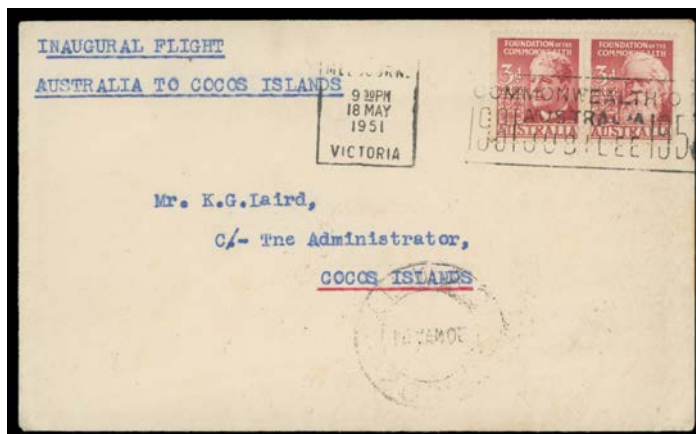


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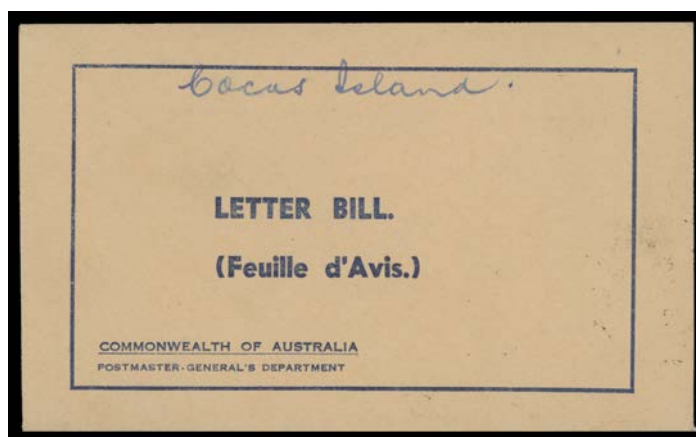
COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - 1951 Survey Flight

The Cocos Airstrip was abandoned in 1946. In 1951, it was decided that it should be reopened. Qantas undertook a survey flight. Kim Dwyer's collection included only two related covers; David Flaar's only one.



Lot 2452

2452 C A 1951 (May 24) from Sydney cover endorsed "Inaugural Flight/Australia to Cocos Islands" with Federation 3d setenant pair tied by Melbourne Federation slogan of 18MAY/1951, to "KG Laird/co The Administrator/Cocos Islands", superb strike of the second 'C&W LTD/30MAY1951/COCOS' arrival b/s: see AAMC #1273b, Cat \$1250 (2008). [The flight departed Sydney 30.5.1951 & went via Darwin & Jakarta. Lack of publicity resulted in only 170 grams of mail - less than 20 covers - being carried from Sydney]

1,000^T

Lot 2453

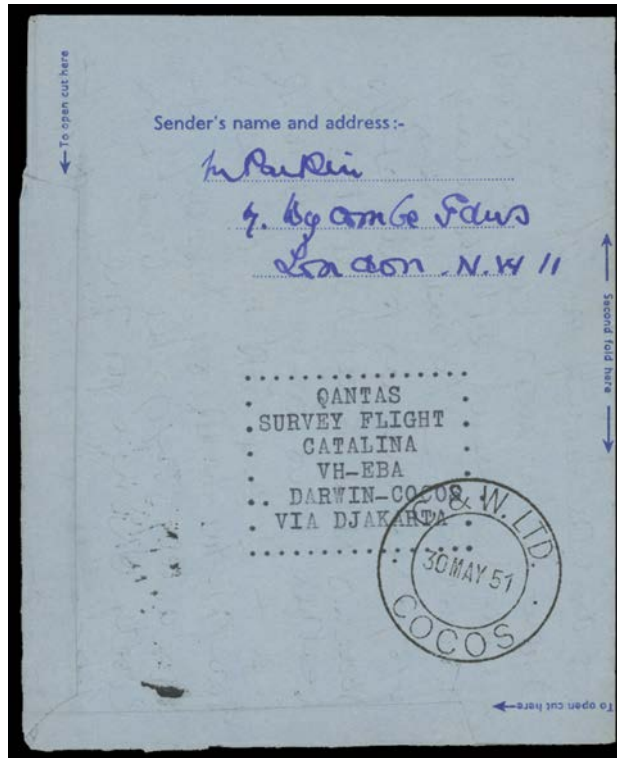
2453 C A - stampless 'LETTER BILL/(Feuille d'Avis)/COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA/POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT' envelope endorsed "Cocos Island" with very fine strike of the second 'C&W LTD/30MAY1951/COCOS' arrival b/s. A very rare item of official free Postal Stationery (required by the UPU but not recognised as such by the FIP: the tail wagging the dog).

