

Lot Type Grading Description

Est \$AUD

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS

Lot 339

339	PS	A	1955 commercial usage to Los Angeles of USA 10c Aerogramme with 'CANTON ISLAND/PHOENIX GROUP' d/s.	100
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Postal History

663	PS	A	Box of about 100 KGVI & QEII formular aerogrammes with a good range of types & quite a number commercially used including to Ceylon & Sarawak, variety of frankings including two with Official stamps, plus bundles posted on the 1958 Trans-Tasman commemoration flight & 1959 Auckland-Brisbane flight (illustrated); generally very fine.	100
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NORFOLK ISLAND

Ex Lot 689

689	C	B	1912 Co-Operative Assurance envelope to NSW with NSW 1d tied by typically poor 'NORFOLK ISLAND/NSW' cds; 1947 "Forces Concession Rates" cover to Melbourne with Ball Bay 1d only; and 1946 (Nov 30) Sheard cover for First Brisbane-Norfolk Island Airmail AAMC #1080a, minor blemishes, Cat \$900. (3)	300
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PAPUA - Postal History

Lot 788

788	C	A-	COMMERCIAL AIRMAILS: 1936 (Nov 22) cover endorsed "Per Lockheed Air Mail" to Scotland with Birds 2d & 1/- tied by 'BULOLO' cds. light vertical fold, Cat \$425. [The rate was 2d per oz, plus 6d per ½oz x2 for the Karachi-London airmail supplement. This was carried on Tommy O'Dea's second charter flight Lae-Sydney AAMC #P108a, Cat \$425]	250T
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PAPUA - Missionary Mail

When Rev Roger Lee sold his postal history in our auction of 5/12/2003, he retained his Missionary Mail. Roger, a Methodist minister with a passion for the history of the Methodists, has now decided to release this fascinating material to the market. The collection includes the earliest covers into Papua, and many other rare items, so it is far more than just a topical sideline!



Ex Lot 814

814	C/L	B/A	1937 cover endorsed "from Duvira Mamba to loma by bush track, by plane from loma..." with very fine 'IOMA.P.O.' cds, minor tonespots, with the enclosed letter signed "SRM Gill" stating "...the Magistrate at loma is my next door neighbour, and though only about 50 miles away by river, it takes one three days to get up to him. He has made a drome there and planes are starting to make calls..." (2 items)	100T
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PAPUA - Flight Covers

Most of the material in this section is from the collection formed by Tony Williams from England. For convenience, New Guinea flights are included here in the same chronological order as in the "Australian Air Mail Catalogue". AAMC references are from the 8th Edition (2008). References to Roger Lee's collection are to our auction of 9/11/2002. For Tony Williams' commercial airmail covers, see Lots 784 to 794.



Lot 835

835	C	B/A	Guinea Airways covers 1) apparently commercial from Salamaua to Sydney with scarce small straight-line h/s; & 2) to GB with large circular d/s & small 'BY AIR' label, signed "CR Gurney/Pilot". [No airmail surcharge was required]	250T
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Lot 836

836	C	A-	1930 Roessler cover to the United States with combination franking of Papuan 'AIR MAIL' 3d & USA 5c Air Mail both tied by 'PORT MORESBY/11MAR30/PAPUA' cds, the US stamp also cancelled at Sydney 19MR30 where boxed 'INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID/FOR AIR MAIL SERVICE' h/s applied in red, minor staining from the adhesive on the flaps. A desirable albeit philatelic combination cover, of which the AAMC at page 226 states only 15 are recorded from Papua. Between 1924 & 1937 the Australian Post Office Regulations - which also applied in the Territories - allowed for airmail covers to America to be pre-paid in this manner. In this instance, the handstamp was applied in error: there was no trans-Pacific airmail so the 3d stamps properly paid for the surface rate. The US 5c was correct for air mail within the United States.	500T
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PAPUA - Flight Covers (continued)

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Ex Lot 837

837	C	A/B	1930 (July 21) Port Moresby-Salamaua and Port Moresby-Wau (stamps not cancelled, signed by the pilot "Ray Parer") both AAMC #P20, Cat \$650. (2)	300T
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Lot 838

