

# NEW HEBRIDES



A resumé  
of the Postal History and cancellations of the islands  
with prices realised of highlights of the  
R. A. BALDWIN  
collection  
sold by Robson Lowe Ltd. on 22nd February 1972.

# The New Hebrides

Some observations from the collection formed by R. A. Baldwin of Sydney

by Peter Collins

The New Hebrides are a group of some 30 islands 1200 miles east of Queensland around the parallel of 15° south and with Fiji to their east. The area of the group is 5,700 sq. miles, and of the 20 islands which are inhabited, Espiritu Santo is the largest with an area of 876 sq. miles. The population, which is mainly Melanesian, numbers some fifty thousand which includes a handful of resident British and French, who are largely concerned with the trade in copra, bananas, sago, rubber and coffee.

A Franco-British pact was signed in 1878 by which the independence of the group was recognised. The British and French powers have jurisdiction only over their own nationals, but in 1904 they mounted a joint expedition against the natives who were in a state of unrest.

Prior to 1888, mail was transported to and from the islands by steamer as opportunity offered, no stamps were available nor was any official charge made. Communication was principally with Sydney, Australia, and Noumea, New Caledonia, and mail for Europe was forwarded through these ports, and stamps of N.S.W. or New Caledonia were used as appropriate when available. A subsidised steamer service, the Australian United Steam Navigation Coy. ran between the group and Sydney, and French vessels ran an inter-island service.

From 1st Aug. 1891, A. D. Martin, manager of a saw-mill on the island of Aneityum was appointed agent for the N.S.W. Post Office, but from 1st July 1892 the Agency was transferred to Vila on the island of Efta where W. le Couteur the Australian United Steam Navigation Agent was appointed official postal agent, and issued with a handstamp (type 1) on 1st August 1892.

When, late in 1892, the subsidy was withdrawn, the A.U.S.N. Coy. ceased to run its service, and the postal agency was taken over by the Australian New Hebrides Company's local manager at Vila who held a stock of N.S.W. stamps. A grant of £50 p.a. was made to the Company for carrying out the postal duties. The postal rate to Sydney was fixed at 2½d. per ½ oz.

## The French Military Essay 1893

Essays attributed to a Lt. Col. Delauney of the French Army in New Caledonia have long been known to collectors, and they are an intriguing enigma with their crudely produced portraits of Queen Victoria and President Sadi Carnot of France, value in dual currency 2½d.-25c. (the normal civilian letter-rate and not a military concessional postage) and inscription PROTECTORATE ANGLO-FRANCAIS NOUVLES HEBRIDES. Printing by lithography was said to have been done at Noumea, New Caledonia and was in miniature sheets of four, which can be plated by the following clues:

- Stamp 1 AF for RF beside President's chin.
- Stamp 2 V for Y in MAL Y PENSE.
- Stamp 3 P for R in PROTECTORAT.
- Stamp 4 C for S in SOIT.

These essays were supposedly prepared against a projected French occupation of the New Hebrides but in view of the Anglo-French agreement no such operation ever took place. In any event, if such a move had been contemplated it is to be doubted whether the wording Anglo-French would have still been applicable, while as already noted, the postal rate shown was the normal civilian postage and not a forces rate, so that one may reach the conclusion that these items are entirely "phantoms", though it is unlikely that after this distance in time the true facts will now ever be known.



French Military Essay



Syndicat Francaise de  
Nouvelle Hebrides

### **Australasian New Hebrides Company Ltd. 1897**

The Australasian New Hebrides Company considered their payment for the handling of mail inadequate, but after some negotiation with the postmaster were advised that in view of the fact that the average mail handled was only in the region of 420 it was considered that the annual sum of £50 was quite sufficient for the work involved. They therefore resolved to make a charge of 1d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. on inter-island mail and to this end produced stamps which were first brought into use on 17th March 1897. The stamps were lithographed in sheets of 120 (10x12) on thick wove paper by J. Sands & Co. of Sydney, rouletted  $8\frac{1}{2}$ , and with a marginal inscription. It has been recorded that 2000 sheets of the 1d. and 1000 of the 2d. were prepared. The design showed a view of Vila with the A.N.H. prominent in the centre. The 1d. was produced in lilac and black, and the 2d. in brown and blue, in the top margin of each sheet was the imprint AUSTRALASIAN NEW HEBRIDES COMPANY LIMITED INTERISLAND POSTAGE. Price 1d. (or 2d.) per label, 1/- (or 2/-) per row of 12 10/- (or £1) per sheet of 120).

Two circular date-stamps were prepared, one  $26\frac{1}{2}$  mm. inscribed PORT VILA POST, the other 26 mm. inscribed TRAVELLING POST and used on the vessel which called on some three dozen traders and planters throughout the islands.

