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BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS and NEW HEBRIDES

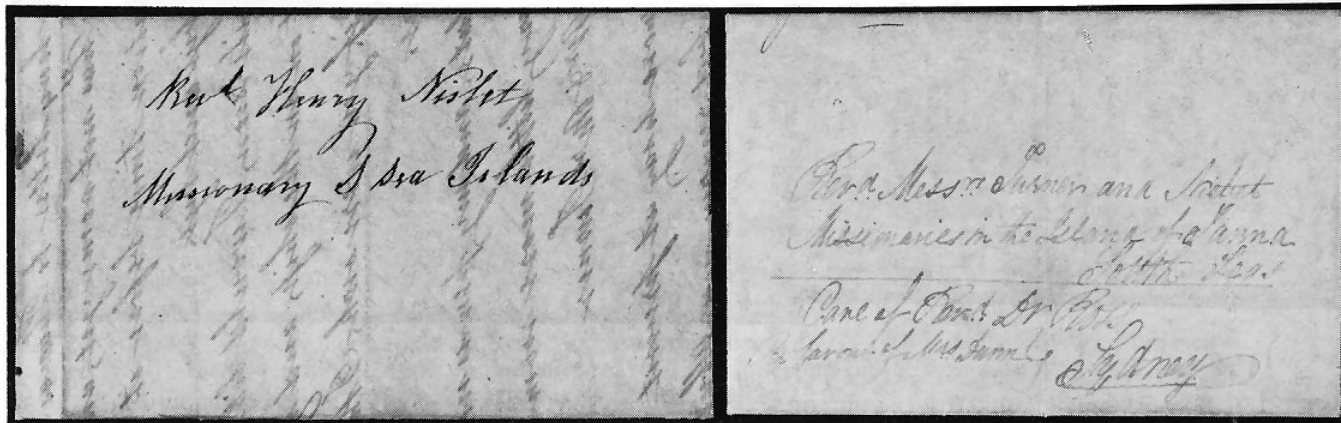


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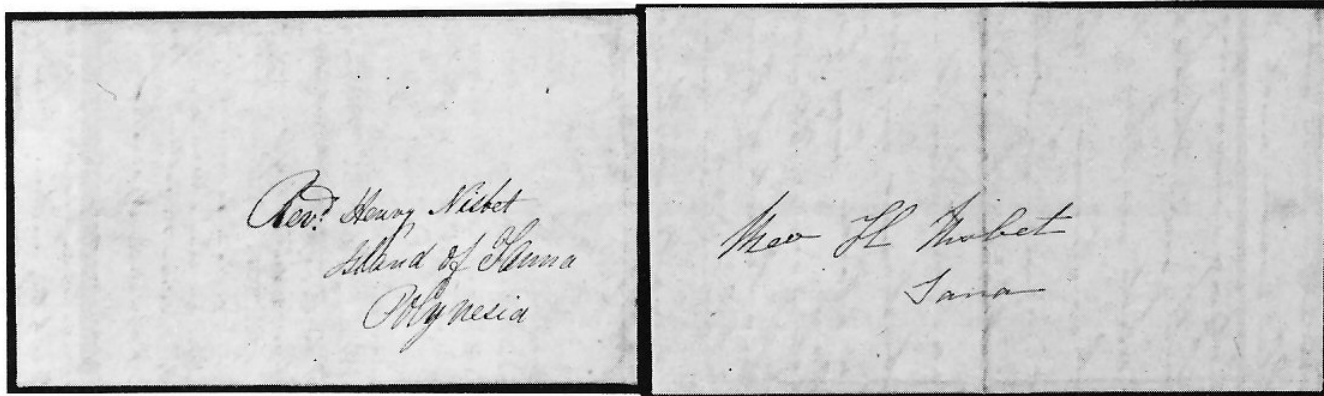
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Early Mail to the Missionaries

The following four lots are all to the Reverend Nisbet. None has postal markings.

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| 242 | ☒ | 1840 (13th Oct.) E.L. from Nisbet's cousin in Glasgow to "Rev. Henry Nisbet Missionary S Sea Islands", contents include a reference to the other missionaries Mr & Mrs. Turner. Photo | £400 |
| 243 | ☒ | 1841 (26th April) E.L. (a double sheet, severed and rejoined) from Glasgow to both Nisbet and Turner "Missionaries to the Island of Tanna South Seas" sent care of Rev. Ross at Sydney. A long and closely written letter not yet transcribed. Photo | £400 |
| 244 | ☒ | 1841 (27th April) E.L. from Glasgow to "Island of Tanna Polynesia". A long and closely written letter not yet transcribed. Photo | £400 |
| 245 | ☒ | 1842 (20th Sept.) E.L. from Nisbet's sister in Sydney, to "Tana". A long letter apparently sent by the brig "Camden". Photo | £400 |



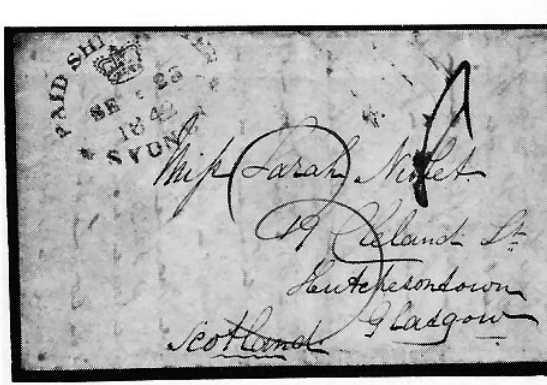
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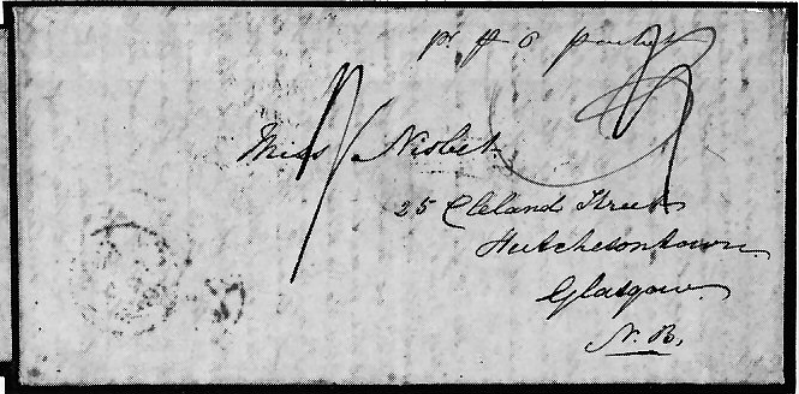
Early Missionary Letters

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| 246 | ☒ | 1842 (27th July) E.L. headed "Port Resolution Tana" from Rev. Nisbet to his sister in Glasgow, rated "3" and "8", showing on face "PAID SHIP LETTER/CROWN/SYDNEY" oval d.s. and on reverse London and Glasgow d.s. The long and interesting contents, basically a resumé of "how we have got on thus far", include a reference to "3 vessels in the harbour w ^h have been at various islands in search of sandalwood", his comments on the building of his house, the native being friendly, native chiefs being given presents, "The volcano sometimes makes a great noise and sends out clouds of sparks" and the setting up of classes for boys and girls. A fascinating insight into early missionary life in the South Seas. The earliest recorded cover from the New Hebrides. Photo | £5000 |
| 247 | ☒ | 1848 (1st Aug.) E.L. headed "Island of Aneiteium On Board the "J.W." " (John Williams) from the same correspondence as last, rated "3" and "1/-", showing on reverse "GENERAL POST OFFICE/CROWN/SYDNEY" c.d.s., London and Glasgow d.s. The long and closely written letter refers to his voyages to Samoa and New Caledonia and a protracted essay on the teachers and teaching of the natives. The second earliest recorded cover from the New Hebrides. Photo | £4000 |

