

Lot Type Grading Description

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**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA - Kangaroos - First Watermark****Lot 113**

**113** P A x SPERATI FORGERIES: £2 stamp-size photographic "proofs" of the Roo (2, one a negative image) & of the Map & Frame all on gloss paper, each with 'SPERATI/REPRODUCTION' h/s on the reverse. [A similar group sold at the *Prestige* auction of 20/3/2004 for \$920]

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**Lot 114**

**114** G A- B2 - - £2 black & rose-carmine forgery with the tell-tale white flaw off Warrnambool, Adelaide cds, well centred, a couple of short perfs, 'SPERATI/["129"]/REPRODUCTION' h/s on the reverse, Cat \$7500. [The £2 Roo was the only Commonwealth of Australia issue produced by master-forger *Jean de Sperati*. His method was to fade-out the design of a genuine low denomination stamp then print the desirable high value by photolithography. The paper & postmark are therefore genuine. This is the stamp illustrated in *Robson Lowe's "Empire in Australasia"* at page 348. *Greg Pope's* example - with machine cancellation !! - sold at the *Prestige* auction of 24/1/2004 for \$4140]

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