

GERMAN POSTAL AGENCIES IN MOROCCO

Purpose:

This exhibit presents the postal history of the German Postal Agencies in Morocco.

Plan:

1. Forerunner Postal Service-Vorlaufer (German Seapost)
2. Establishment of Tanger Agency in Morocco under authority of Reich Post in Berlin-1899
 - A. German PO directed overprint and postmarks
 1. Marocco
 2. Marokko
3. Opening of additional Agencies:
 - A. Casablanca, Larache, Mazagan Mogador, Rabat, & Saffi -1899
 - B. Marrakesch-1900
 - C. Alkassar, Fes, Meknes-1901
 - D. Fes-Mellah-1902
 - E. Tetuan-1906
 - F. Assimur, Marrakesch Mellah-1908
4. Deutsche Marine-Schiffspost (Naval mail facilities)

What this exhibit will show:

Rates, routes, and types of usage of the German Postal Agencies in Morocco

Exhibit Format:

The exhibit is designed to take you through the continuing openings of the various Agencies by date. A boxed heading will indicate the opening date of that Agency. As each Agency changed cancels, they are highlighted to show the new usage.

Items of extreme importance

- Frame 1-Seapost Vorlaufer, Boer War censored mail
- Frame 2-Botenpost (courier service) , Kaestchen (small container rate), Nachname (COD Fees), Einschreiben/Ruckschein (Registered and requiring return receipt)
- Frame 3-Declared Value Letter, Postpaketkarte (Parcel Post) Postanweisung (Money Order) WWI Spanish Zone mail (Larache)
- Frame 4-Censored to Poland (Nouvelle Famille), Alfonso vs. Hassani currency money order, Per Dampfer Armenie, Mazagan/Marrakesch Local Post Combination Covers, Mogador Registered Reply Card
- Frame 5-Eilboten (Express Mail), Advice of Receipt, Postmark Marrakesch "b",
- Frame 6-Fes-Mellah "KKO" cancel "a", Agadir Crisis of 1911, Deutsche Marine-Schiffspost

Rarieties are highlighted with multi-lined accented framing



Historical Background:

Morocco was serviced postally by the Offices and Agencies of England, France, Spain and eventually Germany. This exhibit deals with those aspects of the German Agencies which were the last to officially open chronologically in 1899 and belonged to the UPU upon inception.

The Reich Post Office made this decision on the basis of German trade ranking second in the Moroccan economy and shipping first.

In 1904, 187 Germans lived in Morocco. The colony in Tanger had 71 people of which 24 of them were civil servants and their families, but only 17 merchants and their employees. 26 lived in Casablanca. 5 in Rabat, 3 in Mazagan, 4 in Saffi, 6 in Mogador, and only 1 in Marrakesch. These small numbers are reflected in the quantity of covers found related to the postal agencies in all of Morocco. Thus the greater balance of covers emanate from Tanger .

Independent Postal Agencies were opened and operated by German businessmen, usually agents for the Woermann Line, thus giving cause to be noted as Agencies rather than Post Offices. With the rapid increase in foreign trade, the postal network needed to expand to include additional Agencies throughout Morocco.

With the Treaty of Fez signed March 30, 1912 the Sultan of Morocco gave up the sovereignty of Morocco to the French in the south, and the Spanish in the North. This did not affect the German Agencies until the commencing of hostilities in WWI. All German Agencies in the French zone were closed in 1914. Spain being a neutral country, allowed them to continue to operate in the Spanish Zone. Following the war's end, the remaining 4 in the Spanish Zone were forced to close.

GERMAN SEA POST MAIL

The Woermann Steamship Line of Hamburg began regular service in spring 1890. The service called regularly at Tangier, Casablanca, Mazagan and Mogador. Unoverprinted stamps of the German Post Office were available from agents of the Woermann Line prior to the opening of the Morocco Agencies, thus there are no Vorläufer (forerunner) except Seepost (German). In addition there were no cancellers available, thus the procedure was to have the purser notate the time and place of mailing beside the stamps. Mail was then cancelled upon receipt and sent on by rail at a channel port in Germany and cancelled with the Hamburg-Dampfer cancel or when the ship docked at Hamburg, they were delivered to Post Office 1 and stamps were cancelled with a two line box cancel (AUS WESTAFRIKA).

AUS WESTAFRIKA



20 Pfg. 1st wgt step Sea mail posted on board the ship Emma Woermann and noted by the purser at Casablanca 6/3/90 with the additional handwritten "connaissance" by sender referring to the enclosed (bill of lading) posted by the commercial company H. Ficke & Co. founded by Herman Ficke the current German Vice Consul and simultaneous agent for the Woermann Line Casablanca. Received Hamburg 17/3/90. **Earliest known Aus Westafrika cover from Morocco.**

O.P.D.R SHIP CINTRA

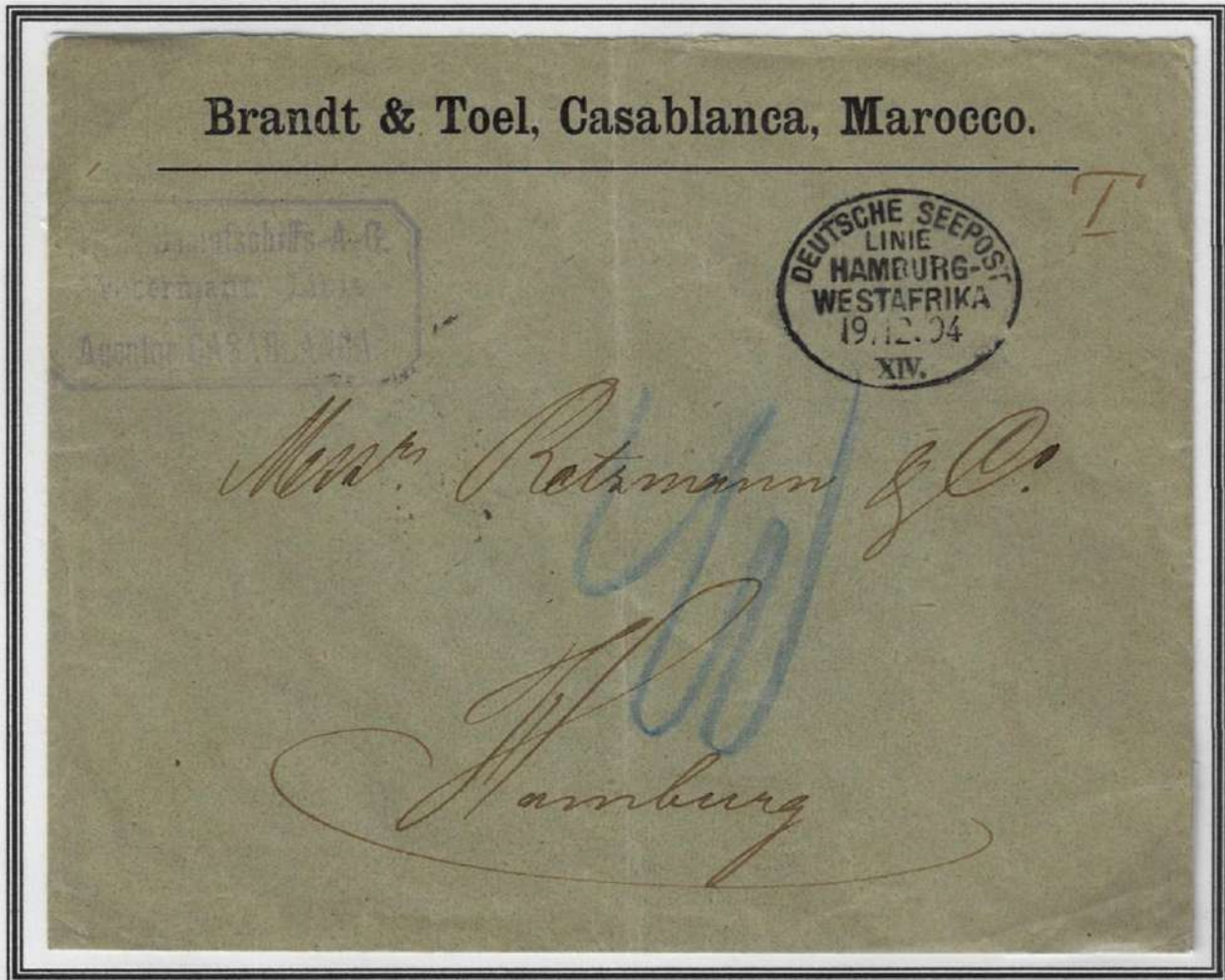


The Oldenburg-Portugiesische Dampfschiffs-Rhederei (O.P.D.R.) was one of the most important and active German maritime companies sailing roundtrip Morocco to Germany beginning in 1895. The Cintra was one of the ships that formed part of this fleet.

Except for the Woermann company, which after 1894, were issued oval date stamps for use on board, all other steamship companies didn't apply cancellations per the postal procedure that applied to them at the time. Their mail was cancelled on arrival at Hamburg with hand-stamps **AUS WESTAFRIKA** or **SCHIFFSBRIEF PAQUEBOT**.

This cover from Morocco to Ulm Germany was transported by the ship Cintra, franked 20pf for first wgt. step, cancelled on arrival at Hamburg with the maritime cancel Schiffsbrief Paquetbot. Transit datestamp on reverse, Hamburg 18 January 1896 and arrival datestamp Ulm 19 January 1896. One of three covers known to date originating in Morocco with this maritime cancel and the only cover known carried via the Cintra.

PROFESSOR WOERMANN XIV



In October 1894, the mail steamers of the Woermann Line were given special Sea-Post cancels. The mailman was no longer required to post a M/S note of acceptance. This sea mail letter was sent via the Professor Woermann XIV without prepaid postage on the company envelope Casablanca to Hamburg. 25/12/94 with the "T" postage due notation 20 pfg being the rate, 40 pfg is written in blue M/S for the postage due to be collected. Three lined framed marking in violet to the left reads African steamship A.G./Woermann-Line/Agency Casablanca.

**HAMBURG WESTAFRIKA
XV THEKLA BOHLEN**

Letter posted on board the steamer Thekla Bohlen 7/11/95. M/S 14 gr. letter franked 20 pfg. posted from Mogador 7/11/95 to Stuttgart. Postmarked with the Deutsche Seepost Hamburg Westafrika XV cancel and received Stuttgart November 16.



STEAMER NAUTIK CHARTERED BY WOERMANN



Woermann had a shortage of ships available in late 1899 and chartered the steamer Nautik for this run which included three stops in Morocco including Casablanca on 23/12/98 and posted at sea with the Woermann XX ship cancel 1/1/99. Franked with 2 10 Pfg. to Hamburg and received Hamburg 8/1/99.

Only known cover from German PO Morocco carried by the steamer Nautik.

GERMAN POST OFFICE
SEA MAIL

JEANETTE WOERMANN X

Feb. 1896 Mogador to Stuttgart franked 20 Pfg. Sent aboard the Jeanette Woermann X. and arrived Stuttgart 13/2/1896.



GIBRALTAR POSTAGE LULU BOHLEN V



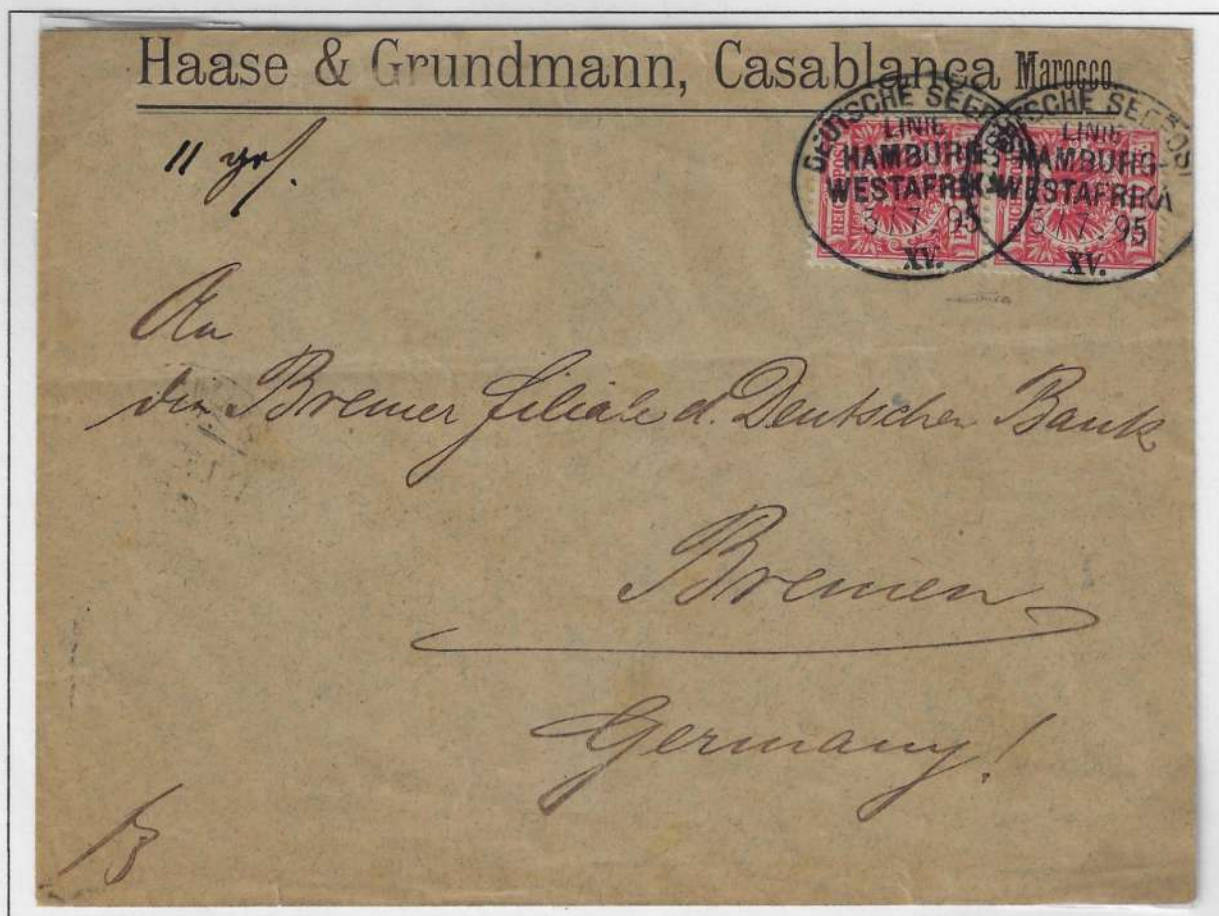
Even though Reichpost stamps were available from the Woermann Line Shipping Agents Weiss and Maur in Mogador, this cover is franked 25 cent. Gibraltar issue available from the shipping agent or the British Post Office and cancelled with the Woermann Line sea-post cancel V identifying the ship as the Lulu Bohlen 1 and used 1897-98. The Gibraltar stamp was applied and properly used according to article 11 paragraph 3 of the UPU agreement "mail posted on board had to be franked with stamps of the country whose waters were being visited". 25 cent. foreign rate to Braunschweig B/S Braunschweig 29/9/98. Only known Gibraltar franked German posted sea mail.



