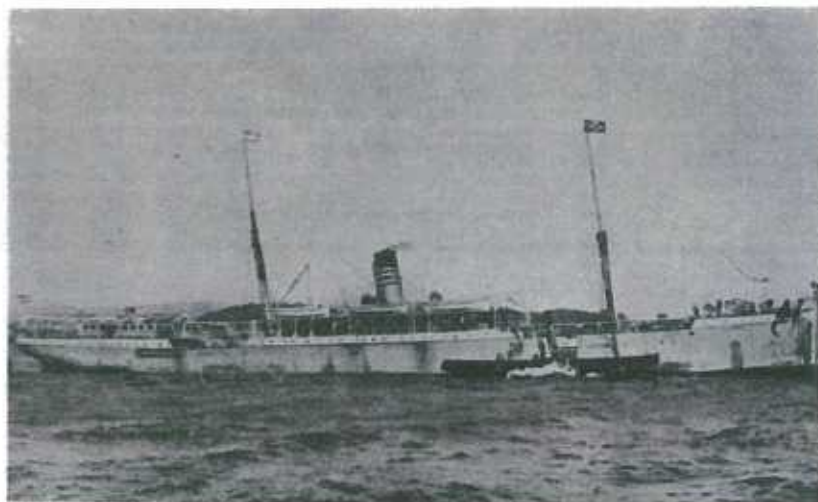
Hamburg

II. Etage



25 February 1912.
Registered letter from
Italian Somaliland
addressed to Hamburg.
50 Cents rate. Stamps
cancelled by postmark
with check letter "n"
allocated to the
steamship General
Arrival postmark dated
11 March.

GERMAN MAILBOATS
Hamburg - East Africa Service



RPD Kaiser

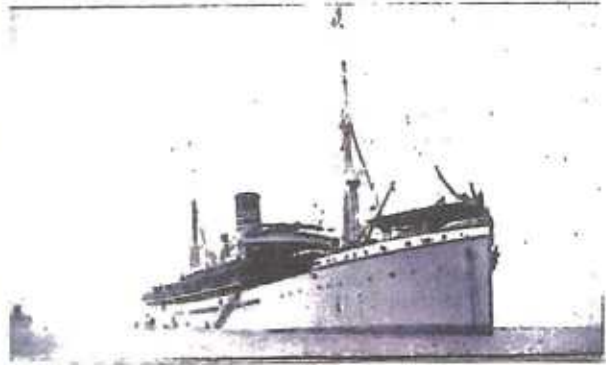


21st February 1895. Letter mailed on the mailboat addressed to Rostock. 11 Pesa rate for a simple letter forwarded by the W. Oswald & Co. as we can see on the oval violet mark in front and on the back of the cover. Cancellation with check letter "d" allocated to the steamship Kaiser. In front we note manuscript "Via Naples SS Kaiser". On reverse arrival postmark dated 7th March.

GERMAN MAILBOATS
Hamburg – East Africa Service



The Mailboat *Gouverneur* illustrated on the postcard



The steamship *Konig*

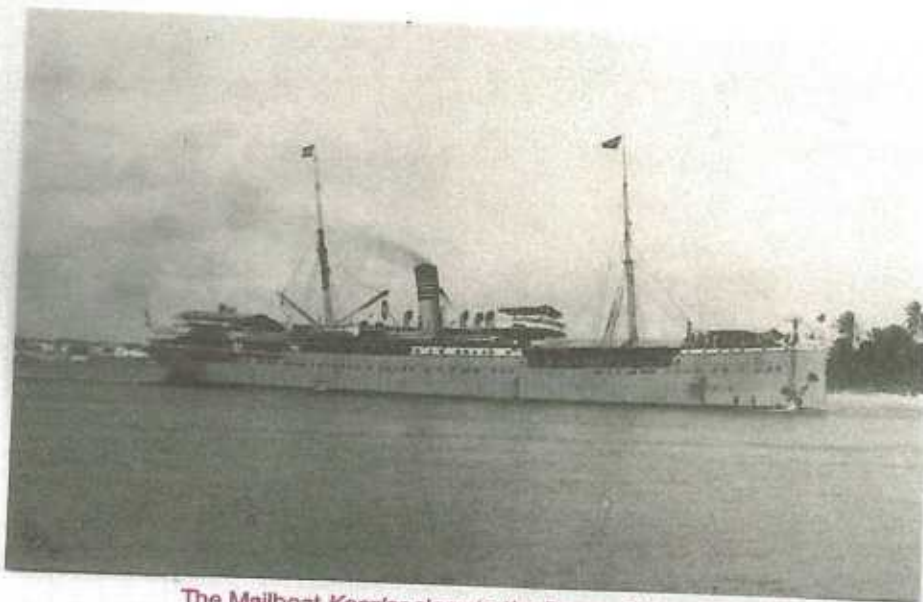


17 May 1907. Postcard from Mogadishu To Gargenti (Italy). Stamp cancelled with check letter "g" allocated to the steamship *Gouverneur*



24 April 1810. Postcard addressed to Mogadishu with stamp cancelled by postmark with check letter "d" allocated to steamship *Konig*

GERMAN MAILBOATS
Hamburg - East Africa Service



The Mailboat *Kanzler* close to the Dar es Salaam harbor.



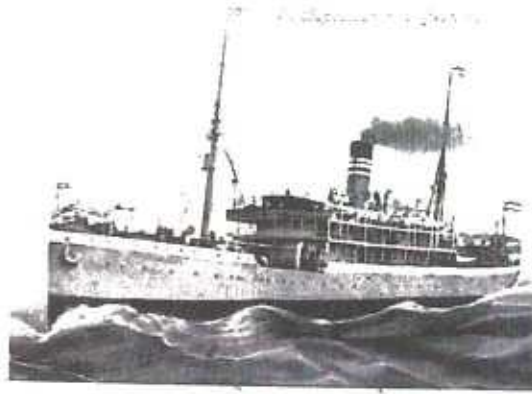
16th August 1891. Letter mailed on the boat addressed to Denmark. Stamp cancelled with check letter "C" allocated to the mailboat *Kanzler* from 4th April until 5th September; five months only! This letter was forwarded via Aden and Marseilles by French Paquebot of the Line Marseilles Yokohama (Line N). Backstamped "Aden 17 August" and "Odense 31 August".

GERMAN MAILBOATS

Hamburg – East Africa Service



Dealer's mark on reverse

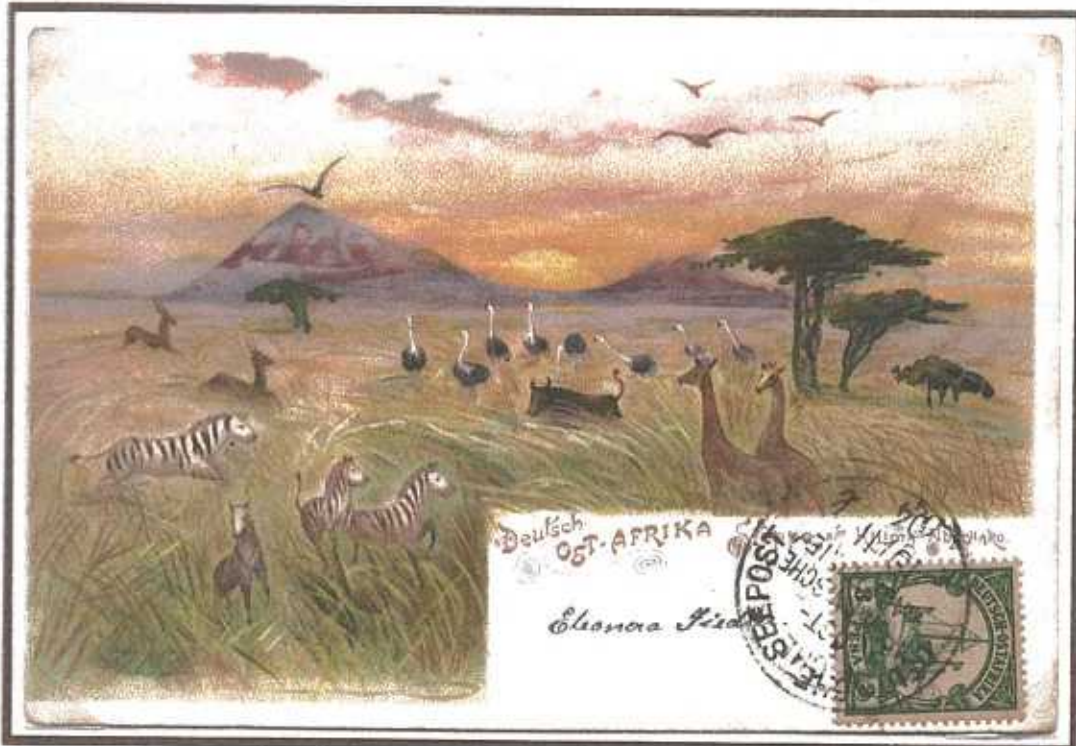


S.S. Admiral



1 September 1894. Letter from Tete, Portuguese East Africa, addressed to Hamburg, framed with a strip of four of 20 pf. German stamp to pay a four weights letter carried by German mailboats. Stamps tied by a cancellation with check letter "f" allocated to steamship Admiral. Backstamped Hamburg. 22 September.