The stamps were used both on inter-island mail, and on letters to Sydney in combination with N.S.W. stamps, and although this practice was not necessary, it was ignored by the authorities provided the proper Post Office charge had been met. In addition to the A.N.H.Co. datestamps, the inter-island locals are known cancelled by the "NEW HEBRIDES VILA" post office cancellation though this is hardly surprising since the A.N.H.Co. manager was also the government's postal agent.

The Australasian New Hebrides Company had been formed in 1887, but by 1892 it was in financial difficulties and in the following year taken over by Burns Philp & Co. Ltd. of Sydney, who continued to operate their puppet under its old name; nevertheless by the end of 1897, the A.N.H.Co. had gone into liquidation, and Burns Philp & Co. acquired all their assets including the stamps, and also accepted the postal agency. Remainders of the stamps, stated to be 140,000 of the 1d. and 94,000 of the 2d. were sold by tender in 1913 to T. H. Nicolle, a Sydney stamp dealer.

### **Syndicat Francaise de Nouvelle Hebrides 1903**

The inter-island steamer service run by the A.N.H.Co. and latterly by Burns Philp & Co., was complemented by a French company which carried cargo and mail, and in 1903 inaugurated a regular postal system. In September 1903 a set of four stamps 5c., 15c., 25c. and 1f. was introduced in typical "French Colonial" type designs showing a view of Franceville (the principal French settlement at Port Vila) on the horizontal 5c. and 25c. and a native beside trees and shrubs on the vertical 15c. and 1f. Printing was in sheets of 100 (four panes 5x5) on unwatermarked paper perf. 12.

A cancellation "FRANCEVILLE NILES. HEBRIDES" is known, but is probably bogus. Examples are known cancelled with the French Postal Agency datestamp of Port Vila and a cover to Noumea, New Caledonia bearing the four values exists cancelled Port Vila 15 Sept. 1903 and backstamped by the French post office at Noumea. It is stated that by the end of September the issue had been suppressed by the Governor of New Caledonia, and existing stocks confiscated.



*French Postal Agency cancellations Port Vila and Pt. Sandwich, also used by the Condominium Post Office, type 2 and type 3. The Port Sandwich cancellation is believed to have been used at one time on mail carried by a coastal vessel.*

*Royal New Zealand Air Force in New Hebrides World War II.*



### **New Caledonia Postal Agencies in New Hebrides 1903-08**

A decree of 20 March 1903 established a French postal agency at Port Vila; a cancellation was provided and New Caledonia "Tablet" Colonial types, "50th Anniversary" values and 1905 issue are known used at this agency. In 1905, a second agency at Port Sandwich on the island of Malekula was opened. This office did much less business than that at Port Vila and cancellations of Sandwich are regarded as rare.

### **New South Wales Postal Agency 1892-1908**

Until the introduction of the circular date stamp in 1892, stamps used on letters from the New Hebrides had received a manuscript cancellation providing no indication of their place of origin, and in view of the N.S.W. post office's being divorced from any internal or inter-island mail carrying, the inhabitants refused to put stamps on their letters excepting those bound for Sydney and beyond. Contemporary ½d., 1d., 2d. and 2½d. stamps are known during the period of the N.S.W. agency used with the NEW HEBRIDES VILA c.d.s. struck in black, or more rarely, in violet. About 1896, the cancellation showing the last two figures of date only was superseded by one showing the figures of the year in full.

### **Fiji stamps overprinted for use in New Hebrides 1908-11**

On 1st Oct. 1908 the Condominium post office, as distinct from the Colonial Postal Agencies, was opened, and on 29th Oct. a supply of Fiji Edward VII stamps which had been overprinted NEW HEBRIDES/CONDOMINIUM by the Government printer at Suva, was made available for sale. Values supplied were ½d., 1d. and 1/- on the new MCA watermarked paper and ½d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d. and 1/- on CA watermarked paper. The ½d. and 1/- stamps on CA watermark paper are much scarcer.

New datestamps were supplied for the British P.O. but the French Agencies continued to use the same cancellations that had been in use since 1903, and as the cancellations appear to have been used indiscriminately, these may be found on "British P.O." stamps.

From 1st Dec. 1908, neither New South Wales nor New Caledonia stamps were acceptable for postage from New Hebrides offices.

One sheet of 1d. stamps was found with a variety in the fourth row; the overprint failed to register, producing a stamp with overprint omitted, which of course, must be collected in pair with normal. Six unused pairs are thought to exist, the rest of the row of twelve having apparently been disposed of before the variety was recognised.