**SEA POST CANCEL XIV.
S.S. LOTHAR BOHLEN II**

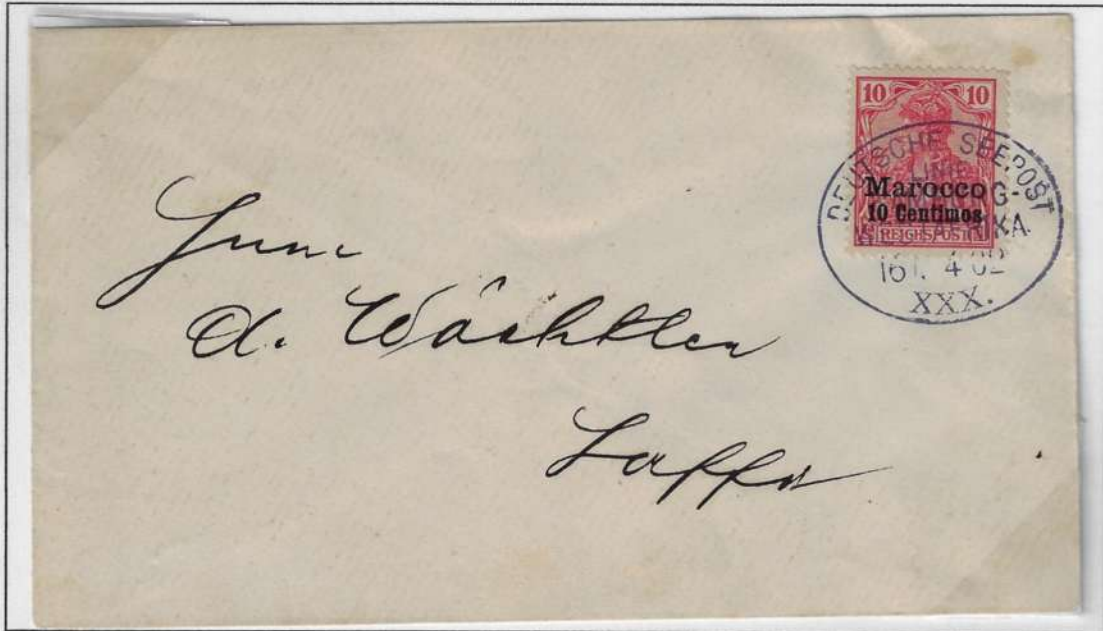
The Deutsche Seepost cancels were labeled with capitalized letters which indicated the name of the ship the cancel was supplied to. The ship Lothar Bolen II was issued cancel XIV. in 1895, as shown on this 15/9/95 posting from Brandt and Toele in Casablanca to possibly a relative Elise Brandt in Verden Germany. Franked 20f German postage. As agencies of the Woermann Line, they sold unoverprinted stamps of the German Empire for posting on their ships.

HAMBURG-WESTAFRIKA CANCEL XV. THEKLA BOLEN



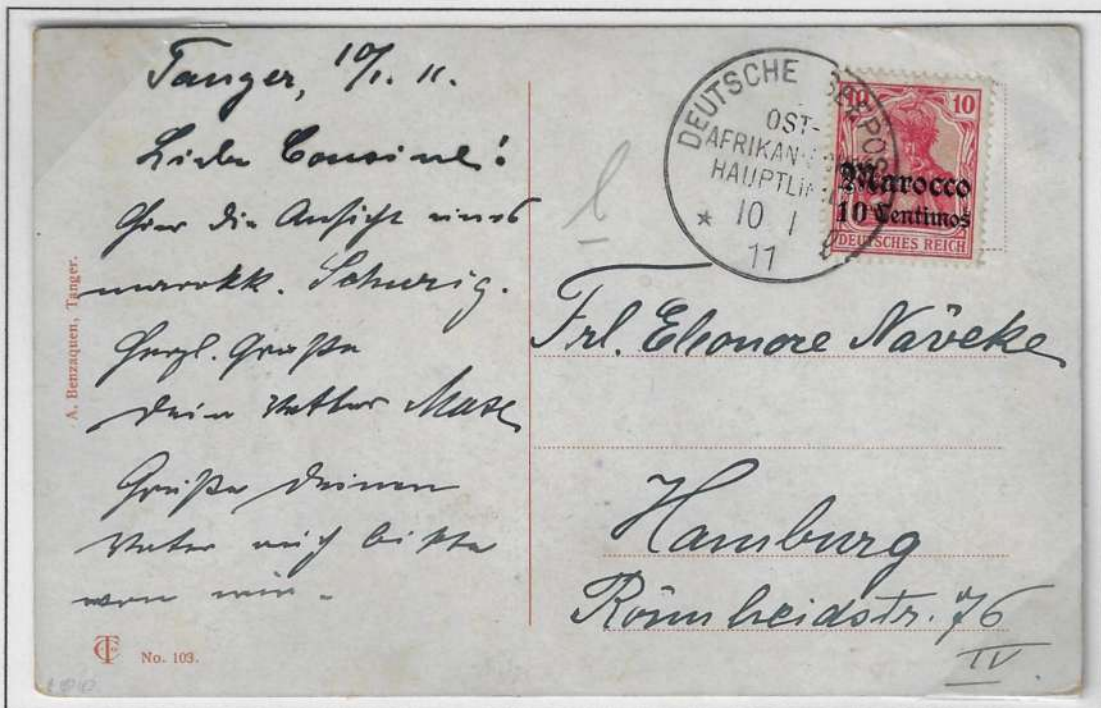
These cancels are known with and without stop after the numerals. It is assumed that those with stop were replacement cancels for lost or damaged postmarks and may appear on another ship at some other date before or after transfer to that ship. M/s 11g provided wgt for posting 1st wgt. step to Germany and franked 20f. Posted originally from Casablanca and marked 3/7/95 on board. Received Bremen 13/7/95.

LINIE HAMBURG-WESTAFRIKA
S.S INGRABAN CHARTERED SHIP



The Linie Hamburg WestAfrika marking is one of more than 44 different markings which indicate the route covered and additionally an index marking, either in figures or letters, to denote the shipping clerk or ship on which the mail was carried. XXX. Indicates the S.S. Ingraban chartered by Woermann in 1902. The XXX. with the stop indicates it replaced a lost or damaged canceller. Because the letter was cancelled on board the ship does not indicate where the letter was posted from. Postmarked 16/4 02 to Saffi. B/S Saffi 24 4. 02.

OST-AFRIKANISCHE HAUPTLINIE



From April 1, 1901 the ships of the East African main line (Ostafrikanische Hauptlinie) traveled not only back and forth between German and East Africa but also around Africa and back and forth to Hamburg. The purser was supplied with a canceller with the inscription Ostafrikanische Hauptlinie plus a small letter identifier from a to h or i to o. This canceller shows the use of the small letter L. issued to the steamer Kronprinz. Posted 10 1 11 from Tanger to Hamburg at 10cent. postcard rate,

IDENTIFICATOR "r" ADMIRAL II



From the beginning of 1902 ships of the Ostafrika Linie visited Moroccan ports. Newly aquired cancellers changed verbage to read Deutsche Seepost Ostafrika Linie starting with the letter q. 10 cent. postcard rate Tanger to Bamberg Bavaria. Posted 29 7 10 and cancelled with the identificator "r" ship Admiral II.

INDIFICATOR "b" GERTRUDE WOERMANN



Replacement cancellers for the old ones contained the new inscription and a smaller diameter. Letters used were b,p,q,r, and s. Letter "b" was assigned to the Reich mail ship Gertrude Woermann from 1907-1914. Posted Tanger 25 7 12 to Hamburg. Franked 10pf. with the available German postage stamp.



REICHSPOST STAMPS

As noted with the shipping lines, German Reichspost stamps were available to the Postal Agencies in 1899. Even though in use after the issuance of "Marocco" overprinted stamps in 1899, the loss on the exchange rate of the Moroccan Hasani peseta vs. the German pfennig made it ill-advisable to use German stamps in mailing. 45 pfennig 2nd weight step Tanger to Gera in the Principality of Reuss Germany. Overland via Cadiz received Gera 19/2/00.

REICHSPOST STAMPS

The chief post office was in Tanger and its postal director had postal authority over all postal agencies in Morocco. The post office upon opening belonged to the UPU and the office in Tanger was directly under the authority of the Reich Post Office in Berlin.

From Tanger mail for Germany was transported overland via Cadiz and took 5 days generally. Cover posted 29/5/00 Tanger to Frankfurt paying 20f 1st step rate. Received Frankfurt 3/6/00.



TANGIER AGENCY OPENED 20/12/1899

The first stamps issued for Morocco were those of the German Empire issue of 1889 overprinted "Morocco" with the franking in centimos and pesetas the local currency. Rates in effect up to Oct. 1907 were as follows: foreign letter rate 1st step 25 cent. to 15 gr., local letter rate 10 cent. to 15 gr., registration 25 cent. Postcards were 5 cent. locally and 10 cent. foreign. Germany was considered foreign rate up to 1907.



Tangier to Johannesburg 4/1/00 5 centimos printed matter rate. Mail from Morocco would have normally been transported down the west coast to Cape Town, and from there by rail to the ZAR (Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek). With the outbreak of the Anglo-Boer War on 11th October 1899, this route was cut, and the only route in was through Portuguese East Africa and the port of Lourenço Marques. The route from Tangier was through Marseille onto the French packet SAHAGLIEN with the "Ligne Marseille A La Reunion" transit applied the 10th of January and B/S arrival in Reunion the 17th of February. Forwarded to Lourenço Marques and placed on board the railway arriving at Johannesburg 6/3/00. Incoming mail from British Colonies was opened and censored at the border in Lydenburg, or upon arrival either in Johannesburg or Krugersdorp. Incoming mail from friendly countries generally was not opened, but okayed by a blue M/S checkmark as marked on the front above Léon or "doorgelaten" (passed). **Currently the only known item from Morocco into the ZAR during the Boer War.**



1ST WEIGHT STEP FOREIGN

Tanger 6/7.00 1st issue 25 cent. 1st weight step foreign rate to Warnemünde 11.7.00. Germany was considered foreign rate until 1907.

2ND WEIGHT STEP REGISTERED



75 centimos second weight step registered 29/12.99 Tanger to Oldenburg . Registered commercial cover from Borgeud Reutmann & Co. imprinted on reverse flap compressed with company red wax seal. Received Oldenburg 3.1.00.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

5 CENTIMOS PRINTED MATTER RATE

1ST ISSUE
GERMAN EMPIRE ISSUE OF 1899 OVERPRINTED MAROCCO
+ VALUE ON STEEP 56° ANGLE



Tanger 5 centimos printed matter rate rate to Arnstadt franked with the German offices first issue overprinted Marocco + the value and in this case 5 centimos on 5 pfg with steep angle 56°. When the essays were produced, only Marocco appeared on the face at 45° angle. Because of unfavorable currency rates in the fiscal year 1897/1898 it became necessary to issue the stamps with local currency, necessitating the change of angle to accommodate the inclusion of the centimos value.



REGISTERED TO GERMANY

Posted 11/5.00 Tanger to Grevenbroich Germany. Franked 50 centimos for 25c 1st wgt step foreign rate and 25c registration. Received 16/5/00.



2ND WGT STEP REGISTERED TO FRANCE

Posted 10/8.01 Tanger to Marseille Le Canet Station france. Franked 76c 50c 2nd step plus 25c registration, overpaid by 1c. Received 14/8/01.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

PRE-PRINTED PRIVATE ENVELOPES

BORGEAUD, REUTEMANN & CO
PRE-PRINTED ENVELOPES



Borgeaud Reutemann & Co. were merchants and shippers in Tanger. Through license with the German Post Office they were allowed to privately print envelopes for business use. This 10 centimos paid the local letter rate up to 15 gr. This return pre-addressed letter was returned and posted 3/5 . 01 in Tanger.

GERMANIA EMPIRE ISSUE OF 1900



20 October 1900 first day cover of Morocco's second issue with 5 cent. overprints on Germania Empire Issue of 1900. Mixed with first issue 10 centimos Crown and Eagle, 25 cent. the rate 1st weight step foreign. Mailed from Tanger to the Duchess Frau Herzogin Johann Albrecht at Herzogin von Mecklenburg received Schwerin 27.10.00 and redirected to Ludwigslust 27.10.00.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

LOCAL RATE OVERLAND BY MESSENGER

LOCAL RATE 1ST WEIGHT STEP

Town cancels were initially single ring date stamps spelling Marocco with two "C"s and two fleurons with the town name and date in the German style.



Tanger 27/5.02 to Casablanca B/S 30/5.02. 10 cent. 1st wgt step local rate.



MAIL DELIVERY BY MESSENGER (REKKAS)

Overland by messenger (Rekkas in the native language) on foot was the domestic means of deliverance in Morocco. Not until 1913 was it possible to travel between Rabat and Casablanca on the new French military railway. It however remained travel by foot on most of the routes. Tanger 29/11/01 mourning cover to Casablanca.



5 centimos postal stationery card uprated to pay foreign rate to France. Posted 4/5/1905 Tanger to Neuilly-Sur-Seine.



21/2/05 Tanger to Belgrade 10 centimos foreign postcard rate. Belgrade receiver Feb. 14 based on Julian calendar dating applicable to Serbia.



19/6/03 10 centimos universal reply card to France with reply coupon attached. St. Quentin receiver 23/6/03.

