

New Guinea

1914, G.R.I. on stamps of 'Deutsch-Neu-Guinea'



1777

Gibbons

Start price in CHF Start price approx. €

- 1777** **G.R.I. and Value 6 mm apart** 1914: Local Cover from Rabaul to Madang bearing Setting 1 / GRI and Value 6 mm apart, 2 d. on 20 pf. ultramarine, tied by oval "RABAU JAN 8 1915 NEW BRITAIN" datestamp in violet with handwritten "On active Service" alongside. Signed Bothe BPP.

4 ✉ **1'000** (€ 900)



1778



1779



1780



1781

- 1778** 2 1/2 s. on 20 pf. ultramarine, Setting 4, position 3, an unused example of rich colour and fine, large part og. Signed Köhler, cert. Ceremuga (2019). 1914: 2 1/2 d. auf 20 Pf. ultramarin, Type I mit Abstand von 6 mm zwischen GRI und Wert, farbf. in ungebrauchter Erhaltung. Attest Ceremuga (2019) Mi 5/1

6 * **100** (€ 90)

- 1779** **GRI and Value 3 1/2-4 mm apart:** GRI 1 s. on 1 mark carmine, surcharged in black 3 1/2 to 4 mm. apart, an unused example of excellent colour, fresh appearance with slight mark probably from overprint applied to stamp below on large part og. and spot of red on corner perf. mentioned for accuracy. An exceptionally rare stamp with just 128 stamps from both types overprinted. Cert. Eichele (2010) Gibb's 12/Mi B12/L. Gi = £ 3'500. 1914: 1 S. auf 1 M. rot, Type I mit Abstand von 3 1/2-4 mm zwischen GRI und Wert, farbf. in ungebrauchter Erhaltung mit Originalgummierung mit Farbflecken, in einwandfreier Erhaltung, sehr selten, Fotoattest Eichele (2010)

12 * **1'000** (€ 900)

- 1780** 2 s. on 2 m. blue, Setting 1, position 1, an example of rich colour and fine, cancelled by straight-line RABAU handstamp in blue, pressed with small surface disturbance in right margin not detracting from its fresh appearance. Cert. BPA (2015) Gi 13 = £ 4'000. 1914: 2 S. auf 2 M. blau, Type I mit Abstand von 4 mm zwischen GRI und Wert, farbf. (leichte Unregelmässigkeit im rechten Rand) zart entw. mit blauem Handstp. RABAU (Gibb's Typ 5). Attest BPA (2015) Mi 13/L.

13 **800** (€ 720)

- 1781** 3 s. on 3 m. violet-black, Setting 3, position 4 with 4 mm spacing, a fine unused example of excellent centering and colour, fresh and fine appearance, large part og. Just 87 of the 3 mark value were surcharged (Gi 14 and 29). A rare stamp. Signed Holcombe; cert. Ceremuga (2018) Gi = £ 5'500. 1914: 3 S. auf 3 M. blau, Type I mit Abstand von 3 1/2-4 mm zwischen GRI und Wert, farbf. und in einwandfreier ungebrauchter Erhaltung. Signiert Holcombe; Attest Ceremuga (2018) Mi 14/L. Provenance: Corinphila sale 83, Sept 1991, lot 7988

14 * **1'500** (€ 1'350)



1781A

- 1781A High Values:** Setting 1 / GRI and Value 4½ mm apart 1914 (Okt 17): 5 s. on 5 m. blue, Setting 1, position 1, a fine unused example of excellent colour, fresh original gum. A desirable example of this elusive stamp with a total print run of only 17 stamps. Signed Kilian BPP and Stanley Gibbons, certs. Kilian (1984), Ceremuga (2019) Gi 15 = £ 14'000.

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* **3'000** (€ 2'700)

1782



1783



1784

- 1782 GRI and Value 5 mm apart:** 2 d. on 20 pf. ultramarine, Setting 2, position 5 with the '2' in the ovpt. irregularly inked, an unused example of rich colour and fine, large part og. Cert. Ceremuga (2019). 1914: 2 d. auf 20 Pf. ultramarin, Type II mit Abstand von 5 mm zwischen GRI und Wert, farbfr. in ungebrauchter Erhaltung. Attest Ceremuga (2019). Mi 4/II.

19

* **100** (€ 90)

- 1783** 8 s. on 80 pf. black & carmine on rose, Setting 2, position 4, an unused example of rich colour and fine, large part og. Signed Bühler & Kilian BPP, cert. Ceremuga (2019). 1914: 8 d. auf 80 Pf. rötlichkarmin & rotschwarz, Type II mit Abstand von 5 mm zwischen GRI und Wert, farbfr. in ungebrauchter Erhaltung. Signiert Bühler & Kilian BPP; Attest Ceremuga (2019). Mi 11/II

26

* **150** (€ 135)

- 1784 High Values:** 1 s. on 1 m. carmine, Setting 2, position 1, an unused example, centred to lower right, of rich colour and fine, large part og., tiny hinge thin at top not detracting from appearance. Just 128 examples of both 1 mark stamps (Gi 12 and 27) were surcharged. A rare stamp. Signed Holcombe; cert. BPA (1980) Gi 27 = £ 5'000 1914: 1 S. auf 1 M. rot, Type II mit Abstand von 5½-6 mm zwischen GRI und Wert, farbfr. (kleine falzhelle Stelle) in ungebrauchter Erhaltung. Signiert Holcombe; Attest BPA (1980) Mi 11/II
Provenienz: Sammlung Robert M. Gibbs, Corinphila Auktion 78, 27 Sept 1988, Los 1902

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* **1'500** (€ 1'350)

- 1785 Registration Labels Surcharged for Postage** 1915: Registered cover to Fred Hagen in Sydney, trimmed at right, franked by January 1915 3 d. "Rabaul" registration stamp, Australia Kangaroo 2 d. grey perforated 'O.S.' and North West Pacific Islands 1 d. and 2 d. all tied by oval framed RABAU datestamps (June 8, 1915) in violet with PASSED BY CENSOR below. Central file fold just away from adhesives but a rare franking. 1915 (8.6.): GRI - Einschreibezettel Rabaul zus. mit Australien Freimarke Känguruh 2 d. grau mit Perfin 'O.S.' und 'N.W. PACIFIC ISLANDS' 1 d. und 2 d., alle sauber entw. mit ovalem violettem Datumsstp. "RABAU JUN 8 1915 NEW BRITAIN" und nebenges. Handstp. 'PASSED BY CENSOR' auf Umschlag (senkr. Faltung) an den Briefmarkenhändler Fred Hagen in Sydney NSW. Mi 16g. (Photo = 359)

