G E R M A N Y

GERMAN EMPIRE

Unified Federation formed in 1872. An Empire, with Colonies, until the emd of WWI
The Capital was BERLIN and stamps inscribed REICHSPOST or DEUTSCHE REICH
Currency Groschen followed by the Deutsche Mark

GERMAN REPUBLIC

Following the end of WWI until the end of WWII
The Capital was BERLIN and stamps inscribed DEUTSCHE REICH
Currency the Deutsche Mark

GERMANM INTERREGNUM

1945 MILITARY OCCUPATION BY AMERICA, BRITAIN, FRANCE, AND SOVIET
Berlin divided into
American zone, Brirish zone, French zone and Soviet zone

1946 AMERICA & BRITAIN
Berlin [American & British zones]
Bavaria
Bremen
Hamburg
Hesse
Lower Saxony
North Rhine-Westphalia
Schleswig-Holsten

1945 FRANCE
Berlin [French zone]
Baden
Rhineland-Palatinate
Saar [became independant protectorate in 1947]
Wurttemberg

1948 SOVIET
Berlin [Soviet zone]
East Saxony
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
Saxony [includes Leipzig & Dresden]
Saxony Alhalf [includes Magdeberg]
Thuringia

The city of Berlin, coincident with the military occupation and the formation of DDR and FDR,
issued its own stamps from 1948 until 1999. THGese over printed with BERLIN
and/or Marked as Deutsche Post Berlin or Deutsches Bundespost Berlin

CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT

1949 EAST GERMANY [DDR]
Deutsche Democratic Republic
All stamps inscribed DEUTSCHE DEMOKRATISCHE REPUBIK or DDR
Capital EAST BERLIN
currency Ostmark

1949 WEST GERMANY [FDR]
All stamps inscribed DEUTSCHE POST
or DEUTSCHE BUNDESPOST
Capital BONN
currency Deutsche Mark

GERMANM REUNIFICATION

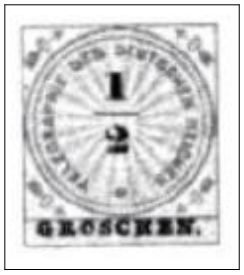
From 1990 onwards all stamps inscribed DEUTSCHELAND
Capital BERLIN
currency Deutsche Mark

GERMANY

PHASE 1 - EMPIRE

Telegraph Stamps

1872



1 1/4 gr
blue/black

2 1/2 gr
blue/black

4 gr
blue/black

5 gr
blue/black

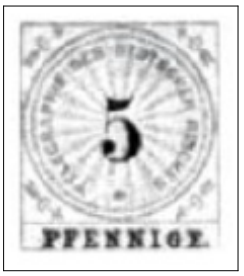
8 gr
blue/black

10 gr
blue/black

30 gr
blue/black

1875

3 pf
blue/black



10 pf
blue/black

25 pf
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40 pf
blue/black

50 pf
blue/black

80 pf
blue/black

1M
blue/red

2M
blue/red

M
blue/red

Standard Issues

1872

Eagle with Small Shield, Center Embossed



1872/1875

Numerals, for Internal Official Use Only



1872

Eagle with Large Shield, Center Embossed



1874

Eagle with Large Shield, Surcharged



1875/1877

Numerals and Eagle, Value in 'Pfennige'



1879

Numerals and Eagle, Value in 'Pfennig'



1889/1900

Numerals and Eagle, New Design



1900

Germania and Representative Illustrations Inscription 'REICHSPOST'



There are three major types of Germania issues of 1900 to 1922 including bi-colour printings and issues printed on coloured paper, not forgetting numerous minor variations and a multitude of surcharges and overprints. The original design were inscribed Reichspost, but changed to Deutsches Reich in 1902. In 1916-1919 the shading lines in the stamp background were removed. Three types of watermarks are seen; the vast majority either have no watermark or a lozenge patterned watermark. In 1921 stamps were printed on paper with a network patterned watermark or printed on paper with the quatrefoil watermark. In addition there are Peace time printings and War time printings, Very similar but the latter are generally printed on poorer quality paper with a gray or yellowish tint. Also, the colours are dull and the details course in comparison with peacetime printings. Two varieties of the 5 mark Reichspost Bicolour stamp exist. In Variety I the 5 is thicker and the serifs on the M are slight. In Variety II the 5 is thinner and the serifs on the M are more pronounced. Finally some stamps of the REICHSPOST era had political implications being inscribed:- SEID EINIG - EINIG – EINIG (Be United - United - United) Or EIN REICH - EIN VOLK - EIN GOTT (One Empire - One People - One God)

1902

Germania, Inscription 'DEUTSCHES REICH', no Watermark



1902

Representative Illustrations,
Inscription 'DEUTSCHES REICH', no Watermark, 26:17 Perforation





gothic font



roman font





Likewise, 25:16 Perforation

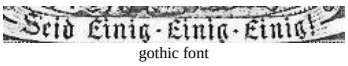




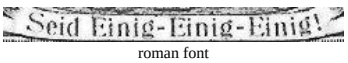
only roman font







gothic font



roman font

1905/1911

Germania and Representative Illustrations,
Inscription 'DEUTSCHES REICH', Watermark Lozenges, Peace Printing



gray



brown



green



red



ultramarine











magenta












Lozenges

1915/1918

Germania,
Inscription 'DEUTSCHES REICH', Watermark Lozenges, War Printing



1915/1918

Representative Illustrations, Inscription 'DEUTSCHES REICH', Watermark Lozenges, War Printing, 26:17 Perforation





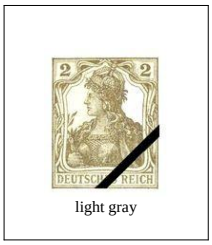

Likewise, 25:17 Perforation






1916/1918

Germania, Unshaded, Additional Values and Changed Colors



light gray







brown



violet





Official Stamps

1903

Germania-Design (Frame) for Use in Prussia



1905

Germania-Design (Frame) for Use in Baden



MILITARY COMMANDS WW1

Western Command

Western Command (German: 'Etappengebiet West')
encompassed East and West Flanders (in Belgium), and
French Flanders (near Calais).

1916

Stamps of German Empire,
Overprinted New Face Value in Frensh Currency



Supreme Command of German Forces in the East

The Supreme Command of German Forces in the East (German: 'Oberbefehlshaber der Deutschen Streitkräfte im Osten'; abbreviation 'Ober Ost') encompassed the former Russian governorates of Courland, Grodno, Vilna, Kovno and Suwa?ki.

