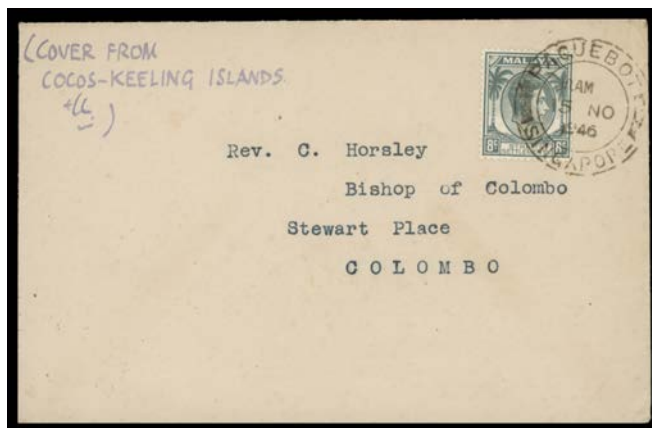


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In 1946 administration reverted to Singapore & the islands were incorporated into that Colony. For most of this period, there was again no official post office. From late-1949 until 1951, Esme Ralph Leigh-Parkin, an employee of Cable & Wireless Ltd, was the de facto postmaster. A keen collector, much of the mail to, from or processed by him is nonetheless definitely commercial/social. Unlike the 'Tin Can Mail' taken out to passing ships (see next section), items here were collected by the TSS 'Islander' or naval ships calling infrequently at Cocos with relief staff & supplies. A Royal Australian Air Force PO opened at the end of 1951, from which time most mail was then processed through that facility.



Lot 2409

2409 C A- **MAIL PER TSS 'ISLANDER':** 1946 cover to "Rev C Horsley/Bishop of Colombo" with Straits 8c grey tied by 'PAQUEBOT/15NO/1946/SINGAPORE' cds, addressee's docketing "Cover from Cocos-Keeling Islands" at upper-left. Carried per 'Islander' ex Cocos 31.10.1946 via Christmas Island, arrived Singapore 14.11.1946.

500^T

Lot 2410

2410 C B - 1948 cover from Denmark to "Administrative Office/Cocos Islands", central vertical fold between two of the stamps, minor blemishes. Remarkably, **this is the only recorded cover to or from Cocos in the year 1948!**

300^T

Lot 2411

2411 C B - 1949 Egyptian commercial censored cover endorsed on flap "H Elms co Marconi Radio Tel/Alexandria" by air to "Paul Barker/Cocos/co Cable & Wireless Ltd/.../Singapore" forwarded with oval 'COCOS IS/PER ("Islander")' cachet in violet & 'Cocos-Keeling/("7 11 49")/Is' cachet in black, minor blemishes. **An extraordinary origin-destination cover.** [The hand-written date on the second cachet is in the distinctive ink used by ER Leigh Parkin. It is believed that he introduced both cachets]

750^T

COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - Colony of Singapore 1946 to 1955 (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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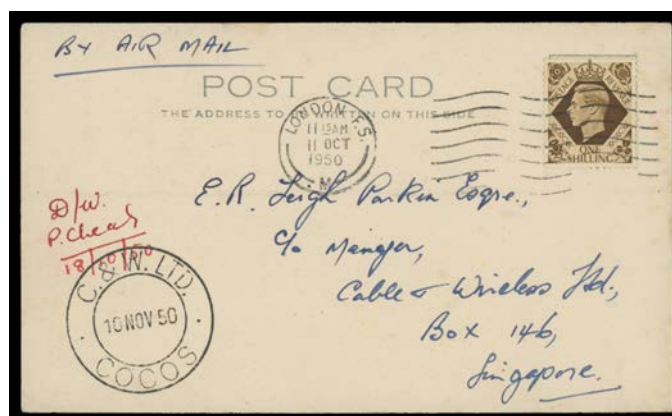
Lot 2412

2412 C A- - 1949 Leigh-Parkin cover to GB with 'Cocos-Keeling/("8 11 49")/Is' cachet in violet on the face, forwarded by air with Singapore UPU 50c.