33

* **300** (€ 270)

- 1786** GRI / 3d.' on Friedrich-Wilhelmshafen labels (#380-379 / 375-374), Setting B, positions 1-2 / 1-2, (Deutsch Neuguinea), a fine unused block of four, without gum, very minor wrinkles but a rare and extremely fine multiple Gi = £ 1'000+. 1915: GRI - Einschreibezettel Friedrich-Wilhelmshafen im ungebrauchten frischen Viererblock mit den Nummern 380-379 / 375-374, wie üblich ohne Gummierung. (Photo = 375)

35

* **300** (€ 270)

- 1787** Local OHMS Cover, sent within Rabaul to the Harbor Master, bearing official stamp 1 d. on 3 pf. brown, GRI and Value 3½ mm apart, tied by oval "RABAU MAY 4 1915 NEW BRITAIN" datestamp in violet.

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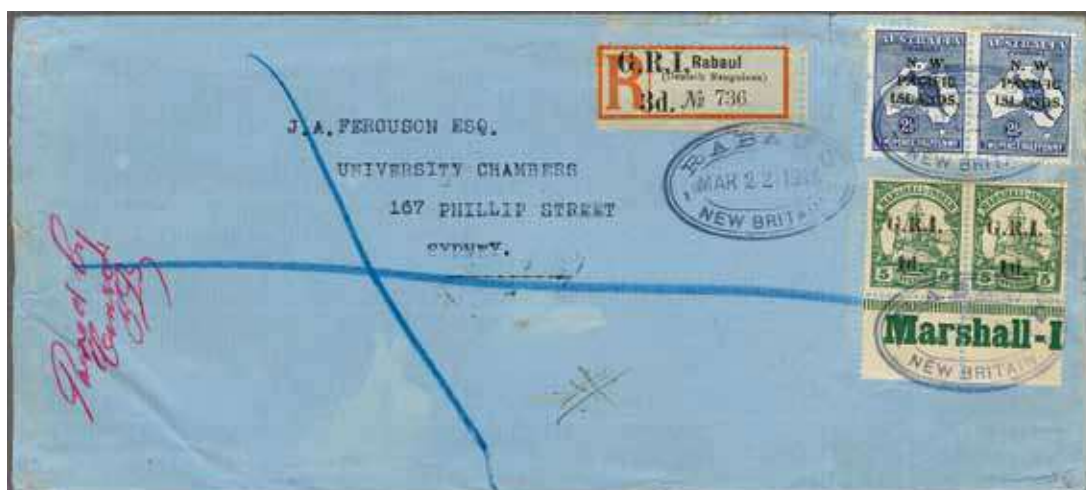
* **1'000** (€ 900)

- 1788** Local OHMS Cover within Rabaul bearing official stamp 1 d. on 3 pf. brown, GRI and Value 3½ mm apart, tied by oval "RABAU MAY 5 1915 NEW BRITAIN" datestamp in violet. Two vertical folds on this envelope sent to the 'O. C. Troops'. (Photo = 407)

01

* **750** (€ 675)

1914, G.R.I. on stamps of Marshall Islands



1789

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- 1789** New Guinea: Registered Cover from Rabaul to Sydney bearing a **rare combination franking** of German Marshall Islands overprinted 1914 1 d. on 5 pf. green, GRI and Value 5 mm apart, a lower sheet marginal pair, right stamp showing variety 'l' and 'd.' spaced, 'G.R.I. 3 d. - Rabaul (Deutsch Neuguinea)' registration label and NWPI Kangaroo ovpt. 2½ d. indigo in a hor. pair, all tied by oval "RABAU MAR 22 1915 NEW BRITAIN" datestamps in violet, reverse with three wax seals showing impression of German "KAISERL. DEUTSCHE POSTAGENTUR / STEPHANSORT" and indistinct Sydney arrival cds. An impressive combination cover.

51+ 51e+
33+ NWPI
74



2'500 (€ 2'250)

1915/22, Stamps of Australia Overprinted



1790

- 1790** 1915/16: Cover from Madang to the German Charity Organization in Stockholm, Sweden bearing KGV ½ d. green with type c ovpt and 1 d. carmine-red ovpt a and die II with type c ovpt, tied by MADANG (24 FE 16) cds's to large format envelope showing despatch address "Neu Guinea Finschhafen" and Censorship handstamp in violet alongside, reverse with arrival cds. The 1d. die II definitive is extremely rare on cover.

65+ 67c



1'000 (€ 900)



1791



1792

- 1791** Cover from Rabaul to the Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland bearing KGV ½ d green type a ovpt and 1 d. pale rose, two examples with type b & c ovpts, tied by RABAUL Nov. 16 cds's to large format envelope showing notion "Letter for Germany enclosed", censored and re-sealed with censorship strip, reverse with Sydney transit (28 NO 16) and arrival (GENEVE 14 II 1917) cds's. Interesting item showing handstamp stating thta the cover was sold by the Red Cross to raise funds.

- 1792** Registered Cover from Namatanai to the International Peace Bureau in Bern, Switzerland bearing KGV ½ d. green and 1 d. pale rose as well as Kangaroo 2 d. grey and 3 d. yellow-olive, tied by NAMATANAI (15 MR 17) cds's in violet, the obscuring of the QUEENSLAND inscription at base beginning to wear, with handwritten "letter for enemy country enclosed" and German "Namatanai (Deutsch-Neuguinea)" registration label alongside, Sydney 'OPENED BY CENSOR' strip, crisp "POSTA ESTERA 18.6.17 MILANO" transit cds on reverse and Italian censor labels as well as light BERN (14 II 19) arrival cds. Labels at top lifted for the display of stamps and postmarks, an amazing cover from a small office on New Ireland island which needed nearly two years to make its journey.

