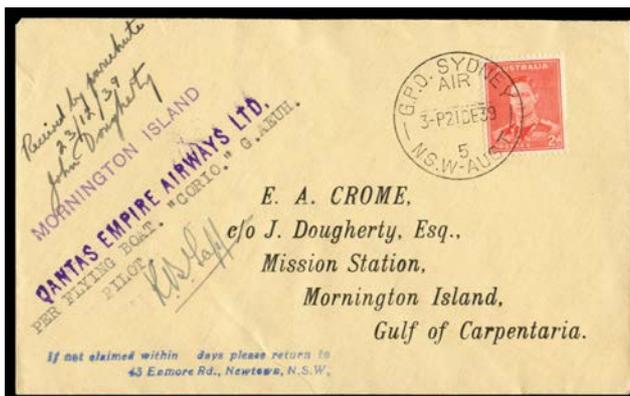


Lot Type Grading Description

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA - Aerophilately & Flight Covers**Ex Lot 276**

276 C** A **MORNINGTON ISLAND PARACHUTE MAILS:** Qantas Christmas flights 1939 ex Sydney, 1941 ex Sydney & Brisbane, 1942 ex Sydney & Brisbane, 1943 ex Sydney & Brisbane, 1946 ex Sydney, 1947 ex Sydney & 1948 ex Sydney, all with appropriate labels &/or autographs, plus an unmounted set of the six Qantas labels. *Ex Neil Russell.* (16 items)

500^T**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA - Postal History****Lot 304**

304 C A **1938-39 Empire Air Mail Scheme EAMS cover** to GB with KGV 5d tied by 'SHIP MAIL ROOM/6MR39/MELBOURNE' cds. Nothing to look at but this is only the third cover identified as having been carried per 'Capella' which was wrecked on landing at Batavia AAMC #843a, Cat \$900. **NB:** the plane was flying from Australia, not from GB as noted in the AAMC: see *Proud 'Intercontinental Airmails Vol II: Asia & Australasia'* at page 431 where it is stated 'On 11 March *Capella* struck a sunken wreck while landing at Batavia...'

308 C A- **1939-45 World War II services** 1939 (Sep 7) PPC to GB flown on first WWII service at reverted 9d rate. *Ex Neil Russell.*

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150^T**SEYCHELLES - Postal History**

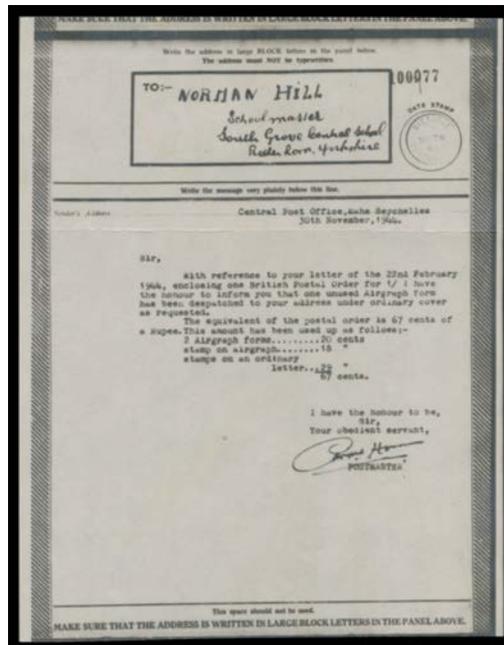
1347 C A/B **1953** (Jan 14) cover endorsed "Catalina Proving Flight/Nairobi-Mahe" & signed by the pilot "HC Holme" with Seychelles 9c cancelled on arrival; and two apparently commercial covers to Kenya both with 'First Air Mail/From Seychelles' black/pink label, the first with 3c Tortoise x8 on the reverse (minor faults), the other with 3c Tortoise pair & 18c Map. [*Hopson & McCloy* state at p45 that the plane from Kenya "...carried a very small mail, mostly from France & the UK"] (3)

75^T

Lot Type Grading Description Est \$A

SEYCHELLES - Postal History - Military - World War II

1352	C	B	1943 (Apr 16) registered airmail to GB with 2c plus 9c 20c & 30c pairs, very fine strike of the by-now worn 'PASSED BY CENSOR/-----No 2' cachet (#H.IV.2a) in black, minor blemishes. [<i>Hopson & McCloy</i> state at page 54 " Two examples...are recorded ". From July 1942, the airmail rate was reduced to an all-inclusive fee of 1r. This cover may have been carried in a closed bag - which would explain the absence of transit markings - from Seychelles by <i>RAF Catalina</i> that flew to Diego Suarez on 19.4.1943]	200 ^T
1354	PS	A	1944 (Apr 8) usage of formular aerogramme to GB opened & resealed with plain labels & with superb '[eagle]/RAF/CENSOR/596' cachet used on Seychelles, 18c cancelled in transit at <i>RAF Mombasa</i> with 'EA/APO 81' cds.	150 ^T
1355	C	A	- vice-regal cover with printed crown on the flap & endorsed by the <i>Governor</i> "WM Logan/Govt House/Seychelles", to GB with 9c x2 paying surface rate tied by cds of JY27/44 but 2c 30c & 50c added to make up 1r airmail rate & cancelled AU2/44. These envelopes with the printed crown on the flap were a local expedient when the Governor's stationery was exhausted: this & the next lot represent a new discovery not recorded by Hopson & McCloy . [Privileged mail was not subject to censorship. Three squadrons of <i>Catalinas</i> arrived 27.7.1944, one plane departing 3.8.1944]	300 ^T
1356	C	B	- (Nov 15) vice-regal cover with printed crown on the flap & signed by the <i>Governor</i> "WM Logan/Govt House", to GB with 1r black. [<i>Hopson & McCloy</i> note at p45 that <i>BOAC's</i> 'Golden Hind' service made five flights Kenya-Seychelles- Kenya, and that "...these did carry...civilian mail but little was sent...". The service was extended from Seychelles to Ceylon on one occasion only. The return flight arrived from Colombo 16.11.1944 & left the next day for Kisumu. Mail identified as per 'Golden Hind' is rare]	300 ^T



Lot 1357

1357	C	A	- (Nov 30) airgraph form from the Seychelles Postmaster to GB, advising of a rate reduction - from Sep 1944 - from 50c to 18c for the service. Flown per 'Golden Hind' service. The only civilian airgraph known to both our vendor & a major collector of airgraphs. [Airgraphs were introduced by 27.5.1942. Examples from the Seychelles are extremely scarce, with most of those recorded being RAF types. The rate reduction coincided with the introduction of the 18c aerogramme rate]	400 ^T
1358	C	B	- cover endorsed on reverse "O'Toole/RAF Seychelles/.../I certify on my honour..." & with rare '[eagle]/RAF/CENSOR/42' cachet (introduced Sep 1944), to GB with 1r black cancelled in transit with 'EA/6XI144/APO 81' cds used at Port Reitz (KUT), light vertical fold & minor soiling. Rare carriage per 'Golden Hind' which departed Seychelles 5.12.1944.	300 ^T
1359	PS	A	1945 (Aug 6) usage of KGVI 20c Registration Envelope size F with rare albeit philatelic franking of 5r Pirogue on reverse, to Kenya self-censored by the sender with military censor h/s #7428, 'ELDORET' arrival b/s. [6.8.1945 was the last day of military censorship on the Seychelles]	100 ^T