TANGIER TO MOGADOR PREPRINTED FORM

Botenpost			Botenpost		
von Tanger nach Mogador			von Mogador nach Tanger		
Ankunft:	<i>24/1.05 8. P. M.</i>		Ankunft:	<i>24/1.05 10. P. M.</i>	
Abgang:	<i>24/1.05 12. M.</i>		Abgang:	<i>24/1.05 12. M.</i>	
Name des Boten:	<i>Hassani</i>		Name des Boten:	<i>Hassani</i>	
Nummer des Mantels:			Nummer des Mantels:		
Folgende Briefpackete befinden sich im Briefbeutel:			Folgende Briefpackete befinden sich im Briefbeutel:		
Aufgabeort.	Bestimmungsort.	Anzahl der Briefpackete.	Aufgabeort.	Bestimmungsort.	Anzahl der Briefpackete.
Tanger	Larache		Mogador	<i>Mogador</i>	<i>1</i>
"	Rabat		Saffi	"	<i>1</i>
"	Casablanca		Marrakesch	"	
"	Mazagan		Mazagan	"	
"	Marrakesch		Casablanca	"	
"	Saffi		Rabat	"	
<i>Saffi</i>	Mogador	<i>1</i>	Larache	"	
		Sa.			Za.
Bemerkungen:		<i>1</i>	Bemerkungen:		<i>2</i>

For purposes of moving the mail domestically in Morocco couriers (Bote) were employed and the forms they used were labeled Botenpost. The above form shows the North-South route taken by the couriers and the return route in the next column. French and Spanish mail sometimes moved by the Bote as was the reciprocal case by the French Rekke (courier) or Spanish as well. The number of letters carried were indicated between the Agencies and a change of couriers took place at each Agency. From 1904 money was carried by the courier and recorded in Alfonsa Peseta or Hassani money as indicated in the bottom left Hassani Peseta 2500 and Alfonso Peseta 2000.

KAESTCHEN "SMALL CONTAINER OR PACKAGE RATE"



Tanger to Osnabrück Germany. Franked 2 Peseta 20 cent The 146 gram package was rated within the flat rate of 2 Pesetas to Germany up to 1000 grams and 20 cent. the insurance rate for 200 francs. Posted 5/6/1905 from the German Embassy as indicated by a complete Imperial German Embassy Seal fully intact with string on the back. M/S endorsement "Kaestchen" in pencil on the cover indicating small container or package rate.

SEPT. 30 AND OCT. 1 OVERPRINT CHANGE ON GERMAN EMPIRE ISSUE OF 1902 INSCRIBED "DEUTSCHES REICH" WITH GOTHIC OVERPRINT "MAROCCO" AND FRANKING IN BLACK.



**MAROCCO
5 CENTIMOS**

10 centimos postcard rate. 31.8.07 Tanger to Oberbayern overprinted with new Marocco overprint and value.

**MAROCCO
10 CENTIMOS**

Tanger
17.3.10 10 centimos Tanger to Kripp with Gothic overprint change.





A second postmark for Tanger with "a" in the dateline was introduced in September 1900 and continued in use until 20 May 1911. Posted 27.4.11 Tanger to Uelzen near Hannover. B/S 3.5.11 Uelzen receiver.

1ST WGT. STEP REGISTERED TO ZURICH

Posted 8.9.09 Tanger to Zurich Switzerland. 50 cent. 1st wgt. step foreign rate registered. B/S 131X09 Zurich receiver.





Tanger 10 cent. 1st wgt step to Faire de Leipzig in Germany redirected to Bingen am Rhein on 5/10. 10 cent. new domestic rate to Germany.



Oct. 1, 1907 1st step foreign rate change to 25 cent. for first 20 gr. Prior to this it had been 15 gr. In addition on Jan. 15 mail bound for Germany from Morocco was no longer determined to be foreign and the domestic rate schedule of 10 cent. 1st. weight step letters and 5 cent. postcard was implemented. Tanger 26/4.09 to Wien 1st step foreign Registered.

NACHNAME TO SWITZERLAND FOREIGN RATE

Nachname (cod) as a service of the post office was implemented in April 1900. It was a means by which cod fees could be sent for payment of bills and merchandise. The currency paying for the cod was written on the face of the cover (4 francs 40 centimes) and required registration.

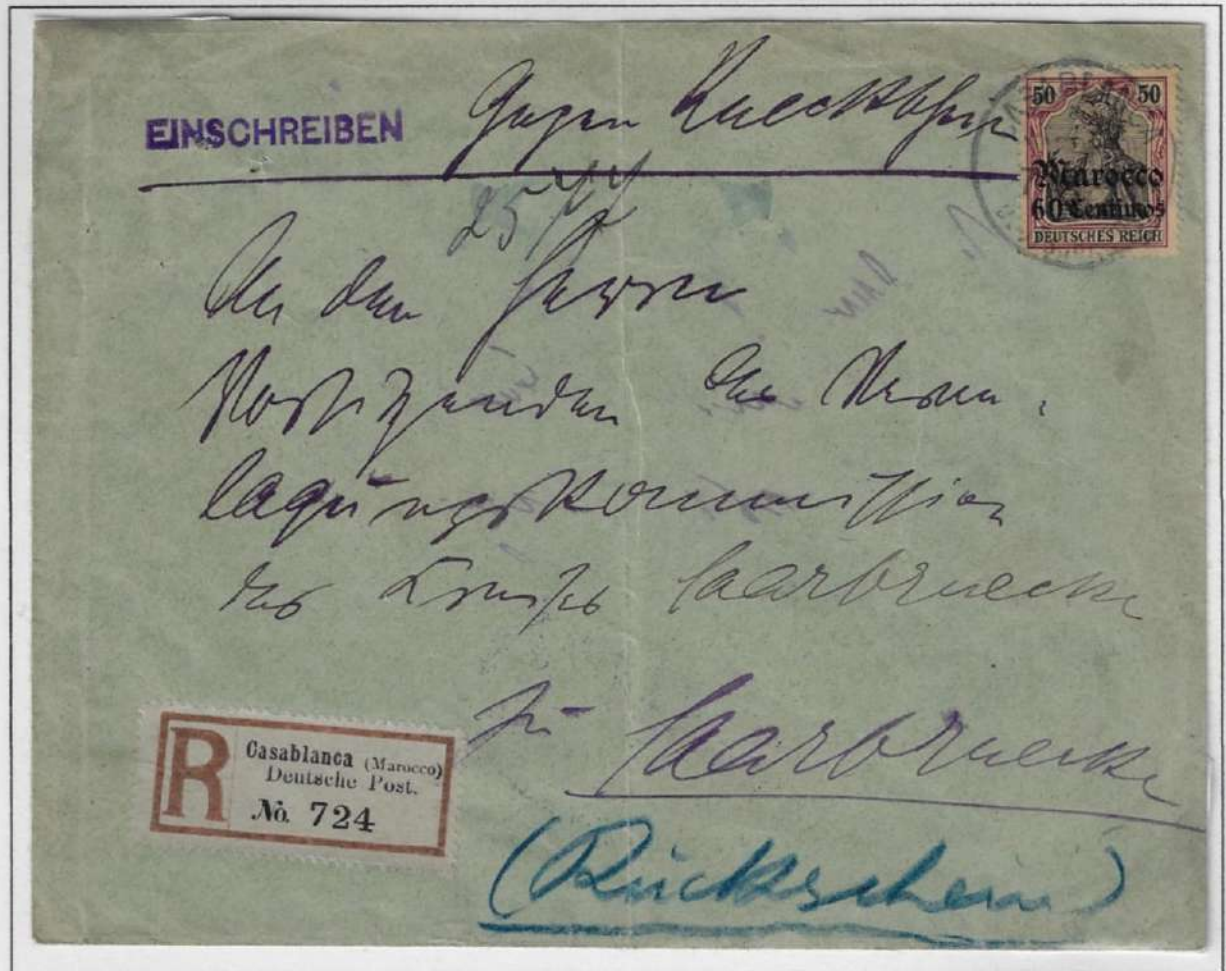
Foreign rate 25 cent. 20 gr. + 25 cent. registered. B/S 17 June 1907 St. Gallen. Cert. Pauligk



EINSCHREIBEN/ RUCKSCHEIN

Registered and requiring a return receipt. This form of letter service required the personal delivery of the letter with a return signed receipt.

Posted 7/2/10 Casablanca to Saarbrucken. B/S Saarbrucken 13/2/10. 1st wgt. Step + 25 cent. Regis. + 10 ct. Ruckschein (signed receipt) = 60 cent postage paid.



GERMAN POST OFFICE

LOCAL USAGES

TANGER TO MAZAGAN LOCAL USE NACHNAHME



6/2/07 Tangier to Mazagan local rate Nachnahme. 5cent. + 25 cent. Registration + 10 cent Nachnahme. Reimbursing 6 Pesetas Alfonso (Spanish Currency). Received Mazagan 9/2/07.

LOCAL USE REGISTERED

Tanger 21.7.10 to Mazagan 23.7.10. 1st Wgt. Step registered.



TANGER TO STEGLITZ

Tanger 9.3.09
to Steglitz-Berlin. 10 cent.
1st wgt. Step +
25 cent. Regis.
B/S Steglitz 14.
3.09.



TANGER TO HAMBURG

Tanger 3.11.08
to Hamburg
B/S 9.11.08. 35
cent. domestic
registered rate.



GERMAN POST OFFICE

POSTAL STATIONARY

5 CENTIMOS PRINTED MATTER RATE REPLY CARD



25th Sept. 1908 Tangier to Piqua Ohio printed price list with attached reply card.

10 CENTIMOS FOREIGN POSTCARD RATE



Germania type postcard unwatermarked. 13/8/07 Tanger to Germany. 10 cent. rate.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

NEW CANCELLERS

Because Tanger was by far the largest Agency in Morocco several additional cancellers were employed. Below are examples of those in use in Tanger. Friedemanns 34 cancel was the second type canceller used in Morocco and only in Tanger. It is referred to as a wheel canceller, with the date bridge supporting the month, year, and hour aligned across the middle of the canceller. It was first used beginning July 1905 and was retired May 20 1911. 5 cent. P/C rate to Altona (Elbe).



New type cancel with stops after dates. Tangier 13.4.09 with "b" below dateline. B/S Zutphen 17.4.09.

Tanger to Venlo Holland redirected to Zutphen to L.H. Ebersson Ritmeester der Hussain (Captain in the Hussars).

DOMESTIC POSTCARD RATE

Postkarte



Jun. Kurt Melzer

Bonna bei Leipzig

Pegauer Str. 1-3

This seldom used canceller with "c" in subline below date was a spare one in use Dec. 1909 to 20 May 1911. 5 cent. domestic postcard rate Tanger 11.1.10 to Leipzig.



LOCAL RATE REGISTERED

Certificado

Signor.

Alberto. G. Mestres

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Mazagan



2.9.10 Tanger to Mazagan 10 cent Local rate+25 cent. registration. B/S Mazagan 4/9.10



GERMAN POST OFFICE MAROKKO OVERPRINT AND CANCEL CHANGE

MAROKKO CANCEL CHANGE 21 MAY 1911



18.6.11 unsealed printed matter rate registered Tanger to Krombach 25.6.11. Late usage of the 30 cent./25pf overprint as overprint and cancel were changed 21 May 1911 to read "Marokko" with 2 "KK"s.



MOURNING COVER



15.2.12 mourning cover Tanger to Saarbrücken. 10 cent. domestic rate + 25 cent. registration. Stamps and cancels with the 1911 overprints and cancels "Marokko" double "k". B/S Saarbrücken 20.2.12.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

COMMERCIAL MAIL

~~Inliegend Mark~~

Einschreiben.



Norddeutsche Creditanstalt,
Filiale Culmsee,

C u l m s e e



Tanger 14.7.11 to Culmsee which at the time was in West Prussia. Today the city is known as Chemża in Poland. Registered on an insured labeled envelope but crossed out with no values added. Unusual in respect to an obvious commercial envelope but overpaying at 6 peseta 25. Culmsee receiver 20.7.11.

KAISERLICH UND KÖNIGLICH (K.U.K)



Tanger 14.10.11 to Brünn Mähren from the Royal Hapsburg legation in Tanger. The circular handstamp in violet on the front is the German phrase Kaiserlich und Königlich typically abbreviated K.U.K. and stands for "imperial and royal" which references the Court of the Hapsburgs. A letter from the royal legation to the prominent textile manufacturer Handels-und Gewerbekammer. 50 centimos 1st wgt. step foreign registered.

DECLARED VALUE LETTER (INSURED)



Valeur déclaré (declared value letter) from Tanger to Wilmersdorf Berlin. Insured for 325 francs, the rate was calculated as 90 centimos marked in red M/S for 47g third weight step. Posted at the German Tanger Post Office April 12, and reposted to the Spanish Post Tanger the same day postmarked Valores Declarados 12 Abril 1911. B/S Cadiz transit Valores Declarados 13 Abril 11 and Madrid 15 Abril 11.

The UPU Congress 1897 established in their set of rules for declared value letters "the envelope used had to be sealed by seals in fine sealing wax and applied in sufficient numbers to keep all folds of the envelope in position". This envelope is sealed on the reverse with 5 wax seals thus accounting for the additional weight taking it to the third weight step.

