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LETTER CARDS - 1915 KGV Sideface 1d Military Views

The material in this section comprises the most comprehensive array of these issues ever offered at auction. NB: all of the military view cards have Die 1 stamp impressions.

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| 2152 | PS | A | 'OFFICERS & CREW.../...of HMAS AUSTRALIA/...': Plate A (thicker frame; 'O' of 'OFFICERS' 5mm from frame) in black-brown, Pink Within ACSC #LC25, unused, Cat \$175. | 100 |
| 2153 | PS | A | - Plate B (thinner frame; 'O' of 'OFFICERS' 2mm from frame) in indigo, Pink Within ACSC #LC25, unused, Cat \$175. | 100 |
| 2154 | PS | A | - Plate B (thinner frame; 'O' of 'OFFICERS' 2mm from frame) in black, Off-White Within ACSC #LC27, unused, Cat \$175. | 100 |

COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - 1949-53 Tin Can Mail

While not as well-known as the more popular Tongan service, the Cocos Tin Can Mail is an important part of Cocos' postal and social history. Originated in 1909 by Captain Brown of the P&O's SS "Morea", no distinctive markings were employed until 1949. Most surviving covers from this later period are to or from ER Leigh-Parkin who was responsible for the various cachets of the period. Though he was a keen philatelist, many of the surviving Tin Can Mail covers are undoubtedly from personal, social or commercial correspondence.



Lot 2445

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| 2445 | C | B | 1951 Leigh-Parkin airmail cover to GB with very fine 'Per RMS ORION' ("12 8 51") circular cachet & superb boxed 'TIN CAN MAIL/COCOS-KEELING IS' cachet both in violet, Australian 1/6d Federation tied by Perth slogan cancel, very minor water stains. [The barrel was a flour tin with the lid soldered-on. On this occasion, the soldering was sub-standard & some water entered the barrel] | 400 ^T |
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Lot 2447

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| 2447 | C | A | - airmail cover endorsed on the flap "R MacLean/The Cocos-Keeling Islands/Colony of Singapore", to North Borneo with <i>Orient Line</i> cachet for SS 'Orontes' plus very fine boxed 'TIN CAN MAIL/COCOS-KEELING IS' cachet in violet, Australian 3d Parkes & 6d Kookaburra tied by Perth slogan of 28SEP/1951. An extraordinary non Leigh-Parkin origin-destination cover. [R MacLean was the Island administrator. The airmail rate to British Borneo was 9d per 1/2oz] | 750 ^T |
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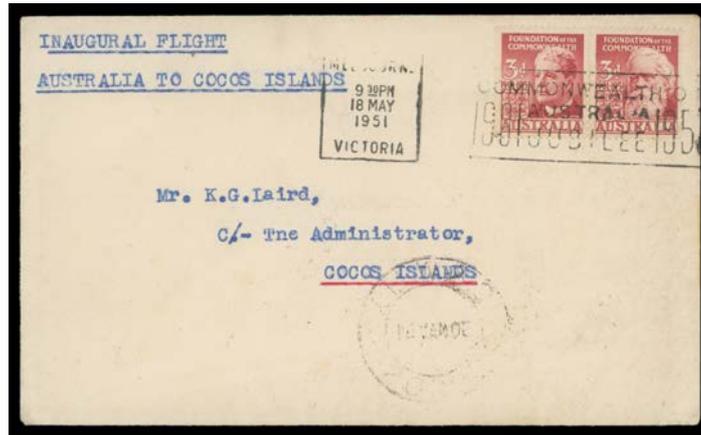
After World War II, overpopulation on the islands became a serious issue. More than 1600 Cocos Malays were re-settled, many of them in North Borneo.

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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

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| 2452 | C | A | <p>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]</p> |
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