838	C	A	1931 (Mar 14) Port Moresby-Salamaua per Ray Parer AAMC #P29, Cat \$1200. The AAMC states "Four covers are known". [Four days later, Parer crashed his plane while taking off from Salamaua]	400T
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Lot 839

839	C	A-	1931 (May 1) Salamaua-Port Moresby AAMC #P30 with 'PAPUAN AIRWAYS' h/s, stamps cancelled on arrival, on-forwarded to New Zealand with Kingsford Smith 3d tied by Cairns cds of 8MY31, Cat \$750. The AAMC states only 12 covers were carried. [Roger Lee's similar cover sold for \$460 (2002)]	400T
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Lot 840

840	C	A	1931 (Sep 24) Port Moresby-Salamaua per "Puss in Boots" AAMC #P32, Cat \$900. [The AAMC states that only 10 covers were carried]	300T
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PAPUA - Flight Covers (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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Lot 841

841	C	A-	1931 (Nov 10) Rabaul-Brisbane per "Puss in Boots" AAMC #P38 with New Guinea 3d cancelled on arrival at 'BULIMBA/QUEENSLAND', Brisbane b/s & on-forwarded to Perth, Cat \$850. The AAMC states only 10 covers were carried. [Absent from Roger Lee's collection]	500T
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Lot 842

842	C	A	1932 (Dec 20) Port Moresby-Kokoda-Salamaua AAMC #P51 with Kokoda transit on the face & Salamaua arrival b/s, Cat \$850. The AAMC states only 10 covers were carried. [Roger Lee's registered cover sold for \$575]	400T
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Lot 843

843	C	A-	1933 (Jan 21) Kainantu-Lae-Salamaua AAMC #P53 endorsed "Ex Upper Ramu Goldfields/..." & signed "John A Jukes/Pilot", Cat \$1000. The AAMC states only 12 covers were carried. [Absent from Roger Lee's collection. In -1/1939, John Jukes died in the crash of the "Koranga" in the Northern Territory]	500T
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Lot 844

844	C	A	1933 (Jan 26) Upper Purari River-Wau-Lae-Salamaua AAMC #P55 endorsed "Ex Bena Bena Aerodrome/..." & signed "Ian H Grabowsky/Pilot", Cat \$1500. The AAMC states only 10 covers were carried. [Absent from Roger Lee's collection]	750T
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PAPUA - Flight Covers (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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Lot 845

845	C	A-	1934 (Apr 2) Mogai-Salamaua-Port Moresby AAMC #P68 endorsed "from Mogai Aerodrome Mt Hagen" & signed "CR Gurney/Pilot", minor blemishes, Cat \$1500.	750T
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Ex Lot 846

846	C	A	1934 (Apr 12) Sydney-Port Moresby-Sydney & Port Moresby-Townsville both AAMC #P69a both signed by the pilot "SO Marshall", Cat \$600+. (2)	250T
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Ex Lot 847

847	C	A-	1934 (July 26) Port Moresby-Australia per "Faith in Australia" intermediates to Cairns & to Townsville each with a superb strike of the erroneous '.../JUNE/1934/...' flight cachet in violet on the face AAMC #395d, Cat \$250+. [The error is not listed in the Papuan section of the AAMC] (2)	450T
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Lot 848

848	C	B	1934 (Dec 8) Port Moresby-Melbourne per Lord Sempill AAMC #P75var registered, minor blemishes. With contemporary photo of Lord William Francis Forbes-Sempill. [Noted on the reverse that only 18 ordinary & 3 registered covers were flown to Melbourne. Illustrated above Lot 847]	400T
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PAPUA - Flight Covers (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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Lot 849

849	C	A	1935 (Mar 5) Port Moresby-Abau AAMC #P76 endorsed "Port Moresby to Dedele Beach/then canoe to Abau" & signed by the pilot "O Denny", surely undercatalogued at \$325. [Only 29 items carried]	250T
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Lot 850

850	C	A	1935 (July) cover to England with typed "Australia-Papua per courtesy of Flying Officer CC Davies", apparently posted in India with Papua 'TWO PENCE' on 1½d not recognised so uncanceled, Indian 2a6p strip of 3 tied by 'LANDAUR CANTT' cds. Most unusual, & unrecorded in the AAMC. [Acquired for \$322 at a Melbourne auction in 2004]	300T
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Lot 851