1916/1918

Stamps of German Empire
Overprinted 'Postgebiet/Ob. Ost



Stamps for the 9th Army

1918

Stamps of German Empire
Overprinted 'Gültig/9. Armee'



Revenue Stamps

War Tax and Revenue Stamps of Romania,
Overprinted 'Gültig/9. Armee'



These fiscal stamps in the rear area of the 9th Army served exclusively for fiscal, non-postal purposes.

Occupation Issues 1914 to 1918

Belgium

1914/1918

Issues of German Empire,
Overprint 'Belgien' and Face Value in Frensh Currency (Centimes and C.)













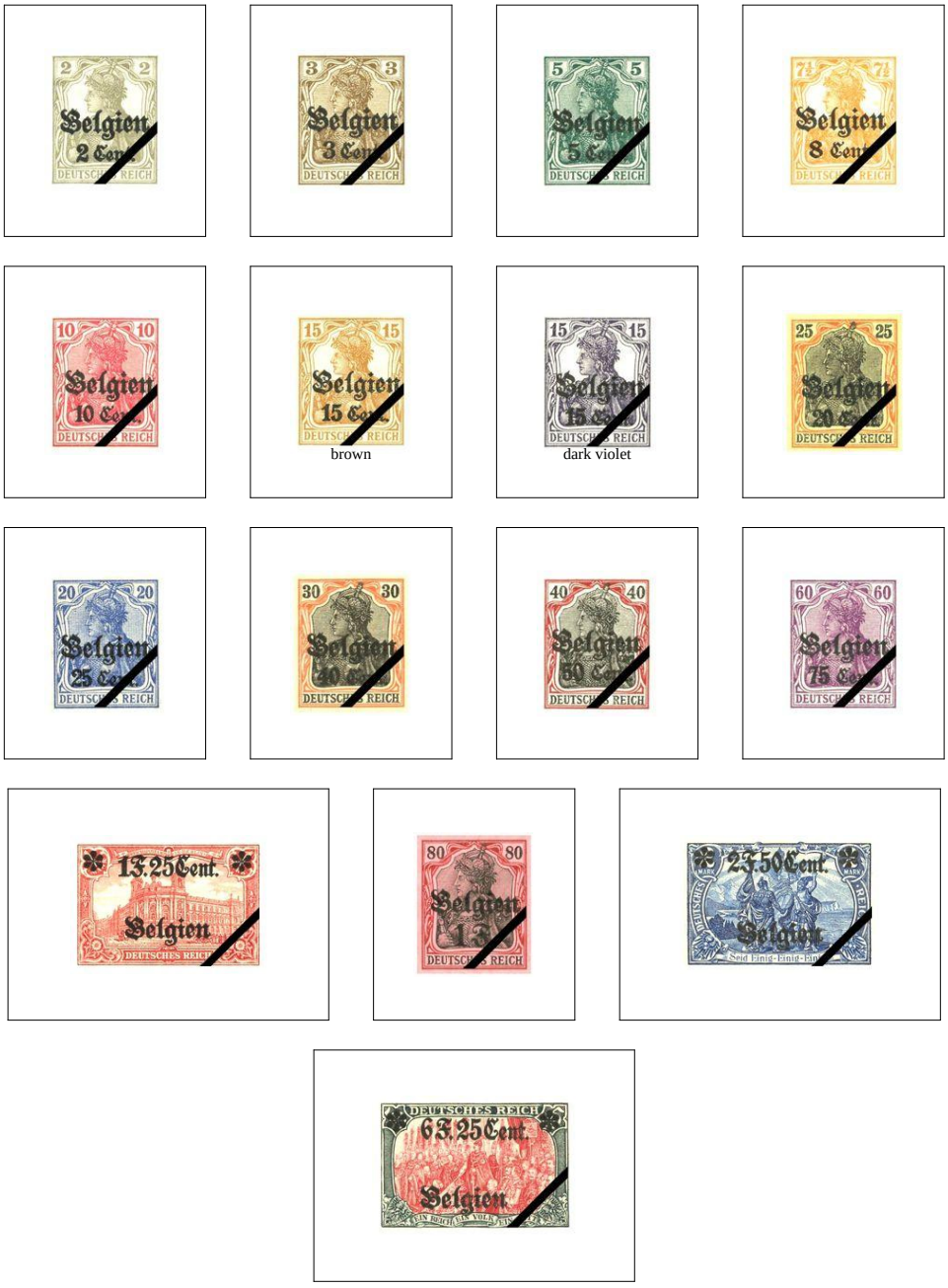






1916/1918

Stamps of German Empire,
Overprinted 'Belgien' and Face Value in Frensh Currency (Cent.)



Poland

1915

Stamps of German Empire, Overprinted 'Russisch-/Polen'



1916/1917

Stamps of German Empire, Overprintwd 'Gen.-Gouv./Warschau'



Romania

Stamps for German Military Administration

1917

Stamps of German Empire,
Overprinted of New Face Value and 'M.V.i.R' within a Frame





Stamps of German Empire,
Overprinted of New Face Value without 'M.V.i.R'





1917/1918

Stamps of German Empire,
Overprinted of New Face Value and 'M.V.i.R' without a Frame






M.V.i.R: 'Militär Verwaltung in Rumänien'

1918

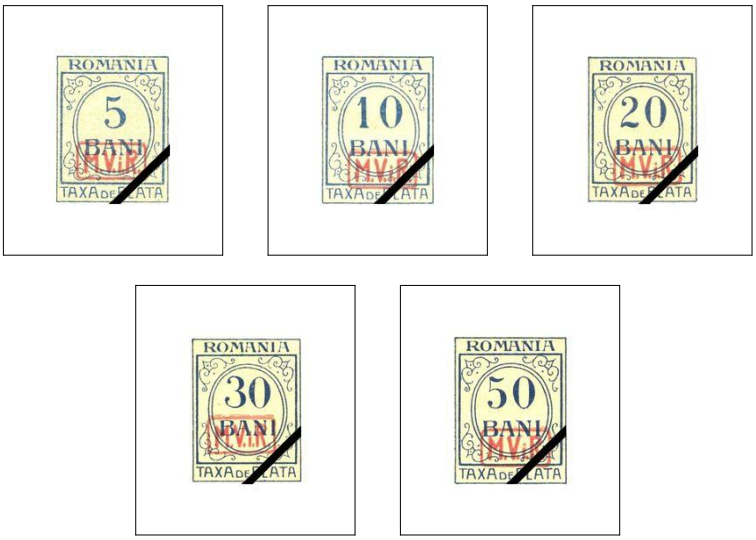
Stamps of German Empire,
Overprinted 'Romania' and New Face Value