- 47g third weight step=30c
- registration 25c
- 300 francs insured value 35c
- total 90c

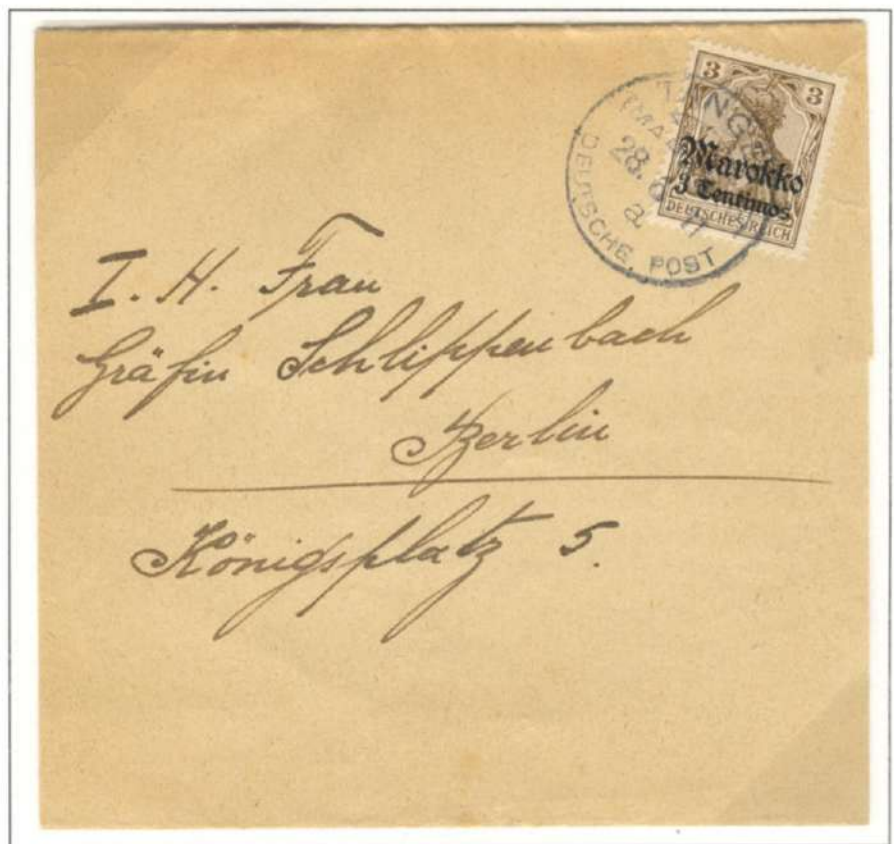
1906 INLAND TARIFF RATE REDUCTION



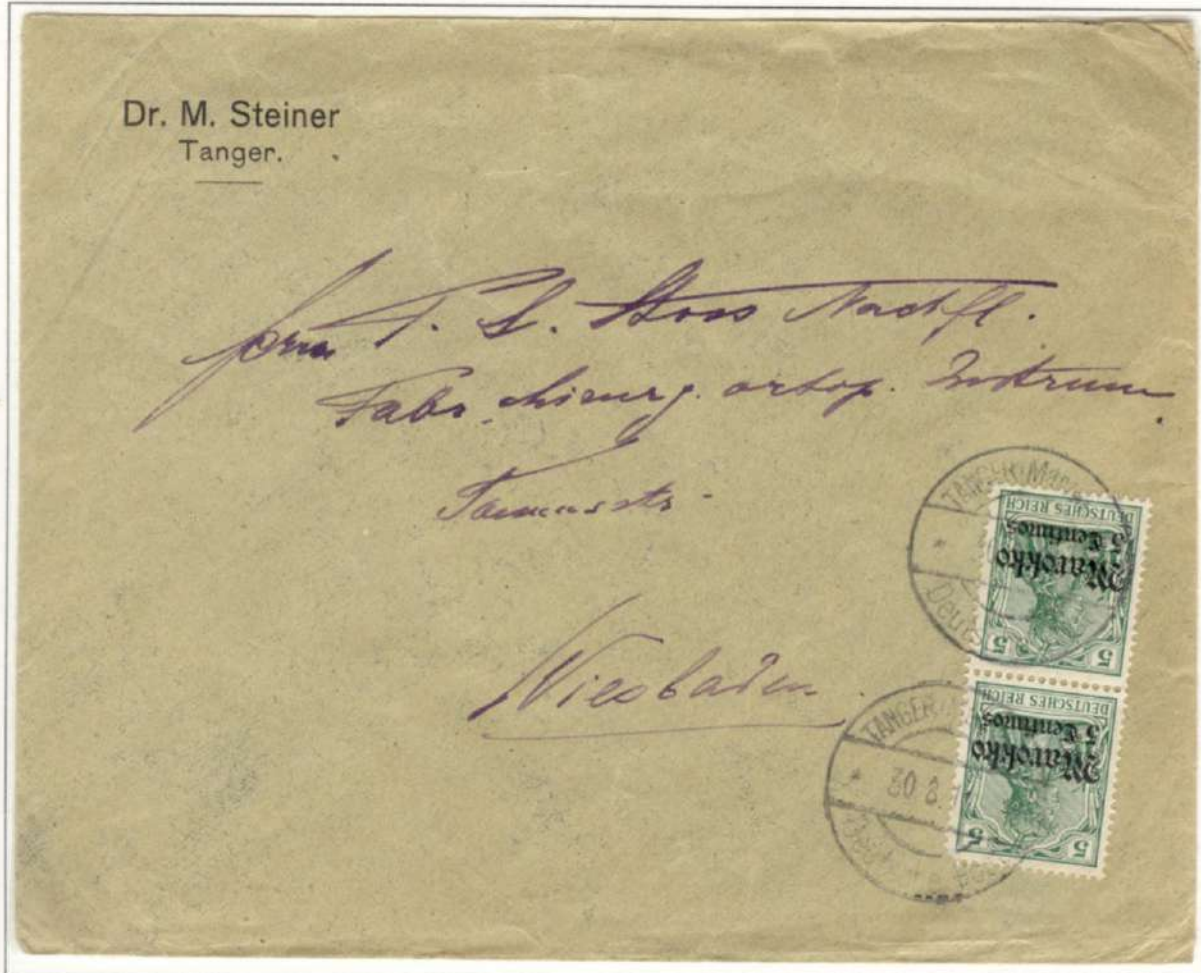
15 Nov. 1906 the inland tariff was introduced from Morocco to Germany thus reducing the printed matter rate from 5 to 3 centimos. 11.8.08 Tanger to Germany.

3 CENTIMOS NEWSPAPER RATE

3 centimos newspaper rate based on first 50 grams Tanger 28.6.11 to Königsplatz. New cancel "KKO" with subletter "a" in effect 22/5/11 to 19/8/14.



GERMAN POST OFFICE SCHWEIZER STEMPEL & EASTERN TELEGRAPH



SCHWEIZER STEMPEL



30.8.11 Tanger to Wiesbaden. The last issued Tanger Marokko cancel known as a Schweizer Stempel refers to a style or pattern of the dater dial first used by the Swiss. In use 22/5/11 to 19/8/14. Commercial vignette "Hygiene Exhibition Dresden 1911" on reverse.

1912 EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY



Telegraph Tangier 11.9.12 to Meknes redirected to Casablanca. Meknes B/S 15.9.12. 10 centimos domestic telegraph rate. "kko" type cancel with sub letter "c"

1ST WEIGHT STEP REGISTERED



Tanger 31.7.13 to Solingen 6.8.13 50 cent. 1st wgt. step registered. 4th 10 cent. red on reverse cancelled blue crayon.



1ST WGT. STEP ITALY

Tanger 26.3.14 25 cent. 1st wgt. step to Alassio 1-4.14. New canceller introduced with "b" in subline below date. In use 21 May 1911 to 19 August 1914.



5 KG PARCEL PAID TO ROMANIA 10 BANI CUSTOMS CHARGE

Abchnitt
Coupon
Kann vom Empfänger abgetrennt werden.
Peut être détaché par le destinataire.

Postpat **142** **Tanger (Marocco), Deutsche Post**

Anbei Ci-joint 

Wertangabe
Valeur assurée

An *Mlle Isela Salomon*
à *Banca Harmonach Blanc & Cie*
Braila

Name und Wohnung (Wohnort, Straße und Hausnummer) des Absenders:
Nom et domicile de l'expéditeur:
Michel Salomon
Tanger

Postgewicht **5** kg
Poids

FRANKO cachet in red on front.

Postleitvermerk:
Acheminement:

*) Von der Grenz-Eingangspostanstalt des Bestimmungslandes auszufüllen.
Cadre à remplir par le bureau d'entrée du pays de destination.

Foreign parcel card Tanger to Braila Romania. Transit Hamburg 7B, 30/12/13, Myslowitz B (transit point from Germany to Austria-Hungary) 1/1/14, Itzkany (transit point Austria-Hungary Kronland Bukowina Province) to Romania. Arrival Braila 5/1/14. **Customs charge applied 6/1/14 10 Bani (Romanian) for all foreign packages. The die hole in the 2 peseta 50 had the purpose of protecting against theft. 3 peseta 25 paid the full rate and distance to Braila as indicated by the FRANKO cachet in red on front. 2 peseta 50 paid delivery to port of Hamburg and 75 cent. paid the distance to Braila. Pauligk certificate**

BULLETIN D'EXPEDITION DE COLIS POSTAUX

A bulletin d'expedition is a parcel card and Parcel Post is a postal service for mail that is too heavy for normal letter post. The bulletin is universal in nature and generally connected with a railway network. However in Morocco the railway lines were just beginning to form thereby the transit time is noted as 5 days.

2 kilo 200 gram parcel posted 2/7/13 Tanger to Casablanca franked 2x50 centimos (1 peseta) B/S Casablanca 7/7/13. *Steur certificate*

Abchnitt
Coupon.
Kann vom Empfänger abgetrennt werden.
Peut être détaché par le destinataire.

Postpat **724** **Tanger (Marocco), Deutsche Post**

Anbei Ci-joint *un colis postal* **Postpalettaorelle. — bulletin d'expédition.** 

Wertangabe
Valeur assurée

An *Meps G. G. Smith & Co*
à *Casablanca*

Name und Wohnung (Wohnort, Straße und Hausnummer) des Absenders:
Nom et domicile de l'expéditeur:
Jahn & Coledans
Tanger

Postgewicht **2** kg **200** g
Poids

Postleitvermerk:
Acheminement:

*) Von der Grenz-Eingangspostanstalt des Bestimmungslandes auszufüllen.
Cadre à remplir par le bureau d'entrée du pays de destination.

CASABLANCA AGENCY OPENED 20/12/1899

Drucksache!



Berliner Tageblatt
für "Alle"



Berlin

Jerusalemstrasse 48/49

"Drucksache" the 5 centimos newspaper rate. The wrapper contains a pre-printed subscription form turned inside out and returned to sender "Berliner Tageblatt" the German language newspaper published in Berlin.

ENRIQUE RUIZ
CASABLANCA
(Marruecos)

CERTIFICADO



L. Lozier Motor Company

1 Broadway

Casablanca (Marocco)
(Deutsche Post).
Kingschrieben
No. 468.



New-York 25
U.S.A.



Casablanca 2/8.05 1st wgt. step registered foreign rate to New York. B/S Aug.16 1905. 1st Casablanca cancel similar to Tanger and other offices with dateline 2/8.05 and double fleuron.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

10 CENT. FOREIGN POST CARD RATE

10 CENTIMOS TO GERMANY



The beginning rates in German Offices in Morocco charged correspondence to Germany at the foreign rate. 10 centimos postcard rate to Casablanca to Domitz on the Elbe. Posted 26/ 2 02. Received Domitz 9.3.02.

10 CENTIMOS TO LONDON



10 centimos foreign postcard rate Casablanca to London. Posted 1 10 11 transiting Gibraltar 4 00 11.

CASABLANCA TO FEZ



1911 preprinted cover of the "Compagnie Marocaine" to it's agency in Fez sent from the German PO in Casablanca and stolen in a robbery on the way. On the reverse side (as shown), is the Manuscript annotation in French: "Stolen Post between C'Ca (Casablanca) and Rabat at the end of September, found on the road near Bouznika". The condition shows fire trace and the stamp fallen off and three sealing labels of the Imperial German PO in Fes, tied by three postmarks "Officiellment Ferme" (officially closed) in manuscript and a signature. **Three covers known. Steuer Certificate**

WALTER OPITZ.—CASABLANCA (MAROCCO)

Einschreiben



1ST WGT.
STEP
REGISTERED

Casablanca
23/4.07 50
cent. 1st wgt
step registered
to Gera 8.5.07

Herrn Alfred Münch
U 863
Gera
Rentz



4TH WGT.
STEP
REGISTERED

1/2.07 Registered
cover Casablanca
to Nuremberg. 25
cent. Registration
and 100 cent.=1
peseta 4th weight
step to Germany.
On arrival 7/2/07
Nuremberg re-
ceiver on reverse.

Einschreiben

Messieurs 9123

Herrmann & Compagnie



Nuremberg.

2ND CANCEL



Second and only other cancel issued in Casablanca 18 May 1911 using "KKO" in cancel supporting the change in overprint from "CCO" to "KKO". Franked 80 cent. registered Casablanca 28/3.13 to Braunschweig B/S 13.4.13.



20 CENTIMOS
1ST STEP
DOMESTIC

20 centimos domestic rate 1st step Casablanca to Mazagan + 25 cent. registration. Posted 13/12/12 arriving Mazagan 14/12/12.



1ST WGT. STEP
DOMESTIC
RATE
TO GERMANY

Casablanca
6/11/12 10 cent.
domestic rate to
Dusseldorf



1ST WGT. STEP
FOREIGN RATE
REGISTERED
TO ITALY

Casablanca 23/4/14
50 cent. registered
foreign rate to Alasio
B/S 28/4/14 Amb.
Genova Ventimiglia
and 28/4/14 Genova
Ferrovia railway cancel.

MONEY ORDER IN HASSANI CURRENCY

Deutschland. Allemagne.
 Auslandspostanweisung
 Mandat de Poste International

über 1000 B.
 de la somme de (arabische Zahlen)

Die Einheiten (Franken, Kronen, Mark usw.) in Buchstaben und in lateinischer Schrift
hille B.

zu zahlen an
 payable à M D. Busadan et Co

Bestimmungsort
 Lieu de destination Tanger
 (Marokko)

Wohnung (Straße und Nr.)
 Adresse du destinataire

Bestimmungsland
 Pays de destination Tanger

Gut für 1000 B. gleich 1000 B. Pf.
 Bon pour

Aufgabe-Nr.
 Numero d'émission 124

Tag der Einzahlung
 Date d'émission 2. Juli 1914

Aufgabe-Postamt Casablanca
 Bureau (Marocco)

Freimarken und Aufgabestempel.
 Application des timbres-poste

1 peseta 25 centimos
 DEUTSCHE POST
 CASABLANCA (MAROKKO)
 217.14
 DEUTSCHE POST
 10/29 (6.07)

Morocco's commerce freely engaged both the Spanish (Alfonso) peseta and the Moroccan (Hassani) peseta. The Spanish peseta was somewhat stable and could easily be exchanged with the pfennig but the Hassani fluctuated wildly. Thus, the currency had to be notated when processing money orders. A fee was charged according to the value sent and a stamp affixed showing the tariff paid. This money order paid 1000 Hassani pesetas the maximum amount allowed on a money order and franked 1 peseta 25 centimos. Purchased at Casablanca and sent 2/7 .14 to Tanger . B/S Tanger 3 . 7 . 14

LARACHE AGENCY OPENED 20/12/99



BLACK POSTMARK

← 799

Arms design postcard format I (108mm top address line). Two cards showing different print dates indicated at bottom right. 799 (July 1899) and 899 (August 1899). 10 cent. foreign postcard rate to Germany. Larache 10/1.00 (black postmark) received Frankfurt 16/1.00. Larache 22/10.00 (black violet postmark) received Wolfratshausen 28/10/00. Larache cancel "cco" the first of two cancels in use from Dec. 1899 to May 1911. Originally the cancel color was black but was changed to black violet in Feb. 1900 with both being shown used.