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65+ 67

**500**

(€ 450)

65+ 67+
72+ 76**1'500**

(€ 1'350)



1793



1794

- 1793** Cover from Madang to Rotterdam, Netherlands bearing KGV ½ d. green and Kangaroo 2 d. grey, tied by light MADANG (11 MR15) cds, with handwritten "letter for enemy country enclosed" alongside, 'OPENED BY CENSOR' strip, reverse with ROTTERDAM (15 12 17) arrival cds.

- 1794** Cover from Kawieng to the German Charity Organization in Stockholm, Sweden bearing KGV ½ d. green with type c ovpt and Kangaroo 2 d. grey with type b ovpt, tied by KAWIENG (16 JA 17) cds to envelope showing handwritten notion "Enclosed letter for enemy country" alongside, censored with handstamp in violet alongside, re-sealed with censorship strip, reverse with printed sender address "Wilde Hershheim & Co AG Filiale Kawieng" on flap and arrival machine cds.

65+ 73

**500**

(€ 450)

65+ 86

**500**

(€ 450)



1795



1796

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- 1795** Registered Cover from Kawieng to the German Charity Organization in Stockholm, Sweden bearing KGV 1 d. pale rose, two examples with type b ovpt and a block of four with type a ovpt, tied by KAWIENG (5 DE 17) cds's to large format envelope showing handwritten registration number '440' and notion "Letter for enemy country enclosed" alongside, censored and re-sealed with censorship strip, reverse with sender address "H. Miesterfeld / Kapsu, PO Kawieng via Rabaul" and arrival (20. 2. 19) cds. The sender was administrator of the Neu-Guinea-Kompagnie trading company in Herbertshöhe, Kapsu is situated on New Ireland island.

67 **750** (€ 675)

- 1796** Registered Cover from Rabaul to Bern, Switzerland bearing KGV 1 d. pale rose and 4 d. yellow-orange perf. 14, two fresh and fine examples tied by RABAIL (1 OC 17) cds's with corresponding German registration label 'Rabaul (Deutsch-Neuguinea)' and Rabaul censorship handstamp in violet alongside, reverse with Sydney Registered transit (5 NO 17) and Bern arrival (5 I 18 VI-) cds's. Attractive item.

67+ 70 **300** (€ 270)

1797



1798



1799

- 1797** Registered Cover from Rabaul to La Hague, Netherlands, forwarded to Rekum bearing KGV 1 d. carmine-red as well as Kangaroo 2 d. grey and 3 d. yellow-olive with type c ovpt, tied by RABAIL (28 AP 19) cds's to envelope with black on white registration label alongside, reverse with Sydney transit (9 JE 19) and Gravenhage (29 XII 19) transit cds's. A fine and fresh three-colour franking.

67+ 94+ 96 **1'000** (€ 900)

- 1798** OHMS Cover from Rabaul to Basel, Switzerland bearing KGV 4 d. yellow-orange with type c ovpt and Kangaroo 2 d. grey ovpt b, tied by RABAIL (28 SE 18) cds to large format envelope with Treasury cachet and German "Rabaul (Deutsch-Neuguinea)" registration label alongside, re-sealing Censorship strip, reverse with Sydney transit (26 OC 18) and arrival (16 XII 18) cds's.

70+ 86 **750** (€ 675)

- 1799** Kangaroo £ 1 brown & ultramarine, a fresh and fine vert. strip of three with full og, each stamp with a different overprint type a, b, and c, the middle stamp unmounted og, the two other stamps with hinge traces. Gi = £ 1'650+ (Photo = 365)

85 **1'000** (€ 900)



German Imperial Post Office in Rabaul

The 1915/16 Kangaroo 2 ½ d. indigo with the 'Second' or 'Pointed Single Crown over 'A' Watermark is one of the most important philatelic gems of New Guinea, especially so in the strip of three showing all three overprint types (a), (b) and (c). Only three such strips are recorded unused, one of which is in the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, also two used strips are known.

As far as we know the circumstances of the history of its find, the 2 ½ d. indigo with the 'Second' 'Pointed Single Crown over A' Watermark was part of the main stock of stamps that was stored in a safe in the Rabaul Post Office. At some point the safe key was lost, and finally the authorities decided to 'open' the safe using a cutting torch. During the process of opening the safe, the content, the main stock of stamps, caught fire. This was soon extinguished but parts of the stamp stock were badly damaged or even destroyed.

When some years ago the Australian expert Chris Ceremuga was researching the recorded mint and used 2 ½ d. stamps (singles & strips of three), the conclusion was that definitely less than 30 stamps had survived, although probably from portions of 2 panes rather than 1 full pane. The five vertical strips of three showing the three overprint varieties (a)+(b)+(c) all originate from the same pane of 30 (5 horizontal rows of 6 stamps each). All stamps in horizontal rows 1 and 2 show the (a) type overprint, while all stamps in horizontal row 3 show the (b) type and all stamps in horizontal rows 4 and 5 bear the (c) type overprint. This indicates, that the vertical strips of three showing all three different types of overprints must originate from the 2nd., 3rd. and 4th. horizontal rows of the pane, separated into vertical strips. As only five strips containing all three overprint types have been recorded, either one column was split into singles, or more likely the original pane was only salvaged in a damaged or partial state. That it was only a partial pane is also suggested by the number of singles that are recorded being smaller than would be expected from splitting up of a full pane, and the fact that many of the singles are in less than pristine condition.

From the two mint (a)+(b)+(c) strips in private hands one strip is presently unavailable in 'strong' collectors hands and has not been seen on the market for years. The strip offered here is a unique opportunity to add the most rare philatelic gem of New Guinea to an important collection.

Special thanks to Chris Ceremuga for giving us the details mentioned above.



1800

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1800	2½ d. indigo die II perf. 12 in an unused vertical strip of three showing the three different settings of the overprint, full original gum, the two upper stamps unmounted, the lower example with hinge remnant. An impressive multiple, cert. BPA (1966) SG = £ 112'000.	87	*/**	60'000	(€ 54'000)
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1801



1802

- 1801** Cover from Madang to the German Charity Organization in Rotterdam, Netherlands bearing Kangaroo 2½ d. indigo with type c ovpt, tied by MADANG (28 MR 16) cds to envelope showing "Letter for enemy country enclosed", superb "RHEINISCHE MISSION" and Censorship handstamp of Sydney in violet alongside, reverse with arrival (31.5.15) cds.