GERMAN MAILBOATS
Hamburg - East Africa Service

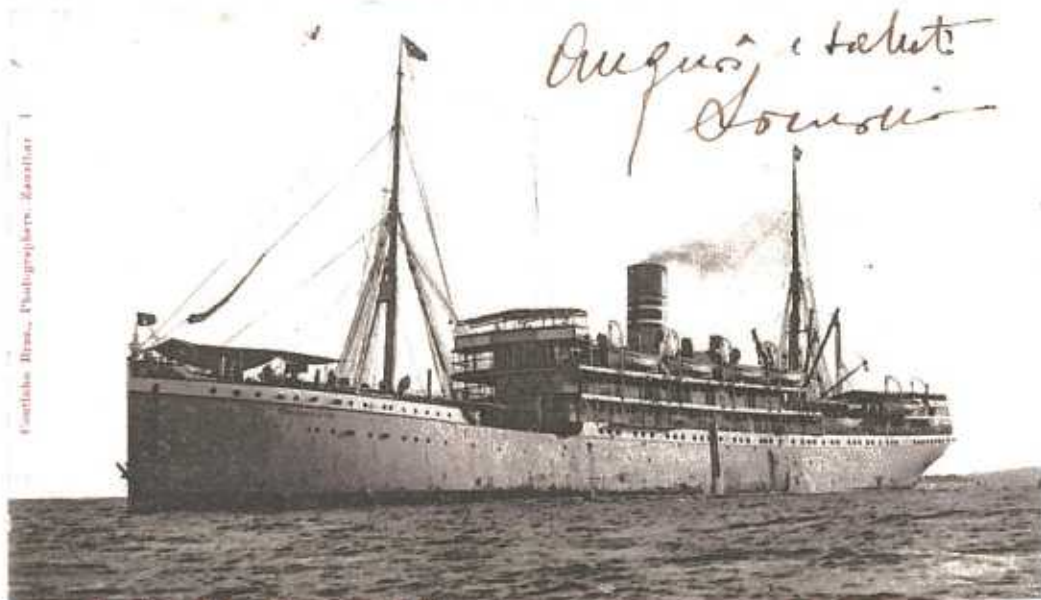


10 November 1904. Illustrated postcard addressed to Sicily and mailed on board. 3 Pfennig rate for card with signature only. Cancellor with check letter "I" allocated to steamship Kronprinz.



1 April 1905. Letter addressed to Alger from Kampala via German Seapost. 7 : Annas rate for a triple weights letter addressed abroad. 11 : As. each : 021 Cancellor with check letter "I" allocated to steamship Kronprinz. On the reverse we see Mombasa, Suez Port Said transit postmarks and arrival handstamp of Alger dated 21 April.

GERMAN MAILBOATS
Hamburg - East Africa Service



Kautzsch Bros., Photographers, Zanzibar

*Auguôj i talut
Zanzibar*

Zanzibar, 21-11-1906

S. S. Bürgermeister

Bürgermeister
R Deutsche Seepost
Ostafrika-Linie.
No. 60

Registered

607

Mr. A. Nigger

30 Bedekindstr.

Hannover

Germany.

DEUTSCHE OSTAFRIKANISCHE HAUPTLINIE
* 8112 *
04

DEUTSCHE OSTAFRIKANISCHE HAUPTLINIE
* 8112 *
04



8 December 1904. Registered letter mailed on the boat and addressed to Hannover. Cancellor with check letter "a" allocated to the S.S. Burgermeister. Backstamped Aden, 8 December, and Hannover, 28 December.

GERMAN MAILBOATS

Hamburg - East Africa Service



24 December 1898, Postcard addressed from Tanga to Zanzibar. Cancellor with check letter "K" allocated to steamship Konig.



2 July 1895, German postal stationary addressed from Zanzibar to Sestri Levante (Italy) Cancellor with check letter "d" allocated to steamship Kaiser.



2. M! Uns Hagenbique fihnd wir am 16. im Aufbruchstun prachigen ruhigen Wetter bes. In der Nacht die ganz auf eine Insel liegt, was es ganz trgllich heit und schmitig. Die zu wohnen, namentlich die Fagen, macht ein ganz ruh verkommen in Brust. Wir hatten ganz Schanz an Bord, die alle Schalen Seepferde und prachtvolle harte grosse weiße Korallen stante fehllos. Die Bucht umrundete von Klein an sah das Landen, wobei man sich viel in Tanga von Fagan tragen lassen mochte, ziemlich wichtig war, wir besuchten u. a. das Pfgerdorf, Hospital, den Faganmarkt, den die Hof auf den nich. Europaeern sind eines Schadelkapelle a la Fochexonney. Das Land ringsum ist voll ansehliche Wwald. Am Fachen, das kamen dann so diam. Koh. sammelt, was ca 50 an Bord, um sich den selben Fagan in der gebilligen Biers zu leisten. - Auf der Rucke etc werden wir malawischlich in Gaven man von Doudsch-Ost-Afrika an Bord bekommen? Ich sah ihn schon in Dan-25. Salan, ab ich eben malawisch von der schwarzen Sch. - mada, wenn die prachtvollen Tropenarten gele-jens den Faganbesten, die ich den malawischen Besten sah. sich der malawischen Besten sah.

18 July 1900. Postcard showing the S. Konig written "auf hoher see" in front of Chinde and addressed to Slesia. On the reverse we see a German seapost canceller with check letter "K" allocated to steamship Konig.

GERMAN MAILBOATS
Hamburg – East Africa Service



14 January 1904. Postcard from Zanzibar to Germany. Postmark with check letter "m" allocated to the steamship Kurfurst.

GERMAN MAILBOATS

Coastal Service

The ships with canceller showing inscription "Ost - Afrikanische Zweiglinie" are usually employed for a coastal service between Aden - Lamu - Mombasa - Tanga - Zanzibar - Der-Es-Salaam. This service commenced in December 1890.



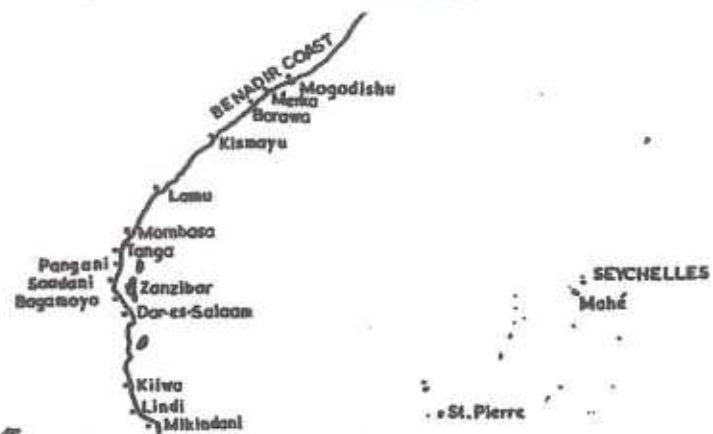
3 cancellations allocated to the coastal service mailboat



27 June 1892. Letter addressed to London via German Seapost. 40 Pfennigs rate for a double weight letter sent abroad. Cancellation with **check letter "I"** allocated to steamship **Wissman**. This letter was probably mailed in Tanga, carried to Zanzibar by the mailboat **Wissman** and then to Southampton and London by Peninsular and oriental ships. On the reverse we see the German East Afrika Co seal and the London arrival postmark.

GERMAN MAILBOATS

Coastal Service



Map showing the ports of call of the D.O.A. Zweig-Linie



17 December 1896. Letter addressed to Mohorro via German Mailboats coastal service. Cancelled with check letter "II" allocated to steamship Wissman.