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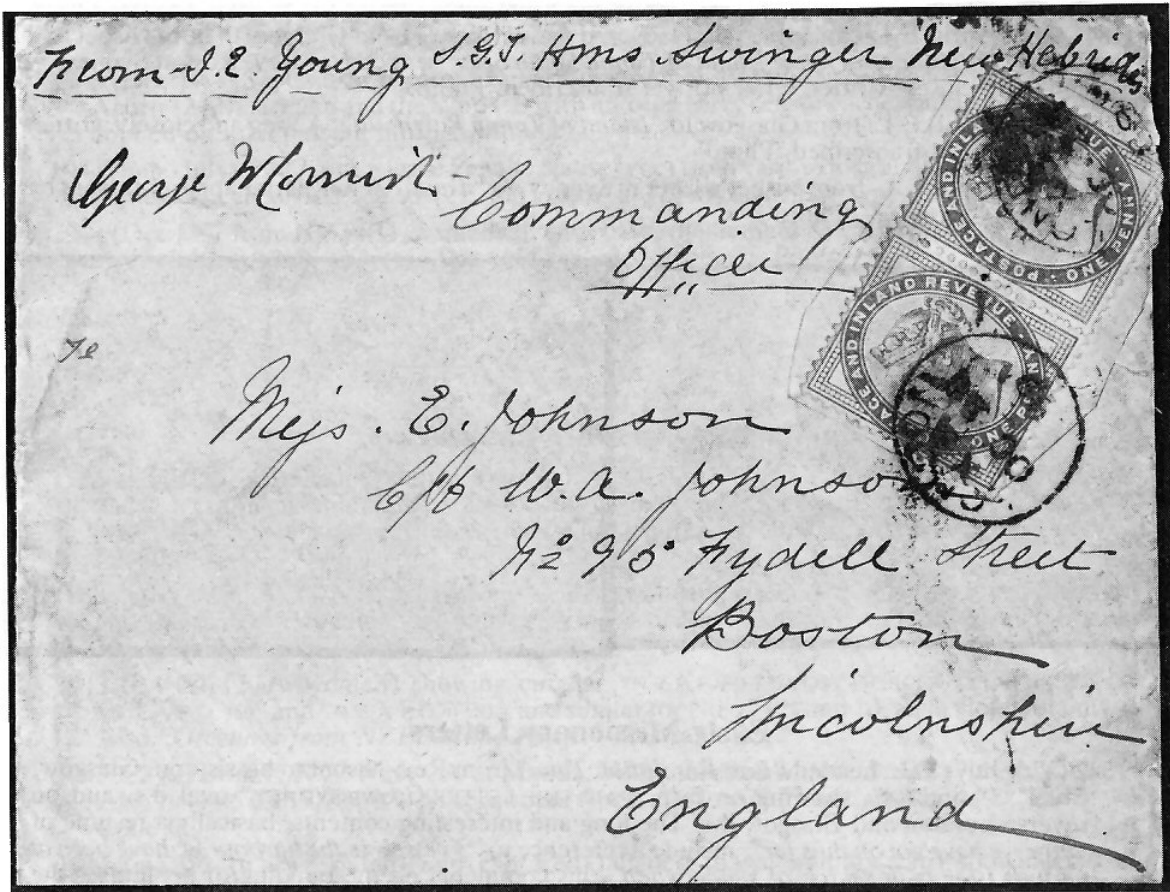


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- 248T 1889 (small faults) from a sailor on "HMS Swinger New Hebrides", signed by his commanding officer, to England bearing G.B. 1881 1d. pair cancelled in transit at London. The pair previously cut away and subsequently neatly replaced. Rare. Photo £200
- 249T 1891 (16th Dec.) 2 sheet "1892 Time Table for Steamers, Sydney, Noumea, Vila (Sandwich Island) or Aneityum, and Fiji; also for the New Hebrides Group of Islands" issued by the G.P.O. Sydney. Also a duplicate first page of the same document, useful for exhibiting purposes. Some faults but rare and unusual £100



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1892-1908 New South Wales Adhesives used in New Hebrides

The following eight lots are all cancelled with the "NEW HEBRIDES/VILA" c.d.s.

- 250T ○ 1892 (30th Dec.) a virtually complete superb strike on 1891 ½d. on 1d. (thinned). The earliest recorded date of use. Photo £50
- 251T 1895 (25th May) to Milton, New Zealand bearing 1890 2½d. with * strike, showing on reverse Sydney, N.Z. T.P.O. and Milton c.d.s. The rather stained but a very fine example of the datestamp and an early usage on complete cover. Photo £650

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- 252T ○ 1895 (2nd Nov.) complete on 1890 2½d. on small piece, 1897 (19th Feb.) virtually complete on 1888 2d. and 1892 ½d. on small piece, 1905 (21st Jan.) part on 1897 2½d. showing "19" of year date inverted and small part on 1897 2½d., mainly ** £50
- 253T ⊞ 1903 (11th May), a complete ** strike and another part impression on 1889 1/- block of four (inverted watermark), some light staining on some perfs. but the largest recorded multiple of any N.S.W. adhesive used in the New Hebrides. Photo £300
- 254T ⊠ 1903 (21st Oct.) ⊠ with "BRITISH RESIDENCY" embossed on flap, to England bearing ½d. and 2½d., with another strike alongside, the stamps cancelled with superb Sydney c.d.s. in transit. Rare and attractive. Photo £700



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- 255T ⊠ 1904 (15th April) ⊠ with Burns Philp and Co. Ltd. imprint and flag etc. printed on flap, to England bearing 1897 2½d. with * to ** strike. The ⊠ complete with letter on Burns Philp headed paper written "On Board S.S. "Tambo" ". Rare and very attractive. Photo £950
- 256T △ 1905 (24th Aug.) front to England bearing 1897 2½d. with ** strike. Photo £250
- 257T ⊠ 1908 (15th April) "Société Francaise" ⊠ to Sydney, bearing 1897 2d. with clear though very light strike and with Sydney machine d.s. on reverse. Light crease and three small stains but a very late use of the N.S.W. postal agency. Photo £450

Note: New South Wales stamps became invalid for postage on the 1st December 1908.



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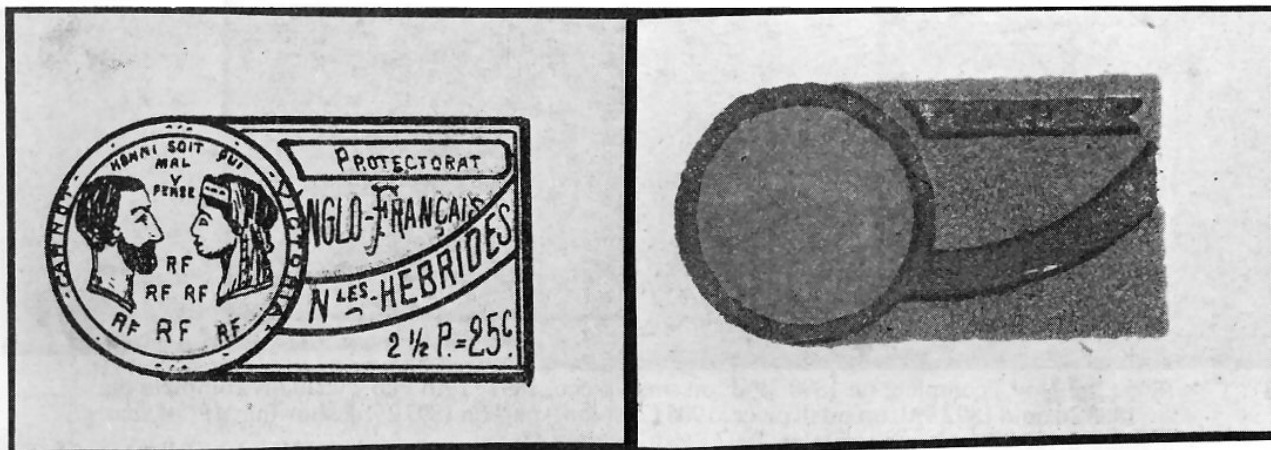


