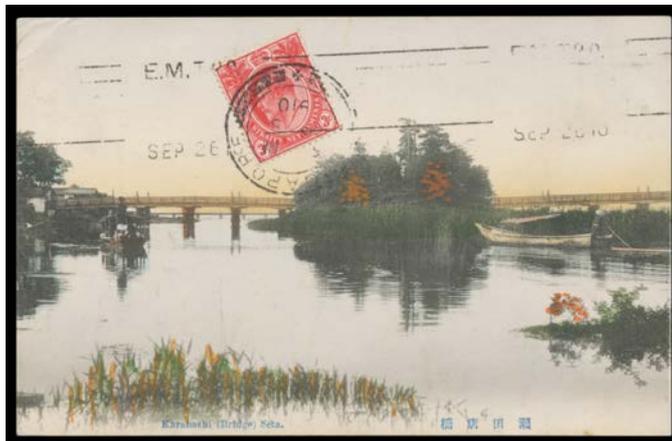


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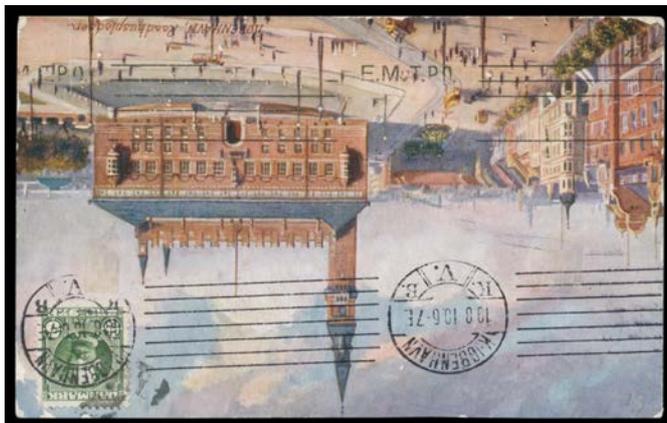
**TPOs: ENGLISH MAIL TRAVELLING POST OFFICE**

This service, by rail Melbourne-Ballarat-Horsham-Serviceton then per South Australian Railways to Adelaide, commenced operations on 19.1.1887. Until the direct Melbourne-Ballarat Line was commissioned in 1890, the English Mail "express" trains still ran via Geelong. The long-held belief that the new service allowed late mails to "beat" the mail boat out of Melbourne to Adelaide is repeated by Molnar & Waugh. However, as Colin Tabcart demonstrates in "ANZUK Mails 1881-1900", it's only partly correct. The Orient Line continued to operate between London & Melbourne. However, for P&O, which carried the vast majority of the English mails, the through rail service resulted in Adelaide becoming the terminus for mails between Australia & England. Les Molnar also states that the English Mail TPO service was terminated in 1917 because of World War I, and that later mails went trans-Pacific via the United States & then trans-Atlantic. This is incorrect. The Trans-Australian Railway was opened in October 1917, resulting in Fremantle (WA) becoming the terminus of the Australia-England ocean mails, which remained the preferred route to Europe, England and even the Americas.



Lot 454

**454** C A B1 **MACHINE BACKSTAMPS:** Type 2 ('EM TPO' & six horizontal lines) fine/very fine strike of SEP2610 tying Straits Settlements 3c to reverse of Japanese PPC from Singapore to Melbourne. Rated RRRRR: only one other example - of the same date: see the next lot - recorded, making this a **great rarity of mechanical postmarks of the world.**

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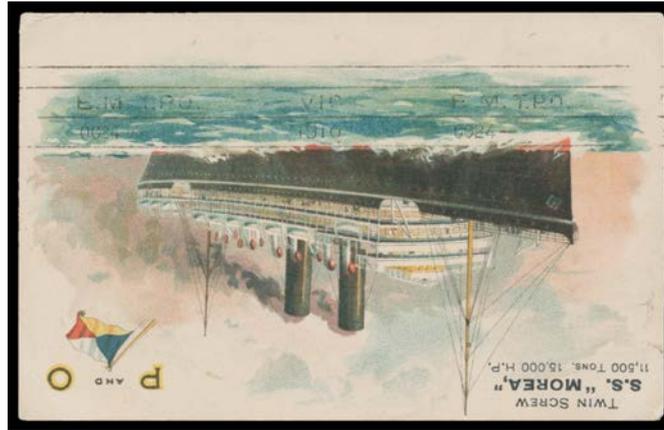
Lot 455

**455** C A- A1 - Type 2 ('EM TPO' & six horizontal lines) very fine b/s of SEP2610 on Tuck's PPC ("Köbenhavn") with Danish 5ö tied to the viewside by Copenhagen machine cancel from Singapore to Melbourne. Rated RRRRR: only this & the previous lot have been recorded.

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## TPOs: ENGLISH MAIL TRAVELLING POST OFFICE (continued)

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Lot 456

456	C	A- A1-	- Type 3 ('EM TPO - VIC' & four horizontal lines) light but very fine strike of OC24 - 1910 on reverse of beautiful P&O advertising PPC of SS "Morea", GB 1d tied by boxed 'PAQUEBOT' h/s with 'PORT-TAUFIQ' (Egypt) cds alongside, message headed "Nearing Suez" (so the ship was in the Suez Canal). Rated RRRRR: the earlier of only two recorded examples - six days apart - <b>making this another great rarity of mechanical postmarks of the world.</b>	
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*Bill Purves'* and *Molnar & Waugh's* illustrations of this postmark are wildly misleading. To create their caricatures, *Purves* used a typewriter!; *Molnar & Waugh* used a computer. Both attempts were abject failures. *Molnar & Waugh* state "It has two very close horizontal lines at top and at bottom and another...at the mid-point". We can only assume they described it from collective memory, and before Les actually acquired this card. In fact, there are four equi-distant horizontal lines, that we hope will be obvious from our illustration.

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461	C	A- A1-	<b>ASSOCIATED INTERSTATE MARKINGS:</b> 'ENGLISH MAIL NSW' largely very fine machine b/s <b>1)</b> of SP2-1909 on cover with <i>Connor Doherty &amp; Durack (Wyndham)</i> imprint on the flap, to Sydney sent uncanceled by ship & uncanceled at Perth; and <b>2)</b> of JE20-1910 on PPC ("Praha...") from Prague to NSW with 'BURRADOO' cds & redirected to "Balmain". An unusual pair of usages. <b>(2)</b>	
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