GERMAN MAILBOATS
Coastal Service



13 July 1909

9 June 1902. Letter from
BEA addressed to Zanzibar
carried by German Mailboat
Satos. Backstamped Zanzibar
10 June.



18 January 1812.
Registered letter from Italian
Somaliland addressed to
Napoli. Carried by the German
Mailboat Erna Woermann
until Mombasa and then to
Napoli via Aden and Suez. On
reverse we note transit
postmark of Mombasa (21
January), arrival postmark of
Napoli (13 February) and
printed inscription: "Il Giudice
della Somalia Italiana"

GERMAN MAILBOATS
Coastal Service

German East Africa Line timetable
and boats list

Veränderter Dienst
gültig vom Mai 1907

DEUTSCHE OST-AFRIKA-LINIE

HAMBURG
Tägliche

Regelmässiger

OST- und S

UGANDA, DEUTSCH OST
RHODESIA, TRANS

Passag

von Hamburg nach O
via Rotterdam, Dover, Lissabon
HAUPTLINIE (V)

von Hamburg nach D
1) via Rotterdam, Dover, Lissabon
HAUPTLINIE (V)
2) via Bremerhaven, Antwerpen
HAUPTLINIE (V)

von Hamburg nach d
via Bremerhaven, Antwerpen
HAUPTLINIE

von Hamburg nach O
via Rotterdam oder Antwerpen
ZWISCHENLINIE

D	
R.P.D.	
PRINZESSIN	880
ADMIRAL	880
FELDMARSCHALL	880
PRINZREGENT	880
BÜRGERMEISTER	590
KRONPRINZ	570
HERZOG	800
KÖNIG	480
MARQUIS	380
KANZLER	300
KHALIF	800
KHEDIVE	800

SULTAN	2000
KAISER	2800
SOMALI	2800
GENERAL	2400
REICHSTAG	2100
BUNDESRATH	2100
KADETT	250
ADJUTANT	250

Die mit * bezeichneten sind
Doppelschrauben-Dampfer.



17 October 1910. Registered letter addressed
to Hamburg posting on *Sultan* on board P.O. The
boat leave Bombay on 23 October returning
From Seychelles and arrive in Zanzibar on
27 October. Arrival postmark dated 4 November.

GERMAN MAILBOATS
Coastal Service



28 July 1910



21 January 1891. Registered envelope from Kilwa to Hannover bearing 20 pfennig blue vertical strip of four and single to pay a 3 weights reg letter. Stamps tied by 2 Deutsche Seepost Ost Afrikansche Zweifelmie 1 allocated to the ship *Wissman* who carried the mail from Zanzibar and then to the harbours of the Northern Coastal Line. Arrival postmark of Hannover dated 24 February.

OST AFRIKA LINE

For the Reichs Mail Steamers, newly placed in service, new cancellations with the inscription *Ost Afrika Linie* were provided



Identifying letters *p, q, r* and *s*

smaller size, letter *b*



16 January 1909



14 April 1910

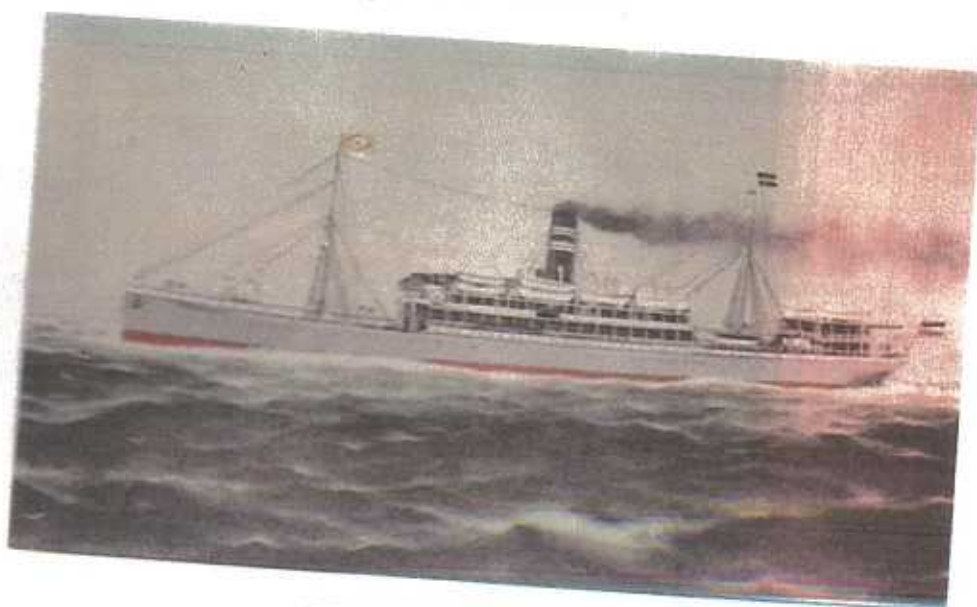


11 March 1908



11 December 1912. Large size pmk with check letter *P*.

OST AFRIKA LINE



RPD Gertrud Woermann



23 April 1908. Registered triple weight letter from GEA addressed to Pallanza (Italy). 40 Pfennings rate. Stamps cancelled by maritime postmark with check letter "b" allocated to the steamship Gertrud Woermann.

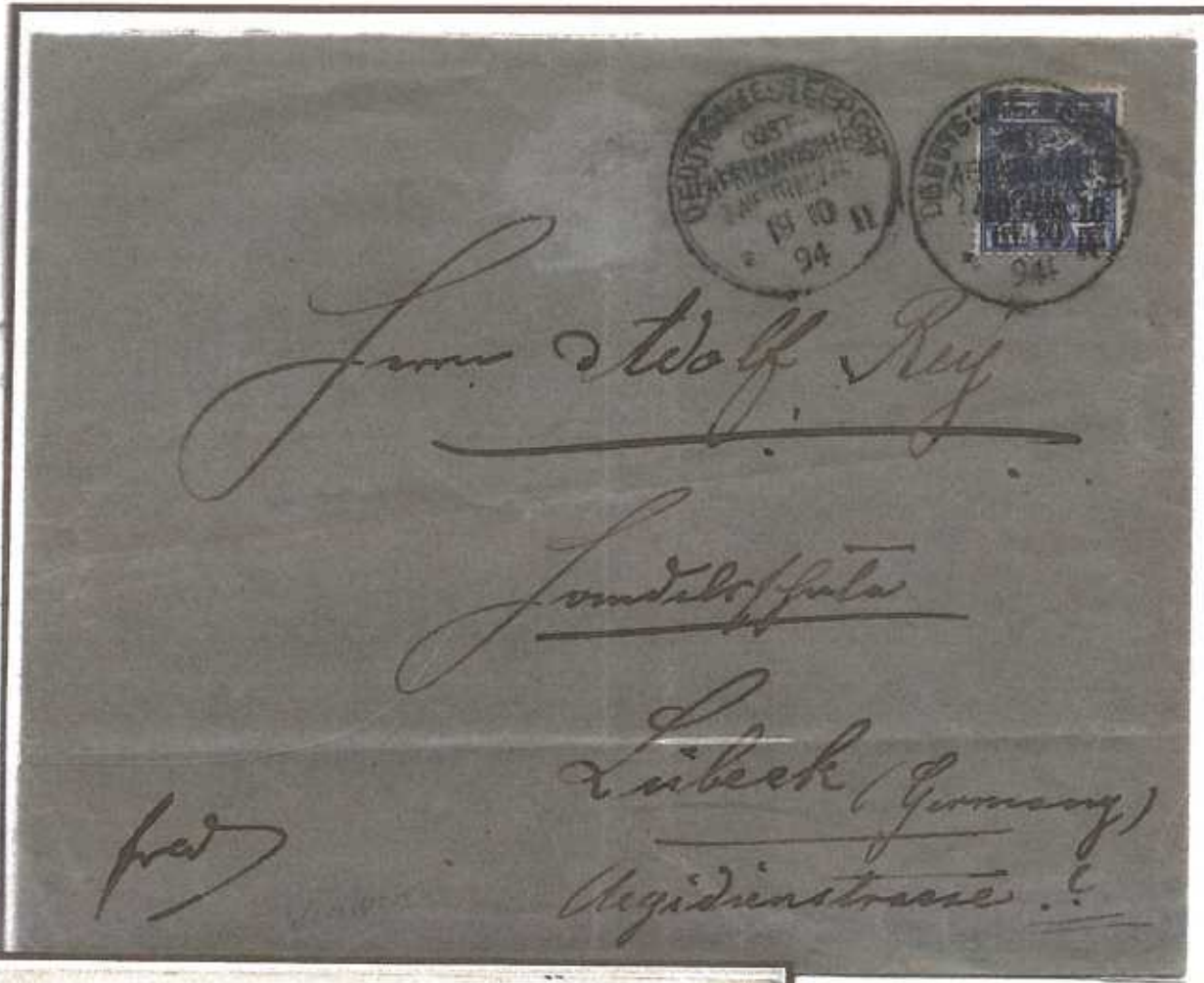
OST AFRIKA LINIE

24 July 1908.
Postcard from
Mombasa addressed
to Chinde,
Portuguese East
Africa. Cancellation
with letter S
allocated to the
steamer Adolph
Woermann



30 January 1913.
Registered letter
from Dar es Salaam
to Berlin showing a
supplementary
cancellation
Deutsches
Schutzgebiet.
Cancellation with
letter S allocated to
the steamer
Adolph Woermann

GERMAN MAILBOATS
Coastal Service



19 October 1894.
Official cover of the
DOAL addressed to
Lubeck. Stamp
cancelled by postmark
with check letter
"II" allocated to
steamship
Weissmann until
December 1900.