500^T

COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - 1951 Survey Flight (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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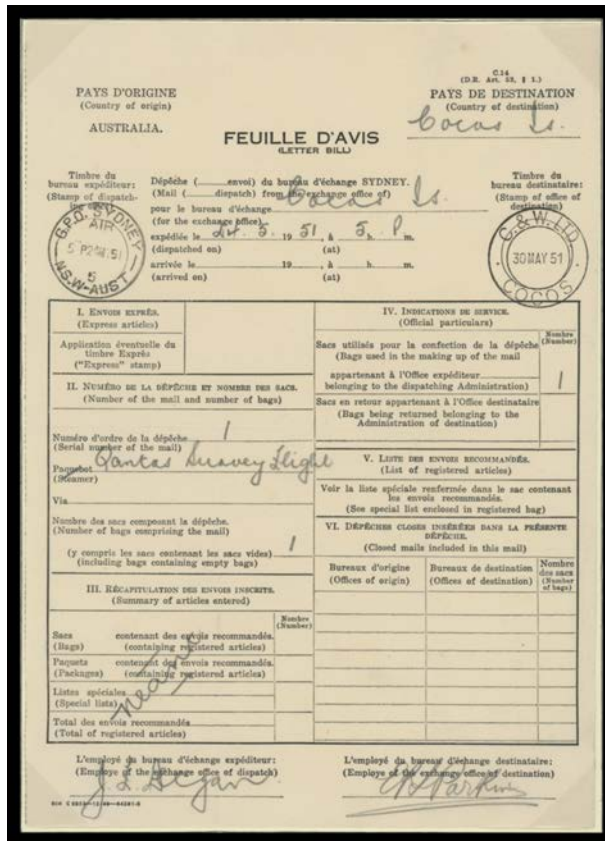


Lot 2454

2454 PS A

- GB 6d aerogramme from London with machine cancel of 29APR/1951, to Leigh-Parkin PO Box 146 Singapore, typed 'QANTAS/SURVEY FLIGHT/CATALINA/VH-EBA/DARWIN-COCOS/VIA DJAKARTA' on the reverse & superb strike of the second 'C&W LTD/30MAY1951/COCOS' arrival b/s. [Letter signed "Aunt Mabel". Being aware of the upcoming Survey Flight, Singapore's Director of Posts forwarded mails being held for Cocos to Darwin to connect with the Survey Flight]

