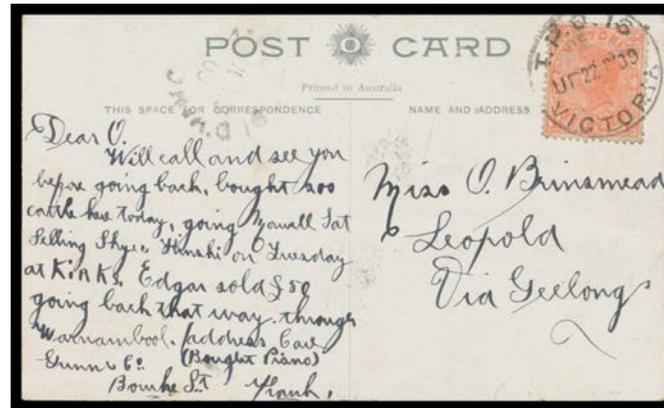


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TPOs: SEYMOUR-NUMURKAH

A branch line from Seymour - on the main line to Wodonga & on from there via Albury to Sydney - to Shepparton opened in January 1880 but it was only in 1888, by which time the line had been extended to Numurkah, that TPO services commenced.

408	PS	B A1+	UP TRAIN 17: Type 2 ('TPO 17') superb cancel of 17AP12 on Fullface 1d Postal Card ("PHANTOM FALLS/ VICTORIA") with message headed "Rushworth", to Coburg, minor stain on the address side. Rated RR on cover.	100 ^T
410	C	B A1+	DOWN TRAIN 17: Type 2 ('TPO 17') superb cancel of 23DE08 on 1d pink on PPC ("Allan Street, Kyabram") from Kyabram to Melbourne, creased at lower-left. Rated RRRR: the latest of five usages on cover recorded. Illustrated at page 82.	200 ^T

TPOs: MELBOURNE-SALE 1878-1921**Lot 419**

419	C	A A2	UP TRAIN 16: Type 2 ('TPO 16') very fine cancel of 22JY09 on 1d pink on <i>Hammond (Dandenong)</i> PPC ("Commercial Bank & Town Hall Dandenong") to "Leopold/Via Geelong" with light 'LEOPOLD' arrival cds. Rated RRRRR: the earliest of only 3 usages on cover recorded.	250 ^T
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**Lot 422**

422	C	A- A2+	DOWN TRAIN 16: Type 2 ('TPO 16') superb large-part cancel of 17SE09 on 1d pink on PPC to Bairnsdale. Rated RRRRR: the earliest of only 5 usages on cover recorded.	300 ^T
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TPOs: MELBOURNE-PORT ALBERT

The South Gippsland Line to Port Albert was completed by January 1892. Molnar & Waugh state at page 147 "formal TPO services did not commence...until 1898", using the re-allocated Numbers 2 and 7. However, as early as mid-1894, at least de facto TPO 20 & 21 services were operating, using manuscript postal markings. Molnar states TPOs 20 & 21 were shelved because of fiscal belt-tightening during the catastrophic economic depression of the mid-1890s.

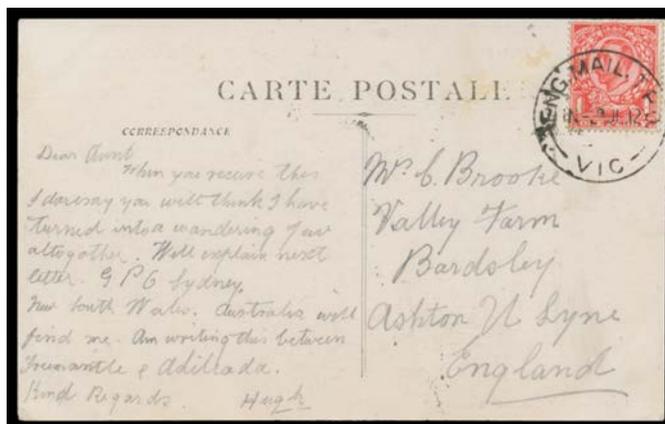
435	C	A- A2	UP TRAIN 7: Type 2 ('TPO 7') very fine large-part cancel of 12JA10 on 1d pink on PPC of Korumburra to Adelaide. Rated RRRR: six examples on cover recorded.	200 ^T
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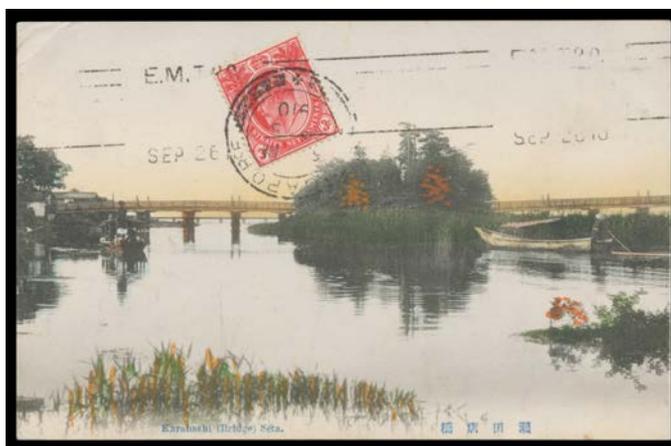
TPOs: ENGLISH MAIL TRAVELLING POST OFFICE