28 December 1913.
Card addressed to
Bromberg. Stamps
cancelled by postmark
with check letter
"II" allocated to the
steamship President.

BOMBAY LINIE

The ships of the Bombay Line served several coastal cities of East Africa, and sea post facilities on the Bombay Line ships offered for the residents of these cities speedier postal service



1 February 1914

Traun & Stürken, G. m. b. H. Kilwa.

An die

Nouvelle Société Commerciale
Africaine

Hamburg
Glacengießerswall 1



11 October 1913. From Kilwa to Hamburg. Domestic rate. Letter from GEA carried by Bombay Line mailboats are not common.

WARTIME MEASURES

During the first world war German East Africa was cut off from Germany and many emergency measures had to be arranged. Stock of postage stamps were being depleted without any real prospect of new supplies. Therefore in May 1915 a system of cash franking was introduced in Dar es Salaam for printed matter (normally franked 2% heller) and simple letter (franked 7% heller). Similar arrangements were introduced in Tanga, Tabora, Lindi, Makalama, Mkumbara, Morogoro, Kigoma, Korogwe and Wilhelmsthal. Various boxed and unboxed marks were used. Each marking had to be signed with initials of two postal employees. We see for double weight letters and registration fee an addition of residue supplementary stamps.

Framed Postmark and Value Manuscript



14 December 1915. Letter from Tanga to Momb. Violet boxed mark with inscription *Frei lt. Einn Nachw in Tanga*. Translated "Paid according to receipts certificate in" and a value inserted by hand 7 1/2 H. On reverse Momb postmark dated 15 December.

WARTIME MEASURES

Prepaid envelopes

On January 1916 the *Kaiserliche Postdirektor* announced the creation of prepaid envelopes as a further measure to alleviate the scarcity of postage stamps. This state that envelopes could be stamped provided the postage of 7 1/2 heller for each envelope was paid.

The 7 1/2 heller was the basic letter rate within the colony.



22 June 1916. Envelope from Morogoro to Tabora. On reverse pmk. "Tabora 23 June".

WARTIME MEASURES
Prepaid envelopes

Deutsch-Ostafrikanische Gesellschaft

Frankiert
mit 7 1/2 H



Herrn

F. von Beyer

30 March 1916.
From Tabora
to Morogoro. On
reverse pmk.
of Morogoro dated 1
April

WILKINS & WIESE, G. m. b. H., TANGA, Deutsch-Ost-Afrika.

Herrn

Ernst R o s s n e r

T a n g a .



mit 7 1/2 H



rogoro.

3 May 1916. From
Mkumbara to
Tanga. Prepaid envelope
made in Tanga with seal
of Tanga PO. Arrival
PMK, dated 4 May.

WARTIME MEASURES

Postal conditions with
improvements since

28 May 1916. From
Dar es Salaam
addressed to Tabora.
Double rate letter.
Arrival pmk. dated 30
May



Central-Afrikanische Seen-Gesellschaft
mit beschränkter Haftung.

Einschreiben.

Frankiert
mit 7 1/2 H

Herrn W. Schultz
Brauerei



D a r e s s a l a m



15 June 1915. Double
rate registered letter
from Railways PO. to
Dar es Salaam. Arrival
pmk. dated 16 May.

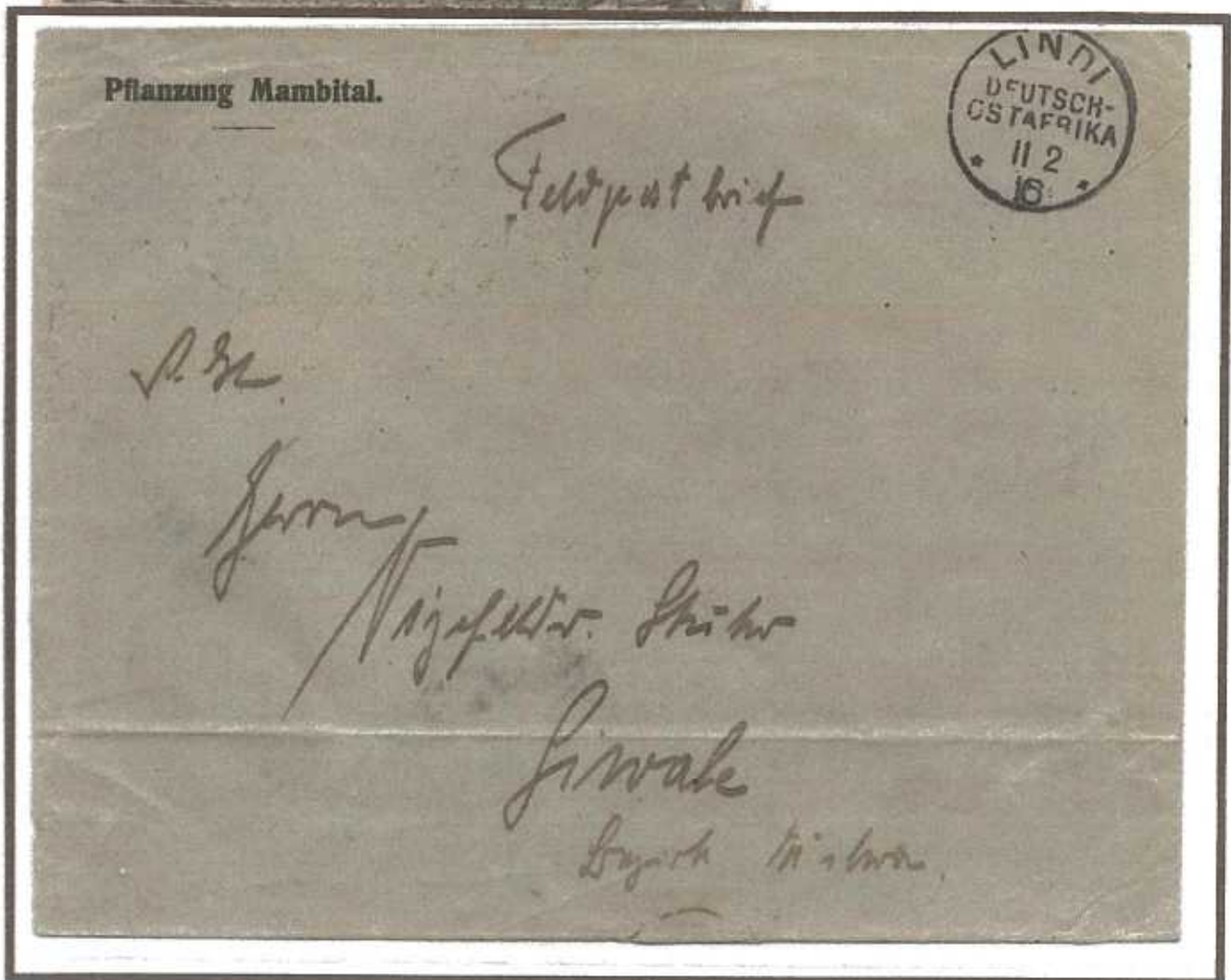
FIELD POST OFFICES

With the outbreak of the war the field post became active. Special postmark were made in a fixed P.O. in Taveta and mobile P.O. *Feldpoststation N 1, 2 and 3*. Local civil offices were ready to accept field mail if authorized by militar commandant.



Postmarks of local civil PO can be used everywhere as a Field postmark

Lettow Vorbeck named *African Kaiser* Commandant of the German troops



11th February 1916. Letter from Lindi addressed to Livale (the head center of the German field forces. On reverse we note a transit postmark of Kilva dated 16 February.

