GERMAN NEW GUINEA

1888-1914

'German New Guinea' encompassed the northeast portion of the New Guinea mainland, the second largest island in the world, islands of the Bismarck Archipelago as well as Buka & Bougainville Islands of the Northern Solomon Island group.

European Inhabitants:

1899 = 200

1914 = 1400









"Specimen" Mark-value yacht-issue stamps as presented to UPU country postal administrations.

Of the estimated 100 sets produced, few have survived.

EXHIBIT

This traditional-format exhibit presents 'German New Guinea' chronologically through its forerunner & valid 'Reich-issue' postal usages, its own postal issues, all town postmarks, postal documents & usages and related postal history, including missionary, business-commercial, inter- & inland-colony, foreign in- & out-bound, sea-post as well as World War I related mail with selected material beyond 1914, when the colony was occupied by Australian Forces, with an epilogue as closure.

TEXT COLOR-CODING

BLACK:

General Information

BLUE:

Biographical information relating to the sender or recipient of a

postal history example & rarity factors.

MAROON: Postal Rate Information

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