In 1910 a second provisional issue overprinted on stamps of Fiji in somewhat heavier type by De La Rue was brought into use. Seven values ½d. to 1/- were issued as previously and this set exists overprinted "SPECIMEN".

### **New Caledonia stamps overprinted for use in New Hebrides 1908-11**

From November 1908 stamps of New Caledonia overprinted NOUVELLES HEBRIDES were available at Port Vila and also apparently at Port Sandwich. The overprinting was done at Noumea and there are at least three settings within a sheet; (1) the left leg of H is below the right leg of N, (2) the left leg of H is to the left of the right leg of N, (3) the left leg of H to the right of the right leg of N.

During 1910 a second overprint was made, adding the word "CONDOMINIUM" at the foot of stamps already overprinted "NOUVELLES HEBRIDES".

Five values, 5c., 10c., 25c., 50c. and 1f. appeared with both overprints.

On 1st March 1911, the New Hebrides were admitted into the U.P.U.

### **Condominium definitive issues 1911-12**

During the period of the provisional issues steps were being taken to implement the issue of a series in a suitable joint design for both British and French postal use. A photograph of an essay by a French artist J. Giraud of Vila was submitted to the British and French Colonial Offices in October 1909, and from this, the adopted design was prepared. The essay is of note in that it shows the Royal monogram "E.R."; as Edward VII died in May 1910, this had to be changed to "G.R." on the issued stamps.

De La Rue & Co. produced a proof of a 10c. in claret based on the essay and dated June 14th 1910; it bears the manuscript instruction "*Duty to be left blank*", and from this a master die was prepared. A progress die proof dated Aug. 11 1910 in the De La Rue records shows the basic design of the issue, omitting the Colony's name, the Coat of Arms, the monograms, value and "POSTES", "POSTAGE". Further die proofs of the issued design and with only the value tablet left blank exist dated 29 AUG 1910.



Plates were prepared from these dies, and in July 1911, stamps in British or in French currency were put on sale in the islands on paper watermarked MCA. The set was available in Paris in March 1911 and objections were raised by the French to the French Colonial issue appearing on British watermarked paper, and a supply of paper watermarked "RF" was sent to the printers for use. Stamps printed on this paper were available in Paris before the end of the year, but were not put on sale in the island until 1912.

### Provisional issues 1920-21

Owing to climatic conditions in the islands, it was found early in 1920, that large quantities of low value stamps had been rendered useless for postal purposes, and it was decided to send some of the lesser used high value stamps to Suva for surcharging by the Government Printer to meet the emergency. The values which were sent were 5d., 1/-, 2/- and 5/- British currency and 30c. and 40c. of the French issue. Also, from the reserve stocks, 25c. and 50c. New Caledonia stamps overprinted NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM were despatched. Included among these, were two sheets of the 50c. from the 1908 series without Condominium. The stamps were sent to Suva in March 1920, and on 20th April 1920 the work was completed by the Government Printing Office and the surcharged sheets handed over to the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific. They were placed on sale in Vila some time in June 1920.

It seems certain that the 5c. on 50c. surcharge on stamps without Condominium was not noticed by the postal officials, and the two sheets so treated were sent overseas to stamp dealers and collectors. Used stamps must have been sent back to Vila either to be used on covers or for cancelling. Forgeries of this scarce variety were reported at the time and this may have prompted collectors to send back copies to be used, as the cancellation would tend to support their authority.

An inverted 1d. on 5d. surcharge came to light and is scarce, and a further variety was discovered in that the 40c. issue on both MCA and RF watermarked paper was sent for surcharging, and the 2d. on 40c. on RF paper is rare, possibly only one sheet having been produced.

### The Free French issue 1941-45

Following the fall of France, the New Hebrides, in common with a number of other French Colonial Territories, showed their adherence to the "Free French" movement, led in London by General de Gaulle, by overprinting stamps "France Libre". At that time, the islands were far removed from the war, though when the Pacific campaign became organised, both New Zealand and U.S. forces operated from bases in the New Hebrides.

In 1941, a supply of all twelve values of the 1938 series was sent to Noumea, New Caledonia for overprinting. 1200 complete sets 5c. to 10f. were overprinted and returned to Vila, and of these, 600 sets were sent to Free French Headquarters in London. The balance of the consignment was put on sale at Vila, 5c., 10c. and 15c. being made freely available for postage, while the remaining denominations could be obtained only by purchasing a complete set. A number of prominent varieties in the overprint occurred on the first printing.

- R5/1 thickened "e" in "Libre"
- R8/3 dot between "L" and "i" in "Libre"
- R9/2 left foot of "n" of "France" broken.

Whilst these varieties are apparently constant, they do not occur on all sheets, but were probably occasioned by a deterioration in the type as overprinting proceeded. Overprinting evidently took place in complete panes of thirty. In addition to the postage stamps, five values of postage dues 5c. to 1f. were also overprinted.

