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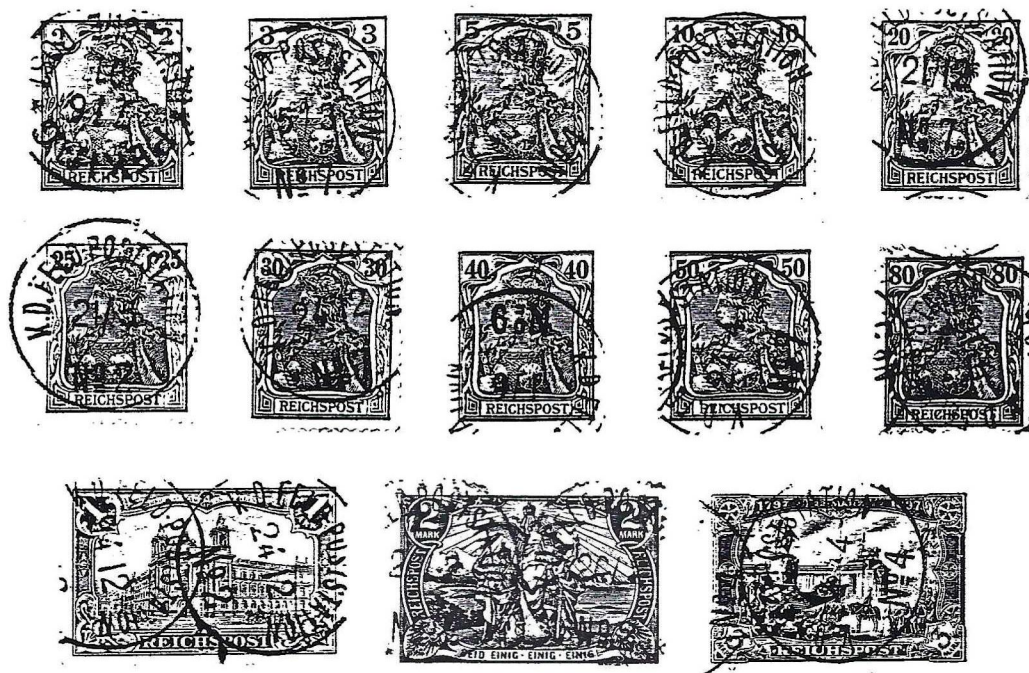
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On-cover usages of the 25 and 50pf values of this issue are scarce, and registered field post covers are unusual even with a typical franking. The unoverprinted 25pf Eagle on such a cover is exceptional.



Deutsche Reichspost

Postkarte

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Herrn i. Frau Oscar Mez



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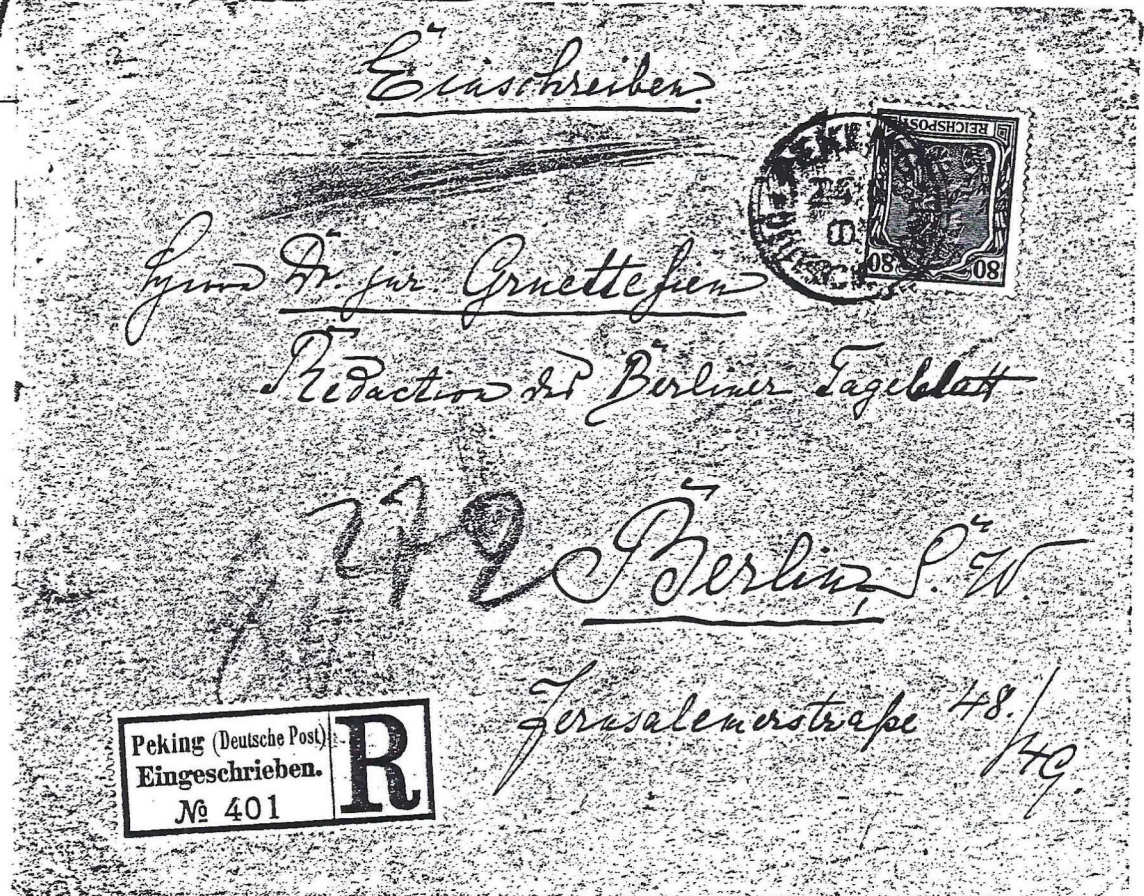

