

**SA-6** (ASC 80-AP5, Stein AS-6)

**Stampless, dark blue on azure paper, AEROGRAMME / BY AIR MAIL . PAR AVION**

Adaptation of Australian 9c (A-25) with the flying kangaroo motif and the unframed, indicium including jet tail, 'AUSTRALIA' and '9c' denomination, all removed. Length of address lines, front panel, 89mm.

First day unknown, mid(?) 1966. Decimal definitive 9c Australian aerogramme issued 14 February 1966. Known used from New Hebrides and Norfolk Island. A flown, philatelic example from Papua New Guinea seen.

| Jet Tail indicium<br>Denomination<br>Catalogue#                      | 10d (April 1965)<br>A-22<br>OVERSEAS SERVICE | 9c (Feb 1966)<br>A-25 | 10c (Oct 1967)<br>A-27<br>OVERSEAS SERVICE | 10c (Jan 1968)<br>A-29 |
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| Stampless #  | SA-5   | SA-6                  |  | SA-7                   |
| Colour   | Dark blue                                    | Dark blue             | Bright blue<br>(Aqua)                      | Bright blue<br>(Aqua)  |
| Length of front<br>panel<br>address lines                            | 66mm   | 89mm                  | 66mm                                       | 89mm                   |
| Length of first<br>admonition line<br>"IF ANYTHING<br>...,THIS FORM" | 120mm  | 120mm                 | 120mm                                      | 116mm                  |

**Table I:**

Comparison of definitive & corresponding formular, 'Jet Tail' aerogramme types between April 1965 and January 1968. This series straddles the sterling and decimal periods. Replaced by new 'Jet Silhouette in Rectangle' aerogramme, type from October 1968.

This stampless aerogramme (AS-6) is scarce/rare. Census:

1. A mint copy, (Linke Auction, 22 September 2002, lot# 872).
2. Vila to Cachan, France 25 July 1966. (<http://www.ro-klinger.de/NH/>)
3. Commercially used Norfolk Island copy; Gary Watson Sale No. 40, 14-9-1987, Lot #1022 **1965** (sic) *Stampless type with revised text AP5 with 1c Flower 4c Barnabus & 4c Xmas used to South Africa 20DE66 from Doll Sanders.*
4. Christmas Island, commercial(?), 15 April 1967\*. [\*Stein, R., C. (1984), *The Aerogrammes of Australia and Its Dependencies*, The American Philatelic Society, p150,152]
5. Aero-philatelic form from Papua and New Guinea, 3 July 1967, with Amelia Earhart, postmark and legend\*.
6. Used to U.S.A. from Mission St. Therese, Santo New Hebrides, postage 30cg, 12AUG.67 (Author's collection).
7. Aerogramme form with, 9c ship definitive attached & cancelled, -NORFOLK ISLAND -FIRST DAY OF ISSUE, 14AU67. The 9c aerogramme rate applicable from the inception of decimal currency 14 Feb. 1966 (>10c, Oct. 1967).
8. Philatelic, Leaney correspondence to England. Violet/brown, *Fish* definitive 25cg, 15/ AUGUST/ 1968, VILA, FIRST DAY OF ISSUE (sic). [Photocopy]