Postage Due Stamps

1918

Postal Due Stamps of Romania,
Overprint 'M.V.i.R.', no Watermark



Likewise, Watermarked

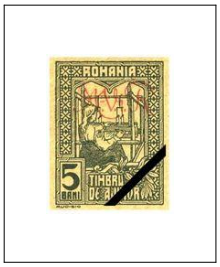


Postal War
Tax Due Stamp

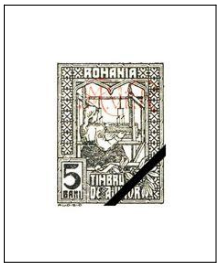


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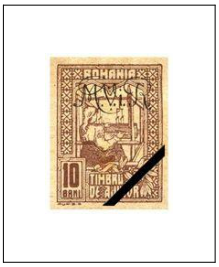
War Tax and Revenue Stamps of Romania,
Overprint 'M.V.i.R' in Monogram Letters



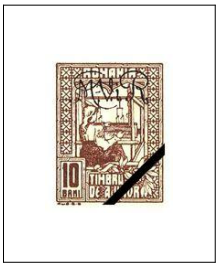
grayish paper



white paper

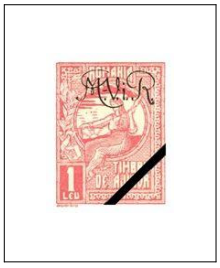


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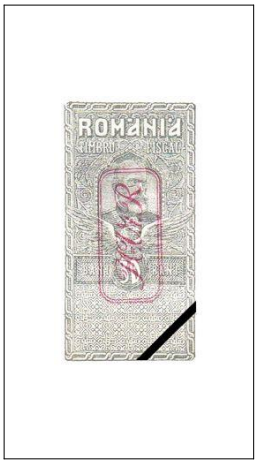
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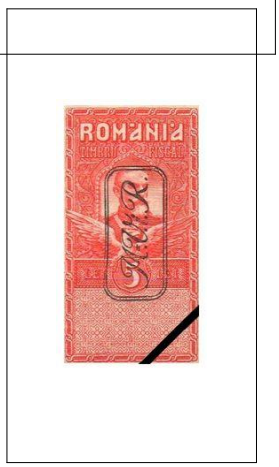








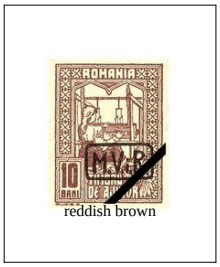




The war tax on postal items was to be paid with compulsory Romanian war tax and revenue stamps with overprint 'M.V.i.R' only in denominations of 5 and 10 Bani. The other denominations served fiscal, non-postal purposes, but were also accepted on postal items.

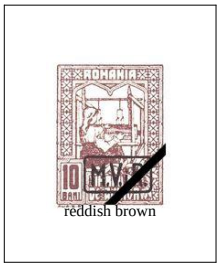
1917

War Tax and Revenue Stamps of Romania,
Overprint 'M.V.i.R' in Grotesque Letters



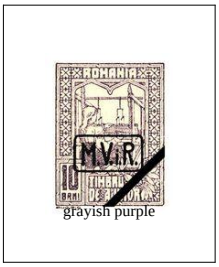
reddish brown

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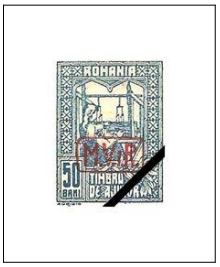


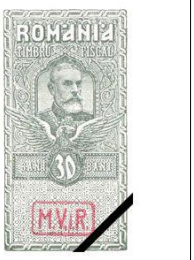
reddish brown

white paper



grayish purple











glossy paper



regular paper

GERMAN PO's IN CHINA

1887

Stamps of German Empire,
Overprinted 'China'

3pf brown	5pf green	10pf red	20pf blue
	25pf orange	50pf brown	

1900

Stamps of German Empire
inscribed REICHSPOST
Overprinted 'China'

3pf brown	5pf green	10pf red	20pf blue
	30pf brown	40pf brown	50pf green
1m red	2m blue	3m black	5m red and black

1887

Stamps of German Empire,
Overprinted 'China'



1905

Stamps of German Empire
inscribed DUETSCHES REICH
Overprinted 'China'



GERMAN PO's IN MOROCCO

1899

Stamps of German Empire,
Overprinted 'Marocco'

3c on 3pf brown	5c on 5pf green	10c on 20pf red	25c on 20pf blue	30c on 25pf orange	60c on 50pf brown

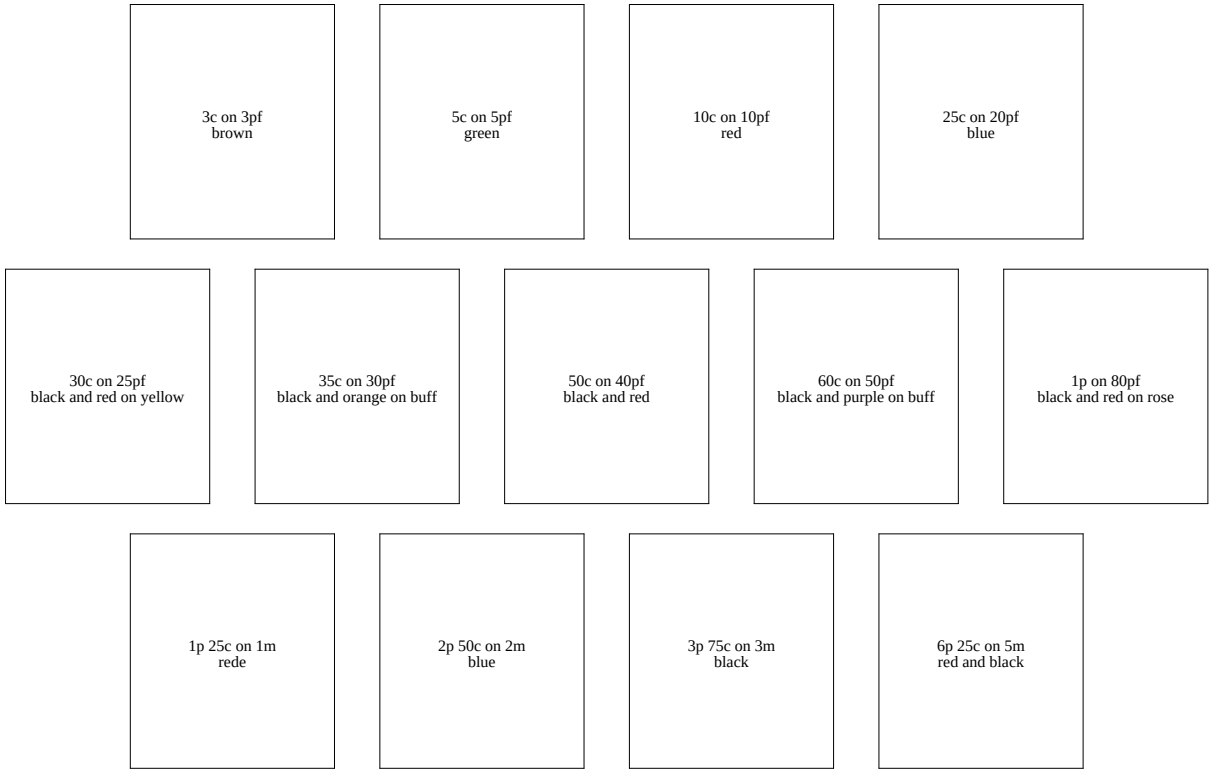
1900

Stamps of German Empire
inscribed REICHSPOST
Overprinted 'Marocco
3 Centimos'

