South West Africa

In 1486 Bartholomew Dias landed at the spot now known as Luderitz, and the Walvis Bay district was occupied by Dutch settlers in 1792. In 1796 this locality was visited by H M sloop "Star" and formally taken possession on behalf of the British Government.

Between 1883 and 1885 the governments of Great Britain, Germany, and Cape Colony disputed possession of the hinterland which was finally annexed by Germany with the exception of Walvis Bay Settlement.



Herero Campaign Fieldpost cover from Windhoek to Berlin August 5th 1905

(Cancelled at 1994 with moles a Page 168 Puzzel - very rare)

The Herero Campaign 1904-1907

Between 1904 and 1907 The Herero and Nama genocide took place during the <u>Herero</u> Wars. It was a campaign of racial extermination and collective punishment that the <u>German</u> Empire undertook in <u>German</u> South West Africa (modern-day No.2. Busch has only seen two covers and considers it extremely rare

Busch cover enlarged on photo plate)

Sketch only. Slightly reduced.

DEUTSCH-SÜDWESTAFRIKA 16/6 a

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This UNALTERED German canceller with 'Index A' was only used while. Seen by Busch on 16.6.1915 - very rare.

Rough tracing

Herero and Nama genocide 1904 - 1907

In January 1904, the Herero people, rebelled against German Colonial rule. In August, The Germans defeated the Herero in the <u>Battle</u> of Waterberg and drove them into the desert of <u>Omaheke</u>, where most of them died of dehydration. In October, the Nama people also rebelled against the Germans, only to suffer a similar fate.

Between 24,000 and 100,000 Herero and 10,000 Nama died. The first phase of the genocide was characterized by widespread death from starvation and dehydration due to the prevention of the retreating Herero from leaving the <u>Namib</u> Desert by German forces. Once defeated, thousands of Herero and Nama were imprisoned in concentration camps, where the majority died of disease, abuse, and exhaustion.

In 1985, the <u>United Nations'</u> <u>Whitaker Report</u> classified the aftermath as an attempt to exterminate the Herero and Nama peoples of <u>South West Africa</u>, and therefore one of the earliest attempts at genocide in the 20th century. In 2004, the German government recognized and apologized for the events, but ruled out financial compensation for the victims' descendants. In July 2015, the German government and the speaker of the <u>Bundestag</u> officially called the events a "genocide" and "part of a race war". However it has refused to consider reparations.



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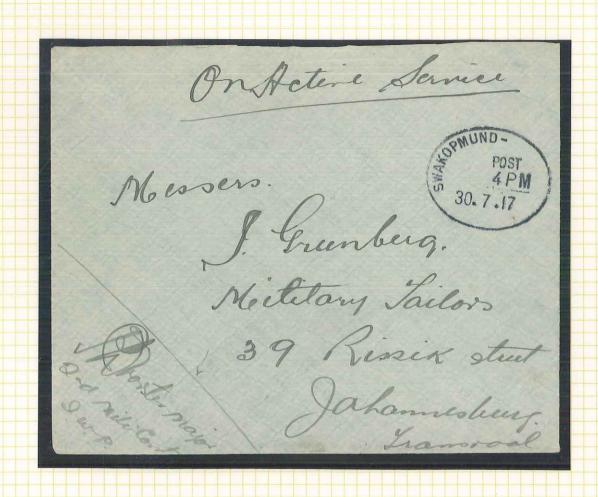
1910 (3.3.) cover addressed to Germany bearing 20pfg, 30pfg, 40pfg and 50pfg 'yatch' adhesives of 'Deutsh Sudwest Afrika' cancelled by OKAHANDJA cds's.



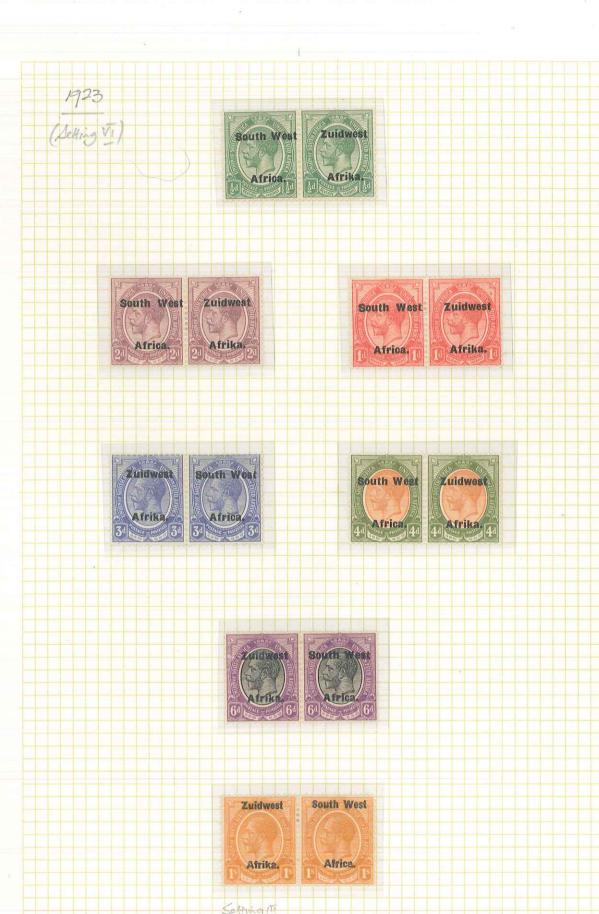
1916 (3 Jan) locally addressed cover from Windhoek, franked at 1d rate by vertical pair of South Africa 1913-24 ½d green, neatly tied by fine "WINDHUK" despatch cds (Putzel No. 9). Very fine, and this cds type surprisingly scarce from Windhoek according to Putzel.



1917 Registered cover with 1913 1d x 2 and 4d used from Windhoek to Keetsmanshoop, opened by censor,



1917 (17 Jul) stampless soldier's letter to military tailors in Johannesburg, endorsed "On Active Service" at top and countersigned in lower left corner, cancelled by fine "SWAKOPMUND" oval ds (Putzel No. 6) adapted from the German Swakopmund-Windhoek train cancellation with "Windhoek" excised. Very fine.



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