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 451

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| 451 | C | A A1- | TYPE 5 (CDS WITH 'VIC' AT BASE): Largely very fine cancel of 9JL12 tying GB Downey Head 1d red to PPC ("Keepsake of Voyage - RMS Osterley, Orient Line") to England posted aboard ship & placed into the mails on arrival at Melbourne for on-forwarding to England. An extraordinary "paquebot" usage. Ex George Bowman: direct sale from <i>Prestige</i> in 2007 for \$1000. [The message "...GPO Sydney...will find me. Am writing this between Fremantle & Adiliada" <i>[sic]</i> proves east-bound voyage. The <i>Orient Line</i> did not call into Adelaide. After Albany (WA), Melbourne was the next port-of-call, from where the card was sent back to Adelaide on the EMTPO. Most examples of this CDS are transits only. Examples as cancels are very scarce: <i>David Wood's</i> very fine 1917 cancel on loose KGV 1d red sold for \$305] |
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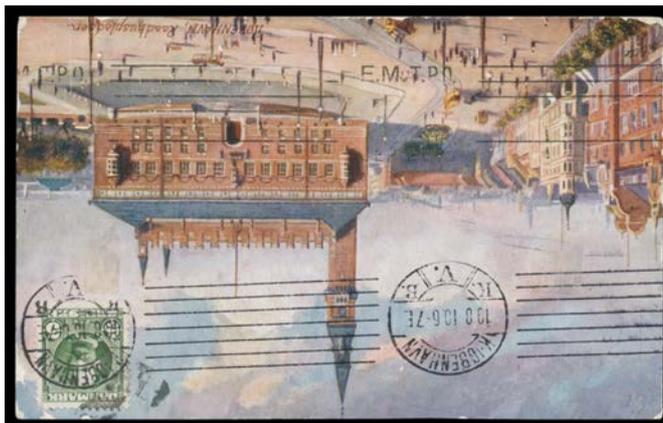
Lot 454

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| 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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TPOs: ENGLISH MAIL TRAVELLING POST OFFICE (continued)

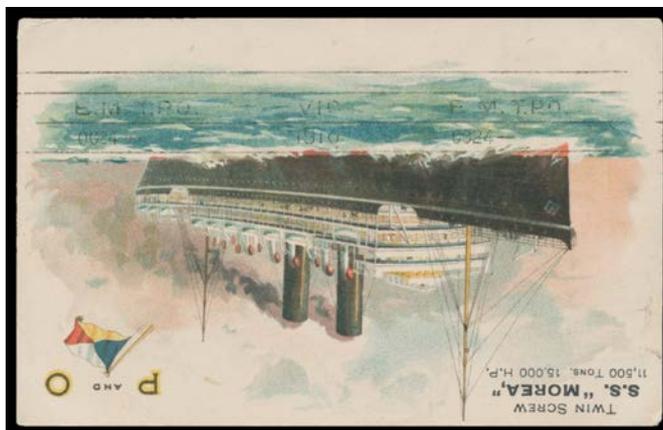
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Lot 455

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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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 - **making this another great rarity of mechanical postmarks of the world.**

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.

500^T

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

200^T