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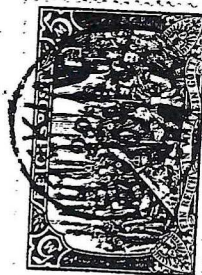
Of the pfennig values of this issue, the 3pf is quite elusive on wrapper, while the 5 through 20pf are not uncommon on card or cover. The 30 and 40pf are elusive on commercial cards and covers (where they would have paid the international basic postage rate plus registration fee), less so on philatelic ones. Nearly all covers bearing examples of the 50 and 80pf are philatelic.

The 2 and 25pf and the 5 mark values of this issue were not sold in the China field post offices, but were brought to China privately.

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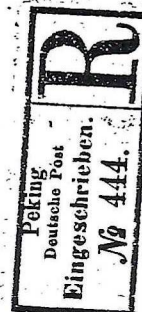
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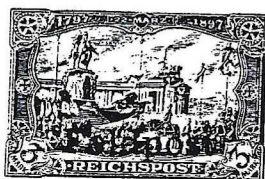
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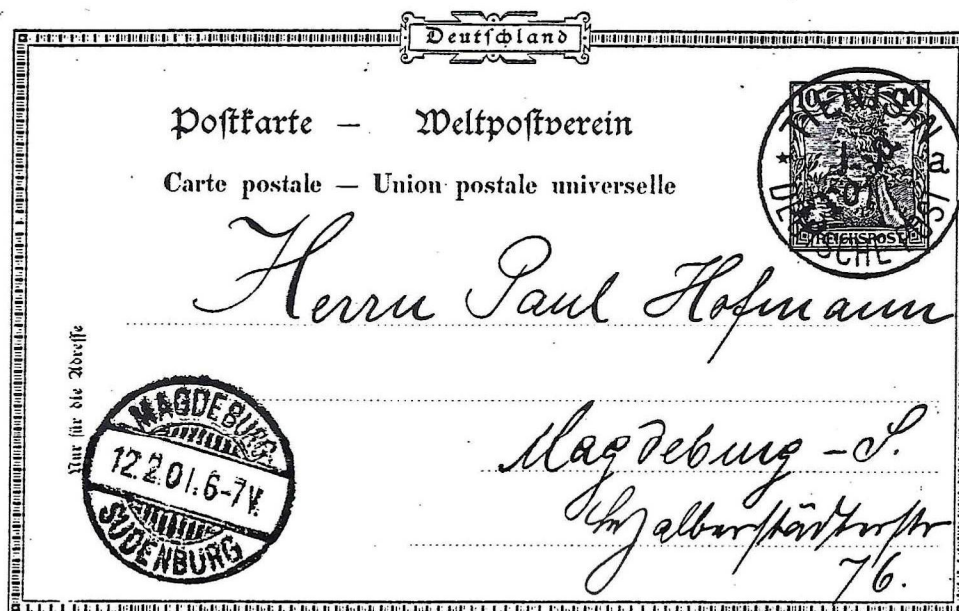
Prof. Baden





Only 7 of these essays, all different, are in private hands.

