

Use of the German Date Stamps during Allied Occupation 1914 to 1918

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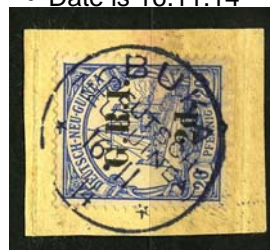
- German Offices Abroad
- German East Africa including Mafia
- German Southwest Africa
- Karolinen/Caroline Islands
- Kiautschou
- Marianen/Mariana Islands
- Marshall Islands

German New Guinea

- Only two German date stamps used
- Buka
- Stephansort

German New Guinea Buka

- Date is 16.11.14



German New Guinea Buka



German New Guinea Stephansort



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German New Guinea Stephansort



Kamerun/Cameroun/Camerouns Duala Date Stamps

- Some German auction houses have the bad habit of quoting the ARGE cancel catalog for Duala postmarks during the 1914 to 1918 occupation period.
- This is plain wrong, if not fraudulent
- What is cheap during the German period can be expensive during the occupation period and vice versa

Kamerun Duala Date Stamps

- A little History
 - September 27, 1914: Duala surrenders
 - Early October 1914: British open Duala Post Office for Allied Forces
 - July 9/12, 1915: Overprinted German stamps go on sale at Duala P. O.
 - November 10, 1915: French open their own Duala Post Office
 - April 1, 1916: French take over Duala Post Office from British

Kamerun Duala Date Stamps

- DUALA Fr. 19




Kamerun Duala Date Stamps

- Fr. 19
- This is the most common Duala postmark during the German period
- It is by far the rarest of the Kamerun cancellations during the **British administration** of the Duala P.O.
- It was primarily used at the Telegraph Office and is **very rare on stamps**

**Kamerun
Duala Date Stamps**

- Fr. 19 used on stamp during British Administration of the Duala P.O.




**Kamerun
Duala Date Stamps**

- Fr. 19
- This changed completely, after the French took over the Duala P.O. on April 1st, 1916. Now Fr. 19 is the most commonly used date stamp.

**Kamerun
Duala Date Stamps**

- Fr. 19; Example during French adm. The French used it well into the 1920s.




**Kamerun
Duala Date Stamps**

- Fr. 20 DUALA "a"
- This canceller was primarily used prior to the issue of the C.E.F. stamps
- It is fairly scarce on stamps


**Kamerun
Duala Date Stamps**

- Fr. 20 DUALA 'a'



**Kamerun
Duala Date Stamps**

- Fr. 20 DUALA "a"
- An example on a cover to Lagos



Kamerun Duala Date Stamps

- Fr. 20 DUALA "a"
- This date stamp was lost in December, 1915
- Probably destroyed by a fire in the P.O.
- No dates known after 12/21/1915

Kamerun Duala Date Stamps

- Fr. 21 DUALA "b"



Kamerun Duala Date Stamps

- Fr. 21 DUALA "b"
- This is the most common of the former German date stamps **after the C.E.F. stamps had been issued**
- Dangerous **forgeries** exist, usually with a 16.11.15 date
- Additional research needed

Kamerun Duala Date Stamps

- Fr. 21 DUALA "b"



Kamerun Duala Date Stamps

- Fr. 14 BUEA
- Only recorded as of May 1917
- Usually on "Blatter" covers
- Also known on covers to the Swiss dealers Grecht and Thon


Kamerun Duala Date Stamps

- Fr. 14 BUEA



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- Fr. 59 UKOKO




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Samoa

- History
- German Samoa was occupied by New Zealand troops on August 29th, 1914
- The Colony surrendered without fighting
- Postal services resumed under NZ administration on September 5th, 1914
- Earlier dates are forgeries


Samoa

- Fr. 12: **ALEIPATA**



Samoa

- Only one cover recorded



Samoa

- Fr. 10 **APIA** with *



Samoa

- This postmark is scarce, but probably backdated



Samoa

- Fr. 10: **APIA**



Samoa

- Fr. 11 **APIA without ***
- This is the most common of the German date stamps used during the occupation period



Samoa

- Fr. 11: **APIA**
- 85 % of all G.R.I. stamps are postmarked with this date stamp on 12.9.14



Samoa

- Fr. 13: **FAGAMALO**
- This date stamp was not captured by the N.Z. troops
- Strikes on occupation issues are either forged or back-dated.