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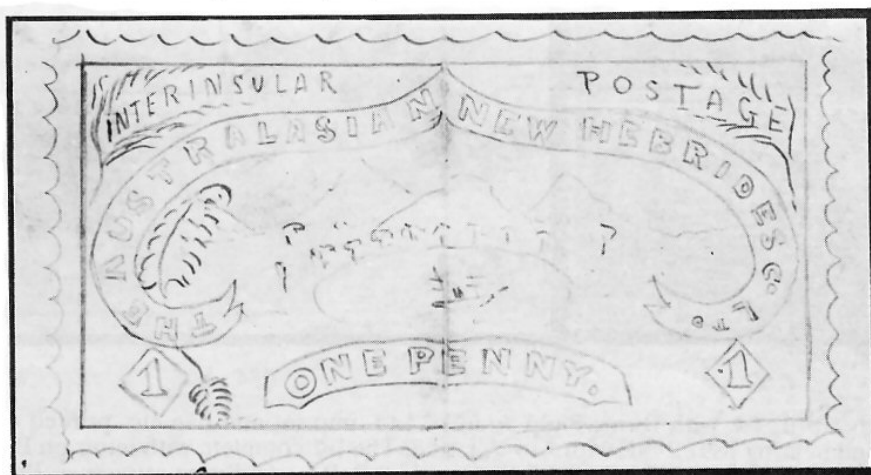
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- 258T ① 1893 essays, lithographed at Noumea for a Military Franchise issue proposed by the French Military Authorities comprising 2½p=25c. block of four subjects (3), in black (frame and lettering only) in three colours (part lettering only) and complete and singles (5) in black only, colours only and complete (three different), various states and types, some minor creasing but a very interesting and attractive lot. Photo £500
- 259T 1895 (25th May) Australasian New Hebrides Co. Ltd. receipt for a parcel, registered from Vila to Melbourne, showing the company's h.s. signed by Charles R. Partridge. Rare. Photo £350



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The 1897 Australasian New Hebrides Co. Ltd. Locals

- 260T ① Original pencil sketch for the locals, on piece of paper (191×163mm.), marked at foot "This is my original sketch for the proposed Interisland stamps for the New Hebrides Co. A. F. Basset Hull", two creases (one through design) and some staining, nevertheless quite attractive. Unique. Photo £400
- 261T Official Notice of Stamps and Rates by A. F. Basset Hull, G.P.O. Sydney, a typed copy dated 14th April with manuscript notation at foot relating to an agreement with Burns Philp that stamps were not to be sold unused or cancelled to order at less than face value. This agreement was not honoured, the remainders being sold to a Sydney dealer for a fraction of face value £150
- Note: This notice was forwarded with examples of the stamps to philatelic journals etc.*
- 262T ★ ① 1d. upper left and 2d. upper right fresh mint corner blocks of twelve (4×3), two 1d. with stains and six 2d. crossed by light creasing, nevertheless an attractive pair. Also singles of both values £60
- 263T ○ 1d. (5) and 2d. with A.N.H. Co. Ltd. Vila c.d.s., 1d. (2) and 2d. (4, one affixed on card to which it does not belong) with T.P.O. c.d.s., dates range between June 1897 and October 1899. Mainly fine £65

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- 264T ○ 1d. (3) with New Caledonia Port Vila, N.S.W. Vila and Travelling P.O. c.d.s., the latter overcancelled at Sydney and 2d. with Port Sandwich New Caledonia c.d.s., scarce. A few faults but a scarce quartet £25
 - 265T ☒ 1897 (17th April) A.N.H. Co. printed ☒ to Santo showing Port Vila c.d.s. for 17th April and bearing alongside 2d. (a few stained perfs.) with superb T.P.O. c.d.s. for 17th May. Very rare. The only recorded cover with impressions of both company c.d.s.. Photo £1250
- Note: This cover was used during the short lived legitimate period of use of the local stamps and is the earliest recorded cover.*



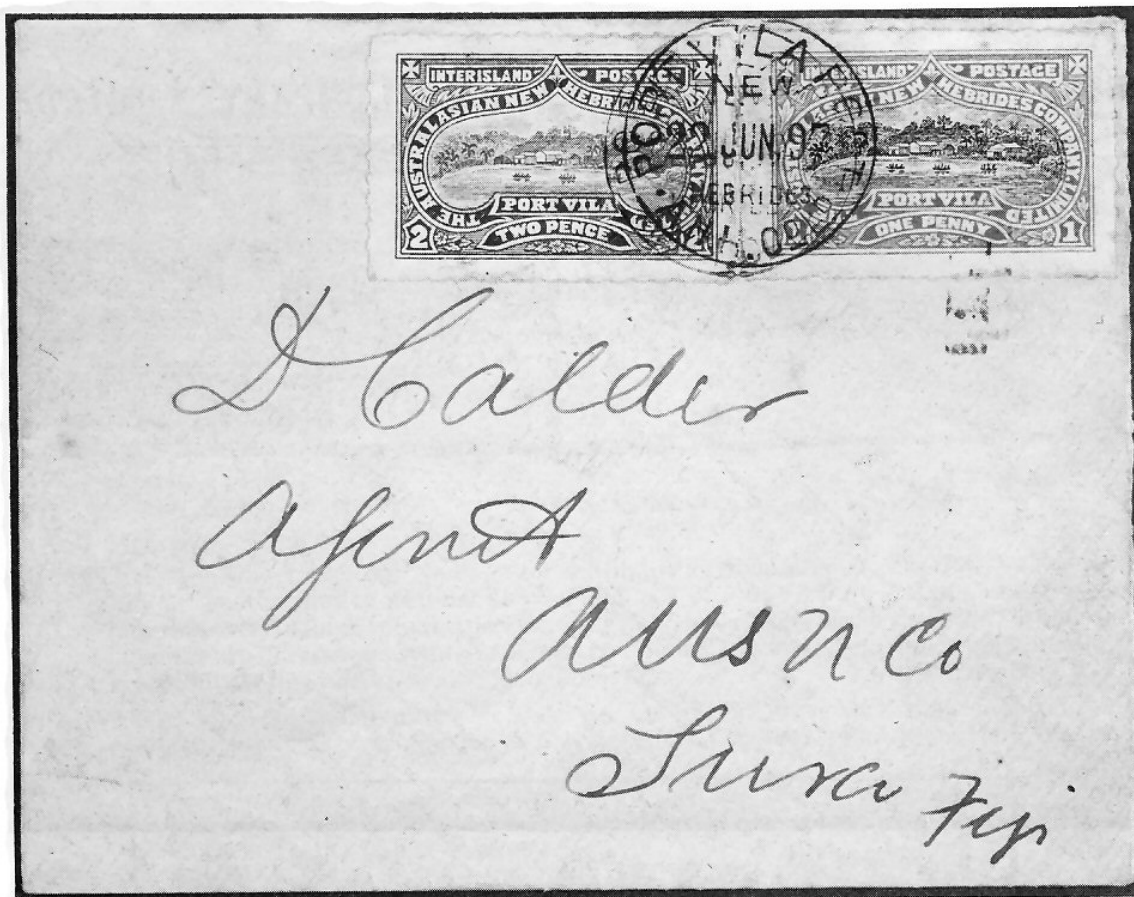
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The A.N.H.C. 1897 Locals — contd.