A supply stated to consist of thirty complete sets was sent to Santo Post Office, and the issue was put on sale at Vila on 15th April 1941.

It appears that all the available 5c., 10c. and 15c. stamps were overprinted in the first batch, but a further quantity stated to be 2400 of each of the other values was sent to Noumea for overprinting and those receiving this overprinting no longer show flaws which had developed in the course of the first overprinting, but most show on R9/1 a broken "F" in "France", except in the 20c. value where this variety is never found. The second overprinting was stated to be available in Vila on 18th April 1941.

A further 2,400 stamps of each denomination (excepting probably the 5c., 10c. and 15c.) were sent to Noumea on 27th Sept. 1941 for overprinting, and placed on sale at Vila on 4th Nov. 1941. No stamps from the second and third overprinting were sent to London, and no further overprinting occurred.

If the figures quoted are accepted, the total number of values 20c. to 10f. which could exist is 6,000 of each, while the figures given for the overprinting of the lower values are 5c., 14,400, 10c. 14,370 and 15c., 14,400.

## NEW HEBRIDES POSTAL CANCELLATIONS

### New South Wales Postal Agency 1892-1908

- NEW HEBRIDES VILA c.d.s. 24 mm. a. year in two digits  
b. year in full (1896?)

### New Calendonia Postal Agency 1903-08

- PORT VILA NELLES HEBRIDES double circle 24 mm. 20.3.03  
PT. SANDWICH NELLES HEBRIDES double circle 21 mm. 1905

### CONDOMINIUM POST OFFICES

B British F French

- B PORT VILA NEW HEBRIDES c.d.s. 24 mm. Oct. 1908  
B VILA NEW HEBRIDES c.d.s. 24½ mm. Dec. 1908  
F as type 2  
F as type 3  
F NELLES HEBRIDES SERVICE MARITIME double circle 24 mm. 1910  
B NEW HEBRIDES SANTO c.d.s. 30 mm.  
B NEW HEBRIDES VILA c.d.s. 29 mm.  
B NEW HEBRIDES INTER ISLAND SERVICE c.d.s. 30 mm.  
B NEW HEBRIDES INTER ISLAND c.d.s. 29 mm.  
F POSTES CONDOMINIUM PORT VILA NELLES HEBRIDES double circle 30 mm. 1924  
B NEW HEBRIDES INTER ISLES c.d.s. 30 mm. 1936  
F NELLES HEBRIDES INTER ILES c.d.s. 30 mm.  
F NOUVELLES HEBRIDES POST VILA double circle, the inner one dotted 29½ mm.  
F NOUVELLES HEBRIDES SANTO double circle, the inner one dotted 29½ mm.  
F S<sup>c</sup>E. INTERINSULAIRE DE NLLS HEBRIDES double circle, the inner one dotted 24½ mm. (in use 1940-41 aboard the ship "Pierre Loti")  
B — VILA — NEW HEBRIDES c.d.s. 30 mm.  
B — SANTO — NEW HEBRIDES c.d.s. 30 mm.  
F PORT VILA NOUVELLES HEBRIDES double circle 30½ mm.  
B VILA NEW HEBRIDES double circle 29 mm. the date between horizontal lines  
a) 1 after date  
b) 2 after date  
F PORT VILA NOUVELLES HEBRIDES double circle 29 mm. the date between horizontal lines a) 1 after date  
b) 2 after date  
B SANTO NEW HEBRIDES double circle 29 mm. the date between horizontal lines  
F SANTO NOUVELLES HEBRIDES double circle 29 mm. the date between horizontal lines  
B FORARI NEW HEBRIDES double circle 29 mm. the date between horizontal lines 2.11.62  
F FORARI NOUVELLES HEBRIDES double circle 29 mm. the date between horizontal lines  
B TANNA No. 1 NEW HEBRIDES double circle 29 mm. the date between horizontal lines 15.2.63  
F TANNA No. 2 NOUVELLES HEBRIDES double circle 29 mm. the date between horizontal lines 19.8.63  
B LAMAP NEW HEBRIDES double circle 29 mm. the date between horizontal lines  
F LAMAP NOUVELLES HEBRIDES double circle 29 mm. the date between horizontal lines  
N. HEBRIDES PAQUEBOT c.d.s. 30 mm. the date between horizontal lines struck in purple  
VILA N.H. — PAQUEBOT c.d.s. 29 mm.  
VILA — NEW HEBRIDES PAQUEBOT c.d.s. 30 mm.  
PAQUEBOT in heavy type in frame 58×11 mm.