1,500^T



Lot 2455

2455 L A

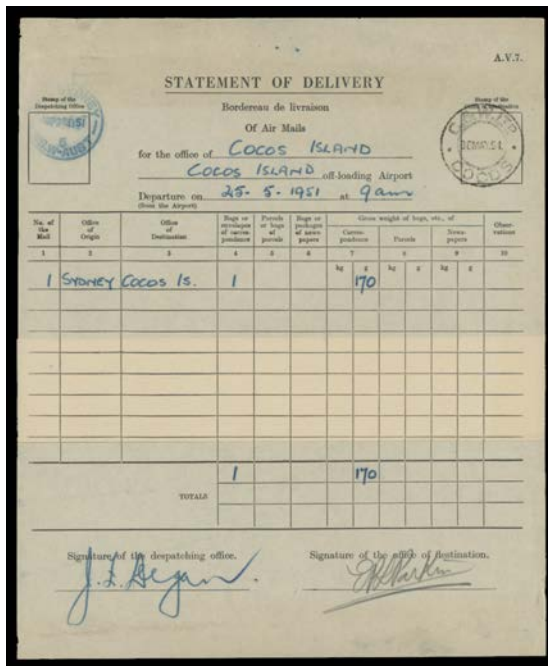
- the 'FEUILLE D'AVIS/LETTER BILL' (182x256mm) enclosed in the previous lot with 'GPO SYDNEY/ AIR /24MY51/ 5 /NSW-AUST' cds & superb strike of the second 'C&W LTD/30MAY1951/COCOS' cds, signed "ERL Parkin".

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COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - 1951 Survey Flight (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

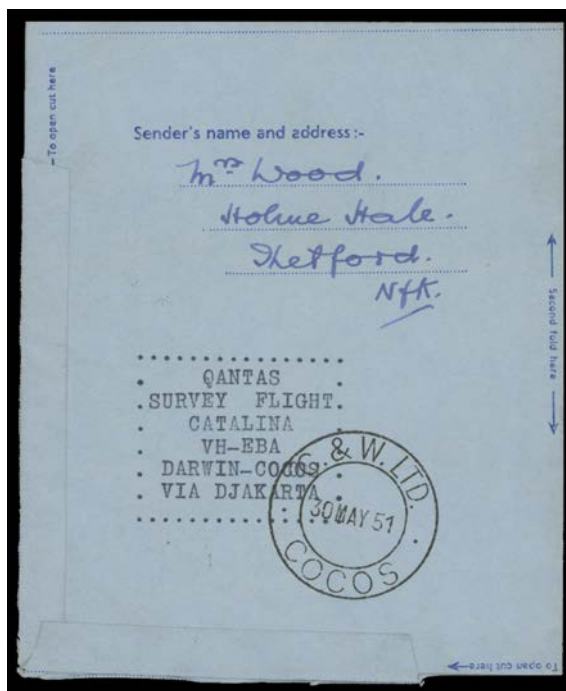
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Lot 2456

2456 L B - the 'STATEMENT OF DELIVERY/(Bordereau de livraison)/Of Air Mails' (210x334mm; folded for single-page display) with 'GPO SYDNEY/ AIR /24MY51/ 5 /NSW-AUST' cds (a carbon copy!) & very fine strike of the **first** 'C&W LTD/30MAY1951/COCOS' cds (worn state), signed "ERL Parkin". [This important document confirms the weight of the mail flown from Sydney as being 170g only]

500^T



Lot 2457

2457 PS A- - (May 27) from Darwin GB 6d aerogramme from Norfolk with machine cancel of 17MAY/1951, to Leigh-Parkin PO Box 146 Singapore, typed 'QANTAS/SURVEY FLIGHT/CATALINA/VH-EBA/DARWIN-COCOS/VIA DJAKARTA' on the reverse & superb strike of the second 'C&W LTD/30MAY1951/COCOS' arrival b/s. [Letter signed "Beatrice Wood"]

1,500^T

COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - 1951 Survey Flight (continued)