851	C	A-	1935 (July 12) Sydney-Daru-Sydney per Stuart Campbell AAMC #P81 with Papuan stamp cancelled on arrival, apparently placed in a posting box on return to Sydney with 'OUT OF COURSE' b/s & officially registered (but not taxed), Cat \$1000+. [The AAMC states that only 12 covers were carried]	400T
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Lot 852

852	C	B	1935 (July 23) Daru-Kerema endorsed "Per Orovilla Co Short Scion Seaplane" AAMC #P82 signed by the pilot "S Campbell", Cat \$1500. [The journey was not completed. Engine trouble forced a landing at Sturt Island. After 4 days, the plane was found & towed back to Daru by the government launch "Vailala". Only 6 covers were carried]	600T
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PAPUA - Flight Covers (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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Ex Lot 853

853 C A 1935 (Aug 30) Port Moresby-Ioma & Ioma-Port Moresby AAMC #P86-87, Cat \$425. (2) 200



Ex Lot 854

854 C A 1935 (Sep 27) Port Moresby-Darwin AAMC #P90 & another originating at 'DARU' both signed by the pilot "AE Hempel", Cat \$1200. (2) 500T



Lot 855

855 CL B 1935 ditto, with the stamps manuscript cancelled "A11-1/Port Moresby/28-9-35/[signature]" overstruck with 'DARU/ 28SE35/ PAPUA' cds, Darwin b/s of 27NO35, vertical fold & minor blemishes. An enigma. 500T

The AAMC states that *Hempel* departed Port Moresby 27/9/1935 but this cover suggests he left a day later. Why two months to reach Darwin? The catalogue notes the arrival date without comment. Is this simply a date error?



Lot 856

856 C A 1935 (Nov 5) Port Moresby-Kikori AAMC #P92 signed by the pilot "S Campbell", very fine 'RESIDENT MAGISTRATE/ ("KIKORI")/NOV 5 1935/DELTA DIVISION' cachet on the reverse, Cat \$1000. 500T

The AAMC states that only 12 covers were carried.

PAPUA - Flight Covers (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

Est \$AUD



Lot 857

857	C	A-	1936 1936 (Mar 6) Wewak-Salamaua AAMC #P96, Cat \$500. After only 40 miles, the plane crashed at Kaup, where <i>Ray Parer</i> spent four days effecting repairs with fishing lines & adhesive tape!	250T
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Lot 858

858	C	A	1936 (Mar 17) <i>Second Archbold Expedition</i> Port Moresby-Daru <i>First Flight</i> AAMC #P97, Daru arrival b/s of 18MR36, Cat \$700. The AAMC states that only 12 covers were carried.	300T
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Lot 859

859	C	A	1936 ditto, signed by the pilot "Russell R Rogers", endorsed "No 6" at lower-left. The purpose of the Expedition was to explore the Fly River, and collect natural history specimens.	450T
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Lot 860

860	C	A-	1936 (Mar 28) Daru-Port Moresby <i>Second Flight</i> endorsed "Per Air Mail/Seaplane Kono" AAMC #P98, apparently commercial to the <i>BNG Trading Co</i> , vertical fold, Cat \$500.	250T
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PAPUA - Flight Covers (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

Est \$AUD



Ex Lot 861

861	C	B/A	<p>1936 1936 (Apr 3) Hay (NSW)-Wau-Hay endorsed "Per favour of Major Brearley" AAMC #599 (not listed in the New Guinea section), Undated Airs 3½d for the return journey tied by 'POST OFFICE/16AP36/WAU' cds, Cat \$450+; also <i>Crome</i> intermediate cover signed by the engineer "PHawes/City of Adelaide" with Australia 2d Jubilee cancelled at Brisbane, Cat \$700.</p> <p><i>Norman Brearley</i> supplied two <i>Hercules</i> planes to <i>Stephens Aerial Transport</i> at Wau. The AAMC states only 9 covers were carried & that Wau was reached on 17/4/36: the first cover suggests that is an error. (2)</p>	400T
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Lot 862

862	C	B	<p>1936 (Apr 24) Port Moresby-Daru <i>Fourth Flight</i> endorsed "Per Amphibian Kono" AAMC #P101, signed by the pilot "Russell R Rogers", flap fault, Cat \$500.</p>	250T
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Lot 863