3c on 3pf brown	5c on 5pf green	10c on 10pf red		30c on 25pf orange
35c on 30pf brown	50c on 40pf brown	60c on 50pf green	1p on 80pf red	1p 25c on 1m blue
	2p 50c on 2m orange	3p 75c on 3m brown	6p 25c on 5m brown	

1905

Stamps of German Empire
inscribed DUETSCHES REICH
Overprinted 'Marocco
5 Centimos'



1911

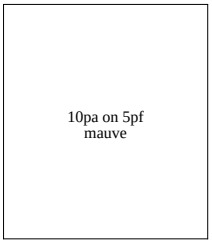
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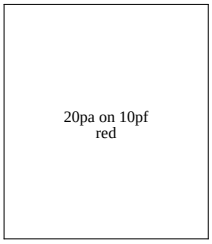


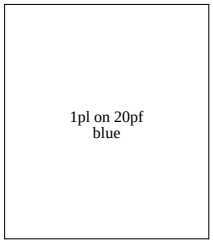
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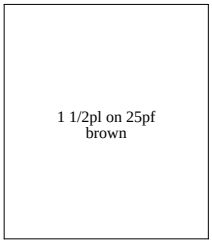
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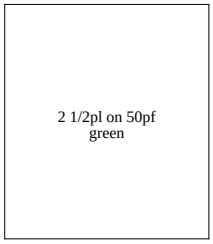
Stamps of German Empire,
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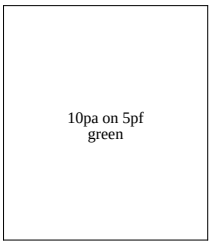


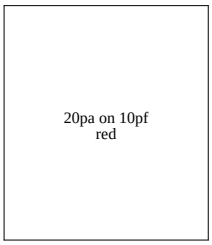


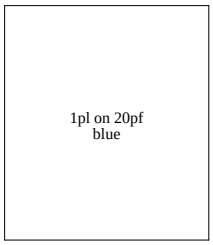


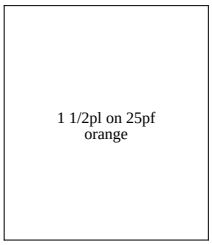
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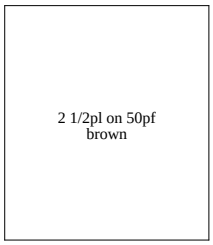
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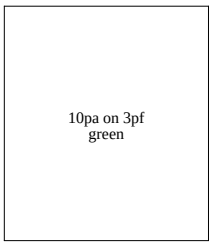


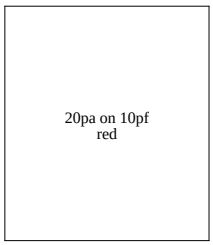


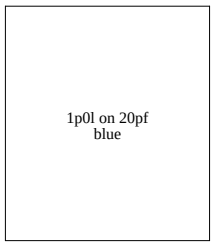


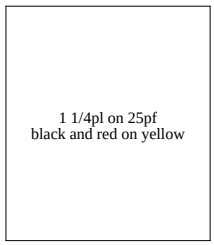
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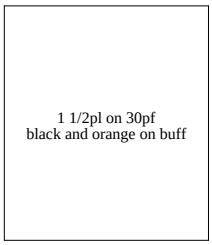
Stamps of German Empire
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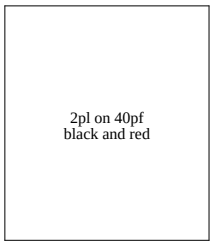


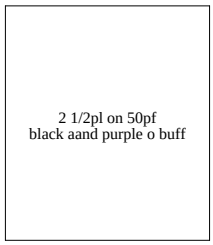


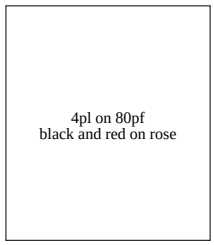


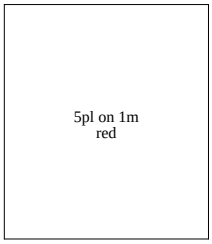


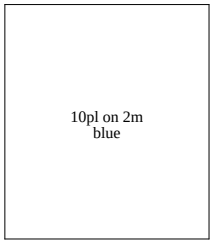


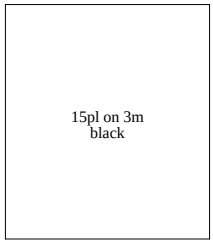


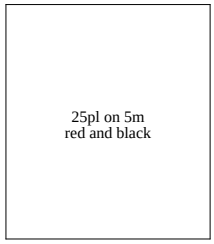












1905

Stamps of German Empire
inscribed DEUTSCHES REICH
Overprinted '10 10
PARA'

10pa on 5pf green	20pa on 10pf red	1pl on 20pf blue	1 1/4pl on 25pf black and red on yellow
1 1/2pl on 30pf black and orange on buff	2pl on 40pf black and red	2 1/2pl on 50pf black aand purple o buff	4pl on 80pf black and red on rose
5pl on 1m red	10pl on 2m blue	15pl on 3m black	25pl on 5m red and black

1905

Stamps of German Empire
inscribed DEUTSCHES REICH
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5c on 5pf green	10c on 10pf red	25c on 20pf blue	50c on 40pf black and red