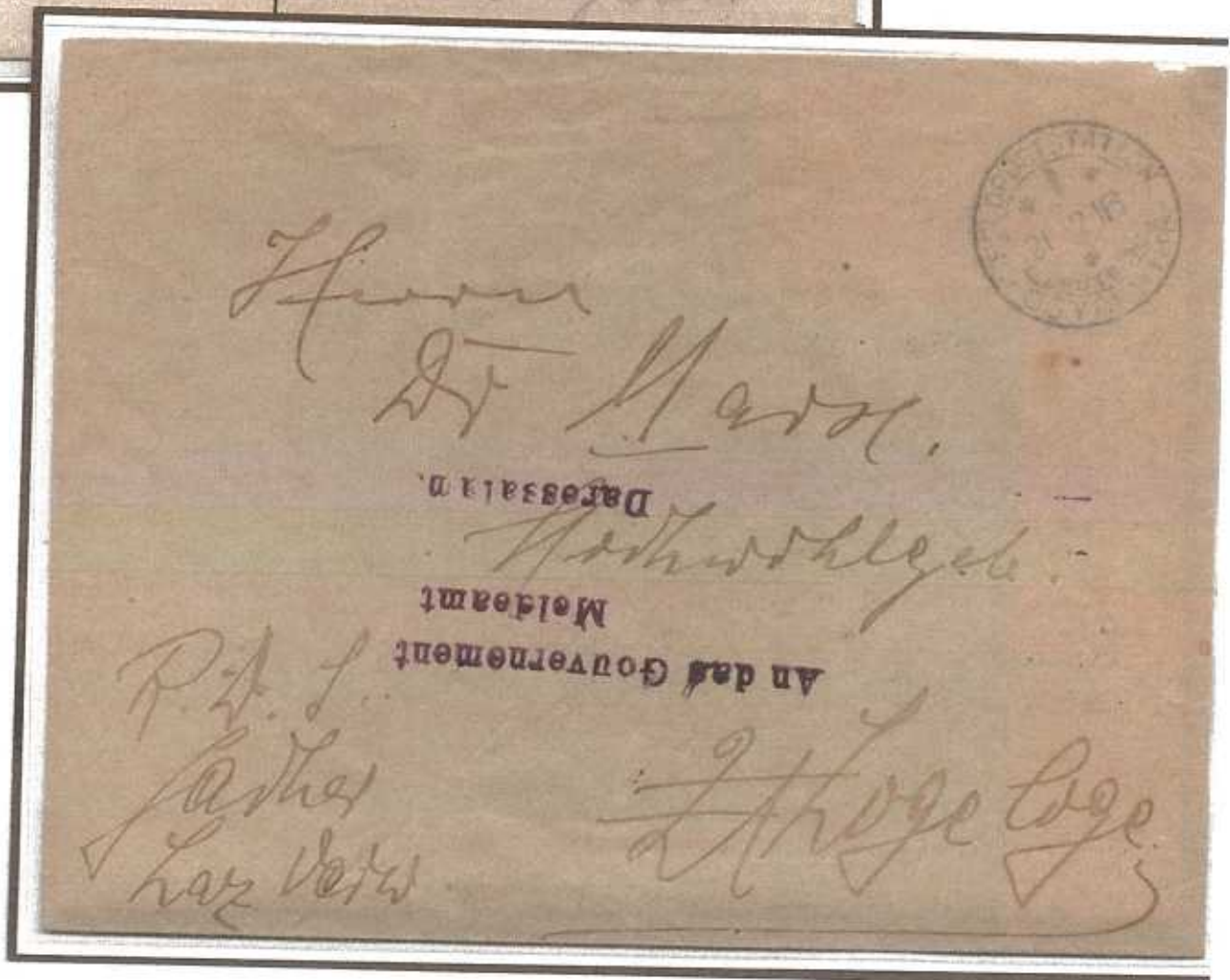
G.E.A. FIELD POST OFFICES
Feldpoststation n 1

With the outbreak of war the field post became active and 3 offices (1,2, 3) received their own cancels made locally.



Cancel used from 8th July 1916 until 14th October 1917

13 January 1916. Postcard addressed to the soldier's hospital in Tanga



21 February 1916.
 Field post letter addressed to Da es Salaam. Free Field post was authorized for Schutztruppen soldiers only.

G.E.A. FIELD POST OFFICES
Feldpoststation n 2



Cancel introduced from 10th June 1916 until 25 October 1917



15 October 1917



Natives troops in practice exercise



15 October 1917.



2 August 1917. Domestic Field post letter. The free field post was authorized for *Stütztruppen* soldiers only.

G.E.A. FIELD POST OFFICES

Feldpoststation n 3

Opened from December 1916 until 3rd November 1917



18 August 1917. Tax free domestic letter from Livale to Nangano. Round mark of the German troops Units with violet inscription *Kaiserliche Schutztruppe für Deutsch Ostafrika*. Inner imperial Eagle.



15 September 1917. Home made registered cover forwarding by the German Field Post n 3. Manuscript registration label and registration receipt. Probably one amongst the 4 or 5 still recorded German Field Post Office registered letters

TAVETA
German Field Post Office

The German Field post office. Taveta in Kenya was occupied
 By German troops on 15 August 1914.



German field post office in Taveta



2 November 1914. Registered letter from Taveta to Amani. On reverse we see the arrival postmark dated 14 November.

TAVETA
German Post Office



31 October 1914. Letter from Taveta to Germany forwarded via Portuguese Packets in Lorenzo Marques. Red censor marking with inscription "Zensur passiert Deutsch Ostafrika"



28 January 1815. Postcard from Taveta to Hannover bearing the violet censor mark with inscription Zensur Passiert /German East Afrika

CENTRAL RAILROAD

Work on this rail line, was started on February 9, 1905, and reached Morogoro on December 16, 1907. Train service was extended to Kilossa on January 1, 1910, to Dodoma on November 1910 and to Tabora on July, 1912. The rail construction reached Kigoma on February 1, 1914 with terminus on Lake Tanganika. This railroad, extended for 1245 km was called *Mittelandbahn*.

On the postmark we note the trainnumber and indenting letters from "a" to "c" identifying which conductor used the cancellation. The rail service was terminated in August 1916 for war reason.



5 March 1913. Train n 2



March 1913. Registered letter from Dar Es Salaam to Tabora mailed on the train station. Train number 7
On reverse we see arrival postmark dated 9 March.

USAMBARA RAILROAD



4 May 1911. Train n 4



Usambarabhan - Mombo Station

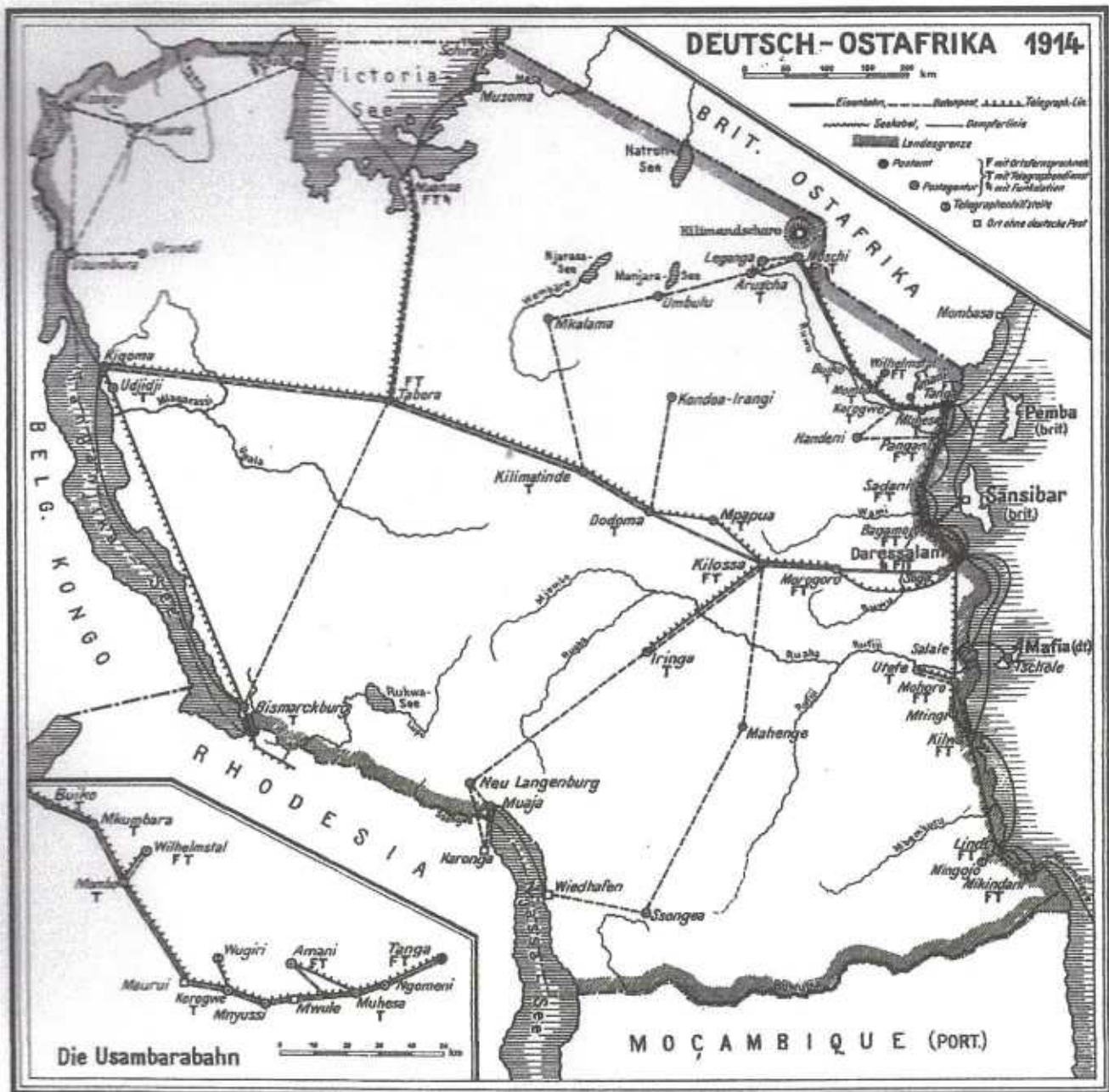


1 October 1909. Postcard mailed on Usambara Station addressed to Austria, bearing cancellation with Zug n 2.

The Usambara Railroad reached Mombo in 1904. Therefore, from 1905 through 1907 mail was accepted from time to time by the native station officials of the Usambara Railroad postal service. With the establishment of the *Conductors Mail Service*, specific Rail post cancellation devices were placed in use with the identifying letters a and b as well as numerals 1 through 6 for the train numbers.