863	C	B	<p>1936 (May 28) Port Moresby-Daru AAMC #P103, signed by the pilot "Russell R Rogers", small repaired tear at the top, Cat \$500.</p>	250
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Lot 864

864	C	A-	<p>1936 (May 28) Port Moresby-Daru <i>Fifth Flight</i> endorsed "Per Amphibian Kono" AAMC #P103, signed by the pilot "Russell R Rogers", flap fault, Cat \$500.</p>	250T
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PAPUA - Flight Covers (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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Lot 865

865 C B 1936 (June 18) Daru-Mount Blücher endorsed "Per Seaplane Kono" AAMC #P104 to "Headquarters of Archbold Expedition/Upper Fly River/via Daru", signed by the pilots "Richard Archbold" & "Russell R Rogers", signed on the reverse "Alan Willis/Advance Party/Archbold Expedition" & by the Police Camp OIC "Michael J Healy", minor blemishes, Cat \$500+.

This cover was originally flown from Port Moresby 17MR36 AAMC #P100, & held for 3 months for on-forwarding.

500T



Lot 866

866 C A 1936 (Sep 4) Port Moresby-Daru AAMC #P105 signed by the pilot "Stuart Campbell", Cat \$1000. [The AAMC states that only 4 covers were flown. Unusually, Campbell signed his first name in full. NB: the plane's number was 'NC-54V', not "SC-54V" as in the typed endorsement]

500T



Ex Lot 867

867 C B/A 1936 (Oct 29) Port Moresby-Melbourne charter flight AAMC #P108 ordinary & registered covers, the latter signed by the pilot "Tommy O'Dea", Cat \$250+. [The charter was principally to bring a party of planters & miners to the Melbourne Cup] (2)

200T



Lot 868

868 C B 1936 ditto, cover originating at 'SALAMAUA' with the enclosed letter: "...Guinea Airways are taking a plane load down for the Melbourne Cup...We only received notice of the trip late last night...". The AAMC states covers are recorded from Bulolo x2 & Wau x4, but makes no mention of Salamaua.

300T

PAPUA - Flight Covers (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

Est \$AUD



Lot 869

869	C	B	1936 (Nov 3) cover endorsed "Per New Guinea Airways Ltd.../Melbourne-Wau/Special Melbourne Cup Flight" to Aitape with Australia 1/2d & 3d tied by Canterbury (NSW) cds, minor blemishes. The return flight is unlisted in the AAMC.	300T
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Ex Lot 870

870	C	A-	1936 (Nov 23) Lae-Sydney second charter flight by Tommy O'Dea AAMC #P108a, and an unlisted intermediate Port Moresby-Brisbane (b/s) that is apparently commercial, Cat \$850+. (2)	400T
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Lot 871

871	C	A-	1936 (Dec 16) endorsed "Christmas Air Mail 1936/per Lockheed Electra/Wau-Sydney" registered at Wau to Fiji, Sydney transit & Suva arrival b/s. Unlisted in the AAMC.	300T
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Lot 872

872	C	A	1937 (May 3) Daru-Port Moresby-Sydney per Sikorsky amphibian AAMC #110c, delayed because of engine-trouble & with additional Daru cds of 22MY37, Cat \$800.	400T
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PAPUA - Flight Covers (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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Lot 873

873	C	A	1937 (June 19) Mai Mai (Sepik)-Wewak AAMC #114 signed by the pilot "Wm J Gray", cancelled at Wewak & with 'DISTRICT OFFICE/AMBUNTI' arrival b/s in violet, Cat \$500.	250T
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Lot 874

874	C	A	1937 (June 4) Kokopo-Brisbane-Adelaide per VH-UQL AAMC #P112, Cat \$400. [Emergency airmails were flown in the aftermath of the volcanic explosions at & evacuation of Rabaul]	200T
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Ex Lot 875

875	C	A	1937 (July 26) catapult cover to Port Moresby endorsed "Seagull SE2-5" with 'HMAS AUSTRALIA' h/s in green AAMC #115 signed by the pilot "WN Gibson", and a similar cover to Rabaul (poor b/s) #115a, Cat \$550. [The AAMC states that only 12 covers were flown at each port] (2)	250T
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Ex Lot 876