## FORCES POSTAL CANCELLATIONS USED IN NEW HEBRIDES IN W.W. II

R.N.Z.A.F./B/N.Z.A.P.O. c.d.s. 34 mm.

Oval of ten bars 27×20 mm. (possibly applied at Sydney on mail arriving uncanceled from the Pacific)

U.S. Army Postal Service 708

Passed by examiner U.S. base/1423/Army

Passed by U.S. Army examiner 18001

U.S. Army Postal Service A.P.O. 932

Passed by examiner U.S. base/1901/Army

} Santo  
} Effete  
} May 1942 - April 1945

## OTHER POSTAL MARKINGS

Australasian New Hebrides Company 1897

PORT VILA POST c.d.s. 26½ mm.

TRAVELLING POST c.d.s. 26 mm.

Syndicat Francais 1903

FRANCEVILLE NILES. HEBRIDES double circle 25 mm.

struck in violet and believed to be entirely unauthorised and bogus.

PASSED BY CENSOR/PASSE PAR LE CENSURE/New Hebrides/CONDOMINIUM/des Niles-Hebrides

struck in violet in circle 38 mm.

H.B.M. RESIDENT COMMISSIONER NEW HEBRIDES and Coat of Arms in oval 36×20 mm.

“T” in inverted triangle (Postage Due)

10 EME ANNIVERSAIRE/DE L'APPEL HISTORIQUE/DU 18 JUIN 1940 Unboxed three line cachet commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Free French movement used on 18th June 1950.

FORARI / NEW HEBRIDES / INAUGURATION OF POSTAL SERVICE 2.11.62

FORARI/NOUVELLES HEBRIDES/INAUGURATION DU SERVICE POSTALE 2.11.62

} Double circle 37 mm.  
} struck in black on  
} opening day of the  
} post office

Machine date stamp i) VILA NEW HEBRIDES in circle, FIRST DAY OF ISSUE between horizontal lines

ii) PORT VILA NOUVELLES HEBRIDES. PREMIER JOUR D'EMISSION between horizontal lines

PAR AVION 36×4 mm. in serified capitals 1929, of doubtful status, used as overprint or cancellation.

Two counterfeit cancellations are known apparently prepared with the purpose of “cancelling” stamps of New South Wales, NEW HEBRIDES-VILA- 24 mm., the letters are of larger type than in the genuine.

## REGISTRATION HANDSTAMP

“R” in octagonal box

VILA/NEW HEBRIDES/No. with fancy R in box 42×16 mm.

SANTO NOUVELLES HEBRIDES No. in sans serif, “No” italic in box 40×12 mm.

PORT-VILLA NOUVELLES HEBRIDES No. in sans serif No.” in italics in box 40×12 mm.

SERVICE MARITIME NOUVELLES HEBRIDES No. in sans serif “No” in italics in box 43×10 mm.

R No in box 40×14 mm. completed in manuscript “H.B.M.R.C.”

Vila/R No--- plain label with printed number black on white (1941)

As above “Vila” obliterated, “SANTO” written in black ink

NEW-HEBRIDES INTER ISLAND No. in sans serif “No” in italics in box 40×12 mm.

INTERISLAND SERVICE NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES No. in sans serif in box

*Specialist collectors of New Hebrides may be able to add to our knowledge. We shall be pleased to have information on any philatelic points.*



## NEW HEBRIDES

### A record of highlights from the R. A. Baldwin collection with realisations from the sale of 22nd February 1972.

#### French Military Essays

- 285 ⑤ 1893 2½p., 25c. black on buff, and various coloured singles (4), also colour proof miniature sheets of four (4) with magazine cuttings giving details £48

#### Australasian New Hebrides Company locals

- 286 ⑥ 1897 1d. (29) with mint shades and blocks including imprint (3×5) and one used, 2d. (32) including two imprint blocks, shades and a used strip, an extensive magazine article is included £42

*See also lots 290, 292 and 293*

#### New South Wales stamps used in New Hebrides 1892-1908

*All the following are cancelled with the NEW HEBRIDES VILA c.d.s. except where stated*

