

Lot Type Grading Description

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AUSTRALIAN PICTURE POSTCARDS

See also World Postcards: Lots 697 to 726.

**Ex Lot 553**

553 C A/A- **Early aviator** real photo cards comprising *Harry Hawker* (British card), *Bert Hinkler* (advertising for 'Old Court Whisky' on address side) & *Charles Ulm* landing x2; also 1938 RAF England-Australia world record long distance flight x8; unused. (12)

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COCOS ISLANDS - Postal History

814 C/L B/A **1946** (Jan 13) OAS airmail cover to Kent with poor strike of the Indian-pattern 'RAFPOST 301' cds but with the enclosed very long and chatty letter. (2 items)

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**Lot 815**

815 C (B) - airmail cover from USA at 70c rate to an airman at "RAF Station/Cocos Islands/Ceylon Air Forces", on arrival redirected to Scotland, roughly opened with a repair at U/L, minor soiling. Rare inwards mail in the immediate post-WWII period. [The last Forces personnel were withdrawn from Cocos in late-1946]

750^T**Lot 825**

825 C B **1952** airmail cover to Lancashire with Platypus 9d pair tied by 'RAAF PO/3JA52/COCOS ISLAND' cds, minor opening tears, addressee's (?) endorsement on flap "From J Clunies Ross", AAMC #1288c. [On 1.1.1952, an airman suffered a fractured skull when struck by the winch handle of a landing barge. A 'Lincoln' bomber was sent from RAAF Pearce (WA) to airlift him to the mainland. **Only four covers were believed carried on what was the first mail from the RAAF PO.** NB: the first official mail was dated 31JA52, almost a month later. *Colin Riddell's* three Mercy Flight covers sold for \$2446 (to Perth with flight endorsement), \$8737 (to *Tatts* in Hobart with 'RAAF/SERVICE' h/s) and \$815 (to GB with Administrator's cachet) respectively]

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COCOS ISLANDS - Postal History (continued)

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826	C	A-	- (Jan 31) cover at 6½d domestic airmail rate from Melbourne endorsed "Air Mail/To Cocos", 'RAAF PO/19FE52/COCOS ISLAND' arrival b/s & endorsed "Please/Return". [Carried on the second official flight ex Cocos 19.2.1952 via Jakarta, Singapore, Darwin & Sydney]	200
827	C	C	- <i>Bibby Line</i> cover to <i>Tatts</i> Hobart with Koala 4d tied by 'RAAF PO/14FE52/COCOS ISLAND' cds, light 'RAAF/SERVICE' h/s at L/L, vertical fold at base with associated soiling.	200