CANCELER COLOR CHANGE



BLACK VIOLET POSTMARK

← 899

MAROCCO OVERPRINT



5 centimos local postcard rate Larache to Tanger.

MAROKKO OVERPRINT LARASCHE POSTMARK SPELLING



5 centimos domestic postcard rate to Germany featuring 1911 Marokko and Larasche spelling changes.

SPELLING CHANGE LARASCH WITH "S"



Larasch to Neuburg/Donau 35 centimos domestic rate registered. As with other offices the spelling of the postmarks changed from "cco" to "kko" but in the case of Larache the spelling of the name also changed to Larasch.



19/6.12 Larasch to Tanger to the German envoy. 35 centimos local rate registered. B/S Tanger 20.6.12. Interesting to note that the registered etiquette retained the original spelling of Larache.

BENCHIMOL & KELL
LARACHE
(Maroc)



Austria Brauerei

*Wien 17
Tobasstrasse*

FOREIGN RATE

Larache 18.1.10 25 cent. 1st step foreign rate to Vienna. B/S Wien 25/1/10.

Bauunternehmung SAGER & WOERNER
Bahnbaubureau Larasch-Alkazar (Marokko).

Graz



*Schrotter u. Schrotel
Sennweidmühlengasse*

München II

S
A 15/H. XI. 1913/3000.

DOMESTIC RATE

Larasch (new spelling) 11.8.13 10 cent. 1st step domestic rate to Munich



With the Treaty of Fez signed March 30, 1912 the Sultan of Morocco gave up the sovereignty of Morocco to the French in the south, and the Spanish in the North. This did not affect the German Agencies until the commencing of hostilities in WWI. All German Agencies in the French zone were closed in 1914. Spain being neutral, allowed them to continue to operate in the Spanish Zone. Following the war's end, the remaining 4 in the Spanish Zone were forced to close. This map shows the division of colonized Morocco between Spain and France. The French Protectorate (green) controlled a larger portion of Morocco than the Spanish Protectorate (pink/red). The coastal city, Tangier (yellow), was an international zone while the rest of Morocco was taken over.

LARACHE WWI CENSORED COVER TO DENMARK



With the commencing of hostilities in WWI, all German P.O.'s were closed 4/8/14 with the exception of those in the Spanish Zone. Alkassar, Arcilla, Larache, and Tetuan remained open until 11/6/1919 when they were closed after the treaty of Versailles. 31/12/15 Larache to Denmark. B/S transit censor signed by the watch commander and resealed with censor tape Postamt Hamburg "1". Kjobenhavn receiver 9/2/16. There are only a few known foreign destination war covers from the German Post in the Spanish Zone.

NOUVELLE FAMILLE



One of 16 postcards from the Spanish Zone released from a German archival trove after the war.

- Posted Larache 9/7/17 to Skierniewice Poland (occupied by Germany at this time)
- Franking assumed to be 10 centimos foreign postcard rate except one stamp is missing removed by the censor to inspect for hidden messages on the reverse of the stamp
- Blue number "26" is the sign of French censorship applied en route by the French Mission in Portugal
- Violet round stamp "Auslandsstelle Emmerich III * 24" is the German censor stamp of Emmerich located 4km from the border of the Netherlands censoring all incoming mail from neutral countries overseas
- The notation "Nouvelle Famille" written at the bottom refers to a German-French agreement to allow postcards and letters from Germans living in freedom in Spain to pass through France if the communication contained "news about the family".
- On the reverse the oval purple stamp "22" is from the Portuguese censors at Lisbon

PORTUGUESE
CENSOR 22



ALFONSO PESETA

The two money order forms exhibited here show the money order examples of disbursement in the two different values of pesetas and the changes in the Postanweisung forms. Because of the difference in exchange rates making the Alfonso peseta more lucrative to trade in, the value of the peseta had to be specified to insure non speculative transactions. Very few examples exist with pesetas exchanged in Alfonso currency. Larache 10/2/13 to Tanger disbursing 60.45 pesetas Alfonso franked 65 centimos.

Deutschland. Allemagne.
 Auslandspostanweisung
 Mandat de Poste International

über 75.60.45
 de la somme de (arabische Zahlen)

Die Einheiten (Franken, Kronen, Mark usw.) in Buchstaben und in lateinischer Schrift
Seventy five pesetas 45 ct

zu zahlen an H. Son
 payable à M E. F. Horrich

Bestimmungsort Tanger
 Lieu de destination

Wohnung (Straße und Nr.)
 Adresse du destinataire

Bestimmungsland
 Pays de destination

Gut für 65 gleich 65 Pf.
 Bon pour soit

Aufgabe-Nr. 78
 Numéro d'émission

Tag der Einzahlung 1912
 Date d'émission

Bureau expéditeur (Marokko)

Unterschrift des Annahmbeamten.
 Signature de l'agent qui a dressé le mandat.
Jorich
 129 A 21

Amwandlungsfuro*)
 Cours du change

Gesahlter Betrag*)
 Somme payée

*) Im Bestimmungsland auszufallen.
 A remplir par l'Office destinataire (Arr. art. 2).

Frei und zu Application et du 1/10

50 50 DEUTSCHES REICH

5 10 2 5 DEUTSCHES REICH

10.2.13 DEUTSCHE POST

Hassani
 Postanweisung

auf 500 Mark Pf.

Zu wiederholen (die Mark in Buchstaben):
Quinientos pesetas Mark Pf.

An Societe Internationale des Tabacs au Maroc

in Tanger

Wohnung (Straße und Hausnummer)

Postvermerkt Nr. 288

eingetragen durch: Ghanat

Ankunfts-Nr. 128

am 1914

ANKASSAR (MAROKKO) 19 71 4 DEUTSCHE POST

80 DEUTSCHES REICH

ANKASSAR (MAROKKO) 21.7.14 DEUTSCHE POST

21.7.14 a

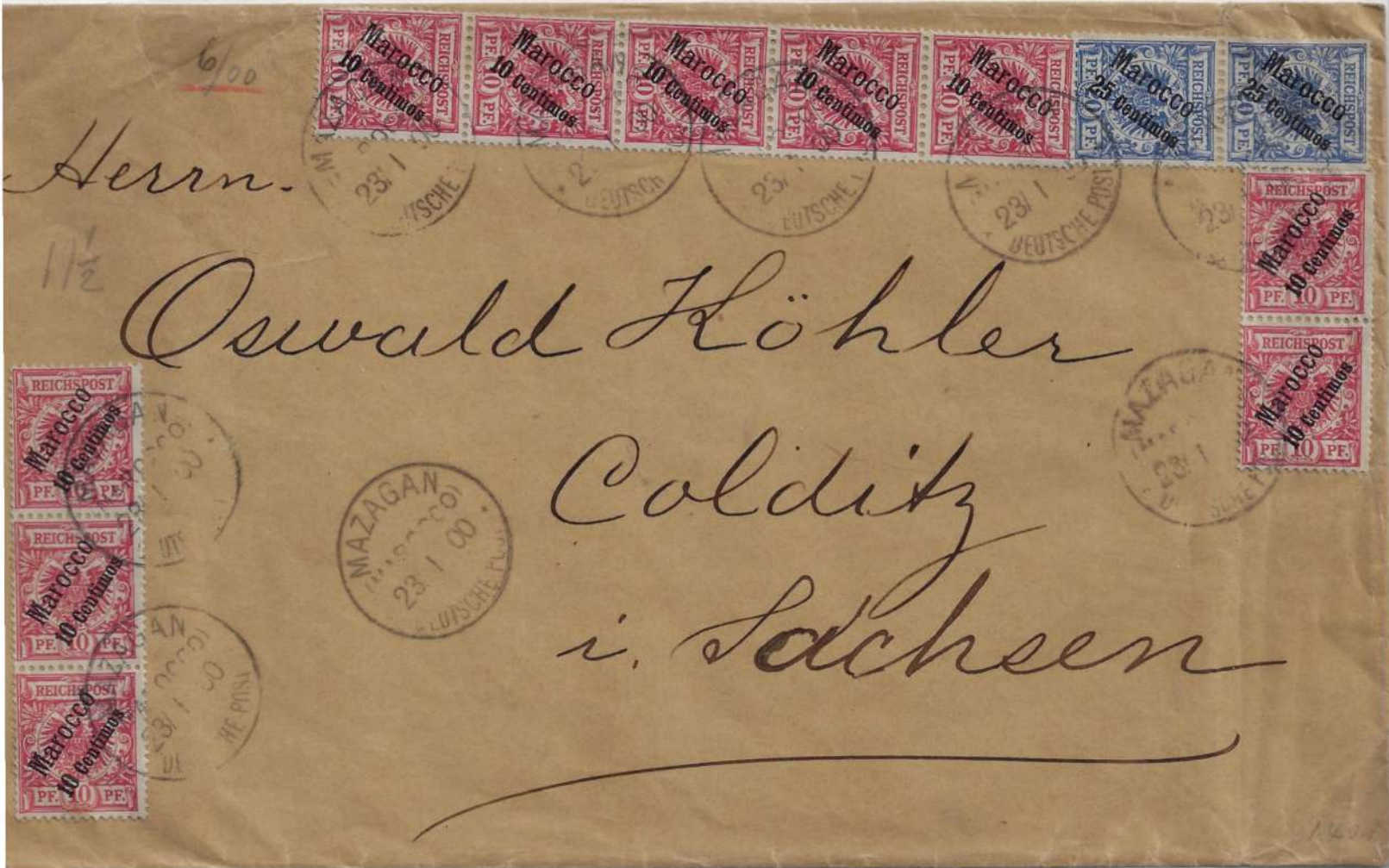
HASSANI PESETA

12/2/14 money order charges were changed to reflect a new .2% rate replacing the old rate of .1%. The forms showed both the sending and receiving postmarks, and were the same forms as those used in Germany. Alkassar 19/7/14 to Tangier disbursing 500 pesetas Hassani franked 1 peseta. Date stamps show both sending and receiving postmarks.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

FOREIGN RATE 6TH WEIGHT STEP

MAZAGAN AGENCY OPENED 20/12/99



Mazagan 23/1/00 to Colditz. B/S Colditz 1/2/00. The stamps were issued concurrently with the opening of the 7 post offices and the local currency was overprinted with Marocco at a 56° angle (steep overprint). Franked 150 centimos (1 peseta 50) 6 times first rate step for 75-90 gr. Not until 1907 was there a reduction in incremental weight step charges. On reverse is a partial Mazagan Post Office vignette

2 PESETA 50 CENTIMOS DARK BLUE 1900 ISSUE VALUE LINE IN LOW POSITION

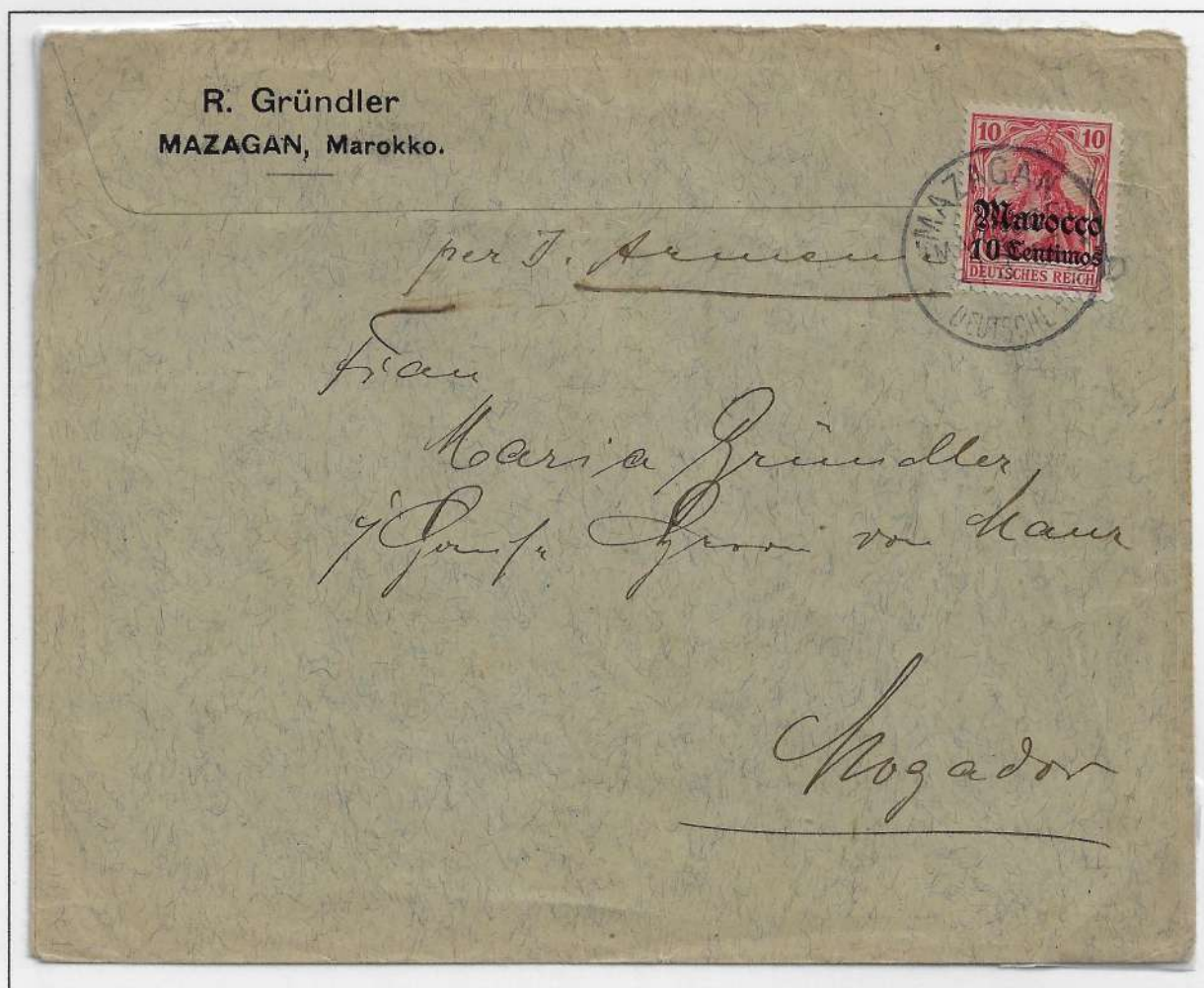


Mazagan 16/2/05 to Hanover. B/S Hanover 25/2/05. The 2 peseta 50 cent. on 2 mark dark blue is the 1900 issue with the value line in the low position 0.3 mm lower than normal. Because no value is indicated beyond normal registered postage, an assumption has to be made as to the high franking and the assumption would be an over franked letter yet highlighting the low value line variety.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