876	C	A-/B	1937 (Sep-Oct) Papuan Oil Development Co covers cancelled at 'THURSDAY ISLAND', 'PORT MORESBY' or 'WAU' AAMC #116/a/b each signed by the pilots "HG Davis" & "DG Duryea", some minor toning, Cat \$1050. (3)	400T
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PAPUA - Flight Covers (continued)

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Ex Lot 877

877	C	A/A-	1937 (Oct 11) Port Moresby-Lake Kutubu AAMC #P117 & the return flight #P121 each signed by the pilot "AA Koch" & the Police OIC "Ivan Champion", Cat \$1200. [The AAMC states that only 17 covers were carried on each flight] (2)	500T
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Ex Lot 878

878	C	A/B	1938 (Jan-Feb) Australia-Papua per "Felicity" cancelled at 'CAPE YORK/QLD' (superb cds) or Port Moresby (a bit spotty) AAMC #P123 & 124 each signed by the pilot "Barbara Hitchins" & her passenger "CK Roberts", Cat \$1150. [The AAMC states that only 5 covers were carried on each sector] (2)	400T
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Lot 879

879	C	A	1941 (Dec 4) Rabaul-Sydney non-stop per Catalina AAMC #P154 with 5d mss cancelled "5PM/4.12.41/Rabaul" & signed by the pilot "J Davies", ridiculously undercatalogued at \$275. [With enclosed note "From BG Challis/ Rabaul/4.12.41". The AAMC states "Very small mail...possibly five covers"]	500T
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Ex Lot 880

880	C		Bundle including 1932 Port Moresby-Wau AAMC #P49, 1933 Port Moresby-Rabaul & intermediates #P66 x5, 1935 Daru-d'Albertis Junction #P88, Daru-Port Moresby-Darwin #P89 & 90, Oroville-Port Moresby #P91, Port Moresby- Kikori #P92 with large Magistrate's cachet, Oroville-Daru #P95, 1937 Port Moresby-Lake Kutubu #P117 & return #P121, etc, 16 signed by the pilots including Orme Denny x4 & Stuart Campbell x5, condition variable with some toning/damp spotting but many are fine to very fine, Cat \$9000+. Ex EC Harris. (27)	2,000
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PAPUA - Flight Covers (continued)

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Ex Lot 881

881	C		The extensive balance of the collection with many better items including AAMC #P32, 35, 65, 66 (3, one registered), 69 registered, 79 (2), 80, 91 (3), 93 (3), 95 (2), 117, 118, 119, 135, 136, 136a (with letter), 139, 142, 150, 160 (2) etc, many registered & many signed by the pilot(s), condition variable but most are fine to very fine, Cat \$17,000+. (120 covers)	2,500T
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA - Australian Stamps used in TPNG - Postal History

We are pleased to present the fine and impressive collection formed by our long-time client John McNabb from Melbourne: Lots 882 to 974. With almost 100 lots, this is by far the most comprehensive collection of the Territory of Papua New Guinea that we have ever handled. In fact, we are confident that this is the most extensive collection of Papua New Guinea ever offered at auction anywhere in the world. This is the second time that John has been a major vendor with Prestige Philately.



Ex Lot 900

900	C**	A/A+	FLIGHT COVERS: (Jan 8) Rabaul-Sydney flight cover with the black & blue Qantas label & signed by the pilot "J Bonnington"; also plain typed cover Port Moresby-Rabaul AAMC #P165 with cds of "16JA47" & Rabaul arrival b/s of 17JA47, plus the similar Sydney-Rabaul label (pristine, unmounted). [The entire Sydney-Rabaul mail disappeared. Unused vignettes are the only survivors of the flight to Port Moresby. The Port Moresby-Rabaul cover is the only recorded proving cover for the inwards flight. #P165 is not priced & this intermediate is not even listed] (3 items)	1,000
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Lot 901

901	C	A-	FLIGHT COVERS: 1951 Buin-Rabaul-Barakoma Airfield possibly commercial cover endorsed "Per Bird of Paradise" with 3d & 6d Kookaburra tied by superb 'BUIN' cds of 30JY51. Unlisted in the AAMC.	400
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PHILATELIC LITERATURE

1012	L	A	NEW ZEALAND: "Airmails of New Zealand Vol. II: The Overseas Flights 1928-1940" compiled by DA Walker (1986), 346pp hardbound with d/j.	25
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