POST OFFICES



Map of German East Africa showing his 58 post offices

In 24 years 58 post offices were opened in GEA. The first Dar Es Salaam on October 1890 and last Kigoma on April 1914. The currency of the Protectorate was the Indian Rupee at 64 Pesa. The currency was revised in 1904 with the introduction of the East African Rupee at 100 Heller, 3 Rupees being equivalent to 4 Mark

AMANI

Opened on 25 May 1903 - Closed on 17 July 1916

Leinschreiben!



An

*Hochachtungsvolle Schwester Oberin
im Kloster vom armen Kinde Jesu*

Deutschland in Putschscheid-Aachen

Rheinprovinz



24 November 1905.
Registered letter from
Amani to Aachen,
Backstamped Tanga (25
November) and Aachen
(15 December).

ARUSCHA

Opened on 6 December 1906
Closed on 26 March 1916



*An
den deutschen
Hilfsverein*



Stockholm



4 July 1915 Letter from Aruscha
to Stockholm. Red Zensur
mark. The letter was delivered
to destination on 28 September
1919. Arrival Stockholm pmk.

BISMARCKBURG

Opened on 20 September 1901 - Closed on 25 June 1916

Einsparbriefchen.

Deutschland.



Herrn von LaMauer,
Ludwig - Friedmann.



1906

Albst. 17. 1.



15 September 1907.
Registered letter to
Germany. Arrival pmk
dated 14 Nov.

BUIKO

Opened on 1 / 12 / 1909
Closed on 30 / 5 / 1916



6th September 1911
Postcard with Wugiri
Waldweg photograph,
addressed to Berlin.



Verlag Walter Teubner, Dreßden und Leipzig D. O. Afrika. Nr. 277

Deutsch-Ost-Afrika;
Wugiri (Usambara)
Waldweg

BUKOKA

Opened on 15 September 1895 - Closed on 3 June 1916



Bukoba Post Office



Einschreiben

Frau Dr. Eggel

Bukoba
Eingeschrieben
No. 445.

München

Türkenstr. 93

13 January 1901 Double weights registered letter from Bukoba to Munchen. On reverse we note postmarks of Dar es Salaam (14 March) and Munchen (17 April).

HANDENI

Opened on 5 December 1911 – Closed on 22 June 1916



1 September 1912

30 October 1913 Postcard from Handeni to Moschi. The Handeni Postal Agency stay open for less as five years!

Handwritten German text on the postcard, including a date stamp '1. Sept. 1912' and a signature 'D. O. A.' at the bottom.

Postkarte



Handwritten address: 'Loren Station Dr. M... Moschi' and a signature 'D. O. A.' with a red wax seal.

Handwritten word 'from'.

Handwritten address: 'Melene Deeg', '94. Dengg', 'Bar Kissingen'.



KONDOA - IRANGI
Opened on 1 December 1906
Closed on 19 April 1916



5 January 1907. Letter from Kondoa-Irangi addressed to Germany. On reverse we see transit postmark of Dar Es Salaam (26 January) and arrival pmk dated 22 February.

KOROGWE
Opened on 1 June 1902 - Closed on June 1916



België

Einschreiben!

Recommandée!

Mrs F. v. Ritelhoef
Mrs J. E. Bateman

Korogwe

RETOUR À L'ÉMETTEUR
Terug aan afzender

1278
10. Rue Dupacqz
~~Bruxelles~~



Paris



13 July 1912. Registered letter from Korogwe addressed to Bruxelles. On reverse we note: manuscript *Envoies par Kesselhodi Knamirember / Porto Wilhelmsthal / Afrique Orientale Allemande*, small label with inscription "Parti sans laisser d'adresse" and several postmarks: Usambara Bahnpost, Napoli Porto, Wilhelmsthal, and Korogwe dated 21 September. Uncommon example of cover addressed to Belgium from DOA and readdressed to the sender.

KIGOMA
 Opened on 18 April 1914 – Closed on 21 July 1916



15 August 1915. Postcard from Kigoma to Germany showing the Zensur red mark



24 December 1915. Field post card from Kigoma to Dar es Salaam. This Post Office was built on the east shore of Lake Tanganyika 6 km north of Udjidji western terminal of the Central Railroad. It was an important strategic headquarter during the war.

KILOSSA

Opened on 1 April 1895 – closed 20 August 1916

470 Kilossa (Deutsch-Ostafrika)

1 Packete

Wertangabe
Valeur donnée

Zu
A

Salemahamed
Sirji
Bagamoyo

(Bestimmungsort) in
(Lieu de destination) à

Wendung
(Sens) mit Rücksendung

Postgewicht Poids	5 kg g	Zollgebühren *) Droits de douane.	Postleitvermerk: Acheminement:
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*) Von der Höhe-Empfangsmaßhalt des Bestimmungslandes auszufüllen.
Ces droits à remplir par le bureau d'origine d'après le pays de destination.

A 20



The Kilossa railways station and Post Office (1910 ca)

24 December 2015.
Pakett receipt from
Kilossa to Bagamoyo.
Backstamped Dar Es
Salaam (26 December)
and Bagamoyo (31
December).



5 July 1897. Letter from
Kilossa to Germany.
On reverse Dar Es
Salaam (13 July) and
Blankenburg (8 August)
postmarks

KISSENJI

Opened on 20 December 1911 - Closed on 13 June 1916



8 February 1909. Registered Belgian Congo postcard originally from Kissenji and forwarded to Berlin via Leopoldville.



17 June 1914. Registered envelope to Stockholm and redirected internally. 30 Heller rate. Arrival postmark of Stockholm dated 27 July. Very uncommon GEA post office.

KISAKI

Opened on 29 April 1895 – Closed on 15 March 1896



12 October 1899. Postcard (5 pf overprint 3 pesa) from Kisaki addressed to Dar Es Salaam. Domestic rate. The sender is Leutnants Grawert resident in Kasaki. This cancellation is among the rarest of DOA. The Kasaki post Office was open less as 11 months.

IRINGA

Opened on 20 May 1898 - Closed on July 1916



Deutschland

an



Frau Superintendent Drewes

Wolfenbützel

Wagenplatz

6 June 1898. Letter from Iringa to Wolfenbützel. On reverse Dar Es Salaam (25 June) and Wolfenbützel (15 July) postmarks.



6 September 1909 Postcard, showing Missionshaus in Paramiho, addressed to Luzern.

LANGENBURG
 Opened on 5 June 1895 – Relocated on 2 July 1908
 Postal Agency Muaja took its place



19 November 1898



9 April
 1900 Registered letter
 addressed to
 Schlesien.
 Backstamped: Dar Es
 Salaam (8 May),
 Kilwa ((8 May) and
 Siegnitz (2 June)

LEGANGA

Opened on 1 Februar 1911 - Closed on 19 March 1916



27 June 1912



12 November 1913. Simple letter addressed to UK

LINDI

Opened on 17 May 1891 - Closed on 11 September 1916



12 September 1901. Letter from Lindi to Wiesbaden. Backstamped Dar Es Salaam (17 September)



1 November 1906. Registered letter from Lindi to Hannover. On reverse we note Dar Es Salaam (5 November) and Hannover (28 November) postmarks.