The decision to send field post offices to China created the possibility of losing valuable postage to hostile forces. The Imperial Printing Office in Berlin produced a series of "Feldpost" overprint essays, the idea being that stamps so overprinted, if lost, could be denied use in Germany. Because the early military successes made it unlikely that stamps would be captured by Boxers, issuance of such stamps was decided against, and at the request of the German Post Office the Printing Office destroyed all of the essays except for record copies.

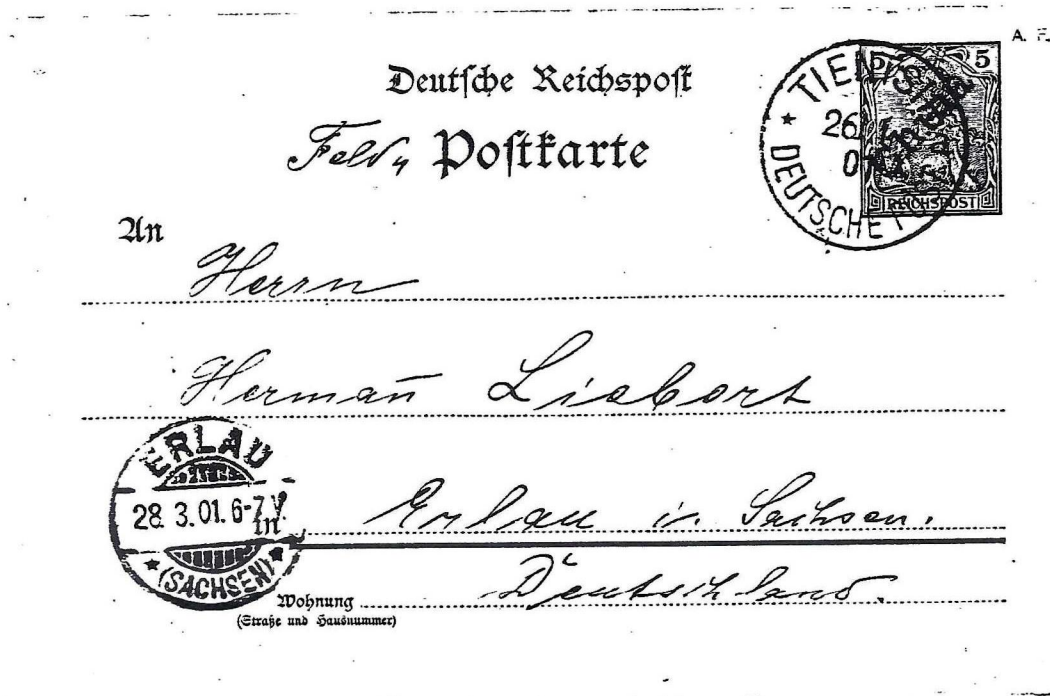


Supplies of Numeral and Eagle issues overprinted "China" were exhausted in the Tientsin civil post office in November (50pf) and December 1900. The Germania "China" overprints were not available until February 1901. Unoverprinted Germania stamps were obtained from the Base Post Office in Tientsin to bridge the gap. As German civil post offices in China accepted Mexican dollars at 2.50 marks per dollar, versus 2 marks per dollar on the open market, sales of unoverprinted stamps would have resulted in a windfall profit of 25% upon their shipment to Germany -- and would have exhausted the supply of postage. Therefore, on his own authority, the Tientsin postmaster ordered that his new Germania stamps be overprinted using a wooden handstamp.