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| 266T ☒ | 1897 (22nd June) ☒ to the A.N.H. Co. agent in Suva, Fiji bearing 1d. and 2d. sharing a double strike of the Port Vila c.d.s. Rare and attractive. Photo | £1000 |
| 267T ☒ | 1897 (4th Aug.) ☒ to Sydney bearing 2d. very lightly cancelled with Port Vila c.d.s. in combination with N.S.W. 2½d. cancelled by superb "NEW HEBRIDES/VILA" c.d.s. with another strike alongside and arrival c.d.s. on reverse. Some light overall damp staining, nevertheless a rare and attractive franking. Ex Baldwin. Photo | £900 |
| 268T ☒ | 1897 (30th Dec.) ☒ to Sydney bearing 1d. vertical pair in combination with N.S.W. ½d. and 2d. all cancelled by "NEW HEBRIDES/VILA" c.d.s. * to **. Some staining but rare and unusual with the locals only cancelled with the N.S.W. Vila c.d.s. Photo | £750 |

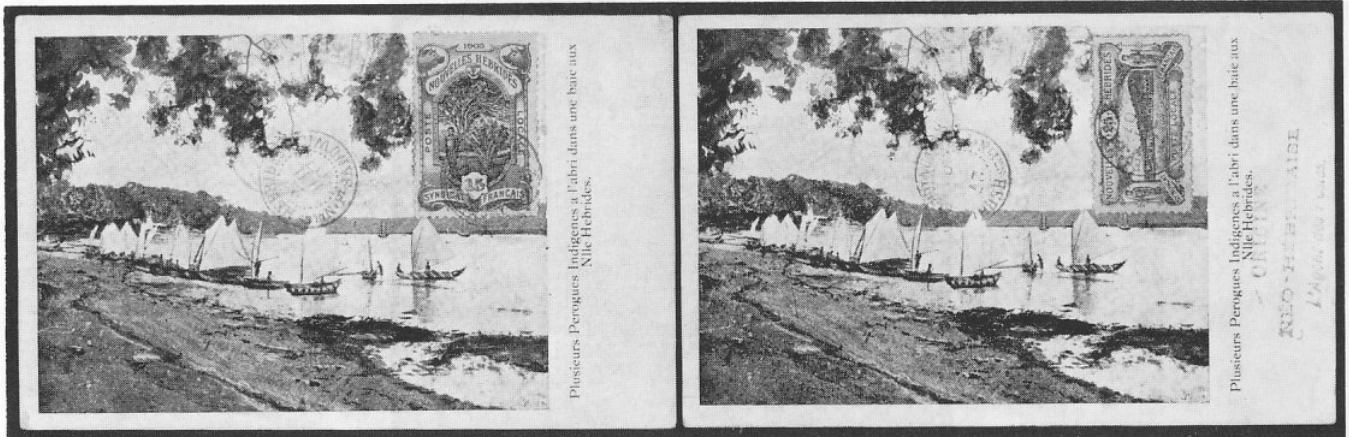
1903 "Syndicat Francais" Locals

This issue planned in 1902 was issued only after New Caledonian agencies were opened in New Hebrides. The Syndicate stamps were suppressed shortly afterwards.

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| 269T ★ | 5c. to 1f., three unused sets of four and additional 15c. block of four and a single, mainly with faults or defects, mostly of good to fine appearance. (17) | £35 |
| 270T ○ | 5c. to 1f. set of four, each on small piece cancelled to order with Port Vila c.d.s., a set of four and additional 15c. all five with bogus Franceville double ring c.d.s., 5c. on unaddressed postcard and 25c. both with forged Port Vila c.d.s. Some faults or defects but a scarce lot. (11) | £100 |
| 271T ○ | 5c. and 1f. (2, one marginal, fine) one of each on two small pieces, each with Port Vila c.d.s., some faults or defects but scarce used | £50 |
| 272T ★☒ | 15c., an unused upper left corner block (5×4), two rows with light creases, one defective and some other minor imperfections but a rare multiple | £75 |
| 273T ☒ | 1903 (15th Sept.) ☒ to Lyon bearing set of four each neatly cancelled by Port Vila c.d.s. Rare and attractive | £150 |

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274T	1904 (c.) 15c. essay facsimile, an original impression in brown, no gum, a later impression in black, gummed and a rubber stamp imitation in violet. A few minor faults but an attractive and unusual trio	£50
275T <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1907 (2nd June) picture postcard to Tahiti bearing on picture side 15c. (light stain) cancelled by scarce Port Sandwich c.d.s. in blue with another ** strike alongside. Attractive. Photo	£100
276T <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1907 (27th Oct.) a similar card bearing 25c. with Port Sandwich c.d.s. in black. Photo	£75



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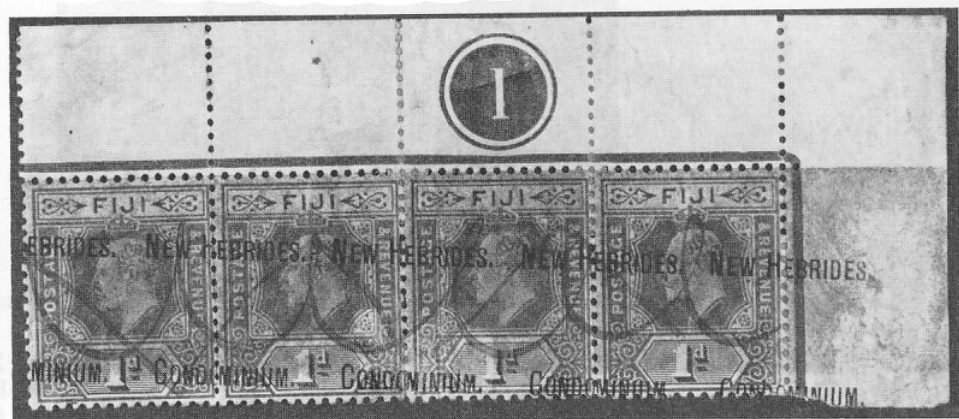
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1903-08 New Caledonia Adhesives used in New Hebrides

277T <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1906 (9th July) picture postcard (Vila harbour from Government Residence) to England bearing on picture side 1905 1c., 4c. and 5c. each with Port Sandwich c.d.s. Scarce and attractive	£125
278T <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1907 unaddressed picture postcard showing Macé, the islands executioner just prior to his 72nd guillotining, bearing 1905 1c. with Port Sandwich c.d.s., the date not very clear but apparently inverted. Light staining around adhesive, otherwise fine	£125



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The Anglo-French Condominium

279T ★	1907-25 the mint collection of French issues including 1907 diagonal overprint essays on 5c., 10c. and 25c. (crease), 1908-25 issues virtually complete (less F32a, 34-36 and 40) and 1920 (June) 10c. interpanneau pair, blocks of four and fifty, mainly fine. (130)	£40
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1908-10 English Issue

- 280T ★ MCA ½d. (both, the green and pale green rare and much undercatalogued) to 1/-, CA ½d. to 1/- and 1910 ½d. to 1/-, fine mint. Cat. £243. (17) £125
- 281T ★^B — 1D. RED, AN UPPER RIGHT CORNER BLOCK (2×5), WITH PLATE NUMBER, THE FOURTH ROW WITH OVERPRINT OMITTED. THE LARGEST RECORDED MULTIPLE OF THIS GREAT RARITY OF WHICH ONLY EIGHT EXAMPLES ARE RECORDED. Gum a fraction toned, lower left stamp creased, nevertheless a stunning exhibition item. Photo £10,000
- 282T ★ — 1D. RED, A FRESH MINT VERTICAL PAIR, ONE WITH OVERPRINT OMITTED. THE FINEST RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THIS RARITY. Photo and in colour on front cover £6000
- 283T — 1d. an upper right corner strip of four showing misplaced overprint, obliterated by purple ink and manuscript wavy lines, stated to have been supplied in the sheet by the printer at Suva, Fiji in this condition. Fair with much gum. Rare. Ex. Baldwin. Photo £150

