

Lot Type Grading Description

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**BRITISH OCCUPATION of ITALIAN COLONIES**

871	C	A-	<b>ERITREA:</b> 1951 black/yellow-buff telegram with 'B A/ERITREA' Overprints 20c on 2d, 50c on 6d, 2/50c on 2/6d & 10/- on 10/- tied by 'ASMARA CENTRAL' cds & perfined through the form.	200
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**ITALY****Ex Lot 986**

986	CPS		Two albums of covers mostly post-WWII to Munitions Manufacturer <i>Mangiarotti</i> (many are stampless official covers with Postage Dues up to 900L added, some registered or express), also 1937 airmail 'FIUME' to Hungary, a couple of WWI military postcards, 1929 registered to London with 2L50c solo franking, 1925 cover & PPC both with advertising stamps for <i>Campari</i> , 1920s gorgeous Printed Matter cover (275x190mm), etc, also post-WWII Revenues on 3 documents, generally very fine. (109 items)	400
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**NEW GUINEA - German (Deutsch) New Guinea****Lot 1075**

1075	C	A-	<b>1889</b> (Nov 19) cover to "Stephansort/Deutsch-Neuguinea" with Wurttemberg 10pf pair tied by 'HALL/In WURTTMBG' cds, transit b/s of 'MUENCHEN II', Italian 'GENOVA/21/11-89/(FERROVIA)', Austrian Italy 'F.P.A. No 29/22/11/89', Italian 'AMBTE PONTE BR--- BOLOGNA/22/NOV/89/(No 2)' & faint 'BRINDISI', then 'COOKTOWN/DE23/89/QUEENSLAND', 'BATAVIA/11/1/1890' & 'SOERABAJA/15/1/1890' and 'FINSCHHAFEN/28 4/90' arrival b/s, minor blemishes. <b>A very early inwards cover.</b>	
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The order of the transits is our "best guess". It appears that the cover went SW from Munich (missent ?) to Genoa, then basically east by train through Lombardy - under Austrian control - then back into the Italian system by train to Bologna & on to Brindisi. It is unclear where "Australia" was added to the address. The endorsement at left seems to read "Oder/Finsch Hafen", which makes sense by reference to the Finschhafen b/s but it would be quite perverse for the Germans to address a letter to one of their Colonies via a British Colony. The next odd element is that, having got to Cooktown, it didn't go north to New Guinea. Instead it went all the way back to Java. Surely before arriving in Australia, the letter had transitted Singapore &/or Batavia or Soerabaja. From there, even at this early stage, surely it could have been put on a German ship to New Guinea. It may be that it was mis-directed at least twice & possibly thrice. Whatever the case, it's an absolutely fascinating item of postal history.

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