PER DAMPFER ARMENIE

MAILED BY PAQUET COMPAGNIE DE NAVIGATION STEAMSHIP ARMENIE



Business stationery from R. Grundler a merchant in Mazagam to a relative in Mogador. Mailed board the steamship Armenie per the manuscript note on the face of the cover. The Armenie owned by Compagnie de Navigation Paquet in Marseille began trading in Morocco in 1863 and renamed the company Compagnie de Navigation Arménienne et Marocaine in 1874. Regular routing brought it from Mazagan to Mogador. Franked 10 centimos 15g rate domestic. Posted 8/ 3 07 and received Mogador 10/ 3 07.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

PAID REPLY POSTAL CARD

10 PF. UPU RECOGNIZED (WELTPOSTVEREIN) PAID REPLY CARD



10 Pf. Germania Antwort (reply portion postal card) from Mazagan 10/2 08 to Stuttgart. Stuttgart receiver 18 II. The original message card is still attached and was received in Mazagan 25/1 08. Printed in red, UPU recognized and agreed color for foreign rate reply card. Printed with the agreed language translations for UPU transmittal.



**MAZAGAN TO
MARRAKESCH**
**10 CENT LOCAL
RATE**

5/7/10 Mazagan to Marrakesch B/S 8/7/10. 10 cent. Local rate. Address in Arabic allowing that local residents were employed in the post office to handle mail without the use of bilingual griffes.



MAZAGAN CANCEL



Mazagan 20.8.10 to Darmstadt 23.8.10. 2nd wgt. step registered. First cancel in use 20 December 1899 to 21 May 1911. Marokko spelled with "cco" And Mazagan with "Z"

MASAGAN CANCEL



Spelling changed to Masagan 22 May 1911 and in use to 4 August 1914. Masagan 14/9.12 to Bohemia. Marokko spelled with two "kko"s



**MONEY ORDER
(POSTANWEISUNG)**

280 peseta money order sent from Masagan to Saffi 22/6/13. Received Saffi 24/6/13 franked 2 Peseta 80 Hassani as the 1% fee for processing. The Masagan Agency handstamp had yet to be updated in 1913 and still reflected the former spelling of the town name.



**COD
CASH ON
DELIVERY
(NACHNAME)**

Nachnahme (COD) as a service of the post office was implemented in April 1900. It was the means by which money could be sent for payment of bills and merchandise. The currency paying for the COD was written on the face of the cover and required registration plus a 10 cent. COD fee. 50 cent Mazagan to Bozen Tirol 1/10/11. B/S Bozen receiver 9/10/11.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

POSTAGE DUE & 1ST WEIGHT STEP GER.

5 CENTIMOS SHORT X 2 = 10 PFG. DUE



Mazagan to Bilstein 28/7/01. B/S Bilstein 7/8/01 25 cent, foreign 1st weight step + 25 cent. registration. Underpaid by 5 cent. "T" mark applied for 5 cent deficiency doubled for penalty=10 pfg. due.

1st WEIGHT STEP TO GERMANY



11/7/07 Mazagan to Leipzig . 25 cent. 1st wgt. step Germany. Received Leipzig 17/7/07.

MASAGAN TO BERLIN



Masagan 11.2.14 to Berlin 18.2.14 35 Centimos 1st wgt. step registered. Walter Andreae 11. Feb. 1914 boxed B/S. Reverse partial image on front in violet.

ISSAC BRUDO LOCAL POST MAZAGAN/MARRAKESCH

Prior to the opening of the German Agency in Marrakesch, a postal service was begun by Issac Brudo to move the mail between Mazagan and Marrakesch. He transported the mail once a week and 10 centimes (French currency) paid the local rate. In addition postal patrons paid the Brudo post any additional rate from Mazagan to the final destination.



30/4/00 Marrakesch to Oppeln combination cover trimmed at bottom. B/S Brudo Mazagan receiver 2/5 00. Oppeln receiver 12/5/00. 10 centimes local rate + 25 centimos German foreign rate. Sent by Hamburg-Morocco Line of the Oldenburg Portuguesse S.S. Co. to Hamburg and overland to Oppeln.



MORTEO LOCAL POST

Carlo Morteo the Italian Vice Consul in Mazagan in partnership with the British Postmaster Spinney formed the Mazagan Marrakesch local post to compete with the Brudo service. 10 centisimi (Italian currency) is depicted on the stamps but centimos paid the local rate Marrakesch to Mazagan 22/3 00. It entered the German Post 22/3/00 and paid an additional 10 cent. the local rate. Received Tanger 27/3/00. Certificate BPA

MOGADOR AGENCY OPENED 20/12/99



**1ST STEP
FOREIGN
TO FRANCE**

The opening rate for foreign postage was 25 centimos per each 15g. Posted Mogador 9/ 4 00 to Lyon France by Borgeaud Reute-mann in Mogador.. Franked 25 cent. 1st wgt step 15g. B/S receiver 21 AVR 00.

**2ND STEP
LOCAL RATE TO
CASABLANCA**

Letter posted 5/8 00 by the Imperial German Vice consulate as evidenced by the seal on the reverse of the cover. Franked 20 cent. 2nd wgt step. 10 cent. charge per each 15g local rate. B/S Casablanca 9 / 8 00.



GERMAN POST OFFICE

1ST WEIGHT STEP FOREIGN RATE



As with previous town cancels, Mogador's first cancel had the spelling with cco in Morocco. Cancel was in use 20 December 1899 to 14 May 1914. Mogador to Stuttgart 10/ 10 .03. 25 cent. 1st step foreign rate. B/S Weiss&Maur cachet and Stuttgart receiver 25/x

25 CENTIMOS FOREIGN RATE



19/4 , 03 Mogador to Charlottenburg. 1st step foreign rate . B/S Charlottenburg 4/5/03.

5 PFG PLATE ERROR GREEN SPOT & CROSS PARTIALLY FILLED



Morocco registered reply card from Leipzig to Mogador forwarded to Mazagan. The right 5 pfg is with plate error green spot beside the frame in upper left hand corner and the cross of the crown partially filled. Leipzig 4/4 00. Tangier transit 10/4 00. Received Mogador 16/4 00 and redirected to Mazagan 18/4 00 (date slug inserted in error 18 Mar.). Only known Morocco Post registered reply card. Certificate Pauligk

GERMAN POST OFFICE

SHIP MAIL

2ND WEIGHT STEP FOREIGN MAIL REGISTERED



Mogador to Chemnitz via ship mail. Mogador 25/2/07 B/S Funchal Madiera 28/2/07 Plymouth 8/3/07 London 8/3/07 and Chemnitz 10/3/07. Franked with 2 blocks of six each of the Germania overprint issue 1903 inscribed Reichpost and the 1905 overprint on the 1902 German Empire issue inscribed Deutsches Reich.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

POSTCARD RATES



ADRESSEE
R. GRÜNDLER
FRENCH SPY

5 cent. local postcard rate Mogador to Mazagan 2/4/07. Received 5/4/07. To the merchant R. Gründler convicted in WWI by the French for spying and hanged on 28/1/15.

10 CENT.
FOREIGN P/C

10 cent. foreign postcard rate to Germany. Mogador 13/12/07. Erfurt receiver 26/12/07.



10 CENT.
REPLY CARD

10 cent. reply card Mogador 9/9/09 to Germany. Las Palmas Canary Islands transit 11/9/09.



M/S MARRAKESCH ENGLISH/GERMAN DIRECTIONAL MARKING



10 cent. Local rate Mogador to Marrakesch 21/4.13 Mogador. B/S Marrakesch 24/4.13. Friedman Mogador type 27 cancel in use only from 15th May 1911 to 4th Aug. 1914. M/S Marrakesch written in German/English for non Arabic reading postal employees.

POSTANWEISUNG

600 Peseta money order posted 6/5 14 Mogador to Marrakesch. Postage paid 1 Peseta 25 Centimos the rate for money order transfer 500 to 1000 Pesetas effective 12.2.14. B/S Marrakesch 10 5 14.

Abschnitt. Coupon.
Kann vom Empfänger abgetrennt werden.
Peut être détaché par le destinataire.

Deutschland. Allemagne.
Auslandspostanweisung
Mandat de Poste International
über 600 Pesetas
de la somme de 600 Pesetas (arabische Zahlen)

Die Einheiten (Franken, Kronen, Mark usw.) in Buchstaben und in lateinischer Schrift
Sechshundert Pesetas

zu zahlen an Muschi Lebaj
payable à M Muschi Lebaj

Bestimmungsort Marrakesch
Lieu de destination

Wohnung (Straße und Nr.)
Adresse du destinataire

Bestimmungsland Mogador
Pays de destination

Postanweisungsbetrag.
Montant du mandat.
600 Pesetas

Name, Wohnort und Wohnung (Straße und Nr.) des Absenders
Designation de l'expéditeur
Joseph Bewab
Mogador

Postermitt.
Indications de service.
Den 6/mai 1914
Le

Gut für 600 Pesetas gleich 600 Pesetas
Bon pour 600 Pesetas soit 600 Pesetas

Aufgabe-Nr. 287
Numéro d'émission

Tag der Einzahlung 6/5.14
Date d'émission

Unterschrift des Annahmebeamten.
Signature de l'agent qui a dressé le mandat.
Lebaj

Freimarken und Aufgabestempel.
Application des timbres-poste et du timbre d'origine.

Im Bestimmungsland anzufallen.
A remplir par l'Office destinataire (Art. 2).

MOGADOR (MAROKKO) 24/5.11 DEUTSCHE POST

Marokko 1 Peseta 25 Centimos

MOGADOR (Marokko)

A 24 (5. 07)

SOLOMON M. SIBONY
MOGADOR
MOROCCO

H. 29



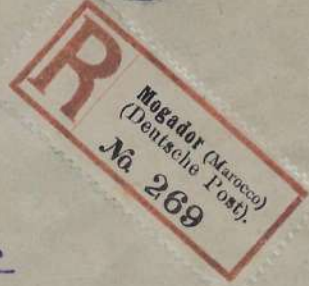
Mr ALBERT FRIEDMANN,

23, Härtelstrasse;

LEIPZIG.

(Germany.)

34 Registered



**1ST STEP
DOMESTIC
REGISTERED**

Mogador 21/7 11 10
cent 1st step + 25
cent registered do-
mestic rate to Ger-
many.
Leipzig receiver
2/8/11.

Dr. M. Steiner
Tanger.

B

50



Inschreiben 4



Herrn Dr. Rudolf Stein



3433 Weimar

**3RD WEIGHT
STEP DOMESTIC
REGISTERED**

Mogador to Ger-
many 10/2/11. 3rd
wgt. step 50-250
grams franked 25
cent. + 25 cent.
registration.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

VICE CONSULATE MOGADOR

MOGADOR

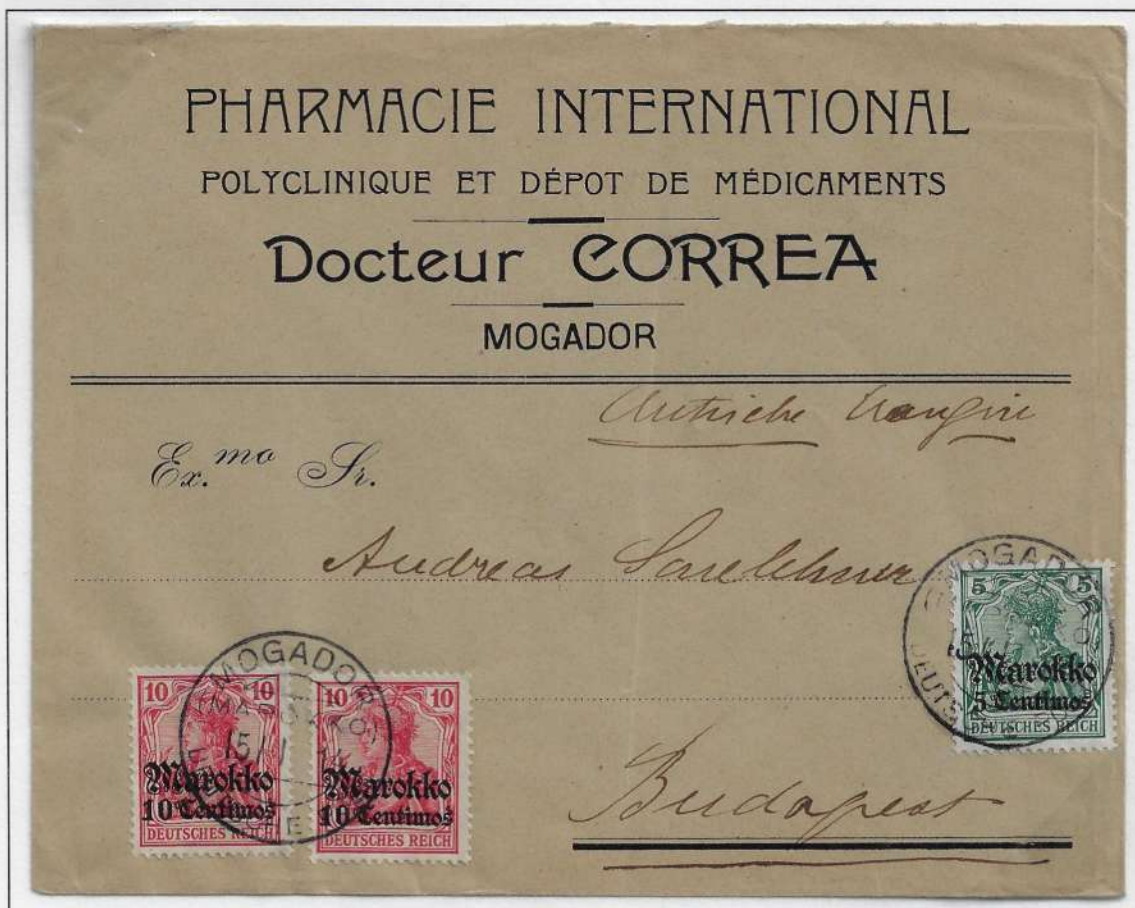
PRINTED REVERSE
ENVELOPE FLAP

Kaiserlich
Deutsches Vizekonsulat
Mogador.