500^T

Lot 2413

2413 C A - 1950 Leigh-Parkin cover to GB with 'Cocos-Keeling/("6 6 50")/Is' cachet in black on the face, forwarded by air with Singapore 50c. Ex David Flaar: acquired for \$834. [Carried per 'Islander']

500^T

Lot 2414

2414 C A- - 1950 Leigh-Parkin GB airmail postcard at 1/- rate via Cable & Wireless at Singapore with superb strike of the second-type 'C&W LTD/10NOV50/COCOS' cds on the face, message largely obscured with liquid paper (good grief!). [Strikes of the second Cable & Wireless cds differ in many details from the earlier type. Most obviously, the new cds has the letters 'LTD' all the same size; the earlier cds had smaller & raised 'TD'. The inner circle is 20mm across, compared with 18½mm on the earlier cds]

750^T

COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - Colony of Singapore 1946 to 1955 (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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**Lot 2415**

2415 C A- - 1950 apparently commercial cover from Mexico (!) to "Cable & Wireless/Keeling Islands" with oval 'COCOS IS/PER ("Islander")' cachet in violet & superb strike of the second-type 'C&W LTD/10NOV50/COCOS' cds both on the reverse.

750^T**Lot 2416**

2416 C A- - 1950 OHMS cover with 'DIRECTOR OF POSTS/SINGAPORE' cachet at lower-left & 'Bulletin de Verification/Pour Bureau de Postes/["Cocos Island"]' address handstamp, 'SINGAPORE/21AUG50' b/s & superb b/s of the second-type 'C&W LTD/10NOV50/COCOS' cds. [The official nature of this cover, containing registration receipts, shows that the Post Office in Singapore treated the Cocos Cable & Wireless Station as a *de facto* postal agency. **NB:** this item highlights the delays experienced if mail missed a regular thrice-yearly sailing of the 'Islander']

1,000^T**Lot 2417**

2417 C B - 1950 mail bag tag with printed 'MAIL/SINGAPORE/TO/COCOS ISLAND', minor blemishes. [Stated to have been carried per 'Islander' arriving at Cocos 10.11.1950]

250^T

COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - Colony of Singapore 1946 to 1955 (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

Est \$A

**Lot 2418**

2418 C B - 1950 Leigh-Parkin surface cover to Devon with his personal dater '11NOV50' on the flap, Singapore 4c strip of 3 tied by Singapore machine cancel of 25NOV50, minor aging.

400^T**Lot 2419**

2419 C A- - 1951 philatelic registered cover from Holland with Singapore transit b/s of 7SEP51 & oval 'COCOS ISLANDS' ("2-12-51")/PER ("Islander") arrival b/s in violet. [Another example of an almost-3 months delay in Singapore]

250^T**Lot 2420**

2420 C B - 1951 stampless cover with [crown]/GviR' monogram h/s of King George VI at lower-left & 'OFFICIAL PAID/25AU/51/ BALMORAL CASTLE' cds in red, to "The Manager/Cable & Wireless Ltd/Cocos-Keeling Islands", minor blemishes. An outstanding item for collectors of Royal mail.

500^T

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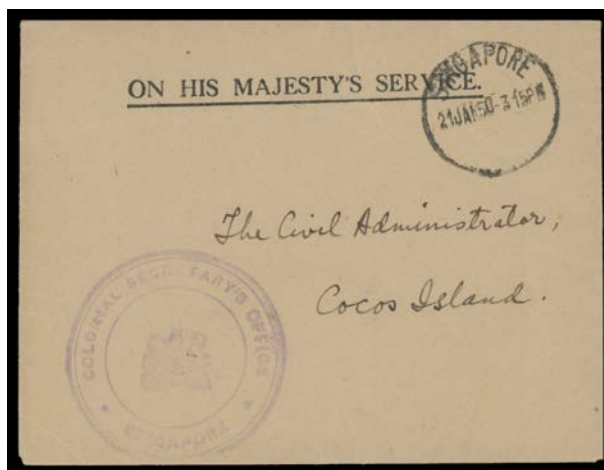
Lot Type Grading Description