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Covers		
284T Δ	1908 (22nd Nov.) front to Berne Switzerland bearing ½d. and 1d. in combination with French 10c., all three cancelled by French Port Vila c.d.s. in blue, also showing "LIGNE N/PAO. FR. No 4" octagonal d.s. and on small part of reverse remaining large part Noumea transit c.d.s. Scarce and attractive. Photo	£125
<i>Note: A very early use of the French 10c. only issued the day before.</i>		
285T \boxtimes	1908 (20th Dec.) blue \boxtimes to Sydney bearing 2½d. in combination with French 25c., both cancelled by light French Port Vila c.d.s. with another clear strike alongside. Some light foxing around adhesives, light crease and pinholes well clear of adhesives. A rare and attractive franking. Photo	£400
286T \boxtimes	1909 (9th March) \boxtimes , registered to U.S.A. bearing ½d., 1d. and 2½d. in combination with French 10c. sharing two French Port Vila c.d.s. with another strike alongside together with octagonal framed "R" and three transit c.d.s. including Noumea on reverse. Some minor gum staining around adhesives, otherwise attractive. A rare franking. Photo	£400
287T \boxtimes	1909 (5th April) \boxtimes to England bearing 2d. cancelled at Vila, in combination with N.S.W. 1d. (3) cancelled in transit at Sydney. The \boxtimes with some staining and other faults but a rare and unusual franking. Photo	£450
288T \boxtimes	1909 (10th June) \boxtimes , registered to England bearing 2d. and 2½d. cancelled at Vila showing octagonal framed "R" alongside and with three transit d.s. on reverse. Vertical crease well clear of adhesives. Rare and attractive. Photo	£450
289T Δ	1909 (30th Oct.) front to London, similarly franked and cancelled, area of light staining across area at top, otherwise fine. Photo	£200
290T \boxtimes	1910 (12th Jan.) \boxtimes , registered to New Jersey bearing 5d., 6d. (slight gum staining on some perf.) and 1/- (MCA) each cancelled at Vila, biro cross on face crosses 1/-. Also 6d. on piece with French Port Vila c.d.s.	£125



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291T \boxtimes	1910 (17th Oct.) \boxtimes (light crease) to London bearing 1d. pair with Vila c.d.s. in blue with another strike alongside, and Sydney machine transit d.s. on reverse. Scarce and attractive. Photo	£225
292T \boxtimes	1910 (22nd Dec.) "Service Des Postes" \boxtimes to France bearing 1d. placed sideways cancelled by French Port Vila c.d.s. in blue with another strike alongside. Scarce and attractive. Photo	£200
293T \boxtimes	1911 (16th March) New Hebrides Militia Commandant's Office printed \boxtimes (flap damaged) to France bearing 1910 ½d. pair (traces of light foxing) placed sideways and cancelled with blue Vila c.d.s. with another strike alongside and with part New Caledonia transit and Pau arrival c.d.s. on reverse	£200
294T \boxtimes	1911 (April) \boxtimes , registered to Sydney bearing 1910 1/- pair cancelled by "N ^{OUV} ES HEBRIDES/SERVICE MARITIME" ** also showing octagonal framed "R", both in deep blue. Despite some light overall staining a scarce and attractive franking. Photo	£100
295T \boxtimes	1911 (24th July) "Service de la Caisse" printed \boxtimes (small fault at upper left), registered to Leeds, address etc. crossed through, bearing 1910 2d. and 2½d. pair with wing margin (one with small surface fault), twice neatly cancelled by French Port Vila c.d.s. with another strike alongside. Scarce and attractive. Photo	£250

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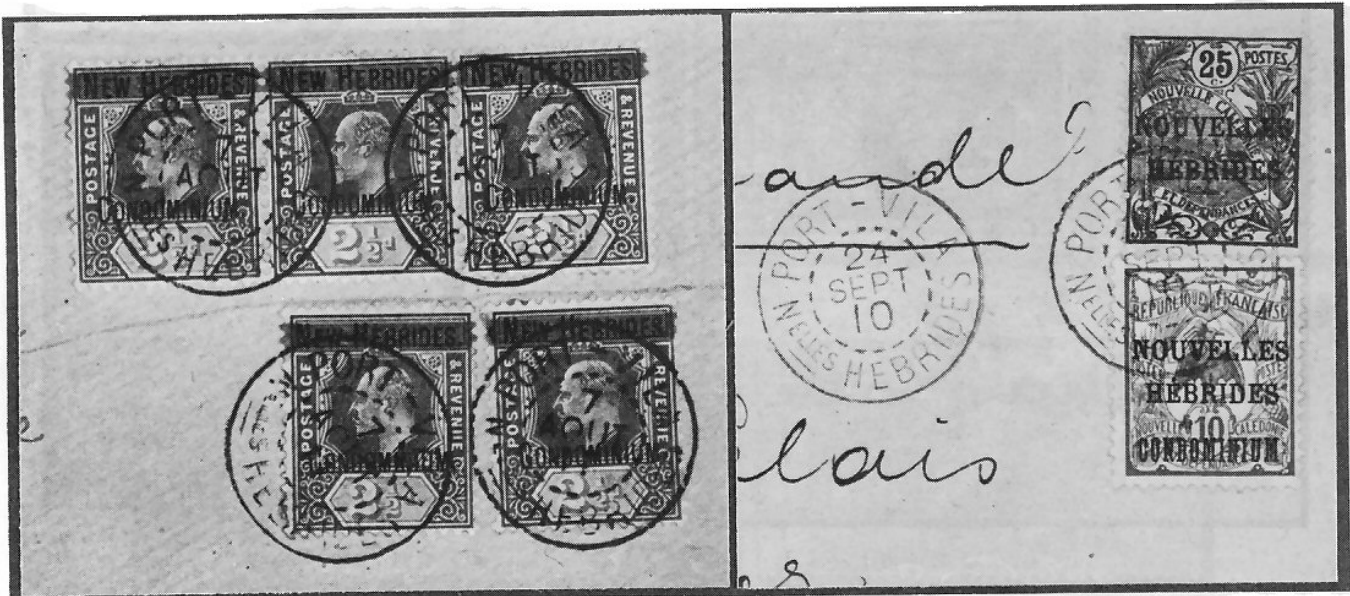
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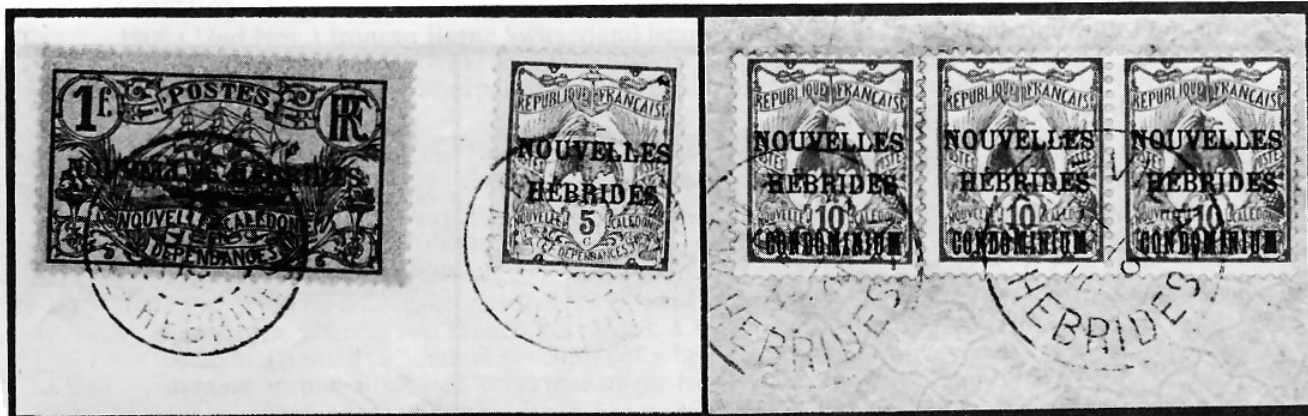
- 296T ☒ 1911 (7th Aug.) ☒ (central crease), registered to England bearing 1908 2½d. strip of three and two singles, all neatly cancelled by French Port Vila c.d.s. with another clear strike alongside. Photo £225
- 297T ☒ 1912 (12th March?) ☒ to Brighton bearing 1910 2d. lightly cancelled by French Port Vila c.d.s. with a distinct violet tint. Neat and attractive. Photo £275



