

Lot Type Grading Description

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**GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS**



**Lot 924**

**924** PS B **1910** commercial usage of German 10pf Postal Card with message headed "SS Germania/Feb 20th 10", to Michigan with very fine 'DEUTSCH SEEPOST/JALUIT-LINIE/21.2/10 - b ' cds used aboard the 'Germania'. The message states "just coming back from two months mostly in the Gilbert Islands. We expect to reach Kusaie [now Kosrae] tomorrow...", a trifle aged. [There was no formal postal service in the Gilberts until 1.1.1911, when Butaritari opened & the first G&E stamps were issued]

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**Lot 925**

**925** C B **1924** (c.) double-rate cover endorsed "Ng Sheung/cm #64/BPC/Ocean Island" addressed in Chinese & English to Hong Kong, very fine postman's delivery 'C5' h/s - a type not recorded by *Ted Proud* - in red, minor faults. An excellent origin/destination item. [From 1900, the island's phosphate resources were shamefully exploited by the *Pacific Phosphate Company*. After WWI, the government-backed *British Phosphate Company* took over but many of the *PPC* executives continued with the *BPC*]

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**Lot 926**

**926** C B **1950** commercial airmail cover from Fiji with KGVI 6d Map tied by light 'NUNUKULOVA' cds & 'T/("40c")' h/s both in violet to *PanAm* on Canton Island, Postage Due 2d pair tied by 'G&E/CANTON ISLAND/BRITISH POST OFFICE' arrival cds, minor blemishes. [Nunukuloa is on the NE coast of Viti Levu, about 80km N of Suva]

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