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Lot 2421

- 2421** C A- **MAIL PER ROYAL NAVAL FRIGATE:** 1949 (Aug 24) social cover from Australia to *ER Leigh-Parkin* in Devon, redirected "co Cable & Wireless for Cocos/...PO Box 146/Singapore", oval 'COCOS IS/PER ("Frigate")' h/s in violet & 'Cocos-Keeling/("15 12 49")/IS' h/s in black both on the reverse. [Mail addressed to PO Box 146 was forwarded by the Singapore Post Office to Cocos on the first available vessel. This cover suggests that *Leigh-Parkin* arrived on Cocos no earlier than October 1949. A frigate arrived at Cocos 15.12.1949]

750^T

Lot 2422

- 2422** C A- - 1950 (Jan 21) stampless OHMS cover with huge 'COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE/SINGAPORE' cachet at lower-left, to "The Civil Administrator/Cocos Island". [A frigate arrived at Cocos 26.4.1950]

500^T

Lot 2423

- 2423** C A- - 1950 (Jan 30) *Leigh-Parkin* airmail cover from Devon "for Cocos/PO Box 146/Singapore", oval 'COCOS IS/PER ("Frigate")' h/s in violet & provisional usage of the earlier 'C&W LTD/26APR50/COCOS' arrival cds both on the reverse. [A frigate arrived at Cocos 26.4.1950]

The second cds was introduced by 28JAN50: see Lot 2414. Later & very occasional usage of the earlier cds has been noted.

600^T

COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - Colony of Singapore 1946 to 1955 (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

Est \$A



Lot 2424

2424 C B - 1950 (July 10) Leigh-Parkin airmail cover from Devon with superb emergency strike of the earlier 'C&W LTD/22AUG50/COCOS' b/s, minor spotting. [The frigate HMS 'Glen Dhu' arrived at Cocos 22.8.1950]

400^T

Lot 2425

2425 C A- - 1950 (Aug 23) Leigh-Parkin airmail cover to Kent with very worn 'Cocos-Keeling/("23 8 50")/Is' cachet on the face & Ceylon 75c tied by Colombo cds of 31AU/50. [The frigate HMS 'Glen Dhu' ex Cocos arrived at Colombo 31.8.1950]

600^T

Lot 2426

2426 C A- - 1950 Leigh-Parkin airmail cover to the United States with makeshift 'R COCOS/0002' label & superb 'C&W LTD/29NOV50/COCOS' b/s, Singapore 15c & \$1 tied by 'MAXWELL ROAD/11DEC50/SINGAPORE' cds & Singapore 'R' label added, three New York backstamps. [A frigate departed Cocos 1.12.1950 for Singapore]

Singapore recognised Cocos' *de facto* postal arrangements when it suited them but drew the line at purporting to register mail from there, requiring that the process be done in Singapore. Such registered covers are rare: makeshift 'R' label #19 is on a cover dated 11JUN51, suggesting an average of fewer than three articles per month.

1,250^T

COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - Colony of Singapore 1946 to 1955 (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

Est \$A

**Lot 2427**

- 2427** C A - 1951 stampless OHMS cover with 'DIRECTOR OF POSTS/SINGAPORE' cachet at lower-left & Singapore cds of 1FEB51, to "The Postal Agent/Cocos Island". [Delivered 16.4.1951 per frigate *en route* Singapore-Colombo. To deter collectors sending mail to Cocos, Singapore had denied in the philatelic press that there was a post office on Cocos. This was technically true but this cover proves the reality of the situation]

300^T**Lot 2428**

- 2428** C B - 1950 (Nov 10) cover to "Cable and Wireless Ltd for Cocos/PO Box 146/Singapore/China" (!!) with USA Prexie 3c only, 'T12 CTMS' h/s & 'POSTAGE DUE...CENTS' h/s both in purple, Singapore Postage Due 12c meter impression in green & oval 'COCOS IS/("10 4 51")/PER ("Frigate")' b/s, stained on the face. A most unusual cover. [Delivered 16.4.1951 per frigate *en route* Singapore-Colombo. There was, of course, no facility for collecting Postage Due on Cocos so the fee was charged to *Cable & Wireless Ltd* in Singapore &, presumably, recovered through internal accounting]

750^T

COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - Colony of Singapore 1946 to 1955 (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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**Lot 2429**

- 2429** C A- **MAIL PER OTHER SHIPS:** 1950 *Leigh-Parkin* airmail cover from Cornwall to "PO Box 146/Singapore" with very fine oval 'COCOS IS/("14 8 50")/PER ("Recorder")' cachet on reverse. From the only Cocos inwards mail carried per Cableship CS 'Recorder', which visited Cocos to repair a broken telegraph cable.