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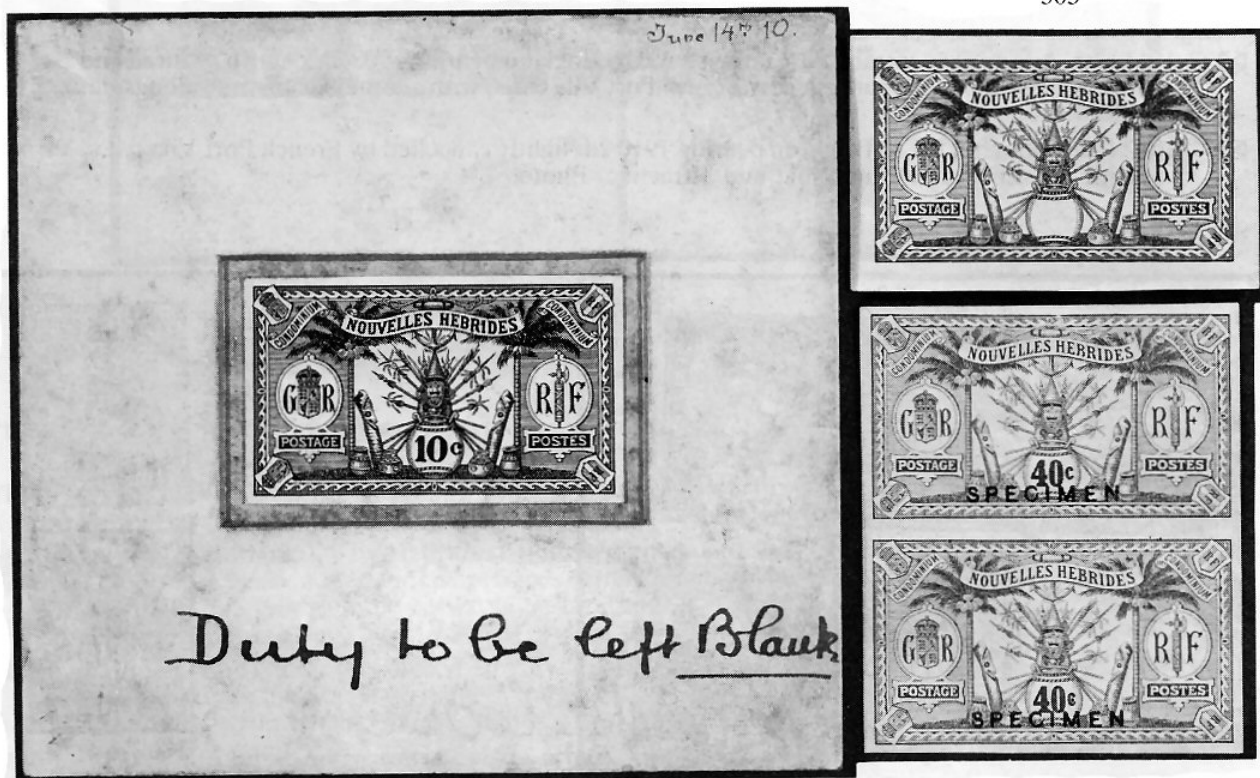
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1908-10 French Issues

- 298T ☒ 1909 (16th Dec.) Condominium Post Office printed ☒ (216×97mm.), registered to U.S.A. bearing 1908 5c. and 1f. each cancelled by Port Vila c.d.s. with another strike and octagonal framed "R" alongside. Scarce and attractive. Photo £125
- 299T ☒ 1910 (24th Sept.) ☒ (light crease), registered to France bearing 1908 25c. and 1910 10c. sharing Port Vila c.d.s. with another alongside, also showing octagonal framed "R", all in blue, and with Noumea transit c.d.s. on reverse. Rare and attractive. Photo £150
- Note: This cover illustrates an early usage of the 10c. only released in the New Hebrides in September. Illustrated in Hals book.*
- 300T ☒ 1910 (13th Dec.) ☒ to U.S.A. bearing 1910 10c. pair and a single sharing two Vila c.d.s. in blue with another alongside. Some light staining around adhesives barely detracting from attractive appearance. Photo £125

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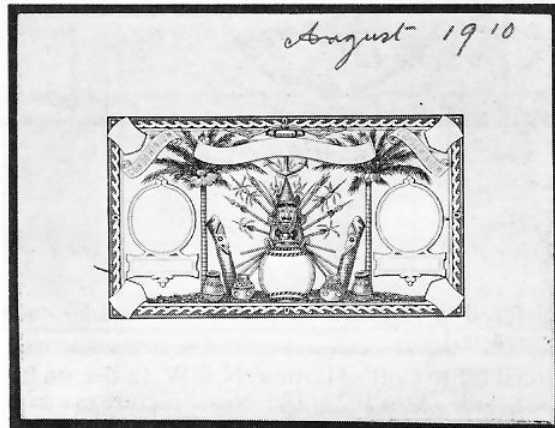
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1911 Issue and Subsequent Surcharges

Essay

- 301T ① 10c. printed proof in claret on glazed card, prepared by De La Rue in the French P.O. design, similar to that issued though "NOUVELLES HEBRIDES" thicker and filling ribbon, "POSTAGE" and "POSTES" thinner than finally adopted, affixed in sunken frame (88×82mm., a little stained), marked "Duty to be left Blank" and dated "June 14th 10." Very rare. Ex Baldwin. Photo £1000



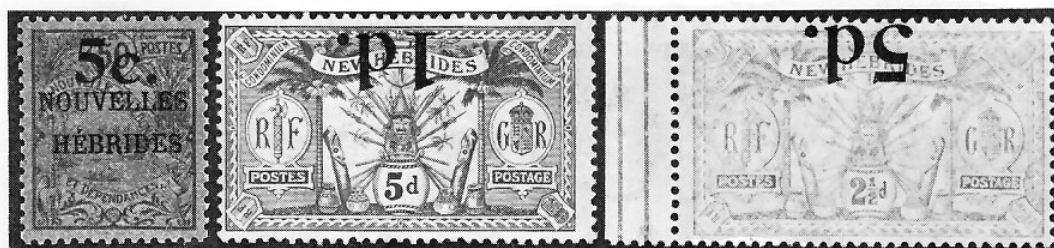
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Die Proofs

- 302T ① Intermediate state of the English design with background only partly complete, most tablets blank and "NEW HEBRIDES" only lightly engraved, on thin card (58×44mm.) dated "August 1910". Rare. Photo £300
- 303T ① Complete, in the French design, value tablet blank, on thin card (44×28mm.). Rare. Ex Baldwin. Photo £300
- 304T ①② 40c. French design, an imperforate vertical pair in blue-green, each overprinted "SPECIMEN". Scarce. Ex Baldwin. Photo £100

Issued Stamps

- 305T ★ 1911-25 British issues complete including the scarce 1920 2d. on 40c. with "RF" watermark, fine mint. Cat. £328. (32) £85
- 306T ★ 1920 (June) 5c. on 1908 50c., fine mint. Scarce. S.G. F32a. Photo £60
- 307T ★ 1920 (JUNE) 1D. ON 5D. SAGE-GREEN, VARIETY SURCHARGE INVERTED, FINE MINT. VERY RARE. One of 14 recorded examples. Photo £750
- 308T ★ 1924 (1ST MAY) 5D. ON 2½D. ULTRAMARINE, VARIETY SURCHARGE INVERTED, SHEET MARGIN AT LEFT, FINE MINT, VERY RARE. One of 20 recorded examples. Photo £700