MASINDE
 Opened on 15 April 1895 – Closed on 15 March 1896



7 January 1896.
 Postcard from Masinde
 to Hamburg via Tanga.



16 November 1895.
 Letter from Masinde to
 Berlin. On reverse pmk
 of Tanga (20 Nov) and
 Berlin (16 December).
 This cancellation is
 among the rarest of
 GEA. The P.O. was
 open less than 11 months

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MAHENGE
Opened on 19 August 1901 – Closed on September 1917.
Last operating Postal Agency



1906 – year manuscript



29 December 1906. Registered letter addressed to Bagamoyo. On reverse we note the blue seal of the *Deutsch Ostafrikanische Gesellschaft* and the arrival postmark of Bagamoyo dated 17 January 1917

MIKINDANI

Opened on 10th October 1894 - Closed on September 1916



17 July 1897. Commercial registered letter from Mikindani to Lindi. 15 Pesa rate for a reg. letter with domestic destination. Backstamped Lindi 17 July.

MAKALAMA

Opened on May 1910 - Closed on April 1916



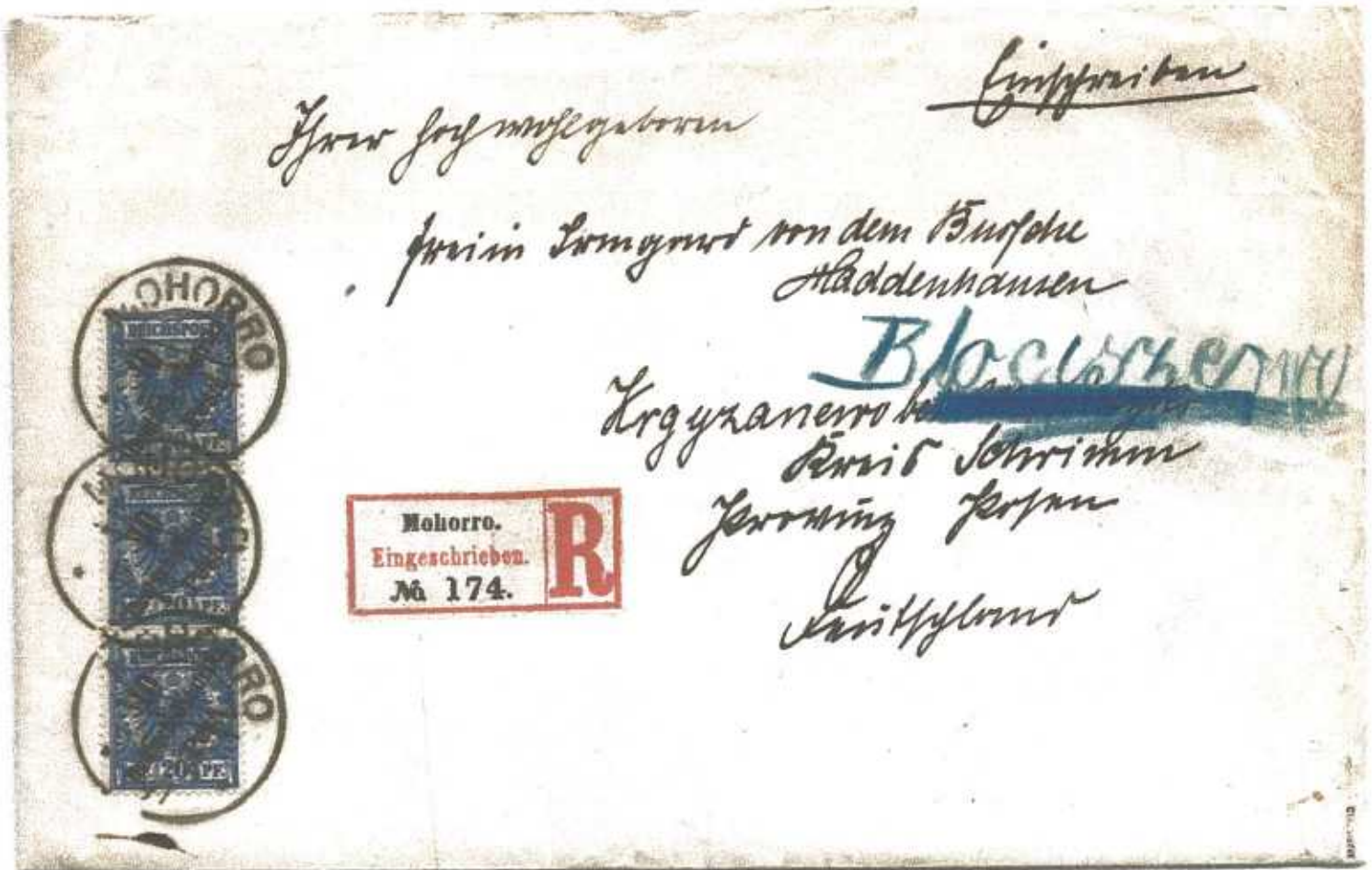
23 October 1910.
Postcard from Makalama addressed To Krombach in Austria. Arrival postmark dated 18 November.

MOHORRO

Opened on 1 February 1894 – Closed on 28 January 1917.



The small postal Agency of Mohorro on the end of Century



18 December 1897 Registered letter from Mohorro to Blaeschewo franked with a vertical strip of three 20 pf. stamps overprinted "10 pesa – Deutsche - Ostafrika". 30 Pesa 60 pf. rate for a double weight registered letter. On the reverse we see the Kilwa transit postmark dated 23 December and the arrival postmark dated 30 January 1898.

MOMBO

Opened on 20 May 1905 - Closed on 9 June 1916



August 1905.
Registered letter from
Mombo to Bilstein.
On reverse postmarks
of Tanga (30 August)
and Bilstein (24
September).



August 1906. From
Mombo to Kilwa.
Arrival postmark dated 25
August

MOSCHI

Opened on 16 April 1895 – Closed on 11 March 1916



19th June 1915. Parcel receipt of a package sent from Moschi to Tabora

The Moschi Post Office (1910)

MNYUSSI

Opened on 9th May 1913
Closed on June 1916



14th July 1913. Postcard franked surplus by sender addressed to Bayern.



MPAPUA

Opened on 20 April 1895 – Closed on August 1916



23 July 1899. Postcard with answer enclosed addressed to Mecklemburg Schwerin.



13 November 1901 Registered letter from Mpapua addressed to England. On reverse the postmarks of Dar Es Salaam (26 November) and Southall (3 December).