GERMAN COLONIES

Cameroon

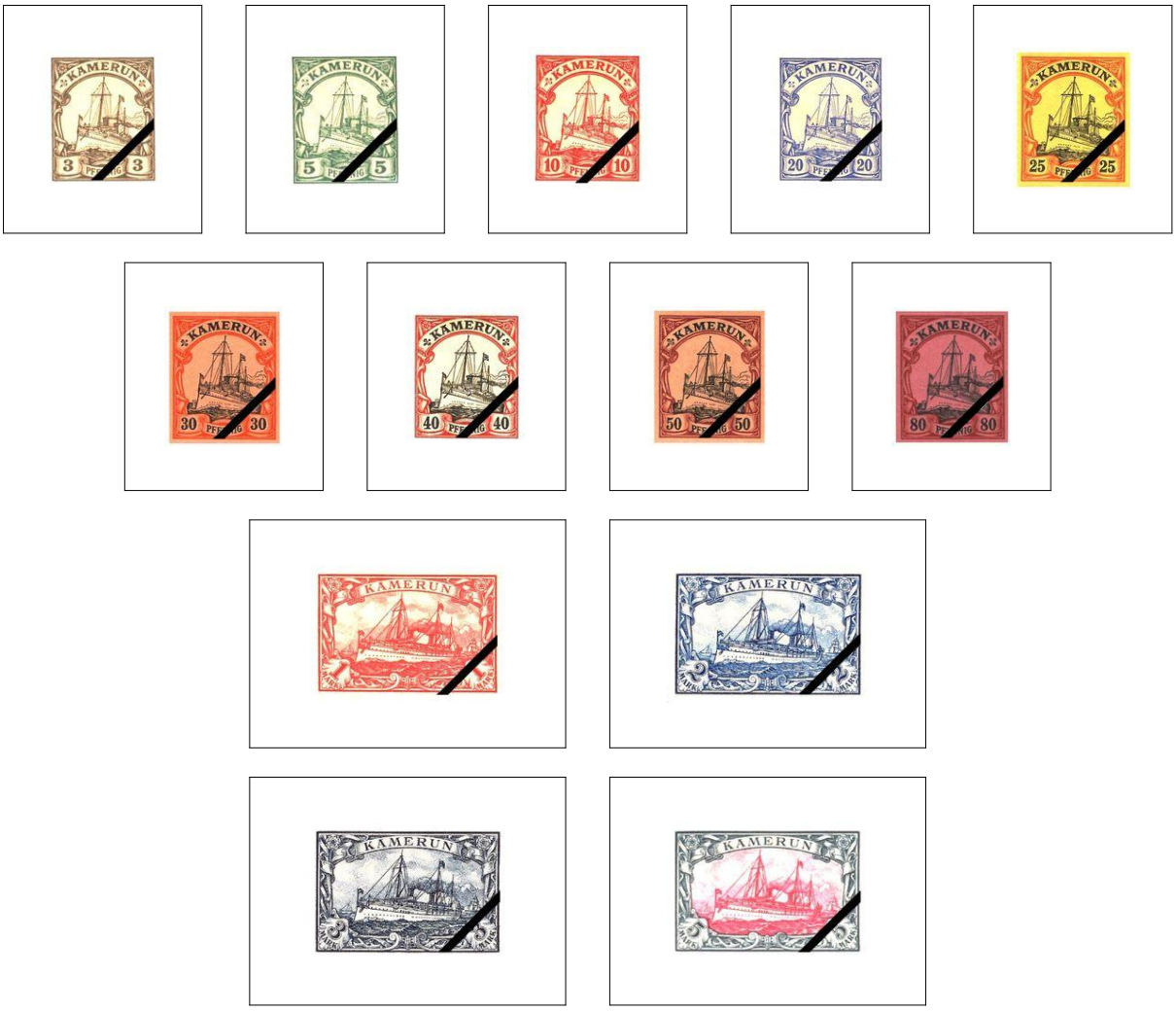
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German Empire Issues, Overprint 'Kamerun'



1900

Emperor's Yacht 'Hohenzollern', Unwatermarked



1905/1919

Emperor's Yacht 'Hohenzollern', Watermarked



Caroline Islands

1899

German Empire Issues, Overprint (45°) 'Karolinen'



1900

German Empire Issues, Overprint (56°) 'Karolinen'



1901

Emperor's Yacht 'Hohenzollern', Unwatermarked



1915/1919

Emperor's Yacht 'Hohenzollern', Watermarked



German East Africa

1893

German Empire Issues,
Overprint of New Face Value in Pesa



1896/1899

German Empire Issues,
Overprint 'Deutsch-Ostafrika' and New Face Value in Pesa



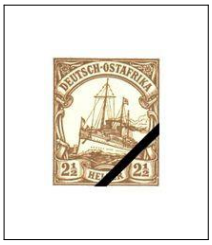
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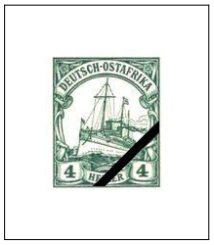
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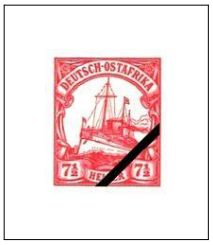


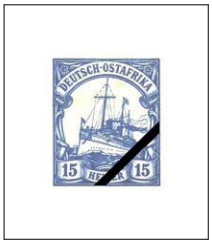
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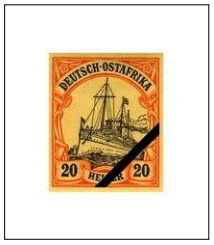
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Face Value in Heller, Unwatermarked

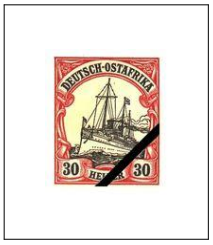


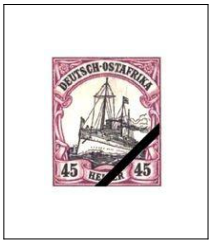










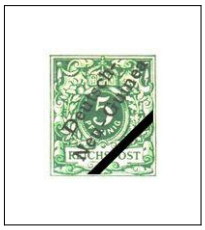


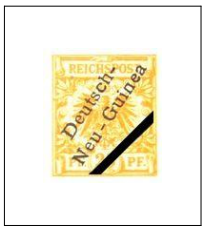
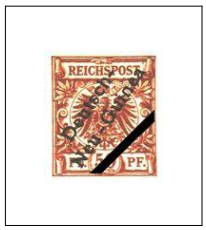