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- 309T ☒ 1912 (10th Jan.) ☒, registered to England bearing 1/-, 2/- and 5/- each cancelled by Port Vila c.d.s. with year date inverted £125
- 310T ☒ 1912 (23rd Aug.) commercial ☒ to Coff's Harbour N.S.W. (c.d.s. on face) bearing 2d. cancelled by light Port Vila c.d.s. Scarce. Also 1922 (18th Nov.) picture postcard bearing on picture side 1d. cancelled by Vila c.d.s. Attractive £125
- 311T ☒ 1912 (13th Sept.) ☒, registered to Germany bearing ½d., 1d., 2d. and 2½d. each clearly cancelled by Vila c.d.s. £125
- 312T ☒ 1912 (11th Nov.) commercial ☒ to Sydney bearing 2d. cancelled by Port Vila c.d.s. with year date inverted. Scarce. Photo £100
- 313T ☒ 1920 (11th June) ☒ from the French Hospital to Noumea bearing 1920 (June) 5c. on 1911 50c. pair cancelled by Vila c.d.s. Scarce and attractive. Photo £75
- Note: This cover illustrates early use of this provisional value only issued earlier that month. Illustrated in Hals book.*
- 314T ☒ 1922 (24th March) ☒ (flap missing), registered to U.S.A. bearing 5d. cancelled by superb Vila c.d.s. with another impression and octagonal framed "R" alongside. Photo £100
- 315T ☒ 1922 (4th Aug.) ☒ (flap missing and a few faults) to New York bearing 50c. (2) cancelled at Vila showing octagonal framed "R" alongside £50
- 316T ☒ 1923 (21st Feb.) ☒ to France and (13th Nov.) to U.S.A. each bearing 20c. with Vila c.d.s., the first with "FE" reversed. Also 1924 (9th Jun.) registered piece bearing 75c. with Port Vila c.d.s. £50
- 317T △ 1923 (21st June) large parcel piece (273×158mm. max.) registered to Victoria bearing ½d. strips of eight (2), four, two pairs and 6d. (2), all with Vila c.d.s., one ½d. defective and a few other minor faults, nevertheless a remarkable franking £50
- 318T ☒ 1923 (Oct.-Dec.) picture postcards (3, one showing Post Office) all unaddressed bearing on picture side 5c. (2) and 20c. each with Vila c.d.s. £35
- 319T ☒ 1924 (6th May) ☒ (light crease) to U.S.A. bearing 10c. pair sharing light Vila c.d.s. showing alongside inverted triangular framed "T" with "060" in manuscript, "COLLECT/POSTAGE 15 CENTS" and bearing on reverse pre-cancelled U.S. 5c. and 10c. Postage Dues. Scarce £50
- 320T ☒ 1924 (17th Dec.) ☒ (minor faults) to Bourail, New Caledonia bearing 1924 (May) 10c. on 5c. each cancelled by new style Port Vila c.d.s., on arrival (Bourail c.d.s. on reverse) redirected to Santo. Scarce £35
- 321T ☒ 1925 (25th July) ☒ registered to Germany bearing 1924 surcharge set of three with Port Vila c.d.s. and showing purple registration h.s. alongside £35
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- 322T ☒ 1922 (11th Dec.) ☒, registered from Buffalo to Port Vila bearing 3c. (5) with Buffalo roller cancel and with various transit c.d.s. on reverse. No arrival c.d.s. Scarce incoming mail £50

 <i>Change to Black on white</i> 30.000	 <i>Change to Green on white</i> 45.000	 <i>no change</i> 60.000
 <i>Change to Brown on white</i> 45.000	 <i>Change to Blue on white</i> 30.000	 <i>no change</i> 20.000
 <i>no change</i> 10.000	 <i>no change</i> 10.000	 <i>no change</i> 10.000

<i>Change to Black on white</i>	<i>Change to Green on white</i>	<i>no change</i>	<i>Change to Brown on white</i>
 30.000	 45.000	 60.000	 45.000
 <i>Change to Red on White</i> 25.000	 <i>No Change</i> 25.000	 <i>Change to Blue on White</i> 30.000	 <i>no change</i> 20.000
 <i>no change</i> 10.000	 <i>no change</i> 10.000	 <i>no change</i> 10.000	

Pour la série des chiffres-taxe de 10c, 20c, 30c, 50c et de 1fr, en cas d'impossibilité de préparer des clichés spéciaux, on pourrait se servir des timbres ordinaires en apposant la mention: chiffre-taxe & :postage due.- 2000 de chaque valeur suffirait.

"postage due"



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1925 Issue

Essays

- 323T (E) Three sheets of paper prepared for the printers showing the alterations required for the new issue, the first with 1911 1/2d. to 5/- (9 values), the second with 5c. to 5f. (11 values), the third bearing 1d. with manuscript "Tax stamp" subsequently altered to "postage due" above and 10c. with manuscript "Chiffre taxe"; all 22 with the central value deleted and the new dual currencies shown, the postage values with pencil notes regarding any changes in colour required and with printing quantities required typed below each. A unique trio. Ex De La Rue archives. Photo

£1000

Die Proofs

The following five lots are all inscribed in French, each in black on wove paper (78-84×52-58mm.) dated "14-11-24" at foot.

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| 324T (P) | 5c. fine. Photo | £375 |
| 325T (P) | 20c., light crease crossing lower right corner of design, otherwise fine | £325 |
| 326T (P) | 30c., fine | £375 |
| 327T (P) | 40c., fine | £375 |
| 328T (P) | 75c., fine | £375 |

Plate Proofs

- 329T (P) 1/2d., 5d. and 2/- pairs, 1d. single, 2d. and 5/- blocks of four, all imperforate on un gummed Script watermarked paper in issued colours, all but the 1d. and 5d. pair affected by degrees of creasing, some rather heavy, one 5/- thinned, nevertheless rare. (15). Photo

£500



Ex. 329

Lot

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Covers

- 330T ☒ 1926 (Feb.) "Wilson" ☒ to England bearing 40c., 50c., 75c. and 1f., 1933 (March) ☒ from the French Hospital to Nice bearing 50c. vertical strip of three and 1936 ☒ to Paris bearing 75c., 1f., 2f. and 1/-, all from Vila with different registration h.s. or label £75
- 331T ☒ 1926 (16th June) ☒ registered to Papeete, Tahiti bearing 1f. tied by Port Vila double ring c.d.s. showing Port Vila registration h.s. in a type not recorded in Hals book showing "Nouvelles" abbreviated to "Nelles" and with Sydney transit c.d.s. on reverse. Some creasing and light staining, nevertheless a rare and attractive commercial franking. Photo £125
- 332T ☒ 1927 and 1931 picture postcards, the latter unaddressed bearing on picture side 50c. and 2½d. respectively; 1930 ☒ (233×107mm.) to U.S.A. bearing 5c., 10c., 30c. and 40c. pair and 1932 ☒ registered to U.S.A. bearing 20c. to 50c. and 2f., all from Port Vila, the 1930 ☒ unusually cancelled in blue £50
- 333T ☒ 1934 (5th July) ☒ to Dunedin bearing 2d. cancelled at Vila showing inverted triangular framed "T" with "1½d." in manuscript and bearing on arrival New Zealand Postage Due ½d. and 1d. sharing Dunedin c.d.s. Scarce £70
- 334T ☒ 1937 (14th Nov.) ☒ to U.S.A. bearing 25c. marginal pair with Vila c.d.s. showing inverted triangular framed "T", h.s. "U.S. Postage/charge to collect 4 cents", partly covered by U.S. Postage Due 1c. marginal block of four. Scarce £60