- 1802** 1919: Cover from Kokopo to Berlin, Germany bearing Kangaroo 2 d. grey and KGV ½ d. green, tied by clear KOKOPE (17 NO 19) cds's with light vertical-oval "PASSED BY CENSOR No 2 AN & MEF" cachet alongside, opened and resealed with "Opened by Censor Rabaul" censorship strip. A beautiful cover from a small office.

Gibbons

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87

**400**

(€ 360)

102+ 106

**1'250**

(€ 1'125)



1803



1804

- 1803** 1918/22: Cover from Rabaul to Berlin, Germany bearing KGV 1 d. carmine-red, tied by light RABAU (7 JE 20) cds's, with light vertical-oval "PASSED BY CENSOR No 2 AN & MEF" cachet in violet alongside, and "OPENED BY CENSOR" strip. Some staining and tears, an interesting cover to the administration of the NEU GUINEA COMPAGNIE.

- 1804** 1919: Cover from Rabaul to the International Peace Bureau in Bern, Switzerland bearing KGV 1 d. carmine-red and Kangaroo 2 d. grey, tied by light RABAU (28 JA 19) cds's with handwritten "Enclosed letter for Germany" alongside. Some edge wear.

103

**500**

(€ 450)

103+ 106

**350**

(€ 315)



1805



1806

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
1805	1918/22: Cover to Hamburg, Germany bearing KGV 1 d. carmine-red as well as Kangaroo 2 d. grey and 2½ d. indigo, tied by indistinct cds's. Some edge wear and tears.	103+ 106+ 107	✉	750	(€ 675)
1806	1918/19: Triple-rate Cover from Rabaul to Berlin, Germany bearing KGV 1 d. carmine-red as well as Kangaroo 2 d. grey and vert. pair 3 d. greenish olive, tied by light RABAU (26 NO 19) cds's, with light vertical-oval "PASSED BY CENSOR No 2 AN & MEF" cachet in violet alongside, and 'Opened by Censor Rabaul' strip. One 3 d. defective, some edge wear affecting three stamps, an interesting cover to the administration of the NEU GUINEA COMPAGNIE.	103+ 106+ 109	✉	800	(€ 720)



1807



1808

1807	1918/22: Registered Cover from Rabaul to Vienna, Austria bearing fifth setting KGV 1 d. carmine-red in a strip of three and Kangaroo 3 d. greenish olive, tied by "RABAU 21 JL 22 NEW BRITAIN" cds's, with black on white registration label alongside, reverse with Sydney and London transit cds's. One flap removed, an interesting cover of the administration of the NEU GUINEA COMPAGNIE.	103+ 109	✉	800	(€ 720)
1808	1919: Registered Cover from Kokopo to Hamburg, Germany bearing fifth setting Kangaroo 9 d. violet and 1 s. emerald as well as KGV 5 d. brown, tied by KOKOPE (21 SP 20) cds's with corresponding red on white registration label and crisp vertical-oval "PASSED BY CENSOR No 1 AN & MEF" cachet, opened twice and resealed with British censorship and German Currency Control strips, reverse with Hamburg (27.11.20) arrival cds. An overpaid usage, a very attractive tri-colour cover.	105+ 112+ 113	✉	1'000	(€ 900)



1809



1810

- 1809** Cover from Rabaul to the German Charity Society in Stockholm, Sweden bearing Kangaroo 2 d. grey, tied by light RABAU (30 MR 19) cds's, with handwritten "Enclosed letter for enemy country" alongside, reverse with Stockholm machine registration datestamp (15. 6. 19). Some edge wear but a fine and interesting cover.

- 1810** Double-rate Cover from Rabaul to Berlin, Germany bearing Kangaroo 2 d. grey irregular block of three, tied by crisp RABAU (26 SE 19) cds. A fresh and fine item sent to the administration of the NEU GUINEA COMPAGNIE, overpaid by ½ d.

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106 ☒ 500 (€ 450)

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1811



1812

- 1811** Cover from Kokopo to Berlin, Germany bearing Kangaroo 2½ d. indigo, tied by clear KOKOPE (25 OC 19) cds, opened and resealed with censorship strip missing now at left. Small faults, tears glued, cover to the administration of the Neu Guinea Compagnie in Berlin.

- 1812** 1919/21: Registered Cover from Rabaul to Stettin, Germany bearing 1919 fifth setting Kangaroo 2½ d. blue, two examples and 1921 KGV 2 d. orange, tied by "RABAU -2 JE 22 NEW BRITAIN" cds with black on white registration label and "Freigegeben P. Ue. München" German postal censorship handstamp alongside, reverse with Stettin (26.7.22) arrival cds. Reinforced central fold away from the stamps, registered covers from the expensive 4 d. letter rate period up to 30.9.1923 are very scarce.

107 ☒ 600 (€ 540)

107b+ 121 ☒ 500 (€ 450)



1813



1814

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- 1813** 1919: Cover from Madang to Berlin, Germany bearing Kangaroo 3 d. greenish olive, tied by light MADANG (24 JL 21) cds.

109

**500**

(€ 450)

- 1814** Double-rate Cover from Rabaul to Brücken a. d. Helme, Germany bearing fifth setting Kangaroo 3 d. greenish olive, two examples, tied by light "RABAU -8 SE 21 NEW BRITAIN" cds. In Australia on 1.10.1920 the foreign rate was raised to 4 d. for the first oz and 2 d. for each additional oz. New Guinea usually conformed to Australian rates but the evidence from the covers like this one suggests the 4 d. rate was not imposed until late 1921.

109

**500**

(€ 450)



1815



1816

- 1815** Registered Picture Postcard from Rabaul to Würzburg, Germany, forwarded to Speyer, bearing fifth setting Kangaroo 6 d. ultramarine, tied by faint RABAU cds with black on white registration label and private "Nachgesandt" forwarding handstamp alongside, front in addition with Würzburg transit and Stettin (-3.9.21 5-6) arrival cds. The postcard rate was 2 d. + 3 d. registration, this card overpaid by 1 d., an extremely rare usage.