German New Guinea

1897/1899

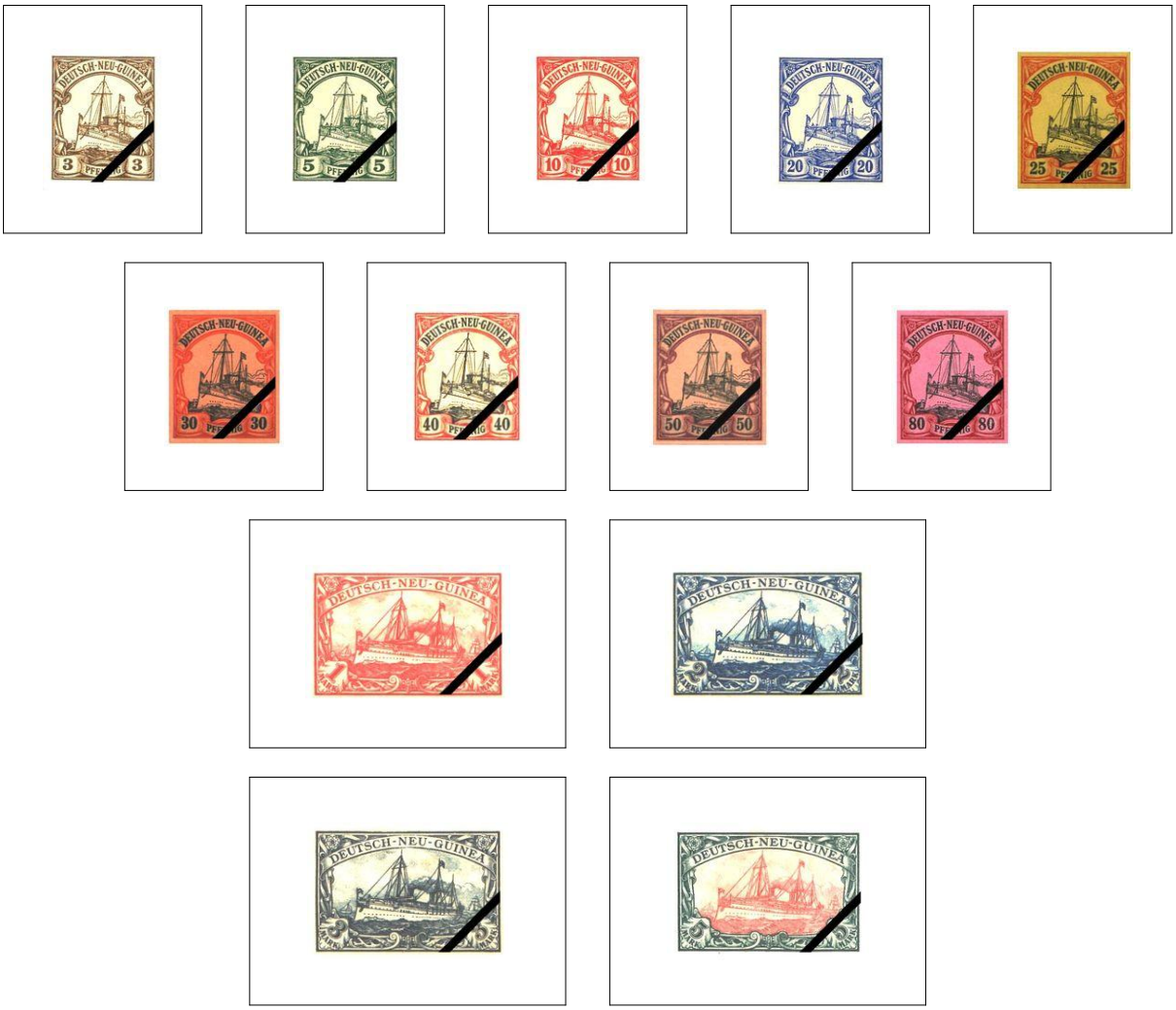
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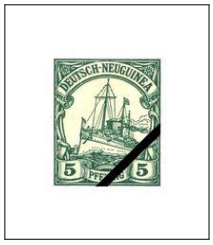
1901

Emperor's Yacht 'Hohenzollern', Inscription 'DEUTSCH-NEU-GUINEA', Unwatermarked



1914

Emperor's Yacht 'Hohenzollern',
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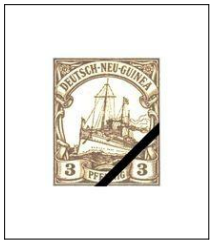






1919

Likewise, Inscription
'DEUTSCH-
NEU-GUINEA'



German South West Africa

1897

German Empire Issues,
Overprint 'Deutsch-Südwest-Afrika'



