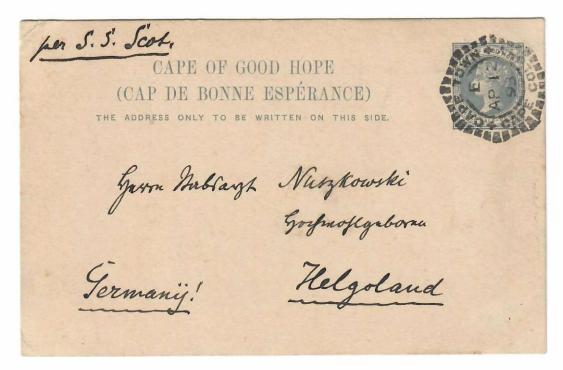
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CAPE TOWN TO HELIGOLAND

By July 1893 the datestamp appears to have deteriorated and it was soon to be replaced by another experimental cancellation the square circle, which re-appeared. The example below is addressed to a rare destination some two months before withdrawal of the ODS.



1893 Card written on board the SMS¹ "Alexandine" and stamped with the Compass Wheel datestamp. On the top left in manuscript per S.S. Scot. The card was addressed to Heligoland.

On bood I. M. T. Alexandrine, Capstedt, 12/4 93.

In Joba at jos immar gapagt, menen more einen Francet
lot pain mill, to browing man blob — ——

Gorban Din min an Fornold Müller, Leip zi ger stv. 92

gaffiels over wigh? Toth manighment in Ruhm on?! —

In New lakefre Jait ift at min feflagt gagingan, fala

min in Belagon - Bay air looper Sinbur gafets, Tibar

44 o Calfier, mit seen lot mar at more gafets, Tibar

44 o Calfier, mit seen lot mar at more man; if have

faith most kninen Takk lafen, torriel forban fix min

mospour meiner Timuklich eingaginnegt. E gaft jakk

abar poon miniger master. — Sitte phreiban Tie

bals an Ifran lestent gon panden.



At left the back of the card; written on board the ship "Alexandine" (above) and dated by the writer as 12.04.1893.²

Britain ceded the Heligoland islands to Germany in 1890 in the Heligoland–Zanzibar Treaty, which explains the exclamation mark on the address after Germany!

¹Seiner Majestät Schiff (His Majesty's Ship), ship prefix in Kaiserliche Marine and K.u.K. Kriegsmarine

²At the time the Alexandine entered the dry dock in Cape Town for overhauls, after which they were sent to South America on 20 May. By mid-June, they had reached Brazil, and thereafter made stops in Buenos Aires, Argentina and Montevideo, Uruguay.