110

**1'500**

(€ 1'350)

- 1816** Registered OHMS Cover from Rabaul to a Belgian serviceman in France bearing fifth setting Kangaroo 6 d. ultramarine, tied by RABAU (28 OC 18) cds with provisional red&black on white NSW registration label with manuscript Rabaul and Treasury cachet alongside. The cover arrived in Europe at the end of WWI when German troops had already left Belgium. It was first directed to a unit of the Belgian army in Calais, however the addressee had returned to Belgium and the item was therefore forwarded to the 'Bureau Central Militaire' BCM in Anvers and was finally censored in Bruxelles, the reverse shows transit cds's of Sydney and Paris, arrival cds (19 II 19) of the Belgian military postal services. A very interesting cover with minor faults.

110

**1'200**

(€ 1'080)



Typical bungalow used to house troops in Rabaul



1817

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- 1817** Registered Cover from Rabaul to Münster, Germany bearing fifth setting Kangaroo 6 d. blue, tied by RABAUL (10 FE 21) cds with black on white registration label, vertical-oval "PASSED BY CENSOR No 1 AN & MEF" cachet and "POSTÜBERWACHUNGSSTELLE MÜNCHEN" German currency control handstamp in violet alongside, reverse with Münster (14.4.21) arrival cds. Central vertical fold, a beautiful cover.

110



750 (€ 675)



1818



1819

- 1818** Registered Cover from Rabaul to Nürtingen, Germany bearing fifth setting Kangaroo 6 d. ultramarine, tied by "RABAUL 10 MY 21 NEW BRITAIN" cds with black on white registration label alongside, reverse with Nürtingen (7- JUL 21 6-7 V.) arrival cds. Repaired tear at top.
- 1819** 1919/22: Registered Cover from Rabaul to Leipzig, Germany bearing 1919 Kangaroo 6 d. greyish ultramarine and 1922 KGV 1 d. violet, tied by "RABAUL 23 AP 23 NEW BRITAIN" cds ('N' of 'BRITAIN' reversed) with registration handstamp in violet alongside, reverse with Leipzig (-3.7.23) arrival cds. A couple of small repaired tears, registered covers from the expensive 4 d. letter rate period up to 30.9.1923 are very scarce.

110



500 (€ 450)

110a+ 120



1'000 (€ 900)



Australian Military Administration Headquarters
in Rabaul



1820

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
1820	1922: Kangaroo Fifth setting £ 1 bistre-brown & grey-blue in a hor. pair, typical rough perfs, a fine pair, each stamp cancelled by light "RABAU .. JY 22 NEW BRITAIN" cds. A desirable pair, the only recorded used multiple, cert RPS (2001) Gi = £ 12'000+. <i>Provenance: Colonel Harrie Evans collection, 91. Preier Philatelic Auction (Oct. 2001), lot 239.</i>	118		8'000	(€ 7'200)
1821	1921: Double-rate missionary's Cover from Kokopo to Beaumont sur Sarthe, France bearing New Colours KGV 2 d. orange in a strip of three, tied by light KOKOPO cds's, reverse with Beaumont arrival (26 7 21) cds. On 1.10.1920 the foreign rate was raised to 4 d. for the first oz and 2 d. for each additional oz. <i>(Photo = 407)</i>	121	✉	500	(€ 450)
1822	1919 (Dec 24): Registered Cover from Rabaul to Sydney bearing 2 d. grey die I perf. 12 punctured 'O S', two examples tied by RABAU cds's with corresponding registration label alongside, reverse with Jan 12, 1920 arrival cds. Few insignificant tone spots, a rare usage of these rare official perforations. <i>(Photo = 407)</i>	06	✉	1'500	(€ 1'350)

Mandated Territory of New Guinea



The Treasury building in Melbourne



1823

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1823	1925 (Jan 23): Native Village definitive issue, ½ d orange in a block of eight (4 x 2) from the top sheet margin with imprint 'ENGRAVED AND PRINTED AT THE COMMONWEALTH TREASURY MELBOURNE', the upper four examples showing the extremely rare variety: Imperforate at Top , characteristic rough perfs, aged / 'suntanned' on the reverse and some split perfs but of very fine facial apperance. One of the major errors of New Guinea: Heward and coworkers in 'The Stamps of the Territory of New Guinea' illustrate this item at page 20 while stating at page 19 to be the only imperforate or part-imperforate error recorded in the entire series.	125 var	*/**	8'000	(€ 7'200)
1824➔	1934 (July 30): First Flight covers (2) for Port Moresby-Melbourne Flight, one franked by 1932 Airmail 4 d. olive-green pair tied by Port Moresby cds, with octagonal cachet 'First Official Airmail' in violet at left, reverse with Melbourne cds (Aug 1), thence on via Launceston to 'Currie / King Is.' (Aug 13); the other with Papua optd. 6 d. Airmail and 1932 2 d. red, carried on the same flight to Melbourne and forwarded on to Whitemark (Aug 11) on Flinders Island. (Photo = 407)	195 & 116+ 133	✉	120	(€ 110)
1825➔	1939 (March 1): Bulolo Goldfield Airmail issue, the complete set of 14 values from ½ d. orange to £ 1 olive-green in blocks of four from the lower sheet margin with imprint "JOHN ASH / AUSTRALIAN NOTE AND STAMP PRINTER", in unmounted og. condition. Gi = £ 4'400+. (Photo = 375)	212-225	田**	1'500	(€ 1'350)
1826➔	Bulolo Goldfield Airmail issue, the complete set of 14 values from ½ d. orange to £ 1 olive-green in blocks of four, each block cancelled by one or two strikes of BULOLO cds. Gi = £ 3'400+. (Photo = 375)	212-225	田	1'000	(€ 900)
1827➔	1939 (March 1): Bulolo Goldfield Airmail issue, £ 1 olive-green, complete sheet of 30 MNH examples with sheet margins intact including imprint 'JOHN ASH / AUSTRALIAN NOTE AND STAMP PRINTER', with excellent centering, two stamps and margins with insignificant gumside tones mentioned only for accuracy. A possibly unique sheet. Gi = £ 6'750+. (Photo = 375)	225	田**	3'000	(€ 2'700)