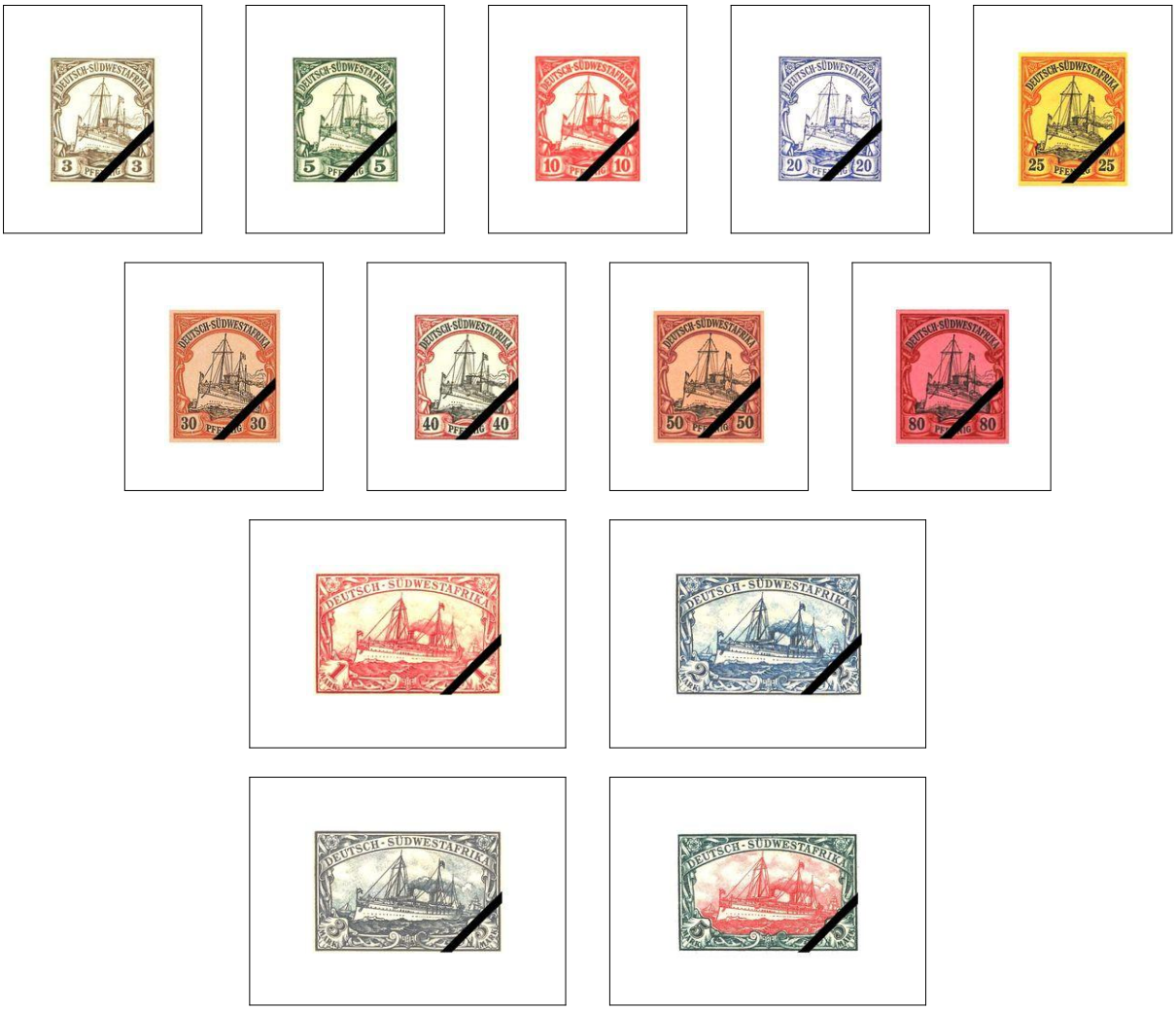
1898

German Empire Issues,
Overprint 'Deutsch-Südwestafrika'



1900

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1906/1919

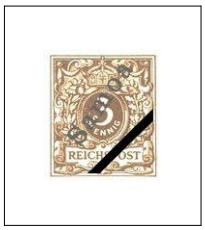
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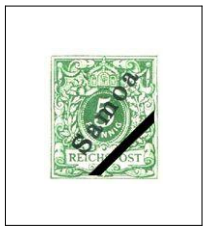


German Samoa

1900

German Empire Issues, Overprint 'Samoa'













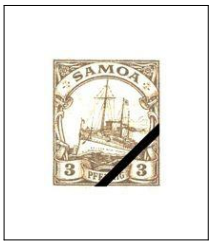
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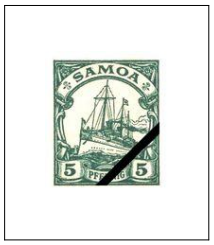
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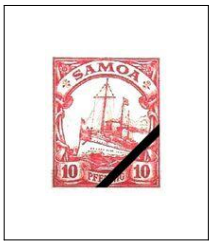


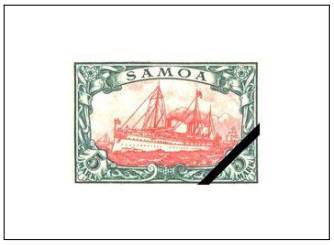
1915/1919

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Kiauchau

1900

German Post in China Issues, Additional Overprint '5 Pfg.', Blue Pencil Line



(45°)



(56°)

Likewise, Overprint '5 Pf.'



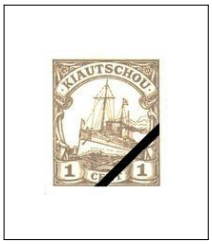
1901

Emperor's Yacht 'Hohenzollern', Face Value in Pfennig/Mark, Unwatermarked



1905

Emperor's Yacht 'Hohenzollern',
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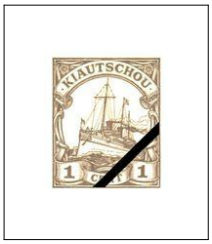


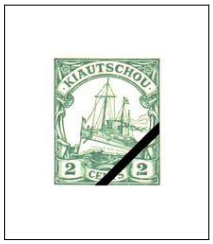


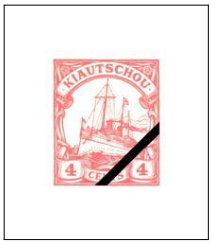


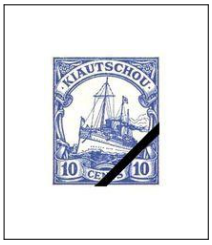
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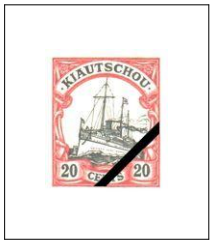
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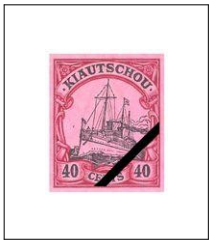




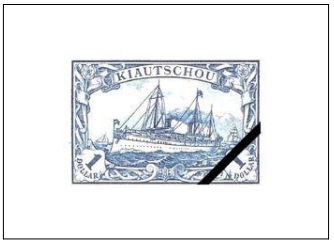


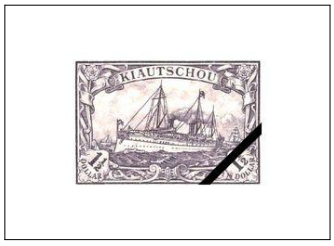


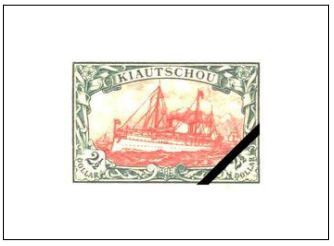












Mariana Islands

1899

German Empire Issues, Overprint (45°) 'Marianen'



1900

German Empire Issues, Overprint (56°) 'Marianen'



1901

Emperor's Yacht 'Hohenzollern', Unwatermarked



1916/1919

Emperor's Yacht 'Hohenzollern', Watermarked



Marshall Islands

1897/1899

German Empire Issues, Overprint 'Marschall-Inseln'



