

Germany Caroline Islands

Area: 500 square miles

Population: 37,000 c. 1950

Location: Series of islands in the South Pacific Ocean.

Standard Coin: 1 Mark = 100 Pfennig

Philatelic history:

1899 - Sold to Germany by Spain. The first issue of German stamps - overprinted "Karolinen" - put in use October 12, 1899.

1914 - Occupied by Japan during World War I.

CAROLINE ISLANDS

Unwatermarked

1899



1900



1910

Stamp of 1900
Surcharged

5 Pf

On 3 Pf
BROWN

Watermarked Lozenges

1915



Karolinen



Typhoon provisional



Believed to have been produced to replace 5 pfg stamps damaged when the Ponape postoffice was destroyed by a typhoon. Pieces and cards without receiving marks are viewed as Cancelled-to-order.

From 20 Apr to 13 Nov 1905, the official seal of the Ponape postal agent in place of the cancel device destroyed by the typhoon 20 Apr 1905.