7/9/12 Vice Consu-
late Mogador to
Berlin 20/9/12 1st
wgt step registered



1ST WGT STEP FOREIGN RATE



15 January 1914 1st wgt step foreign rate B/S Budapest 26/1/ 1914

RABAT AGENCY OPENED 20/12/99

10 CENTIMOS FOREIGN POSTCARD RATE



First Rabat postmark spelled as others with "cco" in cancel.

Rabat 2/4.00 to Hamburg 11.4.00 first issue postcard overprinted on crown and eagle.

5 CENTMOS LOCAL POSTCARD RATE



Rabat 15/2.06 to Mazagan 17/2.06. Correspondance on back indicates the Agent Elias Bensaude was spotting the arrival of the commercial craft S/S "Orolava" and passing on the information by post that the ship was unable to communicate because of the bad state of bar. And would leave for Gibraltar that afternoon.

EILBOTEN (EXPRESS MAIL)

Red X on cover indicates Express Mail. Although delivery in Morocco was not permitted it was allowed for Germany when prepaid.

30 cent. express mail charge + 25 cent. 2nd wgt. step domestic. 12.5. 08 Marrakesch to Metternich. B/S Metternich 23/5/08.



ADVICE OF RECEIPT

This seldom used-postal service returned to the sender a form or card signed by the recipient. This provided evidence of the letters receipt.

Rabat 29/10.08 to Munich B/S receiver 5 Nov. 08 and transit 6 Nov. 08 for local delivery. Rated 10 cent. domestic rate to Germany + 25 cent. Registration + 25 cent. Avis de Reception. Addressed to Ottmar Zieher Kunstanstalt famous designer and printer of postcards in Munich.



GERMAN POST OFFICE

LOCAL RATE & FOREIGN RATE REGISTERED



10 CENT. LOCAL RATE



Rabat second cancel with spelling change "kko"

20.6.12 Rabat to Casablanca M/S Casablanca (Arabic letter enclosed)

25 CENT. FOREIGN RATE TO AUSTRIA



Rabat 10.2.14 to Wien. 25 cent. foreign rate to Austria + 25 cent. registration.

LOCAL
1ST WGT STEP

Posted Rabat 22/7.12 to Casablanca. 10 cent. the charge for 1st step local rate. Letter addressed both in English and Arabic.



FOREIGN
1ST WGT
STEP

Posted Rabat 17.10.12 to Brunn a village in the northern part of Poland near the German border. In 1912 it was part of the Austria-Hungarian Monarchy as noted in the lower left hand corner of the cover.



SAFFI AGENCY OPENED 20/12/99

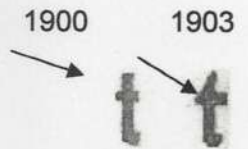
FIRST ISSUE OVERPRINT

17/2 00 Saffi to Baden-Baden 25 cent. foreign rate + 25 cent. registered franked with the first issue which was valid for postage until 1901. B/S Baden-Baden 27/2/00 receiver and Werner-Schrader commercial cachet.



FONT CHANGE

In 1903 a change in fonts changed the shape of the "t" in the centimos surcharge and the "M" in Marocco. The 5 centmos value reflects these changes with the "t" shown below.



Saffi 16/ 2 . 04 M/S notation (15 gr) 1 st wgt step to Bern Switzerland. 25 cent the rate overpaid by 1. Received Bern Feb. 26. Per Dampfer M/S notation upper left corner indicates to be sent by ship.

10 CENTIMOS DOMESTIC



Mourning cover Saffi to Tanger. Posted Saffi 15/8 .02 to Tanger. Franked 10 cent. domestic 1st step. B/S Tanger 20/8 .02. receiver.



50 CENTIMOS 1ST STEP FOREIGN REGISTERED

50 centimos 1st wgt step registered Saffi to Königsberg Germany. Posted 5/7 .02 Saffi registered with Type 2 registered etiquette. In use 1900-1909. B/S Königsberg receiver 17.7.02.

PRE-PRINTED FORM

Botenpost von *Saffi* nach *Mogador*

Der Postbote ist angekommen am . 19 , um Uhr Min. mittags.

Der Postbote ist abgegangen am *3/8* 19*01*, um *12* Uhr *4* Min. *10* mittags.

Name des Postboten: *Karbi*

Der Bote ist ausgerüstet mit Mantel Nr.

Folgende Briefpackete befinden sich im Briefbeutel:

Aufgabeort	Bestimmungsort	Anzahl der Briefpackete.
<i>Saffi</i>	<i>Mog</i>	<i>1</i> <i>1</i>



Bemerkungen.

Grua

If a ship happened to arrive in port, it would provide transportation to the next Agency in route for the courier. Parcels were handled by the shipping lines so as not to overburden the courier. However, the ships of the lines arrived sporadically thus not giving a cohesive service to the Agencies with ports and obviously making the inland Agencies entirely dependent on courier service. Botenpost Saffi to Mogador dated 3/8 .01. Reverse side Saffi to Mazagan 5/8 .01.

EILBOTEN (EXPRESS MAIL)



Express mail for delivery in Morocco was not permitted but was allowed for Germany if prepaid. Local delivery in Germany was 25 pfg=30 centimos in Morocco. Posted 18/3 08 Saffi paying Eilboten 30 cent. rate + 25 cent. 1st wgt step. B/S Metternich (Mosel) 28, 3. 08 receiver

10 PFG. GERMAN REPLY CARD FROM SAFFI



10 pfg reply card Saffi 19/ 4. 02. Leipzig receiver on front 4-5 02. This Leipzig receiver is cancelled by the use of one of two Bickerdike machine cancellers delivered to the Leipzig Post Office in 1901. This machine applied receiving postmarks to incoming mail. Used 1901-02 only.

25 CENT. 1ST
WGT STEP FOR-
EIGN



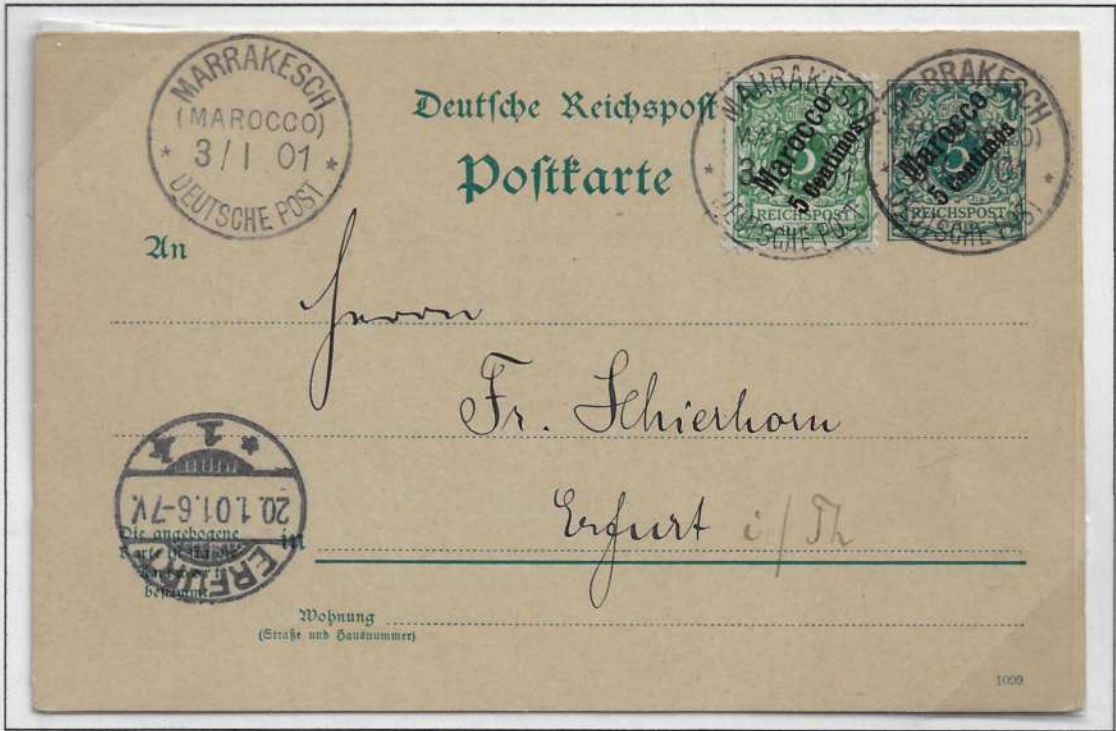
Saffi 3/6.02 to
Weisbaden. Saffi
first postmark
"cco"



Saffi second
postmark 22
May 1911 to 4
August 1914
with "kko"

19/6.13 50 cent.
1st wgt step for-
eign registered
to Sternberg,
Austria 29/6/13.

MARRAKESCH AGENCY OPENED 11/1/00



10 CENTIMOS FOREIGN REPLY CARD RATE



Marrakesch first cancel "cco"

Marrakesch 3/1.01 to Erfurt using 5 cent. overprinted postcard + 5 cent. added for 10c cent. postcard rate

FOREIGN POSTCARD RATE



Marrakesch 6/2 . 02 to Berlin 10 cent. foreign postcard rate. Received 15/2 . 02

GERMAN POST OFFICE

LOCAL LETTER RATE & NEW POSTMARK

LOCAL LETTER RATE



The 1907 10 cent. local letter rate covered up to 20 grams. Marrakesch 10/10/07 to Mazagan Received 12/7/07.



The Marrakesch "b" canceller was issued 13/10/09 and in use to 24/5/1911. **It is one of two rarest cancels in the German Morocco Postal History.** Posted 5/7/10 and B/S receiver Krombach 19/7/10. Expertised Mansfeld BPP

GERMAN POST OFFICE

250 GRAMM LETTER

250 GRAMM REGISTERED TO GERMANY



Marrakesch to Hannover Germany. Posted 17/6 .11 paying 50 centimos. 25 centimos registration + 25 centimos 250 gramm letter rate based on 15/11/07 domestic letter rate increase to Germany. B/S Hannover 27.6.11 receiver.

MAROKKO SUBLINE "C" REPLACEMENT CANCEL



This cancel Marokko with "C" in subline is a replacement for the Marokko canceller in use 25 May 1911 to 11 August 1912. The canceller was lost on August 12 due to looting and local unrest. The Post Office was closed to September 1912 and the new cancel probably arrived at the end of October. Marrakesch 23.3.13 1st wgt step registered local rate to Mazagan 25.8.13.

FES AGENCY OPENED 27/5/01

2ND WEIGHT STEP LOCAL REGISTERED RATE



Fes 1st cancel
Marocco with
"cco"

29/5.06 Fes to Tangier. 20 cent. 2nd weight step local rate (15-50 grammes) + 25 Regis. = 45 cent. The heavy wax seal on the reverse apparently raised this to the second weight step.

1ST WEIGHT STEP DOMESTIC REGISTERED RATE TO GERMANY



50 cent Domestic 1st weight step registered to Germany 9/5.07 Fes to Stuttgart. B/S 18 MAI 07 and 19 V 07 as the letter was moved to a substation for delivery.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

50 CENTIMOS OVERPRINT



Gospel union advertising cover sent 27.11.01. 50 centimos 2nd step foreign rate Fes to the US. Morocco 50 centimos overprint on Germania second issue. Paris Etranger transit Dec. 7 and Detroit receiver Dec. 21.



Fes to Constantinople Nov. 1906 rated 50 cent. first wgt. step foreign rate registered. Received Constantinople 19/11/06. Cover entered Turkish Postal System with Bechik-Tache receiver, the location for the Moulay's palace.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

OTHER POSTAL RATES

Deutschland. Allemagne.
Auslandspostanweisung
 Mandat de Poste International

über 750 M
 de la somme de (arabische Zahlen)

Siebenhundert fünfzig
 Die Einheiten (Franken, Kronen, Mark usw.) in Buchstaben und in lateinlicher Schrift

zu zahlen an M. L. Carfagni
 payable à M

Bestimmungsort Tanger
 Lieu de destination

Wohnung (Straße und Nr.)
 Adresse du destinataire

Bestimmungsland
 Pays de destination

Gut für 750 M Pf. gleich 750 M Pf.
 Bon pour soit

Aufgabe-Nr. 229 Aufgabe-Postanstalt FES (Marocco)
 Numéro d'émission Bureau expéditeur

Tag der Einzahlung 2/11
 Date d'émission

Unterschrift des Annahmbeamten.
 Signature de l'agent qui a dressé le mandat.

A 24 (5. 07)

HASSANI MONEY ORDER

750 Hassani Peseta money order franked 1 peseta 25 based on 12.2.14 money order rate charges for 500 pesetas. Posted 3.7.14 Fes to Tanger. B/S Tanger receiver 7.7.14.

DRUCKSACHE

30 centimos registered printed matter rate Fes to Giessen Germany. 5 centimos paying printed matter up to 100g. 25 centimos registration. Posted Fes 20.7.11. Receiver Giessen B/S 29.7.11. Because the cover was sealed it was not recognized as printed matter and notated "closed still" 15 postage due. Signed Bothe BPP.



FES 2ND CANCEL MAROKKO



Fes second cancel in use as others with change to "kko"

6.12.12 Fes to Casablanca. 10 cent. Local rate. Carried by messenger this post initially operated 4 times weekly in both directions but later expanded to daily.