- 287 ○ 1888-99 1d. lilac strip with two very fine part violet c.d.s. £60
- 288 ○ 1890 2½d. blue (2) with JY 27 95 in black and AP 21 1897 in violet, very fine three quarter strikes £19
- 289 ○ — ditto (4) cancelled in black and one cancelled by French P.O. *Noumea Nelle Caledoine*, all clear part strikes. Photo £20
- 290 ☒ 1890 2½d. in combination with 2d. inter-island local, superb on 1897 envelope to Sydney, the latter cancelled with the Australian New Hebrides Company c.d.s., slight climatic staining. Photo on outside back cover £250
- 291 ☒ — ditto on 1897 envelope to London with superb c.d.s.; the latter has been redirected on arrival, and the stamp additionally cancelled in England, there is a small tear in the envelope; illustrated on p. 566 Vol. IV R.L. Encyclopaedia. Photo on outside back cover £240
- 292 ☒ 1897-99 2d. with 1892 ½d. grey in combination with 1d. inter-island local pair on 1897 envelope to Sydney, slight climatic staining. Photo on outside back cover £150
- 293 ☒ — ditto with 1892 ½d. grey in combination with 2d. inter-island local pair on 1897 envelope to Sydney, slight staining. Photo on outside back cover £150
- 294 ☒ — ditto on 1897 envelope to Sydney following reduction in the letter rate, fine. Photo on outside back cover £140
- 295 ☒ 1897-99 2½d. blue on 1904 envelope to Spalding, Lincolnshire; the original amusing and interesting letter written by a merchant seaman is enclosed, very fine £160
- 296 ☒ — ditto on two 1903 covers to Australia, one in strip (damaged), the other a single on piece which has been cut out and replaced, not quite so fine £48
- 297 ○ — 2½d. purple on pieces (2) and a pair used with a pair of 2½d. blue, also 2½d. blue (5), mainly fine, slight climatic staining £31
- 298 ☒ 1905 ½d. and 1d. on local view 1906 (Jun.) postcard to Sydney, June 1906 £80
- 299 ☒ — a somewhat similar item, 1906 (Aug.), a late date, the Agency closed in September. Photo on outside back cover £57.50

#### Syndicat Francaise de Nouvelle Hebrides locals

- 300 ★⑥ 1903 5c. (3), 15c. (29 including blocks), 25c. (4) and 1f. (3), with one of each used on piece, also three imitations, fully documented £60
- 301 ☒ — 5c. to 1f. on local envelope with French PORT VILA, NELLES HEBRIDES datestamp, backstamped NOUMEA, NELLES CALEDONIE, vertical filing crease clear of the stamps; scarce £58
- 302 ☒ — 25c. on picture side of a postcard addressed to Tahiti, well tied by French post office cancellation "NLES, HEBRIDES PT. SANDWICH" which also appears on the address side, fine £34

### New Caledonia stamps used in New Hebrides 1903-08

- 303 ○ 1900-04 "Tablet" 5c., 10c. (3) and 15c., 1903 50th Anniversary 5c., 15c. and 25c. and 1905 5c. (pair) and 10c. all with French "PORT VILA NELLE. HEBRIDES" cancellations, superb, three on piece £29
- 304 ☒ 1905-07 10c. tied to the picture side of an unaddressed postcard by scarce French Postal Agency "NLES HEBRIDES PT. SANDWICH" cancellation, fine and attractive. Photo £14
- 305 ☒ — 1c., 2c. and 10c. tied by Port Sandwich French Agency cancellation to picture side of postcard addressed to France, fine £20
- 306 ☒ — 1c. and 4c. tied to picture side of postcard addressed to France by Port Sandwich French Agency cancellation and 1900-04 Tablet 5c. tied to a second postcard by "PORT-VILA NELLES. HEBRIDES" cancellation by which it is also backstamped, fair to fine strikes £32

### 1908-10 overprinted issues

- 307 ★ 1908 MCA ½d. to 1/- (5), CA ½d. to 1/- (fine mint) and 1910 MCA ½d. to 1/-, mainly mint, a few climatically stained £24
- 308 ★☒ — ½d. and 1d., CA ½d. to 1/- in fine mint blocks, all marginal except one ½d. and most with plate number 1, an extra 5d. block is included. Cat. £122. (36) £85
- 309 ○ — ½d. to 1/-, CA ½d. to 1/- and 1910 ½d. (7) to 1/- (2), the last set duplicated and with a set on separate pieces (47) £31
- 310 ★ — 1d. overprint omitted in vertical pair with normal; six such pairs are believed to exist, fine and fresh mint. Cat. £1300 £800
- 311 — 1d. marginal strip of four from top row with misplaced overprint obliterated by purple ink and manuscript zig-zag, stated to have been supplied in the sheet by the printer at Suva, Fiji in this condition, fair with much gum £15
- 312 Ⓢ 1910 MCA ½d. to 1/- set overprinted "SPECIMEN" in fine pairs £44