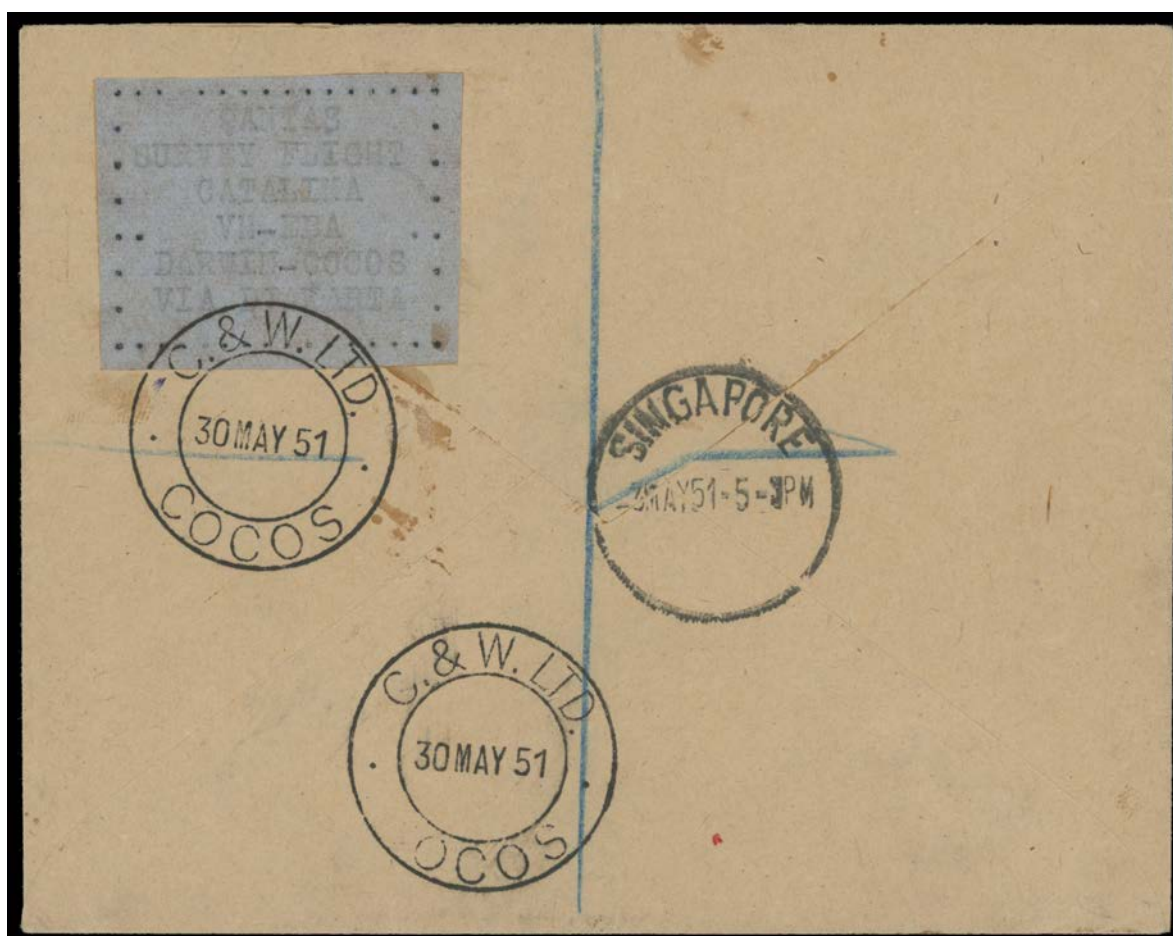
Lot Type Grading Description

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Lot 2458

- 2458** C A- - airmail cover with 'ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA' h/s on flap, to "The Librarian/Cable & Wireless Ltd/Staff Library/Cocos Islands/PO Box 146 Singapore" with 1/- tied by London machine of 25APR/1951, makeshift typed 'QANTAS/SURVEY FLIGHT/CATALINA/VH-EBA/DARWIN-COCOS/VIA DJAKARTA' label tied to the reverse by superb strike of the second 'C&W LTD/30MAY1951/COCOS' arrival b/s.

