**New Guinea Coins, Tokens, Etc.**

**Brief History/Background of New Guinea's Coinage**

**Discovery.**
Spanish navigator Jorge de Menezes, who landed in the northwest shore in 1527, discovered New Guinea, the world's largest island after Greenland. European interests, attracted by exaggerated estimates of the resources of the area, resulted in the island being claimed in part by Spain, the Netherlands, Great Britain and Germany.

**German New Guinea Company.**
During the later part of the nineteenth century an international agreement recognized the claim of the German New Guinea Company to the north-east part of the island of New Guinea.

**German New Guinea.**
In 1889 these lands were transferred to the German government, which issued distinctive copper and silver coins in 1894. Gold coinage was introduced in 1895. These coins were all struck in Berlin and have the mintmark A.

These German issues, in denominations of pfennigs and marks, circulated during the period of German control, which ended in 1914. At the outbreak of World War I Australian troops landed in New Guinea and took possession of the German territory. The German New Guinea coins circulated for some time thereafter during the early years of the Australian possession.

**Australian Governed Territory.**
The League of Nations mandated the Territory of New Guinea to Australia in 1920 and recognized the claim of the German New Guinea Company, which was being claimed in part by Spain, the Netherlands, Great Britain and Germany. During the later part of the nineteenth century an international agreement recognized the claim of the German New Guinea Company to the north-east part of the island of New Guinea.

**German New Guinea Coinage Issues.**
Consisting of Gold - 20 Marks, 10 Marks, Silver - 5 Mark, 2 Mark, 1 Mark, 1/2 Mark, Copper 10 Pfennig, 2 Pfennig, 1 Pfennig.

- 1894A 1/2 Mark. (Scarce in high grade) aUNC. $695
- 1894A 2 Pfennig. (Scarce in high grade) UNC./Choice UNC. $895
- 1894A 1 Pfennig. (Scarce in high grade) Choice UNC. $595

- 1894A Silver 5 Mark. Nice well struck Obverse. (Mount marks on reverse expertly removed). Genuine & low priced coin in high grade. EF.. $975

- 1894A Silver 5 Mark UNC./Ch. UNC. Replica coin in .925 gilt metal. PROOF FDC.. $125
- 1894A 10 Gold Mark PROOF Replica coin in .925 gilt metal. PROOF FDC. $165 (Original coin sells for well over $25,000)
- 1894A 20 Gold Mark PROOF Replica coin in .925 gilt metal. PROOF FDC. $195 (Original coin sells for well over $45,000)

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**Shillings.**
- 1935 GEM UNC...$ 55
- Choice UNC... 40
- UNC...... 25
- EF...... 15

**Sixpences.**
- 1935 GEM UNC... 90
- Choice UNC... 65
- UNC...... 45
- EF...... 25
- VF...... 12

**Threepences.**
- 1935 GEM UNC... 75
- Choice UNC... 50
- UNC...... 35
- EF...... 25
- VF...... 10

**Pence.**
- 1929 (Low issue of just 400 coins) Rare. Proof - Like GEM UNC.. $1,950
- 1936 GEM UNC.. 35
- Choice UNC.. 20
- UNC...... 18
- EF...... 7
- VF...... 4

**Halfpenny.**
- 1929 (Low issue of 400 coins) Scarce. Proof - Like (near perfect strike and mirror fields). FDC.. $1,950
- 1936 GEM UNC.. 35
- Choice UNC.. 20
- UNC...... 18
- EF...... 12
- VF...... 7

**Proofs.**
- 1929 Penny & Halfpenny Pair (Rare). (Very low issue of just 400 pairs) Proof- Like FDC.. $3,550
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New Guinea Coins

Complete Sets (Discounted),
1935 - 1945 (11 coins) in special second-hand Dansco Deluxe album (no longer produced). EF - aUNC.....$ 185
As Above, but in presentation pack with descriptive sheet. VF - aUNC.....$ 95
As Above, High grade. EF – UNC.....$ 145
As Above, Scarce grade. UNC...........$ 295
As Above, Rare grade and extremely difficult to source. Choice UNC..$ 425

New Guinea Tokens

Head Tax Tokens.
1932-1933. 10/- (Type II) by H.B. Sale Birmingham, England. Rare
Unknown example. EF.....$ 695
1935-1936 10/- VF................. 295
1937-1938 10/- Choice UNC..... 395
UNC.............. 350
gVF.................. 245
FINE............. 145
1938-1939 10/- FIN... 195
1939-1940 10/- Choice UNC.. 375
UNC................. 295
FINE............. 145
1940-1941 10/- VF............. 225
FINE............. 145

Brief Background/History on “LULUAI” & “TUL TUL” Badges

Rank badges produced for the local New Guinea tribes under Australian administration post WWII. Struck by Amors in Sydney they were worn attached to the headdress of the natives as a sign of their authority from the 1940’s. “LULUAI” badges were worn by village head-men or “Chiefs” (the recipients always took great care to ensure their badges were highly polished) and “TUL TUL” badges were worn by their assistants or village “Committee” men. Naturally, the LULUAI badges are scarcer than the TUL TUL badges.

Brief History/Background on “Head Tax Tokens”

When Australia was given the League of Nations Mandate in 1914 over what had been German New Guinea, it became the Australian Territory of New Guinea. Australia introduced a system of indentured labour in the Territory at time when the British Government was recommending its abandonment in the colonies.

With mining operations in New Guinea gearing up and as a shortage of labour was becoming a problem, a form of indentured labour was introduced. The intention of the system was to force those not working to pay for and carry a Ten Shilling "Head Tax" token every year. At the time New Guinea’s minimum wage for native labour was just 5 shillings a month. It is easy to see how a head tax of 10 shillings per year coerced many natives into joining the labour force.

The Ten Shilling Head Tax Token is usually pierced so that the natives could wear it around their necks, as the owner had to display it at all times or he was imprisoned.

Village Councillor Badge.
1937 – 1940s VF...(Scarce)....$ 385

Papua New Guinea

Proof/Mint Sets

1975 100 Kina Proof Gold coin in special case with official certificate. 9.57gms of .900 Fine Gold.
Low Mintage. FDC.............$ 495
1976 Proof Set in special case.
10 Kina (Silver), 5K, 1K, 20 toeaes, 10t, 5t, 2t, 1t (8 coins). Scarce Set.
FDC........................$ 185
1981 Proof Set in special case.
1Kina, 20 toeaes, 10t, 5t, 2t, 1t (6 coins). Scarce Set.
FDC........................$ 45

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Aviat Social & Sporting Club (Inc.), Port Moresby

Different membership numbers. Unusual Papua New Guinea memorabilia.
VF – UNC..................ea... $ 12

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