1759 / CHF 200



ex 1772 / CHF 150



1766 / CHF 175



1767 / CHF 200



1764 / CHF 120



1786 / CHF 300



ex 1826 / CHF 1'000



ex 1825 / CHF 1'500



1768 / CHF 150



1769 / CHF 150



1770 / CHF 180



1827 / CHF 3'000

Papua New Guinea

Usage of Stamps from Queensland



The Government House in Port Moresby



1828

Gibbons

Start price in CHF Start price approx. €

- 1828** Papua (British New Guinea) 1888 (Sept. 22): Cover from Granville - Port Moresby to Surbiton Surrey bearing Queensland 4 d. yellow, creased before being affixed, tied by superb strike of scarce "N.G." obliterator (Lee fig. 2, rated 'D'), very fine strike of the rare "GRANVILLE SP 2. 88 B.N.G." cds (Lee fig. 4, rated 'F') alongside, second day slug omitted, reverse with "COOKTOWN SP 25 88 QUEENSLAND" and "KINGSTON - ON - THAMES NO 27 88" transit cds's. Some cover corner soiling and small repaired tear on top do not distract from the extreme rarity of this elusive Papua cover. Very few pre-1891 covers from British Guinea have been recorded. Only three examples of the Granville datestamp are described in Lee to be known with this being the oldest known. The second outgoing cover shows a messy Granville strike from 1889 and was part of the Tom Rybak collection. The envelope includes full original four page letter dated in manuscript "B.N.G. Portmoresby Sept 16 1888" and was signed by "WC English / Post office Portmoresby BNG" who was an early explorer and hunter in BNG. He is writing to a former colleague, a Mr. Bucher. English was only semi-literate and his letter contains many oddities. The lot includes a transcript of the letter.

✉ **15'000** (€13'500)

1901/32, Lakatoi Issues



1829



1832

Gibbons

Start price
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approx. €

- 1829** 1905: Lakatoi first issue 2 s. 6 d. black & brown in unused left marginal block of four, fresh and fine with original gum. A scarce multiple, cert. Ceremuga (2005).

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5'000 (€ 4'500)

1830



1831

- 1830** 1901/05: Lakatoi 4 d. black & sepia, wmk. vertical, perf. 14, a used example with variety "Deformed 'd' in 4d." at left (Row 4/Stamp 3), somewhat heavily cancelled by BNG barred obliterator in black. A rare stamp Gi = £ 800.
- 1831** Lakatoi 4 d. black & sepia, wmk. vertical on thin paper, comb perf., a lower left corner block of 4, the right-hand stamps showing a curving plate scratch from below 'T' of 'BRITISH' on upper stamp to above '4' at right of lower stamp, a fresh multiple with unmounted og., especially desirable with this major flaw Gi = £ 1'400+ for unused.
- 1832** 1905: Lakatoi 6 d. black & myrtle green, wmk. vertical on thin paper, comb perf., the upper left corner block of 4, all stamps fresh and very fine with superb og. A rare multiple.

13a

200 (€ 180)

13b

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1'500 (€ 1'350)

14a

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5'000 (€ 4'500)

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
1833	2 s. 6 d. black & brown, vertical wmk., thin paper, comb perf. 14, a superb well centred used example, cancelled by central 'Port Moresby / British New Guinea' cds (Oct 10, 1906) in black. A very rare stamp <i>Gi = £ 1'400.</i> (Photo = ) 379)	16a		400	(€ 360)
1834	1906 (Nov): 1 s. black & orange, vertical wmk., medium paper, line perf. 14, a superb well centred used example, cancelled by central 'Port Moresby / British New Guinea' cds (Dec 7, 1907) in black. A very rare stamp. Cert. Sismondo (2013) <i>Gi = £ 1'400.</i> (Photo = ) 379)	27		400	(€ 360)
1835	1907 (May-June): 2½ d. black & blue, wmk. horizontal, thick paper, line perf., a superb used example with variety "thin d" in 2½d." at left (Row 4/Stamp 2), lightly cancelled by 'Port Moresby / Papua' cds (July 29, 1908) in black. An exceptional example of a rare stamp <i>Gi = £ 850.</i> (Photo = ) 379)	35b		250	(€ 225)
1836	4 d. black & sepia, wmk. vertical, thin paper, a superb used example with variety "Deformed d" in 4d." at left (Row 4/Stamp 3), lightly cancelled by 'Port Moresby / Papua' cds (May 28, 1908) in black. An exceptional example of a rare stamp - just 171 examples can exist <i>Gi = £ 850.</i> (Photo = ) 379)	42a		250	(€ 225)
1837	Lakatoi 1 s. black & orange, overprinted small 'Papua' in black, wmk. vertical, line perf. 14 on thick paper, the upper left corner block of twelve (3 x 4) with centre guides and varieties: position 16 showing 'Inverted d' for second 'p' in 'Papua' overprint, position 17 with 'dropped pua.'. A fine and fresh multiple with brilliant original gum, trace of hinging on one stamp only, otherwise unmounted og. A desirable and extremely scarce item. (Photo = ) 379)	44	*/**	1'000	(€ 900)
1838	1909/10: Small Papua 4 d. black & sepia, wmk. sideways, perf. 11, a used block of four with fourth stamp showing variety "Deformed d" in 2d." at left (Row 4/Stamp 3), lightly cancelled at Port Moresby in black with part blue cds at upper right of the block. An attractive positional multiple <i>Gi = £ 200+.</i> (Photo = ) 379)	63a	田	100	(€ 90)
1839	Small Papua, 2½ d. black & dull blue, wmk. sideways, perf. 12½, a fine used example with variety 'Thin d' in 2½ d.' at left, lightly cancelled in black leaving the variety clear. Scarce <i>Gi = £ 300.</i> (Photo = ) 379)	69a		120	(€ 110)
1840	Papua plate proof 1916: 10 s. green & dull blue perf. 14, a left marginal example on unwatermarked and ungummed wove paper. Very fine and scarce. (Photo = ) 379)		(*)	1'500	(€ 1'350)



1841

- 1841→** 1929/30: Lakatoi Airmail 3 d. black & bright blue-green, Ash printing, a fine unused upper left corner block of four from pos. 1-2 & 6-7 showing 'rift in sky' variety in the upper pair and double AIRMAIL ovpt, one of them albino, 2 mm above the regular one in the lower pair. A fresh multiple in unmounted og. condition. Cert. Ceremuga (2019) *Gi = £ 5'000* for a hinged multiple.