BILINGUAL GRIFFE



7.10.11 Fes local rate to Casablanca. Bilingual griffes handstamped "CASABLANCA" enabled clerks who could not read Arabic to process the mail correctly.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

REGISTERED RATES

MEKNES AGENCY OPENED 27/5/01



Second Meknes cancel "kko" in cancel.

Meknes 1/8.11 to Borna 5 cent. printed matter rate +25 cent. registration. B/S Borna 11/8.11. Cancelled with reissued cancel "kko" in cancel.

FOREIGN REGISTERED TO SHETLAND ISLANDS ENGLAND



Meknes cancel with "cco" last day of use 6/7.11.

Meknes 6/7.11 registered to Lerwick Shetland Islands on the last day the Morocco "cco" cancel- was used. 25 cent. 1st wgt. Step. B/S London registered transit 15 Jy 11 and Lerwick 18 Jy 11.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

POSTAL RATES

ALKASSAR AGENCY OPENED 27/5/01



COMMERCIAL PAPERS RATE

15/4 03 Alkassar to Metternich Mosel 10 cent. commercial papers rate to 50 grams. Received Metternich 23.4.03.



10 CENT. LOCAL RATE

Alkassar 12.6.14 to Larache B/S 12.6.14. Same day delivery 10 cent. local rate. Blue M/S indicated a route marking.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

TETUAN CANCELS

TETUAN AGENCY OPENED 19 DECEMBER 1906



30.1.07 Tetuan to Duisberg, Germany. 5 cent. 1st step printed matter rate + 25 cent registration=30 cent. Drucksachen (printed matter) handwritten on face. Received Duisberg 4.2.07.



15.10.13 Tetuan to Berlin. 10 cent domestic 1st wgt step.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

DOMESTIC RATES TO GERMANY

1ST WGT STEP



Tetuan
31/12.10 to
Leipzig. 10
cent domestic
rate.

2ND WGT STEP REGISTERED



Tetuan 13.6.07 2nd
wgt step registered
domestic rate to
Frankfurt Main. B/S
receiver 18.6.07

GERMAN POST OFFICE 2ND WGT. STEP REGISTERED & DRUCKSACHE

ASSIMMUR AGENCY OPENED 10/1/08



Asimmur 5.1.12 30 centimos Registered 2nd weight step printed matter rate to Borna. Cancelled Einschreiben (registered) in violet. B/S Borna 15.1.12.

DRUCKSACHE (PRINTED MATTER)



15 Nov. 1906 the inland tariff was introduced from Morocco to Germany thus reducing the printed matter rate from 5 to 3 centimos up to 50g. Posted 8.7.13 to Weimar. In the federal state of Thuringia, Germany.

GERMAN POST OFFICE

JEWISH QUARTER POST OFFICE

FES-MELLAH AGENCY OPENED 27/5/01 AS SUB AGENCY



Two of the Foreign Post Offices opened in the Jewish Quarters known as the (Mellah) versus the Arab quarters known as the Medina. The Fes-Mellah Agency opened simultaneously with Fes (Medina) 27/5/01 as a sub-agency and was issued a canceler on 27/10/02. Posted 10/10.04 Fes-Mellah to Wenings. B/S Wenings 17/9/04. 25 cent. foreign rate + 25 cent. regis.



REGISTERED TO GERMANY



The second of three Fes-Mellah cancels was issued in May 1911 and was in use until 4 August 1914. Posted 20.8.11 to Born Leipzig Germany. Franked 35 centimos 1st step registered. B/S Born 29.8.11



GERMAN POST OFFICE

JEWISH QUARTER MARRAKESCH

MARRAKESCH-MELLA OPENED 10/11/08

KARL UTTING-MARRAKESCH (MAROKKO)

Einschreiben.



From W. Kern

278 Pfennig

R Marrakesch-Mellah
(Marocco) Deutsche Post
No. 183

*Charlottenburg
Berlin*



The Marrakesch-Mellah, a sub agency opened in the Jewish quarter in 1908. The cancel issued was with the normal "CC" of Morocco and a letter "a" to distinguish it from Marrakesch Medina. Franked 50c 2nd step registered to Charlottenburg Berlin Germany. B/S receiver 16/10/10.

MARRAKESCH BERGWERKSGESELLSCHAFT m. b. H. — MARRAKESCH



*From f. 14.9.11
Lille, Pfaffenmalk und Notar*



*in
Rosslau*

In 1911, the cancel was reissued with the double "KK". Franked 10c paying 1st step as indicated by M/S 14.9 grams weight to Rosslau Germany. As noted, mail to Germany was considered local rate after 1907.

FES-MELLAH

Offices opened in the Jewish Quarters were known as Mellahs versus the Arab quarters known as the Medina. The Fes-Mellah office has one of the two cancels with the hardest degree of difficulty to obtain. It is Fes-Mellah "a" in use July 1911 to August 1914.

Posted 10/11/13 to Paris and B/S Paris-R.P. 19 Nov 13. Franked 25 cent. 1s



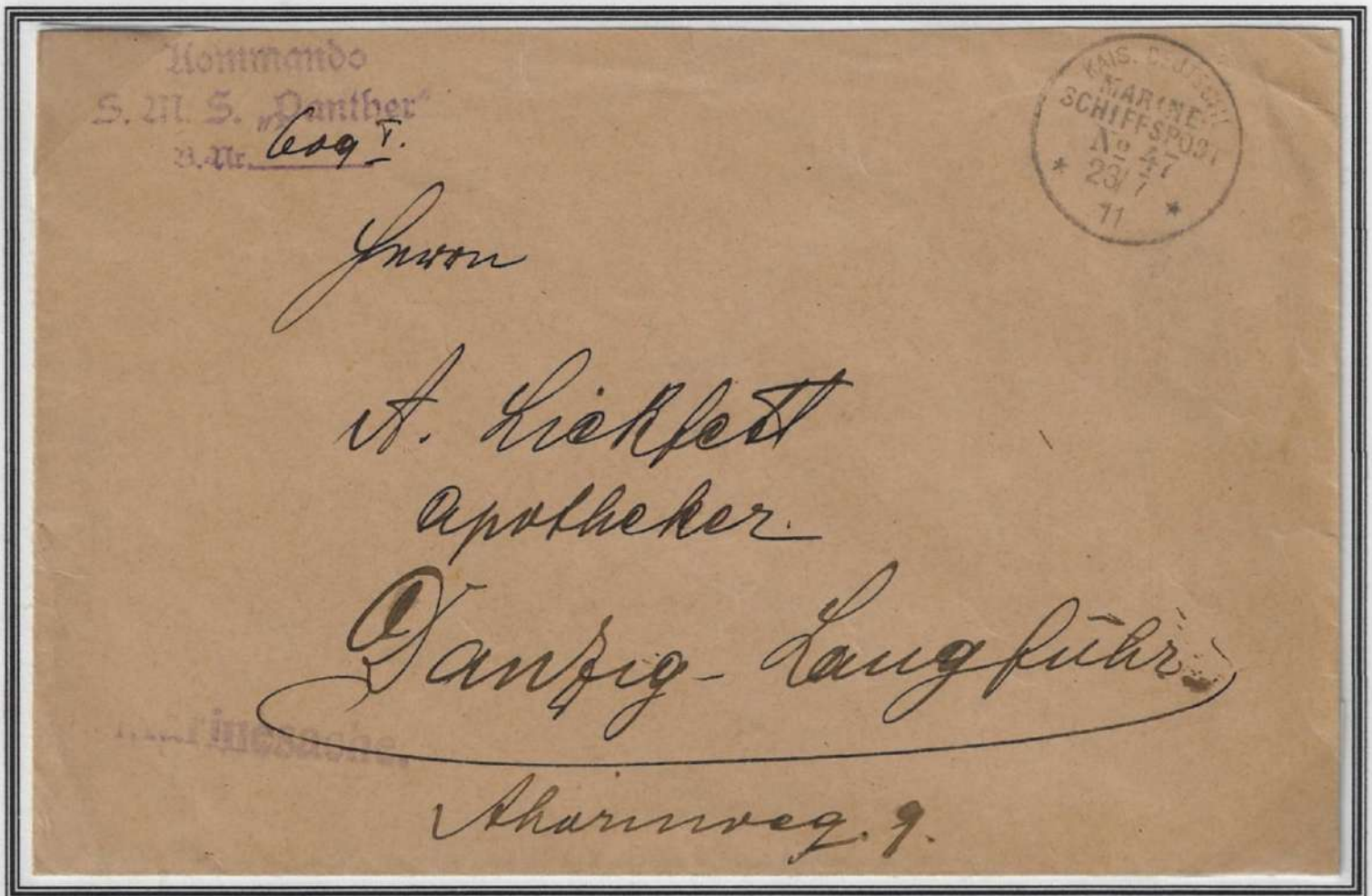
MARRAKESCH-MELLAH

The Marrakesch-Mellah was considered a sub agency and issued a cancel with the normal "CC" of Morocco and a sub letter "a" to distinguish it from the Marrakesch Medina

2nd weight step registered to Jerusalem Palestine. B/S 24/3/11 GPO Jerusalem. Frontal M/S Via Tanger & Port Said.



SECOND MOROCCO CRISIS



The Agadir Crisis, also called the Second Moroccan Crisis, or the Panthersprung, was the international tension sparked by the deployment of the German gunboat SMS Panther N°47 to the Moroccan port of Agadir on July 1 1911. In 1911 a rebellion broke out against the Sultan Abdelhafid. The French dispatched troops at the end of April 1911. On June 5, the Spanish occupied Larache and El-Ksar-El-Kebir. On July 1 when the Panther arrived at the port of Agadir, there was an immediate reaction from the French and British. They believed the Germans meant to turn Agadir into a naval base on the Atlantic. On July 7, the German ambassador in Paris informed the French government that Germany had no territorial aspirations in Morocco and would negotiate for a French protectorate on the basis of compensation for Germany in the French Congo region and the safeguarding of her economic interests in Morocco. Franco-German negotiations initiated on July 9 led to the Treaty of Fez on November 4. Germany accepted France's position in Morocco in return for territory in the French Equatorial African colony of Middle Congo. The letter was written July 19 from Agadir to a druggist in Danzig-Langfuhr and cancelled Marine Schiffspost July 23. In addition, the straight line cachet **Marinesachet** was applied to indicate Official Navel Mail. This is the only registered document from the gun boat "Panther" from this crisis.

NAVAL MAIL



Marine Schiffspost cancel no. 16 assigned to SMS Charlotte docked in Moroccan waters 6/2/00 to 23/10/00. Addressed to Trieste the day before leaving. B/S Trieste 28/10/00. 20 pfennig paid 20 g 1900 foreign rate. As is typical of Marine Schiffspost letters the cancels are more often than not smeared.



5 pfennig postcard rate cancelled MSP 19 (SMS Stosch) from Tanger to Lindau/Bayern. Received 29/9/03. The Stosch was deployed 4 times to Moroccan waters. The card was written 14/9/03 the last day of the second deployment, but not postmarked until en route 21/9/03.

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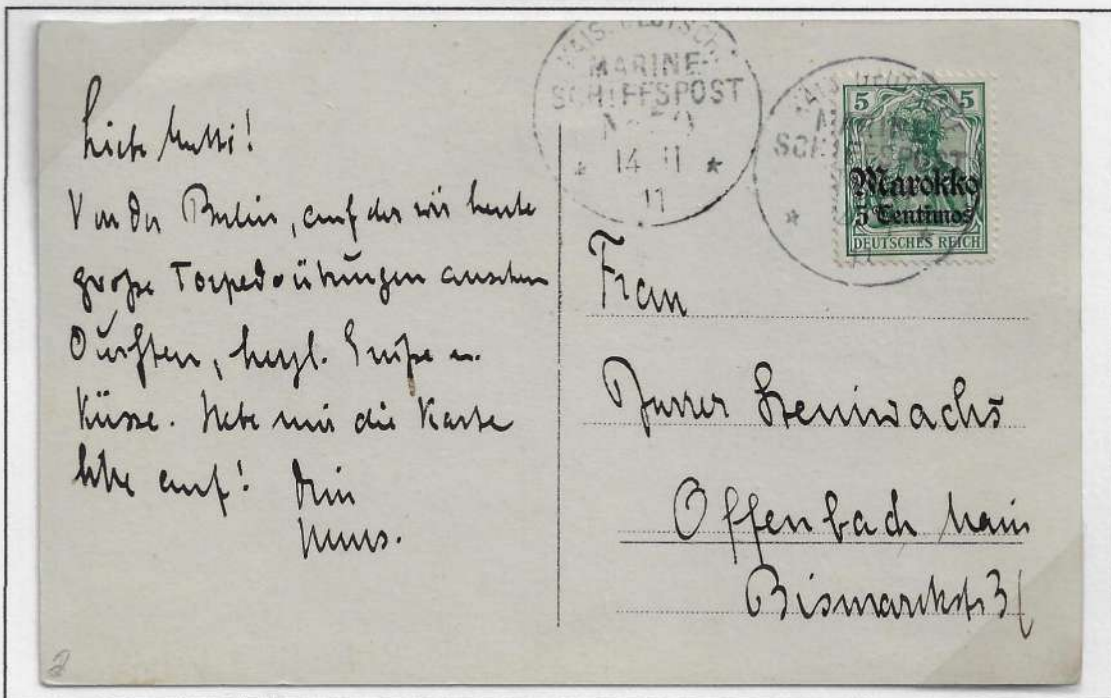
DEUTSCHE MARINE-SCHIFFSPOST

ONLY FOR NAVAL SHIP POST



“Nur für Marine-Schiffsposten” (Only for Naval Ship Post). The overprinted issue of the 10 Pfg was sold to sailors aboard German Naval ships from 1897-1899 for 5 Pfg with the German Navy subsidizing the remaining 5 Pfg. Postmarked MSP 33 indicating the HMS Oldenburg docked at Tanger between May 25-July 4, 1898. Postmarked 2/7/98 Tanger to Muennerstalt and received 7-8.

SMS BERLIN



Picture postcard of SMS Berlin sent Offenbach Main. Cancelled MSP 50 14/11/11 while docked at Tanger. 5 cent being the domestic postcard rate in 1911.