### 1908-10 overprinted issues on covers

- 313 ☒ 1908 (22 Nov.) picture postcard of Coffee pickers postally used to England with K.E. VII 1d. cancelled with French Port Vila datestamp and London backstamp; fine £8
- 314 ☒ 1908 (22 Nov.), a similar item showing Saloman Boys; a different scene; fine £8
- 315 ☒ 1908 (22 Nov.) similar picturing Malekula Drums scene; fine £10
- 316 ☒ 1908 (22 Nov.), a similar item showing Tangoa Natives, Santo, the card with slight damage at the foot and not backstamped £8
- 317 ☒ 1908 (c) two postcards showing views of Kiosque de Musique, Noumea and Canaques to the same addressee, the stamps (one damaged) cancelled with the French Port Sandwich c.d.s.; one with London backstamp £15
- 318 ☒ 1909 (22 Aug.) local envelope to New Caledonia bearing K.E. VII 1d. cancelled with French Port Vila datestamp, and backstamped Noumea; also 1912 envelope to Australia with K.E. VII 1d. and 1908 10c. cancelled with French Port Vila datestamp and backstamped Sydney £42
- 319 ☒ 1909 (11 Oct.) envelope registered to Australia bearing K.E. VII 2d. and 2½d. cancelled by British post office, Vila c.d.s.; scarce and attractive; some light staining and a vertical crease which is clear of the stamps £33
- 320 ☒ 1910 picture postcard to England with K.E. VII 1d. cancelled with French Port Sandwich c.d.s., with transit backstamp and arrival mark; fine £25
- 321 ☒ 1910 (20 Nov.) envelope to Sydney bearing 1908 6d. (pair and single) cancelled with French Post Office NELLE HEBRIDES SERVICE MARITIME; attractive, some staining. Photo £40
- 322 ☒ 1911-12 envelopes (4) bearing K.E. VII ½d. (2), 1d., 2d., 2½d. (2), 5d. and 6d., also a front, with a vertical crease and some stains, bearing a set ½d. to 1/-, all cancelled French or British Port Vila or Vila datestamps; mainly fine £58
- 323 ☒ 1911 (Jan.) envelope registered to Australia bearing K.E. VII 1d. and 2d. (both in strips of six) cancelled at British P.O. Vila and backstamped Sydney £18
- 324 ☒ 1911 (Apr.) envelopes (2) to Australia bearing ½d., 1d., 2d. and 2½d. each in pairs with French NELLE HEBRIDES SERVICE MARITIME cancellation (poor) and backstamped Sydney; good; some faint stains £20

- 325 ☒ 1911 (12 Jul.) envelope registered to Australia bearing K.E. VII 2½d., 5d. and 6d. with French Port Vila cancellation and Sydney backstamp; attractive, some stain spots. Photo £31
- 326 ☒ — envelope registered bearing K.E. VII 2d. and 2½d. and 1908 5c. with Port Vila cancellation and Sydney backstamp; good, some staining. Photo £36
- 327 ☒ — envelope registered and bearing K.E. VII 2d. and 1908 1f. with similar cancellation and backstamp; some staining £18
- 328 ☒ 1911 (Dec.) envelope registered to Australia bearing CA ½d. to 6d. and MCA 1d. and 1/- green and carmine with British post office Vila c.d.s. £31
- 329 ☒ 1912 (28 Aug.) envelope registered to Australia bearing K.E. VII 1/- black on green with French Port Vila cancellation and arrival and transit backstamps £16
- 330 ☒ 1912 envelope to Australia bearing 1908 ½d., 1d., 2d. and 2½d. with Vila c.d.s., and another bearing 1908 2d. with French post office Port Vila cancellation; fine £21
- 331 ☒ 1913 (Dec.) envelope to Australia bearing K.E. VII 1/- black on green with British post office Vila c.d.s. and transit and arrival marks; fine £30

#### New Caledonia overprinted for use in New Hebrides

- 332 ○ 1905 Port Sandwich c.d.s. on unoverprinted New Caledonia 1905 5c. and the same cancellation 1909-10 on New Hebrides 1908 5c., 25c. and 50c. (2), fine and scarce £24
- 333 ☒ 1909 postcard showing Environs de Thio (river scene) to England bearing 1908 5c. vertical pair with the scarce Port Sandwich c.d.s. and London arrival datestamp; fine £29
- 334 ☒ 1910-13 envelopes (5) and postcards (3) showing Ancestor Worship, Santo, Noumea Caserne d'infanterie and a Femme de Koumac all bearing 1908 10c. cancelled Port Vila or Service Maritime, also 1908 5c. to 1f. unused, used and on piece, and 1910 5c. to 1f. unused and used with some additional used. Stamps 49 £52