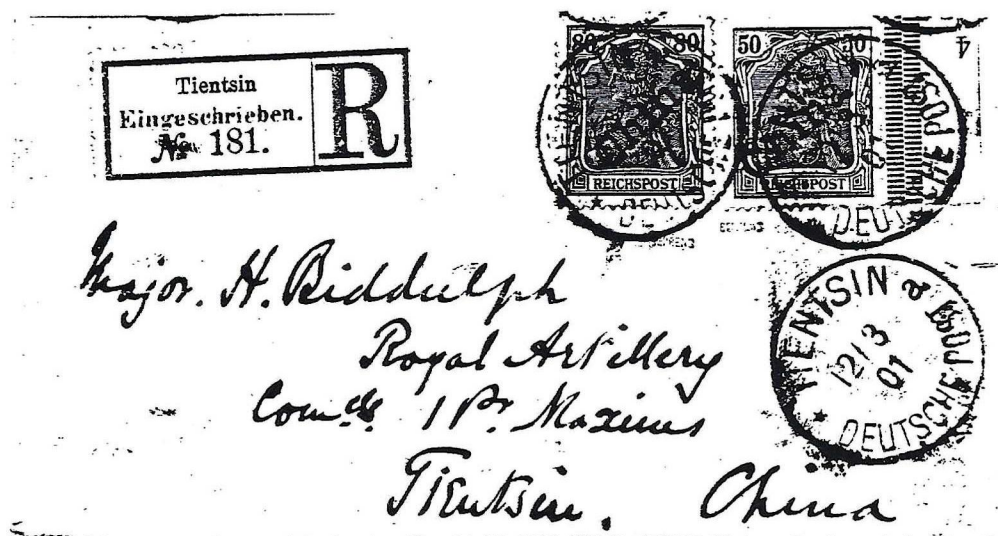


While not regularly sold at the Tientsin post office, 4 additional values of the Germania issue with Tientsin handstamp overprint have achieved catalog status. The 40pf is known both mint and used in period. Only 5 copies of the 25pf are recorded. Of the 2 and 3 mark values, only 2 copies each (1 each mint and used) were made. (Mark values ex Ferrary, Hind and King Carol.)

Reportedly the only example used in period.



A number of items overprinted by the Tientsin postmaster as a favor have not achieved catalog status. These include the 2 mark numeral, the 2pf. numeral and the 2pf. Germania postal cards of Germany, as well as the postcard shown above (signed by Friedemann).



On-cover usages of the higher values, especially the 50pf, are scarce. Over-franking is the norm.

Quantities of stamps officially issued with the Tientsin overprints were: 10pf, 4,000; 2 & 20pf, 2,000 each; 3pf, 1,000; 30, 50 and 80pf, 300 each. Friedemann notes that these figures reflect the initial overprinting and that, with the possible exception of the 50pf, additional stamps were overprinted. This issue remained valid for postage until 31 December 1902.

Base Post Office (Tientsin)
9 April 1901

Leipziger Brief.

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Alexander F. Flavel

Forbes & Co.

Prof. Louis F. D. Thompson

H. P. Anderson

Exposition 1890.

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German postage, un-overprinted or otherwise, was acceptable for payment of fees. Over-50-gram letter fee of 20pf paid by stamps handstamp-overprinted by the Tientsin civilian postmaster.



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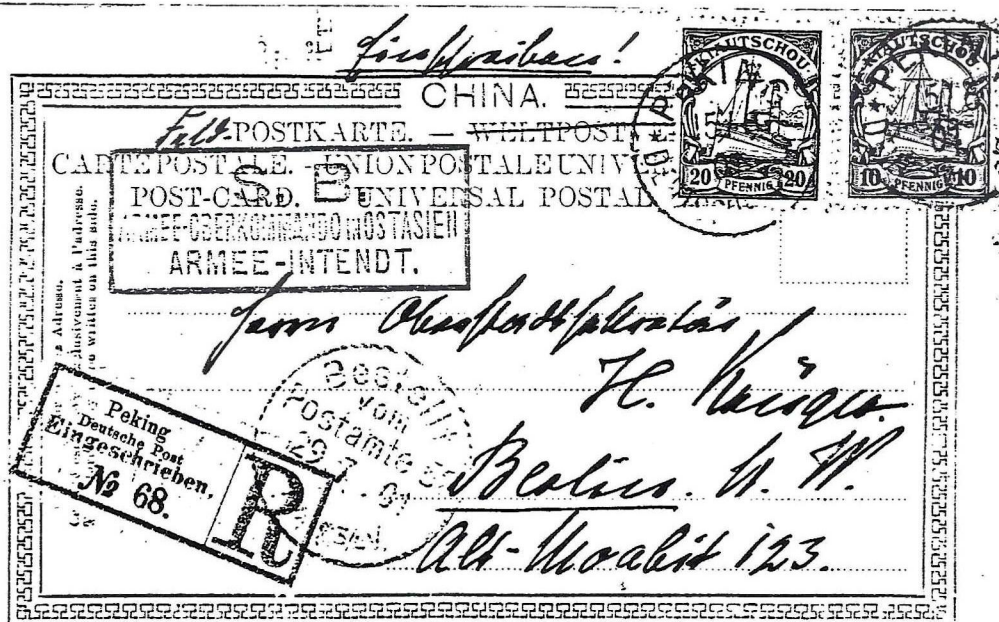
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In April 1901 the stocks of Germania "China" overprints delivered to Peking in February ran out. To cover this shortage, 13 stamps of the Kiautschou yacht series plus 5 and 10pf postcards were authorized for use. These are found with postmarks of the German civil and military (FPS N° 2) post offices in Peking. Their postal validity in China (outside Kiautschou) continued until 31 December 1902.