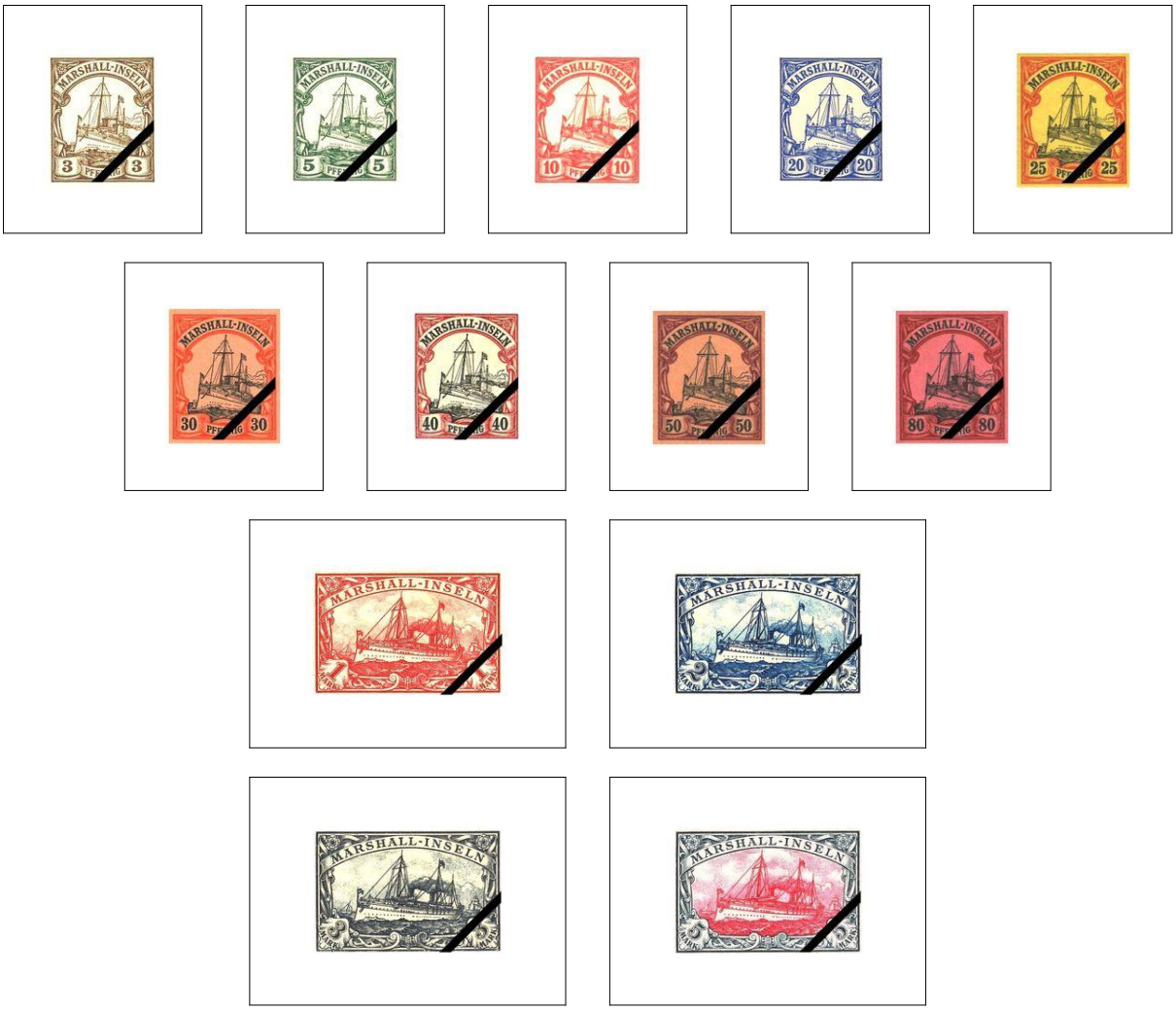
1899/1900

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Togo

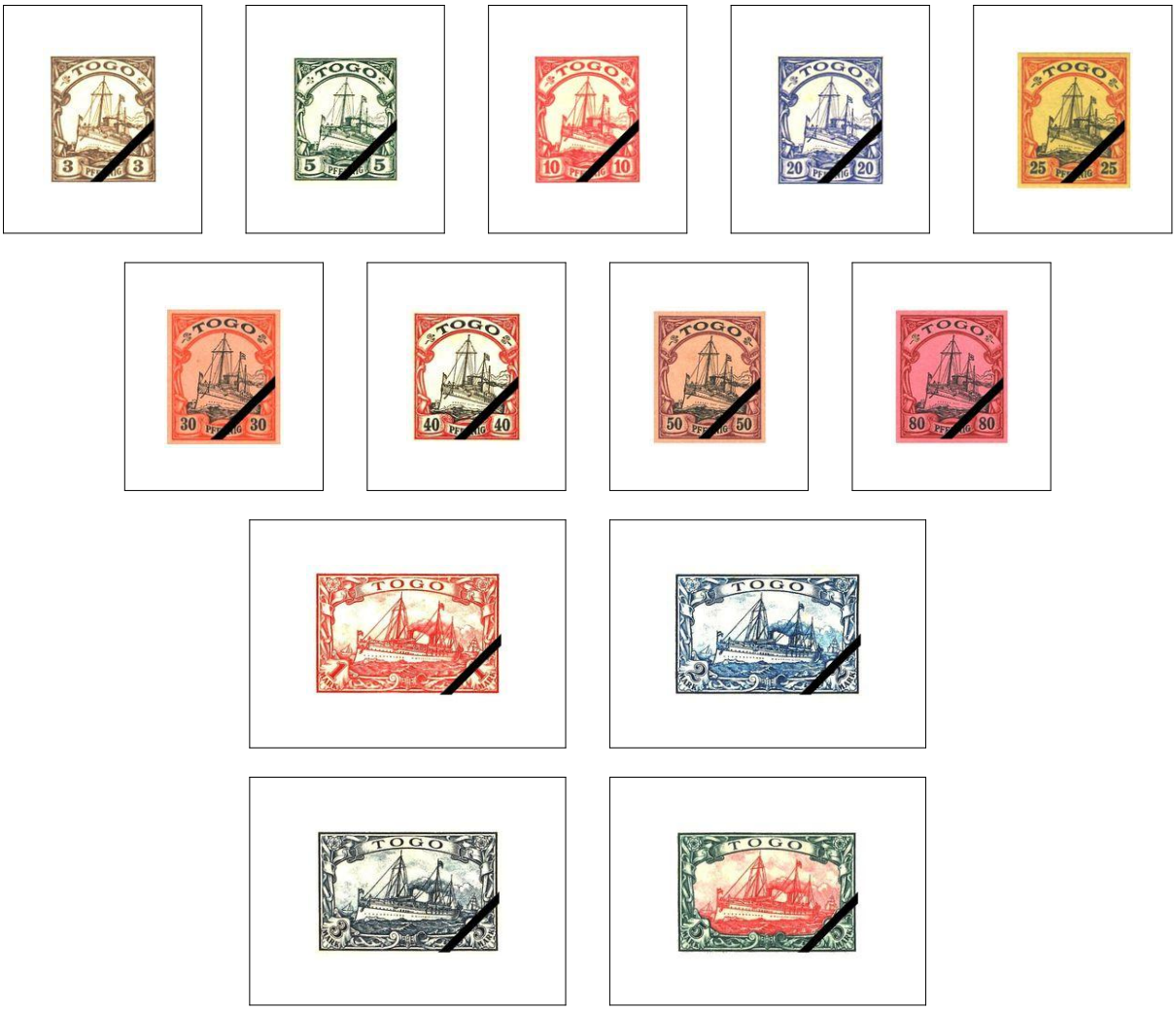
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1900

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1915/1919

Emperor's Yacht 'Hohenzollern', Watermarked