1,500^T

Lot 2459

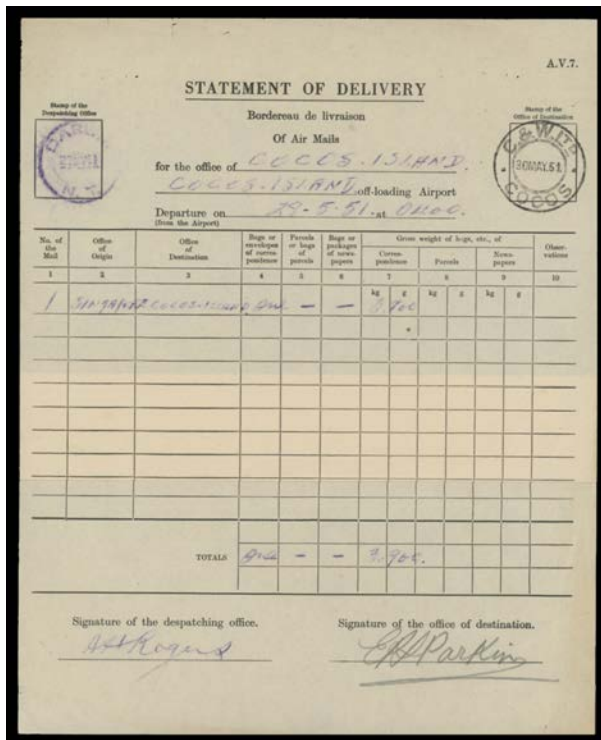
- 2459** C A- - stampless OHMS cover with 'DIRECTOR OF POSTS SINGAPORE' cachet in violet at lower-left, Singapore b/s of 23MAY51 b/s & unusual 'SINGAPORE 41' 'R' label, with 'Bulletin de Verification/Pour Bureau de Postes/("Cocos Islands")' address h/s in violet, makeshift typed 'QANTAS/SURVEY FLIGHT/CATALINA/VH-EBA/ DARWIN-COCOS/ VIA DJAKARTA' label tied to the reverse by superb strike of the second 'C&W LTD/30MAY1951/COCOS' arrival b/s.

2,000^T

COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - 1951 Survey Flight (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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Lot 2460

2460 L B - 'STATEMENT OF DELIVERY'/(Bordereau de livraison)/Of Air Mails' (210x334mm; folded for single-page display) with 'DARWIN/27MY51/NT' cds (a carbon copy!) & very fine strike of the first 'C&W LTD/30MAY1951/COCOS' cds (worn state), signed "ERL Parkin". [This document confirms the weight of the mail flown from Darwin - being the mails forwarded from Singapore - as 3.9kg]

500^T



Lot 2461

2461 C B - (June 12) Return Flight Leigh-Parkin cover to Devon with huge 'COCOS/SYDNEY' "lightning bolt" cachet & small makeshift 'R' label 0013, typed 'PER QANTAS/CATALINA/VH-EBA' label tied to the reverse by superb strike of the second 'C&W LTD/11JUN1951/COCOS' cds, Australian 1/- Lyrebird x2 tied by 'GPO SYDNEY/ AIR /20JE51/ 7 / NSW-AUST' cds, 'REGISTERED/17JU51/TORQUAY, DEVON' arrival b/s, minor defects. [The Cocos 'R' label had no validity but as the postage - 1/6d airmail + 6d registration - was correct, the cover was accepted as having been registered]

2,000^T

COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - 1951 Survey Flight (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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Lot 2462

2462 C A- - Leigh-Parkin cover to Devon with huge 'COCOS/SYDNEY' "lightning bolt" cachet & small makeshift 'R' label 0015, typed 'PER QANTAS/CATALINA/VH-EBA' label tied to the reverse by superb strike of the second 'C&W LTD/11JUN1951/COCOS' cds, Australian 2/- Aboriginal Art tied by 'GPO SYDNEY/ AIR /20JE51/ 7 / NSW-AUST' cds, 'REGISTERED/17JU51/TORQUAY, DEVON' arrival b/s, minor blemishes. [Only eight registered covers were carried on the return flight. Kim Dwyer's similar cover - label 0019 - sold for \$3450]

2,500^T