114 var+
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3'000 (€ 2'700)



1833 / CHF 400



1834 / CHF 400



1835 / CHF 250



1838 / CHF 100



1847 / CHF 300



1836 / CHF 250



1839 / CHF 120



1846 / CHF 300



1845 / CHF 250



1842 / CHF 1'000



1840 / CHF 1'500



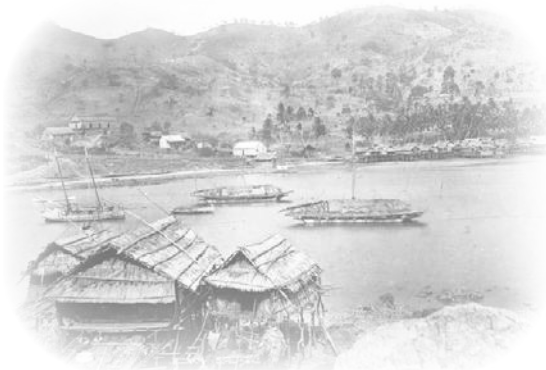
1843 / CHF 1'000



1837 / CHF 1'000

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
1842→	1930 (Sept 15): Airmail 1 s. sepia & olive, overprint in the rare deep carmine-lake shade, a fine unused block of four from pos. 11-12 & 16-17 showing varieties: 'AI,R' comma in pos. 11 and 'AI,R' dot in pos. 12. A fresh and very fine multiple of this ovpt rarity as only a small first part of the printing were overprinted in the deep carmine-lake shade instead of the normal carmine one, the varieties occurred only in this printing and was then corrected. A superb multiple, the upper two stamps hinged unused, the lower pair unmounted og. Cert. Ceremuga (2015). (Photo =  379)	117 var	田*/**	1'000 (€ 900)
1843→	Airmail 1 s. sepia & olive, overprint in the rare deep carmine-lake shade, bottom right stamp with 'tail flaw' variety, a fine unused block of six from pos. 32-34 & 37-39 with lower sheet margin showing imprint 'T. S. HARRISON, AUSTRALIAN NOTE AND STAMP PRINTER'. An Airmail rarity as only a small first part of the printing were overprinted in the deep carmine-lake shade instead of the normal carmine one, a fine multiple in unmounted og. with some slight gum ageing. Cert. Ceremuga (2010). (Photo =  379)	117 var	**	1'000 (€ 900)

Official Stamps



View of Port Moresby



1844

1844	1908/10: Lakatoi Small Papua 2½ d. black & dull blue, perf 11 wmk. horizontal, perf. 'O S', a right marginal example showing variety: imperforate between stamp and margin, cancelled by "PORT MORESBY / PAPUA / 24 AU 10" cds. A fresh and very fine stamp, all known examples with this imperforate right variety are cancelled in Port Moresby. Extremely rare as only three error sheets believed to have existed, thus 18 error stamps only, cert. Ceremuga (2012).	O17 var	5'000	(€ 4'500)
1845	Lakatoi 'small PAPUA', line perf. 11, watermark horizontal, 4 d. black & sepia in a hor. pair showing the perforation 'O S' only on the left stamp, fresh and fine, only the official stamp cancelled by "PORT MORESBY / PAPUA" cds as usual, the right not perforated stamp with inappropriate later addition of an "...AUR..." cds.. Cert. Ceremuga (2019) Gi = unlisted combination. (Photo =  379)	O18 + 63	250	(€ 225)
1846	Lakatoi 'small PAPUA', line perf. 12½, watermark sideways, 6 d. black & myrtle green, perforated 'O S', fresh colour, cancelled by "PORT MORESBY / PAPUA / 26 NOV 09" cds. One nibbed tooth but a very rare stamps, cert. Ceremuga (2019) Gi = £ 1'400. (Photo =  379)	O25	300	(€ 270)
1847	1910/11: Large Papua Official 2 s. 6 d. black & brown, wmk. vertical, perf. 12½, a used vertical pair, perforated "OS", the lower stamp with "OS" inverted, each cancelled by 'Port Moresby / Papua' cds (Aug 23, 1911) in black. Slightly blunted perforations at base do not detract, unlisted by Stanley Gibbons and very rare. Cert. Ceremuga (2013). (Photo =  379)	O36+ O36 var	300	(€ 270)

