

Lot Type Grading Description

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**BRITISH EMPIRE SPECIMEN STAMPS**

In recent years, 'SPECIMEN' and CTO stamps have become ever more popular. The relatively low numbers produced means that such material is generally very scarce. And a lack of care on the part of the UPU and/or the postal agencies means that defects - especially perforation problems - should be expected. Much of the material released by various receiving authorities is far from pristine: often the stamps have been soaked off ledger pages & in many cases fugitive inks have faded. The collection offered here, with strength in the Reign of KEVII, is by far the most extensive we have handled: note that further extensive selections are included in the 'Eureka' Australian Colonies catalogue. The quality generally is at least as fine as can be expected. Much of this material, from an unknown source, has full unmounted gum but also exhibits some tropicalisation. There is also some material that is truly superb! Such matters have been taken into account in our gradings. References are to the pioneering work by Marcus Samuel (1976), James Bendon's monumental "UPU Specimen Stamps 1878-1961" (2015) & "The De La Rue Collection" edited by Frank Walton.



Lot 1788

**1788** Ω A PALESTINE: 1918 Rouletted 1pi indigo SG 1 with diagonal sans-serif overprint, no gum as issued, Cat £300.

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**WORLDWIDE AIRMAILS TO AUSTRALIA**

We are pleased to present a significant part of the collection formed by Rodney Perry from Queensland. The vast majority of items are commercial in nature with a great variety of routes & rates, and many are visually appealing and/or rare. The material is presented in order of origin, and is also extensively cross-referenced in the index at the back of this catalogue.



Lot 1938

**1938** C B SWITZERLAND: 1939 to Queensland with 'g("5")/uber-via/"Chiasso 2")' cachet and single Airmail 1f tied 'GENEVE 10/28.XI.39' cds, Brisbane '12DEC/1939' arrival b/s and early 'OPENED BY CENSOR' label with single line of text & 'PASSED BY/CENSOR 3' cachet on face, light central fold & partly-repaired faults. Carried on Imperial Airways Flying Boat flight SE199 during which Corio suffered tail damage at Tiberias Palestine on 4.12.1939 and the mail load had to be transferred to Coogee to complete the service.

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WORLDWIDE AIRMAILS TO AUSTRALIA (continued)

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Lot 1944

**1944** C A- **TURKEY: 1941** to Sydney with Ataturk 2½k, 7½k, 12½k x4 & 15k pair tied 'CANKAYA/18-12-41/ANKARA' cds, Egypt 'CENSORS[HIP DEPT] machine cancel, Postal Tax stamp and '1591' cachet in violet on back, a few blemishes. Carried on BOAC Horseshoe Route flight NE153 during which Flying Boat Coeeforce-landed at Haifa Palestine due to bad weather on 7.1.1942.