MKUMBARA
 Opened on 10 June 1908 – Closed on June 1916



4 March 1910



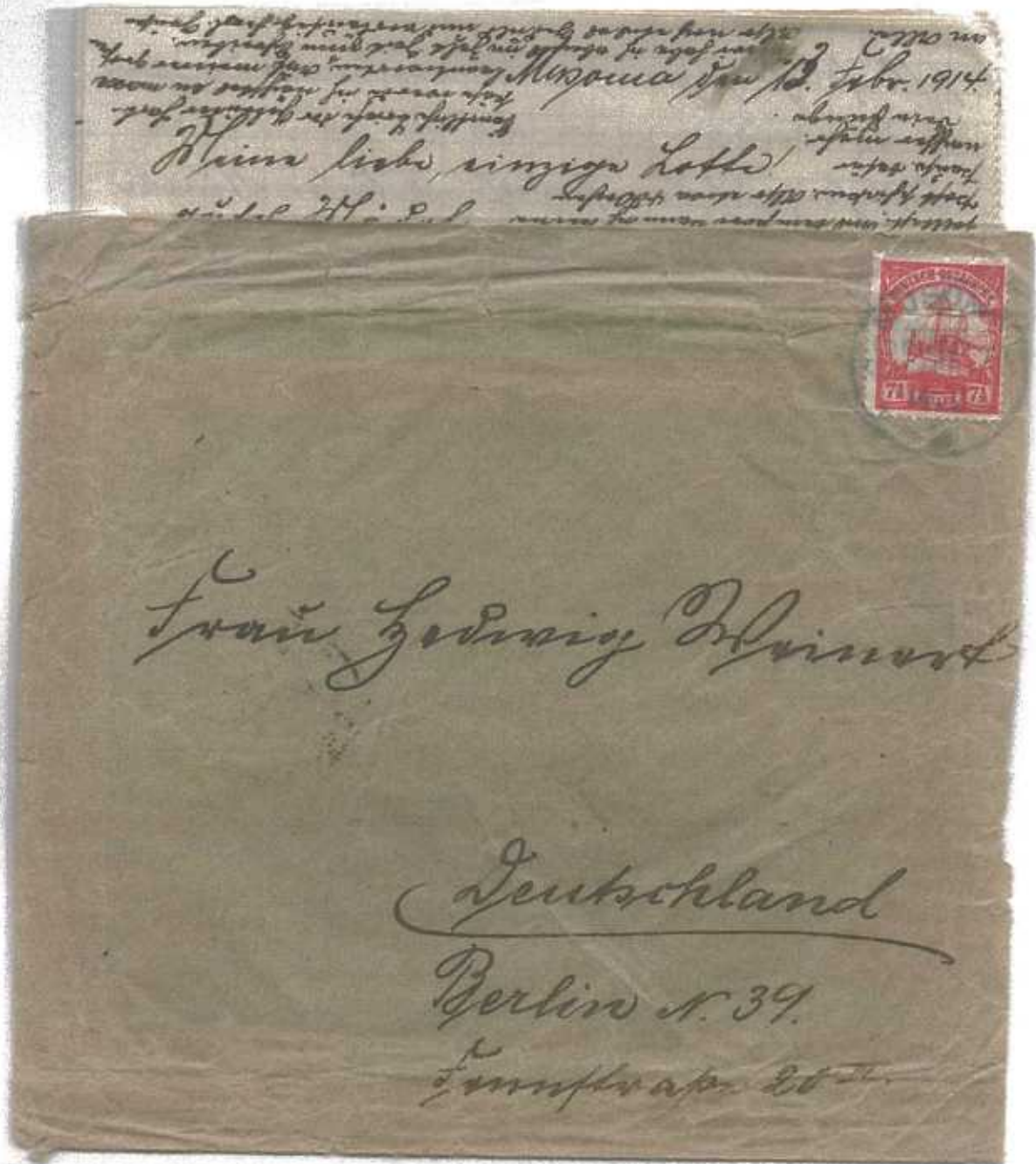
27 May 1914



July 1914. Postcard addressed to Germany. This postal Agency was located on Usambara Railway.

MUSOMA

Opened on 2 September 1913 – Closed on July 1916



13 February 1914. Letter with content from Musoma addressed to Berlin. This Postal Agency was open less as 35 months. It is among the great rarities of German East Africa postal history

MUANZA

Opened on 1 October 1895 - Closed on 14 July 1916



Herrn
Linné E. Müller & Sverre



Sarressalaam

7 December 1899.
Arrival pmk dated
17 January.

Einstreiben!
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von Ingenieur
Paul Hähler

Mulheim-Pf.
Schillerstr. 17

Abt. Müller, Muanza, D. O. Africa.

2 April 1912.
Registered letter
addressed to
Mulheim. Arrival
pmk dated 22 May.

MUHESA

Opened on 12 March 1900 – Closed on 6 July 1916



16 June 1901



3 November 1901



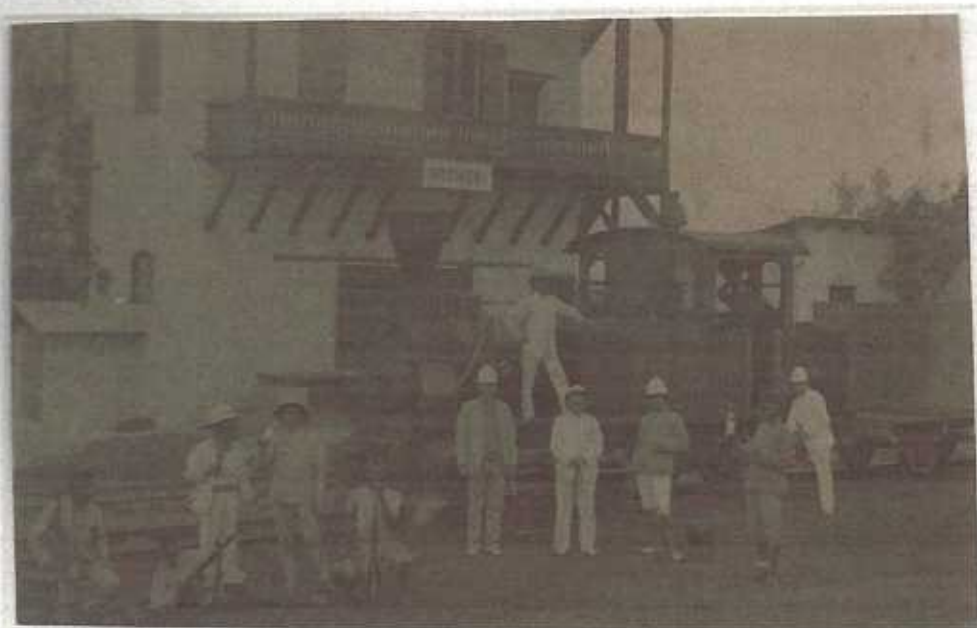
21 February 1906



8 October 1904. Postcard from Muhesa to Durban and readdressed to Highplats.
Uncommon destination

NGOMENI

Opened on 11 February 1913 – Closed on June 1916



1913 Ngomeni railway station

20 May 1913



5 December 1913. Registered letter addressed to Dar Es Salaam. On reverse Dar Es Salaam postmark dated 8 December.

RUANDA

Opened on 26 October 1908 – Closed on June 19016



Sum
27 *Stausatjanung*
Kr Loderburg
Loderburg



Einschreiben

26 September 1911. Double weight registered letter from Ruanda addressed to Loderburg. Arrival postmark dated 7 November.

SCHIRATI

Opened on 19 June 1905 – Closed on August 1914



I.
Leber Donath! für
Wohnen auf der neuen
Aufgaben von Professor
Wämblerin und Maib.
sein. Ich habe heute
nicht mehr zu
Man Maib zu
Man Donath
Charlottenburg
Schloßstraße 32.



18 July 1913. Postcard from Schirati addressed to Charlottenburg via Kisumu and Mombasa (BEA)

SALALE

Opened on 3 August 1911 - Closed on August 1916



Kikale. 11. März 1915.
Geliebter Fritz! Ich bin gefreut mit verflucht
mit soße der Glücks von dir, allem, im besondern
von dir, geliebter Mr. Hpf, in demselben lieben
Loffen. Loffen ist in gewissem Maße wie großer
Freude annehmen. In diesem Anblich ist es

14/4 1915
Postkarte
Weltpostverein
Carte postale
Union postale universelle



Franz
Maria Behrendt
Frau Stargard
Frauerei
Westpreußen

11 March 1915. Postcard from Salale addressed to Germany via Mozambique

SOGA

Opened on 31 August 1911 – Closed on March 1916



20 May 1915



3 October 1912. Letter from Soga to Bagamoyo. Backstamped Bagamoyo (4 October)

TABORA

Opened on 15 July 1895 - Closed on 18 September 1916



7 February 1905
 Postcard addressed to
 Frankfurt showing
 Tabora town.
 Franked 8 pesa

RUANDA EXPEDITION
 Januar - April
 1913



Einschreiben.

Tabora
 (Deutsch-Ostafrika).
 No 435

Herrn Heinrich Mahlow

~~Ballerstedt Herz.~~

315 Berlin, W.

Postfach 129

*ist eine Briefung...
 Absender kann nicht beansprucht werden.
 10.11.13*

10 April 1913. Registered letter from a member of the Ruanda Expedition addressed to Berlin bearing the violet Ruanda Expedition mark and manuscript *Absender kann nicht beansprucht werden*. On reverse arrival postmark dated 3 May.

TSCHOLE

Opened on 1 November 1907 – Closed on 10 January 1915.
Postal Agency located on the Island of Mafia



26 September 1912. Written postcard addressed to Munchen.



16 June 1914. Postcard written in Mikindani addressed to Bohemien and posted in Tschole.

UMBULU

Opened on 25 March 1913 – Closed on March 1916



Recto of the postcard showing the Umbulu Residence.

2 October 1913.



September 1913. Written postcard addressed to Charlottenburg. Umbulu was a small military residence close to Moschi.

UJJI
 Opened on 8 April 1898 – Closed on 20 July 1916



11 October 1898
 From Ujiji to
 Dar Es Salaam.
 Arrival on 3 December?



Entrance of the Ujiji P.O.



11 January 1900
 From Ujiji to Berlin



USUMBURA

Opened on 22 September 1902 - Closed on 3 July 1916



29 September 1902. Registered letter from Usumbura addressed to Charlottenburg. Transit postmark of Dar Es Salaam (18 november) and arrival pmk dated 16 December.



21 June 1909. Registered letter from Usumbura to Neustadt. Transit pmk of Muanza. Arrival date manuscript "14 August"

WUGIRI
Opened on 13 September 1904 – Closed on 1 October 1909



31 July 1906. Registered letter from Wugiri addressed to Leipzig. On reverse transit postmark of Tanga (1 August) and arrival pmk. dated 22 August.

WIEDHAFEN

Opened on 25 October 1899 - Closed on 21 March 1912



1900 ca. The Wiedhafen P.O.
Original photo



17 February 1900
Letter from Wiedhafen
addressed to Schlesien.
On reverse transit postmarks
of Kilwa (13 March),
Dar es Salaam (17 March)
and Niesky (11 April).