Lots and Collections

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
1848	1901/05: Lakatoi, first issue, wmk. horizontal, thick paper, line perf. 14, the used collection on leaves with complete set incl. 2½ d. on thin paper and an example with 'thin d' at left, rare 2½ d. black & dull blue, 4 d. black & sepia with deformed 'd' at left, and very fine 2 s. 6 d. black & brown; also a fine used example of Oct 1908 Official 2 s. 6 d. A scarce and generally fine collection (13 items) Gi = £ 2'000+.	1/8	400	(€ 360)
1849	1901/05: Lakatoi, first issue, wmk. vertical, medium to thick paper, line/comb perf. 14, the used collection on leaves with ½ d. on both papers, fine 4 d. black & sepia with 'Registered / Samarai' handstamp, 6 d. black & myrtle used with 'Samarai' datestamp and 1 s. black & orange used at Port Moresby (9 items) Gi = £ 320+.	9/15	100	(€ 90)
1850	1906 (Nov 8): Lakatoi optd. large Papua, the small used collection on leaves with horizontal wmk. 4 d, 6 d., 1 s. and superb 2 s. 6 d., wmk. vertical wmk. with values to 6 d. black & myrtle incl. 2 d. black & violet cancelled by rare "Bonagai" circular datestamp (Feb 4, 1908). A scarce and generally fine group Gi = £ 725+.	17/26	180	(€ 160)
1851	1907 (May-June): Lakatoi optd. small Papua in Brisbane, the small used collection on leaves with horizontal wmk. ½ d., 2½ d. black & ultramarine used in daruand further example in dull blue, 1 s. black & orange and 2 s. 6 d. fine used, a scarce group (5 items) Gi = £ 1'000.	34a/37	200	(€ 180)
1852	1907 (May-June): Lakatoi optd. small Papua in Brisbane, the small used collection on leaves with vertical wmk., the set of eight values complete to 2 s. 6 d. black & brown with additional 1 s. black & orange on thin paper (comb perf.), fresh and fine with some cancellation interest (9 items) Gi = £ 375+.	38/45a	100	(€ 90)
1853	1907/09: Large and Small Papua, the collection on leaves with Large Papua 2 s. 6 d. used, 1907/08 set perf. 11 fine used, scarce 2 d. black & ultramarine used perf. 12½ with both shades, 4 d. used with 'Deformed d' variety' and the 1 s. used, 1907/11 Official issue with wmk. upright set of six used with both shades of 2½ d., wmk. inverted wmk. with 2 d. to 1 s. values fine used and additional 2½ d. showing 'Thin d.' variety, perf. 12½ set of four used (36 items) Gi = £ 1'350+.	47/58+ O4/ O13	300	(€ 270)
1854	1907/10: Used collection of the Lithographed issues on leaves with all stamps showing the "Spot on the Hill" variety found on position 11 of the small Paua series, with 1909/10 wmk. sideways, perf. 11 with ½ d. (both shades), 2 d, 4 d. and 6 d.; 1909/10 perf. 12½ with ½ d. (both shades), 1 d., 2 d., 2½ d. and 1 s.; 1908/10 Official wmk. sideways perf. 11 6 d.; perf. 12½ with ½ d. and 2 d., generally fine, nearly all with the variety showing clearly. A very difficult selection to assemble (14 items) Gi = £ 280+ as normals.		120	(€ 110)
1855	1907/10: Used collection of the Lithographed issues on leaves with all stamps showing the "Comet Flaw" variety found on position 28, with 1907/08 perf. 11 set of six complete (6 d. is a 'Stamp Duty' example), 1907/09 perf. 12½ 2 d. and the scarce 2½ d. and 1 s. values; 1909/10 wmk. sideways, perf. 11 with all values from ½ d. to 6 d. excl. the 2½ d., 1909/10 perf. 12½ with ½ d. (both shades), 1 d., 2 d. and 1 s.; 1908/10 Official perf. 11 2 d., 2½ d and 4 d., 1908/10 wmk. sideways perf. 11 4 d. and 6 d.; 1910/11 4 d., generally fine, nearly all with the variety showing clearly. A very difficult selection to assemble (21 items) Gi = £ 700+ as normals.		250	(€ 225)
1856	1907/10: Used collection of the Lithographed issues on leaves with all stamps showing the "Rift in Clouds" variety found on position 23, with 1907/08 perf. 11 set of six complete, 1907/09 perf. 12½ 2 d. and the scarce 2½ d. and 1 s. values; 1909/10 wmk. sideways, perf. 11 with all values from ½ d. to 6 d., 1909/10 perf. 12½ with ½ d. (both shades), 1 d., 2 d. and 1 s.; 1908/10 Official perf. 11 1 d. and 2 d., perf. 12½ 2 d., 1908/10 wmk. sideways perf. 11 2 d., 6 d.; perf. 12½ 1 d. and 2 d., generally fine, nearly all with the variety showing clearly. A very difficult selection to assemble (27 items) Gi = £ 575+ as normals.	50-71+ O4-O23 var	200	(€ 180)
1857	1908/10: Officials, used selection with 2½ d. perf. 11 showing 'Rift in Cloud' flaw and ½ d. black & yellow green, perf 12½ in a block of six showing both "Rift in Clouds" and the "Comet" flaws, 2½ d. black & dull blue in a block of four showing both "Rift in Clouds" and the "Comet" flaws, 1 s. orange in a sheet marginal block of four showing both "Rift in Clouds" and the "Comet" flaws. Scarce group of positional pieces.	O17+ O21+ O24+ O26 var	175	(€ 160)
1858	1909/10: Small Papua, wmk. sideways, perf. 11, the small collection with the set of eight used (both ½ d. shades), 1909/10 perf. 12½ set of six (excl. the 6 d.) used, Official issue wmk. sideways, perf. 11 complete set used incl. both ½ d. shades and 2½ d. with "Thin d" variety and 4 d. with "Deformed d" variety; Official issue perf. 12½ used set excl. the rare 6 d. and the 1910 ½ d. and 2 s. 6 d. values. A scarce and generally fine group (32 items) Gi = £ 1'200+.	59/69+ 71+ O14/O24+ O26/O28	300	(€ 270)
1859	1910/11: Large Papua from new Stones, the set of eight values used with additional 2 d. black & dull purple with PCSTAGE error, 2½ d. with 'Thin d' variety, 4 d. with 'Deformed d' variety and both types of the 2 s. 6 d. black & brown; also Officials with complete set of eight values and additional 4 d. with 'Deformed d' variety and both 2 s. 6 d. black & brown; generally fine, a scarce group (22 items) Gi = £ 1'100+.	75/83+ O29/ O37	250	(€ 225)

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
1860	1901/10: Cancellations, a group of eight items with 1901/05 ½ with '148' starburst and Thursday Is. cds, 1 d. and 2 d. values with LOOSE / SHIP / LETTER handstamps, later issues with 1 d. and 4 d. values showing "Sydney" arrival datestamps, 1 d. black & carmine with superb SOERABAJA cds (1910) etc.	9/11+ 52+ 63+ 73	120	(€ 110)

British Levant

1861	1920: Great Britain 3½ d. blue registered postal stationery envelope, 202 x 126 mm., mailed to the USA and up-rated with 1 pi. on 2½ d. blue tied by oval "Registered / Smyrna" datestamp (Oct 20) with two further strikes at top alongside "R" in oval and registration label. Dayton, Ohio arrival (Dec 1) on reverse. Some minor imperfections but very scarce. (Photo =  407)	✉	120	(€ 110)
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Canada



Savoia-Marchetti S.55



1862

1862→	1933: \$4.50 Balbo Air Post, well-centered, fine and fresh example, tied by "ST. JOHN'S NEWF'D 26 JUL 33" circular datestamp on first day flown cover to Toronto, making the round-trip flight via Rome, several Italian and Newfoundland backstamps, ending with a Aug. 25, 1933 circular datestamp of Toronto. Scott = \$ 875.	C18	✉	300	(€ 270)
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Ceylon

1863	1857 (April 1): 6 d. purple-brown, Perkins Bacon Plate Proofs on blued paper, a horizontal strip of four (pos. 30-33), a horizontal pair (138-139), a vertical pair (150/162), a marginal block of six (109-111 / 121-123) and a block of nine (135-137 / 147-149 / 159-161), all with faults, the bigger blocks rejoined and margins touched to large but a very scarce group. (Photo =  www)	6 Proofs	(*)	250	(€ 225)
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