Later Issue Covers

- 335T ☒ 1938-64 ☒ (7) a small study of Vila registered mail, the first unstamped, the others with various values to 2f., two with h.s. the rest bearing labels, one with scarce bi-lingual censor cachet in purple, mainly ** £60
- 336T ☒ 1940-60 ☒ (10), a study of Vila cancellations comprising double circles (6, 4 different), single circle (3), first day of issue machine type and one additionally showing the 1940 10th Anniversary slogan h.s., mainly ** £100
- 337T ☒ 1951-74 ☒ (8, one unstamped) showing double ring d.s. of Forari, Lamap (2, both registered), Norsup (with Education Office oval d.s.), Santo (3, one registered) and Tanna (registered), all different, mainly superb. A scarce lot £70

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Official Mail

- 338T ☒ 1911 (6th May) O.H.M.S. mourning ☒ (226×98mm., flap damaged) to Sydney showing Port Vila c.d.s. and below "H.B.M. RESIDENT COMMISSIONER/Royal Arms/NEW HEBRIDES" oval cachet. Light crease and some minor foxing but a rare early usage of official mail. Photo £120
- 339T ☒ 1917 (24th May) ☒ to Sydney with Port Vila c.d.s. and similar Resident Commissioner's h.s. **. Photo £100
- 340T ☒ 1928 (28th Aug.) ☒ to London showing Vila c.d.s. and Resident Commissioner's h.s. with small Coat of Arms in centre, both ** £75
- 341T ☒ 1937 (19th Aug.) ☒ to Paris showing Vila c.d.s. and double circle "COMMANDANT DE LA MILICE/NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES" in violet with another impression at lower left initialled by the Commandant. Rare. Photo £100
- 342T ☒ 1947 (27th Nov.) ☒ (205×103mm.) to Burns Philp at Sydney showing Port Vila c.d.s. and superb double circle "BRITISH RESIDENCY/Royal Arms/NEW HEBRIDES". Scarce. Photo £75
- 343T ☒ 1932 (5th Sept.) front (188×98mm., creased) and 1962-74 ☒ (6, 3 stamped, one 256×206mm.) all showing cachets of the Resident Commissioner in a variety of colours, one also with the Residency Education Office cachet in violet £50
- 344T ☒ 1960-75 ☒ (5, one stamped to Honiara), four with double circle British Residency h.s. in black, blue, violet and red, the other registered from Tanna with British District Agent, Southern District cachet in violet, mainly **. Also one other £35

Maritime Mail

- 345T ☒ 1913 (27th May) picture postcard (the Catholic church) to France bearing on picture side 1910 10c. cancelled by "NELLES HEBRIDES/SERVICE MARITIME" c.d.s. in blue with date inverted, another slightly clearer strike alongside and with Sydney machine d.s. at foot. Scarce. Photo £75
- 346T ☒ 1917 (2nd April) commercial ☒ to Paris bearing 2d. cancelled by "NELLES HEBRIDES/SERVICE MARITIME" c.d.s. with another impression alongside and with Sydney transit machine d.s. on reverse. Scarce. Photo £125

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- 347T 1929 (5th Aug.) (minor creasing) to Australia bearing ½d. and 1d. pairs and 20c. all cancelled by "NOUVELLES HEBRIDES/SERVICE MARITIME" c.d.s. * to ** £40
- 348T 1932 (June) and (Oct.) (2) both to the Chief Quarantine Officer at Sydney, the first bearing 50c. (some foxing around perfs.) with "LOOSE SHIP LETTER/SYDNEY" c.d.s. **, the second bearing 1d. and 20c. pair each cancelled by "SYDNEY/30" c.d.s., both with areas of light staining but a scarce pair £40
- 349T 1934 (31st July) to Paris bearing New Caledonia 1925 10c. corner block of four, twice cancelled by "NEW HEBRIDES/INTER-ISLES" c.d.s. Some minor staining nevertheless scarce and attractive £35
- 350T 1935 (18th July) to New York bearing ½d., 1d., 2d. and 20c. all with "INTERISLAND SERVICE" c.d.s., showing alongside inverted triangular framed "T" with charge computation in manuscript £30

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Lot	Description	Valuation
Maritime Mail — contd.		
351T ☒	1936 (18th April) ☒ (240×106mm.) to U.S.A. bearing 30c. to 1f. all marginal, all cancelled by light Inter-Isles c.d.s. and showing h.s. circular "SERVICES CONTRACTUELS/DES MESS. MAR./S/S BUCEPHALE" ships cachet, a type not recorded by Hals	£40
352T ☒	1937 (7th July) ☒ to Paris bearing New Caledonia 40c. in combination with Oceanic Settlements 5c. pair, twice cancelled by superb "N-HEBRIDES/PAQUEBOT" c.d.s. with Port Vila c.d.s. on reverse. Very attractive Photo	£75
353T ☒	1953 ☒ to U.S.A. bearing B.S.I. ½d. (3) cancelled by "VILA NEW HEBRIDES/PAQUEBOT" c.d.s. and showing "PAQUEBOT POSTED AT SEA/M/V Malata/J. GREENE. PURSER" in blue, 1956 ☒ from Santo and 1957 ☒ from Vila, both to England showing large detailed cachet of "S.S. Tulagi"	£40
354T ☒	1956 (1st Oct.) airmail ☒ from Santo to Canada bearing 1925 1f. showing alongside superb circular framed "COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES/CALÉDONIAN" preceded by straight line "PAQUEBOT", both in violet. Rare. Photo	£75
355T ☒	1956 (3rd Dec.) ☒ to Canada bearing New Caledonia 10c., 60c. and 5f. + 20f. twice cancelled by "VILA NEW HEBRIDES/PAQUEBOT" c.d.s., showing alongside superb circular framed "COMPAGNIE/DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES/RESURGENT" in violet. Rare. Photo	£75

Military Mail

U.S. Forces

356T ☒	EFATE: 1942 (Nov.)-43 (June) ☒ (4, 2 unstamped one a Penalty clause type), the first with U.S. Marines slogan duplex showing scarce "Base Roses" return address, the second from Marine Corps Unit 775 showing h.s. "RELEASED BY AUTHORITY OF THE DISTRICT POSTAL CENSOR" in violet, the third from Navy 206 showing provisional duplex, the last from the 1st C.B. with provisional censor h.s.	£60
357T ☒	— 1942 (Nov.)-43 (June) ☒ (3, one unstamped) from A.P.O. 932, all with A.P.O. duplex, one without number and one from Force 9156 in violet	£35
358T ☒	ESPIRITU SANTO: 1943 (Jan.) ☒ from Marine Corps Unit 725 (1st Marine Air Wing) and 1943 (Nov.) ☒ from Navy 140 (Marine Air Group 2) both based at Luganville Airfield showing 725 and 1045 Branch duplex cancels	£35
359T ☒	— 1943 (May) ☒ from 1st C.B. and 1943 (July)-44 (June) ☒ (3) from Navy 140 (one from Base Hospital 6, another from the V Mail Section), with Navy duplex (3) or machine cancels	£30
360T ☒	— 1944 (Jan.)-45 (March) ☒ (5, two unstamped) from A.P.O. 27 (3) and 708 (2) with duplex (3) or machine d.s.	£45

New Zealand Forces

361T ☒	1944 (Aug.) and (Sept.) ☒ both showing "R.N.Z.A.F./N.Z.A.P.O./B" c.d.s. (Pallikulo Airfield), the latter remaining uncensored redirected with 2d. on arrival. Also 1943 ☒ (corner fault) from New Zealand to "No. 1. F.M.U. A.P.O. 361"	£30
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241	64	307	583	346	140
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248	324	311	135	350	64
250	75	312	113	351	47
251	756	313	124	352	145
252	108	314	145	353	102
253	302	315	59	354	124
254	513	316	129	355	70
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256	183	317	91	357	45
257	432	318	36	358	54
258	405	319	91	359	54
262	59	320	81	360	75
263	64	321	81	361	43
264	56	323	648		
266	702	329	388		
268	540	330	140		
269	49	331	124		
273	183	332	124		
274	54	333	102		
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279	81	337	129		
280	151	338	70		
283	151	340	51		
284	156	341	70		
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