#### 1909-65 Joint Condominium issues

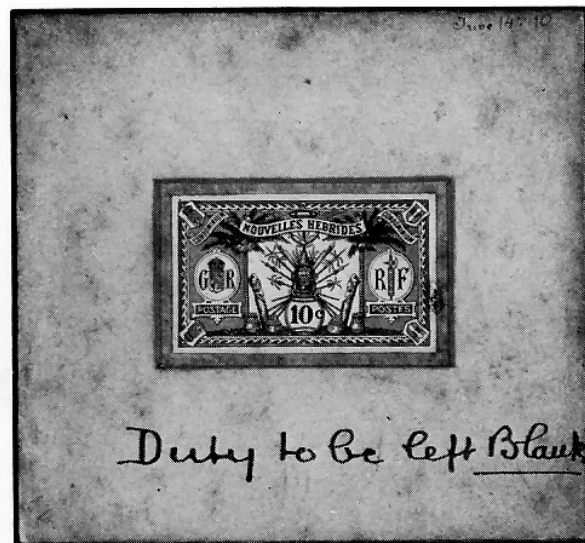
- 335 ⑤ 1909 essay, stated to be an official photograph (8"×4½") of the proposed design for the projected issue as submitted to the British and French Colonial Offices, Oct. 1909, the Royal Monogram shows the letters ER, being prior to Edward VII's death £8
- 336 ⑤ 1910 10c. claret artist's proof prepared by De La Rue and Co. in the French P.O. design including the value "10c.", mounted on card dated *June 14th. 10*, and "*Duty to be left Blank*", the card is a trifle grubby and stained, but the proof is fine £100
- 337 ⑤ 1911 cut down die proof in black on thin card with 3 mm., margin of the French P.O. design as issued with value blank, also photographs (3) of the master die and approved die proofs dated August 1910 from the De La Rue records £60
- 338 ⑤ — a similar cut down die proof in black on thin card of the British design with blank value tablet £70
- 339 ⑤ — 40c. printers sample by De La Rue in pale dull blue-green imperforate vertical pair on thick unwatermarked paper overprinted SPECIMEN; fine £40
- 340 ⑤ — ditto, a single copy overprinted SPECIMEN diagonally at lower right and an unoverprinted copy; small stains on reverse do not show on the face £27
- 347 ☒ 1920 5c. on 50c. NOUVELLES HEBRIDES on New Caledonia fine used on 1920 cover to Melbourne with 1d. on 1/-, 1d. on 2/-, 2d. on 5/-, 5c. on 50c. and 10c. on 25c. Only two sheets of New Caledonia 50c. without "CONDOMINIUM" were surcharged 5c. Photo £72.50
- 348 ★ 1921 1d. to 6d., 1925 ½d. to 5/- and dues and 5c. to 5f., all mint. (34) £7
- 349 ★ 1921 1d. on 5d. variety surcharge inverted, fine mint. Cat. £100 £64
- 351 ★ 1924 5d. on 2½d. variety surcharge inverted, fine marginal mint with toned gum. Cat. £90 £80
- 352 ⑤ 1925 imperforate plate proofs in pale dull blue on wove paper comprising ½d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 1/-, 2/- and 5/-, and unissued 3d. and 10d., fine and rare, some are marginal (9) £150



- 353 ⑤ — colour trials from the 1d. plate in the colours of the issued values on gummed Script watermarked paper perforated 13½, fine and scarce, some trifling gum stains; blunt corner on one stamp (9) £105
- 354 ⑤ — ditto, a similar set in the colours used for the French series; fine, a few pulled perfs. (7) £72.50

**Military Mail**

- 368 ☒ 1943-44 New Zealand Forces; Naval Service envelope to Australia with censor mark and PASSED FREE OF POSTAGE handstamp and envelope to New Zealand with R.N.Z.A.F./N.Z.A.P.O./B and censor mark, both fine (2 covers) £27
- 369 ☒ 1942-43 U.S. Forces, a selection with "Dumb" cancellations (2), U.S. NAVY and U.S. Army Postal Service Vila and Santo (2) all fine, one stained (6 covers) £26
- 370 ☒ 1943 U.S. NAVY, A.P.O. 932 (Efete), A.P.O. 708 (Santo) (3, with different censor markings) and barred oval dumb cancellation (6 covers) £20
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- 371 ☒ 1911-65 Official covers showing a great variety of official franks and cancellations and including a black bordered envelope used in official mourning for King Edward VII (21 covers) £70





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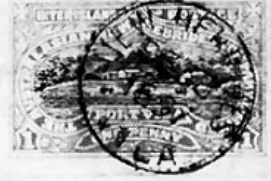


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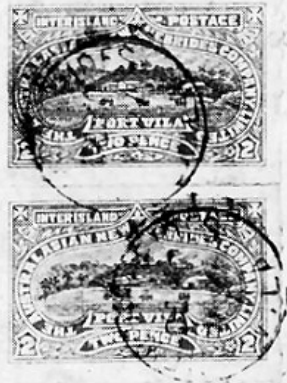
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