G-4, Army High Command in E. Asia

13 November 1901

15 June 1901



Proper use of the Kiautschou yacht issue in Peking is confined to the period April - 31 December 1901, and such usage is unusual. Stamps were required on East Asia Occupation Corps feldpost mail after the East Asia Expeditionary Corps was disbanded on 31 August 1901. Prior to that postage was required for registered mail, even when marked "Feldpost." Bottom card rated 10pf for postage plus 20pf registry fee; the 5pf postcard rate did not apply when cards were registered.

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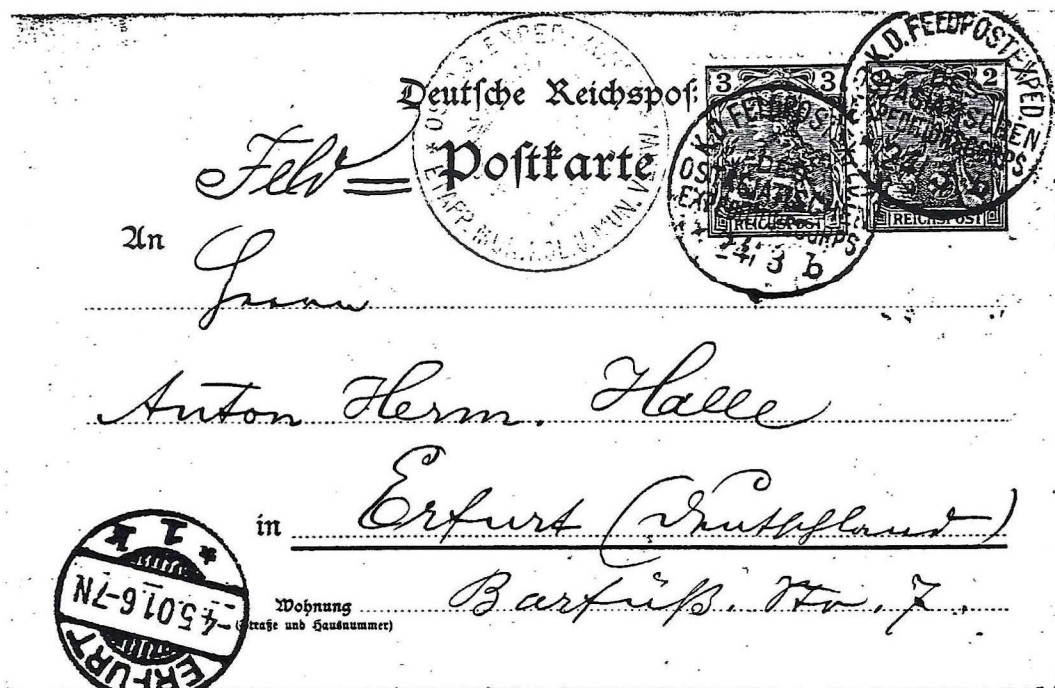
Feld-Postkarte.



An *Fr. Stumme. Baltzer*
in Ditzsch
Leipzig



The Kiautschou yacht issue was also accepted at the German field post office in Kaumi, in the Kiautschou protectorate, and from April to October 1901 at the field post office in Peking.



Privately imported 2pfg postal cards (issued for printed matter) were accepted by the field post stations. Any manuscript text on message side required additional postage to pay postcard rate.

Feld-Post Deutsche Reichspost
Postkarte



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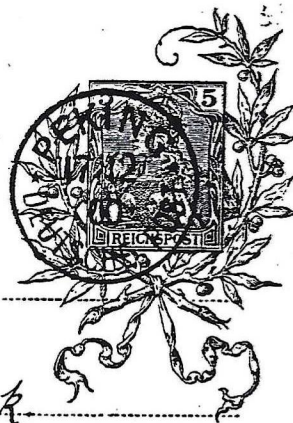


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Deutsche Reichspost
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Privately imported 5pf reply cards and "1900" commemorative cards were also accepted at both military and civilian post offices in China.