Samoa

- Fr. 14: **MALUA**
- This date stamp was used until 1922, possibly even later



Samoa

- Fr. 14: **MALUA**



Samoa

- Fr. 15: **MULIFANUA**
- I have never seen an example, but they are supposed to exist. If so, they are very rare



Samoa

- Fr. 16: **PALAU LI**
- Very rare, used at least until 1919



Samoa

- Fr. 16: **PALAU LI**



Samoa

- Fr. 17: **SALEILUA**
- Very rare, used at least until 1920, probably 1923
- I have recorded only two covers, both without year date.



Samoa

- Fr. 17: **SALEILUA**



Samoa

- Fr. 18: **SALELAVALU**
- This was supposedly used until late 1914
- I have never seen an example
- The P.O. was re-named **TUASIVI** in 1915



TOGO

- The following German P.Os. were not operated by the Allies during the 1914 to 1918 occupation period:
- AGBELUVHOE
- KETE-KRATSCHI
- KPANDU
- TOKPLI

TOGO

- The following German P.Os. were operated by the Allies, but no German date stamp was found/used:
- AGU
- TSEWIE
- HO

TOGO

- PALIME
- This was in the British Zone
- The following date stamp was used:



TOGO

- **PALIME:** I have seen this date stamp described as a British railroad canceller
- It is neither British nor a railroad canceller
- If British, it would undoubtedly be inscribed PALIME STATION not STATION PALIME
- It is German, but not a P.O. canceller.
- It is a German Stationsstempel which is not known used on mail during the German period

TOGO

- **PALIME:** this is an example of a German Stationsstempel



TOGO

- **PALIME:** used until at least 1920



TOGO

- Fr. 4: **ANECHO:** This was the administrative center of the French Zone
- The German canceller was used until 1922 and beyond



TOGO

- Fr. 4: **ANECHO:**
- This canceller became damaged and the year date reads like "pr"



TOGO

- Fr. 4: **ANECHO:**
- You can frequently read that this stands for "provisional", since no 1915 year slug was available.
- This is not correct, the damage occurred in late 1914

TOGO

- Fr. 4: **ANECHO:**



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- Fr. 4: **ANECHO**: The 1915 year date was inserted only in November, 1915



TOGO

- Fr. 5: **ASSAHUN**
- This was in the **British zone**
- The German date stamp was used until 1920



TOGO

- Fr. 5: **ASSAHUN**



TOGO

- Fr. 6: **ATAKPAME**
- This was in the French zone
- The German date stamp was used until 1922 and beyond



TOGO

- Fr. 6: **ATAKPAME**



TOGO

- Fr. 14: **LOME**
- Lome was the administrative center of the British zone
- This German date stamp was damaged in 1906 and used as a reserve canceller



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- Fr. 14: **LOME**: used until 1915



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- Fr. 15: **LOME**: the most common date stamp during the occupation period
- When Lome became French in 1920, they continued to use it



TOGO

- Fr. 15: **LOME**:



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- Fr. 15: **LOME**:
- Date stamp is in private hands today
- Dangerous forgeries exist
- Cancellor was used until 1924 and beyond



TOGO

- Fr. 17: **NOEPE**
- This was in the British zone
- Used at least until 1920



TOGO

- Fr. 17: **NOEPE**



TOGO

- Fr. 17: **NOEPE**



TOGO

- Fr. 19: **NUATJA**
- Only one cover recorded



TOGO

- Fr. 19: **NUATJA**



TOGO

- Fr. 20: **PORTO SEGURO**
- This was in the French zone
- Probably used until 1922



TOGO

- Fr. 20: **PORTO SEGURO**



TOGO

- Fr. 21: **SANSANE-MANGU**
- According to the French literature (Tristan) the German date stamp was captured and used
- I have only seen a photocopy on an overprinted 5 Pf. German postal stationery card

TOGO

- Fr. 21: **SANSANE-MANGU**
- If it exists, it is very rare



TOGO

- Fr. 22: **SOKODE**
- Probably used until 1922



TOGO

- Fr. 22: **SOKODE**

