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Lot 386

386	C	B	<p>1930 cover with 'RMMS Aorangi' imprint on the flap, to Manly with KGV 2d tied by one of three strikes (one on the reverse) of the rare 'QUARANTINE/_JA/30/NSW' cds, two corners clipped as was common for disinfected mail, light vertical fold. [The Quarantine Station, situated at North Head, was used to quarantine people arriving aboard ship on which an infectious disease had been reported. The earliest such event recorded was in 1828. In 1853, the burial ground was moved so it was no longer the first thing seen by new arrivals! Occasional use was made of the facility until about 1960, after which events were infrequent. The last occasion was for the "Nikki Maru" in 1972. The "Aorangi" was quarantined twice, in 1930 & in 1935, on both occasions for smallpox. Some form of postal service was available from the 1870s. The post office was finally closed c.1939]</p>
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