750^T**Lot 2430**

- 2430** C A- - 1950 *Leigh-Parkin* airmail cover to Kent with undated 'Cocos-Keeling/Is' cachet at lower-left & Singapore 50c tied by cds of 28AUG50.

500^T**Lot 2431**

- 2431** C A - 1951 *Leigh-Parkin* airmail cover to GB with very fine 'Cocos-Keeling/("28 1 50")' cachet, Ceylon 25c UPU & 50c Elephants tied by Colombo cds of 3FE/50. [The 'Wave Baron' en route Perth-Colombo returned the survivors from the "Strathaird Incident" & accepted an outgoing mail: see Lot 2441]

500^T

COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - Colony of Singapore 1946 to 1955 (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

Est \$A



Lot 2432

- 2432** C A- - 1951 *Leigh-Parkin* airmail cover to GB with very fine strike of the rare 'R MS ORMONDE' circular cachet in violet over '10AUG51' h/s, Ceylon 25c Temple strip of 3 tied by Colombo cds of 15AU/51. [From the only mail carried per the 'Ormonde'. *En route* Perth-Colombo, the ship stopped at Cocos to collect *John Clunies-Ross* who was going to England to be married]

1,000^T

Lot 2433

- 2433** C A- - 1951 *Orient Line* parcel tag endorsed "Newspapers & Magazines" with very fine strikes front & back of the rare 'CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED/10AUG1951/COCOS' cachet in violet. Carried by the 'Ormonde'. [The only such item, & the only examples of the cachet, we have seen]

500^T

Lot 2434

- 2434** C A **MAIL PER PRIVATE YACHT:** 1950 *Leigh-Parkin* airmail cover endorsed "2.10.50" on the reverse & "Per MY/Sari Marais" at lower-left, to Devon with Penang 50c tied by Penang machine cancel of 20OCT50. Motor Yacht 'Sari Marais' stopped at Cocos on a Round-the-World voyage. Only this cover was carried *per favor*. ['Sarie Marais' is a well-known South African Boer song, popularised by *Jim Reeves*]

1,000^T

COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - Colony of Singapore 1946 to 1955 (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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Lot 2435

- 2435** C (B) - 1951 Leigh-Parkin airmail cover to Buckinghamshire endorsed "By kind favour of M Jaques Yves le Toumelin aboard the sloop Korun, sailing single-handed around the world" & superb 'C&W LTD/15SEP51/COCOS' b/s, Reunion 10fr on 25fr and 25fr on 50fr tied by 'PONTE DES GALETS/6-10/1951/REUNION' cds, the stamps unfortunately torn-off & neatly reinstated. [Only two letters were carried]

500^T

Lot 2436

- 2436** C A **MAIL PER FLYING BOAT:** 1951 cover with GB Festival 2½d tied by London machine of 27JNE/51, to ER Leigh-Parkin, PO Box 146, Singapore, oval 'COCOS IS/("28 8 51") PER ("Frigate")' cachet on reverse amended to 'PER ("RAF Sunderland")'. [The RAF flight brought Sir Franklin Gimson, Governor of Singapore, on a vice-regal visit. A small mail being held at Singapore was carried, despite - in this case - being paid surface rate only]

750^T

Lot 2437

- 2437** C (A-) - 1951 Leigh-Parkin cover with his endorsement on the flap to GB with Singapore 50c tied by 'SINGAPORE/28AUG51' cds, small closed tear at the top. [Leigh-Parkin told Colin Riddell that this was the only item of mail carried by the Sunderland on its return to RAF Seletar in Singapore later the same day]

750^T