

Lot Type Grading Description

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**NEW GUINEA (German) - Forerunners**

The German Protectorate of New Guinea was declared in 1884 over the Kaisers-Wilhelmsland mainland and expanded in 1885 to include Neu-Pommern (New Britain) and the Bismarck Archipelago. The first postal facilities were established in 1888 using un-overprinted German stamps (so-called 'Vorläufer' usage) until the first 'Deutsch New-Guinea' overprints were issued in late-1897.

**Lot 2524****2524** C

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**1889** (Oct 7) cover from Wurttemberg with 10pf pair tied by 'URACH' cds to "Finschhafen/Kaiser Wilhelmsland/Neu Guinea" & endorsed "Via Genoa", 'GENOA' & 'SOERABAJA' transit backstamps, surprisingly fine for such an early inwards item. *Ex Fred Pearson & Michael Courtis*: acquired for \$2340 at the *Mossgreen* auction of 19.6.2015. [The first postal agency in German New Guinea opened at Finschhafen 15.2.1888, and closed 19.3.1891. **This is one of the earliest inwards items to New Guinea** that we have seen. The addressee, *Dr Carl Weinland* was Medical Officer with the *Neu-Guinea Compagnie*.

2,000<sup>T</sup>**Lot 2528****2528** PS

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**1891** usage of 10pf Envelope to Netherlands Indies with an almost fine strike of the rare 'HATZFELDTHAFEN/23 6/91' cds uprated with 5pf x2 & 20pf tied by three further poor to fair strikes of the cds, imperforate registration label (*Einfeldt* #1, fault at lower-left, gum-stained), 'SOERABAJA' & 'WELTEVREDEN' transit & 'AUSG' arrival b/s. PO 1.4.1888; closed 30.9.1891. *Ex Michael Courtis*: acquired at the *Prestige* auction of 12.10.2012 for \$2645. [Carried by the steamer "Schwalbe" on its second New Guinea-Singapore run. Hatzfeldhafen is a small settlement on the central north coast of Madang Province]

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